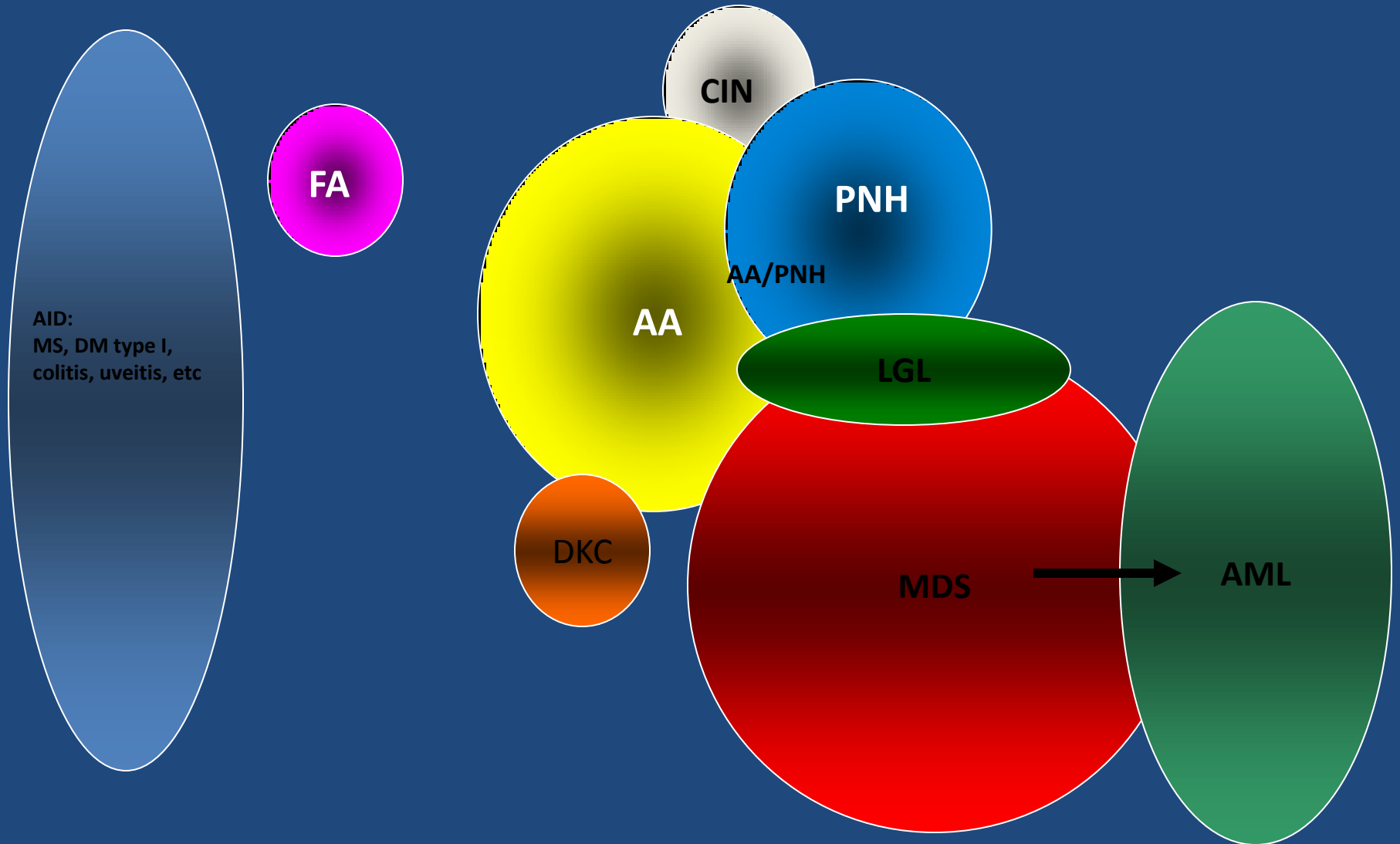
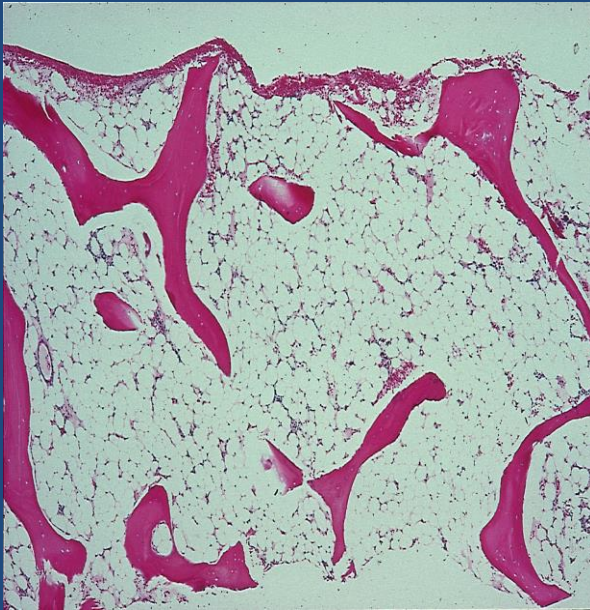


# Απλαστική Αναιμία

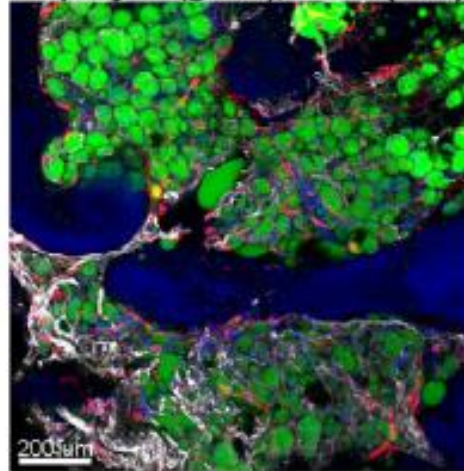
# Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes



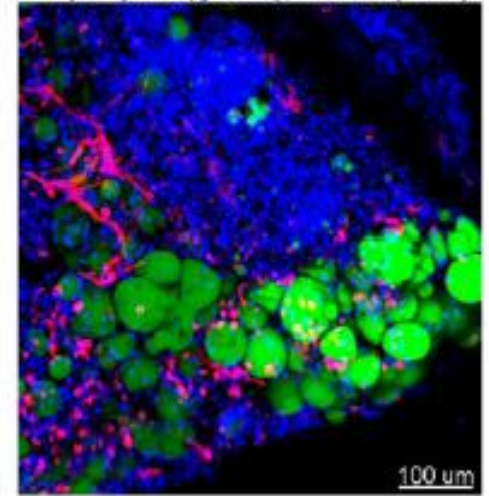
Η Απλαστική αναιμία είναι σπάνιο αυτοάνοσο νόσημα που χαρακτηρίζεται από αντικατάσταση του αιμοποιητικού ιστού-μυελού- από λίπος. Το αποτέλεσμα είναι υποκυτταρικός μυελός και πανκυτταροπενία στην περιφέρεια



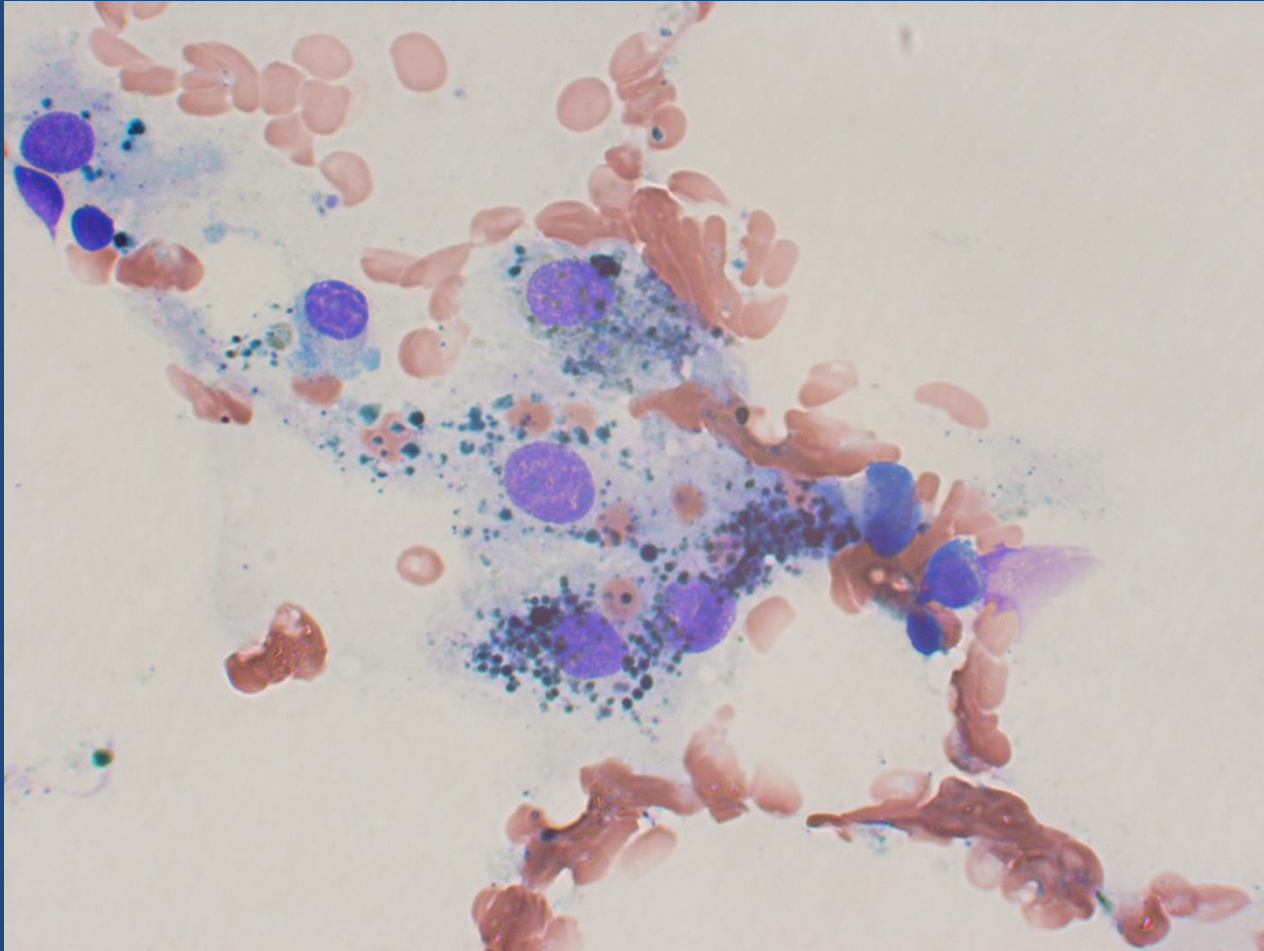
A AA: CD34<sup>+</sup> cells (red), CD146 stromal cells (white), adipocytes (green), nuclei (blue)



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# Increased hemophagocytosis in aplastic anemia



# Αιτιολογική Ταξινόμηση Απλαστικής Αναιμίας

## I. *Direct Toxicity*

radiation

cytotoxic chemotherapy

Benzene

Intermediate metabolites of some drugs

## II. *Immune-Mediated*

Iatrogenic

transfusion-associated GVHD

Eosinophilic fasciitis

Hepatitis

Pregnancy

Intermediate metabolites of some drugs

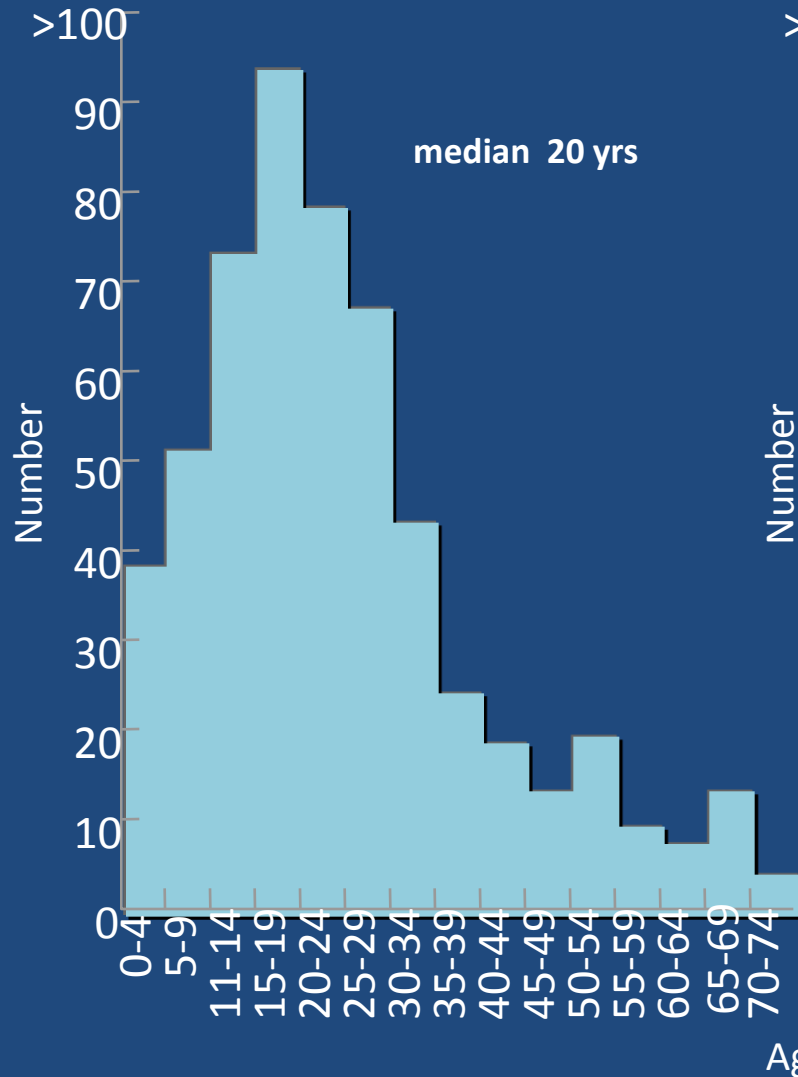
**Idiopathic aplastic anemia**

## III. *Constitutional* (Fanconi anemia, Dyskeratosis congenita)

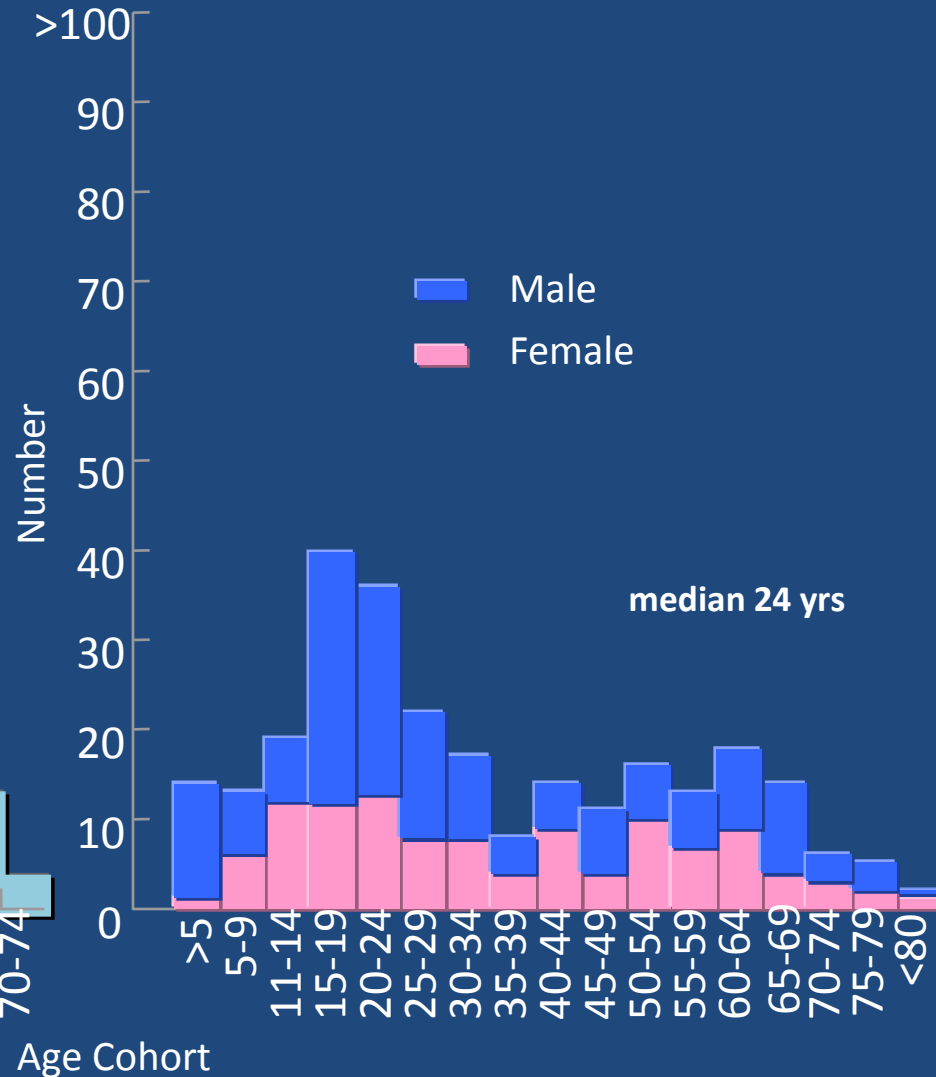
Other syndromes

# DEMOGRAPHICS OF APLASTIC ANEMIA

## Seattle



## NIH



## Διαβαθμιση Βαρύτητας Απλαστικής αναιμίας:

Βαριά απλαστική αναιμία: Peripheral Blood: two of three values:

ANC < 500

PLT < 20.000

Reticulocytes < 1% or <20.000 (absolute number)

Marrow cellularity < 30%

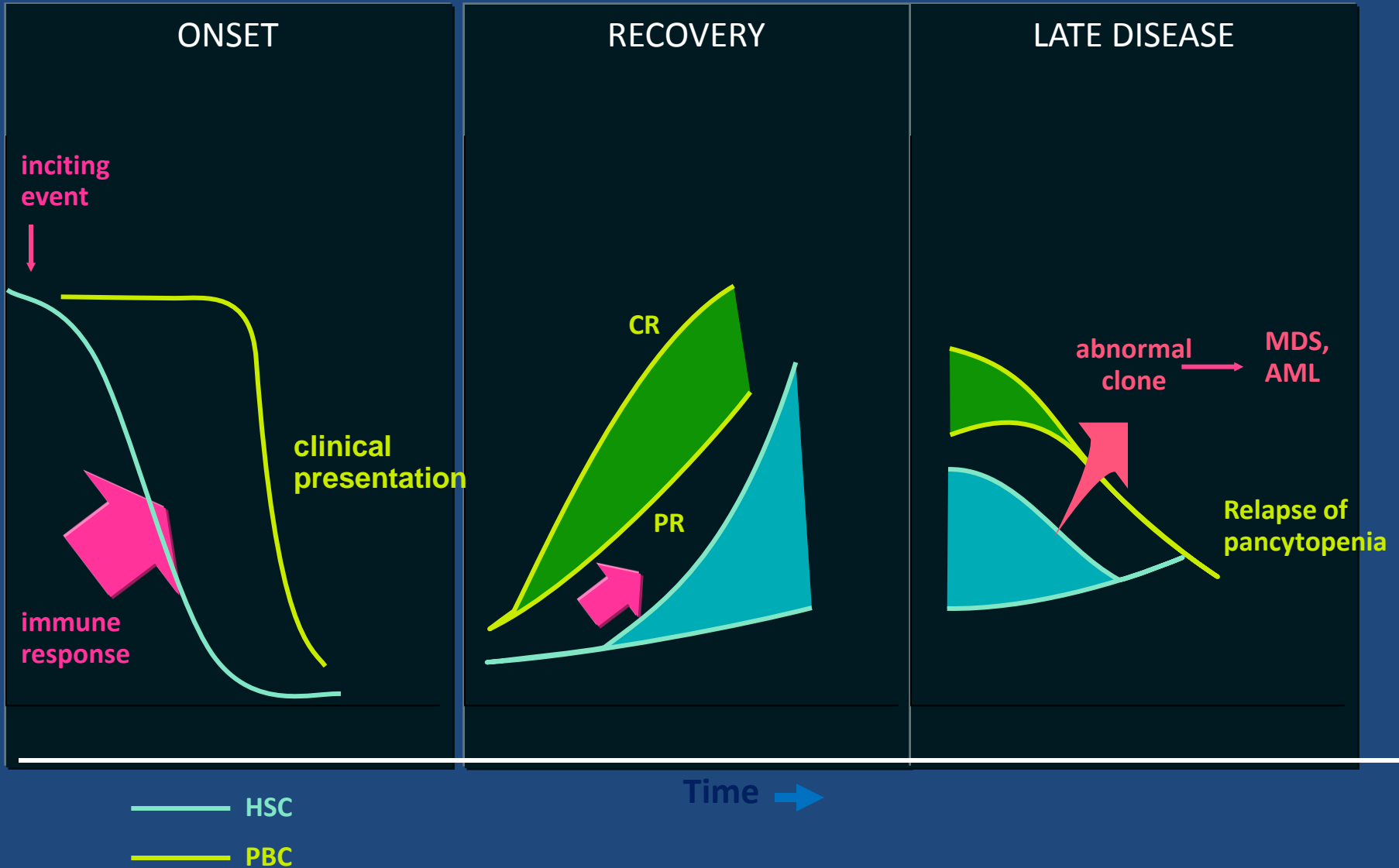
Πολύ Βαρια απλαστική αναιμία (very severe): As above but ANC < 200

Ηπια (moderate) απλαστική αναιμία: Marrow cellularity < 30%

ANC > 500

RBC or PLT transfusion dependent

# ACQUIRED APLASTIC ANEMIA





# Aplastic anemia is an autoimmune disease

- Response to IST represents the best evidence of an immune-mediated pathogenesis
- T cell defects (CTL, IFN- $\gamma$ , Tregs, Th17, .....)
- Auto-antibodies and cytokines
- Telomere dysfunction (shorter telomeres, mutations in TERT and TERC)
- Mesenchymal stem cell defects
- Increased apoptosis and decreased proliferation of HSC

## Summary:

- SAA is a fatal disease that demands rapid recognition and institution of both Immediate tx of low blood counts and adequate hematopoiesis
- Most cases of AA is the result of T cell-mediated destruction of hematopoietic stem cells of the BM
- AA should be distinguished from other causes of pancytopenia
- BM examination is required for diagnosis: low cellularity and normal residual precursors, and signs of hemophagocytosis are common
- In some cases there is overlap with MDS and PNH
- Tx options: HLA identical sibling BMT in children and young adults, and IST with ATG-based regimens in pts >40yrs
- Relapse after successful IST is common. A minor proportion of the pts develop late clonal disease: abnormal cytogenetics, MDS, leukemia.