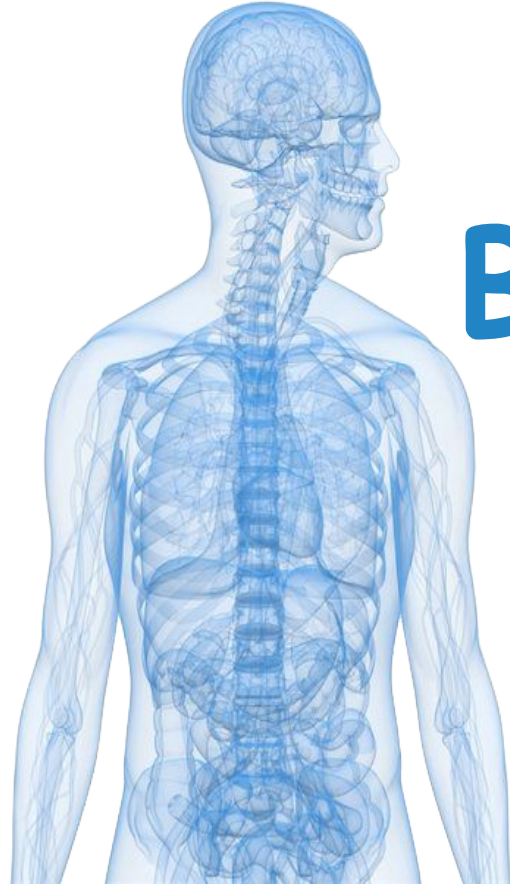


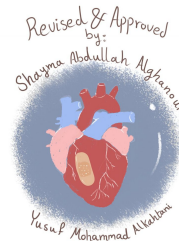
# Blood Physiology



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**Blue: In male slides**

**Pink: In female slides**

**Green: Notes & extra information**

# Objectives

- Summarize the synthesis of Hemoglobin** and Its structure, functions, types of HB.
- Plasma: Definition, Composition, Ionic Composition of the Plasma, functions of the plasma proteins.**
- **Discuss the importance of Vitamin B12 & Folic Acid as maturation factors for the RBCs.**
- Describe the process of Vit B12 & folic acid absorption and Vit B12 malabsorption.**
- Discuss iron metabolism (absorption, storage and transport) .**
- Outline the pathogenesis of hereditary spherocytosis**
- Anemia: Definition, Symptoms, Causes.**
- Recognize causes of polycythemia.**

# Hemoglobin

## Synthesis:

It occurs in the **mitochondria** of the developing RBC in **bone marrow**

1- **Transferrin** attaches to surface receptor.

2- **Iron (Fe<sup>2+</sup>)** is **released** and **transported to mitochondria** where it **combines** with **protoporphyrin ring** to form **heme**.

3- **Heme** combines with **α and β protein chains** formed **on the ribosomes** to make **hemoglobin**

## functions:

Buffer

Transportation of respiratory gases.

- Carriage of O<sub>2</sub>: Hb reversibly bind O<sub>2</sub> to form oxyhemoglobin, affect by pH, temperature, H<sup>+</sup>

- Carriage of CO<sub>2</sub>: Hb bind CO<sub>2</sub> = carboxyhemoglobin

## Hemoglobin structure

Concentration of Hb in the Blood Measured as g/dl (grams per deciliter, or per 100 ml)

Accounts for more than 95% of protein in RBC.

It is a Globular protein

Each Hemoglobin molecule can have 4 Oxygen molecules (O<sub>2</sub>)

consist of 4 chains each formed of

Heme

polypeptide chain (Globin).

iron (Fe<sup>2+</sup>)

protoporphyrin ring

Iron in the heme is ferrous (Fe<sup>2+</sup>), combines reversibly with oxygen.

Average values:

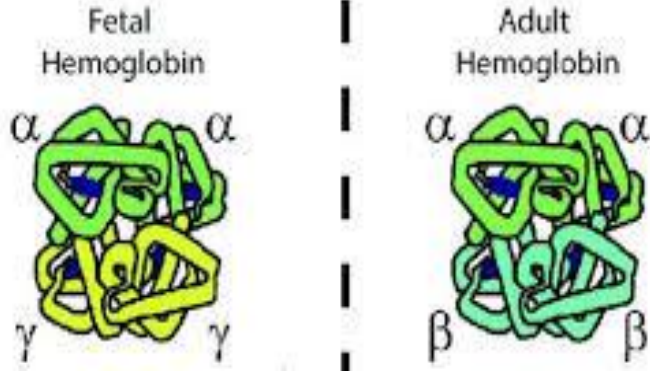
Male: 13.5-17.5 g/dl (**16 g/dl**)

Female: 12.0-15.5 g/dl (**14 g/dl**)

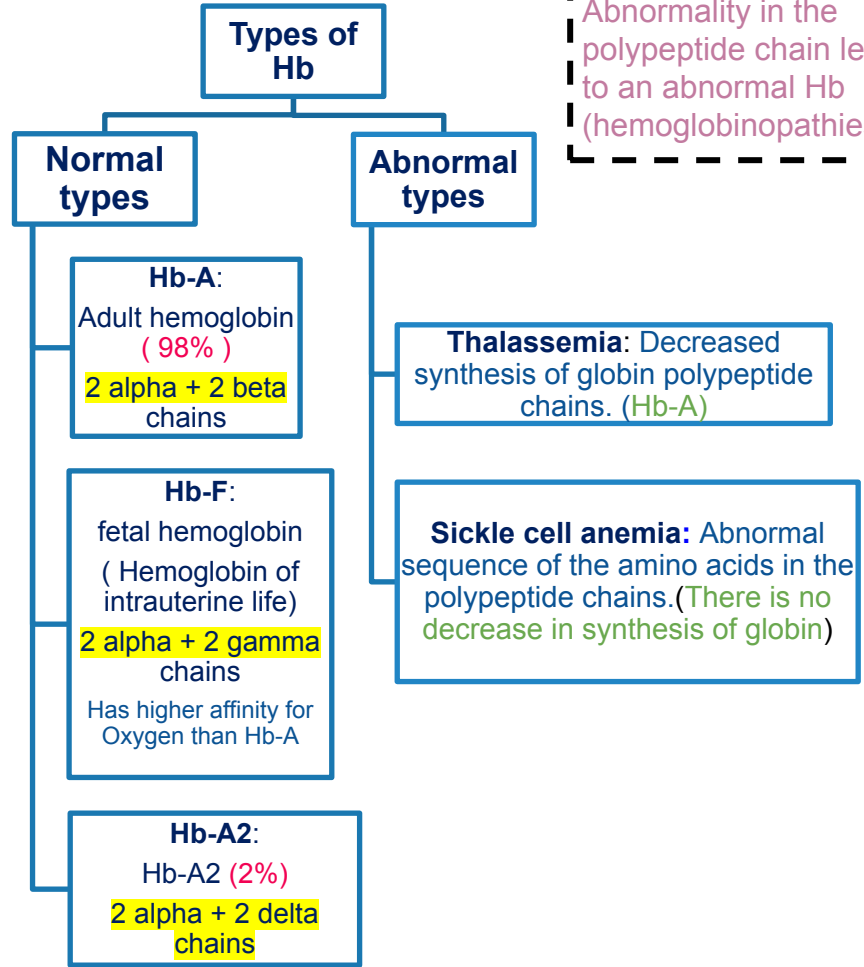
Infants: 14.0-19.0 g/dl

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# Types of HB



Abnormality in the polypeptide chain leads to an abnormal Hb (hemoglobinopathies).



## Breakdown :

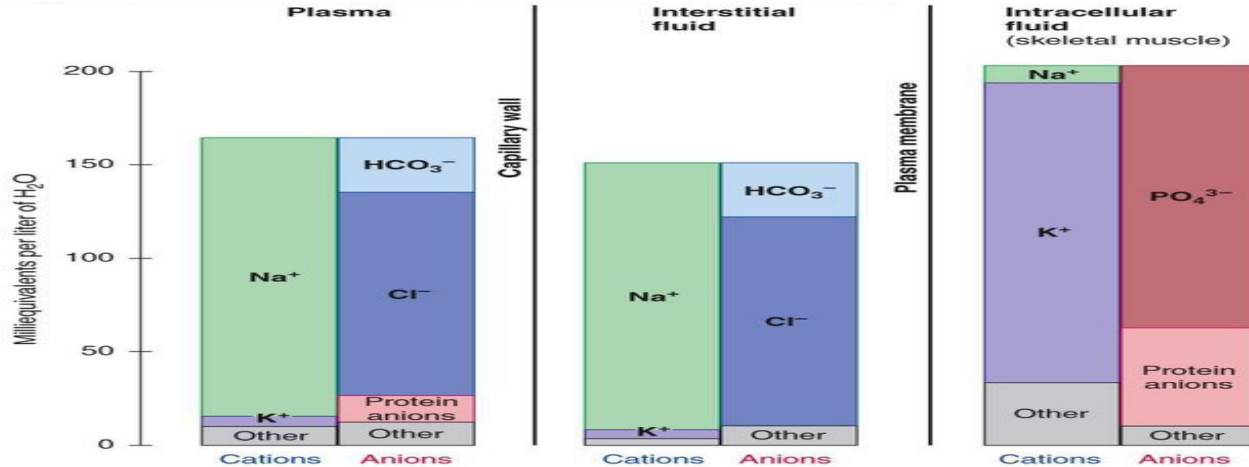
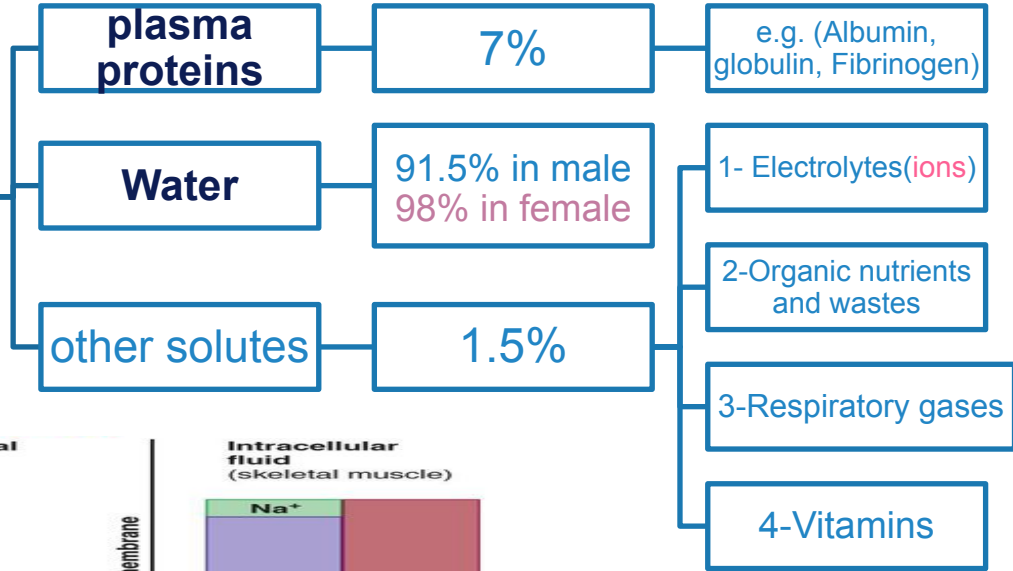
- Globin → protein pool.
- Haem → iron (reused).
- porphyrin is converted to bilirubin.

Jaundice is caused by a buildup of bilirubin, which is a waste material in the blood results from the breaking down of Hb.

# Plasma

## plasma Composition

**Serum:** plasma minus clotting proteins



Same ionic composition as interstitial fluid.

# Plasma

Function	details	Type of the plasma Protein
Generation of plasma colloid osmotic pressure (oncotic pressure)	most capillary walls are relatively impermeable to the proteins in plasma, and the proteins therefore exert an osmotic force of about <b>25 mm Hg</b> across the capillary wall (oncotic pressure that pulls water into the blood.) <b>Albumin is the most abundant protein in plasma</b>	Albumin
Buffering function of plasma proteins	the plasma proteins are also responsible for 15% of the buffering capacity of the blood.(Hemoglobin had 85% of the buffering power of the blood)	All types of plasma proteins
Plasma proteins function as nonspecific carriers	for various hormones (e.g.,cortisol, thyroxin), other solutes (e.g., iron, cupper), and drugs	Albumin + $\alpha$ Globulins
Defense	Gamma globulins are antibodies	Y Globulins
Blood clotting	-	$\beta$ Globulins, Fibrinogen Prothrombin

$\alpha$ Globulins	$\gamma$ Globulins	$\beta$ Globulins
Transport Protein	-Defensive Protein -Immunoglobulins -Antibodies	Coagulation factor

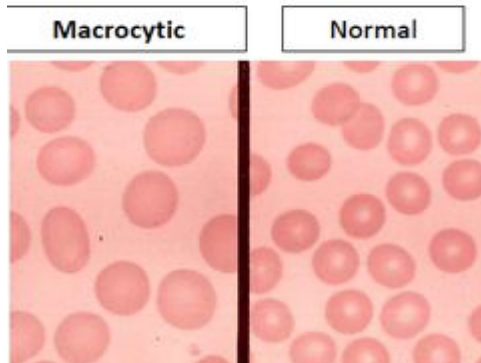
# Vitamin B12 and Folic acid

## Importance:

- Final Maturation factors for the RBCs.
- Essential for DNA synthesis.

## Manifestations of Deficiency:

- Macrocytic (megaloblastic anemia)
- Abnormal large
- **Fragile cells** & **oval shape**.
- Failure of nuclear maturation & division**.
- short life span**.
- reduced RBC count & Hb**.



	<u><b>Vitamin B12</b></u>	<u><b>Folic acid</b></u>
<b>Origin - source -</b>	Animal sources only (meat, liver,milk,...etc)	Animal and plant sources (meat, liver, fruits, vegetables). Easily destroyed by cooking.
<b>Storge</b>	In the liver in <b>large amounts</b> , enough for around 3 -4 years	In the liver in <b>very small amounts</b> .
<b>Causes of Deficiency</b>	1 – <u>Defective absorption</u> (pernicious anemia). 2 – <u>Defective storage</u> (liver diseases). 3 – Dietary deficiency (very rare).	1 – <u>Dietary deficiency</u> (Important cause). 2 – Defective absorption. 3 – Defective storage (liver diseases).
<b>Absorption</b>	<u>Intrinsic factor</u> is secreted by parietal cells of the stomach to bind vitamin B12 and helps its absorption. Absorption occurs in the <u>terminal ileum</u> , So macrocytic anemia occurs in: 1 – Distal small intestinal diseases. 2 – deficiency of intrinsic factor lead to <u>malabsorption</u> of vitamin B12 (Pernicious anemia).	Mainly in the jejunum.

# Iron

Total amount in the body =3-5 gm, distributed as follows:

- 1- Hb (65-75%)
- 2- storage iron (20-30%) in the liver, spleen & bone marrow (ferritin)(available).
- 3- intracellular oxidative enzymes(1%)(non-available).
- 4- transport or plasma iron.Myoglobin (4%)

## Sources:

Animal and plant (liver-meat-fruits-vegetables)

## Forms:

1-Organic 2-Inorganic

## Daily intake:

10-20 mg/day

## Iron absorption:

- Absorption mainly in the duodenum.
- Iron must be absorbed in the Ferrous form ( $Fe^{2+}$ ).

## Steps of iron absorption:

1- Iron in food is in the oxidized form (ferric)( $Fe^{3+}$ ), to be absorbed it is reduced to the ferrous state ( $Fe^{2+}$ ).

2-When Ferric reaches the stomach: Ferric  $\xrightarrow[\text{Vitamin C}]{\text{HCl}}$  Ferrous

( The function of gastric HCl & Ascorbic acid (vitamin C) is to convert the Ferric to Ferrous ( the absorption form) )

3-Duodenum & upper part of small intestine:

- Active transport of ferrous ions at the luminal border.
- once in the intestinal mucosal cell iron is attached to a non-ferritin protein carrier & either ;

transported across the serosal border to be picked up by transferrin.

OR

stored as ferritin by combining with apoferritin.



# Iron

Rate of absorption is determined by:

- - the rate of iron loss from the body
- - Size of iron stores
- - Rate of erythropoiesis.

it is regulated by the protein (**Hepcidin**),  
normally 10-15% will be absorbed

Then Iron is transported in the bloodstream  
(Plasma) carried on the carrier protein:  
(**Transferrin**) “ transferrin= apotransferrin+iron “

Factors decreasing iron absorption:

- Phosphates, phytates & oxalates in diet.
- Achlorhydria ( decrease Hcl ),gastrectomy.
- Malabsorption syndromes or chronic diarrhea.

Iron deficiency:

**Causes:**

- 1 - **Blood loss** (the most important cause).
- 2 - Dietary deficiency.
- 3 - Defective absorption.
- 4 - Defective storage (liver diseases).

**Results in blood film:**

Microcytic anemia

Iron excretion:

0.5-1.0 mg (feces, skin, urine)

Daily loss of iron is 0.6 mg in male & 1.3mg/day in females

Iron storage ( 1 gm ) :

Iron is stored in two forms:

1-Ferritin (apoferritin + iron)

1-Hemosiderin (insoluble complex molecule, in liver, spleen, bone marrow)

# Anemia

## Definition:




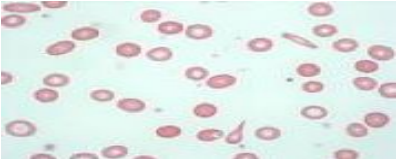
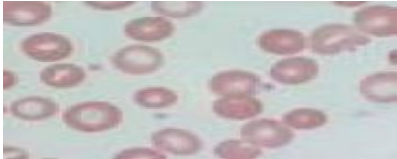

- ↓ Decrease the number of RBC
- ↓ Decrease HB
- ↓ Oxygen supply to tissues

*Below the normal level of the same age & Gender*

## Symptoms - depending on the severity - :

- Pale skin
- Fatigue + Weakness + Tiring easily
- Breathlessness + Racing heart or palpitations
- Postural (orthostatic) hypotension: Drop in blood pressure when standing from a sitting or lying position – this may happen after acute blood loss, like a heavy period
- Frequent headaches
- Becoming irritated easily + Concentration difficulties
- Loss of appetite or Strange food cravings.

# Types of anemia

Microcytic hypochromic	Normocytic normochromic	Megaloblastic or macrocytic
		
		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- microcytic = smaller size</li><li>- hypochromic = less hemoglobin</li><li>- increased zone of central pallor</li><li>- anisocytosis = variation in size</li><li>- poikilocytosis = variation in shape</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Normal HB</li><li>- normal RBCs' size.</li><li>- Decreased number Of RBCs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The hypersegmented neutrophil and also that the RBC are almost as large as the lymphocyte.</li><li>- There are fewer RBCs.</li></ul>

# Full Blood Count (FBC)

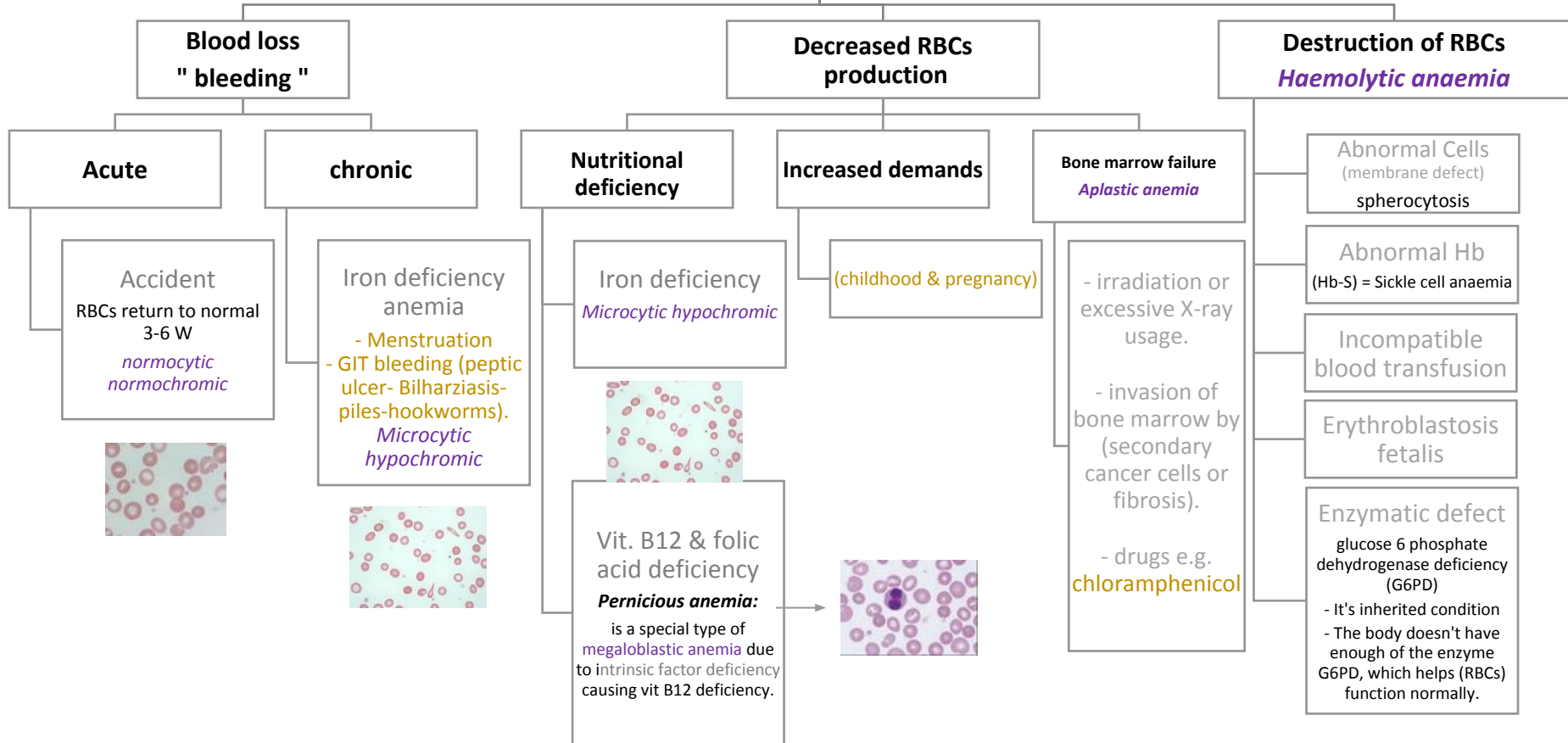
- MCV (Mean Corpuscular Volume)

- The MCV shows the size of the red blood cells.  $MCV = \frac{Hct}{RBC}$

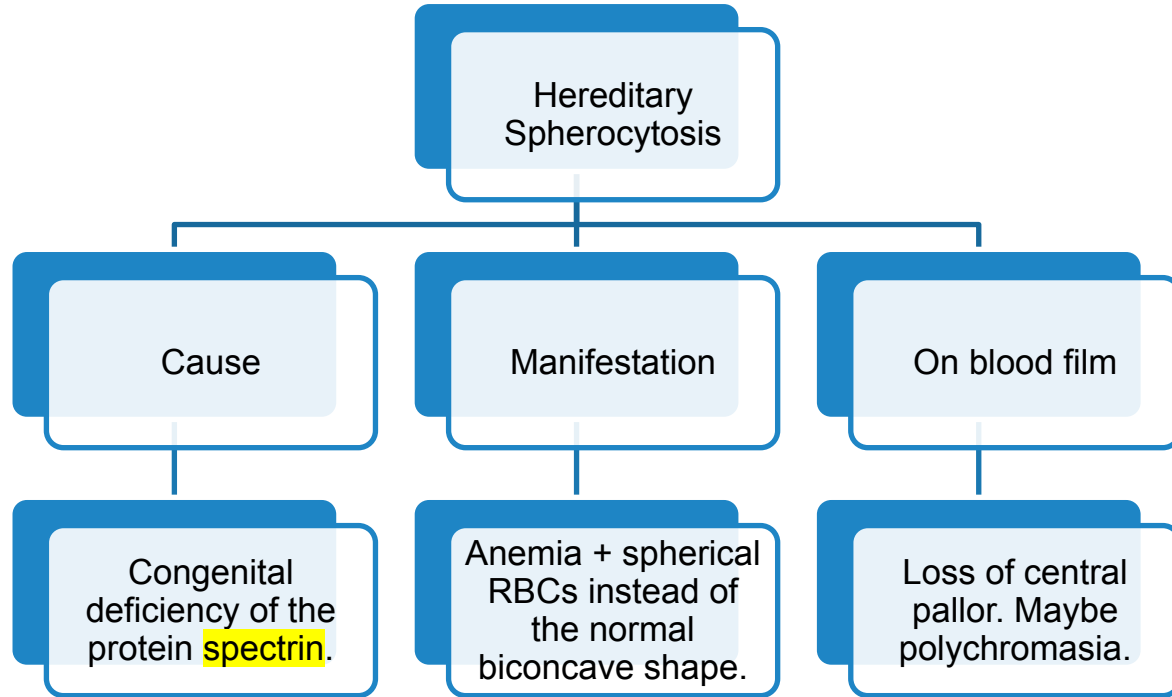
- MCH (Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin)

- The MCH value is the amount of hemoglobin in an average red blood cell.  $MCH = \frac{Hgb}{RBC}$

# Anemia

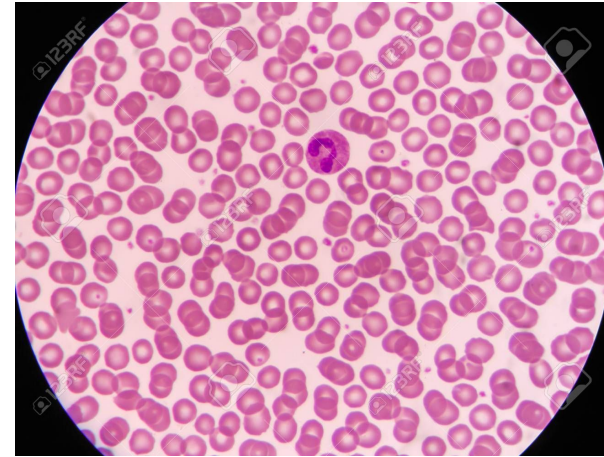


# Clinical correlation

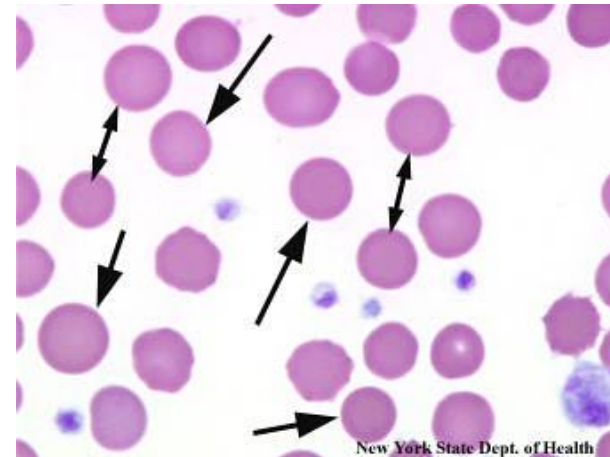


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Normal RBC



Spherical RBCs

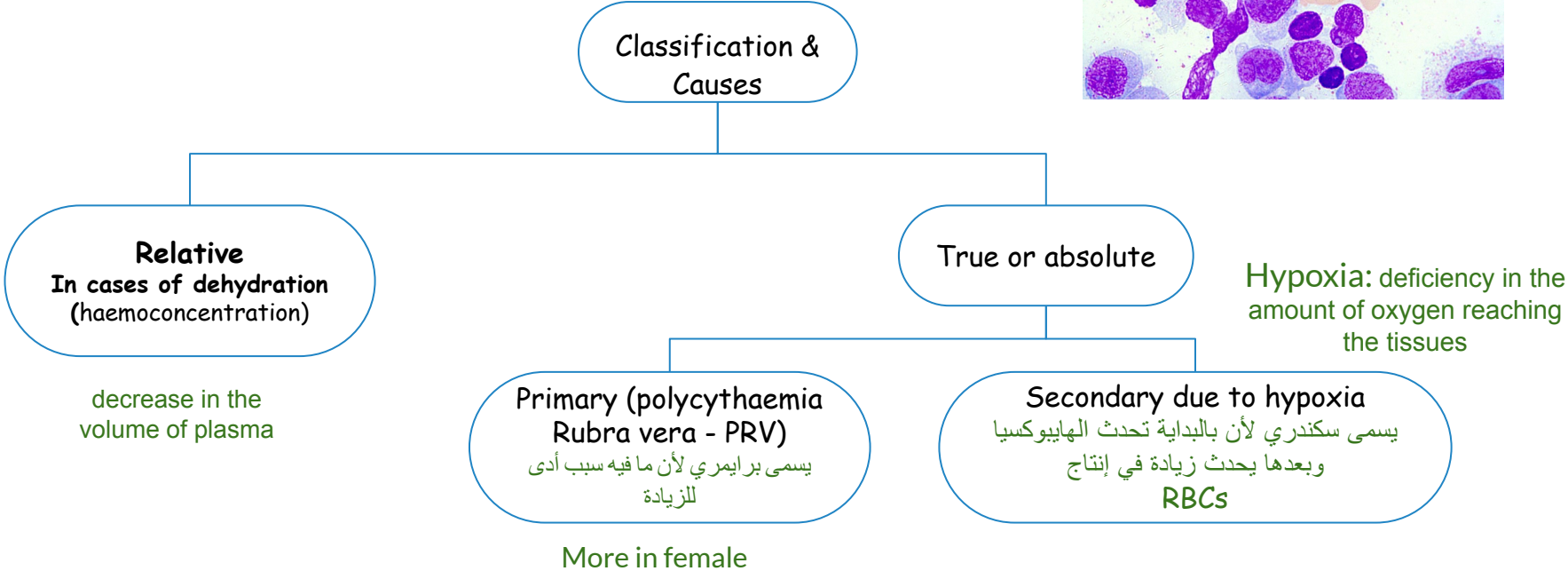
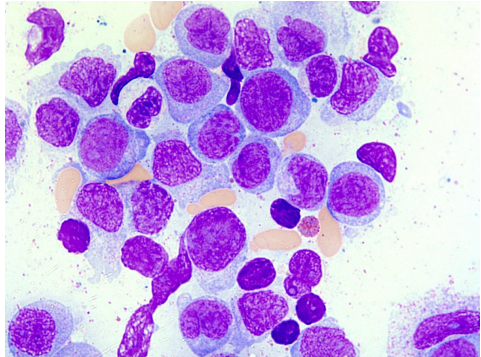


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# Polycythaemia

## Definition:

Increase in the number of RBCs per unit volume of blood



# QUIZ!

## MCQs

Q1: The average amount of hemoglobin in **Male** :

- A) 5                      B) 13                      C) 16                      D) 19

Q2: **Hb-F** found in :

- A) Male                      B) Female                      C) Adult                      D) Fetal

Q3: The type of plasma protein that generate **osmotic pressure** :

- A) albumin                      B)  $\alpha$  Globulins                      C)  $\gamma$  Globulins                      D)  $\beta$  Globulins

Q4 : Congenital deficiency of the protein **spectrin** will cause:

- A) Hypoxia                      B) Hereditary Spherocytosis                      C) Pernicious anemia                      D) megaloblastic anemia

## SAQ

Q1: *what are the main causes of deficiency Vitamin B12?*

Q2: **Hemoglobin** molecules consist of:

MCQs key answer :  
1) C  
2) D  
3) A  
4) B

SAQ answer key :  
1)A-Defective absorption  
B-Defective storage  
2)4 chains each formed of (Heme) and polypeptide chain (Globin).



# QUIZ!

## MCQs

Q5: which type of Anemia has RBC's are **smaller** than normal?

A) MACROCYTIC ANEMIA

B) MICROCYTIC HYPOCHROMIC ANEMIA

C) Megaloblastic Anemia

D) Macrocytic Anemia

Q6: The **haem** is breakdown into :

A) Iron

B) Globin

C) Vitamin B12

D) folic acid

Q7: **Increased demands** of RBCs - like during childhood & pregnancy - will lead to :

A) Increased RBCs production

B) Destruction of RBCs

C) Blood less

D) Decreased RBCs production

Q8 : Daily loss of iron In **Female** is :

A) 1.3

B) 0.6

C) 0.3

D) 1.6

## SAQ

Q3: what are the **symptoms** of Anemia? - Only 2 -

Q4: What Are the Classification of **Polycythaemia**?

MCQs key answer :  
5) B  
6) A  
7) D  
8) A

SAQ answer key :  
3) Pale skin  
- Fatigue + Weakness + Tiring easily  
- Breathlessness + Racing heart or palpitations  
4) 1 - Relative. 2 - True.

# Thank You

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