

**Anemia is not a final diagnosis**

**IRON DEFICIENCY ANEMIA IS NOT A DIAGNOSIS PER SAY.**

**ALWAYS PUT A LABEL TO IT:  
IDA DUE TO UPPER GI BLEEDING DUE TO GASTRIC CANCER**

Clinical copper deficiency can cause microcytic, normocytic, or macrocytic anemia and neutropenia.

Copper deficiency also causes myelopathy and peripheral neuropathy.

Bone marrow evaluation can reveal myelodysplasia and megaloblastic anemia.

Treatment with copper replacement promptly reverses hematologic manifestations of the disease, although neurologic manifestation may take longer.

- Folic acid is mainly absorbed in the jejunum and the body stores around 5 mg of folate in the liver, which is enough for 3 to 4 months.
- Folic acid deficiency may be related to decreased intake in the case of alcohol use disorder or malnutrition (elderly patients, institutionalized patients, poverty, special diets, etc.), increased demand particularly in case of pregnancy, hemolysis, hemodialysis, and malabsorption (tropical sprue, celiac disease, jejunal resection, Crohn disease, etc.). In some cases, medications like anticonvulsants and anticancer agents cause megaloblastic anemia related to folate deficiency by affecting folate metabolism.

most common cause for B12 def: **Pernicious anemia.**

**MEGALOBLASTIC ANEMIA**

- Bone Marrow Effect (DNA Synthesis):**
  - Allolupinol, Azathioprine, Capecitabine, Cladribine, Fludarabine, Fluorouracil, Gadoxolinum, Gemcitabine, Hydroxyurea, Lamivudine, Leflunomide, Mercaptopurine, Methotrexate, Mycophenolate mofetil, Trimetoprim, Zidovudine.
  - Reduce the intestinal absorption or metabolism of these vitamins:
  - Aminosalicylic acid, Antacids and proton pump inhibitors, Penicillin antibiotics, Chloramphenicol Erythromycin, Oral contraceptives, Metformin, Phenytoin, Tetracyclines, Valproic acid.

**ETIOLOGY**

- Deficiency of Vitamin B12 or Folate
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**CLINICAL PRESENTATION**

- Macrocytic anemia
- Neurologic symptoms
- Deficiency of Vitamin B12 or Folate

**Pathogenesis of ITP**

- Increased platelet destruction mediated by autoantibodies
- Auto-antibodies that react with major membrane glycoproteins can be identified in ~80% of patients
- Antibody concentrations diminish with effective treatment and increase with relapse
- Decreased production despite the increase in megakaryocytes in BM

**WHO Bleeding Grade and Characteristics**

Grade	Spontaneous Bleeding	Wound Bleeding	Menstrual Bleeding
Grade 1	None	None	None
Grade 2	None	None	None
Grade 3	None	None	None
Grade 4	None	None	None

**Initial Treatment or No treatment of ITP**

Platelet Count	Spontaneous Bleeding	Treatment
>100	None	None
50-100	None	None
<50	None	None
<50	Spontaneous Bleeding	Consideration

**Approach to the Treatment of ITP**

Drug	Indication	Contraindications
Corticosteroids	First-line treatment	Diabetes, Hypertension, Osteoporosis
IVIG	Second-line treatment	Renal insufficiency, Hypertension
Antiplatelet agents	Prevention of thrombosis	Active bleeding, Thrombocytopenia

