



# NCCN Guidelines Version 2.2025

## Myeloproliferative Neoplasms

### WHO<sup>1</sup> AND INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS CLASSIFICATION (ICC)<sup>2</sup> DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR PRIMARY MYELOFIBROSIS

PMF, prefibrotic stage (pre-PMF)	PMF, fibrotic stage
<b>Major criteria</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Megakaryocytic proliferation and atypia, without reticulin fibrosis grade &gt;1,<sup>a</sup> accompanied by increased age-adjusted bone marrow cellularity, granulocytic proliferation, and (often) decreased erythropoiesis</li> <li>2. Not meeting diagnostic criteria for chronic myeloid leukemia, polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia, myelodysplastic neoplasms, or other defined myeloid neoplasms</li> <li>3. <i>JAK2</i>, <i>CALR</i>, or <i>MPL</i> mutation or presence of another clonal marker<sup>b</sup> or absence of reactive bone marrow fibrosis<sup>c</sup></li> </ol>	<b>Major criteria</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Megakaryocytic proliferation and atypia, accompanied by reticulin and/or collagen fibrosis grade 2 or 3<sup>a</sup></li> <li>2. Not meeting diagnostic criteria for chronic myeloid leukemia, polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia, myelodysplastic neoplasms, or other defined myeloid neoplasms<sup>d</sup></li> <li>3. <i>JAK2</i>, <i>CALR</i>, or <i>MPL</i> mutation or presence of another clonal marker<sup>e</sup> or absence of reactive bone marrow myelofibrosis<sup>f</sup></li> </ol>
<b>Minor criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anemia not attributed to a comorbid condition</li> <li>• Leukocytosis <math>\geq 11 \times 10^9/L</math></li> <li>• Splenomegaly detected clinically and/or by imaging</li> <li>• LDH level above the upper limit of the institutional reference range</li> </ul>	<b>Minor criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anemia not attributed to a comorbid condition</li> <li>• Leukocytosis <math>\geq 11 \times 10^9/L</math></li> <li>• Splenomegaly detected clinically and/or by imaging</li> <li>• LDH level above the upper limit of the institutional reference range</li> <li>• Leukoerythroblastosis</li> </ul>
<b>The diagnosis of prefibrotic-PMF or overt PMF requires all 3 major criteria and at least 1 minor criterion confirmed in 2 consecutive determinations</b>	<b>The diagnosis of overt primary myelofibrosis requires all 3 major criteria and at least 1 minor criterion to be met in 2 consecutive determinations.</b>

<sup>a</sup> See MPN-A 2 of 2 for the WHO grading system for myelofibrosis.

<sup>b</sup> In the absence of any of the three major clonal mutations, a search for other mutations associated with myeloid neoplasms (eg, *ASXL1*, *EZH2*, *TET2*, *IDH1*, *IDH2*, *SRSF2*, and *SF3B1* mutations) may be of help in determining the clonal nature of the disease.

<sup>c</sup> Minor (grade 1) reticulin fibrosis secondary to infection, autoimmune disorder or other chronic inflammatory conditions, hairy cell leukemia or another lymphoid neoplasm, metastatic malignancy, or toxic (chronic) myelopathies.

<sup>d</sup> Myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs) can be associated with monocytosis, or patients can develop it during the course of the disease. These cases may mimic chronic myelomonocytic leukemia; in these rare instances, a history of MPN excludes chronic myelomonocytic leukemia, whereas the presence of MPN features in the bone marrow and/or MPN-associated mutations (in *JAK2*, *CALR*, or *MPL*) tends to support the diagnosis of MPN with monocytosis rather than chronic myelomonocytic leukemia.

<sup>e</sup> In the absence of any of the three major clonal mutations, a search for other mutations associated with myeloid neoplasms (eg, *ASXL1*, *EZH2*, *TET2*, *IDH1*, *IDH2*, *SRSF2*, and *SF3B1* mutations) may be of help in determining the clonal nature of the disease.

<sup>f</sup> Bone marrow fibrosis secondary to infection, autoimmune disorder or another chronic inflammatory condition, hairy cell leukemia or another lymphoid neoplasm, metastatic malignancy, or toxic (chronic) myelopathy.

<sup>1</sup> Adapted with permission from Kanagal-Shamanna R, Naresh KN, Dave SS, et al. Primary myelofibrosis. In: WHO Classification of Tumours Editorial Board. Haematolymphoid tumours [Internet]. Lyon (France): International Agency for Research on Cancer; 2024 [cited 2024 November 15]. (WHO classification of tumours series, 5th ed; vol. 11). Available from: <https://tumourclassification.iarc.who.int/chapters/63>.

<sup>2</sup> Arber DA, Orazi A, Hasserjian RP, et al. International Consensus Classification of myeloid neoplasms and acute leukemias: Integrating morphologic, clinical and genomic data. Blood 2022;140:1200-1228. from Arber DA, et al. Blood 2022;140:1200-1228.

**Note: All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.**