

Blood Thinner Instructions

If you are taking any of the following blood thinners, please discuss specific instructions regarding your blood thinner with your physician or cardiologist. Please let your physician or cardiologist know that you are having a procedure and need to temporarily stop your blood thinner prior to your procedure.

The following are medications to discuss with your physician or cardiologist:

1. **Plavix or clopidogrel:** Stop taking this medication 7 days prior to your procedure unless you've had a recent cardiac stent placed. Please discuss this further with your cardiologist.
2. **Effient or prasugrel:** Stop taking this medication 7 days prior to your procedure unless you've had a recent cardiac stent placed. Please discuss this further with your cardiologist.
3. **Coumadin or warfarin:** Stop taking this medication 5 days prior to your procedure.
4. **Brilinta or ticagrelor:** Stop taking this medication 5 days prior to your procedure.
5. **Eliquis or apixaban:** Stop taking this medication 3 days prior to your procedure.
6. **Pradaxa or dabigatran:** Stop taking this medication 2 days prior to your procedure.
7. **Xarelto or rivaroxaban:** Stop taking this medication 2 days prior to your procedure.
8. **Savaysa or edoxaban:** Stop taking this medication 2 days prior to your procedure.
9. **Pletal or cilostazol:** Stop taking this medication 3 days prior to your procedure.
10. If you are taking a daily full-strength aspirin (325 mg), reduce your dose to a daily baby aspirin (81 mg) for 7 days prior to your procedure.
11. Talk to your doctor or cardiologist for specific instructions if you have a mechanical heart valve.