

## Medical Poem

# Thalassemia

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- As Mediterranean or Cooley's anemia known  
To haemolysis, the patient is prone.
- Microcytic Hypochromic RBC's and also target cells  
Is the story which the blood film tells.
- Reticulocytes and bilirubin indirect increased  
With MCV, MCH, MCHC all decreased.
- Haemoglobin Electrophoresis is a must  
Gives a diagnosis, which one can trust.
- High HbF and HbA2 levels are seen  
Absent or variable HbA noted has been.
- A handy tool is the iron stain  
Siderotic granules are the finding main.
- The homozygote is of types two  
Beta zero and plus, label them you do.

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