

Unit 7: Hematology
Chapter 29 & 30
ONLINE CONTENT (1.5 H)

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| Table 1 | Iron Deficiency Anemia | Thalassemia | Cobalamin (Vitamin B₁₂) Deficiency | Folic Acid Deficiency |
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| Etiology | -May develop from inadequate dietary intake, malabsorption, blood loss, or hemolysis -Seen in the young, poor diets, and women in reproductive years | -Group of diseases involving inadequate production of Hgb, which decreased RBC production -absent/ reduced globulin protein -Genetic link | -most common cause is pernicious anemia caused by absent intrinsic factor -lack of IF = cobalamin cannot be absorbed -can occur from GI surgery, Crohn's disease, ileitis, celiac disease, diverticula -excess alcohol or hot tea ingestion, smoking, long-term PPI users, and strict vegetarians | -causes megaloblastic anemia -folic acid needed for DNA synthesis |
| Clinical Manifestations | -May be asymptomatic -Pallor, glossitis, cheilitis, headache, paresthesia, burning sensation of tongue | -often asymptomatic -life threatening disease with slowed growth (mental and physical) -jaundice from hemolysis of RBC's -Splénomegaly | -sore red beefy and shiny tongue, anorexia, N/V, ABD pain, weakness, paresthesia of feet and hands, ataxia, impaired thought process (confusion to dementia) -may take months to develop | -same as cobalamin deficiency -stomatitis, cheilosis, dysphagia, flatulence, diarrhea -thiamine deficiency |
| Diagnostic Studies | -Low Hgb/Hct, low MCV, low serum iron, low, transferrin, low bilirubin, no folate -stool occult blood test, endoscopy or colonoscopy for GI bleed, bone marrow BX | -Genetic testing -symptoms present around 2 years of age | -large RBC's with abnormal shape = lysis because of fragile membrane -increased risk for GI cancer -increased MCV, decreased Hgb/Hct, increased serum iron, DECREASED SERUM B12 | -Low serum folate level and normal serum cobalamin level |
| Drug Therapy | -Oral iron (take 1 hr before meal, taking | -transfusions -chelating agents | -parenteral vitamin b12 | -Treat with replacement |

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| | with orange juice enhances absorption) -parenteral iron IM or IV -may stain skin | that bind to iron (oral deferasirox, deferiprone, IV or subQ deferoxamine | (cyanocobalamin, hydroxocobalamin) or intranasal → without cobalamin administration patient will die in 1-3 years! - 1000mcg/day of cobalamin IM for 2 weeks then weekly then monthly for life | therapy: 1mg/day PO folic acid (up to 5mg for alcoholism and malabsorption) |
| Nursing Management | -Teach pts to increased dietary iron intake -may need transfusion of PRBCs | -prepare/ recover possible splenectomy -hematopoietic stem cell transplant only cure but the risks outweigh benefits | -protect patient from falling, burns and trauma -educate that dietary intake does not correct this anemia -assess for neurologic difficulties | -educate on foods high in folic acid to consume |

| Table 2 | Anemia of Chronic Disease | Aplastic Anemia | Acute Anemia due to blood loss | Chronic Anemia due to blood loss |
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| Etiology | Anemia of inflammation -can be caused by cancer, autoimmunity, infection disorders (HIV, hepatitis, malaria), HF, chronic inflammation -bleeding episodes can contribute -develops 1-2 months after disease activity | -decrease of all blood cell types (pancytopenia) peripherally, and hypocellular bone marrow -most of the time due to autoimmune activity by autoreactive T lymphocytes -cytotoxic T cells target and destroy pt's own hematopoietic stem cells | -from sudden hemorrhage -trauma, surgery, conditions -can lead to hypovolemic shock | -similar to iron-deficiency anemia (bleeding ulcer, hemorrhoids, menstrual and postmenstrual blood loss) |
| Clinical Manifestations | -Symptoms related to the etiology (HIV, autoimmune) -chronic inflammation | -general anemia manifestations – fatigue, dyspnea, CV and cerebral responses -thrombocytopenia | -manifestations of hypovolemia (hypotension, tachycardia) -pain -internal hemorrhage -shock | -related to depletion of iron stores and is considered an iron-deficiency anemia |
| Diagnostic Studies | -normal cobalamin and folate levels -high serum ferritin, increased iron stores | -decreased WBC, Hgb, and platelets because all marrow is affected -High serum iron and total iron | -loss of RBC not reflected in lab data right away since blood volume loss is sudden | -CBC -same as iron-deficiency anemia |

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| | | binding capacity (TIBC) -bone marrow BX | | |
| Drug Therapy | -blood transfusion -erythropoietin therapy -therapies for cancer | -HSCT immunosuppression with ATG and cyclosporine, steroids, and eltrombopag | -IV fluids (dextran, hetastarch, albumin, crystalloid electrolyte solutions) -PRBCs | -supplemental iron |
| Nursing Management | -Education on chronic diseases -therapy related to correcting underlying disorder | -identify and remove causative agent -prevent complications of infection and hemorrhage | -fluid replacement -stop blood loss -monitor drain and dressings for blood loss -give blood products -no need for long-term treatment | -identify source and stop the bleeding |

| Table 3 | Acquired Hemolytic Anemia | Hemochromatosis | Polycythemia |
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| Etiology | -normal RBC's, but external factors are causing damage (autoimmune, burn, medications) -macrophages in spleen, liver, and bone marrow destroy RBC's that are old, defective and damaged | -iron overload disorder -may occur from genetics, sideroblastic anemia, liver disease, and blood transfusion | -Production and presence of increased number of RBC's. -Primary—also involves WBC's and platelets. Leads to enhanced blood viscosity, blood volume, and congestion -Secondary—Hypoxia driven or independent. Need for O2 may result from high altitude, lung disease, CVS, alveolar hypoventilation, defective o2 transport, or tissue hypoxia. |
| Clinical Manifestations | -general manifestations of anemia -jaundice because of increased destruction of RBC's -hepatomegaly, splenomegaly | -multiple organ failure if left untreated -early S/S: fatigue, arthralgia, impotence, ABD pain, weight loss -later s/s: hepatomegaly, cirrhosis -excess iron deposited into liver, pancreas, heart, joints, and endocrine glands and then can cause diabetes, bronzing of skin, heart problems, arthritis, and testicular atrophy | -Headache, vertigo, dizziness, tinnitus, visual changes, generalized pruritus (often from hot bath), paresthesia, erythromelalgia, angina, HG, intermittent claudication, thrombophlebitis, petechiae, bruising, nosebleeds |
| | -elevated bilirubin | -genetic testing -increased total iron | -Lab values seen: high hemoglobin and RBC count |

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| Diagnostic Studies | | concentration >50g -high serum iron, TIBC, serum ferritin -Liver Biopsy (amount of iron and extent of organ damage) | with microcytosis, low to normal EPO level, high WBC count with basophilia and neutrophilia, high platelet count (thrombocytosis), platelet dysfunction, high leukocyte alkaline phosphate, uric acid, cobalamin levels, high histamine -bone marrow examination |
| Drug Therapy | -hydrocortisone or prednisone (steroids to stop immune system from attacking RBC's) | -iron chelating agents -deferoxamine, deferasirox, deferiprone | -Myelosuppressive agents such as hydroxyurea, busulfan, chlorambucil. -Ruxolitinib inhibits expression of JAK2 mutation -low dose aspirin |
| Nursing Management | -maintain renal function -strict I/O's to assess for renal function | -manage diabetes, HF -education on treatment | -Reduce blood volume (300-500mL every few days) and viscosity with phlebotomy (keep hematocrit <45%) |