

# Chapter 16

## THE BODY'S DEFENSES

# Body's Defenses: Overview

Nonspecific defenses		Specific defenses
<b>First line of defense: External barriers</b>	<b>Second line of defense: Internal defenses</b>	<b>Third line of defense: Immune system</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skin</li><li>• Mucous membranes</li><li>• Secretions of skin and mucous membranes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White blood cells</li><li>• Defensive proteins</li><li>• The inflammatory response</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Antibodies</li><li>• Lymphocytes</li></ul>
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## Cells involved in nonspecific immunity

### Leukocytes



#### **Neutrophils:**

Engulf and kill bacteria; mediate inflammation.



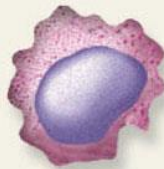
#### **Eosinophils:**

Line mucosal surfaces; kill parasites; participate in allergic responses.



#### **Monocytes:**

Develop into macrophages.



#### **Macrophages:**

Phagocytize microbes; mediate inflammation; present antigens to T cells.



#### **Basophils:**

Enter tissues at site of injury; secrete anti-clotting factor, heparin.



#### **Dendritic cells:**

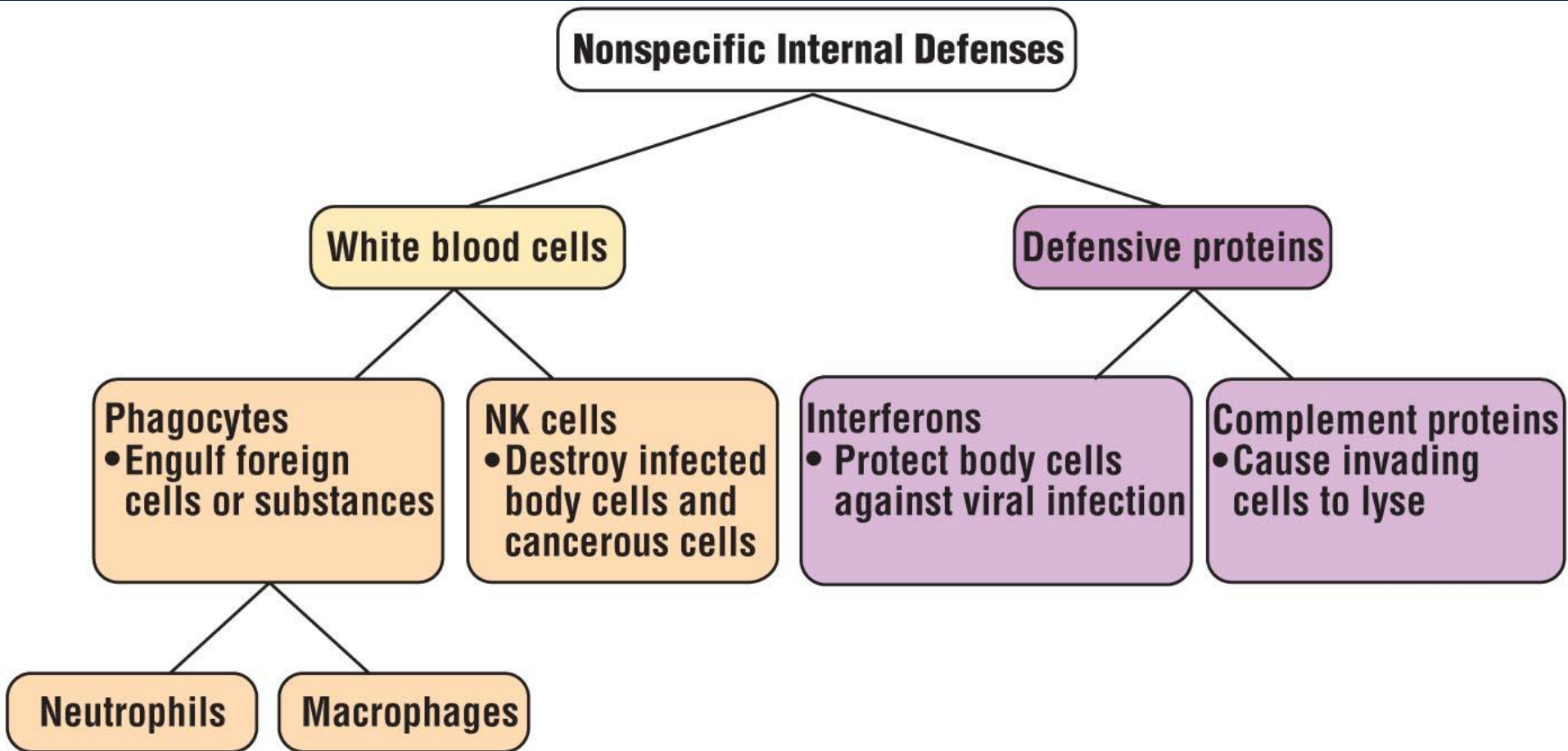
Similar to macrophages.



#### **Mast cells:**

Secrete histamine in inflammatory response.

# The Second Line of Defense



**1** Pseudopodia surround pathogens.

Pathogen

**2** Pathogens engulfed by endocytosis.

PHAGOCYtic  
CELL

**3** Vacuole forms.

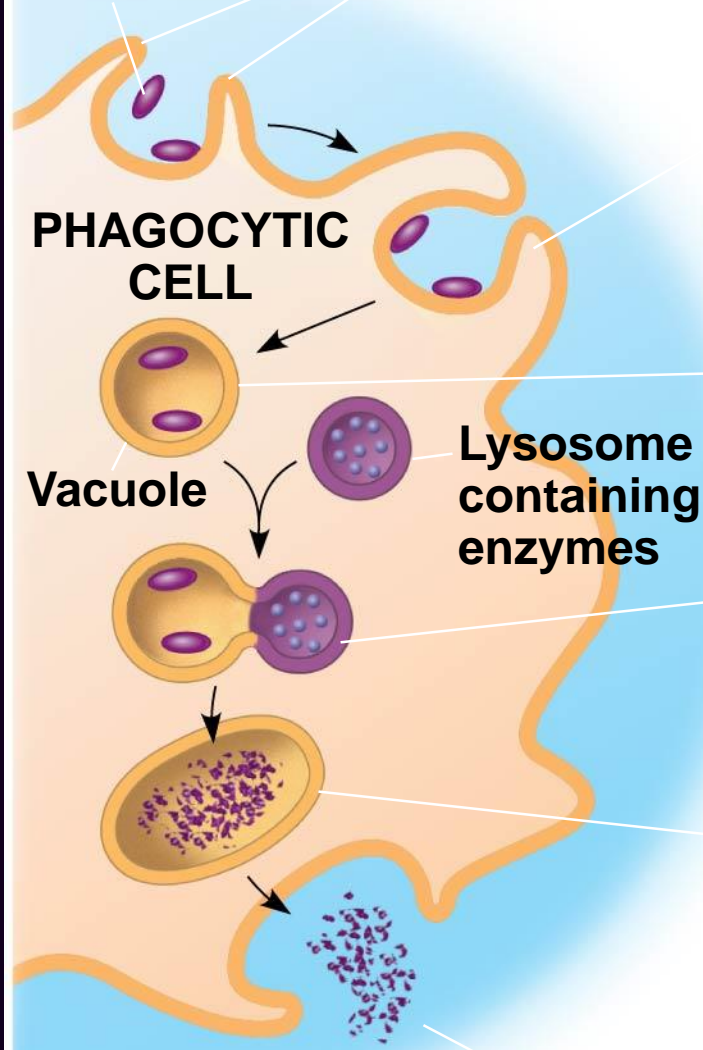
Vacuole

Lysosome  
containing  
enzymes

**4** Vacuole and lysosome fuse.

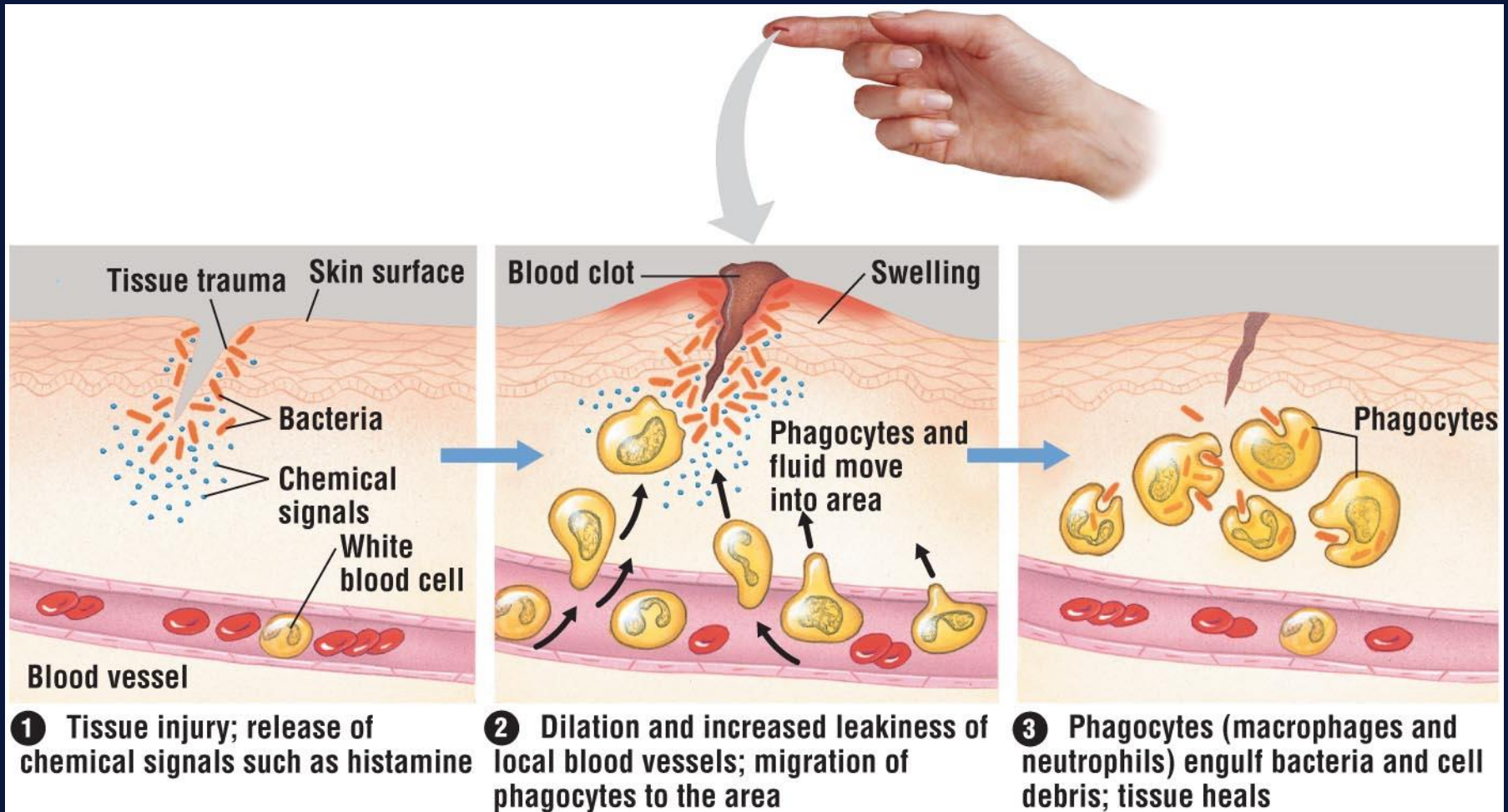
**5** Pathogens destroyed.

**6** Debris from pathogens released.





# Inflammation is a non-specific response



# The Third Line of Defense

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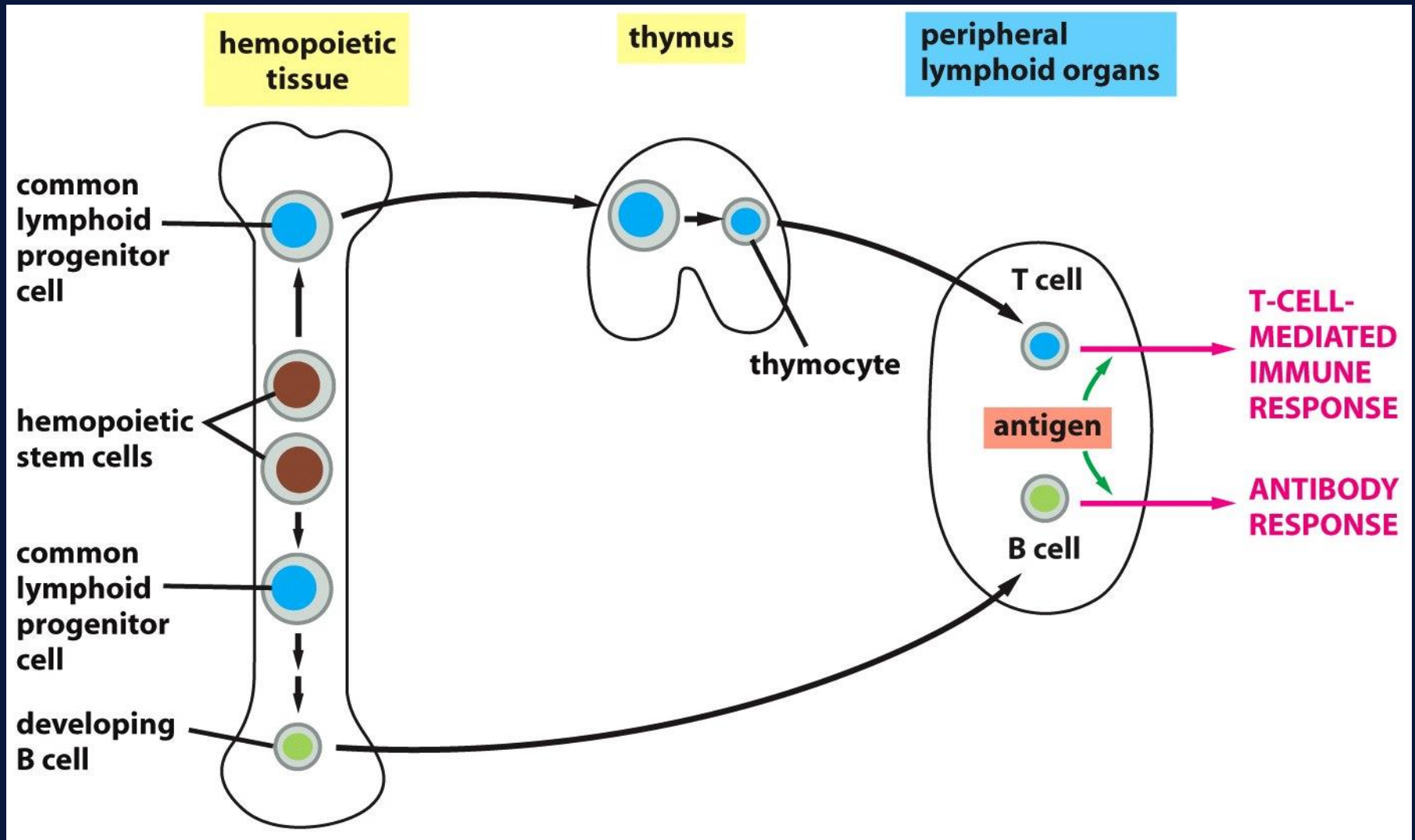
- Adaptive/Specific Immunity
  - Four characteristics
    - Specificity
    - Diversity
    - Memory
    - Ability to distinguish self from non-self
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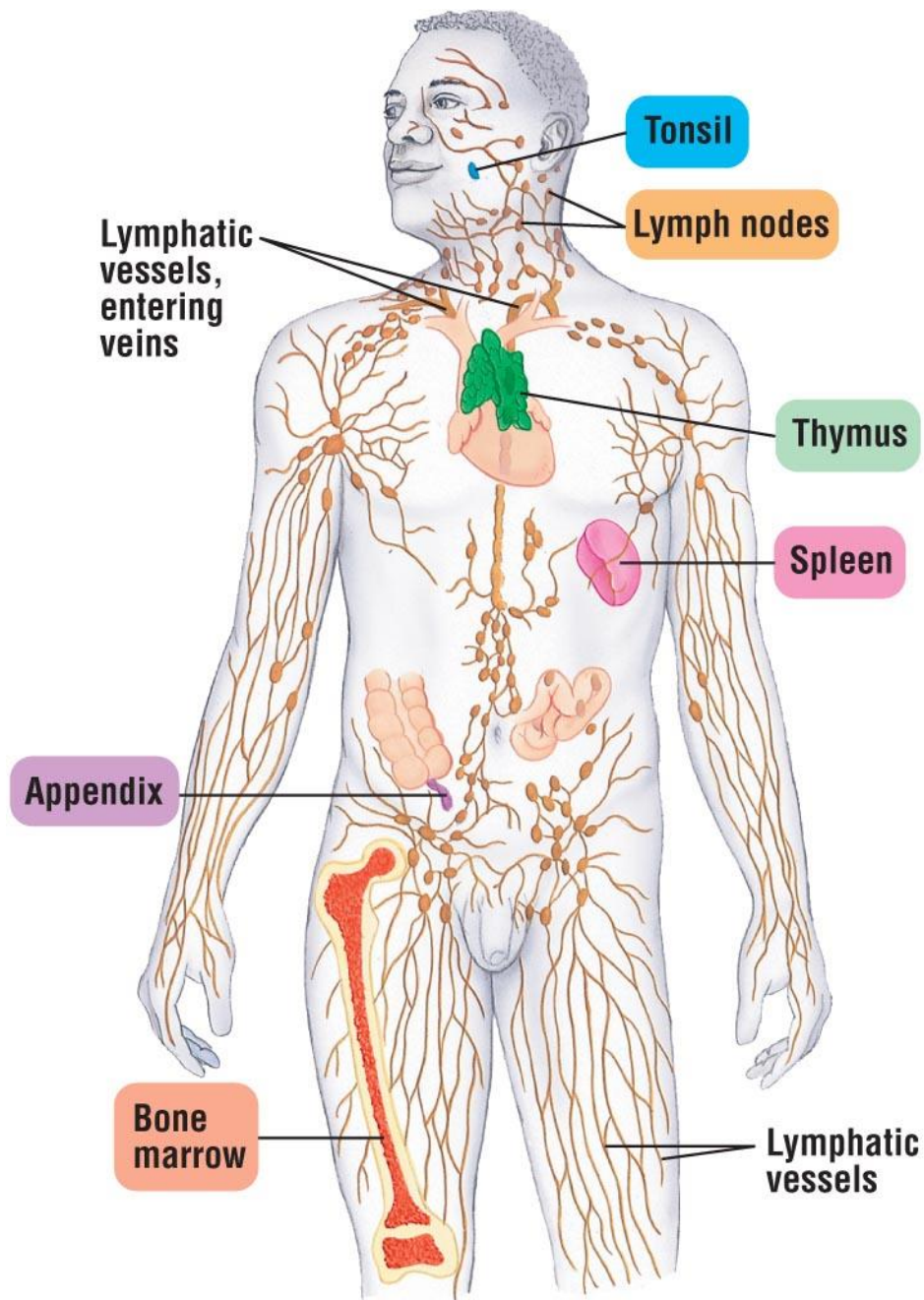
# The Specific Immune Response

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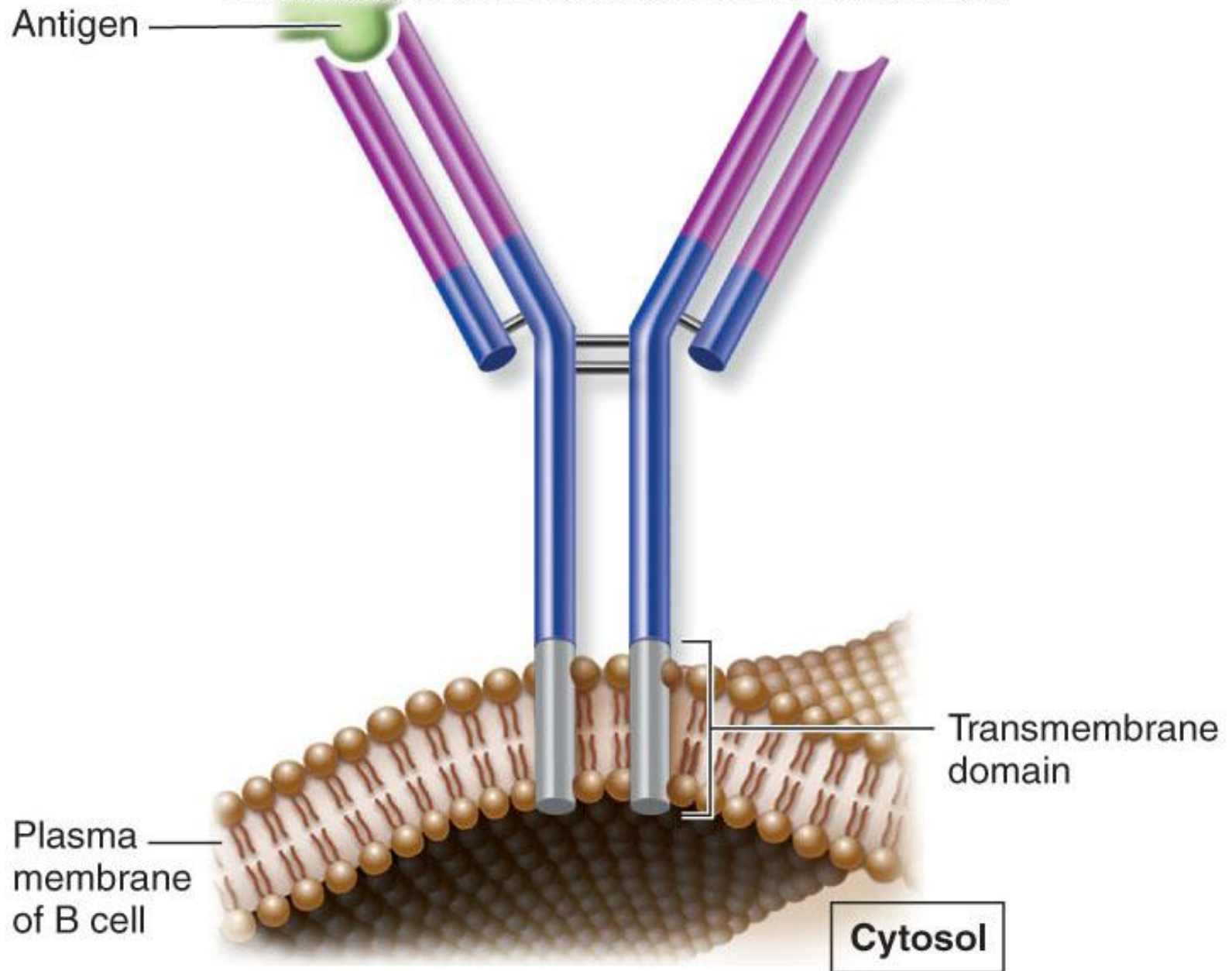
- Involves specific lymphocytes – B and T lymphocytes
  - Also takes help of the non-specific arm of immunity – phagocytes (e.g., macrophages)
  - Cells also secrete other chemicals that enhance the response
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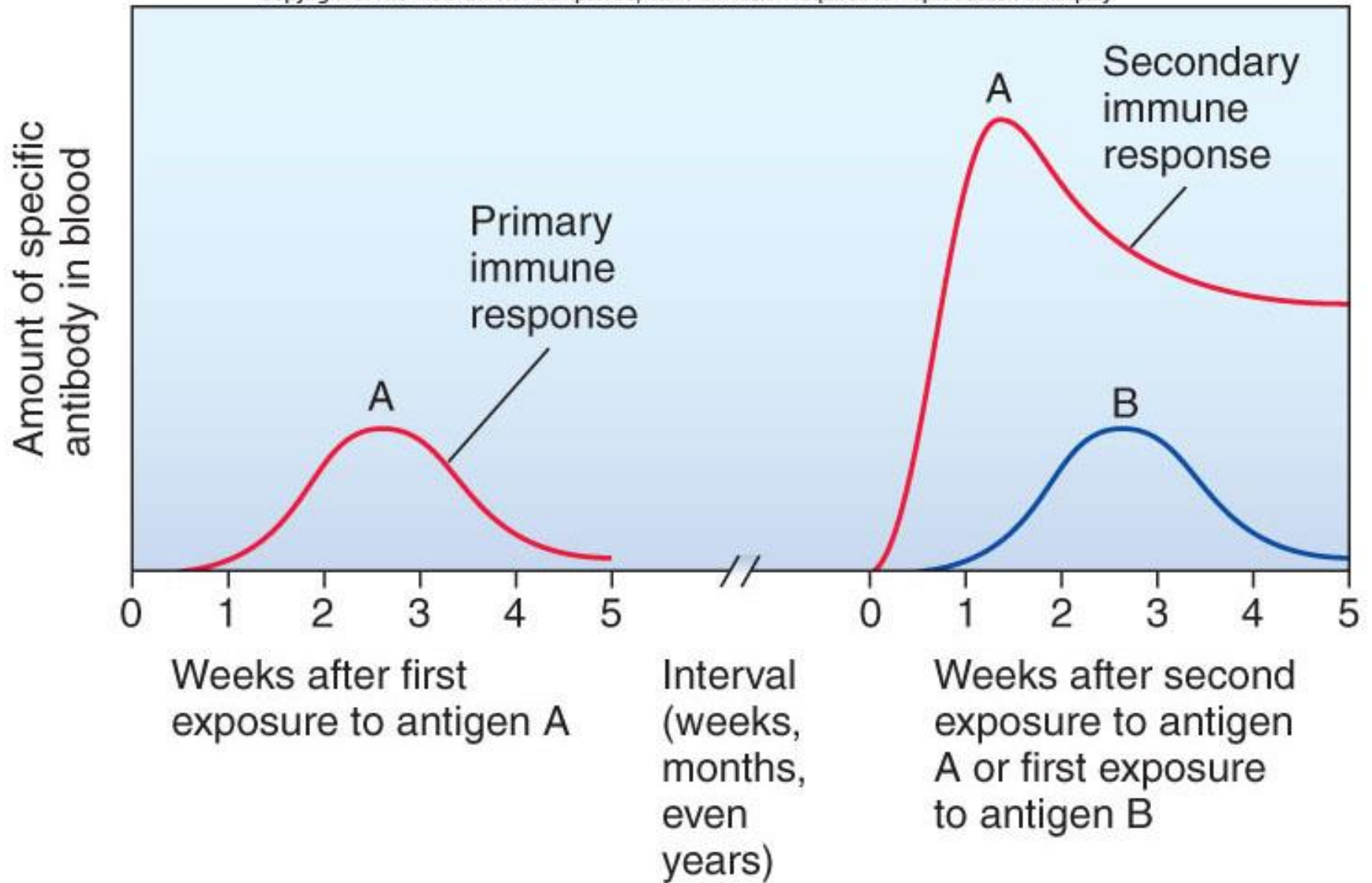




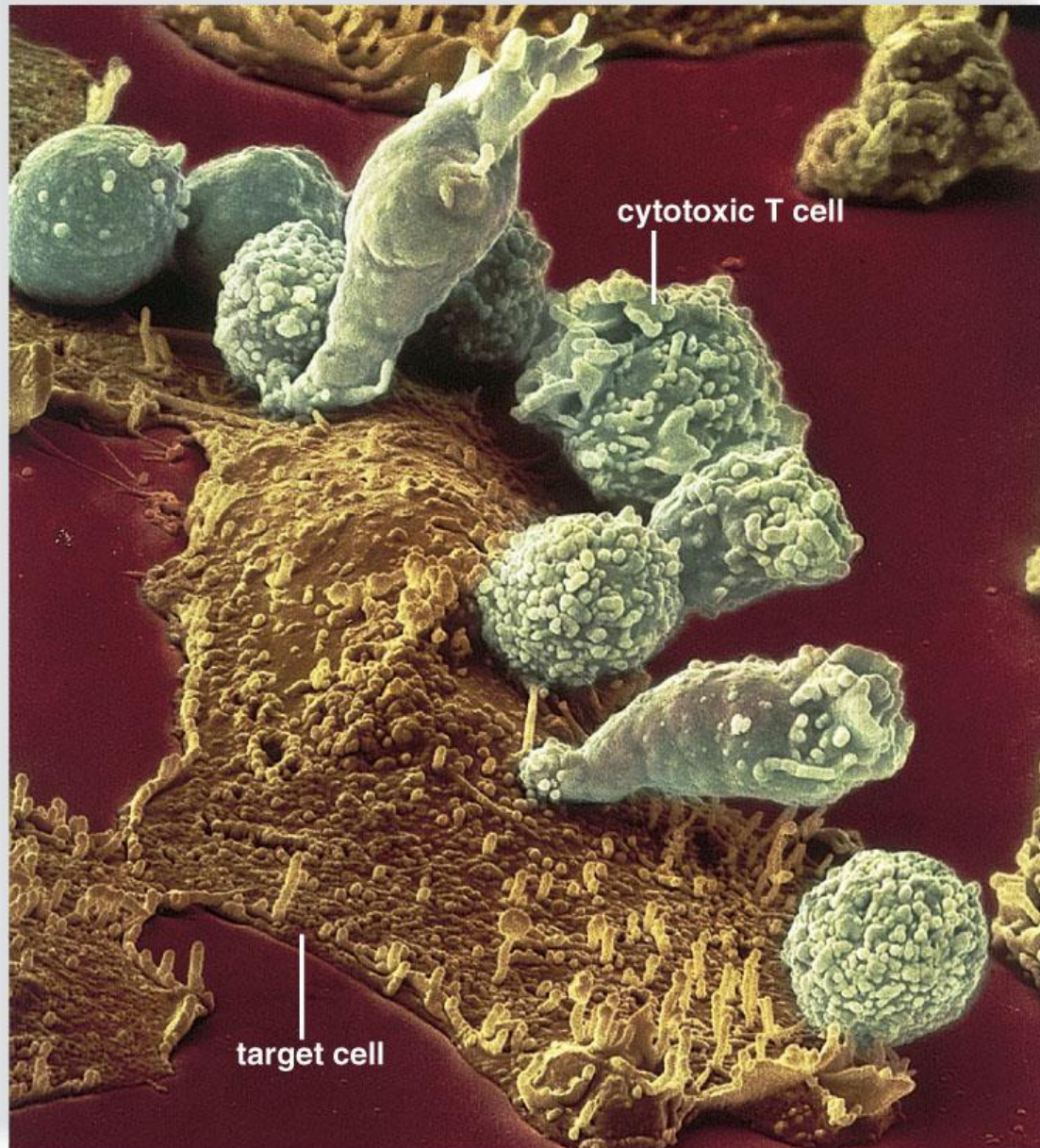


Antigen

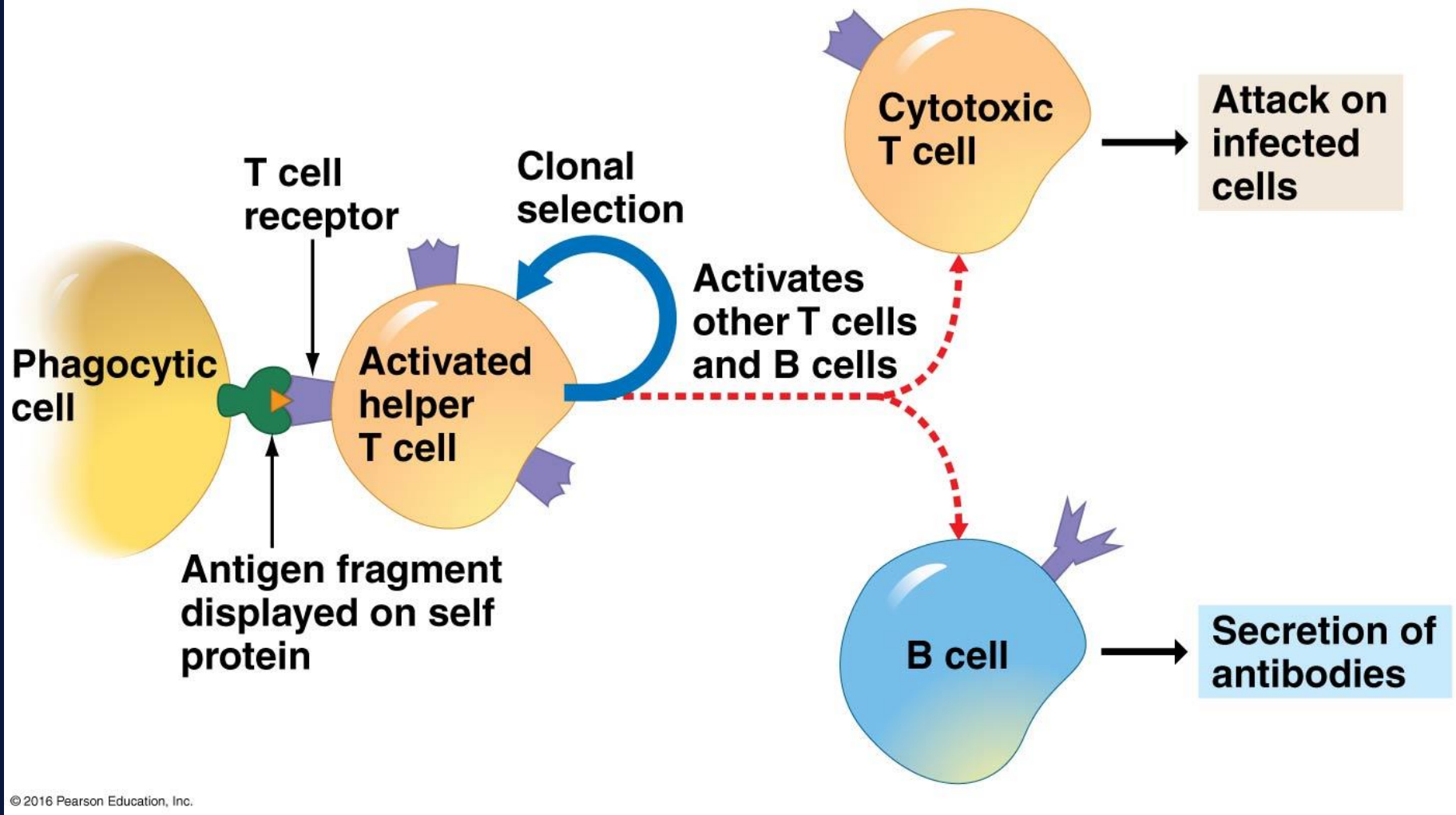








# Important Role of Helper T cells







Modulation of surface structure to avoid recognition (complement inhibition, antigenic variability, etc)



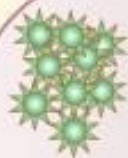
Activation or interference with TLR signaling pathways

Inhibition of phagocytosis



PI3K

Hide from immune surveillance / viral latency



Modulate: signal transduction gene expression Intrinsic pathways cell death

Degrade host receptors



Virokines/ Viroreceptors



Surface modulators



Inhibition of Ag presentation



Altered signaling

Modulation of intrinsic cellular pathways (eg. ubiquitin / proteasome)

Ub-Ub-Ub

proteasome



degradation

Altered interferon / inflammatory responses

Secretion of toxins

Modulation of cell death pathways

cytokine production

Apoptosis



virus



secreted or translocated products



bacteria



cell surface receptor eg. TLR

# Autoimmune Diseases

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- The immune system turns against the body's own molecules
  - ***Myasthenia gravis*** (antibodies against receptors on muscle cells)
  - ***Type I diabetes*** (antibodies against insulin-secreting cells of the pancreas)
  - ***Psoriasis*** (T-cell attack against skin cells)



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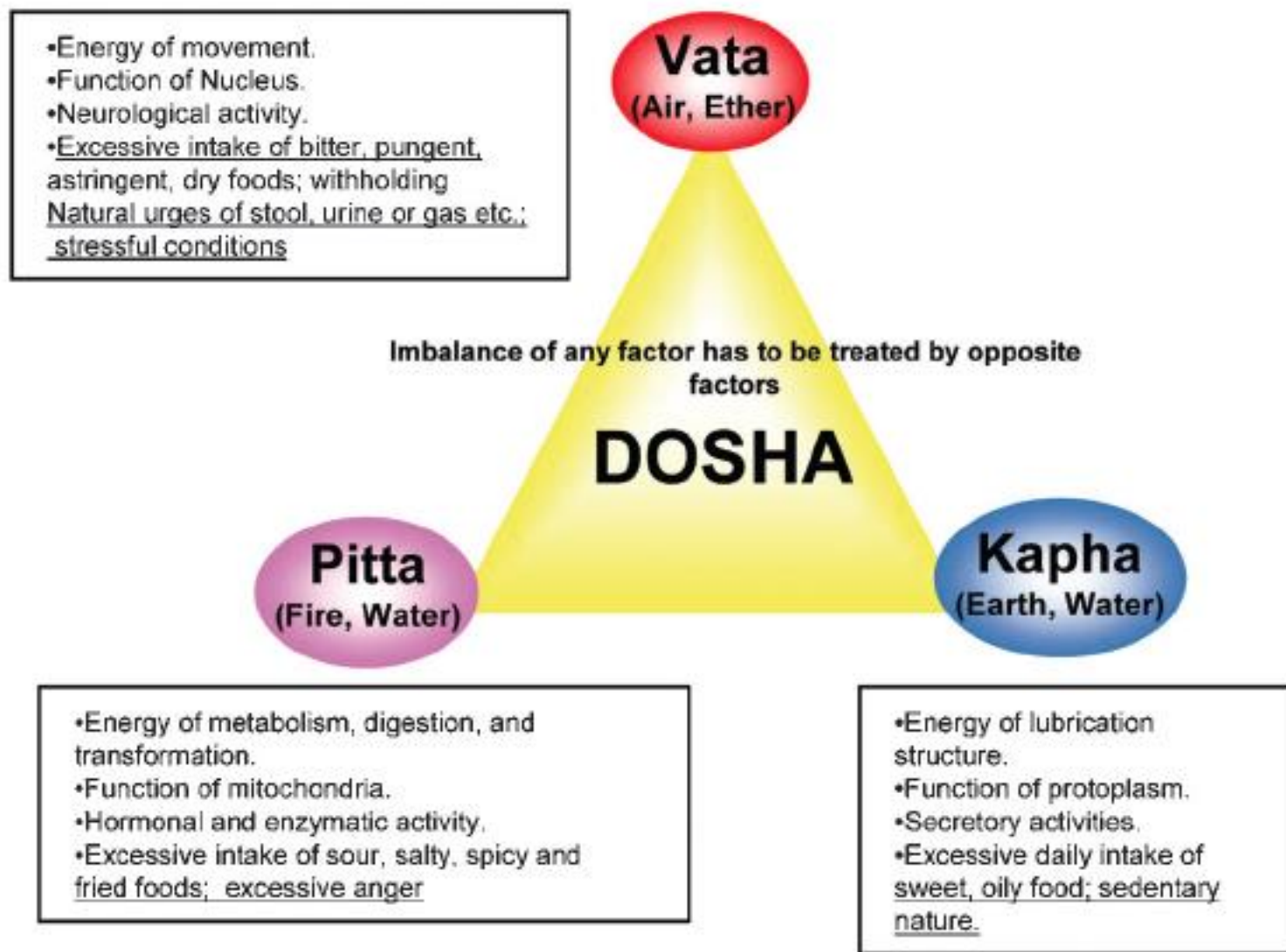
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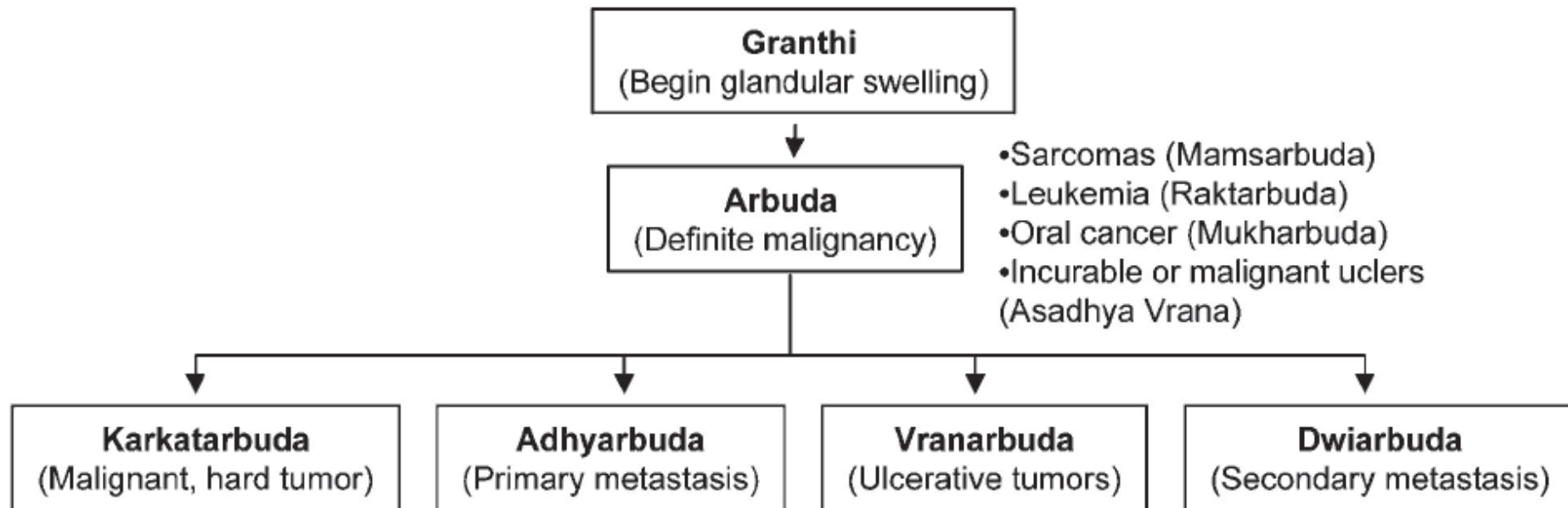
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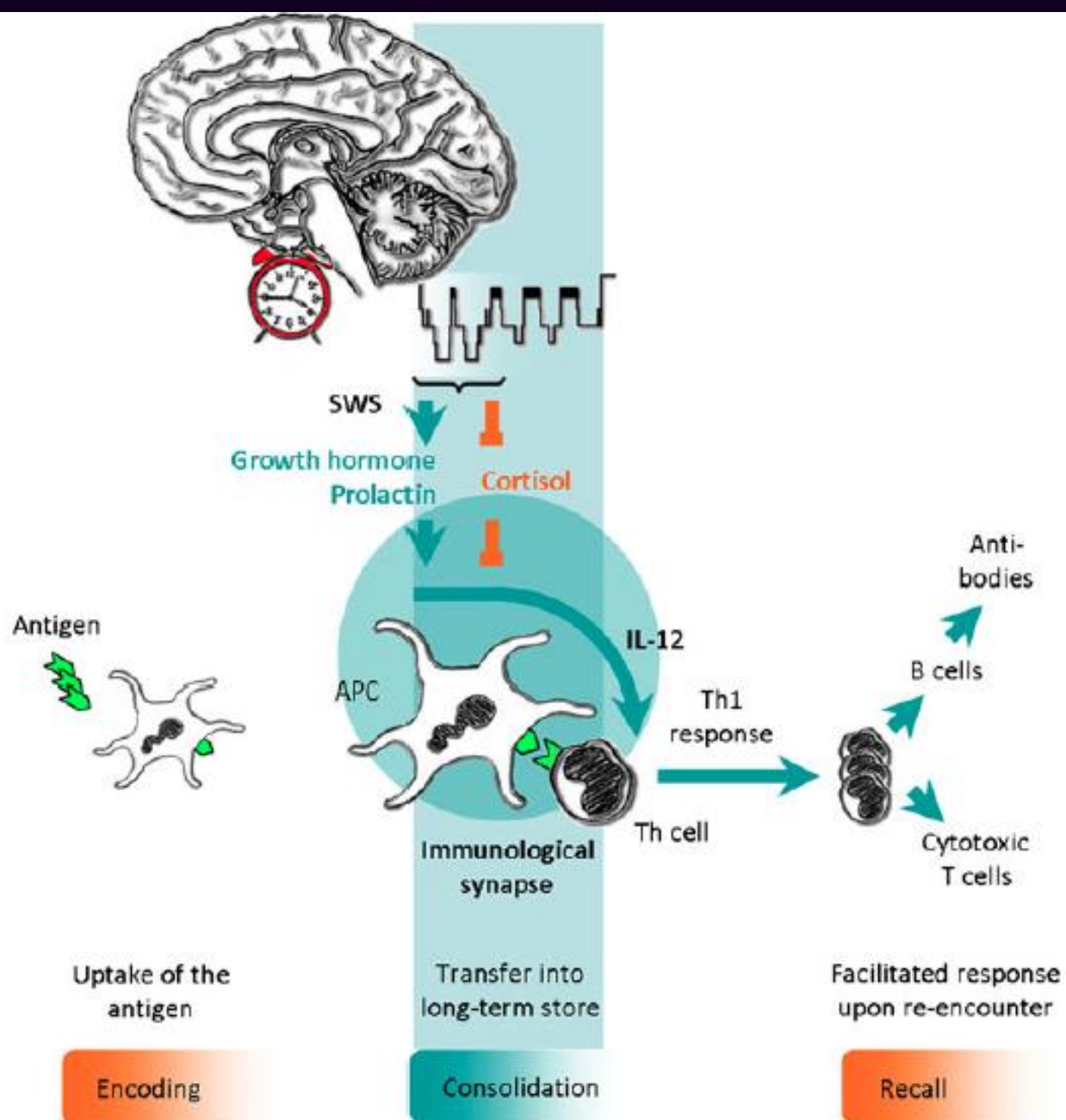
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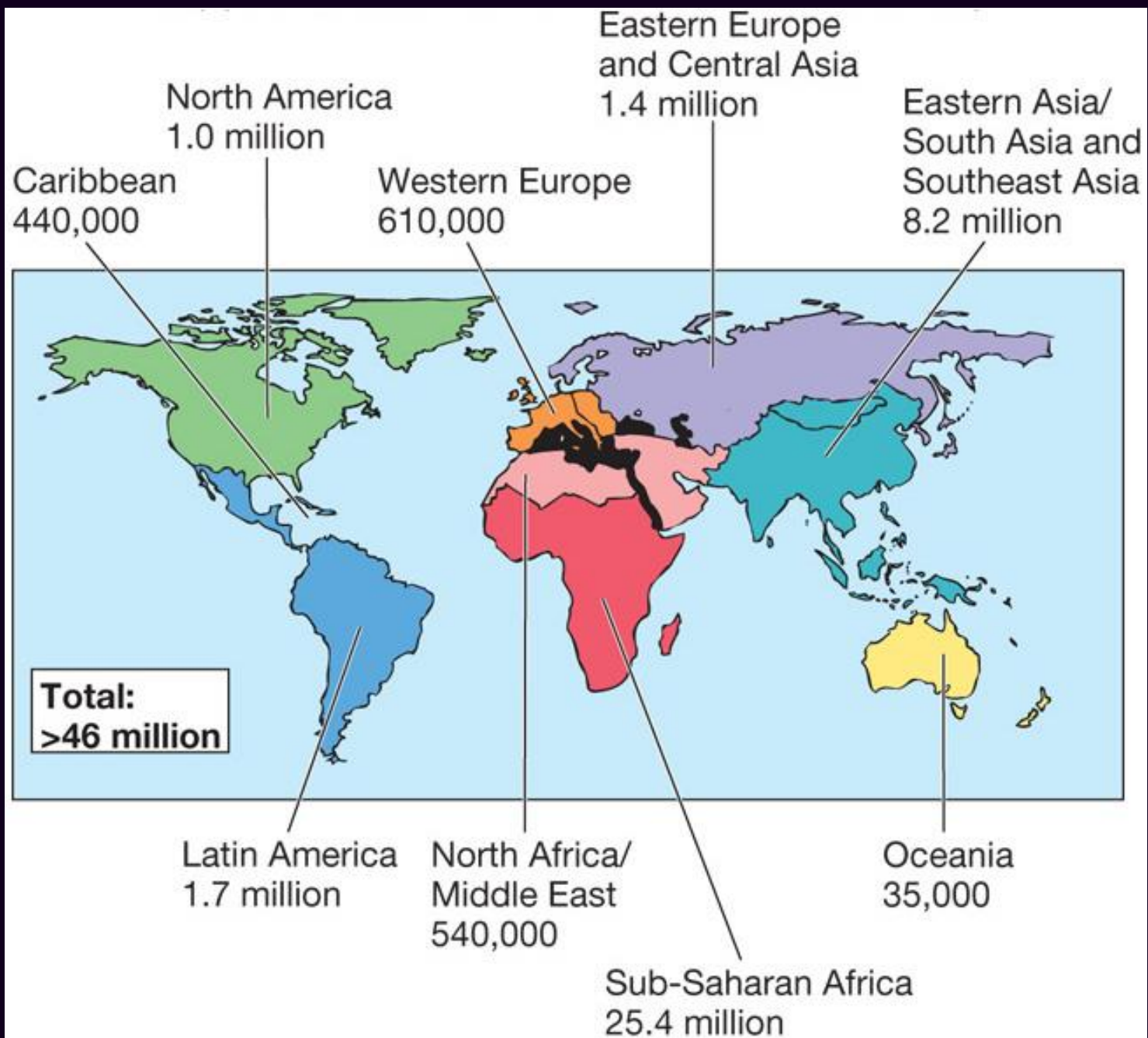
# Ayurvedic view of Cancer













AIDS victim:  
Kaposi  
sarcoma  
is evident