



Diagnosis and Management of Thrombocytopenia

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Thrombocytopenia is a common haematological finding that may be isolated or associated with abnormalities of other haematological laboratory parameters. Excluding leukaemia, the differential diagnosis of acute thrombocytopenia includes immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP), or thrombotic microangiopathy (TMA) and disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC). The importance of diagnosing and differentiating these conditions ensures the correct treatment is given, which could have a major impact on patient outcomes. All of these acute conditions may have comparable clinical phenotypes, typically epithelial type bleeding, but may have a thrombotic risk. Treatments may be supportive or specific, for example, for ITP or TMAs for which immunosuppression or plasma exchange would respectively be initiated. These conditions are medical emergencies, and acute and long-term therapies will be discussed.





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