Cellular Adaptations

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Cellular Response to Stress

- Stressors
 - Pathologic: ischemia
 - Physiologic: pregnancy
- Adaptation
 - Reversible change in response to stress
- Injury
 - Reversible \rightarrow irreversible
- Cell death



Cellular Adaptations

- Hypertrophy
 - Increase in cell size
- Hyperplasia
 - Increase in cell number
 - Often occurs with hypertrophy
- Atrophy
 - Decrease in cell size
- Metaplasia
 - Change in phenotype



Hypertrophy

- Increase in **cell size**
 - More proteins, filaments
- May occur together with hyperplasia
- **Muscle tissue**: hypertrophy with more workload







Hypertrophy

- Physiologic examples
 - Body builders (muscle hypertrophy for use)
 - Uterus in pregnancy (hormone driven)
- Pathologic example:

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- Left ventricular hypertrophy
- Response to hypertension or increased workload





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Hyperplasia

- Increase in **cell number**
- Often due to excess hormone stimulation
- Physiologic or pathologic
- Often accompanied by hypertrophy



Physiologic Hyperplasia

- Breast growth at puberty
 - Hyperplasia and hypertrophy of glandular epithelial cells
- Liver regeneration
 - Partial liver donation \rightarrow liver grows back to full size
 - Hyperplasia of remaining hepatocytes
- Bone marrow

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- Anemia \rightarrow hyperplasia of red cell precursors
- Red blood cell production may increase by 8x





Pathologic Hyperplasia

Endometrial hyperplasia

- Growth due to **estrogen**
- Prostatic hyperplasia
 - Excessive response to **androgens**
- Human papilloma virus
 - Skin warts (epidermal hyperplasia)
 - Genital warts (mucosal hyperplasia)



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Malignancy

Often develops from hyperplasia

- Increased cell division
- More chances for error in cell cycle control
- Uncontrolled growth





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Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia

- Pathologic hyperplasia
- Does not lead to malignancy



This shows the prostate and nearby organs.



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Hypertrophy vs. Hyperplasia

- Permanent/non-dividing cells
 - Myocytes, skeletal muscle cells, nerves
 - Permanent G₀ state ("terminally differentiated")
 - Hypertrophy
- Cells capable of growth/division
 - Epithelial cells (GI tract, breast ducts, skin)
 - Commonly undergo hyperplasia
 - May lead to dysplasia/cancer



Atrophy

- Reduction in size of organ/tissue
- Decrease in cell size and/or number of cells
- Physiologic examples:
 - Embryonic structures (notochord)
 - Uterus after childbirth (loss of hormone stimulation)
 - Breast/uterus at menopause



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Pathologic Atrophy

Unused skeletal muscle

- Bed rest
- Immobilization (cast after fracture)
- Cachexia
 - Poor nutrition
- Decreased blood supply
 - Senile atrophy of brain (atherosclerosis)
- Loss of innervation
 - Neuromuscular disorders



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Atrophy Mechanisms

Ubiquitin-proteasome pathway

- Proteins tagged by ubiquitin
- Transported to proteasomes for degradation
- Stressors may activate ligases that attach ubiquitin

Autophagy

- "Self eating"
- Cellular components fused with lysosomes



- Change in cell type to adapt to stress
- New cell type able to withstand stress
- Commonly from one **epithelial cell** type to another
- Potentially reversible
- Can lead to dysplasia/malignancy



Respiratory tract in **smokers**

Normal columnar epithelium in trachea/bronchi



- Changes to squamous epithelium (most common metaplasia)
- Squamous epithelium more durable
- Loss of cilia \rightarrow more vulnerable to infections

Ciliated, PS columnar



Stratified squamous epithelium





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• Barrett's esophagus

- Gastric acid (stressor) in esophagus
- Normal stratified squamous epithelium
- Changes to columnar epithelium (intestines)





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• Myositis Ossificans (heterotopic ossification)

- *Muscle* metaplasia to bone (<u>not epithelial cells</u>)
- Mesenchymal cells \rightarrow osteoblastic tissue
- Forms lamellar bone in muscles
- Follows trauma (hip arthroplasty)
- Muscles become stiff



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Vitamin A Deficiency

- Important for maintaining epithelial cells
- Deficiency: epithelial metaplasia and keratinization
- Upper respiratory tract
 - Epithelial metaplasia
 - Epithelium replaced by keratinizing squamous cells
 - Abnormal epithelium \rightarrow pulmonary infections
- Xerophthalmia (dry eyes)
 - Normal epithelium secretes mucus
 - Replaced by keratinized epithelial cells



Apocrine Metaplasia

- Form of **fibrocystic change** in breast
- Also called "benign epithelial alteration"
- Alterations to lobular epithelial cells
- Take on appearance of apocrine (gland) cells
- *Does not* lead to dysplasia/cancer



Dysplasia

Disordered proliferation

- Non-neoplastic but can be pre-cancerous
 - Mild dysplasia may resolve
 - Severe dysplasia may be irreversible \rightarrow cancer
- Usually occurs in epithelial tissues
- Usually preceded by hyperplasia or metaplasia



Dysplasia

- Pleomorphism
- Abnormal nuclei (hyperchromatic, large)
- Mitotic figures (clumped chromatin)





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Cellular

Injury

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Cell Injury

- Four general causes of cell injury
 - Capacity for adaptation exceeded
 - Exposure to toxic/injurious agents
 - Deprived of nutrients
 - Mutation disrupts metabolism
- Reversible to a point
- Severe or persistent injury may be irreversible
- May lead to cell death



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Cell Death

- Two ways cells die:
 - Necrosis: inflammatory process
 - Apoptosis: **non-inflammatory**
- Necrosis preceded by classic cellular changes
 - Reversible changes \rightarrow irreversible changes



Reversible Cell Injury

Cellular swelling

- Major feature of most forms of reversible injury
- Hydropic change = water accumulation in cell
- Hard to see under microscope
- ↓ Na/K ATPase pumps





Reversible Cell Injury

• Fatty change

- Seen only in systems that heavily metabolize fatty acids
- Liver, heart, skeletal muscle
- Lipid vacuoles appear in cytoplasm





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Reversible Cell Injury

- Mitochondrial swelling
- Membrane blebbing
 - Disruption of cytoskeleton
- Dilation of **endoplasmic reticulum**
 - Ribosomes detach from ER
 - ↓ protein synthesis
 - "Polysomal detachment"
 - Polysome = cluster of ribosomes





Irreversible Cell Injury

Necrosis

Membrane damage

- Contents leak
- Causes inflammation
- Serum detection of cell contents (troponin, lipase)
- Calcium-dependent phospholipases
- Rupture of lysosomes
 - Enzymes degrade cellular contents





Irreversible Cell Injury

Classic Nuclear Changes

- Karyolysis (loss of basophilic/dark color)
- Pyknosis (nuclear shrinkage)
- Karyorrhexis (fragmented nucleus)





Mechanisms of Injury

- ATP depletion
- Calcium
- Mitochondrial damage
- Free radicals



ATP Depletion

- Many causes
 - ↓ oxygen supply
 - Mitochondrial damage
 - Direct effect some toxins
- Loss of membrane pumps
- Loss of protein synthesis





Calcium

- Normally very low compared with outside cell
- Calcium influx: hallmark of injury
 - Released from intracellular storage
 - Influx across cell membrane
- Causes cellular injury
- Calcium-dependent phospholipases
 - Activated by increased calcium
 - Breakdown of membrane phospholipids
- Damages mitochondria





Mitochondrial Damage

- Lack of oxygen
- Reactive oxygen species

Mitochondrial permeability transition pore

- Opened by calcium
- Loss of membrane potential
- Failure of oxidative phosphorylation



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Free Radicals

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Mechanisms of Injury

- ATP depletion
- Calcium
- Mitochondrial damage
- Free radicals



Vocabulary

Free radical

- Single, unpaired electron in outer orbit
- Highly reactive
- May damage many cellular components

Reactive oxygen species

- Oxygen free radicals
- Several forms
- Superoxide (O2[.])
- Hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂)
- Hydroxyl radical (OH⁻)



Free Radicals

- Generated in cells under normal conditions
- Inactivated in cells
- Cell maintain low level under normal conditions
- High level \rightarrow cell injury





Free Radical Generation

- Normal metabolism involving oxygen
- Oxidative phosphorylation
 - Yields small levels of superoxide (O2[.])
 - Converted to H₂O₂ by superoxide dismutase
 - H₂O₂ more stable and can cross membranes
 - Converted to H₂O

 $0_2 \rightarrow 0_2^{-} \rightarrow H_2 0_2 \rightarrow 0 H^- \rightarrow H_2 0$ **Superoxide Dismutase**



Free Radical Generation

- Radiation (UV light, X-rays)
- Mechanism of radiation therapy for cancer
- Metabolism of drugs
- Transition metals
- Respiratory burst



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Drug Metabolism

- Phase 1: drug modification
- Phase 2: conjugation
- Phase 3: additional modification and excretion
- Cytochrome P450 enzymes
 - Smooth ER in liver
 - Part of phase 1 metabolism
 - Generate "bioactive intermediates" (free radicals)

Drug
$$\xrightarrow{P450}$$
 Drug-Free-Radical





Liver Lobules



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Acetaminophen

Tylenol

- Metabolized in liver to NAPQI
 - N-acetyl-p-benzoquinone imine
- NAPQI is a reactive oxygen species (ROS)
- Causes free radical liver damage





Transition Metals

- Superoxide (O_2^-) converted to H_2O_2 for inactivation
- Fenton Reaction forms hydroxyl radical (OH·)
 - $H_2O_2 + Fe^{2+} \rightarrow Fe^{3+} + OH \cdot$
 - $H_2O_2 + Cu^+ \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + OH \cdot$
- Hemochromatosis/Wilson's
 - Iron and copper toxicity



Transition Metals

- Metal storage and transport proteins:
 - Transferrin/Ferritin/Lactoferrin (Fe)
 - Ceruloplasmin (Cu)



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Respiratory Burst

- Phagocytes engulf bacteria in phagosome
- Generate H₂O₂ in phagosome to kill bacteria
- Uses three key enzymes:
 - NADPH oxidase
 - Superoxide dismutase
 - Myeloperoxidase



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Respiratory Burst



Free Radical Inactivation

Spontaneous decay

Antioxidants

- Free radical scavengers
- Vitamin E, A, C, glutathione





Free Radical Inactivation

• Enzymes

- Catalase (peroxisomes)
- Superoxide dismutase (mitochondria)
- Glutathione peroxidase (cytoplasm of cells)
 - Requires glutathione: GSH + $H_2O_2 \rightarrow H_2O$





CGD

Chronic Granulomatous Disease

- Loss of function of NADPH oxidase
- Phagocytes cannot generate H₂O₂
- Catalase (+) bacteria breakdown H₂O₂
 - Host cells have no H_2O_2 to use \rightarrow recurrent infections
- Catalase (-) bacteria generate their own H₂O₂
 - Phagocytes use despite enzyme deficiency
- Five organisms cause almost all CGD infections:
 - Staph aureus, Pseudomonas, Serratia, Nocardia, Aspergillus



G6PD Deficiency

- Limited supply of **glutathione**
- RBC damage by free radicals \rightarrow hemolysis
- Classic trigger: fava beans
 - Contain vicine
 - Converted to divicine \rightarrow ROS
 - Depletes glutathione



Free Radical Cell Damage

Peroxidation of lipids

- Peroxide: 0-0
- Damages membranes
- Oxidation of proteins
 - Damage enzymes
- **Disruption of DNA**
 - Breaks, crosslinking



Lipid Peroxidation



Reperfusion Injury

- Myocardial infarction $\rightarrow \downarrow$ blood flow (ischemia)
- Reperfusion \rightarrow \uparrow blood flow
 - Some reversibly injured cells recover (good)
 - Some cells damaged by reperfusion (bad paradoxical)
- Several mechanisms
- ↑ oxygen supply → generation of free radicals
 - Antioxidants lost from injury
 - Damaged mitochondria incompletely reduce oxygen



Carbon Tetrachloride

 CCL_4

- Industrial solvent
- Historically used for dry cleaning
- Liver highly sensitive to damage
- Converted to CCL₃ free radical (CYP450 enzymes)
 - Lipid peroxidation
 - Inhibition of lipoprotein synthesis/secretion
 - Accumulation of lipids
- Result: fatty liver



Lipofuscin

- Insoluble cellular pigment
- Yellow-brown color
- Contain oxidized lipids
- Thought to be derived from lipid peroxidation
- Accumulates over time in lysosomes
- Not pathological
- Seen with aging



Lipofuscin



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• Programmed cell death

- Cell activates its own enzymes to destroy cell
- Membrane remains intact
- No inflammation
- Cell ultimately consumed by phagocytes





- Active process
 - ATP-dependent
 - Contrast with necrosis
- Some stimuli cause apoptosis and necrosis
 - Example: myocardial ischemia
 - Evidence for both forms of cell death
 - Initial cellular response: apoptosis (avoids inflammation)
 - Later response: necrosis (ATP depleted)



Causes

- Embryogenesis
- Hormone withdrawal
 - Occurs in hormone-dependent tissues
 - Endometrium with progesterone withdrawal
- Immune cells
 - T-cells in thymus
 - B-cells in germinal centers
 - Death of self-reactive immune cells
 - Immune cells after inflammation resolves





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Causes

- DNA damaged cells
- Abnormal cells
- Infected cells (especially viral)





Apoptotic Mechanisms

- Caused by caspase enzymes
 - Inactive enzymes in cytosol
 - When activated \rightarrow apoptosis
- Two "pathways" for caspase activation
- Intrinsic (mitochondrial) pathway
 - Initiated by mitochondria
- Extrinsic (death-receptor) pathway
 - Membrane death receptors activated



Intrinsic Pathway

- Opening of mitochondrial membranes
- Release of **cytochrome c**
 - Binds to APAF-1 (apoptosis-activating factor)
 - Activation of caspases
- Controlled by BCL2 family of proteins
 - Some pro-apoptotic; some anti-apoptotic
 - Balance determines if cell undergoes apoptosis





Intrinsic Pathway

- Many, many BCL2 family proteins
- Anti-apoptosis: BCL-2, BCL-XL, MCL1 proteins
 - Found in mitochondrial membranes
 - Prevent cytochrome c from entering cytosol
- Pro-apoptosis: BAX and BAK proteins
 - Bind to anti-apoptotic proteins
 - Open pores in mitochondrial membranes
 - Promote apoptosis
- As are for Apoptosis







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Follicular Lymphoma

- Subtype of non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- B-cell malignancy
- Overexpression of BCL-2
- Mitochondrial pores will not open
- Caspases cannot activate
- Cell will not undergo apoptosis
- Result: Uncontrolled cell growth



Intrinsic Pathway

Triggers

• Withdrawal of growth factor

- Hormones for hormone-sensitive tissue (uterus)
- Cytokines for immune cells
- Embryogenesis

DNA damage

- DNA damage (radiation, chemotherapy)
- P53 can active BAK and BAX

Abnormal proteins

• Caused by heat, hypoxia, low glucose



Extrinsic Pathway

• Death receptors

- All part of TNF family of receptors
- Span plasma membrane into cytoplasm
- FAS (CD95)
 - Well-described death receptor found on many cells
 - Binds FAS-ligand
 - Triggers sequence that leads to activation of caspases


CD8 T-cells

Killing of virus infected cells

- Activated by presentation of foreign antigens (MHC1)
- Release perforin and granzymes
 - Lead to activated caspases
- Produce Fas ligand
 - Binds to Fas (CD95) on surface of cells





Extrinsic Pathway

• Thymic medulla

- T-cells that bind to self-antigens die (negative selection)
- Death occurs via extrinsic pathway
- FAS-FAS-ligand interactions



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Extrinsic Pathway

Autoimmune lymphoproliferative syndrome

- Defective FAS-FAS-ligand pathway for apoptosis
- Poor negative selection (more T-cell survival)
- Overproduction of lymphocytes
- Lymphadenopathy, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly
- High risk of lymphoma
- Autoimmune diseases



Apoptosis

Cellular Changes

- Cell shrinkage
 - Contrast with necrosis/swelling
- Chromatin condensation
 - Pyknosis
 - Hallmark of apoptosis





Apoptosis

Cellular Changes

- Membrane blebbing
- Formation apoptotic bodies
 - Membrane fragments
 - Cell organelles
 - Ligands for phagocyte receptors
 - Consumed by phagocytosis





DNA Laddering

- Apoptotic caspases cleave DNA at specific regions
- Forms pieces in multiples of 180-185 kbp
- Forms a "ladder" of sizes on gel electrophoresis
- Necrosis: random fragments





Apoptosis and Necrosis

Apoptosis	Necrosis
Non-inflammatory	Inflammatory
Cell shrinkage	Cell Swelling
Membrane blebs	Membrane blebs
Intact Membrane	Membrane damage
Single cell effected	Many cells affected
DNA laddering	No laddering
Can be physiologic	Always pathological
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Necrosis

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Necrosis

- Form of cell death
- Cell membrane loss
- Leakage of cellular contents
- Elicits inflammatory response
- Affects tissue beds
- Results in gross and microscopic changes





Necrosis

- Two major types
 - Coagulative
 - Liquefactive
- Other types
 - Caseous
 - Fibrinoid
 - Fat
 - Gangrenous





- Preservation of tissue architecture for days
- Injury damages cells and enzymes
 - Major difference from liquefactive necrosis
 - Loss of enzymes limits proteolysis
 - Tissue architecture remains intact for days
- Phagocytosis of cell remnants (takes time)



- Gross: tissue becomes firm
- Microscopic:
 - Architecture preserved
 - Cell nuclei lost
 - Red/pink color on H&E stain (cell takes up more stain)
 - Inflammatory cells





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Normal Heart



Post myocardial infarction



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Seen with infarctions and ischemia

- Myocardium
- Kidney
- Spleen

Key exception: brain (liquefactive necrosis)







- Abscesses (bacterial/fungal) and brain infarctions
 - Cause in brain infarctions poorly understood
- Infection draws inflammatory cells
- Tissue is "liquefied" into thick, liquid mass
- Enzymes from microbes
- Enzymes from lysosomes of dying cells



- Gross: liquid/pus or abscess cavity
- Microscopic: numerous neutrophils



Brain after stroke





Brain after stroke





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- "Cheese like"
- Rarely occurs outside of tuberculosis infection
- Mycobacteria resist digestion
- Macrophages form giant cells
- Slow breakdown of infection
- **Mycolic acid** and lipids give cheese-like appearance



- Gross: Cheesy-like (caseating) substance
- Microscopic: granulomatous inflammation
 - Necrotic center
 - Ring of lymphocytes and macrophages
 - Epithelioid cells
 - Giant cells (fused activated macrophages)









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- Necrosis of fat
- Classic example: acute pancreatitis
 - Cause: **lipases** released from pancreatic cells
 - Breakdown of peritoneal fat
 - Fatty acids combine with calcium (saponification)
 - "Chalky-white" tissue







- Fat necrosis of breast
 - Results from trauma
 - Often biopsy, surgery
 - Sports injury, seatbelt injury
 - Can mimic breast cancer









Gangrenous Necrosis

- Subtype of coagulative necrosis
- Caused by ischemia
- Lost blood supply to limbs or bowel
- Multiple tissue layers involved
- Dry gangrene: dry, black, shrunken tissue
- Wet gangrene:
 - Superimposed bacterial infection
 - Coagulative and liquefactive necrosis
 - Moist, soft, swollen
 - Pus, foul smelling



Dry Gangrene



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Wet Gangrene



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Fibrinoid Necrosis

- Occurs in **blood vessels**
- Only visible under microscope (no gross findings)
- Occurs in autoimmune disorders
 - Antibody-antigen complexes deposit in vessel walls
 - Type III hypersensitivity reaction
- Fibrin leaks into vessel wall (pink on microscopy)



Fibrinoid Necrosis



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Fibrinoid Necrosis

- Classic disorder: polyarteritis nodosa
 - Purpura
 - Renal failure
 - Neuropathy
- Severe hypertension/preeclampsia
 - Not autoimmune
 - Damage to vessel wall \rightarrow fibrin leak



Inflammation Principles

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Inflammation

- Process for eliminating:
 - Pathogens
 - Damaged tissue
- Commonly seen with infections, trauma, surgery
- May cause damage to host:
 - Excessive inflammation (sepsis)
 - Prolonged (infection fails to resolve)
 - Inappropriate (autoimmune disease)



Inflammation

- Acute inflammation
 - Rapid onset (minutes to hours)
 - Quick resolution (usually days)
- Chronic inflammation
 - May last weeks, months, or years


Cardinal Signs

- Described by the ancient Romans
- Rubor (redness) and calor (warmth)
 - Caused by vasodilation and increased blood flow
- Tumor (swelling)
 - Increased vascular permeability
 - Brings cells/proteins (complement) to site of inflammation
- Dolor (pain)
- Loss of function
 - Caused by other cardinal features





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Vasodilation

Rubor and Calor

• Arteriolar vasodilation \rightarrow increased blood flow





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Vasodilation

Rubor and Calor

Histamine

- Mast cells, basophils, platelets
- Preformed → released quickly
- Prostaglandins
 - Mast cells, leukocytes
 - Synthesized via arachidonic acid



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Histamine

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PGE2



Factor XII

Hageman Factor

- Component of clotting cascade (minor role)
- Also produces bradykinin via the kinin system





Bradykinin

- Vasodilator
- Increases vascular permeability
- Pain (B is for boo-boo)
- Degraded by angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE)
 - ACE inhibitors can raise bradykinin levels
 - Dangerous side effect: angioedema
- Also degraded by C1 inhibitor (complement system)
 - C1 inhibitor deficiency → hereditary angioedema



Vascular Permeability

Tumor

- May be caused by direct injury
- Also many mediators
 - Leukotrienes: LTC4, LTD4, LTE4
 - Histamine, bradykinin
- Contraction of endothelial cells creates gaps
- Occurs in post-capillary venules



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Oncotic Pressure

Tumor

- **Oncotic pressure** (∏) changes drive fluid into tissue
- Rises in interstitial space (protein influx)





Tissue Edema

• Exudate

- Inflammatory edema from high vascular permeability
- Seen in infection, malignancy (leaky vessels)
- High protein content (similar to plasma)
- High specific gravity (concentrated)



Tissue Edema

Transudate

- Cause: \uparrow hydrostatic pressure or \downarrow oncotic pressure
- Fluid leak NOT due to inflammation
- Low protein content (albumin remains in plasma)
- Low specific gravity (dilute, not concentrated)





Pleural Effusion

- Causes:
 - Exudate (infection, malignancy)
 - Transudate (heart failure, low albumin)
- Thoracentesis
- Fluid tested for protein, LDH
- Light's Criteria Exudate if:
 - Pleural protein/serum protein greater than 0.5
 - Pleural LDH/serum LDH greater than 0.6
 - Pleural LDH greater than 2/3 upper limits normal LDH



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Pain

Dolor

- Key mediator: PGE2
- Increases skin sensitivity to **pain**
- Also causes fever

F PGE2 A V I E N R



Systemic Inflammation

- Fever
- Leukocytosis
- Acute phase reactants





Fever

- Pyrogens
 - ↑ cyclooxygenase activity in hypothalamus
 - ↑ prostaglandins in hypothalamus
 - Lipopolysaccharide: exogenous pyrogen
 - IL-1 and TNF: endogenous pyrogens
- Prostaglandins alter temperature set point
 - Especially PGE2



PGE2

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Leukocytosis

- Normal WBC: <11.000/mm3
- Infection: 15,000-20,000/mm3
- Raging infection: 40,000-100,000/mm3
 - "Leukemoid reaction"
 - Resembles leukemia
- Cytokines (TNF and IL-1) \rightarrow cells from bone marrow
- Bacterial infections: neutrophils (neutrophilia)
- Viral infections: lymphocytes (lymphocytosis)



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Left Shift

- Normal response to infection
- More bands and neutrophils

	Normal	Infection
WBC	10,000/µL	17,000 /µL
Neutrophils	55%	80%
Bands	5%	12%



Acute Phase Reactants

- Serum **proteins**
- Levels rise with inflammation (acute or chronic)
- Mostly produced by liver
- Synthesis increased by **cytokines** often **IL-6**
- C-reactive protein
- Serum amyloid A
- Ferritin
- Hepcidin
- Fibrinogen



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C Reactive Protein (CRP)

- Liver synthesis in response to **IL-6** (macrophages)
- Binds bacterial polysaccharides
- Activates complement system
- Chronic increased levels associated with CAD



Serum Amyloid A Proteins

SAA Proteins

- Apolipoproteins
- Many roles in inflammatory response
- Causes AA (secondary) amyloidosis
 - Occurs in chronic inflammatory conditions
 - Rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, IBD





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Ferritin

- Binds iron
- Iron storage protein
- Stored intracellularly as ferritin
- Stored in macrophages of liver and bone
- Clinical significance:
 - Diagnosis of iron deficiency during infection





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Hepcidin

- Anti-bacterial properties
- Inhibits iron transport
 - Binds to ferroportin in enterocytes, macrophages
- Iron trapped in cells as ferritin
- Contributes to anemia of chronic disease





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Fibrinogen

- Factor I of the clotting cascade
- Promotes cellular adhesions
- Platelets, endothelial cells



Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate

- Rate of RBC sedimentation in test tube
 - Normal 0-22 mm/hr for men; 0-29 mm/hr for women
- Increased by acute phase reactants in inflammation



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Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate

- Determined by balance of factors
 - Pro-sedimentation: APRs, especially fibrinogen (sticky)
 - Anti-sedimentation: negative charge of RBC
- High levels APRs \rightarrow red cells stick together
- Faster sedimentation \rightarrow increased ESR



Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate

- ESR > 100 (normal <30) seen in:
 - Endocarditis
 - Temporal arteritis
 - Polymyalgia rheumatica
 - Trauma/surgery
 - Malignancy
- Anemia: Increased ESR
 - Sedimentation of red cells slower with more red cells
 - Red cells impeded one another's sedimentation
- Renal disease (some due to anemia)



Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate

- Reduced ESR (<5)
 - Hypofibrinogenemia
 - Heart failure (controversial; mechanism unclear)
- Abnormal red cell shapes
 - Sickle cell anemia
 - Spherocytosis
 - Microcytosis
- Polycythemia (opposite of anemia)
- Result: ESR may be normal despite inflammation



Negative APRs

- Levels fall in inflammation
- Synthesis inhibited by cytokines
- Albumin
- Transferrin
- Transthyretin



Acute & Chronic Inflammation

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Inflammation

- Acute inflammation
 - Rapid onset (minutes to hours)
 - Quick resolution (usually days)
- Chronic inflammation
 - May last weeks, months, or years



Acute Inflammation

- Part of innate immunity
- Three hallmark features
 - Increased blood flow (vessel dilation)
 - Increased vascular permeability
 - Emigration of neutrophils into tissues
- Rapid onset/short duration
 - Occurs within minutes of trigger
 - Resolves in minutes/hours/days



Innate Immune System

- Phagocytes (debris clearing)
 - Macrophages
 - Neutrophils
- Complement
- Natural Killer Cells
- Eosinophils
- Mast cells and Basophils



Macrophages

- Macrophages: guardians of innate immunity
- Found in tissues; capable of phagocytosis
- Recognize cellular damage, microbes, foreign bodies
- Initiate acute inflammatory response
- Similar role played by mast cells, dendritic cells





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Macrophages

- Recognize molecules that are "foreign"
- "Damage-associated molecular patterns" (DAMPs)
 - Present only when tissue damage occurs
 - Example: mitochondrial proteins, DNA
- "Pathogen-associated molecular patterns" (PAMPs)
 - Present on many microbes
 - Not present on human cells



Macrophages

- Key receptors: "Toll-like receptors" (TLRs)
 - Macrophages, dendritic cells, others
 - Found on cell membrane and endosomes
 - Pattern recognition receptors
 - Recognize PAMPs/DAMPs \rightarrow secrete cytokines
 - Activation \rightarrow cytokines, inflammatory signals
- Other activators:
 - Fc portion of antibodies
 - Complement proteins



Inflammasome

- **Cytosolic protein complex** found in many cells
- Key for recognition of cell damage
- Activated by components of damaged cells:
 - Uric acid
 - Extracellular ATP
 - Free DNA
- Leads to production of **IL-1**
- Leads to release of inflammatory mediators


Inflammatory Mediators

- "Vasoactive amines"
 - Histamine
 - Serotonin
- Lipid products (arachidonic acid derived)
 - Prostaglandins
 - Leukotrienes
- Complement



Neutrophil

- Derived from bone marrow
- Circulate ~5 days and die unless activated
- Drawn from blood stream to sites of inflammation
- Enter tissues: phagocytosis
- Provide extra support to macrophages



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Neutrophil

Blood stream exit

- Exit vascular system at post-capillary venules
- Four steps to extravasation (exit vessels to tissues)
 - Rolling, crawling, transmigration, migration





Typical Timeline

- Neutrophils dominate early (<2 days)
 - Many in blood stream
 - Attach firmly to adhesion molecules
 - Apoptosis after 24-48hrs
- Monocytes/macrophages dominate late (>2 days)
 - Live longer
 - Replicate in tissues



Typical Timeline



Typical Timeline: Exceptions

- Pseudomonas infection
 - Neutrophils dominate for days
- Viral infections
 - Lymphocytes often appear first
- Hypersensitivity reactions
 - Eosinophils dominate



Resolution

- Three potential outcomes
- #1: Resolution of inflammation
 - Removal of microbes/debris
 - Tissue returns to normal
- #2: Healing/scar
 - Tissue damage too extensive for regeneration
 - Connective tissue growth
- #3: Chronic inflammation



- Prolonged inflammation (weeks/months)
- May follow acute inflammation
- May begin slowly ("smoldering") on its own
- Tissue destruction and repair occur **at same time**



Causes

- Persistent infections
 - Difficult to clear microbes
 - Mycobacteria
 - Parasites
 - Prolonged infection \rightarrow type IV hypersensitivity reaction
- Autoimmune diseases
- Prolonged exposure
 - Silica
 - Cholesterol (atherosclerosis)



Cells

• Mononuclear cells

- Macrophages
- Lymphocytes (T and B cells)
- Plasma cells

Macrophages are dominant cell type

- Secrete cytokines
- Active T-cell response
- Two forms activated macrophages
 - M1: Activated via classical pathway to destroy microbes
 - M2: Activated via alternative pathway for tissue repair



Macrophage Activation

- "Classical" activation (M1)
- Microbes activate macrophages
 - Example: endotoxin \rightarrow TLRs on macrophages
- T-cell release IFN-γ
- Activated macrophage response
 - Reactive oxygen species
 - More lysosomal enzymes
 - Secrete cytokines \rightarrow drive inflammation
- Tissue destruction may occur

Μ A R Ρ Η IFN-γ E



Macrophage Activation

- "Alternative" activation (M2)
- Cytokines other than IFN-γ
 - Produced by T cells
 - IL-4, IL-13
- Activated macrophage (M2) response
 - Inhibit classical activation
 - Main role is tissue repair
 - Growth factors \rightarrow angiogenesis



Outcomes

- Scarring
 - Chronic HBV \rightarrow liver cirrhosis
- Secondary amyloidosis
- Malignancy
 - Lots of cell stimulation/growth
 - Similar to hyperplasia \rightarrow dysplasia/neoplasia
 - Chronic hepatitis \rightarrow liver cancer
 - H. pylori → gastric cancer









Acute Inflammation Neutrophils Multi-lobed nuclei <u>Chronic Inflammation</u> Mononuclear cells Single, round nuclei





Granulomatous Inflammation

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Inflammation

- Acute inflammation
 - Rapid onset (minutes to hours)
 - Quick resolution (usually days)
- Chronic inflammation
 - May last weeks, months, or years



Granulomatous Inflammation

- Subtype of **chronic** inflammation
- Macrophages transform to :
 - Epithelioid cells
 - Langhans giant cells
- **T-cell mediated** hypersensitivity reaction
 - Type IV (delayed-type) hypersensitivity reaction
 - Cell mediated immune process



Granulomas

- "Epithelioid" macrophages
 - Large, pink, activated macrophages (look like epithelial cells)
- Surrounded by lymphocytes (sometimes plasma cells)
- Some epithelioid macrophages fuse \rightarrow giant cells
 - May contain 20 or more nuclei



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Granulomatous Inflammation

- Accumulation of TH1 CD4+ T cells
 - High CD4:CD8 ratio
- Secrete IL-2 and interferon-γ
 - IL-2 stimulates TH1 proliferation
 - IFN-γ activates macrophages
- Ultimately leads to granuloma formation





Granulomatous Disease

- Tuberculosis
- Sarcoidosis (granulomas = diagnostic criteria)
- Crohn's disease
- Leprosy (mycobacterium leprae)
- Cat-scratch disease (bartonella henselae)
- Schistosomiasis
- Syphilis
- Temporal arteritis
- Many others



CGD

Chronic Granulomatous Disease

- Loss of function of NADPH oxidase
- Phagocytes cannot generate H₂O₂
- Recurrent catalase (+) bacteria infections
- Five organisms cause almost all CGD infections:
 - Bacteria: Staph aureus, Pseudomonas, Serratia, Nocardia
 - Fungi: Aspergillus
- Granuloma formation



Caseating Granuloma

- Gross pathology : cheesy-like (caseating) necrosis
- Microscopy: Granulomas with necrotic core
- Classically seen in tuberculosis infection
- Most granulomas: non-caseating (e.g., sarcoid)



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Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha TNF-α

- Maintains granulomatous inflammation
- Released by macrophages and T-cells
- Attracts and stimulates macrophages
- TNF-blocking drugs
 - Used in rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease
 - Infliximab: anti-TNF antibody
 - Etanercept : decoy receptor TNF-α
- PPD testing done prior to starting therapy



Hypercalcemia

- Seen in many granulomatous diseases
- Best described in sarcoidosis
- Activated vitamin D produced only in kidney
 - Responds to PTH
- Macrophages: high 1- α hydroxylase activity
- Leads to increased vitamin D levels (calcitriol)

25-OH Vitamin D 1α - hydroxylase 1

1,25-OH₂ Vitamin D



Pathologic Calcification

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Pathologic Calcification

- Abnormal deposition of calcium in tissues
- Dystrophic calcification
 - Local process
- Metastatic calcification
 - Systemic process



Dystrophic Calcification

- Result of **necrosis**
- Occurs in diseased tissues
- Examples:
 - Atherosclerotic vessel lesions
 - Damaged heart valves
 - Lung nodules
- May indicate prior necrosis
- May also cause disease
 - Aortic stenosis

Carotid Artery



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Dystrophic Calcification

• Purple deposits on H&E staining



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Chronic Pancreatitis

• CT scan: classic finding is **calcified** pancreas





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Psammoma Bodies

- Calcifications with an layered pattern
- Seen in some neoplasms (e.g., thyroid cancer)



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Dystrophic Calcification





Dystrophic Calcification

- Serum calcium levels normal
- Damage to phospholipid membranes in cells
- Calcium binds phospholipids
- Enzymes add phosphate
 - Similar to calcium-phosphate of hydroxyapatite in bone
- Generates microcrystals
- Crystals propagate \rightarrow calcification



Metastatic Calcification

- Seen in hypercalcemia and/or hyperphosphatemia
- Occurs in normal tissues
- Mostly tissues that secrete acid
 - Create high pH internally
 - Favors calcium phosphate precipitation



Metastatic Calcification

- Classic locations:
 - GI mucosa
 - Kidneys
 - Lungs
 - Arteries
 - Pulmonary veins



Metastatic Calcification

Alveolar Walls





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Calciphylaxis

- Seen in chronic hyperphosphatemia in CKD
- Excess phosphate taken up by vascular smooth muscle
- Smooth muscle osteogenesis
- Vascular wall calcification
- Increased systolic blood pressure
- Small vessel thrombosis
- Painful nodules, skin necrosis



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Nephrocalcinosis

- Calcium deposition in kidney tubules
- Cause: 1 urinary excretion of calcium and phosphate
- Seen in hypercalcemia and hyperphosphatemia
 - e.g., hyperparathyroidism, sarcoidosis
- Common in patients with kidney stones



Nephrocalcinosis



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Nephrocalcinosis

- Often asymptomatic
- May cause polyuria/polydipsia
 - Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus
 - Impaired urinary **concentrating** ability
 - Collecting duct cannot resorb water normally
 - More urine \rightarrow polyuria \rightarrow volume depletion \rightarrow polydipsia



Wound Healing and Scar

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Wound Healing

- Necessary after inflammation/cell death
- Regeneration
 - Occurs in tissues capable of replacing damaged cells
 - Must have surviving cells capable of division

• Scar formation

- Tissues not capable of regeneration
- Or if severe damage that destroys regenerative capacity
- Lost cells replaced by connective tissue
- "Fibrosis": scar tissue left at sites of inflammation



Tissue Types

• Labile tissues

- Continuously dividing to replace lost cells
- Hematopoietic stem cells
- Most epithelial cells
- Easily regenerate

• Stable tissues

- Inactive ("quiescent") cells
- Normally replicate minimally
- Can proliferate in response to injury
- Many solid organs: liver, kidney, pancreas



Tissue Types

Permanent tissues

- "Terminally differentiated"
- Generally do not proliferate (very limited ability)
- Cannot significantly regenerate
- Neurons, cardiac myocytes
- Damage leads to scar



Stem Cells

- Mature cells of many tissues have short lifespan
- Stem cells replace lost cells

Self-renewal and asymmetric division

- Two daughter cells
- One becomes mature cell
- Other becomes stem cell



Stem Cells

• Embryonic stem cells

- Found in blastocyst
- Undifferentiated
- Can form many different cells types
- Important for embryogenesis

• Adult stem cells

- Found in tissue beds
- More differentiated
- Produce cells for one tissue (e.g., skin, epithelial lining)
- Important for homeostasis (replacing lost cells)



Scar Formation

- Sequence of three processes
- #1: Angiogenesis (new blood vessel growth)
- #2: Fibroblast activation
 - Migrate to injure site
 - Proliferate
 - Lay down fibrous tissue
- #3: Scar maturation
 - Changes to scar composition/structure
 - Produces stable, stronger scar tissue



Growth Factors

- Drive scar formation
- Many, many factors described
 - FGF
 - TGF-B
 - VEGF
 - PDGF
 - Metalloproteinases
 - EGF
- Most trigger chemotaxis, angiogenesis, fibrosis



Angiogenesis

- First process in healing/scar formation
- New vessel growth from existing vessels
- Usually new vessels grow from **venules**
- Key growth factors:
 - VEGF
 - FGF



VEGF

Vascular endothelial growth factor

- Family of signal proteins
- Several forms (VEGF-A/B/C/D)
- VEGF-A: Stimulates **angiogenesis**
- Secreted by tumors \rightarrow vascular growth
- VEGF Inhibitors
 - Bevacizumab (cancer)
 - Ranibizumab (retinopathy)



FGFs

Fibroblast Growth Factors

- Sources: macrophages, mast cells, endothelial cells
- Attract fibroblasts ("chemotactic")
- Stimulates **angiogenesis**
- Also stimulates extracellular matrix protein synthesis



Fibroblasts

- Fibroblasts migrate to injury site
- Extracellular matrix proteins synthesized/secreted
- Initially secrete type III collagen and fibronectin
- Later collagen type III broken down
- Followed by secretion of type I collagen occurs
- Key growth factors:
 - TGF- β
 - PDGF



Vitamin C

Ascorbic Acid

- Found in fruits and vegetables
- Necessary for collagen synthesis
- Poor wound healing in deficiency state





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TGF-β

Transforming Growth Factor Beta

- Released by many cell types:
 - Platelets, T cells, macrophages, endothelial cells, others
- Promotes healing/scar
 - Stimulates collagen production
 - Inhibits collagen breakdown
- Anti-inflammatory
 - Inhibits lymphocyte proliferation/activity
 - Knock-out mice (no TGF- β): widespread inflammation



PDGF

Platelet-derived growth factor

- Sources: platelets, macrophages, endothelial cells
- Stimulates fibroblasts and smooth muscle cells
 - Growth, migration of fibroblasts
 - Synthesis of collagen
- Implicated in myelofibrosis, scleroderma

P D G Fibroblast



Granulation Tissue

- Develops 3 to 5 days after injury
- Early stages healing/scar formation
- Made of collagen and new blood vessels
- Histology:
 - Proliferating fibroblasts
 - Small, new capillaries from angiogenesis
 - Extracellular matrix
 - Some inflammatory cells especially macrophages
- Eventually becomes scar



Granulation Tissue



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Myofibroblasts

- Fibroblasts with **contractile proteins**
- Share similarities with smooth muscle cells
- Contract wound (pull edges together)
 - Wound size shrinks
- Develops around day 5 after injury
- Lost by apoptosis as scar matures



Remodeling

- Modification of connective tissue
- Occurs after initial synthesis/deposition
- Key features:
 - Breakdown of type III collagens
 - Cross-linking of collagen
- Key enzymes:
 - Metalloproteinase (zinc)
 - Lysyl oxidase (copper)



Metalloproteinases

- Zinc containing enzymes
- Degrade proteins in extracellular matrix
- Important for maturation phase of wound healing
- Breakdown type III collagen
 - "Collagenase" activity
- Zinc deficiency: poor wound healing (maturation)





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Wound Healing



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Lysyl Oxidase

- Copper-dependent enzyme
- Cross-links collagen
- **Cu deficiency**: poor wound healing (maturation)





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Surgical Wound



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Pressure Ulcer



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Skin Wound Healing

- First intention
 - Tissue surfaces "approximated" (i.e., closed together)
 - Common method of healing for surgical incision sites
 - Sutures, staples, skin glue, tape
 - Requires relatively small amounts of tissue loss
 - Main mechanism of healing: epithelial regeneration
 - Minimal scar
 - Minimal wound contraction



Skin Wound Healing

- Second intention
 - Large wounds
 - Cannot approximate edges
 - Classic example: pressure ulcer
 - Significant scar formation



Healing by 1st Intention

- Injury site:
 - Tissue loss
 - Blood loss (damaged vessels)
- 1st 24 hours
 - Inflammation and hemostasis
 - Clot formation (platelets)
 - Neutrophil invasion (via increased vascular permeability)



Healing by 1st Intention

- 3-7 days
 - Neutrophils replaced by macrophages
 - Angiogenesis
 - Fibroblast infiltration
 - Granulation tissue formation
 - Type III collagen
 - Wound contraction via myofibroblasts
- Weeks
 - Remodeling
 - Type III collagen → type I collagen
 - Lysyl oxidase



Cells in Healing





Healing by 2nd Intention

- More inflammation
- More granulation tissue
- More tissue contraction
- More scar tissue



Long Term Outcomes

- Scar remodeling may continue for 6-12 months
- Eventually a "mature" scar forms
 - Avascular
 - Acellular

Mechanical strength grows

- Type 1 collagen content grows
- Collagen synthesis stops after a few weeks
- Collagen cross-linking persists long after
- Scar gets stronger over time
- Tensile strength never equal that of normal tissue



Keloid

- Raised scars
- Extend beyond borders of original wound
- Caused by excessive healing/scar
 - More fibroblasts, more growth factors, more collagen
- 15 times more common with dark skin
 - African-American, Spanish, Asian





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Keloid

- Contain type I and III collagen
- Disorganized collagen
 - Contrast with normal skin: collagen <u>parallel</u> to epithelium
- More common in certain locations
 - Common in earlobe, deltoid, upper back
 - Rare on eyelids, palms, soles
- High recurrence rate if surgically removed
- Treatment: corticosteroid, 5-FU injections


Hypertrophic Scars

- Also excessive scar formation
- Usually develop about 4 weeks after injury
- Remains within wound borders
- Mostly type III collagen
 - Parallel (not disorganized) fibers
- Common in all demographics
- May occur anywhere
- Often regress spontaneously



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Wound Infections

- Disrupt healing process
- Prolonged inflammation phase
- **Pus** = bacteria plus dead neutrophils
- Inflammatory cytokine release continues
- Poor formation of growth factors





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Wound Infections

- Staph Auerus
- Clostridium tetani (vaccination after injury)
- Pseudomonas (burns)
- Rabies virus (vaccination after animal bites)
- Vibrio vulnificus (contaminated water)





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Neoplasia

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Neoplasia

- "New growth"
- Cancer, malignancy
- Genetic disorder
- Cell cycle normally tightly controlled
 - Signals \rightarrow growth/cell divisions
 - Signals \rightarrow prevention of growth/cell division
- Mutations \rightarrow uncontrolled growth



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Clonality

- Single cell develops mutation
- Gives rise to daughter cells (clones)
- All clones carry same mutation







Tumor Locations

- Rapidly dividing cells
 - Stop/start for cell division
 - Lots of DNA replication
 - Many chances for mutation
 - Increased likelihood of cancer
- GI epithelium: common site of cancer
- Myocardium: very rare sight of cancer



Tumor Progression

- Change in tumor over time
- Become more aggressive
- Accumulate more mutations
- Less responsive to chemotherapy
- Large tumors often **heterogenous**



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Warburg Effect

- Glucose metabolized to lactate for ATP
 - "Aerobic glycolysis"
- Less ATP than oxidative phosphorylation
- Occurs even in presence of oxygen
- Result: High glucose uptake
- Basis for PET scanning
 - Radiolabeled glucose scan





PET Scan





Dysplasia

- Description of tissue morphology
- Disordered but non-neoplastic growth
- Precedes neoplasia
- Progresses to cancer
- Described in epithelial tissues
- Carcinoma in situ
 - Dysplasia of entire epithelial layer
 - No invasion of basement membrane (contained)



Anaplasia

- Undifferentiated cell growth
- Cells do not look like cells of origin
- Metabolic activity to growth
- Little/no other functions
- Seen in malignant, aggressive tumors
- Usually poor prognosis
- Well-differentiated tumors: resemble tissue or origin
- Anaplastic tumors: lack of distinguishing features



Cancer Progression



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Hallmarks of Malignant Cells

Autonomous growth

- Not sensitive to growth factors/inhibitors
- Evasion of cell death
 - Do not undergo apoptosis
 - Evade the immune system
- Unlimited ability to replicate ("immortal")
 - Normal cells become "senescent" after XX replications
- Angiogenesis
 - New blood vessels to fuel growth
- Ability to invade tissues and spread



Telomerase

- Normal cells capable of 60-70 divisions only
 - Thereafter become senescent
- Caused by shortening of telomeres
- Telomeres: nucleotides at end of chromosomes
- Telomerase: avoids loss of genes with duplication
 - Active in stem cells
 - Little activity in other cells
- Telomerase upregulation in almost all cancers





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Grade

- Degree of differentiation
- Determined by pathologist
- Requires biopsy for microscopic tissue analysis
- Grades I, II, III, IV
- Well-differentiated: low grade
- Anaplastic/undifferentiated: high grade



Stage

- Degree of tumor extension/spread
- Local, lymph nodes, metastasis
- Usually done by radiology/imaging
- Early stage: localized growth
- Advanced stage: spread, metastasis



TNM Staging System

- T: primary tumor size
 - T1, T2, T3, T4
- N: degree of regional lymph node spread
 - N0, N1, N2, N3
- M: metastases
 - M0=no mets; M1 = mets

TNM



Nomenclature

• Benign

- Likely to remain localized without spread
- Amenable to surgical removal
- May still cause problems (e.g., compression)
- Well-differentiated
- Low mitotic activity

Malignant

- Invades and spreads
- May cause death



Non-neoplastic Growths

Hamartoma

- Mass of mature but disorganized cells
- Example: lung hamartoma contains disorganized lung tissue
- Developmental anomalies

Choristoma

- Mature, well-differentiated tissue in the wrong place
- Example: Meckel's diverticulum (gastric tissue in ileum)
- Both are benign (i.e., do not invade/metastasize)



Tumor Naming

Benign Tumors

- Naming: cell/tissue type of origin plus –oma
 - Fibroma: benign fibrous tumor
 - Chondroma: benign cartilage tumor
- Adenoma
 - Benign epithelial tumors
 - Often forming gland structures
- Papilloma
 - Benign epithelial tumors on surfaces with "finger-like" projections



Tumor Naming

Malignant Tumors

- Mesenchymal tissues
 - Connective tissue, bones, blood, lymph
 - Solid tumor: sarcoma (e.g., osteosarcoma)
 - Blood/lymph: leukemia or lymphoma
- Epithelial cells: carcinoma
 - Glandular tumors: adenocarcinoma
 - Colon adenocarcinoma, lung adenocarcinoma
 - Skin: squamous cell carcinoma



Tumor Spread

- Sarcoma: spread via blood (hematogenous)
 - Arteries (thick walls) difficult to penetrate
 - Veins (thin walls): easily penetrated
 - Liver and lungs most common sites of hematogenous spread



Tumor Spread

- Carcinoma: usually spread via lymphatics
- Key exceptions:
 - Four carcinomas spread via bloodstream
 - Choriocarcinoma ("Early hematogenous spread")
 - Renal cell carcinoma (renal vein)
 - Hepatocellular carcinoma (portal vein)
 - Follicular thyroid carcinoma



Teratoma

- Cells from multiple germ layers
 - Ectoderm (skin, hair follicles)
 - Endoderm (lung, GI)
 - Mesoderm (muscle, cartilage)
- Arise from **germ cells** in ovaries and testes
 - Cells of origin capable of forming multiple germ layers



Epidemiology

- Cancer is 2nd leading cause of death
 - Heart disease #1
 - Respiratory disease #3 (e.g., COPD)
 - Accidents/trauma #4
- New cases (incidence)
 - Breast/prostate \rightarrow lung \rightarrow colorectal
- Mortality (death rate)
 - Lung \rightarrow breast/prostate \rightarrow colorectal





Epidemiology

Children

- Causes of death
 - Accidents \rightarrow cancer \rightarrow congenital disorders
- Incidence/mortality
 - Leukemia \rightarrow CNS tumors \rightarrow neuroblastoma



Carcinogenesis

- Nonlethal DNA damage \rightarrow cancer
- Mutations in two types of genes lead to cancer
 - Tumor suppressor genes
 - Oncogenes



Tumor Suppressor Genes

- Limit cell growth
- Classic examples:
 - P53 gene: blocks progression through cell cycle
 - Retinoblastoma gene: inhibits transcription factors
- Need mutations in **both alleles** to shut down activity



Germline Mutations

- One gene mutated in **all cells** at birth
- Occurs in some tumor suppressor genes
- Leads to increased cancer risk at early age
 - BRCA1/BRCA2 (breast cancer)
 - Hereditary retinoblastoma
 - HNPCC (Lynch syndrome)
 - Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP)
 - Li-Fraumeni syndrome



Oncogenes

- Promote uncontrolled cell growth
- Proto-oncogenes: normal cellular genes
 - Growth factors, growth factor receptors, signal transducers
 - Proto-oncogene mutation \rightarrow oncogene \rightarrow cancer
- Single gene mutation → malignancy



Carcinogens

- Substances that cause cancer
- Chemicals
 - Asbestos \rightarrow mesothelioma
- Viruses
 - HPV \rightarrow cervical cancer
- Radiation
 - Sunlight \rightarrow skin cancer

