

What is leukaemia?

- ▶ A malignant progressive disease, where the bone marrow and other blood-forming organs produce a significantly high amount of immature or abnormal leukocytes. They are also known as blasts.
- ▶ These suppress the production of normal blood cells, leading to anaemia, and other symptoms.
- ▶ These “blasts” are then released into the blood, where a normal adult will have 4000 to 11000 per mm³ of blood, while counts above 30,000 will probably mean that this person has leukaemia.

