

warfarin14p

# Warfarin Disappears

I don't understand how Warfarin disappeared from my medicine list. I can not request refills when it is not on my this list

December 2, 2012

The entry for Warfarin disappeared from the VA web site A veteran can not request Warfarin using the VA web site when it is not listed. This means that the Warfarin, the blood thinner for my mechanical heart value, was stopped.



Refill Prescription Information (Active Prescriptions of ANTHONY OCONNELL)

Last updated [12/02/2012 at 1847]

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Table with 6 columns: Refill Status, Refill Submit Date, Fill Date, Refills Remaining, Prescription, Facility. Contains 11 rows of prescription data.

DEC 2, 2012, SECURE MESSAGED RANDI AND ASK FOR A 6 MONTH SUPPLY. (My memo to myself, the message is on the next page)



December 2, 2012

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ANTHONY [  
SSN: 7637, DOB:  
10/25/1941 ]

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**Message**

**ID#:**

66061806

**Subject:**

General  
General Inquiry

Randi,

I now remember that you did double the metoprolol dosage from 25mg to 50mg.

I just realized that I'm basically out of Warfarin. My prescription history shows that it expired on 1/17/2012 from Prescott and was not renewed anywhere. Would you please restart it? Can I get a six month supply? I refill my trays six months at a time.

Tony

No response

## Previous Messages in Thread

March 21, 2013



Anthony O'Connell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

**blood draw Mar 15**

27 messages

**Anthony O'Connell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>  
To: joseph.rindone@med.va.gov

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 8:19 AM

Joe,

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Anthony O'Connell 7637

**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>  
To: Anthony O'Connell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 8:52 AM

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Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:13 AM

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**Anthony O'Connell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>  
To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:37 AM

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>  
To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:39 AM

Anthony, please take 6 mg daily for 3 days, then resume your usual dosage ... let me know when you have your next blood test, thanks

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>  
To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:46 AM

Another option is to give you enoxaparin for 4 days .... Have you ever used enoxaparin? It is a form of heparin, but can be done as an outpatient ... it is an injectable, like an insulin shot

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To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:49 AM

OK, 6 mg for 3 days sounds good. How serious was that 1.1 INR? If something went wrong would I have felt it?  
Any tests I should take to see if something went wrong?

I'm trying to estimate how long I've not been taking warfarin; does 4 days or 18 days or 32 days fit? (my dispensers are for 2 weeks)..

Thank you for the monitoring.

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>  
To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:51 AM

An INR of 1.1 means you are not anticoagulated at all .... This does increase your chance of a stroke ....  
There is no other blood testing needed at this time

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**From:** Anthony OConnell [mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 9:49 AM

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**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>  
To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:52 AM

I've not taken enoxaparin before. Do you recommend it? If so, what do I do?

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>  
To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:56 AM

It is a blood thinner, will give you protection while the warfarin builds back up .... If you want to pursue this, give me a call and we can discuss .... It might be a good idea to use it ..... 928-717-7435 .... thanks

**From:** Anthony OConnell [mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 9:52 AM

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**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>  
To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:58 AM

I don't have a telephone. Can you tell me using email?

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>  
To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 9:59 AM

How much do you weigh Anthony?

**From:** Anthony OConnell [mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 9:58 AM

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**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>  
To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:01 AM

I weigh 215 pounds

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>  
To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:07 AM

I can overnight mail the medicine to you and you can start it tomorrow and continue for 4 days

The dose is 100 mg every 12 hours .... Each syringe contains 100 mg



The drug is given in the belly area ... you swab the skin down with rubbing alcohol, then pinch some fatty tissue in the belly area, this is where you give the shot, just in the fatty tissue just under the skin .... It is a short needle ... it is like an insulin shot

Is something you think you can handle? Most patients have no problem giving themselves the shot

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**From:** Anthony OConnell [mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:01 AM

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**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:15 AM

To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Cool, especially since I don't have to travel anywhere. I want to do it.

Is it possible to send it without the requirement of me signing for it, especially signing in person? I ask this because I miss the deliverer 90% of the time and it turns into a big frustration.

Anthony O'Connell  
439 South Vista Del Rio  
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:21 AM

To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

That is a problem, you have to sign for overnight mail drugs .... Sending by regular mail will take too long

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**From:** Anthony OConnell [mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:15 AM

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**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:29 AM

To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

How specific can you estimate when the deliverer will arrive? I'll have to stand watch. UPS? Fedex?

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:33 AM

To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

I can't tell you ..... meds go overnight by UPS .... I know at my house, they come by in the late afternoon, so they seem pretty predictable when they show up

**From:** Anthony OConnell [mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:29 AM

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**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:34 AM

To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Lets do it, and thank you.

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**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:35 AM

To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Do you need me at my computer anymore? I had some plans to go out.

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:36 AM

To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

OK, I will put the prescription in the computer now and the med will be go out today .... You should get it tomorrow ... can you give me your address, just to make sure

**From:** Anthony OConnell [mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:34 AM

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**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:42 AM

To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Anthony O'Connell  
439 South Vista Del Rio  
Green Valley, Arizona 85614

I'm going to go check my local UPS office and ask if they will take the delivery so I can pick it up from them. If they agree would that work at your end? I'm leaving now.

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 10:51 AM

To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

The med will be mailed to your address, If you can arrange something different from your end .... That is fine .... We are done for now

**From:** Anthony OConnell [mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:42 AM

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>  
**To:** Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 11:00 AM

Anthony, just to reiterate our plan

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When the enoxaparin shows up tomorrow, use every 12 hours (in addition to your warfarin) and continue for a total of 8 doses

Thanks

Rin

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**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>  
**To:** "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 11:23 AM

Joe,

My local UPS said they would do it and they told me the VA does do that. Cost me \$10 but it's worth it. Also, it would probably be delivered there quicker than to my house. Would you please have it sent to:

Anthony O'Connell  
%UPS store  
190 W. Continental Rd, Suite 216  
Green Valley, AZ 85622

Thank you

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**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>  
**To:** Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 21, 2013 at 11:25 AM

Will do, I will contact the pharmacy





Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

### Please renew my medicine

5 messages

**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>  
To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Apr 11, 2013 at 5:26 AM

Joe,

I get 7 of my medicines from Prescott. At this time 5 have 0 refills and 2 have have 1 refill remaining. Would you please renew them all?

Thank you

Anthony O'Connell 7637

**Rindone, Joseph P.** <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>  
To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 11, 2013 at 7:55 AM

Pleas

I cannot renew these since Prescott VA is no longer following you .... You need to contact Randi to have her renew all your prescriptions .... Sorry, those are the rules

**From:** Anthony OConnell [mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 5:27 AM  
**To:** Rindone, Joseph P.  
**Subject:** Please renew my medicine

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**Anthony OConnell** <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>  
To: "Rindone, Joseph P." <Joseph.Rindone@va.gov>

Thu, Apr 11, 2013 at 8:05 AM

Dr Rindone,

Please monitor my INR

Anthony O'Connell 7637

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**From:** OCONNELL, ANTHONY [ SSN: 7637, DOB: 10/25/1941 ]

**To:** \*\*TUC GV SCHMELING PACT

**Message ID#:** 100671642

**Subject:**  General Inquiry

ANP Randi Schmeling,

Thank you for responding.

I do not understand your "Pharmacy is still working on a plan as they do not want to monitor since you do not have a phone. we are working on an alternate plan; for now Joe is monitoring. your meds are due to be sent in june and not due for refills until sept"

Dr Rindone messaged me this morning saying "I cannot renew these since Prescott VA is no longer following you ?. You need to contact Randi to have her renew all your prescriptions ?. Sorry, those are the rule".

Would you please explain why you say "your meds are due to be sent in june and not due for refills until sept" when I have 0 refills on 9 of my 11 medicines and 1 refill on the remaining 2 as of April 10? Are you looking at a different screen than I am on MyHealthVet?

Please refill my prescriptions. Thank you.

Anthony O'Connell 7637

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