

Community
Anticoagulation
Therapy
Clinic

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After Hours Coverage	6506CATC	1

PURPOSE (outline the intent or objective of the document)

To outline the process of contacting patients after CAT Clinic hours if INR results are not received during clinic hours.

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS (provide clear understanding to words, abbreviations that may be ambiguous)

CAT Clinic – Community Anticoagulation Therapy Clinic
 INR-International Normalized Ratio

PROCEDURE/FLOWCHART (describe the steps in which objectives are achieved; include statements, to the extent necessary, that explain the why, what, when, where, who and how)

1. Each clinic day the CAT Clinic staff will follow the schedule for patients due for INRs.
2. If the lab value has not been obtained, the CAT Clinic staff will contact the lab where the patient has the INR drawn. If the lab has the result the CAT Clinic nurse will contact the patient per the warfarin guideline.
3. If the INR was drawn and the result not available by the end of clinic hours, the CAT Clinic nurse will notify the referring physician's staff with the patient's last 7 days of Coumadin doses and the INR.
 - If the INR is elevated the CAT Clinic nurse contacts the referring physician. The referring physician then is responsible for contacting the patient
4. If the INR is normal, the CAT Clinic nurse will contact the patient the following day. If it is a Friday, the CAT Clinic nurse will contact the patient on Monday.
5. When the referring physician has contact with the patient, he/she is responsible for contacting the CAT Clinic nurse with instructions given to the patient.

RECORDS (results or evidence of work performed)

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 Physician Communication 6004CATC

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