

Community
Anticoagulation
Therapy
Clinic

DOCUMENT TITLE	NUMBER	REV
Discharge from CAT Clinic	6507CATC	0

PURPOSE (outline the intent or objective of the document)

To outline a process for discharging patients from the CAT Clinic. Patients may be discharged for non-compliance, when having a surgical procedure, at completion of their warfarin therapy, and for other reasons.

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

CAT Clinic – Community Anticoagulation Therapy Clinic
 TR – Target Range

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

1. CAT Clinic nurse requests a discharge order from the referring physician.
 - If the CAT Clinic is requesting discharge due to non-compliance, the clinic must provide the referring physician with documentation of non-compliance.
 - If the patient is discharged due to non-compliance issues and changes to another physician who subsequently refers patient to the CAT Clinic, the patient will not be accepted by the CAT Clinic.
2. If the referring physician is on warfarin, he/she must notify the CAT clinic.
3. The referring physician will provide a patient summary when the patient is discharged from the CAT clinic.

RECORDS (results or evidence of work performed)

Missed/Overdue Labs 6504CATC
 Overdue Patient Letter 6507CATC
 Discharge Order 6509CATC

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