

# Patient Safety ALERT – Oral Anticoagulants

## **RIVAROXABAN (Xarelto)**

and

## **DABIGATRAN (Pradaxa)**

are two new oral anticoagulants being prescribed for certain medical conditions and as prophylactic treatment for VTE.

**Patients should not be prescribed other anticoagulants** (such as enoxaparin or heparin) if they are already prescribed Rivaroxaban or Dabigatran, due to an increased risk of bleeding.

**Required Actions** - Please ensure ALL staff are aware of this when prescribing and administering patients' medication.