ESTIMATION OF RED BLOOD CELLS

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DIFFERENT TYPE OF BLOOD CELLS







- Hemocytometer (Neubauer) Counting Method:
 - Blood should be carefully drawn to the 0.5 mark of the RBC pipette.
 - An isotonic solution (Normal saline or Hayem's solution) should be drawn to the 101 mark to dilute the blood.
 - The blood and diluting fluid are mixed by shaking the pipette vigorously in a horizontal position for 2to 3 minutes (to ensure complete hemolysis of WBC).

- Hemocytometer (Neubauer) Counting Method:
 - 2 to 4 drops of mixed fluid are discarded and the end of the pipette.
 - The tip of the pipette is touched to the side of the hemocytometer chamber and a drop of a fluid will run under the cover glass.
 - Wait for about 2 3 minutes as erythrocytes require settling time to assume a single level.







Hemacytometer

- The hemacytometer counting chamber is used for cell counting.
- It is constructed so that the distance between the bottom of the coverslip and the surface of the counting area of the chamber is 0.1 mm.
- The surface of the chamber contains two square ruled areas separated by an H-shaped moat.

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- 1. Draw the blood up to 0.5 mark in the thoma pipette.
- Wipe the outside of the capillary pipette to remove excess blood that would interfere with the dilution factor.
- Holding the pipette almost vertical place into the fluid. Draw the diluting fluid into the pipette slowly until the mixture reaches the 11 mark, while gently rotating the pipette to ensure a proper amount of mixing.
- 4. Place the pipette in a horizontal position and firmly hold the index finger of either hand over the opening in the tip of the pipette, detach the aspirator from the other end of the pipette now the dilution of the blood is completed

Procedure



- Mix the sample for at least 3 minutes to facilitate hemolysis of RBCs.
- Clean the hemacytometer and its coverslip with an alcohol pad and then dry with a wipe.
- Before filling the chamber, discard the first four to five drops of the mixture on apiece of gauze to expel the diluent from the stem.



Procedure

- Carefully charge hemacytometer with diluted blood by gently squeezing sides of reservoir to expel contents until chamber is properly filled.







- Hemocytometer (Neubauer) Counting Method:
 - Total number of cells in 5 squares in the center of counting chamber is determined under the high dry objective of the microscope (40X).



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