## INITIATION OF THROMBOEMBOLISM PROPHYLAXIS

MODERATE RISK - THERAPEUTIC ANTICOAGULATION

## CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE FOR PATIENTS ADMITTED TO THE HEART CENTER

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## STANDARD RISK - LOW DOSE HEPARIN

At Risk Patients for Prophylactic Heparin age < 1yr, 20 units/kg/hr.
age ≥ 1yr, 10 units/kg/hr.
(separate from Shunt)

- Presence of CVL/PICC and:
  - ❖ Neonate < 28 days</p>
  - ❖ Any Single Ventricle Patient
  - History or Thrombosis/DVT/PE/ Stroke
  - Inherited thrombophilia including Antphospholipid syndrome
  - Chronic Immobilization
  - ❖ Paralyzed > 24hrs
  - ❖ Acute Infection/Sepsis
  - ❖ PLE/Chylous effusion
  - ❖ DCM EF < 40%
  - LV Noncompaction
  - Obesity

Inclusion:

POST-OP PROPHYLAXIS FOR SHUNTED PATIENTS

#### Start Heparin drip at 20 units/kg/hr

- Check heparin assay x 1
- Obtain post- op AT3
- Stop Heparin 2 hrs. before discontinuing intrathoracic lines
- · Transition to Aspirin when feeds are started
  - <4kg 20.25 mg
  - 4kg 10kg 40.5 mg
  - >10kg -81 mg
- Verify Now (platelet reactivity to aspirin)
  - <550: Adequate platelet inhibition (consistent with aspirin-induced inhibition of platelet

Patient should receive standard intervention based on risk level on admission

Use the order set for CICU/CACU
Heparin Orders in EPIC

#### **Exclusion Criteria**

- VAD
- ECMO
- IVH > Grade 1
- Other Bleeding Complications (GI Bleeding, etc.)
- Contraindication to Pharm.
   Prophylaxis

## CONTRAINDICATIONS TO PHARMACOLOGIC PROPHYLAXIS

- Ongoing or uncontrolled bleeding
- Uncorrected coagulopathy (PLT<50,000; INR>1.5; or PTT>2x control)
- •<1 year since acute stroke
- Suspected or known paraspinal hematoma
- Major allergy to pork products
- History of heparin induced thrombocytopenia
- •Intracranial monitoring (EVD/Bolt)
- CNS drain (epidural catheter/ other)
- •Risk for major surgical bleeding

# HIGH RISK: DIRECT VERBAL COMMUNICATION WITH CTS & CICU ATTENDING IS REQUIRED AND DOCUMENTED

Patients with Clinical indications for therapeutic heparin or enoxaparin (known

• Follow CICU/CTS Therapeutic Unfractionated Heparin Dosage Titration (page 2)

#### **INCLUSION**

• Shunted with high risk for thrombosis

thrombus, mechanical valve, etc.)

• Heparin Assays per Guidelines, See page 2

- Mechanical valve with high risk for thrombosis
- History of clotted shunts

Need to have CTS Attending identify patient as High Risk & document

#### INTERVENTION

- Initial Heparin Bolus 50 units-100 units/kg x1
- Q 1hr ACT checks for first 6hrs post-operative using bedside POC cartridges
- Titrate Heparin per ACT
- Bolus Heparin 25-50 units/kg to achieve goal ACT
- Keep bolusing until ACT is achieved
- After 6hrs transition to Heparin Assay
- Manage per CICU/CSU Heparin Order Set (see pg. 2).

### ASSESSMENT LABS & RADIOLOGY

- Baseline Head US (if open fontanelle)
- CBC
- PT/PTT
- Fibrinogen
- Heparin Assay
- AT3 (goal is 80 -130)
- ACT

## PRE-OP LABS

#### Stat AT3

- Baseline range should be between 80-130
- All neonates ( < 28 days) and shunted patients should have the AT3 drawn pre-op
- AT3 will be repeated in the OR at discretion of anesthesiologist & cardiac surgeon

## MONITORING FOR PATIENTS REQUIRING THERAPEUTIC DOSING

- Obtain Daily Heparin Assay and 4hrs after any dosing change
- Therapeutic Goal for Heparin assay goal should be 0.35-0.7
- · Consulting pharmacy
- Consult Hematology for all patients with KNOWN thrombus

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Therapeutic Unfractionated Heparin Dosage Titration		
Hep Assay (Units/mL)	Dosage Adjustment	Time to Repeat Heparin Assay (Anti-Xa)
<0.2	Give 50 units/kg bolus and increase infusion rate by 15%	4 hours after rate change
0.21 - 0.35	Increase infusion rate by 10%	4 hours after rate change
0.35 -0.7	Keep rate the same	Daily after 2 levels 4 hours apart are in goal range
0.71-0.79	Decrease infusion by 10%	4 hours after rate change
0.8-0.89	Hold infusion for 60 minutes then decrease infusion rate by 10%	4 hours after infusion resumes
≥0.9	Hold infusion for 120 minutes then decrease infusion rate by 15%	4 hours after infusion resumes