

Virginia Western Community College

MDL 125

Clinical Hematology I

Prerequisites

Successful completion of BIO 141 prior to enrollment in course

VWCC Course Description

This course introduces the foundational principles of clinical hematology, focusing on the identification of normal and abnormal blood cells, blood cell formation, and common blood cell disorders, with an emphasis on anemias. Students will gain practical experience with routine hematological laboratory techniques, including cell counting, staining procedures, and blood cell identification. Through a combination of theoretical instruction and hands-on practice, learners will develop the skills necessary to analyze hematological samples and understand their clinical significance.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 2

Laboratory Hours: 3

Required Materials

Textbook

- Clinical Hematology and Fundamentals of Hemostasis 6th Edition by D. Harmening. ISBN: 9780803694439
- Delmar's Clinical Laboratory Manual Series: Hematology 1st Edition by Allan Russell. ISBN: 978-0827363731

Other Required Materials:

N/A

VWCC COURSE OUTCOMES

- Identify normal red and white blood cells and platelets.
- Describe the process of hematopoiesis during different stages of human development.
- Identify abnormal red and white blood cells in a peripheral blood smear.

- Describe and differentiate the various types of anemia: Iron and folic acid deficiency, hemolytic anemia, anemia associated with disease and anemia caused by inherited genetic conditions.
- Correlate the different types of anemia with red blood cell morphology in a peripheral blood smear.
- Differentiate the various types of thalassemia and understand the underlying gene/protein abnormality unique to each type of thalassemia.
- Differentiate the various types of hemolytic anemia based on the etiology of hemolytic events.
- Recognize red and white blood cell inclusions such as Howell-Jolly bodies, iron deposits and basophilic stippling.
- Recognize how pre-analytical, analytical, and post analytical errors can adversely affect results.

Note to Instructors

N/A

VWCC TOPICAL DESCRIPTIONS

- Introduction to Clinical Hematology
 - Morphology of Cells on the Normal Blood Smear
 - Erythropoiesis
 - Myelopoiesis
 - Monopoiesis
 - Lymphopoiesis
 - Megakaryocytopoiesis
 - Bone Derived Cells
 - Molecular Hematology and Advanced Concepts
- Bone Marrow
 - Bone Marrow Structure
 - Bone Marrow Function
 - Indications for Bone Marrow Studies
 - Obtaining and Preparing Bone Marrow for Hematologic Studies
 - Bone Marrow Examination
 - Bone Marrow Report
- The Red Blood Cell
 - The Red Blood Cell Membrane
 - Hemoglobin Structure and Function
 - Active Red Blood Cell Metabolic Pathways
 - Erythrocyte Senescence and Hemolysis
- Anemia
 - Causes of Anemia
 - Significance of Anemia and Compensatory Mechanisms
 - Clinical Diagnosis of Anemia

- Classification of Anemia
 - Treatment of Anemias
 - Tests in the Diagnosis of Anemia
 - Patient Studies of Anemia
- Evaluation of Cell Morphology: Platelet and White Blood Cell Morphology
 - Examination of the Peripheral Blood Smear
 - The Normal Red Blood Cell Count
 - Variations in Red Cell Distribution
 - Variations in Size
 - Hemoglobin Content/Color Variations
 - Variations in Shape
 - Red Cell Inclusions
 - Examination of Platelet Morphology
 - White Blood Cell Morphology
- Iron Metabolism and Hypochromic Anemias
 - Normal Iron Metabolism
 - Iron Deficiency Anemia
 - Anemia of Chronic Disease
 - Sideroblastic Anemia
 - Iron Overload and Hemochromatosis
- Megaloblastic Anemias
 - Biochemical Aspects
 - Clinical Manifestations of Megaloblastic Anemia
 - Hematologic Features
 - Etiology of Megaloblastic Anemia
 - Laboratory Diagnosis of Megaloblastic Anemia
- Aplastic Anemia
 - Pathogenesis
 - Etiology
 - Acquired Aplastic Anemia
 - Congenital Aplastic Anemia
 - Clinical Manifestations of Aplastic Anemia
 - Laboratory Evaluation
 - Treatment, Clinical Course and Prognosis
 - Related Disorders
- Introduction to Hemolytic Anemias
 - Classification of Hemolytic Anemias
 - Approach to Diagnosis of a Hemolytic State
 - Hereditary Defects in the Red Cell Membrane
 - Disorders of Membrane Cation Permeability
- Hemolytic Anemias: Hereditary Enzyme Deficiencies
 - Enzyme Deficiencies: Hexose Monophosphate Pathway
 - Enzyme Deficiencies: Glycolytic Pathway
 - Enzyme Deficiencies: Methemoglobin Reductase Pathway

- Hemolytic Anemias: The Hemoglobinopathies
 - Classification
 - Hemoglobinopathies
 - Methemoglobinemia
 - General Summary of Laboratory Diagnosis
- Hemolytic Anemias: Thalassemia
 - Genetics of Hemoglobin Synthesis
 - Pathophysiology of Thalassemia
 - Thalassemia Syndromes
 - Laboratory Diagnosis of Thalassemia
 - Treatment of Thalassemia
- Hemolytic Anemias: Extracorporeal Defects
 - Immune Hemolytic Anemia
 - Nonimmune Hemolytic Anemia
- Hypoproliferative Anemia
 - Anemia of Chronic Diseases
 - Anemia associated with Renal Disease and Renal Failure
 - Anemia Associated with Endocrine Disease/Disorders
 - Anemia Associated with Malignancy
 - Anemia Associated with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection and the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
 - Anemia of Infancy
 - Anemia Associated with Prematurity
 - Preanalytical Anemia

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