Oxford University Hospitals
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Surgical and Critical Care In-Patients (age 16y & older)

Intermittent Pneumatic Compression (IPC)

During surgery / Intraoperative	**RECOMMEND IPC** • Elective spinal and cranial • Major trauma • Major abdominal • Thoracic • Bariatric • Hip & Knee arthroplasty • Pelvic and hip fracture	***CONSIDER IPC** • Surgical procedures considered 'high risk' by operative team • Procedures under GA lasting 90 mins or more
On the Ward	**RECOMMEND IPC** • To surgical patients who would otherwise receive LMWH for VTE prevention, but who are unable to do so due to high risk of bleeding • Critical care patients	

Once LMWH prophylaxis or treatment dose anticoagulation can be safely given, then IPC can be removed

***consider – action to be decided by the clinical team**

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