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# Meeting Our Challenge

The Chance to Make a Difference

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# The Faces of Thrombosis and Thrombophilia



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# The Numbers

- 1 in 20 Americans have a genetic thrombophilia.
- Each year, **909,793** cases of venous thromboembolism —clots in veins— are estimated to occur in the United States.
- Of these, **378,623** are deep vein thrombosis (DVT), which occur in the leg's deep veins.
- **531,170** are pulmonary embolism, a serious and often fatal complication of deep vein thrombosis.
- As many as **296,370** Americans die each year from venous thromboembolism.

[Heit JA, Cohen AT, Anderson FA et al. Blood 2005;106(11):267a]



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# Our Mission

## ***NATT is:***

*a nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to preventing thrombosis, and ensuring that all persons suffering from thrombosis and/or thrombophilia receive early diagnosis, optimal treatment and quality support.*

## ***NATT will achieve this:***

*through research, education, support and advocacy on behalf of those at risk of, or affected by, thrombosis and thrombophilia.*



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# Overcome the Obstacles

Insufficient awareness of risk factors for blood clots among health-care providers and the public

Insufficient use of known preventive measures and prophylaxis

Insufficient screening for risk factors and lack of consistent screening guidelines

Insufficient knowledge about the availability of treatment options and lack of standard of care

Insufficient number of thrombosis specialists and specialized treatment centers

Insufficient availability of care in many geographic areas



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Improve:

- Awareness
- Prevention
- Treatment
- Supports



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