


# DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS

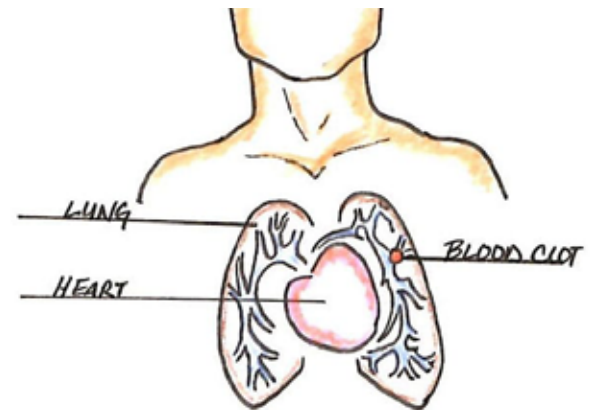
Patients

## What can happen if deep vein thrombosis is not treated?

 **The most concerning event is when a clot detaches from the site in the legs or arms where it was formed and travels through the blood stream.**

If it moves through the heart to the lungs, it can block an artery supplying blood to the lungs. This condition is called **pulmonary embolism**. You should call your physician immediately if you

- Have unexplained shortness of breath
- Have pain or discomfort in your chest
- Are lightheaded or dizzy
- Have a rapid pulse
- Are coughing up blood



 **Long-term swelling, pain and potentially ulcers (sores) in the leg. This is a condition known as the "post thrombotic syndrome."**

 **For some people with smaller clots, there may be no long-term problems if the body can absorb the blood clot on its own.**

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