

How to organise outpatient warfarin bridging with SC enoxaparin at WDHB

- **Decide on need for bridging** – see anticoagulation guideline.
 - For simple AF – calculate CHADS2VASC score via éclair calculator. Scores <5 = no bridging enoxaparin required
- **Discuss with patient:**
 - Can they self-administer enoxaparin? Or can a family member administer it?
 - Do they need GP practice nurse assistance? (difficult over weekends)
 - Do they need to be admitted to WDHB for bridging?
- **Complete “pre-procedure medication advice” form** on clinical portal and print it putting one copy in notes and give other copy to patient explaining the plan.
- **Hand write prescription** on hospital prescription pad and give top copy to patient
- **Special Authority Form** (allows cost of drug to be charged to community pharmacy budget)
 - Option 1: Complete Electronic Special Authority application on-line (see guideline in blue clinic folder). This immediately generates an approval number which ANY pharmacy can access and so patient can collect enoxaparin immediately from the pharmacy of their choice. This is probably the best option
 - <https://esa.moh.health.nz/nz21/saweb/>
 - Use practice ID number:
 - If at NSH: 420023
 - If at WTK: 449989
 - Option 2: Complete paper “application for subsidy by special authority” form (in blue clinic folder) and fax to MoH 0800100131. Patient can then take prescription to ANY pharmacy and collect enoxaparin. Can take a few weeks before special authority is processed by MoH and pharmacist can dispense drug.
 - Option 3: patient collects enoxaparin from NSH or WTK outpatient pharmacy with prescription. NO SPECIAL AUTHORITY REQUIRED but cost charged to hospital.
 - Option 4: Phone patients GP and request them to prescribe and ensure administration of enoxaparin via practice nurse etc. Document this using GP communication tool on clinical portal.