Thrombophilia is also known as a hypercoaguable state. Most thrombophilias are genetic. There are also risk factors for blood clots that are not genetic, such as when patients take oral contraceptives, are immobilized due to recent surgery, or have cancer.

Alteration of circulating blood constituents is needed for the diagnosis of thrombophilia/hypercoagulable state.

**Question:** My patient is on Coumadin for a prosthetic valve or a filter. Can I code hypercoagulable state?

**Answer:** No. Prosthetic valves and filters increase risk of clots locally as a result of mechanical factors, not due to blood constituents.