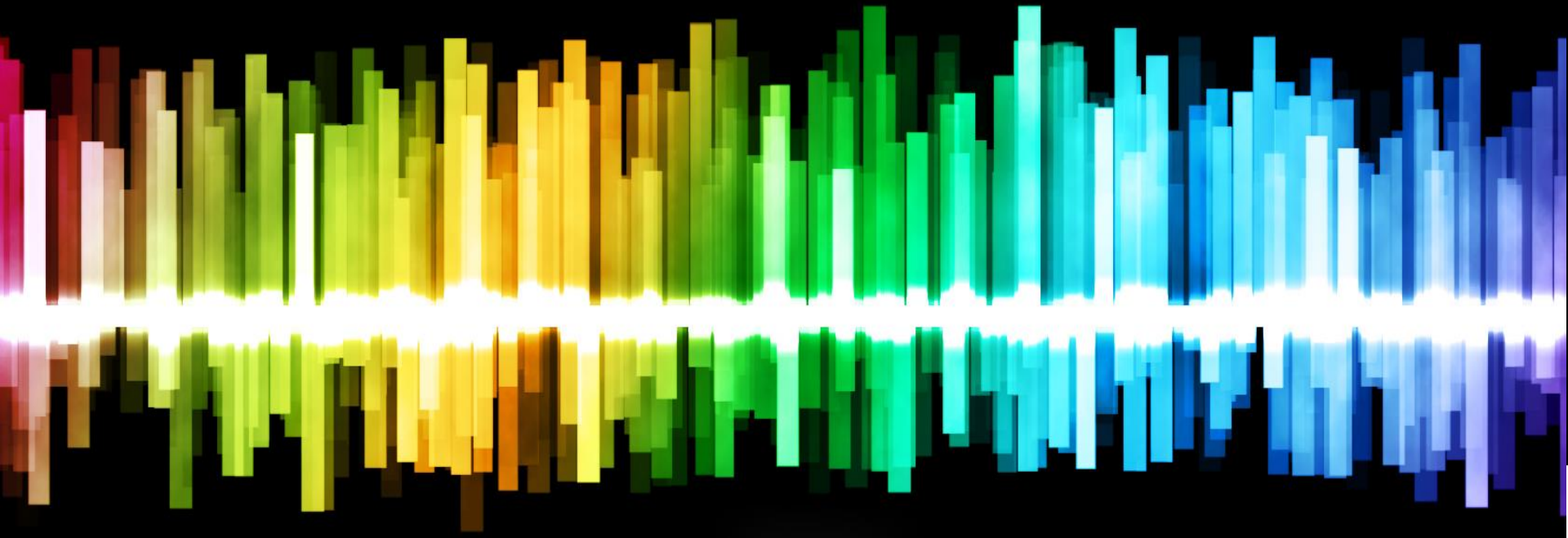




# Pathology of TUBERCULOSIS



# Objectives

**At the end of this lecture, the student should be able to:**

**A) define tuberculosis**

**B) list the disease caused by mycobacteria**

**C) know the epidemiology of tuberculosis (TB)**

**D) list the conditions associated with increased risk of Tuberculosis**

**E) list the factors predisposing to extension of the infection**

**F) recognize the morphology of Mycobacteria and list special stain (the Ziehl-Neelsen) as well as the morphology of granulomas in TB (tubercles)**

# Objectives

Continued ...

**G) in regard to Mycobacterial lung infection : Compare and contrast the following in relation to their gross and histologic lung pathology:**

- 1. primary tuberculosis ( include a definition of Ghon complex)**
- 2. secondary or reactivation tuberculosis**
- 3. military tuberculosis**

**H) list organs other than lung that are commonly affected by tuberculosis .**

**I) know the basis and use of tuberculin skin ( Mantoux ) test**

**J) list the common clinical presentation of tuberculosis**

**k) list the complication and prognosis of tuberculosis**

## Definition

- TB is a always chronic communicable disease

## Epidemic

- Affected by socioeconomic status
- Most common in many country.

## Target

- Lungs are the prime target , although any other organ may be infected.

## Caused by

- Mycobacterium tuberculosis hominis (Koch bacillus). Occasionally mycobacterium tuberculosis bovis

## Reservoir

- Humans

## Characteristic lesion

- Epitheloid granuloma with caseous necrosis

# Mycobacterium tuberculosis

- **Classified as:** acid-fast bacteria + bacilli .
- **“lipoprotein + glycoprotein” cell wall** gives it (resistance ) to be killed by macrophages So they are hard to kill.
- **it other name is called "Acid fast bacilli" . Why ? Because** stained by **Ziehl-Neelsen** stain which stain any organism has ACID

## Stains used on the bacilli are

- Ziehl-Neelsen stain & fluorescent dye auramine O

## Tuberculin test “skin test” +ve

- Presence of purified protein derivative (PPD) which is complex mixture of antigens that found M.tuberculosis

# Bacteria cause TB:



# People who are at risk of developing TB:

1. Poverty (poor people)
2. Crowding places
3. Malnutrition
4. Elderly
5. Immunocompromised patient “ AIDS”
6. Diabetes mellitus
7. Immunosuppression drugs

# TB is a granuloma disease

TB has classical caseous granuloma



Granuloma: aggregation of Epithelioid cells, altered & active macrophages



Also seen is langhans-type giant cell. And Foreign body-type giant cell .



Note: TB granuloma called as TUBERCLES.



Leading to calcification (dystropic calcification)



In TB there are areas with caseous necrosis



Tubercles filled with necrosis becomes very soft & is called SOFT TUBERCLES





M.tuberculosis

• Inhalation

alveolar macrophages recognize those then phagocyte it

- bacteria by its receptors because the receptors are sensitive for carbohydrate substance is called "Mannose" in outer surface of M.tuberculosis
- macrophages are incapable to kill it

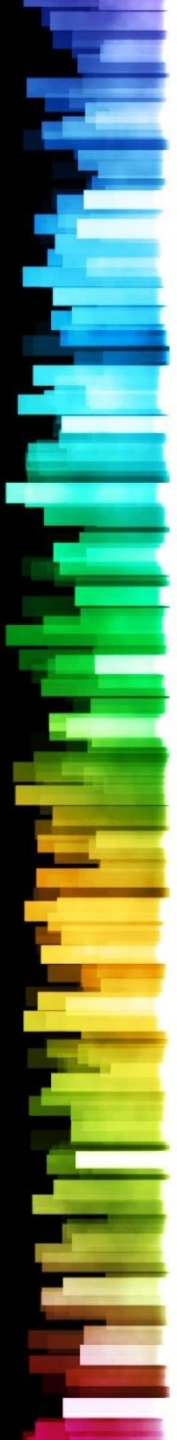
Macrophages secrete IL12 > activate lymphocyte >- transformed into TH1 cells

TH1 cells secrete interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ )

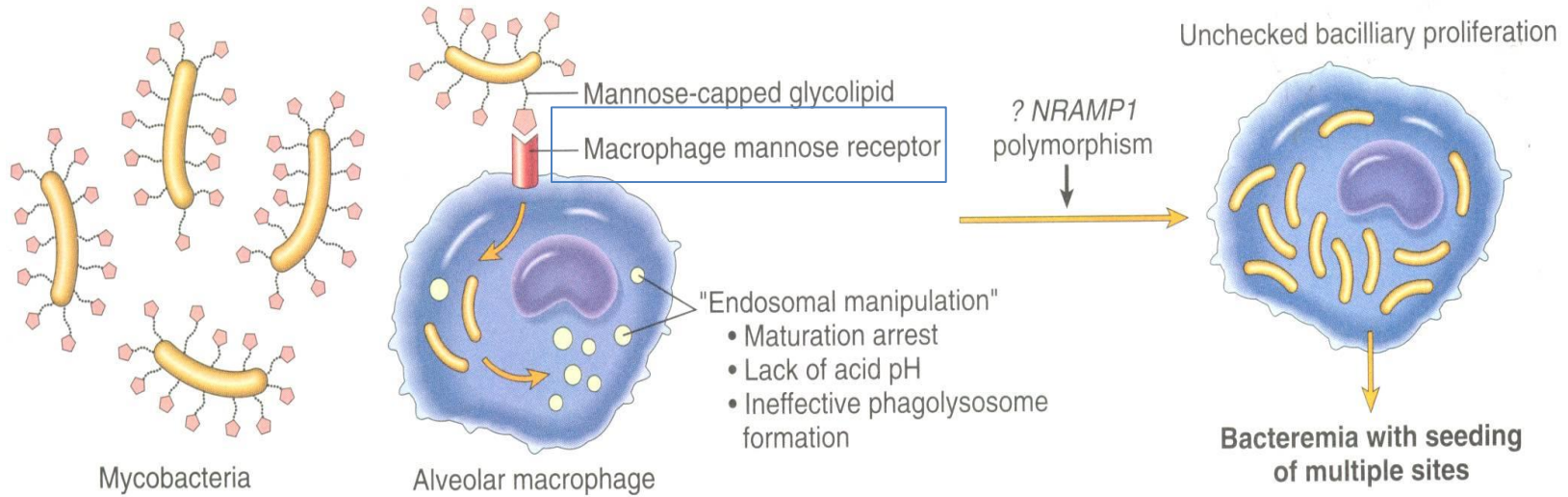
IFN- $\gamma$ ) acts on the macrophage to transfer it into epithelioid macrophages

Epithelioid macrophages (histiocytes/cells) collection is called granuloma which cause granuloma and necrosis

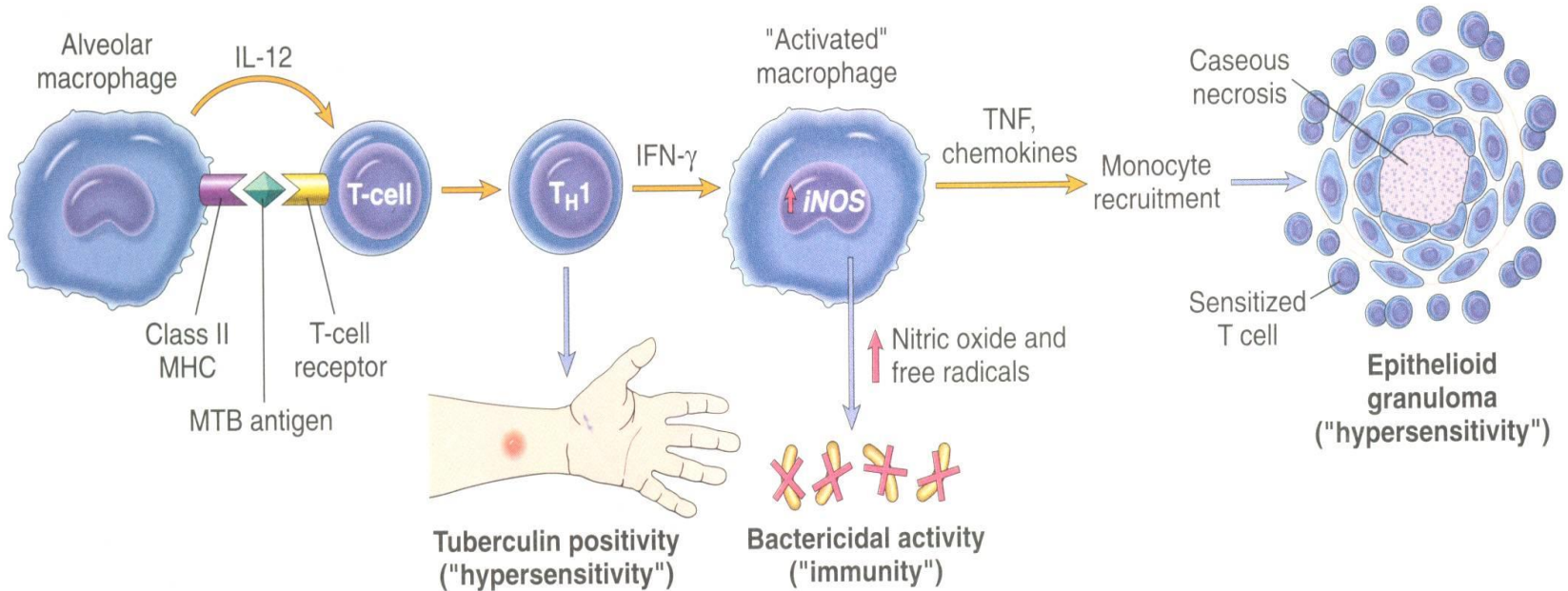
Pathogenesis of TB



A. PRIMARY PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS (0-3 weeks)



B. PRIMARY PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS (>3 weeks)



# Bacilli's fate in the body

Killed by immune system

Multiply and cause primary TB

Become dormant & remain asymptomatic

Proliferate after period of time

Immunosuppressed ( primary progressive or miliary TB)

The course of TB depends on:  
1- immunity of the patient.  
2- total burden of organism.

## Types of TB

Primary TB

Secondary TB

Miliary TB

# TB when enter to lung can cause 2 lesion

- **Ghon focus:** dense lesion in peripheral area of lung or lower part of upper lobe or upper part of middle lobe.
- **Ghon complex:** Ghon focus + enlargement of lymph node

## Primary TB

usually don't have symptoms

It is a First exposure to tubercle bacilli steps :

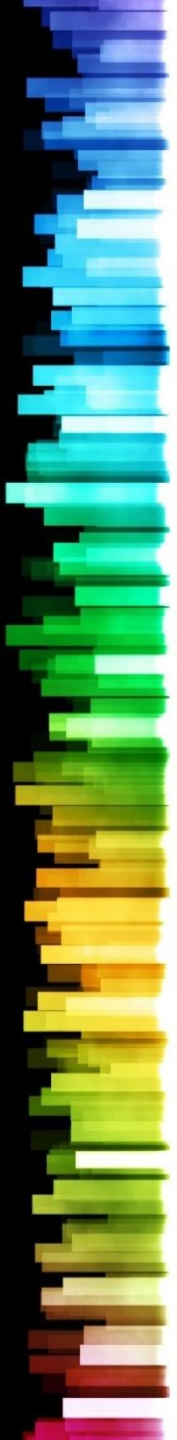
Exposure

Activate immunomedi-ated response ( T-cells & granuloma formation)

Development of GHON'S complex

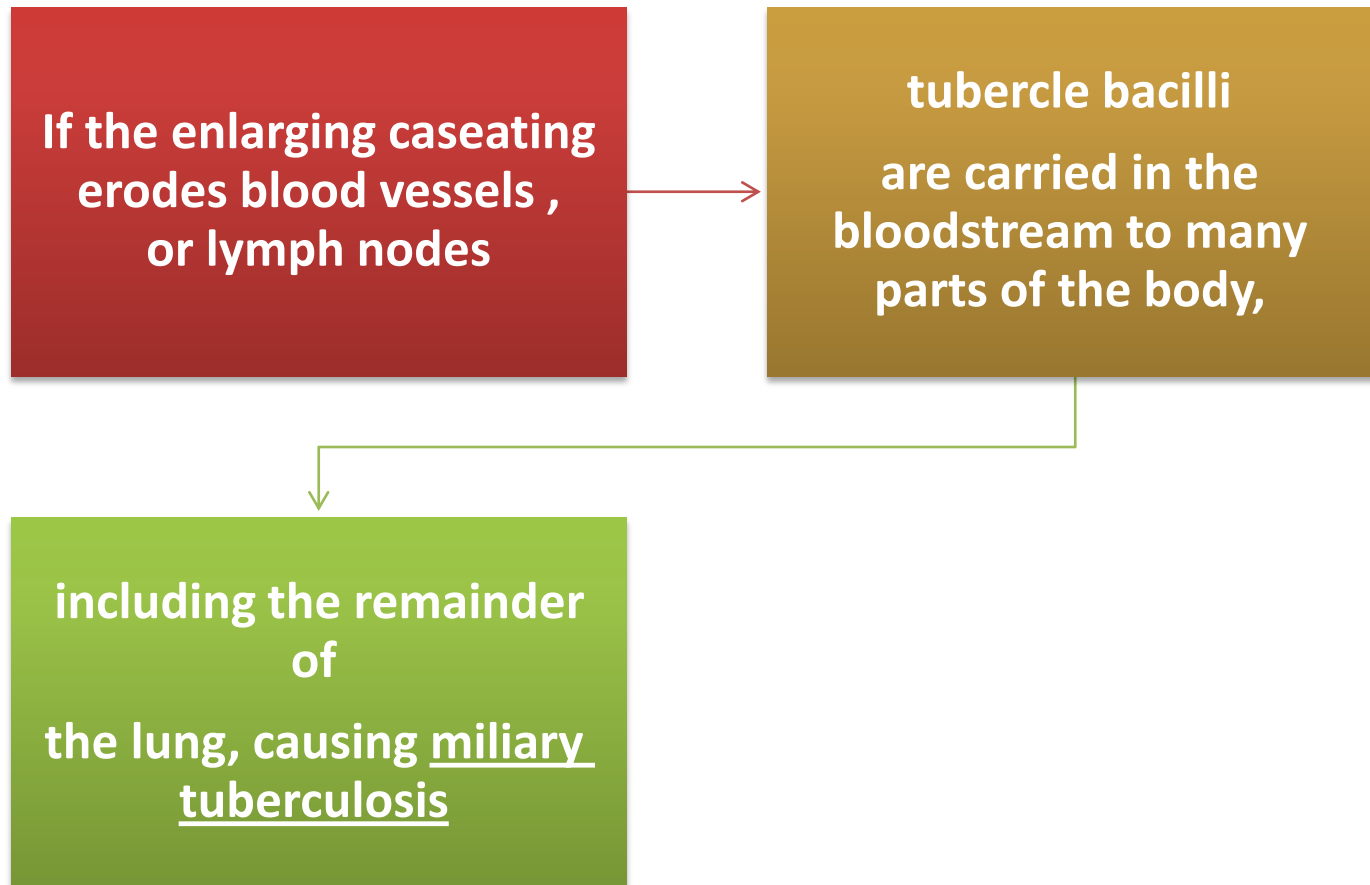
GHON'S complex: 1- lung lesion of primary TB (ghon's focus)  
2- mediastinal (hilar) lymphnode

It may heal with scarring or/and fibrosis



# Miliary TB

- \*TB characterized by milia that resemble seeds مجموعات كبيرة من البكتيريا منتشرة كالحبوب
- \*occur in primary TB and secondary TB
- \*Bloodstream spread of organisms produces miliary TB:



# Secondary TB

symptomatic

It is post primary infection in immunized individual

May come from:  
1- reactivation of primary TB.  
2- New infection

Starts at the apical or sub apical regions of the lungs (loves oxygen)

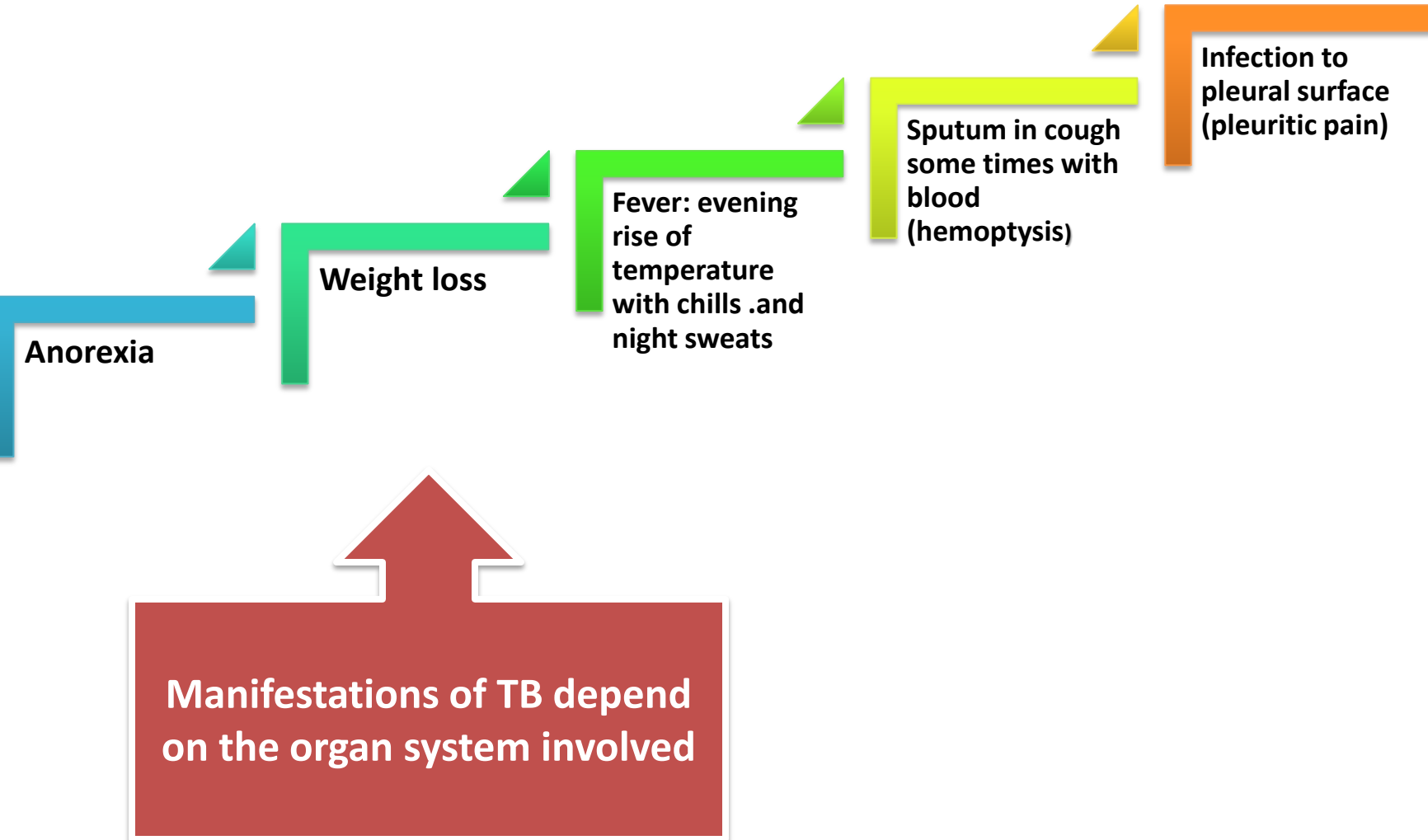
Patient now coughs sputum that contain active bacilli.

Grossly: big area with central cavitation full of necrosis & free bacilli

Histologically: central caseation & necrosis



# Features of TB

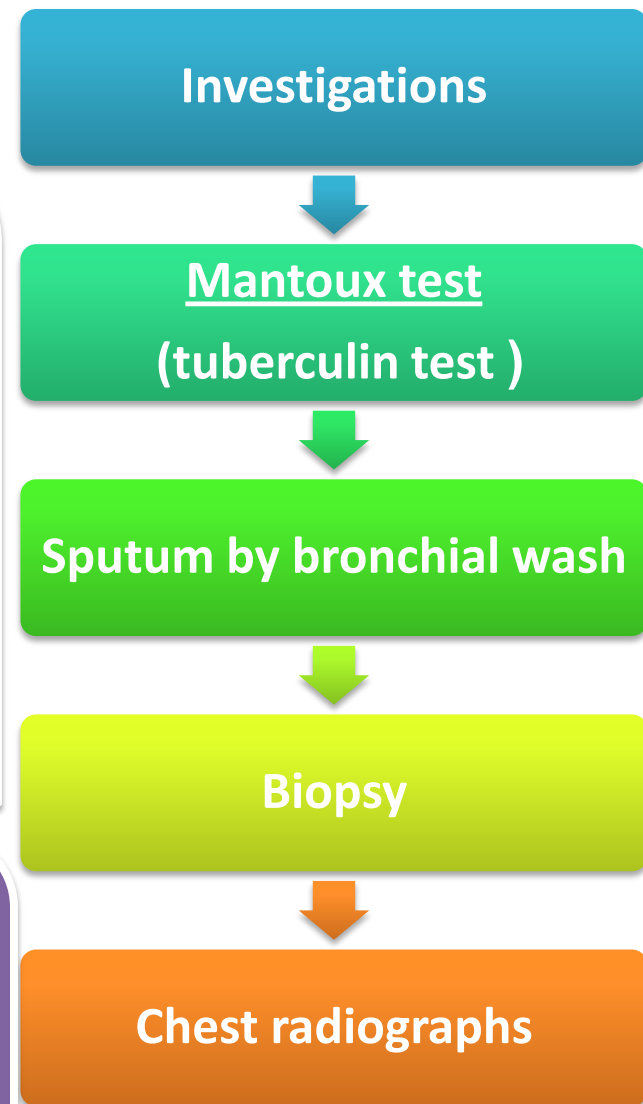


# Extrapulmonary TB

- Appear in any organ
- Most frequent lymph nodes (tuberculosis lymphadenitis)
- Liver & spleen
- Adrenals , epididymis & prostates , kidney
- Tuberculous meningitis , bone marrow
- Pott's disease
- Intestinal tuberculosis (contaminated milk)

Prognosis depends on:

1. Immunity
2. Kind of drugs the patient have
3. How many & which organs are involved
4. Wither the TB strains are drug resistant or not.





## Complication of TB

Can heal by fibrosis  
leaving apical scar

Instead of healing it  
could be

Calcification  
(dystrophic)

**Local spread :**  
-In larynx  
(hoarseness of voice)  
-bronchial spread  
(bronchospasm)

**Systemic spread  
(miliary TB):**  
-VEIN (whole body)  
-ARTERY (miliary  
spread with lung)

# MCQS

1- immunocompromised patient came with TB at which level the pathogenesis stop:

- a) TH1 activated.
- b) Macrophages
- c) Granuloma formation
- d) Necrosis formation.

2- the lesion areas of Ghon's focus:

- a) Upper part of the lower lobe.
- b) Lower part of the upper lobe.
- c) Around the main bronchus.
- d) Both A+B
- e) None of them

# MCQS

3- TB test called:

- a) Mantoux test.
- b) Skin pricke test.
- c) Both A+B
- d) None of them

4- Result of TB:

- a) Ceases necrosis
- b) Edema
- c) Granuloma formation
- d) Both A+C
- e) None of them

5- in TB when TH1 get activated it secrets :

- a) IL-12
- b) INF- $\gamma$
- c) Both A+B
- d) None of them

# MCQS

6- what is the substances give M.tuberculosis pink colour in Ziehl-Neelsen stain :

- a) PPD.
- b) Lipoprotein
- c) Glycoprotein
- d) Both B+C
- e) None of them

7- the macrophages can recognize M.tuberculosis by:

- a) FAS recptor
- b) Mannose receptor.
- c) Intracellular receptor.
- d) None of them

8- the macrophages can recognize M.tuberculosis because :

- a) Has Glycoprotein + lipoprotein on its surface
- b) Is parasitic.
- c) Lack of Has Glycoprotein + lipoprotein on its surface
- d) None of them

Answers: 1- B 2- D 3- A 4- D 5- B 6- A 7- B 8- A

# Questions

1- can mycobacterium tuberculosis bovis transmit by inhalation ?

NO , it transmit by drinking unpasteurised milk

2- why mycobacterium tuberculosis is very strong and tough organism ??

because it has (glycolipoprotein) in its outer surface which increase resistant to sun , dry atmosphere ...ETC ,

3- how do the macrophages engulf the M.TB??

they have a receptor for mannose which found in the outer surface of bacteria

4- when the tuberculin test is positive what does that mean ??

than mean the TH1 get activated and that does not mean the patient have the disease , its mean he met the bacteria before ( ex: vaccine)

# Questions

5- when does the pathogenesis of TB stop in immunocompromised patient ??

it stops at the level of macrophage

ex: HIV patient can't develop granuloma (**why**) because there is no activated T lymphocyte ( no cellular immunity)

6-what is gohn complex ??

enlarge lymph node + gohn focus

7-where dose secondary TB like to effect ??

apical part of the lung ( upper part of both lobe ( bilateral )

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