

# Warfarin Care Clinic

## Pharmacy - Warfarin Webster Patients

The QML Pathology Warfarin Care Clinic is lead by Specialist Pathologists, and a team of medical practitioners and health professionals specifically trained in warfarin management.

Thank you for looking after the Warfarin Webster Packs for the following patient. Please supply a copy of the INR, Warfarin dose and **NEXT TEST DATE** with each pack/test. Please contact us **IMMEDIATELY** if you stop packing Websters for this patient.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Patient D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

QML Pathology ref no: \_\_\_\_\_

LMO: Dr \_\_\_\_\_

### WARFARIN AND RESULTS

Once patients have had their INR blood collected, we will endeavour to either phone and/or fax the results to you within 24-36 hours. We recommend that the patient continue taking their usual dose of warfarin until we contact you. Please contact us if we do not contact you first.

We strongly advise that the patient stay on a single brand of warfarin, i.e., Marevan or Coumadin, and not use mixtures of these brands. Whilst both contain warfarin, they are not bioequivalent and changes between the two formulations consistently cause problems with the INR levels.

### NOTIFYING US OF CHANGES

It is most important that the Warfarin Care Clinic be notified immediately with any changes:

- Any changes in prescribed and non-prescribed medication that last longer than 3 days (including herbs and vitamins)
- Commencement of antibiotics or analgesics
- Any relevant changes to the patients health, e.g., new medical conditions or health deterioration
- Admission to or discharge from hospital
- Alterations to warfarin dosage by any other doctor/s.

With any of the above changes the patient will need an INR blood test (if not already due) to confirm the INR remains in the safe therapeutic range. The QML Pathology Haematologist needs to be provided with any of the above changes prior to the dosing of an INR result.

### HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES

QML Pathology is not responsible for warfarin control once a patient becomes admitted into hospital. Prior to or once discharged, the patient will need to be reinstated on the Warfarin monitoring program. Short stays or minor procedures may be exempt from this process.

Patients discharged from hospital who are prescribed LMWH MUST remain under the care of the hospital, or be referred to their doctor until LMWH is ceased and INR returns to therapeutic range.

The QML Pathology Haematologist requires information on this admission, such as health changes, medication changes, recent INRs and warfarin doses. This is a requirement before we can safely recommence monitoring the patient's warfarin.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

#### WARFARIN PATIENT REGISTRATION

(Doctors, pharmacist and nursing staff):

**P: 1300 795 355, F: 07 3121 4335** or

**E: [warfarin@qml.com.au](mailto:warfarin@qml.com.au)**

Monday to Friday: 8.00am to 5.00pm

Saturday: CLOSED

**WARFARIN SUPPORT SERVICE** (Patients):

**1300 661 963** or **[warfarincare@qml.com.au](mailto:warfarincare@qml.com.au)**

Monday to Friday: 10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday: 10.00am to 1.00pm

*Please note we cannot supply you with your results via email.*

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