

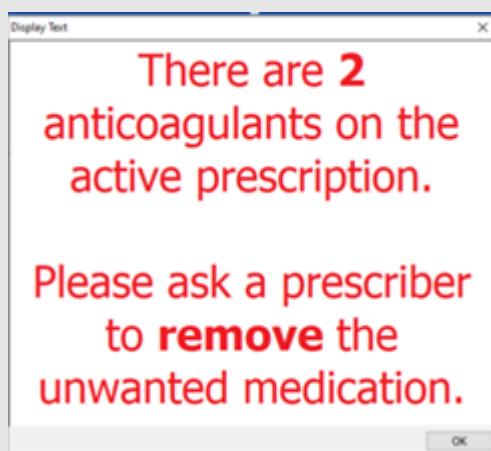
“TWO ANTICOAGULANTS” WARNING IN EMIS – DO NOT IGNORE

Patients prescribed an oral anticoagulant, should only have **ONE** anticoagulant on their current medication screen, either apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, rivaroxaban or warfarin.

Note: warfarin may be prescribed as more than one strength.

Problem:

There have been instances where patients have more than one anticoagulant on the current medication screen and includes acute and/or repeats. There is a risk that both anticoagulants are issued and taken at the same time by the patient with potential catastrophic bleeding consequences.



How you can help:

If the warning above appears on the patient record, please flag the patient for **urgent action** to be taken by the patient's GP or practice pharmacist, who will review and remove one of the anticoagulants and put into past medication.

Do not issue or request issue any medication to be authorised until the warning has been actioned.

SEMAGLUTIDE (OZEMPIC®) PENS– CHECK QUANTITY

Just a reminder that each semaglutide (Ozempic®) pen contains 4 doses and as it is administered once weekly, one pen will last for 4 weeks. Patients should not receive more than 2 pens (8 week supply) at any time in order to help community pharmacies manage stock and reduce the risk of shortages.

If you notice any patients with more than 2 semaglutide (Ozempic®) pens on repeat medication, please ask your practice pharmacist or pharmacy technician to amend the quantity. The patient may need to be contacted to find out how much stock they have and the medication put on hold until stocks are used up and a note added not to issue until xxxx date.

It can be helpful to add the following note in the screen message box ;
“Semaglutide (Ozempic®) pens- 1 pen has 4 doses= 4 week supply. Do not issue more than 2 pens = 8 weeks supply (if appropriate)”