Both pathways lead to factor 10, which is the start of the **<u>Common Pathway:</u>** 

- Factor 10 catalyzes the prothrombin (Factor 2) to thrombin reaction.
- The activation of prothrombin occurs on the surface of activated platelets and requires assembly of prothrombinase complex consisting of platelet, anionic PLs, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, factor 10 and prothrombin (This complex is termed factor 5)
- Factor 2 then converts fibrinogen (**Factor 1**) to fibrin.
- ▶ In order for fibrin to stick to each other, there needs to **factor13** and Ca<sup>2+</sup>

## (Think of factor 13 being the final clotting number and therefore the final step to the clotting process!)

## Key points to remember:

- Vitamin K is essential for the functioning of several proteins involved in blood clotting (2, 7, 9 and 10)
- Calcium is required to continue the clotting cascade along with factors (2, 9, 10, and 11).
- Roman numerals are simplified as in the following table:

I	V	Х
1	5	10

1	1	1
2	Ш	1+1=2
3	Ш	1+1+1=3
4	IV	5-1=4
5	V	5
6	VI	5+1=6
7	VII	5+1+1=7
8	VIII	5+1+1+1=8
9	IX	10-1=9
10	Х	10

	11	XI	10+1=11
2	12	XII	10+1+1=12
=3	13	XIII	10+1+1+1=13