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Department of Anesthesia

Title:

Anticoagulation and Neuraxial
Interventions

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Clinical Schema

POLICY:

In order to ensure patient safety while at the same time affording patient and surgeon, the full range of anesthetic techniques, the following schema represents the consensus within the Department of Anesthesia as to neuraxial interventions (i.e. spinal anesthesia, epidural anesthesia or spinal/epidural catheter removal).

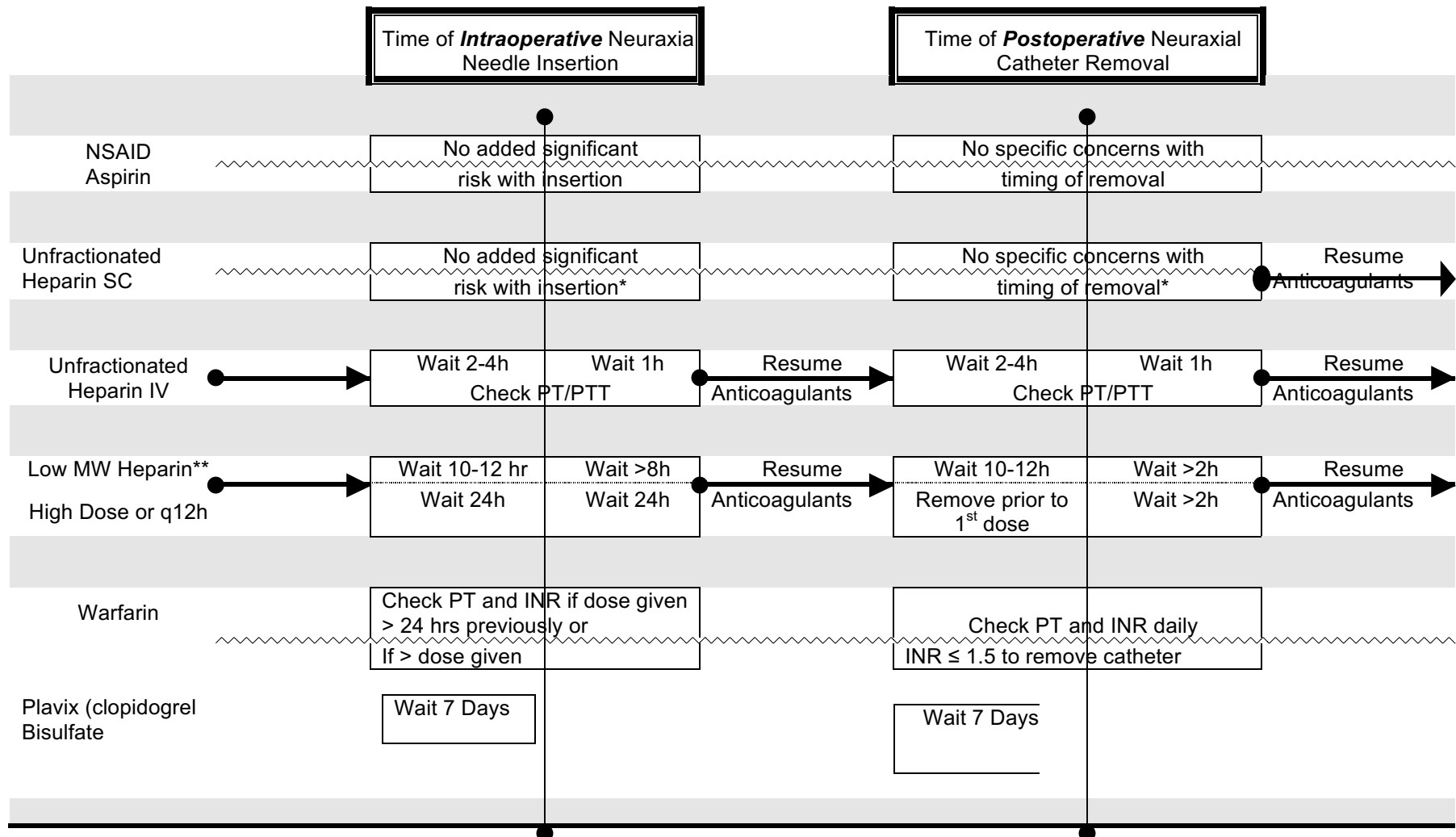
PROCEDURE:

Physicians and nurse anesthetists within the Department of Anesthesia will follow the attached schema, unless in their best judgment, there is a reason for deviation, which will be documented in the patient's chart.

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DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIA

TIMING OF NEURAXIAL MANIPULATION AND ANTICOAGULATION



* Check platelets if patient has been on Heparin SC for 4 or more days

** "High Dose" of LMW Heparin is > 1 mg/Kg/24 hours