

The **prothrombin** time (PT)—along with its derived measures of prothrombin ratio (PR) and **international normalized ratio (INR)**—are assayed evaluating the extrinsic pathway of coagulation. This test is also called “ProTime INR” and “PT/INR”. They are used to determine the **clotting** tendency of **blood**, in the measure of **warfarin** dosage, liver damage, and **vitamin K** status. PT measures factors I (**Fibrinogen**), II (Prothrombin), V (**Proaccelerin**), VII (**Proconvertin**), and X (Stuart-Prower Factor). It is used in conjunction with the **activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT)** which measures the intrinsic pathway and common pathway.

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