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# Infantile Pyknocytosis

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A rare, neonatal syndrome characterized by early jaundice that becomes rapidly associated with severe hemolytic anemia. The peripheral blood smear is remarkable for small irregular, contracted red blood cells with hyper-dense spikes (pyknocytes), that progressively increase in number and then spontaneously disappear.