

**We are
conducting a
clinical study to
determine the
need for
stockings to
prevent blood
clots**

**For more information
please speak to your
doctor or call XXXX on
XXXXX**

Sponsored
by: **Imperial College
London**

Funded by: **NHS**
**National Institute for
Health Research**

*This project is funded by the National Institute for
Health Research HTA (project number 14/140/61)*

Supported by:
 **Thrombosis UK**
Awareness • Research • Care

Section of Vascular Surgery
Room 3E, 4th Floor East Wing
Charing Cross Hospital
Fulham Palace Road

Trial Manager: Francine Heatley
Phone: 0203 311 7371
Fax: 0203 311 7362
E-mail: gapstrial@imperial.ac.uk

Are you coming to
hospital for a
planned operation?



Graduated Compression as an
Adjunct to
Pharmacoprophylaxis in
Surgery (GAPS) Trial

When coming into hospital for an operation patients are assessed to see if they need compression stockings and blood thinners during their hospital stay to reduce the chance of them having a blood clot in their legs or lungs.

If your doctor thinks you are at risk of blood clots, at present you would often be offered both stockings and blood thinners to reduce this risk. Doctors are currently not sure if patients need both stockings and blood thinning injections, or if blood thinning injections alone could reduce blood clots to the same extent. This study hopes to answer this question.

Can I take Part?

You **may** be eligible to participate if:

- You are having a planned operation
- You are aged 18 or over
- You are not pregnant

If you would like further information about clinical research, the UK Clinical Research Collaboration (a partnership of organisations working together on clinical research in the UK) have published a booklet entitled 'Understanding Clinical Trials'.

Contact the UKCRC on
0207 670 5452

Website: http://www.ukcrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/iCT_leaflet.pdf