

Lymphocytes



Methods to Obtain Non-coagulating Blood

- Heparin (5-10 IU/ml): activates antithrombin III, blocks the action of thrombin
- EDTA: binds Ca^{2+}
- Citrate: binds Ca^{2+}

The most important CD antigens of lymphocytes

Marker:	Cell Subpopulation
CD3 , CD4, CD8	T-lymfocytes
CD19, CD20, CD21	B-lymfocytes
CD16/CD56	NK cells
CD14/DR	monocytes
HLA-DR; CD25; CD69	activation markers

CD antigens

- Antigens expressed on leukocytes
- Abbreviation of Cluster of Differentiation
- Each antigen is designated: CD+ a number (CD1- CD340..)
- The antigens were designated after they were recognized and characterized – no system exists.

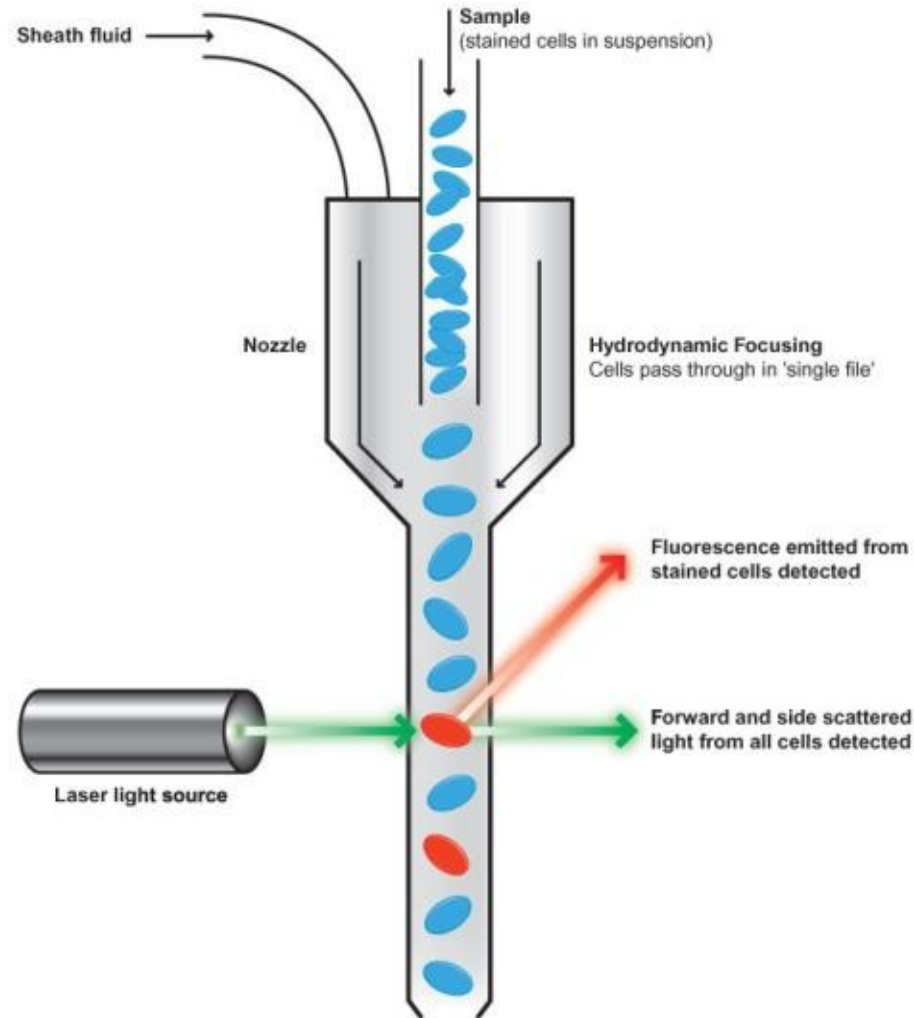
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Fluorescence-Activated Cell Scanner (Sorter)

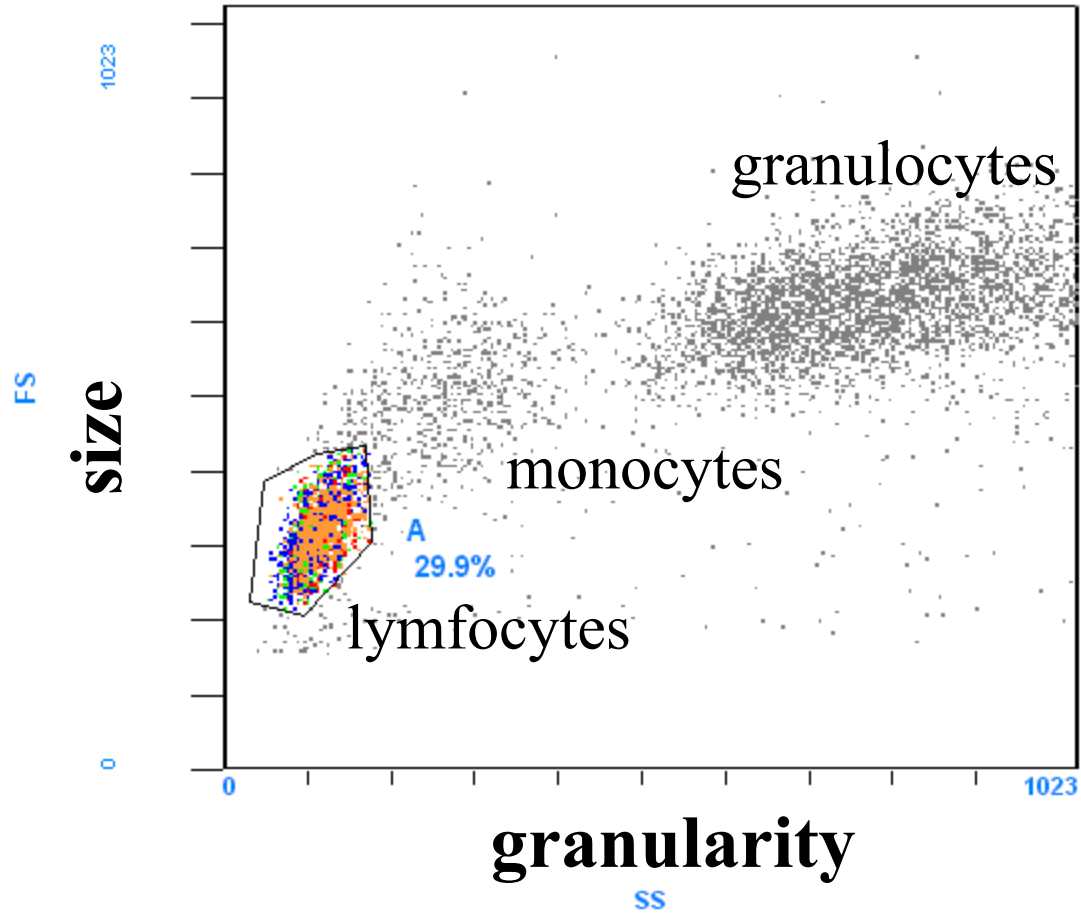
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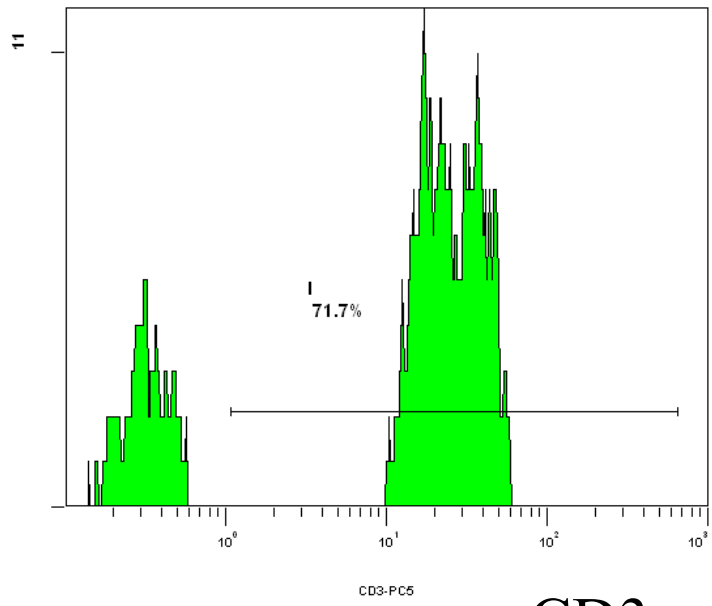
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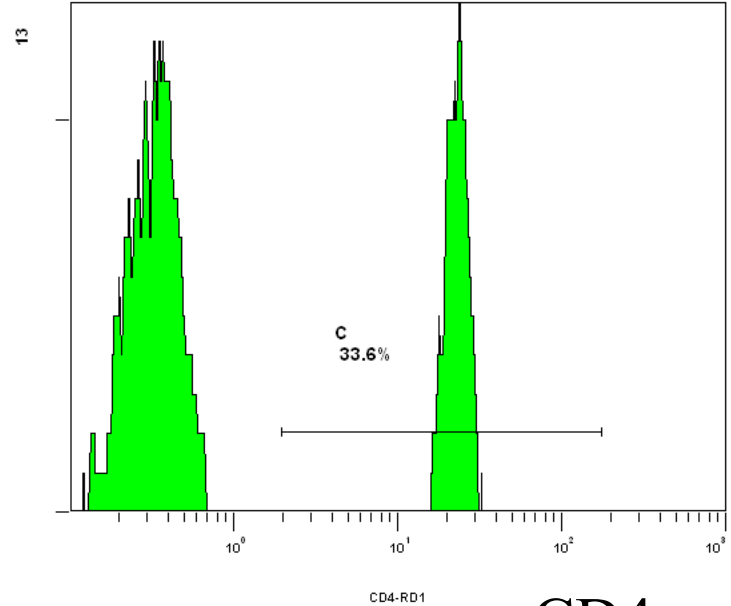


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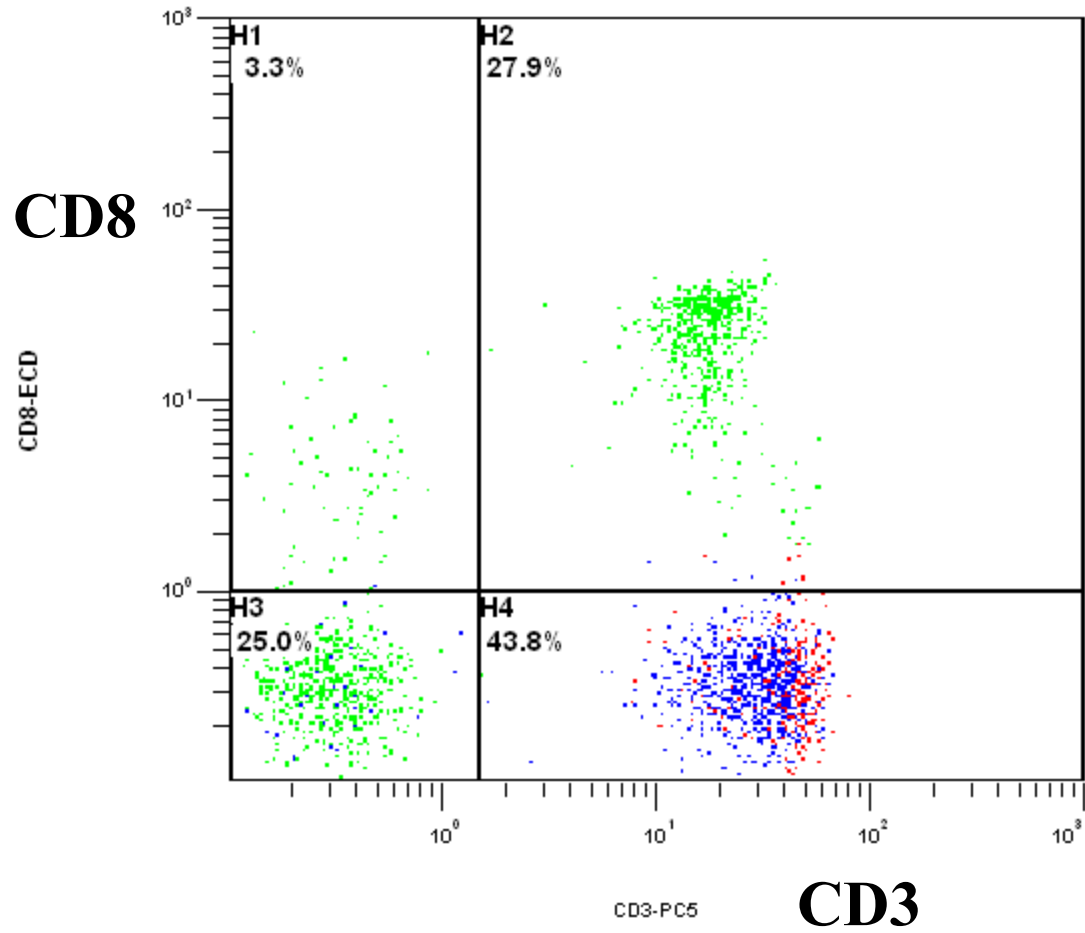
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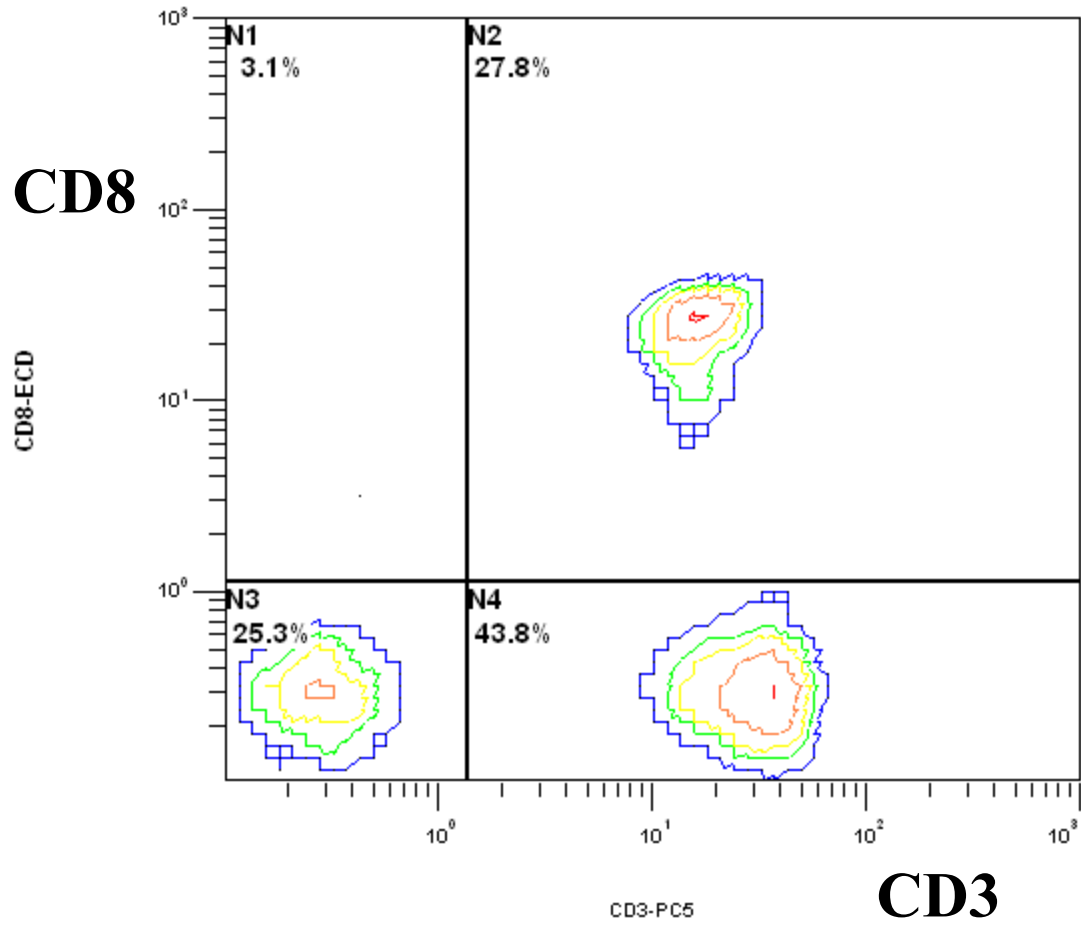


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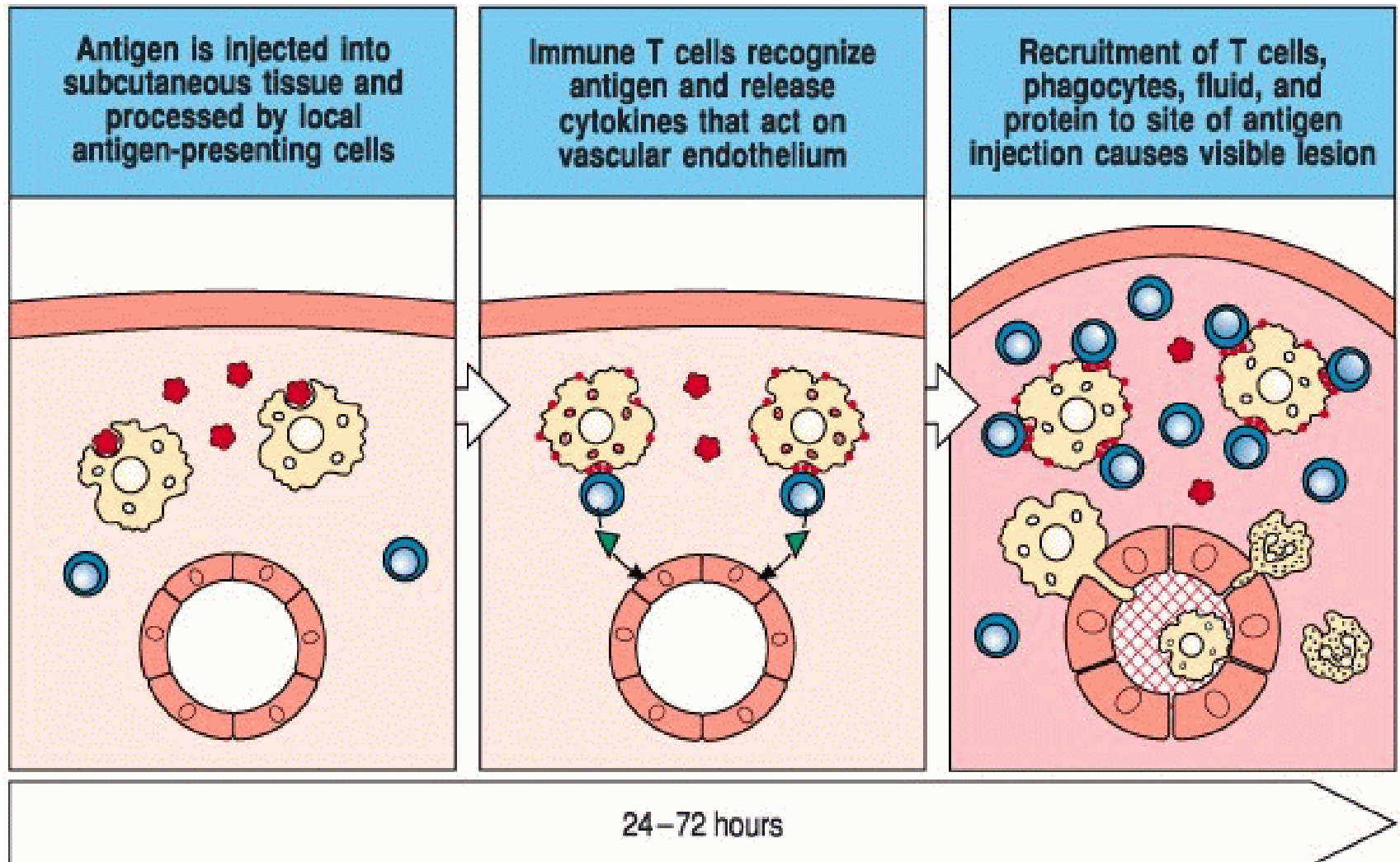
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Laboratory investigation of lymphocytes

- Enumeration of lymphocyte subsets by monoclonal antibodies against typical cell-surface markers -
CD3 (T-lymphocytes), CD4 (helper T-lymphocytes),
CD8 (suppressor/cytotoxic T-lymphocytes),
CD19 or CD20 (B-lymphocytes), CD16 (NK cells).
- Evaluation of function - lymphocyte proliferation tests - determines response to various stimuli:
 - specific (antigen, anti CD-3)
 - non-specific - polyclonal mitogens: PHA (Phytohaemagglutinin), ConA (Concanavaline A), PWM (Pokeweed mitogen)

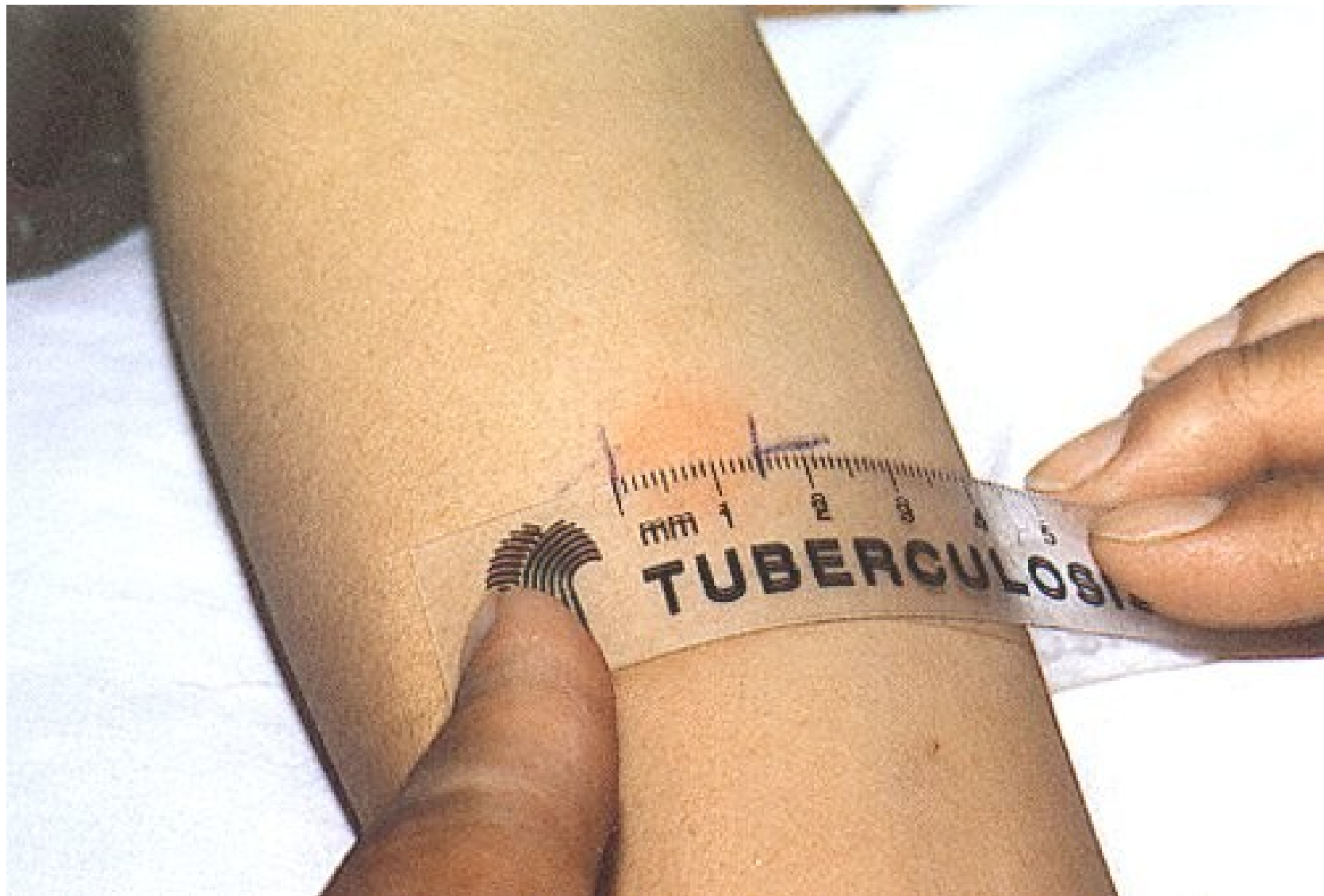
Delayed-type of hypersensitivity test



Tuberculin test





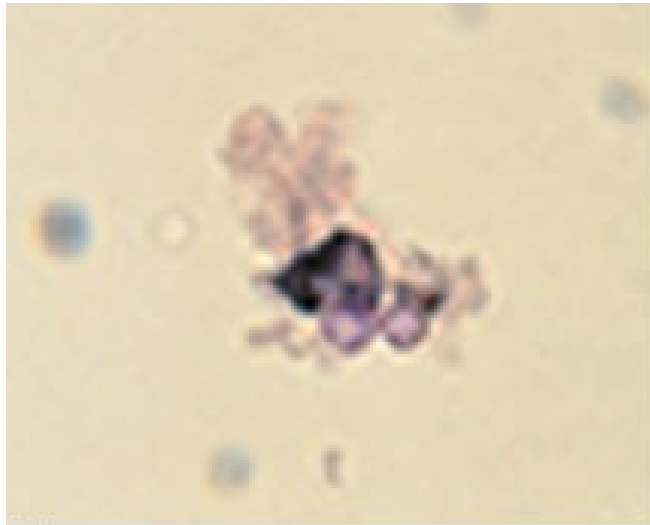


Cell-Mediated Immunity (CMI) tests

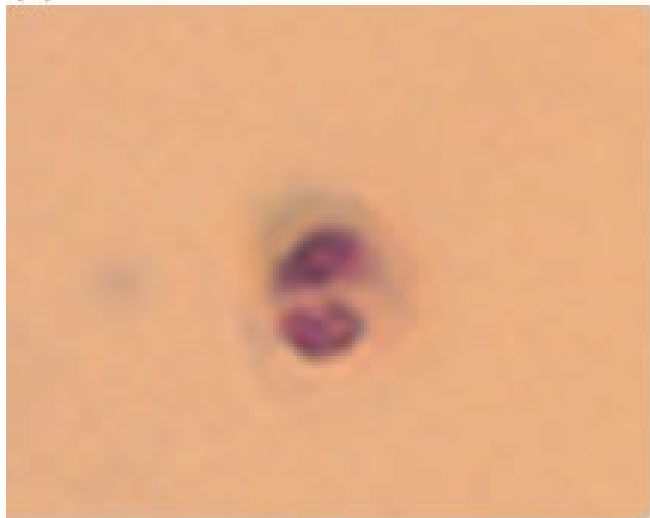
- Uses the principle of delayed type of hypersensitivity
- Common anamnestic antigens are used (tuberculin, candidin, trichofitin, staphylococcal antigens...)
- In normal situation induration should be formed by 48 hours.
- If the patient does not react to majority of antigens a deficiency of T- cell mediated immunity is suspected.

Investigation of function of neutrophils

- Baktericidal killing of various bacteria of fungi
- Chemotaxis (e.g. under agarose)
- Ingestion of inert particles
- Metabolic activity - production of reactive metabolites of oxygen
 - NBT test (reduction of colourless nitro-blue-tetrazolium into blue formazan)
 - Chemiluminescence - luminol after is oxidation spontaneously reduced and emits light



(a)



(b)

NBT