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SUBJECT: Lab requirements for Anticoagulation Clinic Patients

PURPOSE: Provide Guidelines for Laboratory Needs of Anticoagulation Patients

RESPONSIBILITY: Anticoagulation Providers and Nursing Staff

PROCEDURE:

1. New anticoagulation patients will have a complete blood count (CBC) drawn within 4 weeks of their initial visit. At the time of the initial visits new patients will have either a blood draw INR OR finger stick POC depending on the following criteria listed in line item 2.
2. Situations requiring INR via blood draw for laboratory testing include:
 - a. Patients on enoxaparin (Lovenox)
 - b. Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome
 - c. Lupus Anticoagulant
 - d. Hematocrit < 30
3. Any patient with a finger stick POC INR reading equal or greater than 5 will have a STAT venous specimen INR drawn by the clinic nursing staff and sent immediately to the laboratory for repeat testing.