Periprocedural Management of Coagulation Status and Hemostasis Risk in Percutaneous Imaging Guided Interventions: Body Imaging Division

Category 0: Procedures with easily detected and controllable bleeding:

**Procedures:**
- Superficial fluid aspiration
- Thyroid FNA and core biopsy
- Superficial lymph node or mass FNA and core biopsy

**Pre-procedure Lab Testing**
- None

**Management**
- Ice pack x 5 min

Category I: Procedures with low risk of bleeding:

**Procedures**
- Thoracentesis
- Paracentesis

**Pre-procedure Lab Testing**
- INR: if on Warfarin or with liver disease
- Platelet count: if with liver disease

**Management**
- INR > 2.0: Without liver disease: Stop Warfarin and wait 1-2 days or treat with vitamin K until at or below 2.0. Resume Warfarin in the evening.
- INR > 2.0: With liver disease, MELD score > 30: Hepatology consult
- Platelets: Transfuse if < 20,000
- IV heparin stop x 3 hours. Resume 2-4 hours post procedure.
- Lovenox: Therapeutic dose: withhold one dose. Resume in the evening. Prophylactic dose: no need to withhold
- All other anticoagulants: Do not withhold

Category II: Procedures with moderate risk of bleeding

**Procedures**
- Intraabdominal, intrathoracic, or retroperitoneal biopsy or abscess aspiration.
- Percutaneous liver biopsy

**Pre-procedure Lab Testing**
- INR: Required
- Platelet count: Required
Management

- INR: Correct if above 1.5.
- Platelets: Transfuse if < 50,000
- Warfarin: Withhold for 2 days before procedure then check INR. Resume in the evening.
- IV heparin: Stop x 3 hrs. Resume in the evening.
- Lovenox (prophylactic and therapeutic): Withhold one dose before procedure. Resume in the evening.
- Plavix: Withhold for 5 days before procedure; bridge as needed. Resume the next day.
- Aspirin and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs: Do not withhold
- Newer anticoagulants: Withhold or bridge with Lovenox as needed. Resume next day.

Category III: Procedures with significant bleeding risk, difficult to detect or control

Procedures
- Renal biopsy
- Spleen biopsy

Pre-procedure Lab Testing
- INR: Required
- Platelet count: Required
- Activated PTT: if on IV heparin

Management
- INR: Correct if above 1.5
- Activated PTT: Correct if > 1.5 times control
- Platelets: Transfuse if < 50,000
- Warfarin: Withhold x 2 days; check INR; bridge with Lovenox as needed. Resume in the evening.
- Lovenox (therapeutic): Withhold x 24 h or two doses. Resume in the evening.
- IV heparin: Stop x 3 hrs. Resume in the evening.
- Plavix and aspirin: Withhold x 5 days; bridge as needed. Resume next day.
- Other anticoagulants: Withhold or bridge as needed. Resume next day.

Notes:
- Guidelines may be exceeded at the discretion of radiologist after consulting with the clinician
- Always use color Doppler to avoid intervening vessels
- Resume IV heparin, Warfarin, and Lovenox the evening of and all other anticoagulants the day after the procedure if no signs of bleeding.
Appendix 1:
Aspirin: ASA
   Anti-platelet agent
   Blocks formation of thromboxane A2, inhibiting platelet aggregation
   Irreversible, platelets regenerate at 10% per day
Coumadin: Warfarin
   Anticoagulant
   Inhibits vitamin K recycling, depleting active vitamin K
       Vitamin K activates factors II (PT), VII, IX, X, and proteins C, S, and Z
       Half-life 40 hours, liver metabolism, renal excretion
Heparin: unfractionated heparin
   Anticoagulant
   Binds antithrombin III, inactivating thrombin and factor Xa
   Half-life 1.5 hours, metabolized by endothelial cells and macrophages
Lovenox: Enoxaparin sodium, low molecular weight heparin
   Anticoagulant
   Binds to antithrombin to irreversibly inactivate factor Xa
   Less activity against IIa (thrombin) than Heparin
   Elimination half-life 4.5 hours, renal excretion
   Similar drugs:
       Innohep: tinzaparin sodium
       Fragmin: dalteparin sodium, metabolized by liver
Plavix: Clopidogrel
   Anti-platelet agent
   Irreversibly inhibits an ADP receptor (P2Y12) on platelet membranes
   Half-life 7-8 hours, metabolized by the liver, hepatic and renal elimination

MELD score:
   Model for End-Stage Liver Disease
   Utilizes serum bilirubin, serum creatinine, and INR to predict survival
Appendix 2:
Management of Antiplatelet Therapy

The probability of a thromboembolic complication following reversal or discontinuation of anticoagulation or antiplatelet agents depends upon the preexisting condition for which the medication was prescribed.

Up-To-Date 2016-Management of antiplatelet agents in patients undergoing endoscopic procedures

**Condition-related risk of thromboembolic complications**

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### Appendix 3:
Management of Anticoagulant Therapy

Perioperative thrombotic risk for Anticoagulants- UpToDate 2016

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| Very high thrombotic risk*  | CHA$_2$DS$_2$-VASc score of $\geq$6  
(or CHADS$_2$ score of 5-6)  
Recent (within three months) stroke or transient ischemic attack  
Rheumatic valvular heart disease |
| High thrombotic risk        | CHA$_2$DS$_2$-VASc score of 4-5 or CHADS$_2$ score of 3-4                                           |
| Moderate thrombotic risk    | CHA$_2$DS$_2$-VASc score of 2-3 or CHADS$_2$ score of 0-2 (assuming no prior stroke or transient ischemic attack) |

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| Very high thrombotic risk*  | Any mitral valve prosthesis  
Any caged-ball or tilting disc aortic valve prosthesis  
Recent (within six months) stroke or transient ischemic attack |
<p>| High thrombotic risk        | Bileaflet aortic valve prosthesis and one or more of the following risk factors: atrial fibrillation, prior stroke or transient ischemic attack, hypertension, diabetes, congestive heart failure, age &gt;75 years |
| Moderate thrombotic risk    | Bileaflet aortic valve prosthesis without atrial fibrillation and no other risk factors for stroke          |</p>
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<td>Severe thrombophilia (eg, deficiency of protein C, protein S, or antithrombin; antiphospholipid antibodies; multiple abnormalities)</td>
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VTE: venous thromboembolism
CHADS2: congestive heart failure, hypertension, age ≥75 years, diabetes mellitus, and stroke or transient ischemic attack
CHA2DS2-VASc: congestive heart failure, hypertension, age ≥75 years (2 points), diabetes mellitus, prior stroke or transient ischemic attack or thromboembolism (2 points), vascular disease (peripheral artery disease, myocardial infarction, or aortic plaque), age 65-74 years, sex category female.

* Very high risk patients may also include those with a prior stroke or transient ischemic attack occurring >3 months before the planned surgery and a CHA2DS2-VASc score <6 (or CHADS2 score <5), those with prior thromboembolism during temporary interruption of anticoagulation, or those undergoing certain types of surgery associated with an increased risk for stroke or other thromboembolism (eg: cardiac valve replacement, carotid endarterectomy, major vascular surgery).
References: