



## BLOOD THINNER MEDICATION INSTRUCTIONS

If you have recently been started on a blood thinner within the last 6 months for DVT (blood clot), pulmonary embolus, heart attack, heart stent, heart valve surgery, atrial fibrillation, or other, please notify your prescribing physician of your upcoming procedure/surgery as it may not be acceptable to proceed with an elective colonoscopy or surgery.

**STOP ASPIRIN** regimen 5-7 days prior to your procedure/surgery.

The following is a guideline of when to **STOP** certain blood-thinning medications prior to your procedure/surgery. Please notify your prescribing physician of your upcoming appointment to make sure stopping your medication is acceptable and if you will require a "bridge" (Heparin or Lovenox).

MEDICATION	TO BE STOPPED
Warfarin (Coumadin)	5 DAYS PRIOR
Apixaban (Eliquis)	2 DAYS PRIOR
Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)	3 DAYS PRIOR
Clopidogrel (Plavix)	5 DAYS PRIOR
Dabigatran (Pradaxa)	3 DAYS PRIOR
Ticagrelor (Brilinta)	5 DAYS PRIOR
Cilostazol (Pletal)	2 DAYS PRIOR
Prasugrel (Effient)	5 DAYS PRIOR
Persantine (Dipyridamole)	3 DAYS PRIOR
Ticlopidine (Ticlid)	14 DAYS PRIOR
Vorapaxar (Zontivity)	13 DAYS PRIOR
Fondaparinum (Arixtra)	48 HOURS PRIOR
Lovenox	24 HOURS PRIOR
Abciximab (Reopro)	24 HOURS PRIOR
Edoxaban (Savaysa)	24 HOURS PRIOR
Heparin	12 HOURS PRIOR
Eptifibatide (Integrilin)	4 HOURS PRIOR
Tirofiban (Aggrastat)	DO NOT

Failure to **STOP** blood-thinning medications as instructed will result in cancellation of your appointment.