

Pre- and peri-operative management of anticoagulated patients

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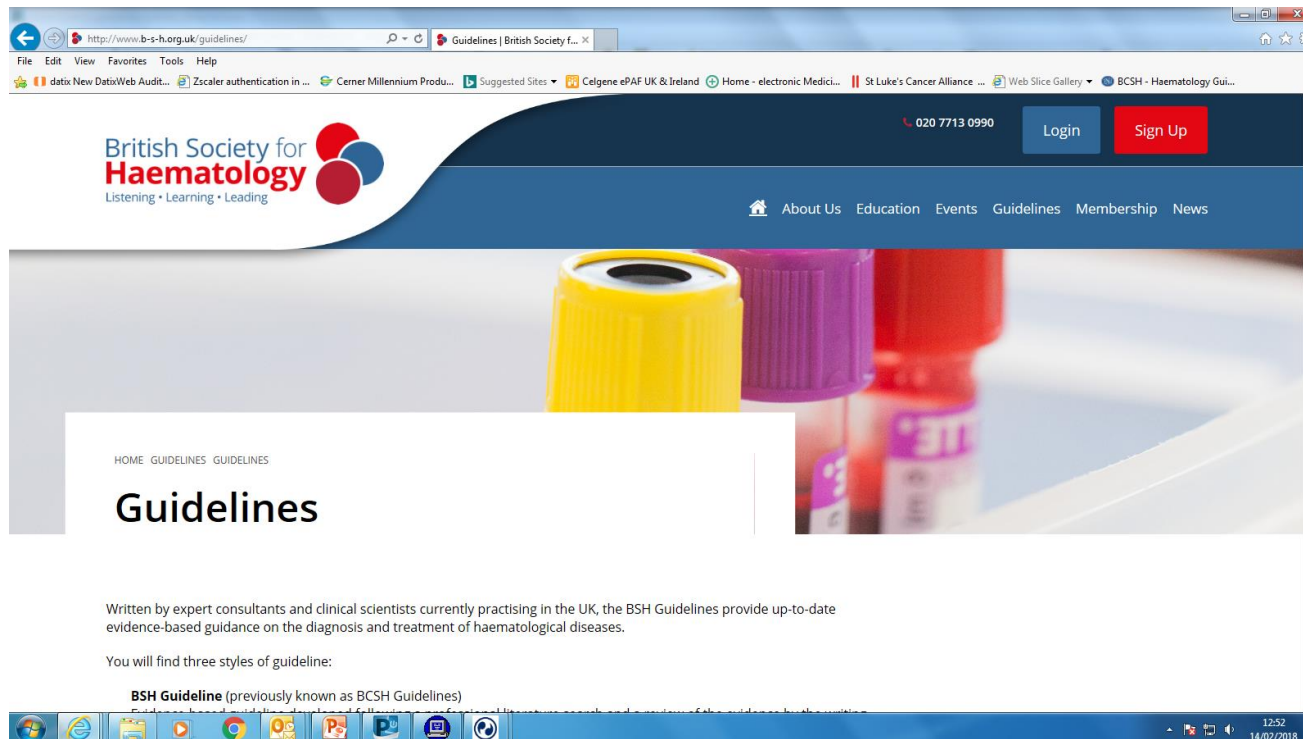
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- Elective surgery
 - Warfarin
 - DOACs
- Emergency surgery
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- Antiplatelet therapy

Elective Surgery



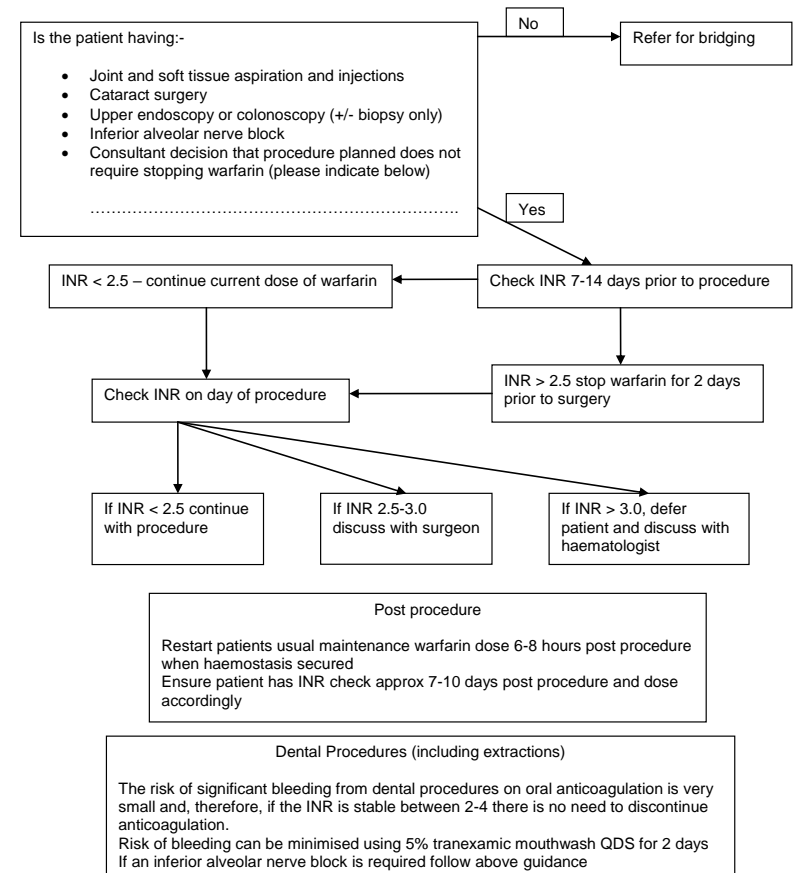
- British Society of Haematology Guidelines
 - Guidelines on oral anti-coagulation 4th ed 2011
 - Peri-operative anticoagulation Oct 2016



Warfarin



- Does warfarin need to be stopped?
 - Major surgery
 - Low risk procedures



Stopping warfarin

- When to stop
- When to restart
- Bridging

Stopping warfarin

- Half-life 36 hours
- Stop 5 days prior to surgery
- Ideally check INR 24 hours prior to surgery, allows time to give vitamin K if INR >1.5
- Check INR on day of surgery

Bridging



- Is the risk of thrombosis sufficiently high when warfarin is temporarily stopped to warrant treatment dose LMWH?
- Check renal function

Bridging



- VTE
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Mechanical Heart Valves

Bridging



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- Atrial Fibrillation
 - CHADS2 score
 - Bridging Required if 5-6
 - TIA/CVA in past 3 months
- Mechanical Heart Valves
 - All valves aside from bileaflet aortic valves

Bridging



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Guideline for the peri-operative management of oral anticoagulants

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**1.10 PROFORMA FOR HIGH RISK WARFARIN PATIENTS
NEEDING BRIDGING FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY**

Name
Hospital Number
Date of Birth

Indication for anticoagulation/bridging
Therapeutic range
Surgical procedure
Name of surgeon

Pre-operative assessment date
Pre-operative assessment nurse
Weight Kg eGFR* ml/min
* eGFR must be ≥ 30 ml/min- if < 30 pt do not use this protocol, pt will need admitting for UFH

	D-14 to D-6	D-5	D-4	D-3	D-2	D-1	Procedure date	D+1	D+2	D+3/4/5
Date										
Warfarin dose	No warfarin to be taken						*	✓	✓	✓
INR test required	No need to check						✓	X	X	✓
Enoxaparin 1.5mg/kg = (Treatment dose) time 09.00	No need to be given	✓	✓	✓		X	X	✓		✓
Enoxaparin 40mg (Prophylactic dose) time 09.00	No need to be given						*	✓	X	X

*Restart warfarin (at usual maintenance dose) on the evening of the procedure together with enoxaparin 40mg at least 6 hours post op ONLY if haemostasis is secure. Continue enoxaparin until INR is in therapeutic range. Check INR day 3-5 post op

✓ = Action required

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DOACs



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≥80	13	24	48
≥50 to <80	15	24–48	48–72
≥30 to <50	18	48–72	96
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≥30	9	24	48
<30		48	72
Apixaban			
≥30	8	24	48
<30		48	72
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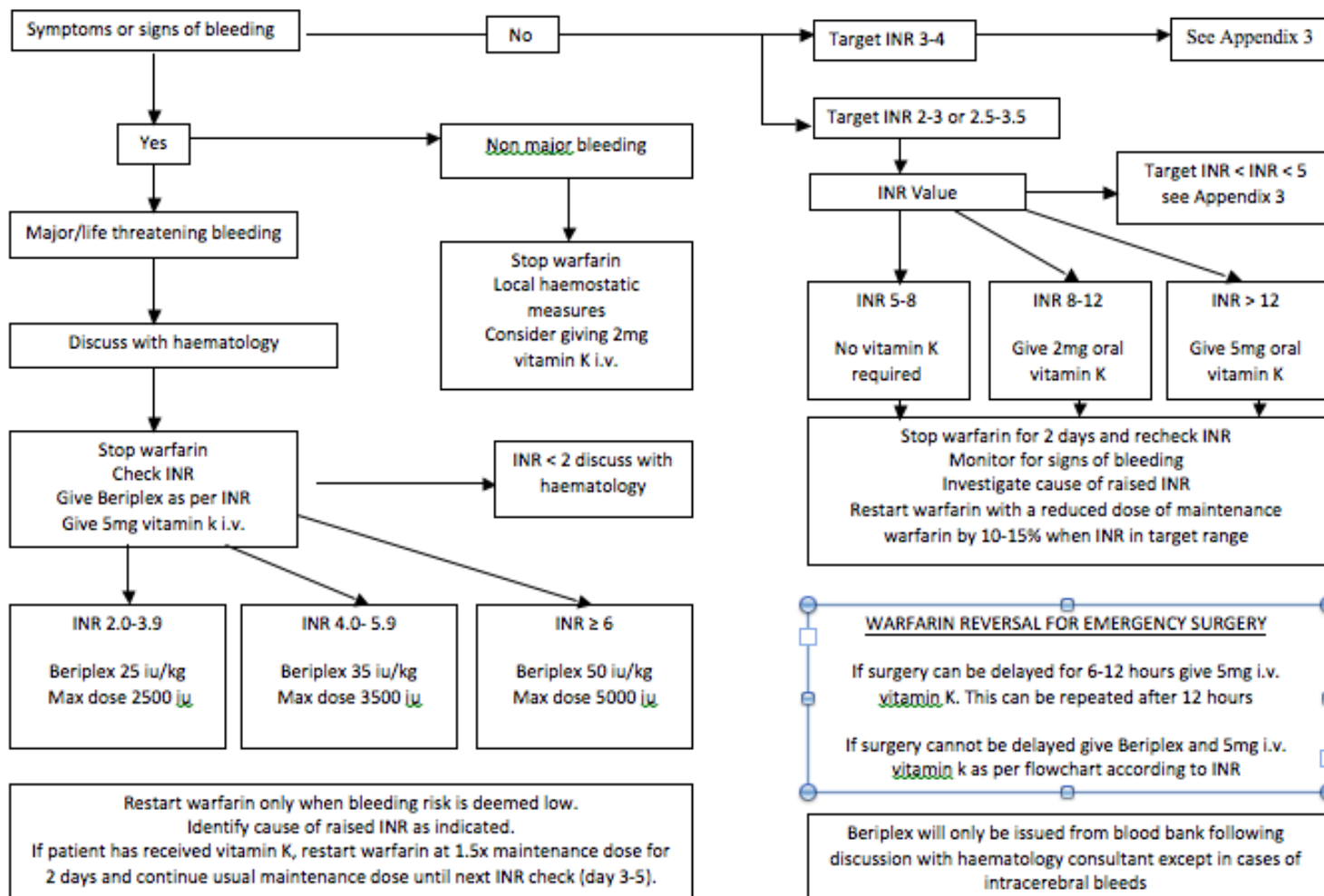
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Emergency surgery

- Reversal of warfarin
 - Withholding
 - Vitamin K
 - Expect to start reversing warfarin 4-6 hours after administration
 - Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (Beriplex)
 - Full immediate reversal
 - Give 5mg Vitamin K alongside
 - Dose dependent on INR and weight
 - Recheck INR 30 mins after administration
 - ?FFP

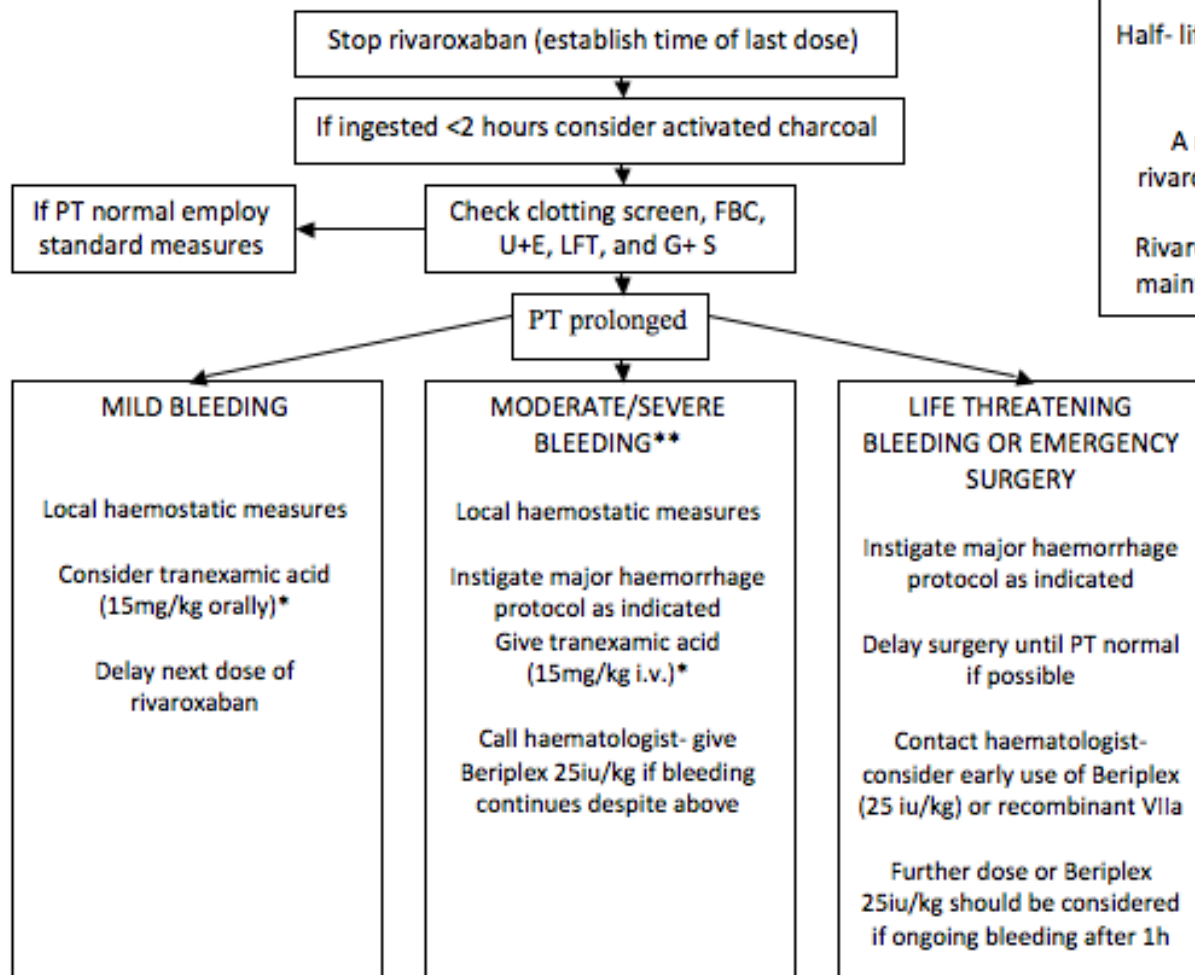
EMERGENCY REVERSAL OF WARFARIN



Emergency surgery

- DOACs
 - Can surgery be safely delayed?
 - When did they take their last DOAC
- Dabigatran
 - Praxbind
- Rivaroxaban, Edoxaban, Apixaban
 - No antidote
 - Consider PCC (or aPCC)

EMERGENCY REVERSAL OF RIVAROXABAN



There is no antidote for rivaroxaban- both vitamin K and protamine are ineffective

Half- life of rivaroxaban is 8-12 hours, prolonged in severe renal impairment

A normal PT suggests very low levels of rivaroxaban, so reversal may not be required

Rivaroxaban 65% renally excreted, therefore, maintaining BP and good urine output is vital

*There is no published data on using tranexamic acid in individuals receiving rivaroxaban

** Hb drop > 2g/L or bleeding in critical site

Antiplatelet therapy

- Elective surgery
 - When being used for secondary prevention, aspirin monotherapy can be discontinued for most invasive non-cardiac procedures, but if the perceived bleeding risk is high, aspirin can be omitted from day -3 to day +7
 - If on dual antiplatelet therapy, low bleeding risk procedures should proceed without interruption and high bleeding risk procedures patients should continue aspirin and stop clopidogrel 5 days preop

Antiplatelet therapy

- Emergency surgery
 - High-bleeding risk surgery
 - Consider pre-op iv tranexamic acid
 - Benefit of platelets pre-op uncertain
 - If excessive peri- or post-op bleeding consider 2 pools of platelets

Summary

- Robust pre-operative assessment of all patients on anticoagulation
- For those patients on DOACs, delay emergency surgery if possible and not detrimental to patients health until reversal of anti-coagulation is achieved
- Further information
 - www.b-s-h.org.uk/guidelines