

**PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS**

HT: \_\_\_\_\_ cm

WT: \_\_\_\_\_ kg

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: Heparin Low-Molecular Weight Heparins

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEPARIN-INDUCED THROMBOCYTOPENIA (DTI) PROTOCOL –BIVALIRUDIN****Orders completed by Nursing**

1. Page Clinical Pharmacy Specialist / Coordinator for initiation and daily follow-up.
2. Order CBC without differential DAILY.
3. Draw baseline aPTT prior to infusion.
4. STAT aPTT 2 hours after the start of the continuous infusion and 2 hours after any rate change.
5. Stop all heparin or low-molecular weight heparin, including flushes or locks.
6. Label all IV sites or catheters as "NO HEPARIN"
7. Adjust rate of infusion based upon *Bivalirudin Dose Adjustment Instructions*.

| <b>BIVALIRUDIN DOSE ADJUSTMENT INSTRUCTIONS</b><br>(Use Standard Concentration 1 mg / mL) |  |
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| aPTT (seconds)  | Dose Adjustment /Monitoring  |
| Greater than 75   | Stop infusion for <b>1 hour</b> and then restart at <b>50%</b> slower rate. (new rate=current rate/2)<br>(Reminder - Draw aPTT 2 (two) hours after each rate change) |
| 45-75   | Continue at current rate. <b>Draw aPTT in AM</b>   |
| Less than 45  | Increase infusion rate by <b>20%</b> . (new rate=current rate x 1.2)<br>(Reminder - Draw aPTT 2 (two) hours after each rate change)                                  |

8. Document the initiation, the rate, rate changes, and discontinuation on the *HIT Protocol Flow Record*
9. Document the time of aPTT lab draw and result on the *HIT Protocol Flow Record*
10. Discontinue daily CBC and aPTT when bivalirudin is discontinued
11. If any two sequential aPTTs exceed 75 seconds, page the Clinical Pharmacy Specialist On-Call/Coordinator at \_\_\_\_\_.

**Orders for Pharmacist**

1. Order bilateral lower extremity ultrasound for DVT if not already done
2. Discontinue active orders for any heparin or LMWH and add to allergy list
3. Calculate CrCl using Cockcroft-Gault equation

| <b>Initial Maintenance Infusion (250mg / 250ml NS or D5W)</b> |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| CrCl (ml/min)   | Dose (based on actual body weight) |
| > 60  | 0.15 mg/kg/hr                      |
| 30-59   | 0.08 mg/kg/hr                      |
| 10-29 or CRRT   | 0.05 mg/kg/hr                      |
| < 10 or conv HD   | 0.02 mg/kg/hr                      |

4. Enter initial infusion rate \_\_\_\_\_ mL/hr

**Orders for Physician**

- ☐ Warfarin Dosing Service to follow & begin anticoagulation with warfarin after platelet count recovery & when physician specifies.
- ☐ Do not consult Warfarin Dosing Service. MD to manage warfarin.

**Warfarin Management Recommendations (NOT ORDERS)**

1. Do not start warfarin until platelets > 150,000 / mm<sup>3</sup>
2. Use doses no greater than 5 mg to initiate warfarin therapy
3. Minimum of 5 days of overlap with bivalirudin and warfarin
4. **NOTE:** Bivalirudin slightly elevates the INR *in vitro*; therefore, overlap with warfarin until INR **greater than 3**
5. Once INR greater than 3 for 2 consecutive days, stop bivalirudin

Physician Signature:  
SignaturePhysician number:  
Date

Date/Time: