Safety Alert

Achieving Zero Harm from Antithrombotic

"Sharing Lessons Learned"

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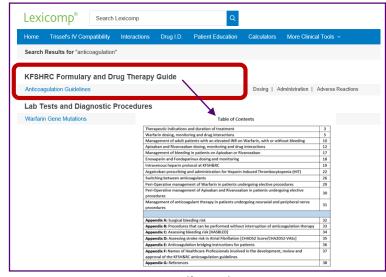Jeddah Branch — فرع جـدة

What is Antithrombotic?

An antithrombotic agent is a drug that reduces the formation of blood clots. Antithrombotic can be used therapeutically for prevention or treatment of a dangerous blood clot.
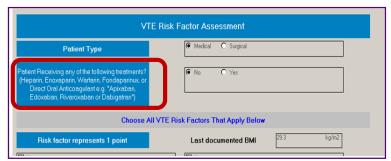
There are two classes of antithrombotic drugs: Anticoagulants and Antiplatelet drugs.

To Achieve ZERO Harm from Antithrombotic:

1) Get familiar with the available antithrombotic in our hospital, and follow the related guidelines and protocols. *Check Lexicomp for more information.* (See figure.1)

2) Engage patients and provide proper education about their medication.

3) Acquire a proper medication reconciliation at each transition of care.

4) Monitor patients as needed, and adjust the dose as required.

5) Make sure to document the correct indication when ordering any antithrombotic.

6) Avoid duplicate therapy especially when doing VTE risk assessment in ICIS. *(See figure.2)*

(figure.1)

(figure.2)

Remember:

Antithrombotic therapy involves practitioners from multiple disciplines and departments. Proper communication is the key to prevent any harm.

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