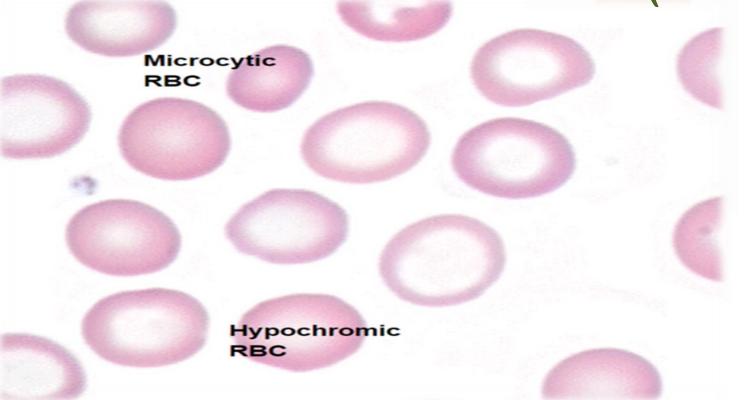


## **IRON DEFICIENCY ANEMIA**

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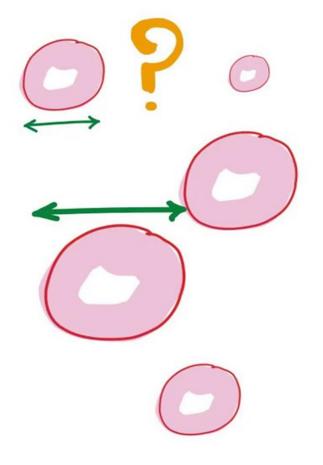


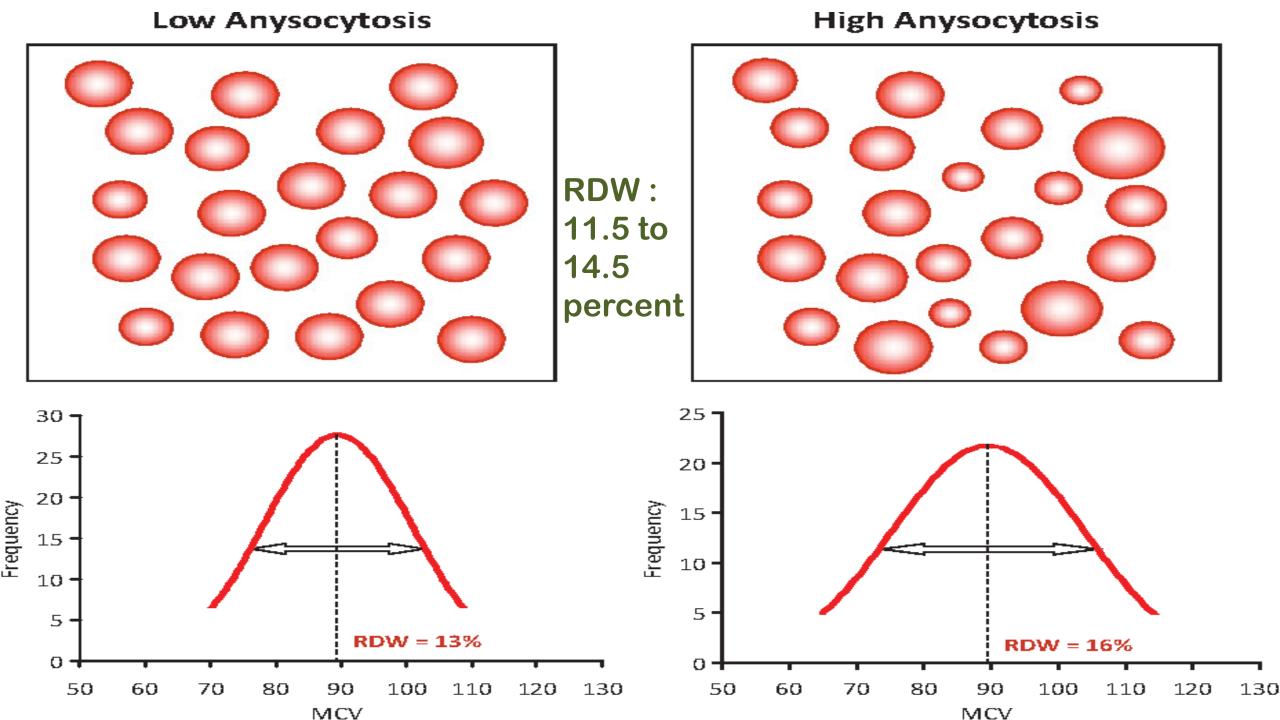
## Microcytosis/ Microcytic anemia Adults: 80 to 96 Fl (mean ± SD = 88 ± 4 fL)



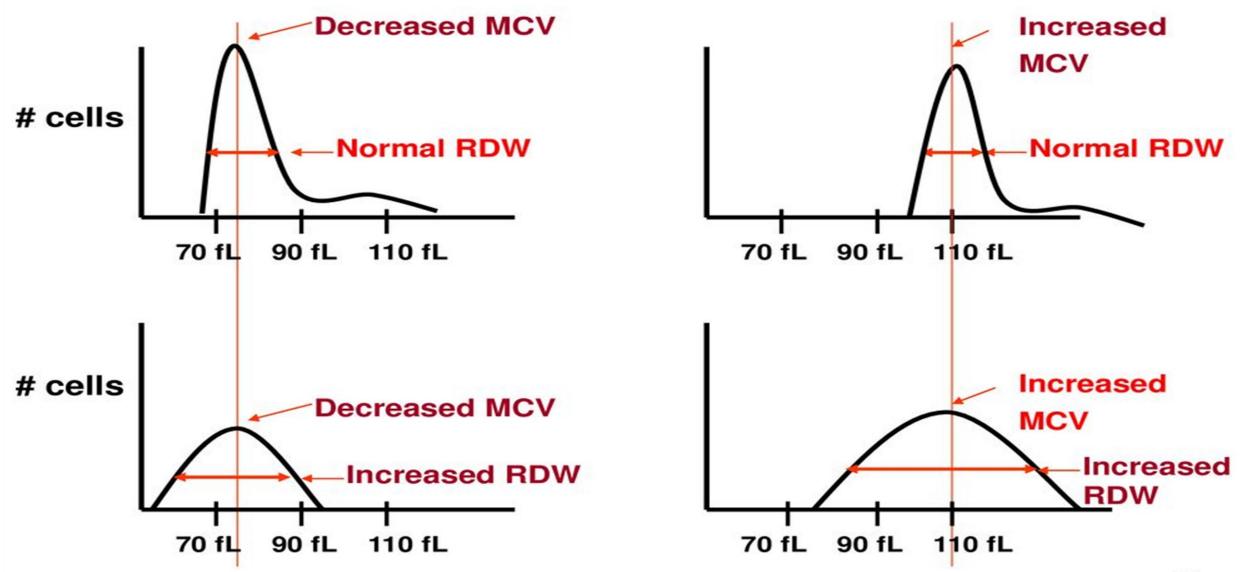


# Red Cell Distribution Width (RDW)

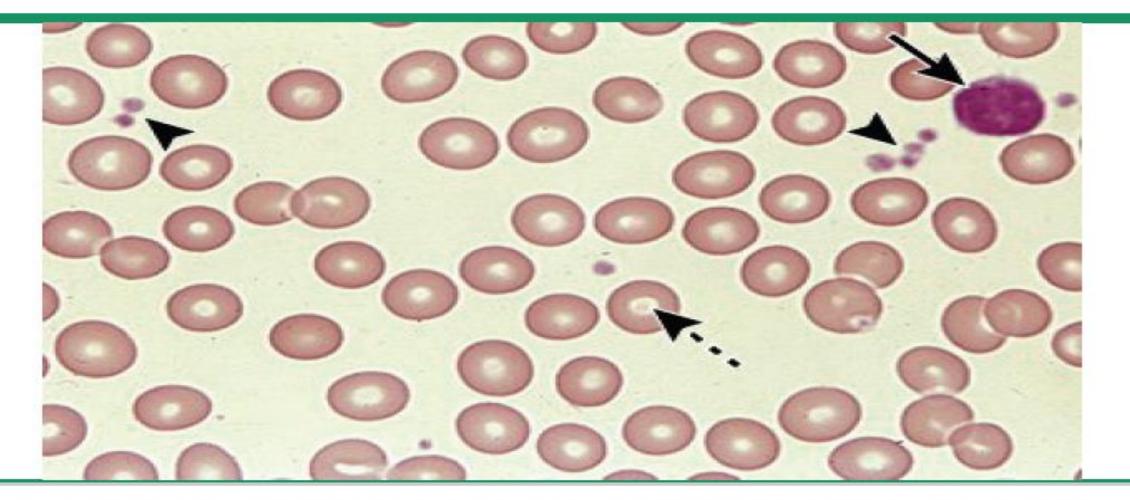




## **RDW and RBC Histogram**



#### Normal peripheral blood smear



High-power view of a normal peripheral blood smear. Several platelets (arrowheads) and a normal lymphocyte (arrow) can also be seen. The red cells are of relatively uniform size and shape. The diameter of the normal red cell should approximate that of the nucleus of the small lymphocyte; central pallor (dashed arrow) should equal one-third of its diameter.



### causes of microcytosis

#### Hereditary disorders

Defects of globin synthesis

#### Thalassemia syndromes

Thalassemic hemoglobinopathies (eg, hemoglobin [Hb]E, Hb Lepore)

#### Defects of iron metabolism

Iron refractory iron deficiency anemia (IRIDA)\*

Divalent metal transporter (DMT)1 mutations\*

Atransferrinemia\*

Sideroblastic anemia

#### Acquired disorders

#### Iron deficiency anemia

Anemia of chronic disease (also called anemia of chronic inflammation)\*

Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) with acquired thalassemia  $\P$ 

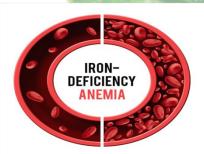
Sideroblastic anemias due to drugs or toxins (lead poisoning, alcohol, drugs)

Copper deficiency (some cases)

Zinc toxicity

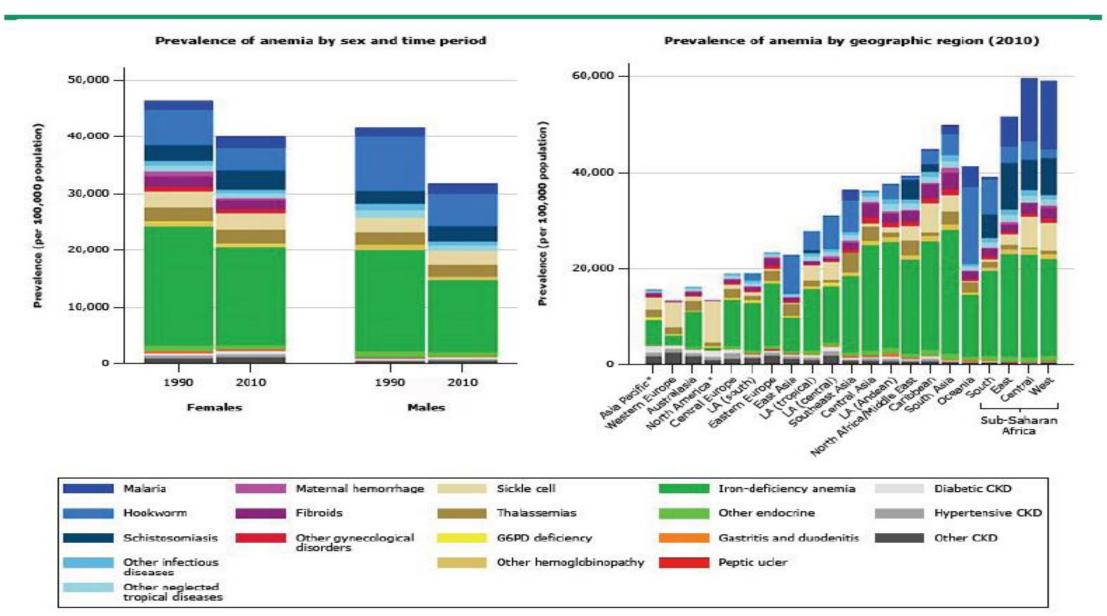


## iron deficiency and iron deficiency anemia in adults



## EPIDEMIOLOGY

Graphs showing the prevalence of anemia according to sex, year, and geographic region, classified by underlying cause







	Normal	Iron deficiency without anemia	Iron deficiency with mild anemia	Severe iron deficiency with severe anemia
Hemoglobin	Normal range*	Normal range*	9 to 12 g/dL (90 to 120 g/L)	6 to 7 g/dL (60 to 70 g/L)
Red blood cell size and appearance	Normal	Normal	Normal or slight hypochromia (slight decrease in MCHC)	Microcytosis (decrease in MCV) and hypochromia (decrease in MCHC)
Serum ferritin	40 to 200 ng/mL (40 to 200 mcg/L; 89.9 to 449 picoM/L)	<40 ng/mL <sup>¶</sup> (<40 mcg/L; <89.9 picoM/L)	<20 ng/mL (<20 mcg/L; <45 picoM/L)	<10 ng/mL (<10 mcg/L; <22.5 picoM/L)
Serum iron	60 to 150 mcg/dL (10.7 to 26.7 microM/L)	60 to 150 mcg/dL (10.7 to 26.7 microM/L)	< 60 mcg/dL (< 10.7 microM/L)	<40 mcg/dL (<7.1 microM/L
Total iron-binding capacity (TIBC; transferrin)	300 to 360 mcg/dL (53.7 to 64.4 microM/L)	300 to 390 meg/dL (53.7 to 69.8 mieroM/L)	350 to 400 mcg/dL (62.6 to 71.6 microM/L)	>410 mcg/dL (>73.4 microM/L)
Transferrin saturation (serum iron/TIBC)	20 to 50%	20%	<15%	<10%
Bone marrow iron stain	Adequate iron present	Iron absent	Iron absent	Iron absent
Erythrocyte zinc protoporphyrin, ng/mL RBC	30 to 70	30 to 70	>100	100 to 200



stool tested for blood, gastrointestinal evaluation for adults >50 years of age with new onset IDA regardless of the results of stool occult blood testing, because gastrointestinal

lesions can bleed intermittently

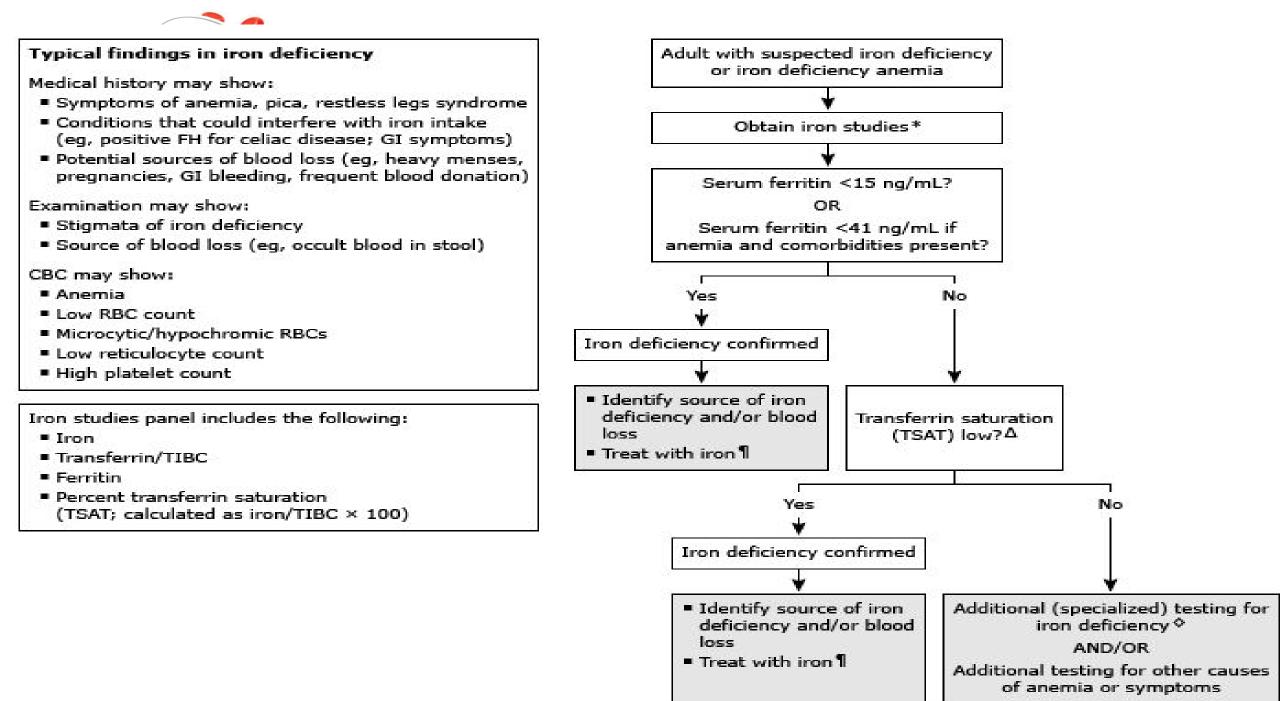
gastrointestinal telangiectasias
exercise-induced hemolysis
Urinary blood loss
surgical treatment for obesity



iron-replete individuals

- decreased levels of erythropoietin
- □ increased levels of inflammatory cytokines
- □ toxicity of heavy metals such as lead







## **ANEMIA OF CHRONIC INFLAMMATION**

- ✓ a diagnosis of exclusion
   ✓ MCV below 70 fL is unlikely
  - □ low serum iron
  - Iow TIBC
  - normal to increased serum ferritin

 chronic infections (eg,pulmonary tuberculosis), inflammation (eg,active rheumatoid arthritis), and malignancies



- ✓ alpha or beta globin genes
- ✓ Africa, the Mediterranean, and Southeast Asia
- ✓ mild splenomegaly
- hemoglobin level is 10 to 13 g/dL in beta thalassemia minor, with an MCV of approximately 65 to 75 fL
- **RBC** count normal or increased
- **RDW** is normal





## 

- □ microcytosis
- □ target cells
- Latear-drop RBC forms
- basophilic stippling



# APPROACH TO THE EVALUATION



## CONFIRM MICROCYTOSIS/MICROCYTIC ANEMIA

- in vitro RBC fragmentation due to collection in a sample tube containing an inappropriate fluid or debris
- ✓ inadvertent heating of the sample (eg, during transport)
- ✓ especially long delay between sample collection and analysis
- extremely large platelets or white blood cell fragments may be counted as RBCs

## repeating the sample and/or reviewing the peripheral blood smear



## EXCLUDE IRON DEFICIENCY AND THALASSEMIA

	Iron deficiency Anemia	Thalassemia
Hb	Low	Low (100-115)
MCV	< 85: Consider Fe deficiency <75: Fe deficiency	Low (60's)
RBC Count	Low	High
RDW	High	Normal
Ferritin	Low (<30)	



# ASSESS THE LIKELIHOOD OF ANEMIA OF CHRONIC INFLAMMATION

	Iron Deficiency Anemia	Anemia of Chronic Disease	Thalassemia
MCV	Low/normal	Low/normal	Low/normal
RDW	High	Normal	Normal
Iron	Low	Low	Normal/high
тівс	High	Normal/low	Normal
Ferritin	Low	Normal/high	Normal
Transferrin saturation	Low	Normal	Normal
Transferrin	High	Normal	Normal

MCV = mean corpuscular volume

RDW = red cell distribution width

TIBC = total iron binding capacity

