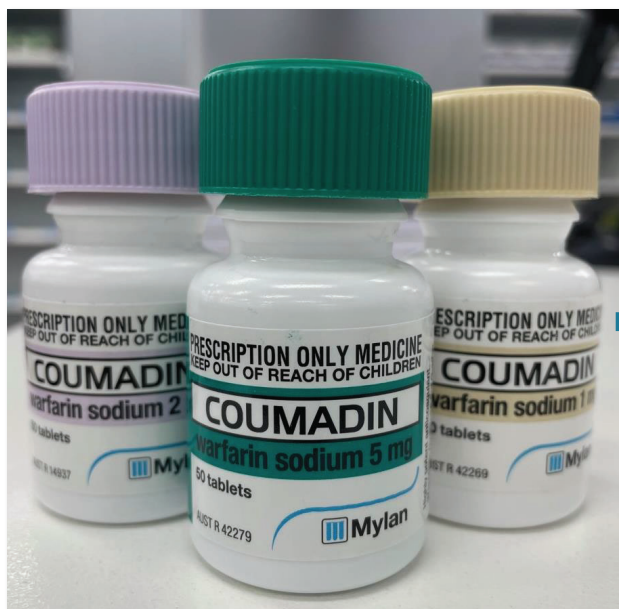




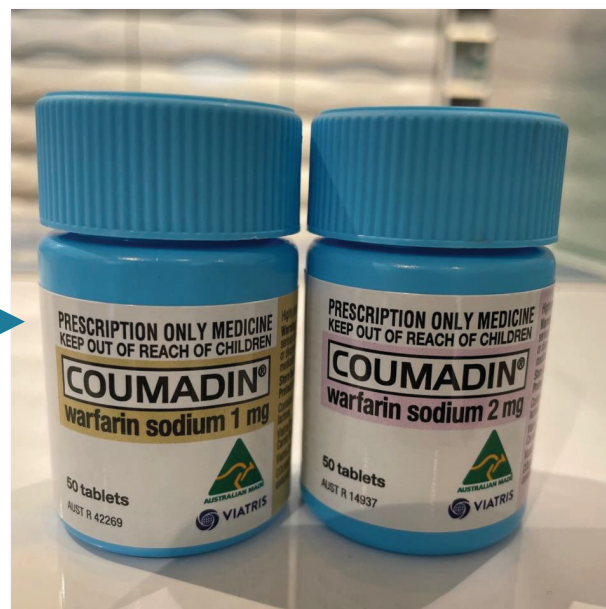
HIGH RISK MEDICINE ALERT: WARFARIN

Mylan Viatriis, the manufacturer of Coumadin® and Marevan®, has changed the packaging of their warfarin tablets to align with their preferred branding (see below).

All three strengths of warfarin tablets in both brands are now packaged in blue bottles and look similar to multiple other medicines by the same manufacturer. Health care professionals are asked to take extra care when prescribing, dispensing and administering warfarin and use barcode scanning at every opportunity to reduce risk of selection error. Patients and carers must be provided with education about the similar packaging and be careful when taking warfarin at home.



Old packaging



New packaging*

Warfarin, an anticoagulant used in the prevention of arterial and venous thrombosis, and in the primary and secondary prevention of stroke related to atrial fibrillation, carries a **major risk of bleeding if not taken correctly or if not monitored appropriately**, which can cause significant morbidity and mortality.



Make sure to STOP and CHECK before you SELECT to avoid the risk of look-alike-sound-alike medication errors, especially with high risk medicines like warfarin.