

The Fritsma Factor

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Cheat Sheet—December 2024

Welcome to our December 2024 Fritsma Factor Cheat Sheet. As we come to year's end, we celebrate our blog, now in its seventeenth year. When we launched in 2007, we didn't know what to expect, but we haven't run out of topics and we continue to attract participants. Please add your comments or questions, it is your participation that keeps Fritsma Factor current.

November 2024 QQ: History

Our November "historical" question asked, "Who invented cryoprecipitate?" This question arose during a presentation of "[Have We Cured Hemophilia](#)" my October 16 Northeast Lab Conference Hemophilia lecture. Thank you for responding, your [answers are now posted](#) along with a brief history of five giants whose pioneering work gave us our current state of hemostasis knowledge.

December, 2024 QQ: Clot Detection in Whole Blood Specimens

Our December Quick Question arose because of an [inquiry from Dr. Ludwig Albornoz](#) about our use of wood dowels (sticks) to detect small clots in blood specimens. So far, we've been unable to find written authority for this practice, perhaps you have the answer.

Coag Conversations: ITP and Platelet Functional Disorders

All three episodes of our fall "[Coag Conversations](#)" series featuring **Dr. Michele Lambert**, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, *Mechanisms and Clinical Presentation of Childhood and Adult Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)*, are now available on the BioMedica Diagnostics website. Each 30-minute episode is accompanied by a transcript. You will appreciate Dr. Lambert's insights about childhood platelet disorders.

ASH: December

The [66th American Society for Hematology Annual Meeting](#) takes place December 7–10, 2024, in San Diego, California, USA, and online. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your interest and participation in Fritsma Factor.

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