

**CREDIT VALLEY**  
THE CREDIT VALLEY HOSPITAL  
**PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS**  
**LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT HEPARIN**  
**VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM (VTE)**  
**OUTPATIENT MANAGEMENT (Adult)**

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ (kg)

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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