

Pathway for Administration of Vitamin K for High INR

1. Objectives

The aim of this procedure is to establish a clear pathway to be followed by healthcare professionals to refer in to the Doncaster Emergency Care Practitioner Service for patients taking warfarin and requiring Vitamin K for a raised INR.

2. Scope

2.1. Inclusion Criteria

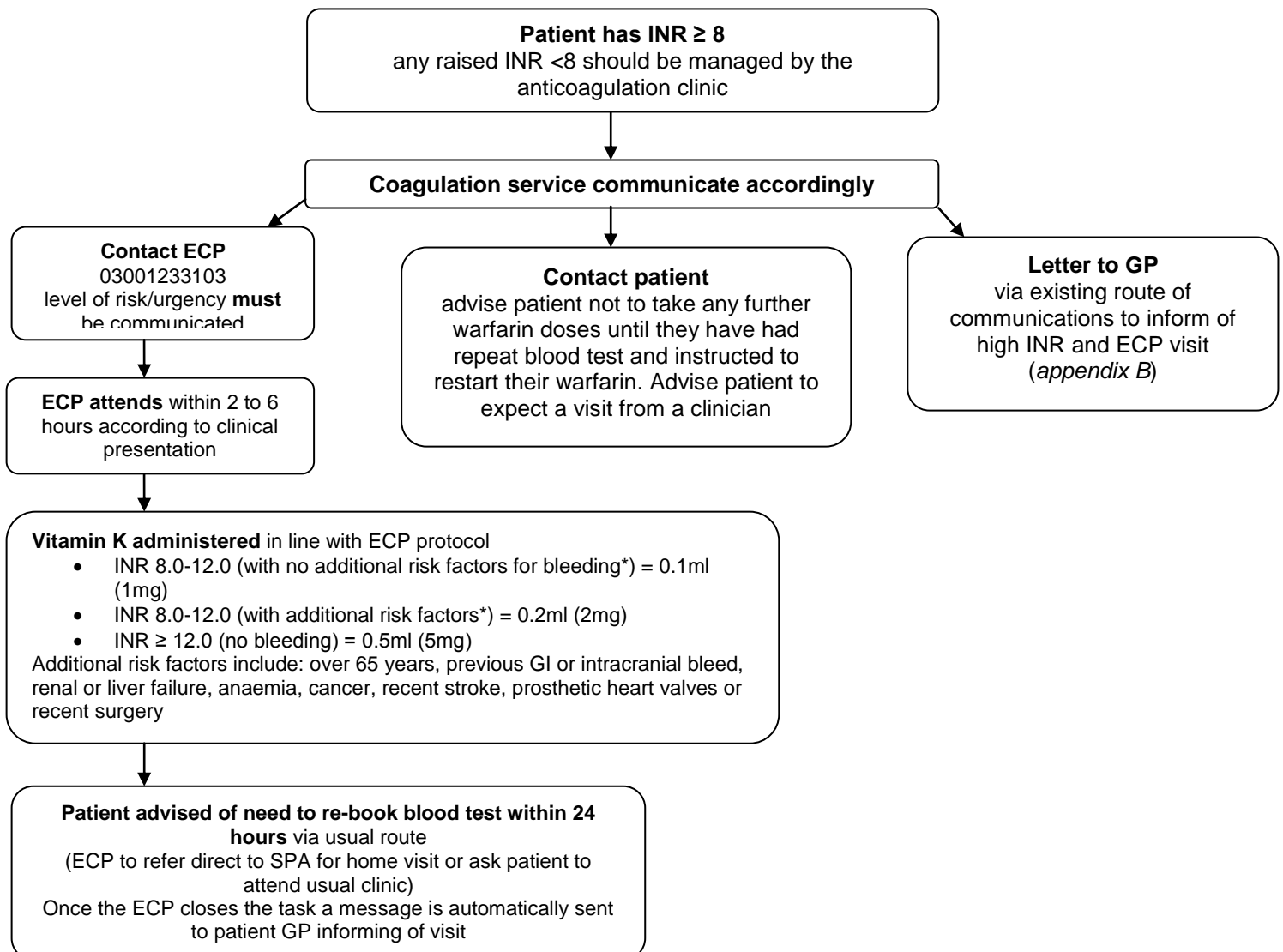
This pathway applies to referrals of any patient over the age of 18 years who is taking anticoagulation medication (Warfarin, Phenindione or Nicoumalone).

2.2. Exclusion Criteria

- Patient under 18 years of age
- INR <8
- Known allergy or intolerance to Vitamin K
- Pregnancy
- Unexpected bleeding at therapeutic levels when patients INR is in range
- Any signs of major bleeding, irrespective of INR

For full guidance see Patient Group Direction for Vitamin K (*appendix A*)

3. Pathway / Methodology



5. Appendices

Appendix A: PGD for administration of Vitamin K


Phytomenadione
(Vitamin K) PGD FCMS

Appendix B: Letter to GP from Coagulation Service


Letter to GP's Vit K
Message.docx

Appendix C: Guidelines for Administration of Vitamin K

<https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/OVERANTICOAGULATION-Nov-16.pdf>

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