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<b>CONSULTATION:</b>	Guidance on the Management of Patients who are taking Anticoagulants or Antiplatelet Drugs and Require Dental Treatment – Consultation Feedback
<b>ORIGINATING SOURCE:</b>	Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme
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## Guidance on the Management of Patients who are Taking Anticoagulants or Antiplatelet Drugs and Require Dental Treatment – Consultation Feedback

SDCEP is following a rapid process to develop this guidance, including a short consultation period of four weeks. Consultation is the opportunity for anyone with an interest in the guidance to provide feedback and influence its development. We welcome your views on this draft guidance as part of the formal consultation process, which aims to ensure that the guidance will be appropriate for dental healthcare in Scotland. Please complete this form and submit using the 'Submit' button. Alternatively, you can print this form and return by post or by email as an attachment.

Please return your form before **9<sup>th</sup> March 2015** to:

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For each question, please indicate your response by selecting the appropriate answer or number on the scale. Please provide comments to explain your answer or suggestions for improvement, as appropriate.

### 1. Overall Impressions

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements and provide an explanation to support your answer where possible.

<b>The information is in a readily accessible form</b> (e.g. with respect to language and layout).	Strongly disagree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly agree
Explanation:							
<b>The guidance recommendations are clear.</b>	Strongly disagree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly agree
Explanation:							
<b>The guidance recommendations are acceptable.</b>	Strongly disagree	1	2	3	4	5	Strongly agree
Explanation: Recommendation regarding treating patients with INR <4 accords with NPSA guidance NHS GG&C guidance uses INR 3.5							

## 2. Guidance

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements and provide an explanation to support your answer where possible. Please note that 'adequately covers' suggests that sufficient information is provided and the information is relevant and helpful.

<b>Section 1 (Introduction) adequately covers the background to the guidance</b>	Strongly disagree	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
Explanation:							

<b>Section 2 adequately covers the background to the anticoagulants and antiplatelet drugs</b>	Strongly disagree	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
Explanation:							

<b>Section 3 (including the categorisation of procedures in Table 1) adequately covers assessing bleeding risk</b>	Strongly disagree	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
Explanation: ? IDB as unlikely to cause bleeding. Low risk in this context but of concern in those with bleeding difficulties							

<b>Section 4 adequately covers general advice for managing bleeding risk</b>	Strongly disagree	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
Explanation:							

<b>Section 5 adequately covers treating a patient taking warfarin or other vitamin K antagonists</b>	Strongly disagree	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
Explanation: Recommendation regarding treating patients with INR <4 accords with NPSA guidance NHSGG&C guidance uses INR 3.5							

<b>Section 6 adequately covers treating a patient taking an antiplatelet drug(s)</b>	Strongly disagree	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
Explanation:							
<b>Section 7 adequately covers treating a patient taking one of the newer oral anticoagulants</b>	Strongly disagree	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
Explanation:							
Advise practitioner to consult with prescribing practitioner if patient is to be advised to interrupt NOAC							
<b>Section 8 adequately covers treating a patient taking an injectable anticoagulant</b>	Strongly disagree	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
Explanation:							
To avoid confusion would it be worth a footnote regarding heparin and those on dialysis, or perhaps just a note confirming the difference between heparin and the LMWHs?							
<b>Section 9 adequately covers drug prescribing for patients taking anticoagulants and antiplatelet medications</b>	Strongly disagree	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
Explanation:							



### 3. Appendices

Please indicate how useful you think the following appendices are. Where possible, please provide explanations to support your answers (e.g. comment on the level of detail, whether the information is adequate, if not useful, why not?).

<b>Appendix 1 Guidance development</b>	Not at all useful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely useful
<b>Appendix 2 Anticoagulant and antiplatelet drugs available in the UK</b>	Not at all useful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Extremely useful
<b>Appendix 3 Indications for anticoagulation or antiplatelet therapy</b>	Not at all useful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Extremely useful
<b>Appendix 4 Drug interactions</b>	Not at all useful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Extremely useful
<b>Appendix 5 Patient Information Leaflet</b>	Not at all useful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely useful
<b>Appendix 6 Advice for prescribers and dispensers of anticoagulants and antiplatelet drugs</b>	Not at all useful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely useful
<b>Appendix 7 Local contacts for advice and referral</b>	Not at all useful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely useful
<b>Appendix 8 Summary guidance</b>	Not at all useful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely useful

Explanations and comments (please indicate which Appendix):

The PiL is clear. However it is quite dense and potentially a daunting read for some individuals. It is a good leaflet for those who manage to read it. We wondered if the post op instructions, while they may give reassurance, could simply say "you dentist will advise you of any special care you require to take after dental treatment" or have this as a separate leaflet.

### 4. Additional Content

<b>Do you think any additional information should be included within the guidance?</b>	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>	Unsure <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Explanation:			

### 5. Guidance Development

<b>How confident are you in the manner in which the guidance has been developed? ( Appendix 1)</b>	Not at all confident	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely confident
Explanation:							

<b>How clear are the differences in the strength of the key recommendations within the guidance?</b>	Not at all clear	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely clear
Explanation:							

## 6. Dissemination

If you think that you will use the guidance when it is published, please indicate how useful you would find each of the following options for dissemination (Note: all guidance products will also be available online to view, download and print):

<b>Printed copies of the full guidance (A4 ~24 pp) and summary (A5 4-6 pp) posted to you.</b>	Not at all useful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Extremely useful
<b>Printed summary only posted to you</b>	Not at all useful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely useful
Explanation:							

<b>How important do you think it is for the patient information leaflet to be distributed to patients by the <u>prescriber/dispenser</u> of their medication?</b>	Not at all important	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely important
<p>If you think that this is important, please suggest ways in which this could be achieved:</p> <p>Given by GMP or pharmacist backed up by verbal advice.</p>							

## 7. Impact and Implementation

Please answer these questions as if the guidance will be published in its current form:

<b>How confident are you that the guidance could be fully implemented?</b>	Not at all confident	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely confident
<p>Explanation:</p> <p>The summary is vital in order to disseminate the information particularly to busy GPs</p>							

<b>How difficult would it be to fully implement the guidance?</b>	Not at all difficult	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely difficult
<p>Explanation:</p> <p>It would be important to have launch events and communication via health boards and local groups</p>							

<b>What might prevent implementation of the guidance?</b>
<p>Explanation:</p> <p>Confidence</p> <p>Unwillingness to contact the medical practitioner</p> <p>Need education of practitioners to overcome these issues</p>

<b>What might help implementation of the guidance?</b>							
Explanation: Importance of launch events and communication via health boards and local groups							
<b>Are there any specific training needs associated with implementation of the guidance?</b>	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>	Unsure <input checked="" type="radio"/>				
If yes, please give details: Read the appendices							
<b>If you are in practice, would you intend to change your current practice in line with the guidance?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>	Unsure <input type="radio"/>				
Explanation: Practice with NOACs has been clarified.							
<b>If you are in practice, are there any recommendations you would not intend to implement?</b>	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>	Unsure <input checked="" type="radio"/>				
Explanation: See disparity between guidance and NHS GG&C policy on Warfarin.							
<b>How helpful do you think this guidance would be in primary care dental practice?</b>	Not at all helpful	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	Extremely helpful
Explanation:							



## 8. Equality

<p><b>Do you think that any particular equality groups or individuals (guidance users or patients) are likely to be discriminated against by the guidance*?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>No</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Unsure</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/></p>
<p>*i.e. discrimination by age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity/transgender status, religion or belief, sexual orientation, geographical location or whether a person is a carer</p> <p>Explanation:</p>			

## 9. Any Other Comments

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**Thank you for taking the time to contribute to this consultation.**

Our consultation process aims to be transparent and, on request, we will provide a summary of comments received and our responses. This summary may identify the source of comments received from an organisation or in an official capacity but not those received from individuals.