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**DIAGNOSIS:** SPLEEN – IDIOPATHIC THROMBOCYTOPENIC PURPURA.

**CLINICAL HISTORY:** M/64. Splenectomy performed for long standing idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura which had been unresponsive to conservative treatment. Spleen weighed 160g.

**MACROSCOPIC:** Specimen consists of two portions of spleen, the cut surface of which shows numerous haemorrhagic nodules, varying in size up to 1cm in maximum dimension. Some nodules appear to be blood filled spaces. Other nodules show firmer tissue with a mottled appearance.

**MICROSCOPIC:** Sections show scattered haemorrhagic areas (right), some showing fresh haemorrhage, some organised haematoma, which are not typical of idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura. There are occasional macrophages with vacuolated cytoplasm representing platelet derived lipid (left).

