



Myeloproliferative Neoplasms



An evolving full blood count.

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Overview of the disorder and its classifications.

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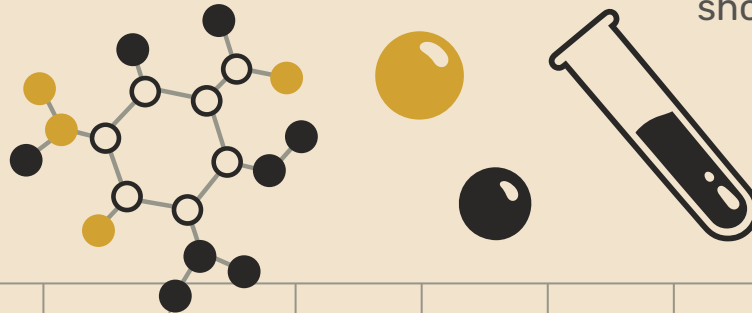
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Available treatments, and the changes they cause.

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FBC and Transformation

How the disorders can transform, and whether that should concern us!!





Acronyms

MPN

**Myeloproliferative
Neoplasm**

ET

**Essential
Thrombocythemia**

MPD

**Myeloproliferative
Disease**

HU

Hydroxyurea

PRV

**Polycythaemia Rubra
Vera**

HC

Hydroxycarbamide

PV

Polycythaemia Vera

PMF

**Primary
Myelofibrosis**

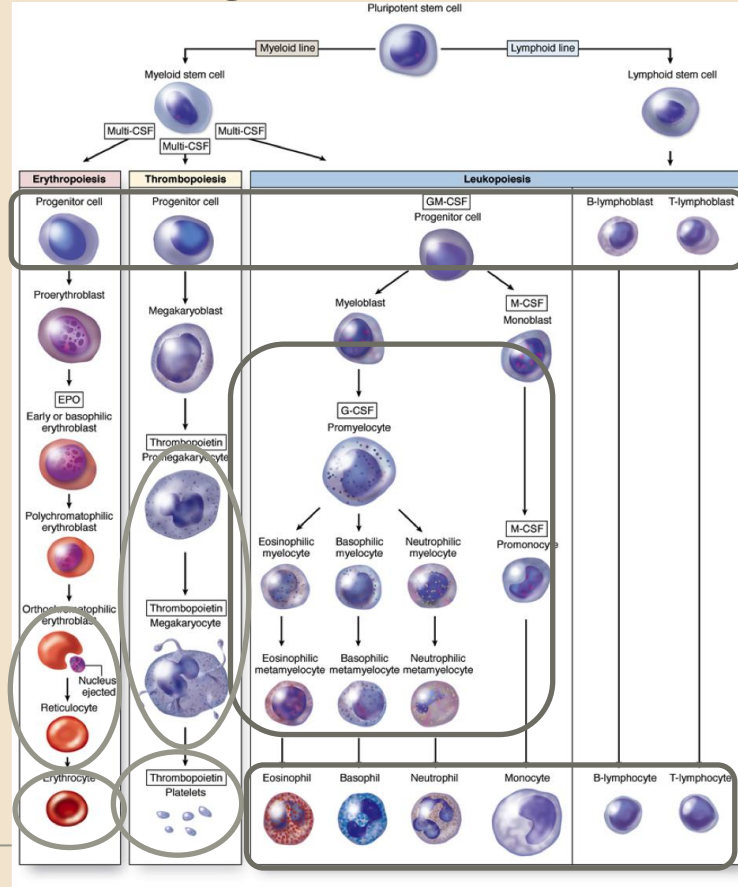
Haematopoiesis Revision

All blood cells are made in the bone marrow, but only a few enter into peripheral blood (PB).

Megakaryocytes are extremely uncommon in PB.

Red cell precursors are common in anaemia

These cells are normal in peripheral blood.



Blasts are always concerning in peripheral blood!

Myeloid precursors can be present in PB for many reasons - not all are malignant!

In MPDs, there is an increase in normal, mature cells.

What is an MPD?



What?

- Chronic myeloid disorder.
- Associated with production of normal cells in excess.

Who?

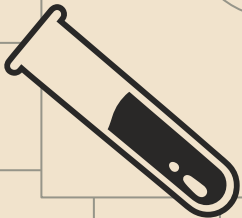
- Can affect any age.
- Many patients can expect to have a normal lifespan



Types

- Polycythaemia Vera
- Essential Thrombocythemia
- Primary Myelofibrosis
- Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia
- Chronic Neutrophilic Leukaemia
- Chronic Eosinophilic Leukaemia

Our focus today is on these 3 disorders.





PV/ET/PMF/CML



Features	PV	ET	PMF
Associated mutation	<i>JAK2</i>	<i>JAK2/CALR/MPL</i>	<i>JAK2/CALR/MPL</i>
Affect on FBC	↑Hb, ↑Hct, ↑RBCC	↑Plts	↓RBCC, ↓WBCC, ↓Plts
Diagnostic Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Male Hct: >0.52• Female Hct: >0.48	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plts >600x10⁹/L• No reactive cause	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bone marrow fibrosis• Leucoerythroblastic blood film

The Mutations are not essential, you can be diagnosed with triple negative PV/ET/PMF!



FBC at Presentation

05/11/2020 u/k Blood

Request Reason : Hb monitoring.

HB	193	g/L	(130 to 170)	Auth
WBC	7.2	10 ⁹ /L	(4.0 to 11.0)	Auth
PLT	398	10 ⁹ /L	(150 to 410)	Auth
RBC	6.15	10 ¹² /L	(4.50 to 5.50)	Auth
HCT	0.578	L/L	(0.400 to 0.500)	Auth
MCV	93.9	fL	(83 to 101)	Auth
MCH	31.4	pg		
MCHC	334	g/l		
RDW	16.1			
MPV	9.4	fL		
Neutrophils	5.1	10 ⁹ /L		
Lymphocytes	1.3	10 ⁹ /L		
Monocytes	0.6	10 ⁹ /L		

22/12/2022 08:40 Blood

Request Reason : persistent raised platelets.

HB	127	g/L	(120 to 150)	Auth
WBC	7.6	10 ⁹ /L	(4.0 to 11.0)	Auth
PLT	639	10 ⁹ /L	(150 to 410)	Auth
RBC	4.25	10 ¹² /L	(3.80 to 4.80)	Auth
HCT	0.377	L/L	(0.360 to 0.460)	Auth
MCV	88.6	fL	(83 to 101)	Auth
MCH	29.9	pg	(27.0 to 32.0)	Auth
MCHC	337	g/L	(315 to 345)	Auth
RDW	13.0		(11.6 to 14.0)	Auth
MPV	7.2	fL	(7.5 to 11.2)	Auth
Neutrophils	3.2	10 ⁹ /L	(2.0 to 7.0)	Auth
Lymphocytes	3.6	10 ⁹ /L	(1.0 to 3.0)	Auth
Monocytes	0.5	10 ⁹ /L	(0.2 to 1.0)	Auth

FBC at Presentation

09/01/2023 08:02 Blood

Request Reason : MF.

HB	88	g/L	(130 to 170)	Auth
WBC	2.6	10 ⁹ /L	(4.0 to 11.0)	Auth
PLT	14	10 ⁹ /L	(150 to 410)	Auth
RBC	3.05	10 ¹² /L	(4.50 to 5.50)	Auth
HCT	0.254	L/L	(0.400 to 0.500)	Auth
MCV	83.1	fL	(83 to 101)	Auth
MCH	28.9	pg	(27.0 to 32.0)	Auth
MCHC	348			
RDW	16.6			
MPV	9.3			
Neutrophils	0.8			
Lymphocytes	1.3			
Monocytes	0.4			

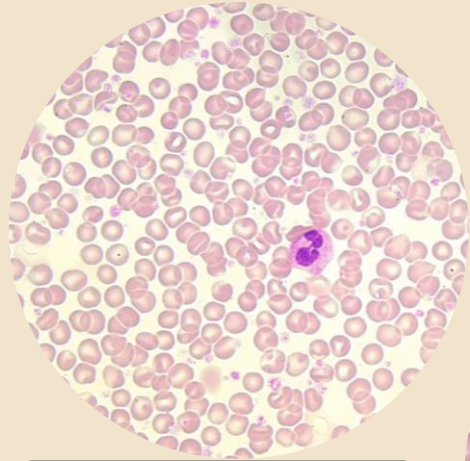
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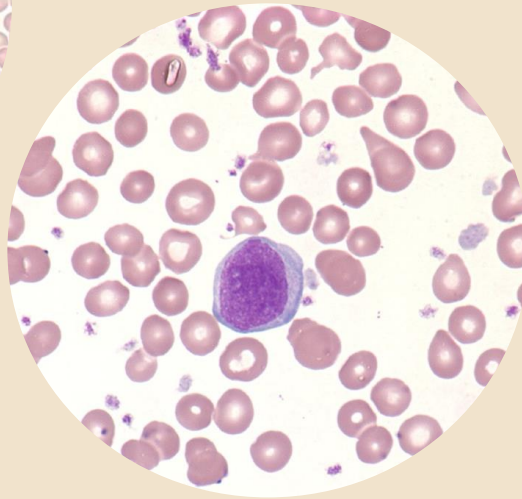
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PLT	1018	10 ⁹ /L	(150 to 410)	Auth
RBC	5.22	10 ¹² /L	(4.50 to 5.50)	Auth
HCT	0.403	L/L	(0.400 to 0.500)	Auth
MCV	77.2	fL	(83 to 101)	Auth
MCH	23.4	pg	(27.0 to 32.0)	Auth
MCHC	303	g/L	(315 to 345)	Auth
RDW	21.6		(11.6 to 14.0)	Auth
MPV	7.7	fL	(7.5 to 11.2)	Auth
Neutrophils	20.3	10 ⁹ /L	(2.0 to 7.0)	Auth
Lymphocytes	0.2	10 ⁹ /L	(1.0 to 3.0)	Auth
Monocytes	0.5	10 ⁹ /L	(0.2 to 1.0)	Auth

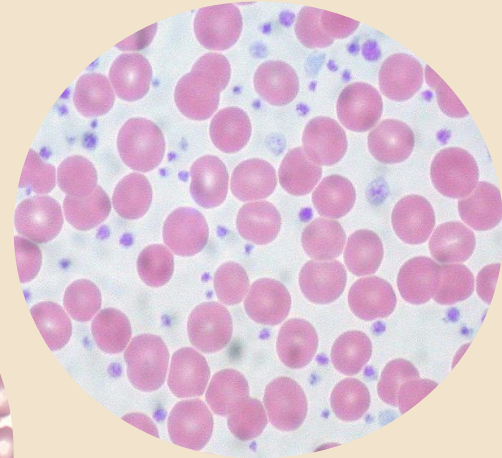
Blood Film Features



Polycythaemia Vera



Primary
Myelofibrosis



Essential
Thrombocythemia

The Differential Diagnosis

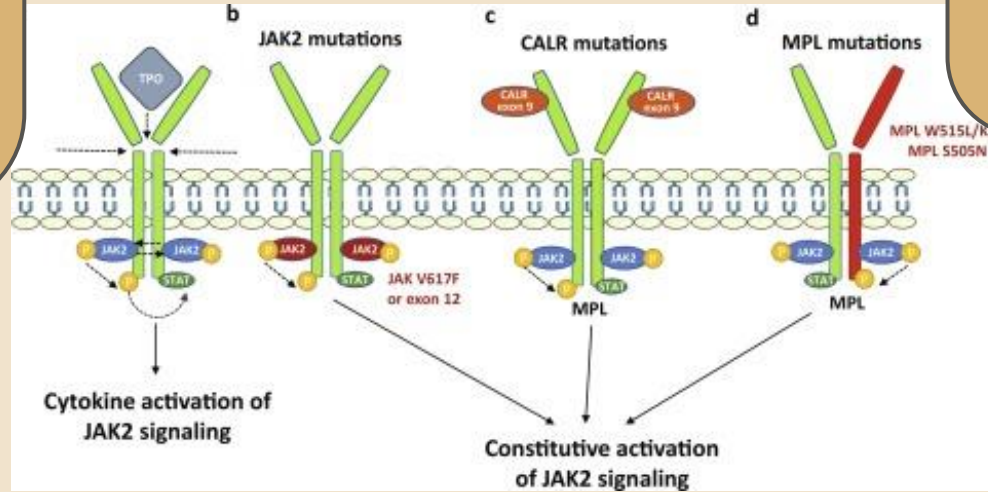


	PV	ET	PMF
Secondary Causes	Smoking/Hypoxia	Infection	Can appear similar to patients treated with GCSF, or those with CML.
	Obesity	Iron Deficiency	
	Dehydration	Inflammation	Marrow infiltration by metastatic cancer.
	Testosterone Abuse	Hyposplenism	
	Alcoholism	Bleeding	



Pathophysiology and Genetics


Mutations to *JAK2*, *MPL*, *CALR* are diagnostic and distinguish MPDs from secondary causes.



JAK2 mutations can occur in all 3, but *CALR* and *MPL* do NOT occur in PV.

The end product of all 3 is a loss of regulation in production- normal cells are being made, they just don't know when to stop!

Treatment Options



Treatments	PV	ET	PMF
Aspirin	✓	✓	✓
Hydroxycarbamide	✓	✓	✓
Venesection	✓	✗	✗
Other available drugs.	Interferon-Alpha Ruxolitinib	Anagrelide Busulfan	Cladribine Interferon-Alpha Thalidomide



Affects of Treatment



Treatments

Affect

Aspirin

- Reduces thrombotic risk.
- Dysregulation of platelet function.

Hydroxycarbamide

- Reduces cell burden.
- Interferes with the production of DNA.
- Causes megaloblastic anaemia.
- Can result in cytopenia's.

Venesection

- Reduced red cell burden.
- Can result in iron restriction (pseudo-iron deficiency)

There are several other drugs available, including ruxolitinib, anagrelide, busulfan etc. These drugs can cause cytopenia's, but other side effects tend to be clinical!



FBC and Treatment

Clinical Info: NHS Number: 450 714 1486 Tel:
 ET. Date received: 10/01/2023 R
 Specimen No : H0847085X Haematology <PgUp> for earlier

10/01/2023 08:56 Blood
 Request Reason : ET.

HB 137 g/L
 WBC 6.0 10⁹/L
 PLT 408 10⁹/L
 RBC 3.65 10¹²/L
 HCT 0.408 L/L
 MCV 114.6 fL

05/01/2017 11:05 Blood
 Request Reason : memory.

HB 143 g/L
 WBC 10.8 10⁹/L
 PLT 630 10⁹/L
 RBC 7.24 10¹²/L

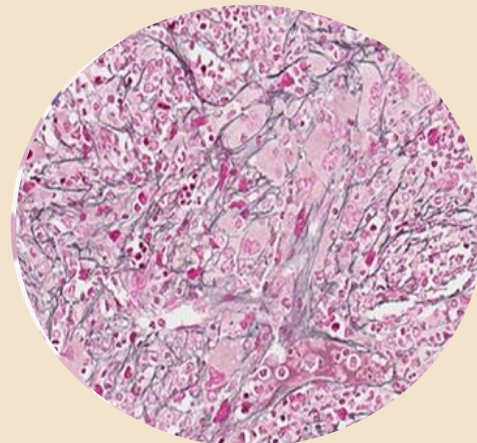
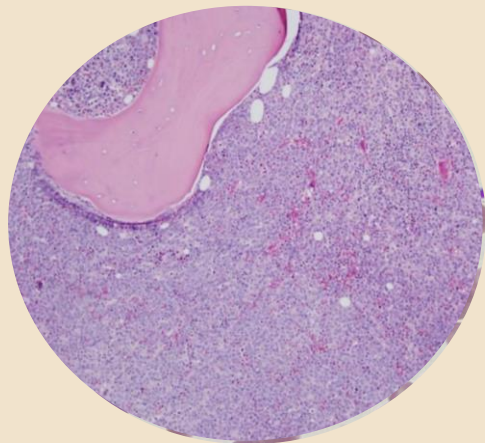
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 (4.0 to 11.0) Auth
 (150 to 400) Auth
 (3.80 to 5.80) Auth
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 (300 to 358) Auth
 (11.0 to 14.5) Auth
 (6.5 to 20.0) Auth
 (2.0 to 7.5) Auth
 (1.5 to 4.0) Auth
 (0.2 to 0.8) Auth

19/10/2021 10:20 Blood
 Request Reason : ET on hydroxycarbamide.

HB 102 g/L (120 to 150) Auth
 WBC 2.0 10⁹/L (4.0 to 11.0) Auth
 PLT 538 10⁹/L (150 to 410) Auth
 RBC 2.48 10¹²/L (3.80 to 4.80) Auth
 HCT 0.302 L/L (0.360 to 0.460) Auth
 MCV 122.1 fL (83 to 101) Auth
 MCH 41.2 pg (27.0 to 32.0) Auth
 MCHC 337 g/L (315 to 345) Auth
 RDW 15.5 (11.6 to 14.0) Auth
 MPV 8.1 fL (7.5 to 11.2) Auth
 Neutrophils 1.1 10⁹/L (2.0 to 7.0) Auth
 Lymphocytes 0.7 10⁹/L (1.0 to 3.0) Auth
 Monocytes 0.1 10⁹/L (0.2 to 1.0) Auth

Transformation

Transformation	PV	ET	PMF
Myelofibrosis	✓	✓	✗
Acute Myeloid Leukaemia	✓	✓	✓



FBC and Transformation

15/03/2022 10:25 Blood

Request Reason : Polycythaemia, on Ruxolitinib. Pre-Haem clinic blood test.

HB	111	g/L	(120 to 150)	Auth
WBC	19.7	10 ⁹ /L	(4.0 to 11.0)	Auth
PLT	434	10 ⁹ /L	(150 to 410)	Auth
RBC	3.35	10 ¹² /L	(3.80 to 4.80)	Auth
HCT	0.342	L/L	(0.360 to 0.460)	Auth
MCV	102.0	fL	(83 to 101)	Auth
MCH	33.1	pg	(27.0 to 32.0)	Auth
MCHC	324	g/L	(315 to 345)	Auth
RDW	20.2		(11.6 to 14.0)	Auth
MPV	9.5	fL	(7.5 to 11.2)	Auth
Neutrophils	^12.1	10 ⁹ /L	(2.0 to 7.0)	Auth
Neutrophils.....	11.4	10 ⁹ /L	(2.0 to 7.0)	Auth
Lymphocytes	^3.8	10 ⁹ /L	(1.0 to 3.0)	Auth
Lymphocytes.....	3.2	10 ⁹ /L	(1.0 to 3.0)	Auth
Monocytes	^2.6	10 ⁹ /L	(0.2 to 1.0)	Auth
Monocytes.....	2.6	10 ⁹ /L	(0.2 to 1.0)	Auth
Eosinophils	^0.6	10 ⁹ /L	(0.00 to 0.5)	Auth
Eosinophils.....	0.8	10 ⁹ /L	(0.00 to 0.5)	Auth
Bas	^0.6	10 ⁹ /L	(0.0 to 0.1)	Auth
Basophils.....	0.4	10 ⁹ /L	(0.0 to 0.1)	Auth
Band Forms.....	0.4	10 ⁹ /L		Auth
Myelocytes.....	0.6	10 ⁹ /L		Auth
Blasts.....	0.4	10 ⁹ /L	(0.0 to 0.0)	Auth
Automated Nucleated Red Count	^0.3	10 ⁹ /L	(0.0 to 0.1)	Auth

Polycythaemia Vera transforming to Myelofibrosis.

Counts may not change, or they may develop cytopenia's.

Clinical progression may be more evident, including splenomegaly.

FBC and Transformation

13/10/2022 10:10 Blood

Request Reason : MF.

HB	67	g/L	(130 to 170)	Auth
WBC	16.6	10 ⁹ /L	(4.0 to 11.0)	Auth
PLT	13	10 ⁹ /L	(150 to 410)	Auth
RBC	2.35	10 ¹² /L	(4.50 to 5.50)	Auth
HCT	0.199	L/L	(0.400 to 0.500)	Auth
MCV	85.0	fL	(83 to 101)	Auth
MCH	28.7	pg	(27.0 to 32.0)	Auth
MCHC	338	g/L	(315 to 345)	Auth
RDW	16.8		(11.6 to 14.0)	Auth
MPV	8.9	fL	(7.5 to 11.2)	Auth
Neutrophils	^1.3	10 ⁹ /L	(2.0 to 7.0)	Auth
Neutrophils.....	4.5	10 ⁹ /L	(2.0 to 7.0)	Auth
Lymphocytes	^0.9	10 ⁹ /L	(1.0 to 3.0)	Auth
Lymphocytes.....	2.2	10 ⁹ /L	(1.0 to 3.0)	Auth
Monocytes	^14.4	10 ⁹ /L	(0.2 to 1.0)	Auth
Monocytes.....	1.3	10 ⁹ /L	(0.2 to 1.0)	Auth
Eosinophils	^0.0	10 ⁹ /L	(0.00 to 0.5)	Auth
Eosinophils.....	0.0	10 ⁹ /L	(0.00 to 0.5)	Auth
BAS	^0.0	10 ⁹ /L	(0.0 to 0.1)	Auth
Basophils.....	0.0	10 ⁹ /L	(0.0 to 0.1)	Auth
Band Forms.....	0.0	10 ⁹ /L		Auth
Myelocytes.....	0.2	10 ⁹ /L		Auth
Promyelocytes.....	0.0	10 ⁹ /L		Auth
Blasts.....	8.5	10 ⁹ /L	(0.0 to 0.0)	Auth
Atypical Cells.....	0.0	10 ⁹ /L		Auth
Automated Nucleated Red Count	^0.0	10 ⁹ /L	(0.0 to 0.1)	Auth

Myelofibrosis
transforming to Acute
Myeloid Leukaemia.

Cytopenia's common
as the marrow is busy
making blasts.

Unlike MF, blasts will
form a significant
component of the cells.

When should we act?

First Presentation
any MPD.

New blast flare
leucocytosis
known MPD

Macrocytosis for
patients with known
MPD (likely HC
treatment), or stable
counts, even if the
counts are abnormal,
can be authorised!

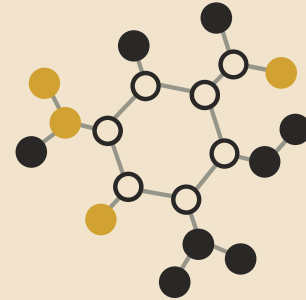
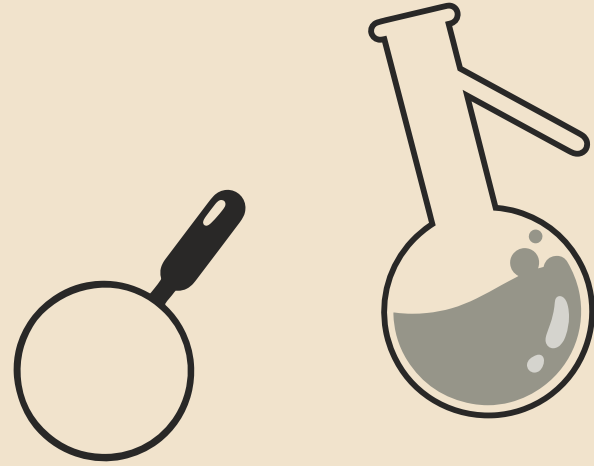
anemia's on a
known MPD

Significant
changes in counts
known patient
e.g. doubling

Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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