

Action
Blocks Vitamin K at sites of action

Indications
Stroke/TIA
A-fib
DVT
-May be used with children
-Decrease dose with elderly patients

Contraindications
Blood disorders
Hepatic Disease
GI Ulceration
All above diseases + warfarin can cause fatal bleeding

BLACK BOX WARNING
MajoriBleeding

Pregnancy Category X	
Fetal Warfarin Syndrome (FWS)	Developmental delays
	Low birth weight
	Poor growth

Adverse Effect
Bleeding

Drug Interactions	
Increase effects of warfarin:	Decrease Warfarin Effects:
-NSAIDS	-Birth Control
-Bactrim	-Spironolactone
-PPIs	-Haldol
	-H2 blockers
	-Aprepitant

Administration
Half-life = 24-72 hrs
Remains in system 4-5 days
PO at night at the same time
*highly protein bound therefore absorption is heavily impacted by food and protein levels in body

Nursing Interventions	
Monitor Labs: CBC & PT/INR	
Administer	Vitamin K
antidote if OD occurs	
Educate pt. about diet	Instruct patient to eat the same amount of foods containing vitamin K every week
Emaciate Patients	Not DOC because the decrease protein in blood increase risk of toxicity

Expected Lab values	
CBC	no indication of thrombocytopenia
PT	18-30 seconds
INR	2-3



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