



Myeloproliferative disorder

Essential thrombocythemia

Primary myelofibrosis







§ 45 years old female presented with gangrenous  
both feet

§ She has negative chronic illness

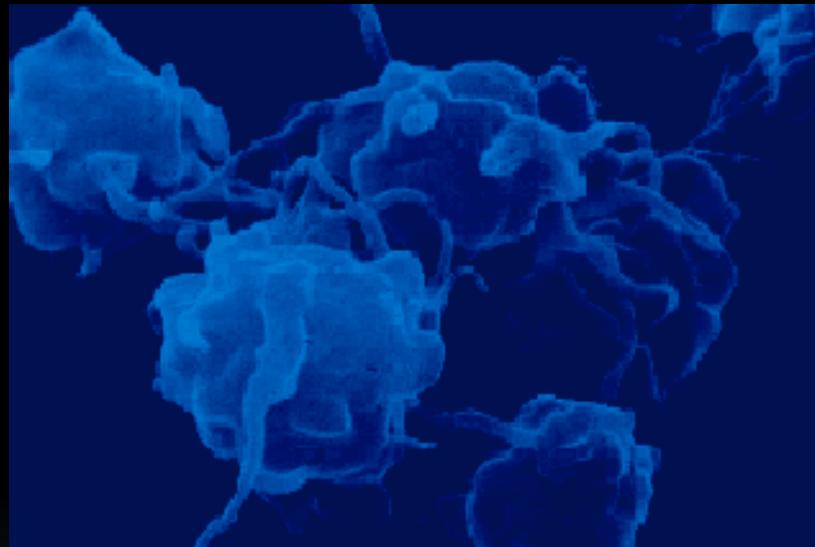
§ on examination she look pale, positive distal  
pulse

§ CBC and differential



§ Platelets count= 1.7 million

# DEFINITION OF THROMBOCYTOSIS

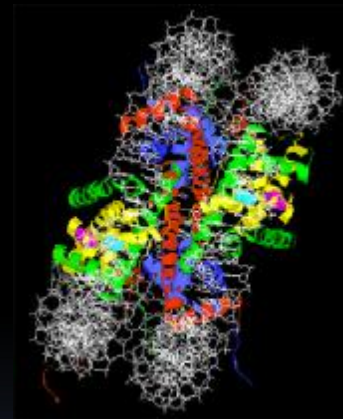


PLATELET COUNT  $>$  450,000/ML



# MAJOR CAUSES OF THROMBOCYTOSIS

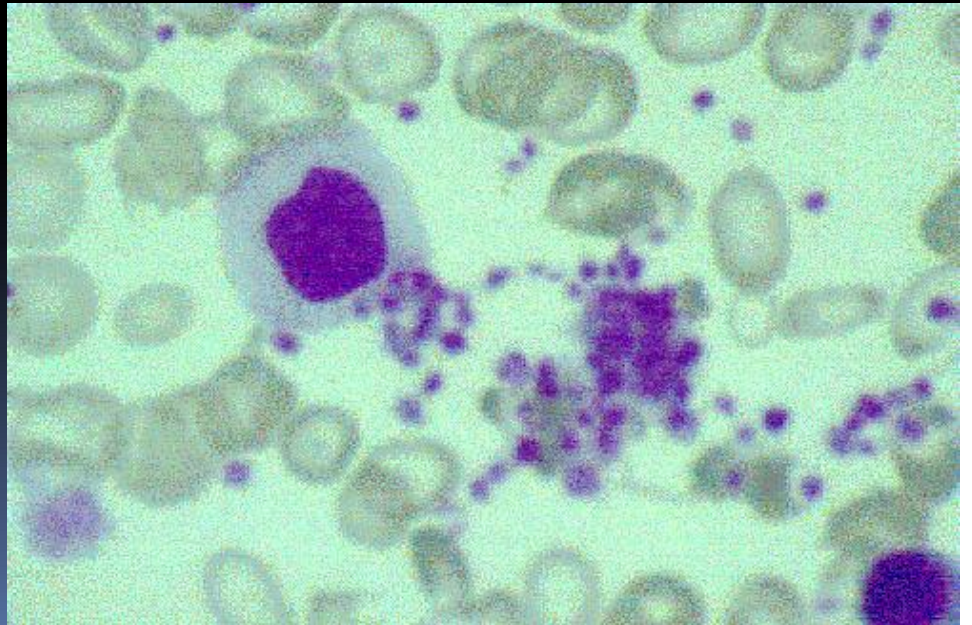
- CLONAL THROMBOCYTOSIS
  - ü CML
  - ü ESSENTIAL THROMBOCYTHEMIA
  - ü POLYCYTHEMIA VERA
  - ü MYELOFIBROSIS
- REACTIVE THROMBOCYTOSIS
- FAMILIAL THROMBOCYTOSIS



# Differential diagnosis of thrombocytosis

## 3. Reactive thrombocytosis:

- § Infection & Chronic inflammation
- § Tissue damage
- § Malignancy
- § Renal disorders
- § Hemolytic anemia
- § Post splenectomy
- § Blood loss





# Essential thrombocythemia

§ Essential thrombocytosis (ET) is a MPD of unknown etiology involving manifested clinically by overproduction of platelets without a definable cause.

# Epi demi ol ogy

- § ET is the most frequent among the MPDs.
- § The median age at diagnosis is 60 years.
- § Females are more affected than males.

# Clinical Features


§ ET may be totally asymptomatic at presentation.

§ Hypervescosity symptoms, atypical chest pain,


erythromelalgia.

## § Thrombosis and hemorrhage:

- ∅ Thrombotic events: include stroke, TIA, retinal artery or venous occlusions, IHD, etc.
- ∅ Bleeding manifestations: In some patients with ET and platelet count  $>1$  million/ microL, acquired von Willebrand disease may be present.



§ In most individuals the condition is chronic, with the platelet count gradually increasing.



§ A very small percentage may transform to PV, PMF, or AML.



# Physical examination

§ In most patients with ET, physical examination findings are unremarkable.

§ Approximately 40-50% of patients present with splenomegaly; 20% present with hepatomegaly.

# Investigation


§ Complete blood cell (CBC) count show thrombocytosis.

Leukocytosis, and erythrocytosis may be found.

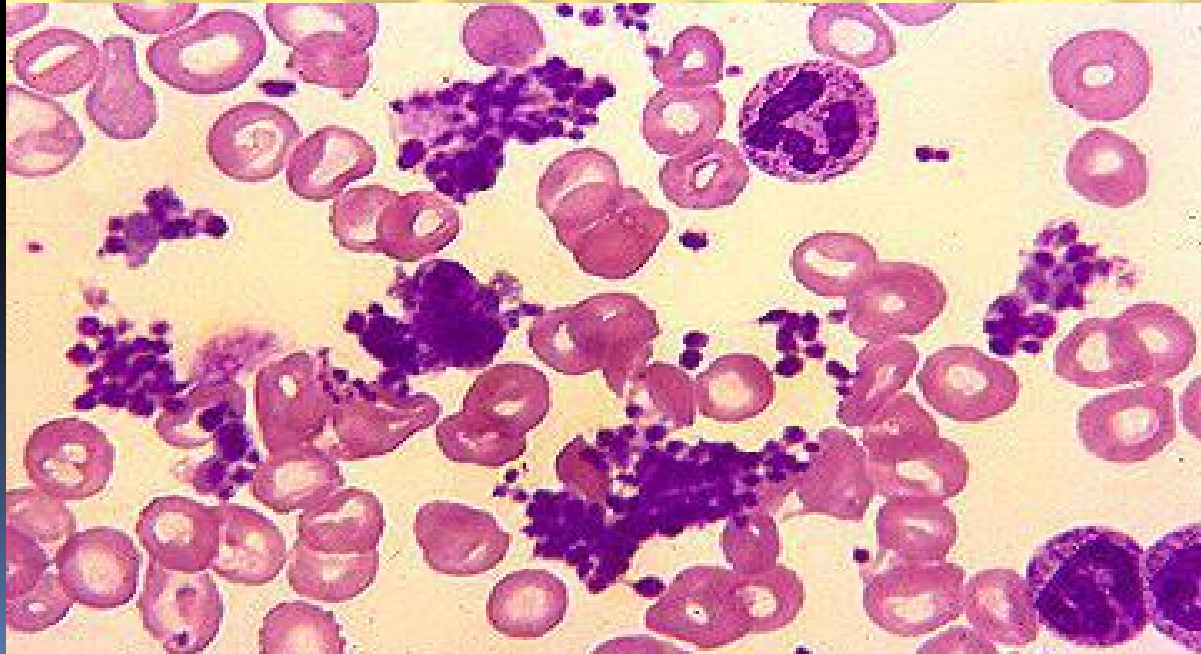
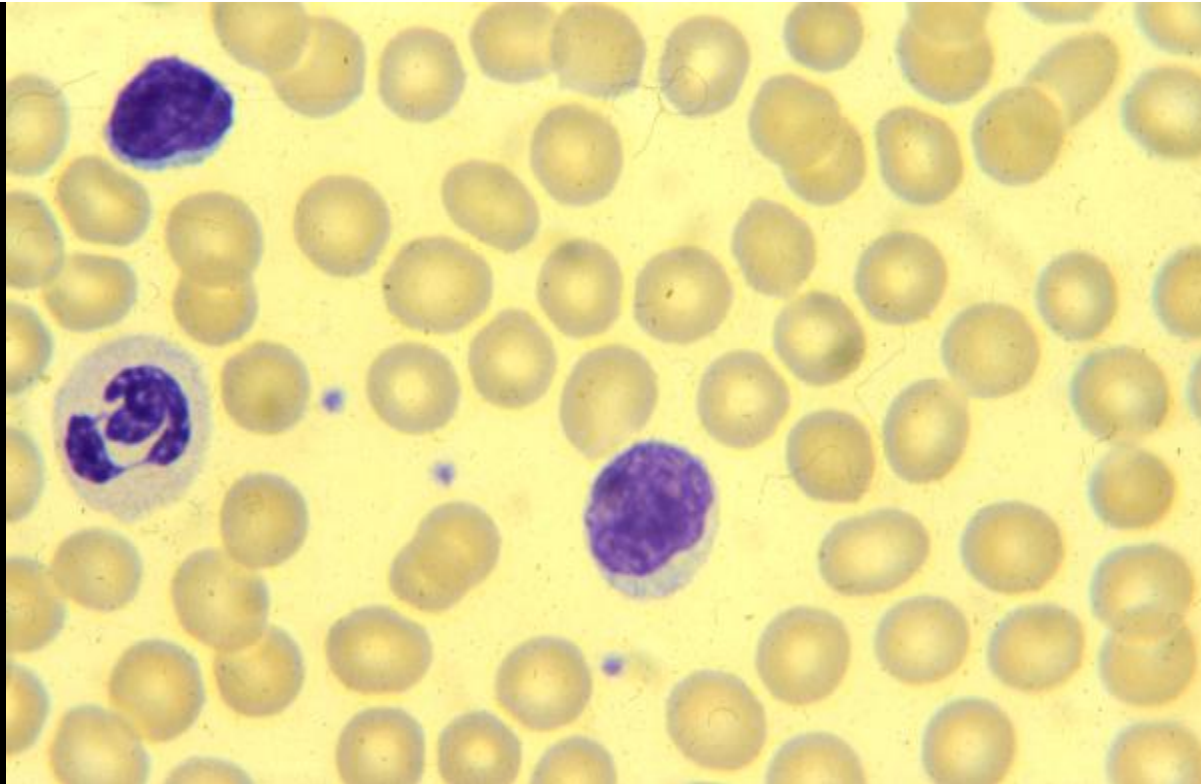
§ Marrow biopsy usually reveals megakaryocyte hyperplasia

and hypertrophy, as well as an overall increase in marrow

cellularity.



§ The identification of the *JAK2* mutation now provides a very useful positive diagnostic criterion for approximately 50% of ET patients.



# Diagnosis of ET

Supportive care

Is there any high risk features?

1- age < 40 years,  
2- platelet count <  $1000 \times 10^9/L$   
3- no bleeding or thrombosis

1- age > 60 years  
2- platelet count >  $1000 \times 10^9/L$ ,  
3- symptoms or risk factors for thrombosis

Aspirin

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Myelosuppressive therapy:  
hydroxyurea,  
radioactive phosphorus



# Supportive care

- § Recommend lifestyle modifications (eg, weight loss, smoking cessation).
- § ET-associated acute thrombosis should be managed with both systemic anticoagulation and concomitant cytoreductive therapy.

# Primary Myelofibrosis

§ PMF is a clonal disorder of unknown etiology characterized by

marrow fibrosis, extramedullary haemopoiesis, splenomegaly,

and leucoerythroblastic blood picture.

§ Idiopathic myelofibrosis needs to be distinguished from

causes of secondary myelofibrosis.

# Etiology

- § The etiology of PMF is unknown.
- § Chromosome abnormalities are common.
- § *JAK2* is present in approximately 50% of PMF.

MYELOFIBROSIS

~50%

POLYCYTHEMIA  
VERA

97%

ESSENTIAL  
THROMBOCYTHEMIA

~50%

# Epi demi ol ogy

- § PMF is the least common chronic MPD.
- § The median age is sixth decade or later.
- § Men equal to female.
- § Survival in PMF is shorter than in patients with PV or ET.



# pathogenesis

§ Production of cytokines such as fibroblast growth factor by the abnormal hematopoietic cell clone leads to:

- ú Replacement of the hematopoietic tissue of the bone marrow by collagen fibrosis,
- ú Impairing the patient's ability to generate new blood cells and
- ú Resulting in a progressive pancytopenia.

§ As a result, extramedullary hematopoiesis (blood cell formation occurring in sites other than the bone marrow), particularly in the liver and spleen. This causes an enlargement of these organs.

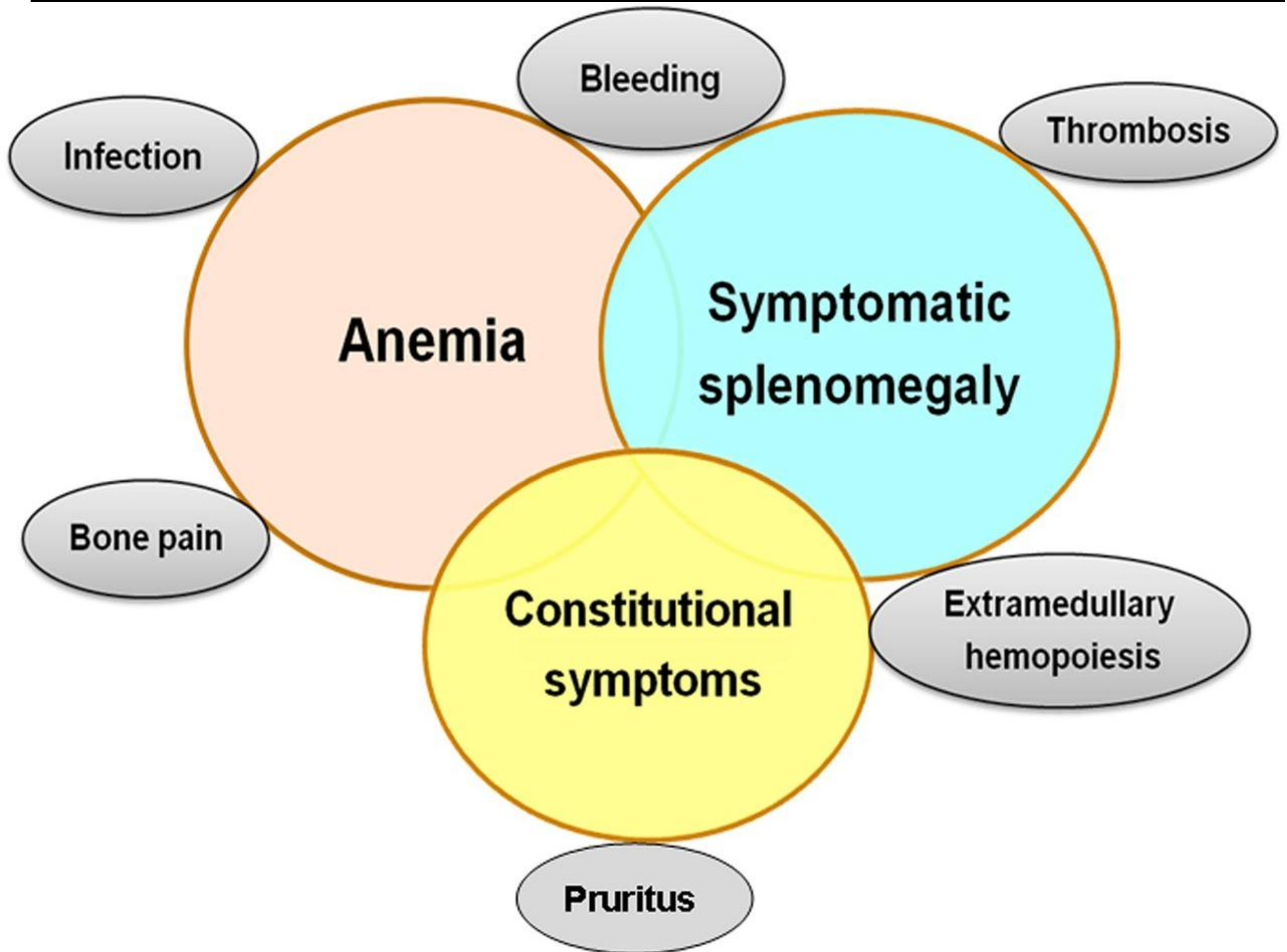
§ Enlargement of the spleen commonly results in hypersplenism, which also contributes to causing pancytopenia.

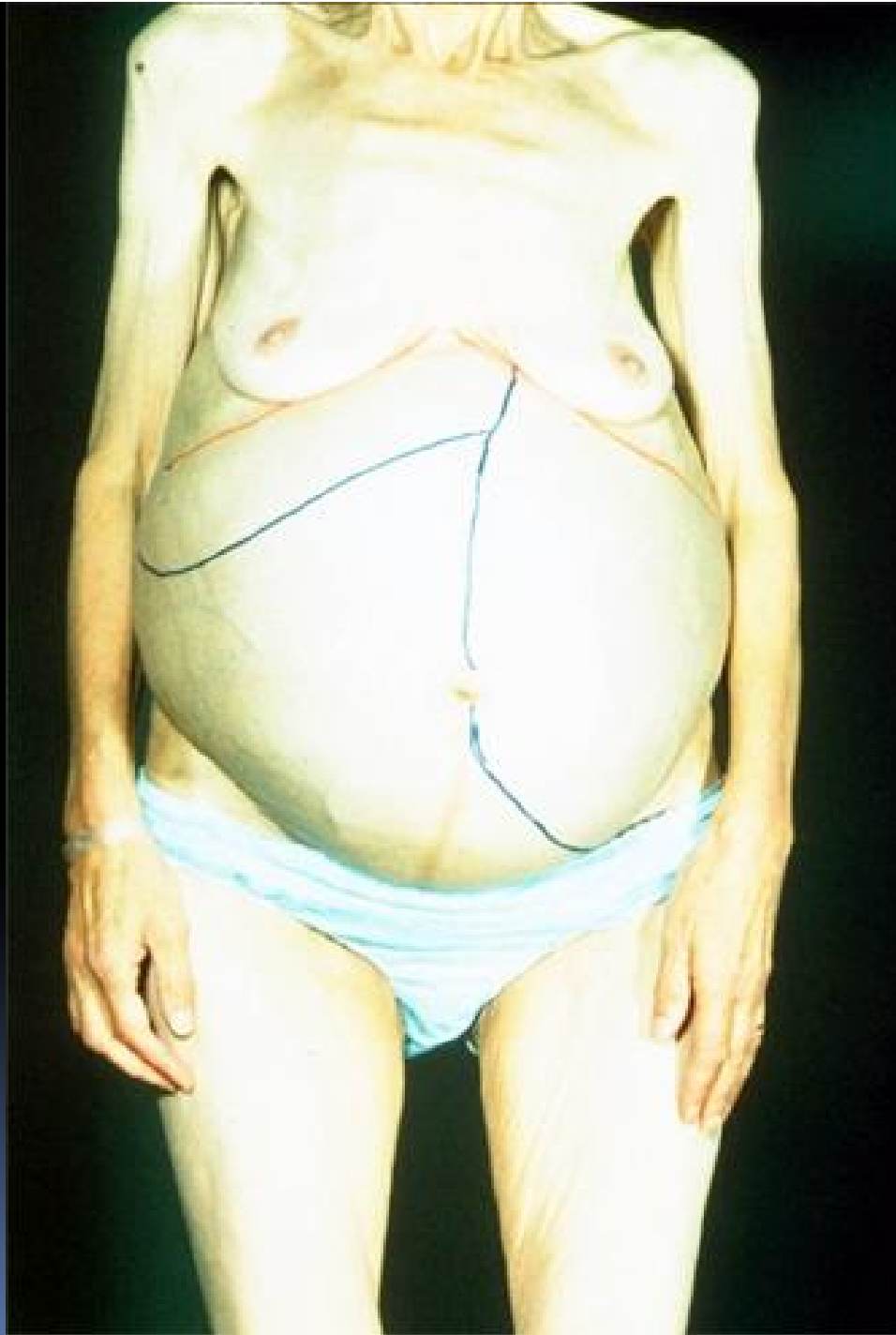
# Clinical Features

§ Asymptomatic (the diagnosis being accidentally).

§ The most common presenting complaint is that of severe fatigue, weight loss, low grade fever.

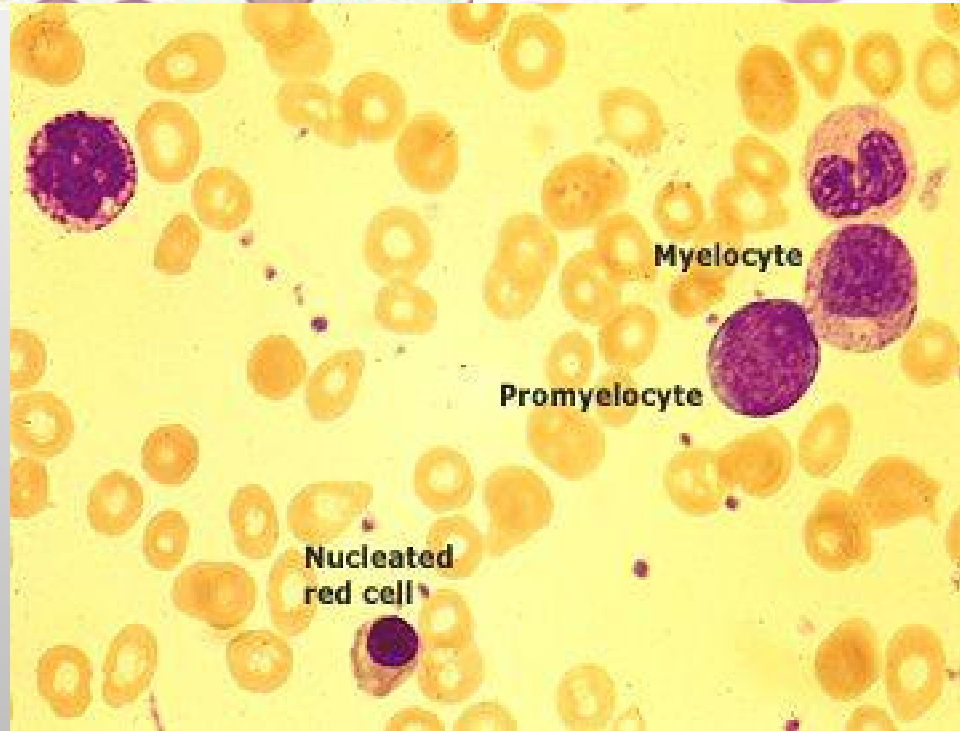
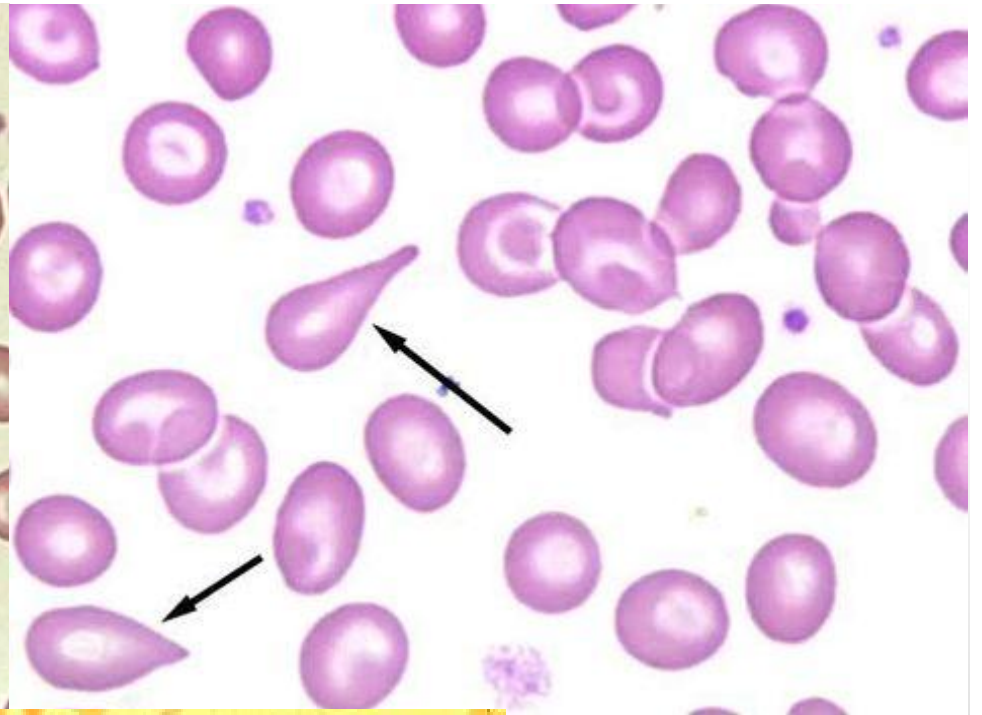
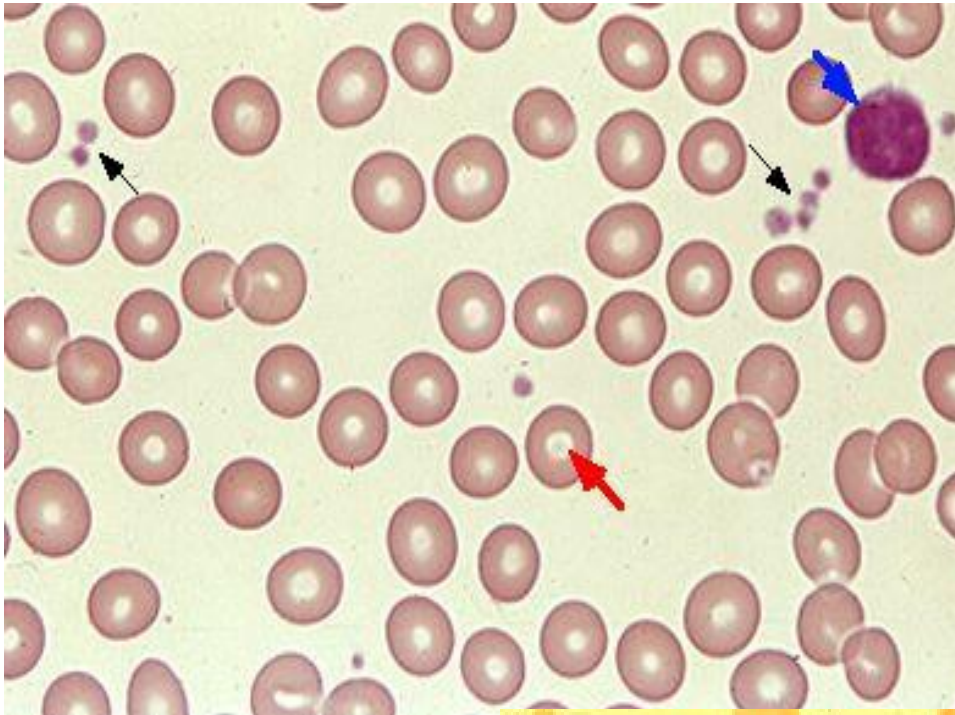
§ Enlargement of the liver and spleen (early satiety, LUQ pain).





# Diagnosis

- § A blood smear will show leucoerythroblastic blood picture  
(immature red and white cells in the peripheral blood).
- § Anemia is the rule, while the leukocyte and platelet counts are either normal or increased, but either can be depressed.

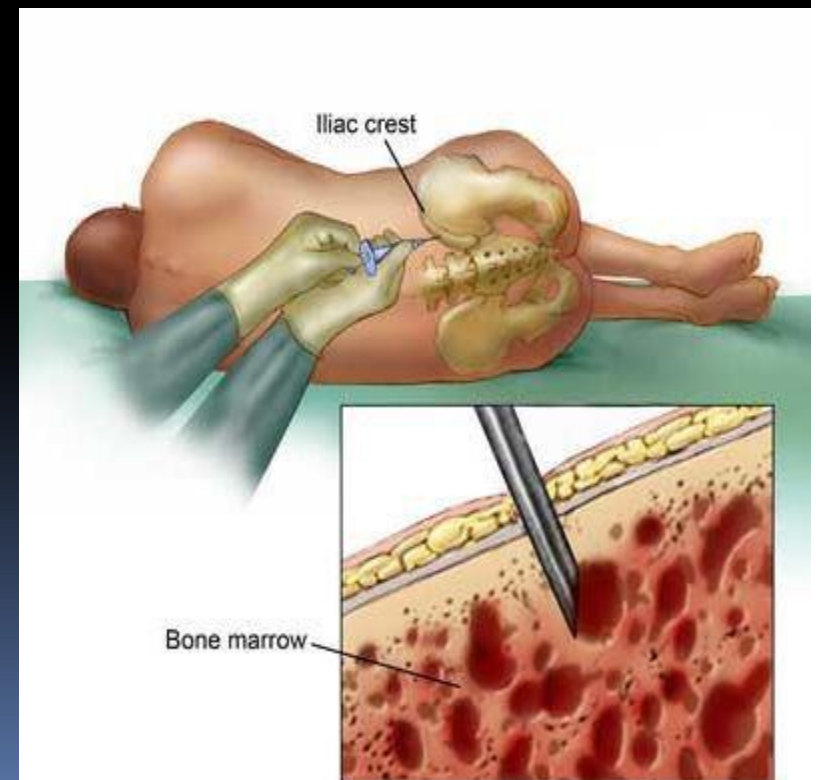


# Bone marrow study

§ Bone marrow biopsy is essential to make a diagnosis of PMF. The biopsy shows increased reticulin and fibrous tissue and progressively replaces hemopoiesis.

§ The bone marrow aspirate usually yielding a "dry" tap



§ The presence of a *JAK-2* mutation supports the diagnosis





# Complications

1. Blood cell transfusion–dependent
2. About 10% transform to acute leukemia.
3. Extramedullary hematopoiesis can cause ascites; portal, pulmonary, or intracranial hypertension; intestinal or ureteral obstruction; pericardial tamponade; spinal cord compression; or skin nodules.
4. Splenic infarction.

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5. Increase the incidence of arterial and venous thrombosis.
  6. They developing infectious complications.
  7. Osteosclerosis and periostitis may result in significant pain and discomfort.
  8. Gout or urate stones.

# Treatment

- § No specific therapy exists for PMF. The only curative treatment for PMF is allogeneic BMT.
- § In the remaining cases therapy remains supportive and aimed at alleviating symptoms.


§ Anemia responds to treatment with androgens, corticosteroids and human recombinant erythropoietin.

§ Cytoreductive therapy can be useful in the management of hepatosplenomegaly, constitutional symptoms and thrombocytosis.

§ Allopurinol can control significant hyperuricemia.

§ Bisphosphonates can help with bone pain.

- § Splenectomy may be required for a grossly enlarged spleen or symptomatic pancytopenia.
- § Splenic irradiation is an alternative to splenectomy in some cases and can significantly reduce splenic size.



§ Ruxolitinib is indicated for treatment of patients with intermediate or high-risk myelofibrosis, including primary MF, post-polycythemia vera MF and post-essential thrombocythemia MF.