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# 13 The Lymphatic System and Immunity

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## Chapter Outline

### Lymphatic System

- Lymphatic Vessels

- Lymphoid Organs

### Immunity

- Nonspecific Defenses

- Specific Defenses

### Immunotherapy

- Active Immunity

- Passive Immunity

- Lymphokines

### Immunological Side Effects and Illnesses

- Allergies

- Tissue Rejection

- Autoimmune Diseases

- Immune Deficiency

### Working Together: The Lymphatic System

## Learning Objectives

1. Describe the structure and functions of the lymphatic system.
2. Describe the structure and function of lymph nodes.
3. Describe the structures and functions of the thymus, spleen, and red bone marrow.
4. Describe the body's nonspecific defense mechanisms.
5. Contrast antibody-mediated immunity with cell-mediated immunity.
6. Describe how to provide an individual with active and passive immunity.
7. Give examples of immunotherapeutic drugs.
8. Give examples of how the immune system overdefends and underdefends the body.

## Medical Terminology

Medical Term	Meaning
anti-	against
auto-	self

1. What occurs generally during autoimmunity?
2. What is the role of an antibody molecule?

## New Terms

### Basic Key Terms

active immunity  
antibodies  
antibody-mediated immunity  
antigen  
B lymphocytes  
bradykinin  
cell-mediated immunity

complement system  
histamine  
inflammatory reaction  
lymph  
lymphatic system  
lymphokines  
macrophages

memory B cells  
monoclonal antibodies  
passive immunity  
phagocytosis  
plasma cells  
pus  
T lymphocytes

### Clinical Key Terms

AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome)  
allergies  
antibody titer  
edema  
elephantiasis  
Hodgkin's disease  
immunization

immunosuppression  
interferon  
lymphangitis  
lymphadenitis  
lymphoma  
multiple sclerosis (MS)  
myasthenia gravis  
opportunistic infections

pulmonary edema  
rheumatoid arthritis  
severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID)  
systemic lupus erythematosus  
vaccines

## Study Questions

### *I. Lymphatic System (p. 252)*

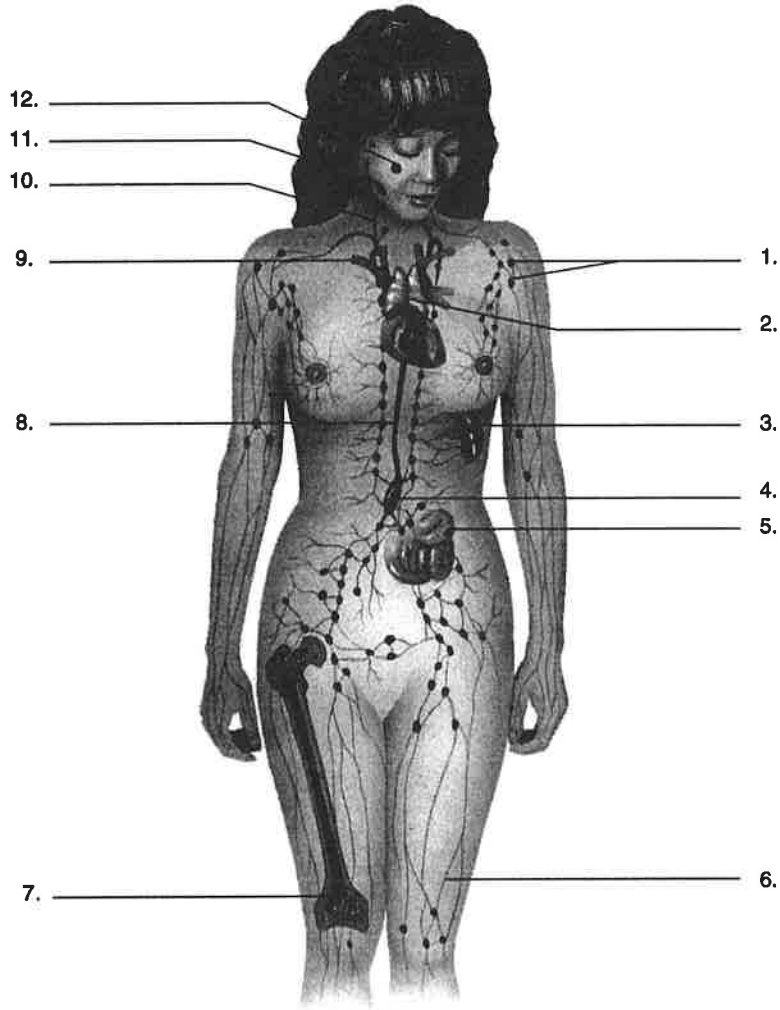
A. Completion. List the three basic functions of the lymphatic system.

1.

2.

3.

B. Use the terms that follow to label the lymphatic system and associated structures (see text figure 13.1, p. 252). Write the correct label in the space provided beside each numbered pointer.



adenoid  
 chyle cistern  
 lymphatic vessel  
 lymph nodes  
 Peyer's patch  
 red bone marrow

right lymphatic duct  
 spleen  
 subclavian vein  
 thoracic duct  
 thymus  
 tonsil

C. The underlined words in the following statements make the statements false. In the space provided, rewrite each statement to make it true.

1. To become lymph, tissue fluid is initially collected by capillaries of the systemic circulation.
2. Lymph consists mostly of arterial blood.
3. The right lymphatic duct serves the lower extremities, abdomen, left arm, and left side of the head and neck.
4. The lymphatic system is a two-way system.

D. Match the terms on the left with the descriptions on the right. Place the correct letters in the blanks on the left.

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| ___ 1. axillary | a. adenoids are one example                        |
| ___ 2. inguinal | b. division of a node by wall of connective tissue |
| ___ 3. nodule   | c. node found in the armpit                        |
| ___ 4. sinus    | d. node found in the groin                         |
| ___ 5. tonsil   | e. space filled with lymphocytes and macrophages   |

E. Match the terms on the left with the descriptions on the right. Place the correct letters in the blanks on the left.

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| ___ 1. edema         | a. cancer of lymphoid tissue                                 |
| ___ 2. lymphadenitis | b. infection spreading to lymphatic vessels                  |
| ___ 3. lymphangitis  | c. excess accumulation of tissue fluid                       |
| ___ 4. lymphoma      | d. infection with swelling and tenderness of the lymph nodes |

F. In the blanks on the left, label each of the following statements as describing the *thymus*, *spleen*, or *red bone marrow*.

- \_\_\_ 1. contains red pulp and white pulp
- \_\_\_ 2. T lymphocytes mature in its lobules
- \_\_\_ 3. located along the trachea
- \_\_\_ 4. located in the upper left abdominal cavity
- \_\_\_ 5. produces a hormone that is believed to be an inducing factor
- \_\_\_ 6. contains sinuses filled with blood
- \_\_\_ 7. origination site for all types of blood cells

**IV. Immunological Side Effects and Illnesses (pp. 266–67)**

Complete each of the following statements.

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ is an antigen provoking an allergic reaction.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the variety of antibodies that causes allergies.
3. If a transported organ has the same \_\_\_\_\_ proteins as the recipient, it suppresses rejection.
4. Myasthenia gravis is an \_\_\_\_\_ disease.

**V. Effects of Aging (p. 267)**

Indicate whether each of the following statements is true (T) or false (F).

- \_\_\_\_ 1. The thymus gland degenerates with age.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. B cells always form clones in the elderly.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. The chances of developing autoimmune diseases decrease as a person ages.