

# Hemet Heart Medical Center Patient Education

## ***What is Coumadin?***

*Coumadin, also known as Warfarin, is an anticoagulant medication. An anticoagulant is something that prevents your blood from forming clots in your arteries or veins.*

*If you have a blood clot an anticoagulant medication can help prevent a piece of the clot from breaking off and traveling to other parts of your body. An anticoagulant can also prevent the clot from getting bigger*

## ***How do I know the medication is working?***

*There are two types of blood tests that tests for clotting and help to determine the effectiveness of Coumadin*

- *PT Test, or Protime test*
- *INR test*

*These tests also help to determine the appropriate dosage of Coumadin to keep a balance in your body between bleeding and clotting.*

## ***For more Information..***

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