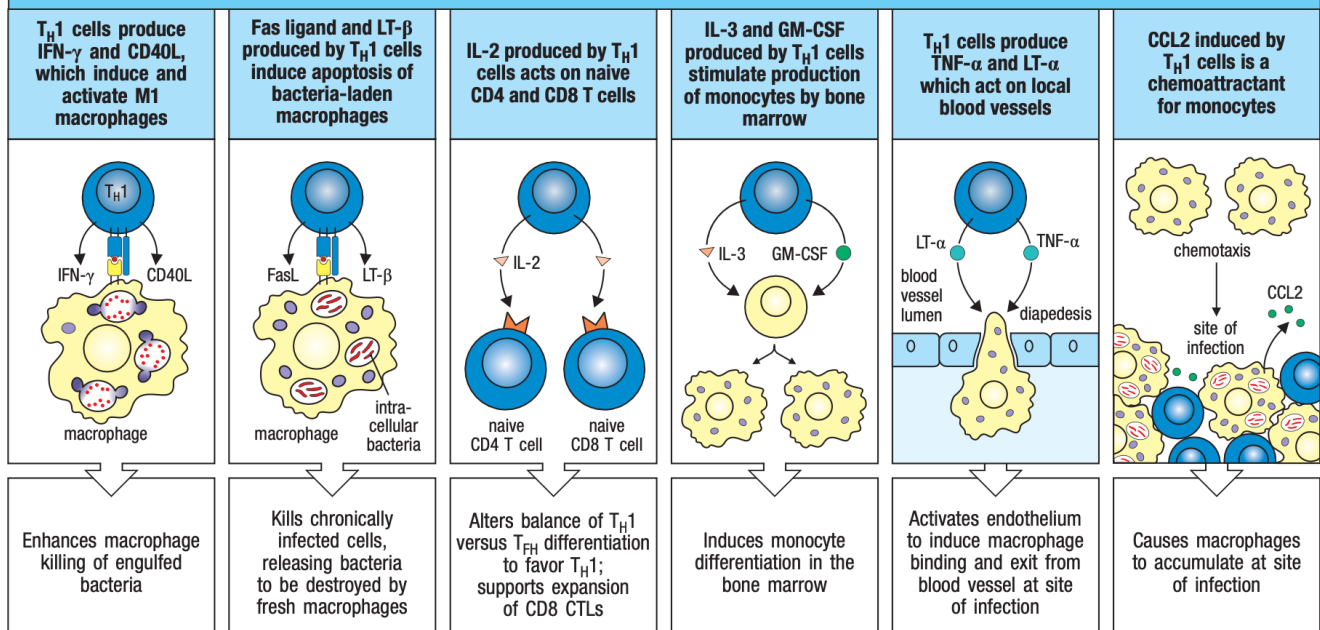
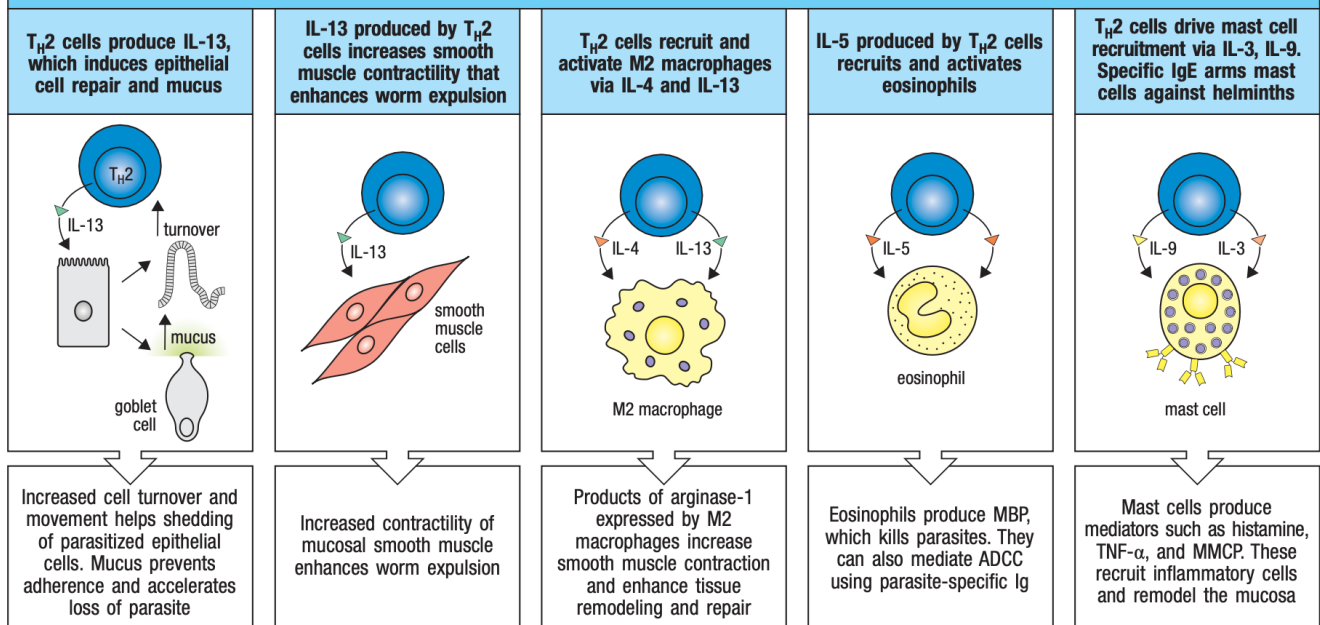


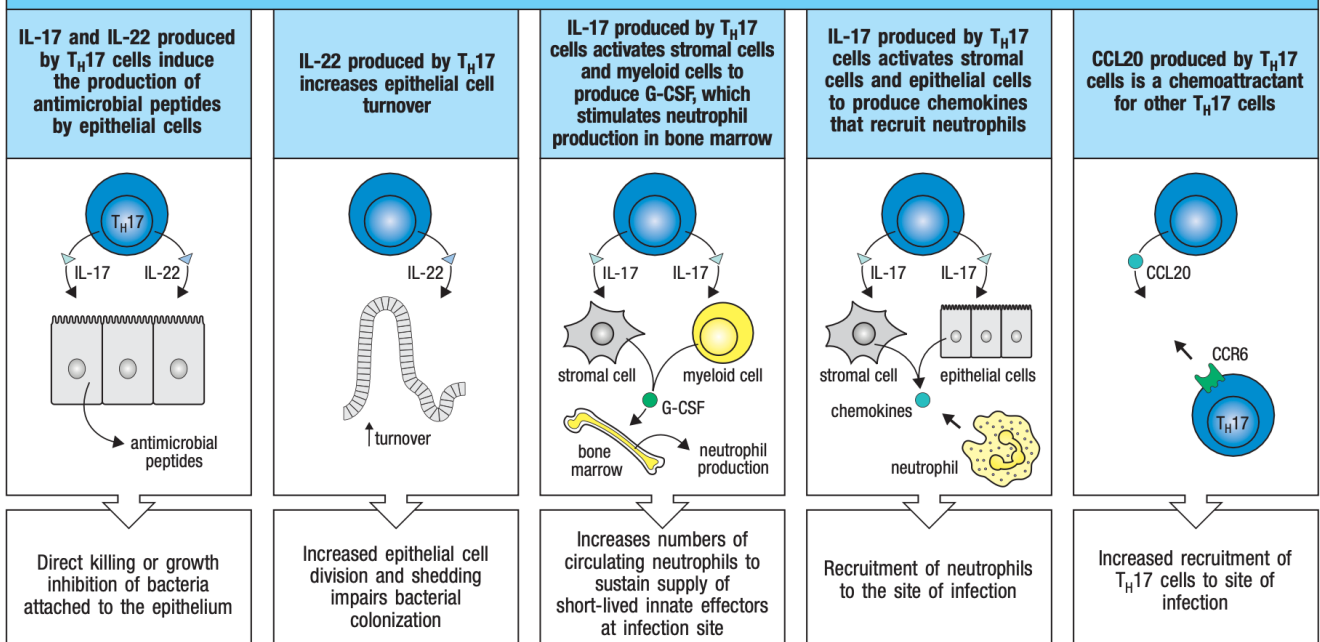
T_H1 effector functions in infections by intracellular bacteria



T_H2 cell effector functions in helminth infections



T_H17 effector functions in infections by extracellular bacteria



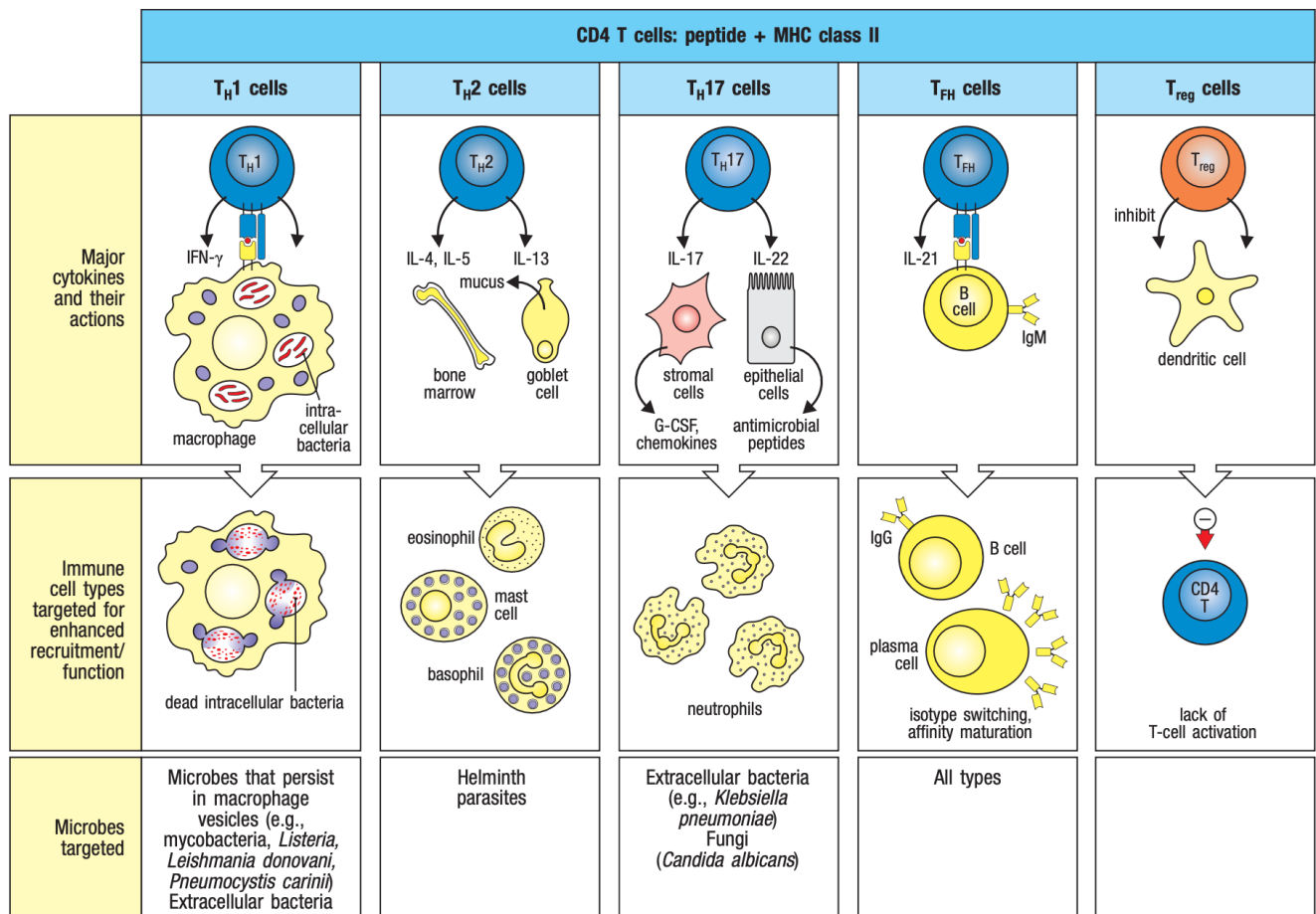


Fig. 9.30 Subsets of CD4 effector T cells are specialized to provide help to different target cells for the eradication of different classes of pathogens. Unlike CD8 T cells, which act directly on infected target cells to eliminate pathogens, CD4 T cells typically enhance the effector functions of other cells that eradicate pathogens—whether cells of the innate immune system, or, in the case of T_{FH} cells, antigen-specific B cells. T_H1 cells (first panels) produce cytokines, such as IFN- γ , which activate macrophages, enabling them to destroy intracellular microorganisms more efficiently. T_H2 cells (second panels) produce cytokines that recruit and activate eosinophils (IL-5) and mast cells and basophils (IL-4), and promote enhanced barrier immunity at mucosal surfaces (IL-13) to eradicate helminths. T_H17 cells (third panels) secrete IL-17-family cytokines that induce local epithelial and stromal cells to produce chemokines that recruit neutrophils to sites of infection. T_H17 cells also produce IL-22, which along with IL-17 can activate epithelial cells at the barrier site to produce antimicrobial peptides that kill

bacteria. T_{FH} cells (fourth panels) form cognate interactions with naive B cells through linked recognition of antigen and traffic to B-cell follicles, where they promote the germinal center response. T_{FH} cells produce cytokines characteristic of other subsets and participate in type 1, 2, and 3 responses that are recruited against different types of pathogens. T_{FH} cells producing IFN- γ activate B cells to produce strongly opsonizing antibodies belonging to certain IgG subclasses (IgG1 and IgG3 in humans, and their homologs, IgG2a and IgG2b, in the mouse) in type 1 responses. Those T_{FH} cells producing IL-4 drive B cells to differentiate and produce immunoglobulin IgE, which arms mast cells and basophils for granule release in type 2 responses. T_{FH} cells that produce IL-17 appear to be important for generating opsonizing antibodies directed against extracellular pathogens in the context of type 3/ T_H17 immunity. Regulatory T cells (right panels) generally suppress T-cell and innate immune cell activity and help prevent the development of autoimmunity during immune responses.