

# INFLAMMATION

- a fire within (*“festering”*)

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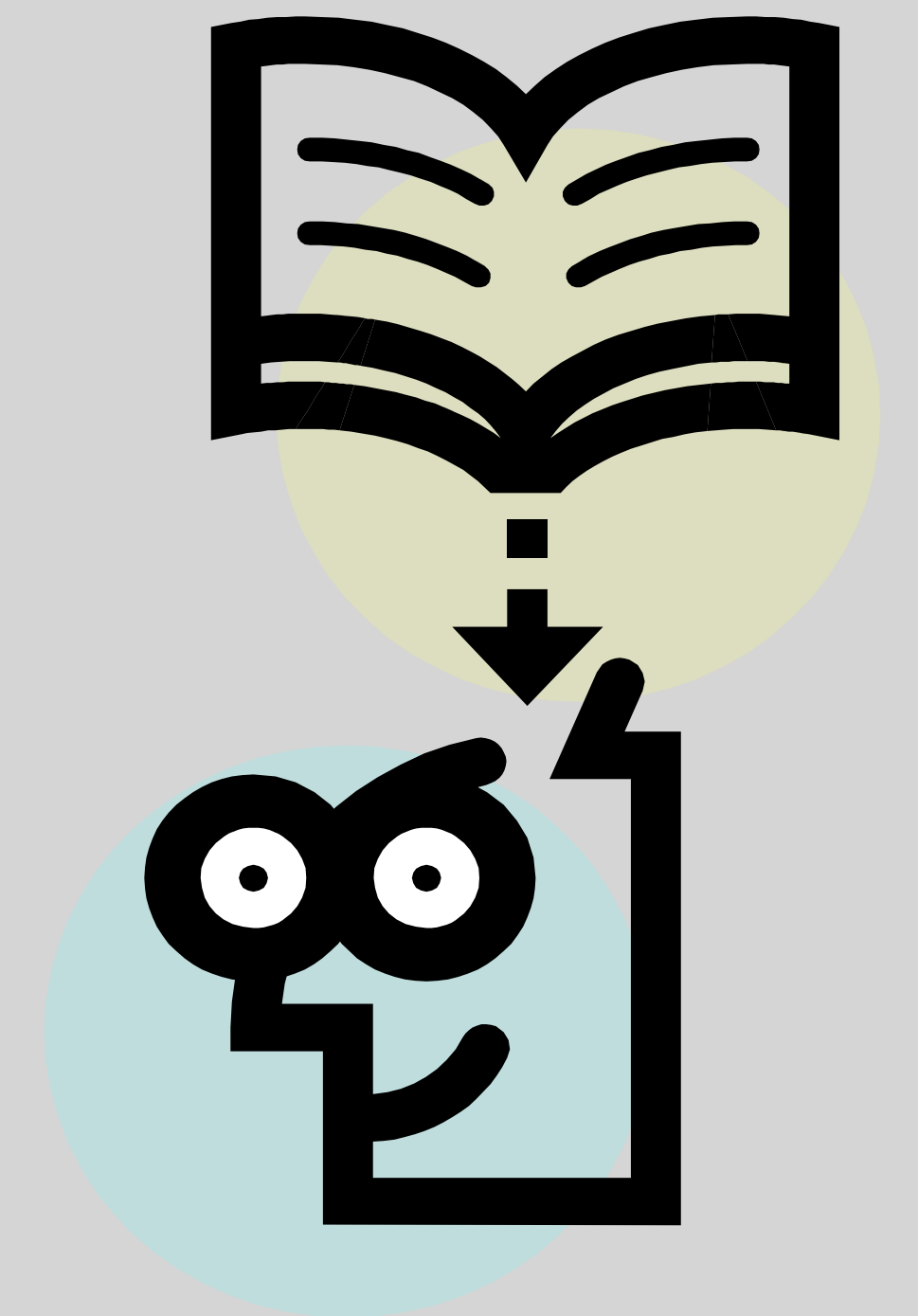
- fr. Latin word: *in* + *flammō* + *tiō* \*
- meaning the act of setting ablaze, or the act of setting aflame



# Objectives:

**We do this lecture so that:**

- We will have an intelligent grasp of what inflammation is, and
- We will learn how to reduce the risks of developing inflammation.





# Introduction:

- **INFLAMMATION** is the body's response to tissue injury be it from:
  - microbial infection,
  - chemical irritants,
  - nutritional imbalance,
  - lack of oxygen,
  - Immune response,
  - physical agents like:
    - extreme temperatures,
    - extreme pressure, or
    - ionizing radiation.





# Why is inflammation necessary

- **FUNCTION:**

- Gets rid of irritating stimuli at the site of injury so that it doesn't spread,
- It manages to clear dead cells and other tissue substances at the site of injury,
- It starts the repair process at the site of injury.





# IMMUNITY: Innate vs. Adaptive

- **IMMUNITY-** is the body's armed forces
  1. **Innate** immunity- that which you are born with; it distinguishes between self and non-self; rapidly fights against anything non-self
  2. **Adaptive** immunity- that which is learned by the immune system; takes time to work and it highly specific







# Immunity: Innate vs. Adaptive

Characteristics	Innate Immunity	Adaptive immunity
Presence	Innate immunity is something already present in the body.	Adaptive immunity is created in response to exposure to a foreign substance.
Specificity	Non-Specific; fights any invader	Specific
Response	Rapid	Slow (1-2 weeks)
Potency	Limited and Lower potency	High potency
Inheritance	Immunity is generally inherited from parents and passed to offspring.	Immunity is not passed from the parents to offspring, hence it cannot be inherited.
Memory	Cannot react with equal potency upon repeated exposure to the same pathogen.	Adaptive system can remember the specific pathogens which have encountered before.
Example	White blood cells fighting bacteria, causing redness and swelling, when you have a cut.	Chickenpox vaccination so that we don't get chickenpox because adaptive immunity system has remembered the foreign body.

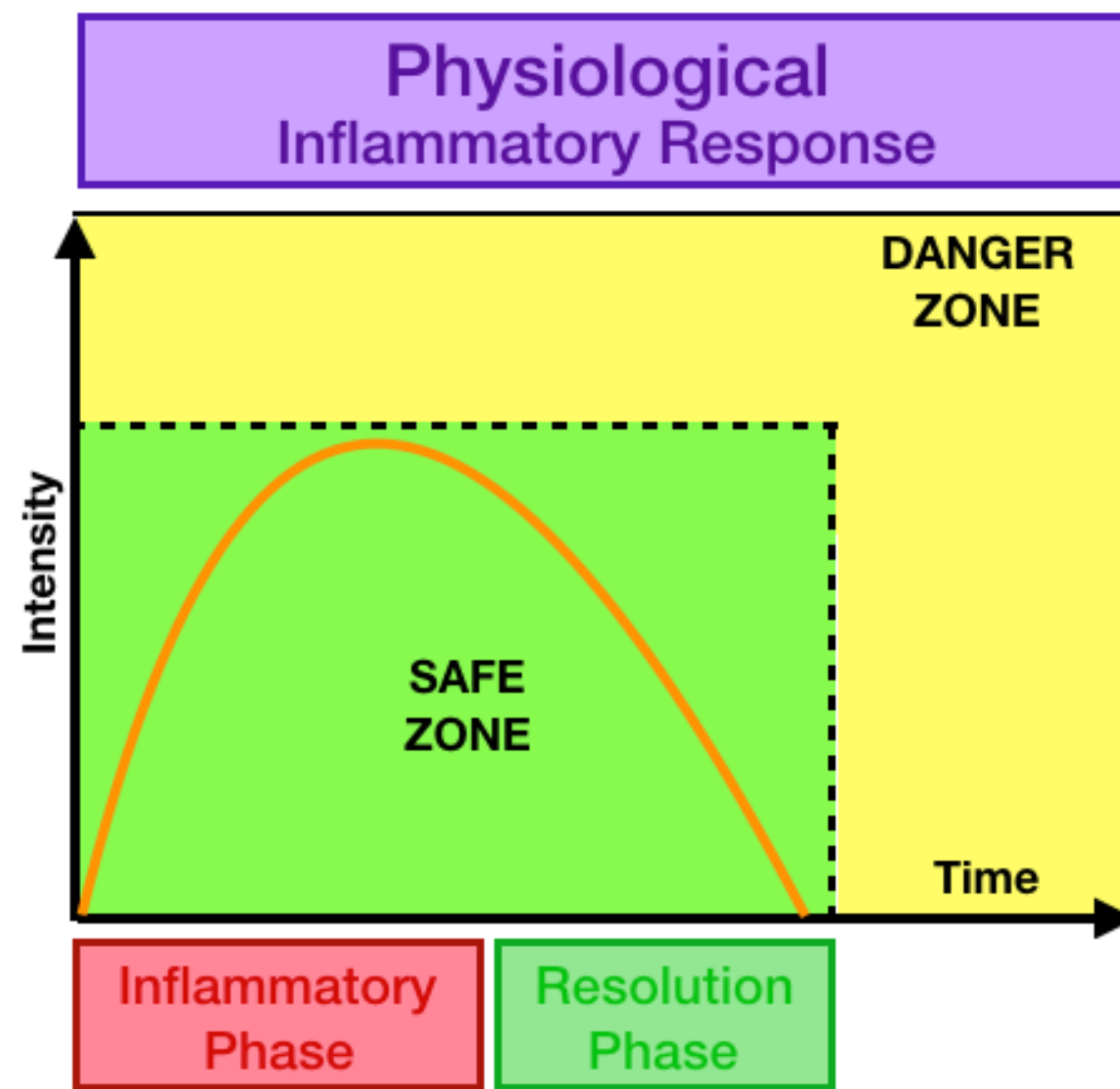


# Acute vs. Chronic Inflammation

FACTORS	ACUTE	CHRONIC
Causative agent	Pathogens, irritants, damage	Persistent acute inflammation due to non-degradable pathogens, persistent foreign bodies, or autoimmune reactions
Onset	Immediate	Delayed
Duration	Few days	Up to months, or years
Specificity	Non-specific	Specific- involves acquired immunity
Major cells	Neutrophils, basophils, eosinophils, monocytes, macrophages	Monocytes, macrophages, lymphocytes (antibodies), plasma cells, fibroblasts
Outcomes	Resolution, abscess formation, and chronic inflammation	Tissue destruction, fibrosis (scarring)



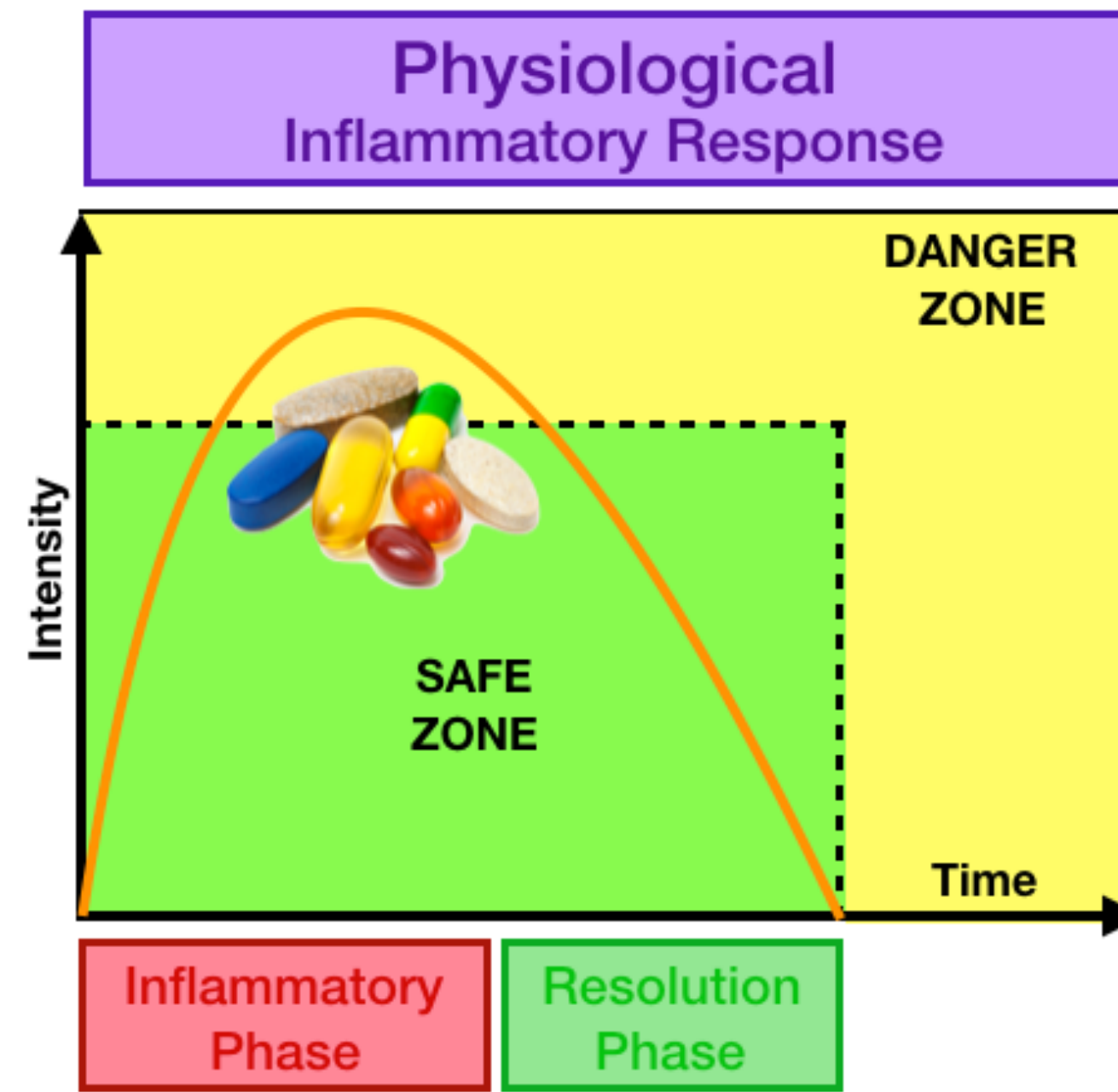
# Acute vs. Chronic Inflammation



## Acute inflammation

- Caused by mild-moderate stimulus.
- Inflammation resolves by natural mechanisms that prevent damage and restore tissue homeostasis.

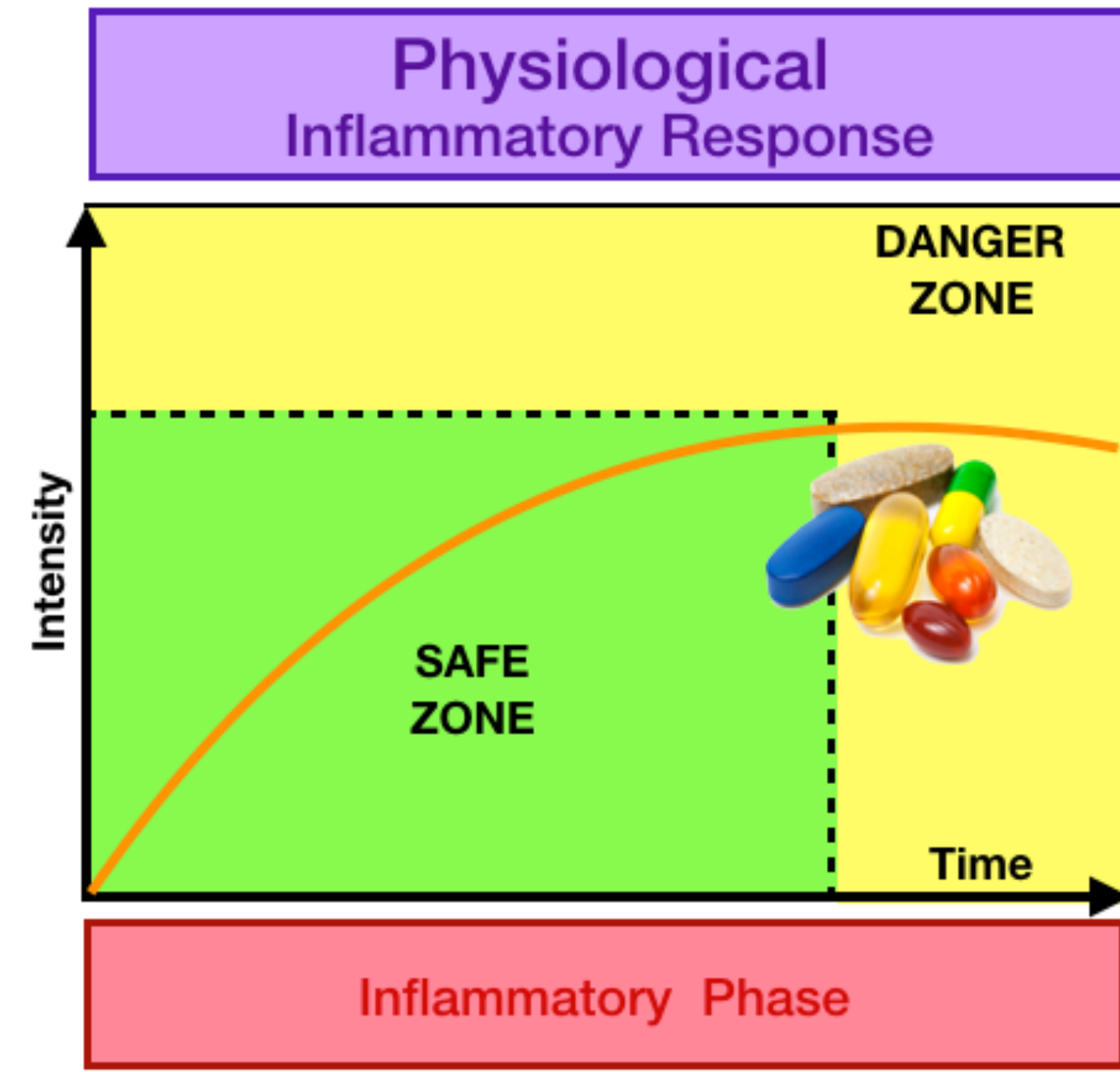
Example: sprained ankle



## Acute inflammation

- Caused by strong stimulus.
- Risk of tissue damage: *Anti-inflammatory drugs* are used to reduce excessive inflammation.

Example: acute pancreatitis



## Chronic inflammation

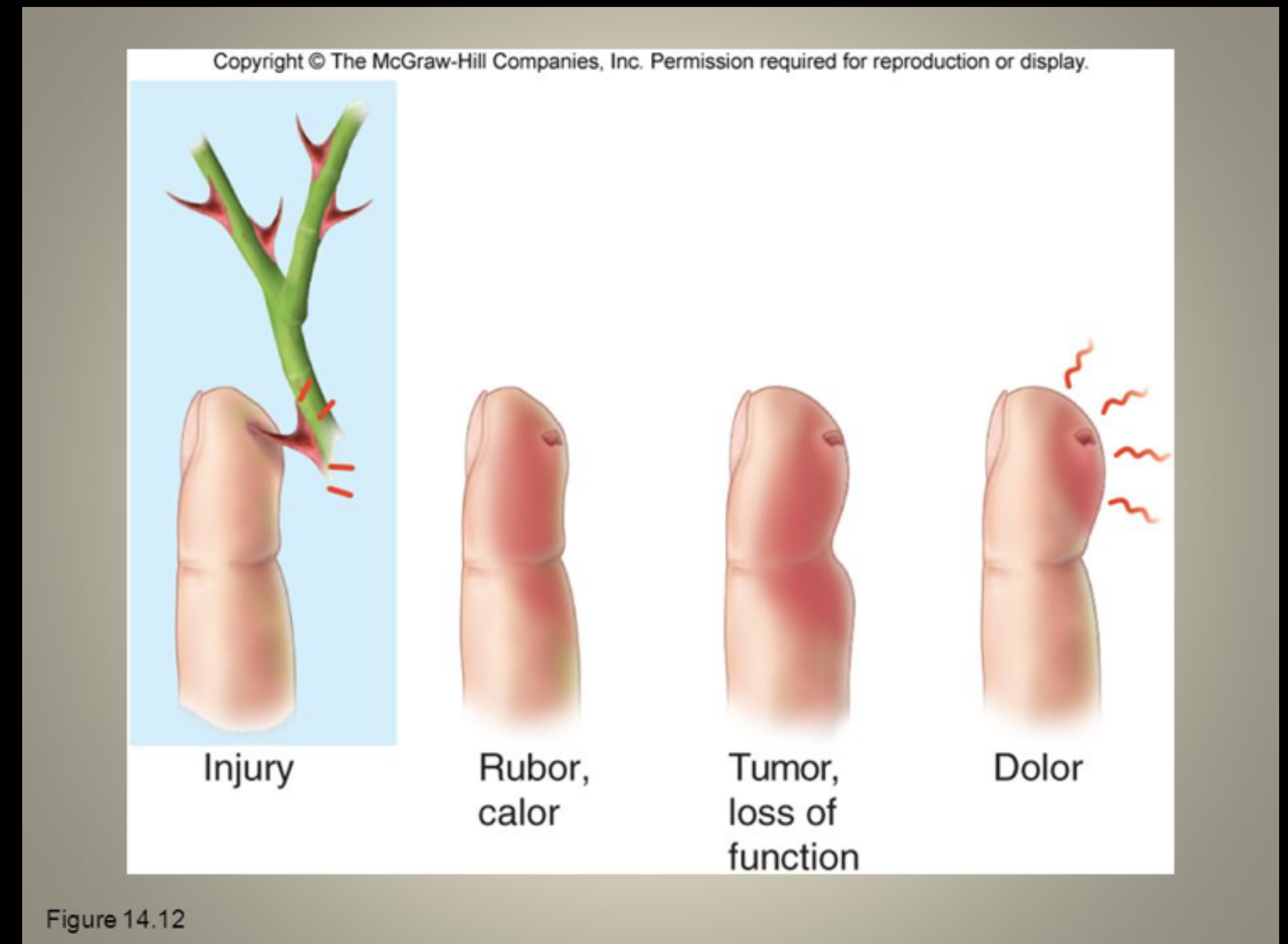
- Caused by persistent stimulus or defect in endogenous resolution
- Currently treated w/ anti-inflammatory drugs: *Pro-resolving drugs represent an alternative* to activate the natural repair.

Example: sprained ankle



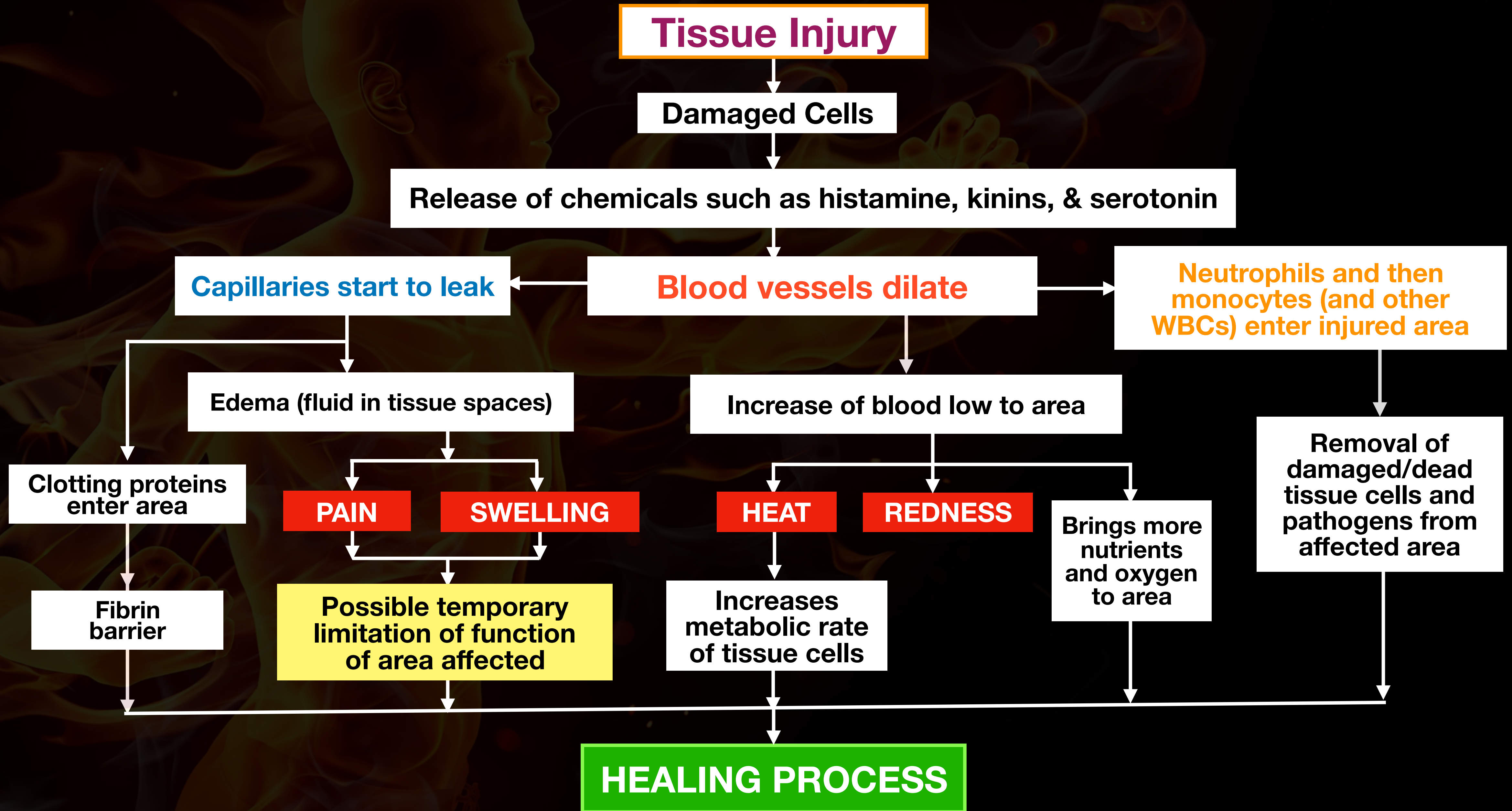
# INFLAMMATION- Cardinal Signs & Symptoms

1. Heat → Calor
2. Redness → Rubor
3. Swelling → Tumor
4. Pain → Dolor
5. Functio laesa → Loss of function



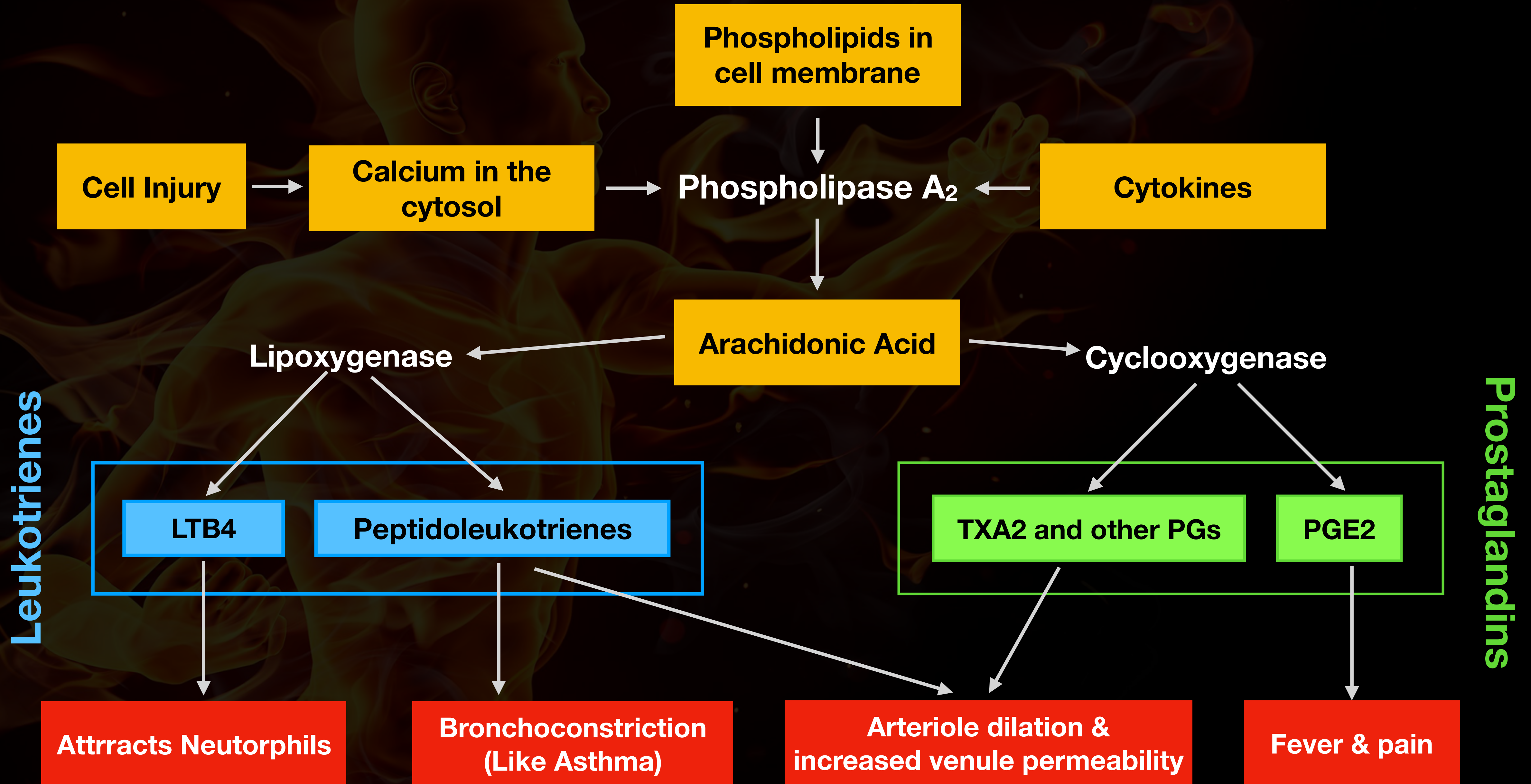


# Physiology Behind Initial Inflammation





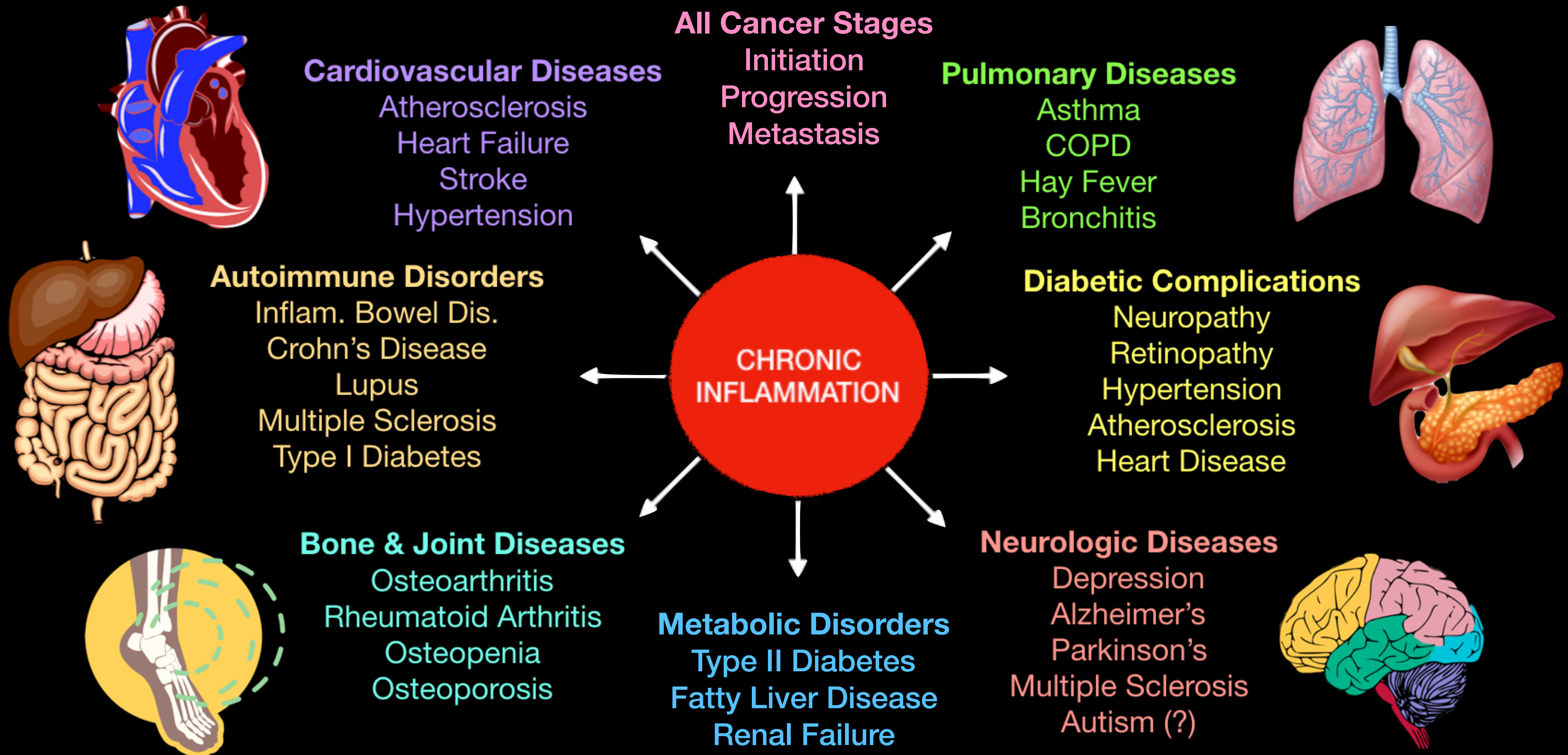
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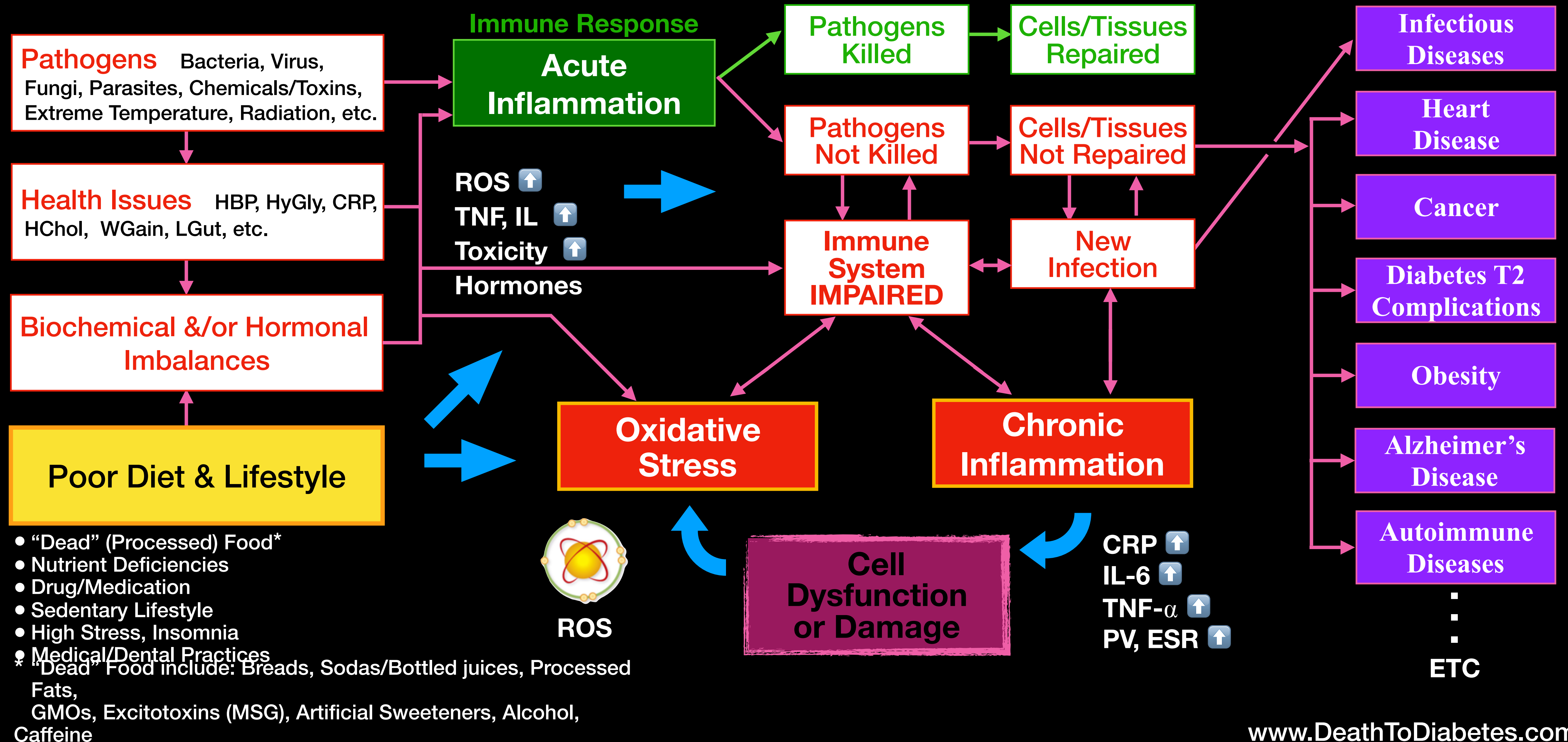
# New Horizons in Inflammation





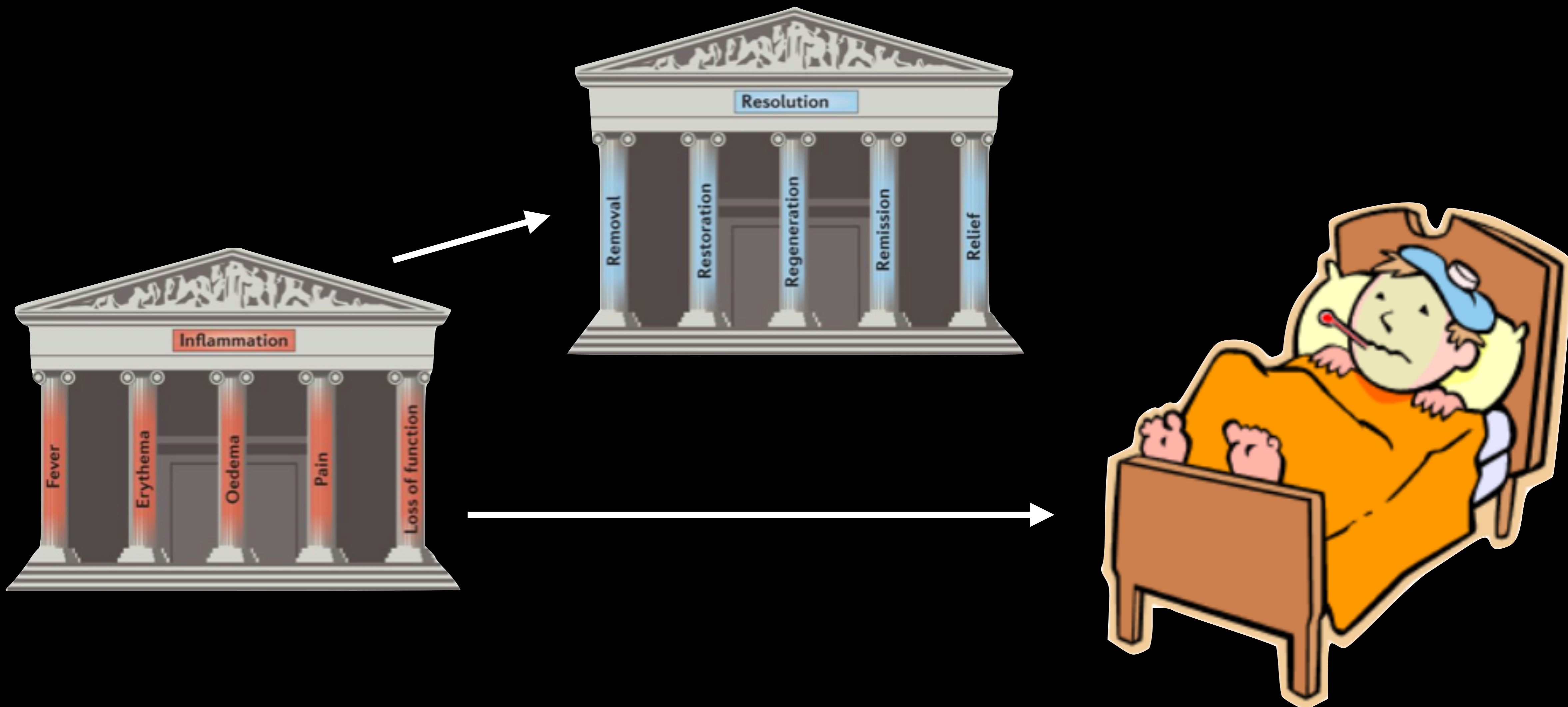


# Inflammation & Chronic Diseases Pathogenesis





# Inflammation & Chronic Disease

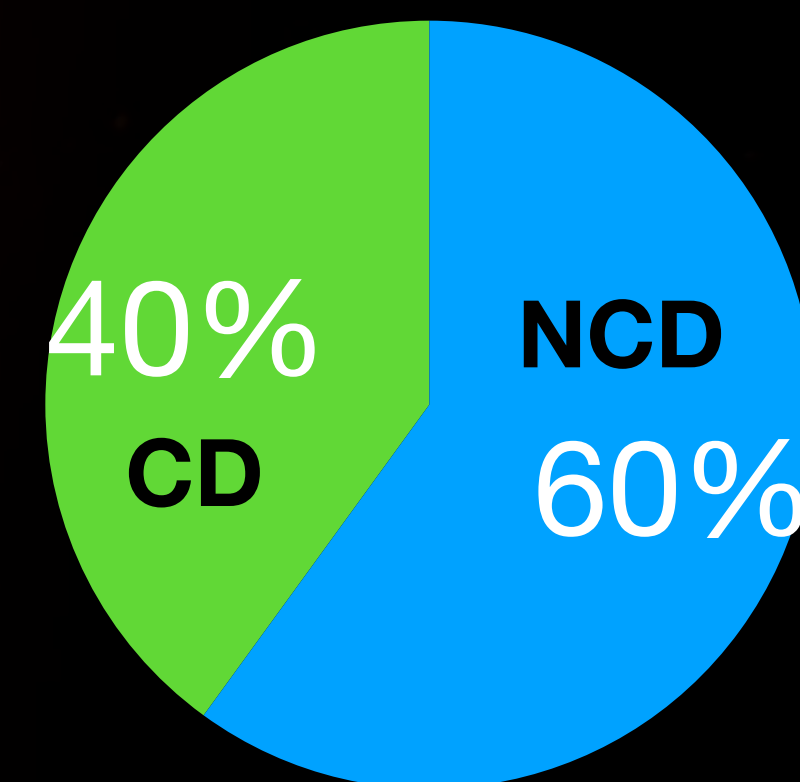






# Inflammation & Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD)

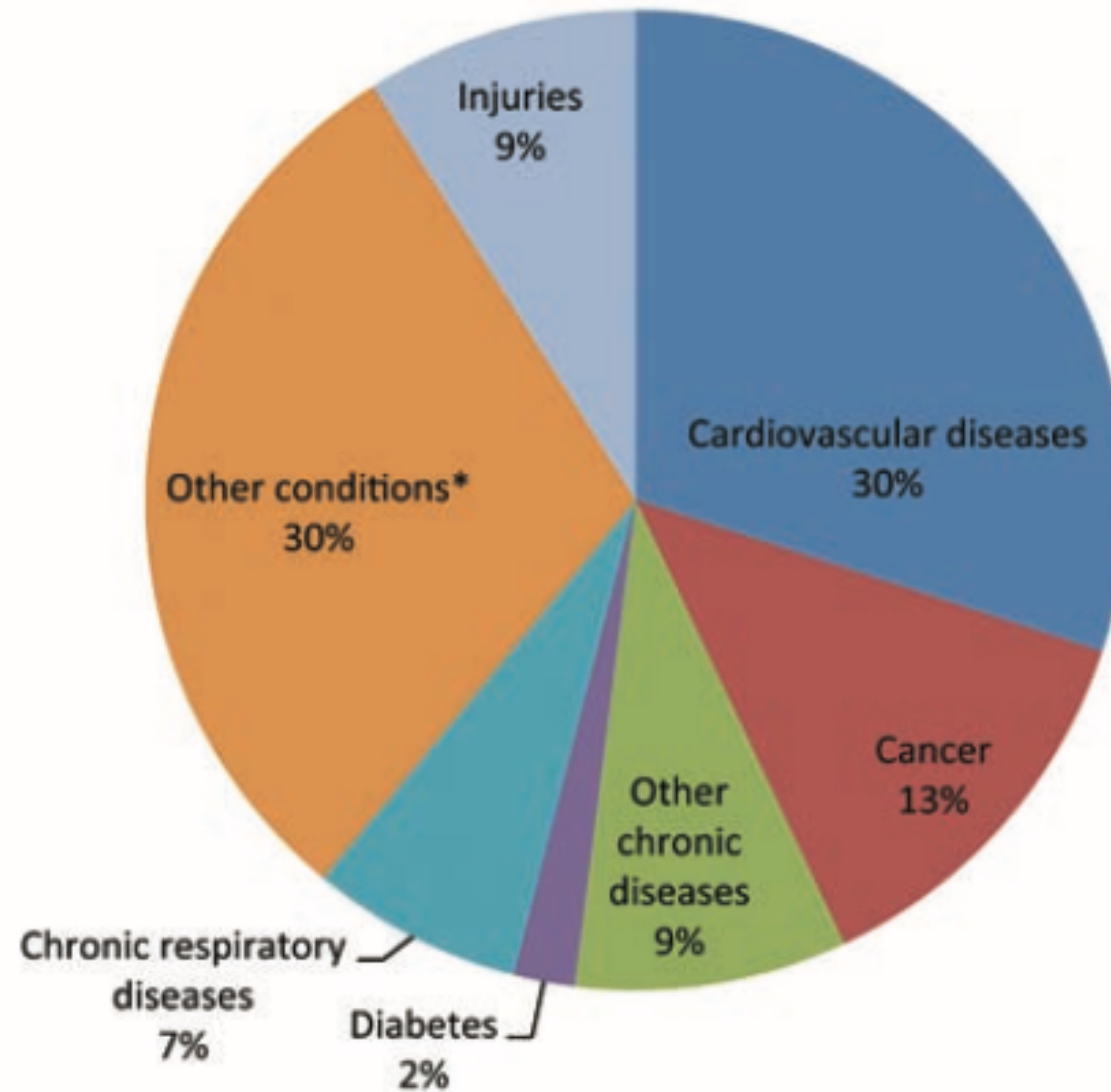
- NCDs constitute more than 60% of deaths worldwide
- 25% of NCDs affect ages <60y/o
- NCDs account for 48% of the lost years of healthy life vs. 40% of CDs, maternal / perinatal conditions and nutritional deficiencies and injuries.







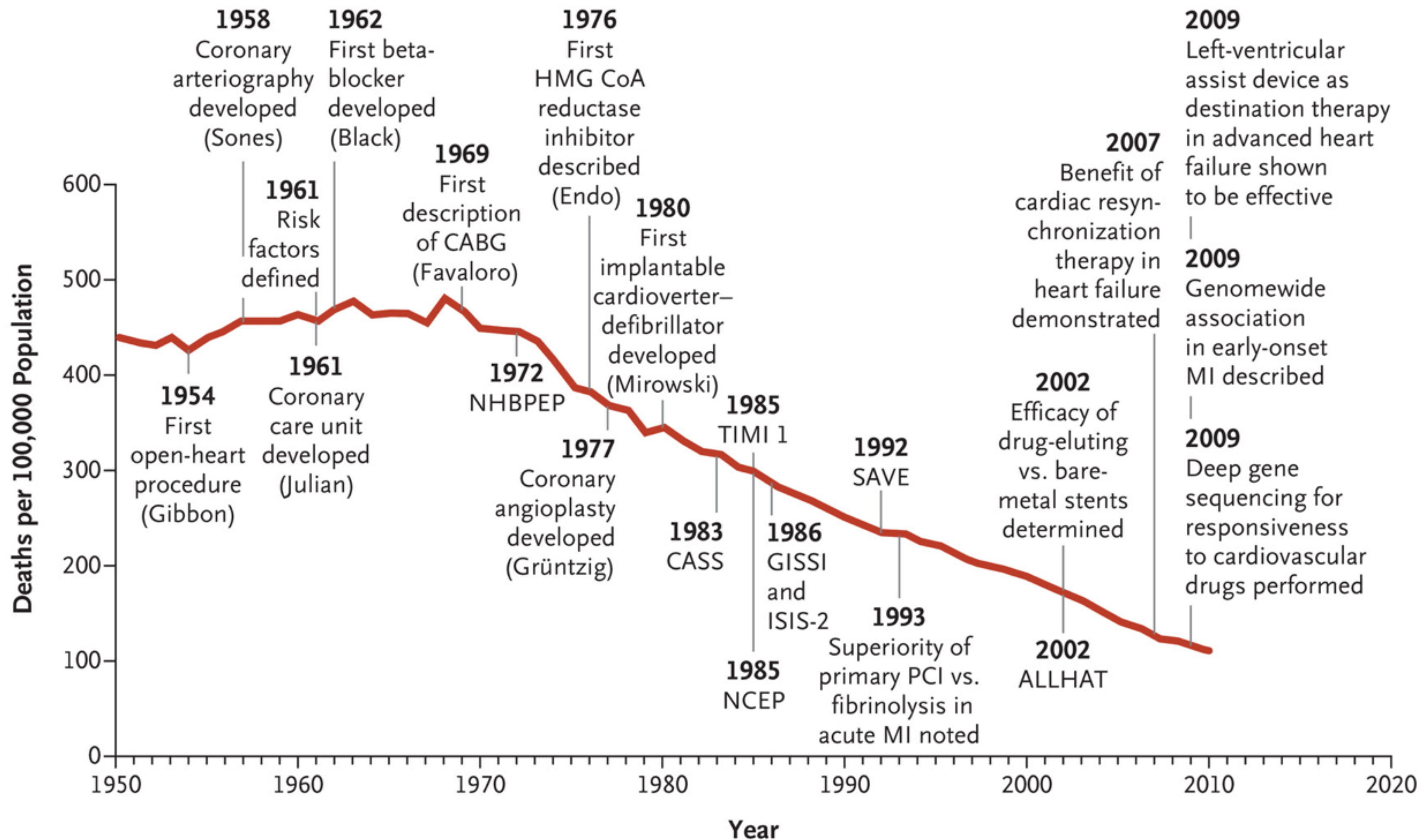
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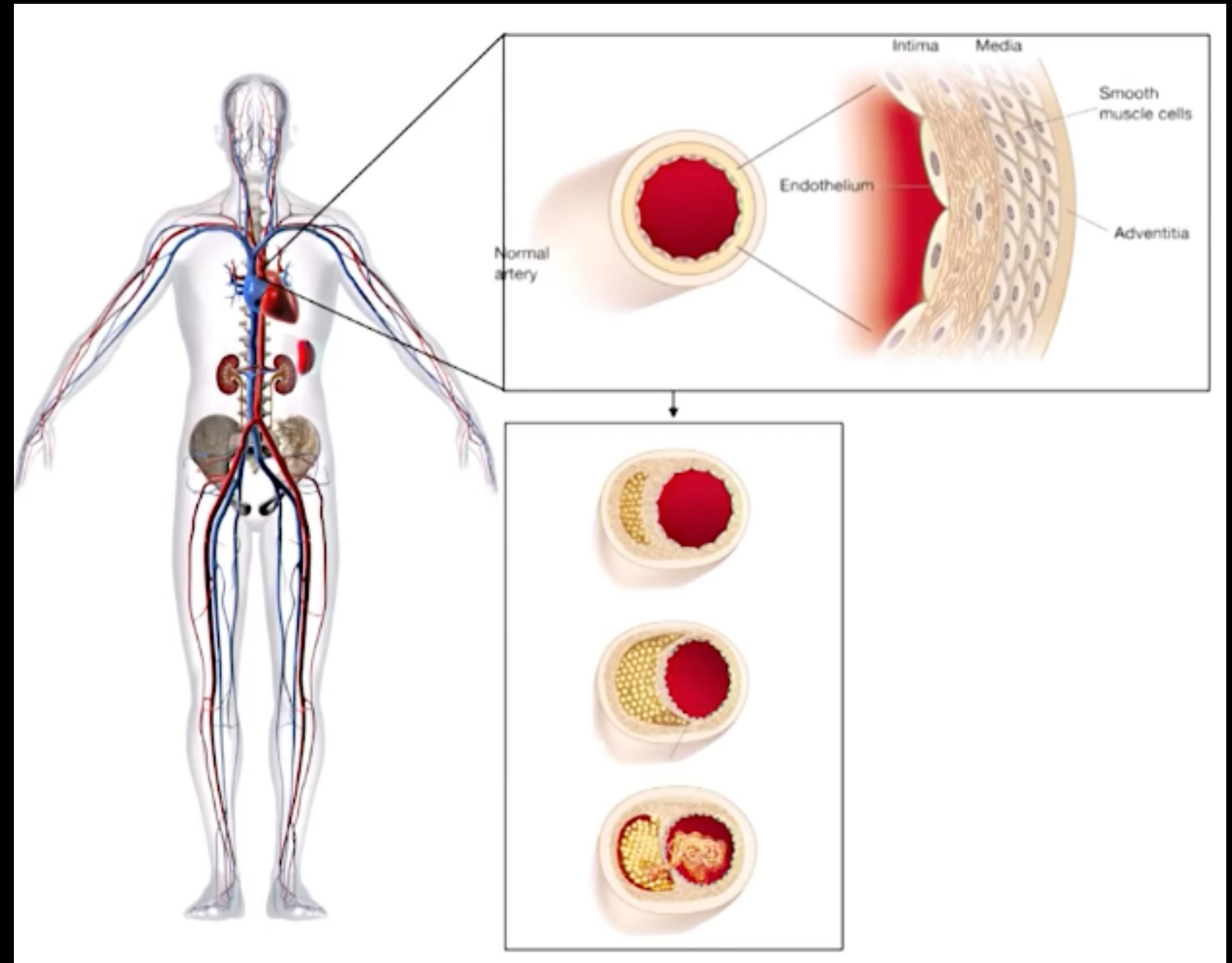
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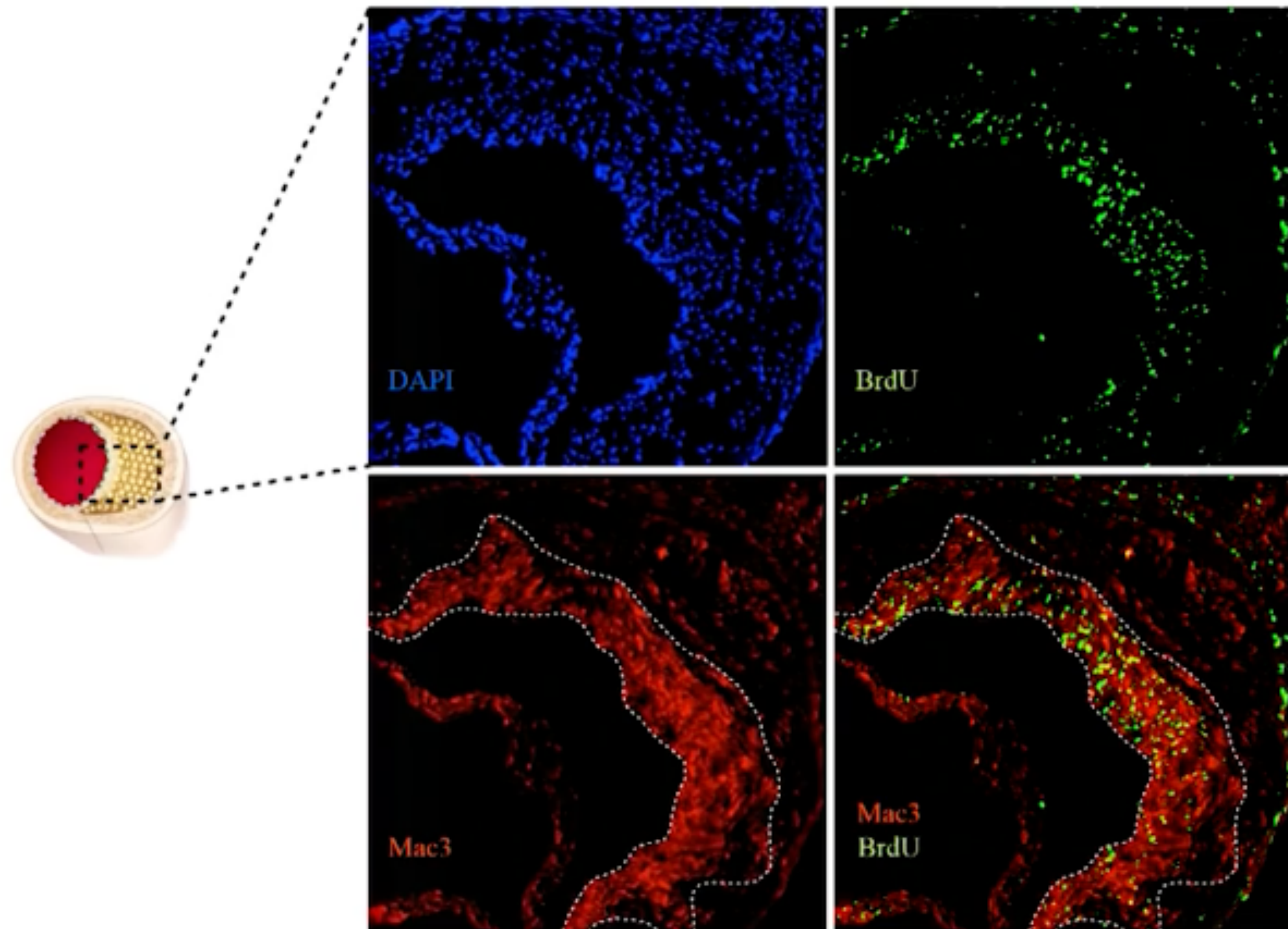
- **ATHEROSCLEROSIS**-hardening of the blood vessels secondary to accumulation of fat that can cause blockage of blood flow





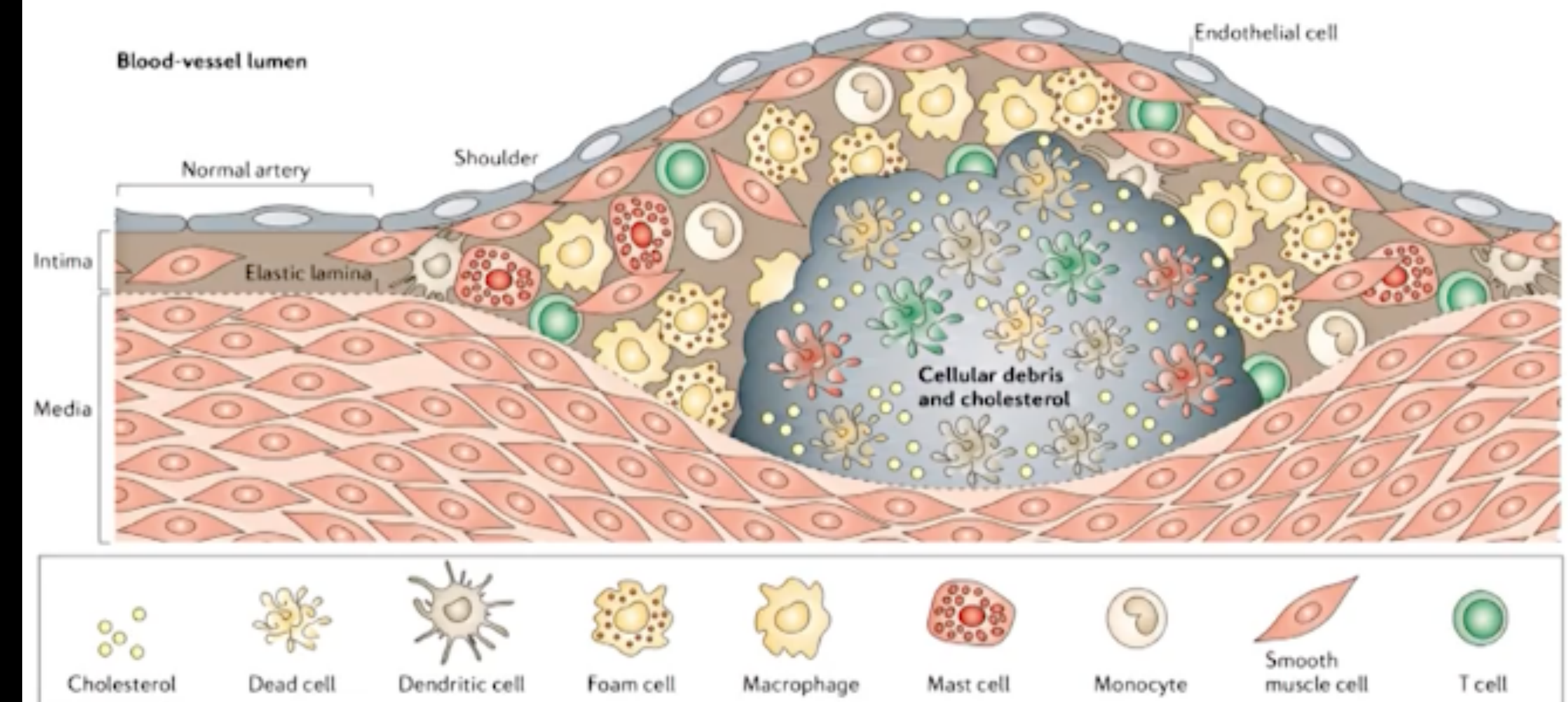
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## Plaques contain many immune cells



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## Leukocytes in atherosclerosis

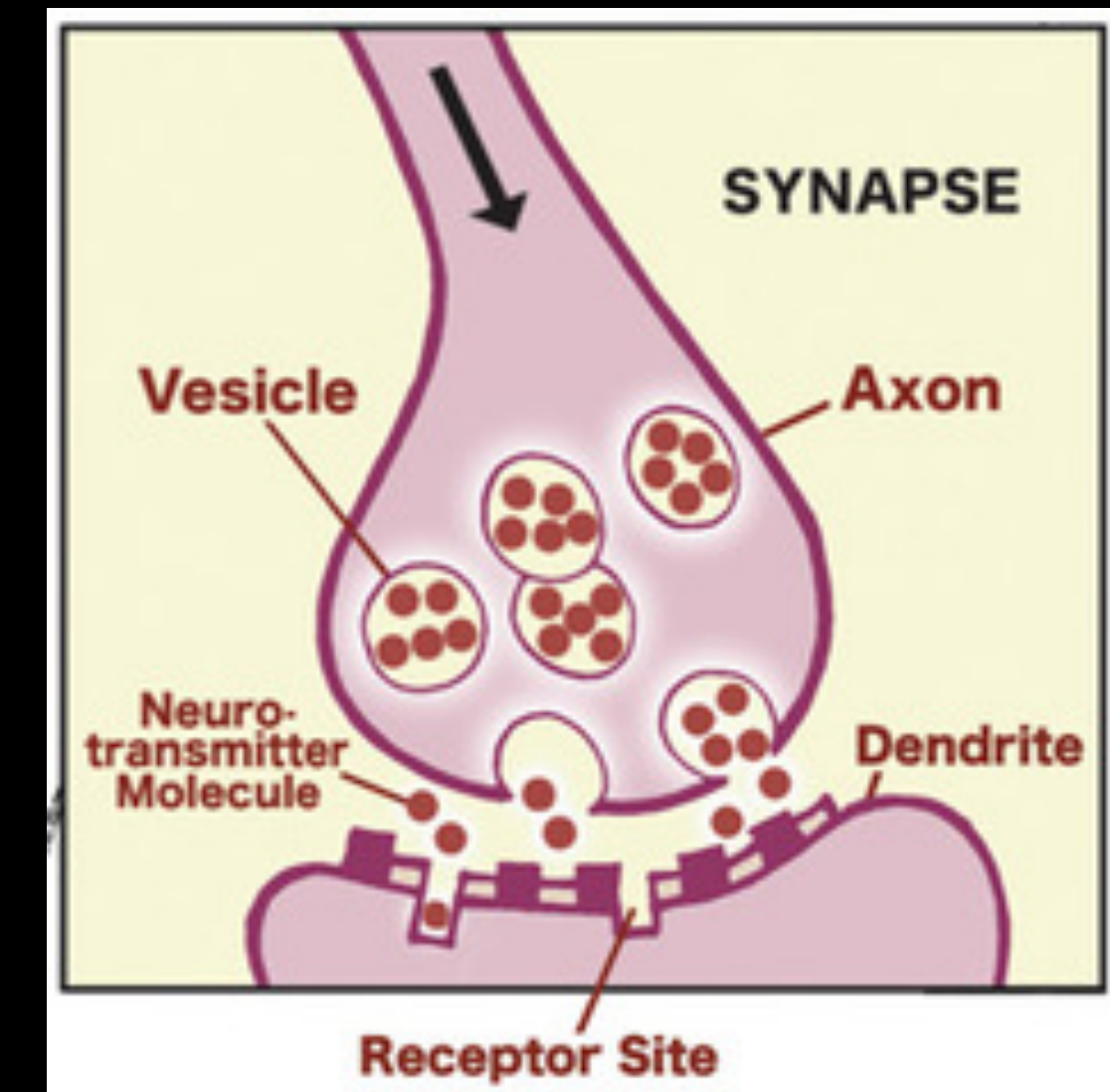
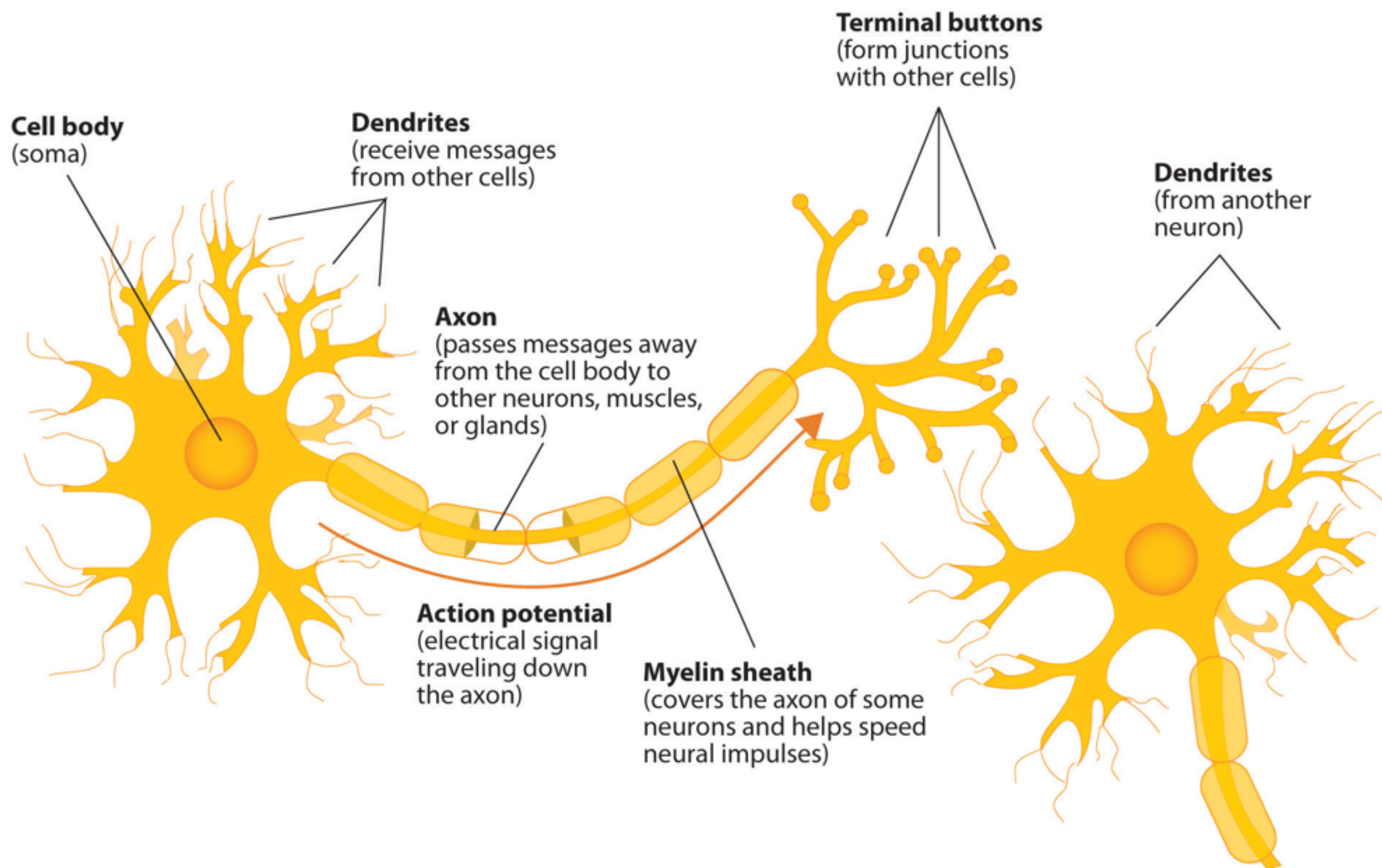


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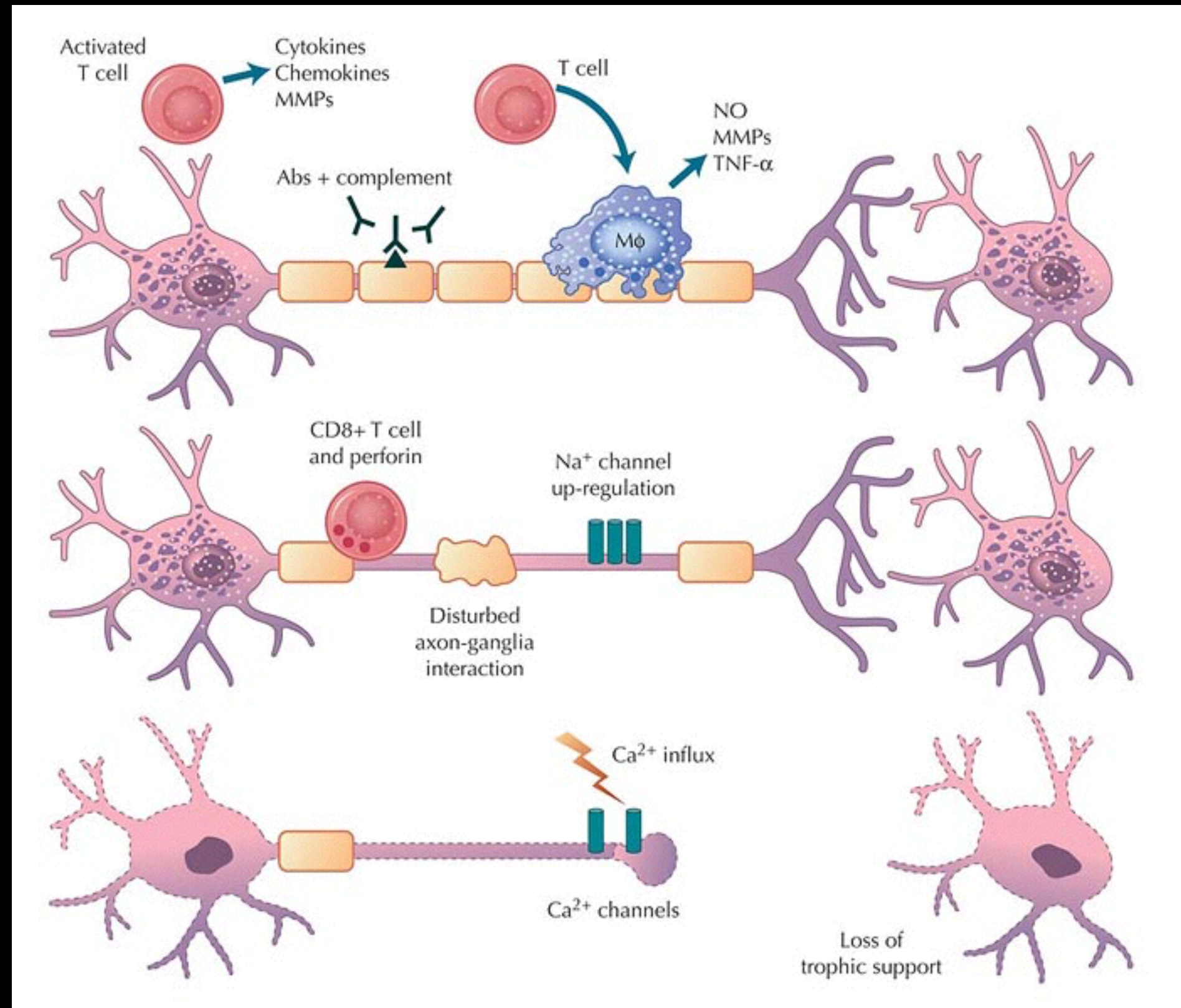
# Basic Functional Unit - Nervous System

**NEURON:** the basic functional unit of the nervous system.





# Inflammation & Neurologic Problems



## ***Cascade of events possibly underlying demyelination and axonal degeneration in multiple sclerosis: cont***

- CD8+ cells are capable of attacking the axon and oligodendrocytes directly.
- The combination of toxic signals and the disturbed axon-glia interaction pave the way for axonal degeneration.
- The up-regulation of Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels and the increased Ca<sup>2+</sup> influx might perpetuate this process.
- High-frequency signaling of neurons results in axonal degeneration, especially upon exposure to nitric oxide.
- The loss of signaling activity and trophic support might contribute to axonal degeneration in connected neurons as well.
- Manifestation of the degenerative effects of chronic inflammation.

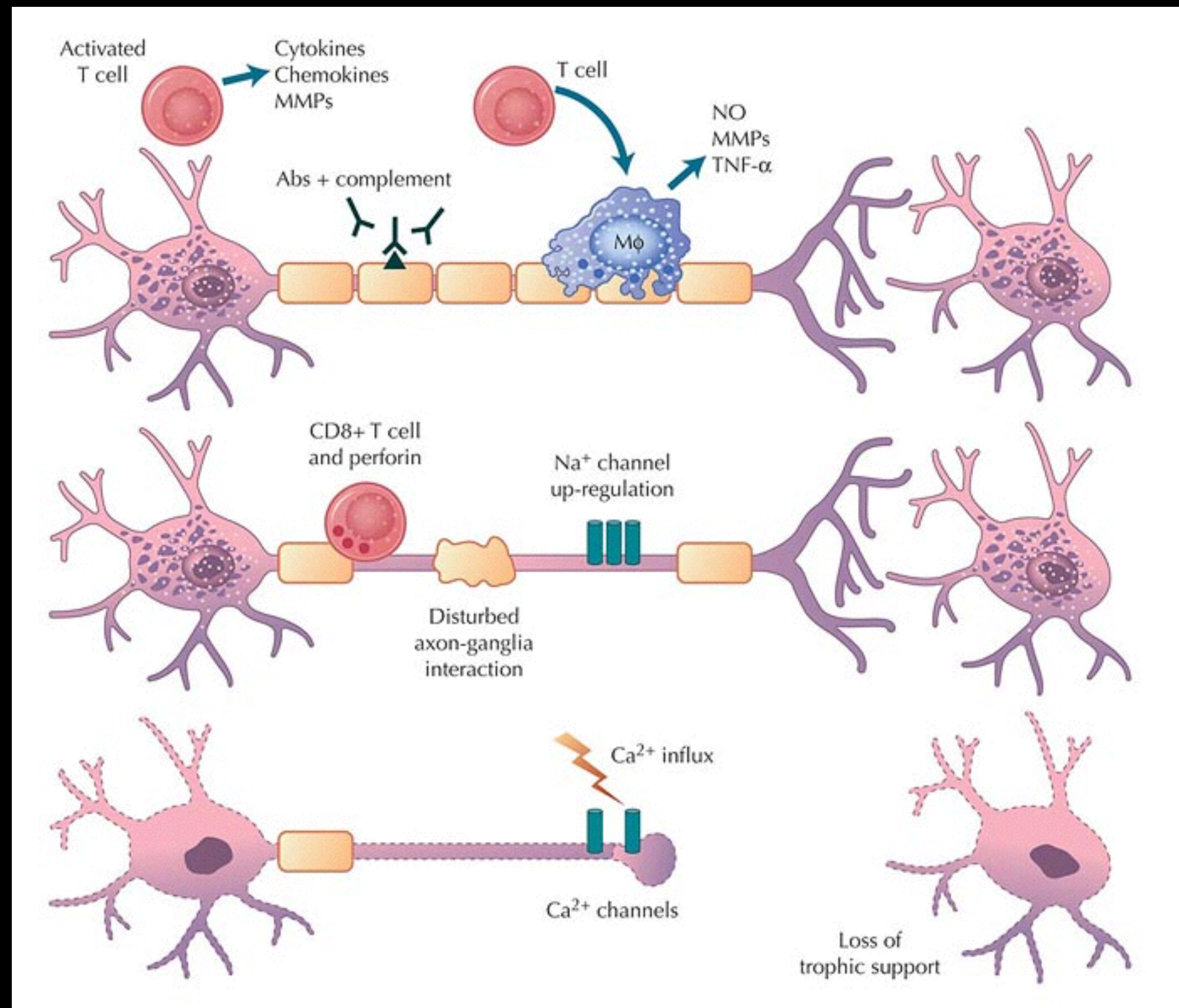
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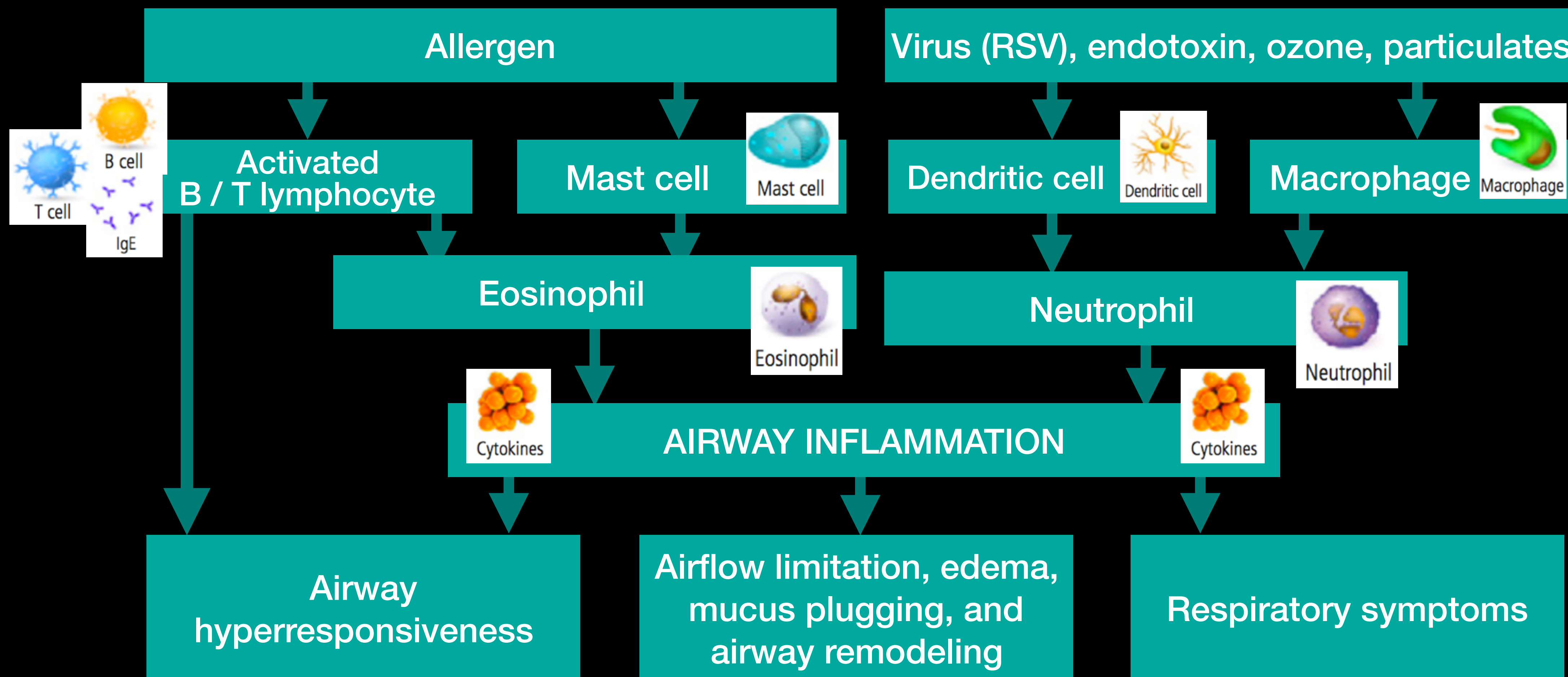
- Within the central nervous system, activated T lymphocytes release inflammatory cytokines, chemokines, and matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs).
- Moreover, T cells activate microglia cells/macrophages to enhance phagocytic activity, the production of cytokines, and the release of toxic mediators such as nitric oxide (NO), propagating demyelination and axonal loss.
- Autoantibodies (Abs) crossing the blood-brain barrier or locally produced by B cells or mast cells contribute to this process.
- Autoantigens activate the complement cascade, resulting in the formation of the membrane-attack complex and subsequent lysis of the target structure.





# Inflammation & COPD

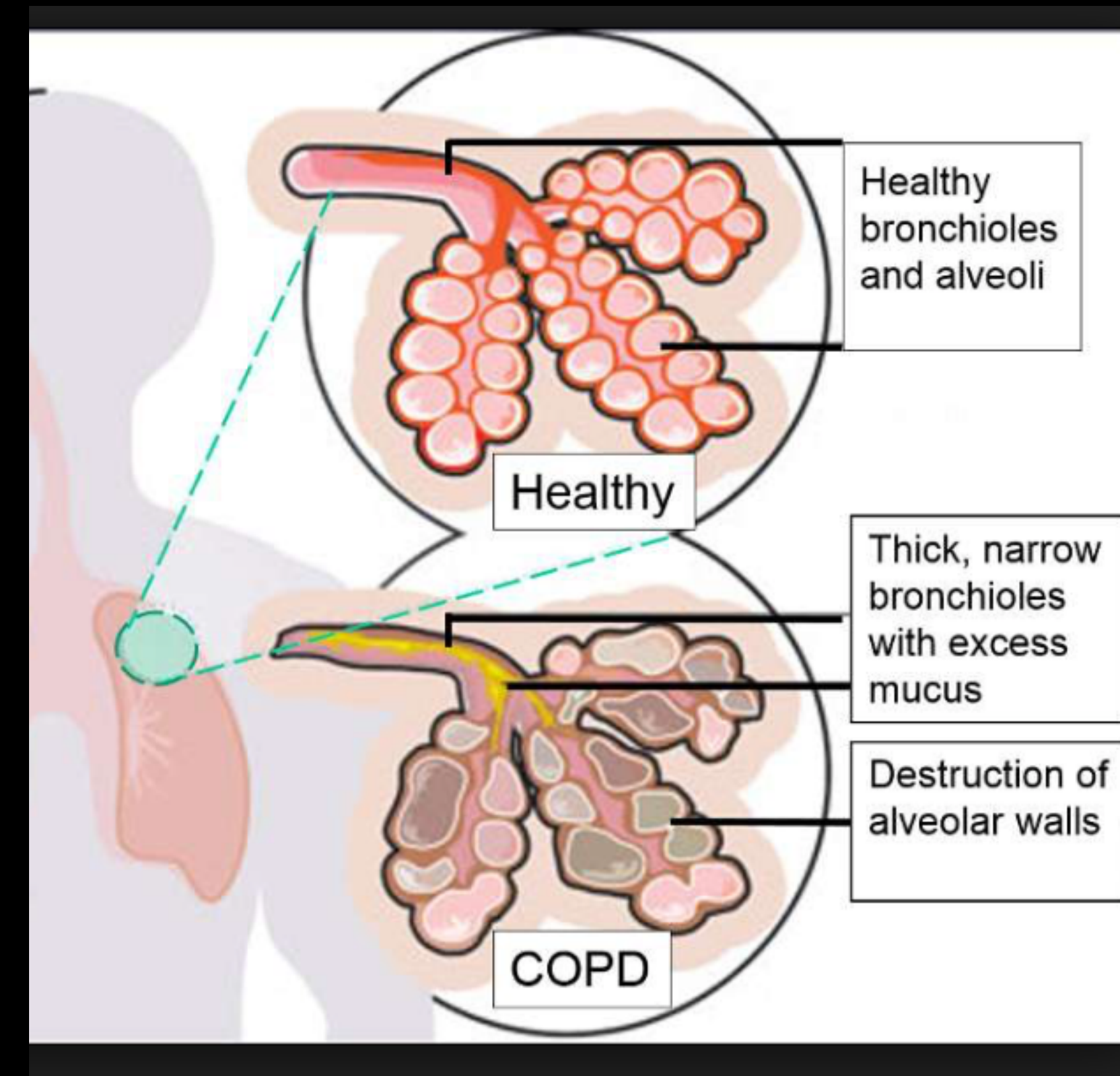
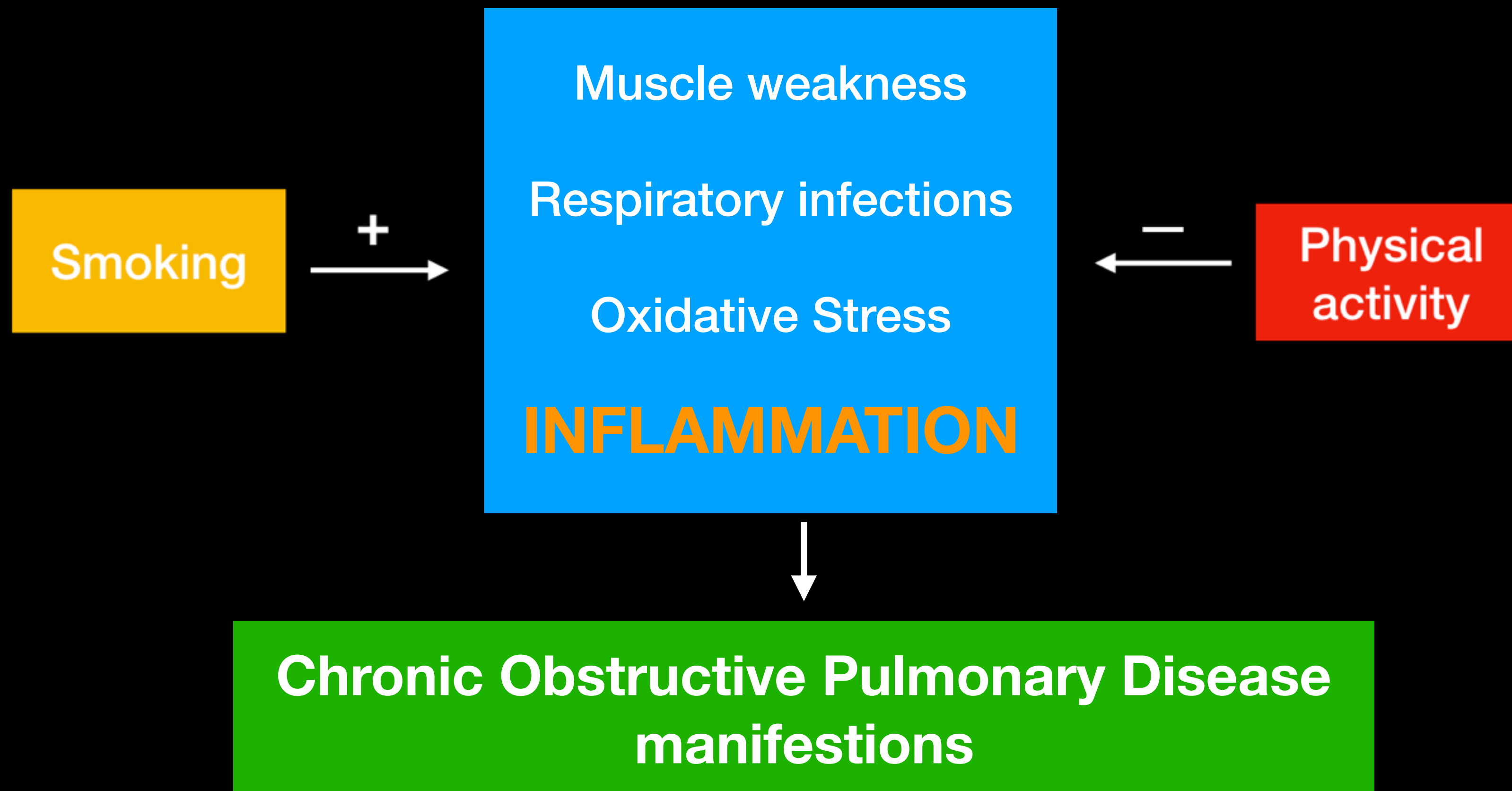
## Postulated cellular mechanisms involved in airway inflammation





# Inflammation & COPD

## Factors driving decline in lung function



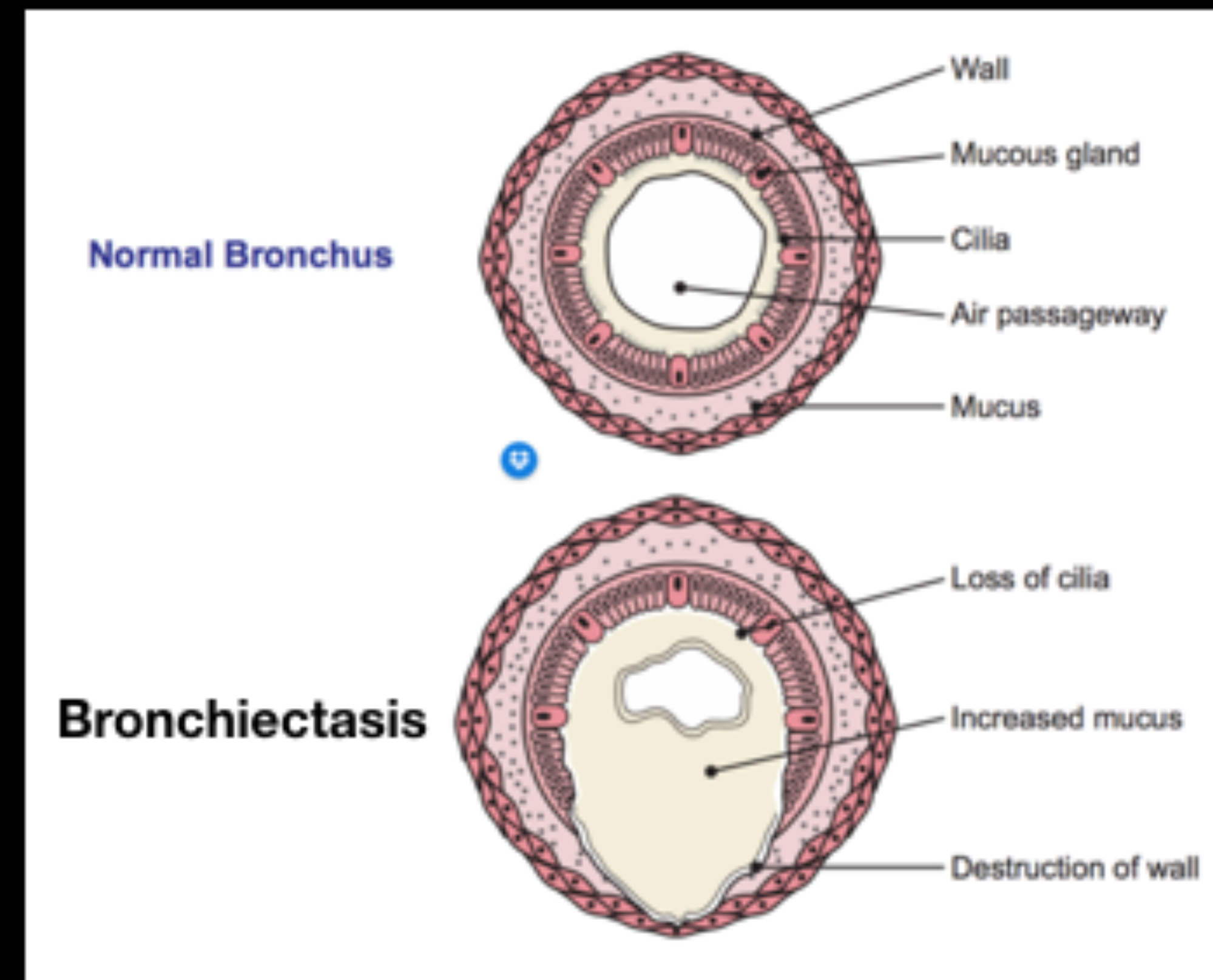
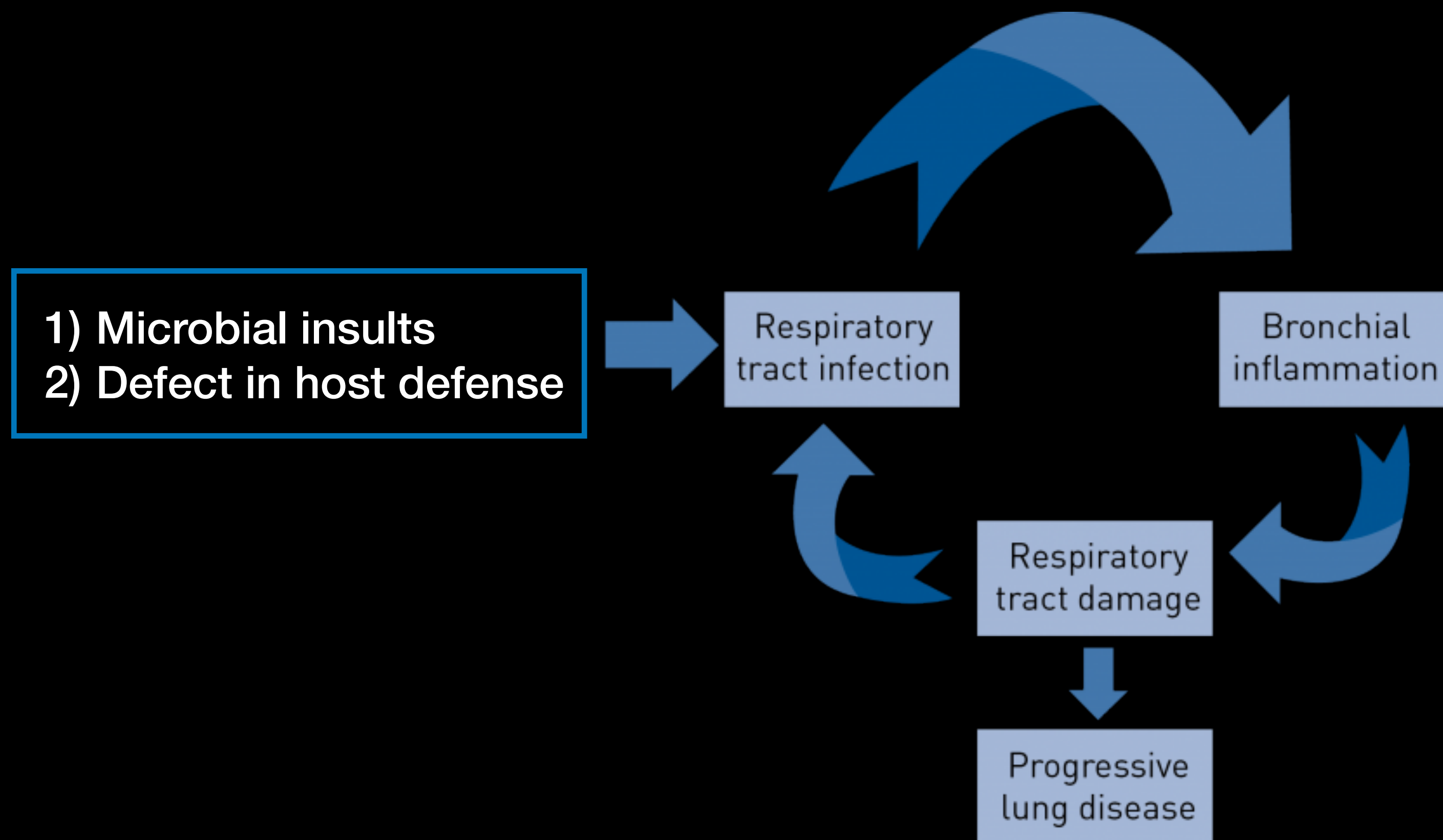
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# Inflammation & COPD

The vicious cycle of infection and inflammation leading to progressive lung disease in bronchiectasis.







# Inflammation & Diabetes

## HOW INFLAMMATION CONTRIBUTES TO DIABESITY

There are more adipose cells in obese people than in lean people, and the tissue holds a much higher level of macrophages.

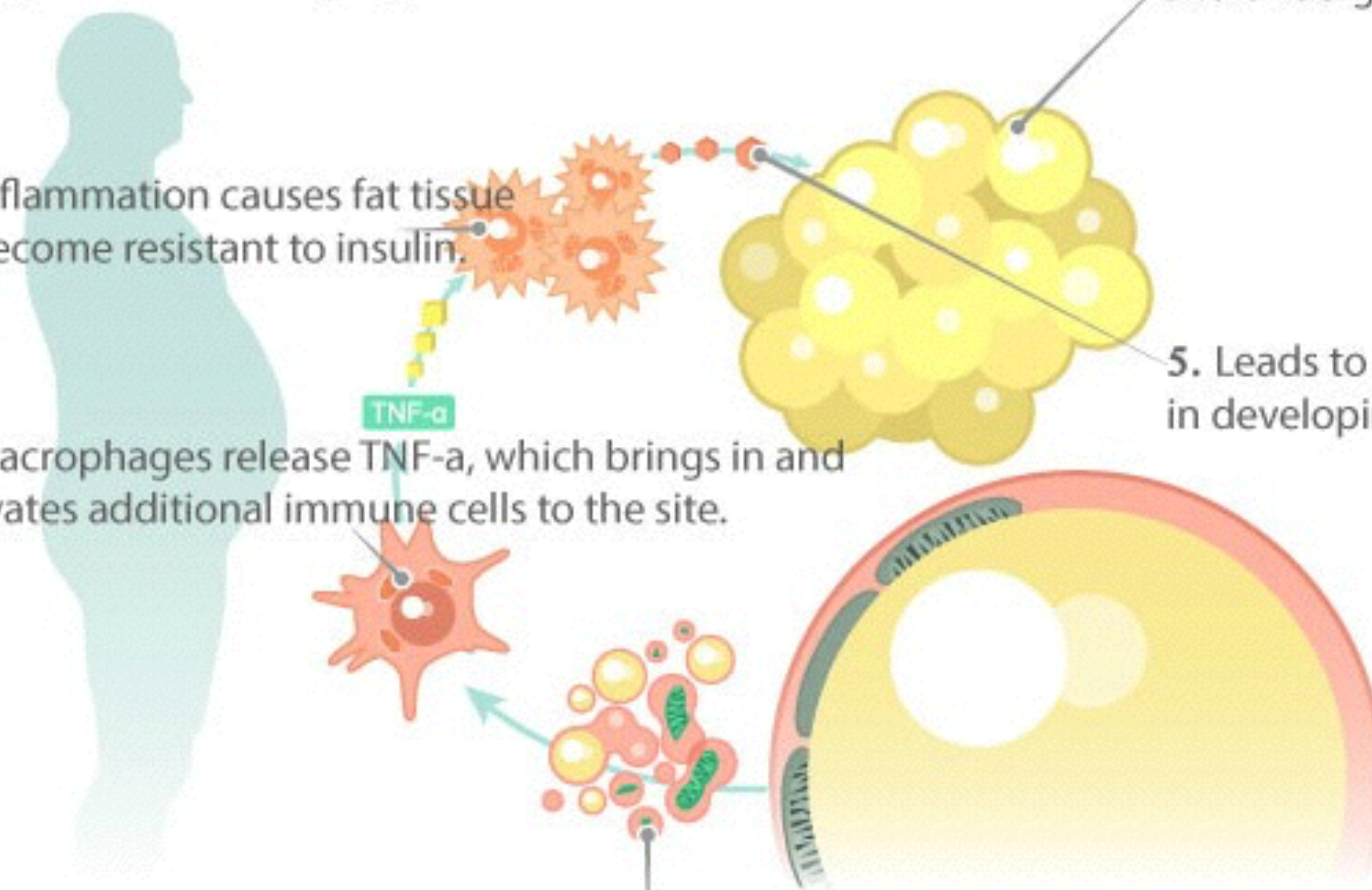
1. After storing an excess of fat, the stressed adipose cells release inflammation-inducing components and undergo apoptosis.

4. Inflammation causes fat tissue to become resistant to insulin.

3. Macrophages release TNF- $\alpha$ , which brings in and activates additional immune cells to the site.

5. Leads to the first step in developing diabetes.

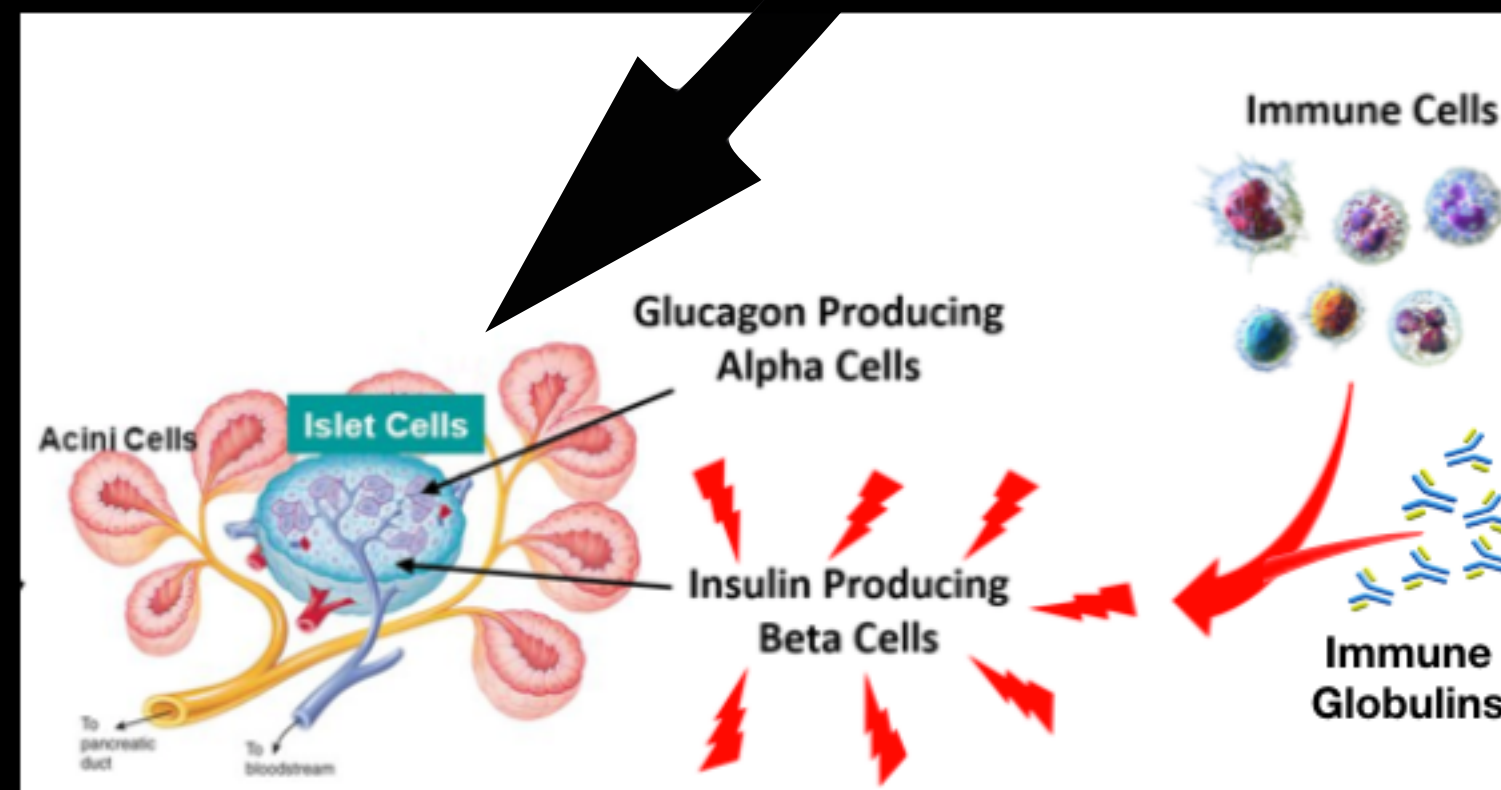
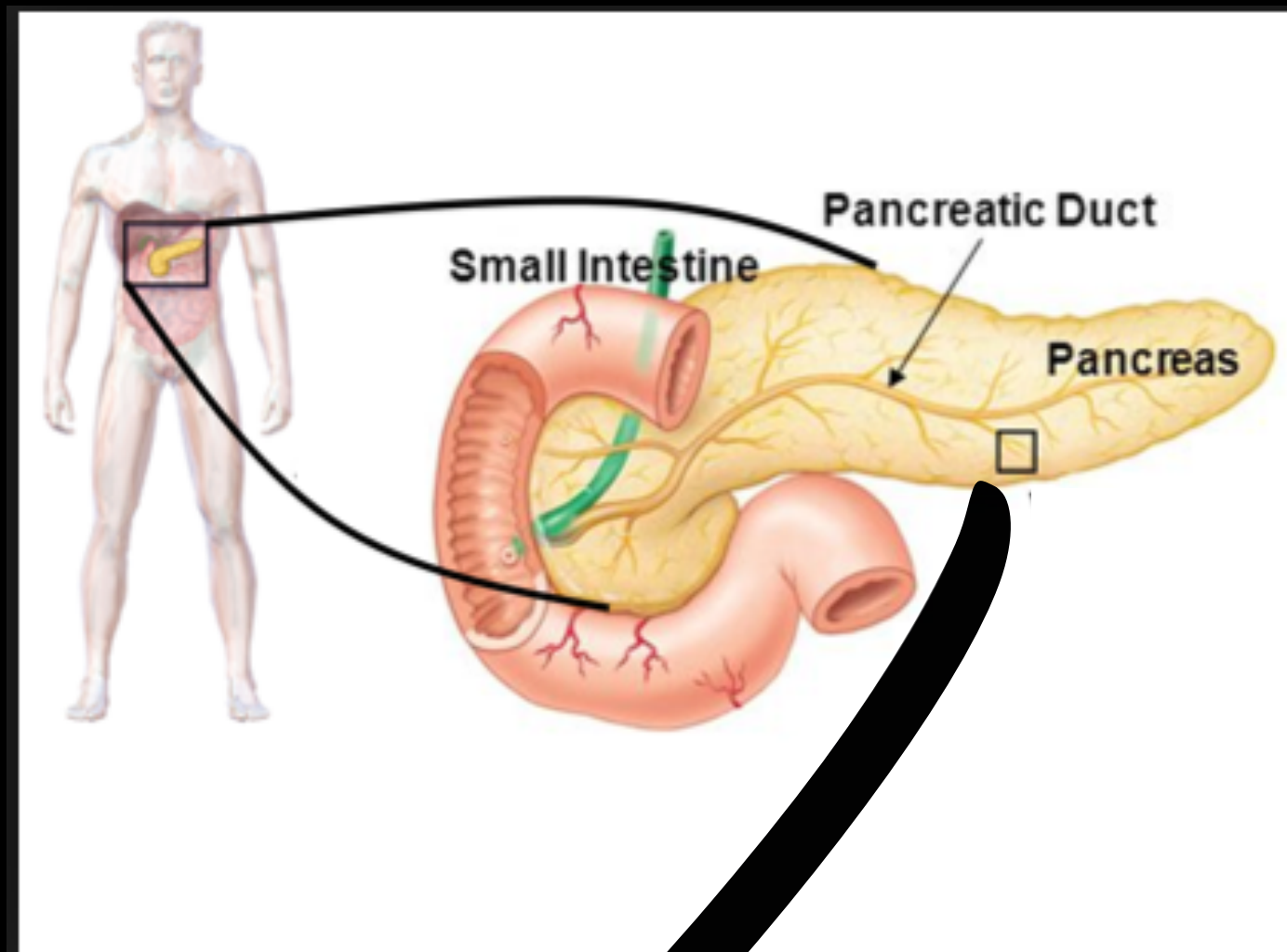
2. This activates macrophages in an M1 inflammatory state.



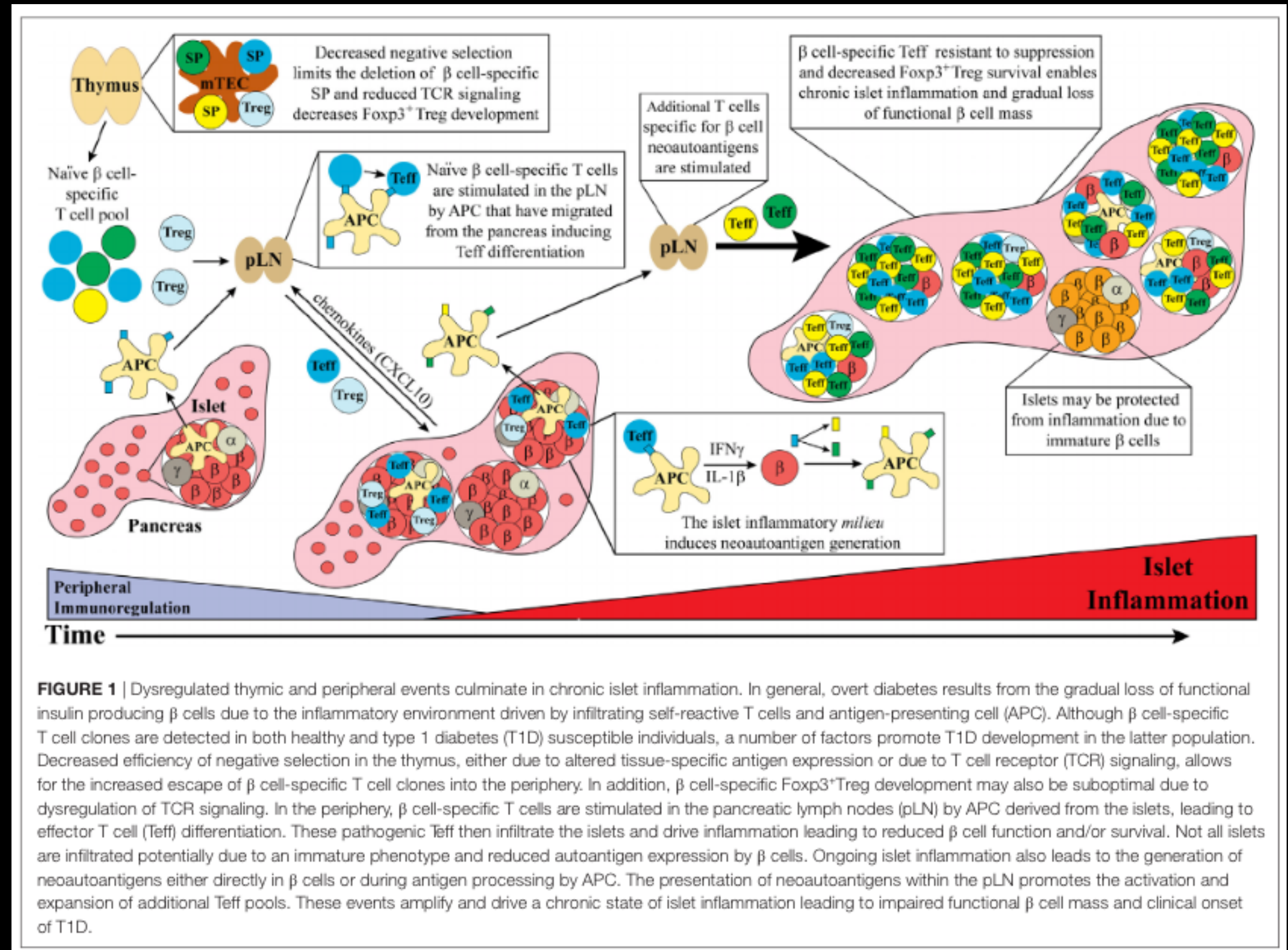


# Inflammation & Diabetes Mellitus II

## Type-1 Diabetes Initiation



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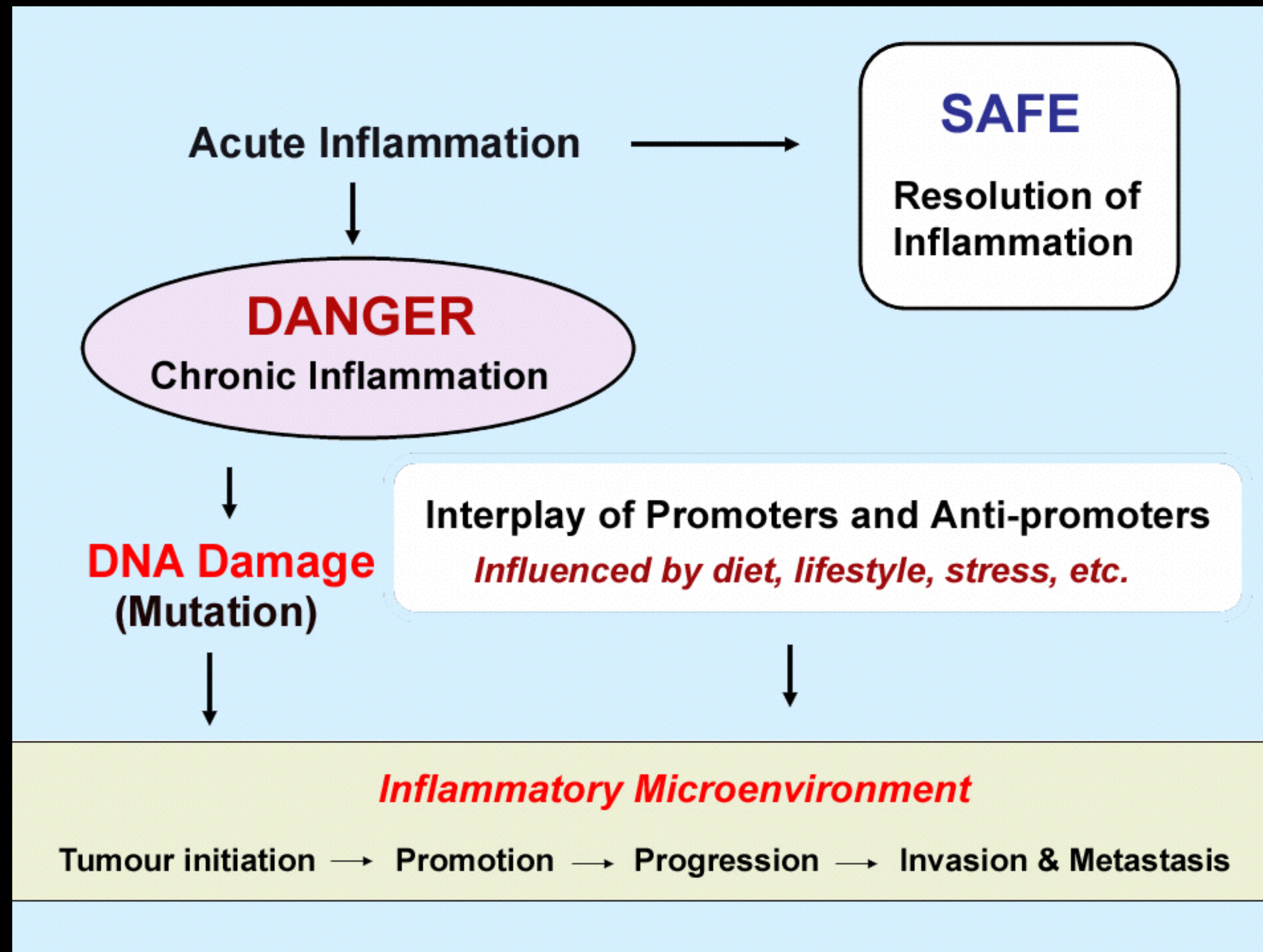


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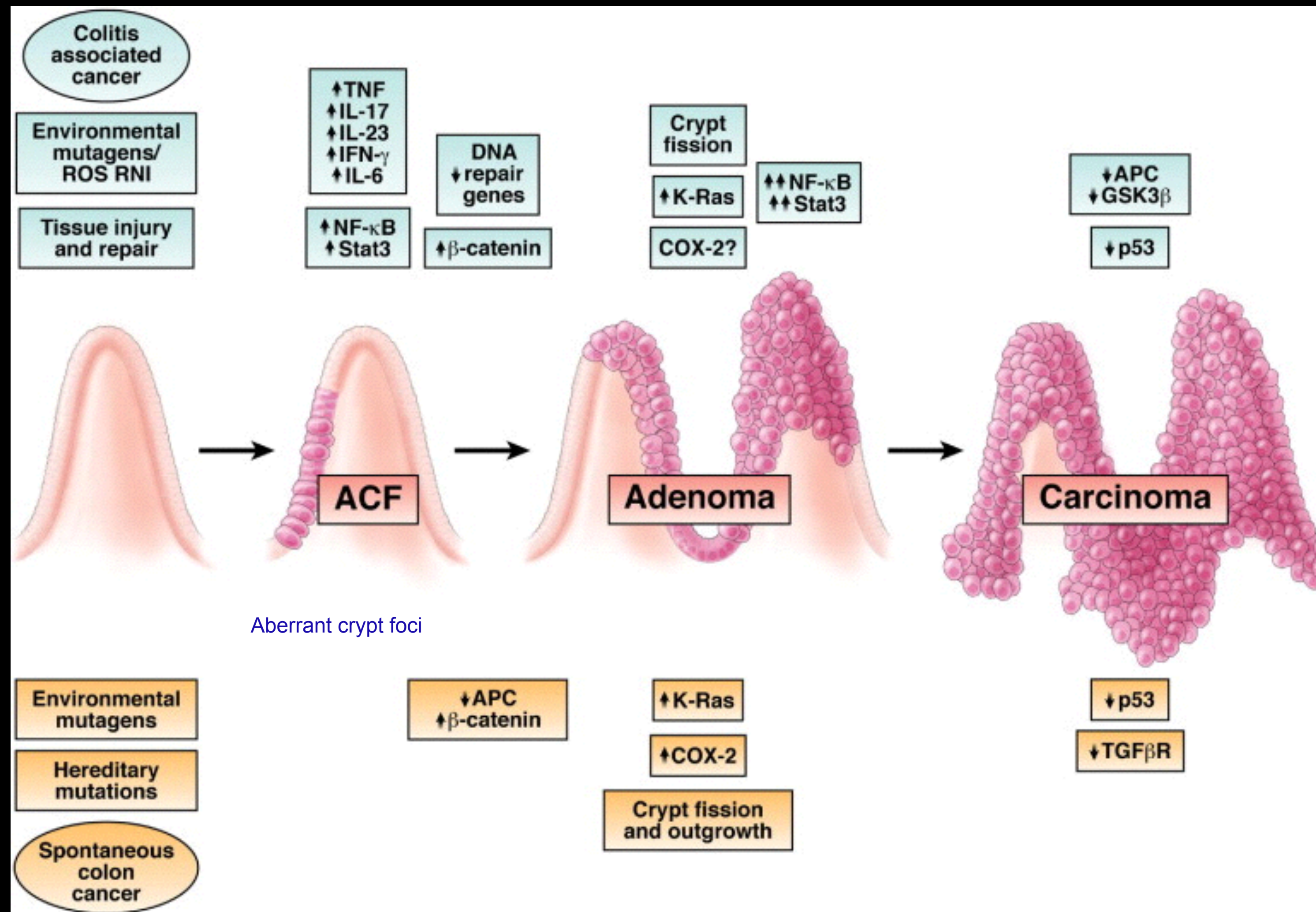
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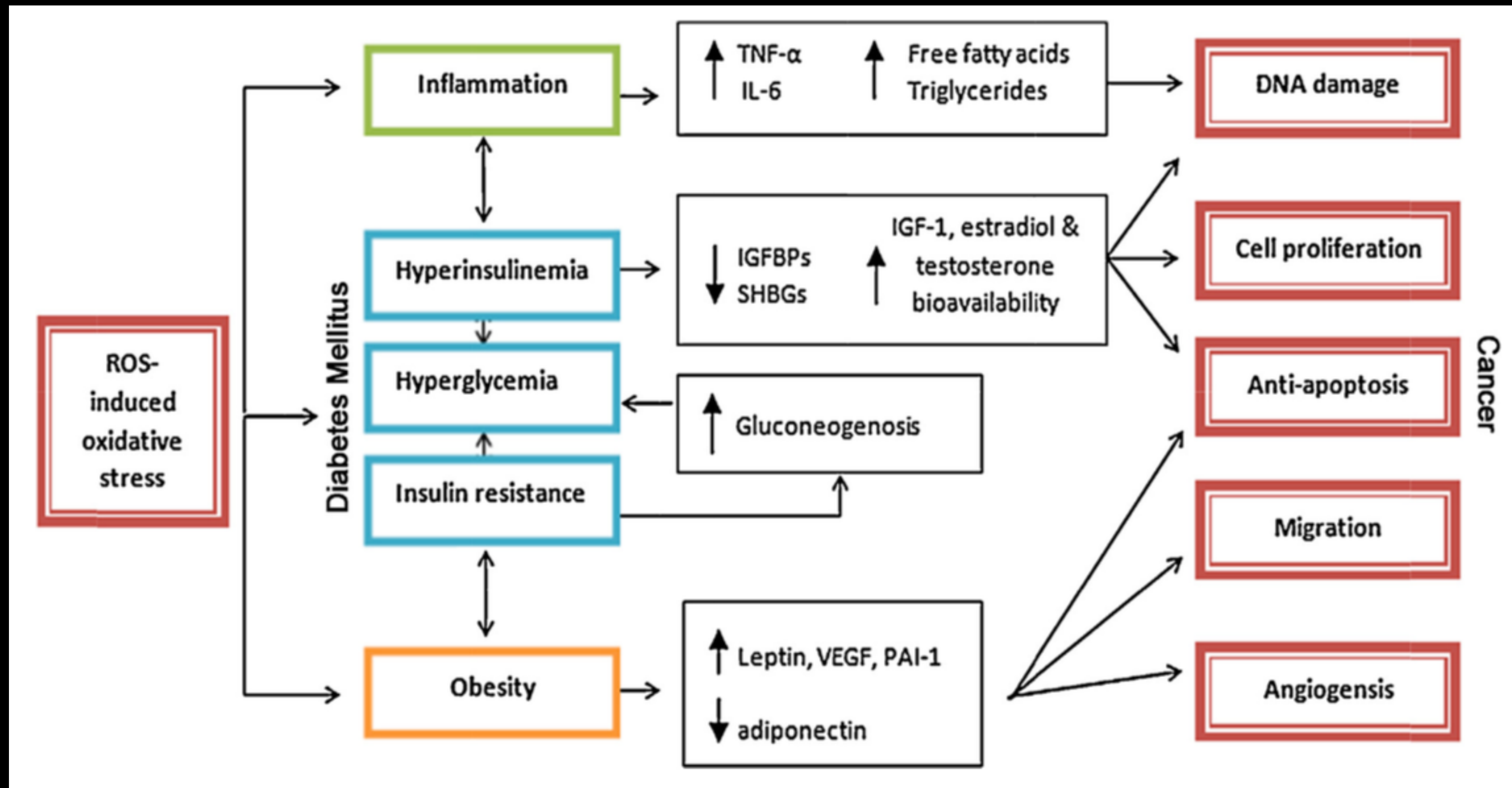


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# Inflammation, Cancer & Diabetes

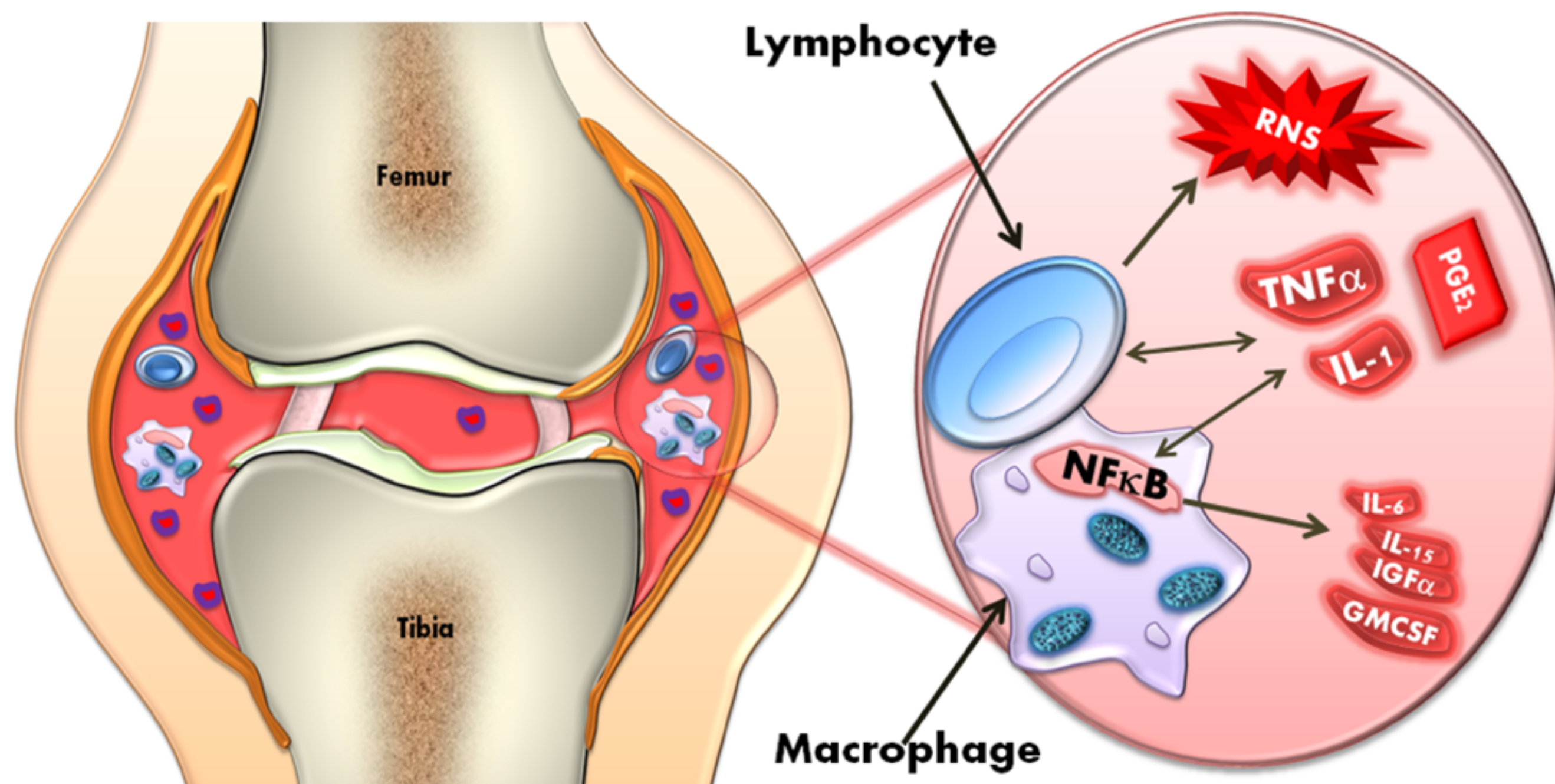






# Inflammation & Arthritis

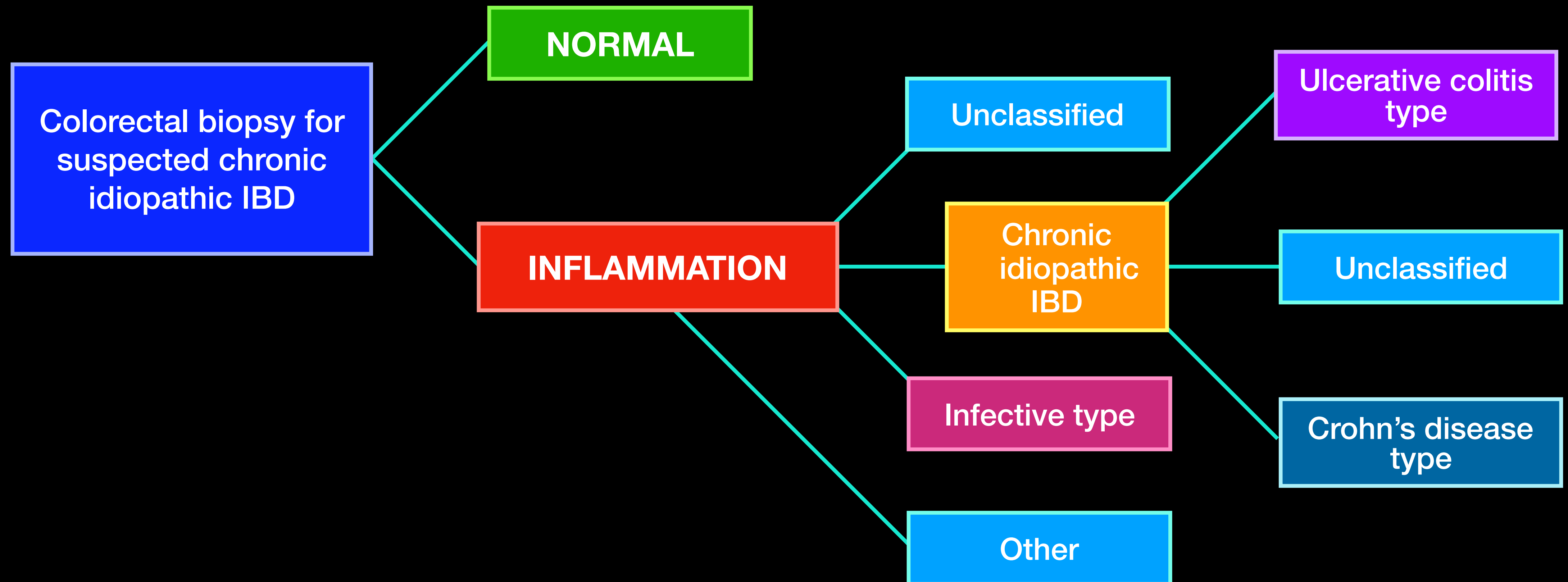
## Pathogenesis of Rheumatoid Arthritis



In Rheumatoid Arthritis joints, immune cells (lymphocytes, macrophages, neutrophils...etc.) produce inflammatory Cytokines, Reactive Oxygen / Nitrogen Species (ROS / RNS).



# Inflammation & Inflammatory Bowel Disease

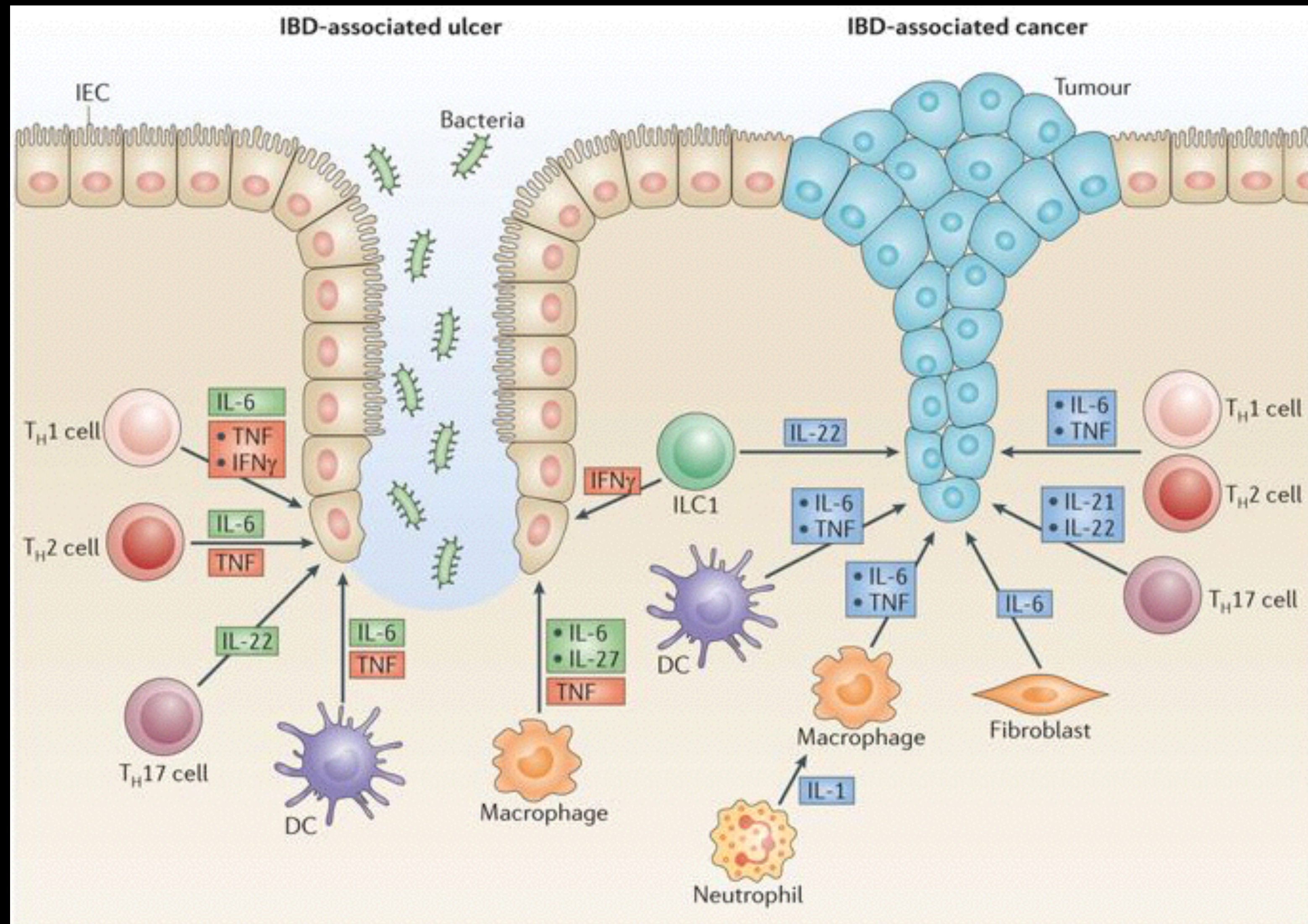


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# Inflammation & Inflammatory Bowel Disease







# Why the Epidemic of Chronic Diseases

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Nutr Metab (Lond). 2012 Apr 17;9(1):32. doi: 10.1186/1743-7075-9-32.

**Chronic inflammatory diseases are stimulated by current lifestyle: how diet, stress levels and medication prevent our body from recovering.**

Bosma-den Boer MM<sup>1</sup>, van Wetten ML, Pruimboom L.

- In recent decades there has been a tremendous acceleration in innovations which have changed our lives completely,
- > 75% of humans do not meet the minimum requirement of the estimated necessary daily physical activity,
- 72% of modern food types is new in human evolution,
- Psycho-emotional stress has increased, and
- Man is exposed to an overwhelming amount of information on a daily basis.



# Why the Epidemic of Chronic Diseases

**Systems Biology** - new way of understanding disease (only of late)

- This dictates that chronic disease is complex and never involves just one organ or organ system. It involves underlying physiologic systems affecting the whole organism.
- With use of a systematic examination of an individual's physiologic imbalances that include mind, body, and spirit, a more robust identification of metabolic priorities can be achieved.
  - The registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN), as a member of the health care team, has a larger role to improve the nutritional status of each individual with dietary and lifestyle modifications as a foundational component of addressing chronic disease.





# Why the Epidemic of Chronic Diseases

“A practice that is laying the foundation of a vast amount of disease and of even more serious evils is the free use of poisonous drugs.

“Our artificial civilization is encouraging evils destructive of sound principles.” MH 126



# Inflammation: How to Diagnose It

- **INFLAMMATORY MARKERS:**

1. CRP-hs in the plasma
  2. Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate
  3. Interleukin-6
  4. TNF- $\alpha$
- Diseases well characterized by these markers include heart disease, diabetes, autoimmune disease, and possibly cancer and Alzheimer's disease.
  - Prolonged inflammation in-utero—> sets the fetus up for possible chronic diseases in the future.



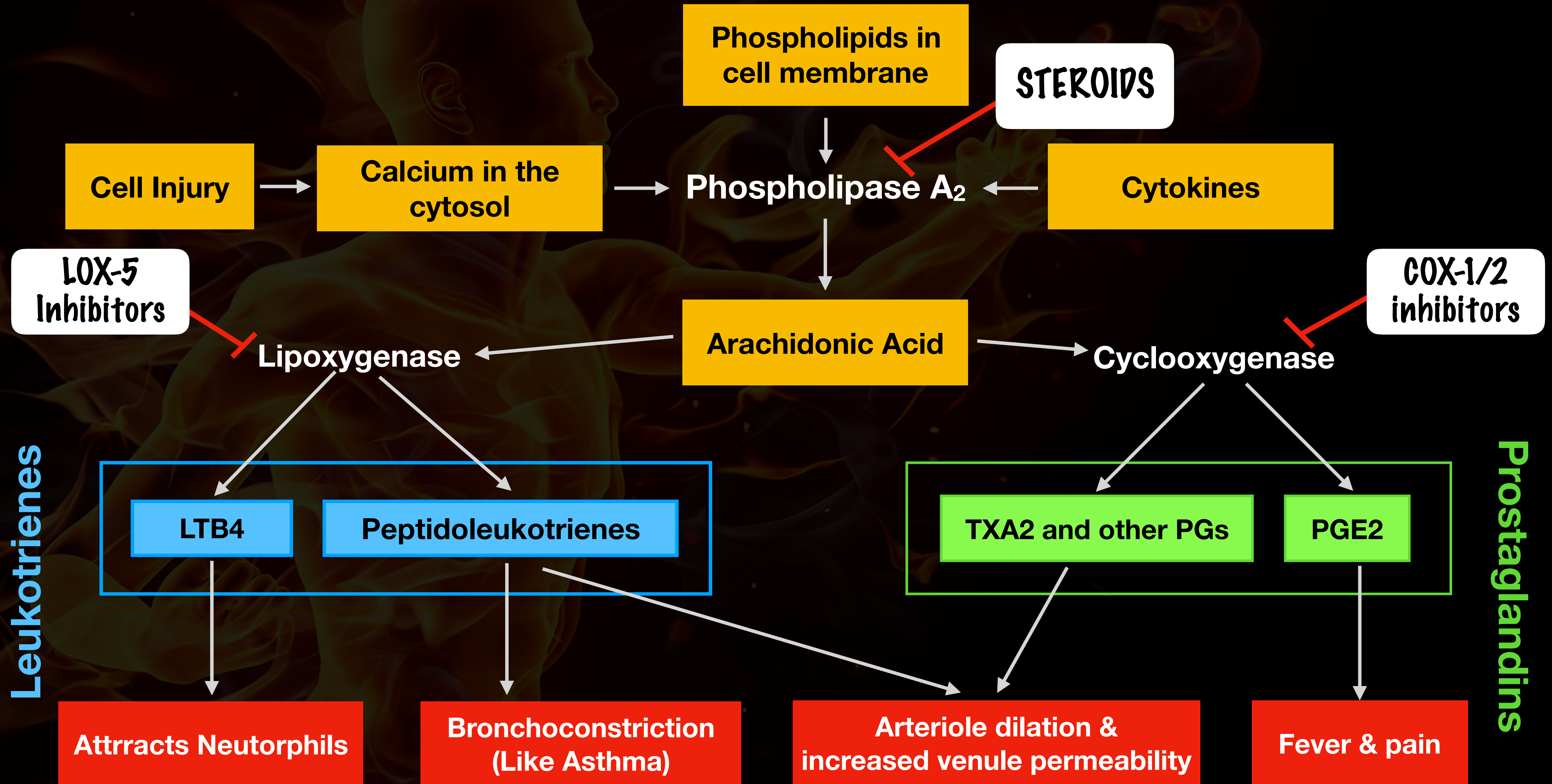
# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← Rx vs Herbs

- **Allopathic Medications:**

- **Corticosteroids-** inhibits the change of arachidonic acid into leukotrienes and prostaglandins
- **Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID)-** inhibit LOX and COX enzymes- eg, aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, diclofenac, indomethacin
  - LOX-5 inhibitor
  - COX-1/2 inhibitors
- **NOSH\*-NSAIDS** (added Nitric oxide / Hydrogen sulfide)



# Physiology Behind Initial Inflammation cont.





# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” - Rx vs Herbs

- **Allopathic Medications:** cont.
  - **Immunomodulators-** slows the production of the immune cells, thus reducing the cytokines- e.g., methotrexate
  - **Aminosalicylates-** inhibits the influx of WBC into the bowel wall for IBD- e.g., balsalazide, mesalamine, sulfasalazine
  - **Disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs)**
  - **Biologic drugs-** reduce production of cytokines- TNF inhibitor (Humira), tolizumab (Cimzia) & interleukin inhibitors like anakinra (Kineret)





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## Immunomodulators

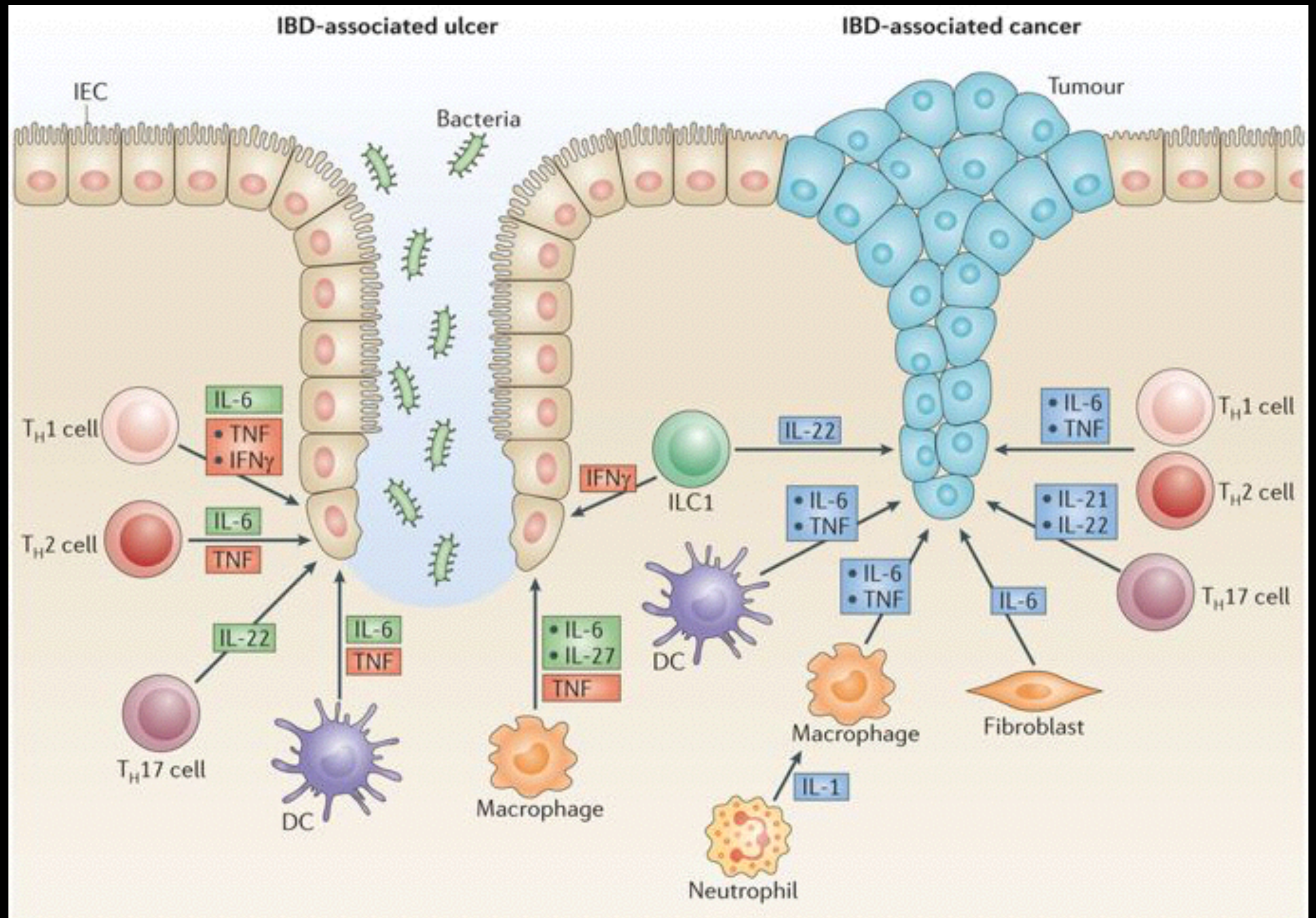
- They inhibit the production of inflammatory cells

## Aminosalicylates

- They inhibit the influx of inflammatory cells into the affected areas

## Biologic drugs

- They inhibit the effect of TNF

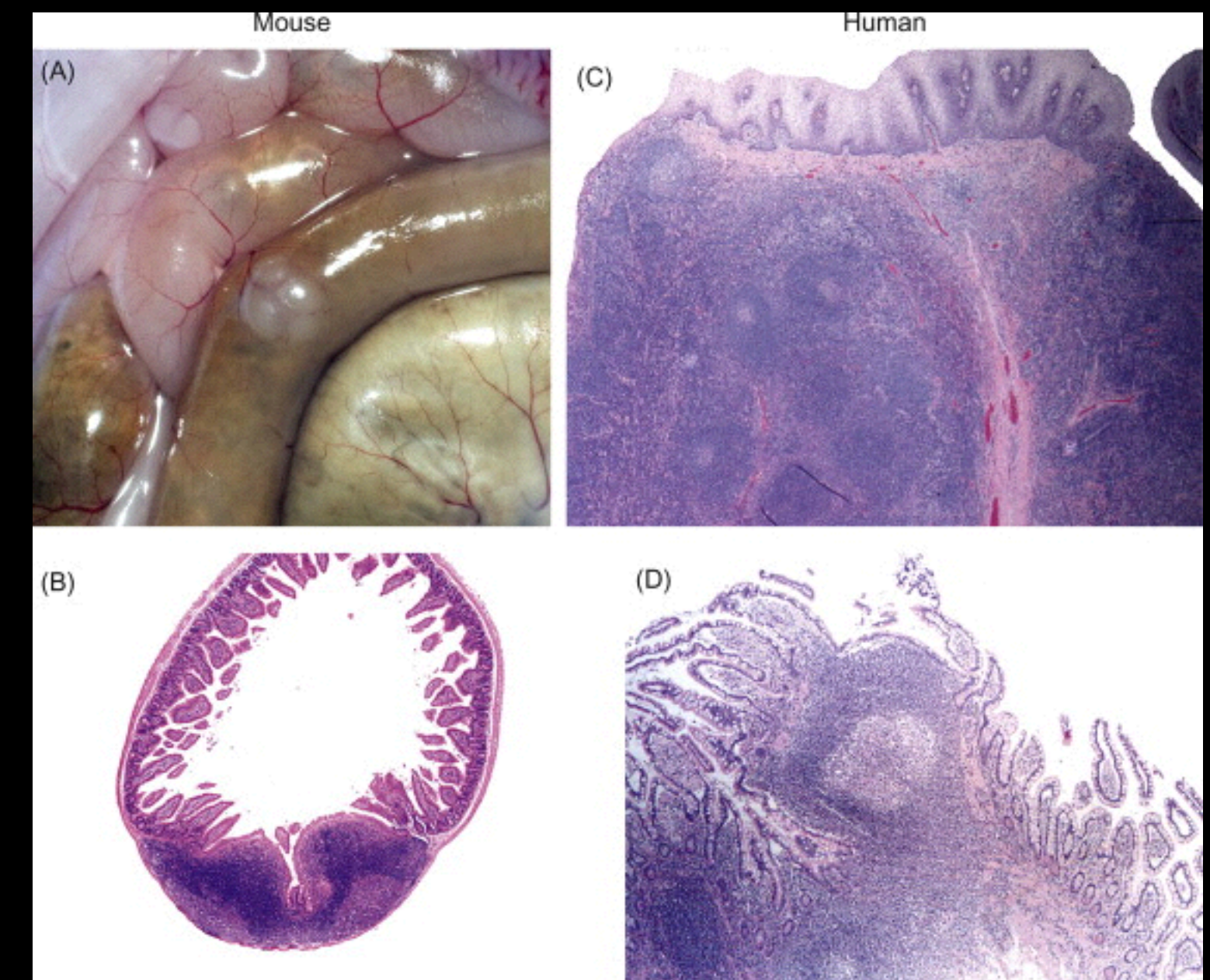
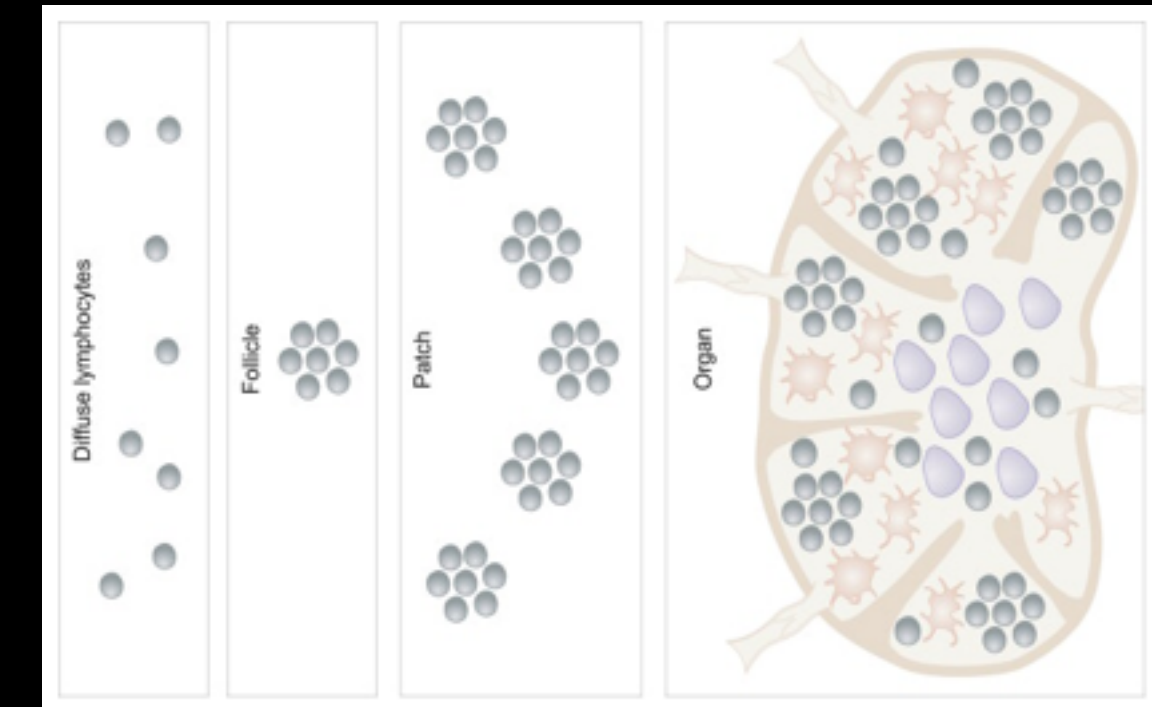






# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← Gut Care

- **Gut ecology and the microbiome:**
  - The gastrointestinal tract has many functions in the health of an individual, and one of them is in immune integrity.
  - This is because the largest immune organ is located within the gastrointestinal tract as gut-associated lymphoid tissue (GALT), both with innate and acquired immune systems as well as about 3 pounds of symbiotic microbial organisms.
  - The condition of the gut lymphoid tissue and the microbial ecology has a large influence on the body's inflammatory state.

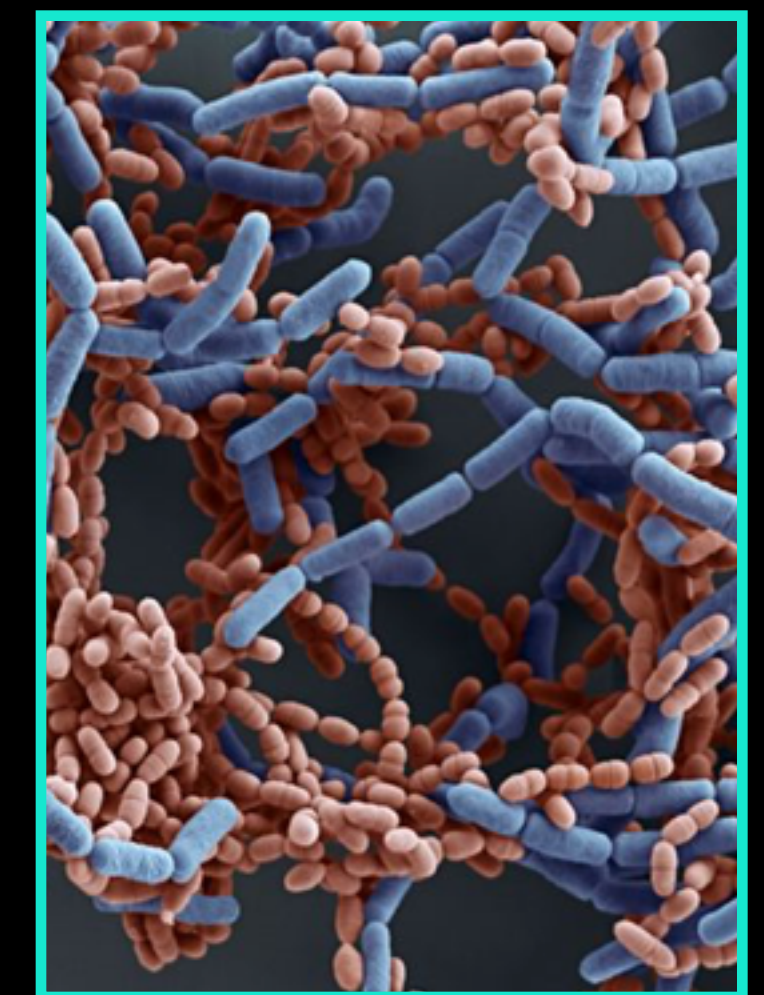
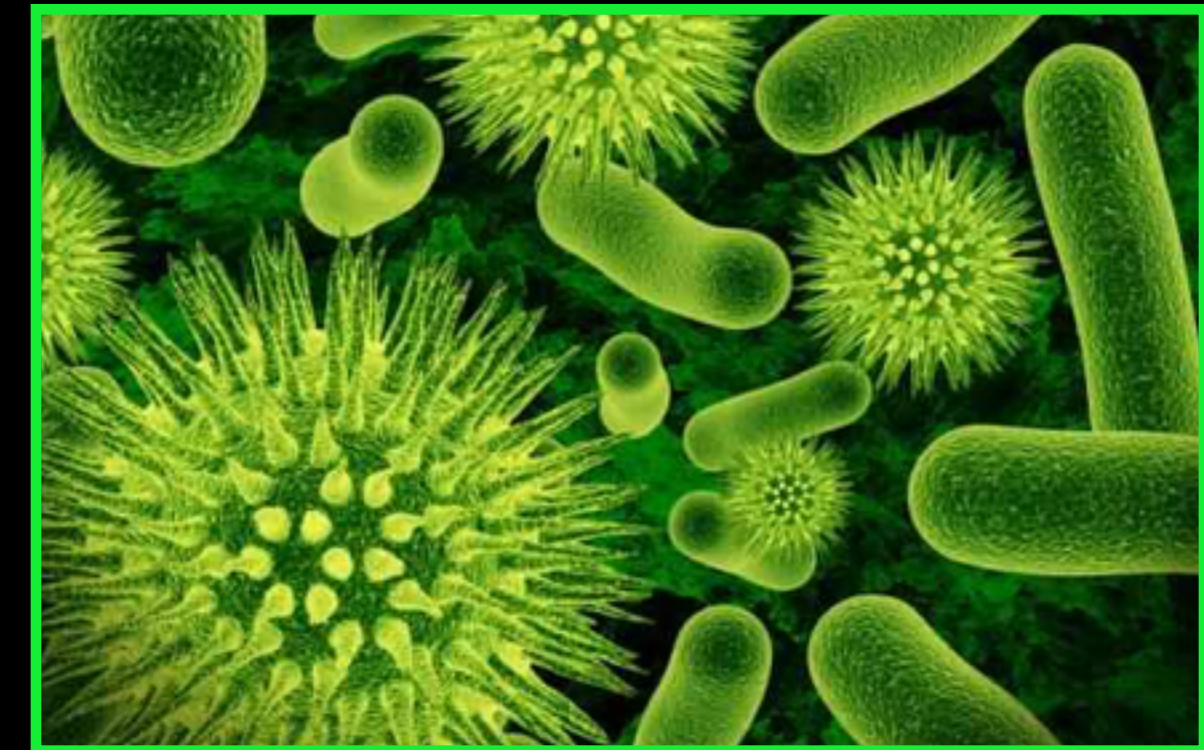






# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← Gut Care

- **Gut ecology and the microbiome:**
  - The inverse relationship of gut barrier integrity and ecology with organ specific or systemic inflammation is well documented.
  - Medical nutrition therapy recommendations for increasing fermented foods, lowering intake of processed foods, avoiding gastrointestinal irritating foods and any known antigens for an individual, are basic to improving the microbial ecology.
  - Therapeutic use of functional foods, pre- and probiotics, and supplements can sometimes be indicated to restore optimum gut function and reduce inflammation.







# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” - Rx vs Herbs

- **HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS:**

- **Boswellia-** (aka Indian Frankincense) has 4 acids that have **anti-inflammatory** properties. These acids inhibit 5-lipoxygenase (5-LO), an enzyme that produces leukotriene
- **Turmeric-** is a non-specific anti-inflammatory agent inhibiting both lipoxygenase and cyclooxygenase-1/2
- **Ashitaba-** (*Angelica keiskei*) stimulates NGF
- **Bromelain-** (from pineapple) selectively inhibits the biosynthesis of proinflammatory prostaglandins

Indian J Pharm Sci. 2011 May-Jun; 73(3): 255–261. doi: 10.4103/0250-474X.93507

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# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← Lifestyle

- **HEALTHY LIFESTYLE HABITS**

- Exercise regularly
- Manage body weight
- No smoking
- Get enough good sleep
- Stress management
- Healthy relationships







# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← Lifestyle

- EATING WISELY

- Food

- **medically**, any substance that the body can take in and assimilate that will enable it to stay alive and to grow; the carrier of nourishment;
- **socially**, a more limited number of such substances defined as acceptable by each culture.

**Ingredients:** Enriched Corn Meal (Corn Meal, Ferrous Sulfate, Niacin, Thiamin Mononitrate, Riboflavin, and Folic Acid), Vegetable Oil (Corn, Canola, Soybean, and/or Sunflower Oil), Cheese Seasoning (Whey, and less than 2% of the following: Cheddar Cheese [Milk, Cheese Cultures, Salt, Enzymes]. Partially Hydrogenated Soybean Oil, Canola Oil, Maltodextrin (Made from Corn), Sour Cream [Cultured Cream, Skim Milk] Salt, Whey Protein Concentrate, MSG, Natural and Artificial Flavors, Lactic Acid, Citric Acid, Artificial Color [Including Yellow 6]), and salt.





# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← Lifestyle

- EATING WISELY
- Multiple iterations of an anti-inflammatory diet exist:
  - DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension),
  - Mediterranean diet,
  - MIND (Mediterranean- DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay),
  - vegetarian (of all sorts),
  - food allergy elimination,
  - calorie restriction, and
  - low histamine.
- In most cases, overall dietary and lifestyle habits are more important to consider rather than any single change.





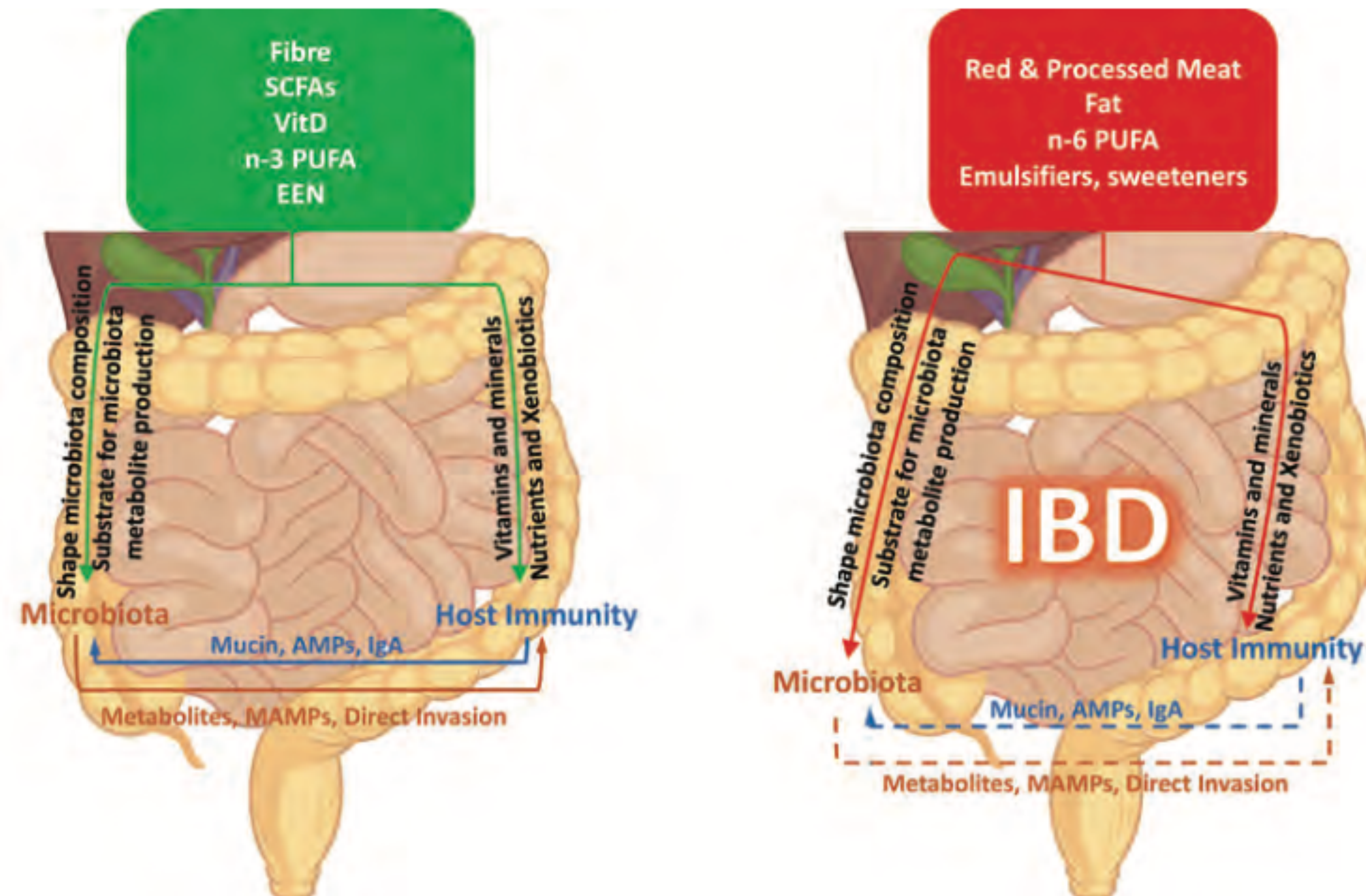
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- RECOMMENDED Anti-Inflammatory Food
  - Consume an abundance of fruits, vegetables, herbs, and spices.
  - Eat a low glycemic diet- take note about glycemic load
  - Have nuts and seeds
  - Adjust quality and quantity of fats and oils
  - Get adequate sources of probiotics
  - Consider food allergies or sensitivity elimination
  - Avoid chemicals- from food and containers





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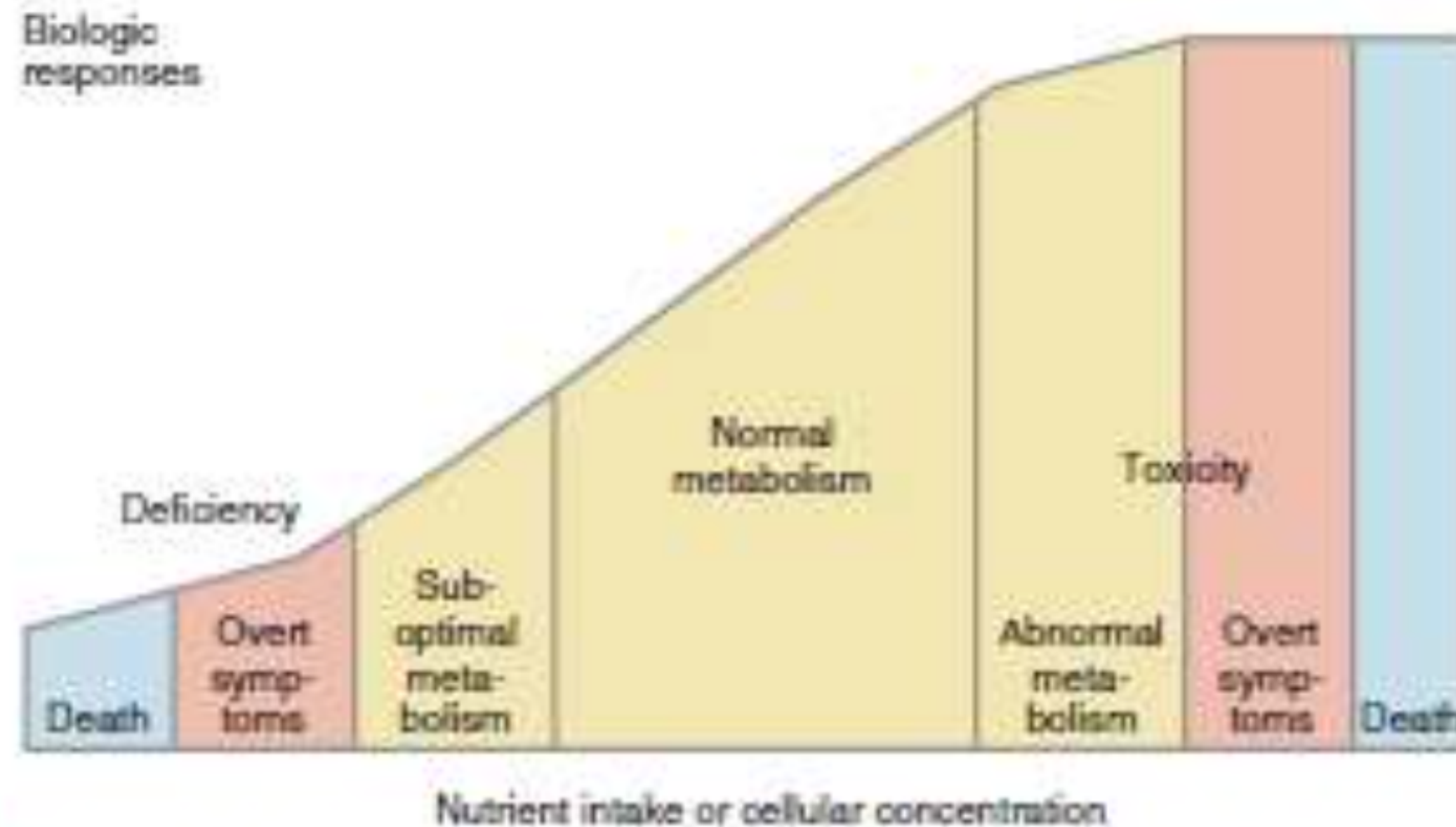


**Figure 1.** Diet regulation of microbiota and host immune responses in health and disease. Image adapted from “Lee D, Albenberg L, Compher C et al. Diet in the pathogenesis and treatment of inflammatory bowel diseases. *Gastroenterology* 2015, **148**(6):1087-106”





# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← Lifestyle



**FIGURE 7-2** The size of a nutrient pool can vary continuously from frankly deficient, to adequate, to toxic.





# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← Lifestyle

- UNWAVERING SELF-CONTROL

**Proverbs 23:7**

“For as he thinkers in his heart, so is he...”

**1 Corinthians 9:23**

“And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things...”







# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← Lifestyle

- HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



✓ Within the family

✓ Within the community





# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← SUMMARY

## • Pro-inflammatory Influences

- Air pollution
- Chronic stress
- Environmental contaminants
- Inactive lifestyle
- Obesity
- Processed food / Saturated fats
- Sugar, trans-fat
- Sleep deprivation
- Smoking
- Irregular routine

## • Anti-inflammatory Influences

- Eating to live (not live to eat)!
  - Fruits, vegetables beans and seeds
  - Whole vs refined grains (lectins/gluten)
  - Certain herbs, spices, tea and cocoa
  - Dietary fiber
  - Fruits vegetables and seeds
  - Mono/polyunsaturated vs saturated fats
    - Olive / coconut oil
    - Fish oils: Omega-3s vs omega-6
  - Healthy energy intake vs output
- Physical activity
- Steady, doable routine
- Taking control of life, and





# Inflammation- How to “Zap It” ← Lifestyle

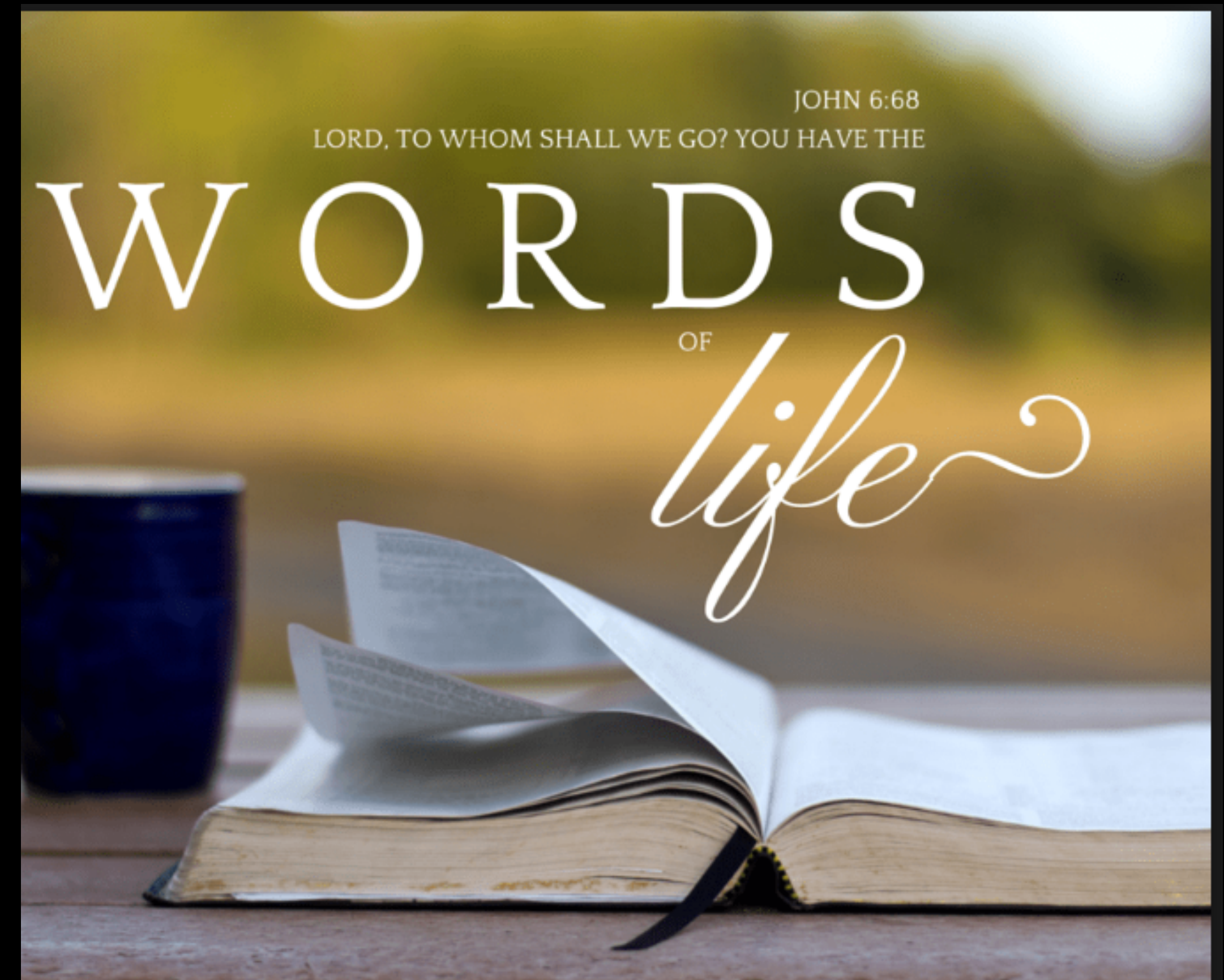
- **TRUST in the DIVINE WORD**

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Beloved friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and that you continually enjoy good health, just as your soul is prospering. (TPT)

**Jeremiah 29:11**

For I have known the thoughts that I am thinking towards you -- an affirmation of Jehovah; thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give to you posterity and hope. (YLT)





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