



Coumadin is a potent blood thinner. Here is some important information to get you started until you can meet with a nurse and discuss the fine details.

- This drug will cause you to bleed easily
- It is very important to have a follow up visit a few days after you start taking Coumadin; this will be scheduled for you
- Keep your scheduled appointments for ongoing blood testing; this medication will be monitored closely
- Take your medication at the same time each day, preferably in the evening so on days you have your blood work, the dosage can be changed if necessary
- It is important to follow the directions you are given
- If you experience any of the following, seek immediate medical attention,

***go to the Emergency Room or call 911:***

- **Prolonged bleeding from a cut or nosebleed**
- **Urine is red or orange**
- **Stool is black, tarry, or has red blood in it**
- **If you vomit material that looks like wet coffee grounds**