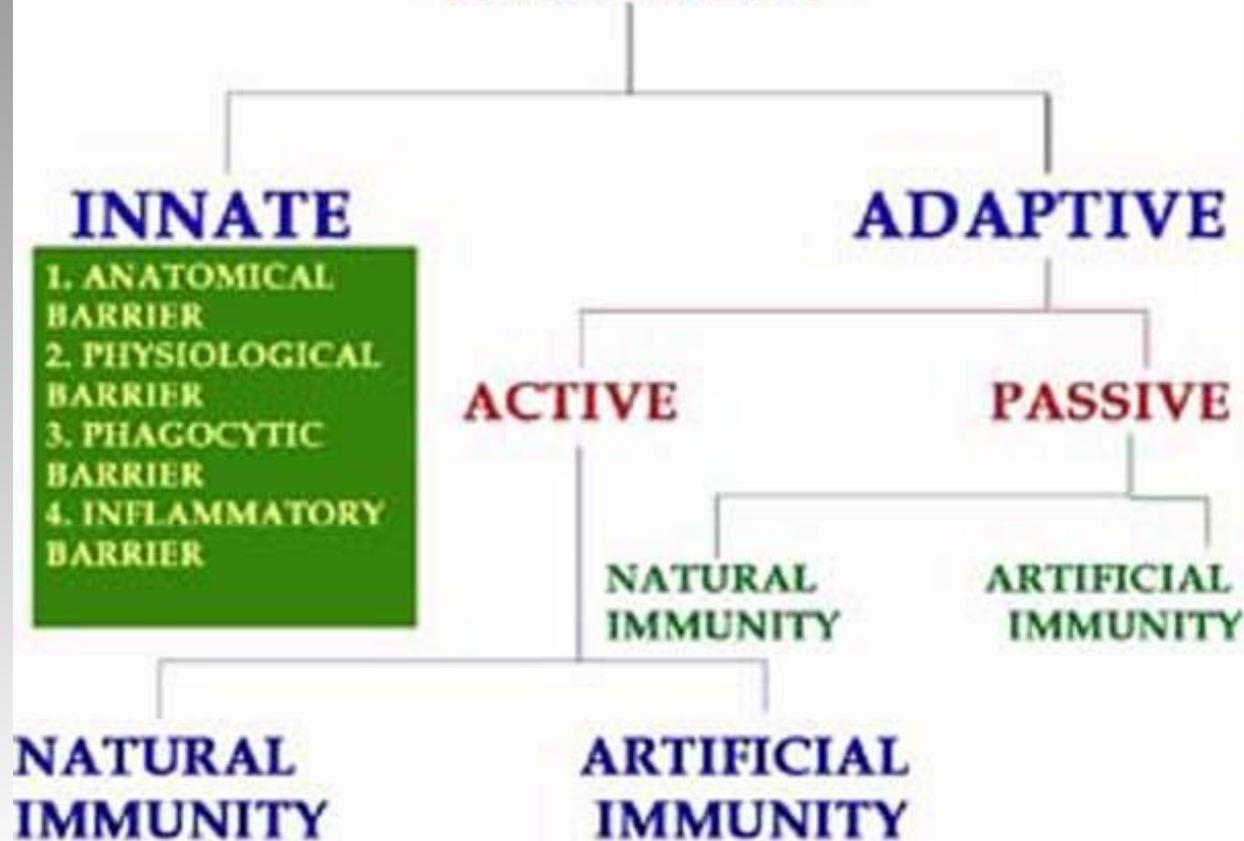


# Immunology – practical 1

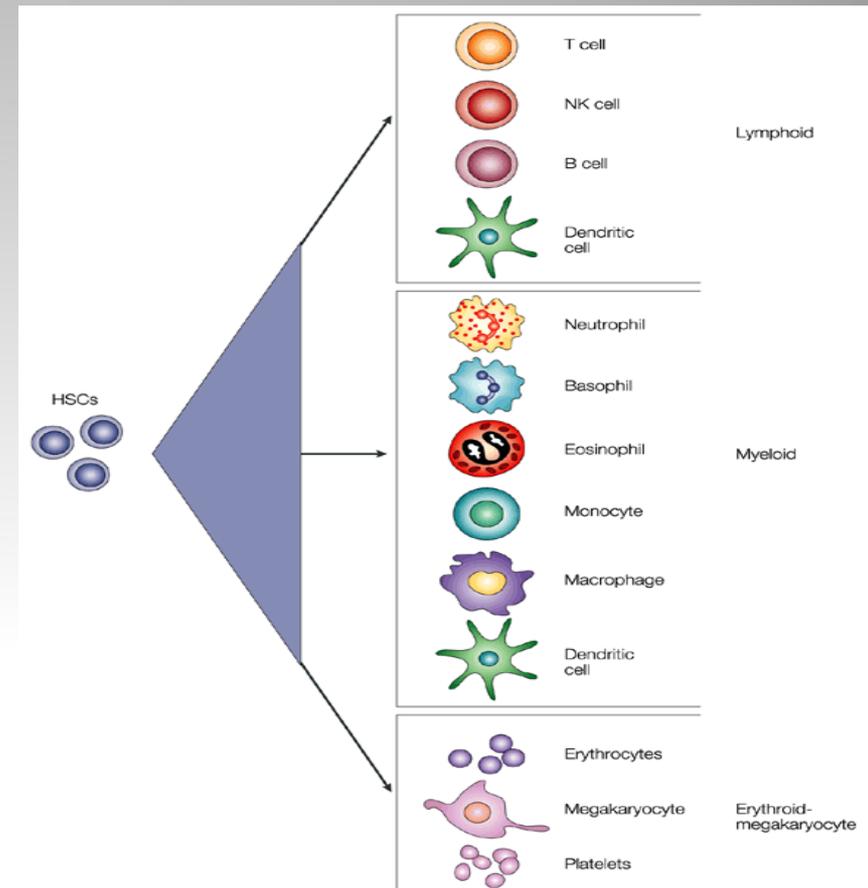
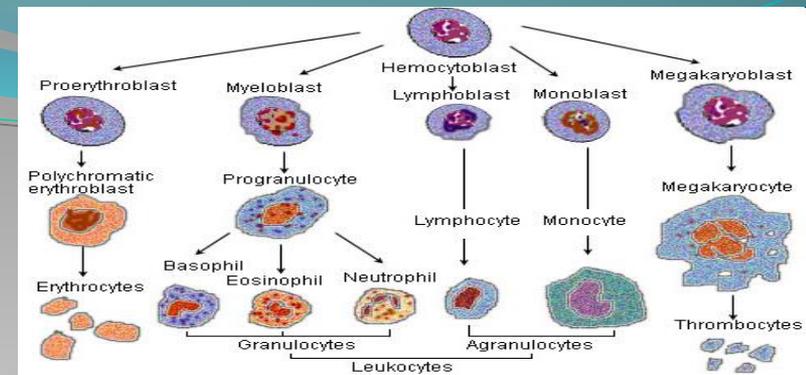
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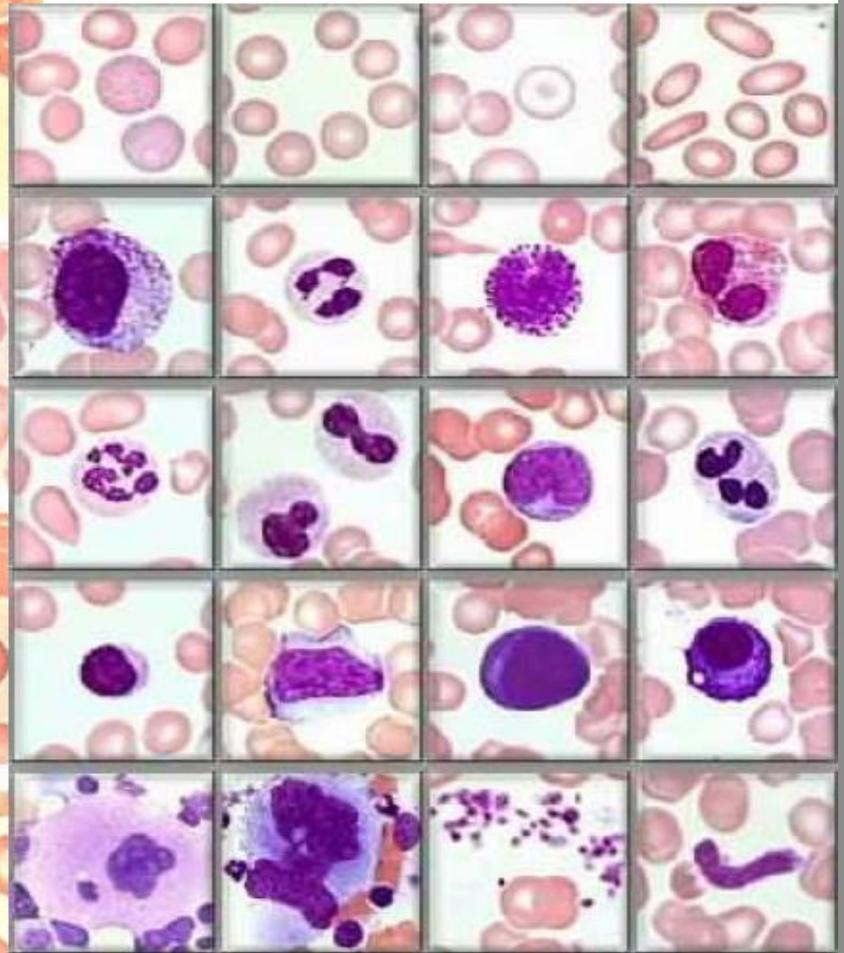
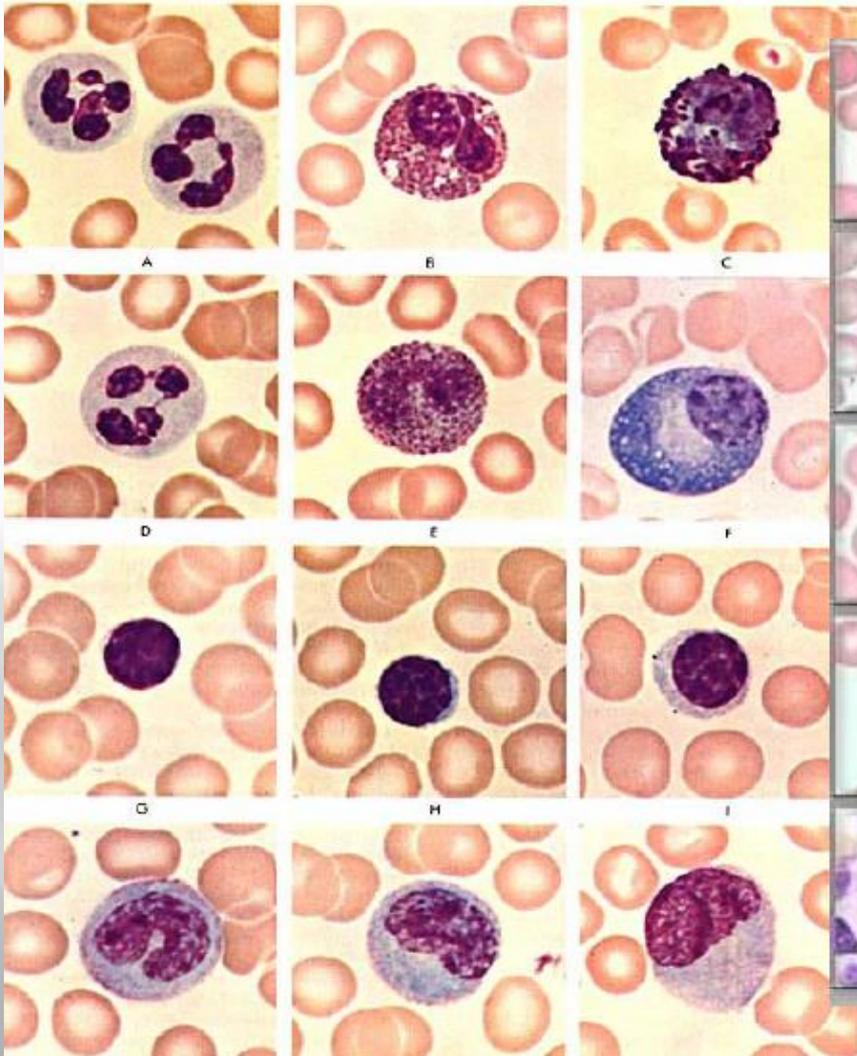
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# hematopoiesis

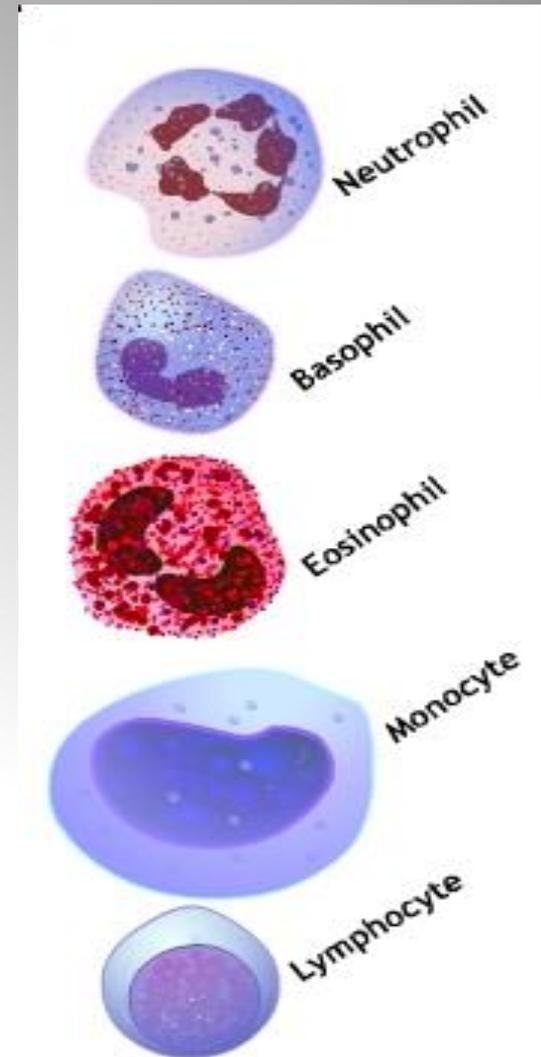
- Three main classifications of blood cells derive from haematopoietic stem cells (HSCs)
- **Myeloid cells** - this includes
  - macrophages (monocytes)
  - granular white blood cells (or granulocytes; neutrophils, basophils and eosinophils).
- **Erythroid-megakaryocytes**
  - Erythrocytes (red blood cells)
  - platelets
- **Lymphoid cells** - this includes
  - T-cells
  - B-cells
  - Natural killer (NK) cells are thought to be the prototype of T cells.
  - **T-cell progenitors are able to generate dendritic cells.**

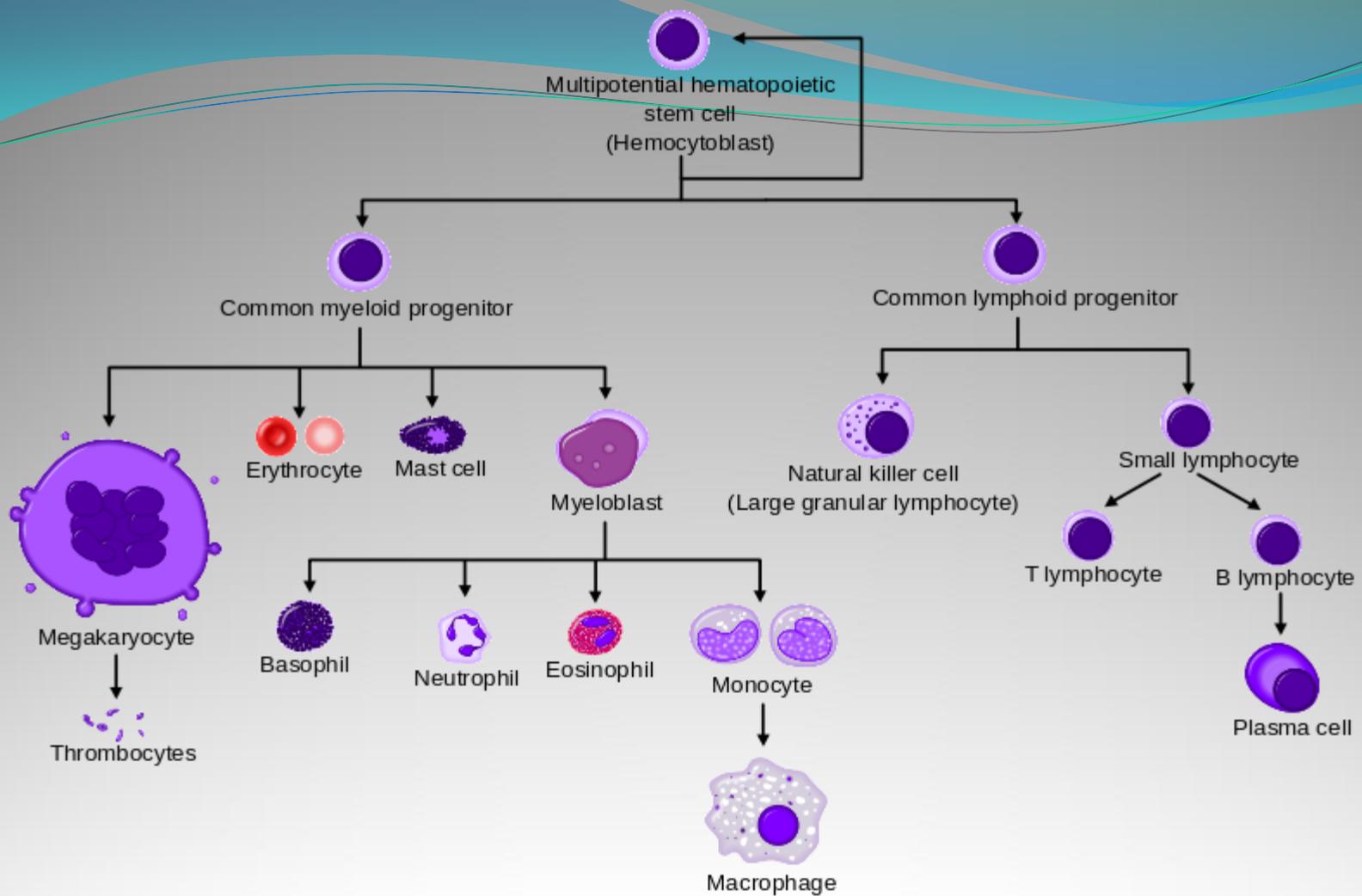




# White blood cells (or leucocytes)

- have nuclei & do not contain hemoglobin
- typical concentration is 5,000 - 9,000 per cubic millimeter
- Types of WBCs:
  - granular white blood cells include:
    - neutrophils (50 - 70% of WBCs)
    - eosinophils (1 - 4%)
    - basophils (less than 1%)
  - agranular (or non-granular) white blood cells include:
    - lymphocytes (25 - 40%)
    - monocytes (2 - 8%)





# Blood smear preparation

## - aim of blood smear

- **Value of blood films:**

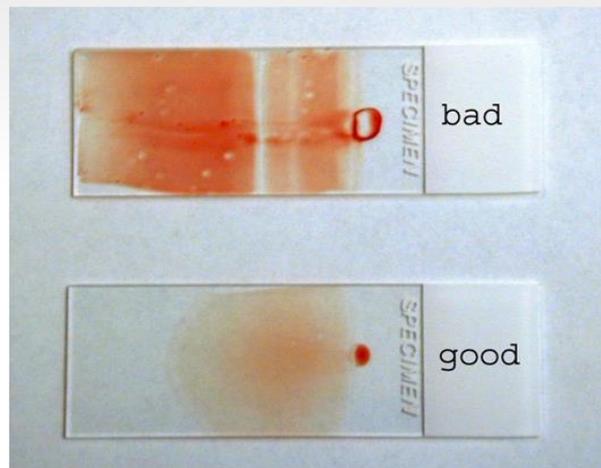
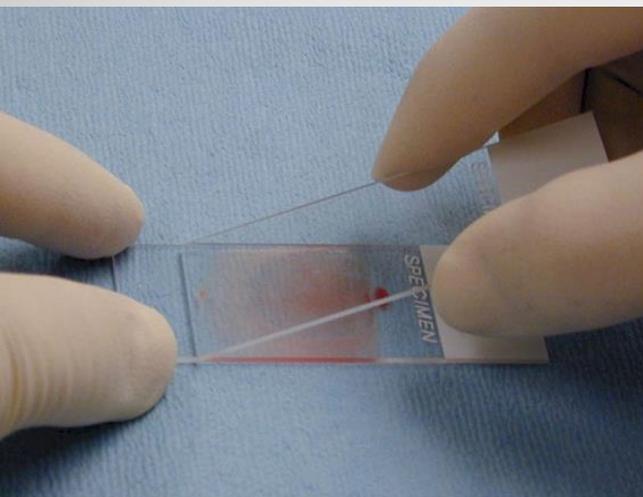
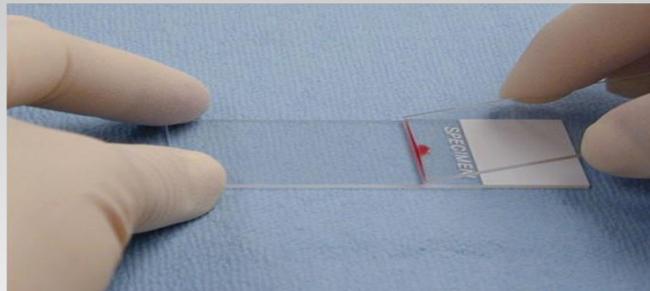
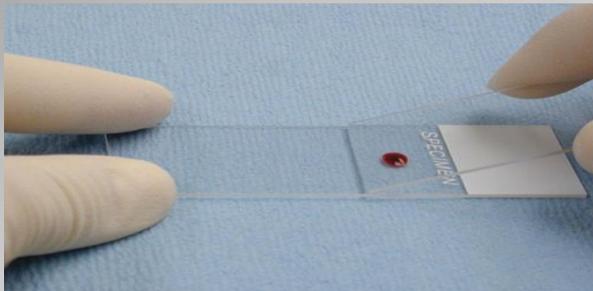
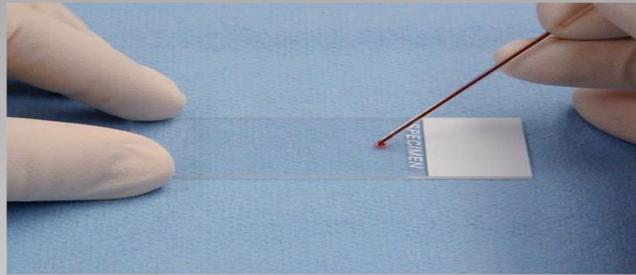
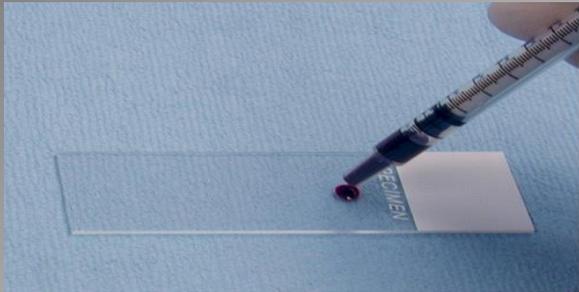
- Examination of thin blood films is important in the investigation and management of anaemia, infections, and other conditions which produce changes in the appearance of blood cells and differential white cell count.
- A blood film report can provide rapidly and at low cost, useful information about a patient's condition.

# Making blood films

## Three basic steps to make blood film:

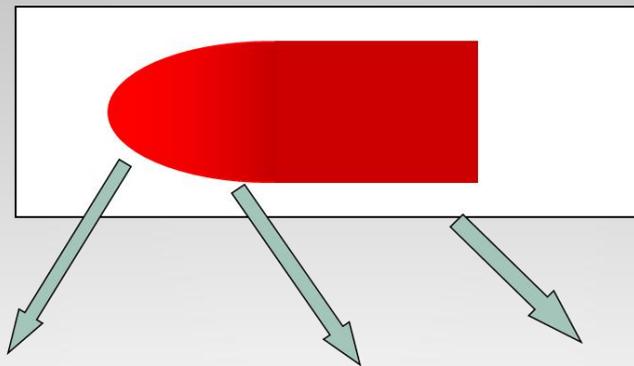
1. Preparation of blood smear.
2. Fixation of blood smear.
3. Staining of blood smear.

# Steps for Blood Film



# The shape of blood film

tail body head



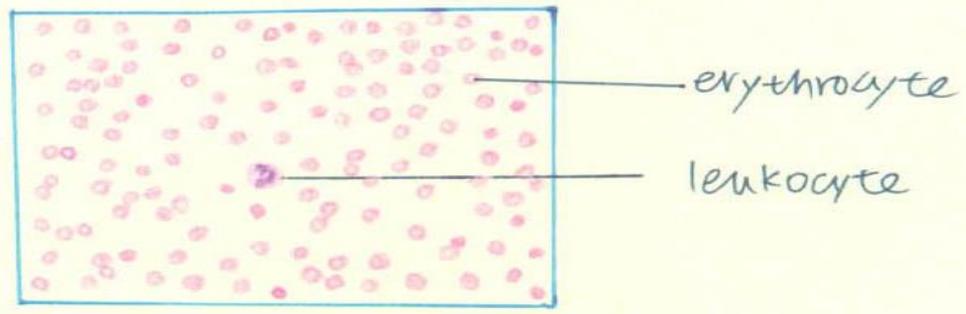
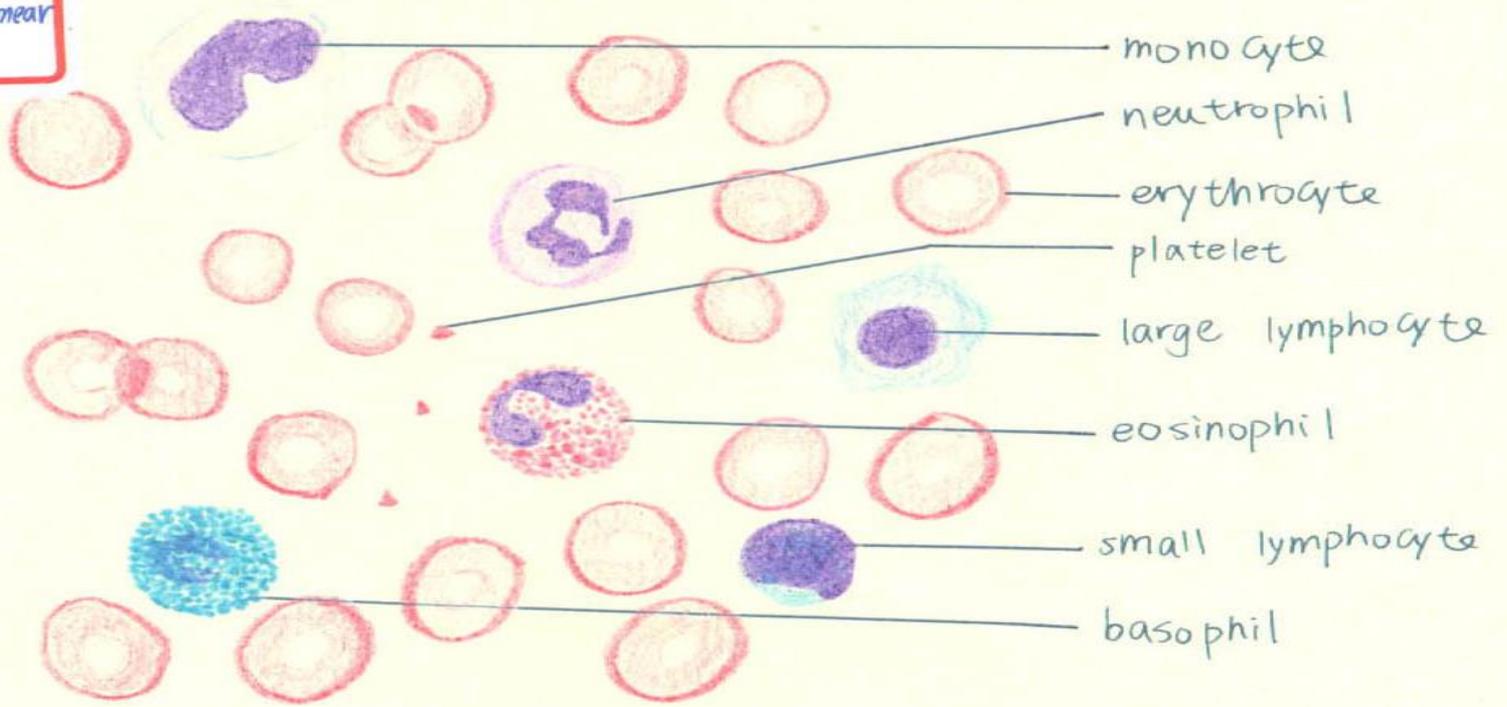
# Staining

- May Grünwald solution (4 min)
- add distilled water (4 min)
- lift slide to drain the staining solution
- add Romanovski solution (18 min)
- wash
- dry

- **Staining pattern:**

- **Erythrocytes** - pale pink,
- **Thrombocytes** - small and blue,
- **Lymphocytes** - round blue nucleus almost filling the whole cell,
- **Neutrophils** - segmented blue nucleus within pale cytoplasm,
- **Eosinophiles** - segmented blue nucleus and pink granules in cytoplasm,
- **Basophils** - segmented blue nucleus and blue granules in cytoplasm,
- **Monocytes** - round blue nucleus within pale cytoplasm

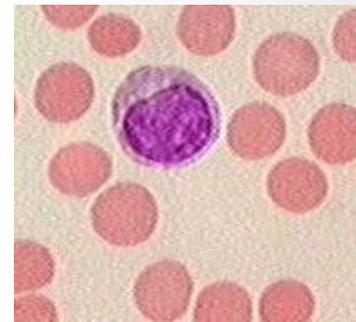
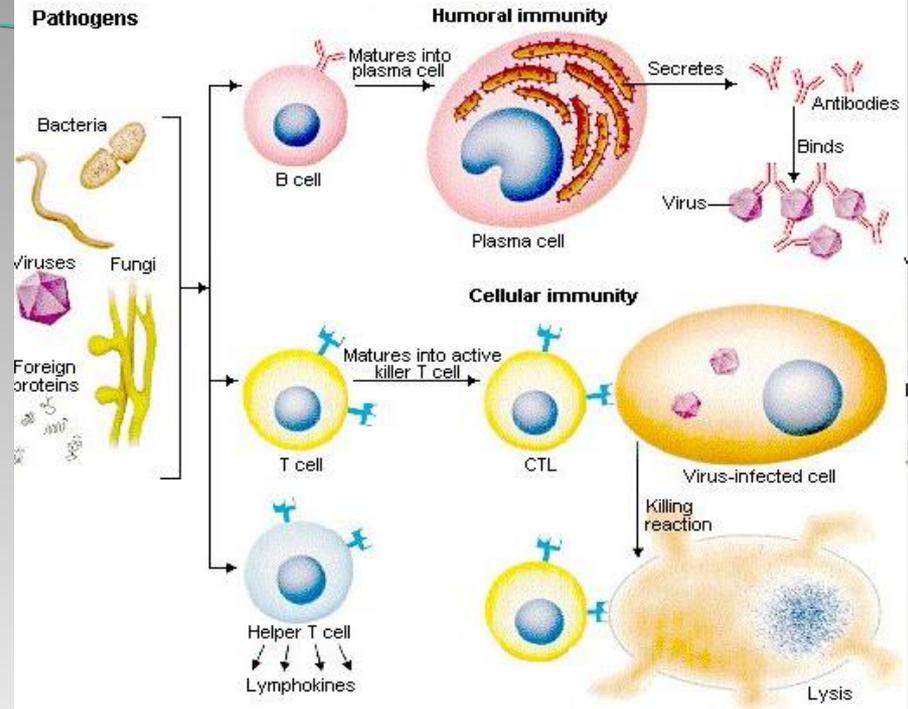
Human blood smear  
NA-6-a





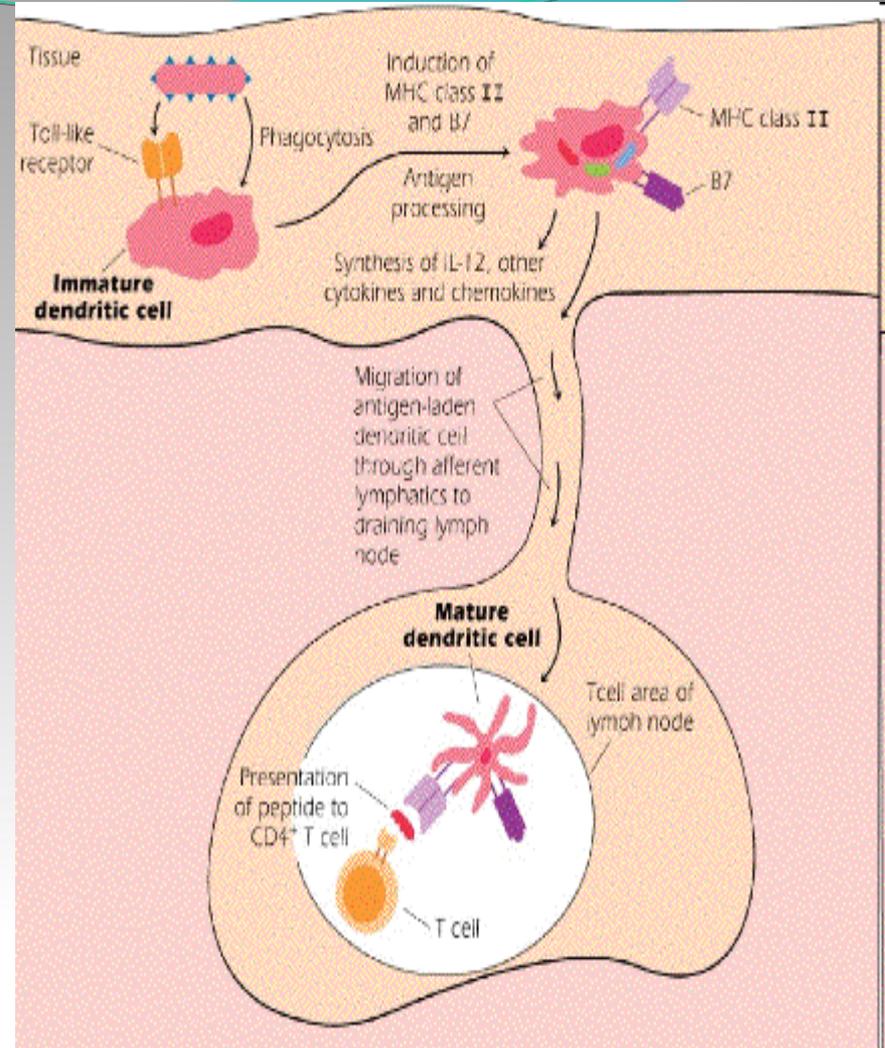
# Lymphocytes

- Small white blood cells which are responsible for much of the work of the immune system.
- Lymphocytes can be divided into three classes:
  - B cells,
  - T cells
    - null cells (NK)
    - **T-lymf. (65-75%)**
    - **B-lymf.(20-30%)**



# lymphocytes

- CD 4 (+) T-cells become activated by antigen presenting cells (APC's).
- Naive CD4(+) cells are activated by dendritic cells.
- Memory CD4(+) cells interact well with macrophages.



# lymphocytes

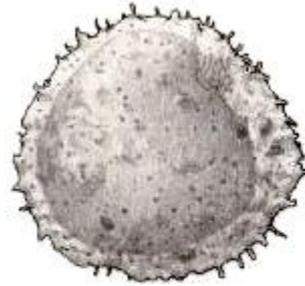


Fig. 11 - Lymphocyte

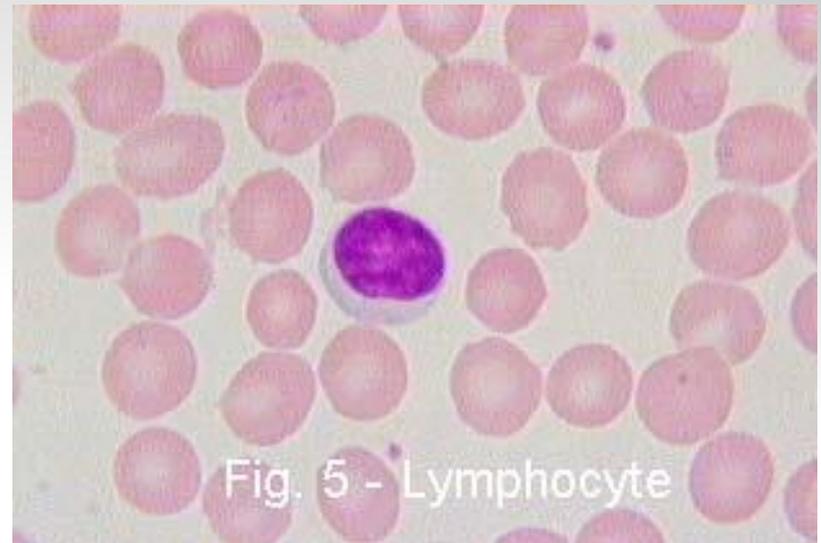
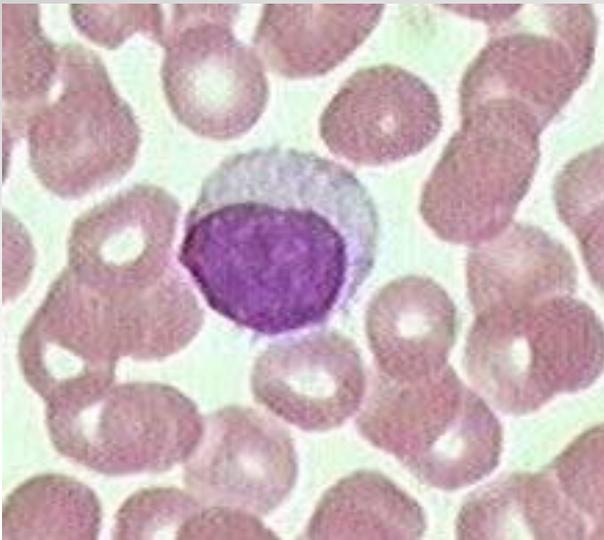
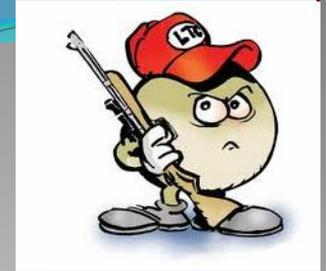


Fig. 5 - Lymphocyte

# T lymphocytes



## TH(helpers) CD4:

- These cells travel through the blood and lymph, looking for antigens (such as those captured by *antigen-presenting cells*). Upon locating an antigen, they notify other cells to assist in combating the invader.
- This is sometimes done through the use of **cytokines** (or specifically, lymphokines) which help destroy target cells and stimulate the production of healthy new tissue. Interferon is an example of such a cytokine.

## TS(supresors) CD8 :

### TC(cytotoxic) CD8:

**Killer T cells only recognize antigen in the grasp of Class I MHC markers. Here a resting cytotoxic T cell recognizes virus fragments, which are displayed by a macrophage in combination with a Class I MHC marker.**

**A receptor on a circulating, resting cytotoxic T cell (and CD8 protein) recognizes the antigen-protein complex and binds to it. The binding process and an activated helper T cell activate the cytotoxic T cell.**

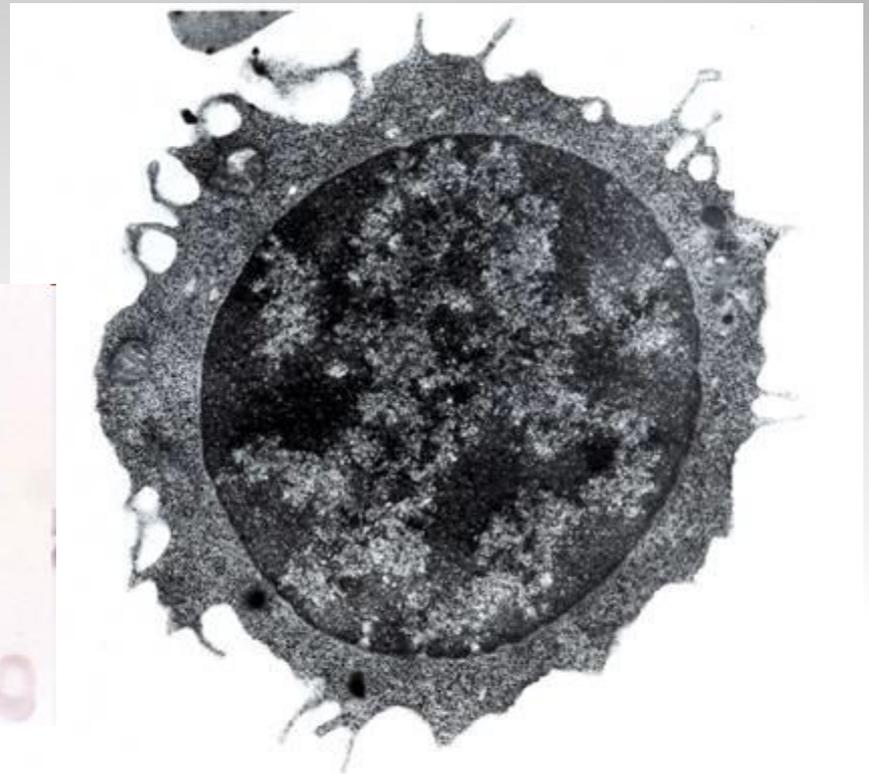
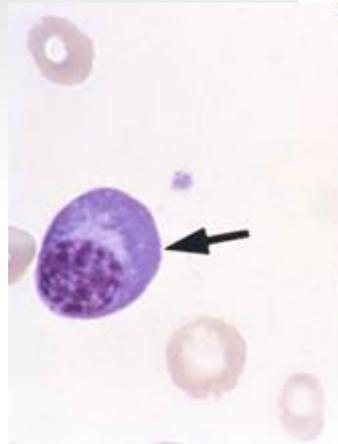
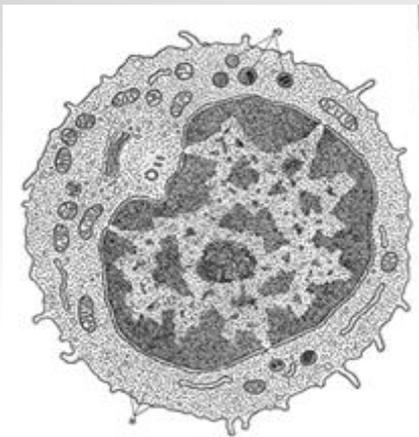
**Because the surfaces of other infected cells bear the same virus fragments in combination with Class I MHC markers, the activated cytotoxic T cells can quickly recognize, attack, and destroy the diseased cell.**

# B lymphocytes

- B cells spend their entire early life in the bone marrow.
- Upon maturity, their job is to travel throughout the blood and lymph looking for antigens with which they can interlock.
- Once a B cell has identified an antigen, it starts replicating itself.
- These cloned cells mature into antibody-manufacturing *plasma cells*.
- *Memory cells* - specialized B cells which grant the body the ability to manufacture more of a particular antibody as needed, in case a particular antigen is ever encountered again.

# B-lymfocytes

- *plasma cells*
- *memory cells*



# Isolation of human mononuclear cells

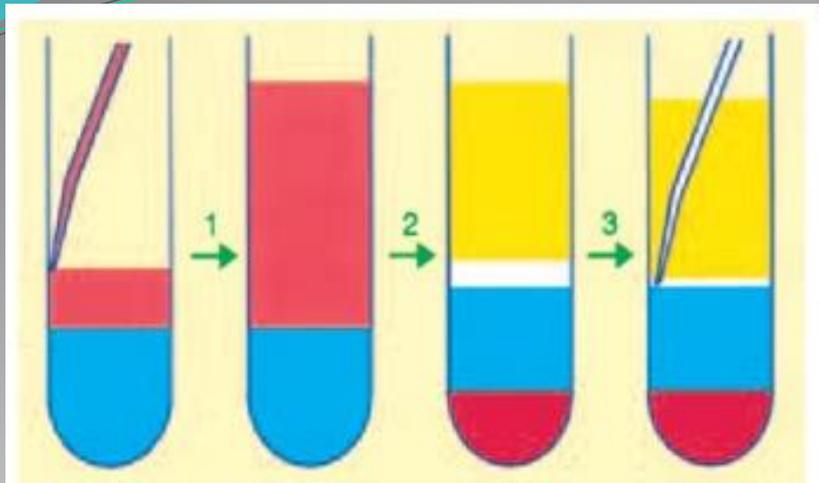
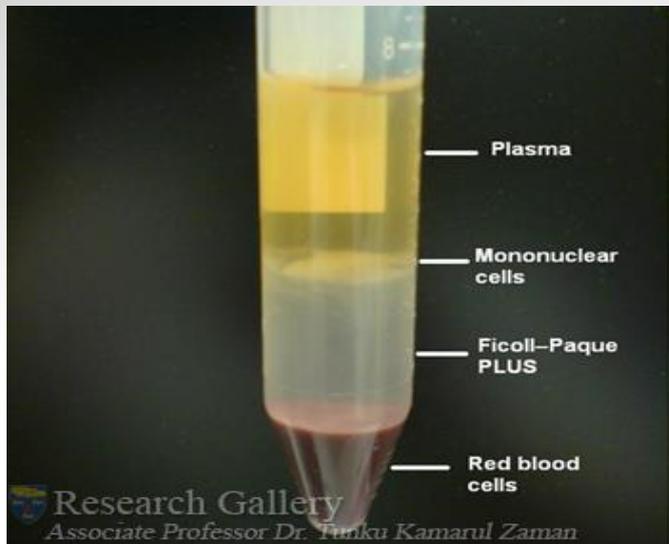


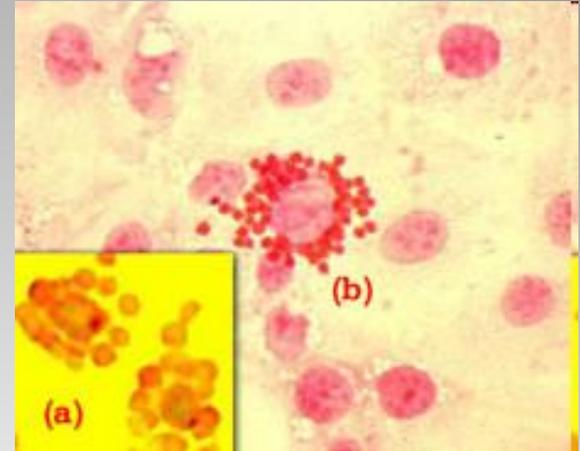
Fig. 1 Isolation of mononuclear cells using Lymphoprep™. (1) Blood diluted with an equal volume of saline is layered over half the volume of Lymphoprep™. (2) After centrifugation at 600g for 20 min at 20°C, the mononuclear cells which band at the interface are (3) removed using a pipette.

- Gradient density centrifugation
- Mononuclear cells (monocytes and lymphocytes) have a lower buoyant density than the erythrocytes and the polymorphonuclear leucocytes (granulocytes).
- The vast majority of mononuclear cells have densities below 1.077 g/ml. These cells can therefore be isolated by centrifugation on an isoosmotic medium with a density close to 1.077 g/ml, which allows the erythrocytes and the granulocytes to sediment through the medium while retaining the mononuclear cells at the sample/medium interface

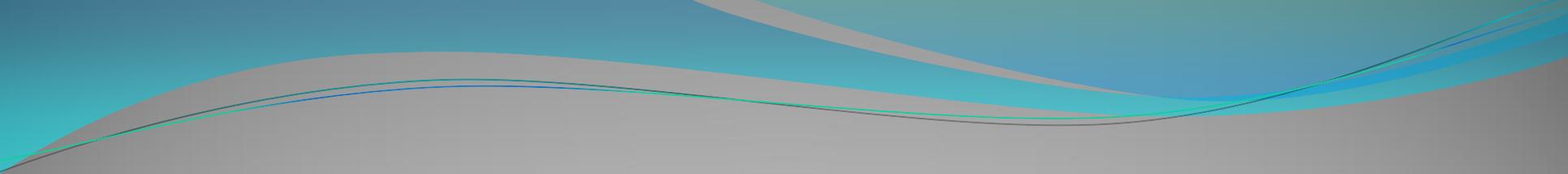


# Separation of T and B lymph. – Rosette test

- T a B lymph. : different receptors for animal erythrocytes
- T lymph. : receptor for sheep ery – E-rosettes
- B lymph. : receptor for mouse ery – M-rosettes
- **For T lymphocytes.**
- **Rosettes formed with erythrocytes.**



- T lymphocytes, have the characteristic of **forming E-rosettes when they bind selectively to sheep red blood cells (a).**
- Lymphocytes can be quantified by **acridine orange labeling** and afterwards observed with a fluorescence and ordinary light microscope.
- If T and B lymphocytes are labeled with acridine orange, only **T lymphocytes form E-rosettes; B lymphocytes** are actually stained but **do not form rosettes.**



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