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Graduated compression as an Adjunct to Pharmacoprophylaxis in Surgery (GAPS) Trial – GP Information

Dear.....

Prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE) amongst individuals in hospital is a clinical priority and important for the prevention of avoidable morbidity and mortality. The Graduated compression as an Adjunct to Pharmacoprophylaxis in Surgery (GAPS) Trial is an NIHR HTA funded UK multicentre randomised trial commenced in 2016 to examine VTE rates at 90 days amongst elective surgical patients receiving either graduated elastic compression stockings and pharmacological thromboprophylaxis, or pharmacological thromboprophylaxis alone.

Your patient has been enrolled in the trial. They were admitted for elective surgery at Hospital on and consented to participate. They were randomised to receive pharmacological thromboprophylaxis alone / pharmacological thromboprophylaxis and graduated elastic compression stockings during their hospital admission.

Your patient will be monitored for VTE during their admission and until 90 days from the day of their surgery. We would be grateful if you could please inform us if you diagnose VTE during this time or if you become aware that the patient has had a diagnosis of VTE made elsewhere.

This letter is simply to inform you that your patient has joined the study and participation in the trial should not result in any significant extra work for you or your team. Further information regarding the study is available at XXXXXXXX. Please contact [LOCAL PI] or the Trial Manager if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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