

# THROMBOZYTOPENIE: WANN GEFÄHRLICH? WANN NICHT?

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- ✓ Appendektomie (mit 18 Jahren)

## Status

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## Medikamente

- ✓ Pille

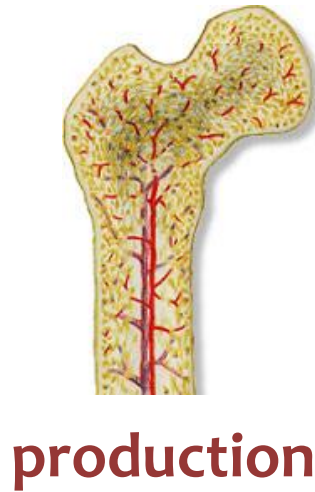


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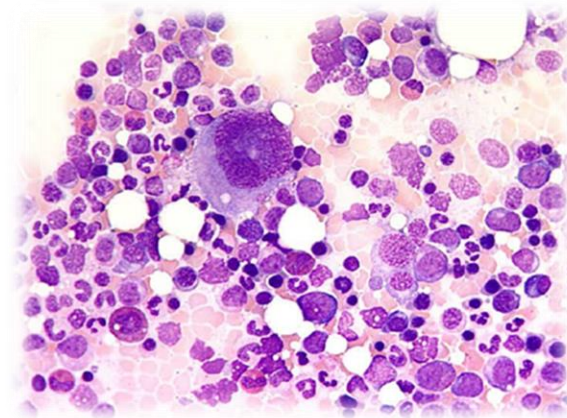
# Platelets and beyond

# Megakaryopoiesis - platelets

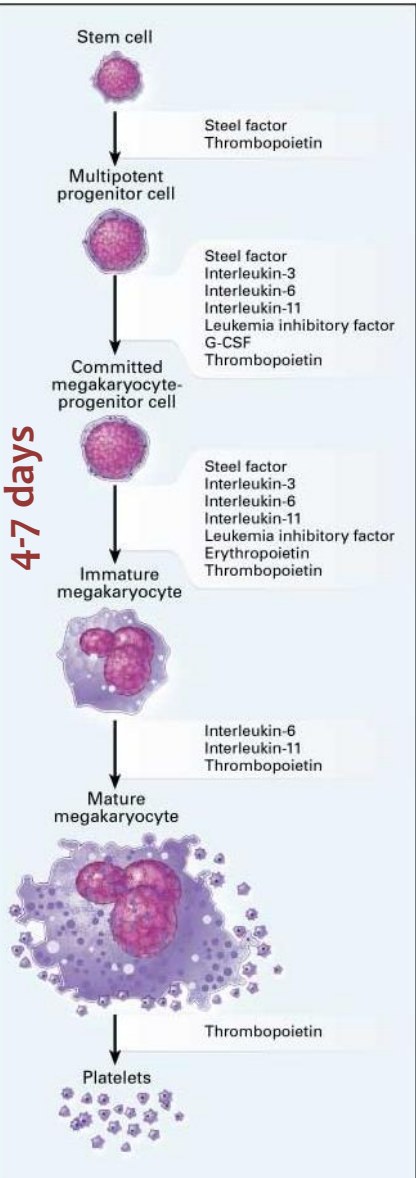
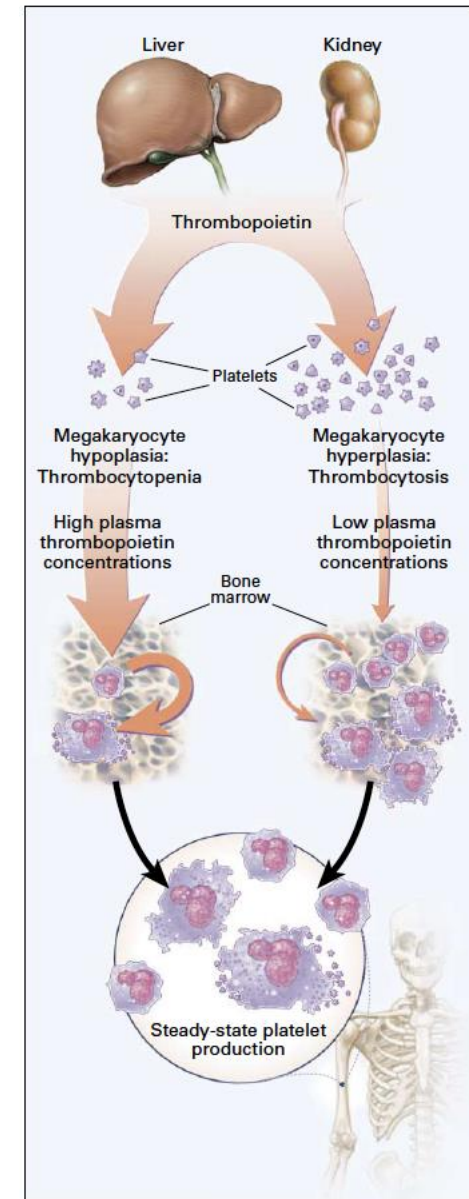


**Platelet pool**

- Circulatory lifespan: **10 days**
- Production
  - ✓  $1 \times 10^{11}$  platelets per day
  - ✓  $1 \times 10^8$  megakaryocytes per day

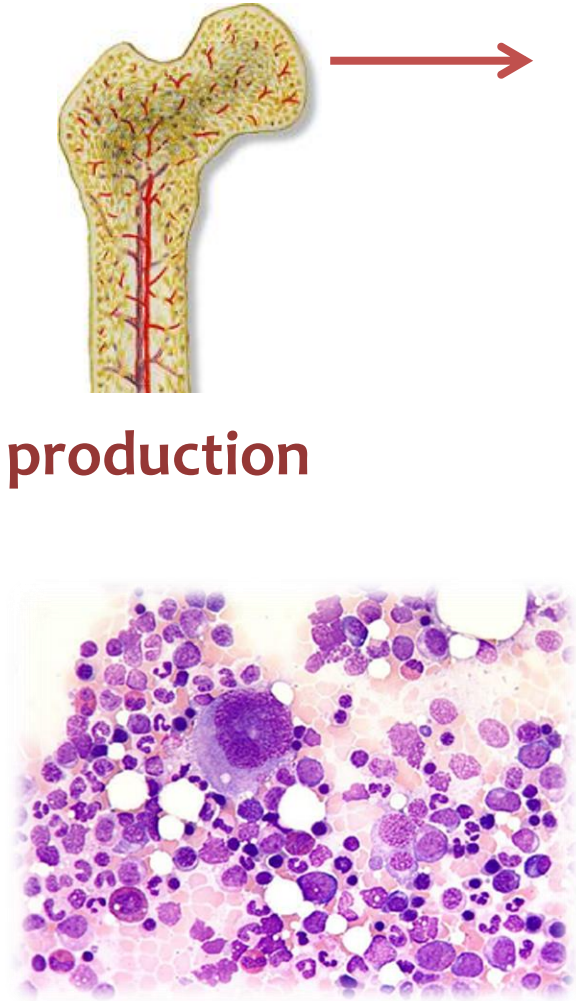
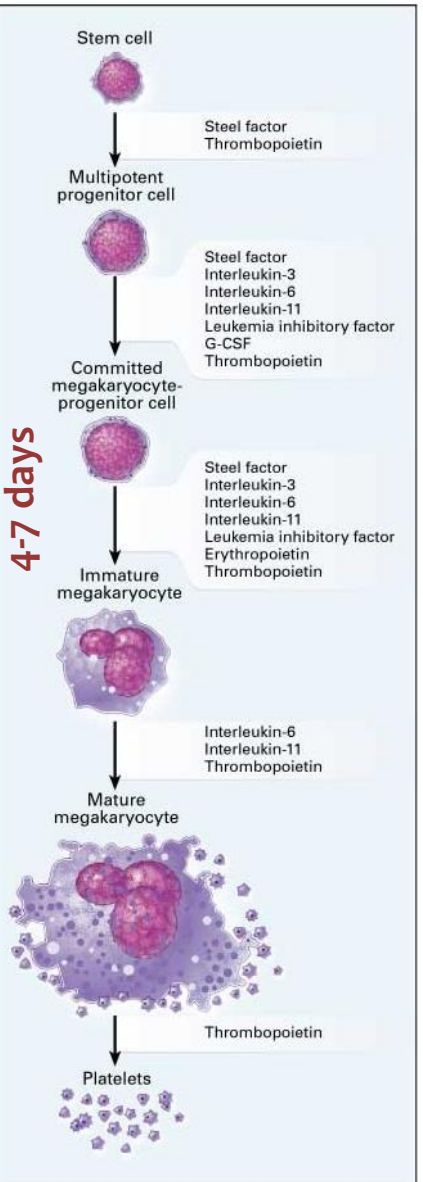


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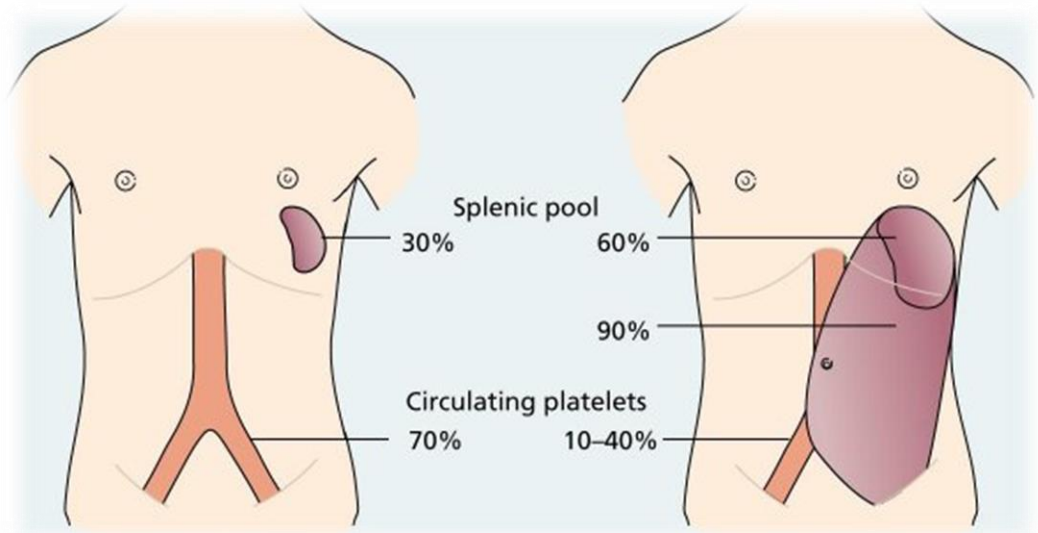
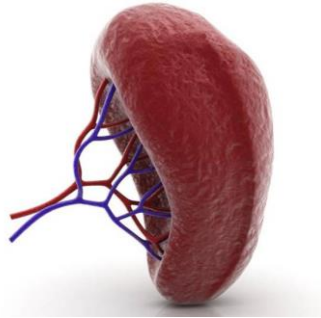




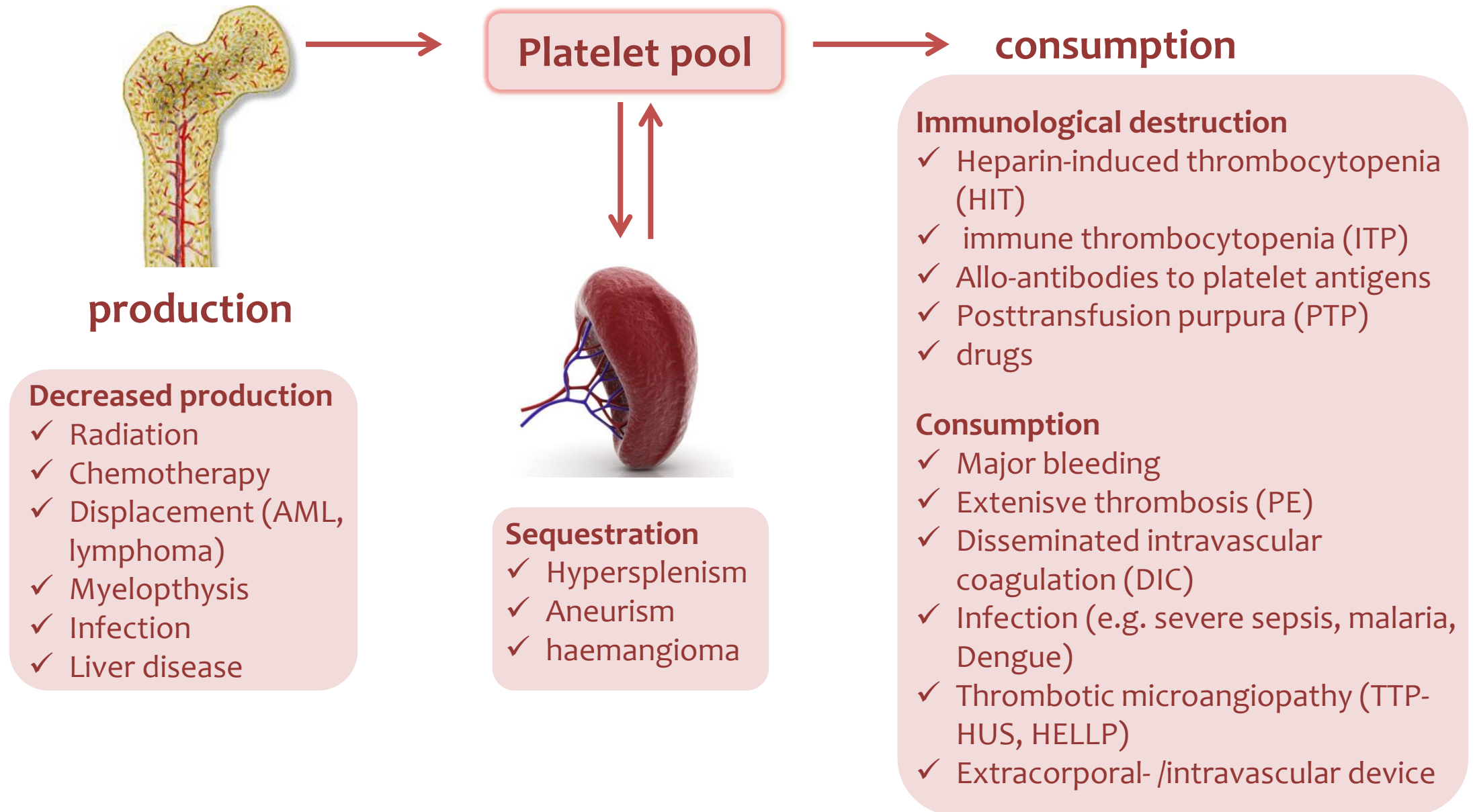
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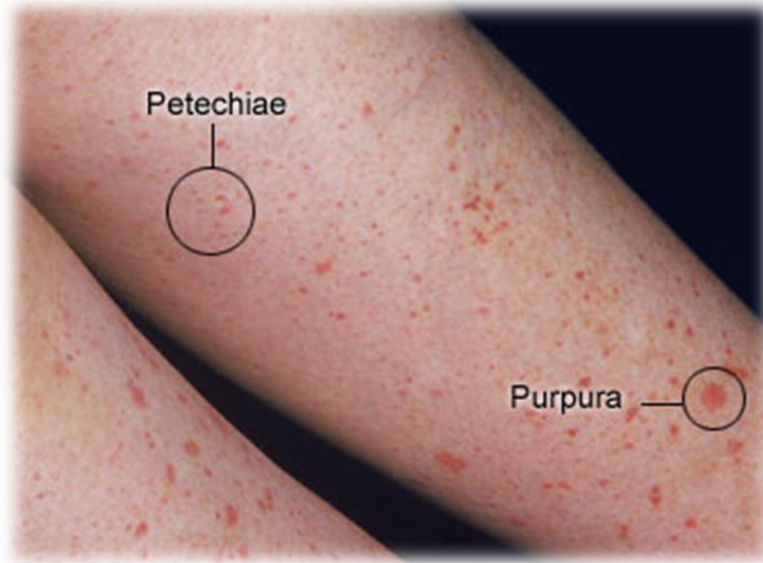
**Platelet pool**



# Thrombocytopenia – differential diagnosis



# Thrombocytopenia – clinical signs



	<b>Platelets/vessel wall diseases</b>	<b>Coagulation diseases</b>
Mucosal bleeding	Common	Rare
Petechiae	Common	Rare
Deep haematomas	Rare	Characteristic
Bleeding from skin cuts	Persistent	Minimal
Sex of patient	Equal	>80% male





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**ImmunThrombozytoPenie**  
**ITP**

# Immunthrombozytopenie

# Diagnose ITP

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## Immunthrombozytopenie (ITP)

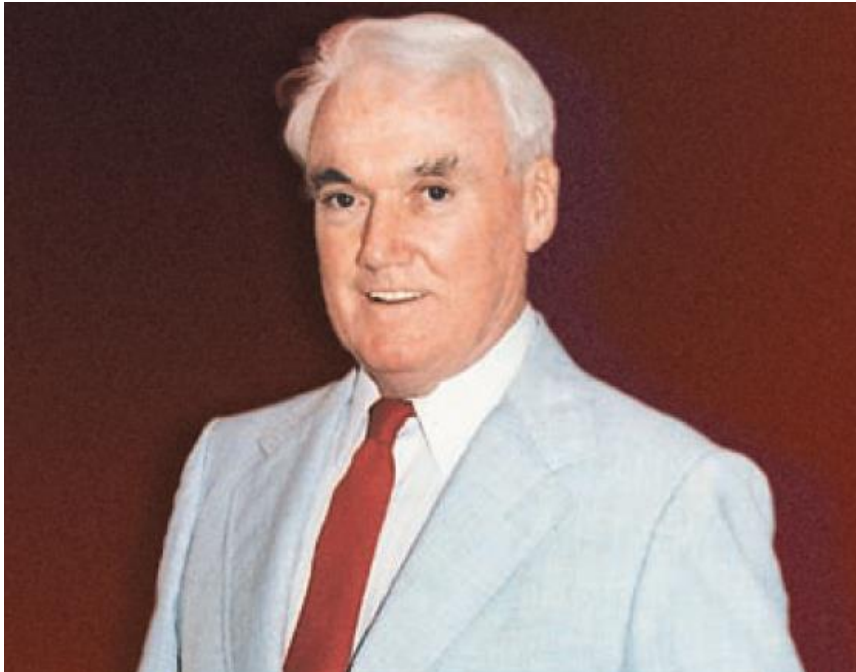
### Ausschluss einer sekundären Ursache

- ✓ Infektiös: HIV, HBV, HCV
- ✓ Autoimmunität (CAVE SLE)
- ✓ Malignom, e.g. Lymphom (could be a herald of lymphoma)
- ✓ Splenomegalie

### Weitere Diagnostik:

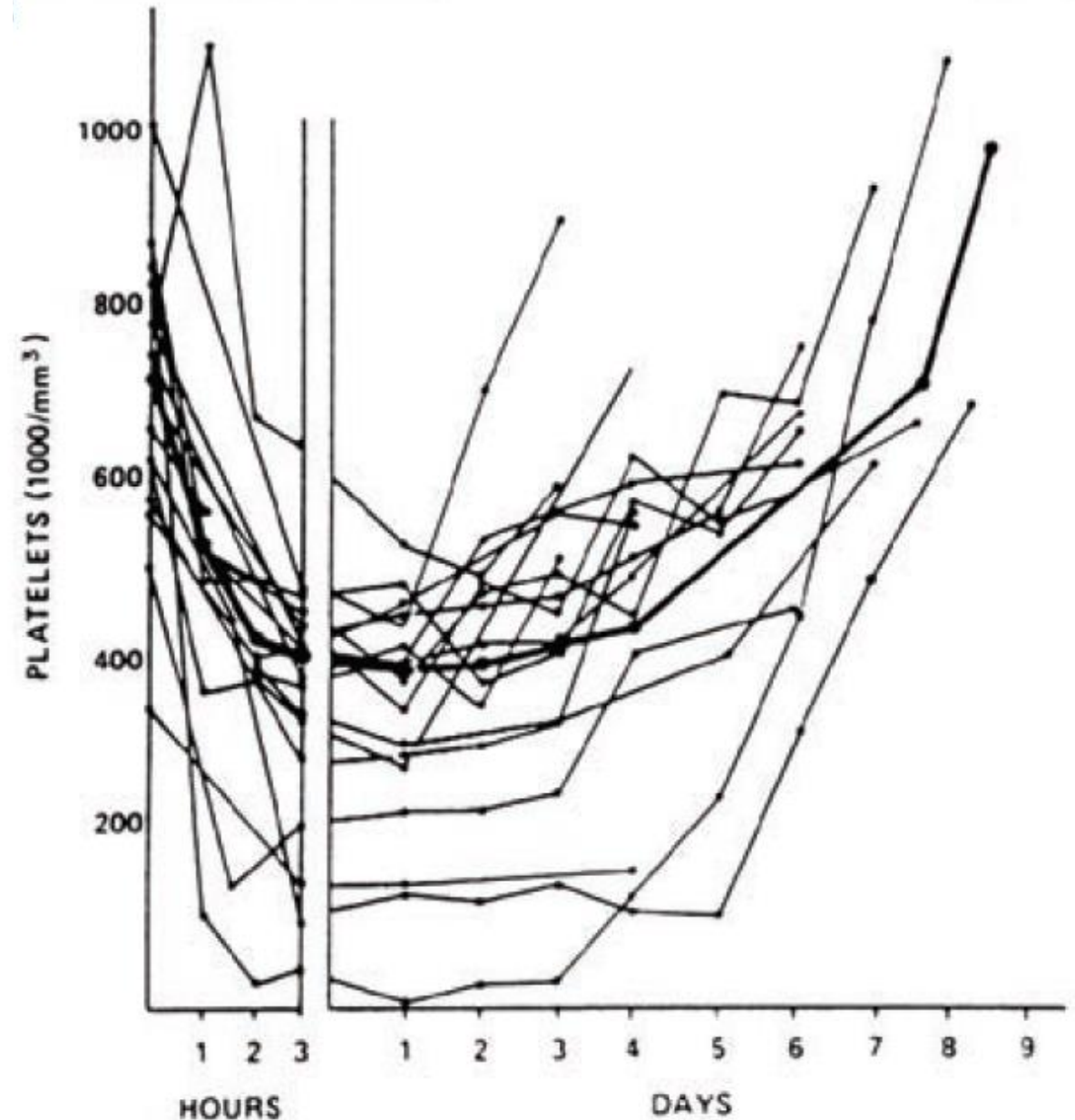
- KMP: nicht nötig für Diagnose, auf Indikation
- Anti-Plättchen Antikörper: “nice to know” aber nicht unbedingt nötig

# Pioneers in ITP



William J. Harrington (1924–1992)

**A plasma-derived factor induces thrombocytopenia**  
antiplatelet antibodies directed against “dominant” epitopes  
(GP IIb/IIIa or GPIb/IX (less frequently))





# 27-jährige Lehrerin mit neu-diagnostizierter ITP –und nun?

## **Würden Sie die Patientin behandeln??**

- ✓ YEP: Tc < 30 G/L

## **Wie würden Sie die Patientin behandeln?**

- ✓ Steroide: PDN 1mg/kg bw (0.5-2.0 mg/kg) oder Dexamethason 40mg/Tag über 4 Tage
- ✓ PDN und Dexamethason ws vergleichbar betreffend Effizienz induzieren einer Remission
- ✓ Dexamethason scheint schneller einen Effekt zu haben (schon nach 7 Tagen)

## **Würden Sie die Patientin ambulant behandeln?**

- ✓ Patient anschauen! Komorbiditäten (Hypertonie, Alter), soziale Situation, etc?
- ✓ ASH Guidelines empfehlen: Tc < 20 G/L und asymptomatisch/kleine mukokutane Blutungen: Hospitalisation

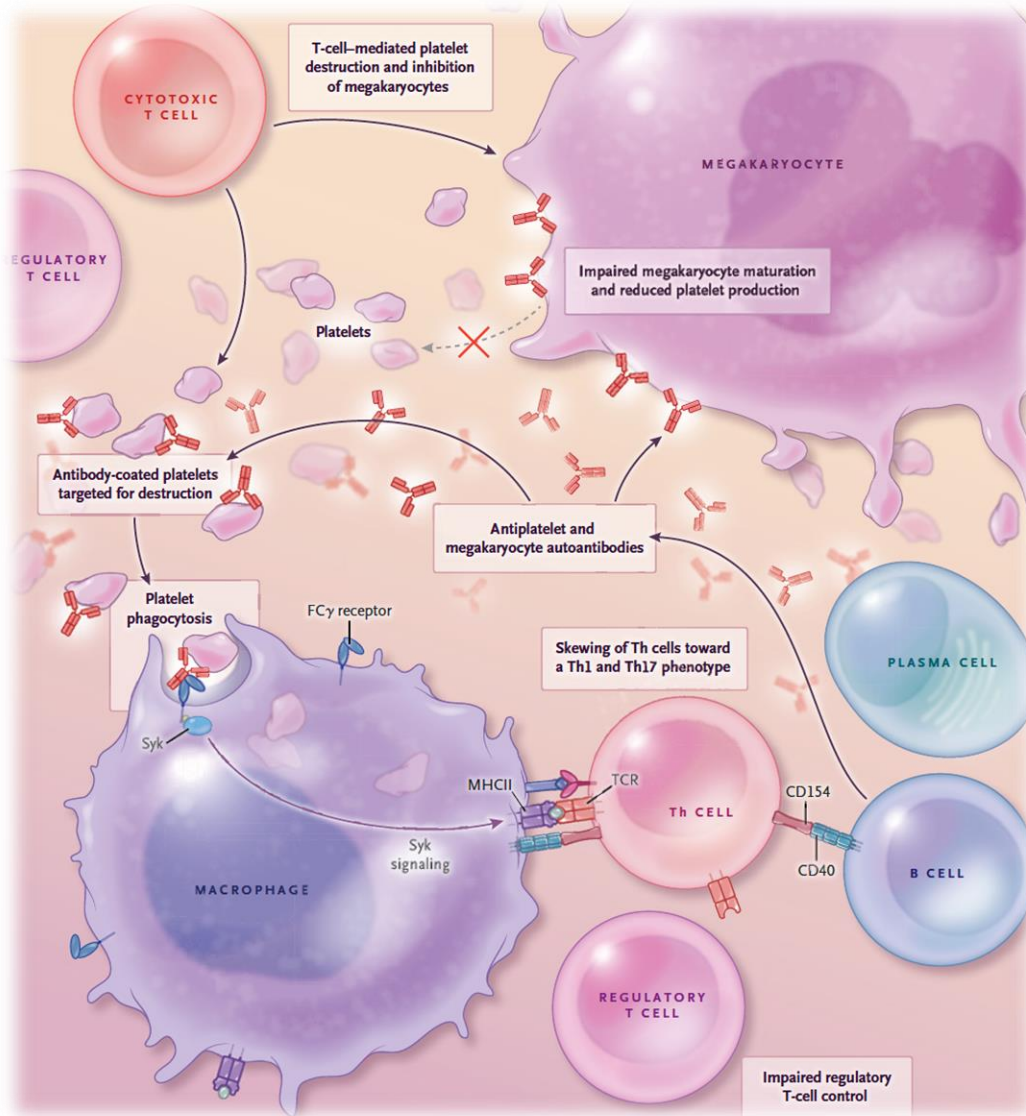
## **Verweisen Sie die Patientin auf die Hämatologie?**

- ✓ Ja, wenn möglich (oder minimal Kontakt mit Hämatologie)
- ✓ Notfallzuweisung bei Blutung, resp. hämatologische Konsultation innerhalb 24 Std

# Immune thrombocytopenia- therapeutic approaches

IVIg  
Cyclokapron  
platelet concentrate

splenectomy



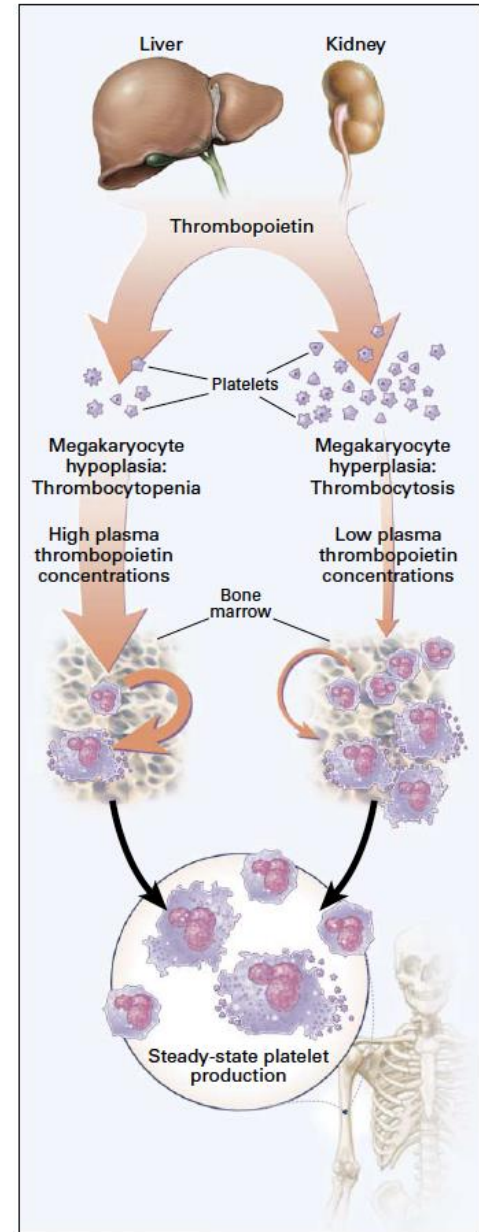
Copper & Ghanima, N Eng J Med 2019

TPO-RA  
Romiplostin  
revolade

Relatively inadequate proliferation of megakaryocytes and platelet production

anti-CD20

Prednison  
dexamethason



**27-jährige Lehrerin mit Petechien und Epistaxis**

# 27-jährige Lehrerin mit Petechien und Epistaxis

## Anamnese

- ✓ Seit ein paar Wochen müde, auch Dypnoe
- ✓ Seit 2 Tagen Fieber
- ✓ Vor 1 Woche Episode mit scharfer Epistaxis
- ✓ Seit gestern rote Punkte auf den Unterschenkeln/Fussrücken

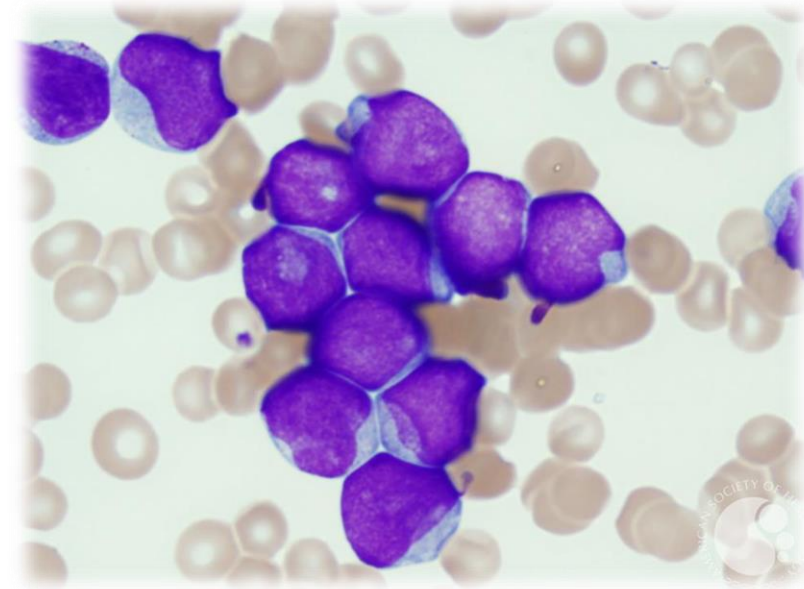
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- ✓ Fieber (39.2 °C)

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Tc	<10 x10 <sup>9</sup> /L



Was ist Ihre Diagnose/DD?



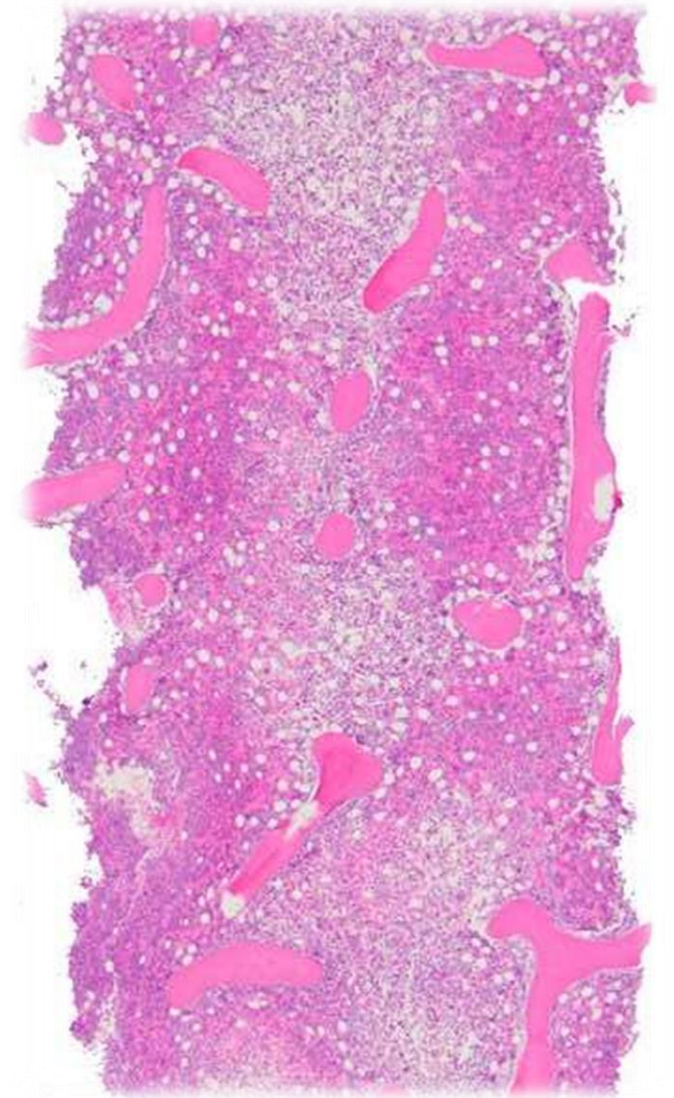
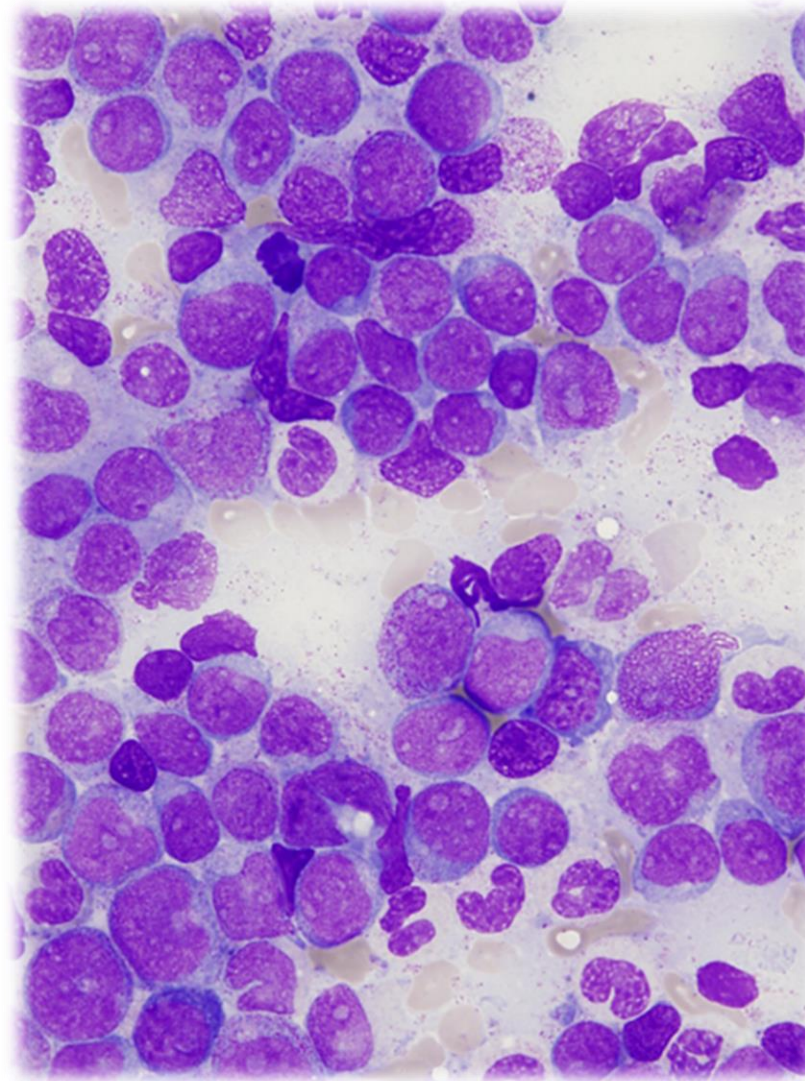
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## production

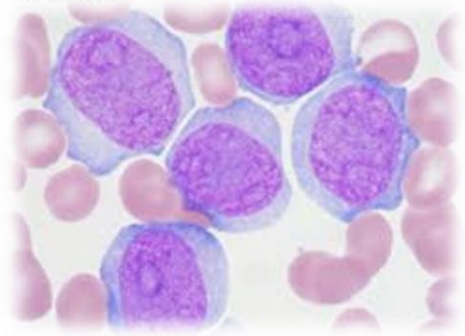
### Decreased production

- ✓ Radiation
- ✓ Chemotherapy
- ✓ Displacement (AML, lymphoma)
- ✓ Myelophthisis
- ✓ Infection
- ✓ Liver disease



**Thrombozytopenie durch Verdrängung der Megakaryopoiese durch AML-  
Blasten**

# 27-jährige Lehrerin mit Petechien und Epistaxis



**Akute myeloische Leukämie (AML)**  
**Neutropenes Fieber**  
**Hämorrhagische Diathese**

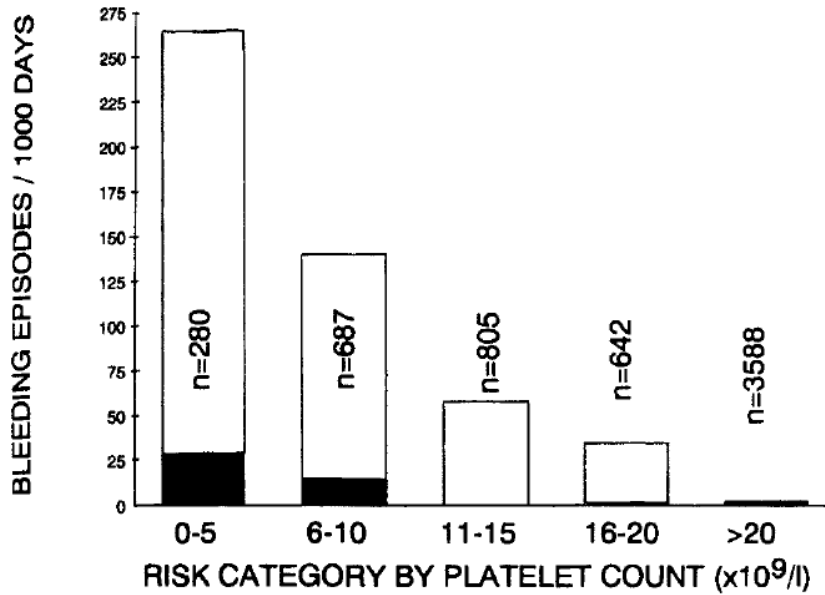
Hb	4.8 g/L
Lc	0.7 x10 <sup>9</sup> /L
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Und jetzt? Was machen Sie?

- ✓ Blutkulturen
- ✓ Antibiotika i.v.
- ✓ Thrombozyten Transfusion
- ✓ Kontakt Hämatologie

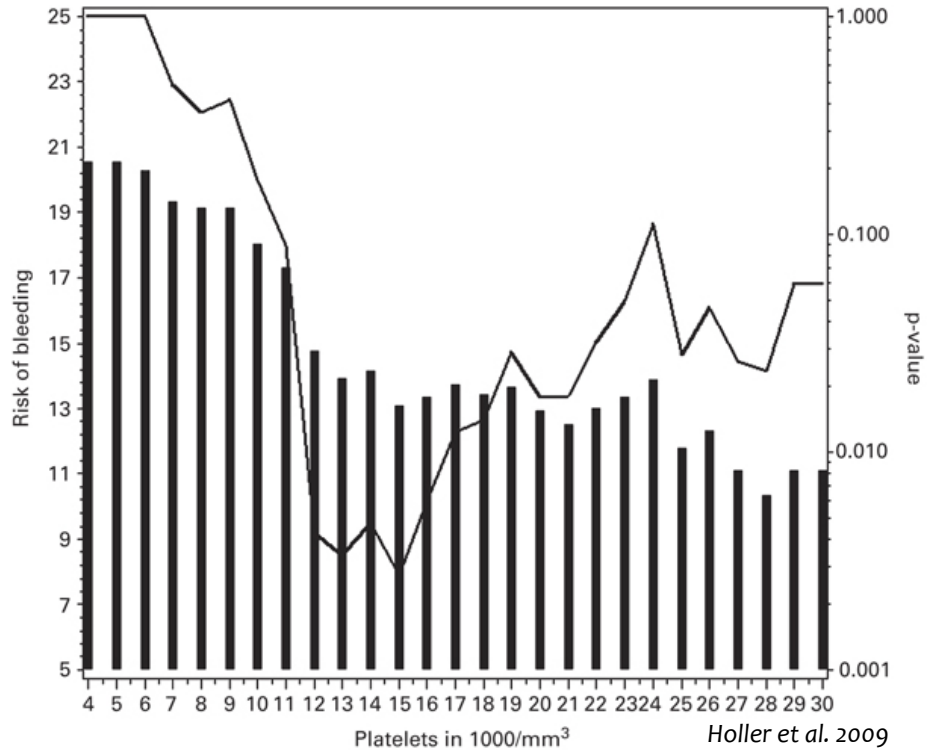


# Platelet transfusion in patients with hematological malignancies

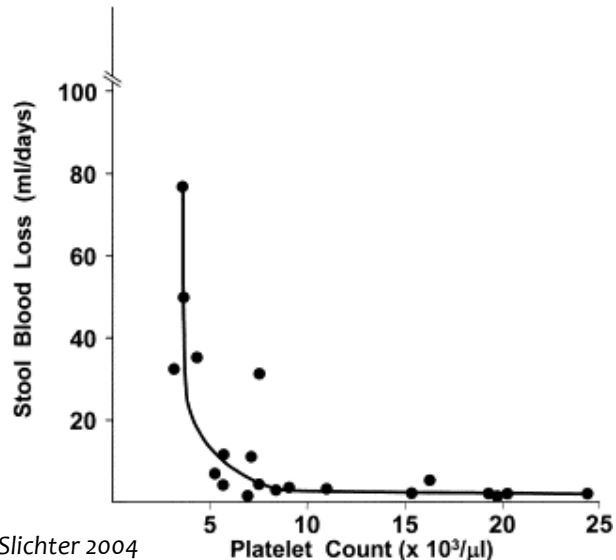


Relation of bleeding risk to blood platelet counts: computed per 1000 days at risk.

Gmur et al. 1991

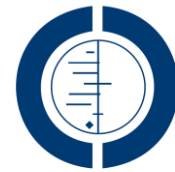


Holler et al. 2009



Slichter 2004

## Prophylactic platelet transfusion for haemorrhage after chemotherapy and stem cell transplantation (Review)



THE COCHRANE COLLABORATION®

### 10 VS 20x10<sup>9</sup>/L:

No statistically significant differences with regard to mortality and bleeding events

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**27-jährige “Celebrity” mit tiefen Plättchen**

# 27-jährige “Celebrity” mit erniedrigten Plättchen

Patientin wurde auf Grund eines “zufällig” entdeckten Plättchenwert von 65 G/L mit einer ITP diagnostiziert. Der Hämatologe hat Ihr geraten Ihren Lifestyle anzupassen und z.B. kein Fitness mehr zu machen, und auch auf Flugreisen zu verzichten. Die Patientin kommt nun für eine Zweitmeinung.

## Anamnese

- ✓ Fühlt sich gut, so richtig im “Saft“
- ✓ „genießender“ Lebensstil
- ✓ Manchmal THC, selten MDMA
- ✓ Gelegentlich Gefühl der Erschöpfung
- ✓ Gelegentlich Hämatome

## Persönliche Anamnese

- ✓ bland

## Status

- ✓ bland

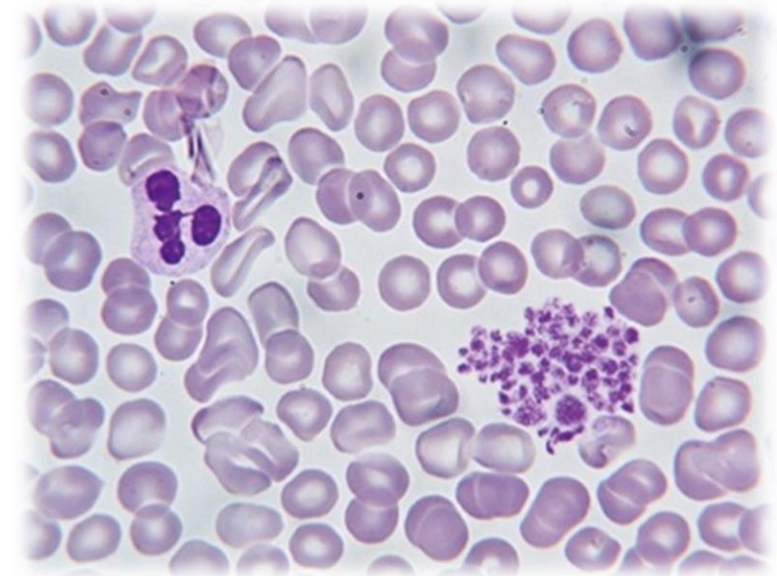


	EdTA
Hb	11.9 g/L
Lc	5.2 x10 <sup>9</sup> /L (norm. Diff)
Plts	80 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L

# 27-jährige “Celebrity” mit erniedrigten Plättchen

**Bestätigen Sie die Diagnose  
Machen Sie noch zusätzliche Diagnostik?  
Welche Behandlung wählen Sie?**

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**Pseudothrombozytopenie  
✓ EdTA ex-vivo aggregation**

# Pseudothrombozytopenie!



**27-jährige Lehrerin mit Schwangerschaftswunsch**

# 27-jährige Lehrerin mit Schwangerschaftswunsch

## Anamnese

- ✓ Manchmal ein wenig müde
- ✓ Schwangerschaftswunsch

## Persönliche Anamnese

- ✓ Appendektomie (mit 18 Jahren)

## Status

- ✓ bland

## Medikamente

- ✓ Bis vor kurzem die Pille

Hb	8.5 g/L
Lc	5.2 x10 <sup>9</sup> /L (norm. Diff)
Plts	70x10 <sup>9</sup> /L

**Ihre Diagnose?  
Welche Diagnostik veranlassen Sie?  
Starten Sie eine Behandlung?**

**Verdacht auf milde ITP  
Zuweisung Hämatologie**

# Leichte Thrombozytopenie Immunthrombozytopenie

**27-jährige Lehrerin mit Petechien und Dysarthrie**

# 27-jährige Lehrerin mit Petechien und Dysarthrie

## Anamnese

- ✓ Seit Wochen erschöpft
- ✓ Seit 2 Tagen Petechien Unterschenkel/Fussrücken
- ✓ Letzte Woche 3 Episoden mit verwaschener Sprache
- ✓ Transiente Schwäche linker Arm



## Persönliche Anamnese

- ✓ 2 komplikationslose Schwangerschaften
- ✓ Appendektomie im Alter von 18 Jahren

Hb	4.8 g/L
Lc	5.2 x10 <sup>9</sup> /L (norm. Diff)
Plts	<10 x10 <sup>9</sup> /L

## Status

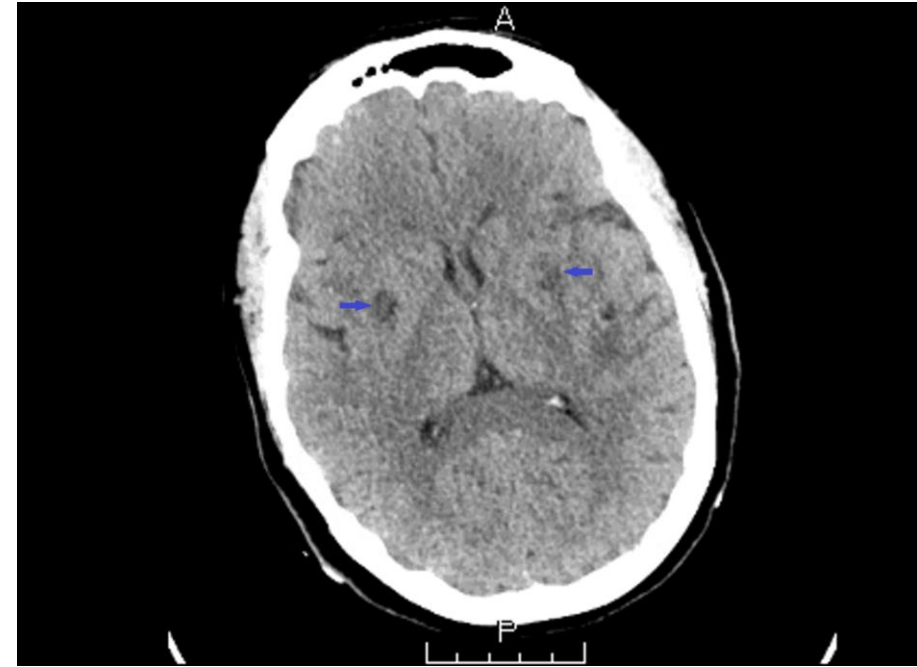
- ✓ Petechien Unterschenkel/Fuss und Mund
  - ✓ “Zungenschlag”
  - ✓ Ikterus
- Thrombozytopenie
  - Blutung? TEE?
  - Hämolyse?

**Ihre Diagnose?**  
**Zusätzliche Diagnostik?**  
**Behandlung?**

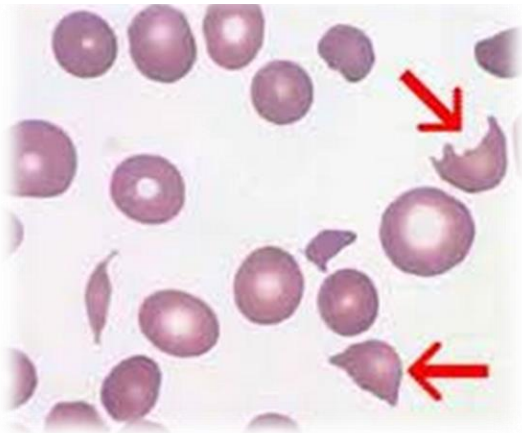


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<https://www.cureus.com/articles/11509-a-case-report-on-refractory-moschcowitz-syndrome>



Coombs-neg.  
hämolytische Anämie

+

Thrombozyten

+ Fragmentozyten

**Thrombotische Mikroangiopathie TTP-HUS**

# Thrombotic microangiopathy – an emergency?

Hb	4.8 G/L
Lc	5.2 x10 <sup>9</sup> /L (norm. Diff)
Plts	<10 x10 <sup>9</sup> /L
Reti	3.5%
Creat	85 umol/L
LDH	690 U/L
Bilirubine total	88 umol/L
haptoglobine	<0.02 g/L
DAT	negative

Coombs-negative hemolytic anemia + thrombocytopenia  
+ schistocytosis **TMA**

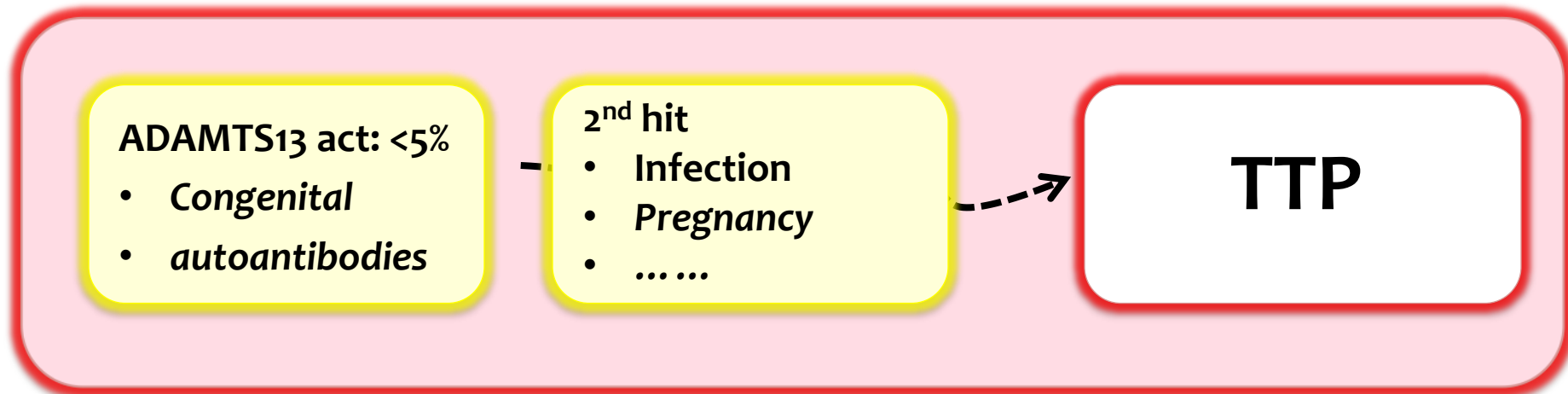
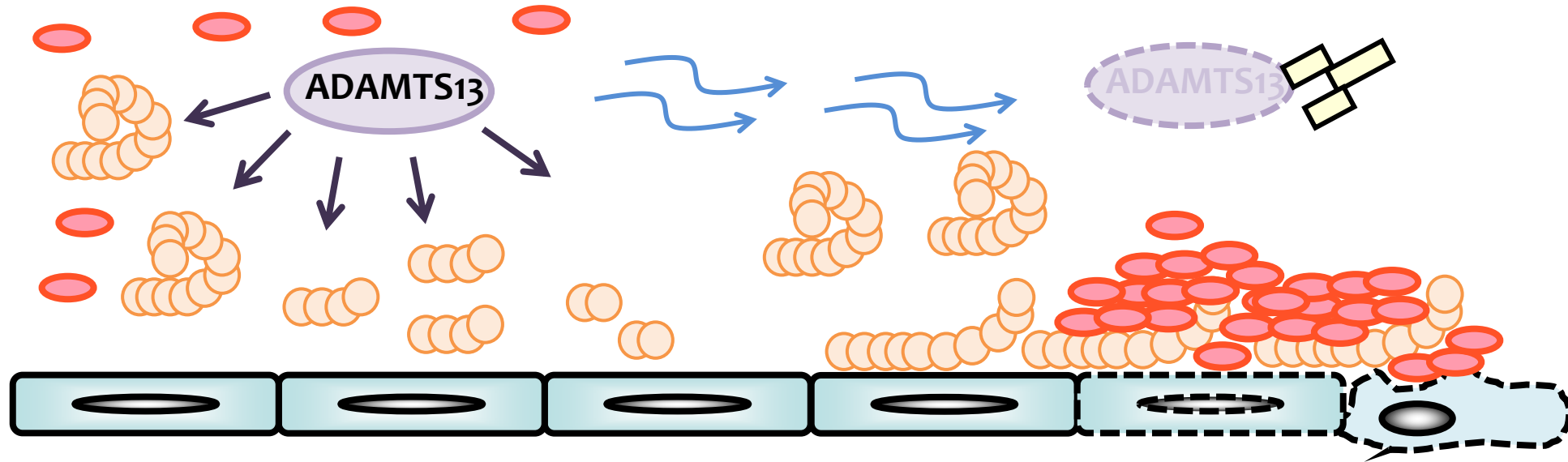
Without treatment  
>90% mortality!!!

Draw samples for diagnostics  
(e.g. ADAMTS13)

Start plasmapheresis ASAP

# Thrombotic microangiopathy TTP/HUS

ADAMTS13: A Disintegrin-like And Metalloprotease with ThromboSpondin type 1 repeats



# Thrombotic microangiopathy TTP/HUS

**TTP**

Control alternative  
complement  
pathway activation

ADAMTS13 activity

**aHUS**

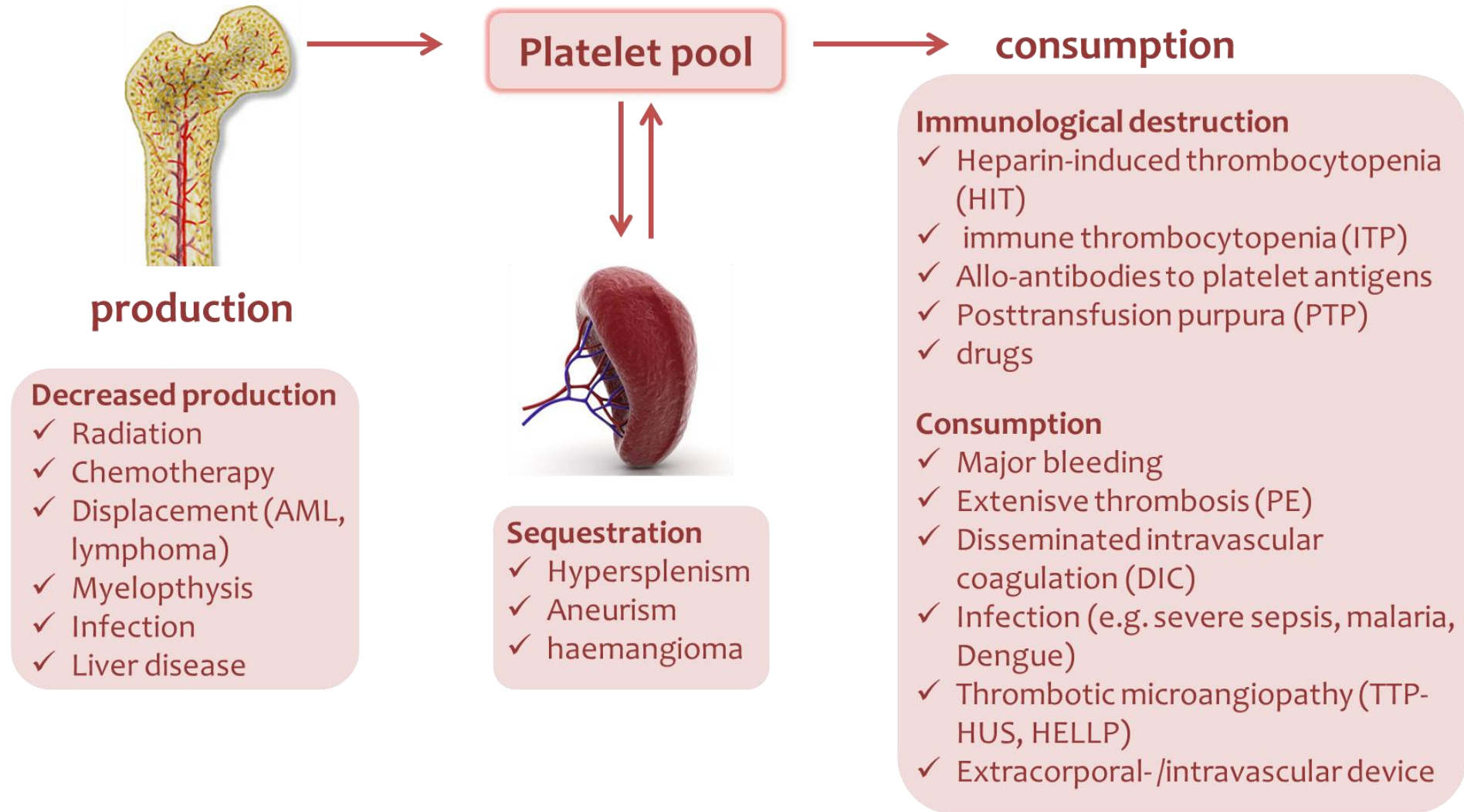
- ✓ **Classical TTP:** ADAMTS13 activity <5% (acquired vs congenital)
- ✓ Pregnancy associated TTP
- ✓ **Drug-associated:** - ADP-antagonists (ticlopidine, clopidogrel)
  - immunosuppressives (cyclosporine, tacrolimus)
  - varia (TMP, simvastatin, peg IFN- $\gamma$ )
- ✓ HIV infection
- ✓ Allogeneic HSCT (TMA)
- ✓ (catastrophic) APS
- ✓ Malignancy-associated TMA
- ✓ **Diarrhea-associated HUS** (EHEC or Shiga-toxin producing shigella spp)
- ✓ **aHUS:** - acquired (pneumococci)
  - congenital (functional mutations in complement (regulatory proteins))

# Thrombotische Mikroangiopathie



**Take home message**

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**Thrombocytopenia requires further diagnostics**  
**Severe thrombocytopenia is an emergency**





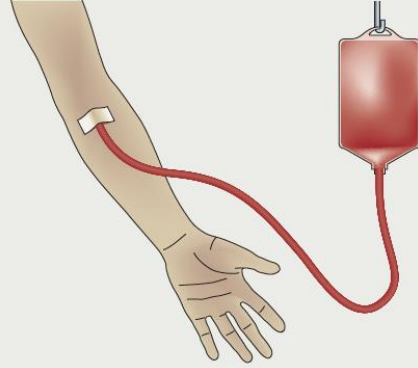
# Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP)

## a Immune thrombocytopenia



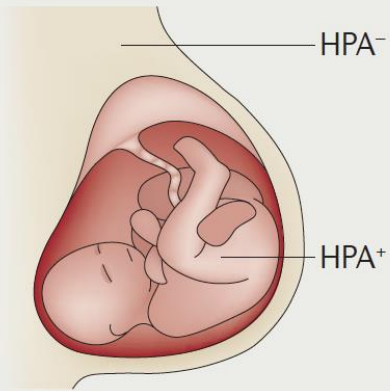
Presence of autoreactive antibodies and CTLs leads to peripheral platelet destruction and megakaryocyte inhibition

## b Transfusion refractoriness



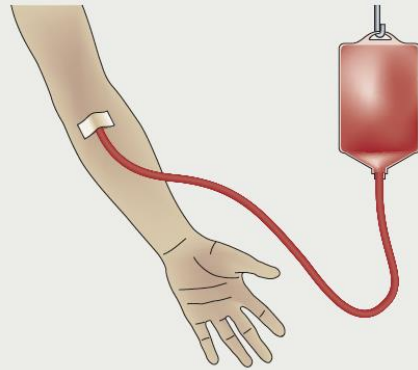
Development of transfusion-induced MHC-specific alloantibodies and subsequent transfusion refractoriness

## c Fetal and neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia



Development of HPA-specific alloantibodies and subsequent fetal and neonatal thrombocytopenia

## d Post-transfusion purpura



Development of transfusion-induced alloantibodies and subsequent recipient thrombocytopenia

## consumption

### Immunological destruction

- ✓ Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT)
- ✓ immune thrombocytopenia (ITP)
- ✓ Allo-antibodies to platelet antigens
- ✓ Posttransfusion purpura (PTP)
- ✓ drugs

### Consumption

- ✓ Major bleeding
- ✓ Extensive thrombosis (PE)
- ✓ Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)
- ✓ Infection (e.g. severe sepsis, malaria, Dengue)
- ✓ Thrombotic microangiopathy (TTP-HUS, HELLP)
- ✓ Extracorporeal- /intravascular device



# ITP diagnosis and management – ASH guidelines 2019

## American Society of Hematology 2019 guidelines for immune thrombocytopenia

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**Background:** Despite an increase in the number of therapies available to treat patients with immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), there are minimal data from randomized trials to assist physicians with the management of patients.

**Objective:** These evidence-based guidelines of the American Society of Hematology (ASH) are intended to support patients, clinicians, and other health care professionals in their decisions about the management of ITP.

**Methods:** In 2015, ASH formed a multidisciplinary guideline panel that included 8 adult clinical experts, 5 pediatric clinical experts, 2 methodologists with expertise in ITP, and 2 patient representatives. The panel was balanced to minimize potential bias from conflicts of interest. The panel reviewed the ASH 2011 guideline recommendations and prioritized questions. The panel used the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) approach, including evidence-to-decision frameworks, to appraise evidence (up to May 2017) and formulate recommendations.

**Results:** The panel agreed on 21 recommendations covering management of ITP in adults and children with newly diagnosed, persistent, and chronic disease refractory to first-line therapy who have non-life-threatening bleeding. Management approaches included: observation, corticosteroids, IV immunoglobulin, anti-D immunoglobulin, rituximab, splenectomy, and thrombopoietin receptor agonists.

**Conclusions:** There was a lack of evidence to support strong recommendations for various management approaches. In general, strategies that avoided medication side effects were favored. A large focus was placed on shared decision-making, especially with regard to second-line therapy. Future research should apply standard corticosteroid-dosing regimens, report patient-reported outcomes, and include cost-analysis evaluations.

### Summary of recommendations

#### Background

These guidelines are based on updated and original systematic reviews of evidence conducted under the direction of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC). The guideline panel followed best practice for guideline development recommended by the Institute of Medicine and the Guidelines International Network (GIN).<sup>1-4</sup> The panel used the Grading of Recommendations

