

Medications – Warfarin - Prescribing Initial Therapy



This Quick Reference Guide will explain how to:

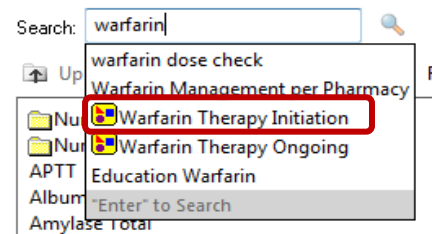
Prescribe Warfarin- Initial Therapy (For commencing therapy in Warfarin-naive patients)



Important: This workflow is *not* applicable for specimen collection at **Bacchus Marsh and Melton** sites. At these locations, paper requisitions will be printed directly from the EMR and placed in the collection tray.


- Patient details will already be included on the paper requisition, so a bradma is not required on the form.
- However, bradmas must be placed on specimen containers and clearly labeled before dispatch.
- **Do not** mark specimens as collected in the EMR at Bacchus Marsh and Melton sites

1. Click on **Orders and Referrals + Add** and click **+ Add**













2. Type Warfarin in the 'Search' field.

3. Select **Warfarin Therapy Initiation** order set (indicated by )

4. Review the pre-checked orders and select any other orders as necessary. Complete the mandatory fields for any orders with  icon

Warfarin Therapy Initiation (Initiated Pending)

-  Education Warfarin 1
Please supply and outline Warfarin Booklet to patient as part of education process.
-  Please review Warfarin dosing parameters for patients with Synthetic valves in situ
- BRIDGING ANTICOAGULATION**
-  Warfarin Bridging. Review when INR 2.0, Cease when INR 2.0 or greater
-  enoxaparin ▼ Select an order sentence 2
- COUMADIN**
-  For NEW warfarin therapy: Coumadin is the brand of choice
-  warfarin (Coumadin) ▼ Select an order sentence 3
- MAREVAN**
-  warfarin (Marevan) ▼ Select an order sentence 3
- warfarin dose check**
-  The 'included' warfarin dose check task ensures nursing staff check that there is a warfarin order on 4th day 4
-  warfarin dose check
1 dose check, ONCE only, First dose T+3;1400
- Pathology**
-  International Normalised Ratio (INR) AM Path Rnd, Spec Type: Blood, T+3;0630, Anticoagulant: Warfarin Commencing Warfarin therapy 5

1.	<u>Education Warfarin</u>	A shared nursing/pharmacy task order to provide warfarin education to the patient
2.	<u>Bridging Anticoagulation</u>	Bridging enoxaparin can be ordered if required
3.	<u>Warfarin</u>	Coumadin® is pre-ticked as it is Western Health's preferred brand. Select the drop-down arrow to select an appropriate sentence based on the indication and corresponding target INR range.



4	<u>Warfarin Dose Check</u>	The warfarin dose check order is placed to task nurses to check if a new warfarin dose order has been placed.
5	<u>INR pathology order</u>	Defaults to order INR on the 4 th day (on phlebotomy's AM path round)

5. Check the **Order Details** for the Warfarin Order

▼ Details for **warfarin (Coumadin)**

Details | Order Comments | Offset Details | Diagnoses

*Strength dose: *Strength dose unit:

Freetext dose: *Route of administration:

Drug Form: *Frequency:

*Duration: *Duration unit:

First Dose Date / Time: AEDT Priority:

Stop type: Patient's Own Meds:

Infuse over unit: *INR Target:

*Indication: Special Instructions:

Approval Number:

Initiation of warfarin is prescribed with a specified duration of 3 days. After this time, it will drop off the MAR. Therefore, there is a "Warfarin Dose Check" order for the nurse to ensure warfarin orders have been updated daily. **To continue warfarin after the three days, order ongoing doses using the WARFARIN THERAPY ONGOING orderset.**

Warfarin dose administration time will default to the next 1600 hrs. If the order is placed AFTER 1600, change the 'Priority' field to NOW. This will schedule the day's dose and continue at 1600 daily thereafter.

- Click on **Orders For Signature** and enter '**Current Clinical History**'
- Click on **Sign** and enter your password.
- Check the **MAR** to ensure order(s) are correct.

Current Clinical History (Mandatory)

Atrial Fibrillation |

General Clinical History (Optional)

Scheduled	
warfarin (Coumadin) 5 mg, Oral, Tablet, daily for 3 day(s), First dose 19/10/2018 16:00:00, Stop date 22/10/2018 15:59:00, INR Target: 2.0 - 3.0, Indication: Atrial fibrillation For commencement of therapy warfarin INR	5 mg Not given within 5 days.
warfarin dose check 1 dose check, ONCE only, First dose 22/10/2018 14:00:00, Stop date 22/10/2018 14:00:00 warfarin dose check INR	