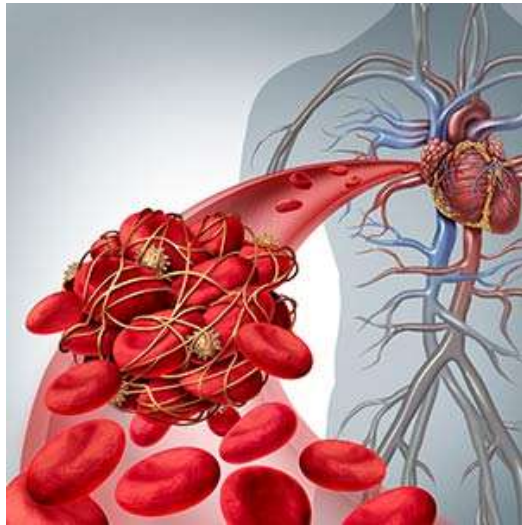


Coumadin Coagulant Clinic



If you are at risk of developing blood clots, you may be prescribed Coumadin or another blood thinner to protect against stroke and other complications. However, even though this medication is necessary, it can also cause significant side effects in high doses. At KSC Cardiology, we monitor patients taking blood thinners very carefully to make sure that the concentration of the drug in the body doesn't exceed safe levels. If your blood tests indicate that you have too much of the drug in your system, we will adjust your dosage accordingly. We will also take steps to correct any side effects or complications you may experience while on Coumadin.

Definition

Warfarin (Coumadin) is a medicine that helps keep your blood from clotting. It is also known as a blood thinner. This drug may be important if you have already had blood clots, or if your doctor is worried that you may form a blood clot.

Below are questions you may want to ask your health care provider to help you when you take warfarin.

Taking warfarin (Coumadin)-Questions to ask the doctor?

Why am I taking warfarin?

- What is a blood thinner?
- How does it work?
- Are there alternative blood thinners I could use?

What will be changed for me?

- How much bruising or bleeding should I expect?
- Are there exercises, sports activities, or other activities that are not safe for me?
- What should I do differently at school or work?

How should I take warfarin?

- Do I take it every day?
 - Will it be the same dosage?
 - What time of the day should I take it?
- How can I tell the different warfarin pills apart?
- What should I do if I forget a dose or I am late for a dose?
- to take the warfarin?
 - Do I need any blood tests?
 - Where do I get them?
 - How often?

Alternative Names Warfarin, Coumadin, Pro-time Clinic