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Neonatal Anemia

- Blood loss
- Hemolytic process
 - Anemia, hyperbilirubinemia, high retic count
- Impaired red cell production
 - Low retic count

Neonatal anemia- Blood loss

- Feto-maternal or feto-fetal transfusion
- Hematoma or rupture of cord or placenta
- Placenta previa or abruptio
- Internal hemorrhage
 - Intracranial
 - cephalhematoma
 - retroperitoneal
 - ruptured liver or spleen

Newborn hemolytic anemia

- Immune- Coombs positive
 - Rh incompatibility- mother Rh negative presents in first 24 hours of life
 - ABO incompatibility- mother /baby
 - Minor group incompatibility (Kell, E, c)
 - Maternal autoimmune hemolytic anemia
 - Drug-induced hemolytic anemia

Hemolytic anemia- other causes

- Infection
 - Bacterial sepsis
 - Congenital TORCH infections
- DIC
- Cavernous hemangioma
- Galactosemia
- Hereditary red cell membrane defects: HS, HE
- Red cell enzyme deficiency (G6PD, PK, HK)
- Alpha thalassemia syndromes (HbH, Hydrops)

G6PD Deficiency

- X-linked
- Neonatal jaundice in boys
- Sudden jaundice, pallor, dark urine
- Mediterranean more severe than African
- May get gall stones or aplastic crisis
- Avoid: sulfa drugs, Aspirin, chloroquine, nitrofurantoin, Naphthalene, Fava beans

Neonatal anemia III

- Impaired Red Cell Production-Low retic

- Diamond-Blackfan anemia

Physical anomalies in 30%: short stature, low birth wt, microcephaly, triphalangeal thumb

- Congenital infection- Rubella, parvovirus

- Osteopetrosis

Approach to newborn anemia

- Family history and obstetric history
- Physical exam: anomalies, infection, hemorrhage, hepatosplenomegaly
- Laboratory evaluation
 - Reticulocyte count
 - coomb's test
 - MCV (low in alpha thal. , chronic blood loss)
 - peripheral smear (spherocytosis, ellipto, DIC)
 - RBC enzymes
 - TORCH titers, bacterial cultures

Physiologic anemia of infancy

- Pathophysiology
 - decreased red cell survival
 - increased plasma volume
 - decreased erythropoietin levels post-natally
- Full term: 8-12 weeks Hb ~ 9.5-10 g/dL
- Premature <1500 gm 4-8 wks Hb~ 6-7 g/dL

RBC Transfusion

- 10cc/kg of PRBC raise Hgb by 3 gm/dL

- Formula:

(Blood volume) x (Hct₂ - Hct₁)

Volume = -----

Hct of PRBC (~65)

Iron Deficiency Anemia

- Nutritional: Excessive cow milk intake
- Blood loss: GI bleeding, Menorrhagia
- Hypochromic microcytic
- low Fe, high TIBC
- $(\text{Fe}/\text{TIBC} \times 100 = \text{Transferrin saturation} < 12\%)$
- low MCV, low Ferritin, High RDW > 14
- $\text{MCV} / \text{RBC} > 13$ (Mentzer index)

Anemia

- Low Retic

- Iron Deficiency
- Hypoplastic
- Bone marrow infiltration

- High Retic

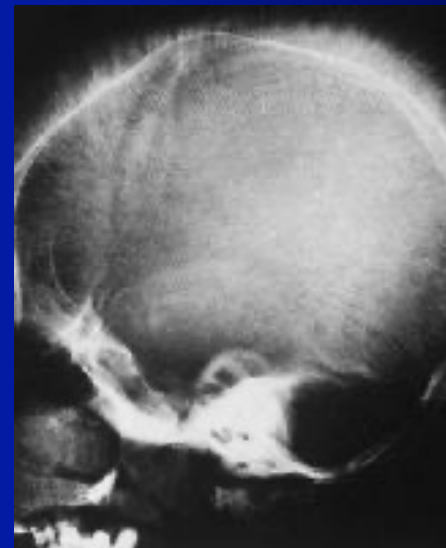
- Hemolytic: Coomb's +
- RBC enzyme (G6PD deficiency- X linked)
- Hemoglobinopathy (Sickle, thalassemia)
- RBC membrane defect (spherocytosis)

Beta Thalassemia *Trait*

- Beta thalassemia trait- Thal Minor
- Low MCV (microcytosis)
- Mild or no anemia
- Occasional mild splenomegaly
- Differential Dx iron deficiency
 - Thal RDW <14. MCV/RBC <13
- Family counseling- No therapy

Beta-Thalassemia Major

- Decreased production of *Beta* globin chains
- Severe transfusion-dependent anemia
- Bone marrow expansion- (Thal-facies)
- Chronic transfusions- every 2-3 weeks
- Iron chelation with (Deferasirox) or Deferoxamine (Desferal)
- Ferritin very high



Alpha Thalassemia

aa/aa

- **Single gene deletion:** silent carrier
normal Hb and MCV, Barts Hb(γ 4) at birth.
- **Two gene deletion:** alpha thal trait:
Mild or no anemia, Low MCV- Barts at birth
- **Three gene deletion:** Hb H disease
Moderate hemolytic anemia
- **Four gene deletion:** Severe anemia,
Hydrops fetalis

	HB	MCV	Fe	TIBC	Ferritin	FEP
IRON DEF	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑
THAL TRAIT	N↓	↓	N	N	N	N
THAL MAJOR	↓↓	↓	↑	N	↑↑	N
LEAD TOXICITY	N↓	N↓	N↓	N	N	↑↑



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Neonatal Thrombocytopenia

- Increased Destruction
 - Immune
 - Non-immune
- Decreased Production
- Hypersplenism

Immune Thrombocytopenia

- Autoimmune
 - Maternal ITP
 - Maternal SLE
 - Maternal hyperthyroidism, drugs
 - pre-eclampsia

Neonatal Immune Thrombocytopenia

- Alloimmune or isoimmune
 - Platelet antigen incompatibility - Pl-A1 (HPA-1a) antigen
Mother negative , father and baby positive
 - 1: 1000
 - maternal antibodies against paternally derived antigens in infants platelets
 - first born may be affected
 - Severe thrombocytopenia $<10,000$ + bleeding
 - Rx: IVIG, Platelet transfusion PlA1-ve
 - Prevent bleeding in next pregnancy: give mother IVIG

Non-immune Destruction of Plts

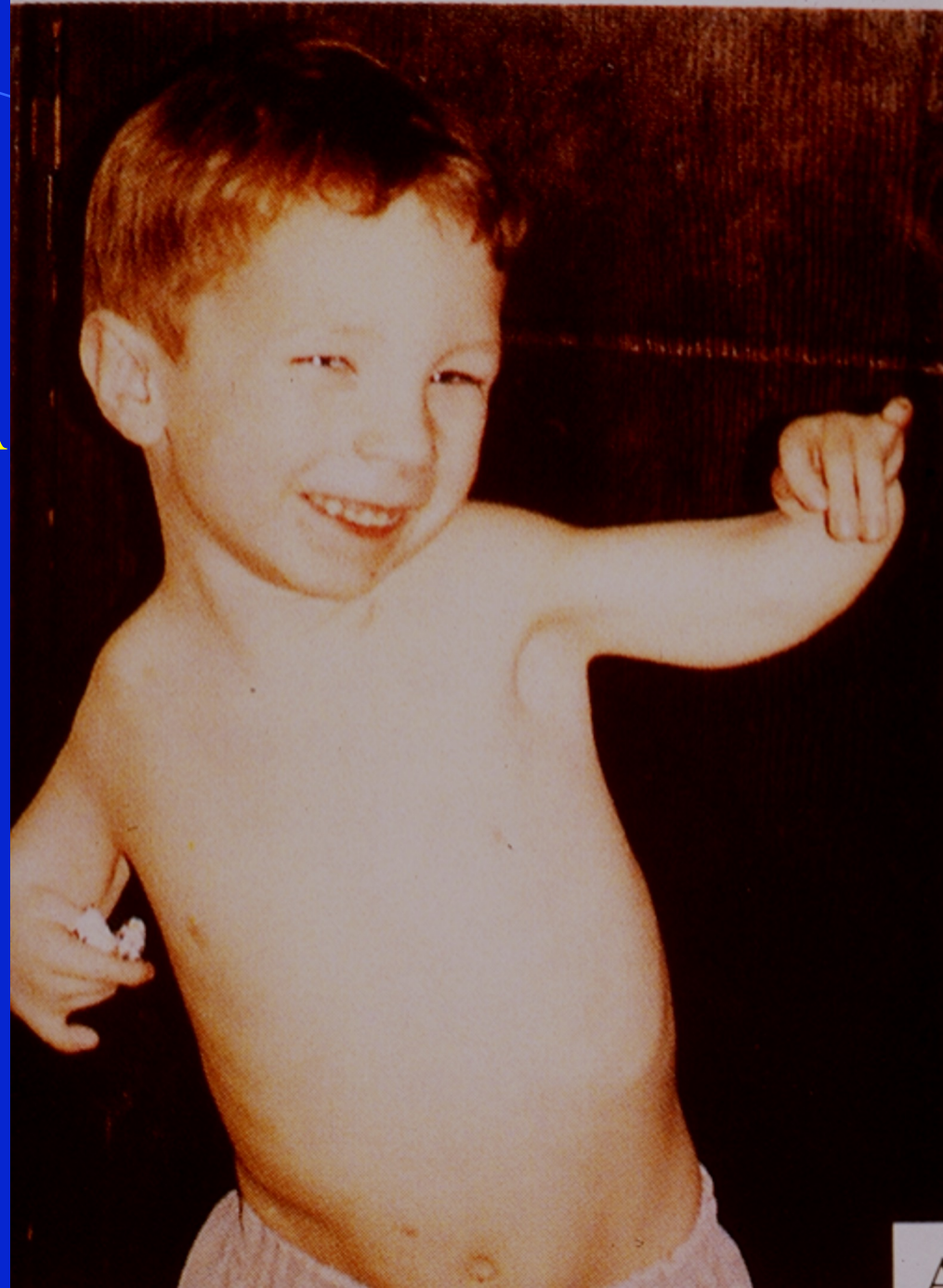
- Sepsis, DIC, TORCH infections
- Asphyxia
- Perinatal aspiration
- Necrotizing enterocolitis
- Hemangioma
- Neonatal thrombosis
- Respiratory distress syndrome

Decreased Platelet Production

- Bone marrow replacement
 - congenital leukemia, neuroblastoma, histiocytosis, osteopetrosis
- Bone marrow aplasia
 - TAR: thrombocytopenia with absence of radius
 - Amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia
 - Fanconi anemia

TAR

THROMBOCYTOPENIA
WITH
ABSENT RADIUS



Thrombocytopenia

- Hypersplenism
 - Sequestration of platelets in enlarged spleen
- Other causes
 - hyperbilirubinemia
 - inborn errors of metabolism: acidemias
 - Wiskott- Aldrich syndrome: small platelets

Lead Poisoning

- Lead inhibits porphyrin synthesis enzymes d-ALA dehydratase and **ferrochelatase**
- $\text{Fe}^{++} + \text{protoporphyrin} \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \text{Heme}$
- Lead inhibits iron insertion into protoporphyrin
- Hence an increase in free protoporphyrin **FEP**
- **70 % of Children with Pb 40-49 ug/dL have an FEP >140**

Lead poisoning

- Acute poisoning
 - encephalopathy: Seizures, coma, death
 - Pb 90-800 ug/dL
- Chronic poisoning
 - abdominal pain, vomiting, malaise, behavioral changes
 - Fanconi renal syndrome
 - Microcytic anemia usually with Fe deficiency
- Low level exposure: neurobehavioral effects

Lead level screening (ug/dl)

- 0-5 No immediate concern ?
- 5-14 Community/environmental survey
- 15-19 Retest, educational intervention
- 20-24 monitor periodically, house visit
- 25-54 Find Pb source, oral Chemet
- 55-69 Remove Pb source, treat CaNaEDTA
- >70 Emergency hospitalization- treat with BAL+CaNaEDTA-return to clean home

Sickle Cell Anemia

- Beta chain of hemoglobin- pos 6 Glu to Val
- Newborn screening FS pattern
- Vaso-occlusive crisis
 - Bone pain: back/spine, knee, shoulder, elbow, femur, sternum, ribs etc..
 - Under 5 yrs: Hand- foot syndrome
 - puffy swollen warm hands and/or feet
 - fever and leukocytosis may be present

Infections in Sickle cell anemia

- Pneumonia:
 - pneumococcus, H influenza, gram negative rods, mycoplasma, chlamydia
- Meningitis : pneumococcus, H flu
- Osteomyelitis: salmonella, staph aureus
- Sepsis
- UTI

SCD- penicillin prophylaxis

- To be started at 2-3 months of age in SS disease
- 2 months-3 yrs 125 mg po bid daily
- 3 yrs- 5 yrs 250 mg po bid daily
- Pevnar, Pneumovax (23 valent) at 2 years
- After 5 yrs may stop PCN unless prior sepsis or splenectomized

SCD- Acute chest syndrome

- pneumonia/ pulmonary infarction
- chest pain, fever, infiltrates, hypoxia, cough
- > 50 % have normal CXR on presentation
- Leading cause of death after age 10 yrs
- RX: supportive care, oxygen, antibiotics, transfusion to Hgb 10 gm/dL, exchange transfusion

SCD- Abdominal pain

- Vaso-occlusive crisis (mesenteric, abdominal wall)
- Hepatic crisis
- RUQ syndrome (gall stones)
- R/O surgical pain eg: cholecystitis, appendicitis

Acute sequestration crisis

- Sudden retention of blood in spleen
- leading cause of death in children < 5 yrs
- 50 % may recur
 - Increase spleen size
 - Decrease Hct by 25%
 - Decrease in platelet count <100,000
 - Increase in retic
- Rx: transfusion, splenectomy if recurs

SCD- Aplastic crisis

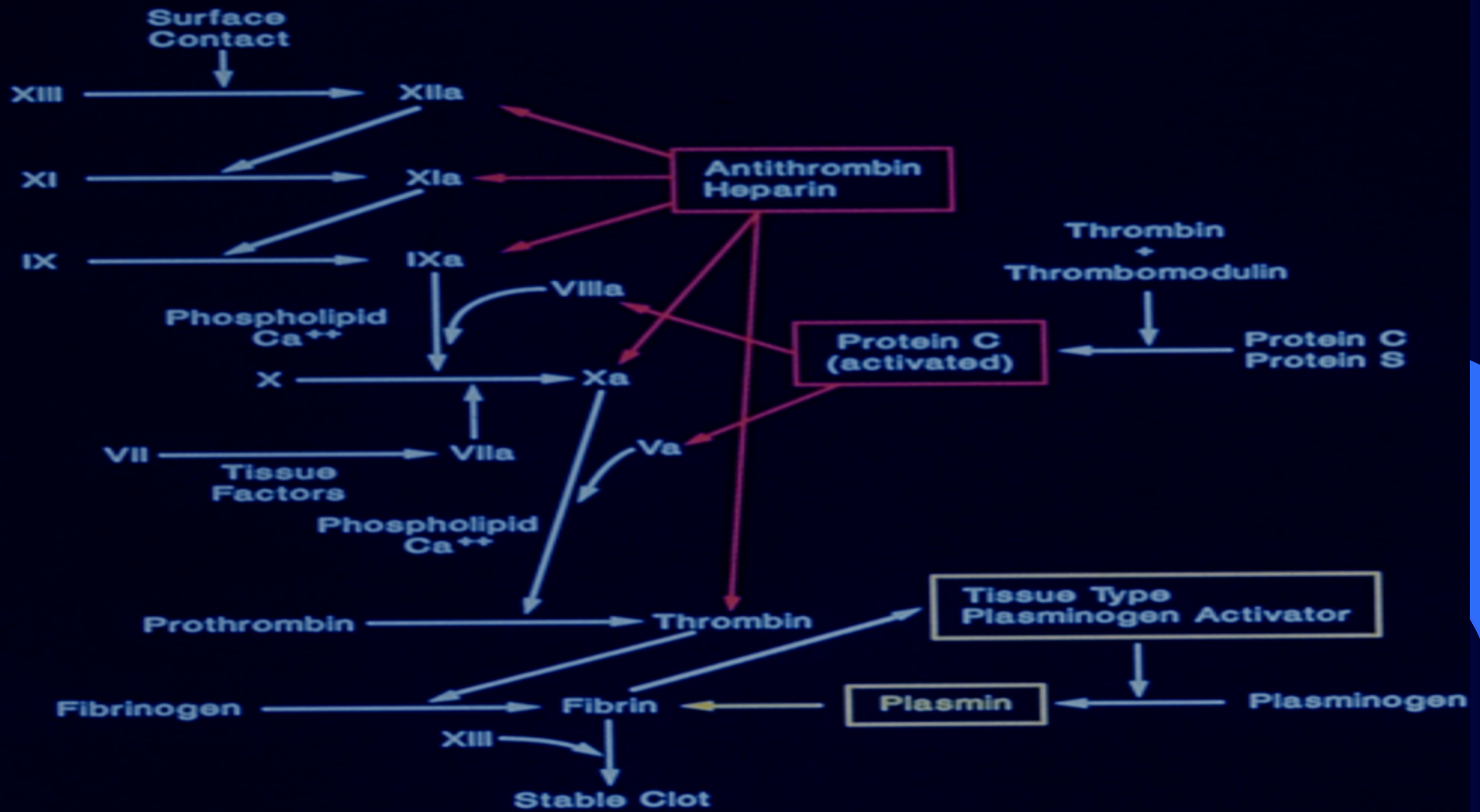
- Temporary cessation of erythroid marrow activity
- Parvovirus B-19 infection preceding
- Retic count low (<0.1)
- Due to short sickle RBC survival 15-50 days compared to 120 days normally
- Recovery with or without transfusion



Coagulation Disorders

- Pretibial bruising may be normal in active child
- If positive family history or excessive bruising w/o trauma or excessive nose bleeds or post surgical bleeding then:
- Do PT, PTT, Platelets, Bleeding time (PFA)

Coagulation System



Prothrombin time PT

Increased : Factor VII deficiency

Liver disease

Vitamin K deficiency
malabsorption, CF

Partial Thromboplastin time PTT

Increased: Factor VIII and IX def

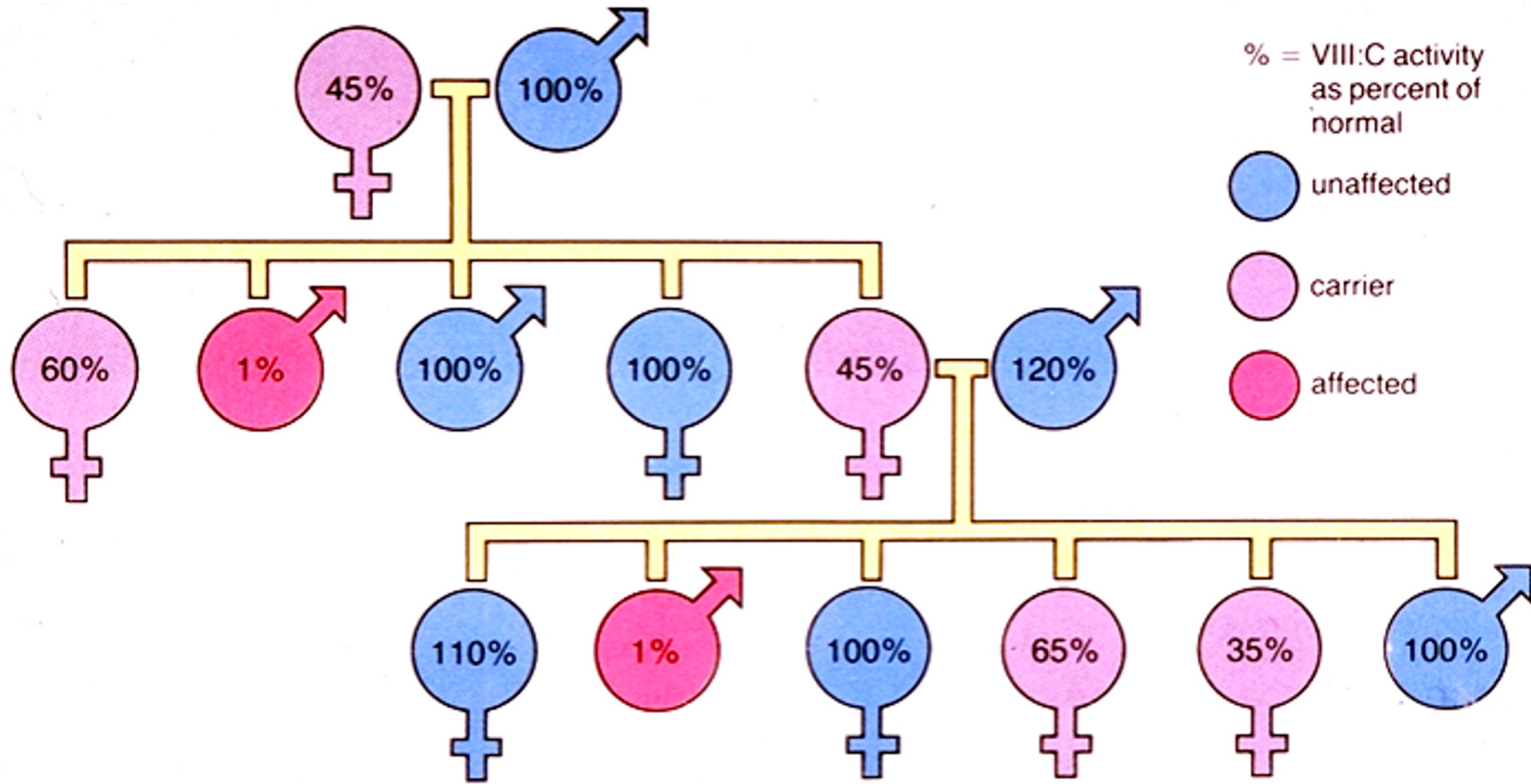
von Willebrand disease

other contact factors

Hemophilia

- X-linked factor VIII and IX deficiency
- Boys inherit gene from carrier mother
- May **not** bleed with circumcision
- Treat with FFP until factor assay results available

Inheritance in Haemophilia

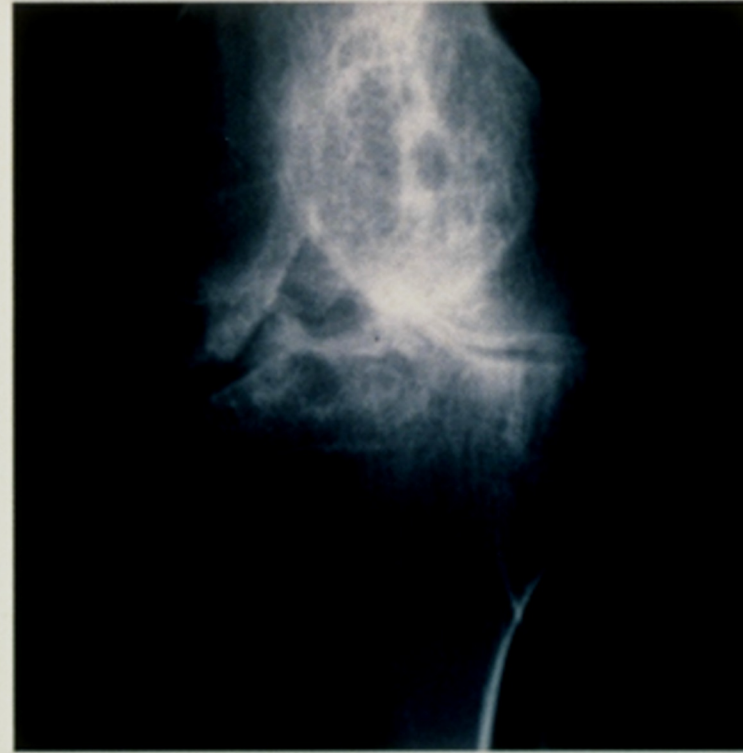




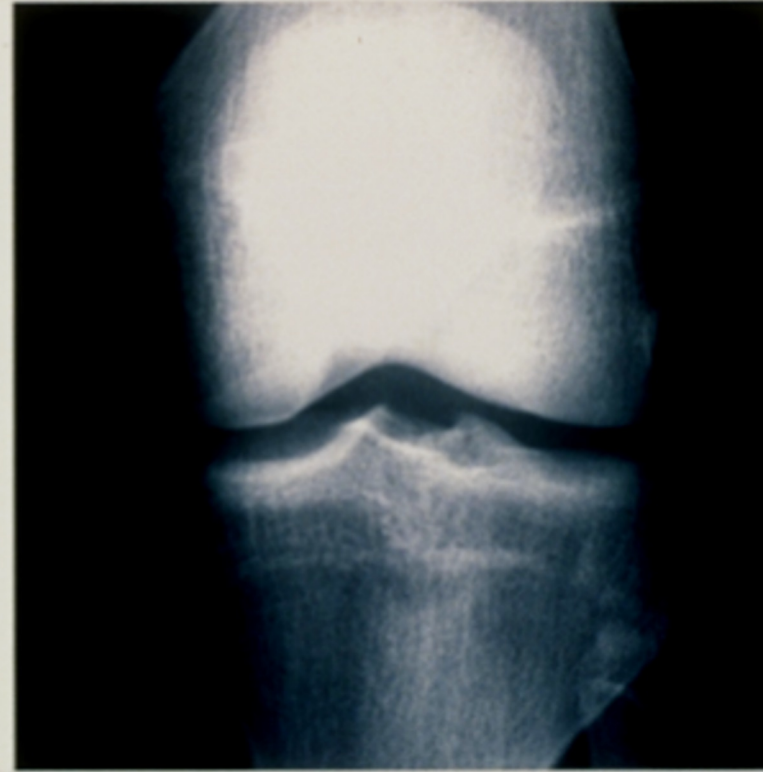


Hemophilia

Joint Damage with No Prophylactic Therapy

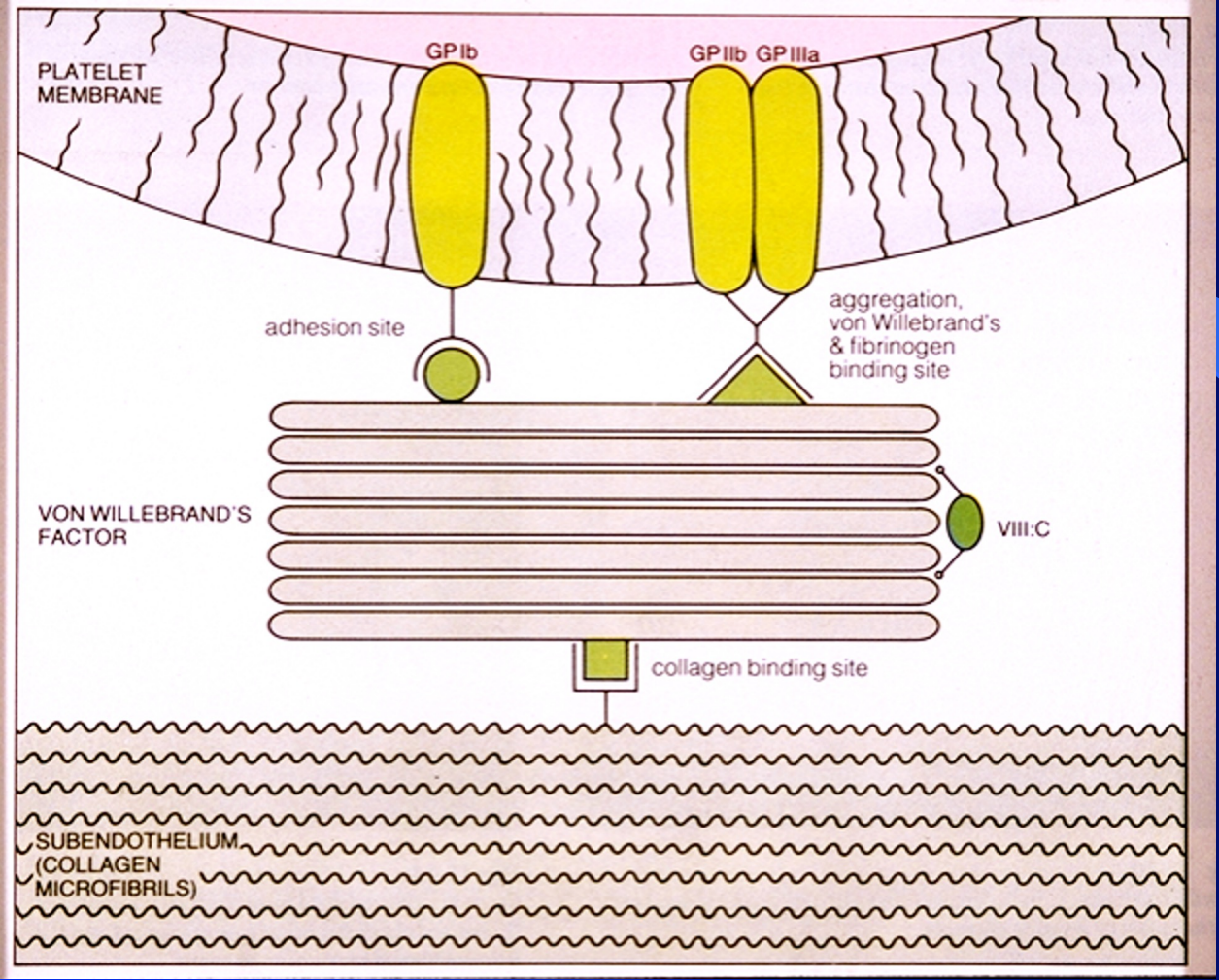


Prevention of Joint Damage with Chronic Prophylactic Therapy

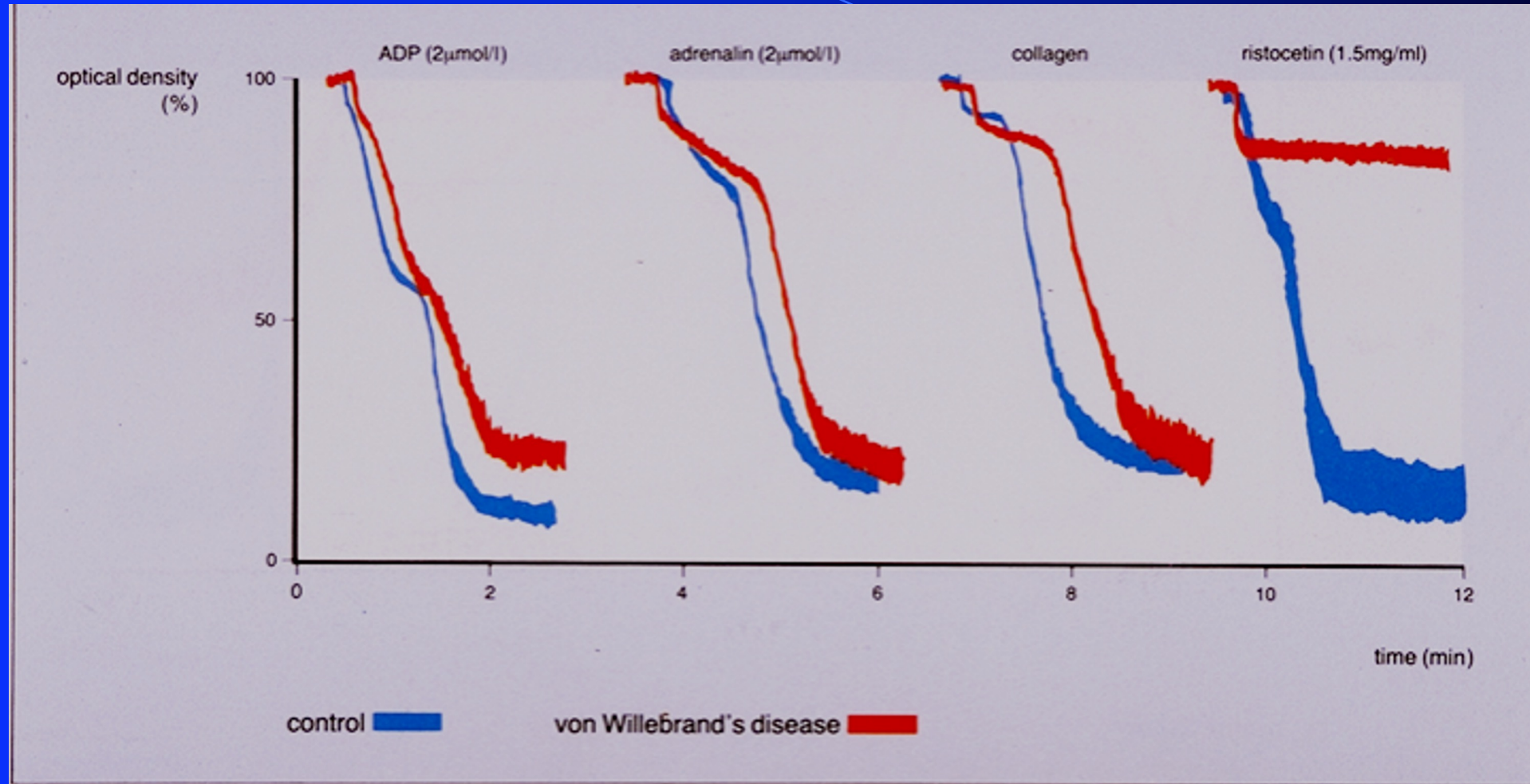


Platelet Function Disorders

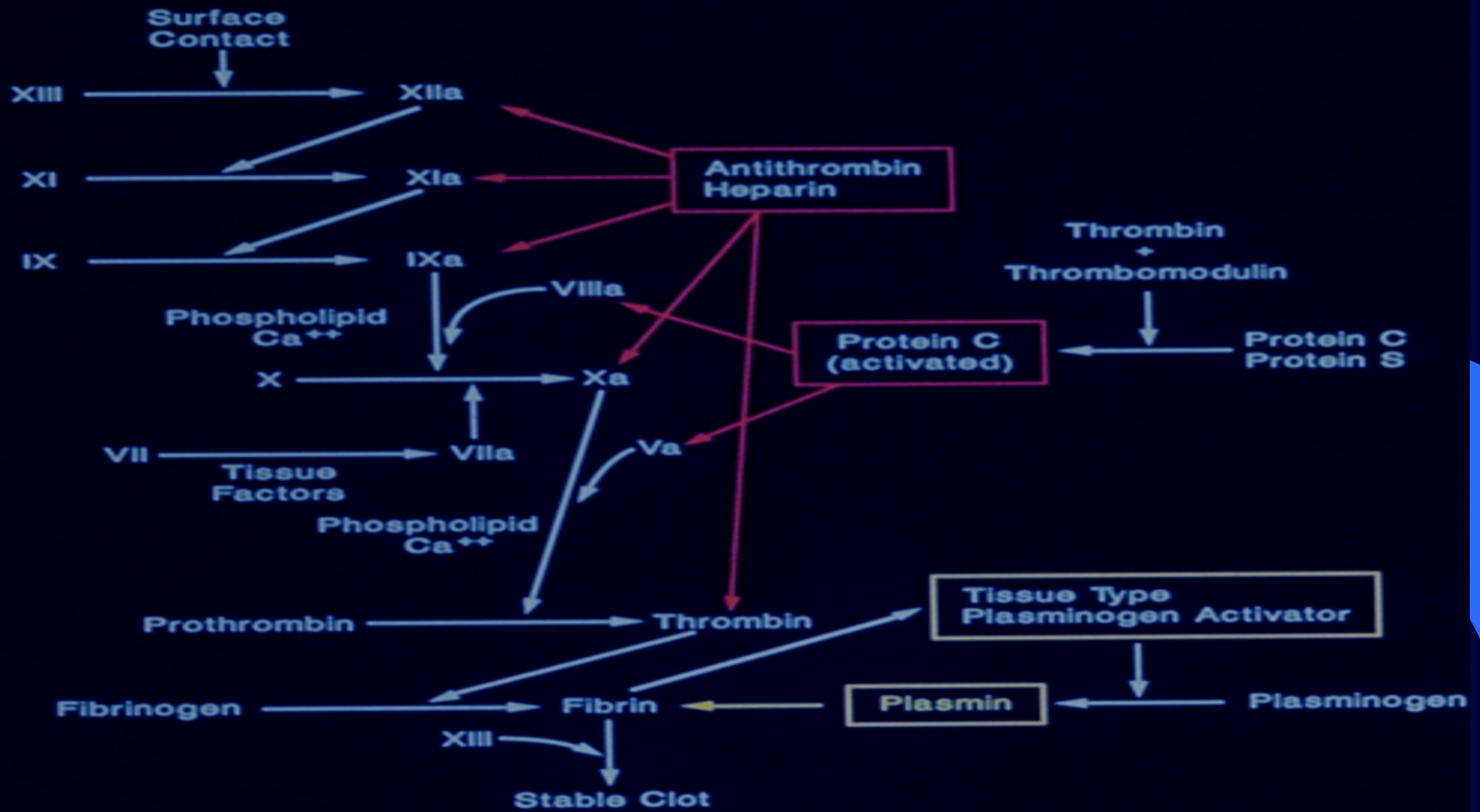
- Von Willebrand disease (lack of plasma factor necessary for platelet adhesiveness)
- Glanzmann thrombasthenia (Gp IIb/IIIa)
- Bernard-Soulier syndrome (Gp Ib deficiency)
- Storage pool defect
 - Alpha granule-gray platelet syndrome
 - Dense granule deficiency (Hermansky-Pudlak etc.)



Measurement of Platelet Aggregation



Coagulation System



Hypercoagulability

- Protein C or S deficiency
- Activated protein C resistance
- Factor V Leiden Mutation
- Antiphospholipid/anticardiolipin antibodies
- Antithrombin III deficiency
- Prothrombin 20210 mutation
- Hyper-homocysteinemia



Assessing Neutrophils

The Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC)

$$\text{ANC} = \text{Total WBC} \times \% \text{ of neutrophils (bands and segs)}$$

Example:

- **WBC** = **2,000/mm³**
- **Segmented neutrophils** = **55%**
- **Band neutrophils** = **1%**

$$\text{ANC} = 2,000 \times 0.56 = 1,120/\text{mm}^3$$

Pyogenic Infections Associated with Neutropenia

- Cellulitis
- Cutaneous abscess
- Pneumonia
- Septicemia
- Stomatitis-gingivitis
- Otitis media/sinusitis
- Perirectal abscesses
- staph aureus/gram negatives

Causes of Extrinsic Neutropenia

- Infection
- Drug-induced
- Immune
- Cancer chemotherapy
- Bone marrow replacement
- Hypersplenism

Intrinsic Neutropenia

- Cyclic neutropenia
- Severe congenital neutropenia-Kostmann
- Chronic benign neutropenia
- Neutropenias associated with phenotypic abnormalities

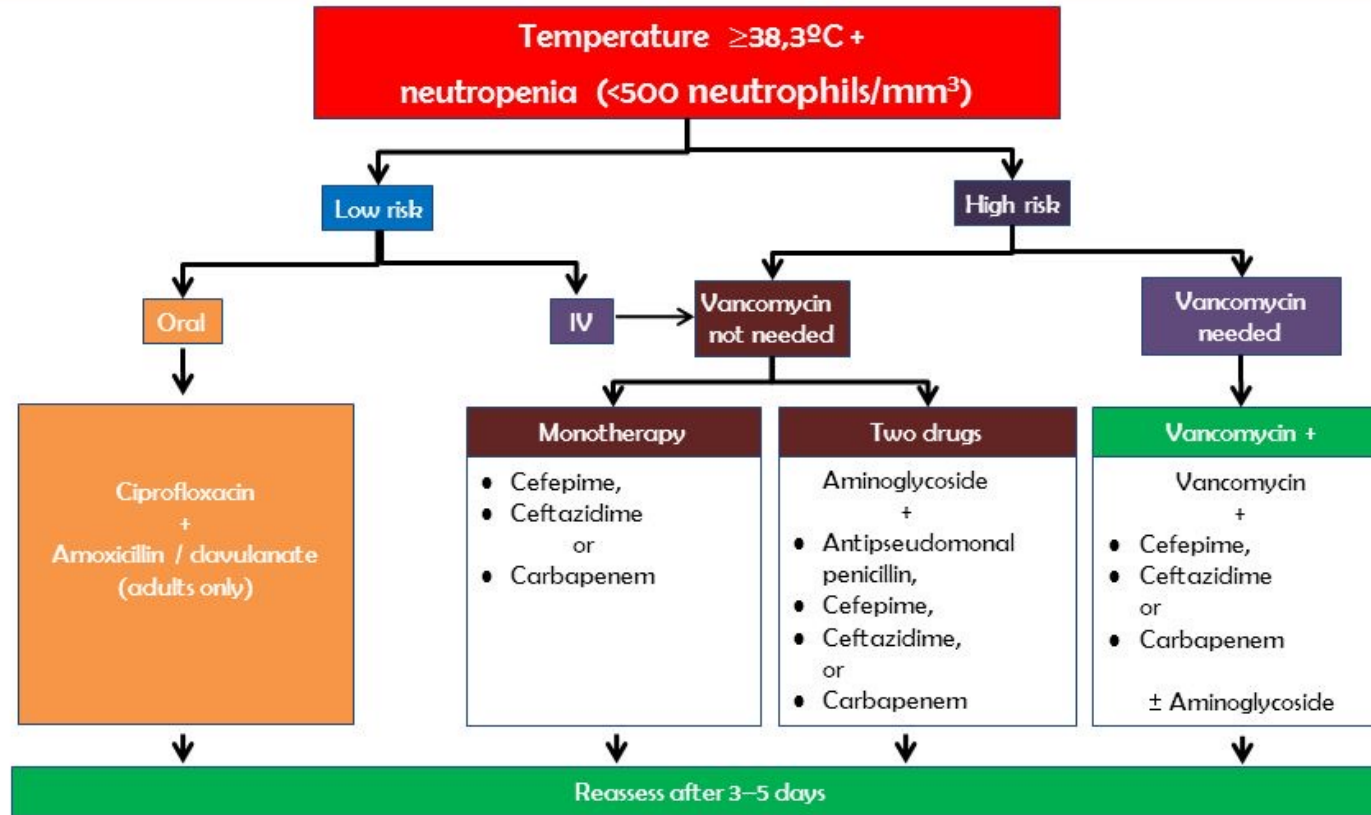
Congenital Disorders of Stem Cells and Myeloid Precursors

- Severe Congenital Neutropenia (Kostmann's Syndrome)
- Cyclic Neutropenia
- Shwachman-Diamond Syndromes
- Myelokathexis/WHIM Syndrome
- Chédiak-Higashi Syndrome
- Glycogenosis Ib
- Neutropenia with associated metabolic diseases
- Neutropenia with immune disorders

Febrile Neutropenia

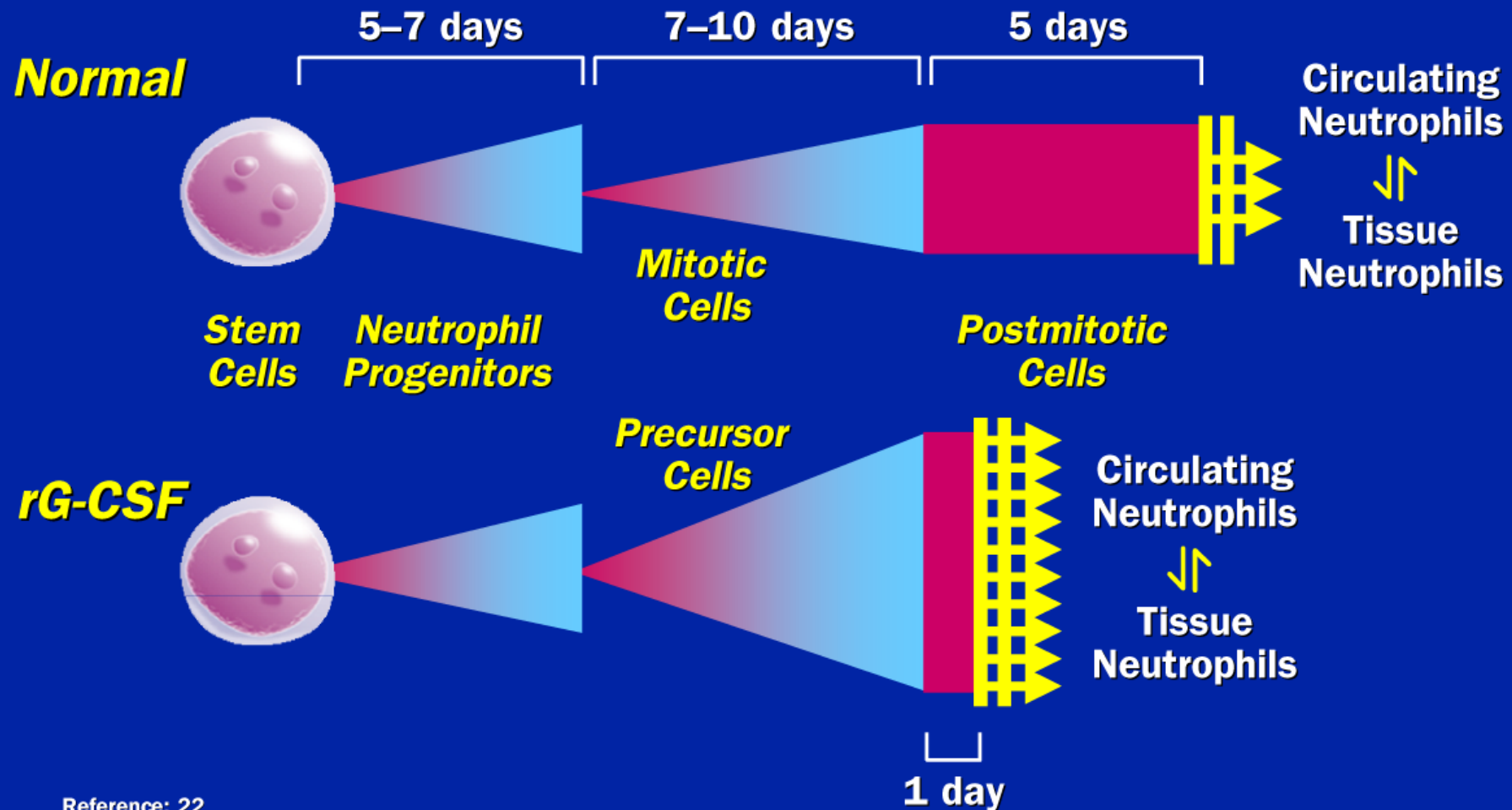
- Evaluation : history + physical
- CBC, blood cultures, line CX
- CXR if symptomatic
- CT scans chest, abdomen, sinuses if needed
- Gm-stain, Culture bacterial fungal all lesions or drainage
- GI panel
- Karius

ALGORITHM FOR INITIAL MANAGEMENT OF FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA



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Filgrastim Accelerates Neutrophil Maturation



Disorders of Granulocyte Function

- Disorders of Adhesion-LAD
- Disorders of Chemotaxis- complement
- Disorders of Recognition and Ingestion
- Disorders of Degranulation- Chediak-Higashi
- Disorders of Oxidative Metabolism- CGD

23-month-old hispanic boy is found to be anemic on a routine visit. He drinks 3 bottles of whole milk a day and 3 at night.

Hgb 7.1 gm/dL MCV 54 fl RDW 22 Retic 1.5%

What is the most likely cause of his anemia?

- A. Thalassemia
- B. Lead poisoning
- C. Iron deficiency
- D. Anemia of chronic disease

Two year old African American girl found on a well baby visit to have this CBC. Adequate diet , No family Hx of anemia

TEST	RESULT	FLAG
WBC	8.8 K/uL	
LYM	<u>5.5</u> R1 <u>62.3</u> %L	H
*MID	0.8 9.2 %M	
GRAN	2.5 R3 <u>28.5</u> %G	
RBC	4.70 M/uL	
HGB	<u>10.1</u> g/dL	L
HCT	<u>32.3</u> %	L
MCV	<u>68.8</u> fL	L
MCH	<u>21.5</u> pg	L
MCHC	31.3 g/dL	
RDW	<u>15.3</u> %	H
PLT	320. K/uL	
MPV	9.3 fL	

What is the Diagnosis?

- A. Iron deficiency
- B. Beta thalassemia trait
- C. Alpha thalassemia trait
- D. Sickle cell anemia

15 yo boy with recurrent epigastric pain. Which of the following is the most appropriate plan?

TEST	RESULT		FLAG
WBC	12.5	K/uL	
LYM	1.8	14.5 %L	
*MID	1.8	14.1 %M	
GRAN	<u>8.9</u>	71.4 %G	H
RBC	<u>4.68</u>	M/uL	L
HGB	<u>11.3</u>	g/dL	L
HCT	<u>35.4</u>	%	L
MCV	<u>75.7</u>	fL	L
MCH	<u>24.1</u>	pg	L
MCHC	31.9	g/dL	
RDW	<u>15.9</u>	%	H
PLT	297.	K/uL	
MPV	11.4	fL	

- A. Reassure all is normal
- B. Give iron therapy for 3 months and F/U in 6 months
- C. Refer to gastroenterology for endoscopy

6 yo girl with anemia not responding to oral iron. Father has anemia also.

TEST	RESULT		FLAG
WBC	<u>4.3</u>	K/uL	L
LYM	2.5	57.7 %L	
*MID	0.3	7.1 %M	
GRAN	<u>1.5</u>	<u>35.2</u> %G	L
RBC	<u>5.35</u>	M/uL	H
HGB	<u>9.8</u>	g/dL	L
HCT	<u>30.7</u>	%	L
MCV	<u>57.3</u>	fL	L
MCH	<u>18.3</u>	pg	L
MCHC	31.9	g/dL	
RDW	<u>17.4</u>	%	H
PLT	<u>394.</u>	K/uL	URI
MPV		fL	

Platelet 0.7%

What is the most likely diagnosis?

- A. Iron deficiency
- B. Inflammation
- C. Lead poisoning
- D. Thalassemia

15 month old white female, was noted 6 months ago to have mild anemia. She has not responded to iron therapy. She had neonatal jaundice requiring phototherapy. The spleen is palpable 2 cm bcm. Which of the following is correct?

TEST	RESULT	FLAG
WBC	12.7 K/uL	
LYM	<u>7.3</u> R1 57.6 %L	H
*MID	1.5 11.7 %M	
GRAN	3.9 R3 <u>30.7</u> %G	
RBC	<u>3.02</u> M/uL	L
HGB	<u>7.7</u> g/dL	L
HCT	<u>22.1</u> %	L
MCV	<u>73.3</u> fL	L
MCH	25.5 pg	
MCHC	34.8 g/dL	
RDW	<u>31.3</u> %	H
PLT	281. K/uL	URI
MPV	fL	
<i>Red C 5.7%</i>		

- A. Most likely diagnosis is G6PD
- B. Refer for immediate splenectomy
- C. Give intravenous iron sucrose
- D. Obtain osmotic fragility test

A 16 month old boy with progressive pallor is otherwise well.

- Hemoglobin is 6.0 gm/dl,
 - hematocrit 17%
 - MCV 84 fl
 - reticulocytes <0.1%.
 - WBC 4300 /mm³
 - platelets 225,000 /mm³.
 - Peripheral blood smear is normal.
- Most likely diagnosis?
 - A. Transient erythroblastopenia of childhood
 - B. Iron deficiency
 - C. Diamond-Blackfan anemia
 - D. Autoimmune hemolytic anemia

4-year-old African-American male with fever
otitis was given trimethoprim/sulfa and suddenly
develops pallor and tea-colored urine

- Hgb 5.4 gm/dl
- MCV 96 fl
- WBC count 17,000 / mm³
- platelets 180,000 / mm³
- reticulocytes 12%,

Most likely Diagnosis?

- A. Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
- B. Hereditary spherocytosis
- C. G6PD deficiency
- D. Sickle cell anemia

11 yo Puerto Rican boy with recurrent back pain

TEST	RESULT	FLAG
WBC	<u>3.6</u> K/uL	L
LYM	1.6 43.5 %L	
*MID	0.4 12.0 %M	
GRAN	<u>1.6</u> 44.5 %G	L
RBC	<u>5.72</u> M/uL	H
HGB	13.2 g/dL	
HCT	39.1 %	
MCV	<u>68.4</u> fL	L
MCH	<u>23.1</u> pg	L
MCHC	33.8 g/dL	
RDW	<u>18.6</u> %	H
PLT	230. K/uL	URI
MPV	fL	

- A. Bone marrow aspiration indicated
- B. Check rheumatoid factor
- C. Obtain hemoglobin electrophoresis
- D. Test for urine porphyrins

15 year old girl with fatigue and fever?

TEST	RESULT	FLAG
WBC	<u>1.3</u> K/uL	LL
LYM	<u>0.4</u> 33.7 %L	L
*MID	<u>0.3</u> <u>26.9</u> %M	
GRAN	<u>0.5</u> RM 39.4 %G	L
RBC	<u>2.57</u> M/uL	L
HGB	<u>8.1</u> g/dL	L
HCT	<u>25.1</u> %	L
MCV	97.7 fL	
MCH	<u>31.5</u> pg	H
MCHC	32.3 g/dL	
RDW	<u>17.6</u> %	H
PLT	<u>44.</u> K/uL	LL
MPV	fL	

Estimated plt 95,000 u/L

- A. Evaluate blood smear
- B. Obtain bone marrow aspirate
- C. Refer to hematology
- D. Start broad spectrum antibiotics
- E. All of the above