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| **Module** | Anticoagulation management: patient’s guide to self-monitoring |
| **Topic** | Patient self-testing in practice |
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**How will the anticoagulant clinic make sure that your coagulometer is measuring your INR accurately?**

It is essential that your coagulometer measures your INR accurately. Therefore, the anticoagulant clinic will check its accuracy by comparing the INR result from your machine with a ‘known value’ at regular intervals.

This known value will be one of the following:

1. The INR measured from a sample of blood taken from your arm which is measured on the hospital laboratory’s machine
2. The INR from a drop of blood from your finger measured on the clinic’s coagulometer which has undergone it own external quality assurance

These values are compared before you start self-testing and then at each of your six-monthly review visits. The results should be within 0.4 units of each other.