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Dear Patient,

Change to medication

As a practice we work in partnership with Richmond Clinical Commissioning Group to continually review our prescribing to ensure that our patients receive evidence-based treatments with the lowest cost to the health economy.

The practice has been reviewing its prescribing of blood thinning tablets which are used to prevent strokes in people with atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat). This is to ensure that our patients are being treated in line with the local guidelines.

You are currently being prescribed Apixaban (Eliquis®), Rivaroxban (Xarelto®) or Dabigatran (Pradaxa).

However, when you next request a prescription this will be changed to an equivalent dose of: **Edoxaban tablets (Lixiana®) [30mg/60mg]. The dose is One Tablet each day in the Morning which can be taken with or without food.**

The appearance of the new preparation will be different, but it should work in the same way as your current medication.

Please finish your current supply of medication to avoid any waste, and then start the new medicine when the next dose is due.

Do not take both medications at the same time

If you have any planned hospital treatment or surgery, please speak to your GP practice before taking your new medication.

As part of your ongoing treatment, you will continue to have an annual review which will include some blood tests. Please ensure you have these completed prior to the review.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact the practice and ask to speak to your doctor or pharmacist about your new medication.

Yours Sincerely,

Hampton Hill Medical Centre