



10-mg Warfarin Initiation Nomogram

Note: The American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) recommends initiation of warfarin 5mg daily or less in patients who are: elderly, debilitated, malnourished, have heart failure, liver disease, recent major surgery, or taking medications known to increase sensitivity to warfarin (e.g. amiodarone). Reference: Chest 2008; 133; 160-198.

Day 3 INR	Warfarin Dose on Days 3, 4, mg	Day 5 INR	Warfarin Dose on Days 5, 6, 7, mg
< 1.3	15, 15	< 2.0	15, 15, 15
	1.3 – 1.4	10, 10	2.0 – 3.0
1.5 – 1.6		10, 5	3.1 – 3.5
	1.7 – 1.9	5, 5	> 3.5
2.0 – 2.2		2.5, 2.5	< 2.0
	2.3 – 3.0	0, 2.5	2.0 – 3.0
> 3.0		0, 0	3.1 – 3.5
			> 3.5
		< 2.0	5, 5, 5
		2.0 – 3.0	2.5, 5, 2.5
		3.1 – 3.5	0, 2.5, 0
		> 3.5	0, 0, 2.5
		< 2.0	2.5, 2.5, 2.5
		2.0 – 3.0	2.5, 0, 2.5
		3.1 – 4.0	0, 2.5, 0
		> 4.0	0, 0, 2.5

All patients receive 10 mg on day 1 and day 2. INR = international normalized ratio.

Reference: Kovacs MJ, et al. Comparison of 10mg and 5mg warfarin initiation nomograms together with low-molecular-weight heparin for outpatient treatment of acute venous thromboembolism. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 2003; 138: 714-719.

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