

# **Bleeding disorders**



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A hierarchical flowchart showing the classification of bleeding disorders. The root node is 'Bleeding disorders' in a white box. It branches into four sub-nodes: 'Vascular abnormalities' (white box), 'Platelet disorders' (blue box), 'Clotting factor abnormalities' (blue box), and 'DIC' (blue box). The boxes are connected by a vertical line from the root to a horizontal line, which then branches down to each sub-node.

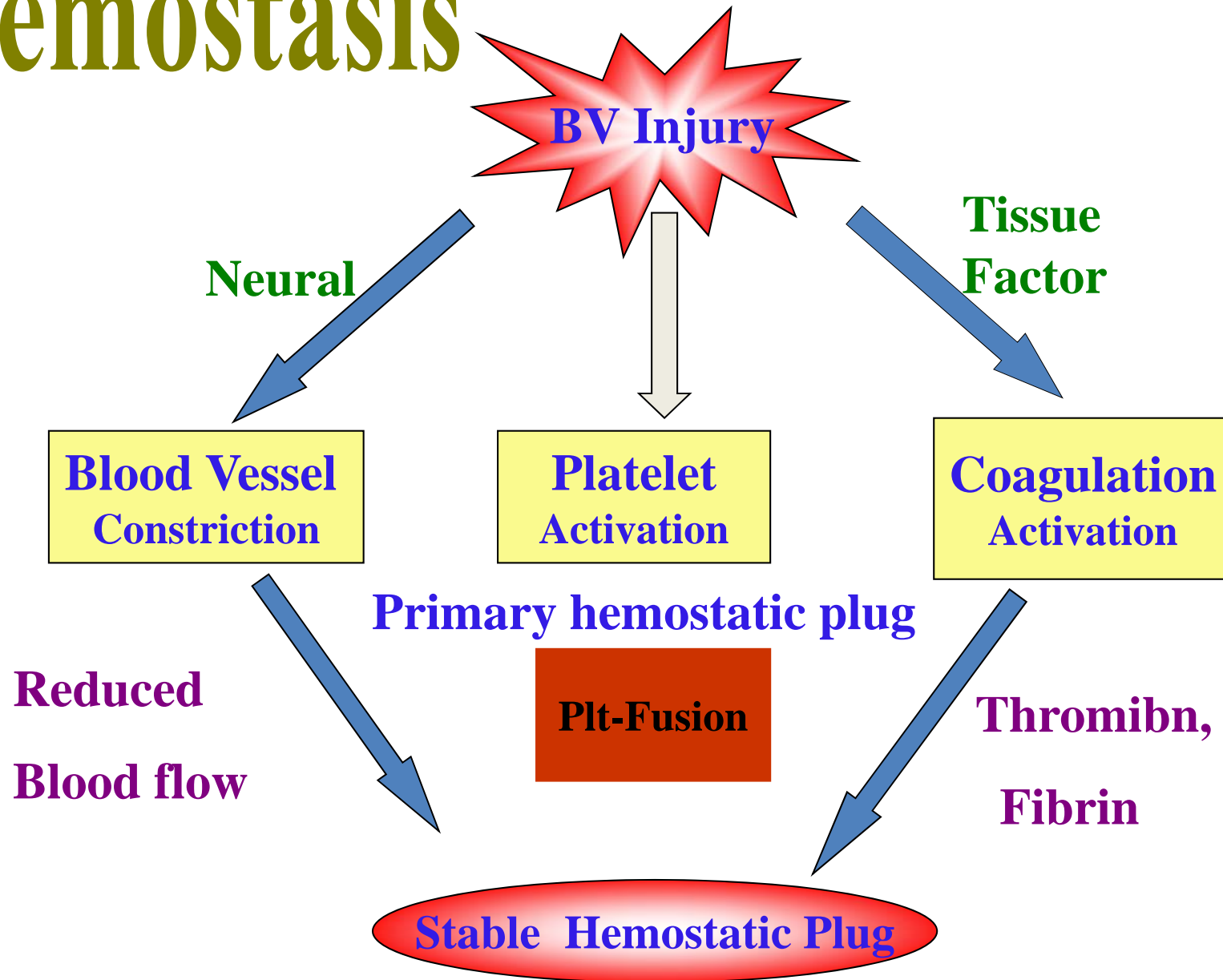
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**DIC**

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## Platelets & vessel wall (Primary hemostasis)

- Thrombocytopenia
- Von willibrands disease
- Drug induced platelet dysfunction

## Antiplatelets

Aspirin

Thienopyridines (ticlopidine, clopidogrel)

GpIIa/IIIb antagonists (abciximab, eptifibatide, tirofiban)

## Anticoagulant

Heparin (UF, LMWH)

## Fibrinolytic drugs

STK, Urikinase, TPA

## Coagulation & thrombosis (Secondary hemostasis)

- Hemophilia A
- Hemophilia B
- Vitamin K deficiency
- Other coagulation factors  
Deficiency (v, vii, x, xiii,  
Protein c, s, antithrombin III)

## Primary vs secondary hemostasis

Clinical manifestation	Defects of primary hemostasis	Defects of secondary hemostasis
Onset	immediate	Delayed -hrs/days
site	Superficial mucosal bleed	Deep –joints, muscle,
Physical finding	Petechiae, ecchymosis	Hematoma, hemarthrosis
Treatment response	immediate, local Measures effective	Require sustain Systemic therapy

# Disorders of Hemostasis

- **Vascular disorders –**
  - Scurvy, easy bruising, Henoch-Schonlein purpura.
- **Platelet disorders**
  - **Quantitative** - Thrombocytopenia
  - **Qualitative** - Platelet function disorders – Glanzmans, von Willebrand disease
- **Coagulation disorders**
  - **Congenital** - Haemophilia (A, B)
  - **Acquired** - Vitamin-K deficiency, Liver disease
- **Mixed/Consumption:** DIC

# HSP/Anaphylactoid purpura

- Self limited type of vasculitis
- Children & young adults
- Purpuric /urticarial rash on extensor surface of arms,legs& buttocks
- Polyarthralgias/arthritis
- Colicky abdominal pain
- Hematuria (focal glomerulitis)
- Coagulation parameters are normal
- Treatment – glucocorticoids (symptomatic)

# Thrombocytopenia

**Decreased marrow production** eg

Marrow aplasia, infiltration with malignant cells, drugs

**Splenic sequestration** eg

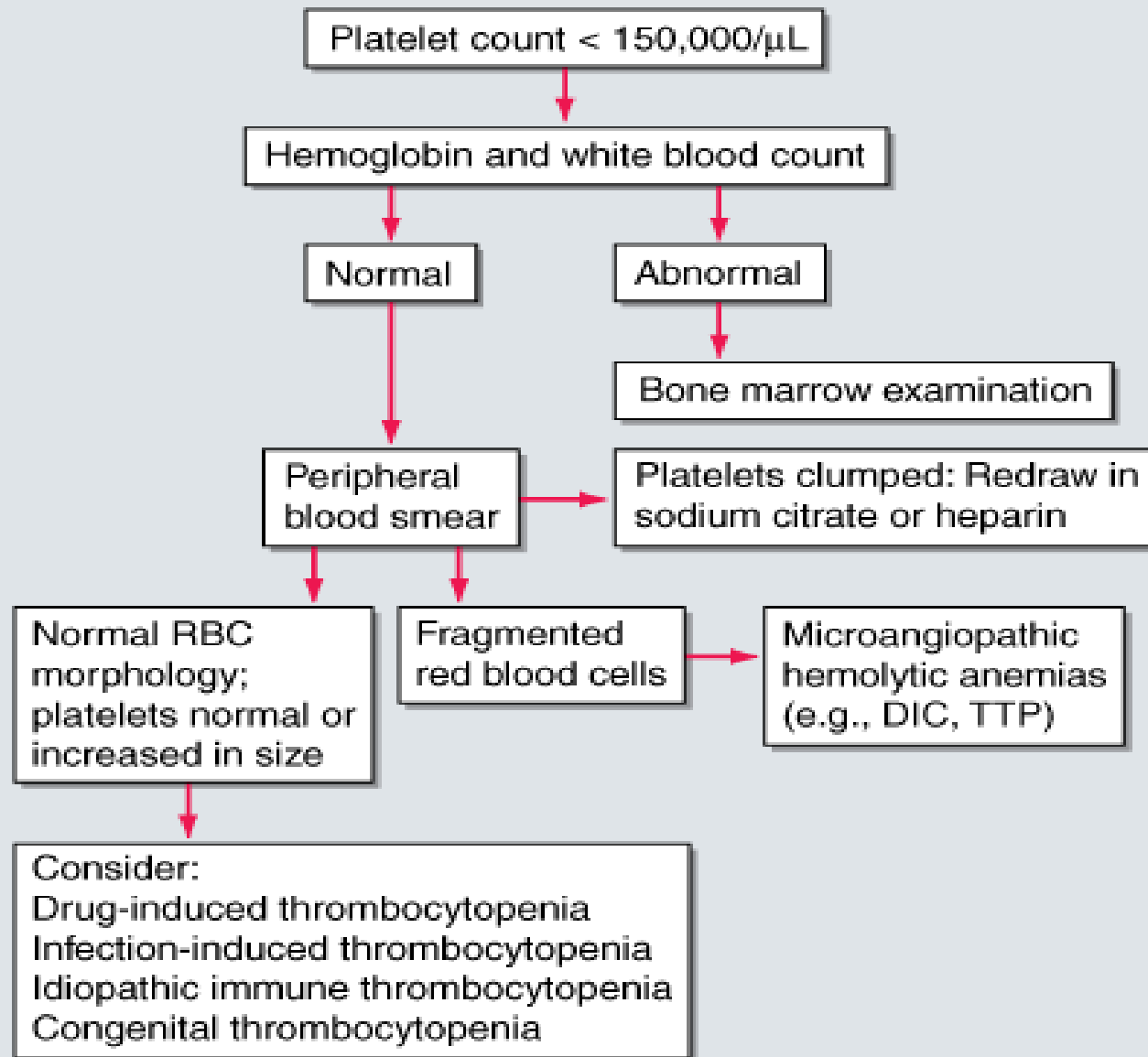
portal hypertension, splenic infiltration with tumor cells, myeloproliferative & lymphoproliferative disorders

**Accelerated destruction** eg HUS

Immunological -viral(dengue), bacterial infection

Drugs, Idiopathic - ITP

## ALGORITHM FOR THROMBOCYTOPENIA EVALUATION



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# Drugs causing thrombocytopenia

- Chemotherapeutic agents Carboplatin, alkylating agents, anthracyclines, antimetabolites
- Antibiotic sulfonamides, penicillins, cephalosporins
- Heparins – UF
- Antihypertensive – thiazide diuretics, ACE inhibitors
- Alcohol

Best proof of drug induced etiology is a prompt rise in platelet count when suspected drug is discontinued.

Treatment - stop culprit drug(recover within 7-10 days)  
-platelet count <10000 & bleeding  
- glucocorticoids  
-plasmapheresis/platelet transfusion

# Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia

## HIT

- **Seen in** 3-5% of patients treated with **unfractionated** heparin
- thrombocytopenic after 1-2 weeks of Rx
- **Caused by** IgG antibodies against **platelet factor 4/heparin complexes** on platelet surfaces
- **Exacerbates thrombosis**, both arterial and venous (in setting of severe thrombocytopenia)
  - Antibody binding results in platelet activation and aggregation.
- **Rx - cessation of heparin**

# Acute ITP

- Common in children, follows recovery from viral exanthem/URTI
- Sudden onset & thrombocytopenia is often severe.
- 60% recover within 4-6 wks & >90% within 3-6 months
- Mechanism is by formation of immune complex containing viral antigens & formation of antibodies against viral antigens which cross reacts with platelets & lead to their immunological destruction

# Chronic ITP

- Common in adults(20-40yrs) – F/M 3:1
- Insidious onset & persist for several years
- Formation of antiplatelet antibodies synthesized in spleen
- Sensitized platelet are destroyed in spleen
- Clinical features – petechiae, hemorrhage, easy bruising, mucosal bleeding from gums, melena
- Lab –thrombocytopenia,BF-largeplatelet,  
marrow -↑no of megakaryocyte with large non lobulated single nuclei  
Platelet survival studies - ↓ life span  
Coombs test -antiplatelet IgG antibody

## Treatment

- <10% cases recover spontaneously
- Steroid prednisolone 60mg/d x 4-6 wks
- Immunosuppressive – danazole,  
azathioprine,cyclophosphamide,vincristine,vinblastin,cyclosporin
- Splenectomy
- IVIg

## ITP

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Acute</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
<b>Age / Sex</b>	Children	Adult/Female
<b>Onset</b>	Abrupt	Gradual
<b>Predisposing Factors</b>	Viral infection/ vaccine	-
<b>Duration</b>	<2 months	>6mnoths
<b>Pathogenesis</b>	-	IgG against Platelet GP
<b>Peripheral smear</b>	Thrombocytopenia & Giant PLTS	Same
<b>Bone marrow</b>	Normal or ↑Megakaryocytes	Same

# ITP

Feature	Acute	Chronic
<b>Tests</b>	Prolonged BT & Normal PT & PTT	Same
<b>Complication (most dangerous)</b>	Intracranial bleed	Same
<b>Clinical course</b>	Spontaneous remission	No
<b>Treatment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ PLT. Transfusion</li> <li>■ Splenectomy</li> </ul>	If <20,000  No	If <50,000  Yes (refractory cases)

# Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP)

- Fulminant often lethal disorder initiated by endothelial injury & subsequent release of procoagulant factors eg Vwf
- Cause pregnancy, metastatic cancer, mitomycin C, Chemotherapy, HIV, drugs like ticlopidine

## Clinical feature

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**hemolytic anaemia**  
**thrombocytopenia**  
**neurological finding**  
**renal failure**  
**fever**

## Treatment

- Removal/correct ppt factors
- Exchange transfusion/intensive plasmapheresis
- Infusion of fresh frozen plasma

Most patient survive a/c illness recover completely with no residual renal or neurological disease

# Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)

- Disease of infancy/early childhood

## **Clinical feature**

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**fever**

**thrombocytopenia**

**microangiopathic hemolytic anemia**

**a/c renal failure**

- Onset is preceded by minor febrile viral illness
- Epidemic related to infection E.coli (O157H7)  
has been documented

## **Treatment**

- No therapy effective
- Symptomatic – dialysis for a/c renal failure
- 5% mortality in children
- 10-15% develop CRF



# Thrombotic Microangiopathies

HUS	Feature	TTP
<b>Absent</b>	<b>Neurological symptoms</b>	<b>Prominent</b>
<b>Prominent</b>	<b>Acute Renal Failure</b>	<b>Less prominent</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<b>Infection</b> ( E.coli O157 : H7)	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Genetic</b> (vWF metalloprotease- <b>ADAMTS 13</b> ) <b>deficiency</b>
<b>Supportive</b>	<b>Rx.</b>	<b>Plasma Exchange</b>
<b>Good in children</b> <b>Bad in adults</b>	<b>Prognosis</b>	<b>Better with plasma exchange</b>

# Von Willibrands disease

- Most common inherited bleeding disorder
- vonWillibrand factor –heterogeneous multimeric plasma glycoprotein
- Facilitates platelet adhesion
- Plasma carrier for factor VIII (antihemophylic factor)
- Normal plasma vWF level is 10mg/l
- Modest reduction in plasma vWF conc. decreases platelet adhesion &cause clinical bleeding
- Mild cases bleeding occurs only after surgery or trauma
- More severely affected patients have spontaneous epitaxis or oral mucosal, git,genitourinary bleeding

# Variants

	Type I	Type II	Type III
Incidence	Most common	Less common	Least common
inheritance	AD	AD	AR
vWF	<50%	↓	↓
RC activity	↓	↓	↓
Multimer pattern	N	↓	A

# Lab

- BT- Prolonged
- N -Platelet count
- Reduced plasma vWF concentration
- Defective platelet aggregation with ristocetin.
- Reduced factor VIII activity

# Treatment

- Factor VIII concentrate infusion (cryoprecipitate)
- During surgery/trauma factor VIII conc. Infusion given BD X 2-3 days
- Minor bleeding responds to single infusion
- Desmopressin effective only in type I, can be given intravenously or by an intranasal spray (1.5 mg/mL). The peak activity when given intravenously is approximately 30 min, while it is 2 h when given intranasally. The usual dose is 0.3 g/kg intravenously or 2 squirts (1 in each nostril) for patients >50 kg (1 squirt for those <50 kg).