

Post Falls Family Medicine, PA

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To our patients,

You are currently being prescribed Coumadin, also known as Warfarin, for anticoagulation purposes. We try to make the blood draws, which are known as INRs or protimes, as simple for you as possible by allowing you to come to our office on a first come, first serve basis, no appointment is needed. After your physician has received the results, their nurse will contact you with your new dosing directions and when you need to test again.

This importance of regular monitoring cannot be overstated. The risks associated with anticoagulation therapy include but are not limited to, excessive bleeding, hemorrhagic stroke, anemia, tissue necrosis, vasculitis, liver problems and cholesterol embolus. Careful monitoring minimizes these risks.

Interval monitoring can vary from 1 day to 4 weeks and occasionally more. Due to the substantial variations in absorption rates of Coumadin and the amount of Vitamin K in your diet, the predictability of INR levels drops off considerably after this. INR levels might be stable for years but suddenly could change, which may lead to potentially serious and or fatal consequences.

Sincerely,

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I understand that the medication prescribed to me for anticoagulation is a potent medication. I understand that the risks of not complying with the recommended monitoring schedule are substantial and potentially serious and or fatal consequences may occur.

Patient name (Please Print): _____ **Date:** _____

Patient signature: _____