

IV Direct Thrombin Inhibitors (DTI) Reversal Guidelines

There is currently no specific antidote, and the management of bleeding remains empirical. Because these agents have a short half-life, discontinuing the infusion should result in adequate reversal of anticoagulant effect.

- Examples of IV Direct Thrombin Inhibitors: argatroban, bivalirudin
- Hold or discontinue IV DTI
- Supportive measures include: fluid and blood product (RBC) replacement, mechanical compression, surgical intervention
- Consider administration of prothrombin complex (Kcentra) 50 units/kg (maximum recommended dose is 5,000 units). Round dose to the nearest vial size.
- Monitor: aPTT