



Situational Safety: Emergency Pendants

Safety remains a primary focus for patients taking warfarin (Coumadin®). Common risks for warfarin patients include drug interactions, falls, health concerns, and seasonal bouts of the flu. More patients are turning to technology to improve warfarin safety, especially with regards to response time in the event of an emergency due to injury, accident, or fall.

Medical alert bracelets and pendants now come in hundreds of different styles for men and women. Originally, emergency response systems were available only as bracelets, but today there are more choices available for the growing number of warfarin patients, including:

Bracelets Pendants Watches Pagers Key chains

In addition to a variety of product styles, the choices of metals include:

Gold White Gold Sterling Silver Stainless Steel Brass

Medical alert products provide patients with the assurance that, with the push of a button, a network of support is notified. Patients on warfarin are at risk for bleeding and stroke, and can benefit from a medical alert system¹. Medic Alert® offers a complete line of emergency products and services. Prices and services vary.

Pendants inscribed with “Coumadin® (warfarin) patient” help emergency medical teams if a patient is unconscious. Companies recommend a pendant rather than a bracelet for patients at high risk for stroke. Partial paralysis can occur during a stroke and prevent the patient from activating a bracelet device, particularly if the paralysis affects the hand needed to press the activation button.

Any “Coumadin® (warfarin) patient” emergency alert system can provide peace of mind, and could save the life of a patient who is not able to reach a phone during an emergency.

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1 Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. (2007). *Medication Guide for Coumadin Tablets and Coumadin for Injection* [Package Insert]. Princeton, NJ: Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.