

# Administration of Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH) Injections before Surgery in Pre-op Assessment



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Patients that need to administer LMWH Injections before surgery once they have stopped taking anticoagulants as bridging therapy or as prophylaxis.

Self-administration should be the first option to consider, followed by 'administration by' family members/carers.

The assessment below must be completed for all patients who will need thromboprophylaxis prescribed.

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A	B
Patient/Family members/Carers Administering LMWH Injection	Community Nurse Administering LMWH Injection
Patient/Family members/Carers sufficiently well and willing to accept responsibility to administer the injection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes – continue below If no – go to box B	Inform East Coast Community Services to book an appointment for a Community Nurse to administer LMWH injection
Patient/Family members/Carers have been taught the appropriate injection technique and shown how to safely dispose of the used injection device	Provide prescription chart, LMWH injection and sharps bin
Provide information leaflet and sharps bin	
Prescription chart and LMWH injections dispense from Pharmacy	
Patient Signature: Nurse Signature: Date and Time:	Patient Signature: Nurse Signature: Date and Time:

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