



Ten Foot Pole Patients

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 - Recent Heart Attack or Stroke
 - Recent Cardiac Stent
 - On Anticoagulant or Antiplatelet
 - Uncontrolled Diabetes
 - Undergoing Chemotherapy
 - Pregnancy





Ten Foot Pole Patients in Reader's Digest Form...

- Recent Heart Attack or Stroke
 - How long do I have to wait to treat?
 - MI
 - Complicated MI = 6 month or more
 - Uncomplicated MI = 1 month
 - Stroke
 - Unstable = emergent care only
 - Stable = 1 month



Ten Foot Pole Patients in Reader's Digest Form...

- Recent Heart Attack or Stroke
 - Short, morning appts
 - Stress mitigation (eg, N₂O/O₂)
 - Control risk factors (BP, drug interactions, hemostasis)
 - Monitor vital signs
 - Judicious use of vasoconstrictors



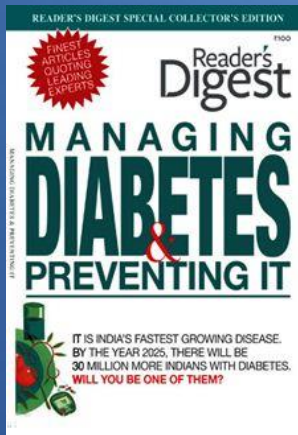
Ten Foot Pole Patients in Reader's Digest Form...

- Recent Cardiac Stents
 - Do I need to give antibiotic prophylaxis?
 - Generally NO!
 - Indicated if treatment to be performed within the first 30 days after insertion
 - May be useful when treating acute dental infection, regardless of time since placement
 - Also applies to pacemakers



Ten Foot Pole Patients in Reader's Digest Form...

- Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets
 - Assess underlying medical stability
 - In general, do not interrupt anticoagulants or antiplatelets unless procedure involves potential for moderate/severe bleeding
 - Risk/Benefit ratio often indicates it is safer to treat patients on these medications and control bleeding with local measures



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- Uncontrolled Diabetes
 - Assess stability (BG, HgA1c)
 - Comorbid diseases (CV, Neuropathy, Kidney dz, delayed wound healing, etc)
 - Medication regimen and prevention of hypoglycemia
 - Emergent care only, consider Abx prophylaxis



Ten Foot Pole Patients in Reader's Digest Form...

- Patient Undergoing Chemotherapy
 - Level of immune suppression (WBC, ANC)
 - Abx prophylaxis may be necessary
 - Drug interactions (eg, bisphosphonates)
 - Palliation of xerostomia and oropharyngeal pain
 - Bleeding risk?



Ten Foot Pole Patients in Reader's Digest Form...

- Pregnancy
 - Dentistry is usually safe during pregnancy
 - Be mindful of patient positioning
 - Safest local anesthetic = Lidocaine WITH epi (or prilocaine)
 - Radiographs are ok with appropriate shielding
 - Pain medications (Tylenol with opioid) and Abx (penicillins, Z-pak, clindamycin) are ok