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NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR
THROMBOSIS & THROMBOPHILIA

The National Alliance for Thrombosis and Thrombophilia (NATT) is a nationwide, community-based, volunteer health organization formed in August 2003. Committed to preventing and treating the array of major health problems caused by blood clots, NATT's charter members were visionary patients attending a thrombosis and thrombophilia awareness meeting at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Today, NATT's membership and influence is growing. With the goal to ensure that people suffering from thrombosis and thrombophilia get early diagnosis, optimal treatment, and quality support, NATT members are committed to fostering research, education, support, and advocacy on behalf of those at risk of, or affected by, blood clots.

Sobering Statistics

More than **900,000** people in the United States are estimated to develop venous thromboembolism - or clots in the veins - every year.¹ Of these, about **380,000 people develop** deep vein thrombosis (DVT), which occur in the inner ("deep") veins of the leg. Pulmonary embolism, a serious and often fatal complication of deep vein thrombosis, **affects about 530,000 people** in the United States annually.

Almost **300,000 people die each year** in the U.S. due to blood clots in the veins. This number is greater than the number of people who die each year of AIDS, breast cancer, or automobile accidents.

Hereditary thrombophilia—an inherited predisposition to blood clots—affects approximately **1 in 20 people** in the United States. Positive lifestyle choices and/or treatment during high-risk situations could prevent blood clots in a significant number of these individuals.

¹Ref: Heit J et al. Blood 2005;106:267a



NATT's Objectives

Even though specialized knowledge about thrombosis and thrombophilia has mushroomed in the past decade, many health care providers at the front line of diagnosis still lack access to it. This means many of their patients don't get timely and accurate diagnosis. Resources for care exist that should be better used.

The National Alliance for Thrombosis and Thrombophilia addresses major treatment issues to:

Prevent thrombosis and its complications.

Reduce death and illness related to thrombosis.

Assist in establishing guidelines for prevention, treatment, and management.

Promote funding for and establishment of comprehensive thrombophilia programs to allow every patient access to thrombosis specialists within a reasonable distance where patients live.

Promote and assist scientists with research efforts relating to all aspects of thrombosis and thrombophilia.

Encourage activities to increase the number of specialists in thrombosis and thrombophilia, such as endowing training fellowships.

Initiate and promote educational activities for the medical and patient community, and for the public. Create a network of self-funded local chapters to improve the quality of life for patients/families through appropriate support.

Create a national policy agenda and a grassroots advocacy network.

NATT Contributions

The National Alliance for Thrombosis and Thrombophilia is chartered as a charitable 501c3. Your contributions are needed to drive our progress.

Please send donations to:

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Thank you for your support!

Join Us

NATT is quickly being recognized as the premier community-based organization dedicated to prevention and treatment issues in thrombosis and thrombophilia in the United States.

Join us! We need your energy and your financial support to help our family, friends and neighbors fight the debilitating conditions caused by blood clots.

Please get involved by contacting:

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