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# Introduction

General etiology. General pathology.  
Cell injury. Cellular pathological  
processes

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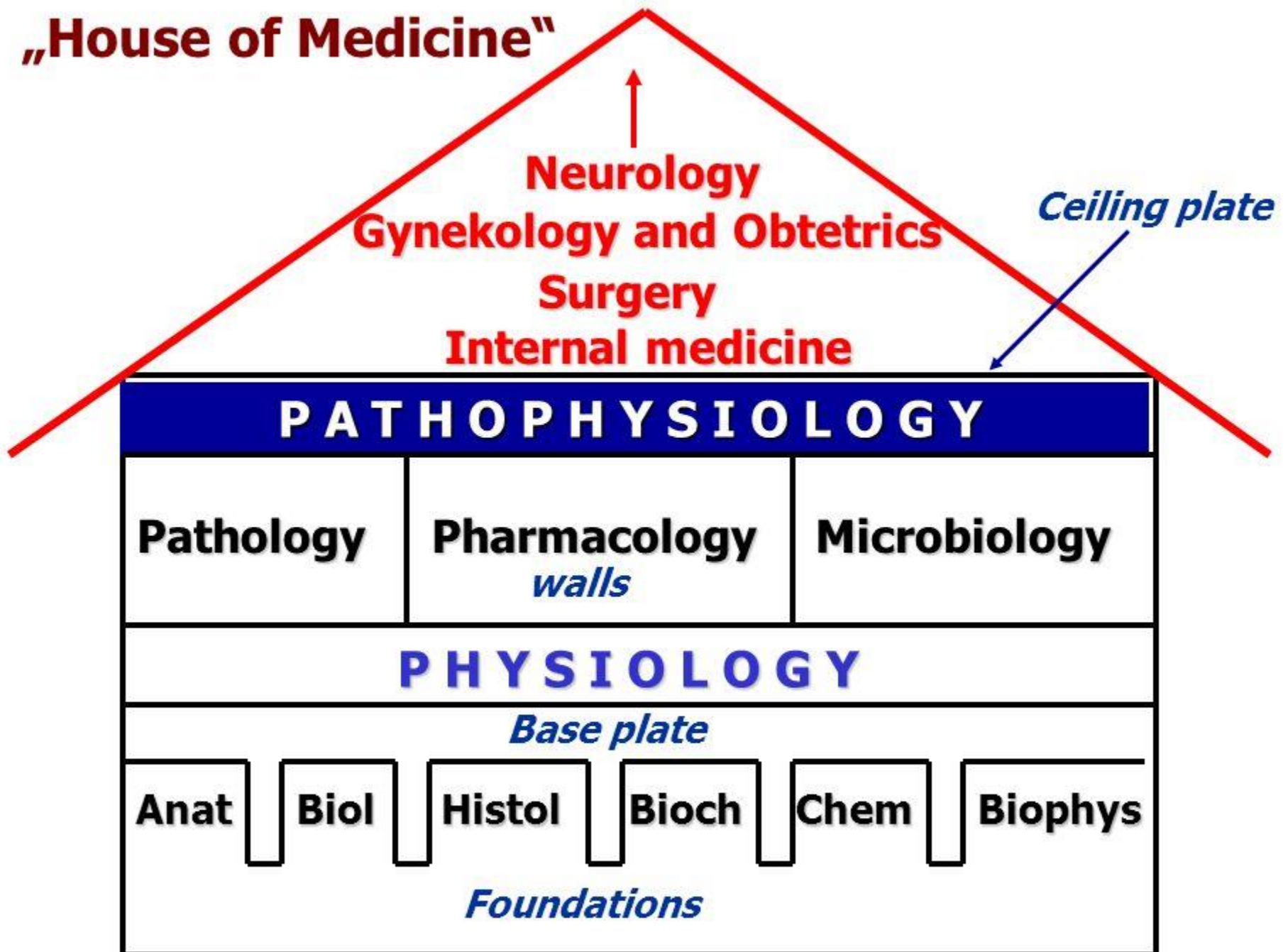
# What is the pathophysiology?

- it is a science which study general laws of origin, onset, evolution and resolution of pathological processes and complex of biochemical, morphological and functional changes at the molecular, cellular, tissular, organ and system level.



- Pathophysiology – gr. pathos = disease, pain, suffering; logos = science

# „House of Medicine“





# COMPARTMENT OF PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

## Pathophysiology

THEORETICAL

GENERAL

SPECIAL

CLINICAL

**GENERAL  
NOSOLOGY**  
ETIOLOGY  
PATHOGENY  
SANOGENESIS  
STRUCTURE OF  
DISESE  
CLASSIFICATION OF  
DISEASE  
DISEASE PERIODS

Typical pathological processes = the alphabet of pathology  
**CELLULAR** (apoptosis, necrosis, cell dystrophy)  
**TISSULAR** (hypertrophy, atrophy, fibrosis)  
**ORGAN** (inflammation, allergy)  
**INTEGRAL** (acid-base imbalance, hydroelectrolytic changes, metabolic disorders)

Pathophysiological mechanisms of disorders with a characteristic localization.

Pathophysiological mechanisms of every disease separately



# ETIOLOGY= Cause of disease

A compartment of theoretical physiopathology which studies the cause and conditions of disease.

## Cause of disease versus conditions ?

**CAUSE OF DISEASE= ETIOLOGICAL FACTOR** – any substance, energy or information which acting on the body structures induces functional, structural and biochemical dyshomeostasis.



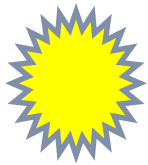
**CONDITION OF DISEASES**  
any substance, energy or information which doesn't induce disease but can favors or impede the action of the cause

↓ ↓

**FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE**



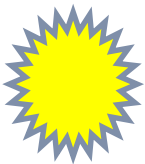
# Etiological factors



**ENDOGENOUS**

**EXOGENOUS**

- **Mechanical** (mechanical energy, rupture – mechanical trauma);
- **Physical** (radiation, temperature: burns);
- **Chemical** (toxins; organic acids from bacterial carbohydrates fermentation in the mouth);
  - **Biological** (bacteria, viruses, parasites etc...)
  - **Informational** (mediators, hormones, antigens)
  - **Social** (human interrelation in society)

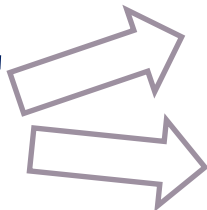


**LOCAL**

**Isotropic action**

**GENERAL**

**Anisotropic action**





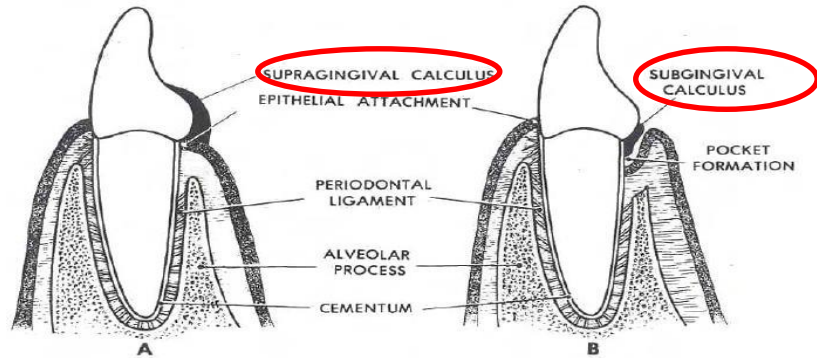
# Etiological factors in the mouth



Plaque is the sticky, colorless film that constantly forms on the teeth. Bacteria live in plaque and secrete acids that cause tooth decay and irritate gum tissue. This irritation causes an inflammatory reaction that can eventually lead to gingivitis and periodontal disease

60-70 species of bacteria. Bacteria secrete a sticky substance with adhesive properties. Bacterial colonies and their secretion form so-called “bacterial plaque”. In the formation of these the most frequent involved bacteria are: Streptococcus mutans and Lactobacillus;





Calculus can form both along the gumline, where it is referred to as supragingival ("above the gum"), and within the narrow sulcus that exists between the teeth and the gingiva, where it is referred to as subgingival ("below the gum")

**Odontolith = tartar = dental tophus.**

caused by precipitation of minerals from saliva and gingival crevicular fluid in plaque on the teeth. This rough and hardened surface that is formed provides an ideal surface for further plaque formation. This leads to calculus buildup, which compromises the health of the gingiva (gums).





# PATHOGENY

*from Greek pathos – suffering;  
logos – science*

**How it appears, develops and ends the disease ?**

Compartment of physiopathology which studies the mechanisms of onset, evolution, development and ending of disease.

**PATHOGENIC CHAIN**

**PATHOGENIC FACTOR**

**MAIN LOOP OF PATHOGENY**

**VICIOUS CIRCLE**

**PATHOGENIC PROCESS**

**Hyposalivation**

**Colonization  
of the mouth  
with  
bacteria**

**Development  
of bacterial  
plaque**

**Mineralization  
of bacterial  
plaque**

**Development  
of dental  
calculus**

**Chronic irritation  
of the gum**

**Inflammation  
of the gum**

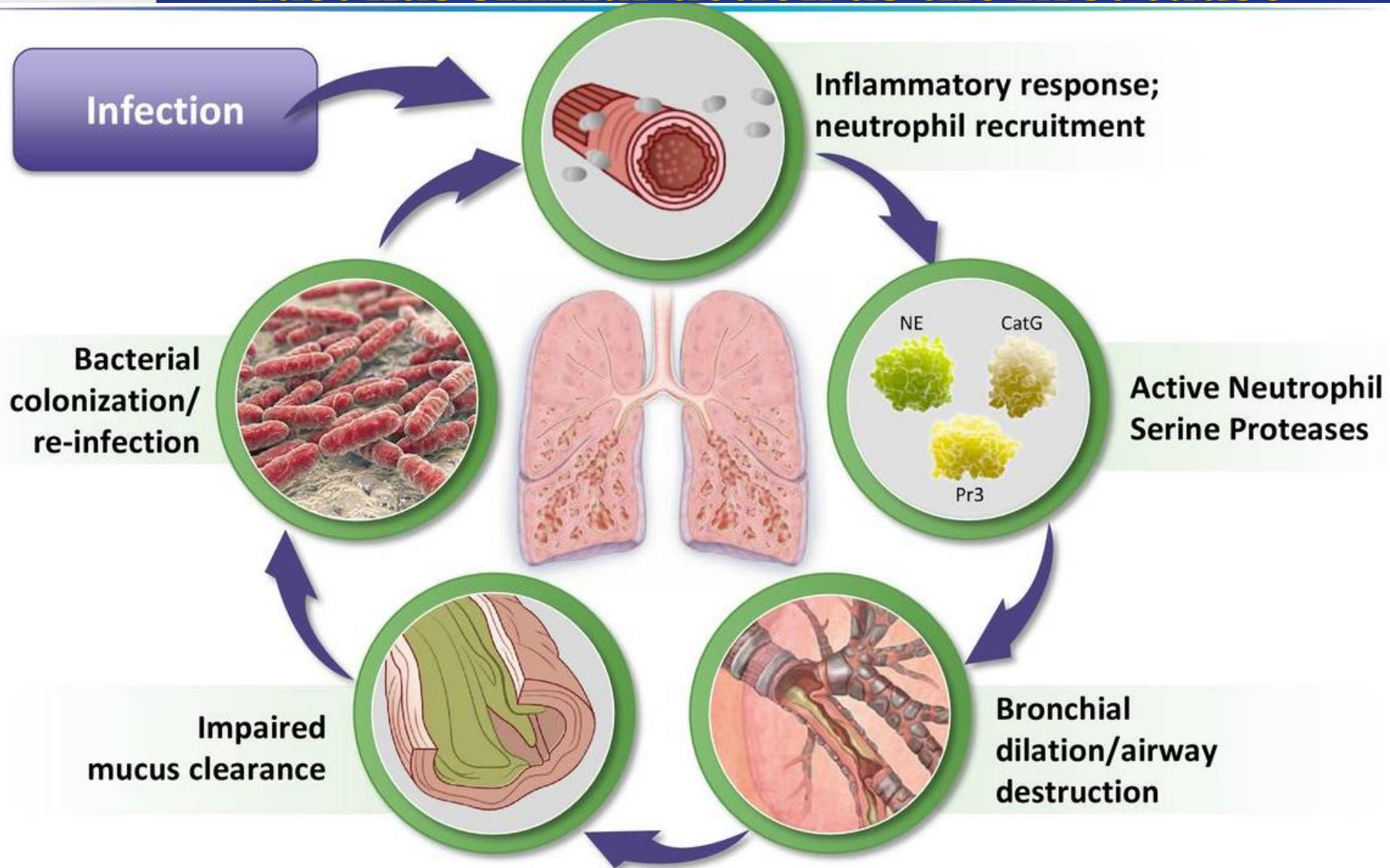
**Gingivitis**

**Saliva: 1 -1,5 L/day**  
**Lysosime**  
**Lactopherin**  
**pH – 6,8 -7**  
**Secretory IgA**





# Closed pathogenic chain = vicious circle = relation between cause and effect, where the last has similar action as the first cause





# ROLE OF BODY REACTIVITY IN DISEASE DEVELOPMENT

**REACTIVITY** - ability of the body to react to every change in order to maintain the functional, structural, biochemical and psychic homeostasis.



- ADAPTATIVE REACTIONS
- PROTECTIVE REACTIONS
- COMPENSATORY REACTIONS
- REPARATIVE REACTIONS







WHO

# Definition of health

*“a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity”*

- **Criticisms of WHO definition:** too ideal, too abstract, too broad, and not subject to scientific application
- Despite these criticisms, WHO definition of health is most popular and most comprehensive definition of health worldwide

- **Much more useful is to define health through as a notion of *norm*;**
- **The norm is the medium statistic value of morphologic, functional, biochemical and psychic parameters of the human body of a special race, sex, age and constitution in special existence.**





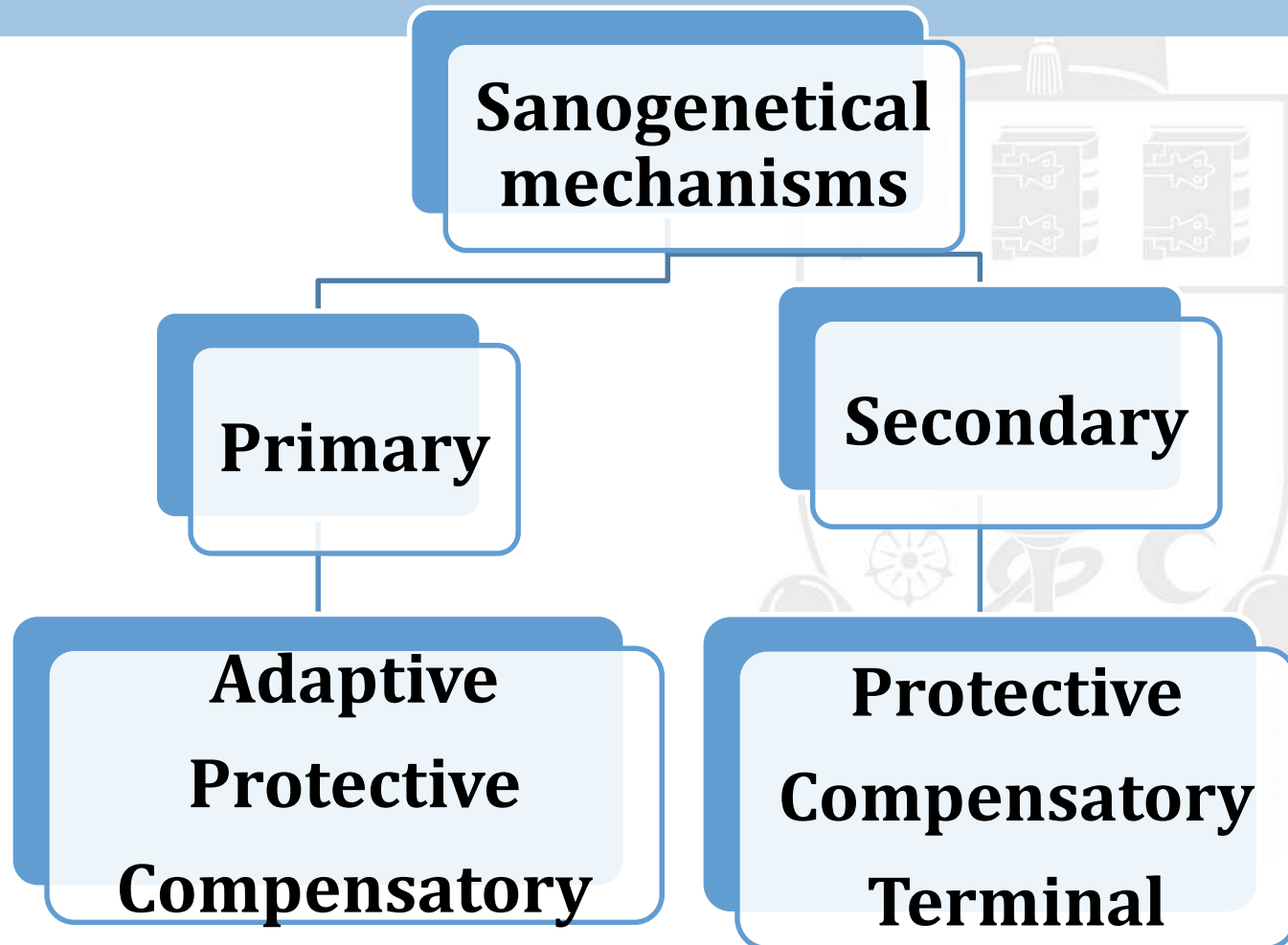
## Definition of the disease

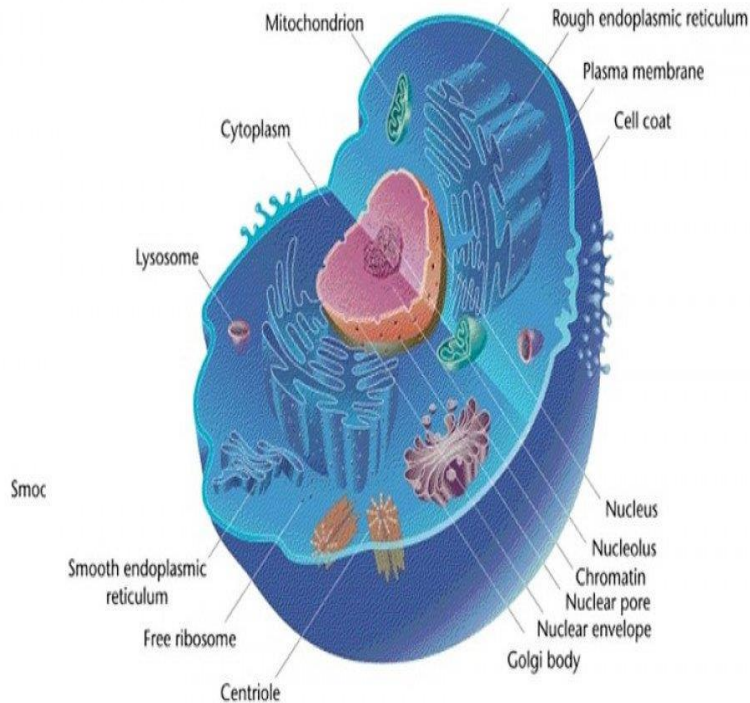
- The **disease** may be defined as a new qualitative state of the body that can appear under the action of harmful factors and is characterized through a homeostatic disequilibrium (morphological, functional, biochemical and psychic), inadaptability, social disequilibrium, loss of work capacity and social – economic values for a certain period of time.



# General sanogenesis

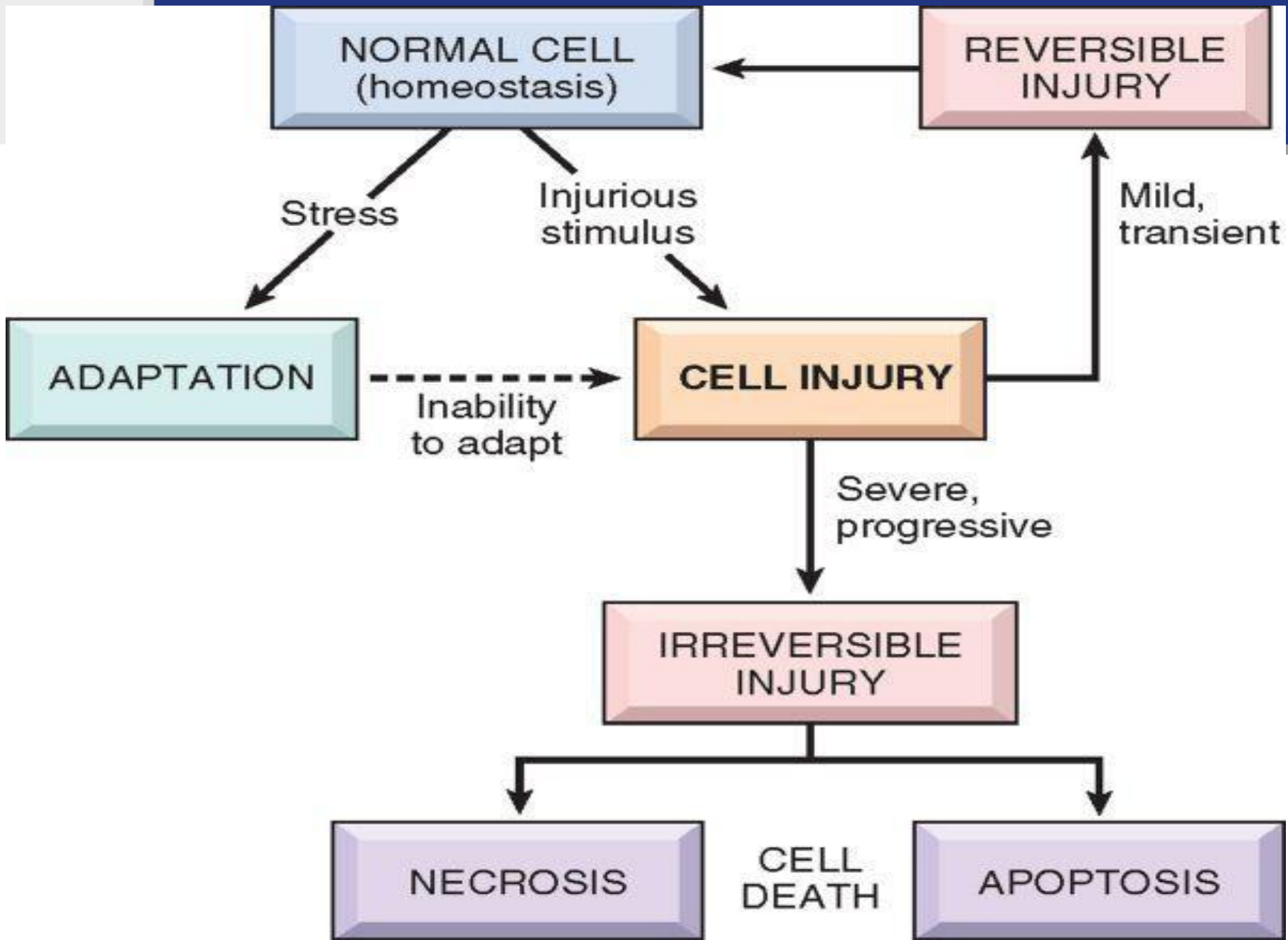
- (*lat. sanitas - health, genesis-a birth*) is general compartment of nosology, studying general laws of healing and recovery - restoration of damaged structures and disordered function in disease outcome.





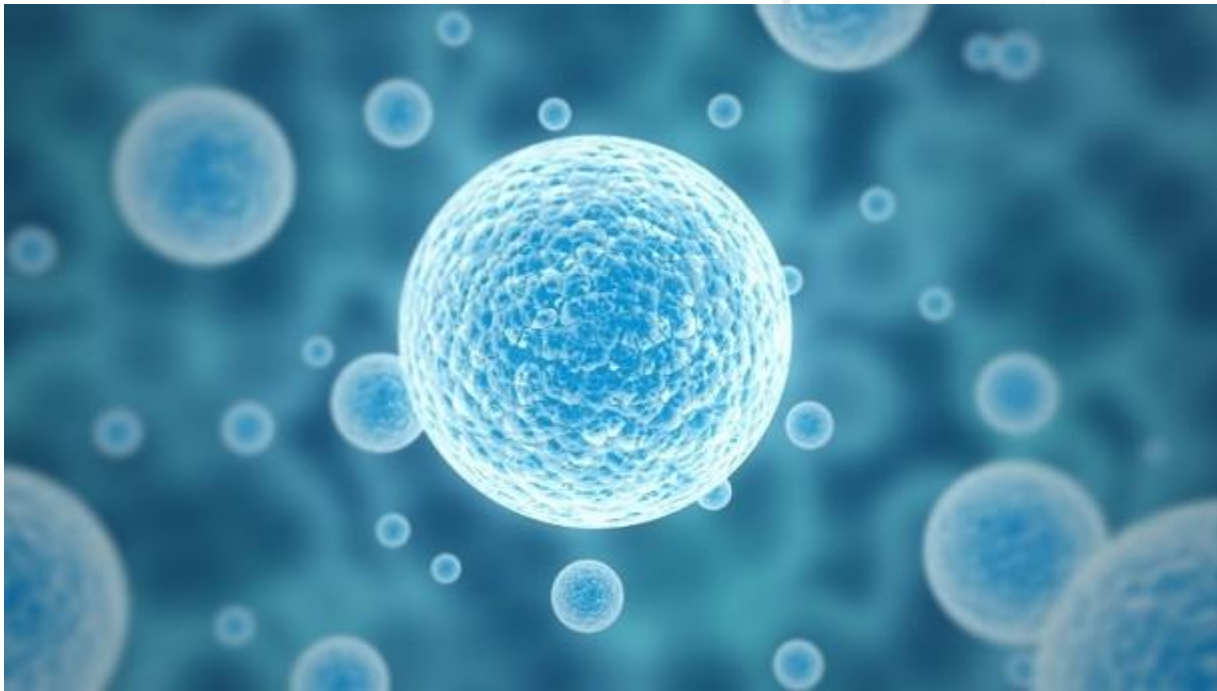
# Cell injury : mitochondrial, nucleus, RE injury; Apoptosis; Necrosis

*“Virtually all forms of disease start with molecular or structural alterations in cells,”* Rudolf Virchow





- ***Cell injury*** is the persistent change of biochemical, structural and functional homeostasis of the cell under the action of harmful factor.







# Classification

- ★ **By the sequence of appearance (primary, secondary)**
- ★ **By the nature of lesions (specific, nonspecific)**
- ★ **By the character of etiologic factor: mechanical damage; physical injuries (burns, frostbite, electrical); osmotic injury; lesions by lipid peroxidation; infectious lesions; immune (allergic) injury; toxic injury; enzymatic injury; hypoxic injury; damage of circulation; dysmetabolic damage; injury of homeostasis**
- ★ **By location: membrane lesion; mitochondrial lesion, lysosomal injury; nucleus lesions (including lesions by mutations); endoplasmic reticulum damage and Golgi apparatus**
- ★ **By degree of injury: reversible, irreversible.**

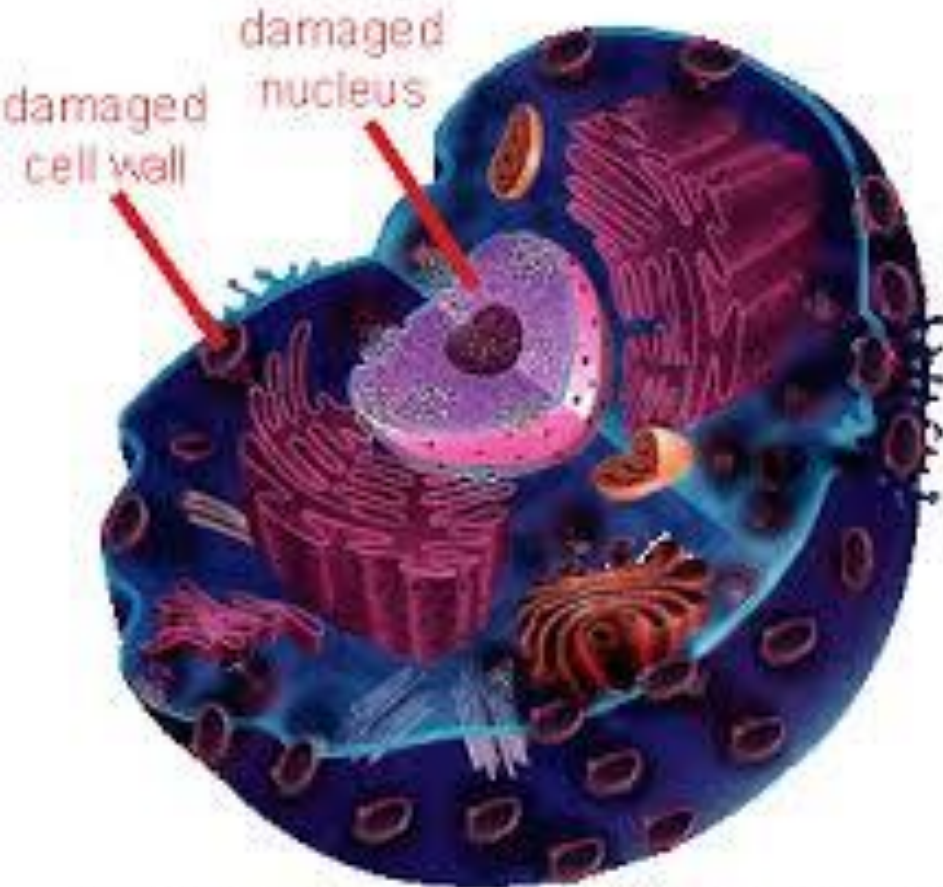


# Etiology of cell injury

- **Mechanical factors;**
  - **Hypoxic injuries;**
  - **Ischemic injuries;**
  - **Oxidative stress;**
- **Biological factor (bacteria, viruses, fungi);**
- **Radiation (ionizing, ultraviolet radiation);**
  - **Electrical injuries;**
  - **Enzymatic injuries;**
- **Extreme of temperature (burns, frost bite);**



# Mechanical injury



Graphical illustration of a damaged cell

- **Disintegration of membrane**

**Open of mechanical barrier cell-interstitium**

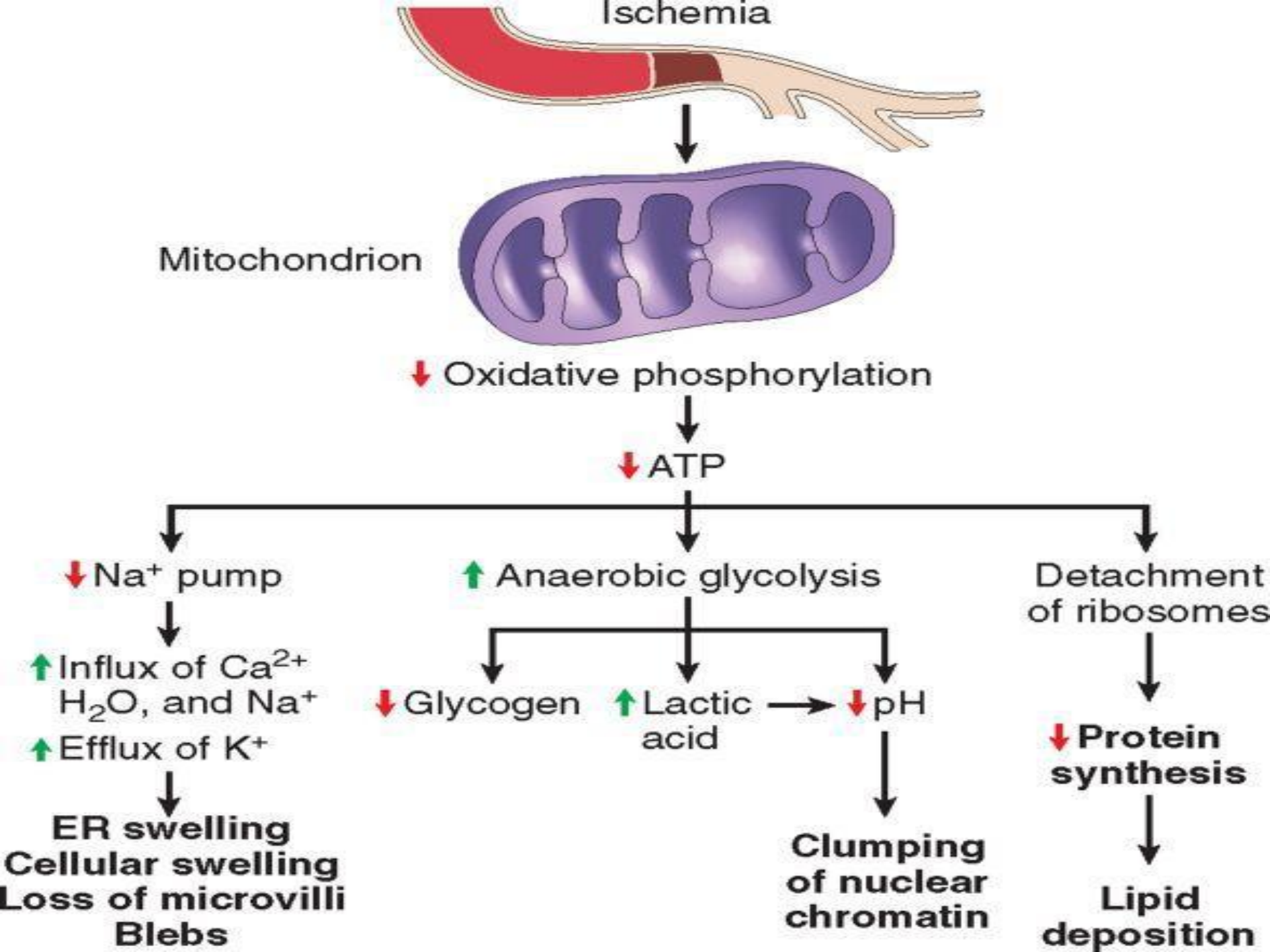
**Free passage of substances in both directions**

**Influx of  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  
efflux of  $\text{K}^+$**



# Hypoxic injury. Causes

- **general hypoxia (hypoxic, respiratory, circulatory, anemic);**
- **regional blood flow and lymphatic disorders (venous hyperemia, ischemia, stasis);**
- **disorders of cellular processes of oxidative phosphorylation**



Ischemia

Mitochondrion

↓ Oxidative phosphorylation

↓ ATP

↓ Na<sup>+</sup> pump

↑ Influx of Ca<sup>2+</sup>,  
H<sub>2</sub>O, and Na<sup>+</sup>

↑ Efflux of K<sup>+</sup>

ER swelling  
Cellular swelling  
Loss of microvilli  
Blebs

↑ Anaerobic glycolysis

↓ Glycogen

↑ Lactic acid

↓ pH

Clumping of nuclear  
chromatin

Detachment  
of ribosomes

↓ Protein  
synthesis

Lipid  
deposition





# Depletion of ATP

↑ Influx of  $\text{Na}^+$

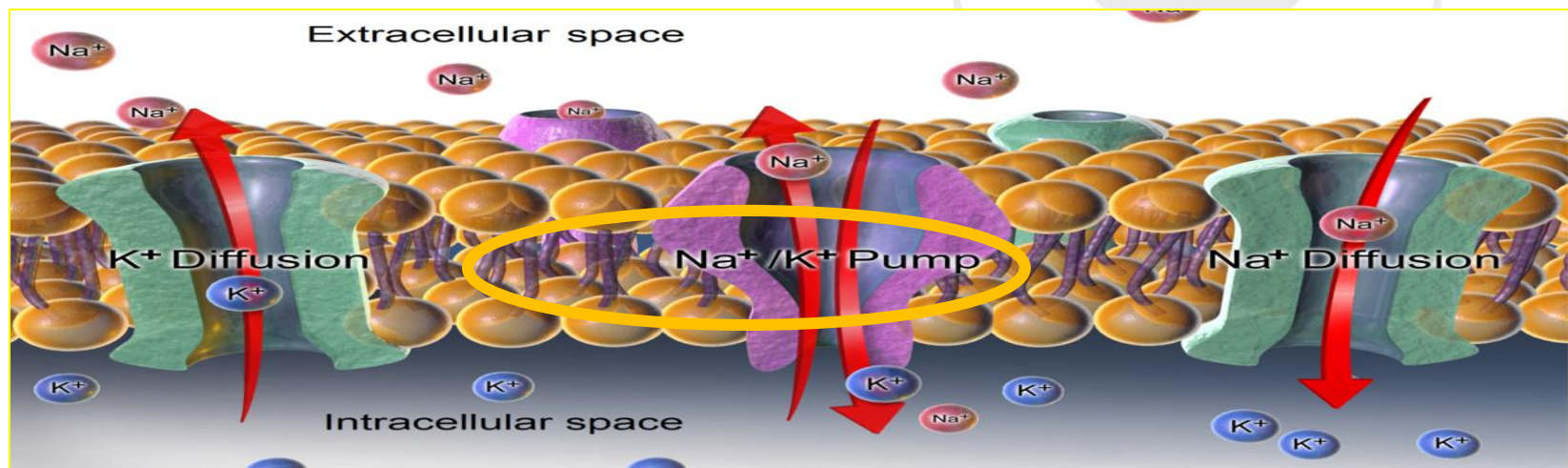
↑ Efflux of  $\text{K}^+$

↑ Intracellular osmolarity

↓ intracellular- resting potential- *inhibitory depolarization*

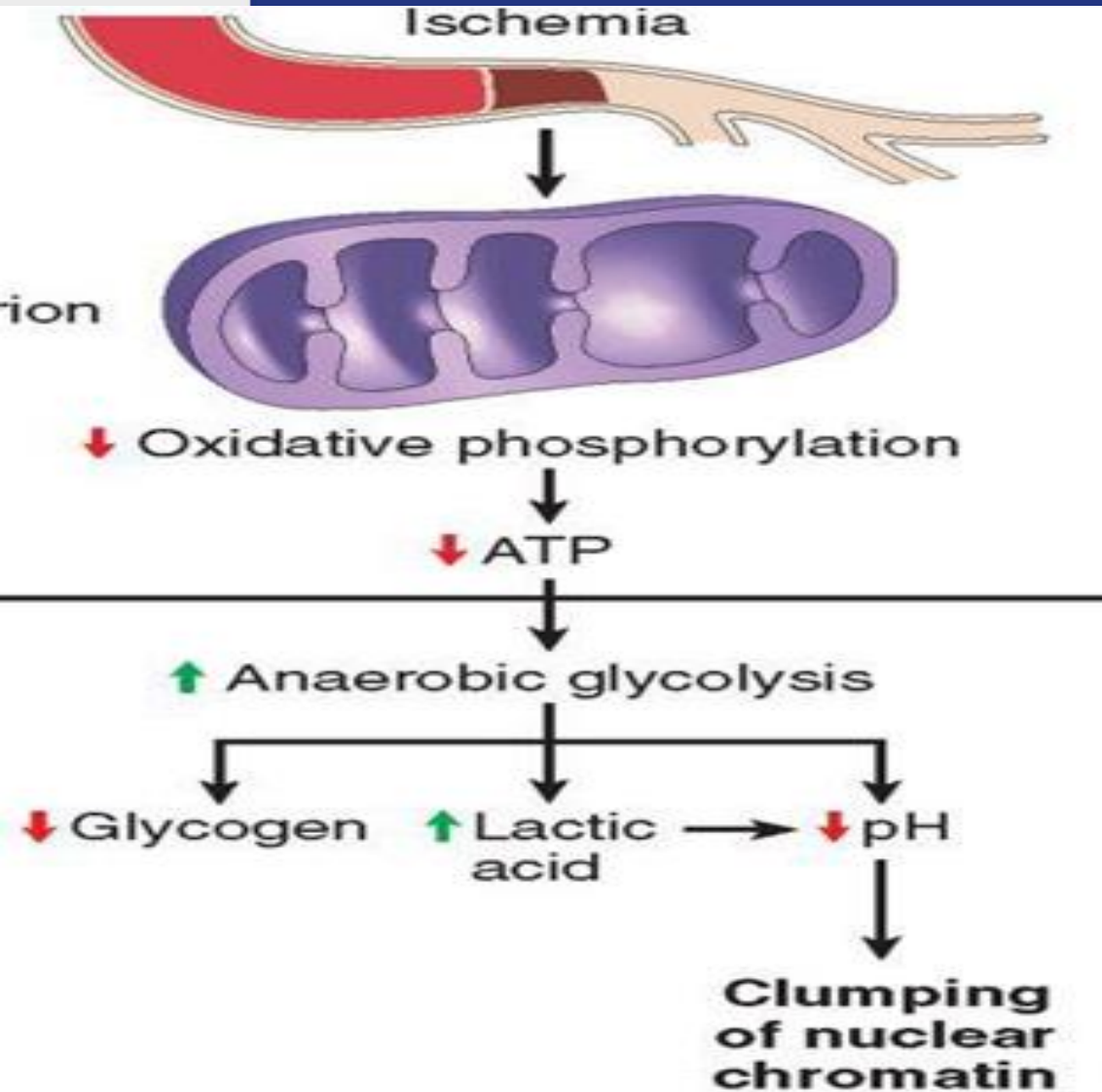
Cell swelling, dilation of ER

Increase extracellular - reduces transmembrane potential of adjacent cells - increase the excitability





# Depletion of ATP

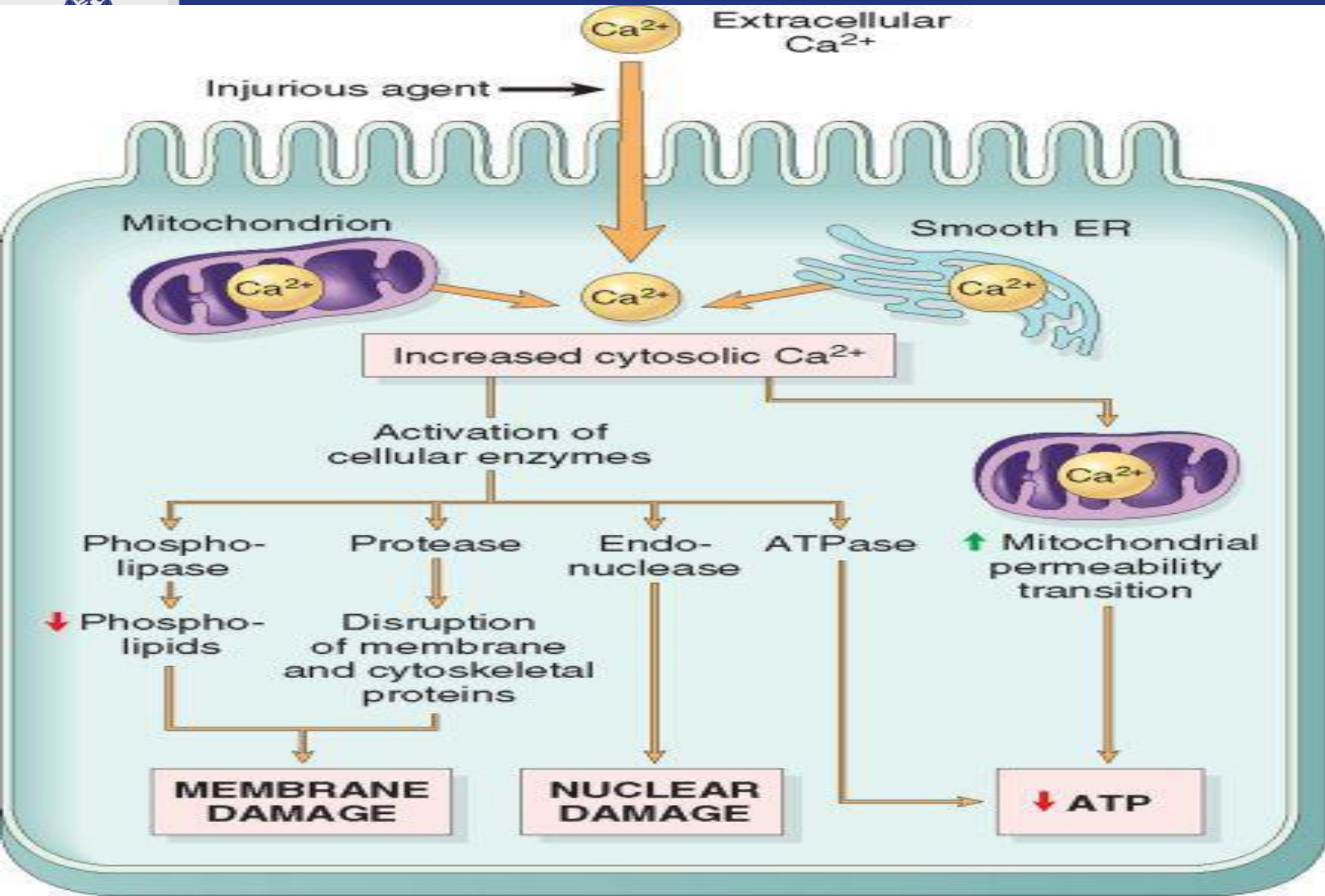


⚡ decrease ATP --  
increase AMPc --  
stimulate  
phosphofruktokinase  
and phosphorilase  
activity -- lead to  
anaerobic glycolysis

⚡ Cellular acidosis –  
changes of protein's  
functions, activation  
of lysosomal enzymes,  
increase permeability  
of the membrane lipid  
layer



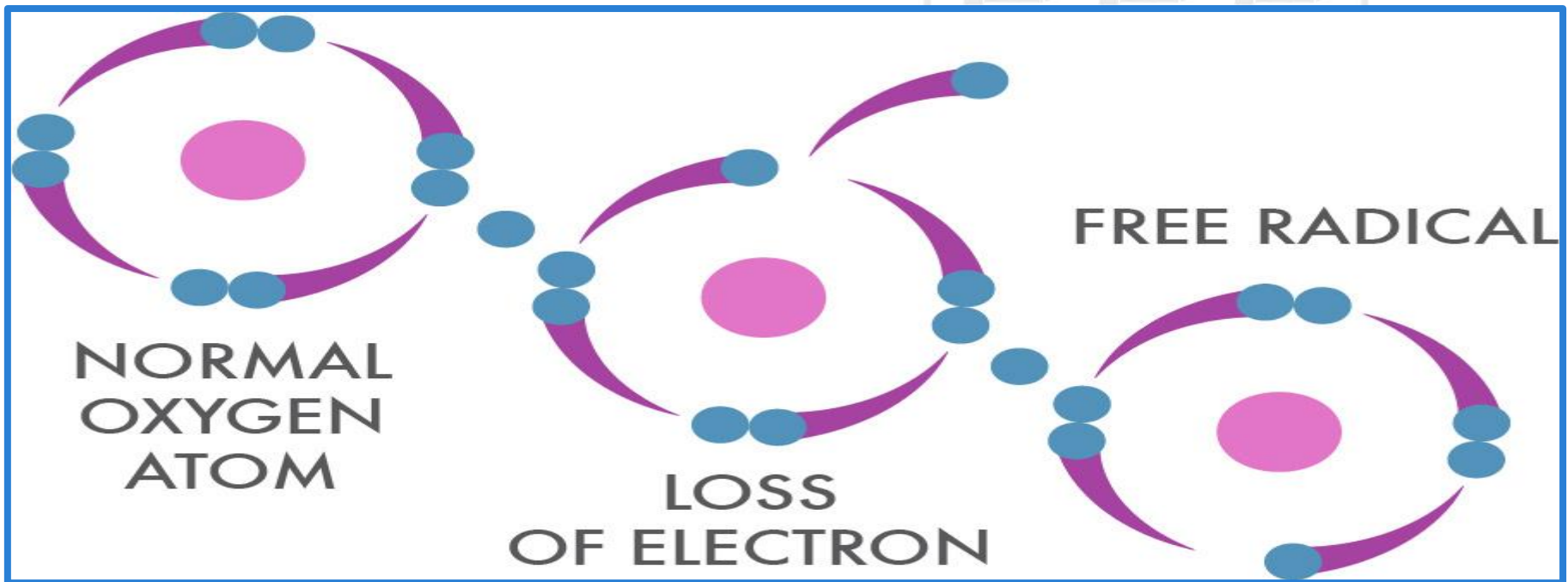
# ATP depletion → failure of Ca<sup>2+</sup> pump





# Oxidative stress= free radicals= reactive oxygen species (ROS)

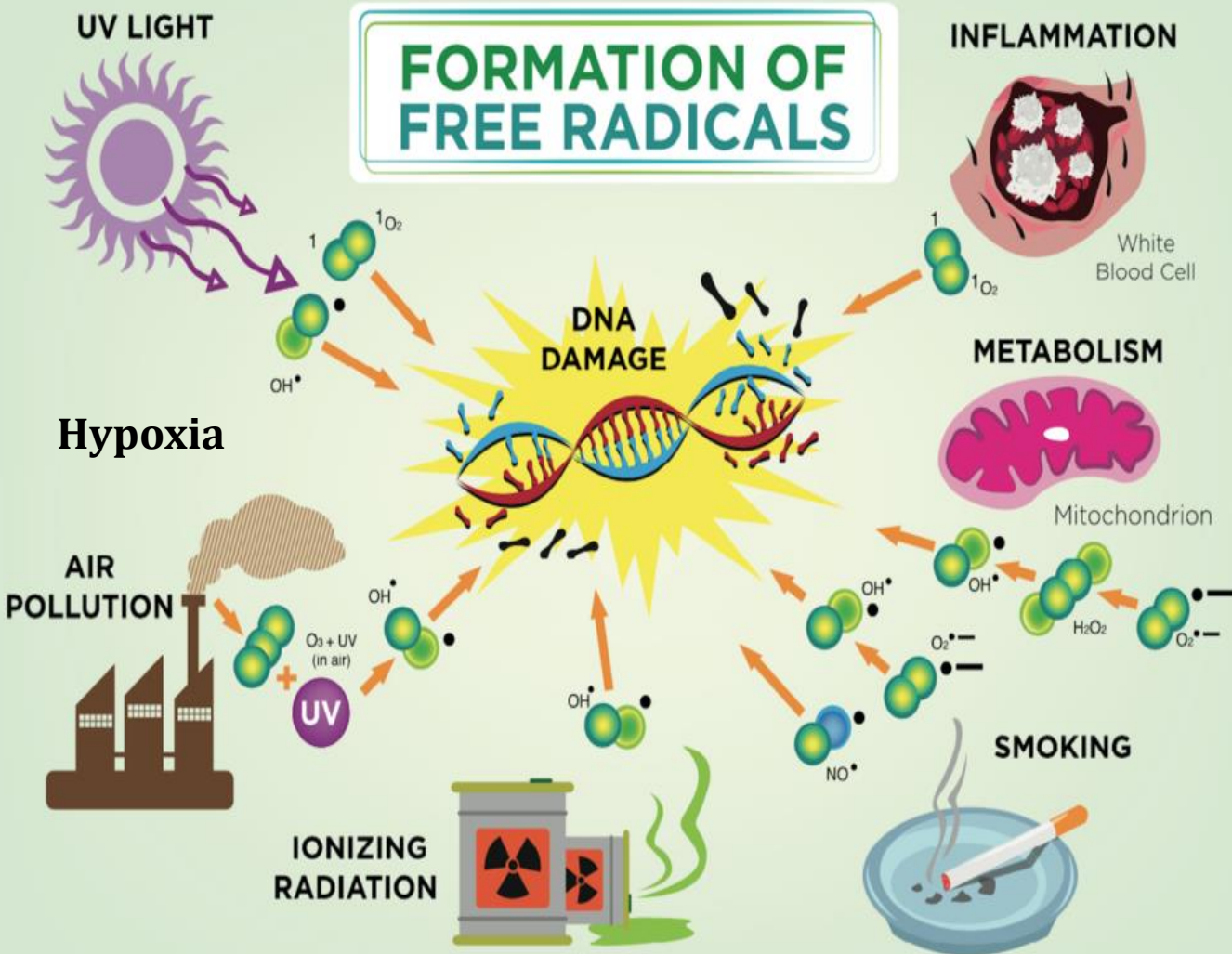
It is called oxygen compound, which on the latest electronic layer has an unpaired electron, single electron, what gives an extremely higher chemical reactivity







# Types and causes of ROS



$O_2^\bullet$  - oxygen superoxide

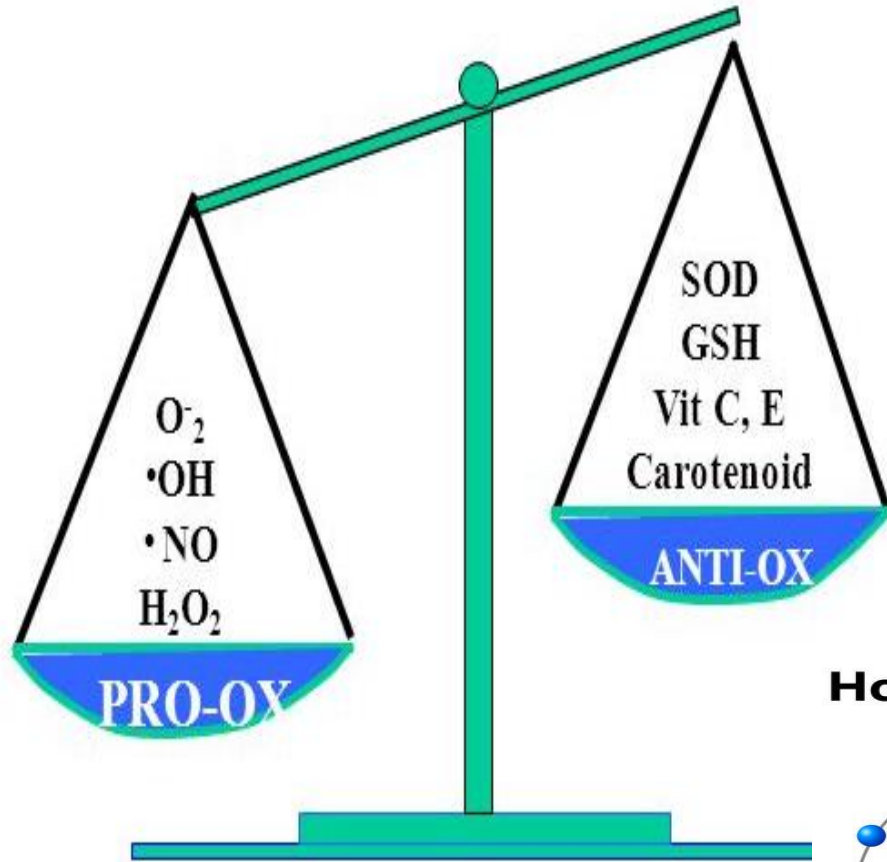
$OH^\bullet$  - hydroxyl radical

$H_2O_2$  - hydrogen peroxide





# Oxidants vs Antioxidants

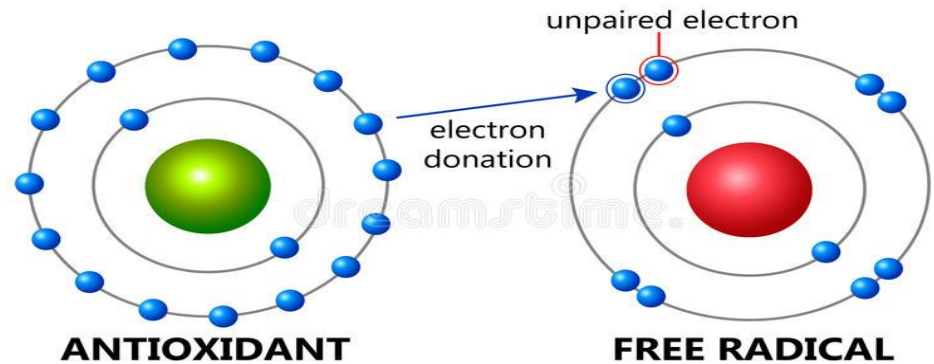


## REMOVAL OF FREE RADICALS

Antioxidant mechanisms:

- SOD (in mitochondria)  
converts  $O_2^- \rightarrow H_2O_2$
- Glutathione peroxidase  
(in mitochondria)  
converts  $\cdot OH \rightarrow H_2O_2 \rightarrow H_2O + O_2$
- Catalase (in peroxisomes)  
converts  $H_2O_2 \rightarrow H_2O + O_2$

## How antioxidants reduce free radicals



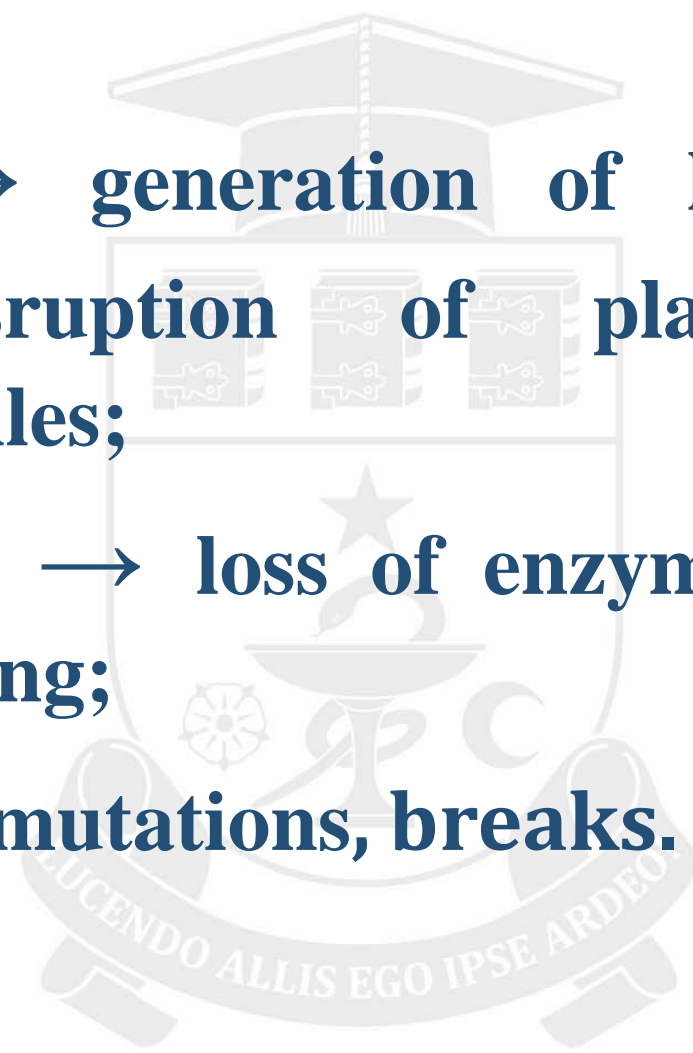
chemically reactive unpaired electron + electron donation:  
stable electron pair is formed, free radical is neutralised



# The most important effects of ROS

## ROS react with:

1. FA → oxidation → generation of lipid peroxidase → disruption of plasma membrane and organelles;
2. Proteins → oxidation → loss of enzymatic activity, abnormal folding;
3. DNA → oxidation → mutations, breaks.





# Enzymatic cellular injury

## Endogenous

- phagocytic cells from the inflammatory foci,
- lysosomal enzymes (from lysosomal membrane destabilization),
- pancreatic digestive enzymes (pancreatitis or pancreonecrosis).

## Exogenous

- microbial enzymes (for ex: streptococci lecithinase that splits membrane phospholipids).

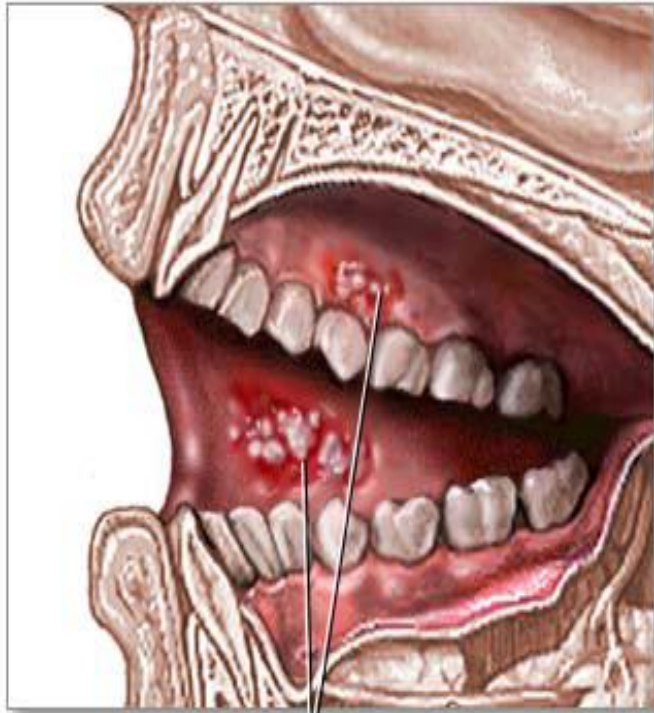


# Thermal cell injury

- **Exposure to heat (43°C to 46°C) - vascular injury, accelerate cell metabolism, inactivate temperature sensitive enzymes, and disintegration of the cell membrane.**
- **Exposure to cold - induces vasoconstriction by direct action and by activated SNS, increases blood viscosity - decreases blood flow - hypoxic tissue injury.**
- **Injury from freezing probably results from a combination of ice crystal formation and vasoconstriction - decreases blood - capillary and arteriolar stasis and capillary thrombosis.**



# Thermal injury of the mouth mucosa



Sores on mucous membrane  
of inner cheek and gum

ADAM.

Burns with hot air or hot water start with *acute catharal stomatitis*, the epithelium being partly or totally macerated. In case of a severe burn epithelium detaches in flaps or forms blebs under which develop erosions or ulcerations.



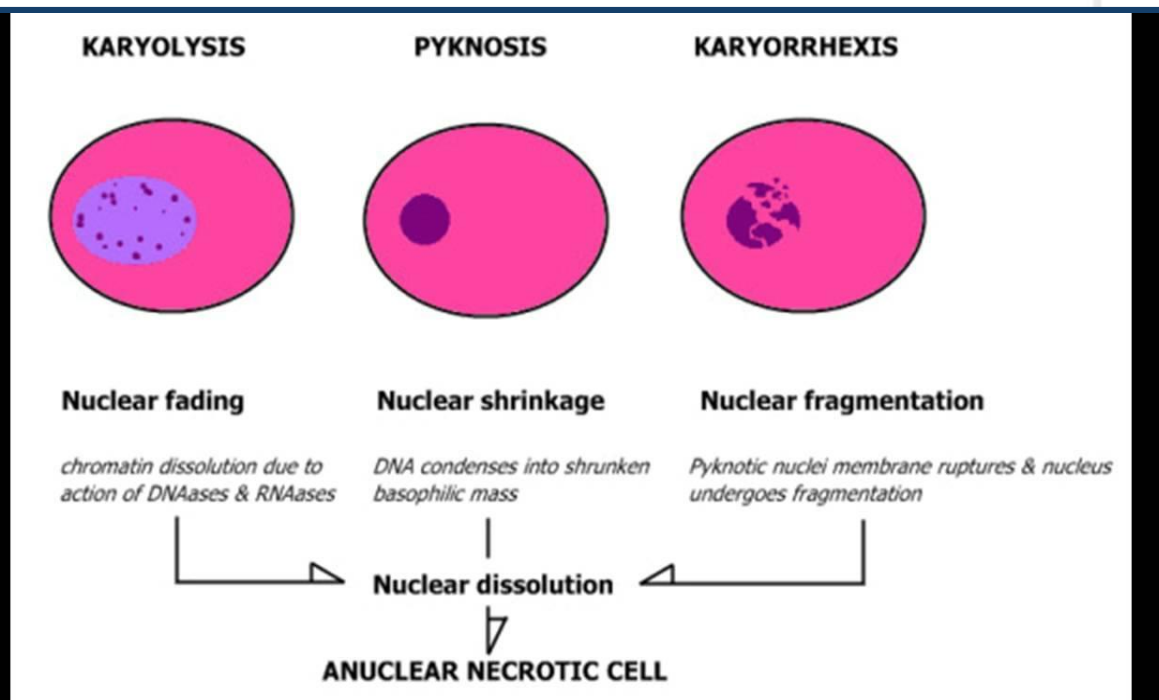


# Nuclear injuries

**Karyopiknosis** - margination and condensation of chromatin (action of ADNase and lysosomal enzymes)

**Karyorrhesis** - fragmentation of chromatin: pyknotic nucleus undergo fragmentation

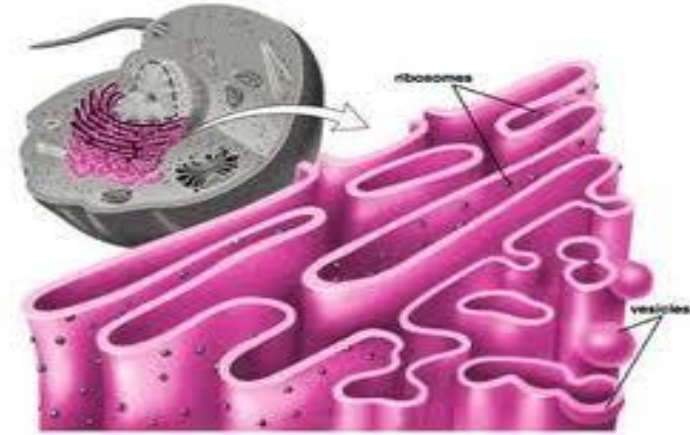
**Karyolysis** - total lysis of the nucleus of the cell.



**Nucleus death**



# INJURY OF ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM



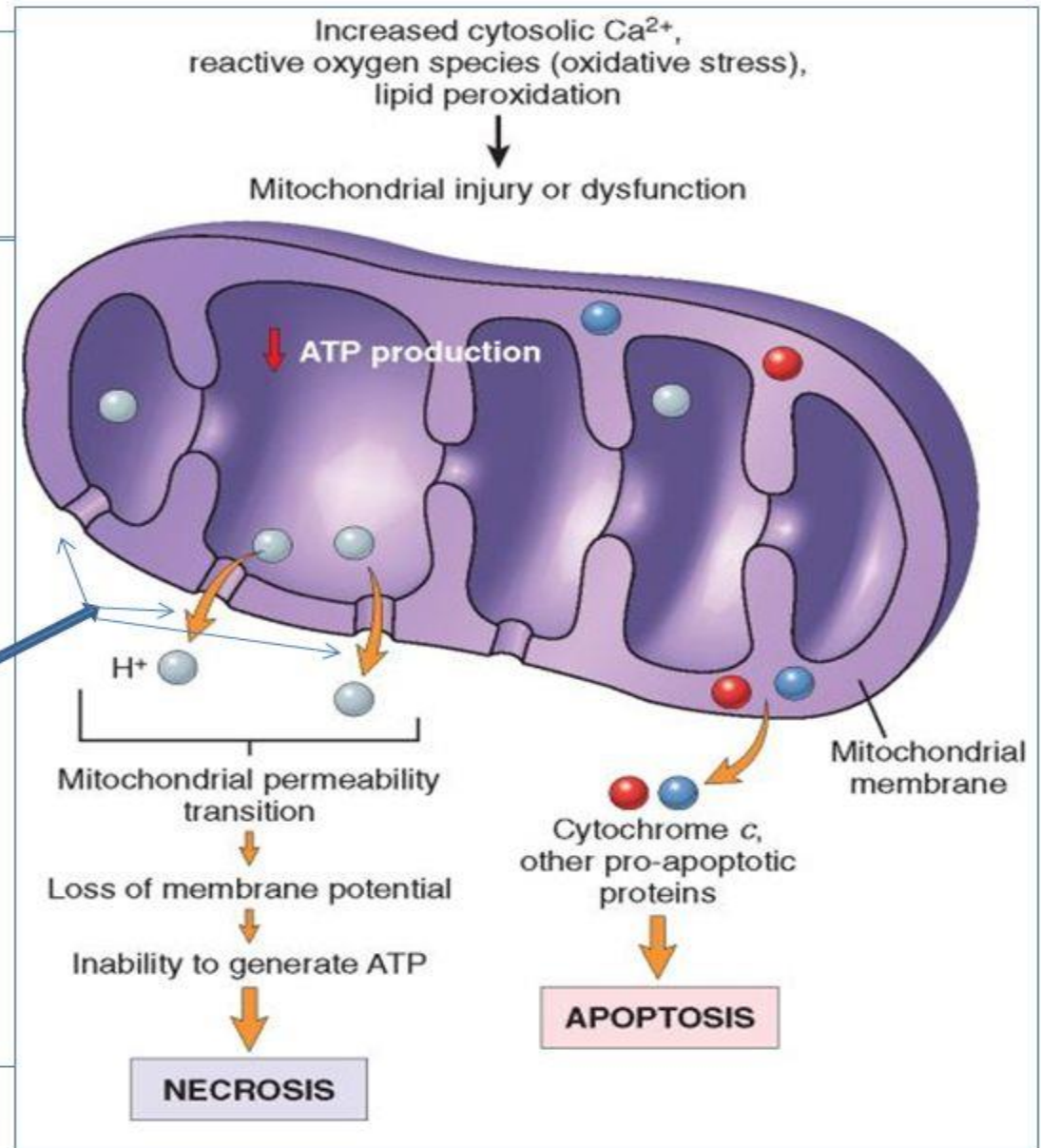
1. Fragmentation of the ER - a sign of unspecific cell injury (ischemia).
2. Formation of vacuoles - caused by interruption of energy metabolism in which the reaction chain involving  $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+-\text{ATPase}$  fails (hypoxia).
3. Swelling of the ER - “hydropic swelling” - final stage in the collapse of cellular energy metabolism (anoxia). Is due to cell hyperosmolarity . Swelling of the ER leads to detachment of ribosomes, desintegration of polysomes, finally leading to disturbances in protein synthesis (both needed for intracellular processes as well as for export)



# Injury of mitochondria

There are two major consequences of mitochondrial damage.

1- Mitochondrial damage often results in the formation of a high-conductance channel in the mitochondrial membrane, called the mitochondrial permeability transition pore culminating in necrosis of the cell.







# LYSOSOMAL INJURY

## DEFINITION OF LYSOSOME

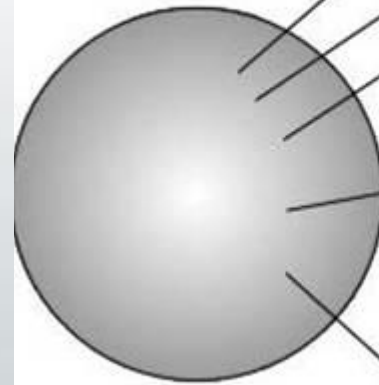
### Lysosome

organelles involved in digestion and waste removal



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### Lysosomal Enzymes



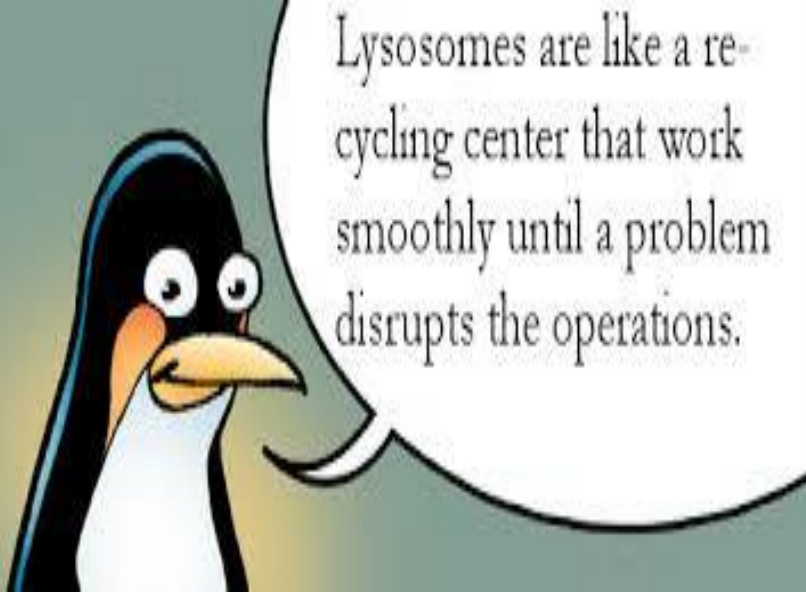
Phosphate esters: acid phosphatase

Nucleases: DNase, RNase

Protein digesting enzymes: collagenase, cathepsins, other proteases

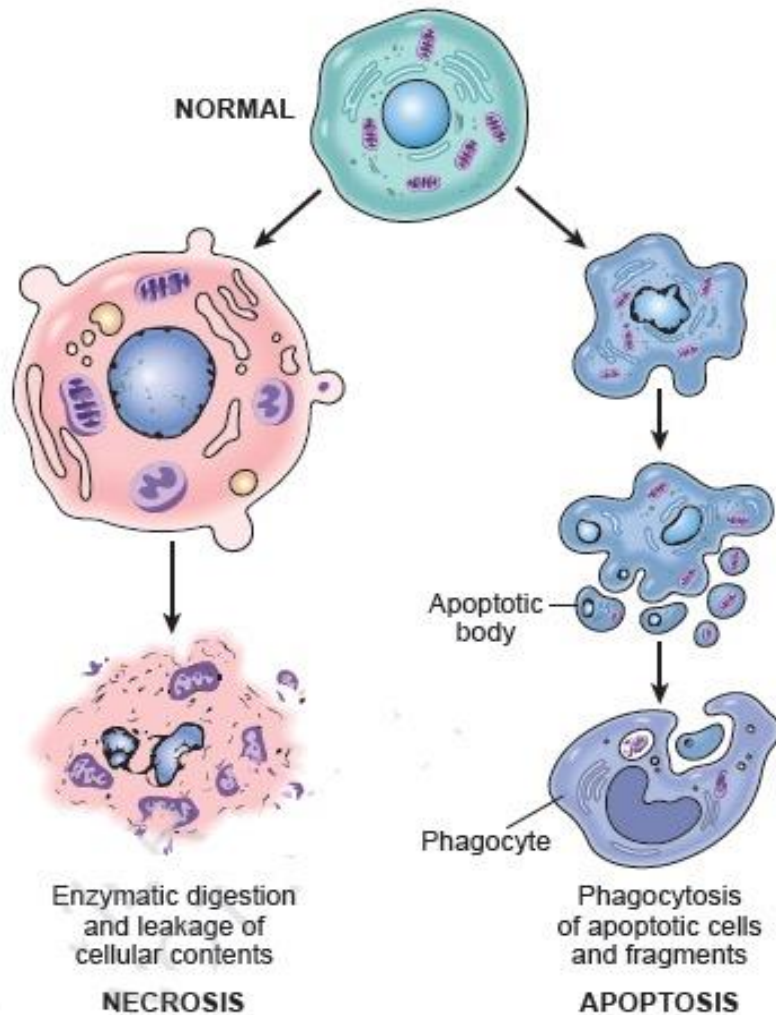
Carbohydrate digesting enzymes:  $\beta$ -glucosidase, hexosaminidase A,  $\alpha$ -mannosidase,  $\alpha$ -fucosidase, sialidase, etc.

Lipid digesting enzymes: sphingomyelinase, esterases



Lysosomes are like a recycling center that work smoothly until a problem disrupts the operations.

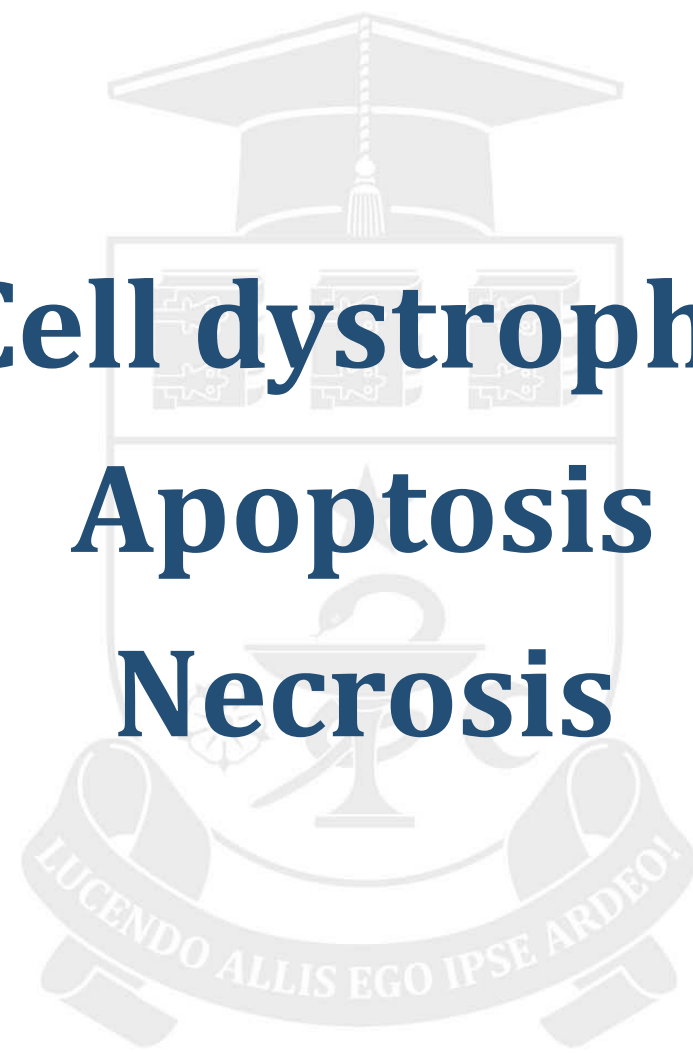
**Hypoxia, peroxidation, acidosis etc... leads to tumefaction and destabilization of lysosomal enzymes**



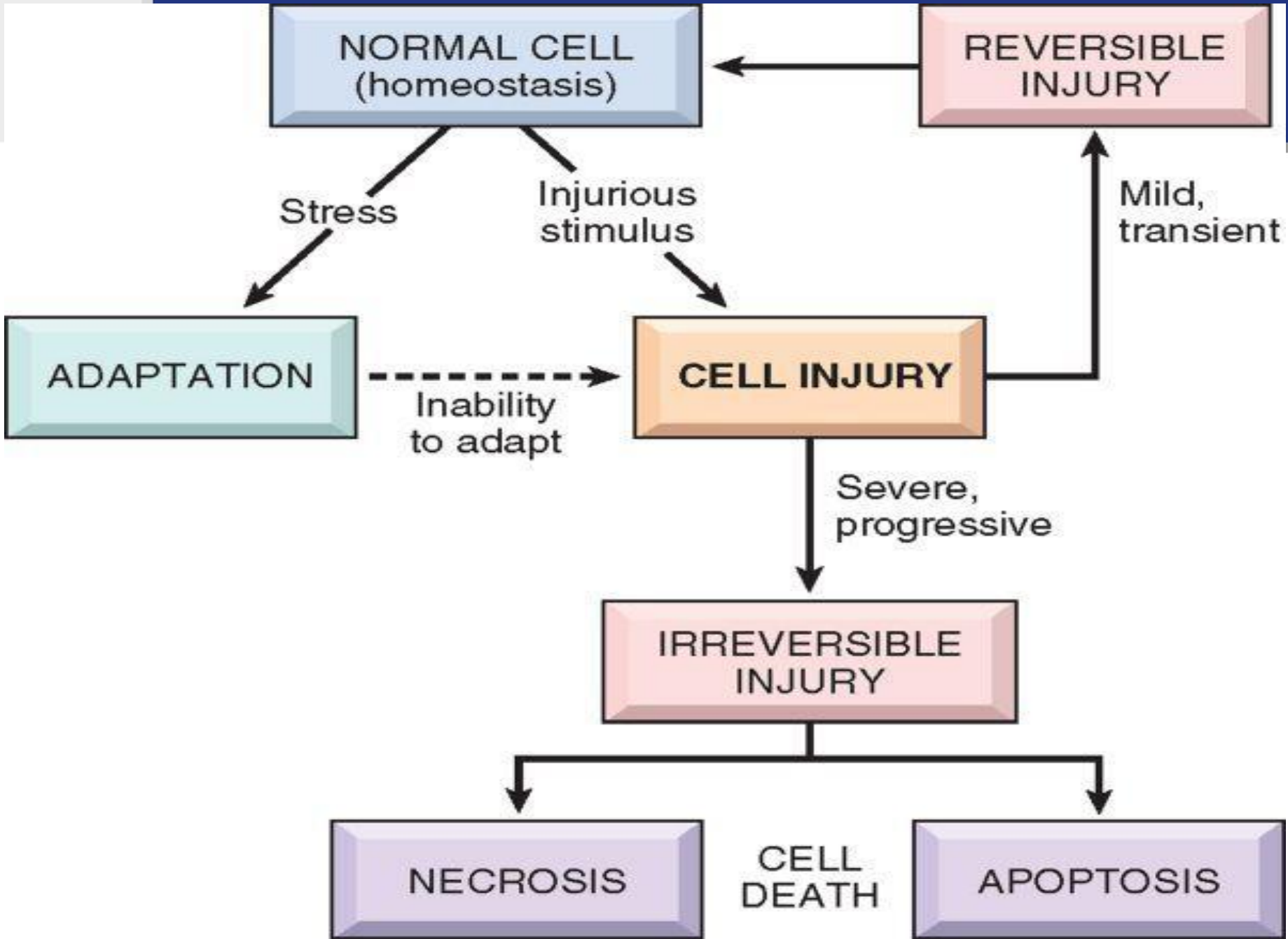
# Cell dystrophy

# Apoptosis

# Necrosis









# Cell dystrophy

- typical pathological cellular process which develops in local or general metabolic dyshomeostasis and is characterized by functional and structural changes in the cells.

**CELL DYSTROPHY**



**INTRACELLULAR ACCUMULATIONS**

**Is a result of cell injuries (acquired)**

**Enzymatic defect (congenital)**

**NORMAL CELL CONSTITUENTS:**

- Water - hydropic dystrophy
- Minerals – mineral dystrophy
- Lipids – lipid dystrophy
- Carbohydrates – carbohydrates dystrophy
- Proteins – protein dystrophy

**Abnormal substance**

**EXOGENOUS**

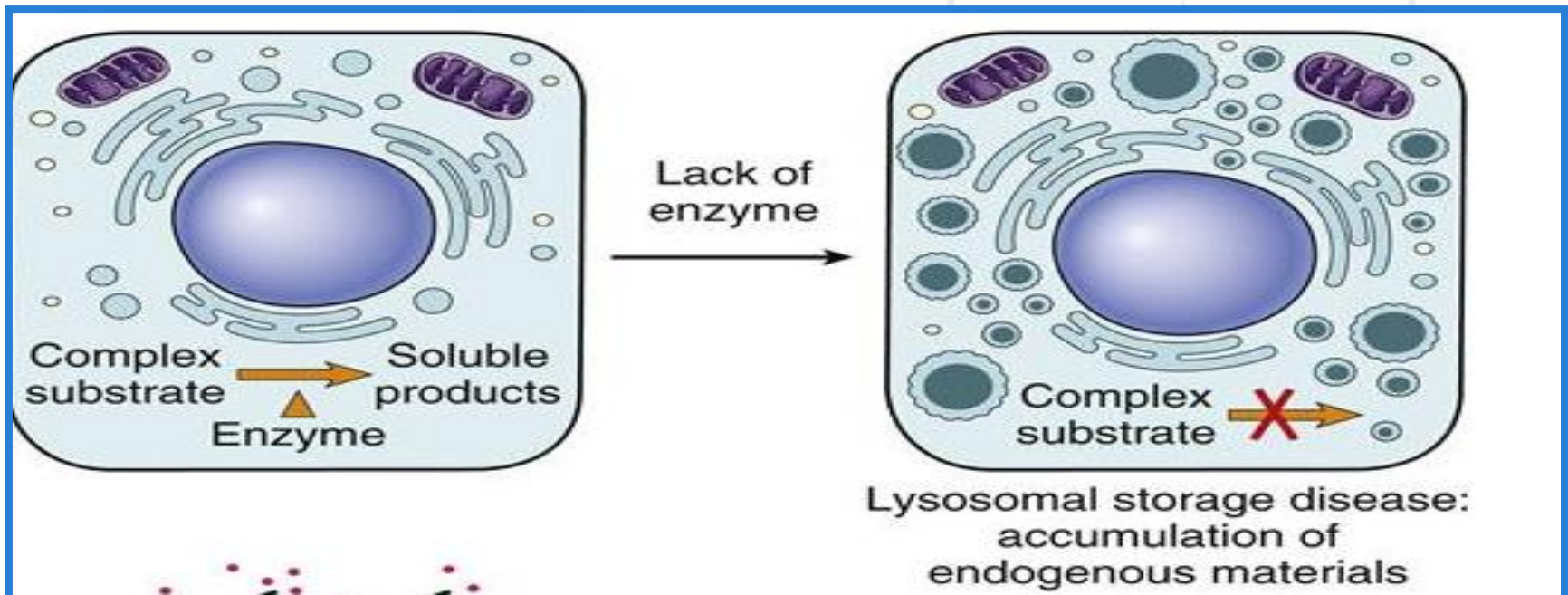
**ENDOGENOUS**

**Products of abnormal synthesis or metabolism**



# CONGENITAL CELL DYSTROPHY

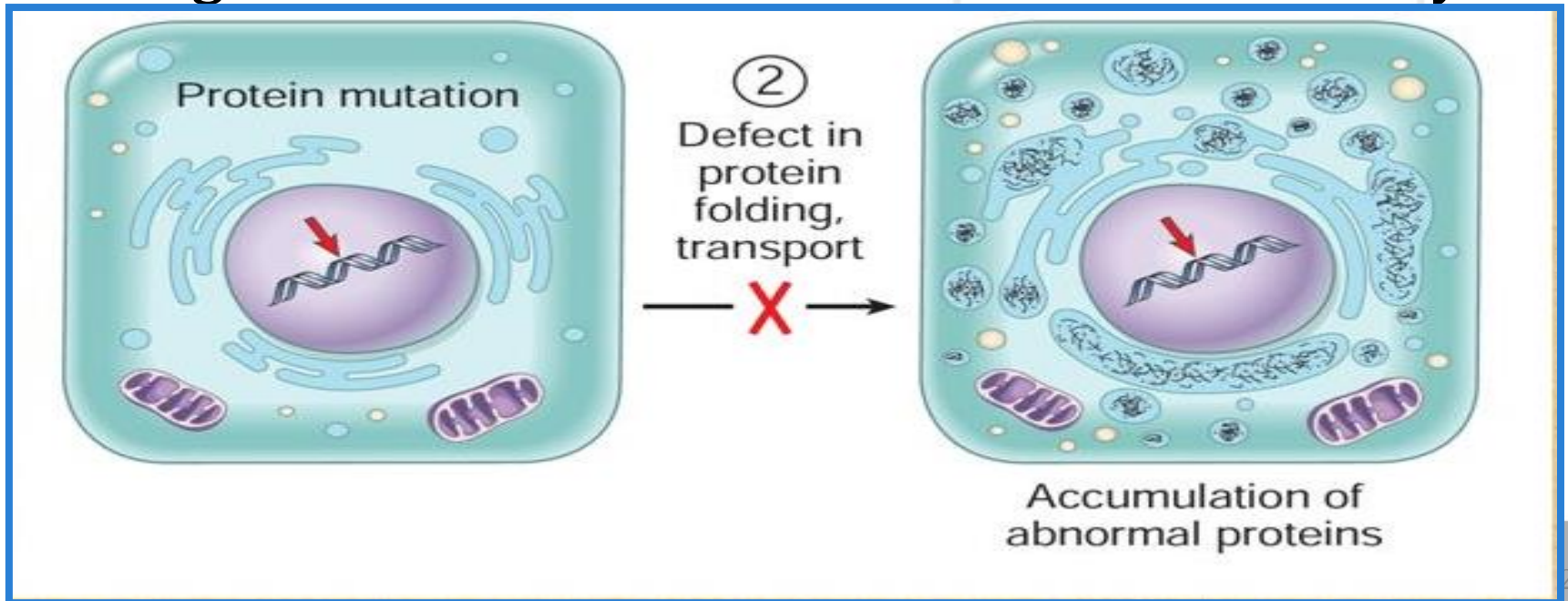
- A normal endogenous substance accumulates because of defects, usually inherited, in enzymes that are required for the metabolism of the substance.
- Examples: diseases caused by genetic defects in enzymes involved in the metabolism of lipid and carbohydrates, resulting in intracellular deposition of these substances, largely in lysosomes.





# CONGENITAL CELL DYSTROPHY

- An abnormal endogenous substance, typically the product of a mutated gene, accumulates because of defects in protein folding and transport and an inability to degrade the abnormal protein efficiently.
- Examples include the accumulation of mutated  $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin in liver cells and various mutated proteins in degenerative disorders of the central nervous system

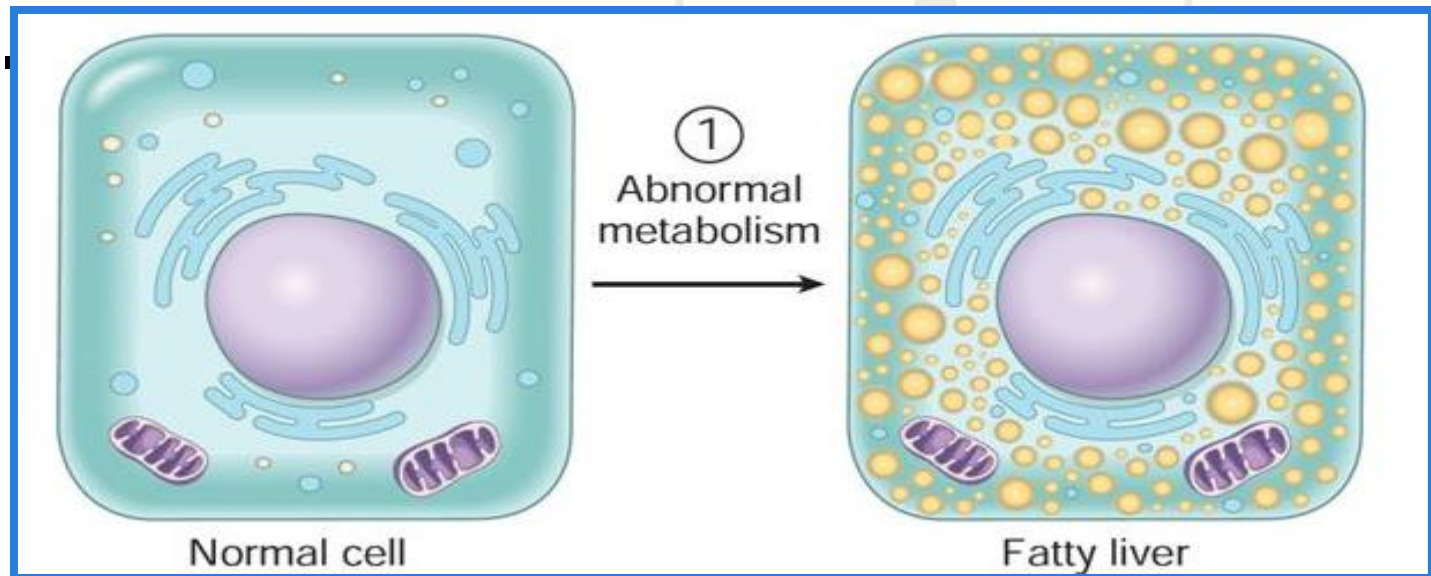






# AQUIRED CELL DYSTROPHY

- A normal endogenous substance is produced at a normal or increased rate, but the rate of metabolism is inadequate to remove it.
- Example of this type of process is fatty change in the liver (obesity, alcohol abuse, diabetes mellitus).

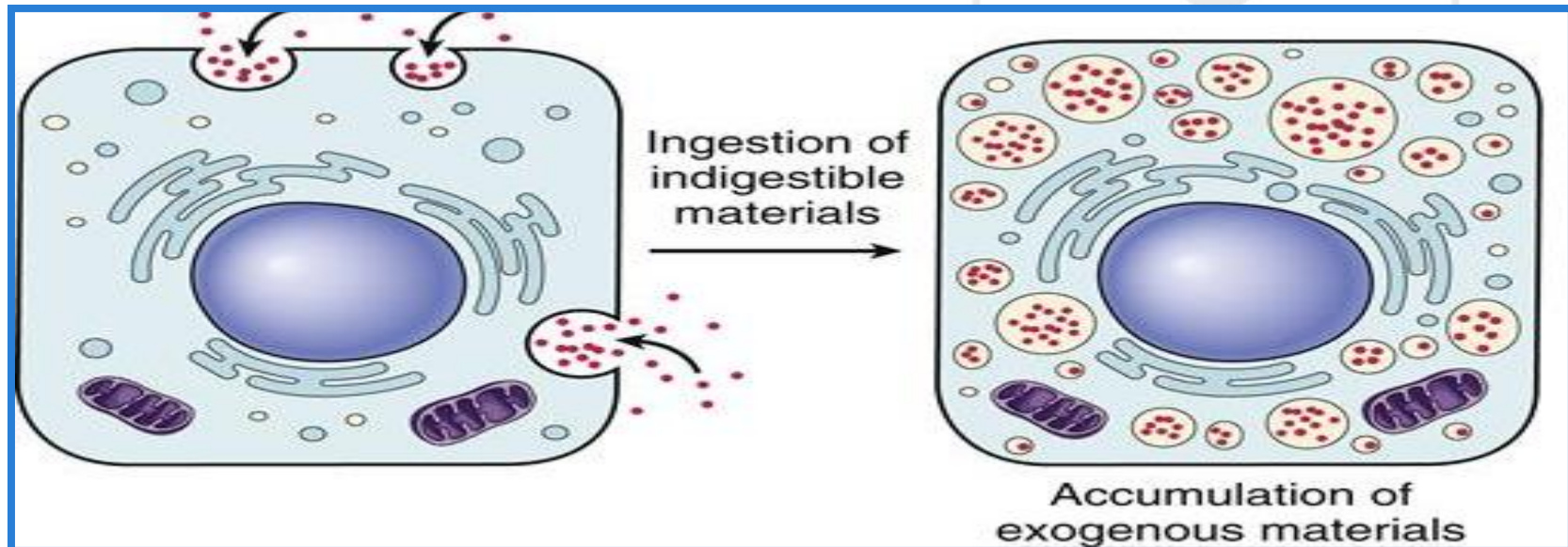






# AQUIRED CELL DYSTROPHY

- An abnormal exogenous substance is deposited and accumulates because the cell has no the enzymatic machinery to degrade the substance or the ability to transport it to other sites.
- Accumulations of carbon particles and non-metabolizable chemicals such as silica, asbestos are examples of this type of alteration.





# APOPTOSIS

**Apoptosis** is a pathway of cell death that is induced by a tightly regulated suicide program in which cells destined to die - activate enzymes that degrade the cells' own nuclear DNA and nuclear and cytoplasmic proteins.

## Apoptosis in physiologic situations

- *The programmed destruction of cells during embryogenesis.*
- *Involution of hormone-dependent tissues upon hormone withdrawal (the regression of the lactating breast after weaning).*
- *Elimination of potentially harmful self-reactive lymphocytes.*
- *Death of host cells that have served their useful purpose, cells undergo apoptosis because they are deprived of necessary survival signals, such as growth factors (neutrophils in acute inflammatory response).*

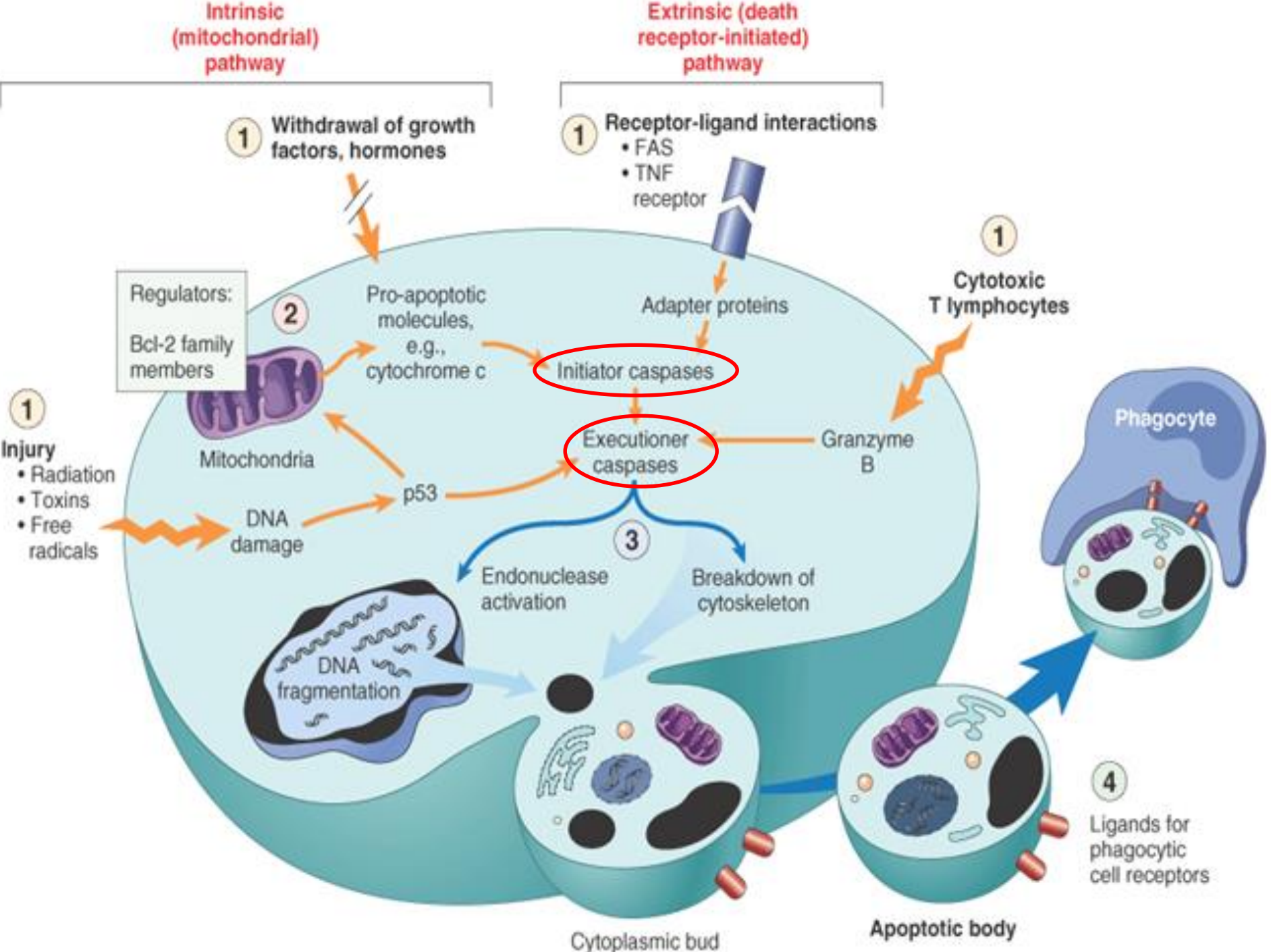


# Apoptosis in pathological conditions

- *DNA damage (cells undergo apoptosis)*
- *Accumulation of misfolded proteins*
- *Cell death in certain infections, particularly viral infections*
- *Pathologic atrophy in parenchymal organs after duct obstruction, such as occurs in the pancreas, parotid gland, and kidney.*

**Intrinsic (mitochondrial) pathway**

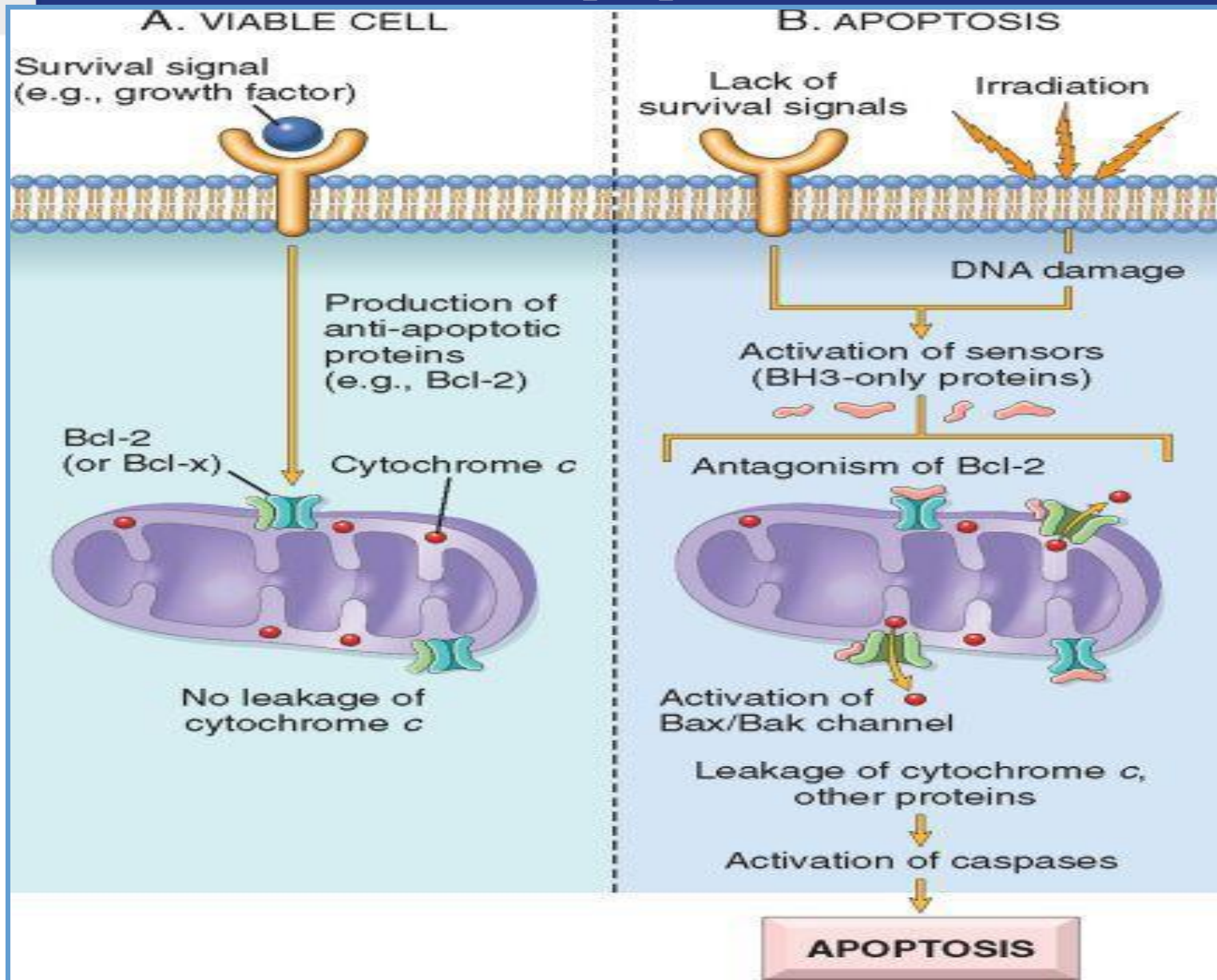
**Extrinsic (death receptor-initiated) pathway**







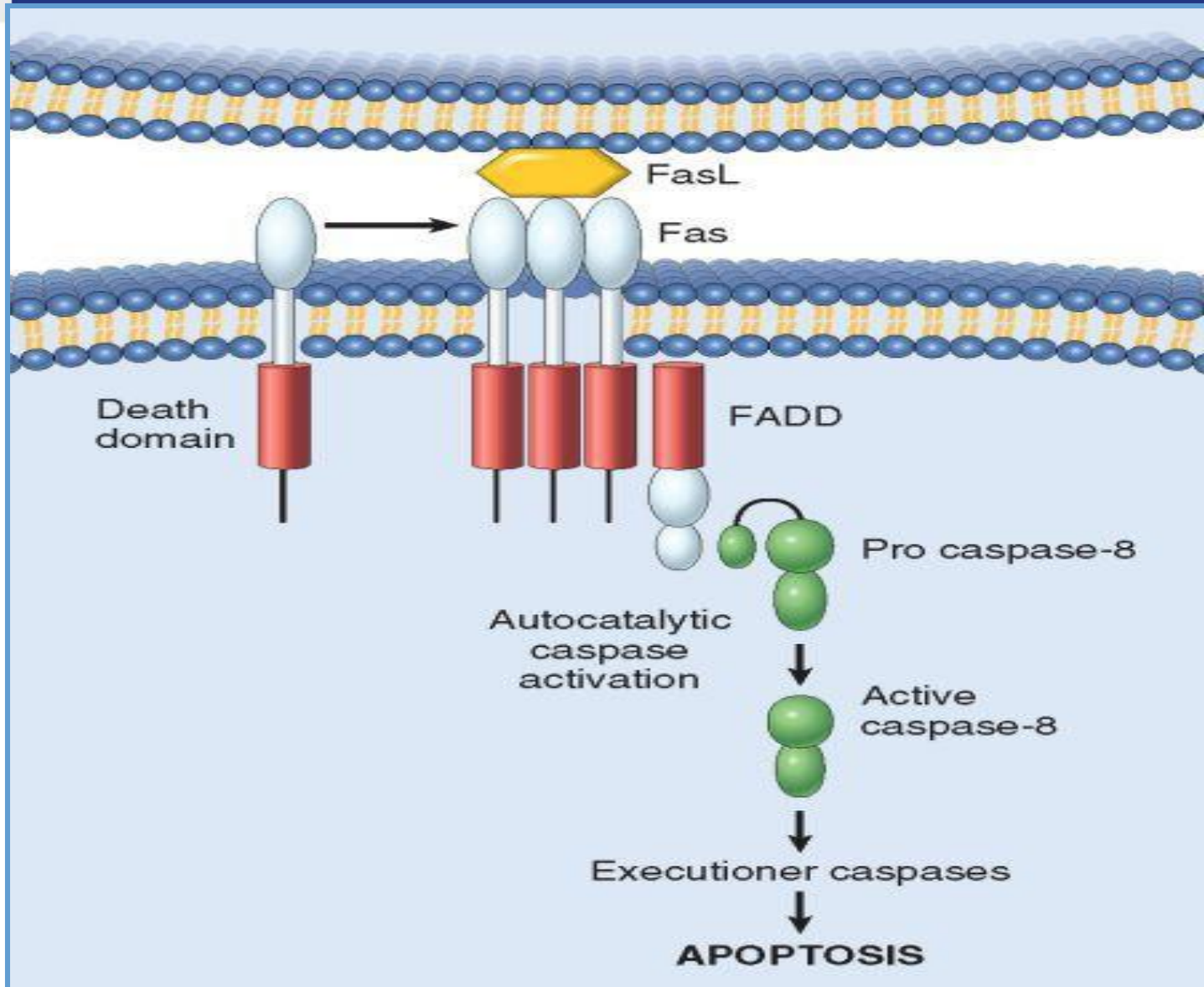
# The intrinsic (mitochondrial) pathway of apoptosis







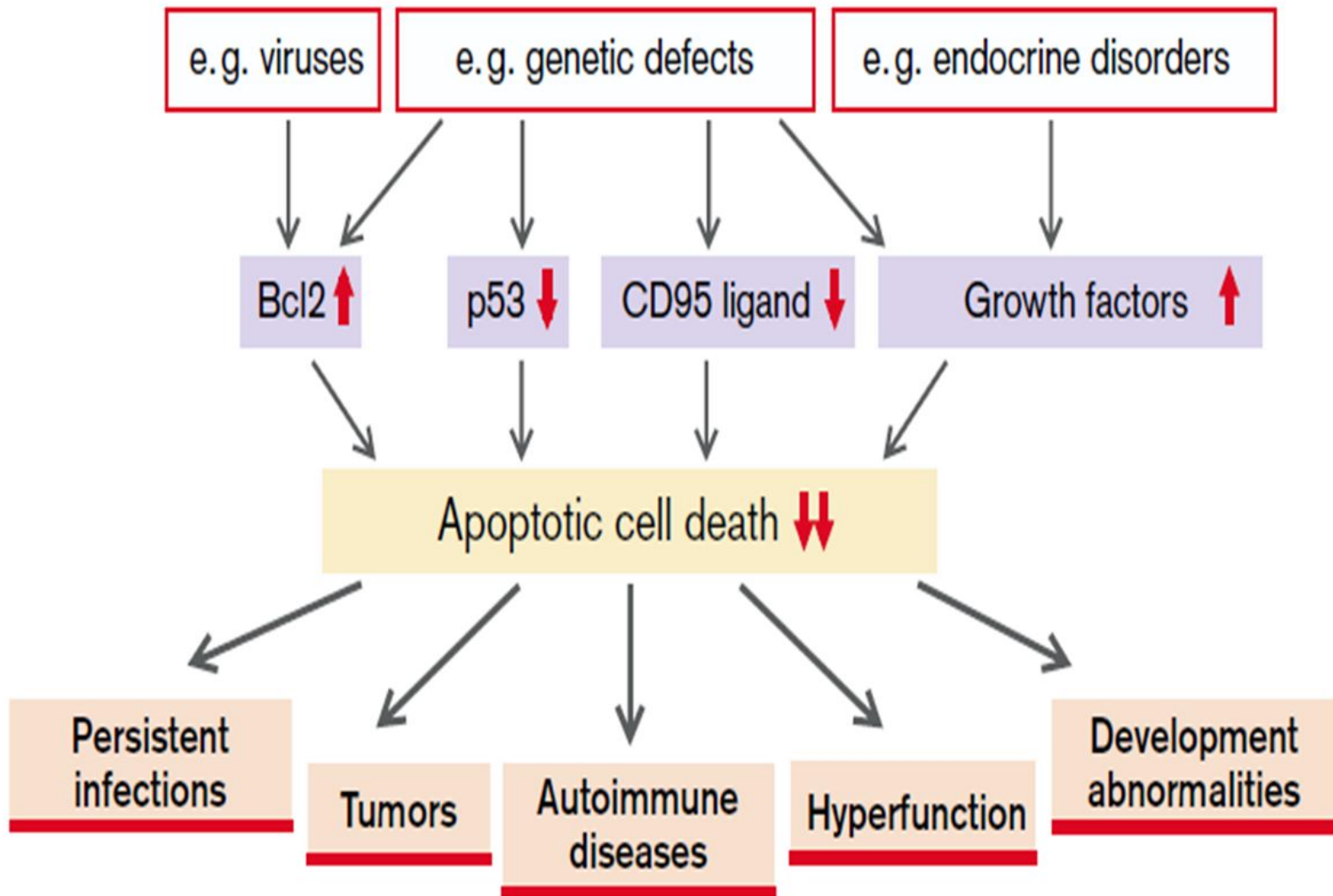
# *The extrinsic pathway of apoptosis*





# Too little or too much ?

## C. Reduced Apoptosis





# Too little or too much?

## B. Increased Apoptosis

Poisons, radiation, ischemia, genetic defects,  
infections, autoimmune diseases



Apoptotic cell death ↑↑



Neuronal degeneration

Parkinson's,  
Alzheimer's,  
amyotrophic  
lateral sclerosis,  
paraplegia,  
multiple sclerosis

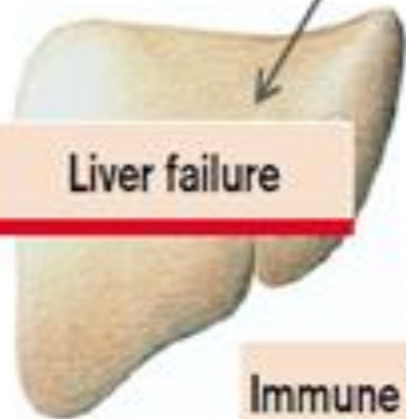
Diabetes mellitus

Transplant rejection

Aplastic anemia

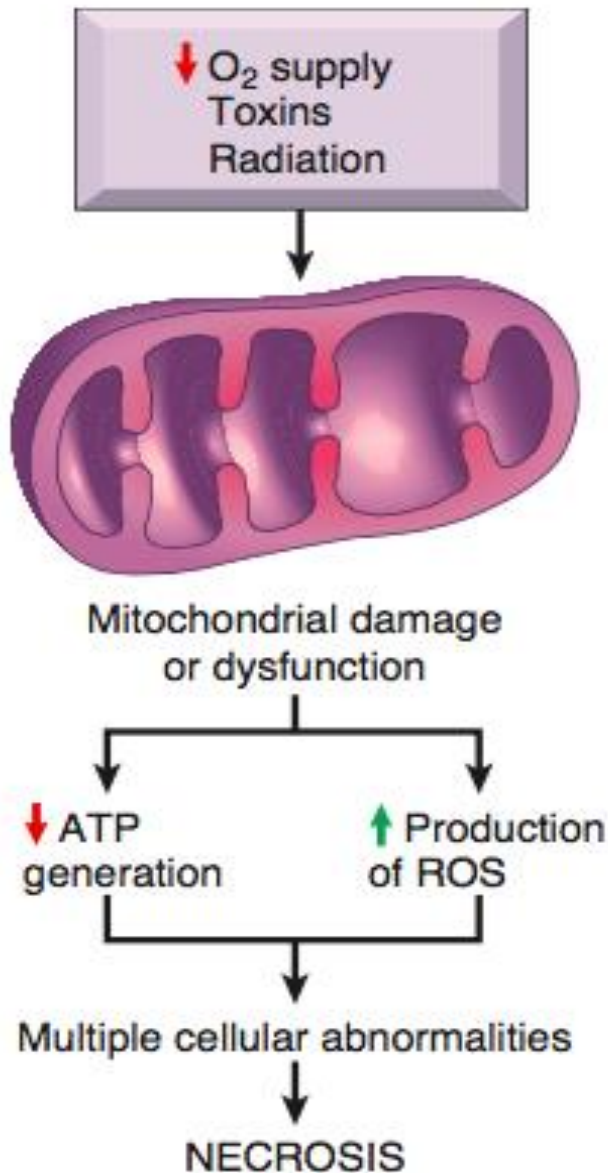
Immune deficiency

Liver failure





# Necrosis

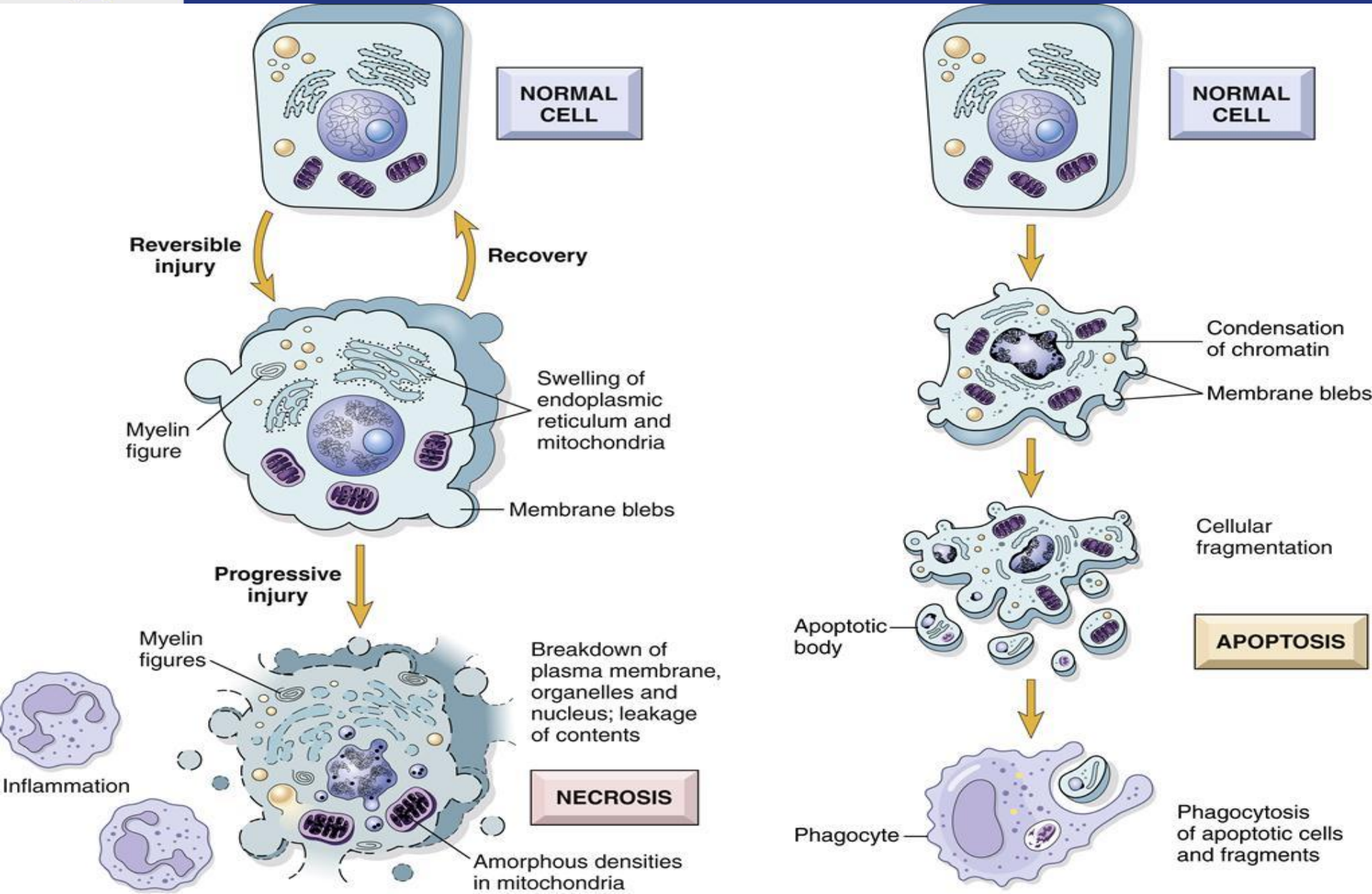


- ***Necrosis*** represents the *irreversible stop of cell activity, death of the cell or one part of the tissue or entire organ in still living body.*
- Necrosis may be defined as ***accidental death or violent death*** occurring in the result of action of harmful factors – endogenous or exogenous.
- Necrosis is followed by ***necrobiosis*** – the process of cell, tissue, organ death, that represents the transition stage of the structure from life to death (***“cellular agony”***).





# Necrosis vs Apoptosis







# Necrosis vs Apoptosis

## Necrosis

- Cellular swelling
- Membranes are broken
- Cell lyses, eliciting an inflammatory reaction
- DNA fragmentation is random, pyknosis, karyorrhexis, karyolysis.
- Mechanism – ATP depletion, membrane injury, free radical damage.
- In vivo, whole areas of the tissue are affected

## Apoptosis

- Cell shrinkage
- Membranes remain intact
- Cell is phagocytosed, no tissue reaction
- DNA fragmentation in to nucleosome size fragments.
- Mechanism – caspase activation, endonuclease and proteases.
- In vivo, individual cells appear affected



# Ulceronecrotic stomatitis



**Etiological factors:  
mechanical,  
chemical  
(destruction of  
*adamantine and  
dentin*)**

- **Viral infections**
- **Agranulocytosis**
  - **Allergic stomatitis**
  - **Heavy metal intoxication**

**A necrotic ulcer in the gingival mucosa spread from the alveolar process into the buccal mucosa.**



# *Multiple necrosis of the mouth mucosa*

**Multiple necrosis of the mouth mucosa occurs in actinic disease. In this disorder initially there is bucal and labial mucosal tumefaction with hyperemia, petechia, the mucosa being dry and pale, a sensation of burning is characteristic.**





**THANK YOU**  
for your  
**ATTENTION!**