

# CLASSIFICATION OF INFLAMMATION

## ■ I. Exudative inflammation :

- a. Serous inflammation
- b. Catarrhal inflammation
- c. Purulent (suppurative) inflammation
- d. Haemorrhagic inflammation

## 2. Alterative inflammation

- e. Fibrinous inflammation

## 3. Proliferative inflammation

❖ *Productive (Granulomatous) inflammation*

# a. Serous inflammation

## I. EXUDATIVE INFLAMMATION

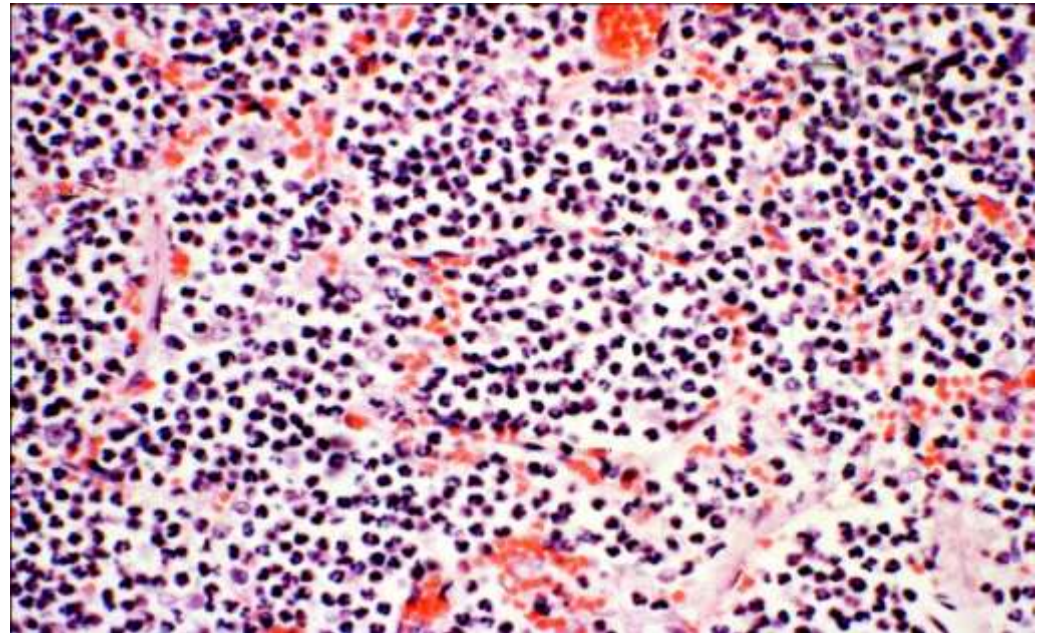
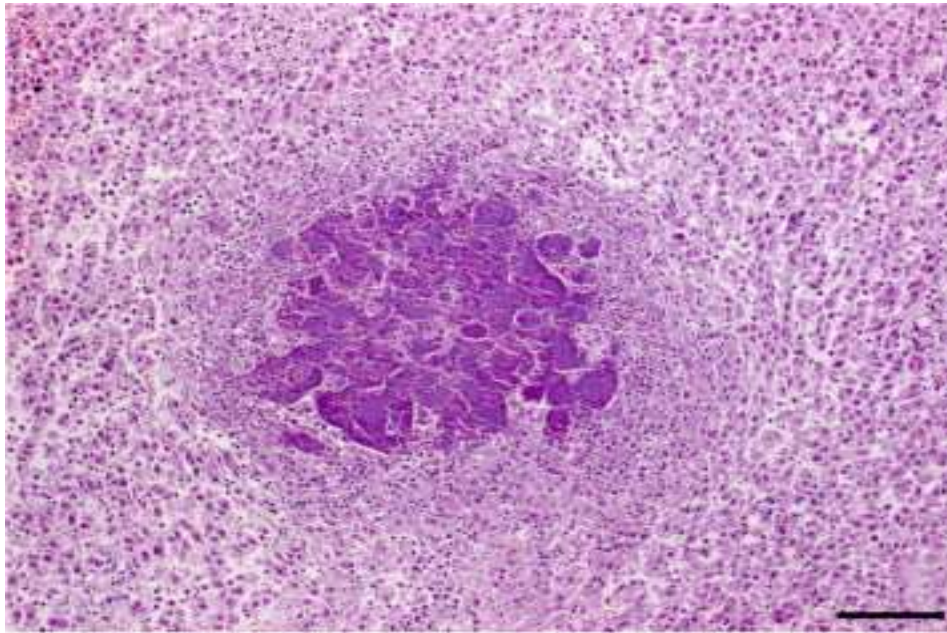
- Accumulation of fluid relatively rich in protein on body surfaces, especially serous surface, represents serous inflammation.
- Etiological factors:
  - Hypersensitivity reactions
  - Bacterial and viral tissue injury
  - Physical and chemical tissue injury
- Pus in the exudate → seropurulent inflammation
  - Mucus in the exudate → seromucous inflammation
  - Fibrin in the exudate → serofibrinous inflammation

## b. Catarrhal inflammation

- Exudative inflammation occurring on the **mucous membranes** of the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts and producing a watery exudate of serum and **mucus**.
- Etiological factors:
  - Bacteria and viruses
  - Chemical substances like phenol and cresol
- Grossly the surface appears **reddened** and **swollen** and may be covered with or contain, a clear to **slightly opaque, thick fluid**.
- Microscopically, the vessels of the Lamina propria and the submucosa are **hyperemic** and **desquamated epithelial cells** and **neutrophils** can be seen.

## c. Purulent inflammation

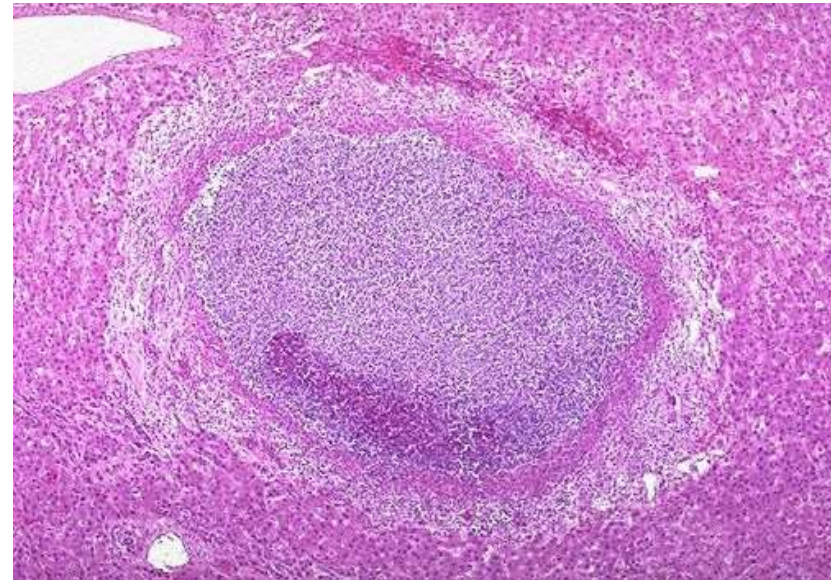
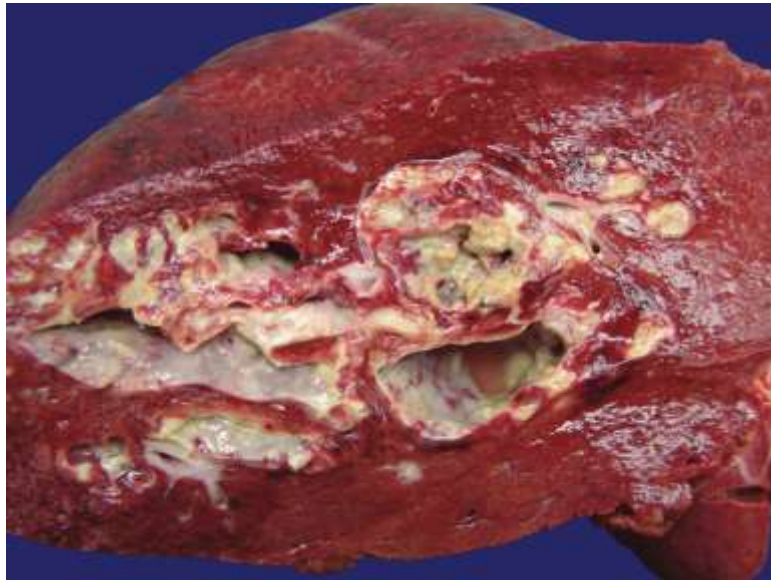
- Purulent inflammation is characterized by the production of pus.
- Pus is an exudate consisting of **neutrophils**, the liquefied **debris of necrotic cells**, and edema fluid.
- The predominant feature of the exudate is the formation of **pus**, a creamy liquid.
- Etiological factors:
  - Pyogenic bacteria: *Staphylococcus spp.*, *Streptococcus spp.*, *Escherichia coli*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, ....



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- **Pustule** : A small inflamed elevation of the skin that is filled with pus. Pustules are organized accumulations of neutrophils with or without serum within the stratum corneum.
  - **Fistula**: opening through the skin

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- **Abscess:** a circumscribed collection of pus.
  - **Pyogenic membrane:** the inner lining of an organising abscess, (in contact with the offending agent) “**produces pus**”.
  - **Pyemia:** Septicemia caused by pyogenic microorganisms in the blood, often resulting in the formation of multiple abscesses.
  - **Metastatic abscess:** a secondary abscess formed, at a distance from the primary focus, as a result of the transportation of pyogenic bacteria by the lymph or bloodstream.







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- **Folliculitis:** The purulent inflammation of the hair follicles of the skin.
  - **Furuncle:** The purulent inflammation of the hair follicles and the sebaceous glands of the skin.
  - **Acne:** Inflammation of the hair follicles and accompanying sebaceous glands of the skin and subcutaneous connective tissue.
  - **Carbuncle:** Carbuncles are clusters of furuncles connected subcutaneously.

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- **Phlegmon:** Diffuse suppurative inflammation that spreads primarily in loose fibrous connective tissue without sharp demarcation.
  - **Cellulitis:** Bacterial infection involving the inner layers of the skin. It specifically affects the dermis and subcutaneous fat.

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**Pyorrhea: (periodontitis)** The purulent inflammation of the tissues surrounding the teeth.

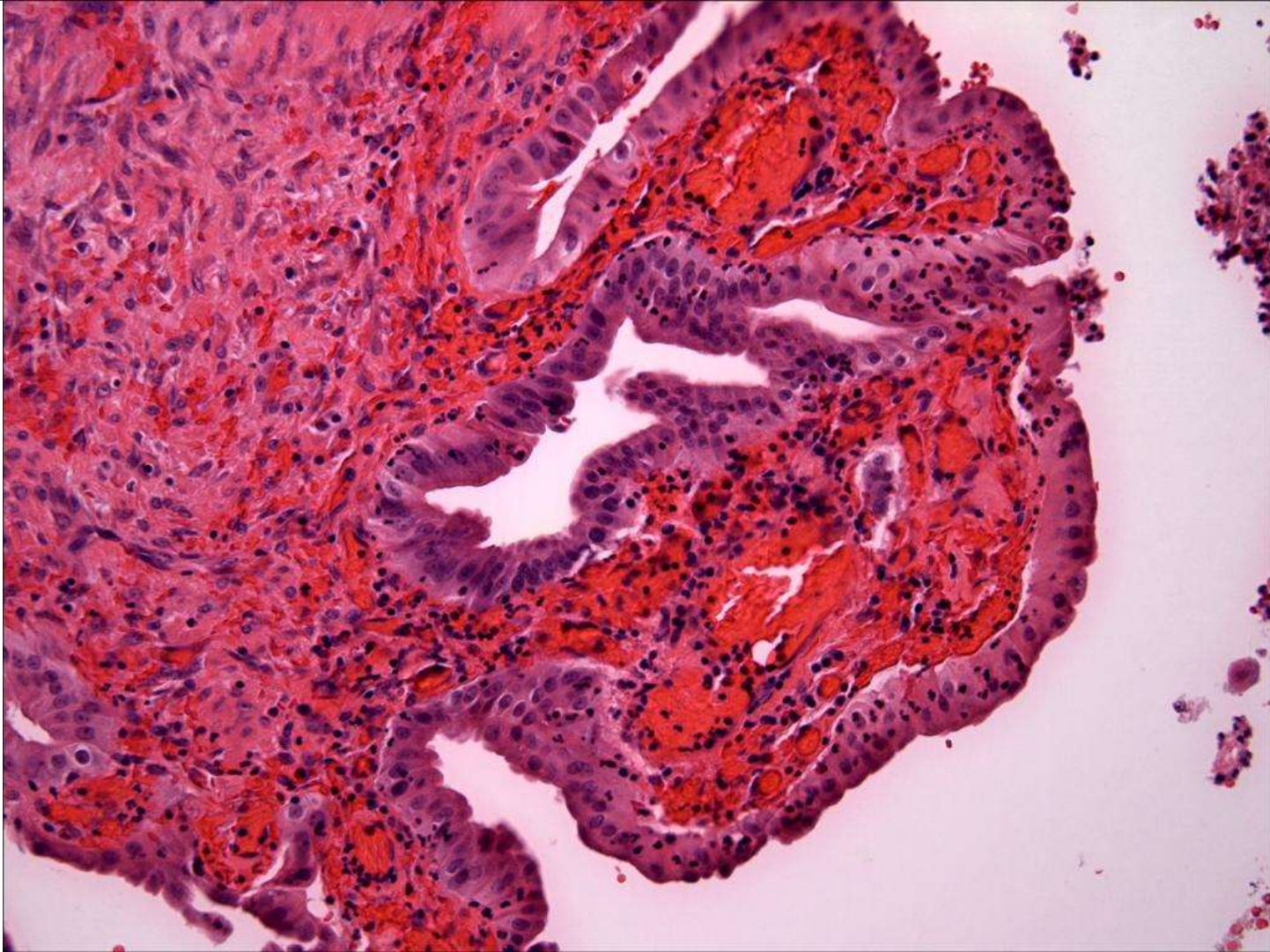
**Empyema:** Empyema is a condition in which pus from infected tissue collects in a body cavity. Empyema is most often used to refer to collections of pus in the space around the lungs (pleural cavity), but sometimes refers to similar collections in the gall bladder or the pelvic cavity.

## D. HAEMORRHAGIC INFLAMMATION

- Hemorrhagic inflammation is characterized by large numbers of **erythrocytes** in the exudate.
- Etiologic factors:
  - Microorganisms like *Bacillus anthracis*, hemolytic streptococci, clostridium species etc.
  - Viruses like **Infectious canine hepatitis** and **Infectious laryngotracheitis (ILT)**
  - Pathogenic *Leptospira interrogans* serovars
  - Some chemical substances that cause acute poisoning like phenol, arsenic and phosphorus, etc.
  - Some protozoa
- This type of inflammation arises quickly and is often fatal. There is massive damage to endothelium.
- The inflamed area is usually necrotic and filled with blood.



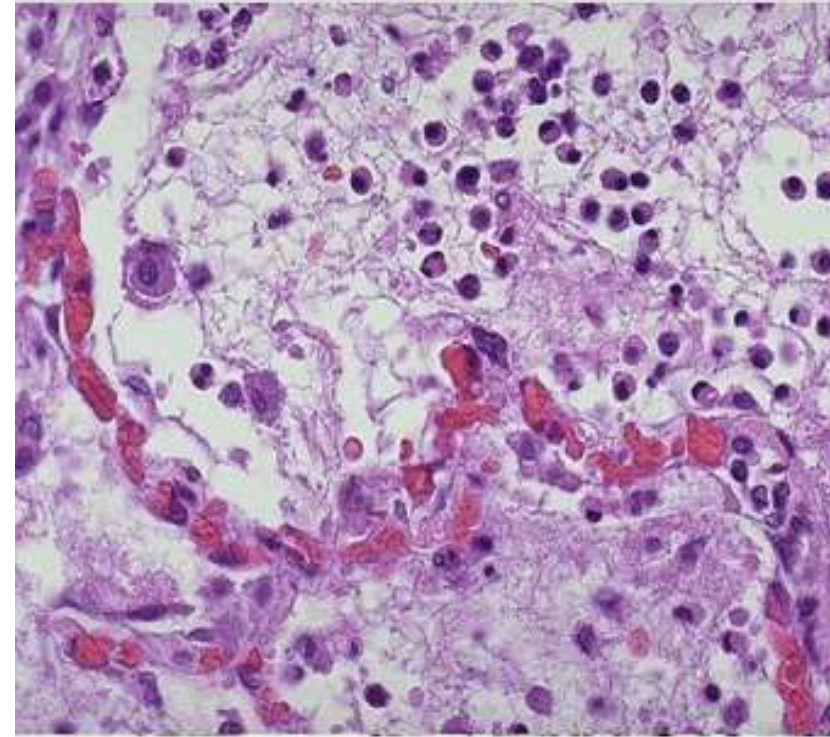
**Hemorrhagic pneumonia**





## E. FIBRINOUS INFLAMMATION

- Exudative inflammation with exudation of fibrinogen containing serum that **polymerizes to fibrin** outside the blood vessels.
- Fibrinous inflammation **occurs in more severe conditions.**
- A fibrinous exudate is characteristic of inflammation in the lining of body cavities, such as the meninges, pericardium, and pleura.



Fibrinous pleuropneumonia



## ***Pseudomembranous inflammation***

- In this type of inflammation, a membrane consisting of fibrin, neutrophil leucocytes and dead material forms especially in the oral mucosa, larynx, trachea and intestines.
- This membrane is called **pseudomembrane** and inflammation is called **pseudomembranous inflammation**.

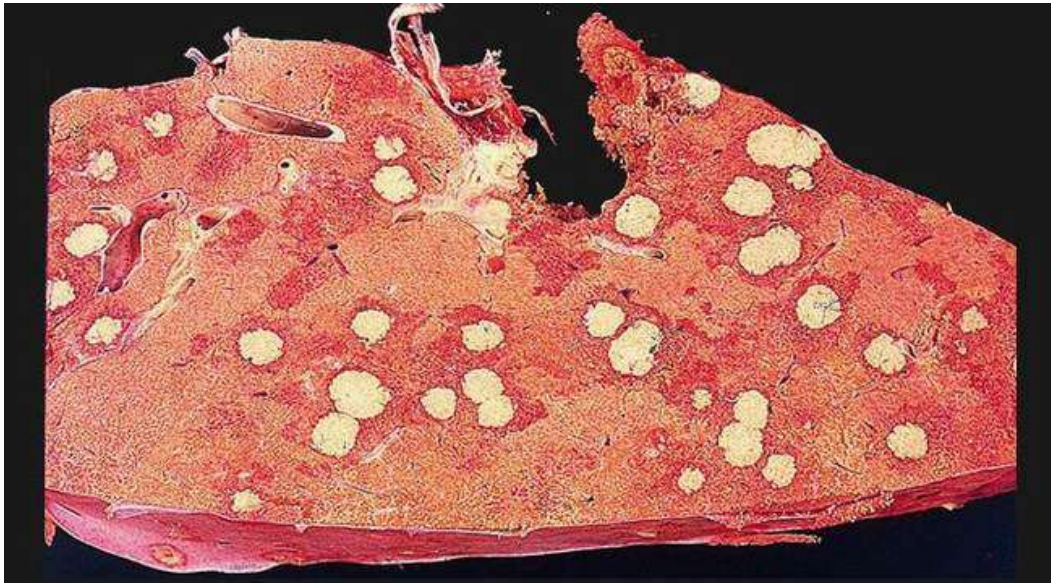
## *Diphtheroid inflammation*

- If there is extensive necrosis of underlying areas so that the fibrin is tightly adhered to the tissue and ***is harder to peel away***, it is called a ***diphtheritic membrane***.
- This term diphtheritic membrane came from human diphtheria, caused by *Corynebacterium diphtheria*.



## 2.ALTERATIVE INFLAMMATION

- Characterized largely by **necrosis** and **degeneration**.
- Inflammations characterized by tissue loss (alteration= tissue loss) are examined into two groups:
  - **Necrotic inflammation of epithelial surfaces:** (such as the trachea, intestine, nasal passages). Examples: necrobacillosis in cattle, Rinderpest, ecthyma disease
  - **Necrotic inflammation of organs:** characterized by the formation of necrosis in organs and, in some cases, the formation of caverns resulting of necrosis melting. Examples: necrobacillosis, pulmonary tuberculosis, Campylobacteriosis in sheep, etc.



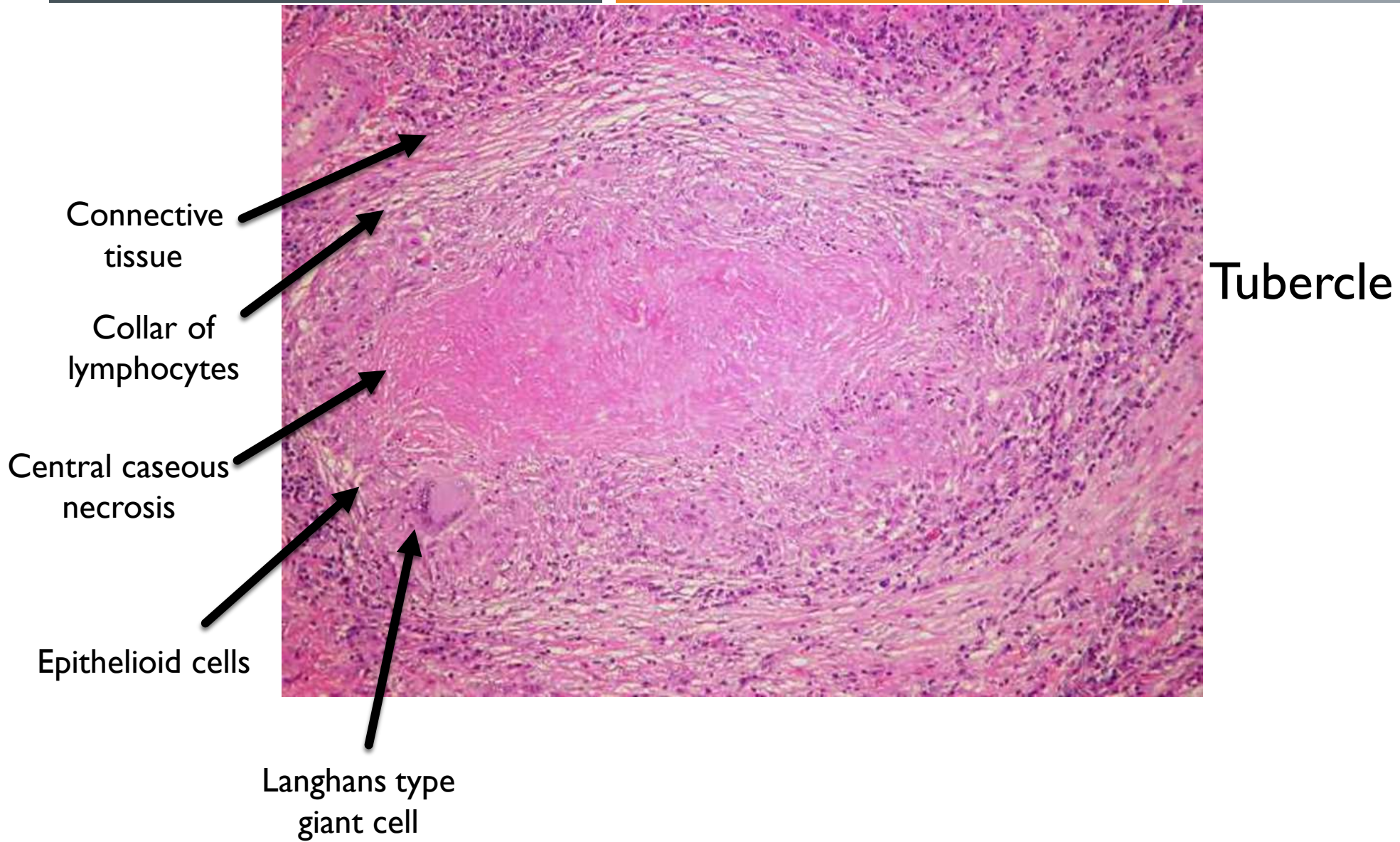


### 3. PROLIFERATIVE INFLAMMATION

- An inflammatory reaction in which the distinguishing feature is an actual **increase in the number of cells**.
- This is characterized by the formation of **granulation tissue**. In the inflammation area; capillaries, connective tissue cells, leukocytes, lymphocytes, plasma cells, histiocytes and giant cells are seen.
- It occurs in the last period of acute inflammation or it occurs when the pathogenicity of the disease agent is low. For example; **liver cirrhosis** etc.

# GRANULOMATOUS (PRODUCTIVE) INFLAMMATION

- Granulomatous inflammation is a **distinct type of proliferative inflammation**.
- It is marked by the formation of **granulomas**, which are small collections of modified macrophages called **epithelioid cells** and are usually surrounded by lymphocytes. Granulomas often contain **giant**, or Langhans, cells that form from the coalescence of epithelioid cells.
- Granulomas are seen in a wide variety of diseases, both **infectious** and **non-infectious**.
- Examples of infections characterized by granulomas include **tuberculosis, paratuberculosis, glanders, brucellosis,...**
- Examples of non-infectious agents causing granulomas formation are **cholesterine crystals, uric acid crystals, splinters of wood or iron, operation residues**.



# The nomenclature of inflammatory reactions

❖ Inflammation is expressed by using a prefix that refers to the organ and the **‘-itis’** suffix.

For example; if the kidney is inflamed, the prefix “nephro-” is combined with the suffix “itis” to form the word “**nephritis**”.

“nephro-” // “itis” -----“**nephritis**”

Exceptions : typhlitis, proctitis, etc...

| Table 3-6 The Nomenclature of a Morphologic Diagnosis |                |                            |               |                     |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Degree                                                | Duration       | Distribution               | Exudate       | Modifier            | Tissue    |
| Minimal                                               | Acute          | Focal                      | Serous        | Necrotizing         | Nephritis |
| Mild                                                  | Subacute       | Multifocal                 | Catarrhal     | Bronchointerstitial | Cystitis  |
| Moderate                                              | Chronic        | Locally extensive          | Fibrinous     | Hemorrhagic         | Enteritis |
| Marked (severe)                                       | Chronic-active | Diffuse (interstitial)     | Suppurative   | Embolic             | Pneumonia |
|                                                       |                | Cranioventral <sup>†</sup> | Granulomatous |                     | Hepatitis |

# Classification of inflammation

## according to the duration

❑ **Acute inflammation** – has a short duration, ranging from a few hours to a few days.

**Vascular and exudative processes predominate.**

Marked clinically by the signs of heat, redness, swelling, pain, and loss of function.

**Neutrophils are often predominant**, lymphocytes may be present.

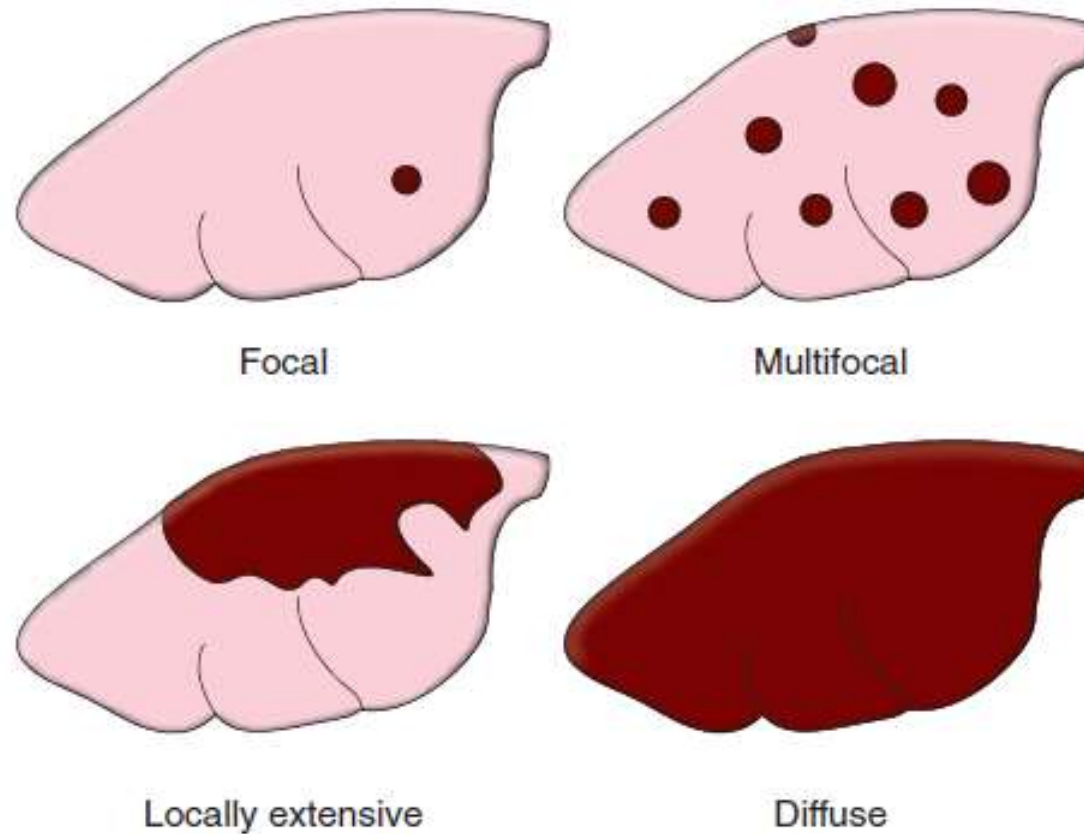
❑ **Chronic inflammation** –inflammation of prolonged duration, usually weeks to months and even years.

The response is **characterized predominantly by lymphocytes and macrophages, tissue necrosis, and accompanied by tissue repair, such as healing, fibrosis, and granulation tissue** formation, all of which may occur simultaneously.

❑ **Subacute inflammation** – a condition intermediate between chronic and acute inflammation.



# Distribution of inflammatory lesions



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# SPREADING OF INFLAMMATION

1. Local inflammation: limited in one region.
2. Metastatic inflammation: Spread to other tissues.
  - Intracanalicular path; Bronchitis,..
  - Hematogenous route
  - Lymphogen way
  - Neurogen; rabies,..
3. Inflammation following immunological reaction: Antigen-antibody complexes, immune complex glomerulonephritis, ..

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## Classification of inflammation according to the result

If hyperplasia occurs; ***hyperplastic*** inflammation

If hypertrophy occurs; ***hypertrophic*** inflammation

If fibrous connective tissue is produced; ***fibrous*** inflammation

If atrophy occurs; ***atrophic*** inflammation

If the lumen is obstructed; ***obliterative*** inflammation

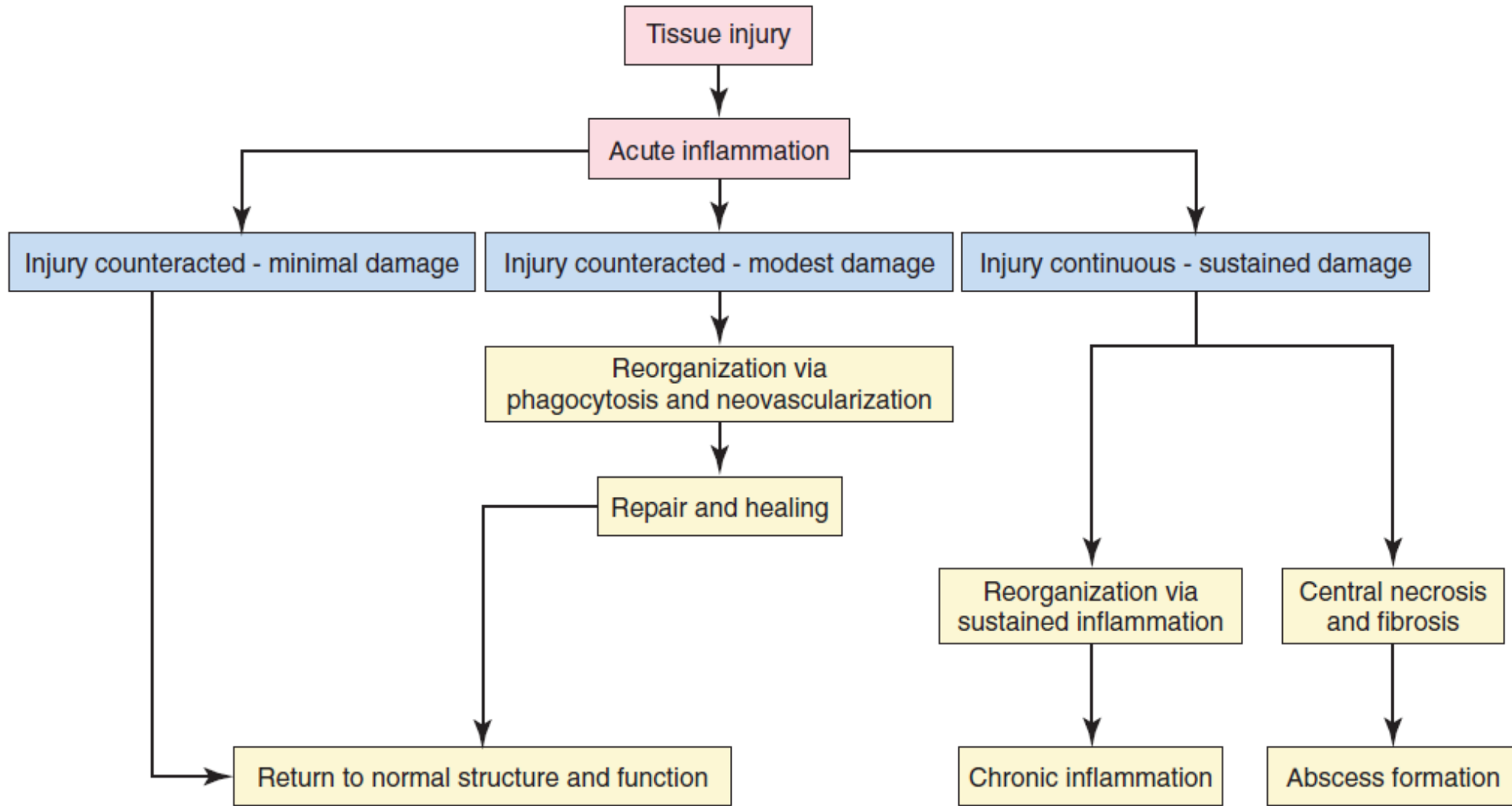
If adhesion occurs; ***adhesive*** inflammation

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# Outcomes of the Acute Inflammatory Response

The four main outcomes of acute inflammation are as follows:

- ✓ Resolution (the return to normal structure and function)
- ✓ Healing by fibrosis and regeneration
- ✓ Abscess formation
- ✓ Spread of inflammation
- ✓ Progression to chronic inflammation
- ✓ Death



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# HEALING OF INJURED TISSUES

The “healing” responses of affected tissues include

- 1) Healing by **regeneration**
- 2) Healing by **fibrosis** (reparation)
- 3) Healing by **sequestration** (organization)

# HEALING BY REGENERATION

- Healing by regeneration is in the replacement of dead or damaged cells by new, healthy cells of the **same functional morphological and structural characteristics.**
- Regeneration requires :
  1. An intact connective tissue framework
  2. Enough cells to regenerate
  3. Labile or stable parenchymal cellular elements



**There are three cell types based on ability to regenerate:**

**Permanent cells:** (almost never divide). Cells in which regenerative attempts are generally absent or limited. Example; neuron and cardiac muscle cells.

**Stable cells :** (will divide if stimulated). Cells with a capacity for rapid division and cell proliferation in response to stimuli or insults. Example; fibroblasts, osteoblasts, parenchyma of liver, kidney, ....

**Labile cells :** (multiply through life). Cells that under normal physiological conditions continually multiply at a rapid rate. Example; epithelial cells of surfaces or linings of ducts, lymphoid and hematopoietic cells .

# REGENERATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

- ✓ Surface epithelia, such as the stratified squamous surfaces of the skin, oral cavity, vagina, and cervix;
- ✓ Cuboidal epithelia of the ducts draining exocrine organs (e.g., salivary glands, pancreas, biliary tract);
- ✓ Columnar epithelium of the gastrointestinal tract, uterus, and fallopian tubes
- ✓ Transitional epithelium of the urinary tract.
- Liver: If basal membrane of hepatocytes and nutrient vessels are intact, regeneration occurs.

# REGENERATION OF CONNECTIVE TISSUE

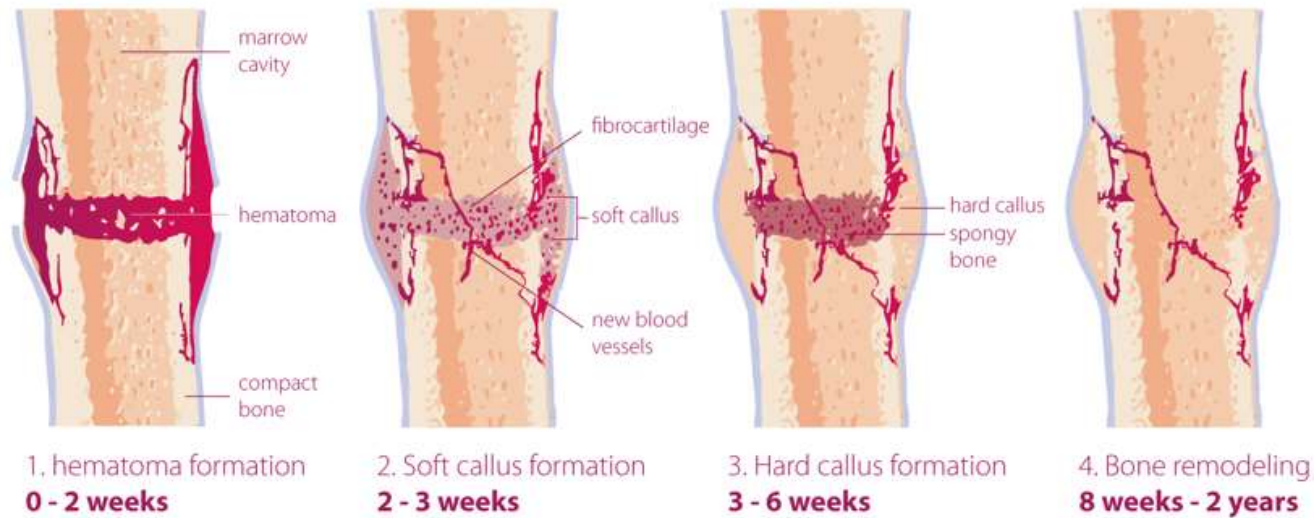
- The highest tissue in regenerating ability.
- Fibrosis

# REGENERATION OF CARTILAGE TISSUE

- Cartilage tissue regenerates if perichondrium is intact.
- Chondroblasts and hyalinous material form the encapsulated cartilage cells from the perichondrium.

# REGENERATION OF BONE TISSUE

- The regeneration ability is high.



fracture healing

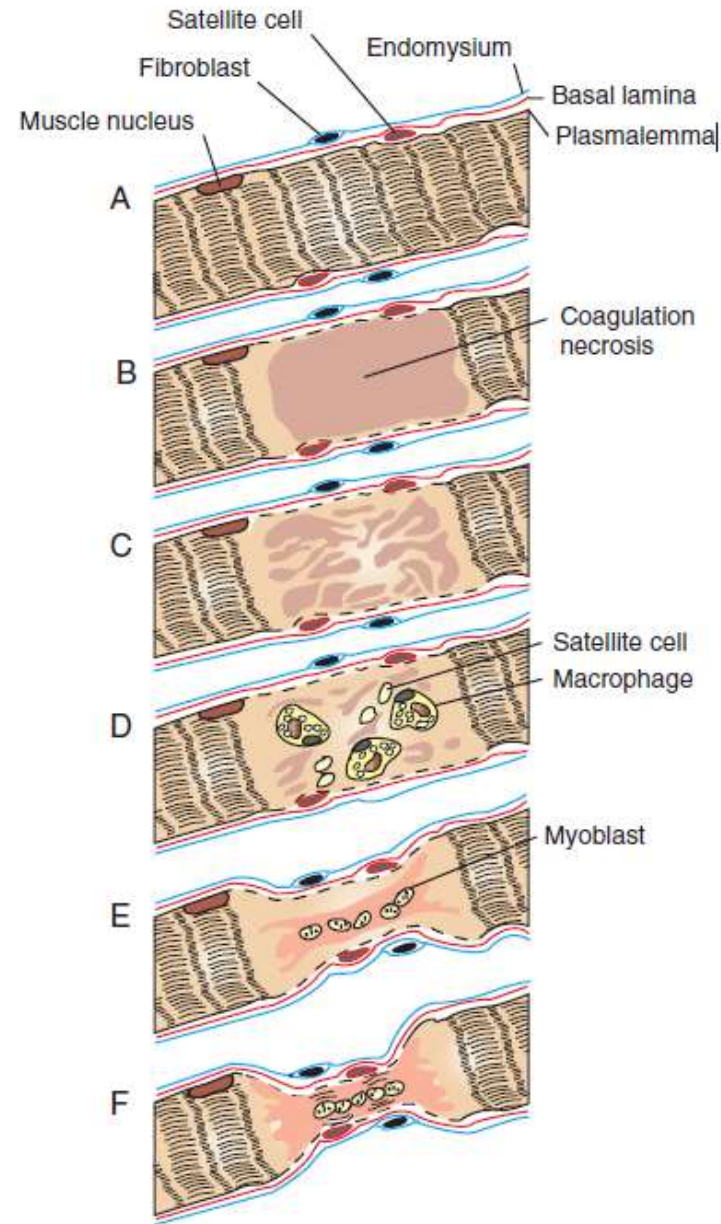


# REGENERATION OF MUSCLE TISSUE

- Cardiac muscle cells **X**
- Satellite cells → regenerative capacity for skeletal muscle tissue.



# Skeletal muscle regeneration





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- The regeneration ability is high in hematopoietic organs, blood and lymph vessels.

## REGENERATION OF NERVOUS SYSTEM

- **Central Nervous System:**
- Neurons do not have regeneration ability.
- The neurons are replaced by glia cells with a very high ability to proliferate and finally, a neuroglial tissue takes place.
- Astrocytes play a role as fibroblasts.

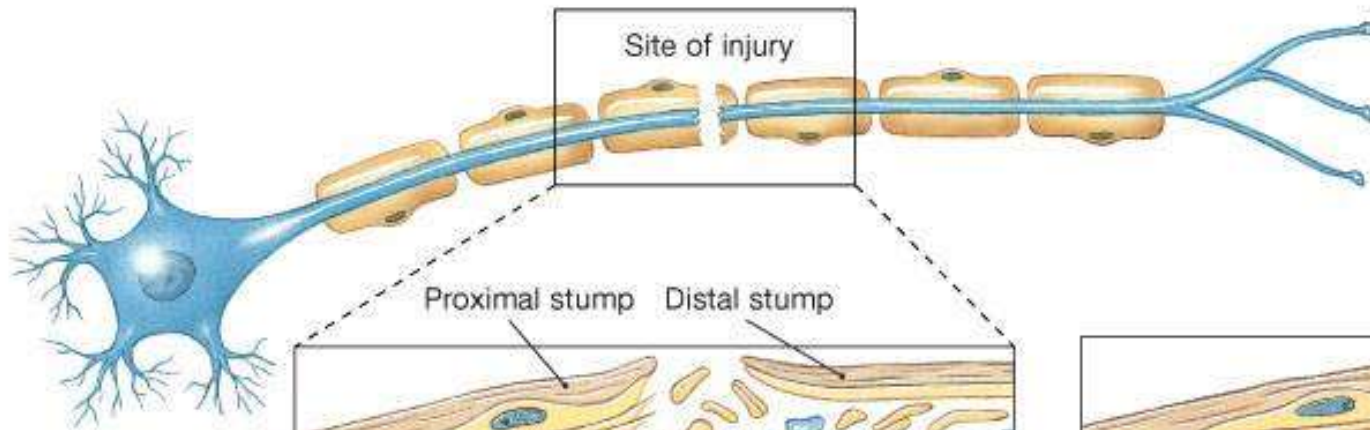
## REGENERATION OF NERVOUS SYSTEM

- **Peripheral nervous system:**
- If the distance of injury ends are close to each other, regeneration can occur.
- After mechanical injury in a peripheral nerve, the axon and myelin of the distal ends begins to degenerate along its length.
- **Wallerian degeneration** denotes the changes that follow acute focal injury to a myelinated axon.

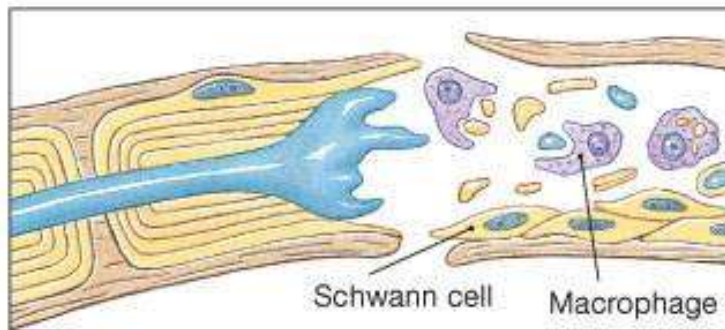
# WALLERIAN DEGENERATION

- ❑ First, Focal eosinophilic swellings occur, often containing accumulations of degenerate organelles, and then fragmentation happens.
- ❑ The myelin itself condenses into aggregates and fragments and, together with remaining axonal debris, becomes the target of invading macrophages.
- ❑ Some of the myelin debris is phagocytosed by Schwann cells themselves, and they begin to proliferate. As the debris is cleared away, proliferating Schwann cells form bands along the myelinated axons.

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- ❑ Similar Wallerian changes occur at the opposite end of injured axon. If conditions are favorable at the site of injury, sprouts from the axonal stump will reach to their correct destinations along the Schwann cell bands .
  - ❑ Finally, a new axon arise and is remyelinated by Schwann cells.

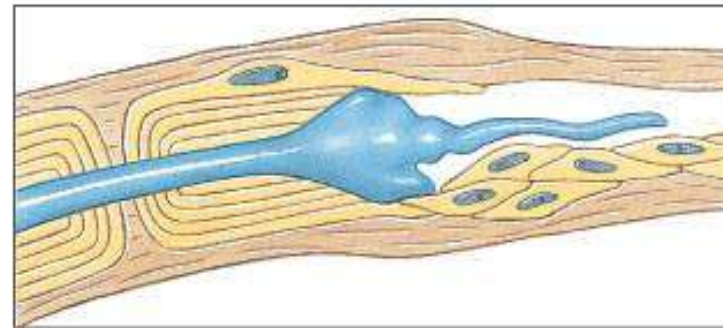


**STEP 1:**  
Fragmentation of axon and myelin occurs in distal stump.

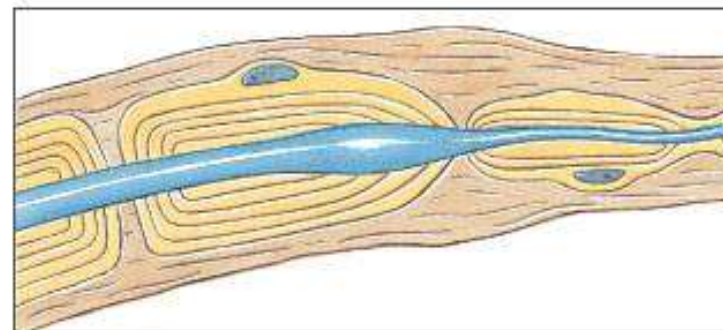


**STEP 2:**  
Schwann cells form cord, grow into cut, and unite stumps.  
Macrophages engulf degenerated axon and myelin.

To Step 3



**STEP 3:**  
Axon sends buds into network of Schwann cells and then starts growing along cord of Schwann cells.



**STEP 4:**  
Axon continues to grow into distal stump and is enfolded by Schwann cells.

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- If the injury ends are not close to each other, WHAT HAPPENS?
  - Axonal regeneration do not occur;
  - Schwann cell bands persist, and endoneurial fibrosis usually develops. Abortive regeneration can lead to a tangled clump of neurites, Schwann cells, and fibrocytes at the injury site.
  - It is called Amputation neuroma or Traumatic neuroma.



## HEALING BY FIBROSIS

- ❑ Parenchyma cells of injured tissue are **replaced** by stromal elements (**connective tissue cells**)
- ❑ Necrotic tissue and the acute inflammatory exudate are **removed** by **macrophages** (phagocytosis by cells of the monocyte-macrophage system), and the space is filled with **fibrovascular tissue**.
- ❑ Endothelial cells give rise to **new blood vessels**.

These blood vessels establish blood circulation in the healing area, and fibroblasts produce collagen that imparts mechanical strength to the growing tissue.

Eventually a scar consisting of densely packed collagen is formed.

# WOUND HEALING

## ✓ Clot

- Bleeding from the edges of the wound

## ✓ Acute inflammation

- Exudation, fibrin and leukocyte increase. Drying of exudate and crust formation.

## ✓ Granulation tissue formation

- Surrounding fibroblast and capillary vessel increase and granulation tissue formation.

## ✓ Epithelial regeneration

- Epithelial proliferation from the edges of the wound and covering the surface.

## ✓ Scar formation

- Reduction of the veins and cells in the granulation tissue and the increase of collagen fibers (scar tissue)

## HEALING BY SEQUESTRATION (ORGANIZATION)

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# TRANSPLANTATION

- Transplantation is the transfer (engraftment) of cells, tissues or organs from a donor to a recipient with the aim of restoring function(s) in the body.
- **Autotransplantation (Autograft)**
- **Allotransplantation (Allograft)**
- **Syngenic transplantation (Isograft)**
- **Xenotransplantation (Xenograft)**

# AUTOTRANSPLANTATION

- **Autotransplantation** is the transplantation of organs, tissues, or even particular proteins from one part of the body to another **in the same person**.

# ALLOTRANSPLANTATION

- **Allotransplantation** is the transplantation between **individuals of the same species**. Example; human to human or animal to animal.



# SYNGENEIC TRANSPLANTATION

- **Syngeneic transplantation** is the transplantation between two **genetically identical individuals of the same species**.
- Example; monozygotic or identical twins.

# XENOTRANSPLANTATION

- **Xenotransplantation** is the transplantation of living cells, tissues or organs from **one species to another**.
- Example; from human to animal (chimpanzee-to-human kidney transplantations,...)