

# Non-Neoplastic WBCs Disorders

## Leukopenia

### Neutropenia/agranulocytosis

- Decreased production
  - aplastic anemia
  - myelophthisic anemia
  - myelodysplastic syndrome
  - paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria
  - advanced megaloblastic anemia
  - chemotherapy
  - drugs
    - anti-epileptic
    - anti-hyperthyroidism
- Increased destruction
  - immune mediated
  - splenomegaly
  - overwhelming bacterial, fungal or rickettsial infections

## Reactive Leukocytosis

### Neutrophilia

- infections
- inflammation

### Lymphocytosis

- viral infections
- Bordetella pertussis infection
- chronic infections
  - TB
  - brucellosis

### Monocytosis

- chronic infections
- rheumatologic diseases
- inflammatory bowel disease

### Eosinophilia

- asthma
- allergic diseases
- drug sensitivity
- parasitic infections
- Hodgkin lymphoma

### Basophilia (rare)

- myeloproliferative neoplasms

## Reactive Lymphadenitis

### Acute NonSpecific Lymphadenitis

- Painful

### Chronic NonSpecific Lymphadenitis

- Painless
  - Follicular hyperplasia
    - proliferation of B-lymphocytes
    - Causes
      - rheumatologic diseases
      - toxoplasmosis
      - HIV infection
  - Paracortical hyperplasia
    - proliferation of T-lymphocytes
    - Causes
      - viral infections — EBV
      - vaccination
      - drug reaction
  - Sinus histiocytosis
    - proliferation of macrophages
    - Causes — adjacent cancer

### Cat-Scratch Disease

- Cause: Bartonella henselae bacteria
- acute lymphadenitis in neck/axilla area
- self-limited

### Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLS)

- Defective genes related to the function of cytotoxic T-cells & natural killer cells — Viral infection or other inflammatory agents activate macrophages to engulf normal blood cells and their precursors in BM
- Types
  - Type 1
    - Infants & children
    - Homozygous defects in gene PRF1 that encodes perforin
  - Type 2
    - Adolescents & adults
    - X-linked lymphoproliferative disorder (males)
    - Defect in SLAM-associated protein (Signaling lymphocyte activation molecule-associated protein) — inefficient killing of EBV-infected B cells
  - Type 3
    - Associated with systemic inflammatory disorders — rheumatologic diseases
    - Heterozygous genetic defects in genes required for cytotoxic T-cells
  - Type 4 — T-cell lymphomas
- Symptoms
  - Fever
  - Splenomegaly
  - pancytopenia
- Laboratory findings
  - High ferritin
  - High triglyceridemia
  - High serum IL-2
  - Low cytotoxic T-cells & natural killer cells in blood
- Bone marrow examination — numerous macrophages engulfing RBCs, platelets & granulocytes

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