

Immune System- Overview

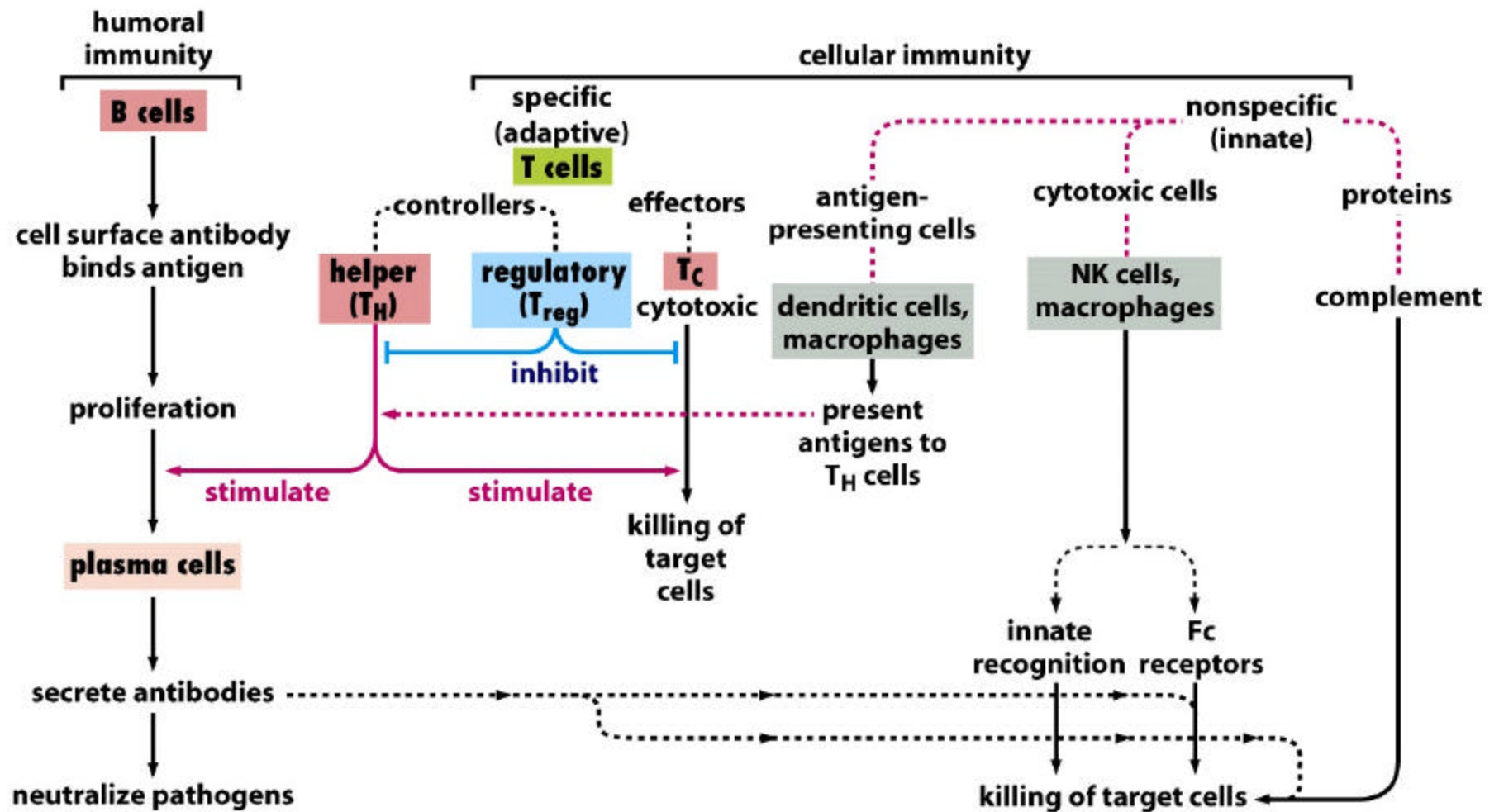


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Cancer Incidence in Immunosuppressed transplant patients

Table 15.1 Cancer incidence in immunosuppressed transplant patients^a

Site of cancer	No. of cases observed	No. of cases expected ^b	Ratio observed/expected
Non-melanoma skin	127	5.1	24.7
Thyroid, other endocrine	30	2.1	14.3
Mouth, tongue, lip	22	1.6	13.8
Cervix, vulva, vagina	39	3.6	10.8
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	25	2.4	10.3
Kidney, ureter	32	3.5	9.1
Bladder	26	4.7	5.5
Colorectal	38	10.5	3.6
Lung	30	12.5	2.4
Brain	10	4.1	2.4
Prostate	11	5.2	2.1
Melanoma	7	4.1	1.7
Breast	15	13.6	1.1

^aData from S.A Birkeland, H.H. Storm, L.U. Lamm et al., *Int. J. Cancer* 60:183–189, 1995, as adapted by J. Peto, *Nature* 411:390–395, 2001.

^bThese numbers represent the numbers of cases of the various cancers expected to occur in an age-matched control population over the same period of time.

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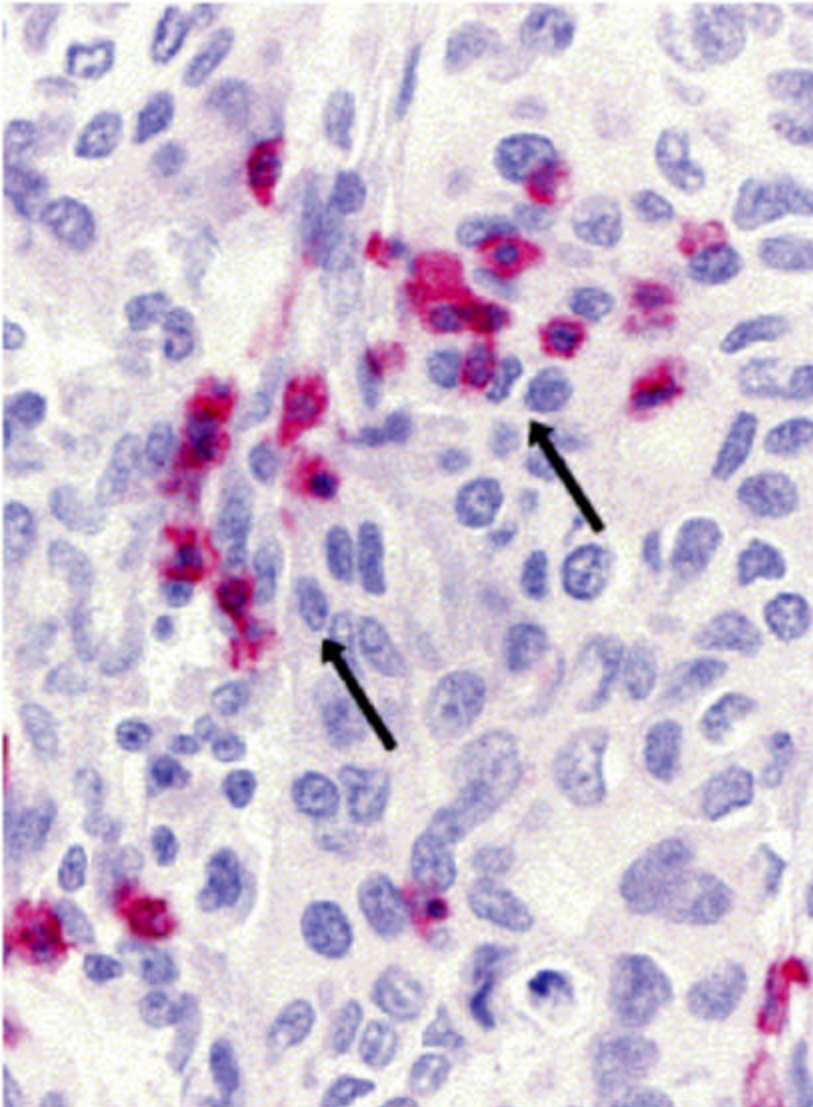


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- TILs in non-small cell lung carcinoma- expression of CD8 antigen (dark pink) shows that cells are T_C cells

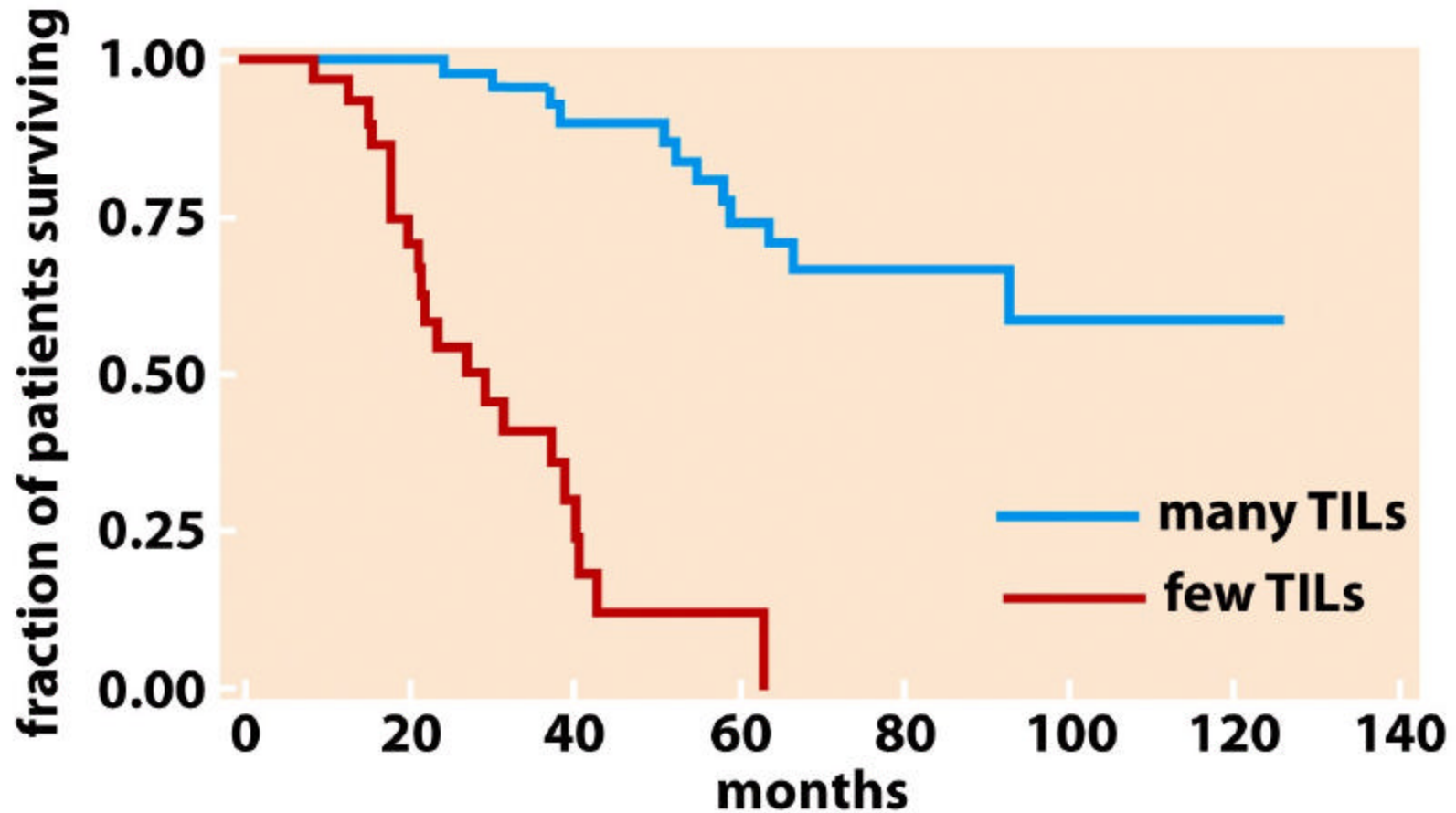
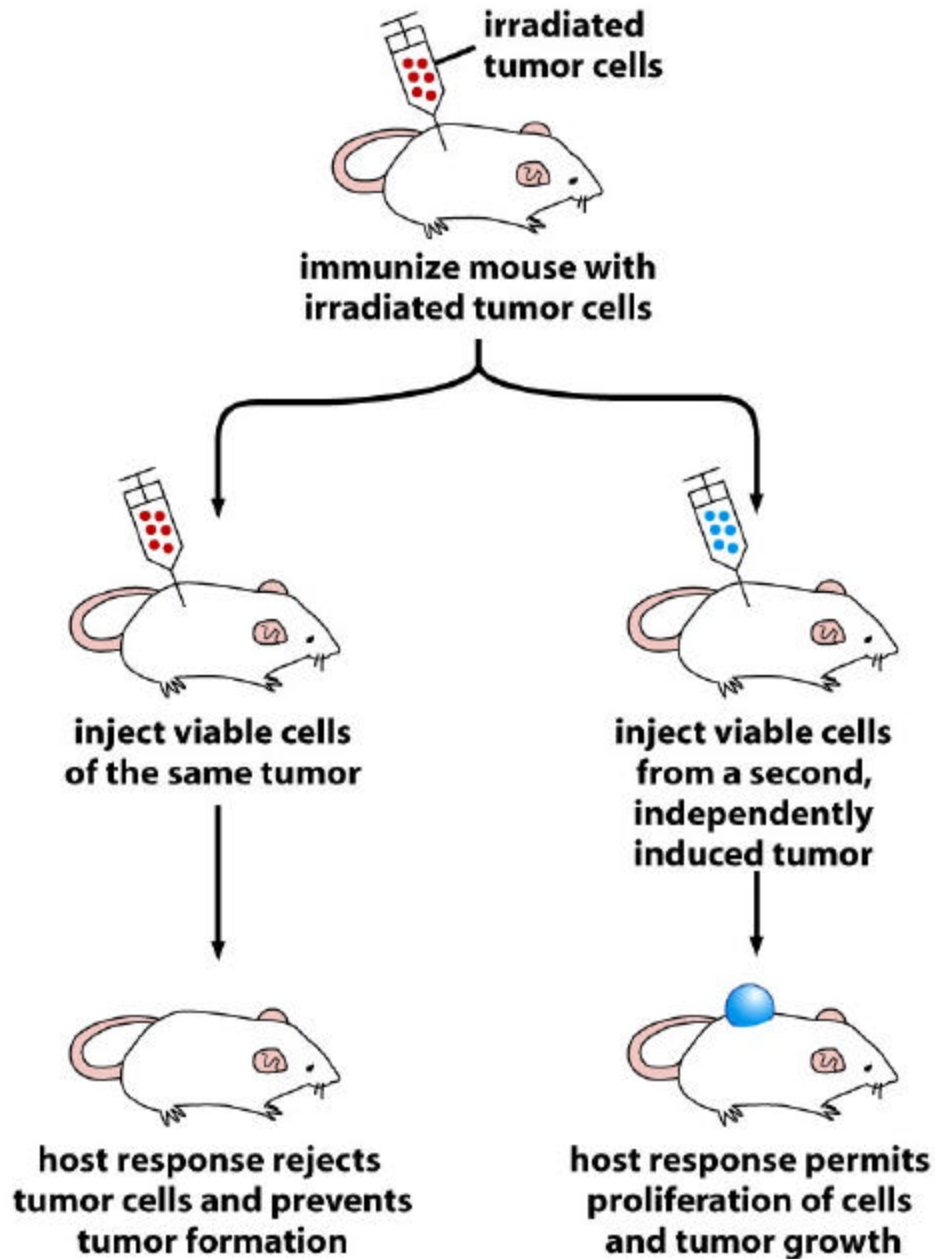


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- The more TILs in tumor the greater the months of survival



- Immunization with cancer cells
- Demonstrated also by partial excision/ or excision of tumor cells and injection of same tumor at different site

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Table 15.3 Immuno-evasive strategies used by cancer cells

Strategy	Mechanism	Agent being evaded
Hide identity	repress tumor antigens (TATA or TSTA), repress MHC class I proteins	cytotoxic T lymphocytes
Hide stress	repress NKG2D ligands (e.g., MICA)	NK cells
Inactivate immunocytes	destroy immunocyte receptors saturate immunocyte receptors with adenosine, MICA	NK cells; cytotoxic T lymphocytes NK cells; variety of immunocytes
Avoid apoptosis	inhibit caspase cascade by increasing IAPs, acquire resistance to FasL-mediated apoptosis	
Induce immunocyte apoptosis	release soluble FasL release cytokines (IL-10, TGF- β)	cytotoxic T lymphocytes cytotoxic T lymphocytes, dendritic cells, macrophages
Neutralize intracellular toxins	enzymatic detoxification of H ₂ O ₂ , prostaglandin E ₂	macrophages, NK cells
Neutralize complement	overexpress mCRPs	complement system

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