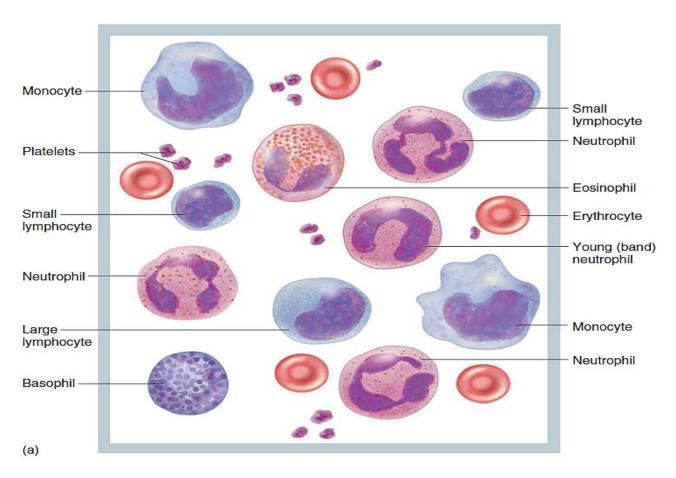


Blood is type of connective tissues called vascular tissue. The blood include extra cellular part called plasma formed 55% and cellular part formed 45% which include the blood cells.

There are three types of blood cells:

- 1. Erythrocytes = Red Blood Corpuscies (R.B.C.)
- 2. Leucocytes = White Blood Cells (W.B.C.).
- 3. Platelets.



1.Erythrocytes = Red Blood Corpuscles (R.B.C.).

Red blood cells are biconcave discs, they have no nucleus and cytoplasmic organelles. They contain a red coloured protein called hemoglobin.

*Their main function is in gas transport, mainly of O2 and also carry CO2.

*The normal concentration of (R.B.C.) in blood is:

*In men: (4.3 - 5.6) million per microliter (mcL) of blood.

*In women:(3.9 - 5.1)million per microliter(mcL) of blood for.



2. Leucocytes = White Blood Cells (W.B.C.):

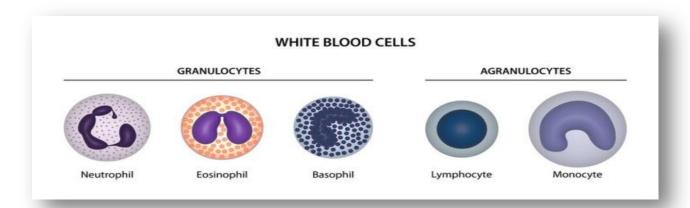
Leucocytes are the largest blood cells. They account for only about 1% of the blood volume.

* Leucocytes are different from erythrocytes in:

- 1. They are true cells, each leucocyte having a nucleus, mitochondria, and other organelles.
- 2. They do not contain Hb.
- 3. Leucocytes can actively move while erythrocytes do not have mobility of their own.

There are two main types of (W.B.C.):

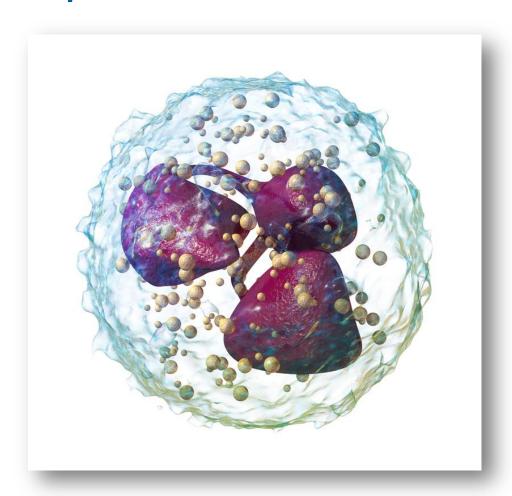
- 1. <u>Granulocytes</u>: which contain granules in their cytoplasm: and they (Neutrophils, Easinophils and Basophils.)
- 2. <u>Agranulocytes</u>: did not contain granules in their cytoplasm: (Monocytes and lymphocytes)



Granulocytes:

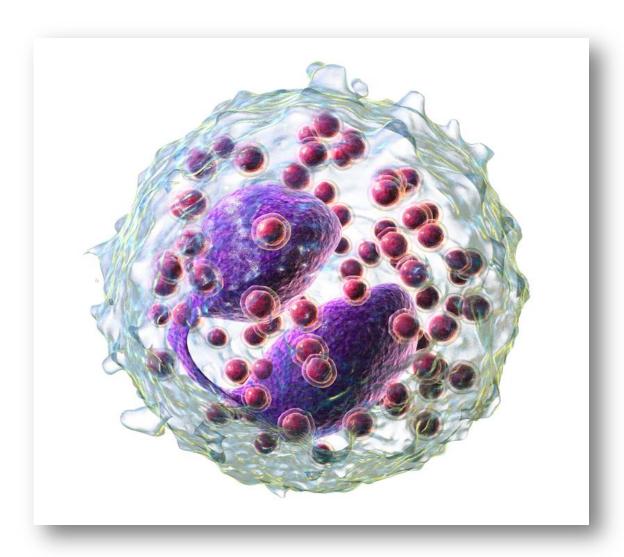
1. Neutrophils:

- A. Represent 60-70% of total WBC.
- B. Have short half life 6-7 hours in blood and 1-4 days in the tissues.
- C. With nucleus consisting of 2-5 lobes.
- D. Have phagocytic activity against bacteria and other small particles.



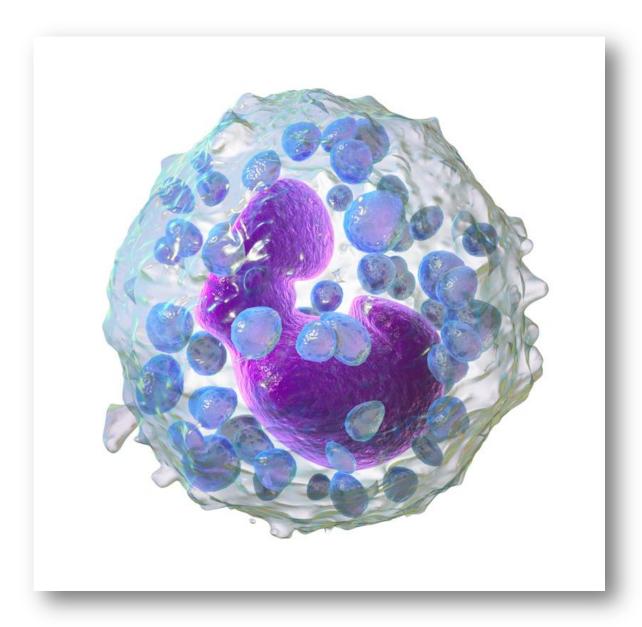
2.Eosinophils:

- A. Constitute 2-4% of leukocytes in normal blood.
- B. Live in circulation about 10 hours and 10 days in tissues.
- C. Have bilobed nucleus, The cytoplasm contains large granules.



3. Basophils:

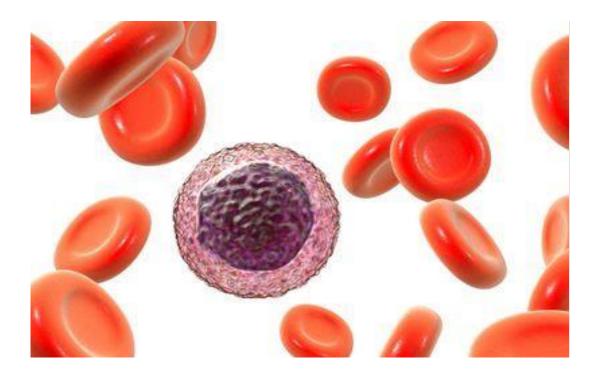
- A. Make up less than 1% of blood leukocytes.
- B. The nucleus is divided into irregular lobes or S shaped.
- C. Cytoplasm contains very large granules.
- A. play an important role in the allergy.



Agranulocytes:

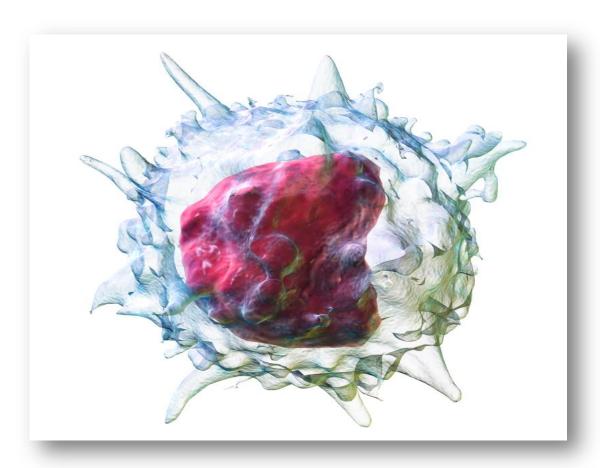
1.Lymphocyte:

- A. Are spherical cells, and Constitute about 20-30%.
- B. Nucleus of lymphocyte are large and rounded.
- C. Lymphocytes vary in life; some live only a few days and other survive for many years.
- D. Classified according to their function to; B lymphocyte, T lymphocyte, and Natural Killer cell.
- E. Defending against invading microorganisms, and cancer cells.



2. Monocytes:

- A. Are the largest of the white blood cells, and Constitute about 5% of total W.B.C.
- **B.** The nucleus is horseshoe- or kidney-shaped.
- C. Migrate into the tissues and develop into macrophages.
- D. Monocytes live in the circulation is few days but 60-120 days in the tissues.



Blood groups

There are 4 main blood groups (types of blood):

- 1. A
- 2. B
- **3. AB**
- 4.0

Your blood group is determined by the genes you inherit from your parents.

Each group can be either RhD positive or RhD negative, which means in total there are 8 blood groups.

The ABO system

There are 4 main blood groups defined by the ABO system:

- 1. Blood group A: has A antigens on the red blood cells with anti-B antibodies in the plasma.
- 2. Blood group B: has B antigens with anti-A antibodies in the plasma.
- 3. Blood group AB: has both A and B antigens, but no antibodies.
- 4. Blood group O: has no antigens, but both anti-A and anti-B antibodies in the plasma.

Antibodies: are proteins found in plasma, They recognise foreign substances, such as germs, and alert your immune system, which destroys them.

Antigens: are protein molecules found on the surface of red blood cells.

The Rh system

Red blood cells sometimes have another antigen, a protein known as the RhD antigen. If this is present, your blood group is RhD positive. If it's absent, your blood group is RhD negative.

This means you can be 1 of 8 blood groups:

A RhD positive (A+)

A RhD negative (A-)

B RhD positive (B+)

B RhD negative (B-)

O RhD positive (O+)

O RhD negative (O-)

AB RhD positive (AB+)

AB RhD negative (AB-)

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