

Welcome to the Anticoagulation Clinic

At Beacon Elkhart General Anticoagulation Clinic, we believe you need special attention. With the help of pharmacists who are specially trained in the management of anticoagulants, the clinic is dedicated to your care while on these medications. Our goal is to work with you so you understand your anticoagulant and how daily lifestyle decisions can impact your care.

Why do I need a special clinic for my medication?

Anticoagulants like warfarin (Coumadin), help prevent the development of dangerous blood clots that can cause problems in the brain, legs, or lungs. While necessary, these medications need special monitoring to make sure effective amounts are given without causing bleeding problems.

What Happens at the Anticoagulation Clinic?

During your visits, we check your blood using state-of-the-art equipment to see if you have the right amount of medication in your body. All that is needed is a small amount of blood from a finger stick. There is no need to go to a separate lab facility and no need for huge needles.

You INR result is available in a few seconds and we discuss your therapy and talk about dosage changes during your visit. Before you leave, you are provided with written instructions about what was discussed and when to come back for another check.

Instructions for your first appointment

For your first appointment, please park in the Visitor's Parking Garage or use our <u>convenient valet parking service</u>. Enter through the Main Entrance. You will need to check in at the Registration Desk. Once you are checked in, take Elevator B to the Third Floor and turn to your right. Don't forget to bring the following to your first appointment: Photo Identification, Medical and Prescription Insurance Cards, ALL of your medications and supplements.

- A physician Referral is required to participate in the Anticoagulation Clinic
- The Clinic is open Monday through Friday, by appointment only.
- To reschedule an existing appointment, or for more information call the Anticoagulation Clinic front desk at 574-523-2785