

Figure 1: Normal blood smear



Figure 2: RETICULOCYTE stain



Figure 3: Thin area of smear



Figure 4: Thick area, plus drying artifacts



Figure 5: (for comparison) TRUE ROULEAUX- when protein concentration in the blood is high (e.g. multiple myeloma) red cells are coated and their normal electrostatic repulsion is lost. This leads to the "stacked coin" appearance seen in the slide.



Figure 6: Drying Artifacts



Figure 7: Drying Artifacts



Figure 8: Normal NEUTROPHIL and LYMPHOCYTE



Figure 9: Normal MONOCYTES and LYMPHOCYTE



Figure 10: MONOCYTE



Figure 11: EOSINOPHIL



Figure 12: BASOPHILS



Figure 13: Peripheral blood- MYELOCYTES and METAMYELOCYTE are not normal findings in peripheral blood but may be seen in conditions such as myelophthisis (invasion of the bone marrow), hemolytic anemias, and other stressful states.



Figure 14: Nucleated RBC (orthochromic normoblast)similarly not seen normally but seen with myelophthisis, hemolysis, and other stresses.



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 1 Peripheral blood: normal; 525x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 2 Bone marrow: normal; 525x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 3 Peripheral blood: iron deficiency anemia 525x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 4 Peripheral blood: Lead poisoning- basophilic stippling 1250x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 5 Peripheral blood: Sideroblastic anemia- one classically sees dimorphic red cells: a hypochromic/microcytic population and larger cells that are not hypochromic. This type of picture could also be seen after blood transfusion and with partially treated iron-deficiency anemia. 525x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 6 Bone marrow: Sideroblastic anemia; Prussian blue stain; in pathognomonic ringed SIDEROBLASTS, the iron appears to surround the nucleus because it is trapped in mitochondria. Ringed SIDEROBLASTS can be idiopathic (e.g. myelodysplastic syndrome), hereditary, and can occur with drugs and toxins (especially alcohol). 1250x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 7 Peripheral blood: megaloblastic anemia- The earliest morphologic abnormality in B12/Folate deficiency is hypersegmentation of the NEUTROPHILS (greater than 5 lobes). There is pancytopenia, oval MACROCYTES, and extreme anisocytosis; 640x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 8 Bone marrow: megaloblastic anemia- the hallmark of megaloblastic change is nuclear/cytoplasmic asynchrony or dissociation. Most of the cells in this field are red cell precursors with cytoplasmic maturation but large nuclei with noncondensed chromatin. 525x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 9 Peripheral blood: myelofibrosis- TEARDROPS and ELLIPTOCYTES are characteristic of myelophthisic processes and are most extreme in myelofibrosis. Leukoerythroblastosis (immature myeloid cells and nucleated red blood cells in the blood) are also most characteristic of myelophthisic processes and is always seen in myelofibrosis. 640x

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Lab 1- Kodachrome: 10 Peripheral blood: macroglobulinemia, ROULEAUX 525x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 11 Peripheral blood: ECHINO-CYTES and TARGET CELLS;. 1250x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 12 Peripheral blood: spur cell anemia (ACANTHOCYTES with liver disease) 1250x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 13 Peripheral blood: STOMATO-CYTES- most often artifacts, but true stomatocytes can be seen after alcohol binges and with rare hereditary conditions; 640x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 14 Peripheral blood: autoimmune hemolytic anemia; SPHEROCYTES, small cells lacking central pallor, are formed when red blood cells lose some of their membrane and must maximize surface: volume ratio. SPHEROCYTES is the predominant abnormality in the blood smear in autoimmune hemolytic anemia and hereditary spherocytosis. Note also in this slide the large bluish cells, which represent RETICU-LOCYTES. 640x

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Lab 1- Kodachrome: 15 Peripheral blood: hereditary spherocytosis cannot be distinguished from autoimmune hemolytic anemia on the blood film. The disorders can be distinguished by history, physical exam (splenomegaly), and DIRECT Coombs' test. 1250x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 16 Peripheral blood: iron deficiency anemia complicated by hemolytic transfusion-There is underlying hypochromic/microcytic red cells. SPHEROCYTES are a result of the immune hemolytic reaction to mismatched blood. 640x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 17 Peripheral blood: hereditary elliptocytosis- usually a mild hereditary hemolytic anemia. 525x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 18 Peripheral blood: thalassemia minor- there is always substantial MICROCYTOSIS. TARGET CELLS, basophilic stippling, and hypochromia may or may not be prominent. 640x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 19 Peripheral blood: thalassemia major 640x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 20 Peripheral blood: sickle cell anemia- TARGET CELLS are seen in hemoglobinopathies, thalassemias, in liver disease, and asplenia. 640x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 21 Peripheral blood: hemoglobin SC disease- SC patients frequently have compensated hemolysis (they are not anemic). SICKLE CELLS tend to be few, TARGET CELLS prominent, and there are a number of unusual forms (BOAT CELLS). 800x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 22 Peripheral blood:

S-thalassemia- In Sickle-thalassemia, the anemia tends to be milder than in SS disease, there are few SICKLE CELLS, and there is MICROCYTOSIS. 640x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 23 Peripheral blood: red cell fragmentation due to artificial valve- In contrast to microangiopathic hemolysis, the platelet count is not low. 640x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 24 Peripheral blood: thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura- Causes of microangiopathic hemolytic anemia include: TTP, hemolyticuremic syndrome, disseminated intravascular coagulation, disseminated carcinomatosis, malignant hypertension, and renal vasculitis. Conditions other than TTP would rarely, if ever, produce a blood smear picture this severe. In the proper clinical context (neurologic symptoms), this smear would be diagnostic of TTP. 525x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 25 Peripheral blood: microangiopathic hemolytic anemia- In microangiopathic hemolytic anemias, there are SCHISTOCYTES, SPHEROCYTES, polychromasia, and thrombocytopenia. 800x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 26 Kidney: microangiopathic hemolytic anemia 200x

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Lab 1- Kodachrome: 27 Peripheral blood: microangiopathic hemolytic anemia associated with disseminated cancer 800x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 28 Lung: intravascular tumor 125x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 29 Peripheral blood: malaria parasite- this slide illustrates a ringed form MERO-ZOITE. 1250x



Lab 1- Kodachrome: 30 Review abnormal red cell shapes:



Lab 3- Kodachrome: 1 Case A: Iron deficiency anemia, 640x



Lab 3- Kodachrome: 2 Case B: Pernicious anemia, 640x



Lab 3- Kodachrome: 3 Case B: Pernicious anemia, 1225x



Lab 3- Kodachrome: 4 Case B: Pernicious anemia, 640x



Lab 3- Kodachrome: 5 Case C: Sickle Cell Anemia, 525x



Lab 3- Kodachrome: 6 Case C: Sickle Cell Anemia, 1225x



Lab 3- Kodachrome: 7 Case D: Hereditary Spherocytosis, 640x



Lab 3- Kodachrome: 8 Case D: Hereditary Sperocytosis, 1225x



Lab 3- Kodachrome: 9 Case E: Postsplenectomy state, 800x



Lab 3- Kodachrome: 10 Case E: Postsplenectomy state, 1225x



Lab 7- Kodachrome: 1 Hodgkin's disease, nodular sclerosing



Lab 7- Kodachrome: 2 Follicular lymphoma, low power



Lab 7- Kodachrome: 3 Follicular lymphoma, small cleaved (high power)



Lab 7- Kodachrome: 4 Follicular lymphoma ("BUT-TOCK" CELL)



Lab 8- Kodachrome: 1 Peripheral blood



Lab 8- Kodachrome: 2 Peripheral blood



Lab 8- Kodachrome: 3 Bone marrow aspirate



Lab 8- Kodachrome: 4 Bone marrow biopsy



Lab 8- Kodachrome: 5 Reticulin Stain



Lab 8- Kodachrome: 6 Tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase



Lab 8- Kodachrome: 7 Peripheral Blood- thrombocytopenia



Lab 8- Kodachrome: 10 Bone marrow/vacuolated MEGAKARYOCYTE



Lab 8- Kodachrome: 8 Peripheral Blood-MEGATHROMBOCYTE



Lab 8- Kodachrome: 9 Bone marrow/increased MEGAKARYOCYTES



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 1 Peripheral blood: chronic myeloid leukemia; The full spectrum of myeloid maturation visible from immature MYELOCYTES to NEUTRO-PHILS. There are usually peaks in the differential at the myeloid and neutrophil stages. A LAP (Leukocyte Alkaline Phosphatase) score is useful to differentiate CML (low) from a leukemoid reaction (high). 525x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 2 Peripheral blood: BASOPHILS in a patient with chronic myeloid leukemia; Basophilia is found in all myeloproliferative disorders and is sign of acceleration in CML. 800x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 3 Peripheral blood: Myelophthisis. There are numerous TEARDROPS and ELIPTO-CYTES. Leukoerythroblastosis (immature myeloid cells and nucleated RBCs in the blood) is also consistent with myelophthisis but especially myelofibrosis. 525x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 4 Bone marrow biopsy: Myelofibrosis; Wright's stain. The bone marrow aspirate is usually dry, and one sees a swirling pattern H/E. 160x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 5 Bone marrow biopsy: myelofibrosis; Reticulin stain 160x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 6 Bone marrow biopsy: myelofibrosis; Masson stain 525x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 7 Peripheral blood: acute myeloblastic leukemia. There are numerous BLASTS with pale, blue cytoplasm, an increased N/C ratio, fine uncondensed chromatin, and +/- nucleoli.



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 8 Peripheral blood: acute myeloblasitc leukemia- note the abundance of immature GRANULOCYTES; Sudan black stain 640x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 9 Peripheral blood: acute myeloblasitc leukemia; Peroxidase stain 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 10 Peripheral blood: acute myeloblasitc leukemia; Approximately 20 % of myeloid/monocytic leukemic cells have Auer Rod - linear condensations of abnormal primary granules.; Wright's stain; 640x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 11 Bone Marrow: acute promyelocytic leukemia; The cells are not only morphologically distinguishable due to the hypergranularity, but this variant of AML also has a number of distinguishing characteristics including: association with DIC, a specific chromosomal abnormality (t15;17), and a high response rate to congenors of retinoic acid.



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 12 Peripheral blood: acute lymphoblastic leukemia; Wright's stain, 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 13 Peripheral blood: acute lymphoblastic leukemia; PAS stain. Both LYMPHOBLASTS and RED CELL BLASTS in erythroleukemia stain PAS +. 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 14 Peripheral blood: acute monocytic leukemia; The malignant cells have the same characteristics as MONOCYTES with blue-gray cytoplasm and folded nuclei. There is also a propenisty to invlove extramedullary sites, including the gums. 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 15 Bone marrow: acute monocytic leukemia; non specific esterase; NSE stains cells of the monocytic lineage. 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 16 Peripheral blood: Erythroleukemia- the bizarre red cell precursors indicate erythroleukemia; 525x

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Lab 9- Kodachrome: 17 Peripheral blood: Chronic lymphocytic leukemia; There are a number of small, mature lymphocytes c/w CLL. The diagnosis is usually confirmed with a bone marrow biopsy or flow cytometry which shows MONOCLONAL B CELL proliferation (classically CD5+)1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 18 Peripheral blood: Follicular B Cell Lymphoma- The clefted lymphoid cell with a nucleolus ("BUTTOCK" CELL) is characteristic of this type of lymphoma; 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 19 Bone marrow: Burkitt's lymphoma- The Burkitt's lymphoma/leukemia cells are immature, deeply basophilic, and highly vacuolated. This lymphoma is associated with the t8;21, the Epstein-Barr Virus in the African variant, and has shown an increased incidence in patients with AIDS and immunosuppression. In addition, it is the fastest growing cancer known to man with a doubling time of 24 hours. Wright stain.



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 20 Peripheral blood: Pelger-huet anomaly; PELGER-HUET CELLS are mature NEUTRO-PHILS with 2 symmetric round/oval nuclear lobes with a thin strand of chromatin in between. These cells are associated with a benign hereditary condition and an acquired pseudo-Pelger-Huet abnormality in myeloproliferative disorders, myelodysplastic syndromes, in addition to reactive processes. 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 21 Peripheral blood: Pelger-huet anomaly; Stodtmeister cell. This is a uninuclear variant of the Pelger-Huet anomaly.; 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 22 Peripheral blood: Hairy cell leukemia classically presents with splenomegaly, pancytopenia with lymphadenopathy. There is an excellent prognosis with certain treatments including 2-CDA or IFN.; 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 23 Peripheral blood: Atypical lymphocytes: excessive cytoplasm, eccentric nuclei, +/- nucleoli, and the chromatin ay not be completely clumped. The DDx includes: Infectious mononucleosis, CMV, Toxoplasmosis, and reactive processes. N.B. In mononucleosis, the B cells are infected, but it is the T cells which appear atypical; 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 24 Peripheral blood: There are several reactive LYMPHOCYTES suggestive of infectious mononucleosis; 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 25 Peripheral blood: Reactive Lymphocytosis (influenza)



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 26 Bone Marrow: PLASMA CELLS characterized by deeply basophilic cytoplasm, eccentric nuclei, perinuclear clear zone. These cells are diagnostic of a variant of multiple myeloma (1% of all cases) called plasma cell leukemia.; 525x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 27 Bone Marrow: Tumor clumps of metastatic adenocarcinoma of the prostate in the bone marrow.; 640x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 28 Bone Marrow: Lipid laden MACROPHAGES consistent with Gaucher's disease, in which the glucocerebrosidase enzyme is deficient. 800x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 29 Peripheral blood: Extreme thrombocytosis. Platelet counts this high (1.5 to 2,000,000) are only seen in myeloproliferative disorders, including essential thrombocythemia, which is charcterized by both hemorrhagic and thrombotic tendencies.; 800x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 30 Peripheral blood: MEGATHROMBOCYTE (giant platelet)- these are seen in a reactive processes but also myeloproliferative disorders. These platelets are often functionally abnormal.; 1225x



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 31 Toxic Granulation of NEU-TROPHIL- a non-specific sign of infection.



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 32 Dohle Body. These areas in the cytoplasm of NEUTROPHILS stain blue with Wright's stain due to the increase in RNA present in the RER of the cells. Dohle bodies are seen in a number of conditions, including: sepsis, burns, myelodysplastic conditions, and hereditary conditions.



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 33 Vacuolization of NEUTRO-PHILS



Lab 9- Kodachrome: 34 LAP stain of NEUTROPHILS; In this case, the LAP is high, consistent with reactive neutrophilia. A low LAP score would be consistent with CML.



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 1 Case H: Chronic myelogenous leukemia- many mature white cells; low LAP score (high in reactive leukocytosis)



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 2 Case H: Chronic myelogenous leukemia



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 3 Case I: Hodgkin's disease



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 4 Case I: Hodgkin's disease



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 5 Case J:



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 6 Case K: Hereditary Pelger-Huet anomaly



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 7 Case K: Hereditary Pelger-Huet anomaly



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 8 Case K: Hereditary Pelger-Huet anomaly



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 9 Case K: Hereditary Pelger-Huet anomaly



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 10 Case L: Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura- marked SCHISTOCYTES, occasional SPHEROCYTES, moderate polychromasia, thrombocytopenia



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 11 Case L: Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura- SCHISTOCYTES, thrombocytopenia



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 12 Case M: Acute leukemia, probably lymphoblastic



Lab 10- Kodachrome: 13 Case M: Acute leukemia, probably lymphoblastic