

Wound Healing and Repair

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Clinical Relevance

- Understanding the literature
- Various products and therapeutics – Rx and OTC
 - Client Questions
 - New products
- Surgery Consults
 - Bandaging



Studying This Topic

- Once you have studied the basic structure and function:
 - Epithelium - keratinization
 - Dermis – collagen
 - BMZ
 - Vessels and nerves
 - Adhesion molecules
 - Cytokines
- NOW JUST PUT IT IN MOTION!



Let's Build

- Construction
 - Numerous parts
 - Simultaneous
 - Overlap
- What about your practice???



The Building/Healing Process – Scarring?

- Multiple redundancies, rapid inflammation
- For the dermis - scar formation is the endpoint
- Inflammation required in order for this to happen rapidly
- Scar formation may be the price we have to pay!



Is it Wound Healing or Repair?

- Def: Repair

“To restore to a sound or healthy state”
(fibroblasts)

Vs.

- Def: Heal

“To restore to original purity or integrity”
(keratinocytes & endothelia)

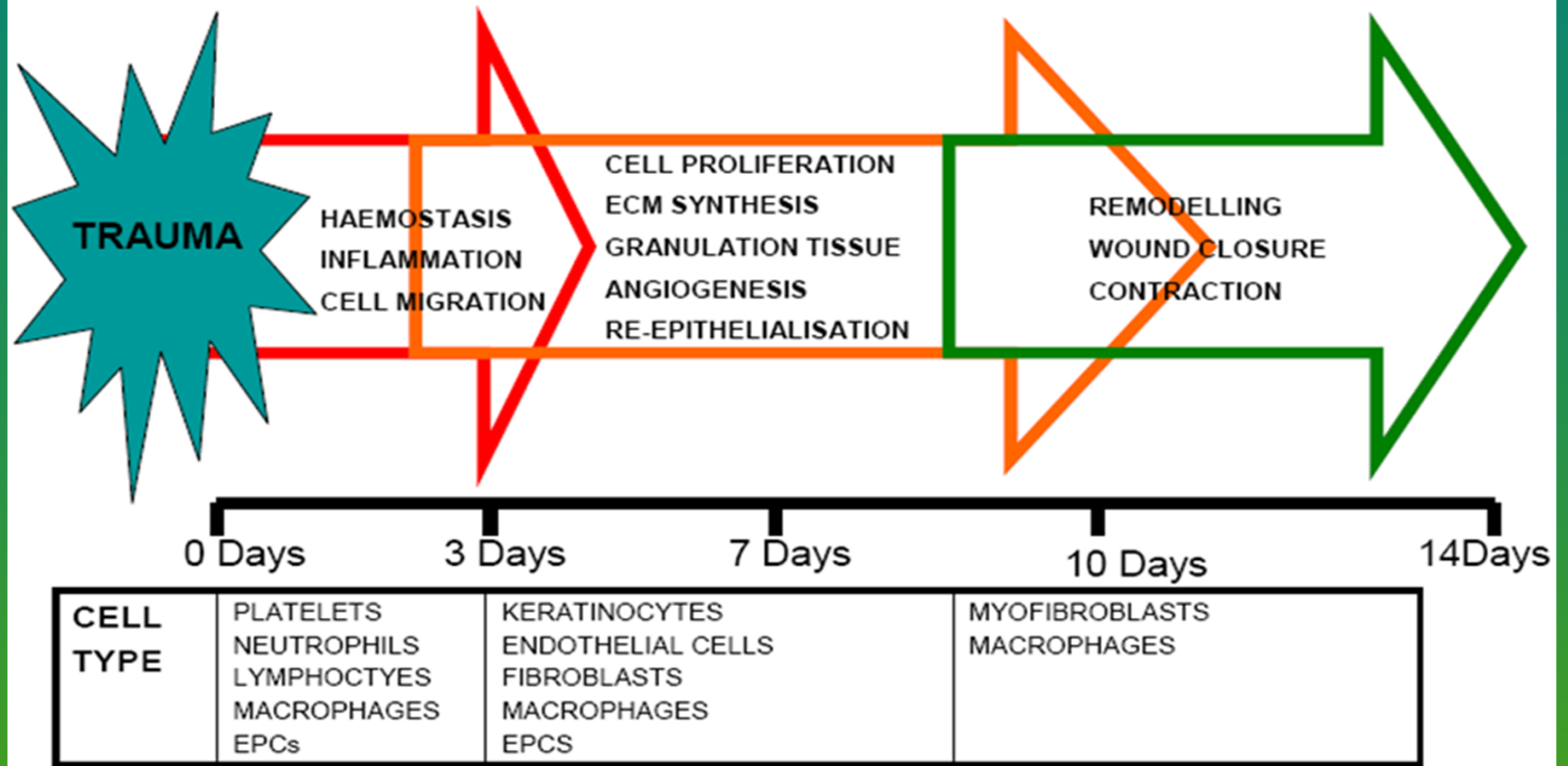


Introduction

- Four Phases (or is it three???)
 - Coagulation/Inflammation
 - Tissue Formation
 - Scarring/Remodeling



Stages of Normal Cutaneous Wound Healing

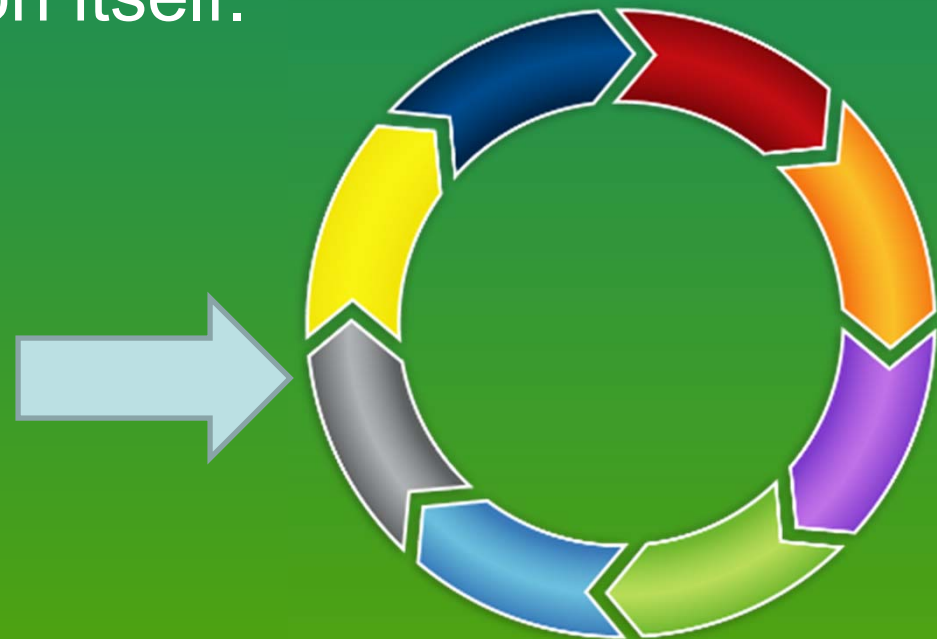
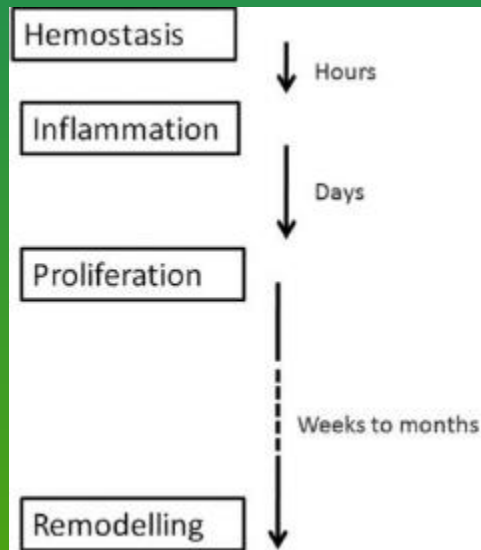


- EPCS = Endothelial Progenitor Cells
- From www.intechopen.com



When things go wrong..

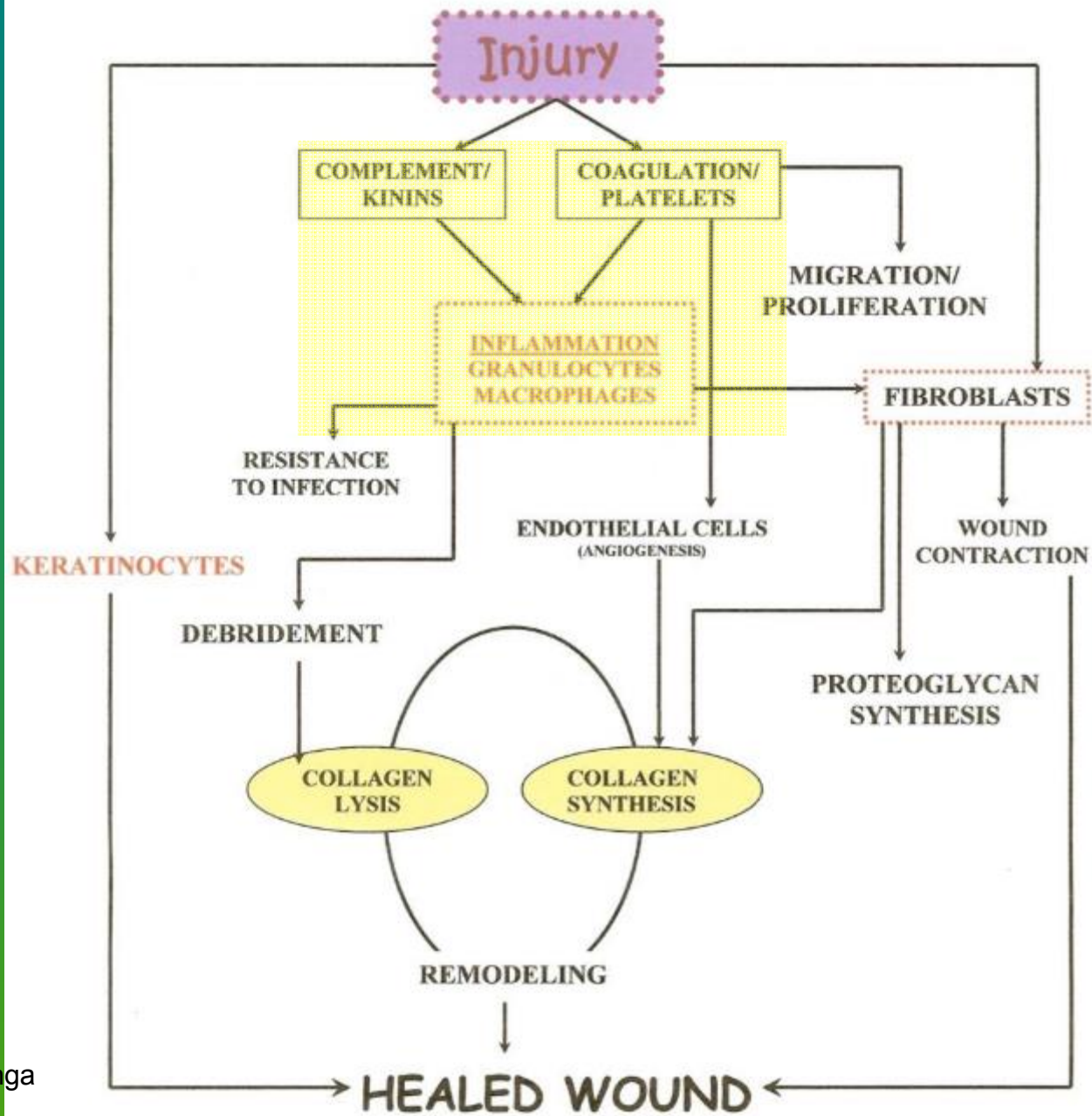
- Normal wound healing has a mostly linear progression through the phases
- Chronic wounds go through the processes in a jumbled more cyclic fashion with the cycle continuing to feed on itself.



Introduction

- Coagulation/Inflammation
 - Platelets
 - Neutrophils
 - Macrophages
 - Mast Cell
- Tissue Formation
 - Macrophages
 - Fibroblasts
 - Keratinocytes
 - Endothelial cell
 - Mast Cell
- Scarring/Remodeling
 - Myofibroblasts
 - Enzymes
 - MMP's
 - Serine proteases
 - Mast Cell
 - T-cells





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Coagulation/Inflammation

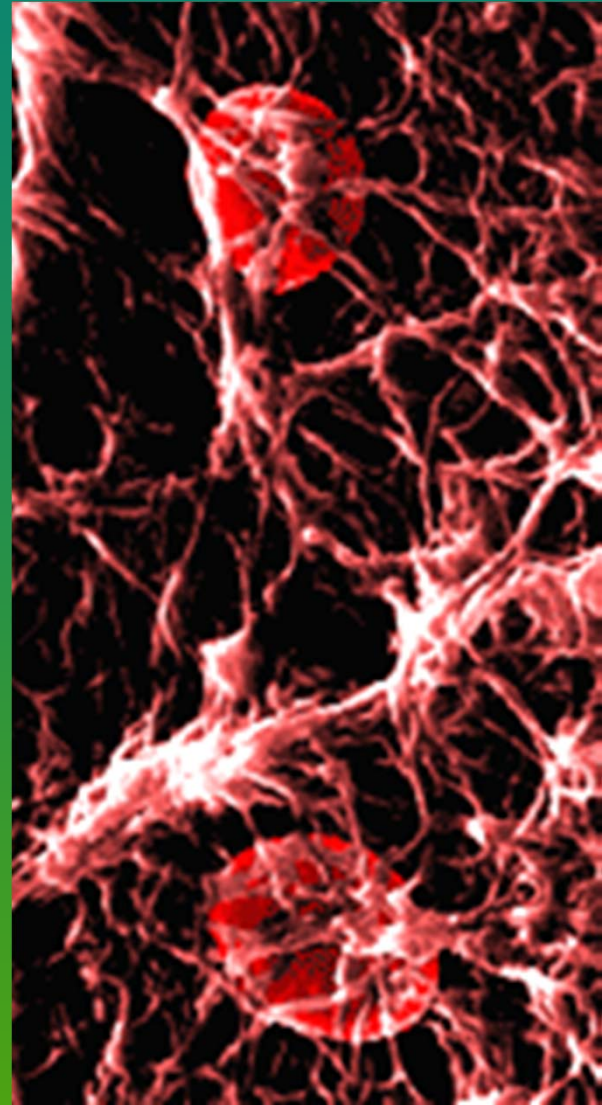
Important processes

- Fibrin Clot & Platelet Aggregation
- Neutrophil cleansing of the wound
- Macrophage debridement and cleansing



What does the clot do?

- The clot
 - Allows for movement of inflammatory cells and newly forming vessels into the wound
 - Provides scaffold for organization of provisional matrix

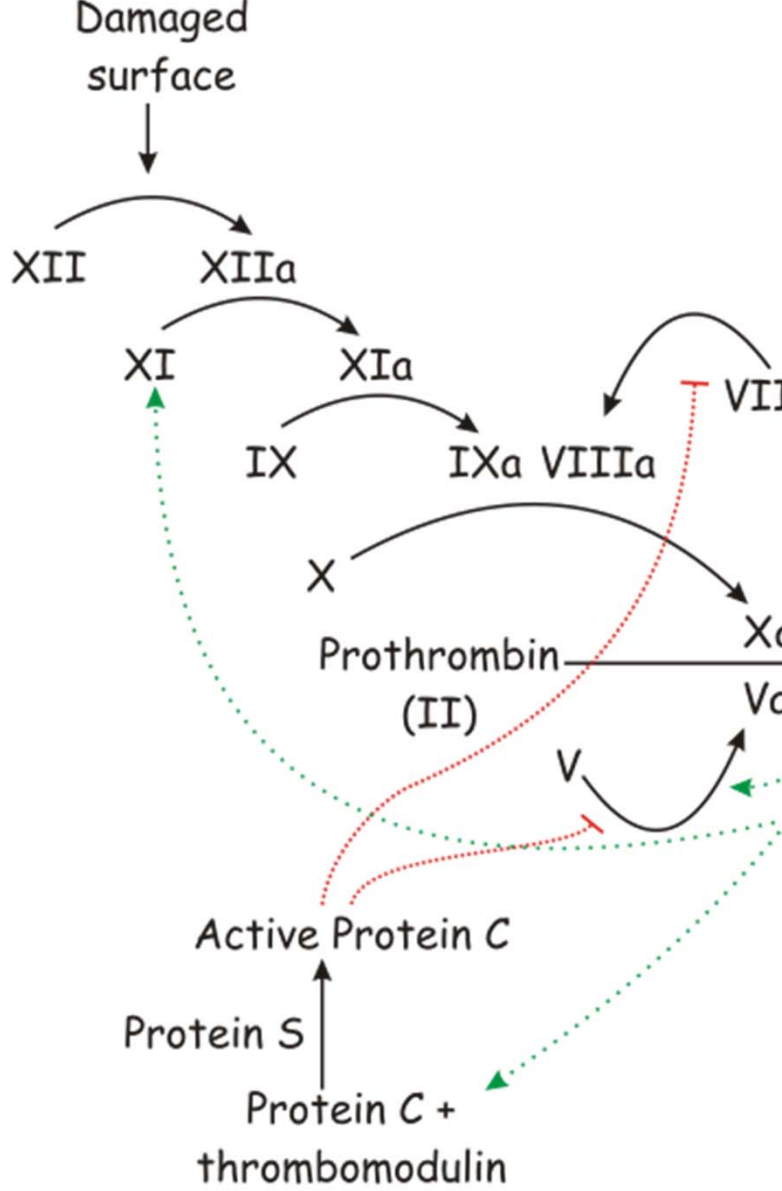


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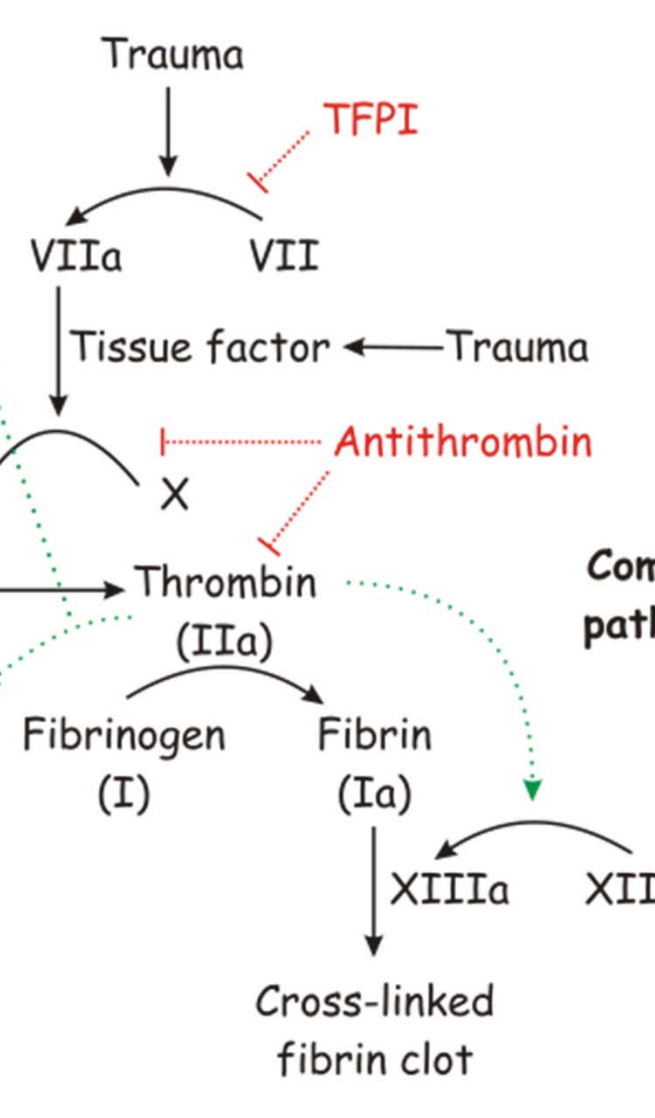
- Clotting results from:
 - Surface activation of Hageman factor XII
 - Tissue “Pro-coagulant” released from the damaged cells
 - Coagulations factors released from activated platelets and endothelial cells



Contact activation (intrinsic) pathway



Tissue factor (extrinsic) pathway

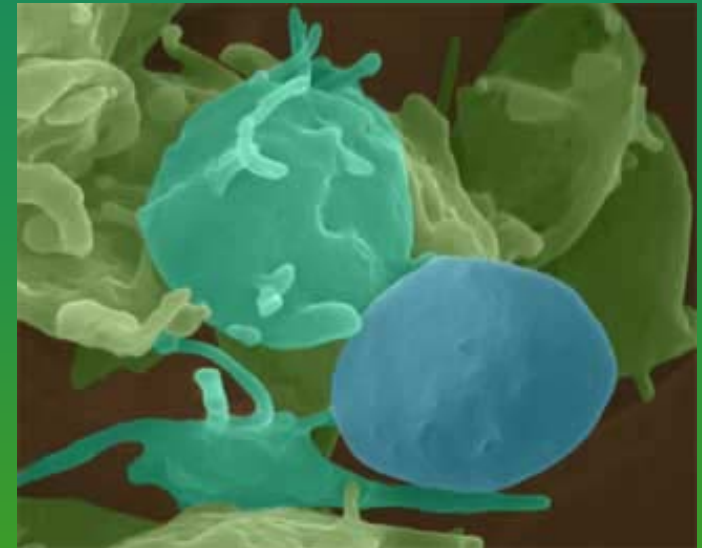


Common pathway

• The Fibrin Clot

Platelets

- Platelets
 - Platelets become activated when exposed to thrombin and fibrillar collagen
 - Once activated they release
 - Fibrinogen
 - Fibronectin
 - Thrombospondin
 - Von Willebrands Factor

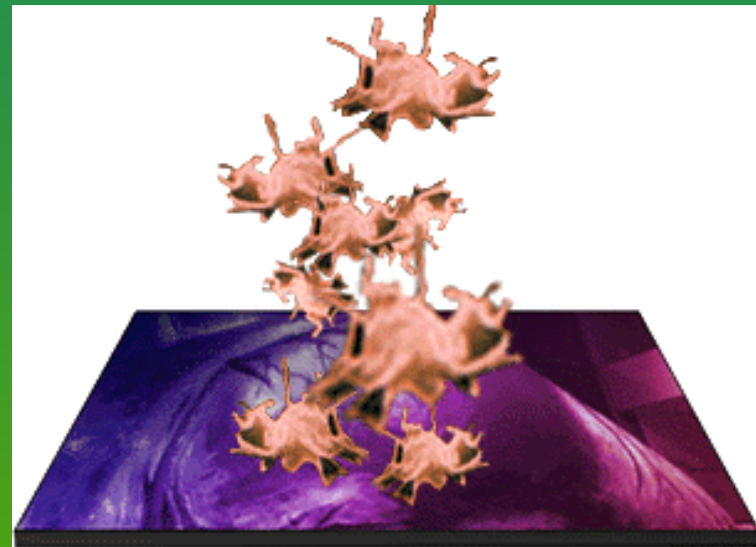


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Platelets – Cytokine profile

- Platelets also release:
 - PDGF
 - TGF- β 1
 - *Most important storage factor for this cytokine*
 - PAF
 - Serotonin



How do we stop the clot??

- Stimuli for formation is diluted
- Adjacent vessel production of prostacyclin and protein C which inhibits clot formation
 - Degrade Factors V and VIII
- Adjacent vessel release of plasminogen activator
 - Clot lysis
 - Convert plasminogen to plasmin



Inflammation



Initiation of Inflammation

- Activation of Hageman factor will lead to generation of bradykinin fragments which will initiates the complement cascades
- Complement cascades will release C3a and C5a which will call neutrophils and monocytes and increase vessel permeability
- The neutrophils, macrophages and mast cells will further attract more.



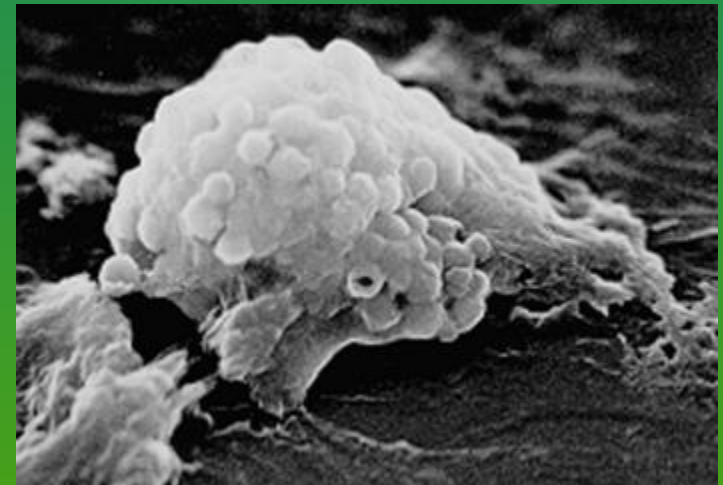
Inflammation

- Neutrophils
 - Start acting first
 - Chemoattractants for neutrophils
 - IL-8
 - Gro
 - Kallikrein
 - FDP's and fibrinopeptides
 - Platelet released cytokines
 - Bacterial proteins (bacterial cleavage)



Inflammation

- Neutrophils Con't
 - Neutrophils normally “roll” along the endothelial cells
 - Sialyl Lewis X carbohydrate residue binding to E- or P-selectin on endothelial cells
 - Chemoattractant factors simulate LFA-1 expression on neutrophils
 - Adheres to I-CAM and V-CAM on endothelial cells



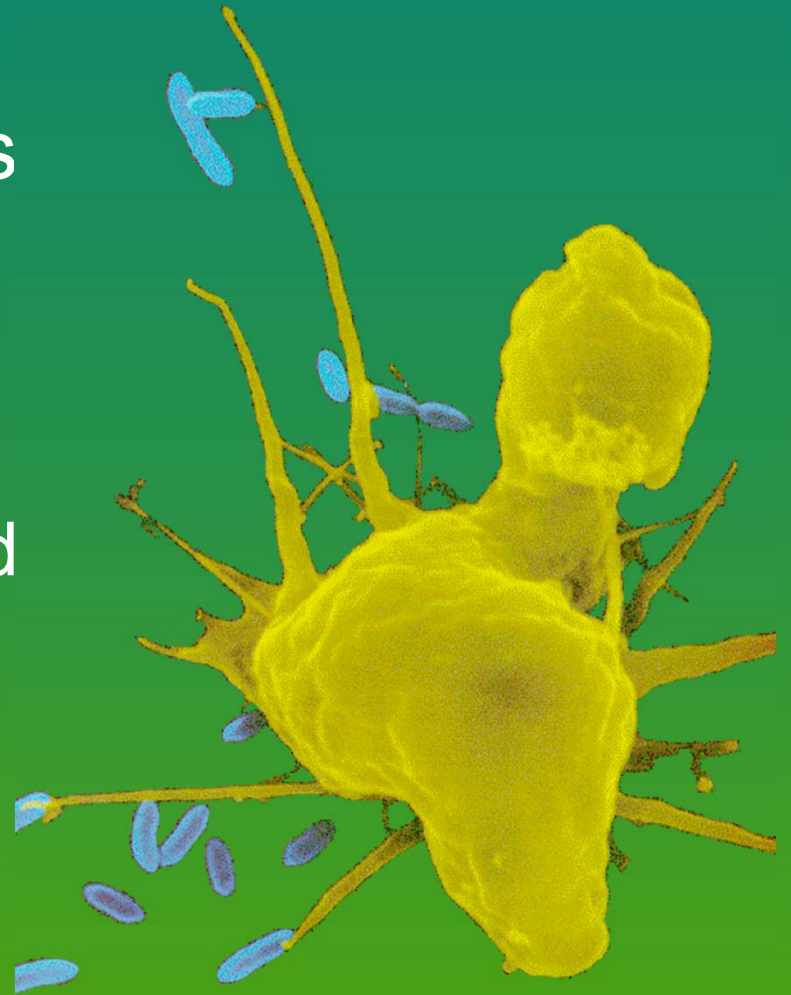
Inflammation - Neutrophils

- Neutrophils Con't - Primary Role:
 - Phagocytosis and intracellular killing of contaminating bacteria
 - Persistently contaminated wounds
 - Role in sterile wounds?
 - Release cytokines for early activation of local fibroblasts



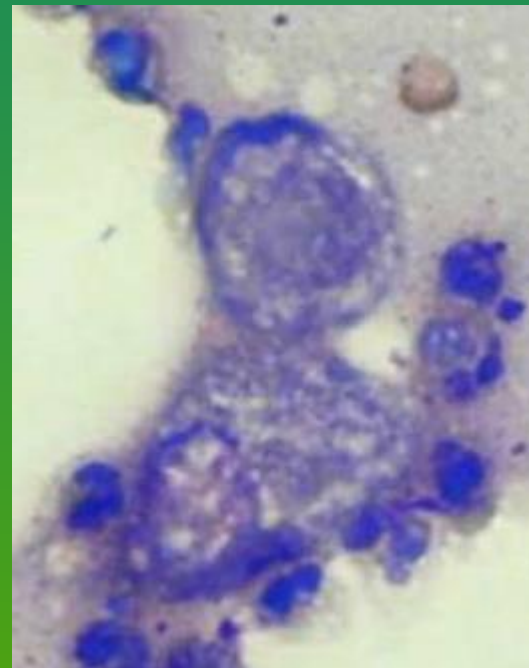
Inflammation - Macrophages

- Monocytes/Macrophages
 - Arrival represents transition from inflammation to repair
 - Within 24-48 hours should replace neutrophils as predominant cell



Macrophages

- Chemoattractants for Monocytes/Macrophages:
 - Same as neutrophils – Plus:
 - Collagen fragments
 - Elastin fragments
 - Fibronectin
 - TGF- β 1



Inflammation

- Actions include
 - Phagocytosis and killing of bacteria
 - Removal of effete neutrophils
 - Scavenge tissue debris
 - Growth Factor release recruit and activate fibroblasts
 - PDGF
 - FGF
 - TGF- β 1
- Removed via apoptosis



Macrophage

Phagocytosis & antimicrobial function

- Oxygen rad's
- Nitric Oxide

Wound Debridement

- Phagocytosis
- Enzymes – MMP's, serine proteases, elastases

Cell Recruitment and Activation

- Growth factors: PDGF, TGF- β , EGF, IGF
- Cytokines: TNF- α , IL-1, IL-6
- Fibronectin

Angiogenesis

- Growth Factors: bFGF, VEGF
- Cytokines: TNF- α

Matrix Synthesis Regulation

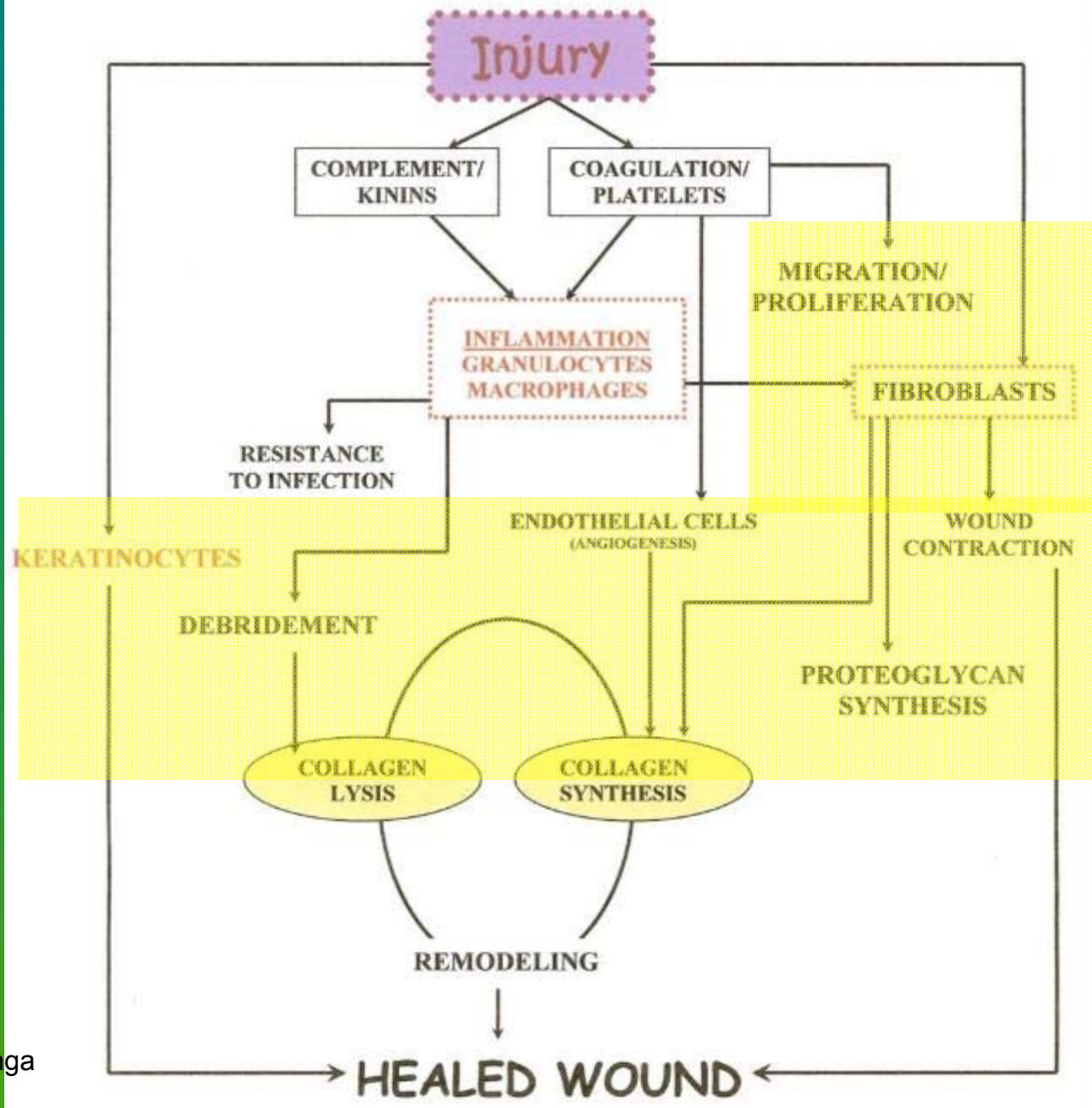
- Growth Factors: TGF- β , EGF, PDGF
- Cytokines: TNF- α , IL-1, IFN- γ
- Enzymes: MMP's
- Prostaglandins: PGE2



Is Inflammation Necessary?

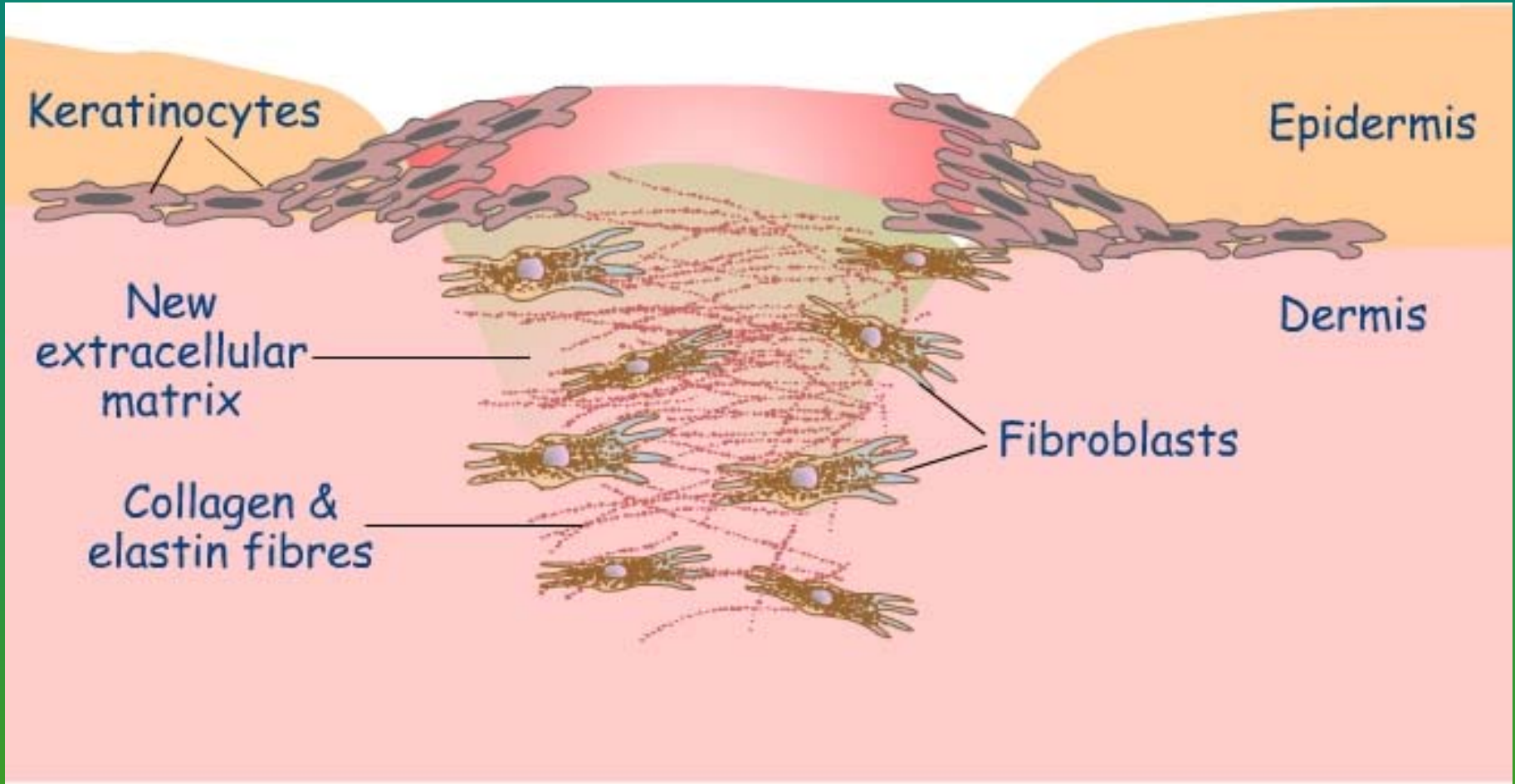
- How essential is inflammation?
 - Early studies show failure to heal with steroids and anti-macrophage serum
 - More recent studies have healing without an inflammatory infiltrate (knock out)
 - Exaggerated inflammation detrimental to healing
 - Fetal cells are less permissive to neutrophil diapedesis than adult cells





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Proliferation and Tissue Formation

- Factors affecting/guiding this phase:
 - Tissue hypoxia (Negative pressure vs. hyperbaric O2 therapy)
 - Adhesion proteins
 - ECM components
 - Action of inflammatory cells
- These factors guide the activation and migration of fibroblasts, keratinocytes and endothelial cells



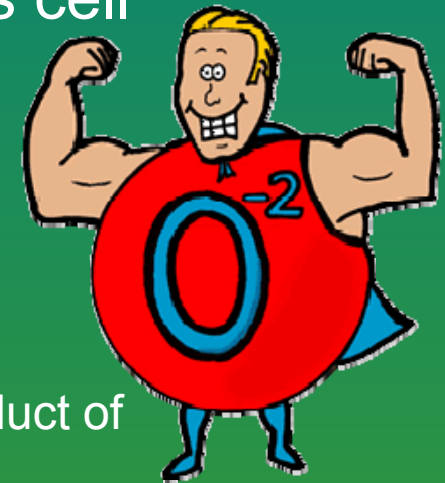
Effects of Hypoxia on Healing

- Effects of hypoxia/low oxygen tension (Negative pressure therapy):
 - Activate fibroblasts and endothelial cells
 - Stimulate macrophage to release angiogenic factors (bFGF)
 - Bandaging techniques help us enhance this effect
- Cyclical oxygenation/hypoxia – oxygen radicals



Effects of Hyperoxygenation

- Oxygen is required for all protein synthesis (collagen, elastin, cellular replication) as well as cell movement.
- Oxygen is also required for NO synthesis – regulation of angiogenesis.
- Reduction of Radical Oxygen Species (ROS).
 - Superoxide anion radical is the one-electron reduction product of oxygen.
 - Drives endothelial cell signaling such as required during angiogenesis
 - H₂O₂ – breakdown product – supports cell migration and proliferation through redox reactions as well as mediate formation of hypochlorous acid in neutrophils.
 - NADPH oxidases represent one major source of superoxide anion radicals at the wound-site - oxidases in phagocytic cells help fight infection.



Fibroplasia - Dermis

- Fibroblast is the main cell of this stage:
 - Formation of granulation tissue and re-collagenation of the dermal ECM
 - Substantial phenotypic changes
 - Determined by the ECM and surrounding growth factors and cytokines
 - Some evidence of sub-populations of fibroblasts rather than phenotype change (like mast cells)



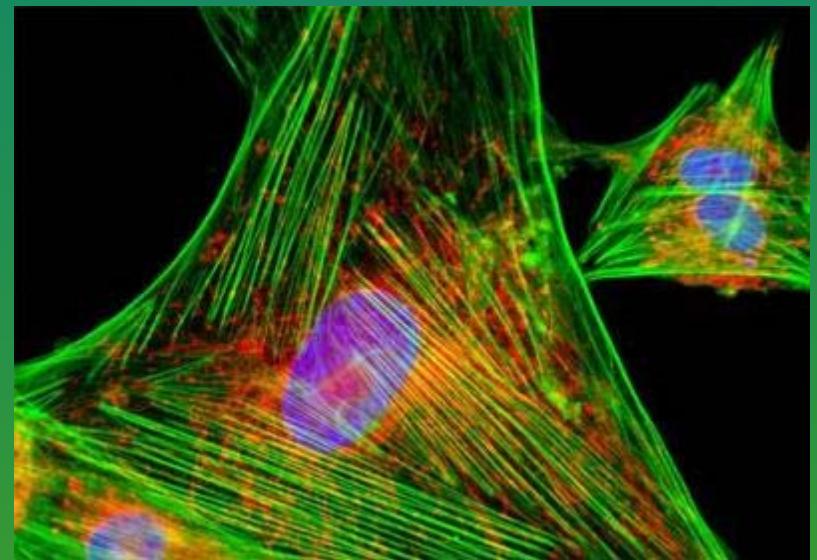
The Fibroblast - activation

- Resting in a collagen-rich ECM
 - Biosynthetically inactive
 - Integrin receptors $\alpha 2$
- Start changing phenotype
 - When exposed to initial provisional matrix
 - When exposed to PDGF and TGF- $\beta 1$



The Fibroblast - activation

- When within the fibrin clot:
 - Integrin receptors $\alpha 3$, $\alpha 5$ & αv upregulated
 - Actino-myosin cytoskeleton
 - Produce hyaluronan (HA) and RHAMM (HA receptor)
 - Fibronectin
 - Release serine proteases and MMP's

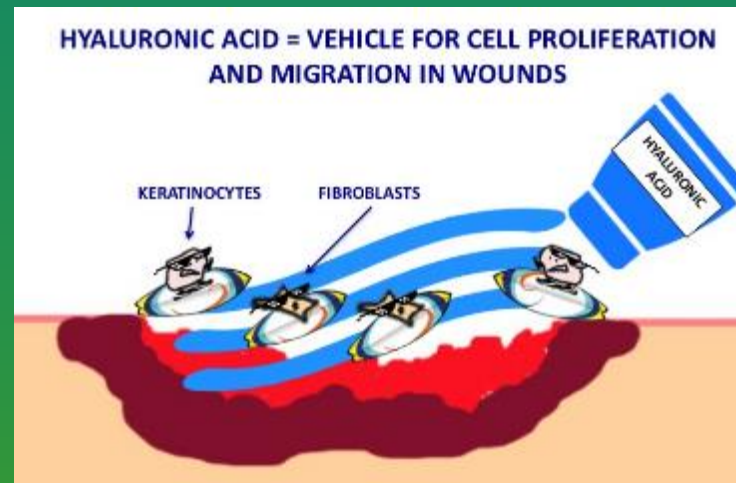


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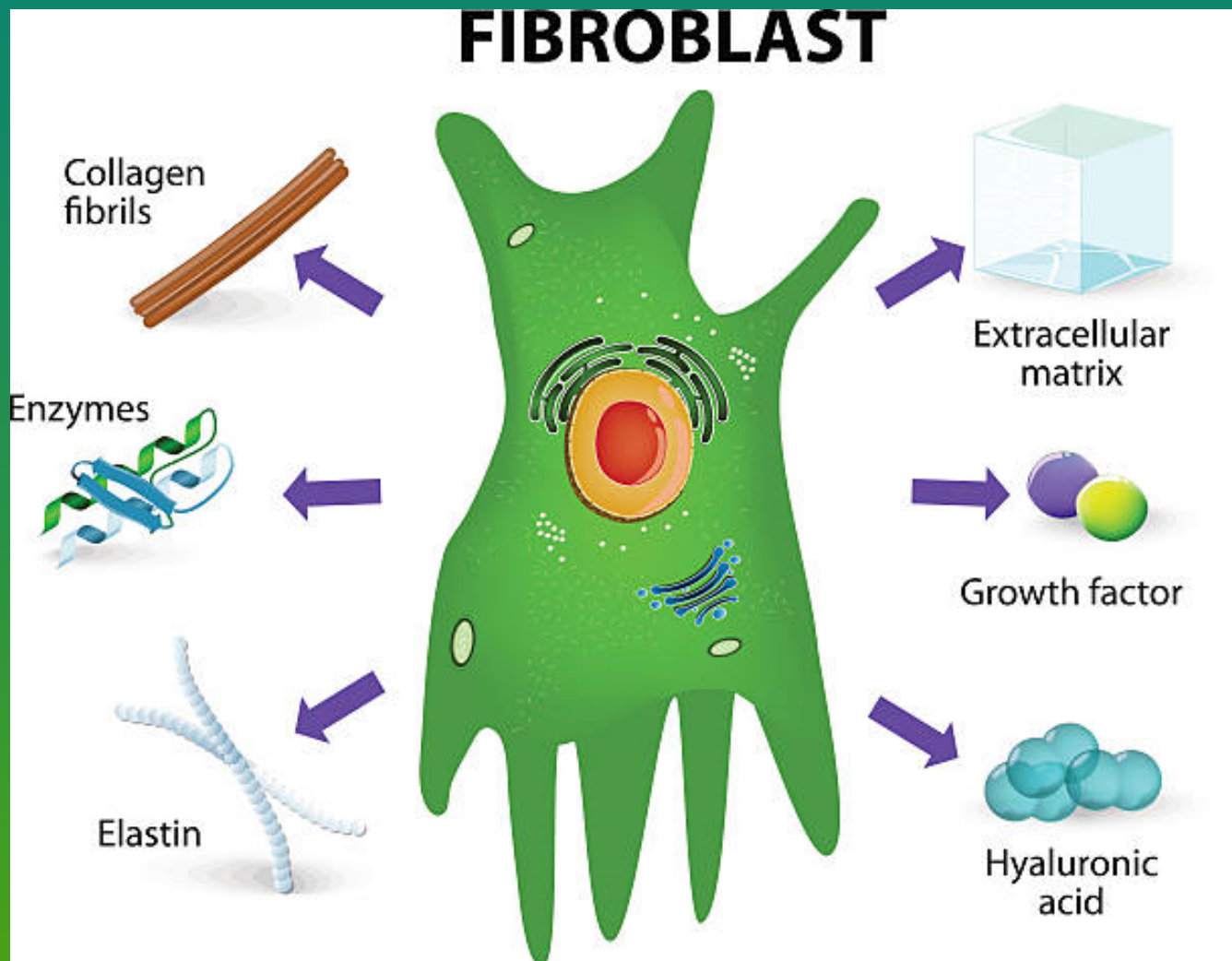
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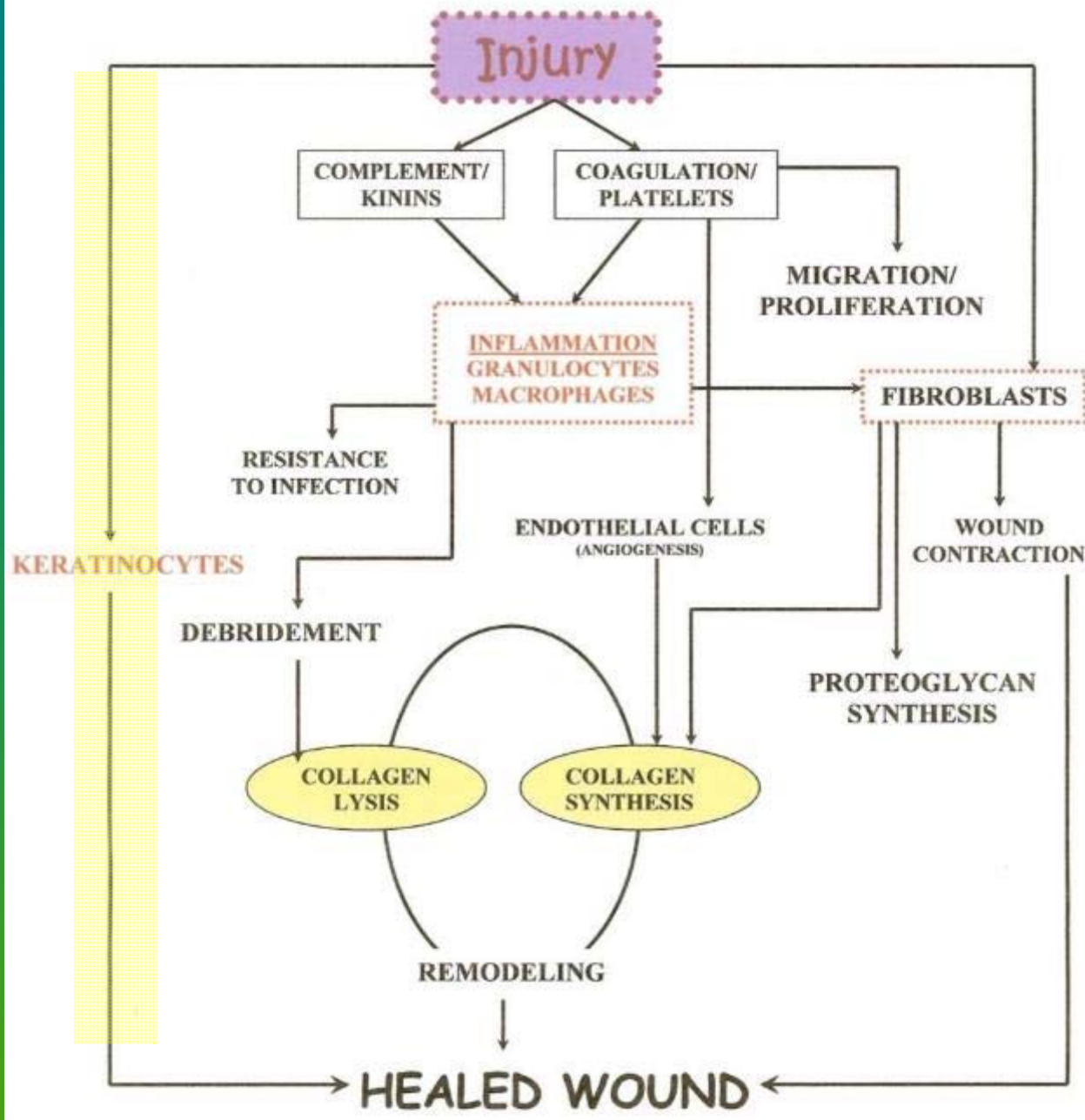
- In the first phase fibroblasts produce a “loose” ECM of fibronectin and HA
 - Golgi apparatus and plasma membrane



- Secondly – Collagen and proteoglycans (RER production)
 - IL-4 potent stimulator of collagen synthesis switch (Mast cells)

Fibroplasia





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Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Keratinization

- Reestablishment of epithelial cover
 - Starts within hours of injury
 - Start from either wound edge or from remaining adnexal structures
 - Continuous action throughout the phases of healing



Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Keratinization

- Keratinocytes migrate in “leap frog” fashion
- Keratinocytes adherent to ECM stay stationary and migrating keratinocytes are the overlying ones



Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Keratinization

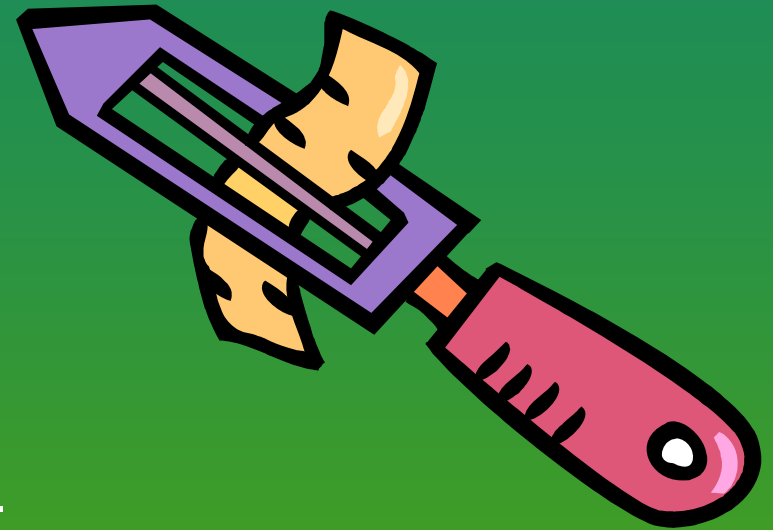
- Keratinocytes do not migrate over intact BMZ
 - Erosions – fibrin and fibronectin will penetrate the BMZ
- Provisional matrix KC's can migrate over:
 - Collagen I
 - Collagen III
 - Collagen V
 - Fibronectin
 - Fibrin
 - Tenascin
 - Vitronectin



Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Keratinization

- Migrating KC's cannot bind to denatured collagen or denatured fibrin - wound dissection – “peeling off” the eschar.



Once migration has started –
BMZ will follow in “zipper” like
fashion



Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Keratinization

- Phenotypic changes for migration
 - Retract tonofilaments - actin (detachment)
 - Dissolve desmosomes and hemidesmosomes (detachment)
 - Increase gap junctions (enhanced cellular communication)
 - Peripheral actin filaments and formation of lamellipodia (motor apparatus)



Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Keratinization

- Phenotypic changes for migration (con't)
 - KC's express keratins 5&14 as well as 6&16
 - Express serine proteases (plasminogen activators eg.) and MMP's (collagenases) (dissection through the wound)

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Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Keratinization

- Phenotypic changes for migration (con't)
 - Express integrins that allow attachment to the provisional matrix
 - $\alpha 5 \beta 1$ and $\alpha v \beta 6$: attachment to fibronectin
 - $\alpha v \beta 5$: attachment to vitronectin
 - $\alpha 2 \beta 1$: attachment to collagen matrix



Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Keratinization

- Primary signal that stops KC migration is reconstitution of laminin within the BMZ
 - Large glycoprotein, prevent direct contact between KC's and collagens within BMZ and dermis
- Proliferation begins 1-2 days after injury
 - Likely absence of neighbor cells and growth factors are primary stimulators for proliferation
 - Proliferation and migration are independent of each other (TGF- β 1 promotes migration – no effect on proliferation)



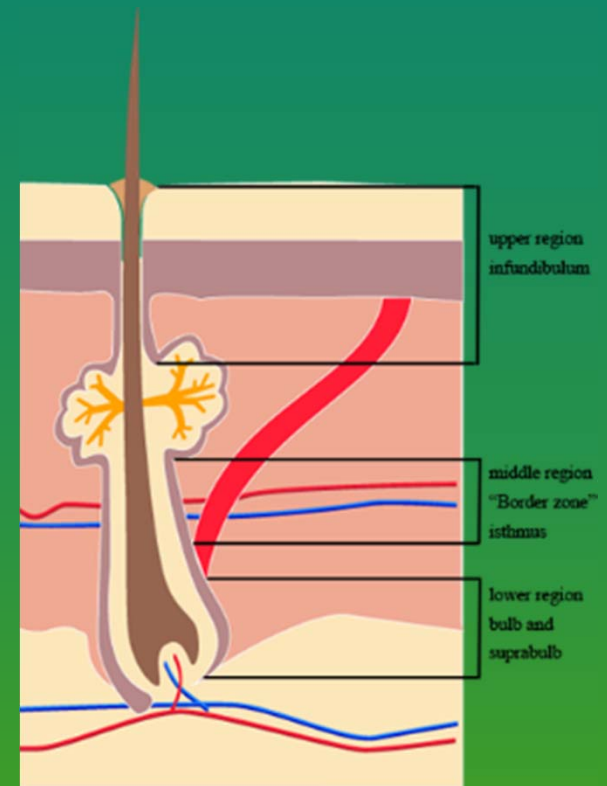
Proliferation and Tissue Formation Keratinization – Hair Follicle

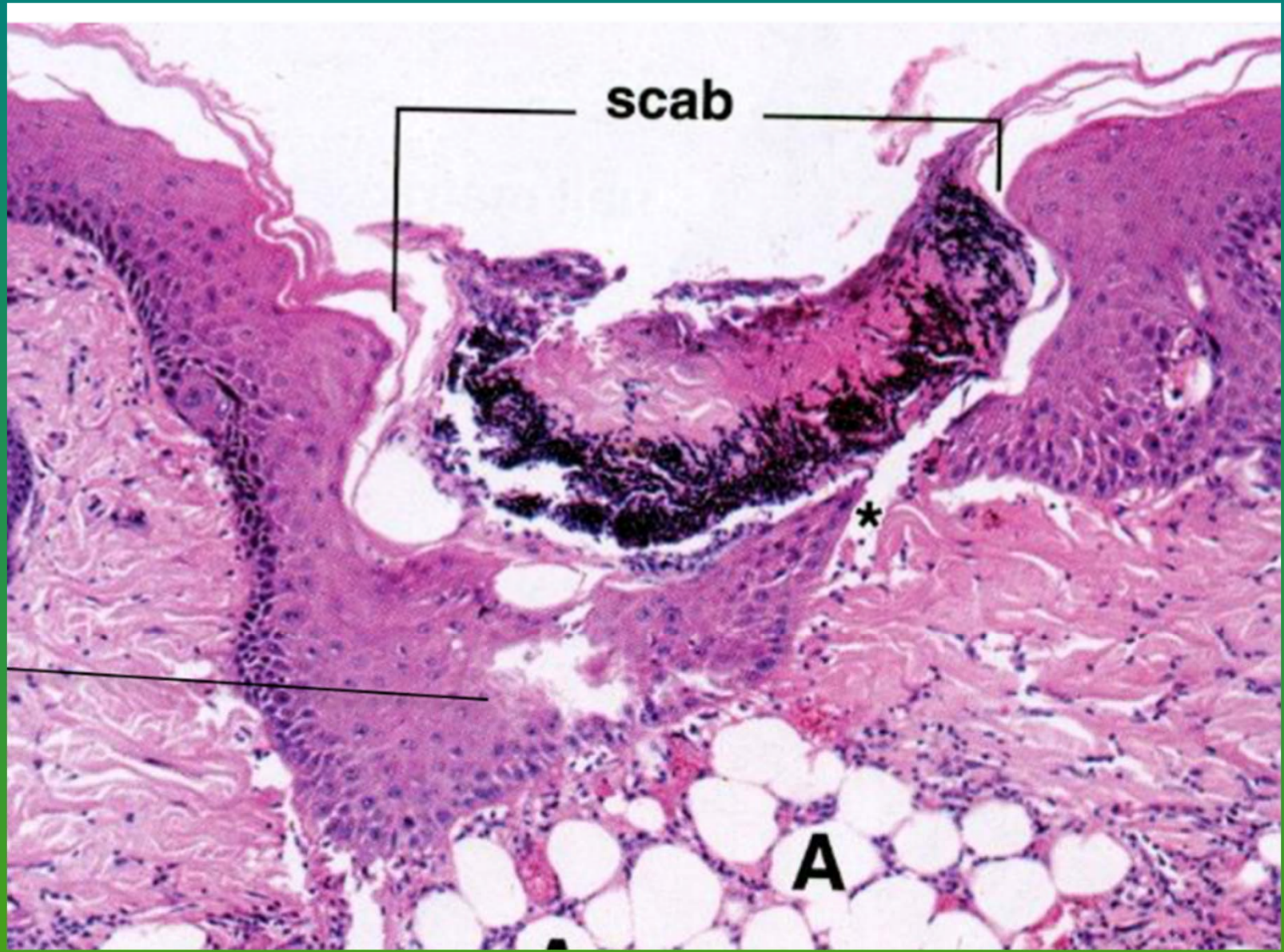
- Humans: Haired skin heals faster than non-haired skin
- Mouse studies: HF contributes during acute phase of healing



Proliferation and Tissue Formation Keratinization – Hair Follicle

- Bulge Region:
 - 25% of KC's in newly healed mouse wound from bulge
 - Destined to become transient amplifying cells
 - Lost several weeks later
- Infundibulum/Upper Isthmus:
 - Become permanent stem cell residents of epidermis





Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Neovascularization

- Angiogenesis depends on 4 related events:
 - Mitogenic stimulation
 - Endothelial cell phenotype alteration
 - Chemoattractant-driven migration
 - Appropriate extracellular matrix

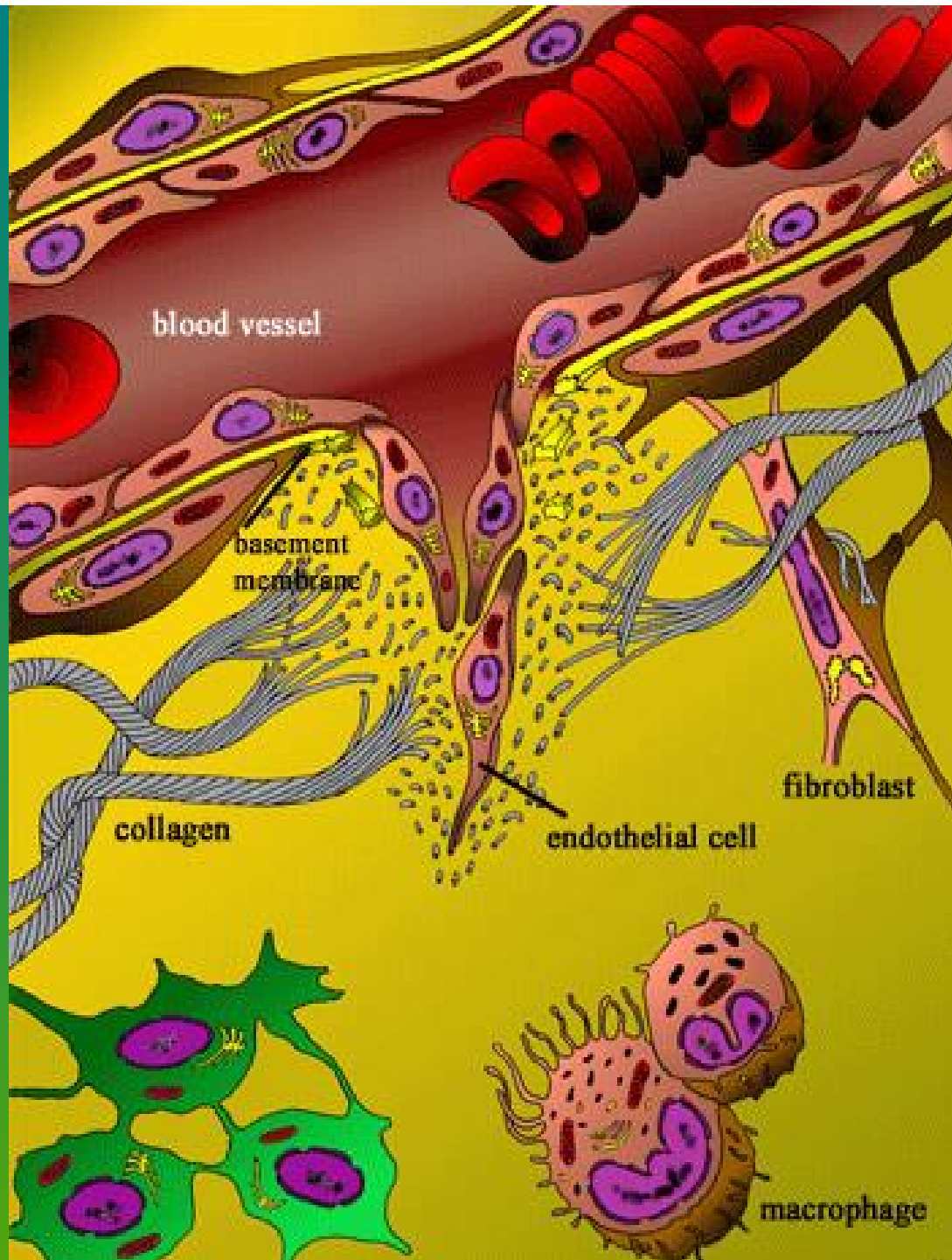


Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Neovascularization

- Macrophages (and platelets) release basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF).
 - This will result in MMP (collagenase I) production by endothelial cells which will degrade the BM – allowing migration
 - bFGF stimulates migration of endothelial cells out of the fragmented BM

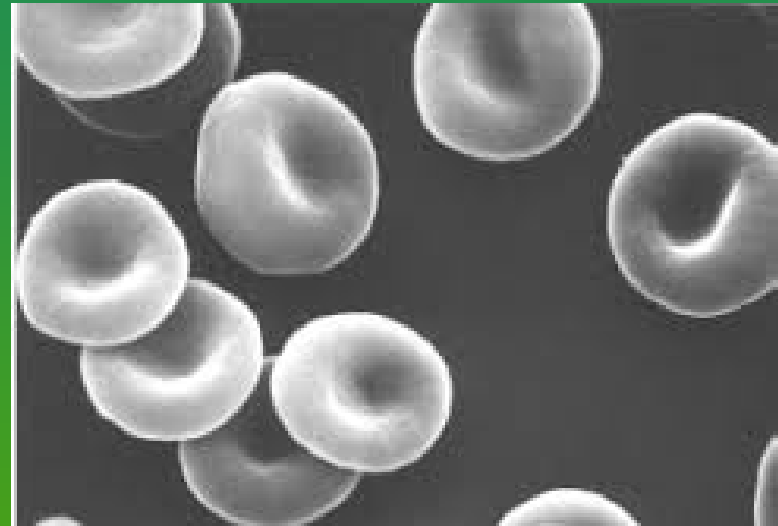




Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Neovascularization

- Endothelial chemoattractants:
 - Keratinocytes and platelets:
 - vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), TGF- α
 - Macrophages and platelets:
 - bFGF, TGF- β 1
 - ECM/fibroblasts:
 - fibronectin
 - Mast cells:
 - heparin

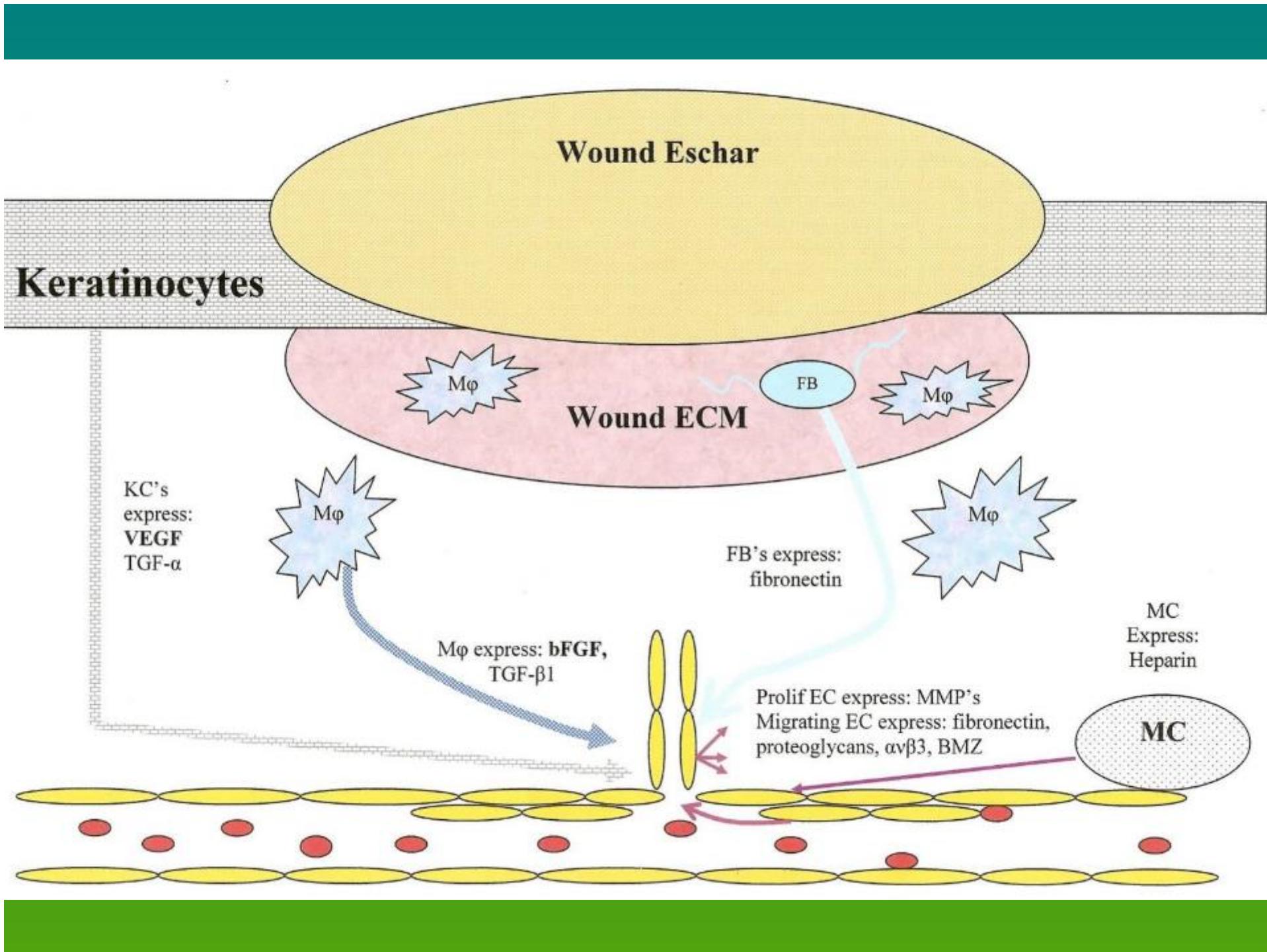


Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Neovascularization

- Endothelial cells' actions:
 - Produce their own ECM (initially) – fibronectin and proteoglycans
 - Express $\alpha v \beta 3$
 - Adhesion to fibrinogen, fibrin, and Factor VIII (vWF)
 - Produce their own BM





Proliferation and Tissue Formation Reinnervation

- Not a lot of published material
 - Scar tissue and grafts do not regain the innervation of the original tissue
 - Experimental denervation did have an effect on rat wound healing



Proliferation and Tissue Formation

Reinnervation

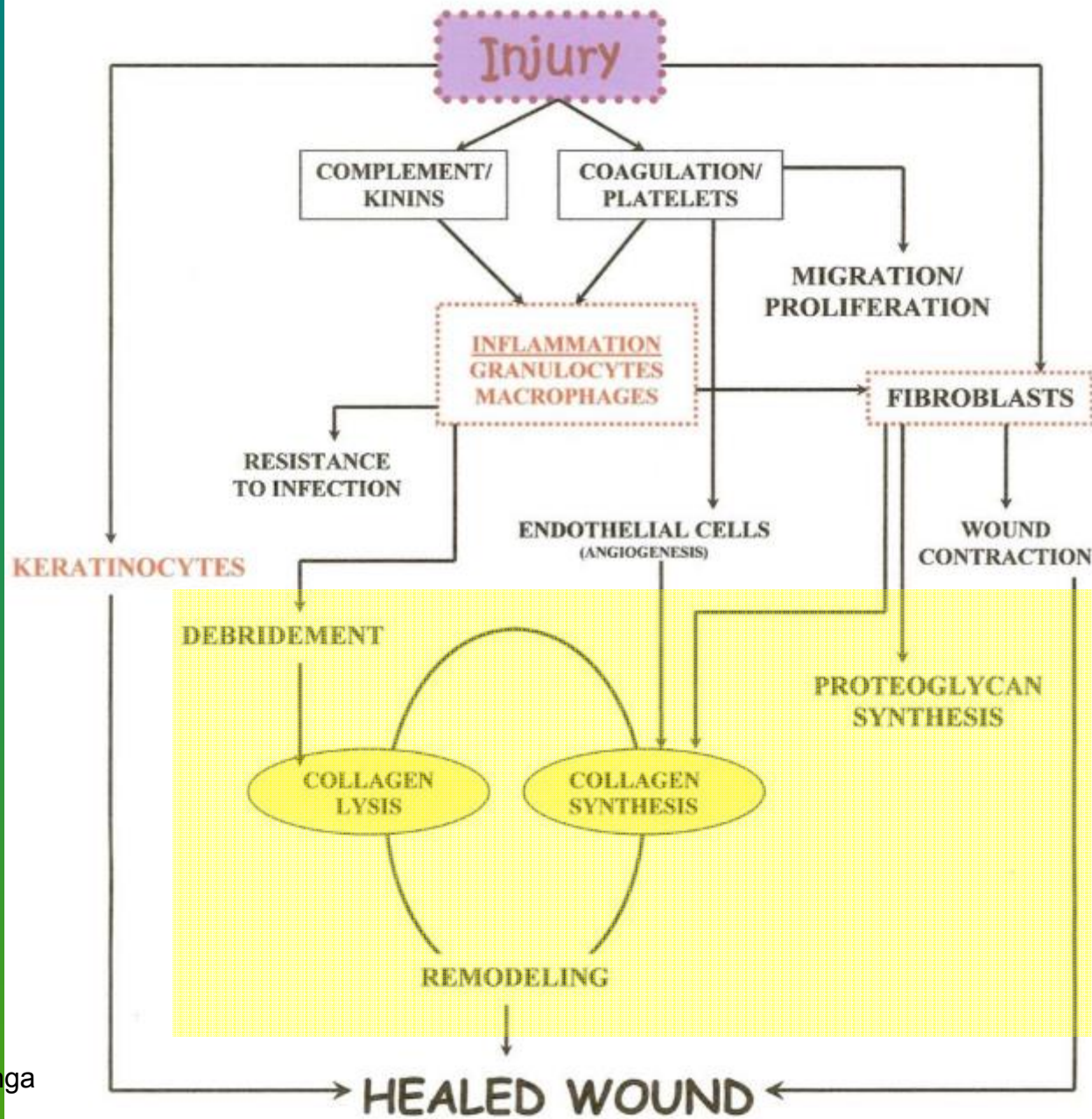
- Healing adult wounds associated initially with hyperinnervation
 - 300% increase in skin innervation density
 - NGF may mediate
 - Topical NGF accelerate healing in mice
 - both normal and diabetic



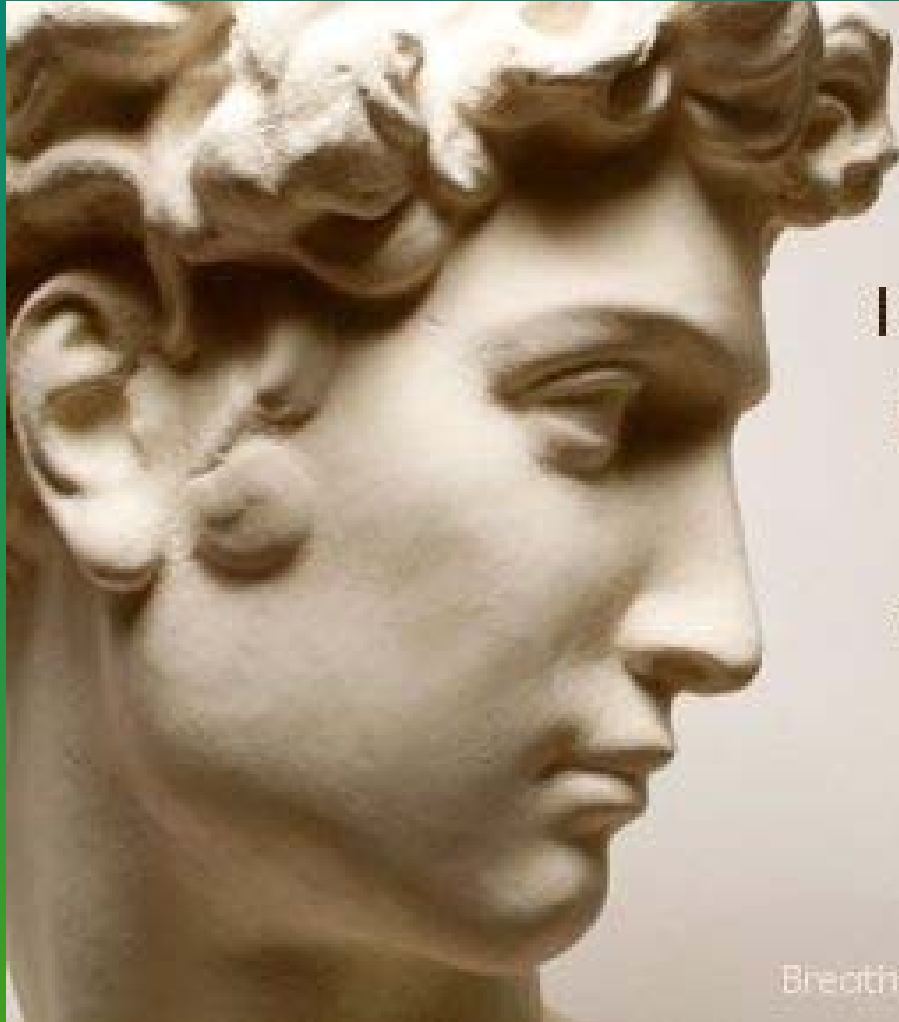
Proliferation and Tissue Formation

- Effects of nerve derived factors on wound healing:
 - Substance P enhances release of IL-1 and TNF- α from mast cells
 - Substance P and K stimulate DNA synthesis in cultured skin fibroblasts
 - Vasoactive intestinal peptide (VIP) enhances KC migration
 - Substance P and calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) are increased in hypertrophic scars





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I saw the angel
in the marble
and carved
until I set him
free.

Michelangelo

Breathe. Smile. Succeed. The B-Well



Remodeling



- Remodeling of the ECM
 - Process that continues for months
 - Reorganization of the tissue
 - High degree of overlap with other phases of wound healing
 - Scar attains approximately 70% of the strength of the original tissue - repaired
 - Apoptosis and action of MMP's are essential for necessary cellular reduction in the wound



Extracellular Matrices

- Roles of ECM:
 - Form structure and strength
 - Cell-matrix interactions
 - Cellular phenotype
 - Cell polarity
 - Cell adhesion and migration
 - Scaffold for migration
 - Cell recruitment: inflammatory cells, epithelial cells, endothelial cells
 - Interactions with other components in matrix:
 - Growth factors
 - Proteases and MMP's



Extracellular Matrices

- ECM review:
 - Fibrin Clot
 - Derived from fibrinogen
 - Fibrin fibrils interact with platelets via $\alpha 2\beta 3$
 - Fibrin, with PDGF induce fibroblasts to express fibronectin integrins



Extracellular Matrices - Fibronectin

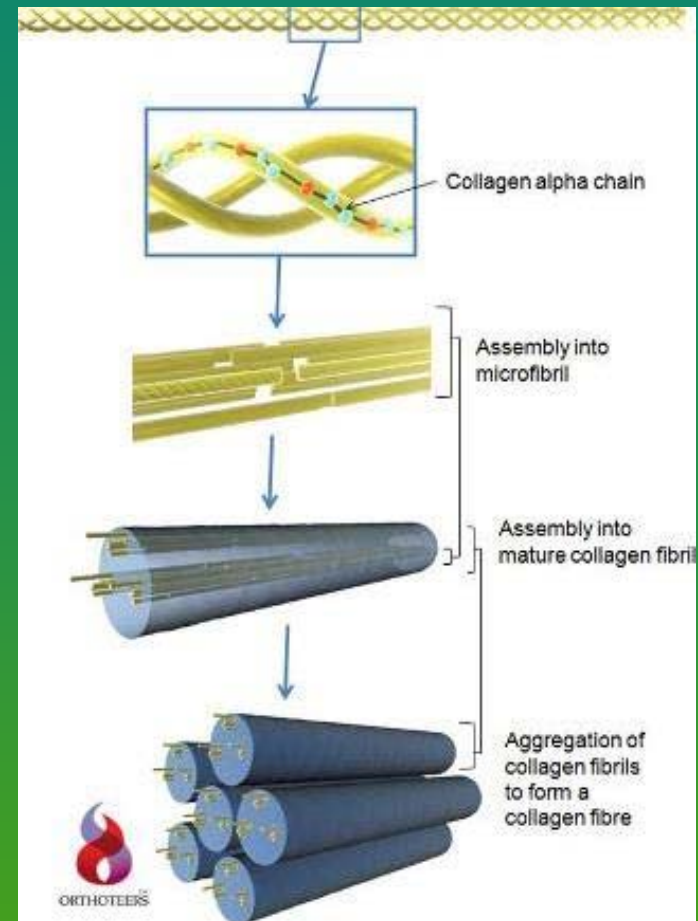
– Fibronectin

- Second provisional matrix
- Multifunctional cell adhesion protein found in blood and other tissues
- Binds fibrin and found even in the early fibrin clot
- Supports movement of fibroblasts, keratinocytes and endothelial cells
- Opsonizes ECM debris so can be phagocytosed
- Template for collagen fibril organization



Extracellular Matrices - Collagen

- Collagen I & III are the primary collagens in wound repair
- Collagen III is first present and synthesized and increased in granulation tissue
- Collagen I is made later – starting at about day 5
- Type V collagen increased during angiogenesis and in highly vascular scars



Extracellular Matrices - Collagen

- Collagens (con't):
 - Intact collagen affects phenotype and function of various cell types
 - Primarily via regulation of expression of integrin receptors
 - By week three – 20% of final wound strength
 - Now additional strength gained by remodeling – not new collagen deposition



Glycosaminoglycans
Proteoglycans
Their role as ECM's



Extracellular Matrices – GAG's

- Glycosaminoglycans – (GAG)
 - All GAG's are repeating hexosamine and an acidic sugar
 - Highly polar and attract water
 - Shock absorption, lubrication, storage
 - Hyaluronan and heparin
 - Proteoglycans (Sulfated GAG macromolecules: dermatan sulfate, chondroitin sulfate, keratin sulfate, heparin sulfate)



Extracellular Matrices - HA

- Hyaluronan - hyaluronic acid (HA)
 - HA unique – synthesized at plasma membrane (large molecule)
 - Linear polymer of repeating N-acetyl glucosamine-glucuronic acid disaccharides





Healthy granulation tissue in a surgically created wound. HA gives the “glistening” appearance of the wound



Extracellular Matrices - HA

- Component of early granulation tissue
- Concentration increases early then drops between days 5-10 (hyaluronidase) and then remains stable while proteoglycan (sulfated GAG's) concentration increases
- Fetal wounds do not decrease their HA levels



Extracellular Matrices - HA

- Two HA receptors:
 - CD44 – widely distributed
 - Involved in attachment, uptake and breakdown of HA
 - Fibroblasts from hypertrophic scars and scleroderma shown to have increased CD44 on their membranes
 - RHAMM – found on macrophages and fibroblasts
 - Essential for motility of macrophages and fibroblasts



Extracellular Matrices

Proteoglycans

- Proteoglycans
 - Contain a protein core to which one or more GAG's are covalently bound
 - Huge range of versatile molecules



Extracellular Matrices

Proteoglycans

– Roles of Proteoglycans:

- Water storage
- Extracellular organization
- Growth factor storage
- Promotion of growth factor expression and binding
- Enzyme and autocoid storage in granules
- Regulation of blood coagulation



Extracellular Matrices

Proteoglycans

- Serglycine from mast cells
 - Regulation of coagulation. Interacts with AT-III and inhibits factor Xa (activated thrombokinase) and thrombin (factor IIa)
 - Binds histamine and cationic proteases which affect vasopermeability and wound debridement
 - Activate matrix metalloproteinases



Extracellular Matrices

Proteoglycans

- Chondroitin-4-sulfate (C4S) and Dermatan Sulfate (DS)
 - Produced by mature scar fibroblasts
 - Structural
 - Regulate collagen fibrillogenesis
 - C4S likely facilitates collagen deposition during matrix formation and remodeling phase
 - C4S is elevated in hypertrophic scars



Extracellular Matrices

Proteoglycans

- Versican
 - Promote migration – decreases adhesion
- Decorin
 - Inhibit growth of cells *in-vitro*
- Syndecan family
 - Modulated during wound repair
 - Likely involved in migration, proliferation and gene expression



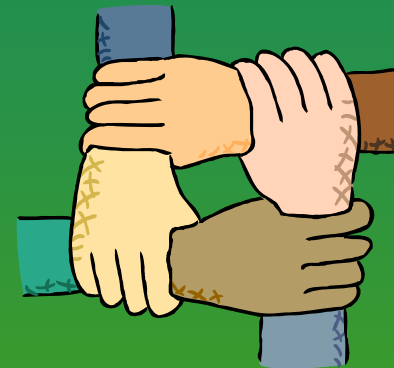
Remodeling

- Wound Contraction
 - Transition to the 3rd and final phase of wound repair
 - Centripetal or concentric decrease in size of an open wound
 - Dogs – clinical contraction 5-9 days after injury



Remodeling

- Wound Contraction (con't)
 - TGF- β 1 no longer produced, but is still present in the wound as contraction begins
 - Fibroblasts assume myofibroblast phenotype
 - Large actin bundles
 - Cell-cell links with adherens jxns
 - Cell-matrix links with integrins
 - α 5 β 1 to fibronectin
 - α 2 β 1 to collagen



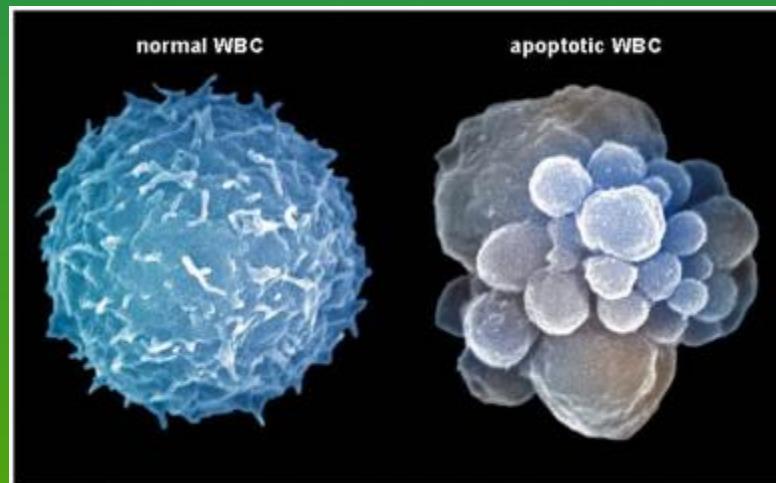
Remodeling

- Wound Contraction (con't)
 - Contraction exerts transmission of force equally across the wound
 - Platelet and macrophage isoforms of PDGF stimulate contraction – fibroblast isoform does not
 - Full thickness wounds contract about 40%
 - Partial thickness contracts much less



Remodeling

- Wound Contraction (con't)
 - 10th day – fibroblasts undergo apoptosis
 - Transition to acellular scar
 - Impaired or decreased apoptosis likely plays a role in hypertrophic scars
 - Human diabetics have increased apoptosis (generalized) – also resulting in impaired healing (diabetic foot ulcers)



Remodeling

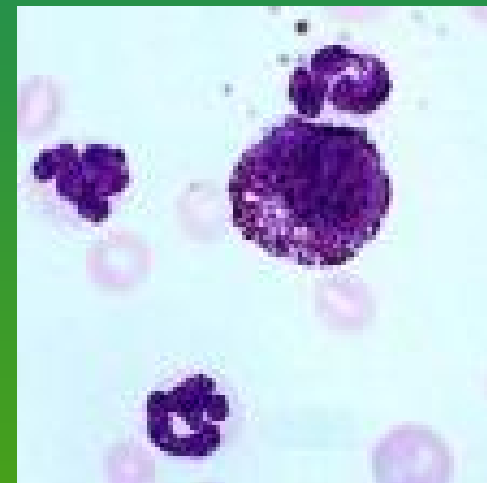
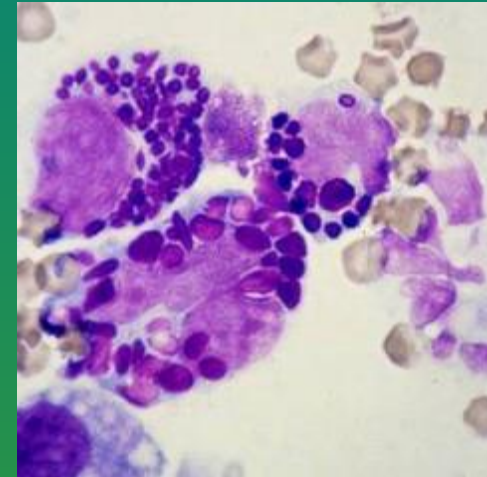


- Collagen Lysis
 - MMP's are primary enzymes
 - In horses: study by Schwartz et al revealed that distal limb wounds have a significantly decreased MMP-1 (collagenase I) and increased TGF- β 1 protein and mRNA as well as increased myofibroblasts and collagen I



Mast Cell - Review

- The Mast Cell
 - Involved in all levels of wound healing
 - Located near endothelial cells and nerves adjacent to the wound



Mast Cell - Review

- Resides adjacent to local microcirculation and nerve endings
- Mobile and will migrate in response to stimuli
 - Physical stimulus – sunlight, trauma
 - Immunogenic – IgE, complement, cytokines and growth factors
 - Neurogenic - neuropeptides
- Cytoplasm filled with metachromatic granules containing biologically active mediators

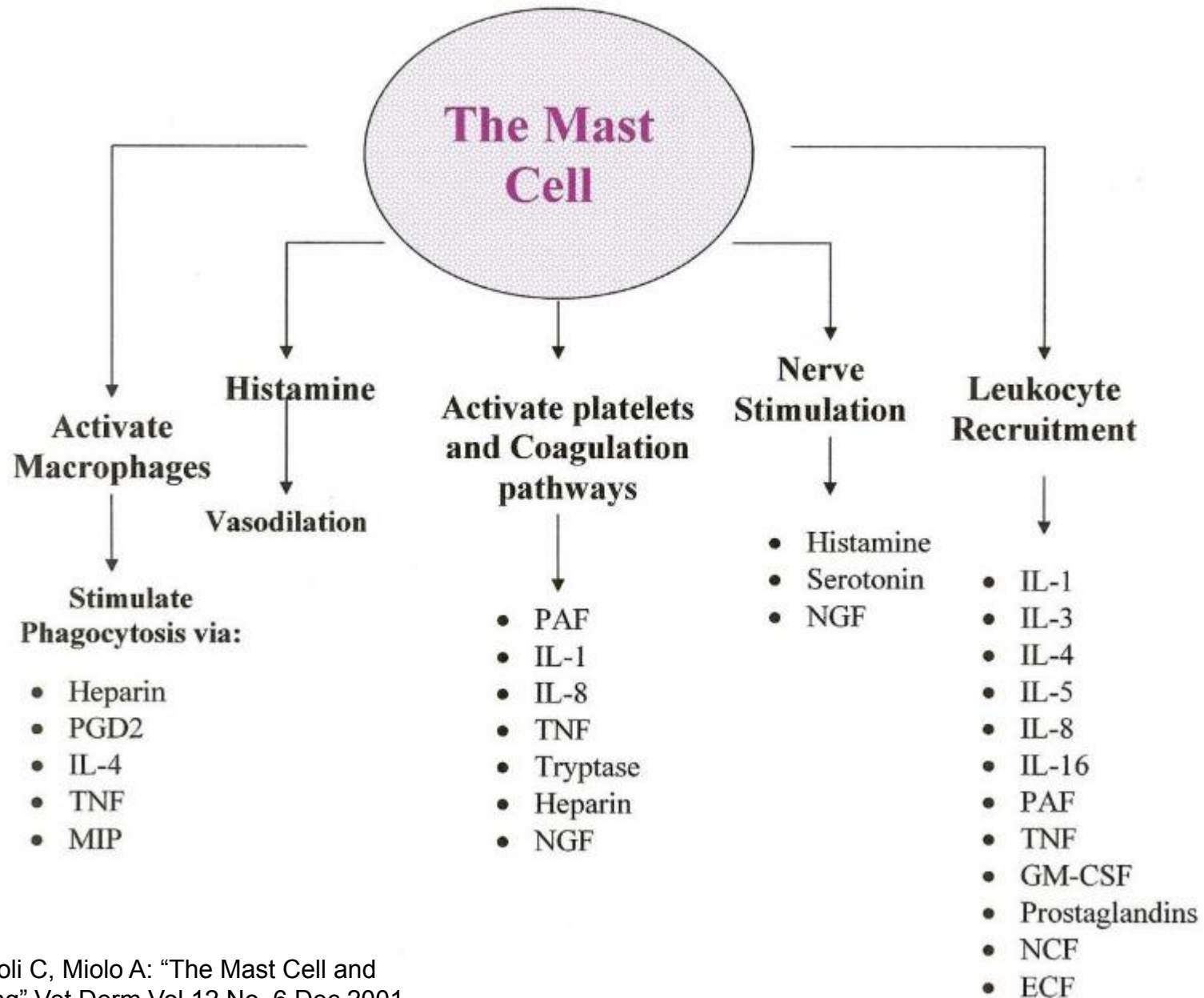


Mast Cell - Review

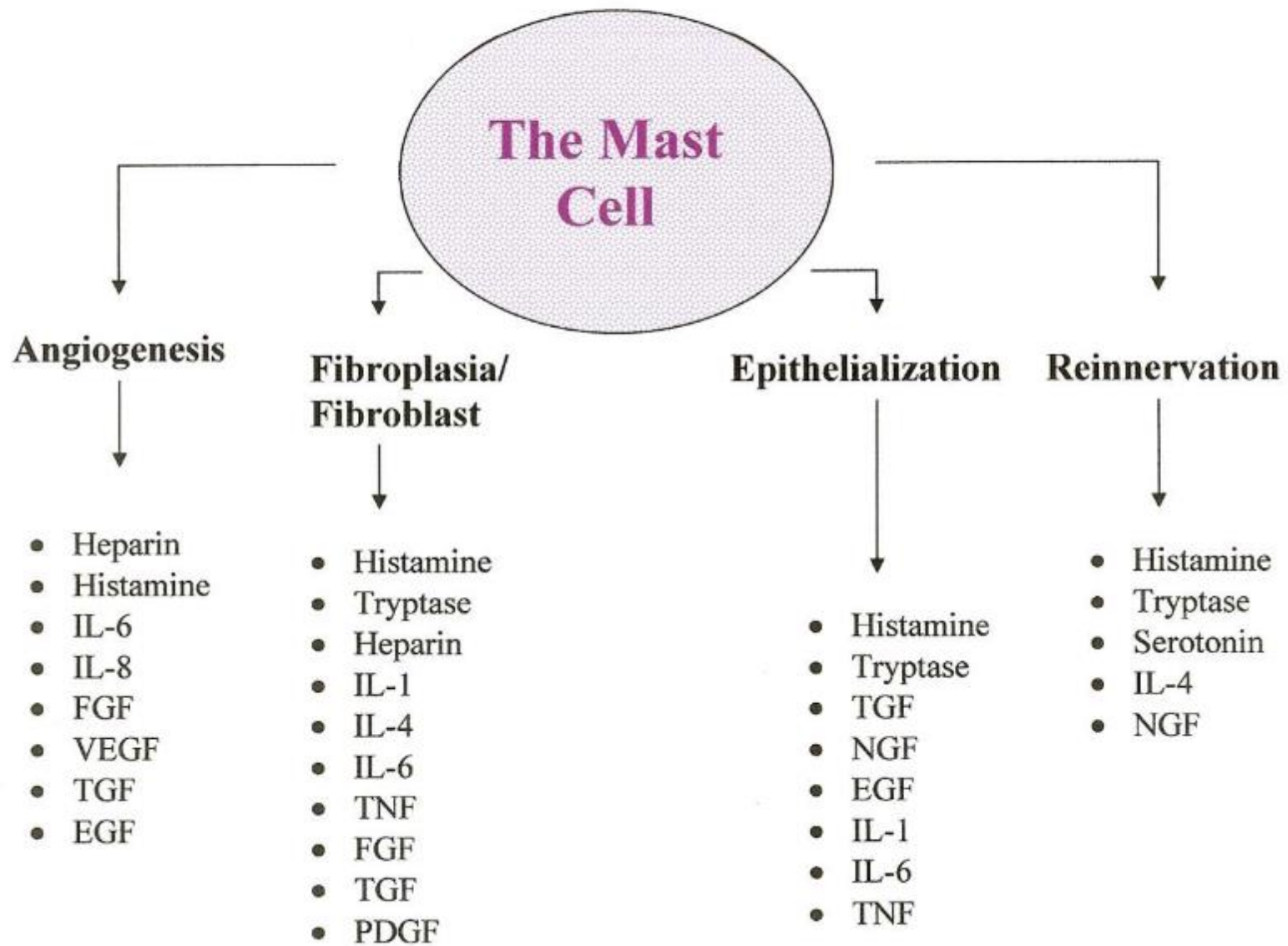
- Canine Mast Cell Mediators
 - α -Chymase
 - Tryptase
 - Heparin
 - Protease-3 (MCP-3)
 - Gelatinase (MMP-9)
 - Cathepsin C
 - Histamine
 - TNF
 - IL-4
 - IL-5
 - bFGF
 - TGF- β
 - PDGF
 - SCF
 - PDG2



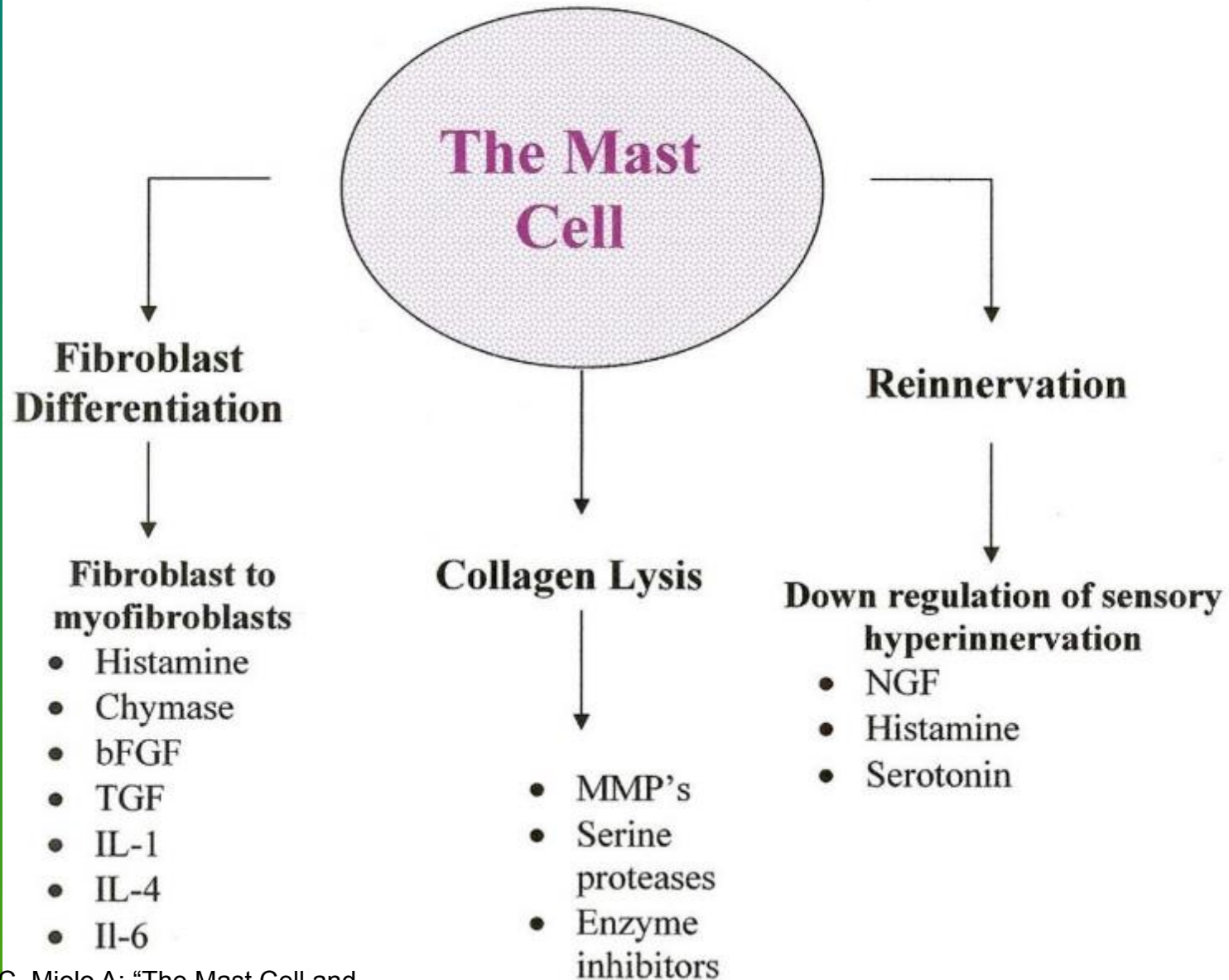
Mast Cell and the Inflammatory Phase



Mast Cell and the Proliferative Phase

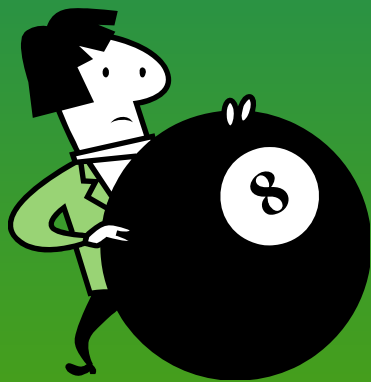


Mast Cell and Remodeling



Pathology

- Wound healing studied as straight forward process
- Complications usually occur
 - Infection, thrombosis, ischemia, repeated trauma, etc.



Pathology

- Human Keloids vs. Hypertrophic Scars
 - Keloids:
 - Black individuals predisposed
 - Invasive
 - Abundance of collagen III
 - Problem with proliferative phase
 - Hypertrophic Scars:
 - Genetic factors – but not clearly defined
 - Do not tend to be invasive
 - Decreased collagen lysis – abundance of collagen I
 - Problem with remodeling phase
 - Both show mast cell hyperplasia







Pathology

- Equine exuberant granulation tissue
 - Most commonly compared to keloid
 - They are invasive
 - Lacks epithelial cover (unlike keloid)
 - TGF- β 1 is increased and induces general protein synthesis – this does not occur in keloids
 - In keloids TGF- β 1 induces 12-fold increase in ECM matrix formation – but not general protein increase
 - Various studies looking at anti TGF- β 1 and - β 3 serum application to these wounds



Pathology

- Equine exuberant granulation tissue (con't)
 - Hypoxia (bandaging) induces the phenomenon
 - Application of corticosteroids can decrease excessive inflammation and retard fibroblasts – however will also retard epithelialization, thus extending the problem



Pathology

- Human diabetic ulcers
 - Chronic non-healing wound
 - Wound “stuck” in proliferative phase with excessive ECM
 - Cells possibly altered – unresponsive to growth factors – debridement
 - Hyperglycemia reduces MMP’s
 - Macrophages show decreased cytokine release
 - ...PHOTO WARNING....





Wound Dressings

- Ideal Dressing:
 - Capable of retaining humidity while debris is removed
 - Impermeable to bacteria
 - Allow gas exchange
 - Free of particulates or toxic component
 - Provide protection from trauma while preventing self removal



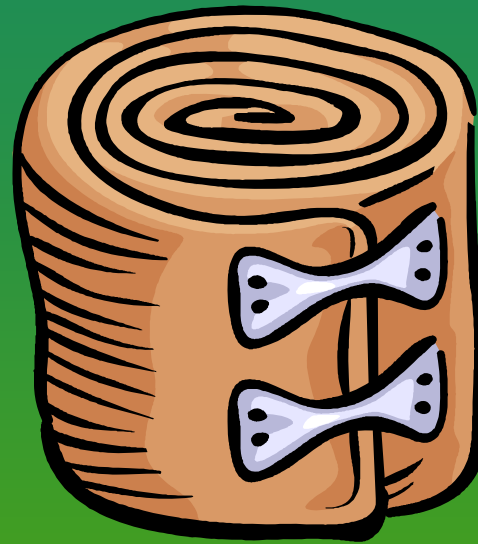
Wound Dressings

- Ideal Dressing – Con't
 - Removable without causing further damage or pain
 - Doesn't require frequent changing
 - Provides thermal insulation
 - Cost effective and long shelf life



Wound Dressings

- Dressing Types: Each has advantages/disadvantages based on the wound type and location
 - Low-Adherent Dressings
 - Semi-permeable films
 - Hydrocolloids
 - Hydrogels
 - Alginates
 - Foam Dressings
 - Antimicrobial dressings



Wound Dressings

- Low Adherent Dressings
 - Inexpensive
 - Easily available
 - Allows exudate to absorb through a secondary dressing
 - Maintaining a moist wound bed
 - Prevent dressing from adhering to the wound



Wound Dressings

- Semi-permeable films:
 - Sterile plastic sheets of polyurethane coated acrylic adhesive
 - Primary wound cover
 - Not on highly exudative wounds
 - Impermeable to fluids and bacteria – but permeable to air and water vapor
 - Flexible – good for difficult sites



Wound Dressings

- Hydrocolloids
 - Colloids
 - Carboxymethylcellulose
 - Gelatin
 - Pectin
 - Elastomers
 - Forms gel on wound surface
 - Gel can be mistaken for pus
 - Water/air permeable – rehydrate wounds/eschars
 - Good for highly exudative wounds



Wound Dressings

- Hydrogels
 - Insoluble polymers with 96% water content
 - Provide water to wound
 - Amorphous hydrogels are most commonly used
 - Polymers are only partially hydrated, dressing can still absorb wound exudate
 - Facilitate self debridement (autolysis)

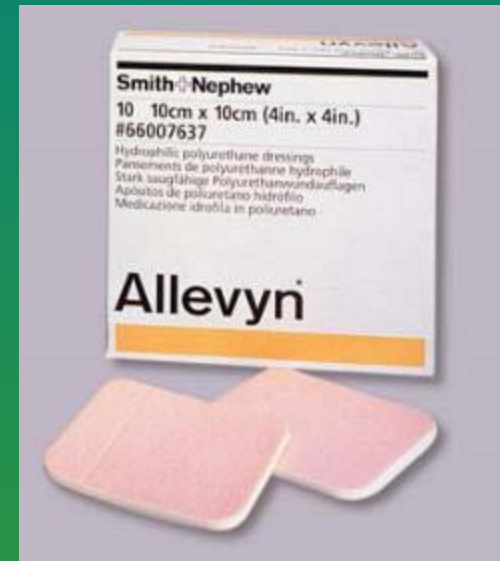


Wound Dressings

- Foam Dressings

- Polyurethane or silicone foam

- Vapor permeable
- Thermal insulation



- Hydrophilic wound contact with hydrophobic backing

- Highly absorbent

- Available as cavity dressing

- Small chips of hydrophillic polyurethane foam in a perforated polymeric film
- Contain exudate



Wound Dressings

- Antimicrobial dressings:
 - Silver
 - Povidone iodine
 - Cadexomer iodine
 - Metronidazole



Wound Dressings

- Alginates:
 - Calcium and Sodium salts of alginic acid found in brown seaweed: *Phaeophyceae*
 - Some all 100% calcium
 - Some 80:20 calcium:sodium
 - All rich in mannuronic or guluronic acid
 - When contact wound fluid forms hydrophilic gel
 - Can be washed off (mannuronic acid) easily or peeled (guluronic) off
 - Absorb 15 to 20 times their weight in fluid
 - Excellent for exudative wounds



Coco Greene

- 4 mo FI Lab
- Thanksgiving day – oil from turkey fryer
- Presented to our surgeons on day 4 after the injury.





Day 4





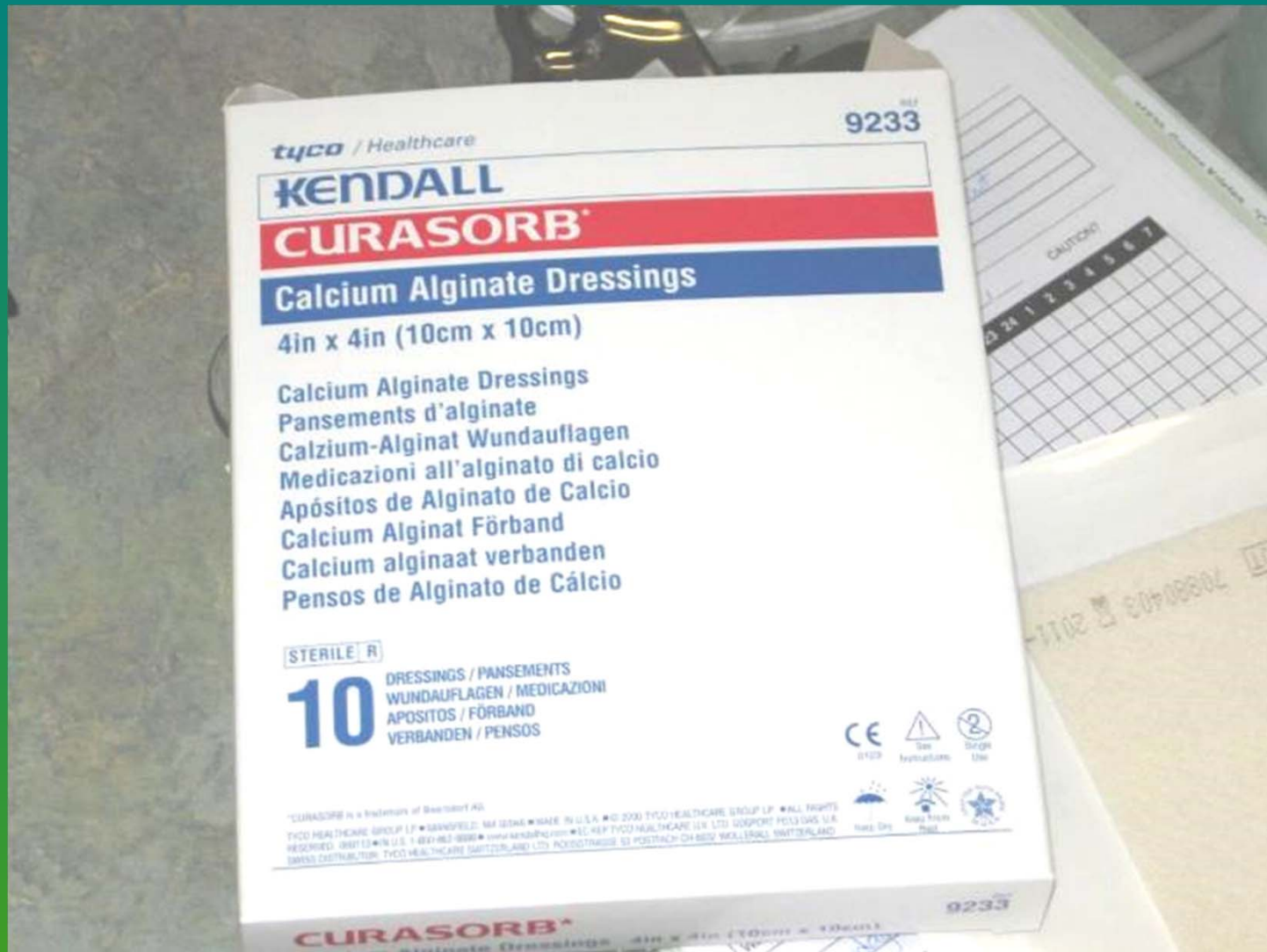
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Day 5





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Day 8





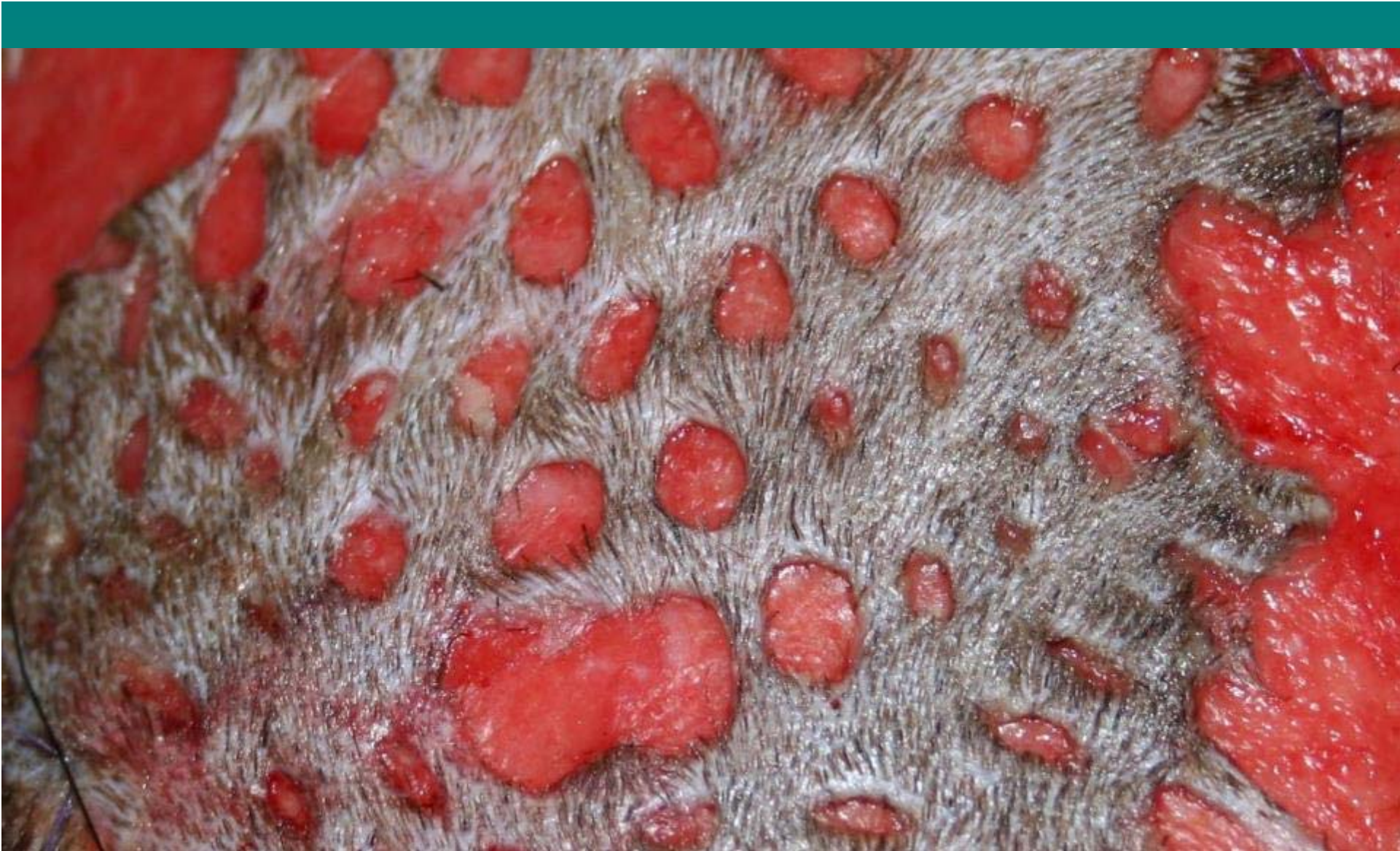
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Day 9





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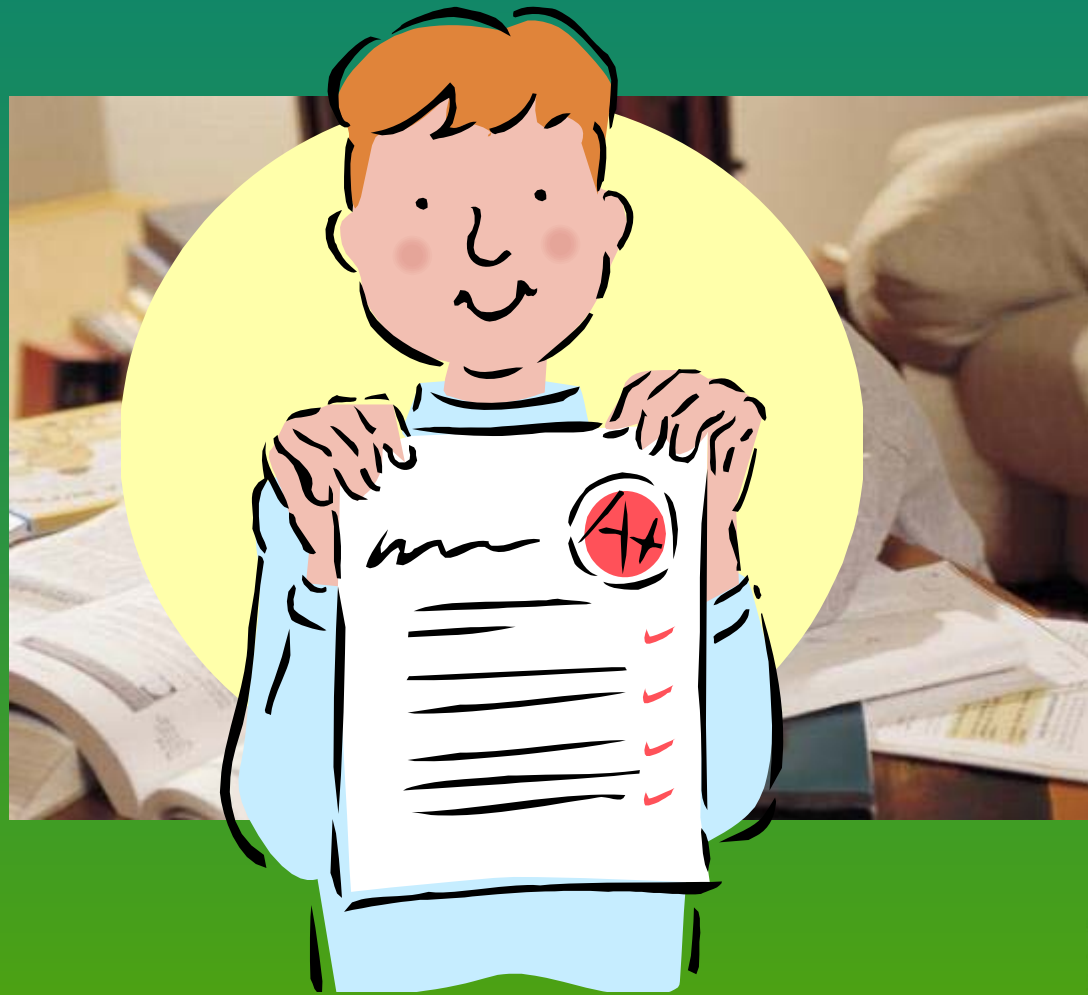




Day 25



GOOD LUCK





THEY'RE SINGING!!!!

