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Health Service Executive



### Clinical Advisory

To: Advanced Paramedics  
c.c.: NAS Leadership Team  
From: Medical Director  
Date: March 26th 2012  
Subject: **PRE-HOSPITAL THROMBOLYSIS AND NEW ORAL ANTI-COAGULANT AGENTS**

Dear colleagues,

Pre-hospital thrombolysis is currently contra-indicated for advanced paramedics if the patient is on oral anti-coagulant therapy. Until recently, this effectively was confined to warfarin.

There are now two new oral anti-coagulant drugs on the market-**rivaroxaban** (trade name: **xarelto**) and **dabigatran** (trade name: **pradaxa**). Patients taking either of these drugs should not receive pre-hospital thrombolysis.

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