Recombinant factor VIIa (rFVIIa) in acute CNS hemorrhage

1. If emergent neurosurgery is planned or a bleeding complication develops that is refractory to routine measures, please contact the Clinical Pharmacology Consult Service (CPCS) Pharmacist on call for evaluation of the appropriateness of rFVIIa.

2. For Trauma patients: Refer to Trauma rFVIIa guidelines

3. For patients on warfarin who have an INR > 1.2 please contact the CPCS pharmacist. To reverse the effect of warfarin, 1 mg of rFVIIa is generally recommended together with vitamin K and fresh frozen plasma (FFP).

4. Among patients who are not candidates for surgery and who have a spontaneous intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH) and no coagulopathy (INR < 1.2), rFVIIa is not currently recommended.

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References: