



PATHOLOGY

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QUICK REVIEW

-Repair (R5) is the last step in inflammation.

-There are two major types of repair and healing

1- healing by first(primary) intention (in cases of the surgical clean wound): is faster, the lost tissue is very small, the amount of granulation tissue produced is very small and the amount of scar tissue which is produced is very small as well,

99.9% of the tissue returns to the pre-inflammatory state cosmetically and functionally in the primary intention.

2- healing by (secondary) intention.

If there is a big amount of lost tissue, the regeneration won't be enough, it requires granulation tissue formation(large scar formation, more obvious cosmetic damage), and sometimes it's big enough up to the point which will interfere with normal functions.

[VERY IMPORTANT NOTE]

Is there granulation tissue formation in the first intention?

Of course, yes, but the amount is very little compared with the second intention. As well as, the scar formation is more in the second intention than in the first intention.

Whether it is first or second healing, it is still repaired, so:

BOTH have SAME steps, but the result is different “, they are:

1.Angiogenesis

2.Activation of fibroblast and deposition of matrix

3.Remodeling of connective tissue

Now, let's ROCK!

ANGIOGENESIS

* inflammation is the response of vascularized to injurious agents.

What have you read recently?

(VASCULARIZED),the inflammatory response needs to be from a vascularized, viable, and alive tissue with enough blood supply for proper steps of healing.So, we need angiogenesis.

angiogenesis (angio: blood vessels + Genesis: creation, formation)

the development of new blood vessels.

- Central role in healing:

Angiogenesis is a central and critical process for proper healing (R5), an important step in inflammation as well as in neoplasia.

- Requires multiple steps; signaling pathways, growth factors, cell-matrix Interactions (extracellular, extravascular interactions) and enzymes of remodeling to be able to have complete angiogenesis.

1→A lot of mediators and growth factors are needed in this process, there are large numbers but the major ones are:

a- VEGF-A: (vascular endothelial growth factor-A)

b- FGFS-2 (Fibroblast growth factors family)

C- TGF-B (transforming growth factor beta) is the most potent fibrogenic or scar-forming mediator, fibroblast activator/ or reparative activator, it is the BOSS in repairing, and scar formation.

2→Notch signaling (sprouting):

Sprouting means التبرعم, a new growing thing that will come from an already existing one

in angiogenesis, it is defined as a new blood vessel sprouting from pre-existing vessels.

3→ECM proteins

4→Enzymes for final remodeling:

Note: there is an important critical interaction between growth factors and the extracellular matrix proteins in addition to that in the final stages of remodeling enzymes are required to cut the extra collagen, and the extra proteins and clean up the mess after the reparative process.

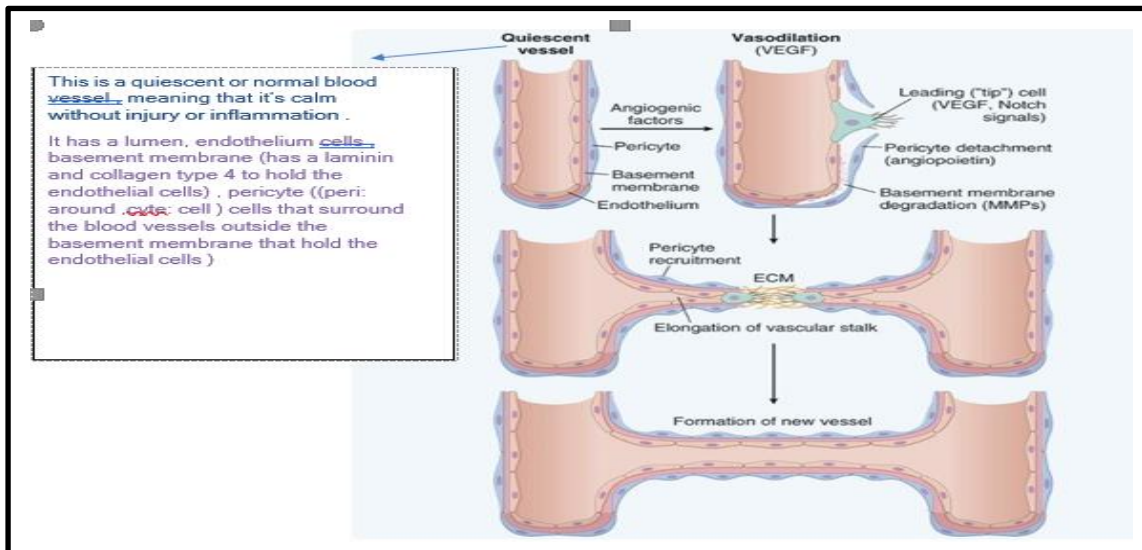
STEPS OF ANGIOGENESIS

Let's revise the main components of blood vessels:

1. Pericytes: cells that surround the vessels
2. Basement membrane: rich with laminin and collagen IV
3. Endothelial cells

We have to disrupt these 3 component structures to make a new BV.

Pond the fig:



1. Starting with pericytes detachment by the GF (angiopoietin), which opens, and detaches the pericytes
2. Then digesting the basement membrane disrupting its component by MMPs(matrix metalloproteinases) like:

Laminin is disrupted by lamininase, and Collagen by collagen 4ase

4. And finally the endothelium becomes naked, facilitating its sprouting By VEGF mainly and other GF like TGF-B that change the shape of the endothelial cells making them more clump, pyramidal, and notching, seem more differentiated like myocytes, projecting their matrix and fibers to the matrix, allowing sprouting(notch signaling) to happen to engage with Para endothelial cells and forming a new BV and matrix which known as granulation formation.

*Granulation tissue: rich in BV and matrix.

When there is any factor or injury stimulates the angiogenic factors: -

- Multiply this process five thousand in 1 cm square "for example" you will have a meshwork of newly formed delicate extensive vascularized tissue (granulation tissue). So this is the base process of the formation of granulation tissue which is needed in the repair {remember: in wound healing by primary intention the amount of granulation tissue is very little and will switch from this smooth delicate granulation tissue into a mature scar which is also very small }

The formation of granulation tissue alone is not enough because it's smooth delicate vascularized tissue. So, if you scratch it, it will bleed. So there must be a second step which is the activation and proliferation of fibroblast.

ACTIVATION OF FIBROBLASTS AND DEPOSITION OF MATRIX:

After angiogenesis, we have to deal with ECM, which is also important for architecture and function.

--Fibroblasts are the main players in this step!

--fibroblasts originate from mesenchymal cells, and they alter their shapes somehow, most of them become more differentiated to be able to move, so they become myofibroblasts(myo: muscles, indicating differentiation and movement)

2 STEPS: -

1- Migrations and proliferation of fibroblasts

we need fibroblasts to migrate and proliferate in the tissue in the area of tissue injury so multiple growth factors will stimulate the migration and then the proliferation of fibroblasts.

2- Deposition of ECM proteins by these cells(activated fibroblasts)

-Mainly it is about ECM protein production

Stimulating and activating each fibroblast (being active metabolically) to produce tissue matrix proteins, predominately collagen to replace the lost tissue (initially, they produce collagen type 3 -which is smooth and not strong enough- and then it will be switched into collagen type 1).

-this phase(activation of fibroblasts and ECM deposition) needs cytokines and GFs: PDGF, FGF-2, TGF-B

*PDGF: platelet-derived growth factors

*FGF: fibroblast GF

*TGF-B: the most potent fibroblast activator. So, without proper production of it, there will be no proper repair.

(the major and most important fibrogenic or scar-forming mediator in repair).

-Fibroblasts and myofibroblasts help lay down collagen to close the gap

Fibroblasts sometimes attain muscle functions, becoming like skeletal muscles, and smooth muscles, so they will differentiate into myofibroblasts

(myofibroblast: is a fibroblast that slightly deviated and became slightly differentiated toward a muscle and have some contractile muscle functions) they always help lay down collagen to close up the gap at the end collagen will be the major protein deposited in the scar formation at the end of repair by granulation tissue formation.

- TGF- β is the most important

-ICE BREAK FROM THE DOCTOR:)

If TGF-B was found in the tumor, it would seem like a hard(tough) tumor.

Cirrhosis carcinoma is a malignant carcinoma and felt hard, if a biopsy was taken from this tumor, it would be full of TGF-B and scars, and an insufficient amount of cancerous cells to be diagnosed, so doctors often take a deep biopsy in this case to reach the cancer cells.

REMODELING OF CONNECTIVE TISSUE:

-It's needed to make the scar stronger and contract it.

Until now, we have got scar tissue but this scar tissue needs to become stronger to protect the architecture of the organ and the underlying structures, and we need to convert some proteins, this will happen in this phase through two steps:

1• Cross-linking of collagen, to produce stronger collagens.

2• Switching type III to type 1, fibroblast in early phase 2 produces collagen 3 which is weaker than 1.

*So, the result we have is cross-linked collagen and a predominance of collagen type 1 to make the scar tissue stronger enough to hold the architecture and protect the underlying organs.

*But, we still need to remove the extra products of remodeling for example: if there is extra collagen type 3, extra unneeded collagen type 1, or extra matrix proteins. And this is done by certain enzymes we call **MMP (matrix metalloproteinases)** they are enzymes that will eat up the extra collagen and extra matrix proteins that are not needed, like lamininases, and collagenases,...

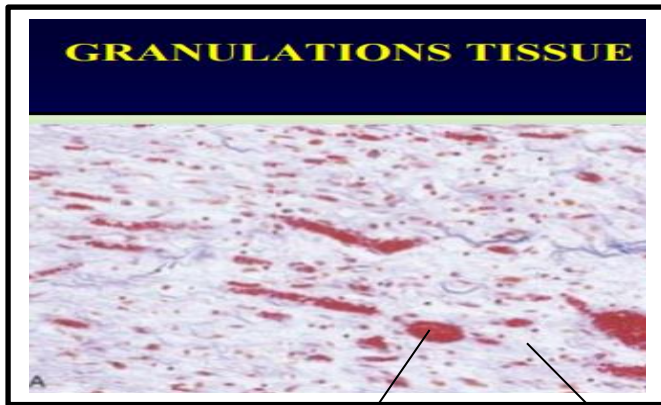
*There are other mediators, proteins, and inhibitors that control the MMP because we don't need those MMPs constantly active resulting in digesting the main not excess components of the matrix.

Those inhibitors are called **TIMPs (tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases)**.
So a deficiency in TIMPs may lead to defects.

SOME MICROSCOPIC IMAGES

Granulation tissues appear grossly beefy red.

Under microscope:



BVs rich in RBCs giving
its red color, surrounded by endothelial cells

young granulation tissue

H&E stain

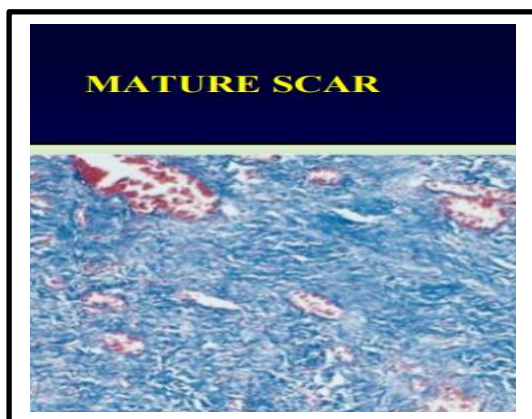
each one of those is a blood vessel or
young capillary very active angiogenetic
process

this is not going to be strong enough to
withstand any more tissue damage or
pressure this granulation tissue should be
transformed in the late phases of repair
cross-linking type 3 to type 1 collagen to
very strong scar tissue

the number of blood vessels is much more

the number of mature scar tissue is very
minimal

White area: young protein matrix,
and collagens



Mature scar

trichrome stain (special stain which we
use to highlight the scar tissue which is
formed collagen type one predominantly
and this is the blue color is the amount
of scar tissue removed)

full of the **collagen type one** which is
strong enough and difficult to separate

less blood vessels

more mature scar tissue

done

PAST PAPERS:

1. Found in mature scars:

- A. cross-linked collagen 1
- B. Granulation tissue
- C. a lot of thin-walled capillaries
- D. collagen 3 only
- E. collagen 2 only

2. Secondary repair -compared with initial repair- has:

- A. more scar and more tissue injury
- B. always associated with tissue granuloma
- C. very small tissue lost
- D. maintained the function of the repaired tissue

3. In contrast to repair after acute inflammation, repair after chronic inflammation is characterized by:

- A. Lesser activity of vascular endothelial growth factor
- B. Lesser amount of collagen type 1
- C. granulation tissue and scar formation
- D. quick and simple with no need for mediators
- E. better repair process with no sequel sequelae

4. Microscopic examination of granulation tissue and early immature scar formation will show?

- A. numerous young capillaries and heavy mixed inflammation cell infiltrate
- B. complete re-epithelialization of the surface
- C. heavy eosinophilic and mast cell infiltrate
- D. Abundant cross-linked collagen type 1 fibers
- E. numerous foreign-body type giant cells granulomas

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