

Definition of Inflammation, Acute Inflammation

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Objectives:

- ★ Define inflammation
- ★ List cells & molecules that play important roles in inflammation
- ★ Types of inflammation: acute and chronic inflammation
- ★ Recognize the cardinal signs of inflammation
- ★ Describe the sequence of vascular changes in acute inflammation (vasodilation, increased permeability) and their purpose
- ★ Compare normal capillary exchanges with exchange during inflammatory response.
- ★ Define the terms edema, transudate, and exudate.

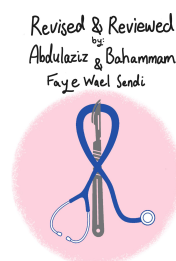
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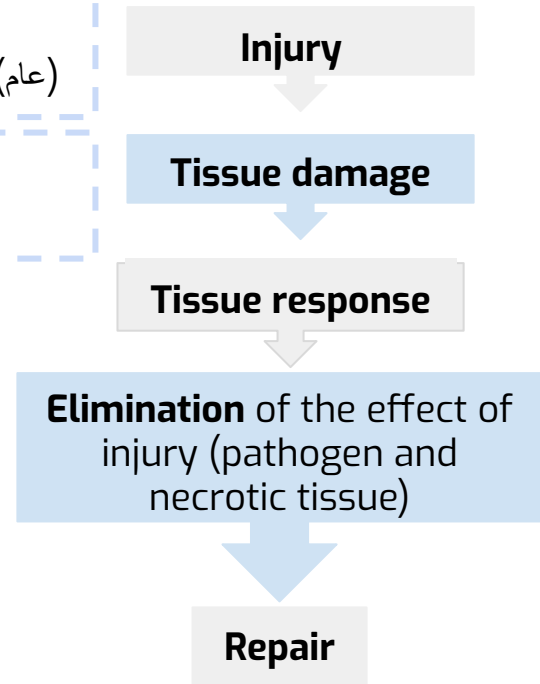
Inflammation

Definition: Inflammation is a **local** response of the **vascularized living tissue** to infection and tissue damage. that (response) brings cells and molecules of host defense from the circulation to the sites where they are needed.

The aim: to localize and eliminate the offending agents, limit tissue injury and restore tissue to normal

Inflammation is **part of immunity**:
This is a broad protective response (**innate immunity**) (عام)

Infection: caused by an organism's pathogen such as **bacteria, virus, mycoplasma**



Causes of Inflammation

- 1) **Immunological injury** (Autoimmune disorder e.g. Rheumatoid Arthritis).
- 2) **Trauma.**
- 3) **Tissue death** (e.g. Myocardial infarction).
- 4) **Infection**
- 5) **Drug reaction**
- 6) **Radiation**
- 7) **Physical injury** (burns & heat or Excess cold, frostbite)
- 8) **Chemical injury** (CCl₄).

Steps of inflammation:

1. The offending (الضار) agent is **recognized** by host cells.
2. **Leukocytes and plasma proteins are recruited** (تجنيد) from the circulation to the site of the offending agent.
3. The **leukocytes and proteins are activated** to **destroy** and **eliminate** the offending substance. (After the elimination they should return to the circulation, to not destroy normal cells).
4. The **reaction** is controlled and **terminated**.
5. The damaged **tissue is repaired**. (some tissue can't repair like myocardial, brain cells so it left scars).

Harmful inflammation

- 1- acute respiratory distress syndrome (neutrophils)
- 2- asthma (eosinophils ige antibodies)
- 3- glomerulonephritis (antibodies and complement neutrophils , monocytes)
- 4- septic shock (cytokines)

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Termination of inflammation

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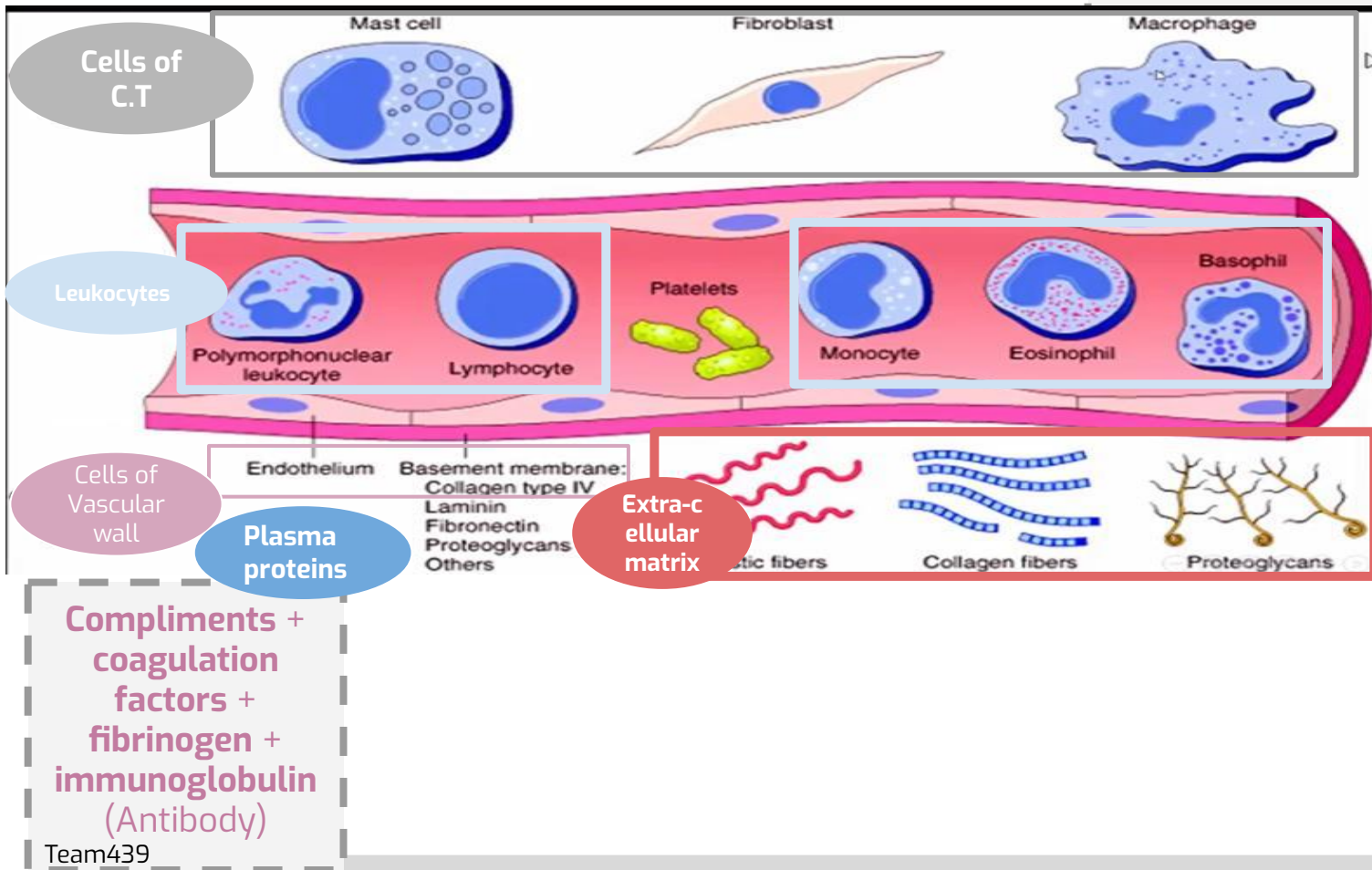
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By **activate anti-inflammatory mechanisms** that serve to control the response and prevent it from causing excessive damage to the host.

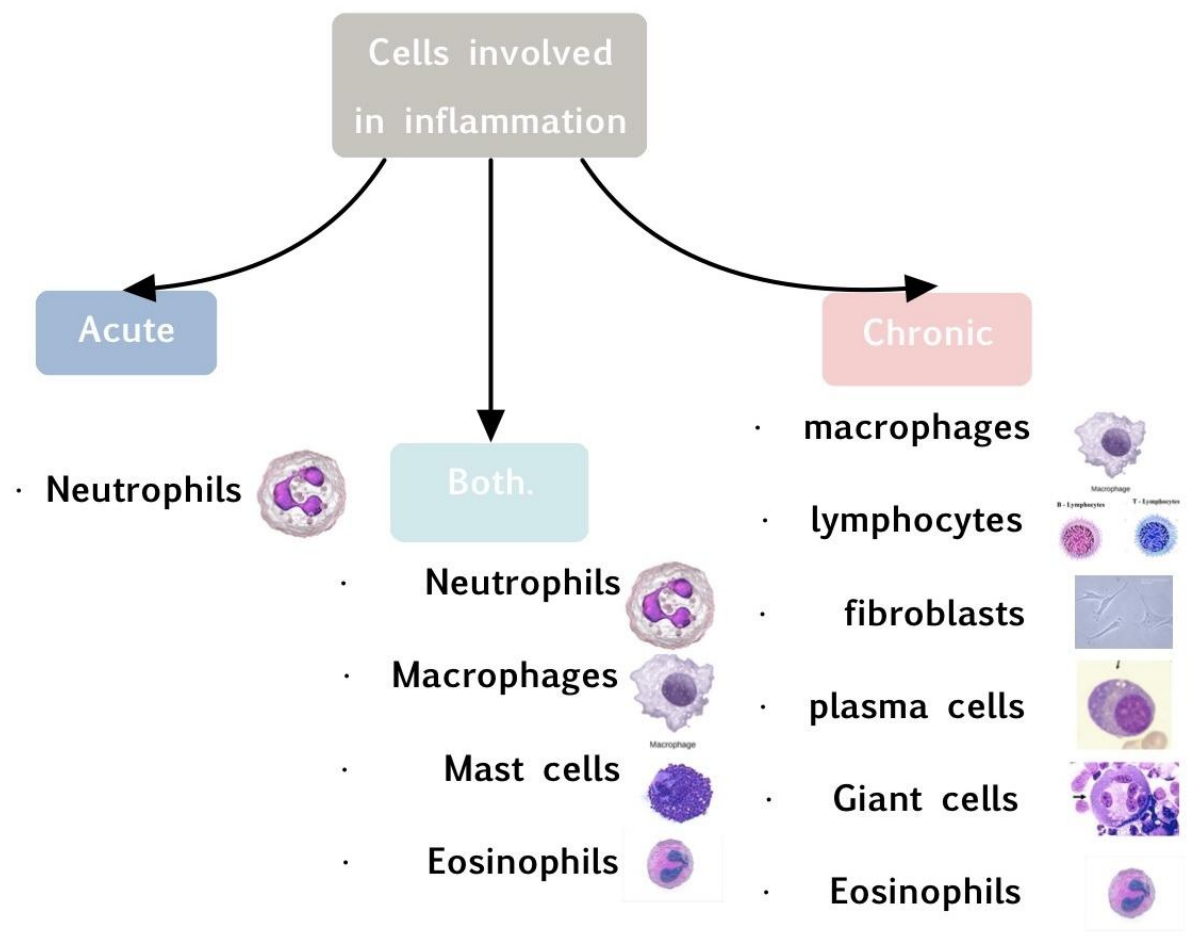
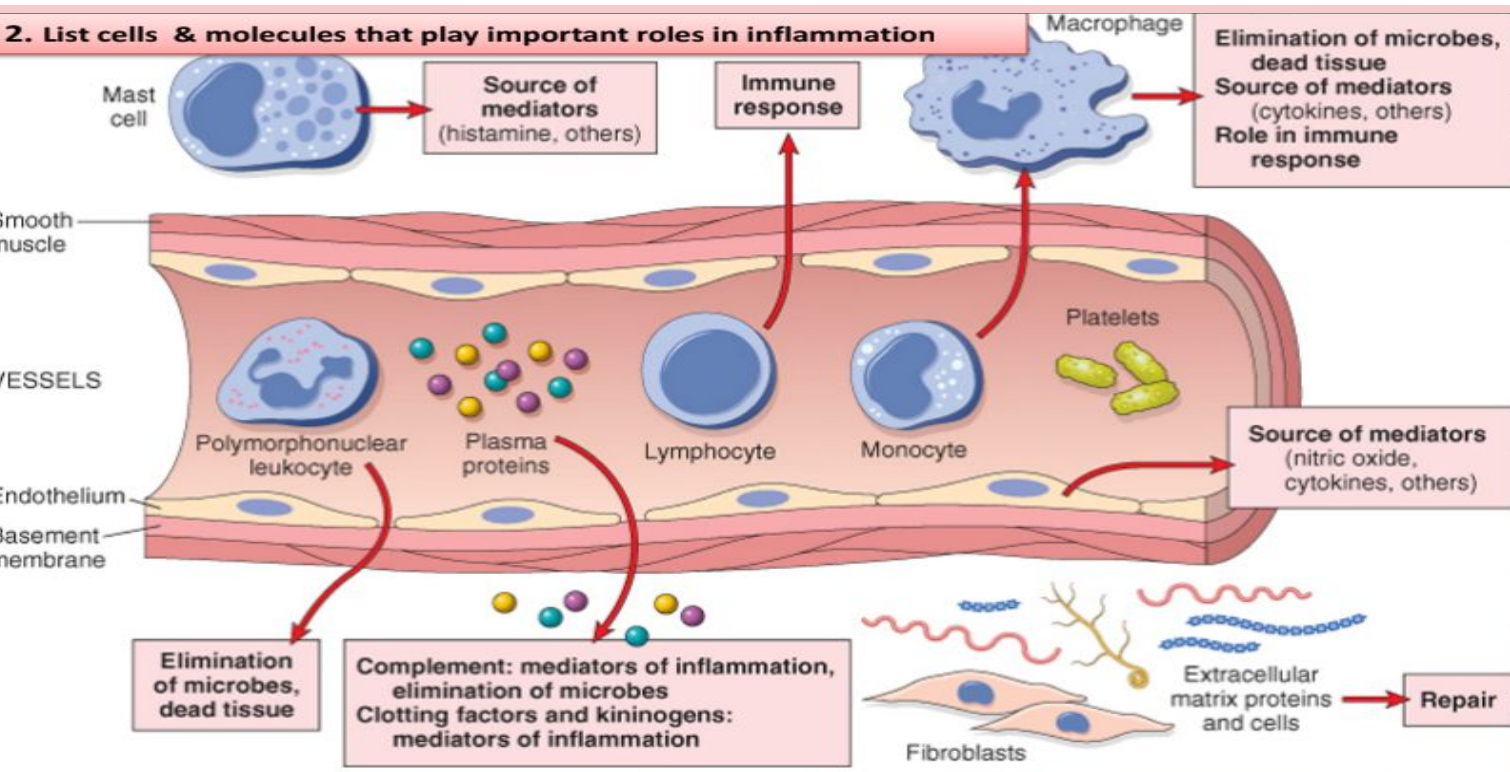
The **offending agent is eliminated** and the secreted mediators are broken down or dissipated.

Macrophages are phagocytic substances that can eat microbes
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List of cells & molecules that play important roles in inflammation:



2. List cells & molecules that play important roles in inflammation



1 Neutrophils (Acute only)

Pneumonia: inflammation of lung in respiratory ciliated columnar epithelium inflammatory cell in alveoli of lung become full of WBC neutrophils or (polymorphonuclear) leukocytes

Polymorphism leukocytes because it has 3-5 loops nucleus
It has large number of lysosomes

Function: phagocyte foreign body, secrete enzymes like oxidase & proteases from the cytoplasm they interact with bacteria to form superoxide & hydroxyl radical to help in killing bacteria cells

It's the most important in acute inflammation it increase due to acute inflammation (mostly bacterial infection)

0-loops or banded is when bone marrow give immature cells

2 Lymphocytes (chronic only)

Occur in chronic inflammation specially viral
Lymphocytes could be divided into T Lymph & B lymph

1-T lymph is cell mediated immunity it produce lymphokines
Most of them in the circulating blood
It characterizes chronic inflammation

2-B lymph is **Humoral immunity** it transferred to plasma when activated Secrete cytokines interferons & interleukins

3 Plasma Cells (chronic only)

- Plasma is modified B lymphocyte
- It secrete immunoglobulins proteins IGG,IGE,IGM (antibodies)
- It increase in chronic inflammation
- It has an eccentric nucleus
- Plasma cells found **in tissues**

4 Mast Cells

It has granules organophilic
Seen in :

1-allergic reactions

2-hypersensitivity reaction type 1

IGE antibody bind to receptor on mast cell that lead to release of granules these granules contain vasoactive amine histamine & (5 hydroxytryptamine) Serotonin they make vascular congestion or dilation & increase vascular permeability (the fluid come out of blood vessel to interstitial tissue or edema or tumor in internal organs)

Serotonin:secreted by mast cell & platelets

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Macrophages (acute&chronic)

Another name for macrophages is **histiocytes** when its modified monocyte that comes from bone marrow

It's acute & chronic inflammation active in phagocytosis

Secrete cytokines proteins which is chemical mediator secreted by macrophages & lymphocytes they are Inter Leukins & Interferons

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Eosinophils (acute&chronic)

Usually has 2 loops

Can do phagocytosis but very weak

Occur because of parasites or allergic reaction

Case: 8yo boy has abdominal pain so we did urine test we discover parasites in abdomen bilobed

Eosinophilia increase in eosinophil granules

Increase in these cases : bronchial asthma ,hypersensitivity reaction, allergic reaction,parasitic infection

Cell type	Function	Appearance
Neutrophils	Phagocytosis & Protease & Oxidase	Acute
Lymphocyte	Lymphokines	Chronic
Plasma cells	Formation of Antibodies	Chronic
Mast cell	Histamine & Serotonin	Both
Macrophages	Phagocytosis & presenting Antigens	Acute & Chronic
Eosinophils	Parasite & allergy reaction	Acute & Chronic

Phagocytosis : cell engulf other particles or microbes as defense mechanism against any damaging effect

Clinical features of inflammation

1 Systemic signs of inflammation

1. **Fever** also known as (**Pyrexia**) caused by chemical mediators
2. **Malaise** (fatigue)
3. **Vomiting** cause of otitis in young kids only.
4. **Headache**
5. **Loss of sensation**
6. **Increased erythrocyte sedimentation rate ESR** or RBC
7. Nonspecific findings, **increase of C-reactive protein** [بايو كيمستري لاب] **secreted by the liver** it tells you that the patient has inflammatory disease

2 Cardinal signs of inflammation

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Meaning

Tumor

Swelling (histamine increase permeability of venules)

Rubor

Redness (histamine vasodilation)

Calor

Warmth (histamine vasodilation)

Dolor

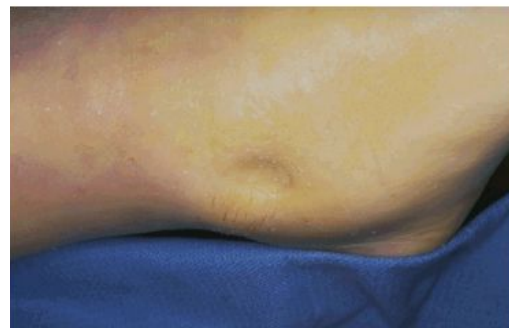
Pain (PGE2/ bradykinin)

Functio laesa

Loss of function

Increase caliber+ blood supply to the area

The suffix "itis" is added to the base word to state the condition as in appendix/appendicitis



Types of inflammation

Acute inflammation: A rapid response to an injurious agent that serves to deliver mediators of host defense-leukocytes and plasma proteins-to the site of injury

Outcomes of inflammation:

1. **Elimination of the noxious stimulus**, followed by decline of the reaction and repair of the damaged tissue
2. **Persistent injury resulting in chronic inflammation**

	Acute (Immediately after injury)	Chronic
Onset	Fast : minutes or hour	Slow : days or weeks
Cellular infiltrate	Neutrophils	Lymphocytes and macrophages
Tissue injury, fibrosis	Mild , self limited	Often severe and progressive
Local & systemic signs	Prominent (more clear+painful)	Less prominent may be subtle (minimal change), (less clear+ less pain)
Examples	Hepatitis A & Pneumonia	Hepatitis B & Tuberculosis

Events of acute inflammation

Hemodynamic changes

Increased vascular permeability

Emigration of the leukocytes from the microcirculation

Vascular

Cellular

Alterations in vascular caliber (internal diameter) that lead to an increase in blood flow (Vasodilation).

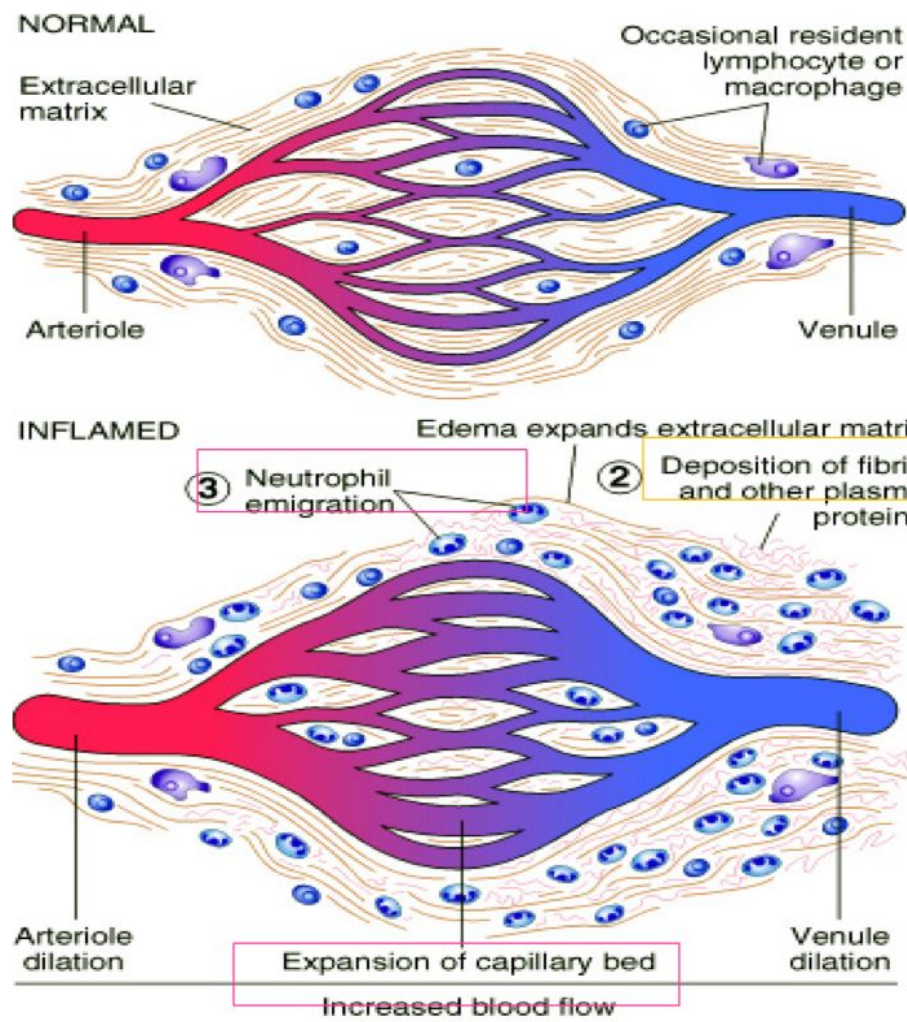
Structural changes in the microvasculature (capillaries) that permit plasma proteins and leukocytes to leave the circulation (Increase in the escape of the fluids and cells from circulation to the tissue).

Their accumulation in the focus of injury, and their activation to eliminate the offending agent

Events of acute inflammation

Sequence of vascular events in acute inflammation:

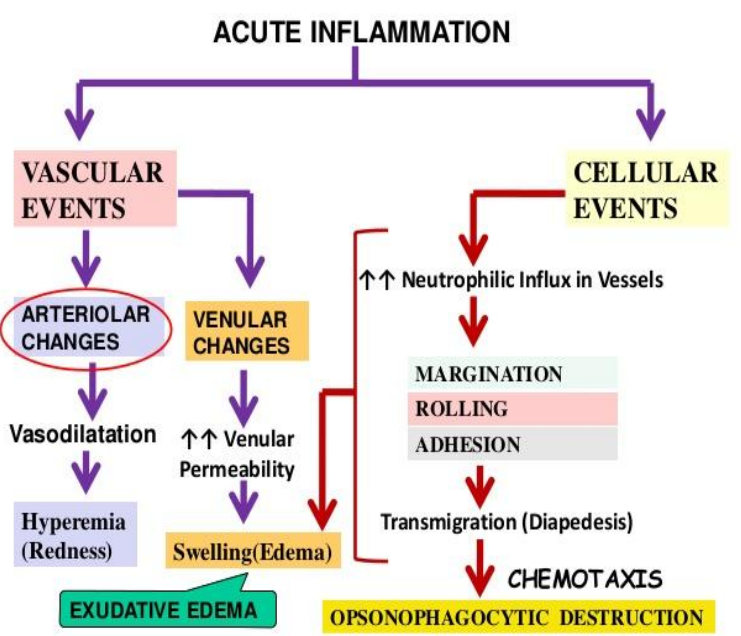
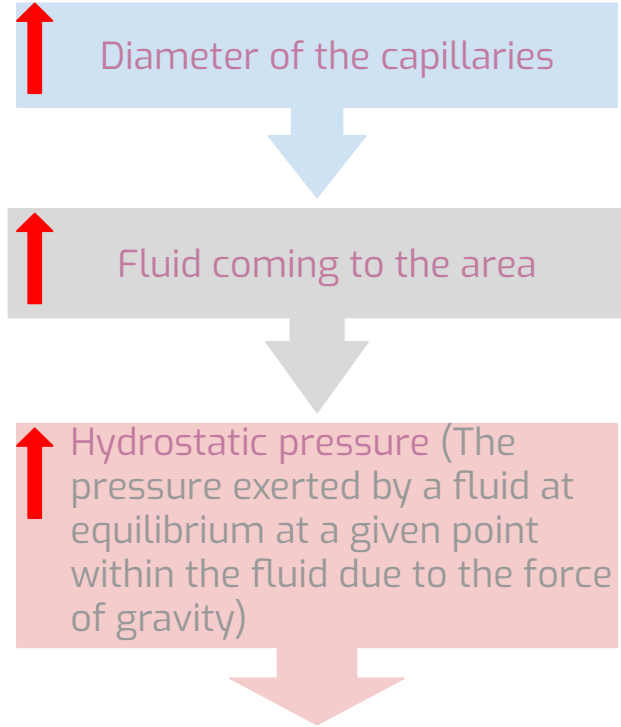
1. Reflex vasoconstriction (يعني بالبداية تنصدم وتطلع ردة فعل ثم بعد ثواني تتصرف صح في الخطوة 2)
2. Vasodilatation/ Vasodilation (in response to histamine)
3. Increased capillary permeability



Hydrostatic pressure: القوة الدافعة اللي تجي من القلب-الشرايين- تدفع الدم إلى الخلايا

Oncotic pressure: القوة الساحبة تسحب الدم الى الوريد

Normal state: Hydrostatic=Oncotic
But in inflammation caliber increases so does permeability.



↑ Permeability = ↑ Gaps between endothelial cells = Accumulation of fluid, cells, and protein in the tissue = swelling

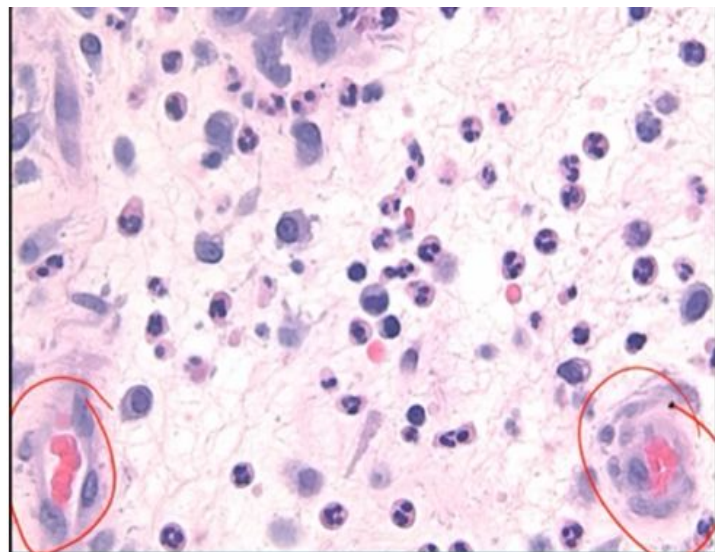
oncotic pressure Colloid osmotic pressure Physiology
The colloid pressure in solutions produced by proteins; in plasma, OP counterbalances the egress of fluid from capillaries due to hydrostatic pressure. Is caused by Albumin

1. Hemodynamic changes



Hemodynamic changes:
Phases of changes in Vascular Caliber and Flow:

1. **Transient vasoconstriction** of arterioles
2. **Vasodilatation**
3. **Slowing of the circulation** (لأن السوائل تطلع من الأوعية للخارج فما يبقى إلا جزيئات لذلك تكون الحركة أقل)
4. **Stasis** (Benefit for move WBC to the injury site)



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Transient vasoconstriction of arterioles

It **disappears within 3-5 seconds** in mild injuries

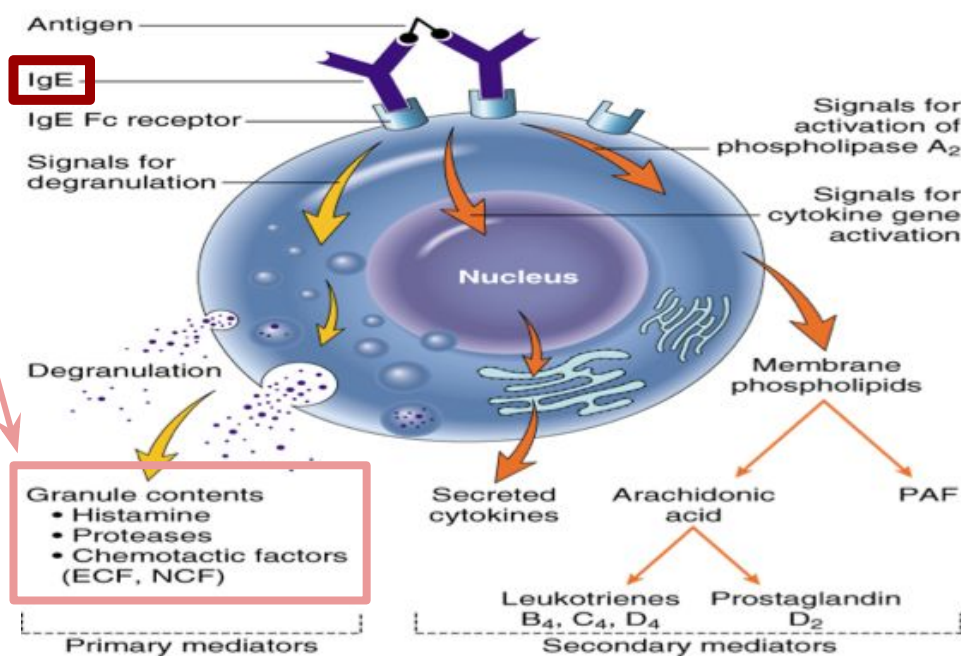
(Due to a neurogenic reflex that lasts only a few seconds)

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Vasodilatation

Involves the arterioles results in opening of new microvasculature beds in the area leading to increasing blood flow and cause of **redness (rubor) and hotness (calor)** in acute inflammation (Due to **Histamine effect released from mast cells** located in interstitial tissue around the small vessels)

Once the injury occurs the granules will open up (Degranulate) and release its contents



1. Hemodynamic Changes (Cont.)

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Slowing of the circulation

Due to **increased permeability of the microvasculature**, this leads to outpouring of protein-rich fluid in the extravascular tissues.

↑ Fluid concentration in the tissue.

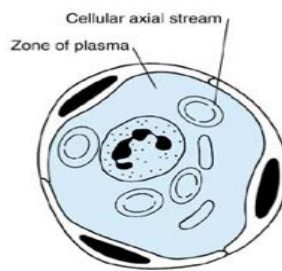
↑ Cells concentration in the blood vessels.

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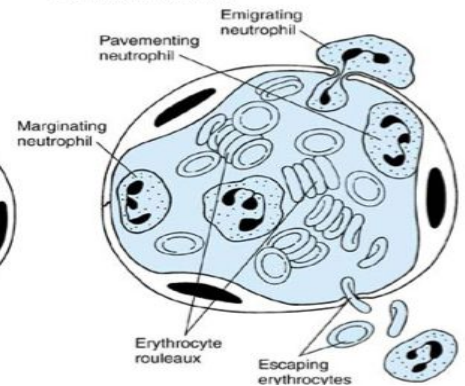
Stasis:

Slow circulation due to dilated small vessels packed with red cells. the viscosity will increase which stops the blood movement and makes it easier for the neutrophils in the middle of the blood vessels to move to the periphery and leave the blood vessels.

A Normal postcapillary venule



B Acute inflammation

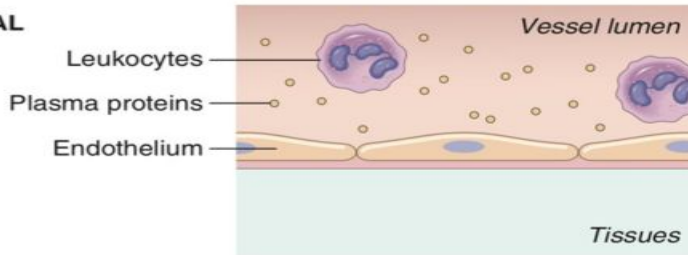


2. Increased Vascular Permeability

- A **hallmark of acute inflammation** (escape of a protein-rich fluid) usually the escaped molecules are small molecules but in inflammation they are macromolecules e.g. protein
- **Induced by histamine** (produced in mast cells), kinins (A factor in the blood), and other mediators
- It affects **small & medium size venules**, through gaps between endothelial cells. (mostly in medium size venules)
- It results in **swelling (tumor)** which occurs as a cardinal sign of inflammation

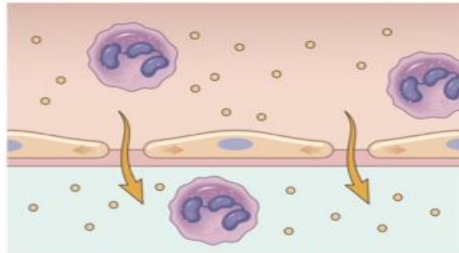
Increased Vascular Permeability (Cont.)

A NORMAL



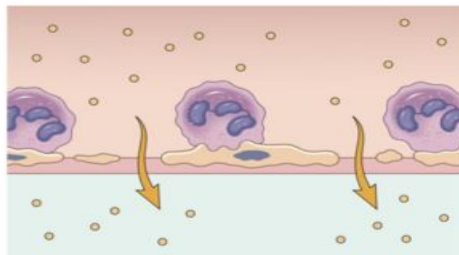
B RETRACTION OF ENDOTHELIAL CELLS

- Induced by histamine, other mediators
- Rapid and short-lived (minutes)



C ENDOTHELIAL INJURY

- Caused by burns, some microbial toxins
- Rapid; may be long-lived (hours to days)



Principal mechanisms of increased vascular permeability in inflammation and their features underlying causes

Venules

Arterioles, capillaries and venules

Longer lived than the ones affected by histamine

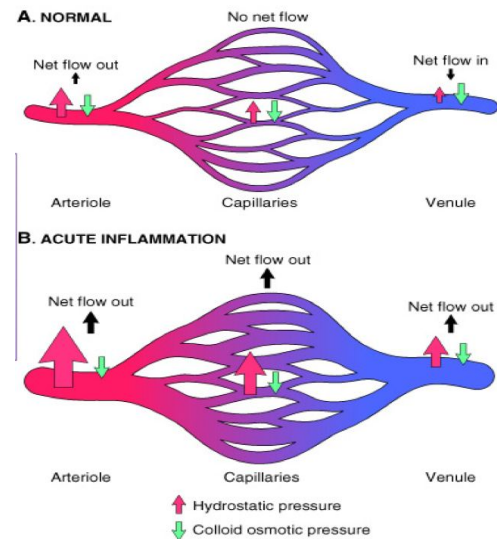
Edema

What is the edema?

- Denotes an **excess of fluid in the interstitial or serous cavities.**

Accumulation of fluid in the tissue

- Increased blood volume lead to increased local hydrostatic pressure leading to transudation of protein-poor fluid into the extravascular space.



Inflammation can be either:

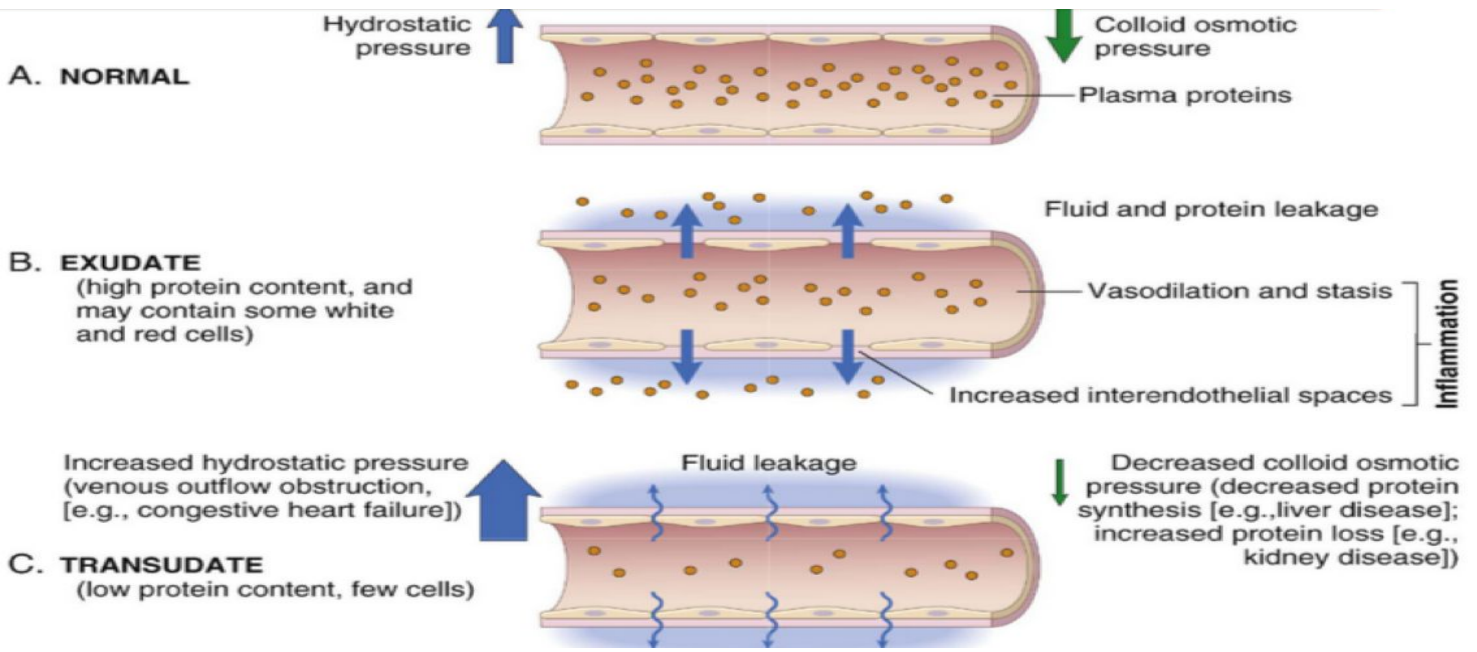
Exudative

An Inflammatory reaction, rich in protein and cells.

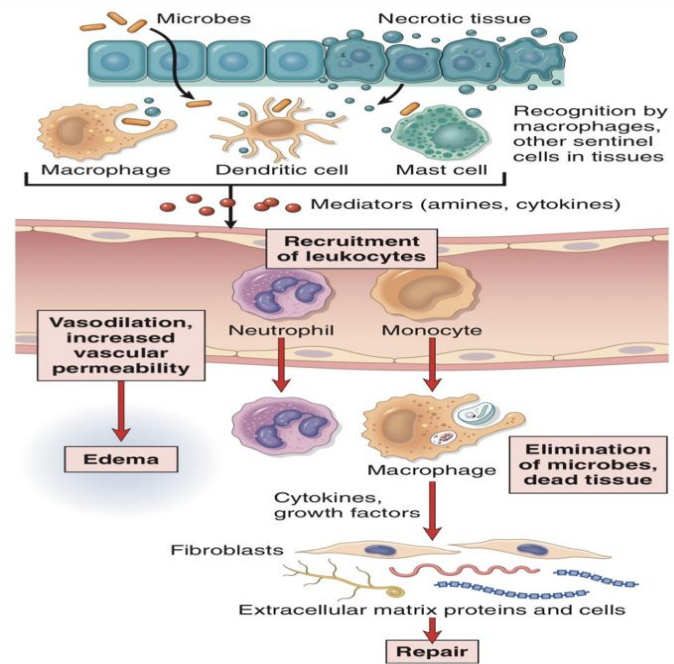
Transudative

- **Imbalance** in hydrostatic pressure or in colloid osmotic pressure.
- **No protein content.**
- Common in pregnant females in the lower limb

Edema (Cont.)



Exudate	Transudate
An inflammatory extravascular fluid that has a high protein concentration, cellular debris , and a specific gravity above 1.020	Is a fluid with low protein content and a specific gravity of less than 1.012
It implies significant alteration in the normal permeability of small blood vessels in the area of injury	It is essentially an ultrafiltrate of blood plasma that results from osmotic or hydrostatic imbalance across the vessel wall
Increased vascular permeability.	without an increase in vascular permeability



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★ MCQs

Q1: Which of the following is not a clinical feature of inflammation?

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| A. Redness | B. Swilling | C. Itching | D. Warmth |
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Q2: acute inflammation causes?

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| A. Chronic inflammation | B. elimination | C. Edema | D. Don't end |
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Q3: Which cell secretes Histamine?

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| A. Mast cell | B. leukocytes | C. A&B | D. Non |
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Q4: Increased vascular permeability will results in

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| A. Calor | B. Tumor | C. Dolor | D. Functio laesa |
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Q5: Rich protein fluid in the interstitial cavities is called

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| A. Transudate | B. Rubor | C. Exudate | D. Dolor |
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Q6: Which of the following events involves the arterioles resulting in redness and hotness in acute inflammation

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| A. Transient vasoconstriction of the arterioles | B. Vasodilation | C. Slowing in the circulation | D. Stasis |
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1. enumerate cells that play a role in inflammation

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2. explain the role of stasis in cellular events

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3. How does the edema occur

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