



GROWTH FACTORS

Regeneration is inside us

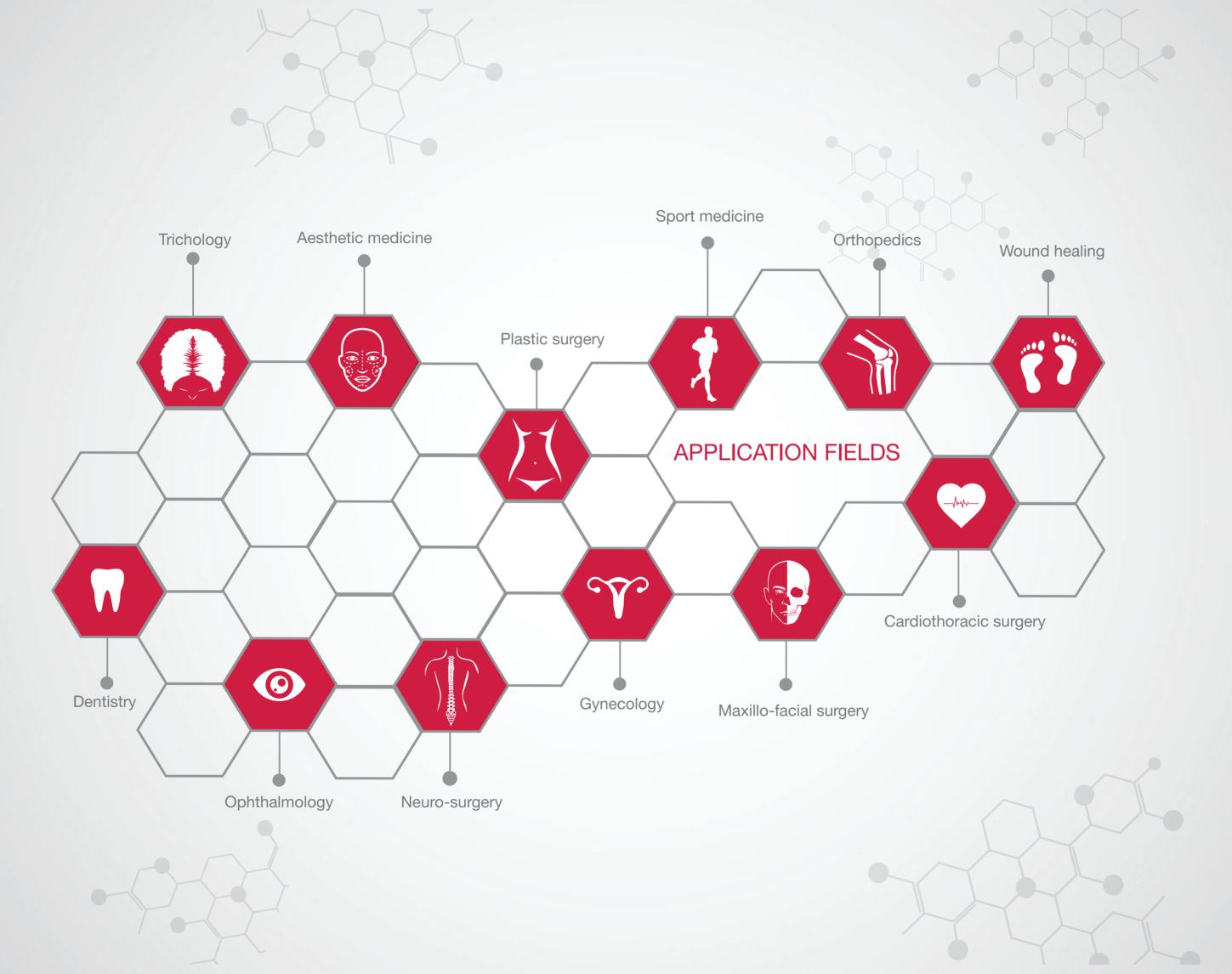
WHAT IS PROTSMART TM

When infiltered in the area to treat, PRP accelerates the cell proliferation and favors the autologous regeneration of cells and tissues, cicatrization, wound healing, reparation processes, a higher production of fibroblasts and consequently, collagen, and the revascularization of the treated tissues by means of a bio-stimulation process. These regeneration processes have to be stimulated in several different therapeutic applications that range from cosmetic medicine, orthopedics, surgery, etc.

The PRP and PPP preparation protocols are different from one another, but they generally consist of the collection of autologous blood, the centrifugation of tubes or syringes to separate red blood cells from plasma and other cellular components such as leukocytes and platelets and in isolation (by other followup centrifugations or by means of a selective aspiration) the plasma phase enriched with platelets (PRP) or poor in platelets (PPP).

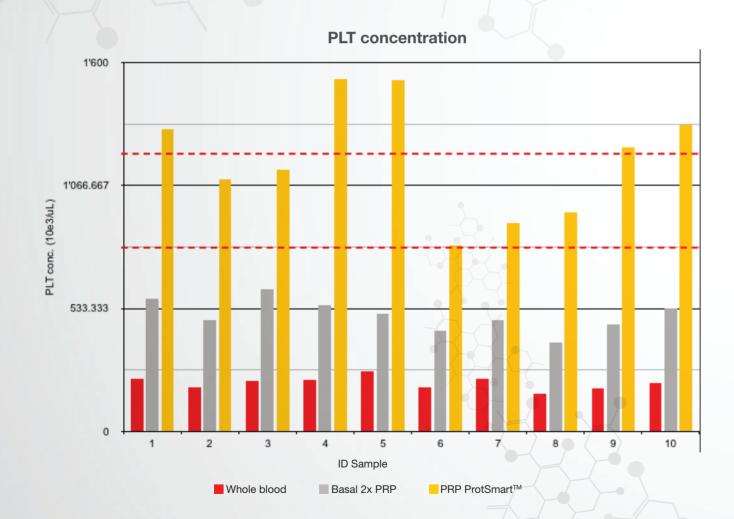
ProtSmart[™] is a hollow capillary membrane that can be used downstream of the blood product's preparation method in order to concentrate better on the platelets and the plasma proteins of the PPP. The result is a concentration of solutes over a certain molecular weight (greater than the pore size) on one side of the membrane and loss of liquids and solutes of small size (smaller than the pore size) in the other. This passage is particularly useful if a blood product of high concentrations in small volumes is desired. Indeed, the two available ProtSmart[™] models allow one to obtain autologous preparations in few ml with platelet and protein concentrations that achieve 4-6 times compared to the basal concentrations in whole blood.

The concentration occurs with a simple mechanical process and it is aided by the GrowSmart accessory that allows it to push the plasma to be concentrated inside the ProtSmart™ device. During this push phase, the pressure gradient that creates between the two sides of the hollow capillary membrane allows for the overflow of the plasma water from the membrane pores. When the procedure is complete, aspiration recovers the concentrated plasma inside the ProtSmart™ device. This concentrate can be used for the infiltration in the area to be treated.



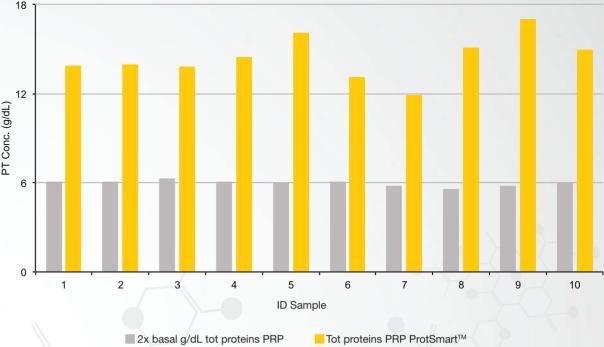
PERFORMANCE TESTS OF 10 PROTSMART ™ DEVICES

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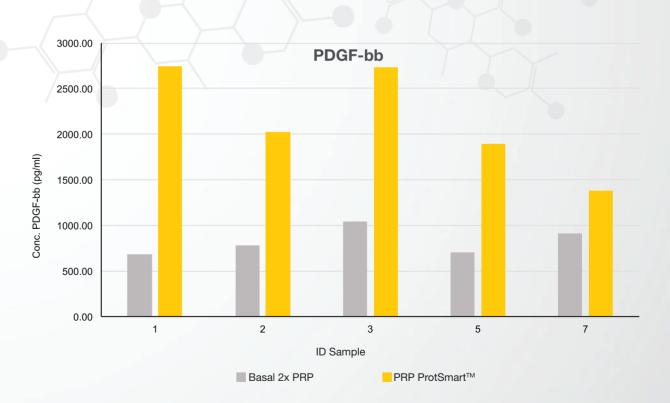


Platelets concentration measured in whole blood, in basal PRP and concentrated PRP by ProtSmart™. The concentration of platelets increases about 4 times compared to whole blood and at least 2 times compared to PRP obtained with each centrifugation. The red dashed lines limit the range of platelet concentration.

Concentrazione Proteine Totali



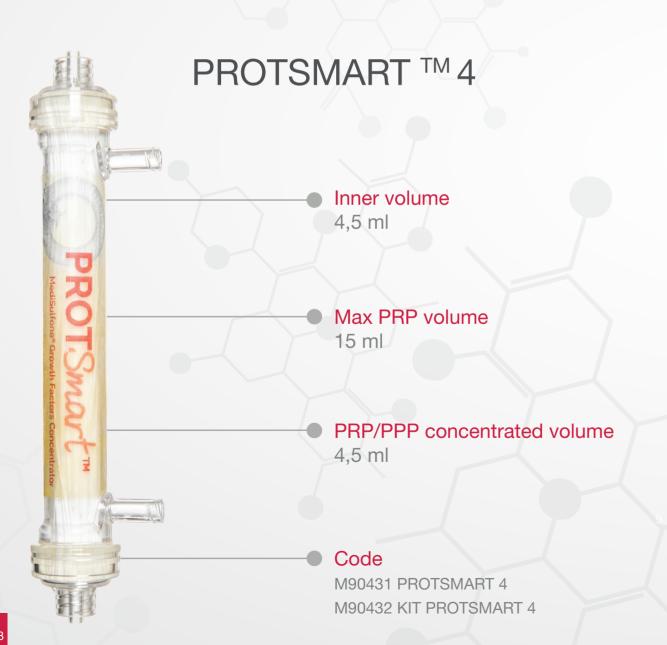
Total protein concentration in basal PRP and concentrated PRP measured by ProtSmart™. The total plasma proteins including autologous growth factors increase their concentration by about 2.2-3 times compared to the basal PRP concentration obtained by a single centrifugation.

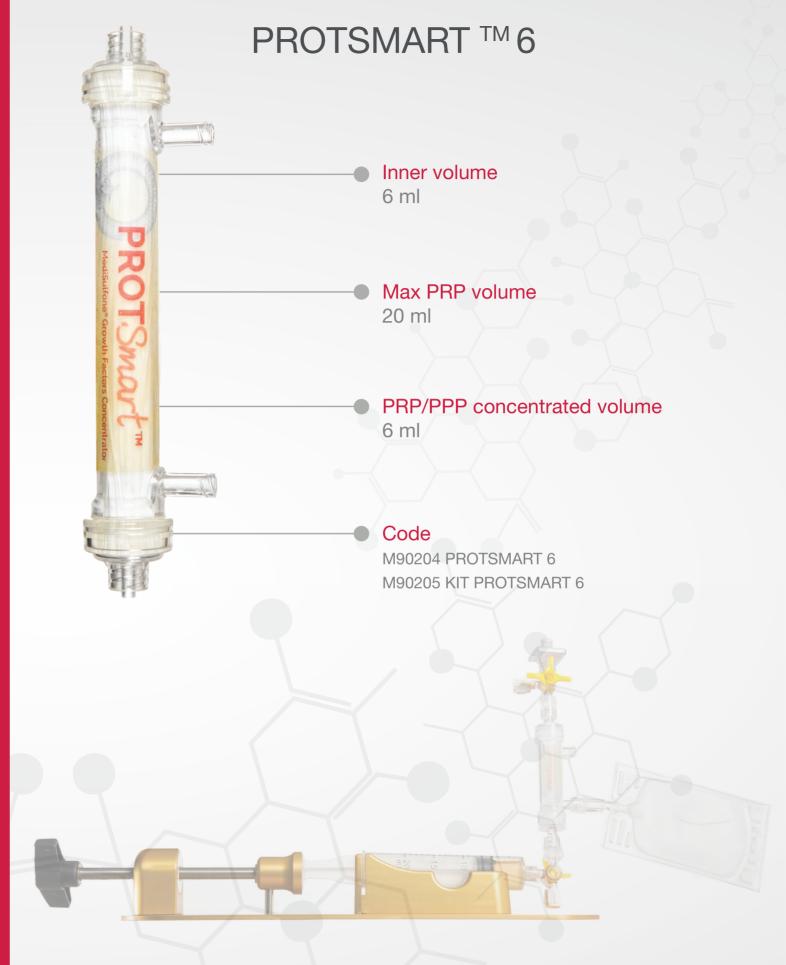


Dosage of the PDGF growth factor (BB isoform as it is more involved in the regeneration processes) by the Bioplex, Biorad, method.

PRP ProtSmart™: PRP obtained by the concentration with a ProtSmart™ device; Basal 2x PRP: PRP obtained by a single centrifugation from whole blood.

PROTSMART TM 2 Inner volume 2,5 ml Max PRP volume 7 ml PRP/PPP concentrated volume 2,5 ml Code M90202 PROTSMART 2 M90203 KIT PROTSMART 2





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Mechanical concentration accessory compatible with 20 ml syringes. (manual and pneumatic versions are available)

