

Antigen-Independent B-Cell Development

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Bone Marrow Stromal Cells Support Early B Lymphopoiesis

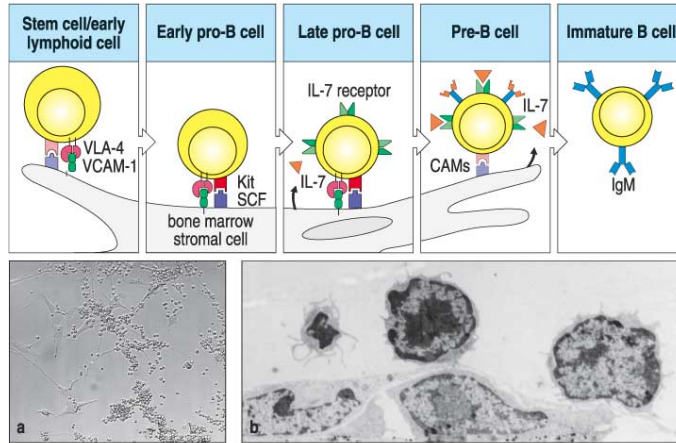


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Ordered Rearrangement of Ig Genes During B-Cell Development in the Bone Marrow

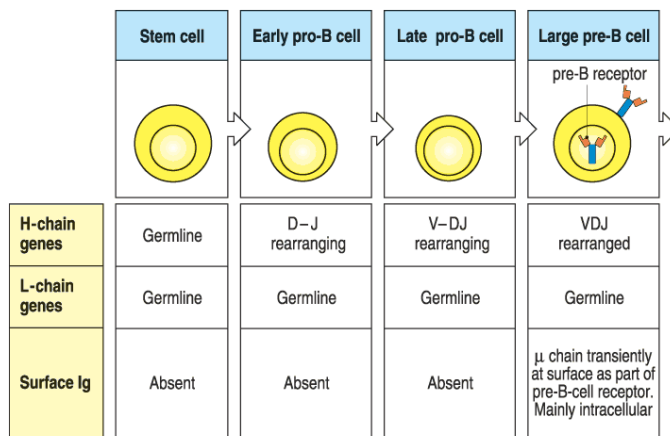
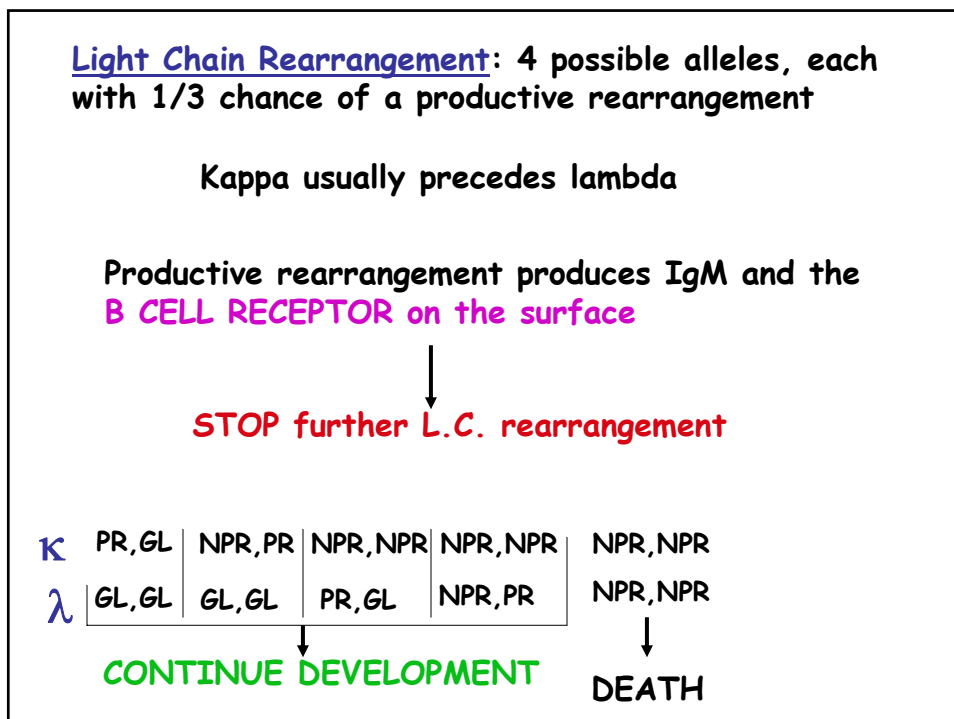
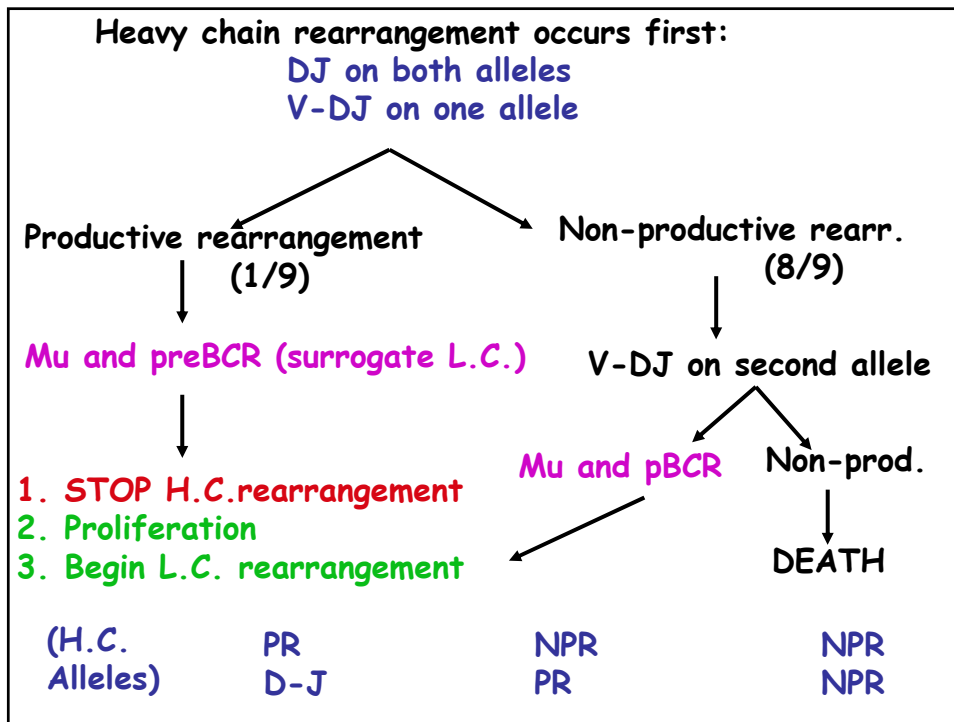


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Rearrangement of Ig alleles is ordered and regulated to achieve allelic exclusion

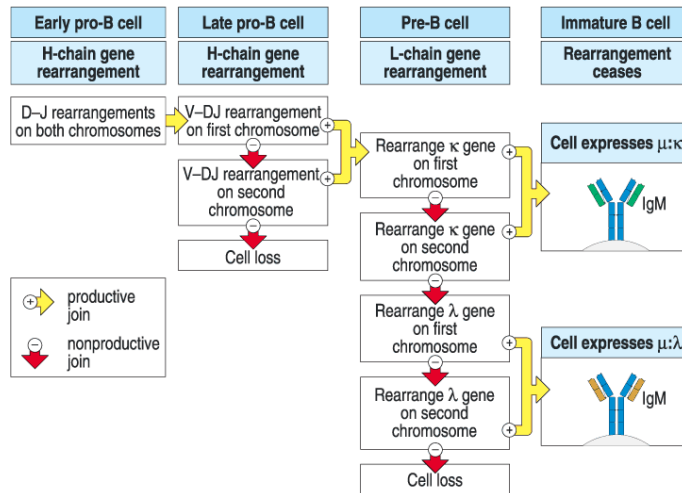


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Checkpoints which confer allelic exclusion

pBCR

BCR

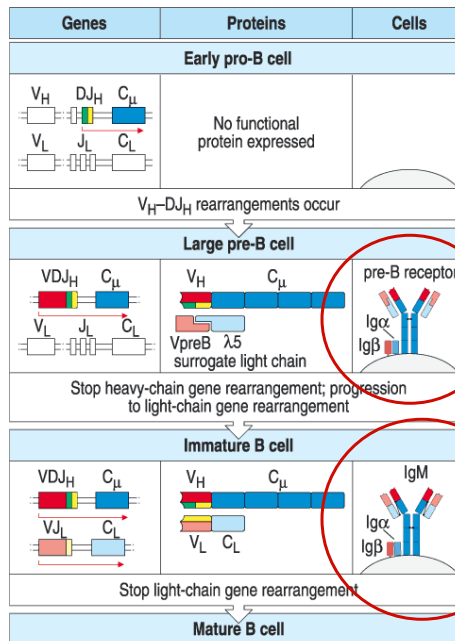


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THE B CELL RECEPTOR

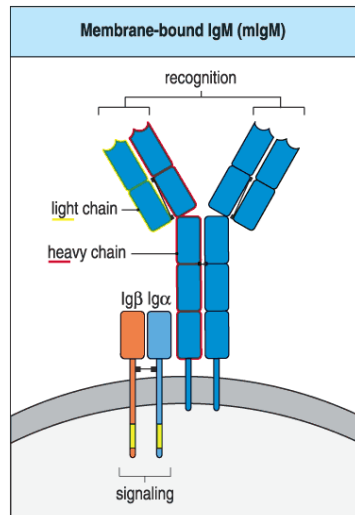


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1. Bound antigen is internalized and presented to T cells.
2. Bound antigen gives signals to the B cell to proliferate and differentiate.

Signalling from the BCR

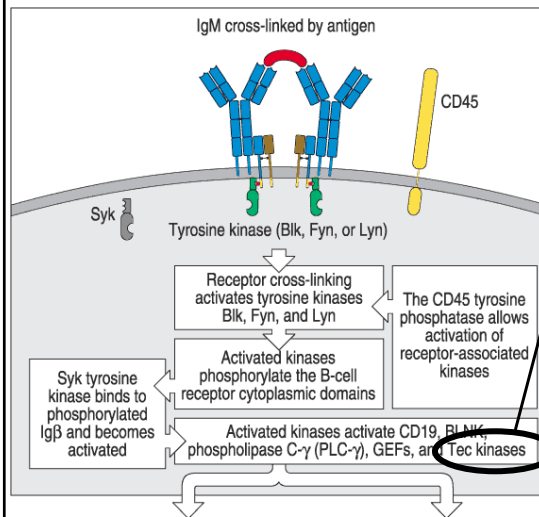


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Lack of Btk causes Bruton's XLA

(blocked at preB stage)

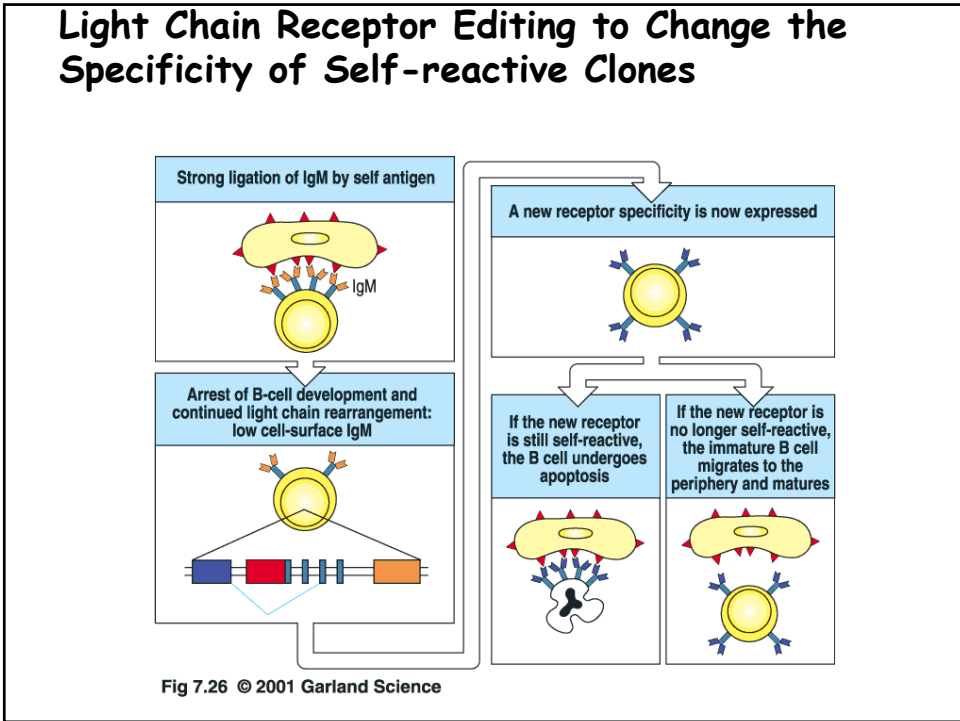
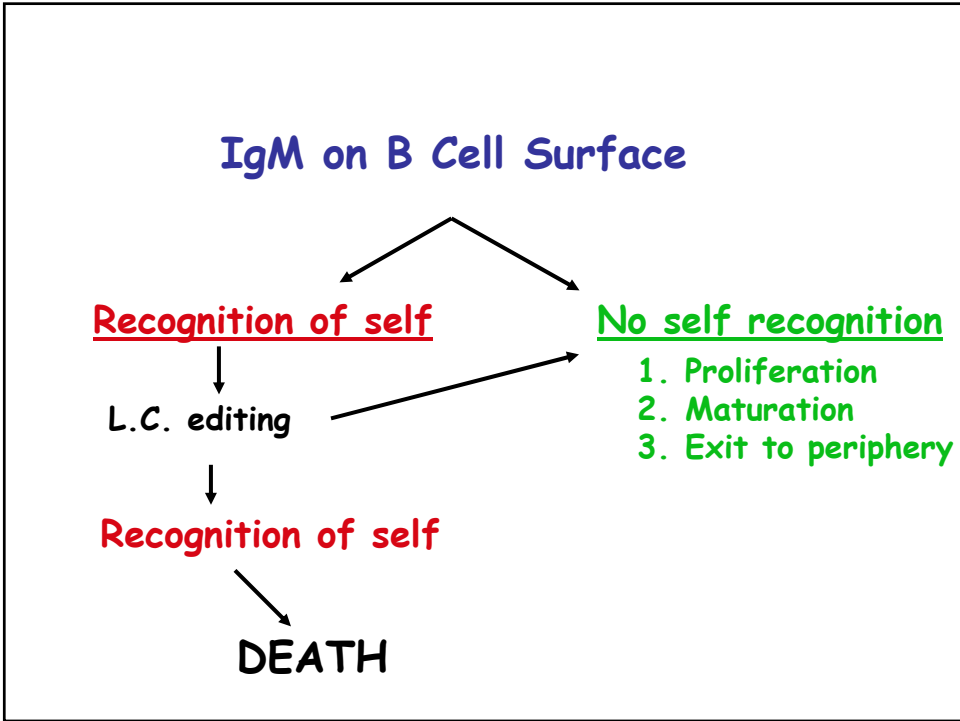







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Ig Gene Status at Different Stages Of

	B cells	Heavy-chain genes	Light-chain genes	Intra-cellular proteins	Surface marker proteins
Stem cell		Germline	Germline		CD34 CD45
Early pro-B cell		D-J rearranged	Germline	RAG-1 RAG-2 TdT λ 5 VpreB	CD34, CD45, MHC class II, CD10, CD19 CD38
Late pro-B cell		V-DJ rearranged	Germline	TdT λ 5, VpreB	CD45R, MHC class II, CD10, CD19, CD38, CD20, CD40
Large pre-B cell		VDJ rearranged	Germline	λ 5 VpreB	CD45R, MHC class II, pre-B-R, CD19, CD38, CD20, CD40
Small pre-B cell		VDJ rearranged	V-J rearrangement	μ RAG-1 RAG-2	CD45R, MHC class II, CD19, CD38, CD20, CD40

ANTIGEN INDEPENDENT (left arrow) BONE MARROW (right arrow)

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Antigen-Dependent B Cell Development

In Periphery (spleen and LN)

Antigen and T_H cells give B cells two signals:

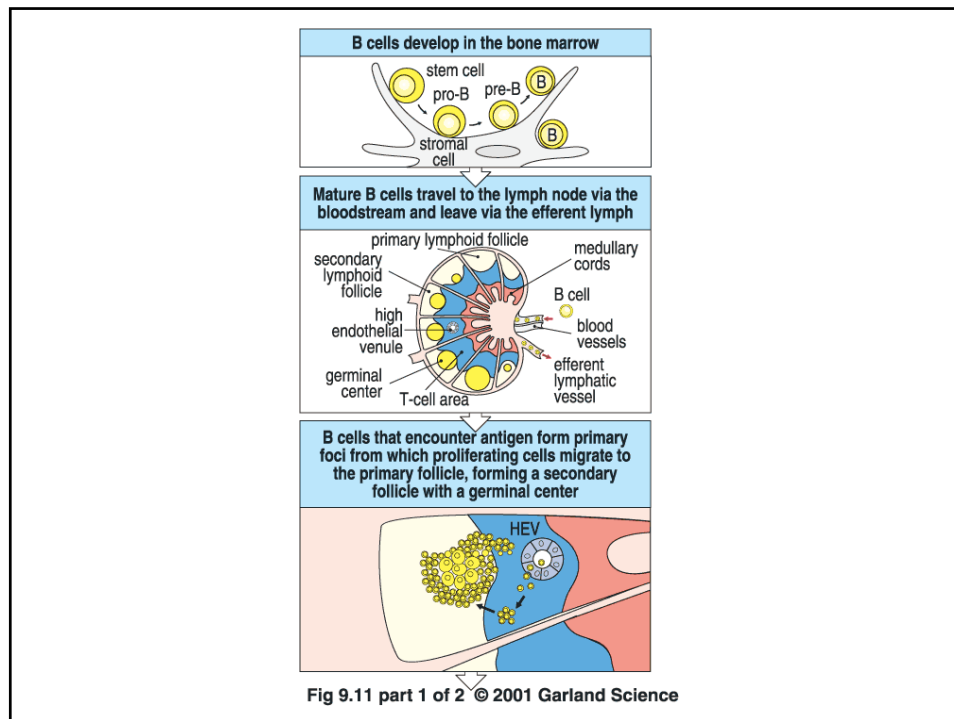
- 1) proliferate
- 2) differentiate

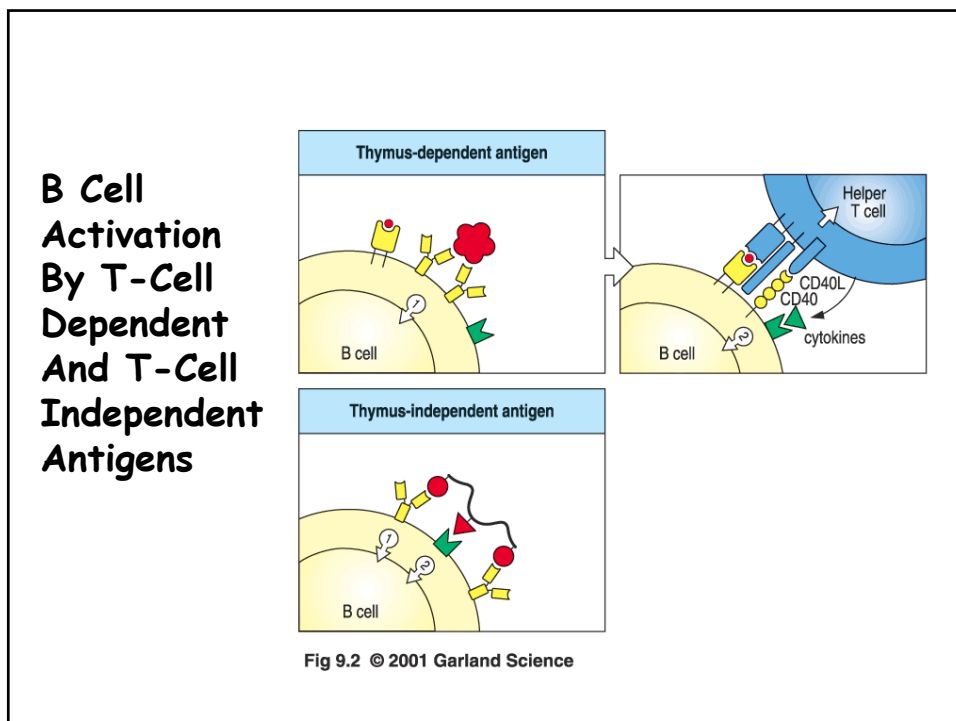
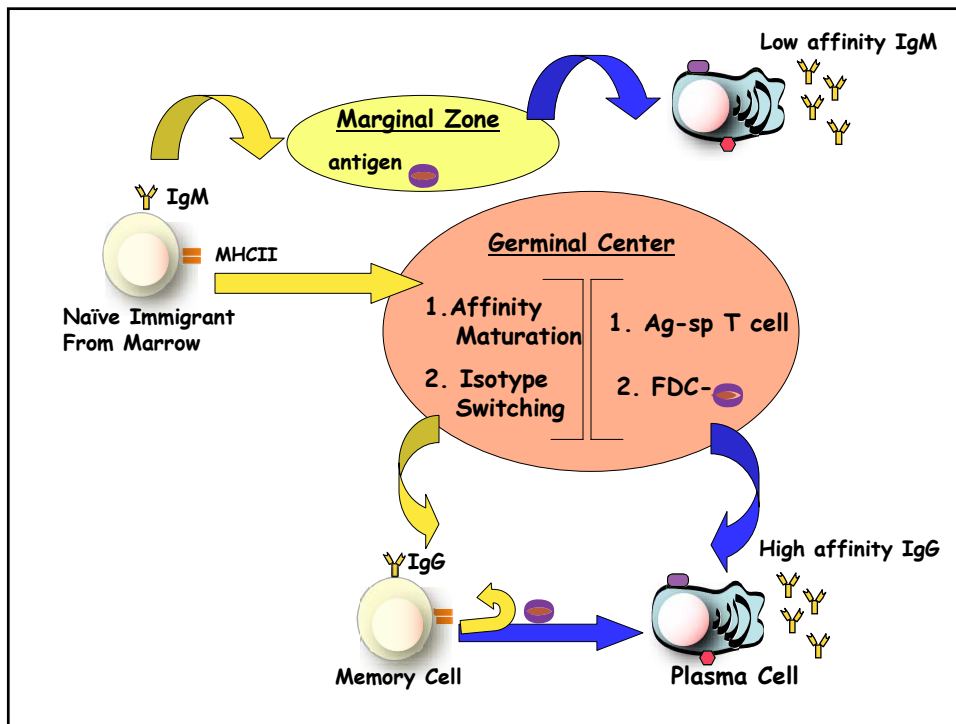
T-cell dependent responses are refined two

- ways:
- 1) higher affinity antibodies
 - 2) IgG/A/E ("switched") isotypes

Two products of B cell development:

- 1) plasma cells secrete Ig (final effector)
- 2) memory cells respond to II^o antigen





The Germinal Center

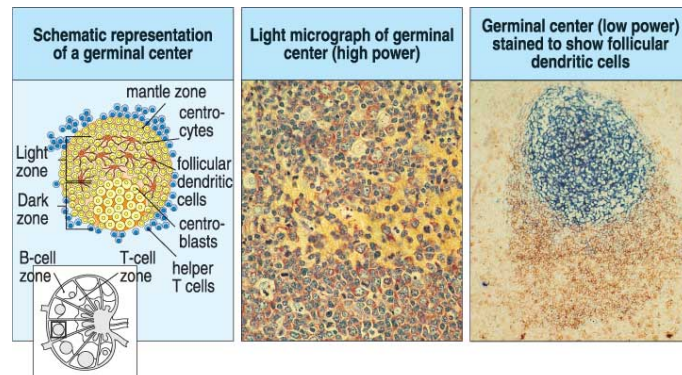


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T Cell-B Cell Communication

(B cells signal T cells by presenting Ag in association with MHC II)

T cells provide 2 kinds of help to B cells:

1. Cell-cell signals from CD40L/CD40 and other surface molecules.
2. Secreted cytokines

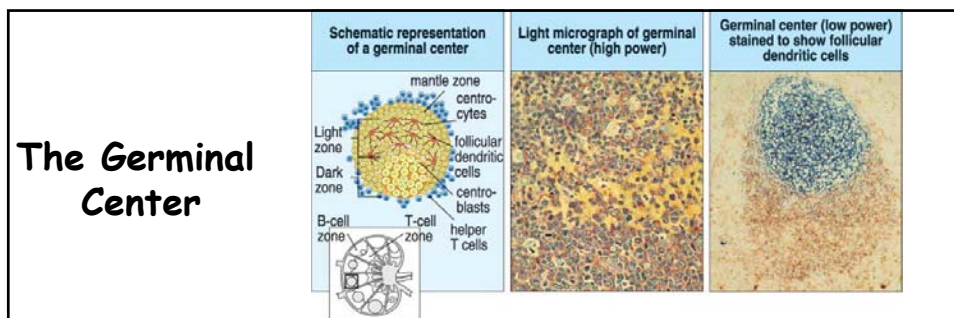
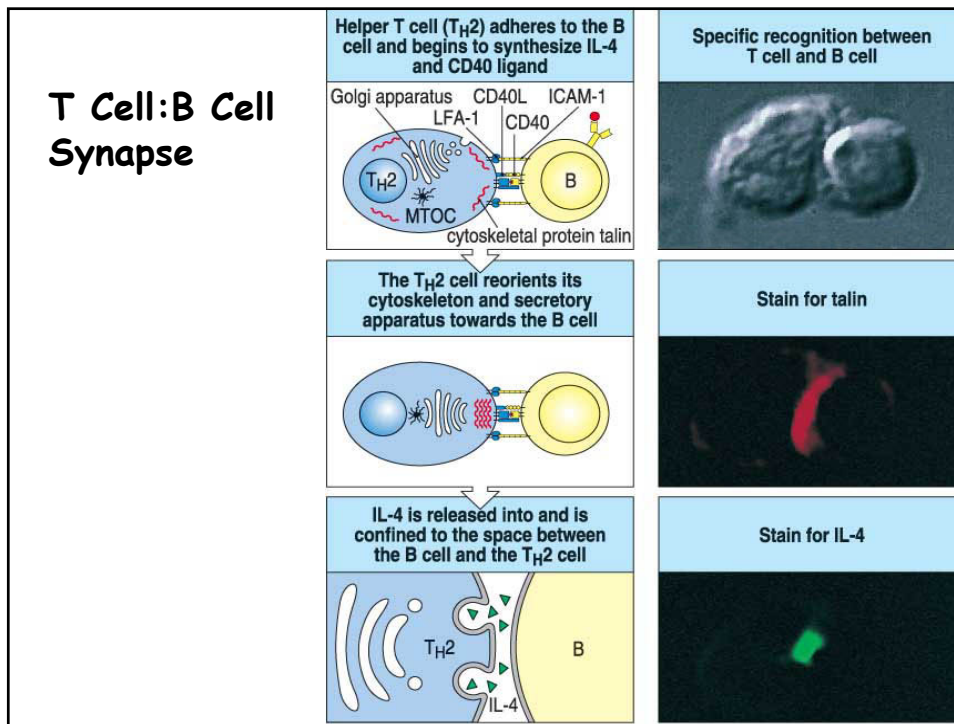
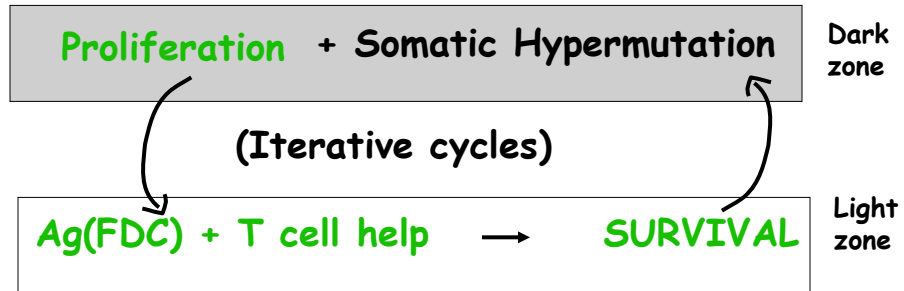


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1. **Affinity maturation**
 - a. **Somatic hypermutation**
 - b. **Selection for high affinity clones**
2. **Isotype switch recombination**
3. **Peripheral tolerance**
4. **Final maturation to memory or plasma cell.**

AFFINITY MATURATION IN THE GC



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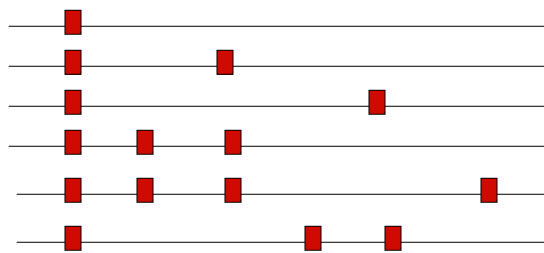
T help and no Ag
(eliminates *low affinity* clones)

or

Ag and no T help
(eliminates *self-reactive* clones, giving tolerance)

DEATH

Pattern of V Gene Mutations Provides Evidence Of Cyclical Mutation and Selection Events



Random mutation combined with selection.

B Cells Making Ig with High Affinity for Antigen Are Selectively Protected from Apoptosis in the Germinal Center.

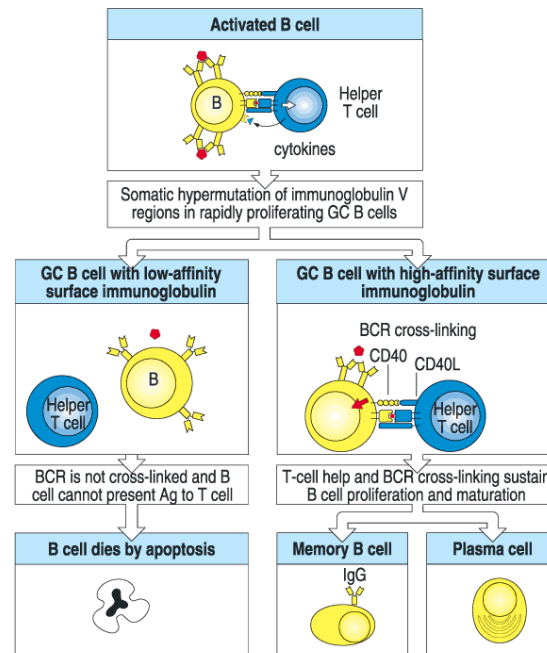


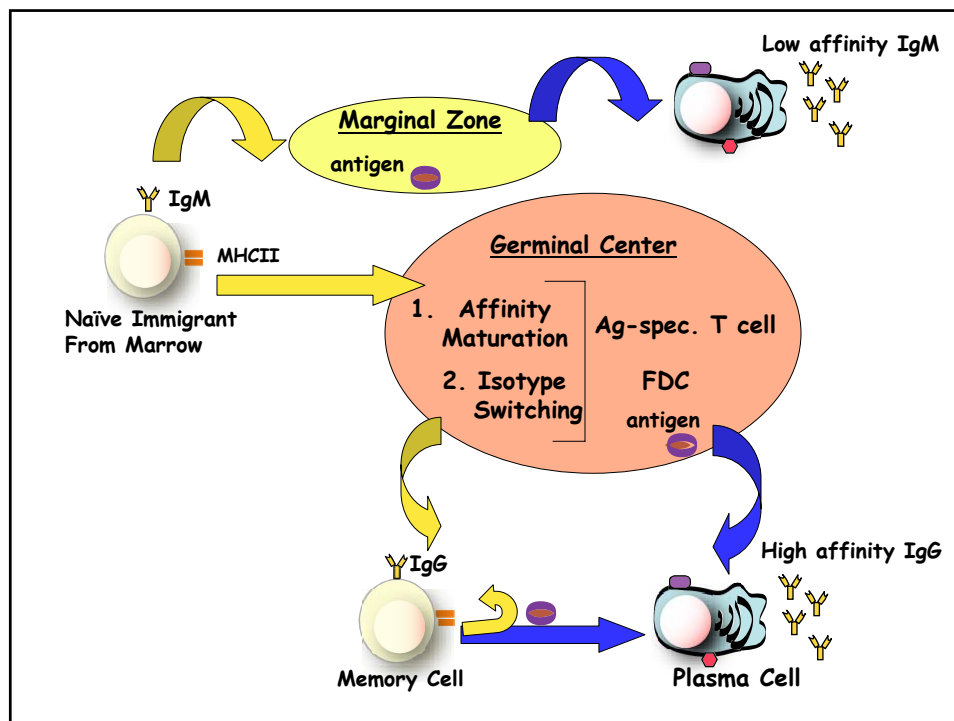
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SELECTIVE SURVIVAL IN GC

1. Selects clones producing high affinity antibody--i.e.affinity maturation
2. Eliminates self-reactive clones--peripheral tolerance.

Hyper IgM Syndrome

1. Mutations in CD40L
2. Mutations in CD40
3. Mutations in AID (or repair enzymes downstream of AID)
4. One or more other genes defined by human disease!



1. Memory B cells

Surface Ig, usually IgG

High affinity for antigen

Long-lived, even in the absence of antigen

Respond rapidly to secondary stimulation

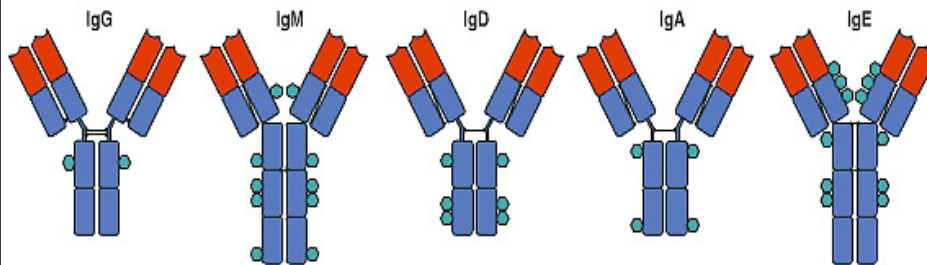
2. Plasma Cells

Secrete copious amounts of Ig, no surface Ig

Non-dividing

Some are short-lived, some become long-lived in the bone marrow

Different Ig Isotypes



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Ig Isotypes Have Different Functions and Distributions

Functional activity	IgM	IgD	IgG1	IgG2	IgG3	IgG4	IgA	IgE
Neutralization	+	-	++	++	++	++	++	-
Opsonization	-	-	+++	*	++	+	+	-
Sensitization for killing by NK cells	-	-	++	-	++	-	-	-
Sensitization of mast cells	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+++
Activates complement system	+++	-	++	+	+++	-	+	-

Distribution	IgM	IgD	IgG1	IgG2	IgG3	IgG4	IgA	IgE
Transport across epithelium	+	-	-	-	-	-	+++ (dimer)	-
Transport across placenta	-	-	+++	+	++	+/-	-	-
Diffusion into extravascular sites	+/-	-	+++	+++	+++	+++	++ (monomer)	+
Mean serum level (mg ml ⁻¹)	1.5	0.04	9	3	1	0.5	2.1	3x10 ⁻⁵

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Secreted Antibodies Function in Various Ways To Eliminate Foreign Invaders

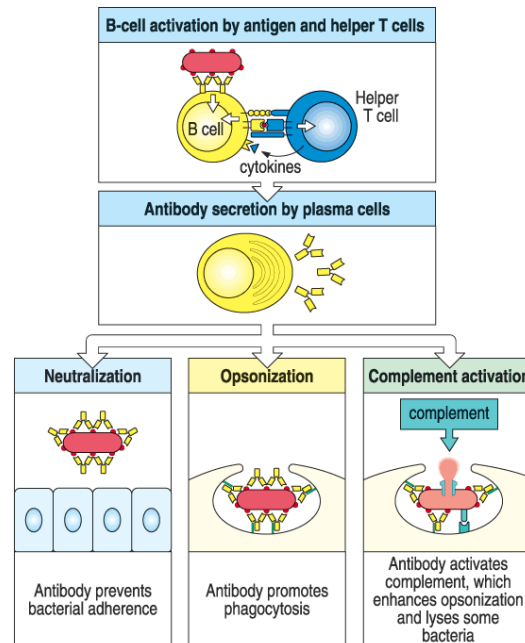


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Antibodies Can Neutralize Pathogens

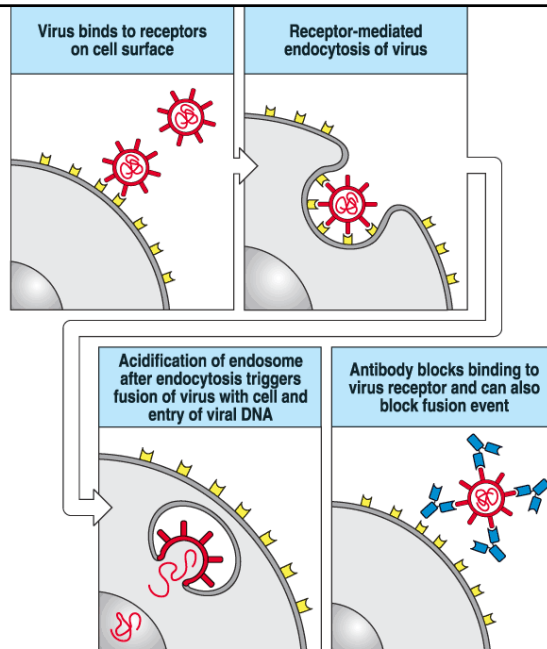


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Antibodies Activate NK Cell Killing by Engaging Fc Receptors

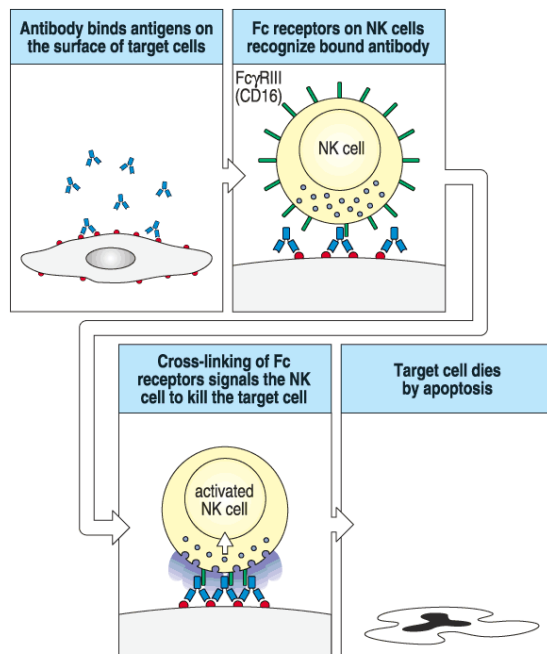


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Antibodies Activate Complement- Mediated Lysis

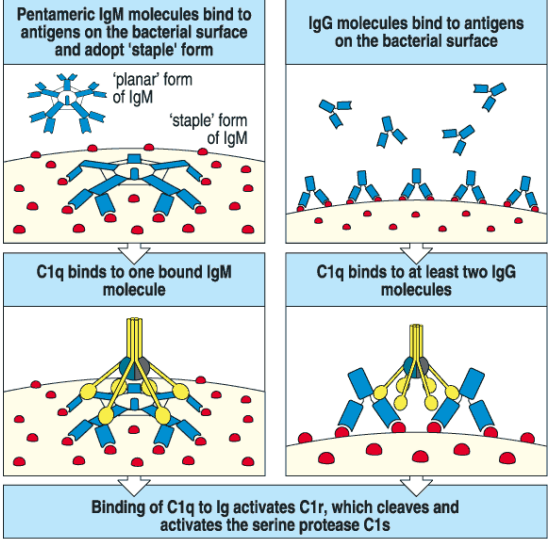


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Opsonization of Pathogens by Antibodies

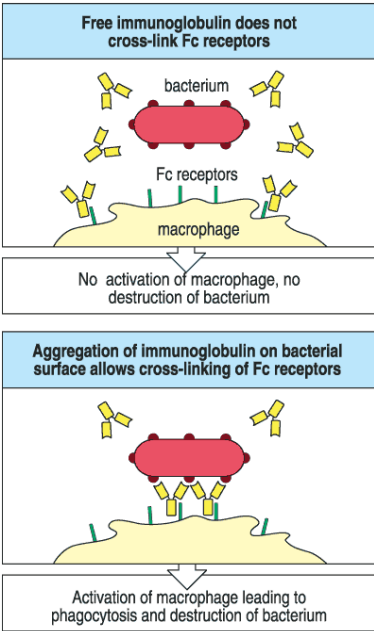


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**IgE, resident
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Causes De-
Granulation When
Antigen Is
Encountered**

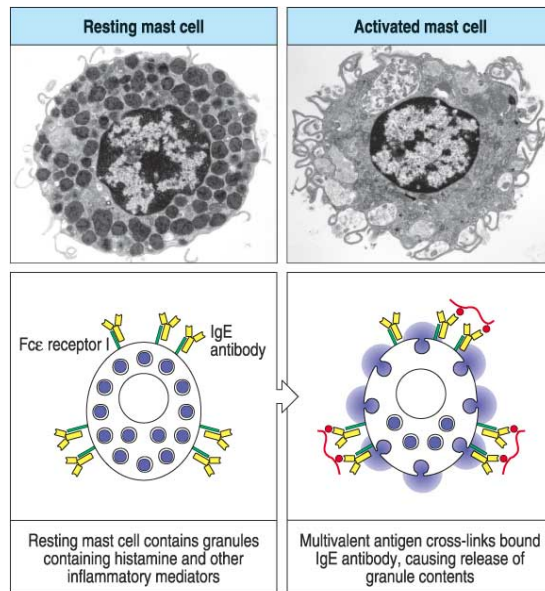


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SUMMARY

1. Antigen-independent B-cell development occurs in the bone marrow:
DNA rearrangements create a diverse primary repertoire
pBCR and BCR provide developmental checkpoints
Self-reactive clones are edited or deleted, providing central tolerance
2. Antigen-dependent B-cell development occurs in the spleen and lymph nodes:
TI responses involve repeating epitopes and TLR activation
TD responses involve cell-cell contact and soluble mediators
3. Peripheral B-cell tolerance occurs by editing, anergy or clonal deletion in the spleen.
4. Affinity maturation and CSR occur in germinal center B cells and require T cells, follicular dendritic cells and antigen. Memory cells and plasma cells emerge from the germinal center reaction.
5. Immune deficiencies result from gene defects in Btk, CD40, CD40L & AID.