

Lymphopenia

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Following are differential diagnoses for patients presented with lymphopenia.

- ▶ Acute infection, particularly viral
- ▶ Cytotoxic or immunosuppressive drug (eg, chlorambucil, cyclophosphamide)
- ▶ Destruction/disruption of lymphoid tissue (eg, multicentric lymphoma)
- ▶ Immunodeficiency (rare; eg, severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome in basset hounds, Cardigan Welsh corgis, Jack Russell terriers, Frisian water dogs)
- ▶ Increased exposure to endogenous corticosteroids
 - Acute illness
 - Hyperadrenocorticism
 - Stress (eg, surgery)
- ▶ Increased exposure to exogenous corticosteroids
 - Steroid therapy
 - Contact with steroid creams in household
- ▶ Loss of lymphocytes (eg, into intestinal tract with lymphangiectasia, into pleural cavity with chylothorax)
- ▶ Whole body irradiation ■■■

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