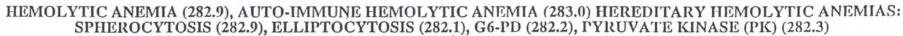
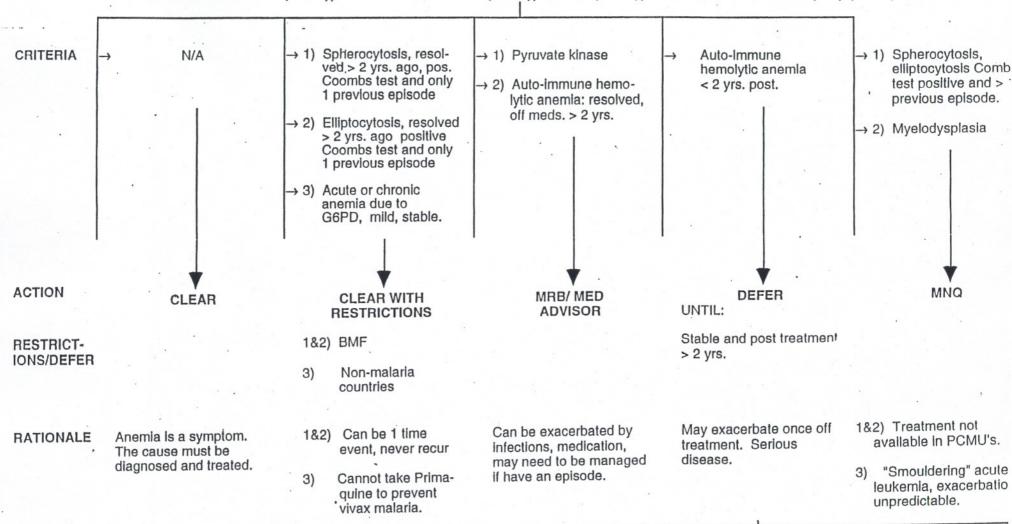
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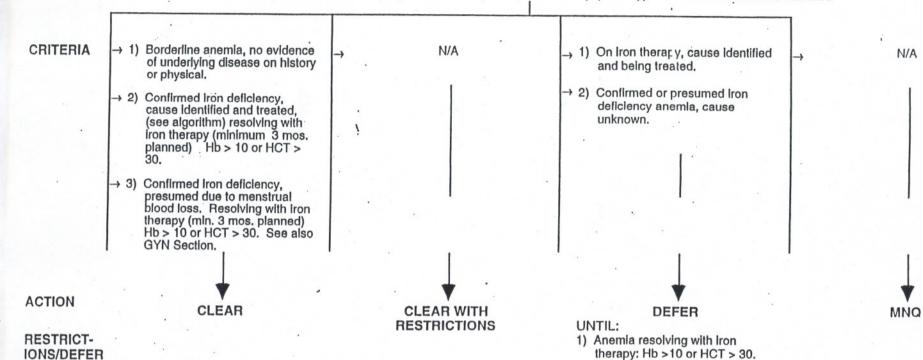
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MEDICAL INFORMATION NEEDED: Hematologist evaluation; treatment needed next 3 yrs.; Labwork, tests, F/U needed, and meds.

## IRON DEFICIENCY (ID) ANEMIA (Fe ANEMIAS) (280.9), BORDERLINE ANEMIA



RATIONALE .

### CONFIRMED IRON DEFICIENCY:

1) Low serum iron and ferritin with normal or elevated TIBC.

2) Document response to Iron replacement;

3) Absent Iron stores on bone marrow 99.9% of I.D. anemias are due to blood loss. Once the underlying problem is resolved it does not recur. The cause for anemia must be diagnosed and treated, can be related to GI bleeding (ulcers, polyps, malignancies) low Fe Intake or absorption, malaria.

MEDICAL **INFORMATION NEEDED:** 

Values below borderline require evaluation - see addendum for algorithm

Generic information; Fe, TIBC, and/or Ferritin tests;

and Stool for occult blood X3

	· MA	ALE	FEMALE	
	NL	borderline	NL .	borderline
Hematocrit	42-52	40-42	38-46	36-38
Hemoglobin	14-18	13-14	12-16	11-12

	NORMA	L S	
BASIS	MALE	FEMALE	IN ID ANEMIA
Fe	70 - 150 mcg/dl	80 - 150	low
TIBC	300 - 400	300 - 450	hlgh
Trans Ferren Saturation	20 - 50	20 - 50	low
Serum Ferritin	30 - 300 ng/ml	30 - 300 ng/ml	low

and cause resolved (see appropriate guideline)

2) Source of blood loss positively identified (GI tract is most frequent source).

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COMPONENT	NORMALS	BORDERLINE NORMALS	CRITERIA FOR NORMAL/BORDERLINE
Hematocrit and/or Hemoglobin	Male: 42-52% 14-18g/dl	Male: 40-42% 13-14g/dl	Clear
	Female: 38-46% 12-16g/dl	Female: 36-38% 11-12g/dl	Clear
			Any values outside of normal/borderline normal requires appropriate evaluation as per addendum for anemia work-up.

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# URINALYSIS

COMPONENT	NORMALS	CRITERIA
Specific Gravity Color Character pH	1.005-1.020 Straw Clear, odorless 4.5-8.0	Any deviations should be reviewed in context of other U/A findings and history and physical. May ask for repeat or take action based on underlying cause.
Glucose (sugar):	Negative	Negative Clear Present Defer: Diabetes, drug therapy
Protein (Albumin):	Negative to Trace	Negative to trace-(except diabetics)  > Trace  Defer:MD  evaluation for kidney disease
Ketones (acetone):	Negative	Negative Clear Trace or 1+ & no glucose Clear 1+ & positive glucose Defer: MD evaluation
Urobilinogen:	Negative/Small Amounts	Negative to trace
Bilirubin:	Negative	Negative Clear Positive Refer: MD R/O liver disease
Nitrite:	Negative	Negative Clear Positive R/O UTI
Ascorbic Acid: .	No importance	N/A N/A
Blood (Occult Blood):	Negative dipstick, o-3 RBC/HPF	Negative-or < 0-3 RBC/HP Clear Positive Defer: R/O > 3 RBC/HPF Urologic dysfunction





Initial Anemia Work-up

The following evaluations are for begining the anemia work-up on PCVs and applicants. It is not a comprehensive analysis of the anemic condition but indicates where to begin and a discussion of iron deficiency anemia.

- 1) Anemia is diagnosed by a CBC or spun hematocrit. See Screening Guidelines page SP8 for the values acceptable to Peace Corps
- 2) The initial evaluation must have:
  - a) reticulocyte count, with reticulocyte index calculated
  - b) Peripheral blood smear
  - c) MCV, MCHC, (RDW if available)
  - d) A complete H&P regarding diet, menstruation, pregnancy, etc.
  - e) 3 stools for occult blood (needed for most classifications, so get it early)
- 3) The above information will classify the anemia into cell size:

microcytic, most common

macrocytic

normocytic

4) The anemia is now evaluated based on the above classification. Some common anemias and their work-ups are listed below. Field consults may save time by also recommending work-up for iron deficiency immediately, in a lidition to the tests already listed above.

## Specific Anemia Work-up

1) Microcytic anemia Causes = Iron deficiency, Thalessemia, Cronic disease

Work-up: TIBC, Serum Ferritin, Serum Iron

(note that iron deficiency can also be diagnosed by de nonstrating that the anemia is corrected by giving supplemental iron)
Action: The cause of iron deficiency anemia must be identified. If any stools are + for blood a GI investigation must be performed.
Other causes include: low iron diet, decreased absorption, heavy and frequent menstruation, hemoglobinuria, pregnancy, lactation, others. Hemoglobin values must be corrected to acceptable levels before clearance if iron decrease is the cause.

2) Macrocytic Anemia. Causes = Vit B12 or Folate deficient, ∟iver disease

Work-up:

1)B12 and folate levels

2) Bone marrow biopsy if retic count low

Action: Refer to specialist

3) Normocytic Anemia. Causes (many) = Marrow failure, Hemolysis, blood loss

Work-up:

1) If Retic count decreased, Bone Marrow biopsy

2) if retic increased, Coombs Test

Action: Refer to specialist

## MEGALOBLASTIC ANEMIAS (281.9), PERNICIOUS ANEMIA, B-12 DEFICIENCY (281.0), FOLATE DEFICIENCY (281.2)

#### CRITERIA → 1) Newly diagnosed folate → 1) Assoc, with auto immune → 1) B12 (pernicious anemia) on → 1) B-12 or Pernicious Anemia: deficiency or diagnosed <1 yr. maintenance therapy of B12 on maintenance therapy of disease (thyroid, most injection Q 3 mo or greater, B-12 injections; every 1-2 common, ITP, LE). → 2) Newly diagnosed, pernicious or every 1-2 mos self mos lab. values WNL. or B-12 Anemia: Schilling test administered. → 2) Persistent neurological positive. deficiency associated with Pernicious Anemia. → 2) Folate deficiency asympto-→ 3) Symptomatic pernicious matic, blood studies WNL anemia: weight loss. and asymptomatic on anorexia, glossitis, neurolomaintenance therapy \$11/1/1 glcal including parathesias, weakness, ataxia, fatique, neurological deficiency. ACTION MNQ DEFER **CLEAR WITH** CLEAR UNTIL: RESTRICTIONS 1) Usually nutritionally based; 1) PCMO concurrence to verify ability to RESTRICT-R/O alcoholism, hemolytic administer B12 on Q 1-2 mo schedule. IONS/DEFER Requires Vit. B-12 Inj. (ranges q 3 mos. - q 12

RATIONALE

Requires Vit. B-12 injection maintenance for life

mos.) usually self administered. Storage of Vit. B-12, cool area, out of sun light. Does not

require refrigeration.

- 1) Decision should be based ( underlying disease.
- 2) Disease process too severe PCMU cannot support.

MEDICAL INFORMATION NEEDED:

Generic information; Hematology evaluation; treatment needed next 3 year; Lab tests: Schilling test pos. is the definitive test for B-12 and Pernicious Anemia. MCV can be low and still have Megaloblastic Anemia and is not considered a sensitive test; Folate levels for folate deficiency anemias.

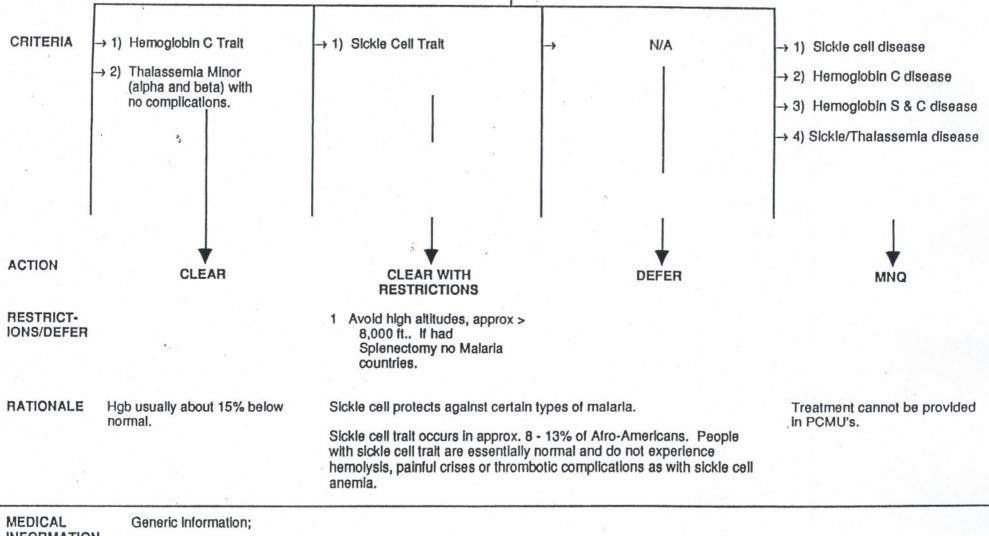
anemia. Asymptomatic on maintenance folic acid > 1 yr.

2-3) Asymptomatic on mainten-.

ance therapy.

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# HEMOGLOBINOPATHIES, SICKLE CELL TRAIT (282.5) DISEASE (282.6), HEMOGLOBIN C. TRAIT (282.7) DISEASE (282.7), THALASSEMIA TRAIT (282.4) DISEASE (282.4)



MEDICAL INFORMATION NEEDED:

Laboratory confirmed diagnosis.

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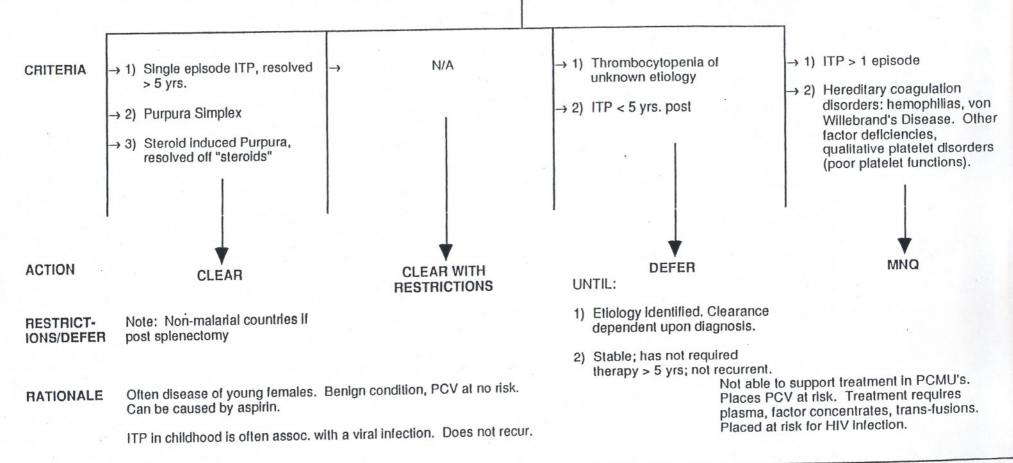
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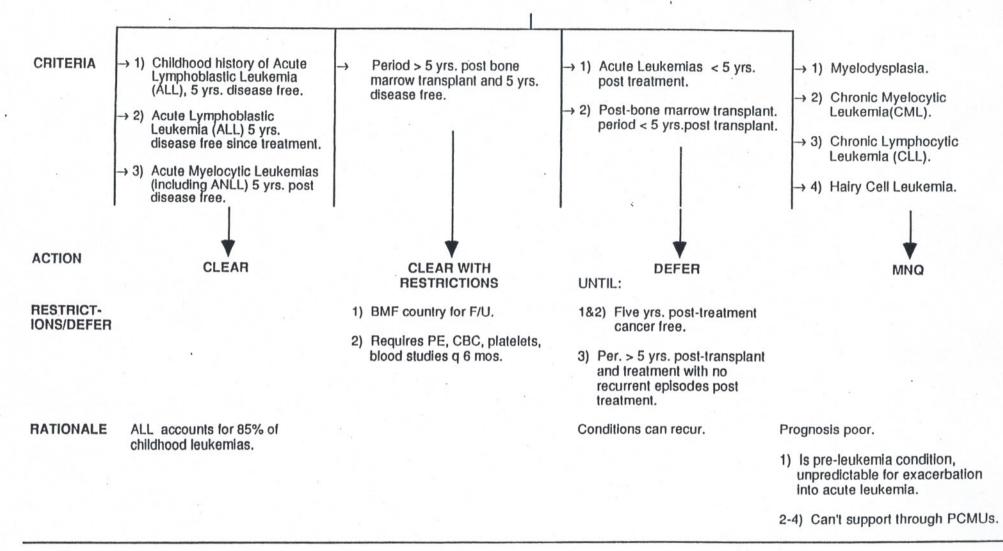
# HEMORRHAGIC DISORDER (287) IMMUNO-THROMBOCYTOPENIA PURPURA (ITP) (287.3), THROMBOCYTOPENIA (287.5)



MEDICAL INFORMATION NEEDED: Generic Information;

Hematology evaluation if Hx of ITP (except ITP in childhood).

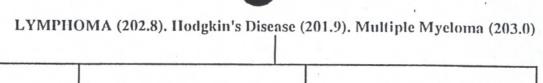
# LEUKEMIAS, Acute Lymphoblastic (204.0); Acute Myelocytic (205.0), Chronic Lymphocytic (204.1), Hairy Cell (202.4), Chronic Myelocytic (205.1), Myelodysplasia (208.8), Bone Marrow Transplant (41.0)

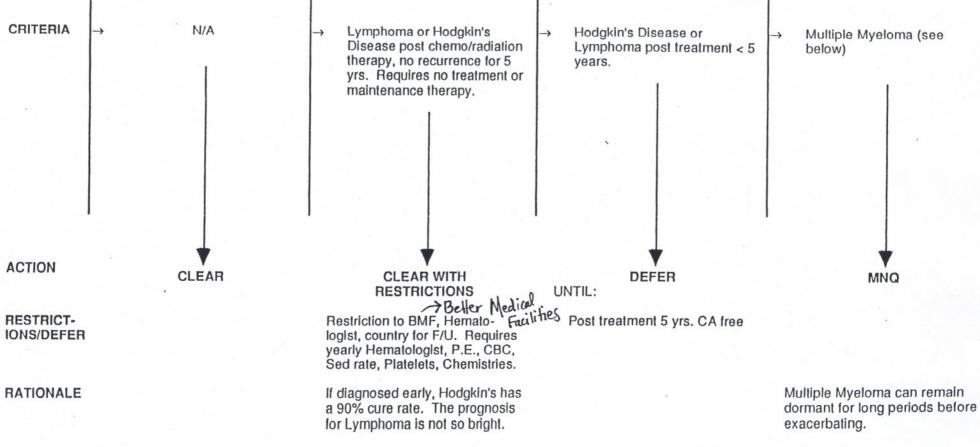


MEDICAL INFORMATION NEEDED: Hematology evaluation except for childhood leukemias









MEDICAL INFORMATION NEEDED: Generic information; Hematologist evaluation.

### MYELOPROLIFERATE DISORDERS (238.7), ESSENTIAL THROMBOCYTHEMIA (238.7), MYELOFIBROSIS (289.8), POLYCYTHEMIA VERA (238.4) CRITERIA N/A N/A Polycythemia (elevated RBC), → 1) Polycythemia Vera R/O cause, i.e. compensatory, relative or → 2) Myelofibrosis polycythemia vera. → 3) Essential (primary) Thrombocythemia **ACTION** CLEAR **CLEAR WITH** DEFER MNQ RESTRICTIONS UNTIL: RESTRICT-Compensatory, relative, 1) Requires monitoring, IONS/DEFER polycythemia: determine periodic phlebotomy. underlying cause, when H&H Cannot be managed by return to normal, follow guideline PCMUs. for specific reason. 2&3) Poor prognosis, requires monitoring. Care cannot be supported by PCMU. RATIONALE Polycythemia can be caused by a variety of reasons. The underlying cause must be determined and cleared accordingly. MEDICAL Hematology evaluation for diagnosis; **INFORMATION NEEDED:** and blood studies.

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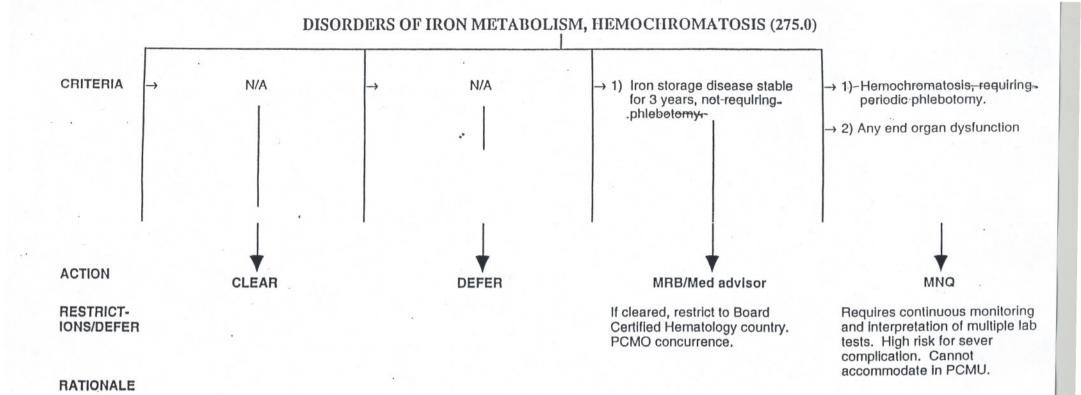






#### CRITERIA → 1) Splenic cysts, asymptomatic Post splenectomy > 3 mos. → 1) Post splenectomy < 3 mos.</p> → 1) Assoc, with Cirrhosis, Portal due to benign cause, i.e. post, benign cause. HTN, auto-immune disease → 2) Past history of splenomegaly trauma, splenic cysts. resolved, due to acute or → 2) Splenomegaly unknown → 2) Lipid storage disease chronic infections, now cause. Current or recently resolved. diagnosed. ACTION CLEAR **CLEAR WITH** DEFER MNQ UNTIL: RESTRICTIONS RESTRICT-1) At risk for sudden bleeding Must have pneumovax, 1) Post-op 6 mos. asymptomatic IONS/DEFER meningococcus, hemophilis Influenza B vaccines. No 2) Requires work-up for possible 2) Treatment not available in Malaria countries. cause and condition treated. PCMU's. Condition limits PCV's ability to function. RATIONALE 1) Splenic cyst is rare, usually Cancer in the spleen is usually due to resolution of previous metastasis from cancer in other hematoma, sometimes body sites. requiring surgery or associated with renal cysts. 2) Malaria, mononucleosis, chronic TB, Hepatitis can cause splenomegaly.

MEDICAL INFORMATION NEEDED: Generic Information



MEDICAL INFORMATION NEEDED: Generic Information;

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## HEMATULOGY

- Anemia: Except for iron deficiency anemia, anemia are extremely rare in the younger population. Anemia is more commonly seen in individuals 60 years or older; an exceptio anemia secondary to colon cancer in males.
- Megaloblastic Anemia: There are a variety of causes for megaloblastic anemia, i.e., auto-immune disease as in pernicious anemia, the absence of gastro-parietal cells for a variety reasons such as surgery, in B-12 deficiency, or food causes as in iron deficiency.
- B-12 and Pernicious Anemia: Pernicious anemia is an auto immune disease in which the gastro-parietal cells are attacked. The gastro-parietal cells produce intrinsic factor which co-factor in producing hemoglobin.
  - In both pernicious anemia and B-12 anemia, the condition, once stabilized, can be managed by iron injections every few months, usually self-injected by the individual. If some reason the injections are not given, it takes a great deal of time, up to ten years for the individual to become depleted.
- Iron Deficiency Anemia: 99.9% of iron deficiency anemia is due to acute blood loss. Once the underlying problem is resolved, it does not recur. An exception to this is the wor with persistent anemia due to heavy menses. The anemia from this condition, once stabilized, can be handled by monitoring the hematocrit or hemoglobin and provide iron replacement accordingly.

## Hemolytic Anemia:

- Spherocytosis and Elliptocytosis: Individuals with these hereditary anemias can have only one episode and never have a recurrence. Clearance should be judged on the numbe episodes.
- G6-PD and Pyruvate Kinase: These hereditary anemias are due to an enzyme deficiency and an acute episode can be stimulated by a variety of factors, such as infections, such as in
- Auto-Immune Hemolytic Anemia: Individuals with this condition should be monitored and stable at least 1 year after diagnosis and treatment before considering the applican placement. This condition may exacerbate once off treatment and the disease has serious implications.
- Sickle Cell, Hemoglobin C, Thalassemia: All consultants thought that individuals with the Trait of these conditions were stable enough to be accepted into Peace Corps if they coul placed in countries where they could be managed if they experienced a crisis abroad. Because the treatment might include blood transfusion this would infer coun where the risk of HIV transmission through blood products is controlled. One consultant thought individuals with Sickle Cell disease, suffering less than one episode year, could do well in a country with medical facilities which could provide support during a crisis if it became necessary. The other two consultants thought the risk too great and that individuals with Sickle Cell disease should not be considered for Peace Corps service. All consultants felt that individuals with Hemoglobi Thalassemia and combinations of Sickle Cell and Hemoglobin C, Sickle Cell and Thalassemia disease would be at too great a risk from their disease in a develo country.

Purpura Simplex: This condition is considered a disease by some, not by others. it is primarily a condition of young females and is evidenced by bruising easily.

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Immune Thrombocytopenia

Puerpera (ITP): Childhood ITP can be an episode associated with a viral infection and never recur. Adult ITP is an auto-immune platelet disorder and, if treated and stable, can remain stable.

Hereditary Congulation

Disorders: The hereditary coagulation disorders, such as hemophilia, are serious conditions requiring transfusions of platelet and factor concentrates. Such transfusions could place the individuals at risk in countries without adequate HIV screening.

Leukemia: If an individual has survived 5 years after treatment without a recurrent episode of the disease, they are considered cured. If they have had a recurrence during the 5 year after treatment, they would be considered a poor risk for survival.

Myelodysplasia: Individuals diagnosed with Myelodysplasia have a condition which is pre-leukemic, is extremely unpredictable, and which may exacerbate into acute leukemia at any time.

Lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease and

Multiple Myeloma: If diagnosed and treated early, Hodgkin's Disease has more than a 90% cure rate. Lymphoma has a less optimistic prognosis than Hodgkin's, however, if there hat been no recurrent episodes in the 5 years post treatment, individuals may do very well, require no maintenance treatment and only need an annual examination by hematologist and blood studies. Multiple Myeloma is a disease which can lie dormant for many years, without evidence of clinical symptoms. If individuals are in the dormant stage of this disease, they could manage very nicely with monitoring as recommended by their hematologist/oncologist.

Polycythemia and

Polycythemia Vera: Polycythemia is an abnormal increase in the number of red blood cells. It can be compensatory polycythemia, that is polycythemia resulting from anoxia due to pulmonary emphysema or prolonged residence at high altitudes. Relative polycythemia is a relative increase in the number of red blood cells due to a loss of the fluit portion of the blood as might occur as a result of dehydration due to diarrhea or diuretics. Polycythemia Vera is a chronic myeloproliferative disorder of unknown caus characterized by an increase in Hbg concentration and RBC mass. Individuals with this condition require periodic phlebotomy and monitoring which would be difficult to provide through a Peace Corps Medical Unit.

Splenectomy: As the spleen is a site for anti-body synthesis and a phagocytic organ, individuals who have undergone splenectomy are highly susceptible to infection. They should have all the required immunizations and in addition, Pneumovax, meningococcal, Hemophilus influenza and hepatitis-B vaccines. Because of the loss of the phagocytic action performed by the spleen, individuals who have had a splenectomy should not be placed in a malarial country; an episode of malaria, even though treated, can quickly become a life threatening illness for them.

COMPONENT	NORMALS		CRITERIA	ACTION
	Female	Male	Low	_See Anemia, R/O GI Need, co
Hematocrit	38-46%	42-52%	WNL	_ Clear
Hemoglobin	12-16g/dl >50 y.o: 11-13g/dl	14-18g/dl >50 y.o.: 12-14g/dl	HIGH	_ MD Evaluation to R/O COPD Polycythemia, High altitude habitant, dehydration, repear H&H
Serum Fe	Male: 70-150 mcb/dl Female: 80-150 mcb/dl	70-15 mcb/dl	WNL	_ Clear
Total Iron Binding Capacity (TIBC)	Male: 300-400 mcb/dl Female: 300-450 mcb/dl	300-400	Low	_ Check for anemia
Mean Corpuscular Volume (MCV)	80-100 cubic microns		<80 WNL	_ Defer. MD evaluation to R/O Thalassemia, Iron deficiency or chronic diseases _ Clear _ Defer MD evaluation to R/O Pernicions Anemia, Folic Acid Deficiency
Platelets	150-450k/cmm	Comments: Adequate	WNLLow or Inadequate	_ Clear _ Defer; R/O bleeding disorder
Normal size, shape or color		Few, rare or slight with no other abnormalities	_ Clear	
		Macrocytic, Microcytic, Burr cells, hypochromic, Polychromatic	_Defer: MD evaluations	to R/O Abnormalities, repeat test
White Cell Count	3,500 - 11,000 WBC's/ml		<3,500	_ Defer: MD evaluation to R/O Viral Infection, Drug Therapy, Repeat WBC, Infections, Mono
	. 4F		WNL>	_ Clear _ Defer: MD Evaluation to R/C Bacterial Infection, Leukemia, Polycythemia, Repeat WBC

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WBC Differential .	Total segmented		WNL	_ Clear
	neutrophils	50-75%		
	(Polys):	3-5%	Slight elevation	_ Clear
	Bands (stabs):	0-1%	of Eosinophils with	
	Metamyelocytes:	20-40%	allergies	
	Lymphocytes:	0-8%		
	Monocytes:	0-6%	Slight elevation or	_ Defer: repeat test
	Eosinophils:	0-2%	slight decrease in	
	Basophils;	0-4%	neutrophils or lymphocytes	
	Atypical Lymphs:	the presence of any other		
	Any other;	types of WBC is abnormal	Any other	
		and requires evaluation	abnormality, presence of	_ Defer: MD evaluation to R/O
			blasts, cosinophils >7%,	malignancies, Inflammatory
			Atypical lymphs >4%	Disorders, Immune Disorder,
			,, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Hodgkin's, Colitis, Nephrosis