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Cheat Sheet—August 2023

Welcome to our August 2023 Cheat Sheet. We wish our North American, Asian, and European participants clear skies and a means to escape the summer heat. Australians, Africans, and South Americans, the heat will reach you soon!

Our colleagues have recently returned from the AACC, now Association for Diagnostics & Laboratory Medicine [ADLM] in Anaheim, California, USA. Like the International Society for Thrombosis and Haemostasis [ISTH] meeting in June, we will continue to post updated information from these meetings.

We continue to activate new members and have now reached 1100 active qualified participants. Our site enables us to identify and block predatory message.

July 2023 QQ: Freezing PPP

Our July 2023 Quick Question asked, “How long may platelet poor plasma be stored at –20 degrees C?” The question reflects our recent series of posts regarding hemostasis specimen management, culminating with our June 21 discussion on [Specimen Transport](#). Many specimen management issues are up for review and will be reflected in a new edition of the CLSI Guideline due in September, labeled H21-A6. Please navigate to [July 2023 Quick Question Summary: Frozen Specimens](#) for an in-depth look at this provocative issue and watch for updates in September.

August 2023 QQ: Coagulation Specimen Hemolysis

Our August 2023 Quick Question asks, “How do you distinguish ex vivo from intravascular plasma hemolysis?” The question arises from [our July 25, 2023 discussion, DIC and Hemolysis](#), and is a poll; there is no wrong answer. Read the comments section featuring hemostasis experts Dave McGlasson, Dr. Emmanuel Favaloro, Dr. Giuseppe Lippi, and Robert Gosselin for clues. If you have an approach not listed in the QQ selections, please post your information in the Comments section below the entry.

Thrombotic Microangiopathies

Our most recently posted educational module, [The Thrombotic Microangiopathies](#) is now available. Click on [Educational Modules](#) to see our complete series, all free of charge. The modules are favorite educational materials for university undergraduate and graduate Medical Laboratory Science programs and pathology residencies and hematology fellowship programs.

Rutgers University MLS Graduate Course

Rutgers University offers their fall semester graduate course, CLSC 5124: Advanced Hemostasis beginning Thursday, August 31. Please contact me [Geo] for eligibility and registration information.

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