

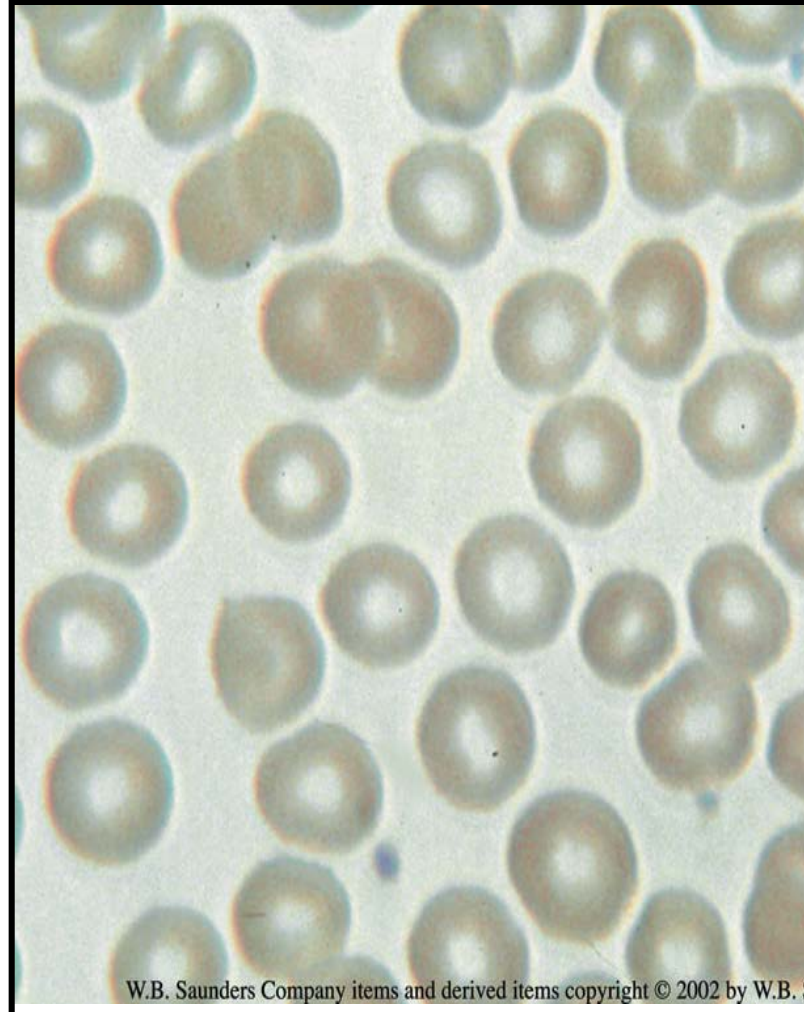
ABC of CBC
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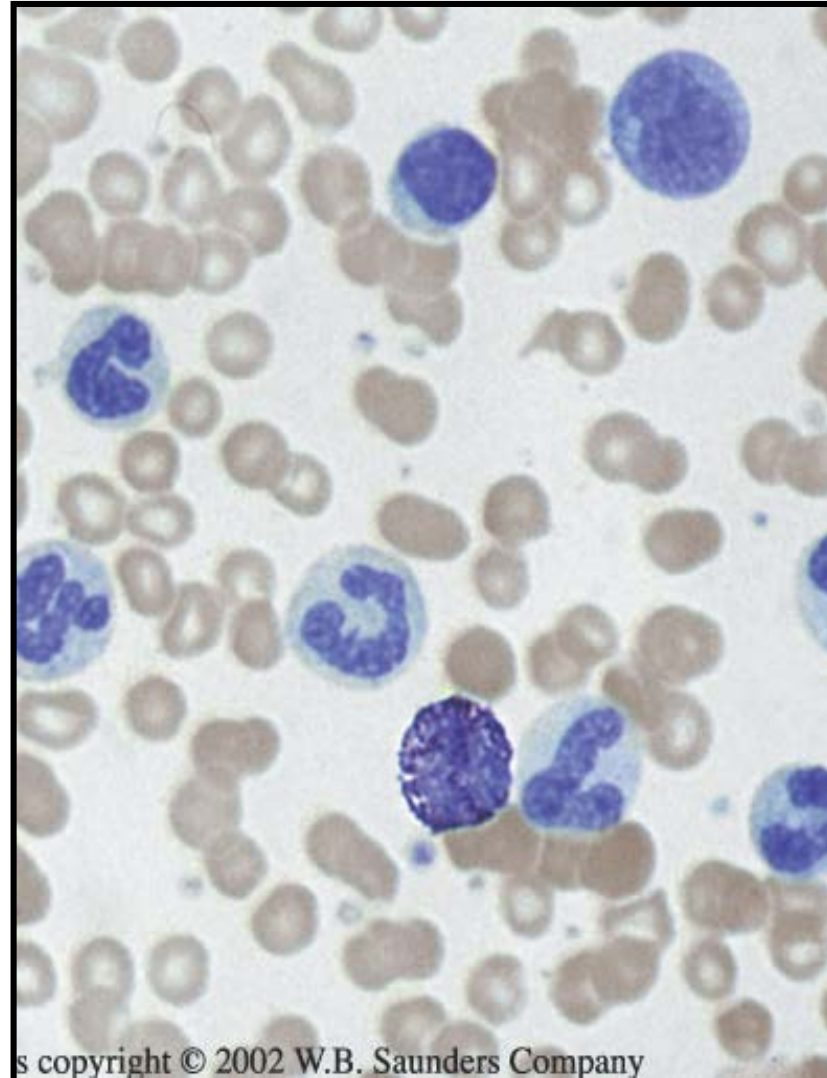
Erythrocytes

- **Normal range 4.2-5.5 million per mm³ in adults.**
- **Biconcave shape.**
- **Diameter 7 microns.**
- **Cells for transport of O₂ and CO₂.**
- **Life span 120 days.**



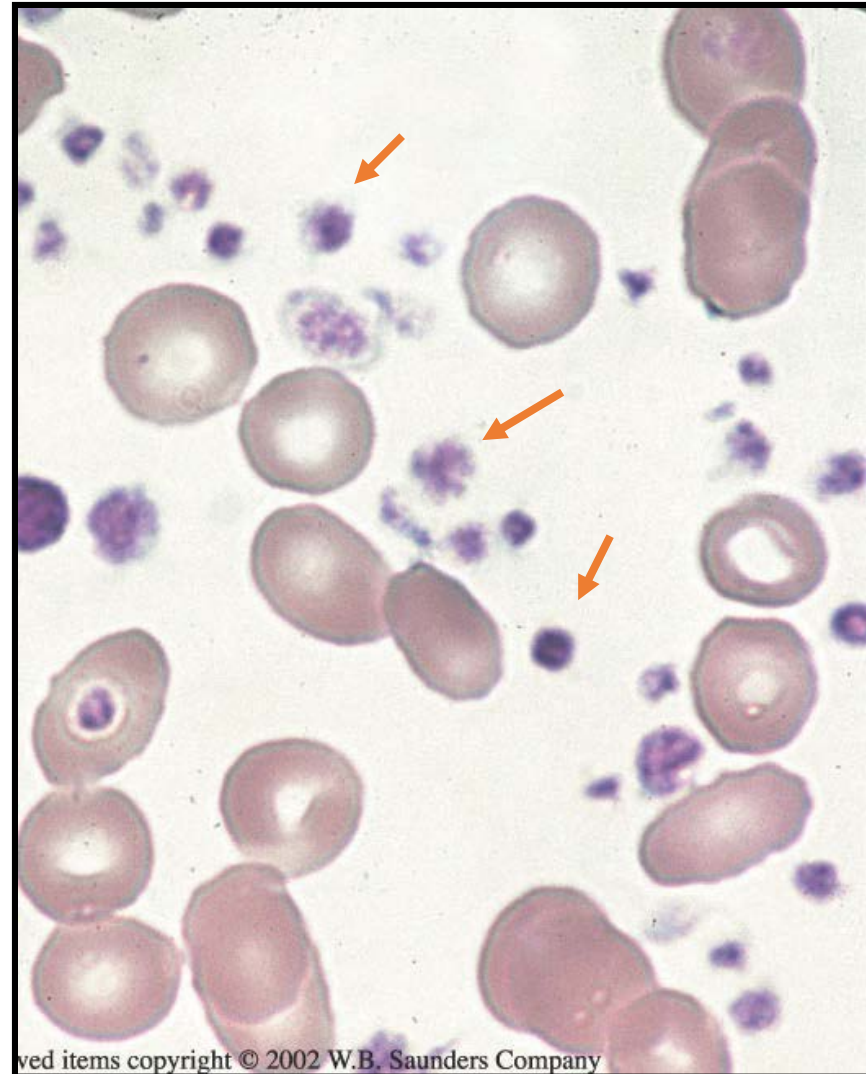
Leukocytes

- Normal range 4 - 11 thousand per mm^3 in adults.
- Five types.
- Size 8-20 microns.
- Involved in fighting infection, combating allergic reactions, and immune responses.



Thrombocytes

- **Smallest cells in the blood.**
- **Normal range 150,000-400,000.**
- **Active role in coagulation and hemostasis.**



Routine Hematology

Anticoagulant of choice: EDTA

- Complete Blood Counts (CBCs)
- Manual WBC Differentials
- Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rates (ESRs)
- Sickle Screens
- Reticulocyte Counts

Automated Counting

Coulter Principle

Electrical impedance: resistance or change in current when cell passes between two electrodes in NaCl solution.

Flow Cytometry

Uses lasers to measure both forward and side scatter.

Forward scatter measures size.

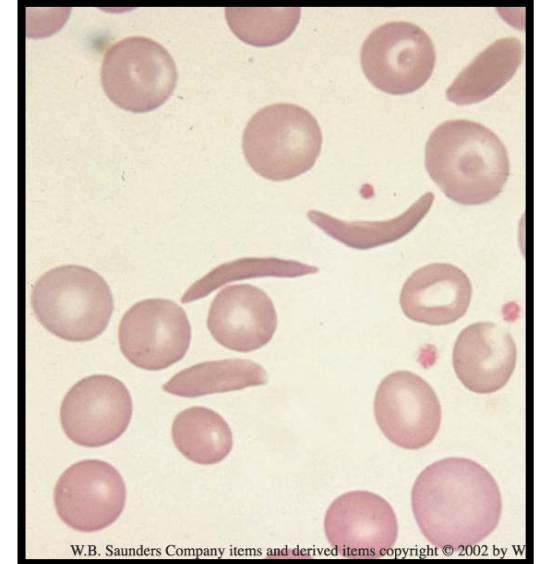
Side scatter measures granularity.

Sources of Error

- ***Inadequate mixing of specimen.***
- Hemolyzed specimens.
- Lipemic specimens.
- Cold agglutinins.
- Clotted specimens.
- Platelet clumps or platelet satellitosis. -
pseudocytopenia
- Diluted specimens.

COMPONENTS OF COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT (CBC)

- Hemoglobin, Hematocrit
- RBC count
- Red blood cell indices
 - Mean Corpuscular Volume (MCV)
 - Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin (MCH)
 - Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin Concentration (MCHC)
- Red cell distribution width (RDW)
- Platelet count, MPV
- WBC – total & differential count (in %) and absolute counts of neutrophils, lymphocytes, eosinophils and basophils

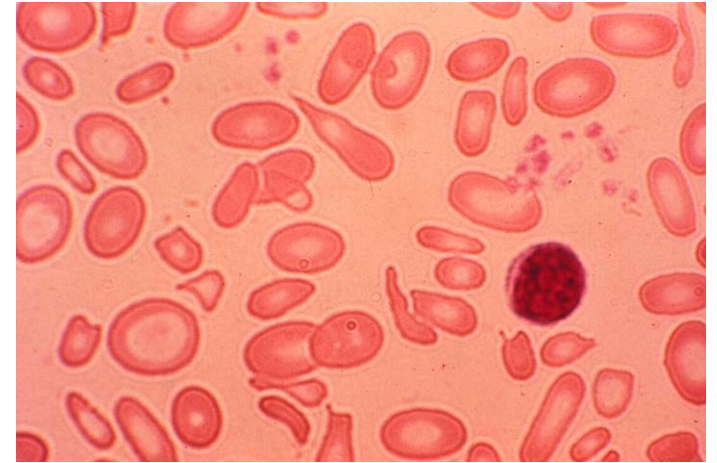


CBC Parameters

- RDW, MCV, MCHS, Mentzer Index – normal values
- Automated cell count vs manual
- Flags for abnormalities. – Lab initiated
- Absolute retic count
- Smear – based on clinical picture or results of CBC, less than 10% of cases, cost
- Age, sex, clinical course

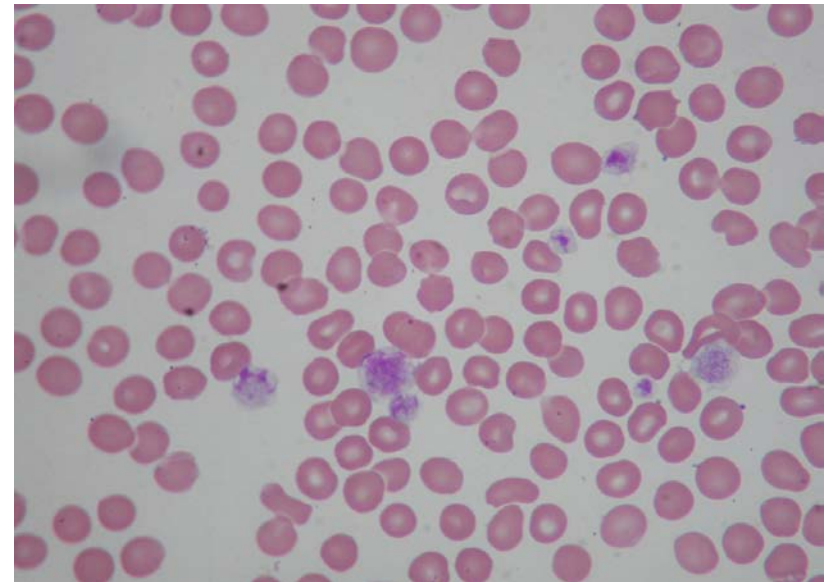
Well known

- Hb/Hct , MCV ,MCHC
- RDW - iron def vs Thal minor
- Mentzer Index – iron def vs Thal minor – MCV / RBC
- Reflex testing



Less well known

- IRF – immature reticulocyte fraction
- Absolute retic count
- Reticulocyte Hb %
- MPV , Large plts, Giant plts, small plts
- PDW , Immature platelet fraction



Reticulocyte Count

Uses supravital stain which stains cells in the living state.

Macrocytic, polychromic cells in smear

Retic %

Corrected retic

Absolute reticulocyte

Reticulocyte Index(RPI)- above 3

Immature reticulocyte fraction

Reticulocyte Hb

Immature Reticulocyte Fraction (IRF)

- Proportion of young reticulocytes with the highest RNA content
- In many clinical situations, IRF increases before the total reticulocyte count
 - bone marrow or stem cell regeneration post-transplant or chemotherapy
 - monitoring the efficacy of therapy in nutritional anemia
 - evaluate optimal timing for stem cell collection following mobilization

Fragmented Red Cells (Schistocytes)

Seen in

- microangiopathies (eg, TTP,HUS ,DIC)
- cardiovascular disorders (eg, prosthetic valve – wearing blender and endocarditis)
- Serial counting in TTP may correlate with changes in serum LDH levels
- normal reference range for the schistocyte count is as 0.03–0.58%

Functional Iron Deficiency (FID)

- iron stores are normal, or even high, but the iron is not delivered to the bone marrow and so is unavailable for erythropoiesis
- may be due to the inappropriate production of hepcidin
- Anemia of chronic disease , inefficient iron utilization

Reticulocyte haemoglobin(CHr)

- Indirect measure of functional iron available for new red blood cell production over the previous 3–4 days
 - Measures functional iron deficiency state (if CHR is less and iron stores are normal)
 - an early measure of the response to iron therapy, (CHR increases within 2–4 days initiating iron therapy)
- reference values – 28 - 30.8 pg

Immature Granulocytes (IG)

- Analogous to “band” cells → useful for the diagnosis of infections, especially neonatal sepsis
- IGs - normally absent in peripheral blood
- Increased in
 - Bacterial infections
 - Acute inflammatory diseases,
 - Acute transplant rejection,
 - Surgical and orthopedic trauma,
 - Myeloproliferative diseases,
 - Steroid use



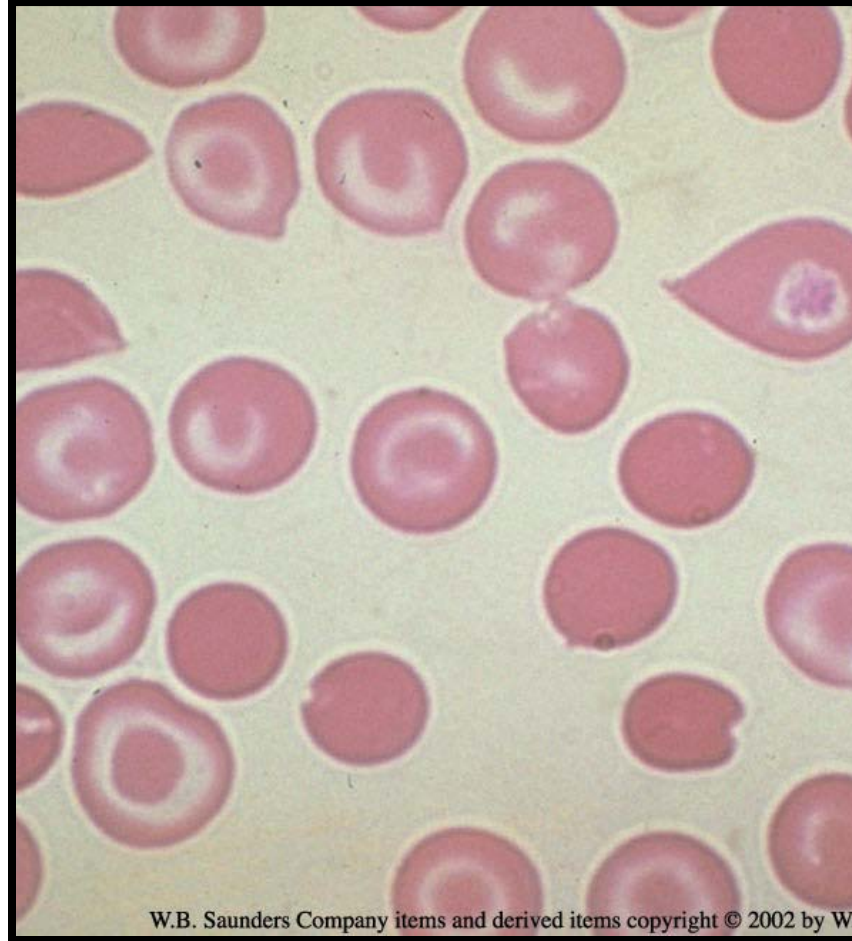
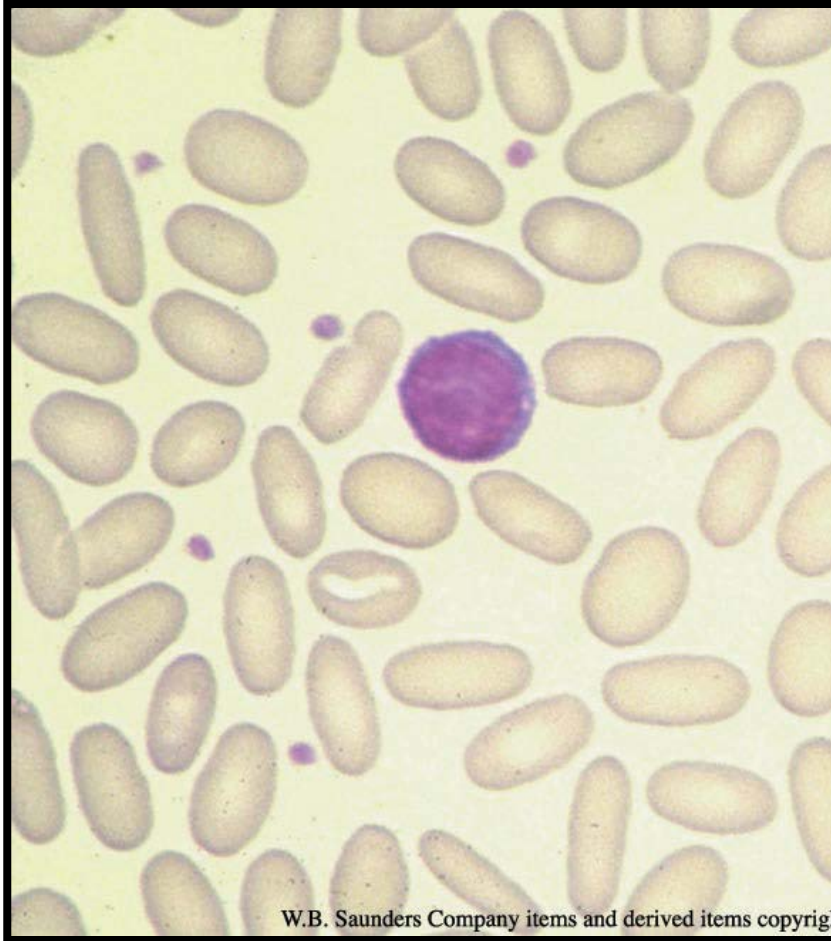
Age Specific Indices



	Hgb	Hct	MCV	MCHC	Retic	WBC/mm ³	Plt
Term	16.5	51	108	33.0	3-7	18.1	290
1-3 days	18.5	56	108	33.0	1.8-4.6	18.9	192
2 wks	16.6	53	105	31.4		11.4	252
1 month	13.9	44	101	31.8	0.1-1.7	10.8	
2 months	11.2	35	95	31.8			
6 months	12.6	36	76	35.0	0.7-2.3	11.9	
6 mo-2 yr	12.0	36	78	33.0		10.6	150-350
2-6 yrs	12.5	37	81	34	0.5-1.0	8.5	150-350
6-12 yrs	13.5	40	86	34	0.5-1.0	8.1	150-350

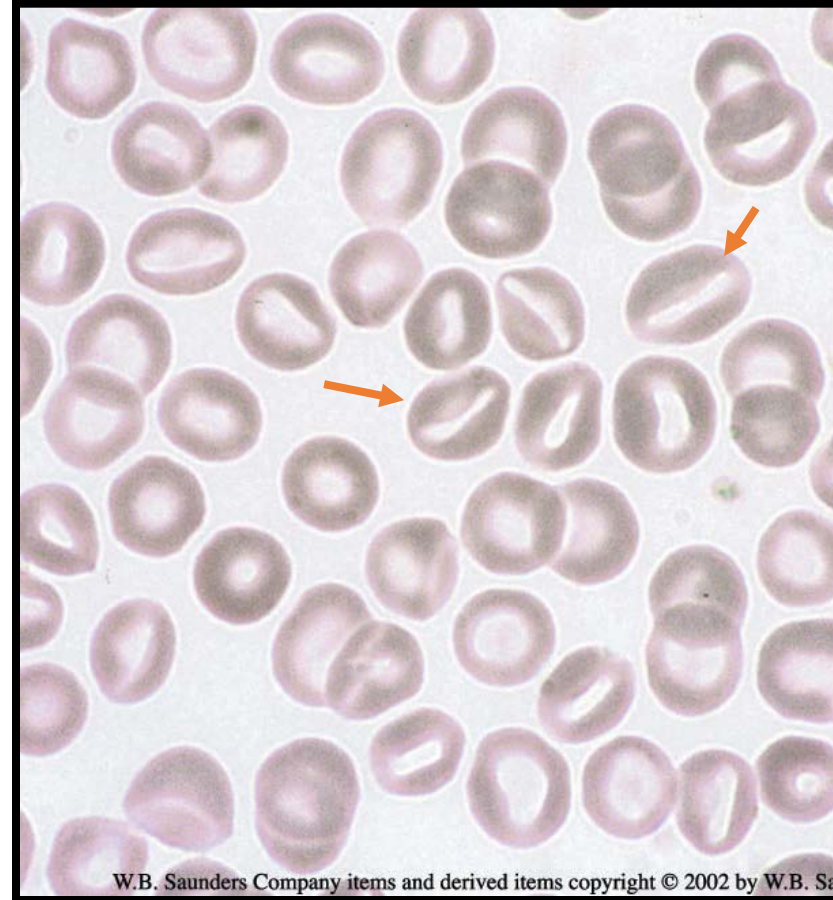
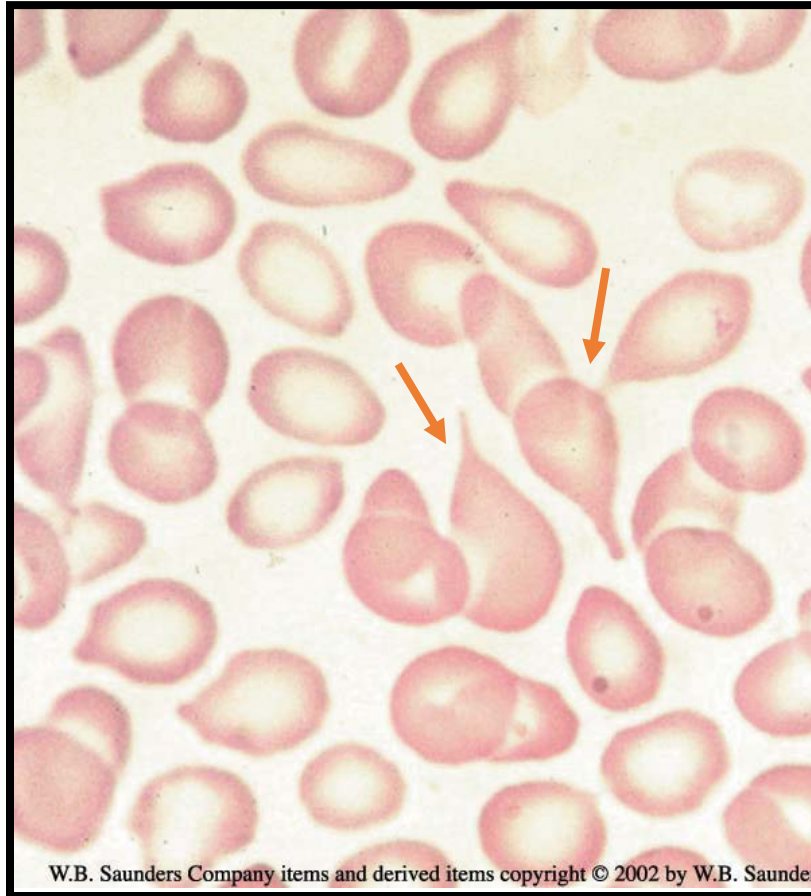
Elliptocytes

Target Cells



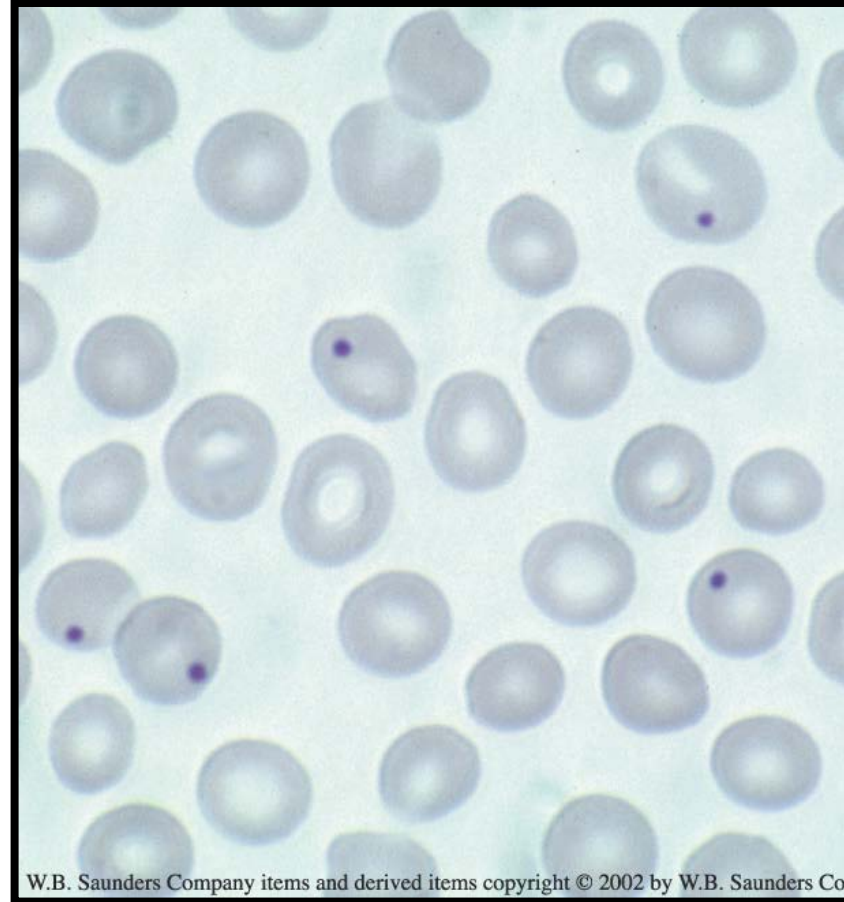
Tear Drops

Stomatocytes



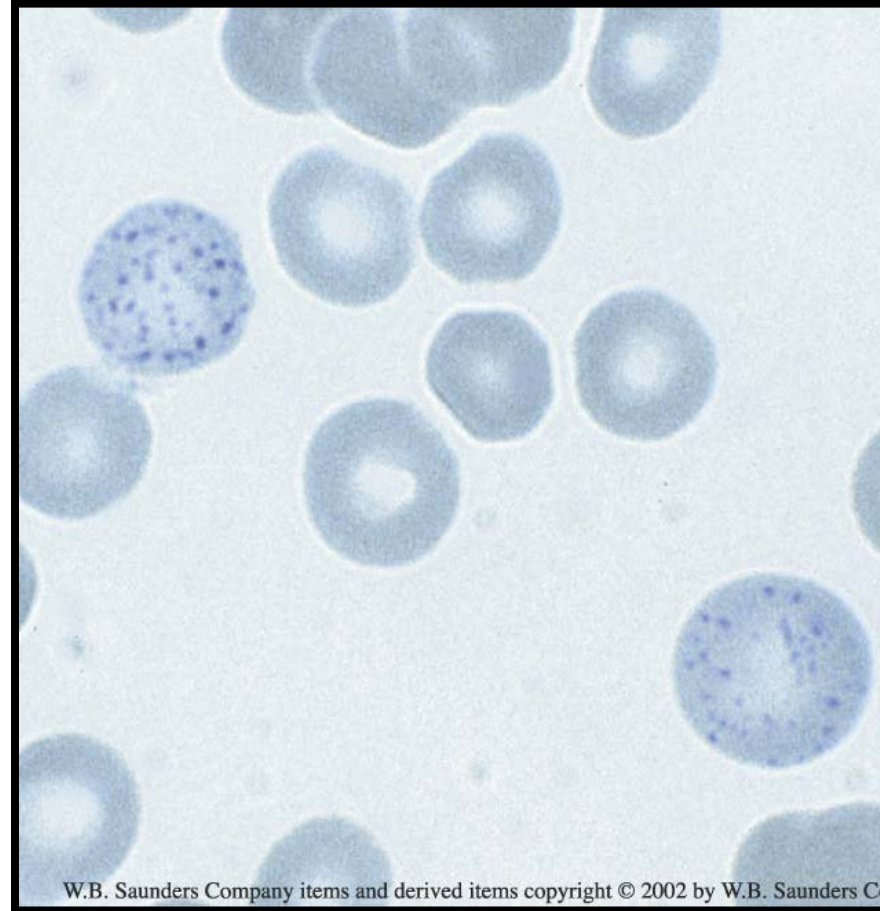
Howell-Jolly Bodies

- **Round, purple inclusions in RBCs.**
- **Composed of DNA.**
- **Commonly seen in in patients with hypofunctioning spleens.**
- **Splenectomy.**



Basophilic Stippling

- **Numerous, small purple inclusions in RBCs.**
- **Aggregates of ribosomal RNA.**
- **Most commonly seen in lead poisoning.**



Classifications of Anemias

Microcytic, Hypochromic

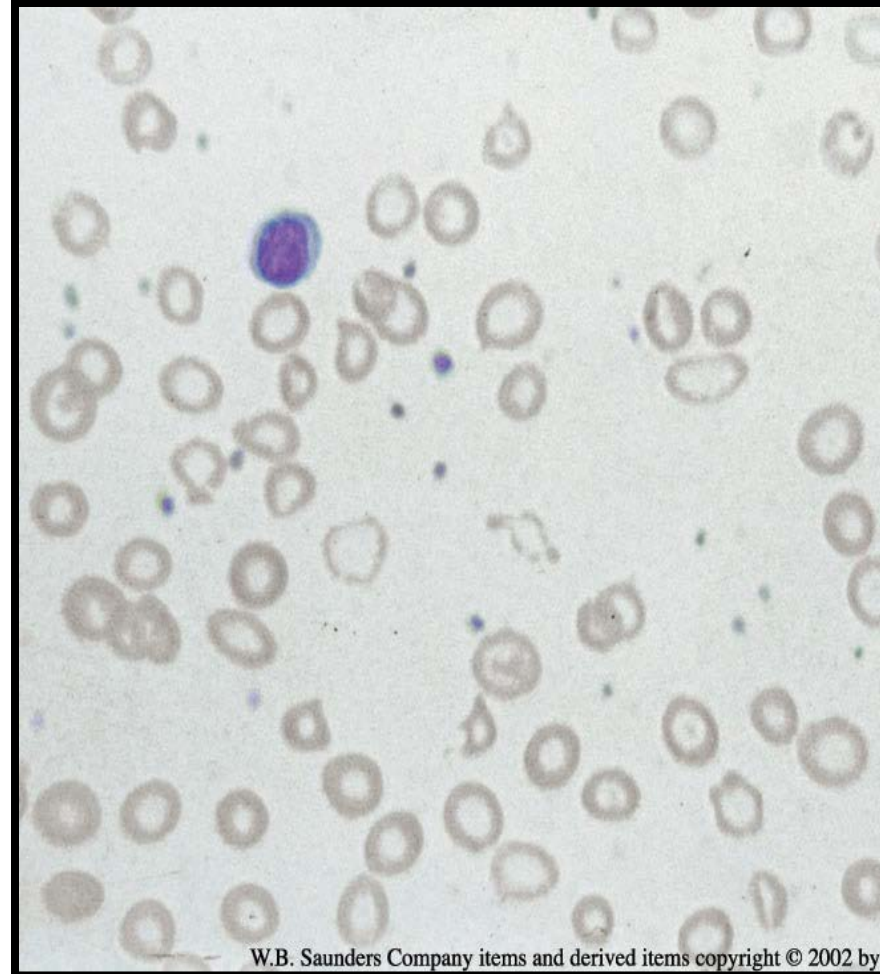
- Iron deficiency- RDW, Mentzer Index
- Thal Minor
- Chronic disease, Inflammation
- Lead poisoning
- Sideroblasti anemia , Cu def

Iron, TIBC, Transferrin , Ferritin

- Soluble transferrin receptor
- Str / Ferritin ratio , Bone marrow
- Hypochromic Macrocytes!

Microcytic, Hypochromic

- Many RBCs smaller than nucleus of normal lymphocytes, increased central pallor.
- Iron deficiency, thalassemias, anemia of chronic disease.



Classifications of Anemias

Normochromic – poly chromasia /retic > vs low retic

- Hereditary Spherocytosis
- Hereditary Elliptocytosis
- PNH
- G6PD deficiency

Low retic

- Aplastic anemia, Leukemia
- Acute blood loss
- TEC – 17 month old ,Low Hb, Normal MCV
- Diamond Blackfan (stress erythropoeisis- macrocytosis)

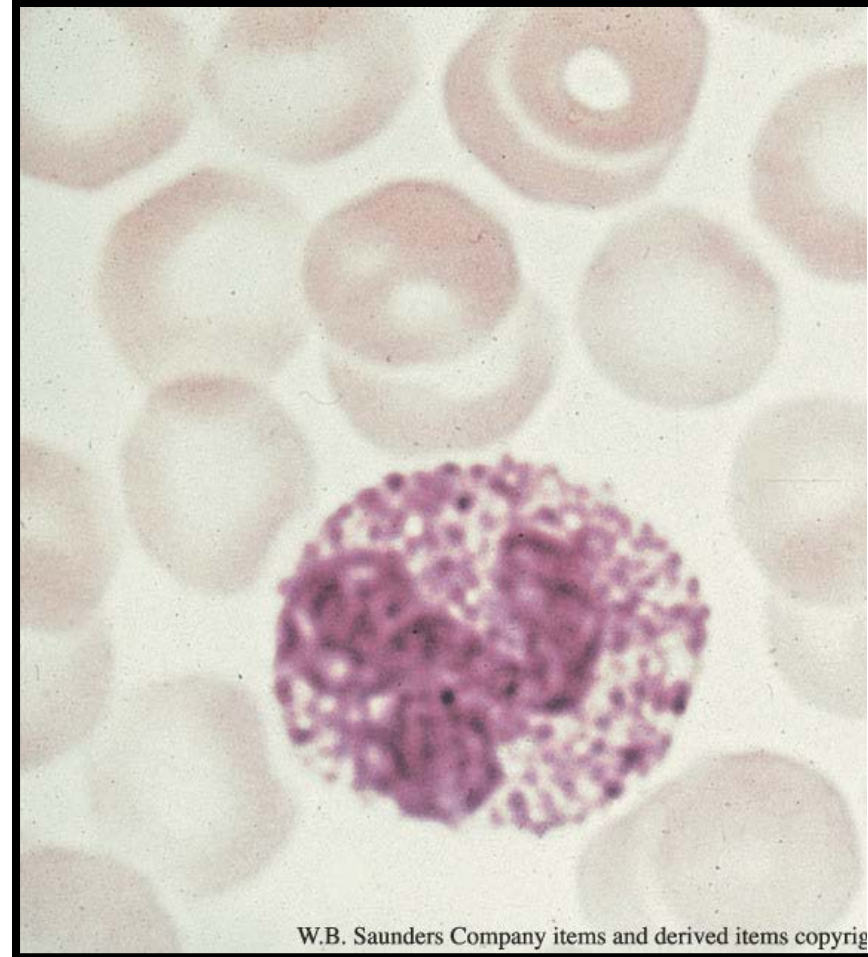
Classifications of Anemias

Macrocytic

- Vitamin B12 deficiency
- Folate deficiency
- Liver disease
- Alcoholism
- **Hypochromic Macrocytes**

Toxic Granulation

- **Increased basophilic granules in neutrophils.**
- **Seen in severe infections, burns, malignancies, and pregnancy.**
- **Distinguish from basophils.**

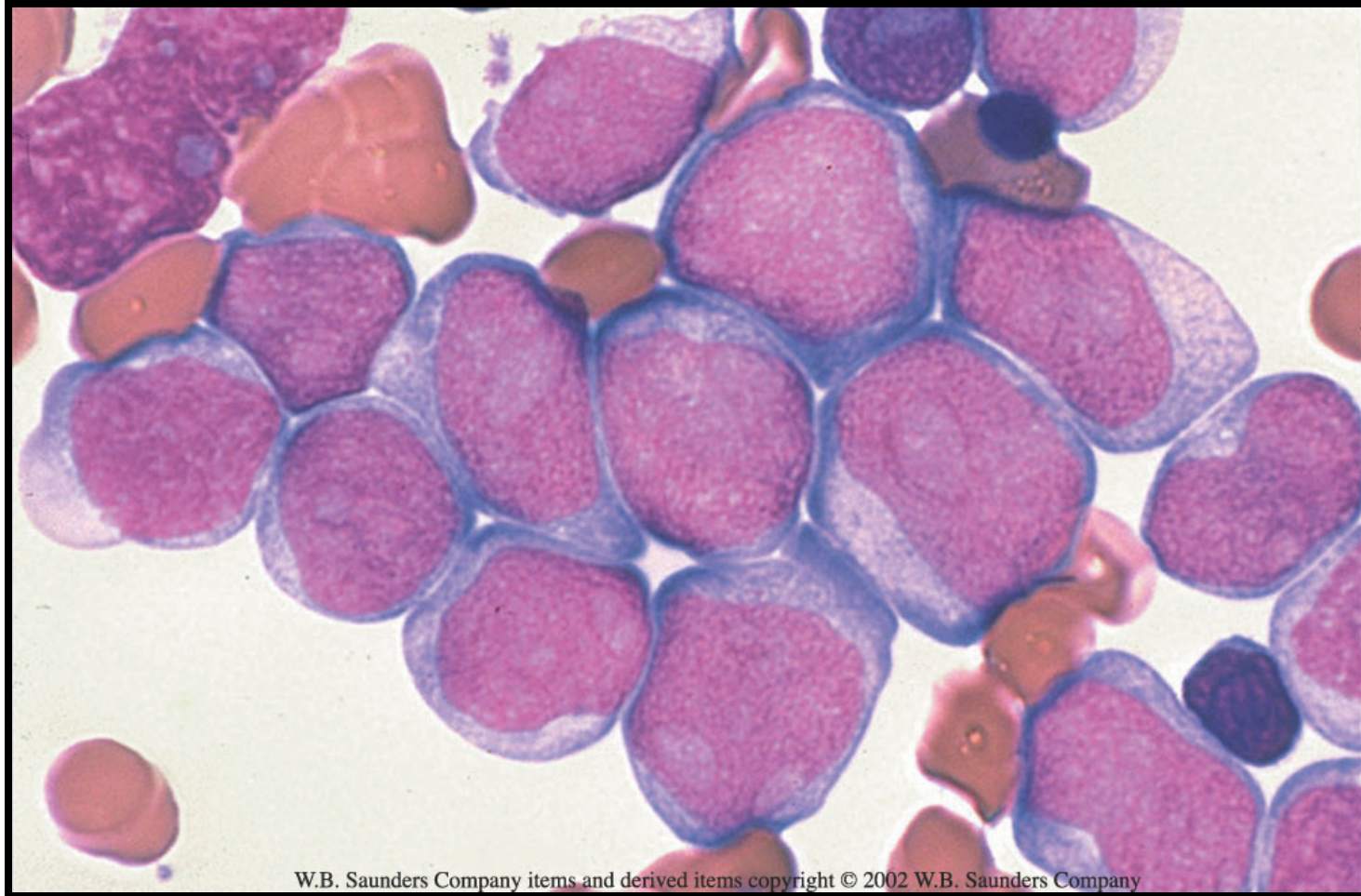


Dohle Bodies

- Sky blue inclusions in cytoplasm of neutrophils.
- Seen in infections, burns, myeloproliferative disorders, and pregnancy.
- Composed of RER and glycogen granules.



WHO dat FAB



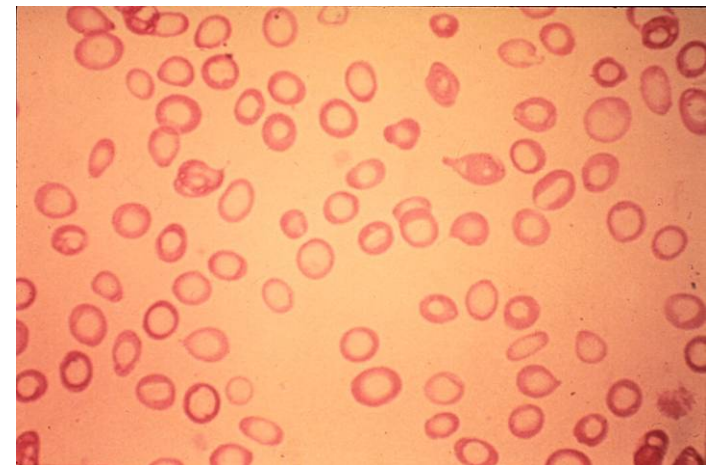
CASE 1

A 9 months old girl, exclusively breast fed, pallor.

Parameter	Report
Hb	6.4 g%
TLC	6600
DLC	N40, L50, E6, M4
Platelet count	5.5 0000/cu.mm
MCV	57
MCH	20.4
MCHC	30.1
RBC count	2.14 million/cu.mm.
RDW-CV	22.4

Anemia in an infant

- 8 month old white male ,born preemie
- Drinks cow's milk since 4 months when he was weaned from breast milk
- Hb 7.2 gms, MCV 62 RBC 3.1 RDW 21
- Heiner's Syndrome
- Pagophagia in Older - ice



Case – 1: Answers

1. Identify the diagnosis

Iron deficiency anemia

2. Explain how did you arrive at the diagnosis.

low Hb

microcytic hypochromic picture

RBC count decreased

RDW – increased

Mentzer index – 26 (i.e. >13)

platelet count increased

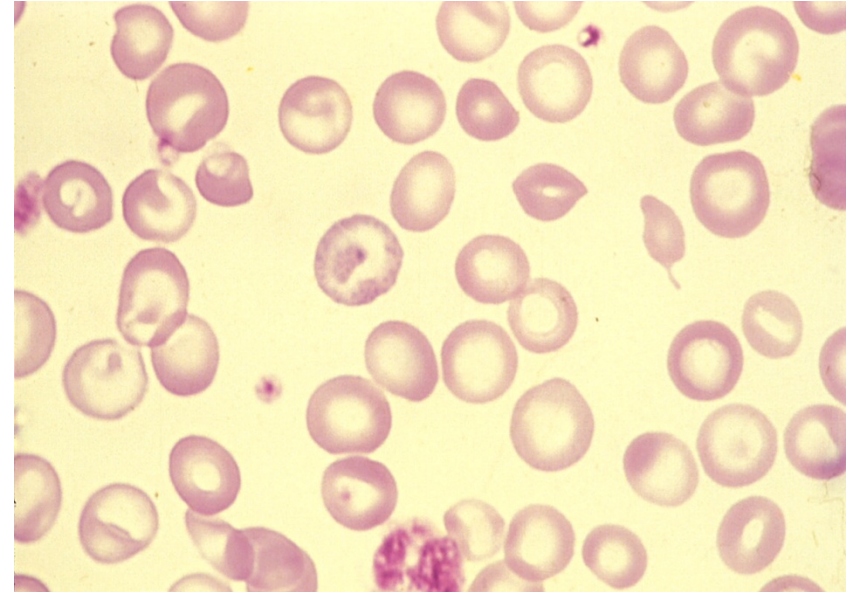
CASE 2

A 5 year old girl with mild pallor.

Parameter	Report
Hb	9.4 g%
TLC	7600
DLC	N62, L32, E3, M3
Platelet count	350000/cu.mm
MCV	60
MCH	19.4
MCHC	32.1
RBC count	6.14 million/cu.mm.
RDW-CV	13.5

Thalassemia Minor (β or α)

- Basophilic stippling
- Target cells
- Hb electrophoresis: \uparrow A2 in β Thal minor
- Beta – Italians, Asian Indians
- Alpha – Far East, African Americans



Case – 2: Answers

1. Identify the diagnosis

Thalassemia trait

2. Explain how did you arrive at the diagnosis.

microcytic hypochromic picture

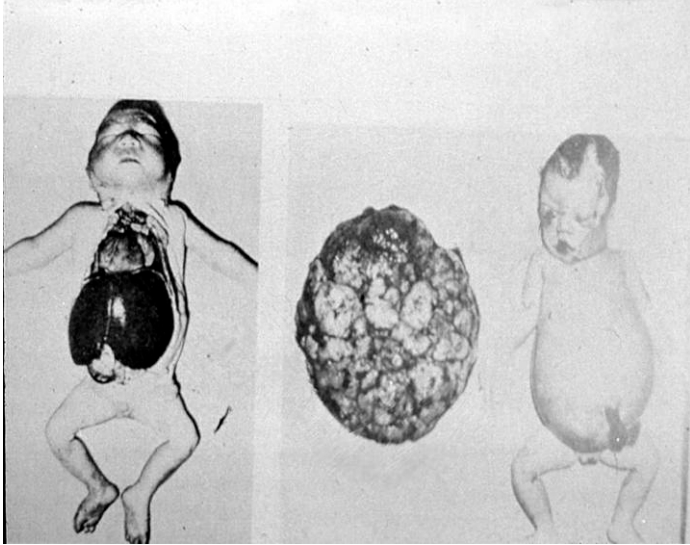
RBC count increased

RDW – normal

Mentzer index – 9.8 (i.e. <13)

PARAMETER	IRON DEFICIENCY ANEMIA	THALASSEMIA TRAIT
Severity of anemia	<i>Variable (mild to severe)</i>	<i>Always mild</i>
Red cell distribution width (RDW)	<i>Increased (>14.5%)</i>	<i>Normal</i>
RBC count	<i>Decreased</i>	<i>Normal to increased</i>
Platelet count	<i>Normal / increased</i>	<i>Normal</i>
Mentzer index (MCV/RBC count in million)	<i>> 13</i>	<i>< 13</i>
S. Ferritin	<i>Decreased (<15 ug/L)</i>	<i>Normal</i>
S. Iron	<i>Decreased</i>	<i>Normal</i>
Total iron binding capacity	<i>Increased</i>	<i>Normal</i>
Transferrin receptor	<i>Increased</i>	<i>Normal</i>
Transferrin saturation	<i>Decreased</i>	<i>Normal</i>
Free erythrocyte protoporphyrin	<i>Increased</i>	<i>Normal</i>
HPLC	<i>Normal</i>	<i>Hb A2 increased; F normal</i>
Bone marrow iron stores	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Normal</i>
Response to iron therapy	<i>Subjective improvement, reticulocytosis followed by rise in hemoglobin</i>	<i>No response</i>

Target cells, stippling, crystals! – alpha thal, Hb E,
Hb CC

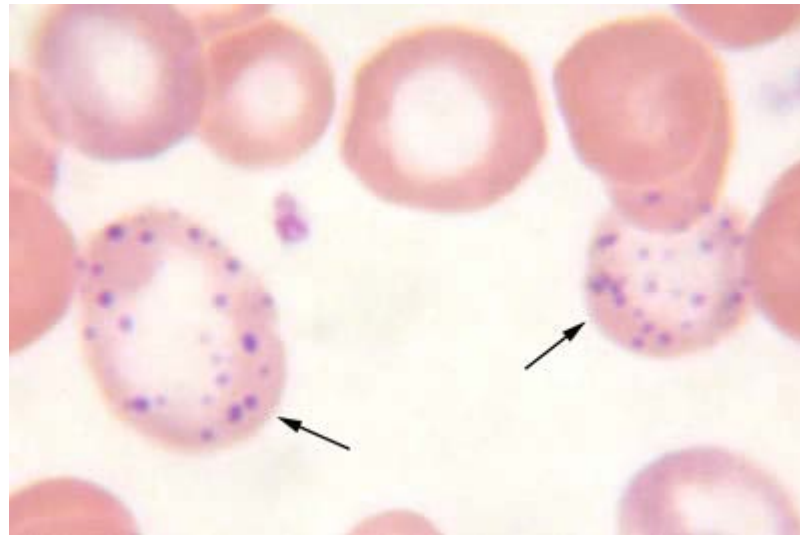


Hyperactive in Detroit – not the patient in the picture!

- 2 ½ yr old AA male living in public housing
- Hb 9.0 Gms
- H/O Pica +
- Review smear
- Long term sequelae?

Lead Poisoning

- Neurological Sequelae
- Basophilic Stippling
- Denatured RNA



- 90% of Pb in blood in RBC
- Decreased Heme, Increased FEP
- Anemia uncommon unless associated with Fe, Hemoglobinopathies
- Basophilic stippling – denatured RNA, lack of 2-5' Pyrimidine Nucleotidase
- ½ life is 20- 30 days
- Deposited in bones, teeth.” Lead lines”

Anemia and Lead



CASE 3

A 13 months old boy with recurrent BT, Hepatosplenomegaly

Parameter	Report
Hb	3.6 g%
TLC	22600
DLC	N62, L32, E3, M3, nRBCs 30/100 WBCs
Platelet count	160000cu.mm
MCV	54
MCH	17.4
MCHC	29.1
RBC count	1.1 million/cu.mm.
RDW-CV	23.5

Case – 3: Answers

1. Identify the diagnosis

Hemolytic anemia, likely beta thalassemia

2. Explain how did you arrive at the diagnosis.

classical clinical presentation

severe anemia

microcytic hypochromic picture

RBC count decreased

elevated nucleated RBCs

RDW – increased

NUCLEATED RED BLOOD CELLS

- Precursors of peripheral red blood cells
- Physiologically seen - only in neonates and premature babies
- NRBC have nuclei → erroneously counted as white blood cells by some automated methods
- Conditions seen
 - extreme increases in erythropoietic activity
 - Infiltration of bone marrow - myelofibrosis, leukaemia or storage cells

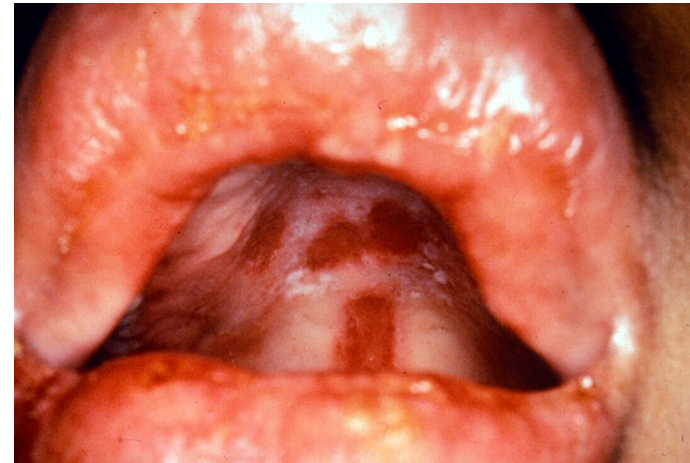
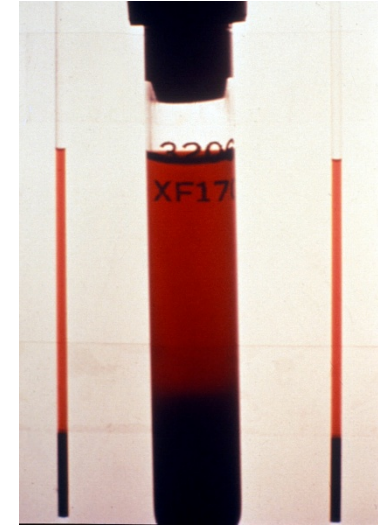
Confused Adolescent

- 15 yr old AAF ,Fever x 2 weeks
- Bone and joint pains
- Jaundice and Hematuria
- Skin Rash

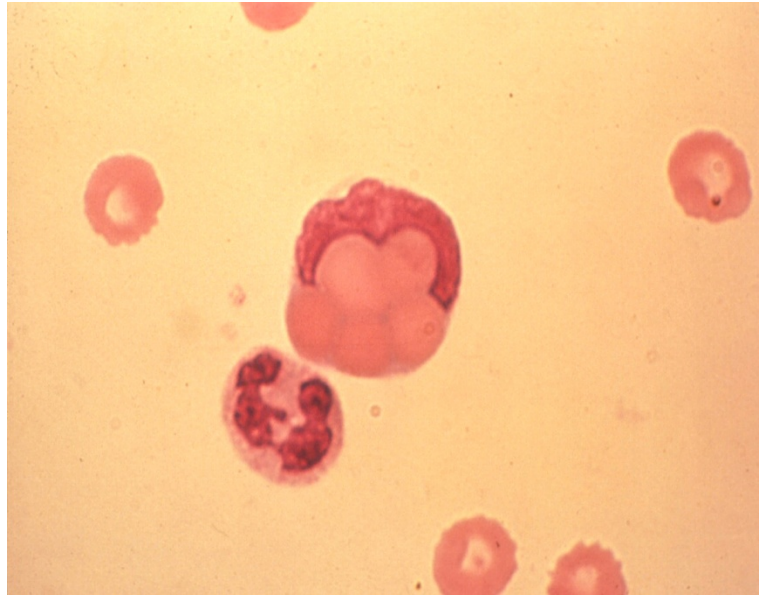


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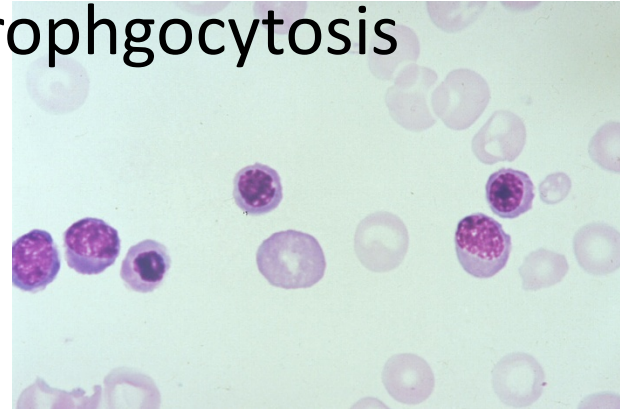
- Pallor ,Jaundice, Mouth ulcers, No Splenomegaly
- No evidence of impending CHF
- Hb 7.6 gms, MCV 90 Retic 12
- Smear
- ESR 100
- Bili 4.2 Indirect 4.0 LDH – 1400
- U/A – 20 RBC,
Protein +,blood +,Casts +



Smear knows all!



- Erythrophagocytosis



DIAGNOSIS OF PEDIATRIC ANEMIA

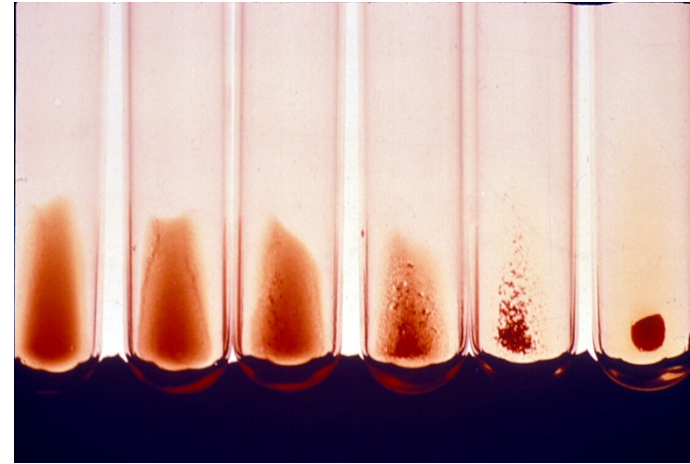
HEMOLYTIC ANEMIAS
(NORMOCHROMIC, NORMOCYTIC, HIGH RETIC COUNT
POLYCHROMASIA)

COOMBS NEGATIVE

Intracorp.	Extracorp
G-6PD	Toxic
S-S, S-C	Infections
S-Thal.	Uremia
CC, etc.	Burns
HS CNSHA	

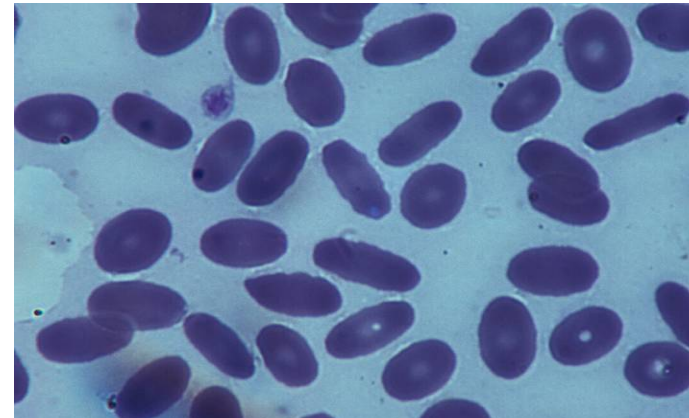
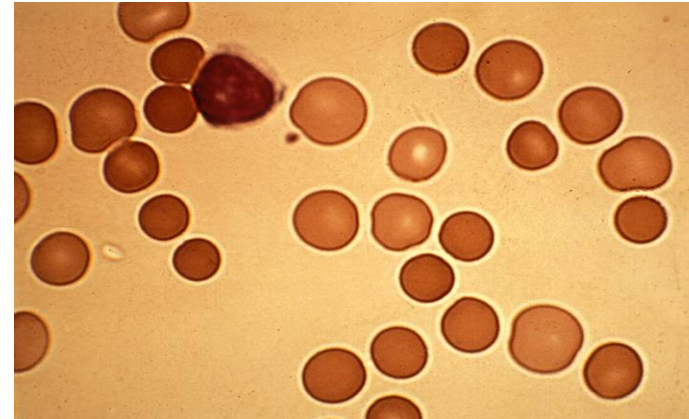
COOMBS POSITIVE

Isoimmune
(Rh. ABO)
Autoimmune
(Idiopathic acq:
secondary)



Not fat, forty, fertile or flatulent!

- 3 yr old white male
- H/O Gall Stones and splenectomy in mother's family
- Hb done 2 months ago was 9.6, retic 11.1
- Now has pallor, tachycardia and Hb 3.0gms, retic 0.1
- No jaundice



HS

Diagnosis:

- Identification of spherocytes in PBS
- Elevated MCHC
- DAT negative
- The osmotic fragility - Sensitivity of the test is enhanced by 24-hour incubation at 37°C
 - Not specific – positive on warm AIHA
- Eosin-5-maleimide (EMA) binding test:
 - EMA binds to band 3 on RBCs, and a reduction in binding, measured by fluorescence intensity, corresponds to a quantitative reduction in erythrocyte band 3, consistent with HS – Higher PPV

Coombs Negative Hemolytic Anemias

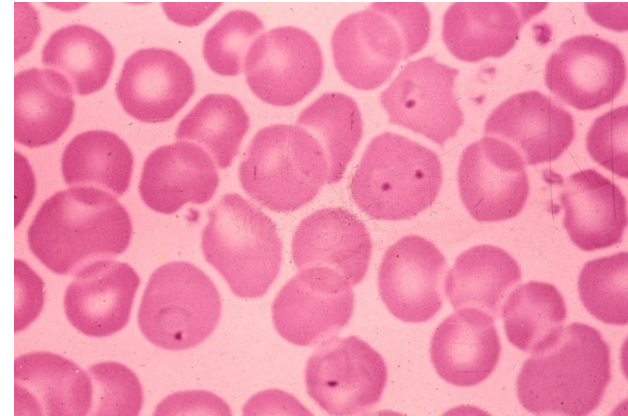
Enzyme deficiencies – G6PD,PK

Hemoglobinopathies - SS,SC

Mechanical – DIC, Hemangiomas

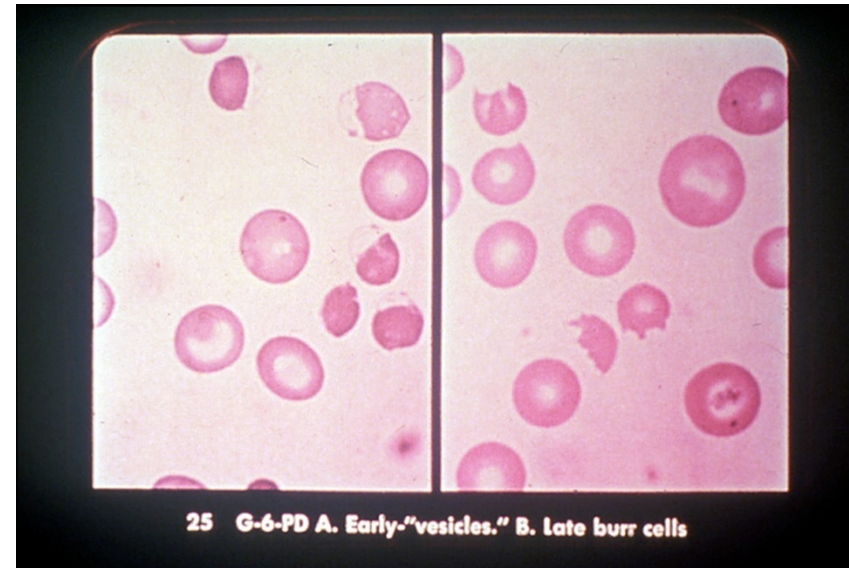
Infection – Malaria

Red cell membrane defect -
Spherocytosis



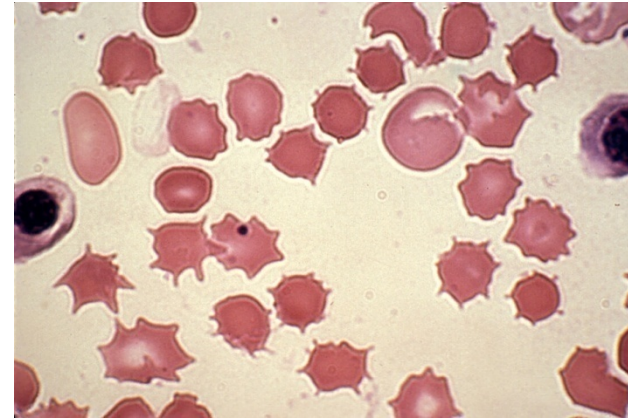
G-6-P-D Deficiency

- X-linked recessive, genetic variants
- Enzyme needed for production of reduced NADPH – prevention of oxidative damage
- Precipitated by oxidative challenge
- ‘Bite cells’, blister cells
- Greeks, Asians – more severe disease
- African Americans – usually mild disease



- Oxidative challenge
- Enzyme levels in NRBC and retics are higher – resistance to lysis, falsely high levels after hemolysis
- Exogenous stimuli – Fava Beans, Moth Balls, Infections
- Drugs – Antimalarials, Aspirin, Sulfa
- PK,TPI

G6PD



CASE 4

A 12 years old boy with progressive pallor, no HSM

Parameter	Report
Hb	5.6 g%
TLC	2600
DLC	N34, L56, E5, M5
Platelet count	30,000 /cu.mm
MCV	114
MCH	28.4
MCHC	33.1
RBC count	1.7 million/cu.mm.
RDW-CV	21.5



Differential diagnosis of pancytopenia

COMMON CAUSES

- **Nutritional** – B12, folate deficiency
- **Infections** – Hepatitis A, B, C, EBV, HIV, CMV
- Acquired **aplastic anemia** (idiopathic)
- **Malignancy** (leukemia, metastasis)
- **Drug induced** aplasia
- **Immune mediated** (Evans, SLE, Sjogren syndrome)
- **Hypersplenism**
- **HLH** (Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis)

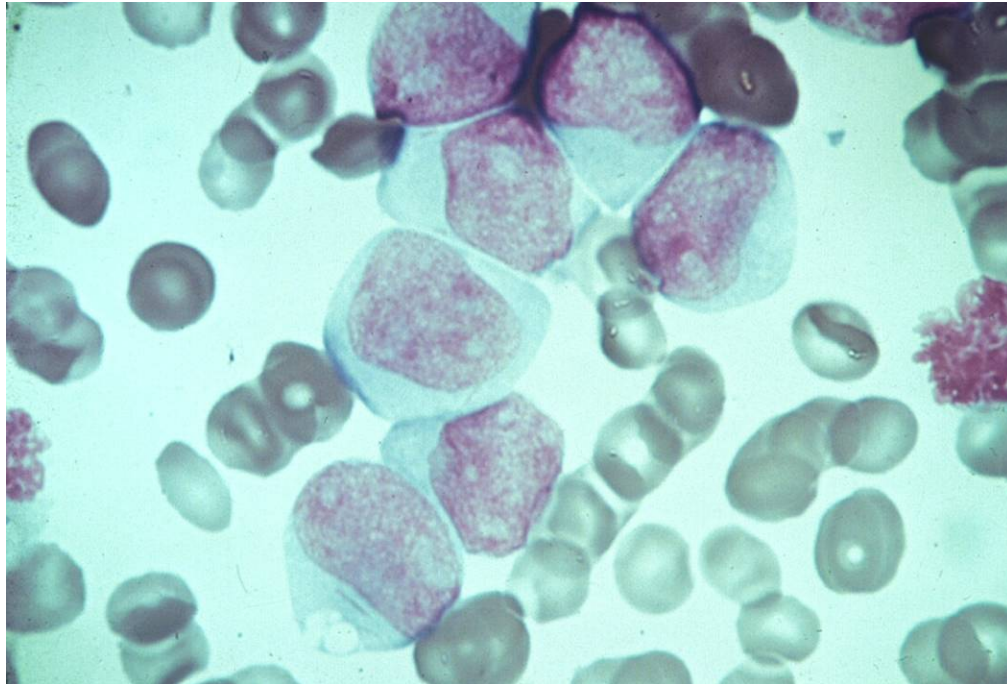
RARER CAUSES

- **Inherited marrow failure** syndromes
- **PNH** (Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria)
- **Storage** diseases
- **Osteopetrosis**
- Secondary to chemotherapy / radiotherapy

RAREST CAUSES

- Refractory cytopenia of childhood (MDS)
- Myelofibrosis
- Anorexia nervosa (in adolescent / adults)

- Fever
 - Bone pain and joint pain
 - Weight loss
 - 14 yr old AA male
- # Bone pain again!

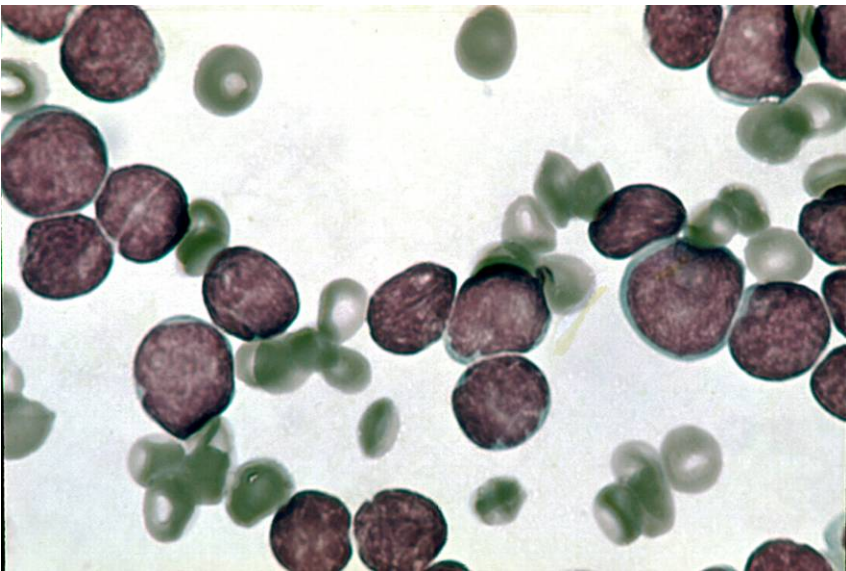
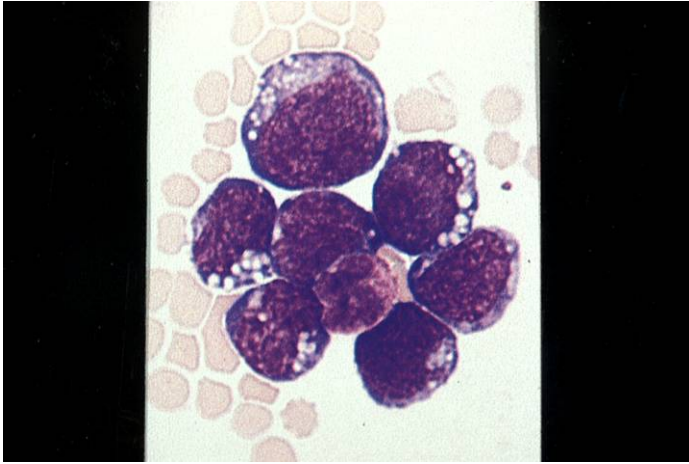


Beware of fever with bone pain!

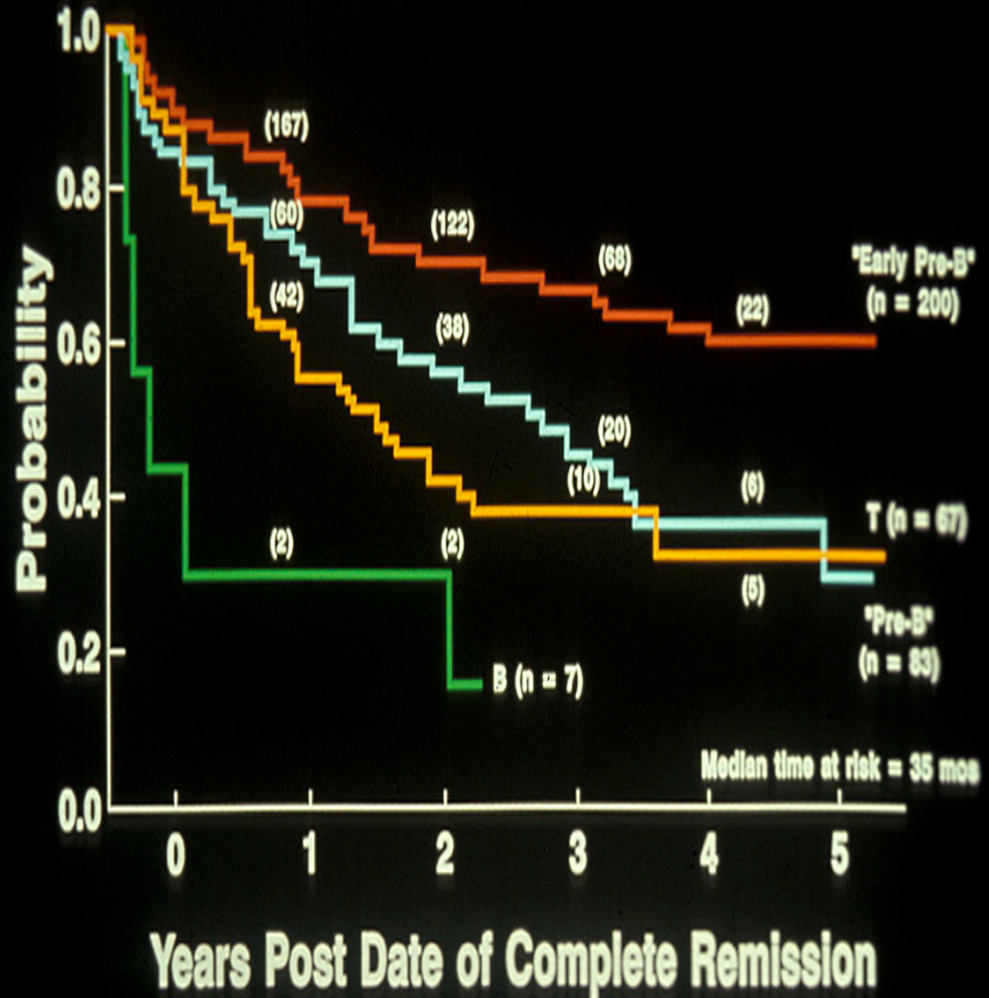
- 8 yr old AA female
- Fever x 2weeks
- Joint pain
- Bleeding from gums
- Easy bruising



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Duration of Complete Remission for ALL Patients According to Immunophenotype



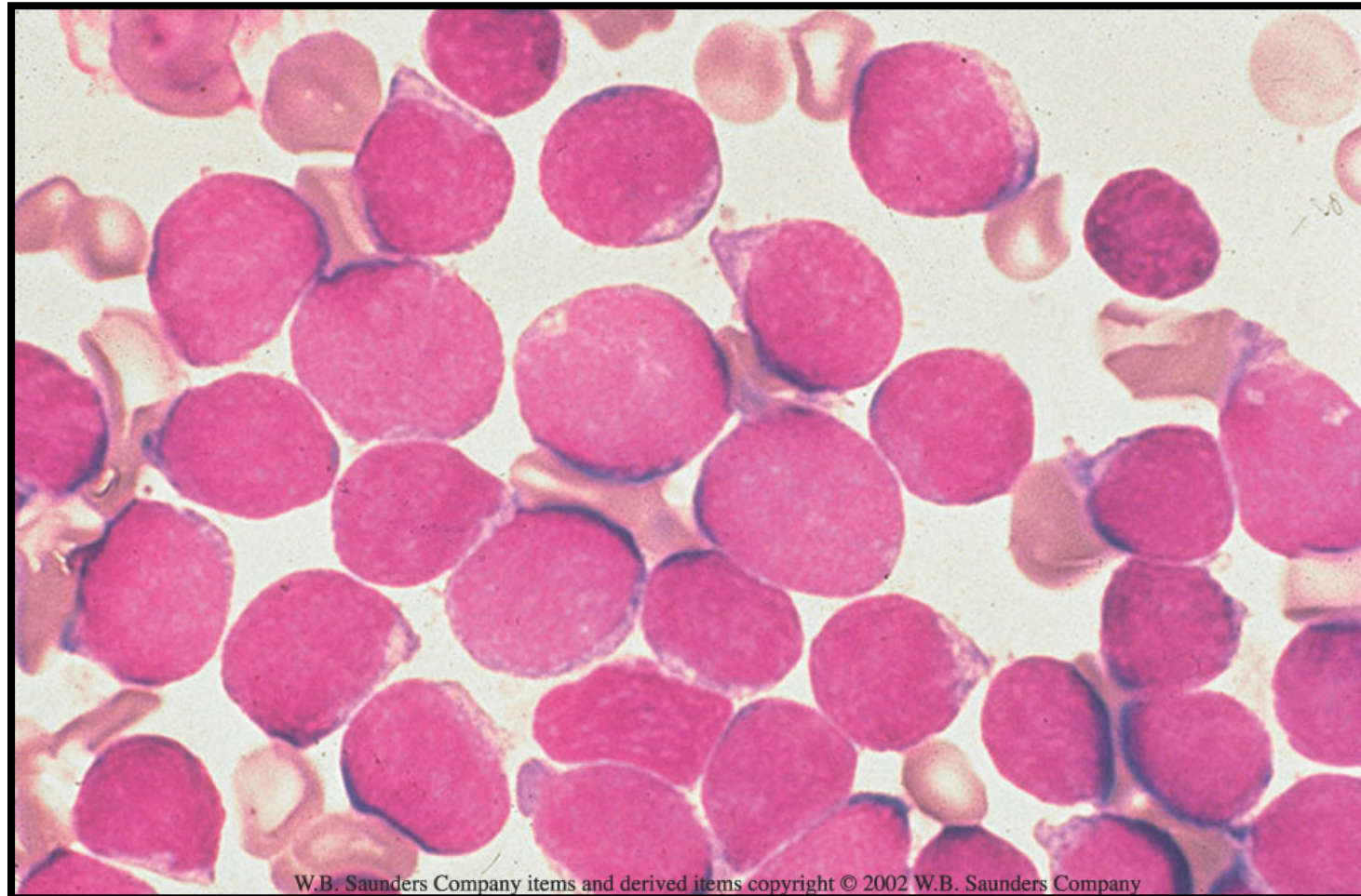
Newborn with cutaneous nodules



Fever, Hepatosplenomegaly

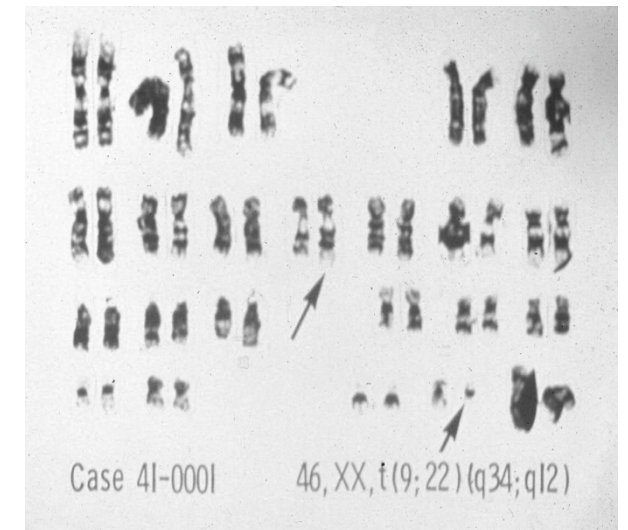
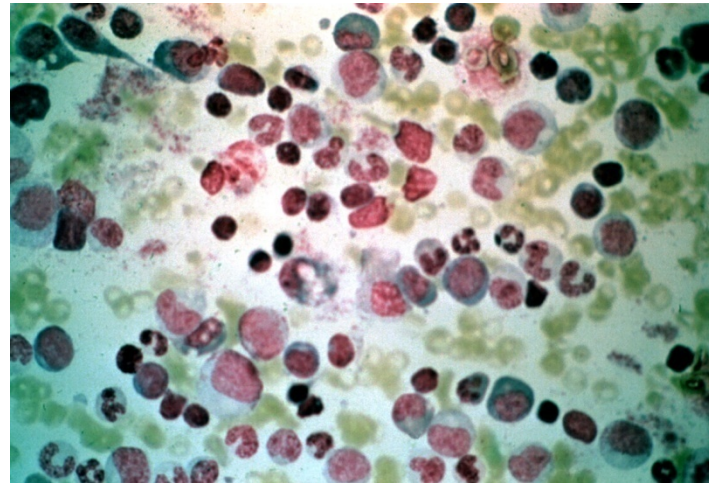


Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

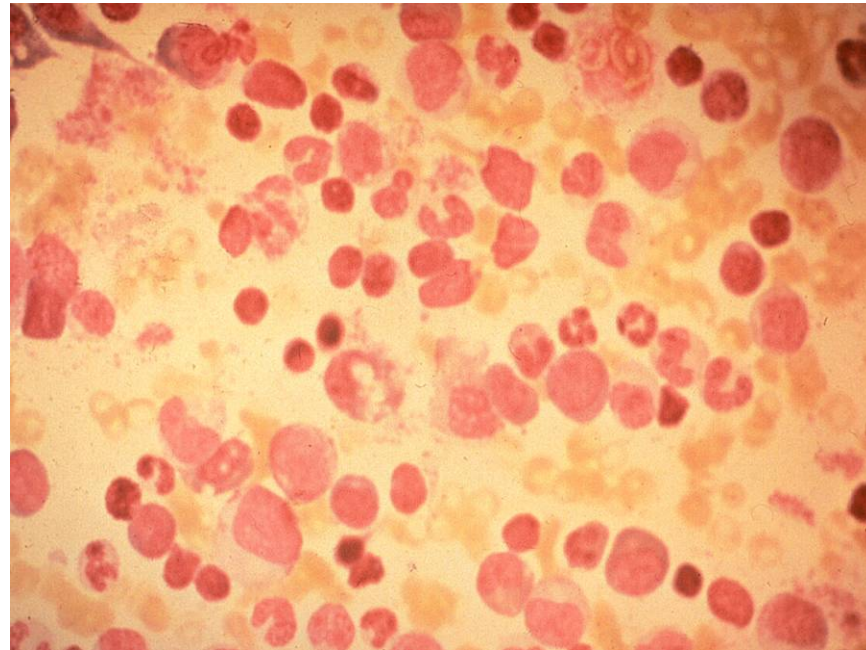


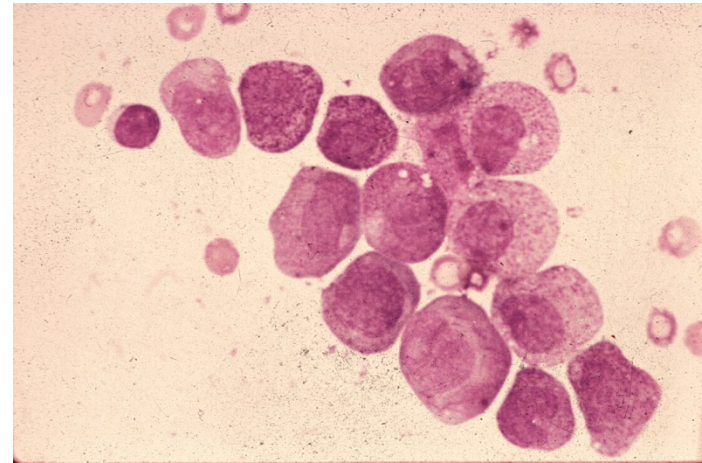
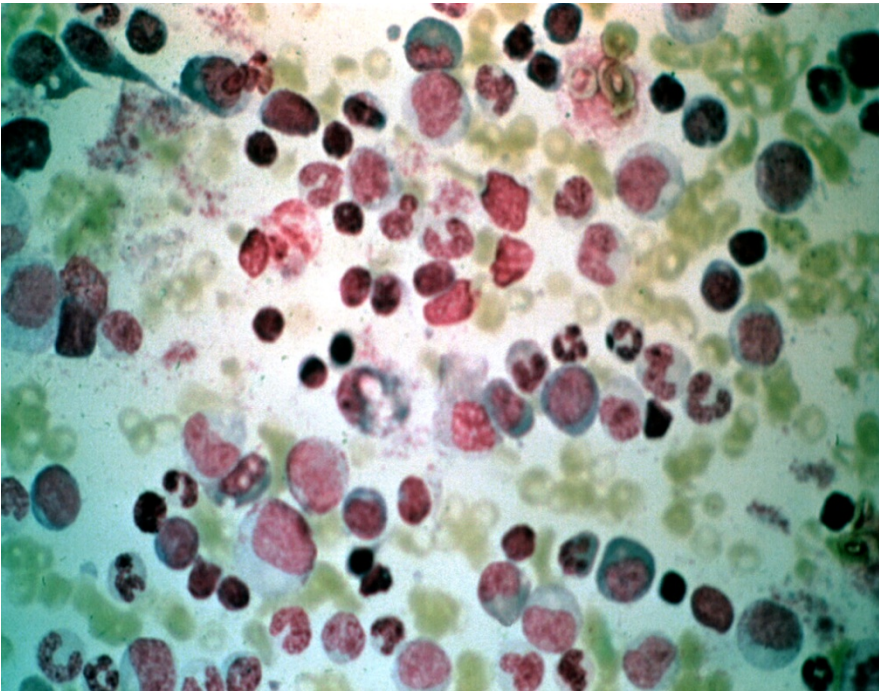
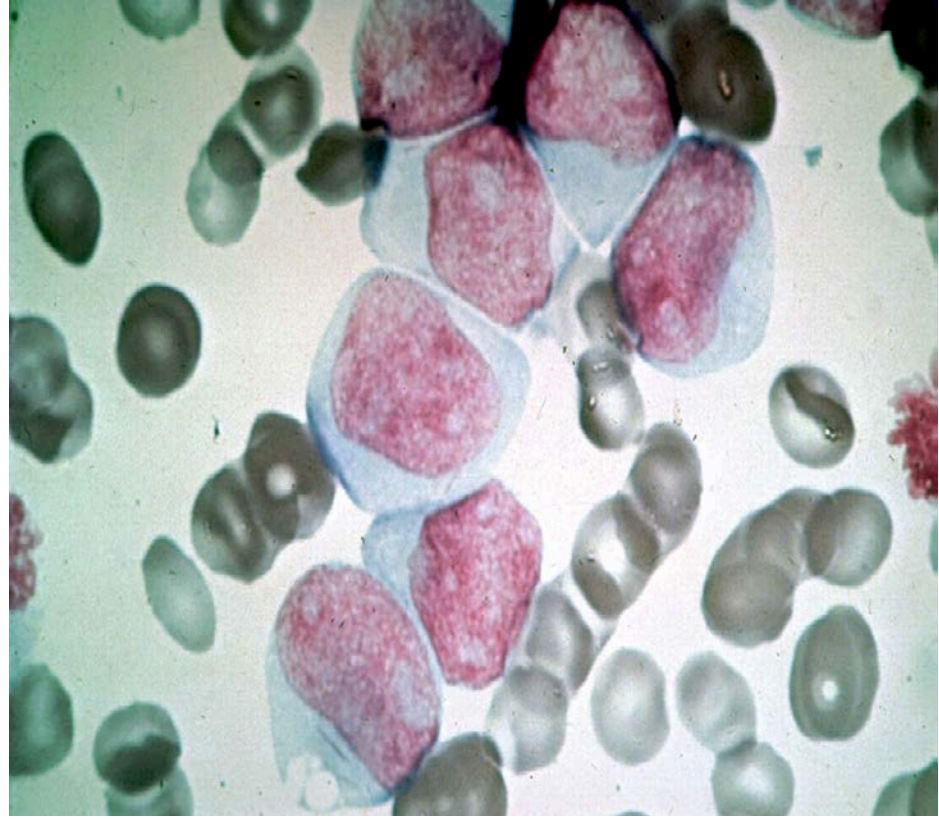
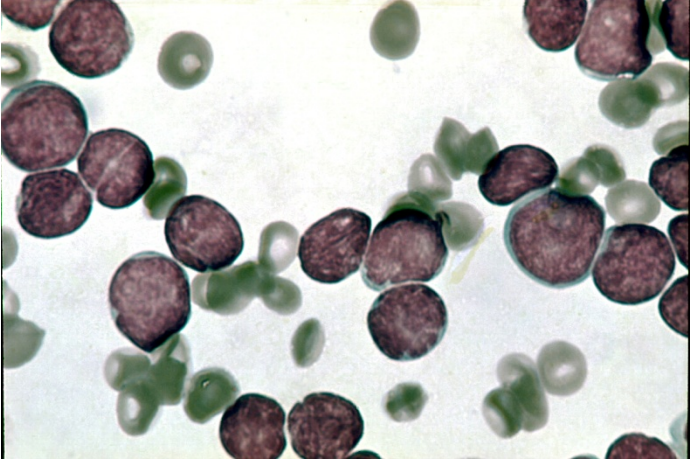
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Teen ager with fatigue



Priapism in an adolescent





CASE 5

A 3 years old boy presented with recurrent history of epistaxis, gum bleeds and petechial spots since past 1 year.

H/O recurrent respiratory tract infections, skin infections present.

Parameter	Report
Hb	10.6 g%
TLC	6600
DLC	N44, L46, E5, M5
Platelet count	10,000 /cu.mm
MCV	84
MCH	29.4
MCHC	33.1
RBC count	3.7 million/cu.mm.
RDW-CV	14.5
MPV	5.6 fL

Recurrent infections and cancer

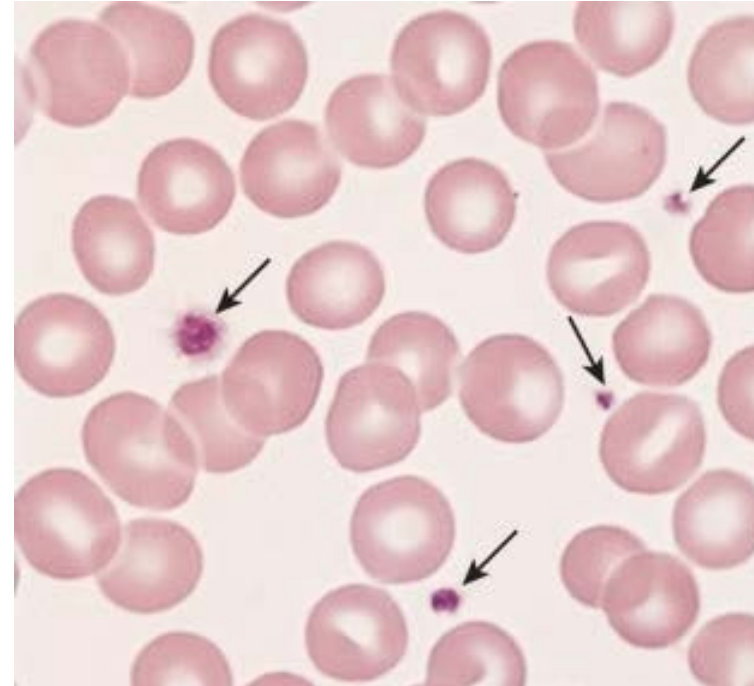
- 2 yr WM, h/o recurrent pneumonia, persistent skin rash and lymphadenopathy. Platelets 40,000.
- Small platelet size MPV
- A male sibling died of septicemia 4 years ago. Skin tests for mumps, Candida and PPD are negative





Mean Platelet Volume (MPV)

- Normal MPV - 7 to 11 fL
- Platelets newly released - larger in size
- Platelets decrease in size with aging
- High MPV
 - Rapid turnover of platelets (ITP, TTP)
 - Bernard Soulier syndrome
 - MYH9- related thrombocytopenias [May-Hegglin anomaly, Sebastian platelet syndrome, Fechtner syndrome and Epstein syndrome]
- Low MPV
 - Wiskott Aldrich syndrome
 - X linked thrombocytopenia



NEWER CBC PARAMETER

- Immature platelet fraction
- Immature granulocytes
- Immature reticulocyte fraction
- Red cell fragments/ Schistocytes
- Reticulocyte hemoglobin

CASE 6

A 7 years old boy admitted with Dengue Hemorrhagic fever

Afebrile, Hemodynamically stable

No bleeding complaints currently

Parameter	Report
Hb	10.6 g%
TLC	4600
DLC	N34, L56, E5, M5
Platelet count	10,000 /cu.mm
IPF (Immature platelet fraction)	24% (Ref: 1 - 7)

Will you transfuse the child?

Immature Platelet Fraction (IPF)

- Quantified by flow cytometry using any fluorescent dye that binds RNA
- Newly released, larger and more reactive
- Reflects the rate of thrombopoiesis
- Usual reference range: 1 – 7%

Immature Platelet Fraction (IPF)

Low IPF → Decreased Production

- Aplastic anemia
- Leukemia
- Marrow suppression
- Drugs

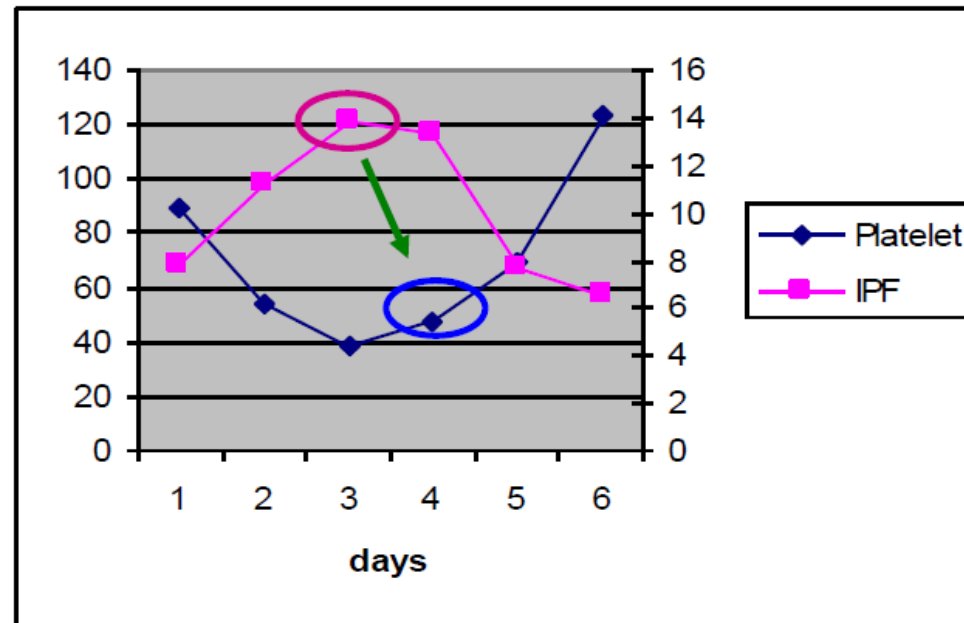
High IPF → Increased Destruction / Regeneration after suppression

- Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP)
- Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura TTP
- Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC) – Drugs

Immature Platelet Fraction (IPF)

- During regeneration phase, IPF rises 1–2 days prior to the platelet count rise.

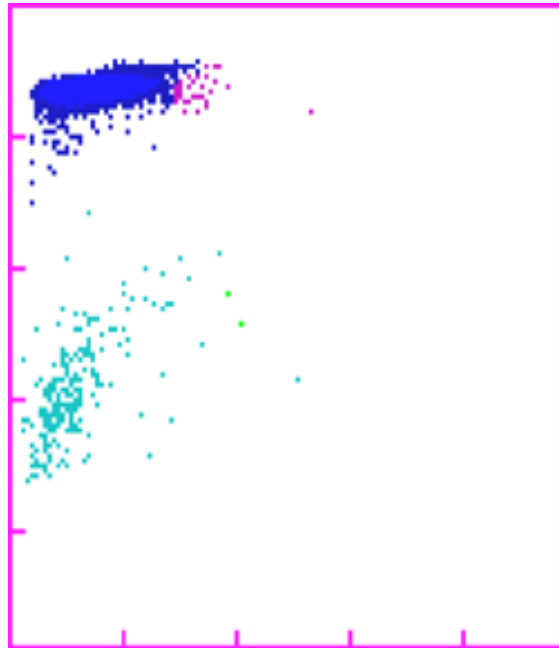
DAYS	1	2	3	4	5	6
PLATELETS	89	54	39	47	70	123
IPF	7.8	11.2	13.9	13.3	7.7	6.5



Transfusion Assessment

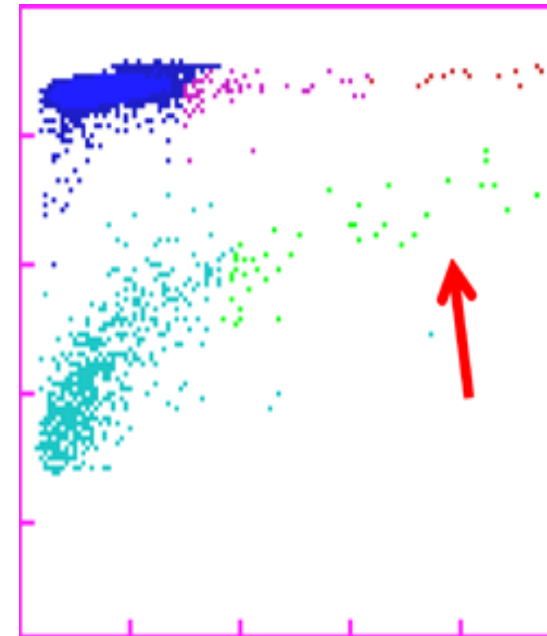
Low PLT + Low IPF

- No Production
- Transfuse



Low PLT+ High IPF

- Production
- Do Not Transfuse



Platelets

- Pseudothrombocytopenia
- Small platelets /low plts -
 - Hyoplastic and aplastic BM
 - Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome
 - X linked thrombocytopenia
 - THC 2 (ANK RD26)
 - Familial Plt disorder with predisposition to AML
 - (FPD/AML)

Platelets

- Large Platelets

ITP , Auto immune

BS , Grey plt syndrome

Type 2 B vWD

May Hegglin anomaly

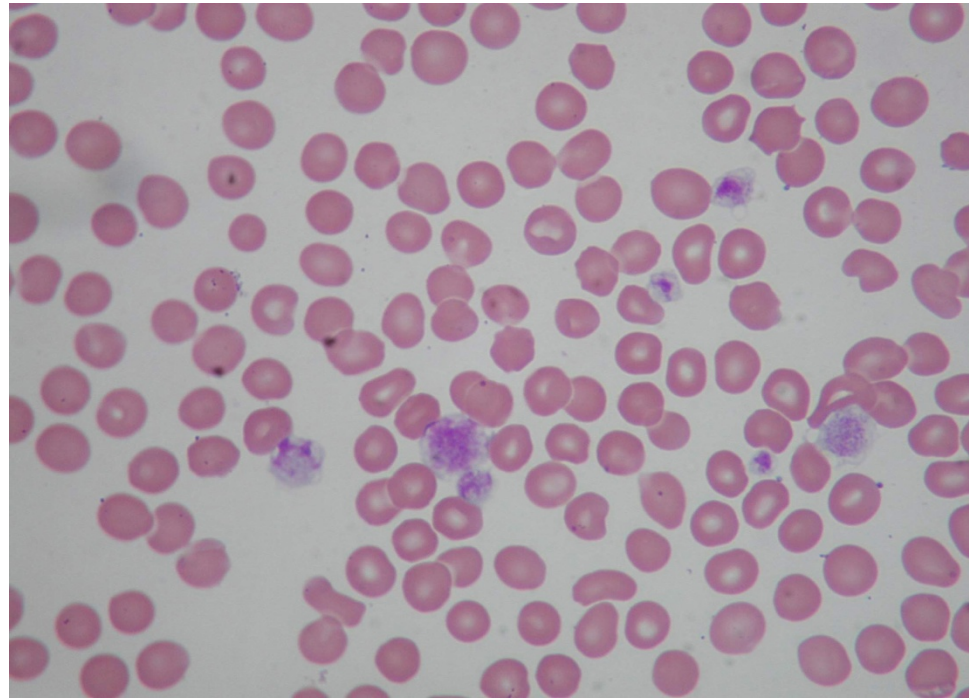
Di George syndrome , Epstein Syndrome

Sebastian Syndrome , Jacobsen Syndrome

Familial Mediterranean macrothrombocytopenia

H/O Nose bleeding, bleeding after extractions

- Large Platelets, decreased numbers

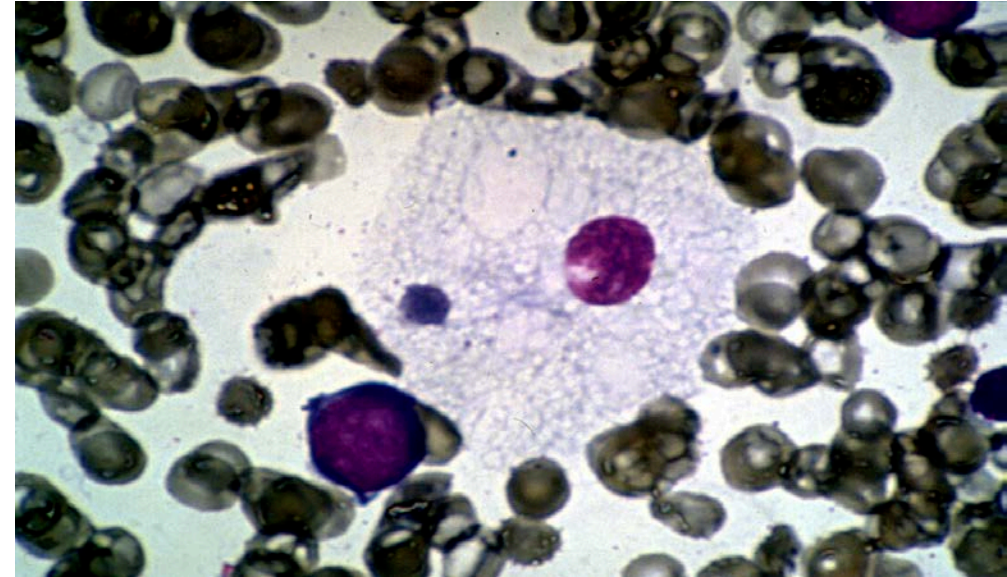
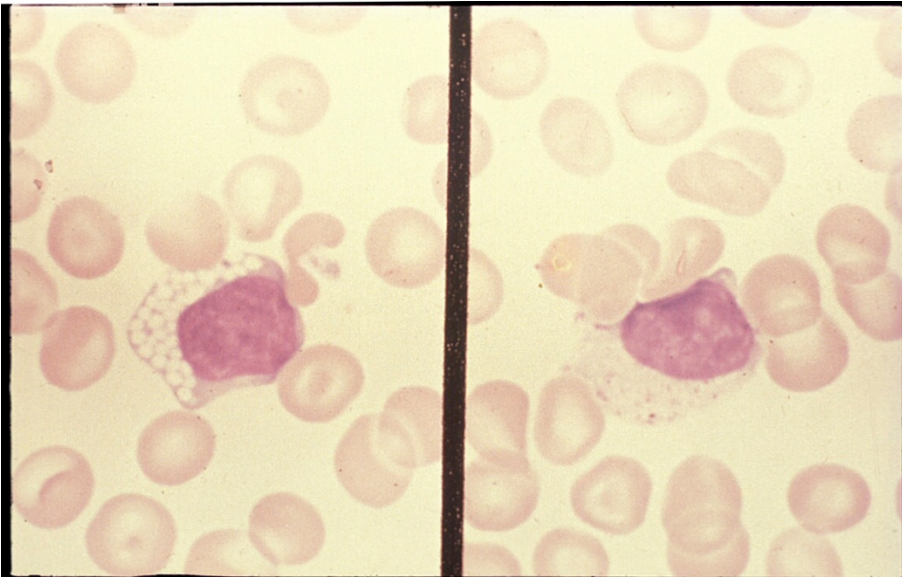
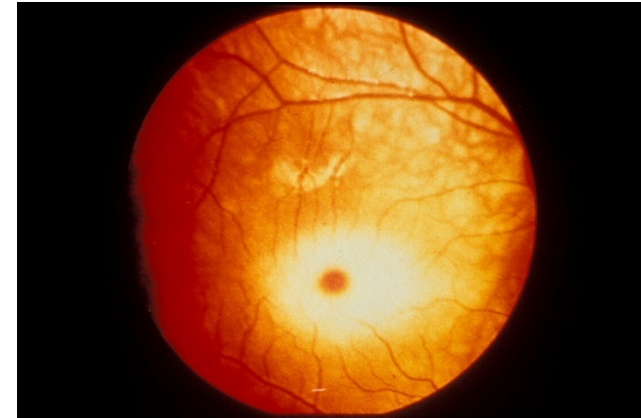


Clinical Case

- LBW, premie at 30 weeks
- Jaundice
- Anemia – Normocytic, NC
- Purpura and Petichiae
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- Platelets – 40,000



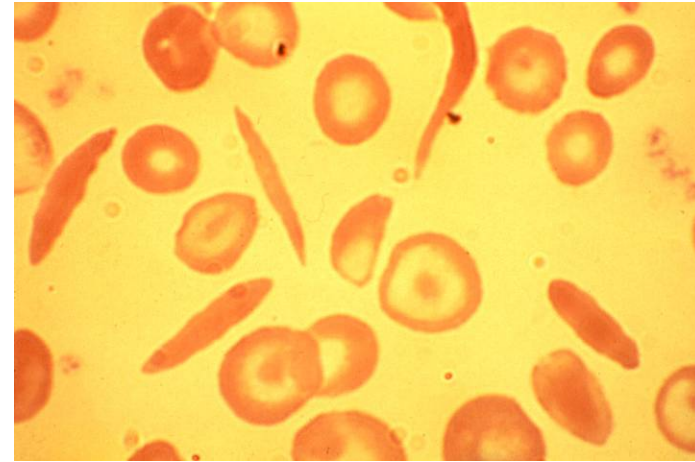
Regression, Hepatosplenomegaly and Pancytopenia



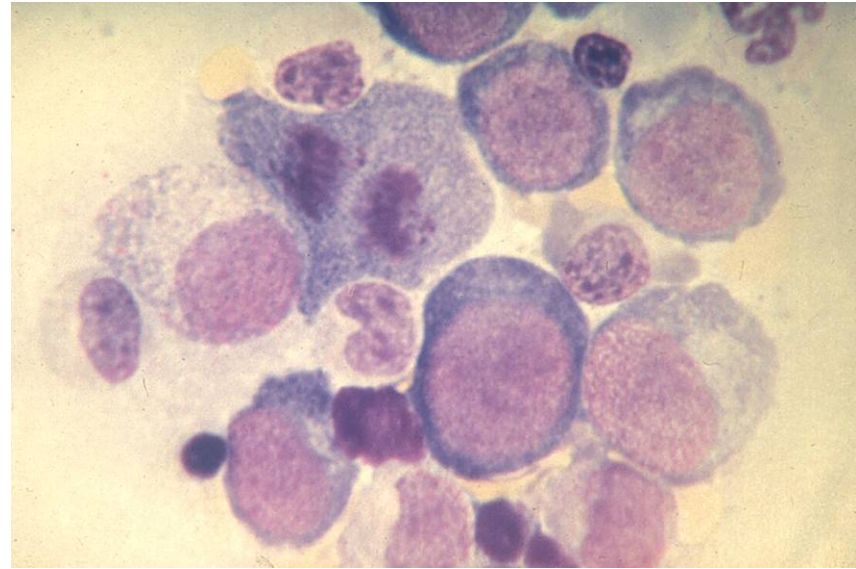


Limping adolescent

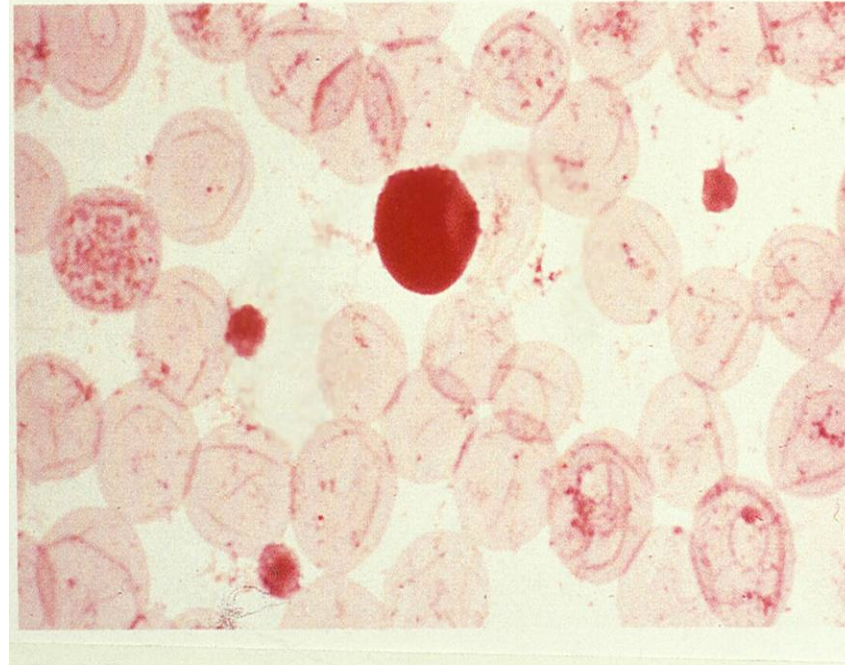
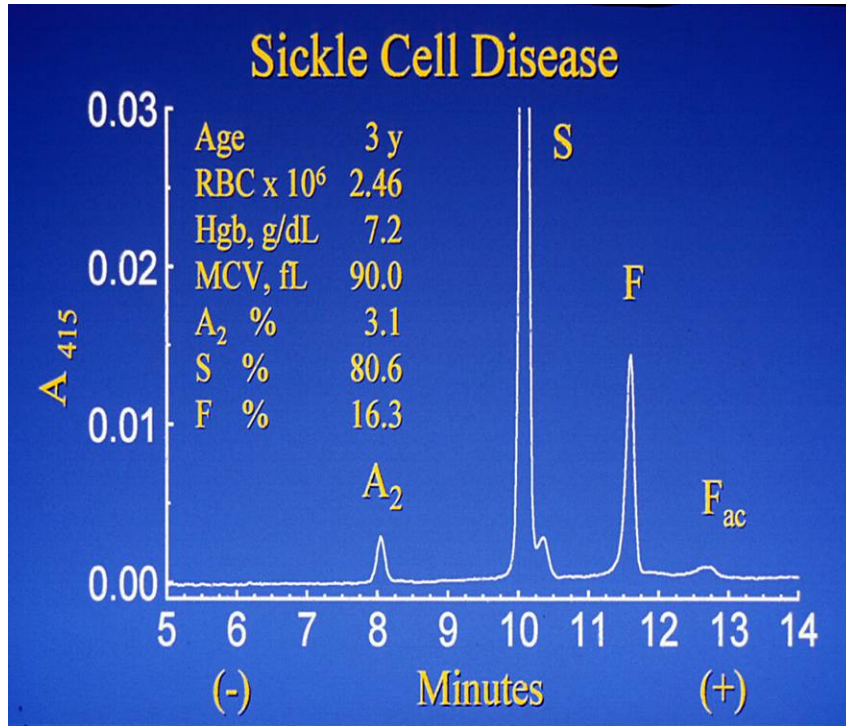
- 15 yr old AA female
- C/O Pain in the hips and limping for 1 month
- Afebrile, No h/o trauma
- H/o Multiple admissions in the past
- Review X-rays



Parvo B 19 Viral Infection



Hb F – protective effect

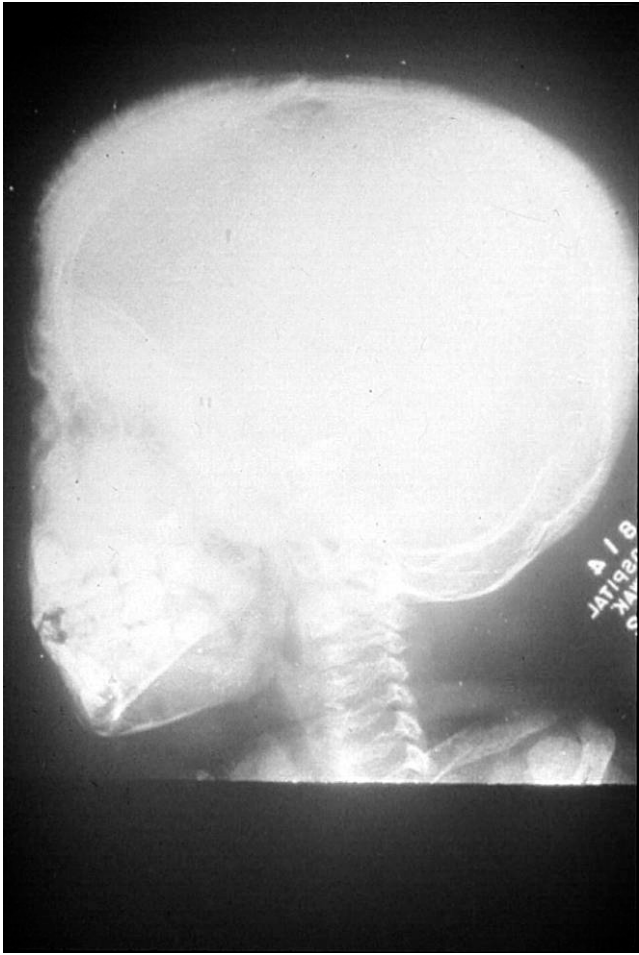


“Bronzed Diabetes”

- Italian male
- Transfused since early infancy
- Review smear
- Comprehensive Diagnosis
- Options for treatment

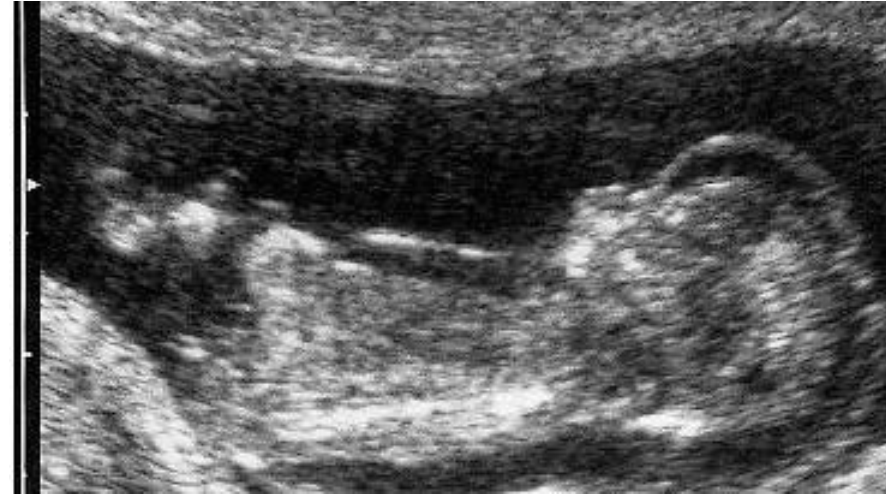


Target cells, Howell Jolly bodies and “hair on end”



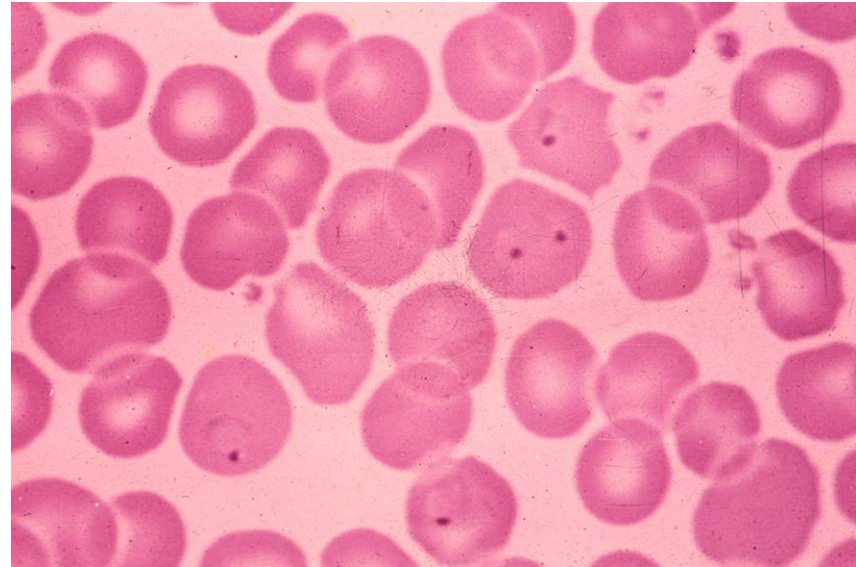
- Death occurs in utero or shortly after delivery
- About 17% of these fetuses also have developmental abnormalities
- Maternal complications:

Thai child with anemia



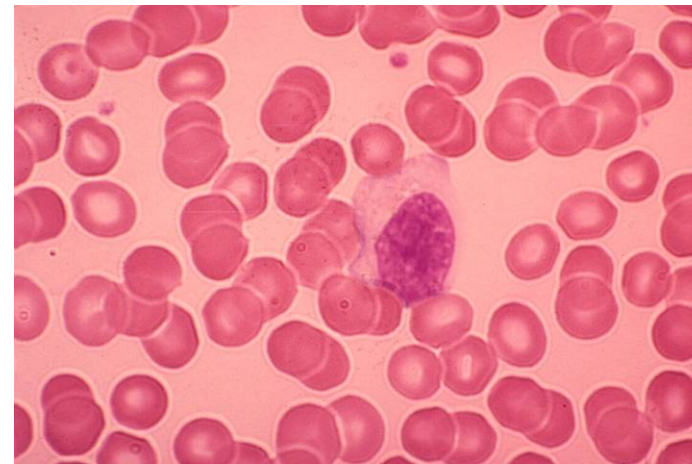
Risky travel!

- 7 yr old with h/o travel to Pakistan
- Fever and dark urine
- Splenomegaly
- Review smear

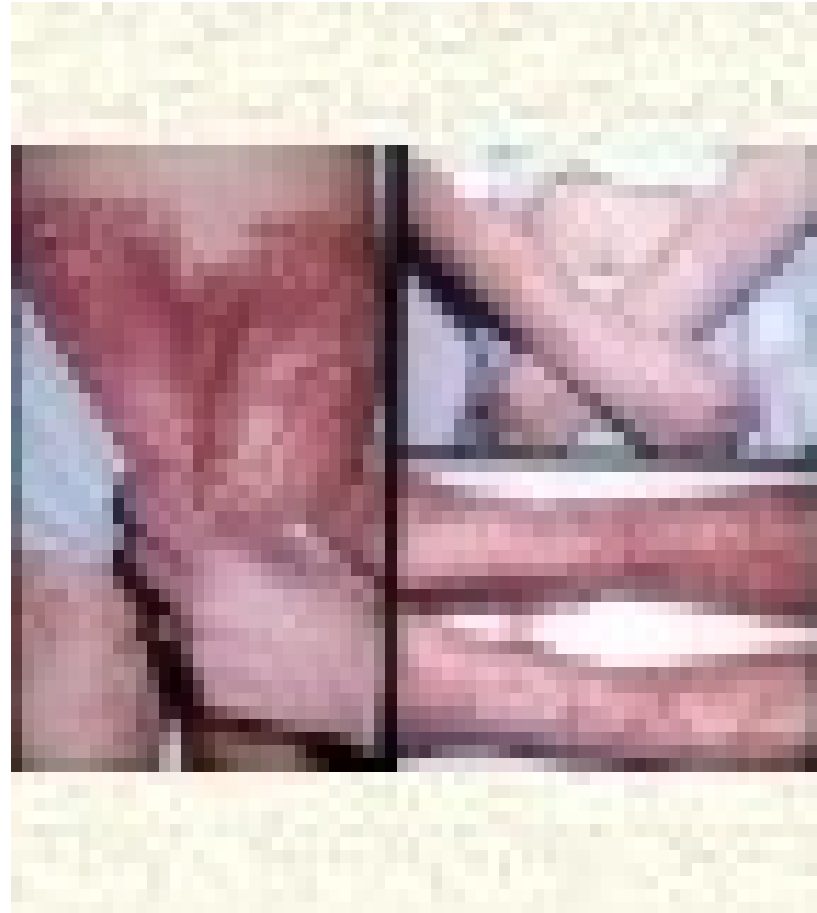


“Kissing cousins”

- Fever, arthralgia
- Exudative Tonsillitis
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- Review smear



Look at the patient first

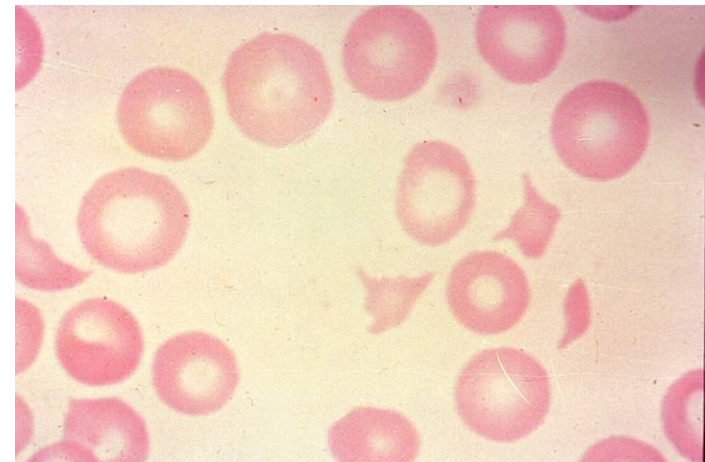


“Blotchy Bottoms”

- 10 yr old white female
- Hematuria x 2 days
- Left knee pain and swelling
- Normal CBC, PT,PTT and smear
- What can cause her to have acute abdominal pain with blood in stools?
- Long term sequelae?

Toxic child in ER

- 2yr old with h/o fever for 1 day
- Toxic, hypotensive
- Hb 5 gms, platelets 21000
- Review smear

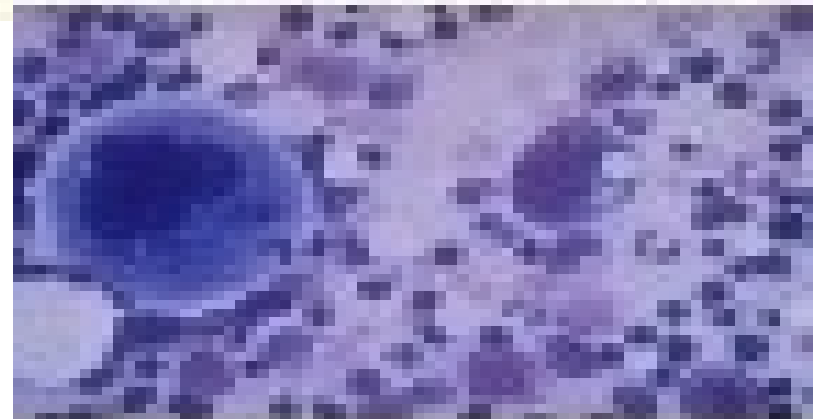
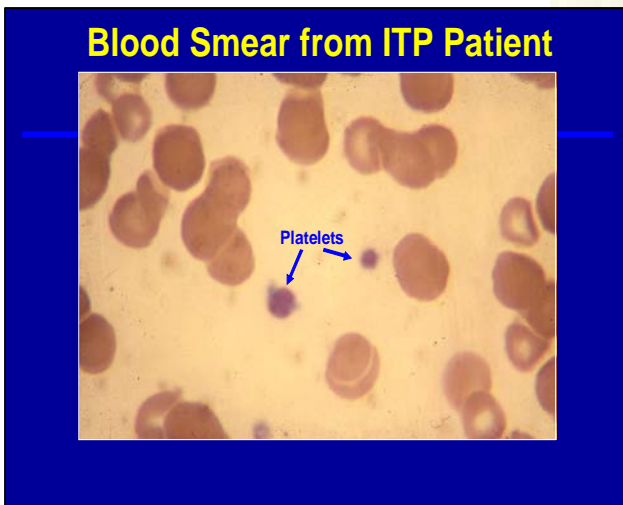
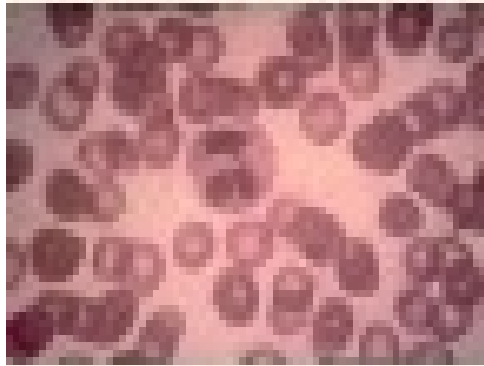


“Covered with bloody spots”

- 6 yr old white female
- Acute onset of Petechia, Purpura
- H/O viral infection
- Normal CBC, platelet - low
- Mega thrombocytes +
- ? Bone marrow needed - DX ?

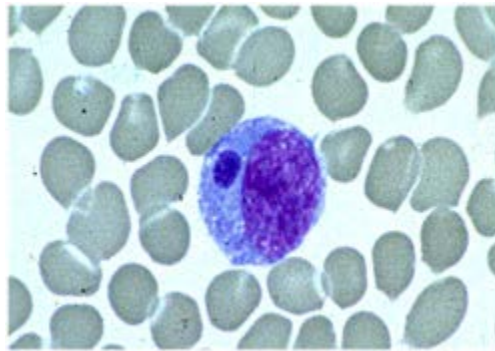


Peripheral Thrombocytopenia with Megathrombocytes



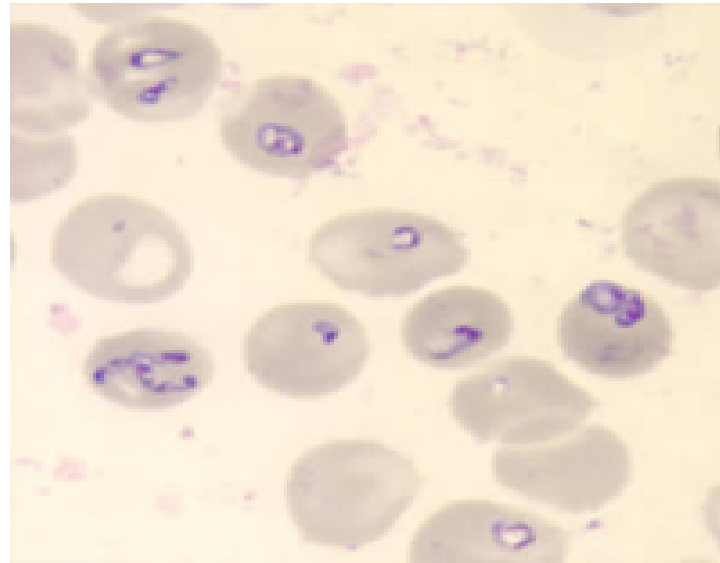
Ticking time bomb!

- Fever, rash on face, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia and hyponatremia in a 17 yr old Louisiana boy
- Lone star state



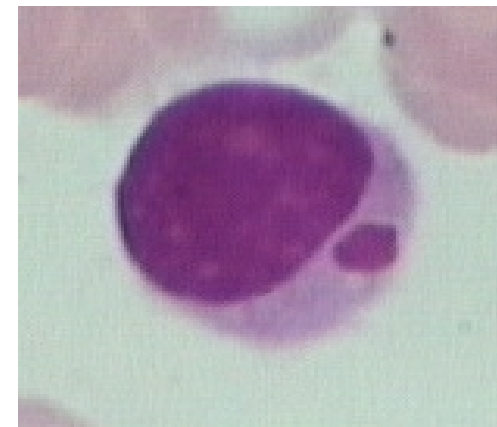
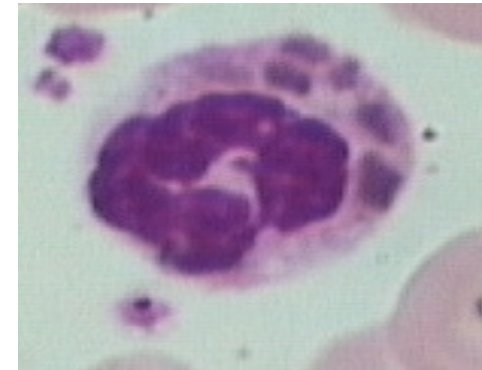
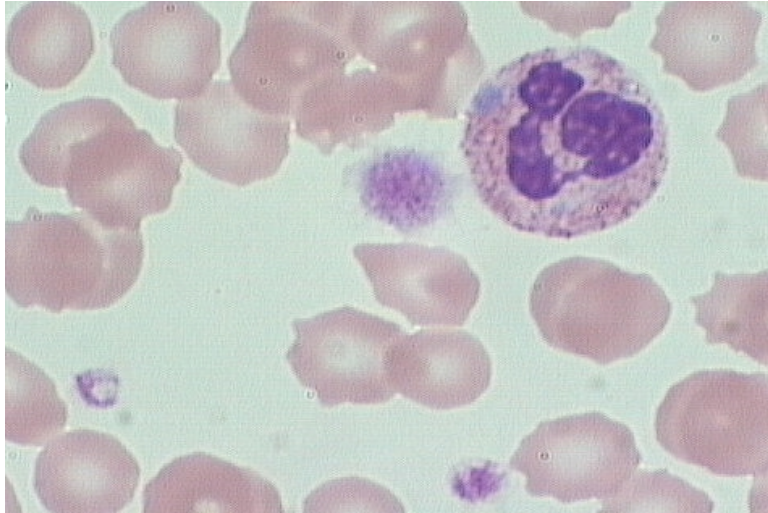
Hemolytic anemia

- Deer Tick - Babesiosis



Inclusions in WBC

- May Hegglin anomaly Chediak Higashi



Coarse facies, Developmental delay



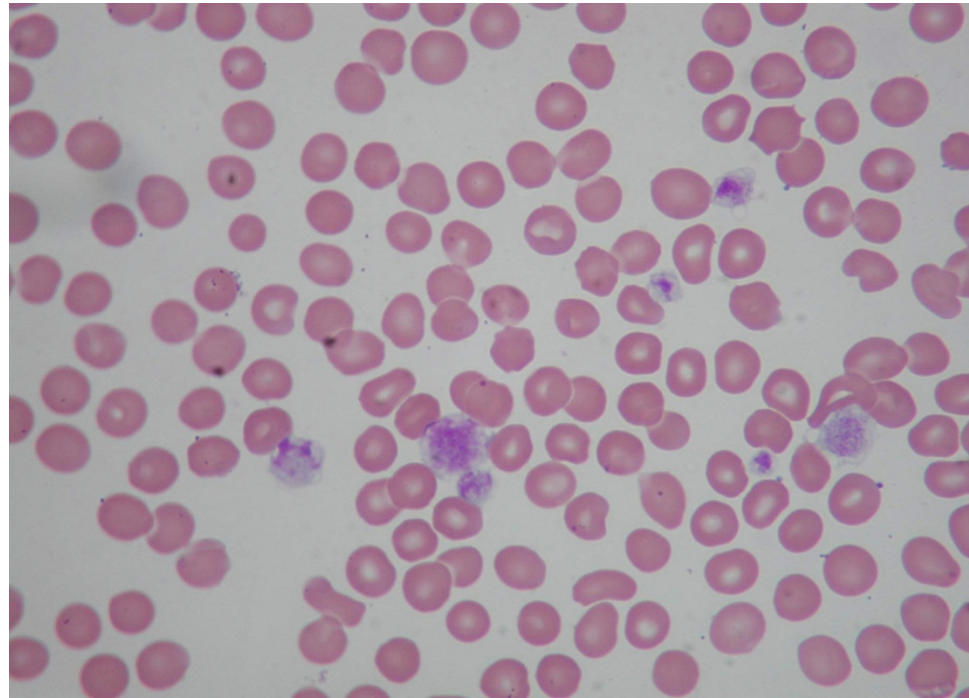
Goat milk drinking infant

- MCV 102 Hb 8.1



H/O Nose bleeding, bleeding after extractions

- Large Platelets, decreased numbers



Hgb 7.7 g/dl

HCT 22%

Platelets 150,000/mcL

WBC 8,200/mcL

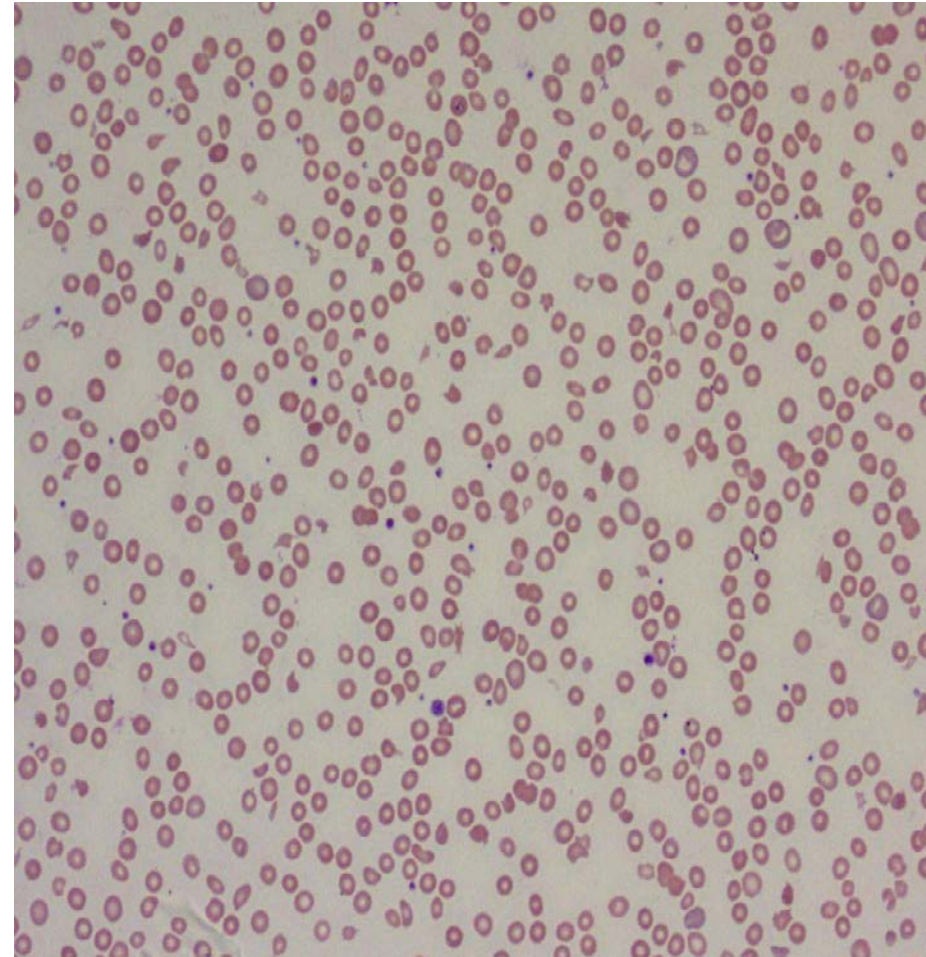
Retic 240,000/mcL

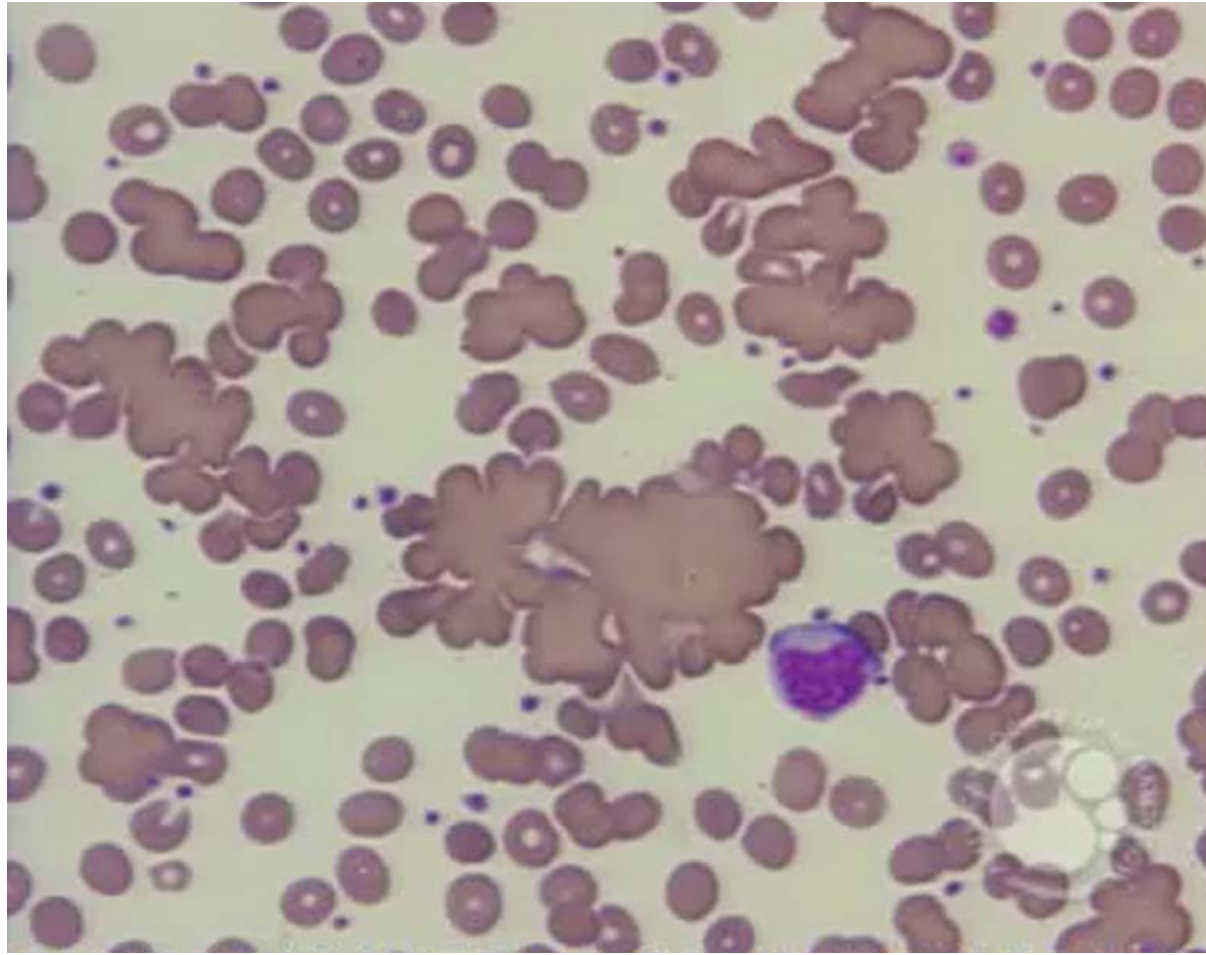
Tbili 3.2 mg/dL Direct 0.2 mg/dL

h/o heart surgery for mechanical valve

What is your diagnosis?

- A. Warm antibody hemolytic anemia**
- B. Cold agglutinin disease**
- C. Valve hemolysis**
- D. Iron deficiency**
- E. Thalassemia trait**





Get ready for years of microscope viewing!!



A. Good H & P

B. CBC, Retic, Smear

C. Further Specific Tests

D. Careful Follow-Up

Summary

