

Children

Q Can the FLOWTRON® system be used for children?

A The risk factors for venous thromboembolism (VTE) in children are the same as for adults; however the incidence of these risk factors in children is significantly lower than for adults (advanced age being a major risk factor). Children who develop VTE are likely to be either critically ill, have cancer, an indwelling venous catheter or an inherited thrombophilia. The trigger factors that initiate DVT formation remain the same as for adults, namely venous stasis, altered biochemistry and altered hypercoagulability.

The *FLOWTRON* system can be used in older children so long as the garments fit. This would exclude usage in young children where the garment could be too large for the smaller frame.

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