



Consider and modify (if possible) all factors influencing risk of bleeding during OAC treatment (hypertension, antiplatelet drugs, NSAIDs, corticosteroids, excessive alcohol, labile INRs) and specifically bleeding risks for NOACs (low creatinine clearance, age ≥ 75, low body weight)[†]

*A NOAC is preferred over warfarin for non-valvular AF

Macle L, Cairns J, Leblanc K, et al. 2016 focused update of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation for the CCS atrial fibrillation guidelines committee. 2016;32(10):1170-1185.doi:10.1016/j.cjca.2016.07.591

NAME: _____

HSN: _____

D.O.B.: _____

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PRACTITIONER PRE-PRINTED ORDERS
Atrial Fibrillation / Atrial Flutter
Emergency Department

Addressograph or complete above section. Once completed and signed by prescriber, this is a Legal Prescription. Give to patient on discharge to fill at a Community Pharmacy.

Indication: Atrial fibrillation / atrial flutter - stroke prevention Duration of therapy: _____ CHADS ₂ = _____ CrCl = _____ mL/min Weight = _____ kg		
Medication Name / Dose / Directions for Use	Prescription	
Print legibly with black pen. Refer to ISMP Do Not Use Abbreviation List	Quantity	Refills
CrCl cutoff for use: apixaban = 25 mL/min, dabigatran and rivaroxaban = 30 mL/min. Rivaroxaban may be used with caution down to CrCl 15mL/min; however, there is limited clinical data to support use in this degree of renal impairment and these patients do not qualify for Exception Drug Status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> apixaban 5 mg PO BID <input type="checkbox"/> apixaban 2.5 mg PO BID (if 2 of 3: Age 80 or more, weight 60 kg or less, creatinine 133 umol/L or more) <input type="checkbox"/> dabigatran 150 mg PO BID <input type="checkbox"/> dabigatran 110 mg PO BID (if Age 80 or more, or Age 75 or more & 1 or more bleeding risk factor) <input type="checkbox"/> rivaroxaban 20 mg PO once daily with food <input type="checkbox"/> rivaroxaban 15 mg PO once daily with food (if CrCl 15-49 mL/min) Recommended monitoring (<i>separate lab requisition required</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least annually: Hemoglobin, liver function, and serum creatinine. Calculate creatinine clearance (CrCl) using Cockcroft- Gault equation for dose assessment. • Every 6 months: serum creatinine if CrCl 30-60 mL/min or if on dabigatran and greater than 75 years of age or fragile. Monitor more frequently as required if a decline in renal or hepatic function is suspected. • Date of follow up renal panel(s) post discharge: _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meets the following Sask Drug Plan Exception Drug Status (EDS) or NIHB prior approval criteria for Afib (including stable renal function, no significant rheumatic mitral valve disease, and no mechanical heart valves) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Anticoagulation is inadequate following a reasonable (2 month) trial on warfarin; Anticoagulation with warfarin is contraindicated or not possible due to inability to regularly monitor via International Normalized Ratio (INR) testing (i.e. no access to INR testing services at a laboratory, clinic, pharmacy, and at home). <input type="checkbox"/> Does not meet Sask Drug Plan Exception Drug Status (EDS) or NIHB prior approval criteria for Afib. Patient aware of cost (~\$100/month) and willing to pay. 	34 days	X 1 or _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> warfarin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> warfarin 1 mg tablets <i>plus</i> warfarin 2.5 mg tablets, or <input type="checkbox"/> 5 mg tablets if daily dose expected to be 5 mg or greater Sig: Take as directed to achieve target INR Target INR: 2.5 (Range 2 – 3) <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5-3.5 if mechanical valve <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ First INR date post discharge (<i>separate lab requisition required</i>): _____ 	60 of each strength for dose titration	X 1 or _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> EC ASA 81mg PO once daily (normally not given in addition to OAC unless additional indication) <input type="checkbox"/> clopidogrel 75 mg PO once daily 	34 days	X 1 or _____
Note: If patient receiving antiplatelet therapy prior to this prescription, intended plan for antiplatelet therapy: _____		
PRESCRIBER'S SECTION <i>Contact family physician/RN(NP) for further refills.</i>		
(Date/Time) _____	Signature _____	
	Print _____	

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Medication Name / Dose / Directions for Use	Prescription	
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<input type="checkbox"/> metoprolol _____ mg PO BID <input type="checkbox"/> bisoprolol _____ PO daily <input type="checkbox"/> diltiazem CD _____ mg PO daily <input type="checkbox"/> digoxin _____ PO daily or _____	34 days	X 1 or _____
Upon consultation with cardiologist: <input type="checkbox"/> amiodarone Load (up to a total of 10 grams): <input type="checkbox"/> 400 mg PO BID for _____ days; then start maintenance dose <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> amiodarone Maintenance: 200 mg or _____ mg PO once daily Recommended monitoring (in addition to baseline): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every 6 months: liver and thyroid function tests; • Annually (minimally): ECG, chest x-ray • As needed: pulmonary function tests and ophthalmic exam if visual impairment. • Clinical evaluation/physical exam as needed for signs/symptoms toxicity (e.g., dermatologic, neurologic, ophthalmic, pulmonary effects). <input type="checkbox"/> sotalol _____ mg PO BID or _____ Recommended monitoring (baseline and periodically): ECG (one week after starting), serum creatinine, magnesium, potassium, heart rate, blood pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Pill-in-the-pocket: <input type="checkbox"/> propafenone 600 mg PO x1 OR <input type="checkbox"/> propafenone 450 mg PO x 1 if weight less than 70 kg AND <input type="checkbox"/> metoprolol _____ mg (usual dose 25-50 mg) PO x 1 30-45 min prior to taking propafenone OR <input type="checkbox"/> diltiazem IR _____ mg (usual dose 30-60 mg) PO x 1 30-45 min prior to taking propafenone	34 days	X 1 or _____
Directions for use: _____ . Do not repeat in less than 24 hours. Recommended monitoring (baseline and periodically): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECG, heart rate, blood pressure, liver function tests (if symptomatic for hepatotoxicity) 		
Discontinue the following:	Rationale:	
PRESCRIBER'S SECTION		
Contact family physician/RN(NP) for further refills.		
(Date/Time) _____	Signature _____	
	Print _____	