#### Extra Notes

Please refer to last year's slides

The last lecture we talked about hemolytic anemia.

This lecture about Anemia caused by decrease PRODUCTION in the bone marrow.

## 1) Iron deficiency Anemia (IDA)

- the most common worldwide
- Bioavailability: the main source of iron is red meat
- some plants contain iron like Spinach but we can't utilize it
- decrease iron intake in diet common in vegetarians
- increase demand of iron :-
- \* infant : small amount of iron in Milk
- \* younger: fast growing, so we need more iron
- \* elderly: problem in tension; decrease the absorption
- \* pregnancy.
- also in chronic blood loss, low social economical class and any GI diseases especially in duodenum ( Celiac and Inflammatory Bowel Diseases ).

# Pathogenesis

- insidious course : need years to build up in the body
- Ferritin ( iron store ) when it become bigger it's called Hemosiderin => both found in reticular endothelial system ( bone marrow ) .
- The first place deficiency of iron is bone marrow then in serum ferritin , the last place is serum iron .
- when we measure the iron concentration, we look for serum Ferritin.
- decrease iron so decrease Hb, RBCs are light (hypochromic microcytic)
  - thalassemia (genetic disease): the same shape of RBC's
  - IDA: variation in the shape of RBC's (poikelocytosis)
  - Poikelocytosis also in pyruvate kinase deficiency
- RDW test (red blood cell distribution width test) is high.
- Iron deficiency block the formation of erythropoietin >> decrease production.
- Thrombocytosis: because activate the production of Megakaryocyte so more platelets.
- Target Cells not specific to thalassemia

Treatment: iron supplement

## 2) Megaloblastic Anemia

Mega = big Blastic = immature

- very common, nutritional disease
- erythroid cell in bone marrow >> large & immature

#### Vitamin B12 deficiency.

- V. B12 in red meat
- Vegans: vegetarians people don't eat any products of meat
- Impaired GI absorption (especially in *ileum* ) more common than low intake
- Loss of the storage V.B12 takes a long time
- Important in neuronal tissue ( cause dementia )

#### Folate Dificiency

- in green leaves
- the difficiency of folic acid more common than V.B12 difficiency
- anticonvulsant : prevent absorption of folic acid , so when you use this type of drugs , give the patient course of folic acid .

Folic acid dif. >> anemia V.B12 dif. >> anemia & neuronal diseases

## 3) Pernicious Anemia

- V.B12 difficiency
- Make megaloblastic anemia
- Autoimmune disease
- Type 3 antibody destroy parietal cell (low acidity) it become atrophy
- Large cells : more time for maturation
- No central pallor ( high Hb ) But less number

## - Neutrophils

- large nucleus
- hypersegmented (5 to 8) to pass through capillary
- Normal (2-4) segments
- hemolysis : erythropoietin increase but the cells failed ( there is problem in the nucleus ) >> apoptosis
- most of the cells increase in size but RBC's more effective because more demand for it
- nucleus is lighter

### 4) Anemia of chronic disease

- chronic inflammatory disease (TB / osteomyelitis)
- chronic = needs long time

## Hepcidin:

- decrease iron in RBC's
- not perfect iron deficiency
- in first stage >> normocytic / normochromic
- in last stages >> microcytic / hypochromic

## 5) Aplastic Anemia

- bone marrow failure (decrease in RBC, WBC and platelets)
- the defect variable in patient

## Fanconi Anemia:

- genetic mutation / children
- idiopathic : unknown cause
- idiosyncratic fashion : strange reaction , take different ways from patient to another

## Morphology:-

- not obvious
- peripheral blood is low (RBC, WBC, Platelets)
- No splenomegaly

## Myelophthisic Anemia

- bone marrow filled with something abnormal >> physical damage
- in cancer, bone marrow tumor, Acute leukemia

## Renal Failure

- the uric acid destroy the shape of the cells
- Echinocyte : JUSY in uremia

## Chronic Liver diseases

- common bleeding (decrease coagulation factors)
- multiple nutrition deficiency
- Acanthocytes:long projection.

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