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Dear Patient,

You have been sent this letter as you are on the Minor Surgery Waiting List. One of your medications is an anticoagulant / antiplatelet medication that helps thin your blood. We have reviewed our practice policy and have now updated our advice which is now continue your anticoagulant or antiplatelet medication prior to your Minor Surgery / Joint Injection. This is based on Guidance from the British Society of Dermatological Surgery.

This may increase the chances of bleeding during your operation. It is important you are aware of this in order to help you decide if you want to go ahead with your minor surgery or not. It will be a matter of weighing up the benefits of having the procedure versus the bleeding risk.

There are specific circumstances where we would not recommend minor surgery or steroid injections. These are as follows:

- you have been informed you have low platelets
- you are currently taking two blood thinning medications
- you have had a recent cardiac stent
- you have had recent major bleeding
- you are on warfarin, and your INR is above 3.5

If any of these apply to you and you have been put on the waiting list, please contact the doctor that placed you on the waiting list as soon as possible.

Please reply to the Text Message within 7 days indicating that you understand the provided information and whether you wish to go ahead with the Minor Surgery or not.

Many thanks,

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