

# Lymphoproliferative disorders

## Objectives:

- To understand the general features of lymphoproliferative disorders (LPD)
- To understand some benign causes of LPD such as infectious mononucleosis
- To understand the general classification of malignant LPD
- To understand the clinicopathological features of chronic lymphoid leukemia
- To understand the general features of the most common (LPD) (Burkitt lymphoma, Follicular lymphoma, multiple myeloma and Hodgkin lymphoma).

Important.

Extra.

Notes

“Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence. Colin”

Powell

## References:

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# Definitions

**Lymphoproliferative disorders:** Several clinical conditions in which lymphocytes are produced in excessive quantities (**Lymphocytosis**) **increase in lymphocytes that are not normal**

**Lymphoma:** Malignant lymphoid **mass** involving **the lymphoid tissues**. (± other tissues e.g: skin, GIT, CNS ..) **The main difference between Lymphoma & Leukemia is that the Lymphoma proliferate primarily in Lymphoid Tissue and cause Mass , While Leukemia proliferate mainly in BM& Peripheral blood**

**Lymphoid leukemia:** Malignant proliferation of lymphoid cells **in Bone marrow and peripheral blood**. (± other tissues e.g: lymph nodes, spleen, skin, GIT, CNS ..)

**BCL is an anti-apoptotic (prevent apoptosis)**

## Lymphocytosis (causes)

### 1- Viral infection:

**Infectious mononucleosis**,  
cytomegalovirus,  
rubella, hepatitis,  
adenoviruses, varicella

The most common cause of lymphocytosis is viral infection

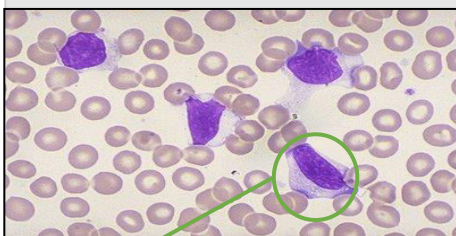
### 2- Some\* bacterial infection: (*Pertussis, brucellosis*)

\* Usually bacterial infections give PMN

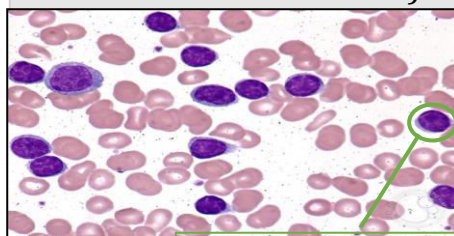
**3- Immune :** SLE,  
Allergic drug reactions  
**4- Other conditions:**  
*splenectomy, dermatitis, hyperthyroidism metastatic carcinoma*)

### 5- **Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)**

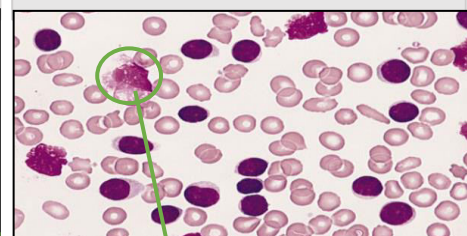
**6- Other lymphomas:**  
*Mantle cell lymphoma , Hodgkin lymphoma*



Reactive lymphocyte → NO blasts!



Mature lymphocyte



Smear cell

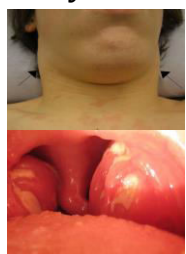
## Infectious mononucleosis (May predispose the patient to Lymphoma if it chronic)

An acute, infectious disease, caused by **Epstein-Barr virus (EBV)** characterized by:

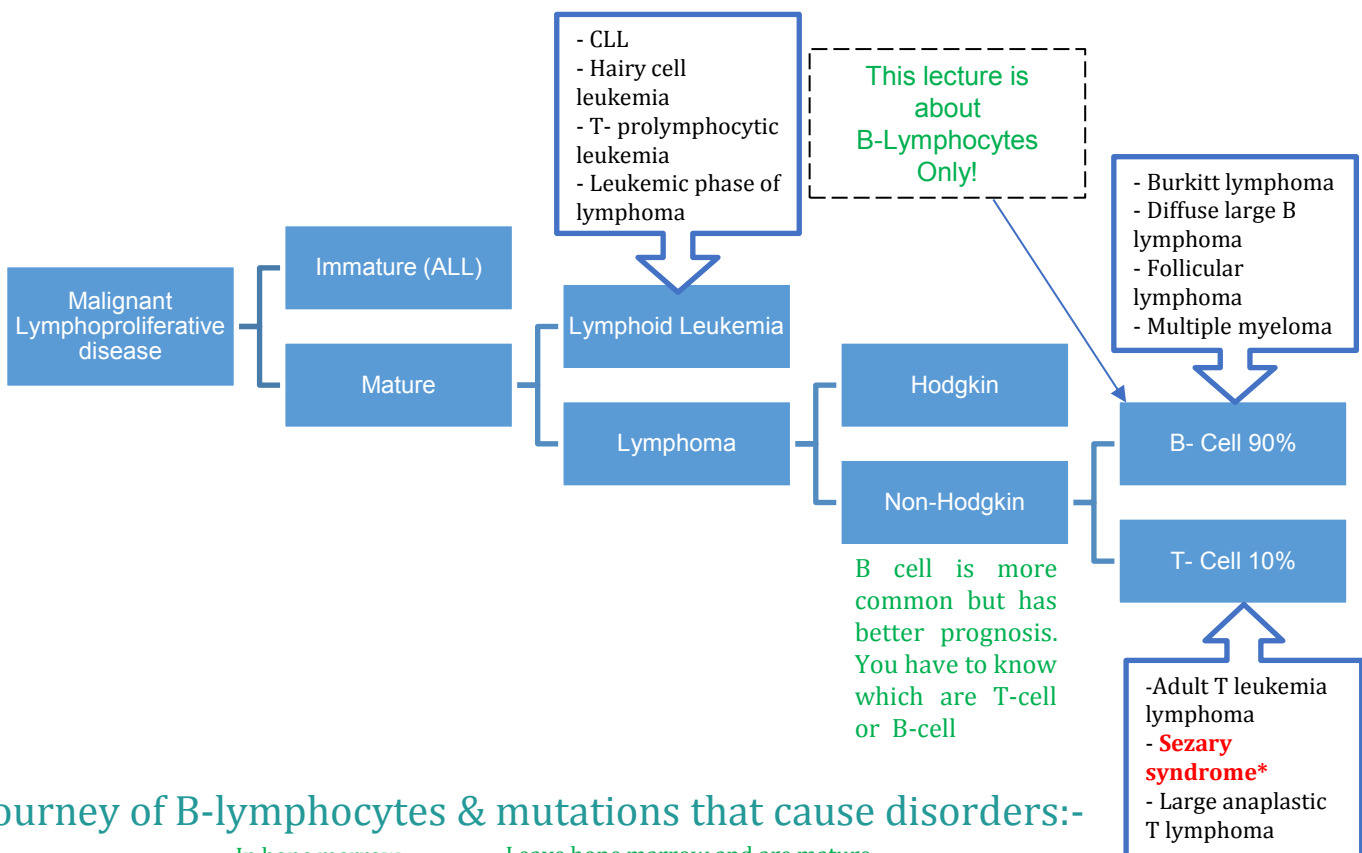
- Fever
- Swollen lymph nodes (**painful**)  
'lymphadenopathy'
- Sore throat
- **Atypical lymphocyte** مميز

Affect young people (usually) most common cause of lymphocytosis in children

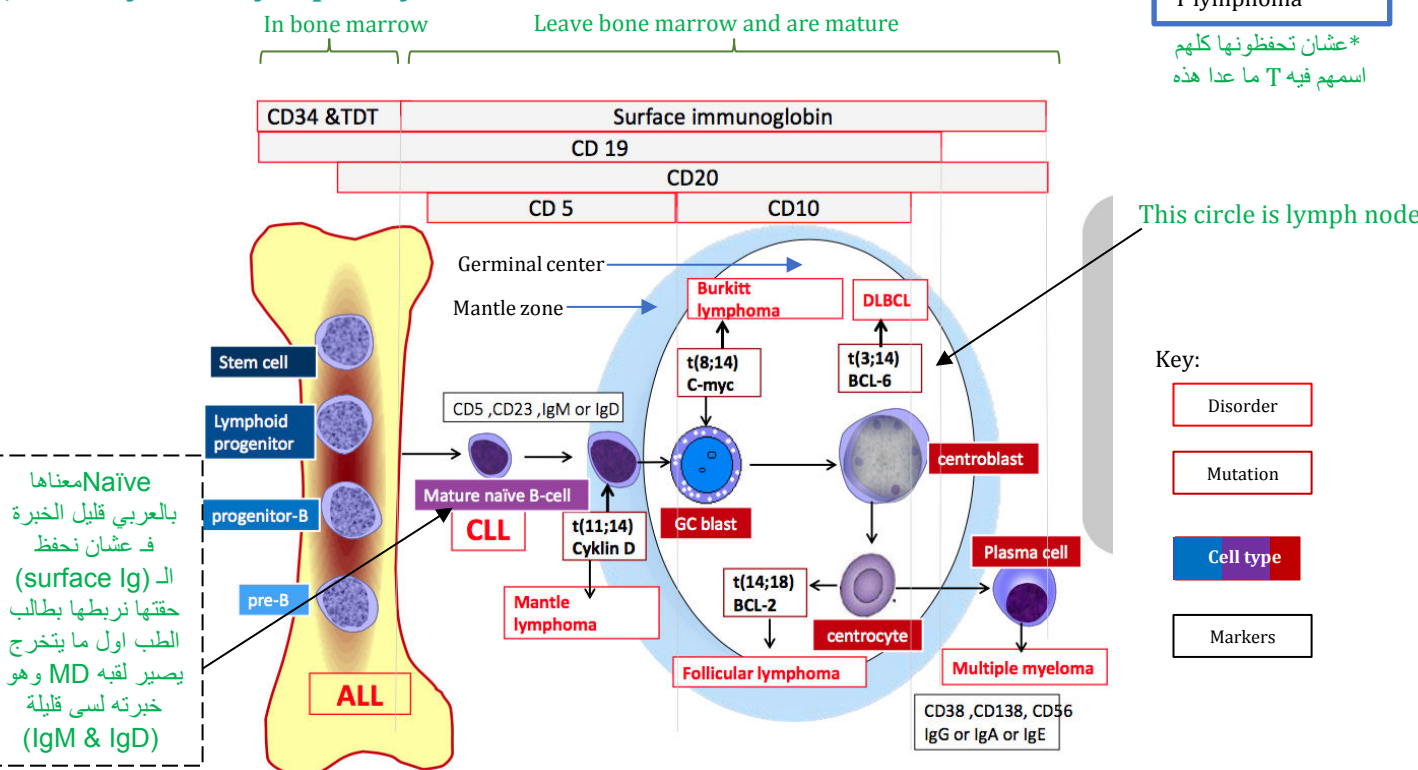
Clinically, IM presents like ALL. But when we do blood smear we will find atypical lymphocytes and NO blasts and this will rule out ALL.



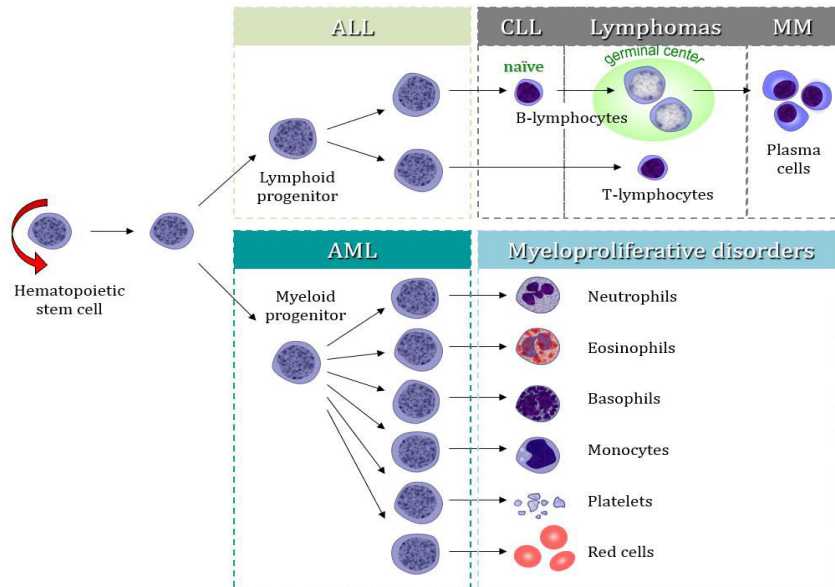
# Malignant lymphoproliferative disorders



## Journey of B-lymphocytes & mutations that cause disorders:-



Throughout the maturation where ever the disease occurs (at which stage) there will be specific findings  
 For the mutations notice that they all have the number 14 so just memorise the other number.

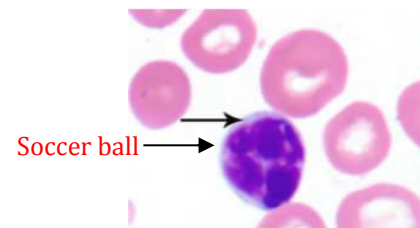


## Chronic lymphocytic leukemia

- Malignant neoplasm characterized by an increased number of **small, mature lymphocytes in the blood (>5,000 ) and bone marrow** (± spleen and lymph node)
- The most common adult leukemia (~25% of adult leukemias)
- The median age is ~55 to 65 years. (rare < 40 years).
- 1.5 to 2 times more common in men than women.

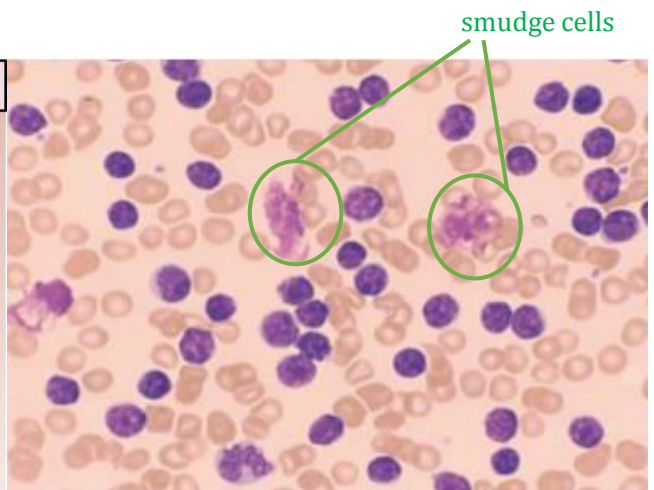
### Features:

- 40% of patients are asymptomatic at diagnosis.
- Moderate lymphadenopathy and splenomegaly
- **Lymphocytosis (>5,000):** (Most important)
  - Small mature-appearing lymphocytes
  - Condensed (“**soccer ball**”) nuclear chromatin
  - Numerous “**smudge cells**”
- Predisposition to infection
- Autoimmune phenomena (autoimmune hemolytic anemia)
- Transformation to **large cell lymphoma** (Richter’s syndrome)



### CLL Staging

Rai Staging	Prognosis
Stage 0: Lymphocytosis only (blood and marrow)	Low risk <b>Watch &amp; wait</b>
Stage I: Lymphocytosis plus enlarged nodes	Intermediate <b>± chemo</b>
Stage II: Lymphocytosis plus enlarged spleen and/or liver, ± nodes	High risk <b>FCR</b>
Stage III: Lymphocytosis plus anemia (Hgb <11 g/dL), ± above	
Stage IV: Lymphocytosis plus thrombocytopenia (<100 × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L) ± above	



# Burkitt's Lymphoma

High-grade **non-Hodgkin's B-cell lymphoma** which is rapidly growing (**fastest growing tumor in humans**) and highly aggressive with extremely short doubling time (24 hrs) but it has excellent response if we act quickly (see the picture)

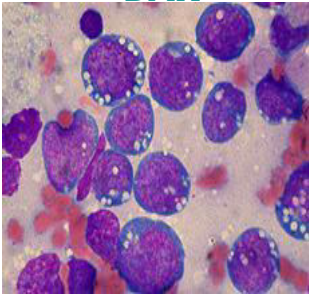


## Types:-

- 1-Endemic:** associated with chronic **malaria** and **EBV** In equatorial Africa . It particularly affects the jaw, other facial bone and breast.
- 2-Sporadic:** occurs throughout the world and affects GIT.
- 3-Immunodeficiency-associated:** associated with **HIV** infection or the use of immunosuppressive drugs.

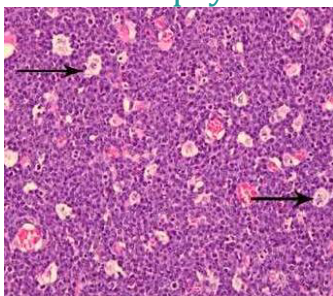
## Morphology

### BMA



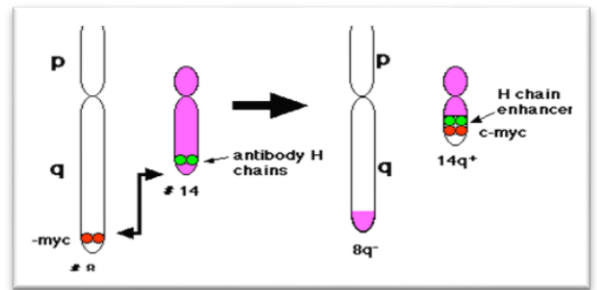
Homogenous medium size cells with round nuclei and deeply basophilic and **vacuolated** cytoplasm

### Biopsy



Diffuse infiltration with **"starry sky"** (Macrophages engulfing the apoptotic cells)

## Genetics



Highly associated with **t(8;14)**  
 Translocation of the **c-MYC proto-oncogene** at chromosome 8 to immunoglobulin gene at chromosome 14  
 The c-MYC is **nuclear transcription factor** .

# Follicular Lymphoma

- A malignant proliferation of germinal center B cells **centrocyte** which has at least a partially follicular pattern.
- Due to overexpression of **Bcl2** (anti apoptotic gene become + **عشان كذا اللمفوسايت يصير لها تجمع (وما تموت)** caused by **t(14;18)** .

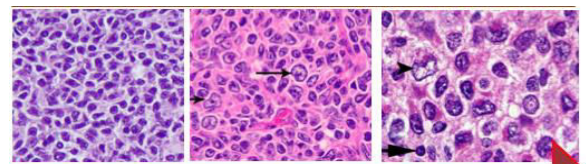
- Most common type of "indolent" lymphoma (25% ).
- Indolent but incurable (some exceptions)

May take long time to present but when it does it is incurable (تطبخ على نار هادية)

Presented as:

- Lymphadenopathy (100%)
- splenomegaly (80%)
- BM involvement (60%)
- blood involvement (40%).

## Follicular Lymphoma Management



Low grade FL	FL in transformation	Aggressive transformation (DLBCL)
Watch and weight (most often)	Chemotherapy	Aggressive Chemotherapy(±SCT)

Median survival is around 10 years.  
 Transformation to aggressive lymphoma (DLBCL) can occur

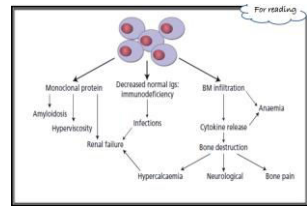
## Diagnosis

**Immunophenotyping:**  
 Positive for CD10, CD20 and Bcl2  
 Negative for CD5 ( in most cases)

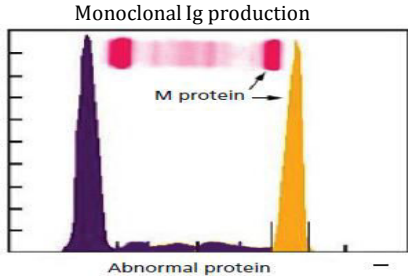
# Multiple Myeloma

Malignant B neoplasm characterized by a **triad** of abnormalities:

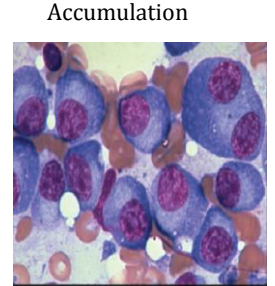
1. Accumulation of **plasma cells** in the bone marrow
2. **Lytic Bone lesions (can cause bone Pain & Fracture)**
3. Production of a monoclonal immunoglobulin (Ig) or Ig fragments



Pathogenesis



شكل العظم متآكل او يكون فيه Fracture in bones



Dark basophilic cytoplasm & nucleus is at the side

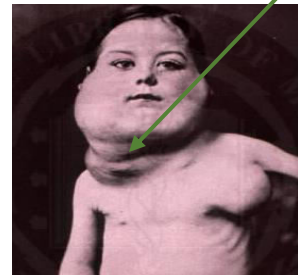
# Hodgkin Lymphoma

Indolent (Idle) malignant lymphoma **characterized by:**

- 1- Presence of **few large binucleated cells (Reed-Sternberg) 'RS cells'** surrounded by reactive cells (lymphocytes, plasma cells, eosinophils)
- 2- Involving cervical lymph nodes in young adults (most often) **They become very huge!**

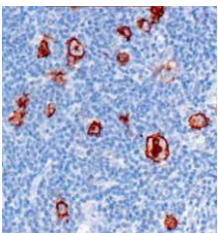


Reed-Sternberg

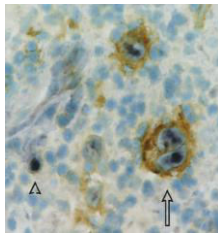


Lymph node Involvement

## Diagnosis



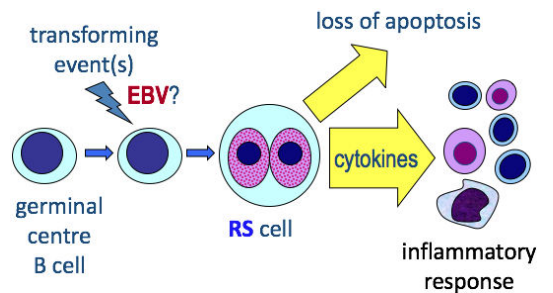
CD 30



CD 15

These markers should be positive.

## Possible Pathogenesis



Germinal center B cell with EBV leads to dinucleate (RS cell) which in response lead to loss of apoptosis (accumulation) & recruit cytokines

# Summary

## Malignant Lymphoproliferative Disorders

Types	Mature						
	Lymphoid leukemia	Lymphoma					
	CLL	Non Hodgkin lymphoma B- cell neoplasm				Hodgkin	
Burrkit's		Follicular	DLBCL	Multiple Myeloma	Mantle Cell		
Markers	CD19, CD20 CD23, CD5	CD19, CD20 CD10			CD20, CD138 CD56	CD5 CD19 CD20	CD15 CD30
Mutations	Mature naïve B-cell IgM & IgD	t(8;14) C-myc GC blast	t(14;18) BCL-2 Centrocytes	t(3;14) BCL-6 Centroblasts	Plasma cells	t(11;14) Cyklin D	
Features	<p><b>Diagnosis:</b> <b>Lymphocytosis (&gt;5,000):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small mature-appearing lymphocytes</li> <li>Condensed ("soccer ball") nuclear chromatin</li> <li>Numerous "smudge cells"</li> </ul> <p>-Moderate lymphadenopathy and splenomegaly</p>	<p>rapidly growing and highly aggressive with extremely short doubling time (24 hrs)</p> <p><b>Morphology:</b> 1- <b>BMA:</b> Homogenous medium size cells with round nuclei and deeply basophilic and vacuolated cytoplasm 2- <b>Biopsy:</b> Diffuse infiltration with "<b>starry sky</b>" (Macrophages engulfing the apoptotic cells)</p>	<p>- a partially follicular pattern</p> <p>Presented as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lymphadenopathy (100%)</li> <li>Splenomegaly (80%)</li> <li>BM involvement (60%)</li> <li>Blood involvement (40%)</li> </ul>		<p>Malignant B neoplasm</p> <p>characterized by a <b>triad</b> of abnormalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accumulation of plasma cells in the bone marrow</li> <li>Lytic Bone lesions</li> <li>Production of a monoclonal immunoglobulin (Ig) or Ig fragments</li> </ul>		<p>Indolent (Idle) malignant lymphoma</p> <p>characterized by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presence of few large <b>binucleated cells (Reed-Sternberg)</b> surrounded by reactive cells (lymphocytes, plasma cells, eosinophils)</li> <li>Involving cervical lymph nodes in young adults (most often)</li> </ol>
Notes	<p>Most common adult leukemia Male &gt; Female</p> <p><b>Complications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predisposition to infection</li> <li>Autoimmune phenomena (autoimmune hemolytic anemia)</li> <li>Transformation to large cell lymphoma (Richter's syndrome)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Types:</b> 1-<b>Endemic:</b> associated with chronic malaria and EBV In equatorial Africa. affects the jaw, other facial bone and breast. 2-<b>Sporadic:</b> affects GIT. 3-<b>Immunodeficiency-associated:</b> associated with HIV infection or immunosuppressive drugs</p> <p><b>Cure rate:</b> 90% at early phase 70% at advance disease</p>	<p>Most common type of "indolent" lymphoma, but incurable (some exceptions).</p> <p><b>Transformation to aggressive lymphoma (DLBCL) can occur</b></p>				

For reading

Marker	CLL/ SLL	Mantle Cell Lymphoma	Follicular Lymphoma	Hairy Cell Leukemia	Marginal Zone Lymphoma
CD5	+	+	-	-	-
CD10 (cALLA)	-	-	+	-	-
CD20	Dim	+	+	+	+
CD23	+	-	+/-	+/-	-
FMC-7	-	+	+	+/-	+
Surface Ig*	Dim	Moderate or bright	+	+	+
Other					CD11c, CD25, and CD103

# MCQs:

1- Which of the following can cause Infectious Mononucleosis?

- a- Autoimmune diseases
- b- Malaria
- c- E.Coli
- d- Epstein-Barr Virus

2- Ahmad is 35-Years old went to his family physician suffering from severe pain in his bones, After investigations his physician advised him to see Hematologist, the Hematologist told Ahmad that he has type of B-cells lymphoma, What is the most likely diagnosis in Ahmad's condition?

- a- CLL
- b- Multiple myeloma
- c- Burkitt Lymphoma
- d- Hodgkin Lymphoma

3- Khaled 25-Years old come to you to make general check-up, in CBC you find that his Lymphocyte number is more than 5000 (normal=1500-2700), in blood film you found Soccer ball appearance & Smudge cells, what is most likely diagnosis in this case?

- a- CLL
- b- Multiple myeloma
- c- Burkitt Lymphoma
- d- Hodgkin Lymphoma

4- Which type of lymphoma is featured by presence of Binucleated cells (Reed-Sternberg) & involves cervical lymph nodes mainly?

- a- CLL
- b- Multiple myeloma
- c- Burkitt Lymphoma
- d- Hodgkin Lymphoma

5- t(8;14) C-MYC Mutation is associated with which one of the following?

- a- CLL
- b- Multiple myeloma
- c- Burkitt Lymphoma
- d- Hodgkin Lymphoma

5- c  
4- d  
3- a  
2- b  
1- d

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