The Coagulation System

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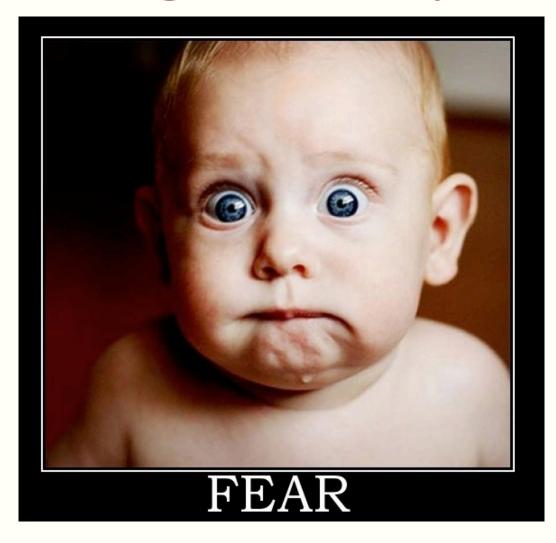


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What We'll Cover

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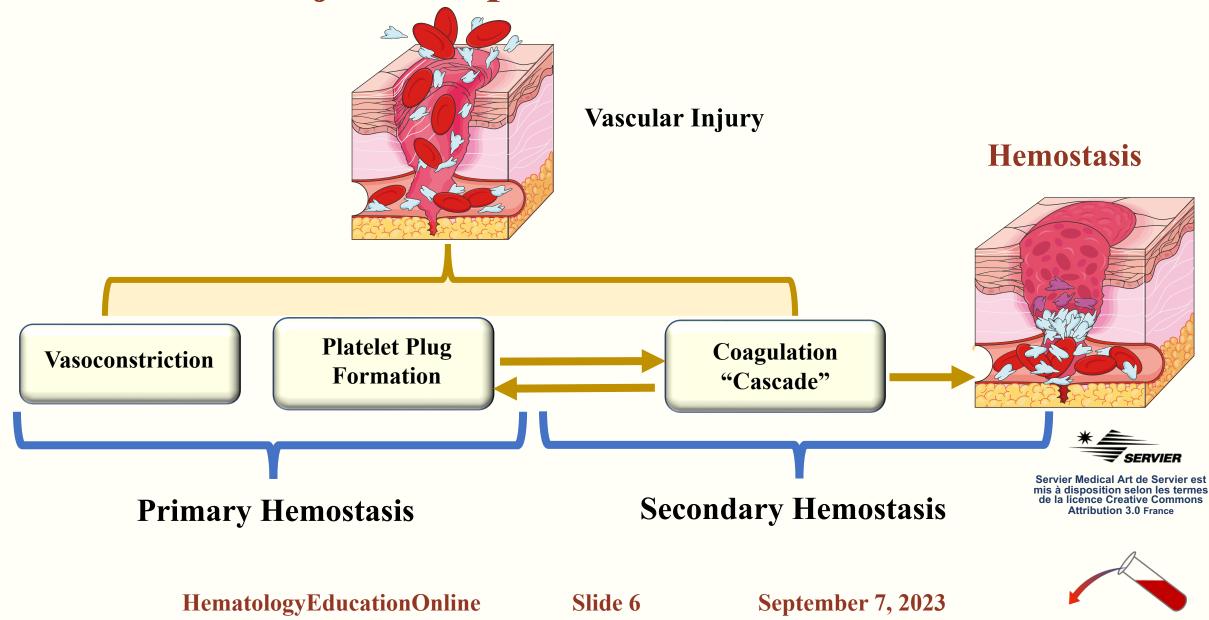


Overview of Hemostasis and Coagulation

- > Hemostasis: The processes of keeping the blood liquid in the vasculature.
 - > Prevention of hemorrhage following vascular injury.
 - > Prevention of excessive clotting (thrombosis) in the vasculature.
- > Primary Hemostasis
 - > Vascular forces (vasoconstriction) and platelet plug formation.
- > Secondary Hemostasis
 - > The coagulation factors leading to fibrin clot.
- > Physiologic Anticoagulation processes
 - > Neutralize activated factors where vessels are intact.
 - > Fibrinolysis

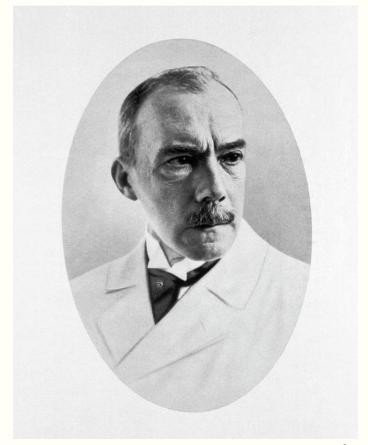


Major Components of Hemostasis



The "Classic Coagulation Cascade" Early Understanding of Coagulation

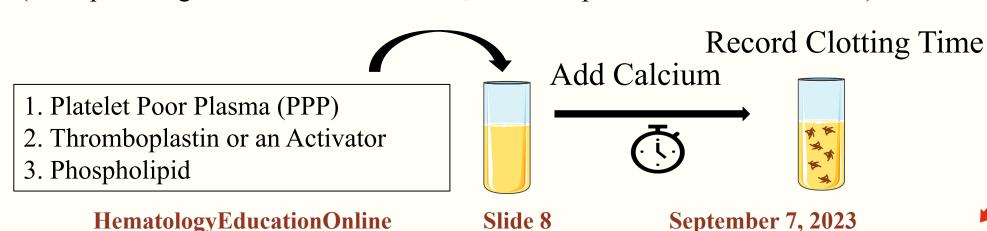
- The first description of coagulation factors is attributed to Dr. Paul Morawitz in 1905.
- ➤ Factor I Fibrinogen
- ➤ Factor II Prothrombin
- > Factor III Thromboplastin Factor
 - > (Tissue extract with Tissues Factor)
- ➤ Factor IV Calcium





Assay of Coagulation Factors

- > *In vitro* assays developed to test clotting times.
- > The prothrombin time in 1935.
- > Partial Thromboplastin Time in 1953.
- > Led to identification of different coagulation factors.
- > Plasma from a patient (and affected family members) with a hereditary bleeding disorder results in slower clotting *in vitro* in one or both assays.
 - > The deficient factor was typically named with a Roman numeral and either a descriptive name or the proband family name.
 - > (Examples: Hageman Factor = Factor XII, Antihemophilic Factor = Factor VIII)



Early Studies to Identify New Factors (New Deficiencies)

Plasma from patient with unknown bleeding disorder

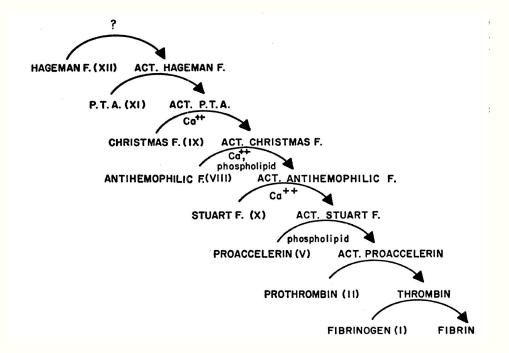


Plasma from patient with known bleeding disorder (i.e. Hemophilia A)

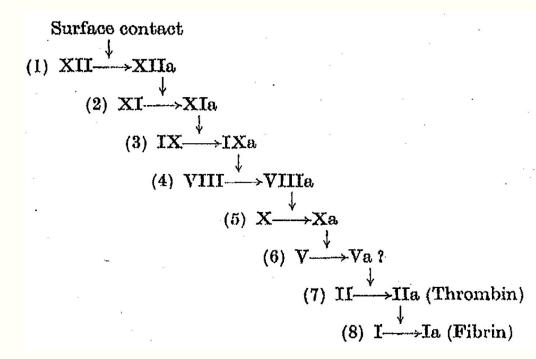
- > Perform Clotting Time on 1:1 mix.
- > If the 1:1 mix "corrects," then the unknown sample has a different deficiency than the known deficiency.
- > If the 1:1 mix remains prolonged, then the unknown sample has the same deficiency as the known deficiency.
- > From the 1930s through the 1950s, most of the factors were identified in this way.
- > Limitations: Inhibitors will interfere.



Original Publications Of Coagulation Cascade



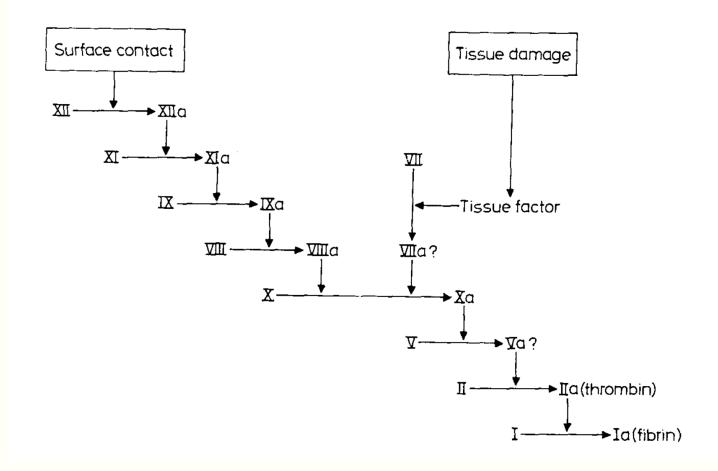
Davie, E. W., and Ratnoff, O. D. "Waterfall sequence for intrinsic blood clotting." Science 1964: 145, 1310–1312



MacFarlane RG. "An enzyme cascade in the blood clotting mechanism, and its function as a biological amplifier." Nature 1964; 202: 498-9

Note: Neither representation included Factor VII, of the Extrinsic Pathway!

"A clotting scheme for 1964" The First Representation of the Current Cascade.



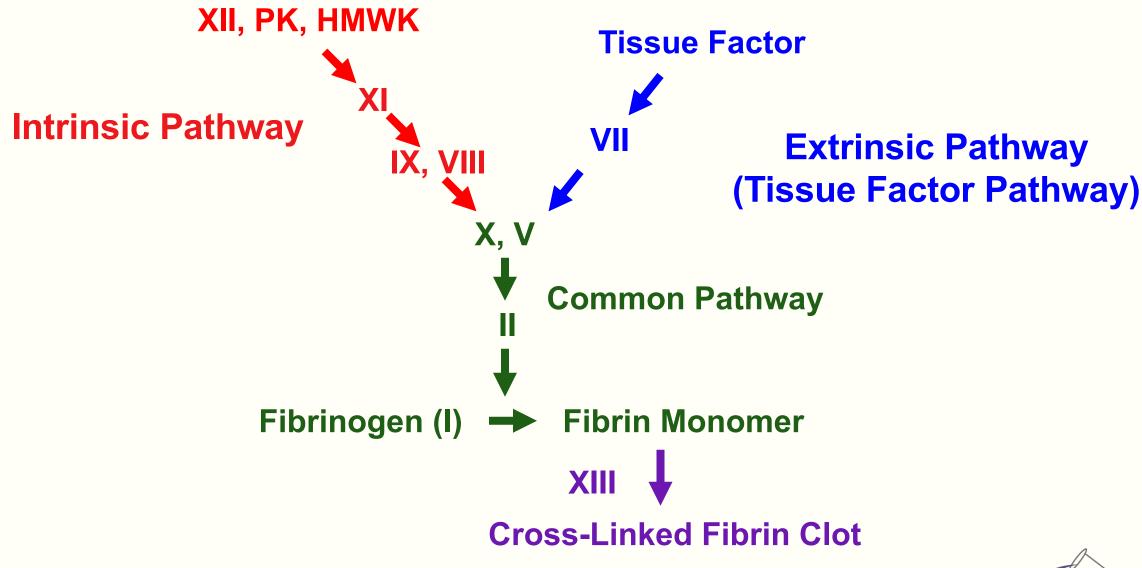
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Key Concepts From Original Publications Of The Coagulation Cascade

- 1. Coagulation involves a sequence of reactions.
- 2. Factors circulate in non-activated forms.
 - a. Zymogens or pro-enzymes
 - b. Pro-cofactors
- 3. Factors are activated by proteolytic cleavage by an "upstream" factor and in turn activate a "downstream" factor).
- 4. Terminology:
 - a. Subscript "a" designates activated factor. (VIII → VIIIa)
 - b. "i" refers to inactivated. (VIII → VIIIa → VIIIi)
- 5. A number of gaps, corrections, and open questions remained. (To be discussed below).



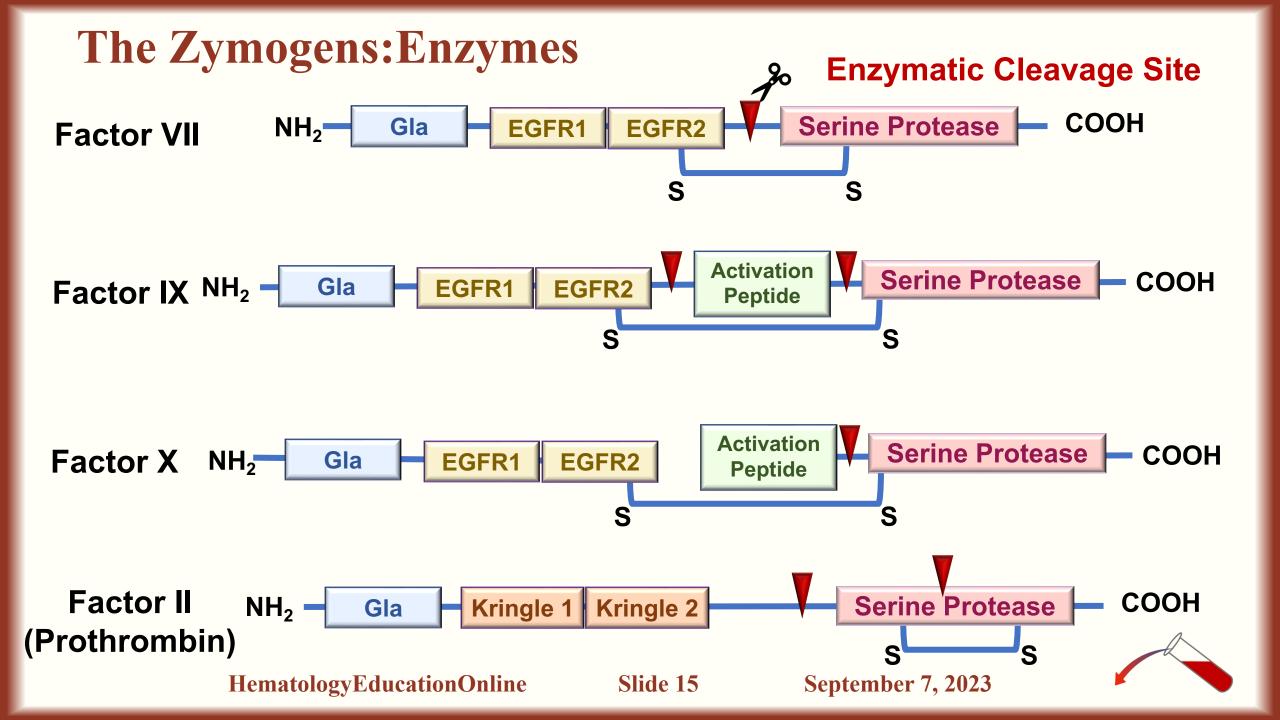
Contemporary Representation of the Coagulation Cascade





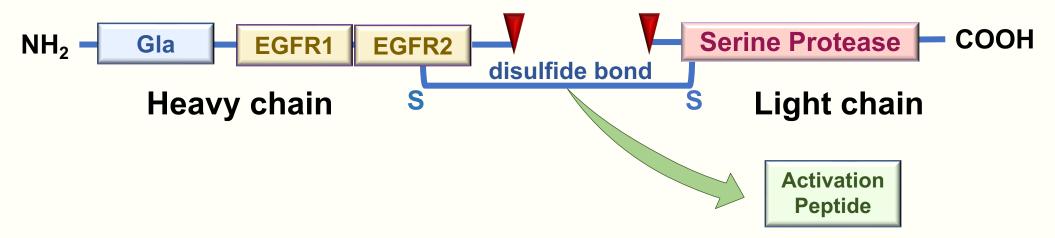
The Structure of the Coagulation Factors





Factor IX Activation: Two Step Enzymatic Cleavage Site

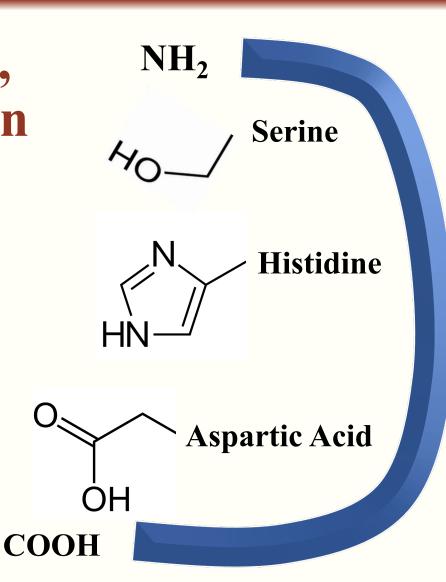
Enzymatic Cleavage Sites



- > After activation, heavy and light chains remain covalently bound by disulfide bonds.
- Heavy chain facilitates binding to substrate.
- > Gamma-Carboxyglutamic Acid (Gla) domain is in Heavy Chain.
- > Light Chain contains the serine protease enzymatic domain.
- > Substrate specificity determined by Heavy Chain binding and structure of the serine protease domain.
 - > Emsley et al. Blood 2010;115:2569-2577



Serine Protease, Catalytic Domain



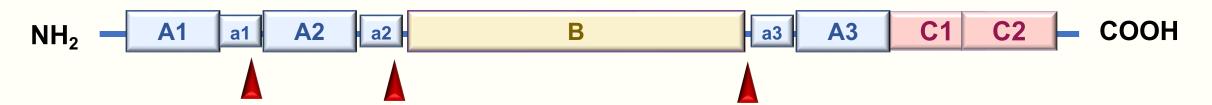
Enzyme Backbone

Serine, Histidine and Aspartic acid; amino acids in catalytic domain.

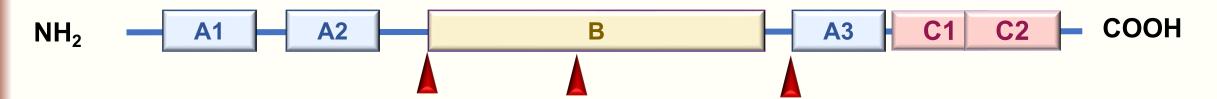


Cofactors

Factor VIII



Factor V

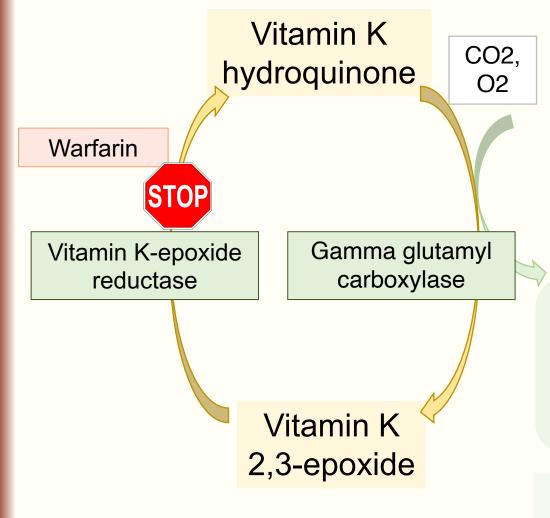


Dahlback B. JTH 15: 1241-1250, 2017

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Vitamin K Mediated γ-Carboxylation of Glutamic Acid



Glutamic Acid: Single negative charge

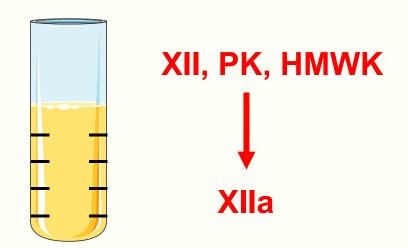
Gamma-Carboxyglutamic Acid (Gla): Divalent negative charge. Can bind calcium

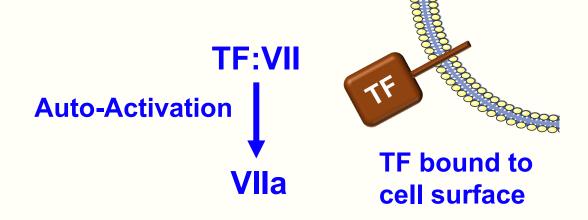


There Are Two Ways to Initiate Coagulation System in Vitro

Intrinsic Pathway/Contact Pathway: Contact with a Negatively Charged Surface

Extrinsic Pathway:
Addition of Tissue Thromboplastin
(Tissue Factor and Phospholipid)





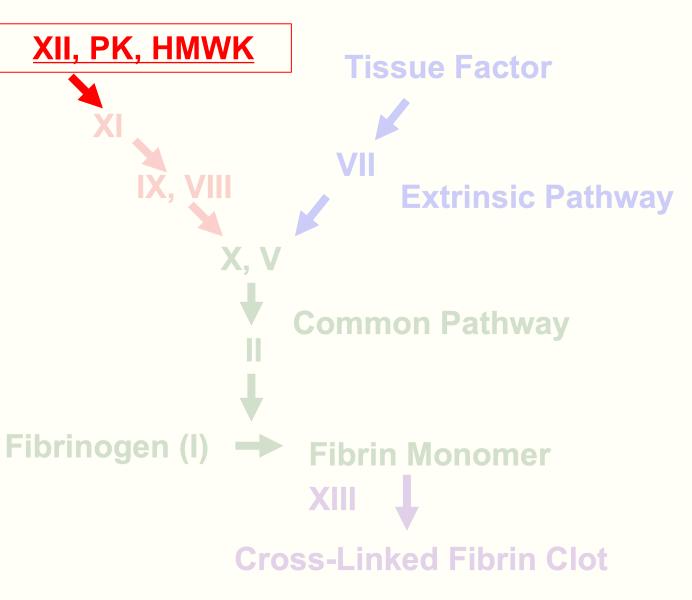


Overview of the Contact Phase: Initiation of Intrinsic Pathway

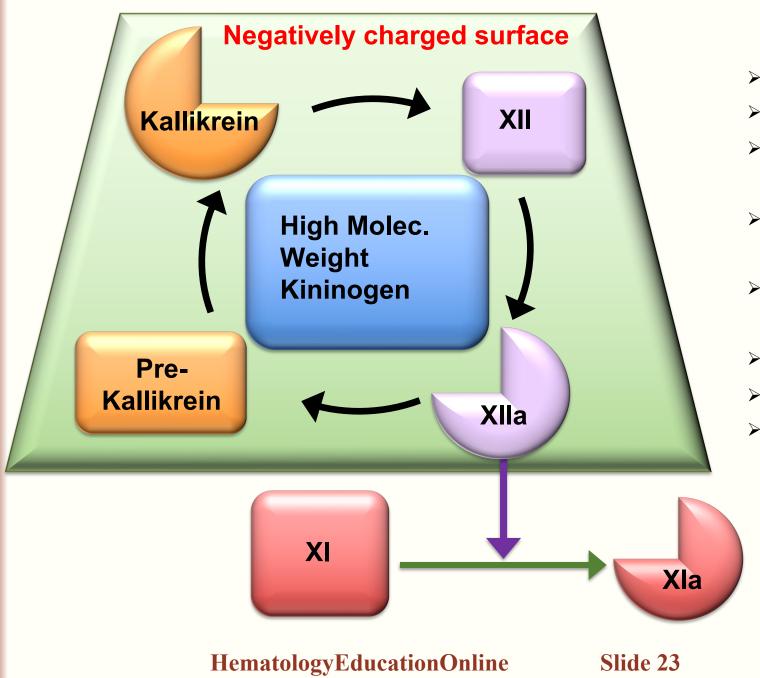


Contact System
(Activated by binding to a negatively charged surface)

Intrinsic Pathway





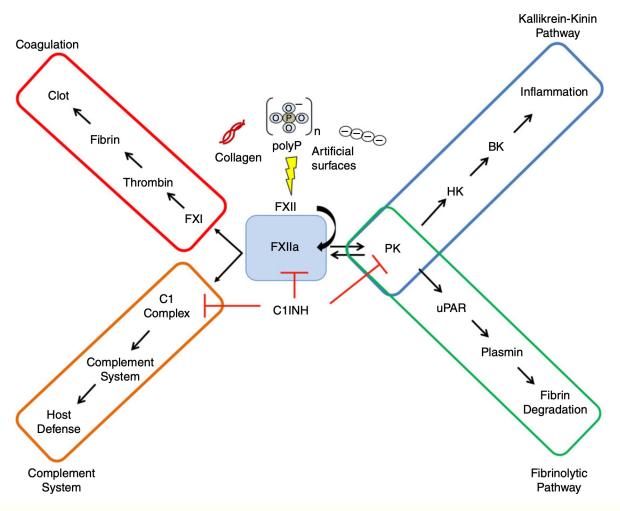


Contact System

- > Factor XII
- > Prekallikrein
- > High Molecular Weight Kininogen
- > Minimal contribution to hemostasis in physiologic situations.
- > Deficiencies of the Contact Factors are not associated with bleeding tendency.
- Bradykinin (Derived from HMWK)
- > Role in inflammation, vascular tone.
- > Increasing evidence that the Contact System does have a role in pathological activation of coagulation and thrombosis.



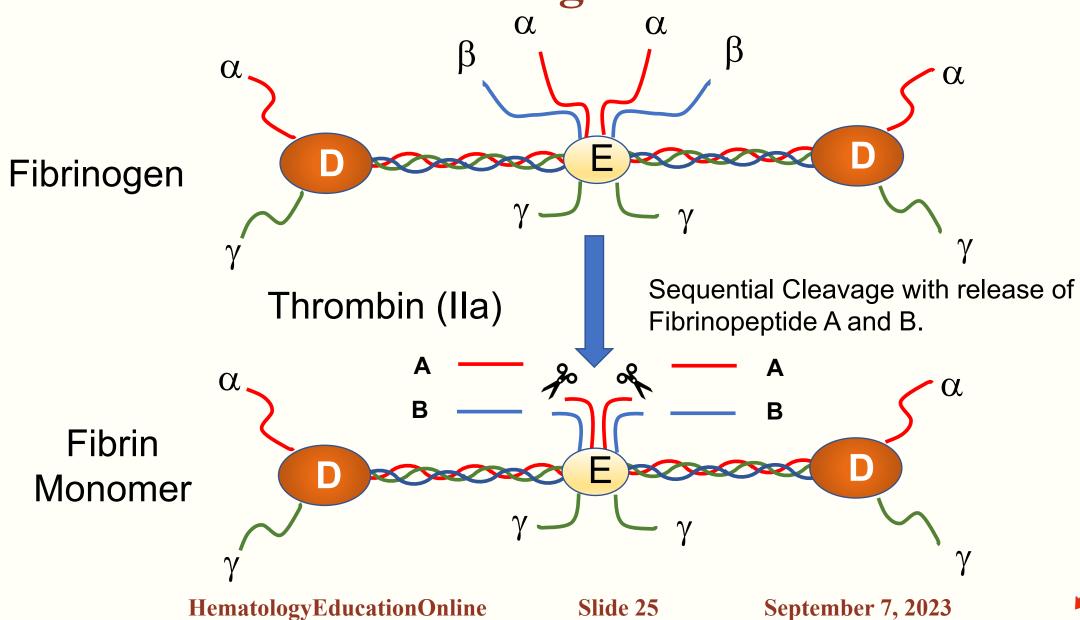
"Contact system revisited: an interface between inflammation, coagulation, and innate immunity"



- > FXII deficiency is not physiologically associated with an increased bleeding risk.
- > Contact system does have role in inflammation, complement system, fibrinolysis, and pathologic thrombosis.
- Polyphosphate (polyP) from activated platelets and bacteria can activate Factor XII
- > Neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs), chromatin extruded from activated neutrophils can activate the Contact System.
- > F XIIa may increase vascular leak in allergic conditions.
- > Long AT, et al. J Thromb Haemost 2016; 14: 427–37.

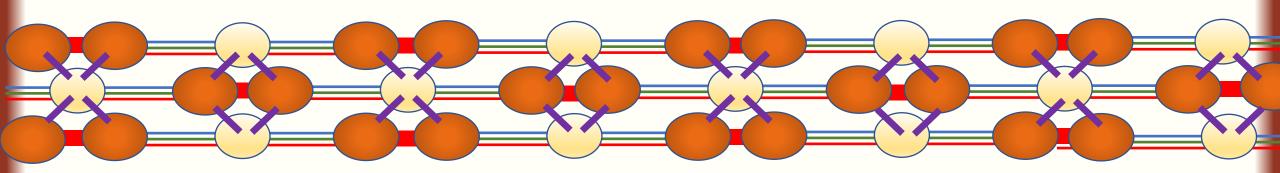


Fibrinogen: Fibrin



Factor XIIIa (Transglutaminase): Cross-Link Fibrin

XIIIa: Cross-Links Fibrin Clot







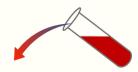


Limitations of The Classic Coagulation Cascade

- 1) For years we have recognized the inconsistencies within these pathways to truly inform us of a patient's hemostatic system.
- 2) There are markedly different clinical manifestations of deficiencies of different factors, particularly within the Intrinsic Pathway.
 - > Why do some deficiencies of the Intrinsic Pathway lead to severe bleeding, while other deficiencies do not cause bleeding?
- 3) The classic understanding that factors are activated in a "cascade," from top to bottom, is known to be incorrect.
- 4) Some enzymes have multiple substrates, and some factors can be activated by more than one enzyme.
- 5) In the following material, we will address these points and clarify the current understanding of the coagulation system.

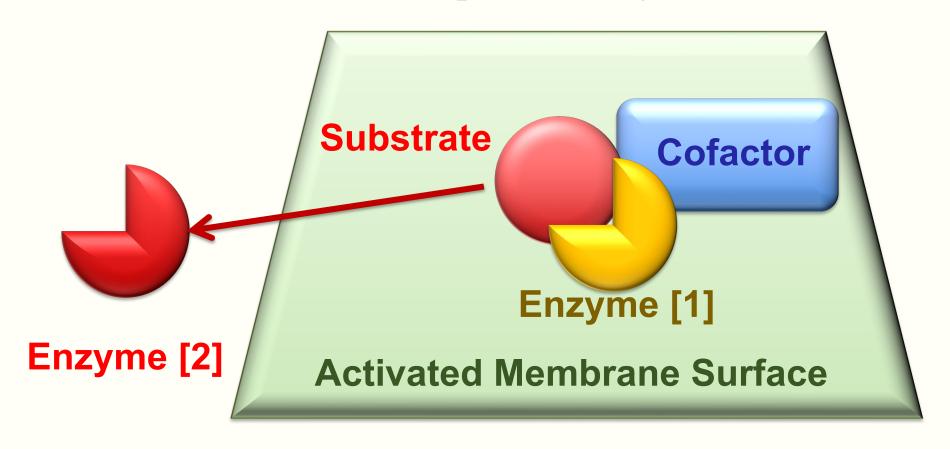


Cell-Based Coagulation Model: Assembly Of Enzyme/Cofactor/Substrate Complex On Phospholipid Surface



The Cell (Surface) Based Model Of Coagulation

Coagulation is "Best" understood as a series of membrane-bound complexes: enzyme/cofactor/substrate.

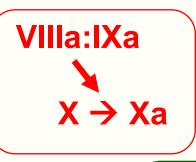


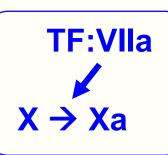


Three Complexes of "Classic Cascade"

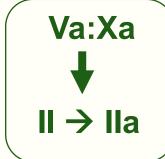
Pathway	Complex	Enzyme	Cofactor	Substrate	Product
Intrinsic Pathway	Intrinsic Xase	IXa	VIIIa	X	Xa
Extrinsic Pathway	Extrinsic Xase	VII/VIIa	TF	X	Xa
Common Pathway	Prothrombinase	Xa	Va	II	IIa

Intrinsic Xase





Extrinsic Xase



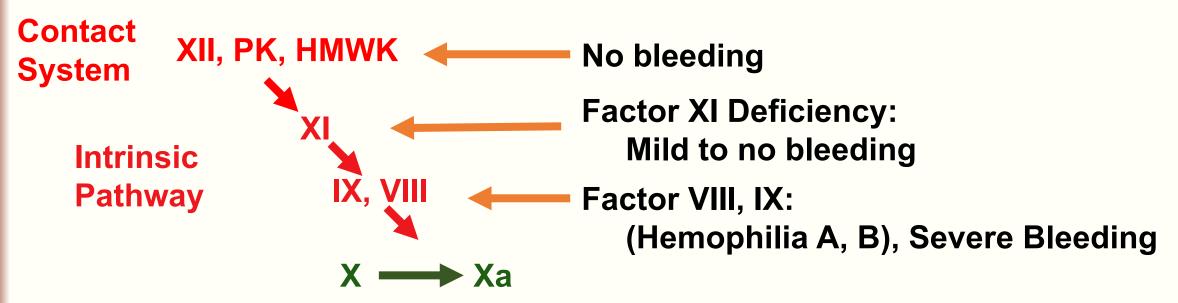
Prothrombinase



"Cross-Over" of Extrinsic and Intrinsic Pathways



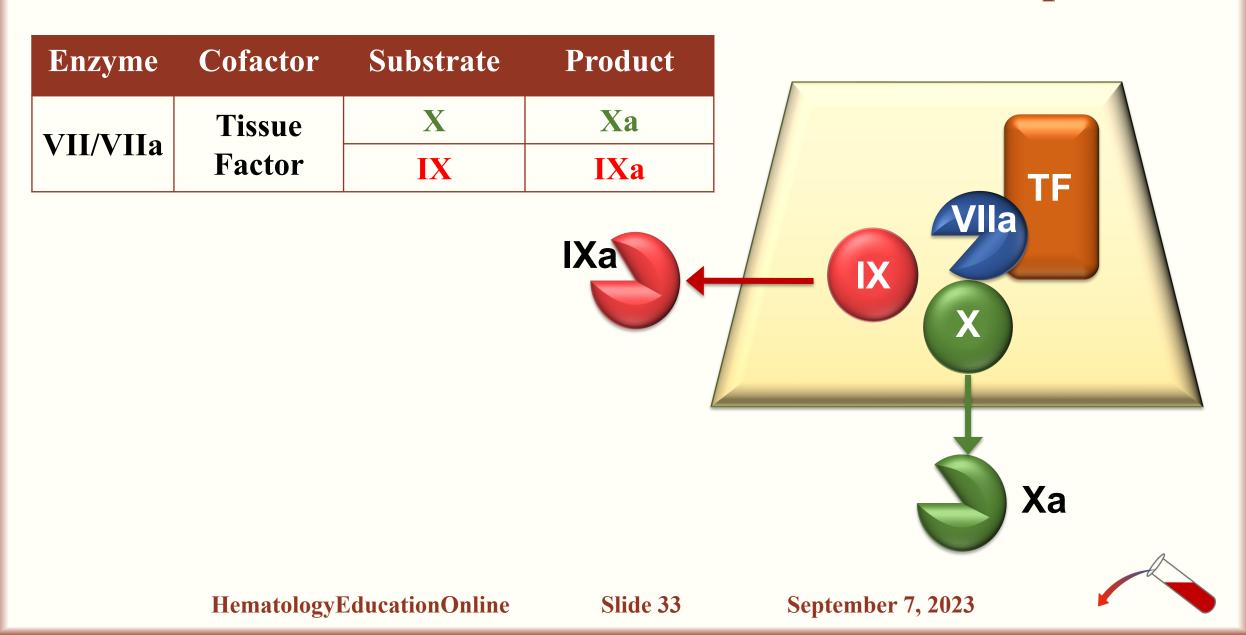
Clinical Manifestation Of Deficiencies of Factors Within the Intrinsic Pathway



- > If this is a single pathway, why are different factor deficiencies associated with marked differences in clinical manifestations?
- > This indicates our classic coagulation cascade is not the full story.

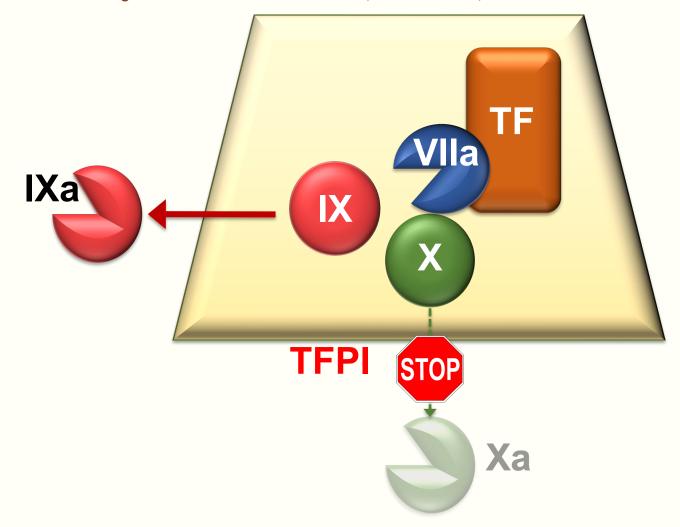


Two Alternative Substrates Of TF:VIIa Complex



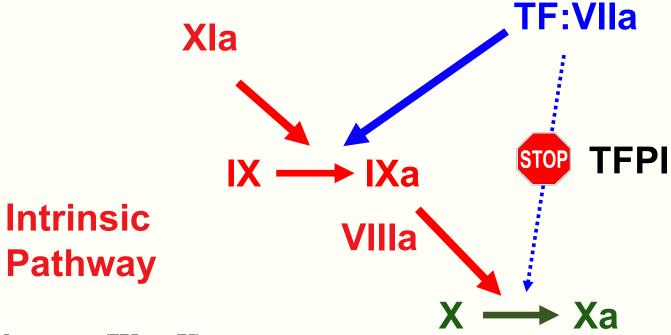
Tissue Factor Pathway Inhibitor (TFPI)

- > TFPI inhibits activation of Factor X by TF:VIIa.
- > Therefore, In Vivo, the primary substrate of FVIIa is F IX.
- > In addition to activation of Factor X, the Extrinsic Pathway "Crosses Over" into the Intrinsic Pathway.



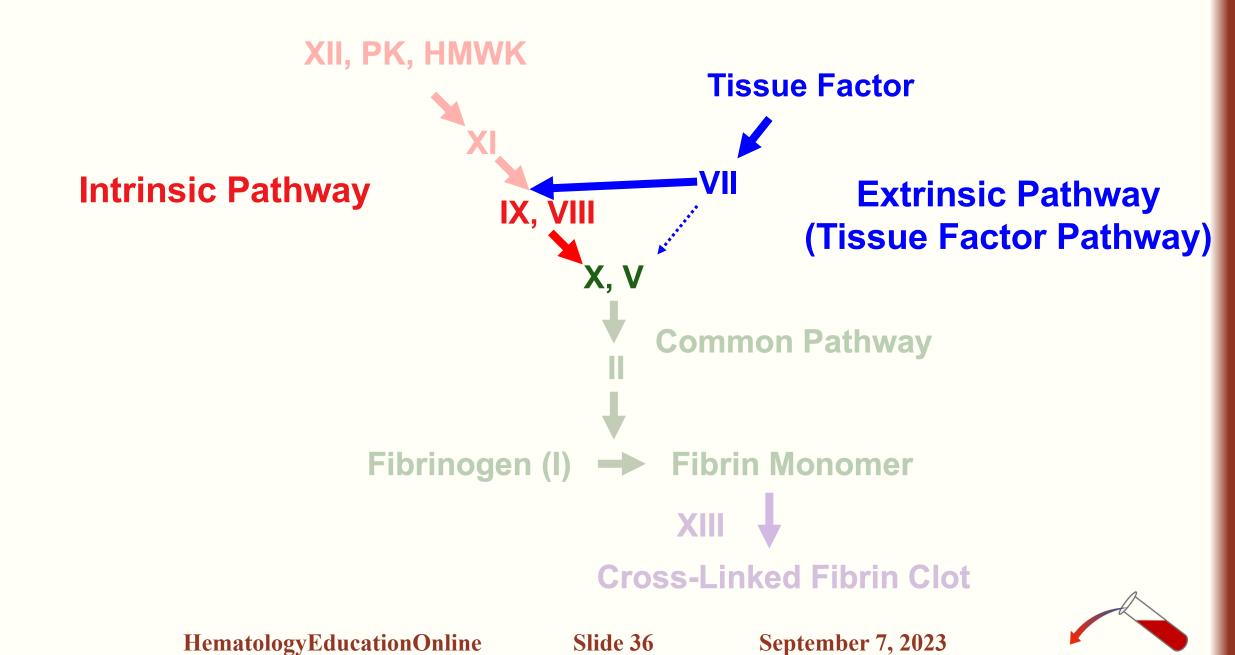


Factor IX Can Be Activated By TF:VIIa or XIa



- > TF:VIIa has two substrates (IX or X).
- > IX can be activated by two different enzymes (XIa or VIIa)
- > The concept of a simple "cascade," with an ordered process of one factor activating the next, is not the complete picture.
- > In vivo, the "Common Pathway" starts with VIII and IX.





The Thrombin Burst: Activation of Factors V, VIII, XI, XIII by Thrombin:



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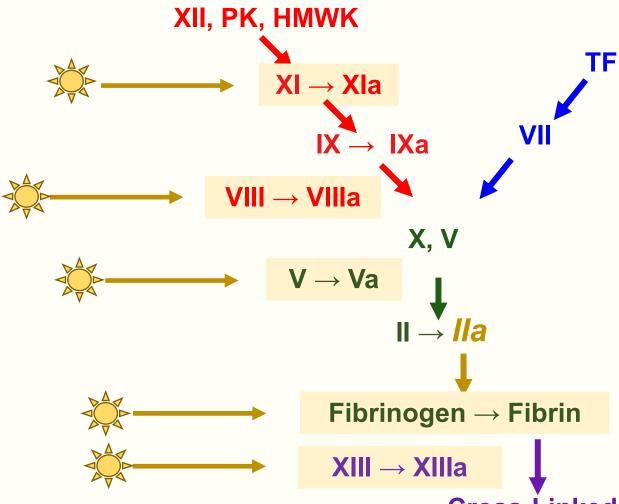
Thrombin: Multiple Roles In Coagulation

- > How are Factors V and VIII activated?
- > How is Factor XIII activated?
- > Concept of Thrombin Burst: There are several steps within the coagulation cascade where thrombin participates in positive feedback processes, to greatly amplify the pro-coagulant state.



Thrombin Feedback;

Activation of Factors V, VIII, XI, XIII

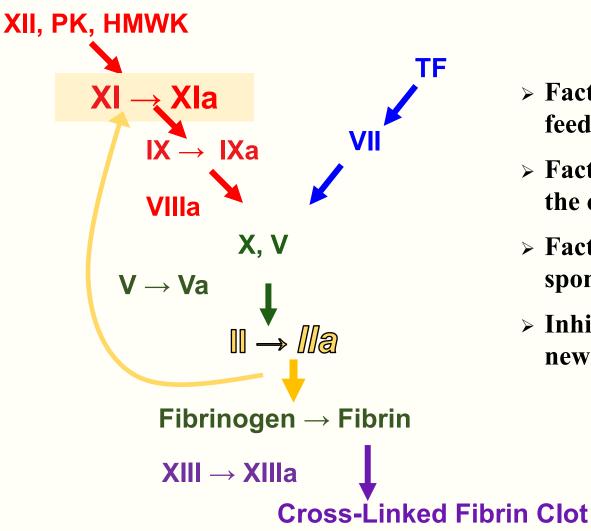




Procoagulant Activities of Thrombin

- 1. Cleavage of Fibrinogen
- 2. Activation of Factor V
- 3. Activation of Factor VIII
- 4. Activation of Factor XI
- 5. Activation of Factor XIII
- 6. [Activation of Platelets]

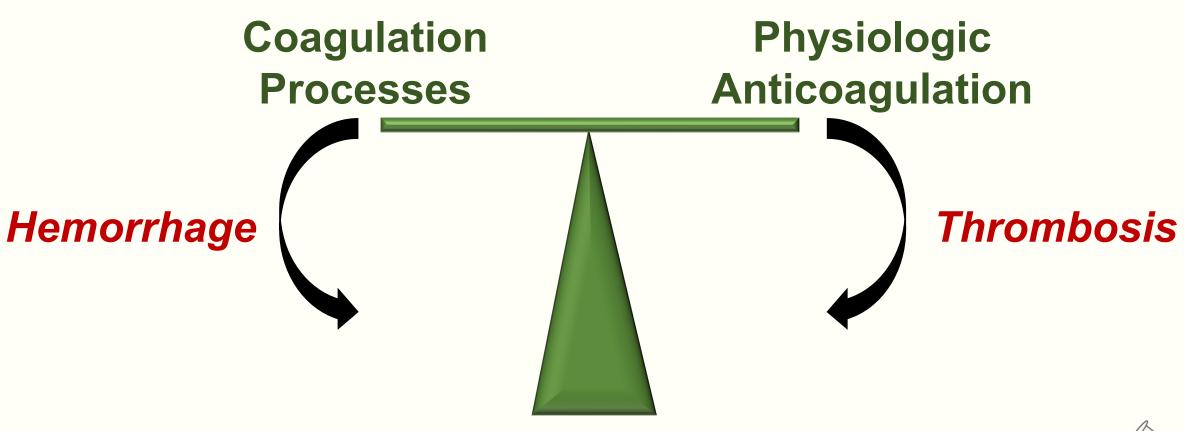
Role of Factor XI



- > Factor XI is a component of a positive feedback loop.
- > Factor XI also links the Contact System with the core coagulation pathway.
- > Factor XI deficiency is rarely associated with spontaneous bleeding.
- > Inhibition of Factor XI is being explored as new option for therapeutic anticoagulation!



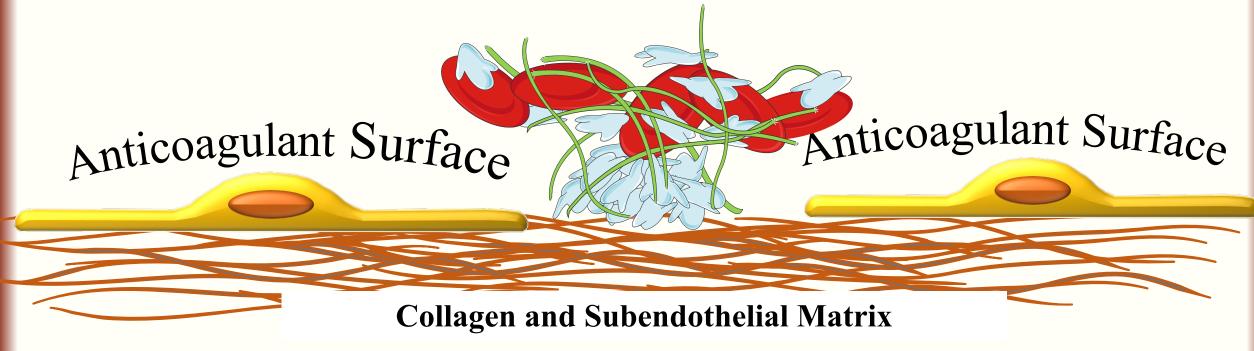
The Hemostatic Balance: Physiologic Anticoagulation Processes





Vascular Endothelial Cells Present Anticoagulant Surface

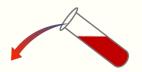
- > Vascular endothelial cells present anticoagulant surface.
- > Disruption of endothelial surface exposes blood to Collagen and Subendothelial Matrix (procoagulants) leading to activation of coagulation.
- > Deficiency of physiologic anticoagulants leads to activation of coagulation.





Physiologic Anticoagulation Processes on Endothelial Cells

Pathway	Activity	Effect
CD39-Ecto ADPase	Degrades ADP	Reduced ADP, reduced platelet activation
NO Synthase	Synthesis of Nitric Oxide	Relaxes smooth muscle and inhibits platelet activation
Cyclooxygenase 2	Synthesis of Prostacyclin (PGI2)	Relaxes smooth muscle and inhibits platelet activation
Heparan Sulfate (Glycosaminoglycan)	Heparan binds Antithrombin	Heparan: AT complex neutralizes coagulation enzymes
Thrombomodulin & Endothelial Protein C Receptor	Thrombomodulin binds Thrombin EPCR binds protein C	Thrombin:TM complex has reduced procoagulant activity. Activates protein C which inactivates Cofactors
Tissue Factor Pathway Inhibitor	TFPI inhibits direct activation of Factor X by TF:VIIa complex	Directs TF:VIIa activity towards activation of F IX to IXa.



Antithrombin: Inactive Conformation

Thrombin





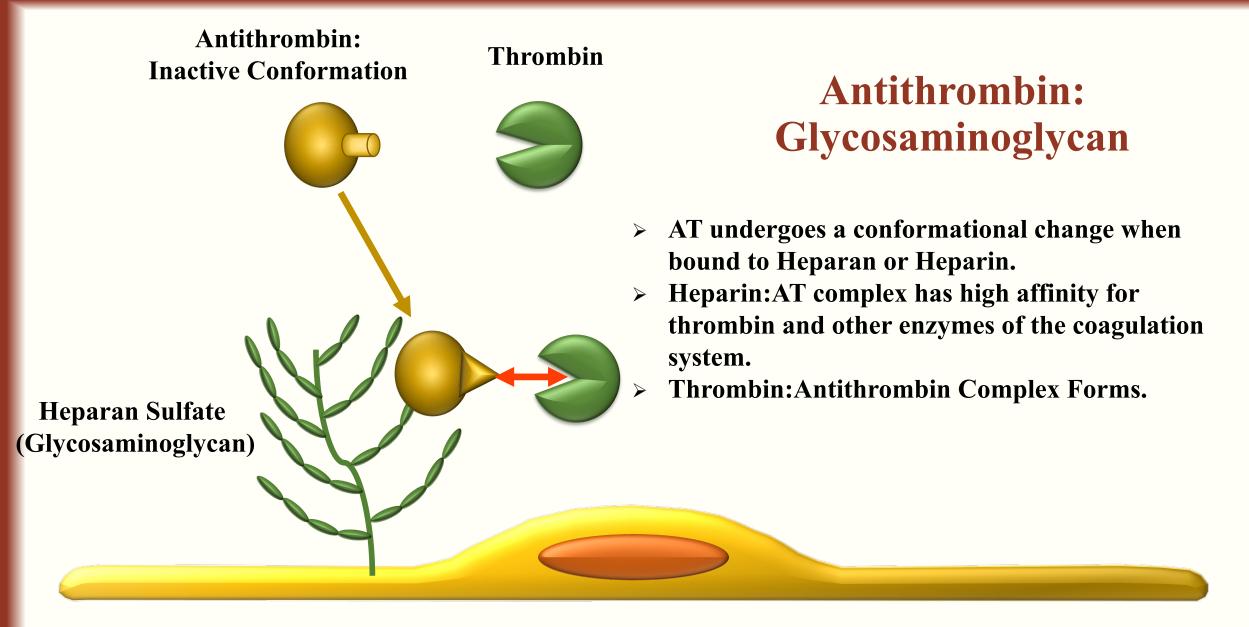


Antithrombin: Glycosaminoglycan

Antithrombin, in fluid phase is unable to bind thrombin or other enzymes.



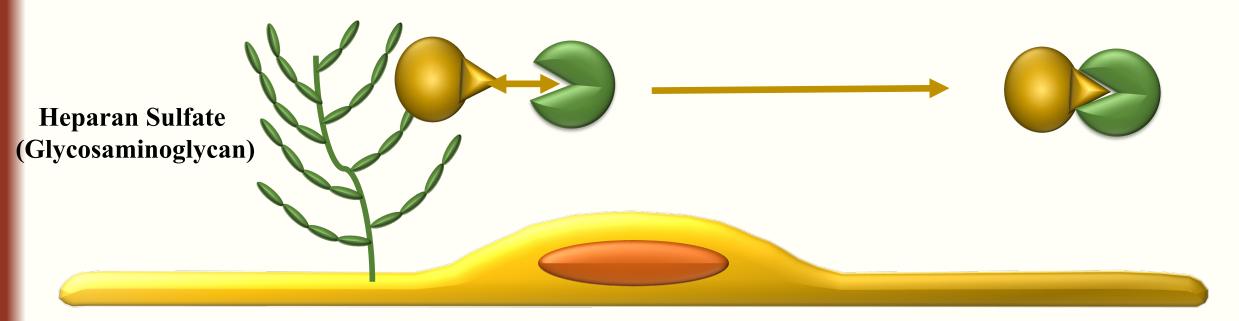






Antithrombin: Glycosaminoglycan

Thrombin: Antithrombin Complex Dissociates from Glycosaminoglycan

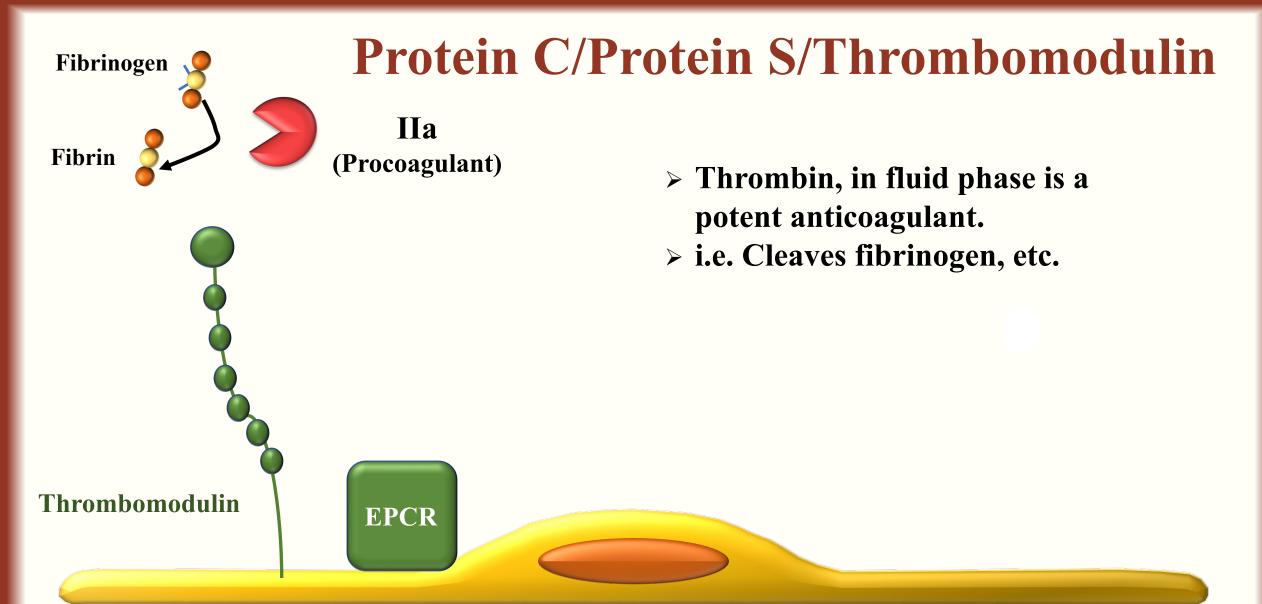




Protein C/Protein S/Thrombomodulin System

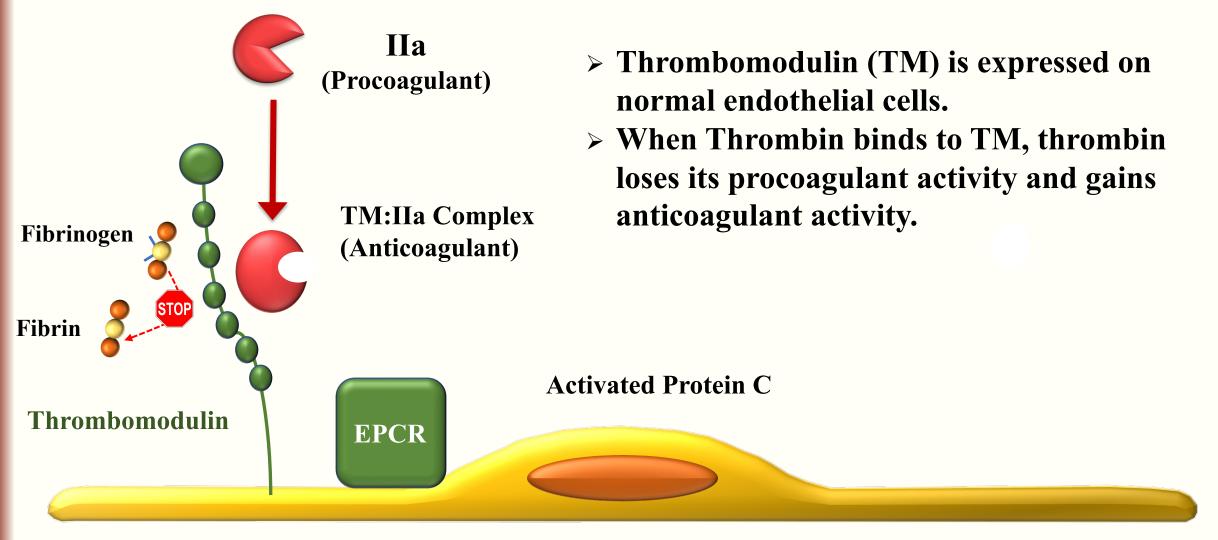
- > Constituents:
 - > Protein C
 - > Protein S
 - > Thrombomodulin
 - > Endothelial cell protein C receptor (EPCR)
- Activated Protein C (With cofactor Protein S) inactivates FVa and FVIIIa, the cofactors of the cascade.
- EPCR localizes Protein C/Ca to endothelial cell surface.
 - > May have non-coagulation roles.







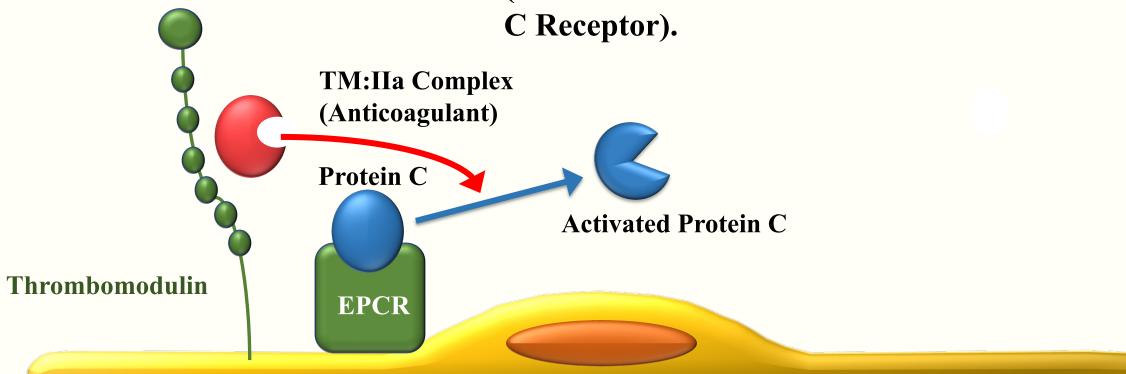
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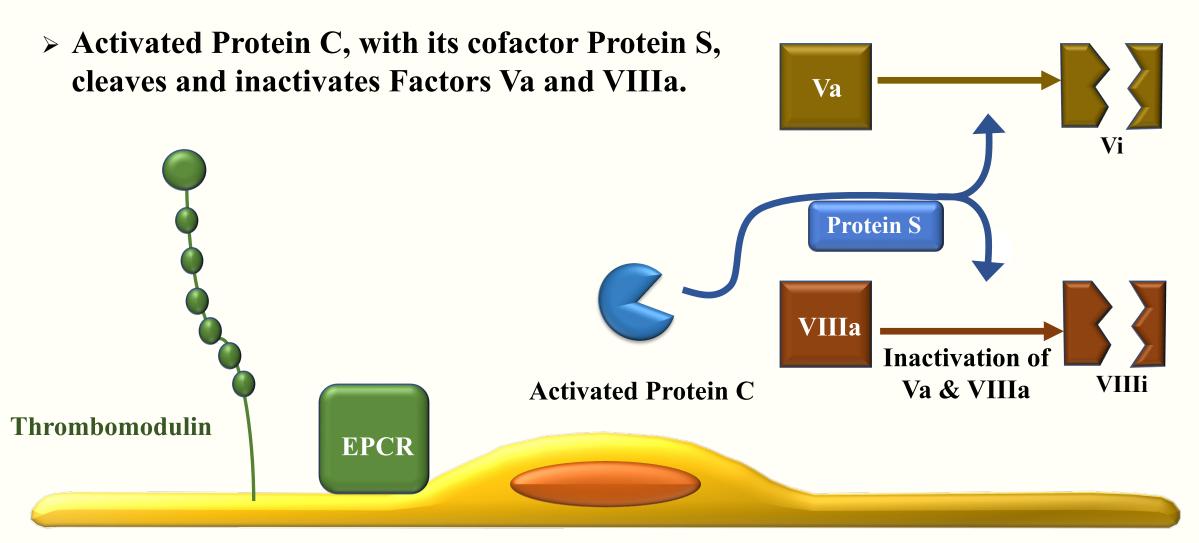
Protein C/Protein S/Thrombomodulin

- > Thrombin: Thrombomodulin complex cleaves and activates Protein C.
- > (Protein C localizes to Endothelial Cell Protein





Protein C/Protein S/Thrombomodulin



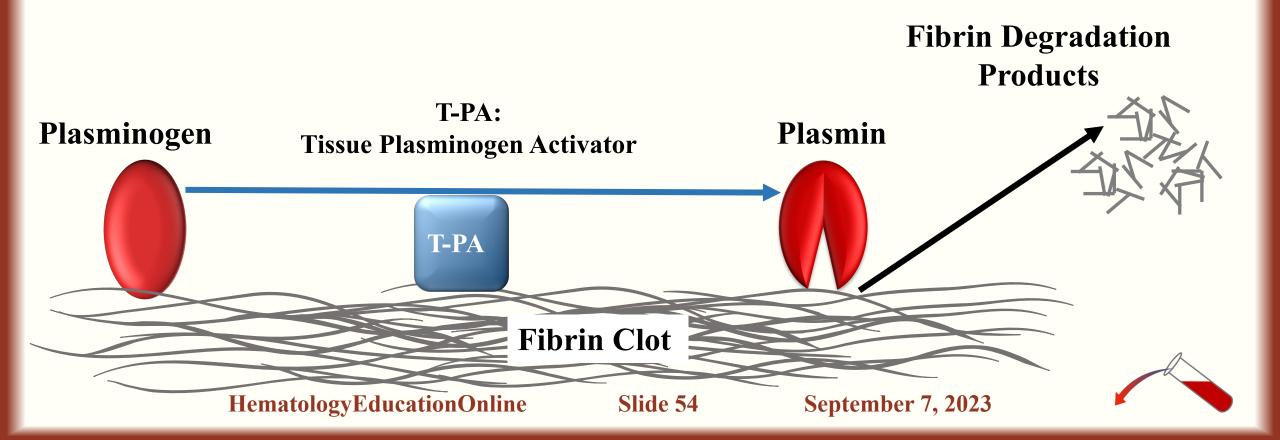


Fibrinolytic Pathway

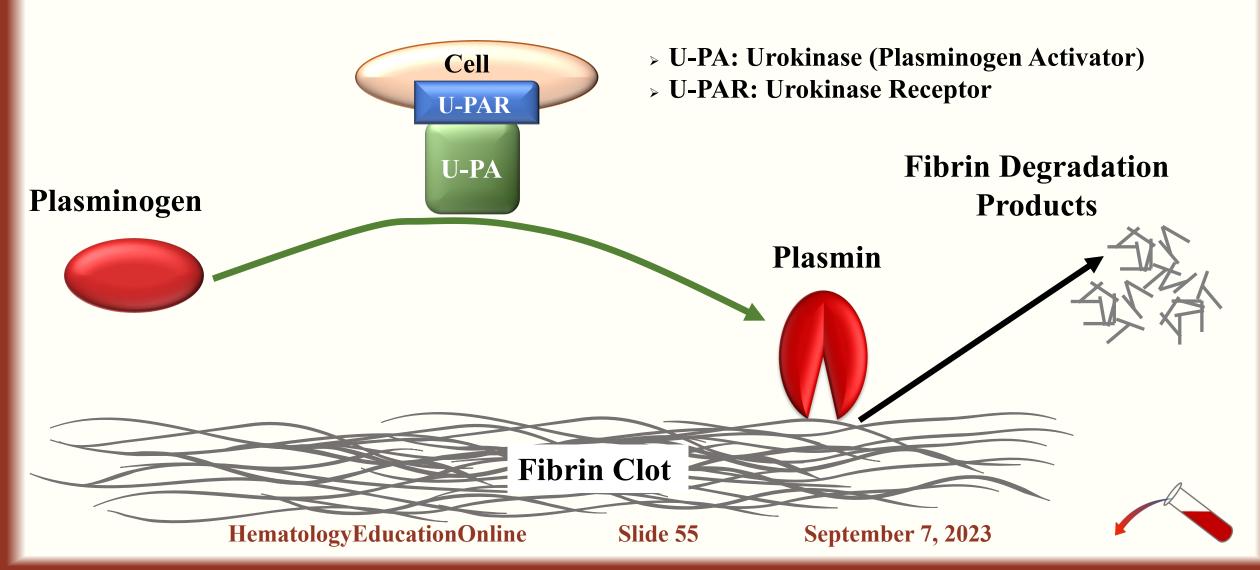
- Plasminogen
 - > Activated to Plasmin (a serine proteinase)
 - > Plasmin proteolyzes fibrin and fibrinogen
- > Plasminogen Activators
 - > t-PA (Tissue-Plasminogen Activator)
 - > Localizes to fibrin clot
 - > u-PA (Urokinase-Plasminogen Activator)
 - > Localizes to cell membrane uPA receptor.
 - > Released by endothelial cells.
- > Inhibitors/Serpins
 - > PAI-1, PAI-2; Plasminogen Activator Inhibitors
 - \triangleright α 2-Antiplasmin.



Fibrinolytic Pathway: T-PA, Fibrin Clot Based Activation



Fibrinolytic Pathway: U-PA/U-PAR, Cell Based Activation



Fibrinolytic Pathway: Inhibitors

