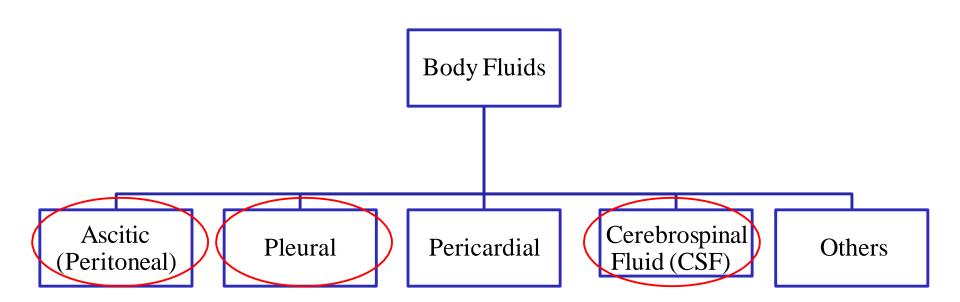
Body Fluid Examination

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Body Cavity Fluids



CEREBROSPINAL FLUID

- Secretion through choroid plexus
- Produced at the rate of 500 ml/day

•Normal CSF volumes:

•Normal Leukocyte counts:

In Adults: 90 - 150 ml

In Adults: 0 - 5 cells/cumm

In Neonates: 10 - 60 ml

In Neonates: 0 - 30 cells/cumm

INDICATIONS FOR LUMBAR PUNCTURE

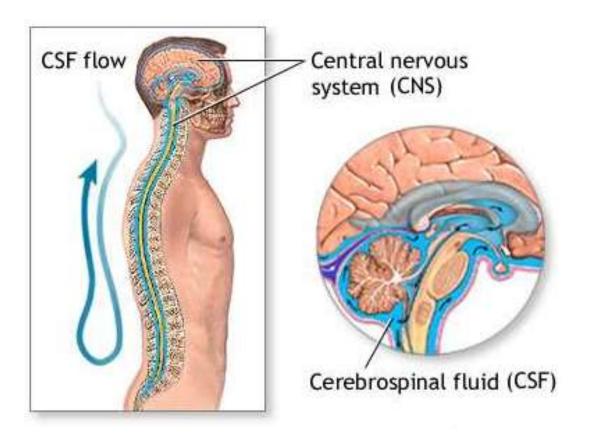
• Infections

• SAH

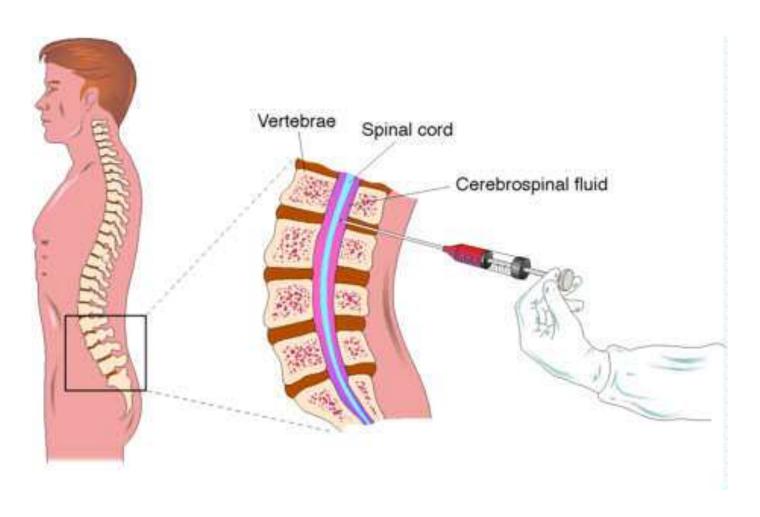
•Malignancy

• Demyelinating diseases

CSF Circulation

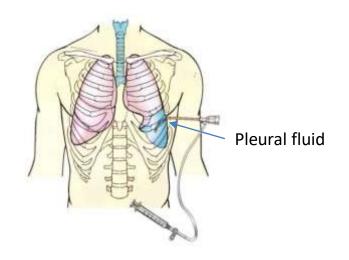


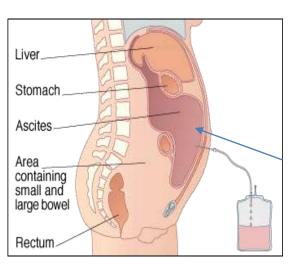
Method of CSF Sampling



PLEURAL & ASCITIC FLUID

Pleural cavity normally contains small amounts of fluid facilitating movement of parietal & visceral pleura, which are lined by mesothelium. Increased accumulation of fluid is called as Pleural Effusion.





Peritoneal Fluid

Peritoneum is lined by mesothelium and contains small amounts of peritoneal fluid. Increased accumulation of fluid is called as Ascites.

Sample Collection

Serous fluids

- EDTA for cell counts and morphology
- Heparin or blood culture tubes

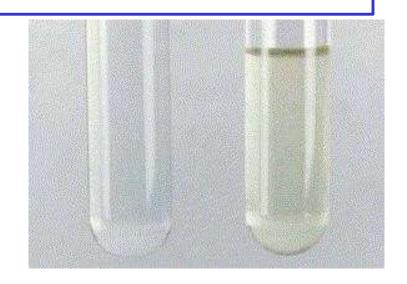
CSF

- Lumbar puncture
- 3-4 tubes in plain sterile tubes

GROSS EXAMINATION

- Quantity
- Colour
- Appearance
- Clot
- Turbid fluids

- •Coagulum
- Xanthochromia



MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

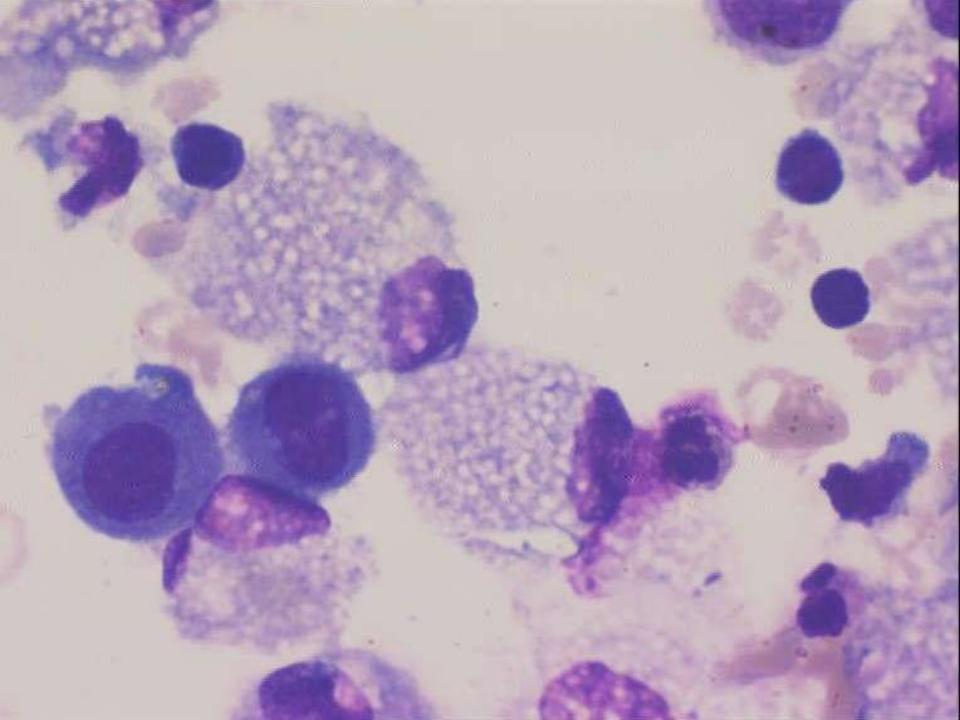
- Cell counts (Neubauerchamber)
- Cell type (Cytospin Smear)

Normal cells of Pleural/Ascitic Fluids

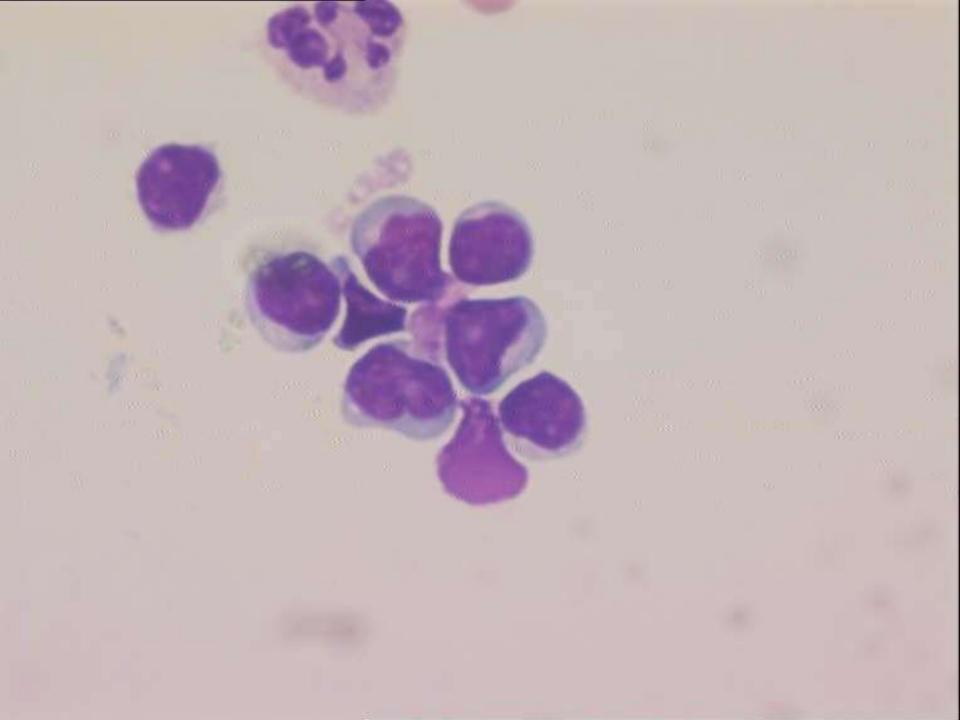
- Mesothelial cells
- Macrophages
- Lymphocytes
- Monocytes

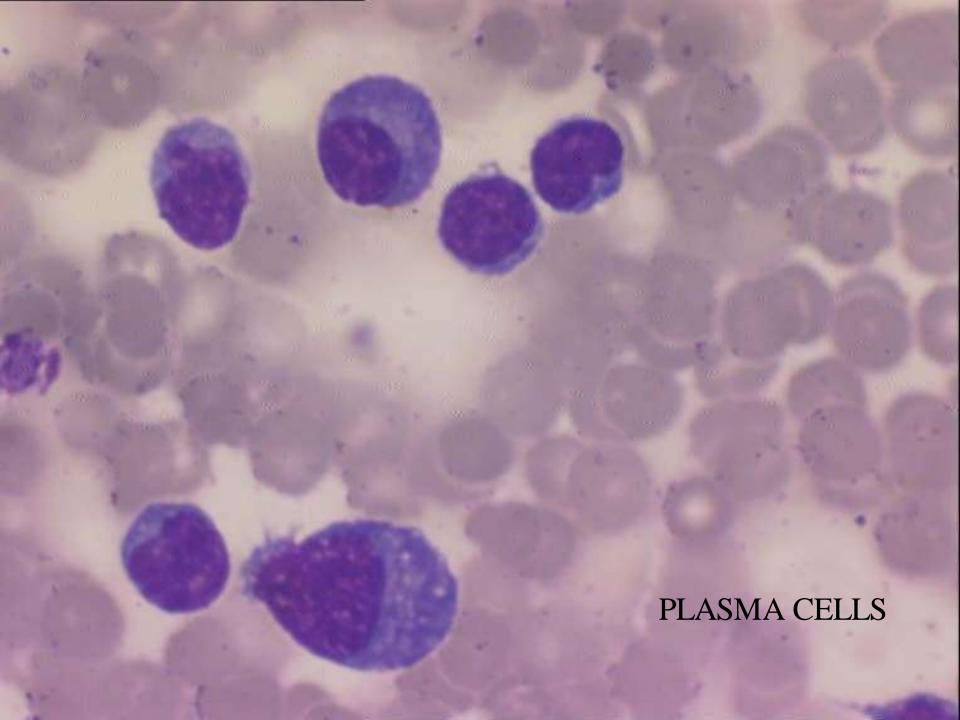
MESOTHELIAL CELLS

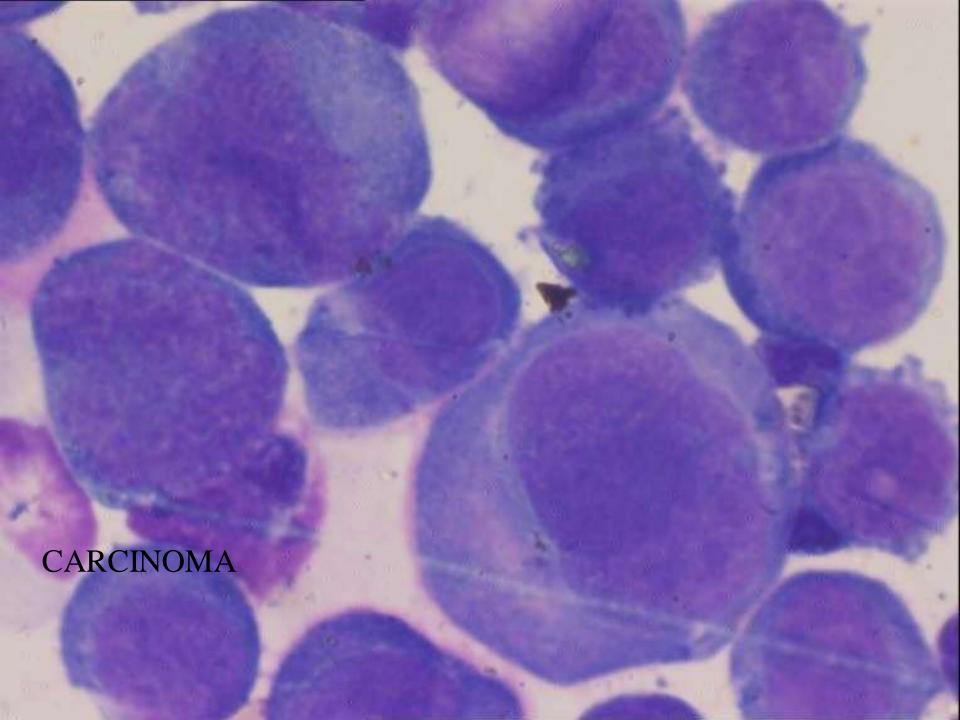
- Bland cells forming a monolayer covering serous surfaces of body cavities
- 20 40 microns in diameter
- Round to oval nuclei, inconspicuous nucleoli, cytoplasm exhibits varying degrees of peripheral vacuolization, 'Feathery appearance'
- Two cells joined by 'window'
- Cells enlarged with nuclear atypia











CEREBROSPINAL FLUID (CSF)

Collection of specimen: 3 tubes

- Cell count, Cytomorphology, Cytochemistry
- Biochemistry
- Microbiology

Specimen should be processed within one hour of sample collection

Material required:

WBC DILUTING FLUID (Turk's Fluid):

- Methylene Blue(30mg/ml)
- Glacial acetic acid
- Distilled water

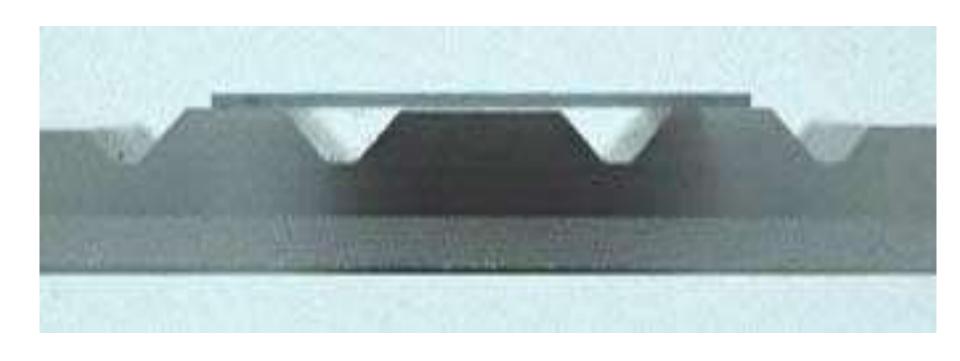
Neubauer chamber:

O.100mm

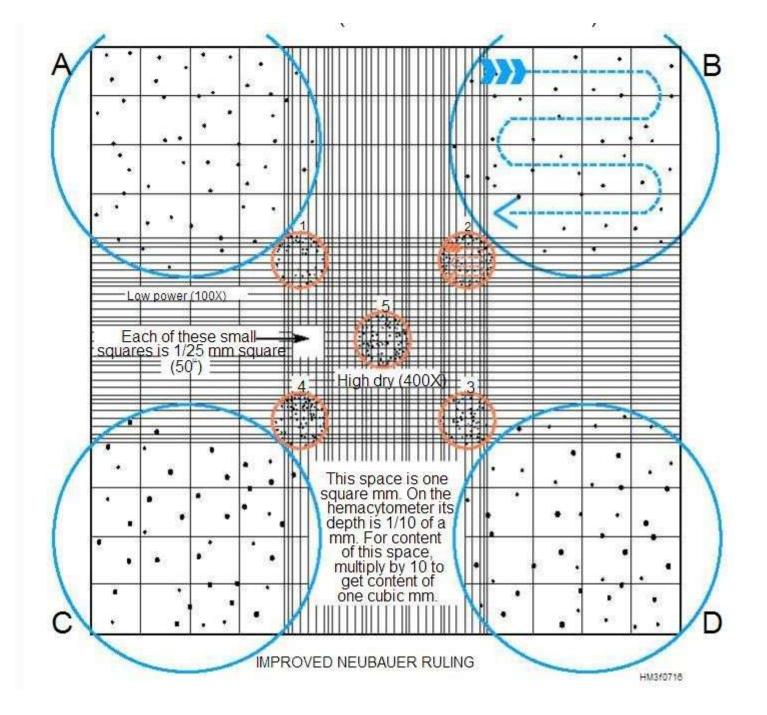
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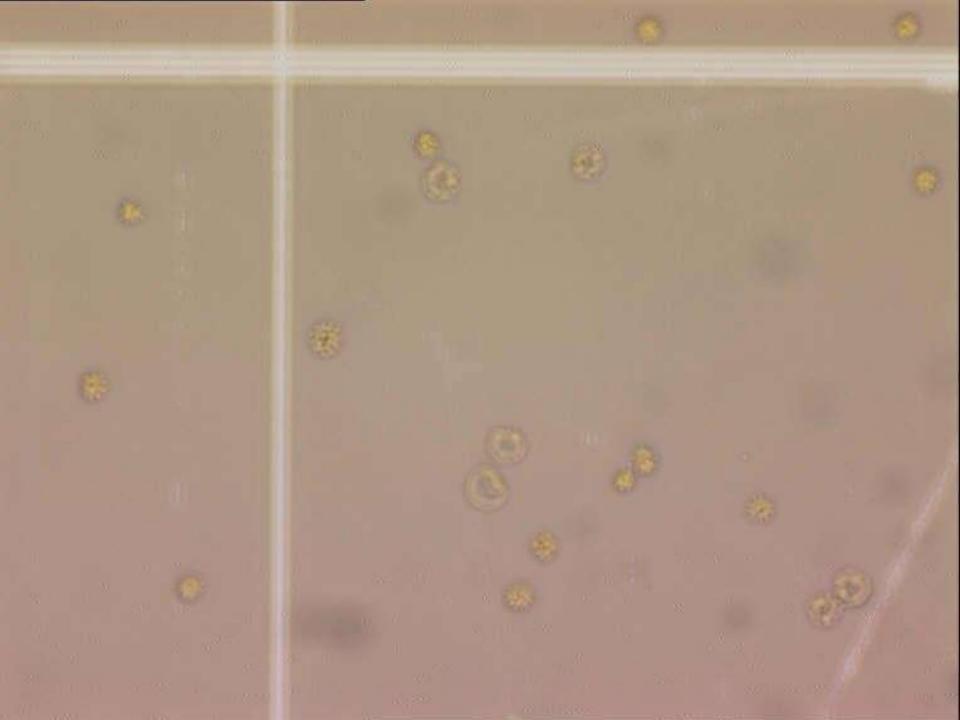
Neubauer











Calculation of Cell count

Total cell count = N X Dilution factor

Area of total squares counted X Depth

Correlation of cell count with cytomorphological findings is essential.

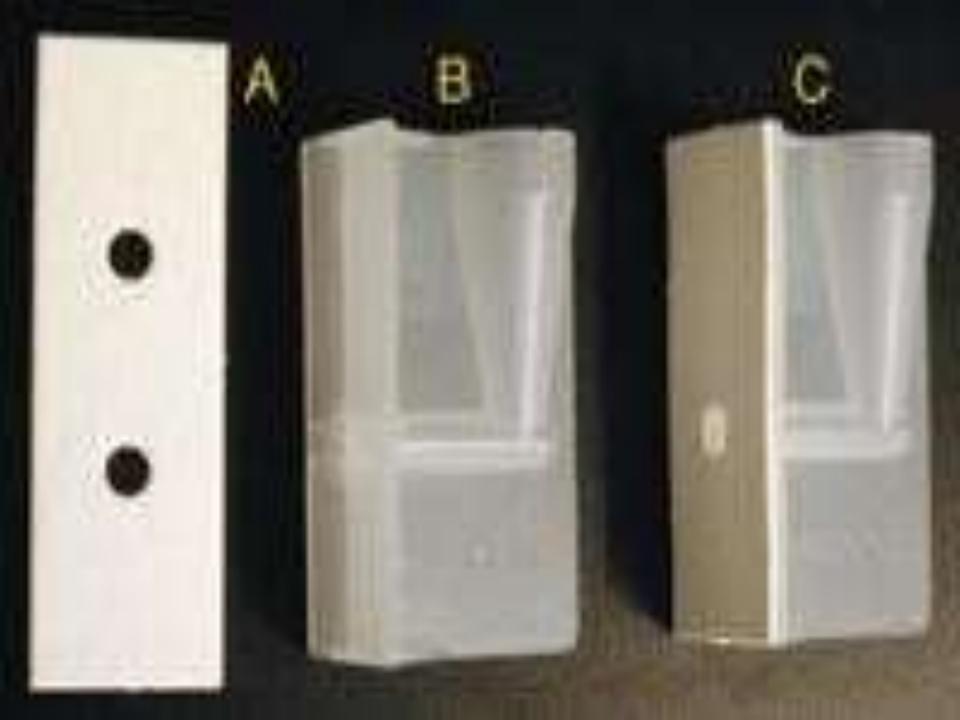
QUALITY CONTROL IN OUR LAB

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

PREPARATION BY CYTOCENTRIFUGE

PARTS OF CYTOSPIN

- Auto-locking, plastic outer lid
- Autoclavable Sealed Head
- Disposable sample chambers with caps
- Safety alarms that protect users and specimens
- Wipe-clean control panel





PRINCIPLES OF CYTOSPIN

Cytocentrifuge is a microprocessor controlled cell preparation system that uses centrifugal forces to deposit cells onto the slide

• Using centrifugal principles, the Cytospin deposits cells onto a clearly-defined area of a glass slide and allows for the absorption of the residual fluid into the sample chamber's filter card.

 Cytocentrifugation also constructively flattens cells for excellent nuclear presentation.

• During operation, the instrument's spinning action tilts Cytofunnels upright and centrifuges cells onto the deposition area of the slide, giving all cell types equal opportunity for presentation.

- Load up to 200 μl of this suspension in each cuvette.
- Spin at 800 rpm for 3 min (500 rpm/4 min)
- Extract the slide and cuvette without disarranging.
- Carefully detach the cuvette and the paper without damaging the fresh cytospin. Hold firmly together glass slide and cuvette when extracting from metal holder.
- Mark the area around the cytocentrifuged cells with dry point or permanent marker.
- Proceed with either immediate fixation or drying. Store unfixed cytospins for max 2 days at room temperature.

Normal cells of CSF

• Lymphocytes and monocytes are normally present in small numbers in a ratio of 70:30. Monocytes are more in number in neonates and children

 Choroid plexus and ependymal cells are rarely seen in hydrocephalus and after intra-thecal chemotherapy





Lymphocyte

