

# Patients requiring INR Blood Test prior to Oral or Maxillofacial Surgery

It is usually **NOT** necessary to alter Warfarin treatment prior to surgery of the mouth, jaws or face. Surgery can be undertaken safely as long as the INR value is at an acceptable level. This means that you should take your Warfarin tablets as normal even on the day of surgery. However it is important that we check your INR level on the day of surgery to make sure it is not too high.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

- At your consultation you will be given a blood form signed by the doctor. A date for your surgery will either be given to you or sent to your home address.
- On the day of your surgery you need to take this form to the blood test area so that the blood sample can be taken.
- It is best to arrive at blood tests early (9am) so that enough time is available for the result to be processed before your surgery.
- After the blood sample has been taken you can either wait in the hospital for your appointment or you may return home and come back at your appointment time.
- The INR result usually takes a few hours to process and your surgeon will check this before proceeding with your surgery.
- On the very rare event of your INR value being too high for surgery, it may be necessary to postpone the surgery.

Occasionally the surgeon may wish to alter your Warfarin levels. If this is the case it will be discussed with you at your consultation.

Additional information can also be obtained by logging on to <http://www.baoms.org.uk.sitemap.asp?id=20>

## Other web links

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research  
Patient.co.uk

**Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery**  
St. Peter's Hospital Telephone: 01932 872000 ext. 2493  
Ashford Hospital Telephone 01784 884009

## Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty. If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Experience Team on 01932 723553 or email [asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net](mailto:asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net). If you remain concerned, the team can also advise upon how to make a formal complaint.

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