

The Fritsma Factor

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Cheat Sheet—April 2025

The seasons are changing. In Buenos Aires, Argentina the temperature is cooling to 13°C whereas in Nova Scotia, Canada and Stockholm, Sweden, the temperature is rising to 10°C. Meanwhile in Alabama, USA, at 21°C, the dogwoods, azaleas, and allergies are in full bloom. We hope that wherever you are, you are enjoying the seasons and that you continue to visit the Fritsma Factor.

Meetings: ISLH and ISTH

Fritsma Factor and Precision BioLogic Inc. (PBI) look forward to the [International Society for Laboratory Hematology annual meeting in Halifax](#), Nova Scotia, May 7–9, just across the bay from PBI headquarters and labs. The recently commissioned [Halifax Convention Center](#) is a modern facility located in downtown Halifax near the waterfront, shopping area, and attractive hotels. We look forward to meeting you at the PBI/Fritsma Factor booth.

Next, PBI and Affinity Biologicals proudly join several sponsors of the [ISTH 2025 Congress](#), June 21–25, featuring the world's largest annual hemostasis-related exhibit. The meeting will be held at the [Walter E. Washington Convention Center](#) in Washington DC. *"Since 2020, the Center has been recognized as one of the best convention centers in North America for trade shows and events as well as for its health and safety protocols."* We look forward to seeing you.

March 2025 QQ: Lupus Anticoagulant Testing

Click [here to learn the outcome of our March 2025 Quick Question](#) that asked how your laboratory manages lupus anticoagulant testing. Our discussion provides recommendations for a testing sequence and cites ISTH's recently released (March, 2025) antiphospholipid testing guidelines.

April 2025 QQ: How to Monitor Warfarin

Our [April 2025 Quick Question](#) is a poll that asks, "How do you measure warfarin in a patient with lupus anticoagulant (LAC)?" In this question we address the possibility that LAC could factitiously prolong some PT results as it binds reagent phospholipid. We look forward to a lively discussion.

Fritsma Factor's List of Abbreviations

Like many professions, hemostasis practitioners use an overabundance of abbreviations. Please take a moment to review and help us update our [list of abbreviations and definitions](#). Email George with your corrections, additions and subtractions. The list supports the "hover" function that enhances our entries—when a faint underline appears below an initialism the complete reference pops up as your cursor hovers over the text.

Thank you for your interest and participation in Fritsma Factor.

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