



Ventura County Emergency Medical Services Agency

Trauma Triage Step 4.2 Anticoagulation Medications

**Step 4.2 Trauma Triage:
“Head injury with loss of consciousness
AND on warfarin (Coumadin)”**

A patient with a head injury AND any loss of consciousness associated with the injury AND on warfarin (Coumadin) meets criteria for Trauma Triage Step 4.2 in the “Special Considerations” category.

In addition to Coumadin, two new medications are being increasingly prescribed for long-term anticoagulation and may result in the same risk for intracranial bleeding in head trauma:

**Xarelto (Rivaroxaban)
Pradaxa (Dabigatran)**

Starting immediately, a patient with a head injury, loss of consciousness, and taking Coumadin, Xarelto, or Pradaxa, meets criteria for Trauma Triage Step 4.2 and should be called into the regular catchment base hospital.

Questions? Call us!

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