Warfarin (Coumadin) Therapy

Warfarin (Coumadin) is a lifesaving drug. When used correctly and under close supervision, it can prevent blood clots from forming that cause strokes or other complications. Warfarin (Coumadin) can also cause bleeding if not watched carefully.

Hundreds of new clinics called Anticoagulation Clinics have opened across the country to help people manage their anticoagulation with Warfarin (Coumadin).
Welcome to the BAMC Anticoagulation Clinic.

Your provider has referred you to the Anticoagulation Clinic to manage your anticoagulation therapy while you are taking Warfarin/Coumadin.

This is a service provided by Bay Area Medical Center and is staffed by pharmacists, nurse practitioners, and registered nurses, with special knowledge in anticoagulation therapy.

Clinic visits are by appointment only

Your first appointment will be with the nurse practitioner so that we can get more information to help us manage your anticoagulation. This appointment will last about 60 minutes.

During this visit, we will also make sure that your knowledge of Warfarin/Coumadin is up to date.

After the first visit, appointments will take about 15 minutes. We will check your INR by fingerstick and ask you a few questions to help make sure that nothing is going on that could interfere with your anticoagulation. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

Your INR test will be checked by finger stick with a special machine that provides the results within a few seconds. You will receive the results immediately.

Your Warfarin/Coumadin dose will be adjusted and arrangements made for your next visit. Your provider will have computer access to these results.

The INR test will need to be checked one or two times a week until stable if you were recently started on Warfarin/Coumadin. The frequency of your appointments will be adjusted according to the INR at each visit. The frequency of testing will also depend on other factors, such as your clinical condition and your physician’s recommendations.

If you are unable to keep your appointment, please notify our office and reschedule. Failure to keep your appointments or to follow any of the instructions given to you might result in serious health risks and/or termination from the program.

Because we are only authorized to manage the anticoagulation part of your medical care, it is very important that you continue to see your primary physician, as directed, for your medical needs.

We are happy to participate in your care, and we look forward to seeing you.

Our Telephone Number is (715) 732-8230

Someone is available to speak to you Monday through Friday, from 7:30 am – 4 pm. If you call during non-business hours, leave a message on the answering machine. We will contact you the next business day.

If you need to talk to someone right away during non-business hours, call the emergency room.

INSURANCE

We attempt to contact your insurance company to assist you in determining your insurance coverage. We also ask that you verify this information with your insurance company regarding policy coverage for anticoagulation.

Please understand you will be responsible for any co-pay, deductibles, and any other charges that will not be covered by your insurance company. All insurance coverage is subject to medical necessity reviews of the claim. No guarantee of payment is made until after this is complete.

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Any refills for Warfarin/Coumadin will be filled by the Anticoagulation Clinic.

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