# BLOOD PRACTICAL 3

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# BLOOD GROUPS COAGULATION TIME BLEEDING TIME

### Antigens and antibodies

Group	Antigen on cells	Antibody in plasma
A	A	anti-B
В	В	anti-A
AB	A and B	neither
0	neither	anti-A and anti-B

## Determination of blood groups

#### **4** Major O-A-B blood groups

	Genotypes	Blood Types	Agglutinogens	Aglutinins
lı.	00	O 49%		Anti-A & Anti- B
	OA or AA	A 27%	Α	Anti- B
	<b>OB or BB</b>	B 20%	В	Anti -A
,	AB	<b>AB</b> 4%	A and B	

# **#***Rhesus Blood Types*85% Rh+15%Rh-

#### Blood typing is performed by mixing an individual's RBCs with anti sera containing the various agglutinins on a slide and seeing whether agglutination occurs.

#### **Procedure:**

- From a finger stick, place a drop of blood at each end of a glass slide.
- Add one drop of anti A serum to the A side.
- Add one drop of anti B serum to the B side.
- Gently mix the samples.
- Examine for agglutination.
- When the RBCs clump together they have a speckled or peppered appearance.



Unagglutinated blood smear







The red cells are being clumped (×1400)

Type A blood has A agglutinogens and therefore, agglutinates with anti A agglutinins.

Type B blood has B agglutinogens and therefore, agglutinates with anti B serum.

Type AB blood has both A and B agglutinogens and agglutinates with both types of serum.

Type O RBCs have no agglutinogens and do not react with either the anti A or the anti B serum.

#### Interpretation



Slides showing the agglutination of blood with anti-A and anti-B sera

## **CLINICAL IMPORTANCE**

Blood Transfusion

Medicolegal Importance

Rh-Fetal Maternal Compatibility

#### Blood transfusion

Group	Can donate blood to	Can receive blood from
A	A and AB	A and O
В	B and AB	B and O
AB	AB	all groups
0	all groups	0

Rh- ve can¢t take from Rh+ve
Rh+ve can take from Rh-ve
Ex:
A+ can receive from: A+ A- O+ OA- can receive from A- O-

## Minors blood group systems

Beside antigens of the ABO system, there are other erythrocyte Ags (and plasma ATBs against them): Kell, Duffy, MN, Kidd, Lewis.

Transfusion reactions caused by the minor blood groups are relatively rare unless repeated transfusions are given.

## Determination of the bleeding time

#### **Definition**:

It is the time taken from the start of the bleeding to the stopping of the bleeding.

## **Procedure**

Clean the lobe of the ear. Dry, make a skin puncture (3mm deep) and start the stopwatch.

Collect the first drop of blood on the corner of a blotting paper and every 30 seconds thereafter.



The blotting paper must not touch the puncture point at any time

Keep each subsequent drop a little further along the side of the filter paper. The drops become progressively smaller.

When no more blood appears, stop the stopwatch and note the time.



#### *Normal range :2-5 minutes.*

**It is prolonged in:** 

Impaired capillary contractility

< Thrombocytopenia.

Or in platelet factor defects.

### **Determination of the coagulation time**

**Clot** or thrombus consists of a meshwork of fibrin fibers, running in all directions and entrapping blood cells and platelets.

The essential change in the coagulation of blood is the conversion of the soluble plasma fibrinogen into insoluble fibrin.



#### **Initiation of clotting**

#### In VIVO

The first plasma protein in the intrinsic pathway is factor XII: when it is disturbed such as by coming into contact with collagen (or with a wettable surface such as glass) it converts into XIIa.



In VITRO

 The glass surface acts like collagen and induces the same activation of factor XII and aggregation of platelets as a damaged vessel surface.

## **CLOTTING TIME**

# **Definition:**

It is the time taken from the start of bleeding to clot (fibrin)

formation.

## PROCEDURE

- Prick a finger and start stop watch
  Fill a capillary tube
- ≈ 2 minutes later break it and separate the two halves slowly.
- ①Repeat the procedure at 30 second interval.
- Stop the stop watch when fine strands of fibrin are seen between the broken ends.

## Normal Range : 36 6 mn

## It is prolonged in:

- 4 Deficiency of any of the factors in the intrinsic pathway.
- Hemophilia (factor VIII deficiency) (85%) and Vonvillbrand disease (factor IX deficiency) (15%).
- Presence of a circulatory anticoagulant like heparin.

# Thank You...