

# **Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia**

- Most common leukemia
- Usual age > 50 yrs
- Increased proliferation and progressive accumulation of neoplastic, immunologically incompetent, clonal lymphocytes

   B cell origin > 99%

# **Clinical Features of CLL**

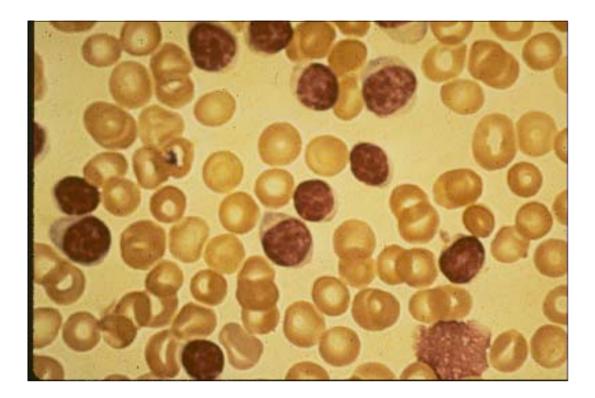
- Highly variable presentation
  - Asymptomatic, or vague, non-specific complaints
  - Recurrent infection 10% (often pneumococcus)
- Signs
  - Lymphadenopathy (60%)
  - Splenomegaly (50%)
  - Hepatomegaly (< 40%)



# **Clinical Features of CLL**

#### • Laboratory

- blood and marrow lymphocytosis
- B cell monoclonality:
   κ vs λ surface light chain single Ig gene rearrangement
- hypoimmunoglobulinemia
- Prognosis
  - Mean survival = 50-60 months
  - Range = few months to > 20 yrs



#### Immunological Abnormalities in CLL

#### • Disturbed Ab production

- Hypogammaglobulinemia  $(50\%) \rightarrow$  bacterial infection
- Monoclonal Ig paraprotein in serum (10%)
- Autoantibodies (10%)
- Minor impairments in cell-mediated immunity

#### • Neoplastic lymphocytes

- Monoclonal surface Ig
- Abnormal response to Ig challenge

### **Complications of CLL**

**Recurrent infections** 

**Immune hemolysis** 

Immune thrombocytopenia

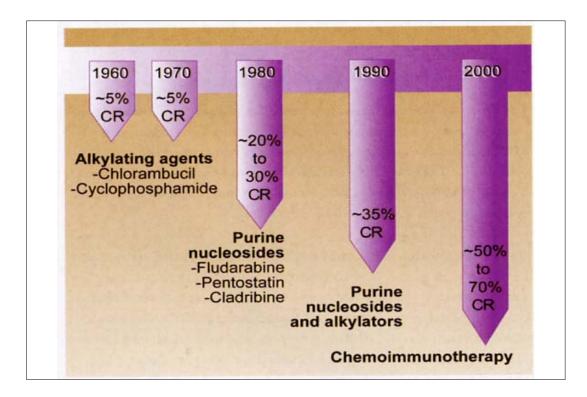
**Progressive disease** 

# Rai Staging System for CLL

<u>Stage</u>	<u>Features</u>	Median survival <u>(years)</u>
I	Lymphocytosis	13
п	Lymphocytosis + lymphadenopathy	8
ш	Lymphocytosis + splenomegaly	6
IV	Lymphocytosis + anemia	1-2
V	Lymphocytosis + thrombocytopenia	1-2

### **Treatment of CLL**

- No evidence that therapy prolongs survival
- Asymptomatic: watch and wait
- Symptomatic:
  - Radiation for local complications
  - Chemotherapy: fludarabine, alkylators, combinations
  - Monoclonal antibodies (eg, Campath)
  - Stem cell transplantation



## Multiple Myeloma

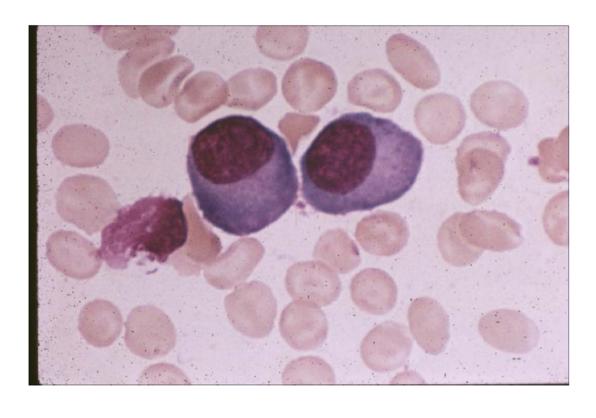
- Clonal malignancy of plasma cells
- Increasing incidence
- Blacks:whites 2:1
- Age range 20-100 yrs (peak age 70 yrs)
- Cause unknown (Environmental/Genetic factors)

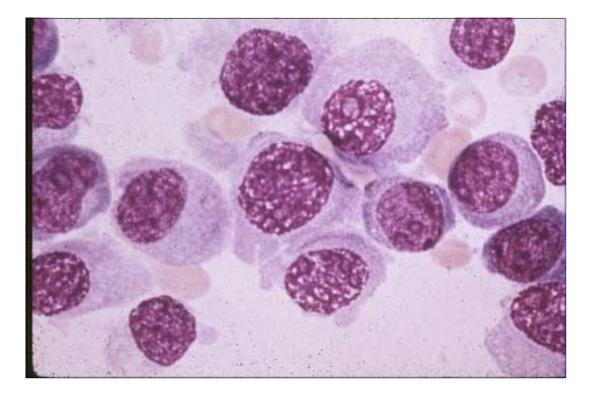
### **Classical Diagnostic Features of Myeloma**

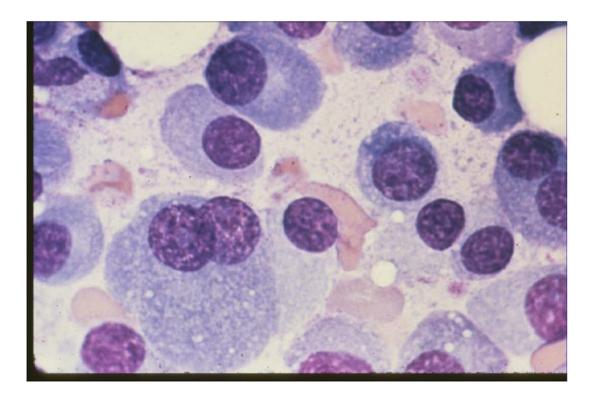
- Plasmacytosis in marrow
- Monoclonal protein in serum or urine
- Lytic disease of bone

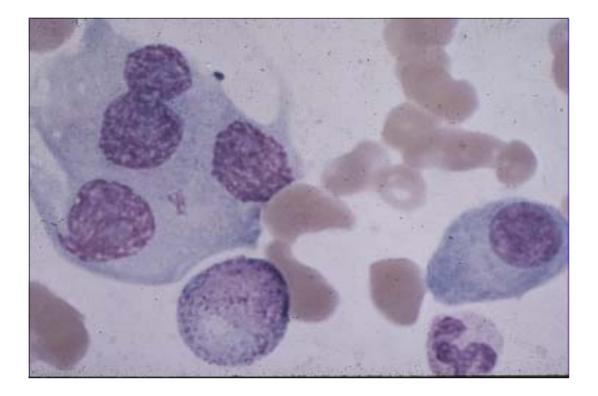
#### Marrow Plasmacytosis in Myeloma

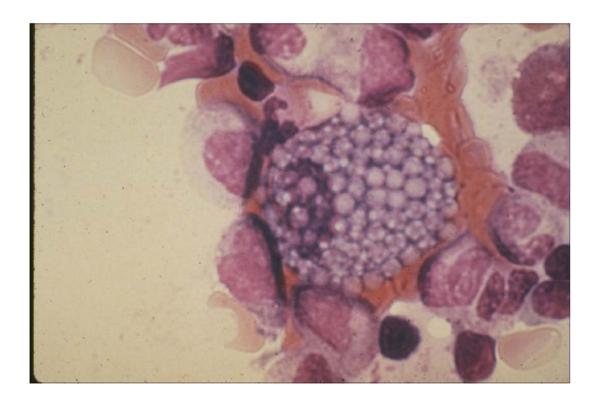
- Plasma cells > 10%
- Usually much higher
- Often present in 'sheets'
- Alternatively, biopsy-proven plasmacytoma
- Other causes of plasmacytosis:
   \_\_inflammation, cirrhosis, AIDS

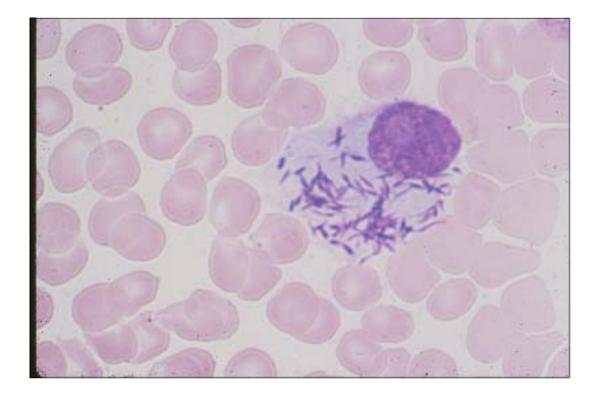


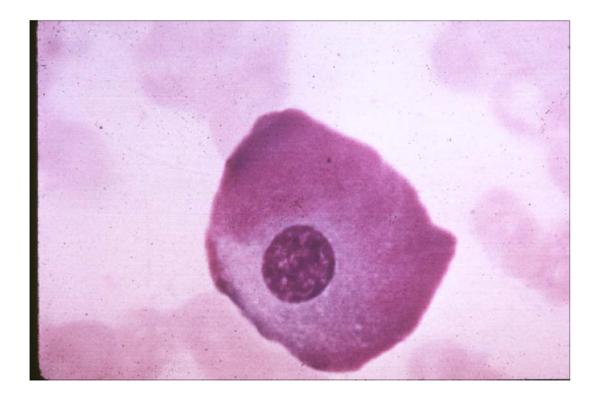


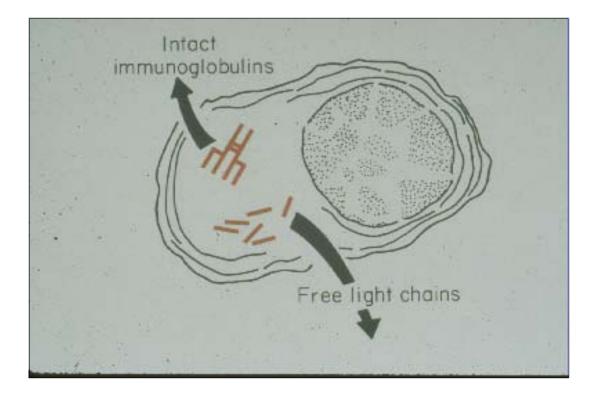


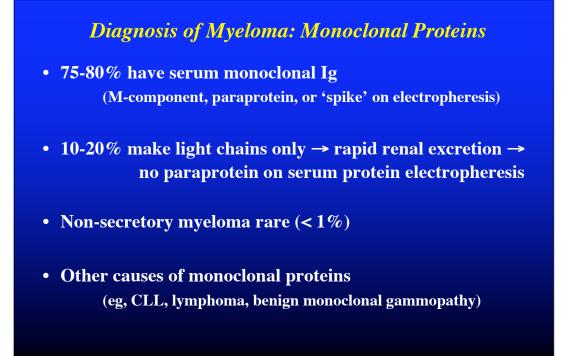


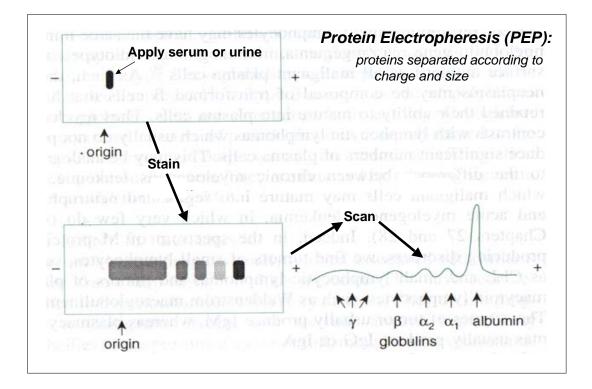


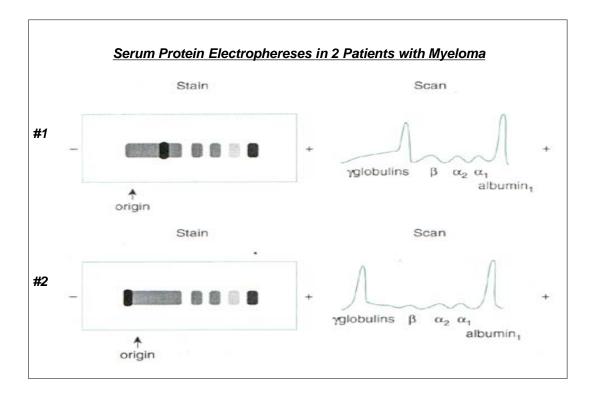


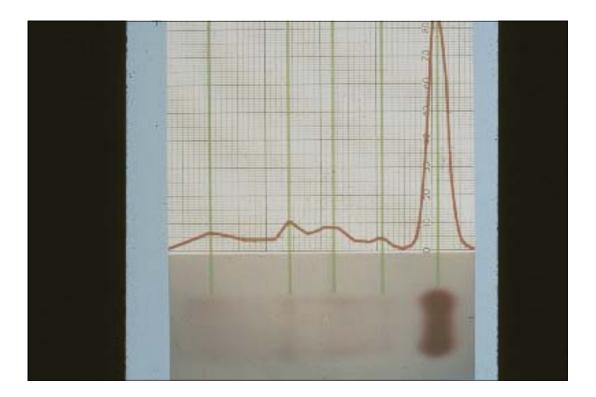


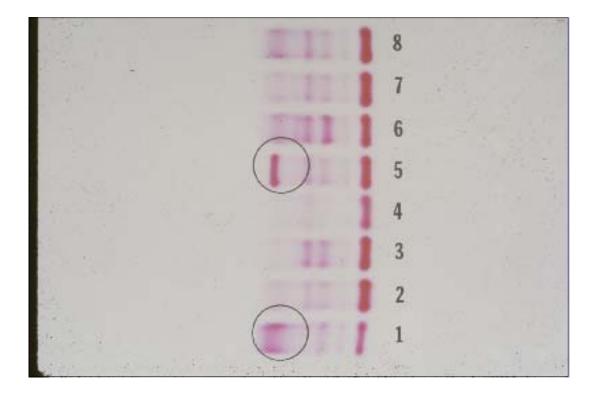


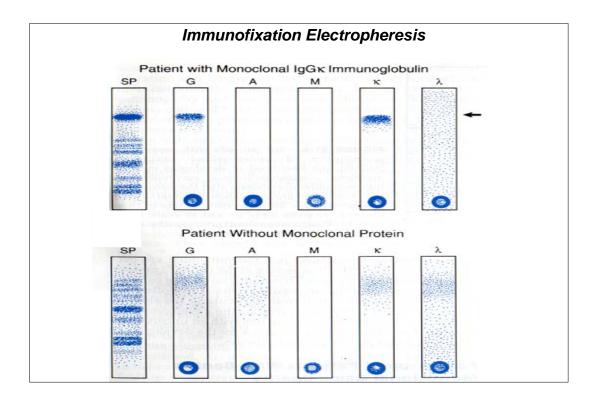






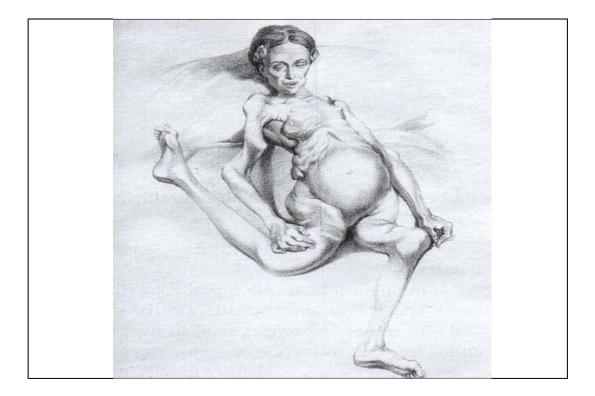


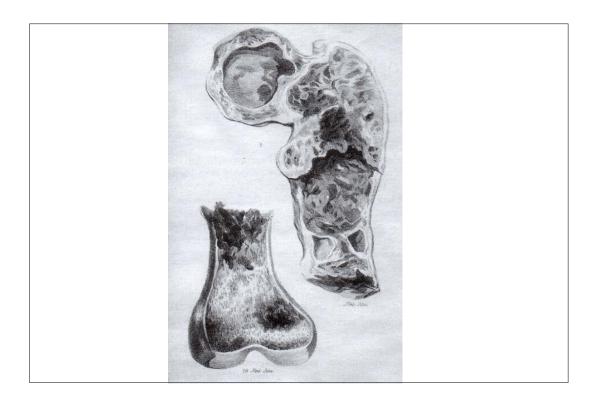


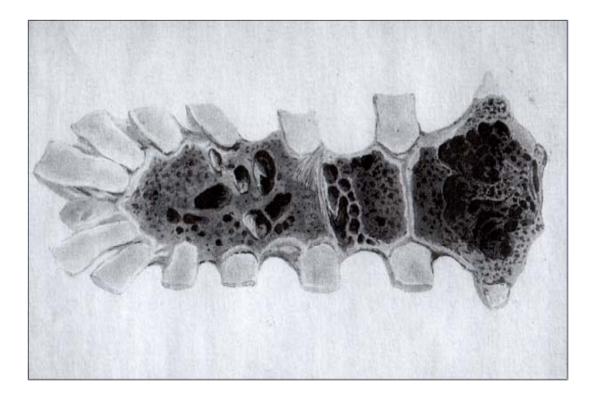


# **Bone Disease in Myeloma**

- Unbalanced osteoclast activity
- Radiographic manifestations
   Osteoporosis almost invariable
   Usually multiple lytic lesions
   Axial skeleton involved (active marrow)
   Osteoblastic reaction minimal
- Hypercalciuria and hypercalcemia



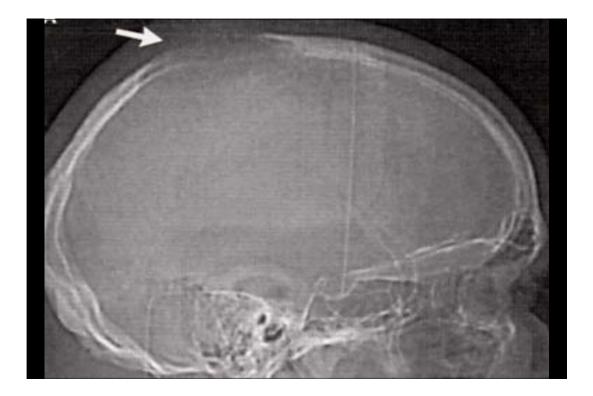






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# **Benign Monoclonal Gammopathy**

- Monoclonal Ig as isolated finding
- More common than myeloma
- No bone disease, anemia, renal dysfunction
- Most remain stable
- About 10% eventually develop classical myeloma

#### Myeloma at Presentation

• Early - asymptomatic, incidental diagnosis Paraprotein on electropheresis Mild marrow plasmacytosis Solitary plasmacytoma (10% of cases)

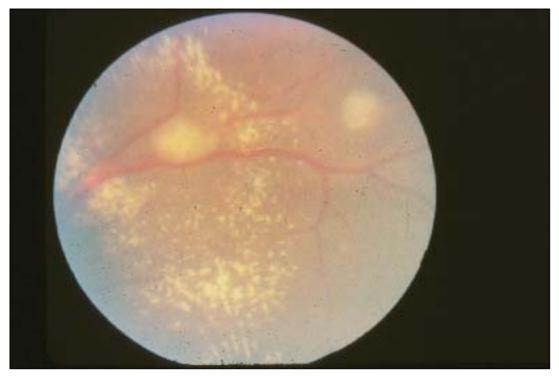
#### • Late - symptomatic

Bone pain (usually lower back) Pneumococcal infection Systemic symptoms (eg, weakness, weight loss) Related to anemia, renal failure, hypercalcemia

#### **Hyperviscosity Syndrome**

- Due to aggregating paraprotein
- Pathogenesis
  - Circulatory insufficiency, abnormal hemostasis
- Manifestations
  - Bleeding
  - Dyspnea (congestion on CXR)
  - Encephalopathy and visual disturbances







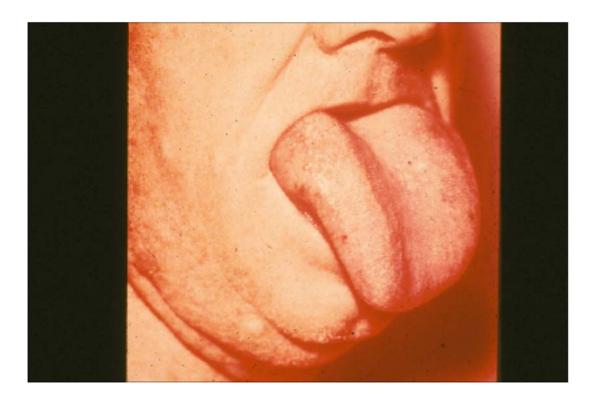


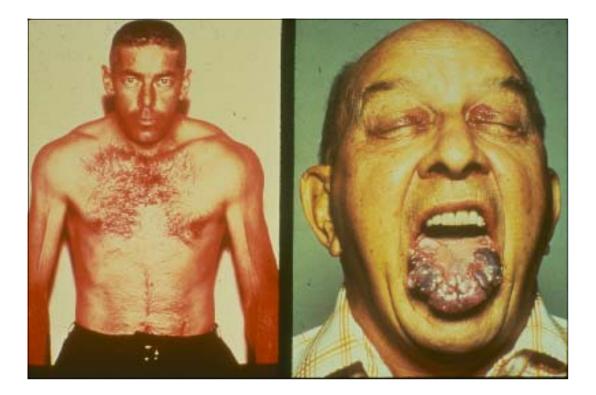
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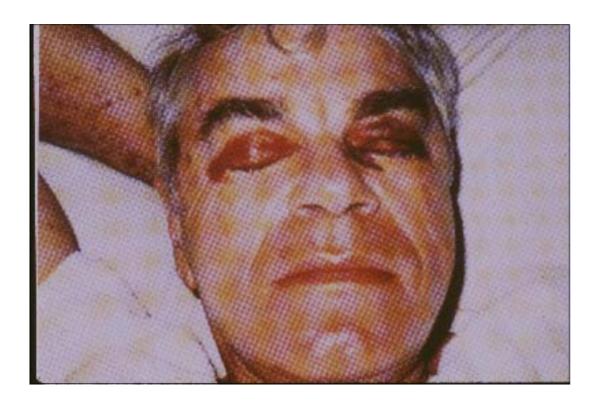
- Monoclonal Ig and/or monoclonal light chain
- Levels of normal Ig's (hypogammaglobulinemia)
- · Cellular immune responses usually preserved
- Bacterial infections common Early: S pneumoniae Late: S aureus, Gram negative rods

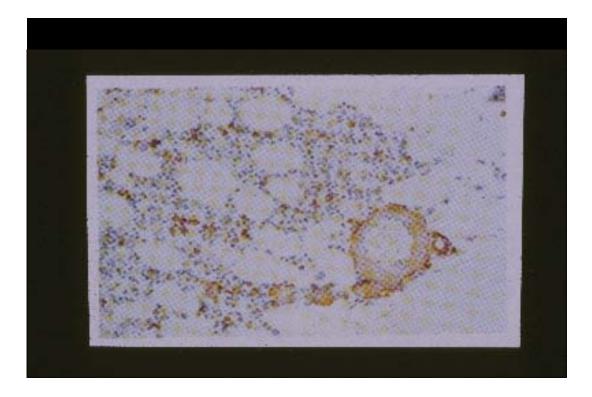
## Amyloidosis in Myeloma

- Due to light chain deposition in tissues
- Incidence:  $\lambda$  amyloid >  $\kappa$  amyloid
- Organs commonly involved: Skin Tongue and GI Heart Peripheral nerves Kidneys Soft tissues
- No effective therapy, except ?stem cell transplant

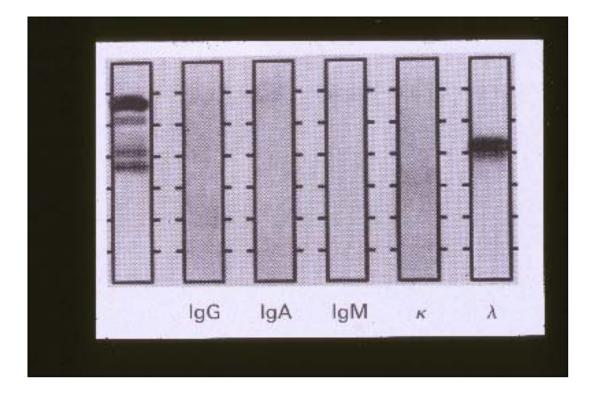












### Therapy for Myeloma

- Biphosphonates (pamidronate, zoledronate)
- Radiotherapy
- Corticosteroids and conventional chemotherapy
- Thalidomide and lenalidomide (anti-angiogenesis)
- Bortezomib (proteasome inhibitor)
- Stem cell transplantation