

Managing Anticoagulation and Antiplatelet Perioperatively

Patient Information



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Introduction

You have been given this leaflet at your appointment with the pre-op clinic because you are taking one or more of these medications in the tables on page 3.

Aims

To advise on when to stop these medications before surgery and when to restart them after surgery. This is to ensure your safety and to avoid clotting or bleeding before, during or after surgery.

Risks

Not stopping these medications appropriately may result in cancellation of your surgery. This includes if these medications were stopped too early or too late, so it is very important to follow the advice given in the table.

Benefits

Stopping these medications as advised in the table reduces the risk of cancelling your surgery and/ or your risk of having a clot/ bleed before, during and/or after your surgery.

If your surgery was postponed, please contact the pre-op clinic on **01942 264234** or **01942 264235**. (For orthopaedic surgeries on **01257 256340**). Staff will advise if you still need to stop the medication or if it is safe to continue taking. (This will depend on the new date for your surgery).

Please use this space to write notes or reminders.

Name of Anticoagulation.	Date to stop before operation. (To be completed by pre-op clinic).	Date to restart after operation. (To be completed by SAL/ Ward before discharge).
Apixaban		
Dabigatran		
Edoxaban		
Rivaroxaban		
Warfarin		

Name of Antiplatelet.	Date to stop before operation (To be completed by pre-op clinic).	Date to start after operation (To be completed by Surgical Admission lounge / Ward before discharge).
Aspirin		
Clopidogrel		
Prasugrel		
Ticagrelor		

Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends, and carers.

Contact Us

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



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This leaflet is also available in audio, large print, Braille, and other languages upon request. For more information, please ask in the department/ward.

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