

Name  
Address  
City, State Zip

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Welcome to the Community Anticoagulation Therapy (CAT) Clinic! \_\_\_\_\_ has referred you to take part in the CAT Clinic program.

The CAT Clinic is a service, set up for the convenience and safety of patients taking Coumadin or warfarin who need to be checked on a regular basis. The clinic is staffed by a Registered Nurse with special knowledge and training in taking care of people that are taking Coumadin or warfarin. The CAT Clinic nurse will work with your doctor in checking and changing your coumadin or warfarin.

**What does this mean for patients who are participating in the CAT Clinic?** The CAT Clinic nurse will:

- Serve as an information resource for patients enrolled in the CAT Clinic.
- Schedule patients for their lab tests as ordered by the CAT Clinic nurse or your doctor.
- Check results and tell your physician if there are any problems that he/she may need to be aware of.
- Tell you your INR results and dose changes of the coumadin or warfarin that you are taking.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Patients taking part in the program may speak with the CAT Clinic nurse at 319-558-4046.

To enroll in the clinic, you must be scheduled for a visit with the CAT Clinic nurse. Your first visit to the clinic is **mandatory** and **at a specific date and time**. At the first visit the nurse will go over all the drugs you are taking and will also talk to you about your Coumadin (warfarin). Please bring all your drugs, including over-the-counter and herbal drugs, with you to the first visit. If you are not able to keep your appointment, please call the office at 319-558-4046 to make another appointment.

We are happy to take part in your care, and we look forward to seeing you

Sincerely,

Carla S. Huber, RN MS  
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