

Ruth Morrison, RN, BSN, CVN



Ruth Morrison, RN, BSN, CVN, is a 1976 graduate of Southeastern Massachusetts University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. In June 1996 she received a certification in Vascular Nursing. She has been employed by the Brigham and Women's Hospital since graduation and for the past 22 years has been a Clinical Research Coordinator with the Venous Thromboembolism Research Group.

The Venous Thromboembolism Research Group addresses medical, nursing, and psychosocial aspects of the care of patients diagnosed with pulmonary embolism or deep vein thrombosis. Ms. Morrison has been involved with numerous clinical trials that focus on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. She participated in clinical trials leading to the FDA approval of thrombolytic therapy for the treatment of pulmonary embolism and clinical trials leading to the outpatient treatment of deep vein thrombosis with low-molecular weight heparin. She participated in the NIH sponsored PREVENT Trial, and DVT FREE, the largest prospective registry of DVT.

She is a long-standing member of the Massachusetts Nurses' Association. In 2000, Ms. Morrison became a Council Member for Leadership on Thrombosis Awareness and Management. In 2005, she was appointed to the Technical Advisory Panel for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and National Quality Forum. She is a member of the DVT Steering Committee for the DVT Coalition, as well as a member of the Advocacy Committee for North American Thrombosis Forum. She also serves on the Clot Care Editorial Board.

Ms. Morrison has published articles in the American Heart Journal, Archives of Internal Medicine and Circulation. She has presented nationally at scientific and professional symposia on such topics as the clinical challenge of Factor V Leiden and the pathophysiology and prevention of the sequelae of deep vein thrombosis. She authored a very popular article, Venousthromboembolism: Scope of the problem and the nurse's role in risk assessment and prevention published in the Journal of Vascular Nursing, September 2006. Ms. Morrison served as a faculty member of an On-Demand Audio Webcast entitled A Nurse's Guide to Achieving Best Practices for VTE sponsored by North American Center for Continuing Education.

Ms. Morrison is a co-founder of the Pulmonary Embolism Support Group of the Brigham and Women's Hospital founded in 1993.

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