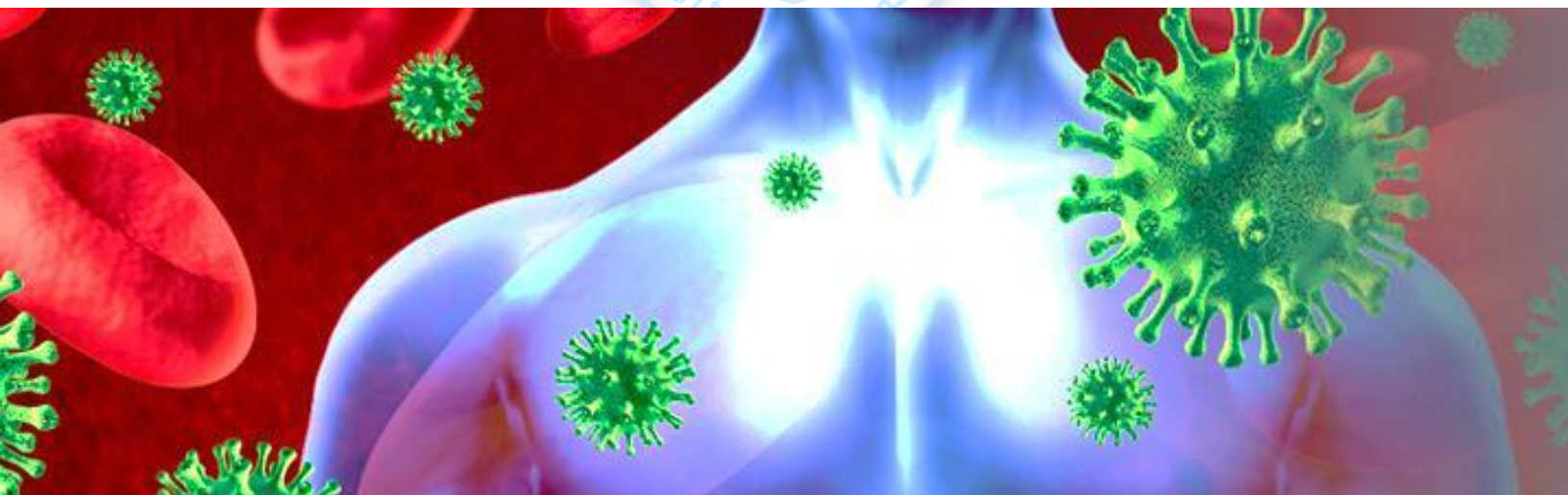




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# Introduction To Immunology & The Lymphoid System

Lecture 1



## Objectives:

1. Know the historical perspective of immunology.
2. Be familiar with the terminology and definitions.
3. Know the cells of immune response.
4. Understand types of immune responses.
5. Know about the lymphoid system.
6. Understand T & B cell functions.

## Videos to Watch:



Immunology Overview (watch before you start)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSYED-7riNY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSYED-7riNY)



Immunology Course Videos

[www.khanacademy.org/science/biology/immunology](http://www.khanacademy.org/science/biology/immunology)

## Origin

- In 1798 **Edward Jenner** began the science of Immunology.
- **Louis Pasteur** Introduced Weakened Virulence  
(*attenuated*: weakened, non-virulent strain whose exposure can confer resistance to disease.)

## Basic Terminology & Definitions

**Immunity:** The state of protection from infectious disease.

**Immunology:** The study of mechanisms that humans and other animals use to defend their bodies from invading organisms.

**Cluster of Differentiation (CD):** Molecule with a CD designation has a characteristic cell surface protein are often associated with the cell's function (used for identification).

**Antigen (Ag):** Any substance (usually foreign) that binds specifically to a component of adaptive immunity.

**Allergen:** Non-infectious Antigens (that induce hypersensitivity reactions, most commonly IgE mediated type I reactions).

**Antibodies/Immunoglobulin (Ig):** Consists of heavy and light polypeptide chain, it's secreted from plasma cells.

**Adaptive Immunity:** Specific host defenses that are mediated by T & B cells *following* exposure to Ag.

**Innate Immunity:** Nonspecific host defenses that exist *prior* to exposure to Ag.

**Pathogen:** A disease causing organism.

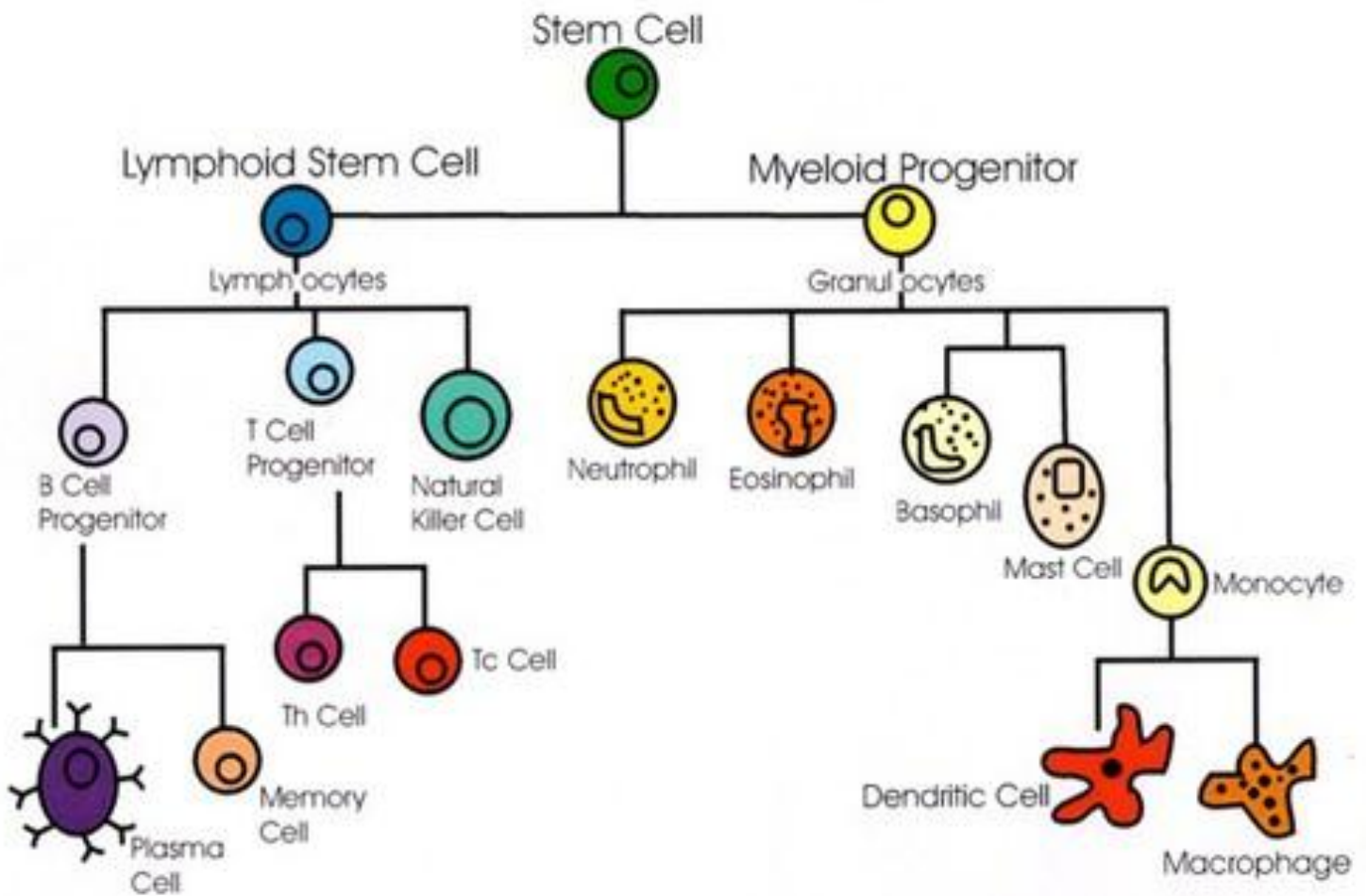
**Vaccination:** deliberate induction of *protective* immunity to a pathogen.

## Where & What Are Antigens?

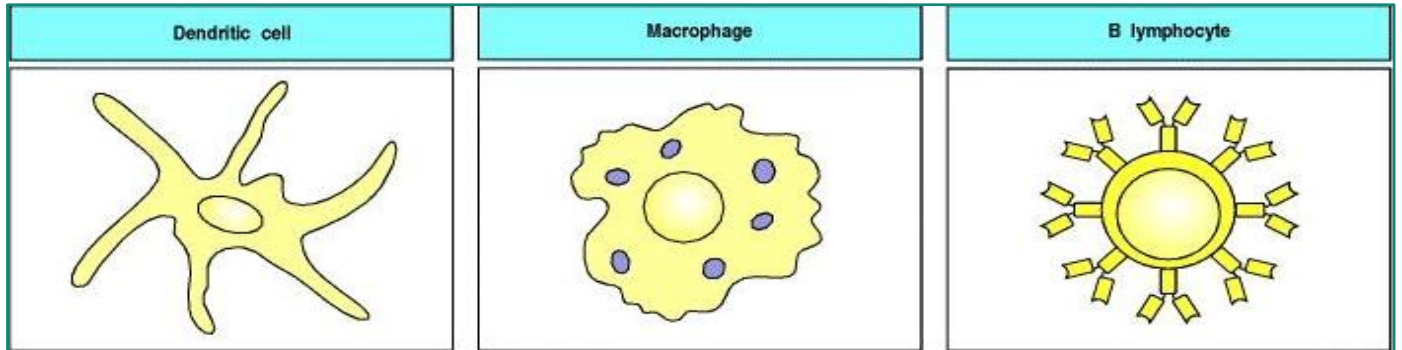
- **Microorganisms** (bacteria, viruses) & **their related products** (proteins, lipids).
- **Environmental substances**
- **Drugs**
- **Organs** (liver transplant), **tissues, cells**

## Responding Cells

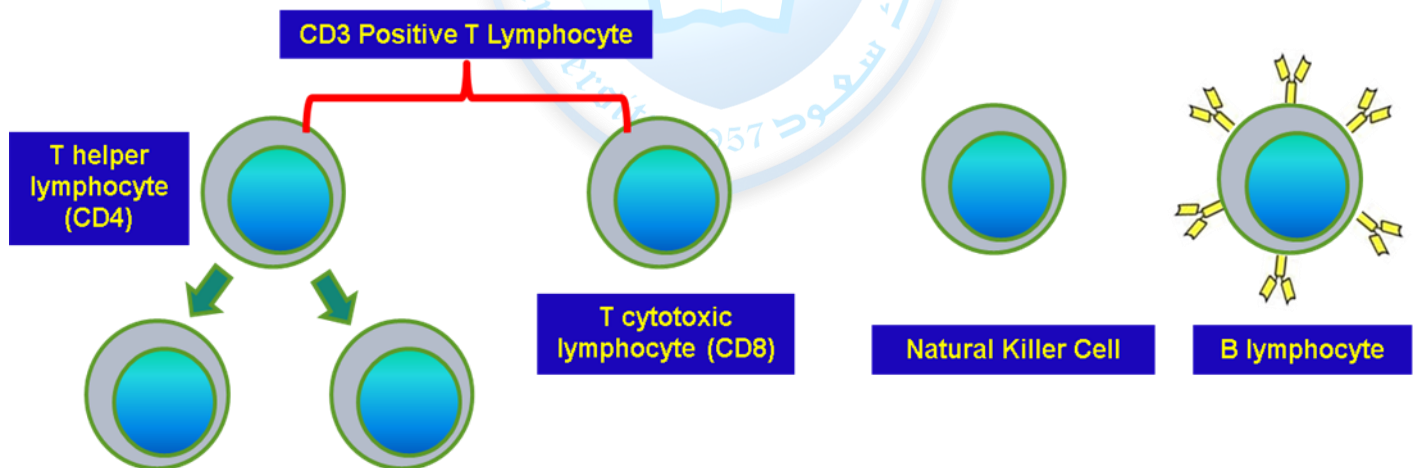
### Cells of the Immune System



## Antigen Presenting Cells

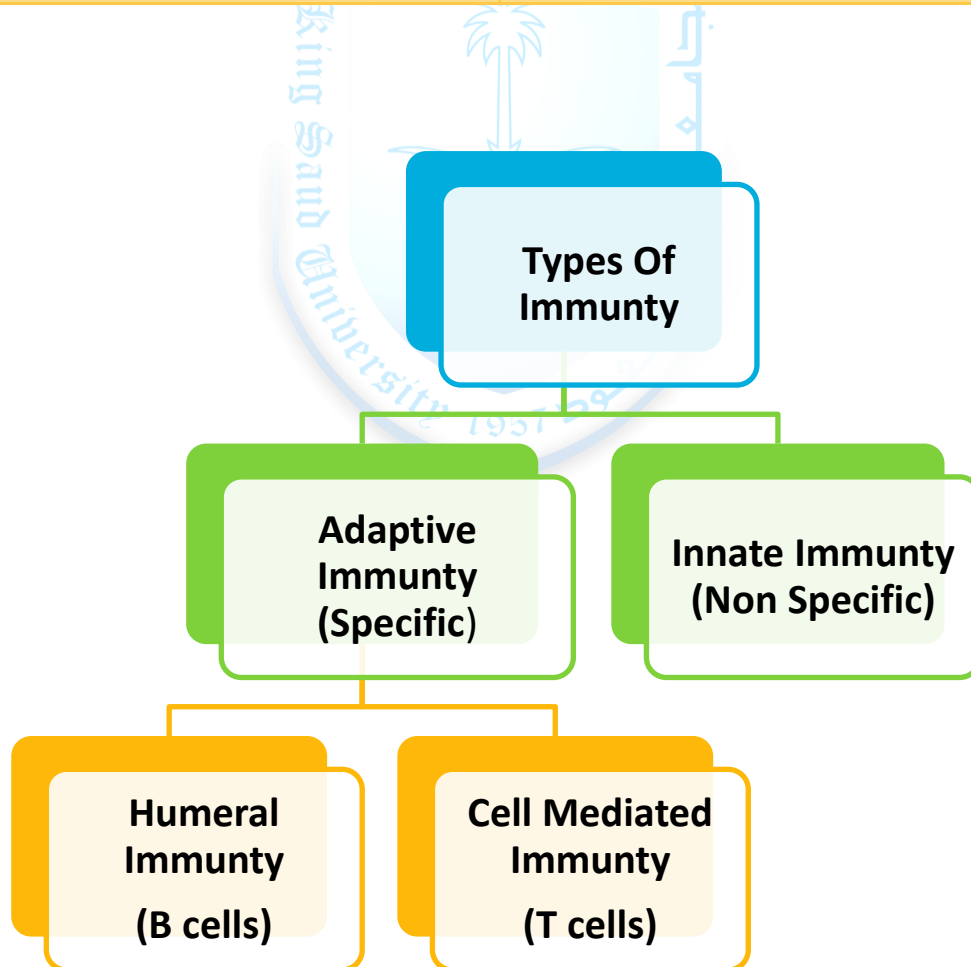


## Responding Cells

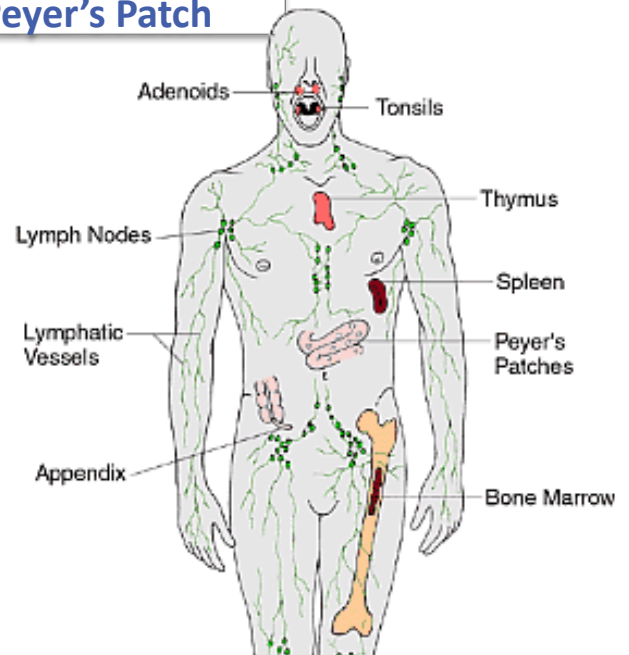
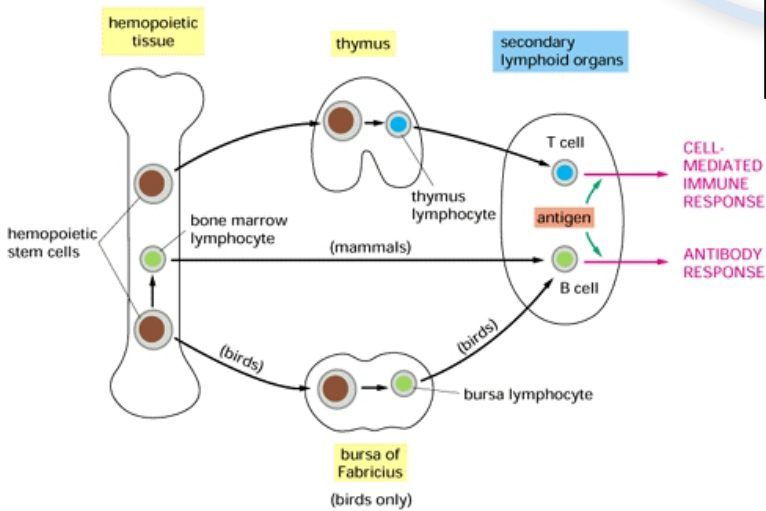
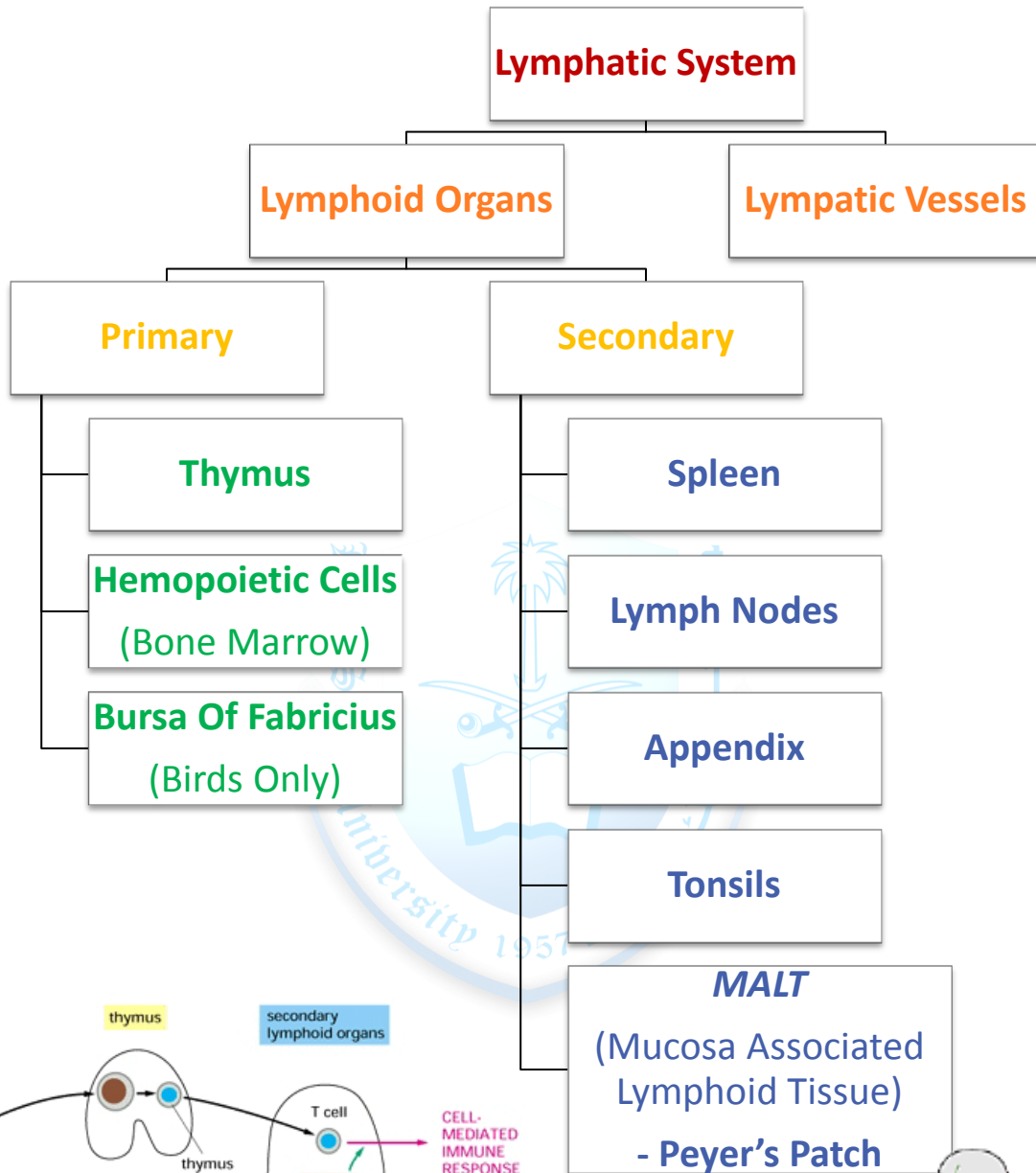


## Types of Immunity

| <b>Adaptive</b>  | <b>Innate</b>           |
|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Specific</b>  | <b>Non-specific</b>     |
| <b>Immunological memory (recognition)</b>                                | <b>No memory</b>        |
| <b>Response of an antigen specific B and T lymphocytes to an antigen</b> | <b>Shorter duration</b> |

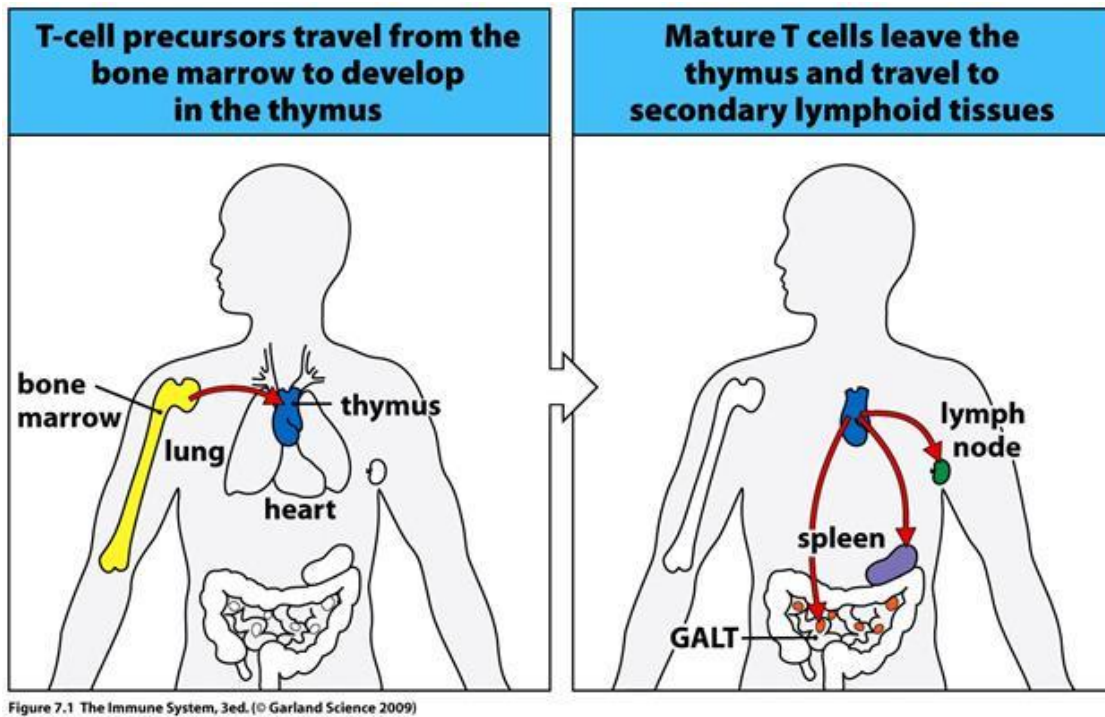


# The Lymphoid System



## T Cells

### T-Cells Differentiation:



- Stem cells lack antigen receptors and *CD3*, *CD4*, *CD8* surface markers.
- During their passage through *thymus* they differentiate into T cells expressing either markers (*CD4* or *CD8*).

### T-Lymphocytes:

- All T cells have *CD3* proteins on their cell surface.
- Mature T cells have either *CD4* or *CD8* proteins but not both.



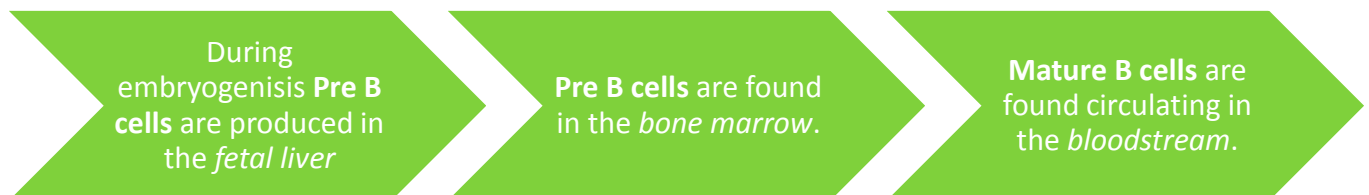
## Functions of T helper CD4 Lymphocytes:

| Th 2  | Th 1  |   |
|---|---|---|
| Help B cells to develop into antibody producing plasma cells <i>Th2</i> | Help CD8 cells to become activated cytotoxic T cells <i>Th1</i> | Help macrophages in cell mediated immunity <i>Th1</i> during inflammatory response. |

## Functions of CD8 Positive Cells:

|   |                                   |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| They are about 35% of peripheral blood T cells. | They perform cytotoxic functions. | They kill virus-infected cells, tumors and allograft cells (transplant). |
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## B-cells



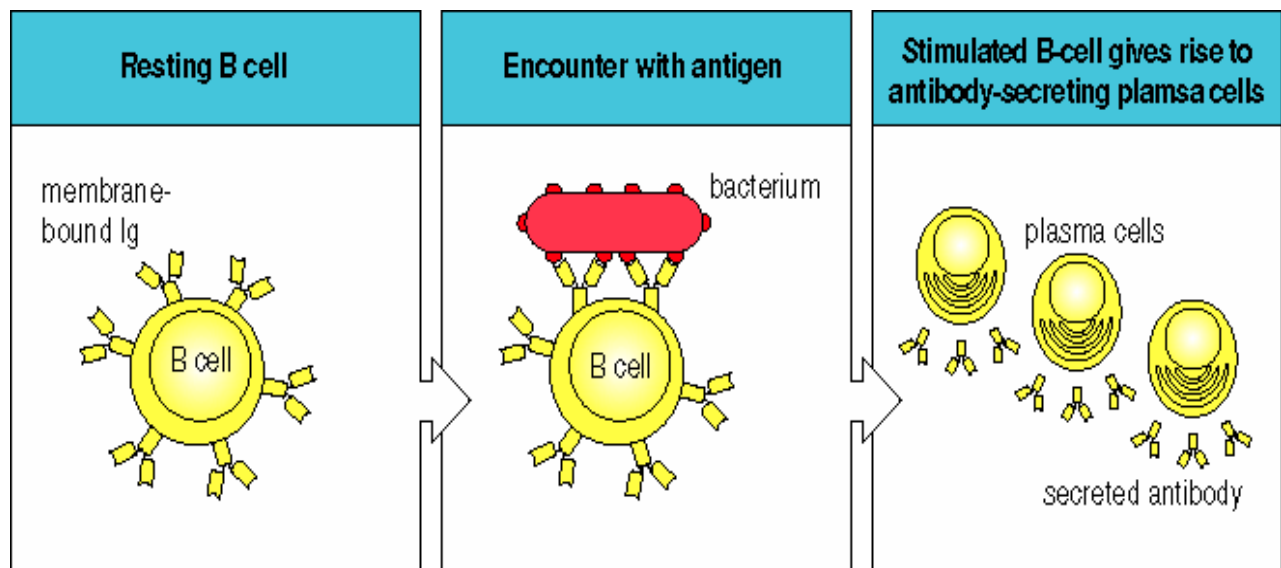
- They do not require the *Thymus* for maturation.

## T & B Cells Functions

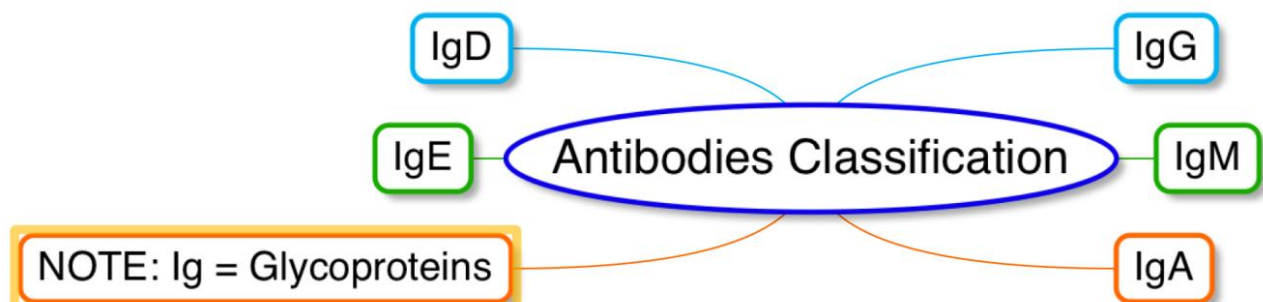
|                   | T cells   | B cells  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Origin            | Originate in the <i>Bone Marrow</i>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. During Embryogenesis (fetal liver)</li> <li>2. Pre B cells (bone marrow)</li> <li>3. Mature (the blood)</li> </ol> |
| Maturation        | Maturate in the <i>Thymus</i>   | Do not need Thymus for maturation  |
| Antigen Receptors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack Antigen Receptors</li> <li>• Mature T Cells have <b>CD4</b> protein (T helper lymphocytes) <b>or</b> <b>CD8</b> protein (T cytotoxic lymphocytes) <b>but not both.</b></li> </ul> | They display <b>IgD and/or IgM</b> (serve as antigen receptors)  |

## Antibodies (Immunoglobulin)

1. They are glycoproteins.
2. After binding to specific *antigens* they differ in:
  - size
  - amount of CHO
  - biological functions



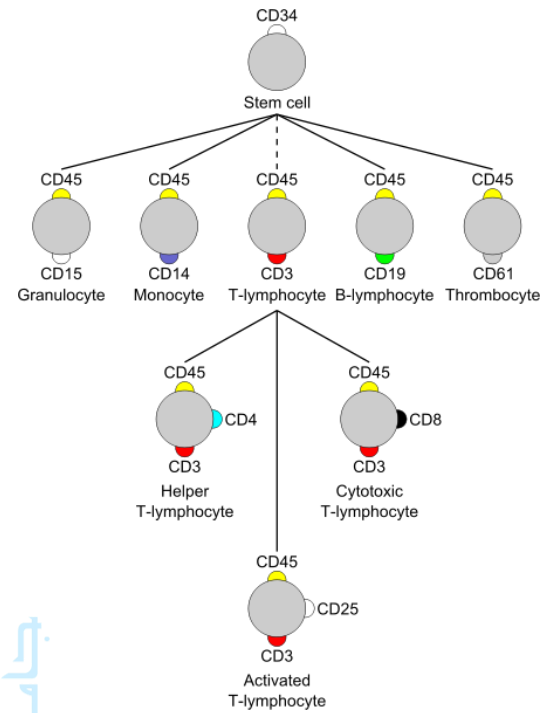
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# Summary

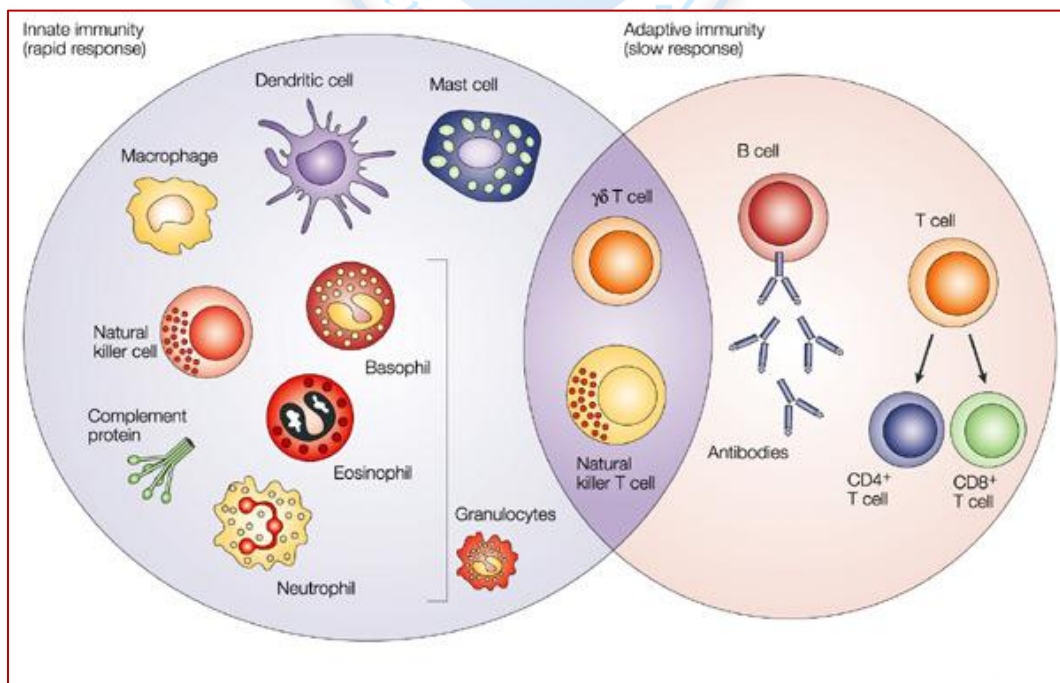
## CD: is used for identification

- Stem cells lack antigen receptors
- CD3 in T lymphocyte
- CD4 in helper T lymphocyte
- CD8 in cytotoxic T lymphocyte



## Types of Immunity:

1. Adaptive (Specific) Immunity
  - Humoral Immunity (B-cells)
  - Cell Mediated (T-cells)
2. Innate (Non Specific) Immunity
  - No memory, Natural



## MCQs :

1) Innate immunity is all of following except:

- a. Has no memory
- b. Natural immunity
- c. Acquired immunity
- d. Prior to antigen

2) Immunoglobulin (Ig) is secreted from:

- a. Stem cells
- b. Plasma cells
- c. Monocytes
- d. Dendrite cells

3) One of the following is NOT a secondary lymphoid organ:

- a. Thymus
- b. Spleen
- c. Tonsils
- d. Appendix

4) Which of the following helps B cells to develop into antibody producing plasma cells?

- a. CD4
- b. CD8
- c. CD3
- d. CD4 and CD8

5) What is the final destination of B cells?

- a. Thymus
- b. Bone marrow
- c. Fetal liver
- d. Tonsils

Answers: 1. c, 2. b, 3. a, 4. a, 5. d