



BLEEDING RISKS

Is the patient on a prescribed anticoagulant (for example, Coumadin, Plavix, other)? Yes No

If YES: Discuss with prescribing MD the safety of stopping medication one week prior to surgery

Is the patient taking over-the-counter medications that increase bleeding risk (for example, NSAIDS)? Yes No

If YES: Consider stopping all over-the-counter medications that can increase risk of bleeding two weeks prior to surgery

BETA-BLOCKER

Is the patient taking a beta-blocker? Yes No

If YES: Patient should take throughout perioperative period

ASPIRIN

Is the patient taking aspirin for cardiac protection? Yes No

If YES: Patient should take throughout perioperative period

HERBAL MEDICATION

Is the patient taking herbal supplements containing ingredients that may increase perioperative risk (for example, echinacea, garlic, ginkgo, ginseng, kava, saw palmetto, St. John’s wort, valerian)? Yes No

If YES: Consider stopping all herbal supplements that increase perioperative risk two weeks prior to surgery

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