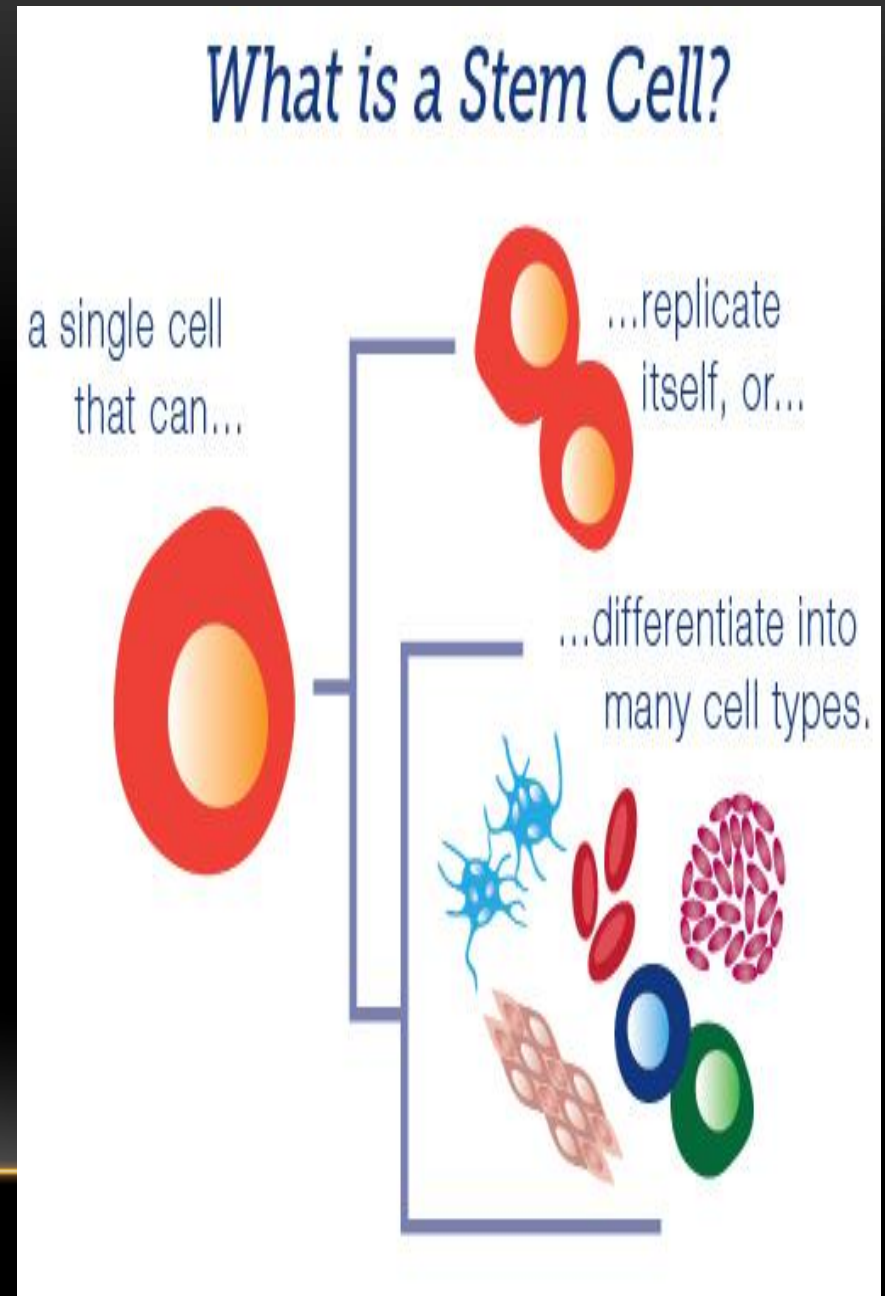


# REPAIR & HEALING

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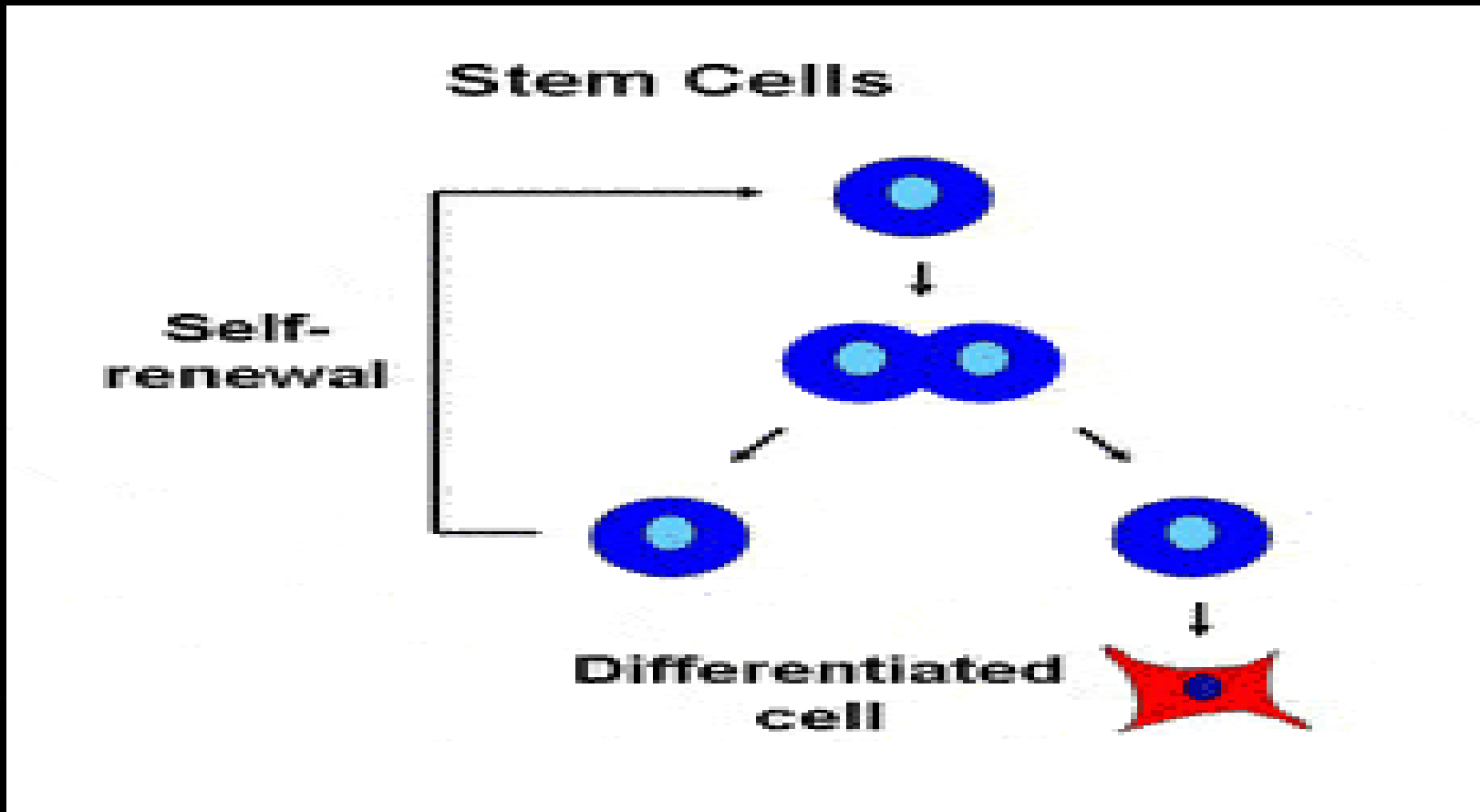
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- Repair is occur by proliferation of uninjured (residual) cells and stem cells by enter the cell cycle which is regulated by stimulators and inhibitors and contains intrinsic checkpoint controls to prevent replication of abnormal cells.



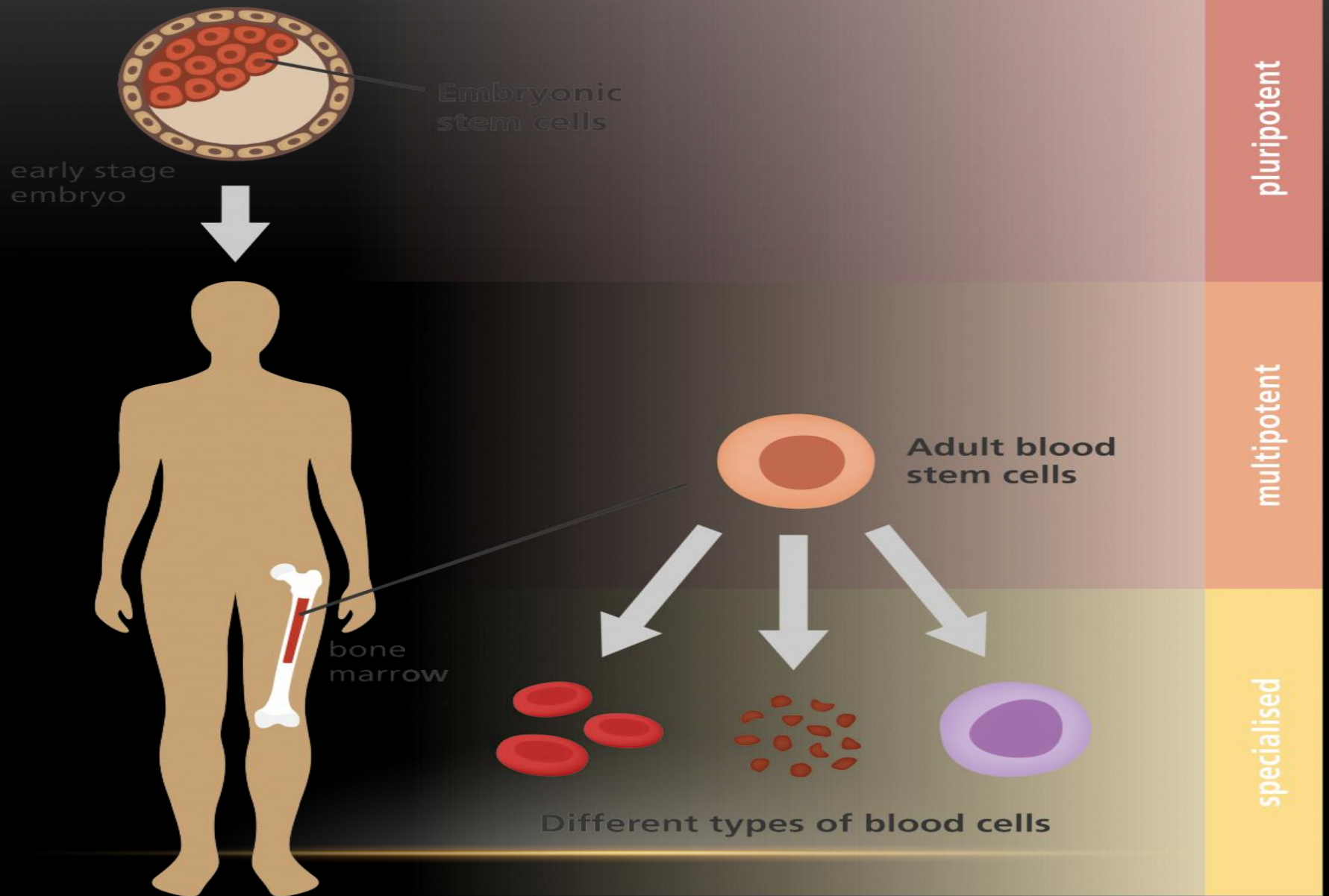
# STEM CELLS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY TWO IMPORTANT PROPERTIES:

- selfrenewal capacity •
- asymmetric replication •



## THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF STEM CELLS:

- **Embryonic stem cells:**  
pluripotent SC  
differentiated into three  
germ layers,
  - **Adult stem cells:**  
multipotent SC less  
undifferentiated than ESc  
found within tissue.  
limited lineage potential
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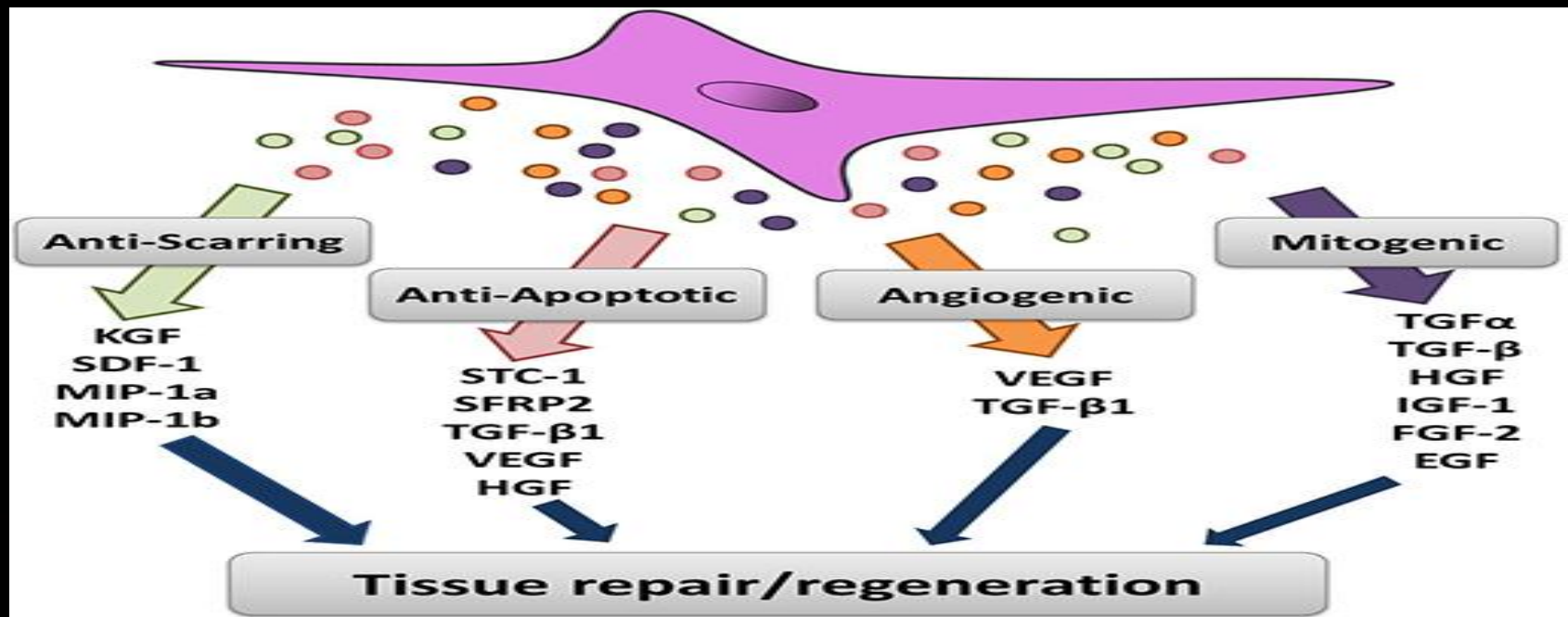


## PROLIFERATIVE CAPACITIES OF TISSUES:

- **Labile tissues:** continuously dividing cells  
hematopoietic cells, surfaces epithelium
- **Stable tissues:** minimal replicative activity :  
liver, kidney, and pancreas.
- **Permanent tissues:** terminally differentiated  
and non-proliferative in postnatal life: neurons  
and cardiac muscle cells

# GROWTH FACTORS:

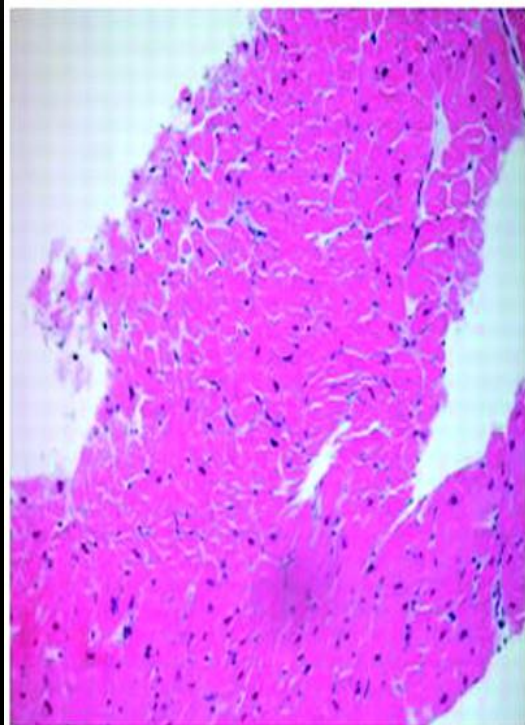
- proteins that induce cell proliferation by binding to specific receptors, induce cell migration, differentiation and they promote cell cycle, cell survival and prevent apoptosis.



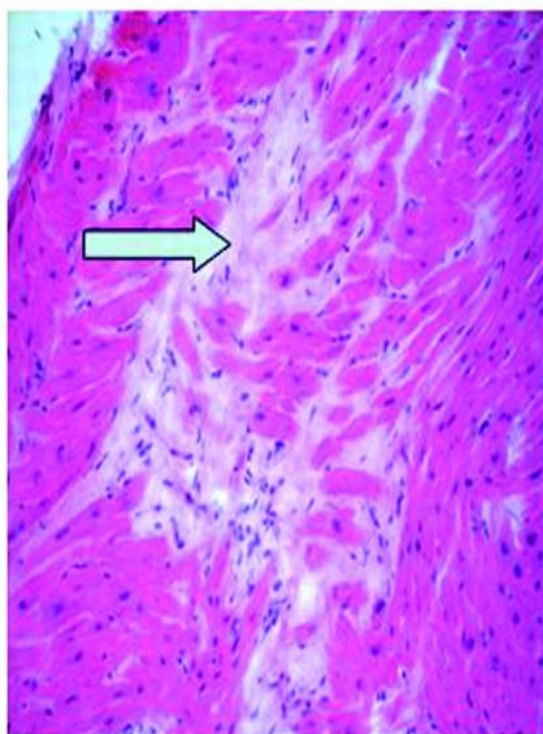
- **Repair:** restoration of tissue architecture and function after an injury
  - **Regeneration:** repair process occur in labile tissues
  - **Scar:** repair process occur in sever damag by laying down of fibrous CT.
  - **Fibrosis:** extensive deposition of collagen as consequence of chronic inflammation, if it develops in a tissue space occupied by an inflammatory exudate, it is called organization.
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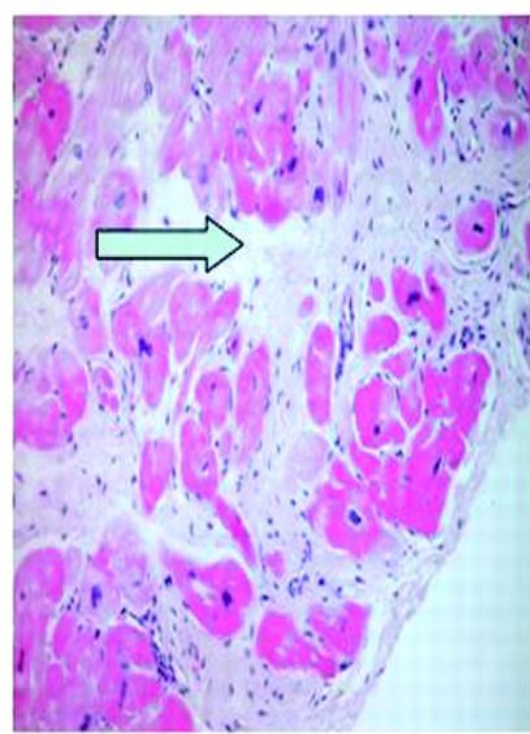
**No Fibrosis**



**Mild Fibrosis**



**Severe Fibrosis**

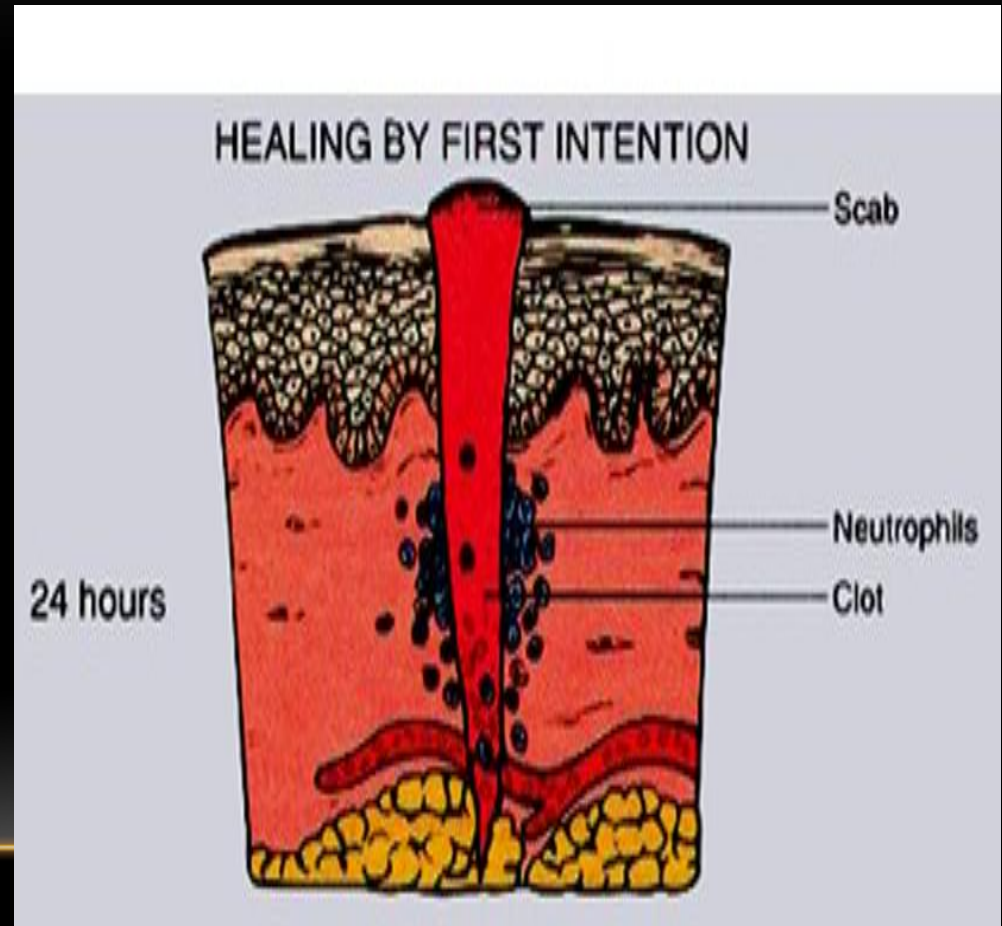


Healing by  
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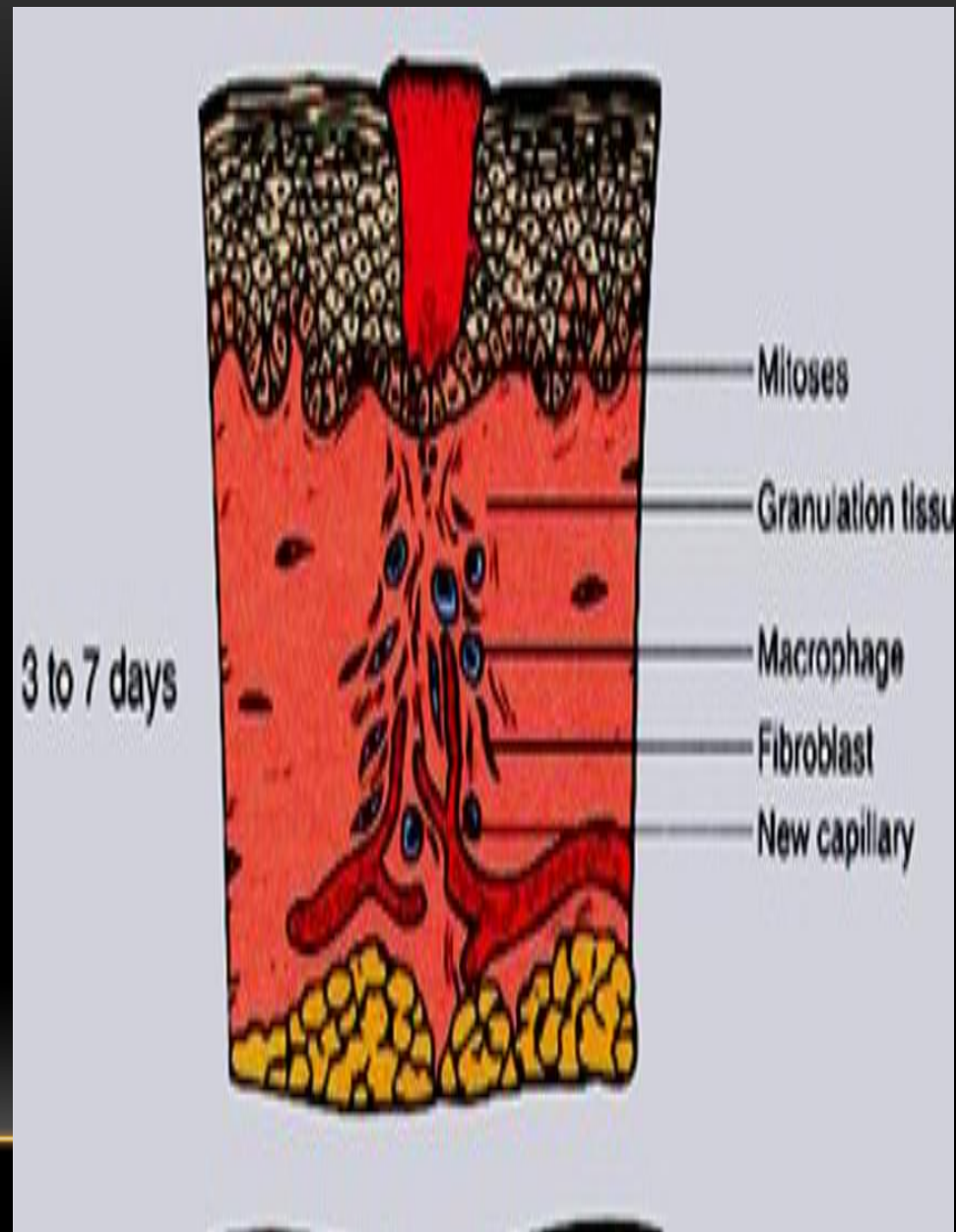
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# SIMPLEST FORM OF WOUND REPAIR AND REGENERATION WITH SMALL SCAR AND MINIMAL WOUND CONTRACTION.

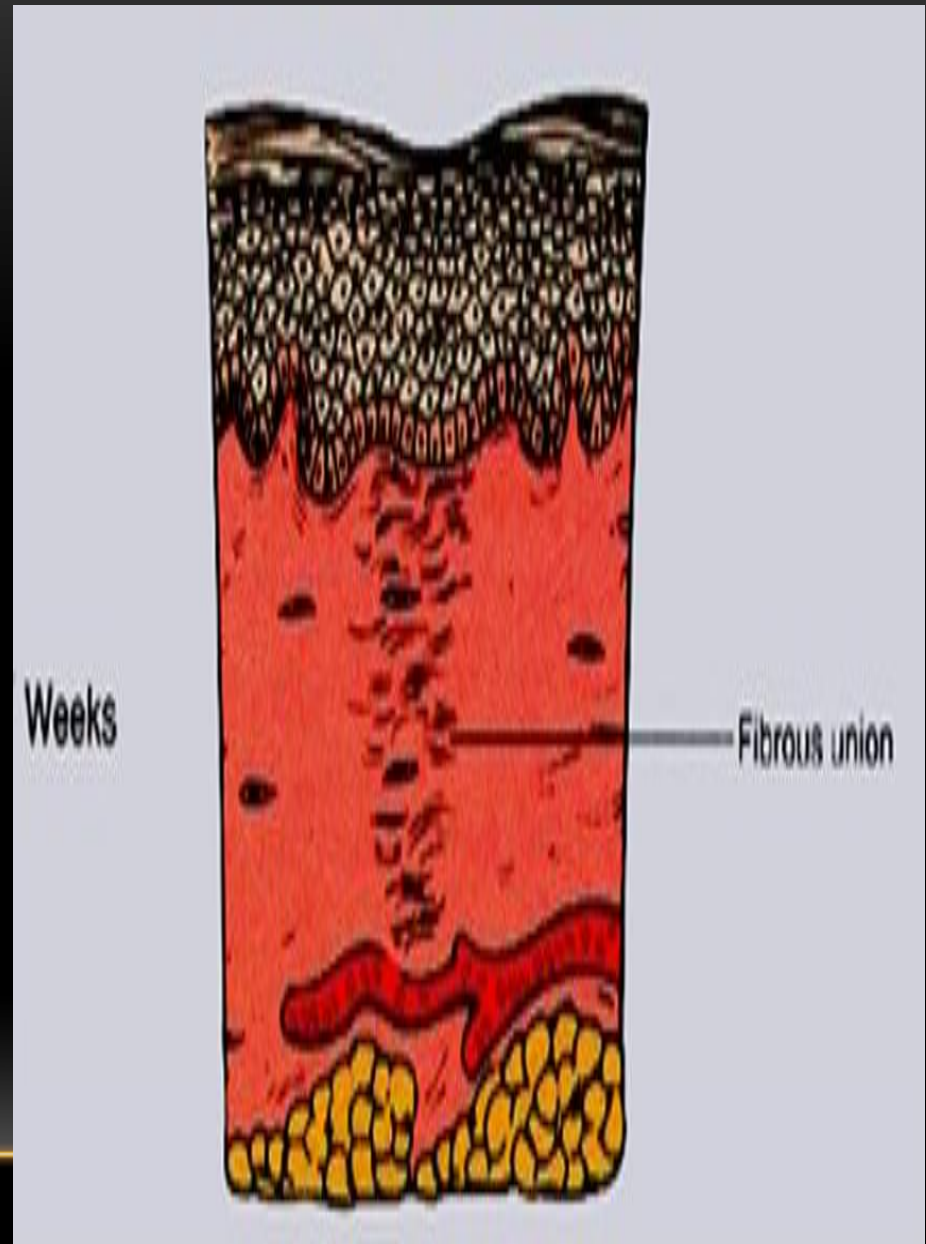
- **Within 24 hours:** neutrophils are migrating toward the fibrin clot and basal cells at the cut edge of the epidermis begin to show increased mitotic activity.



- **Within 24 to 48 hours:** epithelial cells from both edges begun to migrate and proliferate along the dermis, depositing basement membrane components as they progress. The cells meet in the midline beneath the surface scab



- **Day 3:** neutrophils replaced by macrophages and granulation tissue proliferate with  
Continues epithelial cell proliferation.
- **Day 5:** neovascularization with abundant collagen fibrils that begin to bridge the incision.



- **The second week:** continued collagen accumulation and fibroblast proliferation with diminished of leukocyte infiltrate, edema and vascularity.
- **The end of the first month:** the scar consists of cellular connective tissue devoid inflammatory cells and covered by normal epidermis. The dermal appendages are permanently lost. The tensile strength of the wound increases with time.

HEALING BY  
SECOND  
INTENTION

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OCCUR WHEN TISSUE LOSS IS EXTENSIVE SO REPAIR IS MORE COMPLEX AND INVOLVES A COMBINATION OF REGENERATION AND SCARRING.

- Secondary healing differs from primary healing in:
- Clot is larger and rich in fibrin.
- Inflammation is more intense with more necrotic debris exudate
- Abundant granulation tissue and ECM → large scar.
- Wound contraction within 6 weeks (reduced to 5% to 10% of their original size) by the action of myofibroblasts.



## WOUND STRENGTH:

- Wound strength increases rapidly over the next 4 weeks. The recovery of tensile strength results from collagen synthesis exceeding degradation during the first 2 months.
- Carefully sutured wounds = 70% of the strength of normal skin in about 3 months and usually does not improve substantially beyond that point

# FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE TISSUE REPAIR:

- Infection → delay healing, prolongs inflammation.
- Nutrition (protein and vit C deficiency) → inhibit collagen synthesis and retard healing.
- Steroids anti-inflammatory effects → inhibit scar and fibrosis.
- Mechanical variables → local pressure
- Poor perfusion (arteriosclerosis and diabetes or obstructed venous drainage) → impairs healing.
- Foreign bodies → fragments of steel, glass, or bone.
- The type and extent of tissue injury (stable, labile, or permanent cells) and location of the injured tissue.
- Over production of cell growth and ECM that give rise to prominent raised scars known as keloids.

## **Suggestive Reading**

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