

# Inflammation: 'itis' (defense/protective response)

- response of vascularized connective tissue to injurious stimuli
- Injurious stimuli — infections
  - immune reaction
  - foreign bodies
  - tissue injury

## Inflammation

<u>ACUTE</u>	(> 6 weeks) <u>CHRONIC</u>
→ shorter duration	→ longer duration
→ sudden onset	→ insidious onset
→ local signs & symptoms are more prominent	→ less prominent
→ less prominent	→ tissue healing & fibrosis is more prominent
→ NEUTROPHIL	→ MONOCYTE/MACROPHAGE/ (mononuclear cells) <small>LYMPHOCYTES/PLASMA CELLS</small>

Purpose of Inflammation: 3 D's — Destroy  
 — Dilute  
 — Dam-off

Desired result of inflammation: — Regeneration  
 — Fibrosis

Inflammation is a double edged sword.

- It is protective, but in some cases it has -ve effect
- -ve effects - rheumatoid arthritis
  - atherosclerosis
  - lung fibrosis

### Steps of Inflammation: 5 R's

- Recognition of injurious events
- Recruitment of leukocytes
- Removal of agent
- Regulation of response
- Resolution

### Signs of Inflammation:

i. Redness / rubor

ii. Swelling / tumor

iii. Heat / calor

iv. Pain / dolor

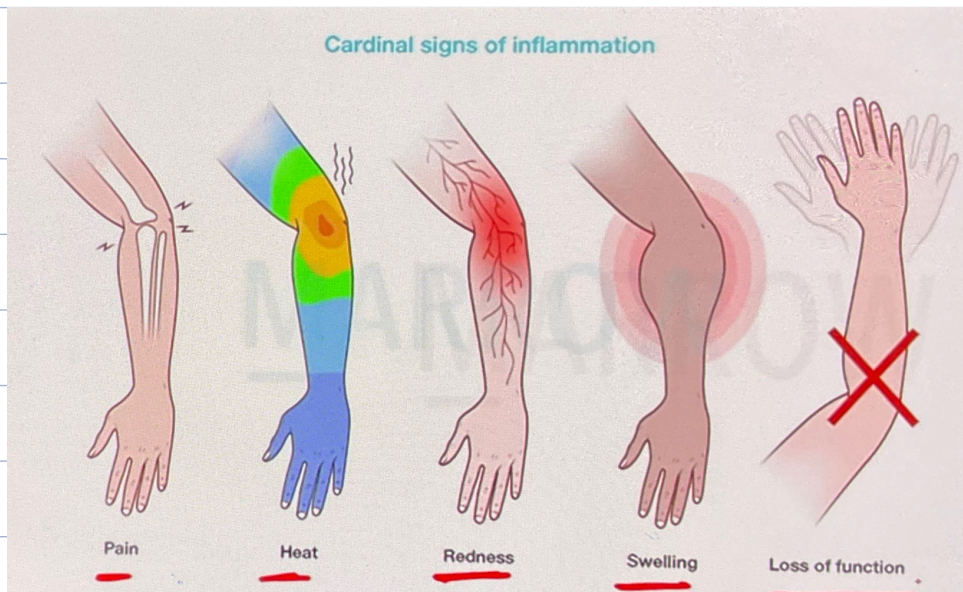
} 4 cardinal  
signs of  
inflammation

(given by Celsus)

Virchow = Father of Modern Pathology

↳ gave 5th sign of inflammation: Functio Laesa (loss of function)

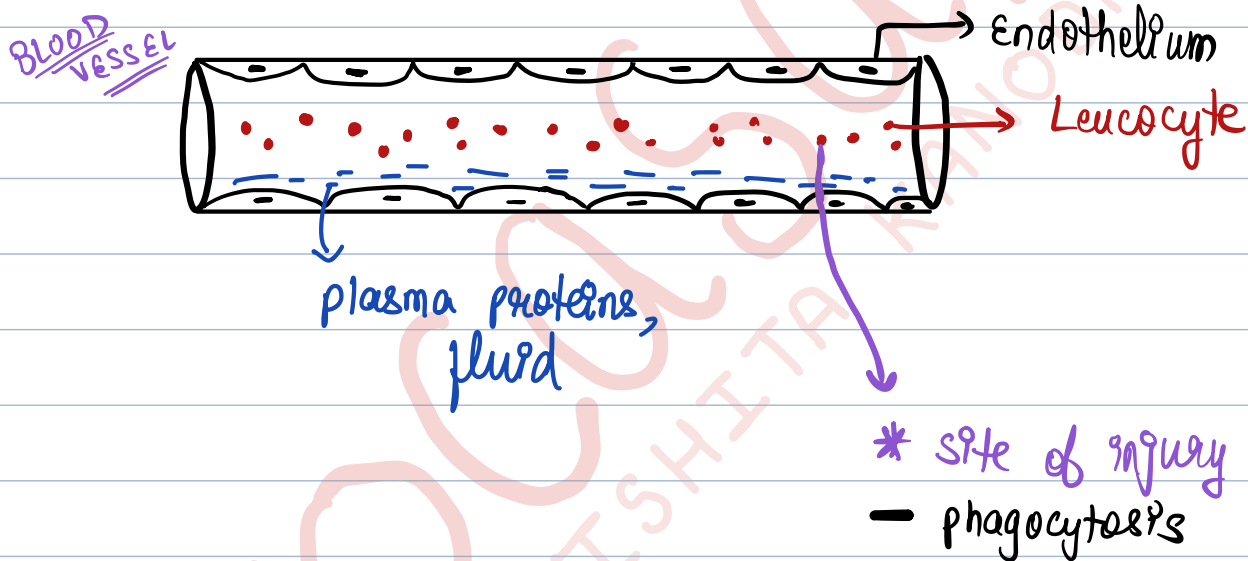




## Mechanism of Acute Inflammation:

vascular response + cellular response

- Marker for endothelium: CD 34



Vascular  
events

Early transient arteriolar vasoconstriction (few seconds)

↓  
Vasodilation↓  
Increased vascular permeabilityHallmark of  
inflammation↓  
Stasis / SlowingCellular  
events

Margination

↓  
Rolling↓  
Adhesion↓  
Transmigration / Diapedesis↓  
Chemotaxis↓  
Opsonisation↓  
Phagocytosis

## Early Transient Arterial Vasoconstriction:

- lasts for a few seconds
- mediators — nerve reflex
- endothelins

## Vasodilation: usually involves arterioles

- mediator: — histamine
- causes increased blood flow  $\Rightarrow$  Redness (Rubor)
- $\Rightarrow$  Heat (calor)

## Increased Vascular Permeability:

- usually affects the venules
- mediator: — histamine
- Hallmark of acute inflammation
- causes leakage of proteins & fluids from the blood vessel leading to extravascular accumulation  $\Rightarrow$  SWELLING / TUMOR  
(protein rich fluid = exudate)

### EXUDATE

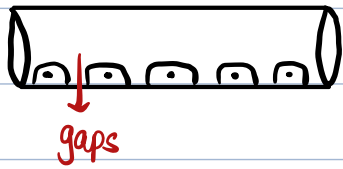
- specific gravity  $> 1.020$
- responsible for inflammatory edema
- rich in proteins & cells
- increased LDH

### TRANSUDATE

- $< 1.020$
- responsible for non-inflammatory edema
- poor in proteins & cells
- decreased LDH

## Mechanism of Increased Vascular Permeability:

### i. Endothelial Cell Contraction/Retraction [formation of endothelial gaps]



→ usually affects the post capillary venules

→ mediators: - histamine  
- leukotrienes

→ this is an immediate transient response

### ii. Direct Endothelial Injury:

**MILD**

→ burns

→ responsible for delayed  
prolonged response

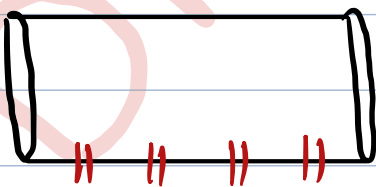
**SEVERE**

→ sepsis

→ responsible for immediate  
sustained response.

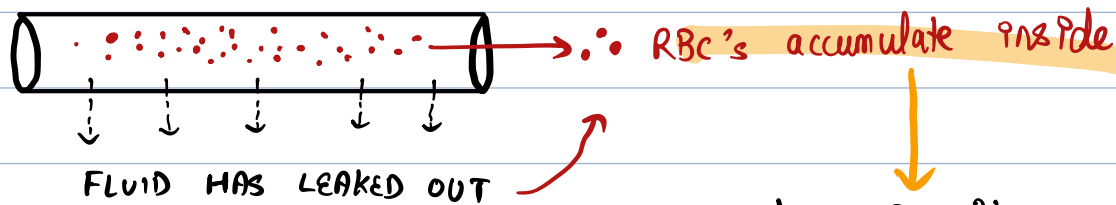
### iii. Leucocyte Mediated Endothelial Injury

### iv. Increased transcytosis:



→ formation of tunnels in  
blood vessel which cause  
leakage

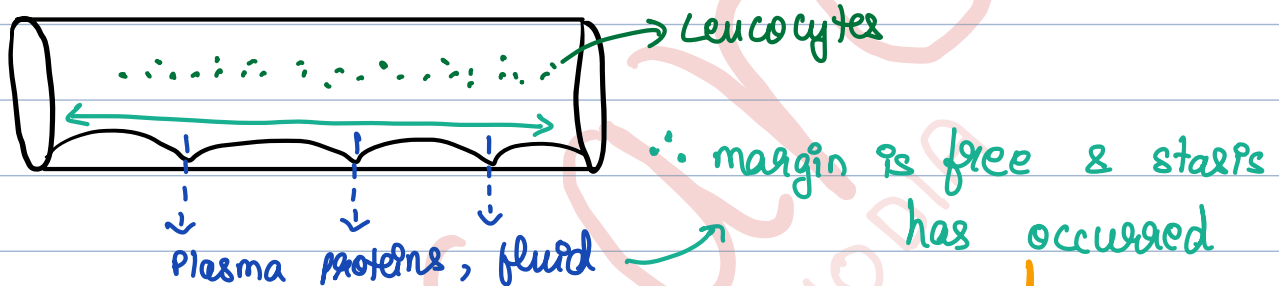
## Stasis / Slowing of blood flow:



hyperviscosity

slowing of flow

## CELLULAR EVENTS:



PAVEMENTING /  
MARGINATION

## Pavementing / Margination:

→ process of redistribution of leucocytes to the margins of blood vessel

Rolling: Leucocytes roll over the endothelium

↳ process of attachment, detachment & reattachment to endothelium [LOOSE ATTACHMENT]

→ mediators: — **Selectins**

- E selectin: endothelium
- P " : platelets, endothelium
- L " : leucocytes



Endothelial surface

P-selectin  
E-selectin  
Glycam1 - CD34

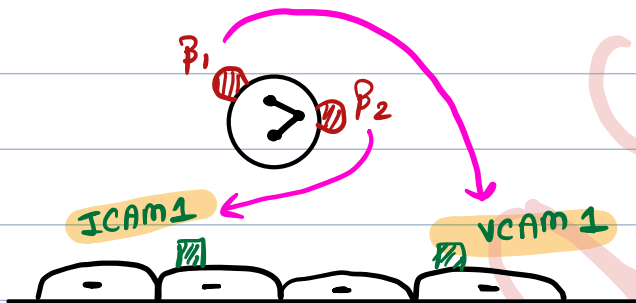
Lymphocyte surface

Sialyl lewis X modified glycoprotein  
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L-selectin

- expressions of selectins overall is induced by IL-1, TNF.
- Redistribution of p-selectins from the Weibel Palade bodies inside endothelial cells is mediated by — Histamine  
— Thrombin.

Adhesion: firm attachment of leucocytes to endothelial cells.

- Mediators: **INTEGRINS**
    - $\beta 1 / VLA 4$
    - $\beta 2 / LFA 1 / MAC 1$
- } present on leucocytes



- chemokines & chemoattractants cause leukocyte activation & conversion of low affinity integrins on leukocytes to high affinity state resulting in firm adhesion of leukocytes to endothelium.



Transmigration (Diapedesis): movement of leucocytes across the endothelium or basement membrane.

→ Mediators: PECAM 1 or CD 31

causes synthesis of collagenases or MMP's (matrix metallo proteinases)

↓  
digests the endothelium / basement membrane.

Chemotaxis: movement of leucocyte in the direction of a chemical stimulus towards the site of injury.

→ Unidirectional & targetted movement

Chemotactic Mediators:

EXOGENOUS

- Bacterial cell wall products like - N-formyl methionine

ENDOGENOUS

- L - LTB<sub>4</sub>
- I - IL 8
- C - C5a

Mechanism of Chemotaxis:

Ligand binds to the 7 transmembrane G-protein coupled receptor

↓  
increased cytosolic Ca<sup>2+</sup>

↓  
polymerization of actin

↓  
Chemotaxis

Opsonization: (does not happen every time)

→ coating of microbe so that, it is easily phagocytosed  
['to make tasty']

## OPSONINS

Fc fragment of IgG  
(best opsonin)

(best) C3b,  
C4b  
C5b

• serum proteins  
• fibrinogen  
• CRP

→ discovered by Elie mechnikoff.

Phagocytosis: (Killing of microbe)

Recognition  
≅ attachment

- Scavenger receptors
- Mannose receptors
- Receptors for opsonins

Engulfment

Killing



# Phagocytosis (cell eating)

→ refers to process of engulfment & destruction of solid particulate material by the cells

## Steps:

**I Chemotaxis:** process of migration of neutrophils to the site of infection

- chemical factors that are released from the site of infection/inflammation attracts the neutrophils & are called chemotaxins (eg- complement proteins)
- neutrophils change their shape to become highly amoeboid.
- bone marrow is stimulated to produce more neutrophils.

**II Diapedesis:** process of neutrophils passing through the capillary endothelial cell to reach the site of invasion in tissue

- neutrophils first marginate (margination & pavementing) & adhere tightly to endothelial lining (rolling & adhesion) with the help of L-selectins

**III Opsonization & Adherence:** process by which bacteria are made tasty to the phagocyte

- chemicals that promote opsonisation (opsonins) — IgG antibody, complement proteins (C3a, C3b)
- opsonized bacteria bind to the receptor on the neutrophil membrane by a process called adherence.

**IV Ingestion (Endocytosis):** membrane of phagocyte extends projections from both sides to engulf the microbe. (pseudopodia)

- The pseudopodia unite to form phagocytic vesicle around the microbe
- phagocytic vesicle fuses with lysosome to form phagolysosome.

(pseudopodia formation  $\Rightarrow$  actin polymerization)

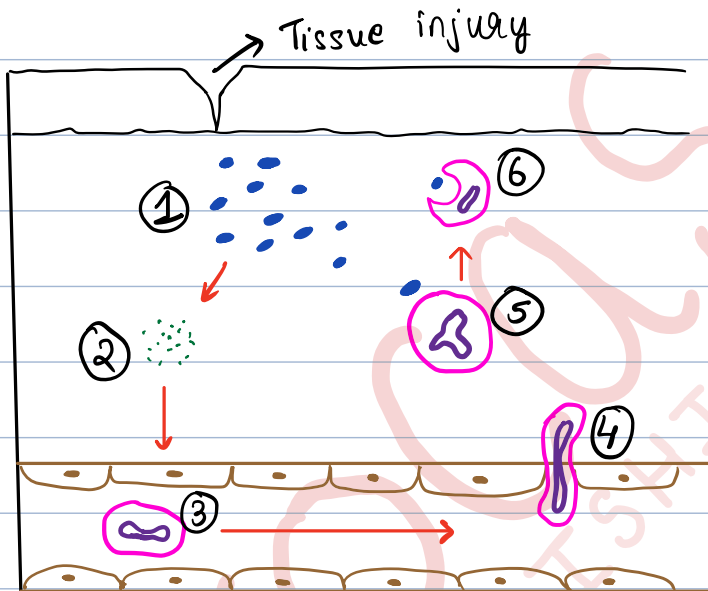
## ⑤ Killing: non-oxidative oxidative

### → Non-oxidative

- **Lysosome** hydrolyzes the cell wall of bacteria & lactoferrin sequesters iron which is required for bacterial growth.
- **Defensins** released from azurophilic granules have unusual cyclic structure & kill bacteria by disrupting their outer membrane & breaking single-strand DNA

### → oxidative - by oxygen metabolites like $\text{OH}\cdot$ , $\text{O}_2^-$ , $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

- these metabolites are generated by **NADPH oxidase**
- Activation of **NADPH oxidase** is associated with increased oxygen intake of neutrophil called **respiratory burst**.



- ① = Invasion
- ② = Release of chemotaxins
- ③ = Chemotaxis
- ④ = Diapedesis
- ⑤ = Opsonization
- ⑥ = Ingestion & Killing.

## Frustrated Phagocytosis:

- occurs when the cell encounters material which cannot be phagocytosed.  
eg: immune complexes bound to basement membrane
- leucocytes starts releasing lysosomal enzymes outside through which phagocytosis occurs.

## Leucocyte Function Defects:

- LAD 1 (Leucocyte Adhesion deficiency)
- LAD 2

→ autosomal recessive

→ Presentation: — recurrent infections

### Pathogenesis:

LAD 1: defect in synthesis of  $\beta 2$  integrin (CD11/CD18).

LAD 2: " " " " sialyl Lewis x modified glycoprotein.

→ delayed separation of umbilical stump in LAD 1.

→ LAD 2 is sometimes associated with Bombay Blood group.

## • Chronic Granulomatous Disorder [CGD]:

→ 75% cases  $\Rightarrow$  X-linked recessive ( $\therefore$  more common in males)  
25% cases  $\Rightarrow$  Autosomal recessive

### Pathogenesis:

→ defect in NADPH oxidase (required for oxidative killing)

Clinical Presentation: — increased risk of infections with catalase positive organisms

→ Nitro Blue Tetrazolium (NBT) Test  $\Rightarrow$  screening test for CGD

Confirmatory Test  $\Rightarrow$  DHR [Dihydro Rhodamine] Test

### • Chediak Higashi Syndrome:

→ autosomal recessive

→ defect in LYST protein which is required for phagolysosome fusion.

→ Presentation: — fever

— recurrent infections

— albinism

— Nerve defects / deafness

— thrombocytopenia.

— silver gray hair

H&E: presence of giant granules in neutrophils in P/s.

### NET (Neutrophil Extracellular Traps):

→ Extracellular fibillar meshwork produced by neutrophils in response to severe infections

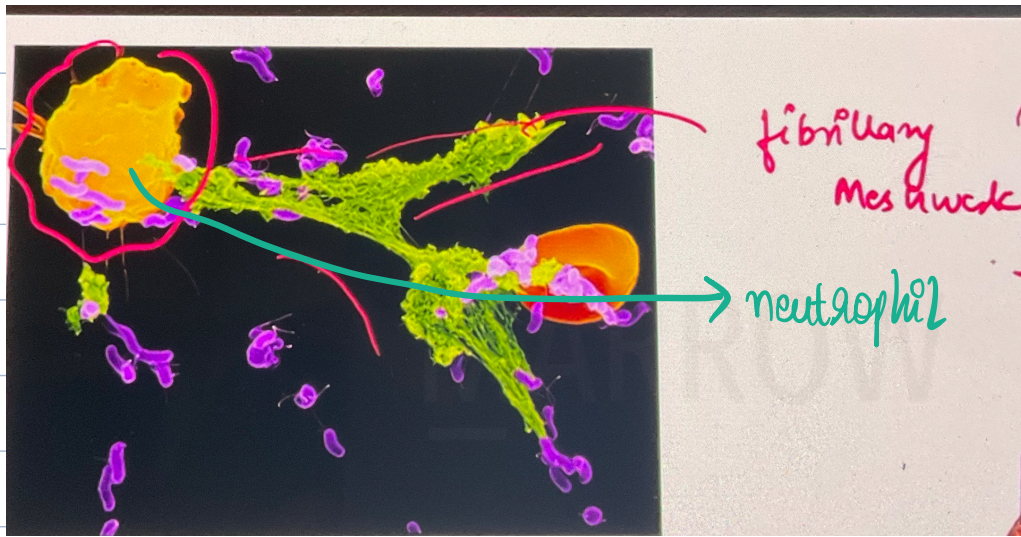
→ helps to limit the spread of infections

→ produces a lot of anti-microbial substances

→ Arginine helps in formation of NETs

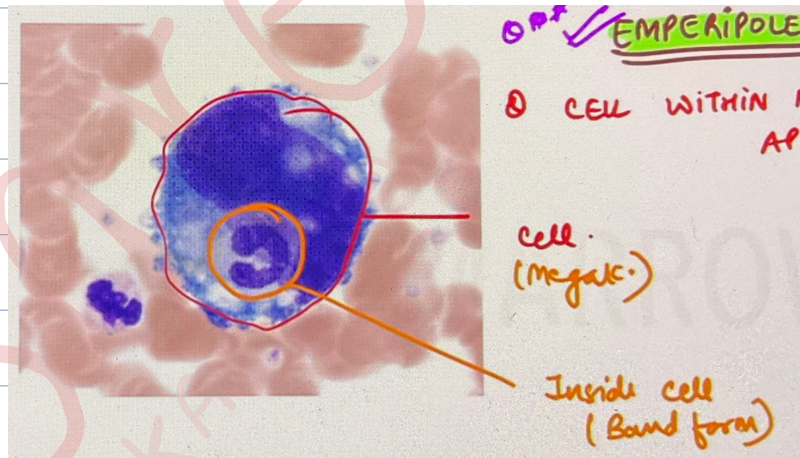
→ excess NETs can lead to increased risk of autoimmune disorders like SLE (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus)





## Emperipolesis :

- cell within a cell appearance
- ~~differential diagnosis~~: phagocytosis  
(but in phagocytosis, the cell inside is dead).
- but in emperipolesis, the cell inside can be extruded without any abnormality.



- Seen in: — Rosai Dorfman Syndrome
- CLL [chronic lymphocytic leukemia]
- Hematolymphoid disorders
- Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)

## Acute appendicitis - H & E

- Neutrophil (infiltrate) in muscle layer (HALLMARK)
- Mucosa: ulceration / erosion  
[acute inflammatory exudate in the appendicular lumen]
- Submucosa: hyperplastic lymphoid follicles (reactive germinal centres)
- Serosa: consistent blood vessels

### Gross:

- dull colour (not shiny) externally
- some exudate is seen covering it
- Cut surface: patent / non-patent lumen (haemorrhage, faecoliths)

### VIVA QUESTIONS

- 1) clinical features
- 2) H & E
- 3) gross features
- 4) Complications - appendicular abscess, mass, perforation, pseudomyxoma peritonei, mucinous carcinoma of ovary
- 5) etiology

(consolidation)

Lobar Pneumonia: heavy, firm lungs

(Normally: lungs are spongy)

→ acute bacterial infection of lung tissue of a partial / complete lobe

[Bronchopneumonia: bilateral, patchy]

(Atypical pneumonia)

→ cough, fever

Microscopy:

- Stage of Congestion
- Stage of Red hepatization - consistency of liver; RBC & inflammatory cells in lumen.
- Stage of Gray hepatization - fibrino purulent exudate; clearing/retraction space in lumen
- Stage of Consolidation

Complications - empyema, resolution, lung abscess, meningitis, systemic spread, valvular diseases, etc. (pleural effusion)

## Chronic Inflammation:

granulomatous (specific)

non-specific

- longer duration
- insidious onset
- Cell of chronic inflammation: Mononuclear cells (monocyte / macrophage).

- Infiltration of tissue with lymphocytes, monocytes or plasma cells.
- Tissue destruction/injury ⇒ hallmark of chronic inflammation
- Attempts at healing / repair

## Cells of Chronic Inflammation:

- monocyte / macrophage:



- monocyte present in blood
- in tissue, it is called macrophage.

Brain	⇒	microglia
Lymph Node	⇒	Sinus histiocytes
Bone	⇒	Osteoclasts
Lung	⇒	Pulmonary alveolar macrophages / Dust cells
Liver	⇒	Kupffer cells
Spleen	⇒	Littoral cells
Placenta	⇒	Hofbauer cells
Kidney	⇒	Mesangial cells



## Macrophage:

### CLASSICALLY ACTIVATED

#### M<sub>1</sub>

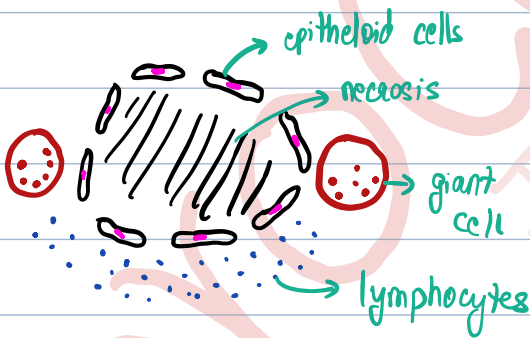
- pro inflammatory
- activated by IFN- $\gamma$  or TLR  
(Toll Like receptor)
- leads to:
  - production of ROS (to kill microbes) or
  - production of IL-1, IL-12, IL-23 which cause inflammation.

### ALTERNATELY ACTIVATED

#### M<sub>2</sub>

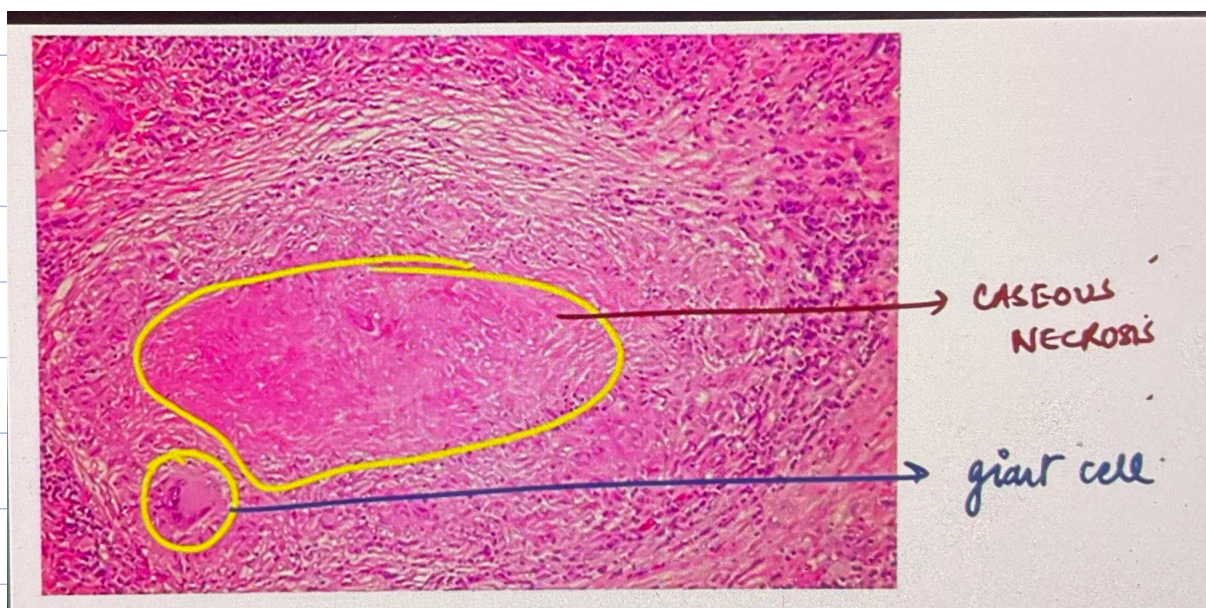
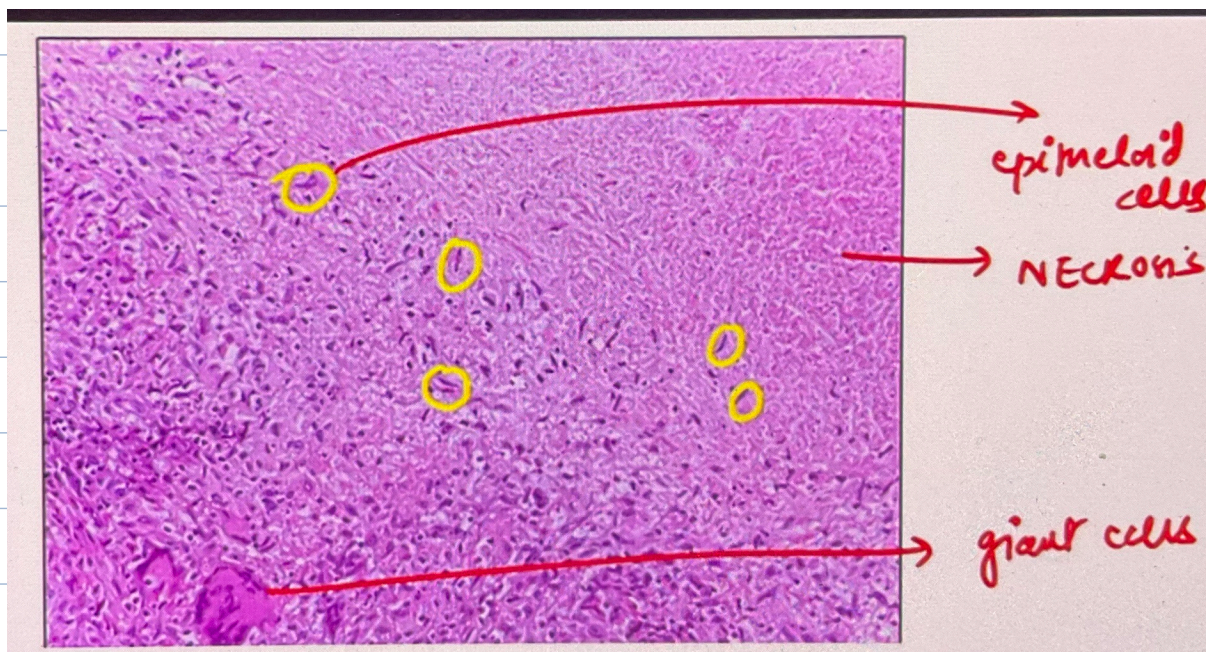
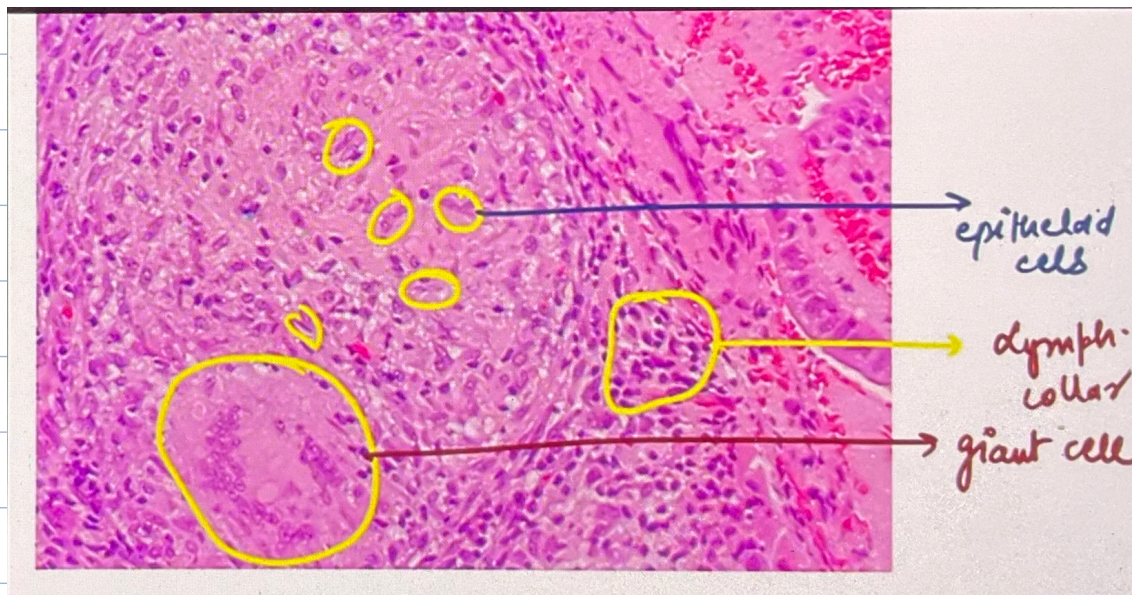
- anti-inflammatory
- activated by IL-4, IL-13
- leads to production of IL-10 & TGF- $\beta$ 
  - ↓
  - cause fibrosis

## Granuloma: Type of chronic inflammation



- collection of modified macrophages called epithelioid cells
- surrounded by a collar of lymphocytes
- presence of giant cells
- centre shows caseous necrosis in case of caseating granuloma
- epithelioid cells: epithelium like appearance with a slipper shaped nucleus
- giant cell: formed by the fusion of a large number of epithelioid cells



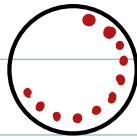




## Types of Giant Cells:

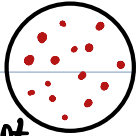
- **LANGHANS GIANT CELLS**

→ seen in TB



→ horse-shoe / necklace arrangement of nuclei

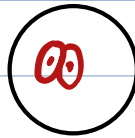
- **FOREIGN BODY**



→ haphazard arrangement of nuclei

→ seen with foreign bodies like Talc / sutures

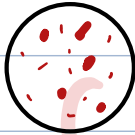
- **TUMOR GIANT CELLS / RS CELL**  
(Reed Sternberg Cells)



→ Seen in Hodgkin's lymphoma

→ owl's eye appearance

- **TOUON GIANT CELL**



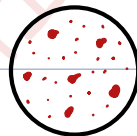
→ xanthoma

→ foamy cytoplasm / vacuolated cytoplasm

- **ASCOFF GIANT CELL**

→ seen in rheumatic heart disease

- **WARTHIN FINKELDEY CELL**



→ seen in measles

→ intracytoplasmic / intranuclear inclusions.

Inclusions in giant cells

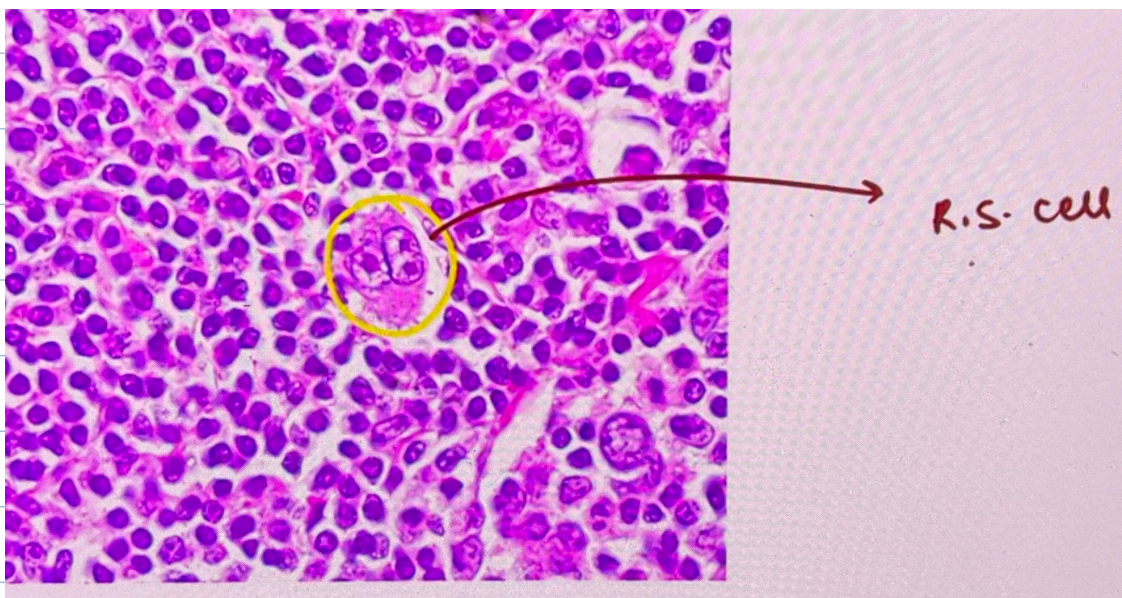
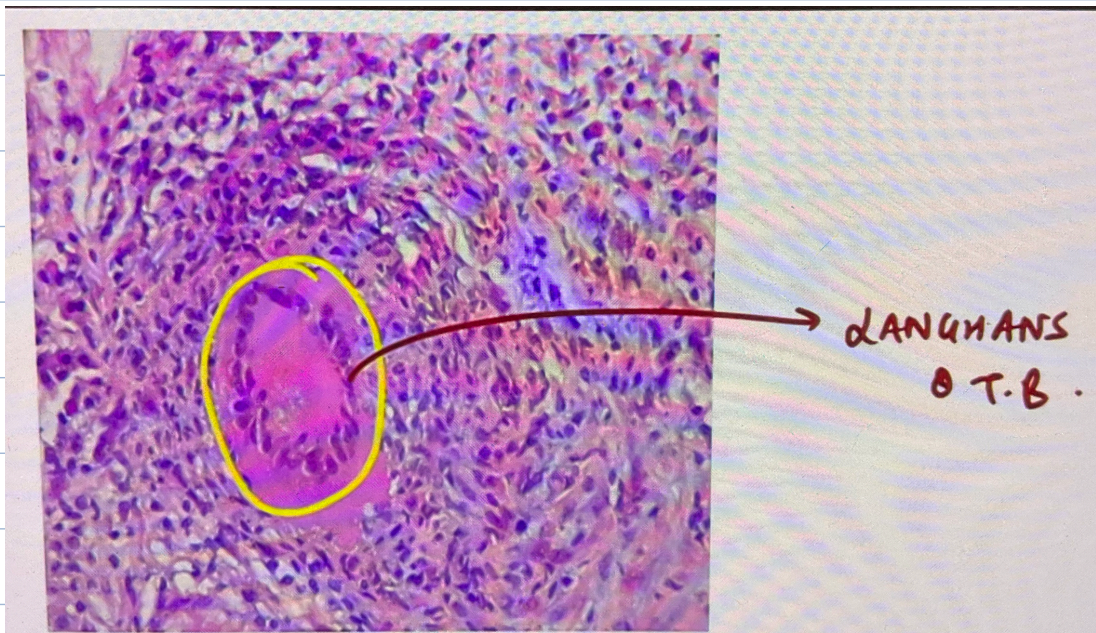
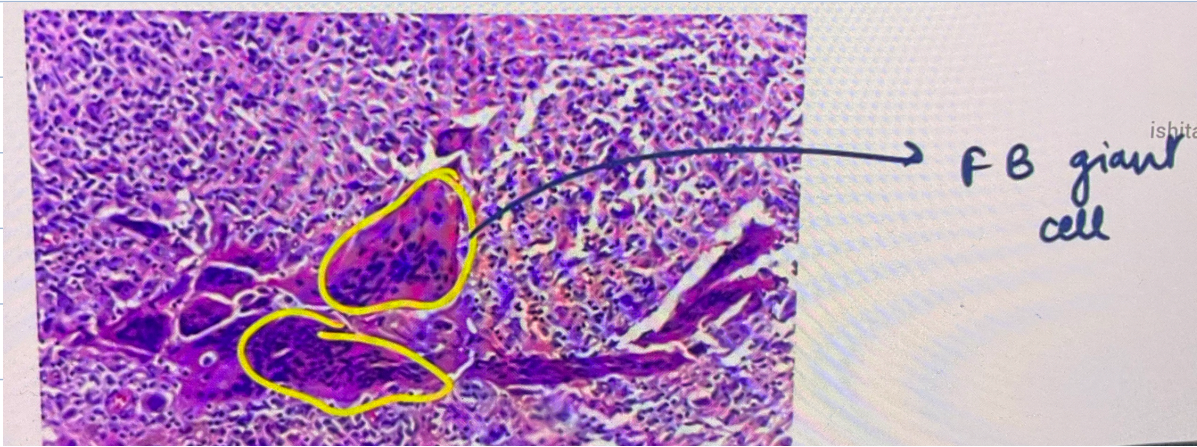
Asteroid body

Schauman body

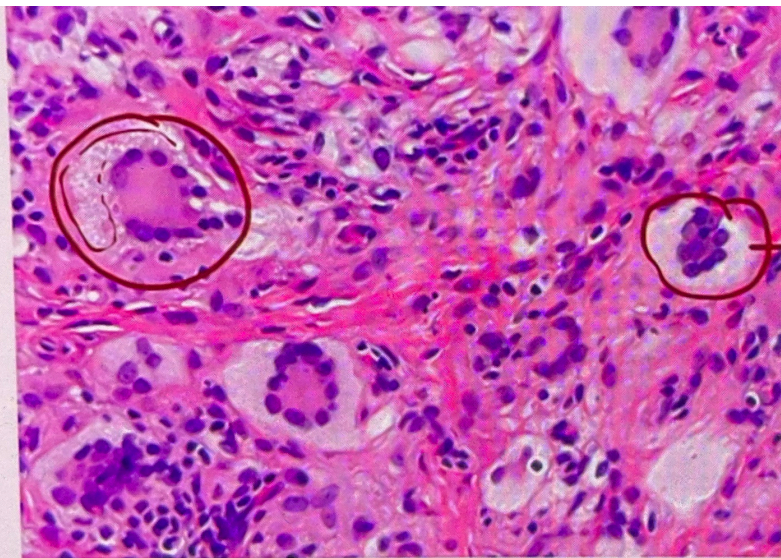
} seen in sarcoidosis

↓  
composed of  $Ca^{2+}$ .

∴ densely basophilic



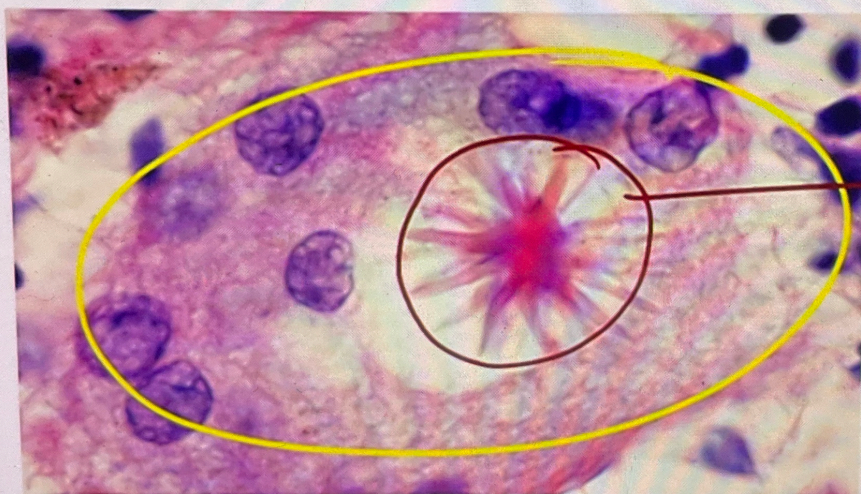




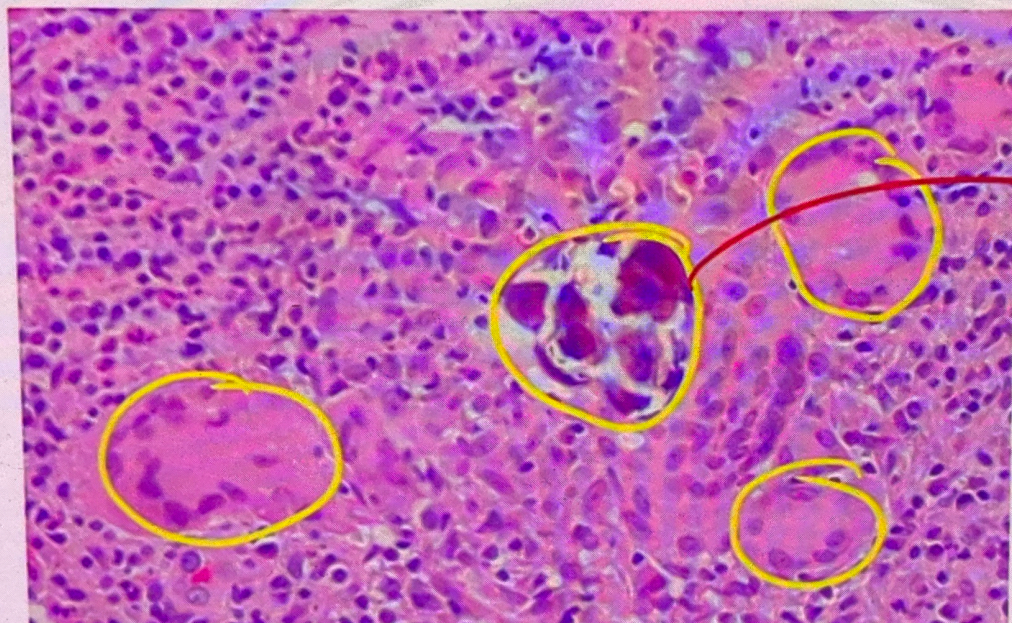
Touton giant  
cells

INCLUSIONS IN GIANT CELLS

SARCOIDOSIS



ASTEROID  
BODY



SARCOIDOSIS

SCHAUMAN  
BODY



## Granuloma Formation:

- Type IV hypersensitivity reaction
- IFN- $\gamma$   $\Rightarrow$  most important in granuloma formation

APC + CD4 + TH1 lymphocyte

[APC = antigen presenting cell]

production of IFN- $\gamma$

activation of macrophage

now called epithelioid cell

fusion of epithelioid cells  
to form giant cell

granuloma

## Types of Granulomas:

### Foreign body granuloma

- seen when there are foreign bodies like talc, suture, etc.
- No immune reaction
- Foreign body giant cells

### Immune granuloma

- Immune reaction
- Type IV hypersensitivity reaction

Best microscopy to visualise:

Polarising microscopy

## Granulomatous Disorders:

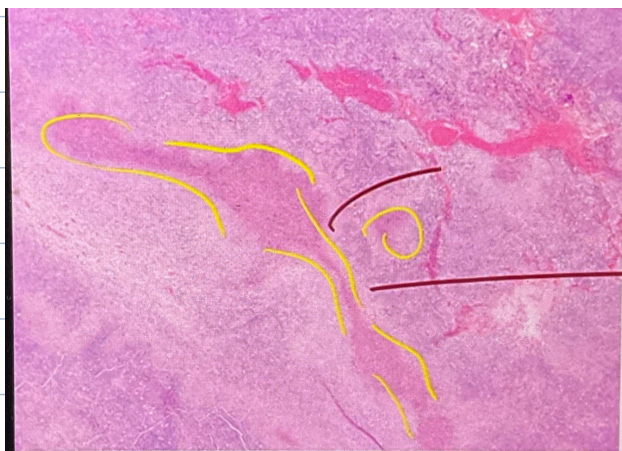
### Infective Cause

- TB ⇒ caseating granuloma  
(may show non-caseating)
- Leprosy
- Syphilis (tertiary / gumma stage)  
↳ presence of a lot of plasma cells
- Durk's granuloma in malaria
- Cat scratch disease
- Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV)
- Q - fever ⇒ Doughnut / Fibrin-ring granuloma  
(allergic causes)

} stellate  
granuloma

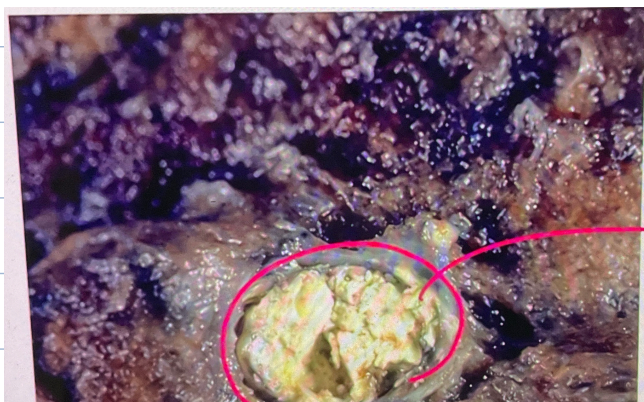
### Non-infective Cause

- Sarcoidosis ⇒ non caseating  
or naked granuloma  
(may show caseation)  
due to absence of  
lymphocytic collar.
- Crohn's disease
- Giant cell / granulomatous  
Arteritis
- Churg Strauss Syndrome  
(eosinophilic granuloma)
- Berylliosis



NECROSIS

STELLATE  
GRAN.

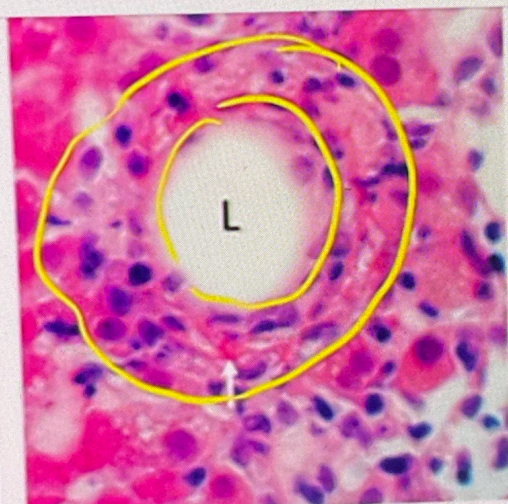


TB

CHEESY  
APP



TB





### Examples of Acute Inflammation:

- pyogenic abscess
- Cellulitis
- Bacterial Pneumonia
- Pyaemia

### Chronic Inflammation:

- granuloma formation
- tuberculous leprosy
- chronic osteomyelitis.

## Systemic Effects of Inflammation:

- Fever: IL-1, IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$

Acute phase reactants:

### Positive

→ increase during inflammation

- CRP
- Fibrinogen
- IL-6
- Hepcidin
- Ferritin
- Haptoglobin
- Ceruloplasmin
- factor VIII
- Von willebrand factor

### Negative

→ decrease during inflammation

- transferrin
- albumin
- transthyretin

→ systemic changes in acute inflammation are collectively known as acute phase response or SIRS [systemic inflammatory response syndrome]

- Cause: due to cytokines produced by leukocytes in response to infection & immune reaction.

Changes: — Fever  
— Raised plasma levels of acute phase proteins  
— changes in leukocytes  
— other features

Fever: caused by pyrogens

- exogenous pyrogens (bacterial products like LPS) stimulate endogenous pyrogens (IL-1, TNF) to be released from leukocytes.
- these cytokines increase the enzymes cyclooxygenases resulting in conversion of arachidonic acid into prostaglandins
- pyrogens & prostaglandins act on hypothalamic thermoregulatory center causing fever

Raised Plasma Levels of Acute-Phase Proteins:

- synthesized in the liver
- synthesis of these proteins by hepatocytes is increased by cytokines (IL-6, IL-1, TNF)

Functions of Acute Phase Proteins:

- CRP & SAA bind to microbial cell walls & may act as opsonins
- Fibrinogen binds to red cells to form rouleaux & is responsible for raised erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)
- During acute inflammation, acute phase proteins have beneficial effects, but prolonged production (especially SAA) like in chronic inflammation cause secondary amyloidosis.
- CRP levels when increased in plasma, serves as a marker for necrosis & disease activity.

## Changes in Leukocytes:

Leukocytosis:  $TLC > 11,000 / \mu L$

Causes: due to increased release of leukocytes from the bone marrow caused by cytokines including CSF's [colony stimulating factors], TNF, IL-1.

→ Bacterial infections: Neutrophilia

Viral infections: Lymphocytosis

Parasitic infestations: Eosinophilia.

Leukopenia: decreased number of circulating white cells is associated with few infections like typhoid fever & some viruses like rickettsia & certain protozoa.

## Other Features:

→ increased bulk & BP

→ anorexia & malaise

→ production of large quantities of cytokines which can result in DIC [disseminated intravascular coagulation] & cardiovascular failure.

## Chemical mediators of Inflammation:

Steps of Inflammation	Mediators
① Early transient arteriolar vasoconstriction	- nerve reflex - endothelins
② Vasodilation & increased vascular permeability	- Histamine - leukotrienes
③ Rolling	- Selectins
④ Adhesion	- Integrins
⑤ Transmigration	- PECAM 1 or CD 31
⑥ Exogenous chemotactic mediators	- Bacterial cell wall products (like N-formyl methionine)
⑦ Endogenous chemotactic mediators	- $LTB_4$ - $C5a$ - IL 8
⑧ Opsonization	- $Fc$ fragment of IgG - $C3b$ , $C4b$ , $C5b$ - Serum proteins, CRP.

### Histamine:

Source: mast cell, basophil, platelets

Function: - vasodilation  
- increased vascular permeability  
- bronchoconstriction

### Prostaglandins & Leukotrienes:

- 20 carbon poly-unsaturated fatty acids [PUFA]
- derivatives of arachidonic acid derived from membrane phospholipids.

Cytokines: soluble polypeptides

Function	Cytokine
Pro-inflammatory	- IL 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 - IFN $\gamma$ - TNF $\alpha$
Anti-inflammatory	- IL 4, 6, 10 - TGF $\beta$
Cancer cachexia	- IL 4, 6 - TNF $\alpha$
Angiogenesis	- VEGF
Fever	→ IL 1
Eosinophil activation	→ IL 5

### Complement Proteins:

→ series of 20 proteins present in plasma

→ synthesized by liver

Functions: - Anaphylatoxins

C3a, C5a

- Chemotactic

C5a

- Opsonin

C3b

- MAC

C5b-9

Selectins: cell surface lectins (family of Cell Adhesion Molecules)

→ single chain transmembrane glycoprotein

Types of selectin	Site
E selectin	- Endothelium
P selectin	- Platelets, endothelium
L selectin	- Leukocytes

Endothelial Surface	Lymphocyte
P selectin	Sialyl Lewis X modified glycoprotein
E selectin	" " " "
Glycam 1- CD 34	E selectin

→ Expression of selectins is induced by IL-1, TNF.

Integrins:

Integrin on Leucocyte	Receptor on Endothelium
$\beta 1$ or VLA 4	VCAM 1
$\beta 2$ or LFA 1 or MAC 1	ICAM 1

PECAM 1 or CD31: cause synthesis of collagenases & MMPs (matrix metallo-proteinases) which digest endothelium / basement membrane & promote diapedesis.

# Cell membrane phospholipids

steroids  $\rightarrow$  phospholipases

## Arachidonic acid

COX 1 & COX 2  
inhibitors,  
aspirin,  
indomethacin

### $\rightarrow$ Cyclooxygenase

PGG<sub>2</sub>

PGH<sub>2</sub>

vasodilation  
Platelet aggregation  $\ominus$

- PGI<sub>2</sub>
- TXA<sub>2</sub> (opposite effect)
- PGD<sub>2</sub>
- PGE<sub>2</sub>

- vasodilation
- increased vascular permeability

### 5-lipoxygenase $\rightarrow$ inhibitors

5-HPETE  $\rightarrow$  S-HPETE

S-HPETE

LTA<sub>4</sub>  $\rightarrow$  LTB<sub>4</sub>

LTB<sub>4</sub>

LTC<sub>4</sub>

LT D<sub>4</sub>

LTE<sub>4</sub>

Leukotriene receptor antagonists  $\rightarrow$

- bronchospasm
- increased vascular permeability

### 12-lipoxygenase

LXA<sub>4</sub>

LXB<sub>4</sub>

$\ominus$  neutrophil adhesion & chemotaxis



$PGI_2$  : - vasodilation  
- inhibits platelet aggregation

$TXA_2$  : - vasoconstriction  
- promotes platelet aggregation

$PGD_2$  } - vasodilation  
 $PGE_2$  } - increased vascular permeability  
- leukocyte chemotaxis

$LTC_4$  } - bronchospasm  
 $LTD_4$  }  
 $LTE_4$  } - increased vascular permeability

$LXA_4$  } - inhibit neutrophil adhesion  
 $LXB_4$  } - inhibit chemotaxis

# Wound Healing & Tissue Repair :

Regeneration : dead cells are replaced by same parenchymal cells.

Repair : dead cells are replaced by fibrous connective tissue.

## Types of Cells:

<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Stable</u>	<u>Labile</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ never divide</li> <li>→ do not enter the cell cycle</li> <li>→ remain in G<sub>0</sub> phase.</li> <li>• Neurons</li> <li>• Skeletal muscle</li> <li>• Cardiac muscle</li> <li>→ can adapt only by hypertrophy, not hyperplasia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ divide when needed</li> <li>→ low replicative potential</li> <li>• Liver</li> <li>• PCT, DCT</li> <li>• Endothelial cells</li> <li>• osteoblasts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ continuously dividing</li> <li>→ high replicative potential</li> <li>• Epithelium</li> <li>• Skin</li> <li>• Bone marrow</li> <li>• GIT</li> </ul>

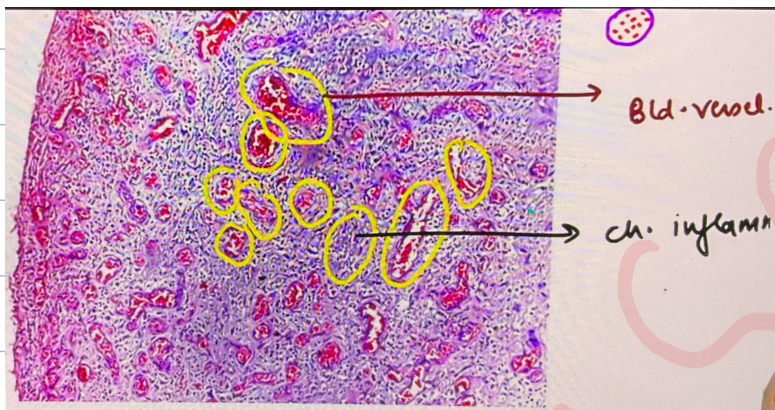
# Repair:

Infiltration with chronic inflammatory cells like lymphocytes.

Fibrosis

Neo-vascularisation  
- by VEGF (vascular endothelial growth factor)

- Hallmark of repair: formation of granulation tissue.
- Hallmark of granulation tissue: Neo-vascularisation.



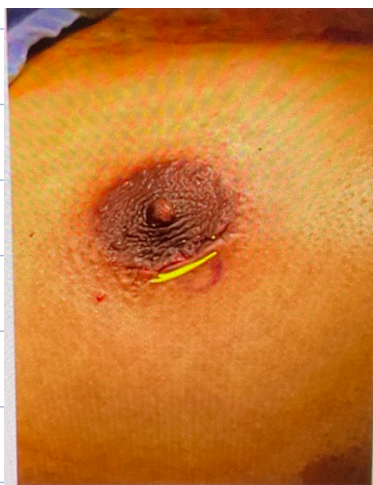
- Granulation tissue is red due to neo-vascularisation
  - It is edematous due to leakage of plasma proteins from the new leaky blood vessels

# Types of Wound Healing:

## Healing by Primary Intention

- clean, uninfected wounds
- apposed margins
- no tissue loss

eg: surgical incision



## Healing by Secondary Intention

- lacerated, infected wounds
- tissue loss
- irregular margins

eg: after RTAs



Feature	Primary Intention	Secondary Intention
Nature of wound	clean surgical wound	Unclean
Margins	surgical clean margin	Irrregular
Sutures	used for apposition of margins	Cannot be used
Infection	Absent	May be infected
Amount of granulation tissue	Scanty ; at the incision gap & along suture track	Abundant & fill the gap
Outcome	Neat linear Scar	Irrregular contracted scar
Complications	Rare	Infection & suppuration

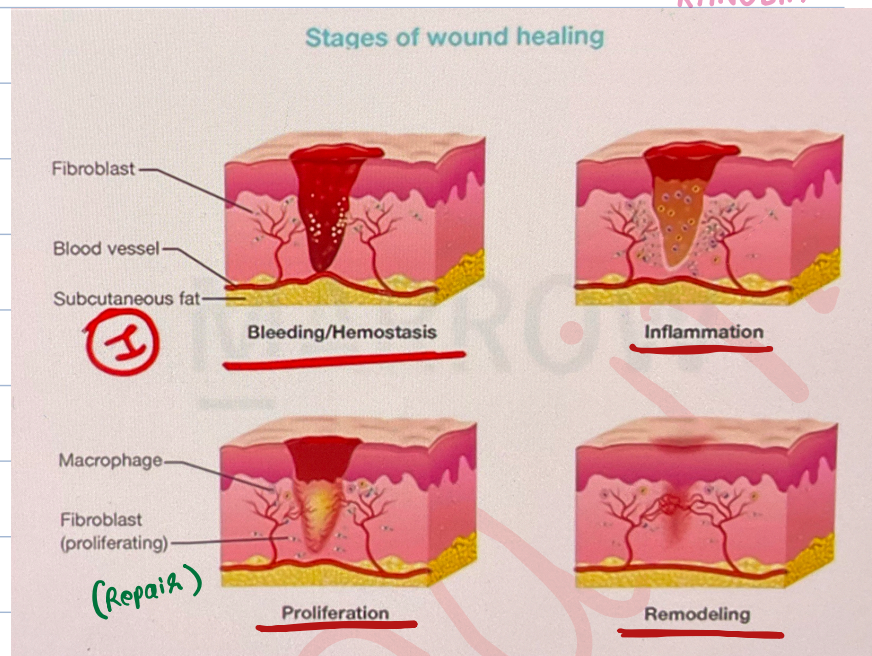
### Features of Secondary Union:

- Shows more exudate & necrotic tissue
- clot or scab formed at the surface of wound is large
- Severe inflammatory reaction
- larger defects require more amount of granulation tissue.
- extensive deposition of collagen with substantial scar formation
- Wound Contraction: generally occurs in large surface wounds & is an important feature in healing by secondary union.
  - myofibroblasts of granulation tissue have ultrastructural features of smooth muscle cells
  - they contract in the wound  $\Rightarrow$  wound contraction



# Steps in Wound Healing:

- Hemostasis
- Inflammation
- Proliferation
- Maturation / Remodelling



0 hrs (immediate)  
within 24 hrs

- hemostasis
- Neutrophils from margins start coming towards the clot

24 - 48 hrs

- mitosis begins in the basal layer of epidermis
- dense neutrophilic infiltrate
- thin continuous epithelial layer is formed

Day 3

- neutrophils are replaced by macrophages
- early granulation tissue (neovascularisation)
- collagen fibres are evident at margins

Day 5

- maximum granulation tissue
- maximum neovascularisation

3rd week

- collagen fibres bridge the incision
- decreased inflammation, edema & neo-vascularization

Day 28

- increased fibroblastic proliferation
- maximum collagen
- Scar

In secondary intention healing:

- more inflammatory cells
- bigger clot
- more granulation tissue
- Wound contraction mediated by myofibroblasts occur (doesn't occur in primary intention)

→ After 1 week  $\Rightarrow$  wound regains 10% of its tensile strength

→ After 3 months  $\Rightarrow$  " " 70-80% " " " "

[a wound never regains its original (100%) tensile strength].

Initial Collagen

Type III

→ Type I collagen

- more abundant

- has highest tensile strength.

at the end, ratio of type I : type III = 4:1.

## Factors Affecting Wound Healing:

### LOCAL

- type of injury
- site of injury
- blood supply
- presence of foreign body
- infection  $\Rightarrow$  most common cause of delayed wound healing.

### SYSTEMIC

- presence of diabetes mellitus
- steroids
- malnutrition
- vitamin C deficiency  
 $\Downarrow$   
required for cross-linking of collagen
- Zn deficiency

## Collagen:

- $\rightarrow$  triple helical
- $\rightarrow$  33% glycine
- $\rightarrow$  4 types

Type 1 :- most abundant

- maximum tensile strength.
- skin, bone, tendons.

Type 2 :- vitreous humor, cartilage

Type 3 :- keloid, uterus, granulation tissue.

Type 4 :- present in basement membrane.



# Disorders Due to Defective Wound Healing:

Excess granulation tissue  
[aka proud flesh]  
→ red  
→ edematous  
→ treatment: cautery

Excess collagen / Scar  
- KELOID  
- HYPERTROPHIC SCAR

KELOID	HYPERTROPHIC SCAR
→ Scar crosses the wound margins	→ Scar which is raised just above the surface
→ do not regress spontaneously	→ spontaneous regression
→ thick haphazard collagen bundles	→ thin orderly arrangement of collagen.

Stain for collagen: Masson's trichrome

Desmoid: excessive proliferation of fibroblasts.

## Hypertrophic scars



## Keloid

