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What is an interventional radiology procedure?

- Interventional radiology is a group of tests and treatments that uses X-rays to diagnose or treat diseases.
- These procedures are done using a needle and a catheter (narrow tube). This lowers the need for large incisions (cuts) in the body.
- These procedures are often done under local anesthetic (freezing).

My procedure is called: _____

Date of my procedure: _____
(yyyy/mm/dd)

Before my procedure:

☐ I need to stop taking warfarin on

_____.
(yyyy/mm/dd)

☐ I need to stop taking antiplatelet medication(s)

_____ on _____.
(medication name) (yyyy/mm/dd)

OR

☐ I need to keep taking antiplatelet medication(s)

_____.
(medication name)

- ☐ I need to have blood work (INR and complete blood count) done on _____.
(yyyy/mm/dd)

These tests help my doctor choose the right amount of warfarin for me. My nurse will give me a blood work requisition form.

Note: If your INR is not in a healthy range, your nurse will call and ask you to have another INR test done on the morning of your procedure.

After my procedure:

- ☐ On the evening of my procedure
_____, I need to take warfarin
(yyyy/mm/dd)
_____ mg.

Note: If you notice any bleeding or bruising in the area of your body where the procedure was done, **DO NOT** take your warfarin dose. **Go to the nearest Emergency Department right away.**

- ☐ On _____ and
(yyyy/mm/dd)
_____, I need to take warfarin
(yyyy/mm/dd)
_____ mg daily.

- ☐ On _____ I need to start taking
(yyyy/mm/dd)
my antiplatelet medication
_____ again, if I stopped it
(medication name)
before my procedure.
- ☐ On _____, I need to have INR
(yyyy/mm/dd)
blood work done.

**What are your questions?
Please ask. We are here to help you.**

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