



Blood disorders topic of Michigan State University conference

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March 20, 2007, EAST LANSING, Mich. — The phrase “deep vein thrombosis” sounds scary ... and it is.

Also known as a DVT, it is a blood-clotting disorder that kills as many as 300,000 Americans every year – more than breast cancer and AIDS combined.

On Saturday, March 24, Michigan State University will host a program designed to enlighten about the dangers of DVTs and other blood clotting-related disorders, as well as offer a few ideas on how to avoid these sometimes deadly maladies.

Blood Clotting Education Day begins at 8:30 a.m. in MSU’s Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. It is sponsored by the MSU Center for Bleeding and Clotting Disorders.

“This is for anyone wanting to know more about blood clots and, specifically, learn more about prevention, diagnosis and treatment,” said Karen Boyd, a clinical social worker with the center.

DVTs can be caused by any number of things, ranging from genetics to sitting too long in a confined space.

Earlier this year, Vice President Dick Cheney suffered a DVT, and it was a DVT that three years ago killed David Bloom, an NBC news correspondent who died while covering the war in Iraq.

Among the speakers at the conference will be Roshni Kulkarni, an MSU professor currently on leave from the university to work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Kulkarni is considered one of the nation’s foremost authorities on blood disorders. Since 2006, she has served as director of the Division of Hereditary Blood Disorders, which is located within the CDC’s National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

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