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Chapter 12

The Lymphatic System and Body Defenses

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The Lymphatic System



The Lymphatic System

Functions

- Transport fluids (lymph) back to the blood
- Play essential roles in body defense and resistance to disease

Lymph

Materials returned to the blood

- Water
- Blood cells
- Proteins

Lymph

- Harmful materials that enter lymph vessels
 - Bacteria
 - Viruses
 - Cancer cells
 - Cell debris

Lymphatic Vessels





I. Lymphatic Vessels

- Transport of Lymph
 - No pump
 - One way system towards the heart using
 - Milking action of skeletal muscle
 - Rhythmic contraction of smooth muscle in vessel walls

I. Lymphatic Vessels

Characteristics

- Collects lymph from lymph capillaries
- Carries lymph to and away from lymph nodes
- Returns fluid to circulatory veins near the heart at the
 - Right lymphatic duct
 - Thoracic duct



Figure 12.2



II. Lymph Nodes

Function

Filter lymph (about 4 liters per day) before it is returned to the blood

Lymph Nodes



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Lymph Node Structure

- Most are kidney-shaped, less than 1 inch long
- Cortex
 - Outer part, contains follicles collections of lymphocytes
- Medulla
 - Inner part, contains phagocytic macrophages



Enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes in a case of AIDS and Mycobacterium avium-complex (MAC) infection.

http://medlib.med.utah.edu/webpath/infehtml/infec036.html

www.aids-images.ch

Activation of Lymphocytes



- Lymphocytes destined to become T cells migrate to the thymus and develop immunocompetence there. B cells develop immuno-competence in the bone marrow.
 - After leaving the thymus or bone marrow as naive immunocompetent cells, lymphocytes "seed" the infected connective tissues (especially lymphoid tissue in the lymph nodes), where the antigen challenge occurs and the lymphocytes become fully activated.
- 3 Activated (mature) lymphocytes circulate continuously in the bloodstream and lymph and throughout the lymphoid organs of the body.

Figure 12.9

Cells of the Immune System

- Lymphocytes
 - Provide immune response to antigens
 - Originate in the red bone marrow
 - B lymphocytes become immunocompetent (mature) in the bone marrow
 - T lymphocytes become immunocompetent in the thymus

Cells of the Immune System

- Macrophages
 - Engulf and destroy foreign substances
 - begin as monocytes
 - leave lymphatic tissue to enter surrounding tissue

Lymph Node Structure





Flow of Lymph Through Nodes





Flow of Lymph Through Nodes

- Enters the convex side through afferent lymphatic vessels
- Exits through efferent lymphatic vessels
- Fewer efferent than afferent vessels causes flow to be slowed

Other Lymphoid Organs



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The Spleen



III. The Spleen

- Located on the left side of the abdomen
- Filters blood and destroys worn out blood cells
- Forms blood cells in the fetus
- Acts as a blood reservoir

The Thymus



IV. The Thymus

- Located low in the throat, overlying the heart
- Functions at peak levels only during childhood
- Produces hormones to program lymphocytes (T cells)

V. Mucosa-Associated Lymphatic Tissue (MALT)

Includes:

- Peyer's patches
- Tonsils & Adenoids
- Other small accumulations of lymphoid tissue

• Acts as a sentinel to protect respiratory and digestive tracts



The Tonsils



Tonsils/Adnoids

- Small masses of lymphoid tissue around the nasopharynx (adnoids) and oropharynx (tonsils)
- Trap and remove bacteria and other foreign materials
- Tonsillitis is caused by congestion with bacteria











*ADAM.

Peyer's Patches

- Found in the wall of the small intestine
- Resemble tonsils in structure
- Capture and destroy bacteria in the intestine



Absence of Peyer's Patches in HIV Infection



slide courtesy of Timothy Schacker, UM
Video: Introduction to how the immune system works



Antigens (Nonself)

 Any substance capable of exciting the immune system and provoking an immune response

ANTIGENS



Self-Antigens

- Human cells have many surface proteins
- Our immune cells do not attack our own proteins

Antibodies (Immunoglobulins) (Igs)

Characteristics

- Soluble proteins secreted by B cells (plasma cells)
- Carried in blood plasma
- Capable of binding to a specific antigen

Antibody Structure

- Four amino acid chains linked by disulfide bonds
- Contains specific antigen-binding sites



Five major immunoglobulin classes

IgM – can fix complement



Activated complement proteins attach to pathogen's membrane in step-by-step sequence, forming a membrane attack complex (a MAC attack). MAC pores in the membrane cause cell lysis.

Five major immunoglobulin classes

IgA – found mainly in mucus



Five major immunoglobulin classes

IgD – important in activation of B cell



Five major immunoglobulin classes

 IgG – smallest, and most numerous form. Can cross the placental barrier.



Five major immunoglobulin classes

IgE – involved in allergies

The blood test measures the levels of allergy antibody, or IgE, produced when your blood is mixed with a series of allergens in a laboratory



Antibody Function



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Secondary Response



Figure 12.11



















Cellular (Cell-Mediated) Immune Response . Specialize in killing infected cells

• Insert a toxic chemical (perforin)









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Summary of the Immune Response














