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**MORPHOLOGY OF  
CELL INJURY**

# MORPHOLOGIC FORMS OF CELL INJURY

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## MECHANISMS

1. Reversible cell injury
2. Deranged cell metabolism
3. Irreversible cell injury
4. Programmed cell death
5. Residual effects
6. After-effects

## NOMENCLATURE

1. Retrogressive changes(degenerations)
2. Intracellular accumulations
3. Cell death-necrosis
4. Apoptosis
5. Subcellular alterations
6. Gangrene, pathologic calcification

# DERANGED METABOLISM: INTRACELLULAR ACCUMULATION

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- *Accumulation of constituents of normal cell metabolism:*  
fat, proteins, CH
- *Accumulation of abnormal substances:*  
storage diseases
- *Accumulation of pigments:*  
endogenous, exogenous



### Web Table 3.3: Pigments of the Body.

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#### A. ENDOGENOUS PIGMENTS

1. Melanin
2. Melanin-like pigment
  - a. Alkaptonuria
  - b. Dubin-Johnson syndrome
3. Haemoprotein-derived pigments
  - i) Haemosiderin
  - ii) Acid haematin (Haemozoin)
  - c. Bilirubin
  - d. Porphyrins
4. Lipofuscin (Wear and tear pigment)

#### B. EXOGENOUS PIGMENTS

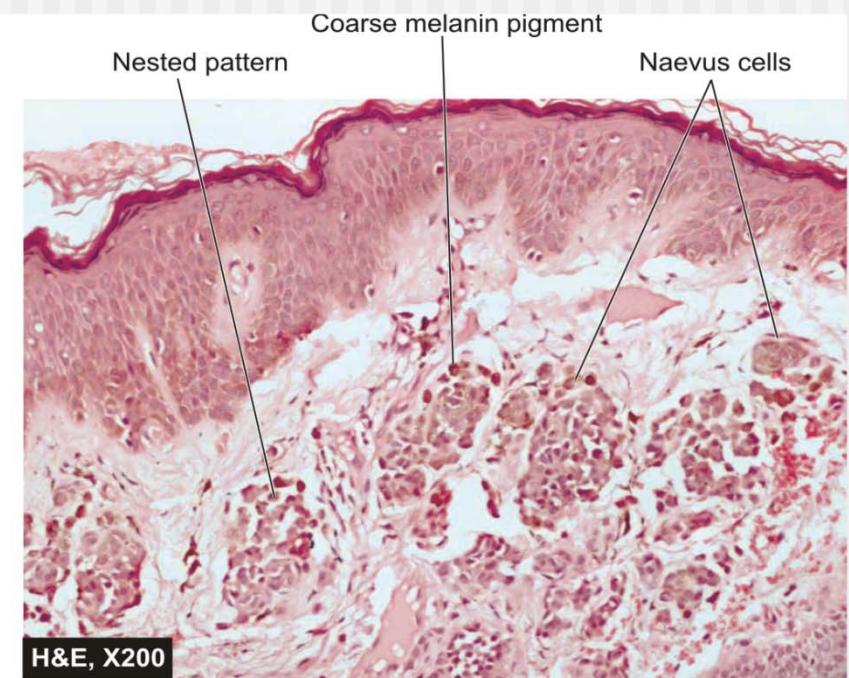
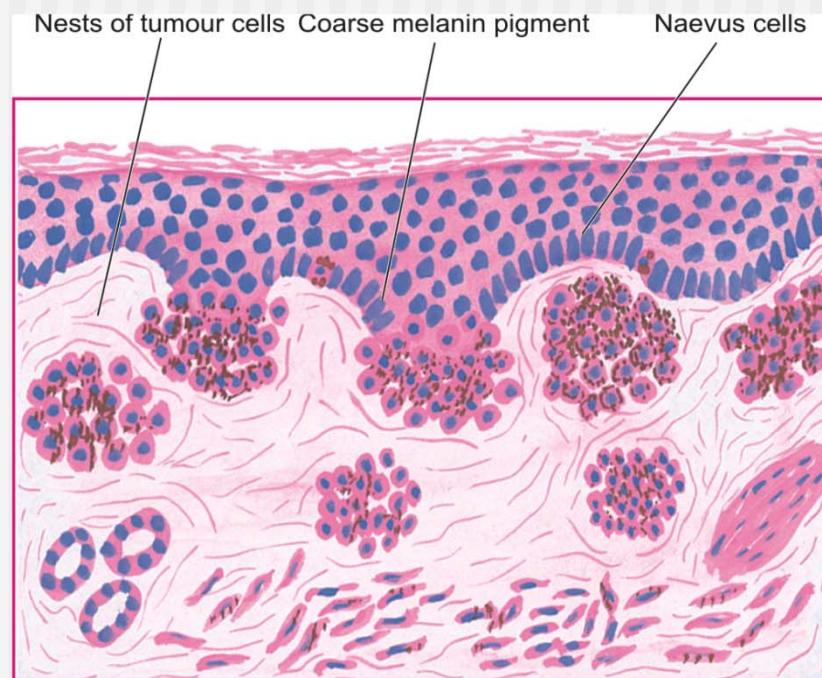
1. Inhaled pigments
2. Ingested pigments
3. Injected pigments (Tattooing)

# ENDOGENOUS PIGMENTS: Melanin

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- Generalised hyperpig:
  - Addison's disease
  - Chloasma
  - Ch arsenic poisoning
- Focal hyperpig:
  - Café-au-lait spots
  - Peutz-Jeghers syndrome
  - Melanosis coli
  - Melanotic tumours
  - Lentigo
  - Dermatopathic LN
- Generalised hypopig:
  - Albinism
- Localised hypopig:
  - Leucoderma
  - Vitiligo
  - Acquired causes

# Melanin in intradermal naevus



# Melanin-like pigments:

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## Alkaptonuria

- Autosomal recessive
- Deficiency of oxidase enzyme required for breakdown of HA
- Accumulation of HA in tissues (ochronosis)
- Alkaptonuria (homogentisic aciduria)

## Dubin-Johnson syndrome

- Autosomal recessive form of hereditary conj hyperbil.

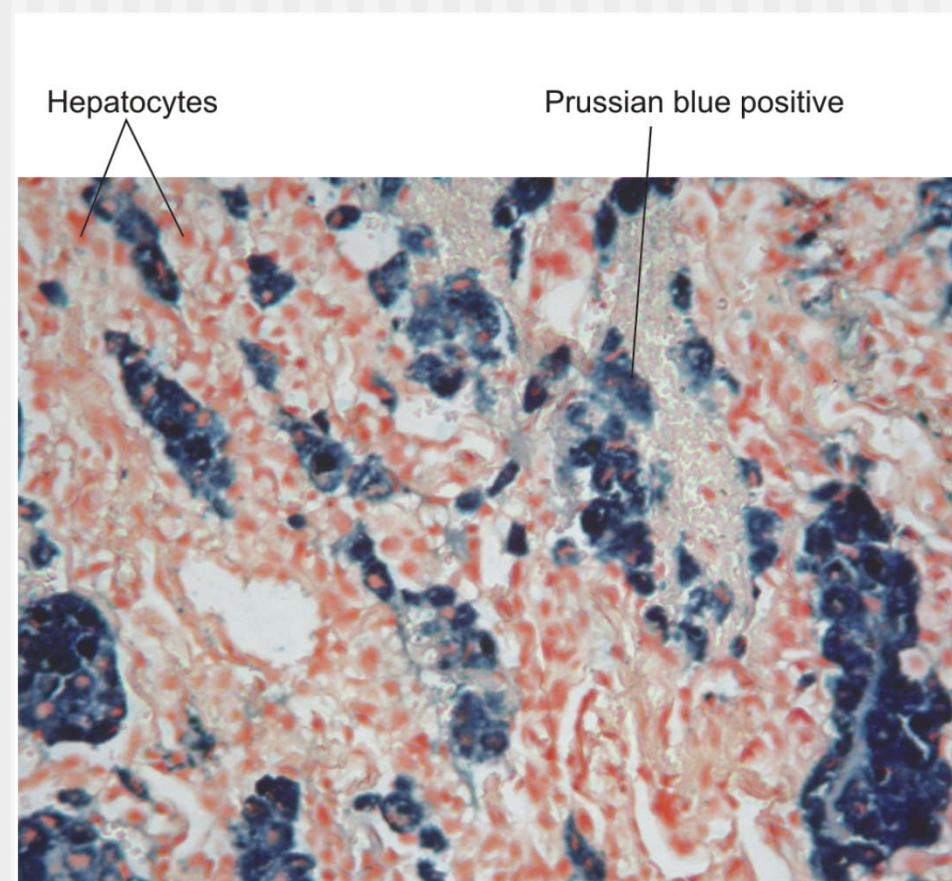
# Haemoprotein-derived pigments

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1. Haemosiderin
2. Acid haematin (haemozoin)
3. Bilirubin
4. Porphyrins

# Haemosiderin

- Ferritin
- Haemosiderin  
(Haemosiderosis)



## HAEMOSIDEROSIS

### LOCALISED

- In local tissues  
(Macrophages, fibroblasts, endothelial and alveolar cells)

*Examples:*

- Haemorrhage in tissues
- Black eye
- Brown induration lung
- Infarction

### GENERALISED (SYSTEMIC)

- Parenchymal deposits  
(Liver, Pancreas, Kidney, Heart, Skin)
- RE cell deposits  
(Liver, Spleen, Bone marrow)

*Examples:*

- Acquired haemosiderosis  
(Chronic haemolytic disorders, blood transfusion, parenteral administration of iron)
- Hereditary (Idiopathic) haemochromatosis  
(Increased absorption, genetic defect)
- Excessive dietary intake  
(Bantu's disease)

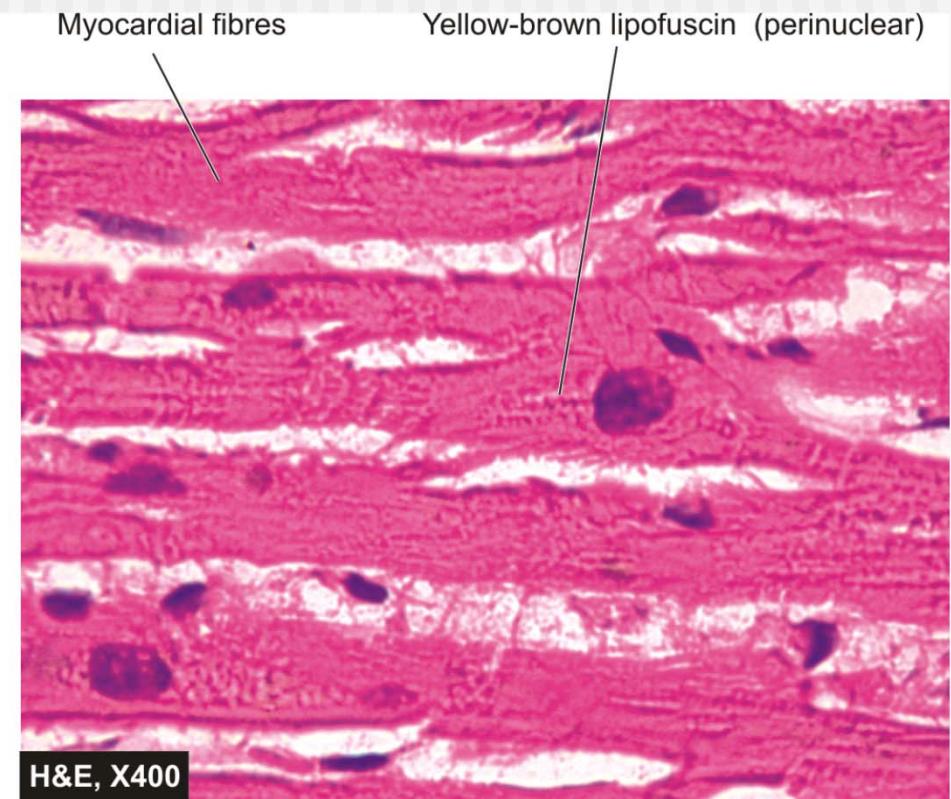
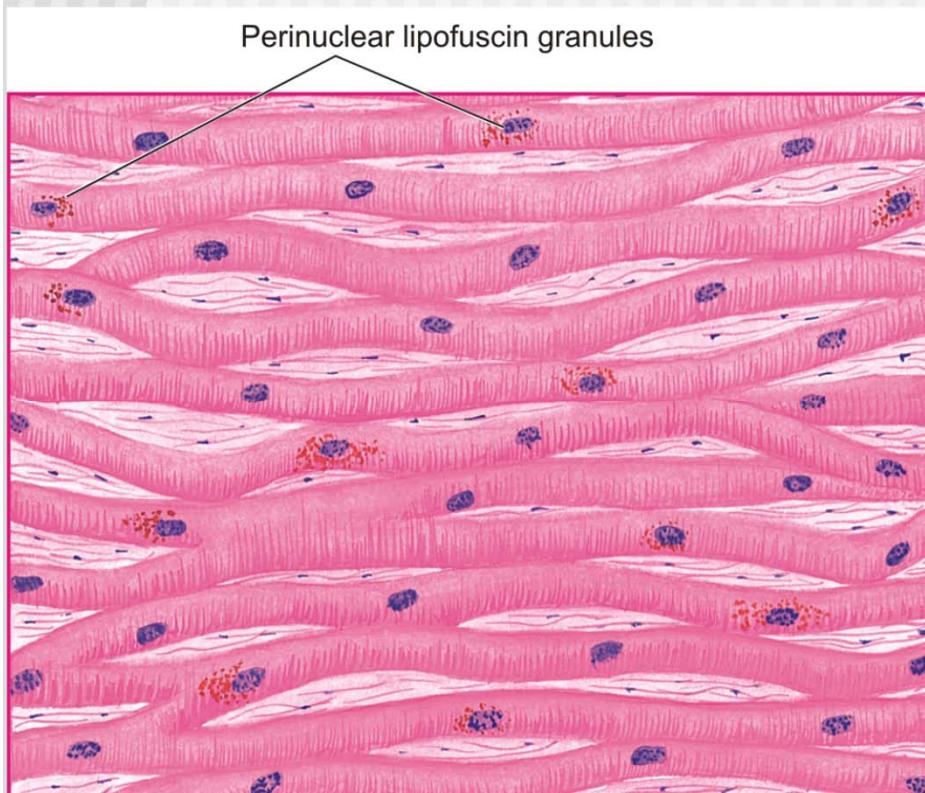
# Other haemoprotein-derived pigments

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2. Acid haematin (haemozoin)
3. Bilirubin
  - Conj & unconj hyperbilirubinaemia (jaundice)
4. Porphyrins
  - Erythropoietic porphyria: defective haem synthesis in red cells
  - Hepatic porphyria: normal erythroid precursors but a defect in synthesis of haem in liver

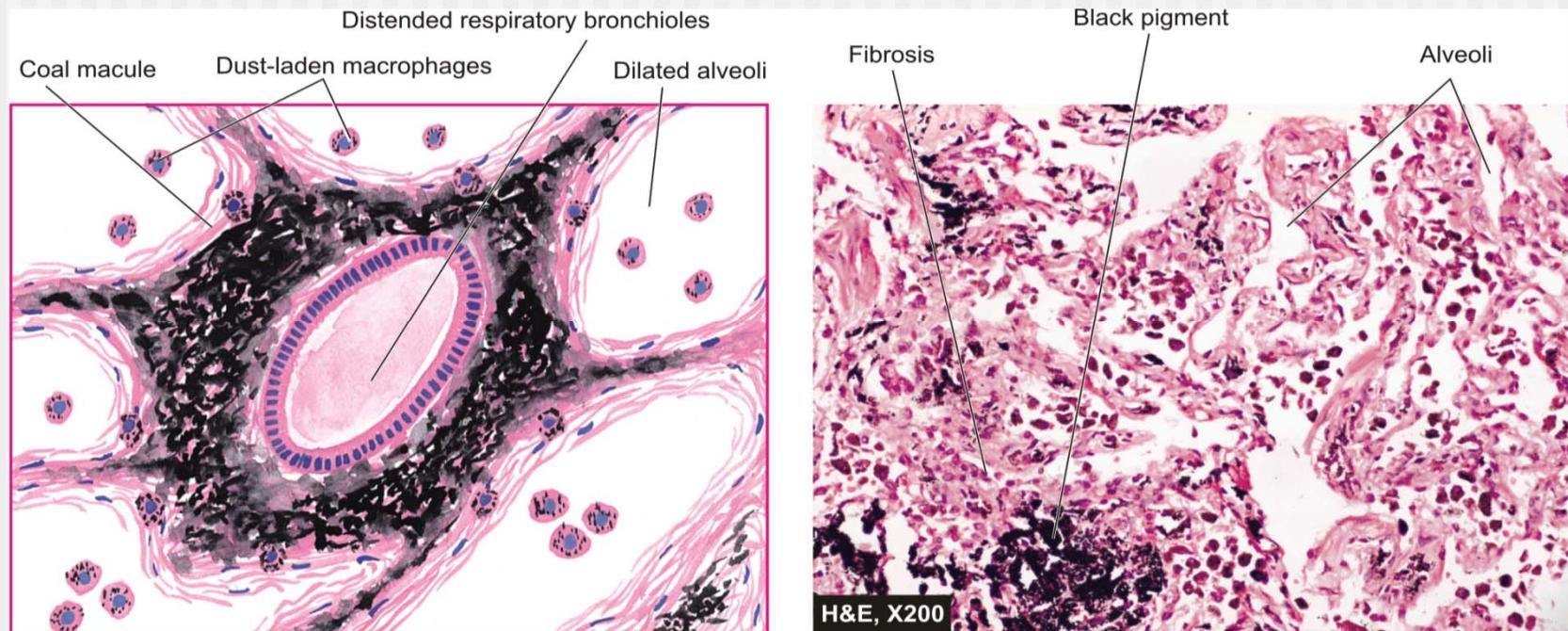
# Lipofuscin (wear and tear pigment)

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# EXOGENOUS PIGMENTS

- Inhaled pigments: various dusts



- Ingested pigments: argyria, ch lead poisoning, carotinaemia
- Injected pigments (tattooing): India ink, carbon