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New Anticoagulation Therapy Management Program

Anticoagulants (i.e., Warfarin, low molecular weight heparin, unfractionated heparin) are commonly used, high risk medications with narrow therapeutic windows that significantly increase the risk of bleeding.

At UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Children's Hospital, a multidisciplinary team of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dieticians and others partnered to improve safety associated with the use of anticoagulant therapy. The newly developed Anticoagulation Therapy Management Program provides updated clinical resources for all disciplines.

Resources are available online for inpatient and outpatient, adult and pediatric services:

§ UCare Links Clinical Guidelines: Anticoagulation Therapy Online Repository
http://ucarelinks.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/clinical_guidelines.asp <http://ucarelinks.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/clinical_guidelines.asp>

§ Patient Safety and Quality Bulletin, Issue No. 43: New Anticoagulation Therapy Management Program <../../../PIDivision/PS%20QI%20Bulletin/Drafts/Anticoagulation/PSQB_Issue_43_AnticoagTherapyProgram_2009_09_15_FINAL.pdf>
http://jcaho.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/joint_commission_training_and_education/PSQB_09_15_09_Issue_43_AnticoagProgram_FINAL.pdf