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Requested:

Following the publication of the NICE Pathway 'Major haemorrhaging in hospital' in May 2021, I am writing to enquire if Hywel Dda University Health Board has protocols in place for the management of major haemorrhage, the rapid identification of patients taking anticoagulants and the reversal of anticoagulation agents. If such protocols are available, please could I request a copy.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides copies of its guidance for the management of major haemorrhage and the reversal of anticoagulation agents, at the following attachments:

- Major Haemorrhage Procedure – Attachment 1
- Use of Octaplex: Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (PCC) for Warfarin Reversal and in patients on New Oral Anticoagulant Drugs Procedure – Attachment 2
- Reversal of Dabigatran Guideline – Attachment 3

The UHB does not hold guidance on the rapid identification of patients taking anticoagulants. This is undertaken by the admitting doctor when taking the medication history.

Additionally, many patients have alert cards to show health care professionals that they are on anticoagulation. They will have access to an education session prior to initiation, to advise them to seek medical attention if they do bleed whilst taking anticoagulation.