

Atrial Fibrillation & Anticoagulation – Virtual Clinics Procedure

Step 1: Case Finding

Practice search of patients diagnosed with AF but NOT anticoagulated (search will be provided); confirm AF diagnosis and complete demographic information on AF virtual clinic data collection form & send to mais.al-hasani@nhs.net and haroccg.harowccgmot@nhs.net

Undertaken by GP Practice Pharmacist / CCG Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist / Practice Manager / Specialist Anticoagulant Pharmacist



Step 2: Review Patient's Notes

Review patient's notes to calculate CHA₂DSVASc score & annual stroke risk; HASBLED score & annual bleeding risk and record current treatment/conditions which may affect decision to anticoagulate. Complete **audit section** of AF clinic data collection form.

Undertaken by Specialist Anticoagulant Pharmacist / GP practice Pharmacist

Medicines Optimisation Team Administrator will liaise with Practice to arrange a suitable time for notes to be reviewed.



Step 3: Conduct Virtual Clinic

In the Virtual Clinic the GP or MDT, GP Practice Pharmacist and Specialist Anticoagulant Pharmacist will discuss all patients on the GP AF register who are not currently anticoagulated and a decision taken as to whether anticoagulation is appropriate. Complete **decision section** of AF clinic data collection form.

Specialist Anticoagulant Pharmacist leads clinic and completes AF clinic data collection form with assistance where possible from GP Practice Pharmacist

Medicines Optimisation Team Administrator will liaise with Practice to arrange a suitable time for Virtual Clinic.



Step 4: Initiation of Treatment

GP or GP Practice Pharmacist arranges a patient appointment (if not already scheduled) within the next 2 – 4 weeks to discuss treatment options and adherence with the patient (using the Prescribing Checklist) and initiates treatment. Alternatively, the patient can be referred (subject to patient consent) to the Locality Clinic or secondary care for discussion and initiation.

On initiation, the patient should be supplied with an anticoagulant card.

Complete the **outcome** section of AF clinic data collection form and send to mais.al-hasani@nhs.net and haroccg.harowccgmot@nhs.net

GP / GP Practice Pharmacist to complete the outcome section of AF clinic data collection form.