



## Red blood cell counting

Physiology Lab-12

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## What is a red blood cell (RBC) count?

A red blood cell (RBC) count measures the number of red blood cells, also known as erythrocytes, in your blood. Red blood cells carry oxygen from your lungs to every cell in your body. Your cells need oxygen to grow, reproduce, and stay healthy. An RBC count that is higher or lower than normal is often the first sign of an illness.



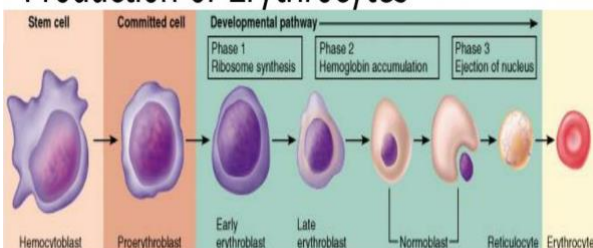
## Symptoms of a low red blood cell count include:

- Weakness
- Fatigue
- Pale skin
- Rapid heartbeat

## Symptoms of a high red blood cell count include:

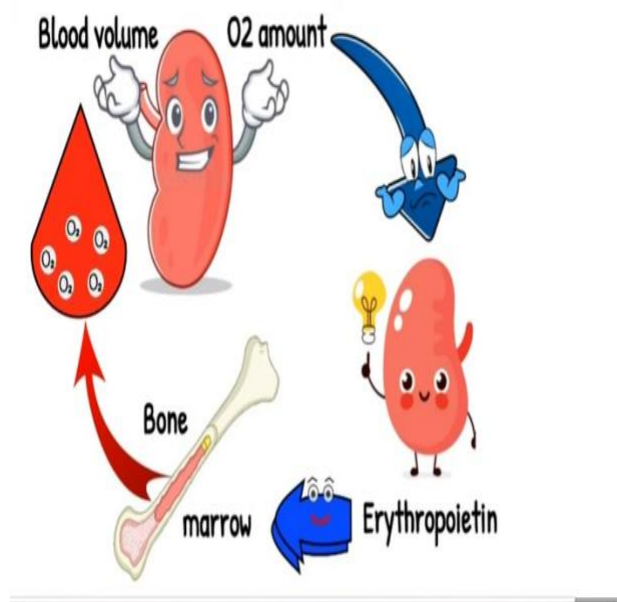
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Vision problems

### Production of Erythrocytes



#### ➤ Erythropoiesis

- ◆ RBC production
- ◆ controlled by hormones, especially erythropoietin (EPO) from the kidney
- ◆ three phases of RBC maturation
  - production of ribosomes
  - synthesis of hemoglobin
  - ejection of the nucleus and reduction in organelles
- ◆ leave bone marrow as reticulocytes → mature in the blood stream to become erythrocytes



**There are two methods of counting red blood cells, modern (CBC )and Traditional**

## **Materials & Apparatu**

1-pipette

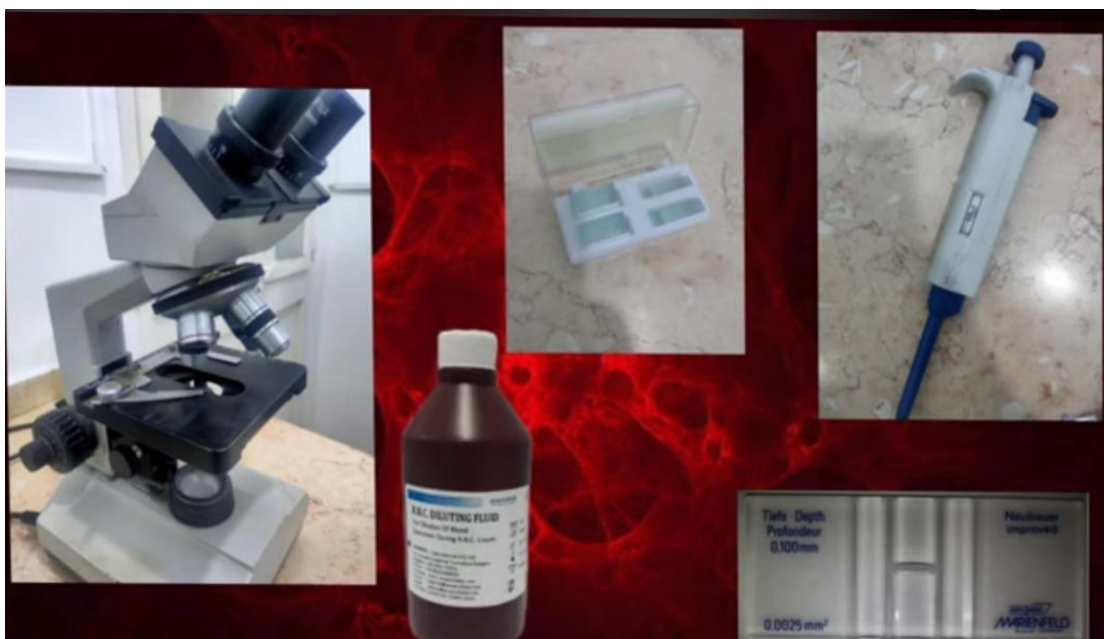
2- Haemocytometer slide or Neubauer's chamber

3. Isotonic diluting fluid. Any of the following solutions can be used:

a. Ranbaxy solution, also known as Sodium citrate solution

b. Hayem's fluid solution

c. Normal saline



## **The method of work**

Add 1990 microliters of Normal Slide into a tube

We add 10 microns from the blood sample add 10 microns from the blood sample

We mix it with a pipette We wait 5 minutes

We place the slide on the jumper and put 10 microns of the sample inside the jumper Place it in a damp place for 5 minutes. We place the slide on the microscope and count the red blood cells

## **The accounts**

The calculation was made in five squares from the middle square designated for counting red blood cells, meaning that the sum of the squares =  $5 \times 16 = 80$  squares, and since the volume of each square is  $1/4000$  mm<sup>3</sup>, then the volume in 80 squares =  $1/4000 \times 80 = 1/50$  mm<sup>3</sup>.

The number of red blood cells in 1 cubic millimeter of blood was calculated, and let us assume that their number in 80 squares = N

Any Since the blood was diluted 200 times

So the number of red blood cells in 1 mm<sup>3</sup> squaresd

Normal red blood cell count (million/mm<sup>3</sup> of blood)

Female: 4-5 million/mm<sup>3</sup> of blood

Male: 4.7-6.1 million/mm<sup>3</sup> of blood

Children 2-5 years: 4.2-5 million/mm<sup>3</sup> of blood

Children 6-12 years: 4.3-5.1 million/mm<sup>3</sup> of blood

Infants: 4-6 million/mm<sup>3</sup> of blood

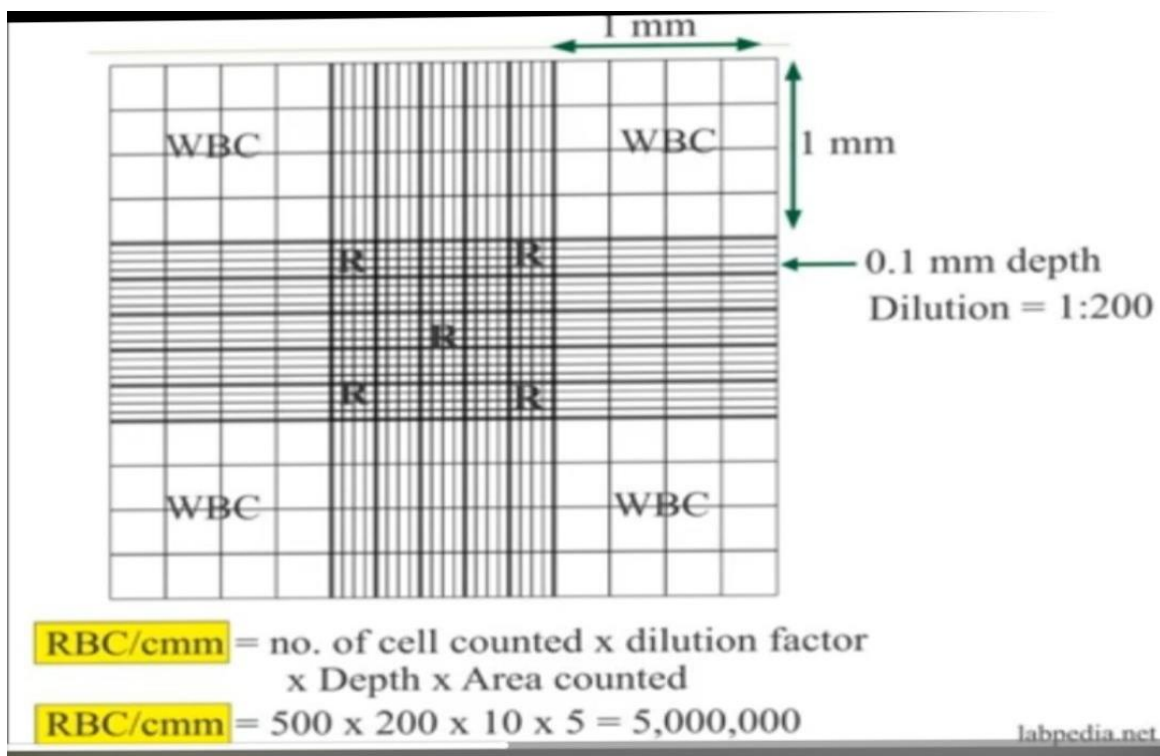




Figure 1: Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Differential

	Patient Value		UPMC PUH/SHY Normal Range Male
WBC	12.5 x10E+9/L	[H]	( 3.8 - 10.6)
- RBC	2.28 x10E+12/L	[L]	( 4.13 - 5.57)
- Hgb	7.8 g/dl	[L]	( 12.9 - 16.9)
Hct	23.7 %	[L]	( 38.0 - 48.8)
MCV	104.0 fL	[H]	( 82.6 - 97.4)
MCH	34.3 pg	[H]	( 27.8 - 33.4)
MCHC	33.0 gm/dL		( 32.7 - 35.5)
RDW	18.4 %	[H]	( 11.8 - 15.2)
PLT	284 x10E+9/L		( 156 - 369)
<b>Peripheral Blood Differential</b>		<b>ABS. No.</b>	<b>UPMC PUH/SHY Normal Range (ABS)</b>
POLYS	19.0 %	( 2.38)	( 2.24 - 7.68)
BANDS	16.5 %	( 2.06)	[H] ( 0.10 - 0.80)
LYMPHS	9.0 %	( 1.12)	( 0.80 - 3.65)
MONOS	26.0 %	( 3.25)	[H] ( 0.30 - 0.90)
EOS	1.0 %	( 0.12)	( 0.00 - 0.40)
BLASTS	28.0 %	( 3.50)	
META	0.5 %	( 0.06)	
NRBC/100 WBC	1		

## Physiological factors

1. Age, gender, activity, nutrition, pregnancy and breastfeeding.
2. In very high areas, the number of R.B.C. increases due to lack of oxygen
3. Psychological emotions

## Pathological factors

1. Cases of anemia
2. Cases of hemorrhage
3. Leukemia
4. Degradation of R.B.C resulting from blood transfusion
5. Erythropoietin hormone disorder
6. Polycythem
7. Cardiac failure
8. Dehydration
9. Smoking