

The Fritsma Factor

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Cheat Sheet—May 2026

Welcome to our May 2026 [Fritsma Factor](#) Cheat Sheet. Spring has come to the Northern Hemisphere, including warm weather and storms here in Birmingham, Alabama USA. Meanwhile, South America, Africa, and Australia are enjoying cooler fall temperatures. Fritsma Factor continues to feature topics that were covered in the March 18–20 THSNA meeting in Portland, Oregon, USA and provides answers, or at least, discussion, about your questions. When you receive your “push” Cheat Sheet, links to the April entries appear at the bottom.

April 2026 QQ: Measuring VWF Activity

Our April 2026 QQ, “[How do you measure VWF activity?](#)” reprises our February 2023 QQ that asked: “[What VWF Activity Assay do you use?](#)” We were looking for new data and have [summarized the somewhat disappointing results](#) and featured a comment from colleague and frequent contributor, **Dr. Emmanuel Favaloro**, Sydney, NSW, Australia.

May 2026 QQ: Proconvertin

Our May 2026 QQ is another “memory lane” quiz that asks, “What factor was once named proconvertin, stable factor, autoprothrombin I, or serum prothrombin conversion accelerator (SPCA)? Click first on [Posts](#) to navigate to the QQ in the right column to provide your answer, and please add an anecdote about the use of factor names.

Ref: Corriveau DM, Plasma Proteins: Factors of the Hemostatic Mechanism. In Corriveau DM, Fritsma GA. Hemostasis and Thrombosis in the Clinical Laboratory. Lippincott 1988.

The Fritsma Factor “Hover” System

Like most medical disciplines, hemostasis has scores of initialisms. Instead of spelling out each abbreviation, for instance, PTT (partial thromboplastin time, or APTT, activated partial thromboplastin time), which interferes with reading progress, we use the “hover” system. You will see a faint underline, just hover the cursor over the abbreviation and the whole phrase pops up. Often the hover must be added when a post contains a new initialism, acronym, or abbreviation. If you see one that’s undefined, email George to provide the update.

If you would like a “push” copy of this Cheat Sheet, complete with links to our numerous March posts, please complete the application form on the right. The Cheat Sheet is published the first of each month.

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