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# BLOOD AND ITS COMPOSITION

A 3D illustration of a blood vessel, likely an artery, shown in a cross-section. The vessel is filled with a thick flow of red blood cells, which are depicted as biconcave discs. Several white blood cells, which are larger and more irregularly shaped, are also visible among the red cells. The background is a soft, reddish glow, suggesting the internal environment of the vessel.

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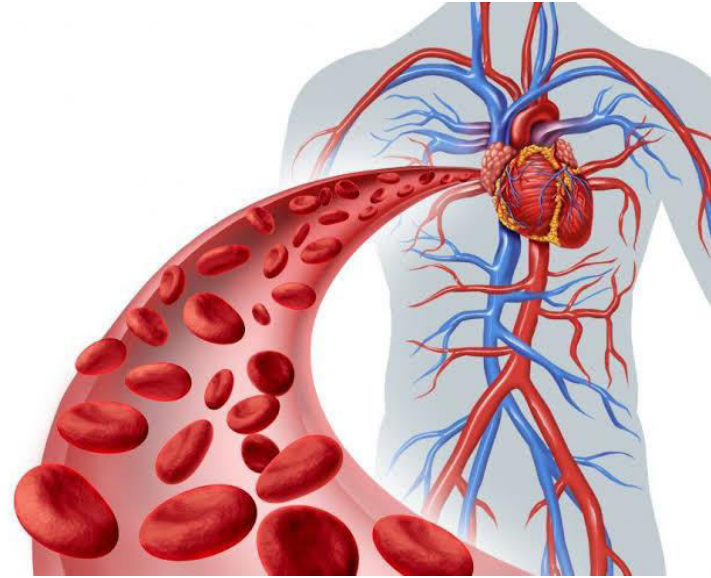
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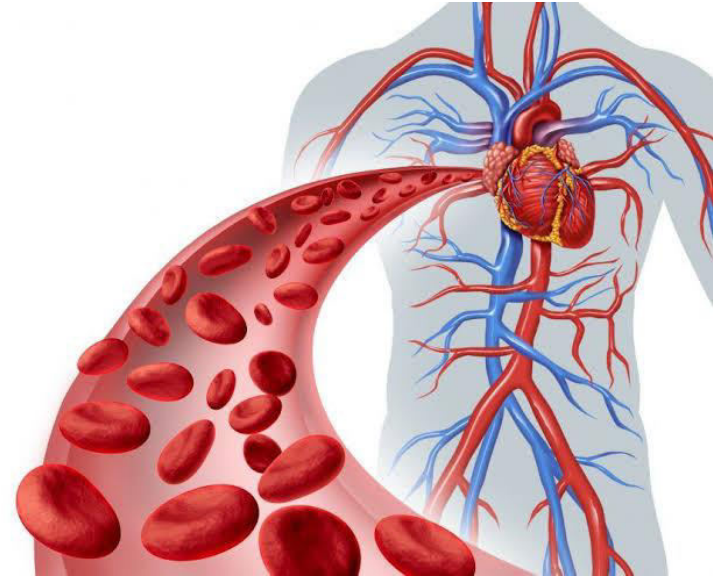
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# BLOOD

- Blood is **fluid connective tissue**. It is considered as **fluid of life** because it carries oxygen from lungs to all parts of the body and carbon dioxide from all parts of the body to the lungs.
- It is known as **fluid of growth** because it carries nutritive substances from the digestive system and hormones from endocrine glands to all the tissues.
- The blood is also called the **fluid of health** because it protects the body against diseases and gets rid of waste products and unwanted substances by transporting them to the excretory organs like the kidney.



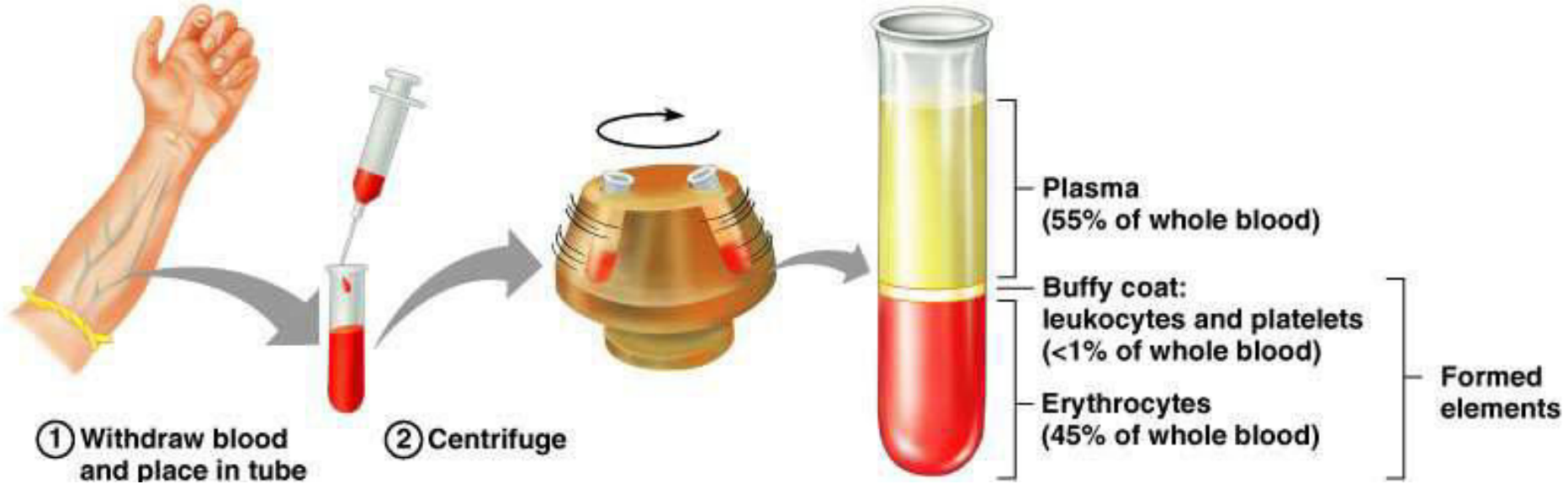
- Color: Scarlet red and Purple red
- Volume: In new born-450 ml
- Normal healthy adult-5-6 L
- pH: Slightly alkaline 7.35-7.45
- Viscosity: 5 times more than water, it is mainly due to red blood cells and plasma protein
- 8% of total body weight
- Study of blood is called haematology



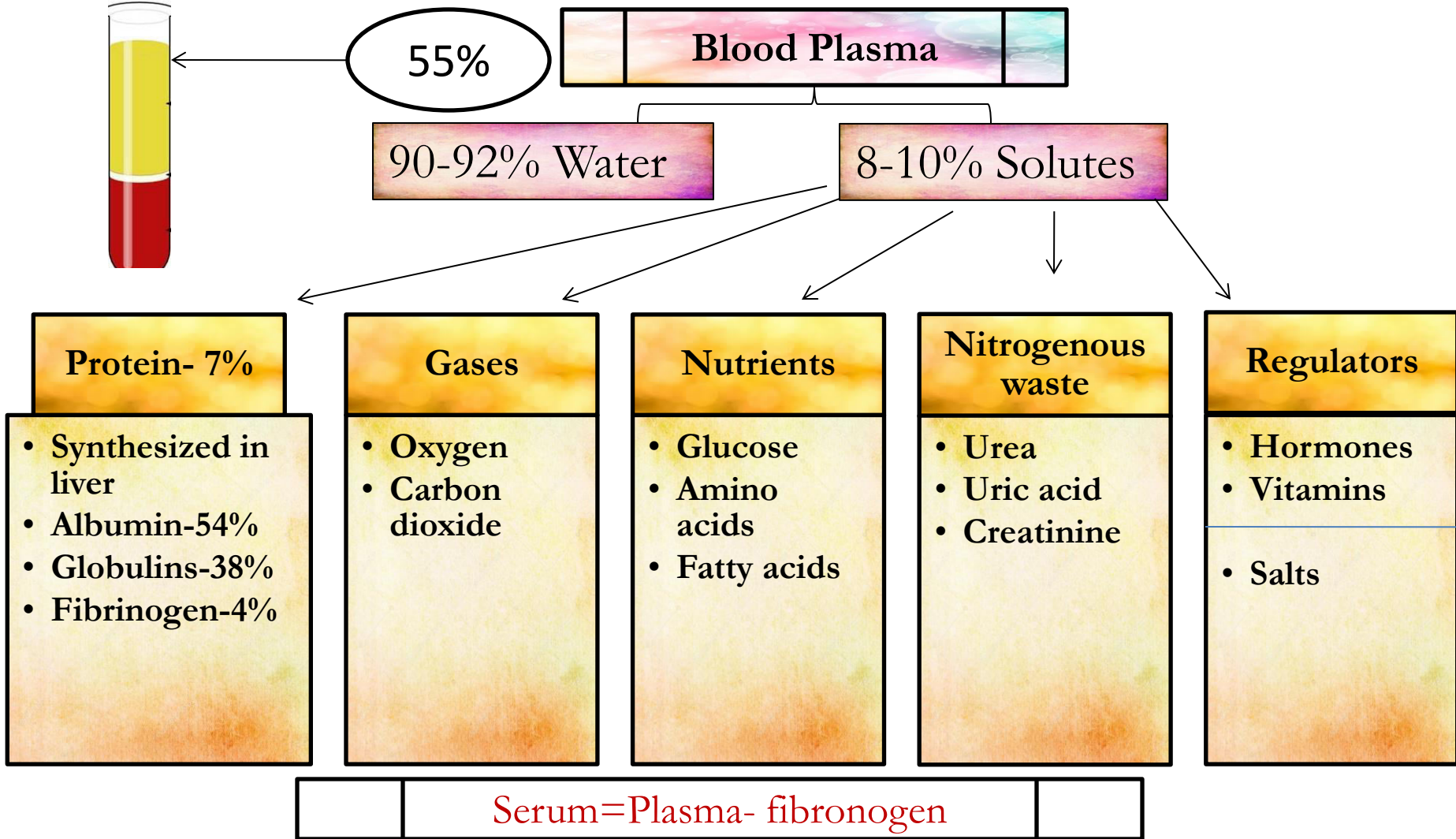
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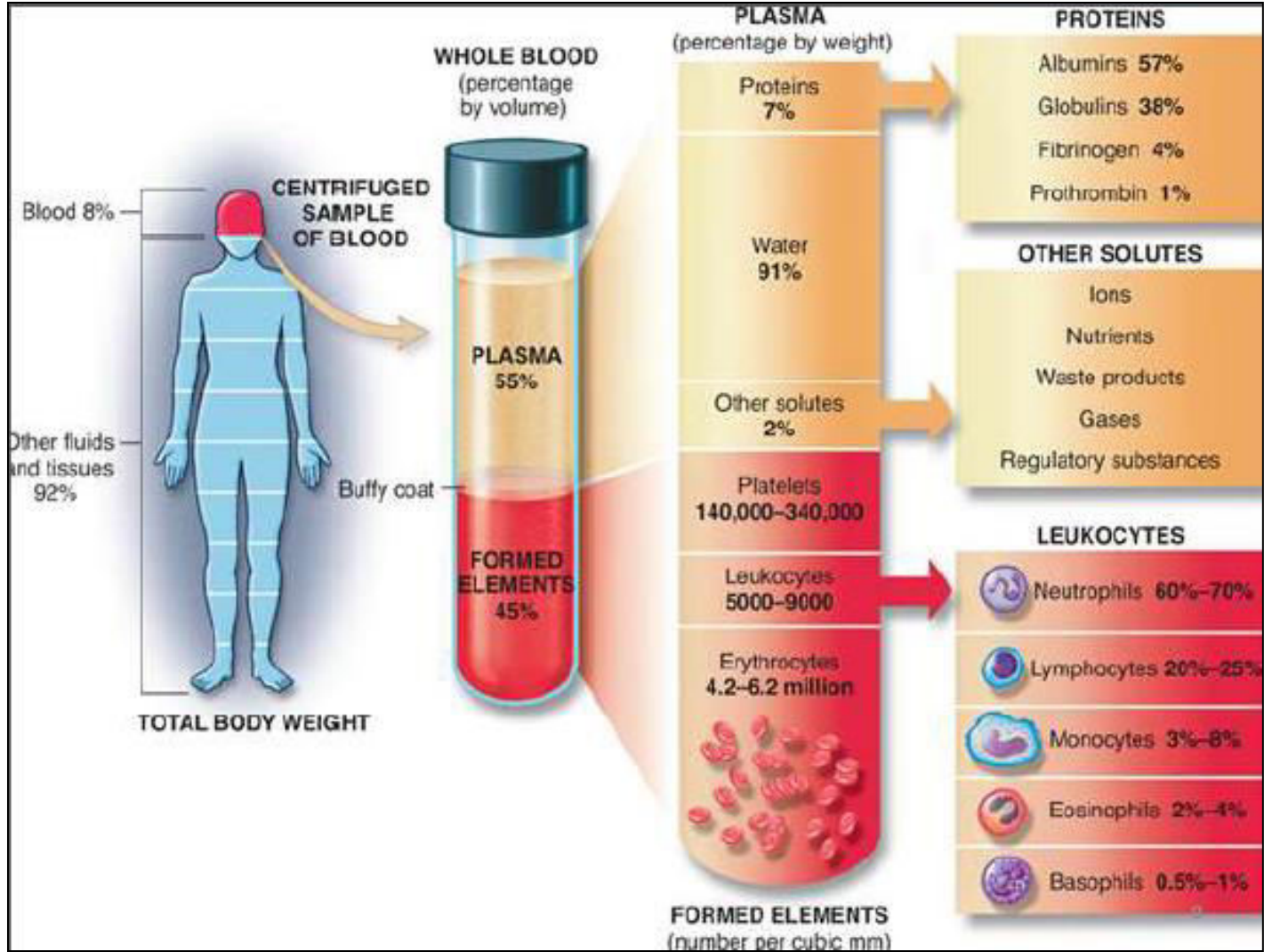
Blood plasma

Formed elements





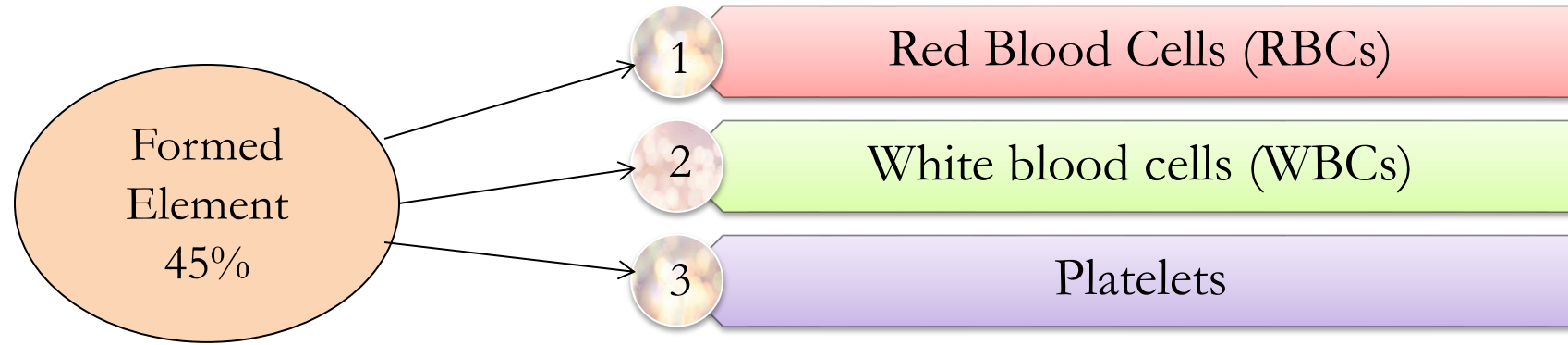




## Functions of Plasma Proteins

- Role in blood coagulation (Fibrinogen).
- Role in Defense Mechanism:  $\gamma$ -globulins act as antibodies, also called immunoglobulins
- Role in transport mechanism: Albumin,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ - globulins are responsible for the transport of hormones and enzymes, lipids
- Role in viscosity of blood: Plasma proteins provide viscosity which is essential for maintaining BP. Albumin provides maximum viscosity.
- Role as reserve proteins: Act as last source of energy in case of starving or inadequate food intake





The process by which the formed elements of blood develop is called **hemopoiesis** or **hematopoiesis**.

- Before birth- first occur in yolk sac of embryo & later in liver, spleen, thymus and lymph nodes of fetus
- Last three month before birth and in adult- Red bone marrow

# Red Blood Cells (RBCs)

- Also called **erythrocytes**, Diameter- $7.2\mu$
- Shape-circular, biconcave and enucleated i.e. mature RBCs does not contain nucleus
- Cytosol of RBCs contain oxygen carrying protein-

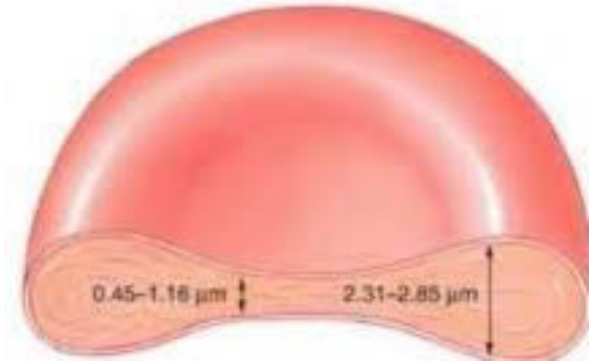
## Hemoglobin

- Adult Male- 5.4 million RBCs per microlitre
- Adult female- 4.8 million RBCs per microlitre
- Life span- 120 days

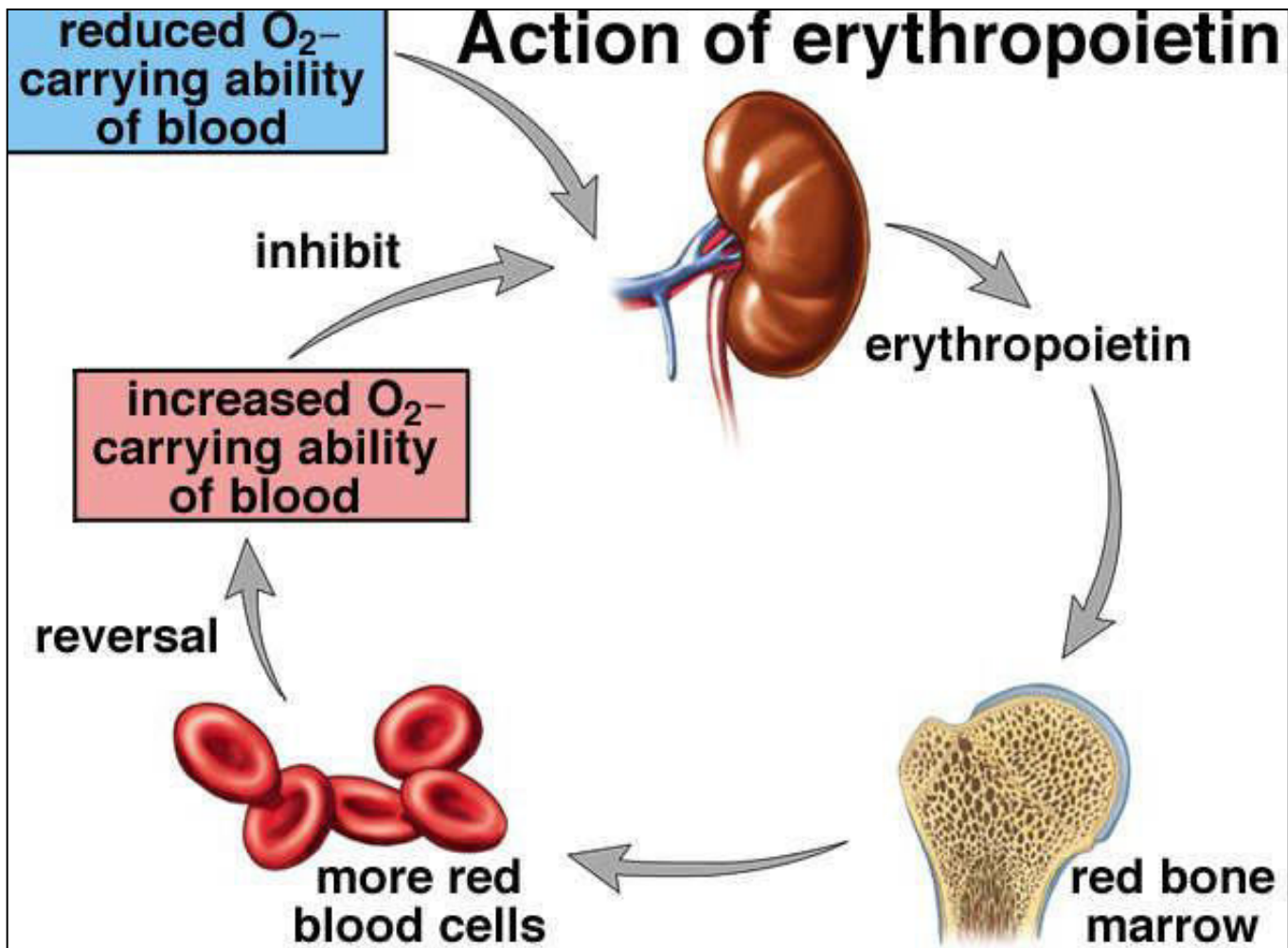
## Red Blood Cells (Erythrocytes)



Helps in  $O_2$  and  $CO_2$  exchange



- The process of formation of RBCs- **Erythropoiesis**
- The hormone **Erythropoietin** produced by kidney stimulates the bone marrow for production of RBCs.
- Before birth- liver & spleen
- Adult-Red bone marrow
- Destroy- liver and spleen (graveyard of RBCs)
- Increase in number of RBCs- **Polycythemia**
- Decrease in number of RBCs- **Erythrocytopenia**



# White blood cells (WBCs)

- Also called leukocytes
- They are colourless, nucleated and amoeboid cells larger than RBCs
- Average-5000 to 11000 WBCs per mm<sup>3</sup>
- Increase in WBCs- **leucocytosis**; more than 11,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> indicates infection
- Decrease in number WBCs- **leucopenia**; abnormally low, usually due to corticosteroids and chemotherapy.
- Body increases amount of WBCs in response to infection
- **Diapedesis**: Due to their amoeboid movement they can move out of the capillary walls
- Life span- 3 to 5 days





## ❖ Functions of WBC's

- WBC's generally play an important role in the defense mechanism of the body.
- In the defense mechanism each type of WBC's act in a different way

## ❖ Leukemia:

- Characterized by abnormal and uncontrolled increase in WBC's, above 1000,000/cumm.
- Also called blood cancer.
- All the WBC's may not increase at one time.

# Types of WBCs

## Granulocytes

WBCs with a granular cytoplasm  
Lobulated nuclei in different shapes  
72% of total WBCs  
Formed from myeloid stem cell

**Neutrophils**

**Basophils**

**Eosinophils**

## Agranulocytes

WBCs without granular cytoplasm  
Nuclei are larger in size but not lobulated  
28% of total WBCs  
Formed from lymphoid stem cell

**Monocytes**

**Lymphocytes**



# NEUTROPHILS

- Also known as polymorphonuclear leucocytes because the nucleus is multilobed. The number of lobes varies from 1-6
- Granules are very fine, large in number, evenly distributed
- Stained with neutral stain
- About 60-70% total WBCs
- Function- Phagocytosis
- Diameter= 10-12 $\mu$
- Neutrophils provide 1st line of defense.
- They wander freely through out the body.
- Released in large number from the blood.



# BASOPHILS



- Cells have few granules of large size
- Stain with basic stain- methylene blue
- Nucleus is bilobed
- Diameter = 8-10 $\mu$
- 0.5-1% of total WBCs
- Function- Allergic reaction
- Basophils execute functions by releasing important substances from their granules such as **heparin** and **histamines, serotonin, proteases and myeloperoxidases and interleukin-4- inflammatory responses**

# EOSINOPHILS



- Granules stained with acidic stained like eosin
- 1-3 % of total WBCs
- Nucleus is bilobed
- Diameter=10-14 $\mu$
- Antihistamine property
- Provides defense **against parasitic infections and allergic conditions.**
- They are responsible for detoxification, disintegration and removal of foreign proteins.



# LYMPHOCYTES



- Smallest of all WBCs, Cytoplasm clear without granules
- Large spherical, bean or kidney shaped nucleus
- 20-25% of total WBCs
- Depending upon functions they are further divided into: 2 types
  - a. B lymphocytes
  - b. T lymphocytes
- B lymphocytes- Formed & mature in bone marrow, involved in antibody production
  - concerned with humoral immunity
- T lymphocytes- Formed in bone marrow but mature in thymus
  - concerned with cellular immunity
- These are responsible for development of immunity.

# MONOCYTES

- Largest of all WBCs, Diameter = 14-18 $\mu$
- Cytoplasm clear without granules
- Large bean or kidney shaped nucleus
- 3-5% of total WBCs
- Matured monocytes stay in blood for few hours.
- After which they enter the tissues and become tissue macrophages.
- Monocytes differentiated into macrophages
- Function- Mainly phagocytic and destroy the bacteria and dead or damaged tissue by phagocytosis



# PLATELETS

- Also called thrombocytes
- Formed from large cell megakaryocytes
- Small, oval shaped cell fragment without nucleus
- Normal count- 1.5-3.5 lakh/mm<sup>3</sup>
- Decrease number- thrombocytopenia
- **function- blood clotting**
- They also seal the ruptured blood vessels by formation of platelet plug/ thrombus
- They secrete serotonin a local vasoconstrictor
- Circulation in blood – 8-12 days



# THROMBOPOIESIS

- Platelets are produced in bone marrow, by budding off from megakaryocytes.
- Megakaryocyte and platelet production is regulated by thrombopoietin, a hormone. It is usually produced by the liver and kidneys
- Each megakaryocyte produces between 5,000 and 10,000 platelets.
- Old platelets are destroyed by phagocytosis in the spleen and by Kupffer cells in the liver

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# HEMOGLOBIN STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION

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# HEMOGLOBIN

- Hemoglobin is iron containing protein present in RBCs.
- It is chromoprotein
- Function of Hemoglobin to carry respiratory gases i.e. O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>
- It also act as buffer

Age	Hb content
Birth	25gm/dl
After 3 month	20gm/dl
1 yr	17gm/dl
Puberty onward	14-16gm/dl

# Hemoglobin

Heme  
Pigment part

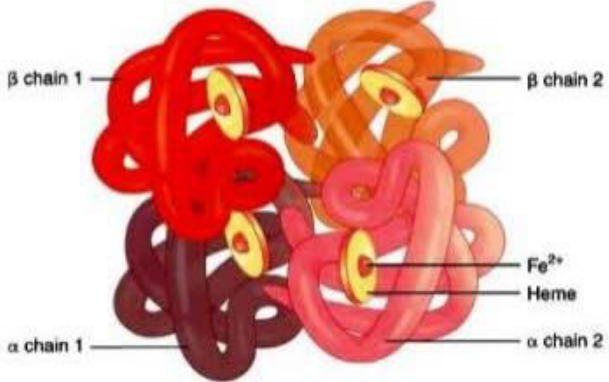
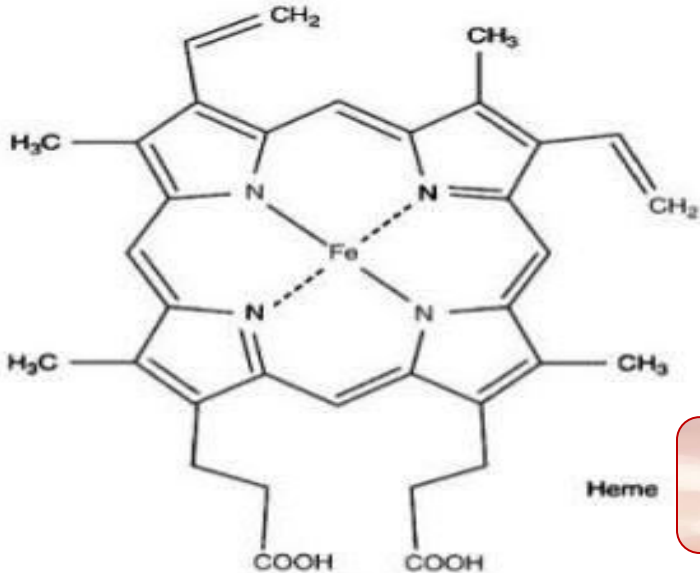
Globin  
Protein part

Iron  
(Ferrous form  
 $Fe^{++}$ )

Porphyrin  
Tetra-pyrrole linked  
to  $Fe^{++}$

2  $\alpha$   
141 amino acid

2  $\beta$   
146 amino acid

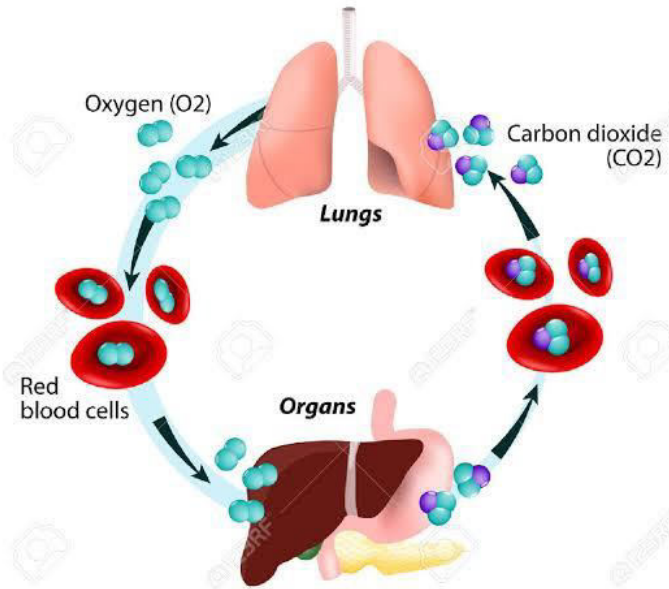


- 1 hemoglobin carry 4 oxygen molecule
- Each RBCs contain 250 -280million Hemoglobin molecule

# Oxygenation of hemoglobin



## GAS EXCHANGE IN HUMANS

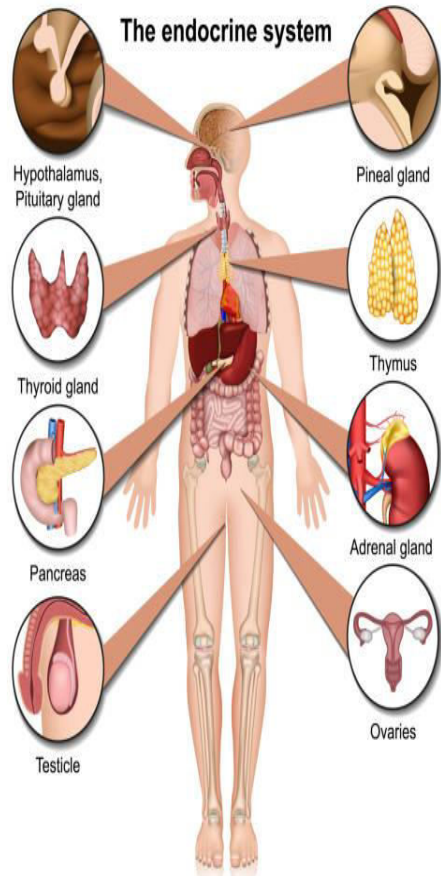


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# Gland and its types



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Locations of  
exocrine glands &  
what they secrete

Eyes  
tears

Mouth  
saliva

Skin  
sweat  
sebum

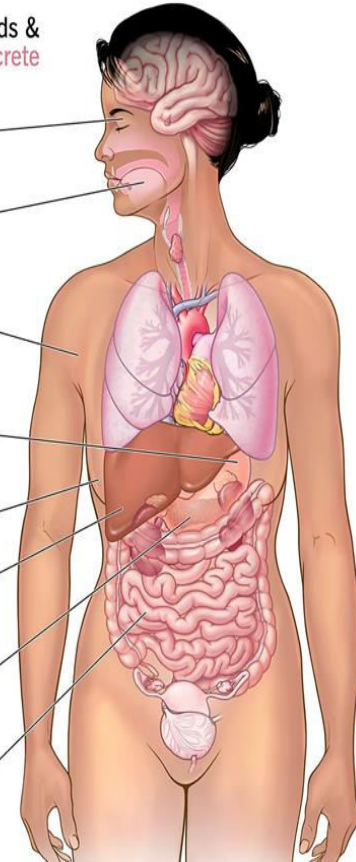
Stomach  
enzymes

Breasts  
milk

Liver  
bile

Pancreas  
juices

Intestines  
mucus



# Gland and its types



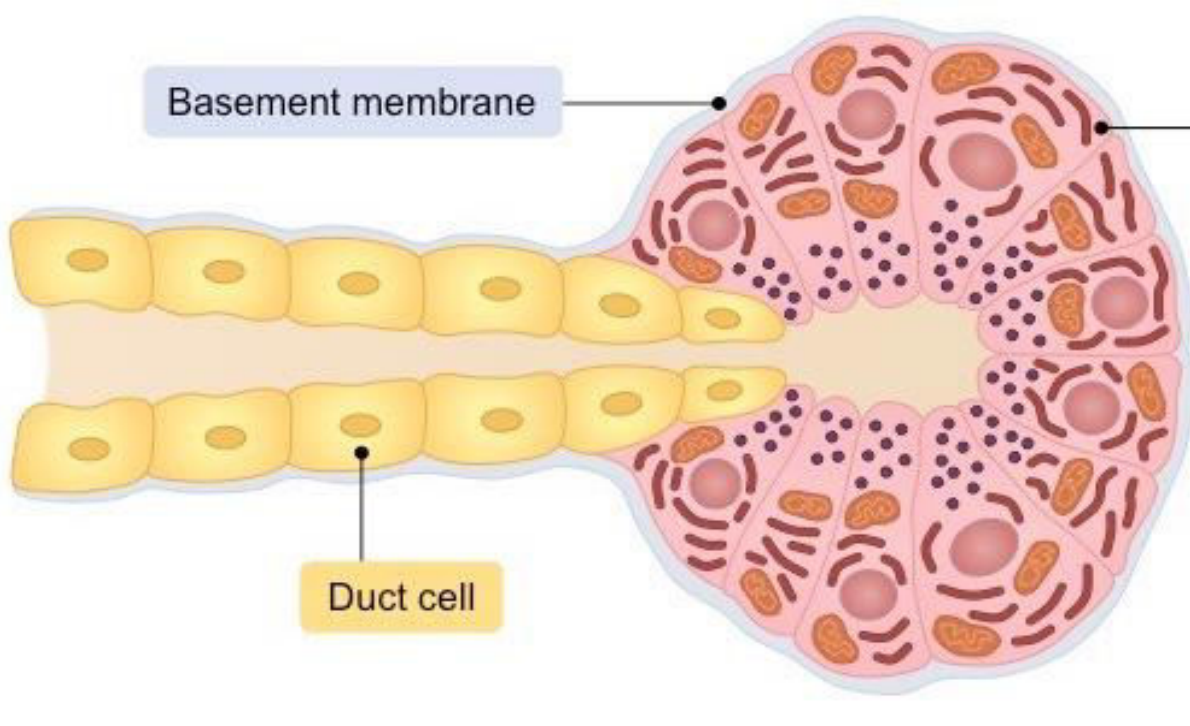
□. Gland is specialized cell or organ that synthesize chemical substances and secreted them either in duct or directly in bloodstream

# Gland types

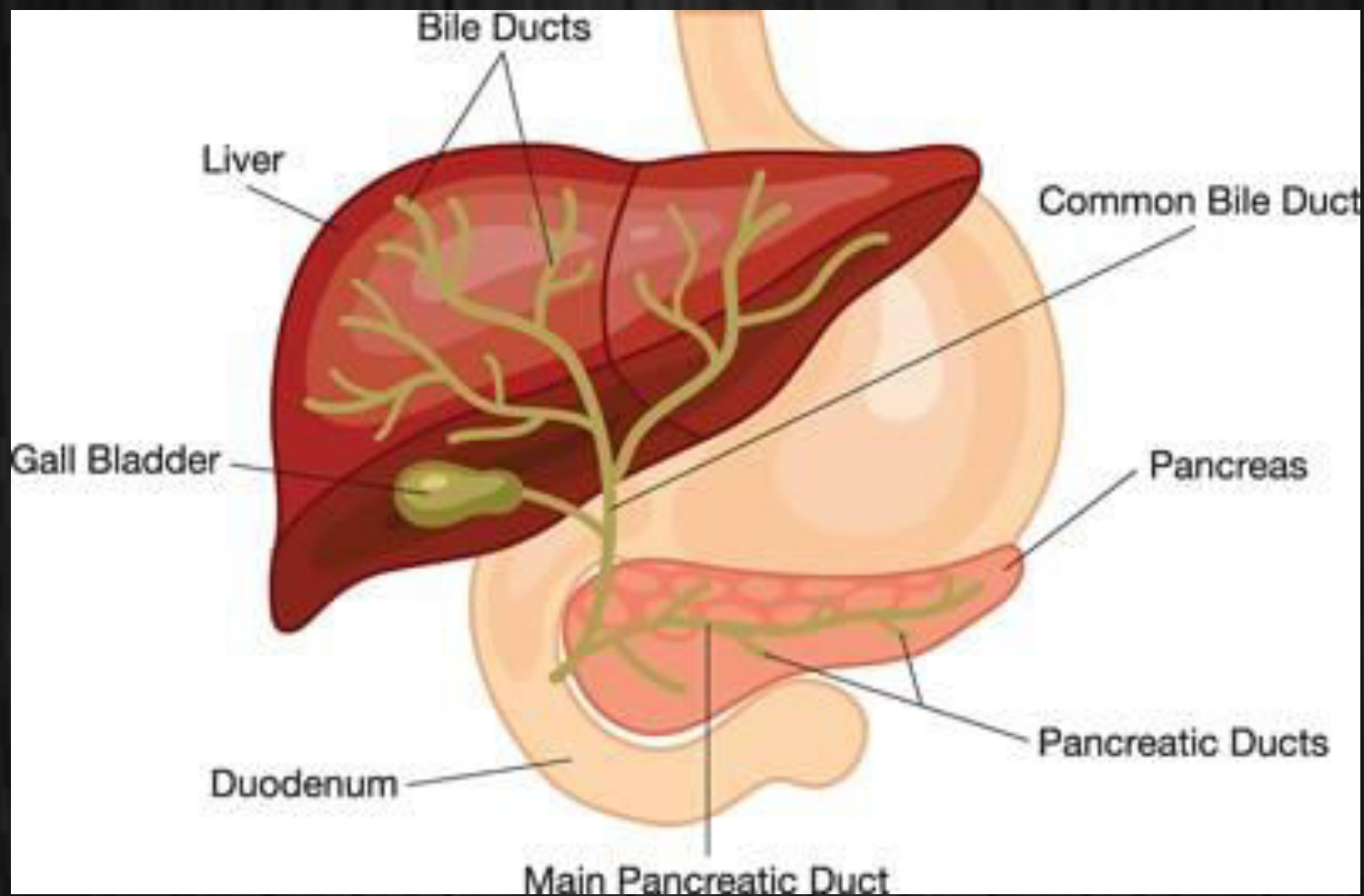
**Exocrine  
gland**

**Endocrine  
gland**

# Exocrine gland

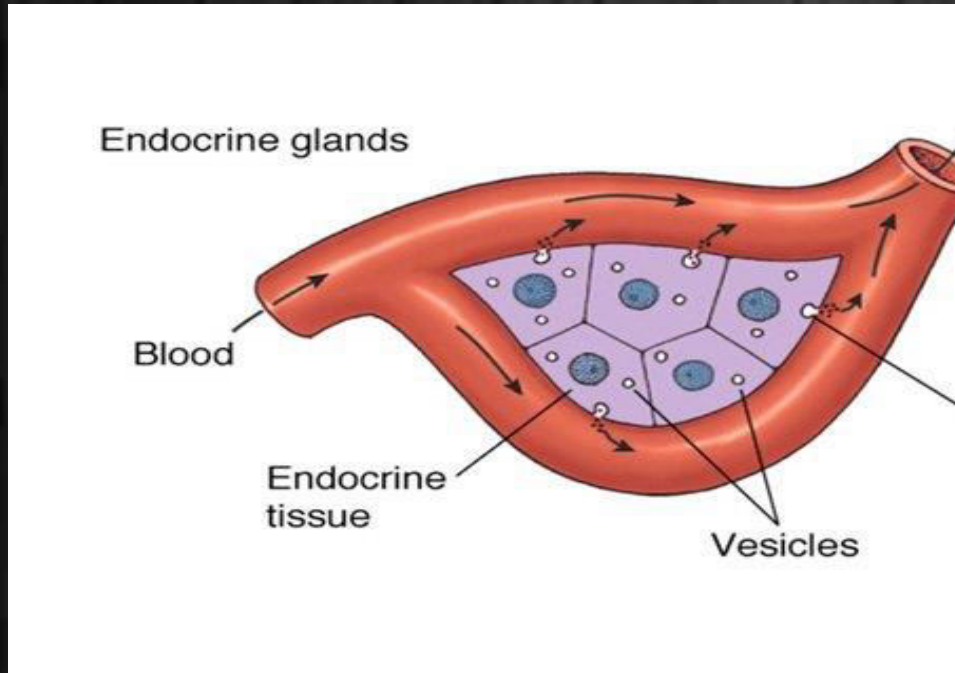


- Secretion via duct
- Secretion - Enzymes

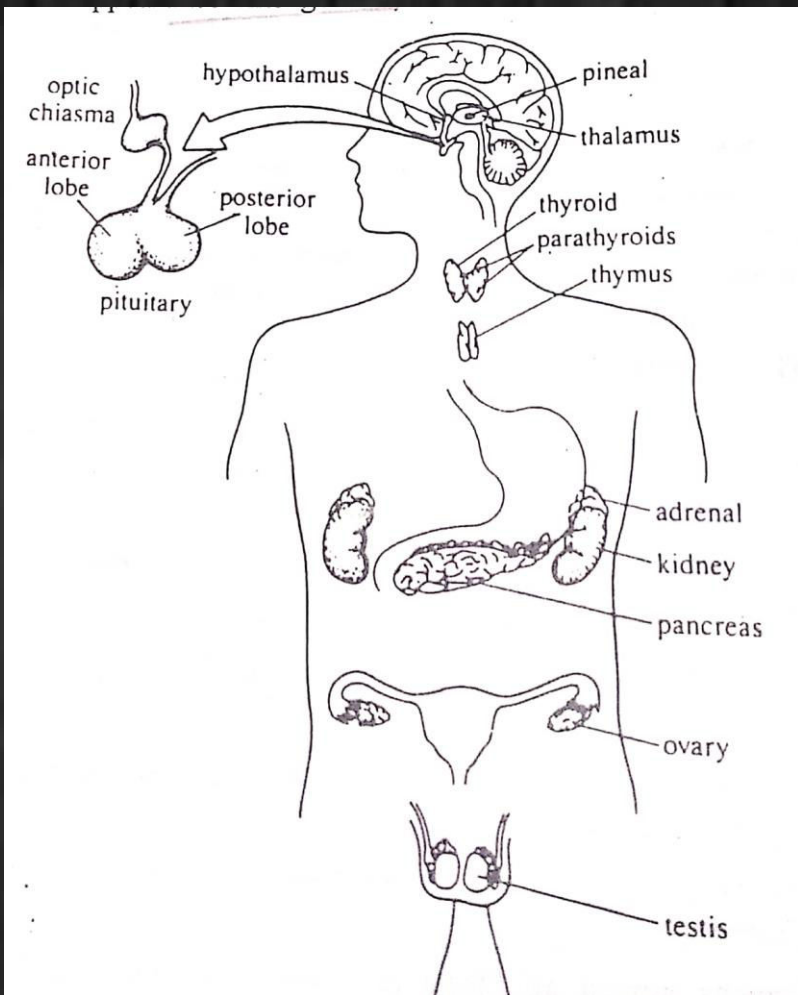




# Endocrine gland

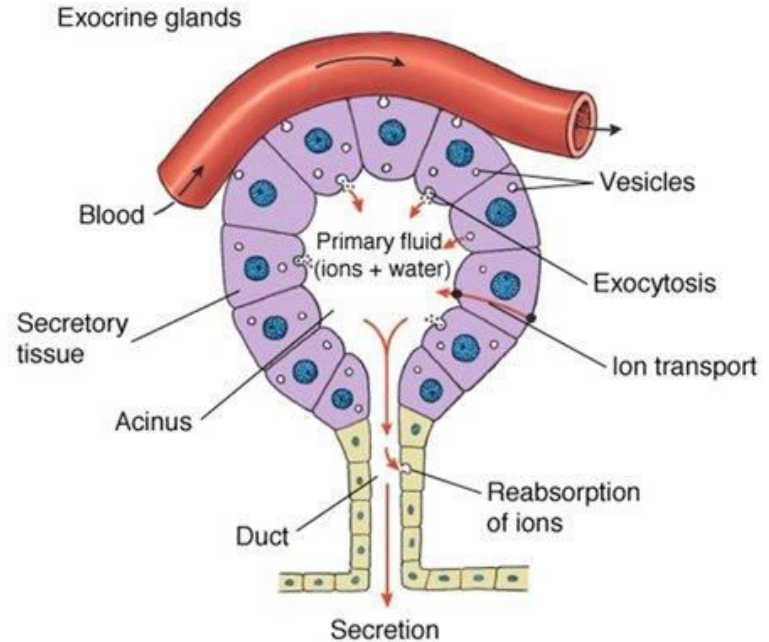
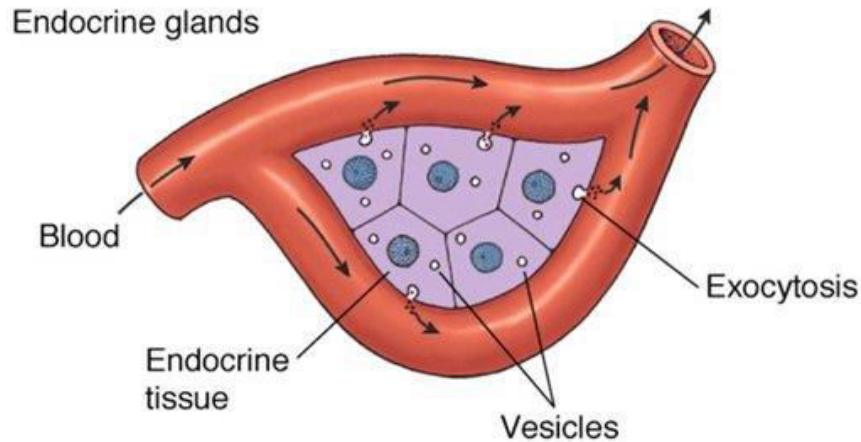


- Secretion directly into blood
- Secretion-Hormones





# Difference between exocrine and Endocrine gland



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# IMMUNE SYSTEM



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# IMMUNE SYSTEM

Definition

Immunology is the science that is concerned with immune responses to foreign challenges

Antigen

Any foreign substance invading body and capable of stimulating immune responses

Antibody

The protective chemicals produced by immune cells in response to antigen

Immunity (L. immunis-exempt or freedom ): refers to the general ability of a body to recognize, neutralize/ destroy and eliminate foreign substances or resist particular infection or disease

## Types

### Innate Immunity

- Also called natural immunity
- Present from birth
- Inborn capacity to resist the pathogen
- Non-specific response

### Acquired immunity

- Immunity acquired during life
- Also called adaptive immunity or specific immunity
- Characteristics of vertebrates

# 1. Innate Immunity

- This type of immunity is present in an organism **by birth**.
- **Non specific immunity**
- Innate immunity includes **certain barriers and defence mechanisms** that keep foreign particles out of the body.
- Innate immunity refers to the body's **first line defence system**.

# Innate Immunity Barrier

## **Anatomical/ Physical barrier**

- Skin
- Mucous  
membrane

## **Physiological barriers**

- Temperature
- pH
- Tear
- Interferons

## **Cellular barrier**

- Neutrophils
- Macrophage

## **Inflammatory barrier**

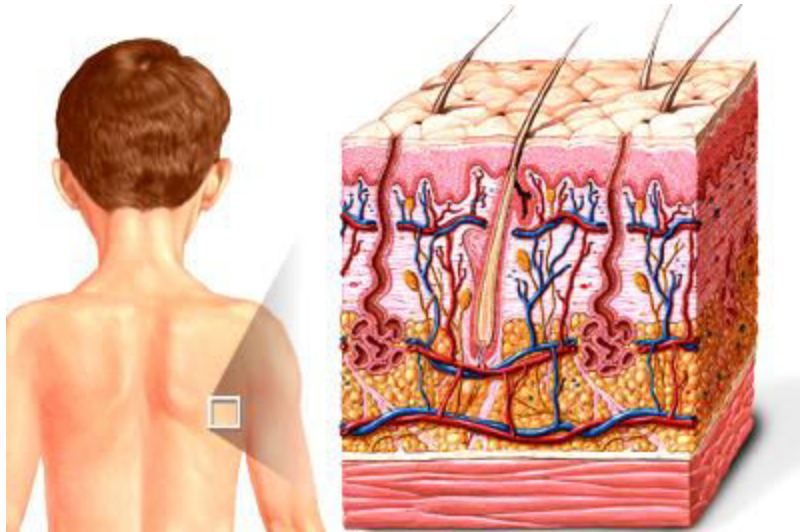
- Histamines
- Prostaglandins



# Anatomical/ Physical barrier

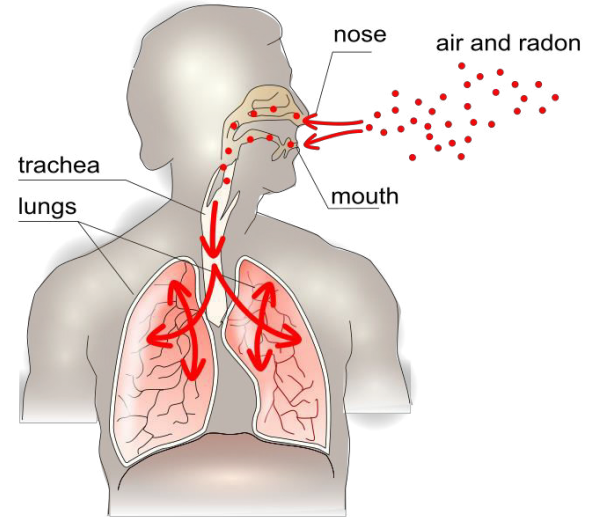
## 1. Skin-

- Intact
- Sweat gland
- Sebaceous gland



## 2. Mucous membrane-

- Mucosal epithelial cells-mucos
- Respiratory, gastrointestinal, Urinogenital tracks
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# Physiological barriers

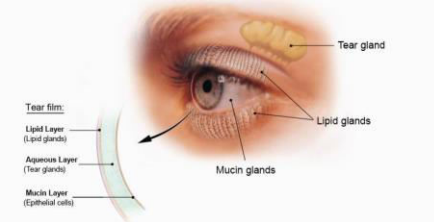
## •Temperature



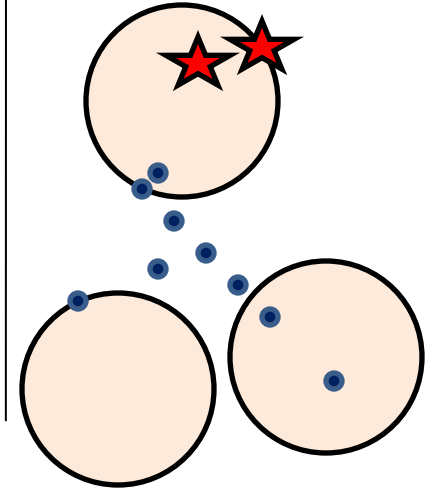
## •pH



## •Tear



## •Interferons



# Cellular barrier



monocyte



macrophage



mast cell



dendritic cell



natural killer cell



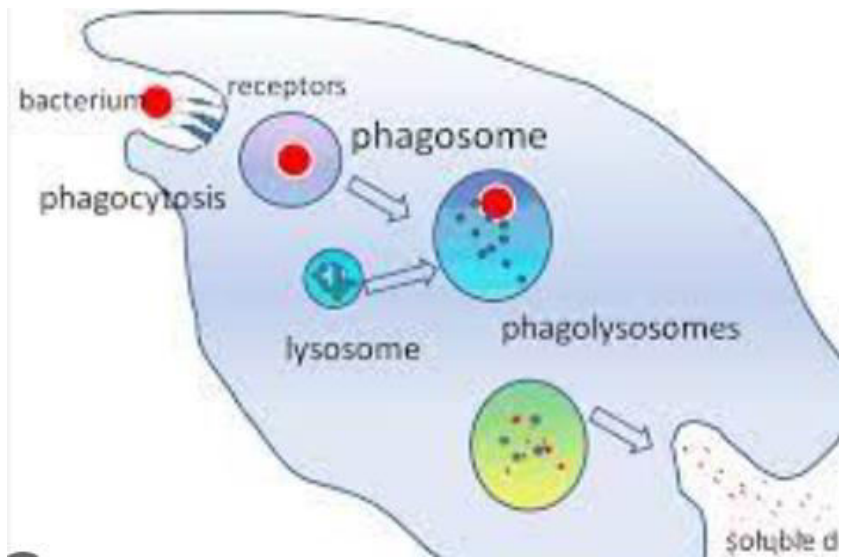
neutrophil



eosinophil



basophil



## Inflammatory barrier

- Redness, pain, swelling and heat
- Histamines and Prostaglandins released by damaged mast cells and basophils



# Innate Immunity Barrier

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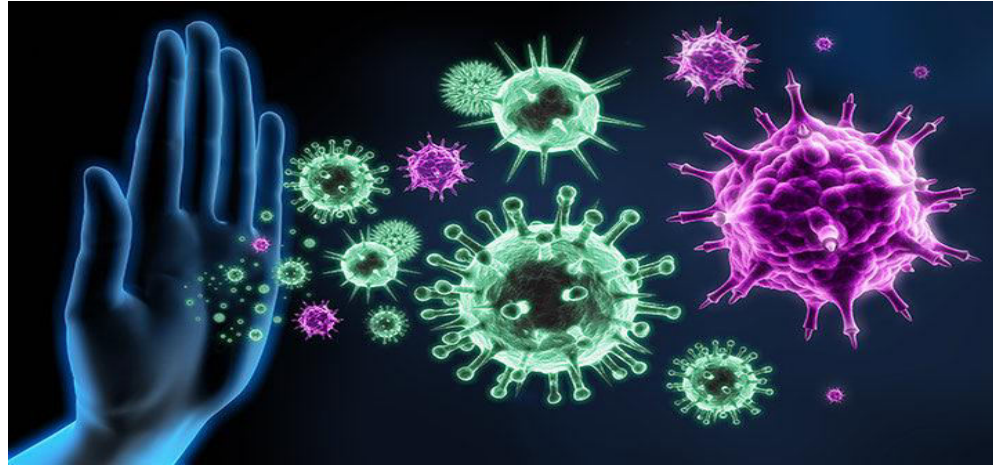
## **Inflammatory barrier**

- Histamines
- Prostaglandins

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# ACQUIRED IMMUNITY



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•Acquired immunity or adaptive immunity is the immunity that our **body acquires or gains over time**. Unlike the innate immunity, this is not present by birth.

•The ability of the immune system to adapt itself to disease and to generate pathogen-specific immunity is termed as acquired immunity. It is also known as adaptive immunity.

- It is specific and mediated by antibodies or lymphocytes which make the antigen harmless.

- The main function of acquired immunity is to relieve the victim of the infectious disease and also prevent its attack in future.

- It mainly consists of an advanced lymphatic defence system which functions by recognizing the own body cells and not reacting to them.



ACQUIRED  
IMMUNITY

A diagram illustrating the characteristics of Acquired Immunity. On the left, a pink hexagon contains the text 'ACQUIRED IMMUNITY'. Four lines radiate from the right side of this hexagon to four stacked, rounded rectangular boxes on the right. Each box contains one of the four characteristics: Specificity, Diversity, Discrimination between self & non self, and Memory. The boxes have a decorative background of colorful, wavy lines in shades of blue, green, yellow, and orange.

**Specificity**

**Diversity**

**Discrimination between  
self & non self**

**Memory**

# Features of Acquired Immunity

**Specificity:** Our body has the ability to differentiate between different types of pathogens, whether it is harmful or not, and devise ways to destroy them.

**Diversity:** Our body can detect vast varieties of pathogens, ranging from protozoa to viruses.

**Differentiate between self and non-self:** Our body has the unique ability to differentiate between its own cells and foreign cells. It immediately starts rejecting any foreign cell in the body.

**Memory:** Once our body encounters a pathogen, it activates the immune system to destroy it. It also remembers what antibodies were released in response to that pathogen, so that, the next time it enters, a similar procedure is followed by the body to eliminate it.

# Types of Acquired Immunity

## Acquired Active Immunity

### Natural

- Immunity acquired due to infection
- Developed after entry of pathogen in the body

### Artificial

- Immunity acquired artificially by vaccination
- Eg. Polio vaccine, BCG vaccine

## Acquired Passive immunity

### Natural

- Antibody pass from mother to fetus via placenta or mother milk
- IgG and IgA

### Artificial

- Immunity is developed by injecting previously prepared antibodies

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