

How the Clinic Works

Why do patients on warfarin (Coumadin®) need frequent monitoring?

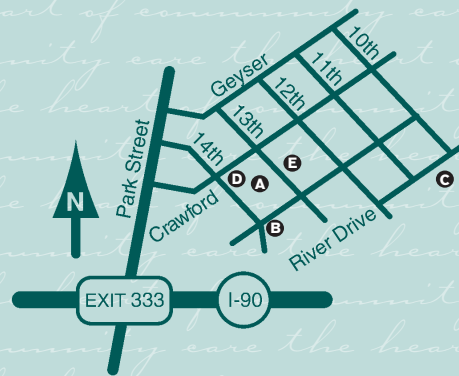
Patients must take an appropriate dose of warfarin (Coumadin®) in order to prevent clot formation or bleeding. Since many medications, foods, and disease states can affect how the medication works in the body, it is important that blood be checked frequently to be sure the clotting time stays within a certain range.

Who will be conducting the anticoagulation clinic?

The Livingston HealthCare Anticoagulation Clinic is staffed by registered pharmacists, highly trained and skilled in medication therapies, monitoring medication results, adjusting dosages, and preventing dangerous drug interactions. The pharmacist will maintain ongoing, confidential communication with you and your physician about your progress throughout your treatment.

What is involved in the clinic visits?

Each visit takes approximately 15-20 minutes. The pharmacist will obtain a small blood sample from your finger. This sample of blood will be used to determine how long it takes for your blood to clot (your INR result). The pharmacist will make adjustments to your warfarin (Coumadin®) dose if needed and schedule your next follow-up appointment.



Anticoagulation Clinic

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What is an Anticoagulation Clinic?

The Livingston HealthCare Anticoagulation Clinic is a service established to monitor and manage the medications that patients take to prevent blood clots. Registered pharmacists, working in conjunction with your physician, will test your blood to identify how long it takes to clot. Results are available immediately so that your medication dosage can be adjusted during your visit if needed. The pharmacist will promptly communicate your test results directly to your physician.

Livingston HealthCare Anticoagulation Clinic

Park Clinic West Crawford
1315 West Crawford Street
(406) 222-9970

Clinic Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
and Thursdays: 1-5 pm

Because many things affect the way anticoagulants work in your body, it is important to be checked frequently.



Services

- Test your PT/INR (blood clotting time) by fingerstick.
- Adjust your anticoagulant dosage and provide your prescription as needed.
- Provide information about how some medications and certain foods interact with anticoagulants.
- Discuss how to maintain your INR within the correct range to avoid health complications.
- Schedule your next appointment for you.
- Provide reports to your referring physician.

Patient Criteria

A physician referral is required for patients who need the Livingston HealthCare Anticoagulation Clinic.

Patient Billing

Most health insurance companies, including Medicare, cover all or part of your visits to the Anticoagulation Clinic. At your request, our business office would be happy to verify your insurance/Medicare coverage and review it with you.

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For More Information

If you would like more information about the Livingston HealthCare Anticoagulation Clinic, please call **406-823-6623** or talk with your physician.