



#### **Functions of Blood**



**1. Transportation:** The blood transports dissolved gases, nutrients, hormones and metabolic wastes.

#### 2. Protection:

- The blood prevents bleeding of damaged vessels (injuries, cuts) by clotting proteins.
- It provides protection and defense against pathogens such as bacteria and viruses.

#### 3. Regulation

- Blood regulates the pH and electrolyte composition of the interstitial fluids.
- Blood regulates body temperature.

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## **Composition of Blood**

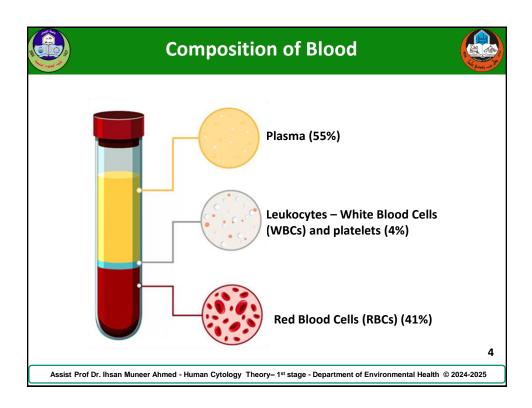


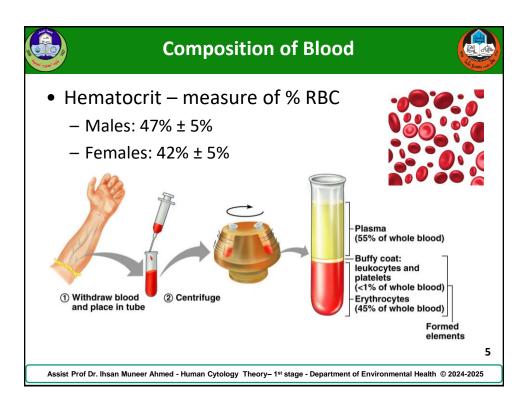
- · Contains cellular and liquid components
- Blood is considered a specialized connective tissue
  - Blood cells = formed elements
  - Plasma = fluid portion and fibrinogen
- Blood volume

Males: 5 – 6 litersFemales: 4 – 5 liters

• The pH of blood is about 7.35-7.45

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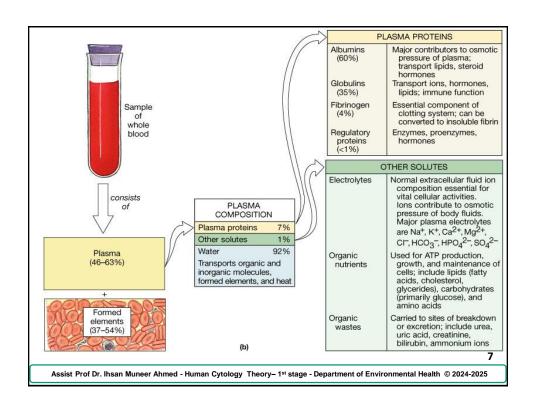


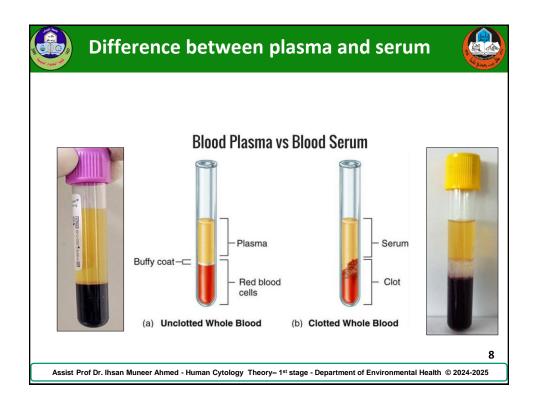
#### **A- Blood Plasma**

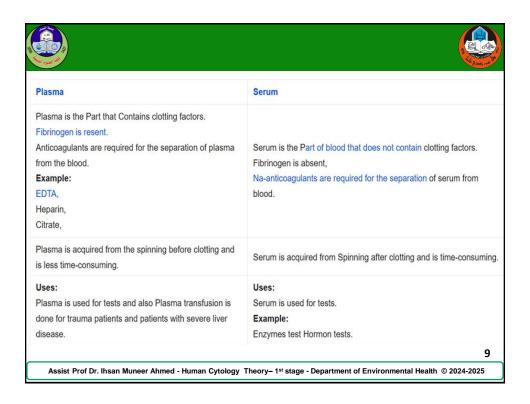


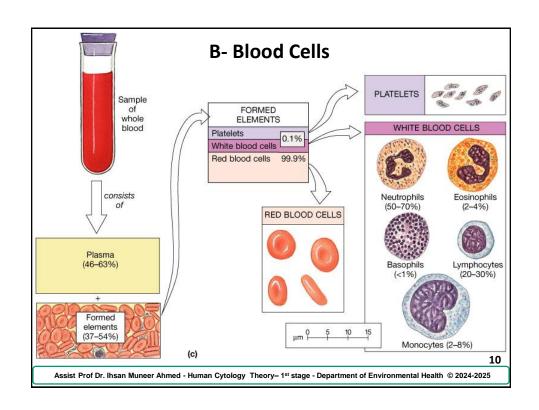
- Straw-colored, sticky fluid portion of blood
- Approximately 90% water
- Contains:
  - Ions Na+ and Cl<sup>-</sup>
  - Nutrients sugars, amino acids, lipids, cholesterol, vitamins and trace elements.
  - Three main proteins Albumin (60%), globulin (35%), fibrinogen (4%).
  - Dissolved Gases including O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> Waste Products other protein wastes such as urea and bilirubin.

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## 1- Erythrocytes – Red Blood Cells (RBCs)



- Oxygen-transporting cells
  - 7.5  $\mu$ m in diameter (diameter of capillary 8 10 $\mu$ m)
- Most numerous of the formed elements
  - Females: 4.3 5.2 million cells/cubic millimeter (1μl)
  - Males: 5.2 5.8 million cells/cubic millimeter (1μl)
- Made in the red bone marrow in long bones, cranial bones, ribs, sternum, and vertebrae
- Average lifespan 100 120 days

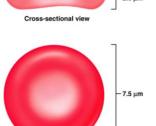
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#### **RBC Structure and Function**



- 1. Have no organelles or nuclei.
- 2. Hemoglobin oxygen carrying protein. Each RBC has about 280 million hemoglobin molecules.
- 3. Biconcave shape 30% more surface area



Top view

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# 2- Leukocytes – White Blood Cells (WBCs)



- 1. Leukocytes or WBCs.
- 2. Largest sized blood cells.
- 3. Lowest numbers in the blood (4,500 11,000 per microliter).
- 4. Formed in the bone marrow and some in lymph glands.
- Primary cells of the immune system.
- 6. Fights disease and foreign invaders.
- 7. Contain nuclei with DNA, the shape depends on type of cell.
- 8. Certain WBCs produce antibodies.
- 9. Life span is from 24 hours to several years.

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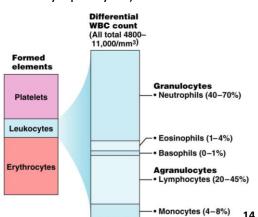
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#### **Leukocytes – White Blood Cells (WBCs)**



- Two types of leukocytes
  - Granulocytes (Neutrophils, Eosinophils, Basophils).
  - Agranulocytes (Monocytes and Lymphocytes).
- Differential WBC Count
  - Never = Neutrophils
  - Let = Lymphocytes
  - Monkeys = Monocytes
  - Eat = Eosinophils
  - Bananas = Basophils

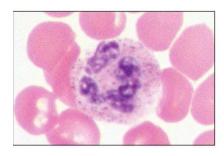




## Granulocytes



- Neutrophils most numerous WBC
  - Phagocytize and destroy bacteria.
  - Nucleus has two to six lobes.
  - Granules pick up acidic and basic stains.



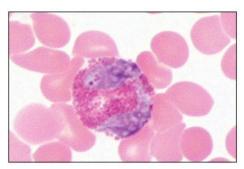
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# Granulocytes



- Eosinophils compose 1 4% of all WBCs
  - Play roles in ending allergic reactions, parasitic infections.



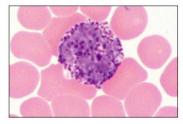
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#### **Granulocytes**



- Basophils about 0.5% of all leukocytes
  - Nucleus usually two lobes.
  - Granules secrete histamines.
  - Function in inflammation mediation, similar in function to mast cells.



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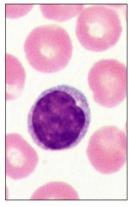
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## **Agranulocytes**



- Lymphocytes compose 20 45% of WBCs
- The most important cells of the immune system.
  - Nucleus stains dark purple.
  - Effective in fighting infectious organisms.
  - Act against a specific foreign molecule (antigen).
- Two main classes of lymphocyte
  - T cells attack foreign cells directly.
  - B cells multiply to become plasma cells that secrete antibodies.



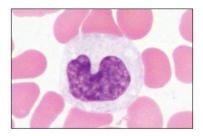
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# **Agranulocytes**



- Monocytes compose 4–8% of WBCs
  - The largest leukocytes.
  - Nucleus kidney shaped.
  - Transform into macrophages, phagocytic cells.



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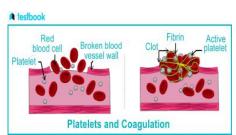
|  | White Blood Cells  |   |  |
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| Type Of White Blood Cells  | % By Volume Of WBC | Description   | Function   |
| Neutrophils  | 60 – 70 %          | Nucleus has many interconnected lobes; blue granules  | Phagocytize and destory bacteria; most numerous WBC  |
| Eosinophils  | 2 – 4 %            | Nucleus has bilobed nuclei; red or yellow granules containing digestive enzymes                 | Play a role in ending allergic reactions   |
| Basophils  | < 1 %              | Bilobed nuclei hidden by large<br>purple granules full of chemical<br>mediators of inflammation | Function in inflammation medication; similar in function to mast cells   |
| Lymphocytes (B Cells and<br>T Cells)   | 20 – 25 %          | Dense, purple staining, round nucleus; little cytoplasm   | the most important cells of the immune system; effective in fighting infectious organisms; act against a specific foreign molecule (antigen) |
| Monocytes  | 4 – 8 %            | Largest leukocyte; kidney shaped nucleus  | Transform into macrophages; phagocytic cells 20  |
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## 3- Platelets



- 1. Thrombocytes or PLTs.
- 2. Formed in the bone marrow.
- 3. Smallest of the blood cells.
- 4. Life span of around 8-12 days.
- 5. Involved in the clotting process.
- 6. 150,000 400,000 per microliter of blood.



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