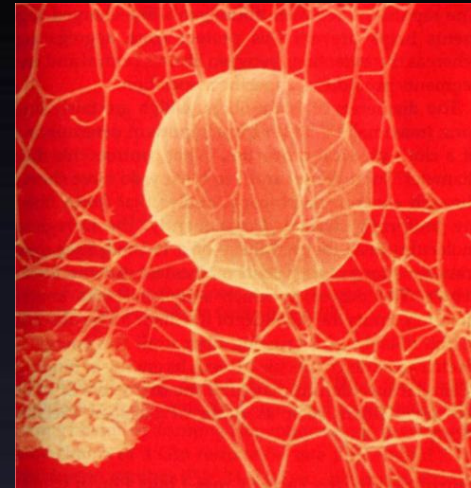


# L-1: COAGULATION MECHANISMS

## L-2: PLATELETS STRUCTURE & FUNCTIONS

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**Vessel injury**

**Antithrombogenic**  
**(Favors fluid blood)**

**Thrombogenic**  
**(Favors clotting)**

**HANDOUTS...12/25/2016**

# OBJECTIVES

❖ **At the end of the lecture you should be able to describe.....**

- 1. Describe formation and development of platelets**
- 2. Recognize different stages of haemostasis**
- 3. Explain the role of platelets in haemostasis.**
- 4. Recognize different clotting factors & cascade of clotting.**
- 5. Describe the intrinsic, extrinsic and common pathway.**
- 7. Recognize the role of thrombin in coagulation**
- 8. Explain process of fibrinolysis and function of plasmin**

# HEMOSTASIS

**The spontaneous arrest of bleeding from ruptured blood vessels**

## FOUR STEPS OF HEMOSTASIS

1. **VASCULAR PHASE** ► **Vascular Spasm**
2. **PLATELET PHASE** ► **Formation of platelet plug**
3. **COAGULATION PHASE** ► **Blood Coagulation & Clot Retraction**
4. **FIBRINOLYTIC PHASE** ► **Fibrinolysis**

# 1-VASCULAR SPASM (Vascular Constriction)

Immediately After injury there is localized  
Vasoconstriction.

## ❖ Causative Factors are three (3)

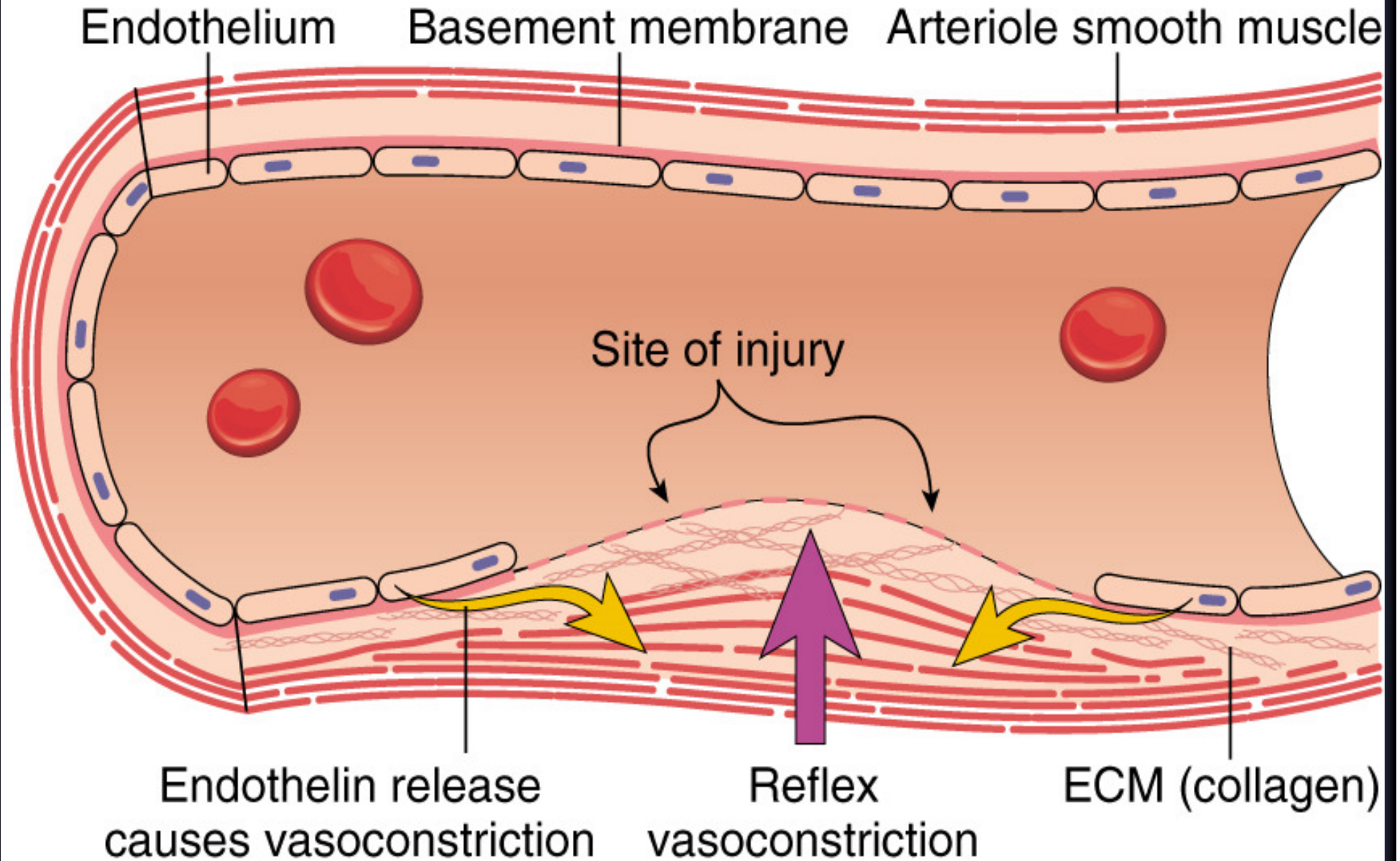
1. Nervous reflexes
2. Local myogenic spasm
3. Local humoral factors....Platelets → Thromboxane  $A_2$  [TXA2] (Vasoconstrictor)

## ❖ Importance

- ❖ Crushing injuries → Intense spasm → No lethal loss of blood

TXA2 is inhibited by aspirin...How?

# A. VASOCONSTRICTION

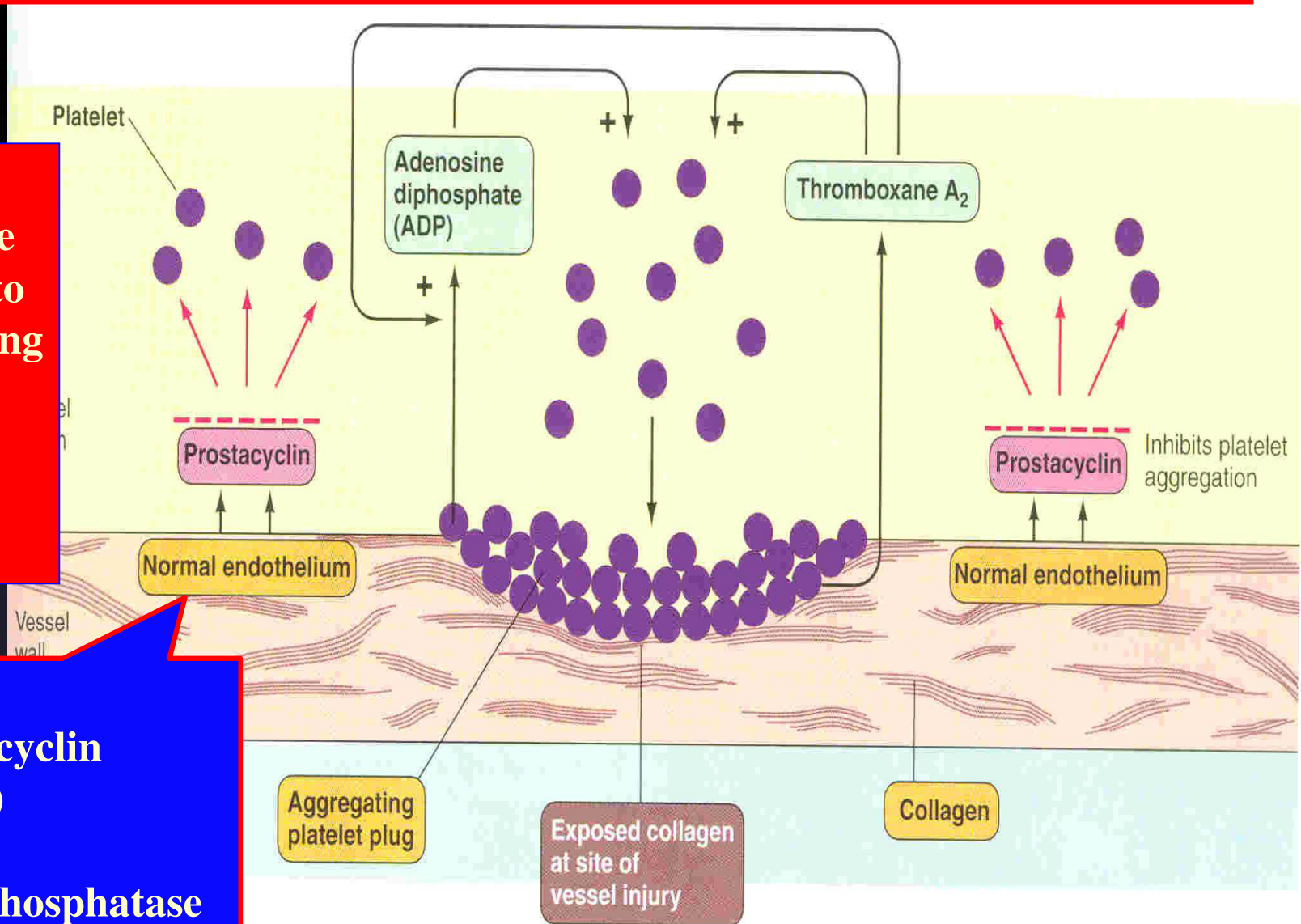


# 2-FORMATION OF PLATELET PLUG [PRIMARY HEMOSTASIS]

**Importance**  
▶ enough to stop bleeding from small vascular damage

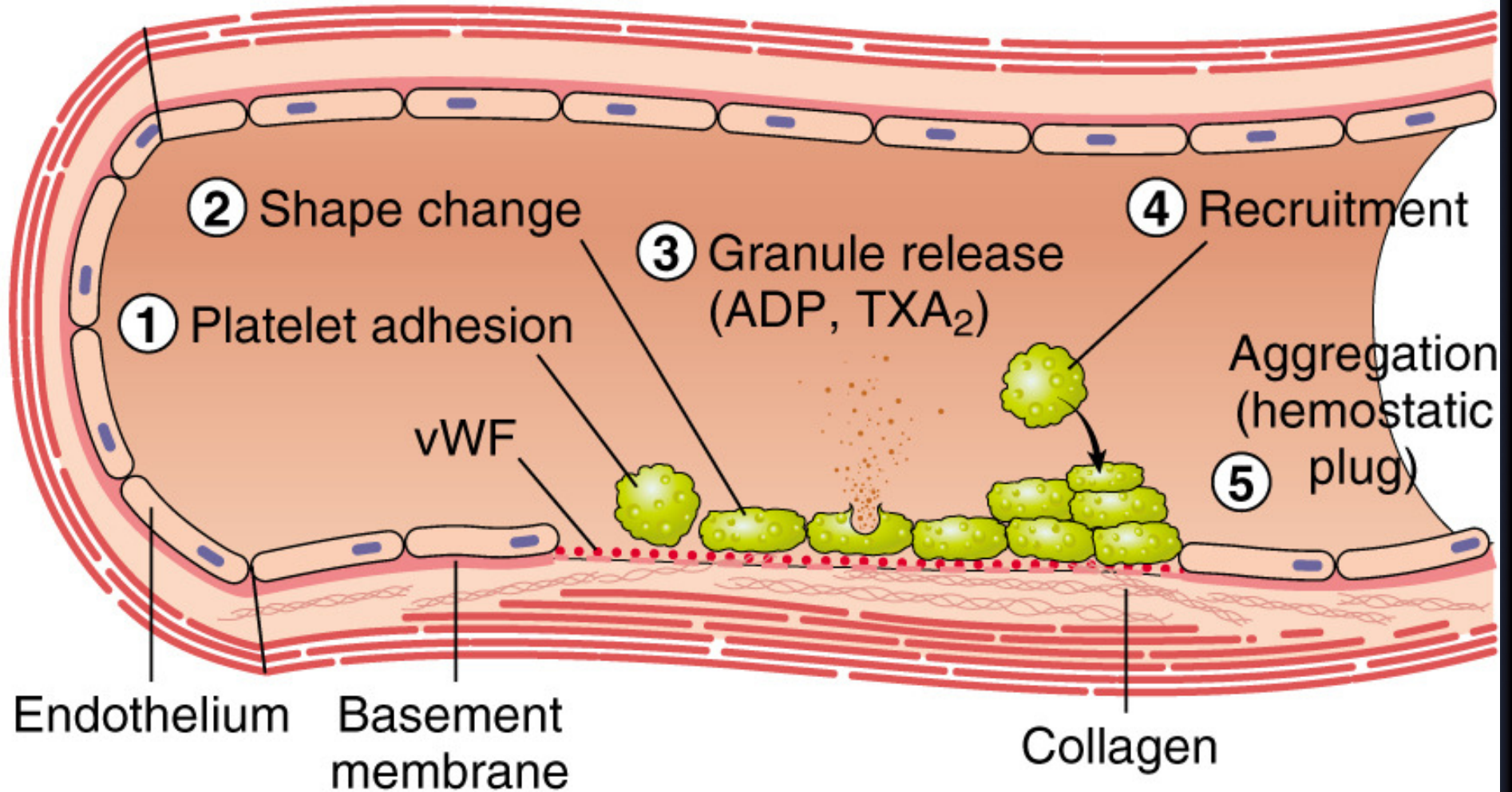
**Secrete**

- prostacyclin (PGI<sub>2</sub>)
- NO
- ADP phosphatase



## B. PRIMARY HEMOSTASIS

**ADP causes stickiness**



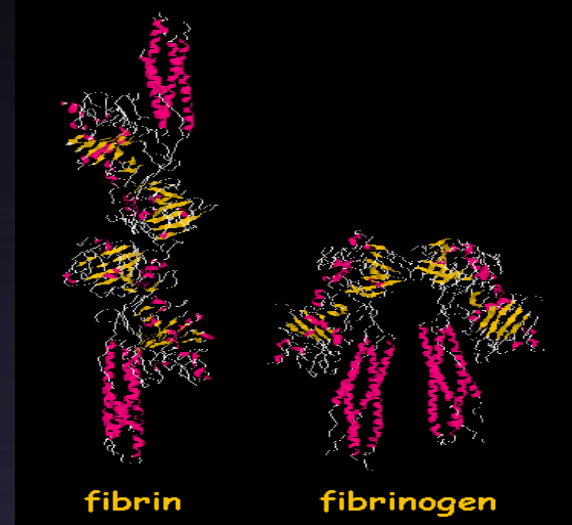
**Serotonin & thromboxane A<sub>2</sub> are vasoconstrictors**

# 3-BLOOD COAGULATION

Formation of Clot or Thrombus

## [SECONDARY HEMOSTASIS]

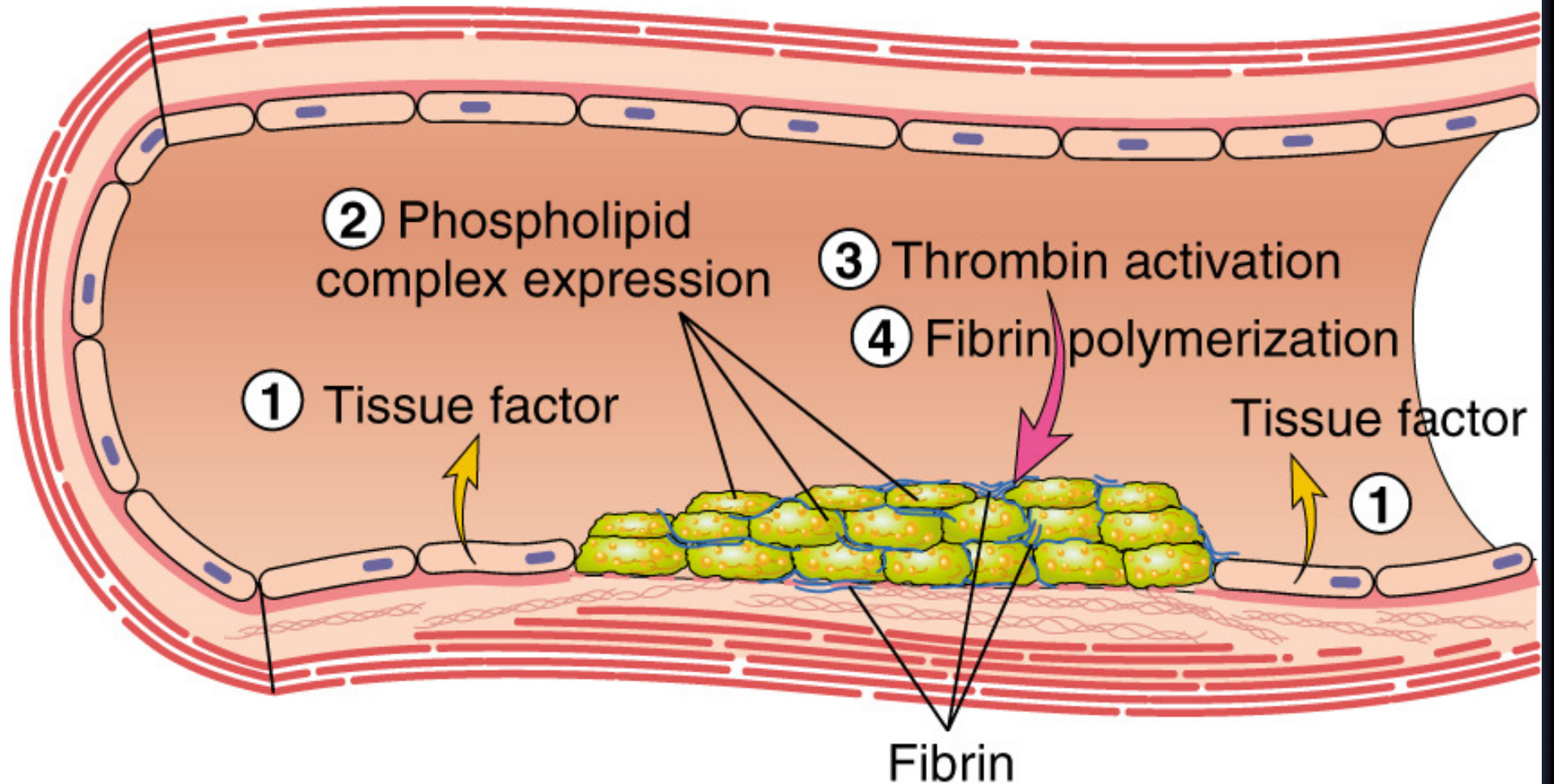
- ❖ Blood clotting is the transformation of blood (soluble fibrinogen) from a liquid into a solid gel form (insoluble fibrin strands)
- ❖ Pathways
  - ❖ Intrinsic
  - ❖ Extrinsic
- ❖ Begins to develop in
  - ❖ 1-2 min → Minor trauma
  - ❖ 15-20 sec → Severe trauma



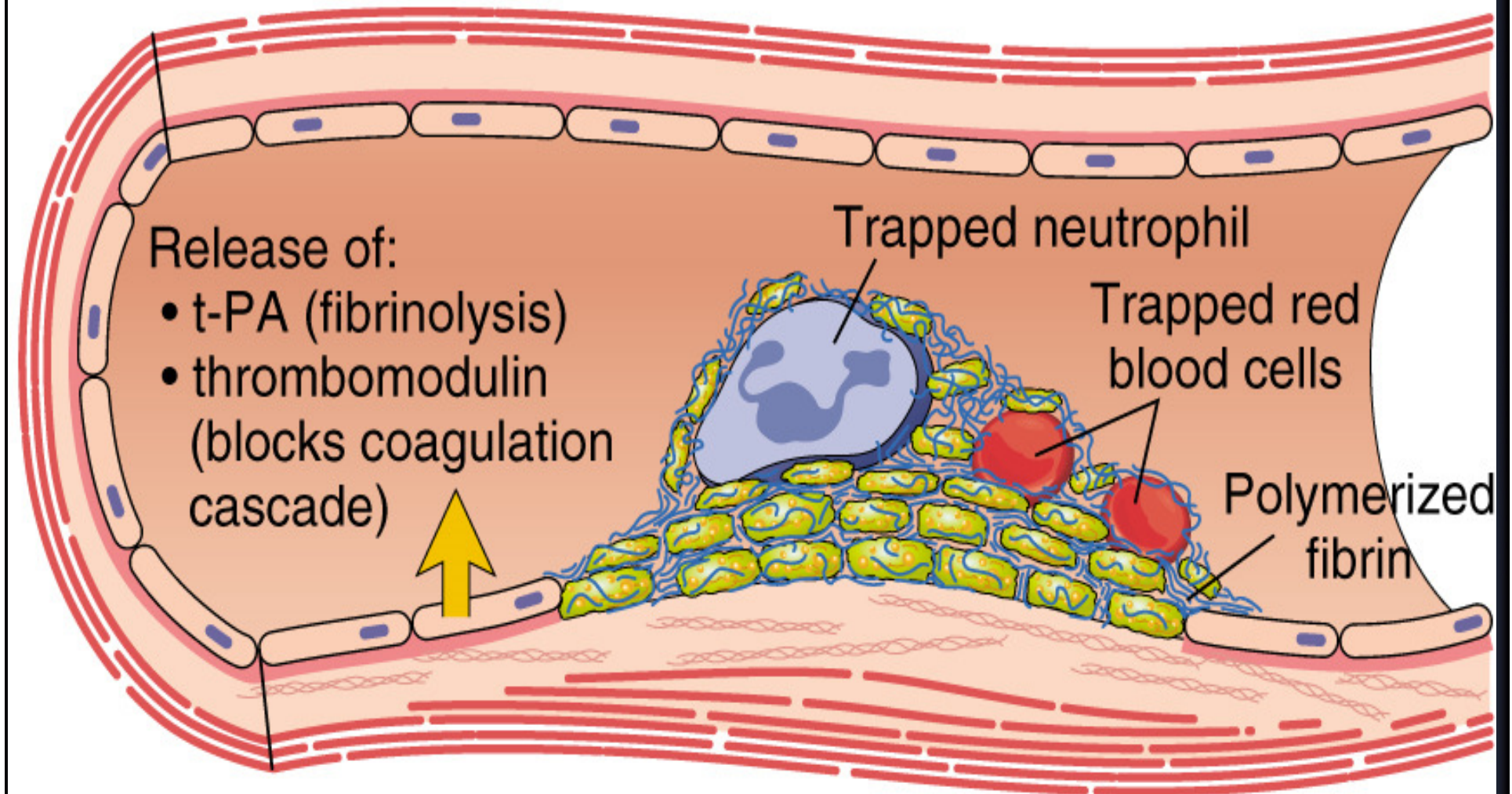
**CLOT is a meshwork of fibrin fibres running in all directions entrapping blood cells, platelets and plasma.**



## C. SECONDARY HEMOSTASIS



## D. THROMBUS AND ANTITHROMBOTIC EVENTS



# MECHANISM OF CLOTTING - **STEPS**

- 1. Formation of Prothrombin activator complex (Xa+Ca+PF-3+V) by Extrinsic & Intrinsic Pathways leading to Common Pathway**
- 2. Conversion of prothrombin into thrombin**
- 3. Conversion of fibrinogen into fibrin**
- 4. Fibrin converts to stable fibrin polymer**

# Clotting Factors

## Guyton

### Prothrombin

- ❖ Plasma protein (Alpha<sub>2</sub> globulin)
- ❖ Mol. Wt. - 68,700
- ❖ Plasma conc. - 15 mg/dl
- ❖ Unstable protein
- ❖ Synthesized by liver
- ❖ Vitamin-K is required for synthesis

### Fibrinogen

- ❖ Mol. Wt. – 340,000
- ❖ Plasma conc. – 100 – 700 mg/dl
- ❖ Synthesized in liver

Table 36–1

### Clotting Factors in Blood and Their Synonyms

Clotting Factor	Synonyms
Fibrinogen	Factor I
Prothrombin	Factor II
Tissue factor	Factor III; tissue thromboplastin
Calcium	Factor IV
Factor V	Proaccelerin; labile factor; Ac-globulin (Ac-G)
Factor VII	Serum prothrombin conversion accelerator (SPCA); proconvertin; stable factor
Factor VIII	Antihemophilic factor (AHF); antihemophilic globulin (AHG); antihemophilic factor A
Factor IX	Plasma thromboplastin component (PTC); Christmas factor; antihemophilic factor B
Factor X	Stuart factor; Stuart-Prower factor
Factor XI	Plasma thromboplastin antecedent (PTA); antihemophilic factor C
Factor XII	Hageman factor
Factor XIII	Fibrin-stabilizing factor
Prekallikrein	Fletcher factor
High-molecular-weight kininogen	Fitzgerald factor; HMWK (high-molecular-weight) kininogen
Platelets	

# Clotting Factors

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**TABLE 31–5** System for naming blood-clotting factors.

Factor <sup>a</sup>	Names
I	Fibrinogen
II	Prothrombin
III	Thromboplastin
IV	Calcium
V	Proaccelerin, labile factor, accelerator globulin
VII	Proconvertin, SPCA, stable factor
VIII	Antihemophilic factor (AHF), antihemophilic factor A, antihemophilic globulin (AHG)
IX	Plasma thromboplastic component (PTC), Christmas factor, antihemophilic factor B
X	Stuart–Prower factor
XI	Plasma thromboplastin antecedent (PTA), antihemophilic factor C
XII	Hageman factor, glass factor
XIII	Fibrin-stabilizing factor, Laki–Lorand factor
HMW-K	High-molecular-weight kininogen, Fitzgerald factor
Pre-Ka	Prekallikrein, Fletcher factor
Ka	Kallikrein
PL	Platelet phospholipid

<sup>a</sup>Factor VI is not a separate entity and has been dropped.

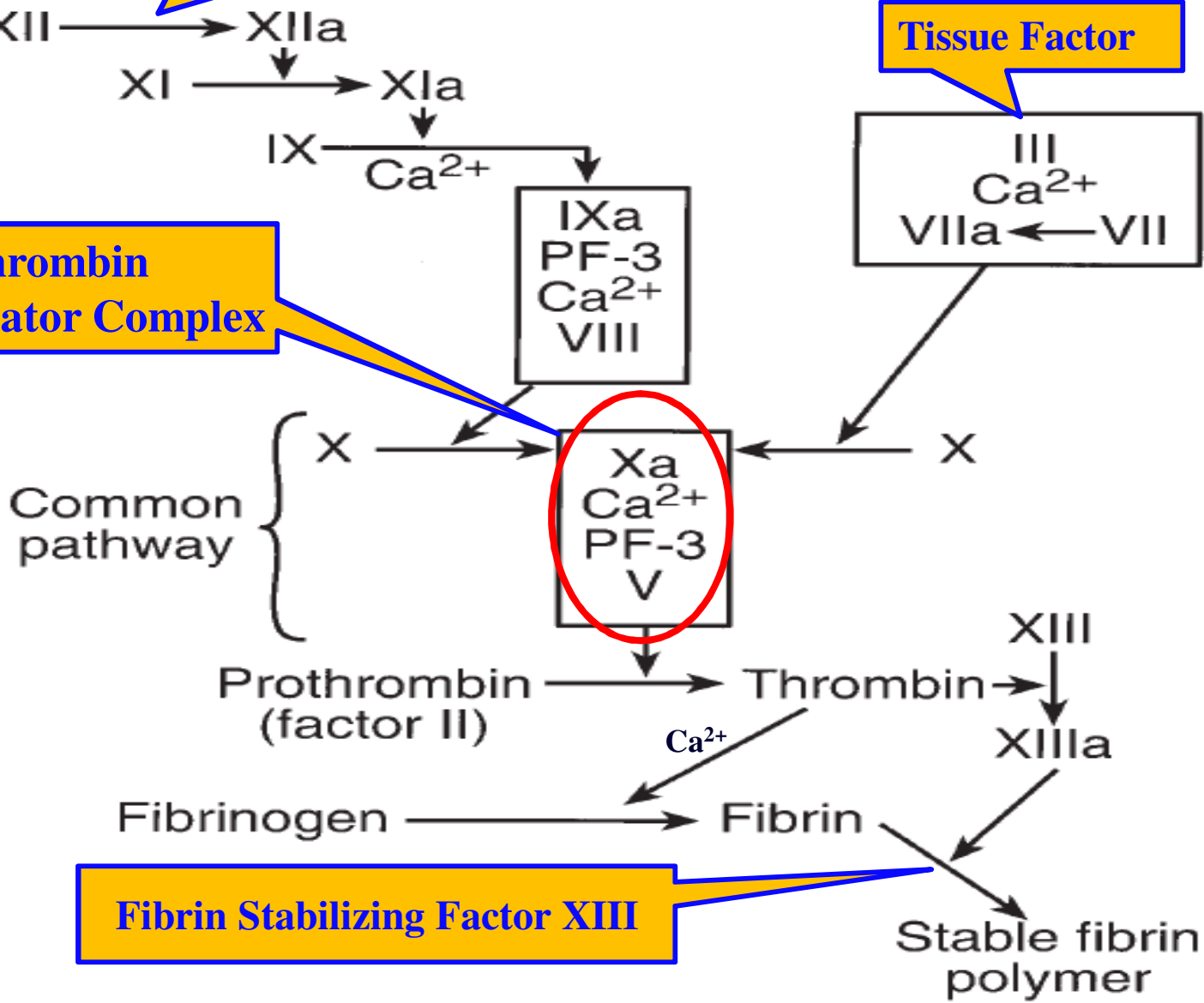
Intrinsic pathway

**Blood Trauma or Contact with collagen**

Extrinsic pathway

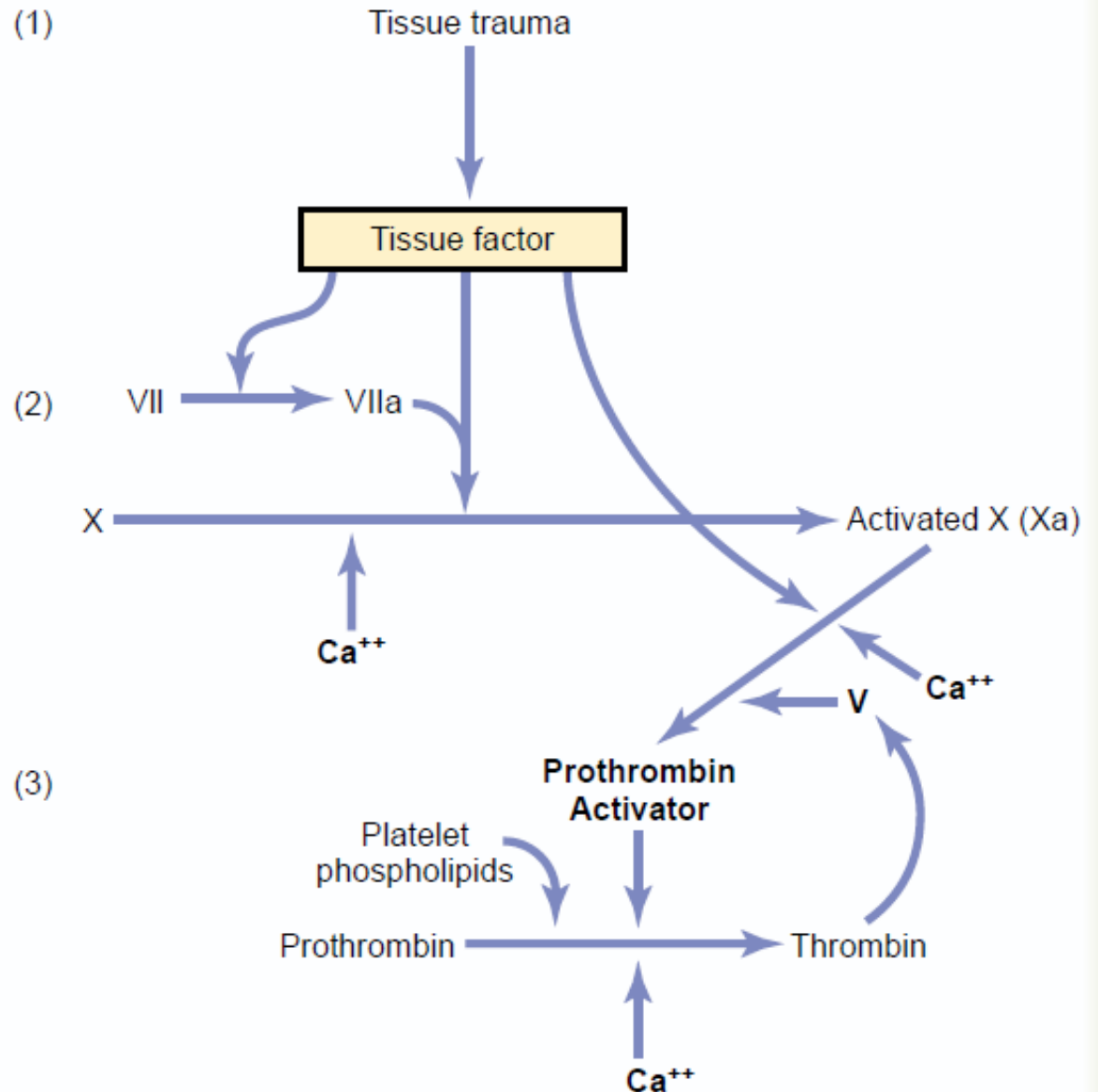
**Tissue Factor**

**Prothrombin Activator Complex**



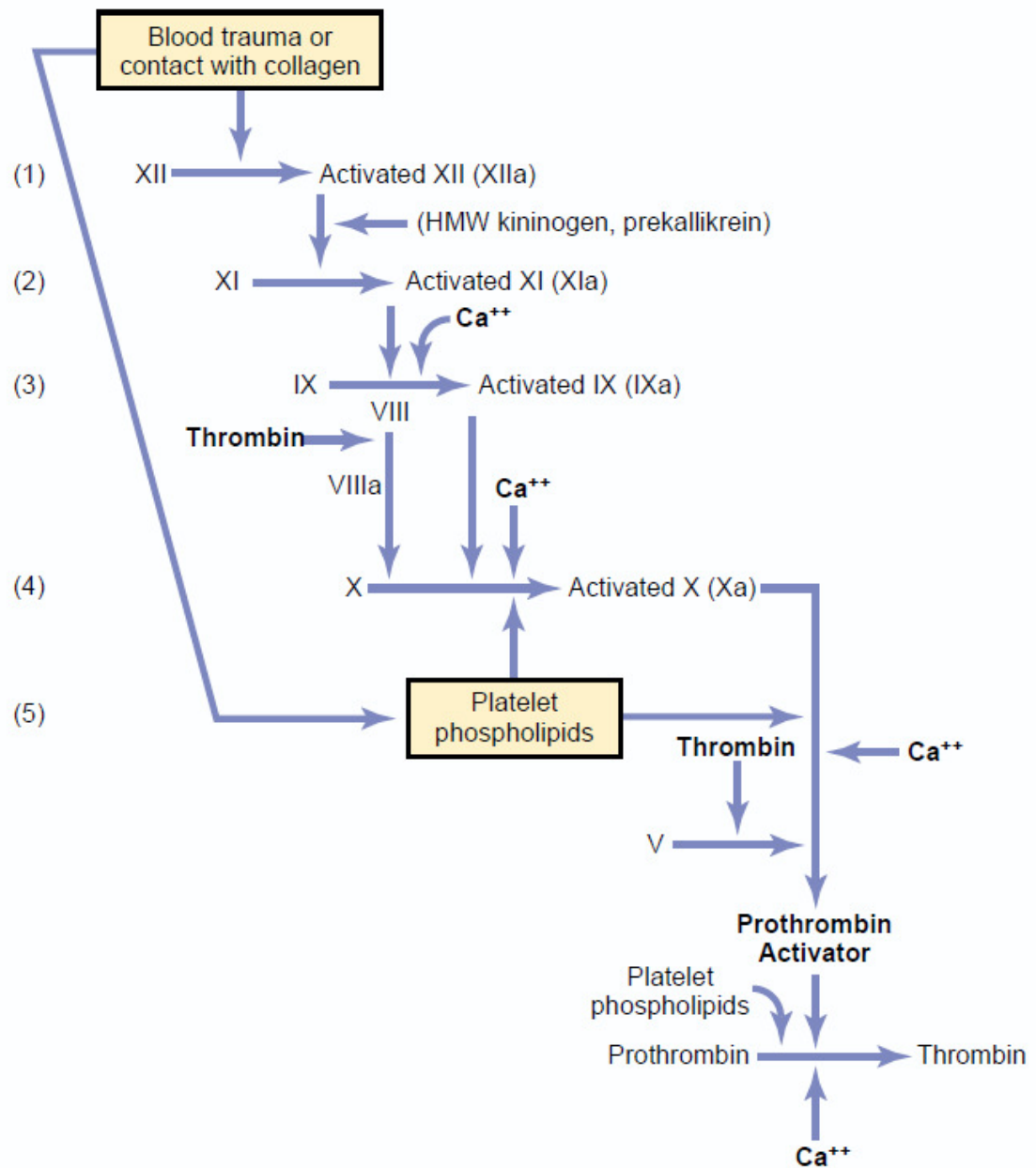
# EXTRINSIC MECHANISM FOR INITIATING CLOTTING

TF or tissue thromboplastin; includes phospholipids from the membranes of the tissue plus a lipoprotein complex that functions mainly as a proteolytic enzyme.

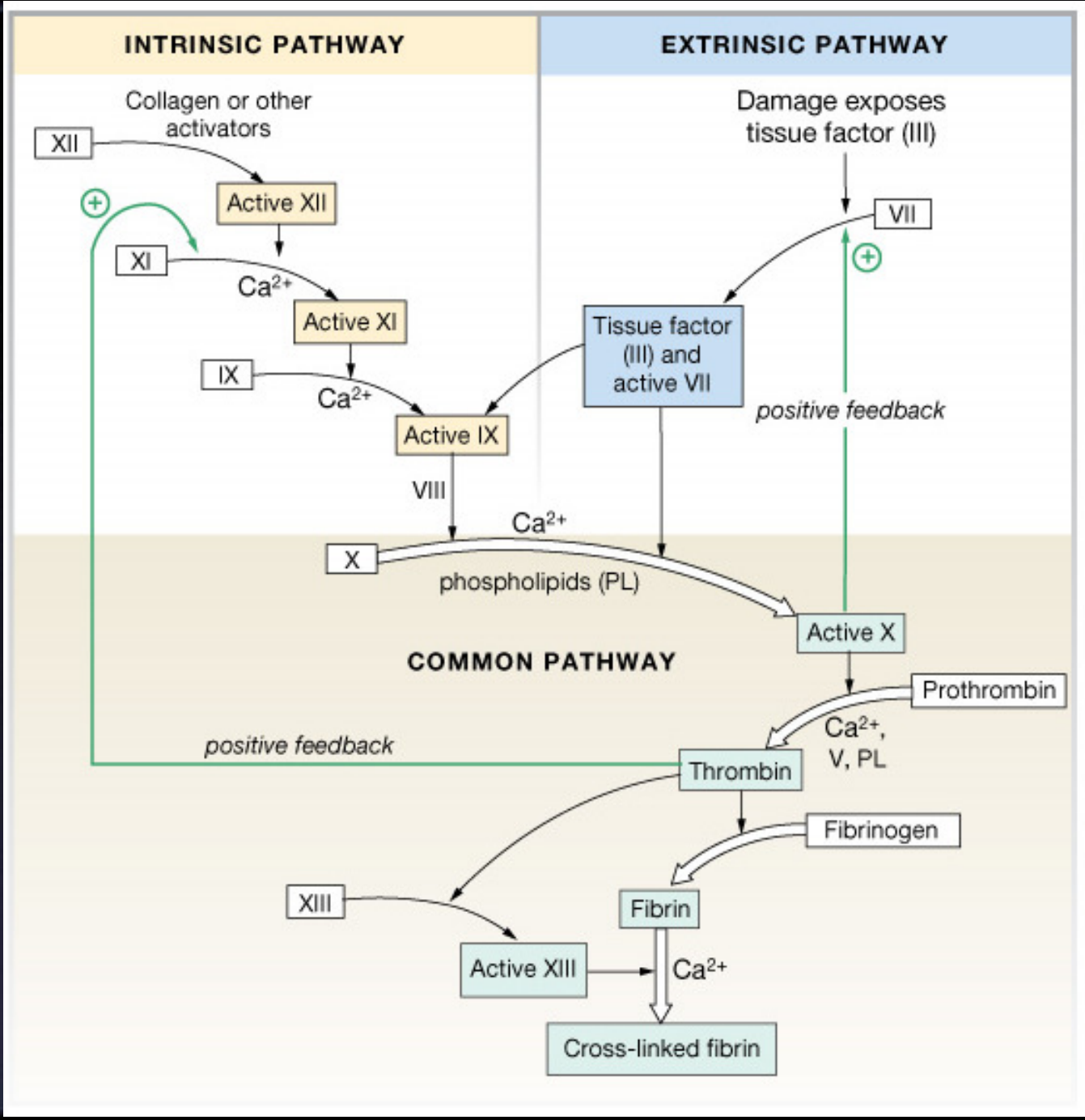


# INTRINSIC MECHANISM FOR INITIATING CLOTTING

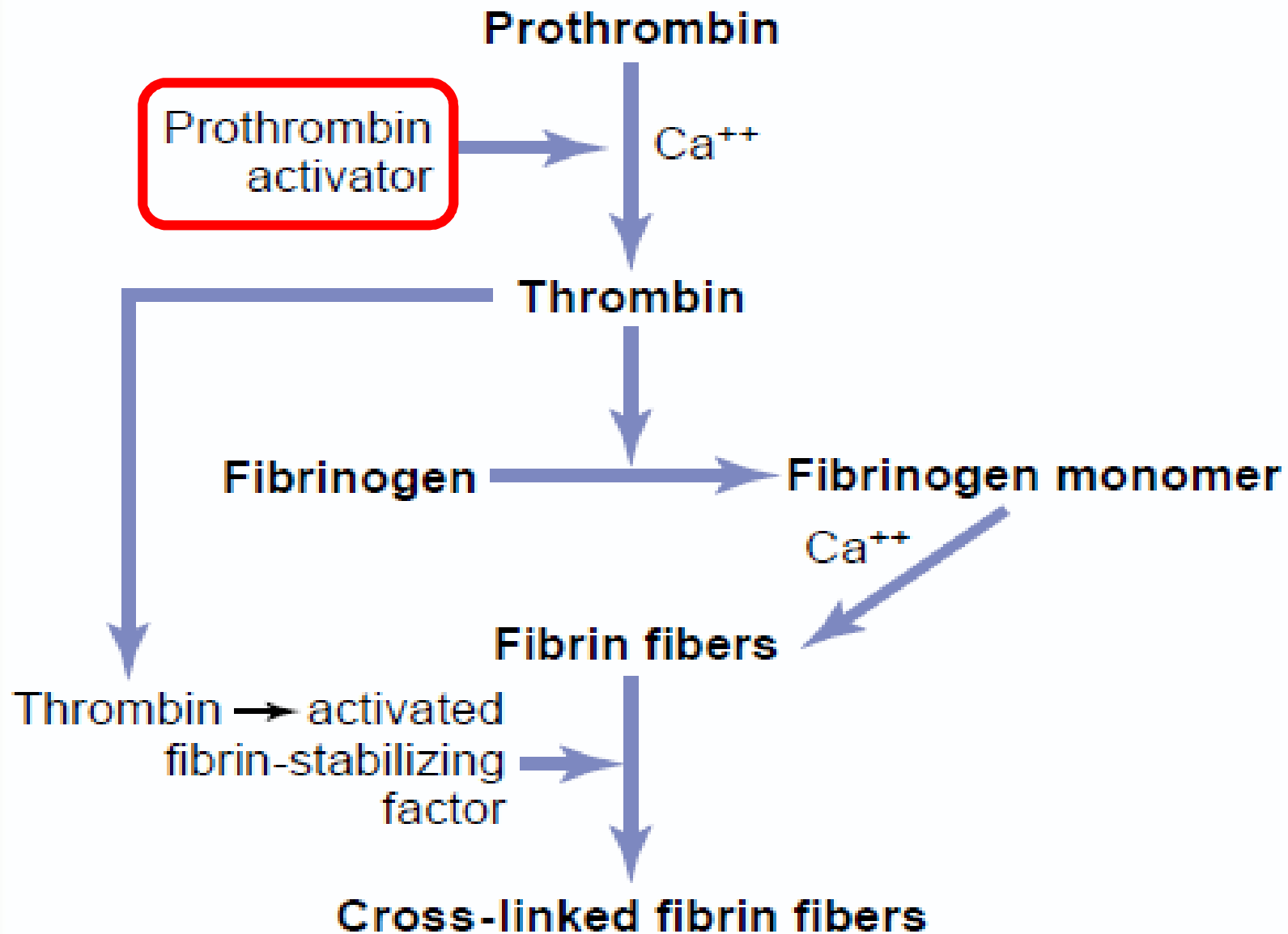
Trauma to the blood itself or exposure of the blood to collagen (from a traumatized blood vessel wall), foreign surface/glass



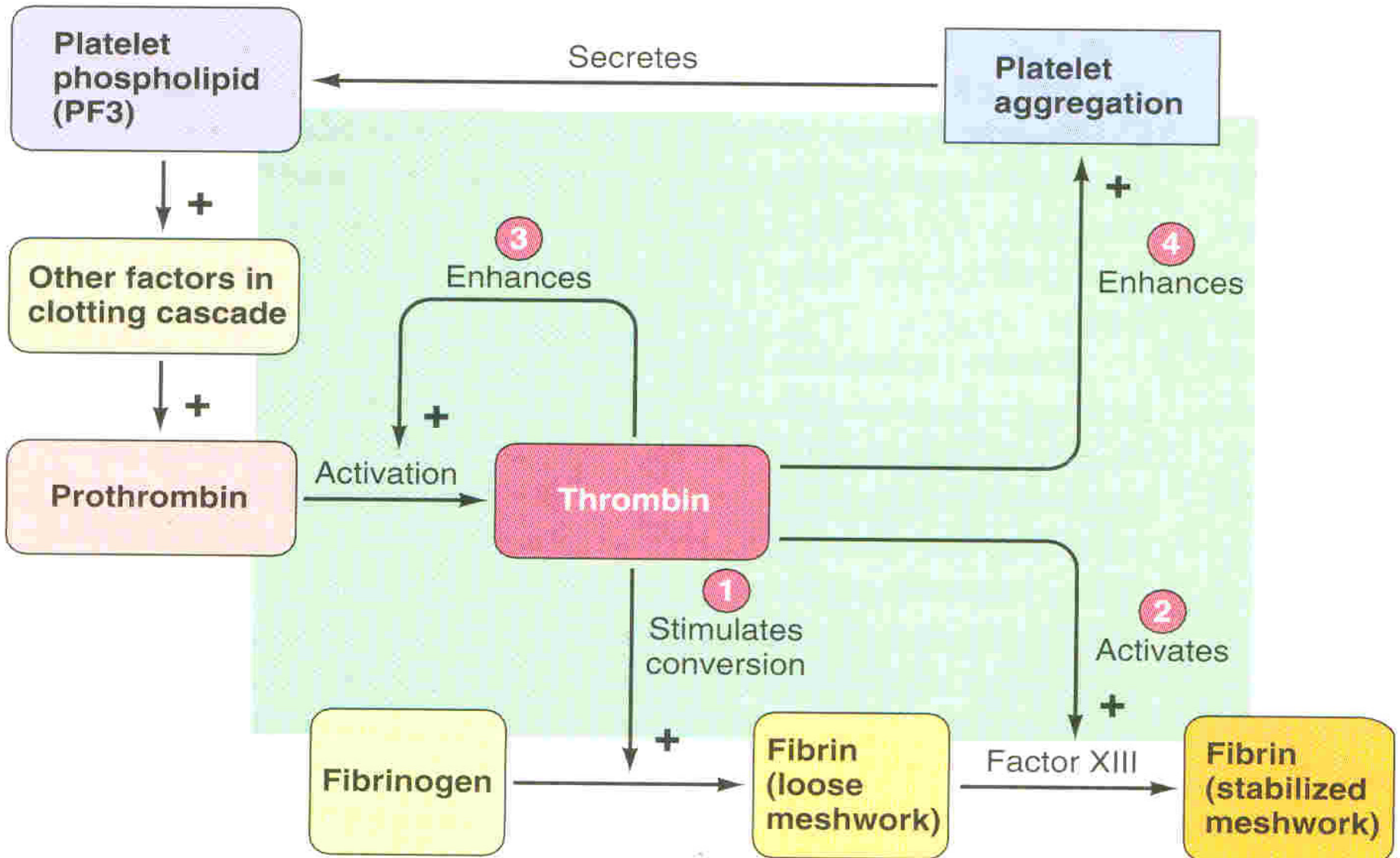




# ACTION OF THROMBIN ON FIBRINOGEN TO FORM FIBRIN



# ROLES OF THROMBIN IN HEMOSTASIS



# CLOT RETRACTION

- ❖ When clot retracts (contracts), it expresses most of the fluid from the clot within 20-60 min **called → Serum**
- ❖ Serum cannot clot
- ❖ Role of platelets in clot formation & retraction.....they are contractile.

# ROLE OF CALCIUM IONS IN CLOTTING

**No  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  → No Clotting (Needed in many steps)**

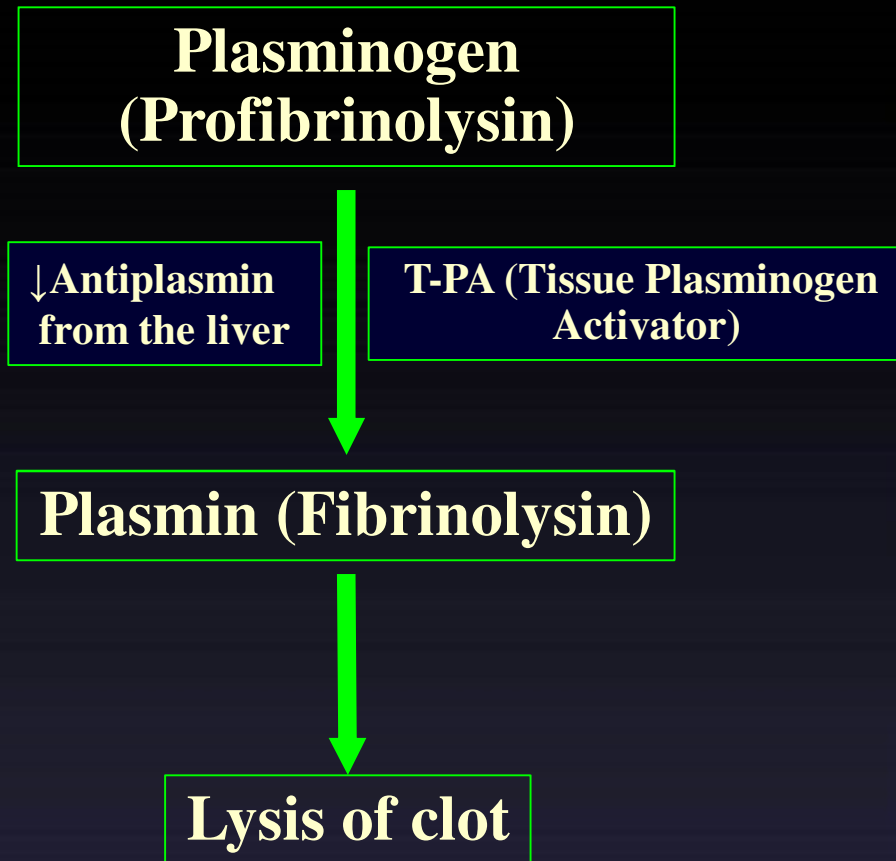
**Blood samples are prevented from clotting by:**

- ❖ **Citrate ions** → Deionization of  $\text{Ca}^{++}$
- ❖ **Oxalate ions** → Precipitate the  $\text{Ca}^{++}$
- ❖ **Heparin** → combines with antithrombin effectiveness increases by 100-1000 fold, Also remove Factors XII, XI, X, and IX (Monitored by PTT time)
- ❖ **Warfarin**: ↓ production of Factors VII, IX and X by liver (Monitored by PT time)
- ❖ **EDTA** → chelates (binds) calcium ions

# LYSIS OF BLOOD CLOTS BY PLASMIN

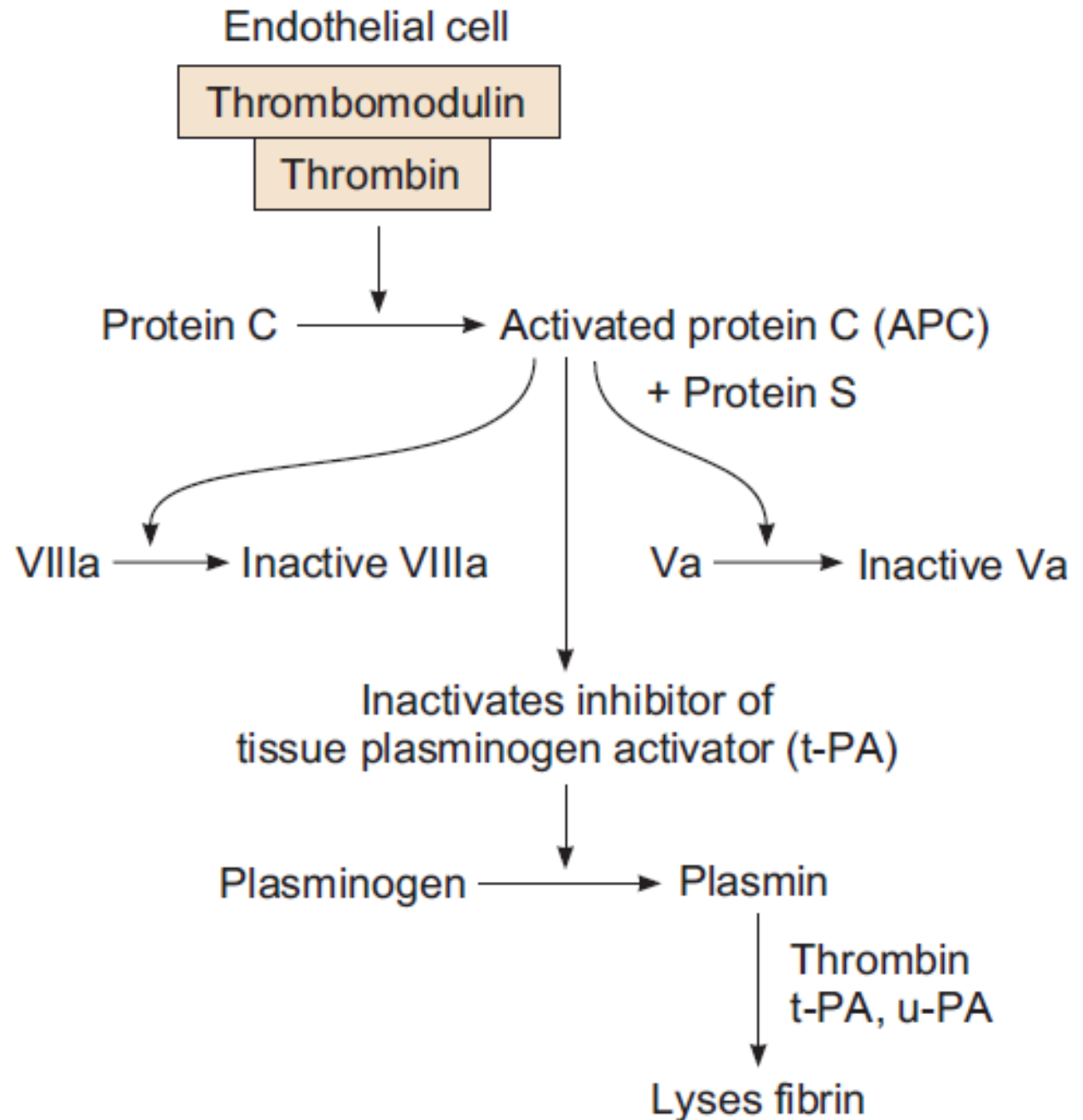
**Formed blood clot can either become fibrous or dissolve.**

• **Fibrinolysis (dissolving) = Break down of fibrin by naturally occurring enzyme plasmin therefore prevent intravascular blocking.**



**Tissue Plasminogen Activator (TPA) used to activate plasminogen to dissolve coronary and cerebral clots.**

# The fibrinolytic system and its regulation by Protein C



# NATURAL INTRAVASCULAR ANTICOAGULANTS

## 1. Endothelial Surface Factors

- ❖ Smoothness of Endothelium
- ❖ Glycocalyx Layers
- ❖ Thrombomodulin Protein binds to thrombin → Activates Protein C (with ProtS) → inactivates factors V & VIII and inactivates an inhibitor of tPA → increasing the formation of plasmin.

## 2. Antithrombin action of Fibrin and Antithrombin III

- ❖ 85-90 % Thrombin binds with Fibrin
- ❖ 10-15 % Thrombin binds with Antithrombin III

**Antithrombin III is a circulating protease blocking clot factors**



# NATURAL INTRAVASCULAR ANTICOAGULANTS

## 3. Heparin

- ❖ - vely charged conjugated polysaccharide
- ❖ Increase the effectiveness of Antithrombin III
- ❖ Produced by
  - ❖ Mast cells
  - ❖ Basophil cells
- ❖ Most widely used anticoagulant clinically e.g. in stroke **Alpha<sub>2</sub> – Macrogobulin**
- ❖ Acts as a binding agent for several coagulation factors

# **BLEEDING & CLOTTING DISORDERS**

- A. Hemophilia**
- B. Thrombocytopenia**
- C. Liver diseases & Vitamin-K deficiency**

# THROMBOCYTOPENIA

❖ Count < 50,000 ul may cause spontaneous bleeding

❖ Less than 10,000 ----- Fatal

## ❖ ETIOLOGY

### Decreased production

- ❖ Aplastic anemia
- ❖ Leukemia
- ❖ Drugs
- ❖ Infections (HIV, Measles)

### Increased destruction

- ❖ ITP
- ❖ Drugs
- ❖ Infections (HIV)

## Clinical Features

- Easy bruisability
- Epistaxis
- Gum bleeding
- Hemorrhage after minor trauma
- Petechiae/Ecchymosis



# **THROMBOCYTOPENIA (cont.)**

## **❖ Diagnosis**

- ❖ PLT decreased**
- ❖ B.T increased**

## **❖ Rx**

- ❖ Rx of the underlying cause**
- ❖ PLT concentrates**
- ❖ Fresh whole blood transfusion**
- ❖ Splenectomy**



# HEMOPHILIA

- Genetic disorders
- Transmitted by female chromosome as recessive trait
- Transmitted by female chromosome as recessive trait. Occurs exclusively in males Females are carriers

## ❖ HEMOPHILIA A

❖ Classic Hemophilia

❖ 85 % cases

❖ Def. Of factor VIII

## ❖ HEMOPHILIA B

❖ 15 % cases

❖ Def. Of factor IX

- Small Comp. → Hemophilia A ► ↑PTT
- Large Comp. → Von-Willebrand's disease ► ↑PTT & BT

Clinical Features: Easy bruising, massive bleeding after trauma or operation, hemorrhages in joints

# BLEEDING DISORDERS

## Liver diseases & Vitamin-K deficiency

- ❖ e.g. Hepatitis, Cirrhosis
  - ❖ Decreased formation of clotting factors
  - ❖ Increased clotting time
- ❖ Vitamin K dependent factors
  - ❖ Factors....II, VII, IX & X

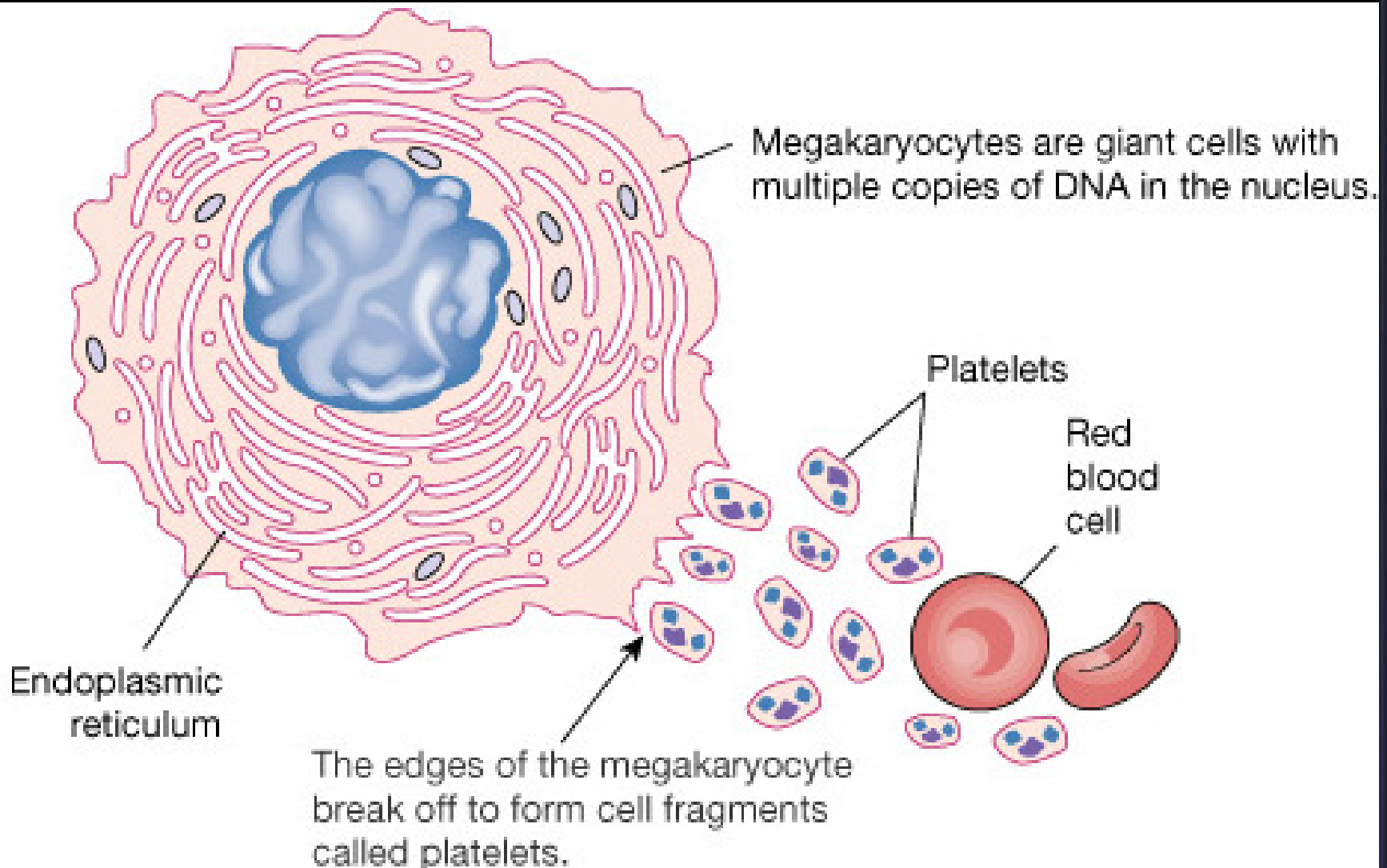
# BLEEDING DISORDERS

## A. Vitamin-K

- ❖ **Fat soluble vitamin**
- ❖ **Required by liver for formation 4 clotting factors**
- ❖ **Sources**
  - ❖ **Diet**
  - ❖ **Synthesized in the intestinal tract by bacteria**
- ❖ **Deficiency**
  - ❖ **Malabsorption syndromes**
  - ❖ **Biliary obstruction**
  - ❖ **Broad spectrum antibiotics**
  - ❖ **Dietary def (in Neonates)**
  - ❖ **Rx.: Treat the underlying cause Vit K injections**

# PLATELETS

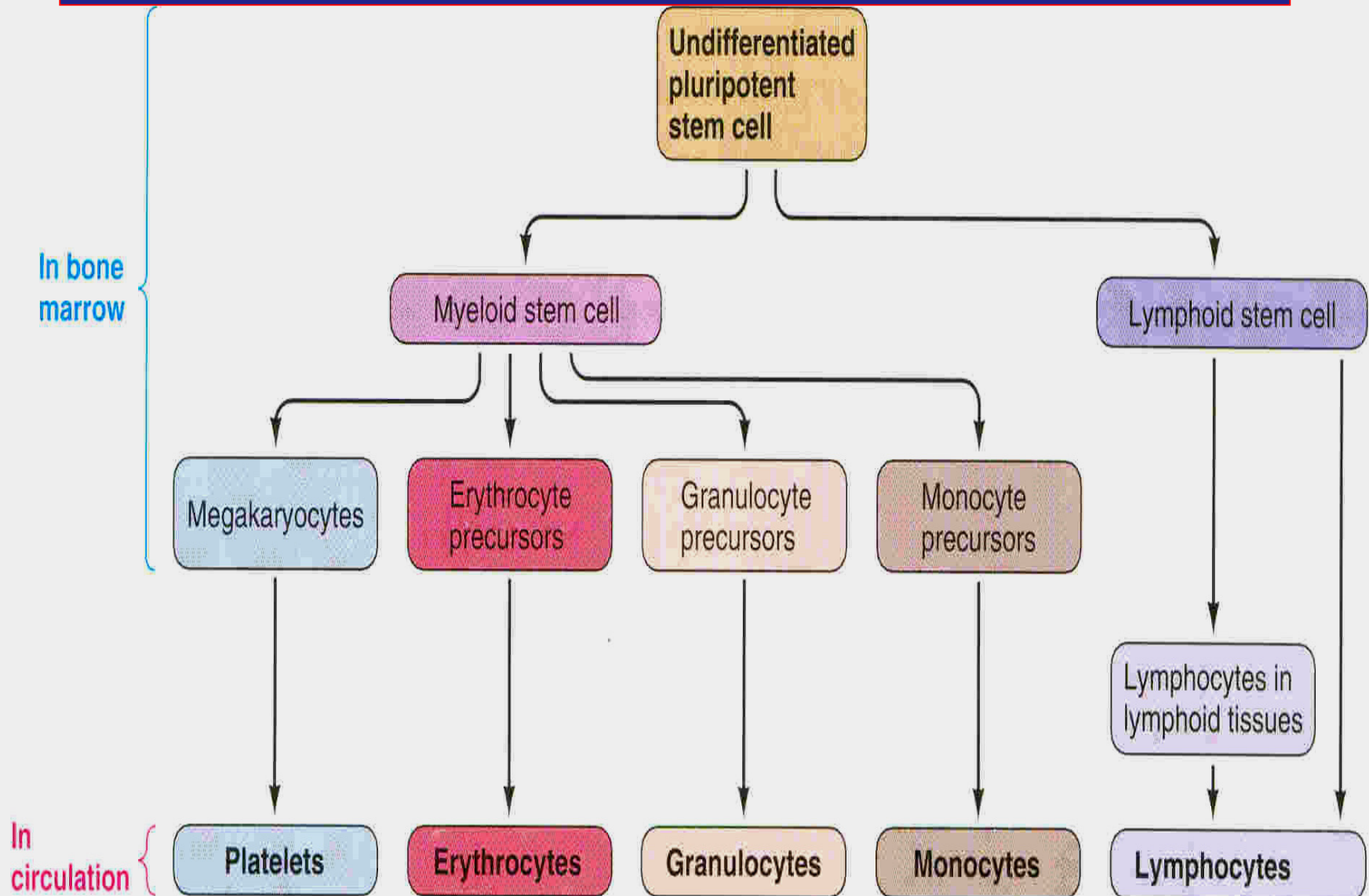
Formed by fragmentation from megakaryocytes





# SITE OF FORMATION

## Bone-marrow



# ***PLATELETS (Characteristics)***

**SHAPE: MINUTE ROUND OR OVAL DISCS**

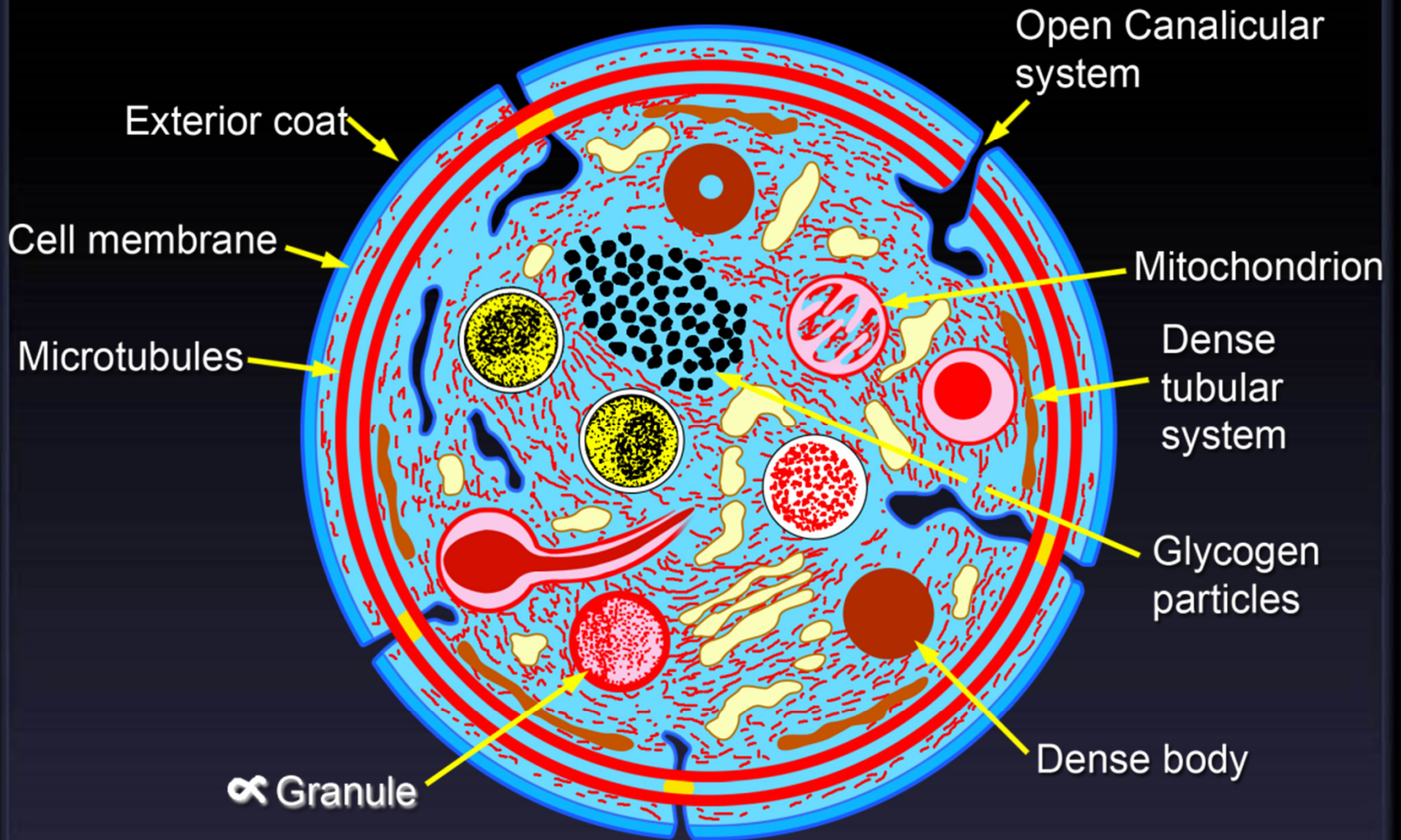
**SIZE: 1-4  $\mu\text{m}$  IN DIAMETER**

**HALF LIFE: 8-12 DAYS**

**COUNT: 150,000 – 300,000/ microlitres**

**LOCATION: 80% in blood & 20% in spleen**

- ❖ Anuclear and discoid cell
- ❖ Contractile, adhesive, cell fragments.
- ❖ Store coagulation factors & enzymes
- ❖ Surface Binding sites Glycoproteins  
(surface Antigens)



# Platelet Ultrastructure

Mitochondria

Microtubules

Alpha Granules  
von Willebrand  
Factor  
Fibrinogen  
Chemokines  
(PF4, etc.)  
Thrombospondin  
P-selectin

Open canalicular  
system

Dense Granules  
ADP/ATP  
Calcium  
Serotonin

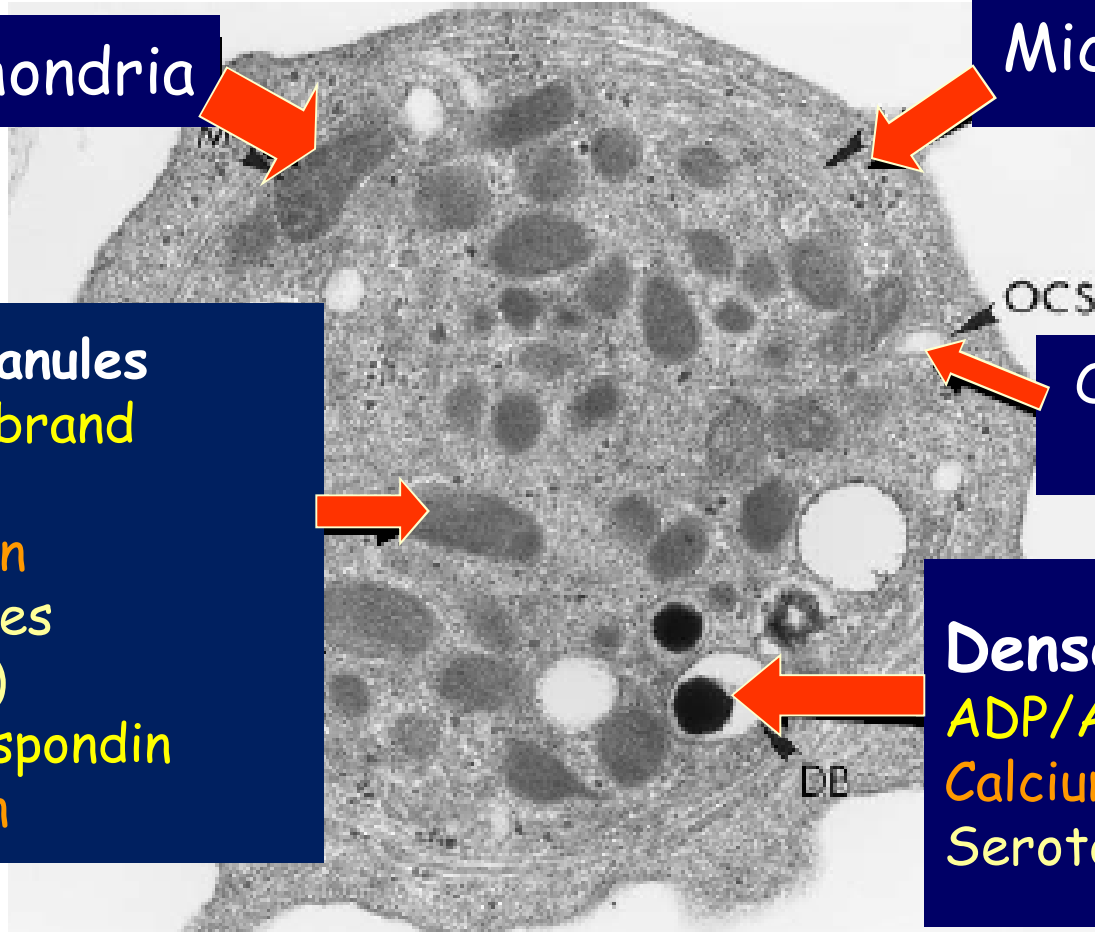
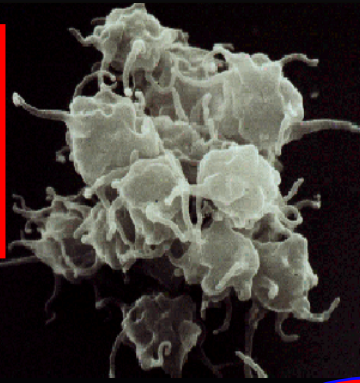


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# FUNCTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS



- **Motile:** Actin And Myosin Molecules
- **Active:** Endoplasmic Reticulum, Golgi Apparatus & Mitochondria
- **Enzymes** Systems For Synthesis Of Prostaglandins
- **Granules**

## Dense or $\delta$ granules

- Serotonin
- ADP
- $\text{Ca}^{++}$

## $\alpha$ granules

- Coag Factors
- PDGF
- Chemokines

# Congenital Platelet Disorders

## Disorders of Adhesion:

- . Bernard-Soulier

## Disorder of Aggregation:

- . Glanzmann thrombosthenia

## Disorders of Granules:

- . Grey Platelet Syndrome
- . Storage Pool deficiency
- . Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome
- . Chediak-Higashi syndrome

## Disorders of Cytoskeleton:

- . Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome

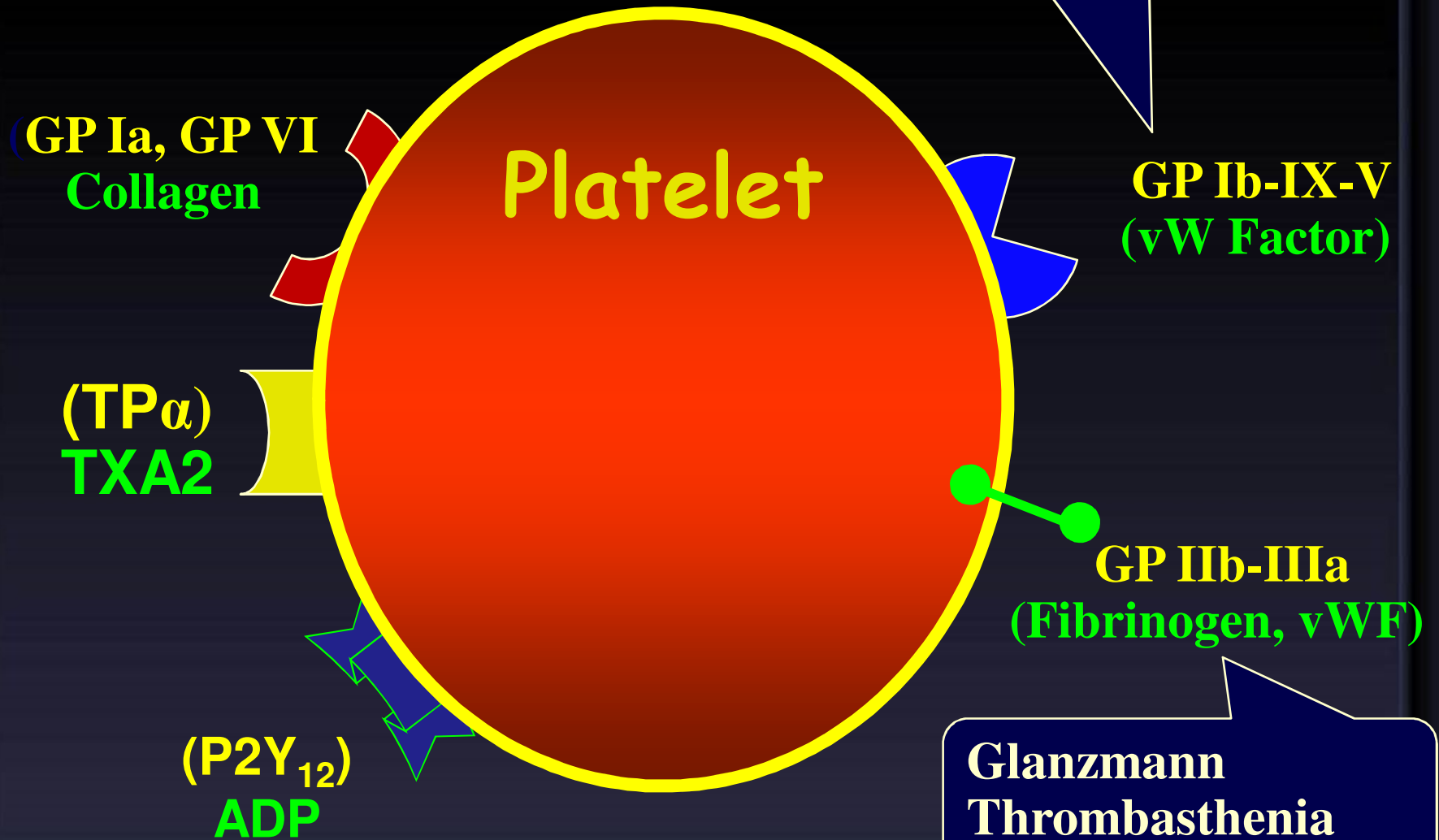
## Disorders of Primary Secretion:

- . Receptor defects (TXA<sub>2</sub>, collagen ADP, epinephrine)

## Disorders of Production:

- . Congenital amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia
- . MYH9 related disorders
- . Thrombocytopenia with absent radii (TAR)
- . Paris-Trousseau/Jacobsen

# Platelet Receptors



# LAB TESTS IN BLEEDING AND CLOTTING

Test	Normal Value	Importance
PLATELET COUNT	100,000 - 400,000 CELLS/MM <sup>3</sup>	Thrombocytopenia
PLATELET FUNCTIONS	Normal Aggregation	Thrombocytopathy (normal count) [Congenital or Acquired...Aspirin]
BLEEDING TIME (BT)	2-8 MINUTES	Bleeding disorders
PROTHROMBIN TIME (PT)	10-15 SECS	Measures Effectiveness of the Extrinsic Pathway
PARTIAL THROMBOPLASTIN TIME (PTT)	25-40 SECS	Measures Effectiveness of the Intrinsic Pathway
THROMBIN TIME (TT)	9-13 SECS	A Measure of Fibrinolytic Pathway Time for Thrombin To Convert Fibrinogen ► Fibrin

$$INR = \left( \frac{PT_{test}}{PT_{normal}} \right)^{ISI}$$



# Testing Platelet Functions

- Peripheral smear and Platelet count
- Bleeding time (duke Method)
- Platelet Function Analyzer (PFA-100)
- Platelet Aggregation
- Flow-cytometry
- Electron-microscopy
- Granule release products

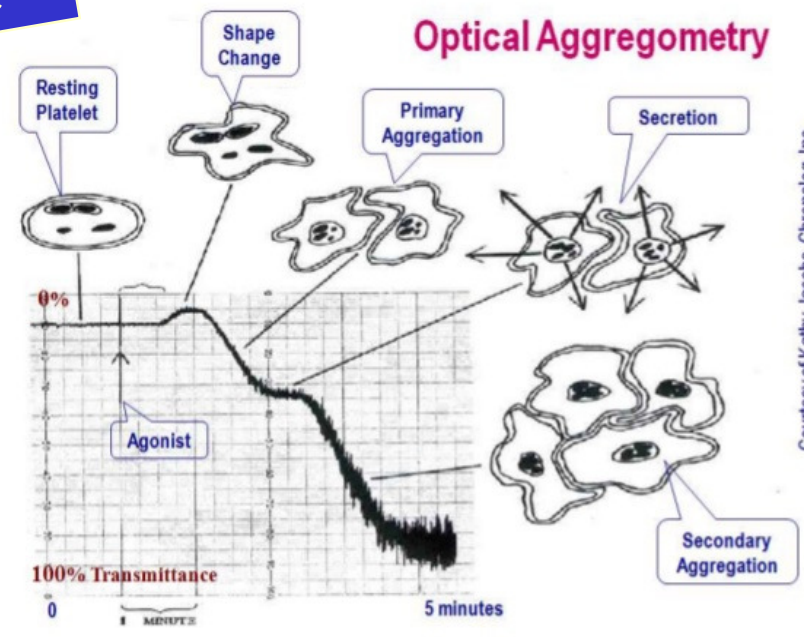


Automated

Aggregation



Duke Method



# FACTORS AFFECTING BLOOD PLATELET COUNT

- ❖ **AGE** : ↓ in newborn
- ❖ **Menstrual cycle**:
  - ❖ ↓ prior to menstruation
  - ❖ ↑ After menstruation
- ❖ **Pregnancy**: ↓
- ❖ **Injury**: ↑
- ❖ **Adrenaline**: ↑
- ❖ **Hypoxia**: ↑
- ❖ **Smoking**: ↓
- ❖ **Nutritional deficiencies**: ↓ eg; vitamin b12, folic acid and iron

**Summary of reactions involved in hemostasis.**

