

INR [NB1]		Dose for age (mg) [NB1] [NB2]			
		50 years or younger	51 to 65 years	66 to 80 years	older than 80 years
Day 1	less than 1.4	10	9	7.5	6
Day 2	1.5 or less	10	9	7.5	6
	1.6 or more	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Day 3	1.7 or less	10	9	7.5	6
	1.8 to 2.3	5	4.5	4	3
	2.4 to 2.7	4	3.5	3	2
	2.8 to 3.1	3	2.5	2	1
	3.2 to 3.3	2	2	1.5	1
	3.4	1.5	1.5	1	1
	3.5	1	1	1	0.5
	3.6 to 4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	more than 4	withhold dose	withhold dose	withhold dose	withhold dose
Day 4	1.5 or less	10 to 15	9 to 14	7.5 to 11	6 to 9
	1.6	8	7	6	5
	1.7 to 1.8	7	6	5	4
	1.9	6	5	4.5	3.5
	2.0 to 2.6	5	4.5	4	3
	2.7 to 3.0	4	3.5	3	2.5
	3.1 to 3.5	3.5	3	2.5	2
	3.6 to 4.0	3	2.5	2	1.5
	4.1 to 4.5	omit dose for day 4, then on day 5 use: 1 to 2	omit dose for day 4, then on day 5 use: 0.5 to 1.5	omit dose for day 4, then on day 5 use: 0.5 to 1.5	omit dose for day 4, then on day 5 use: 0.5 to 1
	more than 4.5	withhold dose	withhold dose	withhold dose	withhold dose

INR = international normalised ratio

NB1: Patients should take warfarin doses at a consistent time each evening. Take blood samples for INR the following morning.

NB2: Consider giving a lower starting dose depending on the patient's comorbidities and concurrent medication.

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