SPINAL INJECTION MEDICATION GUIDELINES

Medications that thin you blood may increase the risk of bleeding. This can increase the risk of a hematoma (blood clot) at the injection site. For that reason, it is important to stop taking medications with blood thinning properties prior to the injection. The following are guidelines as to when to stop certain medications. If the medication is not on the list it is okay to take them. Please read through the list carefully. Your procedure may be cancelled if you have not stopped the medications at the appropriate time intervals.

OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM YOUR PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN TO TEMPORARILY STOP BLOOD THINNERS.

8 DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE STOP TAKING:

PLAVIX      TICLID      PLETAL
AGGRENOX    TRENTAL    GINKO

7 DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE STOP TAKING:

ASPIRIN      ALKA-SELTZER    ASPERGUM
ANACIN       BAYER         BUFFERIN
DAMASON-P    DARVON COMPOUND DISALID
DOLOBID      EASPRIN       ECOTRIN
EMPIRIN      EXCEDERIN     FIORINAL
MEASURIN     PERCODAN      PERSATINE
SALICYLATE   SALSALATE    SOMA COMPOUND
TRILISATE    ZORPRIN

5 DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE STOP TAKING:

COUMADIN     | WARFARIN    | PRADAXA
3 DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE STOP TAKING:

- MOTRIN * VICOPROFEN * ADVIL
- DICLOFENAC * VOLTAREN
- IBUPROFEN * NALFON * RUFEN
- VOLTAREN GEL * CATAFILAM
- MIDOL * MEDIPREN
- FLECTOR PATCH
- NAPROSYN * NAPROXEN *
- IBUPROFEN
- ARTHROTEC
- ALEVE * ANAPROX
- MECLOMEN * MECLOFENAMATE
- LODINE * ETODOLAC * TODOLAC
- DAYPRO * OXAPROZIN
- FELDENE * PIROXICAM
- INDOCIN * INDOCID * INDOMETHACIN
- RELAFEN * NABUMETONE
- TANDEARIL
- SPRIX * TORADOL * KETOROLAC
- TOLECTIN
- KETOPROFEN * ORUDIS
- VITAMEN E
- MOBIC * MELOXICAM
- FISH OIL
- CLINORIL * SULINDAC
- HERBALS

1 DAY BEFORE THE PROCEDURE STOP TAKING:

- LOVENOX
- XARELTO