

Homeostasis “Hemodynamic” Disorders

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Objectives

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2. Congestion and Hyperemia.
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- 5. Embolism.**
6. Infarction.
7. Shock.

Amniotic Fluid Embolism

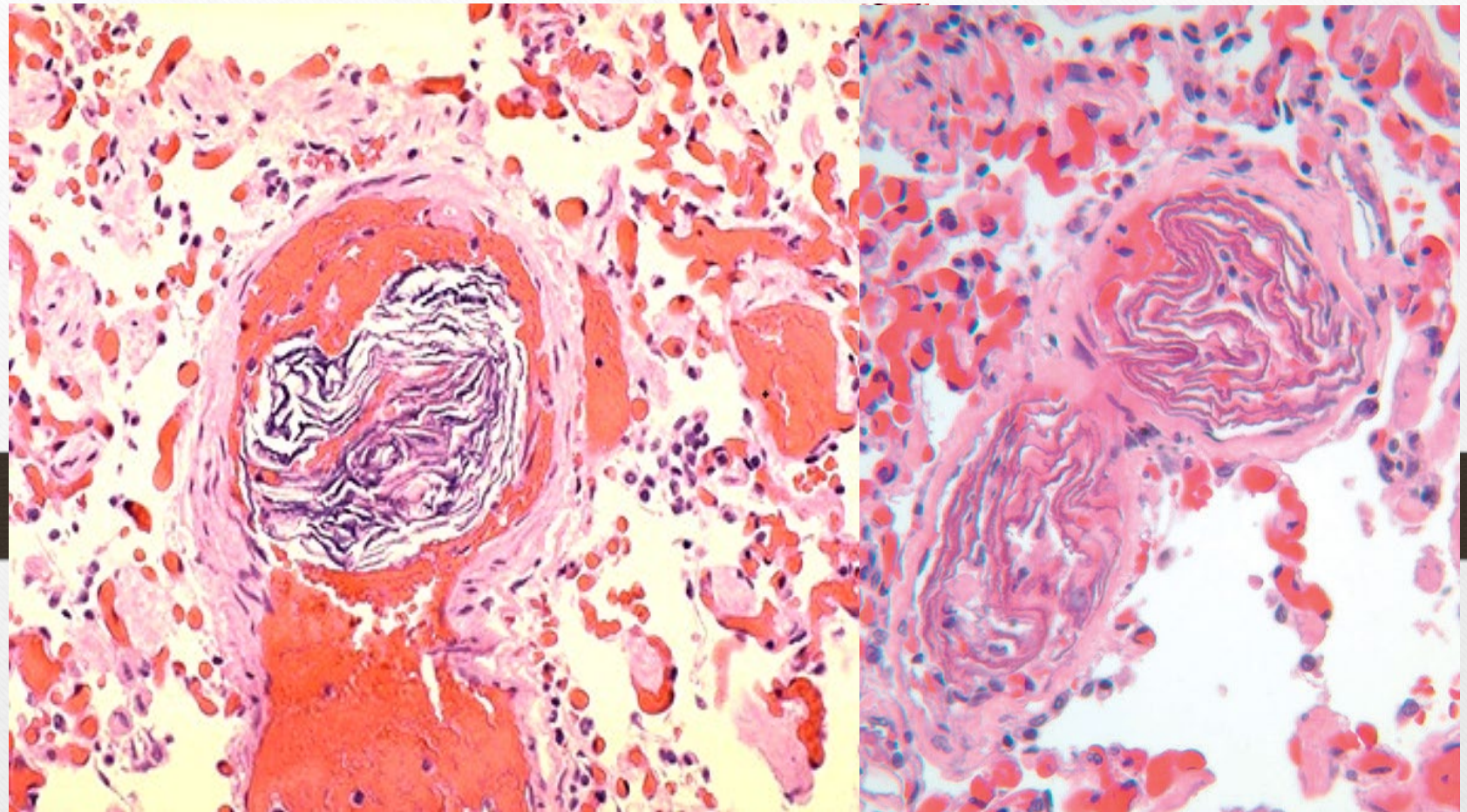
This is a **rare** finding that may complicate a term pregnancy at normal delivery, abortion or cesarean section (C/S).

It is a major cause of **maternal mortality** that usually occurs during labor or postpartum period.

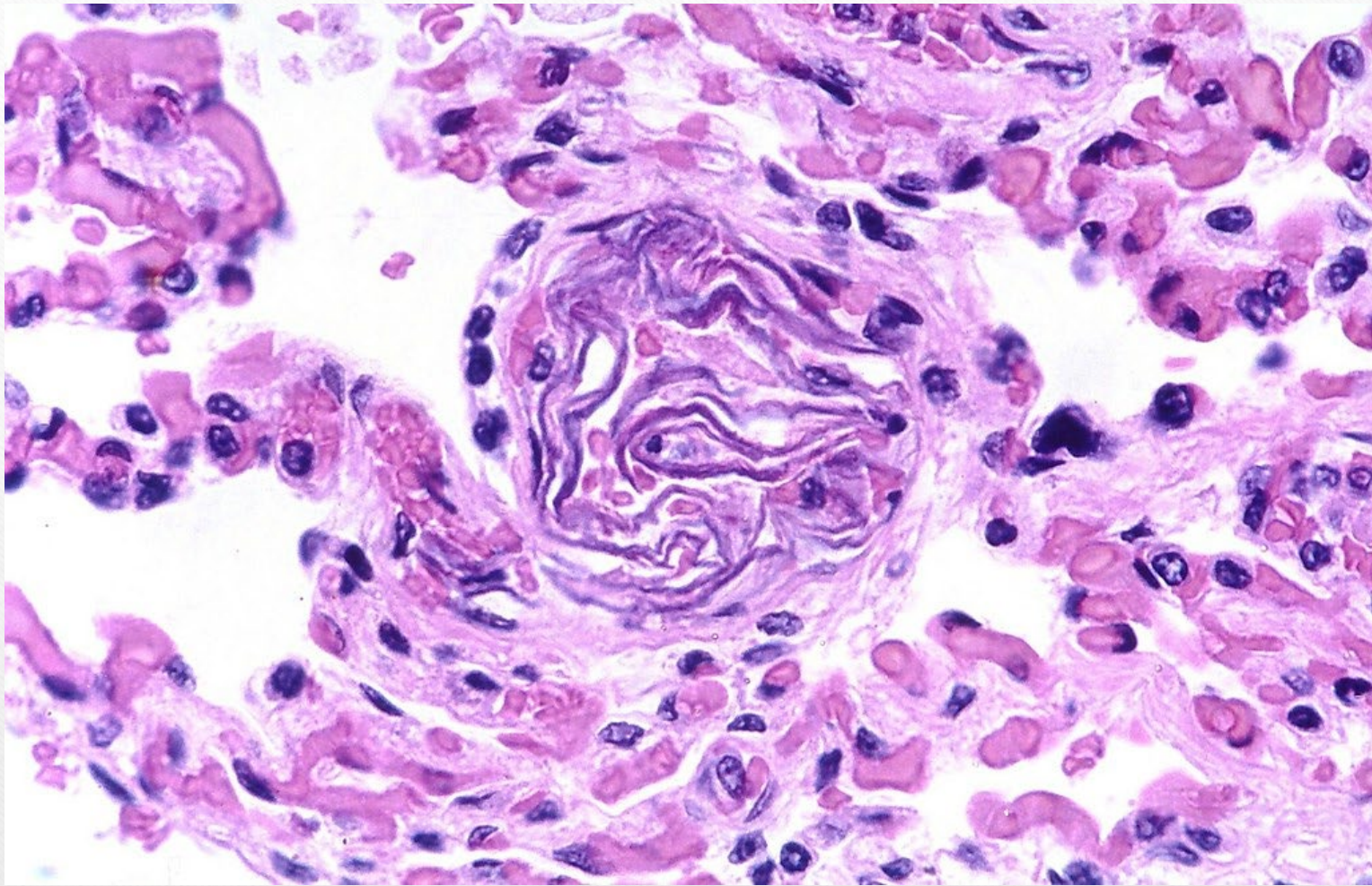
Can have the same outcome as a large saddle pulmonary embolus or complicated by DIC (disseminated intravascular coagulation)..

The condition results from infusion of amniotic fluid with all its contents (fetal squames, hair, and fat surrounding the fetus ... etc.) into the maternal venous system that reaches the maternal pulmonary microcirculation.

The amniotic fluid gains access into uterine and/or cervical veins after rupture of the membranes that surround the fetus.



Amniotic fluid embolus that has layers of fetal squames (squamous cells) and lanugo hair into pulmonary vessels. The surrounding lung is edematous and congested.



Amniotic fluid components, mainly with laminated swirls of fetal squamous cells and meconium in a pulmonary vessels

Air or Gas Embolism

Air or gas may gain access to the circulation;

1. During delivery or abortion: it is forced into ruptured uterine venous sinuses by powerful contraction of the uterus.
2. Injury to the lung or chest wall: may open a large vein and permit entrance of air during negative pressure of inspiration.

Such bubbles of air may fuse to form large physical masses that may occlude a major vessel, usually in the brain and lungs (pulmonary embolism may leads to a sudden death).

Large quantities of air (**at least 100 ml**) are required to produce effects. Small amounts commonly introduced during intravenous infusion of drugs, are of no significance, since they are rapidly dissolve in the plasma.

Fat Embolism

1. Fracture of large bones (femur, pelvis), most one.
2. Significant soft tissue trauma .
3. Burns.

Fat embolism syndrome; a serious clinical complication caused by mechanical (fat globule) and chemical (endothelial injury caused by FFAs endotoxins) interaction.

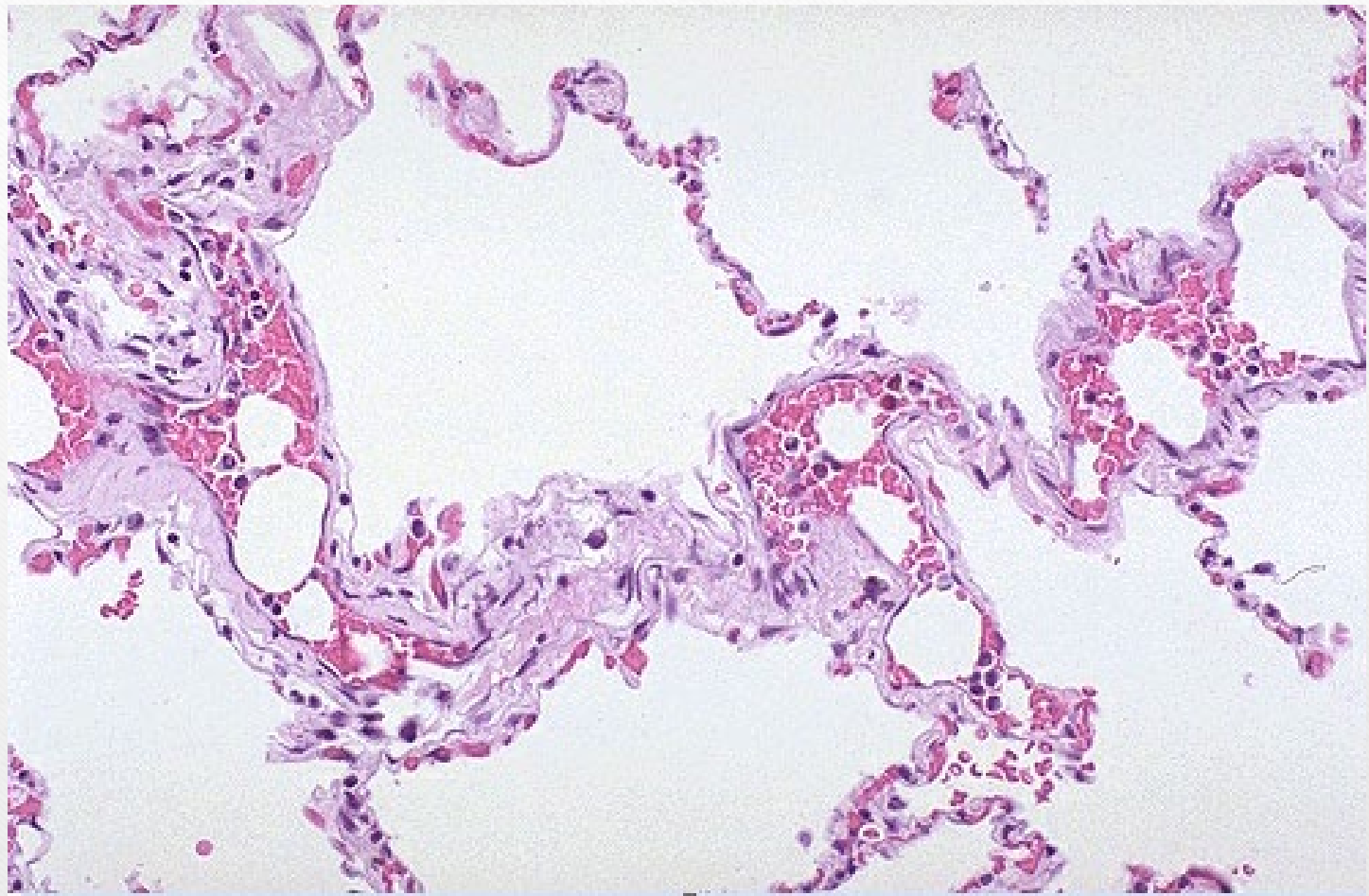
Characterized by:

- Pulmonary insufficiency.
- Neurologic symptoms.
- Anemia and thrombocytopenia.
- Fatal in about 10% of cases.

-Typically, the symptoms appear 1 to 3 days after injury, with sudden onset of tachypnea, dyspnea, and tachycardia.

Neurologic symptoms include irritability and restlessness, with progression to delirium or coma.

- One of the complications of this type of embolism is **DIC**.



Fat emboli, rounded holes (lipocytes) within the pulmonary vascular spaces.



After a week following the event initiating fat embolism syndrome, there is loss of consciousness because of "brain purpura". Numerous petechial hemorrhages are produced by fat emboli to the brain, particularly in white matter.

Bone Marrow Embolism

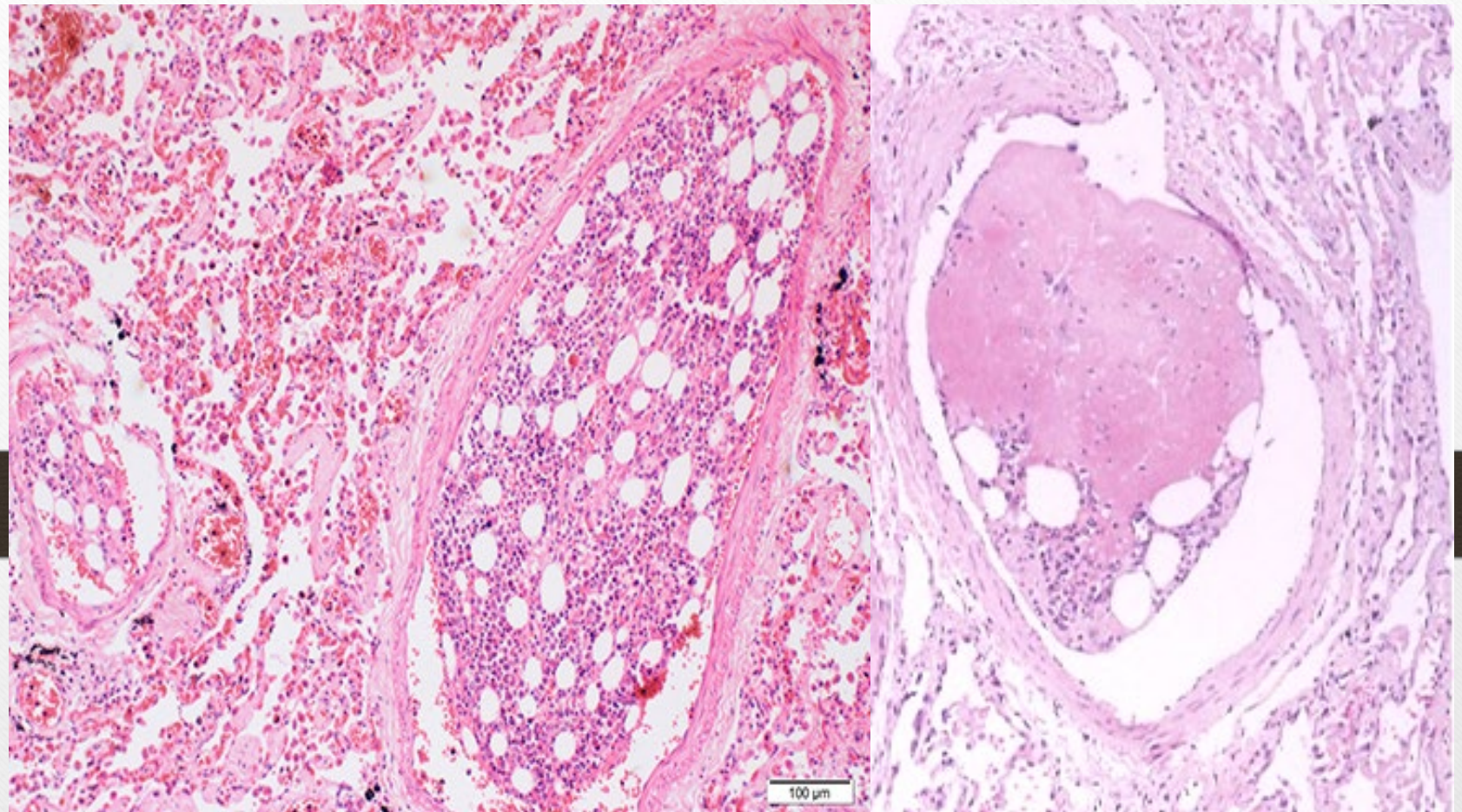
The condition results from liberation of micro globules of fat derived from fatty marrow or adipose tissue. These enter ruptured venules and thus acting as emboli.

Mostly trapped within the pulmonary microcirculation.

Some, however, will squeeze through into the systemic circulation to impact into the brain and kidneys.

Large number of fat globules can be demonstrated within the microcirculation of the lung, brain and kidney.

The clinical features and outcome are nearly similar to that of the fat embolism.



Bone marrow embolus in the pulmonary circulation.
The cleared vacuoles represent marrow fat with the cellular hematopoietic cellular elements impacted in a vessel.

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Infarction:

The process by which an area of ischemic necrosis caused by occlusion of the vascular supply to the affected tissue (infarct tissue).

A localized area of cell necrosis in a living organ or tissue, resulting most often from a sudden reduction or cessation of its arterial blood supply or occasionally its venous drainage.

Pulmonary infarction is a common clinical complication, bowel infarction often is fatal, and ischemic necrosis of distal extremities (gangrene) common in diabetics.

Arterial thrombosis or arterial embolism underlies the vast majority of infarctions.

Less causes of arterial obstruction; vasospasm, intraplaque hemorrhage, and extrinsic compression by tumor, or edema within a confined space.

Myocardial infarction is not uncommon clinical finding. Can be due to vascular obstruction or long term spasm.

Other uncommon causes of tissue infarction include vessel twisting (e.g., in testicular torsion or bowel volvulus), traumatic vascular rupture, and entrapment in a hernia sac.

Although venous thrombosis can cause infarction, the more common outcome is simply congestion; typically, bypass channels rapidly open to provide sufficient outflow to restore the arterial inflow.

In organs having a single venous outflow channel such as the **testis or ovary, venous occlusion** may induce infarction because arterial blood flow rapidly comes to a standstill, as it has no escape through collateral veins.

Causes of vascular obstruction

1. Thrombosis and embolism (usual causes).

Less frequent and rare causes include:

2. Large atheromatous plaques (intraplaque haemorrhage).

3. Spasm of coronary arteries, may contribute to myocardial infarction.

4. Pressure on the vessel from outside, e.g. by a tumor, inflammatory fibrous adhesions, or narrow mouthed hernia sac.

5. Twisting (torsion) of the pedicle of a mobile organ, e.g.; loop of small intestine, ovary and testis.

External pressure and torsion (causes 4 and 5) usually interfere with venous drainage since veins are more readily compressible than arteries.

Risk Factors

Include;

- Diabetes.
- Family predisposition.
- High blood pressure
- High levels of fats (cholesterol and triglycerides).
- Overweight and lack of physical activity.
- Smoking.
- Stress.

Types of infarcts:

Infarcts are classified according to:

A- On the basis of their color:

1. White (pale or anemic).
2. Red (hemorrhagic).

B- On the presence or absence of bacterial:

1. Septic.
2. Aseptic (bland).

Gross Features of Infarction

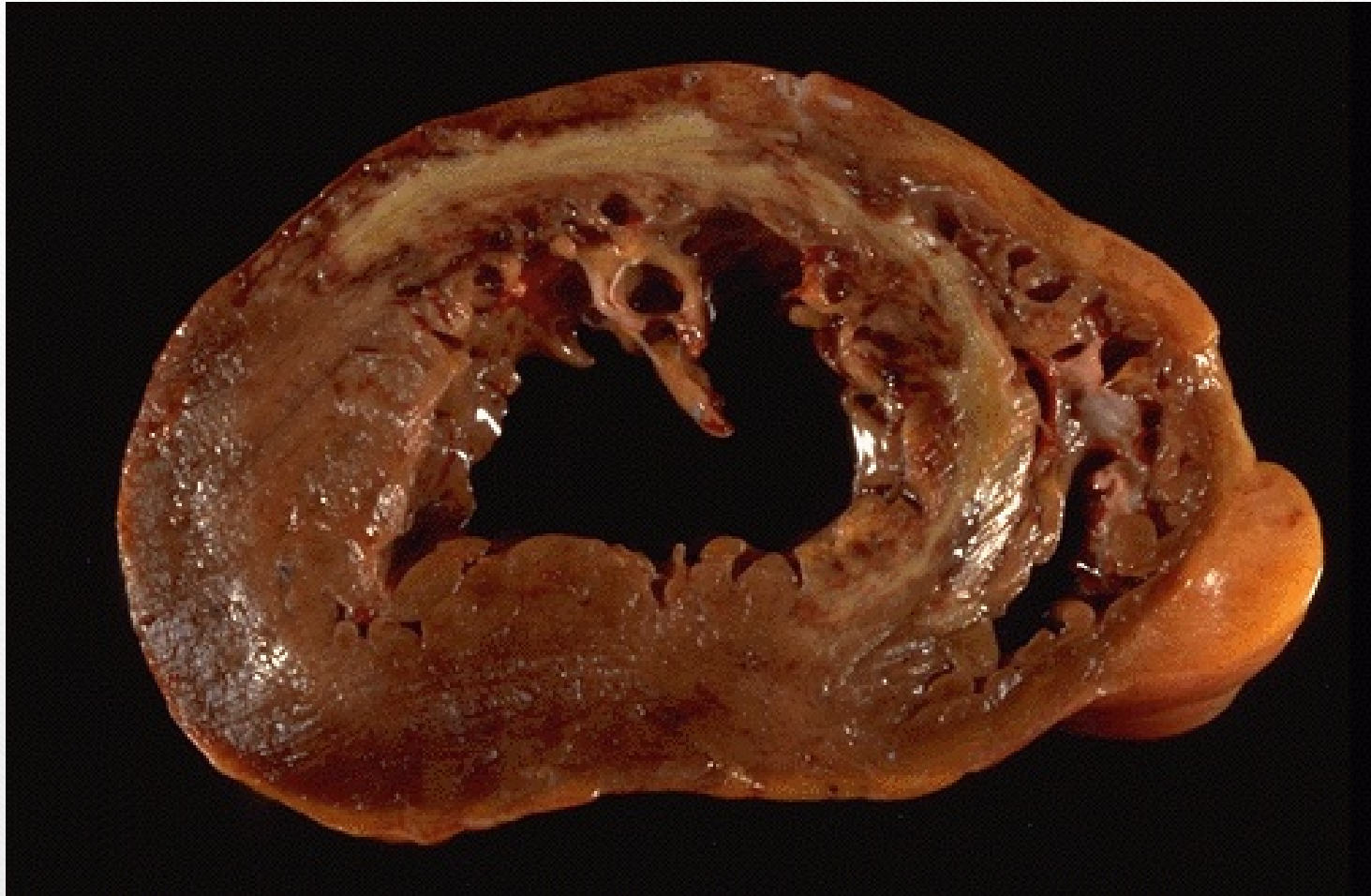
- Irrespective of their color (i.e. whether they are pale or red), all infarcts tend to be **wedge-shaped**, with the apex pointing toward the focus of vascular occlusion.
- **In solid organs**, the infarct appears paler than normal.
- **In spongy tissues** the lesion is red-blue. The lung infarct area is usually a dark red hemorrhagic wedge-shaped mass, with its 'base' on the pleural surface.
- However, the exact outline of the infarct may be quite variable and sometimes geographic (map-like) patterns occur.
- The latter results from preservation of small areas of tissue at the periphery of the infarct that have different or unaffected sources of blood supply.

- With the passage of time (during the next 24 hrs.) the infarct becomes more and more demarcated from the surrounding tissues; the color difference more intense and the consistency becomes firmer.
- In the course of several days, the margins of the infarct become better defined through the development of a narrow rim of hyperemia. This is due to the marginal acute inflammatory response (**line of demarcation**).
- The involved surface of the organ is usually covered by a **fibrinous inflammatory exudate** (e.g. fibrinous pericarditis in myocardial infarction and fibrinous pleuritis in pulmonary infarction).

1- White (pale, anemic) infarcts

Infarcts resulting from arterial occlusions in organs without a dual circulation typically become progressively paler and sharply defined with time.

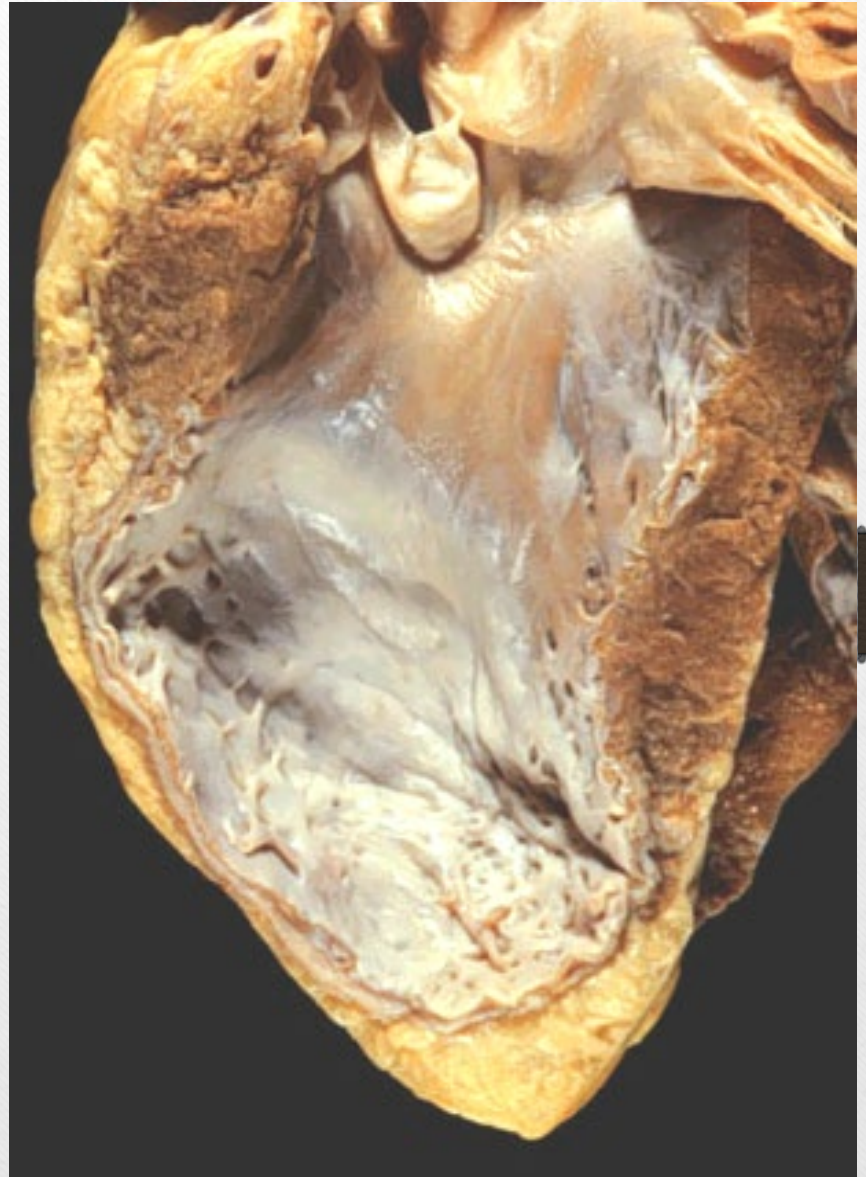
- Arterial occlusions.
- Solid organs with end-arterial circulations (e.g., heart, spleen, and kidney).
- Tend to be wedge-shaped, with the occluded vessel at the apex and the organ periphery forming the base.
- Lateral margins may be irregular, reflecting flow from adjacent vessels.
- The margins of acute infarcts typically are indistinct and slightly hemorrhagic.
- With time, the edges become better defined by a narrow rim of hyperemia attributable to inflammation.



This cross section reveals a large myocardial infarction involving the anterior left ventricular wall and septum. The color of the infarct is whitish-yellow

There has been a **previous** extensive myocardial infarction involving the free wall of the left ventricle. Note that the thickness of the myocardial wall is normal superiorly, but inferiorly is only a **thin** fibrous wall.

The infarction was so extensive that, after healing, the ventricular wall was replaced by a **thin band** of collagen.





Infarct of the Kidney, wedge shape pale area of infarction, with remaining congested cortex.



Sharply demarcated pale infarct in the spleen

2- Hemorrhagic infarcts;

usually encountered in:

- Loose tissues (spongy organs).
- Venous occlusions.
- Tissues having double circulation (double blood supply) or rich vascular anastomoses.
- In a tissue that is already congested.

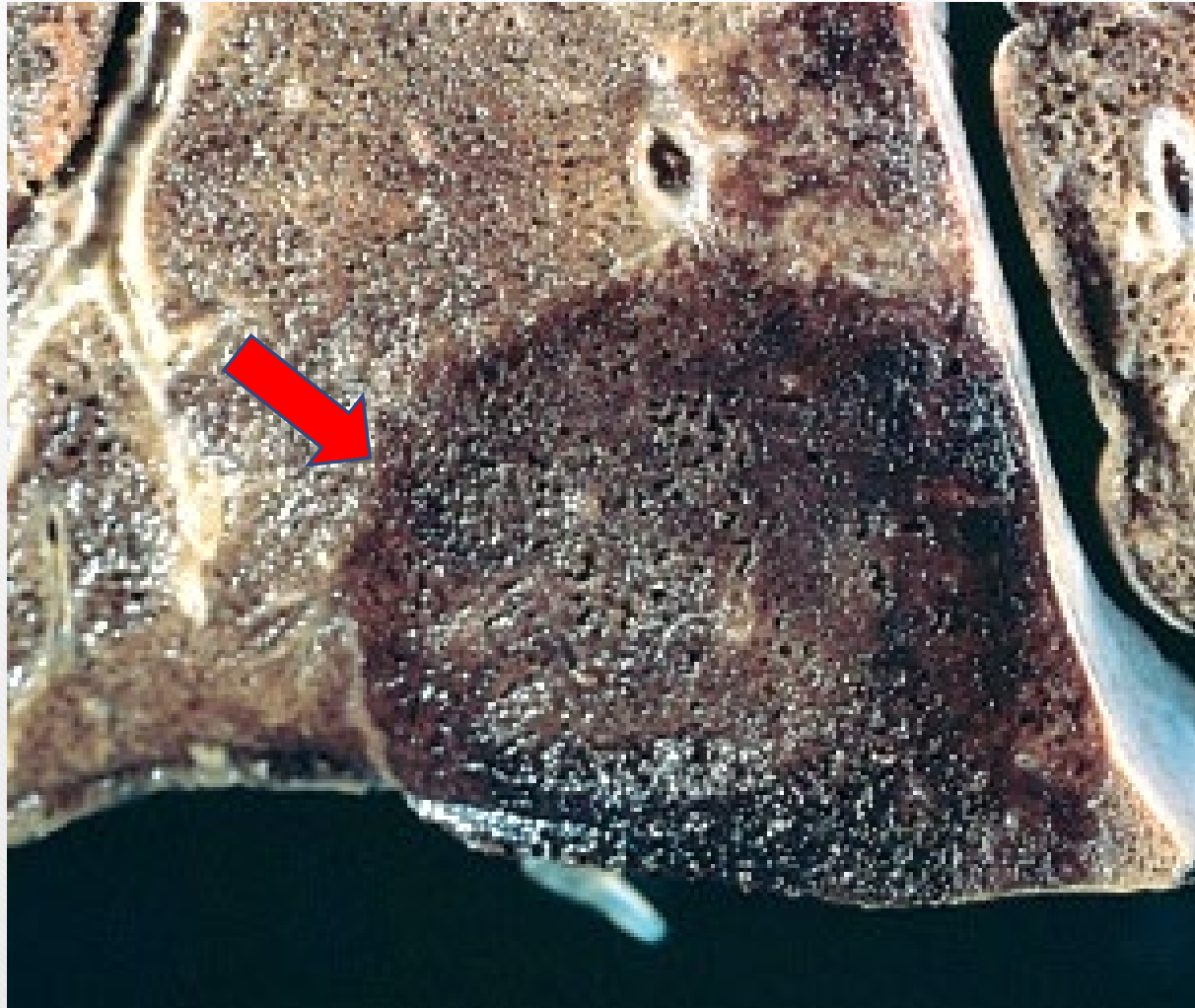
Lung; is an example of loose tissue that shows **hemorrhagic infarction** secondary to arterial obstruction.

Extravasated red cells in hemorrhagic infarcts are phagocytosed by macrophages, and the heme iron is converted to hemosiderin.

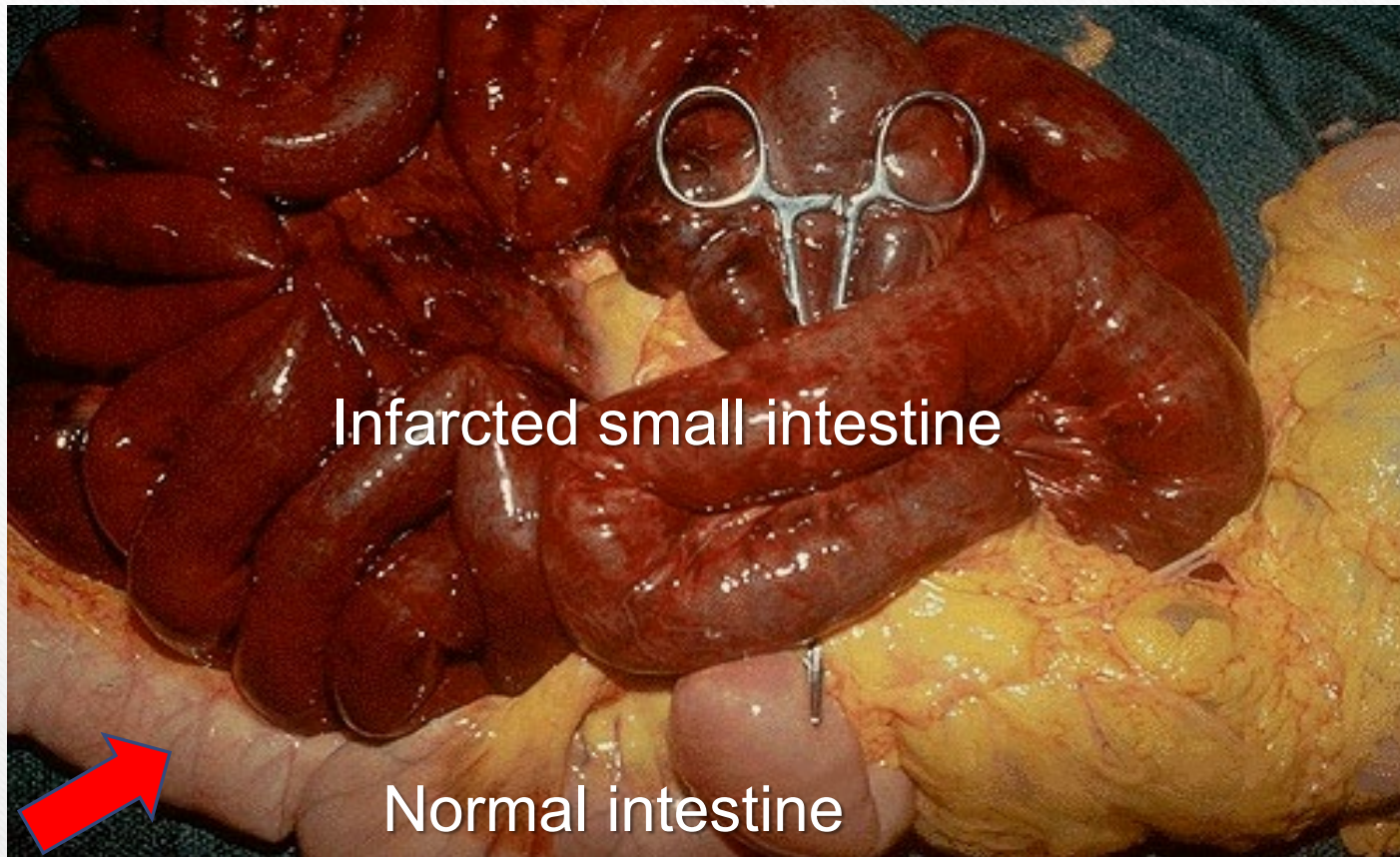
Extensive hemorrhages leave a firm, brown residuum.



Lung with red wedge shape infarcted area with a base facing the pleural surface



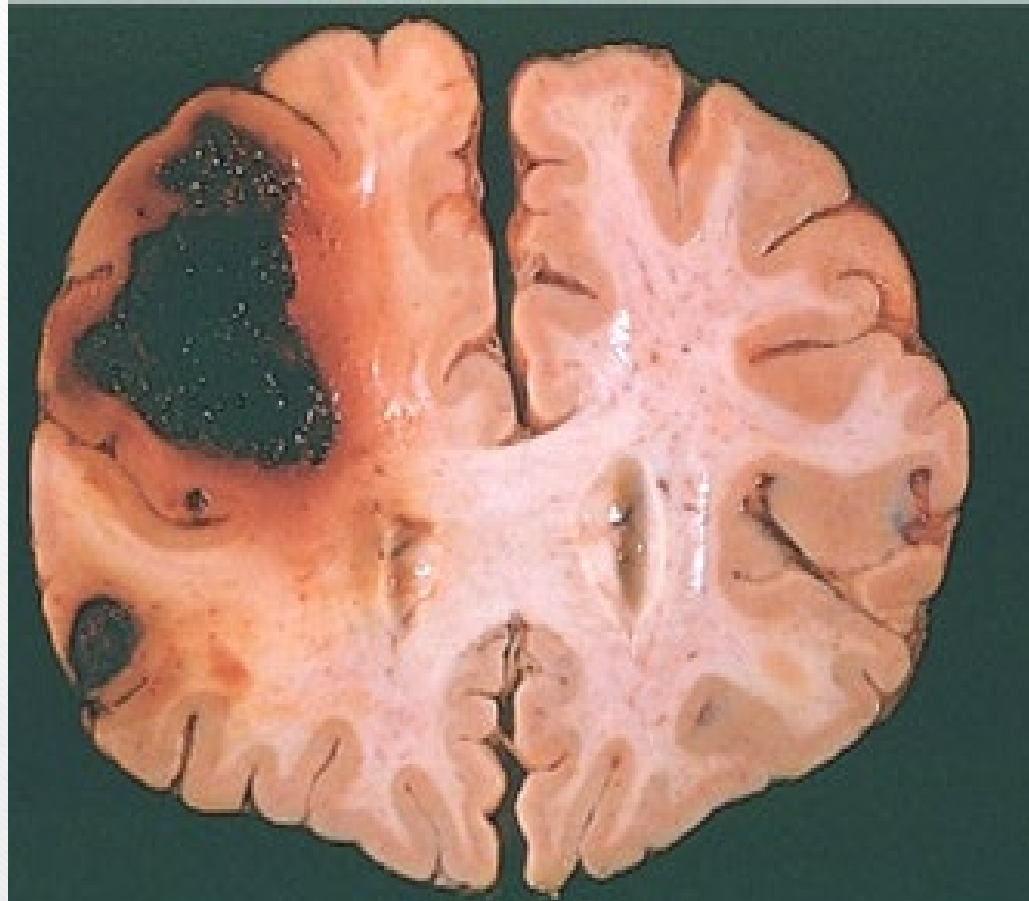
Lung; hemorrhagic, brown wedge-shaped pulmonary infarct



The dark red infarcted small intestine contrasts with the light pink viable bowel (arrow). This is one complication of adhesions from previous surgery. The trapped bowel has lost its blood supply because of fibrous adhesions.



Grossly, brain infarct; the cerebral infarction at the upper left demonstrates Liquefactive necrosis. Eventually, the removal of the dead tissue leaves behind a cavity.



Hemorrhagic Brain infarcts; which initially caused by infarction. The blood from the major artery may pour into the soft area of liquefactive necrosis, yielding extensive hemorrhage into what had been a pale infarction

Classification (Cont'd):

According to the presence or absence of bacterial infection in the area of necrosis.

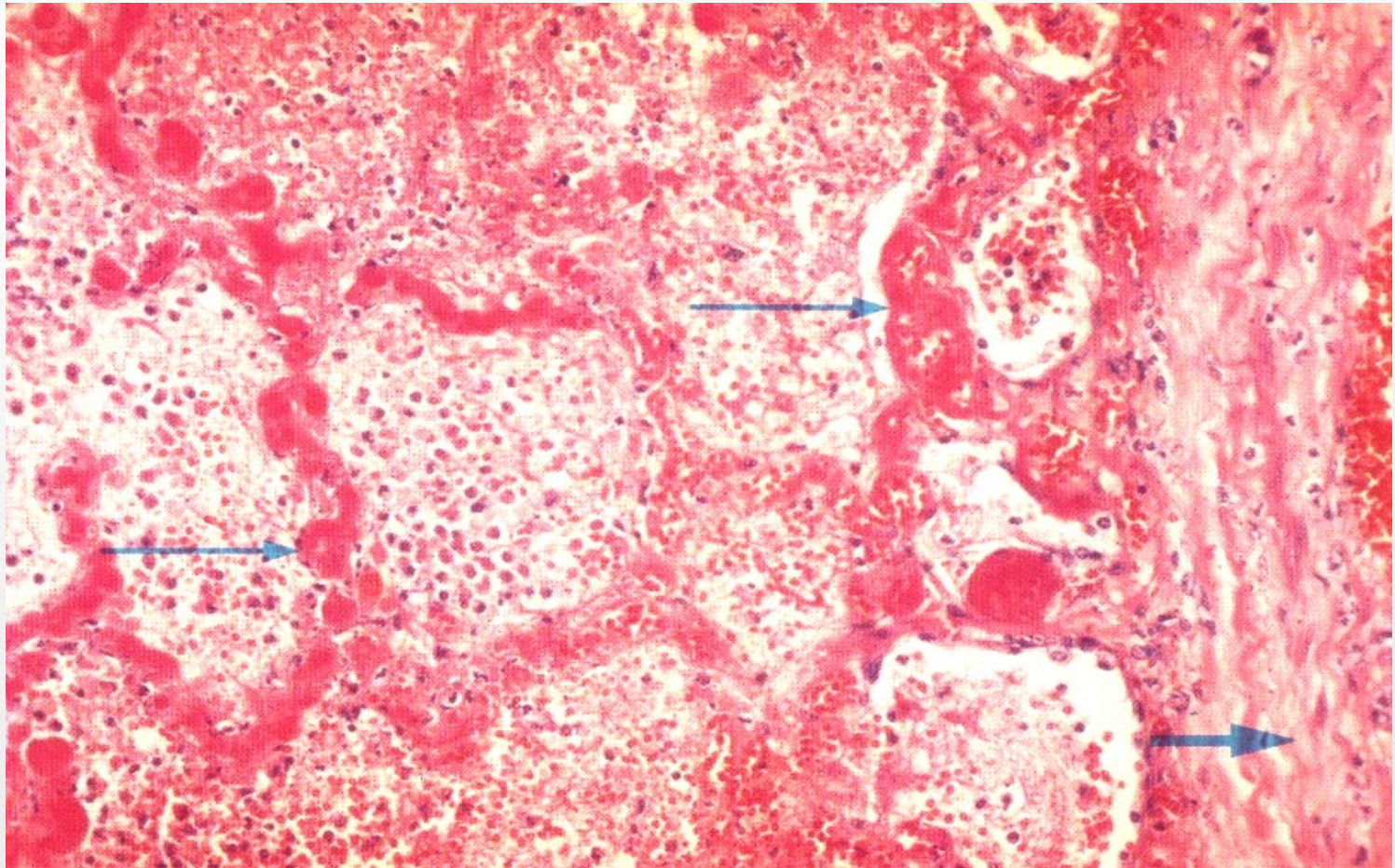
1. Septic, underlays by bacterial infection. Septic infarctions occur when infected cardiac valve vegetations embolize, or when microbes seed necrotic tissue.

In these cases the infarct is converted into an **abscess**, with a correspondingly greater inflammatory response

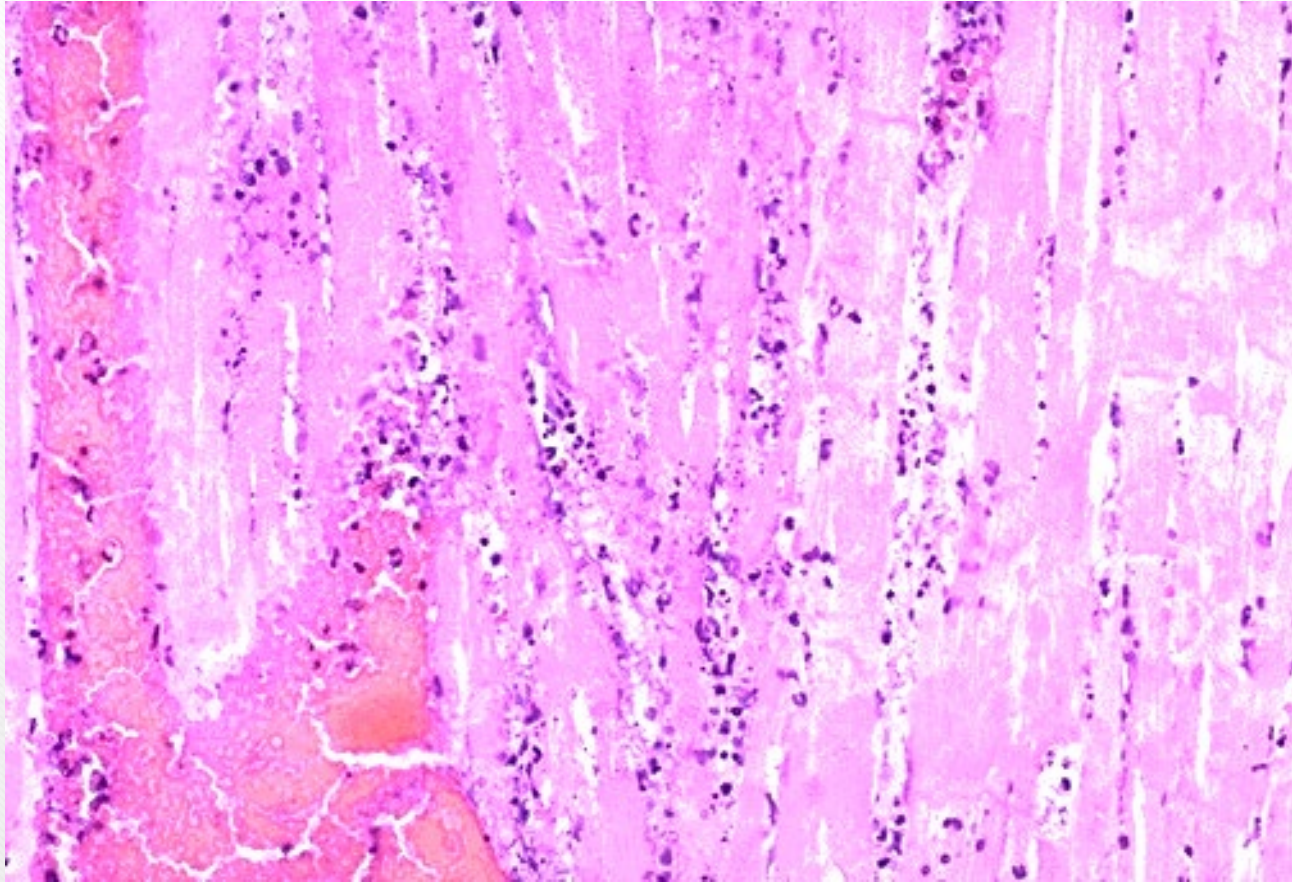
2. Aseptic (bland).

Microscopic Features:

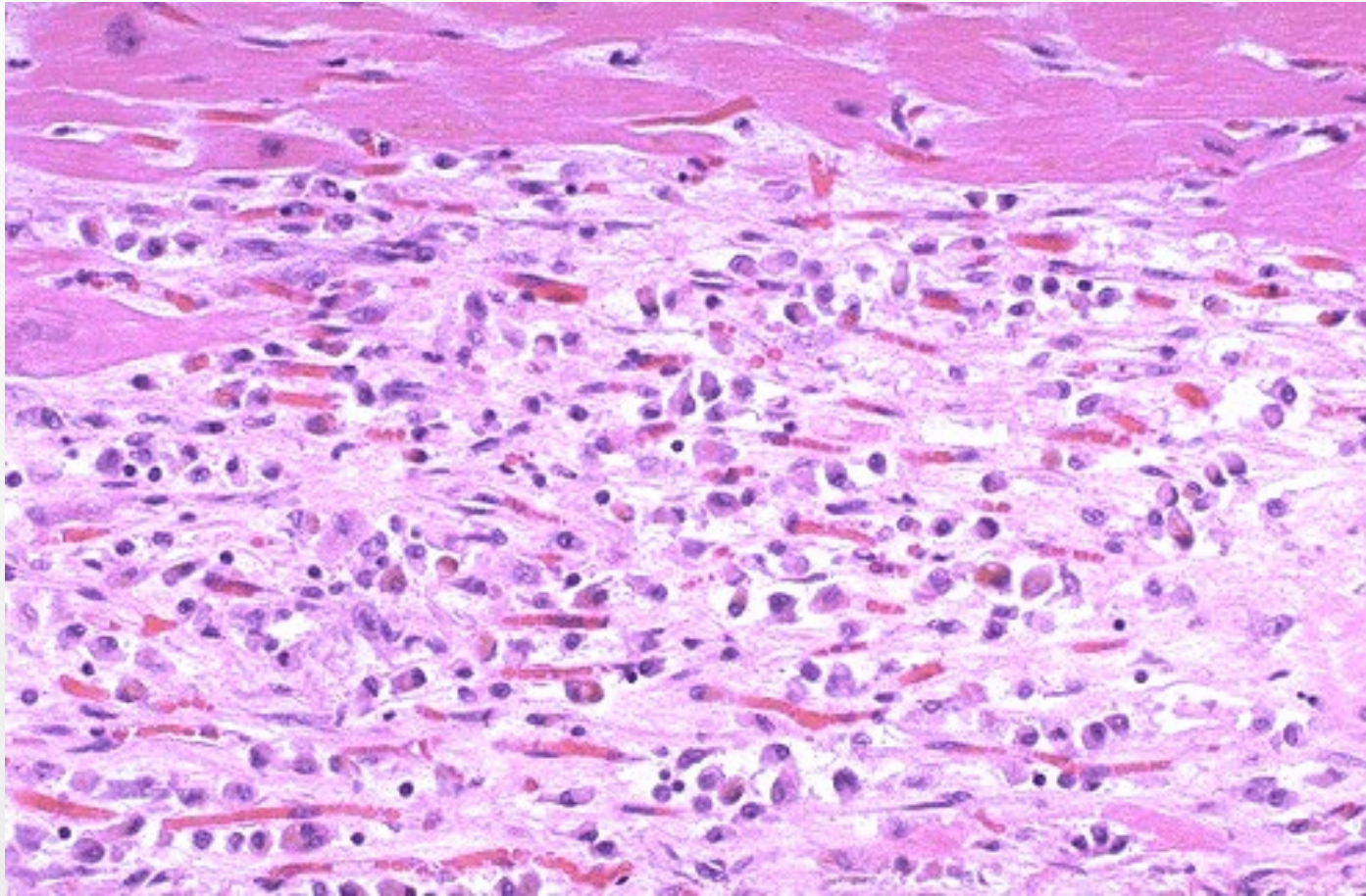
- **All** infarcts are characterized by **ischemic coagulative necrosis** of the constituent cells (increased cytoplasmic eosinophilia and nuclear breakdown), except those of the **brain** which are **liquefactive**.
 - The line of **demarcation** is in essence an acute inflammatory response that surrounds the area of infarction, separating it from normal tissue.
 - This acute inflammation gradually invades the infarct.
 - This is followed by a fibroblastic, reparative response, again beginning at the margins.
 - Eventually the necrotic focus is gradually replaced by fibrous (scar) tissue. This process of healing, depending on the size of the infarct, which may takes months.
- With septic infraction, lesion is converted to **an abscess**.



The alveoli contain large numbers of necrotic cells with red cells and cell debris. The walls are necrotic and the capillaries are distended and tortuous (full of fused red cells) (thin arrows). The pleura (thick arrow) is infiltrated by extravasated red cells and fibrin.



Recent myocardial infarction of about 1 to 2 days in duration. The myocardial cell nuclei and cross striations have almost all disappeared. There is beginning acute inflammation (neutrophils with their dark blue segmented nuclei), infiltrate between necrotic myocardial fibers.



A myocardial infarction of 1 to 2 weeks in age. There are remaining normal myocardial fibers at the top. Below the fibers are many macrophages along with numerous capillaries and fibroblasts with deposition of collagen.

The **Outcomes** is influenced by;

1- Anatomy of the vascular supply; presence (e.g. lung, liver and limbs) or absence (e.g. kidney and spleen) of an alternative blood supply is the most important factor in determining the damage.

2- Time over which the occlusion develops; slowly developing occlusions (slow coronary obstruction) are less likely to cause infarction because they allow time for the development of collateral blood supplies.

3- Susceptibility of the affected tissue to ischemic injury; neurons undergo irreversible damage within 3 to 4 minutes. By contrast, fibroblasts within myocardium remain viable after many hours of ischemia.

4- Blood oxygen content; abnormally low blood O₂ content increases both the likelihood and extent of infarction

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Shock

Shock is a condition characterized by a systemic hypoperfusion of the body tissues.

It can be caused by diminished cardiac output or by reduced effective circulating blood volume.

The consequences are impaired tissue perfusion and cellular hypoxia.

Although shock initially is reversible, prolonged shock eventually leads to irreversible tissue injury that often life-threatening hypo-perfusion of vital organs.

1. Reduction in the blood volume itself.
2. Reduction in cardiac output.
3. Redistribution of blood within the microcirculation causing insufficiency of effective circulating blood volume.

The widespread hypo-perfusion of results in:

1. Insufficient supply of oxygen and nutrients to the tissues.
2. Inadequate clearance of metabolites.

The hypoxia induces a shift from aerobic to anaerobic metabolism; a by-product of the latter is lactic acid with the resulting drop in the pH of the cells and sometimes, lactic acidosis.

At the beginning, the hemodynamic and metabolic disturbances induce reversible cell injury, but if these disturbances are not corrected rapidly, the situation becomes worse and irreversible injury of the cells (cell death).

Classification:

- 1. Cardiogenic.**
- 2. Hypovolemic.**
- 3. Septic.**
- 4. Neurogenic.**
- 5. Anaphylactic.**

Clinical examples:

1- Cardiogenic:

- a. Myocardial infarction.
- b. Arrhythmia.
- c. Pulmonary embolism.
- d. Ventricular rupture and cardiac tamponade.

2- Hypovolemic shock:

- a. Hemorrhage: external or internal.
- b. Fluid depletion e.g. severe continuous vomiting and/or diarrhea and extensive burns.

3- Septic shock: septicemia; fungal, bacterial, endotoxin.

4- Neurogenic shock:

- a. Anaesthesia.
- b. Spinal cord injury

5- Anaphylactic shock: hypersensitivity to drugs (penicillin)

Pathophysiology of Shock

❖ **Cardiogenic Shock** (pump failure):

There is a reduction in cardiac output. This may result from myocardial infarction, ventricular arrhythmia, pressure on the heart from outside (cardiac tamponade), or outflow obstruction (pulmonary embolism).

Cardiac tamponade: Slowly developing pericardial effusion of less than 500 ml produces no effects on the cardiac function. However, rapidly developing fluid collections of as little as 200 - 300 ml may produce compression of the thin-walled atria and venae cava, and sometimes even the ventricles themselves.

As a result, cardiac filling is restricted, with marked drop in cardiac output.

Potentially fatal cardiac tamponade occurred in **hemopericardium**, In;

- a. Ruptured myocardial infarction.
- b. Traumatic perforation.
- c. Infective endocarditis.
- d. Ruptured aortic dissection (dissecting aneurysm) at the root of the aorta.

The pericardial sac is opened to display hemo-pericardium. Massive amount of hemorrhage can lead to cardiac tamponade.



❖ **Septic Shock:**

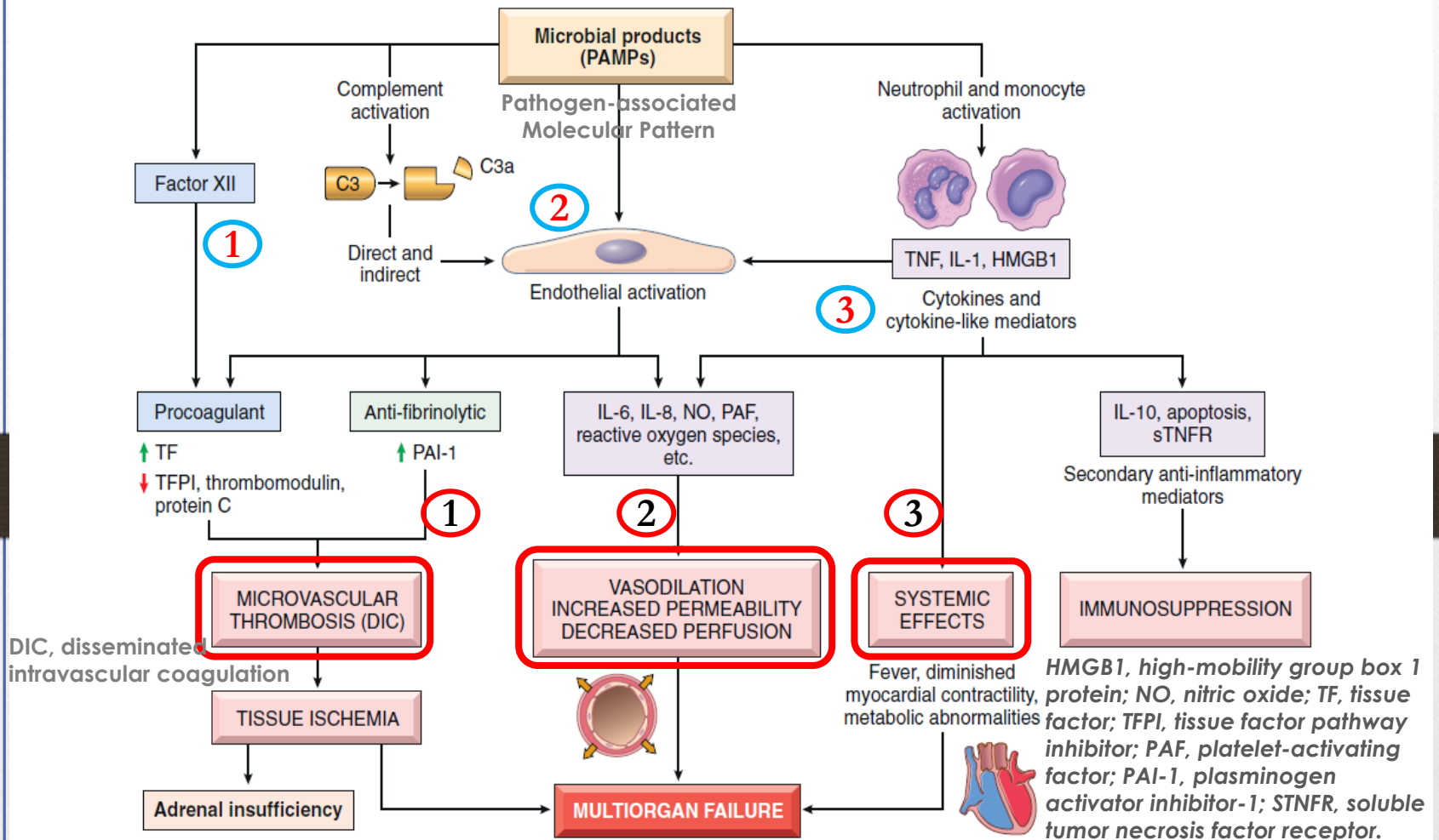
This is caused by systemic bacterial infection, particularly with Gram-positive infections and followed by Gram-negative and fungi.

Although, septic shock is mainly caused by disseminated infection the localized one also can trigger sepsis, even without detectable spread to the bloodstream.

Substances derived from microorganisms activate immune mediated cells and complements.

Endotoxins are bacterial wall Lipopolysaccharide (LPSs) that are released when the cell wall is degraded through the inflammatory reaction against the bacteria.

These materials leading to activation of endothelial cells and coagulation cascade and triggering the immune system and release of inflammatory cytokines.



Microbial products activate endothelial cells and cellular and humoral elements of the innate immune system, initiating a cascade of events that lead to end-stage multiorgan failure.

Low levels of LPSs activate macrophages and complement system that help in eradicating the invading bacteria, which only cause local inflammatory effects.

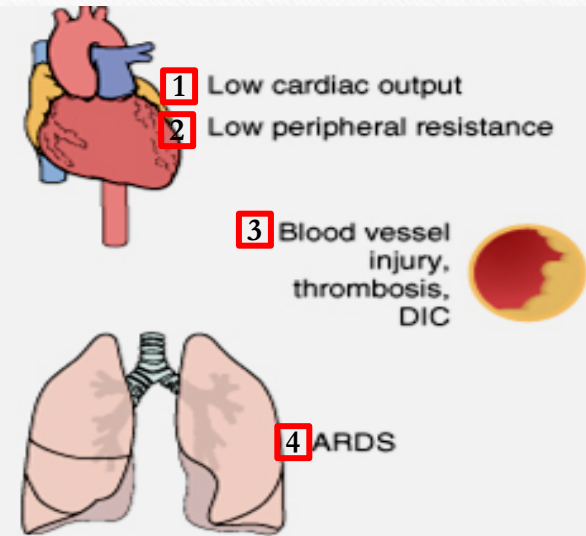
With moderate levels, more systemic events occur in addition to the local vascular effects.

At high concentrations of LPSs (as in septicemia), the syndrome of septic shock supervenes.

This is mediated through various cytokines (such as interleukins and tumor necrosis factor) and other mediators.

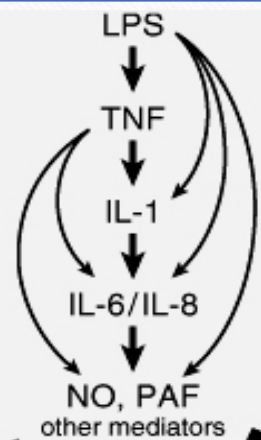
The main effects include;

1. Reduced myocardial **contractility**.
2. Systemic peripheral **vasodilatation** (involving the microcirculation)
Leading to pooling of blood and hypotension.

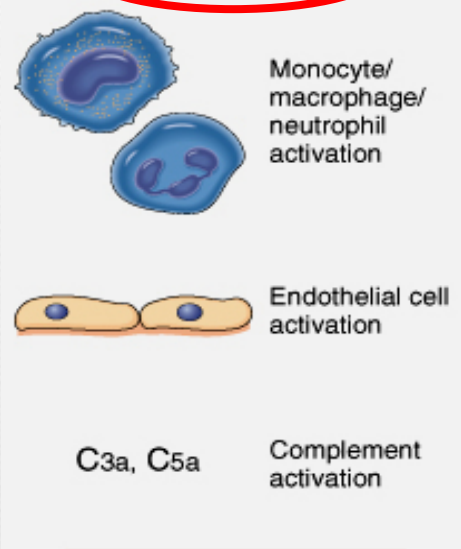


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3. Cell **membrane injury** including endothelial cells, platelets and leukocytes with the resultant activation of coagulation pathways that may lead to disseminated intravascular coagulation (**DIC**).
4. Widespread **endothelial** injury and activation leading to systemic leukocytes adhesion and pulmonary alveolar capillary damage (acute respiratory distress syndrome, **ARDS**).

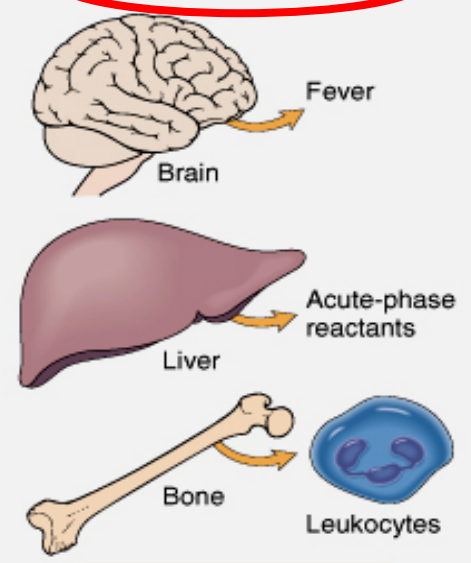


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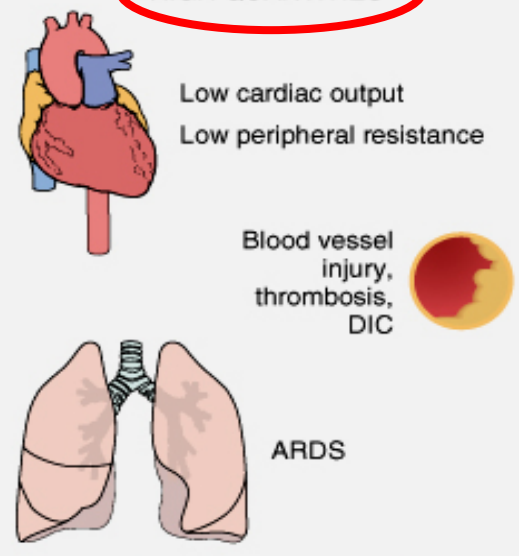
LOCAL INFLAMMATION

MODERATE QUANTITIES



SYSTEMIC EFFECTS

HIGH QUANTITIES



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❖ **Neurogenic shock:**

As due to anesthetic accidents and spinal cord injury. The loss of vascular tone (**Vasodilatation**) that leads to peripheral vasodilatation with pooling of blood.

❖ **Anaphylactic shock:**

This is initiated by a generalized IgE-mediated hypersensitivity response. The effects include wide spread **vasodilatation** with pooling of blood and increased vascular **permeability** that lead to decrease in intravascular blood volume.

Stages of Shock:

Shock is a progressive disorder and if not rapidly dealt with, it will pass into deeper levels of hemodynamic and metabolic deterioration.

The progression may be very rapid (within minutes) as in massive hemorrhage such as that resulting from cardiac tamponade (e.g., rupture of an aortic aneurysm or traumatic injury to the aorta). However, the progression is usually slow and takes several hours.

The progression is divided into three stages:

- 1. Early, reversible (compensated shock, nonprogressive)**
- 2. Progressive (decompensated shock).**
- 3. Irreversible shock.**

In the early stage; compensatory mechanisms operate to maintain cardiac output and blood pressure near normal levels so that blood supply to vital organs remains largely unaffected.

These compensatory mechanisms include:

1. **Arteriolar constriction** leading to increase in peripheral resistance and hence elevation of blood pressure.
2. Increase in **heart rate** to increase cardiac output.
3. **Retention** of fluids through;
 - a. Increase secretion of antidiuretic hormone (ADH).
 - b. Activation of renin-angiotensin-aldosterone axis.

The progressive (decompensated) stage; Occurs if the underlying cause is not dealt with.

- Additional aggravating factors added e.g. extensive burn complicated by bacterial infection or hypovolemia in the elderly complicated by myocardial infarction.
- With this stage, changes will go from bad to worse because despite the assistance of previous mentioned compensatory mechanisms, there is progressive decline in both blood pressure and cardiac output.

The consequences, are the clinically observed increase in respiratory rate and a decrease in urine output, reflecting pulmonary and renal hypoperfusion respectively.

The resultant hypoxia (hypoxemia) causes the cells to switch over to anaerobic glycolysis that result in metabolic (lactic) acidosis.

Irreversible shock (represents the point of no return):

- Correction of the hemodynamic disturbances does not stop the progressive downward deterioration, namely, the progressive reduction of cardiac **output** and blood **pressure**, as well as, worsening of the metabolic **acidosis**.
- These result in irreversible injury to cell membranes as manifested by **paralysis** of the sodium-potassium and calcium pumps that is followed by gross defects in cell **membrane** itself.
- The result is **extrusion** of the cell contents to the outside.
- The reduction in blood flow to **vital organs**, such as the brain and heart, leads to ischemic cell death in these organs.

Pathological Changes:

These are basically in the form of **hypoxic** injury that affects various organs and tissues, which may end with **necrosis**. However, certain organs are more severely affected than others.

The changes of shock depend on the stage of ischemia;
Reversible; shows hypoxic changes, while irreversible;
shows features of necrotic changes

Fatty change; manifested by the appearance of lipid vacuoles in the organs cells cytoplasm (e.g., hepatocytes, myocardial cells).

In reversible, there is an alteration that may be difficult to appreciate with the light microscope, but it may be more apparent at the level of the whole organ.

When it affects many cells in an organ, it causes some pallor (as a result of compression of capillaries) and increase in weight of the organ.

Microscopically; may reveal small, clear vacuoles within the cytoplasm; sometimes called **hydropic change** or **vacuolar degeneration**.

Cells may show increased eosinophilic staining, which becomes much more pronounced with progression to necrosis.

The intracellular changes include plasma membrane alterations and nuclear alterations, with clumping of chromatin.

The irreversible changes, those of necrosis;

This is characterized by changes in the cytoplasm and nuclei of the injured cells.

- **Cytoplasmic changes;** Necrotic cells show **increased eosinophilia** (i.e., pink staining in H&E stain), attributable in part to increased binding of eosin to denatured cytoplasmic proteins and to loss of the basophilia of the ribonucleic acid (RNA) in the cytoplasm.

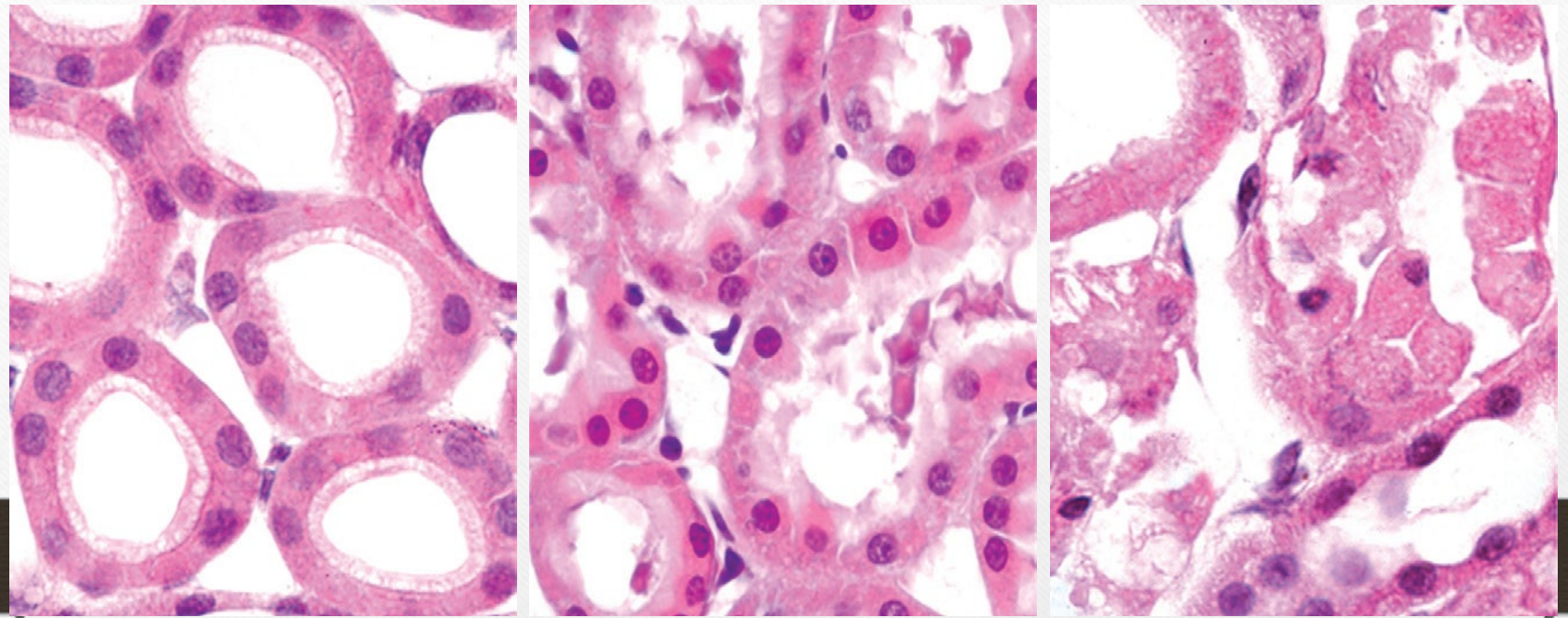
- **Nuclear changes;** (breakdown of DNA and chromatin);

1- Karyolysis, fade of chromatin basophilia.

2- Pyknosis, DNA condenses into a solid shrunken mass.

3- Karyorrhexis, fragmentation of the pyknotic nucleus.

- Nucleus in a dead cell may completely disappear.



Morphologic changes;

A, Normal kidney tubules with viable epithelial cells.

B, Early (reversible) ischemic injury showing increased eosinophilia of cytoplasm and swelling of occasional cells.

C, Necrotic (irreversible) injury of epithelial cells, with loss of nuclei and fragmentation of cells and leakage of contents.

Fates of necrotic cells;

With the exception of neuronal and myocardial loss, almost all these tissue changes may revert to normal if the patient survives.

May **persist** for some time or may be digested by enzymes and **disappear**.

Dead cells, are either phagocytosed by other cells or further degraded into fatty acids.

These fatty acids may bind to calcium salts, result in **calcification**.

