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MEDICATIONS TO STOP PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE

You **MUST** stop taking any blood thinning medications (PLAVIX, COUMADIN, etc.) for 6 days prior to thoracic (mid back) or a lumbosacral (low back) procedure. Aspirin is stopped 3 days across the board for all procedures. Taking low dose aspirin carries a lower risk of bleeding during the procedure.

IF YOU ARE HAVING A CERVICAL (NECK) INJECTION YOU MUST STOP THE MEDICATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE.

If you have any questions about which medications are safe to take before your procedure, please call 336-349-505 extension 03. Speak with Karanja regarding your questions.

IF YOU TAKE A “BLOOD THINNER” BEFORE YOUR INJECTION, WE MAY HAVE TO RESCHEDULE YOUR PROCEDURE!!!

DO NOT TAKE any of the following medications for 6 days prior to a lumbar (low back) or thoracic (mid back) procedure OR 10 days prior to a cervical (neck) procedure. BEFORE STOPPING ANY MEDICATION, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN. You may need authorization from that physician to come off of your medications. It is important that we have the medical consent to stop a particular blood thinning agent.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR MEDICATIONS, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE DIRECTLY AT 336-349-5050 extension 03 Karanja

BLOOD THINNERS

Aggrenox Oxyphenbutazone Ticlid Coumadin (Warfarin) Persatine Trental Dicumarol

Phenybutazone Vitamin E Heparin Plavix, PRADAXA

ASPIRIN OR ASPIRIN LIKE COMPOUNDS

Alka Seltzer Combunox Fiorinal Anacin COPE Magnesium Salicylate Anaprox Darvon Midol Arthritis Pain Formula

Doan's Pills Momentum Ascripton Dristan Percodan Aspergum Ecotrin Soduim Salicylate Asprin Compound/Codeine

Empirin Triaminicin Bufferin Excedrin Vanquish Children's chewable aspirin Extra Strength Bayer

YOU MAY TAKE: Tylenol, any acetaminophen-containing product or opioids such as Tylenol #3, Codeine, Tylox, Extra Strength Tylenol with Codeine, Arthritis Tylenol, Aspirin free Anacin, Darvocet, Fioricet, Percocet, Vicodin, Contac, Sine-Aid, Celebrex, Mobic and other anti-inflammatories such as Aleve, Motrin, Ibuprofen, etc.