Prototype

Enoxaparin

Action

Blocks factors XA and IIA in clotting cascade

Indications

DOC in hospitalized patients because it doesn't have massive systemic effects

BLACK BOX WARNING

Spinal block/epidural: hematoma or bleeding may occur causing permanent neurological damage

Drug Interactions

Anti-platelet drugs increase risk of thrombocytopenia

Adverse Effects

Thrombocytopenia

Toxicity (only if wrong dose is given)

Neurological damage (r/t BBW)

Administration

Route: SubQ

Onset: 3-5 hours

Half-life: 2-4 times longer than heparin

Dosing: weight based --> predictable dose response

Nursing Implications

No required lab monitoring d/t predictable dose response

Instruct patient on self-administration

Monitor for bleeding

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