

NEW WEBINAR

**Massage and The
Lymphatic System**

- New Discoveries (going to rewrite textbooks)
- Immune System
- CNS
- Pathologies



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Recent scientific breakthroughs will change how we look at the lymph system

Lymph

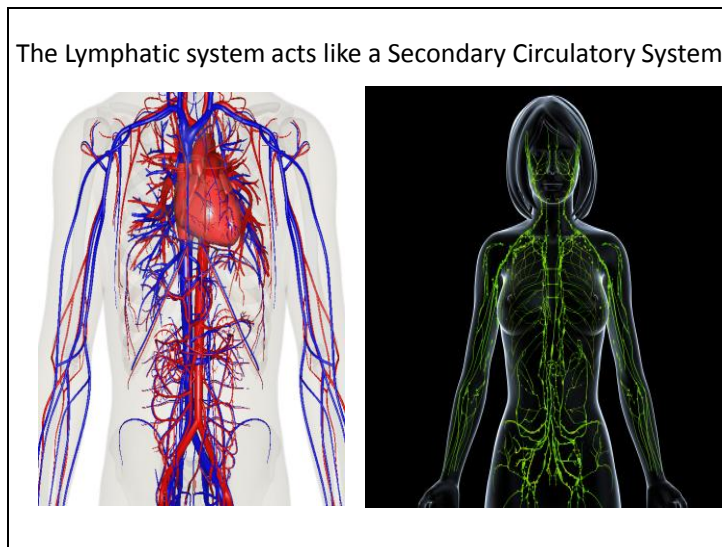


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The healthy functioning of the lymphatic system can be hindered or stopped due to factors such as venous insufficiency, stress, chemical overload, (sport) injuries, age, lack of activity and increased consumption of food additives. These factors cause the circulation of fluids and, therefore, the cleansing process to slow down, which in turn compromises the health of the soft tissue environment and opens the way to physical ailments.

"If the lymphatic system did not act to evacuate the excess protein from around the cells, the body would suffer massive edema, function complications and die within 24 to 48 hours" (Guyton, A.C, 1971)

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The spaces that open in the initial lymphatic are 4 to 6 times bigger than the spaces in the capillaries. Removal of protein is essential because they draw water to themselves, so excess protein in the interstitial spaces causes swelling or edema. The lymph vessels also collect dead cells, waste products, bacteria, viruses, inorganic substances, water and fats. (*Guyton and Hall, Human Physiology and Mechanisms of Disease, 6th edition, W.B Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1997, page 139*)

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Trivia

Lymphatic system is absent in:

- C.N.S.
- Cornea
- Superficial layer of skin
- bones
- alveoli of lung



The Lymphatic Rhythm

The lymphatic rhythm in humans was scientifically described by A. Engeset and W. Olszewski more than 30 years ago. The main vessels of the human lymphatic system (lymphatic collectors) present two or three layers of spiral muscles that have peristaltic (wavelike) contractions controlled by the autonomic nervous system.

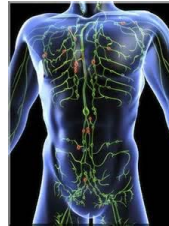


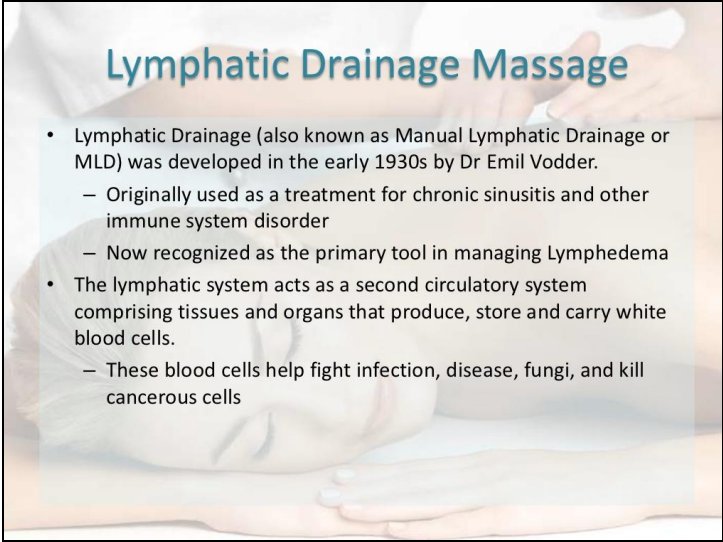
- It takes place with the help of:

- Rate of flow of lymph along the human thoracic duct is from 1-1.5ml/min.

- Interstitial pressure

- Interstitial pressure
- Atrial pulsation
- Intrathoracic pressure
- Muscular massage



A person is lying down, receiving a lymphatic drainage massage. Their eyes are closed, and they appear relaxed. A therapist's hands are visible, gently massaging the person's arm and shoulder. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

Lymphatic Drainage Massage

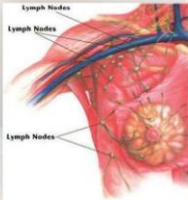
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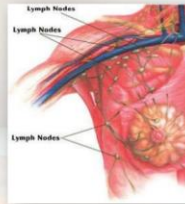
Lymphatic Drainage Massage

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 - This stimulation strengthens the immune system, clears blockages, transports nutrients to cells and helps the metabolism and overall health



The diagram illustrates the lymphatic system in the upper body, specifically the neck and shoulder area. It shows the lymph nodes (small, round structures) and the lymph ducts (larger, blue vessels). Labels point to 'Lymph Nodes' in three locations: the neck, the shoulder, and the armpit. The diagram also shows the heart and major blood vessels, indicating the flow of lymph fluid.

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These units comprise not only the layer of muscles, but all the layers in the contractile unit, including the external layer (externa), tunica media with the muscles, and tunica interna with the endothelium of the vessels

Methods of Working with Lymph

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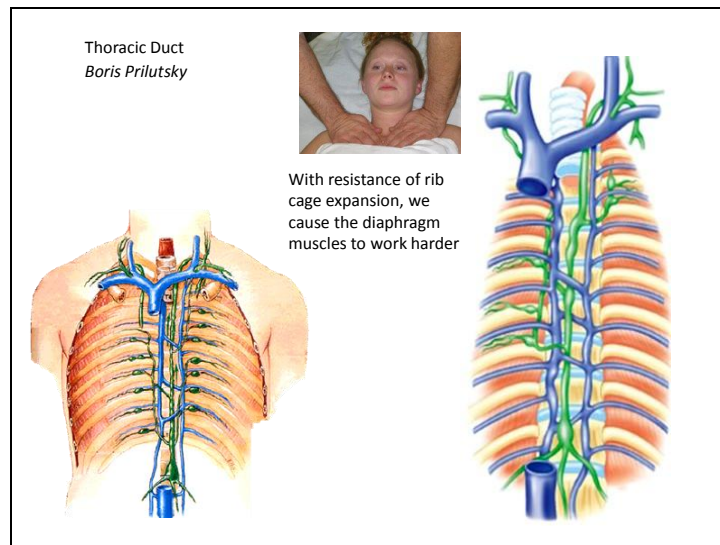


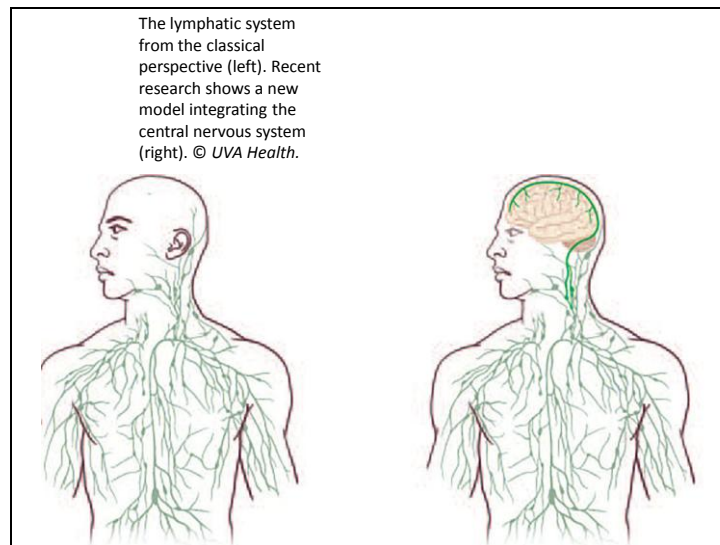


Place your fist on the client's navel area. When the client exhales, perform pumping techniques under moderate pressure. Given the fact that the biggest lymphatic vessels including the cisterna chyli are on this level, this pumping effort is extremely important for acceleration of lymphatic fluid progression to the thoracic duct

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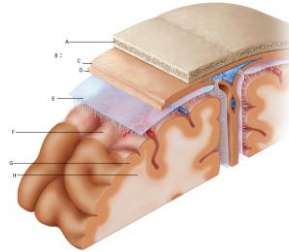
There is much new evidence describing the essential function of sleep in activating this glymphatic pathway that helps to maintain metabolic homeostasis. It seems that the clearance of potentially neurotoxic waste products is increased during sleep by the expansion of these extracellular spaces in the brain (a 60 percent increase in the glymphatic pathways). An alternative important function of the glymphatic system may be to transport small lipid molecules in the CNS.

The name "glymphatic system" was coined by the Danish neuroscientist Maiken Nedergaard in recognition of its dependence upon glial cells and the similarity of its functions to those of the peripheral lymphatic system

Great so what does this mean to us??

A diagram of the human nervous system. It shows a profile of a human head and upper torso. The brain is depicted in orange with green lines representing neural pathways. A green line runs down the center of the neck and back, representing the spinal cord. From the spinal cord, numerous green lines branch out to represent peripheral nerves throughout the body.

A cross-sectional diagram of the spinal cord and its surrounding meninges. The central spinal cord is shown with internal structures like the spinal cord and nerve roots. It is surrounded by three layers of meninges: the outermost dura mater, the middle arachnoid, and the innermost pia mater. The space between the arachnoid and pia mater is the subarachnoid space, which contains cerebrospinal fluid. Labels with red lines point to the 'Meninges' (the three layers), the 'Spinal Cord' (the central structure), and a 'Nerve Root' (one of the roots exiting the spinal cord).

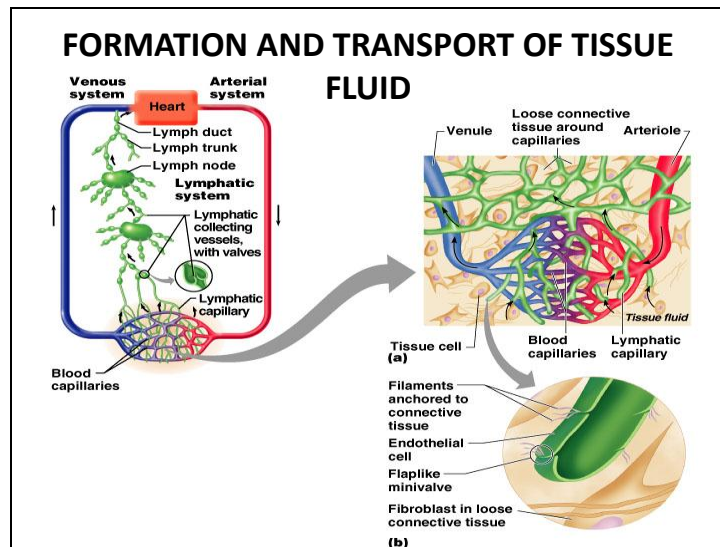


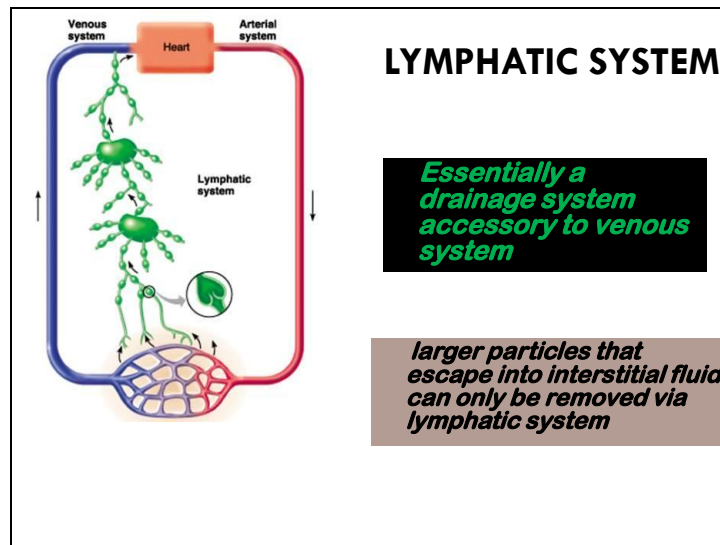
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Lymph Drainage
Therapy (LDT) was developed to manually
attune to the specific rhythm, the direction,
the depth, and the quality of the lymph
flow, consistent with these recent scientific
discoveries.

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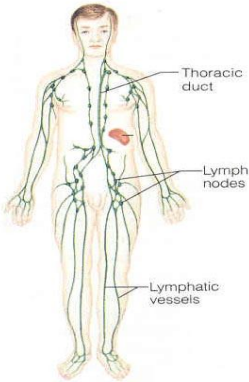


Functions of the Lymphatic System

- **Reabsorbs excess interstitial fluid:**
 - returns it to the venous circulation
 - maintain blood volume levels
 - prevent interstitial fluid levels from rising out of control.
- **Transport dietary lipids:**
 - transported through **lacteals**
 - drain into larger lymphatic vessels
 - eventually into the bloodstream.
- **lymphocyte development, and the immune response.**

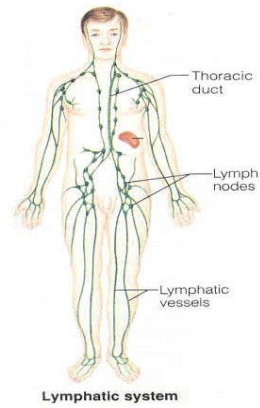
Components of the Lymphatic System

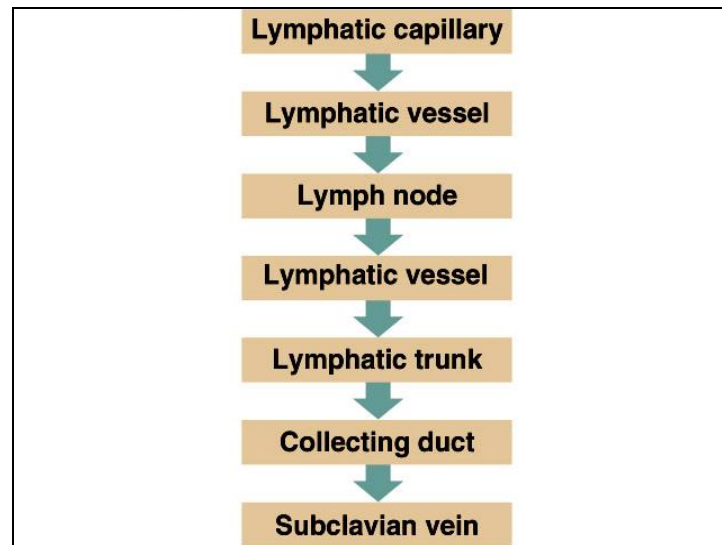
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- **Lymphatic Organs**
 - Thymus
 - Lymph Nodes
 - Spleen
 - Tonsils
- **Lymphatic cells**



The diagram illustrates the human lymphatic system. It shows a human figure with a network of green lines representing lymphatic vessels. Labels point to the Thoracic duct (top right), Lymph nodes (middle right), and Lymphatic vessels (bottom right). The spleen is shown as a red organ in the abdominal area. The caption 'Lymphatic system' is at the bottom.

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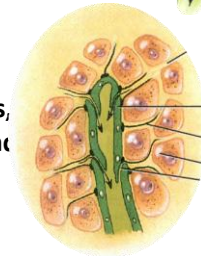
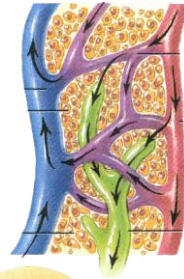




Lymphatic Capillaries

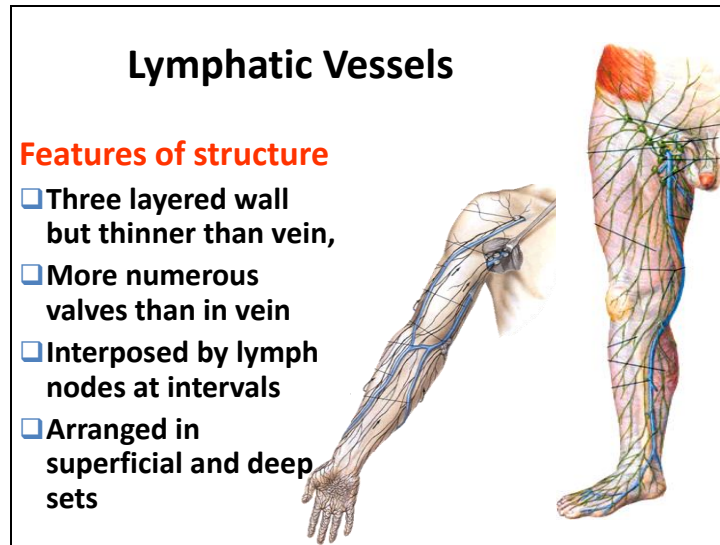
Features of structure:

- Blind end
- Single layer of overlapping endothelial cells
- More permeable than that of blood capillary
- Absent from avascular structures, brain, spinal cord splenic pulp and bone marrow

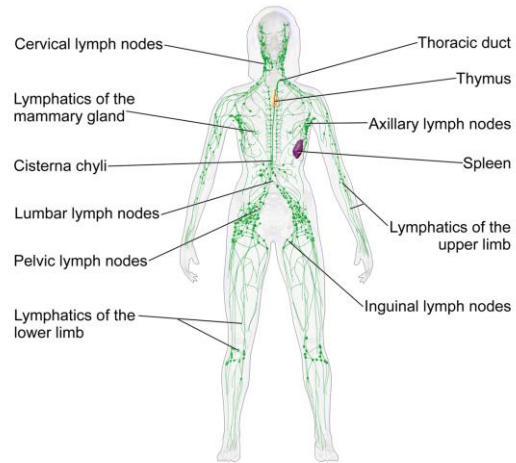


Lymphatic Capillaries – Lacteals

- The **small intestine** contains special types of lymphatic capillaries called lacteals.
- **Lacteals** pick up not only interstitial fluid, but also dietary lipids and lipid-soluble vitamins.
- *So what happens if their clogged?*
- The lymph of this area has a milky color due to the lipid and is also called **chyle**.



The Lymphatic System



The diagram illustrates a lymphatic vessel with its characteristic thin, irregular walls. Green arrows indicate the direction of lymph flow from left to right. A valve is shown in an open position, allowing forward flow. Another valve is shown in a closed position, preventing backflow. Labels include: 'Lymph' pointing to the fluid inside the vessel, 'Valve open (lymph flows forward)', 'Valve closed (backflow of lymph is prevented)', and 'Direction of lymph flow' with an arrow pointing right.

(a) Lymphatic vessel, longitudinal section

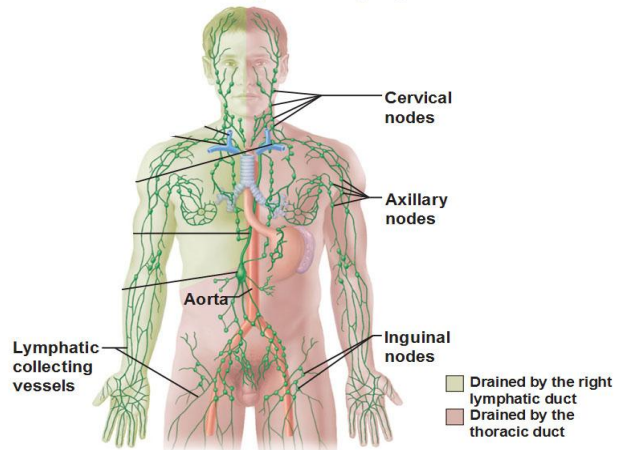
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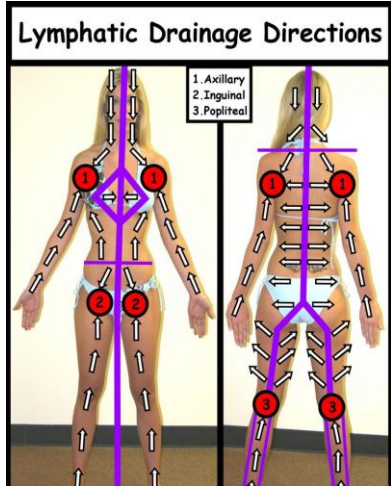
A diagram of a human figure illustrating the lymphatic system. The lymphatic vessels are shown in green, and the major collecting vessels are highlighted in blue and red. Labels with leader lines point to the following structures:

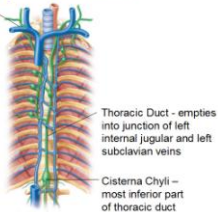
- Cervical nodes**: Located in the neck area.
- Axillary nodes**: Located in the armpit area.
- Aorta**: The main artery of the body, shown in red.
- Inguinal nodes**: Located in the groin area.
- Lymphatic collecting vessels**: The network of vessels throughout the body.

A legend in the bottom right corner indicates the drainage of lymphatic fluid:

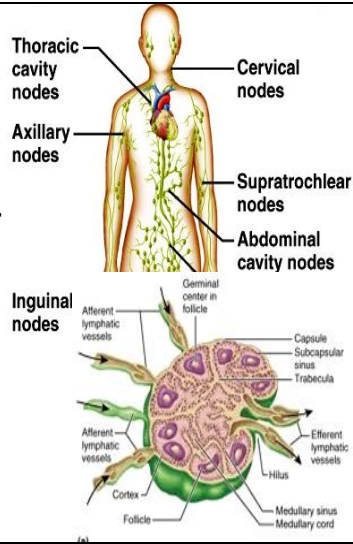
- Drained by the lymphatic duct
- Drained by the thoracic duct



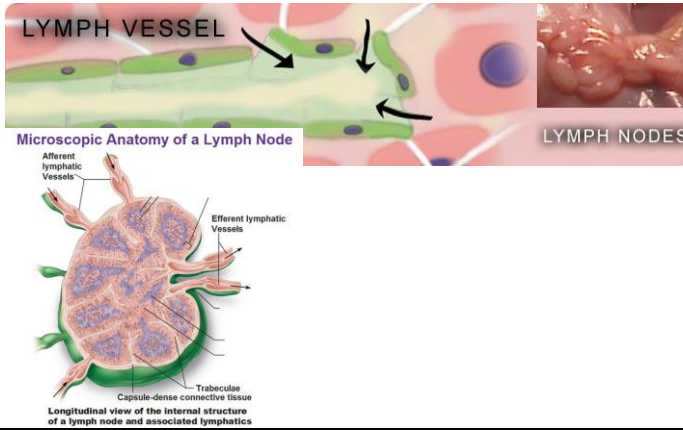


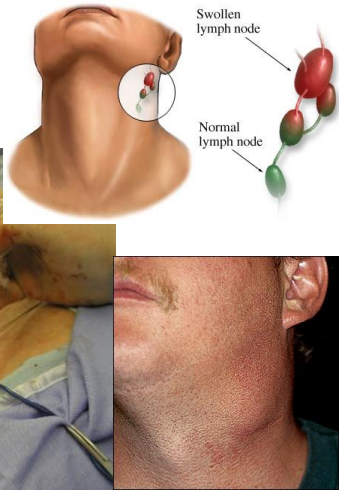


- Small, round or oval
- located along the **pathways** of lymph vessels.
- length from 1 - 25 millimeters
- Typically found in clusters
- receive lymph from many body regions.
- Lymph nodes are also found individually throughout the body tissues.



Eventually, all lymph vessels lead to lymph nodes. Lymph nodes can be as small as the head of a pin, or as big as an olive. There are 400-700 lymph nodes in the body, half of which are located in the abdomen, and many are in the neck.





Lymph Vessels

- Lymphatic **capillaries** –
- Lymphatic **collecting vessels**
- Lymphatic **trunks** –
- Lymphatic **ducts** –

Lymphatic Cells

- Also called **lymphoid cells**.
- Located in both the lymphatic system and the cardiovascular system.
- Work together to elicit an **immune response**.
- Types of lymphatic cells are:
 - **macrophages**
 - **epithelial cells**
 - **dendritic cells**
 - **lymphocytes**

LYMPHATIC ORGANS

Primary organs

- Red bone marrow
- Thymus gland

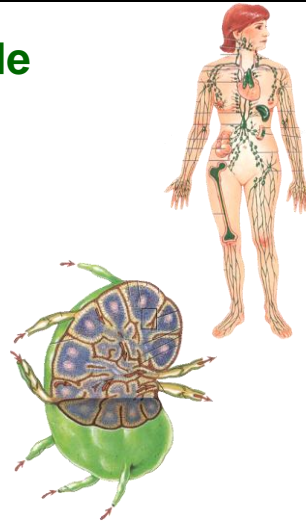
Secondary organs

- Lymph nodes
- Lymph nodules
- Spleen

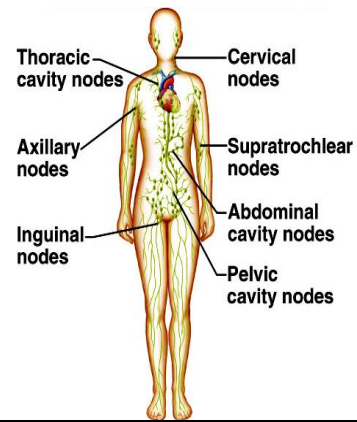
Lymph node

Features

- ❑ Bean-shaped bodies
- ❑ With **afferent vessels** (entering at the periphery) and **efferent lymph vessels**(emerging at the hilus)
- ❑ Arranged in groups, along the blood vessels or the flexural side of the joint
- ❑ Divided into **superficial** and **deep** groups



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- **Regional Lymph Node** is the lymph node where the lymph of the organ or part of the body drainage to firstly

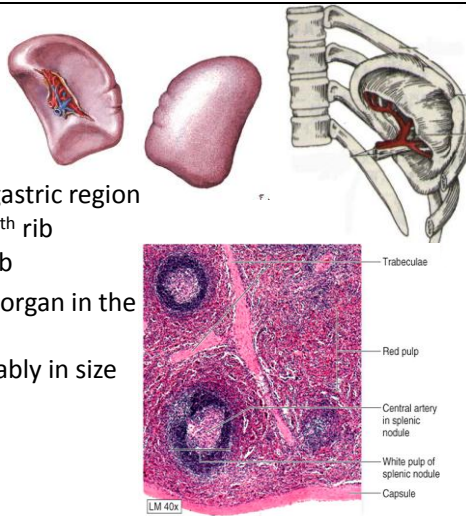
Spleen

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Location

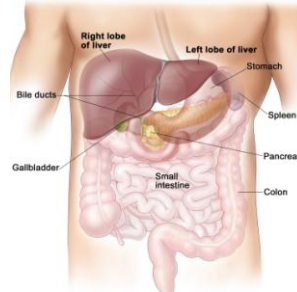
- Upper Left epigastric region
- between 9th-11th rib
- in line of 10th rib
- **Largest** lymphatic organ in the body.
- Can vary considerably in size and weight

 Function

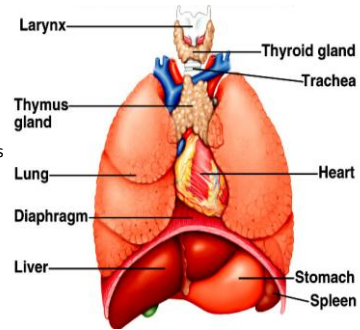
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The spleen is composed of the **red pulp** and **white pulp**. The white pulp produces and grows immune cells as well as blood cells. On the other hand, the red pulp is responsible for purifying the blood and removing dead or old blood cells.



The **thymus** is a specialized primary lymphoid organ of the immune system. Within the thymus, T cells or T lymphocytes mature. T cells are critical to the adaptive immune system where the body adapts specifically to foreign invaders



The thymus is largest and most active during the neonatal and pre-adolescent periods. By the early teens, the thymus begins to atrophy and thymic stroma is mostly replaced by adipose (fat) tissue. Nevertheless, residual T lymphopoiesis continues throughout adult life.

Lymphatic Nodules

- **Oval clusters of lymphatic cells with some extracellular matrix that are not surrounded by a connective tissue capsule.**
- Filter and attack antigens.
- In some areas of the body, many lymphatic nodules group together to form larger structures.
 - mucosa-associated lymphatic tissue (MALT) or tonsils
 - very prominent in the mucosa of the small intestine, primarily in the ileum
 - **Peyer patches**
 - also present in the appendix

MALT

- MALT – mucosa-associated lymphatic tissue:
 - Peyer's patches, tonsils, and the appendix (digestive tract)
 - Lymphoid nodules in the walls of the bronchi (respiratory tract)
- MALT protects the digestive and respiratory systems from foreign matter

Tonsils

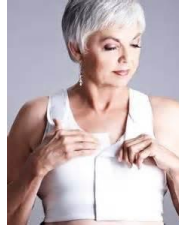
- **clusters of lymphatic cells** and extracellular matrix not completely surrounded by a connective tissue capsule.
- Consist of multiple germinal centers and crypts
- Several groups of tonsils form a **protective ring** around the pharynx.
 - **pharyngeal tonsils** (or **adenoids**) in nasopharynx
 - **palatine tonsils** in oral cavity
 - **lingual tonsils** along posterior one-third of the tongue

APPLIED ANATOMY



Up to 25 percent of breast cancer patients whose surgery includes removal of lymph nodes in the area of the armpit eventually develop lymphedema.

The condition can also occur in the legs or other parts of the body if lymph nodes are removed in the course of other types of surgery - for melanoma, colon, prostate or bladder cancer, for example - or are damaged by radiation treatment, infection or trauma



Commonest cause bacteria called streptococcus pyogenes(most common).

- **Lymph vessels appear as red streaks through the skin**



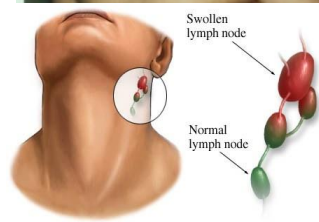
LYMPHEDEMA

- Occurs due to **accumulation of lymphatic fluid** in the interstitial tissue
- Sometimes can be appreciated after wearing tight clothing or jewellery on affected limb



LYMPHADENOPATHY

- Means a **disease of the lymph nodes**
- Lymph nodes become swollen/**enlarged** and may be painful to touch



LYMPHOMAS

- Cancers originating either from the lymphocytes in the lymph nodes or the lymphatic tissue in organs
- Risk factors -- HIV, HEPATITIS, EBV infections



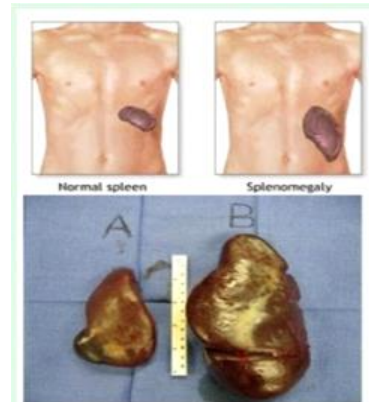
TONSILLITIS

- Infection of the pharyngeal tonsils
- Tonsils are swollen,
- Fever and pain during swallowing usually present
- **Treatment** – surgical removal of tonsils (TONSILLECTOMY)



SPLENOMEGALY

- Enlarged Spleen
- Various causes



Contraindications happen when an increase in lymph flow would be detrimental. Contraindications can either be absolute or relative. The physician can override relative contraindications but the absolute contraindication cannot be overridden, if he or she finds good reason

Acute inflammation - caused by bacteria, viruses and poisons are contraindicated. Tissues will be red, hot, and painful with congestion accompanied by fever. Lymphatic drainage will push these substances into the lymph channels before the body has a chance to eliminate them. This way one can spread the toxic substances throughout the body. It is best to wait a few days until the condition is not acute and the body has had a chance to clean up the area.

Thrombosis – can lead to free floating blood clots in the circulatory system.

Major heart problems – if the heart is not fully functioning, edema can be lymphodynamic due to a lack of venous return. Pumping more fluid in the heart it may stress it more than the actual condition.

Bronchial asthma – this can stimulate the vagus nerve bringing on an attack.

Thyroid problems – no treatment around the throat.

Medications – fear of increasing the dosage by draining the interstitial spaces.

Chemotherapy – fear of increasing the dosage by draining the interstitial spaces.

First three months of pregnancy – fear of miscarriage.

Menstruation – MLD can increase the flow.

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CAUSES OF LYMPHADENOPATHY

A. Viral

- Infectious mononucleosis
- Infectious hepatitis
- Herpes simplex
- Rubella
- Measle
- HIV

B. Bacterial

- Cat scratch disease
- Brucellosis
- Tuberculosis
- Atypical mycobacterial infection
- Primary and secondary syphilis
- Diphtheria

C. Fungal

- Histoplasmosis
- Coccidioidomycosis

D. Parasitic

- Toxoplasmosis
- Filiriasis

E. Chlamydial

- Lymphogranuloma venereum
- Trachoma

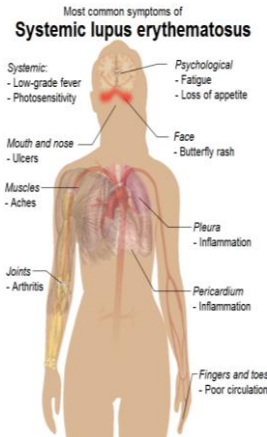
Immunologic disease

- A.Rheumatoid arthritis
- B.Systemic lupus erythematosus
- C.Sjogren syndrome

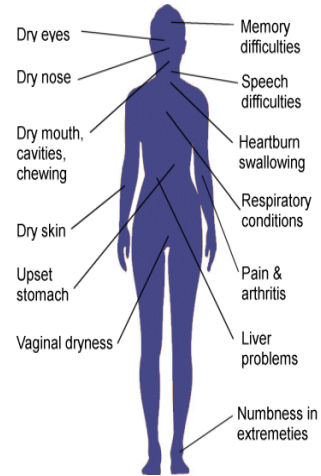


Systemic lupus erythematosus, SLE

Lupus is one of many disorders of the immune system known as autoimmune diseases. In autoimmune diseases, the immune system turns against parts of the body it is designed to protect. This leads to inflammation and damage to various body tissues. Lupus can affect many parts of the body, including the joints, skin, kidneys, heart, lungs, blood vessels, and brain. Although people with the disease may have many different symptoms, some of the most common ones include extreme fatigue, painful or swollen joints (arthritis), unexplained fever, skin rashes, and kidney problems.



Sjögren's also cause dysfunction of organs such as the kidneys, gastrointestinal system, blood vessels, lungs, liver, pancreas, and the central nervous system. Patients also have a higher risk of developing lymphoma. Today, as many as four million Americans are living with this disease.



Ethics Red Flag Warning

When working on a patient's breast, or groin regions it is important for the therapist to be aware of the trust the client has given him or her. A therapist must respect and honor this trust at all times. Proper draping should always be used to provide comfort and security to the client. In addition, prior to beginning the treatment session, the client should sign a release form giving the therapist permission for breast or groin work and state that they have discussed the areas that will and will not be worked.

This form should describe why and how this technique is applied, as well as explain the comfort level of touch between the therapist and client. It also should state a client can stop the massage for any reason at any time during the treatment process. This decision will be honored, no questions asked.

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A cartoon illustration of a smiling female housekeeper. She has long brown hair tied with an orange bow, wears a light blue short-sleeved shirt, a brown apron with a white pocket, and blue pants. She is holding a white bucket filled with white cleaning foam in her right hand and a wooden-handled brush in her left hand.

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