

**St. Luke's Imaging Services
Blood Thinning Medications to be Held**

Joint Procedures

For all Joint Procedures: Patients may continue taking all blood thinners. Only patients on **Warfarin (Coumadin)** will require an INR result of less than 3.0 within 3 days of the procedure

Myelogram/Cisternogram/Lumbar Punctures

Generic Name	Trade Name	Hold Medication For:
Abciximab	Reopro	24 hours
Apixaban	Eliquis	48 hours
Dipyridamole/ASA compound	Aggrenox	7 days
Cilostazol	Pletal	2 days
Clopidogrel	Plavix	7 days
Dabigatran Etexilate	Pradaxa	2 days
Dypyridamole	Persantine	2 days
Enoxaparin	Lovenox	24 hours, longer if renal dysfunction
Eptifibatide	Integrilin	4-8 hours, longer if renal dysfunction
Fenoprofen	Nalfon	15 hours
Fondaparinux	Arixtra	5 days minimum
Heparin		4 hours for IV, 2 hours for SQ *PTT required for IV Heparin only
Meclofenamate	Meclomen	15 hours
Pentoxifylline	Trental	2 days
Prasugrel	Effient	7 days
Rivaroxaban	Xarelto	48 hours
Ticagrelor	Brilinta	7 days
Ticlopidine	Ticlid	14 days
Tirofiban	Aggrastat	4-8 hours, longer if renal dysfunction
Warfarin	Coumadin	5 days *Recommend INR 1.4 or less before proceeding

Check with ordering physician regarding holding medications. If the ordering physician feels these medications may not be held, they must consult directly with a radiologist.

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