

Anticoagulation Toolkit Introduction

Medical Mutual has handled a large number of claims over the past several years related to the mismanagement of anticoagulant drugs such as Coumadin®. The majority of cases have involved the **failure to monitor** patients appropriately.

Anticoagulant drugs are high risk medications. Insufficient monitoring or errors in dosing can lead to **severe** and possibly **life-threatening** bleeding and clotting.

In order to help our insured practices “solve the puzzle” of anticoagulant management, Medical Mutual has designed this tool kit. It is intended to be instructional, informative, and generic in nature. The information should be customized to

meet the needs of your individual practice. This folder contains the basic information needed to start an anticoagulant management program in your practice. On the enclosed CD, you will find additional forms, logs, step-by-step instructions, and sample policies. The documents are in a customizable format. If you have problems opening them, please call Medical Mutual’s Risk Management Department at

1-800-662-7917.

This tool kit is not intended to provide legal advice nor to serve as a professional standard. It is to be used for information and education only.

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