

Warfarin (Coumadin)

Patients on Coumadin have to stop it before any invasive procedures.
Patients taken off of Coumadin may be placed on Heparin or Lovenox while off of Coumadin.

EGD:

STOP Coumadin:

- For at least 4 days before procedure (If EGD on Tuesday – no Coumadin Monday, Sunday, Saturday, and the Friday before the procedure)
- You may be instructed to take Lovenox or heparin twice a day while off Coumadin – must discuss with surgeon/doctor

RESTART Coumadin:

- May restart that evening of the procedure.
- Take the last dose of Lovenox or Heparin with Coumadin that day if were taking heparin/lovenox while off Coumadin).

WHILE off of Coumadin (you may be instructed to):

- Take Lovenox 30mg SQ BID (a total of 10 doses)
- Or Heparin 5,000U SQ BID (a total of 10 doses)

OPERATION - SURGERY:

STOP Coumadin:

- For at least 5 days before surgery (If Surgery on Tuesday – no Coumadin Monday, Sunday, Saturday, Friday and Thursday before surgery)
- You may be instructed to take Lovenox or Heparin twice a day (**DO NOT take a dose the morning of procedure**).

RESTART Coumadin:

- The next day (evening) after surgery (if surgery on Tuesday, take Coumadin Wednesday evening unless Dr. told otherwise after surgery).
- Take the last doses of Lovenox or Heparin the morning and evening with your Coumadin (if were taking heparin/lovenox while off Coumadin).

WHILE off of Coumadin (you may be instructed to):

- Take Lovenox 30mg SQ BID (a total of 13 doses)
- Or Heparin 5,000U SQ BID (a total of 13 doses)