

Medications to temporarily discontinue prior to breast and/or axillary node biopsies

Brand Name	Generic Name	when to stop prior to biopsy
Coumadin	warfarin	5 days
Xarelto	rivaroxaban	24hrs
Eliquis	apixaban	24hrs
Pradaxa	dabigatran	24hrs
Arixtra	fondoaparinux	24hrs
Heparin (SQ)	heparin	4hrs
Lovenox	lmw heparin	12hrs
IV Heparin	heparin	1hr
Aspirin (incl. Excedrin)	salicylate	5 days*
Plavix	clopidogrel	5 days
Brilinta	ticagrelor	5 days
Effient	prasugrel	5 days
Persantine (Aggrenox=aspirin+ dipyridamole)	dipyridamole	5 days

**vitamins, fish oil and NSAIDS are ok to continue taking

* SIR says discontinuing this is not necessary for low risk procedures (e.g. percutaneous breast biopsies), but recommends temporarily d/cing it for medium and high risk procedures. RAI recommends discontinuing it for 5 days prior to breast and axillary node biopsies

2015 guidelines issued by the Society of Interventional Radiology <https://www.ajronline.org/doi/pdfplus/10.2214/AJR.14.13342>

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