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Subject: Major Hemorrhaging in Hospital Protocols

Question

Following the publication of the NICE Pathway 'Major haemorrhaging in hospital' in May 2021, I am writing to enquire if Belfast Health and Social Care Trust has protocols in place for the management of major hemorrhage, the rapid identification of patients taking anticoagulants and the reversal of anticoagulation agents. If such protocols are available, please could I request a copy?

Answer

The NICE guideline to which this FOI refers to (NICE Pathway 'Major haemorrhaging in hospital' in May 2021) has not yet been circulated/ released from DOH Northern Ireland.

However we are able to provide the following policies we hold relating to this subject

Please find attached policies

Massive Transfusion Policy - This will address the provision of blood and communications when the clinical areas are managing a massive haemorrhage. This policy contains three distinct Massive Transfusion Protocols to cover Adults, Paediatrics and Trauma.

Management of Bleeding in Pregnancy Policy

Management of Major Primary Postpartum Haemorrhage Policy

Safe Warfarin Management Guidelines

A Practical guide for the acute management of haemorrhage, emergency surgery and overdose in patients receiving rivaroxaban, apixaban and edoxaban

A Practical guide for the acute management of haemorrhage, emergency surgery and overdose in patients receiving Dabigatran