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PATRICIA BIANCA C. BALAGA 2B-MT BLOOD AND ITS COMPONENTS Physical Characteristics of Blood \* Thicker (more viscous) than water and flows more slowly than water \* Temperature of 100. 4 degrees F \* pH 7. 4 (7. 35-7. 45) \* 8 % of total body weight \* Blood volume \* 5 to 6 liters in average male \* 4 to 5 liters in average female FUNCTIONS OF BLOOD \* Transportation \* O2, CO2, metabolic wastes, nutrients, heat & hormones \* Regulation \* helps regulate pH through buffers \* helps regulate body temperature \* Protection from diseases BLOOD COMPONENTS \* 55% plasma: 7 to 8% dissolved substances (sugars, amino acids, lipids & vitamins), ions, dissolved gases, hormones and 45% erythrocytes BLOOD PLASMA \* Composed of approximately 90 percent water \* Includes many dissolved substances \* Nutrients, Salts (metal ions) \* Respiratory gases \* Hormones \* Proteins and Waste products FORMED ELEMENTS OF BLOOD \* Red blood cells (erythrocytes) \* White blood cells ( leukocytes ) \* granular leukocytes \* neutrophils \* eosinophils \* basophils \* agranular leukocytes \* lymphocytes = T cells, B cells, and natural killer cells \* monocytes \* Platelets (special cell fragments) Erythrocytes (Red Blood Cells) \* Function: carry oxygen \* Anatomy of circulating erythrocytes \* Biconcave disks \* Essentially bags of hemoglobin \* Anucleate (no nucleus) \* Contain very few organelles \* Outnumber white blood cells 1000: 1 HEMOGLOBIN \* Iron-containing protein \* Binds strongly, but reversibly, to oxygen \* Each hemoglobin molecule has four oxygen binding sites \* Production of abnormal hemoglobin can result in serious blood disorders such as thalassemia and sickle cell anemia. Erythropoiesis: Production of RBCs \* Erythropoiesis occurs in adult red bone marrow of certain bones. \* The main stimulus for erythropoietin is hypoxia. \* Proerythroblast starts to produce hemoglobin \* Nucleus is ejected & a reticulocyte is formed \* orange

in color with traces of visible rough ER WHITE BLOOD CELLS \* Leukocytes are nucleated cells and do not contain hemoglobin. \* Two principal types are: \* Granular leukocytes based on the straining of the granules. \* Agranular leukocytes do not have cytoplasmic granules \* Leukocytes have surface proteins, as do erythrocytes. They are called major histocompatibility antigens (MHC). GRANULOCYTES \* Neutrophils -Multi-lobed nucleus with fine granules - Act as phagocytes at active sites of infection \* Eosinophils -Large brick-red cytoplasmic granules -Found in repsonse to allergies and parasitic worms \* Basophils -Have histamine-containing granules \* -Involved in inflammatory and allergy reactions AGRANULOCYTES \* Monocytes \* Largest of the white blood cells \* Function as macrophages \* Important in fighting chronic infection Lymphocytes \* Nucleus fills most of the cell \* Play an important role in the immune response \* B cells \* destroy bacteria and their toxins \* turn into plasma cells that produces antibodies \* T cells \* attack viruses, fungi, transplanted organs, cancer cells & some bacteria \* aka Natural killer cells \* attack many different microbes & some tumor cells \* destroy foreign invaders by direct attack PLATELETS \* Derived from ruptured multinucleate cells (megakaryocytes) \* Needed for the clotting process \* Normal platelet count = 300, 000/mm3 \* Disc-shaped, 2 - 4 micron cell fragment with no nucleus HEMOSTASIS \* A clot is a gel consisting of a network of insoluble protein fibers (fibrin) in which formed elements of blood are trapped. \* Blood clotting involves a cascade of reactions that may be divided into three stages: -formation of prothrombinase (prothrombin activator) -conversion of prothrombin into thrombin -conversion of soluble fibringen into insoluble fibrin. \*\*\* If clotting occurs in an unbroken vessel is called a thrombosis Platelet Plug Formation \* Platelets store a lot of

chemicals in granules needed for platelet plug formation: \* alpha granules \* clotting factors \* platelet-derived growth factor \* dense granules Steps in the process \* (1) platelet adhesion (2) platelet release reaction (3) platelet aggregation