

The following medications should be stopped prior intermediate and high risk procedures (cervical, thoracic and lumbar spine - epidural injection, nerve root block, lumbar facet block, radio frequency ablation, sympathetic chain block), stellate ggl. block, celiac plexus block

Blood thinners

DRUG	BRAND NAME	STOP PRIOR PROCEDURE DAYS
warfarin	Coumadin, Jantoven – check PT/INR	5
Heparin, LMWH		12-24 hrs
fondaparinux	Arixtra	4
clopidogrel	Plavix	7
prasugrel	Effient	7-10
ticagrelor	Brilinta	5
dabigatran	Pradaxa	5
rivaroxaban	Xarelto	3
apixaban	Eliquis	3-5
abciximab	Reopro	2-5
eptifibatide	Integrilin	1
tirofiban	Aggrastat	1
cilostazol	Pletal	2
dipyridamole	Aggrenox	2