

Patients going for CABG/valve replacement/repair

These patients usually need (check with CTS consultant/SpR):

- Stopping clopidogrel (usually done as soon as patient is queried for surgery after an angiogram but please check in the pathway and confirm with a senior) but continue aspirin.
- US carotid Doppler if PMH of CVA.
- PFTs
- Maxillofacial Surgery referral if they are having a valve repair/replacement. NB: Maxfax usually wants you to specify if patient has their own teeth, visit dentists regularly, any obvious wobbly teeth, dental hygiene, wear dentures.
- Vein mapping – you usually do not need to get involved with this. The CTS ACP's will come around and do this pre-surgery.
- Once accepted for surgery, you can check surgical dates with the surgical coordinators for your patients.
- Group and save prior to theatre.
- You may be asked (rarely) to prescribe pre-meds for patients going to the theatre the next day. These usually include a sedative and PPI.