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Online support for blod clot therapy

The University of Tasmania's School of Pharmacy has just launched a new online resource for users of the world's number one drug for major adverse events, warfarin.

The website www.anticoagulation.com.au will benefit Australia's 220,000 warfarin users and also health professionals.

Chief investigator Dr Luke Bereznicki said the website provides information for consumers regarding therapy and new methods of monitoring the drug, including several downloadable fact sheets.

"Warfarin is a valuable medication used in the treatment and prevention of clotting conditions, such as stroke, deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism," said Dr Bereznicki.

"However, warfarin requires very close monitoring and is one of the drugs most commonly implicated in major side effects and these events can often be prevented by improved education of patients.

"Studies in the community consistently find that warfarin knowledge is not optimal and this website will attempt to address this issue by increasing consumer knowledge."

The website launch is being supported by community pharmacists across Australia who can provide copies of information resources and discuss issues associated with warfarin use with the consumer.

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