



# **BLOOD GROUPS & TYPES**

# История

- 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY: Boer War
- Massive deaths of people:
  - Many infections
  - Severe blood loss
- Attempts to transfuse blood began.
- They had confusing results.
- Some people recovered fully.
- Others died.

# WHY? WHY? WHY?

- Или все должны умереть
- Или все должны жить.
- В чем это различие?
- Этот вопрос задал себе Карл Ландштейнер.
- Он начал исследование, чтобы найти ответ.

# KARL LANDSTEINER, NOBEL LAUREATE, 1930.

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# KARL LANDSTEINER

- **Wondered about this phenomenon.**
- **Studied this extensively.**
- **Discovered Blood Groups and types single handedly.**
- **Framed the Landsteiner's Law in 1904.**
- **Continued to research on Blood groups and types till his death in 1943.**

# LANDSTEINER'S LAW

- 1. "If an agglutinogen is present in the red cells of a blood, the corresponding agglutinin must be absent from the plasma."**
- 2. "If an agglutinogen is absent in the red cells of a blood, the corresponding agglutinin must be present in it's plasma."**

# LANDSTEINER'S LAW: APPLICABILITY

- **Первый закон применяется для всех групп и типов крови.**
- **Вторая часть Закона важна, но не всегда верна.**
- **Это верно для группы крови АВО.**
- **Rh, M,N и другие группы и типы крови не следуют второго правила закона Ландштейнера.**



# **ABO BLOOD GROUPS**

**The most common type of  
blood grouping in use.**

# AGGLUTINOGENS

- **Синоним = antigens.**
- **Три agglutinogens локализовано на внешней стороне мембраны эритроцита**
- **Они обладают антигенными свойствами или антигенными детерминантами = или glycoproteins.**
- **Кровь групп АВО содержит три типа agglutinogens.**

# AGGLUTINOGENS (Contd)

- Некоторые люди имеют эритроциты с agglutigen "A".
- Другие имеют "B" agglutigen
- Третий тип agglutigen не является antigenic и называется "H"
- H не вызывает продукцию antibodies.
- Люди, имеющие H antigen, относятся к группе крови O.

# A AND B, INDIVIDUALS

- Those having the **A agglutinogen** on their erythrocytes are called A blood group people.
- Those having the **B agglutinogen** are called the B blood group people.

# AB & O INDIVIDUALS

- Some have both the **A and B agglutinogens** on their erythrocytes and they are called AB type.
- Others have **neither A nor B agglutinogens**. They have the non antigenic H on their RBCs and are called O group people.

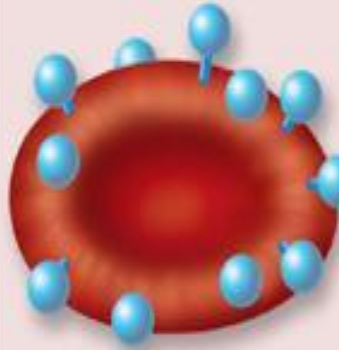
# AGGLUTININS

- **The antibodies to the agglutinogens are called Agglutinins.**
- **These are present naturally in ABO groups.**
- **They are always present in the plasma of the individual.**
- **There are two types of agglutinins in the ABO blood system:**
  - **Anti A or  $\alpha$ : Alpha**
  - **Anti B or  $\beta$ : Beta**

# AGGLUTININS (Contd)

- **The A group people have the Beta or anti B agglutinin in their plasma.**
- **Similarly the B group people have the Alpha or Anti-A agglutinin in their plasma.**
- **The AB group of people have no agglutinins in their plasma.**
- **The O group people have both Alpha and Beta types of agglutinins in their plasma.**

Antigen A



Erythrocytes

Anti-B antibodies



Plasma

**Type A**

Erythrocytes with  
type A surface  
antigens and plasma  
with anti-B antibodies

Blood type



# AGGLUTINATION

- Agglutination or clumping is seen whenever the respective agglutinogens and agglutinins are mixed.
- Agglutinogen A + Agglutinin Alpha = Agglutination.
- Agglutinogen B + Agglutinin Beta = Agglutination.
- Both agglutinogens + Both antisera = Agglutination.
- No agglutinogens = No agglutination.

# UNIVERSAL DONOR & RECIPIENTS

- **The blood group O can be given to any other of the ABO group persons and so is called the “Universal Donor”**
- **The blood group AB persons lack agglutinins and so can receive blood from any of the ABO group persons. So this AB group is called as the “Universal Recipient”**

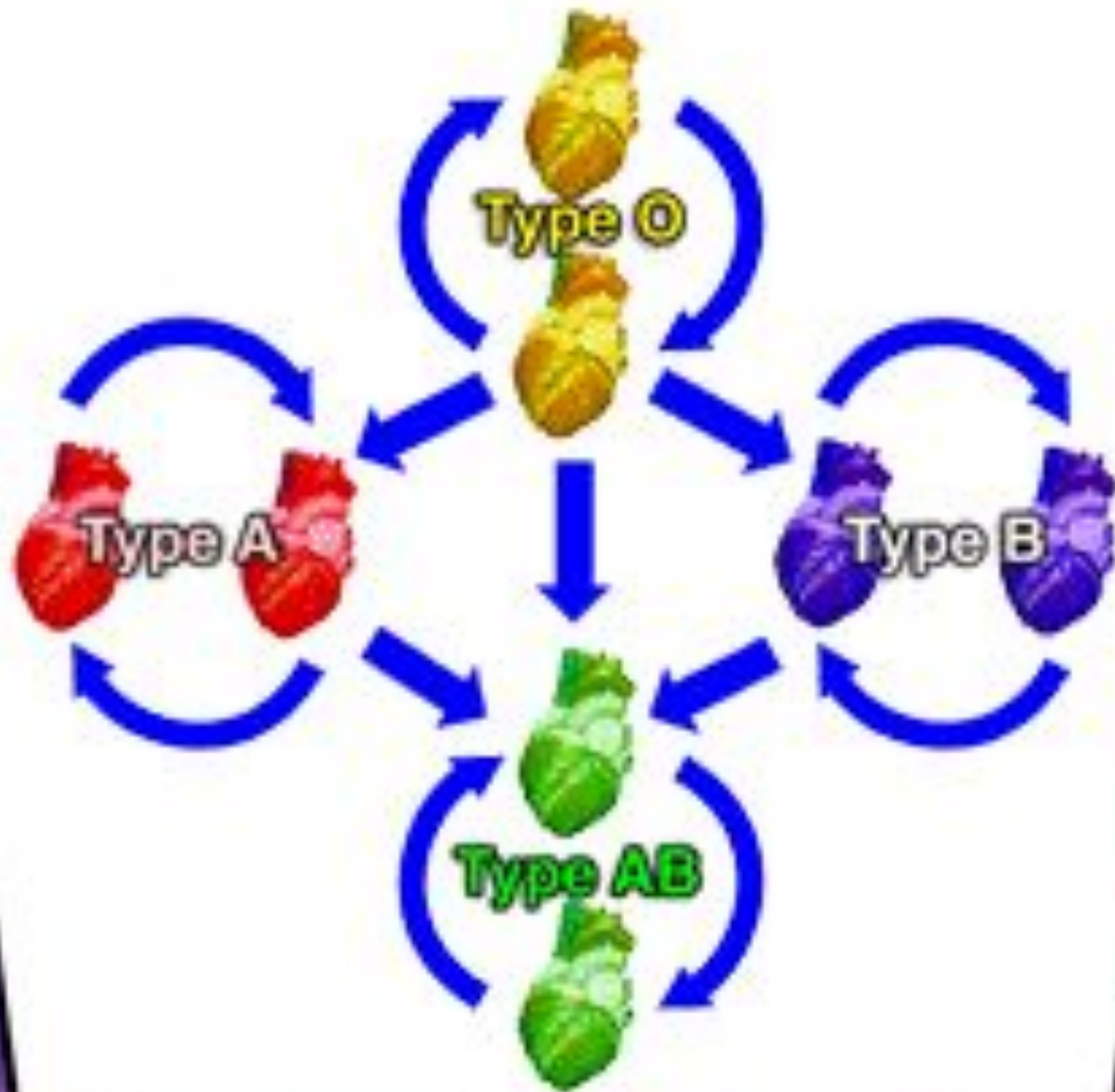
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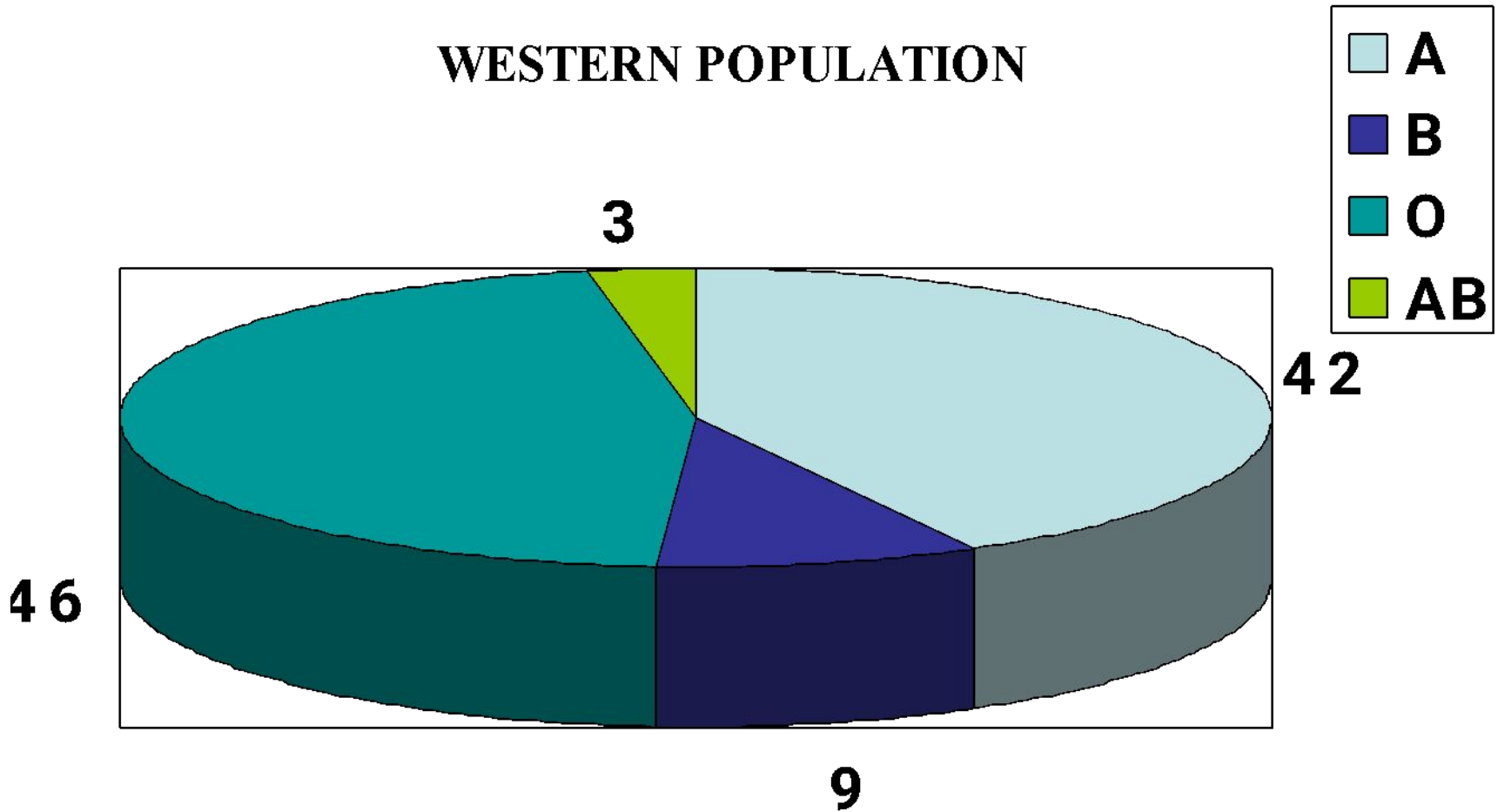
# DONATIONS...

- **A Blood group person can donate blood to A and AB groups.**
- **B Blood group person can donate blood to B and AB groups.**
- **AB Blood group person can donate blood only to AB group.**
- **O blood group person can donate blood to O, A, B and AB groups.**



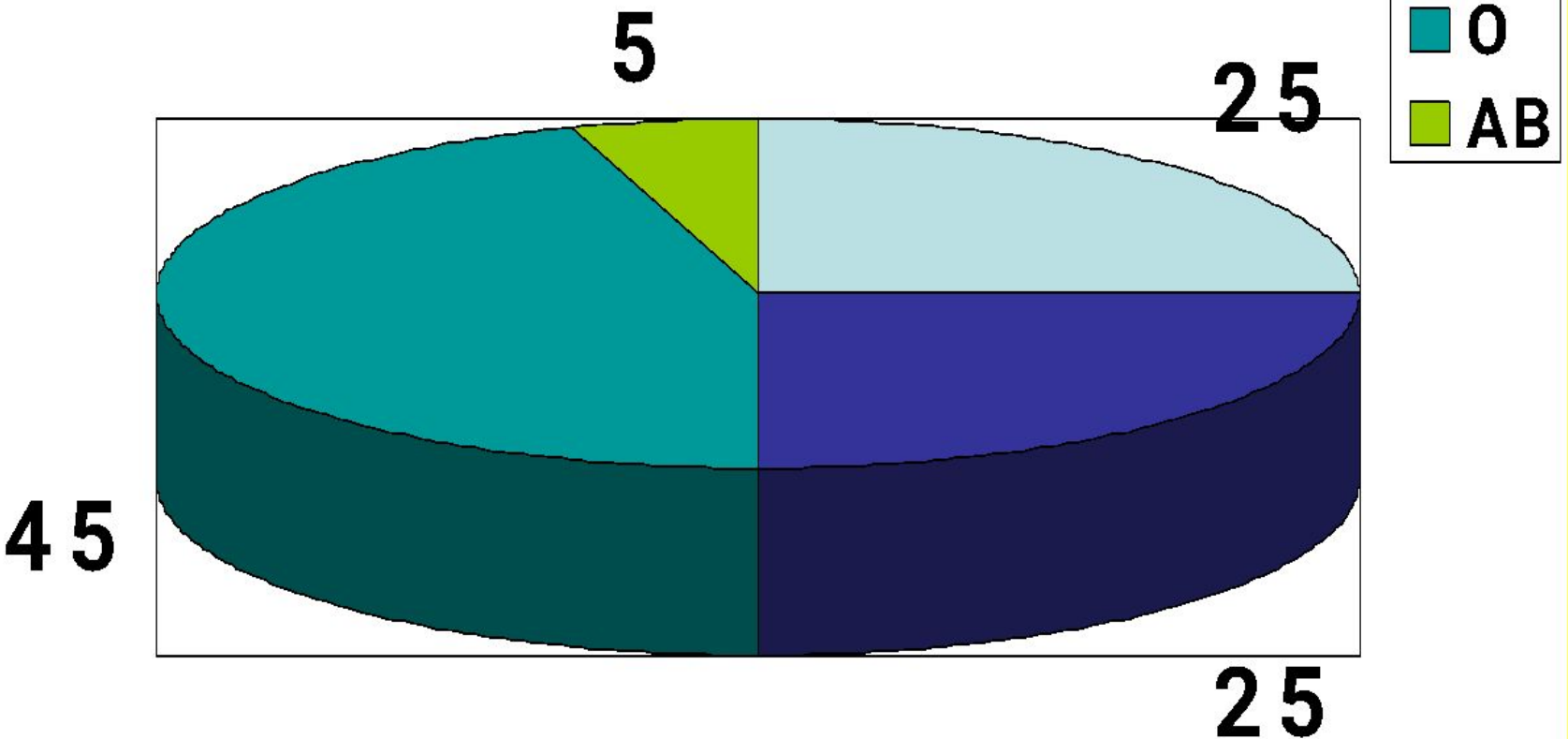
# PERCENTAGE OF BLOOD GROUPS

WESTERN POPULATION



# PERCENTAGE OF BLOOD GROUPS

## ASIAN POPULATION



# Rh TYPING: INTRODUCTION

- **It is the second most important typing of blood.**
- **These blood groups were originally discovered in Rhesus monkeys**
- **Rh is another type of agglutinogen.**
- **It is also present on the outer surface of the erythrocytes.**

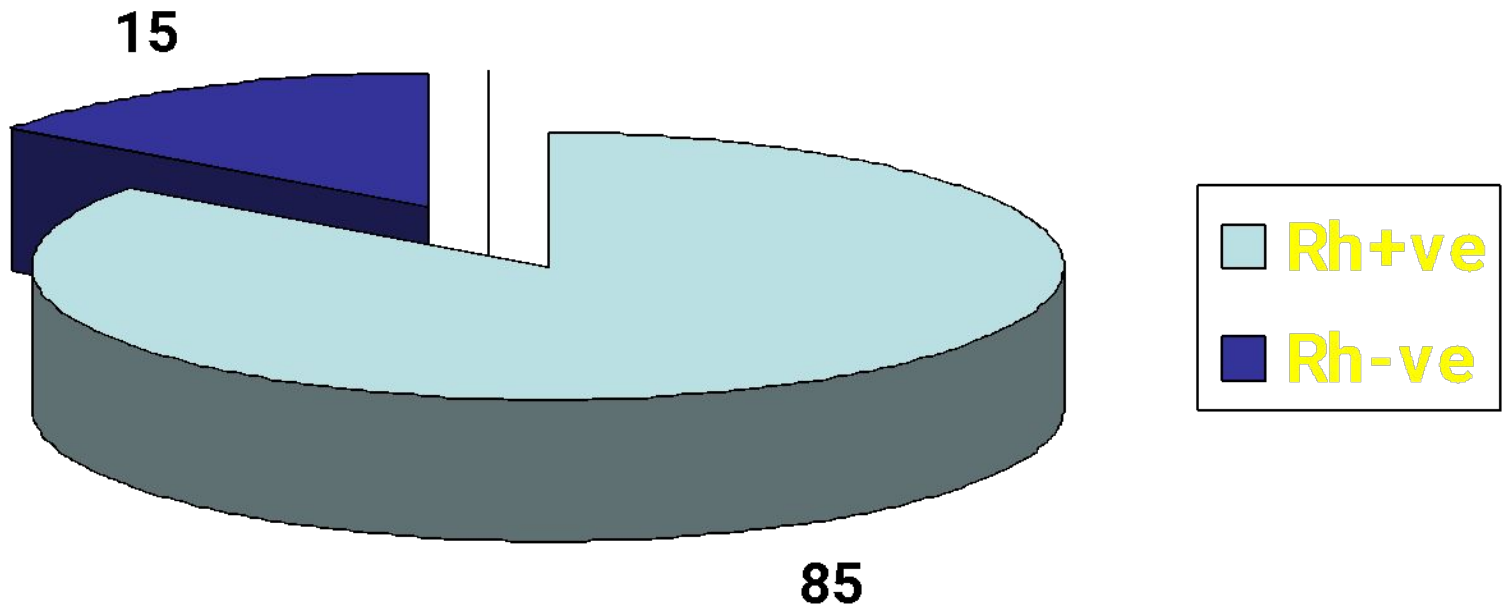


# Rh Positive and Negative people

- **People who have the Rh agglutinogen on their RBC membranes are called Rh Positive.**
- **Those who do not have the Rh agglutinogen are called Rh Negative people.**
- **Rh-ve people do not NATURALLY carry the corresponding Anti-Rh antibody.**

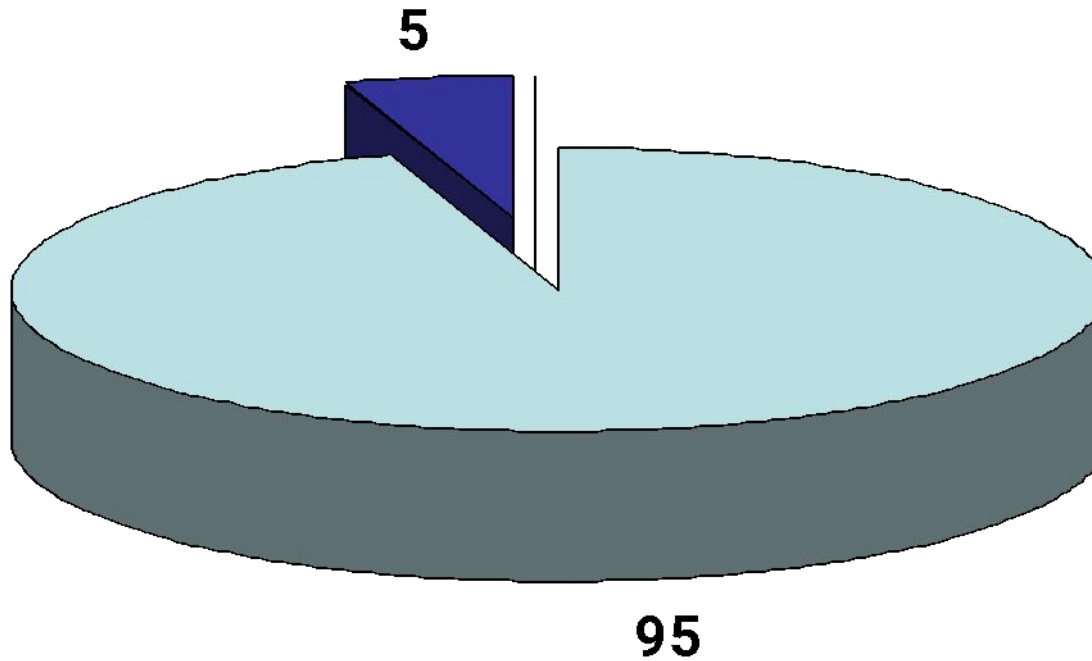
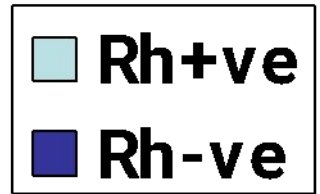
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## CAUCASIAN POPULATION



# DISTRIBUTION OF Rh TYPES

ORIENTAL POPULATION



# Rh or D Agglutinins

- **Anti-D agglutinins or antibodies do not occur naturally.**
- **They are produced by the Immune systems as and when it is exposed to the D antigens.**
- **So these Anti D agglutinins are found only in some of the Rh Negative people.**
- **Those who have been exposed to the Rh or D antigen**

# Exposure to Antigens: How?

- **The Rh+ve people will never manufacture Anti D antibodies.**
- **Only Rh – ve individuals can develop these Agglutinins.**
- **When these Rh-ve people receive Rh+ve blood by mistake, they get exposed to the antigen.**
- **Then they will develop the antibody.**

# Exposure to Antigens: How?

- **In case of an Rh-ve woman, if she is married to an Rh+ve man, she can conceive an Rh+ve child.**
- **In this case, the D antigen present on the erythrocytes of the fetus does not go into the maternal circulation throughout the pregnancy (due to the Feto-Placental barrier)**

# Exposure to Antigens: How?

- **During the delivery of the baby, some blood of the fetus spills over into the maternal circulation.**
- **The maternal circulation is exposed to the D antigens from the fetal erythrocytes.**
- **The maternal circulation slowly develops Anti D antibodies.**
- **The first child is however spared.**