

**If using pharmacological VTE prophylaxis for patients - aim to start it as soon as possible. Ideally within 14 hours of admission where possible, unless contraindicated or otherwise stated in population-specific recommendations**

Open vascular surgery or endovascular procedures / aneurysm repair:	Lower limb amputation:	Varicose vein surgery:
<p><b>If the risk of VTE outweighs the risk of bleeding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider LMWH (prophylactic weight based dosing) for a minimum of <b>7 days</b></li> </ul> <p><b>If pharmacological prophylaxis contraindicated:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start anti-embolism stockings (AES) or intermittent pneumatic compression (IPC).</li> <li>Continue until the person no longer has significantly reduced mobility relative to their normal or anticipated mobility.</li> </ul>	<p><b>If the risk of VTE outweighs the risk of bleeding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider LMWH (prophylactic weight based dosing) for a minimum of <b>7 days</b></li> </ul> <p><b>If pharmacological prophylaxis contraindicated:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start intermittent pneumatic compression (IPC) on the <b>contralateral leg</b>, on admission.</li> <li>Continue until the person no longer has significantly reduced mobility relative to their normal or anticipated mobility.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Start LMWH 6-12 hours post surgery only if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anaesthesia time &gt;90min OR;</li> <li>If VTE risk outweighs bleeding risk</li> </ul> <p>Prescribe LMWH (weight based dosing) for a minimum of <b>7 days</b></p> <p><b>If VTE risk increased and pharmacological prophylaxis is contraindicated:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-embolism stockings</li> </ul> <p><b>If patient low risk for VTE AND anaesthetic time &lt; 90 minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LMWH may not be required (up to surgeons discretion).</li> </ul>

Fondaparinux can be considered as an alternative to LMWH in certain circumstances – see Appendix 3