Discharging on Anticoagulation

Warfarin
___ If patient has been on warfarin prior to admission, assure quantity of home supply is sufficient.
___ Assure follow up of care:
   Determine that the patient can established with an anticoagulation clinic and has an appointment (for UCD patients see referrals link)
   If the patient cannot be followed by an anticoagulation clinic, call and confirm that an outpatient provider WILL take responsibility for the patient (ie PCP or other provider)
___ Arrange for a follow up INR at reasonable interval. (i.e 2-3 days post discharge in a new patient or within 5 days in a stable patient). (see link for UCD lab for hours of operation)
___ Check with nurse, pharmacist, or patient that warfarin education has been completed prior to discharge. (see link to warfarin education materials)
___ In the discharge summary, include discharge dosing and follow up INR plan.

Injectables
___ Dalteparin (Fragmin) is the LMWH on the INPATIENT formulary at UCDHS. At discharge, prescribe the agent covered on the patient’s insurance. (most commonly Enoxaparin (Lovenox))
___ For assistance with dosing (obese, renal insufficiency, etc.), call the clot pharmacist
___ Verify cost/coverage/availability
   For prescriptions at UCDHS, verify co-pay with discharge pharmacy by sending a prescription of the LMWH. In the order comments write: “please contact service team pager number **** with copay information >$0”.
   For prescriptions at outside pharmacy, call and verify availability and coverage prior to discharge.
___ In the discharge summary, include discharge dosing and follow up INR plan.

Other oral anticoagulants
___ If patient has been on medication prior to admission, assure quantity of home supply is sufficient.
___ Verify cost
   For prescriptions at UCDHS, verify co-pay with discharge pharmacy by sending a prescription of the medication. In the order comments write: “please contact service team pager number *** with copay information >$0”.
   For prescriptions at outside pharmacy, call and verify availability and coverage prior to discharge.
___ Check with nurse, pharmacist, or patient that patient education has been completed prior to discharge. (see link to other other oral agents education materials)