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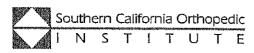
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It is Dr. Bahk's policy that all surgery patients discontinue use of any type of anti-inflammatory or anti coagulation medication <u>2 weeks prior to surgery</u>. Anti inflammatory medication tends to thin your blood and causes increased bleeding and bruising. Increased bleeding during surgery can cause unnecessary complications. The following anti-inflammatory medications are to be discontinued: Advil, Aleve, Aspirin, Celebrex, Exedrin, Ibuprofen, Motrin, Mobic, Naprosyn, and Naproxen. If you believe you may be taking an anti-inflammatory medication that is not listed, please call the office.

Anticoagulant medications also need to be stopped prior to surgery. This should be discontinued on a case by case basis, with an agreed plan between Dr. Bahk and your prescribing Physician. This includes the following: Coumadin, Warfarin, Plavix, and Lovenox. Please discuss these medications with Dr. Bahk.

<u>Failure to discontinue these medications will result in cancellation of your surgical procedure and result in a delay to reschedule the procedure.</u>

The above policy is for your protection and is to ensure that your surgical procedure proceeds as smoothly and safely as possible. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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