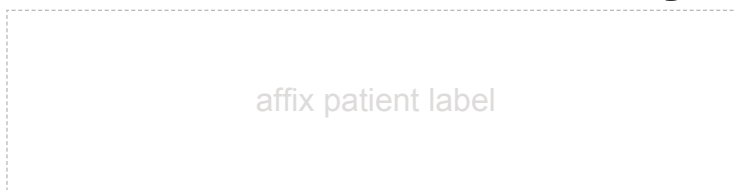
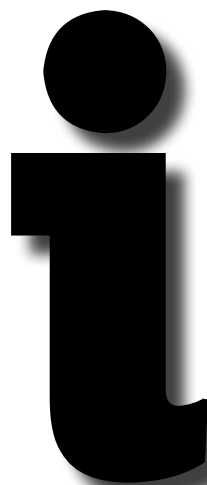


Stopping warfarin before your operation



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You are due to come into hospital for an operation. For your safety the warfarin that you are currently taking will be stopped and you will need to give yourself blood thinning injections. If you can not do this yourself, a family member may be able to help. Failing this, arrangements will be made for a district nurse to visit daily or your GP will ask you to see the practice nurse at your GP surgery.

Instructions

Take your last dose of warfarin on _____

Start blood thinning injections on _____

On the day before your operation _____ your
injection **must** be given before 9am.

On the day of your operation you should **not** have the blood thinning
injection.

If you are unsure what to do, please contact your GP or call the Endoscopy
Unit (working hours only) on 01722 336262 ext. 2891.

After your operation

The blood thinning injections will usually start on the evening of your
operation and warfarin on the day after your operation. These injections will
continue until your INR is more than 2.

Before you leave hospital you will receive a warfarin dosing leaflet and a date
for your next INR test.

If you need your
information in
another language
or medium (audio,
large print, etc)
please contact
Customer Care on
0800 374 208 or
send an email to:
customercare@
salisbury.nhs.uk

You are entitled to a copy
of any letter we write about
you. Please ask if you want
one when you come to the
hospital.

If you are unhappy with the
advice you have been given
by your GP, consultant,
or another healthcare
professional, you may ask for
a second (or further) opinion.

The evidence used in the
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available on request. Please
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salisbury.nhs.uk if you would
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