



Esperienza Londinese nella gestione della terapia antitrombotica

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Clinical Guideline

***Perioperative bridging of warfarin in
adult patients undergoing elective
surgery***

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 UFH - unfractionated heparin
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- Any indication with target INR 3.0 - 4.0, unless mechanical cardiac valves when very high risk

(D) Very high risk:

- Mechanical cardiac valves

(E) Bridging therapy in renal failure:

- Refer to table F for prophylactic dalteparin dosing in renal failure and box H for anti-Xa level testing
- Refer to table G for treatment dalteparin dosing in renal failure and box H for anti-Xa level testing

(F) Prophylactic dalteparin dosing

Weight	CrCL > 30ml/minute Prophylaxis	CrCL < 30ml/minute Prophylaxis - see (H)
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(G) Treatment dalteparin dosing

Weight	CrCL > 30ml/minute Treatment 200 units/kg	CrCL < 30ml/minute 140 units/kg - see (H)
Wt < 46 kg	7500 units OD	5000 units OD
46-56 kg	10 000 units OD	7500 units OD
57-68 kg	12 500 units OD	10 000 units OD
69-82 kg	15 000 units OD	10 000 units OD
>83 kg	18 000 units OD (dose capped)	12 500 units OD

When in doubt seek advice from Bridging Clinic (ext 82802) or Thrombosis StR (bleep 0122)

Perioperative Bridging of Warfarin in Adult Patients Undergoing Elective Surgery

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS
 NHS Foundation Trust

Consult Thrombosis StR for patients undergoing cardiac valve insertion

Contact Bridging Clinic (ext 82802) or Thrombosis StR (0122/via switchboard)

Pre-op ALL patients should take their last dose of warfarin 4 days before the procedure (day -4)

Does the patient have antithrombin deficiency or antiphospholipid antibodies?
 Does the patient have allergy to heparin/history of HIT?

Yes

No

Is the patient low risk (A), intermediate risk (B), high risk (C) or very high risk (D)?

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Note: If the patient has renal failure (eg: CrCL < 30 mL/min)
 -See **Bridging therapy in renal failure (E)**

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(H) Anti-Xa level testing in renal failure (SEND ON ICE)

- Dalteparin levels can accumulate in renal failure over time.
- Check anti-Xa levels if there are concerns about bleeding or bruising after 7 days of dalteparin.
- If trough (pre-dose) anti-Xa level is >0.2 international units/mL, please discuss with Thrombosis StR (bleep 0122 / switchboard)

Re-starting oral anticoagulant

If there is no excessive bleeding (and epidural catheter has been removed), ideally restart on the evening of surgery (obtain surgical consultant/ StR approval first) once oral intake established.

Providing INR less than 1.5, restart with a loading dose of 1.5 x patient's usual dose for 3 days, then continue on usual dose (e.g. a patient who usually takes warfarin 5 mg, should receive 7.5 mg for 3 days and then continue on 5 mg).

If INR more than 1.5, contact clinical pharmacist / Thrombosis StR for advice

Note: If any medications that interact with warfarin have been started/stopped during admission contact ward pharmacist for advice as usual maintenance dose may need altering.

Refer to local anticoagulation clinic within 3 days of discharge if only one INR in range pre discharge; within 5 days if two consecutive INR's in range



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- Maggiore frammentazione legata al VTE timing
- Nessun cardiologo nel gruppo di Lavoro UK
- Eventi ischemici cerebrali

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Perioperative Bridging Anticoagulation in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation

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Suggested Risk Stratification: Atrial Fibrillation

High Risk

- CHADS2 score = 5-6
- Recent (within 3 months) stroke or TIA
- Rheumatic valvular heart disease

Moderate Risk

- CHADS2 score = 3-4

Low Risk

- CHADS2 score = 0-2 and no prior stroke or TIA

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Suggested Risk Stratification: Mechanical Heart Valves

High Risk

- Any mitral valve prosthesis
- Older (caged-ball or tilting disc) aortic valve prosthesis
- Recent (within 6 months) stroke or TIA

Moderate Risk

- Bileaflet aortic valve and at least one of:
- Atrial fibrillation, prior stroke or transient ischemic attack, hypertension, diabetes, congestive heart failure, age >75 years

Low Risk

- Bileaflet aortic valve without atrial fibrillation and no other risk factors for stroke

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Suggested Risk Stratification: Venous Thromboembolism

High Risk

- Recent VTE (<3 months ago)
- Severe thrombophilia (eg, antiphospholipid antibodies)

Moderate Risk

- VTE within the past 3-12 months
- Nonsevere thrombophilia (eg, heterozygous factor V mutation)
- Recurrent VTE
- Active cancer (treated within 6 months or palliative)

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***Perioperative Bridging of New Oral
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Key:
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NOAC – new oral anticoagulant

Peri-operative Surgical Bridging Protocol for patients receiving New Oral Anticoagulants (NOACs)

Identify indication for NOAC (either prevention of stroke in non-valvular AF or VTE treatment or secondary prevention)

NOACs for AF or VTE occurred > 6 weeks ago

NB: Patients with VTE in last 6 weeks
Discuss with Thrombosis team (bleep 0122)

Pre-operative: Is the procedure minor or major?

Minor: e.g. ophthalmological & dental procedures

Timing of last NOAC dose pre procedure:

Renal function (as calculated CrCl ^a)	Dabigatran (minimum)	Rivaroxaban / apixaban / edoxaban (minimum)
>80ml/min	24h	24h
50-80 ml/min	36h	24h
30-50 ml/min	48h	36h

Major: e.g. cardiac, chest or abdominal surgery

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CrCl 50-80 ml/min	72h	48h
CrCl 30-50 ml/min	96h	48h

Post-operatively: Assess patient's bleeding risk and risk of VTE

Haemostasis achieved & no further surgery planned:

Day 0: Restart pre-admission dose 6-8 hours post-wound closure
(Adjust dose as per SPC if renal function has altered)

Ongoing bleeding risk postoperatively:

Day of procedure:

- Bridge with prophylactic dalteparin. Give first dose 6-12 hours post wound closure, if haemostasis achieved.
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- Once bleeding risk reduced, restart NOAC 12-24 hours after last dose of dalteparin (determined by surgeon)
- If renal function has deteriorated, please review dose of NOAC
- Ensure patient has not been started on any drugs that could potentially interact with NOAC e.g. cytochrome P-450 3A4 inhibitors and P-glycoprotein inhibitors - contact ward pharmacist / resident pharmacist for advice.

Tabella 2 - Tempistica di sospensione preoperatoria dei NOACs in chirurgia elettiva

GFR (ml/min)	Dabigatran		Apixaban-Rivaroxaban	
	Per le procedure minori con bassissimo rischio emorragico e/o possibile adeguata emostasi locale(es. odontoiatriche semplici) sospendere il trattamento 12-24 ore prima			
	Basso rischio	Alto rischio	Basso rischio	Alto rischio
>80	≥ 24 ore	≥48 ore	≥24 ore	≥48 ore
50-80	≥36 ore	≥72 ore	≥24 ore	≥48 ore
30-50*	≥48 ore	≥96 ore	≥24 ore	≥48 ore
15-30	Non indicato		≥36 ore	≥48 ore
<15	Non indicato			



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- Estrema semplificazione della stratificazione
- Rapida applicabilità
- Scarsa attenzione alle problematiche non trombotiche



- Maggiore attenzione alla stratificazione del paziente, anche in base al tipo di procedura
- Approccio multidisciplinare