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Cell Injury, Cell Death, and Adaptations

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Homeostasis & Adaptation

General Principle





Adaptation by hypertrophy (cardiac)





Cellular Adaptation

Principle adaptive responses

Hypertrophy



Hyperplasia



Atrophy



Metaplasia







Hypertrophy

Increased cell size \rightarrow increased organ size

No new cells

Bigger cells with increased structural proteins and organelles

Occurs in tissues that have limited proliferative ability

Pure vs Mixed

Physiologic vs Pathologic









Hyperplasia

Increased cell number

Occurs in tissues that have proliferative ability

Growth factor/hormone induced

Stopped by growth inhibitors or withdrawal of original stimulus

Pure vs Mixed

Physiologic (Hormonal, Compensatory) vs Pathologic vs cancer





Metaplasia

Change in cell type

New cell type copes better with stress

New cell type from altered stem cell differentiation

Cell type change comes at a functional cost

Persistent change increases risk of cancer

Epithelial & Mesenchymal



Cell Injury & Death



* Irreversible membrane dysfunction & mitochondrial dysfunction ≈ Irreversible injury

Morphology of cell death





Coagulative necrosis

Conserved tissue architecture initially

Anuclear eosinophilic on LM

Wedge shaped following blood supply usually

Leukocyte lysosomes and phagocytosis required for clearance

Characteristic of all solid organ infarcts except the brain



Liquefactive necrosis

Focal infections (pus)

CNS infarcts

Center liquefies and digested tissue is removed by phagocytosis



Gangrenous necrosis

Clinical term

It is coagulative necrosis

Dry vs wet



Caseous necrosis

"Cheese like"

Combination of coagulative and liquefactive necrosis

Tissue architecture is not preserved

Acellular center

Usually enclosed in an granulomatous inflammatory border

Most often seen in TB



Fat necrosis

Occurs in acute pancreatitis

Due to release of pancreatic lipases

Focal fat destruction

Released FA's combine with Ca²⁺ (saponification) to produce the whitish chalky appearance



Fibrinoid necrosis

Visible by LM

Deposits of Ab+Ag+fibrin in arterial walls

Seen in polyarteritis nodosa



Apoptosis

Ordered

Lack of inflammation