

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Learn the clinical approach to bleeding disorders, specifically platelets disorders versus coagulation disorders
- Discuss and differentiate between extrinsic and intrinsic pathways.

Case Presentation

A young female of 30-years had noticed bruising on her arms and legs for 4-5 days. The bruises were not painful but were increasing in number every day. She had no fever or other evidence of infection and did not admit to taking any medications.

The examination revealed healthy looking young female with bruising and petechiae on her arms and legs. There was no other abnormality specifically the spleen was not palpable and lymph nodes were not enlarged. There was no evidence of IV drug ingestion.