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YOUR INTERACTIVE HEMOSTASIS RESOURCE

Cheat Sheet—March 1, 2022



Welcome to our March, 2022 Fritsma Factor Cheat Sheet. As spring approaches and the Covid pandemic appears to be loosening its grip, there are several key hemostasis activities coming up. Be sure to visit our Conferences calendar for current information, and if you have a particular event you wish to publicize, please send your information to me at george@fritsmafactor.com.

February and March 2022 Quick Questions

Our February 2022 Quick Question is a case study that asks, "What single agonist is your first choice to measure platelet response to aspirin?" Your answers and George's comments are now available at [February 2022 QQ Response: Platelet Aggs](#). February's question was meant to be a poll; however George has offered some suggestions and invites your response.

Our March 2022 Quick Question asks, "How do you measure the anti-Xa DOACs rivaroxaban or apixaban?" This month's question was provided by **Dave McGlasson**, who is interested in whether we are using the hybrid curve both for measuring DOACs and heparin. Please provide your answer in the right-hand column and add your comments to the entry, [March 2022 Quick Question: Measuring anti-Xa DOACs](#).

PIVKA? FDP?

Dr. Mayukh Sarkar and George are preparing chapters for Elsevier's seventh edition of Rodak's Hematology, due in 2024. We're looking for expert opinions. Do you still refer to "[proteins in vitamin K antagonism \[PIVKA\]](#)", or have you converted to the term, des- γ -carboxy II, VII, IX, and X? We've found no North American labs that still provide a "PIVKA" assay.

Further, can you provide any instances where there is value in performing [fibrinogen degradation products \(FDPs\)](#) assays in parallel to the D-dimer assay? Thank you in advance for your answer.

Coming Events

George presents the keynote address, "*Clumsy Clinical Communication, Let's Blame the Lab*" on Saturday, April 9 at the [American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Collaborative Conference—Indiana-Kentucky](#) meeting in Vincennes, Indiana. We look forward to seeing you there.

George also presents, "*Operating Room Hemostasis Testing*" at the [ASCLS Joint Annual Meeting](#) in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The session time will appear in the Conferences list when it becomes available, the conference is June 26–30.

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