



ALL LOCATIONS TOLL FREE 1-800-243-1912

Coumadin teaching for Zone Nurses:

1. Show patient the Coumadin video or provide one that they can borrow to take home and watch. Please instruct them that if they take the video tape home, they need to bring it back or mail it as we have limited supply.
2. Enter patient information into Coumacare and please make a note regarding date started, MD following, the reason, the range and dosage. Forms are still available for those that do not know how to input information into Coumacare. (Protime nurses can teach this to anyone that wants to learn).
3. Give the patient Vital Coumadin Info, Coumadin Do's and Don'ts, Anti-Coagulant therapy (all of which are online under patient education) and Coumadin book from file cabinet near protime nurses. Review this information with the patient.
4. After clarifying with the MD, give the patient a prescription for Coumadin or Warfarin (If Coumadin is recommended please use DAW or Dispense as written). Normal dosage is 5mg daily and check INR in three days. If INR falls on weekend, as MD when to check for the first time.
5. Verify the range which is usually 2-3 for Afib and valve repair and 2.5-3.5 for valve replacements.
6. Provide a standing order which can be printed from patients chart or from the letters section. If patient is homebound and needs homedraw, ask which service they will use (Promedica, Path or Mercy) and fax an order to the specific company along with copy of insurance cards and demographics (if pt has Medicare and a secondary insurance, both cards need to be faxed). You can find these in the document repository of the chart. When completed, please place in file cabinet as they are reused each time. Please use pencil when writing in date of draw.
7. Place patient on alert list for the first draw date.
8. Any questions, ask Protime Nurse.