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Blood Disorders Affecting Red Blood Cells. Blood disorders that affect red blood cells include: Anemia: People with anemia have a low number of red blood cells. Mild anemia often causes no symptoms.

Blood Basics Two types of blood vessels carry blood throughout our bodies: Arteries carry oxygenated blood that has received oxygen from the lungs from the heart to the rest of the body. Blood then travels through veins back to the heart and lungs, so it can get more oxygen to send back to the body via the arteries. As the heart beats, you can feel blood traveling through the body at pulse points – like the neck and the wrist – where large, blood-filled arteries run close to the surface of the skin. But, as kids get older and approach adulthood, blood cells are made mostly in the bone marrow of the vertebrae the bones of the spine , ribs, pelvis, skull, sternum the breastbone. Whole blood is a mixture of blood cells and plasma. RBCs contain the iron-rich protein hemoglobin. Blood gets its bright red color when hemoglobin picks up oxygen in the lungs. As the blood travels through the body, the hemoglobin releases oxygen to the tissues. The body contains more RBCs than any other type of cell, and each has a life span of about 4 months. Each day, the body produces new RBCs to replace those that die or are lost from the body. They can move in and out of the bloodstream to reach affected tissues. There are several types of WBCs, and their life spans vary from a few days to months. New cells are constantly being formed in the bone marrow. Several different parts of blood are involved in fighting infection. White blood cells called granulocytes and lymphocytes travel along the walls of blood vessels. They fight germs such as bacteria and viruses and also may attempt to destroy cells that have become infected or have changed into cancer cells. Certain types of WBCs make antibodies, which are special proteins that recognize foreign materials and help the body destroy or neutralize them. The white blood cell count the number of cells in a given amount of blood in someone with an infection often is higher than usual because more WBCs are being produced or are entering the bloodstream to battle the infection. After the body has been challenged by some infections, lymphocytes "remember" how to make the specific antibodies that will quickly attack the same germ if it ever enters the body again. **Platelets** Platelets also called thrombocytes are tiny oval-shaped cells made in the bone marrow. They help in the clotting process. When a blood vessel breaks, platelets gather in the area and help seal off the leak. Platelets survive only about 9 days in the bloodstream and are constantly being replaced by new cells. Important proteins called clotting factors are critical to the clotting process. Although platelets alone can plug small blood vessel leaks and temporarily stop or slow bleeding, the action of clotting factors is needed to produce a strong, stable clot. The process of clotting is like a puzzle with interlocking parts. When large blood vessels are cut, the body may not be able to repair itself through clotting alone. In these cases, dressings and stitches are used to help control bleeding. **Nutrients in the Blood** Blood contains other important substances, such as nutrients from food that has been processed by the digestive system. Blood also carries hormones released by the endocrine glands and carries them to the body parts that need them. Blood is essential for good health because the body depends on a steady supply of fuel and oxygen to reach its billions of cells. Blood cells and some of the special proteins blood contains can be replaced or supplemented by giving a person blood from someone else via a transfusion. **Diseases of Red Blood Cells** Most of the time, blood functions without problems. But sometimes, blood disorders or diseases can cause illness. Diseases of the blood that commonly affect kids can involve any or all of the three types of blood cells. Other types of blood diseases affect the proteins and chemicals in the plasma that are responsible for clotting. The most common condition affecting RBCs is anemia , a lower-than-normal number of red cells in the blood. In severe cases of chronic anemia, or when a large amount of blood is lost, someone may need a transfusion of RBCs or whole blood. Anemia from inadequate RBC production. Conditions that can cause a reduced production of red blood cells include: Premature babies, infants with poor nutrition, menstruating teenage girls, and those with ongoing blood loss due to illnesses such as inflammatory bowel disease IBD are especially likely to have iron deficiency anemia. When lead enters the body, most of it goes into RBCs, where it can harm the production of hemoglobin and lead to anemia. Lead poisoning also can affect – and sometimes permanently damage – other body tissues, including the brain and nervous system.

Although lead poisoning is much less common now, it still is a problem in many larger cities, especially where young children might ingest paint chips or the dust that comes from lead-containing paints peeling off the walls in older buildings. Anemia due to chronic disease. Kids with chronic diseases such as cancer or human immunodeficiency virus HIV infection often develop anemia as a complication of their illness. Anemia due to kidney disease. The kidneys produce erythropoietin, a hormone that stimulates production of red cells in the bone marrow. Kidney disease can interfere with the production of this hormone. Anemia from unusually rapid red blood cell destruction. When RBCs are destroyed more quickly than normal by disease a process called hemolysis, the bone marrow will make up for it by increasing production of new red cells to take their place. But if RBCs are destroyed faster than they can be replaced, a person will develop anemia. Anemia resulting from increased RBC destruction. Conditions that can cause increased RBC destruction in kids include: G6PD is an enzyme that helps protect RBCs from the destructive effects of certain chemicals found in foods and medications. When the enzyme is lacking, these chemicals can cause red cells to hemolyze, or burst. Hereditary spherocytosis is an inherited condition in which RBCs are misshapen like tiny spheres, instead of disks and especially fragile because of a genetic problem with a protein in the structure of the red blood cell. This fragility causes the cells to be easily destroyed. Sickle cell disease, most common in people of African descent, is a hereditary disease that results in the production of abnormal hemoglobin. The sickle-shaped cells also tend to stick together, blocking blood vessels. This blockage can seriously damage organs and cause bouts of severe pain. People who take certain chemotherapy drugs to treat cancer may develop neutropenia. Human immunodeficiency virus HIV is a virus that attacks certain types of WBCs lymphocytes that work to fight infection. Infection with the virus can result in AIDS acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, leaving the body prone to infections and certain other diseases. Newborns can become infected with the virus from their infected mothers while in the uterus, during birth, or from breastfeeding, although HIV infection of the fetus and newborn is often preventable with proper medical treatment of the mother during pregnancy and delivery. Teens and adults can get HIV from sex with an infected person or from sharing contaminated needles used for injecting drugs or tattoo ink. Leukemias are cancers of the cells that produce WBCs. In the past 25 years, scientists have made great advances in treating several types of childhood leukemia, most notably certain types of ALL that are mostly curable in kids. Diseases of Platelets Thrombocytopenia, or a lower than normal number of platelets, is usually diagnosed because a person has abnormal bruising or bleeding. Thrombocytopenia can be inherited; or happen when someone undergoes chemotherapy, develops a viral infection, or has leukemia; or if the body uses too many or produces too few platelets. Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura ITP is a condition in which the immune system attacks and destroys platelets. Common bleeding disorders include: Hemophilia, an inherited condition that almost exclusively affects boys, involves a lack of particular clotting factors in the blood. People with severe hemophilia are at risk for excessive bleeding and bruising after dental work, surgery, and trauma. It affects both males and females. Other causes of clotting problems include chronic liver disease clotting factors are produced in the liver and vitamin K deficiency the vitamin is necessary for the production of certain clotting factors.

2: Blood Disorders

A blood cell disorder is a condition in which there's a problem with your red blood cells, white blood cells, or the smaller circulating cells called platelets, which are critical for clot.

Function Secondary functions When red blood cells undergo shear stress in constricted vessels, they release ATP, which causes the vessel walls to relax and dilate so as to promote normal blood flow. Red blood cells can also synthesize nitric oxide enzymatically, using L-arginine as substrate, as do endothelial cells. Red blood cells can also produce hydrogen sulfide, a signalling gas that acts to relax vessel walls. It is believed that the cardioprotective effects of garlic are due to red blood cells converting its sulfur compounds into hydrogen sulfide. As red blood cells contain no nucleus, protein biosynthesis is currently assumed to be absent in these cells. Because of the lack of nuclei and organelles, mature red blood cells do not contain DNA and cannot synthesize any RNA, and consequently cannot divide and have limited repair capabilities. When matured, in a healthy individual these cells live in blood circulation for about 120 days and 80 to 90 days in a full term infant. In many chronic diseases, the lifespan of the red blood cells is reduced.

Creation Erythropoiesis is the process by which new red blood cells are produced; it lasts about 7 days. Through this process red blood cells are continuously produced in the red bone marrow of large bones. In the embryo, the liver is the main site of red blood cell production. The production can be stimulated by the hormone erythropoietin (EPO), synthesised by the kidney.

Functional lifetime The functional lifetime of a red blood cell is about 120 days, during which time the red blood cells are continually moved by the blood flow push in arteries, pull in veins and a combination of the two as they squeeze through microvessels such as capillaries. They are also recycled in the bone marrow. This process is termed eryptosis, red blood cell programmed cell death. Eryptosis can be elicited by osmotic shock, oxidative stress, energy depletion as well as a wide variety of endogenous mediators and xenobiotics. Inhibitors of eryptosis include erythropoietin, nitric oxide, catecholamines and high concentrations of urea. Much of the resulting breakdown products are recirculated in the body. The biliverdin is reduced to bilirubin, which is released into the plasma and recirculated to the liver bound to albumin. The iron is released into the plasma to be recirculated by a carrier protein called transferrin. Almost all red blood cells are removed in this manner from the circulation before they are old enough to hemolyze. Hemolyzed hemoglobin is bound to a protein in plasma called haptoglobin, which is not excreted by the kidney.

Blood diseases involving the red blood cells include: Anemias or anaemias are diseases characterized by low oxygen transport capacity of the blood, because of low red cell count or some abnormality of the red blood cells or the hemoglobin. Iron deficiency anemia is the most common anemia; it occurs when the dietary intake or absorption of iron is insufficient, and hemoglobin, which contains iron, cannot be formed. Sick cell disease is a genetic disease that results in abnormal hemoglobin molecules. When these release their oxygen load in the tissues, they become insoluble, leading to mis-shaped red blood cells. These sickle shaped red cells are less deformable and viscoelastic meaning that they have become rigid and can cause blood vessel blockage, pain, strokes, and other tissue damage. Thalassemia is a genetic disease that results in the production of an abnormal ratio of hemoglobin subunits. These abnormal red blood cells are destroyed by the spleen. Several other hereditary disorders of the red blood cell membrane are known. Vitamin B12 is needed for the production of hemoglobin. Aplastic anemia is caused by the inability of the bone marrow to produce blood cells. Pure red cell aplasia is caused by the inability of the bone marrow to produce only red blood cells.

Effect of osmotic pressure on blood cells Micrographs of the effects of osmotic pressure Hemolysis is the general term for excessive breakdown of red blood cells. It can have several causes and can result in hemolytic anemia. The malaria parasite spends part of its life-cycle in red blood cells, feeds on their hemoglobin and then breaks them apart, causing fever. Both sickle-cell disease and thalassemia are more common in malaria areas, because these mutations convey some protection against the parasite. Polycythemias or erythrocytoses are diseases characterized by a surplus of red blood cells. The increased viscosity of the blood can cause a number of symptoms. In polycythemia vera the increased number of red blood cells results from an abnormality in the bone marrow. Several microangiopathic diseases, including disseminated intravascular coagulation and

thrombotic microangiopathies , present with pathognomonic diagnostic red blood cell fragments called schistocytes. These pathologies generate fibrin strands that sever red blood cells as they try to move past a thrombus. Blood transfusion Red blood cells may be given as part of a blood transfusion. Blood may be donated from another person, or stored by the recipient at an earlier date. Donated blood usually requires screening to ensure that donors do not contain risk factors for the presence of blood-borne diseases, or will not suffer themselves by giving blood. After this process, the blood is stored, and within a short duration is used. Blood can be given as a whole product or the red blood cells separated as packed red blood cells. Blood is often transfused when there is known anaemia, active bleeding, or when there is an expectation of serious blood loss, such as prior to an operation. In addition to the transmission of infection, certain types of transfusion reaction. In it was reported that human embryonic stem cells had been successfully coaxed into becoming red blood cells in the lab. The difficult step was to induce the cells to eject their nucleus; this was achieved by growing the cells on stromal cells from the bone marrow. It is hoped that these artificial red blood cells can eventually be used for blood transfusions. These include a RBC count the number of red blood cells per volume of blood , calculation of the hematocrit percentage of blood volume occupied by red blood cells , and the erythrocyte sedimentation rate. The blood type needs to be determined to prepare for a blood transfusion or an organ transplantation. Many diseases involving red blood cells are diagnosed with a blood film or peripheral blood smear , where a thin layer of blood is smeared on a microscope slide. This may reveal abnormalities of red blood cell shape and form. When red blood cells sometimes occur as a stack, flat side next to flat side. This is known as rouleaux formation, and it occurs more often if the levels of certain serum proteins are elevated, as for instance during inflammation. Separation and blood doping Red blood cells can be obtained from whole blood by centrifugation , which separates the cells from the blood plasma in a process known as blood fractionation. Packed red blood cells , which are made in this way from whole blood with the plasma removed, are used in transfusion medicine. Some athletes have tried to improve their performance by blood doping: Another method of blood doping involves injection with erythropoietin in order to stimulate production of red blood cells. Both practices are banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency. History The first person to describe red blood cells was the young Dutch biologist Jan Swammerdam , who had used an early microscope in to study the blood of a frog. In , Karl Landsteiner published his discovery of the three main blood groups "A, B, and C which he later renamed to O. Landsteiner described the regular patterns in which reactions occurred when serum was mixed with red blood cells, thus identifying compatible and conflicting combinations between these blood groups. In , by use of X-ray crystallography , Dr. Max Perutz was able to unravel the structure of hemoglobin , the red blood cell protein that carries oxygen. These cells were discovered in May

3: What Are Red Blood Cells? - Health Encyclopedia - University of Rochester Medical Center

The cause of a red blood cell disorder depends on the condition affecting the cells. Are red blood cell disorders common? Some red blood cell disorders, such as iron deficiency anemia, are very common, while others, such as hemolytic disease of the newborn, are not.

What Are Red Blood Cells? Red blood cells play an important role in your health by carrying fresh oxygen throughout the body. Red blood cells are round with a flattish, indented center, like doughnuts without a hole. Red blood cells at work Hemoglobin is the protein inside red blood cells that carries oxygen. Red blood cells also remove carbon dioxide from your body, transporting it to the lungs for you to exhale. Red blood cells are made inside your bones, in the bone marrow. They typically live for about days, and then they die. Nutrition and red blood cells Foods rich in iron help you maintain healthy red blood cells. Vitamins are also necessary to build healthy red blood cells. These include vitamin E, found in foods such as dark green vegetables, nuts and seeds, mango, and avocados; vitamins B2, B12, and B3, found in foods such as eggs, whole grains, and bananas; and folate, available in fortified cereals, dried beans and lentils, orange juice, and green leafy vegetables. Problems with red blood cells can be caused by illnesses or a lack of iron or vitamins in your diet. Some diseases of the red blood cells are inherited. Diseases of the red blood cells include many types of anemia, a condition in which there are too few red blood cells to carry sufficient oxygen throughout the body. Symptoms of anemia include tiredness, irregular heartbeats, pale skin, feeling cold, and, in severe cases, heart failure. These symptoms demonstrate how important red blood cells are to your daily life. These are common types of anemia: Iron-deficiency anemia is the most common form of anemia. Among the causes of iron deficiency are a diet low in iron, a sudden loss of blood, a chronic loss of blood such as from heavy menstrual periods, or the inability to absorb enough iron from food. In this inherited disease, the red blood cells are shaped like half moons rather than the normal indented circles. This change in shape can make the cells "sticky" and unable to flow smoothly through blood vessels. This causes a blockage in blood flow. This blockage may cause acute or chronic pain and can also lead to infection or organ damage. Sickle cells die much more quickly than normal blood cells—in about 10 to 20 days instead of days—causing a shortage of red blood cells. Diseases that cause this type of anemia are usually long-term conditions, like kidney disease, cancer, or rheumatoid arthritis. This type of anemia happens when red blood cells are destroyed by an abnormal process in your body before their lifespan is over. Children born with this disorder often have serious birth defects because of the problems with their blood and may develop leukemia.

4: Red Blood Cell Disorders | Boston Children's Hospital

They can involve one or more of the three main types of blood cells (red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets). They can also involve blood proteins involved in clotting. Not every blood disorder requires treatment. This is a list of some of the more common blood disorders treated by community hematologists.

If you have polycythemia, your bone marrow makes too many red blood cells. This causes your blood to thicken and flow more slowly, putting you at risk for blood clots that can cause heart attacks or strokes. There is no known cure. Treatment involves phlebotomy, or removing blood from your veins, and medication. White blood cells leukocytes help defend the body against infection and foreign substances. These disorders can affect both adults and children. Your white blood cells change and grow out of control. Leukemia may be either acute or chronic. Chronic leukemia advances more slowly. The body produces too many immature cells, called blasts. The blasts multiply and crowd out the mature and healthy cells. Myelodysplastic syndrome may progress either slowly or quite fast. It sometimes leads to leukemia. Platelet disorders Blood platelets are the first responders when you have a cut or other injury. They gather at the site of the injury, creating a temporary plug to stop blood loss. If you have a platelet disorder, your blood has one of three abnormalities: Having too few platelets is quite dangerous because even a small injury can cause serious blood loss. If you have too many platelets in your blood, blood clots can form and block a major artery, causing a stroke or heart attack. This can also lead to a dangerous loss of blood. Platelet disorders are primarily genetic, meaning they are inherited. Some of these disorders include: Von Willebrand disease Von Willebrand disease is the most common inherited bleeding disorder. It is caused by a deficiency of a protein that helps your blood clot, called von Willebrand factor VWF. Hemophilia Hemophilia is probably the best-known blood clotting disorder. It occurs almost always in males. The most serious complication of hemophilia is excessive and prolonged bleeding. This bleeding can be either inside or outside your body. The bleeding can start for no apparent reason. Treatment involves a hormone called desmopressin for mild type A, which can promote release of more of the reduced clotting factor, and infusions of blood or plasma for types B and C. Primary thrombocytopenia Primary thrombocytopenia is a rare disorder that can lead to increased blood clotting. This puts you at higher risk for stroke or heart attack. The disorder occurs when your bone marrow produces too many platelets. Acquired platelet function disorders Certain drugs and medical conditions can also affect the functioning of platelets. Be sure to coordinate all your medications with your doctor, even over-the-counter ones you choose yourself. The Canadian Hemophilia Association CHA warns that the following common drugs may affect platelets, especially if taken long-term.

5: Red blood cell - Wikipedia

Red blood cells (RBC) are non-nucleated cells composed of a cell membrane, complex surface glycoproteins, and hemoglobin (Hb). Hb, the major component of RBCs, facilitates oxygen transport from the lungs to tissue capillaries by reversible binding and releasing oxygen, according to the characteristics of the oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve.

Thyroid disease Inflammatory bowel disease Crohn disease or ulcerative colitis The signs and symptoms of anemia can easily be overlooked. In fact, many people do not even realize that they have anemia until it is identified in a blood test. It happens when you do not have enough iron in your body. Iron deficiency is usually due to blood loss but may occasionally be due to poor absorption of iron. People who have had gastric bypass surgery for weight loss or other reasons may also be iron deficient due to poor absorption. Pernicious anemia is a condition in which vitamin B12 cannot be absorbed in the gastrointestinal tract. However, the few blood cells the marrow does make are normal. Viral infections, ionizing radiation, and exposure to toxic chemicals or drugs can also result in aplastic anemia. Hemolytic anemia may be due to mechanical causes leaky heart valves or aneurysms , infections, autoimmune disorders, or congenital abnormalities in the red blood cell. Inherited abnormalities may affect the hemoglobin or the red blood cell structure or function. Examples of inherited hemolytic anemias include some types of thalassemia and low levels of enzymes such as glucose-6 phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency. The treatment will depend on the cause. How is Anemia Treated? The treatment for anemia depends on what causes it. Iron-deficiency anemia is almost always due to blood loss. If you have iron-deficiency anemia, your doctor may order tests to determine if you are losing blood from your stomach or bowels. Other nutritional anemias, such as folate or B deficiency, may result from poor diet or from an inability to absorb vitamins in the gastrointestinal tract. Treatment varies from changing your diet to taking dietary supplements. If your anemia is due to a chronic disease, treatment of the underlying disease will often improve the anemia. Under some circumstances, such as chronic kidney disease, your doctor may prescribe medication such as erythropoietin injections to stimulate your bone marrow to produce more red blood cells. Aplastic anemia occurs if your bone marrow stops producing red blood cells. Aplastic anemia may be due to primary bone marrow failure, myelodysplasia a condition in which the bone marrow produces abnormal red blood cells that do not mature properly , or occasionally as a side effect of some medications. If you appear to have a form of aplastic anemia, your doctor may refer you to a hematologist for a bone marrow biopsy to determine the cause of the anemia. Medications and blood transfusions may be used to treat aplastic anemia. Hemolytic anemia occurs when red blood cells are destroyed in the blood stream. This may be due to mechanical factors a leaky heart valve or aneurysm , infection, or an autoimmune disease. The cause can often be identified by special blood tests and by looking at the red blood cells under a microscope. The treatment will depend upon the cause and may include referral to a heart or vascular specialist, antibiotics, or drugs that suppress the immune system. Talk with your doctor if you believe you may be at risk for anemia. Your doctor will determine your best course of treatment and, depending on your condition, may refer you to a hematologist, a doctor who specializes in blood disorders. While many types of anemia cannot be prevented, eating healthy foods can help you avoid both iron-and vitamin-deficiency anemia. Foods to include in your diet include those with high levels of iron beef, dark green leafy vegetables, dried fruits, and nuts , vitamin B meat and dairy , and folic acid citrus juices, dark green leafy vegetables, legumes, and fortified cereals. A daily multivitamin will also help prevent nutritional anemias; however, older adults should not take iron supplements for iron-deficiency anemia unless instructed by their physicians. If you find that you are interested in learning more about blood diseases and disorders, here are a few other resources that may be of some help:

6: Red Blood Cell Disorders Symptoms & Causes | Boston Children's Hospital

This disorder affects the hemoglobin in the red blood cells and thus oxygen supply throughout the body gets hampered significantly. Various infections, anemia, etc. are some of the common aftermaths of sickle cell disease.

7: Disorders of Red Blood Cells | Clinical Gate

Red Blood Cell Disorders Red blood cells (RBCs, also called erythrocytes) are the most common cell type in the blood, with the primary duty of carrying oxygen from the lungs to the body's tissues using the iron-containing molecule hemoglobin, which also gives blood its red color.

8: Blood Disorders Facts | Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

aplasia (lack thereof), disorder of pluripotent bone marrow stem cell that results in reduction of all 3 hemopoietic cell lines (RBC, WBC, and platelets), aplastic anemia results from the failure of the marrow to replace senescent red cells that are destroyed and leave the circulation.

9: Blood disease | www.enganchecubano.com

Aplastic anemia is a rare bone marrow failure disorder in which the bone marrow stops making enough blood cells (red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets). This occurs as a result of destruction or deficiency of blood-forming stem cells in your bone marrow, in particular when the body's own immune system attacks the stem cells.

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