

Lymphoid tissue

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Function of the Lymphoid System

- The main purpose of the lymphoid system is to detect and inactivate foreign substances, such as:
 - Invading microorganisms
 - Cells of transplanted organs
 - Foreign materials (like pollen)
 - Cancer cells
- Lymph also brings nutrients from blood vessels to cells and picks up waste products.













Mediastinal Nodes











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Right lumbar lymphatic trunk Leftt lumbar lymphatic trunk

Intestinal lymphatic trunk



Main Duct Entry Points







Distal Thoracic Duct





View from right side; low





Mesenteric lymph nodes

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Secondary (Peripheral) Lymphoid Organs

Secondary lymphoid organs trap antigens and initiate immune responses. Lymphoid cells can undergo further maturation here too. There are three secondary lymphoid organs:

- Lymph nodes
- Spleen
- Mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT)

Secondary (Peripheral) Lymphoid Organs

- Secondary lymphoid organs consist of lymphoid follicles and diffuse lymphoid tissue in different architectural arrangements.
- Main function: trap antigens and present them to circulating lymphocytes.
- Specific functions:
 - Lymph nodes: filter lymph
 - Spleen: filters blood
 - MALT: filters antigens that attempt to cross mucosal surfaces



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MALT

MALT - Mucosa Associated Lymphoid Tissue

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Structure of lymph node



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Lymph node: low power







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Lymph node: primary follicles








Lymph node: medulla



Medullary cords contain B cells, plasma cells and macrophages

Medullary sinuses contain reticular fibers, lymph, circulating cells and antigens

Lymph node: medulla

Medullary cord with tons of plasma cells (arrows)



Medullary sinus with macrophages (1), reticular cells (2) and trabeculae (3)











Palatine tonsil: super low power view



Palatine tonsil: stratified squamous epithelium



Palatine tonsil: lymphoid follicles



Palatine tonsil: crypt



Palatine tonsil: sequestered crypt



Palatine tonsil: lymphocytes traversing epithelium







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Palatine tonsil: lymphoid follicles



Palatine tonsil: sequestered crypt

Endothelial cells



Palatine tonsil: lymphocytes traversing epithelium



lingual tonsils located on the dorsal part of the tongue covered by stratified squamous epithelium



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Epithelium

Tonsil

Lymphatic < nodules with germinal centers



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Pharyngeal tonsil



Gastrosplenic ligament

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Splenocolic ligament

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Splenorenal ligament

liver

Splenogastric ligament

Splenic artery

Splenic vein

Spleen






Spleen



Spleen

white pulp

white pulp

white pulp

red pulp





White pulp

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Spleen



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Thymus







Hassal's corpuscles

medulla 30 µm Hassal's Corpuscle cortex





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