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The anticoagulation clinic will not accept patients for anticoagulation unless all details requested are supplied in full.

IF YOU ARE DISCHARGING A PATIENT, PLEASE CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE ANTICOAGULATION APPOINTMENT WITH CLINIC, AND THEN GIVE TO THE PATIENT ONCE THEIR ANTICOAGULATION APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE BEFORE THEIR DISCHARGE.

The anticoagulation clinic is only responsible for the monitoring and control of the warfarin dosage of the patient(s). If the anticoagulant control is good the patient(s) will not normally be seen by a doctor, but will be seen and dosed by a member of the anticoagulant team.

It is the policy of the anticoagulation clinic that, for the safe continuation of anticoagulation, an annual review needs to be conducted by the GP and/or clinician who made the decision to start the patient on anticoagulation.

The BSH guidelines shown below will be applied unless otherwise instructed by the patient's clinician.

British Society of Haematology – Anticoagulation Guidelines		
Therapeutic INR	Clinical Conditions	
2.0 – 2.5	Prophylaxis of Deep Vein Thrombosis – including surgery on high-risk patients (2.0 – 3.0 for surgery and fractured femur operations)	
2.0 – 3.0	Treatment of deep vein thrombosis; pulmonary embolism; systemic embolism; prevention of venous thrombo-embolism in myocardial infarction; mitral stenosis with embolism; transient ischaemic attacks; atrial fibrillation	
3.0 – 4.0	Recurrent deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism whilst on Warfarin; arterial disease including myocardial infarction; mechanical prosthetic heart valve	

In order to ensure safe referral, kindly ensure you have provided the following:		
☐ Patient details (inc NHS Number)	☐ GP Details	
☐ Reason for Warfarin and duration	☐ INR Target and Range	
☐ Latest INR readings	☐ Most recent medication history (inc ANY rescue course of antibiotics)	
☐ Allergies	☐ Patient medical conditions	

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