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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 Pre-operative Assessment Unit (working hours only) on 01722 336262 ext 4418.

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.

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