**MEDICATION:** Heparin Infusion

**USES:** An anticoagulant used to decrease clotting ability of blood therefore preventing harmful clots from forming in blood vessels

**ADMINISTRATION:** Intravenous

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**Potential Side Effects:**
- Skin rash, itching, hives
- Unusual bleeding from gums or nose, blood in urine, coughing of blood or unexplained bruising
- **Difficulty breathing**
(If you experience any of the side effects listed in **Bold** please contact your doctor immediately. The side effects listed above are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor to report any new medical problems!)

**Warnings:**
- Inform your doctor if you are:
  1. allergic to any food or medicine,
  2. taking any non-cancer related prescriptions or over the counter drugs
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any new medications including: prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or herbal supplements.

**Additional Instructions:**
- Inform your doctor if you have stomach ulcers, diabetes, kidney or liver disease before taking this medication. Also inform your doctor if you have had any type of surgery, radiation treatments, falls or injuries.
- Do not take alcohol, aspirin, ibuprofen (Motrin®, Advil®) or any other products containing these drugs.
- It is very important that you avoid sports and other activities that may cause injury.
- Take special care when brushing your teeth and shaving. Use a soft toothbrush and floss gently. It is best to use an electric shaver rather than a blade.
- Contact your doctor if you have any signs of bleeding or symptoms of allergic reaction.
- Do not make sudden changes in the amount of Vitamin K in your diet. A consistent eating pattern is necessary to maintain effectiveness of the medicine.