



## Venous & Arterial Thromboembolism (VAT):

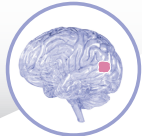
A range of conditions caused when a blood clot breaks away and is moved by the blood stream to block a vein or artery

The three leading causes of cardiovascular death<sup>1</sup>

VTE\*

Heart attack

Stroke



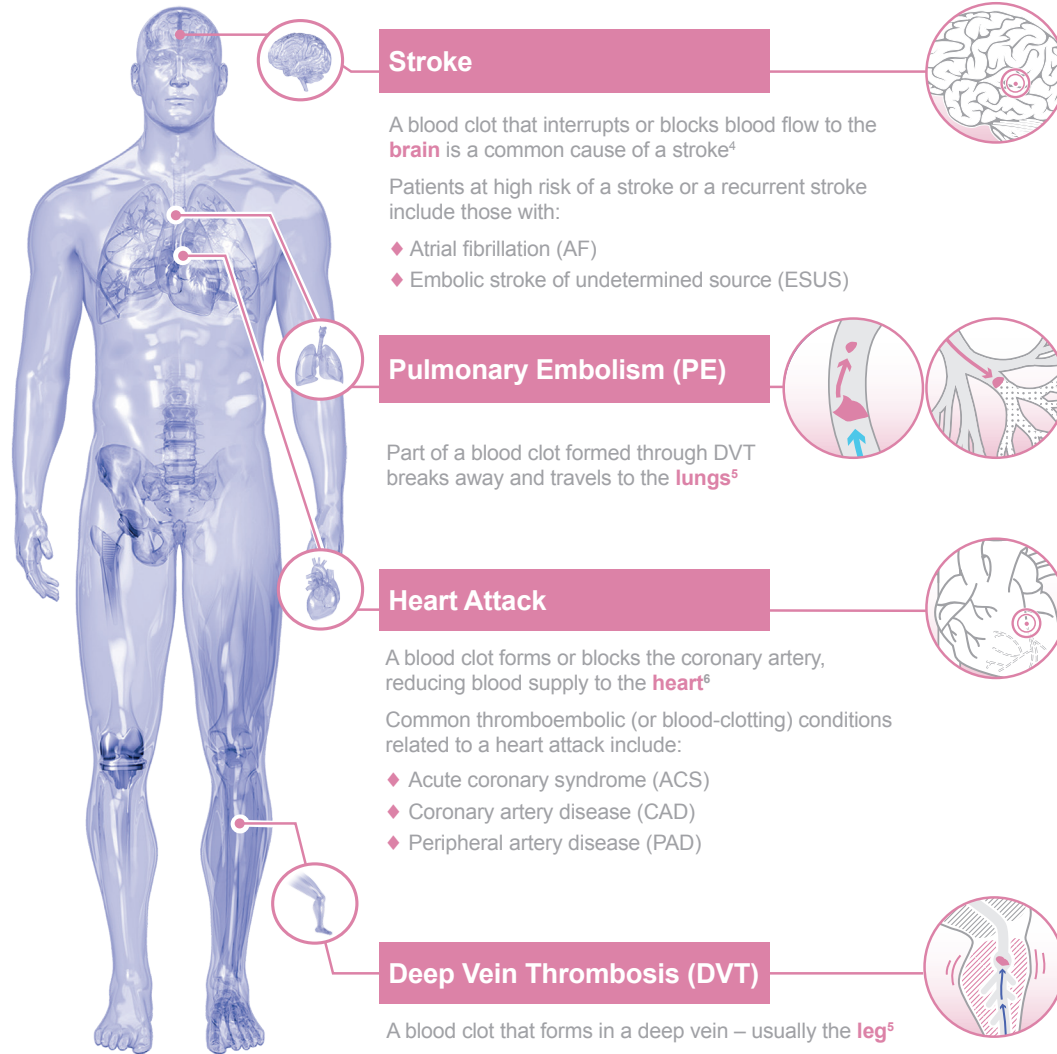
are responsible for the death of over

**3 million**

people in the EU alone<sup>2,3</sup>

The main underlying cause of these killers

blood clots



\* venous thromboembolism (VTE)

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