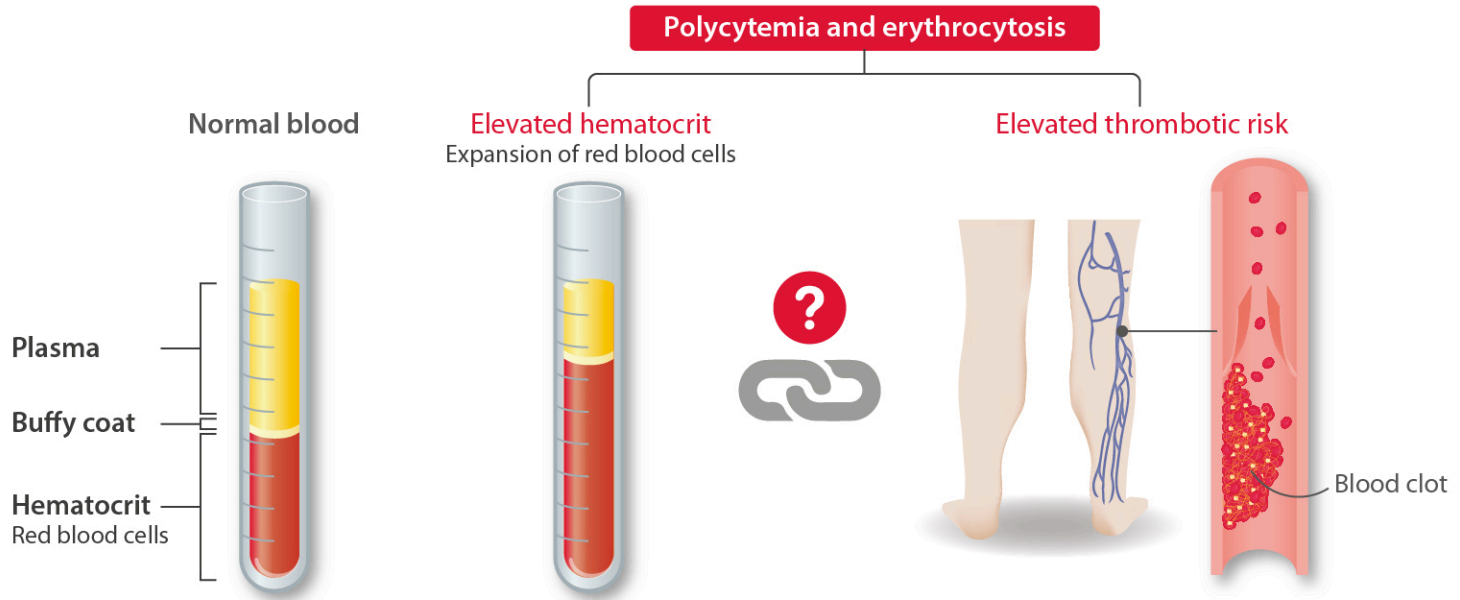


Elevated hematocrit is not necessarily a thrombosis-predisposing factor in polycythemia and erythrocytosis



However, in **Chuvash erythrocytosis** and **polycythemia vera**:

- the occurrence of thrombosis is independent of hematocrit
- the thrombotic risk is increased by phlebotomy

- Need to define predisposing factors, other than elevated hematocrit, that determine thrombotic risk in polycythemia and erythrocytosis
- Defining these thrombosis-predisposing factors would provide the basis for identifying novel targeted therapies for these disorders