



# HAEMOGLOBINOPATHIES

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- Notes from lecturer

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# Haematopoiesis

Stage	Site of blood formation
Up to 2 months before birth	Yolk Sac
2 – 3 months before birth	Liver & Spleen
After birth Begins 4 months before birth	Bone Marrow “ first formation starts in all bones including long bones, with aging formation only happen in Vertabrae & Sternum

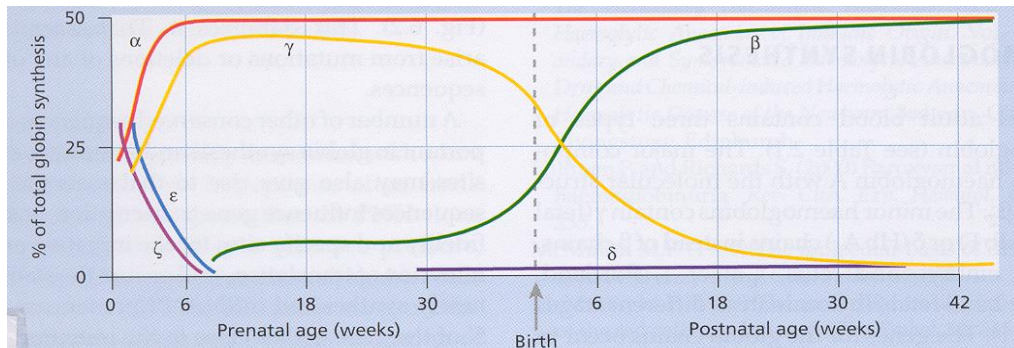
## Globin Chains

Prenatal

Postnatal

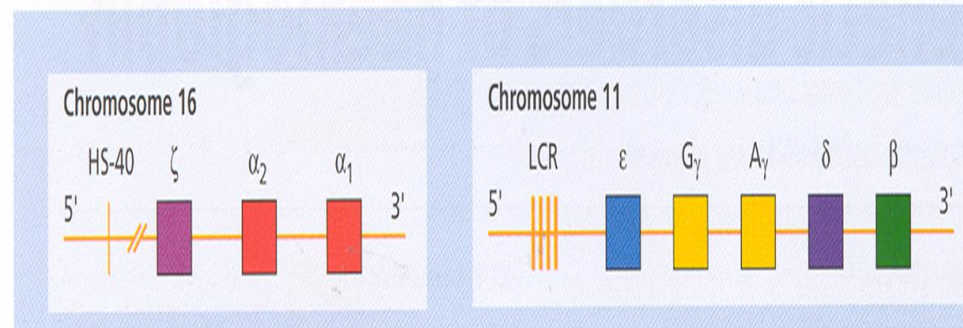
( $\alpha$  -  $\gamma$  high amount)  
( $\delta$  -  $\epsilon$  -  $\beta$  low amount)

$\alpha$  (remain)  
 $\beta$  (increase)  
 $\gamma$  (decrease) &  $\delta$



## Genes expressing Globin Chains

# of Chromosome	Globin Chains
Chromosome 16	$\alpha_1$ , $\alpha_2$ , $\zeta$
Chromosome 11	(rest) $\beta$ , $\epsilon$ , $A\gamma$ , $G\gamma$ , $\delta$



# Normal Human Hemoglobin

Age Category	Type of Hemoglobin	Globin Chains	Percentage in Saudi
<b>Embryonic</b> Up to 8 weeks gestations	Hb Gower I	$\zeta_2 \epsilon_2$	
	Hb Gower II	$\alpha_2 \epsilon_2$	
	Hb Portland	$\zeta_2 \gamma_2$	
<b>Fetal</b>	HbF	$\alpha_2 \gamma_2$	
	HbA	$\alpha_2 \beta_2$	
<b>Adult</b> "most important"	HbA	$\alpha_2 \beta_2$	
	HbA <sub>2</sub>	$\alpha_2 \delta_2$	2.5 - 3.5 %
	HbF	$\alpha_2 \gamma_2$	0.5 - 1.5 %

$\alpha$  globin consists of 141 Amino acids e.g. ( $\zeta$ ) , while  $\beta$  has 146 Amino acids e.g. ( $\beta$  ,  $\epsilon$  ,  $A\gamma$  ,  $G\gamma$  ,  $\delta$ )

## Abnormal Human Hemoglobin Types

Name	Globin Chains
Hb H	4 $\beta$
Hb Bart's found normally at birth but shouldn't exceed 0.5%	4 $\gamma$
Hb Lepore	rare 2 ( $\delta\beta$ ) 2 $\alpha$ (not important)

## Hemoglobins present at birth in normal newborn

Hemoglobin	Percentage
HbA	15 – 40 %
HbA <sub>2</sub>	< 0.3 %
<b>HbF</b>	<b>60 – 85 %</b>
Hb Bart's	< 0.5

**Thalassemia**

• An **inherited autosomal recessive** disorder in which the protein **part (Globin)** of the hemoglobin is completely or partially **missed**, resulting in **inability** of the formed Hemoglobin to carry **Oxygen and Carbon dioxide** to and from the lung.

**Example**

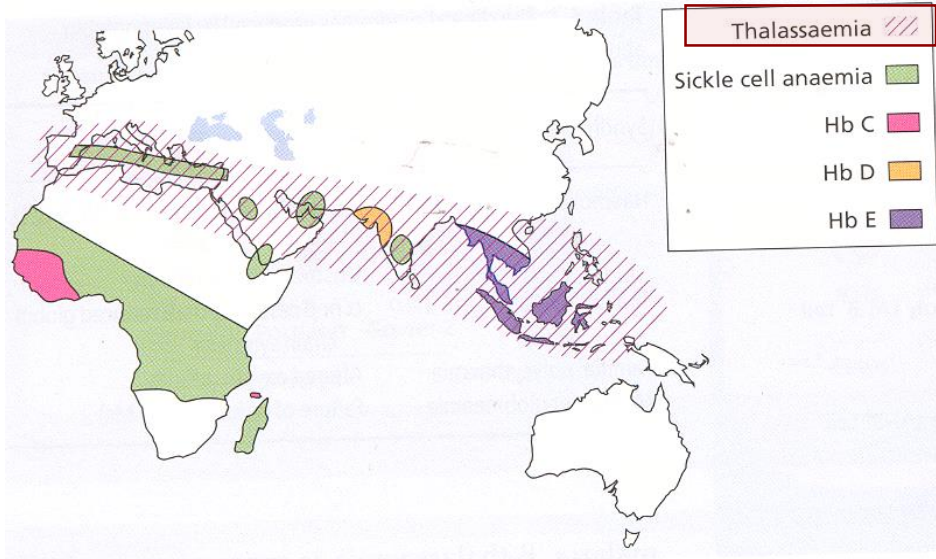
**Thalassemia**



**Abnormal Hemoglobins**

• A condition characterized by **abnormal hemoglobin structure**, due to an **error in the sequence of amino acids** which form the **globin**.

**Sickle Cell Anemia**



**Thalassemia**

it can be **Heterozygous** “defect of 1 copy from parents” or **Homozygous** “ Defect of 2 copy from parents = pair of chromosome

**Epidemiology**

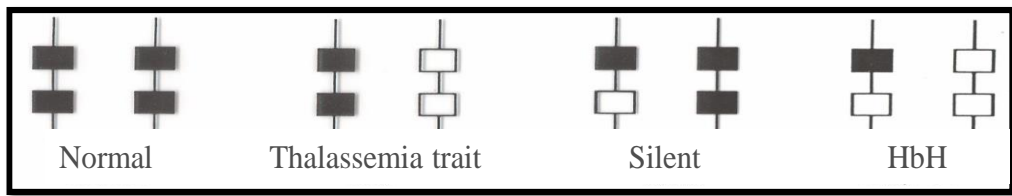
It’s common in Arab peninsula, Mediterranean countries, India and Pakistan, South east Asia and saudi arabia. May be due to familial marriages.

**Clinical Manifestation of Thalassemia**



Type	Description
Silent (carrier)	Missing one gene in one of the chromosome pairs (Heterozygous), usually no presenting symptoms.
Thalassemia trait "mild"	Missing two genes, either in the same chromosome (Asian type) - one on each chromosome (African type).
HbH (moderate)	genes are missed. Only one gene remains
Hydrops fetalis	All 4 genes are missed, the fetus cannot live without intervention.

• When a man with silent  $\alpha$ -Thalassemia gets married with a trait Asian  $\alpha$ -Thalassemia woman, their children's probabilities can be shown below:



## alpha-Thalassemia

is a condition in which  $\alpha$  globin is partially or completely absent due to missed genes, which are responsible to express it. Usually happens in relatives marriage

### Lab Diagnoses of $\alpha$ -Thalassemia

- High red cell count in the trait
- Hypochromic microcytic red cells & target cells
- **Normal serum iron** or low in children
- **Normal total iron binding** capacity or high in children
- Positive Hb H inclusion bodies in the blood film preparation & positive Heinz bodies with vital stains
- Hemoglobin electrophoresis show presence of hemoglobin H (Hb H disease)
- Hemoglobin electrophoresis show low Hb A2 level
- Genetic study to confirm the diagnosis

- A decrease in HbA2, indicates a benign form of  $\alpha$ -Thalassemia.
- While an increase in the percentage of HbA2 is an indicator of  $\beta$ -Thalassemia

# Types of B-Thalassemia

## Classification according Molecular Factors

❖ **1- Beta<sup>+</sup>:** the synthesis of Beta globin is partially decreased.

❖ **2- Beta<sup>0</sup>:** the synthesis of Beta globin is completely lost.

The gene expressing Beta in both types could be present (Ferrara) or partially decreased (Indian).

❖ **3- δβ-Thalassemia**

❖ **4- Hereditary Prominent Fetal Hb (HPFH):** HbF is the prominent type here (not HbA)

In the last 2 types, the gene is deleted and the synthesis is completely lost.

## Classification according the Concentration of Hb

Type	Hb Count
Major "most severe"	Less than 7g/dl
Intermedia	7-10 g/dl
Minor	More than 10g/dl
Minima	Normal

## Molecular Defects in the β-Thalassemia Syndrome

	β-Globin synthesis	β-mRNA	β-Globin Gene	δ-Globin Synthesis	γ-Globin Synthesis
1. β <sup>+</sup> -Thalassemia	Decreased	Decreased	Present	Present	Present
2. β <sup>0</sup> -Thalassemia	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Present
Ferrara Variant	Absent	Inactive	Present	Present	Present
Indian Variant	Absent	Absent	Partially Deleted	Present	Present
3. δβ-Thalassemia	Absent	Absent	Deleted	Absent	Increased
4. HPFH	Absent	Absent	Deleted	Absent	increased

# β-Thalassemia con..

## Genotypes of β-Thalassemia:

1. β-thalassemia major: (very severe)

2. β-thalassemia intermediate: inherited two β<sup>+</sup> alleles (moderate to severe)

3. β-thalassemia minor: inherited one abnormal allele (trait, asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic)

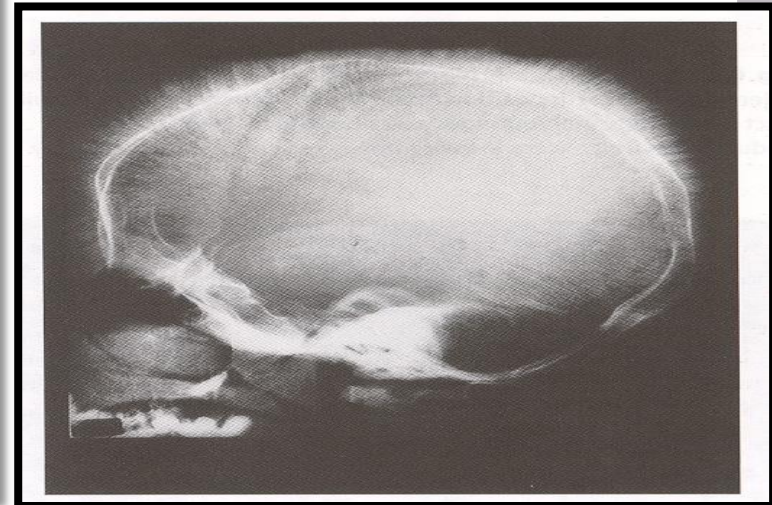
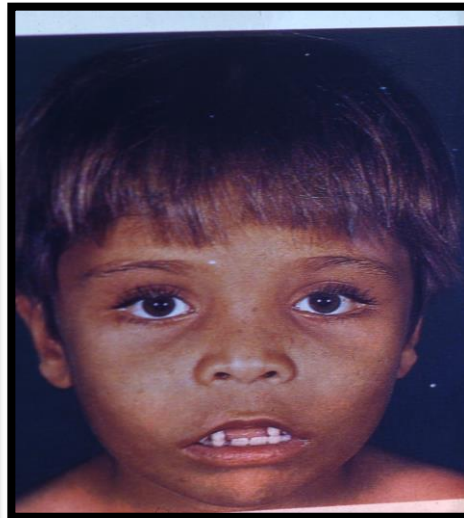
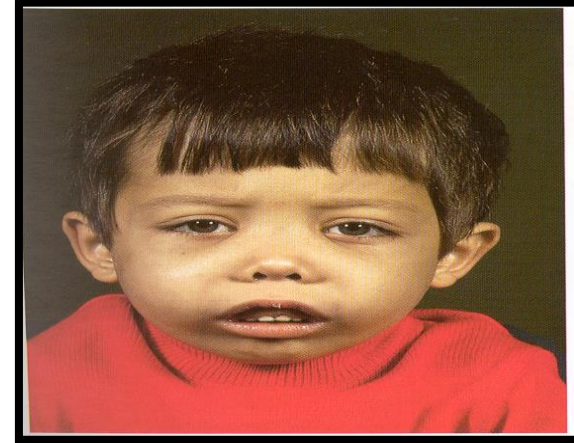
4. β-thalassemia minima : (Silent like α thalassemia trait, not causing problem unless the carrier married to the same inherited abnormality)

## Hemoglobin Fractions in the Genotypic Variants of the β-Thalassemia Syndromes:

Genotype	HbA	HbA <sub>2</sub>	HbF (%)	Other Hemoglobins
Normal β/β	97	2.5 – 3.2	<1	None
Thalassemia major β <sup>0</sup> /β <sup>0</sup> β <sup>0</sup> /β <sup>+</sup>	0	1.0 – 5.9	>94	Free α-chains
Thalassemia intermedia β <sup>+</sup> /β <sup>+</sup> , black	Present	5.4 – 10.0	30 – 73	None
Thalassaemia minor β <sup>+</sup> /β - β <sup>0</sup> /β - (δβ) <sup>0</sup> /β (δβ) <sup>Lepore</sup> /β - (γδβ) <sup>0</sup> /β	>90	2.5 – 8.0	1 – 2	None
Thalassemia minima β <sup>silent</sup> /β	97	<3.2	<1	None

# Clinical Manifestations in Thalassaemias

- ❖ Pallor
- ❖ Jaundice
- ❖ Apathy and Anorexia
- ❖ Failure to Thrive (*failure in growth*)
- ❖ Hepato-splenomegaly
- ❖ Skeletal Deformity
- ❖ Iron Overload manifestations



Hair-on-ends appearance in x-ray

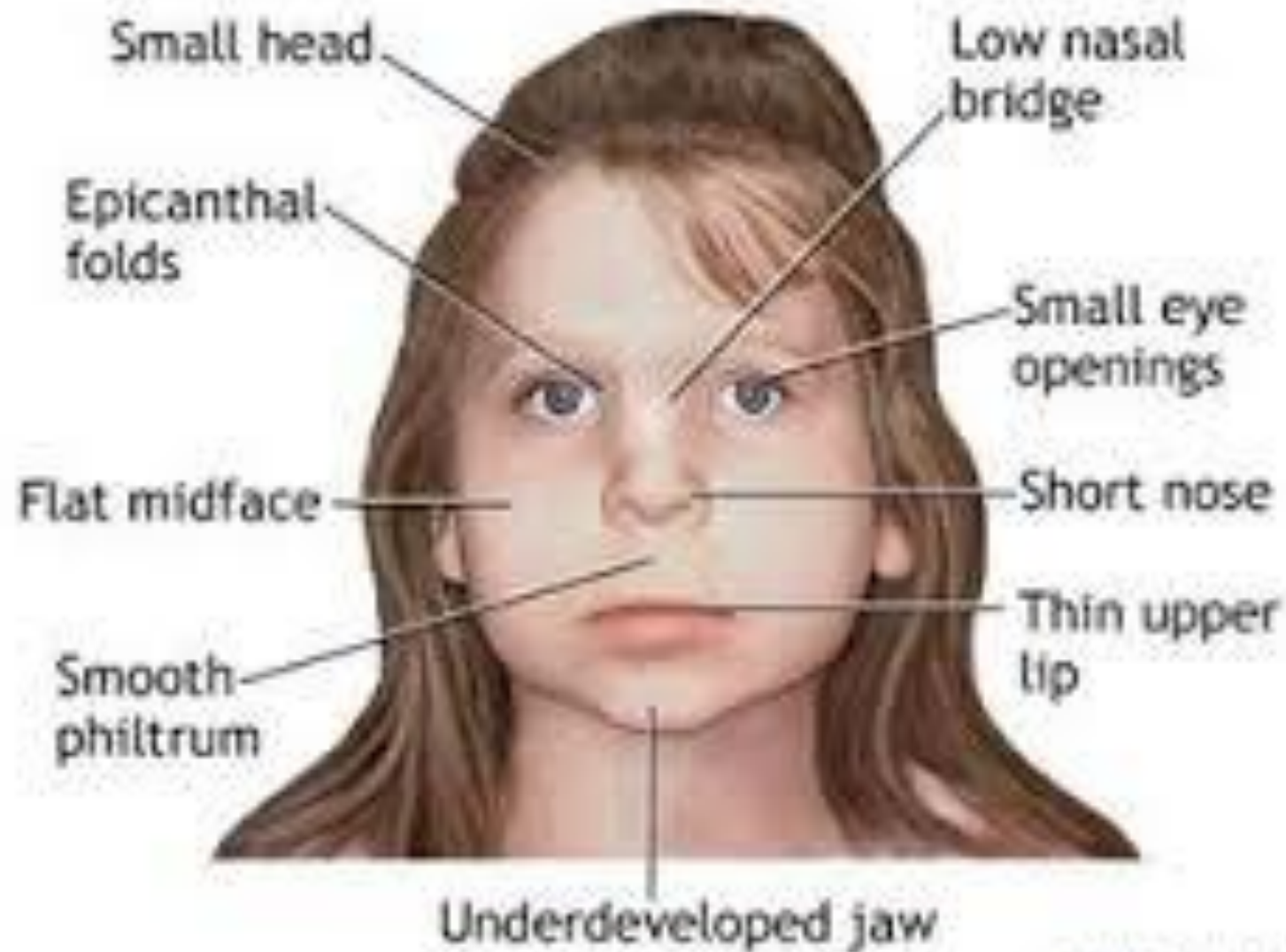
Thalassemic face in  $\beta$ -thalassemia major  
They have the same facial characteristics:

- 1- Forehead bossing (protrusion)
- 2- Prominent maxilla
- 3- Widen space between eyes

Because of increasing the demand on bone marrow, facial bones become expanded



# Thalassemia Face

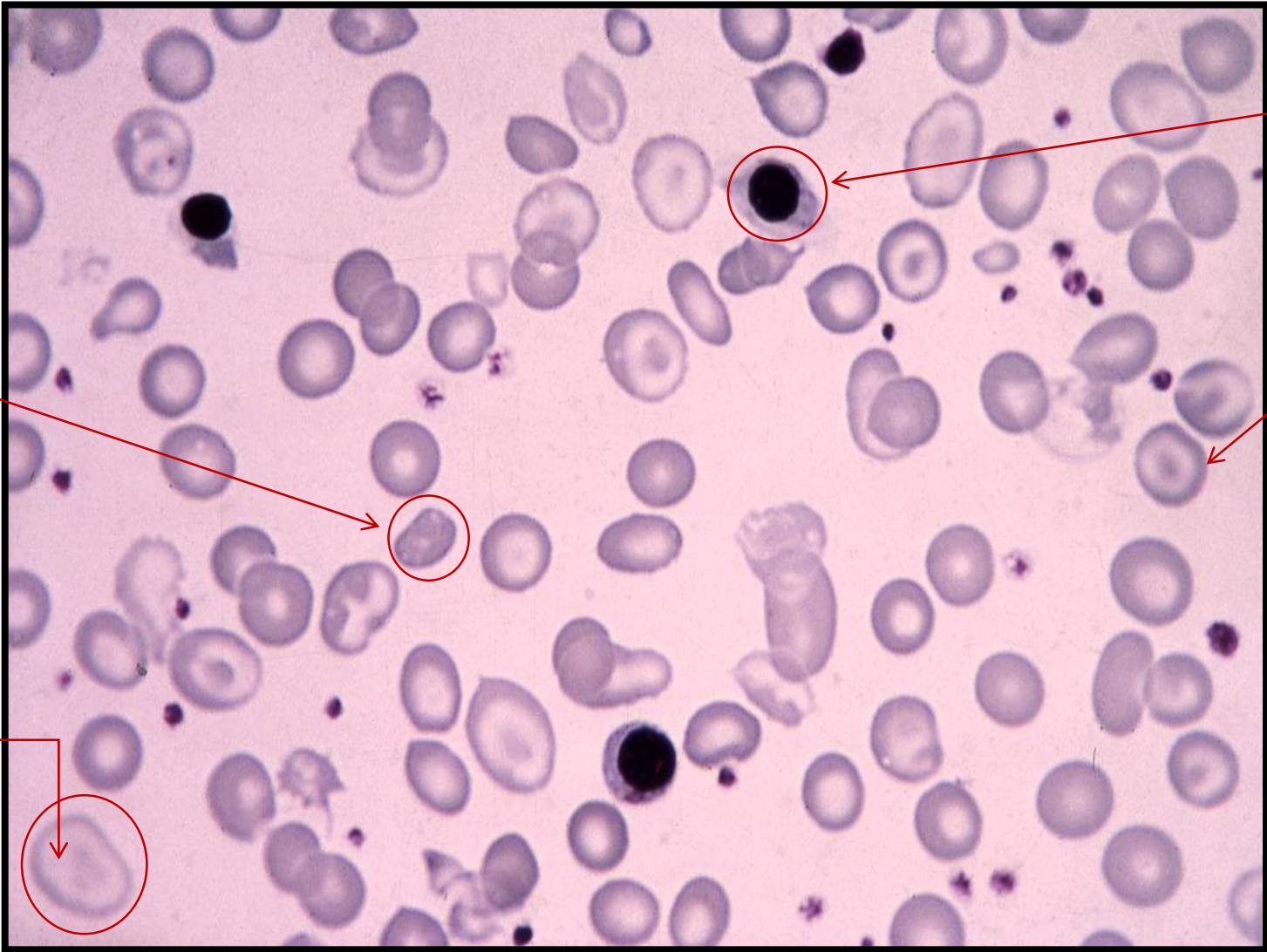


# Clinical and Hematological Features of the $\beta$ -Thalassemia Syndrome

	Major	Intermedia	Minor	Minima
Severity of manifestations	++++	++	+, $\pm$	$\pm$ , 0
Genetics	Homozygotes, double heterozygotes	Homozygotes, double heterozygotes, rarely heterozygotes	Heterozygotes	Heterozygotes
Splenomegaly	++++	++,+++	+,0	0
Jaundice	+++	++,+	0	0
Skeletal changes	++++,++	+,0	+,0	0
Anemia (Hb, g/dl)	<7	7 – 10	>10	Normal
Hypochromia	++++	+++	++	+
Microcytosis	+++	++	+	0
Target cells	10-35%	++	+	$\pm$
Basophilic stippling	++	+	+	0,+
Reticulocytes (%)	5-15	3-10	2-5	1-2
Nucleated red cells	+++	+,0	0	0

$\pm$ , little or no abnormality; +, mild abnormality; +++, prominent abnormality

This table is not important to memorized just things noted



Nucleated red cells

Target cells

Target cells are the ones with a darker centre

Microcytosis

Hypochromia

# Prenatal diagnosis of the haemoglobinopathies (Including thalassaemia)

Not that important just read it

## DNA Analysis:

A-Chorionic villus sampling  
Transcervical approach (9 – 11 weeks  
of pregnancy)

Transabdominal approach (up to 15  
weeks of pregnancy)

B-Amniotic fluid cell analysis (16 – 20  
weeks gestation)

C-Fetal blood sampling (> 20 weeks  
gestation) DNA analysis

Haematological parameters  
Biochemical analysis Globin chain  
synthesis

$\alpha/\beta$  Ratio ,  $\alpha/\gamma$  Ratio,  $\alpha/\delta$  Ratio

## DNA ANALYSIS

Gene mapping

RFLPs linkage analysis  
(Restriction fragment  
length polymorphisms)

Gene amplification  
(Enzymatic  
amplification of  
DNA sequences)

Oligonucleotide  
probes  
(Using short gene  
probes 17 – 19  
Nucleotide)

DNA polymerase  
chain reaction  
technique.

is a drug therapy for iron overload uses drugs called iron chelators to remove extra iron from your body e.g Deferoxamine or Deferiprone(or potent)

Iron chelation therapy

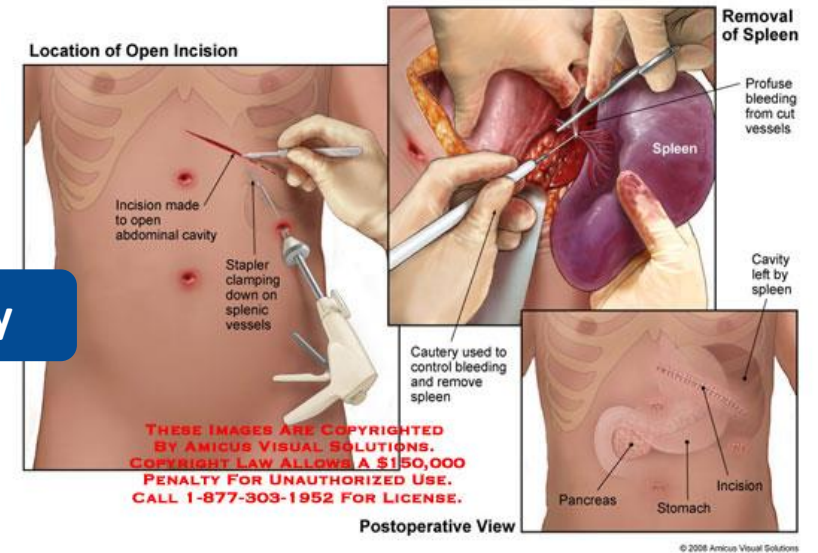


Blood Transfusion

# MANAGEMENT OF THE THALASSEMIAS

Splenectomy

8/1/03 Splenectomy Via Open Incision



Hormone replacement

For Failure to Thrive

Bone marrow transplantation

Gene therapy



Watch me when you have time

From the name inserting a gene into a patient's cells . STILL EXPERIMENTAL

## Assessment of Iron Stores

- ❖ Serum ferritin
- ❖ Serum iron and percentage saturation of transferrin (**iron-binding capacity\***)
- ❖ Liver CT scan or MRI
- ❖ Bone marrow biopsy (Perl's stain) for reticuloendothelial stores

## Diagnosis of Haemoglobinopathies including Thalassaemias

- ❖ Personal & Family History
- ❖ Physical Examination
- ❖ Laboratory Investigation
  - Haematological Tests – CBC
  - Quantitation of HbA2 and HbF
  - Sickle cell test

\*Note that in thalassaemia it'll be low while in IDA it'll be high

## Assessment of tissue damage caused by iron overload

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Cardiac	X-ray - ECG
Liver	Liver function tests -liver biopsy -CT scan
Endocrine	Clinical examination (growth and sexual development) - glucose tolerance test – thyroid and parathyroid

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1- The hematopoiesis in the embryo start at the:

- A. A. Liver B. Spleen
- C. Yolk sac D. bone marrow

2- Most of the hematopoiesis in ADULTs is in:

- A. Vertebrae
- B. Tibia
- C. Ribs
- D. Sternum

3- In Embryo we see what type of HB:

- A. Hb A
- B. Hb F
- C. Hb A<sub>2</sub>
- D. Hb Portland

4- In Adults the prominent type of Hb is:

- A. Hb F
- B. Hb Portland
- C. Hb A<sub>2</sub>
- D. Hb A

5- How many amino acids found in Alpha chine?

- A. 141
- B. 146
- C. 148
- D. 114

6- Normal percentage of Hb F in Adults is:

- A. A. 91-97%
- B. B. 0.5-1.5%
- C. C. 11-15%
- D. D. 20-30%

7- In Alpha Thalassemia how many deleted copies are in Hb H?

- A. one copy
- B. two copies
- C. Three copies
- D. four copies

8- We preformed a HbA<sub>2</sub> Test for Thalassemia patient and it was elevated, what type of thalassemia he is probable having?

- A. Alpha
- B. Beta

1- C

2- A

3- D

4- D

5- A

6- B

7- C

8- B

Q1 How can we manage thalassemia ?

Blood Transfusion - iron chelation therapy – Splenectomy

Hormone replacement - Bone marrow transplantation - Gene therapy

Q2 Under microscope what do we see in thalamic patient?

Microcytic – Hypochromic cells -Nucleated red cells - Target cells

Q3 What Hb types are found in adult ?

Hb A (95-97%) – Hb A<sub>2</sub> (2.5-3.5%) – Hb F (0.5-1.5%)



# Thank you for checking our work

Now you can check a lecture out :D

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