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Ancrod

National Cancer Institute

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A proteolytic enzyme and defibrinogenating agent derived from the venom of the Malayan pit viper, with profibrinolytic and anticoagulant activities. Upon administration, ancrod cleaves fibrinogen and releases A-fibrinopeptides. This inactivates fibrinogen and leads to a reduction in blood viscosity, increases blood flow and perfusion of the microcirculation.