

Table 9: Contraindications to warfarin therapy in older people

Absolute Contraindication	Relative Contraindication	No Contraindication
Bleeding diathesis	Conventional NSAID use	Predisposition to falls
Thrombocytopenia (<50 x 10 ³ /μL)	Participation in activities with high risk of trauma	Advanced age
Hypertension (untreated or poorly controlled, consistently >160/90)	Unexplained anaemia	NSAID plus PPI
Non-adherence to treatment & monitoring	Dementia	Coxib use
Previous intracranial or retinal bleed	Multiple comorbidities	Recent resolved PU bleeding (with <i>H. pylori</i> testing and treating)
Recent GI or GU bleeding	Unexplained recurrent syncope	Previous ischaemic stroke

Warfarin is contraindicated in pregnancy

Warfarin is teratogenic and should not be used in pregnancy.