IMMUNE RESPONSE / IMMUNE DEFICIENCY STATE & ORGAN TRANSPLANT

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- Specific reactivity induced in host by an antigenic stimulus immune response
- Antigen-living or nonliving
- Response may be beneficial, indifferent or injurious
- Two type : Humoral (antibody mediated) Cellular (cell mediated)
- Develop together, one or other predominate or exclusive
- Act in conjunction or opposition.

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Humoral (antibody mediated)

Primary defence against extracellular bacterial pathogens
Defence against viruses that infect through respiratory/intestinal tracts
Pathogenesis of immediate type 1,2,3 hypersensitivity.

Cell mediated immunity :

Fungi, viruses, intracellular bacterial pathogens
Rejection of homograft, graft verse host reaction
Immunity against cancer,
Delayed (type 4) hypersensitivity
Autoimmune diseases

Humoral immune response

Entry of antigen (afferent limb),
 Processing of antigen (central function)
 Secretion of antibody (efferent limb)

Antibody production follows path

Lag phase
Log phase
A plateaue phase
Phase of decline

Humoral immune response

Primary response : Initial response to antigen Differ from subsequent stimuli (qualitative & quantatively) Slow, sluggish, short lived, Long lag phase, low antibody titre (IgM)

Secondary response : Powerful, prolong
 Short lag phase
 Higher antibody titre (IgG)

- Antigen: Fate depends on physical & chemical nature,
 Dose, route of entry
 Primary or secondary response
- Antigen in circulation : Localized spleen liver bone marrow kidneys & lungs Breakdown by RE cells & excreted in urine
- Antigen in circulation
 Nonimmune phase antigen engulf by phagocytic cells
 Immune phase antigen-antibody complex

Antigen in SC : Localized in lymph nodes

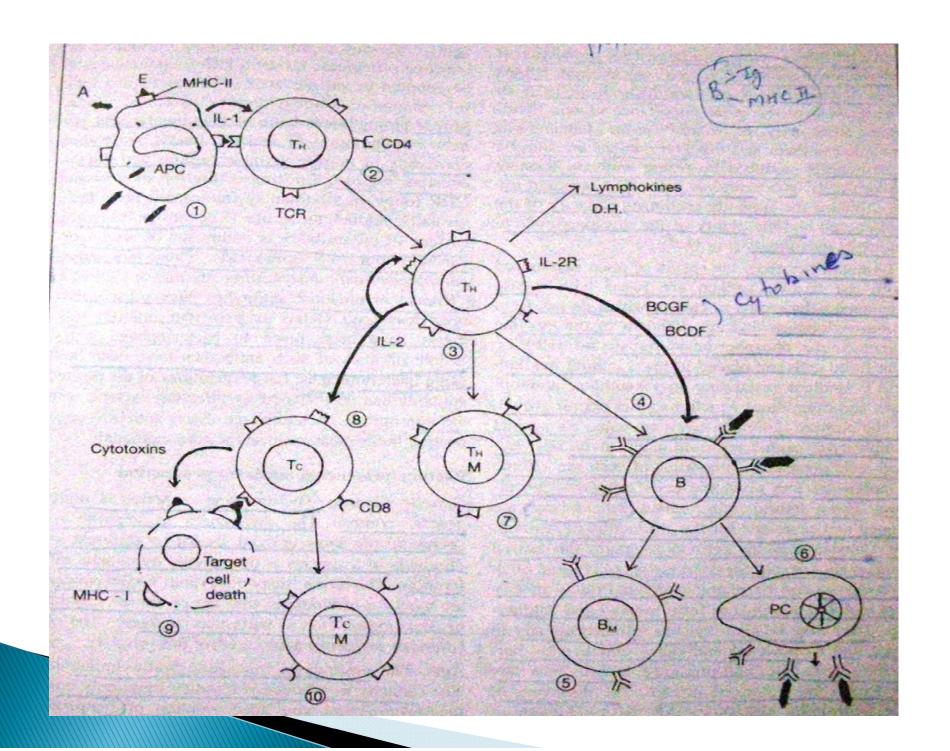
Antigen (soluble) three phase,
 Phase of equilibration-diffusion of antigen to extravascular space
 Metabolic phase -- Antigen falls due to catabolism,
 Immune phase -- Antigen- antibody complex formation
 Tissue damage & serum sickness

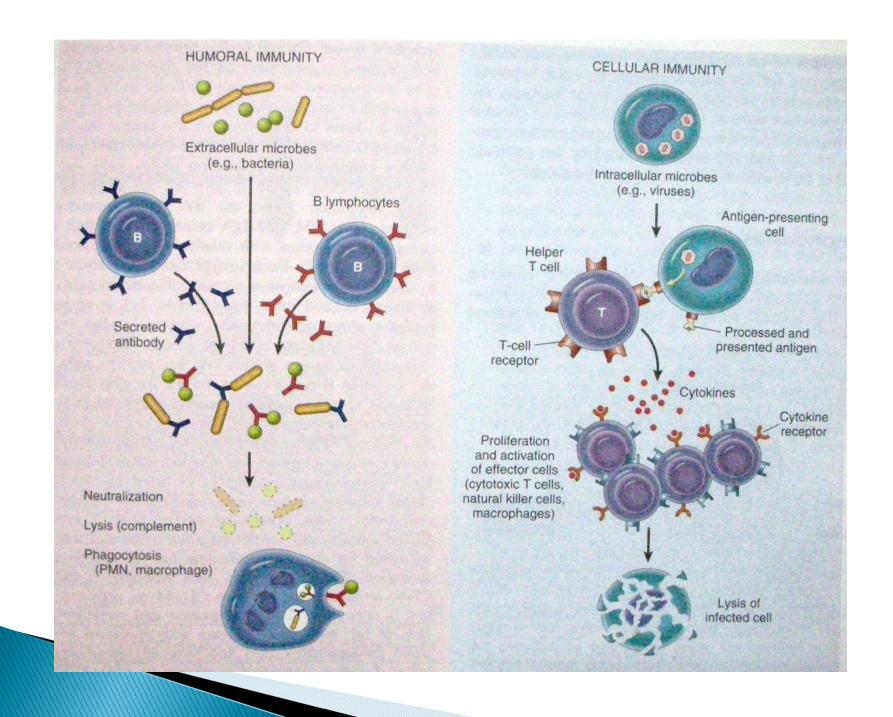
Component of immunity

Three types of cell
 Antigen processing cell (APC) -- macrophages & dendritic cells
 T cells & B cells

Cytokines :

Biologically active substance released by activated T lymphocytes Interleukin 1–13
Colony stimulating factors
Tumor necrosis factor
Interferons





Factors influencing antibody production

Genetic factors

Age

Nutritional status

Immunosuppressive agents

Radiomimetic drugs(cyclophosphamide)

5FU

Corticosteroids

Antimetabolites – folic acid antagonist(methotrexate)