

WARFARIN PILOT PROJECT

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To: Chief Executive Officers HBs/ERHA

All Primary Care Managers

GMS Payments Board

Re: Warfarin Pilot Project

A pilot project with a national total budget of €634,869.03 (£500,000), on a once off basis, will commence on 1 October 2001, for doctors, who are providing a warfarin blood testing service for their GMS patients at their surgeries.

The pilot will be limited to those GPs who were providing these services at 1 August 2001 at their practice premises.

1. Payment will be at the rate of €34.92 (£27.50) per consultation for a maximum of 12 consultations in respect of any one patient.
2. The overall budget for the national project is €634,869.03 (£500,000) for the 12 calendar months of the project.
3. Health Boards will be asked to identify those doctors currently providing the warfarin testing service to GMS patients.
4. Participating doctors will have to satisfy their local health board that they have been providing the service.
5. We understand from correspondence received from the Irish Medical Organisation and from health boards that doctors have been advised to apply to their local health boards to be included in the project.
6. Health Boards should now arrange to furnish details of the participating doctors to the GMS (Payments) Board in order that payment might be made.
7. The recording of the information from the project will be facilitated through the STC system. We will be writing separately to the GMS (Payments) Board asking that arrangements be made for payment to the participating doctors upon receipt of the requisite documentation.

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