

# WARFARIN CARE

## Information for Patients



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**Warfarin Care Clinic - Opening hrs: Mon - Fri 7.00am – 8.00pm, Sat 7.00am – 5.00pm. Ph: 1300 661 963**

The QML Pathology Warfarin Support Service is performed by QML Pathology to assist you with maintaining your warfarin dosage at a safe level.

As the QML Pathology Warfarin Care Clinic is not funded by Medicare or any other funding source, new and re-enrolling patients will be charged an out-of-pocket gap for each of their first five INR blood tests. These initial charges will contribute towards the Medicare Safety Net.

Once the test is performed the medical staff at QML Pathology will assess your result and determine if a change in your warfarin dose is required. If an abnormal result is identified you will be contacted as a matter of urgency by our staff. It is important that you always continue taking your current dose of warfarin until we contact you.

If there are dose changes you will be contacted within 48 hours to confirm your results and the date of your next blood test.

Please **DO NOT** call us on the day of your blood collection unless you have recently commenced warfarin or have been in hospital, or have had recent medication changes.

If you are a new warfarin patient and you do not receive a call after 24 hours, please telephone our Warfarin Support Service on 1300 661 963.

Stable patients (those with no change to their dose and next test in 7 days or more) will receive their results by mail, or SMS if it is more convenient.

The preferred time to present for testing is 9.00am - 12.00pm at any QML Pathology collection centre.

**If you are experiencing significant bleeding you should seek medical advice as soon as possible through your doctor or hospital.**

For a full list of our collection centres and their opening hours, please visit [www.qml.com.au](http://www.qml.com.au) or call your local QML Pathology laboratory.