

Pathophysiology



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CHEMICAL MEDIATORS OF INFLAMMATION

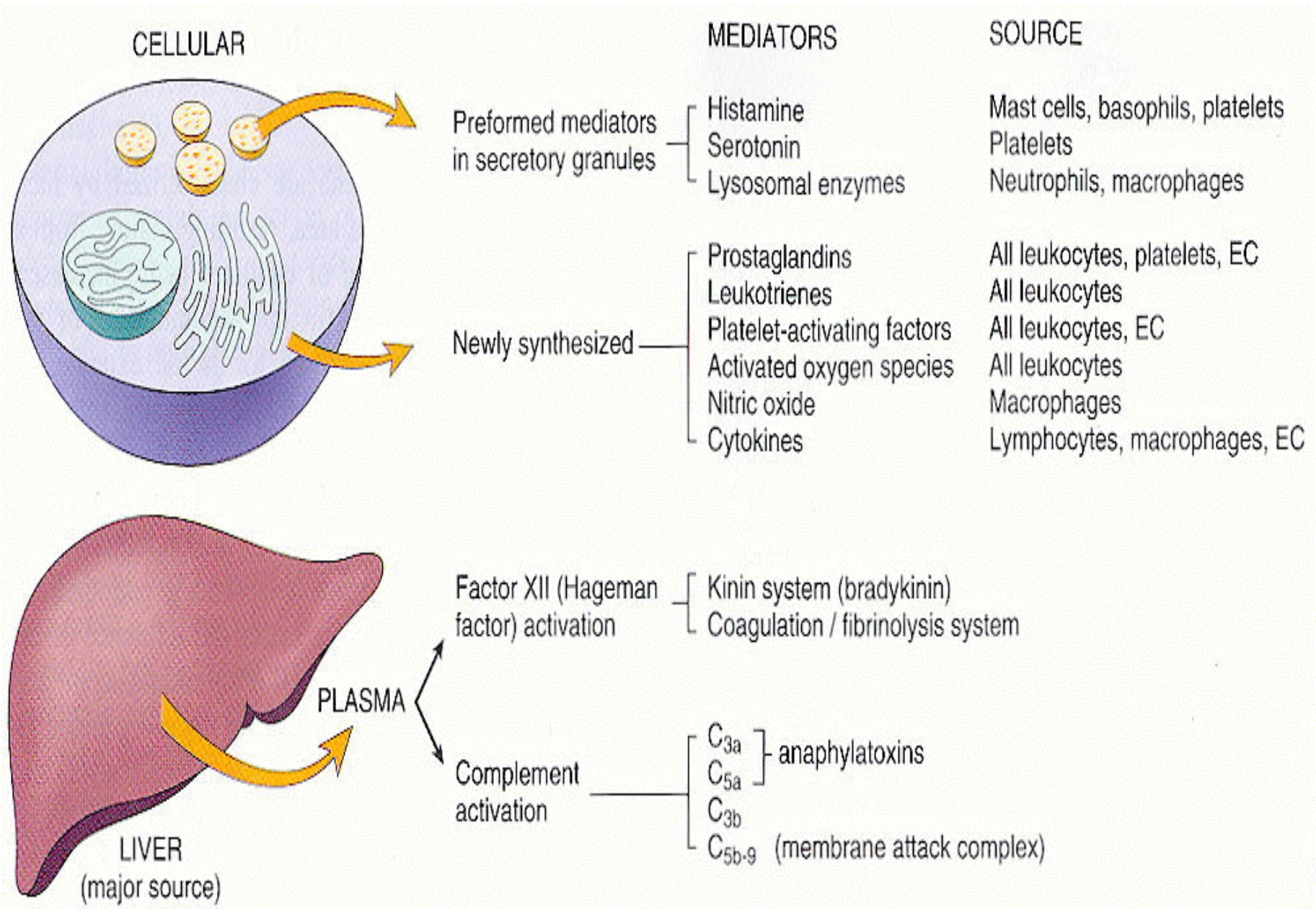
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Definition

- Any messenger that acts on blood vessels, inflammatory cells, or other cells to contribute to an inflammatory response.



CHEMICAL MEDIATORS by EVENT

- **Vasodilation**

Prostaglandins, Nitric Oxide, Histamine

- **Increased Vascular Permeability**

Vasoactive amines (histamine, serotonin), C3a and C5a, Bradykinin, Leukotrienes, PAF

- **Chemotaxic Leukocyte Activation**

C5a, LTB4, Chemokines (IL-1, IL-8, TNF-alpha), bacterial products (LPS)

CHEMICAL MEDIATORS by EVENT

- **Fever**

IL-1, IL-6, TNF-alpha, Prostaglandins

- **Pain**

Prostaglandins, Kinines (Bradykinin, Substance P)

- **Tissue Damage**

Neutrophil and Macrophage products

Lysosomal enzymes

Oxygen metabolites

Nitric Oxide

VASOACTIVE AMINES

- **Histamine**

- Histamine mainly from mast cells
- **Vasodilation and Increase Vascular Permeability**
- Contraction of non-vascular smooth muscle (bronchi)
- Stimulate cells to produce eotaxins(attract eosinophils)

VASOACTIVE AMINES

- Releasing Stimulators
 - Direct physical or chemical injury
 - Binding of IgE-Ag-complexes
 - Fragments of C3a and C5a
 - Cytokines (IL-1, IL-8)
 - Neuropeptides (subs. P)

ARACHIDONIC ACID METABOLITES

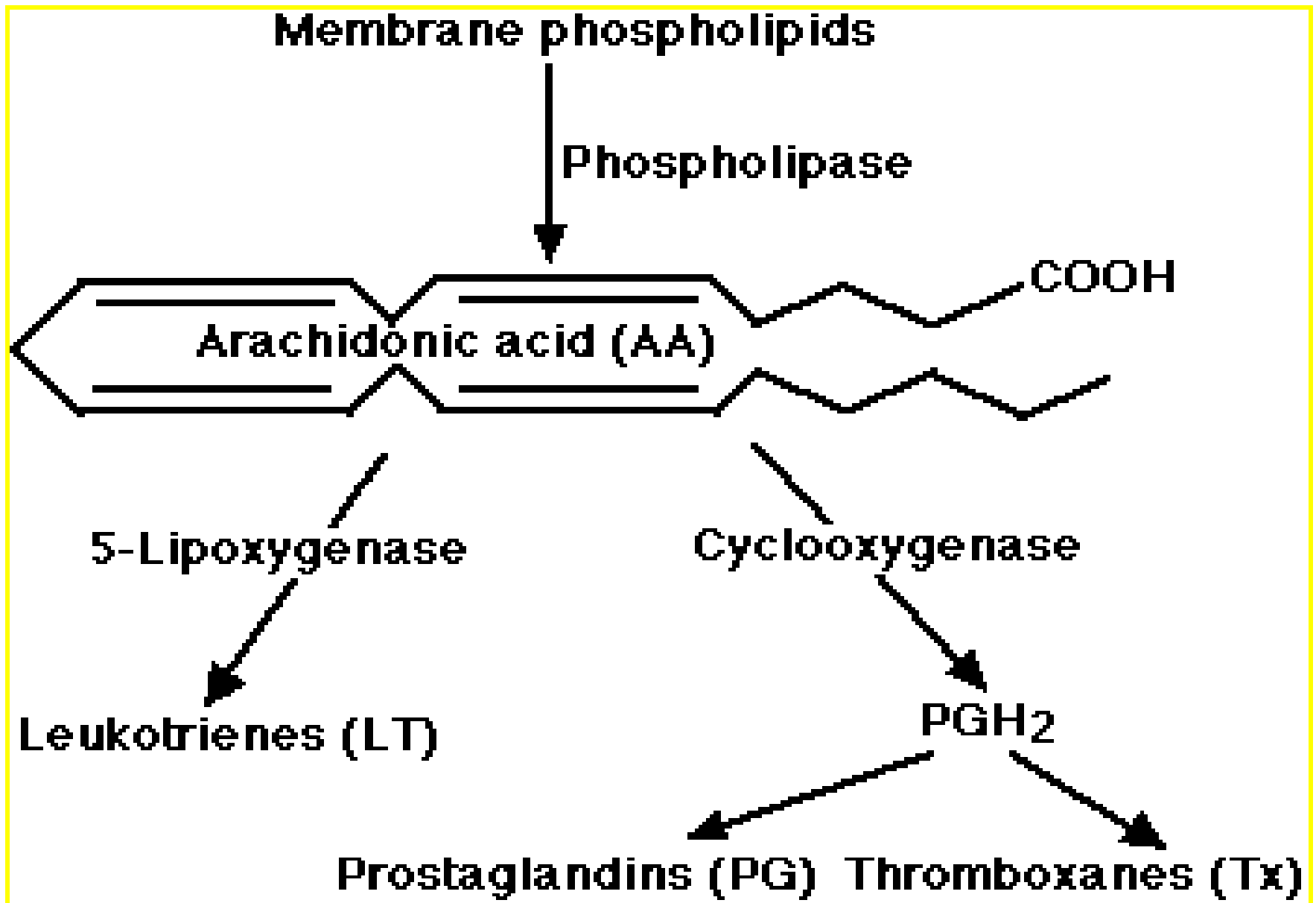
- Physiologic and pathologic processes (inflammation)
- Produced by endothelial cells, leukocytes and platelets
- Act on smooth muscle, endothelium and platelets

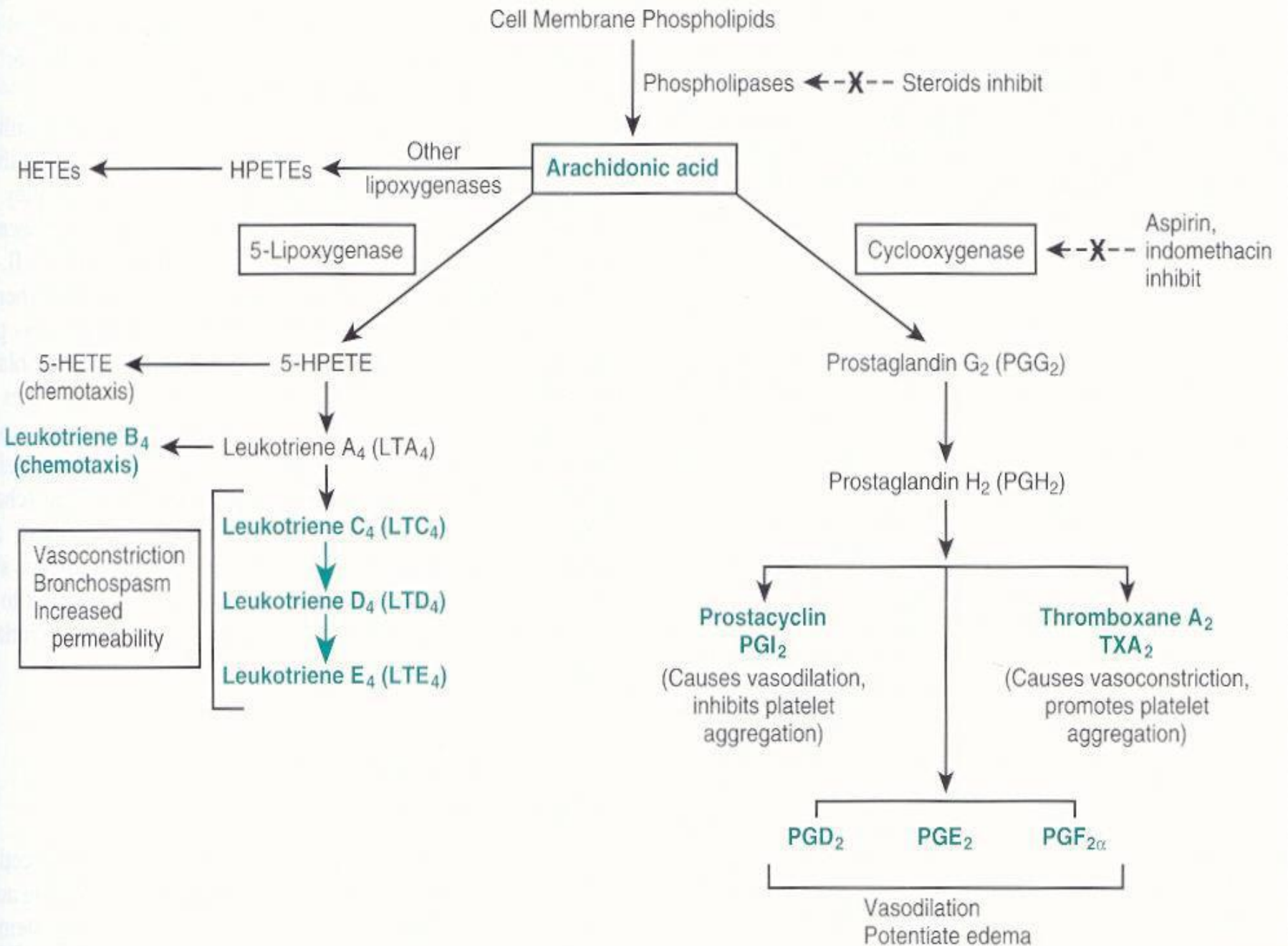
➤ **Origin:**

- ✓ **Arachidonic acid-derived from linoleic acid**
- ✓ Esterified in membrane phospholipids
- ✓ Must first be released from phospholipids by activated phospholipases

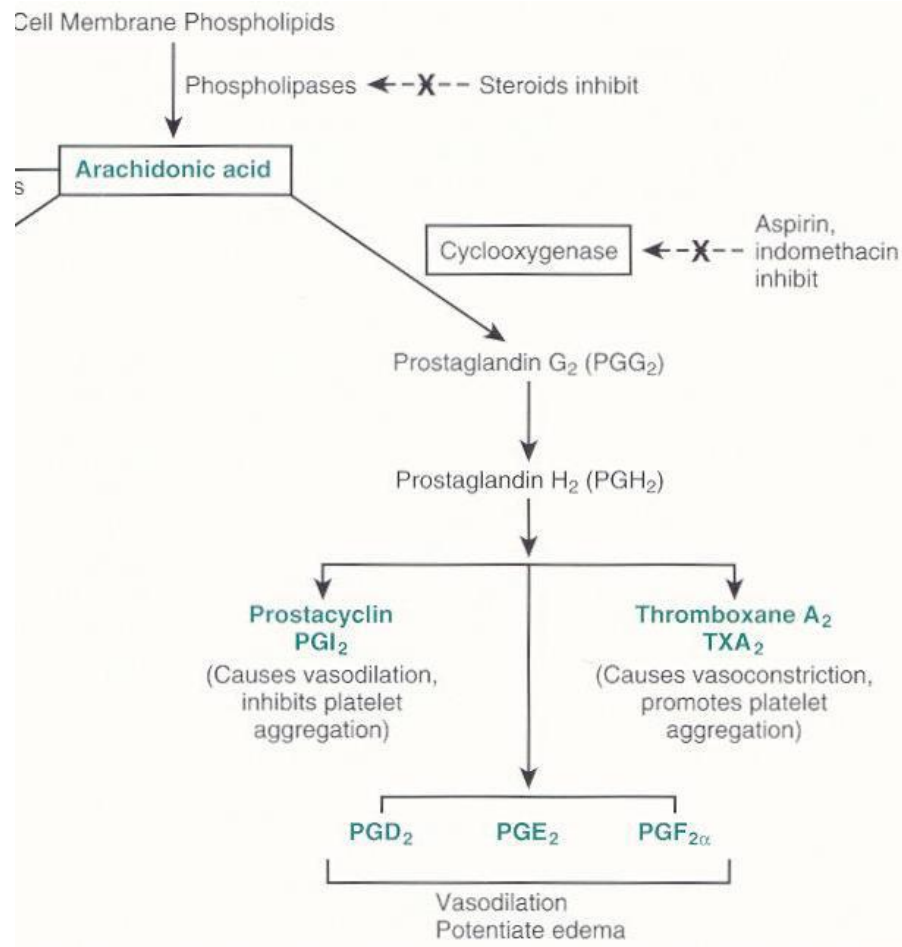
➤ **Two pathways:**

- ✓ Cyclooxygenase (COX)
- ✓ Lipoxygenase





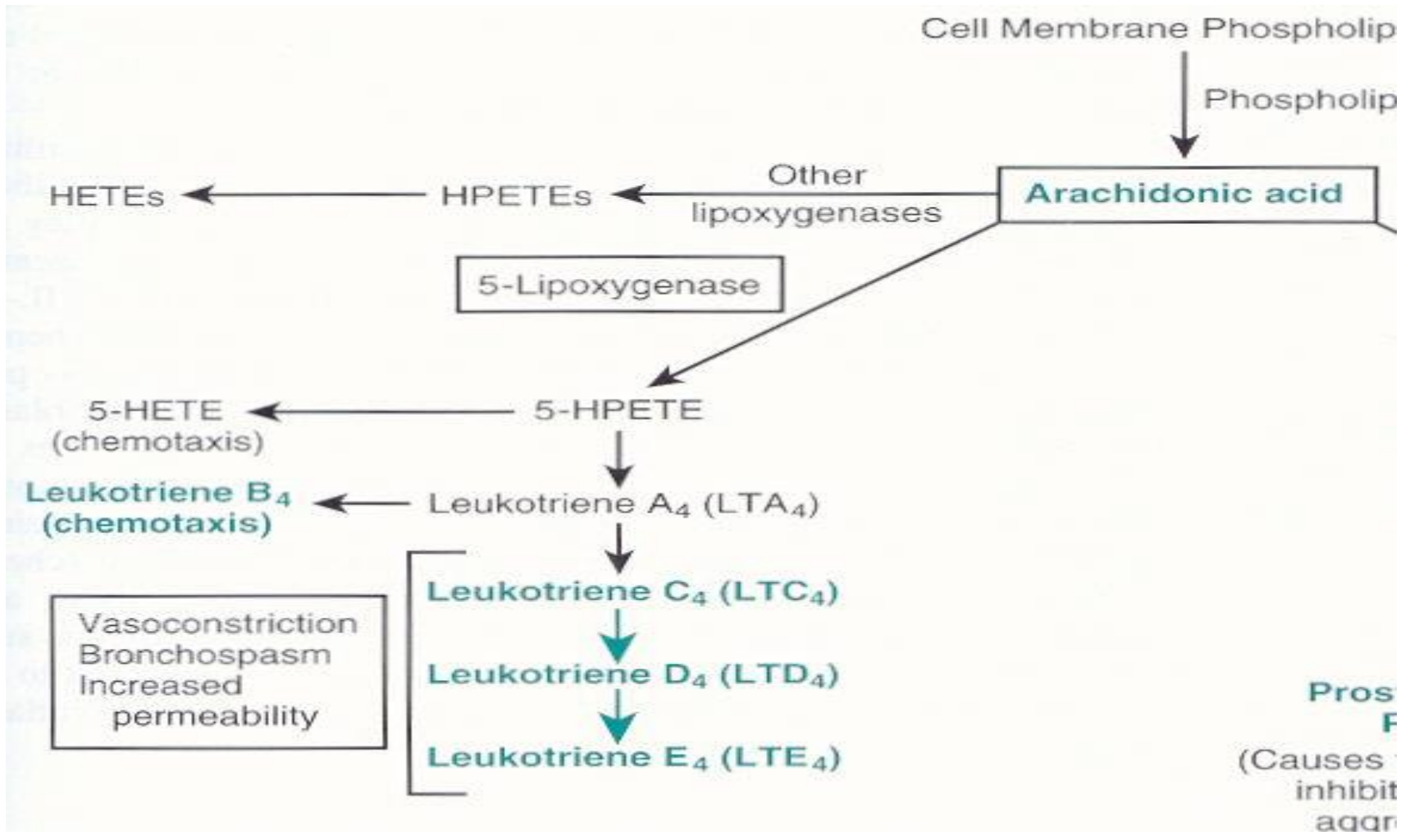
CYCLOOXYGENASE PATHWAY



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- 2 cyclooxygenase enzymes
 - COX-1
 - COX-2
- 3 important products
 - Thromboxane A₂
 - Aggregates platelets and causes vasoconstriction
 - Prostacyclin (PGI₂)
 - Endothelial cells inhibits platelet aggregation and causes vasodilation
 - Prostaglandins PGE₂, PGF₂ and PGD₂
 - Variety of actions on vascular tone and permeability

LIPOXYGENASE PATHWAY



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- Leukotrienes
- Leukotriene B₄ is a potent chemotactic agent
- Leukotrienes C₄, D₄, E₄
 - Potent vasoconstrictors
 - Potent mediators of increased vascular permeability on venules only
 - Up to 1000 times as potent as histamine in producing increased vascular permeability

LYSOSOMAL CONSTITUENTS:

Granules of neutrophils, macrophages, lymphocytes, eosinophils and mast cells

Purpose

- **Increase vascular permeability**

- Histamine

- **Chemotaxis**

- Histamine

- **Degradation of ECM**

- Collagenase, hydrolase, protease (trypsin), elastase

- **Kill infected cells and/or infectious organisms**

- Lactoferrin, lysozyme, myeloperoxidase, major basic protein, granzyme/perforin
(T Lymphocytes)

- Oxygen-independent mechanisms

PLATELET ACTIVATING FACTOR

- Produced by platelets, endothelial cells, leukocytes
- Functions:
 - Platelet aggregation and release
 - Bronchoconstriction
 - Vasodilation and vascular permeability
 - Increase leukocyte adhesion
 - Leukocyte chemotaxis, oxydative burst

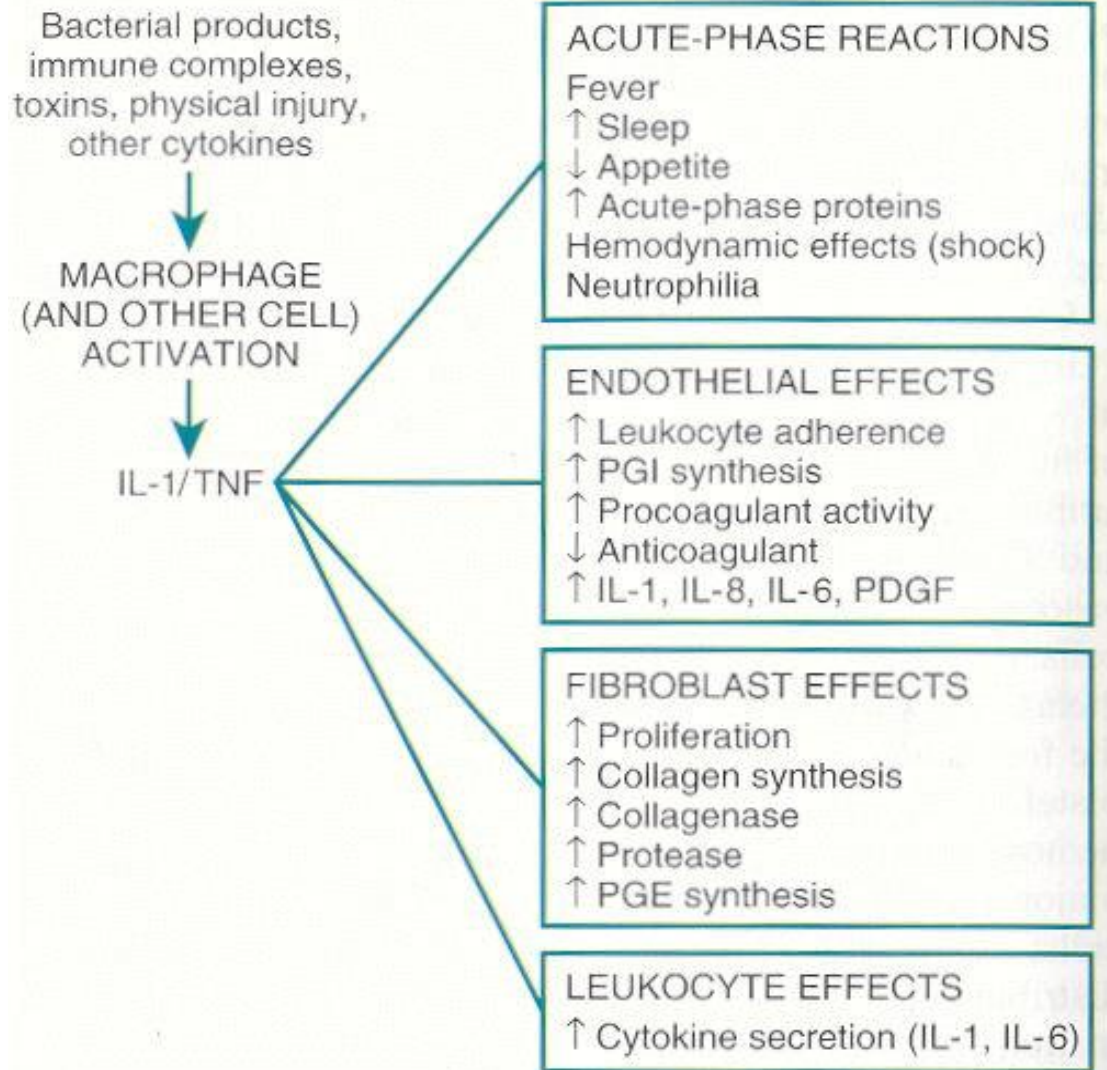
CYTOKINES

- Transmitters for cell-to-cell chatting
 - Modulate cell function
- Primarily from activated macrophages and lymphocytes
- IL-1, IL-8, TNF

IL-1 and TNF

Master Cytokines”

- Origin
 - Monocytes
 - Macrophages
- Similar in action
- Effects:
 - Systemic
 - Endothelium
 - Fibroblasts
 - Leukocytes



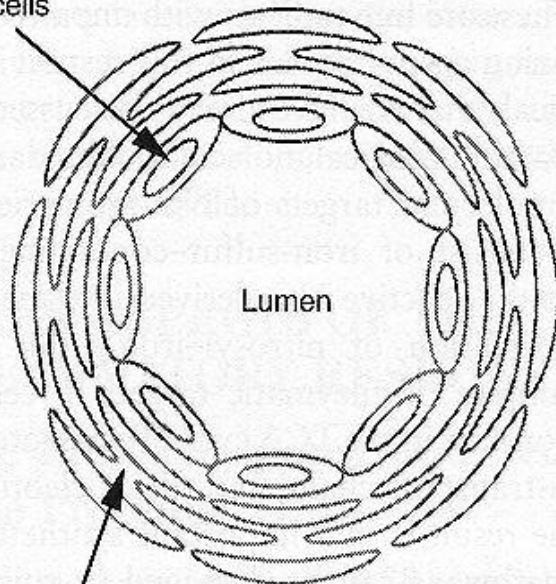
NITRIC OXIDE (NO)

- Nitric oxide is synthesized from L-arginine by NOS
- Effects:
 - Smooth muscle relaxation -VASODILATION
 - Bactericidal
 - Reduce platelet aggregation and adhesion

NORMAL

Small blood vessel

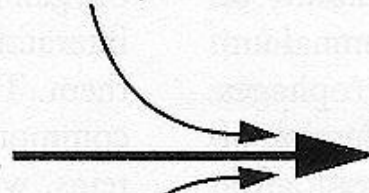
Endothelial cells



Smooth muscle of wall

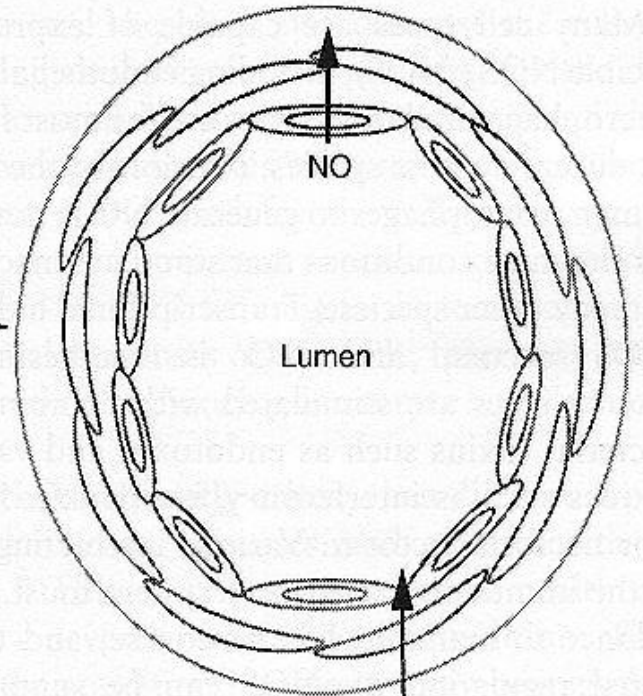
Average smooth muscle tone and dilatation

Physiological endothelial activation, Ca^{++} influx, and activation of NOS, usually cNOS



Inflammatory activation of endothelia within the vessels or Inflammation in the tissues, e.g., NO synthesis by macrophages

DILATED

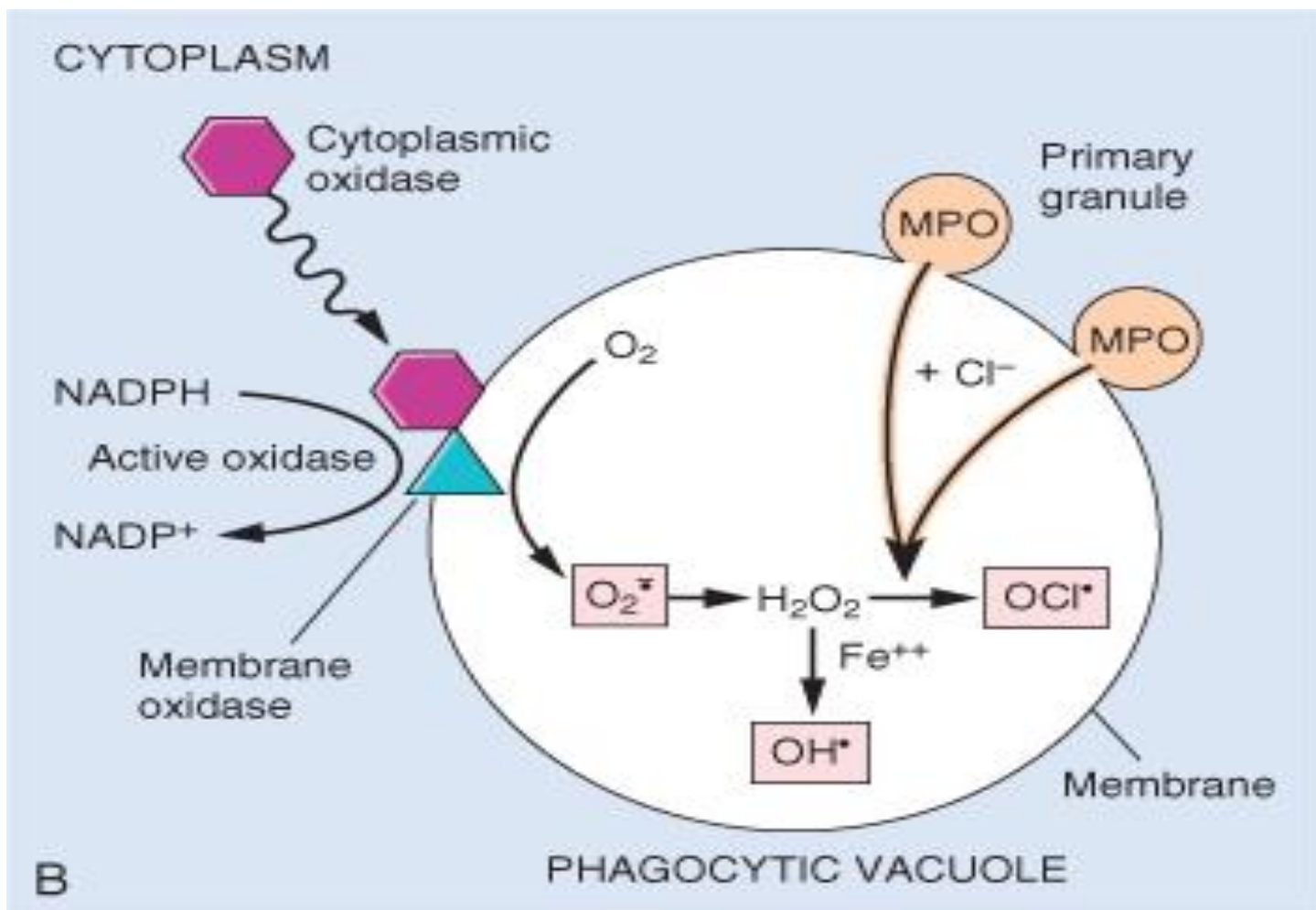


NO



OXYGEN-DERIVED FREE RADICALS

- Include:
 - hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2), superoxide anion (O_2^-) and hydroxyl radicals ($\text{OH}\bullet$)
- Cause endothelial damage –increased vascular permeability
- Inhibit antiproteases –damage to ECM
- Injury to variety of cells



PLASMA PROTEASES

- 3 interrelated systems are active within this category

1. Kinin system

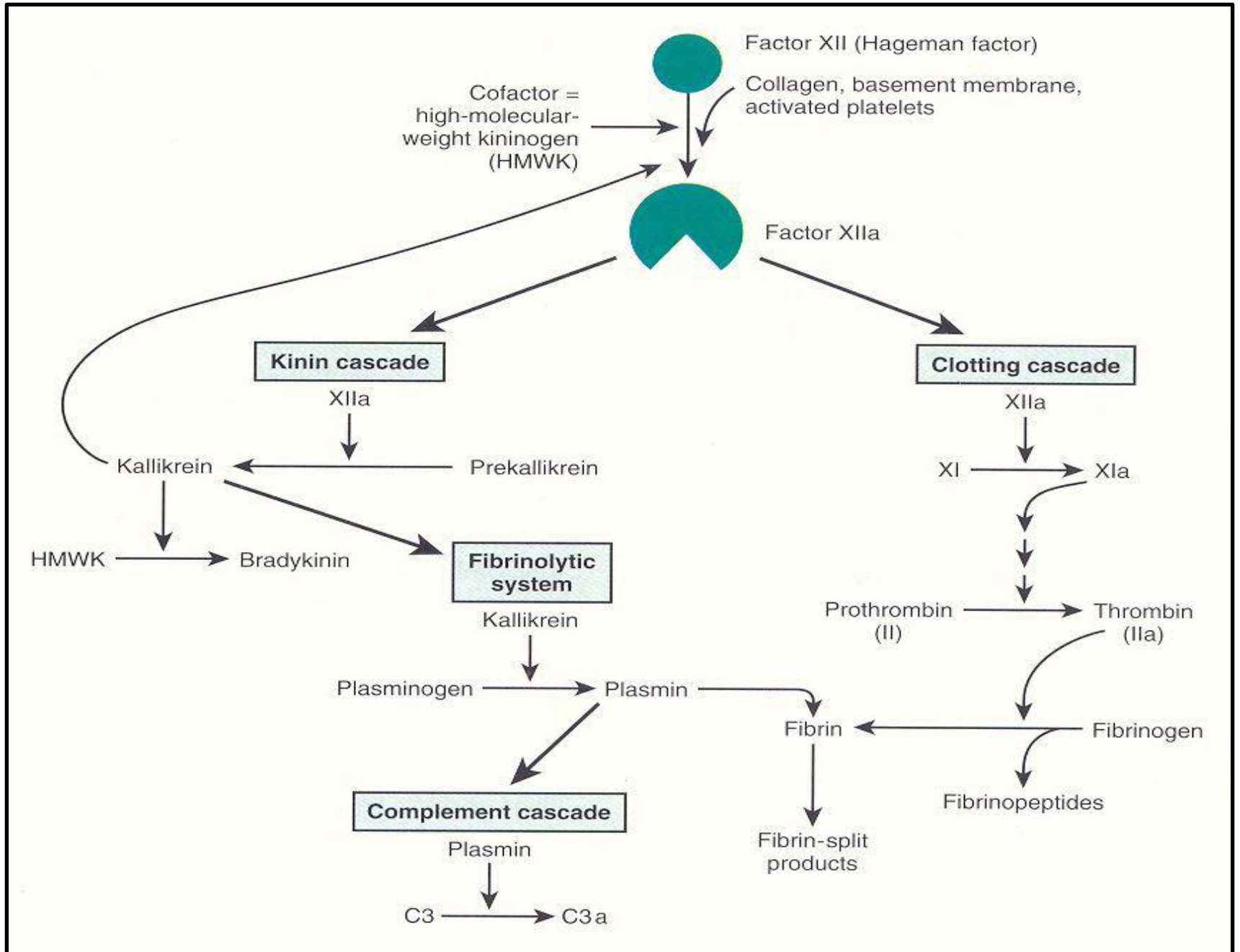
- » Highly vasoactive

2. Complement system

- Vasoactive
- Chemotactic

3. Clotting system

- Vasoactive
- Cleaves C3



KININ SYSTEM

- Activated by Hageman factor (XIIa)
- Bradykinin
 - Generated from the plasma
 - Potent vasodilator
 - Contraction of smooth muscle
 - Produces pain
 - Stimulates release of histamine
 - Increased vascular permeability
 - Activates the arachidonic acid cascade

COAGULATION SYSTEM

Plasma proteins (inactive)

- Intrinsic pathway -Hageman factor(XII)
- Extrinsic pathway

Thrombin converts fibrinogen to fibrin

- Fibrinopeptides are formed
- RESULT: Increase vascular permeability and chemotaxis for leukocytes**

Plasmin(mainly lyses fibrin clots):

- Activates Hageman factor (XII) \Rightarrow bradykinin
- Cleaves C3 into C3a (active)
- "fibrin-split products" formed from fibrin breakdown
- RESULT: Increase vascular permeability**

COMPLEMENT SYSTEM

- Plasma proteins - act against microbial agents
- Products of activated complement
 - Vascular permeability
 - Chemotaxis
 - Opsonization
 - Lysis

COMPLEMENT SYSTEM

- Classical pathway
- Alternate pathway
- Common pathway
- Important inflammatory mediators
 - C3a and C5a (anaphylatoxins)
 - Cause release of histamine from mast cells
 - Lysosomal enzyme release in inflammatory cells
 - C5a
 - Activates lipoxygenase pathway
 - Chemotactic many inflammatory cells
 - Increases adhesion of leukocytes

CLASSICAL PATHWAY

Antigen-antibody (IgG or IgM) complex

C1 → Activated C1

Classical pathway C3 convertase

Classical pathway C5 convertase

C4 + C2

C4b2b

C4b2b3b

LECTIN PATHWAY

C1 → Activated C1

Mannose-binding lectin

C3

C3a

C5

C5a

Also generated via plasmin or lysosomal proteases

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY

C3 → C3b
Microbial surfaces
Polysaccharides

Factor B

Factor D

Alternative pathway C3 convertase
Stabilized by properdin

Alternative pathway C5 convertase

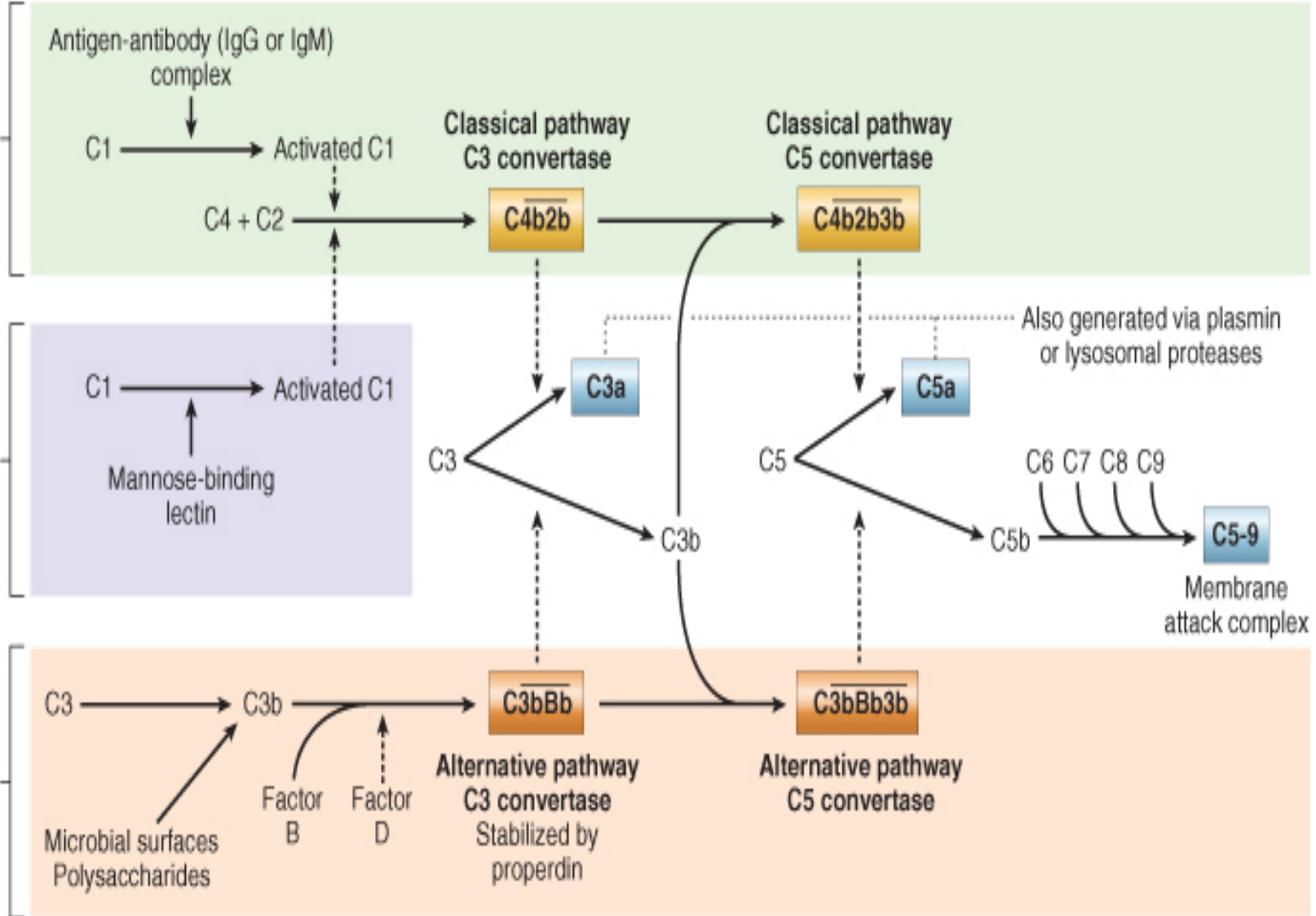
C3bBb

C3bBb3b

C6 C7 C8 C9

C5-9

Membrane attack complex



INFLAMMATORY CELLS

- Polymorphonuclear neutrophils
- Eosinophils
- Basophils
- Lymphocytes
- Plasma cells
- Mononuclear-Phagocyte System

POLYMORPHONUCLEAR NEUTROPHILS

- Granulocytes
- Granules contain:
 - Proteases,
 - Myeloperoxidase,
 - Lysozyme, Esterase,
 - Aryl sulfate,
 - Cationic proteins,
 - Acid and Alkaline phosphatase
- **Function:**
 - Initial phagocytosis
 - Engulfment

EOSINOPHILS

- Larger than Neutrophils,
- Similar in function and Structure
- Granules
 - Richer in Myeloperoxidase
 - Lack in lysozyme
- Give Inflammatory response in following condition
 - Allergic condition
 - Parasitic infestations
 - Skin diseases

BASOPHILS

- Morphological and Pharmacological similar to Mast cell
- Coarse granules
- Receptors for IgE
- Degranulated when crosslinked with antigen
- Role:
 - Immediate and delayed type of hypersensitivity reaction
 - Release of Histamine

LYMPHOCYTES

- Present in Blood, Spleen, Thymus, lymph nodes
- Give following type of inflammatory reaction
 - In tissue, they are dominant cells in chronic inflammation and late stage of acute inflammation
 - In Blood, there number increased in chronic infections like Tuberculosis

PLASMA CELLS

- Larger than Lymphocytes with more abundant cytoplasm
- Rich in RNA and γ -globulin in their cytoplasm
- Their number increased in following conditions
 - Prolonged infection with immunological response
 - Hypersensitivity states
 - Multiple myeloma

CHRONIC INFLAMMATION

Defined as a prolonged process in which tissue destruction and inflammation occur at the same time.

CHRONIC INFLAMMATION

- Caused by 3 ways:
 1. Chronic inflammation following acute inflammation
 2. Recurrent attack of acute inflammation
 3. Chronic inflammation starting:
when the infection with organisms of low pathogenicity is chronic from the beginning.
E.g. Tuberculosis

TYPE OF CHRONIC INFLAMMATION

- Divided into 2 types
 1. **Non-specific:** When the irritant substance produces a non-specific chronic inflammatory reaction with formation of granulation tissue and healing by fibrosis.
e.g. Chronic ulcer
 2. **Specific:** When the injurious agent causes a characteristic histologic tissue response e.g. tuberculosis, Leprosy

GRANULOMATOUS INFLAMMATION

- **Granuloma** defined as a circumscribed, tiny lesion, about 1 mm in diameter, composed predominantly of collection of modified macrophages called **epithelioid cells** and rimmed at the periphery by lymphoid cells.
- **Epithelioid cells** called because of their epithelial cell-like appearance, are modified macrophages, having pale staining abundant cytoplasm, vesicular and lightly staining sliper-shaped nucleus, weakly phagocytic.

- **Giant cells:**
 - Formed by fusion of adjacent epithelioid cells and have 20 or more nuclei.
 - Weakly Phagocytic but produce secretory products which help in removing the invading agents.
- **Necrosis:**
 - May be feature of some Granulomatous conditions
- **Fibrosis:**
 - Due to proliferation of fibroblasts at the periphery of granuloma.

