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Antithrombotics and COVID-19 Vaccines Frequently Asked Questions

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Can I receive the Covid-19 vaccine if I am taking warfarin?

- We encourage patients who are receiving warfarin treatment to receive vaccinations, including the Covid-19 vaccine.
- There is a small risk of bruising at the vaccination injection site, but we do not expect any serious effects related to being on blood thinning treatment.
- We suggest that after the vaccine injection prolonged pressure for 3 to 5 minutes is applied to the injection site to reduce bruising.
- There is no need to measure the blood thinning level (INR test) just before receiving a vaccination; you should continue INR testing according to the schedule recommended by your doctor.

Can I receive the Covid-19 vaccine if I am taking a newer blood thinner, one of apixaban (Eliquis), dabigatran (Pradaxa), edoxaban (Lixiana), or rivaroxaban (Xarelto)?

- We encourage patients who are receiving blood thinning (anticoagulant) treatment to receive vaccinations, including the Covid-19 vaccine.
- There is a small risk of bruising at the vaccination injection site, but we do not expect any serious effects related to being on blood thinning treatment.
- We suggest that after the vaccine injection prolonged pressure for 3 to 5 minutes is applied to the injection site to reduce bruising.

Can I receive the Covid-19 vaccine if I am receiving aspirin or a similar drug because of a previous heart attack or stroke?

- We encourage patients who are receiving aspirin or similar drugs like clopidogrel (Plavix) or ticagrelor (Brillinta) to receive vaccinations, including the Covid-19 vaccine.
- There is a small risk of bruising at the vaccination injection site, but we do not expect any serious effects related to being on blood thinning treatment.
- We suggest that after the vaccine injection prolonged pressure for 3 to 5 minutes is applied to the injection site to reduce bruising.

For additional questions e-mail us at info@thrombosiscanada.ca