Cellular Adaptations

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Outlines:

- Adaptive mechanisms
- Hypertrophy
- Hyperplasia
- Atrophy
- Metaplasia
- Causes of cell injury.



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Adaptations

Physiologic adaptation

Pathologic adaptation.

Adaptations

> Many forms:

- Increase in cell size.
- Decrease in cell size.
- > Increase in number of cells.
- > Change into another type of cell
- Adaptation to stress can progress to cell injury if the stress is not relieved.

Hypertrophy

- Increased size & functional capacity
- Pure or mixed
- Increased structural proteins and organelles.
- Pathologic vs physiologic
- Due to
 - hormonal stimulation
 - Growth factor stimulation
 - increased functional demand



Pathologic

cardiac muscle in hypertension and aortic stenosis



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Physiologic uterine smooth muscle in pregnancy



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Physiologic skeletal muscle in athletes



Hyperplasia

- Increase in number of cells
- Tissues that have proliferative ability
- Pure vs Mixed
- Physiologic vs Pathologic vs cancer
- Physiologic hyperplasia:
 - hormonal stimulation
 - Compensatory

- Pathologic hyperplasia
 - excessive hormonal stimulation
 - Viral Infections
- Pathologic hyperplasia constitutes a fertile soil in which cancers may eventually arise. (endometrial)

Physiologic

- Breast in puberty and pregnancy
- Liver after partial resection

Pathologic

- Endometrial hyperplasia, estrogen induced.
- Benign prostatic hyperplasia, androgen induced.
- Warts (HPV).

Physiologic breast in pregnancy and lactation





Pathologic endometrial hyperplasia, estrogen induced



Atrophy

- Decreased cell size & function
- Mechanism: ↓ Protein synth
 ↑ Degradation
 ↑ Autophagy
- Atrophic cells can still function

Causes:

- Decreased workload (immobilization of a limb after fracture)
- Loss of innervations
- Diminished blood supply,
- Inadequate nutrition
- Loss of endocrine stimulation
- Aging (senile atrophy)





Physiologic

 Loss of hormone stimulation in menopause (endometrial atrophy)

Pathologic

- Denervation injury.
- Chronic ischemia.

Metaplasia

- Change from one cell type to another
- Reprogramming of stem cells NOT differentiated cells
- Persistent change increases risk of cancer
- > New cell type copes better with stress but function less.
- Reversible
- Causes: Smoking , Vitamin A deficiency, GERD.
- Vitamin A is needed for normal epithelial differentiation, deficiency leads to squamous metaplasia of the bronchi)



Cell injury and death

CAUSES OF CELL INJURY

- > Oxygen Deprivation (Hypoxia Vs ischemia)
- Chemical Agents
- >Infectious Agents
- >Immunologic Reactions
- Genetic Factors
- » Nutritional Imbalances
- Physical Agents
- > Aging

Oxygen Deprivation



Chemical Agents





Infectious Agents





Immunologic Reactions autoimmune, allergic, microbes





Genetic Factors



Nutritional Imbalances







Physical Agents



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