Introduction to Immunology

What is immunology?

- Immune (Latin- "immunus")
 - To be free, exempt
 - People survived ravages of epidemic diseases when faced with the same disease again
- The study of physiological mechanisms that humans and other animals use to defend their bodies from invading organisms
 - Bacteria Viruses
 - Fungi Parasites Toxins



Immunology lingo

- Antigen
 - Any molecule that binds to immunoglobulin or T cell receptor
- Pathogen
 - Microorganism that can cause disease
- Antibody (Ab)
 - Secreted immunoglobulin
- Immunoglobulin (Ig)
 - Antigen binding molecules of B cells
- Vaccination
 - Deliberate induction of protective immunity to a pathogen
- Immunization
 - The ability ro resist ifection

Immune Response

- Biological body response either innate or adaptive immune system on exogenous agent to keep homeostasis;
 - 1. to neutralize immunogen
 - 2. to eliminate tissue damage
 - 3. inhibiting excessive proliferations

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Types of Immunity

Innate Immunity

- Host defense mechanisms that act from the start of an infection but do not adapt to a particular pathogen
- Recognize "patterns' of a.a., saccharides, etc..
- Monocyte
- Macrophage
- Granulocyte :
 - Neutrophil Eosinophil Basophil
- Epidermis
- Submucous layer

Adaptive Immunity

- Response of an antigen specific B and T lymphocytes to an antigen
- Immunological memory

Types of Immunity

Humoral immunity

- Immunity that is mediated by antibodies
- Can be transferred by to a non-immune recipient by serum

Cell Mediated Immunity

Immune response in which antigen specific T cells dominate

Immunology cell histology

- Polymorphonuclear
 - Lobed nucleus
- Mononuclear
 - Non-lobed nucleus
- Granulocyte
 - Many granules seen in cytoplasm
- Neutral
 - Does not stain to acidic or basic compounds
- Acidic (red-pink)
 - Stains to acidic compounds (Eosin)
- Basic (blue-purple)
 - Stains to basic compounds

Cells of the Immune system

- Many cells of the immune system derived from the bone marrow
- Hematopoetic stem cell differentiation



Components of blood

Serum vs. Plasma

- Serum: cell-free liquid, minus the clotting factors
- Plasma: cell-free liquid with clotting factors in solution (must use an anticoagulant)

Components of blood



Lymphocytes

- Many types; important in both humoral and cell-mediated immunity
- B-cells produce antibodies
- T- cells
 - Cytotoxic T cells
 - Helper T cells
- Memory cells





Lymphocytes

- Plasma Cell (in tissue)
 Fully differentiaited B cells, secretes Ab
- Natural Killer cells
 - Kills cells infected with certain viruses
 - Both innate and adaptive
 - Antigen presentation



Monocytes/Macrophage

- Phagocytosis and killing of microorganisms
 - Activation of T cells and initation of immune response
- Monocyte is a young macrophage in blood
- There are tissue-specific macrophages
- Antigen Presentation



Dendritic Cells

- Activation of T cells and initiate adaptive immunity
- Found mainly in lymphoid tissue
- Function as antigen presenting cells (APC)
- Most potent stimulator of T-cell response



Mast Cells

- Expulsion of parasites through release of granules
- Histamine, leukotrienes, chemokines, cytokines
- Also involved in allergic responses





Neutrophil

- Granulocyte

 Cytoplasmic granules
- Polymorphonuclear
- Phagocytosis
- Short life span (hours)
- Very important at "clearing" bacterial infections
- Innate Immunity



Eosinophils

- Kills Ab-coated parasites through degranulation
- Involved in allergic inflammation
- A granulocyte
- Double Lobed nucleus
- Orange granules contain toxic compounds





Basophils

- Might be "blood Mast cells'
- A cell-killing cells
 - Blue granules contain toxic and inflammatory compounds
- Important in allergic reactions





Other Blood Cells

- Megakaryocyte
 - Platelet formation
 - Wound repair
- Erythrocyte
 - Oxygen transport





Major Tissues

- Primary Lymph tissues
 - Cells originate or mature
- Secondary Lymph Tissues



Humoral and cellular immunity

(antibody mediated or cellular)









- Two types:
 - Helper T cells (Th): activates other cells
 - Cytotoxic T cells (Tc): can kill other cells
- T cells can only recognize antigens associated with certain molecules (MHC)

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Presentation of antigens to T cells

- Proteins (peptides) from inside the cell are presented by MHC I molecules to Tc cells.
- Proteins (peptides) from the outside of cells are presented by MHC II molecules to Th cells.
- MHC I on almost all cells
- MHC II on specialized antigen-presenting cells



