

Going home on Warfarin

When do I take my warfarin?

Take your warfarin at **6:00 pm** or later the evening you leave the hospital and every evening at the same time.

When do I go for my first blood test?

Go to the laboratory on _____ at any time. You do not need to fast for this blood test.

This blood test is done to check your INR (blood clotting time) to determine the number of warfarin tablets you need to take.

When will I know the results of my blood test?

The Thrombosis Service will call you with your INR results **the day after** your blood is drawn. They will tell you the following information:

- Your INR (blood test result)
- How many tablets of Warfarin to take
- When to go back to the lab for your next blood test

What if I do not hear from the Thrombosis Service?

If you have not received a phone call by **4:00 pm** the **day after** your blood test, call the Thrombosis Service at **905-527-1710** and then press 1 when prompted. If we are unable to answer your call, please leave a message clearly stating the following information so we can return your call:

- Your first and last name
- The lab you attended
- Your telephone number

If you are unable to make contact with the Thrombosis Service, take the same number of Warfarin tablets as you did the night before and call the next morning.

When is my appointment with the Thrombosis Service?

In about 3 or 4 weeks after discharge, the Thrombosis Service will call you or mail you a letter with your follow-up appointment, which will be in 3 to 6 months.