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unexplained**

AA/RA-MDS

**Thrombosis,
unexplained**

**Coombs
-negative
hemolytic
anemia**

Hemoglobinuria

Incidence of PNH clone^{4*}

5.7%

26.3% / 5.5%[†]

1.4%

22.7%

18.9%

**Rule PNH in or out using high-sensitivity flow cytometry[‡]
and comprehensive clinical assessment**

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Unexplained cytopenias

Where a bone marrow test
would be performed

... With evidence of hemolysis

- LDH >ULN

OR

- Haptoglobin <LLN

OR

- Elevated reticulocyte count
(with or without anemia)

OR

... With coexisting findings

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A **Aplastic anemia (AA) or refractory anemia-myelodysplastic syndromes (RA-MDS)**

Aplastic anemia

All patients who have ever had aplastic anemia – ideally at diagnosis and then annually thereafter

Low-risk or intermediate-1 MDS

- Hypoplastic bone marrow
- High serum erythropoietin (>500)

OR

RA-MDS with evidence of hemolysis

- LDH >ULN
- OR**
- Haptoglobin <LLN (with or without anemia)

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T Thrombosis, unexplained

Unexplained thrombosis

- Despite anticoagulation
- In young patients (<50 years)
- In unusual sites (e.g., Budd-Chiari, cerebral, mesenteric, dermal, subclavian)

... With evidence of hemolysis

- LDH >ULN

OR

- Haptoglobin <LLN

OR

- Elevated reticulocyte count (with or without anemia)

OR

... With coexisting findings

- Anemia
- Cytopenia
- Coombs-negative hemolytic anemia
- Bone marrow failure disorder
- Iron deficiency
- Hemoglobinuria

OR

... With other clinical manifestations

- Abdominal pain
- Chest pain
- Dyspnea
- Dysphagia
- Severe fatigue

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C Coombs-negative hemolytic anemia

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- Screen all patients with otherwise unexplained hemoglobinuria
- All patients with hematuria should be tested for hemoglobinuria

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