



# Management of Bleeding in the Anticoagulated Patient

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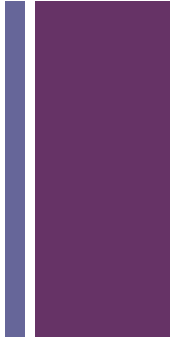
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# + Objectives



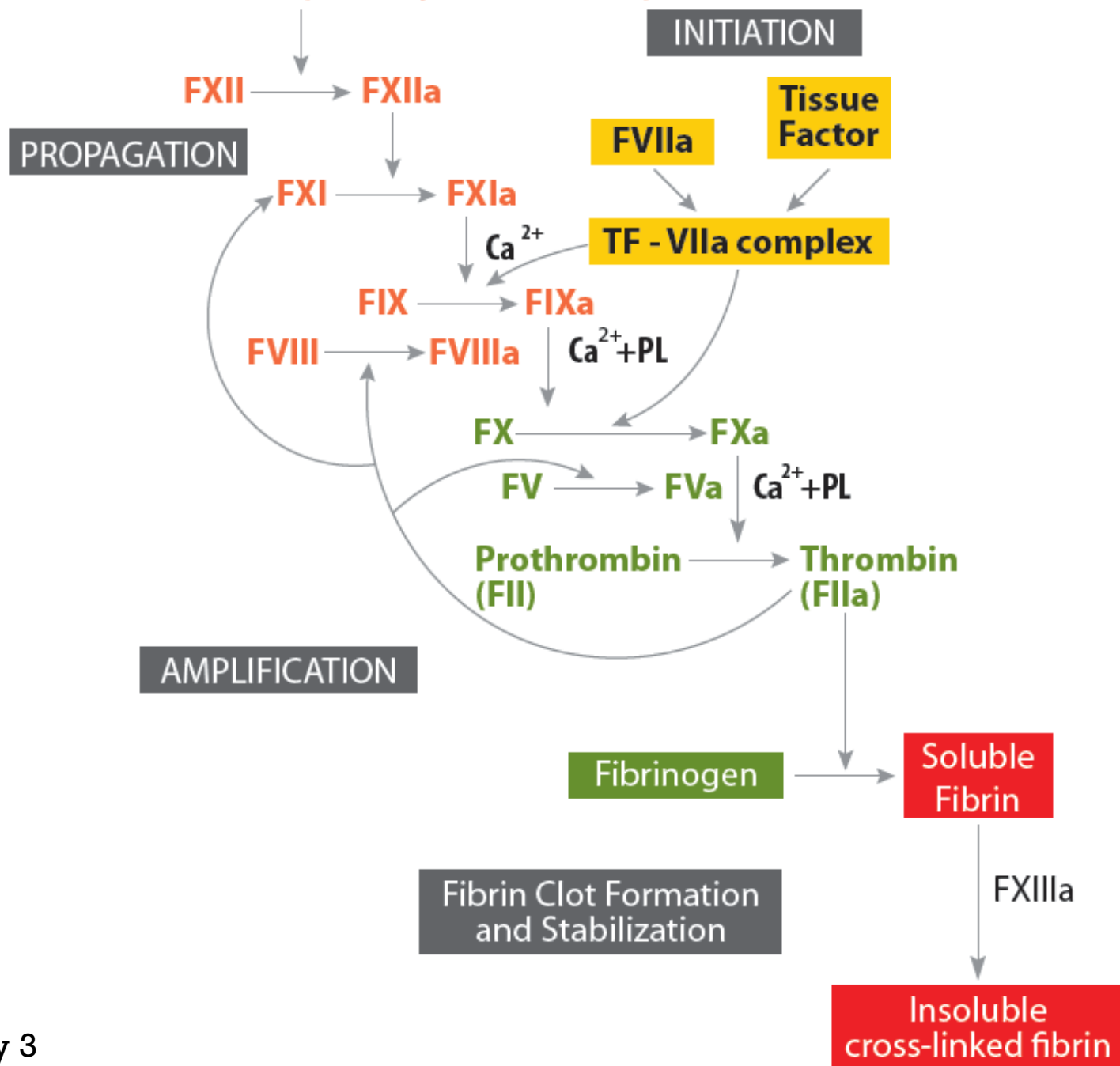
- Review the mechanism of action of commonly used anticoagulants
- Develop a generalized approach to managing the anticoagulated bleeding patient
- Develop strategies to reverse specific anticoagulants, including antidotes when available

# + Outline



- Review MOA:
  - Warfarin, UFH, LMWH, Direct oral anticoagulants
- Review a framework to approaching the bleeding patient
  - **HASHTI**
- Reversal of anticoagulants
  - Antidotes
  - Specific approaches to DOAC associated bleeding
- References
- Questions

# Contact Factors (HMWK, Prekallikrein)



# + MOA: Warfarin

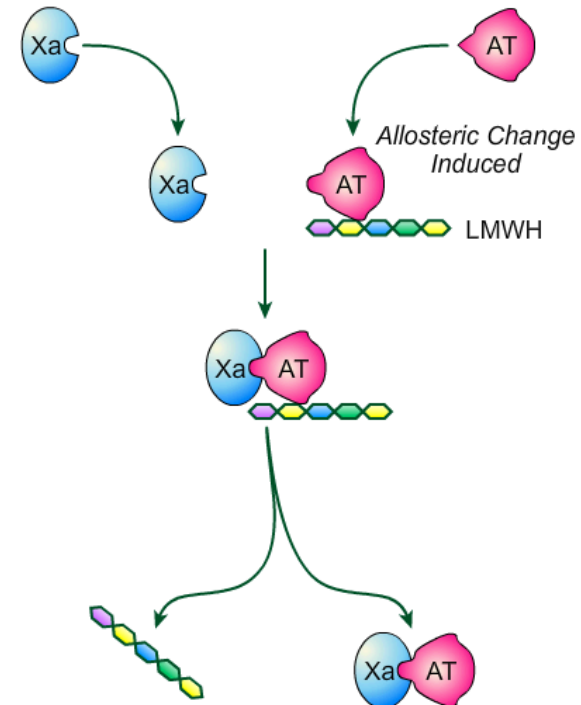


- Oral vitamin K antagonist
  - Decreases production of vitamin K dependent factors by limiting carboxylation
- Vitamin K dependent factors:
  - FII, FVII, FIX, FX, Protein C and Protein S
- Hepatically cleared
- $T^{1/2}$  36-42 hrs
- Monitored by PT- converted to INR



# + MOA: LMWH

- Shorter chain glycosaminoglycans bind antithrombin and activates antithrombin
  - Less inhibitory effect on thrombin as does not bind
  - Indirect anticoag: inhibits Xa and IIa
- 80% renally cleared
- $T_{1/2}$  3-6 hrs
- Monitored by anti-Xa activity





# + MOA: Dabigatran



- Oral thrombin inhibitor
- “Direct” anticoag: inhibits IIa
  - Prevents conversion of fibrinogen to fibrin
- Primarily cleared by kidneys
- $T_{1/2}$  12-18 hrs
- Does not requiring monitoring:
  - Will variably affect PT/PTT/TT
  - Generally a normal thrombin time suggests no dabigatran activity

# + MOA: Rivaroxaban

- Oral inhibitor of Factor Xa
- “Direct” anticoag
- 66% renal excretion
- $T_{1/2}$  11-13 hrs
- Monitoring not required
  - Variably effects PTT and PT



# + MOA: Apixaban

- Oral inhibitor Factor Xa
- “Direct” anticoag
- 25% renally cleared
- $T^{1/2}$  8-15 hrs
- Monitoring not required:
  - Variably effects PTT, PT





# Approach to the Anticoagulated Bleeding Patient



## ■ “**HASHTI**”

- **H**old further doses
- Consider **A**ntidote
- **S**upportive treatment
  - Fluid resuscitation
  - Hemodynamic support/monitoring
- **H**emostatic measures: local or surgical
  - Anti-fibrinolytics
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# + Antidotes : Warfarin

- Vitamin K: 1-10mg IV/PO
  - Takes 6-24 hours to reverse warfarin
- FP: 10-30ml/kg
  - Repletes all coag factors but will not fully correct INR
  - Large volumes
  - Short T<sub>1/2</sub> life: repeat dosing at 6 hrs
- PCC: 25-50u/kg
  - Rapidly corrects INR in warfarin treated patients
  - Short T<sub>1/2</sub> 6 hrs
  - Give with IV Vitamin K

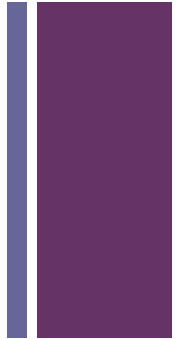


# 1. Reversal of Warfarin (Coumadin®, Jantoven®)

Non-Urgent	Urgent (Not bleeding)	Urgent (Bleeding)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stop 5 days prior to procedure</li><li>• Check INR 1-2 days prior<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ If INR &gt;1.5 administer vitamin K 1-2 mg PO</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If procedure can be delayed 6-24 hours, vitamin K 5-10 mg PO/IV; <u>otherwise</u>:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ FFP or PCC prior to procedure. Repeat in 6-12 hours if INR &gt;1.5 <u>and</u></li><li>◦ Vitamin K 5-10 mg PO/IV if sustained reversal is desired</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>HASHTI</b></li><li>• Vitamin K 5-10 mg IV; repeat in 12 hours as needed</li><li>• PCC or FFP; repeat every 6 hours as needed</li></ul>

# + Antidotes: Heparin

- Protamine sulfate: 12.5-50mg IV



## 3. Protamine Dose for Reversal of Heparin and LMWH

Agent*	Half-Life	Protamine Sulfate Dosing for Reversal
All		<b>Maximum dose is 50 mg</b>
Heparin	1-2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg per 90-100 units heparin given in previous 2-3 hours</li><li>◦ e.g., 25-35 mg if 1000-1250 units/hour heparin infusion</li></ul>
Enoxaparin	4.5 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg per 1 mg Enoxaparin in previous 8 hours</li></ul>
Dalteparin	2.2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg per 100 units Dalteparin in previous 8 hours</li></ul>
Tinzaparin	3.9 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 mg per 100 units Tinzaparin in previous 8 hours</li></ul>

# + Antidotes: DOACs

- Idarucizumab
- Andexanet Alfa
- PER977

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## Idarucizumab for Dabigatran Reversal

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# + Antidote: DOACs

- Idarucizumab: monoclonal antibody fragment
  - Binds dabigatran with affinity 350 times that of thrombin
  - Neutralizes dabigatran activity
  - $T_{1/2}$  45 mins
  - Complete reversal of dabigatran activity

# + Antidotes: DOACs



## ■ REVERSE-AD:

- Interim results of 90 patients on dabigatran and requiring emergency surgery or uncontrolled bleeding
  - Primary endpoint % reversal based on diluted Thrombin Time or Ecarin clotting time
- 5 g idarucizumab given
  - dTT normalized in 98% and 93% of patients
  - ECT normalized in 89% and 88% of patients
  - Sustained reversal over 12hrs in >90%
- Thrombotic events: 1 early DVT
  - 4 events 7-26 days after

# + Antidotes: DOACs



## ■ Andexanet Alfa

- Recombinant human FXa variant
- Target: FXa inhibitors
- Currently in clinical development
- IV bolus and infusion with short  $\frac{1}{2}$  life

## ■ PER977

- Small synthetic molecule
- Targets: UFH, LMWH, FXa inhibitors, anti-thrombin
- Currently in clinical development



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# Specific approaches for DOACs



- Coagulation Factor Replacement
  - PCC: no high quality evidence establishing efficacy and safety of PCC for reversal
  - Appears to normalize PT and endogenous thrombin potential in people on rivaroxaban
    - Similar results were not seen with dabigatran
    - Animal models inconclusive
  - Preferred agent for rivaroxaban and apixaban

# + Specific Approaches for DOACs

- Activated PCC (FEIBA)
  - Contains FII, VI, IX, X in activated form
  - Low risk of thrombosis
  - Clinical evidence lacking
  - In vitro data suggests that aPCC corrects lab abnormalities caused by DOACs
  - Case report of aPCC use in dabigatran-treated patient
  - Preferred agent for dabigatran

# + Specific approaches for DOACs

- Recombinant FVIIa
  - Rapidly corrects elevated INR due to warfarin
    - Does not restore hemostasis as only replaces FVIIa
  - Short  $T_{1/2}$ : dosing q2 hrs
  - No clinical studies
  - Animal models: failed to ameliorate bleeding in animals treated with dabigatran or rivaroxaban
  - Variable effects on lab coagulation abnormalities
  - Higher risk of thrombosis (5-10%)

# + Specific Approaches to DOACs

## ■ Hemodialysis

- Rivaroxaban and apixaban: protein bound, HD not effective
- Dabigatran:
  - 49-68% of active drug removed by HD
  - Better removal with longer duration of dialysis

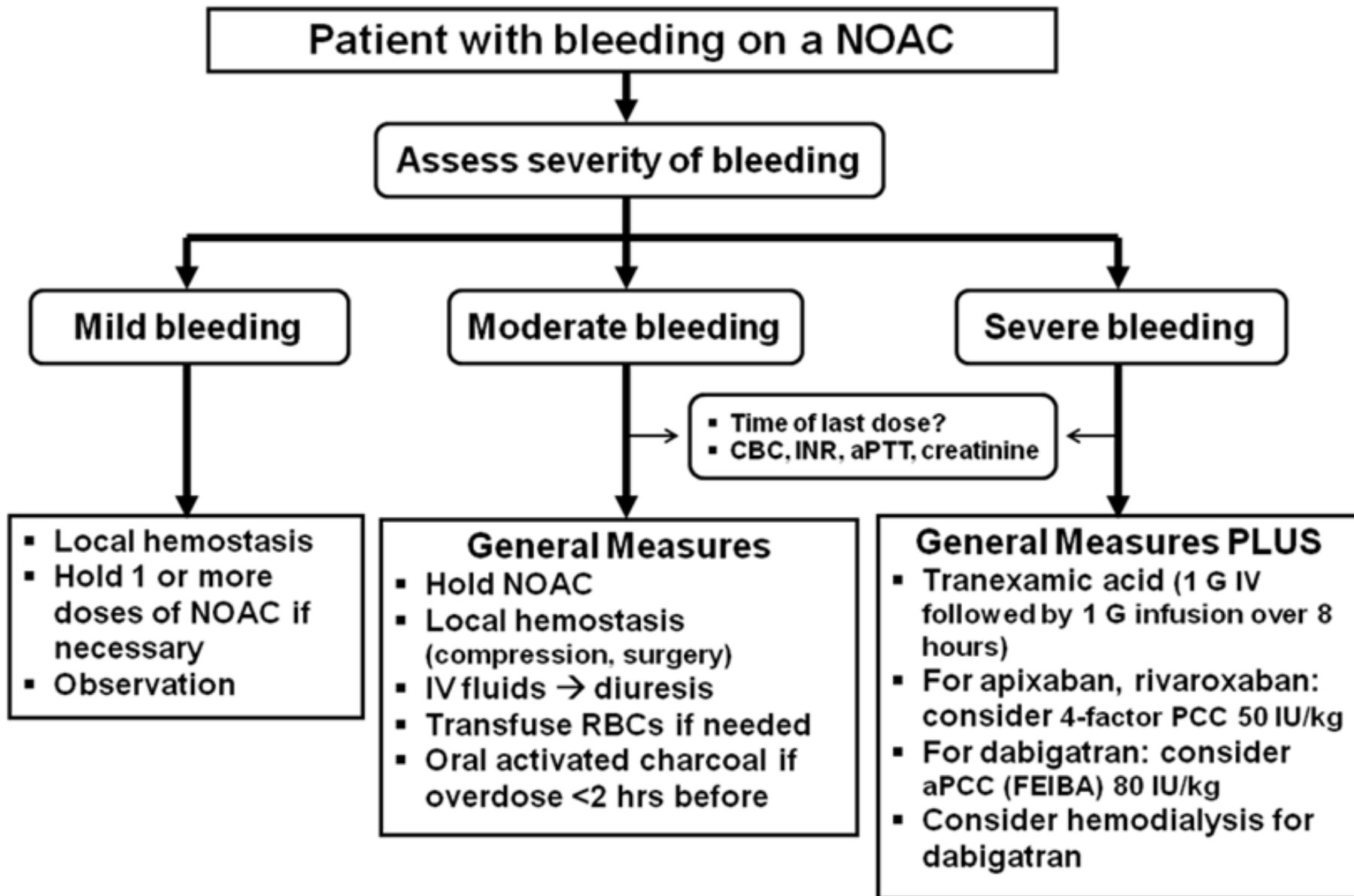




**Table 1: Pro-Hemostatic Agents and Their Potential Role in NOAC-Associated Bleeding<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Agent</b>	<b><u>Dabigatran</u></b>	<b><u>Rivaroxaban or Apixaban<sup>b</sup></u></b>
4-Factor Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (PCC; Beriplex, Octaplex)	Possibly beneficial	Probably beneficial
3-Factor Prothrombin Complex Concentrate	No available evidence	No available evidence
Activated 4-Factor Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (FEIBA)	Probably beneficial	Probably beneficial
Recombinant activated Factor VII (Novoseven, Niastase)	Possibly beneficial	Possibly beneficial
Fresh frozen plasma	Probably ineffective	Probably ineffective
Cryoprecipitate	Probably ineffective	Probably ineffective
Antifibrinolytic agents (aminocaproic acid - Amicar; tranexamic acid - Cyclokapron)	No available evidence but may be helpful	No available evidence but may be helpful

Figure 1: Suggested Strategy for Management of NOAC-Associated Bleeding



**Urgent:**

Hold further doses of dabigatran, rivaroxaban, or apixaban

Draw baseline coagulation tests\*  
Activated charcoal if recent ingestion:  
Apixaban: <6 hours • Dabigatran: <2 hours • Rivaroxaban: <8 hours

**Normal aPTT**—Unlikely dabigatran is contributing to bleeding  
**Normal PT**—Unlikely rivaroxaban is contributing to bleeding if last ingestion >24 hours prior

**Prolonged aPTT**—Dabigatran present and may be contributing to bleeding  
**Prolonged PT**—Rivaroxaban present and may be contributing to bleeding

**HASHTI\*\***

**No antidote available**  
For bleeding consider:  
PCC • activated PCC (FEIBA) • rFVIIa  
hemodialysis for dabigatran (if patient has renal failure)

**Reassess patient** Repeat abnormal coagulation tests\*



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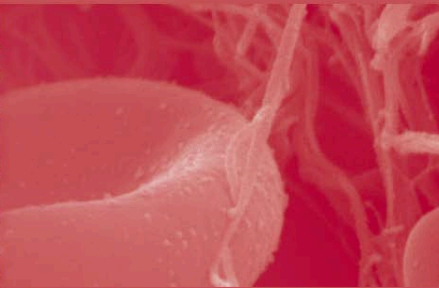
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