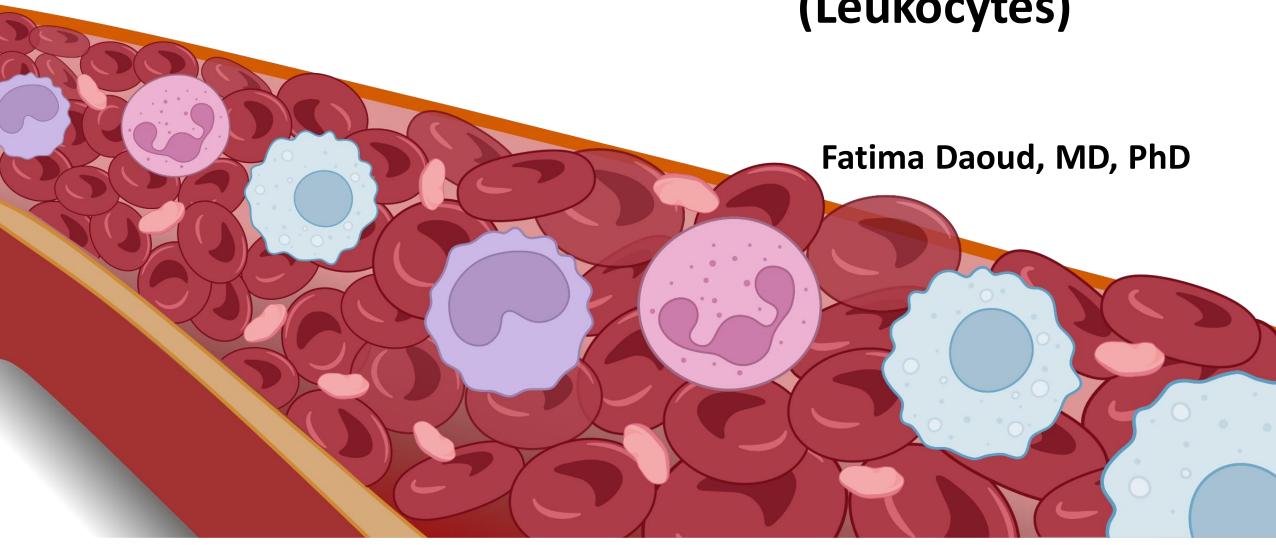
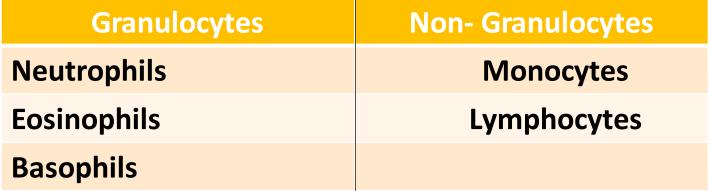
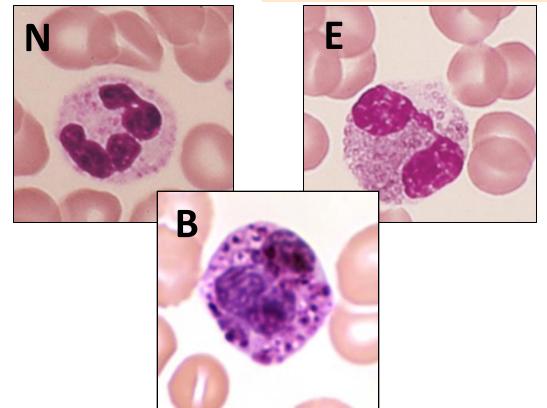
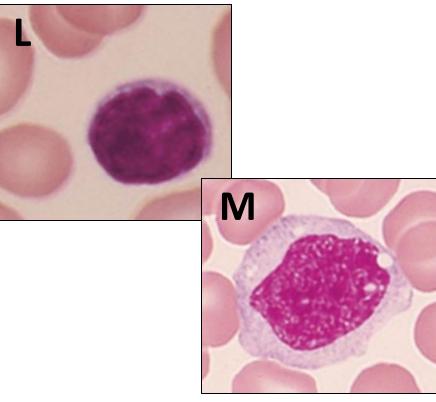


White Blood Cells (Leukocytes)





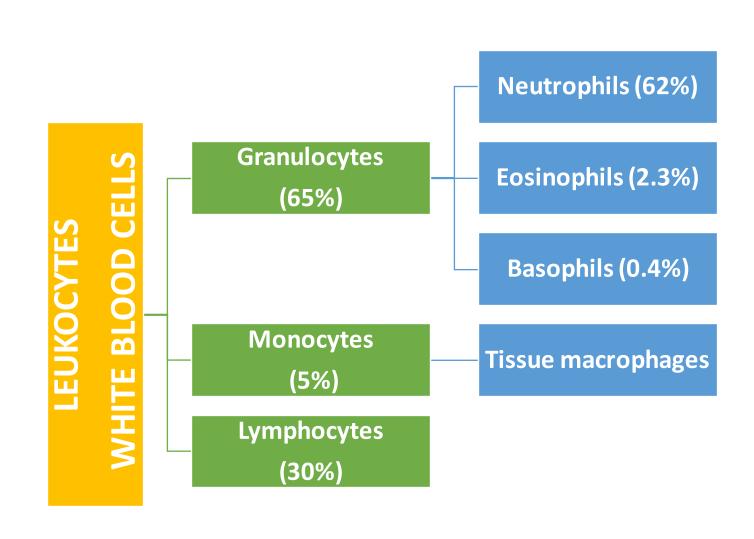


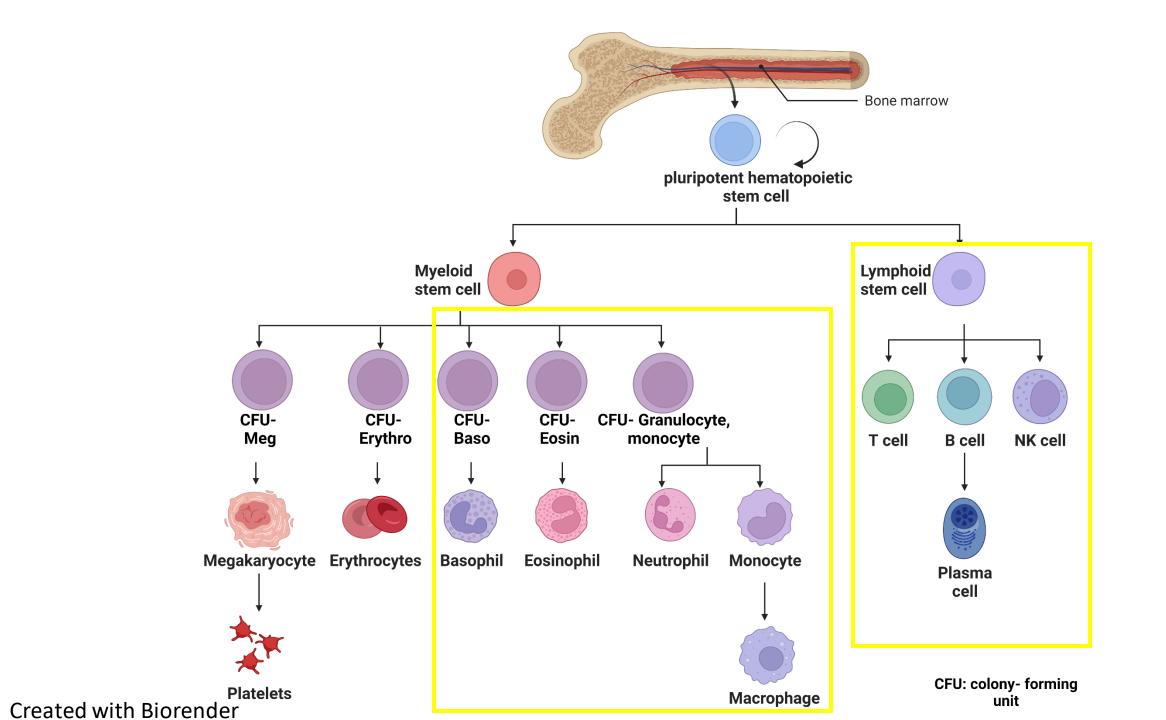


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Blood function: Protection

White blood cells work together in two ways to prevent disease:

(1) by actually destroying invading bacteria or viruses by **phagocytosis**. (Neutrophils and macrophages)

(2) by forming antibodies and sensitized lymphocytes, which may destroy or inactivate the invader.



Granulocyte



- The granulocytes are formed only in the bone marrow.
- They stored within the marrow until they are needed in the circulatory system.
- The life of the granulocytes after being released from the bone marrow is normally 4 to 8 hours circulating in the blood and another 4 to 5 days in tissues where they are needed.
- In times of serious tissue infection, this total life span is often shortened.

Monocyte/macrophage



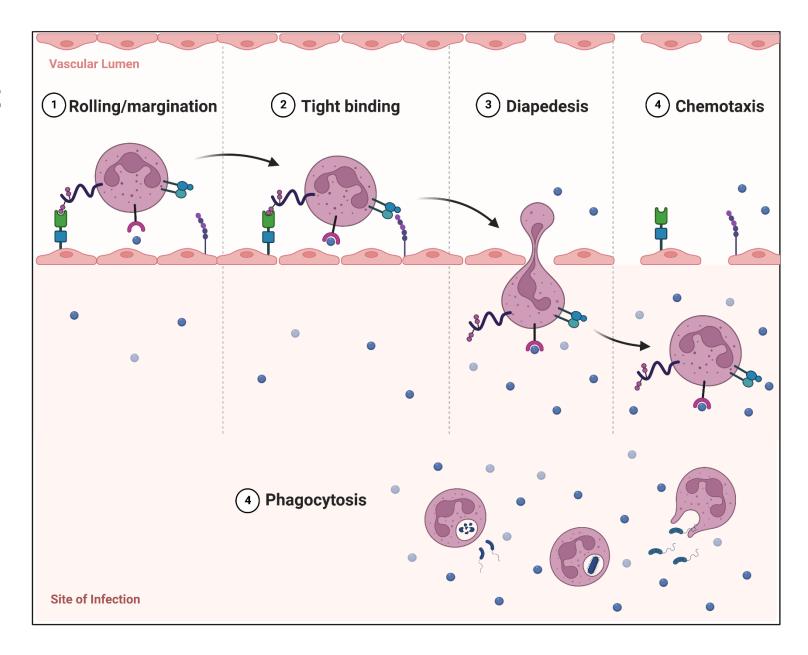
- The monocytes are formed only in the bone marrow.
- The monocytes also have a short transit time, 10 to 20 hours in the blood.
- Once in the tissues, they swell to much larger sizes to become tissue macrophages (can live for months).

Actions of Phagocytic Cells



- 1. Margination
- 2. Tight binding
- 3. Diapedesis
- 4. Chemotaxis
- 5. Ameboid Motion (pseudopodia)
- 6. Phagocytosis

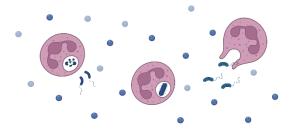
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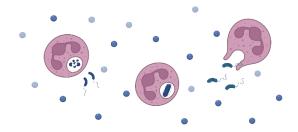
Phagocytosis



Phagocytes must be **selective** and likelihood of phagocytosis is increased when:

- 1. If the surface is rough, the likelihood of phagocytosis is increased.
- 2. Most dead tissues and foreign particles have no protective protein coats.
- 3. The antibodies adhere to the bacterial membranes and thereby make the bacteria especially susceptible to phagocytosis (opsonization)



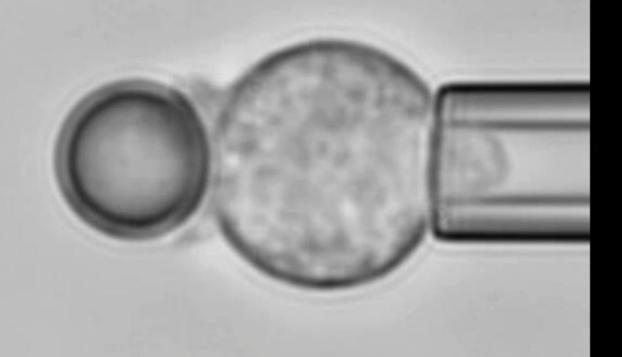


How does a phagocytic cell kill a microorganism?

- Enzymatic digestion
- Hypochlorite (myeloperoxidase)
- Reactive oxygen metabolites superoxide anion hydrogen peroxide hydroxyl radicals

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Neutrophil Phagocytosis of a 4.6 um Bead



10 um

Herant - Heinrich - Dembo

Question

Neutrophil



 Mature cells that can attack and destroy bacteria even in the circulating blood.

 Not capable of phagocytizing particles much larger than bacteria.

Monocyte/macrophage

- Monocyte are immature cells while still in the blood and have little ability to fight infectious agents at that time.
- They have the ability to engulf much larger particles (RBC).
- Macrophages are much more powerful phagocytes.
- Can extrude the residual products and often survive and function for many more months.



- They form about 2 percent of all the blood leukocytes.
- Eosinophils are weak phagocytes.
- They are often produced in large numbers in people with parasitic infections.
- Eosinophils attach themselves to the parasites by way of special surface molecules and release substances that kill many of the parasites.
- Eosinophils also have a special propensity to collect in tissues in where allergic reactions occur.



Basophils

- ~ 0.5% of total white blood cells
- Similar to the large tissue mast cells located immediately outside many of the capillaries in the body.
- They express IgE antibody on the surface and antigen binding causes rupture of basophil and release large quantities of intracellular granules.
- The mast cells and basophils release *histamine*, *heparin*, as well as smaller quantities of *bradykinin* and *serotonin*.