

What is Anaemia?

As per the World Health Organisation, Anaemia is a condition in which the number of red blood cells or the haemoglobin concentration within them is lower than normal.

Iron deficiency Anaemia is not only India's but world's most widespread nutritional disorder

PREVALENCE OF ANAEMIA

1 in 3 Indians are known to be anaemic

58.6%

Children under the age of 5

28.3%

Children & Adolescents (5-19 yrs.)

447
million anaemic
cases were recorded
in India in 2016.

50.4%Pregnant women (15-49 yrs.)

22.7% Men (15-49 yrs.)

Source: NEHS-4 (2015 -16) & CNNS (2016-18

TYPES OF ANAEMIA

1 IRON DEFICIENCY ANAEMIA
Caused due to insufficient iron intake or low iron absorption

2 MEGALOBLASTIC ANAEMIA
Caused due to deficiency of Vitamin B9
or Vitamin B12

3 APLASTIC ANAEMIA
Rare condition caused due to viral diseases, chemicals or radiations.

Source: Globel Burden of Anemia, 2016 Report.

Source: NFHS-4 (2015 -16) & CNNS (2016-18)

SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE 'AT MORE RISK' OF DEVELOPING ANAEMIA



PREGNANT WOMEN

Due to loss of blood during child birth & increased requirements for growth of foetus



TEENAGE GIRLS & ADULT WOMEN

Due to monthly menstrual blood loss and the need to recover the iron loss



CHILDREN

Higher needs due to growth and development



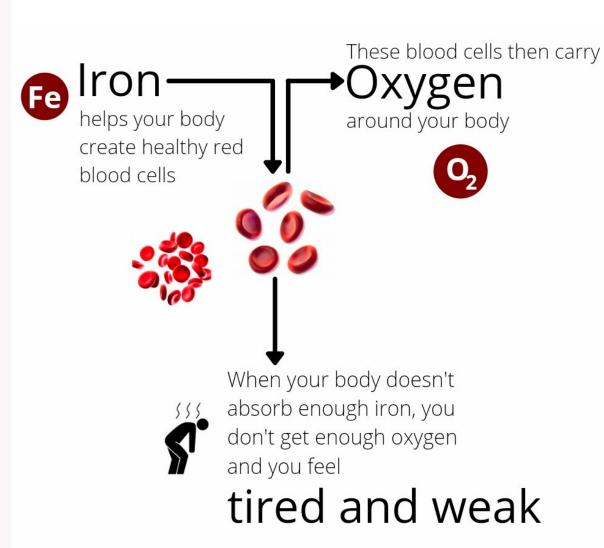
DIABETIC INDIVIDUALS

Unmanaged diabetes can lead to anaemia as one its complication

TIPS FOR PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT

- ✓ Include both heme and non heme iron rich foods like meat, green leafy vegetables, beans etc.
- √ Ensure good intake of Vitamin C as it helps in iron absorption.
- ✓Include folate and Vitamin B12 rich foods such as green leafy vegetables, chickpeas, egg, fish etc.
- ✓ Protein rich foods like pulses, eggs, lean meat etc, should be included in daily diet.
- ✓ Include more iron fortified packaged products/supplements (Read the labels for more information).
- √ Control the infections that make anaemia worse.

CONSEQUENCES OF ANAEMIA





Reduced work capacity in adults



Increased child mortality



Reduced cognitive development in children