

The Fritsma Factor

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Cheat Sheet—October 1, 2022



Welcome to our October 2022 Fritsma Factor Cheat Sheet. Probably the biggest hemostasis event in October is [World Thrombosis Day](#), which takes place each year on October 13, the birthday of **Rudolf Virchow** who was a pioneer in the pathophysiology of thrombosis. Virchow developed the concept of thrombosis and advanced our understanding of this condition.

September and October 2022 Quick Questions

Our September 2022 Quick Question asked, “*You collect blood for a heparin assay. How soon must you centrifuge the specimen?*” The unsurprising results and a discussion appear in our September, 2022 post, [Specimen Management Survey](#).

Our October, 2022 Quick Question asks, “[What is your policy on underfilled tubes?](#)” This provocative question arose from a [September 20, 2022 discussion](#) raised by **Carolina Vilchez**, Rutgers University, and commented on by **Bob Gosselin** and **Dr. Emmanuel Favaloro**. We anticipate some lively discussion over this issue.

Coming Events

On September 18 we posted our new “Coag Conversation” featuring **Karen M. Moser, MD**, entitled, “*Managing the Direct Oral Anticoagulants*.” Click [The DOACs](#) for the first segment of the three-part discussion entitled, “[DOAC History and Clinical Use](#).” Subsequent conversations will be posted in October and November. Dr. Moser offers her considerable expertise in a “user-friendly” manner. Be sure to download her transcript while attending our 25-minute presentation.

It’s been a few years since I updated the [Abbreviations](#) section of Fritsma Factor. I’ll be reviewing it in October, so please send me your “favorite” abbreviations.

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