Total white blood cell count by D Gehan el wakeel

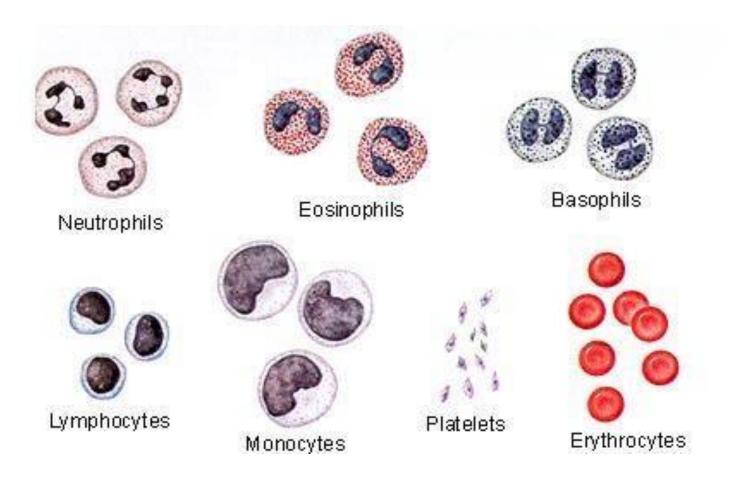
White Blood Cells (WBCs)

Count of WBCs:

Ranges from 4000-11000/mm3.

Types and Functions of WBCs:

- * They are classified into 2 types according to cytoplasmic granules; granular (their cytoplasm contains granules) and agranular their cytoplasm contains no granules
 - a. **Granular** are 3 types neutrophils, basophils and Eosinophils
 - b. Agranular are 2 types monocytes and lymphocytes
- * These cells provide the body with powerful defenses against viral, bacterial and parasitic infections by 2 different ways;
 - a. Phagocytosis.
 - b. Formation of antibodies and sensitized lymphocytes



Blood cells including white blood cells

	Granular leukocytes				A granular leukocytes	
	Neutrophils	Eosinophils		Basophils	Lymphocytes	Monocytes
Site of formation	Formed in the bone marrow				Formed in the lymphoid tissues.	Formed in the bone marrow
Cytoplasmic granules	contain granules				contain no granules	
% of total leukocytes	60-70%	1-5%	0.0-1.0%		20-30%	3-8%
Life span	4 -5 days				months or even years	
Functions	First line of defense against bacterial infection by phagocytosis	1. Defense against parasite 2.decrease allergic reaction	e li ir 2	. Synthesize and iberates heparin nto blood 2. Histamine for al	1. T lymphocyt es for cell mediated immunity 2. B lymphocyt es secrete antibodies	Phagocytosis of bacteria and old cells such as RBCs

Pathologic variation in leucocytic count:

- ▶ 1) Leucopenia:- It means diminished white blood cell count below 4000 cell/mm³, -it is found in enteric fever and acute viral infections.
- -as well as **depression of bone marrow** due to radiation ,poisoning or chemotherapeutic agents
- ▶ <u>2) Leucocytosis</u>: It is an increase in the number of white blood cells above 11000 cell/mm³. It occurs in any condition with tissue destruction as:
- Tissue inflammation with pus formation.Cardiac infarction.
- It may occur physiologically in pregnancy, after cold bath, muscular exercise and following meals.
- **▶** 3) Agranulocytosis:
- It is a condition in which the **bone marrow stops production of white cells** leaving the body unprotected against bacteria and other agents. **This is due to drug toxicity or gamma irradiation**. It is a rapidly fatal disease.
- ▶ 4) Leukemias:
- It is a malignant disease of the bone marrow leading to uncontrolled production of abnormal white blood cells. The leukemic cells are usually non-functional, for the usual protection against infection. They utilize the nutrients needed by other tissues leading to severe wasting

Questions

- ► WHICH IS THE NAME OF THE COUNTING CHAMBER USED FOR COUNTING THE TOTAL WHITE BLOOD CELLS?
- a) Calorimeter
- **b)** Sphygmomanometer
- c) <u>Hematocytometer</u>
- d) Thermometer
- e) Counting microscope

Which is the WBCs diluting fluid used in the procedure of counting of total white blood cells?

- a) Saline
- b) Serum
- c) Distilled water
- d) Turk's solution
- e) Tyrod's solution

Which is a condition characterized by leukocytosis with abnormally functioned white blood cells?

- a) Leucopenia
- b) Polycythemia
- c) Agranulocytosis
- d) Anemias
- e) <u>Leukemia</u>

Depression of bone marrow leads to which of these conditions?

- a) Leukemia
- b) Polycythemia
- c) Thrombocytosis
- d) Leucopenia
- e) Hemolysis