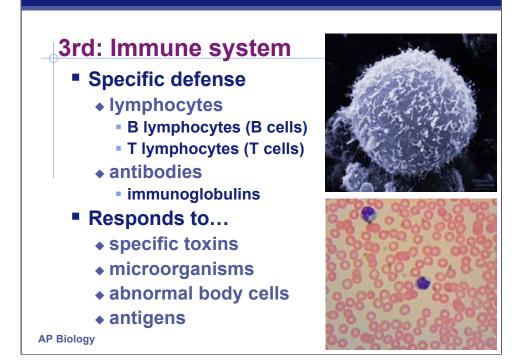


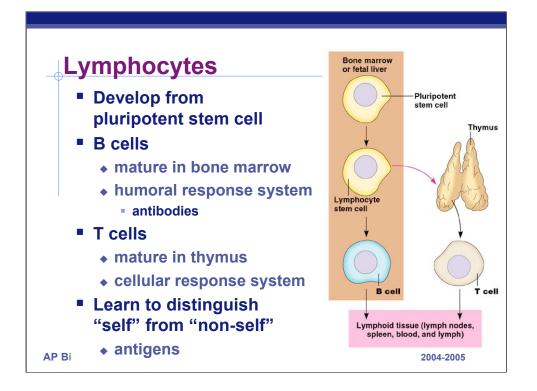


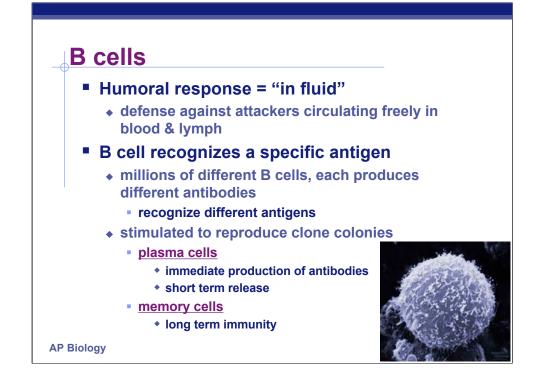
Certain bacterial infections can induce an overwhelming systemic inflammatory response leading to a condition known as *septic shock*.

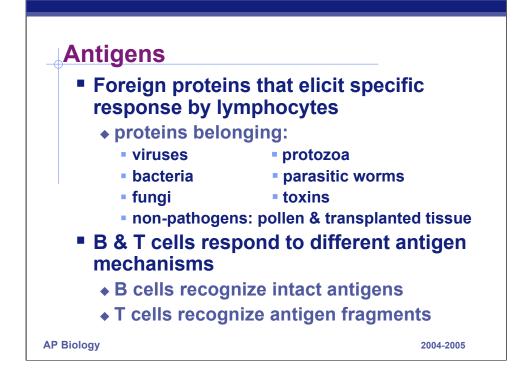
Characterized by high fever and low blood pressure, septic shock is the most common cause of death in U.S. critical care units.

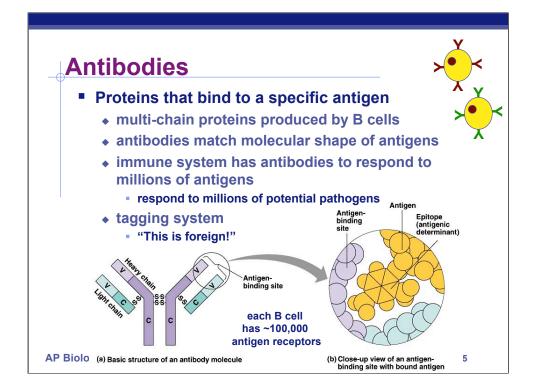
Clearly, while local inflammation is an essential step toward healing, widespread inflammation can be devastating.

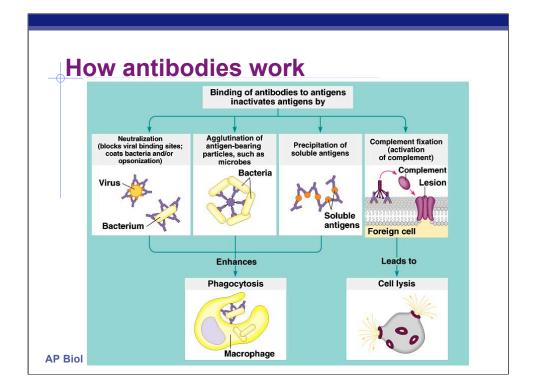


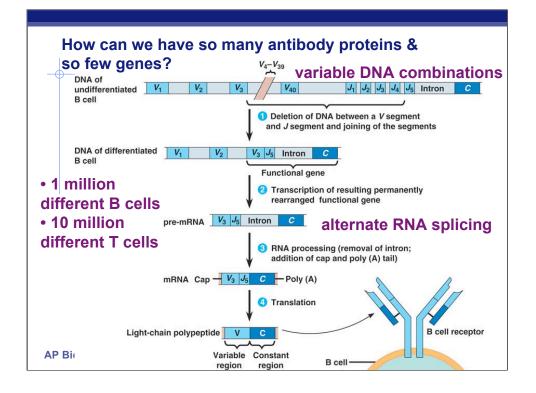


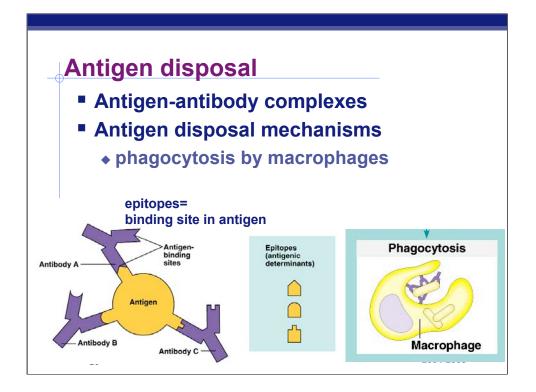


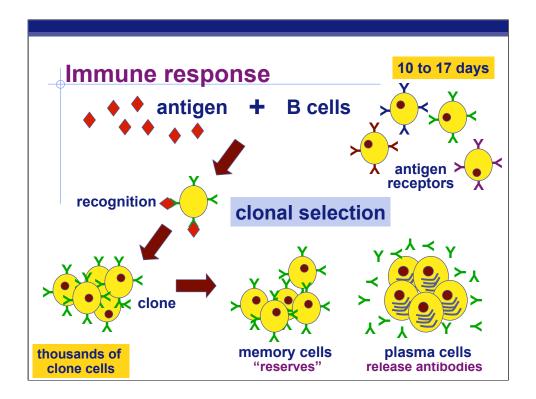


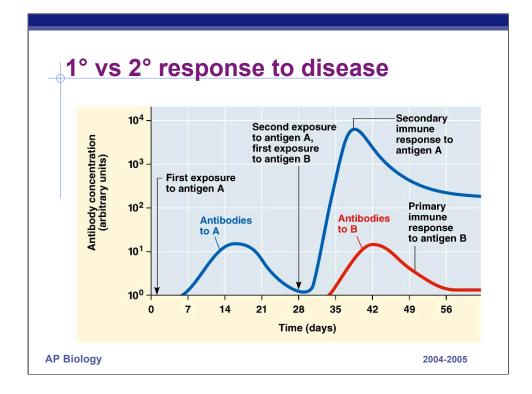


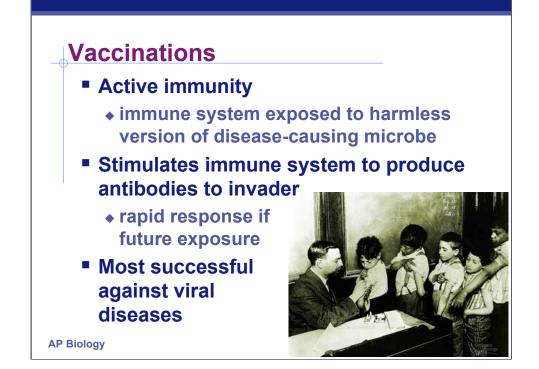


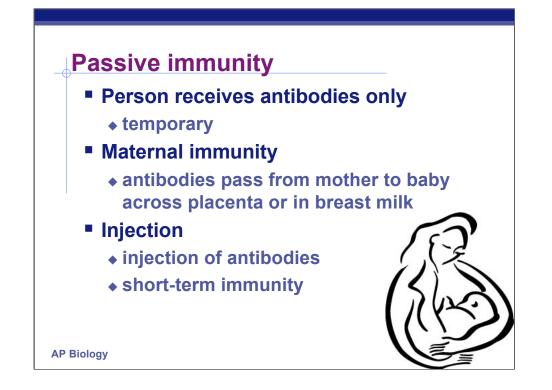


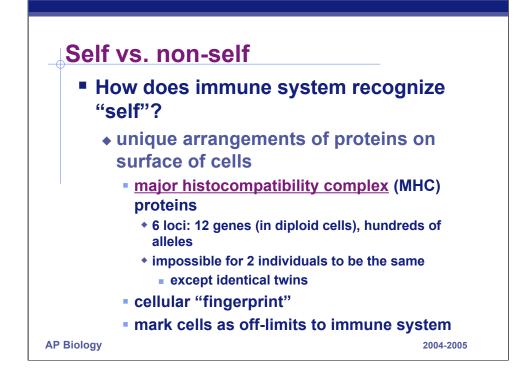


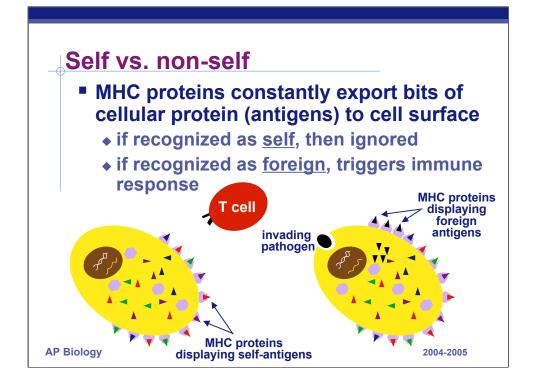


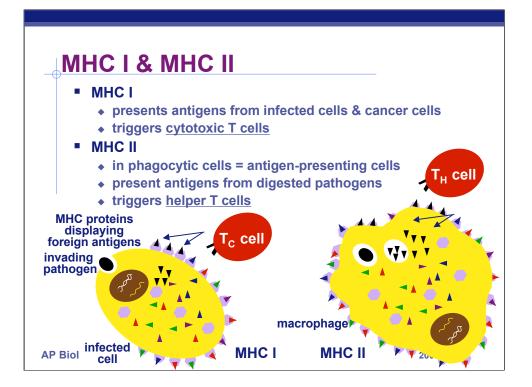


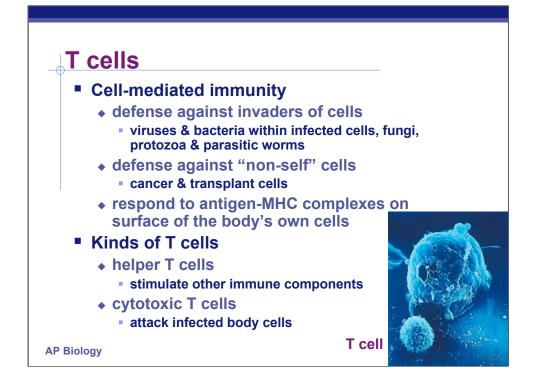


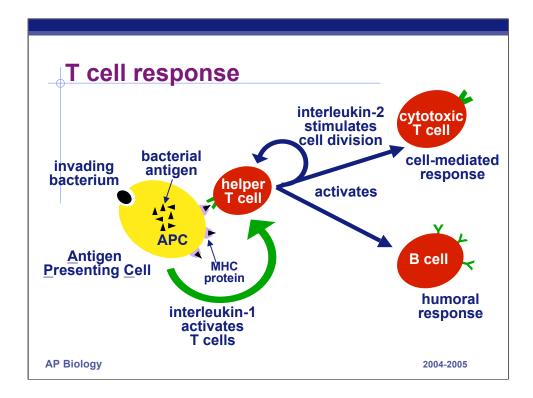




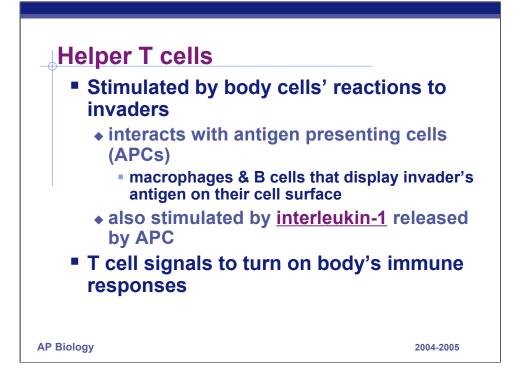


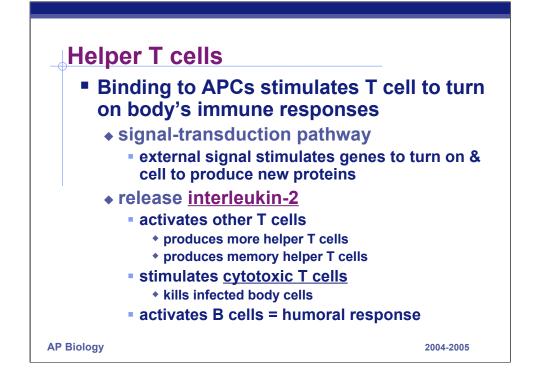


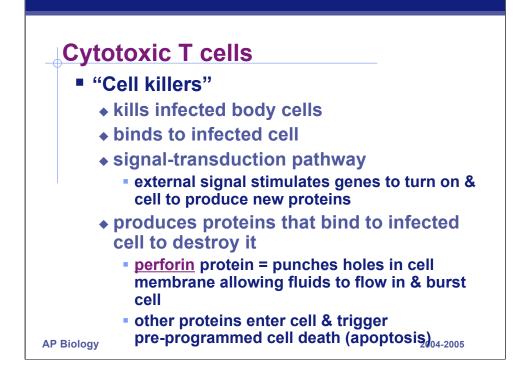


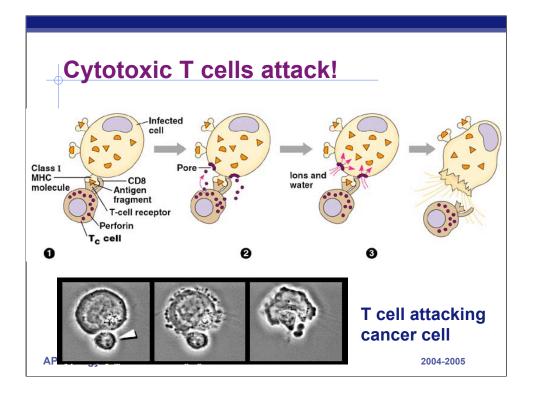


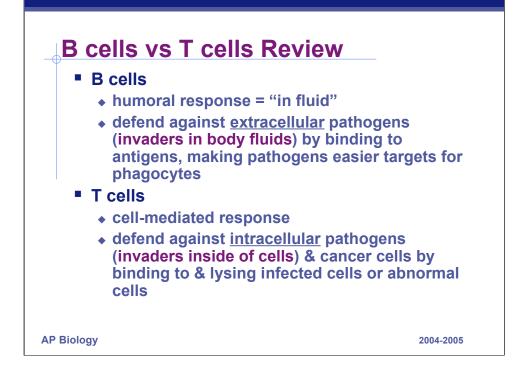
Its at this point that helper T cells recognize MHC-antigen complexes

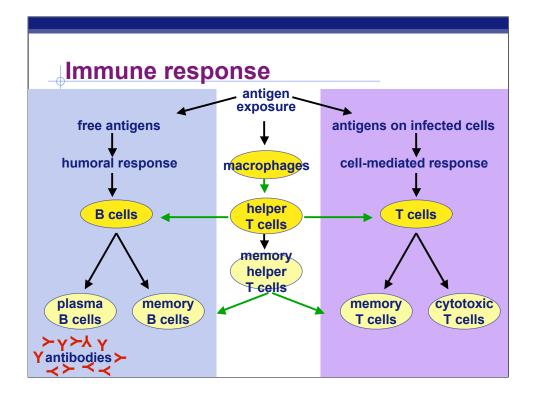


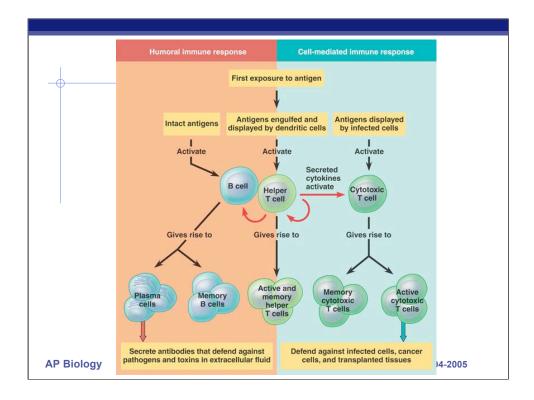


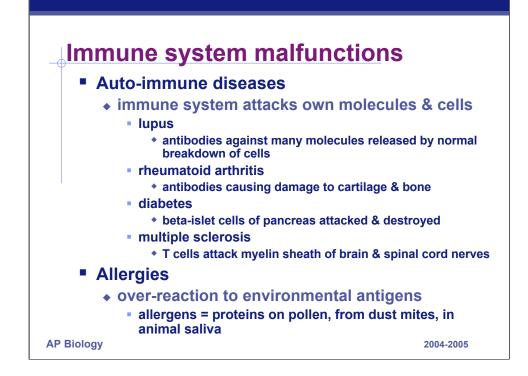














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