

Warfarin Reversal Guidelines

Condition	Recommendation												
Greater than goal INR but less than 4.5 without bleeding	Decrease dose OR hold dose, then resume at a lower dose when INR is within therapeutic range. If INR is only minimally above therapeutic range, may continue current dosage. Increase frequency of INR monitoring.												
INR 4.5 – 10 without bleeding	Hold next one or two doses of warfarin, then resume at a lower dose when INR is within therapeutic range. Routine use of phytonadione (vitamin K) is not recommended unless patient is at high risk of bleeding. Increase frequency of INR monitoring.												
INR greater than 10 without bleeding	Hold warfarin and give phytonadione (vitamin K) 2.5 - 5 mg by mouth, may repeat every 24 – 48 hours as needed. Resume warfarin at a decreased dose when INR is within therapeutic range. Increase frequency of INR monitoring.												
Serious bleeding at any elevation of INR	Hold warfarin. Give phytonadione (vitamin K) 5 - 10 mg IVPB AND prothrombin complex (Kcentra), see dosing recommendations below												
	Dosing recommendations for prothrombin complex (Kcentra) expressed in units of factor IX activity. Round dose to the nearest vial size.												
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