Thrombosis in the Hospitalized COVID Positive Patient
Thursday | April 16, 2020 | 7:00 PM ET

Please join a panel of Anticoagulation Forum experts as we discuss how to prevent and treat thrombosis in the hospitalized COVID-19 positive patient. Using a case-based approach, we will discuss current issues such as COVID-associated coagulopathy, elevated D-dimers, and VTE prophylaxis for a patient on the medical floor, in the ICU, and post discharge. In this rapidly developing area, we will offer our best guidance and share protocols you can adopt in your own institutions.

We are grateful to have Tracy Minichiello, MD, present the cases to the following expert panel:

- Adam Cuker, MD
- Allison Burnett, PharmD
- Arthur Allen, PharmD
- Bill Dager, PharmD
- David Garcia, MD
- Geoffrey Barnes, MD
- Mark Crowther, MD
- Steve Deitelzweig, MD

AC Forum COVID-19 Resources

AC Forum will continue to offer guidance on how best to protect your patients and staff while providing anticoagulation management during this COVID-19 pandemic.

See below for our latest recorded webinar, links to enduring recordings and our Centers of Excellence Resource Library for additional tools.

Webinars
- Management of Warfarin Patients Who Have Difficulty Getting INR Testing
- Managing Anticoagulation during the COVID-19 Pandemic - Guidance from the Anticoagulation Forum
Other Important Updates

- Read Our Answers to Frequently Asked Questions
- Centers of Excellence Resource Center: Visit our Resource Library, access the COVID-19 tab on the left for more than 30 specific resources.

Please note that this is a rapidly developing area. The local infection patterns, local supply of personal protective equipment, and local guidance must be considered. CDC current general infection control recommendations can be found on the coronavirus.gov website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html

Order Set - VTE Prophylaxis for the Medically Ill Patient (Updated March, 2020)

The AC Forum updated this order set which may be useful when treating COVID-19 patients. It is intended to facilitate standardized venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis risk stratification of hospitalized medically ill patients for: Hospital-acquired VTE, prophylaxis-associated bleeding on anticoagulation administration and prescription of risk-appropriate VTE prophylaxis.

Find it Here

Our curated literature resource has been updated!

Special thanks to Dr. Bishoy Ragheb who updates our literature search by topic every two weeks. In the last update on April 6, 2020 we have 48 new articles organized by topic.

To download the latest updates

Boot Camp in Washington, DC
Rescheduled - Friday & Saturday, September 25-26, 2020

Our March Boot Camp has been rescheduled for September. Due to the changed date we now have approximately 35 spots available. This compact 2-day meeting provides a comprehensive curriculum that covers the essential aspects of anticoagulation, disease state, and drug management and plenty of opportunity to ask questions and interact with attendees and our expert faculty.

Registration Available Now!

Thank you to our Faculty:
- Arthur Allen, PharmD
- Nathan Clark, PharmD
- Scott Kaatz, DO
- Diane Wirth, ANP

Free Open Access - AC Forum Commentary on updated NPSG

The AC Forum is pleased to provide Free Open Access to our members. We have published guidance on implementing the Joint Commission’s updated National Patient Safety Goal Elements of
Dr. Alok Kapoor implemented a provider-directed electronic messaging in conjunction with academic detailing (essentially 1-on-1 clinician to clinician educational outreach) intervention to improve anticoagulation use and provider comfort with anticoagulation management in patients with atrial fibrillation (AF). A study was conducted with 85 intervention and 34 control providers taking care of 3591 and 1908 patients, respectively; 33 intervention providers participated in academic detailing. It was confirmed the feasibility of this intervention for providers making decisions about anticoagulation for patients with AF at a large health care system with common EMR. Whereas the intervention group showed increased comfort in prescribing anticoagulation in challenging circumstances based on survey outcomes, the intervention did not increase anticoagulation use,
Thank you to author Dr. Alok Kapoor

indicating that patient-directed interventions, provider interventions targeting patients declining anticoagulation may be more successful in raising the rate of anticoagulation overall.

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