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Subject: Lymphatic System

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lymphatic system

it is network of tissues and organs that help rid the body of toxins, waste and other unwanted materials.

Lymphatic system consist of:

- o lymphatic vessels
- o lymph nodes the spleen
- o other lymphatic organs.

The Main functions of the lymphatic system

The lymphatic system has four main functions that contribute to homeostasis:

- o Lymphatic capillaries absorb excess tissue fluid and return it to the bloodstream
- o in the small intestines, lymphatic capillaries called lacteals absorb fats in the form of lipoproteins and transport them to the bloodstream
- o the lymphatic system is responsible for the production, mainte- nance, and distribution of lymphocytes
- the lymphatic system helps defend the body against pathogen

STRUCTURE OF LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

The lymphatic system consists of lymphatic vessels and lymphatic organs

> THELYMPHATIC VESSELS

LYMPH excessive tissue fluid carried by lymphatic vessels

Collects lymph from lymph capillaries

Delivers lymph to lymph nodes

Returns fluid to circulatory veins near the heart

Fluid &plasma proteins are not all resorbed at the capillary beds and must be returned to

the blood to maintain blood volume ..lymphatic vessels accomplish this

One-way system, lymph flows toward the heart Lymph vessels include:

- Microscopic, permeable, blind-ended capillaries
- Lymphatic collecting vessels Trunks and ducts

STRUCTURE OF LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

- > The lymphatic organs
 - 1. Primary lymphoid organs: Where lymphocytes are generated
 - a. Bone marrow

lymphocytes are mature in bone marrow

Produce plasma cells, which secrete antibodies

Antibodies immobilize antigens and "tag" them for destruction by leukocytes (WBCs)

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STRUCTURE OF LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

- > The lymphatic organs
 - b. Thymus gland

lymphocytes are mature in thymus

Manage the immune response

Attack and destroy foreign cells

- 2. Secondary lymphoid organs: initiate adaptive immune responses
 - Lymph node
 - Spleen
 - Appendix Peyer's patches
 - Tonsils

Lymphoid organ

1- Lymph nodes

It is a small, bean-shaped organ that serves as a filtering and processing center f o r your immune system.

- *Approximately 600 lymph nodes are scattered throughout the human body. They can exist singly or in closely connected groups called chains.
- *Lymph nodes are connected to their neighbors by a sort of network of tubes called lymphatic vessels.
- *lymph: it's a clear fluid contains more white blood cells than plasma

Lymphoid organ

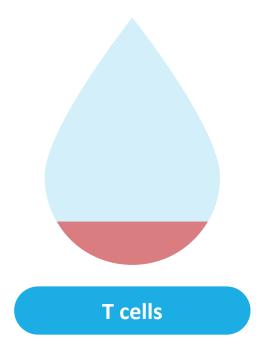
Lymphocytes

- 1- They detect if there is any viruses or bacteria in the lymphatic fluid.
- 2 -They produce antibodies to combat viruses and bacteria.

Macrophages

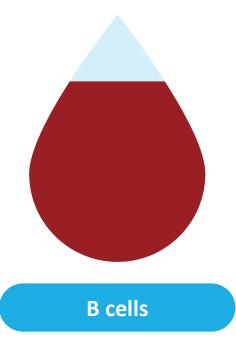
1 -They will directly phagocytes the viruses and bacteria.

Types of lymphocyte



a type of white blood cell and they help protect the body from infection and may help fight cancer.

Location: in cortex.



a type of white blood cell that makes antibodies.

Location: in germinal center.



Function of lymph nodes





Filtration



Immune system activation



Production of lymphocytes

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spleen

Spleen: is the largest lymphatic organ.

Located: in the upper left abdominal quadrant.

Contains two tissue types:

- White pulp
- Red pulp

Function of the spleen

- 1-acts as a blood filter and controls the amount of red blood cells and bloods storage in the body.
- 2 -help to fight infection



Tonsils

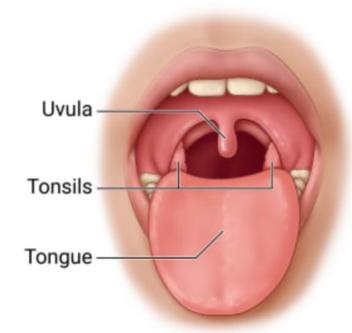
The tonsils are small masses of lymphoid tissue that ring the pharynx (the throat)

The function:

Their job is to trap and remove any bacteria or other foreign pathogens entering the throat.

Disorder:

sometimes they become congested with bacteria and become red, swollen, and sore, a condition called tonsillitis

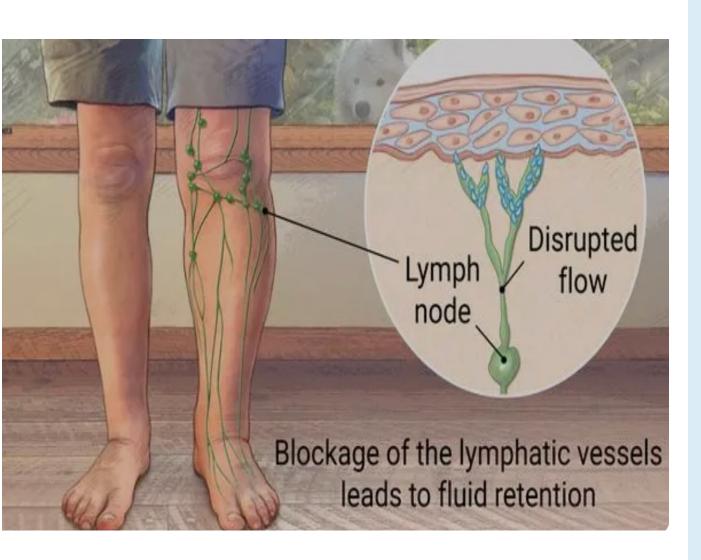


Healthy tonsils



Tonsillitis





Disease of the lymphatic system

Lymphedema is a build-up of lymph fluid in the fatty tissues just under your skin. This build-up causes swelling (or edema),

most often in the arms or legs. Lymphedema can result from surgery or radiation therapy to treat certain cancers.

