

Advice given at UHS about the management of bleeding associated to the anticoagulants

- RIVAROXABAN (factor X inhibitor)
- DABIGATRAN (thrombin inhibitor).

The new anticoagulants RIVAROXABAN (factor X inhibitor) and DABIGATRAN (thrombin inhibitor). The half life of the former is 12 hours and latter up to 17 hours and for both this will be increased by renal failure.

If significant bleeding occurs and the only cause are the drugs (essentially normal platelet count, coag screen, fibrinogen) suggest discussing with one of the haematology consultants or SpRs and also recommend:-

For RIVAROXABAN - OCTAPLEX 30 iu/kg as per reversing warfarin. Long acting hence 1 dose should suffice.

For DABIGATRAN - PCCs do not work hence suggest NOVOSEVEN 90 mcg/kg. May need further doses 2 to 3 hourly until the bleeding stops.

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