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used without definition are given on pages xy. Other abbreviations are defined on first use in a theme. All images are of films stained with a May-Grunwald-Giemsa stain unless stated otherwise. The cases are not arranged thematically, since a more random arrangement better approximates to real life. We wish to thank our clinical and laboratory colleagues with whom we have collaborated over many years"--