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The Warfarin Department at Dorevitch Pathology invites you to join our Warfarin and INR results delivery program.

Warfarin Dosing can be obtained in two ways

- via the Dorevitch Pathology Warfarin Support team phoning you or
- via our texting (SMS) service if you or your carer has a mobile phone.

If you wish to join the Warfarin SMS Messaging service, you will be required to complete the **Warfarin Agreement and Registration form** and either post, email or fax the form to Dorevitch Pathology or hand your form to the Pathology collector next time you have a blood test. Alternatively if a family member is responsible for controlling your Warfarin dosage they may register instead.

How will the SMS service work?

As with your usual treatment process, you will undergo a blood test in the morning to evaluate your dosage requirements. A morning test will allow the haematologist time to view your results and prescribe the necessary dose the same day. Instead of receiving a phone call to inform you of your dose and next visit date from the Warfarin Support group, the results will be transmitted by SMS.

If you elect to receive your dosage requirements via SMS, you will no longer receive a personal phone call from Dorevitch Pathology Warfarin Support group.

Please note: Correct Warfarin dosing is extremely important and you should not compromise your ability to receive dosage results by electing to use this service if you are not comfortable with this technology.

The SMS message will contain the following information:

Heading	YOUR WARFARIN
Test date	01/10/16
INR blood test result	3.1
You Warfarin dose	5mg daily
Your next test date	20/10/16
A reminder message to respond to the SMS	You must respond with an SMS - OK



It is essential that you reply to this message with "OK".

If you do not reply to the SMS, a staff member from Dorevitch Pathology will call you the next day to confirm you have received the message.

What happens if the result is abnormal?

If the result is abnormal or poses a serious risk to your health, we will NOT send your dosage to the SMS system. In this case one of the staff members from the Warfarin Support group at Dorevitch Pathology will call you personally.

For further information

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