

## Warfarin and Other Medication

Many people with Atrial Fibrillation may find that Warfarin therapy is recommended to thin the blood and reduce their risk of stroke. Warfarin is a very effective medication however it does require regular monitoring to assess how thin it makes the blood. It works by interfering with how the liver uses the Vitamin K taken in our diet. Many other medications are also broken down by the liver and may affect how effectively Warfarin thins the blood. This can increase the effect of Warfarin and thus require a lower dose to be taken or it may decrease the effect of Warfarin requiring a higher dose needing to be taken.

Being on both Warfarin and medications that will effect it's actions is not a problem when taken in the long term, however when such drugs are started or their dose changed then increased monitoring of the INR is required.

Medications that increase the effects of Warfarin include:

- **Amiodarone** heart rhythm medication
- **Aspirin** pain killer
- **Allopurinol** used in gout
- **Ampicillin** antibiotic
- **Atorvastatin** cholesterol medication
- **Celecoxib** anti-inflammatory pain killer
- **Cefalexin** antibiotic
- **Cefradine** antibiotic
- **Cimetidine** indigestion and stomach ulcer healing medication
- **Citalopram** antidepressant
- **Ciprofloxacin** antibiotic
- **Clarithromycin** antibiotic
- **Clopidogrel** antiplatelet medication
- **Cranberry Juice** drink
- **Dexamethadone** oral steroid medication

- **Diclofenac**
- **Dipyridamole**
- **Disulfiram**
- **Entacapone**
- **Erythromycin**
- **Esomeprazole**

- **Etodolac**
- **Ezetimibe**
- **Fluconazole**

- **Flutamide**
- **Fluoxetine**
- **Glucosamine**

- **Ibuprofen**
- **Itraconazole**

- **Ketoconazole**

- **Levothyroxine**
- **Mefenamic Acid**

- **Meloxicam**
- **Metronidazole**
- **Miconazole**

- **Mirtazepine**
- **Neomycin**
- **Norfloxacin**
- **Omeprazole**

- **Orlistat**
- **Oxytetracycline**
- **Piroxicam**
- **Pantoprazole**

(at high dose only)  
anti-inflammatory pain killer  
antiplatelet medication  
used in alcohol misuse therapy  
used in Parkinson's disease  
antibiotic  
indigestion and stomach ulcer healing medication  
anti-inflammatory pain killer  
Cholesterol medication  
as oral anti-fungal medication  
medication  
used in prostate cancer  
antidepressant  
health supplement for joint pain  
anti-inflammatory pain killer  
as oral anti-fungal medication  
medication  
as oral anti-fungal medication  
thyroid replacement hormone  
anti-inflammatory pain killer and used for period pain  
anti-inflammatory pain killer  
antibiotic  
as oral or topical anti-fungal medication  
antidepressant  
antibiotic  
antibiotic  
Indigestion and stomach ulcer healing medication  
anti-obesity medication  
antibiotic  
anti-inflammatory pain killer  
indigestion and stomach ulcer healing medication



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- Paroxetine antidepressant
- Prednisolone oral steroid medication (at high dose only)
- Proguanil malaria treatment and prophylaxis
- Rosuvastatin cholesterol medication
- Sertraline antidepressant
- Sibutramine anti-obesity medication
- Simvastatin cholesterol medication
- Sixaxentan used to treat hypotension
- Sodium Valporate anti-epileptic medication
- Sulfinpyrazone gout medication
- Tamoxifen used in breast cancer
- Tetracycline antibiotic
- Testosterone male hormone supplement
- Tramadol pain killer
- Trimethoprim antibiotic
- Venlafaxine antidepressant

Medications that **decrease** the effect of warfarin include:

- Barbiturates sedative medication
- Bosentan used to treat hypertension
- Carbamazepine anti-epileptic medication
- Griseofulvin as an oral antifungal medication
- Phenytoin anti-epileptic medication
- Primidone anti-epileptic medication
- Rifampicin antibiotic
- St John's Wort antidepressant (use with warfarin is not recommended)
- Sucralfate indigestion and stomach ulcer healing medication
- Vitamin K vitamin supplement

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