INFLAMMATION



Inflammation

- Protective response that is intended to eliminate the initial cause of injury
- Innate and acquired mechanisms
- Local or generalized (sepsis) processes
- Terminology: ~ itis ending

Etiology

- Physical effects:
 - Extreme temperature, electric shock, ionization, physical injury, etc.
- Chemical agents:
 - Metabolic substances, acids, alkalis drugs, tissue necrosis
- Microorganisms:
 - Bacteria, viruses, fungal infections, parasites, immune cells and immunocomplexes

Types of inflammation

- acute
 - Duration: few minutes to few days
 - Exsudate rich in fluid and plasma proteins and mainly neutrophil granulocytes
- subacute
 - Transition between acute and chronic inflammation
 - Mixed cellular infiltration
- chronic
 - Duration: few days to years
 - Lymphocytes, macrophages, vascular proliferation and fibrosis

Signs and symptoms

- Rubor (redness): arteriole dilatation + venous outflow impairment→ dilation of capillary loops, stasis
- Calor (warm)
- **Dolor** (painful): vasodilatative and permeability increasing substances
- **Tumor**: increased fluid outflow
 - exsudate (inflammation, protein > 3 mg/ml)
 - transsudate (stasis, increased hydrostatic pressure)
- Functio laesa

Outcome of acute inflammation

- Resolution regeneration, reparation
- Secondary infections
- Hematogenous spread sepsis
- Development of chronic inflammation
- Scarring fibrosis

Morphologic patterns of acute inflammation SEROUS

- mildest
- might be first stage of inflammation, mild increase in permeability, outpouring of a watery, relatively protein-poor fluid
- First stage of common cold, skin burns (bullae), erysipelas, herpes (first stage).
- Serous membranes:
- exsudative
- pleuritis/pericarditis/peritonitis



FIBRINOUS

- greater vascular permeability that allows large molecules (such as fibrinogen) to pass the endothelial barrier.→ extravascular fibrin
- Greyish, sticky exsudate, which is removable
- Pericarditis sicca: friction rub; uremia (cor villosum/'bread and butter')
- **Fibrinous pleuritis**: painful, above lung infarction, diffusely as a complication of pneumonia
- Fibrinous peritonitis

Fibrinous pericarditis



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Mucosal membranes

- pseudomembranous inflammation;
- Fibrin is easily removable diphteria
- Diptheritis (fibrin is not easily removable, the inflammation affects the submucosa as well, ulcer formation)
- typhus abdominalis, Shigella, pseudomembranous colitis (C. difficile).
- fibrin resolution → healing/organization → chr. fibrous adhesions (filamentous or lamellar).



Pseudomembranous colitis





PURULENT

- Pus: neutrophyl granulocytes + necrotic cells and cell debris
- Folliculitis, furuncule, carbuncule, pustule (blisters filled with pus in the epidermis, purulent meningitis
- **Abscess:** Localised form of acute purulent inflammation forming a pus filled cavity
- **Empyema:** Pus in a preformed cavity (pyocephalus, pyometra, pyosalpinx, pyonephros...)
- **Phlegmon:** Diffuse form of acute purulent inflammation, spreading within the tissues











Retroauricular abscess



Brain abscess





Brain abscess







Abscess in the wall of the gallbladder



Phlegmon:

Diffuse form of acute purulent inflammation, spreading within the tissues (urinphlegmone)



ACUTE APPENDICITIS

- Differential diagnosis acute abdomen:
- Meckel-diverticulitis
- Crohn's disease
- salpingitis
- rupture of corpus hemorrhagicum
- mesenterial lymphadenitis
- extrauterine gravidity
- vulvulus, intussusception in children







Suppurative appendicitis

Perforated appendicitis







Hemorrhagic:

- Extravasation of red blood cells due to vascular damage
- plague, pox, anthrax, influenza, pancreatitis (vessel wall erosion), meningococcus-sepsis (DIC), hemorrhagic urocystitis



Gangrenous:

- Immune system is not effective/local hemodynamic disorder
- Extensive tissue damage
- arteriosclerosis, diabetes (arterial occlusion): dry gangrene → superimposed bacterial infection → wet gangrene
- in the lungs after aspiration
- as a complication of tumors
- In healthy individuals: gangrenous appendicitis, gangrenous cholecystitis
- gasgangrene: emphysematous gangrene caused by C. perfringens









Chronic inflammation

- Mononuclear cell infiltration (lymphocyte, macrophage, plasmacell)
- Tissue damage
- Reparation angiogenesis and fibrosis are seen together

Causes:

- Persistant infection (TB, syphilis)
- Hypersensitivity reactions
- Continuous exposure to toxic agents

Granulomatous (specific) inflammation:

- Macrophages concentrated in the granuloma
- Granuloma: small roundish aggregations of epitheloid macrophages and giant cells
- Multinucleated giant cells (formed by fusion of epitheloid macrophages)
 - foreign body type
 - Langhans-type
 - Touton-type



Types of granulomas

- Immune infective (tb) non-infective
- Foreign body type: the substance is recognized as foreign, but it does not result in immunoreaction
 - Suture granuloma around stitches, lipid granuloma around fat necrosis
 - Few lymphocytes
 - Hagemann-factor (fXIII) induces inflammation
- Sarcoid granuloma, tuberculosis,
 - Rheumatic granuloma Aschoff's nodule
 - Rheumatoid granuloma fibrinoid necrosis





Foreign body granuloma







Foreign body type giant cells



bile

cholesterol





Crystal in lung artery (i.v. drug)

Wound healing

- Primary
 - Sterile, cut wounds, with sharp edge
- Secondary
 - damaged wounds with loss of tissue, infected wounds

Phases:

- -Exsudative: wound exsudate, edema
- -Resorptive: complement system (6 hours), cellular immunity (12 hours)
- -Proliferative: 3rd day, granulation tissue

-Reparative: epithel migration, reepithelisation, macrophages, collagen, scar



Granulation







Granulation tissue



Complications of wound healing:

- rupture
- infection
- granuloma formation
- traumatic epithelial cyst
- seroma
- keloid: too much scar tissue
- caro luxurians: too much granulation tissue