

Elkhart General Hospital Anticoagulation Clinic

At the Elkhart General Hospital Anticoagulation Clinic, we believe you deserve 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.



We will discuss your therapy and talk about dosage changes during your visit. You will receive written instructions about your INR results, your dosage and when to come back for another visit.

Instructions for your FIRST appointment:

For your first appointment, please park in the Visitor's Parking Garage and enter through the Main Entrance. You will need to check in at the Pre-Registration Desk. Once you are checked in, take Elevator B to the Third Floor and turn to your right. *Please don't forget to bring the following for your first appointment:*

- Photo identification
- Medical and prescription insurance cards
- All of your medications and supplements

Why do I need a special clinic for my medication?

Anticoagulants like warfarin, 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?

Your initial visit to the clinic will be 40-60 minutes. Follow up appointments may be 15-20 minutes.

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 needles. Your INR result is available very quickly.

- A physician referral is required to participate in the Anticoagulation Clinic.
- The Clinic is open Monday through Friday, by appointment only.
- To schedule an initial appointment or to reschedule an existing appointment or for other information, call the Anticoagulation Clinic directly at **574-523-2785**.