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Cheat Sheet—January 2024

Here's to a successful 2024. Temperatures in the Southern USA are near 30°F, termed “bitter cold” in Birmingham, Alabama, or “balmy” in St. Paul, Minnesota. Find a warm place to read the latest on [The Fritsma Factor](#) a free and independent service of [Precision BioLogic Inc.](#), of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, in affiliation with [Affinity Biologicals, Inc.](#) of Toronto, Ontario. Fritsma Factor originated in October of 2007, and we are proud to serve our participants in what will be our seventeenth year.

Please navigate to our [Quick Questions](#) page, which links you to our Quick Question summaries going back to 2014. The summaries offer useful tips from our participants and advisers.

Coag Conversations: Maureane Hoffman, MD, PhD

Visit the [BMD Coag Conversations page](#), where our latest conversation on [Trauma-induced Coagulopathy](#) features **Maureane Hoffman, MD, PhD**, Duke University. Download her accompanying transcripts to follow along. All three parts of her commentary are now available.

December 2023 QQ: VWD Subtype 2B

Our [December Quick Question](#) was a poll of our participants asking what test we use to identify von Willebrand disease subtype 2B. The question and answers elicited a comprehensive summary by Dr. Emmanuel Favaloro, [posted here](#).

January 2024 QQ: Platelet Function Tests

Our [January 2024 Quick Question](#) is a poll submitted by **Dave McGlasson**, asking, "What platelet function test do you use?" While light transmittance aggregometry [LTA] has been available since the mid-1960s and is regarded by many as the reference method for platelet function testing, many have switched to the simpler whole blood aggregometry [WBA]. The PFA-100 or the more recent PFA-200 [available outside the USA] is a screen often employed by acute care facilities that do not offer aggregometry and is considered to be an upgrade to the time-honored bleeding time [BT], though the BT remains available. As always, please add your comment below.

Next Hemostasis Meeting in North America

Our next major North America hemostasis meeting is the [Thrombosis and Hemostasis Summit of North America 2024; April 4–6, Chicago, Illinois, USA and Online](#). THSNA programming presents the most current issues in Hemostasis and Thrombosis. THSNA 2024 includes a Pre-Summit Workshop Day on April 4, daily e-poster sessions, oral abstract presentations of original research, and an exhibit hall with commercial booths.

Thank you for your participation in Fritsma Factor

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