



# GIT PHYSIOLOGY

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"Nothing Is Impossible. The Word  
Itself Says I'm Possible "

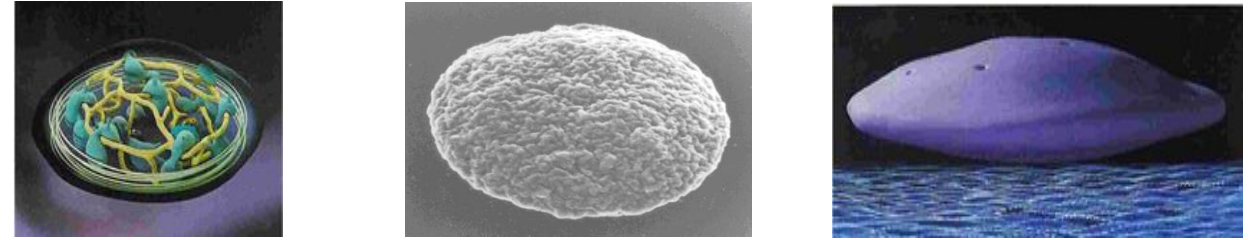
# platelet structure & function

## Objectives:

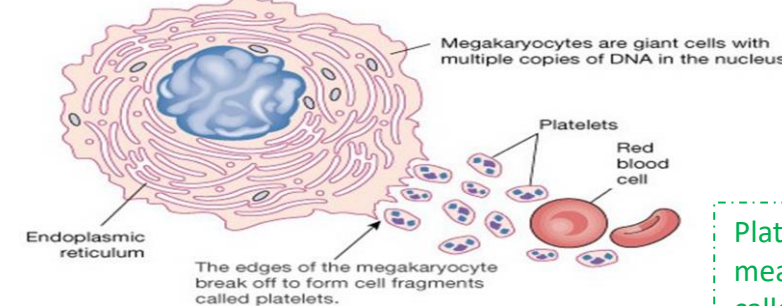
- 1-Understand platelet normal ultrastructure.
- 2-Understand the functions of different platelets organelles and surface receptors.
- 3-Understand the mechanisms of platelet functions.
- 4-Relate membrane receptors and granule content to normal function in homeostasis and bleeding platelet disorders.

## Platelet characteristic

- ✓ Anuclear and discoid cell (spherical when activated)
- ✓ Contractile, adhesive, cell fragments.
- ✓ Store coagulation factors & enzymes.
- ✓ Surface binding sites glycoproteins (surface antigens).
- ✓ Sequestered in the spleen, (hypersplenism may lead to low platelet count).
- ✓ They are formed in the bone marrow from megakaryocyte.



كانو يعتقدون ان السيرفس الخارجي للبلاطليتس سموذ واملس لكن لما شافوها بالالكترومايكروسكوب وكبروها لاحظوا ان سيرفسها غير مستوي يشبه السلكاوي والقيراي في الدماغ عشان يزيد لي السيرفس ايريا.



البلاطليتس ما اكتشفوها زي الوايت بلود سيلز والرذ بلود سيلز كانوا لما يشوفونها في السمير يعتبرونها بكتيريا او سيل فما كانوا يعطونها اي اهتمام حتى اكتشفوها وبدأت الابحاث عليها

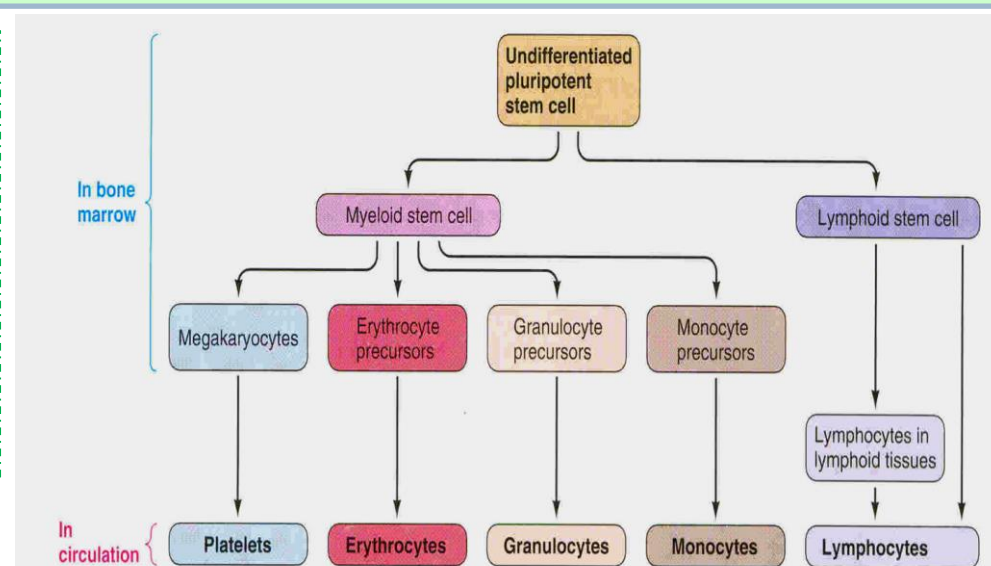
Platelets rich in actin and myosin which means it's able to contract that's why it called small smooth muscle.

shape	minute round or oval discs
size	1.5–3.0 $\mu\text{m}$
Count	150 x 10 <sup>3</sup> -300x10 <sup>3</sup> /ml More than WBCs and less than RBCs لاني احتاجها وقت الطوارئ بس موزي الرذ بلود سيلز احتاجها طول الوقت
location	80% in <b>blood</b> & 20% in <b>spleen</b> .
Life spine & Half life	7-10 days

## Functional characteristic of platelet

motile	Actin and myosin molecules	
Active	Endoplasmic reticulum Golgi apparatus & mitochondria.	
Enzymes	Systems For Synthesis Of Prostaglandins	
granules	Dense or alpha granules	Alpha granules
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serotonin</li> <li>• ADP</li> <li>• Ca<sup>++</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coag factor</li> <li>• PDGF</li> <li>• kemokines</li> </ul>

If the patient has normal platelet count but still have problems in aggregation and clotting formation, we should do platelet functional studies to check the receptors.



**Dens body**  
(delta granules)

Calcium  
Serotonin  
ADP\ATP

**Alpha granules**

الالفا قرانيولز شكلها يشبه الدنس بدي لكن الدنس بدي لونها اغمق تحت الالكترومايكروسكوب والالفا قرانيولز عددها اكثر

**Von Willebrand factor(VWF)**

Thrombospondin  
P-selectin  
fibrinogen  
Chemokines (PF4)

Mitochondria

هذي القنوات (الكنال) تتميز بالبلاثلتس وهي عبارة عن انفاجنيشن للسيل ممبرين داخل الخليه، وهو سستم من القنوات داخل الخليه له ثلاث وظائف:  
١. لما يصير اكتفيشن للستنغ بليلتس الاوبن كاناليكيولار سيستم بتطلع منه زي الازرع فايدتها انها تزيد السيرفس ايريا.  
٢. تطلع منه محتويات القرانيولز من الاوبن كاناليكيولار سيستم.  
٣. اي ستميلوي في البلازما او البلود تدخل للبليلتس عن طريق الاوبن كاناليكيولار سيستم، والقنوات حقت الاوبن كاناليكيولار سيستم تتميز انها متصله ببعضها.

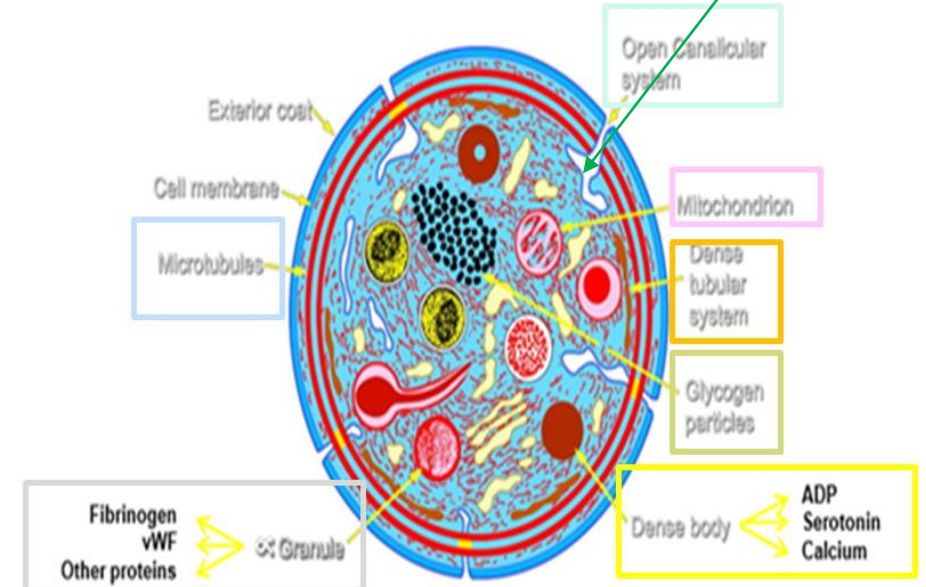
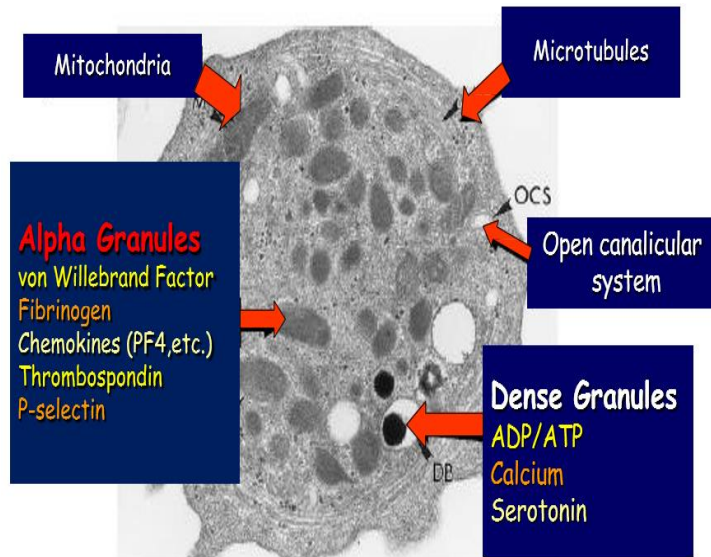
Dens tubular system

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Glycogen particles

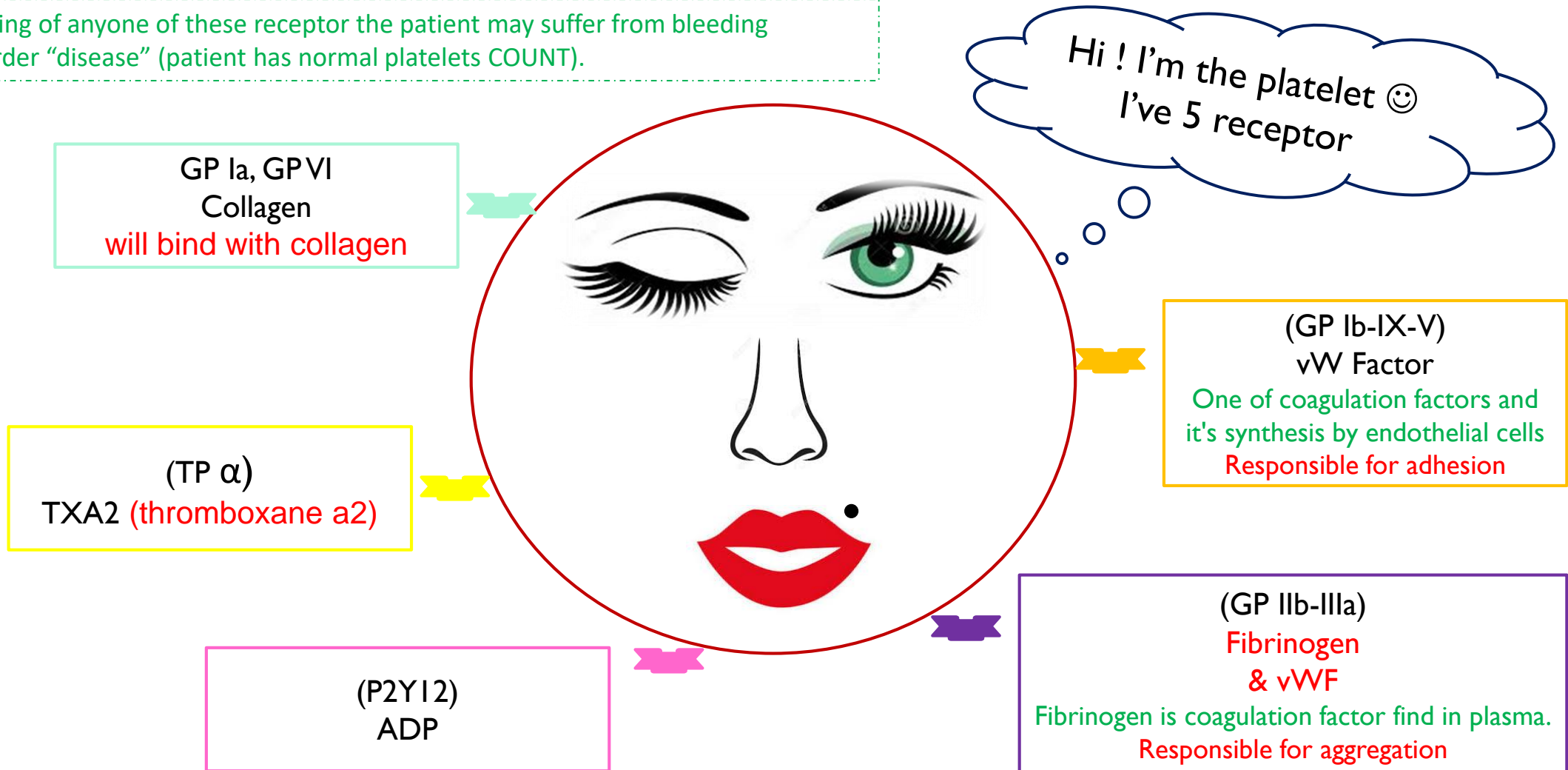
Microtubules

Open canalicular system (OCS)



# Platelet receptors

Missing of anyone of these receptor the patient may suffer from bleeding disorder "disease" (patient has normal platelets COUNT).

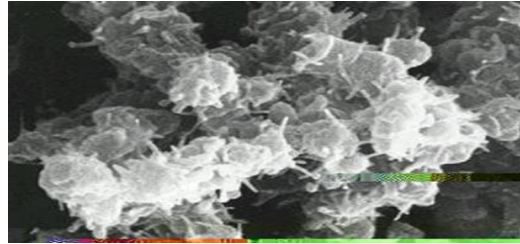




Maintenance of vascular integrity

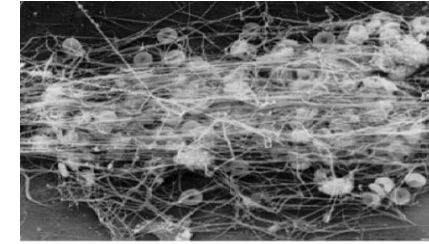
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Initial arrest of bleeding by platelet plug formation



Stabilization of hemostatic plug by contributing to fibrin formation

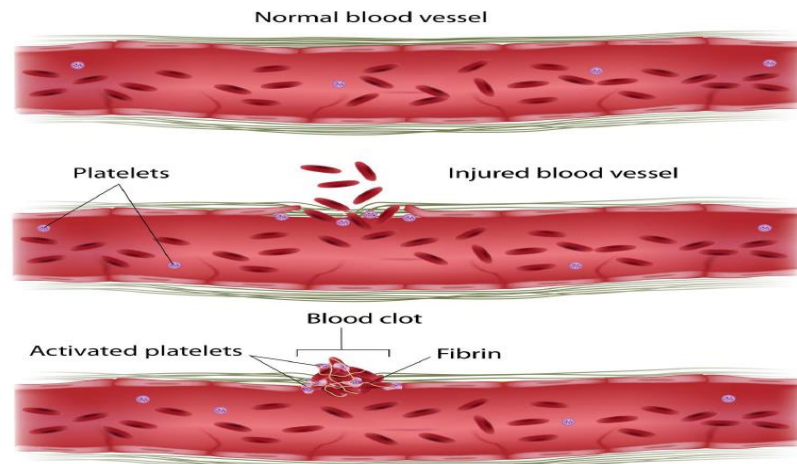
The formed plug is weak and transient so it needs to be more strong by formation of fibrin



Adequate number and function of platelet is essential to participate optimally in haemostasis

General function of platelets ( hemostatic )

1. Vascular phase	2. Platelet phase	3. Coagulation phase	3. Fibrinolytic phase
Vasoconstriction probably results from local myogenic contraction of the blood vessels initiated by direct damage to the vascular wall.	platelet responsible for much of vasoconstriction by releasing vasoconstrictor substance thromboxane A2 also it migrate to the site of endothelial wall rupture forming platelet plug.	the clot begin to develop in 15 to 20 seconds if the trauma to the vascular wall has been severe. Activator substance from traumatized vascular wall, from platelets, and from blood proteins adhering to the traumatized vascular wall initiate the clotting process.	once the blood clot has formed, it can follow one of two courses: 1) it can become invaded by fibroblasts which subsequently form connective tissue all through the clot, or 2) it can dissolve. The fibrous tissue formation is partially promoted by growth factors secreted by platelet



Hemostasis

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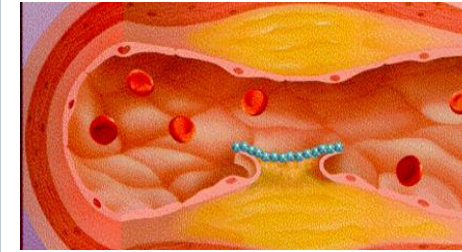


Coagulation & Fibrinolysis

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### 1. Adhesion (Platelets + Endothelial tissue)

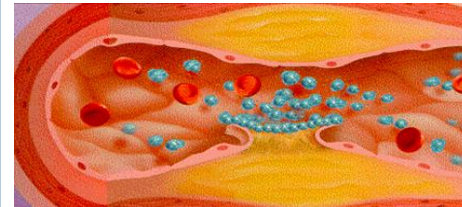
- ✓ Platelets stick to exposed collagen underlying damaged endothelial cells in vessel wall.
  - ✓ Platelets are activated by adhesion: extend projections to make contact with each other.
- platelet is a quiet cell they call it quiescent cell, but don't touch her it will turn to dangerous cell.
- البلايتات هذي تمشي طول الوقت بس في حالة خاملة زي المرور تمشي بهدوء ووقت الحاجة تيجي، وزى العلكة قبل الاستخدام ماتلصق، يصير في انتراكشن بين الكولاجين والبلايتات عن طريق الرسبتور glycoprotein 1A and glycoprotein 6 في جاذبيه شديده بين الكولاجين والبلايتات وهذي العمليه تسمى Adhesion وهذي الطريقه الاولى اللي هي الكولاجين مع البلايتات دايركت لكن في طريقه ثانيه ان البلايتات تشبك مع الكولاجين عن طريق وسيط اللي هو vWf 😊
- ✓ adhesion (interaction between platelet and subendothelial tissue)
  - direct way: when there's injury, the collagen explode (there's strong attraction between platelet and collagen, so as long as the collagen covered the platelet won't adhere endothelial cells, and when there's explosion there will be uncover to the collagen and the attraction will happen (binding by coreceptor)).
  - indirect way: the Von Willebrand factor will stick to the collagen when there's injury and help the platelet to bind to it.



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Adhesion = كولاجين + بلايتات

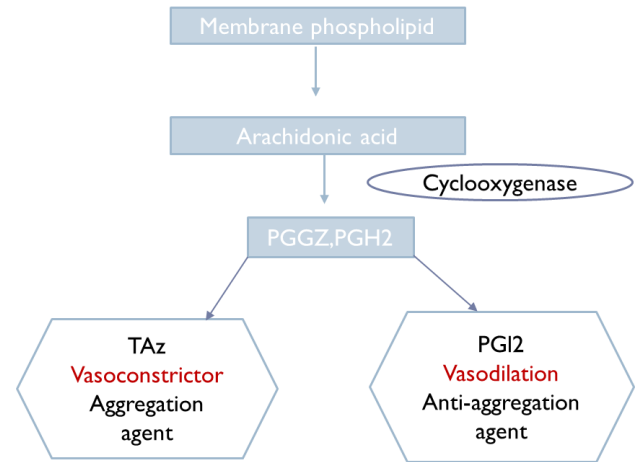
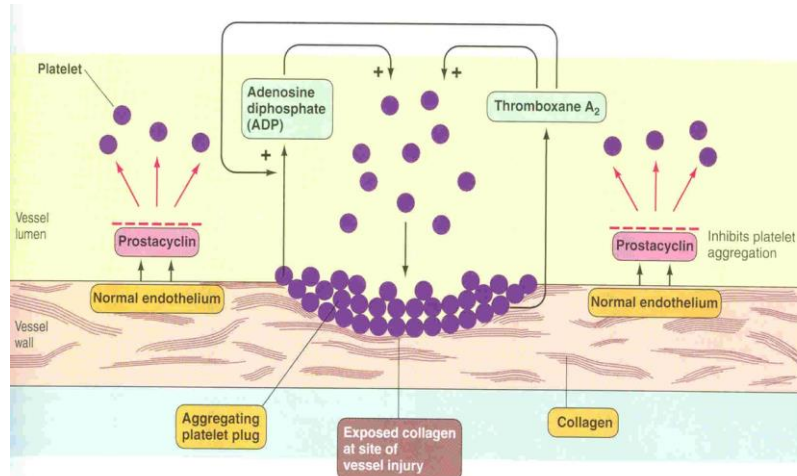
### 2. Shape change (Platelet Activation)

- ✓ Platelet Activation means changing in platelet shape to form the plug.
- ✓ When platelets come in contact with damaged vascular surface, especially collagen fibers, they immediately change their shapes into globular disc, begin to swell and form irregular shape with protruding from their pores.
- ✓ ADP will activate more platelets and make it sticky and then platelet can interact with another platelet to form aggregation.



### 3. Aggregation (Platelets + Platelets)

- ✓ Adhering one platelet with other one.
- ✓ Activated platelets stick together and activate platelets to form a mass called a platelet plug.
- ✓ Plug reinforced by fibrin threads formed during clotting process.
- ✓ Fibrinogen is needed to join platelet to each other via platelet fibrinogen receptors.



why thromboxane A2 and prostacyclin are together even when they're opposite in action? **to maintain balance.**

- platelet plug fast to form but weak and easy to break down, what's make it strong? when phospholipide released to the surface of the cell and reaction of coagulation and formation of fibrin will happen.

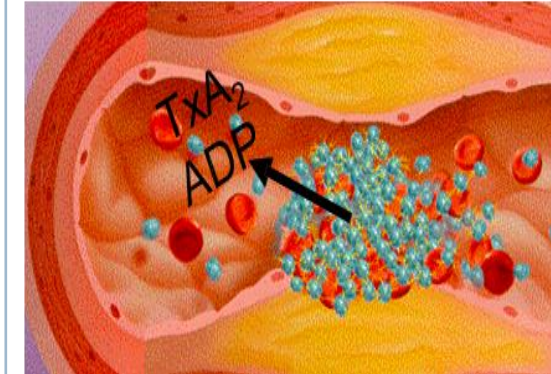
## 4. Release reaction

Activated Platelets Secrete the component inside dense body (ADP,ATP,CA<sup>+</sup>) released:

1. ADP \ ATP: causes stickiness and enhances aggregation. ATP released by activated platelet will travel to another silent platelet and turn it to active.
2. Platelet phospholipid (PF3): causes clot formation.
3. 5HT: causes vasoconstriction (decreasing blood flow through the injured vessel) and activating other platelets.
4. Thromboxane A2 (TXA<sub>2</sub>): is a prostaglandin formed from arachidonic acid.

Its Function:

- vasoconstriction (decreasing blood flow through the injured vessel).
- Platelet aggregation (Very strong aggregator)
- TXA<sub>2</sub> inhibited by aspirin (Aspirin will inhibit cyclooxygenase enzyme)

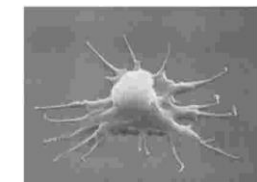
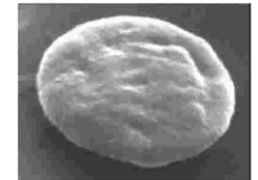


## 5. Clot reaction

- ✓ Myosin and actin filament in platelet are stimulated by to contract during aggregation further reinforcing the plug and help release of granule contents.
- 1- Platelets activated by adhesion.
  - 2- Extend projections to make contact with each other.
  - 3- Release: thromboxane A2, serotonin & ADP activating other platelets.
- ✓ Serotonin & thromboxane A2 are vasoconstrictors decreasing blood flow through the injured vessel.
  - ✓ ADP causes stickiness and enhance aggregation.
  - ✓ clot retraction is a result of actin and myosin, so they're stimulated to contract during aggregation, why? inforce further platelet plug and help healing.
  - ✓ after sealing the platelet release growth factor those proteins act as healing factor to repair blood vessels, stimulation for smooth muscle cell synthesis and fibroblast.

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Resting platelet



Activated platelet

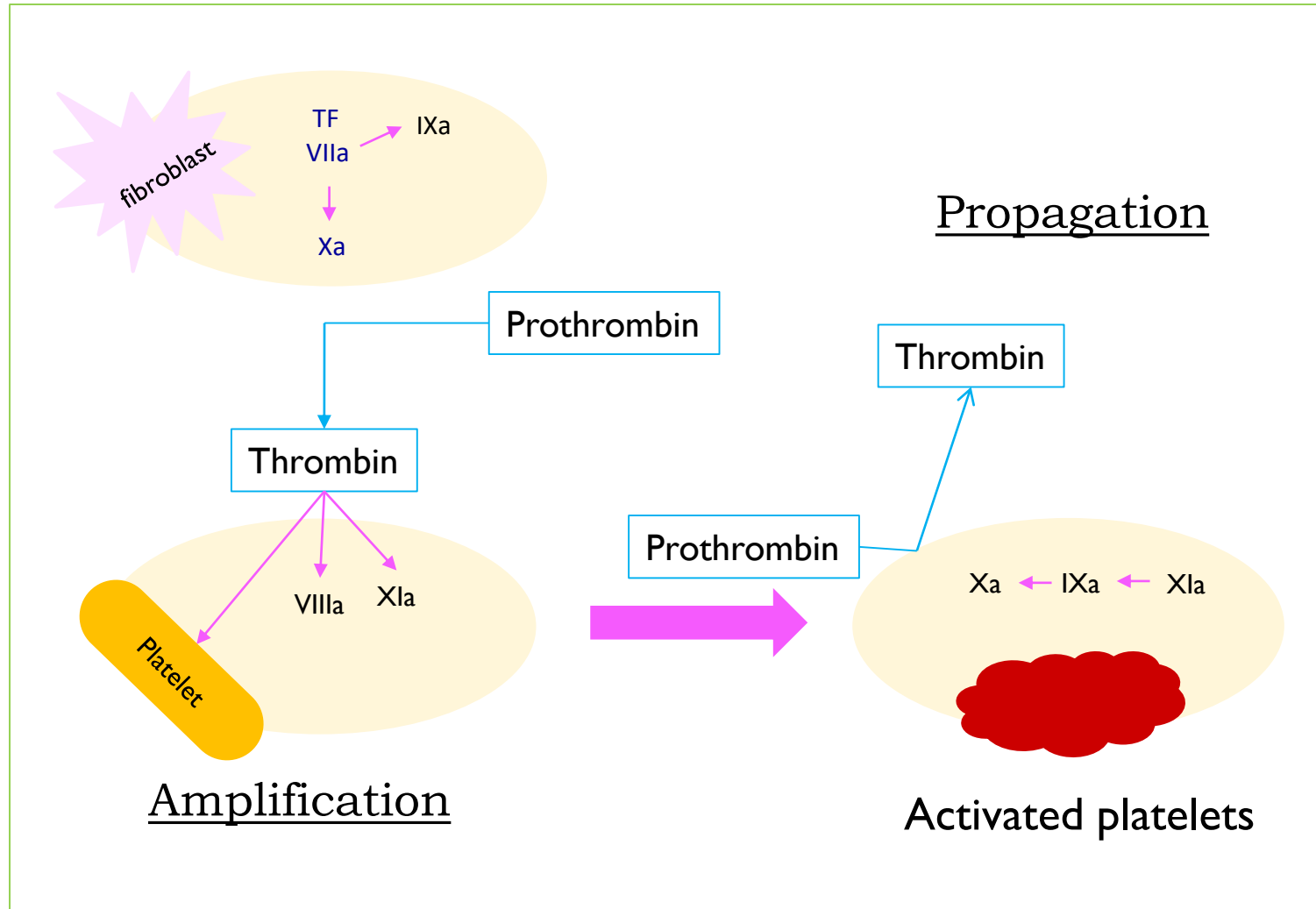


Spread platelet

The benefit of spreading is to act as physical covering of injuries



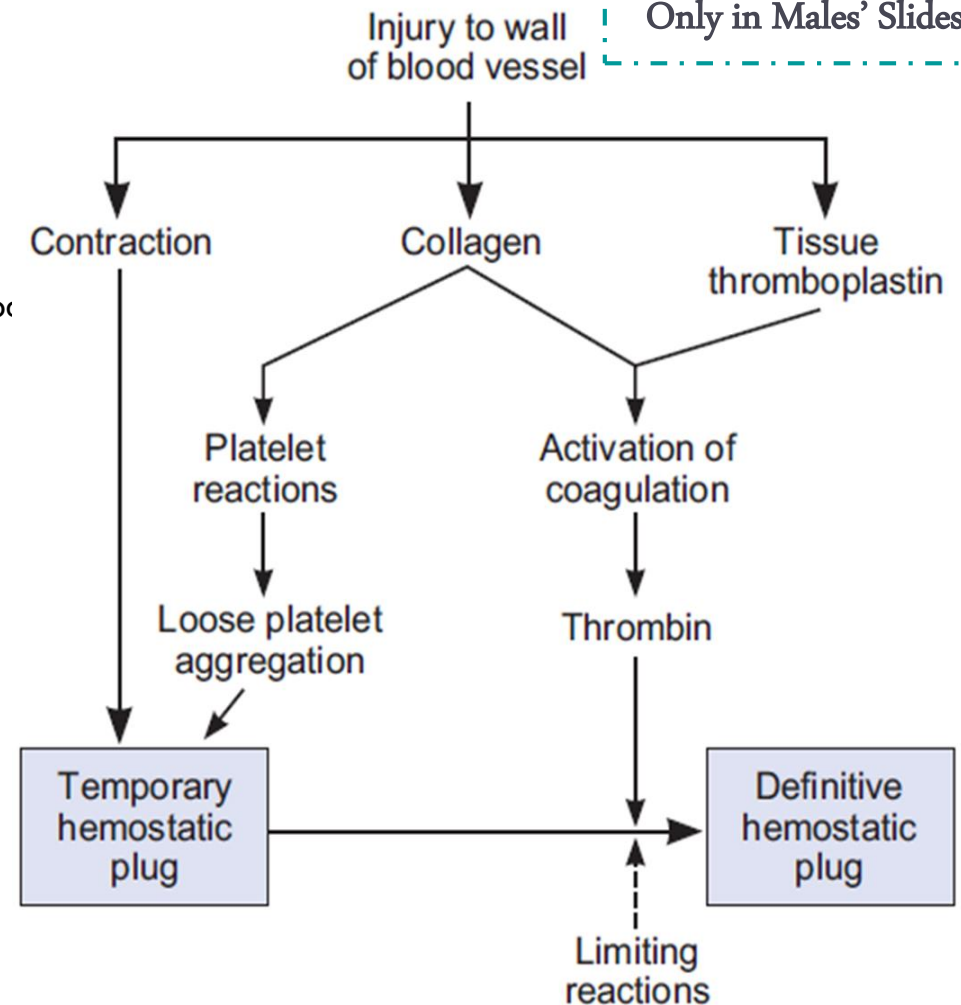
# Role of platelet in coagulation (Cell based model)



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 Cell based model means the  
 Extrinsic & intrinsic pathway occur in  
 the **surface** of the platelets &  
 endothelium.

# Summary of platelet activation (from slides)

- ▶ Platelets are cell fragments derived from megakaryocyte in the bone marrow .
- ▶ Platelets play a pivotal role in hemostasis by arresting bleeding from an injured blood vessels.
- ▶ Bleeding can result from : platelet defects acquired or congenital.
- ▶ Platelet function tests are used to detect abnormal platelet function.
- ▶ Platelets are activated when brought into contact with collagen ,exposed when the endothelial blood vessel lining is damaged.
- ▶ Activated platelets release a number of different coagulation and platelet activating factors.
- ▶ Transport of negatively charged phospholipids to the platelet surface; provide a catalytic surface for coagulation cascade to occur.
- ▶ **Platelets adhesion receptors (integrins):** Platelets adhere to each other via adhesion receptors forming a hemostatic plug with fibrin.
- ▶ Myosin and actin filaments in platelets are stimulated to contract during aggregation further reinforcing the plug and help release of granule contents.
- ▶ **GPIIb/IIIa:** the most common platelet adhesion receptor for fibrinogen and von Willebrand factor (vWF).



Deficiency in number (Thrombocytopenia)

Defect in function (May be acquired or congenital)

## Thrombocytopenia

## Causes

## Decreased production

1. Leukemia or lymphoma.
2. Cancer treatments such as radiation or chemotherapy ☹️.
3. Various anemias & Toxic chemicals.
4. Medications: diuretics, chloramphenicol.
5. Viruses: chickenpox, mumps, Epstein-Barr, parvovirus, AIDS.
6. Alcohol in excess.
7. Genetic conditions: Wiskott-Aldrich, May-Hegglin.

Normally in healthy people there are thousands of injuries occur in blood vessels but we don't feel them because platelets repair everything but if our platelets aren't normal, it may cause bleeding need long time to stop, bruises without trauma, spots on skin, epistaxis or abnormal menstrual bleeding in females.

## Abnormal distribution

Splenomegaly with sequestration in the spleen.

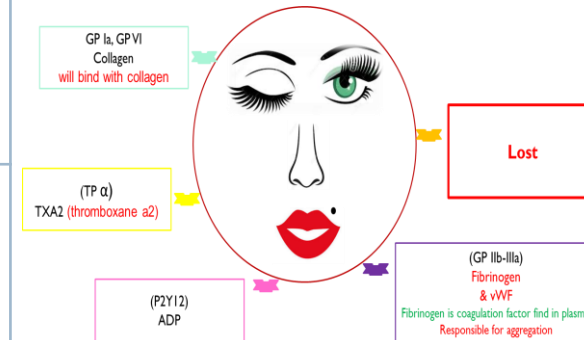
## Increased destruction

1. Medications: quinine, antibiotics containing sulfa, Dilantin, vancomycin, rifampin, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia.
2. Surgery: man-made heart valves, blood vessel grafts, bypass machines.
3. Infection: septicaemia.
4. Pregnancy: about 5% of pregnant women develop mild decrease:
  - Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.
  - Disseminated intravascular coagulation Pseudothrombocytopenia. Partial clotting of specimen EDTA-platelet clumping (عدد البلاتليت ممتاز، ولكن المشكلة في تأديتها وظيفتها)
  - Platelet satellitism around WBCs.
  - Cold agglutinins.
  - Giant platelets.

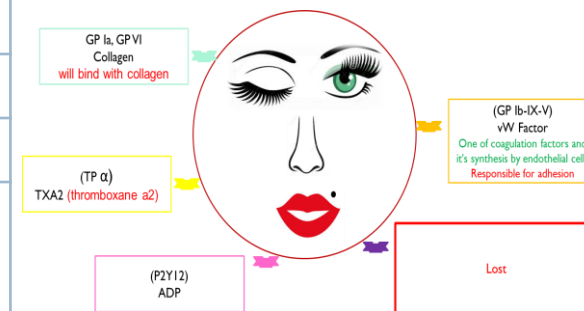
# Congenital platelet disorders

Congenital platelet disorders	
site	Disorders
Disorders of adhesion	<p><b>Bernard-Soulier.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Deficiency of glycoprotein Ib (Gp Ib), the receptor for von Willebrand factor.</li> <li>✓ BSS is a giant platelet disorder, meaning that it is characterized by abnormally large platelets.</li> </ul>
Disorders of aggregation	<p><b>Glanzmann thrombosthenia.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Is an abnormality of the platelets. It is an extremely rare coagulopathy.</li> <li>✓ Deficiency or low levels of glycoprotein IIb/IIIa (Gp IIb/IIIa), which is a receptor for fibrinogen. As a result --&gt; no fibrinogen bridging of platelets to other platelets can occur, and the bleeding time is significantly prolonged ( Aggregation ).</li> </ul>
Disorders of granules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grey Platelet Syndrome.</li> <li>✓ Storage Pool deficiency.</li> <li>✓ Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome.</li> <li>✓ Chediak-Higashi syndrome.</li> </ul>
Disorders of cytoskeleton	Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome.
Disorders of Primary Secretion	Receptor defects (TXA2, collagen,ADP, epinephrine).
Disorders of production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Congenital amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia.</li> <li>✓ MYH9 related disorders.</li> <li>✓ Thrombocytopenia with absent radii (TAR).</li> <li>✓ Paris-Trousseau/Jacobsen.</li> </ul>

## Bernard-Soulier syndrome



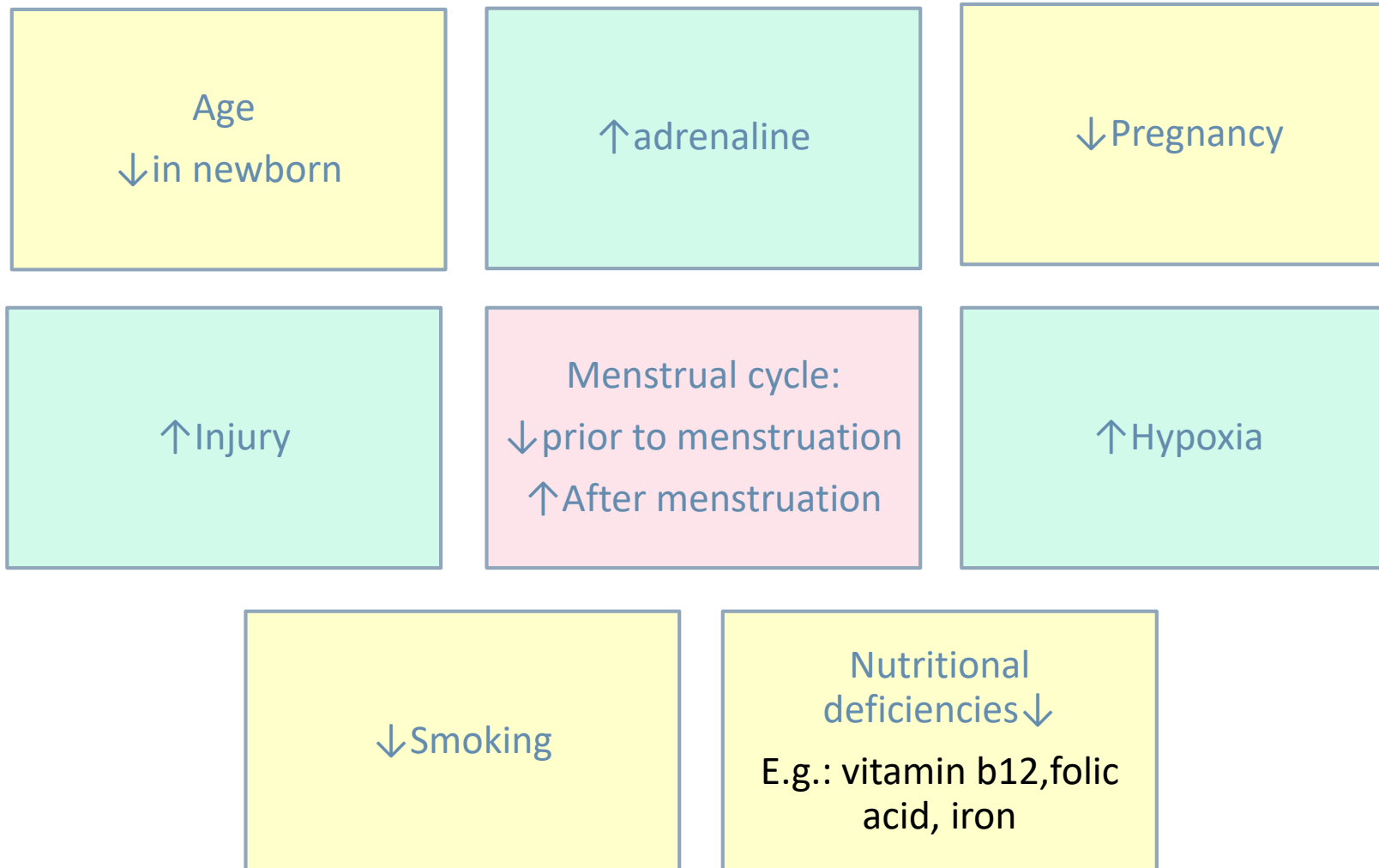
## Glanzmann thromasthenia





Laboratory testing of platelet function			
Test	Normal value	Important	N.B
Platelet count shape or Peripheral smear and platelet count	100,000 - 400,000 cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	Thrombocytopenia	إذا كان عندها نازل معناته عندها ثرومبوسايتوبينيا
Electron-microscope	-	To see the shape and granules	ادرس اذا القرانيولز موجوده ولا لا
Bleeding time (duke method)	2-8 minutes	Bleeding disorders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ If it's prolonged that's mean platelets defect</li> <li>✓ We check for platelet plug formation (aggregation) so, in thrombocytopenia bleeding time prolonged but clotting time normal.</li> </ul>
Platelet aggregation	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A platelet aggregation test requires a blood sample.</li> <li>✓ The sample will be examined to see how the platelets are distributed through the plasma.</li> <li>✓ Plasma is the liquid part of the blood. The lab technician will also add certain chemicals to your blood sample to tes how quickly your platelets form a clot. Also called aggregometry.</li> </ul>	<p>In (PRP) platelet rich plasma : Provides information on time course of platelet activation.</p> <p>Agonists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ADP</li> <li>✓ Adrenaline</li> <li>✓ Collagen</li> <li>✓ Arachidonic acid</li> <li>✓ Ristocetin</li> <li>✓ Thrombin</li> <li>✓ Reference ranges need to be determined for each agonist.</li> </ul>
Platelet function analyzer (PFA -100)	Normal aggregation	Thrombocytopathy (normal count) (congenital or acquire → aspirin)	In hemophilia bleeding time normal but clotting time prolonged in severe cases both are prolonged
Flow-cytometry	-	-	-
Granule release products	-	-	-
prothrombin time (pt)	10-15 secs	Measures effectiveness of the extrinsic pathway	Warfarin prolong this
partial thromboplastin time (ptt)	25-40 secs	Measures effectiveness of the intrinsic pathway	Heparin prolong this
thrombin time (tt)	9-13 secs	A measure of fibrinolytic pathway Time for thrombin to convert fibrinogen to fibrin	-

# Factors affecting blood platelet count



# Case study

- ▶ A 7 years old girl complaining of severe bruising since birth and if she had injury she would bleed for days. She had epistaxis which lasted for days ,her mother said :”she just bruise more easily than her older sister.”
- ▶ Investigation:
  - ▶ CBC
  - ▶ RBC
  - ▶ WBC
  - ▶ platelet
- ▶ Platelet morphology:  
Normal
- ▶ Aggregometry :  
Absent platelet aggregation in response to ADP,collagen ,thrombin and epinephrine.



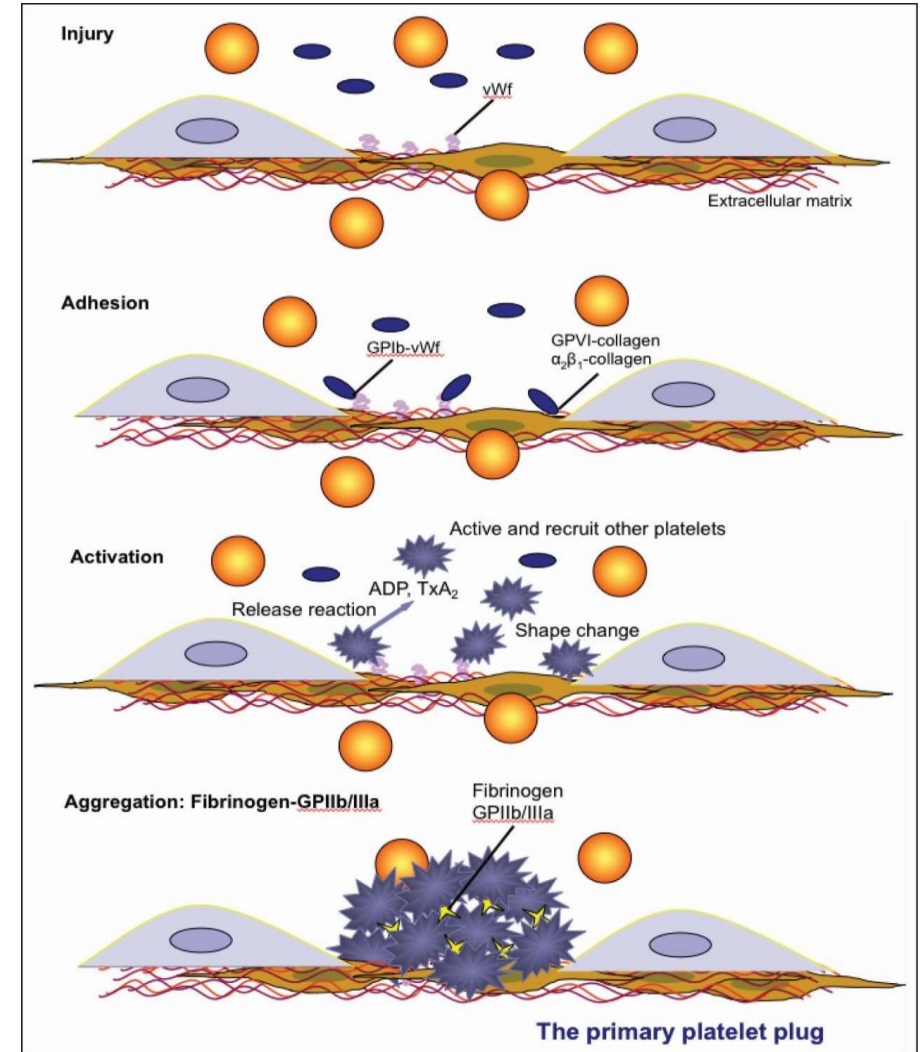
Diagnosis: Glanzmann's

Thrombasthenia

# Summary

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6. GPIIb/IIIa: the most common platelet adhesion receptor for fibrinogen and von Willebrand factor (vWF) Bleeding





# Thank you!

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