

Appendix 9.11

Anticoagulation monitoring core capabilities

	Type of evidence acquired	Date and signature of clinical supervisor
Identify the principles of warfarin therapy		
Demonstrate a knowledge of the normal range for warfarin therapy patients relating to diagnosis		
Demonstrate a knowledge of warfarin therapy, interactions and side effects		
Demonstrate screening questions with patient before procedure. Changes in diet medication and alcohol intake		
Demonstrate competence of using the software supporting International Normalised Ratio (INR) testing		
Demonstrates confirmation of the patient's identity		
Demonstrates collection of the correct equipment for INR testing ensuring the reagent strips are in date		

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Demonstrates good IPC procedures adhering to local policies before undertaking INR testing		
Demonstrates the correct technique to accurately test the patient's blood sample		
Demonstrates the safe disposal of test strip and lancet adhering to local IPC policies		
Demonstrates recognition of instances where it is necessary to seek further advice.		
Demonstrates accurately completing necessary documentation on the person's record and accurately documenting patients dosage their yellow card and understand why this is important		

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Demonstrate a basic understanding of direct oral anticoagulation (DOAC) therapies		
Demonstrate how to perform internal and external quality control measure of the equipment and why this is important		

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Inhaler technique and peak flow resources

Inhaler technique training is important for ongoing respiratory care. Technique should be checked yearly at each review or when the patient starts a new inhaler. There is evidence that suggests when patients are correctly trained on how to use their inhaler compliance improves. HCSWs have a responsibility to ensure that they are appropriately trained to deliver the care they are required to provide.

Please find some useful resources below regarding inhaler technique and peak flow measurements. Within these resources you will find videos on how to check inhaler technique and how to perform a peak flow measurement correctly.

- [Peak flow test | Asthma UK](#)
- [How to use your inhaler | Asthma UK](#)
- [Common inhaler mistakes | Asthma UK](#)
- [Primary Care Respiratory Society](#)
- [British Lung Foundation](#)
- [Inhaler Competency Document](#)

Accurate spirometry is an important part of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma management. HCSWs can undertake spirometry but will need to be Association for Respiratory Technology and Physiology (ARTP) certified to do so. They will not be able to interpret results of spirometry. This responsibility will lie with a registered practitioner who has undertaken the training to do so. The Fit to Care Framework can be accessed for key knowledge, skills and training.

- [CQC Mythbuster number 83](#)
- [Spirometry Certification](#)
- [Fit to Care Framework](#)