

Increasing Anticoagulation NMS Discussions with Patients

New Medicine Service discussions have been shown to increase patient adherence by 10%. However, when it comes to anticoagulation and antiplatelet NMS discussions many eligible patients slip through the net and do not get to benefit from this helpful service.

Can you better identify patients for this service?

Anticoagulation is a high-risk medication and patients need to understand the benefits and risks to ensure their safety. In order to try to facilitate more patient discussions on anticoagulation we are offering training across Wessex on providing this NMS (add link to the program of dates), we have posters which we can provide for you display to encourage patients to ask for an anticoagulant NMS.

We are also now distributing cards to every anticoagulant clinic in Wessex (see pictures).

 <p>Newly started anticoagulant medicine? Ask Your Pharmacist</p>  <p>We are working with your community pharmacist. Please ask your pharmacist about your medicines. They will help you understand the best way to take your medicine and how to minimise side effects.</p> <p>Discussions with pharmacists about your medicines are free and have been shown to improve your care.</p> <p>It is a confidential conversation and will be provided in a private room within the pharmacy.</p> <p><small>This card is being used as part of a national programme to support patients needing review of medicines. We are working with the Academic Health Science Networks to achieve excellence in, and spread of, innovation for best practice.</small></p>	 <h3>Starting Anticoagulation with Jack</h3>  <p>This video shows Jack and his story of starting anticoagulation medicines.</p> <p>It can be viewed at: www.wessexahsn.org.uk/jack</p> <p>There is also a printable leaflet and links to further information.</p> <p><small>The AHSN Network</small>  @stopthediets  Starting Anticoagulation with Jack </p>
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The card suggests to patients that they 'Ask Your Pharmacist'. It also guides them to our Video 'Starting Anticoagulation with Jack' which gives information and signposts to further support.

If you would like posters or have more questions please do contact us at Medicines.Optimisation@wessexahsn.net