

ICSI has developed a new format for all guidelines. Key additions and changes are:

- The annotation and discussion section have been combined. Any duplicate statements have been removed.
- Most of the annotations will have “Key Points” at the beginning. This informs the reader of the key recommendations, highlights, or information pertinent to that annotation.
- References in support of recommendations or conclusions are listed in the body of the annotation. A complete list of references is included in the Supporting Evidence section.

Algorithm, Clinical Highlights, Annotations

Re-organized all the sections within the supplement for clarity and to make the supplement easier to use.

- *8) Clarified the table for reversing the effects of warfarin and vitamin K.
- *10) Moved the information on anticoagulation bridging from the heparin section into a new section. Added more information to clarify recommendations for anticoagulation bridging for different patient risk factors and procedures.
- *16) Changed the language to clarify the use of heparin, particularly low-molecular-weight heparin in patients who are pregnant and have a high risk of thrombosis. Added two new references, Bates 2004 and Seshadri 2004.
- *20) Added additional information regarding heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT) and the recommendation that warfarin should be stopped in patients with a high clinical probability of HIT and added therapy recommendations for those patients.
- 25) Added information on the use of protamine for reversing the effects of low-molecular-weight heparin.
- 28) Updated the information on the FDA approved indications for using fondaparinux.
- *31) Moved the information on direct thrombin inhibitors from the Appendices to a new section in the supplement.

Priority Aims & Suggested Measures, Measurement Specifications

None

Support for Implementation

Added a website link to the NIH report on herbal and dietary supplements and the effects on anticoagulation medications.

**An asterisk indicates any changes in clinical practice recommendations*