

# INFLAMMATION AND REPAIR

## Lecture 2

### Cellular Events in Inflammation

(Foundation Block, Pathology)

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# Objectives

- 1. Describe the steps involved in extravasation of leukocytes from the blood to the tissues.**
- 2. Know the steps at which selectins and integrins act.**
- 3. Describe the meaning and utility of chemotaxis. Understand the role that chemokines play in inflammation.**
- 4. Describe the steps involved in phagocytosis and the role of IgG and C3b as opsonins and receptors.**
- 5. List the mechanisms of microbial killing.**
- 6. Know various defects in leukocyte function.**

# Reference book and the relevant page numbers..

- Robbins Basic Pathology 9<sup>th</sup> edition, pages 34-41

# Acute Inflammation

## *CELLULAR EVENTS:*

- A critical function of inflammation is to deliver leukocytes to the site of injury

### *LEUKOCYTE EXTRAVASATION*

and to activate the leukocytes to perform their normal functions in host defense.

## *WHAT ARE THESE FUNCTION?*

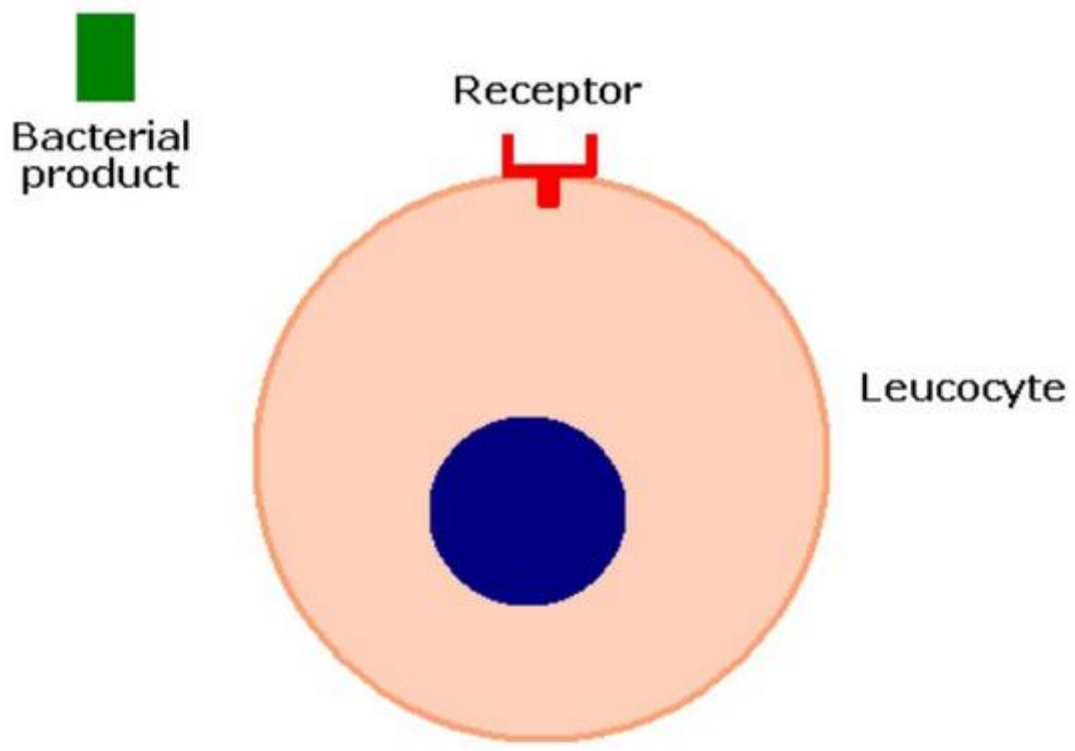
- Leukocytes ingest offending agents, kill bacteria and other microbes, and get rid of necrotic tissue and foreign substances.
- They may induce tissue damage and prolong inflammation, since the leukocyte products that destroy microbes and necrotic tissues can also injure normal host tissues.

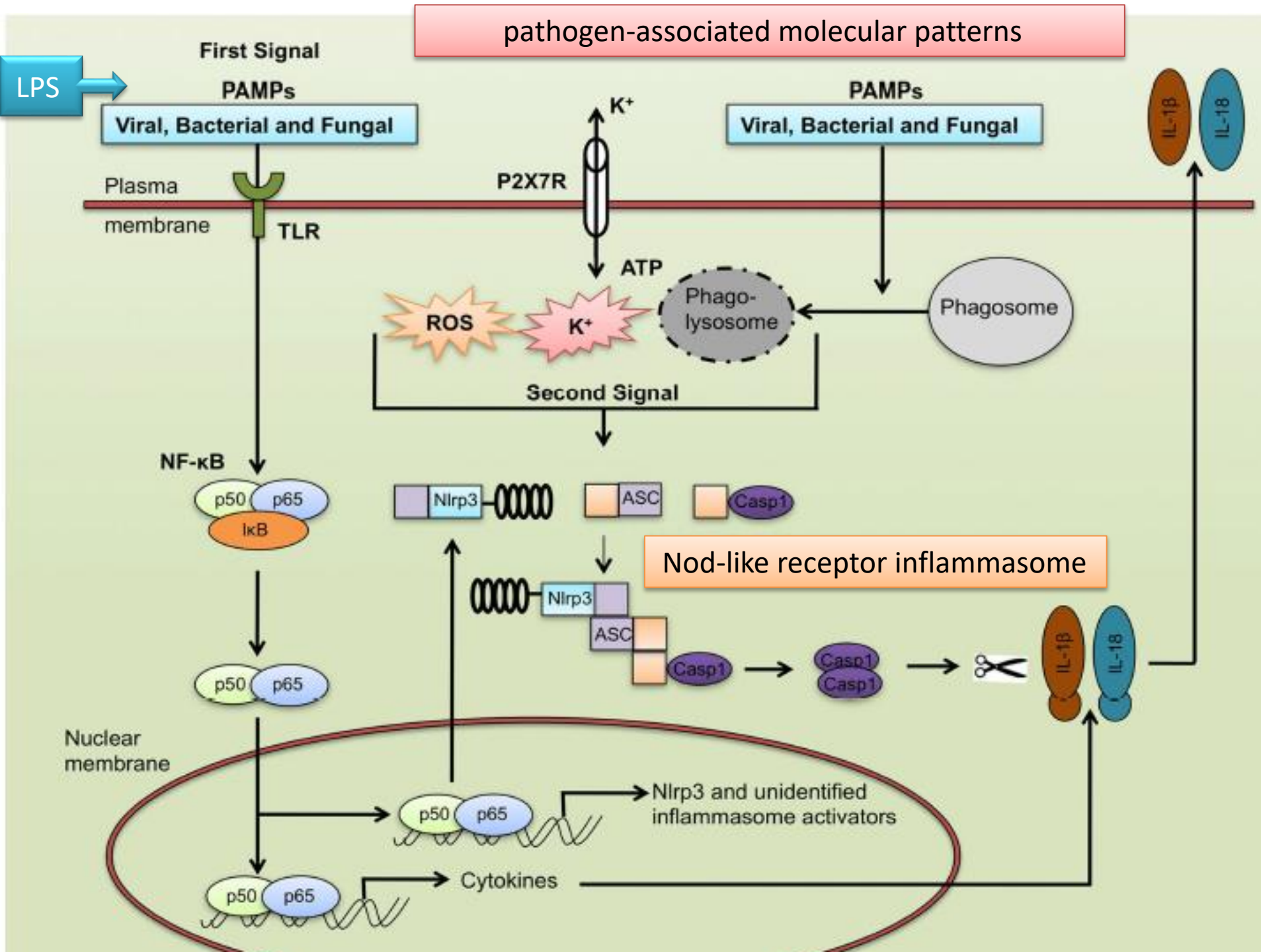
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## Removal of the Offending Agents

1. Recognition of microbes by the receptors
2. *Leukocyte activation:*
  - Increase in cytosolic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  &
  - Activation of enzymes:
    - Protein kinase C *and*
    - Phospholipase A2
1. Destruction of microbes
  - Phagocytosis *and*
  - Intracellular killing

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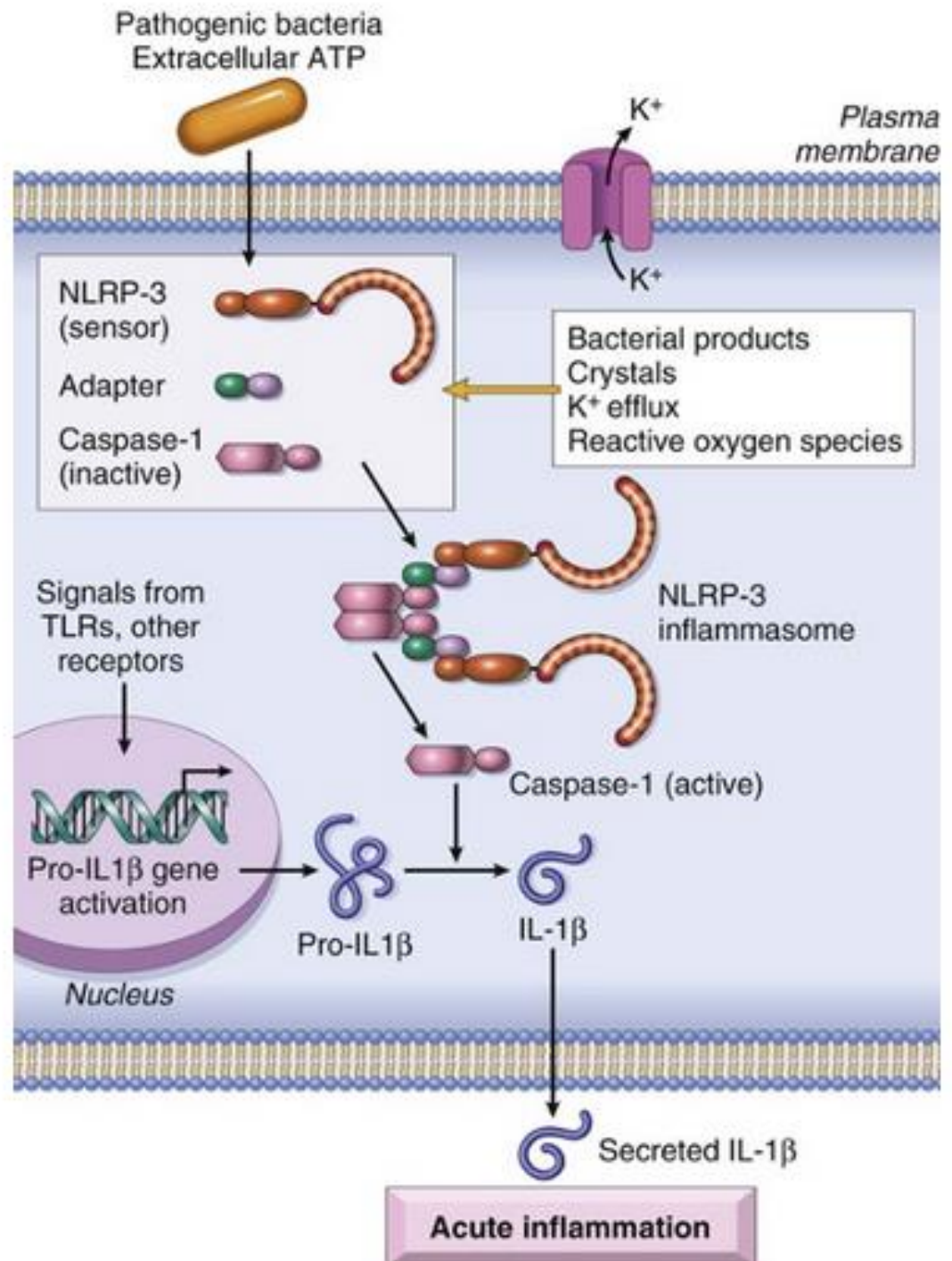




## The inflammasome

The inflammasome is a protein complex that recognizes products of dead cells and some microbes and induces the secretion of biologically active interleukin 1.

The inflammasome consists of a sensor protein (a leucine-rich protein called NLRP3), an adapter, and the enzyme caspase-1, which is converted from an inactive to an active form





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## *Recruitment of leukocytes*

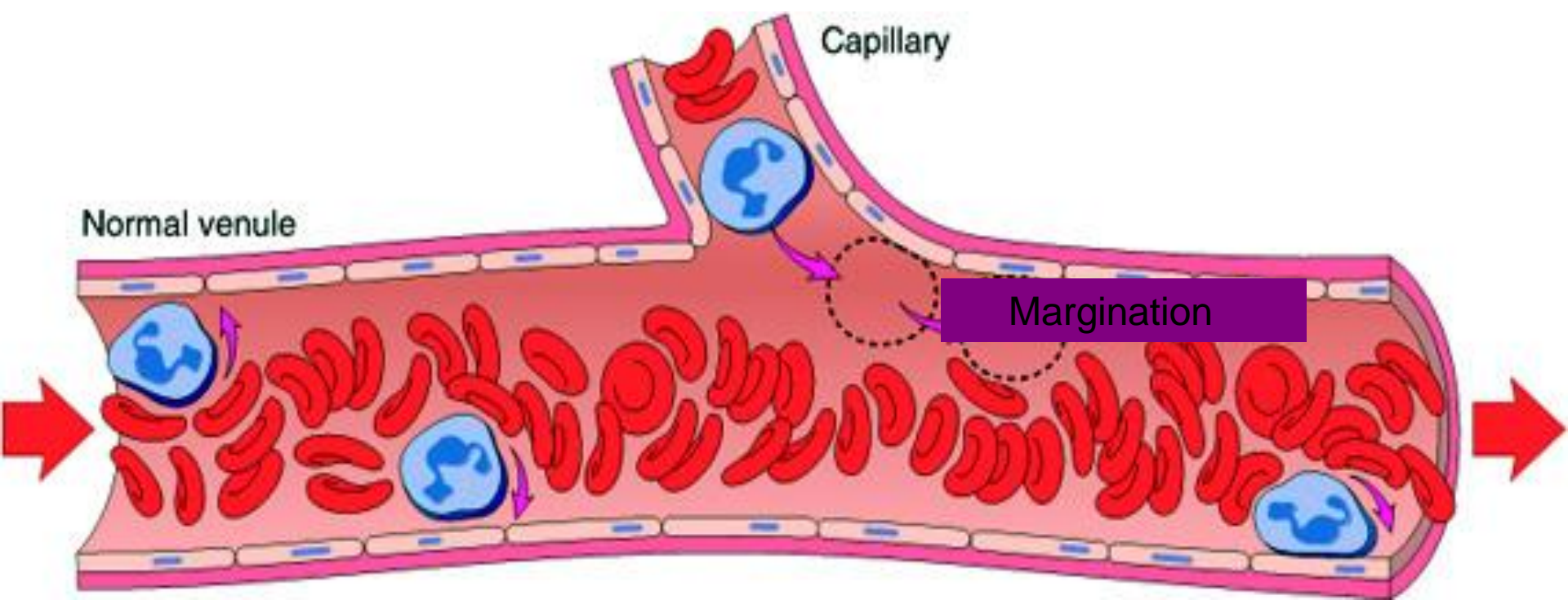
- A multistep process involving attachment of circulating leukocytes to endothelial cells and their migration through the endothelium (*extravasation*)
- **3 steps:**
  1. In the lumen:
    - i. Margination
    - ii. rolling
    - iii. adhesion to endothelium

Vascular endothelium normally does not bind circulating cells
  2. Transmigration across the endothelium (also called diapedesis)
  3. Migration in interstitial tissues toward a chemotactic stimulus

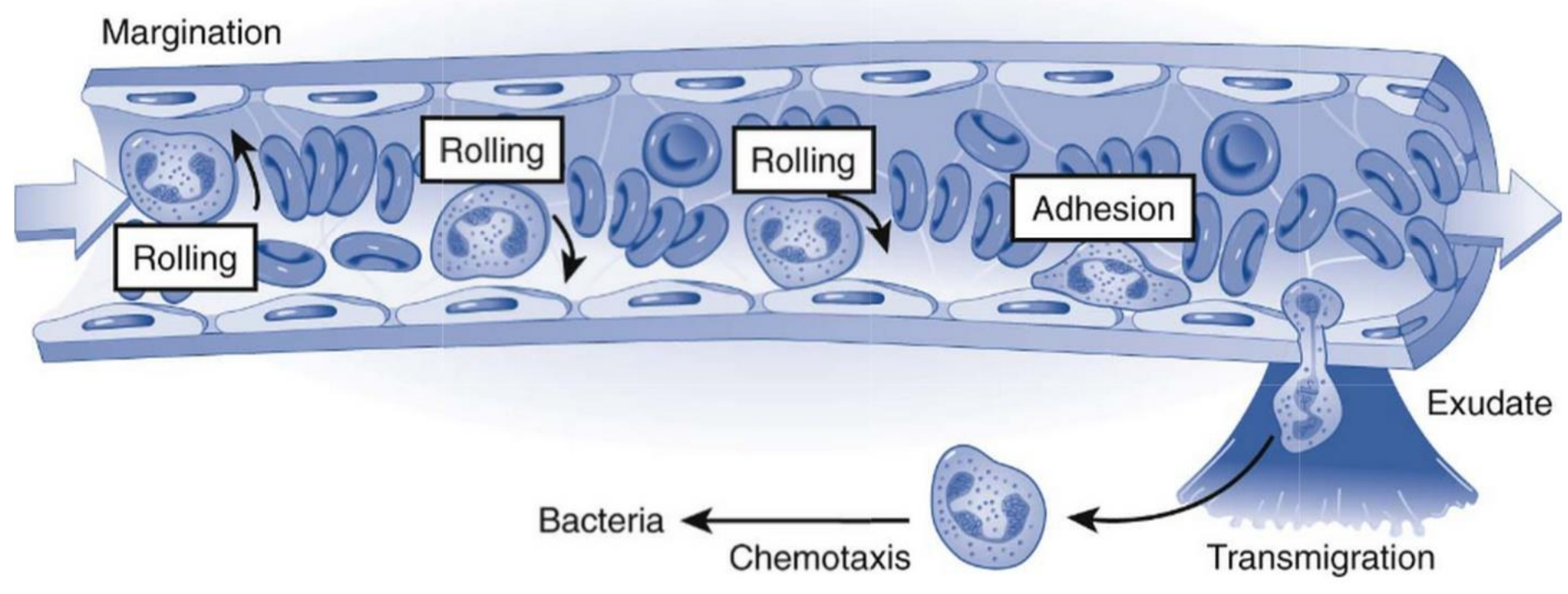
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# Acute Inflammation

**CELLULAR EVENTS:  
LEUKOCYTE EXTRAVASATION AND PHAGOCYTOSIS**

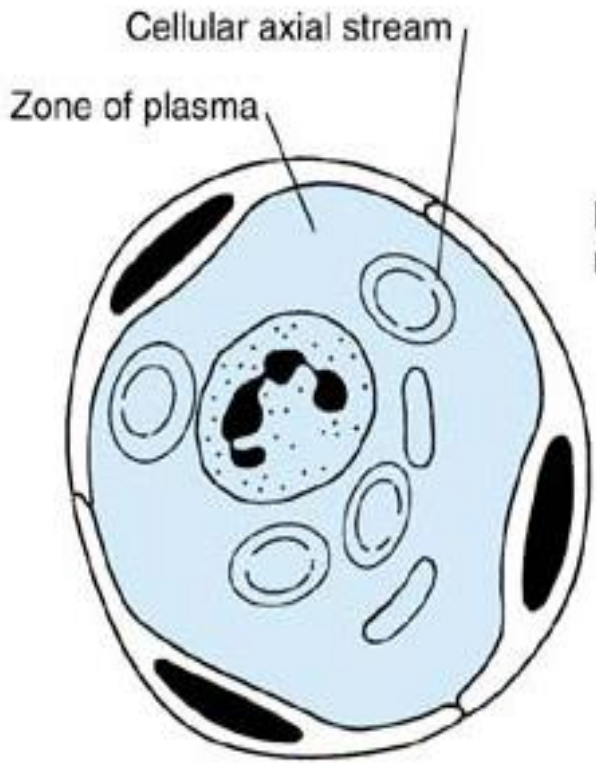


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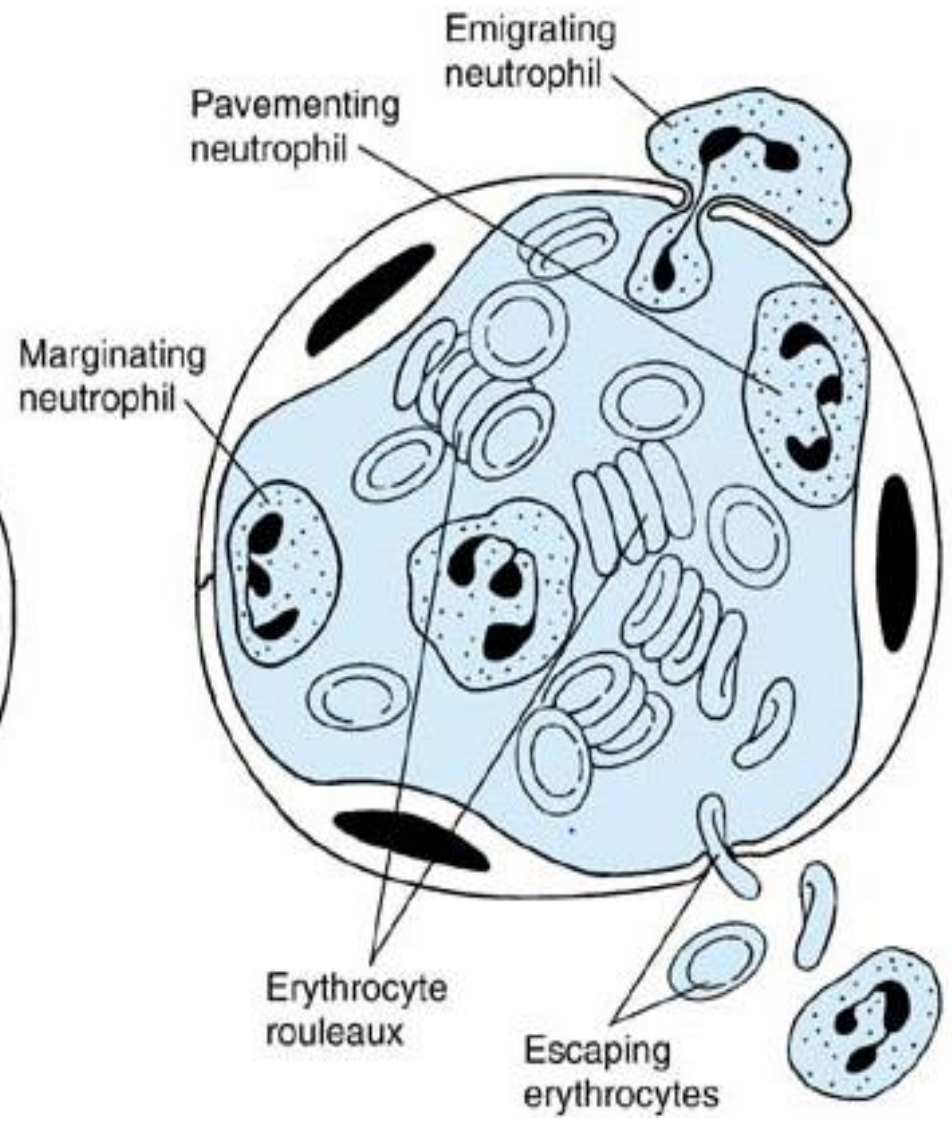


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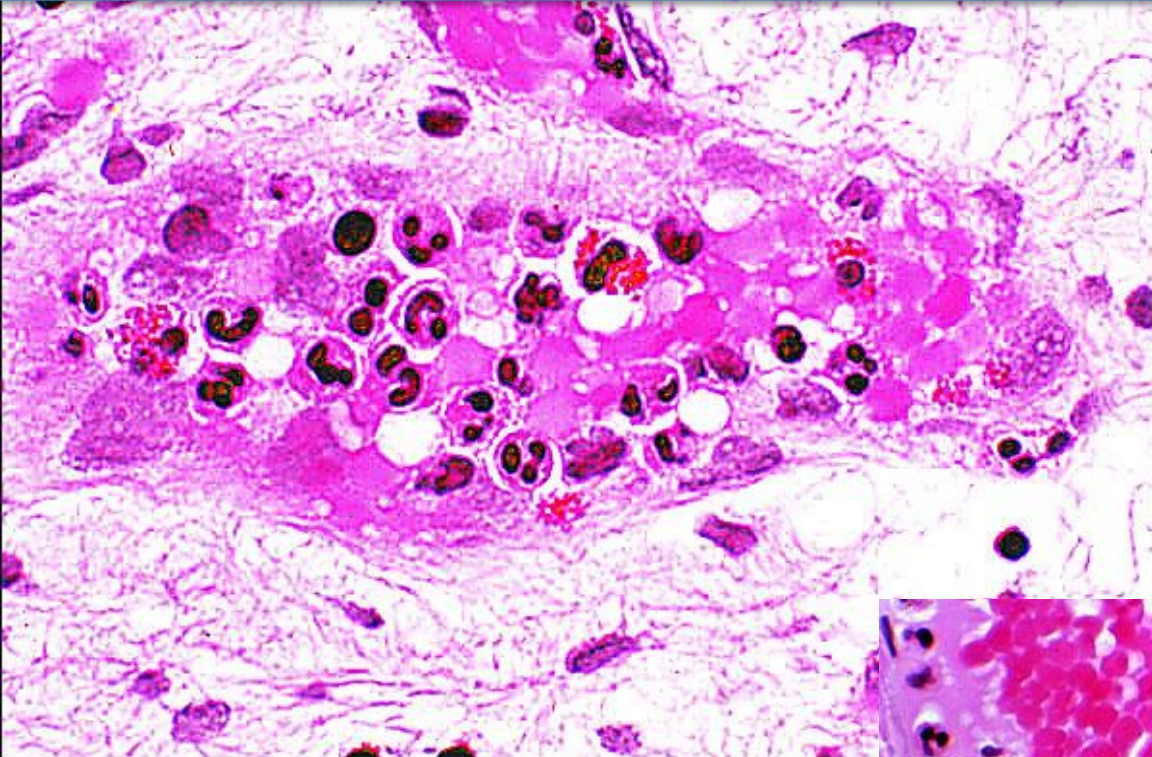
A Normal postcapillary venule



B Acute inflammation



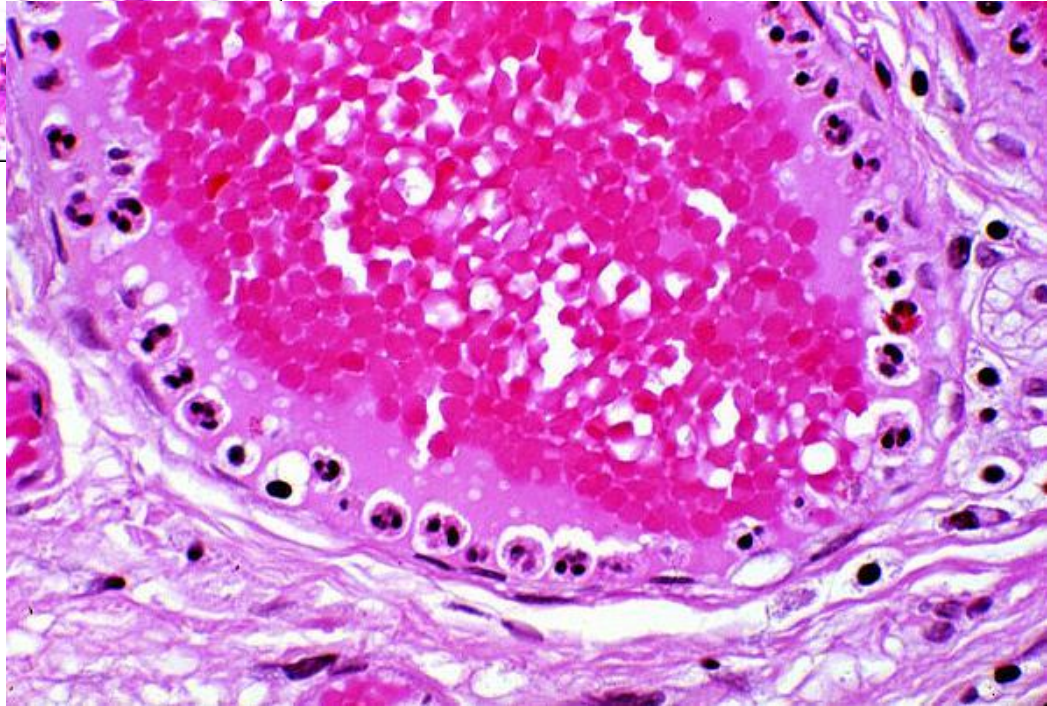
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Leukocytes Rolling  
Within a Venule

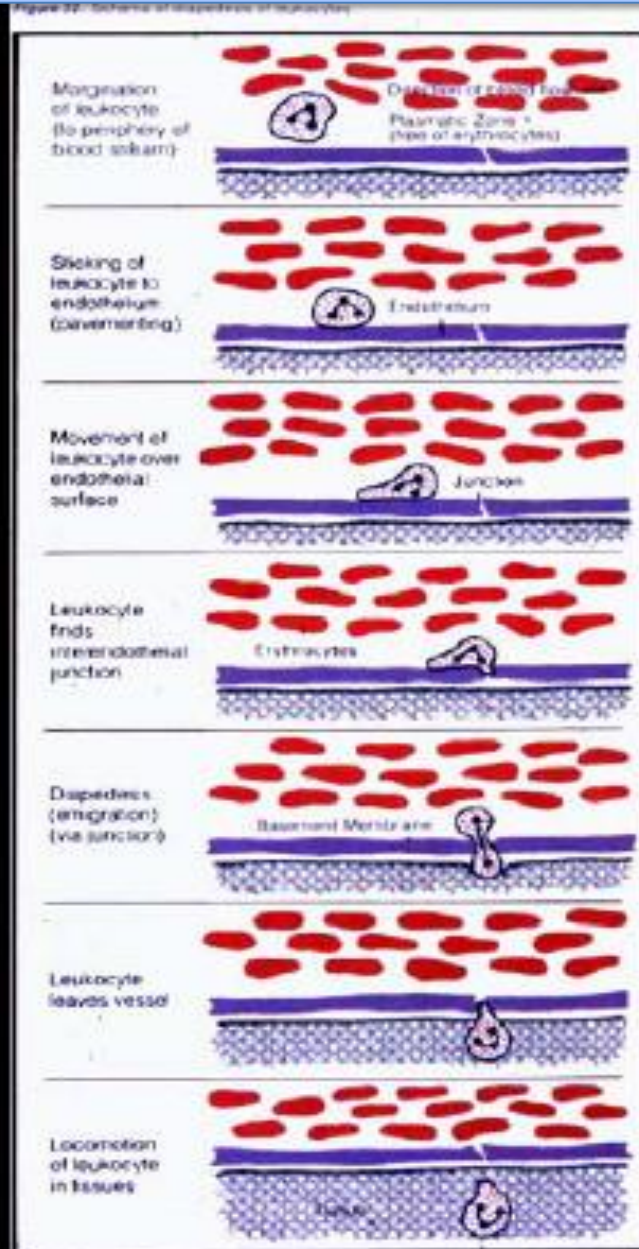
**Margination**

because blood flow slows early in inflammation (stasis), the endothelium can be lined by white cells (pavementation)



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## leukocyte exudation



margination

sticking

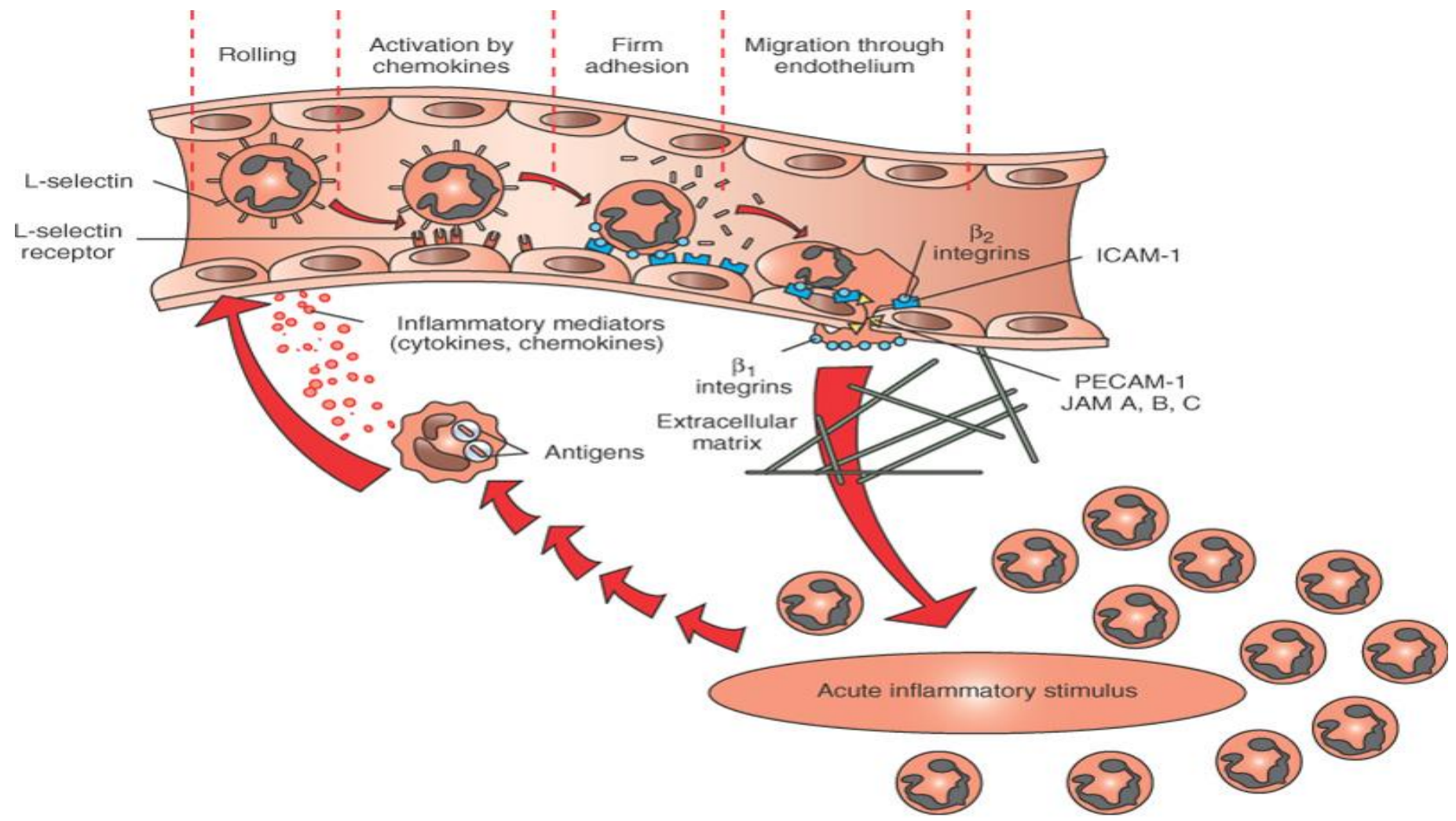
migration

insertion into jct.

diapedesis

chemotaxis

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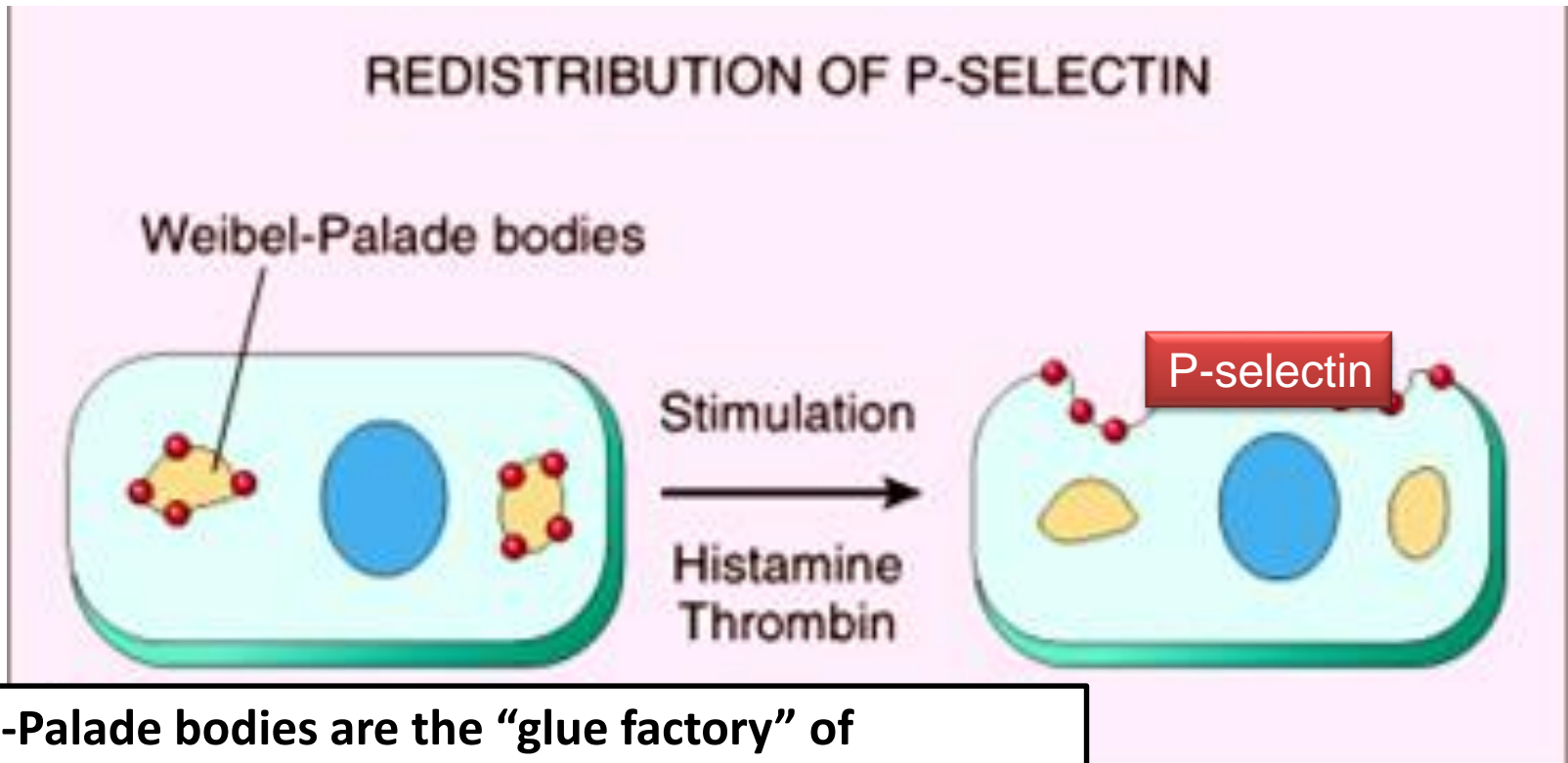


Resident tissue macrophages, mast cells, and endothelial cells respond to injury by secreting the cytokines TNF, IL-1, histamine and chemokines

2. Know the steps at which selectins and integrins act.

## Leukocyte Adhesion

Mediators such as histamine, thrombin, and platelet activating factor (PAF) stimulate the redistribution of P-selectin from its normal intracellular stores in granules (Weibel-Palade bodies) to the cell surface.



**Weibel-Palade bodies are the “glue factory” of endothelial cells, because they synthesize P-selectin, an adhesion molecule for leukocytes, and von Willebrand factor, the adhesion molecule of the platelet**

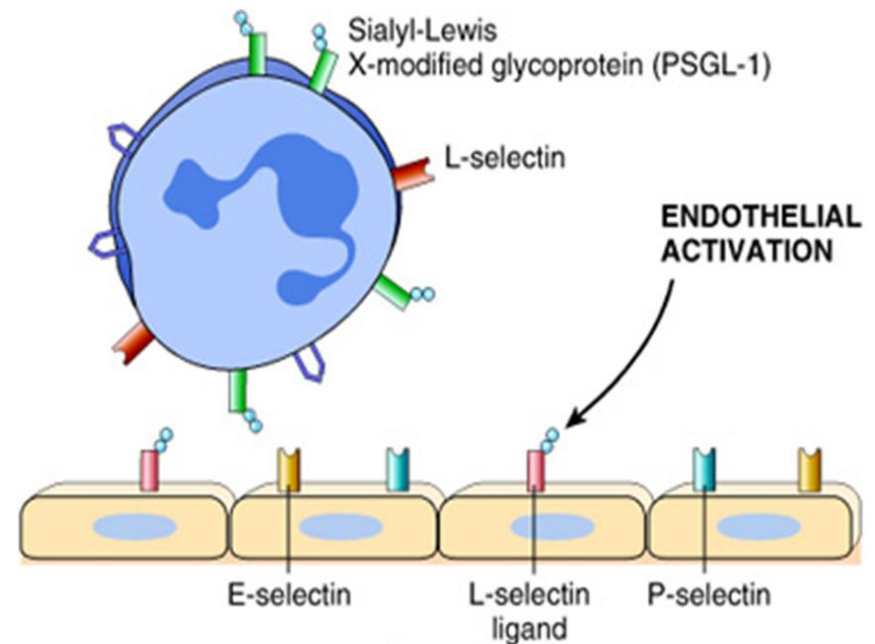


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# Adhesion Molecules and Receptors

## 1. *Selectins*, consist of:

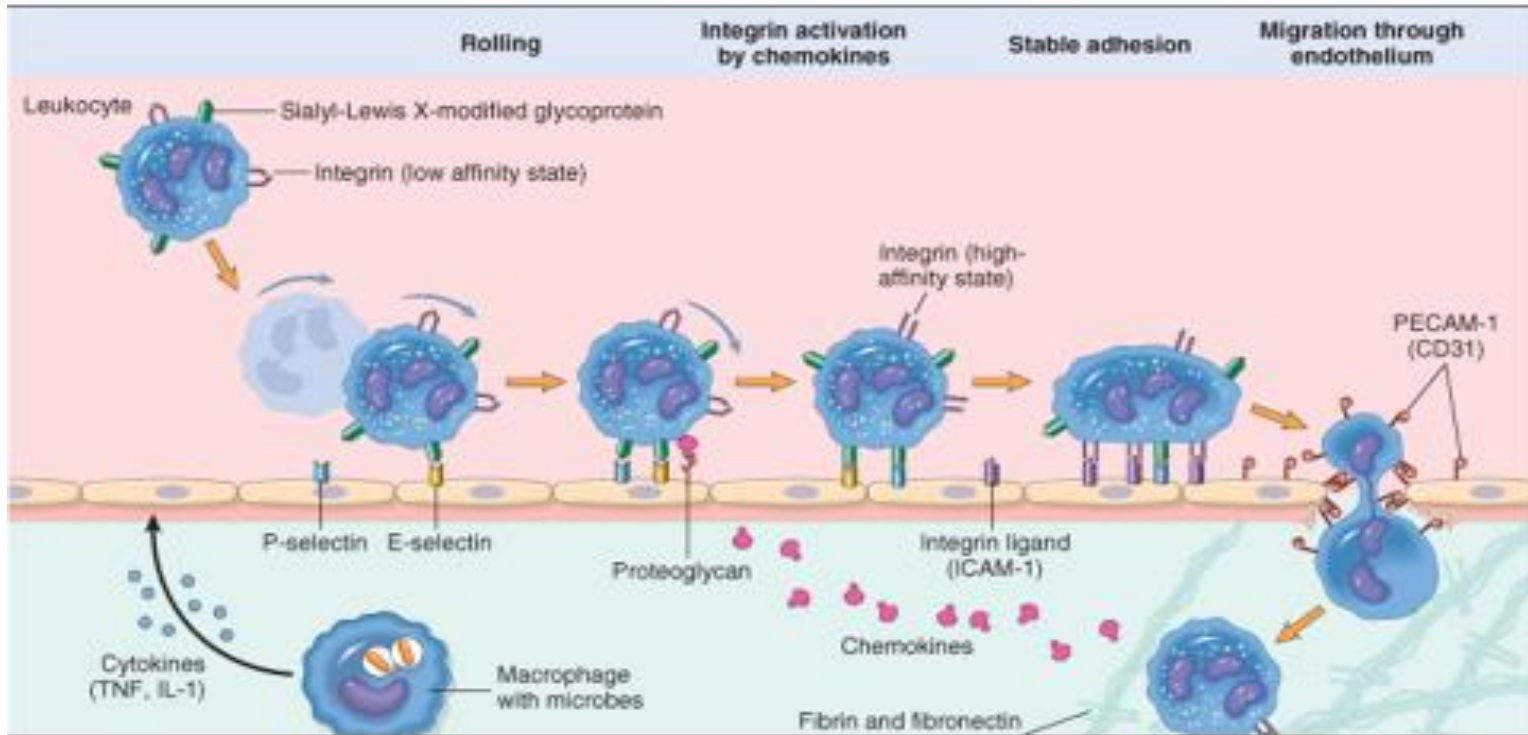
1. **E-selectin**: confined to endothelium induced by TNF&IL-1
2. **P-selectin**: present in endothelium and platelets from Weibel-Palade bodies
3. **L-selectin**: expressed on most leukocyte and endothelium



E-selectin & P-selectin bind to Sialyl-Lewis X glycoprotein and slow the leukocytes

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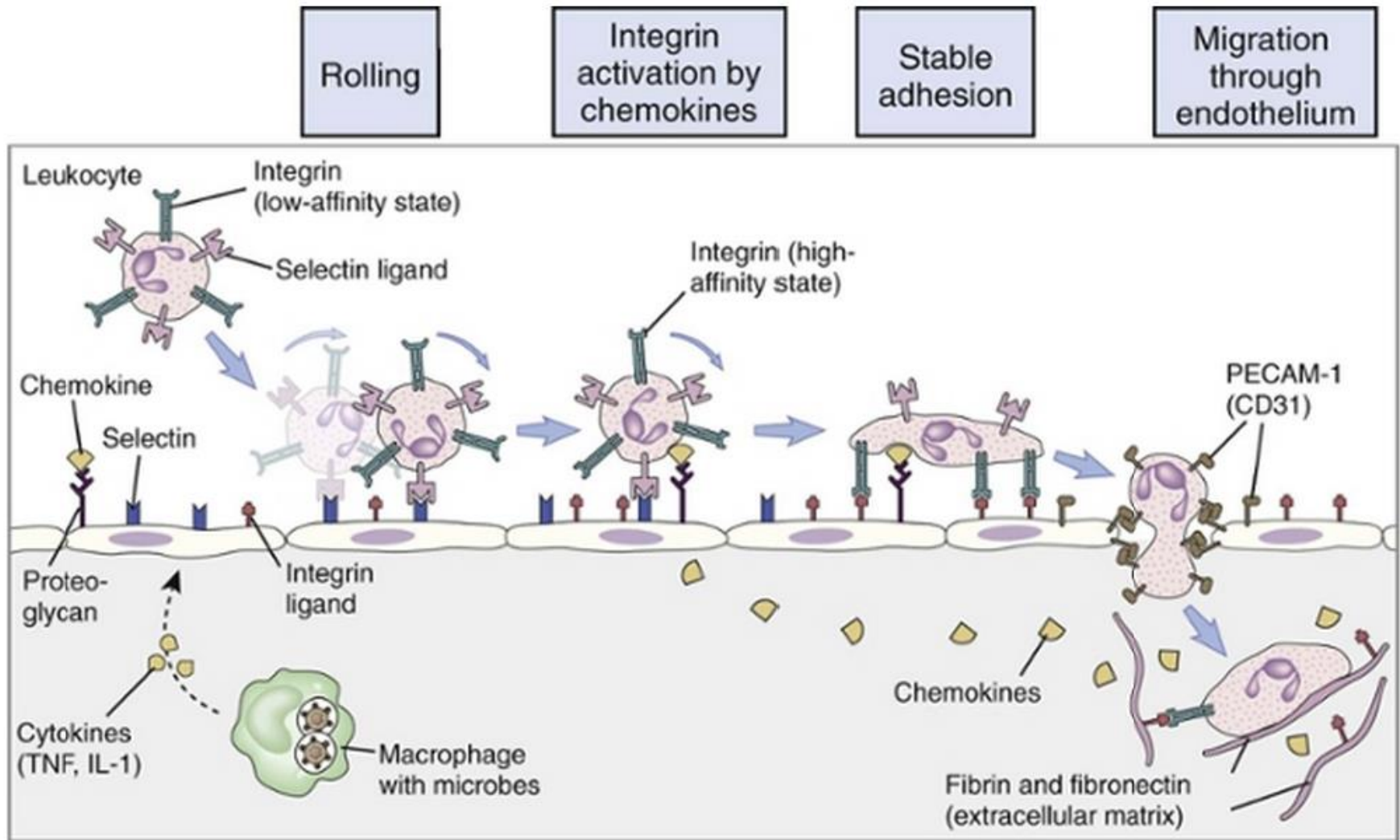
### LEUKOCYTE EXTRAVASATION AND PHAGOCYTOSIS



**Interleukin-1 (IL-1) and tumor necrosis factor (TNF) stimulate the expression of selectin ligands on the surface of neutrophils (L-selectin) and the expression of selectin molecules on the surface of venular endothelial cells (E-selectin, P-selectin)**

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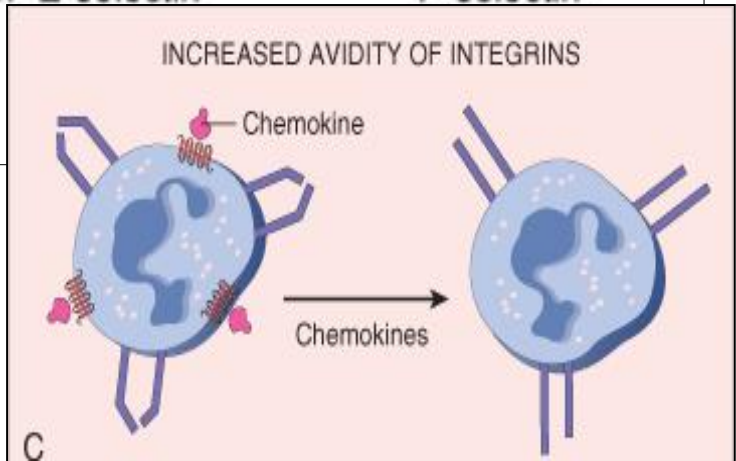
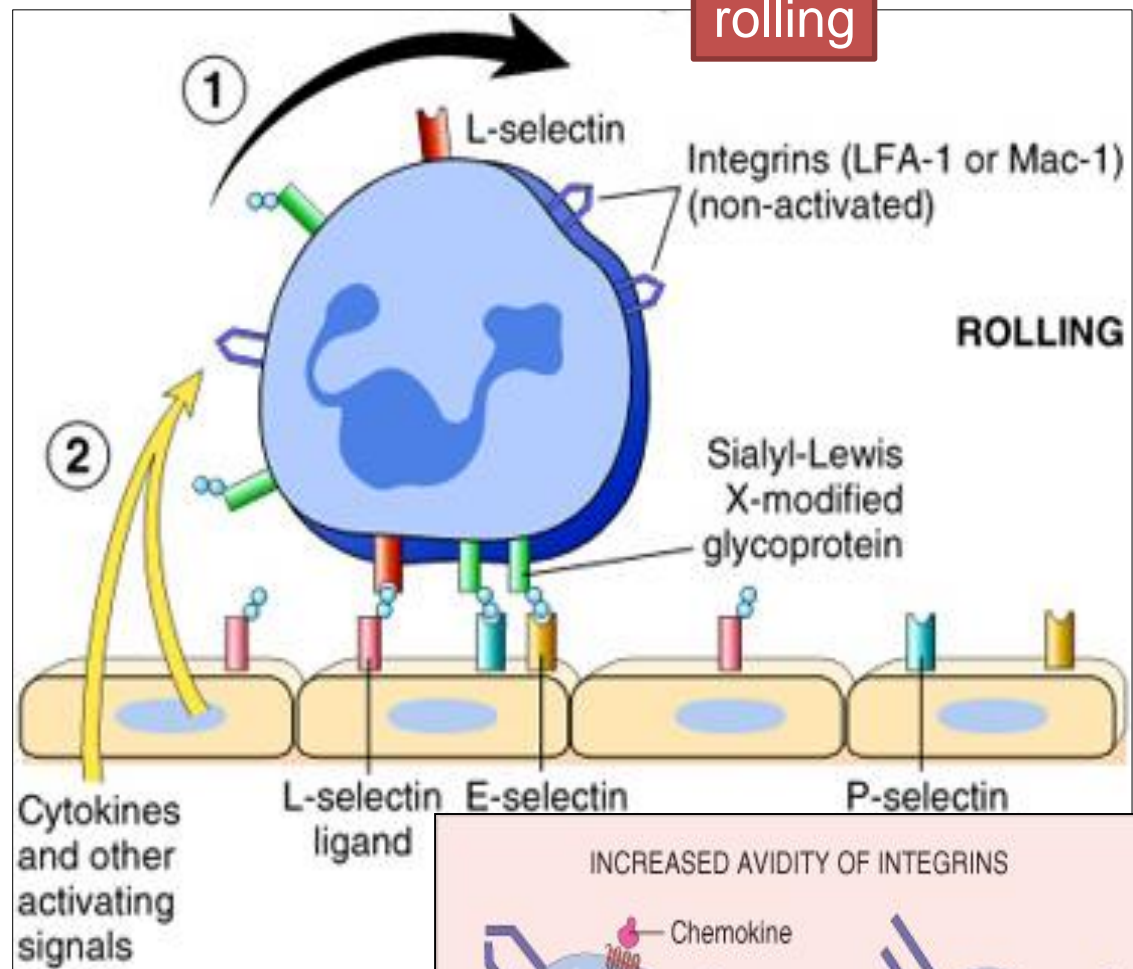


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## Adhesion Molecules and Receptors

### 2. Integrins

- are transmembrane heterodimeric glycoproteins, made up of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  chains expressed on leukocytes and bind to ligands on endothelial cells
- Integrins are up regulated on leukocytes by **C5a** & **LTB4** resulting in firm adhesion with vessel wall



# Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiency

- Autosomal recessive defect of integrins
- Two types:
  - LAD type 1 is a deficiency of  $\beta_2$ -integrin
  - LAD type 2 is a deficiency of an endothelial cell selectin that normally binds neutrophils.
- Clinical findings:
  - Delayed separation of umbilical cord
  - Increased circulating neutrophils (leukocytosis due to loss of the marginating pool)
  - Recurrent bacterial infection that lack pus formation
  - Poor wound healing

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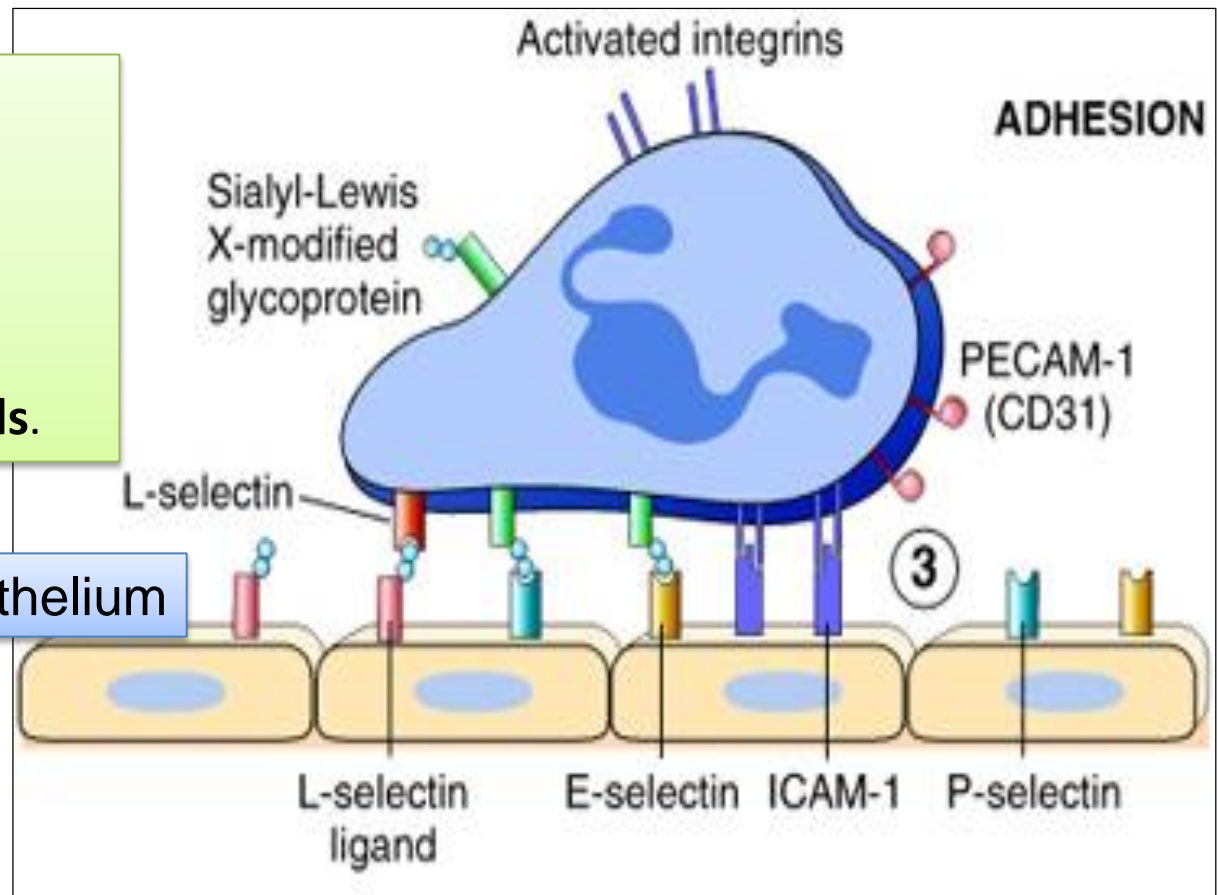
3. The *immunoglobulin family* molecules :

ICAM-1 (intercellular adhesion molecule 1)

VCAM-1 (vascular cell adhesion molecule 1)

IL-1 and TNF activate intercellular adhesion molecule (ICAM) and vascular cell adhesion molecule (VCAM) on venular endothelial cells.

adhesion to endothelium



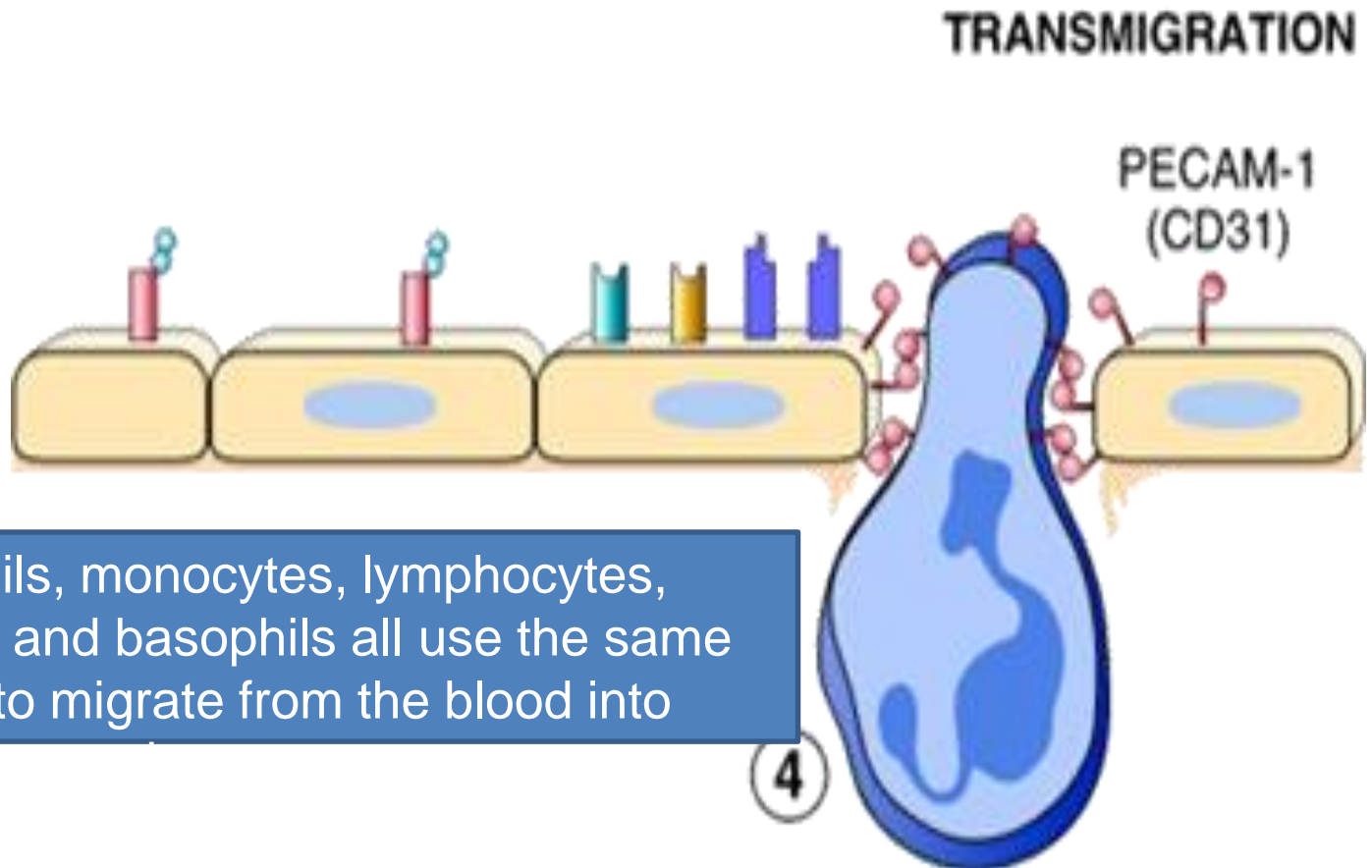
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# Adhesion Molecules and Receptors

## 4. *Mucin-like glycoproteins: PECAM-1*

- these glycoproteins are found in the extracellular matrix and on cell surfaces.

Neutrophils moving along the venular endothelium dissolve the venular basement membrane (release type IV collagenase) exposed by previous histamine-mediated endothelial cell contraction and enter the interstitial tissue.



Neutrophils, monocytes, lymphocytes, eosinophils, and basophils all use the same pathway to migrate from the blood into

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# *Leukocyte Adhesion and Transmigration*

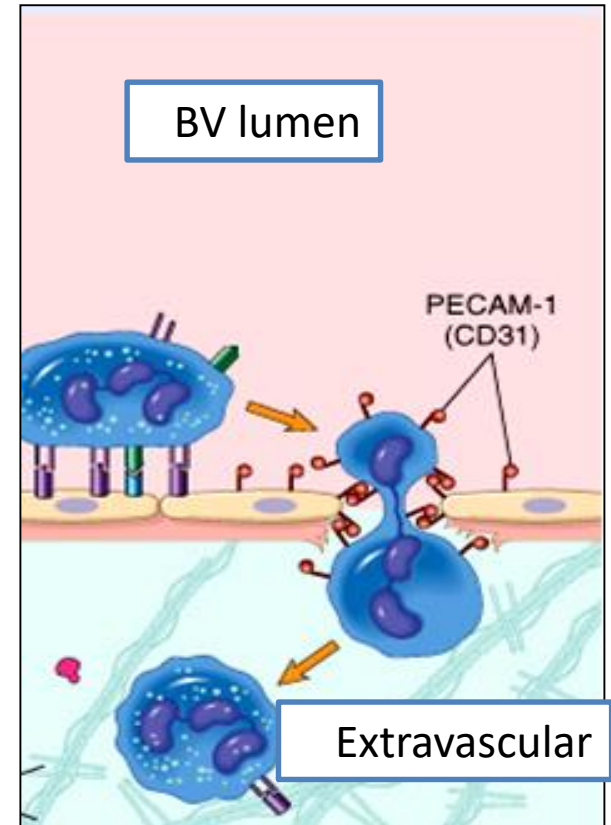
- Migration of the leukocytes through the endothelium is called:

***Transmigration***

or

***Diapedesis***

- Diapedesis occurs predominantly in the postcapillary venules



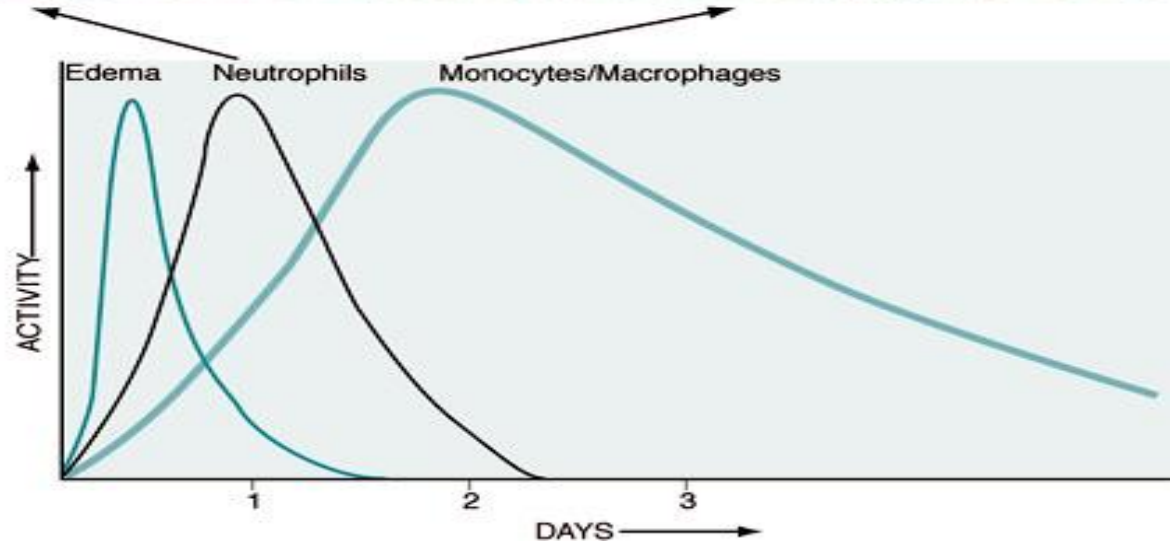
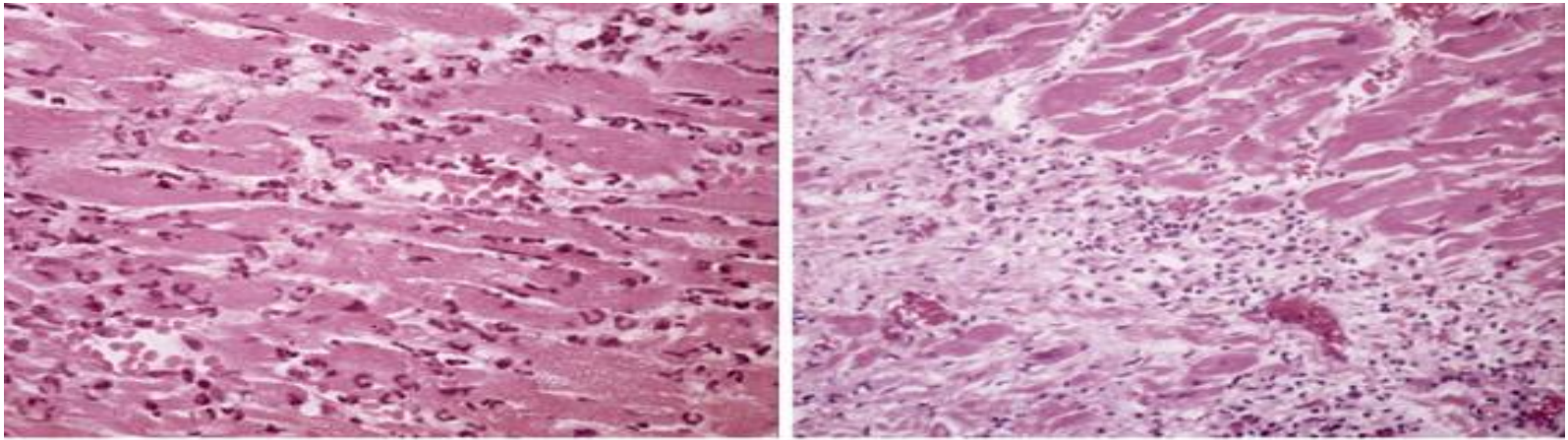


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## *Leukocyte Adhesion and Transmigration*

- The type of emigrating leukocyte varies with the age of the inflammatory response
- In most forms of acute inflammation: neutrophils predominate in the inflammatory infiltrate during the first 6 to 24 hours, then are replaced by monocytes in 24 to 48 hours

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WHY?

1. Describe the steps involved in extravasation of leukocytes from the blood to the tissues.

## *Leukocyte Adhesion and Transmigration*

- neutrophils are more numerous in the blood, they respond more rapidly to chemokines,
- but are short-lived; they undergo apoptosis and disappear after 24 to 48 hours, whereas monocytes survive longer.

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The type of emigrating leukocyte varies with the type of stimulus:

- In viral infections, lymphocytes may be the first cells to arrive
- In some hypersensitivity reactions and parasitic infection, eosinophil may be the main cell type
- Chronic inflammation lymphocytes plasma cells and macrophages are present

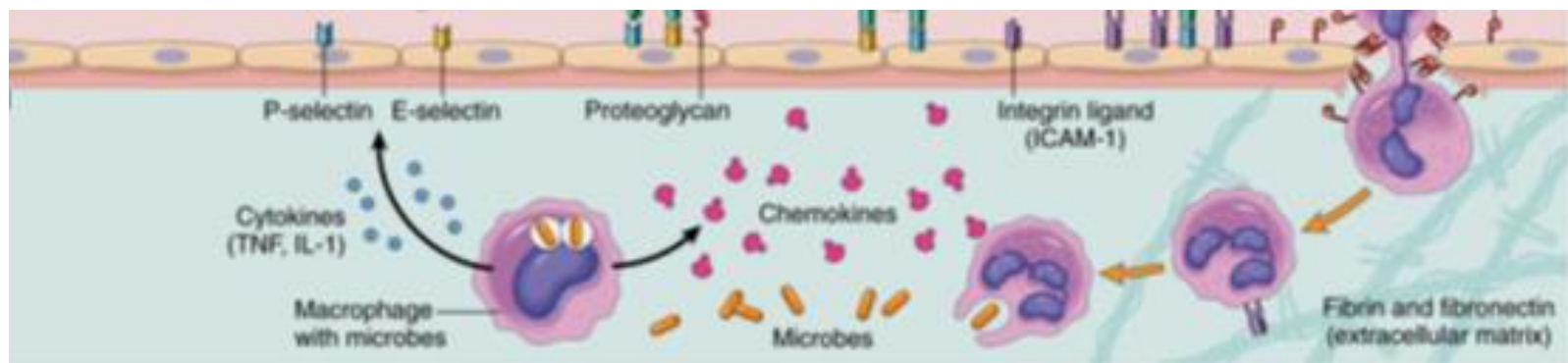
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# Chemotaxis

- After extravasation, leukocytes emigrate in tissues toward the site of injury by a process called *chemotaxis*, defined as locomotion oriented along a **chemical gradient !!!!**

## Chemoattractants

Neutrophils are attracted by bacterial products, IL-8, C5a & LTB4



Chemokines act on the adherent leukocytes and stimulate the cells to migrate toward the site of injury or infection

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# Chemotaxis

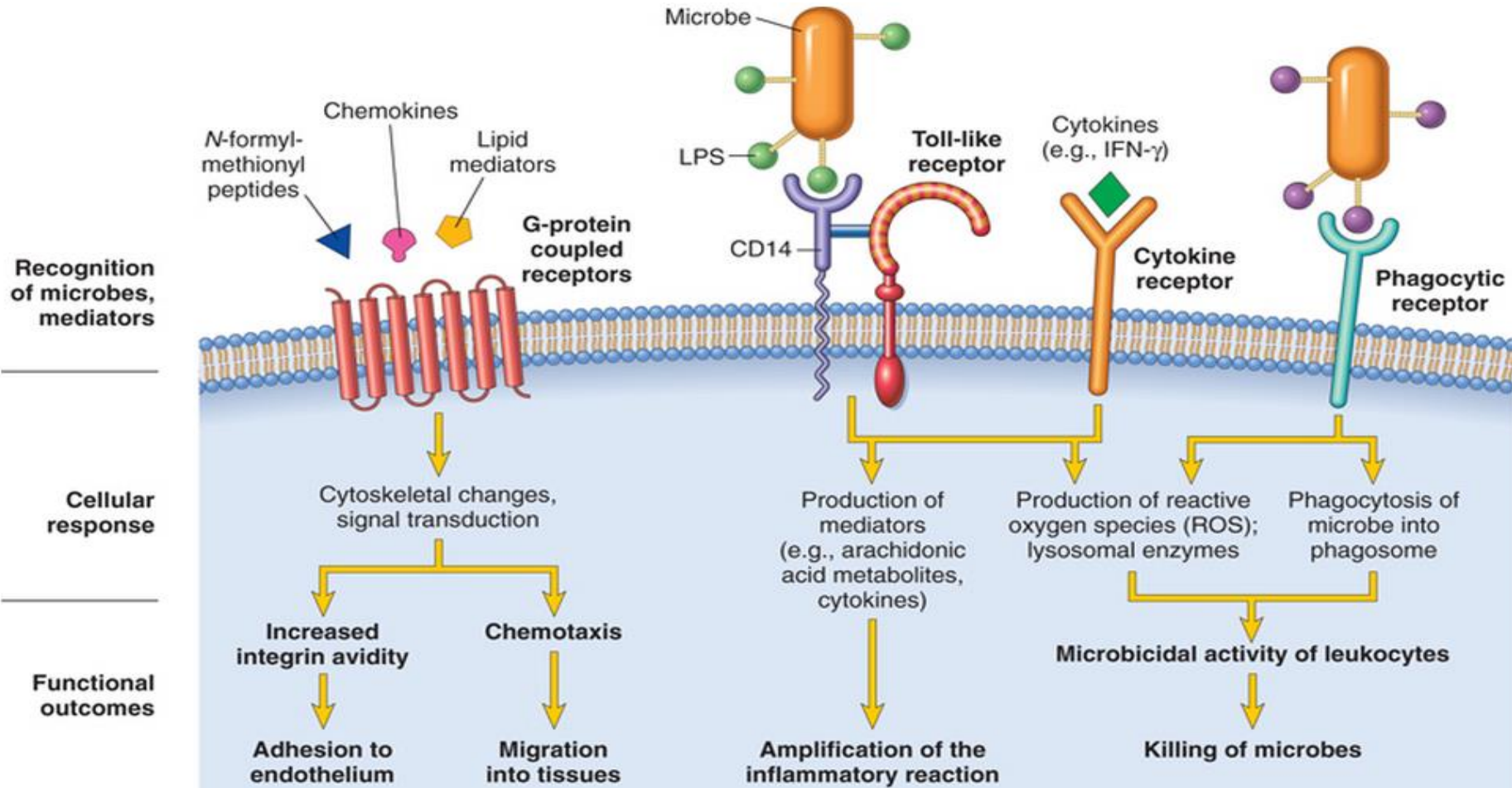
## Chemoattractants

Exogenous and endogenous substances

- The most common *exogenous* agents are *bacterial products*.
- *Endogenous* chemoattractants include several chemical mediators:
  - (1) *components of the complement system, particularly C5a*
  - (2) *products of the lipoxygenase pathway, mainly leukotriene B<sub>4</sub> (LTB<sub>4</sub>)*
  - (3) *cytokines, particularly those of the chemokine family (e.g., IL-8).*

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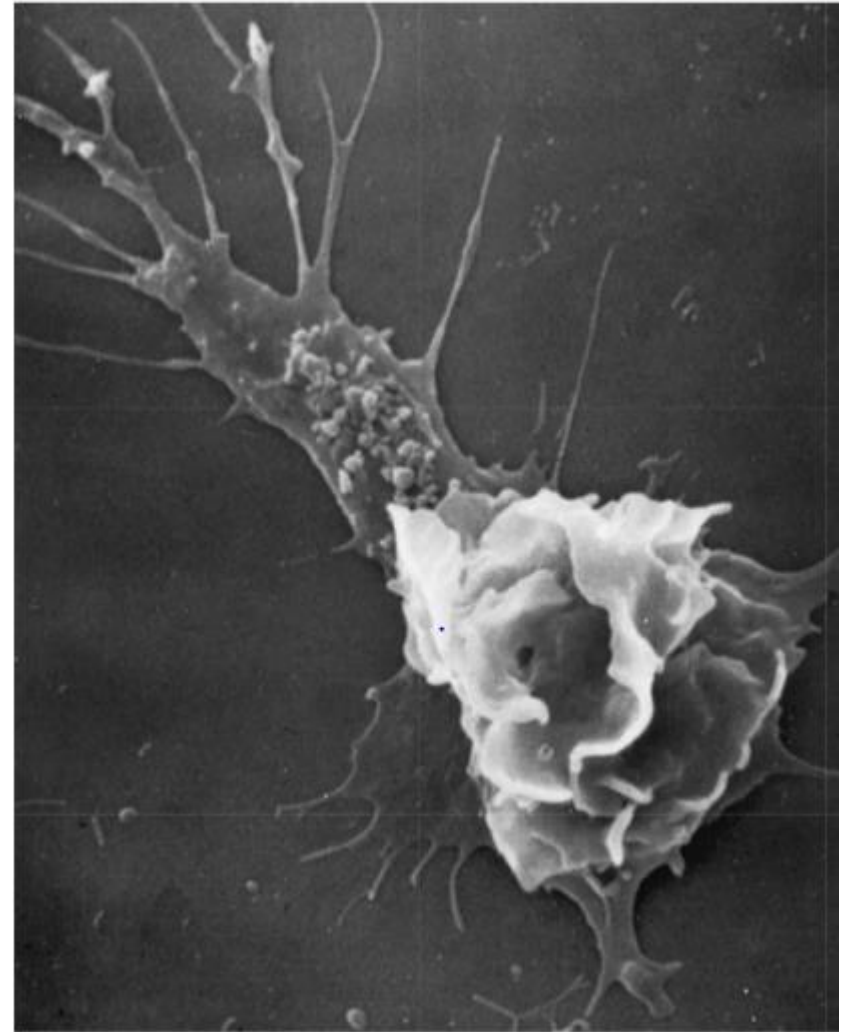
All these chemotactic agents bind to specific seven-transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) on the surface of leukocytes.



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Scanning electron micrograph of a moving leukocyte in culture showing a filopodium and a trailing tail.

The leukocyte moves by extending filopodia that pull the back of the cell in the direction of extension





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## ***Leukocyte Activation***

*Phagocytosis*

*Intracellular destruction*

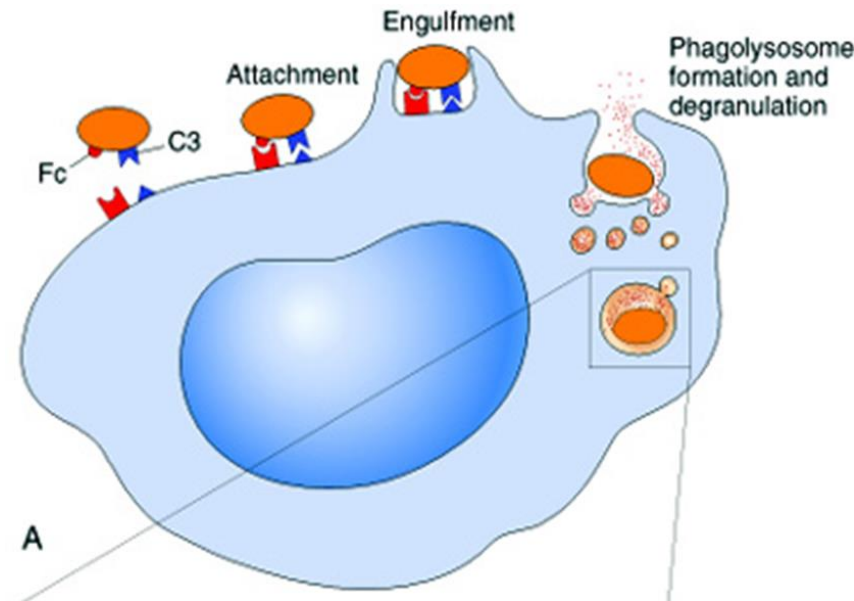
*Liberation of substances that destroy  
extracellular microbes and dead tissues*

*Production of mediators*

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# Phagocytosis

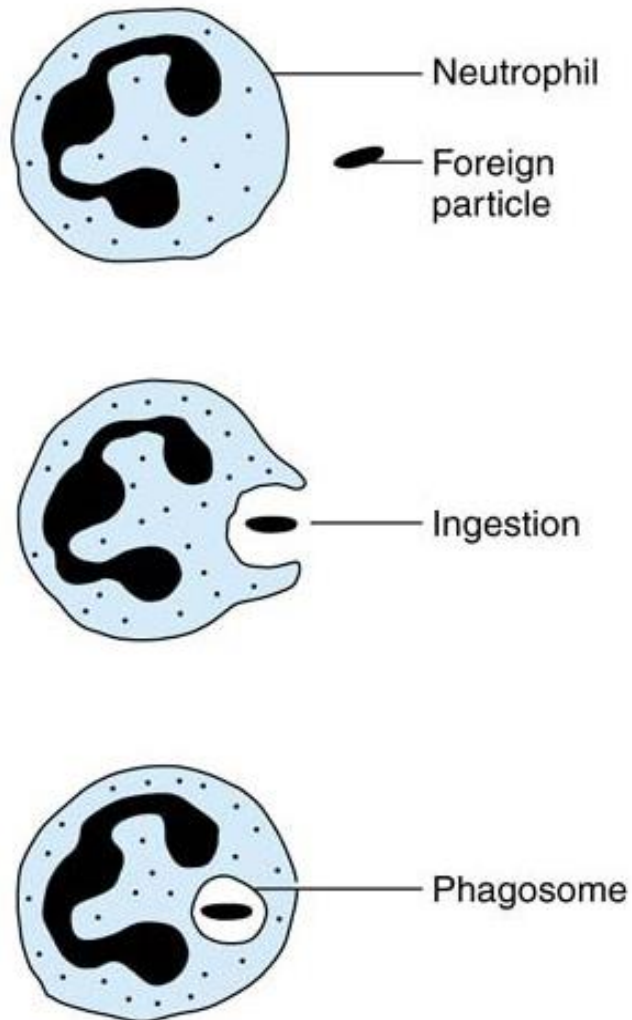
- Phagocytosis involves three distinct but interrelated steps
  - (1) *Recognition and Attachment* of the particle to be ingested by the leukocyte
  - (2) its *Engulfment*, with subsequent formation of a phagocytic vacuole
  - (3) *killing or Degradation* of the ingested material.



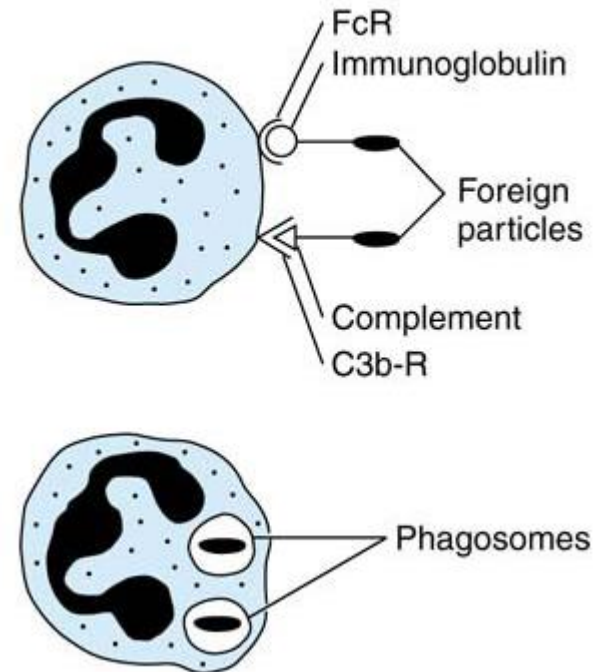
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## Phagocytosis by neutrophils

### Nonspecific phagocytosis



### Immune phagocytosis



**Immune phagocytosis is much more efficient than nonspecific phagocytosis**

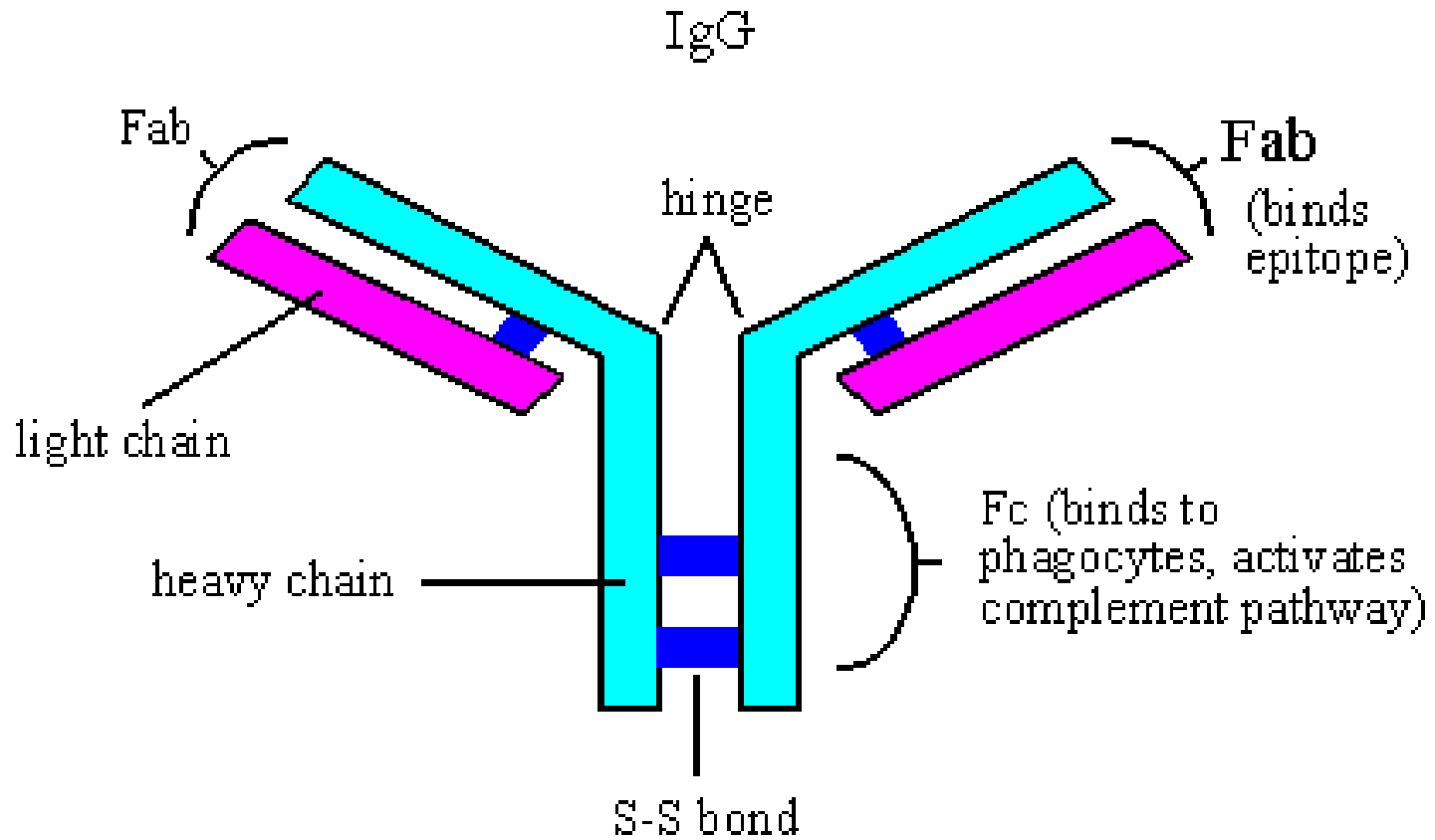
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## Leukocyte activation

### (1) Recognition and Attachment (*Opsonization*)

- Is the process of coating a particle, such as a microbe, to target it for phagocytosis
- The substances that do this are *opsonins*.
- These substances include:
  - antibodies (IgG)
  - complement proteins (C3)
  - And others: lectins (mannose-binding lectin (MBL), collectins, fibronectin, fibrinogen, and C-reactive protein
- These can coat microbes and are recognized by receptors on phagocytes (Fc and C3b receptors).

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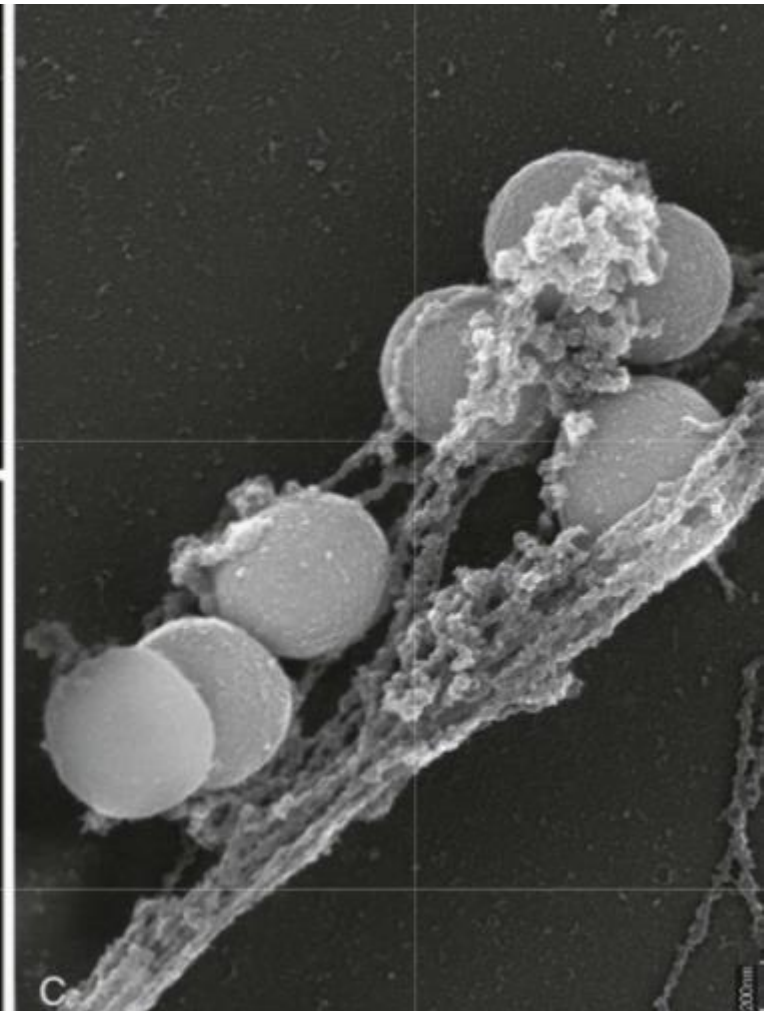
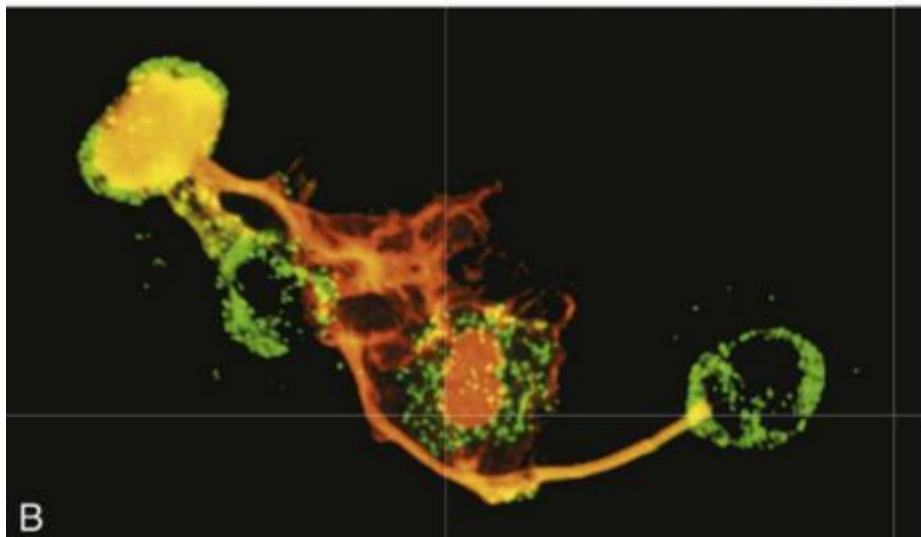
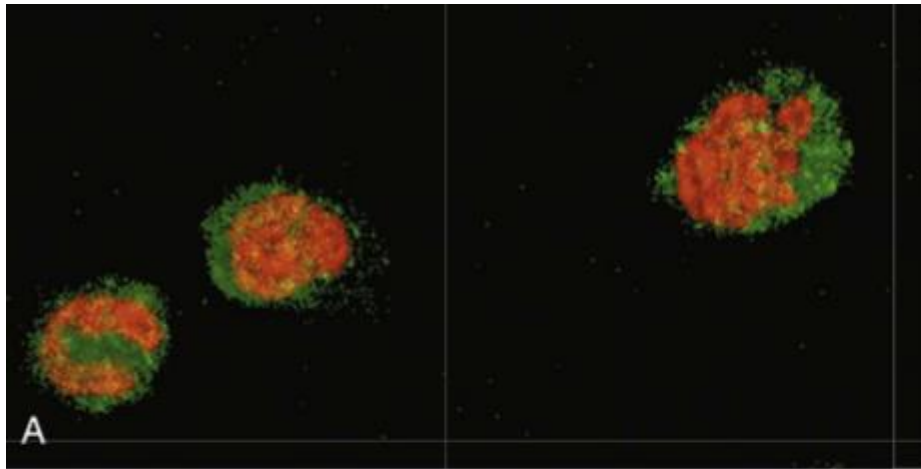


## Neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs)

A, Healthy neutrophils with nuclei stained red and cytoplasm green.

B, Release of nuclear material from neutrophils (note that two have lost their nuclei), forming extracellular traps.

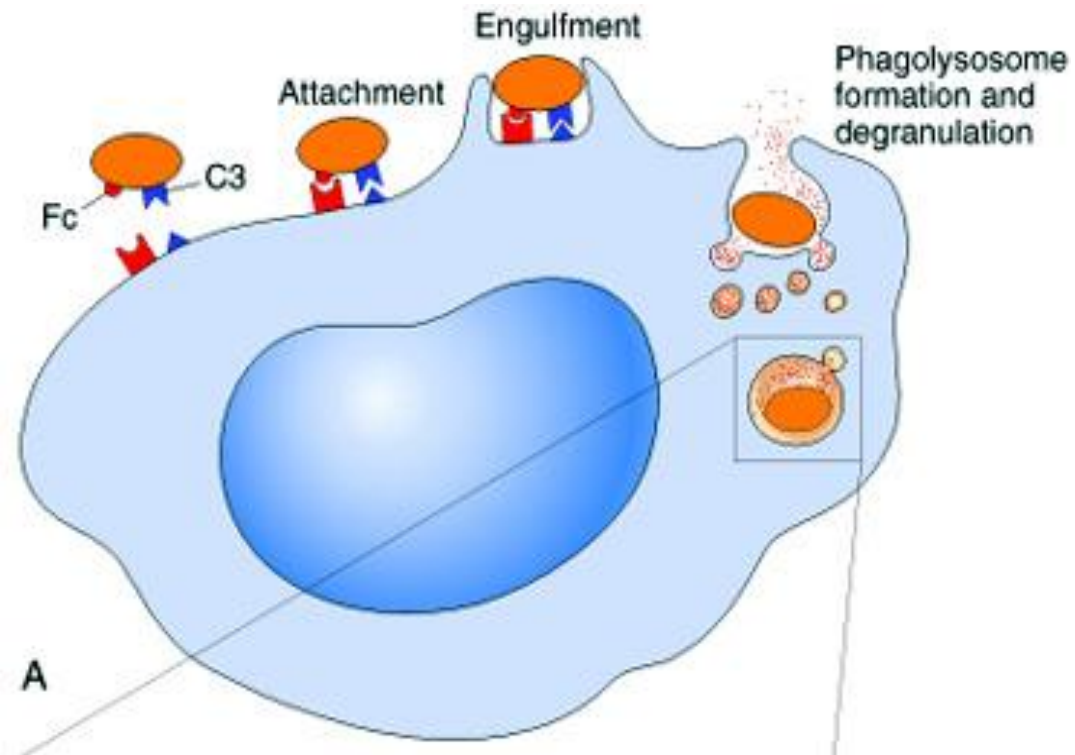
C, An electron micrograph of bacteria (staphylococci) trapped in NETs.



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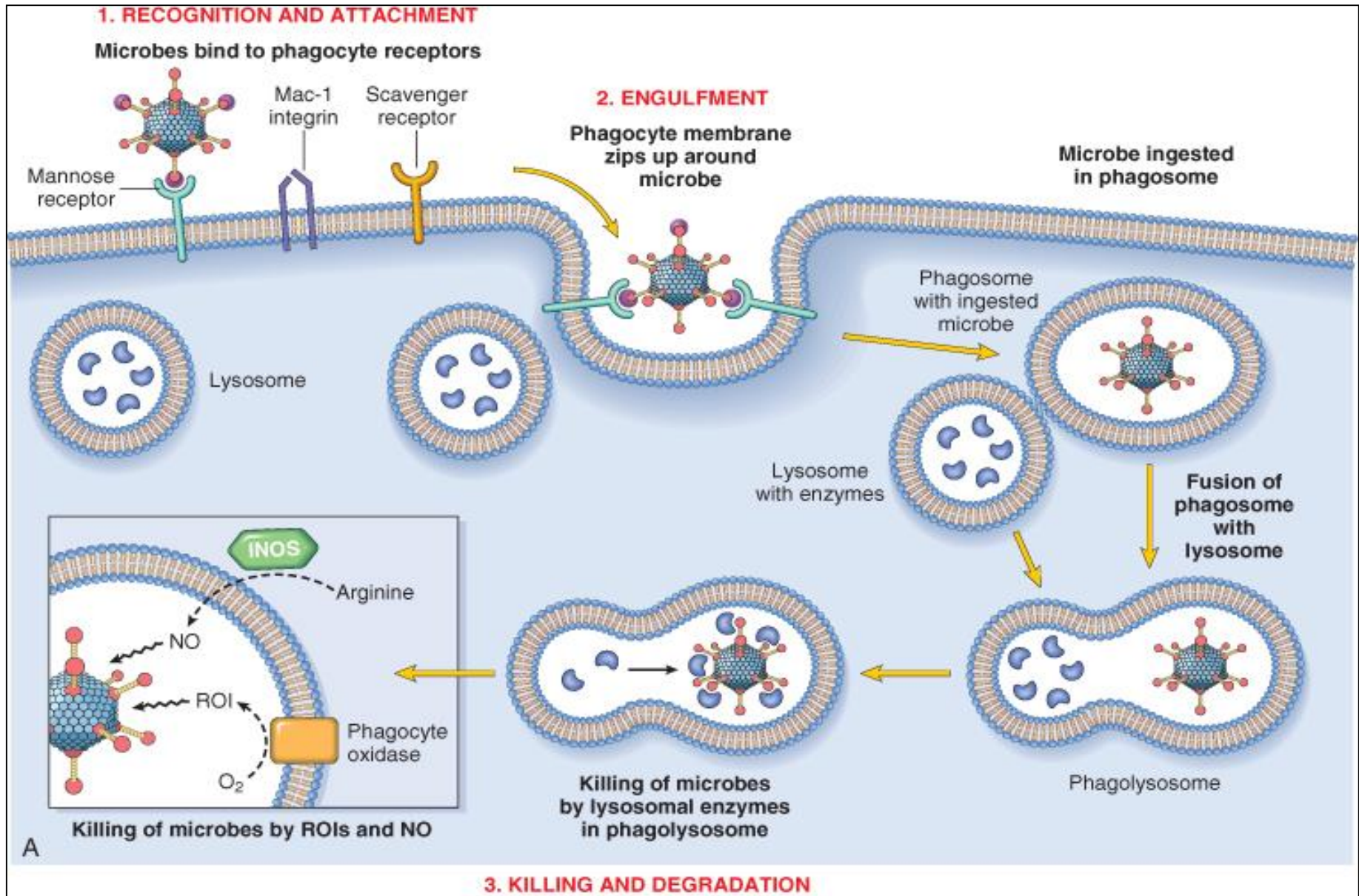
## 2. Engulfment

- During engulfment, extensions of the cytoplasm (pseudopods) flow around the particle to be engulfed, eventually resulting in complete enclosure of the particle within a **phagosome**



The phagocytic vacuole then fuses with a lysosomal granule, resulting in **phagolysosome**

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# *Phagocytosis*

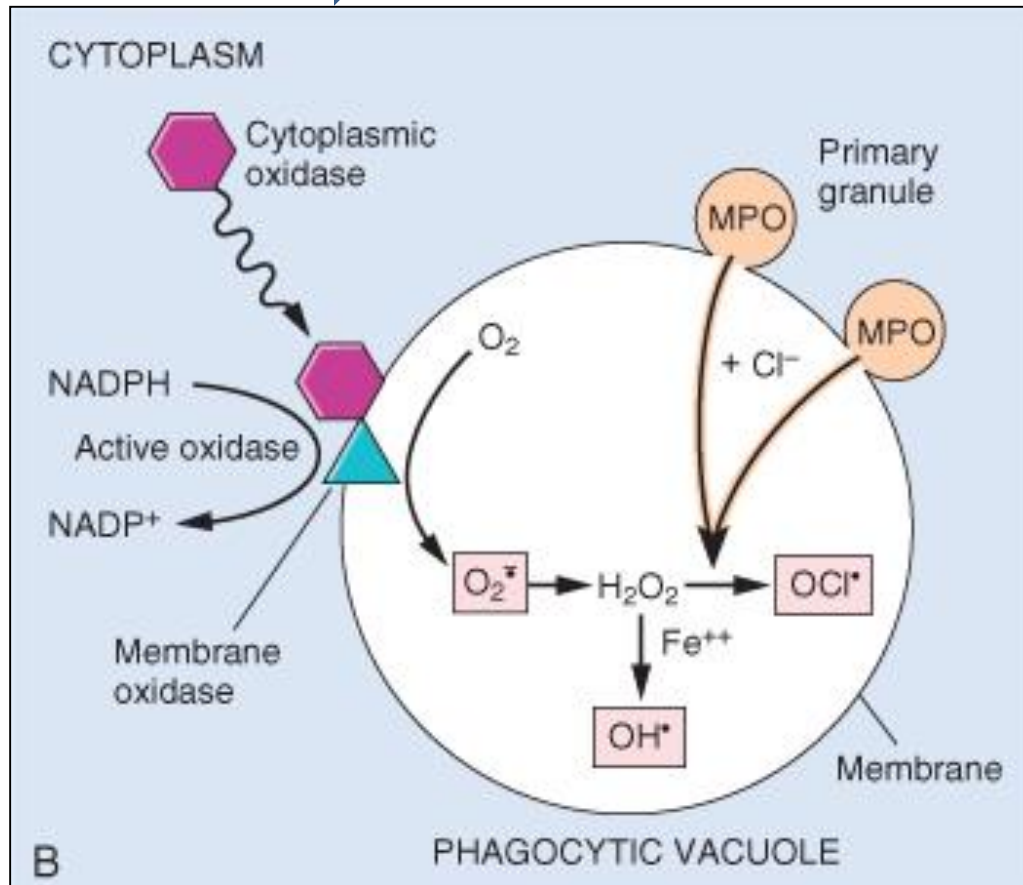
## **Killing and Degradation**

- 2 mechanisms for Microbial killing:
  1. *Oxygen-dependent mechanisms*
  2. *Oxygen-independent mechanisms*

## 5 . List the mechanisms of microbial killing.

# 1. Oxygen-Dependent Mechanisms

*The  $H_2O_2$ -MPO-halide system is the most efficient bactericidal system in neutrophils*



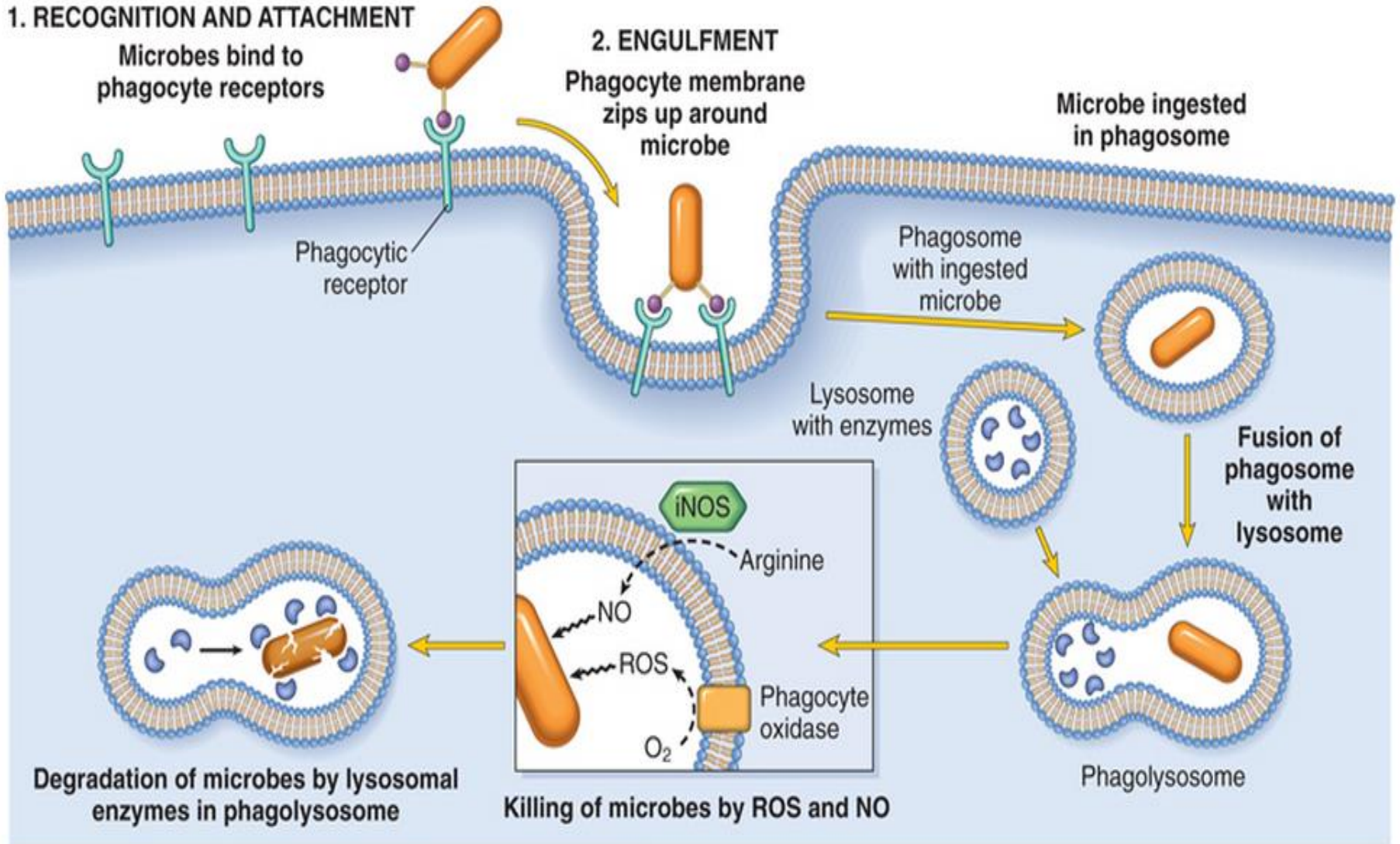
## 2. Oxygen-independent mechanisms

- through the action of substances in leukocyte granules. These include:
  - *bactericidal permeability increasing protein (BPI)*
  - *lysozyme*
  - *lactoferrin*
  - *major basic protein*
  - *defensins*
- In addition, neutrophil granules contain many *enzymes*, such as elastase, that also contribute to microbial killing

# Summary of Phagocytosis

## 1. RECOGNITION AND ATTACHMENT

Microbes bind to phagocyte receptors



## 3. KILLING AND DEGRADATION

## *Defects in Leukocyte Function*

- Defects in leukocyte function, both genetic and acquired, lead to increased vulnerability to infections:
  - *Defects in leukocyte adhesion*
  - *Defects in phagolysosome function*
  - *Defects in microbicidal activity*

## *Defects in Leukocyte Function*

### ***Genetic***

1. Leukocyte adhesion deficiency 1 and 2
2. Chédiak-Higashi syndrome
  - Protein involved in organelle membrane fusion (no phagolysosomes)
3. Chronic granulomatous disease
  - Decreased oxidative burst. 2 types:
    - A. X-linked: NADPH oxidase (membrane component)
    - B. Autosomal recessive:
      - a. NADPH oxidase (cytoplasmic components)
      - b. Myeloperoxidase deficiency: (absent MPO-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system) pt. have increased risk of candida infection

## *Defects in Leukocyte Function*

### *Acquired*

- Thermal injury, diabetes, malignancy, sepsis, immunodeficiencies
  - Chemotaxis
- Hemodialysis, diabetes mellitus
  - Adhesion
- Leukemia, anemia, sepsis, diabetes, neonates, malnutrition
  - Phagocytosis and microbicidal activity

# Defect in **phagolysosome** formation

## Chediak-Higashi Syndrome:

- Protein trafficking defect ( microtubule defect)
- Autosomal recessive
- Lead to impaired phagolysosome formation
- Clinical feature:
  - Increased risk of pyogenic infection
  - Neutropenia (defect in generation from BM)
  - Giant granule formation (granules formed cannot move in cytoplasm)
  - Defective primary hemostasis ( platelet granule are not secreted)
  - Albinism
  - Peripheral neuropathy



## Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD)

- Infection and granuloma formation with catalase positive organisms e.g. *S aureus*, *P cepacia*, *S marcescens*, *Nocardia* and *aspergillus*
- Nitroblue tetrazolium test (NBT), turn blue if NADPH oxidase can convert  $O_2$  to  $O_2^-$
- Remains colorless in CGD (NADPH oxidase)
- NBT test is normal in Myeloperoxidase deficiency type

6. Know various defects in leukocyte function.

# Comparison of Chronic Granulomatous Disease and Myeloperoxidase Deficiency

	<b>CHRONIC GRANULOMATOUS DISEASE</b>	<b>MYELOPEROXIDASE DEFICIENCY</b>
Inheritance pattern	X-linked recessive	Autosomal recessive
NADPH oxidase	Absent	Present
Myeloperoxidase	Present	Absent
Respiratory burst	Absent	Present
Peroxide (H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	Absent	Present
Bleach (HOCl)	Absent	Absent

## *TAKE HOME MESSAGES:*

1. Several steps are involved in extravasation of leukocytes from the blood to the tissues.
2. Phagocytosis is important step to get rid of necrotic material and bacteria.
3. Various defects in leukocyte function are present. These could be genetic defects or acquired.

# Rolling → Activation → Adhesion → Transmigration

