

Patient satisfaction up with pharmacist-managed warfarin Tx

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(HealthDay)—Pharmacist-managed warfarin anticoagulation therapy is

associated with improved patient satisfaction, although the benefits in terms of control, safety, and mortality are unclear, according to a review published online Sept. 28 in the *Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics*.

S. Zhou, M.Pharm., from the Peking University First Hospital in Beijing, and colleagues conducted a systematic review to compare the effectiveness of pharmacist-managed anticoagulation control of warfarin with other models. Data were included from eight randomized controlled trials with a total of 1,493 patients.

The researchers observed a significant difference for satisfaction between pharmacist-managed care and other models (mean difference [MD], 0.41; 95 percent confidence interval [CI], 0.01 to 0.81; $P = 0.04$), and in the percentage of time within the standard therapeutic range (MD, 3.66; 95 percent CI, 2.20 to 5.11; P

"Compared with other models, the superiority of pharmacist-managed warfarin anticoagulation needs to be further evaluated and validated in future research," the authors write.

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