LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
- SHREVEPORT

ANTICOAGULATION SAFETY

Purpose:
To provide safe and effective anticoagulation therapy through a collaborative approach.

Policy:
Upon the written order of a physician, all anticoagulants therapy will be administered in a safe and cost-effective manner.

Inpatient Management:
1. Anticoagulation therapy will be defined as the therapeutic use of all anticoagulants ordered in the hospital.
2. Protocols for use of these agents will be approved by the P&T Committee/Clinical Board and posted on the hospital website.
3. Indication for use of anticoagulation therapy will be documented in Electronic health record.
4. The Pharmacy Department will review all orders for anticoagulation therapy.
5. A prescriber’s order is required for the use of all anticoagulants, including Heparin flush solutions.
6. A Health Care Practioner (Pharmacy, MD, RN) will provide patient education on the safe and effective use of Warfarin therapy. Each patient will be educated based upon the patient’s level of comprehension. The education session and patient’s comprehension will be documented in the EHR. Compliance aids, schedule cards and reminders, and drug information will be provided to patients as necessary.
7. Nutritional Services may be consulted for additional education.

Outpatient Anticoagulation Therapy Management:
1. An anticoagulation service will be provided within the LSUHSC-Shreveport Medicine Clinic. Patients may be referred to this service through completion of the appropriate referral form. Policies and protocols for this anticoagulation service will be reviewed by the P&T Committee/Clinical Board on an annual basis.
2. Physicians who choose to manage their own patient’s anticoagulation therapy will also be required adhere to the anticoagulation protocol.