

# Issues in Haemostasis and Pregnancy

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# Outline



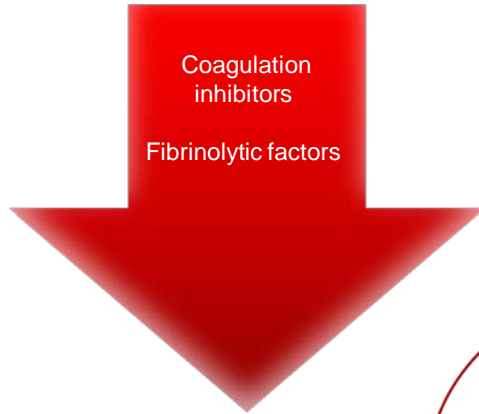
- Basics at a glance & haemostasis/coagulopathies in pregnancy
- Haemostasis testing in pregnancy and puerperium:
  - Conventional vs global viscoelastic testing (TEG, RoTEM)
  - Thromboelastography (TEG)
- Our research around coagulopathies and inflammation in pregnancy related conditions
- Current international projects around women, pregnancy and haemostasis



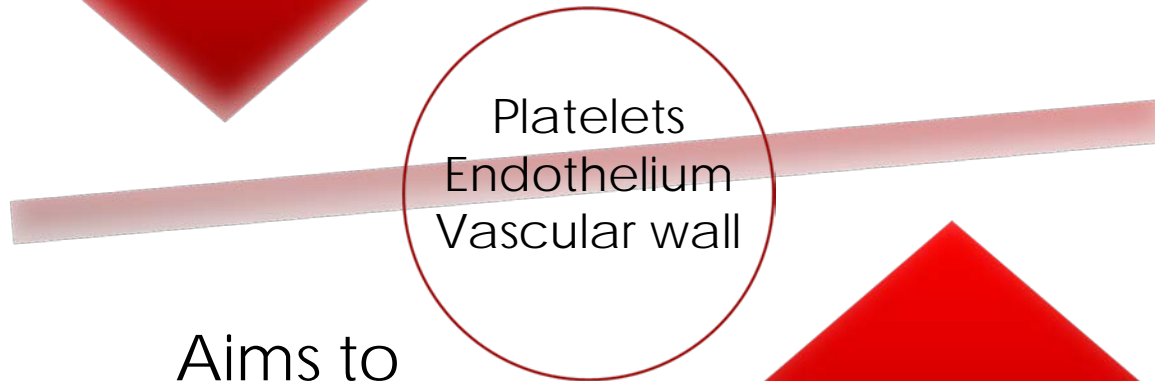
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# Haemostasis

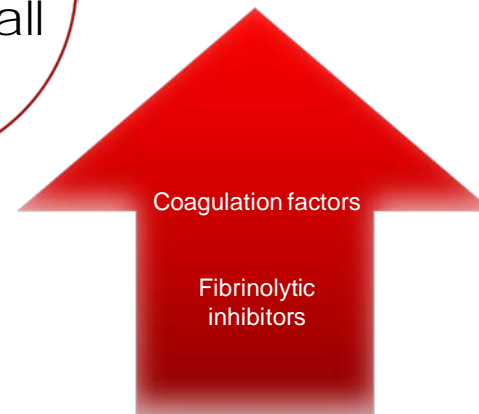
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An important  
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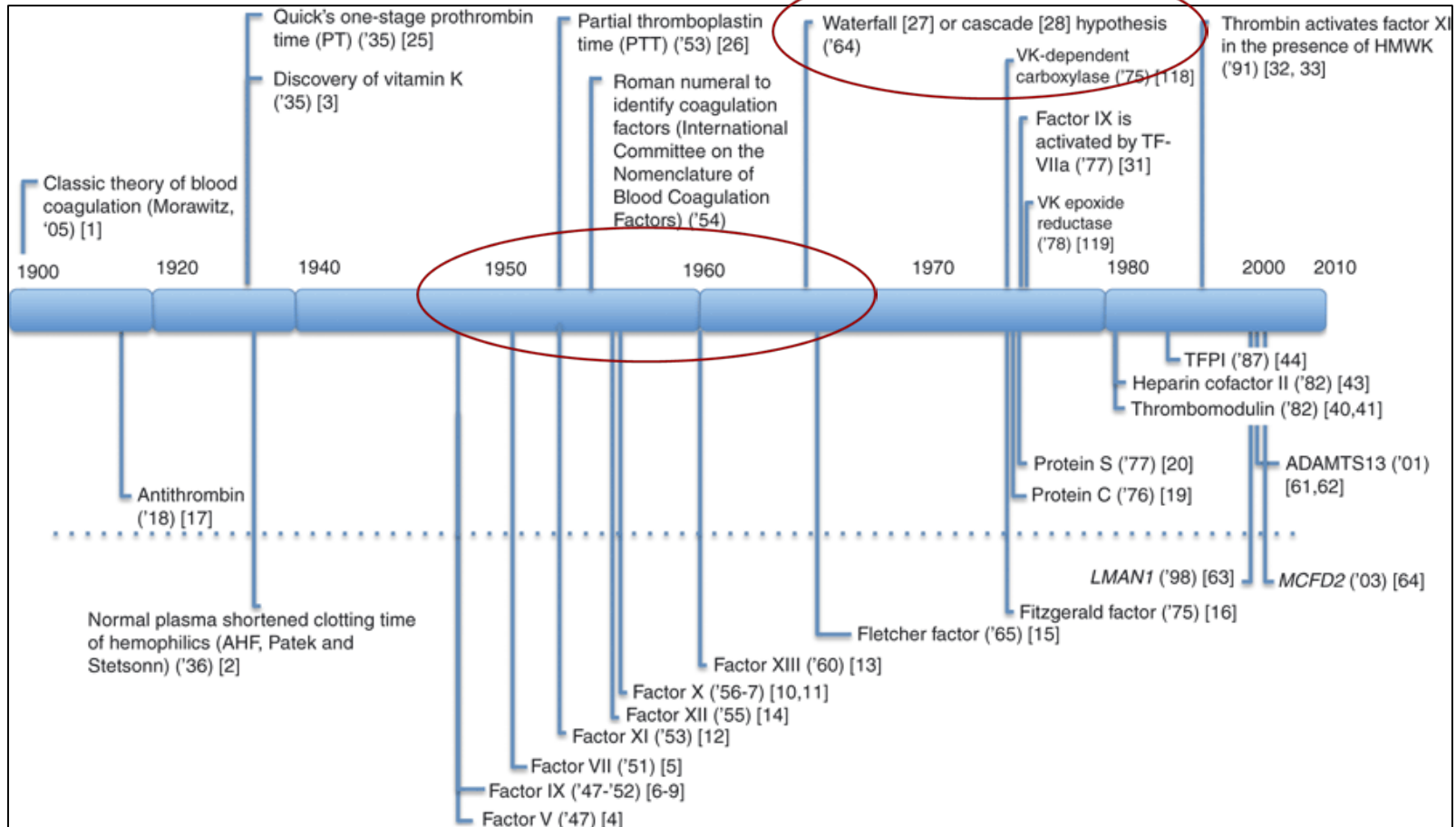
Aims to  
prevent  
thrombosis  
and bleeding



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# Historical Perspectives



SAITO et al., JTH 2011; 352-363

Davie JBC 2003;278 (5): 50819-50832, 2003

Contact activation

Tissue damage



Intrinsic pathway

XII  
XI  
IX  
VIII  
Sequential activation ↓

aPTT

Extrinsic pathway

TF  
VII +

PT

X → Xa

Prothrombin → Thrombin

Va  
Ca<sup>2+</sup>  
PI

Fibrinogen → Fibrin

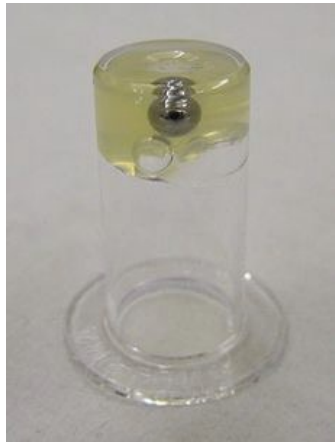
Xa  
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Fibrin → FDPs

Plasmin ← Plasminogen

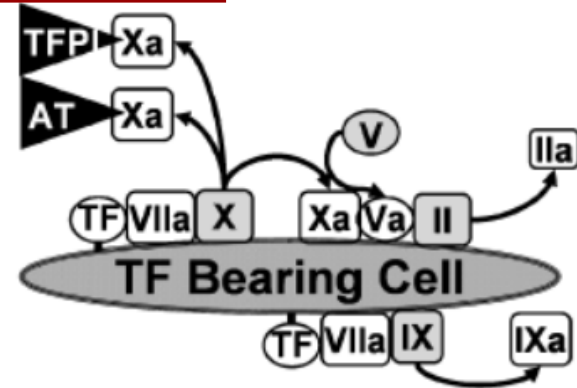
t-PA ↓

The Simple Waterfall/Cascade

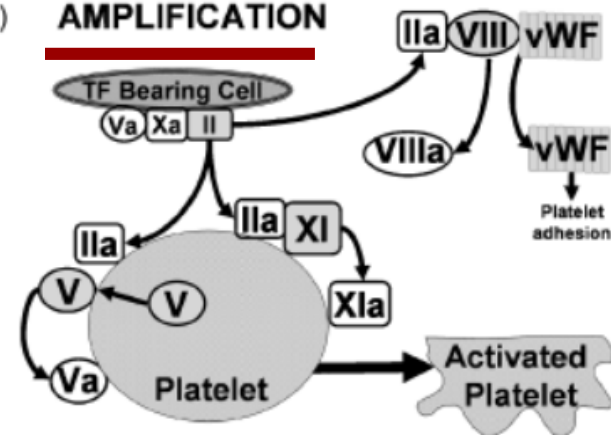


# Cell Model Theory

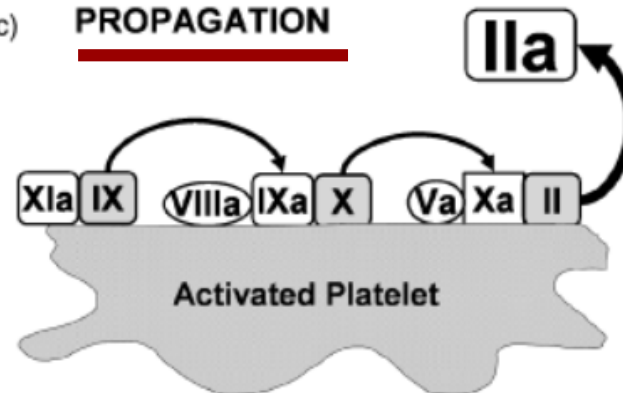
## (a) INITIATION



## (b) AMPLIFICATION



## (c) PROPAGATION



# Pregnancy is a Physiological Hypercoagulable State

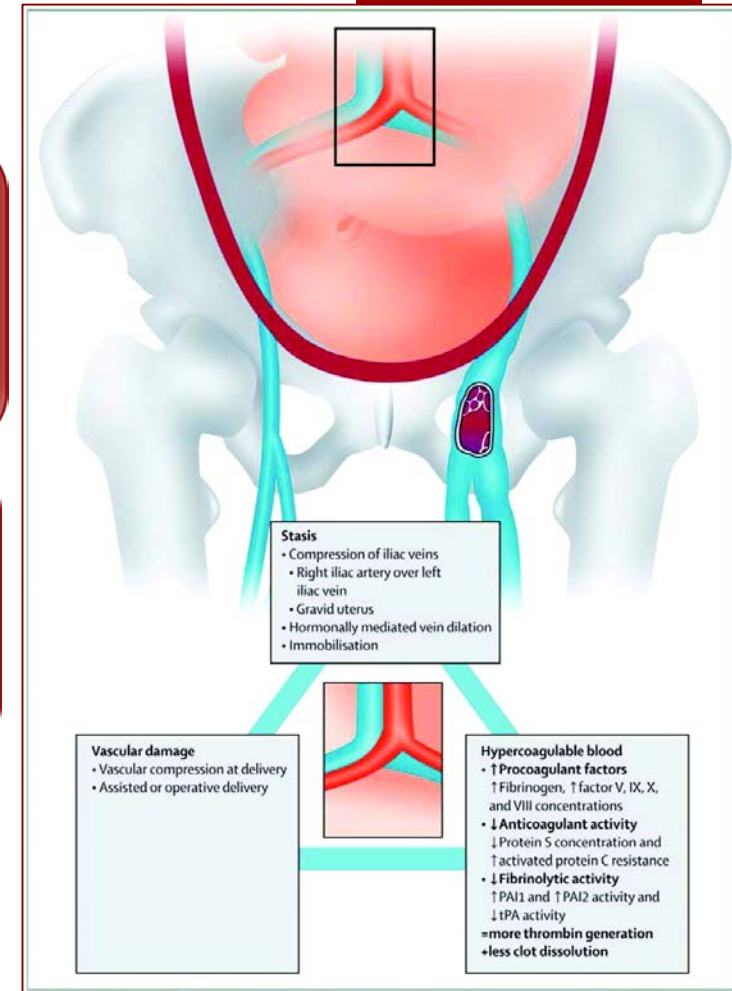
↑ Fibrinogen, FVII, FVIII, FIX, FXII, VWF

↑ Platelet aggregation

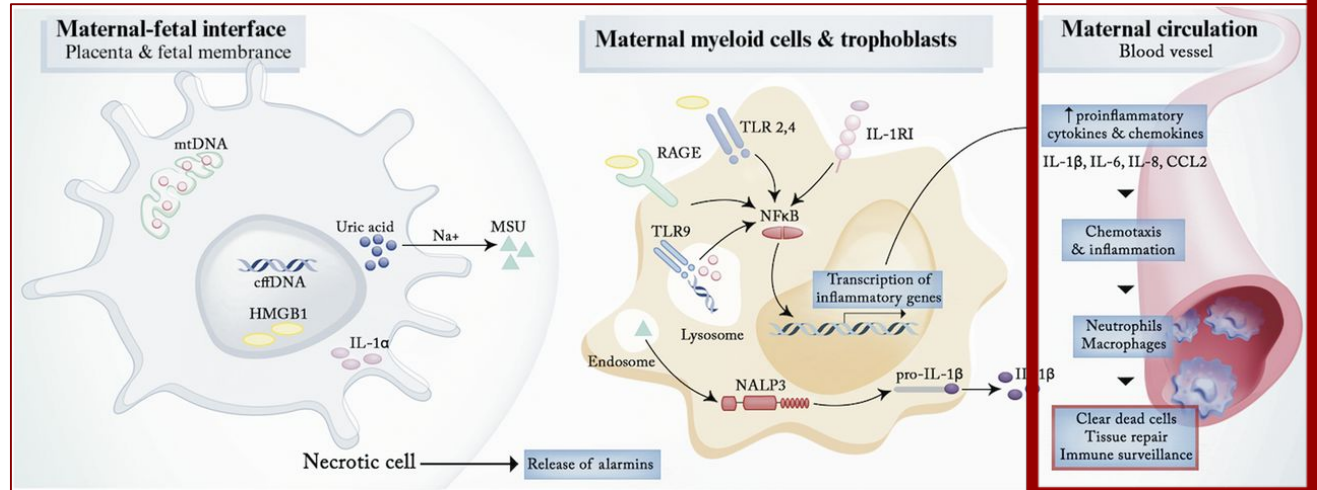
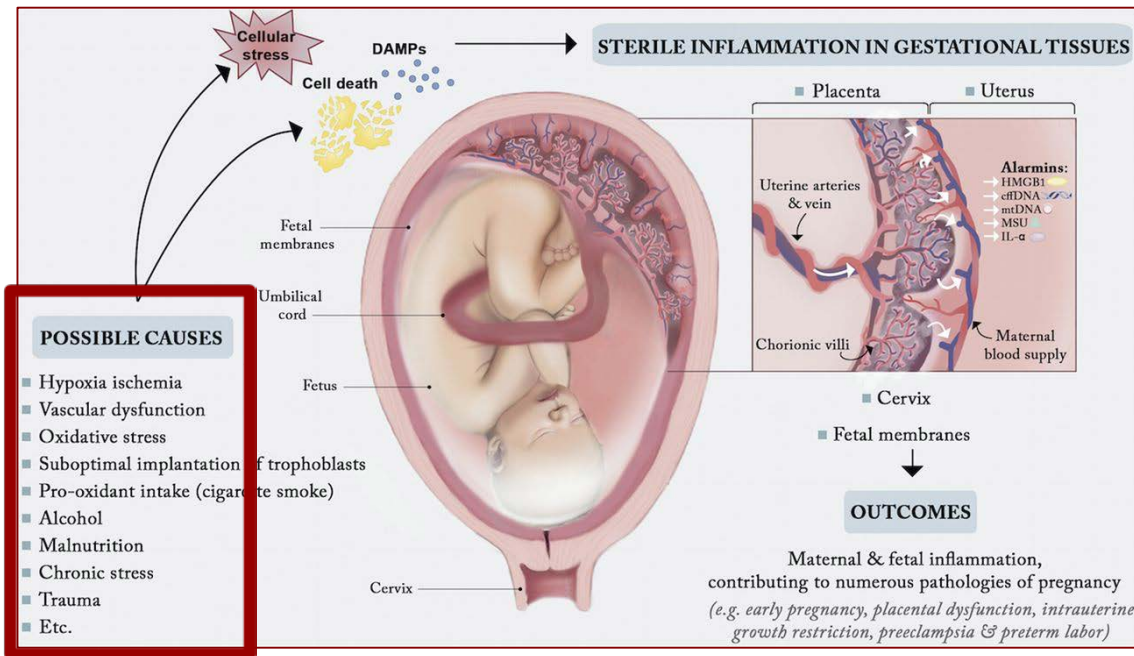
Placenta expresses high levels of TF

↓ t-PA  
↑ PAI-1 & PAI-2

State of inflammation



# Maternal Inflammation Contributes to Various Pathologies in Pregnancy



Nadeau-Vallée et al.,  
Reproduction 2016 152, 6; 10.



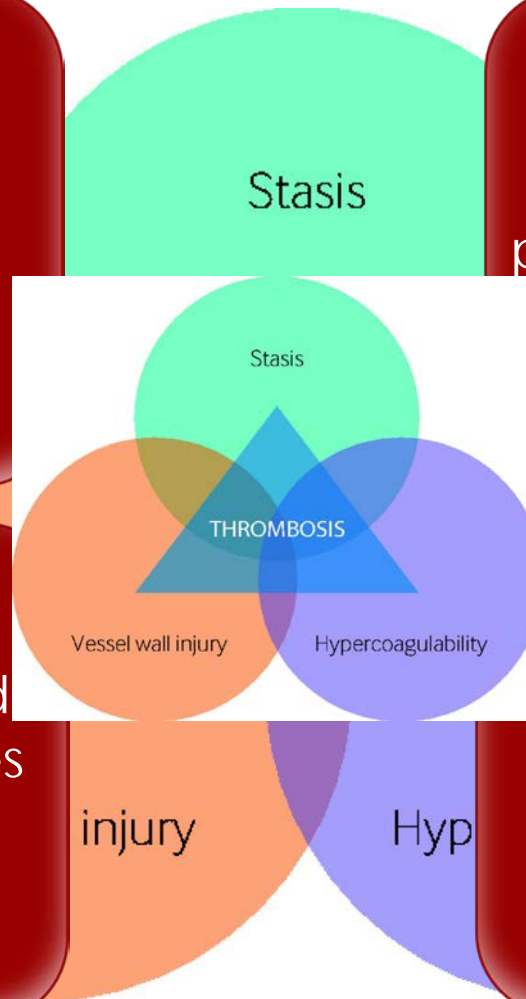
# Coagulopathies in Pregnancy

Thrombotic risk :  
4-10 fold during gestation  
22 fold risk postpartum

DVT & PE  
PE: ~ 20% of pregnancy-maternal deaths

Impaired fetal and maternal outcomes  
+  
Long term complications

Coagulopathies are seen in association with PE, FGR, Recurrent miscarriage



# Laboratory Assessment of Haemostasis in Pregnancy

Normal values shift during pregnancy and puerperium

Sensitive tests are unavailable  
Poor applicability and interpretation

Conventional routine tests are insufficient to represent the in vivo conditions

Complexity of some pregnancy haemostatic complications eg. PE, DIC

# Conventional Testing



PT/INR, APTT

Fibrinogen

Platelets number & function

Coagulation factors/inhibitors

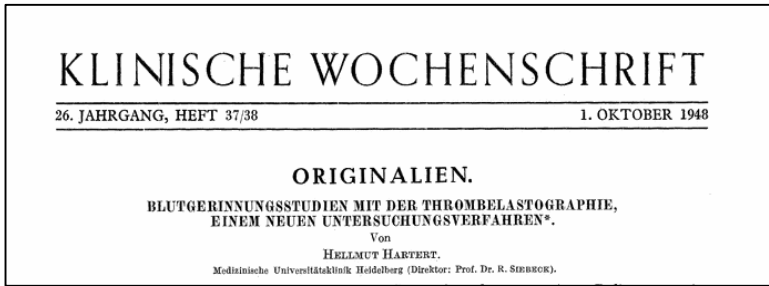
Fibrin degradation

Plasminogen, t-PA and PAI

- Test various parts of hemostasis, but in isolation
- Plasma based:
  - may not reflect accurately in-vivo situation
- Platelet function: difficult to assess
- Static not real time tests
- Take time to complete results ∴ best guess or delay management

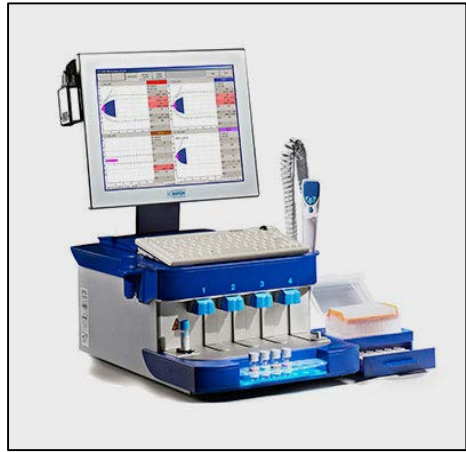
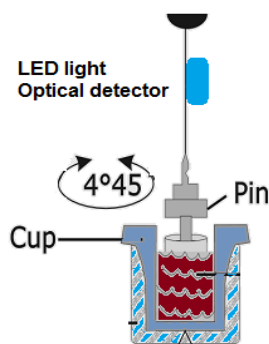
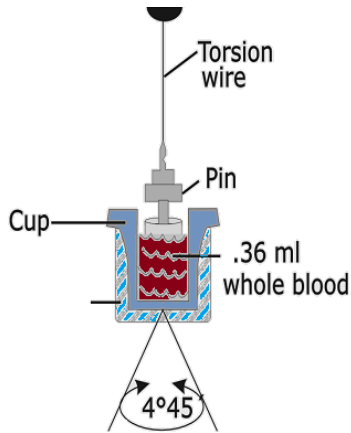
	Pregnant reference ranges		
	Pre-operative (n = 47)	Postoperative (n = 49)	Non-pregnant reference range
PT; s	9.5 (9.1–9.9) <sup>a</sup>	9.8 (9.2–10.4) <sup>a</sup>	9.6–11.6
APTT; s	27.1 (22.5–31.7) <sup>b</sup>	28.4 (19.3–36.5)	24.0–32.0
Fibrinogen; g.l <sup>-1</sup>	<u>5.0 (3.7–6.4)<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>4.4 (3.0–5.7)<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>1.5–4.0</u>

Hartert H. *Klin Wochenschr.* 1948;26:577-583



Thromboelastography (TEG)

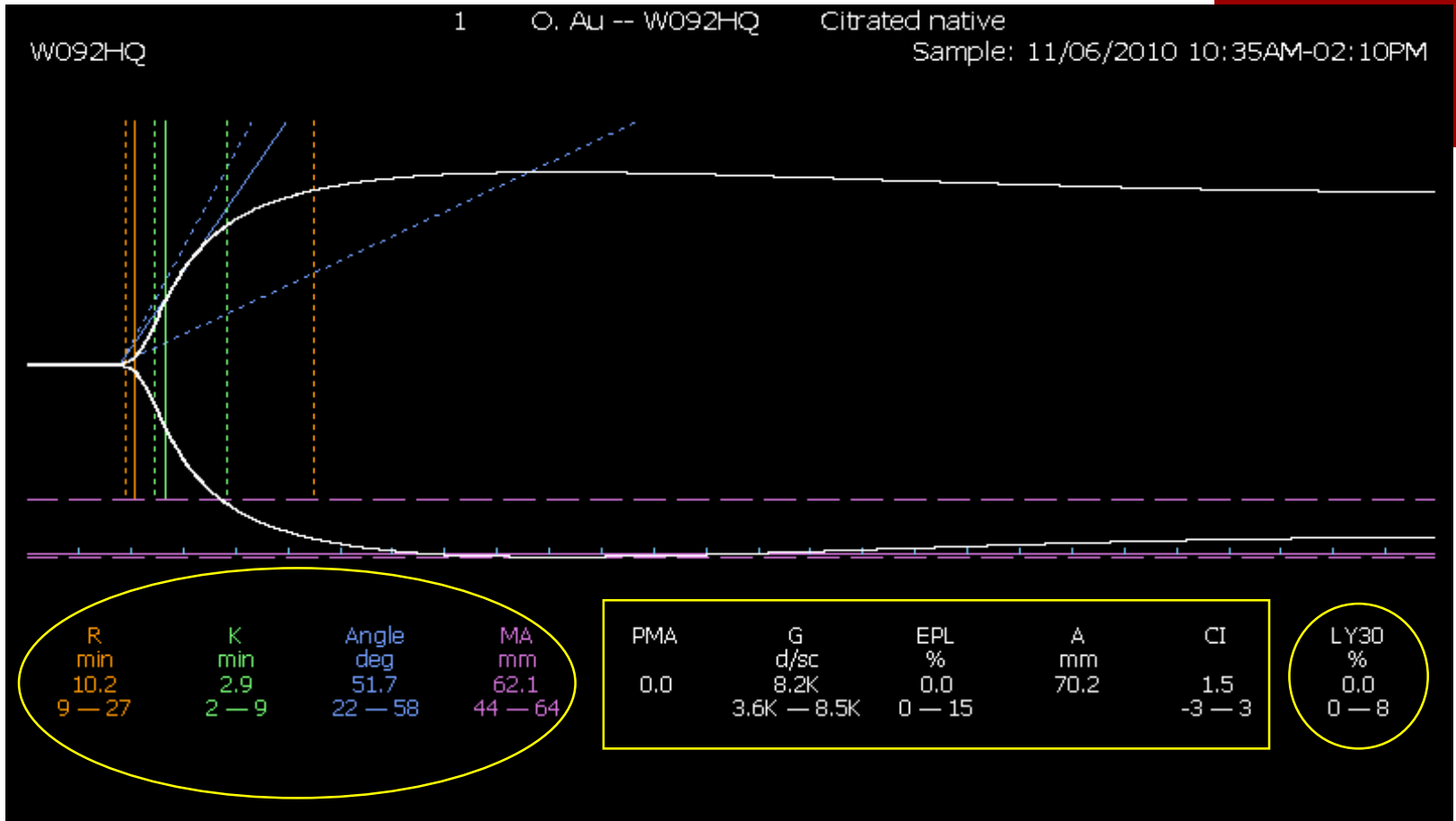
TEG®                      ROTEM®



Thromboelastometry (RoTEM)

A Drop of Blood ...  
The Whole Picture!

# TEG Trace

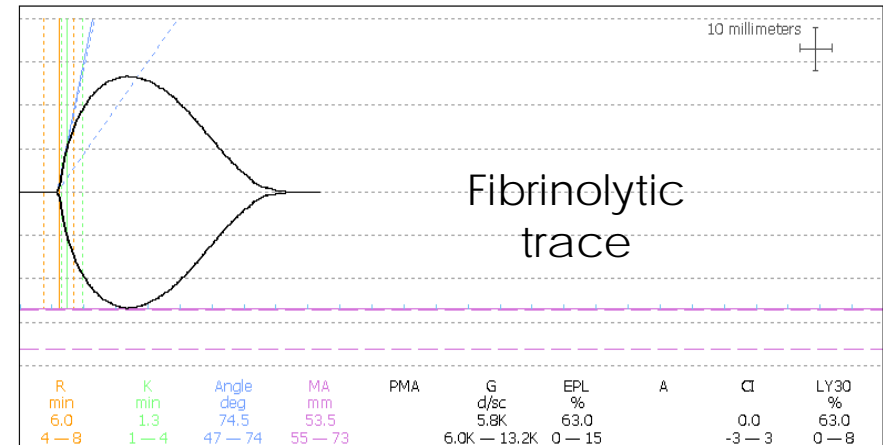
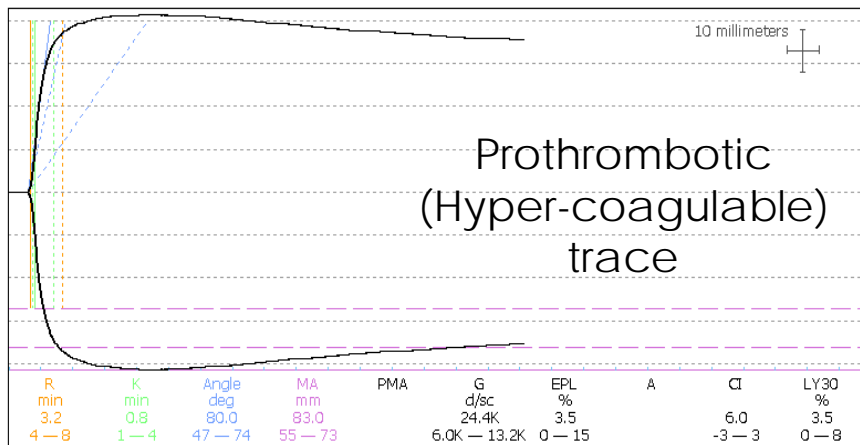
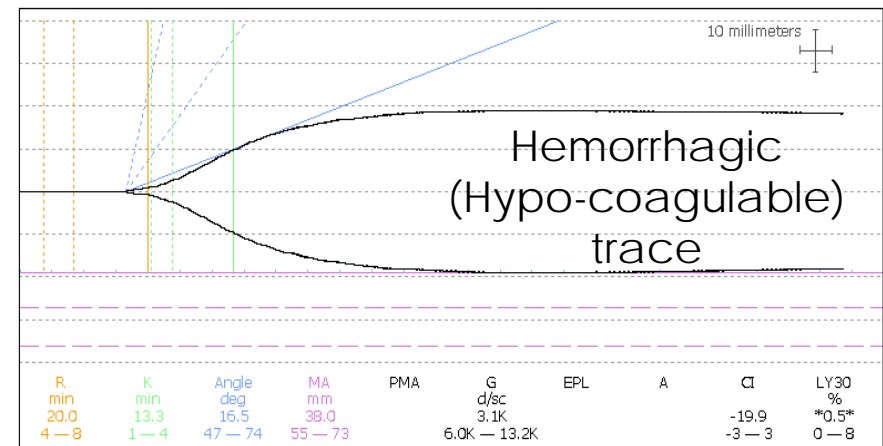
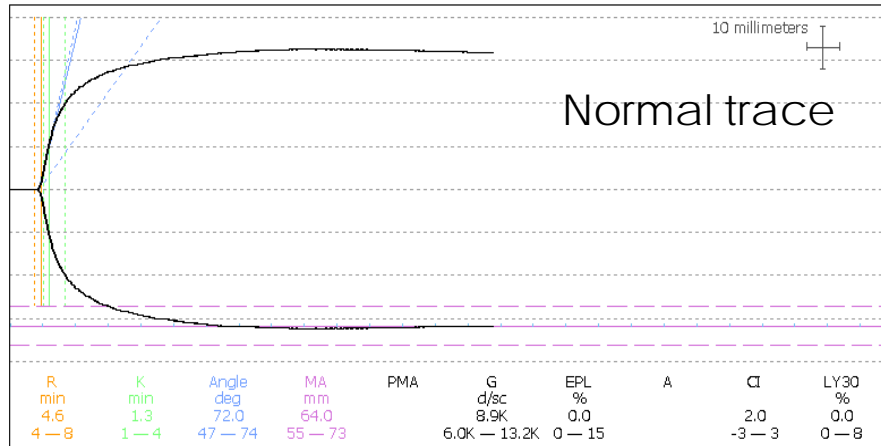


Coagulation

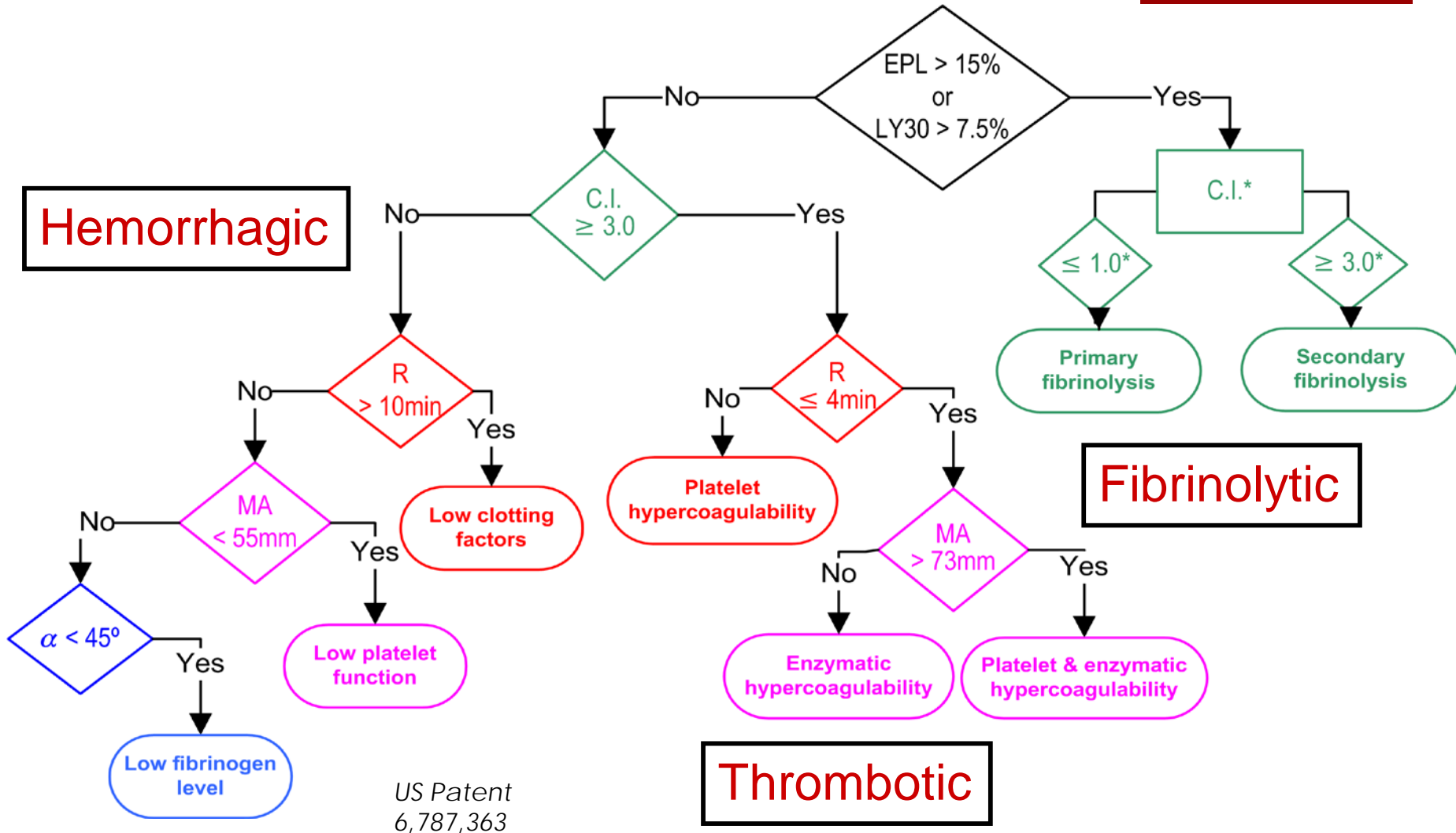
Calculated parameters

Fibrinolysis

# Normal & Abnormal TEG Traces



# TEG Decision Tree Quantitative



# Pregnancy Reference Range

New reference ranges for pregnant women.

	THROMBOELASTOGRAPHIC PARAMETERS*					
	r (min)	k (min)	AA (°)	MA (mm)	LY60 (%)	CI
Reference ranges for the general population	4 - 8	1 - 4	47 - 74	55 - 73	0 - 15	(-3) - (+3)
Our recommendation for pregnant women	2 - 8	1 - 3	60 - 77	64 - 76	0 - 3	0 - 5

\*For kaolin-activated samples.

## RoTEM Reference ranges

T1: EXTEM: CT 31–63 s, CFT 41–120 s, and MCF 42–78 mm.

INTEM: CT 109–225 s, CFT 40–103, and MCF 63–78 mm.

FIBTEM: CT 31–79 s and MCF 13–45 mm. APTEM: CT 33–62 s, CFT 42–118, and MCF 61–79 mm.

	Pregnant reference ranges				
	Pre-operative (n = 50)	Postoperative (n = 50)	Post-enoxaparin (n = 33)		Non-pregnant reference range
			Uncorrected	Corrected	
R time; min	7.0 (1.0–13.0) <sup>a</sup>	6.6 (2.4–10.8)	8.2 (3.2–13.2) <sup>b†</sup>	6.7 (2.3–11.1)	4–8
K time; min	2.0 (0.2–3.8)	1.8 (0.4–3.2) <sup>c</sup>	2.2 (0.4–4.0)	1.7 (0.5–2.9) <sup>d</sup>	0–4
MA; mm	75.4 (64.6–86.2) <sup>b</sup>	76.4 (66.8–86.0) <sup>b</sup>	72.8 (62.8–82.8) <sup>b‡</sup>	74.6 (65.4–83.8) <sup>b</sup>	54–72
Alpha angle; °	64.8 (47.6–82.0) <sup>c</sup>	67.3 (53.5–81.1) <sup>b</sup>	63.2 (45.0–81.4)	67.4 (54.6–80.2) <sup>b</sup>	47–74
Ly30; %*	1.6 (0–8.8) <sup>b</sup>	0.7 (0–4.9) <sup>b</sup>	0.7 (0–4.5) <sup>b</sup>	4.5 (0–13.9) <sup>§</sup>	0–8
CI	1.2 (-5.4–7.8) <sup>e</sup>	1.8 (-3.4–7.0) <sup>b</sup>	-0.2 (-6.4–6.0) <sup>¶</sup>	1.6 (-3.6–6.8) <sup>b</sup>	-3–3

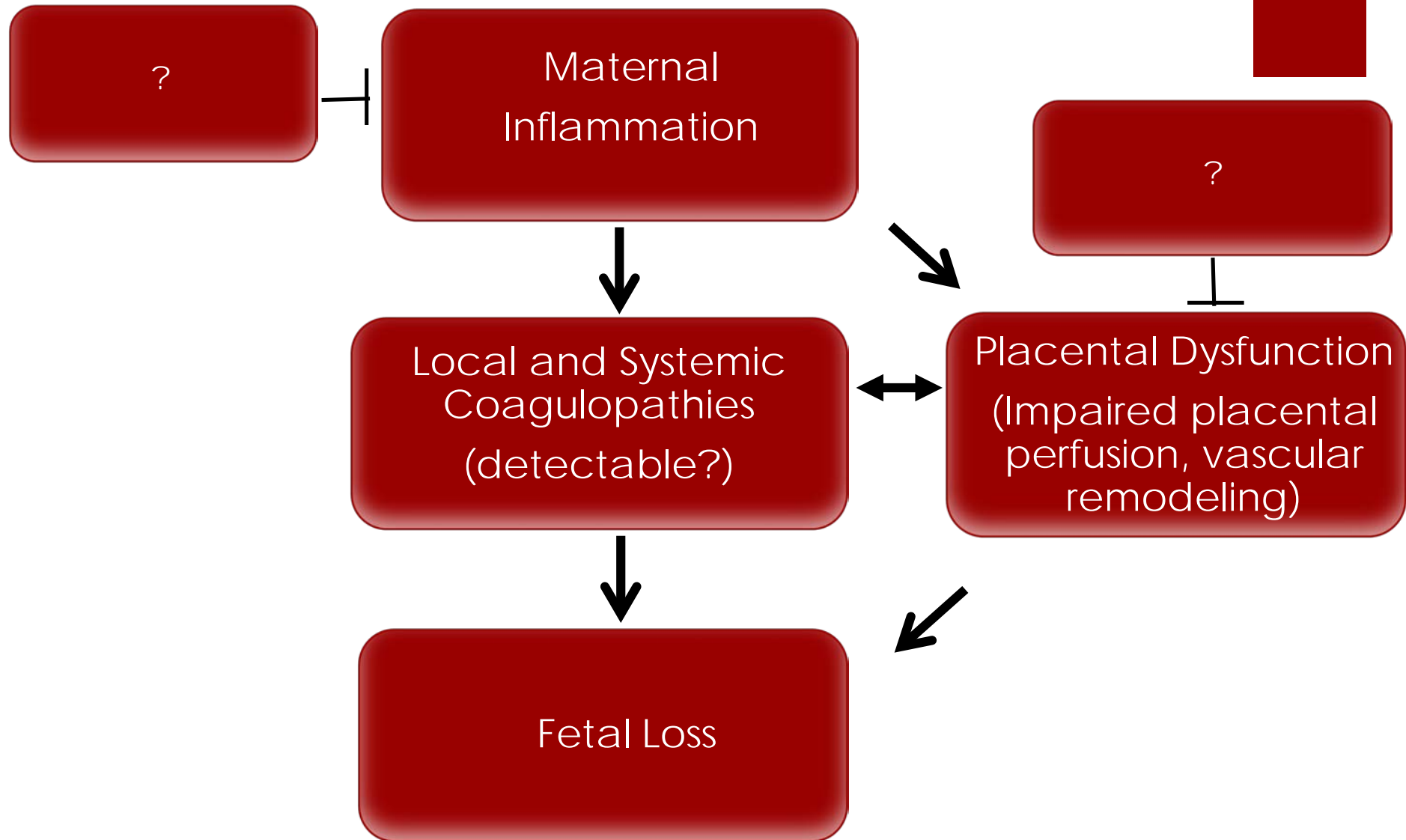


# The use of viscoelastic hemostatic tests in pregnancy & puerperium: review of the current evidence - communication from the Women's Health SSC of the ISTH



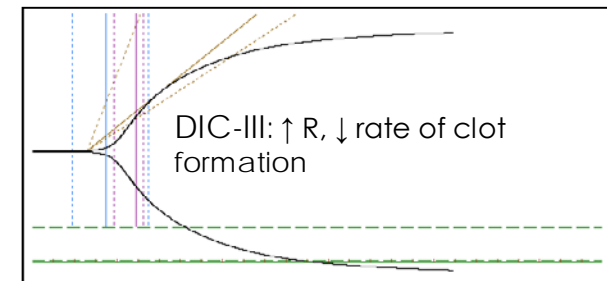
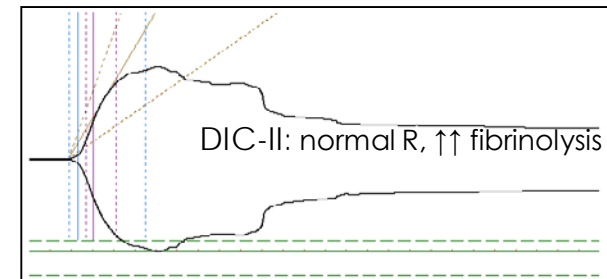
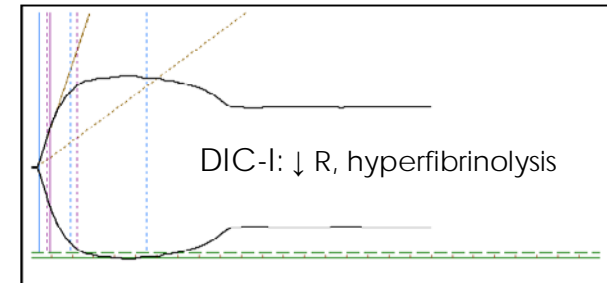
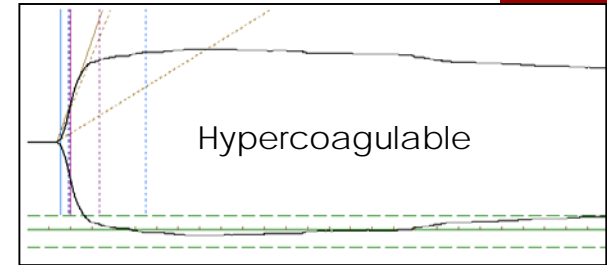
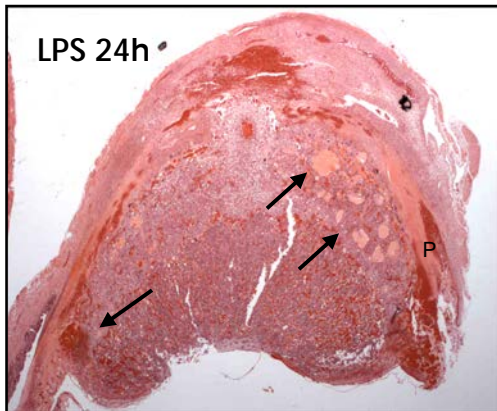
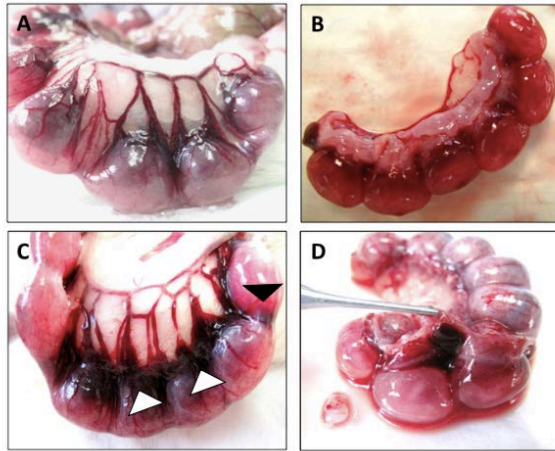
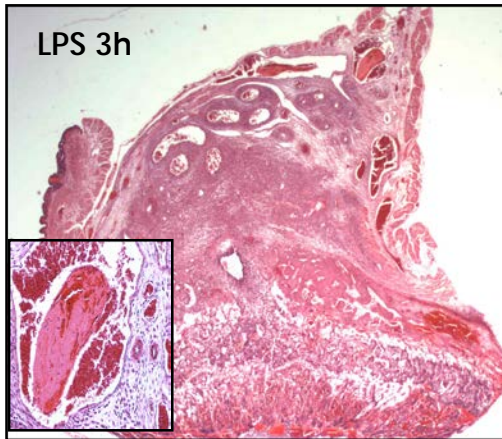
- Hypercoagulable state of pregnancy increase towards the third trimester, labor, and up to 6 weeks post-partum
- Potential to reflect the higher risk of venous thromboembolism, particularly PP
- Reference ranges are available. Profiles (pre and postoperative) for women undergoing caesarian delivery are also available
- TEG/RoTEM-guided transfusion during PPH
- Strong correlation with conventional coagulation parameters in normal, hypocoagulable, and hypercoagulable states
- Potential to guide safe neuroaxial anesthesia in obstetric emergencies
- Potential to detect hypercoagulability in various pregnancy-related conditions including gestational diabetes, preeclampsia as well as HELLP syndrome, recurrent pregnancy loss
- Larger studies needed to promote application particularly in thrombotic complications

# Hypothesis re Coagulopathies in Pregnancy

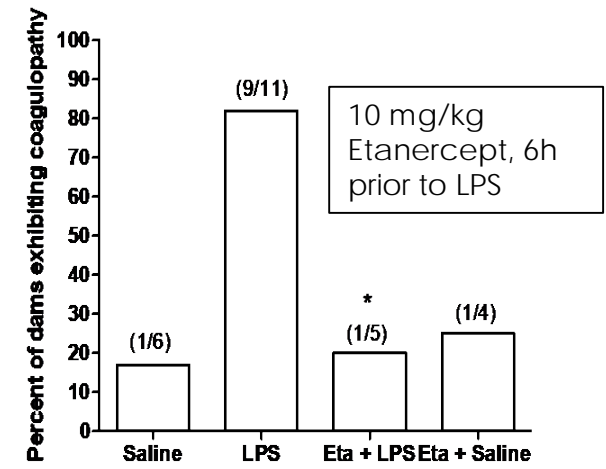
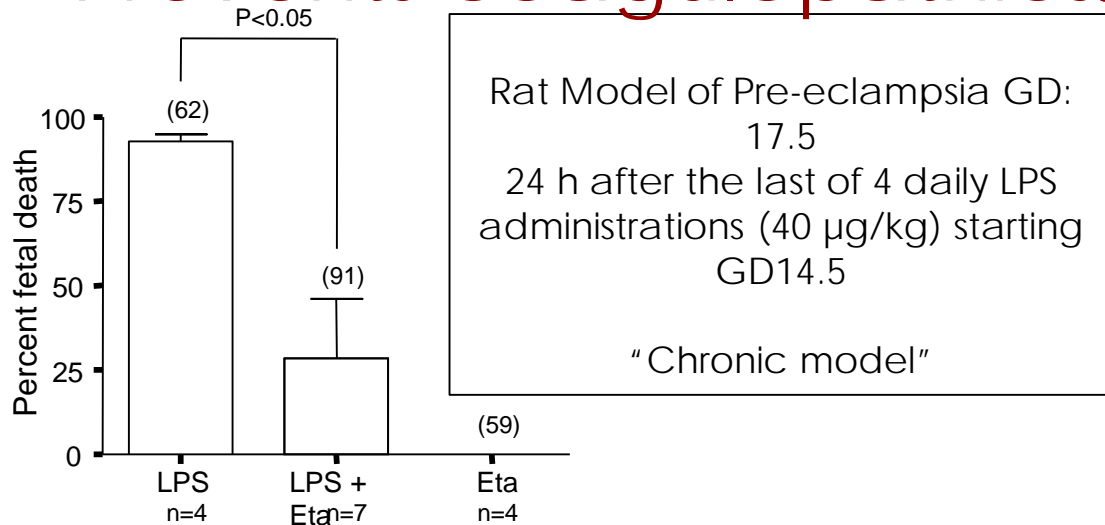
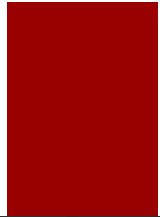


# Inflammation Associates with Coagulopathies in a Rat Model of Preeclampsia/Fetal loss

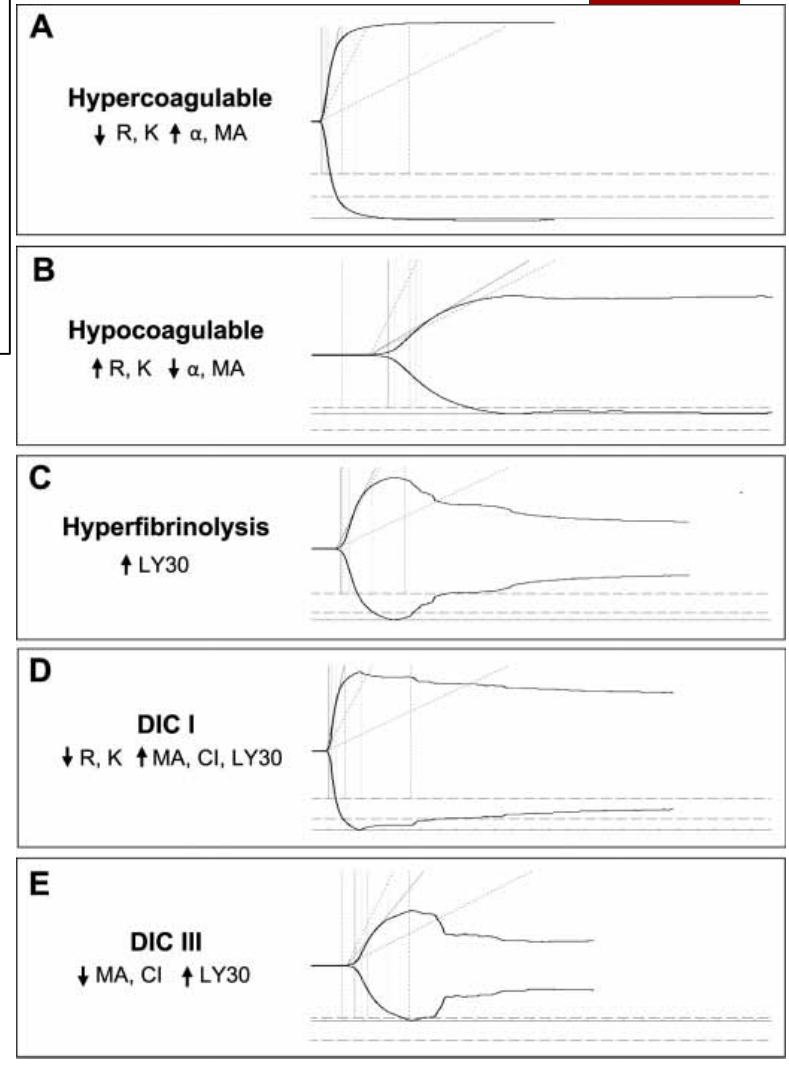
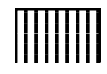
Rat Model of fetal loss GD: 14.5  
LPS administration (100  $\mu$ g/kg)  
"Acute model"



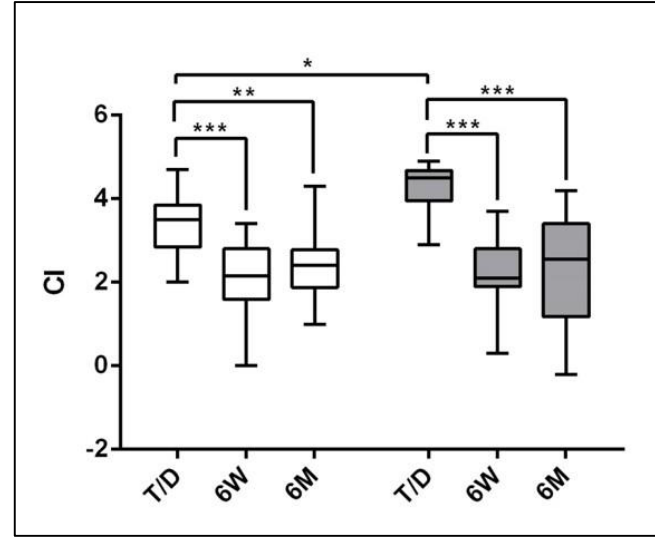
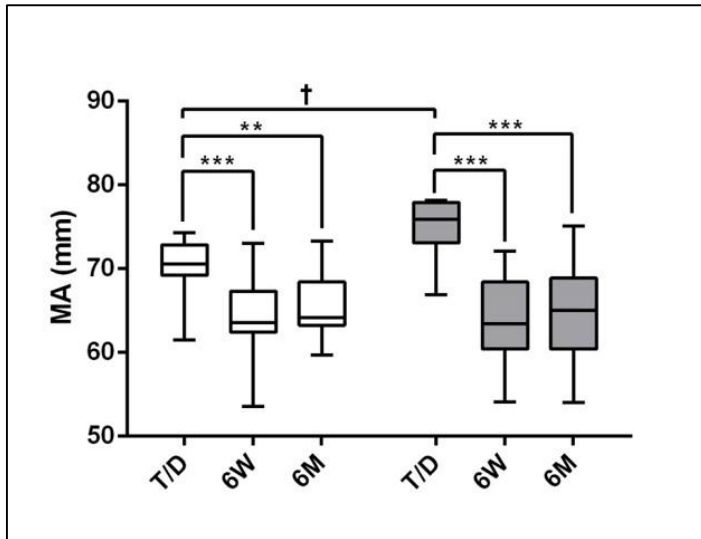
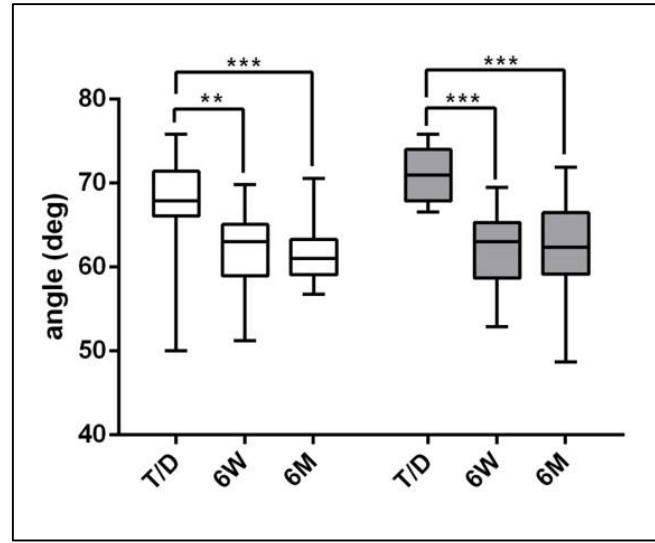
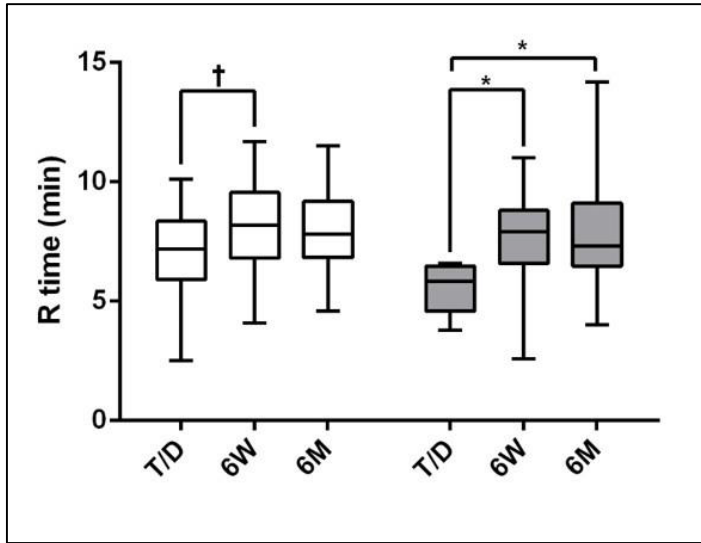
# Anti inflammatory & Nitroglycerin Prevents coagulopathies/Fetal Death



DIC III



# Coagulopathies (Evident by TEG) in Pre-eclamptic and Normotensive Women



Hypercoagulability:

↓ R

↑ Angle, MA, CI

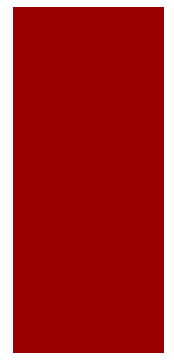
Normal pregnancy

Pre-eclampsia

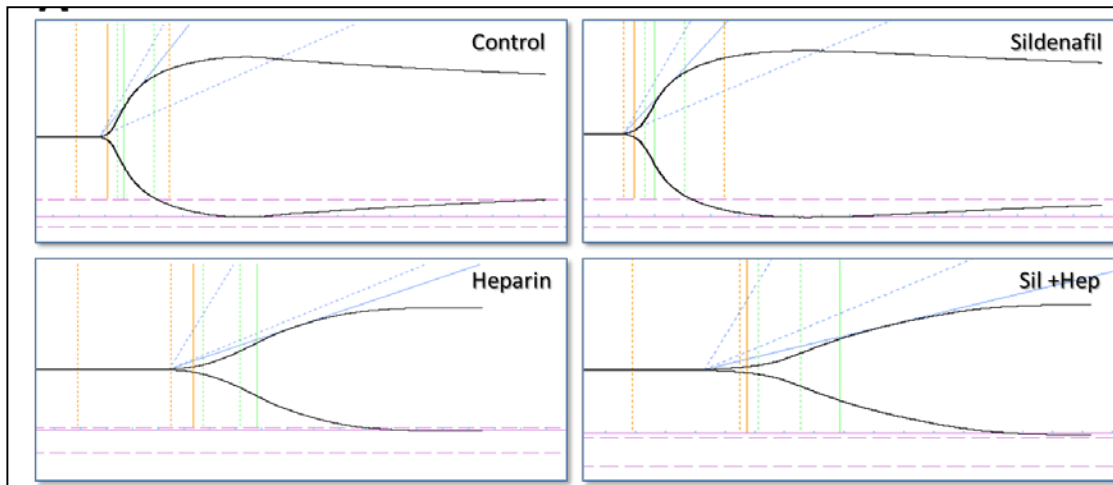
TD: term/ delivery

6w: 6w after delivery

6m: 6 moths after delivery



# Sildenafil & Dalteparin as Therapeutics for Recurrent Pregnancy Loss



RPL mouse model  
LPS 100µg/Kg at GD 15

Sil (50mg/kg)  
LMWH 500IU/kg  
Both Sil & LMWH  
Saline control mice

n = 4	R (min)	MA (mm)	LY30 (%)	CI
Control	7.80	60.00	0.10	2.10
LPS	5.53 <sup>#</sup>	58.01	4.80 <sup>##</sup>	2.66
Sildenafil	5.75	40.03 <sup>*</sup>	0.07 <sup>**</sup>	1.44 <sup>*</sup>
Heparin	12.33 <sup>**</sup>	54.35	0.43 <sup>**</sup>	00.00 <sup>**</sup>
Sil + Hep	8.03 <sup>*</sup>	64.05 <sup>*</sup>	00.00 <sup>**</sup>	2.90

## ORAL

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Promising maternal and fetal therapeutic outcomes from sildenafil and dalteparin treatments in a murine pregnancy loss Model

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344 members registered and active members

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# International Projects around Haemostasis and Pregnancy



- ISTH REDCap: Secure web application for building and managing online surveys & databases.
- All collected patient-related data are securely protected and are non-identifiable.

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**WiTEAM: A Registry Based Study on Thrombophilia and Placental-Mediated Obstetric Complications**

**Global registry on DIC in pregnancy**

**Obstetrics and Gynaecological Outcomes of Women with PFDs**

**Retrospective Obstetric Study in Severe Congenital Protein C Deficiency**

**The registry for thrombolysis and invasive treatments for MAssive Pregnancy-related Pulmonary embolism (MAPP)**

**Registry of pregnancy in patients exposed to DOACs**



## POSTER

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Current ISTH Registries in Women's Health Issues in Thrombosis and Haemostasis: Powerful Tools for Improved Data Collection and Outcome Measurement

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