

Blood Thinners

Recommended Time Interval Before and After Neuraxial Block or Catheter Removal

Drug (Generic)	Brand Name	Time Before	Time After	Comments
Abciximab	Reopro	15 days	2 hours	
Alteplase	Activase	10 days	10 days	
Apixaban	Eliquis	3 days	6 hours	
Aspirin > 325 mg	Goody Powders/Excedrin	11 days		(Usually not stopped)
Aspirin ≤ 81 mg		7 days		(Usually not stopped)
Cholesterol Medication	Lipitor	4 days		
Cilostazol	Pletal	3 days	5 hours	
Clopidogrel	Plavix	7-10 days	2 hours	
Dabigatran	Pradaxa	5 days	6 hours	
Delteparin	Fragmin	24 hours	4 hours	
Dipyridamole + ASA	Aggrenox	11 days	2 hours	
Enoxaparin	Lovenox	24 hours	4 hours	
Eptifibatide	Integrillin	8 hours	2 hours	
Fish oil		4 days		
Fondaparinux	Arixtra	72 hours	12 hours	
Garlic supplements		7 days		
Ginkgo biloba		36 hours		
Ginseng		24 hours		
Heparin (IV)		4 hours	2 hours	
Heparin (SC)		12 hours	2 hours	
Hydroxychloroquine	Plaquenil	11 days		
LMW Heparin		24 hours		
LMWH		24 hours		
NSAIDs		3 days		(Usually not stopped)
Prasugrel	Effient	7-10 days	6 hours	
Retepase	Retavase	10 days	10 days	
Rivaroxaban	Xarelto	3 days	6 hours	
Streptokinase	Streptase	10 days	10 days	
Tenecteplase	TNKase	10 days	10 days	
Thrombolytics		10 days	10 days	Avoid x 10 days after inj.
Ticagrelor	Brilinta	5-7 days	6 hours	
Ticlopidine	Ticlid	10-14 days	2 hours	
Tinzaparin	Innohep	24 hours	4 hours	
Tirofiban	Aggrastat	8 hours	2 hours	
Vitamin E		4 days		
Warfarin	Coumadin	5 days	2 hours	