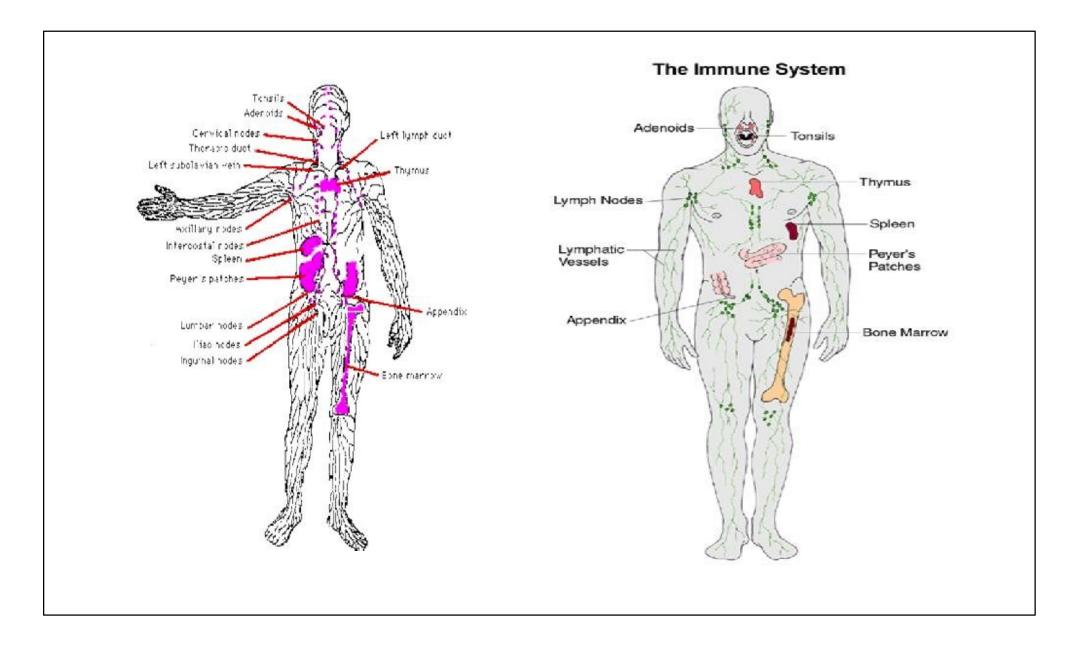
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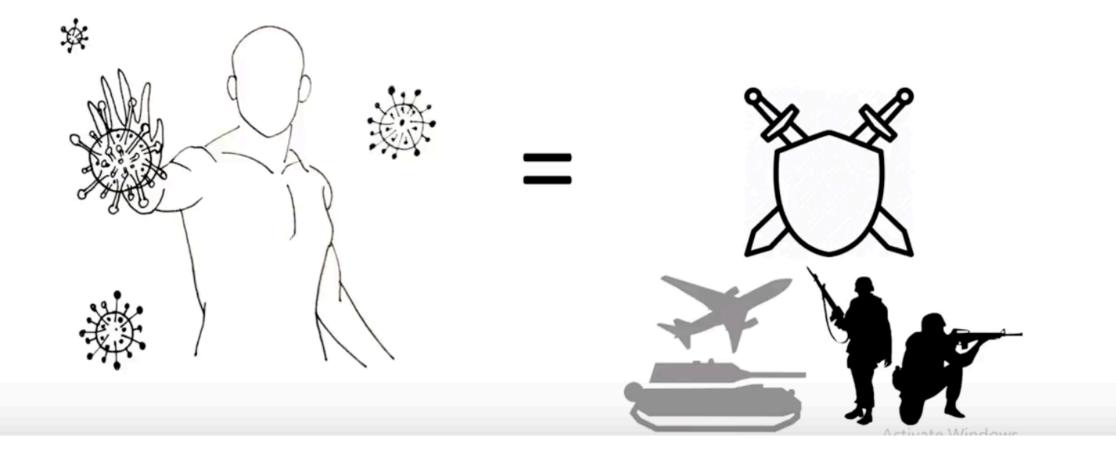
# **Organs of Immune system**

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Defense system of a country

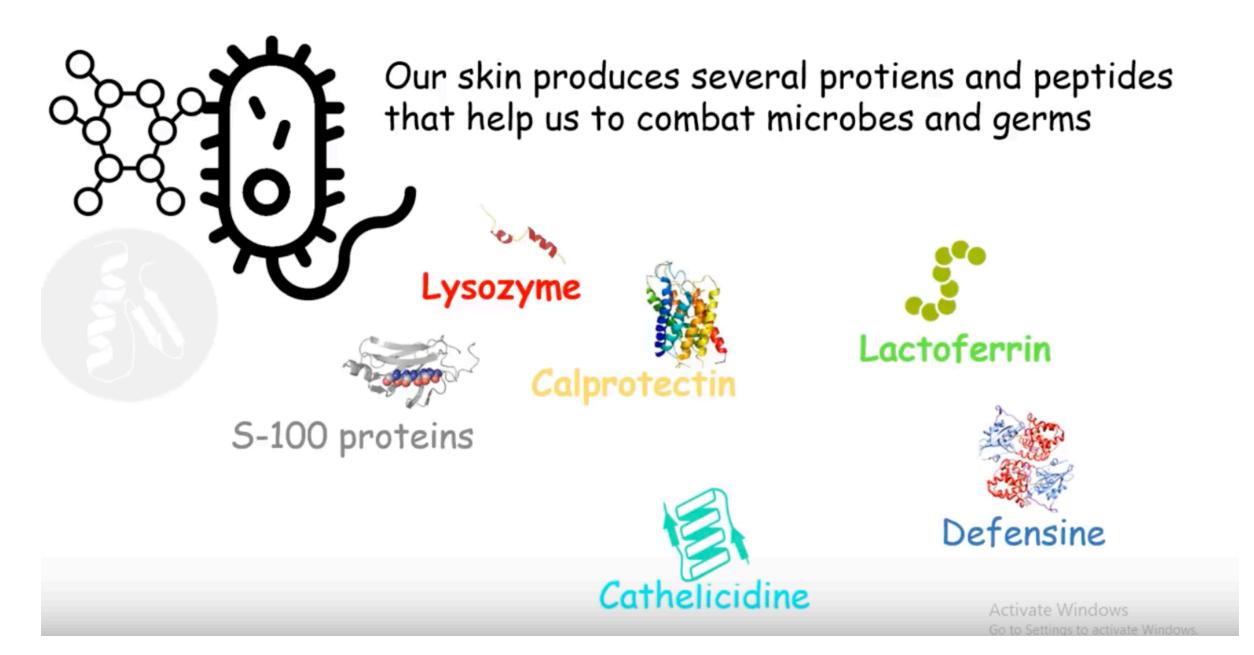


## ORGANS OF THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

Skin

# Our skin works like a physical barrier



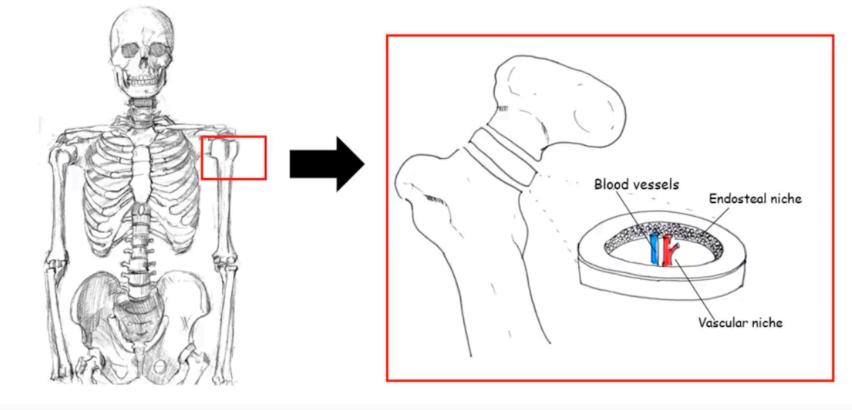


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### Primary lymphoid organs

**1. Bone marrow** (site of hematopoiesis and B lymphocyte development) which is a loosely-organized grouping of cells located in central soft tissue portion of bones (surrounded by the calcified matrix) throughout the body

- Reticular cells form a matrix within which the other bone marrow cells interact.
- Other cells found here include hematopoietic stem cells and progenitor cells, as well as immature and mature forms of all blood cells



Primary lymphoid organs are places where immune cells develop

• <u>Hematopoietic stem cells</u> (HSC) present in the bone marrow are responsible for development of all blood cells.

Lymphoid progenitor

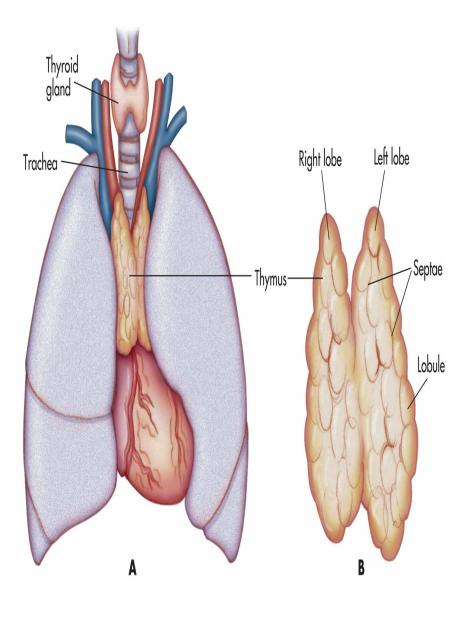
✤ <u>B lymphocytes</u>, before they are released into the bloodstream for transport to other locations in the body

Pro T lymphocytes (immature T cells) are released into the bloodstream before final maturation as a matter of course ... in contrast to granulocytes and erythrocytes, which may be released into the bloodstream in immature forms in times of great need

Myeloid progenitors (RBC,WBC)

**2.Thymus** ... site of T lymphocyte development •Bilobed organ that lies within a fat deposit together with the periaortic lymph node just anterior to the heart in the thoracic cavity •Two types of tissue (with a transitional region between them) that both contain reticular cells (stromal cells) and developing T lymphocytes (T cells) are randomly situated in clusters throughout

the thymus:





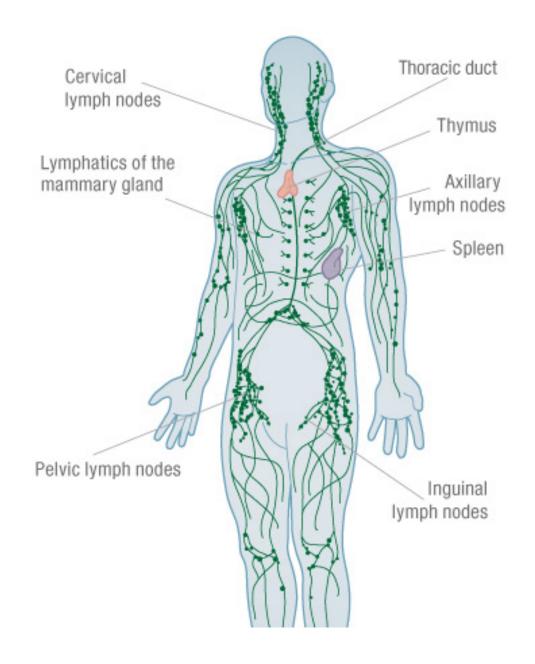
Cortical (cortex) is an area of intense T cell developmental activity ... this is the region where pro T cells develop their antigen-receptors (TCRs) and their (CD4 and CD 8) co-receptors to become immature "double-positive" T lymphocytes, then migrate towards the ...

• Corticomedullary junction is a transitional region between cortical and medullary tissue areas where self-responsive T cells are eliminated by apoptosis following interaction with antigen-presenting cells (APCs) with self-antigen fragments associated with their antigen-presenting cell receptors (ACRs)

• Medullary (medulla) is a "staging" area where mature "single-positive" T lymphocytes migrate before being released into the bloodstream

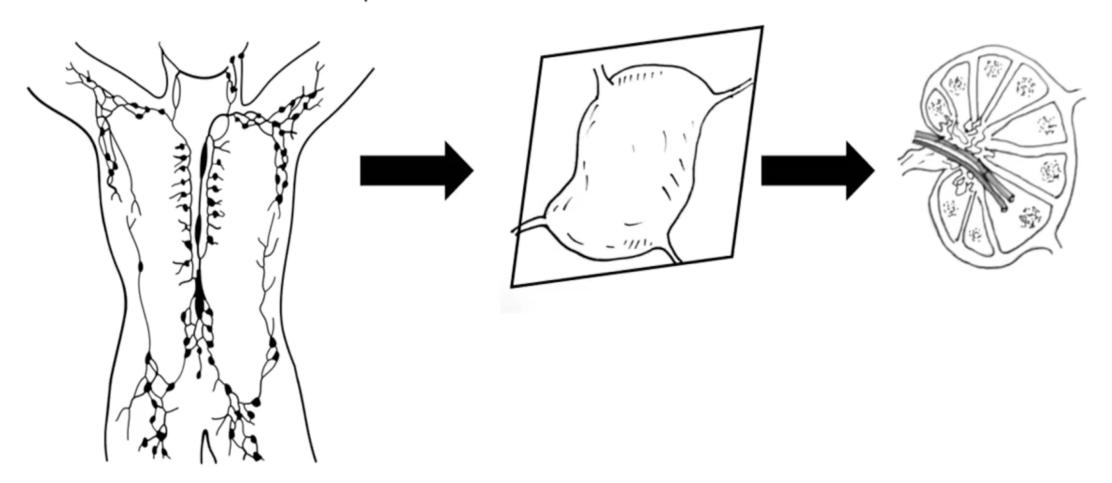
| Secondary lymphoid organs            |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1.Lymph nodes                        |                 |
| •Bean-shaped,                        | encapsulated    |
| nodules located                      | at junctions of |
| lymphatics at strategic areas of the |                 |
| body                                 |                 |

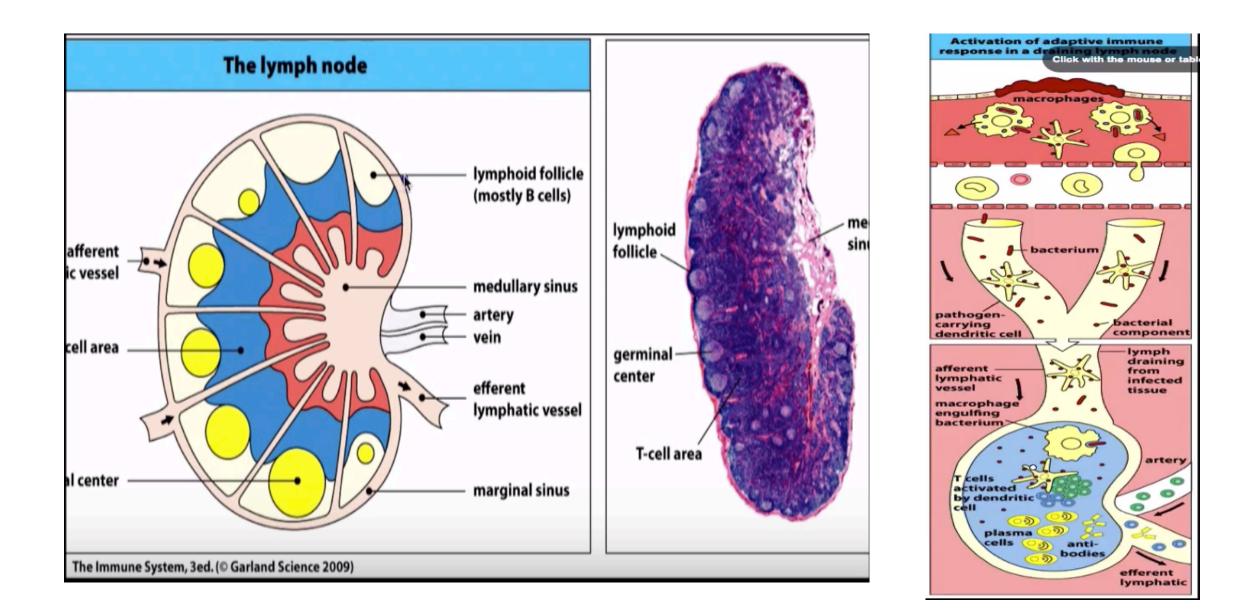
 Three types of tissue (in addition to the ubiquitous reticular cells that form the tissue matrix along with trabecular connective tissue) are found in lymph nodes:



#### Secondary lymphoid organ (Lymph node)

Lymph node is like a army base camp where T cells and B cells resides .Also lymph node plays important role in maturation of B cells





### -Cortical (cortex) tissue:

- » Located in the outer region of lymph nodes, just inside the subcapsular sinus (into which lymph drains from afferent lymphatics)
- » **B cells** are the primary lymphoid cells here (but there are some T cells and follicular dendritic cells present as well)
  - •lymphoid follicles (loosely-organized clusters of lymphoid cells) characterize the cortical region of lymph nodes
  - •germinal centers develop within lymphoid follicles as a result of antibody responses that occur here

- Paracortical (paracortex) tissue:
  - » Located in the intermediate region of lymph nodes and partially surrounding lymphoid follicles (on the medullary side of the cortex)
  - » T cells are the primary lymphoid cells here (but there are some macrophages and dendritic cells present as well) but they migrate in and out of this tissue:
    - migrate into lymphoid follicles following antigenic stimulation by APCs ... to better "deliver" cytokines to B cells responding to immunogens present
    - migrate from lymph into blood and from blood into lymph (via high endothelial venule cells in lymph nodes in both cases)

### – Medullary (medulla) tissue:

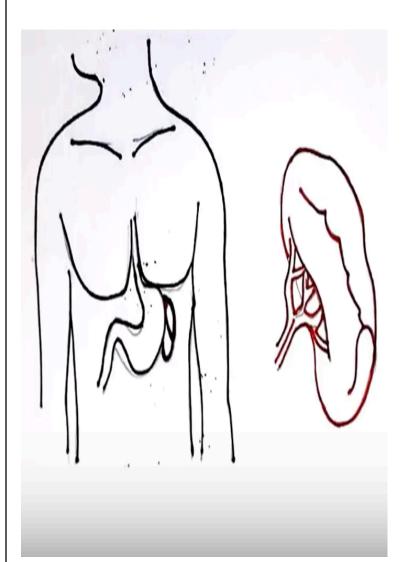
- » Located in the central region of lymph nodes as a loosely- organized aggregate of predominantly phagocytic cells
- » Macrophages and dendritic cells (both are APCs) are the primary lymphoid cells here (but there are variable numbers of plasma cells, especially during active immune responses)
- APCs migrate into the paracortical region of lymph nodes when they have processed antigen and are presenting immunogen fragments on their ACRs ... so they can stimulate T cells to initiate immune responses

### 2.Spleen

Lumpy, rather amorphous encapsulated
lymphoid organ (much larger than a normal
lymph node) located ventral to the stomach in
the abdominal cavity

•Filters particulate and soluble molecules out of blood ... thus capturing immunogens for immune system stimulation

•Trabecular connective tissue forms the splenic matrix, which contains two major types of tissue:



 Red pulp consists of a network of sinusoids containing reticular macrophages and erythrocytes plus the other elements of blood being filtered at the time of organ examination

– White pulp consists of splenic lymphoid cells and is organized into two major regions that form concentric sheaths around each of the arterioles that deliver the blood into the sinusoids: 3. Periarteriolar lymphatic sheath (PALS) areas surround each of the arterioles and contain many T cells admixed with interdigitating dendritic cells

 Marginal zone surrounds the PALS and contains numerous B cells, some of which are loosely organized to form primary lymphoid follicles ... these primary follicles develop into secondary lymphoid follicles with germinal centers as antibody responses occur in the spleen **4.Mucosal-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT)** generally consists of rather loosely-organized lymphoid cells that are associated with mucosal tissues that line the:

•Digestive tract, including:

- Tonsils ... lingual, palatine and pharyngeal (adenoids)
- -Lamina proprial and submucosal lymphoid follicles of the small intestine ... including Peyer's patches

-Appendix

