



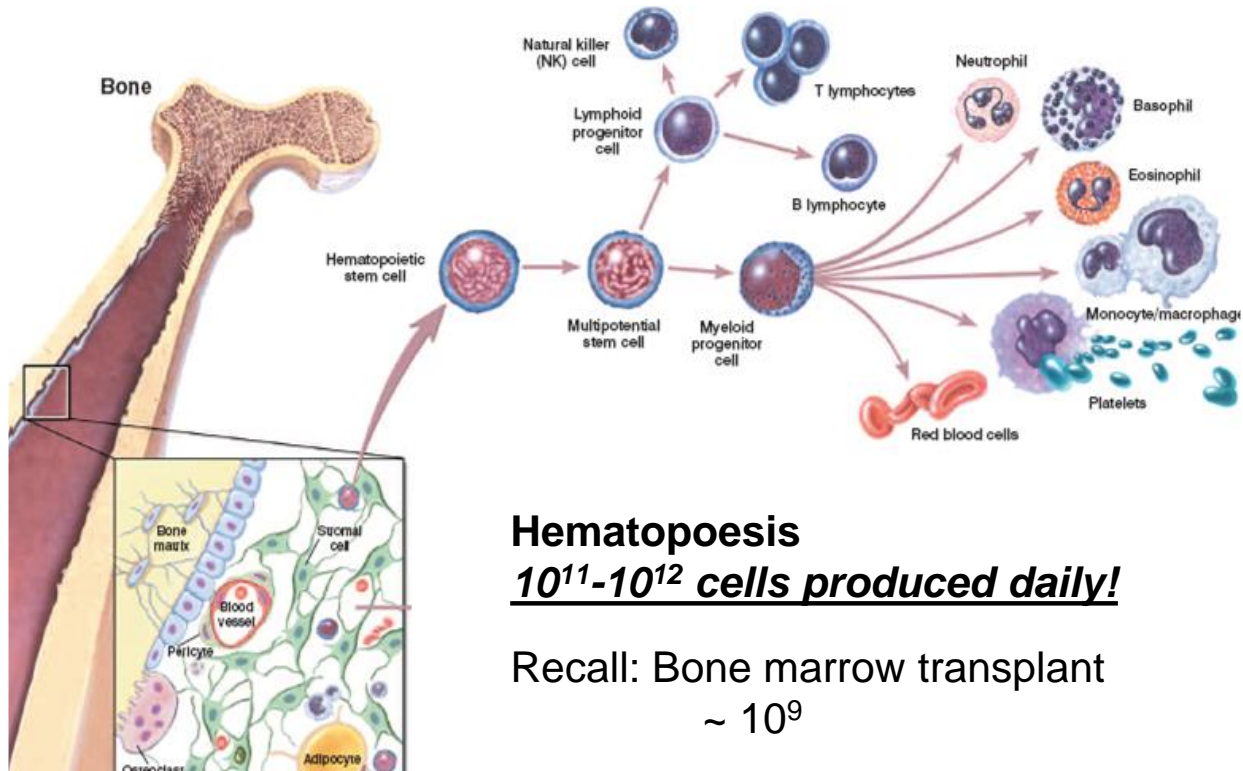
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# Cell and Tissue Engineering

Cell Numbers, Growth and Kinetics  
Part 2 Cell Culture Expansion

# Cell proliferation



## Hematopoiesis

**$10^{11}$ - $10^{12}$  cells produced daily!**

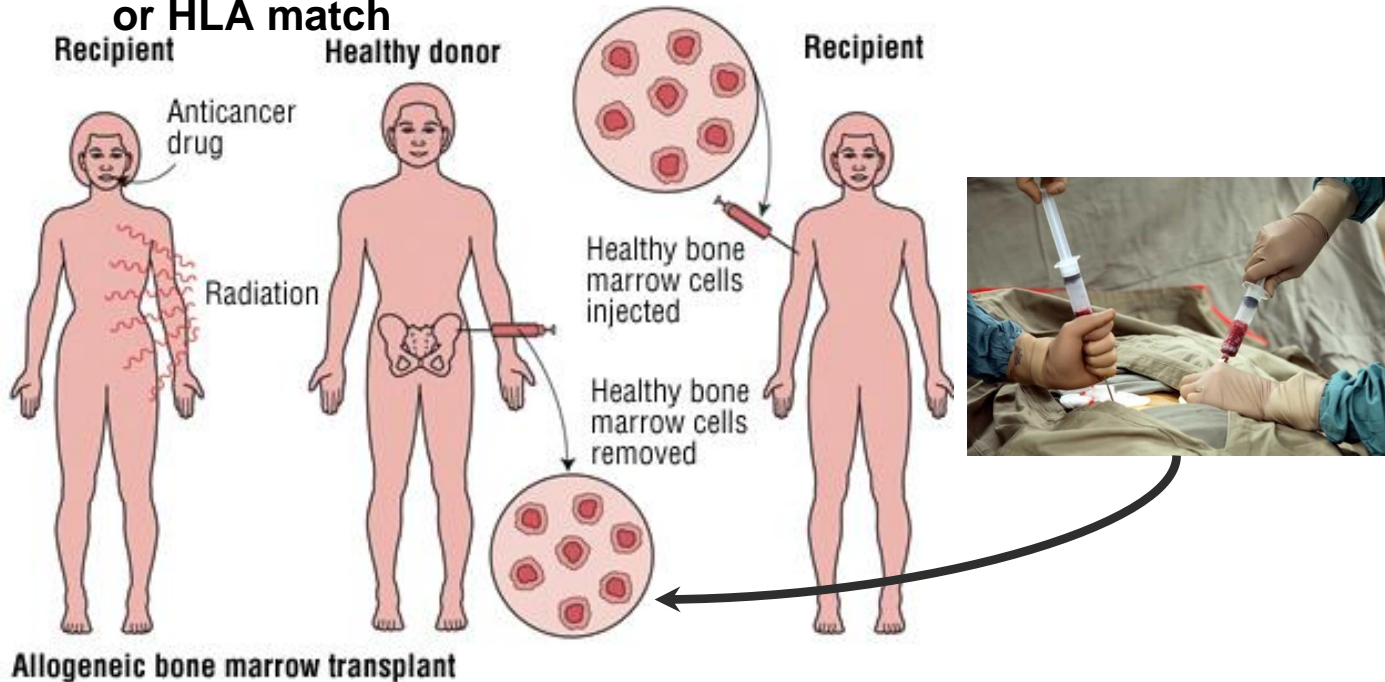
Recall: Bone marrow transplant  
 $\sim 10^9$

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# Allogeneic bone marrow transplants

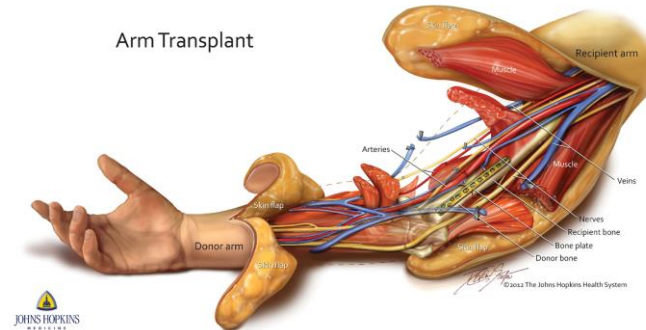
Human Leukocyte Antigen  
or HLA match





# Speaking of bone marrow matches...

Quickly recall the double arm transplant we saw in Module 1...

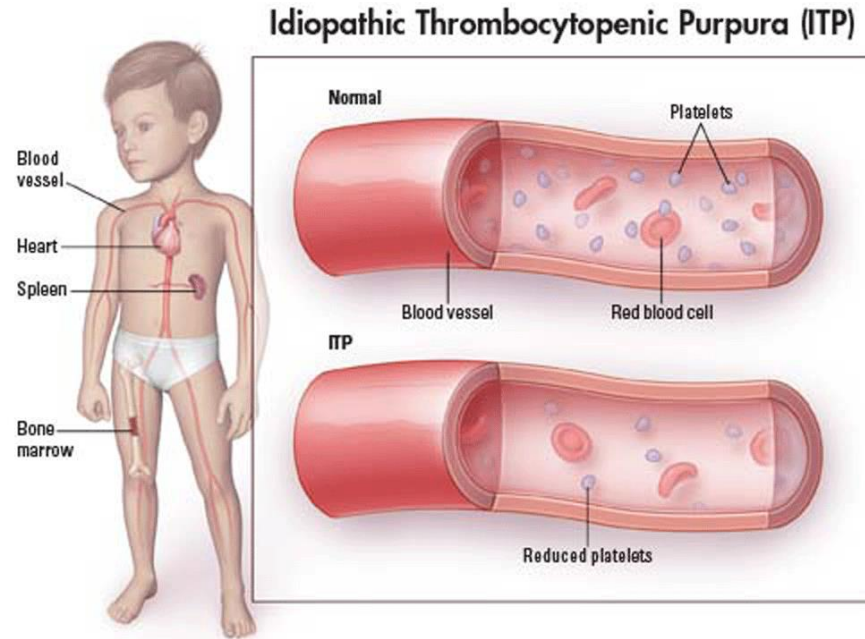


Bone marrow infusion from donor  
used to reduce rejection risk

# Take the case of thrombocytopenia

Back to more traditional bone marrow transplants now...

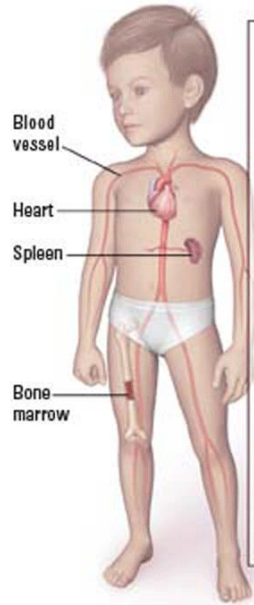
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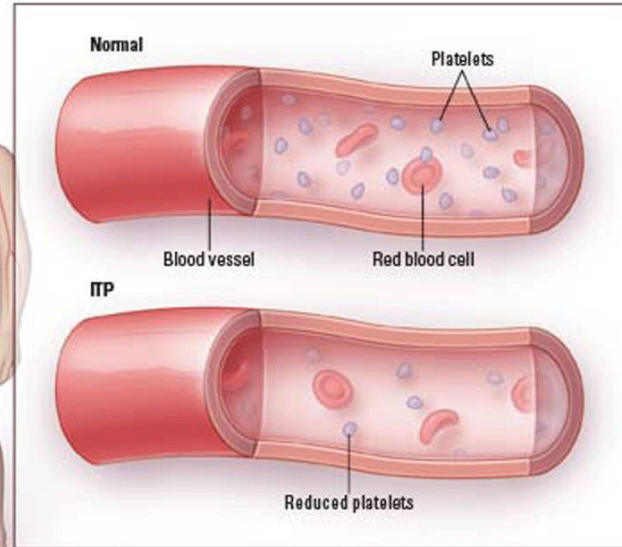
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- Long-term success of this treatment hinges on high numbers of cell
  - Requires *ex vivo* expansion of cells



Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)



# What can we do ex vivo?

Expand cell in culture!



***But this  
has  
limits!***



# Telomeres limit cell divisions

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“Mitotic Clock”

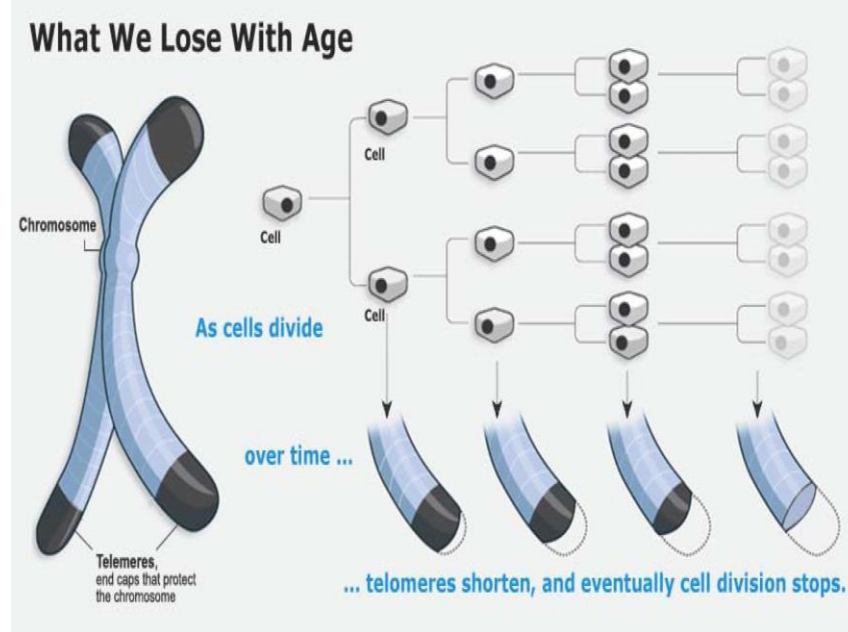
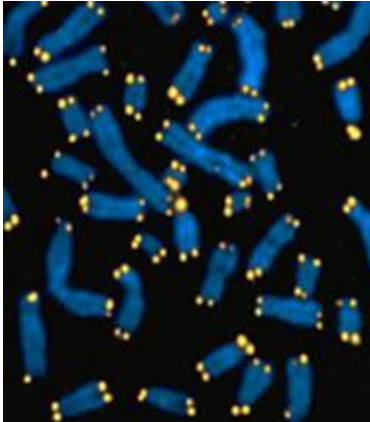
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**Telomerase** rebuilds the telomeres

Low activity – insufficient bone marrow replication, anemia

High activity – in 80-90% of cancers allow cancer cells to escape cell cycle arrest

**Anti-aging???**



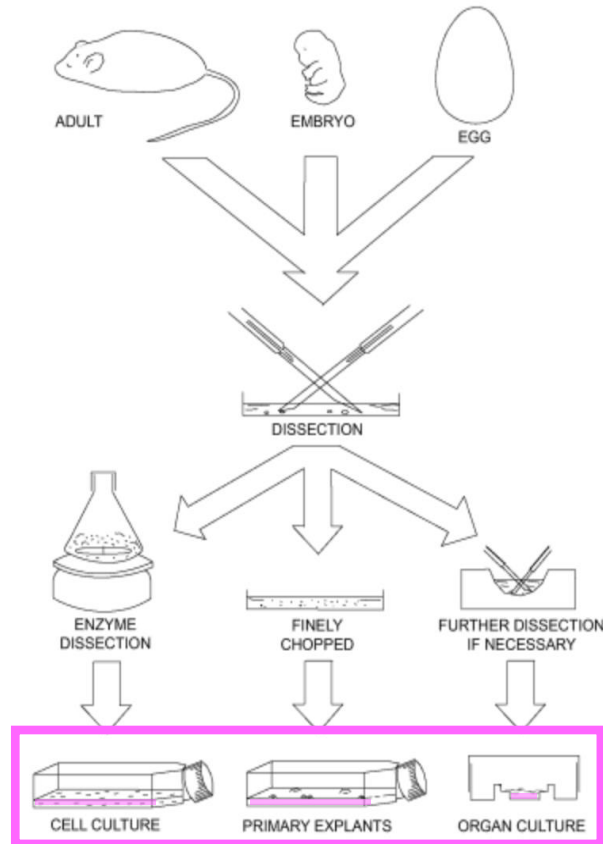
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Malignant melanoma



# Major methods for obtaining cells from tissues

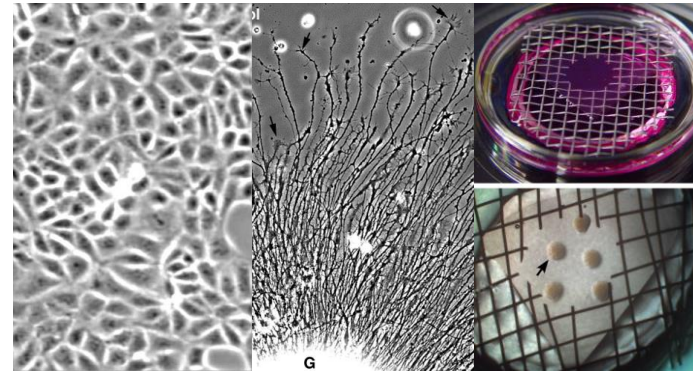


**Cell/Tissue Culture** – growth of cells/tissue separate from the organism

Cell  
Culture

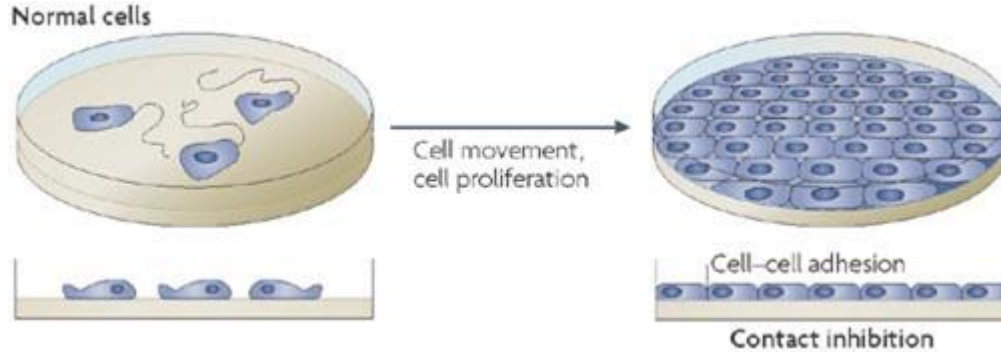
Explant  
Culture

Organ  
Culture

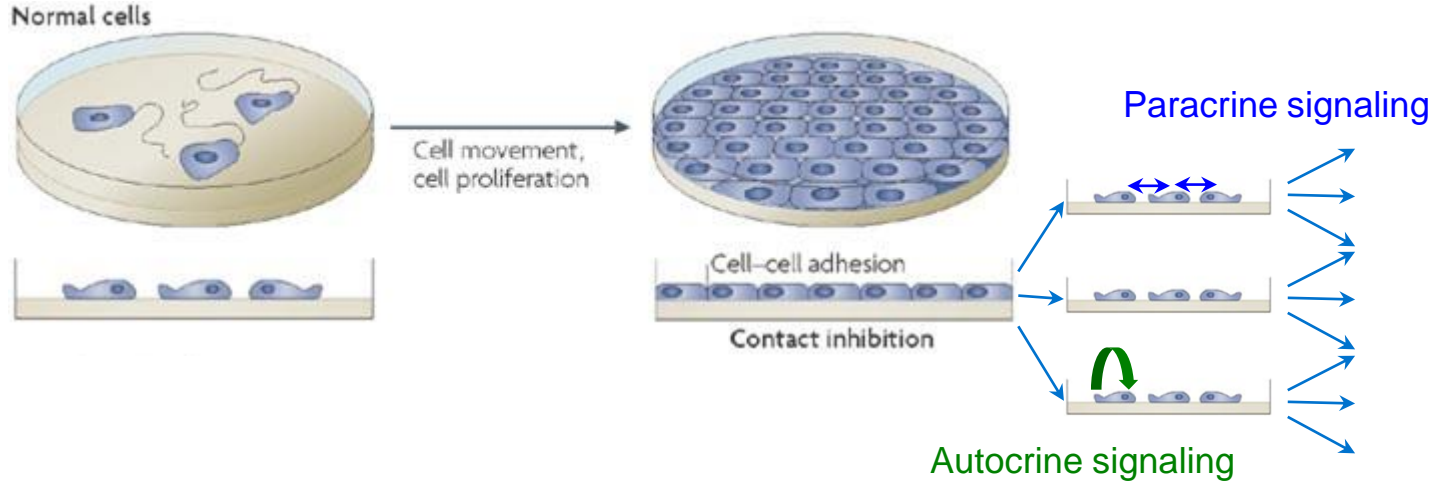




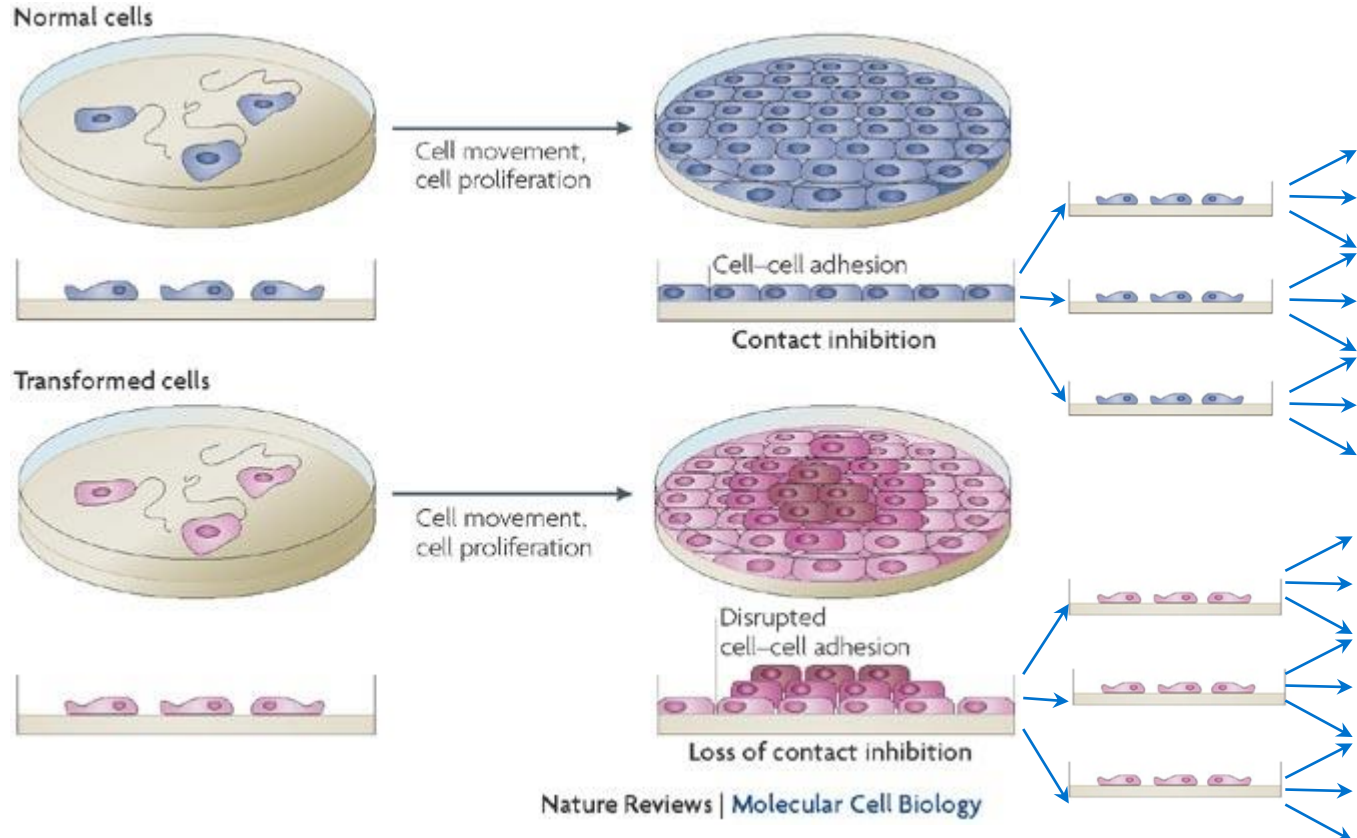
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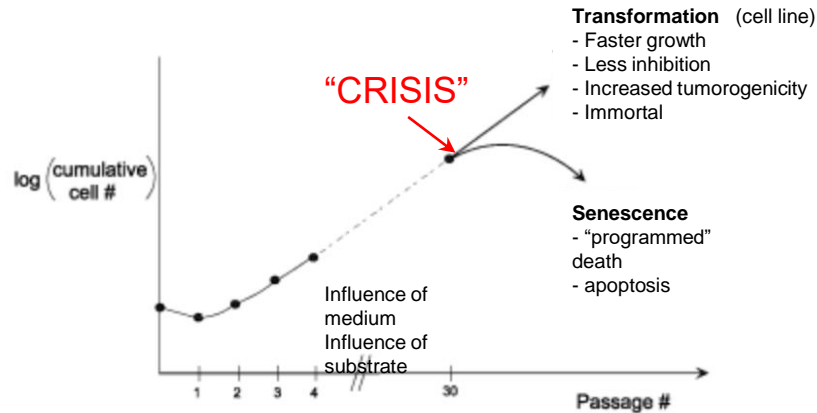
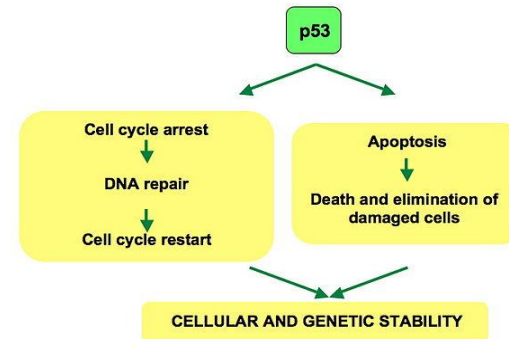


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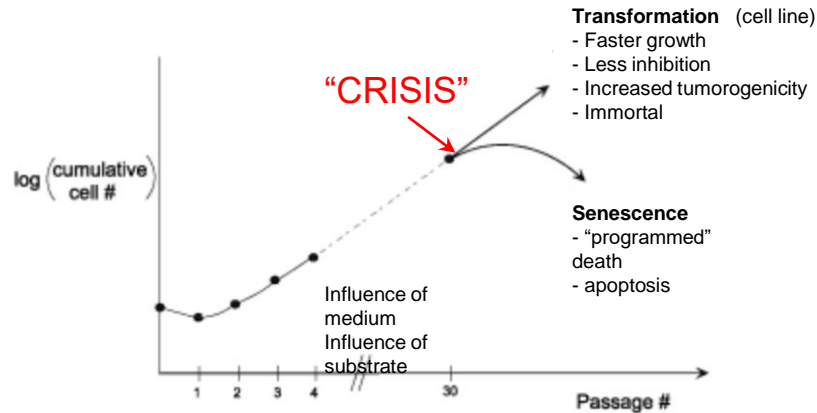
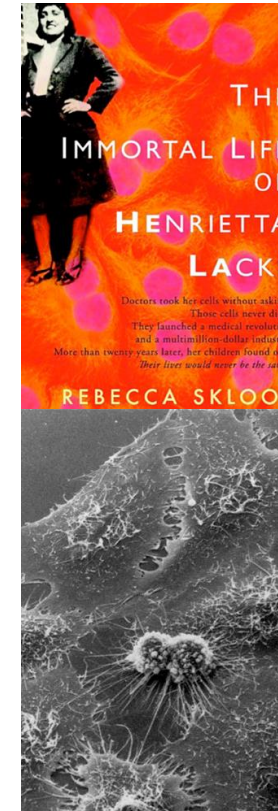


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HeLa cells are immortal



# Cell culture requires complex medium



Vitamins  
Amino acids  
Glucose  
Salts  
...



When minimum essential nutrients are unknown **serum** from other animals is used

Serum – non-cellular, non-clotting fraction of blood. Contains hormones and growth factors

Antibiotic are used to keep the cultures free of bacterial contamination

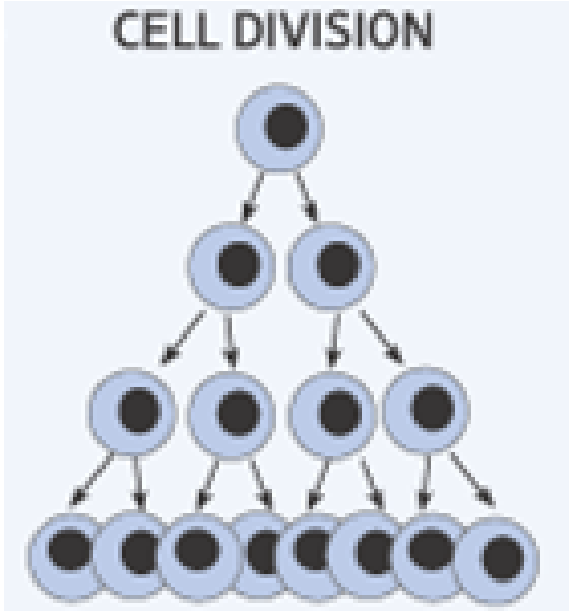
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*Back to math!*

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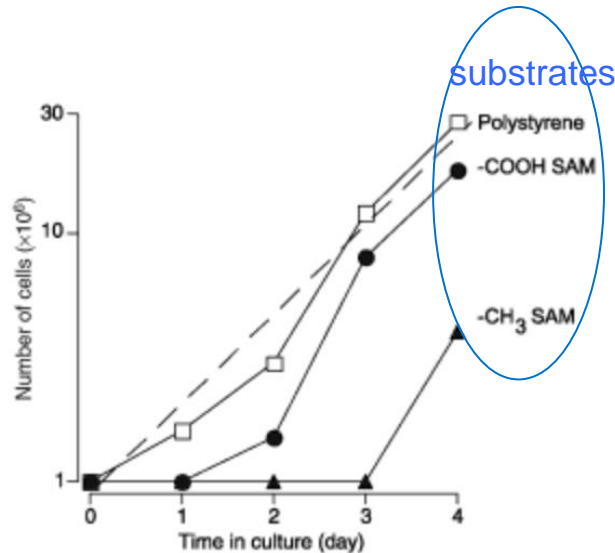
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Substrates influence growth rates and require more complex mathematical models

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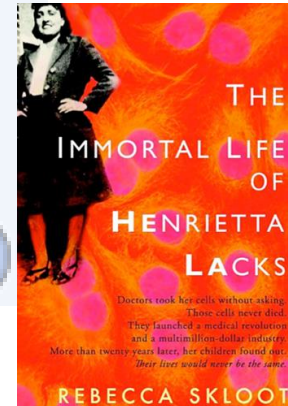
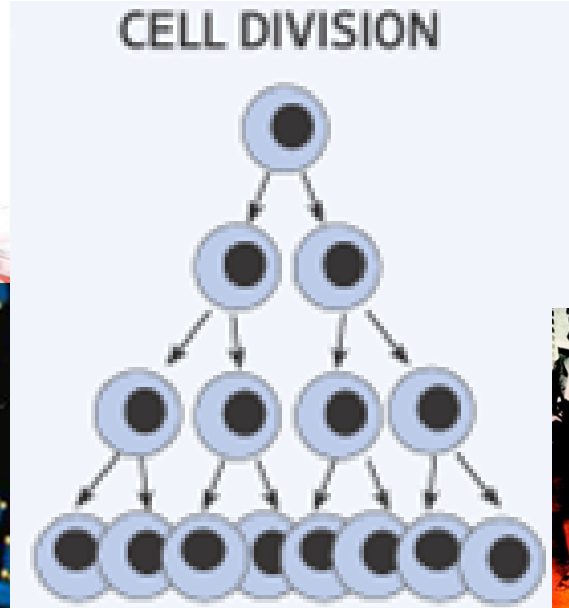
$t_D$  is the doubling time

$$N = 2N_0$$

$$t_D = \frac{\ln 2}{k_p}$$

*Do the math yourself!*

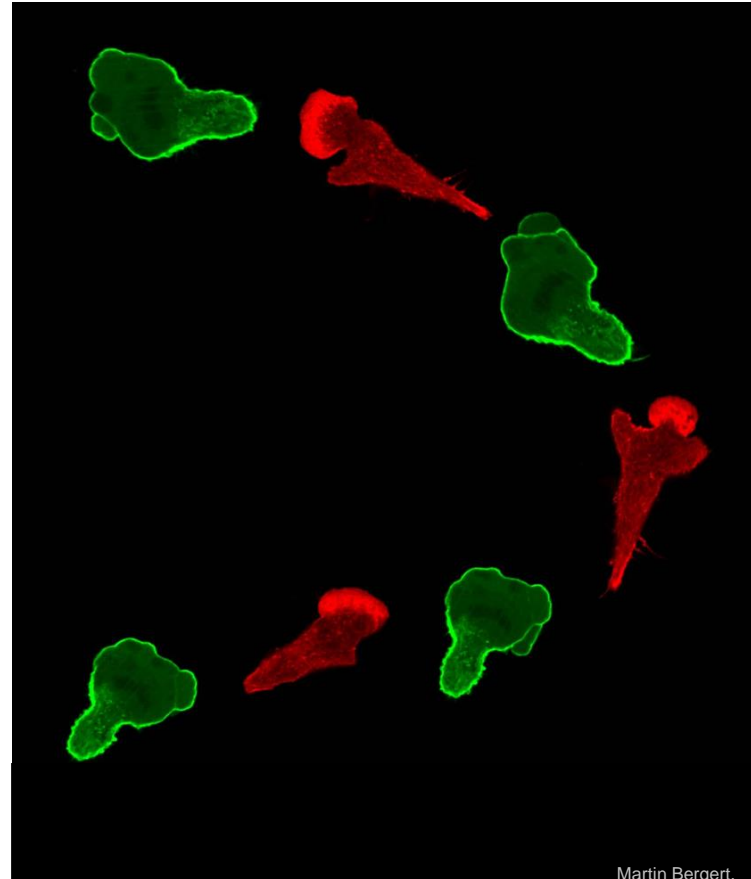
# Review and Rewind





# Next Module

- Cell Adhesion and Migration





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