



Beacon Memorial Hospital Anticoagulation Clinic

At the Beacon Memorial 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.

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 result is available very quickly.

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

Instructions for your FIRST appointment:

Please park in the Bartlett Street Parking Garage on the corner of Michigan Street and Bartlett Street. Enter through Memorial Hospital's main entrance. Before heading to the Anticoagulation Clinic, new patients must check in at the Registration-Admitting Office **at least 15 minutes prior to your first appointment only**. This office is located far into the main lobby of the hospital on the right hand side. Once checked in, please follow the signs to reach the Anticoagulation Clinic or ask to be transported by the People-Mover to the Anticoagulation Clinic location in the Memorial Medical Plaza in suite 115. *Instructions will be provided during your initial visit on where you should park and enter the clinic for return appointments.*

What to bring:

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 Anticoagulation Clinic is by appointment only during the following times:
 - Monday:** 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (*appointment times from 7:40 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.*)
 - Tuesday:** closed
 - Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (*appointment times from 9:00 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.*)
 - Thursday:** closed
 - Friday:** 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (*appointment times from 7:40 am to 3:20 pm*)
- To schedule an initial appointment or to reschedule an existing appointment or for other information, call the Anticoagulation Clinic directly at **574.647.4202**. If no one is able to answer, please leave a voicemail and we will return the call.