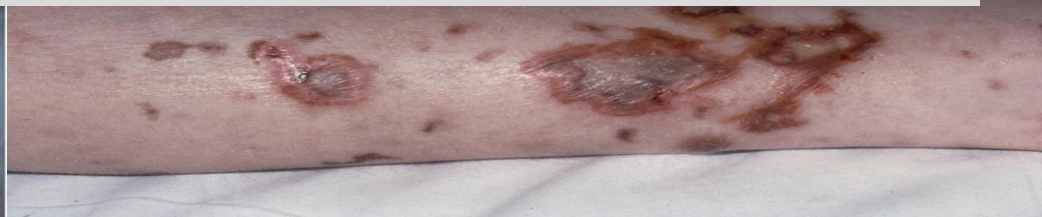
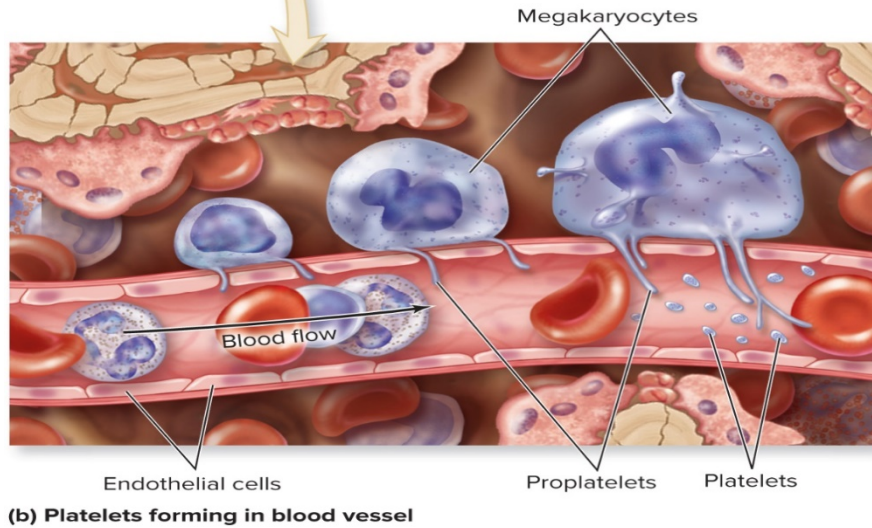
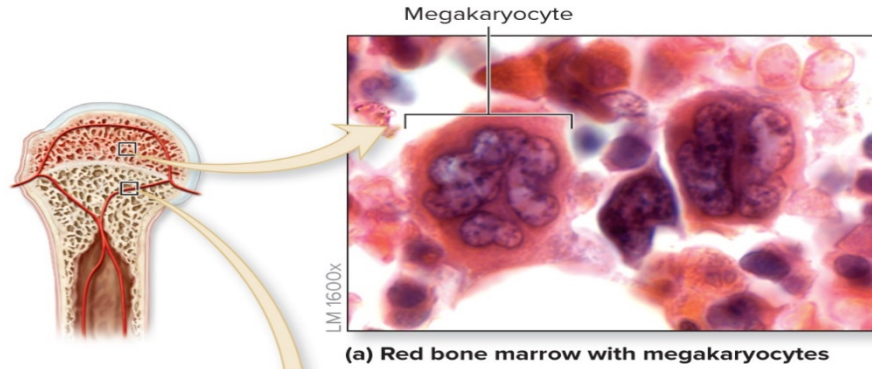


# Hemostasis and coagulation



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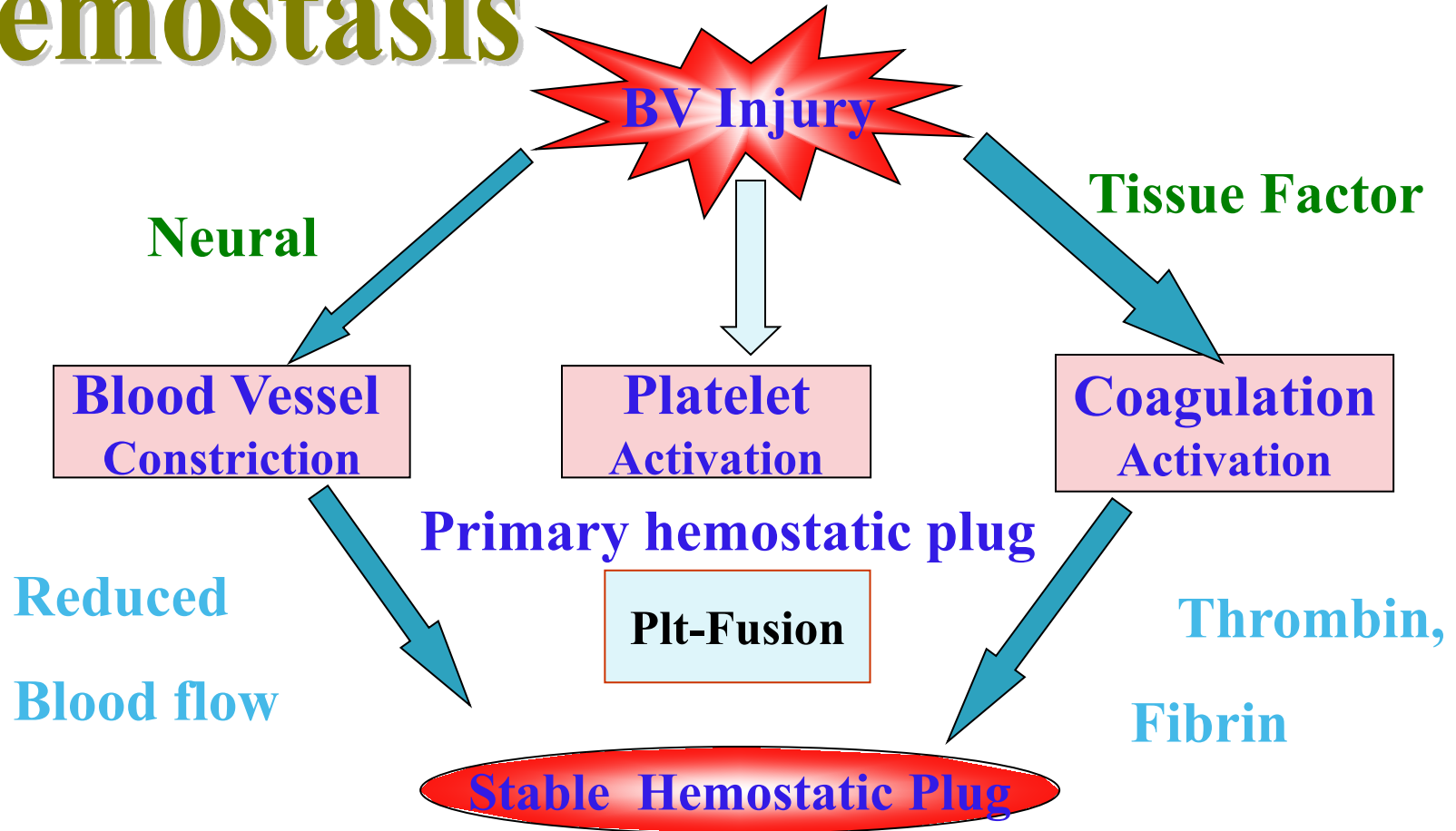
# Definition of HEMOSTASIS

- The **arrest of bleeding** by repair of vessel wall
- **Maintaining a balance**
  - ▣ **Coagulation**
  - ▣ **Fibrinolysis**
- **Hypocoagulation:** excessive bleeding (inherited or acquired)
- **Hypercoagulation (thrombosis)** inadequate activation of the fibrinolytic system

# Systems Involved in Hemostasis

- **Vascular system**
  - Injured vessel initiates vasoconstriction
- **Platelet System**
  - Injured vessel exposes collagen that initiates platelet aggregation and help form plug
- **Coagulation System**
  - protein factors of intrinsic and extrinsic pathways produce a permanent fibrin plug

# Hemostasis



# HEMOSTASIS & THROMBOSIS

- Platelets
- Coagulation Cascade
- Regulation of Coagulation
- Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation

## HEMOSTATIC DISORDERS

### *Suspicious*

- Spontaneous bleeding
- Prolonged or excessive bleeding after procedures or trauma
- Simultaneous bleeding from multiple sites

# HEMOSTASIS

## *Primary vs. Secondary vs. Tertiary*

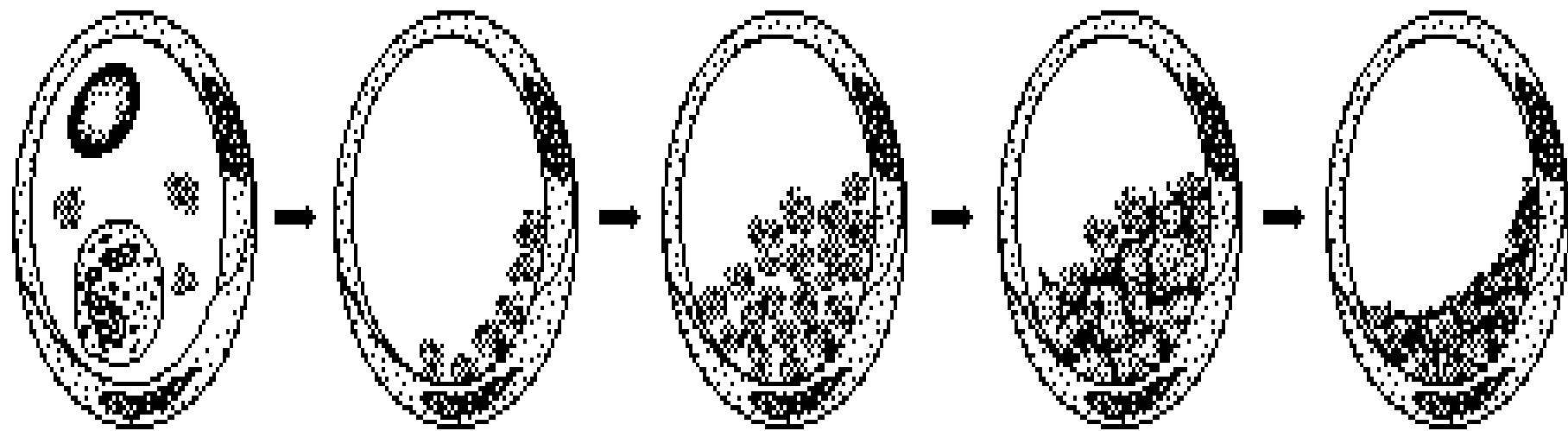
- Primary Hemostasis
  - Platelet Plug Formation
  - Dependent on normal platelet number & function
  - Initial Manifestation of Clot Formation

### Secondary Hemostasis

- Activation of Clotting Cascade ☒ Deposition & Stabilization of Fibrin

### Tertiary Hemostasis

- Dissolution of Fibrin Clot
- Dependent on Plasminogen Activation



Circulating platelets;  
endothelial damage

Platelet  
adhesion

Platelet  
aggregation

Platelet-Fibrin  
plug

Clot retraction

# Virchow's Triad



## Changes in blood coagulability

Platelets, Coagulation Factors & Inhibitors, Fibrinolysis

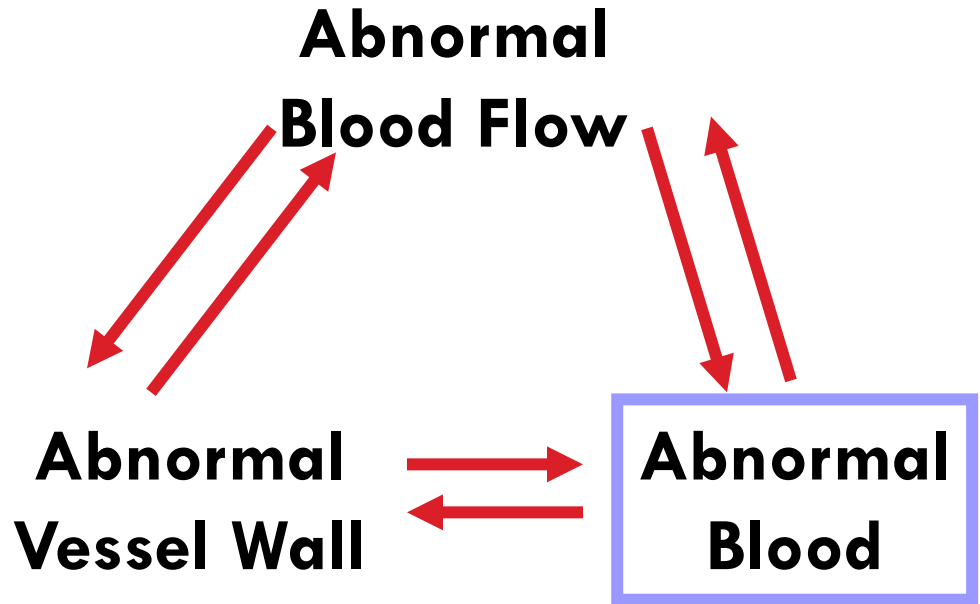
## Changes in vessel wall

Endothelial changes due to inflammation or atherogenesis

## Changes in blood flow

Rheology in vessels





**The Hypercoagulable State**

**Dr. Rudolph Virchow**  
**1821-1902**



# Cause – Bleeding Diathesis

## Acquired

- Anticoagulation with warfarin / heparin
- Liver failure / Vitamin K deficiency / DIC
- Snake venom e.g Rattle snake, viper
- Viral hemorrhagic fever
- Leukemia

## Autoimmune

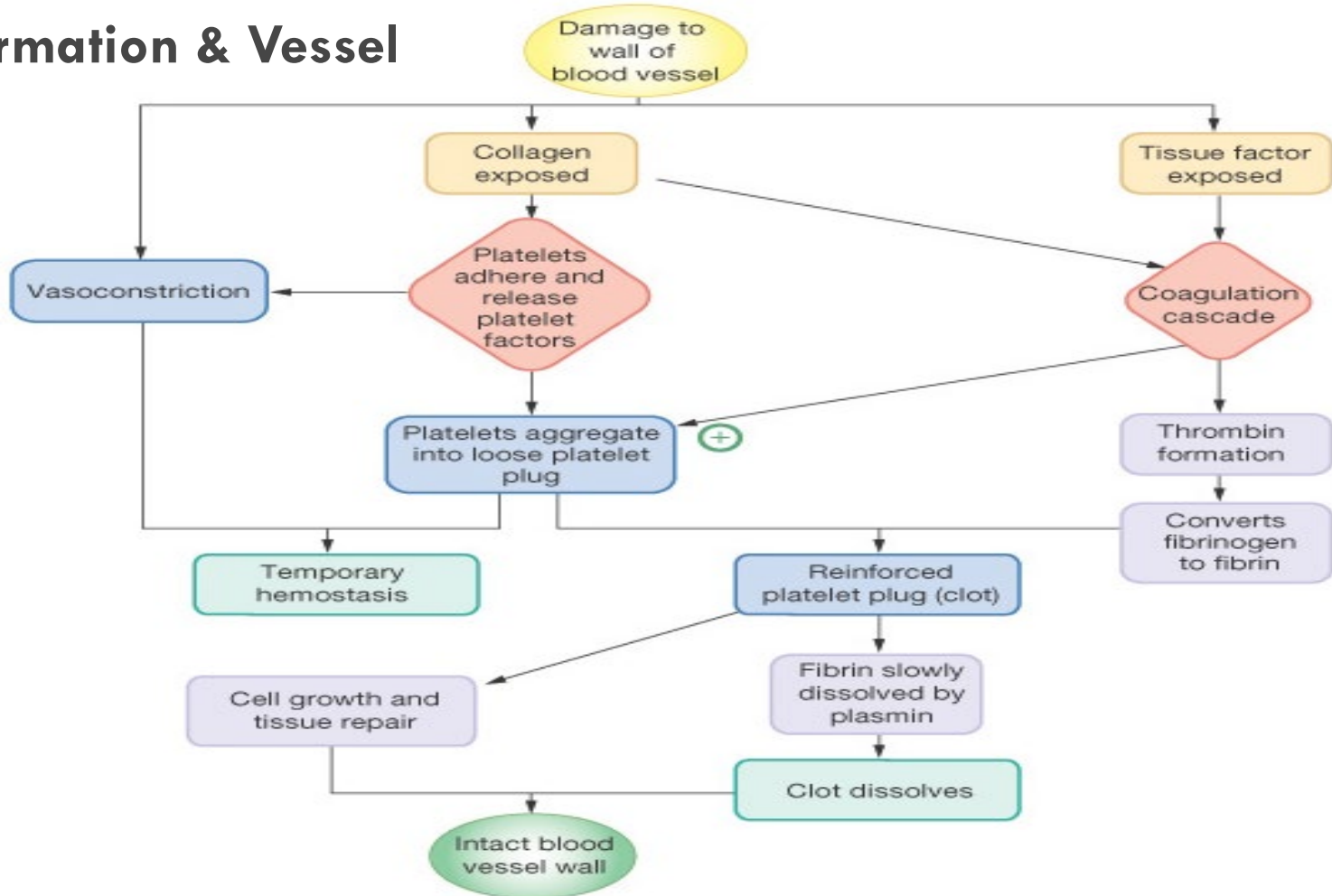
- Acquired antibodies to coagulation factors
- Inhibitor directed
  - Against Factor VIII
  - Antiphospholipid

## Genetic

Lack of coagulation factor protein producing genes

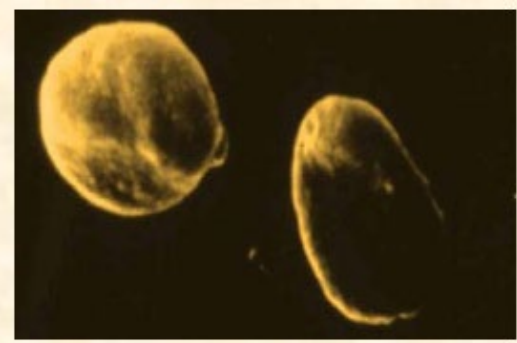
- Hemophilia (VIIIa, IXB deficiency)
- Von Willebrand (protein required for platelet adhesion)
- Bernard Soulier (GpIb), the receptor for vWF)
- Wiskott Aldrich (autoimmune haemolytic anaemia-defects in homeostasis)
- Glanzmann thrombasthenia (platelets lack GP IIb/IIIa. Hence, no fibrinogen bridging)

# Overview of Hemostasis: Clot Formation & Vessel Repair

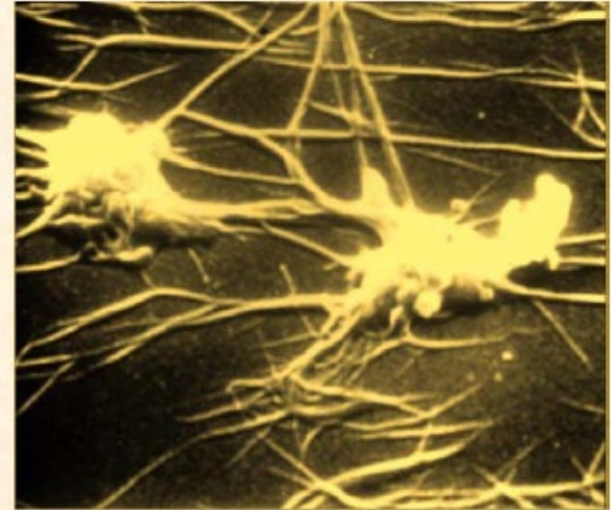


# Hemostasis

- A series of reactions for stoppage of bleeding
- During hemostasis, three phases occur in rapid sequence
  - ▣ **Vascular spasms – immediate vasoconstriction in response to injury**
  - ▣ **Platelet plug formation**
  - ▣ **Coagulation (blood clotting)**



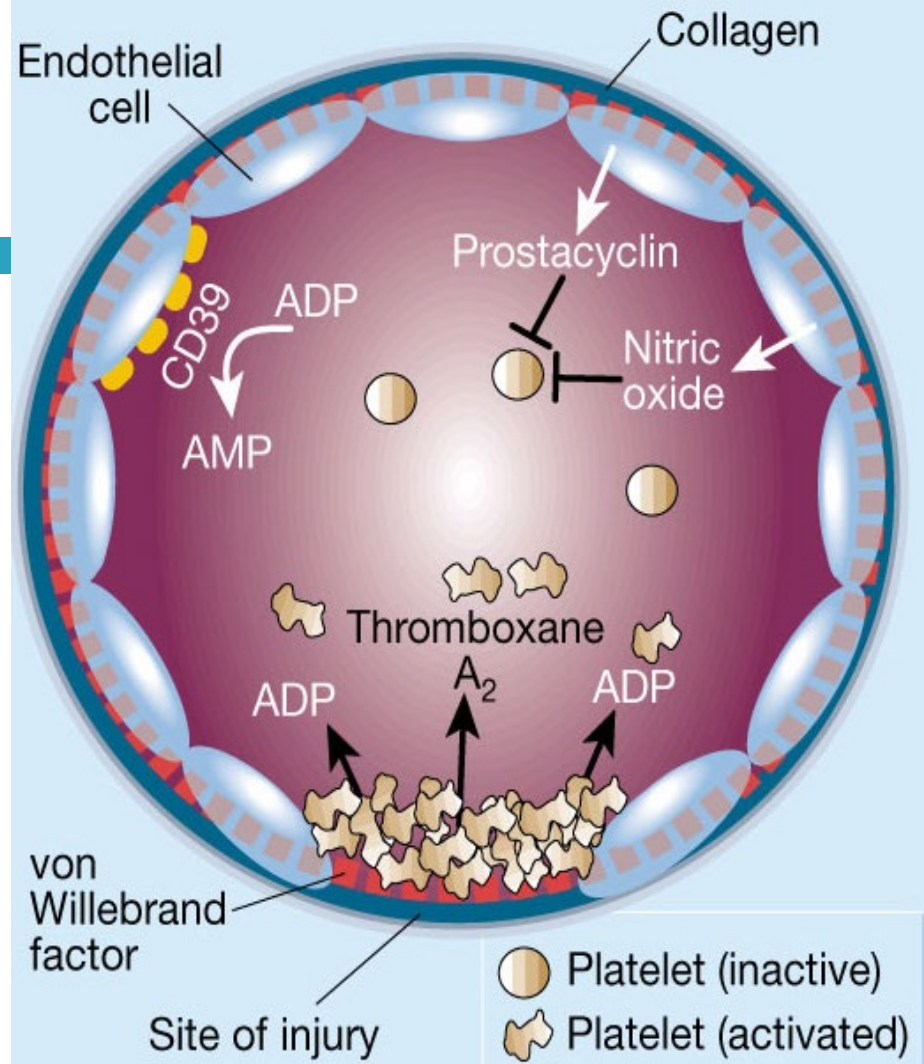
Resting platelets



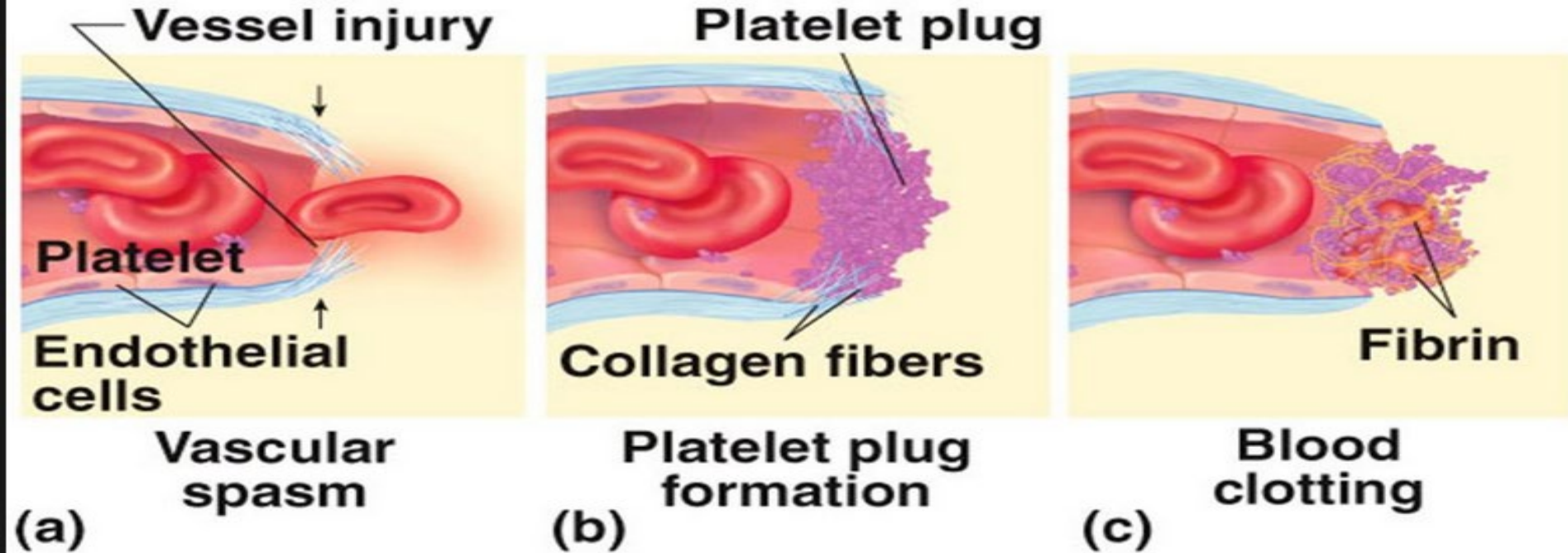
Activated platelets

# Platelet Plug Formation

- Platelets do not stick to each other or to blood vessels
- Upon damage to blood vessel endothelium platelets:
  - **With the help of von Willebrand factor (VWF) adhere to collagen**
  - **Are stimulated by thromboxane A<sub>2</sub>**
  - **Stick to exposed collagen fibers and form a platelet plug**
  - **Release serotonin and ADP, which attract still more platelets**
- *The platelet plug is limited to the immediate area of injury* by **prostacyclin**



# Steps of Hemostasis

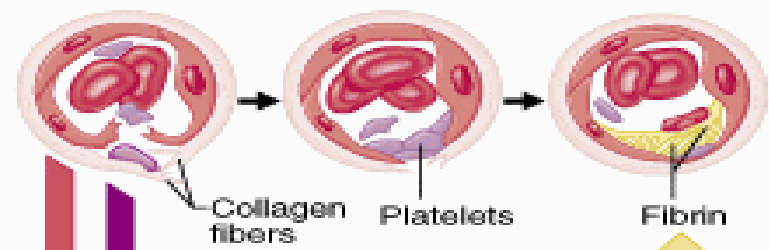


[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFNWGCx\\_Eu4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFNWGCx_Eu4)

Injury to lining of vessel exposes collagen fibers; platelets adhere

Platelet plug forms

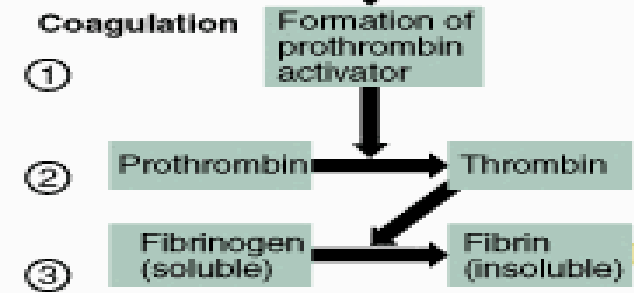
Fibrin clot with trapped red blood cells



Platelets release chemicals that make nearby platelets sticky

PF<sub>3</sub> from platelets and tissue factor from damaged tissue cells

Calcium and other clotting factors in blood plasma



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Platelets release



tissue factor other clotting factors

Prothrombin activator is formed.

Activator transforms prothrombin

Prothrombin becomes thrombin

catalyzes fibrinogen activates factor XIII

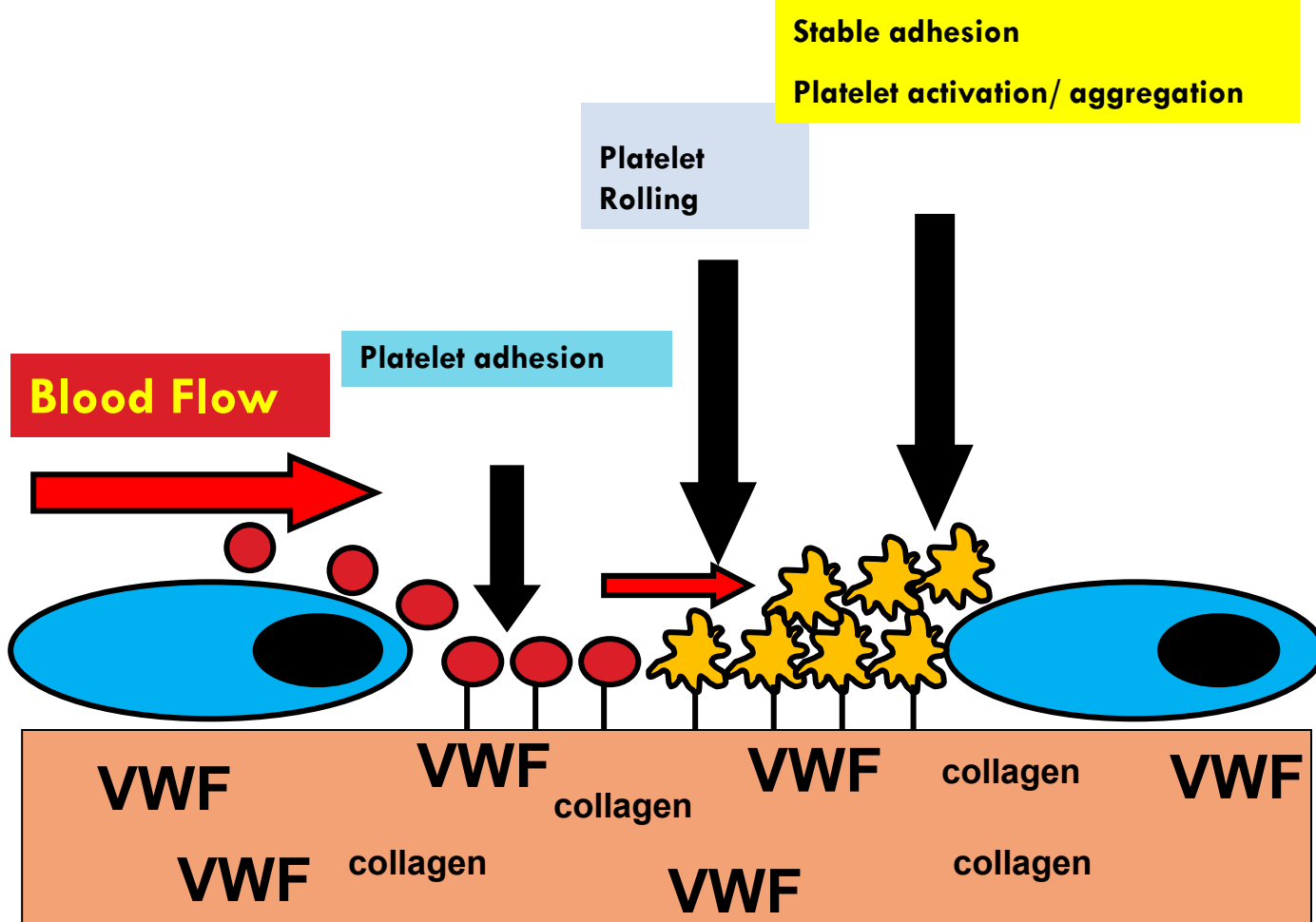
fibrinogen becomes fibrin

fibrin stabilizing factor

Fibrin Mesh Forms

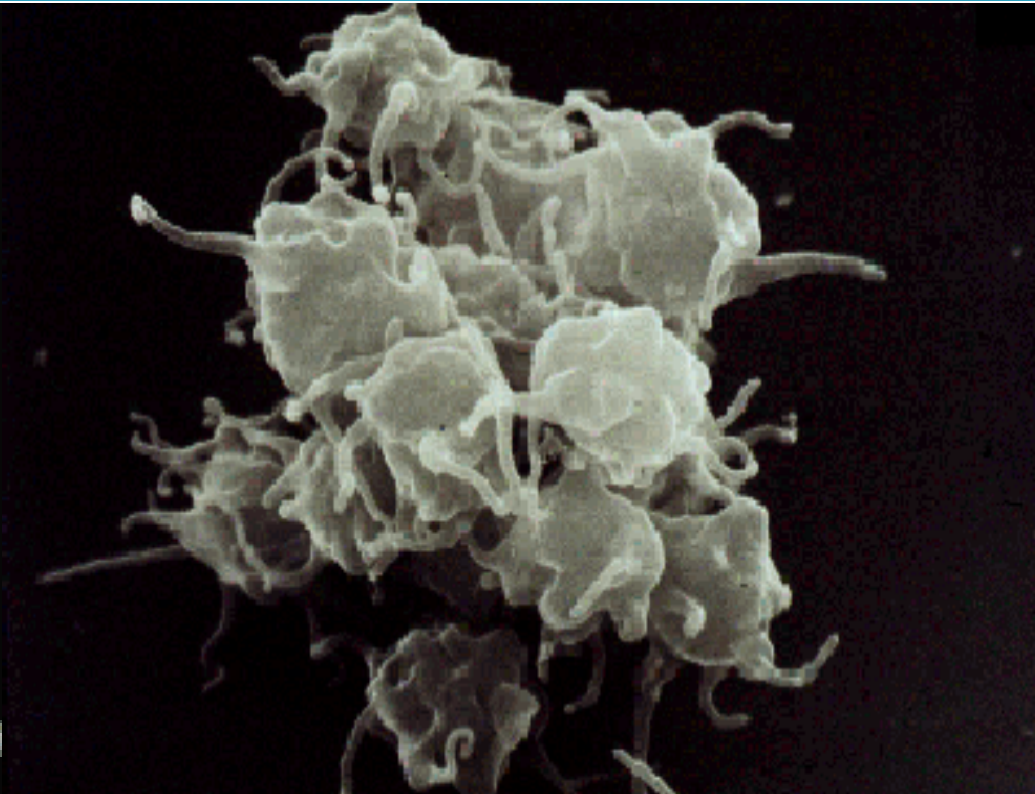
Clot Forms

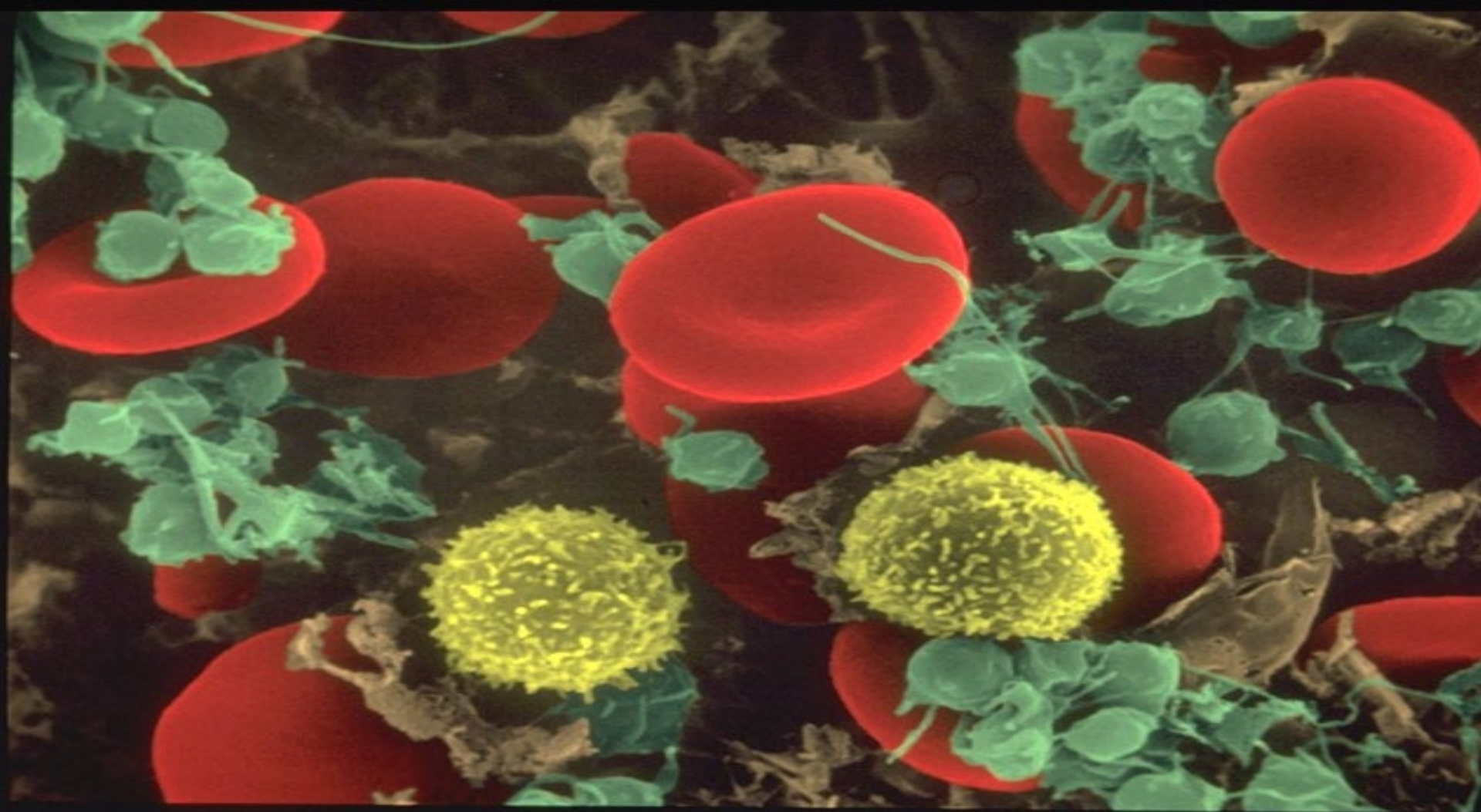




***Inactive***

***Active***





# Antithrombotic Properties of the Endothelium

- **Anti-platelet properties**
  - Covers highly thrombogenic basement membrane
  - **Uninjured endothelium does not bind platelets**
  - **PGI<sub>2</sub> (prostacyclin) and NO from uninjured endothelium inhibit platelet binding**
  - **ADPase counters the platelet aggregating effects of ADP**

# Antithrombotic Properties of the Endothelium

## Anticoagulant properties

\***HEPARIN-LIKE MOLECULES:** activate anti-thrombin III (inactivates active proteases)

\***THROMBOMODULIN:** changes specificity of thrombin (activates protein C , which inactivates factors Va and VIIIa)

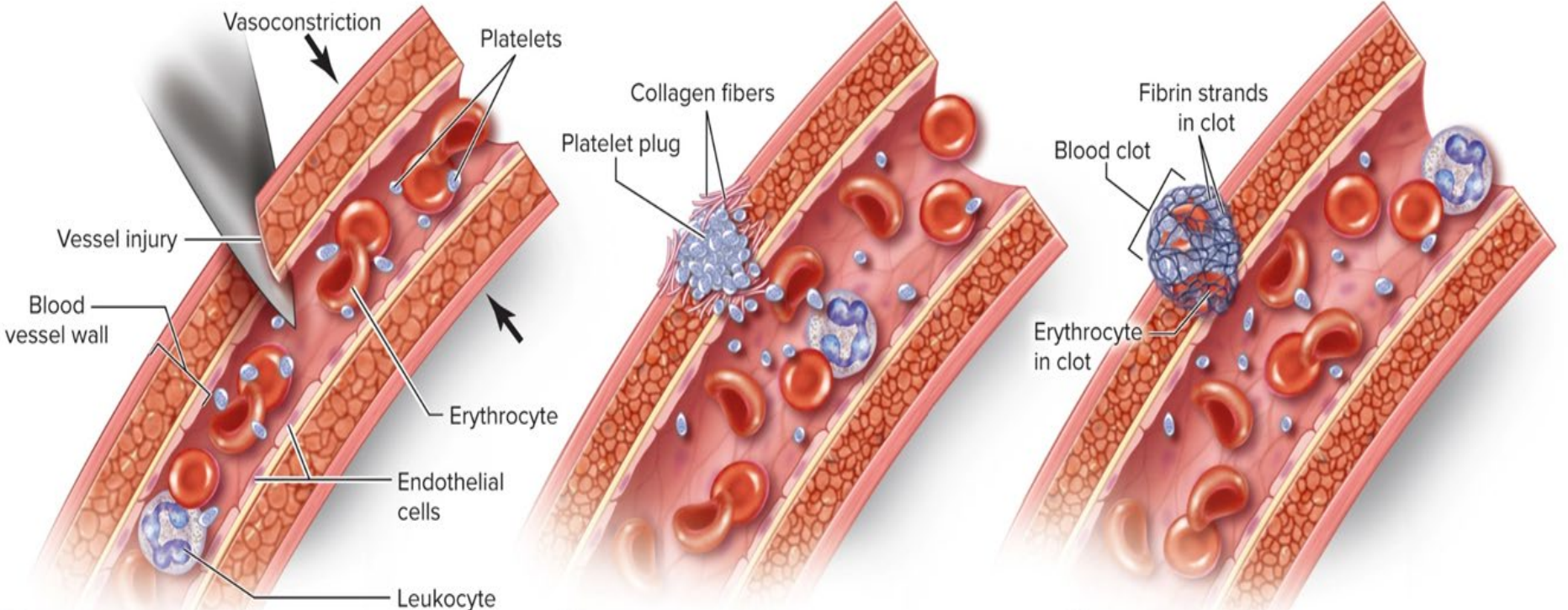
\*Endothelial cells produce **tPA** which activates fibrinolysis via plasminogen to plasmin

## Prothrombotic Properties of the Endothelium

- Synthesis of von Willebrand factor
- Release of tissue factor
- Production of plasminogen activator inhibitors (PAI)
- Membrane phospholipids bind and facilitate activation of clotting factors via Ca bridges

# Hemostasis

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**1 Vasoconstriction**  
Blood vessel constricts to limit blood escape.

**2 Platelet plug formation**  
Platelets arrive at site of injury and stick to exposed collagen fibers.

**3 Coagulation phase**  
Coagulation cascade converts inactive proteins to active forms, which ultimately forms fibrin strands of a blood clot.

# Glycocalyx

- Glycoproteins

- Ib (GPIb)

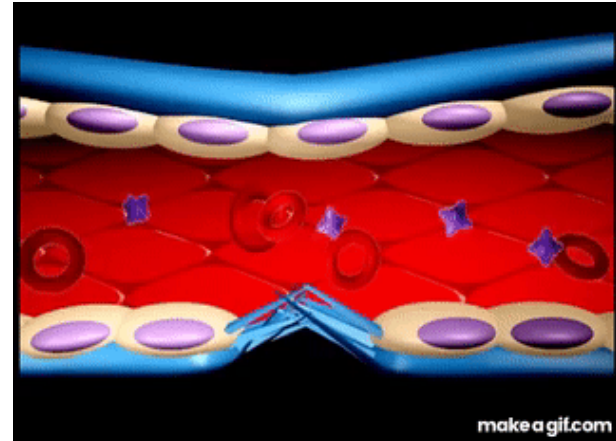
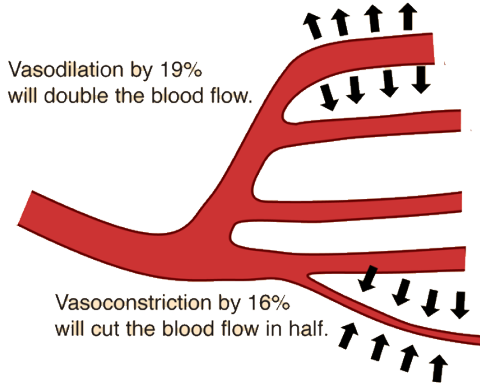
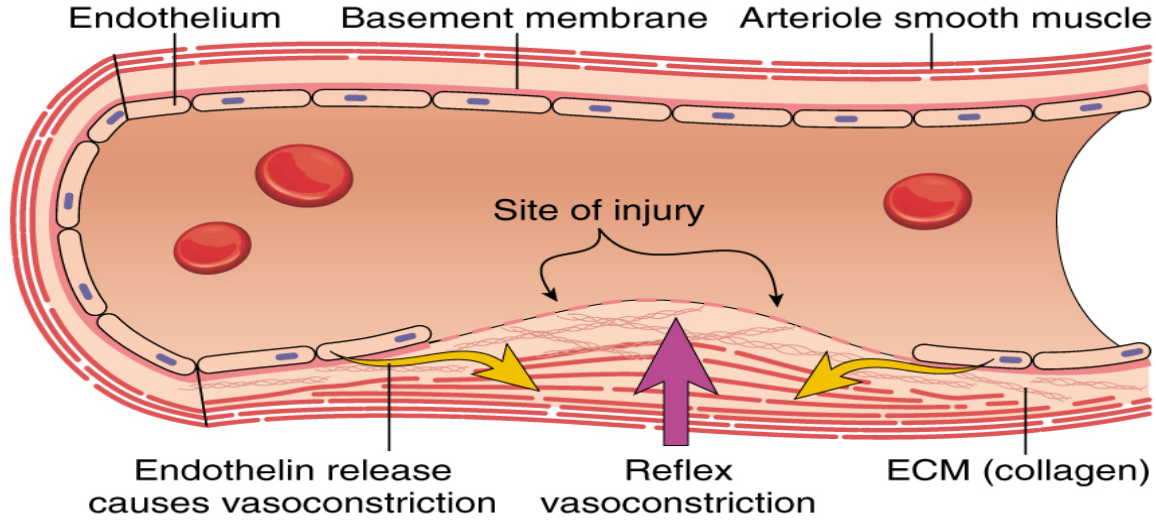
- Receptor site for vWF

- IIb, IIIa (GPIIb/IIIa)

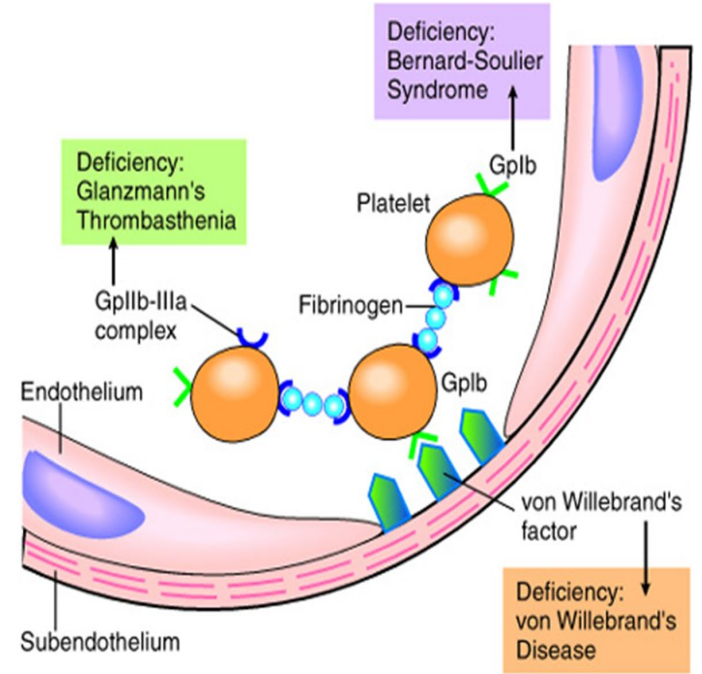
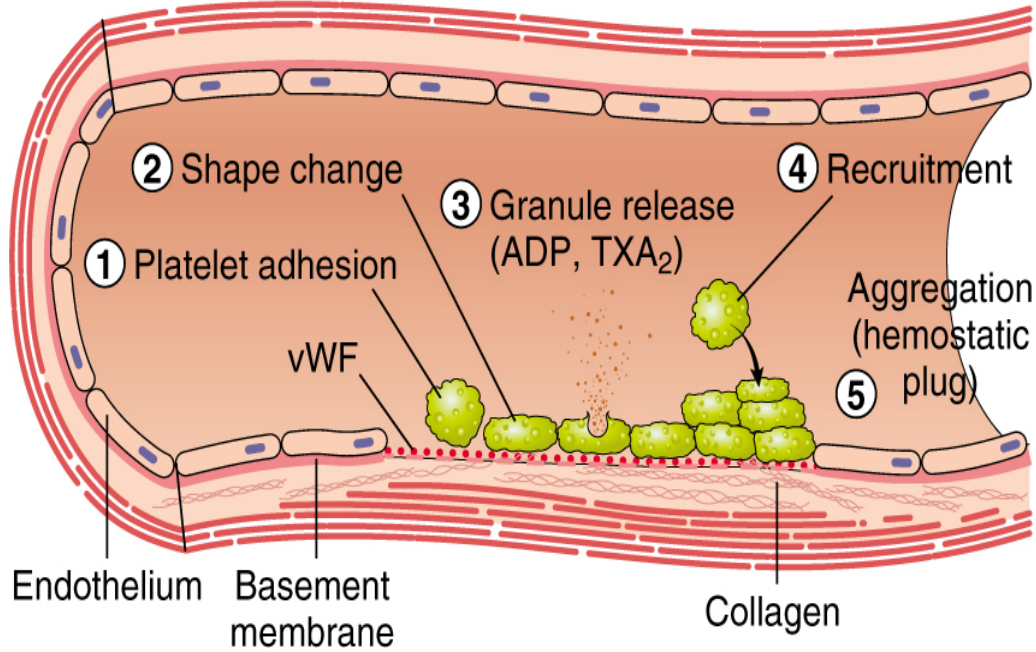
- Complex becomes receptor site for fibrinogen



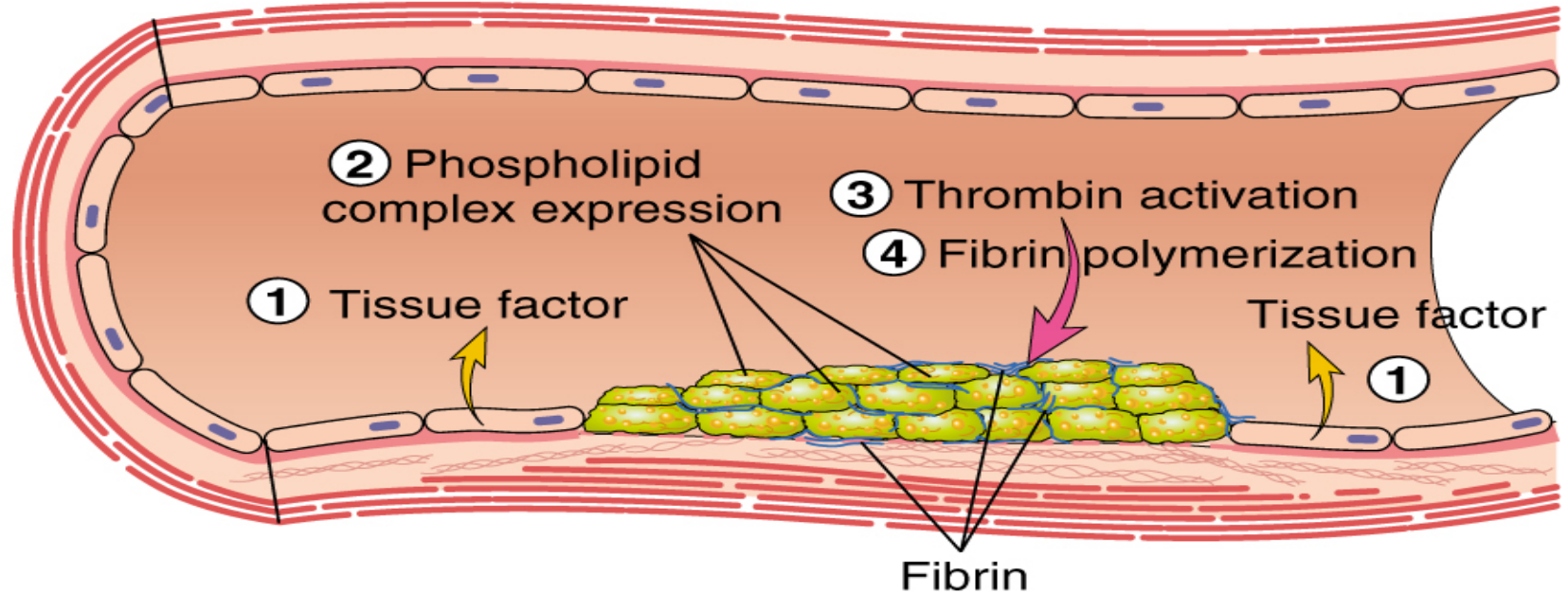
# A. VASOCONSTRICTION



## B. PRIMARY HEMOSTASIS



## C. SECONDARY HEMOSTASIS



# Coagulation

- A set of reactions in which blood is transformed from a liquid to a gel
- **Coagulation follows intrinsic and extrinsic pathways**
- The final three steps of this series of reactions are:
  - ▣ **Prothrombin activator is formed**
  - ▣ **Prothrombin is converted into thrombin**
  - ▣ **Thrombin catalyzes the joining of fibrinogen into a fibrin mesh**



# Secondary hemostasis

- **Intrinsic Pathway**
  - All components required for initiating this pathway are circulating in the blood
  - **triggered by contact with collagen or glass**
- **Extrinsic Pathway**
  - Initiated by the **release of tissue thromboplastin and calcium from damaged tissue**
- **Common Pathway**
  - Leads to clot formation including the platelet plug and fibrin produced

# Coagulation Proteins

- **Zymogens**
  - enzyme precursors II, VII, IX, X, XI, XII, Prekallkrein
  - When activated become serine proteases
- **Cofactors**
  - Nonenzymatic V, VIII, HMWK, Tissue factor(thromboplastin)
- **Kinin factors prekallikrein, kallikrein, HMWK**
  - Roles include coag activation as well as fibrinolytic activation

# Coag factors (by group)

- **Fibrinogen group: I,V,VIII,XIII**
  - ▣ most labile, are consumed in coagulation, found on platelets
- **Prothrombin group: II,VII,IX,X**
  - ▣ Vitamin K dependent, may be affected by coumarin,diet, antibiotics
- **Contact group: XI,XII,HMWK, Prekallikrein**
  - ▣ initiate intrinsic path and fibrinolysis

Table 45.2 Proteins of blood coagulation

<b>Factor</b>	<b>descriptive name</b>	<b>function/active form</b>
<i>Coagulation factors</i>		
I	Fibrinogen	Fibrin
II	Prothrombin	<b>Serine protease</b>
III	Tissue factor	Receptor, cofactor
IV	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Cofactor
V	Proaccelerin, labile factor	Cofactor
VII	Proconvertin	<b>Serine protease</b>
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Antihemophilia factor A</b>	Cofactor
<b>IX</b>	<b>Antihemophilia factor B</b>	<b>Serine protease</b>
X	Stuart-Prower factor	<b>Serine protease</b>
XI	Plasma thromboplastin antecedent	<b>Serine protease</b>
XIII	Fibrin-stabilizing factor	Ca <sup>2+</sup> -dep transglutaminase

*Regulatory factors*

Thrombomodulin	endothelial cell receptor, binds thrombin
Protein C	activated by thrombomodulin-bound thrombin; serine protease
Protein S	cofactor; binds activated protein C



<b>Table 18.8</b>				
<b>Clotting Factors</b>				
<b>Factor Designator<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Extrinsic or Intrinsic Pathway</b>	<b>Clinical Syndrome (If Clotting Factor Is Deficient)</b>
I	Fibrinogen	Activated to fibrin	Both	Afibrinogenemia (autosomal recessive disorder); during pregnancy can cause premature separation of placenta
II	Prothrombin	Protease; activated to thrombin	Both	Hypoprothrombinemia (autosomal recessive disorder); decreased synthesis in liver generally due to insufficient vitamin K (Note that mutation in the prothrombin gene causes hypercoagulation problems. <sup>2</sup> )
III	Tissue factor (thromboplastin)	Cofactor; activates factor VII	Extrinsic	None known
IV	Calcium	Ion essential to both pathways	Both	None known
V	Proaccelerin	Cofactor; activates factor VII; combines with factor X to form prothrombin activator	Both	Parahemophilia (autosomal recessive) (Note that Leiden mutation causes hypercoagulation problems. <sup>2</sup> )
VI	Accelerin	Redundant to activated factor V	Both	None known
VII	Proconvertin	Protease; activates factor X	Extrinsic	Hypoconvertinemia (autosomal recessive)
VIII	Antihemophilic factor A	Cofactor; activates factor X	Intrinsic	Hemophilia A (classical hemophilia); congenital X-linked trait
IX	Antihemophilic factor B (Christmas factor)	Protease; activates factor VIII	Intrinsic	Hemophilia B (Christmas disease <sup>3</sup> ); congenital X-linked trait
X	Thrombokinase	Protease; combines with factor V to form prothrombin activator	Both	Stuart-Prower factor deficiency (autosomal recessive)
XI	Antihemophilic factor C	Protease; activates factor IX	Intrinsic	Hemophilia C, also known as plasma thromboplastin antecedent (PTA) deficiency (autosomal dominant)
XII	Hageman factor	Protease; activates factor XI and plasmin; converts prekallikrein to kallikrein	Intrinsic	Hageman trait (autosomal recessive disorder)
XIII	Fibrin-stabilizing factor	Cross-links fibrin	Both	The rarest of all of the clotting deficiencies; bleeding disorders apparent at birth (autosomal recessive disorder)

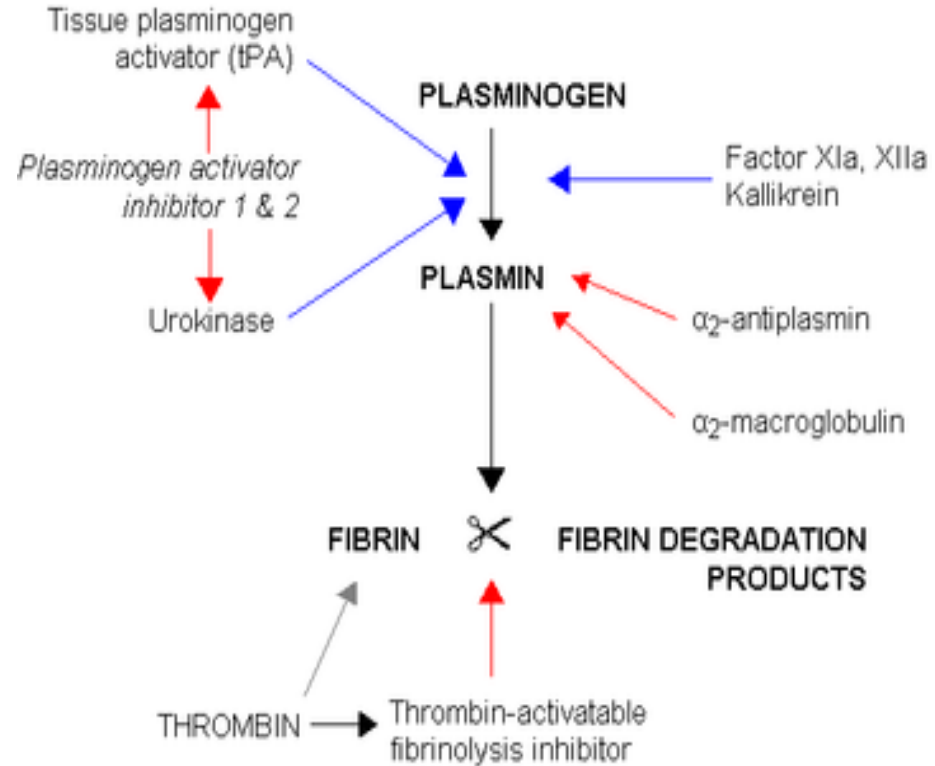
1. All proteins produced by the liver except tissue factor (thromboplastin; factor III) formed by perivascular tissue; fibrin-stabilizing factor (factor XIII) produced by platelets and plasma; and factor IV, which is simply  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  (not a protein). Hageman factor is produced by both the liver and platelets. Additional factors released from platelets: platelet factors 1, 2, 3, and 4.

2. This item is a hypercoagulation problem and not due to deficient clotting factor.

3. Named for the first person diagnosed with the disease.

# FIBRINOLYTIC SYSTEM

- Definition: temporary fibrin clot systematically and gradually dissolved as the vessel heals
- Key components
  - ▣ Plasminogen (inactive form)
  - ▣ Plasminogen activators
  - ▣ Plasmin
  - ▣ Fibrin
  - ▣ Fibrin Degradation Products (FDP)
  - ▣ Inhibitors of plasminogen activators and plasmin



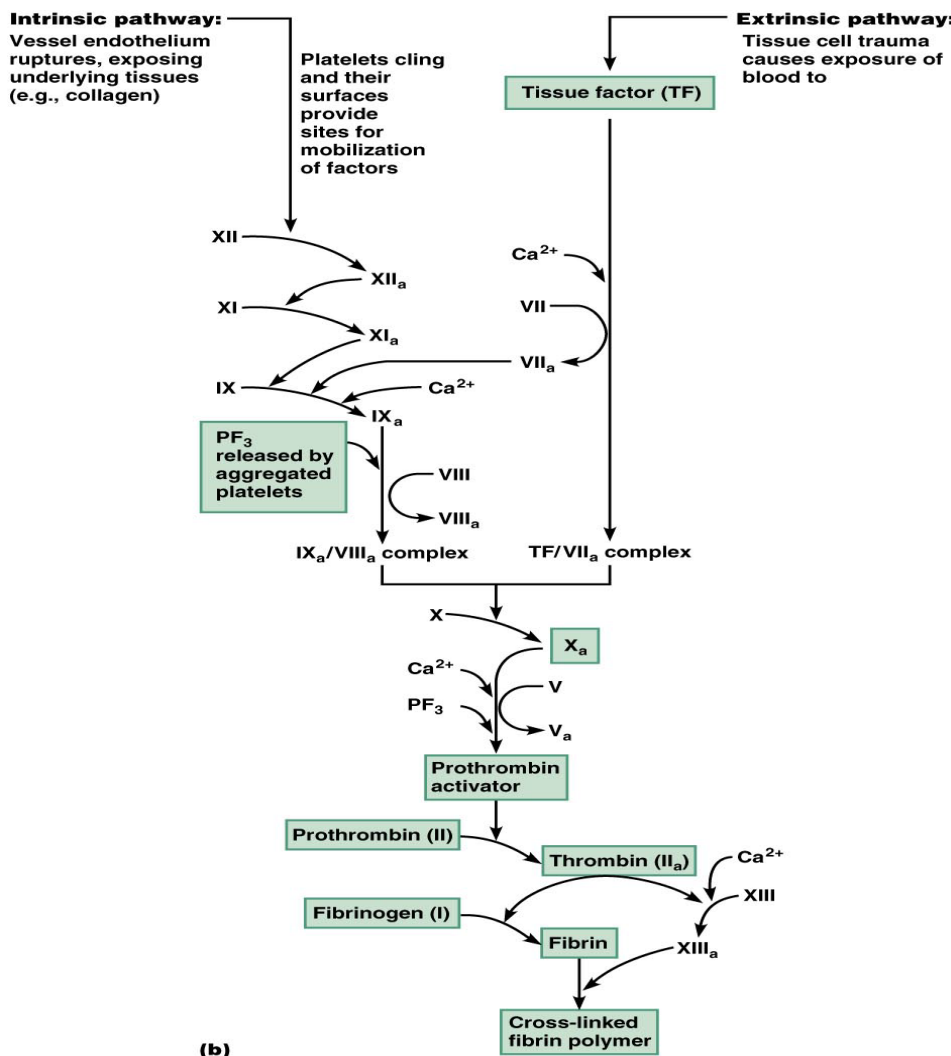


# Activators of Fibrinolysis

- **Intrinsic activators**
  - ▣ Factor XIIa, XIa, kallikrein
- **Extrinsic activators**
  - ▣ Tissue type plasminogen activator (t-PA)
  - ▣ Urokinase type plasminogen activator (u-PA)
- **Exogenous activators**
  - ▣ Streptokinase (derived from beta strep)

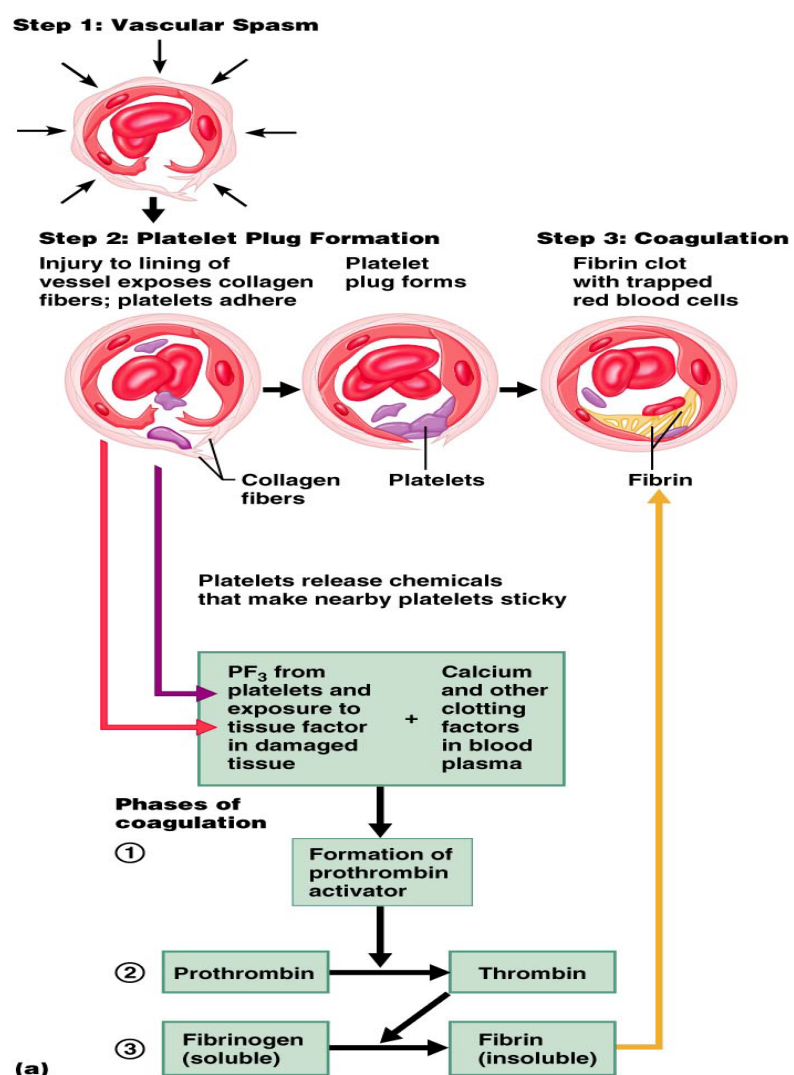
# Inhibitors of Fibrinolysis

- Plasminogen Activator Inhibitors (PAI)
- $\alpha_2$  –antiplasmin
- $\alpha_2$  -macroglobulin



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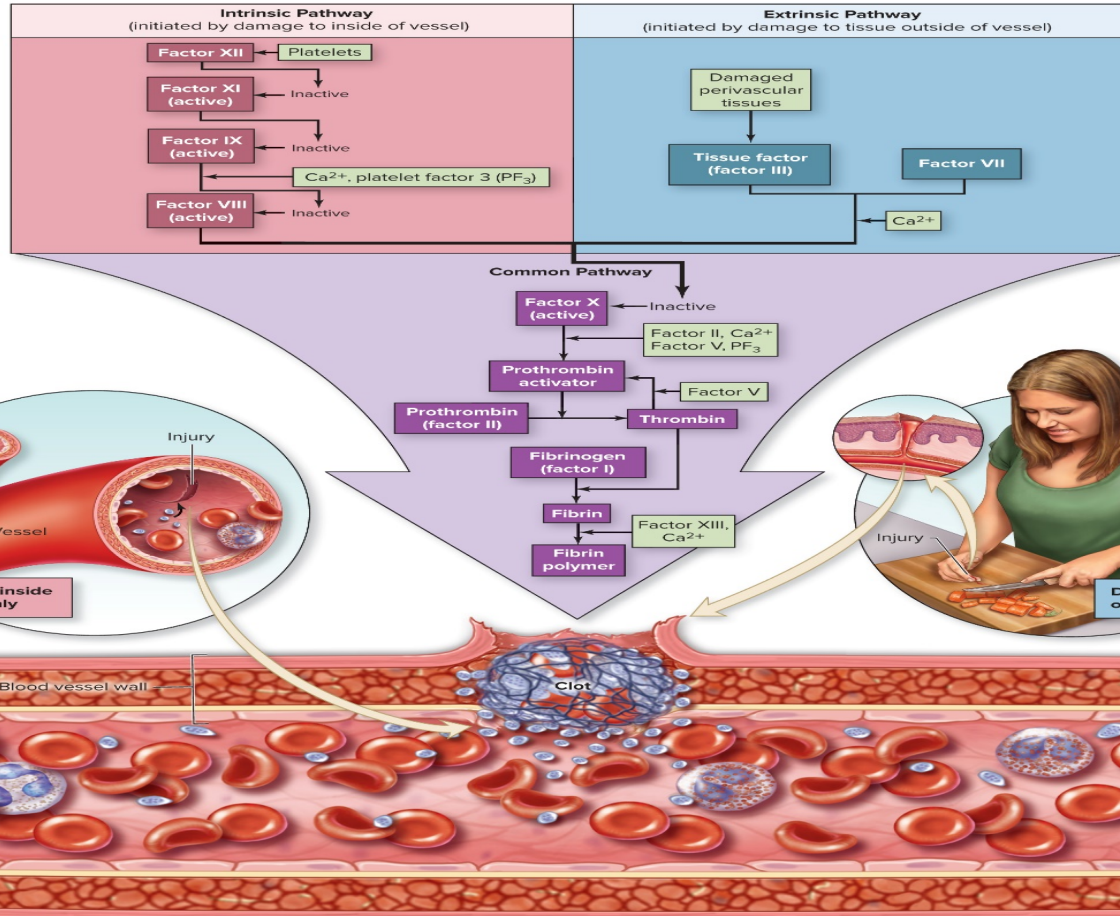
# Coagulation



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Figure 18.13

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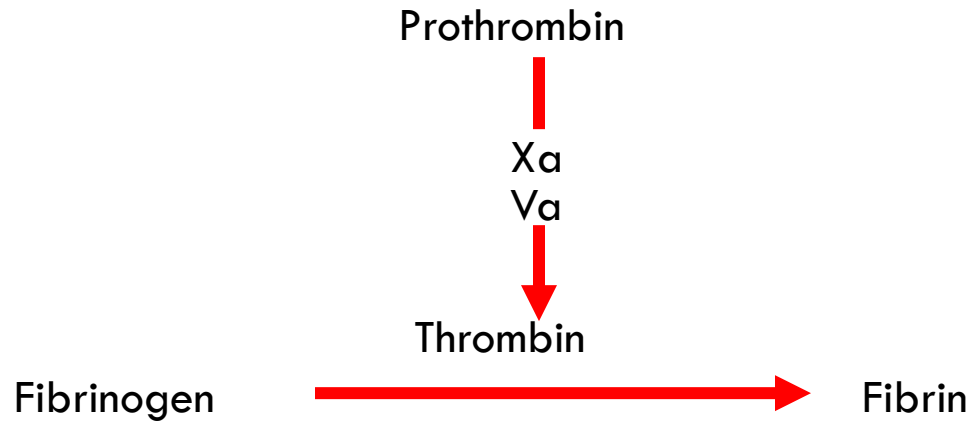
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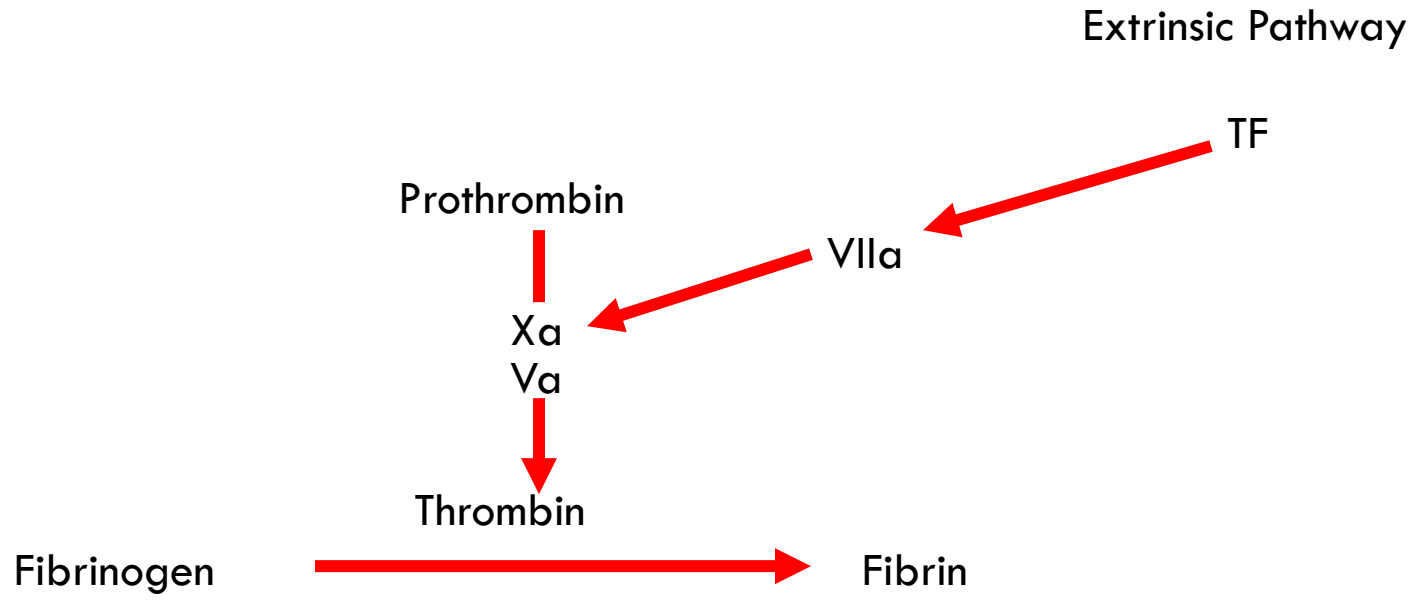
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Fibrinogen  Fibrin









Intrinsic pathway

XIIa



XIa



IXa

VIIIa

Prothrombin

Xa

Va

Thrombin

Fibrinogen



Fibrin

Extrinsic Pathway

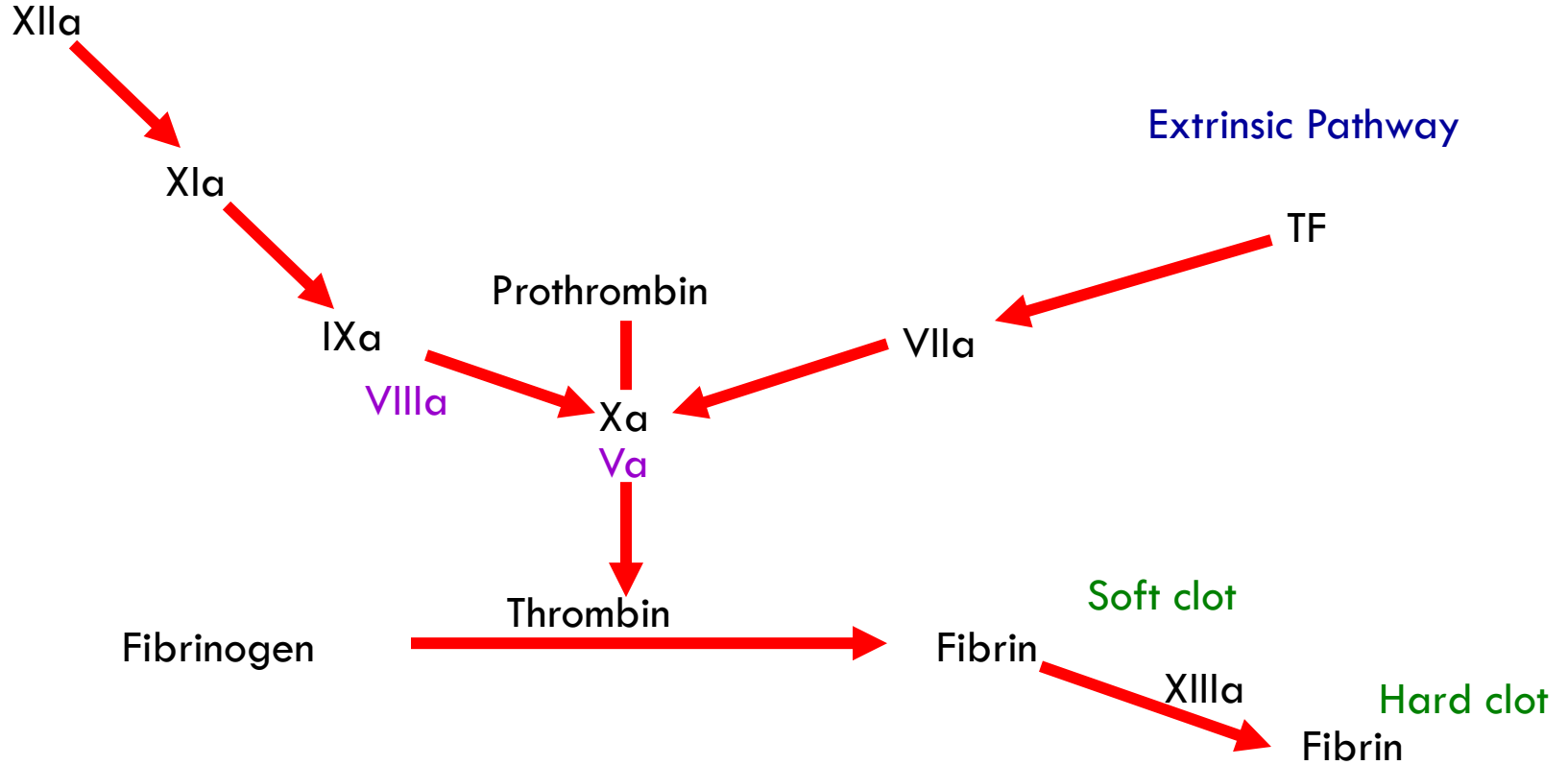
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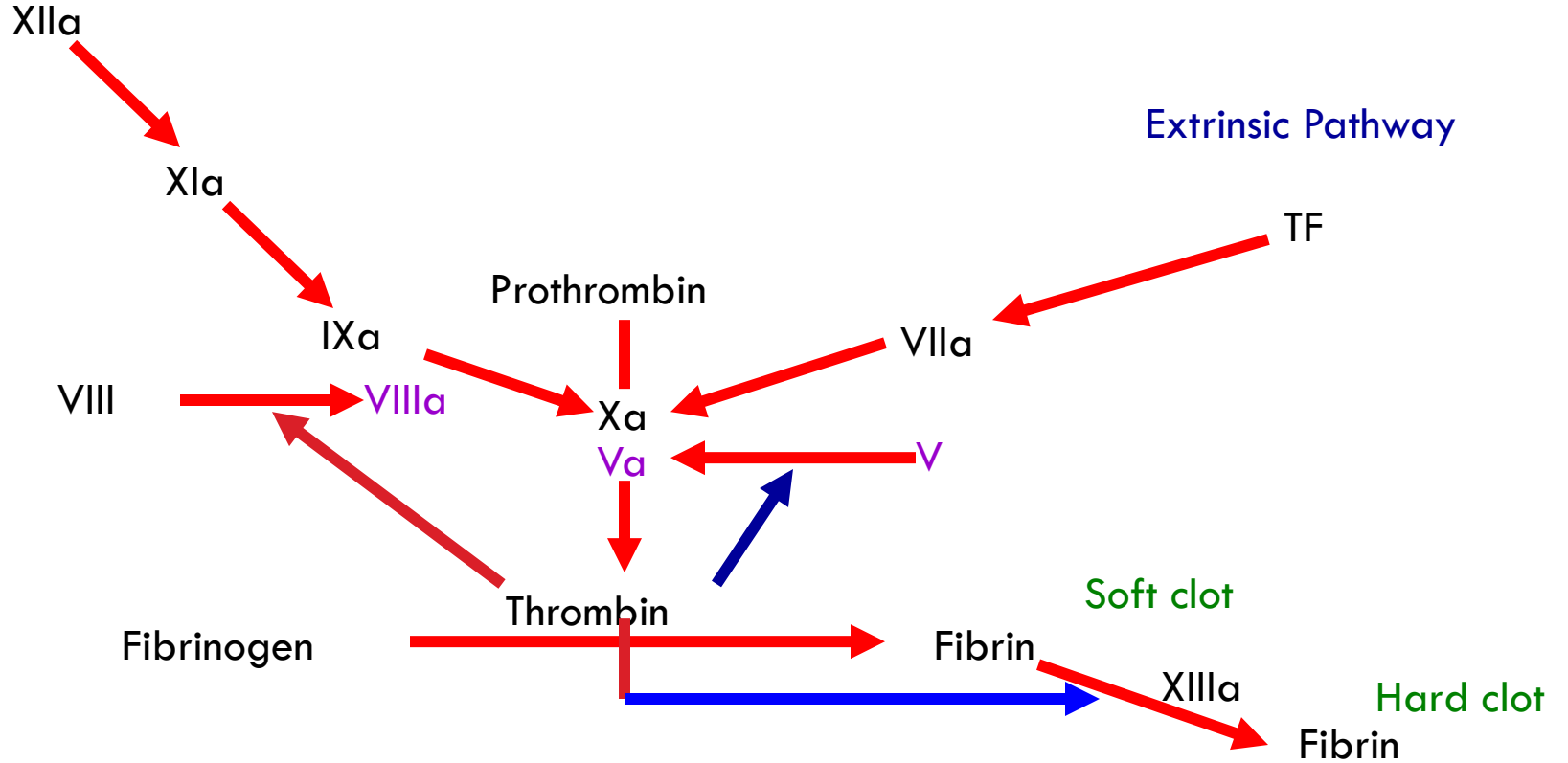
VIIa

Xa

## Intrinsic pathway

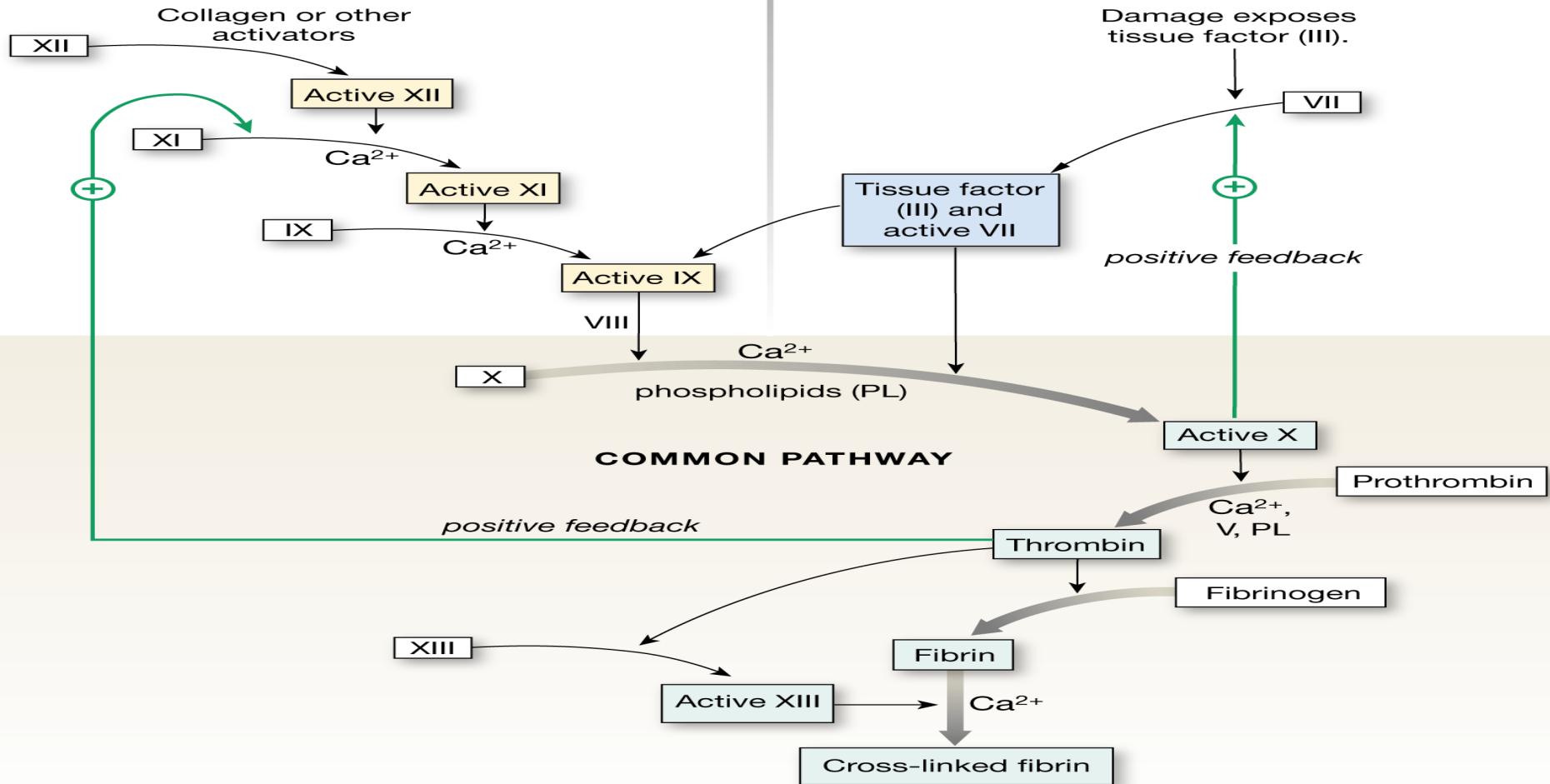


# Intrinsic pathway



## INTRINSIC PATHWAY *Contact Activation*

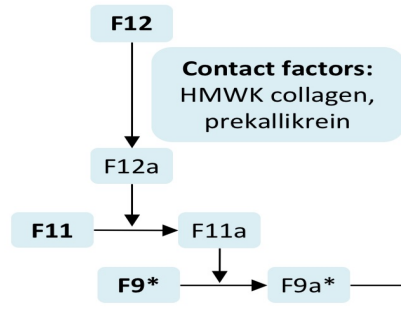
## EXTRINSIC PATHWAY *Cell Injury*



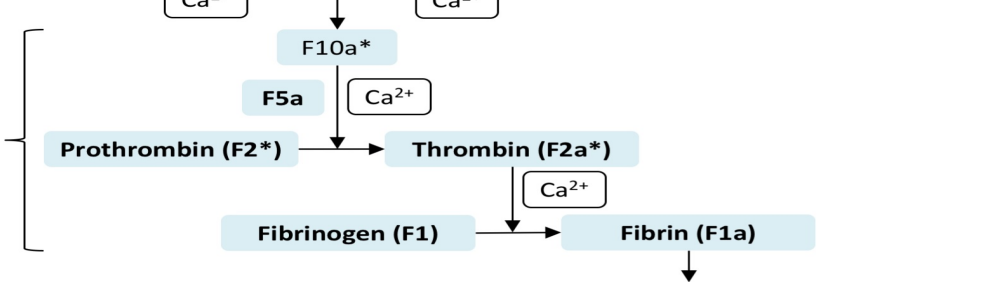
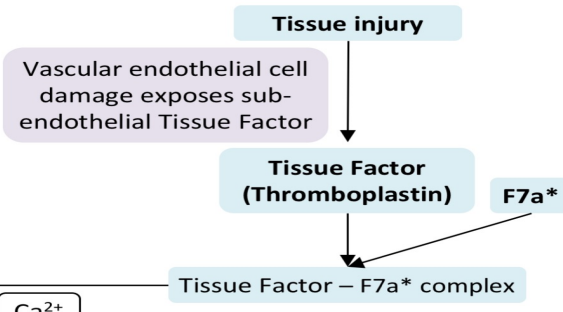
# Secondary Hemostasis: *Coagulation Cascade*

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## Intrinsic pathway:



## Extrinsic pathway:



- Abbreviations:**
- **PT** – Prothrombin Time
  - **INR** - International Normalized Ratio
  - **PTT** – Partial Thromboplastin Time
  - **F** – Coagulation Factor
  - **a** – Activated coagulation factor
  - **N** – Normal
  - **HMWK** – High molecular weight kininogen
  - \* – Vitamin K dependent (for more information, see *Vitamin K Deficiency* slide)

- Memory Aids:**
- **PT** = Extrinsic: Play Tennis outside
  - **PTT** = Intrinsic: Play Table Tennis Inside
  - Intrinsic factors – **TENET**: Twelve, Eleven, Nine, Eight, Ten
  - Common pathway factors – 10/5=2, 2/2=1 (F10, 5, 2, 1)
  - Vitamin K dependent factors – 1972 (the year Canada won the Summit Series in hockey vs. the USSR): F10, 9, 7, 2

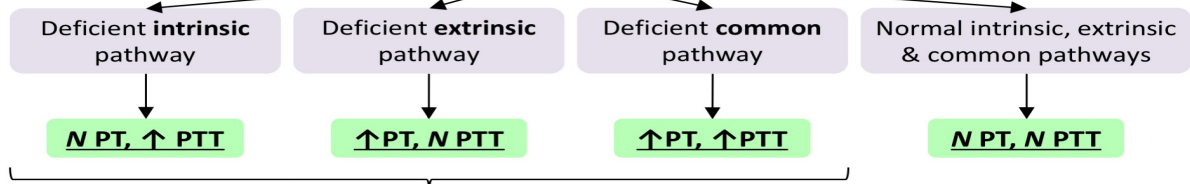
## Common pathway:

## Common Laboratory Tests:

- **PT** – Time to clot formation following activation of the extrinsic pathway
- **INR** – Normalized PT
- **PTT** – Time to clot formation following activation of the intrinsic pathway

## Coagulation

*Fibrin clot formation*



**Prolonged Bleeding**





# Coagulation Factors

Factor XII (FXII)	→	activated FXII (FXIIa)
Factor XI (FXI)	→	activated FXI (FXIa)
Factor X (FX)	→	activated FX (FXa)
Factor IX (FIX)	→	activated FIX (FIXa)
Factor VIII (FVIII)	→	activated FVIII (FVIIIa)
Factor VII (FVII)	→	activated FVII (FVIIa)
Factor V (FV)	→	activated FV (FVa)



Factor II (prothrombin) is converted to thrombin (FIIa)

Factor I (fibrinogen) is converted to fibrin

# Coagulation

- The prothrombin time (PT) and its derived measures of **prothrombin ratio (PR)** and **international normalized ratio (INR)** are measures of the extrinsic pathway of coagulation.
- They are used to determine the clotting tendency of blood, in the measure of
  - warfarin dosage,
  - liver damage,
  - vitamin K status.
- The reference range for prothrombin time is usually around 12–15 seconds;
- the normal range for the INR is 0.8–1.2. PT measures factors I, II, V, VII, and X.
- It is used in conjunction with the activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT) which measures the *intrinsic pathway*.

# Prothrombin Time (PT)

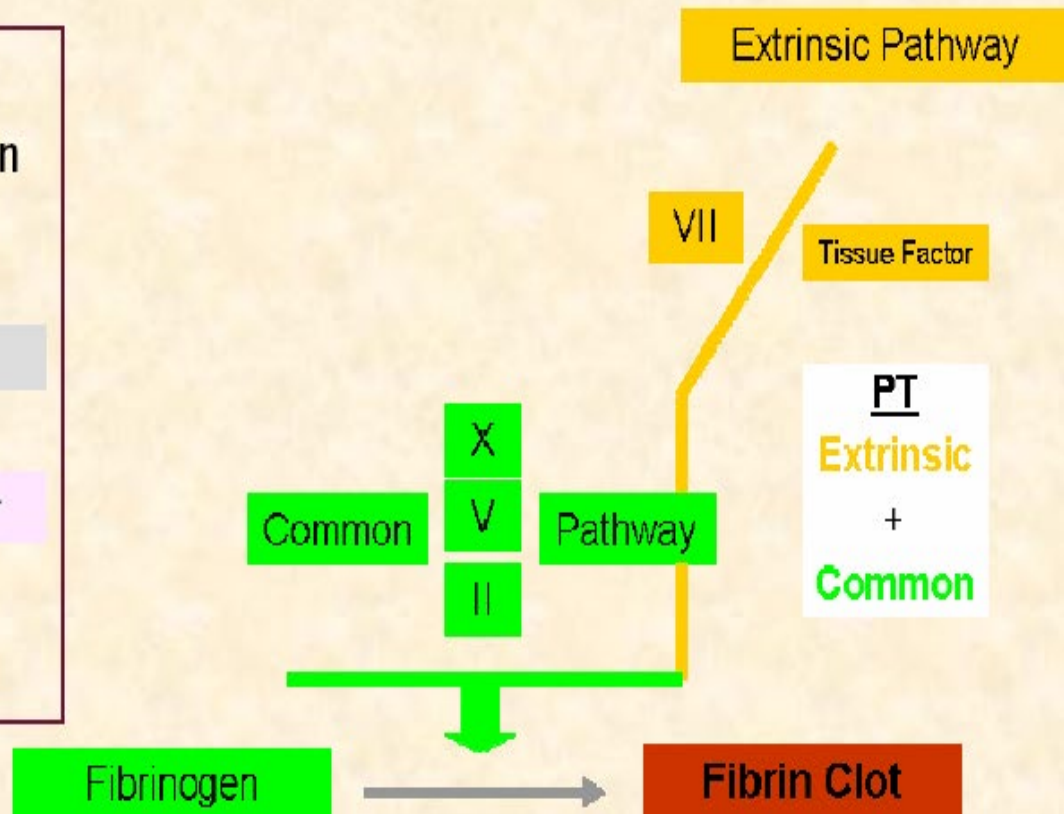


Time for clot formation  
~ 12 seconds

Incubate at 37 °C for ~3 minutes

0.1 ml Thromboplastin + Ca<sup>++</sup>

0.1 ml Plasma



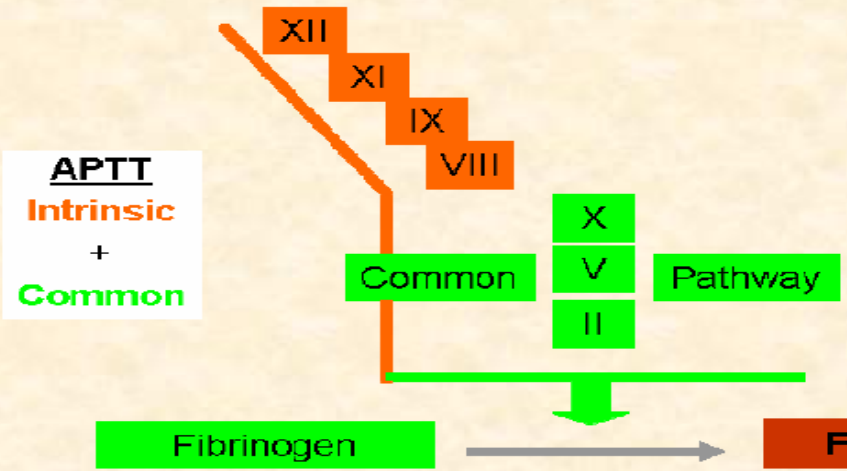
- The partial thromboplastin time (PTT) or activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT or APTT)
  - ▣ is a performance indicator measuring the efficacy of both the "intrinsic" (now referred to as the contact activation pathway) and the common coagulation pathways.

**monitor the treatment effects with heparin, a major anticoagulant**

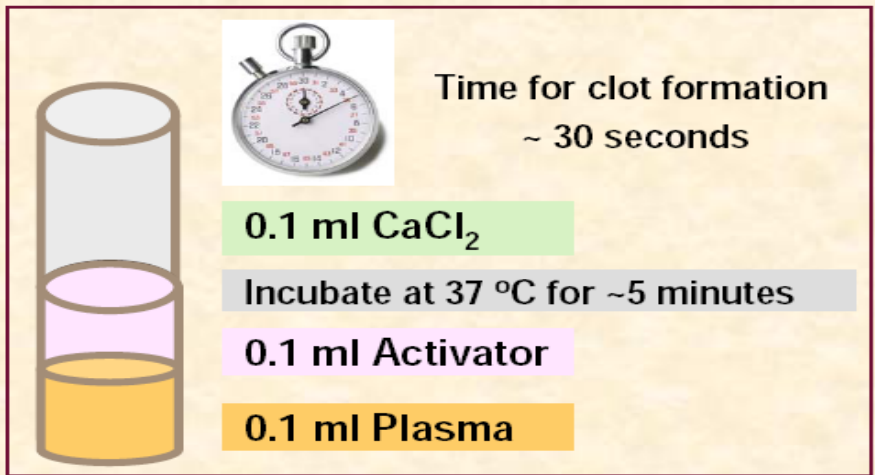
**Kaolin cephalin clotting time (KccT)** is a historic name for the activated partial thromboplastin time

# Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time

## Intrinsic Pathway



**APTT**  
Intrinsic  
+  
Common



Time for clot formation  
~ 30 seconds

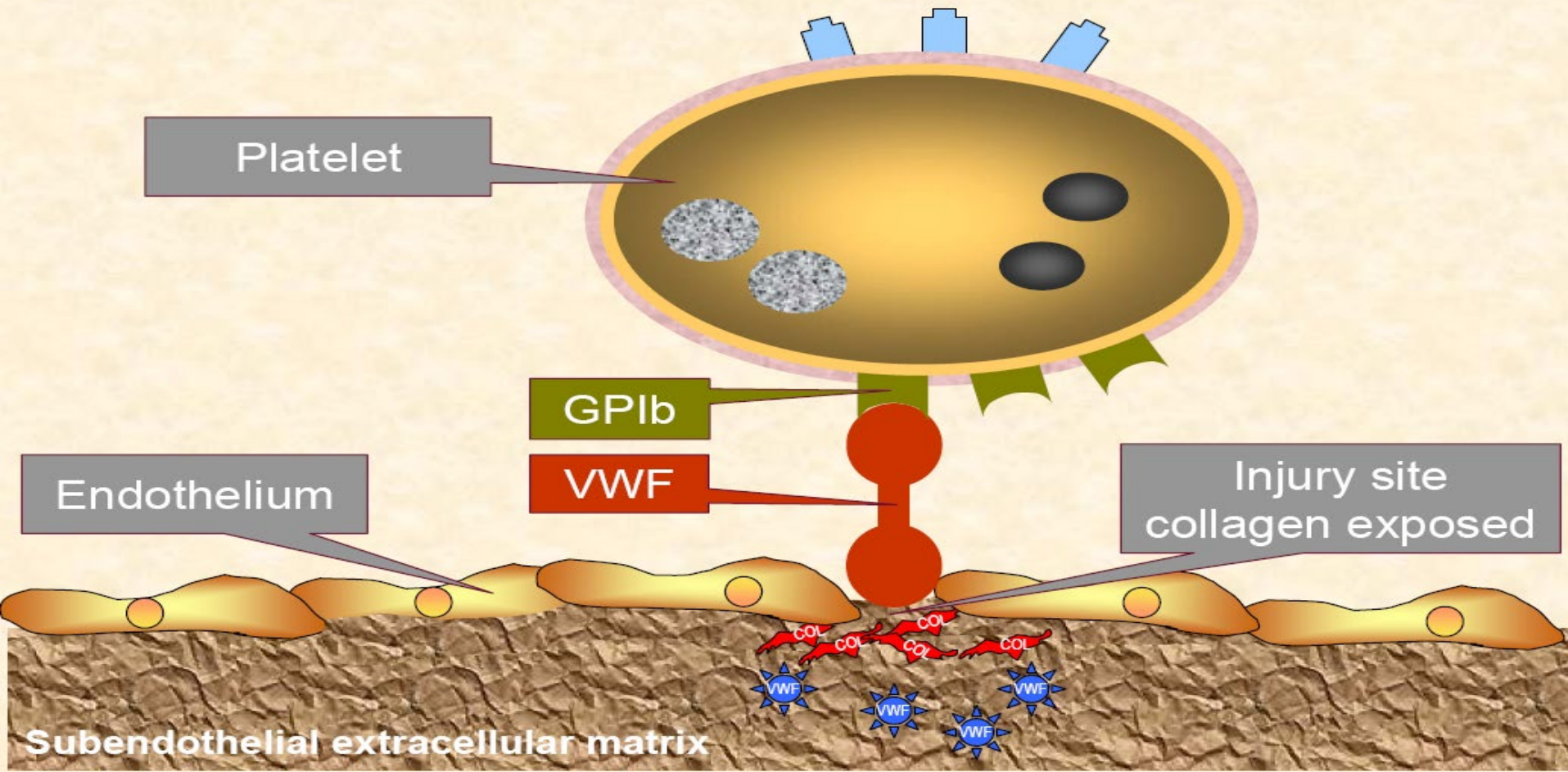
- 0.1 ml  $\text{CaCl}_2$
- Incubate at 37 °C for ~5 minutes
- 0.1 ml Activator
- 0.1 ml Plasma

## APTT Reagent Composition

- Activator to convert FXII to FXIIa
- Phospholipid (replaces "in vivo" platelet surface on which coagulation reactions occur)
- $\text{CaCl}_2$  – used to reintroduce calcium ions that were chelated by sodium citrate
- Referred to as "partial thromboplastin" since no Tissue Factor is used
  - Two-stage assay (activation and re-calcification)

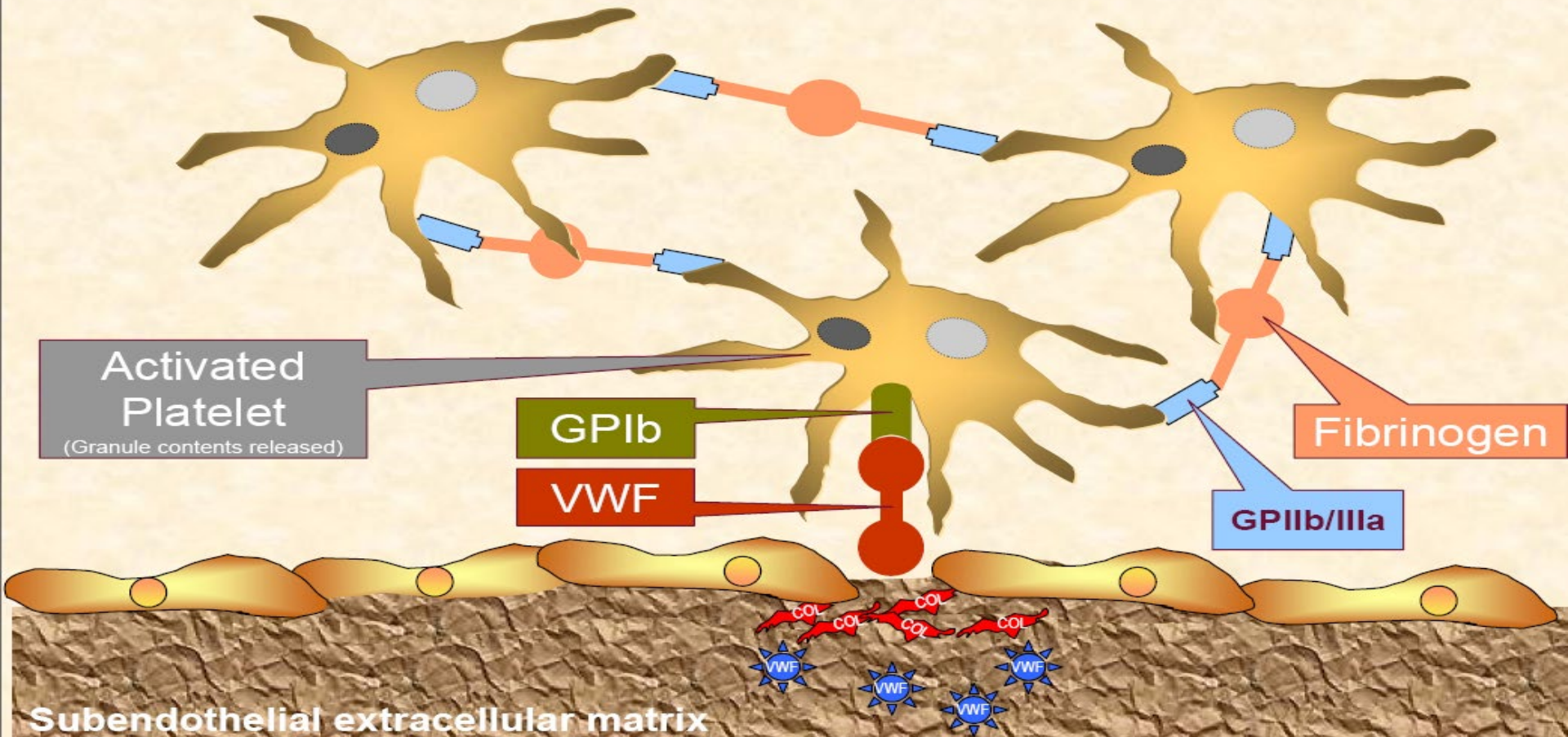
•Prolonged APTT may indicate:

1. use of heparin (or contamination of the sample)
2. antiphospholipid antibody (especially lupus anticoagulant, which paradoxically increases propensity to thrombosis)
3. coagulation factor deficiency (e.g. hemophilia)

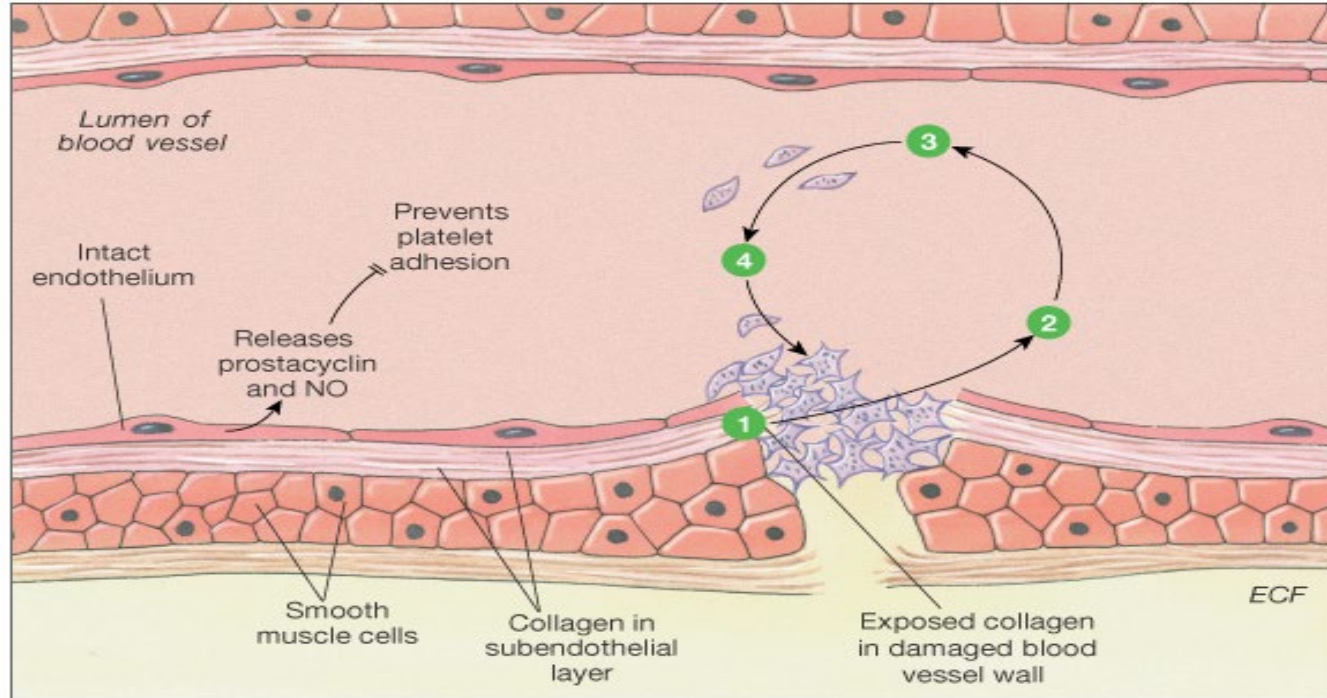




# Platelet Aggregation



# Hemostasis: Vasoconstriction & Plug Formation



- 1 Exposed collagen binds and activates platelets.
- 2 Release of platelet factors
- 3 Attracts more platelets
- 4 Aggregate into platelet plug

Figure 16-12: Platelet plug formation

# Coagulation Phase 1:

## Two Pathways to Prothrombin Activator

- May be initiated by either the intrinsic or extrinsic pathway
  - ▣ Triggered by tissue-damaging events
  - ▣ Involves a series of procoagulants
  - ▣ Each pathway cascades toward factor X
- Once **factor X has been activated, it complexes with calcium ions, PF<sub>3</sub>, and factor V to form prothrombin activator**

# Coagulation Phase 2: Pathway to Thrombin

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- Prothrombin activator catalyzes the transformation of prothrombin to the active enzyme thrombin

# Coagulation Phase 3: Common Pathways to the Fibrin Mesh

- Thrombin catalyzes the polymerization of fibrinogen into fibrin
- Insoluble fibrin strands form the structural basis of a clot
- Fibrin causes plasma to become a gel-like trap
- Fibrin in the presence of calcium ions activates factor XIII that:
  - ▣ Cross-links fibrin
  - ▣ Strengthens and stabilizes the clot

# Clot Retraction and Repair

- **Clot retraction** – stabilization of the clot by squeezing serum from the fibrin strands
- **Repair**
  - ▣ Platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) stimulates rebuilding of blood vessel wall
  - ▣ Fibroblasts form a connective tissue patch
  - ▣ **Stimulated by vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), endothelial cells multiply and restore the endothelial lining**

# Factors Limiting Clot Growth or Formation

- Two homeostatic mechanisms prevent clots from becoming large
  - ▣ Swift removal of clotting factors
  - ▣ Inhibition of activated clotting factors

# Inhibition of Clotting Factors

- Fibrin acts as an anticoagulant by binding thrombin and preventing its:
  - Positive feedback effects of coagulation
  - Ability to speed up the production of prothrombin activator via factor V
  - Acceleration of the intrinsic pathway by activating platelets



# Inhibition of Clotting Factors

- Thrombin not absorbed to fibrin is inactivated by antithrombin III
- Heparin, another anticoagulant, also inhibits thrombin activity

# Factors Preventing Undesirable Clotting

- Unnecessary clotting is prevented by endothelial lining the blood vessels
- **Platelet adhesion is prevented by:**
  - ▣ **The smooth endothelial lining of blood vessels**
  - ▣ **Heparin and PGI<sub>2</sub> secreted by endothelial cells**
  - ▣ **Vitamin E quinone, a potent anticoagulant**

# Hemostasis: Coagulation & Clot Stabilization

- Prothrombin
- $\text{Ca}^{++}$
- Fibrinogen
- Fibrin
- Polymerization

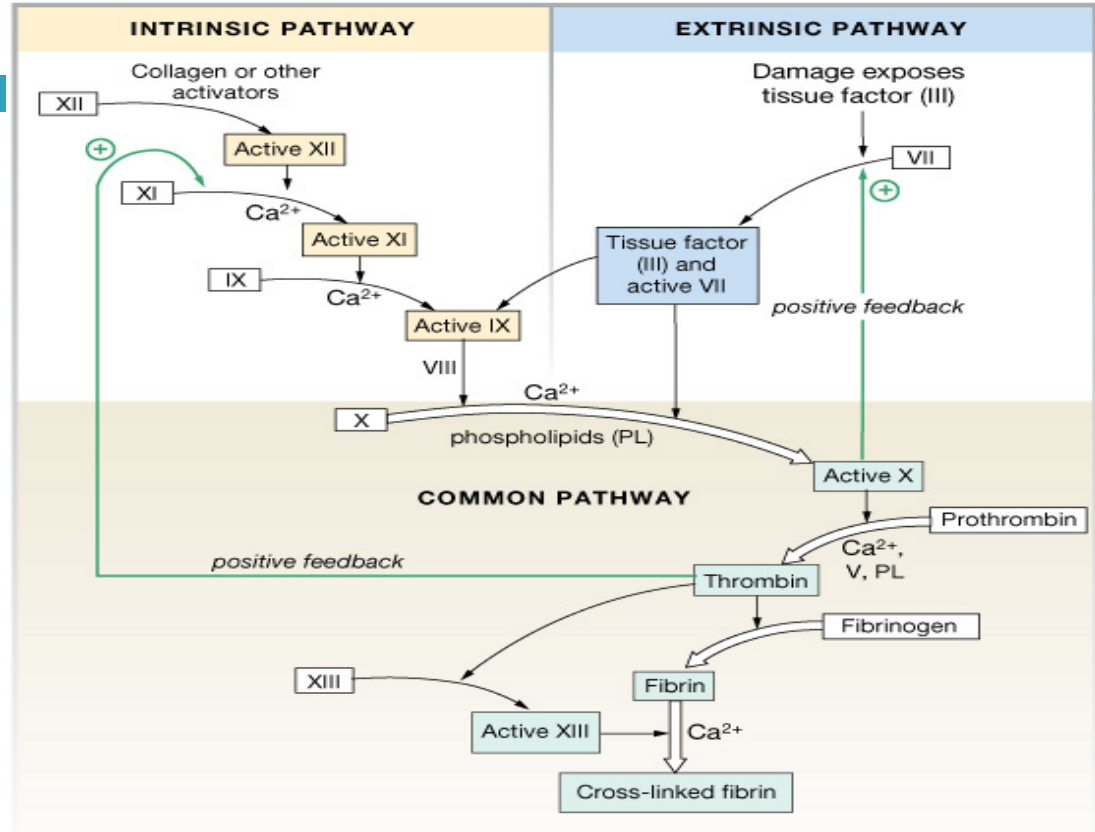


Figure 16-13: The coagulation cascade

# Dissolving the Clot and **Anticoagulants**

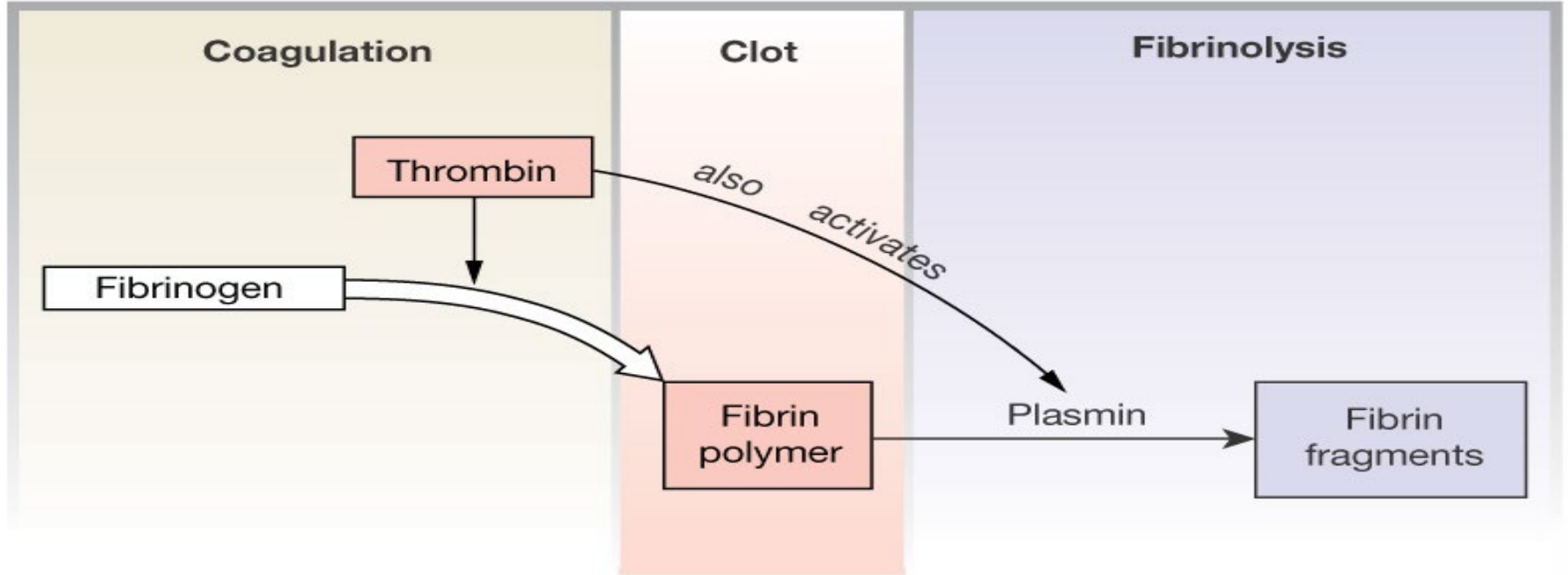


Figure 16-14: Coagulation and fibrinolysis

# Tests for Primary Hemostasis

## □ **Bleeding Time**

- Assesses all components of Virchow's triad
- in vivo test – performed directly on patient
- Has fallen into disrepute and replaced by instruments that perform “in vitro” bleeding times

## □ **Platelet Aggregation studies**

- Measure ability of platelets to aggregate, in vitro, when subjected to various stimulators (agonists)
- Predominantly assesses function of platelet glycoprotein IIb/IIIa receptor

## □ **Von Willebrand Factor (VWF) assays**

- Measure amount and function of VWF, a protein that works with platelets so that they adhere to site of injury
- Assesses function of VWF ligand in its interaction with platelet glycoprotein Ib receptor

# Time Frame for Hemostasis

## Platelets

### Primary Hemostasis

- Vessel constriction occurs immediately
- Platelet adhesion occurs in seconds
- Platelet aggregation takes minutes

## Coagulation Factors

### Secondary Hemostasis

- Activation of coagulation factors occurs in seconds
- Fibrin forms in minutes

## Fibrinolytic Proteins

### Fibrinolysis

- Activation of fibrinolytic proteins happens immediately
- Dissolving the thrombus requires hours

- Examination

Platelet Disease

**Mucosal/cutaneous bleeding**

Lack vessel protection by submucosal tissue

Bleed immediately after vascular trauma

- **Petechiae**

- From small capillary
- In areas of increased venous pressure (dependent parts of the body)
- Asymptomatic and not palpable
- D/D small telangiectasias
  - (Angiomas, Vasculitic purpura, Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome, Leukaemia, Vit K deficiency)

- **Purpura**

- Characteristically purple in colour
- Small, multiple, and superficial in location
- Develop without noticeable trauma / not spread into deeper tissues
- Seen in – (Acute / Chronic leukaemia, Vitamin K deficiency)



# Examination

## Coagulation Disorders

### ■ Ecchymoses

- Large palpable ecchymoses
- Spreading into deep tissue -  
haematomas – Hemarthrosis-  
severe coagulation disorder-  
haemophilia
- Coagulation disorder bleeding  
onset may be delayed after  
surgery





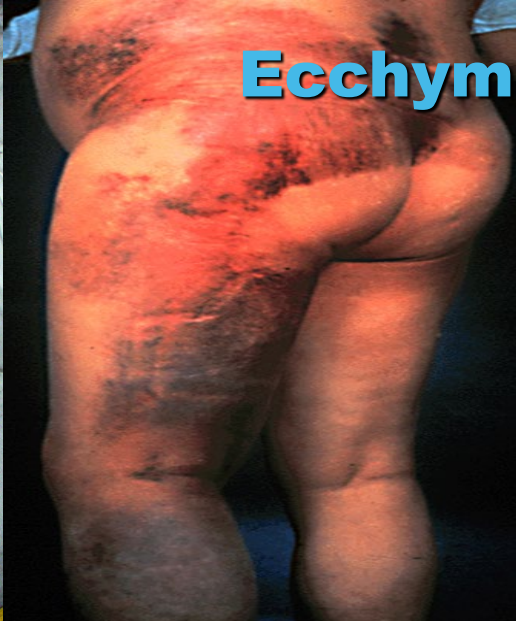
# Role of PT, PTT: Warfarin, Heparin Monitoring

Anticoagulant	PT	PTT
Low dose Heparin	Normal	Prolonged
High dose heparin	Prolonged	Prolonged
Low dose warfarin	Prolonged	Normal
High dose warfarin	Prolonged	Prolonged

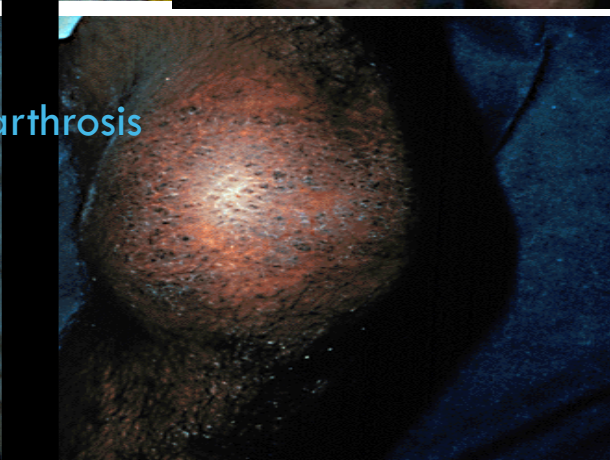
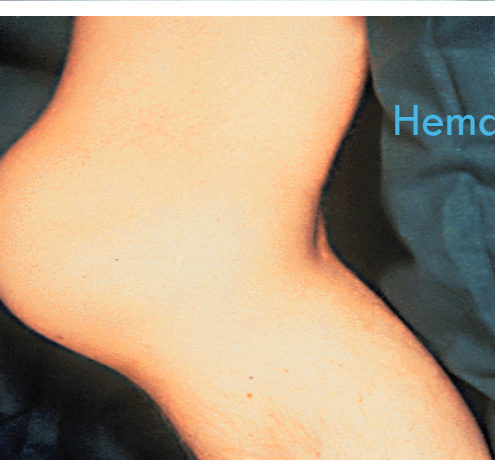
# Physical Examination

## □ Petechiae





**Ecchymoses**



**Hemarthrosis**

**52 year old male**

**Severe Hemophilia**

**Now bleeds 3x month**

**Severe muscle wasting**

**Joint immobility**

**Atrophic skin changes**

**HIV and HCV +ve**



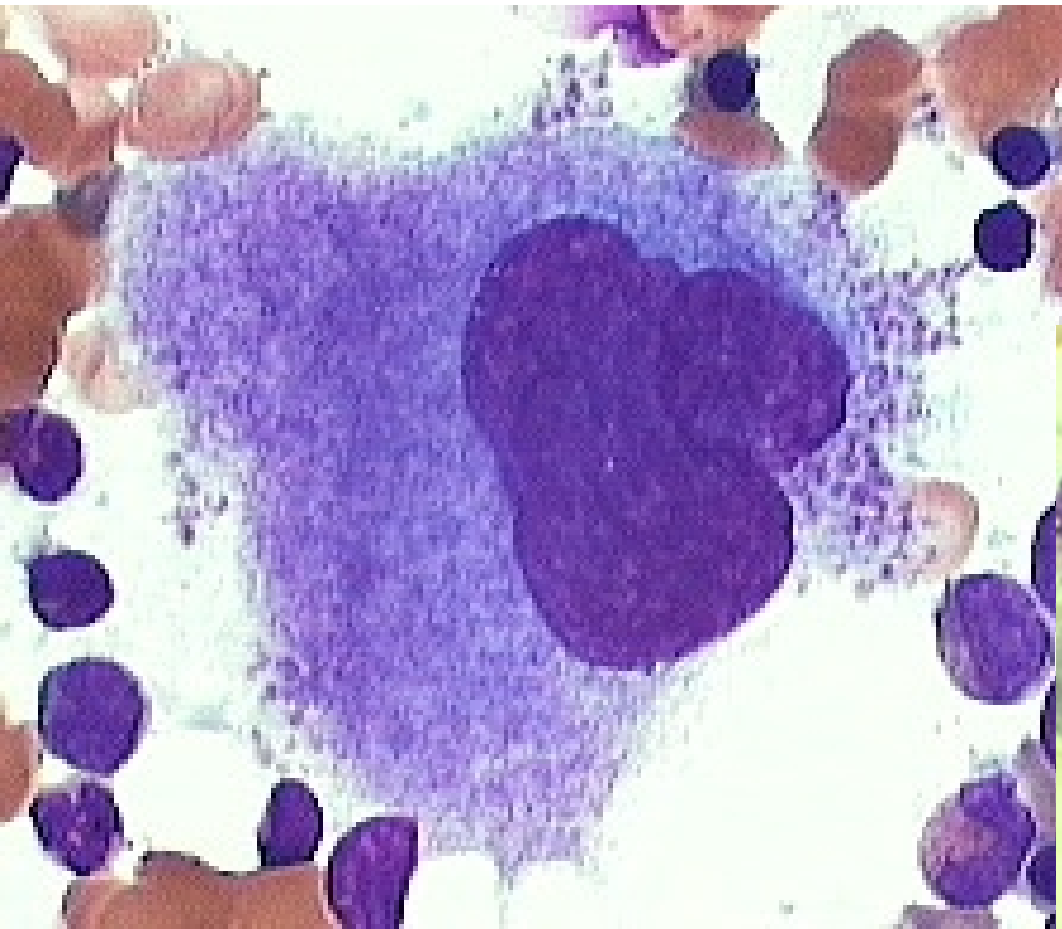
# Role of vitamin K

Play key roles in the regulation of three physiological processes:

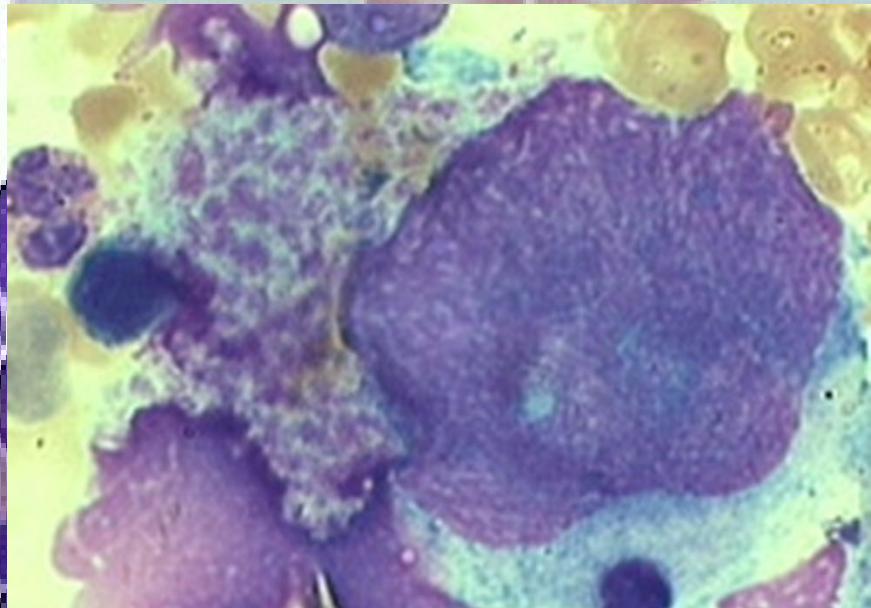
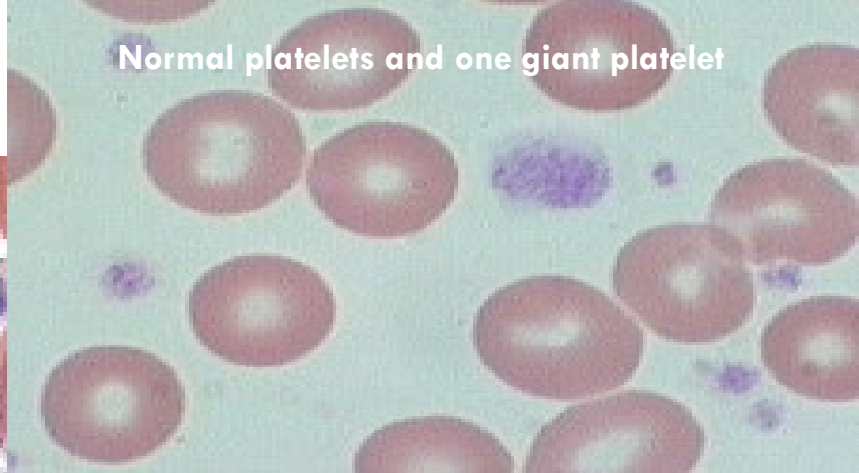
- **Blood coagulation:** (prothrombin (factor II), factors VII, IX, X, protein C, protein S, and protein Z).
- **Bone metabolism:** osteocalcin, also called bone Gla-protein (BGP), and matrix gla protein (MGP).
- **Vascular biology.**

Like other liposoluble vitamins (A, D, E), vitamin K is stored in the fat tissue of the human body.

# Megakaryocyte



Normal platelets and one giant platelet



# Clinical View: Bleeding and Blood Clotting Disorders

## **Hemophilia:** bleeding disorders

- **Hemophilia A** and **hemophilia B** most common
  - Occur in X-linked recessive pattern
  - Males exhibit full-blown disease; females typically carriers
  - Result from deficiency of factor VIII, factor IX, or factor XI (more rare)

## **Thrombocytopenia:** platelet deficiency

- Increased breakdown or decreased production
- May occur in bone marrow infections or cancer

Certain drugs interfere with clotting (can cause bleeding)

- E.g., aspirin, ibuprofen, warfarin, ginkgo

# Clinical View: Bleeding and Blood Clotting Disorders<sub>2</sub>

## ■ Hypercoagulation

- Increased tendency to clot blood
- Can lead to **thrombus**, blood vessel clot
- When dislodged within blood, **embolus**
- If lodges in lungs, **pulmonary embolism**
  - Can cause breathing problems and death
- Can have drug-related, environmental, and genetic causes
  - E.g., birth control pills, prolonged inactivity



Blood group (refer to lab)

## Population Distribution of Major Blood Groups

<b>O</b>	<b>Rh pos</b>	<b>38%</b>
O	Rh neg	7%
<b>A</b>	<b>Rh pos</b>	<b>34%</b>
A	Rh neg	6%
B	Rh pos	9%
B	Rh neg	2%
AB	Rh pos	3%
<b><u>AB</u></b>	<b><u>Rh neg</u></b>	<b><u>1%</u></b>

# Human Blood Groups

- RBC membranes have glycoprotein antigens on their external surfaces
- These antigens are:
  - ▣ Unique to the individual
  - ▣ Recognized as foreign if transfused into another individual
  - ▣ Promoters of agglutination and are referred to as agglutinogens
- Presence or absence of these antigens is used to classify blood groups
- Humans have 30 varieties of naturally occurring RBC antigens
- The antigens of the **ABO and Rh** blood groups cause vigorous transfusion reactions when they are improperly transfused
- Other blood groups (**M, N, Dufy, Kell, and Lewis**) are mainly used for legalities
- The ABO blood groups consists of:
  - ▣ **Two antigens (A and B) on the surface of the RBCs**
  - ▣ **Two antibodies in the plasma (anti-A and anti-B)**
- ABO blood groups may have various types of antigens and preformed antibodies
- Agglutinogens and their corresponding antibodies cannot be mixed without serious hemolytic reactions

# AGGLUTINOGENS

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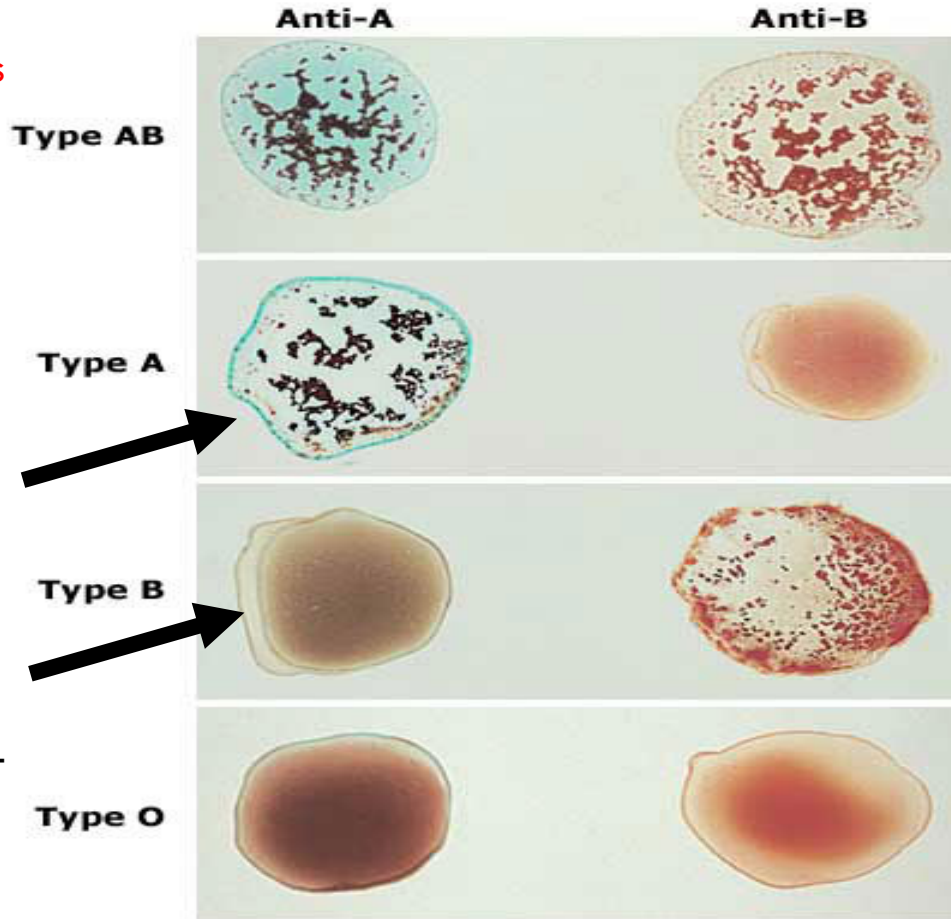
- Also called antigens.
  - These agglutinogens are present on the outer surface of the Erythrocyte membranes.
  - They are antigenic and have epitopes or antigenic determinants, which are glycoproteins.
  - In ABO groups, three types of agglutinogens can be present.
- Some individuals will have Erythrocytes with an agglutinogen called as “A”.
  - Others have one called “B”
  - The third type of agglutinogen is non antigenic and it is called “H”
  - **H doesn't cause production of antibodies.**
  - **So those having H antigen are called O group individuals.**

## Multiple alleles

### ABO blood groups

Type A blood transfused into Type B person

Type B blood transfused into Type B person - OK



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A medical problem - some blood transfusions produce lethal clumping of cells.

Don't worry about details yet...

# ABO BLOOD GROUPS

Blood Group	Antigens on RBCs	Antibodies in Serum	Genotypes
<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Anti-B</b>	<b>AA or AO</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Anti-A</b>	<b>BB or BO</b>
<b>AB</b>	<b>A and B</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>AB</b>
<b>O</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Anti-A and Anti-B</b>	<b>OO</b>

# A AND B, INDIVIDUALS

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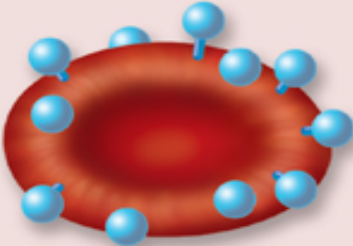
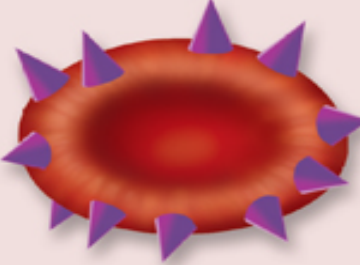
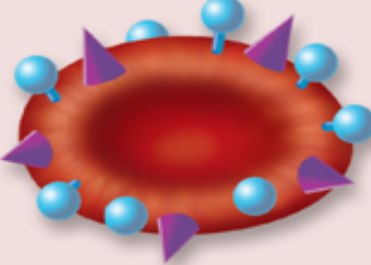




- Those having the **A agglutinin** on their erythrocytes are called A blood group people.
- Those having the **B agglutinin** are called the B blood group people.
- Some have both the **A and B agglutinins** on their erythrocytes and they are called AB type.
- Others have **neither A nor B agglutinins**. They have the **non antigenic H on their RBCs and are called O group people**.

# AGGLUTININS

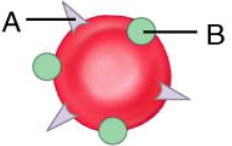
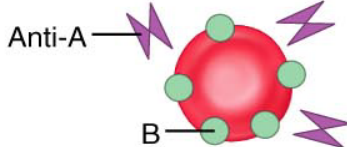
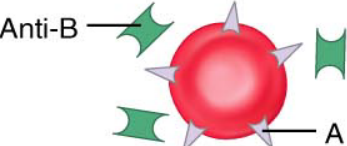
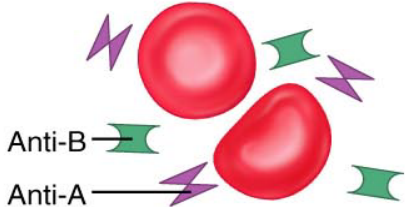
- The antibodies to the agglutinogens are called Agglutinins.
- These are present naturally in ABO groups.
- They are always present in the plasma of the individual.
- There are two types of agglutinins in the ABO blood system:
  - Anti A or  $\alpha$ : Alpha
  - Anti B or  $\beta$ : Beta

- The A group people have the Beta or anti B agglutinin in their plasma.
- Similarly the B group people have the Alpha or Anti-A agglutinin in their plasma.
- The AB group of people have no agglutinins in their plasma.
- The O group people have both Alpha and Beta types of agglutinins in their plasma



Erythrocytes	<p>Antigen A</p> 	<p>Antigen B</p> 	<p>Antigens A and B</p> 	<p>Neither antigen A nor B</p> 
Plasma	<p>Anti-B antibodies</p> 	<p>Anti-A antibodies</p> 	<p>Neither anti-A nor anti-B antibodies</p>	<p>Both anti-A and anti-B antibodies</p> 
Blood type	<p><b>Type A</b> Erythrocytes with type A surface antigens and plasma with anti-B antibodies</p>	<p><b>Type B</b> Erythrocytes with type B surface antigens and plasma with anti-A antibodies</p>	<p><b>Type AB</b> Erythrocytes with both type A and type B surface antigens, and plasma with neither anti-A nor anti-B antibodies</p>	<p><b>Type O</b> Erythrocytes with neither type A nor type B surface antigens, but plasma with both anti-A and anti-B antibodies</p>

**TABLE 17.4 ABO Blood Groups**

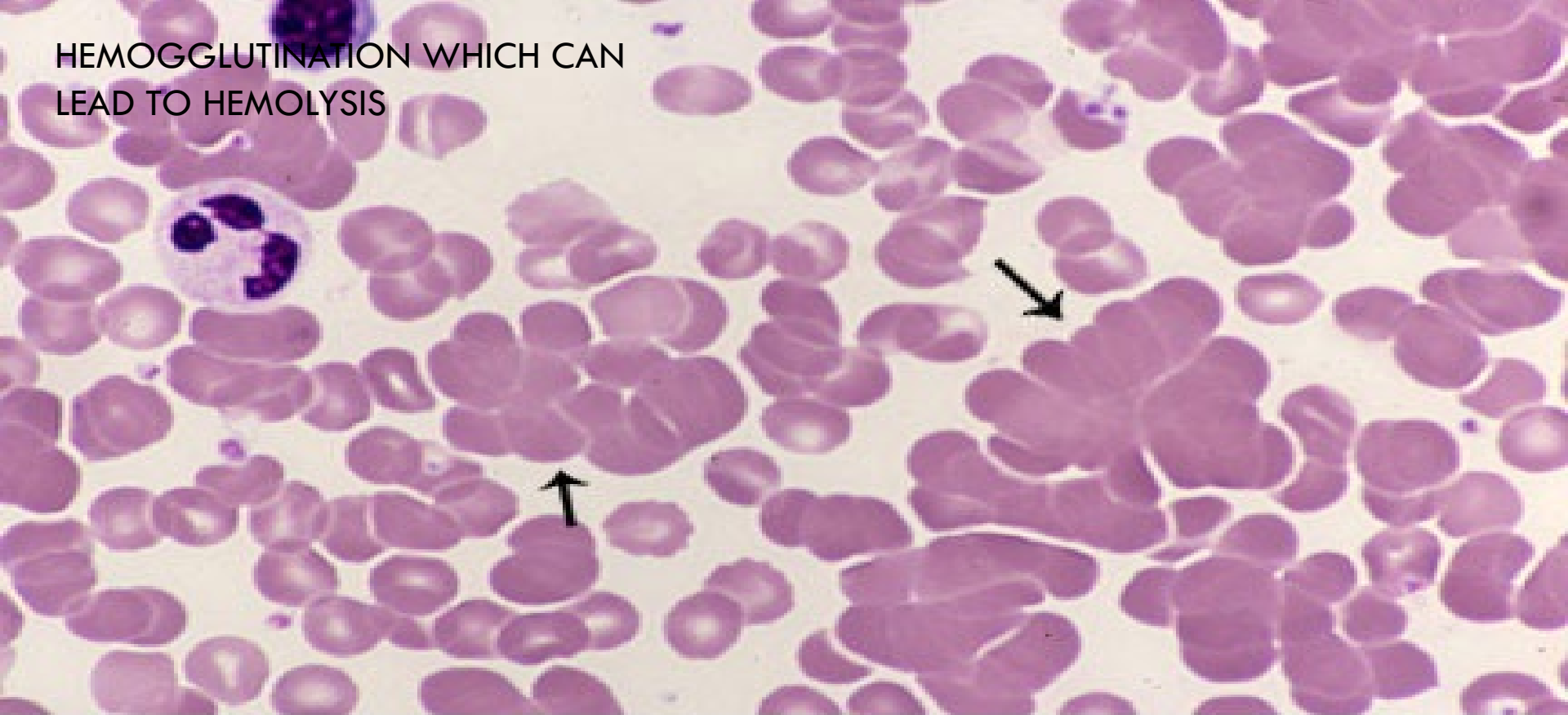
BLOOD GROUP	FREQUENCY (% U.S. POPULATION)				RBC ANTIGENS (AGGLUTINOGENS)	ILLUSTRATION	PLASMA ANTIBODIES (AGGLUTININS)	BLOOD THAT CAN BE RECEIVED
	WHITE	BLACK	ASIAN	NATIVE AMERICAN				
AB	4	4	5	<1	A B		None	A, B, AB, O (Universal recipient)
B	11	20	27	4	B		Anti-A (a)	B, O
A	40	27	28	16	A		Anti-B (b)	A, O
O	45	49	40	79	None		Anti-A (a) Anti-B (b)	O (Universal donor)

# HEMAGGLUTINATION

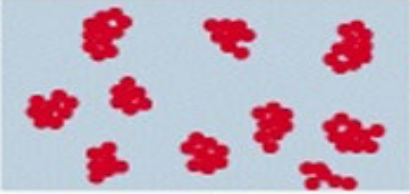
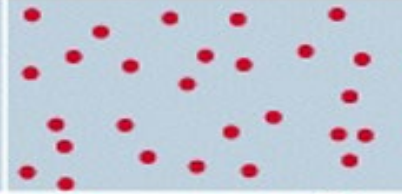
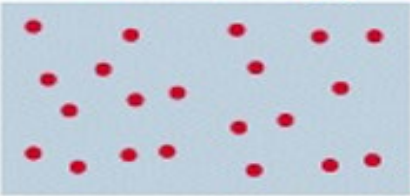
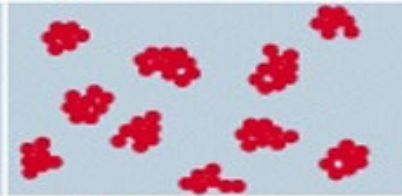

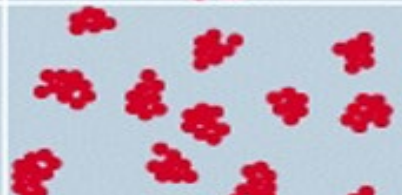


Agglutination or clumping is seen whenever the respective agglutinogens and agglutinins are mixed.

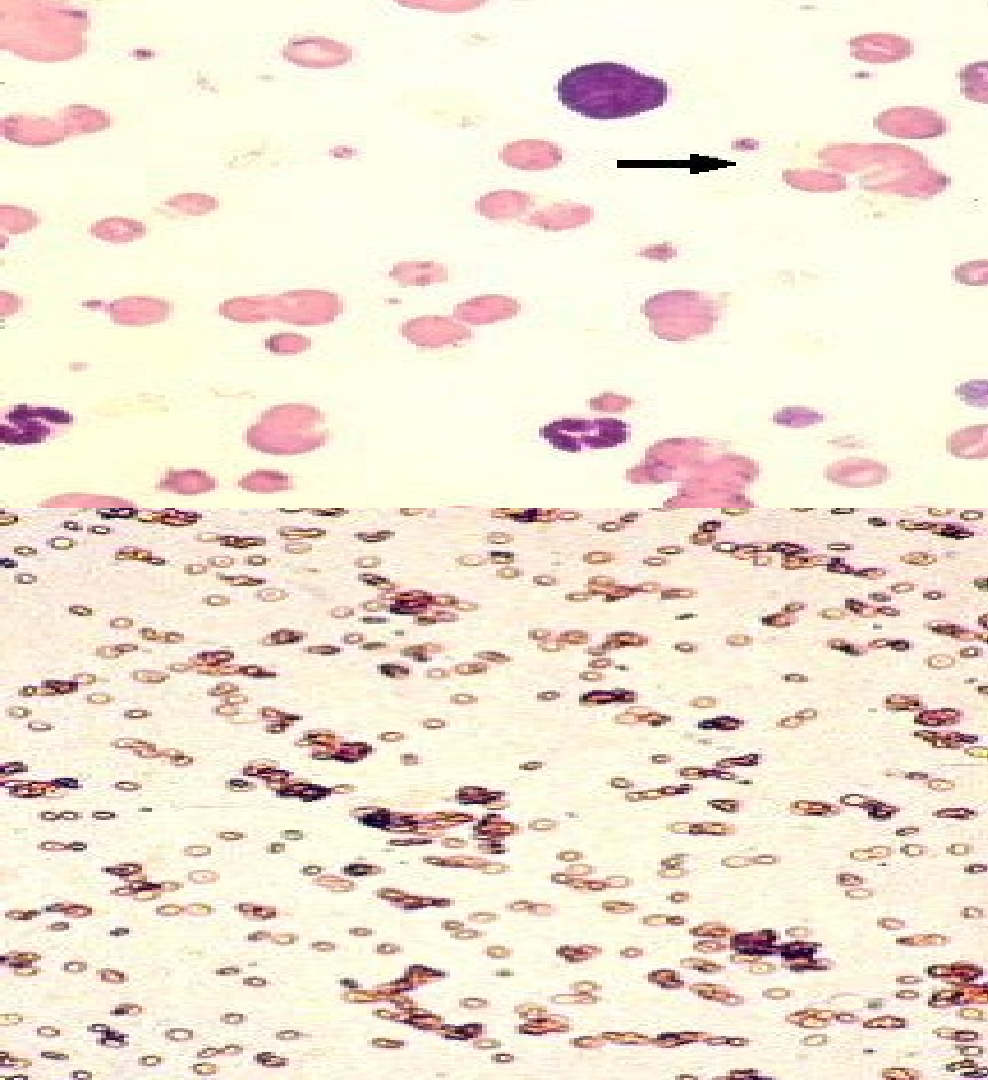
- **Agglutinogen A + Agglutinin Alpha = Agglutination.**
- **Agglutinogen B + Agglutinin Beta = Agglutination.**
- **Both agglutinogens + Both antisera = Agglutination.**
- **No agglutinogens = No agglutination.**

HEMOGGLUTINATION WHICH CAN  
LEAD TO HEMOLYSIS



Source: Lichtman MA, Shafer MS, Felgar RE, Wang N:  
*Lichtman's Atlas of Hematology*: <http://www.accessmedicine.com>  
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Blood type of cells	Genotype	Antibodies made by body	Reaction to added antibodies	
			Anti-A	Anti-B
A	$I^A I^A$ or $I^A I^O$	Anti-B		
B	$I^B I^B$ or $I^B I^O$	Anti-A		
AB	$I^A I^B$	Neither anti-A nor anti-B		
O	$I^O I^O$	Both anti-A and anti-B		

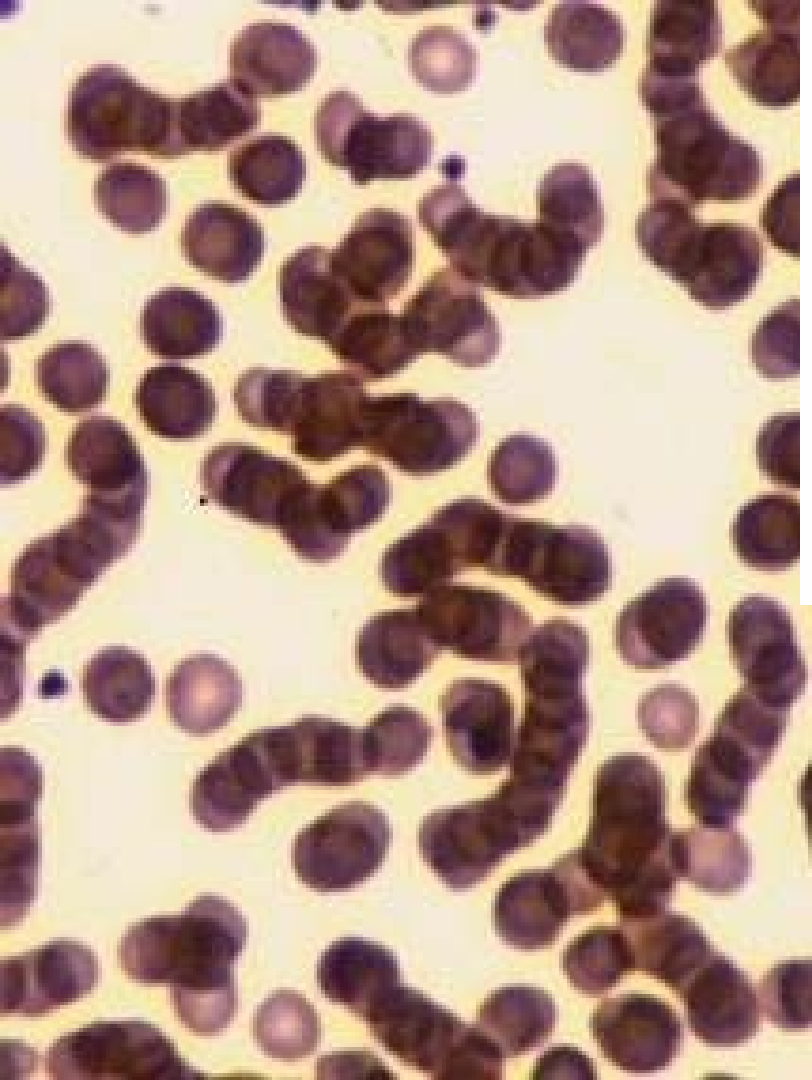


The observation of red blood cell agglutination (also referred to as autoagglutination) must be distinguished from **rouleaux formation** which is a physiological phenomenon. The presence of **antibodies (usually IgM) on the surface of red blood cells is responsible for the phenomenon of autoagglutination.**

Agglutination can be observed during immune-mediated hemolytic anemia, but also during 'cryoglobulinemia' ( a far more rare condition).

Agglutinating red blood cells resemble grapelike clusters whereas red blood cells in rouleaux formation resemble a stack of coins.

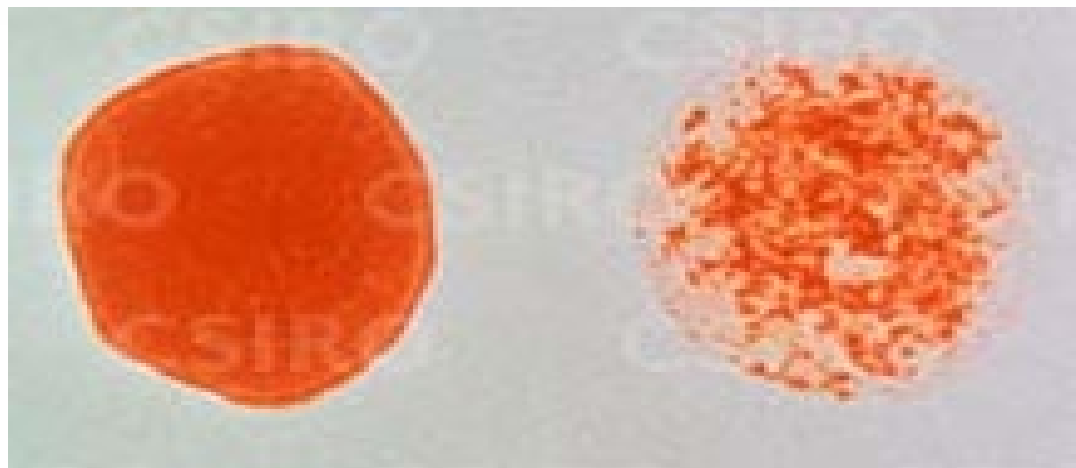
In order to clearly distinguish erythrocyte agglutination from rouleaux formation, a simple saline test can be performed.



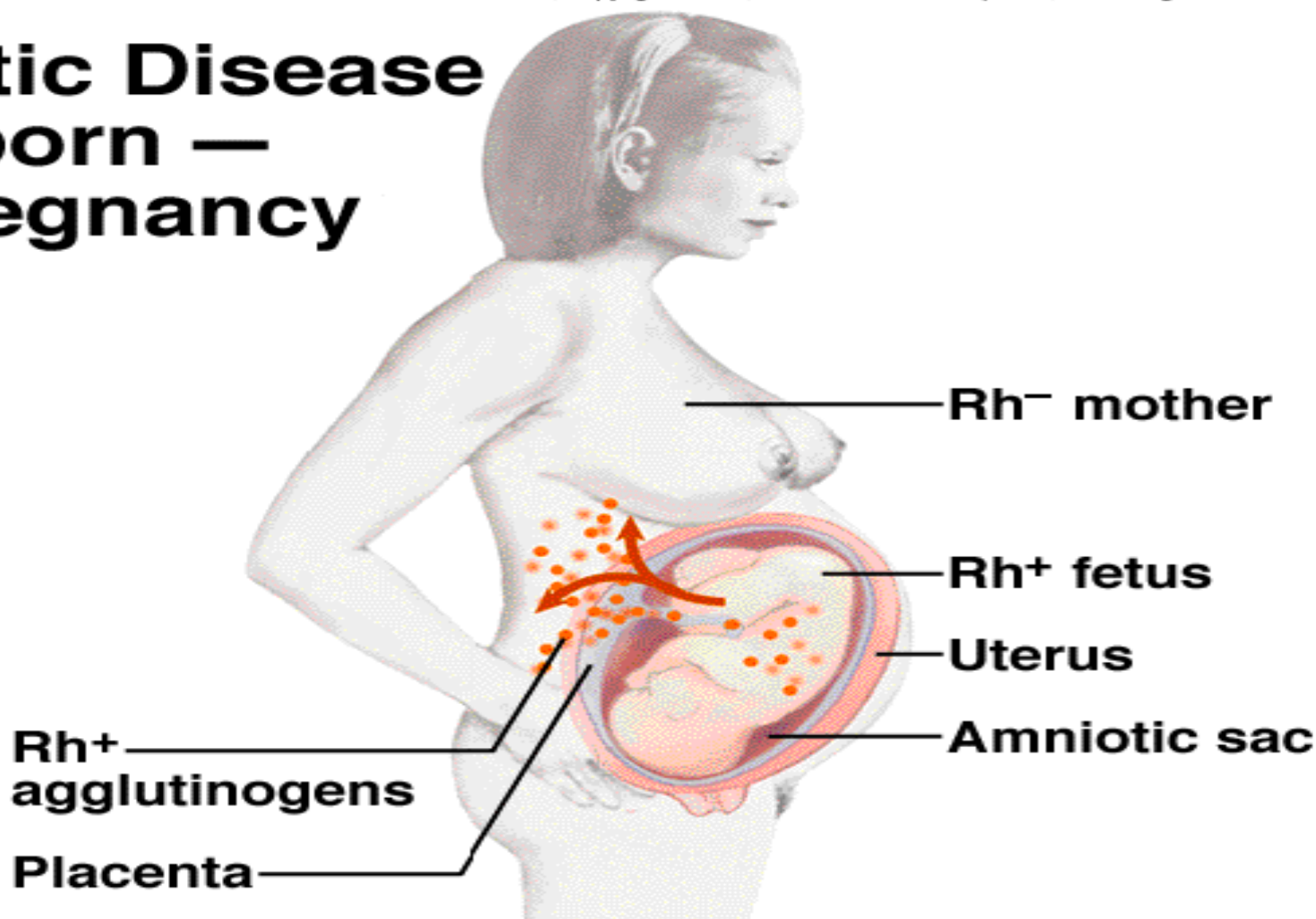
Actual blood sample taken during a demonstration showing red blood cells glued together lacking oxygen.



The same blood cells 30 minutes after the person drank x20 treated water showing blood cells floating free & full of oxygen



# Hemolytic Disease of Newborn — First Pregnancy





# Rh TYPING: INTRODUCTION

- It is the second most important typing of blood.
- These blood groups were originally discovered in Rhesus monkeys
- Rh is another type of agglutinin.
- It is also present on the outer surface of the erythrocytes.
- **There are eight different Rh agglutinogens, three of which (C, D, and E) are common**
- Presence of the Rh agglutinogens on RBCs is indicated as Rh<sup>+</sup>
- Anti-Rh antibodies are not spontaneously formed in Rh<sup>-</sup> individuals
- However, if an Rh<sup>-</sup> individual receives Rh<sup>+</sup> blood, anti-Rh antibodies form
- A second exposure to Rh<sup>+</sup> blood will result in a typical transfusion reaction

# ABO System & Pregnancy

- Majorities of hemolytic diseases are due to ABO incompatibility
- **Foetus inherits one gene from each parent.**
  - **O + O = O,**
  - **O + A = O or A,**
  - **O + B = O or B,**
  - **O + AB = A or B.**
- There is a 20% chance of ABO incompatibility of mother & foetus
- Only 5% chance of developing hemolytic disease only in type A & B infants of type O mothers, that too only of milder forms

# Rhesus

**47 Antigens make up the  
Rhesus Blood Group  
The most significant is the  
D antigen**

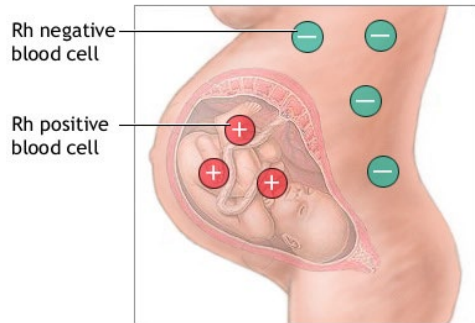
# Rh or D Agglutinins

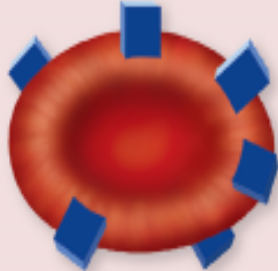

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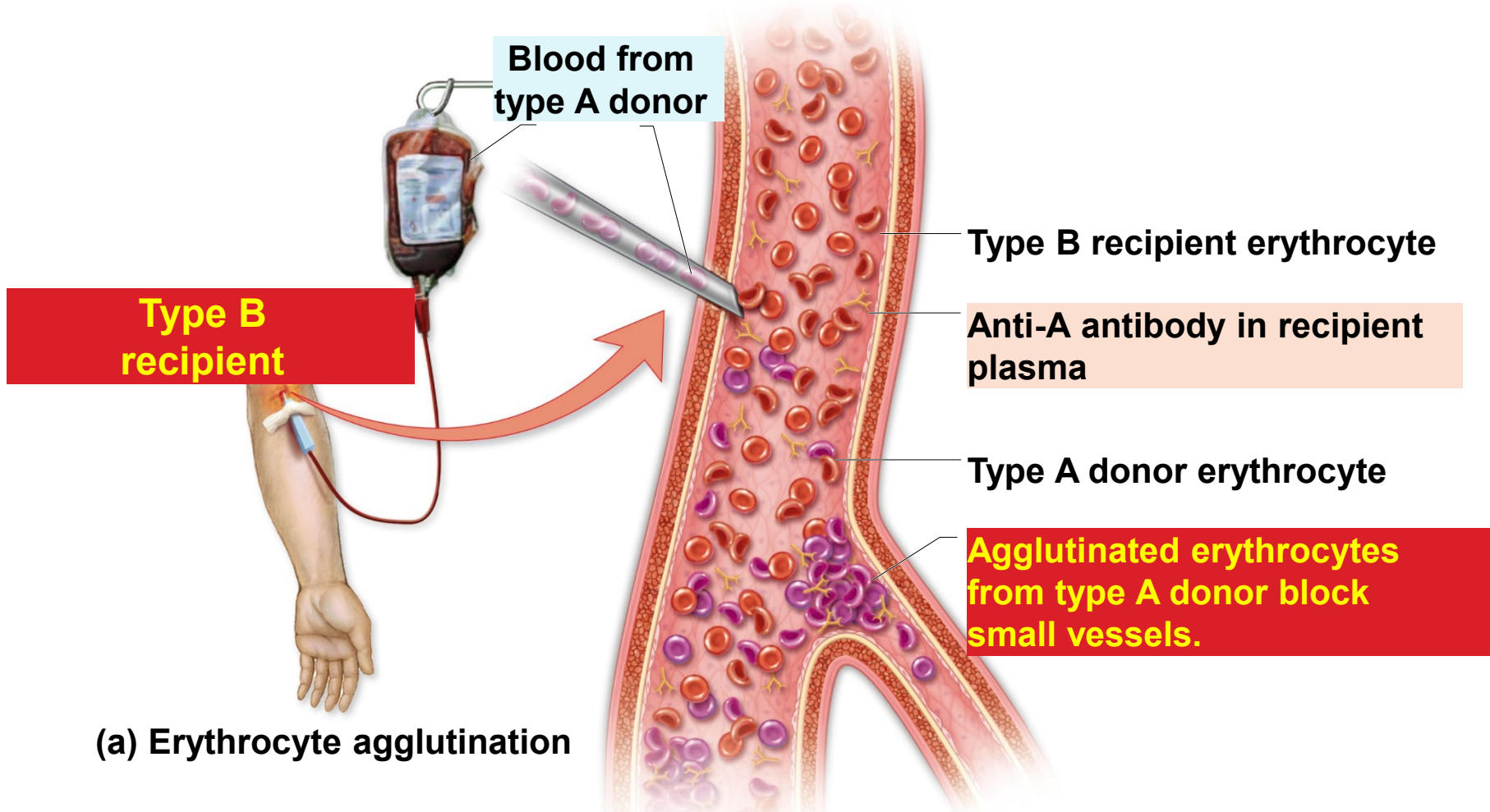


- Anti-D agglutinins or antibodies do not occur naturally.
- They are produced by the Immune systems as and when it is exposed to the D antigens.
- So these Anti D agglutinins are found only in some of the Rh Negative people.

- Those who have been exposed to the Rh or D antigen



	Rh Blood Types	
Blood type	Rh positive	Rh negative
Erythrocytes	Surface antigen D 	No surface antigen D 
Plasma	No anti-D antibodies	No anti-D antibodies unless exposed to Rh positive blood

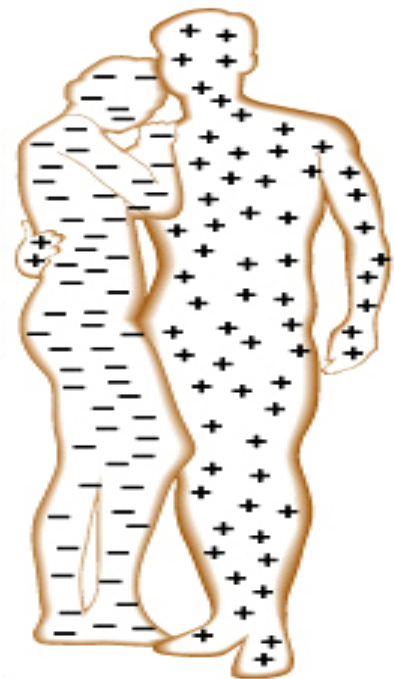


(a) Erythrocyte agglutination

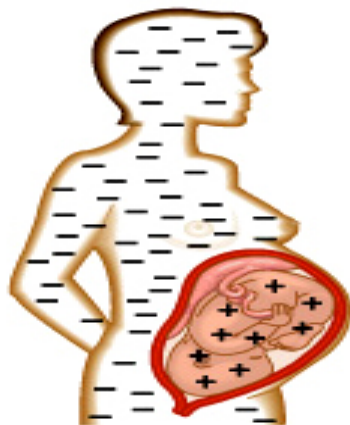
# Exposure to Antigens: How?

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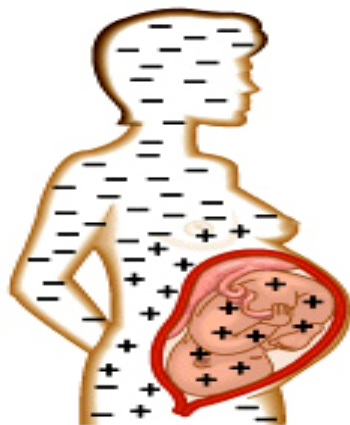
- **The Rh+ve people will never manufacture Anti D antibodies.**
- **Only Rh – ve individuals can develop these Agglutinins.**
  
- **When these Rh-ve people receive Rh+ve blood by mistake, they get exposed to the antigen.**
  
- **Then they will develop the antibody.**



**Rh-negative woman and Rh-positive man conceive a child**



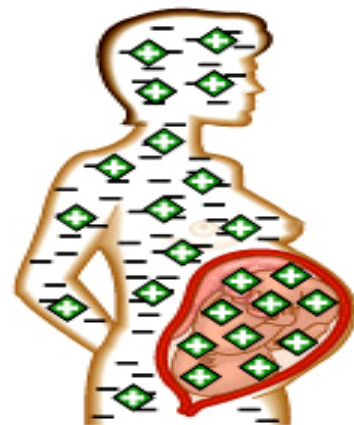
**Rh-negative woman with Rh-positive fetus**



**Cells from Rh-positive fetus enter woman's bloodstream**



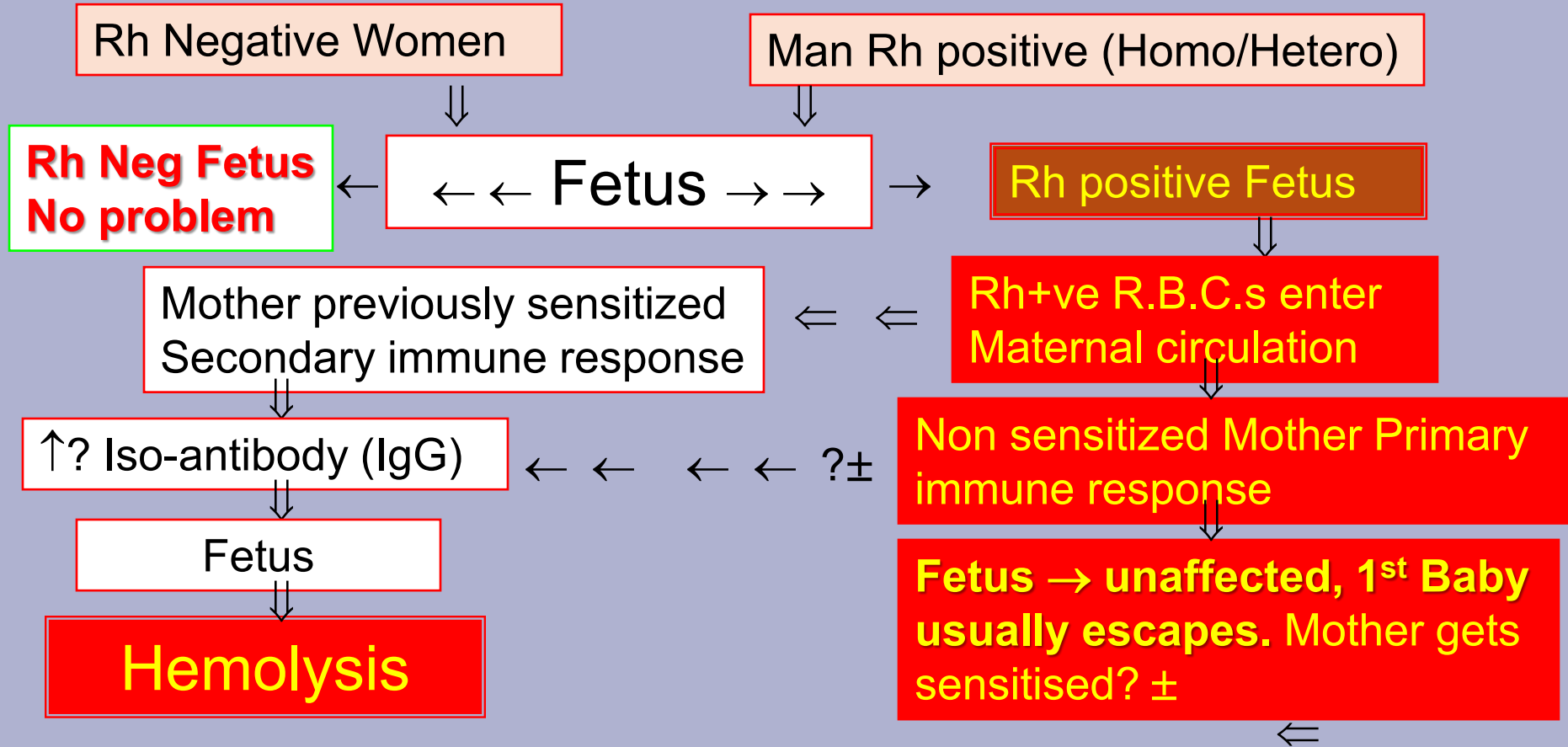
**Woman becomes sensitized—antibodies (◊+) form to fight Rh-positive blood cells**



**In the next Rh-positive pregnancy, maternal antibodies attack fetal red blood cells**

The disease, called **erythroblastosis fetalis** or **hemolytic disease of the newborn**, may be so severe as to kill the fetus or even the newborn infant. It is an example of an antibody-mediated cytotoxicity disorder.

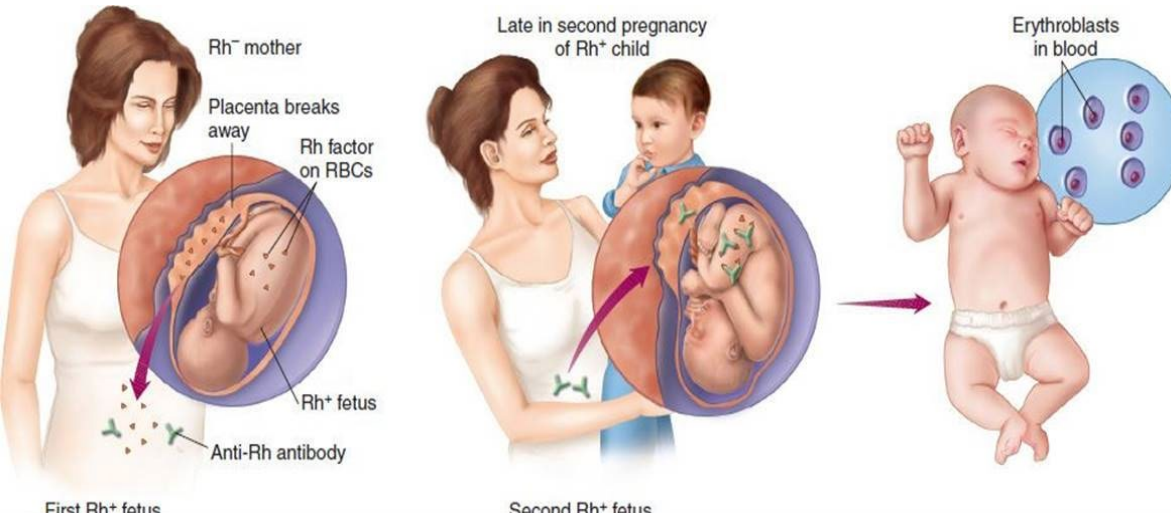
# Pathogenesis Of Rh Iso-immunisation





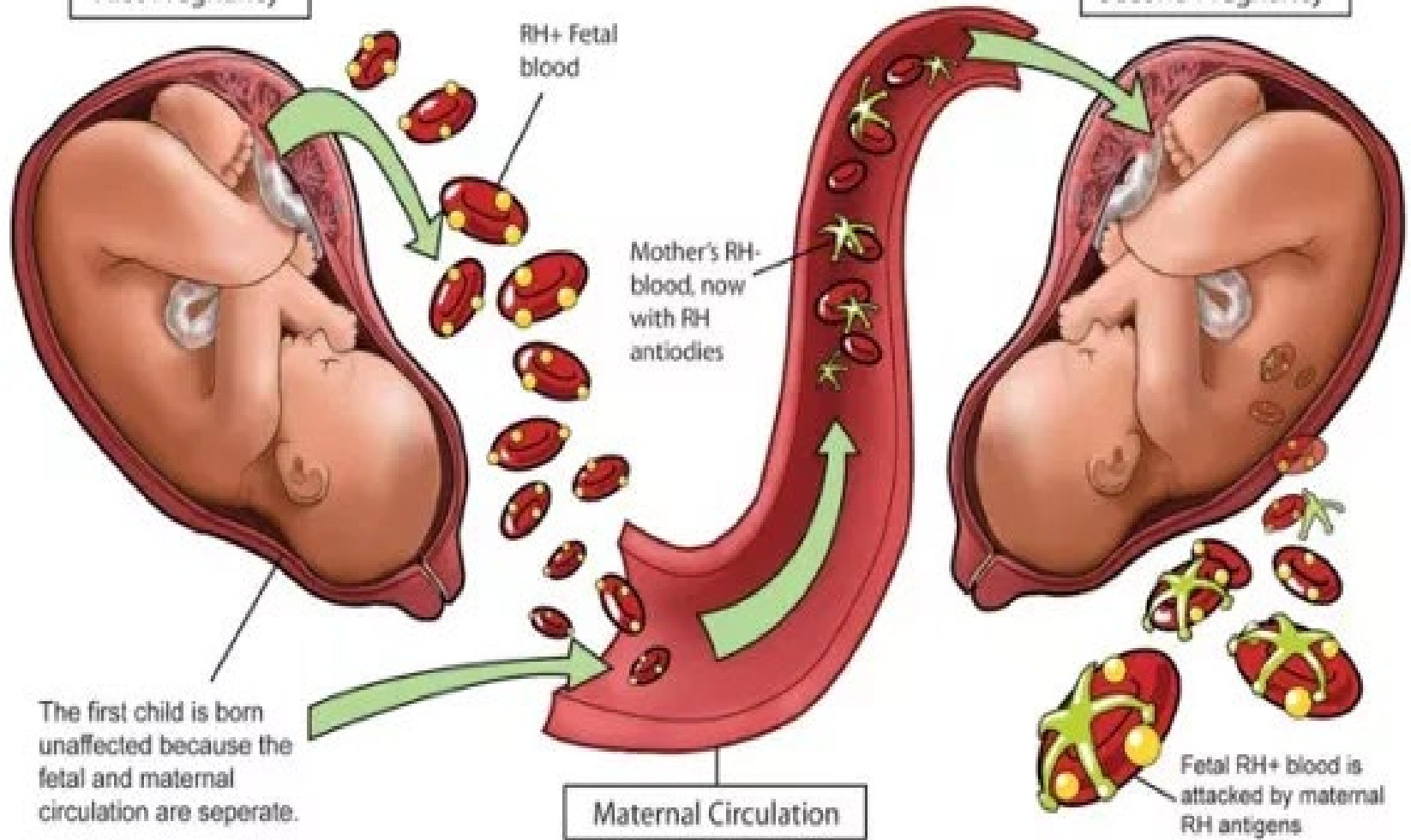
# ERYTHROBLASTOSIS FETALIS

- ❑ The second child in such a woman, if also Rh+ve, can develop a disease called as **Erythroblastosis fetalis**.
- ❑ This is due to the **Anti D antibodies** developed in the mother.
- ❑ **These antibodies traverse through the placenta, enter the fetal circulation and cause agglutination of the erythrocytes of the fetus.**



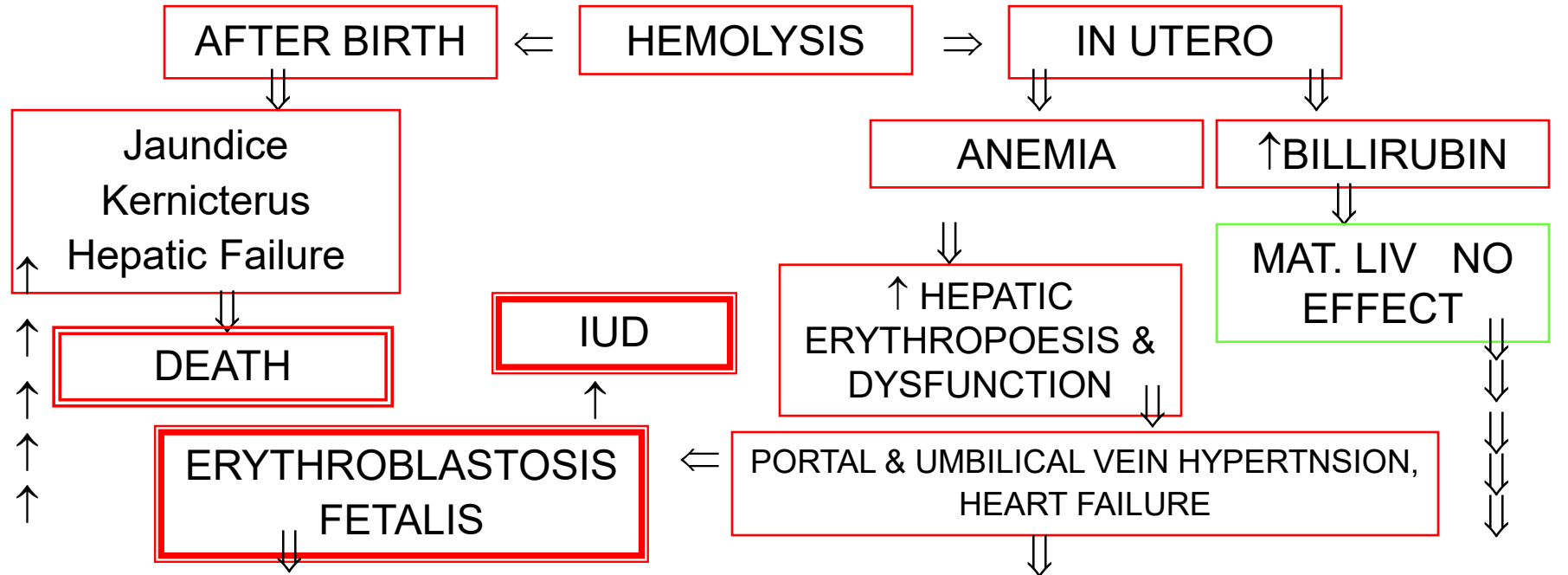
First Pregnancy

Second Pregnancy





# Pathology Of Iso-immunisation



**BIRTH OF AN AFFECTED INFANT** - Wide spectrum of presentations. Rapid deterioration of the infant after birth. May continue for few days to few months. Chance of delayed anaemia at 6-8 weeks probably due to persistence of anti Rh antibodies.

# Hemolytic Disease of the Newborn

- The drug RhoGAM can prevent the Rh<sup>-</sup> mother from becoming sensitized
- Treatment of hemolytic disease of the newborn involves pre-birth transfusions and exchange transfusions after birth

# Transfusion Reactions

- Transfusion reactions occur when mismatched blood is infused
- Donor's cells are attacked by the recipient's plasma agglutinins causing:
  - ▣ Diminished oxygen-carrying capacity
  - ▣ Clumped cells that impede blood flow
  - ▣ Ruptured RBCs that release free hemoglobin into the bloodstream

**Circulating hemoglobin precipitates in the kidneys  
and causes renal failure**

# Blood Typing

Blood type being tested	RBC agglutinogens	Serum Reaction	
		Anti-A	Anti-B
AB	A and B	+	+
B	B	-	+
A	A	+	-
O	None	-	-

# Plasma Volume Expanders

- When shock is imminent from low blood volume, volume must be replaced
- Plasma or plasma expanders can be administered



# Aging changes in the blood

- **The properties of blood change as we grow older.**
- **It is thought that these changes might contribute to the increased incident of clot formation and atherosclerosis in older people.**
- **Some of the most prominent findings on these changes include:**
  - **Rise in fibrinogen**
  - **Rise in blood viscosity**
  - **Rise in plasma viscosity**
  - **Increased red blood cell rigidity**
  - **Increased formation of fibrin degradation products**
  - **Earlier activation of the coagulation system**