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TIP

NPSG Goal 03.05.01,¹ seeks to reduce the likelihood of patient harm associated with the use of anticoagulant therapy, and requires the coordination of multiple departments in order for the hospital to be successful in providing individualized care for inpatients receiving anticoagulant therapy. The Joint Commission has announced that full compliance is required for 2009.



Hospitals reviewing their policies regarding anticoagulant therapy need to assure that they include protocols for initiation and maintenance of therapy, base line and ongoing laboratory testing, medication dosage and administration, dietary notification, documentation of staff, patient, and family education, as well as evaluation of practices.

TRICK

Monitoring the status of your hospital's compliance is one way to make the necessary changes before your next survey visit. Use the following link to access an Anticoagulant Therapy Monitoring Form to conduct a focused tracer event to determine where your hospital stands in meeting compliance.

¹ The Joint Commission. 2009 Hospital Accreditation Standards. NPSG Goal 03.05.01

[Anticoagulant Focus Tracer Form](#)