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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

RE: Warfarin Tablets

Please be informed that there are currently two different brands of warfarin tablets available within the National Health System.

This measure follows the recurrent shortages of different doses of warfarin, not only through the National Health System but also in community pharmacies, and helps prevent out of stock situations of certain doses of warfarin tablets when the supplier is unable to supply all the three doses concomitantly.

Warfarin has a narrow therapeutic index, above and below which toxic and sub-therapeutic effects may result. It is therefore advisable to inform the patient that INR tests should be performed regularly and to refer to their clinician if necessary.

For your attention please.

Regards,

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