

# Drugs influencing coagulation

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# Haemostasis

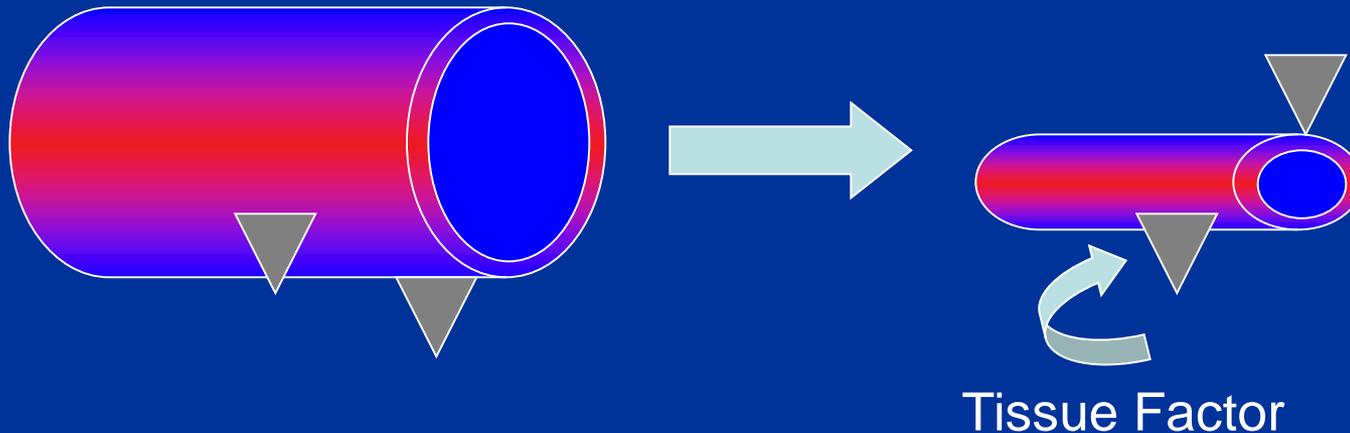
Arrest of blood loss from damaged blood vessels

# Blood Clotting

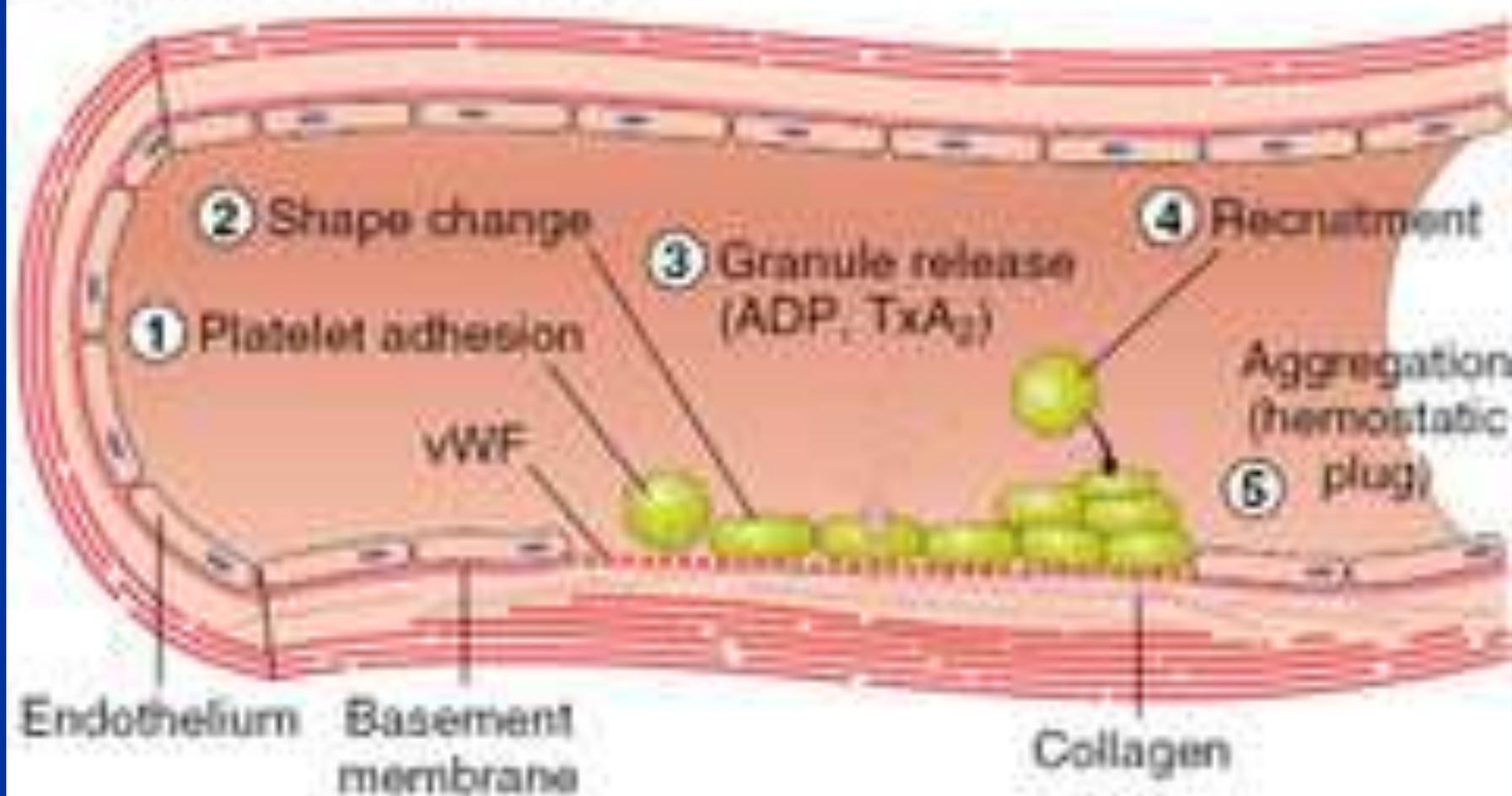
- **Vascular Phase**
- **Platelet Phase**
- **Coagulation Phase**
- **Fibrinolytic Phase**

# Vascular Phase

- ◎ **Vasoconstriction**
- ◎ **Exposure to tissues activate Tissue factor and initiate coagulation**



## B. PRIMARY HEMOSTASIS



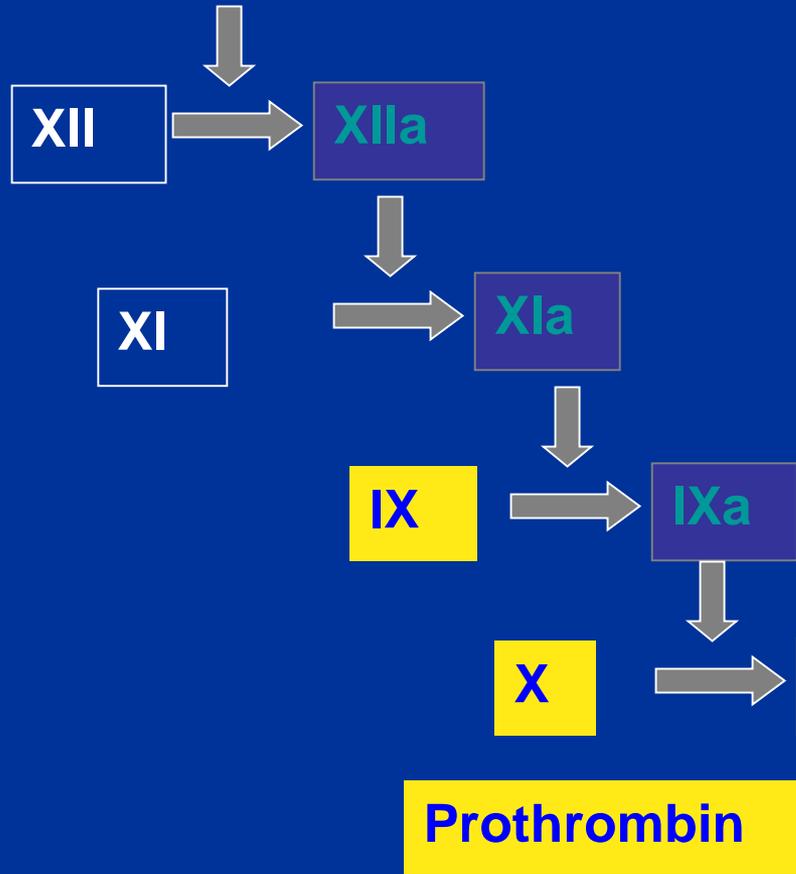
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# Coagulation Phase

- ◎ Two major pathways
  - Intrinsic pathway
  - Extrinsic pathway
- ◎ Both converge at a common point
- ◎ 13 soluble factors are involved in clotting
- ◎ Normally inactive and sequentially activated

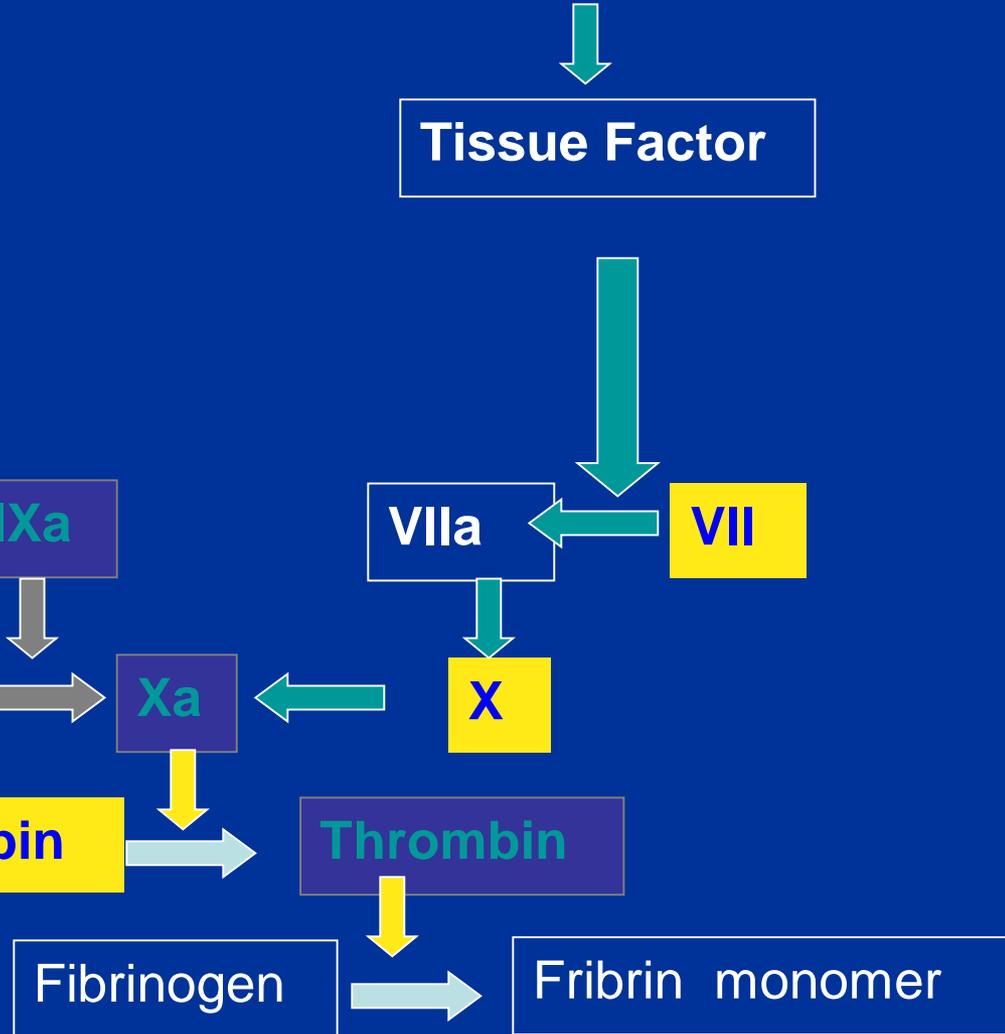
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Blood Vessel Injury



# Extrinsic Pathway

Tissue Injury



## **Intrinsic Pathway**

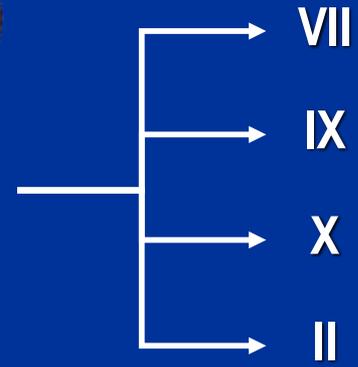
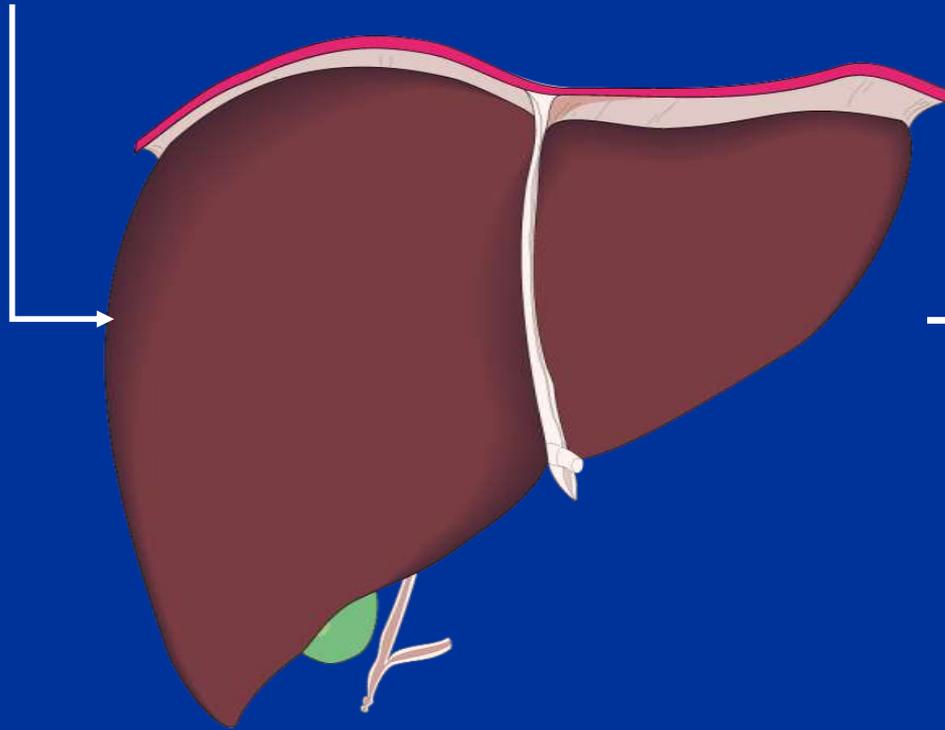
- ◎ **Activated partial thromboplastin test (aPTT)**

## **Extrinsic Pathway**

- ◎ **Prothrombin test (PT/INR)**

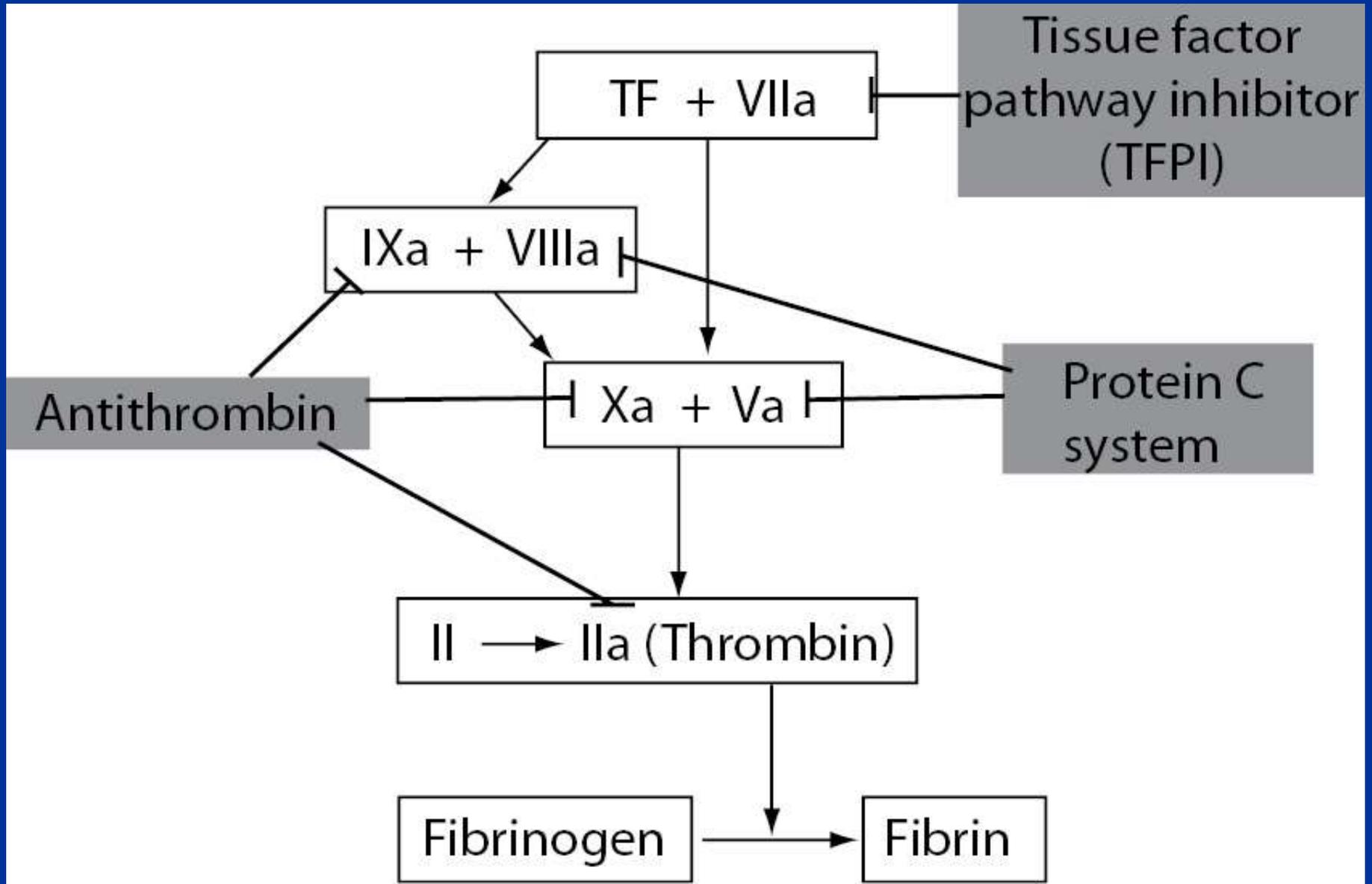
# Vitamin K-Dependent Clotting Factors

Vitamin K



Synthesis of  
Functional  
Coagulation  
Factors

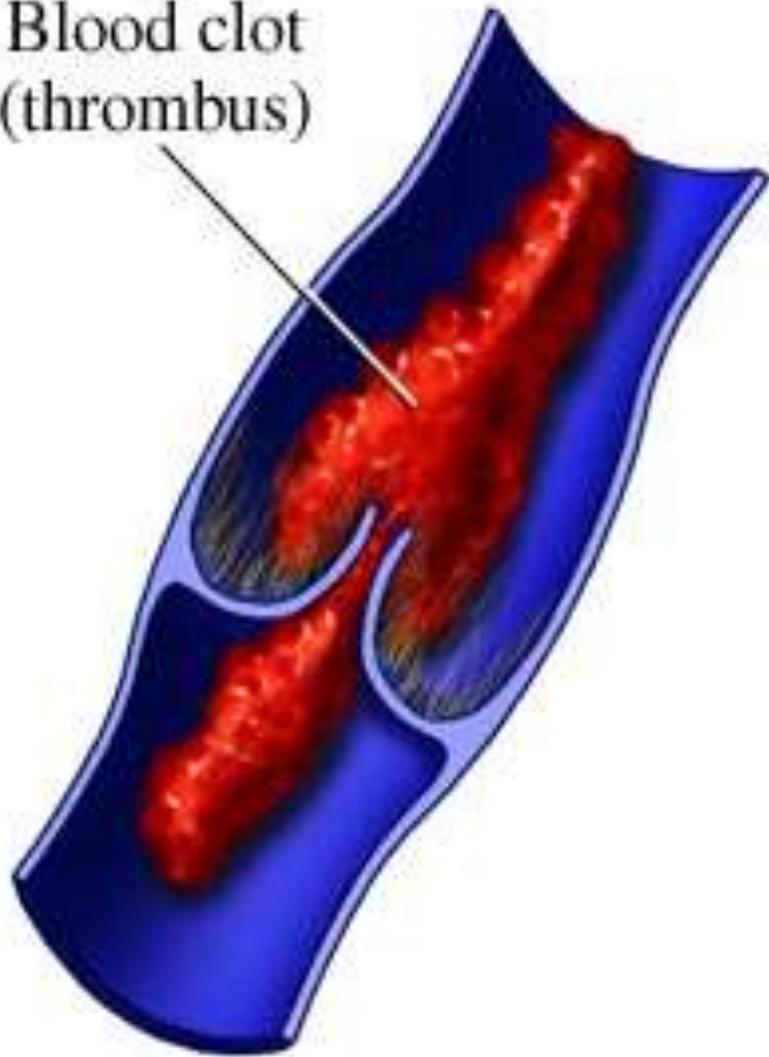
# Natural anti- coagulant



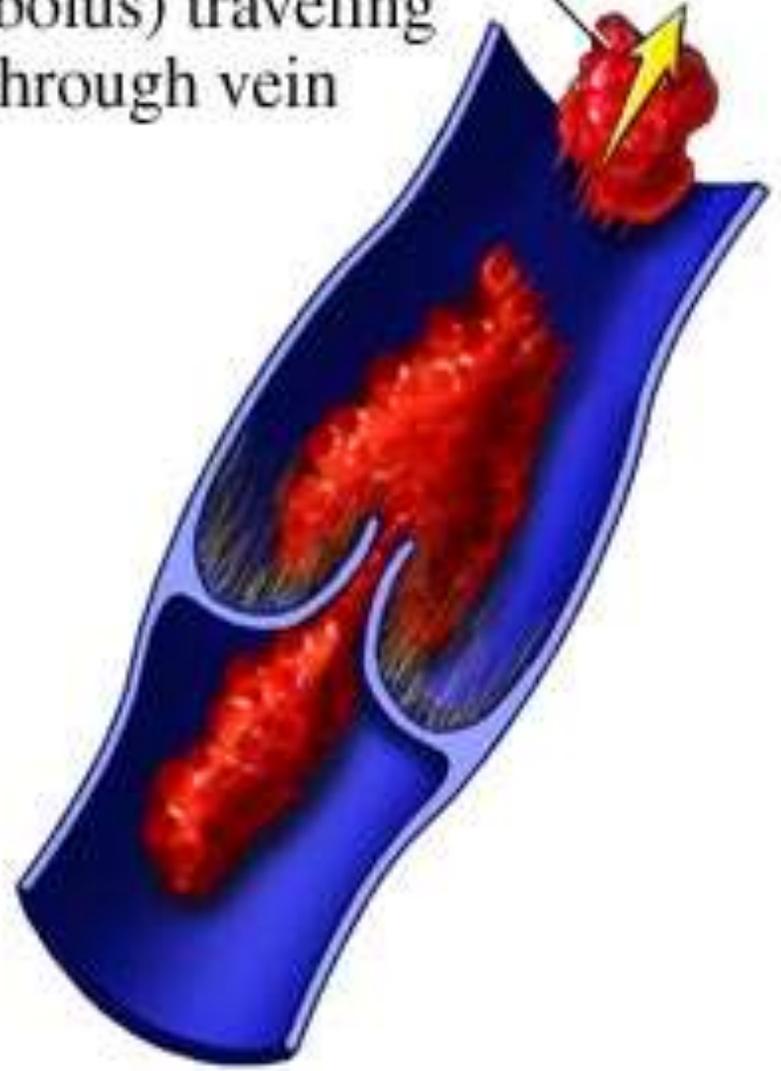
# Thrombosis

**Pathological formation of haemostatic plug within the vasculature in the absence of bleeding**

Blood clot  
(thrombus)



Fragment of blood clot  
(embolus) traveling  
through vein



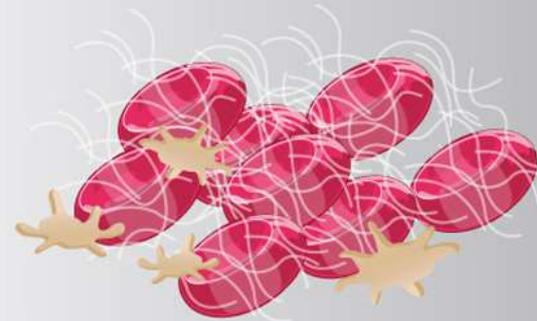
## Arterial

- White
- Platelet and WBC
- With atherosclerosis
- Causes ischemia



## Venous

- Red
- White head and red tail
- Embolus



## Drugs effect ;

## Drugs influencing coagulation

- fibrin formation      —————> Anticoagulants
- Platelet function      —————> Antiplatelet drugs
- Fibrinolysis      —————> Thrombolytic drugs

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- Thrombolytic drugs

# Anticoagulants

- Antithrombin activators
- Direct thrombin inhibitors
- Direct Factor Xa inhibitors
- Drugs that oppose action of Vitamin K

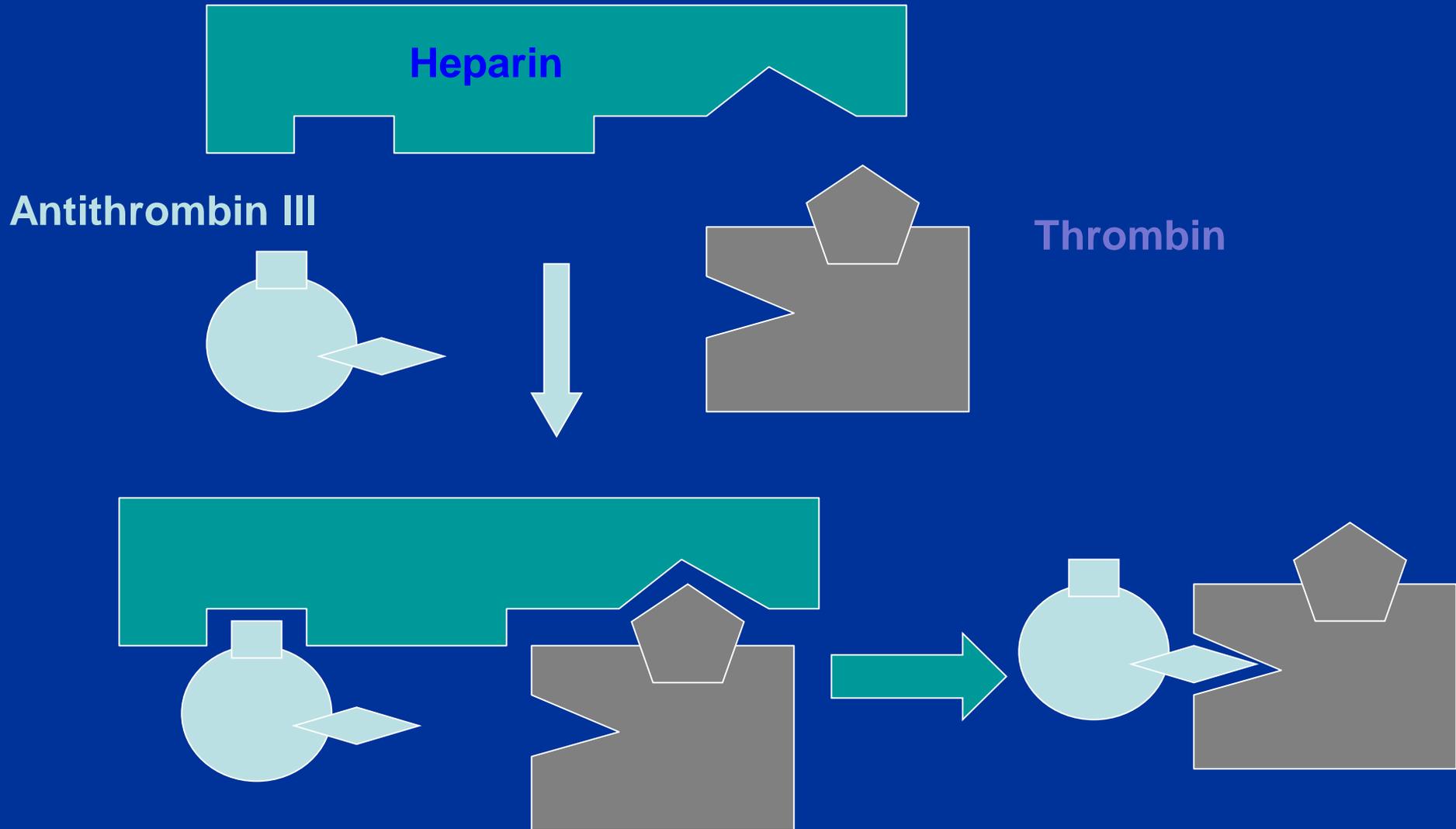
# Anticoagulants

- **Antithrombin activators**
  - Heparin / LMWH
  - Synthetic pentasaccharide analogues
- Direct thrombin inhibitors
- Direct Factor Xa inhibitors
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# Heparin

- Heterogeneous mixture of branched glycosaminoglycans
- Potentiates the inhibition of IIa, IXa, Xa, XIa, XIIa by AT
- Binds to AT through a unique pentasaccharide sequence leading to a conformational change

# Heparin mechanism of action



# Heparin

- Given s.c. or i.v.
- Binds to plasma proteins, endothelial cells & macrophages
- Elimination
  - Depolymerisation in endothelial cells & macrophages (rapid, saturable)
  - Renal (slow, non-saturable) and RES

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**Heparin**  
Sodium Inj., USP

10,000 units (1000 IU) per mL

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**HEP-LOCK UP**

HEPARIN SODIUM INJECTION, USP



## Heparin: variable anticoagulant effect

- Variable protein binding
- Clearance varies with chain length
- Therefore, anticoagulant response monitored by **activated partial thromboplastin time (APTT)**
- Target 1.5 – 2.5 times control

# Heparin: clinical uses

- Venous thrombosis ± embolism
- Acute coronary syndromes
- Arterial thrombosis
- Extracorporeal devices (e.g. haemodialysis)

# Heparin: adverse effects

- Bleeding
- Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT)
  - Immune-mediated
- Osteoporosis

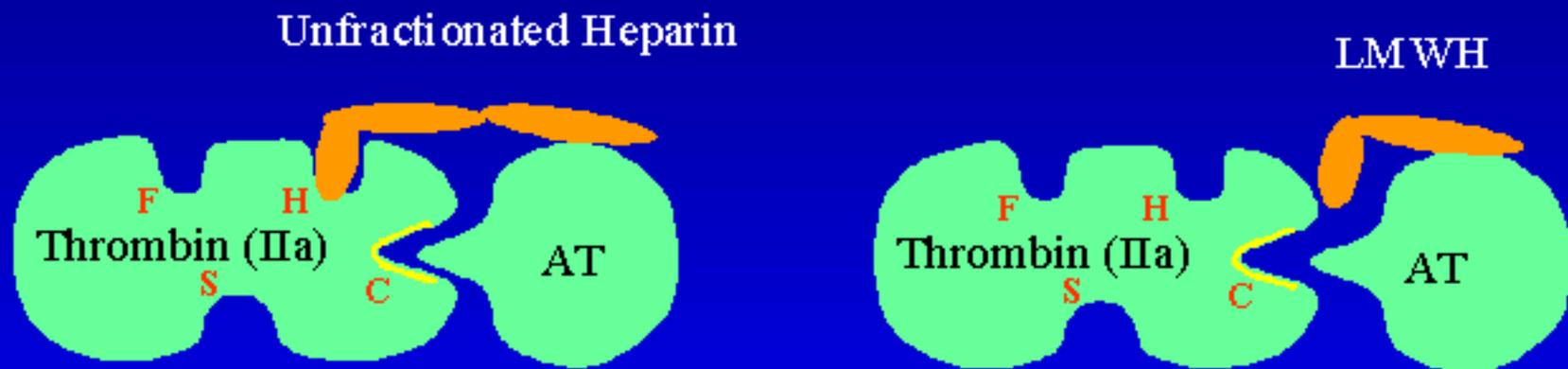
# Low-molecular-weight heparins (LMWHs)

- Derived from UFH by chemical or enzymatic depolymerization
- Molecular weight 2000 – 9000
- About 15 monosaccharide units per molecule

# Differences in Mechanism of Action

- Any size of heparin chain can inhibit the action of factor Xa by binding to antithrombin (AT)
- In contrast, in order to inactivate thrombin (IIa), the heparin molecule must be long enough to bind both antithrombin and thrombin
- Less than half of the chains of LMWH are long enough

# Differential inhibitory activity against factor Xa and IIa activity



By binding to AT, most UH and LMWH can inhibit Xa activity. Fewer than half the chains of LMWH are of sufficient length to also bind factor IIa, therefore has decreased anti-IIa activity.

# Advantages of LMWH over UH

- **No need for laboratory monitoring**
  - when given on a weight-adjusted basis, the LMWH anticoagulant response is predictable and reproducible
- **Higher bioavailability - 90% vs 30%**
- **Longer plasma half-life**
  - 4 to 6 hours vs 0.5 to 1 hour
  - renal (slower) vs hepatic clearance

# Advantages of LMWH over UH

- **Less inhibition of platelet function**
  - potentially less bleeding risk, but not shown in clinical use
- **Lower incidence of thrombocytopenia and thrombosis (HIT syndrome)**
  - less interaction with platelet factor 4
  - fewer heparin-dependent IgG antibodies

## Monitoring of LMWH

- Unnecessary in majority of patients
- May be useful in specific instances
  - renal insufficiency (creatinine  $>2.0$  mg/dl)
  - obese patients with altered drug pK
  - major bleeding risk factors

# LMWHs

- Dalteparin
- Enoxaparin
- Tinzaparin

# Synthetic pentasaccharide analogues

	<u>Bioavailability(s.c.)</u>	<u>elimination</u>	<u>half life (h)</u>
LMWH	80-90%	renal	4
Fondaparinux	100%	renal	17
Idraparinux	100%	renal	80

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# Direct thrombin inhibitors

- Recombinant hirudins
- Bivalirudin
- Ximelagatran / Melagatran
- Dabigatran

# Recombinant hirudins



# Recombinant hirudins

- Given i.v. , s.c.
- Elimination renal
- Half life 1-2 h

# Bivalirudin

- Given i.v.
- Elimination renal & hepatic
- Half life 25 min

# Ximelagatran

- Promising oral direct thrombin inhibitor
- Converted to the active form melagatran in vivo
- No dosing problems
- No monitoring needed.
- Recent atrial fibrillation study showed it to possibly be superior to warfarin.

# Dabigatran

- Given orally
- Elimination renal
- Half life 12 h
- Substrate for P-glycoprotein in kidney, GIT

# Anticoagulants

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- Direct thrombin inhibitors
- **Direct Factor Xa inhibitors**
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# Apixaban

- Direct Factor Xa inhibitor
- Oral bioavailability 60%
- Half life 12 h
- Elimination hepatic > renal

# Rivaroxaban

- Direct Factor Xa inhibitor
- Oral bioavailability 80%
- Half life 7-11 h
- Elimination renal > hepatic

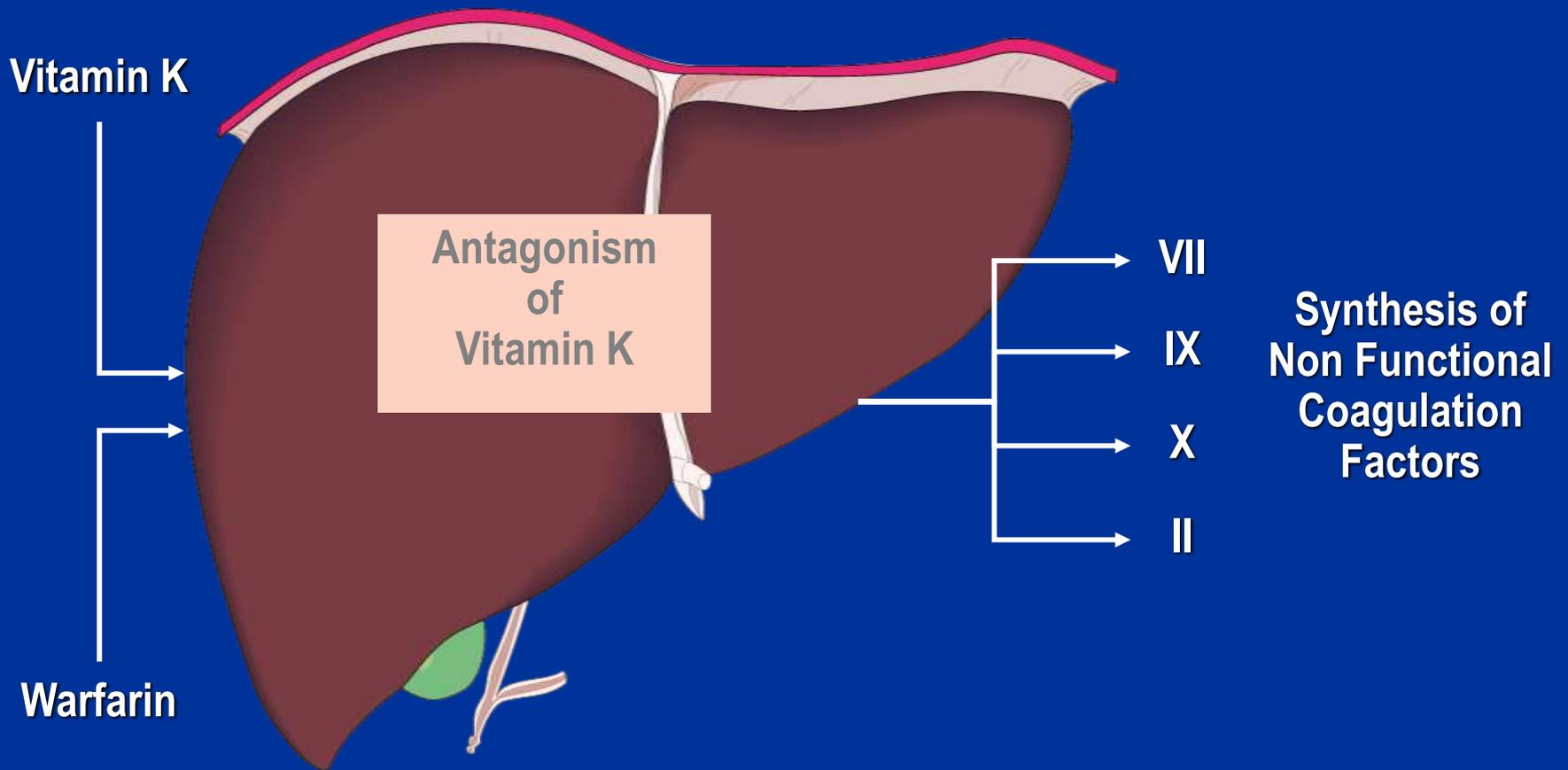
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# Warfarin

**Reduces the post-translational  
carboxylation of glutamate  
residues of factors II, VII, IX, X**

# Warfarin Mechanism of Action



Glutamic acid residues of  
Factors II, VII, IX, X

$\gamma$ -carboxyglutamate of  
Factors II, VII, IX, X

$\gamma$ -glutamyl carboxylase

$O_2 + CO_2$

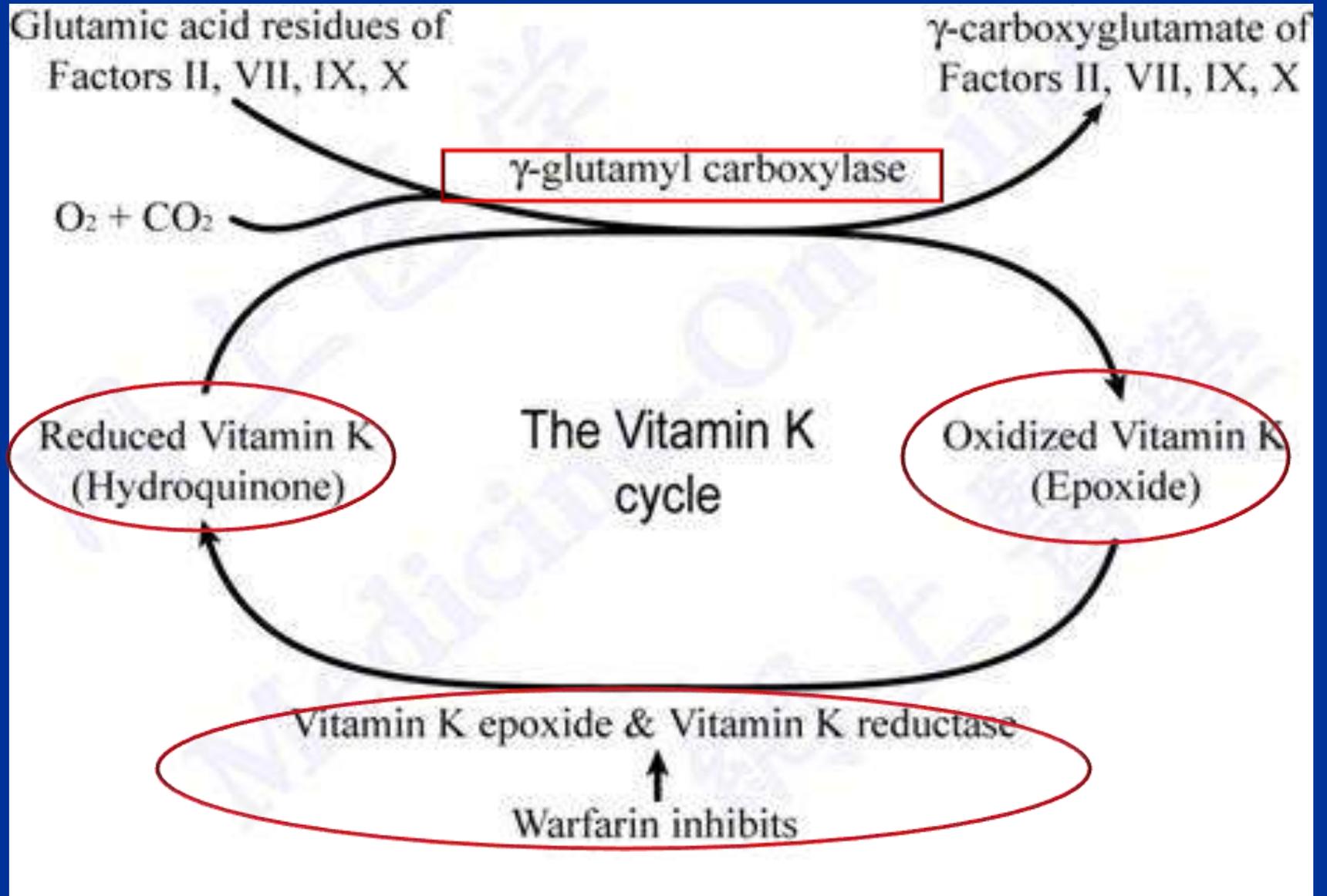
Reduced Vitamin K  
(Hydroquinone)

The Vitamin K  
cycle

Oxidized Vitamin K  
(Epoxide)

Vitamin K epoxide & Vitamin K reductase

Warfarin inhibits



# Warfarin

- Anticoagulant effect seen after 2-3 days
- Monitored by international normalized ratio (INR)
  
- Well absorbed from GIT
- Highly protein bound
- Metabolised by CYP-450

# Warfarin cont

- Clearance is slow - 36 hrs
- Can cross placenta - do not use during pregnancies

# Drug interaction- with Warfarin

**Category**

**Mechanism**

**Representative Drugs**

Drugs that Increase  
Warfarin Activity



Decrease binding to  
Albumin

NSAID,

Inhibit hepatic metaboli;

Cimetidine, antifungals

Decrease synthesis of  
Clotting Factors

Antibiotics (oral)

# Drug interaction with Warfarin cont:

Drugs that promote  
bleeding



Inhibition of platelets

NSAID, Aspirin

Inhibition of clotting  
Factors

heparin

Drugs that decrease  
Warfarin activity



Induction of metabolizing  
Enzymes

Barbiturates  
Griseofulvin

Promote clotting factor  
Synthesis

Vitamin K

Reduced absorption

cholestyramine  
colestipol

# Warfarin: adverse effects

- Bleeding
- Rashes
- Alopecia
- Teratogenicity

# Warfarin-induced Skin Necrosis





# Reversing action of warfarin

- Plasma
  - Rapid but short-lasting
  
- Vitamin K
  - Not rapid, but lasts 1-2 weeks. Do not use if wishing to restart warfarin within next week.

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- Anticoagulants
- Antiplaquet drugs
- Thrombolytic drugs

# Antiplatelet drugs

PG

thromboxane sys

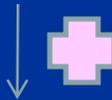
PC syntase

Thromboxane A2  
(plt)

PC  
(endothe)



adenylylase cyclase



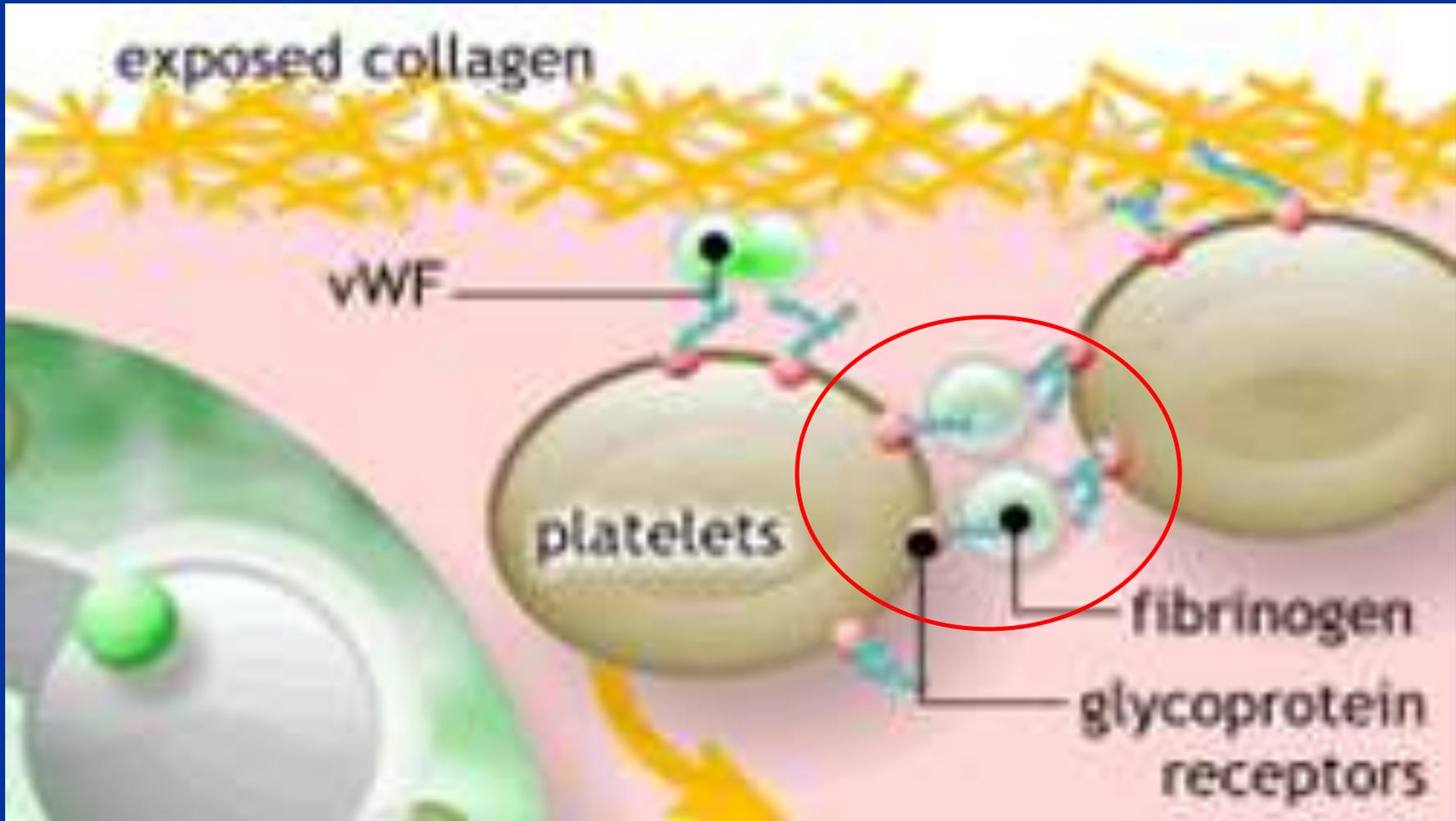
Plt C AMP



Plt adhesion/  
Aggregation/  
release of  
substances



Phosphodiesterase



# Antiplatelet drugs

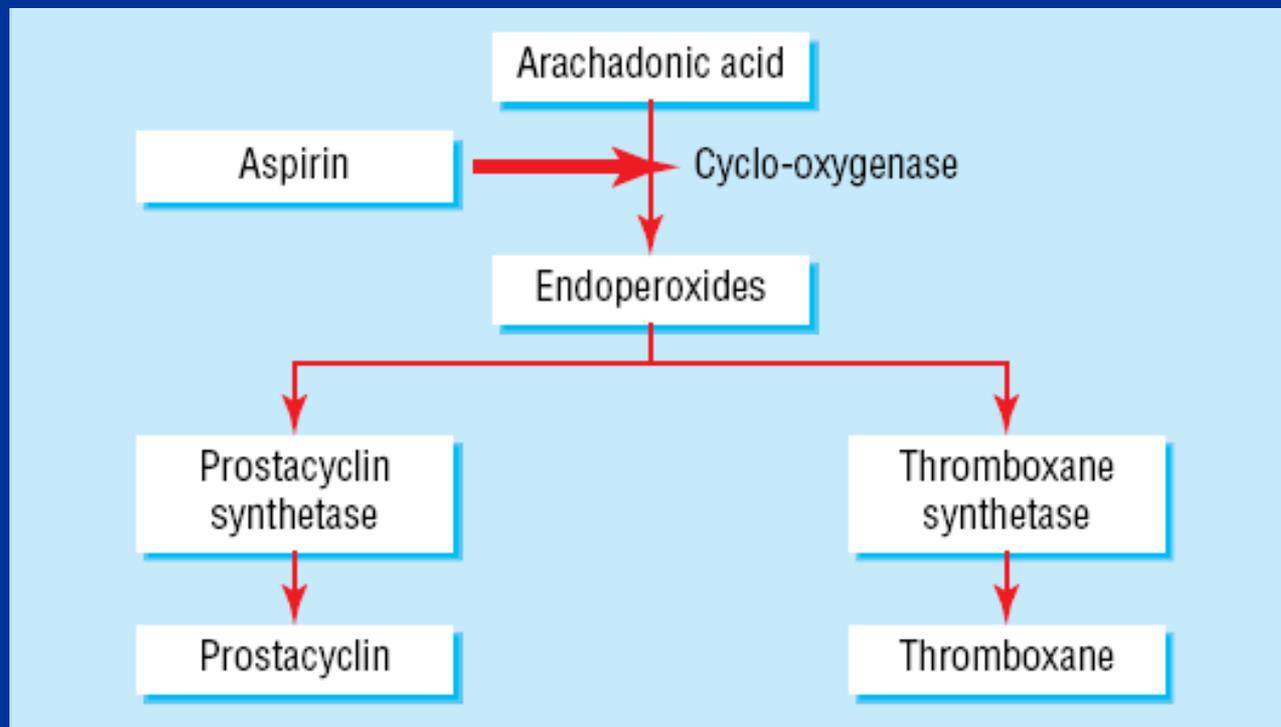
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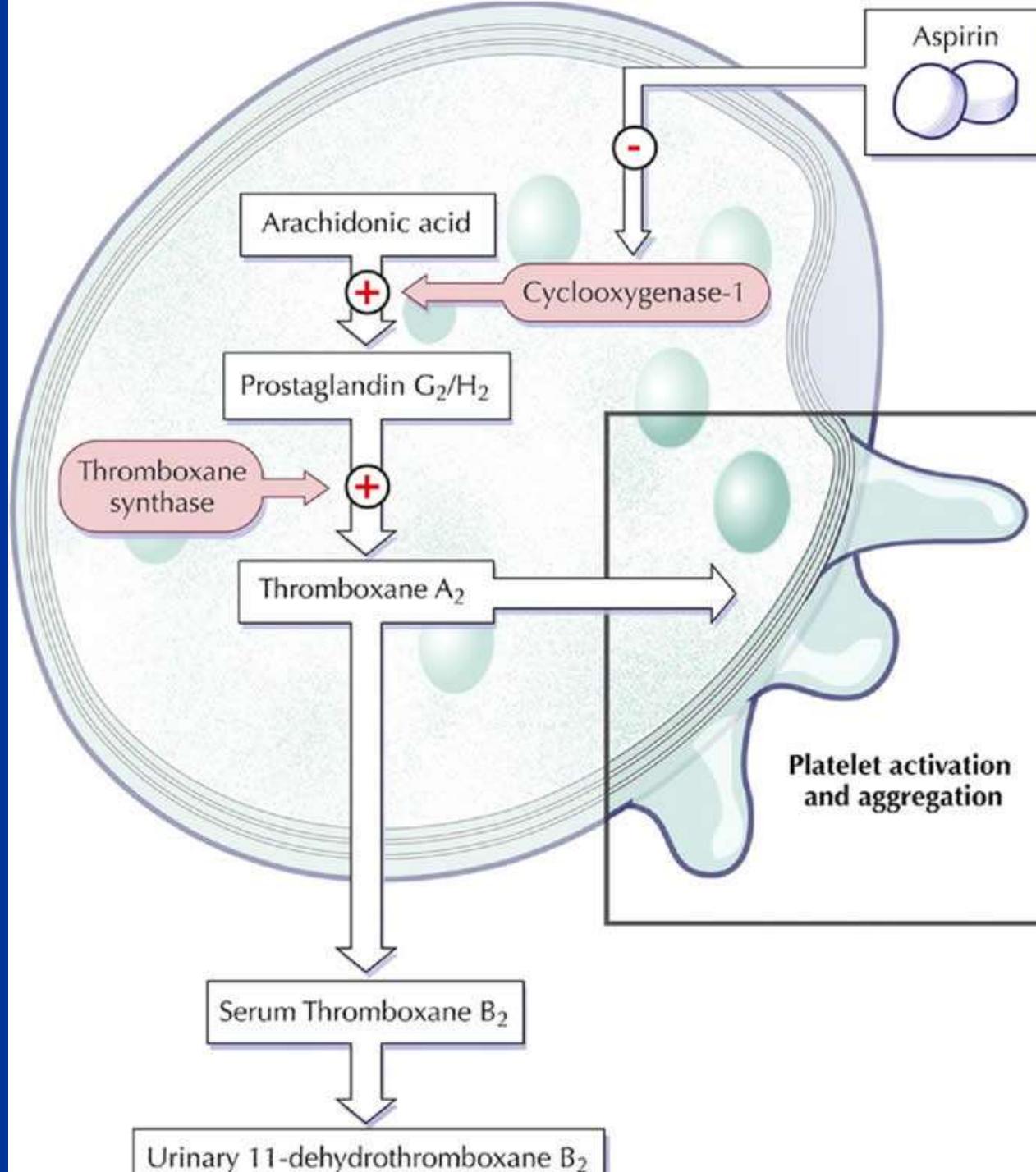
# Aspirin

- Irreversible acetylation of cyclo-oxygenase-1 in platelets



endothelium

platelet



# Aspirin cont;

- Prevents platelet aggregation /adhesion
- Clinical use - prevents arterial thrombus
  - Myocardial infarction (MI)
  - stroke
  - heart valve replacement and shunts

# Aspirin cont;

- Low doses (75 – 300 mg)
- Rapidly absorbed from GIT
- Absorption delayed with enteric-coated formulations
- Hydrolysed by esterases in GI mucosa & liver

## Prophylactic use of Aspirin

- Low dose daily.

- Prevents ischemic attack and MI

# Antiplatelet drugs

- COX inhibitors
- Adenosine diphosphate P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor antagonists (thienopyridines)
  - Clopidogrel, Prasugrel, Ticagrelor
- Phosphodiesterase inhibitors
- Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa receptor antagonists

# Thienopyridines

- Ticlopidine
- Clopidogrel

# Clopidogrel

- Slightly more effective than aspirin
- Additive effect to aspirin

## Use

- MI
- Stroke

# Ticlopidine

- Slow onset of action - 3-7 days
- Idiosyncratic neutropenia

# Antiplatelet drugs

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- Phosphodiesterase inhibitors
  - Dipyridamole
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# Dipyridamole

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# Dipyridamole cont;

## Clinical use

- Ischemic stroke
- TIA

## Side effects

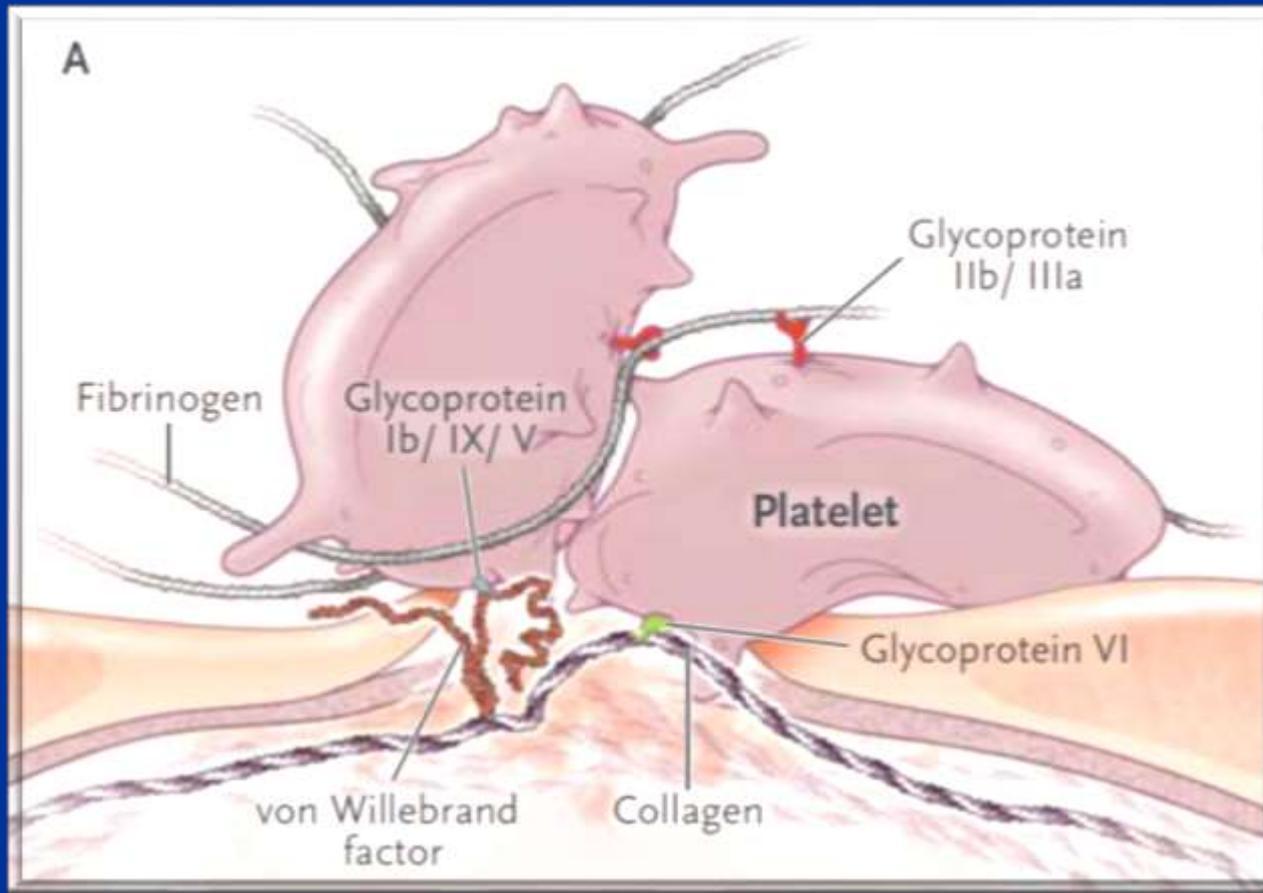
headache

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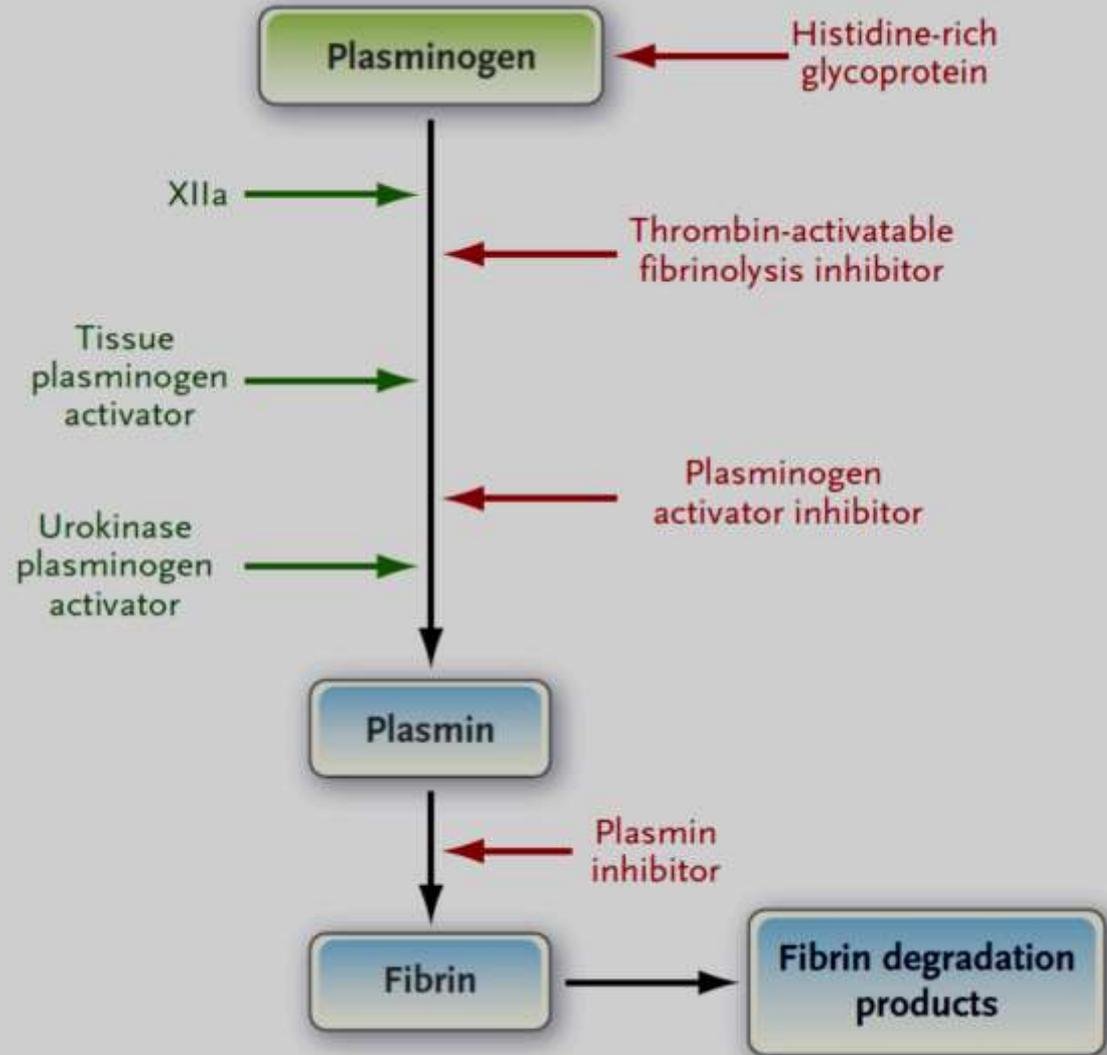
- More complete inhibition of platelet function
- increased risk of bleeding

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# Fibrinolysis

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- Exogenously administered drugs
  - Streptokinase
  - Urokinase
  - Tissue plasminogen activator (tPA)

# Streptokinase (SK)

- Binds to plasminogen & activates it
- Source:  $\beta$  haemolytic streptococci
- Immunogenic ; not repeated within one years of administration
- T 1/2 - 20 min
- IV



**Streptokinase**  
**1,500,000 I.U.**

Warning: To be used by order on the prescription  
of a Registered Medical Practitioner only.

1,500,000 I.U.  
**Streptokinase**  
1,500,000 International  
Units of Streptokinase, USP

# Clinical uses

- STEMI
- Massive pulmonary embolism
- Ischaemic stroke
  
- Better if give within first 3 h

## Side effects

- Bleeding
- Multiple microemboli
- Cardiac arrhythmias
- Allergy

# Urokinase

- Human fetal kidney tissue
- Activate plasminogen
- $T_{1/2}$  – 15 min

# tPA

- Produced by recombinant DNA technology
- Not immunogenic
- More clot-specific than SK – fibrin selective
- Less coagulation disturbance in plasma
- Short half life – iv infusion

# Drug preparations: clotting deficiencies

- Vitamin K ( Phytonadione (K1), Mephyton
  - Oral : 5 mg tablets
- Plasma fractions - for hemophilia
  - Antihemophilic factor ( VIII, AHF)
  - Parenteral
- Factor IX complex (konyne HT, proplex T)

# Drug preparations : to stop bleeding

- Systemic use : Tranexamic acid
- Inhibit plasminogen activation

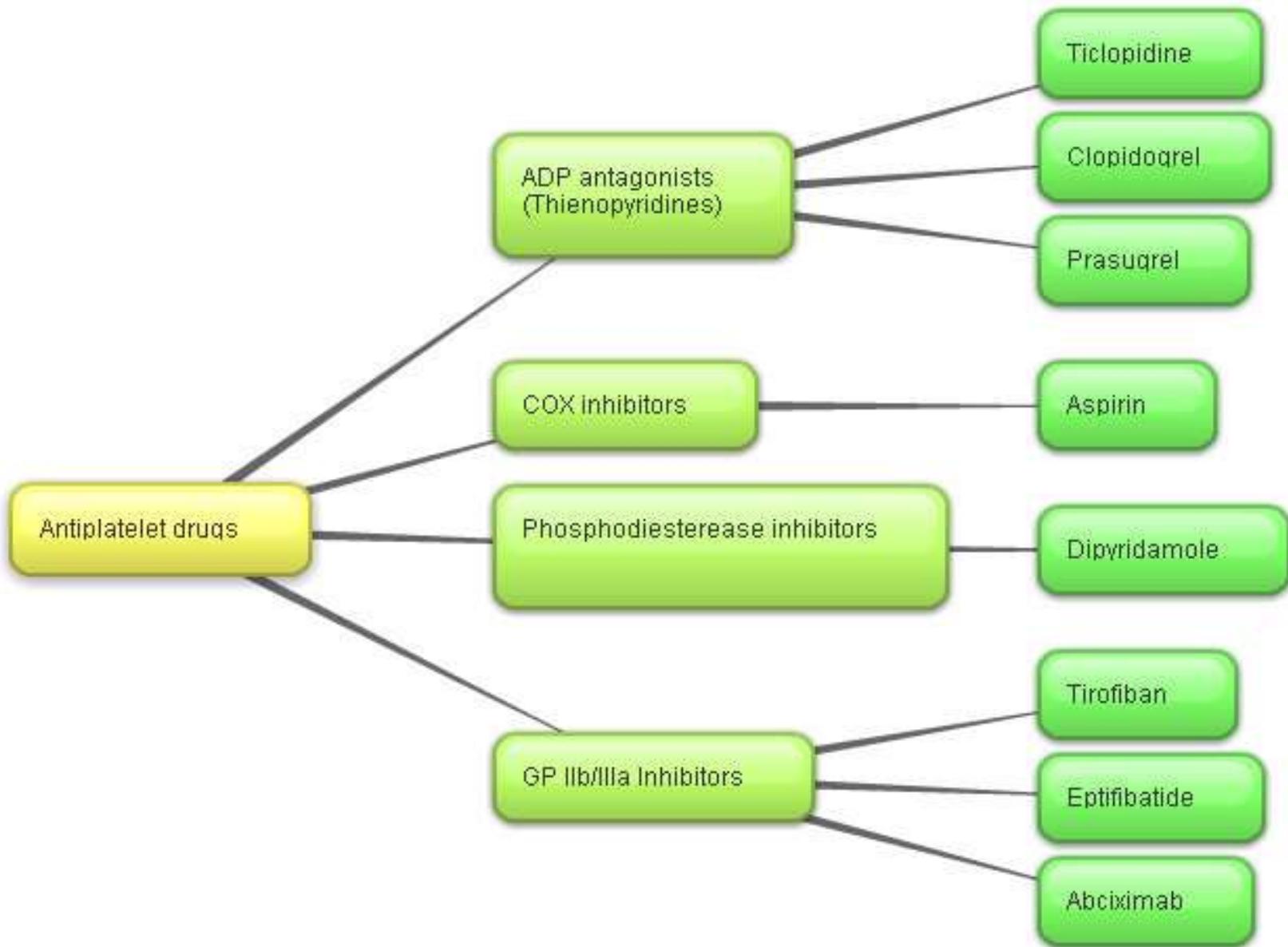
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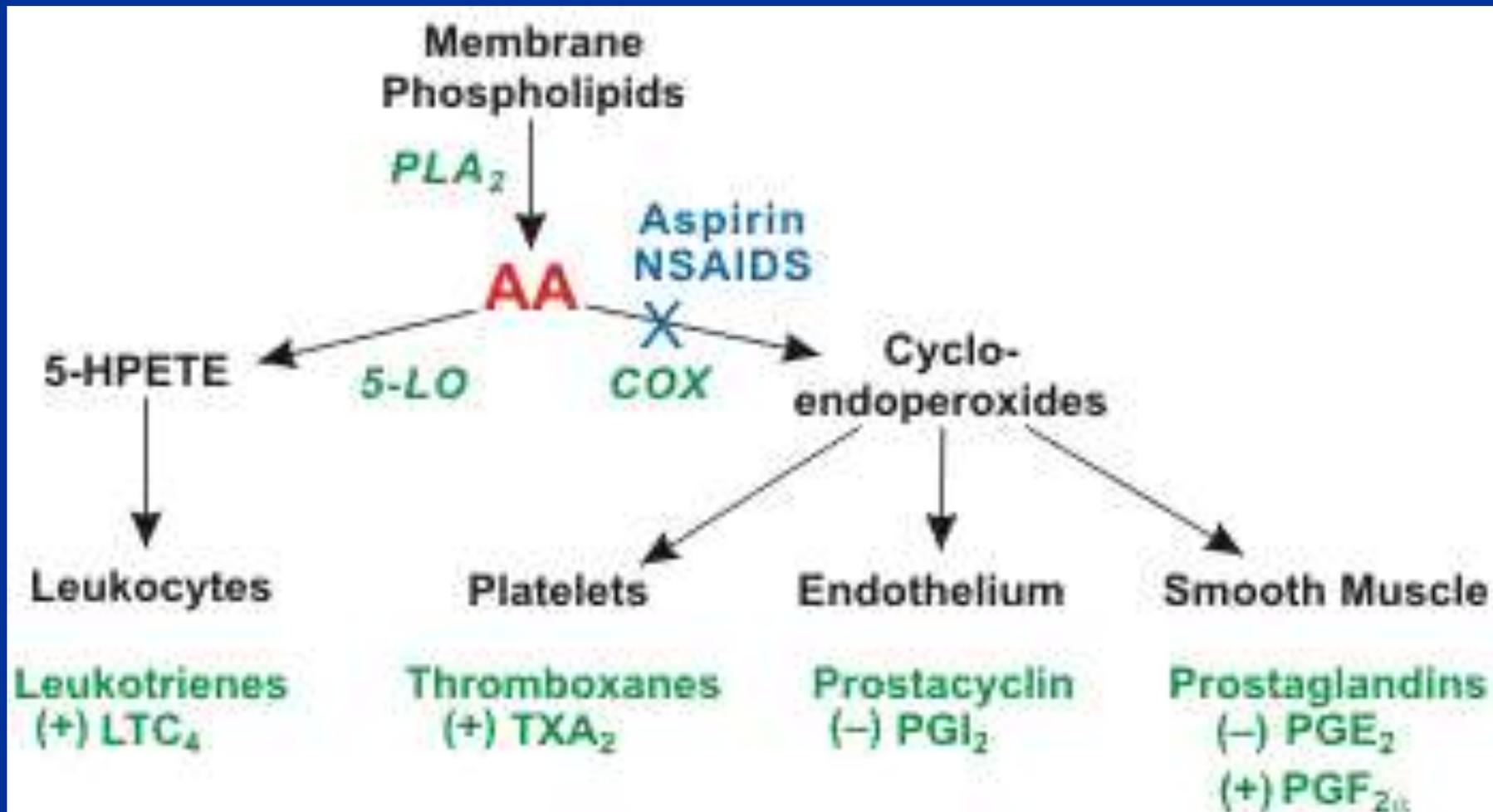
bleeding from thrombolytic drugs

- Hemorrhage form surgery
- Menorrhagia

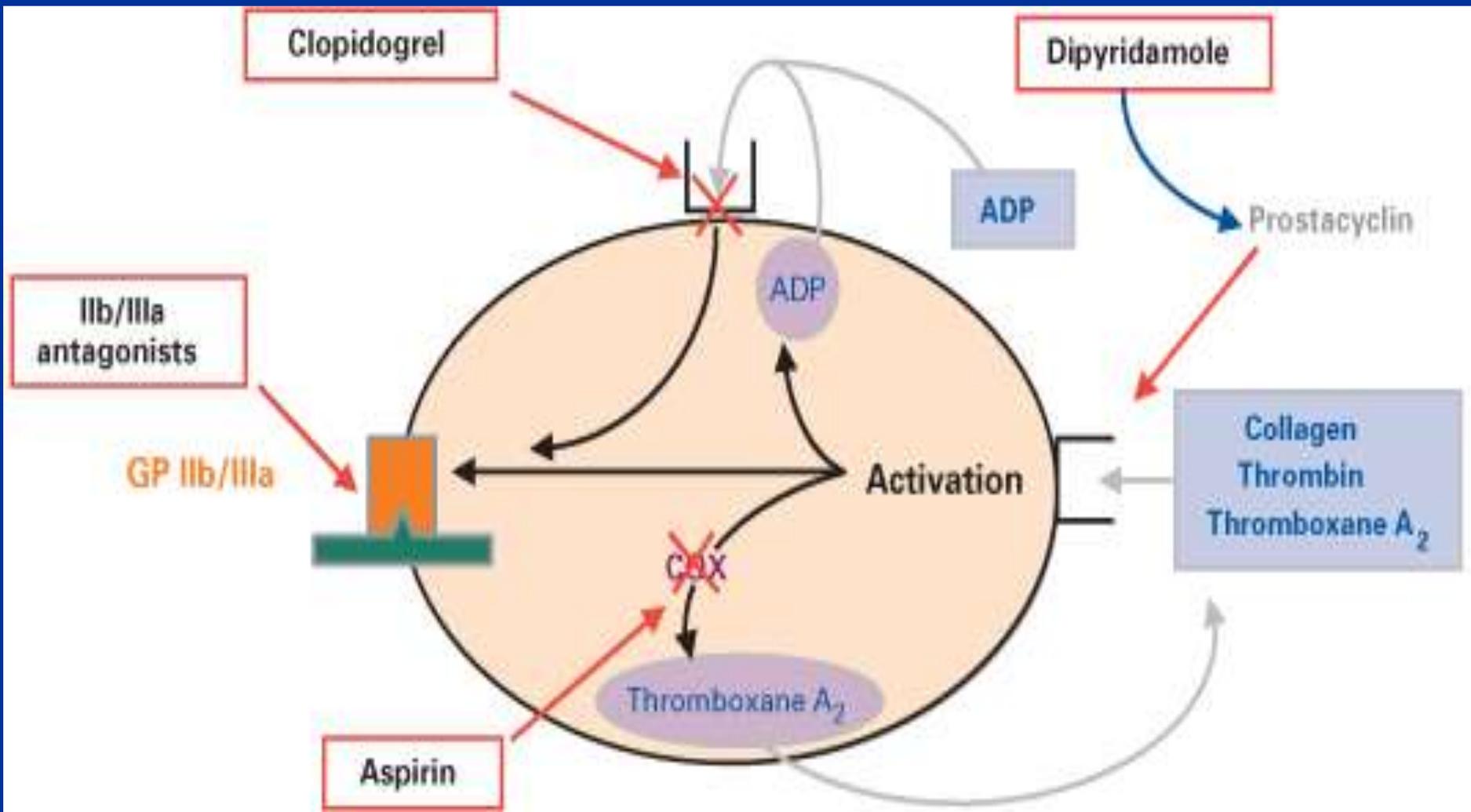
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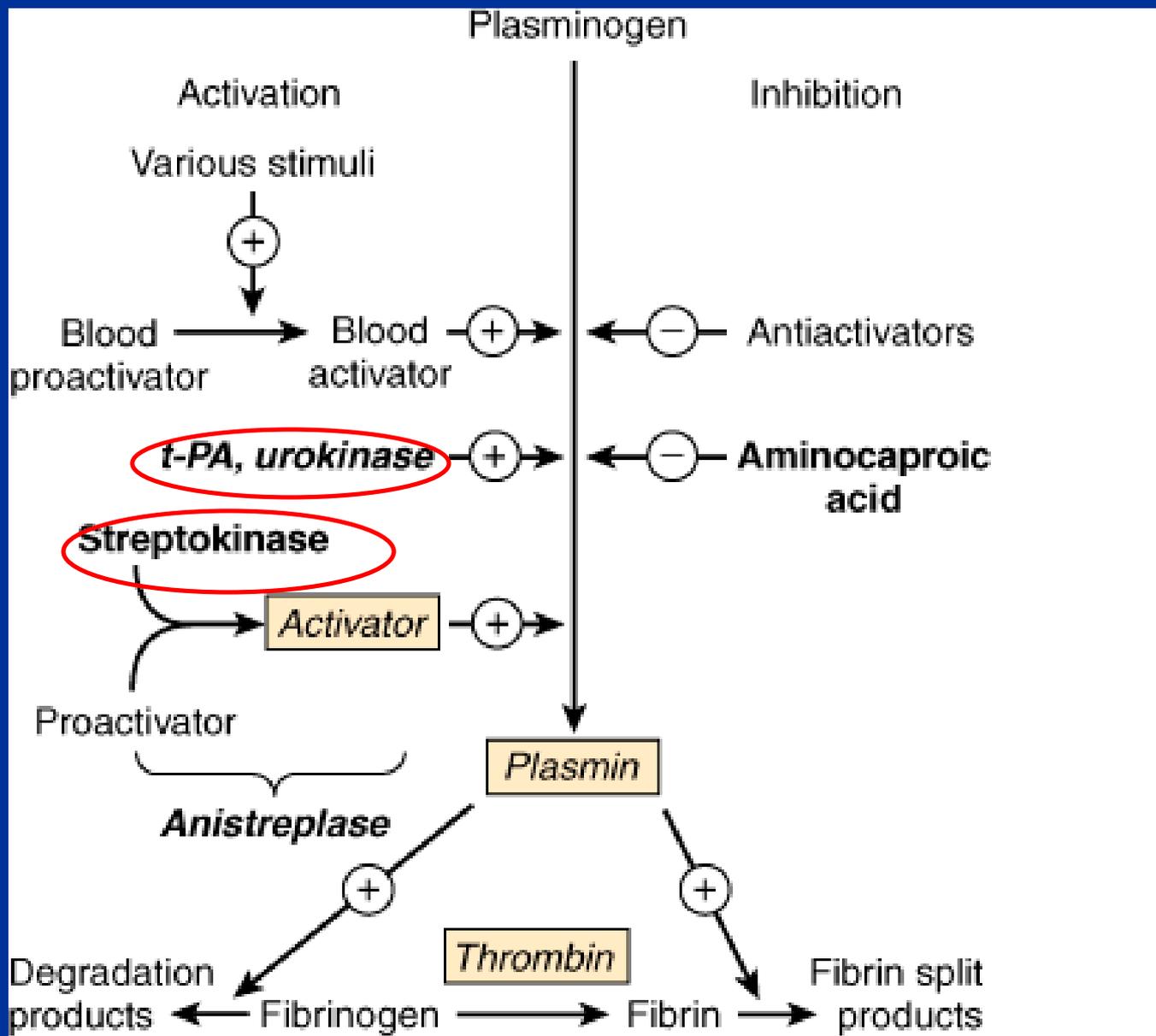
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Abbreviations: AA, arachidonic acid; PLA<sub>2</sub>, phospholipase A<sub>2</sub>; PLC, phospholipase C; COX, cyclooxygenase; NSAIDs, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; +, vasoconstriction; -, vasodilation.

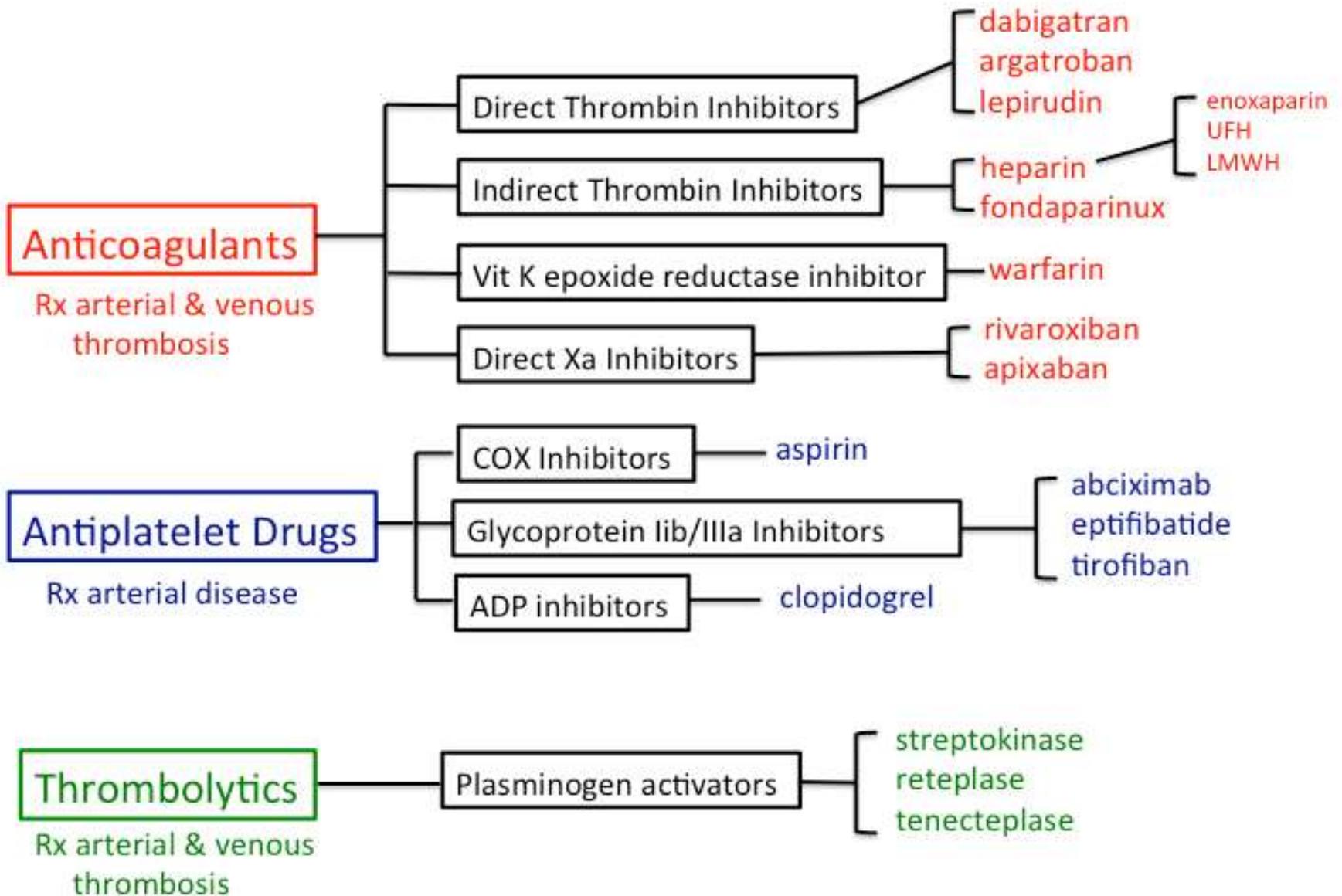




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# Drugs Used to Treat Clotting Disorders



# Why do we need new anticoagulation drugs?

- Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia
- Heparin prophylaxis is imperfect
- Heparin - iv
- Heparin-associated osteoporosis
- Warfarin takes several days for its effect
- Warfarin is not as effective in some situations e.g antiphospholipid syndrome
- Warfarin interacts with many other drugs
- Warfarin is dangerous if not monitored