
Basics of FXIII Deficiency

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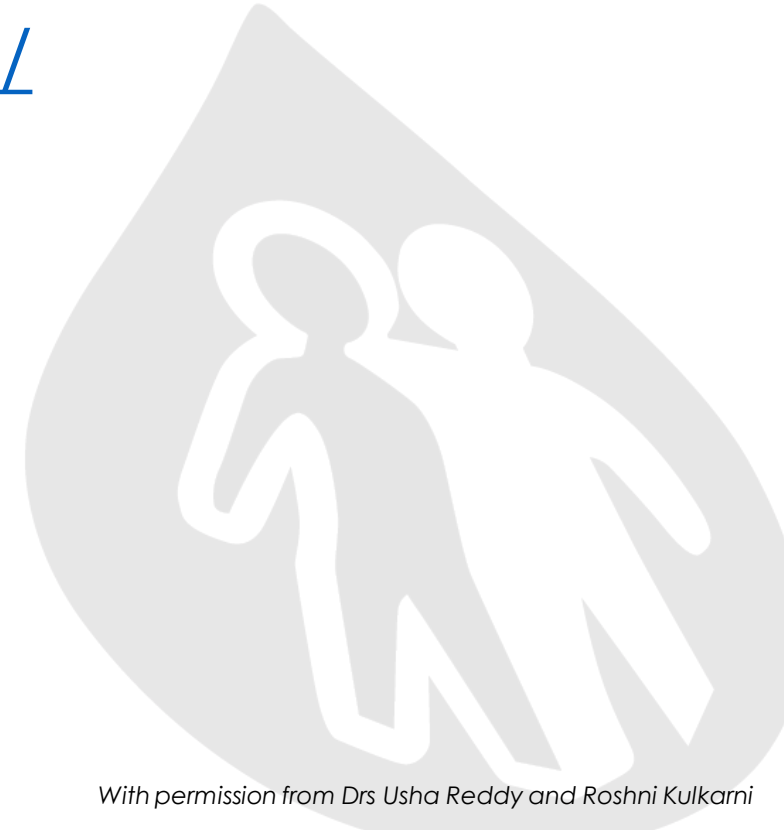


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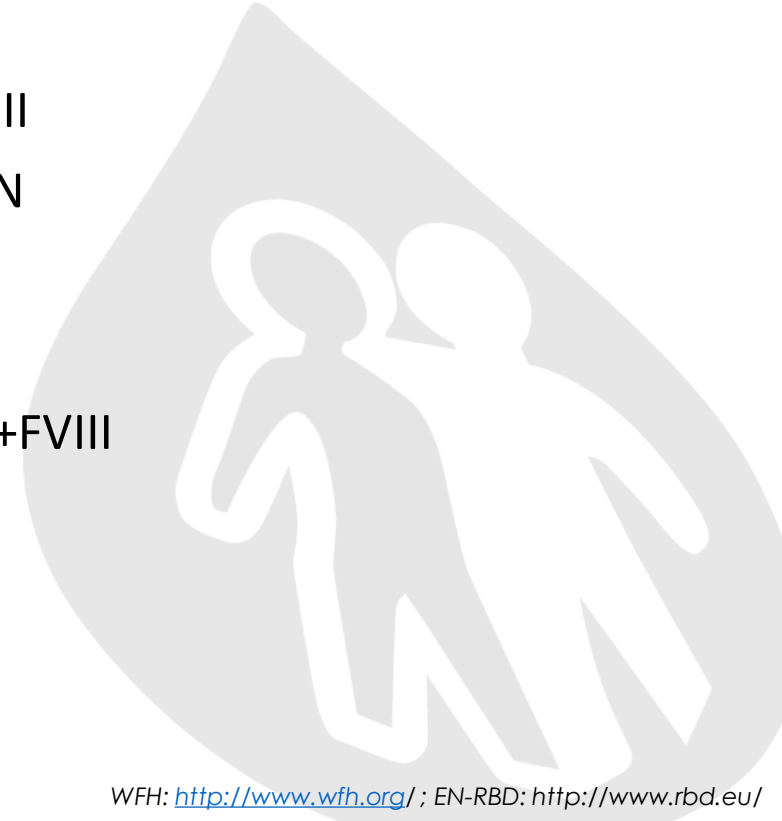
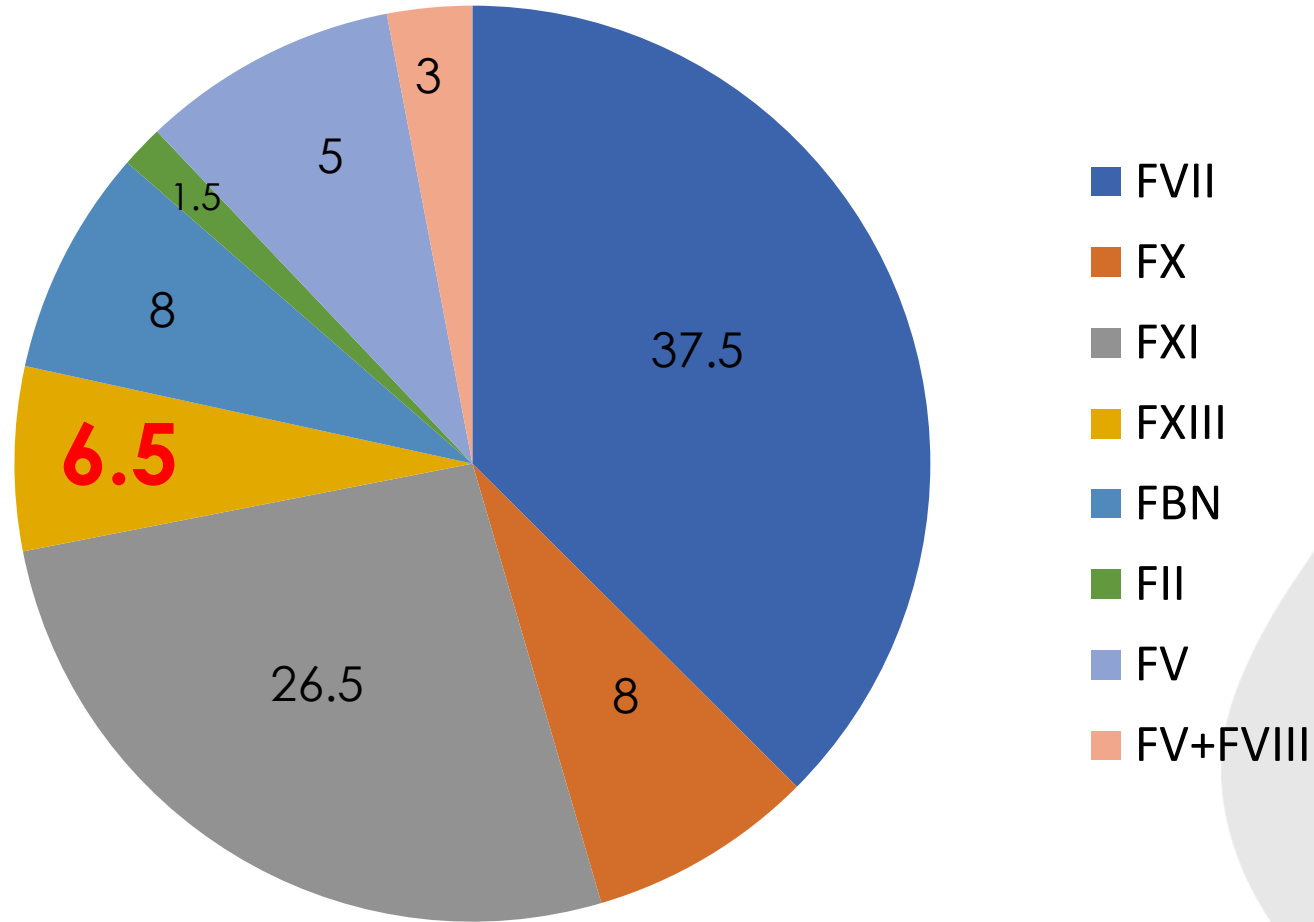
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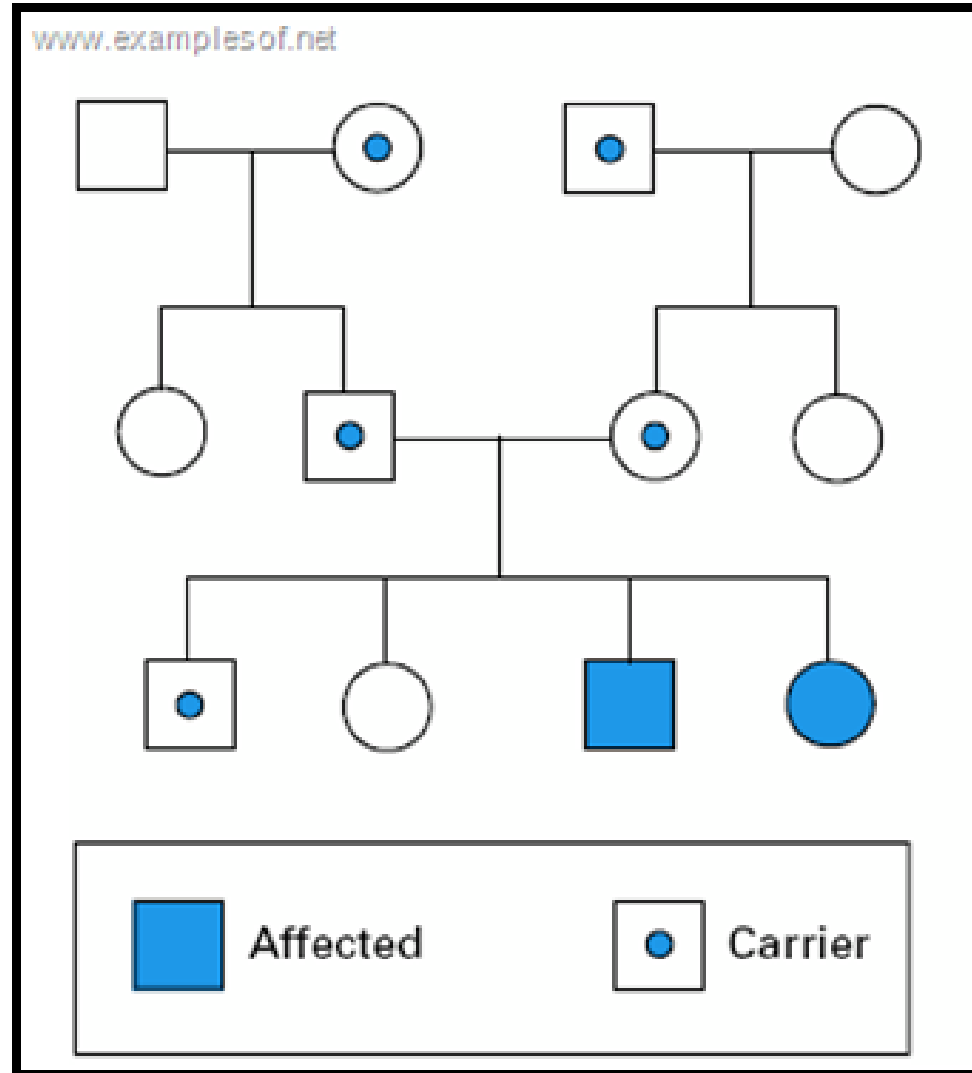
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Prevalence of FXIII Deficiency (%)



Autosomal Recessive Inheritance(AR)



Prevalence of FXIII Deficiency

Defect	Iran	Italy	UK
Fibrinogen	70 (1.5%)	10 (0.2%)	11 (0.2%)
Prothrombin	15 (0.3%)	7 (0.02%)	1 (0.02%)
FV	70 (1.5%)	21 (0.5%)	28 (0.6%)
FVII	300 (6.6%)	58 (1.3%)	62 (1.3%)
FV + FVIII	80 (1.7%)	29 (0.7%)	18 (0.3%)
FVIII	3000 (65.4%)	3428 (79.9%)	3554 (77.2%)
FIX	900 (19.6%)	626 (15.0%)	762 (16.1%)
FX	60 (1.3%)	16 (0.4%)	25 (0.5%)
FXI	20 (0.4%)	60 (1.3%)	150 (3.3%)
FXIII	80 (1.7%)	31 (0.7%)	26 (0.5%)

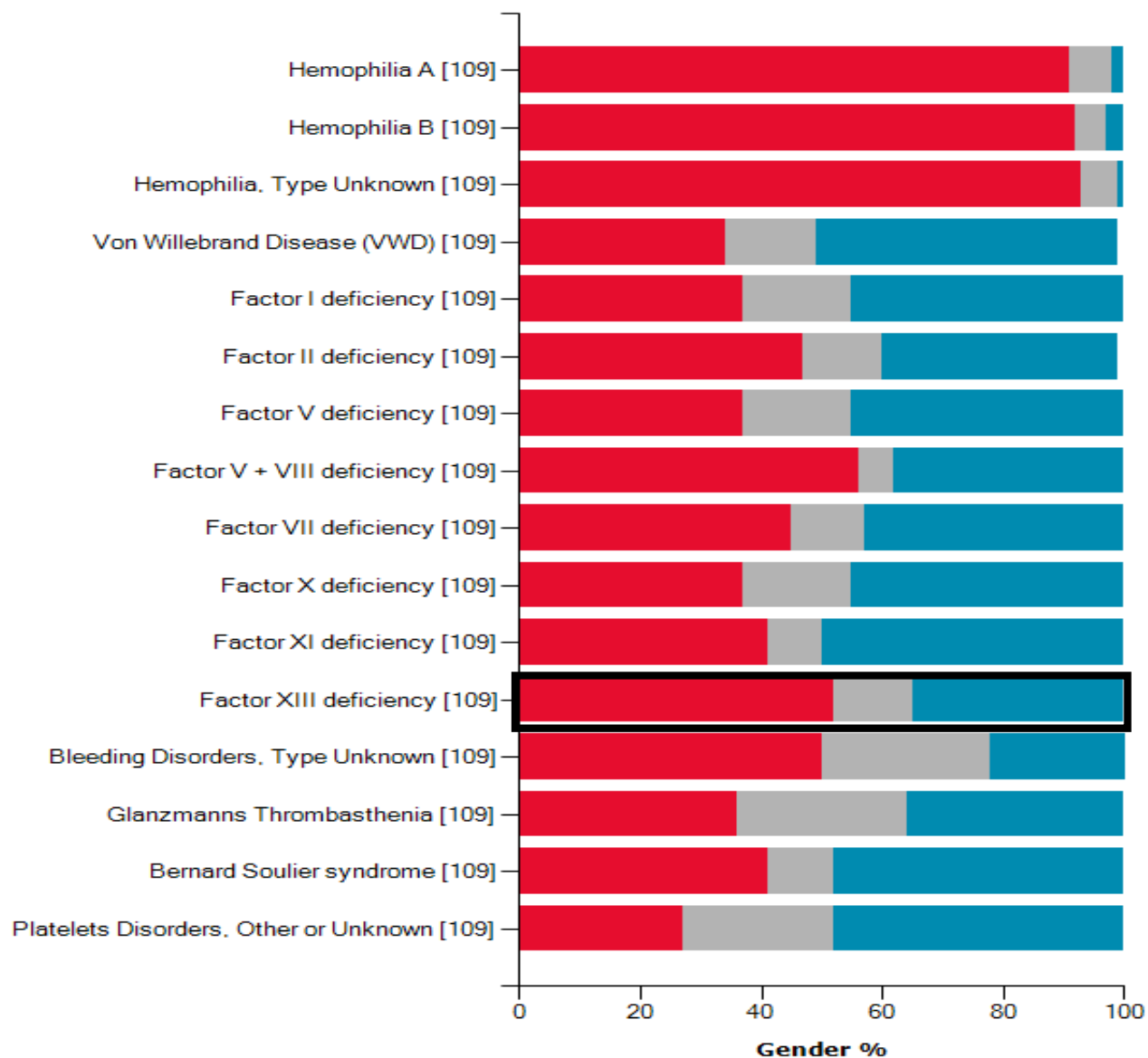
3 - 5 fold higher prevalence in Iran

WFH Annual Global Survey Data : Bleeding Disorders by Gender (%) in 2012



Male Not Indicated Female

Bleeding Disorder
[# of Countries]

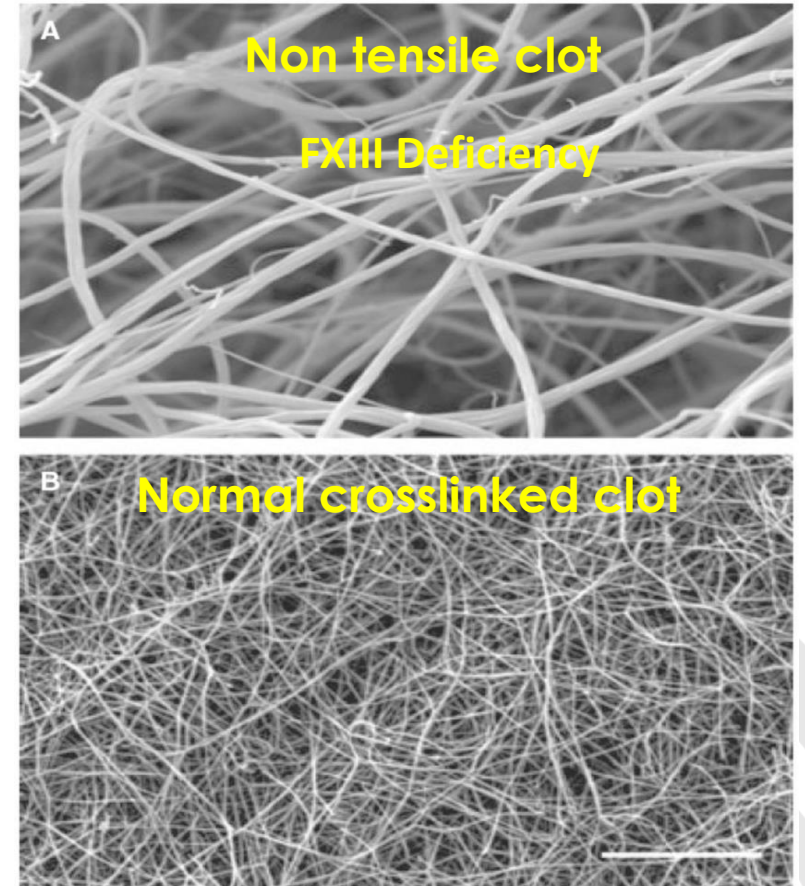


FXIII aka Fibrin Stabilising Factor

- FXIIIa cross-links fibrin into strong clot

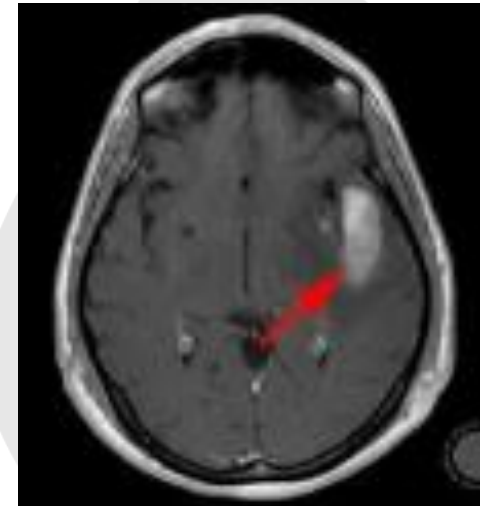
Important for

- Resistance to clot breakdown
- Wound healing
- Maintaining pregnancy



Clinical Manifestations of FXIII Deficiency

- Rare and severe 1 : 3 million
- Common with consanguinity
- Lifelong bleeding tendency , may present at birth
- Persistent umbilical cord bleeding
- Severe bleeding tendency
- Spontaneous bleeding into the brain
- Bleeding into the skin and lining areas
- Joint and muscle bleeds- rare



Bleeding Pattern in FXIII Deficiency

- Trauma and surgery-related
- Delayed bleeding after trauma / surgery
- Impaired wound healing in $\approx 30\%$
- Inadequate scar formation
- Recurrent , spontaneous miscarriages



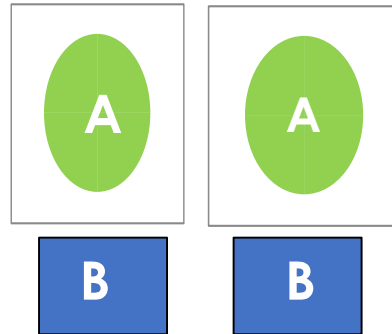
FXIII PROTEIN

FXIII circulates as a tetramer (A_2B_2)

- 2 A subunits (active)
- 2 B subunits (carrier)

Subunit A

- ✓ Active
- ✓ Synthesized in
 - Megakaryocytes
 - Placenta



Subunit B

- ✓ Carrier for A
- ✓ No enzymatic activity
- ✓ Synthesized : Liver



FXIII Subtypes

Type	Deficiency	Frequency and Severity
1	Combined (A & B) subunits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very rare
3	Subunit B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rare• Less severe
2	Subunit A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most common• Severe bleeding

FXIII Deficiency: Laboratory Diagnosis

Screening tests (CBC,PT, aPTT, fibrinogen, thrombin time) = **NORMAL**

Berichrom assay	FXIII <u>activity</u>
ELISA	FXIII subunit A and subunit B <u>antigen</u>
Urea clot lysis	Poor sensitivity ; it is normal above levels > 2-3 %

Proposal of classification based on International project on RBDs

FXIII (activity levels)

- <30% may bleed
- 15% is good therapeutic target – less likely for spontaneous bleeding
- <5% associated with 90% bleeding risk

Coagulant factor	Coagulant activity		
	Severe	Moderate	Mild
Fibrinogen	undetectable	0.1-1g/L	> 1g/L
FII	undetectable	< 10%	> 10%
FV	undetectable	< 10 %	>10%
FV +FVIII	< 20%	20-40%	> 40%
FVII	<10%	10-20%	> 20%
FX	< 10%	10-40%	> 40%
FXIII	undetectable	< 30%	> 30%

Treatment Strategies for FXIII Deficiency

Replacement therapy

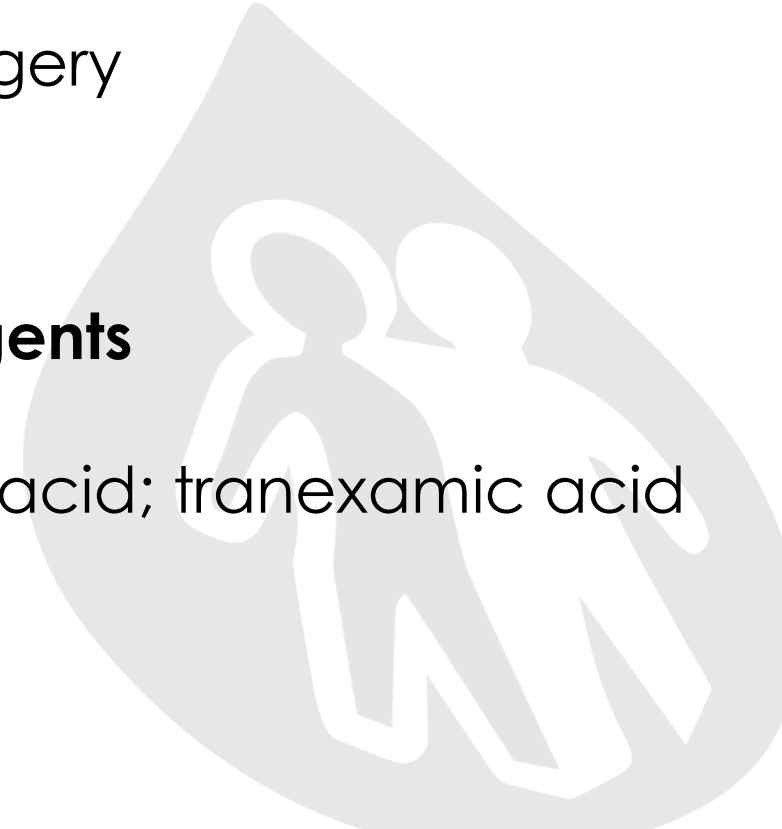
- severity of deficiency
- bleeding phenotype
- half life of factor
- minimum hemostatic level
- type of bleed
- replaced until healing is complete

Prophylaxis

- intracranial / recurrent hemarthroses
- pregnancy
- pre-dental, surgery

Antifibrinolytic agents

- aminocaproic acid; tranexamic acid



Treatment: FXIII-Containing Products

FXIII-Containing Products	Issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FXIII concentrates<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Corifact (plasma-derived for subunit A and B deficiency) since 2011▪ Tretten (recombinant for subunit A deficiency only) since 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virally inactivated / recombinant• Smaller volume
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP)• Cryoprecipitate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not virally inactivated• large volume (1 U/mL), allergic reactions

Plasma – derived FXIII concentrate dosing

Adjust dose = + /- 5 u/kg for troughs : 5 – 20 %

FXIII Activity Trough Level (%)	Dosage Change
One trough level of <5%	Increase by 5 IU per kg
Trough level of 5% to 20%	No change
Two trough levels of >20%	Decrease by 5 IU per kg
One trough level of >25%	Decrease by 5 IU per kg

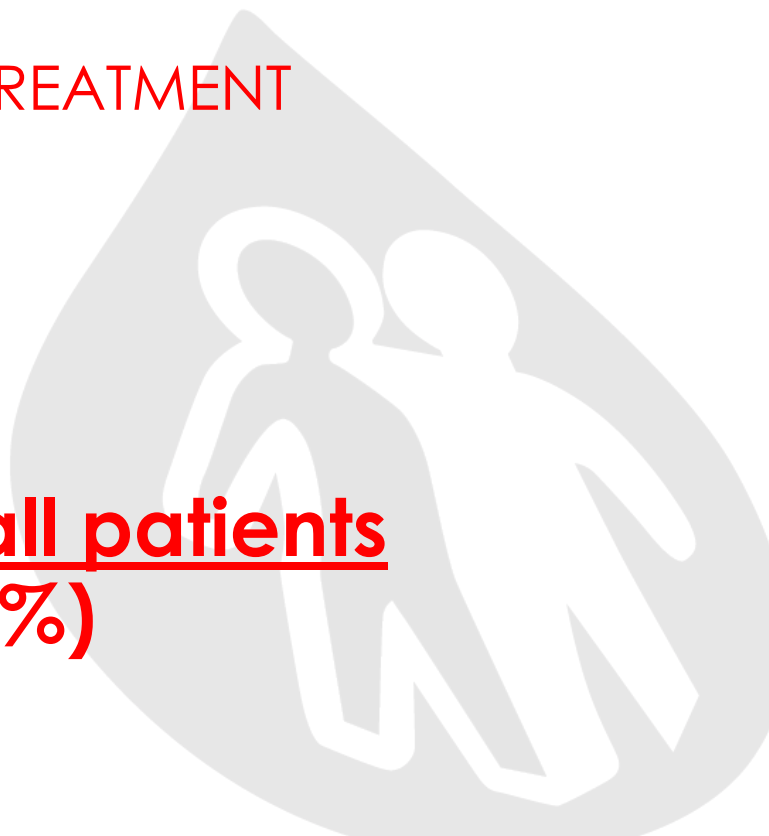
Time since last dose	Dose
Within 7 days	Additional dose may not be needed
8 - 21 days	Additional, partial, or full dose may be needed based on FXIII trough level
21 - 28 days	Full prophylactic dose



Long-term Prophylaxis for FXIII Deficiency

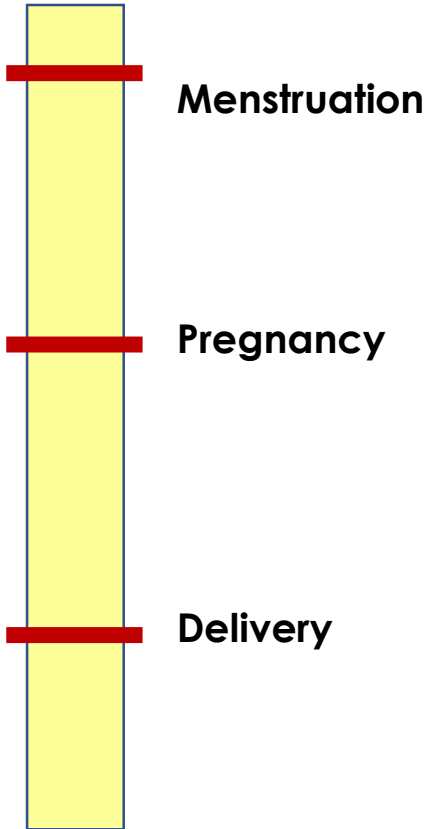
- Prophylaxis essential and works!
- FXIII—long half-life: 11-14 days ; low levels adequate to prevent severe bleeding
- Regimens vary
 - Factor XIII concentrate: every 4-6 wks – **PREFERRED TREATMENT**
 - FFP: 15-20 mL/kg every 4-6 wks

Consider primary prophylaxis for all patients with severe deficiency (< 5%)



Girls and Women with FXIII deficiency

Lifetime



Heavy menstrual bleeding:

- in 30-70% in all RBDs ; 26% in FXIII deficiency

Lak 1999, Siboni 2009, James 2010, Khair 2013, Mariani 2013, Shetty 2014, Napolitano 2014

Miscarriages:

- FXIII 50-63%

Ovulation associated rupture of corpus luteum

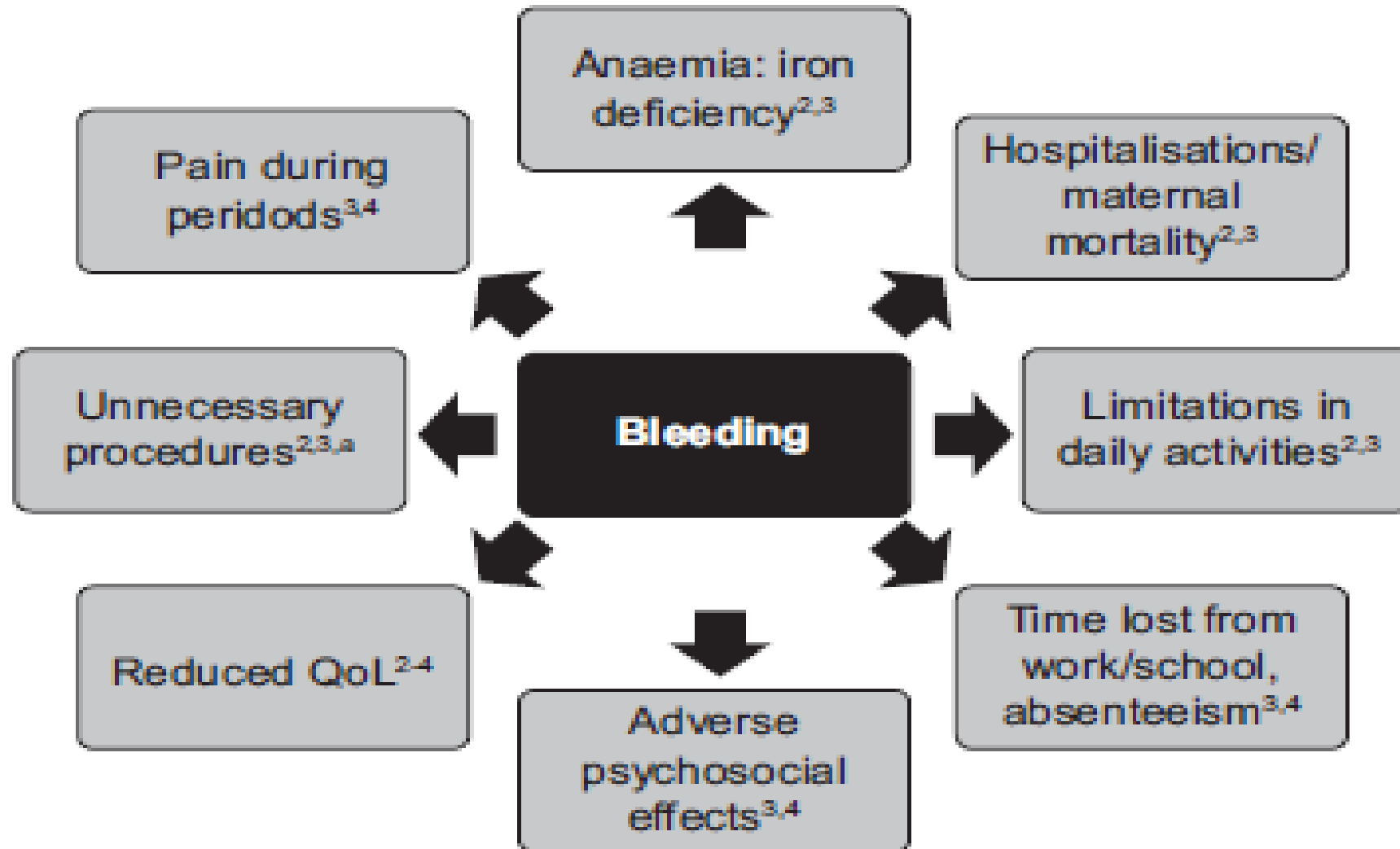
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Post partum bleeding:

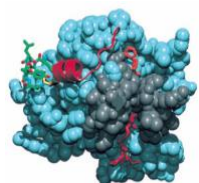
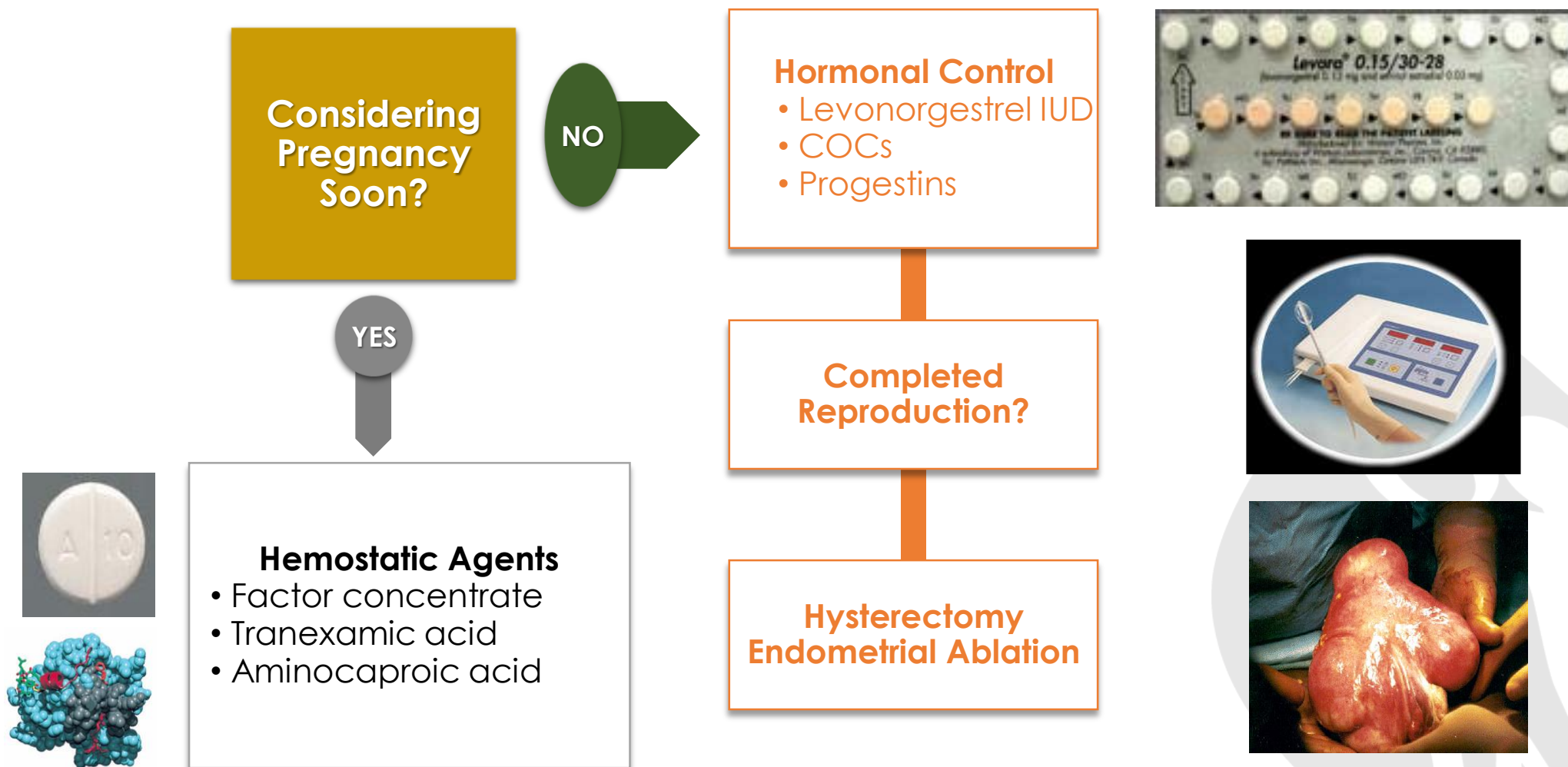
- FXIII high rates

Goodwin 1989, Noia 1997, Kadir 1998, Burrows 2000, Kulkarni 2006, Teixeira 2012, Baumann Kreuziger 2013

Consequences of Heavy Menstrual Bleeding

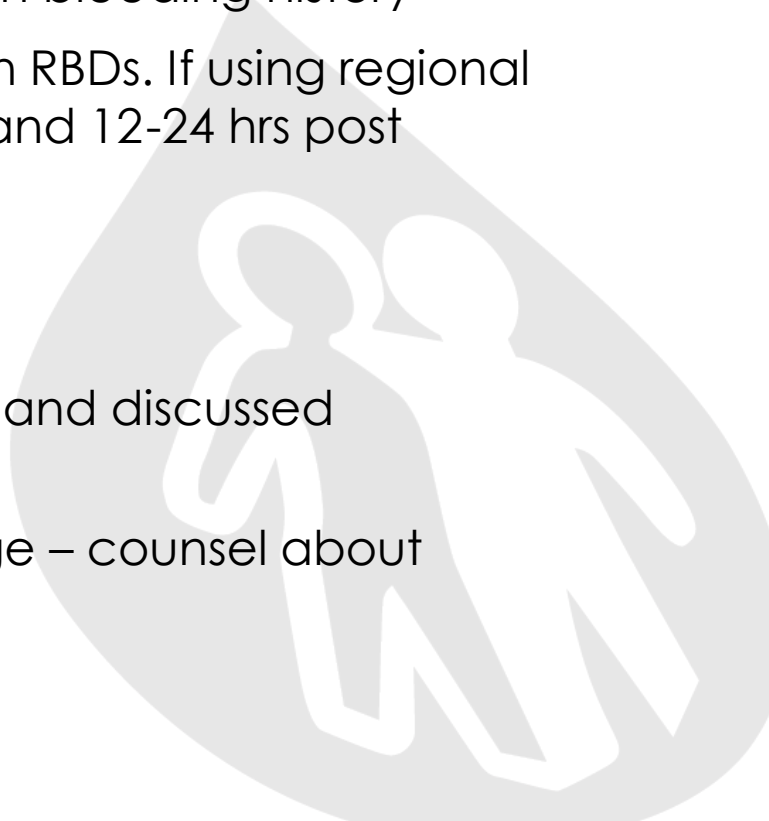


Management of heavy menstrual bleeding in FXIII Deficiency



Recommendations for Pregnancy in Women with FXIII Deficiency

- **Requires multidisciplinary team approach:** hematologist with lab support for monitoring, obstetrician –gynecologist, anesthesiologist, primary care physician
- **Careful monitoring of all pregnant women with FXIII deficiency preferably** at a Bleeding Disorder Center (HTC); replacement therapy starting in the **first trimester** based on bleeding history
- **Epidural Anesthesia Use:** No specific guidelines for epidural anesthesia in RBDs. If using regional block, maintain factor levels > 50% for duration of catheter placement and 12-24 hrs post removal
- **Vaginal vs C-section:** choose delivery that is safe for mother and child
- **Potential risk of bleeding during delivery:** PPH to be considered strongly and discussed
- **Women at risk for late PPH (2 weeks post) :** check CBC before discharge – counsel about excessive bleeding, and follow up
- **Identification** of carrier status



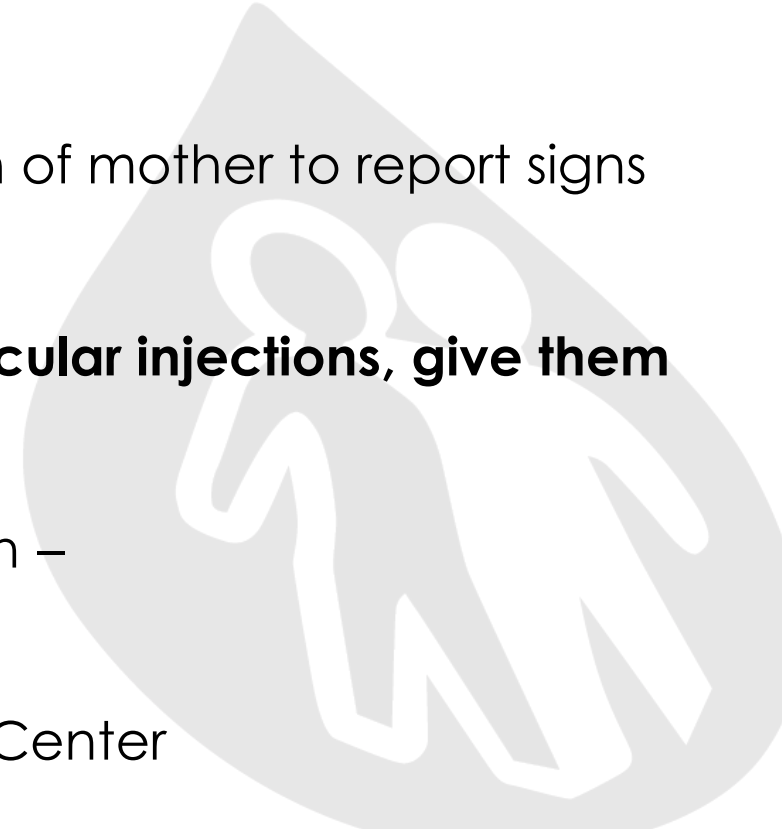
FXIII Deficiency and Pregnancy

- Without FXIII replacement, very high risk of miscarriage
 - **FXIII concentrate preferred to FFP or cryoprecipitate soon after conception**
- FXIII plasma level >10% required **to prevent obstetrical bleeding**
 - Early gestation:
 - After 6 months:
 - At onset of labor:



Management of The Suspected Newborn with FXIII Deficiency

- **Avoid forceps, vacuum**, fetal scalp monitoring in a suspected newborn
- C-section to avoid intracranial hemorrhage
- **Cord blood testing** for factor level if feasible
- **Screening head ultrasound** to rule out an intracranial bleed
- Intracranial bleeding can be delayed up to 4-5 days- education of mother to report signs of vomiting, lethargy, seizures
- Vitamin K ,hepatitis B vaccine at birth; in general **avoid intramuscular injections, give them subcutaneous, AVOID heel sticks**
- Risk of inhibitor development and early factor exposure unknown – **avoid elective procedures in newborns**
- Referral to a Bleeding Disorder Center or Hemophilia Treatment Center



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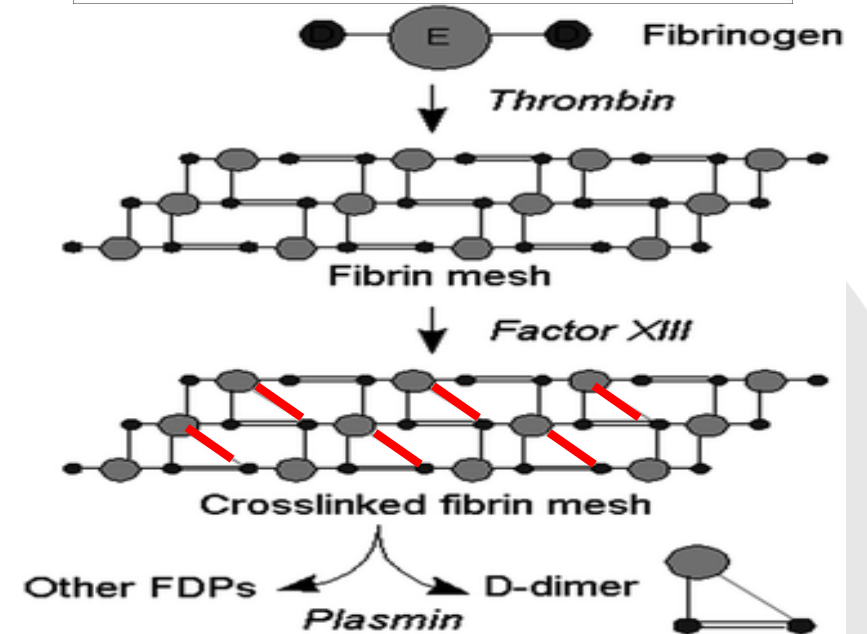
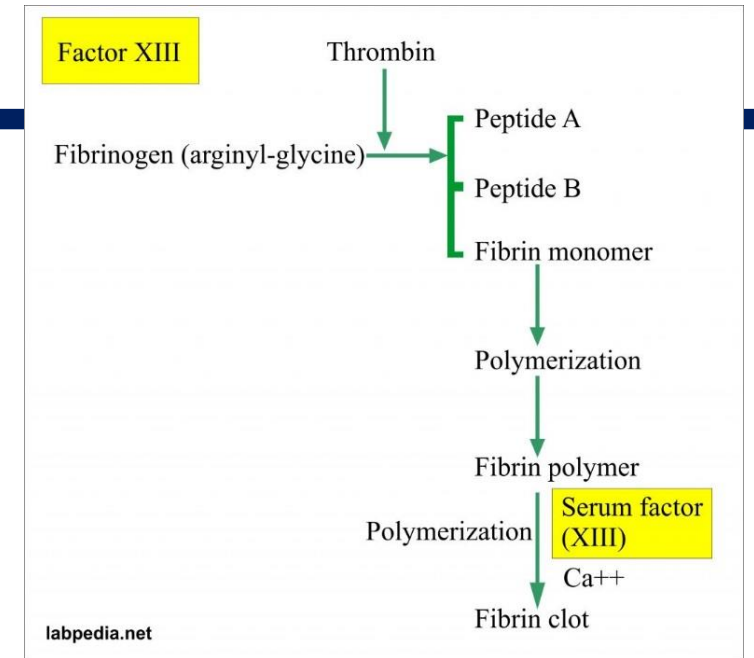
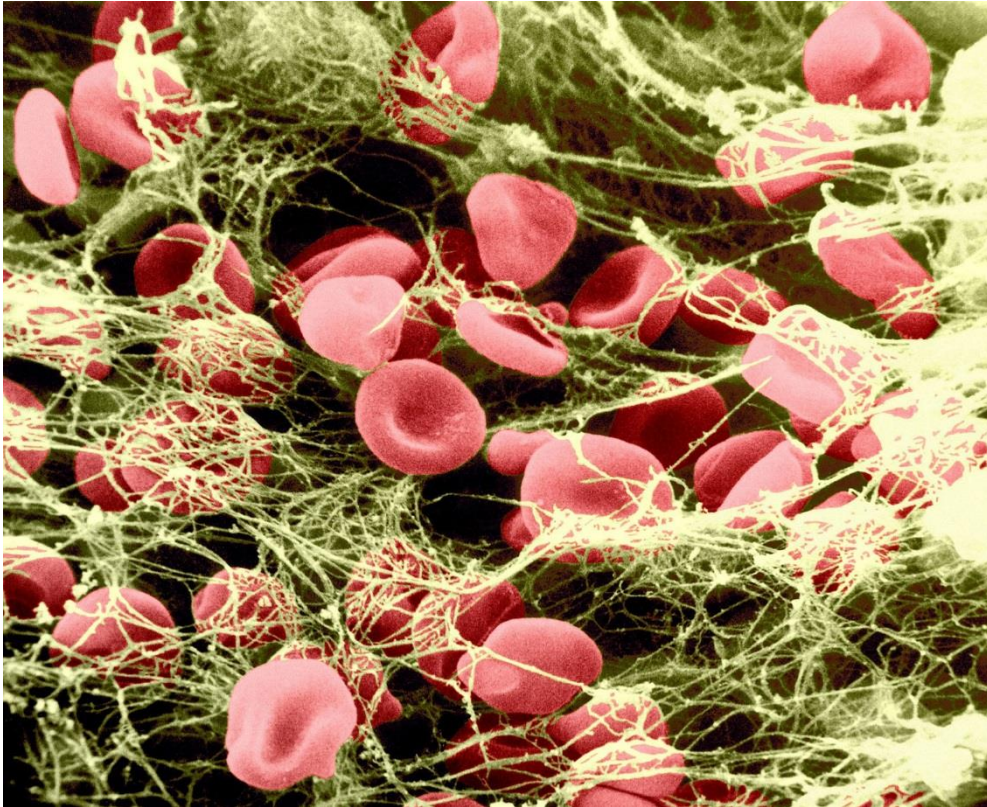
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FIBRIN STABILIZING FACTOR (FXIII)



Treatment of FXIII Deficiency: General Principles

Replacement of FXIII – Mainstay of treatment

**Bleed Treatment
and
Preventing Bleeding
With Surgery**

Prophylaxis

