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Symposium on Nutritional Aspects of Blood Formation*

Hematology and Nutrition have many common bonds. The blood and bone marrow provide a readily available laboratory in which the nutritionist may observe the effects of various nutrients on cellular growth and development. Likewise, the hematologist depends upon many of these nutrients to relieve disorders of the blood which result in anemia. So it is not surprising that each of these two fields depends so much on the other. The nutritional anemias are the common meeting ground.

For many years, these anemias have been one of the major research interests of the laboratory of hematology and nutrition, Department of Medicine, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. It is very gratifying that the National Vitamin Foundation asked us to organize this symposium on the Nutritional Aspects of Blood Formation. A very distinguished panel of speakers has gathered here to bring together and discuss pertinent information on how and why the cells of the bone marrow grow and develop into the cells which circulate in the blood stream. A symposium of this kind gives all who are interested the opportunity to view the broad aspects of the field as well as to derive new ideas from a synthesis of the older ones. Cincinnati and its university are honored to have been chosen for this very significant meeting.

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