ISBTc - Primer on Tumor Immunology and Biological Therapy of Cancer

# Innate Immunity and Inflammation

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- Inflammation: a local response to tissue injury
  - Rubor (redness)
  - Calor (heat)
  - Dolor (pain)
  - Tumor (swelling)

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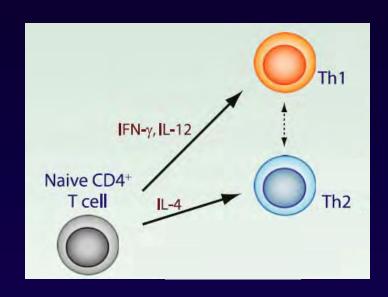
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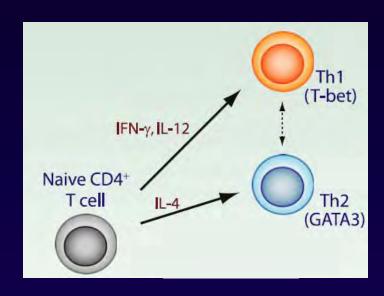
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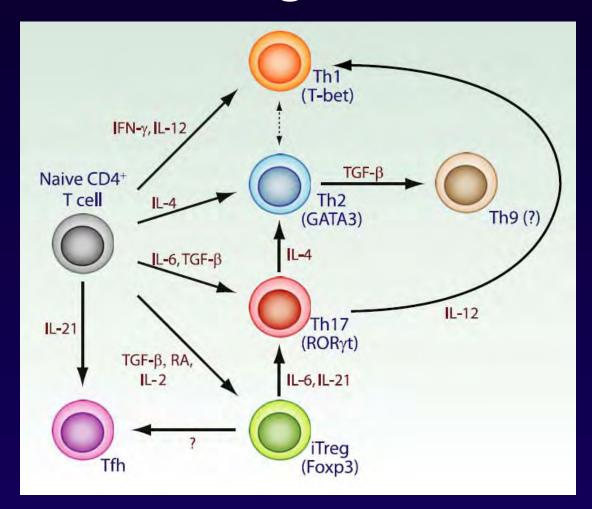
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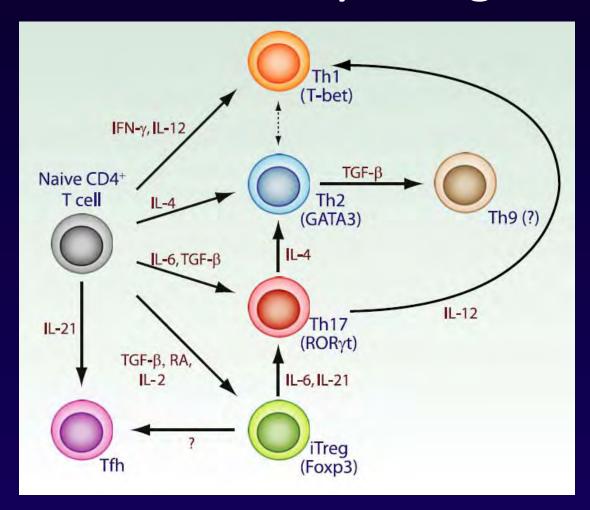
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## CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell: Th1 or Th2 or Th17 or Th9 or Treg or Tfh or?



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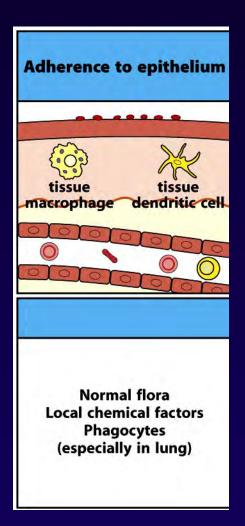
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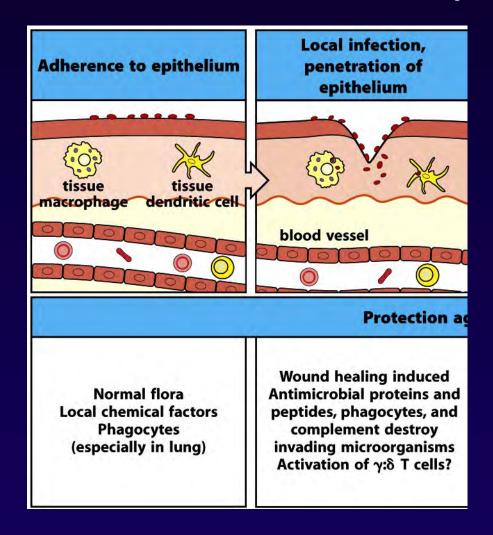
 Some immune responses promote cancer, others suppress it

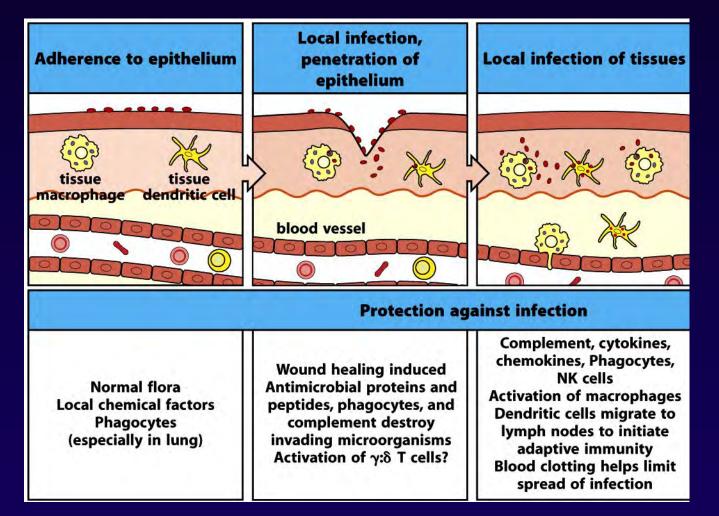
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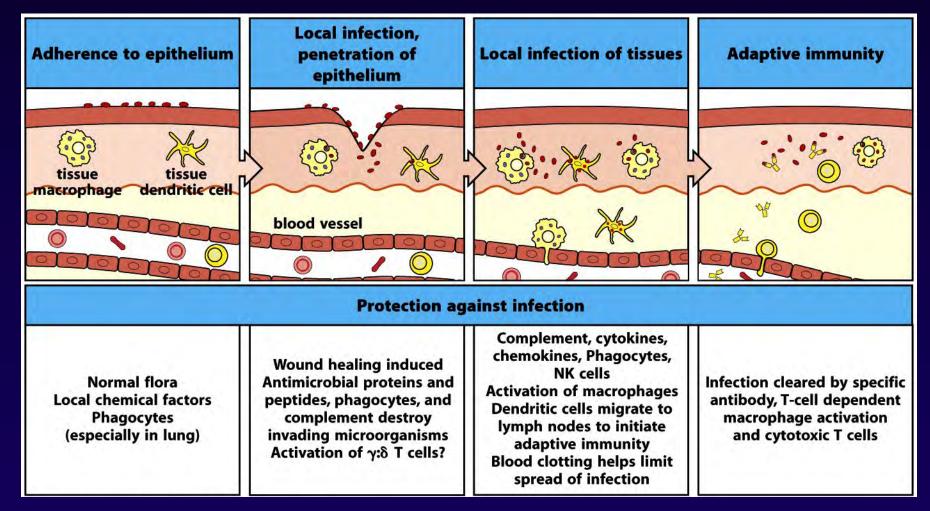
#### **Functions:**

- Rapid response to tissue damage
- Limit spread of infection
- Initiate adaptive immune response (T, B)
- Initiate tissue repair





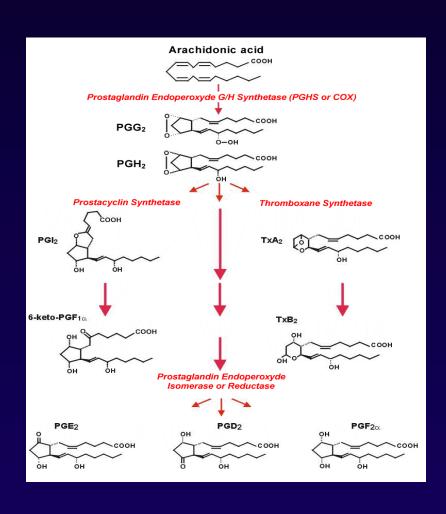




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## Innate Immune Molecules: Cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2)



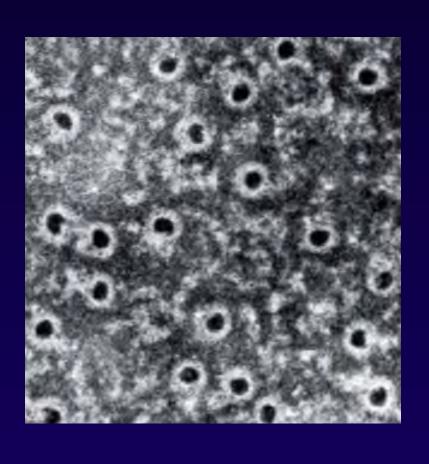
#### Recognize

inflammation

#### Cause

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## Innate Immune Molecules: Complement System



#### Recognize

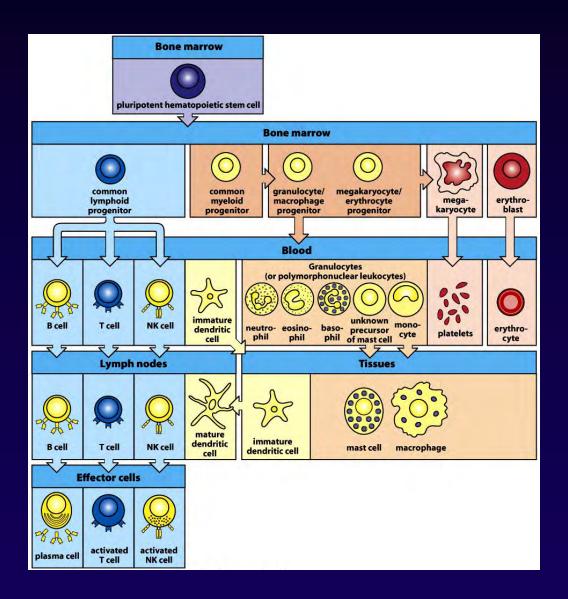
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- antibodies
- lectins

- pathogen clearance
- chemotaxis
- inflammation

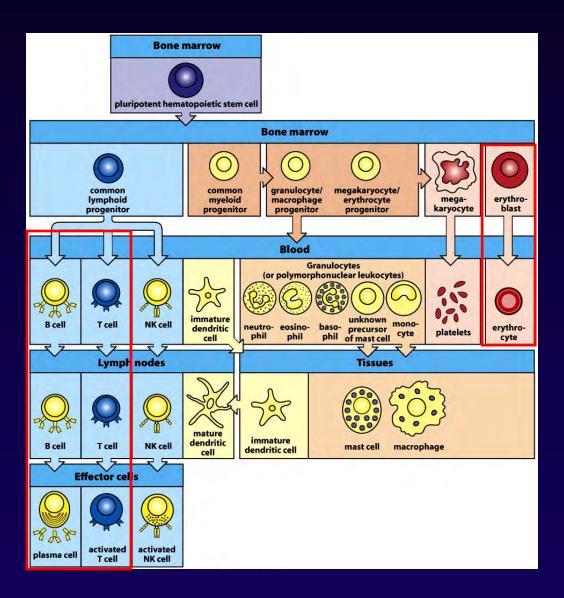
## Innate Immune Molecules: type I IFN(-α, β)

- Induced by infection/danger
- Antiviral/Antiproliferative
- Increase innate and adaptive immunity
- Cause inflammation

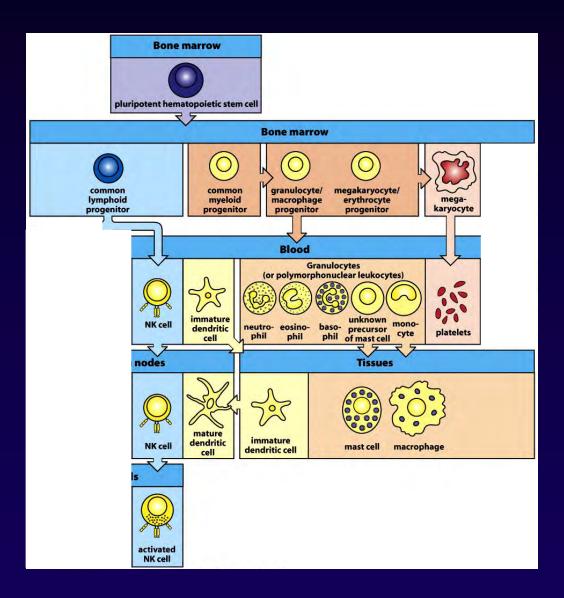
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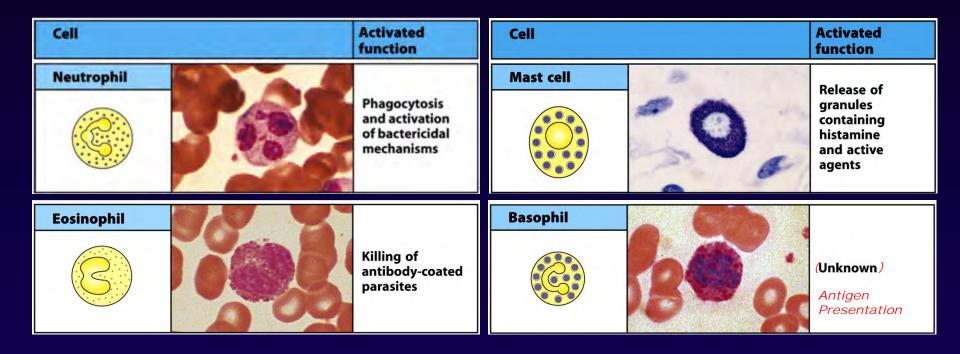
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## Innate Immune Cells: granulocytes

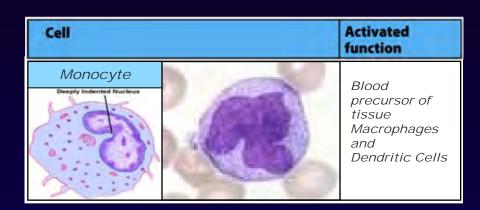


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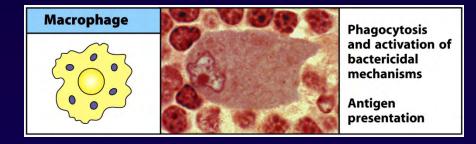
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## Innate Immune Cells: phagocytes



#### Recognize

- pathogens
- antibodies



- pathogen clearance
- adaptive immunity
- inflammation



## Innate Immune Cells: NK, NKT and γδ T cells

#### Recognize

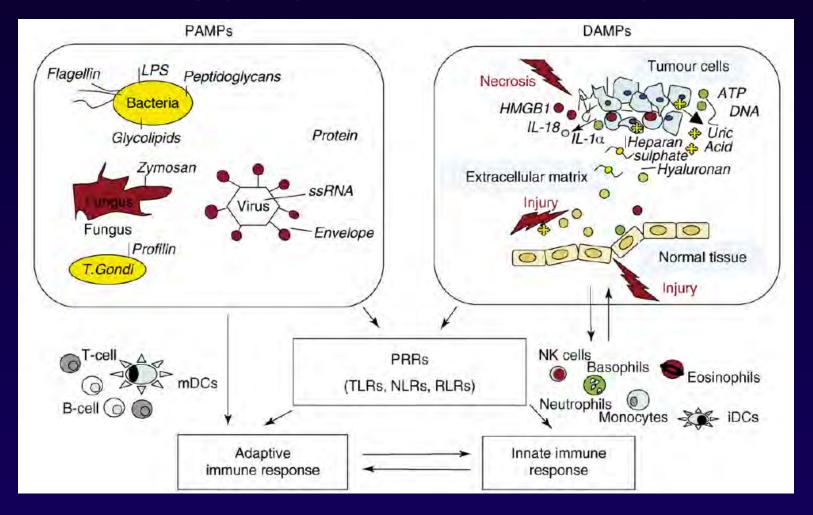
- pathogens
- stressed cells
- "altered self"

- pathogen clearance
- stressed/abnormal cell clearance
- inflammation

### Danger signals start inflammation

#### **PATHOGENS**

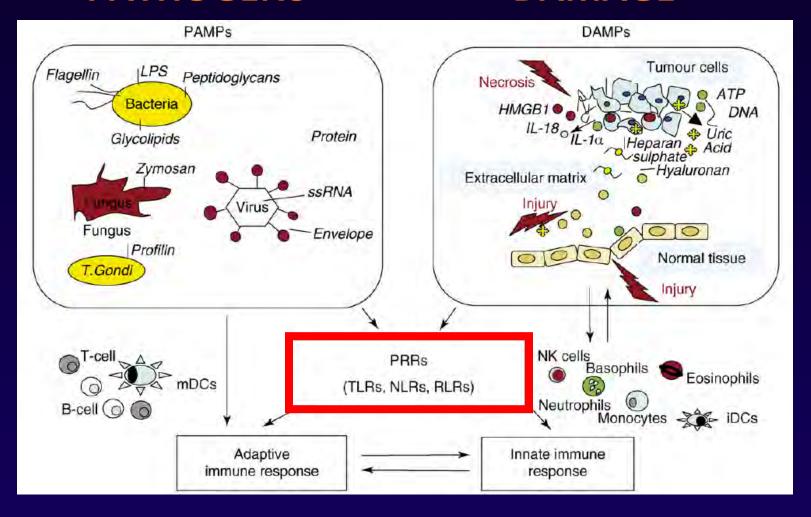
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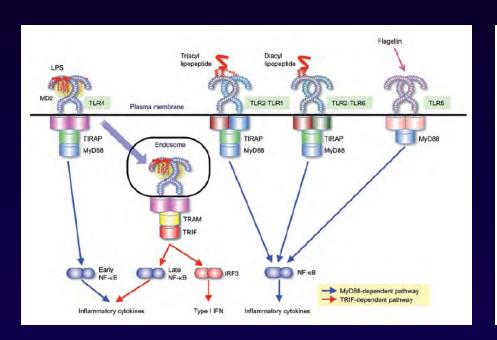
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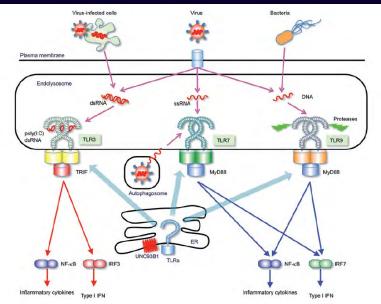
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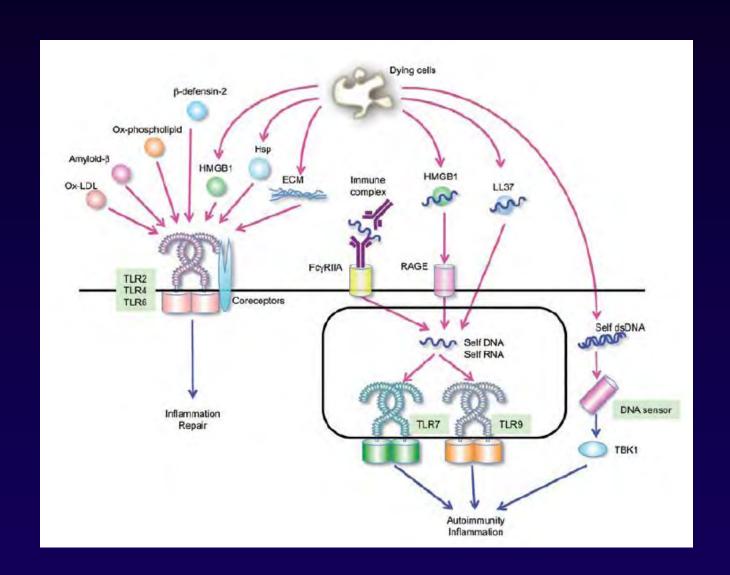


## Receptors sense Danger: Pathogens





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## Innate Immunity and Inflammation in Cancer

Outcomes vary:

- Promote cancer (Bad inflammation)

- Suppress cancer (Good inflammation)

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### **Bad Inflammation Causes Cancer**

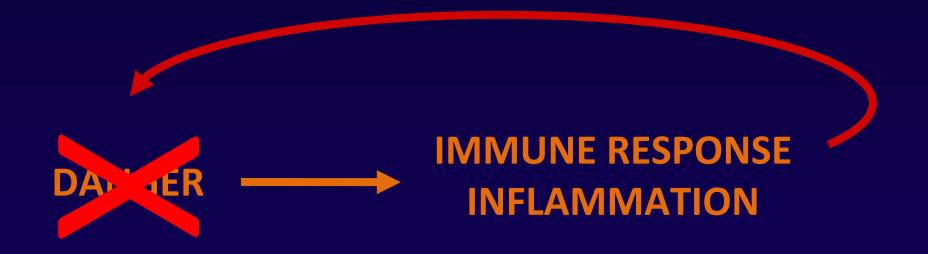
#### **DANGER**

cellular damage caused by

- pathogens
- physical damage
- chemicals
- UV
- etc

### DANGER ----

## IMMUNE RESPONSE INFLAMMATION



# **COLLATERAL DAMAGE IMMUNE RESPONSE INFLAMMATION**

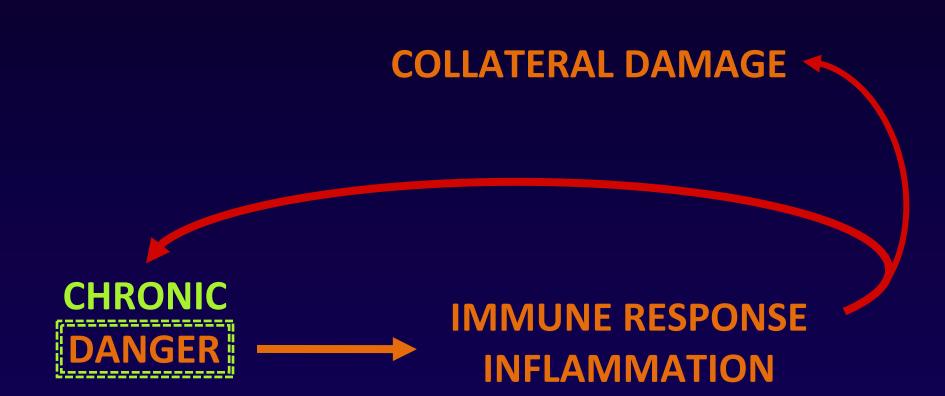
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## IMMUNE RESPONSE INFLAMMATION





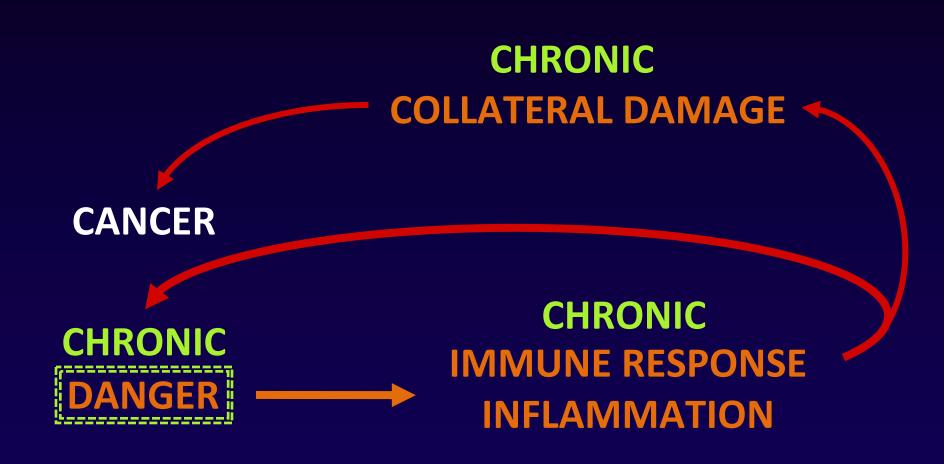
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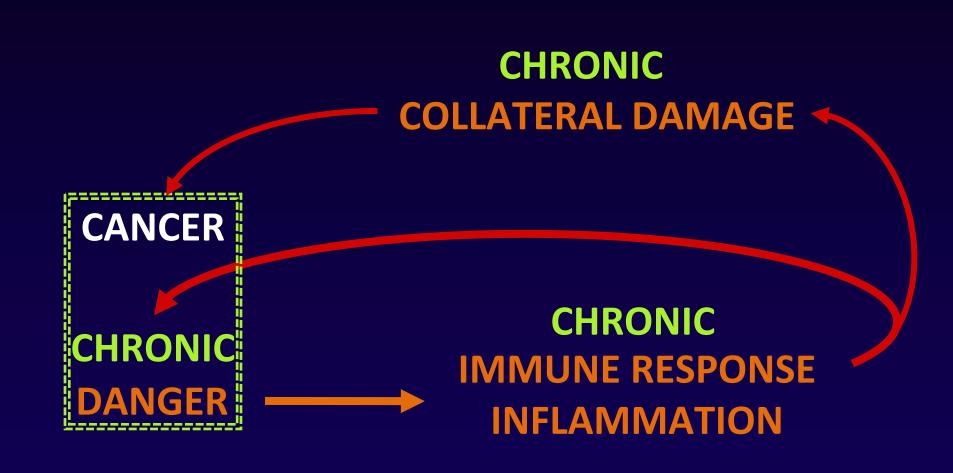


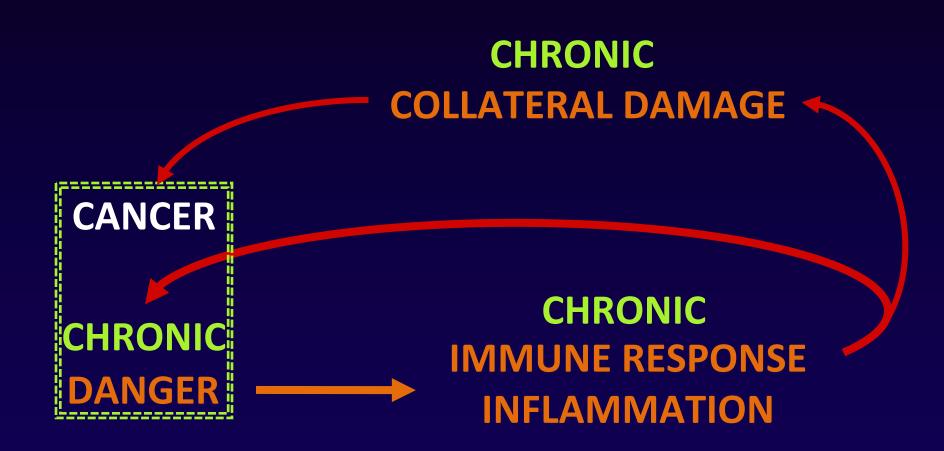




CHRONIC
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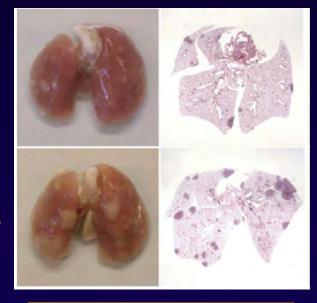


cancer: a "never-healing wound"

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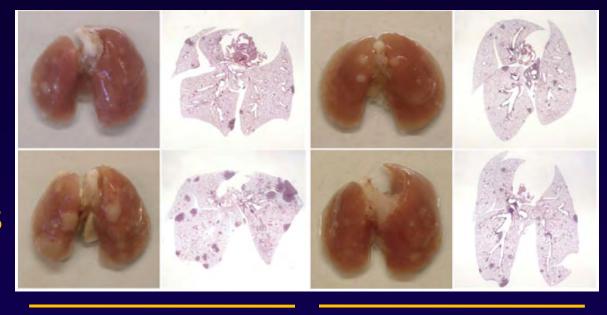


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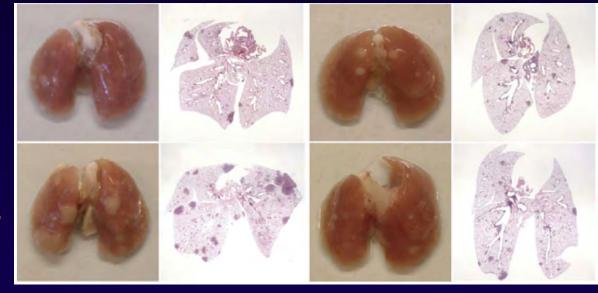
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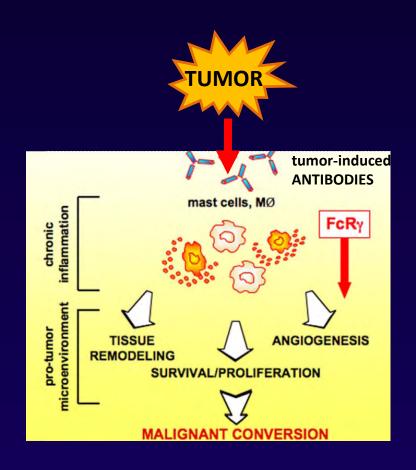
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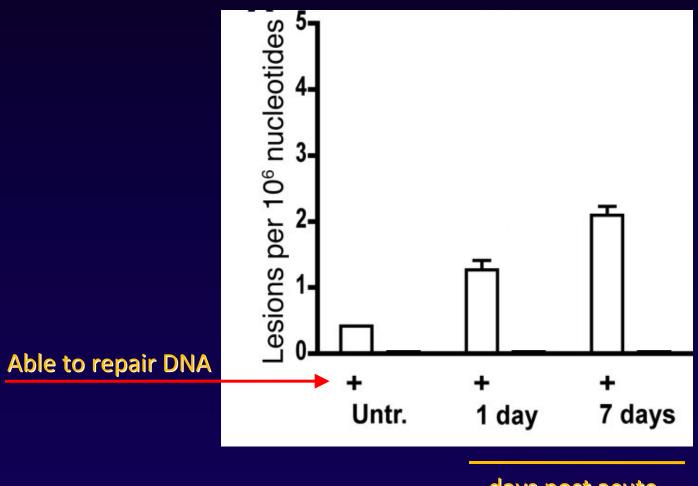
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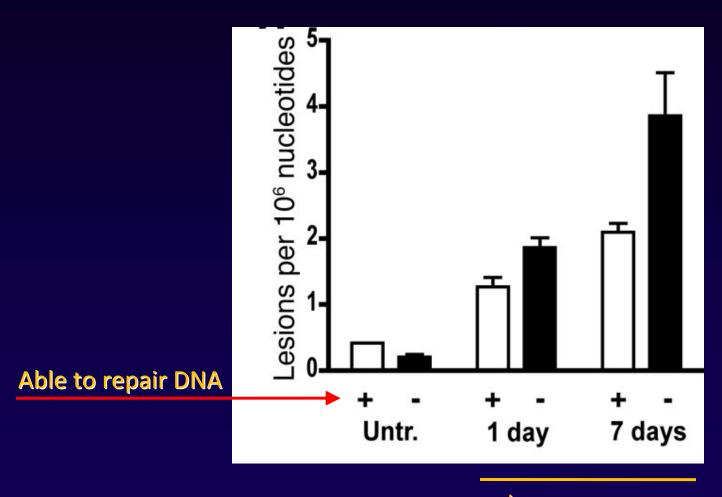
- **↓** NF-κB
- $\downarrow$  pSTAT3
- ↓ IL-6
- ↓ neutrophils
- ↓ angiogenesis

# Inflammation can Promote Cancer: collaboration with HPV E6/E7 oncogene

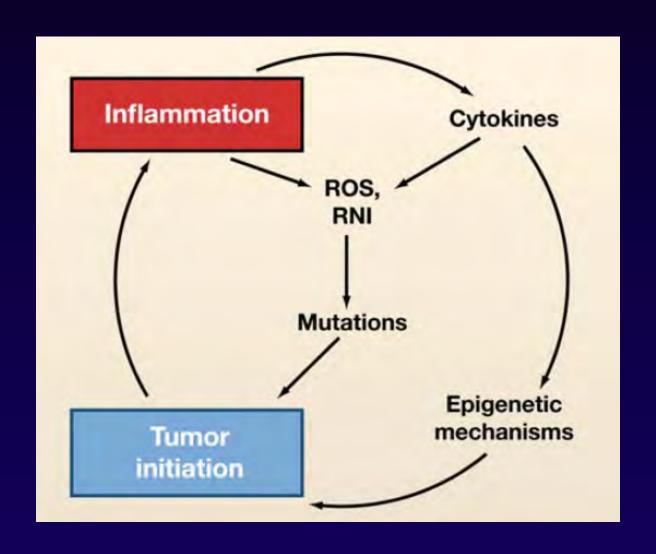


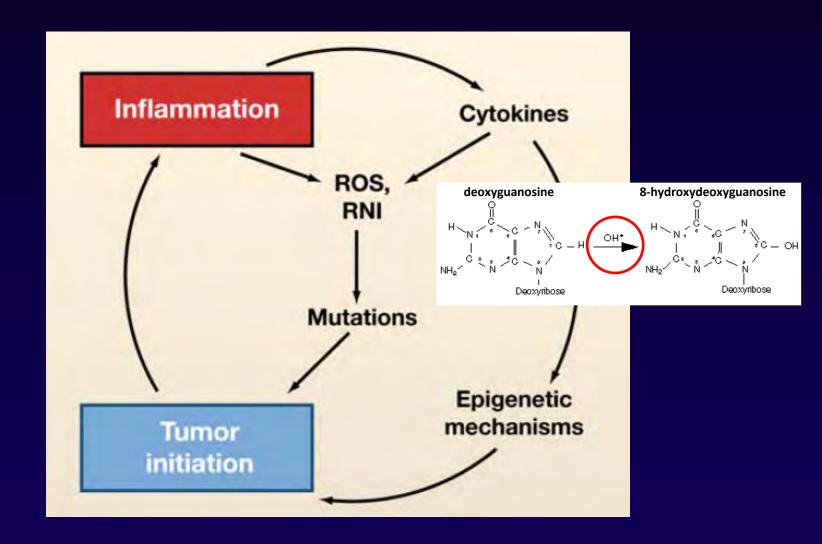


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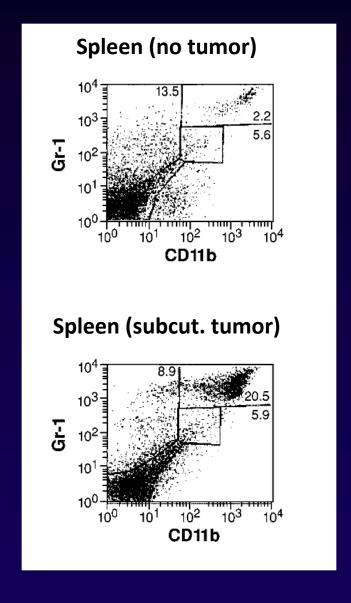




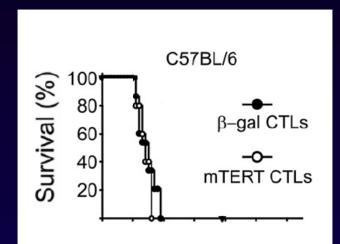
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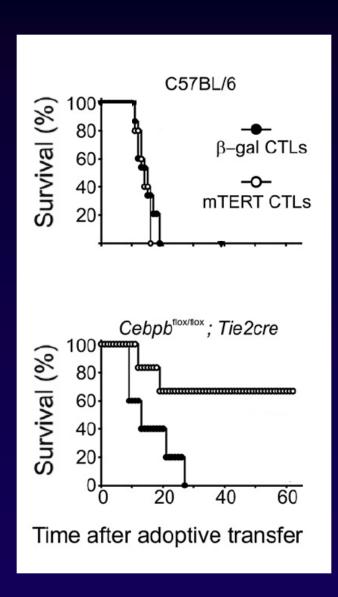


Tumors induce bad inflammation → Blocks treatment

Time after adoptive transfer

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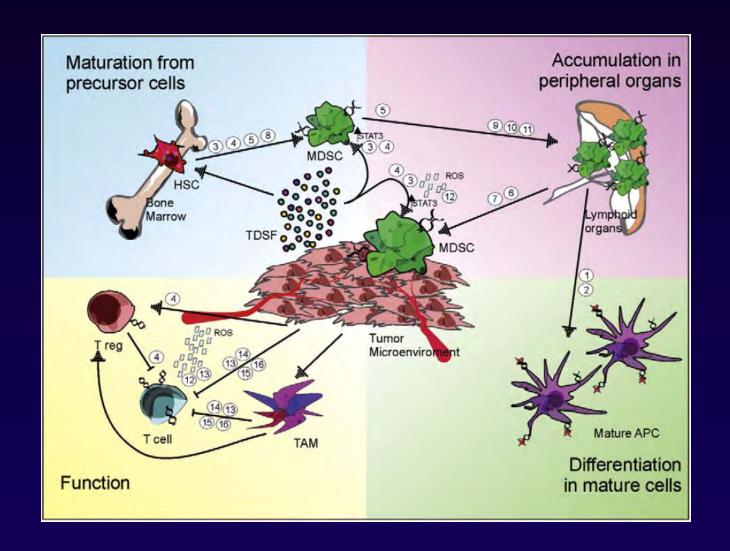
Cebpb-deficient immune system +
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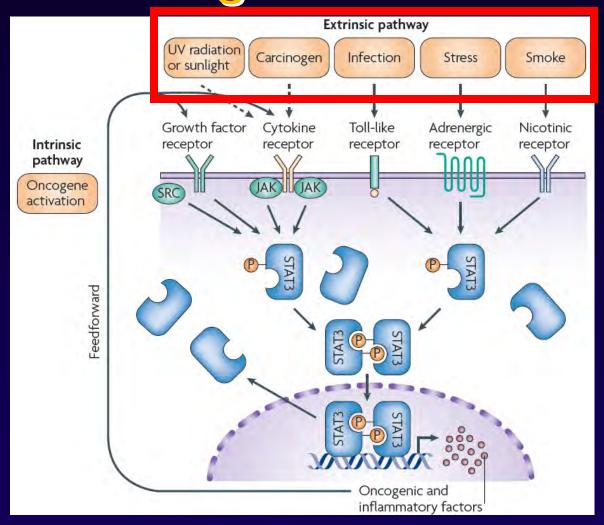
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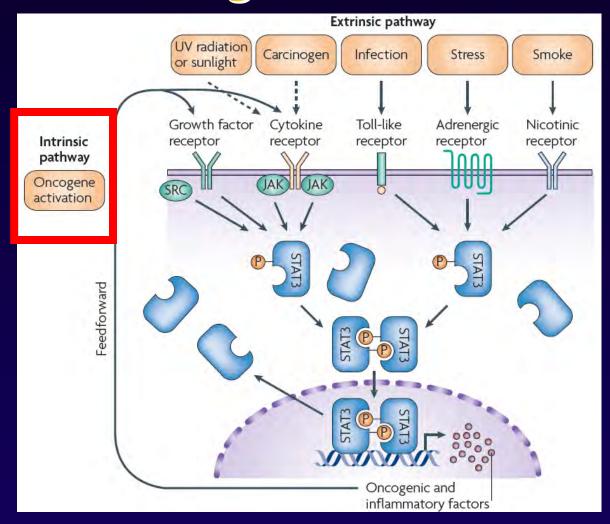
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# Tumors can induce bad inflammation Oncogenic STAT3

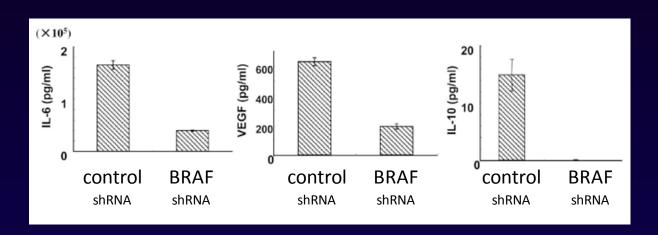


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### Mutations can Drive Bad Inflammation

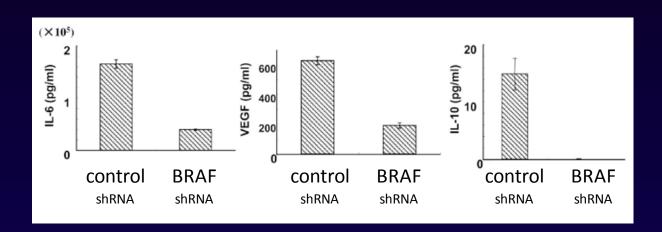
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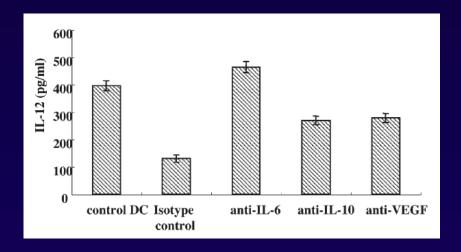


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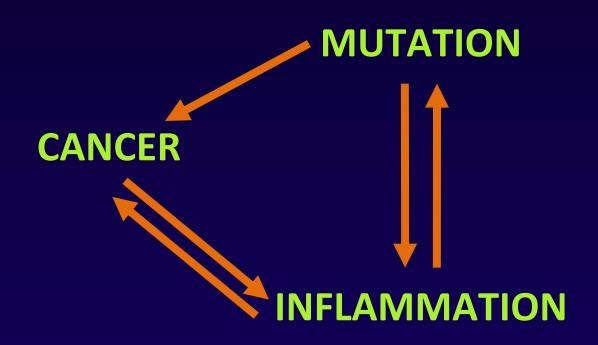




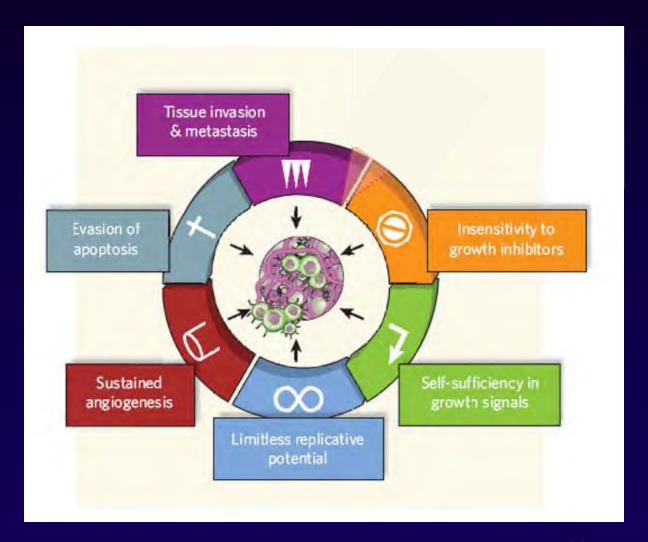
#### Conclusion: Inflammation and Cancer

- Inflammation can Cause Cancer
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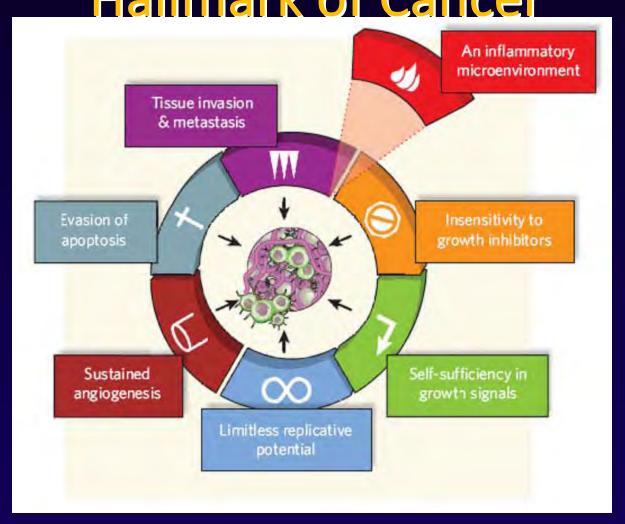
# Inflammation and Cancer: A Vicious Cycle



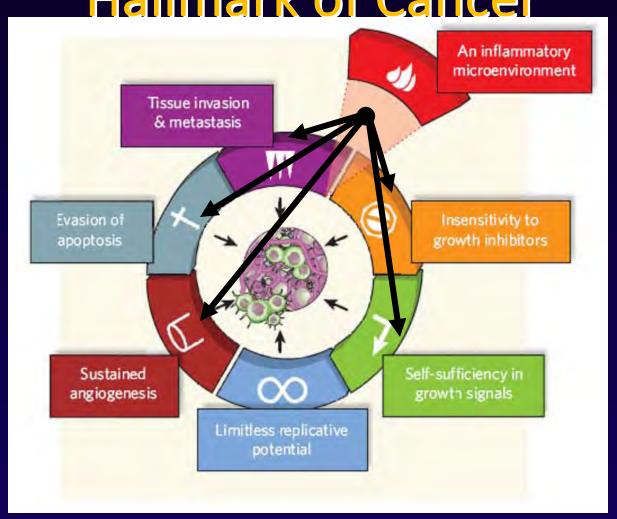
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# Good vs. Bad Inflammation in Cancer

#### Immunity, Inflammation, and Cancer

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#### Cancer and Inflammation: Promise for Biologic Therapy

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# IFN-γ Suppresses Human Tumor Development

Multiple cutaneous squamous cell carcinomas in a patient with interferon  $\gamma$  receptor 2 (IFN $\gamma$ R2) deficiency

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At 17 years of age, the patient developed multifocal Squamous Cell Carcinomas on the face and both hands. Despite local tumour excision, multiple lesions occurred and the patient died at 20 years of age of disseminated SCC. Inherited disorders of IFN-γ-mediated immunity may predispose patients to SCC.

#### Human Immune System can Suppress Existing Tumors for Years

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1997: declared disease-free and "cured"

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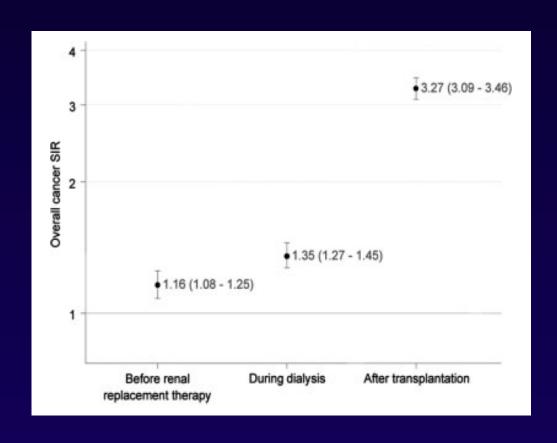
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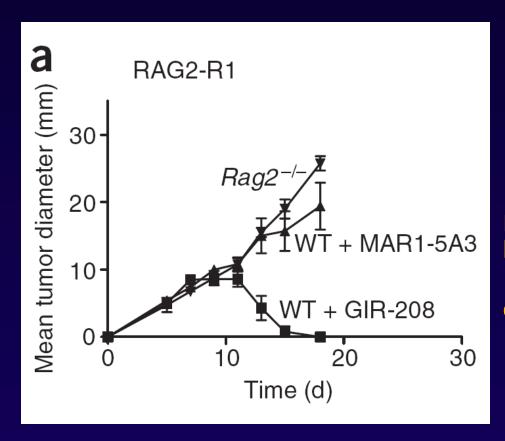
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### Post-transplant Immunosuppression Increases Cancer Incidence



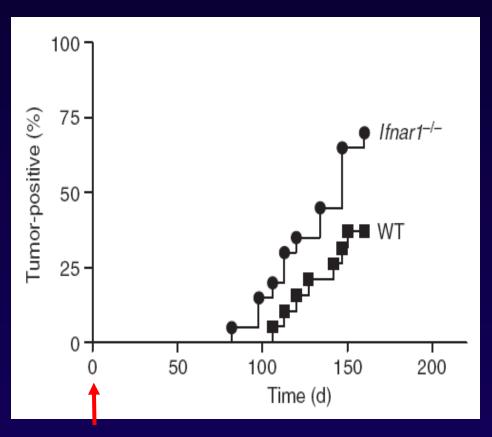
#### Type I IFNs Suppress Growth of Transplanted Tumors



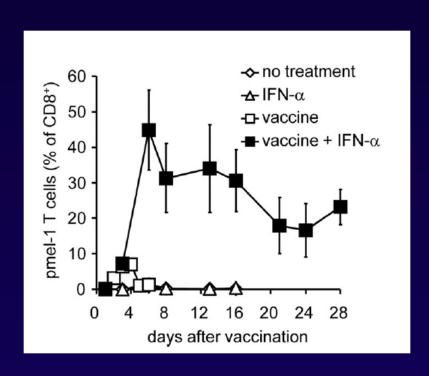
IFN- $\alpha$  receptor blocking mAb

control mAb

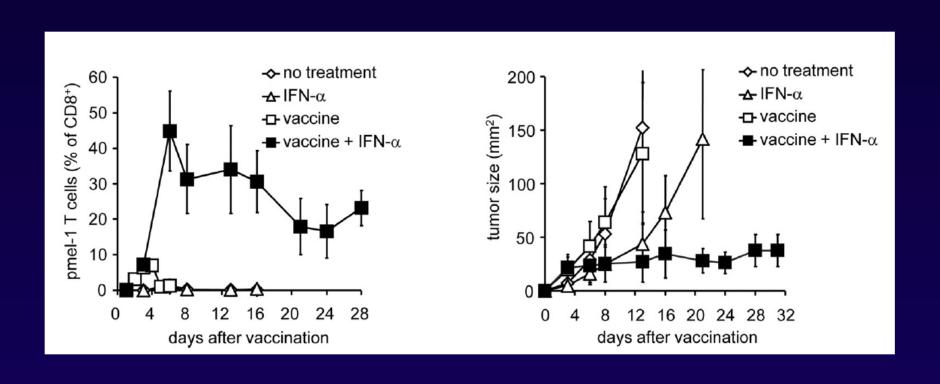
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# CpG Causes Tumor Inflammation and Intratumoral T cell Accumulation

Intratumoral PBS



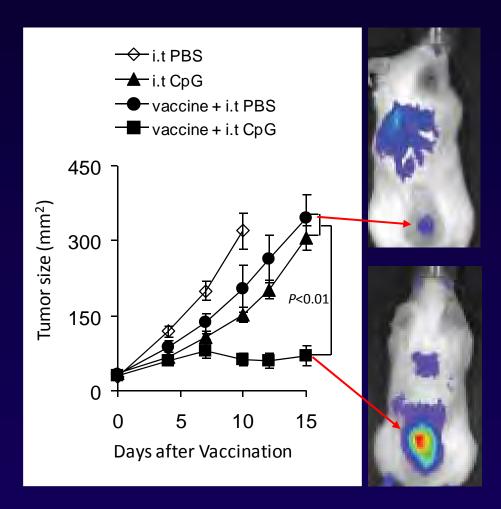
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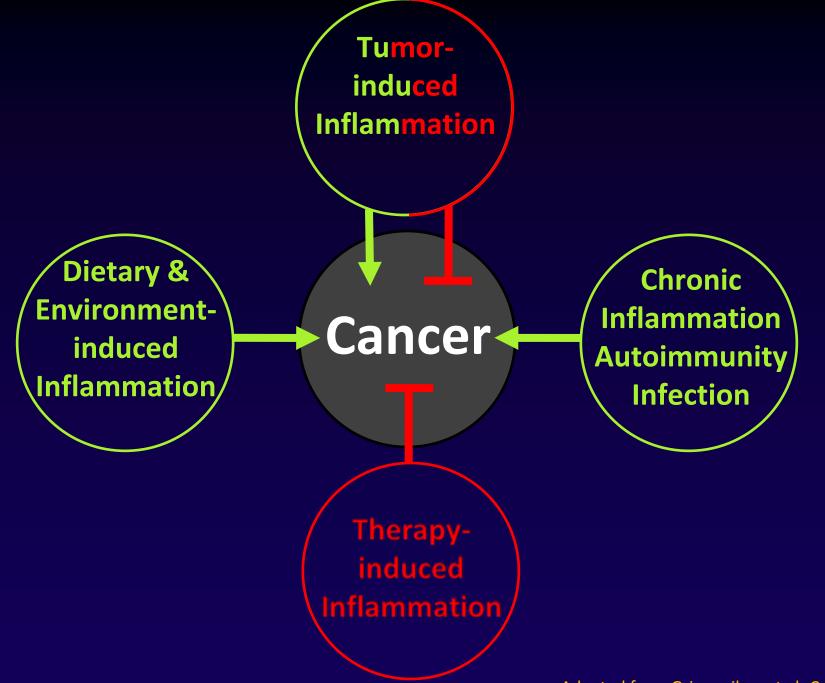


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# Bottom Line: Inflammation can be Good or Bad: Pro or Anti-Tumor

Table 1. Roles of Different Subtypes of Immune and Inflammatory Cells in Antitumor Immunity and Tumor-Promoting Inflammation		
Cell Types	Antitumor	Tumor-Promoting
Macrophages, dendritic cells, myeloid-derived suppressor cells	Antigen presentation; production of cytokines (IL-12 and type I IFN)	Immunosuppression; production of cytokines, chemokines, proteases, growth factors, and angiogenic factors
Mast cells		Production of cytokines
B cells	Production of tumor-specific antibodies?	Production of cytokines and antibodies; activation of mast cells; immunosuppression
CD8 <sup>+</sup> T cells	Direct lysis of cancer cells; production of cytotoxic cytokines	Production of cytokines?
CD4 <sup>+</sup> Th2 cells		Education of macrophages; production of cytokines; B cell activation
CD4 <sup>+</sup> Th1 cells	Help to cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTLs) in tumor rejection; production of cytokines (IFN $\gamma$ )	Production of cytokines
CD4 <sup>+</sup> Th17 cells	Activation of CTLs	Production of cytokines
CD4 <sup>+</sup> Treg cells	Suppression of inflammation (cytokines and other suppressive mechanisms)	Immunosuppression; production of cytokines
Natural killer cells	Direct cytotoxicity toward cancer cells; production of cytotoxic cytokines	
Natural killer T cells	Direct cytotoxicity toward cancer cells; production of cytotoxic cytokines	
Neutrophils	Direct cytotoxicity; regulation of CTL responses	Production of cytokines, proteases, and ROS

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 Adoptive T cell Transfer (melanoma)

Bacteria BCG (bladder)

TLR agonists Imiquimod (basal cell carcinoma)

CpG (B cell lymphoma)

Cytokines IL-2 (melanoma, renal)

IFN- $\alpha$  (melanoma, renal, CML)

Antibodies aCTLA4 mAb (melanoma)

Surgery Danger/inflammation? (cervical)

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Vaccine
 PAP-loaded DCs (prostate)

# Take Home Messages Cancer

- Inflammation is a classic hallmark of cancer
- Innate Immunity & Inflammation can promote or suppress cancer
- Manipulating immunity can promote or suppress cancer
- Understanding of inflammatory cells & molecules in cancer is limited but growing, allowing therapeutic intervention