

Intracellular accumulations calcifications cellular aging

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INTRACELLULAR ACCUMULATIONS

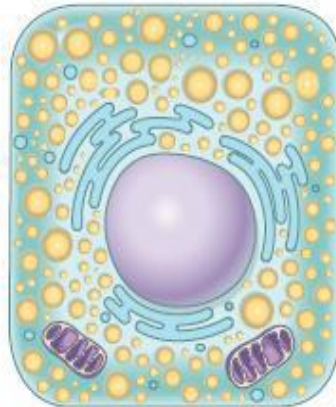
- 1) Inadequate removal of a normal substance (fatty change in the liver)
- 2) Accumulation of an abnormal endogenous proteins due to folding defect (α 1-antitrypsin deficiency)
- 3) Failure to degrade a metabolite due to inherited enzyme deficiencies (lysosomal *storage diseases*)
- 4) Deposition and accumulation of an abnormal exogenous substance (carbon and silica)



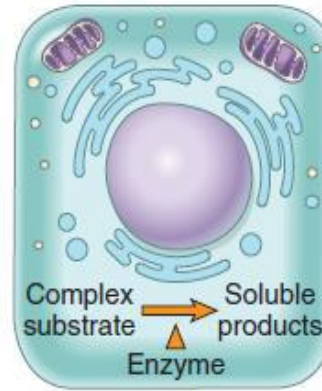


Normal cell

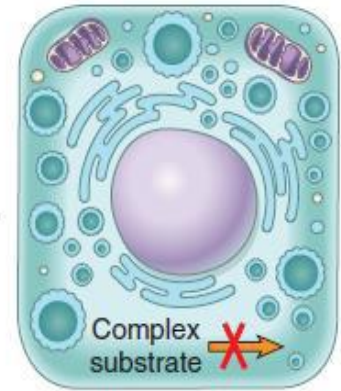
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Abnormal
metabolism



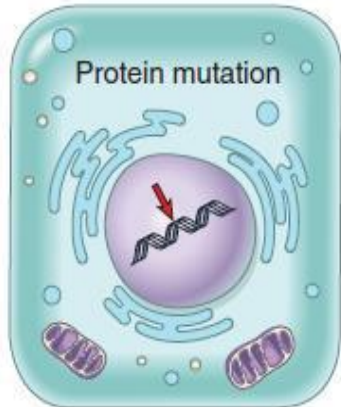
Fatty liver



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Lack of
enzyme

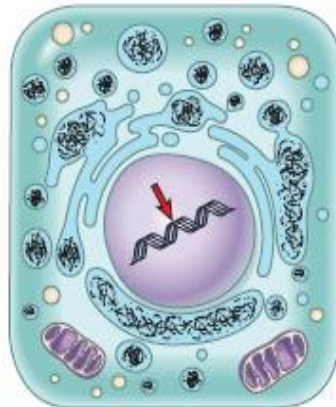


Lysosomal storage disease:
accumulation of
endogenous materials

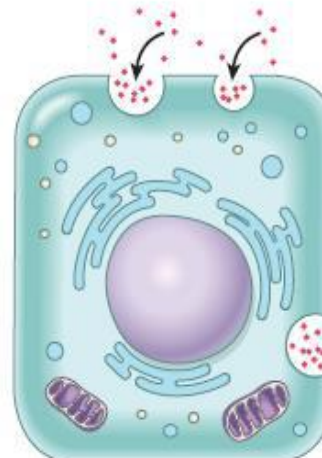


Protein mutation

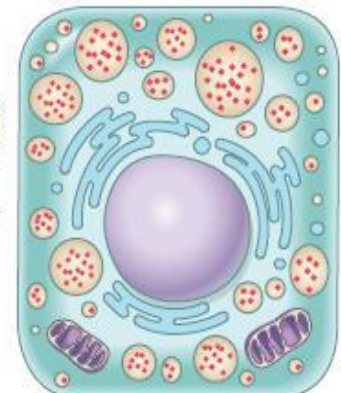
②
Defect in
protein
folding,
transport



Accumulation of
abnormal proteins



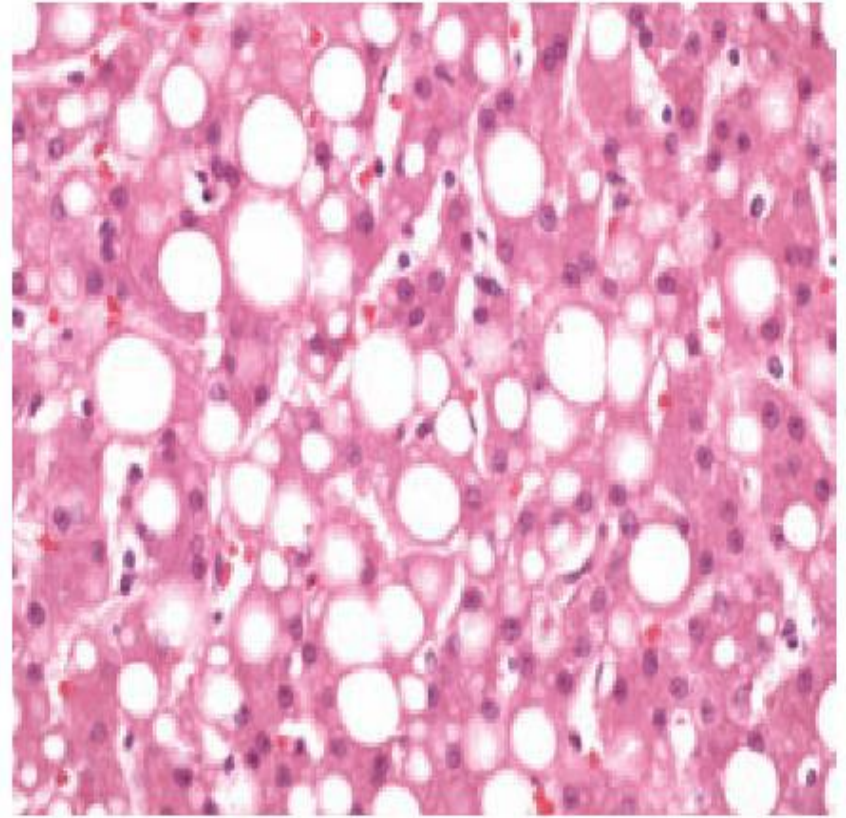
④
Ingestion of
indigestible
materials



Accumulation of
exogenous materials

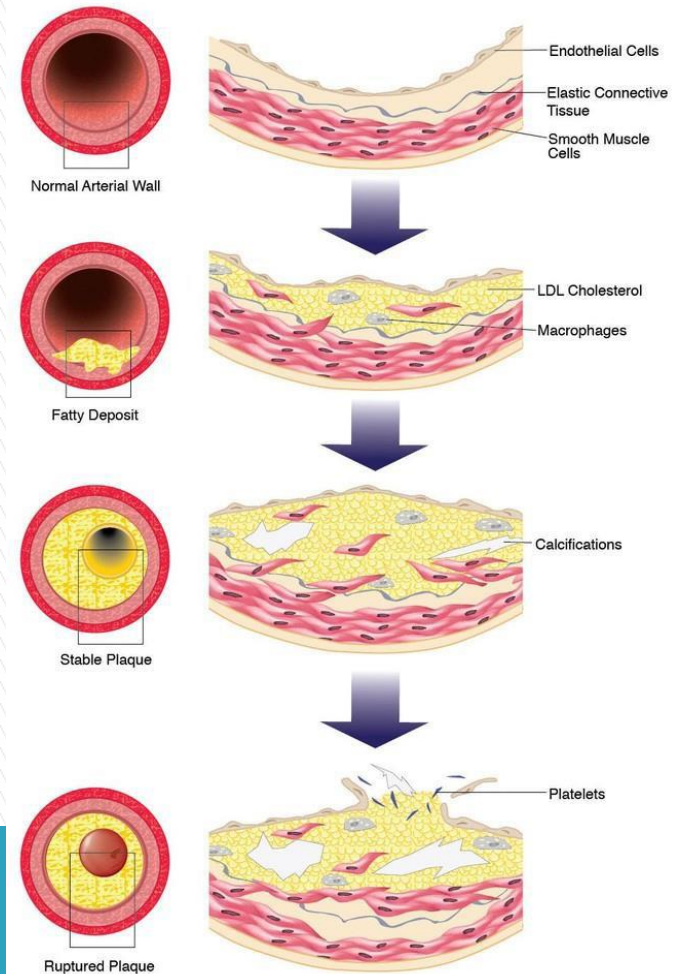
fatty change: steatosis

- ▶ Most common in liver
- ▶ Triglycerides
- ▶ Also in heart, kidney, muscle
- ▶ Causes: toxins, protein malnutrition, DM, obesity, anoxia
- ▶ Alcohol abuse and DM+obesity are the most common causes of fatty liver



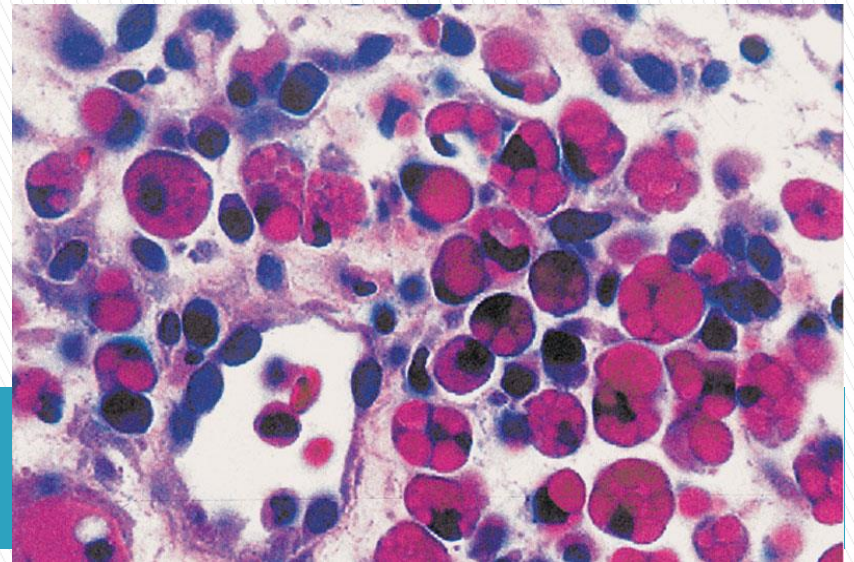
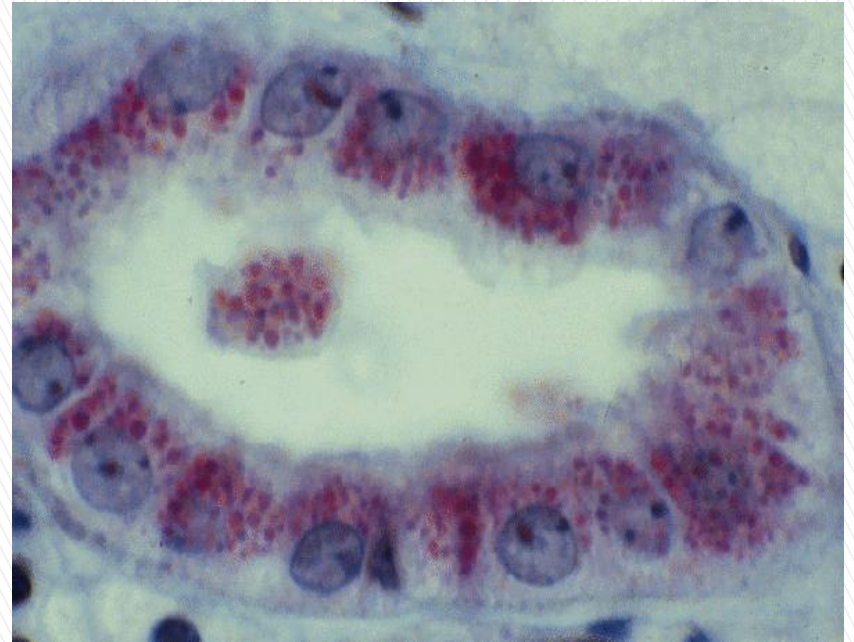
Cholesterol and Cholesteryl Esters

- ▶ Phagocytic cells become overloaded with lipid (triglycerides, cholesterol, and cholesteryl esters)
- ▶ Increased intake or decreased catabolism
- ▶ Atherosclerosis



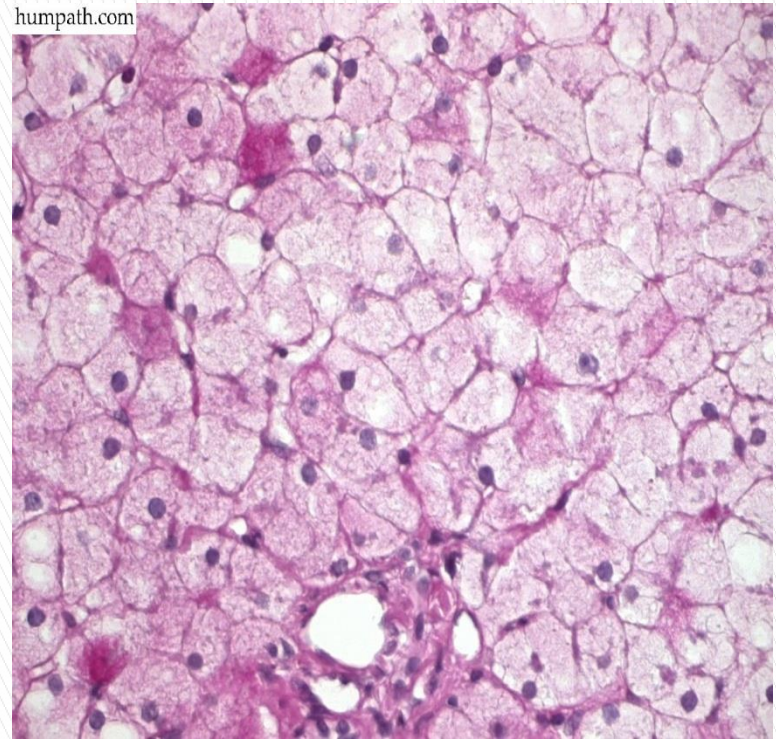
Proteins

- ▶ Much less common than lipid accumulations
- ▶ Either excess external or internal synthesis
- ▶ Proximal renal tubules in nephrotic syndrome
- ▶ Russell bodies in plasma cells.
- ▶ Alcoholic hyaline in liver.
- ▶ Neurofibrillary tangles in neurons



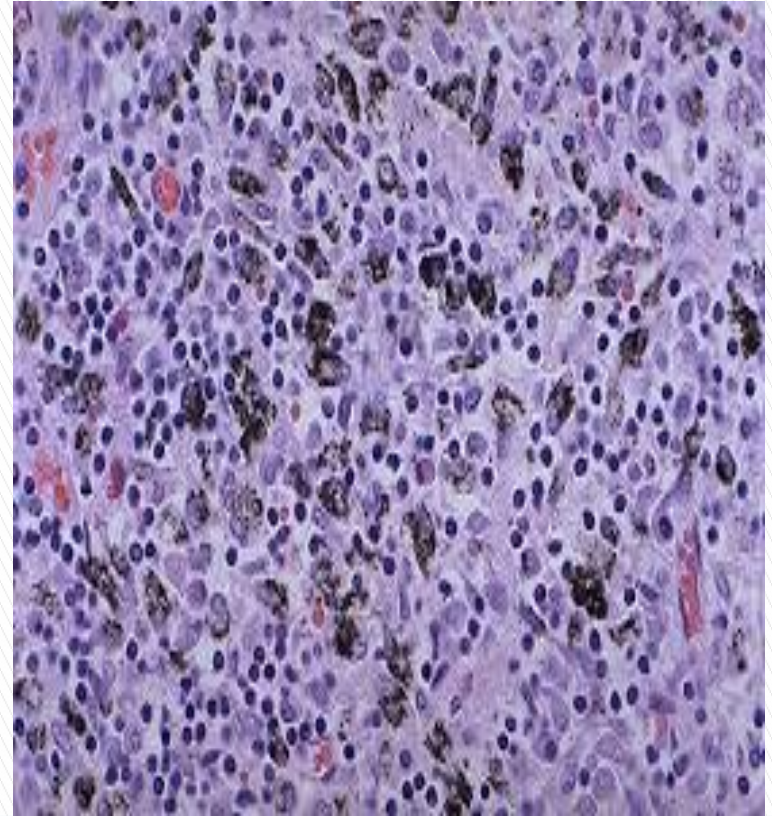
Glycogen

- ▶ Abnormality in glucose or glycogen metabolism
- ▶ **DM** (in renal tubules, heart, B cells of pancreas).
- ▶ **Glycogen storage diseases**



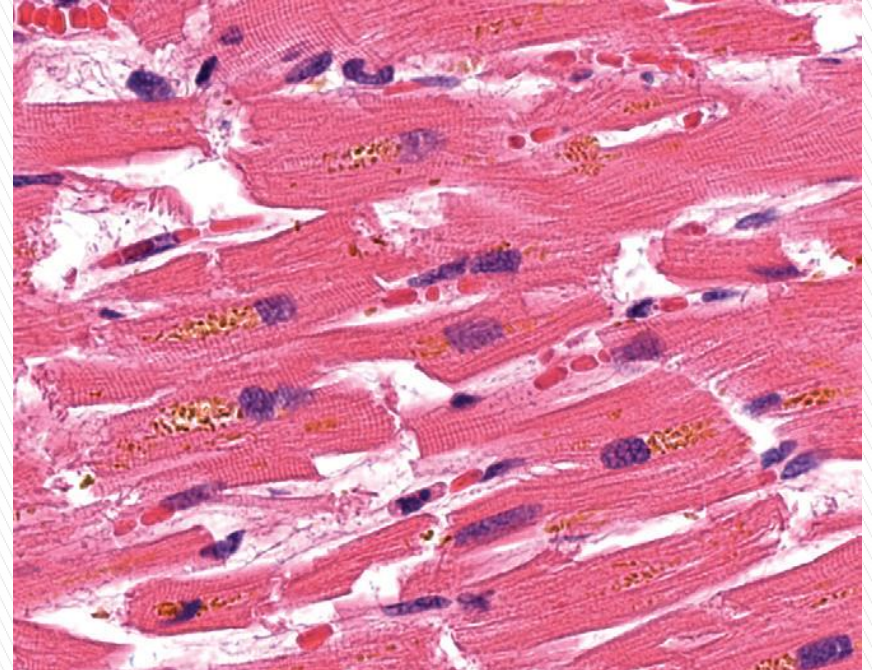
Pigments

- ▶ **Exogenous**
- ▶ Most common exogenous, **carbon** (coal dust, air pollution)
- ▶ Alveolar macrophages → lymphatic channels → tracheobronchial LN
- ▶ *Anthracosis*



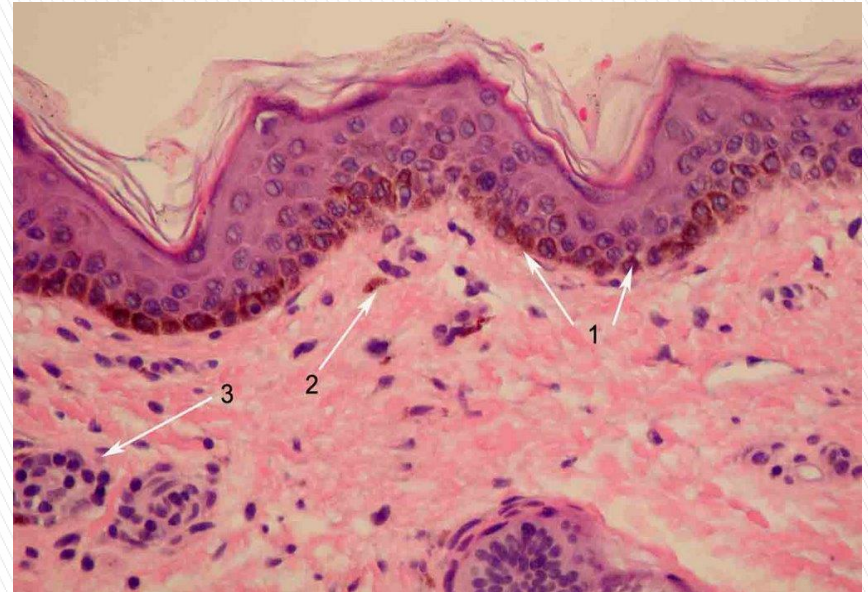
Pigments

- ▶ **Endogenous**
- ▶ **Lipofuscin**
- ▶ “wear-and-tear pigment”
- ▶ Age/atrophy
- ▶ Heart, liver, and brain
- ▶ Lipid and protein
- ▶ Marker of past free radical injury
- ▶ *brown atrophy*



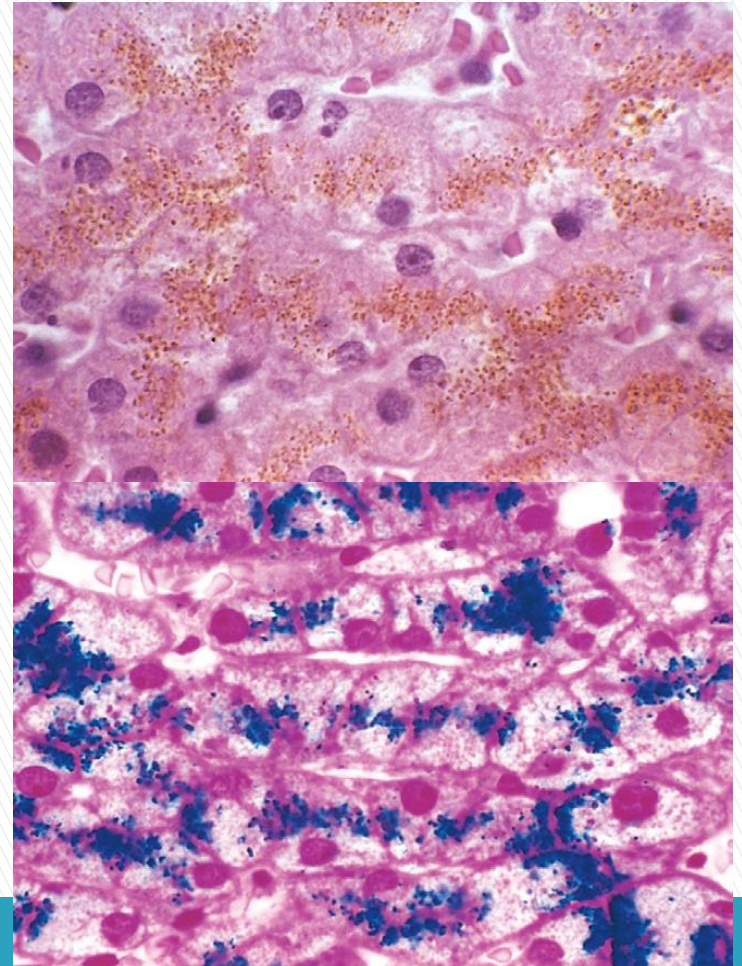
Pigments

- ▶ **Endogenous**
- ▶ **Melanin**
- ▶ Source: melanocytes
- ▶ UV protection
- ▶ Accumulates in dermal macrophages and adjacent keratinocytes
- ▶ Freckles



pigments

- ▶ **Hemosiderin**
- ▶ Hb-derived granular pigment
- ▶ Iron + apoferritin == ferritin micelles
- ▶ Physiologic in the mononuclear phagocytes of the BM, spleen, and liver, from RBC turnover
- ▶ Bruise: local pathologic deposition from hemorrhage
- ▶ Hemosiderosis: systemic pathologic deposition of hemosiderin (hemochromatosis, hemolytic anemias, repeated blood transfusions)

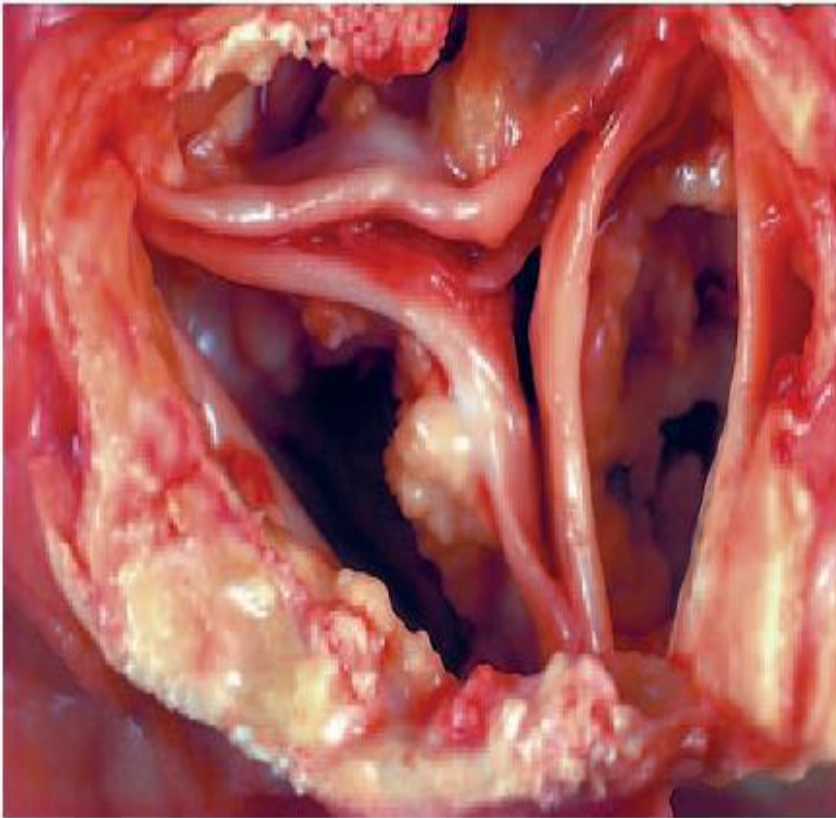


PATHOLOGIC CALCIFICATION

- ▶ Abnormal deposition of calcium salts, together with smaller amounts of iron, magnesium, and other mineral
- ▶ **Dystrophic Calcification**
- ▶ Deposition in dead/injured tissues
- ▶ Normal Ca^{2+} metabolism
- ▶ Exacerbated by Hypercalcemia
- ▶ **Metastatic Calcification**
- ▶ Deposition in normal tissues
- ▶ Almost always abnormal Ca^{2+} metabolism (hypercalcemia)



Dystrophic calcification

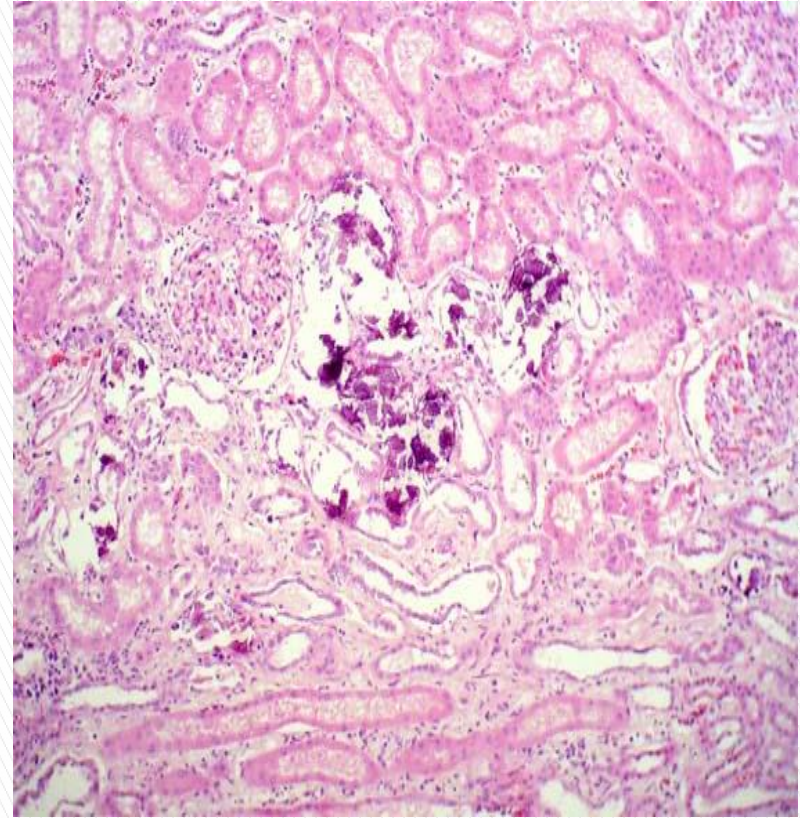


- ▶ **Necrosis of any type (e.g. atherosclerosis, aging or damaged heart valves, aortic stenosis, tuberculosis)**
- ▶ **Incidental finding indicating insignificant past cell injury**
- ▶ **May be a cause of organ dysfunction.**



Metastatic Calcification

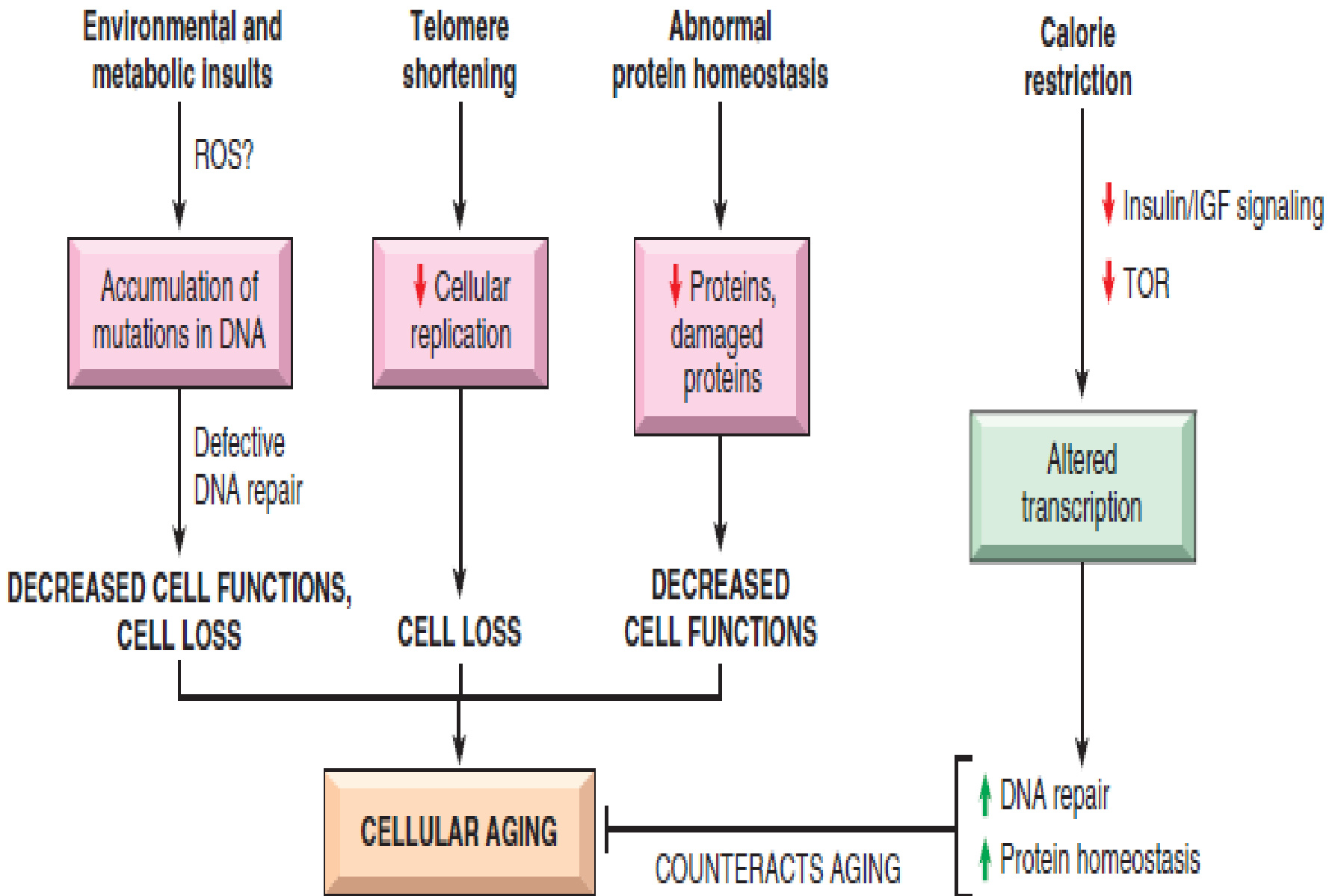
- ▶ Hyperparathyroidism (primary and parathyroid hormone related protein)
- ▶ Bone destruction (metastasis, MM, leukemia, Pagets, immobilization)
- ▶ Vit-D intoxication,
- ▶ Sarcoidosis.
- ▶ Renal failure with 2ry hyperparathyroidism.
- ▶ **VESSELS, LUNG, KIDNEY**



CELLULAR AGING

- ▶ Age is one of the strongest independent risk factors for many chronic diseases, such as cancer, Alzheimer disease, and ischemic heart disease
- ▶ Progressive decline in the life span and functional capacity of cells.
- ▶ **Several mechanisms :**
- ▶ **Accumulation of mutations in DNA.**
- ▶ **Decreased cellular replication (replicative senescence)**
- ▶ **Defective protein homeostasis**
- ▶ **Replicative senescence:** progressive shortening of telomeres which ultimately results in cell cycle arrest.



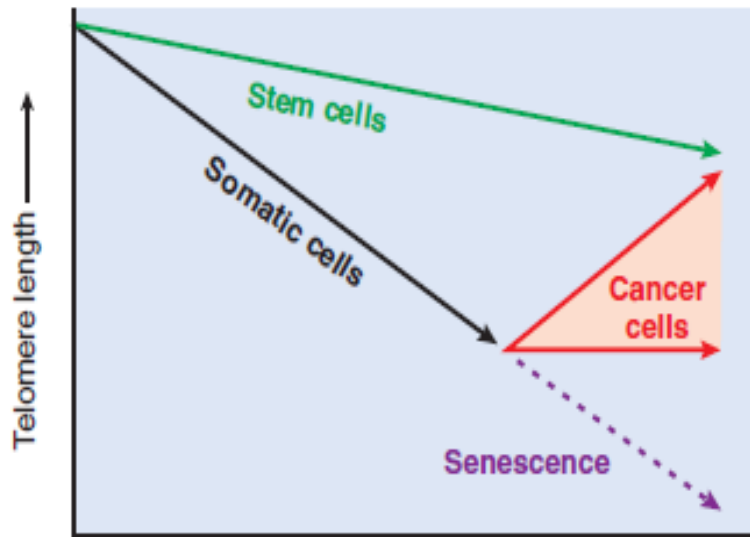
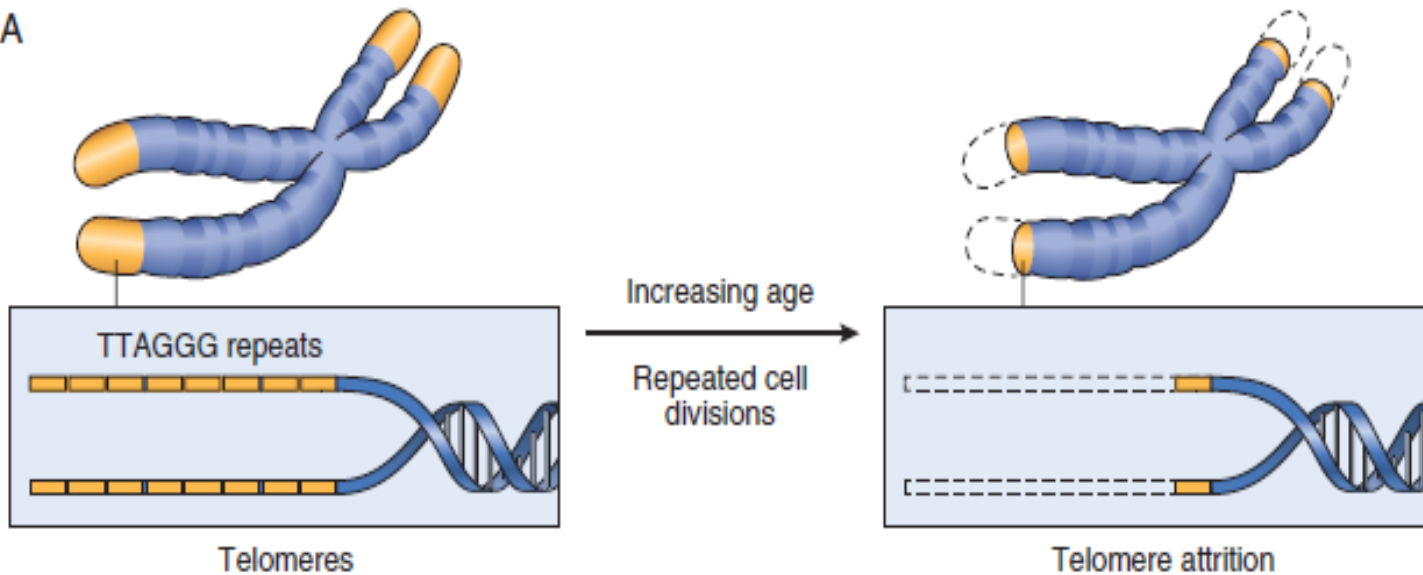


Telomeres

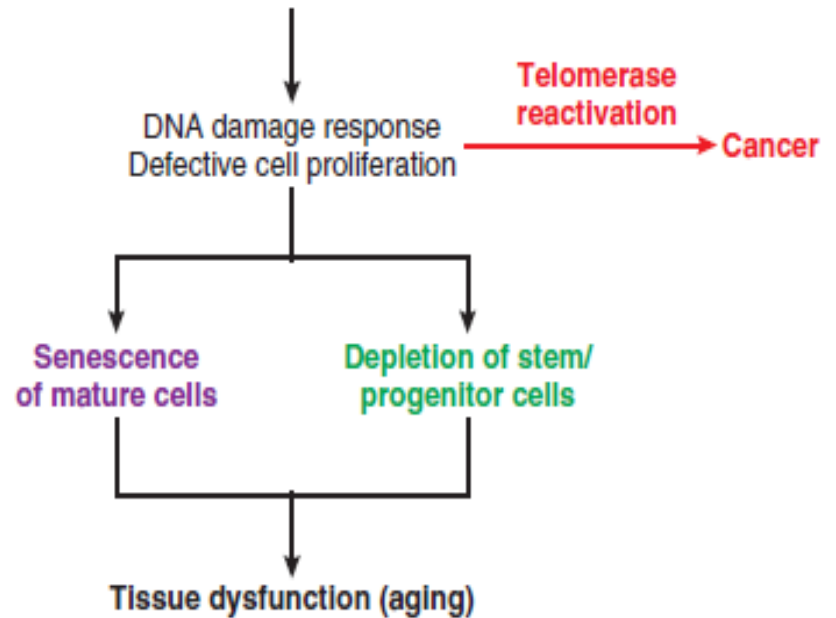
- ▶ Short repeated sequences of DNA at both ends of chromosomes
- ▶ Ensure complete replication of chromosome ends and protecting them.
- ▶ Progressively shortened upon replication (aging).
- ▶ Signals cell cycle arrest
- ▶ Telomere length is maintained by telomerase.
- ▶ Telomerase expressed in germ cells, low levels in stem cells, but absent in most somatic cells.
- ▶ Telomerase is reactivated in cancer cells.



A



B



Defective protein homeostasis

- ▶ Increased turnover
- ▶ Decreased synthesis
- ▶ Defective activity of chaperones and proteasomes
- ▶ Overall decrease in intracellular proteins
- ▶ Accumulation of misfolded proteins can trigger apoptosis.



Anti aging– slowing of aging (elixir of youth)



Calorie restriction
Improve immunity
reduce IGF



Physical activity
Stress accelerates
aging



Precise mechanisms
underlying these
effects remain to be
defined



Persistent
inflammation,
chronic metabolic
diseases,
accelerates aging

