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Scar formation



Steps

- Angiogenesis
- Migration and proliferation of fibroblasts (24hr)
- Deposition of CT
- Maturation and reorganization

Angiogenesis



 $NO \rightarrow Vasodilation$ VEGF \rightarrow increased permeability

Separation of pericytes from the abluminal surface

Migration of endothelial cells

Proliferation of endothelial cells just behind the leading front of migrating cells

Remodeling into capillary tubes

Recruitment of periendothelial cells

Suppression of endothelial proliferation & migration Deposition of the basement membrane

Angiogenic growth factors (VEGF)



Angiogenic growth factors





Suppression of endothelial proliferation & migration Deposition of the basement membrane

Role of the ECM in angiogenesis



ECM is not a passive bystander:

- Interaction with integrins
- Retention-presentation of growth factors like FGF that binds heparan sulfate
- Scaffold for new vessel formation
- Actively remodelled by enzymes like MMPs

Less proliferating fibroblasts

More ECM synthesis

Inactive fibroblasts

Dense Collagen

Vascular regression



Granulation vs Scar

- A: Granulation tissue
 - Angiogenesis
 - edema
 - loose ECM
 - inflammatory cells
- B: Mature scar
 - Dense Collagen
 - Less blood vessels

Recruitment and activation of fibroblasts by cytokines/growth factors

ECM deposition vs degradation (e.g. MMP)

ECM Deposition/Scar formation growth factors (TGFB)



- ↑ production of collagen, fibronectin, & proteoglycans
- ▶ ↓ collagen degradation
 - ↓ proteinase activity
 - ↑ TIMP activity
- Anti-inflammatory
 - ↓ lymphocyte proliferation
 - ↓ activity of other leukocytes

Maturation and reorganization (Remodelling)



Factors influencing tissue repair Quiz

- Infection
 Foreign bodies
- NutritionTissue type
- Glucocorticoids

- Injury type
- MechanicalLocation
- Perfusion



Aberrations of cell growth in repair Keloid

Proud flesh

Clinical examples of repair & fibrosis

HEALING BY FIRST INTENTION

24-48 hours, migrationproliferation of epithelial cells from both edges depositing basement membrane as they progress

24 hours

Weeks

Day 3, Collagen fibers at the incision margins are vertically oriented and do not bridge the incision

Day 5, neovascularization reaches its peak & collagen begins to bridge the gap

2nd week, blanching Begins (increased collagen & devasuclarization)



Healing of Skin Wounds

First intention:

- Focal disruption of the basement membrane
- Little cell death
- Repair by regeneration

HEALING BY SECOND INTENTION



More intense

injury

inflammation =

24 hours



3 to 7 days

More granulation tissue to cover a wider gap = more scarring

inflammation mediated

Wound contraction by myofibroblasts

Weeks





Healing of Skin Wounds

Second intention:

- Extensive tissue loss
- Intense inflammation
- Combination
 - regeneration & scarring

Wound strength

