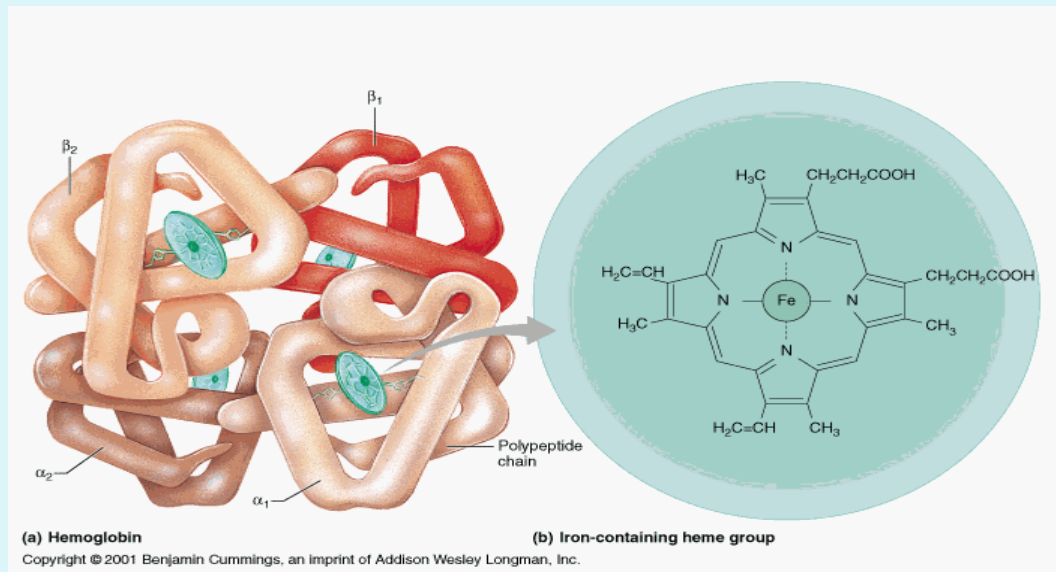


Hemoglobin and anemia and hematocrit(HCT) and erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)



Hemoglobin synthesis

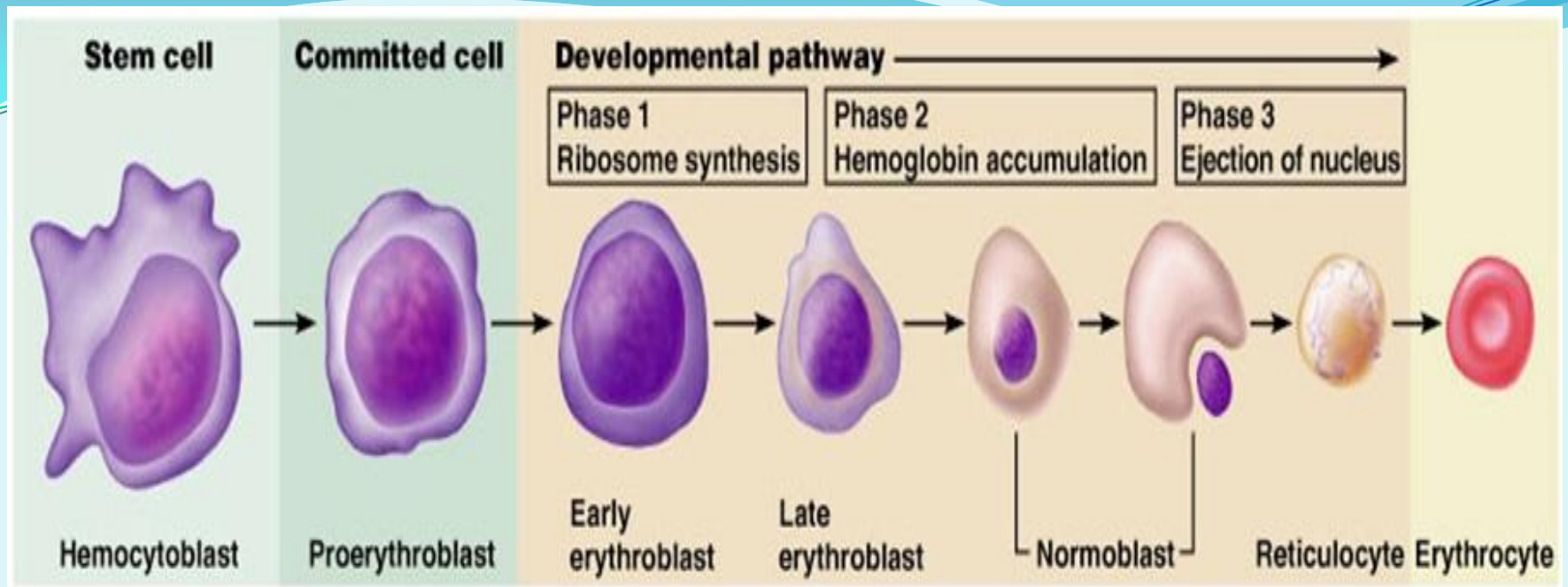
➤ The circulation blood of normal adult contain about 750 mg of hemoglobin and of this about 7 – 8 gm are degraded daily.

➤ **This amount has to be newly synthesized each day because:**

- 1) The globin part of Hemoglobin can be reutilized only after catabolism into its constituent amino acid
- 2) The free heam is broken down into bile pigment which is excreted.
- 3) Iron alone is reutilized in the synthesis of hemoglobin.

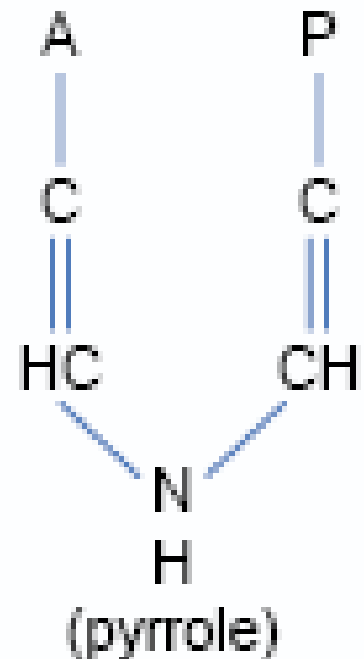
➤ **The rate at which haemoglobin is synthesized and which red cell are formed are related to :**

- 1) Oxygen content of the blood
- 2) Capacity of the blood to carry oxygen ,which in turn depend on the amount of circulating hemoglobin



immature RBC Reticulocytes develop and mature in the red Bone marrow and then circulate for about a day in the blood stream before developing into mature red blood cells. Like mature red blood cells, reticulocytes do not have a cell nucleouse They are called reticulocytes because of a reticular network of ribosomal RNA that becomes visible under a microscope with certain stains such as new methylene blue

I. 2 succinyl-CoA + 2 glycine \longrightarrow



II. 4 pyrrole \longrightarrow protoporphyrin IX

III. protoporphyrin IX + Fe^{++} \longrightarrow heme

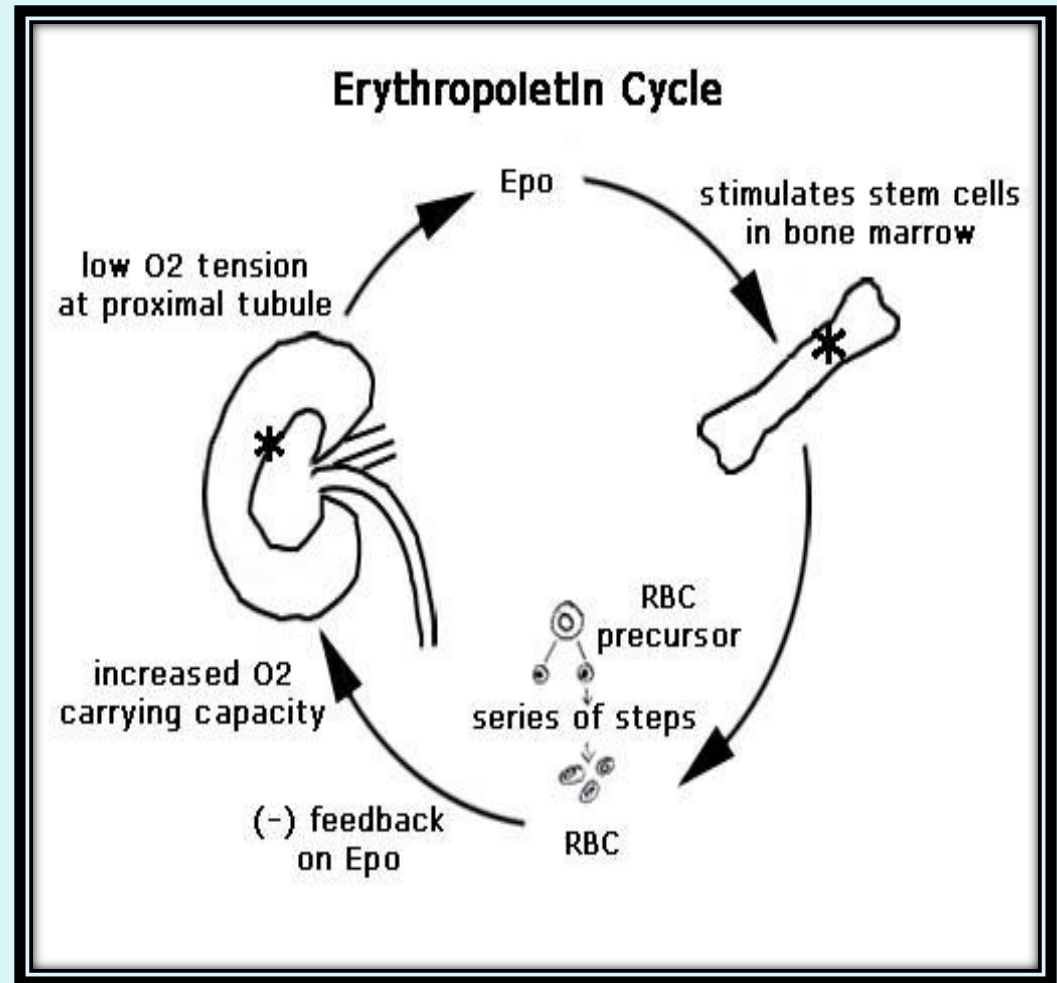
IV. heme + polypeptide \longrightarrow hemoglobin chain (α or β)

V. 2 α chains + 2 β chains \longrightarrow hemoglobin A

Regulation of hemoglobin synthesis:

Erythropoietin : is formed in kidney in response to decrease oxygen carrying capacity (hypoxia or anemia), in order to stimulate the erythropoiesis or hematopoiesis

*anoxia: means a total depletion in the level of oxygen an extreme form of hypoxia or "low oxygen



Tissue hypoxia



Kidney secrete erythropoietin into blood



Increase erythropoiesis

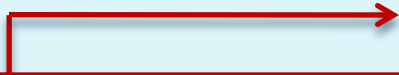


Increase number of RBC



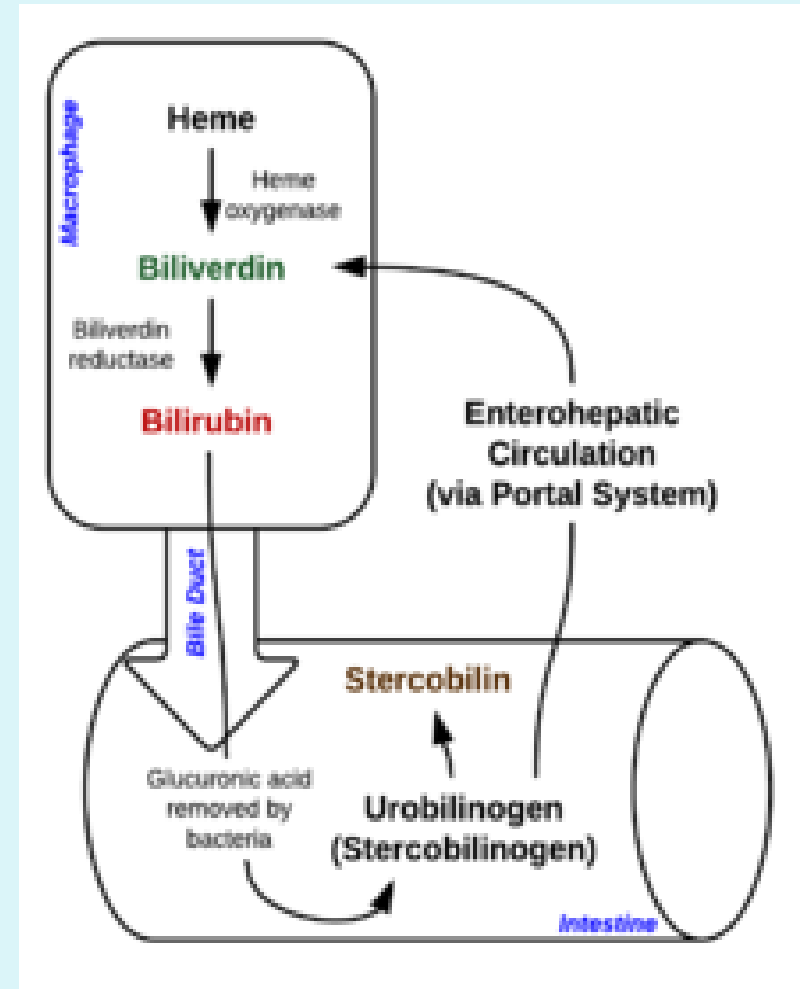
Increase oxygen carrying capacity

Return to homeostasis
when oxygen delivered to
kidney, this causes
negative feedback
inhibition to stop
secretion of erythropoietin



Haemoglobin catabolism:

- ❖ In the reticuloendothelial system erythrocytes are destroyed and haemoglobin is released.
- ❖ Globin is separated from haem and haematin is formed (the iron oxidized to ferrous iron Fe^{2+})
- ❖ The porphyrin ring is then opened and the iron is removed with formation of straight chain compound biliverdin which is converted to bilirubine by reduction
- ❖ The iron and amino acid of the globin are retained but pyrrole ring are excreted as bilirubin.



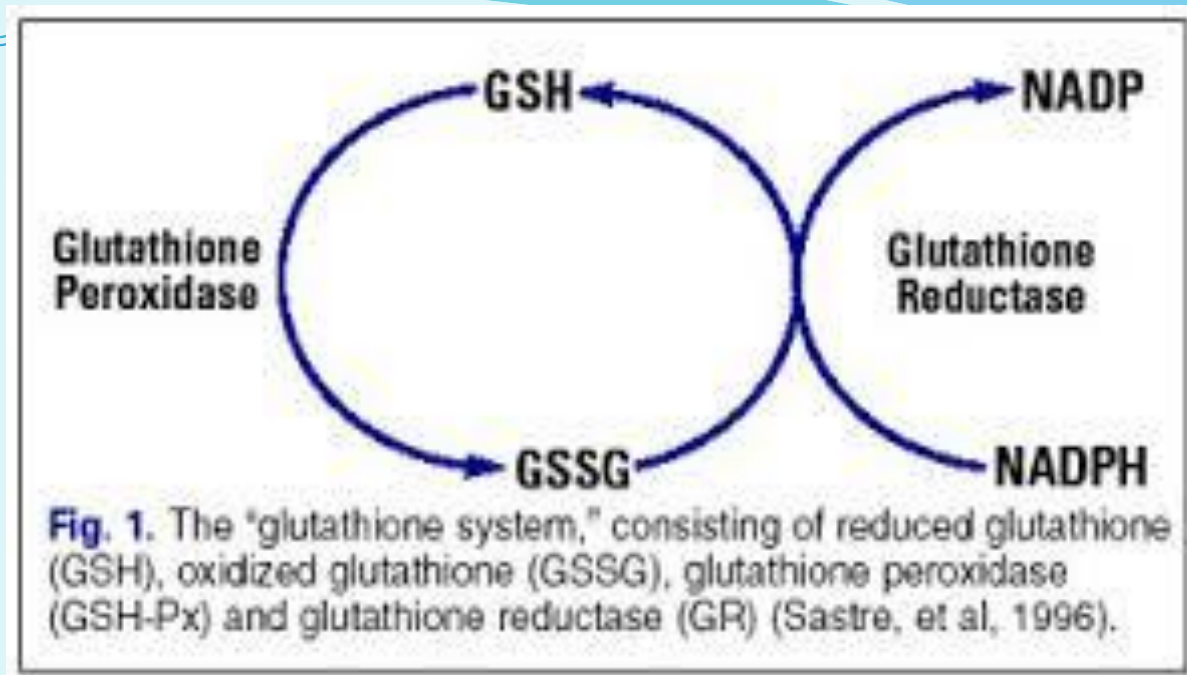
The role of some factor affecting on the native of haemoglobin:

- 1) Vitamins ,trace metals and cofactors Deficiencies : such as biotin , coenzyme A and pyridoxal phosphate are essential for haem synthesis . The folic acid deficiencies can cause megaloblastic anemia . Of the trace metals only copper and cobalt are known to play a role .(copper is playing a role in the absorption of iron while cobalt is essential constituent of vitamin B12(Cobalamin))

**** The causes which lead to deficiency of Vit B12?**

➤ Deficiency of cobalt or /and deficiency in intrinsic factor

- 2) Glucose -6-phosphatase dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiency : G6PD is enzyme responsible for the conversion the glucose into pentose phosphate pathway to form 6-phosphogluconate , this pathway provide NADPH which use for produced reduced glutathion and for other reaction such as reduction methaemoglobin.



Deficiency of G6PD lead to Decrease level of NADPH , and this lead to broken of RBC membrane then cause hmyolysis

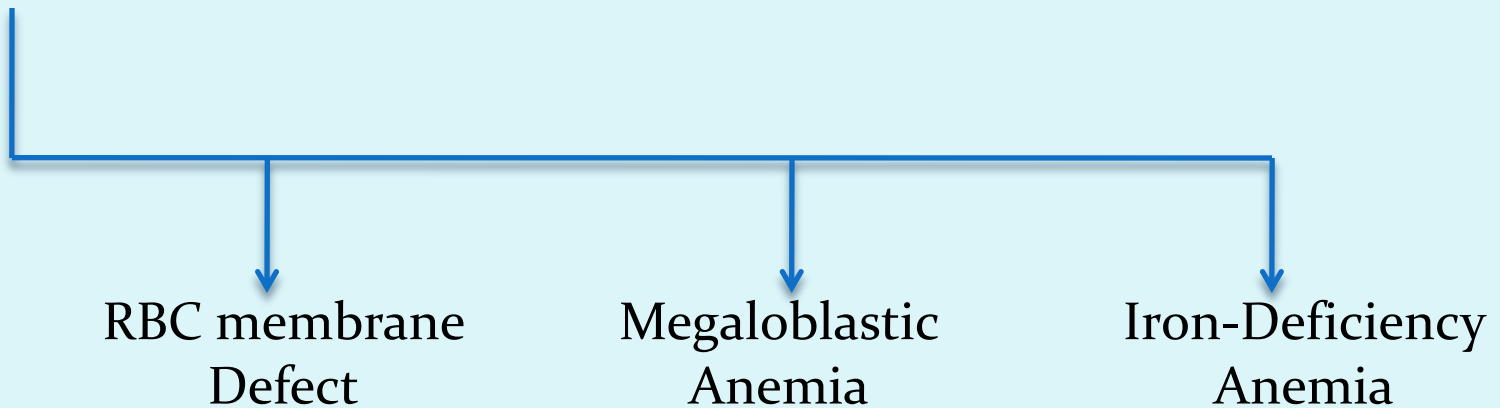
Anemia :

Is in general decrease in number of RBC or less normal quantity of haemoglobin in blood leading to decrease oxygen-binding capacity .

Causes:

I. Genetics

II. Acquired



Iron-deficiency anemia:

Deficiency of iron is essentially due to blood loss with failure to replace the iron stores because of :

dietary deficiency or increase requirement or defective absorption all of these causes lead to decrease plasma iron .

Megaloblastic Anemia:

This may be due to deficiency of folic acid or cobaltamin (Vit. B12)

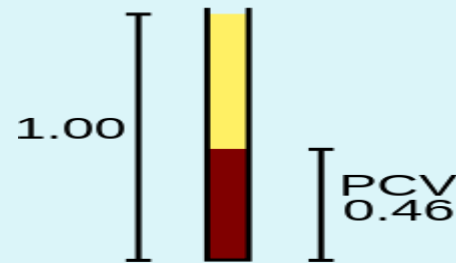
RBC membrane defects:

In this condition there is a defect of the erythrocyte membrane and an abnormality in the sodium pumps.

HCT & ESR and using in diagnosis of anemia::

The hematocrit is the percentage of blood composed of red blood cells. People with a high volume of plasma (the liquid portion of blood) may be anemic even if their blood count is normal because the blood cells have become diluted. Like hemoglobin, (reduce in HCT indicate for Anemia) a normal hematocrit percentage depends on age and gender. Anemic ranges for hematocrit generally

Adult : Below 39%



ESR is the rate at which RBC sediment in a period of one hour. It is a common hematology test, and is a non-specific measure of inflammation. To perform the test, anticoagulated blood is placed in an upright tube, known as a Westergren tube, and the rate at which the RBC fall is reported in mm/h. (millimeter per hr)

**inflammation or Anemia changes the proteins in red blood cells causing them to bind to one another in clumps, making them denser than normal red blood cells.

Estimation of blood haemoglobin:

Principle:

The ferrous (Iron II) in each haem in RBC is oxidized by ferricyanide to Fe(III)-methaemoglobin. A cyanide group is then attached to the iron atom (because it is positively charged) by reaction with KCN to give the brown cyanmethaemoglobin (stable) which can be estimated quantitatively.

Normal Haemoglobin conc. : 12 – 18 g/dl

- Pipette into clean dry test tubes

	test
Hemoglobin reagent	2 ml
sample	0.01 ml (10 μ l)
Mix, allow to stand at room temperature for 3 min and read the absorbance at 540 nm against hemoglobin reagent	

Calculation

Hemoglobin Conc. In test = Absorbance of test x 29.4
Hemoglobin Conc. In test = g/dl

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