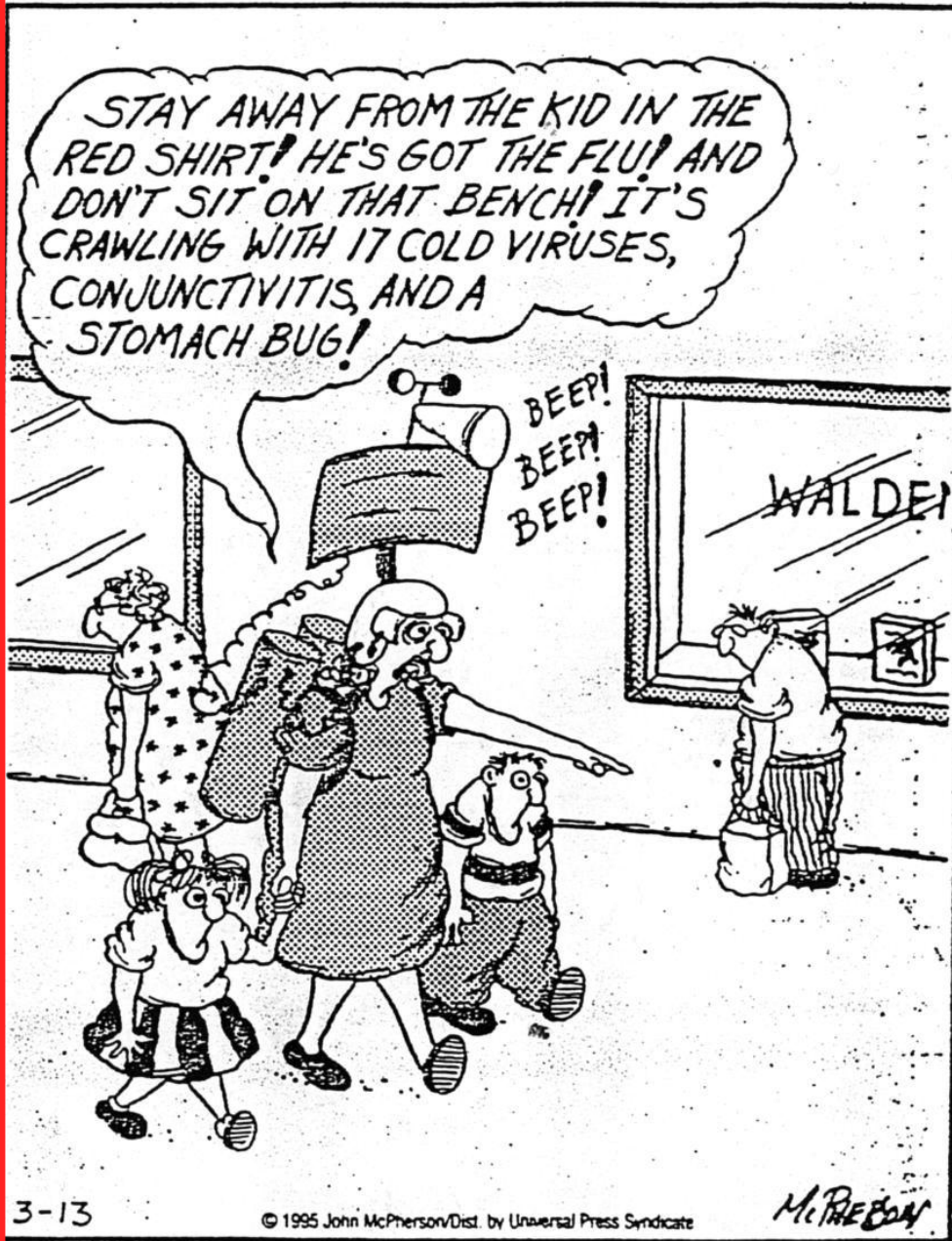


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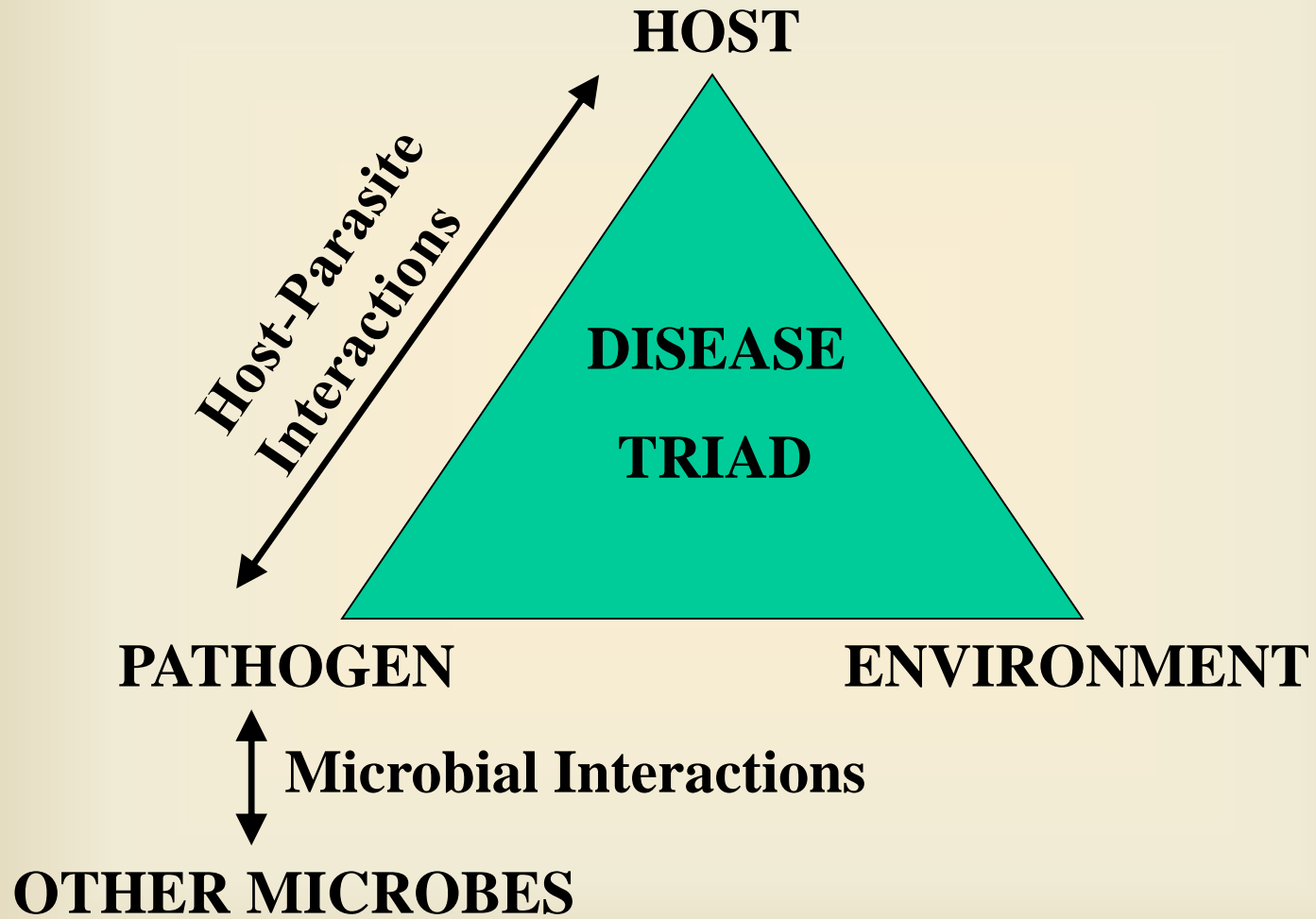
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ECOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIPS

Microbial Interactions

Host-Parasite Interactions

Environment



ECOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIPS

SYMBIOSIS: neutral, antagonistic or synergistic relationship between two dissimilar organisms (SYMBIOTES, SYMBIONTS) living in close association with each other;

MUTUALISM (+/+): mutually beneficial relationship between two species

COMMENSALISM (+/0): relationship between two species in which one is benefited and the other is not affected, neither negatively nor positively

PARASITISM (+/-): relationship between two species in which one benefits (**parasite**) from the other (**host**); usually involves detriment to the host

BASIC ECOLOGICAL DEFINITIONS

FLORA; MICROBIOTA (Microbiology Definition): microorganisms present in or characteristic of a special location (**FLORA** generically refers to plants; **FAUNA** generically refers to animals)

INDIGENOUS (Resident) MICROBIOTA: microbial flora typically occupying a particular niche; given diversity of environmental conditions, organisms tend to segregate

TRANSIENT FLORA: microbial flora only temporarily occupying a given niche

NICHE (ecological niche): the place of an organism within its community (ecosystem); unique position occupied by a particular species, perceived in terms of actual physical space occupied & function performed within ecosystem

NATURAL MICROBIAL HABITATS

Soil

Water

Air

Animals and Animal Products

MICROBIAL FLORA OF THE NORMAL HUMAN BODY (a.k.a., normal flora)

SKIN

RESPIRATORY TRACT

Nose and Nasopharynx; Mouth and Oropharynx

EYE (Conjunctivae) and **OUTER EAR**

INTESTINAL TRACT

Stomach and Small Intestine; Large Intestine;

Intestinal Tract of Newborn

Antibiotic Alteration of Flora

Significance of Intestinal Flora

GENITOURINARY TRACT

External Genitalia & Anterior Urethra

Vagina

BLOOD and TISSUES

NORMALLY STERILE SITES IN THE HUMAN BODY

Colonization of one of these sites generally involves a defect or breach in the natural defenses that creates a portal of entry

- ◆ Brain; Central nervous system
- ◆ Blood; Tissues; Organ systems
- ◆ Sinuses; Inner and Middle Ear
- ◆ Lower Respiratory Tract: Larynx; Trachea; Bronchioles (bronchi); Lungs; Alveoli
- ◆ Kidneys; Ureters; Urinary Bladder; Posterior Urethra
- ◆ Uterus; Endometrium (Inner mucous membrane of uterus); Fallopian Tubes; Cervix and Endocervix

FACTORS CONTROLLING GROWTH OF MICROORGANISMS

1. **NUTRIENT AVAILABILITY:** the accessibility of a necessary resource, substance or compound providing nourishment to maintain life, i.e. capable of conversion to energy and structural building blocks

Fastidious: an organism that has complex nutritional or cultural requirements, making isolation and culture more difficult

MAJOR ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS:

C, O, H, N, S, P, K, Mg, Ca, Fe, Na, Cl

MINOR ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS:

Zn, Mn, Mo, Se, Co, Cu, Ni, W

PHYSICO/ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETERS:

WATER ACTIVITY/OSMOTIC PRESSURE:

Water activity (a_w): represents the available water

Osmotic pressure (p): expressed in atmospheres; reflects the concentration of solute in an aqueous solution

OXYGEN: metabolic oxygen requirements; **OBLIGATE** or **FACULTATIVE**, **ANAEROBIC** or **AEROBIC**, or in between, **(MICROAEROPHILIC)**

pH: power of hydrogen; a measurement of the amount of hydrogen ion in solution; the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion concentration in an aqueous solution used to express its acidity or alkalinity (0-14)

TEMPERATURE:

Psycrophile (psychrophilic): liking cold temperatures;

Optimal growth at 15° to 20°C

Mesophile (mesophilic): liking moderate temperatures;

Optimal growth at 20° to 45°C

Thermophile (thermophilic): liking elevated temperatures;

Optimal growth at 50° to 70°C

FACTORS CONTROLLING GROWTH OF ORGANISMS (cont.):

3. **COMPETITION:** the simultaneous demand by two or more organisms or species for a necessary, common resource or physical space that is in limited or potentially limited supply, resulting in a struggle for survival
4. **HOST IMMUNE SYSTEM:** the cells and tissues involved in recognizing and attacking foreign substances in the body

ACQUIRING INFECTIOUS AGENTS

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INGESTION

INHALATION

DIRECT PENETRATION

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Needlestick

Arthropod Bite

Sexual Transmission

Transplacental

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COLONIZATION: the successful occupation of a new habitat by a species not normally found in this niche

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Adhesin: structure or macromolecule located on the surface of a cell or extracellularly that **facilitates adherence** of a cell to a surface or to another cell; site of attachment is often a **specific receptor** and host cell receptors are often sugar moieties (**lectin**), but the adherence may also be **nonspecific**

ACQUIRING INFECTIOUS AGENTS (cont.)

INVASION: the entry and spread throughout the cells and/or tissues of the host; specific recognition of receptor sites on target cells enhances pathogenic advantage

Invasins (invasive factors): structures or macromolecules that facilitate invasion by a pathogenic microorganism

MULTIPLICATION: the ability of a microorganism to reproduce during an infection; influenced by underlying disease, immunologic status, antibiotic treatment, nutrient availability

TRANSMISSION OF DISEASE

ENTRANCE, COLONIZATION, PENETRATION:

Dependent upon Age, Sex, Nutrition, Immunologic State and General Health of Host, and Bacterial Virulence Factors

VECTOR: a carrier, especially the animal that transfers an infectious agent from one host to another, usually an **ARTHROPOD**

CARRIER (Carrier State): symptomless individual who is host to a pathogenic microorganism with the potential to pass the pathogen to others

NOSOCOMIAL INFECTIONS: an infection acquired in a hospital setting that was not present in the host prior to admission, generally occurring within 72 hours of admission

NOSOCOMIAL INFECTIONS in ACUTE CARE INSTITUTIONS

<u>Infection Site</u>	<u>Percentage of All Nosocomial Infections</u>	<u>Most Common Agents</u>
Urinary Tract	40%	<i>Escherichia coli, Enterococcus, Proteus, Klebsiella, Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
Surgical Wound	20%	<i>Staphylococcus aureus, Staphylococcus epidermidis, E. coli</i>
Pulmonary	10%	<i>Klebsiella, Pseudomonas, E. coli, S. aureus</i>
Primary Bacteremia	5% - 10%	<i>S. aureus, S. epidermidis, Gram-negative rods</i>
Others	20% - 25%	<i>S. aureus, E. coli</i>

EPIDEMIOLOGY

EPIDEMIC: disease occurring suddenly in numbers clearly in excess of normal expectancy

ENDEMIC: disease present or usually prevalent in a population or geographic area at all times

PANDEMIC: a widespread epidemic distributed or occurring widely throughout a region, country, continent, or globally

Emerging Infectious Diseases

- ◆ New diseases and diseases with increasing incidences are called **emerging infectious diseases (EIDs)**.
- ◆ EIDs can result from the use of **antibiotics** and **pesticides**, **climatic changes**, **travel**, the **lack of vaccination**, and **insufficient case reporting**.
- ◆ The **CDC**, **NIH**, and **WHO** are responsible for surveillance and responses to emerging infectious diseases.

Tuberculosis	SARS*	Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis
Hepatitis C	AIDS	Enterohemorrhagic <i>E. Coli</i>
Malaria	Lassa Fever	S.American Hemorrhagic Fevers
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PATHOGENICITY vs. VIRULENCE

(Definitions)

DOSAGE: the number of pathogenic microorganisms entering the host

LD₅₀ = the number of microorganisms required to cause lethality (death) in 50% of the test host

TRUE PATHOGEN: any microorganism capable of causing disease; an infecting agent

OPPORTUNISTIC PATHOGEN: a usually harmless microorganism that becomes pathogenic under favorable conditions causing an **opportunistic infection**

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INFECTION vs. DISEASE

(Definitons)

BENIGN: a non-life or non-health threatening condition

MALIGNANT: a disease tending to become progressively worse (**MORBIDITY** = illness) and potentially result in death (**MORTALITY** = death)

CONTAGIOUS: capable of being transmitted from one host to another; **communicable; infectious**

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MICROBIAL PATHOGENICITY

VIRULENCE FACTORS

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1. **CAPSULE:** nonspecific attachment

2. **SURFACE RECEPTORS/TARGET SITES:**

Receptors on both bacteria (**adhesins**) and host (**target**)

Examples include:

- i) **fimbriae** (formerly known as pili) of *Enterobacteriaceae*
- ii) *Chlamydia* binds host N-acetyl-D-glucosamine which is a cell surface **lectin** (polysaccharide target receptor)
- iii) Protein **adhesin** of *Mycoplasma* located in specialized tip structure; adheres to sialic acid-containing cell receptors

MICROBIAL PATHOGEN

ADHESIN

RECEPTOR

<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Lipoteichoic acid	Unknown
<i>Staphylococcus</i> spp.	Slime layer	Unknown
Group A <i>Streptococcus</i>	LTA-M protein complex	Fibronectin
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	Protein	N-acetylhexosamine-gal
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Type 1 fimbriae	D- Mannose
	CFA 1 fimbriae	GM ganglioside
	P fimbriae	P blood grp glycolipid
Other Enterobacteriaceae	Type 1 fimbriae	D-Mannose
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	Fimbriae	GD ₁ ganglioside
<i>Treponema pallidum</i>	P ₁ , P ₂ , P ₃	Fibronectin
<i>Chlamydia</i> spp.	Cell surface lectin	N-acetylglucosamine
<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	Protein P1	Sialic acid
<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>	Type 4 pili	Fucose and mannose

VIRULENCE FACTORS (cont.)

INVASIVE FACTORS (invasins): enable a pathogenic microorganism to enter and spread throughout the tissues of the host body; specific recognition of receptor sites on target cells enhances pathogenic advantage

DEGRADATIVE ENZYMES: a class of protein capable of catalytic reactions; bacterial and host enzymes both play roles in the disease process

VIRULENCE FACTORS (cont.)

TOXIGENICITY: the ability of a microorganism to cause disease as determined by the **toxin** it produces which partly determines its virulence

1. **ENDOTOXIN:** a complex bacterial toxin that is composed of protein, lipid, and polysaccharide (**LPS**) which is released only upon lysis of the cell
2. **EXOTOXINS:** a potent toxic substance formed and secreted by species of certain bacteria

BASIC EFFECTS of ENDOTOXIN

FEVER: any elevation of body temperature above normal

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EXOTOXINS

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BACTERIAL CYTOLYSINS (a.k.a. Cytotoxins)

with **CELL MEMBRANE TARGETS**: hemolysis, tissue necrosis, may be lethal when administered intravenously

EXAMPLES of BIPARTITE A-B TOXINS

with

INTRACELLULAR TARGETS

- ◆ **Diphtheria toxin** - ADP-ribosylation inhibits cell protein synthesis by catalyzing transfer of ADP-ribose from NAD (nicotinamide adenine nucleotide) to EF-2 (elongation factor-2)
- ◆ ***Pseudomonas aeruginosa* toxin** - similar action as DT
- ◆ **Cholera toxin** - A-subunit catalyzes ADP-ribosylation of the B-subunit of the stimulatory guanine nucleotide protein Gs; profound life-threatening diarrhea with profuse outpouring of fluids and electrolytes
- ◆ Enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (ETEC) **heat-labile enterotoxin** - similar or identical to cholera toxin
- ◆ **Tetanus neurotoxin** - less well understood; binding domain binds to neuroreceptor gangliosides, releases inhibitory impulses with trismus
- ◆ **Botulinum neurotoxin** - among most potent of all biological toxins; binding domain binds to neuroreceptor gangliosides, inhibits release of acetylcholine at myoneural junction resulting in fatal paralysis

BACTERIAL CYTOLYSINS

with

CELL MEMBRANE TARGETS

Three Major Types:

1. Hydrolyze membrane phospholipids (**phospholipases**); e.g., *Clostridium*, *Staphylococcus*
2. **Thiol-activated** cytolysins (**oxygen-labile**) alter membrane permeability by binding to cholesterol; e.g., *Streptococcus*, *Clostridium*
3. **Detergent-like activity** on cell membranes; e.g., *Staphylococcus*, rapid rate of lysis

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Polysachharide capsules *Streptococcus pneumoniae*,
Neisseria meningitidis, *Haemophilus influenzae*, etc.

Polypeptide capsule of *Bacillus anthracis*

EVASION or **INCAPACITATION** of **PHAGOCYTOSIS**
and/or **IMMUNE CLEARANCE**

PHAGOCYTOSIS INHIBITORS: mechanisms enabling an
invading microorganism to resist being engulfed, ingested,
and or lysed by phagocytes/ phagolysosomes

RESISTANCE to **HUMORAL FACTORS**

RESISTANCE to **CELLULAR FACTORS**

MICROBIAL PATHOGENICITY (cont.)

DAMAGE TO HOST

DIRECT DAMAGE

(Tissue Damage from Disease Process):

Toxins

Enzymes

INDIRECT DAMAGE

(Tissue Reactions from Immunopathological Response):

**Damage Resulting from Vigorous Host Immune Response
(a.k.a, immunopathogenesis; autoimmune
hypersensitivity)**

Hypersensitivity Reactions (Types I - IV)

HOST RESISTANCE

The degree to which a host can limit the effects of an infection, ranging from:

- ◆ **TOLERANCE** in which symptoms are suppressed or unusually large doses of a drug, toxin, or protein are able to be endured
- ◆ **HYPERSENSITIVITY** in which only a few cells surrounding the infected cell(s) are affected or an increased susceptibility to an antigen, such as an allergic reaction to a previous exposure to an antigen, the extreme case being anaphylactic shock
- ◆ **IMMUNITY** in which the microorganisms do not multiply due to any one or a combination of host immune factors or the biological condition by which a body is capable of resisting or overcoming an infection or disease

HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTIONS

TYPE I: ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION

(ANAPHYLAXIS, ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK): a life-threatening immediate hypersensitivity reaction to a previously encountered antigen, characterized by respiratory distress, vascular collapse, and shock; allergy or atopic diseases

TYPE II: CYTOTOXIC REACTION: a specific destructive action against certain cells by an invading agent; humorally mediated, autoimmune diseases, cytotoxic diseases, antibody diseases

TYPE III: IMMUNE COMPLEX REACTION: serum sickness diseases

TYPE IV: CELL-MEDIATED IMMUNE RESPONSE: delayed-type hypersensitivity, cell-mediated cytotoxic diseases, granulomatous diseases

IMMUNOPATHOLOGICAL RESPONSE with TISSUE REACTIONS

◆ Type I Hypersensitivity Reactions:

➤ **Anaphylactic Reaction** (Anaphylaxis;
Anaphylactic shock)

- **IgE-mediated:** Cross-linking of cell-bound IgE antibodies by antigen with degranulation of mast cells or basophils

- Life-threatening immediate hypersensitivity reaction to a previously encountered antigen, characterized by respiratory distress, vascular collapse, and shock

➤ **Allergy or atopic diseases**

- Atopy: hereditary hypersensitivity to common environmental antigens

IMMUNOPATHOLOGICAL RESPONSE with TISSUE REACTIONS

◆ Type II Hypersensitivity Reactions:

Humorally-Mediated Autoimmune Diseases

- Interaction of **cross-reactive antibody** with host cell surface antigen; **Autoantibodies** and **immune complexes**
- **Cytotoxic reaction** (antibody-mediated) (ADCC): Specific destructive action against certain cells presenting antigens from an invading agent

IMMUNOPATHOLOGICAL RESPONSE with TISSUE REACTIONS

◆ Type III Hypersensitivity Reactions:

Immune Complex Reaction

- **Antibody-mediated**
- **Deposition of circulating immune complexes** in small vessels with complement activation causing damage to vessels
- **Serum sickness diseases**

IMMUNOPATHOLOGICAL RESPONSE with TISSUE REACTIONS

◆ Type IV Hypersensitivity Reactions:

Cell-Mediated Immune Response

- **T cells sensitized to “self” antigens** secrete lymphokines that either do direct damage to host cells (e.g., TNF) or indirect damage enhancing the inflammatory response
- **Delayed-type hypersensitivity (TB test)** (CD4+ mediated)
- **Cell-mediated cytotoxic diseases** (CD8+ mediated)
- **Granulomatous disease**

HOST DEFENSE MECHANISMS

EXTERNAL (PRIMARY): Physical barrier of gross surface area; e.g., skin, respiratory tract, gastrointestinal tract, genitourinary tract

Mechanical and Physical Factors: sweat, fatty acids, pH, indigenous competitive flora (microbial antagonism), peristalsis, hair, cilia, urinary flushing, mucus, [tears, nasal secretions, saliva (lysozyme)], semen (spermine), mucosal secretory antibody (IgA predominant)

HOST DEFENSE MECHANISMS (cont.)

INTERNAL (SECONDARY): When an infecting parasite succeeds in penetrating the skin or mucous membranes, cellular defense mechanisms include local macrophages and blood-borne phagocytic cells. Mononuclear phagocytes (**monocytes** and **macrophages**) and **polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMNs)** are the most important phagocytic cells targeting bacterial infections.

MONONUCLEAR PHAGOCYTE SYSTEM (formerly Reticular Endothelial System): total pool of monocytes and cells derived from monocytes; predominantly **macrophages** (phagocytic cells)

HOST DEFENSE MECHANISMS (cont.)

OTHER:

NON-SPECIFIC: oxygen metabolites (superoxide anion radical, hydrogen peroxide, hydroxyl radicals, halide radicals), kinin forming system related to **clotting**

HOST-GENERATED PROTEINS: complex array of **humoral and cellular mediators**; e.g., lysosomal enzymes, lipid mediators, prostaglandins, histamine, heat-shock proteins (stress proteins)

HOST DEFENSE MECHANISMS (cont.)

CELLULAR IMMUNE RESPONSE: any immune response directed at the cellular level; includes **INFLAMMATION** and **PHAGOCYTOSIS** processes

INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE: a protective response of tissues affected by disease or injury characterized by **redness**, localized **heat**, **swelling**, **pain**, and possibly **impaired function** of the infected part

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T-LYMPHOCYTES and **CYTOKINES**

HOST DEFENSE MECHANISMS (cont.)

HUMORAL IMMUNE RESPONSE: the sum total of components of the immune response circulating in the blood or body fluids ; includes **ANTIBODY** and **COMPLEMENT** systems

COMPLEMENT PROTECTIVE SYSTEM: a protein system in serum that combines with antibodies to form a defense against cellular antigens

B-LYMPHOCYTES and

ANTIBODY PRODUCTION: a class of proteins produced as a result of the introduction of an antigen that has the ability to combine with the antigen that caused its production

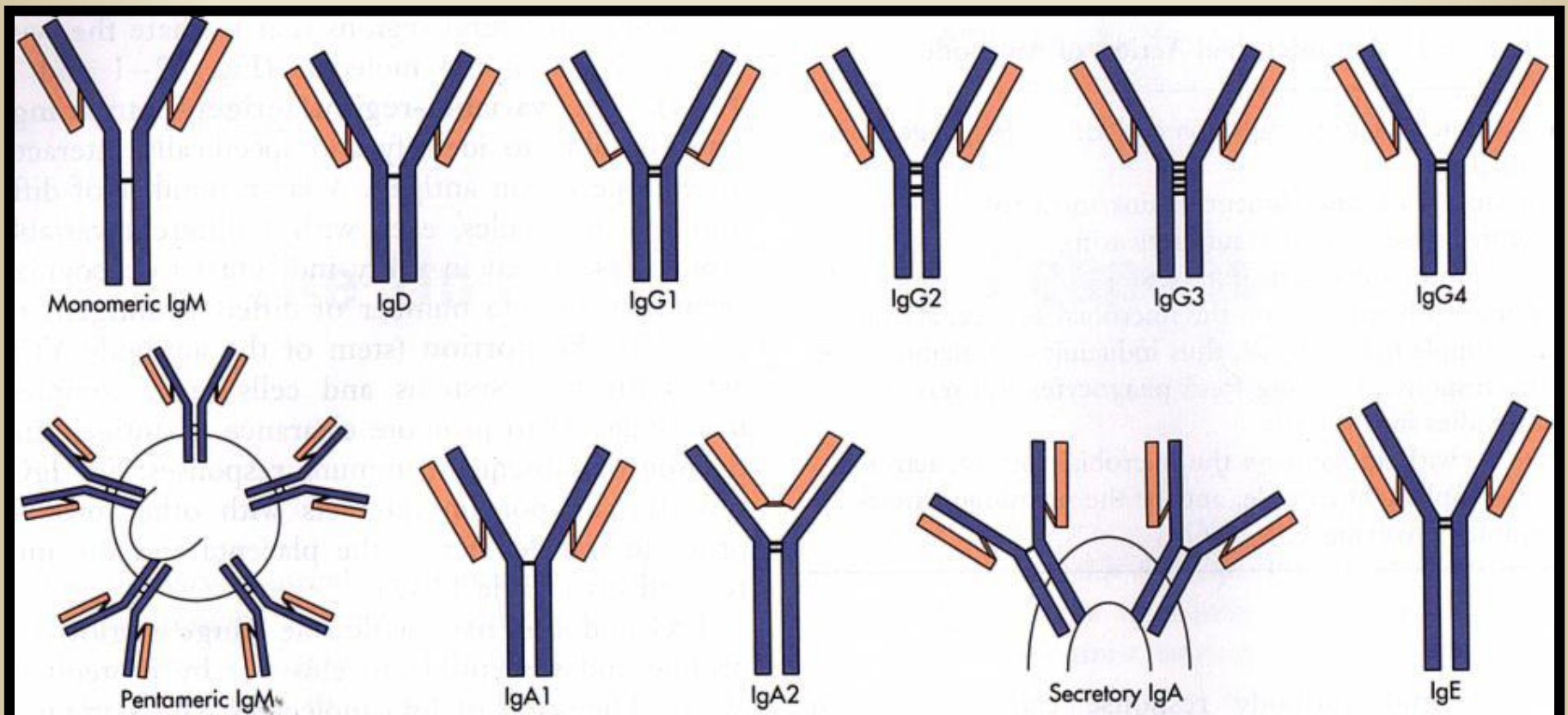
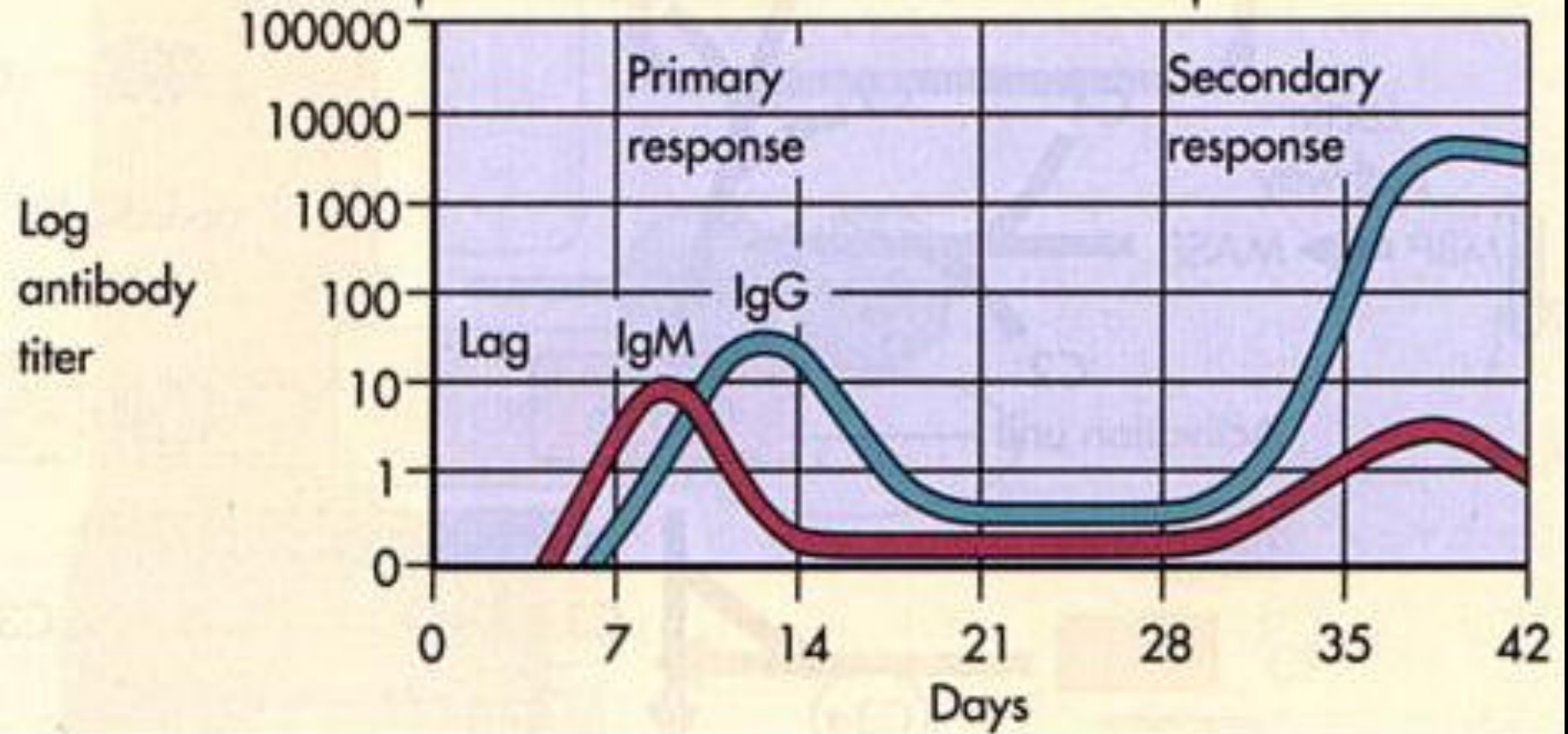


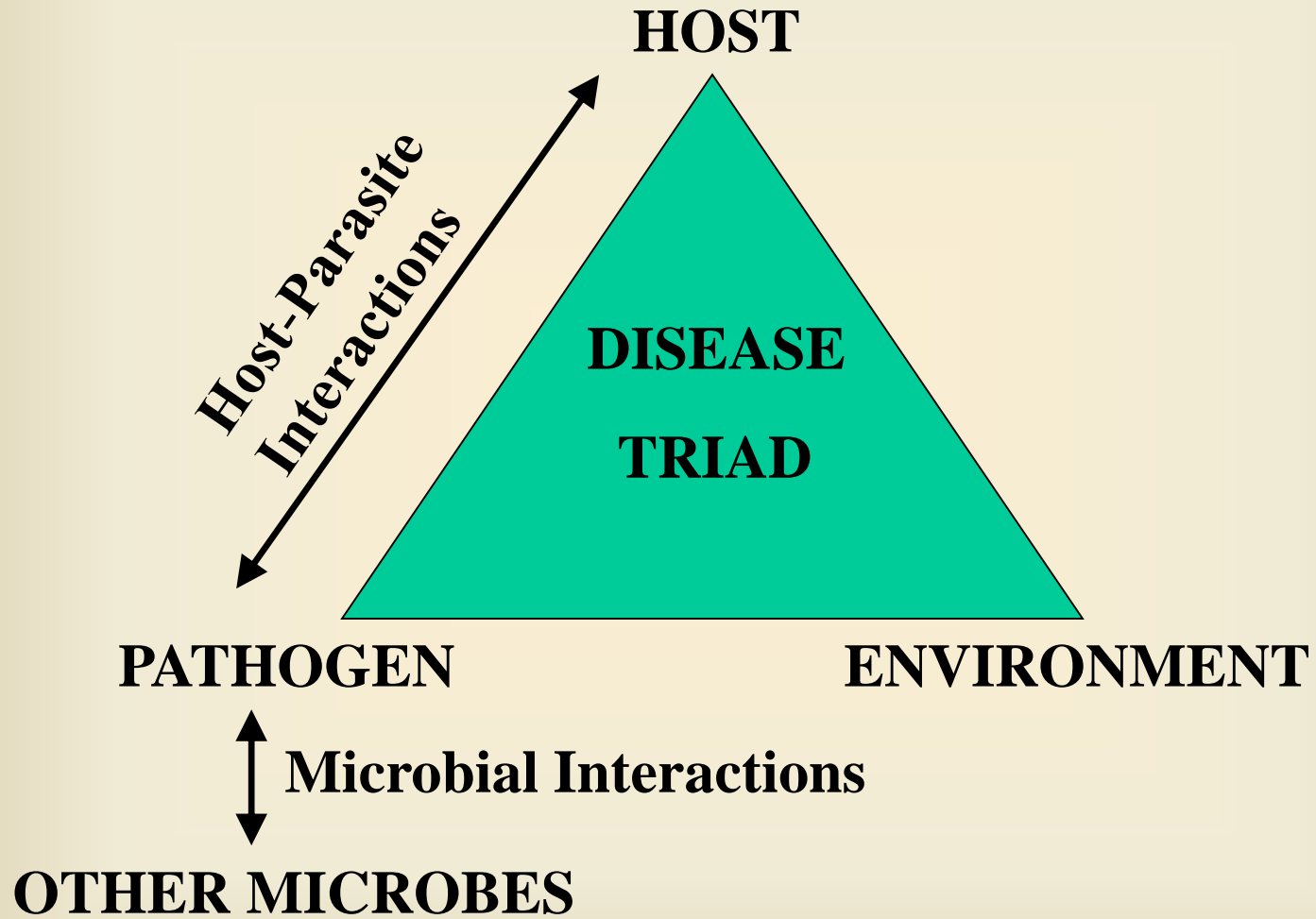
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and or lysed by phagocytes/ phagolysosomes

RESISTANCE to **HUMORAL FACTORS**

RESISTANCE to **CELLULAR FACTORS**

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MICROBIAL PATHOGENICITY (cont.)

DAMAGE TO HOST

DIRECT DAMAGE

(Tissue Damage from Disease Process):

Toxins

Enzymes

INDIRECT DAMAGE

(Tissue Reactions from Immunopathological Response):

**Damage Resulting from Vigorous Host Immune Response
(a.k.a, immunopathogenesis; autoimmune hypersensitivity)**

Hypersensitivity Reactions (Types I - IV)

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HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTIONS

TYPE I: ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION

(ANAPHYLAXIS, ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK): a life-threatening immediate hypersensitivity reaction to a previously encountered antigen, characterized by respiratory distress, vascular collapse, and shock; allergy or atopic diseases

TYPE II: CYTOTOXIC REACTION: a specific destructive action against certain cells by an invading agent; humorally mediated, autoimmune diseases, cytotoxic diseases, antibody diseases

TYPE III: IMMUNE COMPLEX REACTION: serum sickness diseases

TYPE IV: CELL-MEDIATED IMMUNE RESPONSE: delayed-type hypersensitivity, cell-mediated cytotoxic diseases, granulomatous diseases

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HOST DEFENSE MECHANISMS (cont.)

CELLULAR IMMUNE RESPONSE: any immune response directed at the cellular level; includes **INFLAMMATION** and **PHAGOCYTOSIS** processes

INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE: a protective response of tissues affected by disease or injury characterized by **redness**, localized **heat**, **swelling**, **pain**, and possibly **impaired function** of the infected part

PHAGOCYTOSIS: the process by which certain phagocytes can **ingest extracellular particles** by engulfing them; particles **OPSONIZED** with antibody are more rapidly and efficiently ingested

T-LYMPHOCYTES and **CYTOKINES**

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HOST DEFENSE MECHANISMS (cont.)

HUMORAL IMMUNE RESPONSE: the sum total of components of the immune response circulating in the blood or body fluids ; includes **ANTIBODY** and **COMPLEMENT** systems

COMPLEMENT PROTECTIVE SYSTEM: a protein system in serum that combines with antibodies to form a defense against cellular antigens

B-LYMPHOCYTES and

ANTIBODY PRODUCTION: a class of proteins produced as a result of the introduction of an antigen that has the ability to combine with the antigen that caused its production

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