



CUTANEOUS LYMPHOMA FOUNDATION

Overview of Cutaneous Lymphomas

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Morning Faculty Program

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Learning Objectives

- **Basic immunology and skin biology**
- **Appearance and classification of skin lymphomas**
- **How lymphomas develop**
- **General aspects of treatment**

What is a lymphoma?

A cancer of lymphocytes

What are lymphocytes?

White blood cells (T, B, NK) derived from the bone marrow that mature in the thymus, lymph nodes and spleen

What do lymphocytes normally do?

Adaptive Immunity: antigen-specific receptors

CD4+ T cells: help other immune cells

CD8+ T cells: kill foreign or abnormal cells

B cells: make antibodies

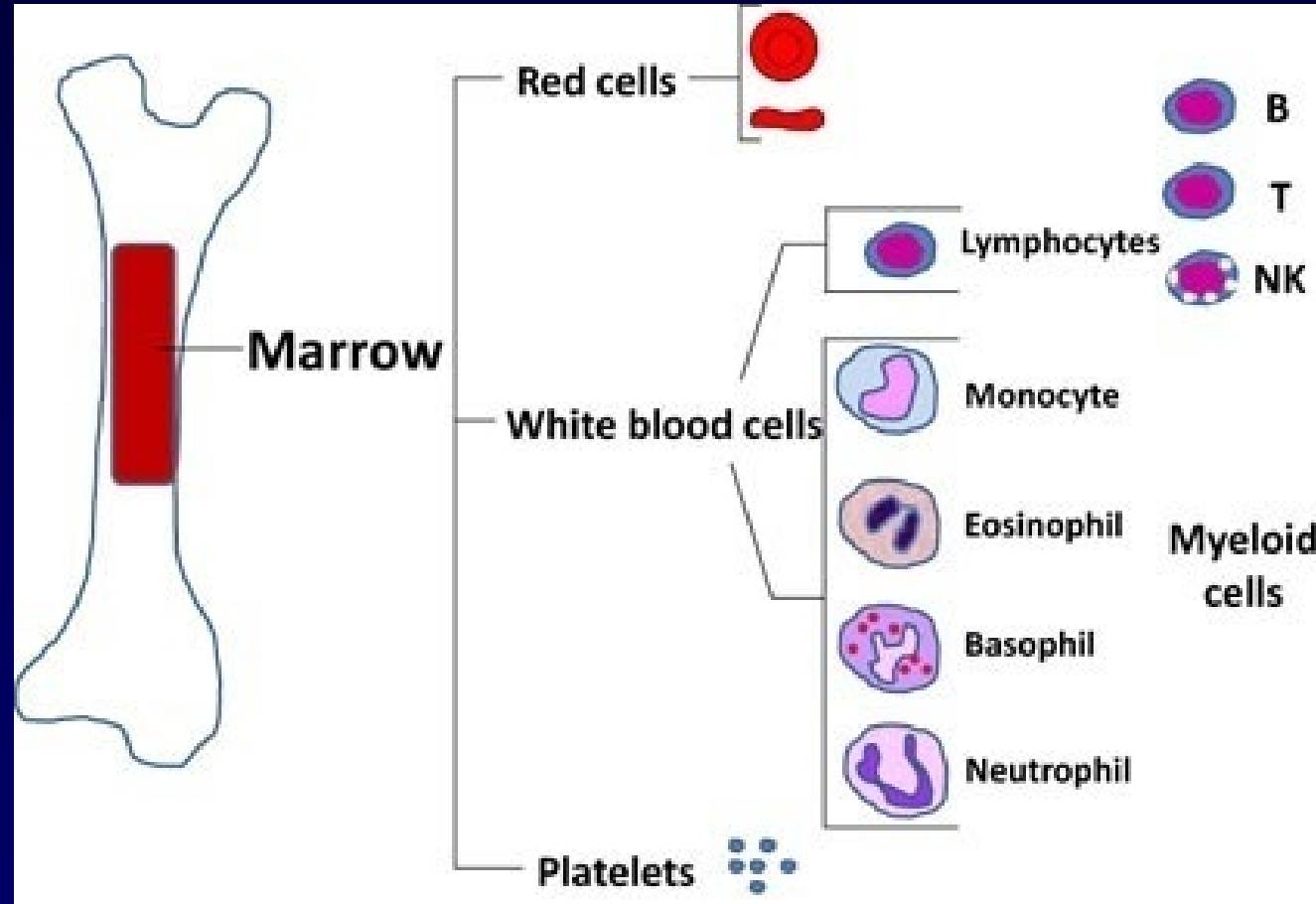
Innate Immunity: invariable receptors

NK cells: kill foreign or abnormal cells

(unlike CD8+ T cells, do not use an antigen-specific T cell receptor)



Origin of Lymphocytes

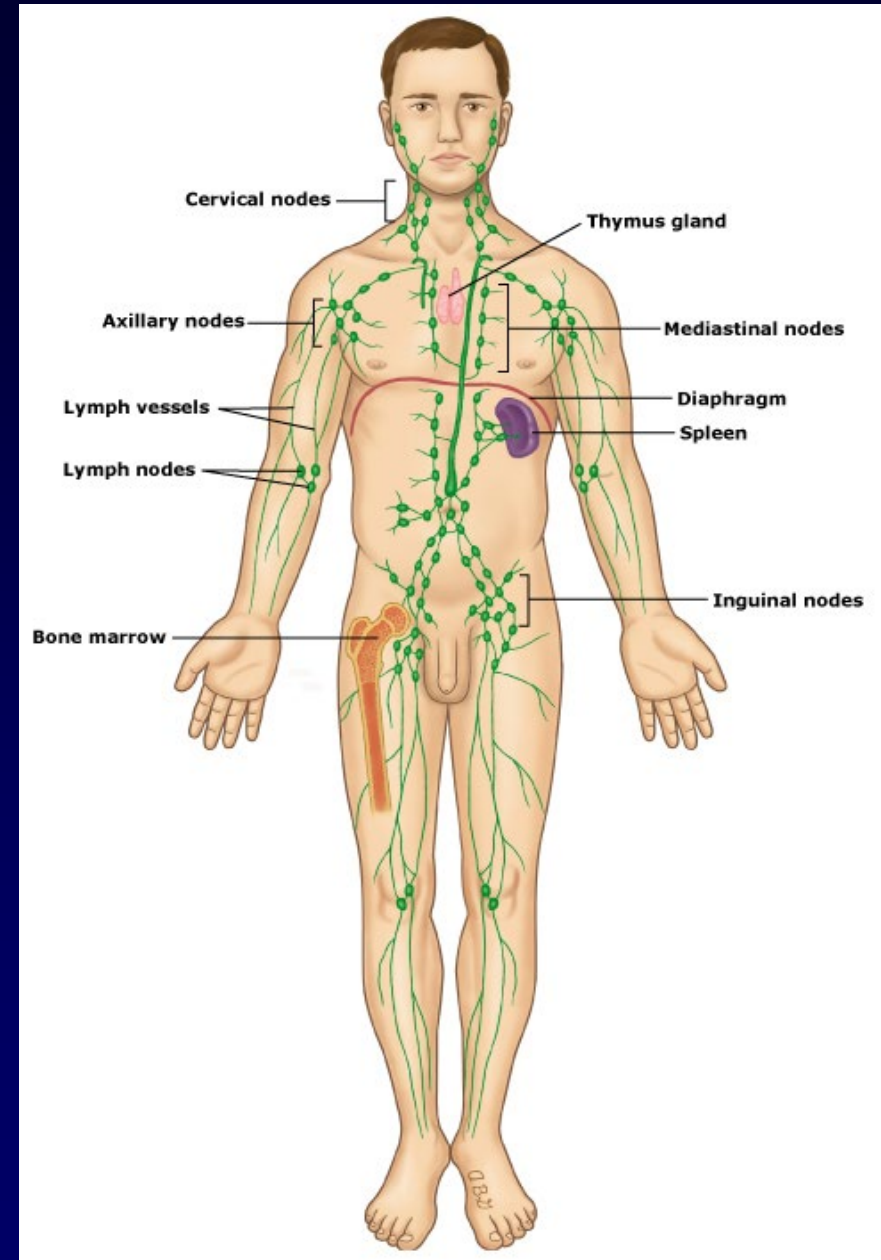


After forming in the bone marrow, lymphocytes mature in the thymus, lymph nodes and spleen.

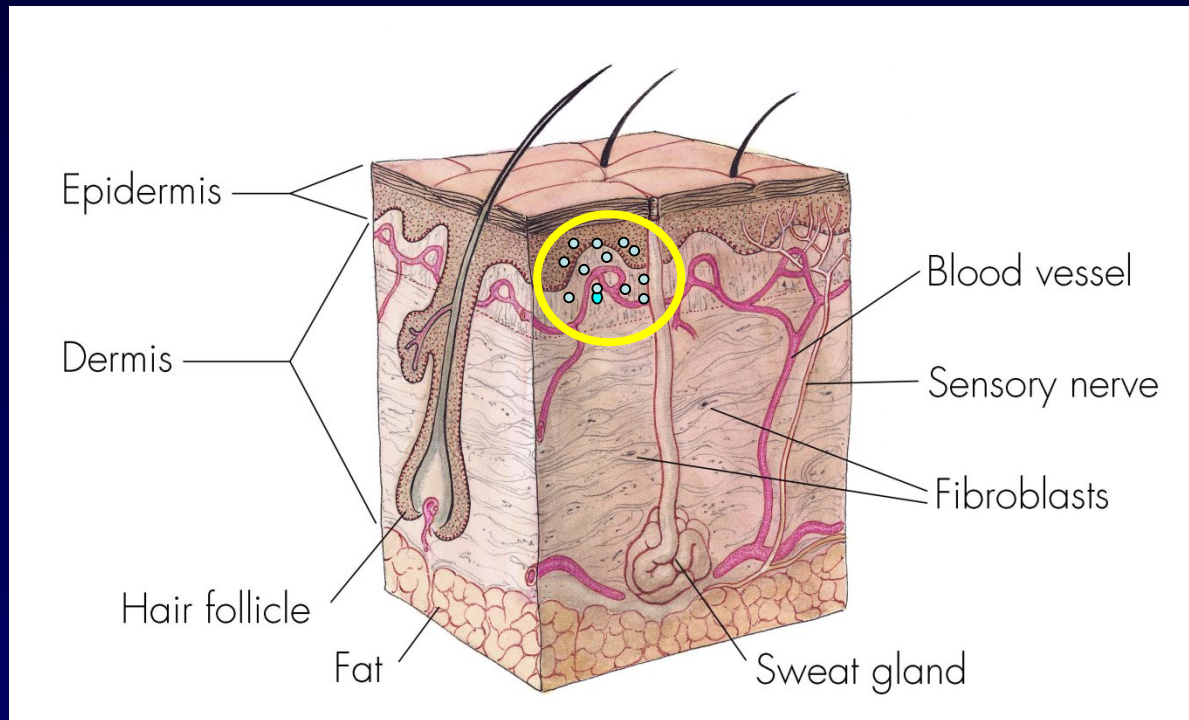
They circulate throughout the body tissues (including the skin) traveling via the blood and lymphatic vessels.

There are different subsets of T cells that home to specific tissues like the skin.

MF is a cancer of skin-homing T cells.



Skin Structure

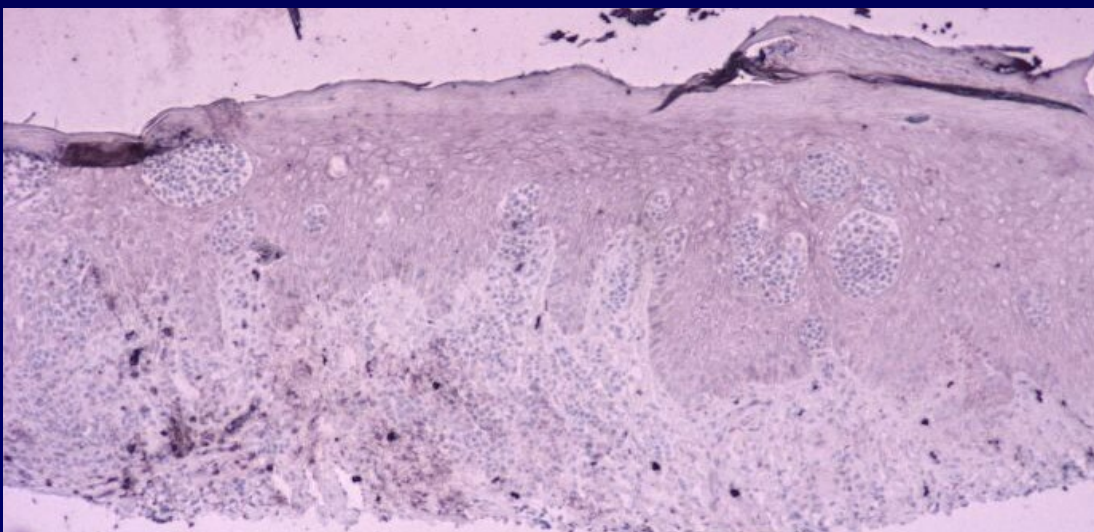
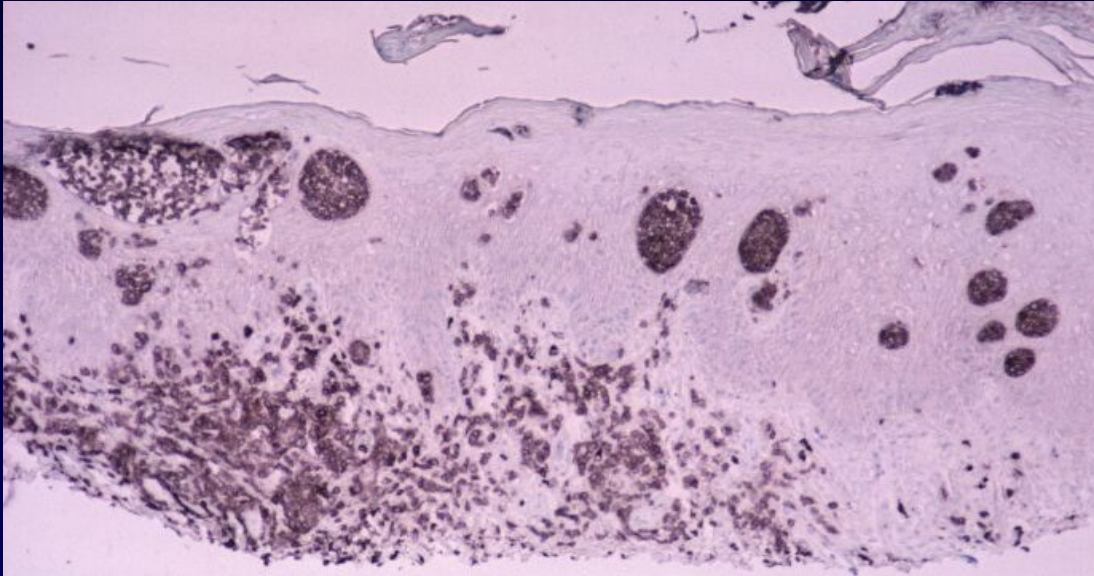


MF/SS

**Other T- & B-Cell
Lymphomas &
Advanced MF/SS**

**Subcutaneous
Panniculitic
T-Cell Lymphomas
& Advanced
Lymphomas**

Immunophenotype of MF/SS: Mature Memory SALT Helper T Cell



Mature Memory T Cell

TCR-ab, CD45RO

Deficiencies

CD3dim, CD7-, CD26-
(CD2, CD5)

Helper

CD4

MF: Effector Memory

CLA, CCR4

SS: Central Memory

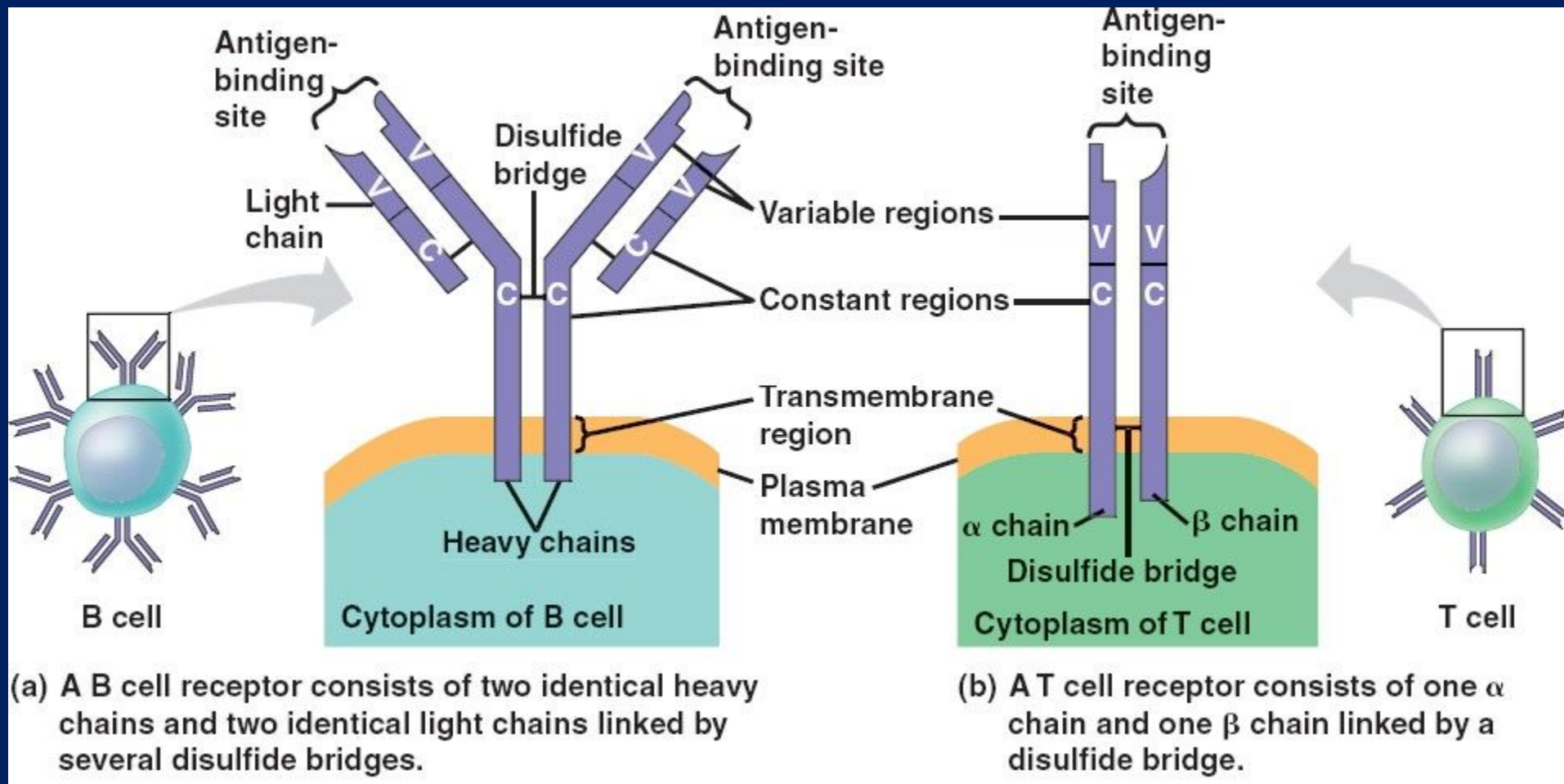
CCR7/L-selectin

T-reg Inducible

CD25, CTLA4, FoxP3.

IL10, TGF-b

Clonality of T-Cell & B-Cell Lymphomas (the tumor's "fingerprint")



What do skin lymphomas look like?

MF and SS

Patch/Plaque



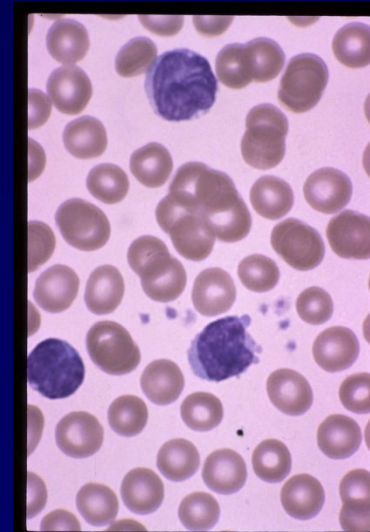
Tumor



Erythroderma



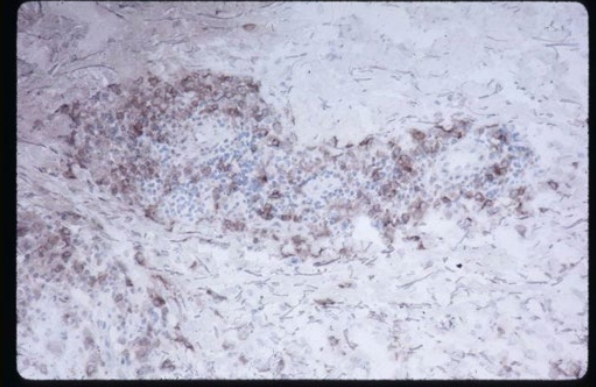
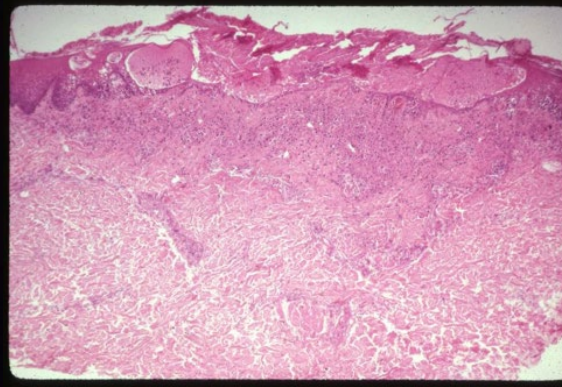
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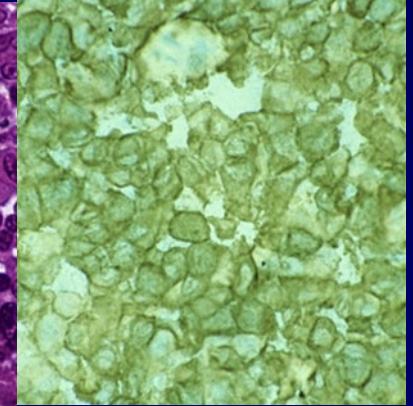
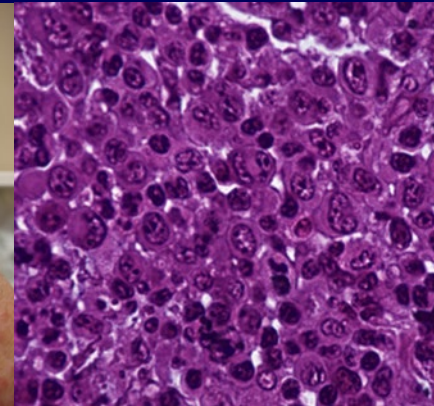
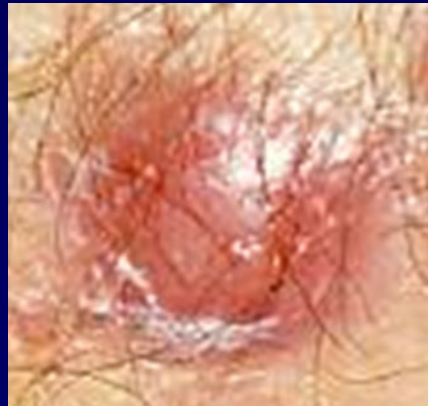
LyP and ALCL:

Two ends of a CD30+ CLPD spectrum that includes intermediate forms.

LyP



ALCL



**Primary
Cutaneous
Aggressive
Epidermotropic
Cytotoxic T-Cell
Lymphoma
(Berti's)**



How are skin lymphomas classified?

Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphomas (75% of total)

Indolent (5 yr survival >75%)

- MF and variants
(Hypopigmented, follicular, GSS)
- LyP-CD30+ ALCL
- Subcutaneous panniculitic alpha/beta TCR,
(usually CD8+)
- Small/medium CD4+ T-cell LPD (Tfh)
- Acral CD8+ TCL

~5/6 of CTCLs; ~2/3 of skin lymphomas

Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphomas

Aggressive (5 yr survival <25%)

- SS
- NK/T, nasal type * **CD56+ EBV+**
- Aggressive epidermotropic CD8+ * (Berti's)
- Gamma/delta TCR * **CD56+**
- Hydroa vacciniforme T-cell LPD/mosquito bite rxn* **EBV+**
(progress to systemic **EBV+** T/NK lymphomas)
- Peripheral TCL, unspecified (large CD4+ pleomorphic)
- Adult T cell leukemia/lymphoma (classic type) **HTLV-1+**
* **ulcerative**

- (CD4+CD56+CD123+ blastic plasmacytoid DC neoplasm)
"hematodermic lymphoma"

Cutaneous B-Cell Lymphomas (25% of total)

Indolent (5 yr survival >95%)

- Marginal zone (immunocytoma) bcl 2+6-
two types (-/+ IgM/CXCR3)
- Follicle center cell bcl 2-6+*
- Mucocutaneous ulcer **EBV+**

Intermediate (5 yr survival 50-70%)

- LCL, leg-type bcl 2+6+, clgM+, 50% clgD+ MUM-1/IRF4+,
FoxP1+, often MYC+/MYD88+
- LCL, intravascular & other

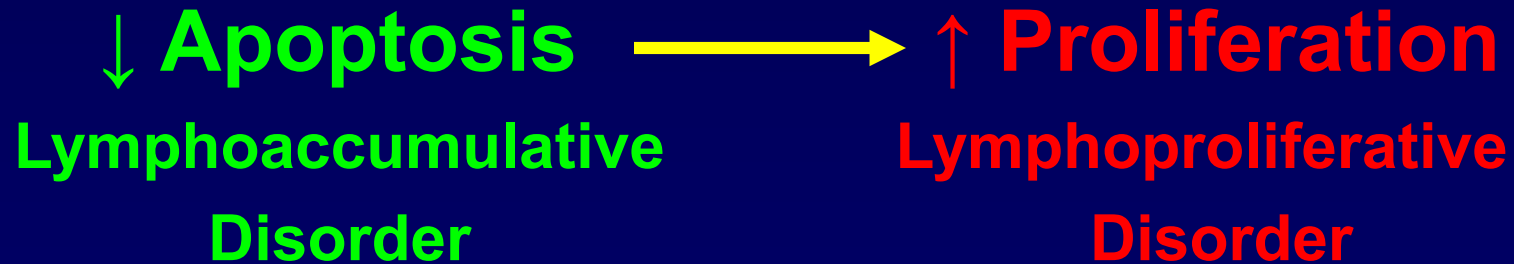
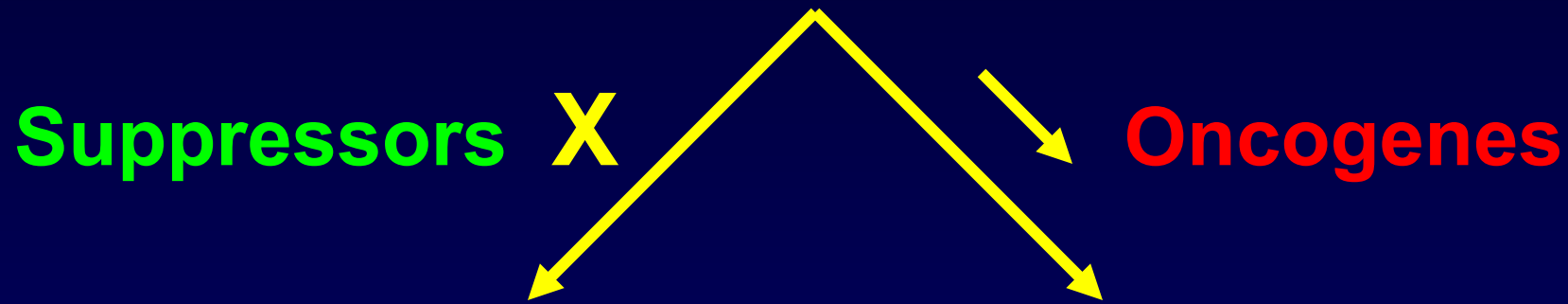
* prognosis intermediate if on leg, MUM-1+ or FoxP1+

What causes lymphomas?

- Combinations of inflammation, infection & mutations.
- Factors that stimulate cell growth, inhibit cell death and select for the heartiest members of the herd.
- Selective growth leads to emergence of dominant tumor clones identified by identical antigen receptors (T-cell receptor or B-cell receptor).

Lymphomagenesis

Normal T or B Cell

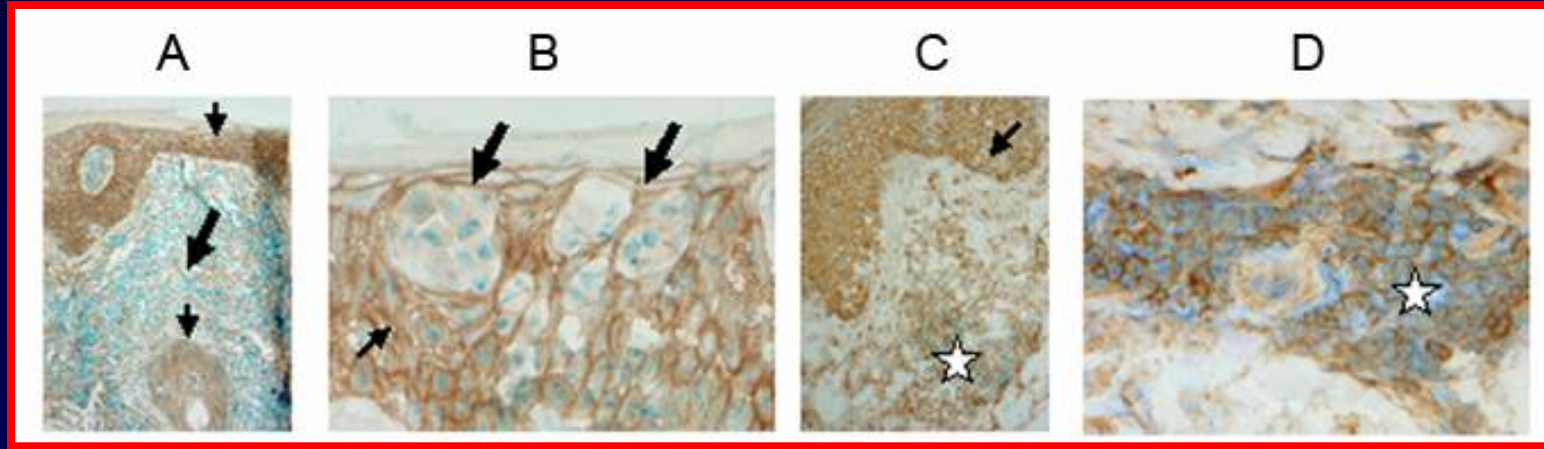


Apoptosis = programmed cell death, often activation-induced cell death (AICD)

FAS Apoptosis Pathway Expression in MF

FAS: MF (A,B)

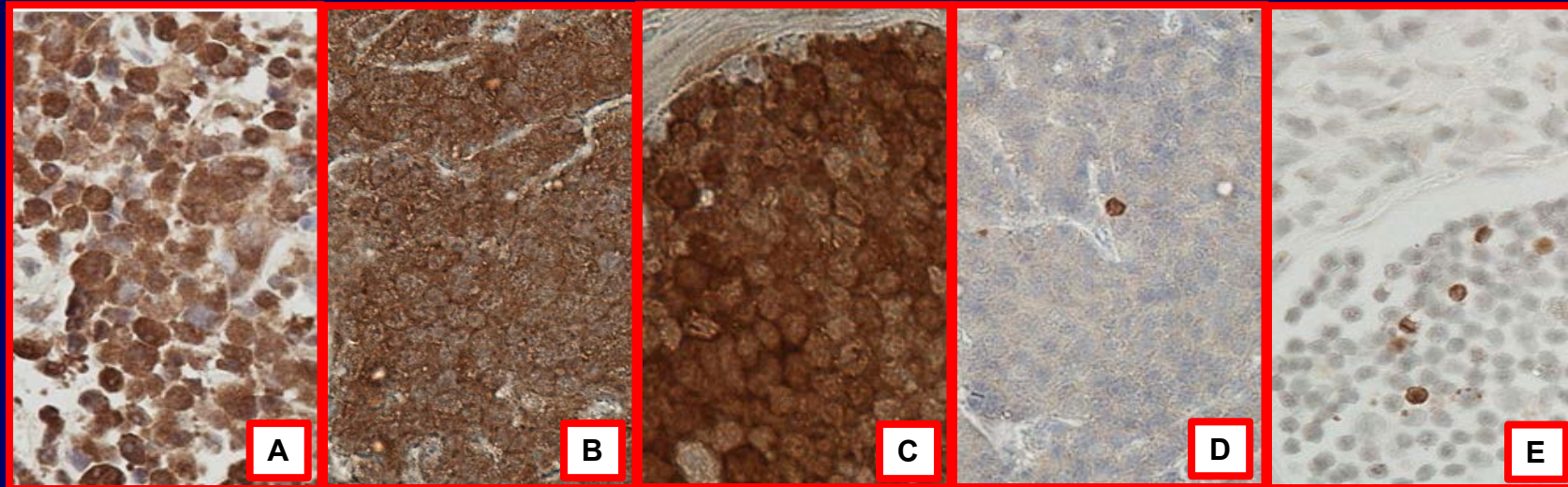
FAS: Dermatitis (C,D)



JID 2009

FADD (A), uncleaved Caspase 8 (B), uncleaved Caspase 3 (C),
cleaved Caspase 8 (D) and cleaved Caspase 3 (E)

JAAD 2012



Common Mutations in Advanced MF/SS

Average: 12/case; clonal; TP53 in 92%
Most mutations are SCNVs

Apoptosis: FAS, DR4

JAK/STAT: JAK1,3, Stat 3, 5B

NFkB: TNFR2, NFkB2, TNFAIP3

TCR: PLCg1, CARD11, PKCθ, PD1, CD28

Homing/Differentiation: CCR4, ZEB1

MAPK: KRAS, BRAF, MAPK1

PI3K/AKT: PTEN, RHOA

Epigenetic: DNMT3A, ARID1A, KMT2C, CTCF

Cell Cycle: CDKN2A, RB, MYC, IRF4

Genome Integrity: TP53, ATM

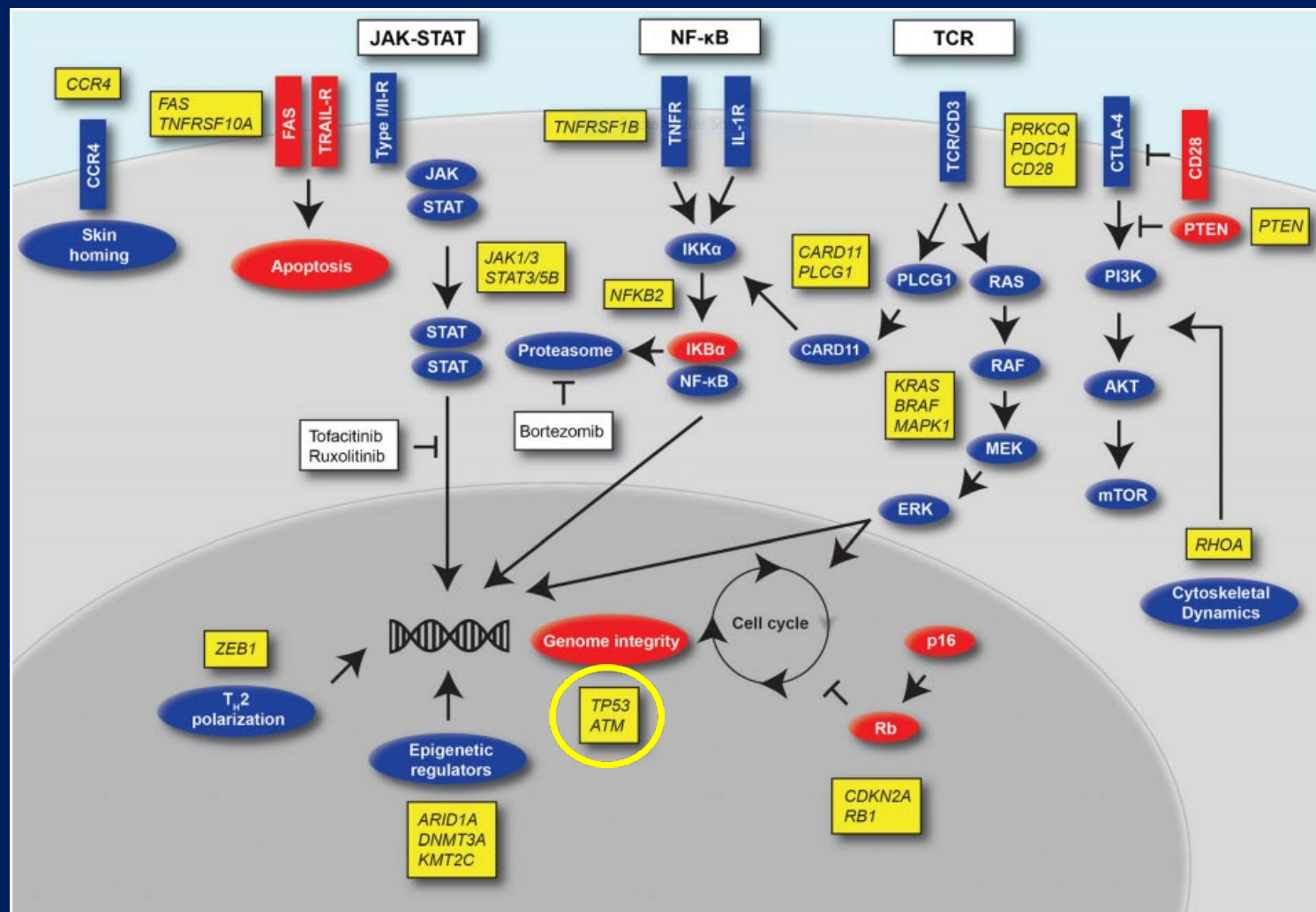
Enhanced genes: amplification, mutation

Suppressed genes: deletion, mutation

Key Questions Still Unanswered:

How do mutations evolve over time?

How do mutations vary among cells?



Ref: Choi, 2016

Rx Strategy Based on Lymphoma Biology

- **Control itch, infection and “infrastructure” (nutrition, exercise, sleep, mindfulness)**
- **Indolent disease can often be controlled by conservative skin-directed Rx with low toxicity**
- **Multiple mutations → Rx resistance**
- **Aggressive disease requires more toxic Rx: Combination Rx > Sequential Rx > Mono Rx (less chance for Rx-resistant mutations)**

Wood Lab:
Novel Rx that kills faster
by boosting apoptosis and
slowing tumor growth

MTX/NBUVB Derm Clinics 2015

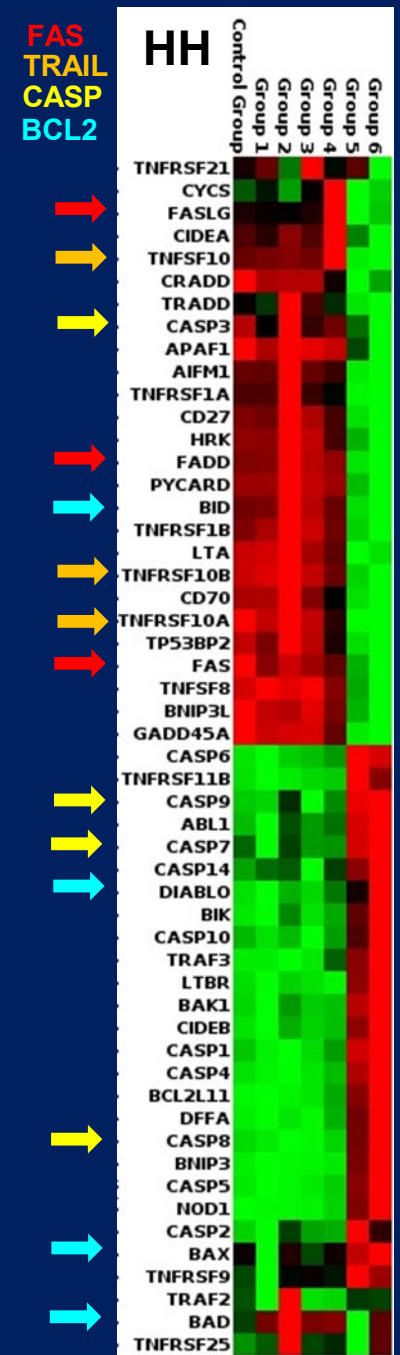
Gentian Violet JAMA Derm 2018
 (also kills bacteria and fungi)
 (killing Staph reduces MF tumor clone in skin)
 Lindahl Blood 2019

MTX/PDT Photochem/biol 2015, 2018

MTX/Fedratinib/Resveratrol JID 2019
 (also inhibits JAK/STAT)

BETi/HDACi Neoplasia 2019
 (birabresib/romidepsin, epigenetic agents)

BETi/HDACi:
 3 waves of apoptotic
 factors at 6, 48 and
 96 hrs. Up to 90%
 kill of CTCL cells
in vitro and *ex vivo*
 by 4 days.



Other Novel Rx in Development

- **^{90}Y -NM600** (systemic RT; Hernandez Comm Biol 2019)
- **BETi** (miR-214 inhibitor; Kohnken JID, 2019)
- **ABT-199 & dimethyl fumarate** (Bcl-2 & NFkB inhibitors; Froehlich Blood, 2019)

SUMMARY

- **Cutaneous lymphomas are tumors of white blood cells that home to the skin**
- **CTCLs are more common than CBCLs**
- **MF and CD30+ disorders (LyP and ALCL) are the most common CTCLs and most cases are indolent**
- **Most CBCLs are indolent**
- **Indolent cases can be treated with low toxicity RX**
- **Aggressive cases require more toxic RX**
- **Combination RX often works better than single agent RX**

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