

# Bleeding time

Historically, [bleeding time](#) (BT) was used as the [screening test](#) for abnormalities of [platelet function](#). Due to unreliability, many [institutions](#) have replaced the BT with the [platelet function](#) assay (PFA) using the PFA-100 (platelet function analyzer). There are limited studies confirming its use according to the International Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis <sup>1) 2)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>

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<sup>2)</sup>

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