

Community
Anticoagulation
Therapy
Clinic

DOCUMENT TITLE	NUMBER	REV
Changing from Coumadin to Warfarin	6505CATC	0

PURPOSE (outline the intent or objective of the document)

To outline a process of checking INRs when a patient changes from Coumadin to warfarin.

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

CAT Clinic – Community Anticoagulation Therapy Clinic

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

1. Any prescription changes from Coumadin to warfarin will require the patient to repeat the INR seven days after starting warfarin.
2. If the referring physician signed a standing order and indicated a “may substitute” order, the CAT clinic nurse will use this as an order and change the coumadin to warfarin.
3. If the standing order does not indicate substitution and the patient is requesting warfarin, the CAT clinic nurse will call the referring physician for a substitution order.

RECORDS (results or evidence of work performed)

REVISION HISTORY			
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