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congestive splenomegaly splenomegaly secondary to portal hypertension, with ascites, anemia, thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, and episodic hemorrhage from the intestinal tract. Called also [Banti's disease](#).

hemolytic splenomegaly enlargement of the spleen associated with hemolytic diseases of the blood.

siderotic splenomegaly splenomegaly with deposit of iron and calcium.

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n. pl. **splenomegalies**

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splenomegaly Enlarged spleen Enlargement of spleen for any reason, which is usually a manifestation of underlying disease; the only specific finding in splenomegaly is dragging sensation in the upper right quadrant; megalic spleens may reach 4.0+ kg—eg, in agnogenic myeloid metaplasia

Splenomegaly

Congestion Cirrhosis, CHF, thrombosis of portal or splenic veins

Infection

- **Bacteria** Brucellosis, infective carditis agents, syphilis, TB, typhoid fever
- **Fungi** Histoplasmosis
- **Parasites** Echinococcosis, leishmaniasis, malaria, schistosomiasis, toxoplasmosis, trypanosomiasis
- **Viruses** CMV, EBV

Inflammatory/immune-related Rheumatoid arthritis, SLE

Hematopoietic disease/Lymphoid function

- **Malignant** Leukemias, eg ALL, CLL, myeloproliferative disorders—eg agnogenic myeloid metaplasia, CML, multiple

myeloma, polycythemia vera; lymphomas—Hodgkin's disease, NHL

• **Nonmalignant** Hemolytic anemia, histiocytosis, ITP

Storage diseases Gaucher's disease, mucopolysaccharidosis, Niemann-Pick disease

Etc Amyloidosis, cysts, hypersplenism, metastases, primary tumors

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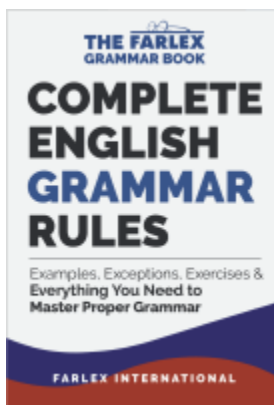
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