



**IRON DEFICIENCY ANEMIA
& THALASSEMIA**

B Major Thalassemia



Anemia

**It is a reduction
of the red cell volume or hemoglobin
concentration below -2SD for age, sex.**



Normal Range, Hb

Birth: 16/6 gr/dl

2 Mo: 11/5

3-6 Mo 11/5

6-24 M : 12

2-6 Y: 12/5

6-12 Y: 13/5

12-18 Y: F = 12-14 M = 14-16



Normal Range, MCV

- Birth: 108 FL
- 2 Mo: 96
- 3-6 Mo: 91
- 6-24 M : 78
- 2-6 Y: 81
- 6-12 Y: 86
- 12-18 Y: F = 90 M = 88

Iron deficiency



Folate deficiency

Hemoglobinopathies

Anemia

Vitamin B₁₂
deficiency

HIV infection

Malaria

Infectious/inflammatory disorders

Helminth infection



**Iron is vital for all
living organisms;
oxygen Transport**

Red blood cells specialisations

biconcave shape

no nucleus

→ extra space inside



increases the
surface area so
more oxygen can be

carried

contain haemoglobin

→ the oxygen
carrying molecule



- Iron deficiency is a major health problem worldwide and especially in developing countries.
- Iron-deficiency is the most prevalent nutritional deficiency worldwide
- Iron deficiency is the most common single cause of anemia worldwide



Review Of Articles 1

- ❑ Prevalence of iron deficiency anemia in 6mo-5 years old children in Fars , southern IRAN
 - ❑ **Kadivar MR & Collegues.** Med Sci Monit,2003;9(2);CR 100-104
 - ❑ 541 patients:
 - ❑ 110 p(%19.7): Serum Ferritin level < 12ng/ml
 - ❑ 101 P(%18.7): low serum Hb
 - ❑ Developing Countries: IDA%25-%35
 - ❑ Industerialized Country: IDA %5-%8
 - ❑ Iron supplements by Health care centers , Free of charge



Iron status

The concentration of Iron in:

Infant: 75-80 mg/kg(BW)

50mg/kg: Hb Mass

25mg/kg: Storage Iron

5mg/kg: Myoglobin & tissue

Iron

Iron status

The concentration of Iron in:

Adult: 40-50 mg/kg(BW)

30mg/kg: Hb Mass

*6-7mg/kg: Myoglobin, Heme
enzymes*

& non heme enzymes

** 6-7mg/kg (F) storage Iron*

** 10-12 mg/kg (M)*

< 0/5%: Transport Iron

Iron Metabolism

*Cellular sequestration & Metabolism of
Iron is mediated by 3 proteins:*

❖ *Transferrin*

❖ *Transferrin receptor*

❖ *Ferritin*



Ferritin

Ferritin is the major storage protein with 24 subunit:

- * Light chain (L), 19 kD
- * Heavy chain (H) 21 kD

H gene locus: ch 11: Heart, Iron – Metabolism

L gene locus: ch 19: Liver & spleen- Iron storage function

Ferritin is found in virtually all cells especially:

**Erythroied precursors
Macrophages
Hepatocytes**

F.molecule: 4500 Iron atoms

Half life: 60 hour

**Catabolism of, F: Reutilization of Iron core
Hemosiderin conversion**



Body Iron Distribution and Storage

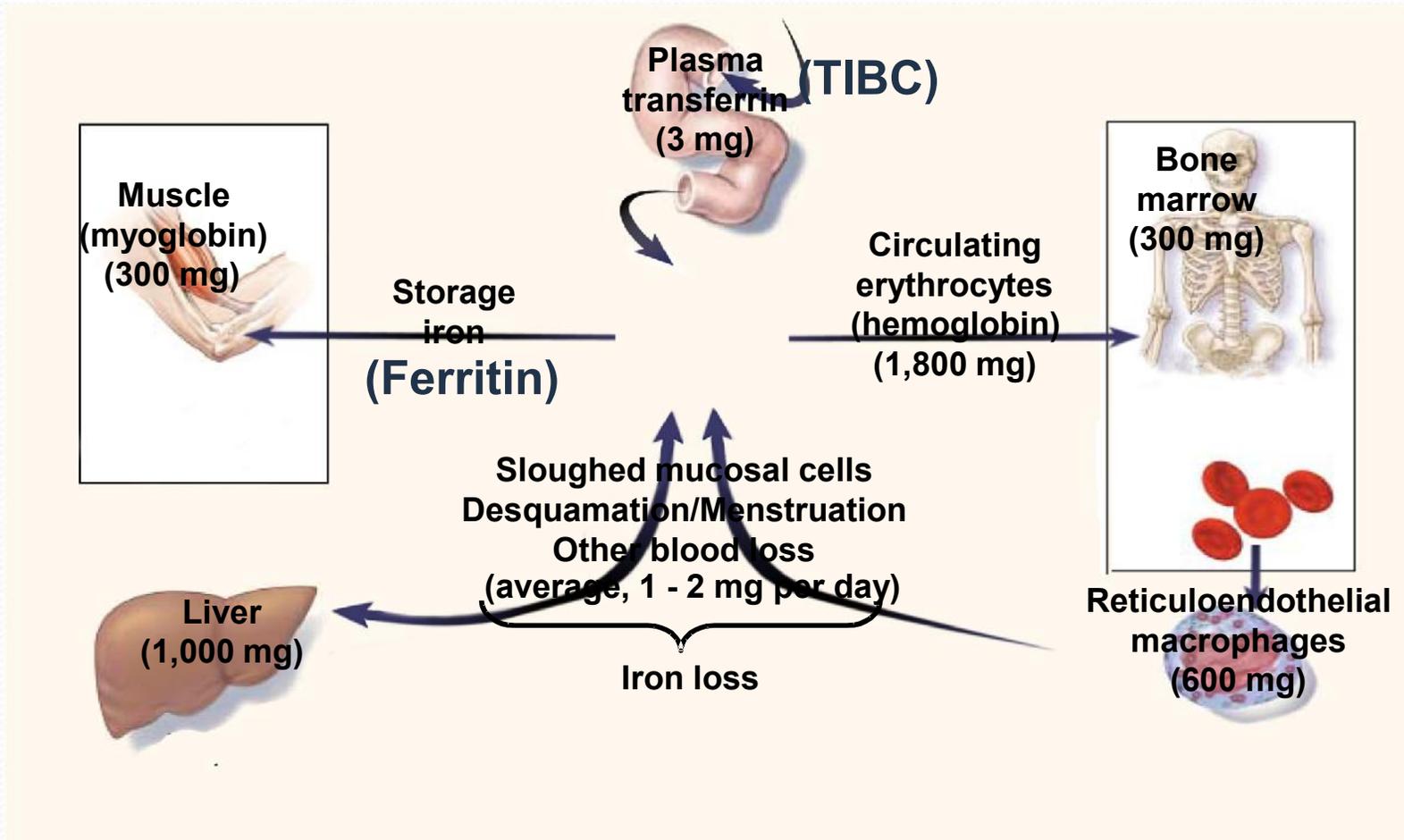


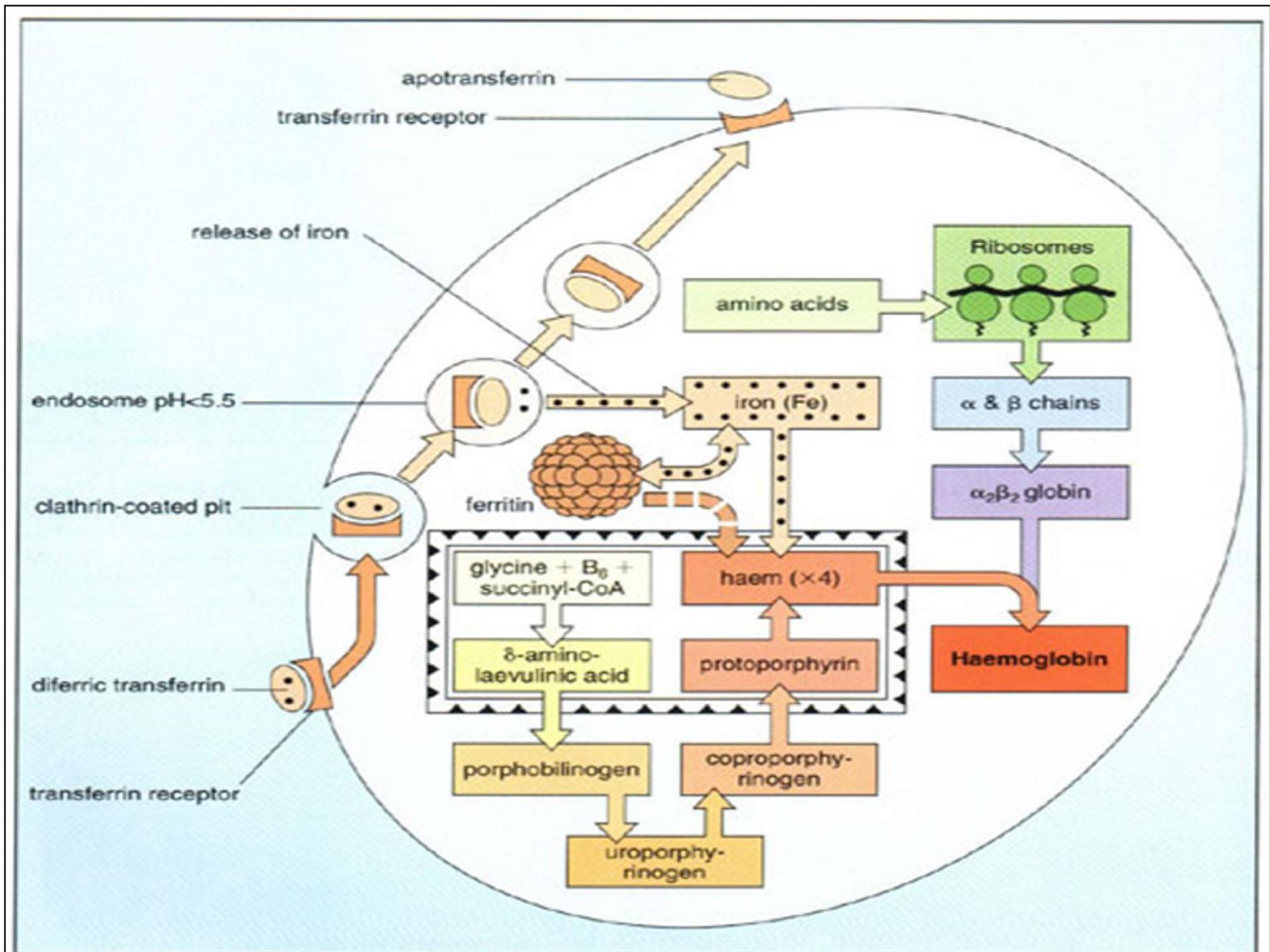
Utilization

Duodenum
(average, 1 - 2 mg per day)

Dietary iron

Utilization





Iron balance

Iron balance is physiologically regulated by controlling Iron absorption.

The availability of dietary Iron for absorption is dependent to:

The amount of Iron

Form of Iron

Composition of the diet

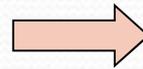
GI factors





CBC

Hb, HCT



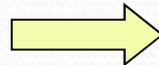
-Anemia

WBC



-leukocytosis
-leukopenia
-Abnormal cells

Platelet



-Thrombocytosis
-Thrombocytopenia

peripheral Blood,CBC

- o R BC
- o Hb (is not specific)
- o MCV
- o MCH
- o Reticulocyte
- o Peripheral blood smear,
Morphology



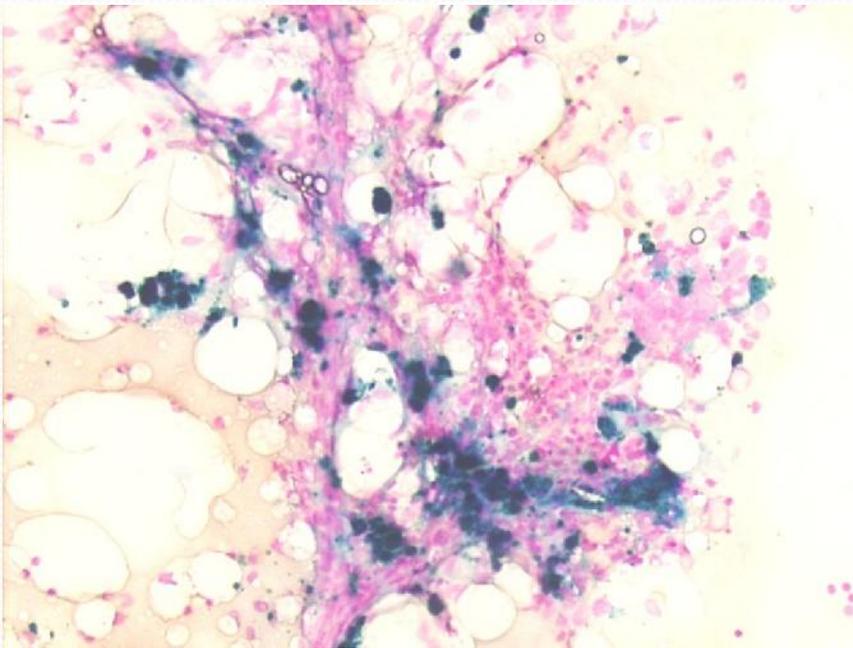


Indirect: 1- plasma ferritin:

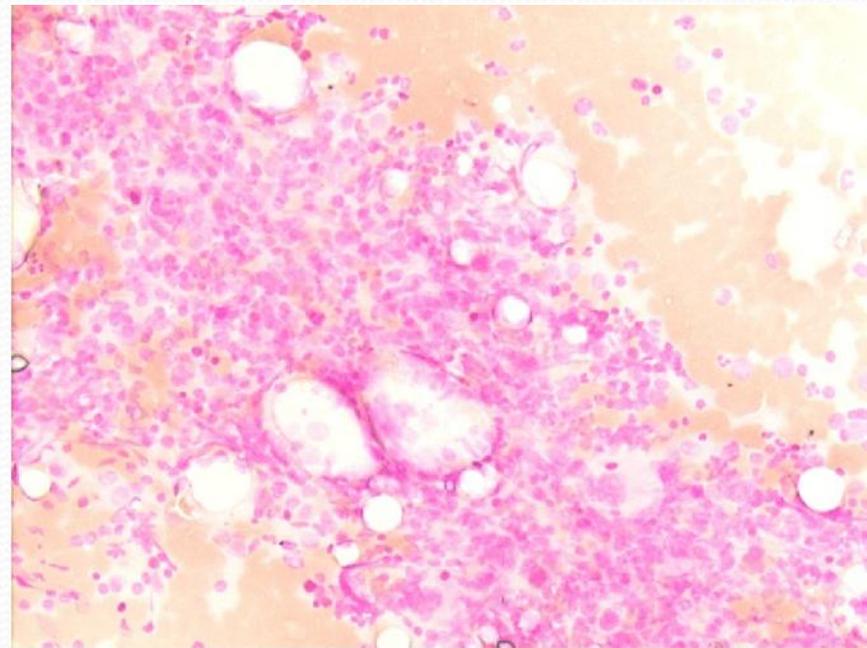
(the most useful) in the absence of:

- * Tissue necrosis***
- * Inflammation***
- * Neoplasm***
- * liver disorder***
- * ↑ turn over of RBC***

Prussian Blue Stain of Bone Marrow



Iron Present



No Iron Present



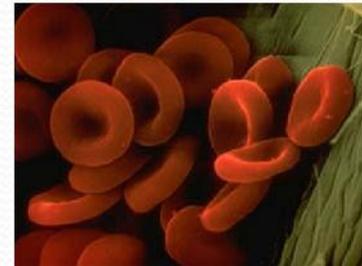
Iron deficiency anemia

Iron deficiency anemia is the most common cause of anemia.

Growth & diet are almost always contributing factors in childhood

Etiology / IDA

- ❑ Blood Loss
- ❑ Gastrointestinal Tract:
 - ❖ Milk -induced Entropathy
 - ❖ Peptic ulcer
 - ❖ Inflammatory Bowel Disease
 - ❖ Meckel Diverticulum & Polyps
 - ❖ Drugs: Salicylates
 - ❖ Hookworm Infestation
 - ❖ Pulmonary Hemosiderosis
 - ❖ Iatrogenic
 - ❖ Menstrual Blood Loss
 - ❖ Urinary Blood Loss(rare)



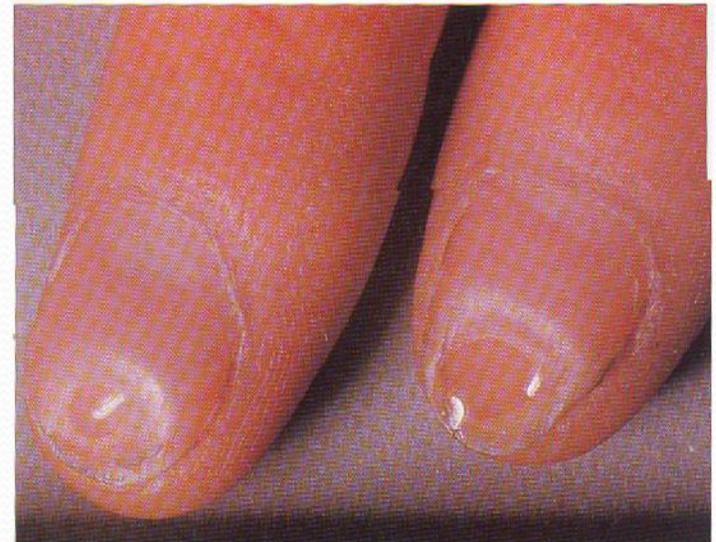
Etiology/IDA

- Increased Physiologic Requirement
 - Pregnancy
 - Infancy
 - Adolescence

- Malabsorption
 - Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
 - Tropical Sprue
 - Gastrectomy
 - Pica

- Dietary inadequacy: Iron Poor Diet

- Combinations of above



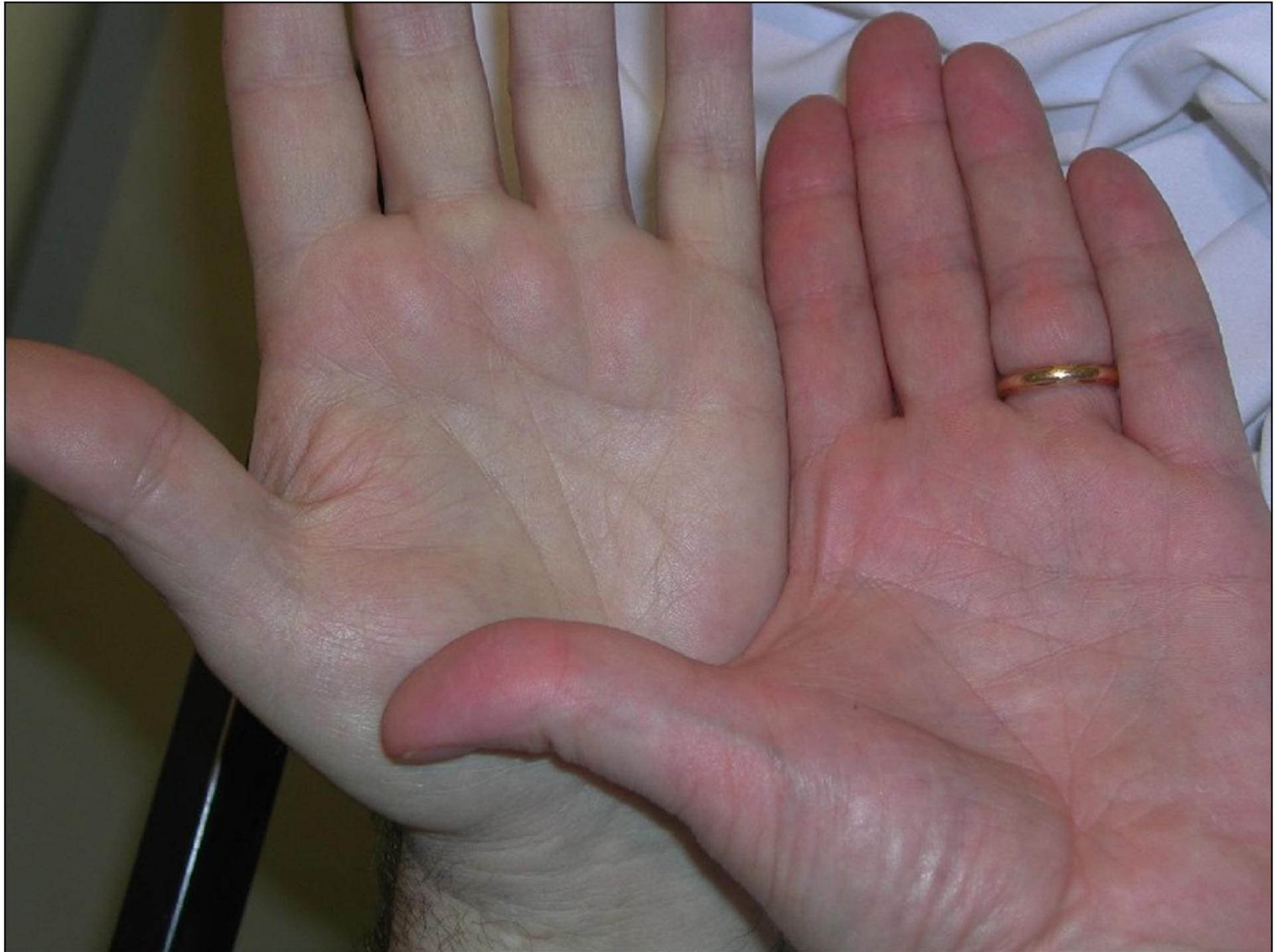


Clinical manifestations

***Hematologic**

*** Non Hematologic**

- **Pallor**
- **Weakness, fatigue, Irritability**
- **Anorexia**
- **Pica**
- **Blue sclera**
- **Koilonychias (spoon- shaped nails)**
- **Glossitis**
- **Angular stomatatis**
- **Post cricoid esophageal web (plummer winson syndrome)**
- **Impair of intellectual & learning**
- **Impaired of immunity**
- **Slightly enlarged spleen**
- **Cardiopulmonary failure & death.**



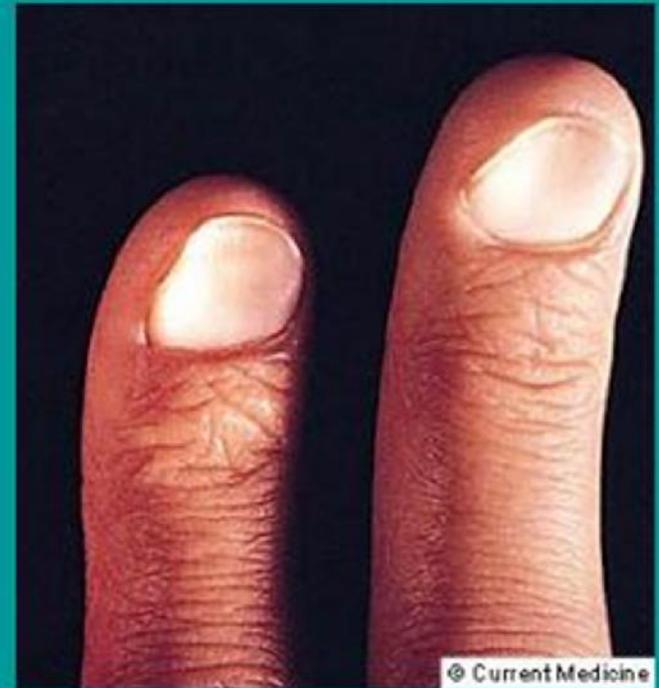


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Iron Deficiency Anemia

- ◆ Additional signs/symptoms
 - spoon-shaped nails (koilonychia)
 - cheilosis
 - glossitis
- ◆ Laboratory findings
 - hypochromic, microcytic
 - ↓ ferritin
 - ↓ serum iron
 - ↑ TIBC
 - ↑ transferrin









Laboratory test:

1-Serum Ferritin: < 10-12 ug/l

2- Serum Iron(Decrease)

3-Total iron binding capacity TIBC ↑

4- peripheral blood : RBC, Hb- HCT↓

MCV, MCH ↓

(RDW(Red blood cell distributaion width)↑

Reticulocyte , Mild↑

4- Serum Soluble Transferrin Receptor ↑

5-FEP ↑

6- BMA & BM Biopsy (Prussian Blue Staining)



Normal = 0.2-2 %
Reticulocyte count

$$\text{Corrected reticulocyte} = \frac{\text{Pt HCT} \times \text{Reti.}}{\text{Normal HCT}}$$



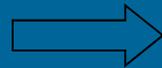
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-Anemia

CBC

WBC



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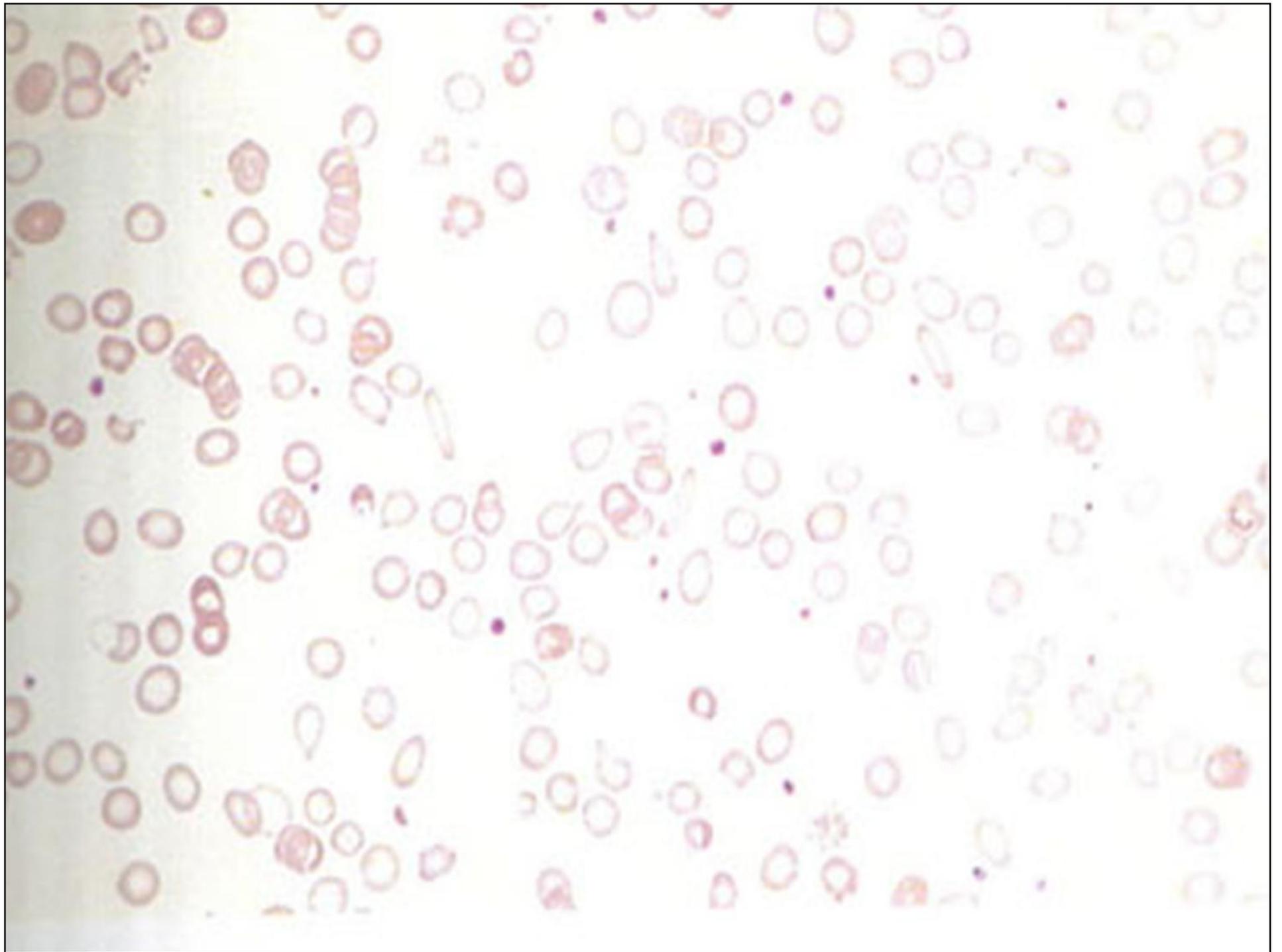
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Platelet



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IDA



Differential Diagnosis of I.D.Anemia

- 1- β . *Thalassemia minor**
- 2- β . *Thalassemia major**
- 3- *Chronic disorders**
- 4- *lead poisoning**
- 5- α . *Thalassemia**



B Thalassemia trait (Heterozygous)

- ❑ Expression of one β gene is impaired by mutation where as the other gene is normal.
- ❑ Slight ineffective erythropoiesis & modestly decrease of RBC survival
- ❑ **Mild erythrocytosis**
- ❑ **Marked microcytosis**
- ❑ Peripheral Blood: microcytosis, hypochromia & targeting



Differential Diagnosis

B Thalassemia trait / Iron Deficiency Anemia

B. Th. Trait:

- Increase of RBC- Mild Erythrocytosis,
- Marked microcytosis
- IDA : RBC count decreased, MCV is rarely as low as B. Th .Trait
- RDW (Red Cell Disrtribution Width by Automated cell counter) : Increased in IDA
- Mentzer Index(MCV/RBC):
 - B .Th .Trait <13
 - IDA > 13



CBC

B. TH .Trait &I. D.A

WBC=10000/mm³

RBC=6/000/000/mm³

Hb=10 gr/d

HCT=%30

MCV=60 FL

MCH=23 pg

Platelet=180000/mm³

WBC=6000/mm³

RBC=3/200/000/mm³

Hb=7gr/dl

HCT=%21

MCV=74FL

MCH=25Pg

Platelet=600000/mm³

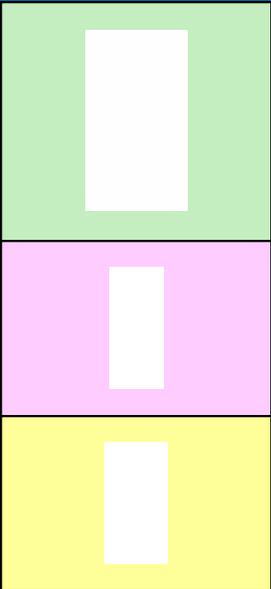
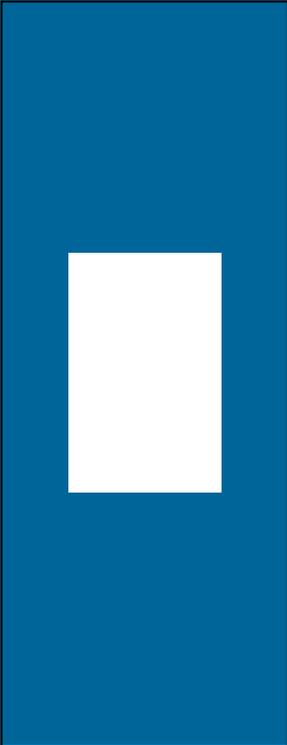


thalassemia

Hb A ↓

Hb A₂ ↑

Hb F ↑



B Thalassemia trait (Heterozygous)

□ Hb Electrophoresis:

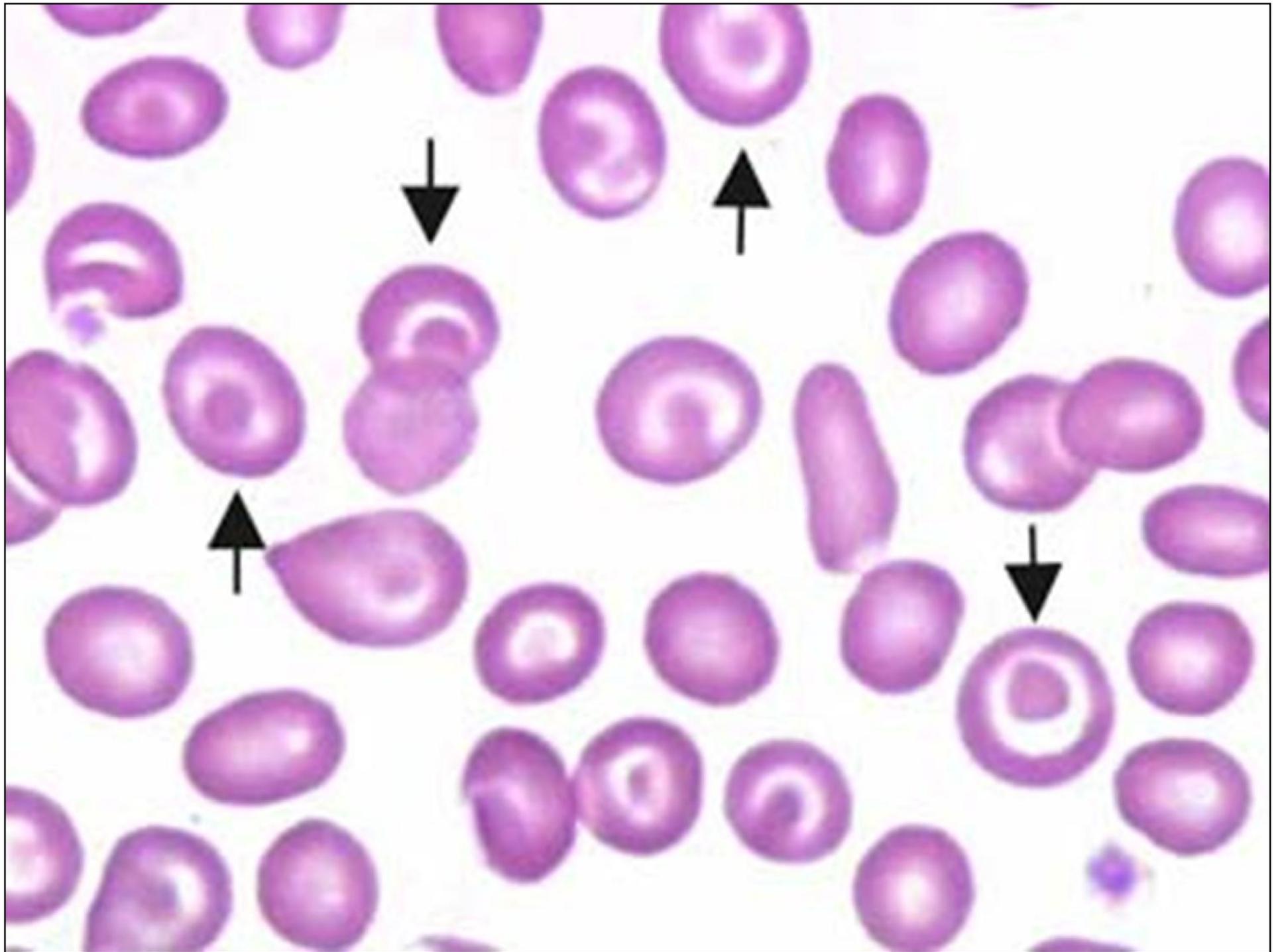
* High A₂ Hb (3.5- 8%)

* High A₂ & High F Hb (5%-20%)

* Low A₂ Hb (Hb F 5%-15%, $\delta\beta$

Thalassemia)

* Normal A₂ Hb





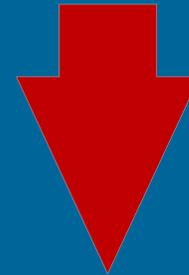
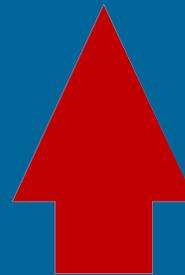
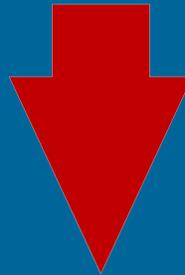
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Serum Iron

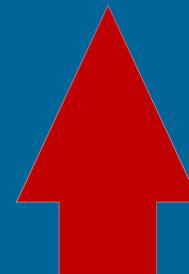
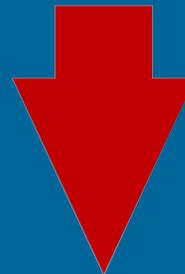
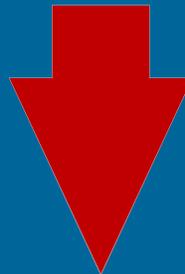
Transferrin

Ferritin

Iron Deficiency



ACD



Major Thalassemia /Cooley Anemia

- Compound heterozygous state for two different β globin gene mutations
- Homozygous state for the same mutation
- Age of diagnosis: 6-12 months
 - 60%: first year
 - 29%: second year
 - 9%: later



Clinical manifestations

- Pallor
- Failure to thrive
- Irritability
- Icterus
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- Skeletal changes
- Prone to infection



หน้าผากกว้าง

ตาเหลือง

ดั้งจมูกแฟบ

ชีด

โหนกแก้มสูง

ผิวหนังคล้ำ

ตับ ม้ามโต

อวัยวะไม่มี

ความเจริญทางเพศ

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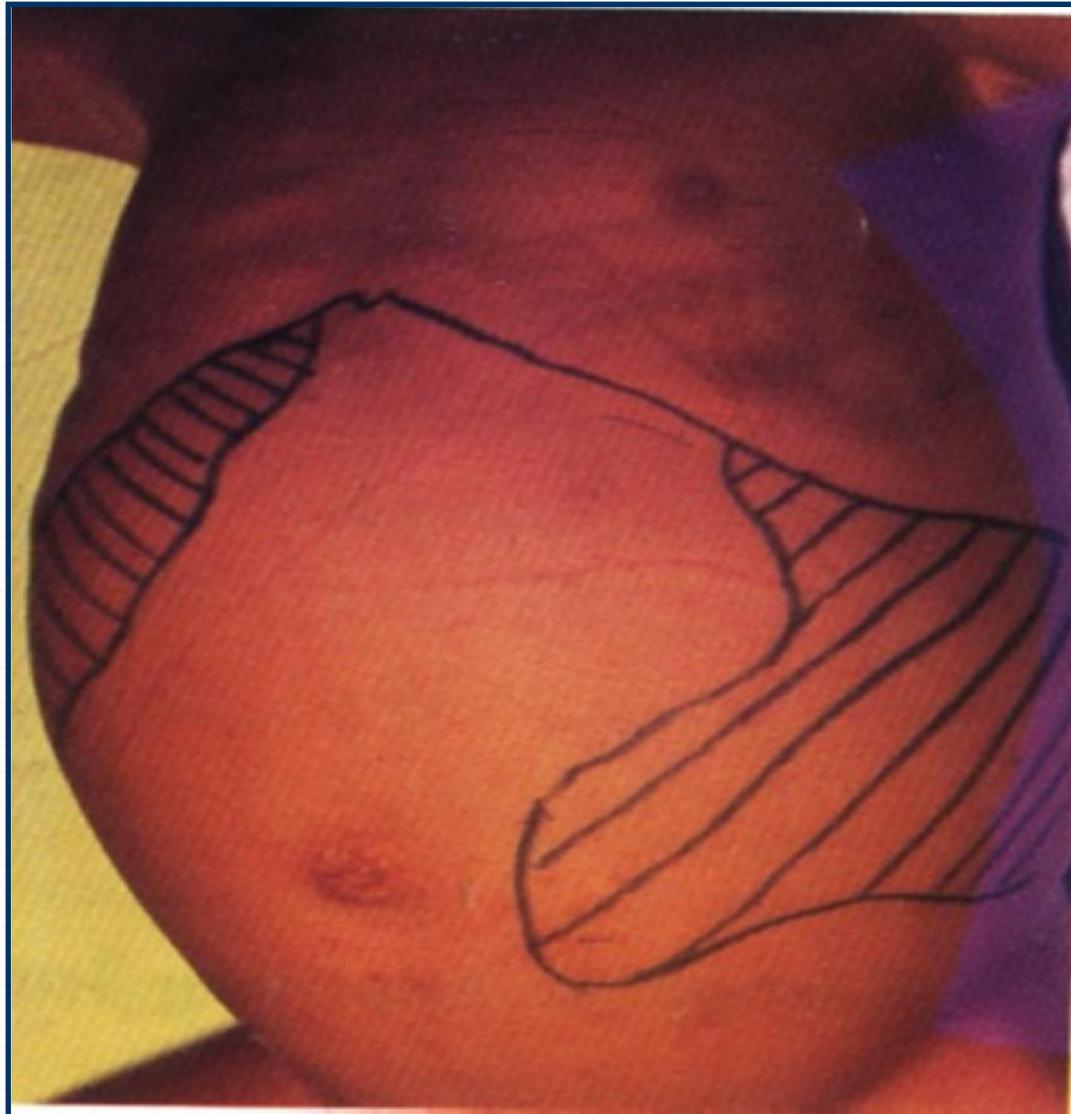


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B MAJOR THALASSEMIA

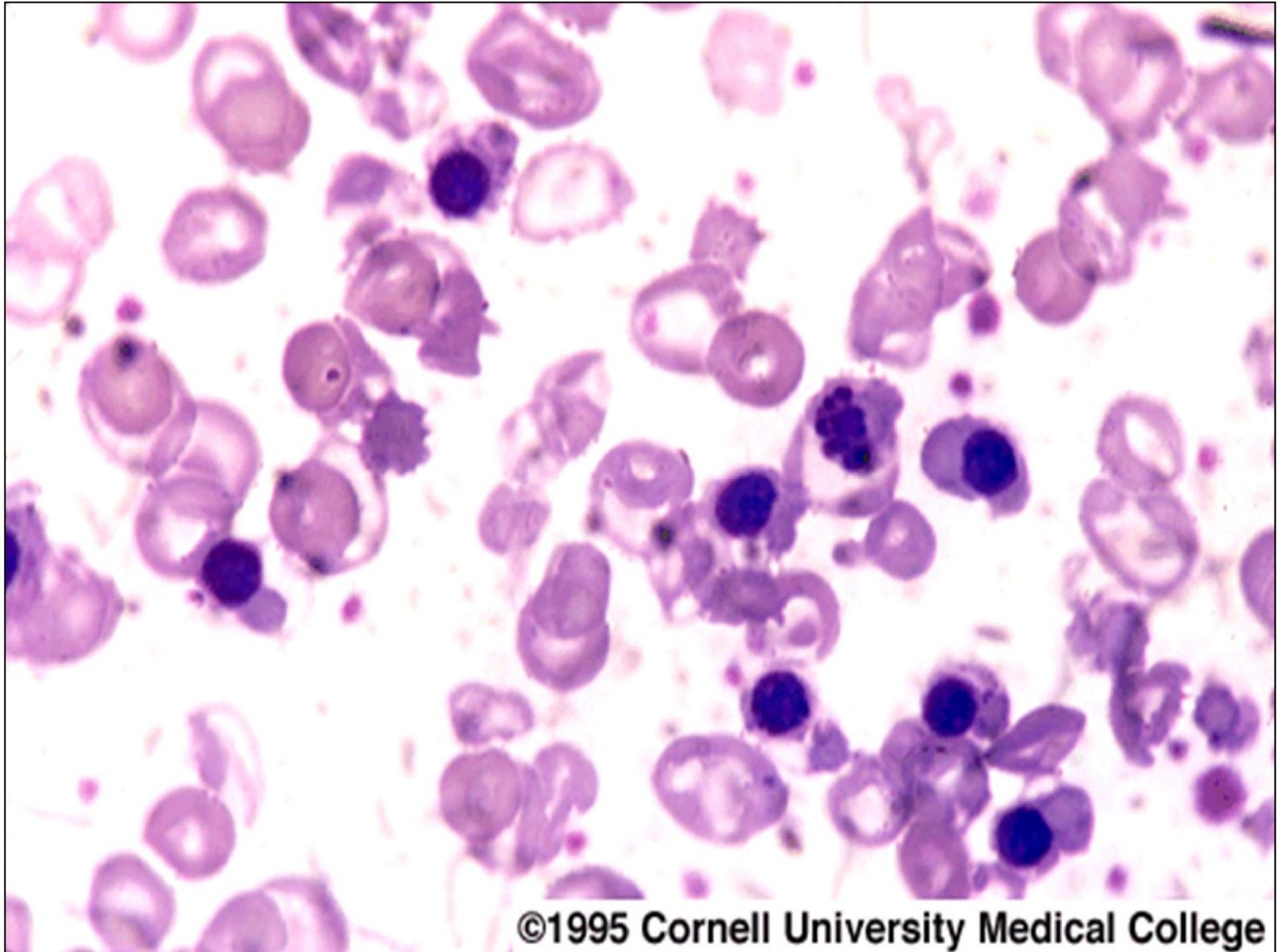


Hepatosplenomegaly



Laboratory Test

- *Hypochromic & microcytic anemia*
- *NRBC* ↑
- *Serum Iron & Ferritin* ↑
- *BMA: marked E hyperplasia*
- *E/M: 20/1*
- *Hb electrophoresis:*
 - *Hb F* ↑
 - *Hb A2: variable levels*
 - *Hb A: reduced or absent*
- *Th. Trait in both parents*
- *Globin biosynthetic ratio: diagnostic*



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Treatment of β Thalassemia Major

- Gene therapy
- Stem cell transplantation
- Blood transfusion



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Blood Transfusion in β .Th. Major

- Determine the blood type & minor Red Cell Antigen :
 - ABO, RH ,Kell, Kidd, Duffy



Guidelines For Blood Transfusion

- Patients should not receive PRBC more than two weeks old
- Hb level: 9/5-11/5 gr/dl
- Volume of PRC: 10-20 ml/kg of leukocyte-poor and filtered RBC
- Transfusion interval: 3-5 weeks
- pretransfusion laboratory tests: CBC
- cross match, RBC antibody screen



Treatment of I.D.A

Replenishment of body Iron

Correction of factor responsible for Iron deficiency

Iron administration:

***Oral: safe, cheap & effective**

***Parenteral: IM, IV**

Parenteral Indication :

*** poor tolerance**

*** GI Iron absorption is compromised**

*** has Iron needs that can not be met oral therapy because of chronic uncontrollable bleeding**



Oral Iron therapy

Ferrus sulphate is the preferred, salt.

The Iron element: 20%

Dose: 3-6mg/kg/day divided dose

Administration: between meals

Side effects ,10-20%: Nausea

Vomiting

Diarrhea, constipation

Abdominal pain

Plan for side effects : 1- Administration

immediately after meal

2- ↓ dose



Parenteral Iron therapy

Dextran :

Side effects

- 1- Anaphylaxia**
- 2- Serum sickness- like reaction**
- 3- Skin staining (IM)**
- 4- Muscle necrosis**
- 5- Phlebitis**
- 6- Persistent pain**
- 7- Artralgia**

Because of anaphylaxia: Test dose 0/5cc

1 hour before.



Parenteral iron Therapy

- Iron Dextran
- Iron Gluconate
- Iron Sucrose
- Total Dose of Iron dextran (mg):
Weight (kg) × desired increment Hb
(g/dl) × 2.5
- 10mg/kg: Additional for Iron Stores
Not more than 2cc/day

Timing for Iron replacement in infant

- 1- Breast milk infant: 1mg/kg/day Iron supplementation beyond 6 months**
- 2- Infant with Iron supplemented formula: 12mg/lit Iron**
- 3- Cow's milk should be avoided during the first year.**
- 4- premature infants should receive Iron supplements immediately.**



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