

**INFLAMMATION AND REPAIR**  
**Lecture 2**  
Cellular Events in Inflammation

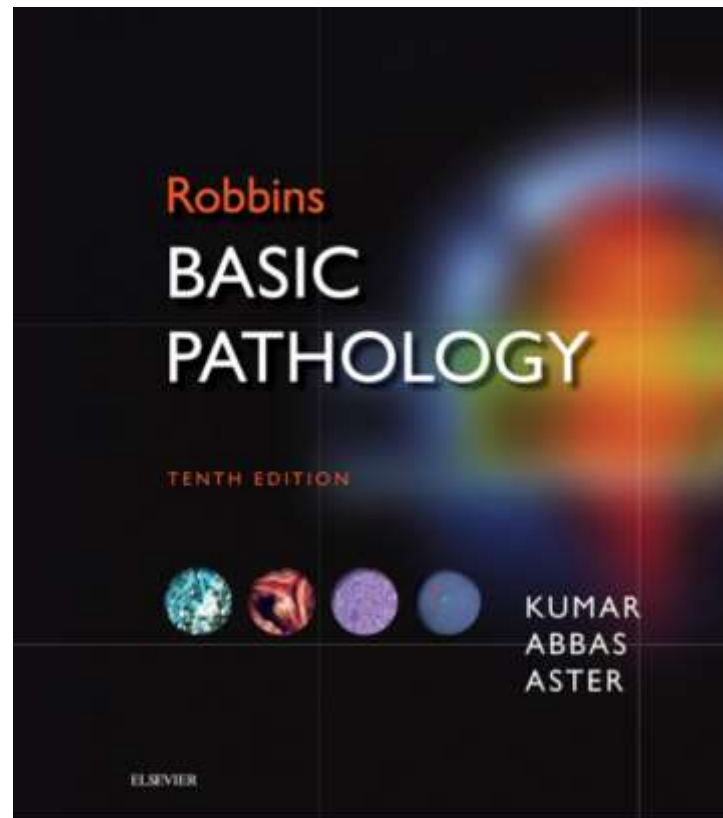
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# Objectives

- 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 10<sup>th</sup> edition, pages 62 - 70



# 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 will

- 1) Ingest offending agents
- 2) Kill bacteria and other microbes
- 3) Get rid of necrotic tissue and foreign substances.

**However**

- They may induce tissue damage and prolong inflammation, since the leukocyte products that destroy microbes and necrotic tissues can also injure normal host tissues.

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

1. *Recruitment of leukocytes*
2. *Removal of offending agents*

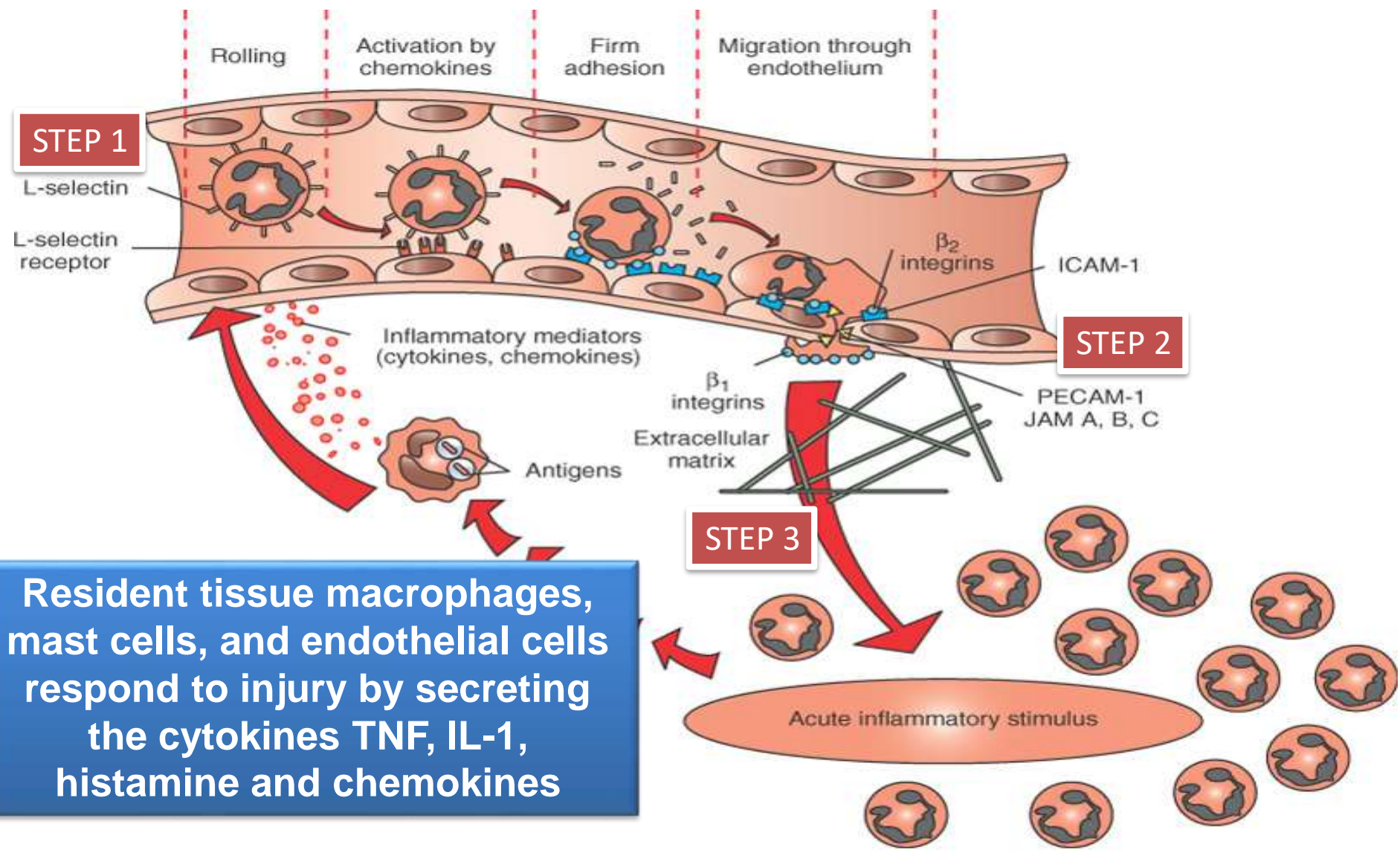
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## *Recruitment of leukocytes*

- 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

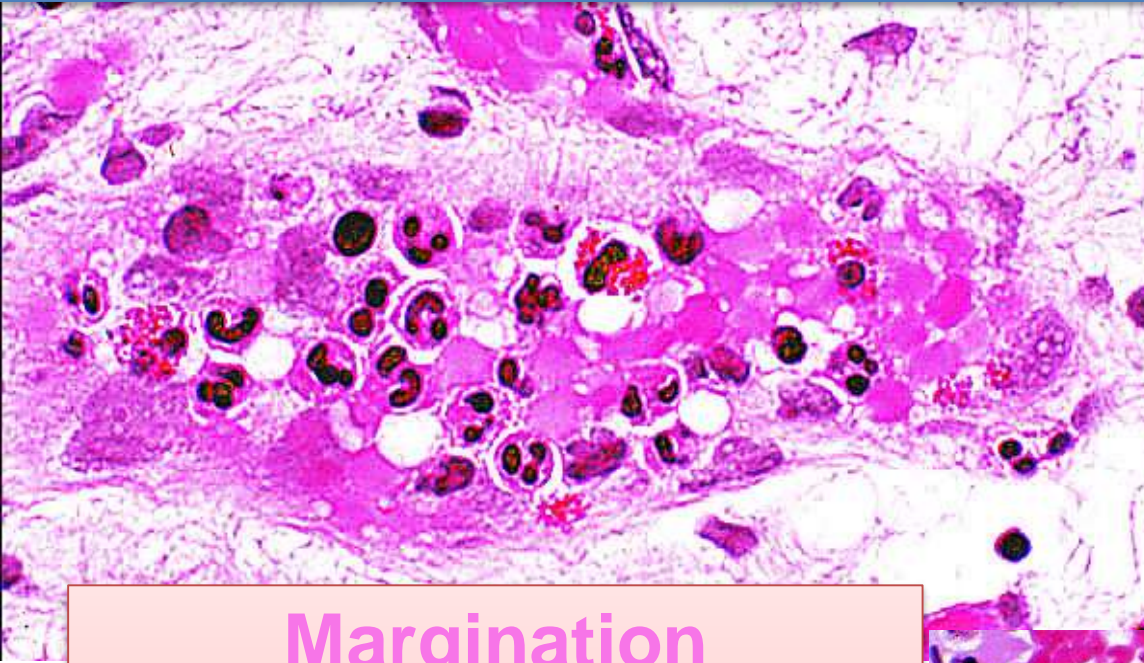
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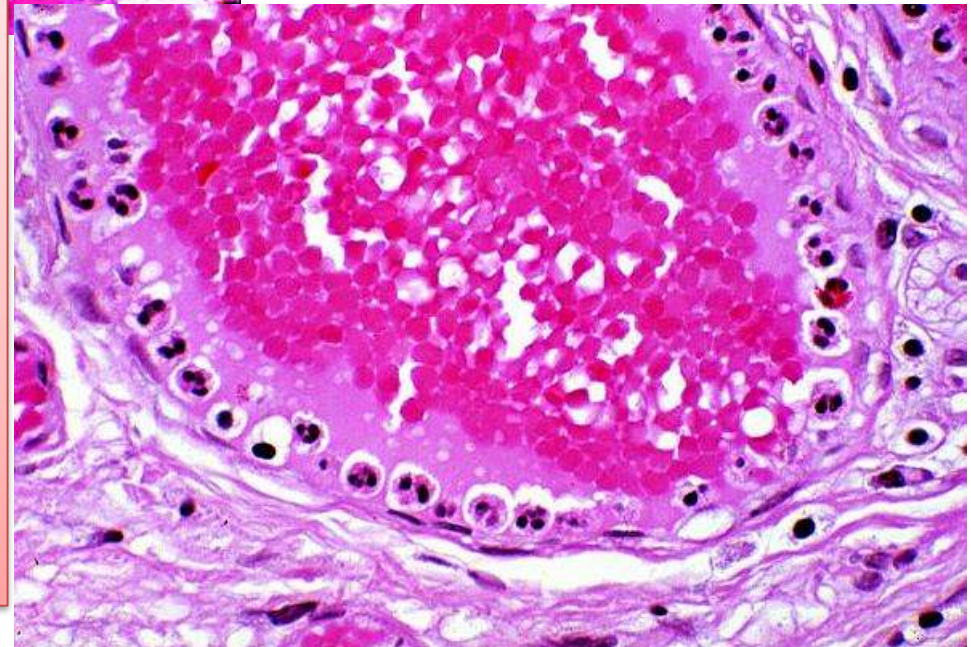
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Leukocytes Rolling  
Within a Venule

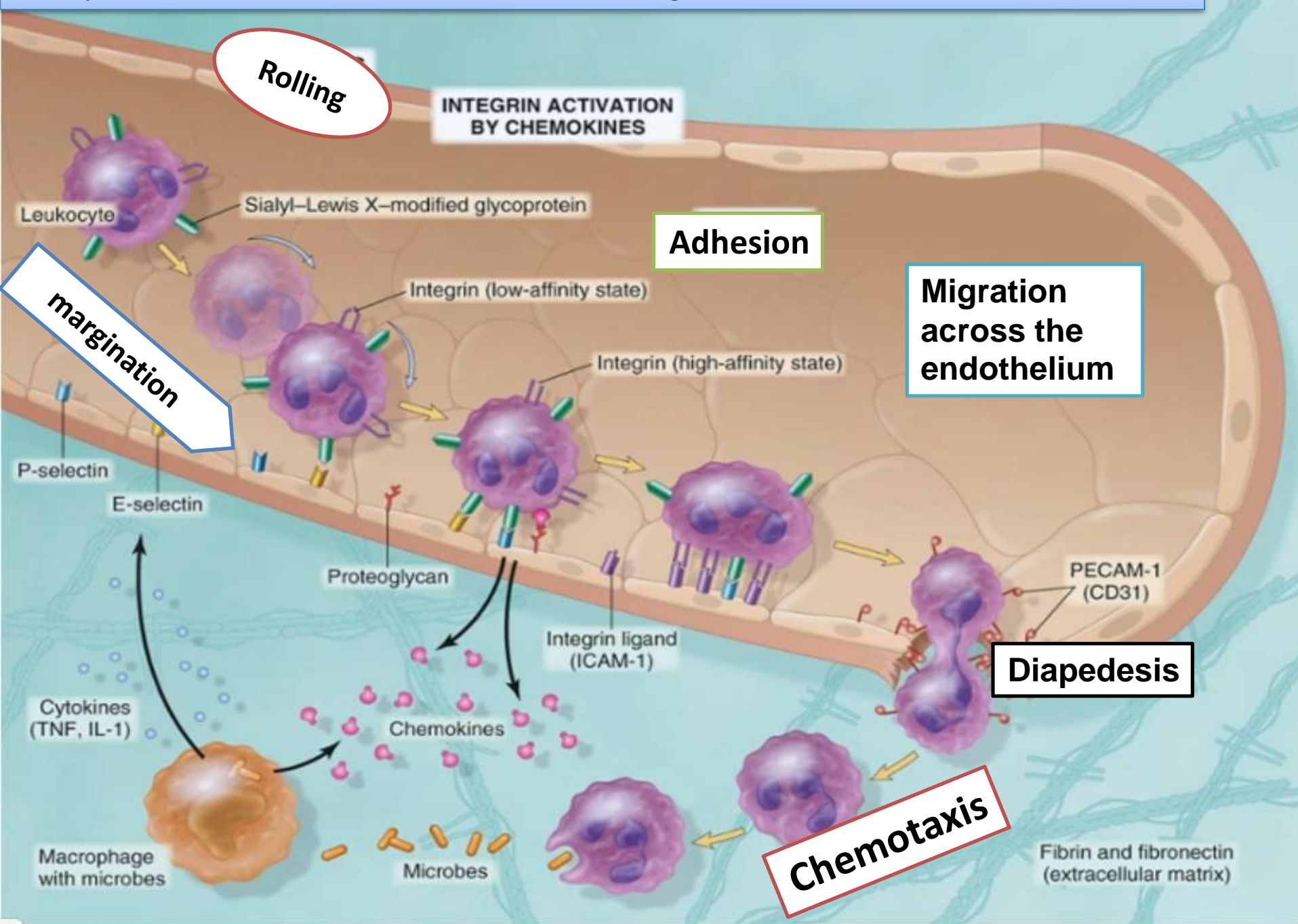
## Margination

- Because blood flow slows early in inflammation (stasis), the endothelium can be lined by neutrophils (pavementation)
- Margination is the first step of leukocytes action during acute inflammation cells





# Steps involved in extravasation of leukocytes from the blood to the tissues

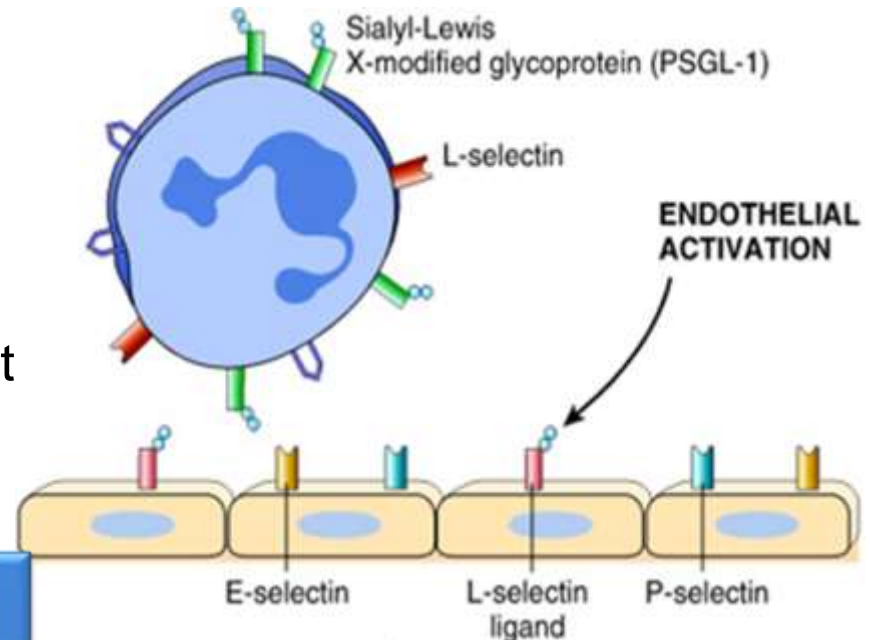


## 2. Know the steps at which selectins and integrins act.

# Adhesion Molecules and Receptors

**1. *Selectins*** (carbohydrate-binding adhesion molecules) 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



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

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

Selectin plays a major role for adhesion

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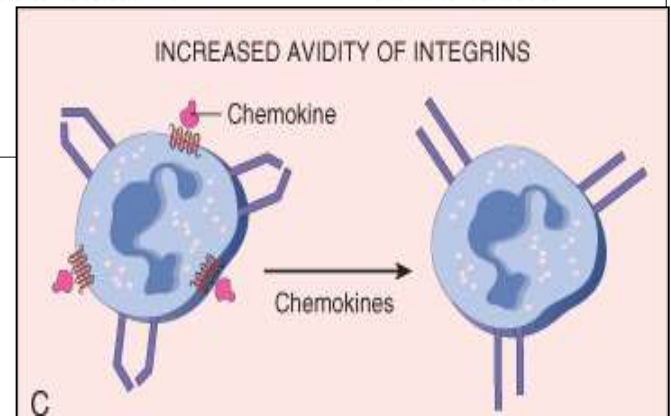
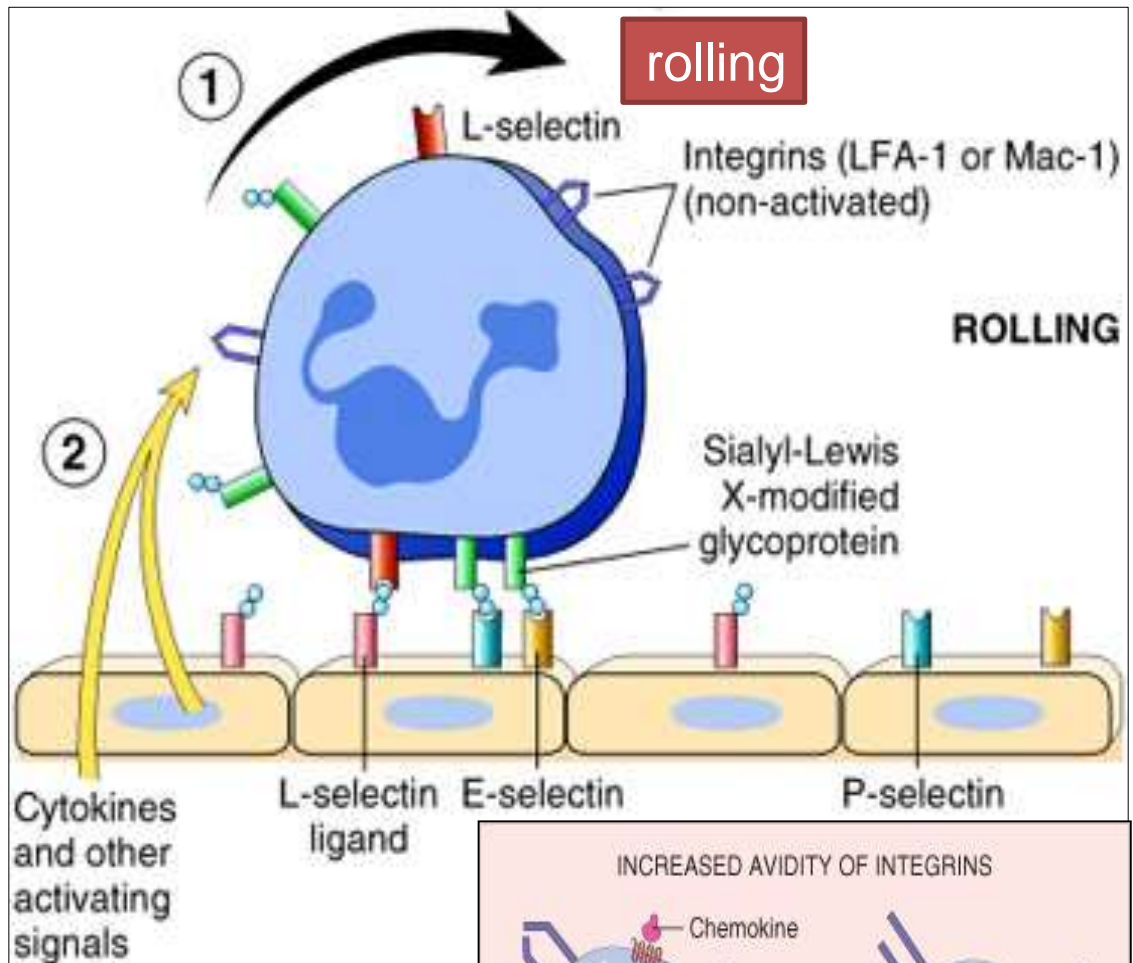
# Adhesion Molecules and Receptors

## 2. Integrins

An adhesion molecule which is seen mainly located on leukocytes and activated during acute inflammation

- made up of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  glycoproteins chains, expressed on leukocytes and bind to ligands on endothelial cells

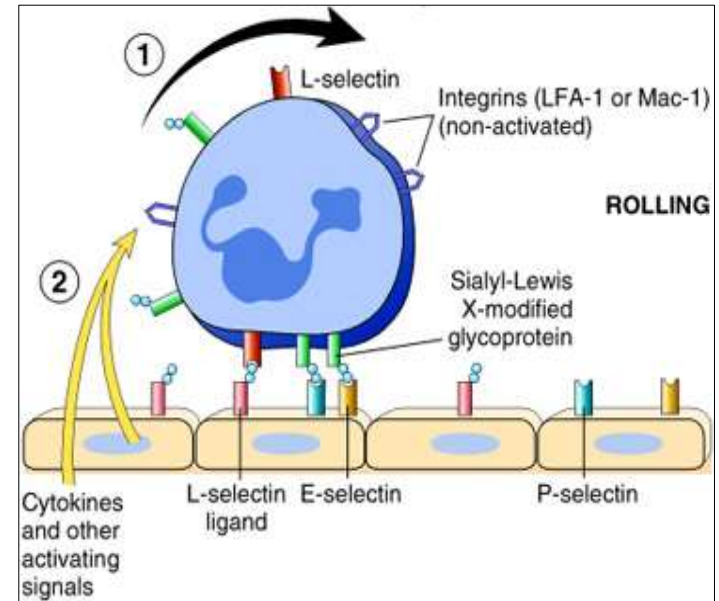
- Integrins are up regulated on leukocytes by **C5a & LTB4** resulting in firm adhesion with vessel wall



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# Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiency

- Two types:
  - LAD type 1 is a deficiency of  $\beta_2$ -**integrin**
  - LAD type 2 is mutations in fucosyl transferase required for synthesis of **sialylated oligosaccharide**
  - These normally binds selectins.



### 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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## Adhesion Molecules and Receptors

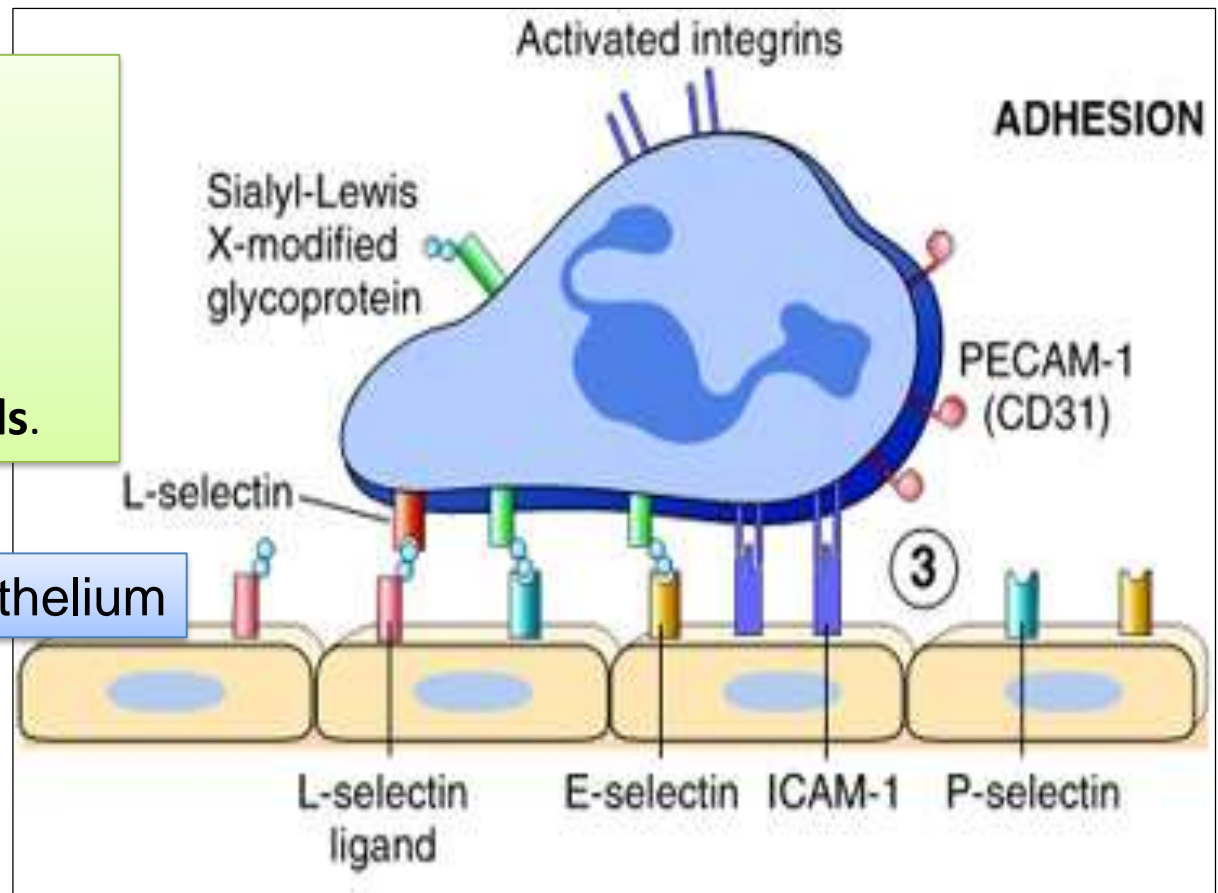
3. The *immunoglobulin family molecules* :

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



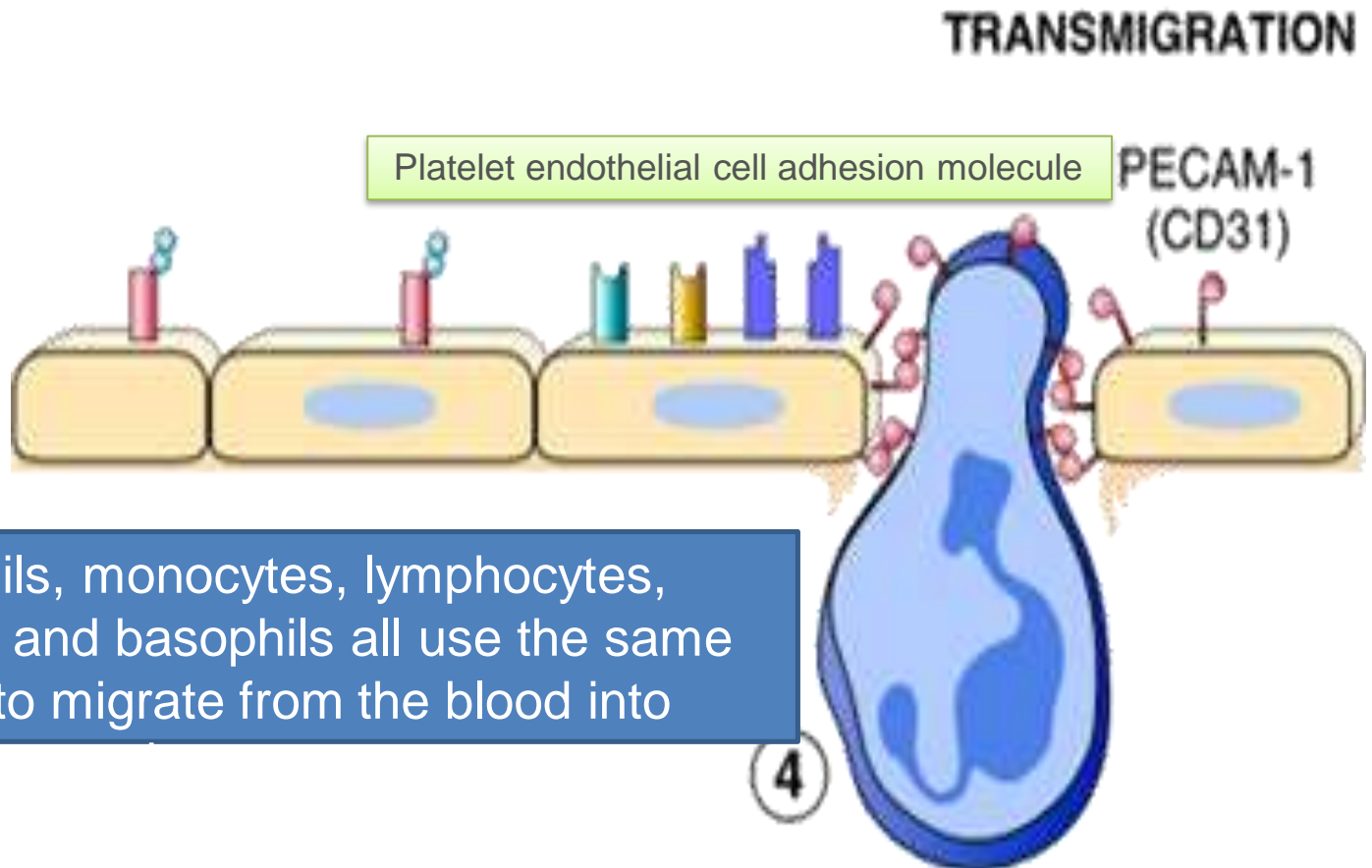
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# Adhesion Molecules and Receptors

## 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*

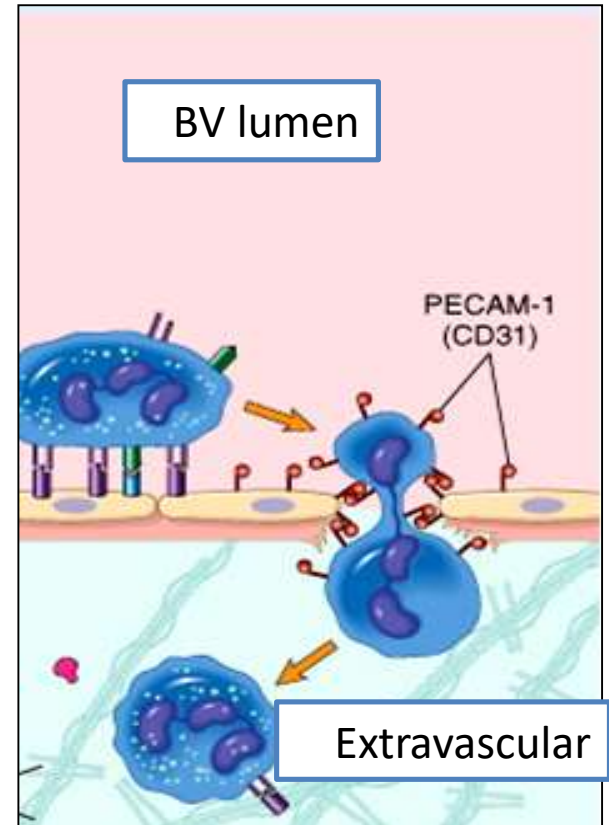
- Migration of the leukocytes through the endothelium is called:

***Transmigration***

or

***Diapedesis***

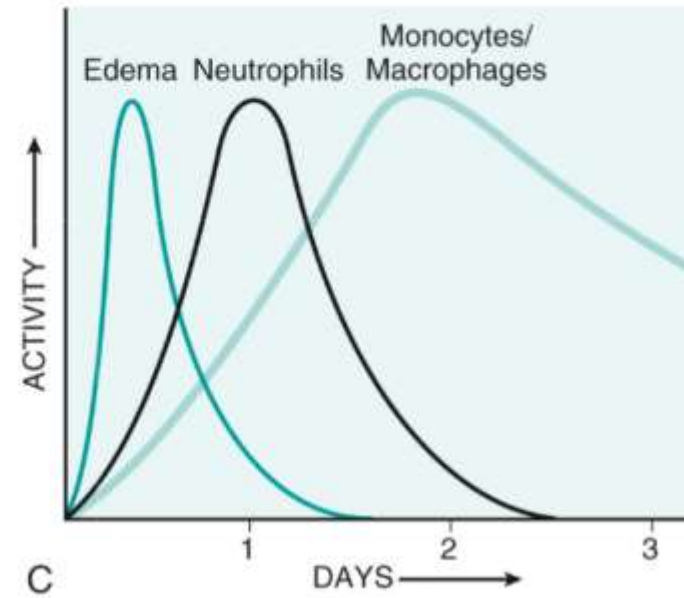
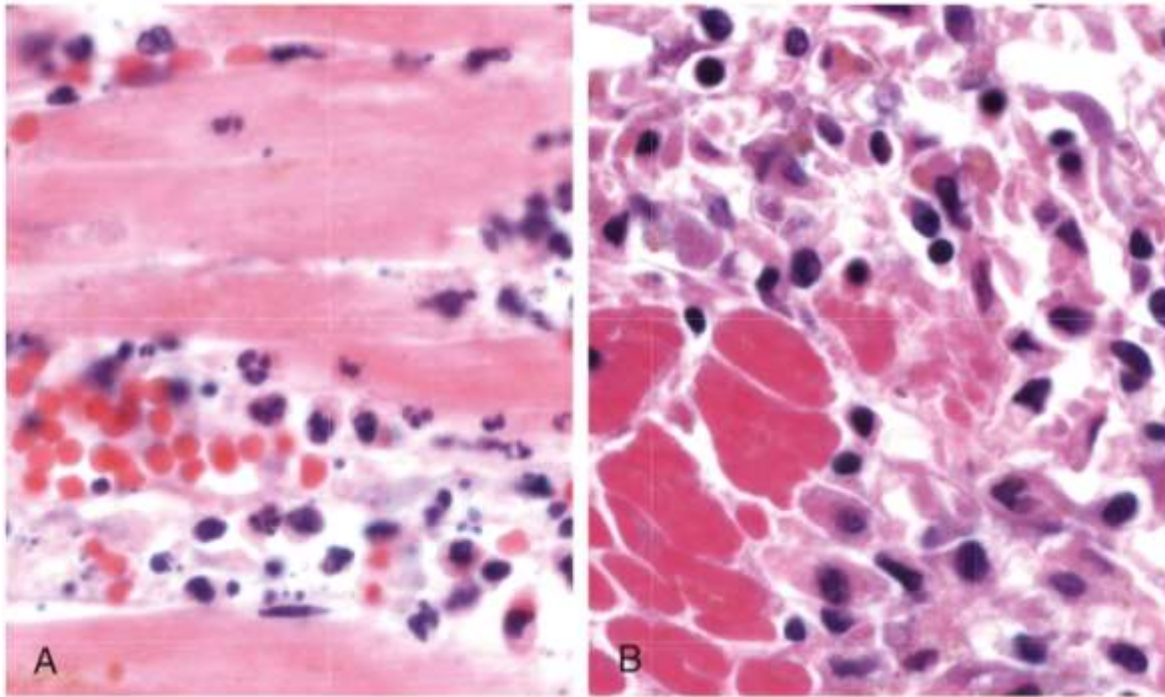
- Diapedesis occurs predominantly in the postcapillary venules



## *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

# Extravasation of leukocytes from the blood to the tissues



WHY?

## *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.

# Properties of Neutrophils and Macrophages

	<b>Neutrophils</b>	<b>Macrophages</b>
Origin	HSCs in bone marrow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HSCs in bone marrow (in inflammatory reactions)</li><li>• Many tissue-resident macrophages: stem cells in yolk sac or fetal liver (early in development)</li></ul>
Life span in tissues	1–2 days	Inflammatory macrophages: days or weeks Tissue-resident macrophages: years
Responses to activating stimuli	Rapid, short-lived, mostly degranulation and enzymatic activity	More prolonged, slower, often dependent on new gene transcription

*HSC*, Hematopoietic stem cells

## *Leukocyte Adhesion and Transmigration*

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



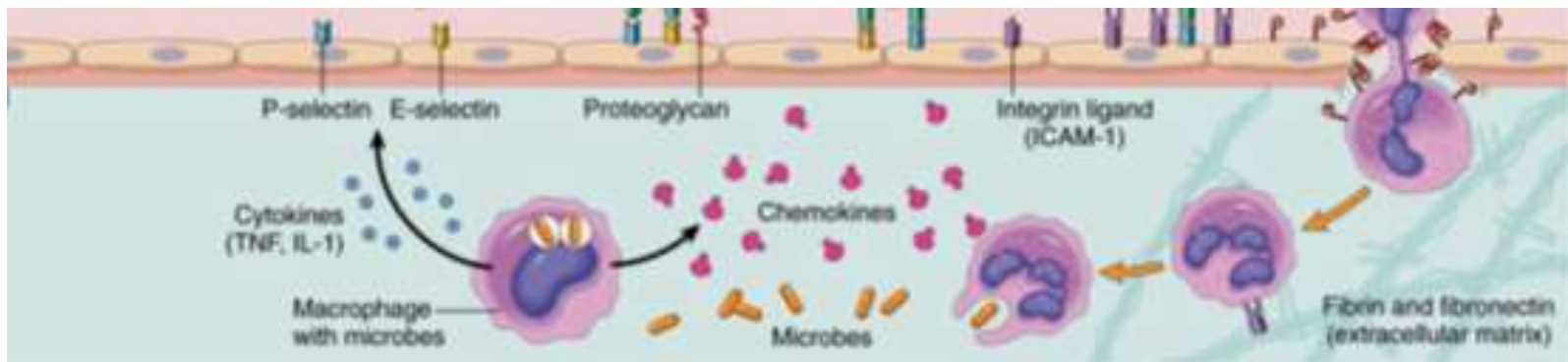
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# Chemotaxis

- 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

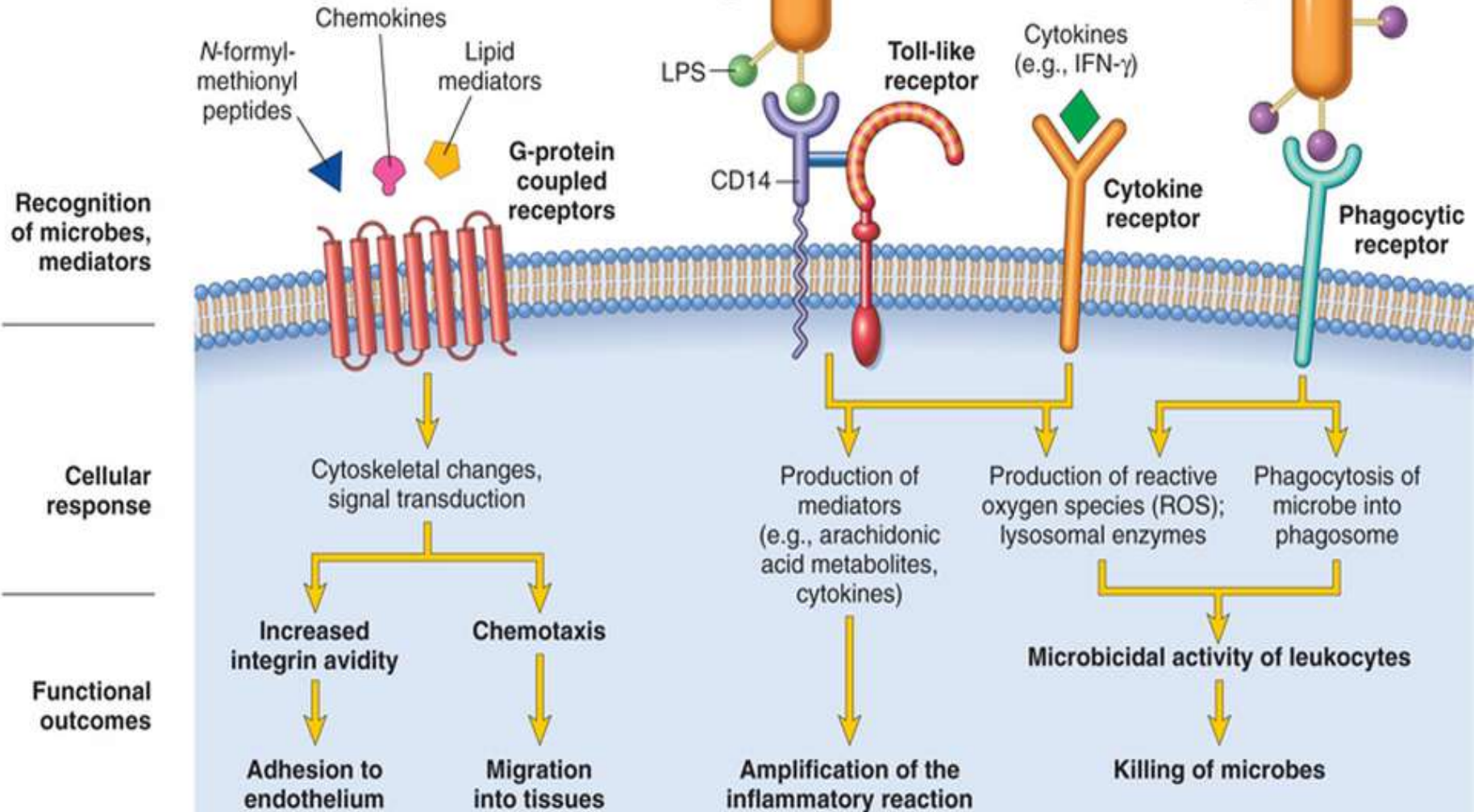
Neutrophils are attracted by bacterial products, IL-8, C5a & LTB4



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

# All these chemotactic agents bind to specific seven-transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors on the surface of leukocytes

- Increase in cytosolic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  &
- Activation of enzymes:
  - Protein kinase C and
  - Phospholipase A2



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## **Leukocyte Activation**

*Phagocytosis*

*Intracellular destruction*

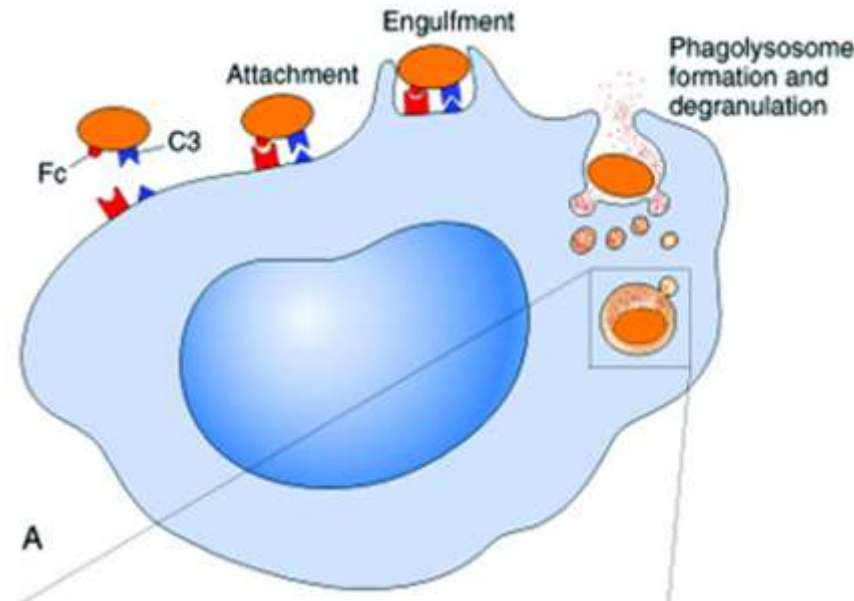
*Liberation of substances that destroy  
extracellular microbes and dead tissues*

*Production of mediators*

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# Phagocytosis

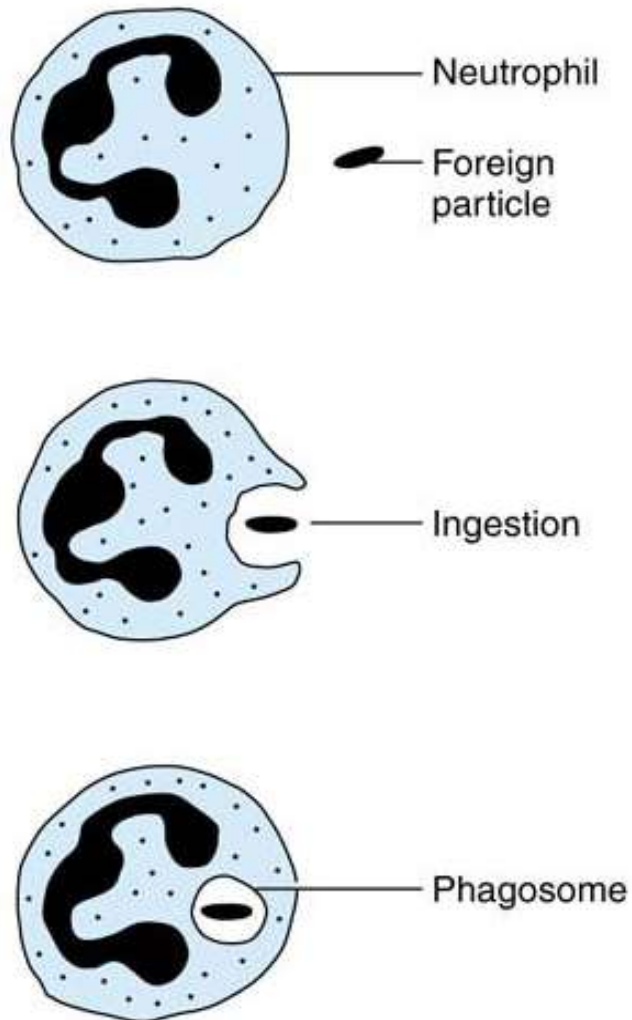
- Phagocytosis involves three distinct but interrelated steps
  - (1) *Recognition and Attachment* of the particle to be ingested by the leukocyte
  - (2) its *Engulfment*, with subsequent formation of a phagocytic vacuole
  - (3) *killing or Degradation* of the ingested material.



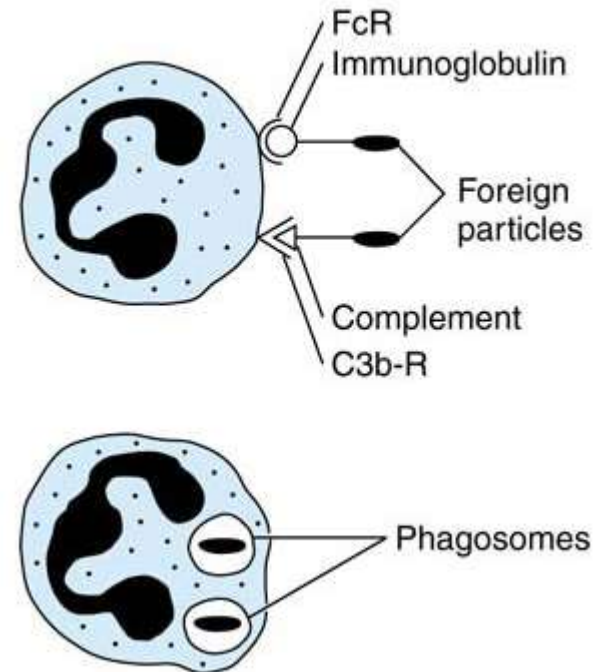
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## Phagocytosis by neutrophils

### Nonspecific phagocytosis



### Immune phagocytosis



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



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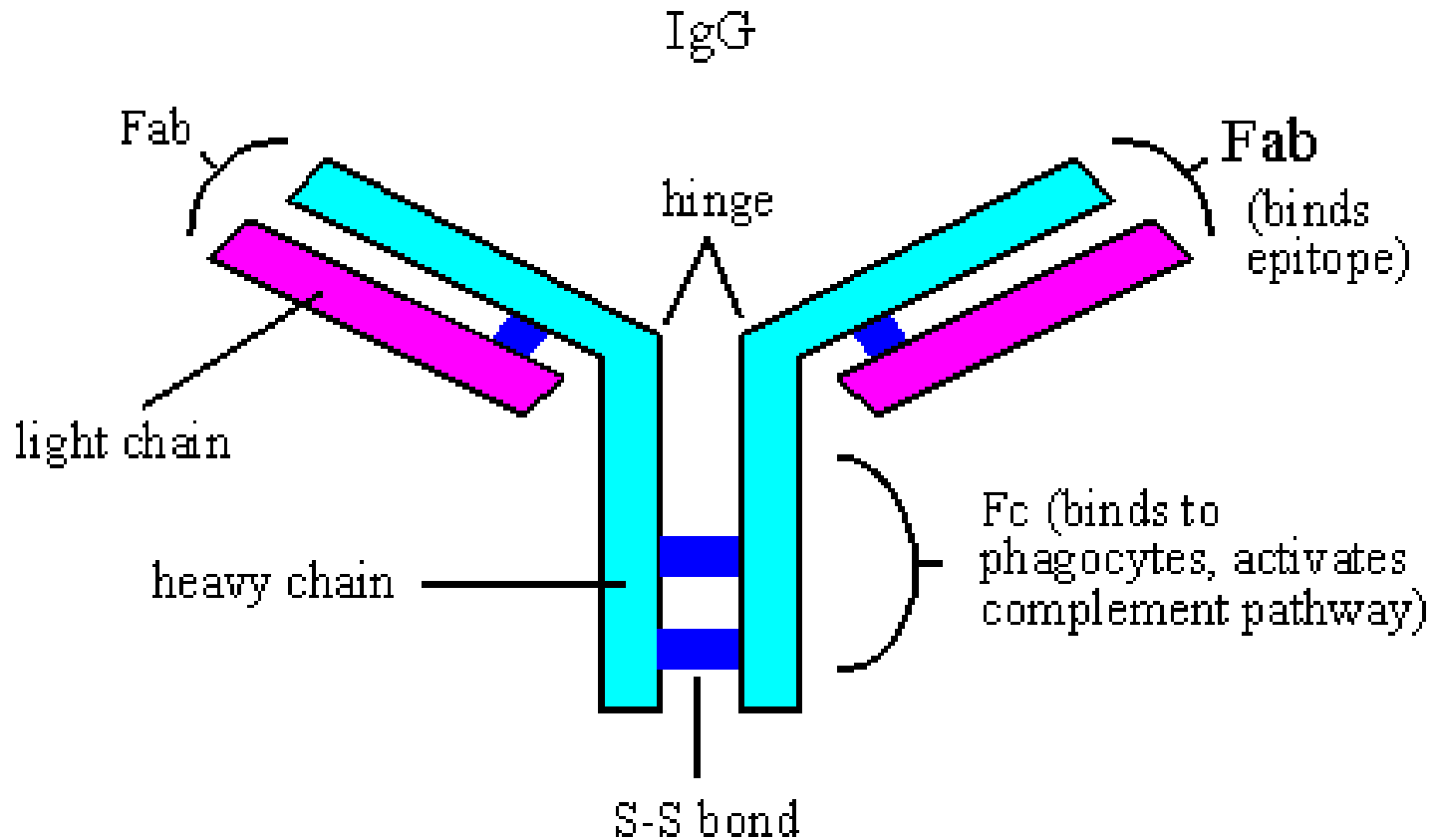
## Leukocyte activation

### (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 (**C3b**)
  - 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).



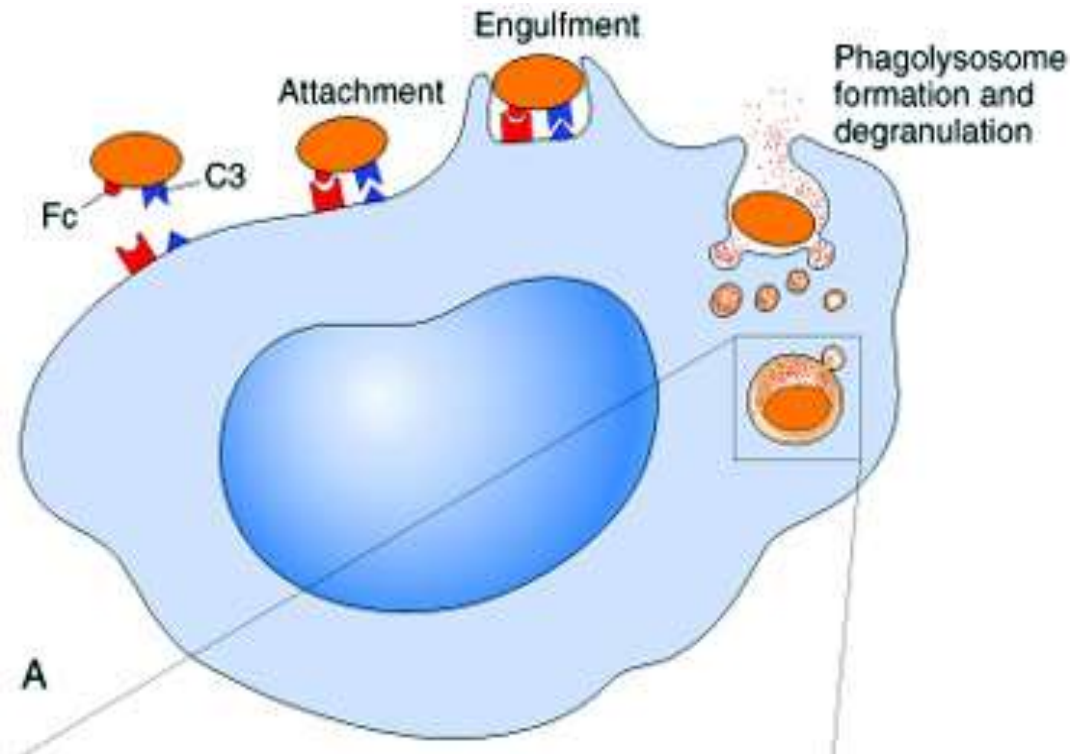
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## 2. Engulfment

- 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**

# *Defects in Leukocyte Function*

## **Chédiak-Higashi syndrome**

- Protein involved in organelle membrane fusion (no phagolysosomes)
  - Protein trafficking defect ( microtubule defect)
  - Autosomal recessive

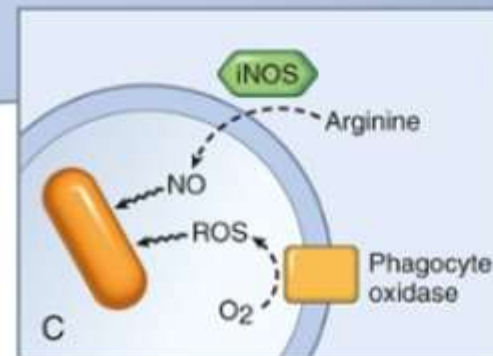
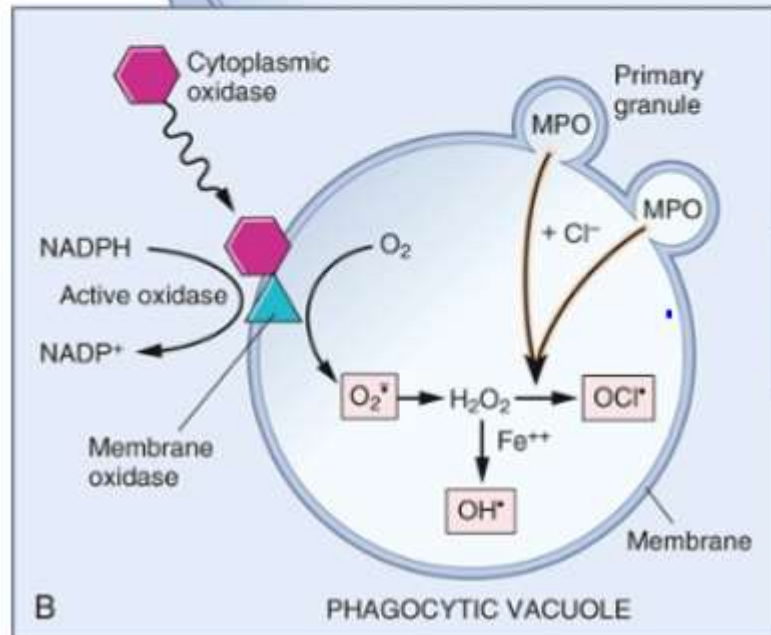
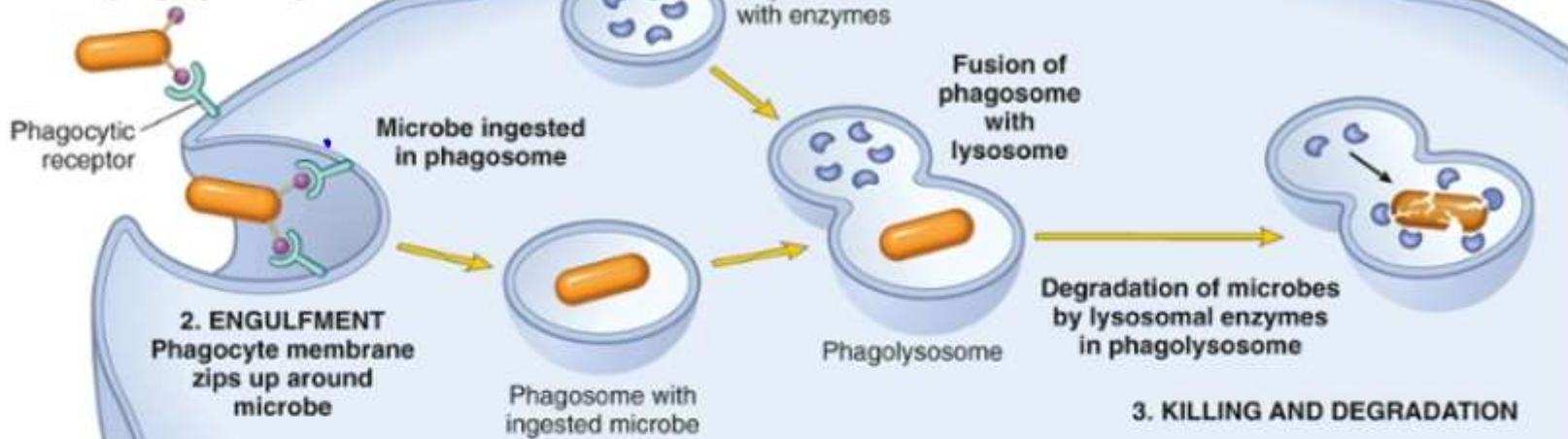
- Clinical feature:

- 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

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## A 1. RECOGNITION AND ATTACHMENT

Microbes bind to phagocyte receptors



# *Phagocytosis*

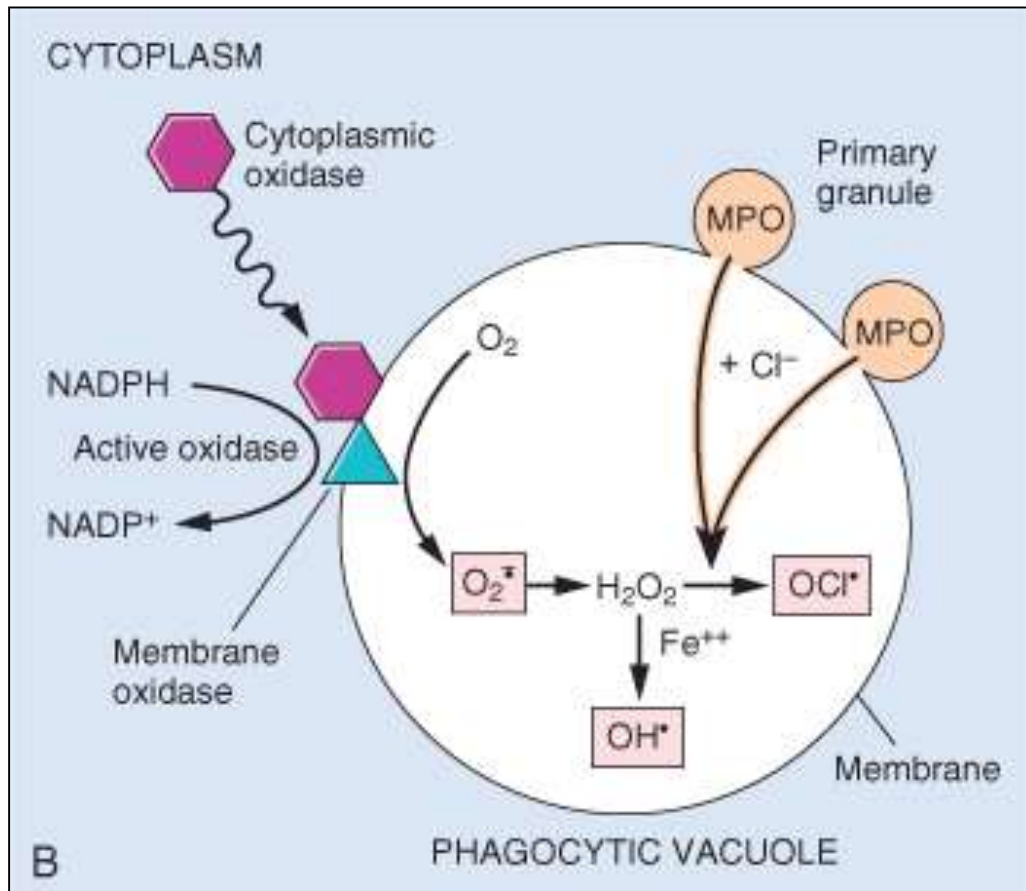
## **Killing and Degradation**

- 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*



**Chronic  
granulomatous  
disease**  
Decreased  
oxidative  
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# Oxygen-Dependent Mechanisms

## 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

- Infection and granuloma formation with catalase positive organisms e.g. *S aureus*, *Nocardia* and *Aspergillus*

## 2. Oxygen-independent mechanisms

- through the action of substances in leukocyte granules. These include:
  - ***Bactericidal permeability increasing protein (BPI)***
    - Can potentiate further inflammation by damaging tissues
    - These harmful proteases are controlled by a system of *anti-proteases* in the serum
  - ***Lysozyme***
  - ***Lactoferrin***
  - ***Major basic protein***
  - ***Defensins***
- Neutrophil granules contain other *enzymes*, such as elastase, that also contribute to microbial killing

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## ***Genetic***

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## *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

## *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

