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BLOOD THINNERS AND DENTAL TREATMENT – PATIENT EDUCATION

Blood thinners are medicines that either keep harmful blood clots from forming in the body or prevent existing blood clots from getting bigger. The two most common types of blood thinners are anticoagulant medications - like Coumadin (warfarin), Heparin, and Lovenox (enoxaparin sodium)) and antiplatelet medications (like aspirin, Plavix, or Advil / Motrin (ibuprofen).

For patients on blood thinners the risks with dental treatment involve bleeding during and after treatment. During the dental procedure, your doctor will take the necessary step to stop the bleeding, or achieve hemostasis, prior to you leaving the office. Bleeding after invasive dental treatment is uncommon - but it can occur.

Because you are on blood thinners it is very important for you to closely monitor all post-treatment bleeding. You must immediately contact the treating doctor of any bleeding that does not stop, is very heavy, or is abnormal for you. Your doctor can be reached at the office EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: **540-632-0338.**

If you think you are having a medical emergency, please call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.