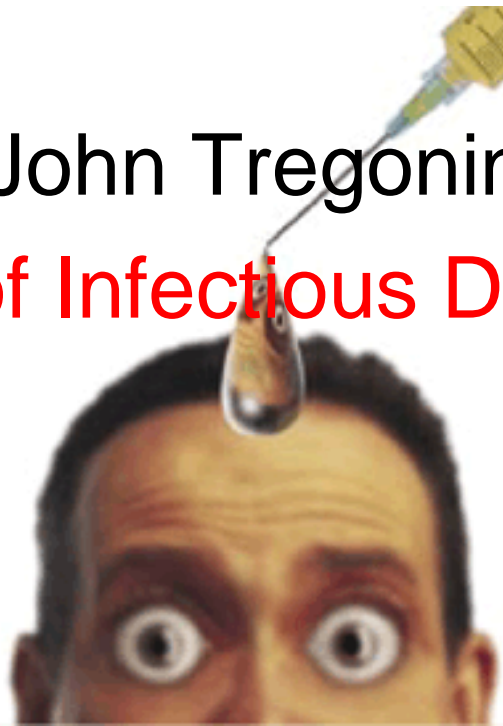


# Vaccines



Dr John Tregoning

Section of Infectious Diseases



# Name The Scientist



## **Almroth Wright**

(Wright of Wright Fleming)

Made anti-typhoid vaccine

Predicted rise of antibiotic resistant bacteria

# Outline of Week

Introduction to Key Concepts

New Vaccine Development

Challenges in Vaccine Development

Case studies of specific diseases

# Vaccine Week Learning Objectives

By the end of this week you will be able to:

- Understand how vaccines control infectious diseases and some of the maths/epidemiology used to describe their efficacy.
- Describe the characteristics (incidence and symptoms) of vaccine preventable diseases.
- Describe the vaccines and vaccines schedules routinely used to control infectious diseases in the UK and globally.
- Understand the challenges to new vaccine development
- See how this applies to specific diseases including HPV, Influenza and Polio

# A vaccine is...

**Something that stimulates the immune system, without causing serious harm or side effects** (*purified viral protein, killed bacteria...*)

**Aim of immunisation:** to provoke immunological memory to protect individual against a particular disease if you later encounter it

*Vaccine comes from Vaccinia – originally believed to be Cow pox (Vaccination' and 'immunisation' mean roughly the same)*

# The ideal vaccine

- Completely safe
- Easy to administer
- Single dose, needle-free
- Cheap
- Stable
- Active against all variants
- Life-long protection

***Vaccines are the single most cost-effective tool we have for improving health***

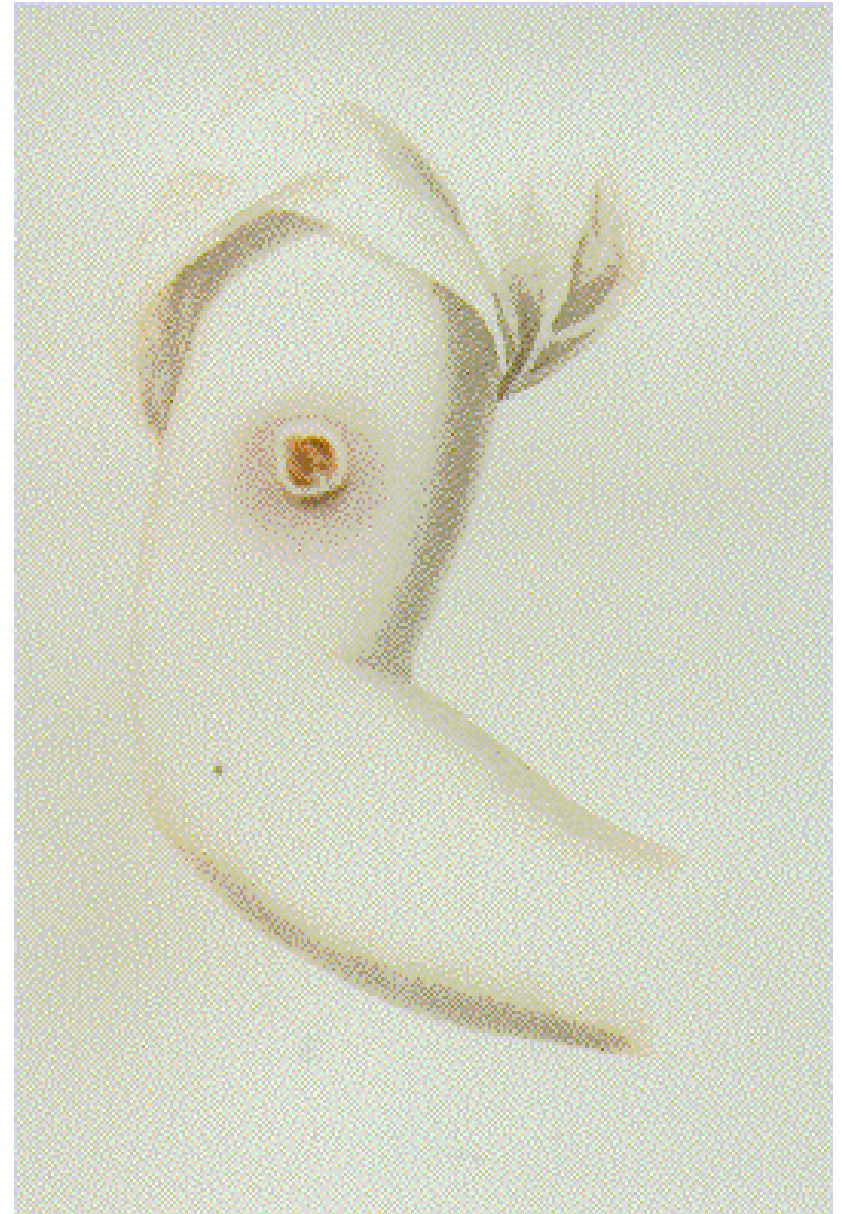
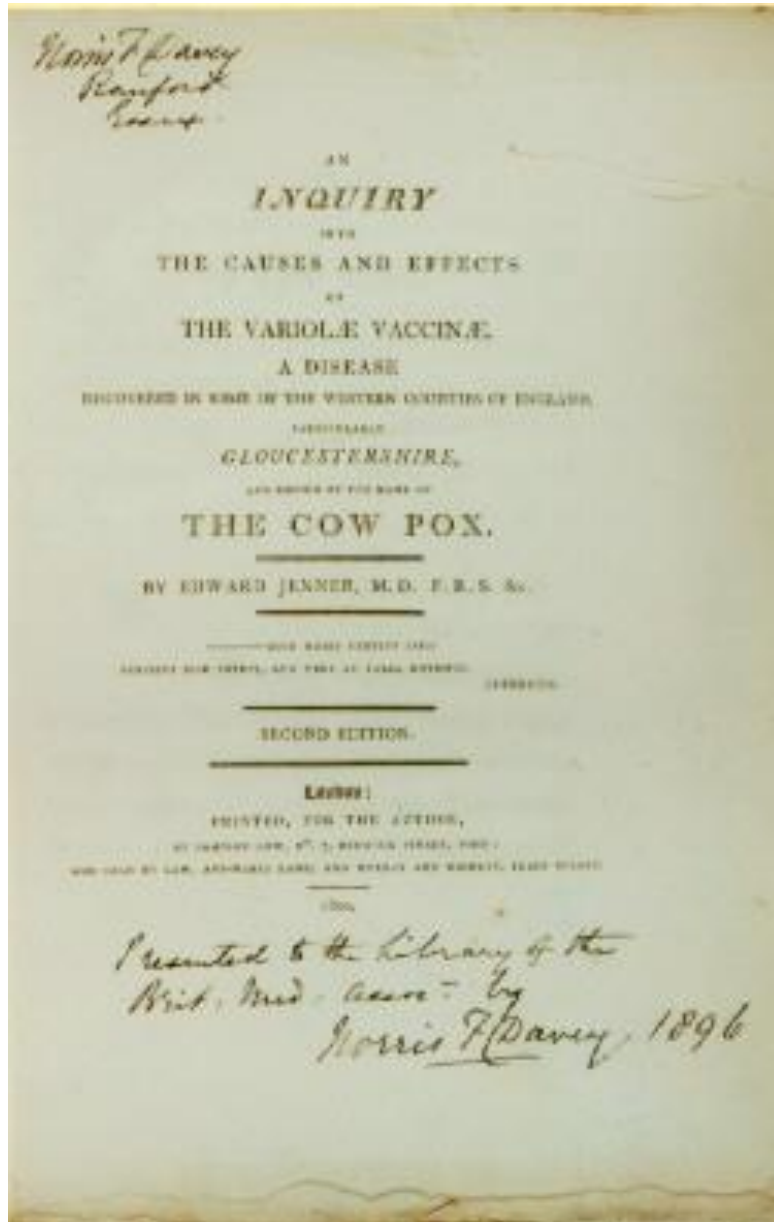
# Why Vaccinate?

## EXHIBIT 1

### Benefit-Cost And Cost-Effectiveness Ratios For Vaccines Compared With Other Commonly Used Preventive Services, 2003

| Vaccination program or other preventive service   | Benefit-cost ratio | Dollars per life year saved | Dollars per QALY saved |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B (Hib), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B—combined program <sup>1</sup> | 17                 |                             |                        |
| Varicella vaccination <sup>2</sup>  | 5.4                |                             |                        |
| Pneumococcal conjugate vaccination <sup>3</sup>   |                    | 128,000                     | 6,500                  |
| Influenza vaccination of children ages 6–23 months <sup>4</sup>   |                    |                             | 13,000                 |
| Pertussis vaccination of adolescents <sup>5</sup>   |                    |                             | 20,000                 |
| Mammography for women ages 50–69 <sup>6</sup>   |                    | 29,000                      |                        |
| Pap screening with human papillomavirus testing for cervical cancer <sup>7</sup>  |                    |                             | 80,000                 |
| Colorectal cancer screening for people age 50 or older using sigmoidoscopy <sup>8</sup>   |                    | 90,000                      |                        |
| Mammography for women ages 40–69 <sup>6</sup>   |                    | 140,000                     |                        |

# The early days...





# The Godfathers of vaccination



*Edward Jenner*

1749-1823

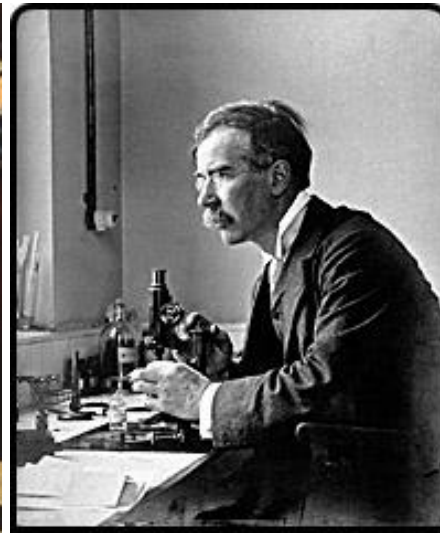
Small Pox



*Louis Pasteur*

1822-1895

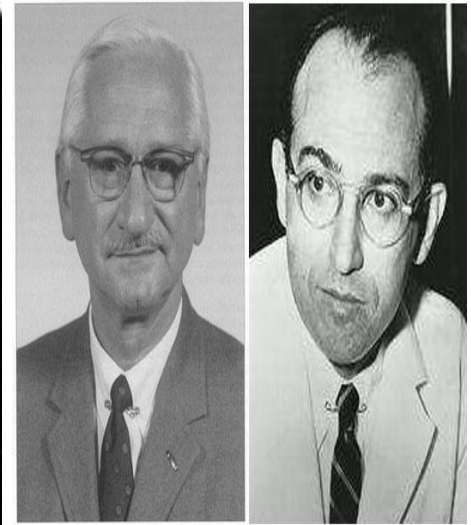
Rabies  
(Cholera and Anthrax)



*Almroth Wright*

1861-1947

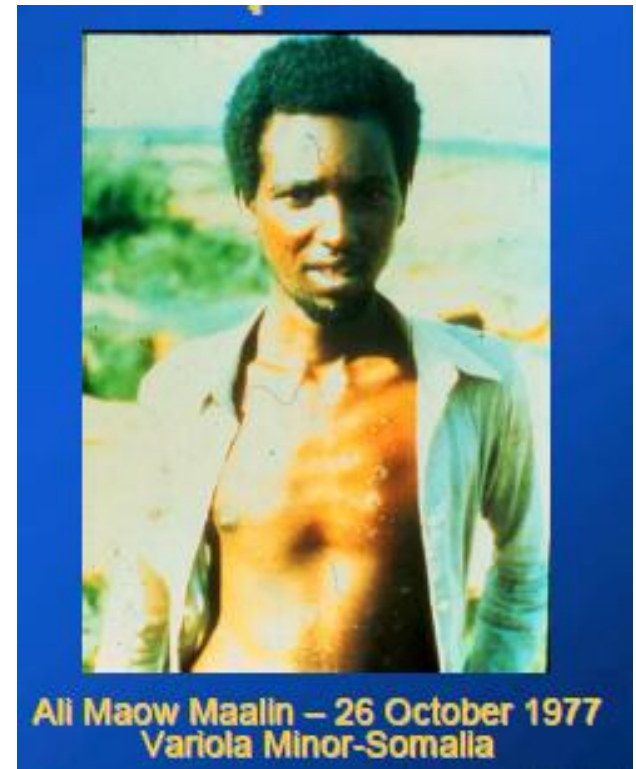
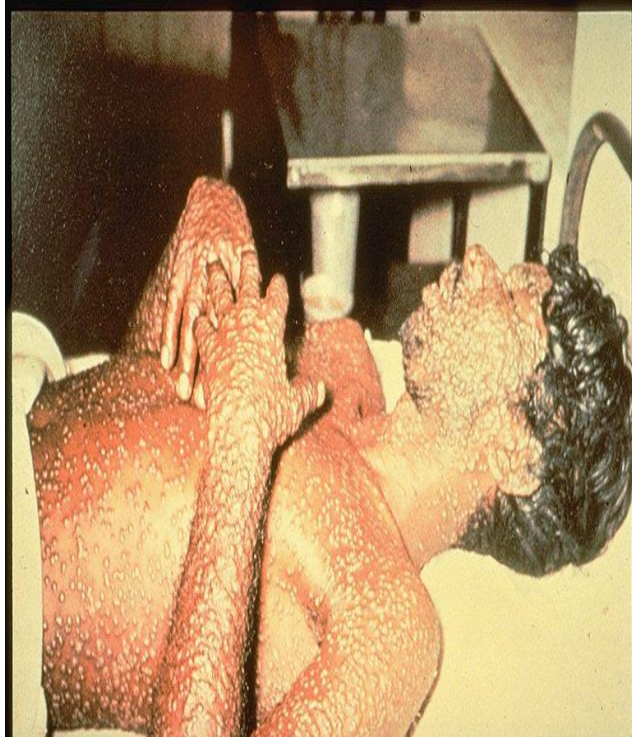
Typhoid



*Sabin/ Salk*

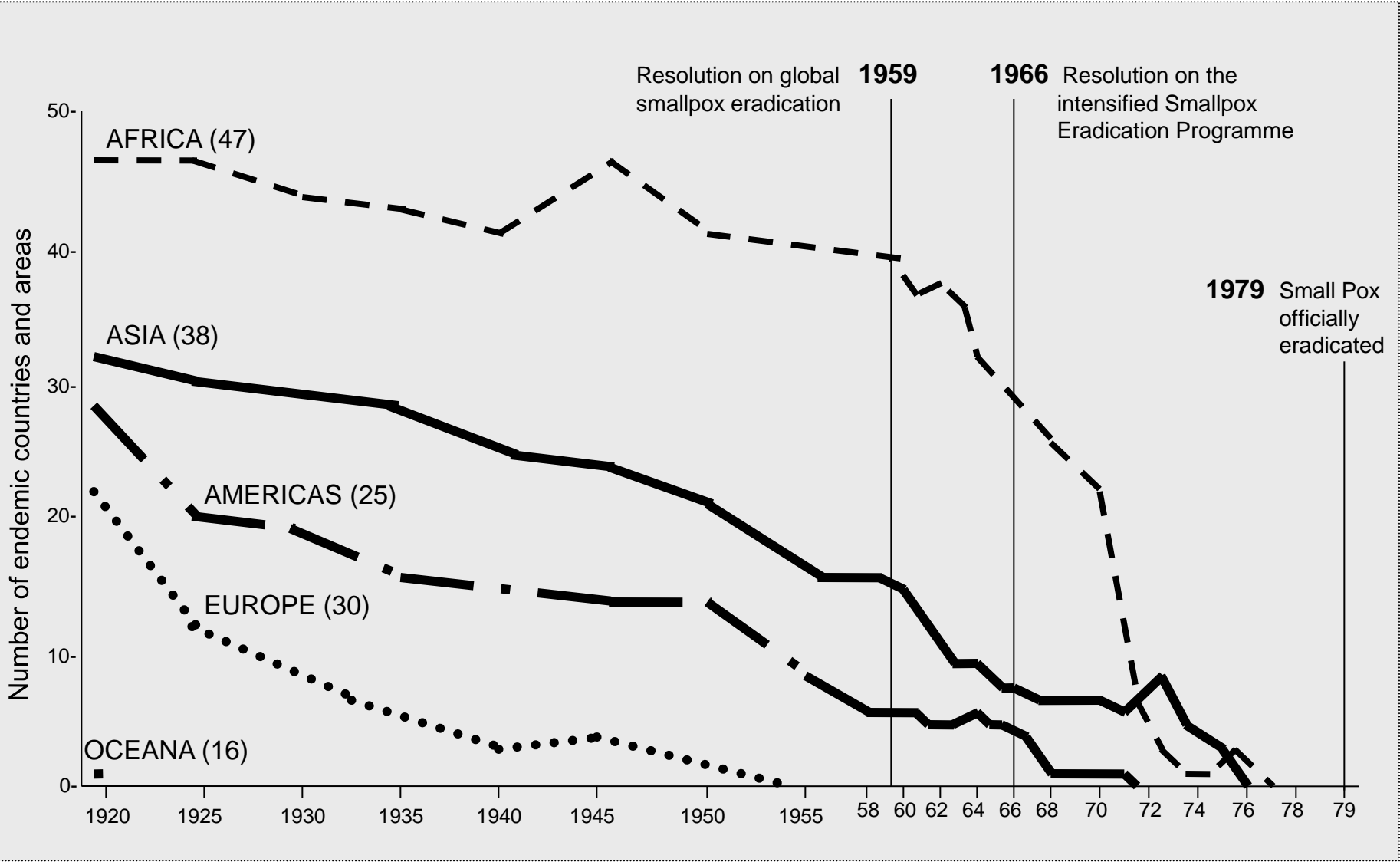
Polio  
(Oral)

# Smallpox in unvaccinated adult



**How many lives did Jenner and co save?** About 300 million  
USA recouped the \$21m it contributed to eradicating smallpox in the ten years to 1978 in just 26 days

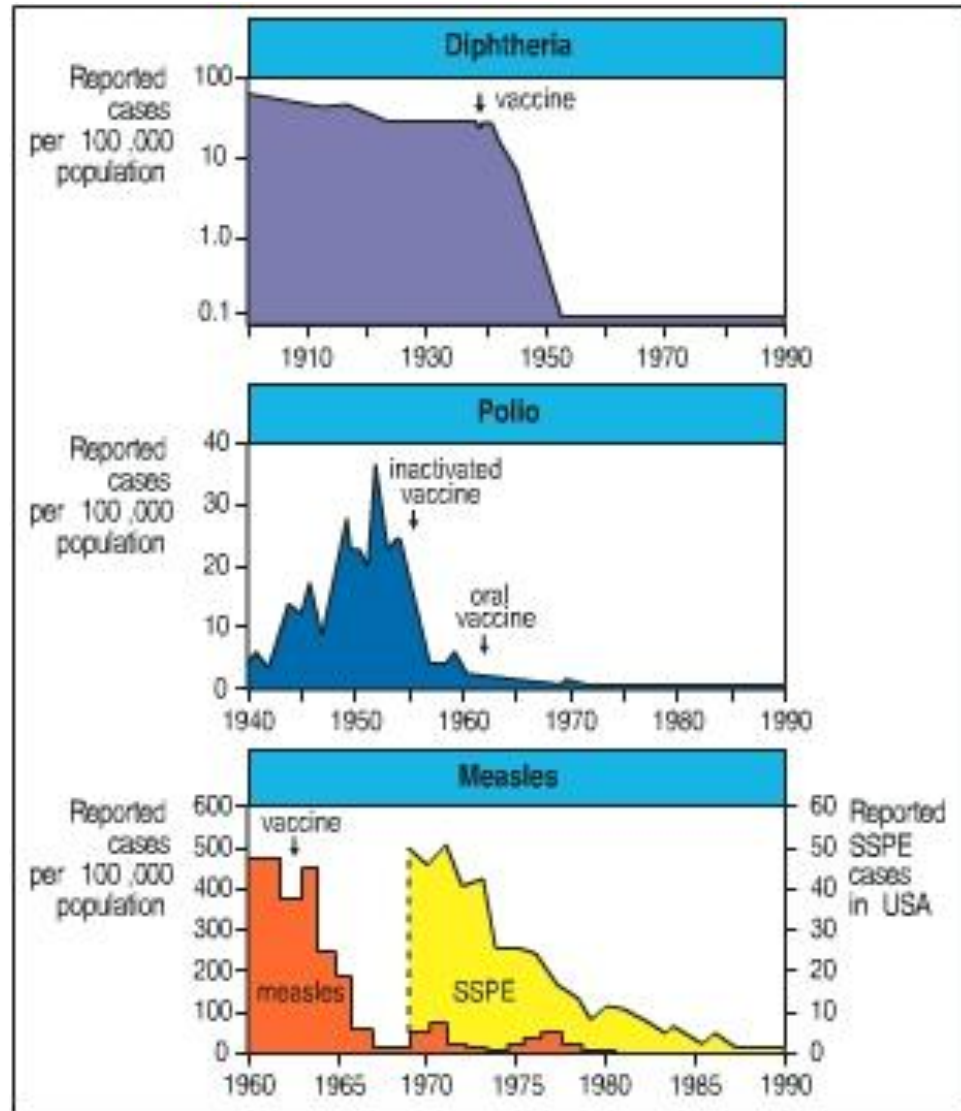
# Global eradication of smallpox



Year

NB some accidental outbreaks later on

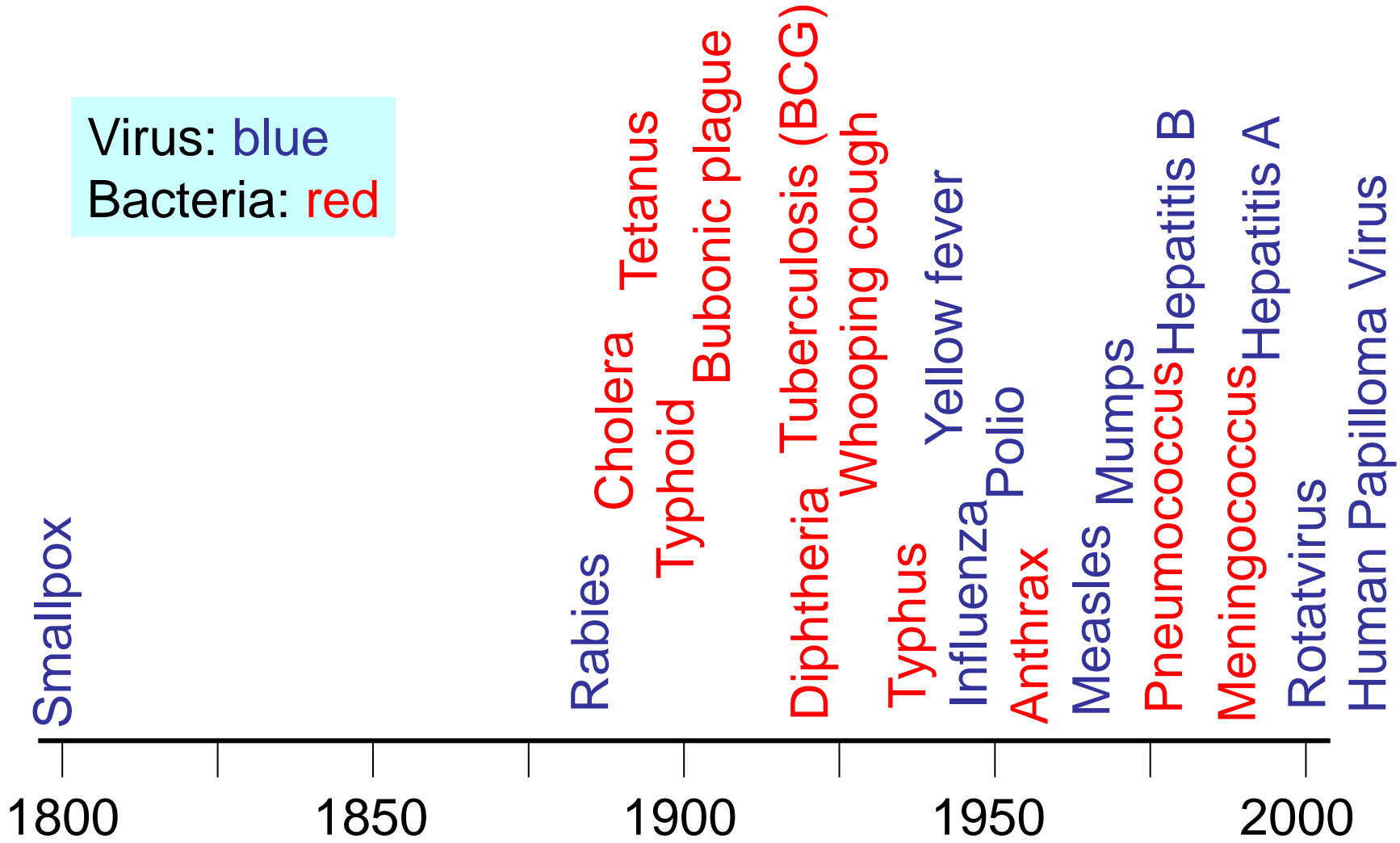
# Other Vaccine Success stories



# Characteristics of an eradicable infectious disease

- Safe and effective vaccine
- Genetically stable target
- No animal reservoir
- Eliminates persistent infection, or persistently infected host can't transmit
- Easy and reliable diagnostics

# Vaccine timeline



# Diseases for which improved or new vaccines are needed

HSV

EBV

TB

RSV

Malaria

Worms

HIV

Hep C

# Medicine at the intersection



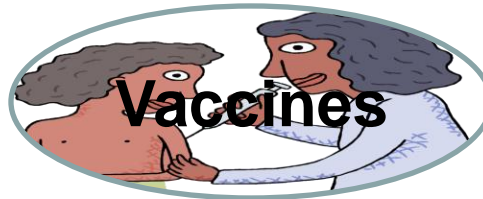
**Big Pharma**



**The Media**



**NGOs**



**Vaccines**



**Basic Science**



**The public**



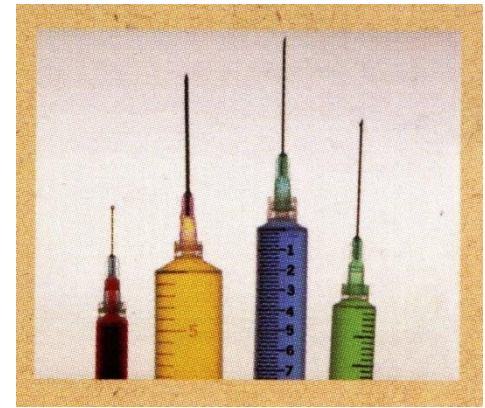
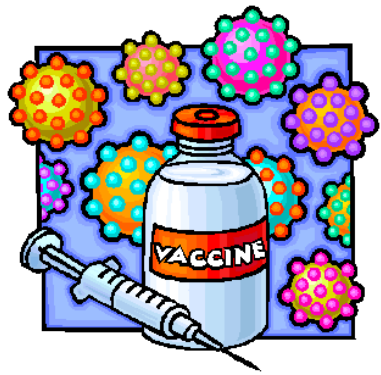
**Public Health  
NHS/HPA**



# Learning Objectives for this lecture

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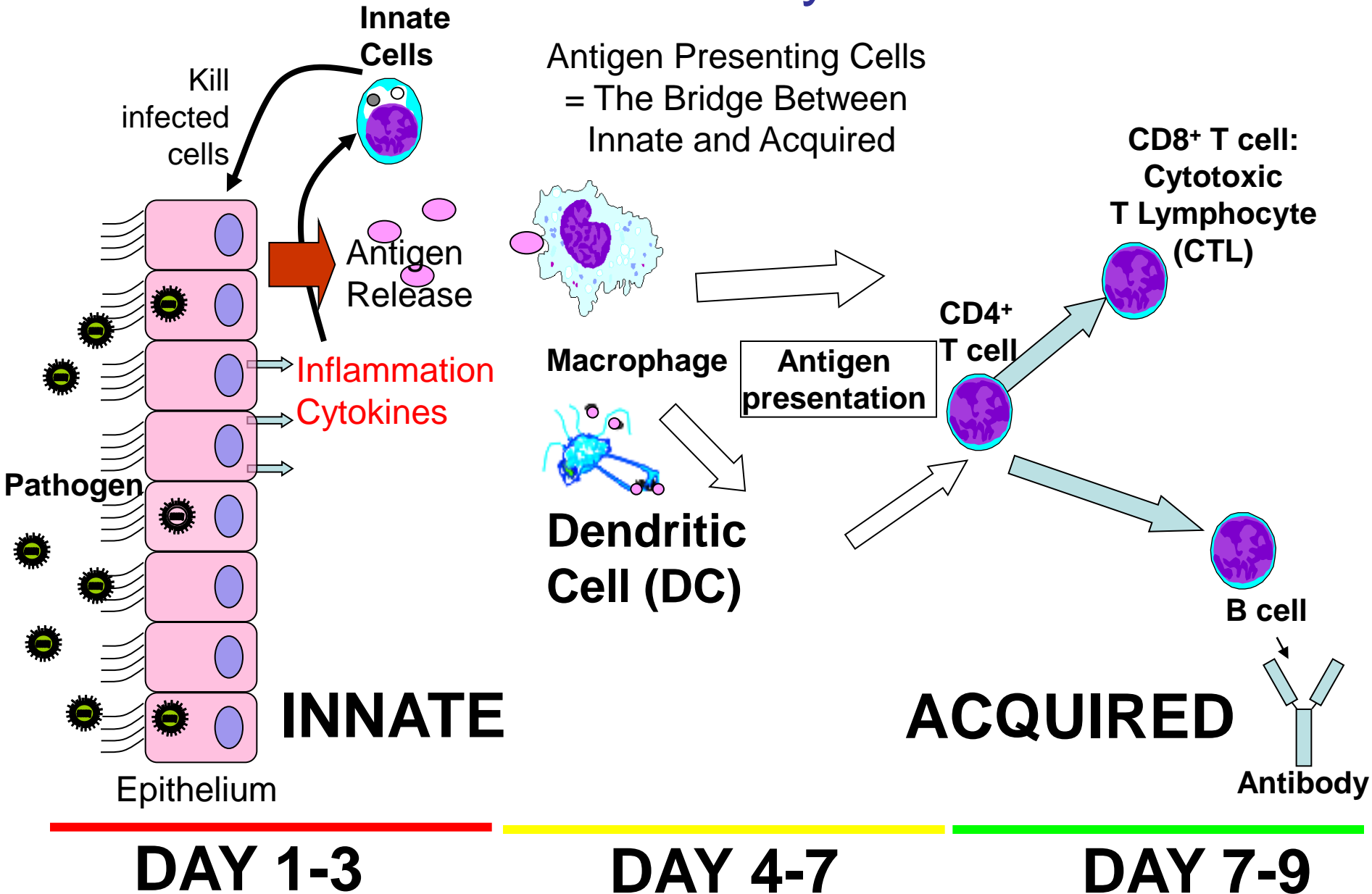
- An Introduction to the immunological principles of vaccines
- An Introduction to the epidemiological understanding of how vaccines prevent disease



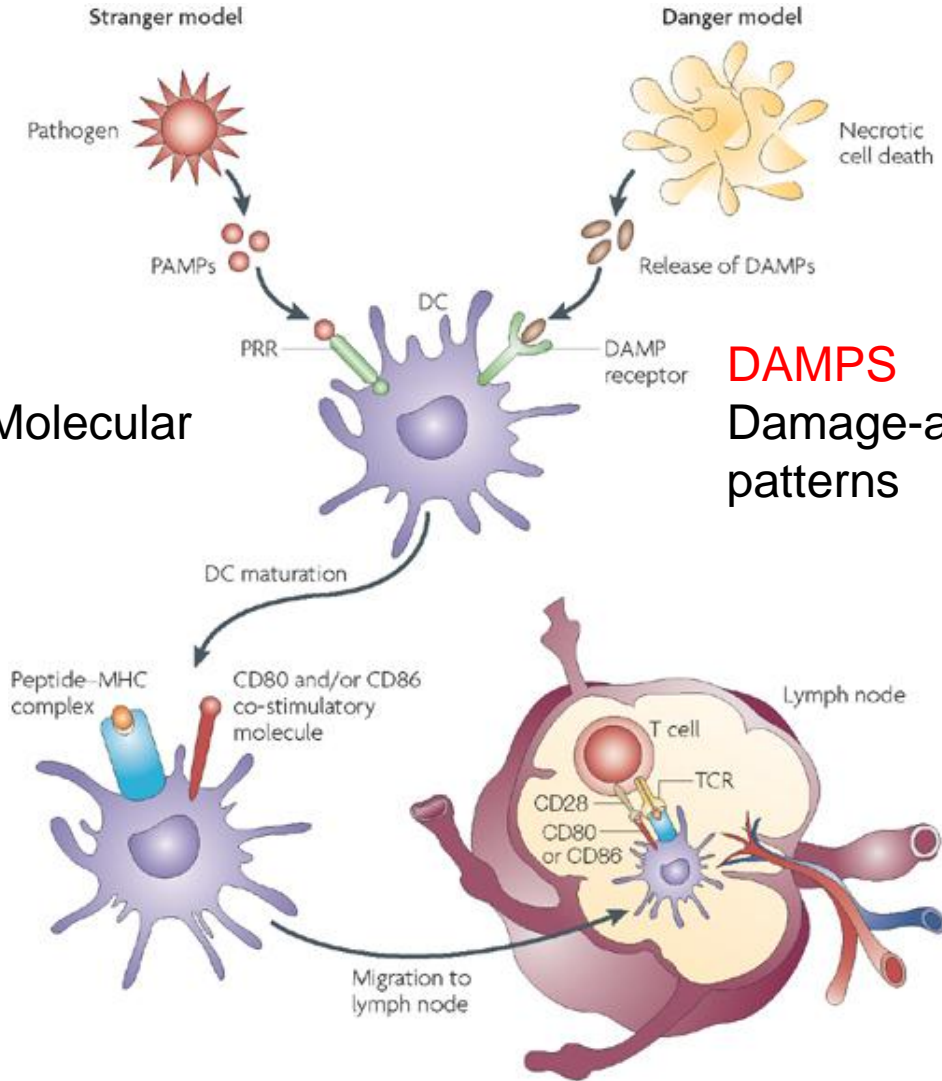
# Vaccine Immunology



# The Immune system



# “Stranger Danger!” (Adjuvants)



**PAMPs**  
Pathogen Associated Molecular  
Patterns

**DAMPs**  
Damage-associated molecular  
patterns

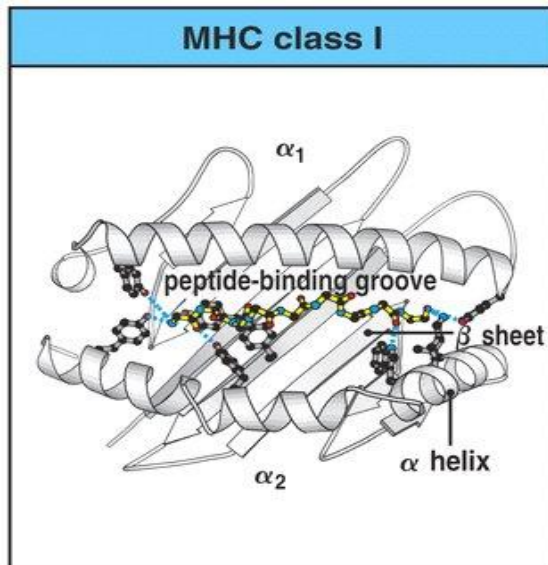
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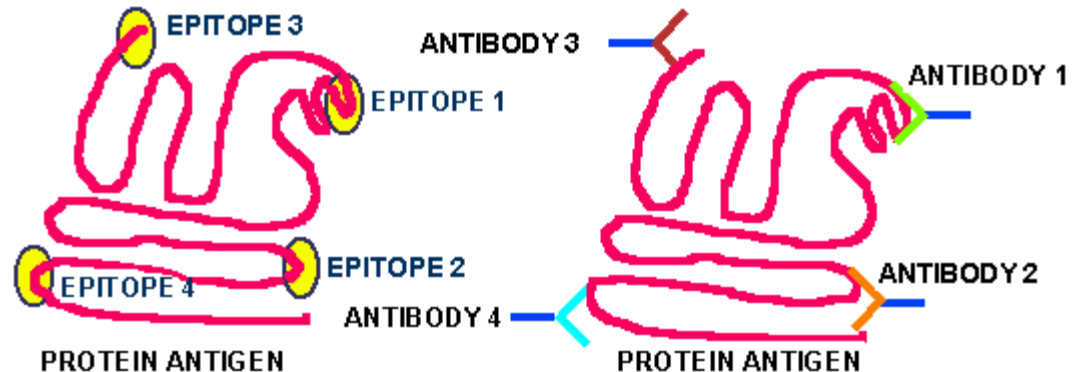
# Antigens and epitopes

- Proteins or molecules that act induce an adaptive immune response
- The region of an antigen which the receptor binds to is known as an **epitope**

T cells recognise linear epitopes  
In the context of MHC

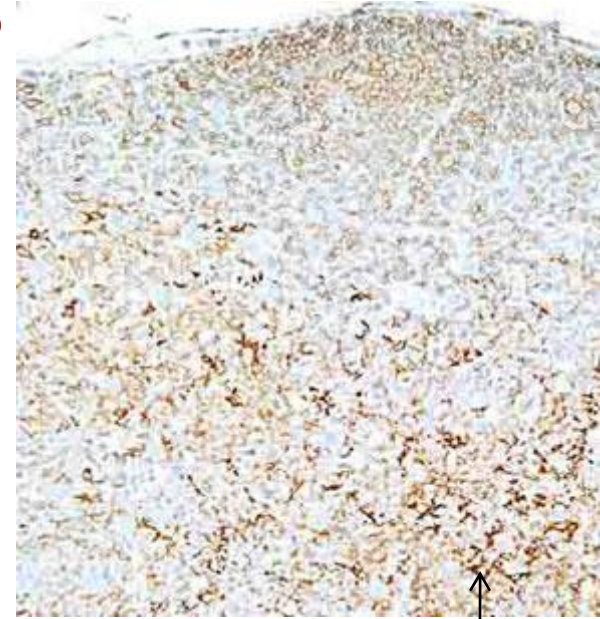


Antibodies recognise Structural Epitopes



# Dendritic cells

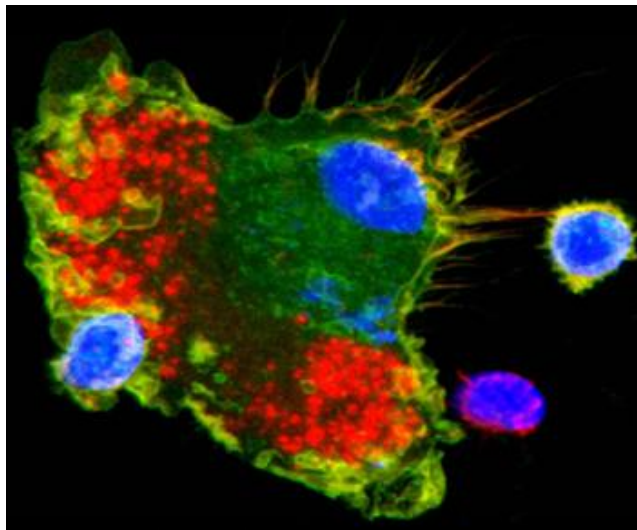
Surveillance



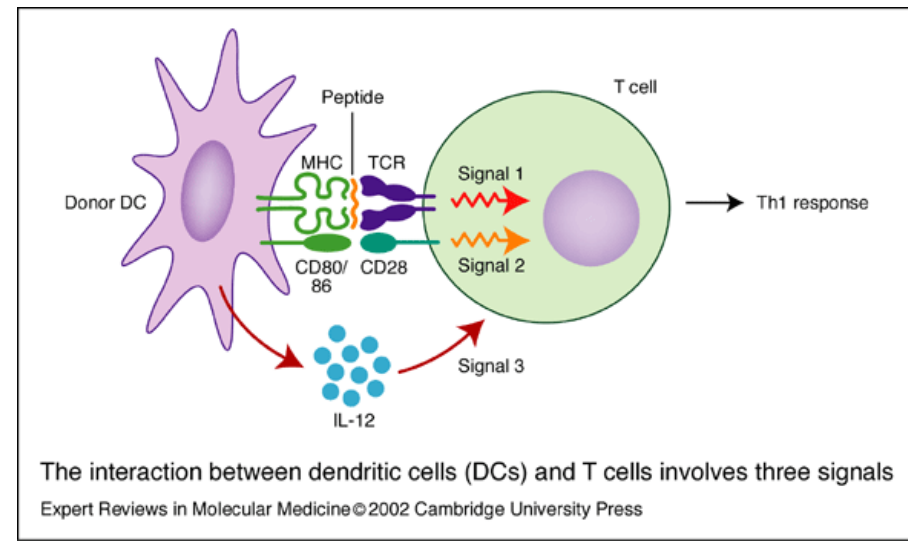
- Specialised antigen presenting cells, patrol tissues performing surveillance

- Require activation by PRR activation
- When immature dendritic cells capture Ag, they travel through the lymphatic system to LYMPHOID TISSUES where they mature
- In lymph nodes, mature dendritic cells present the antigen they have encountered.

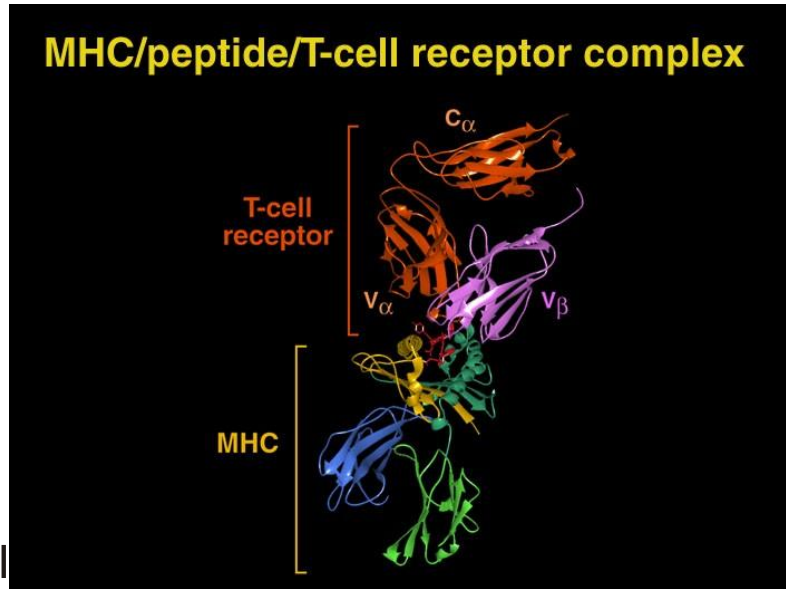
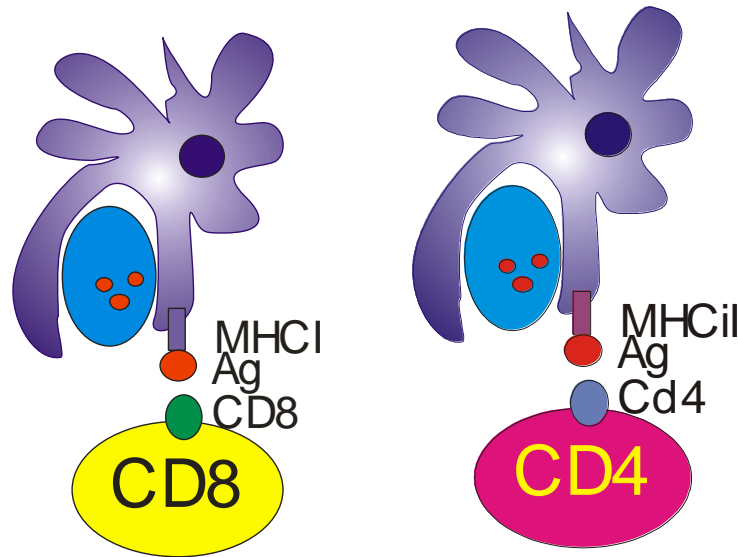
Capture



Presentation



# MHC/ TCR Interactions

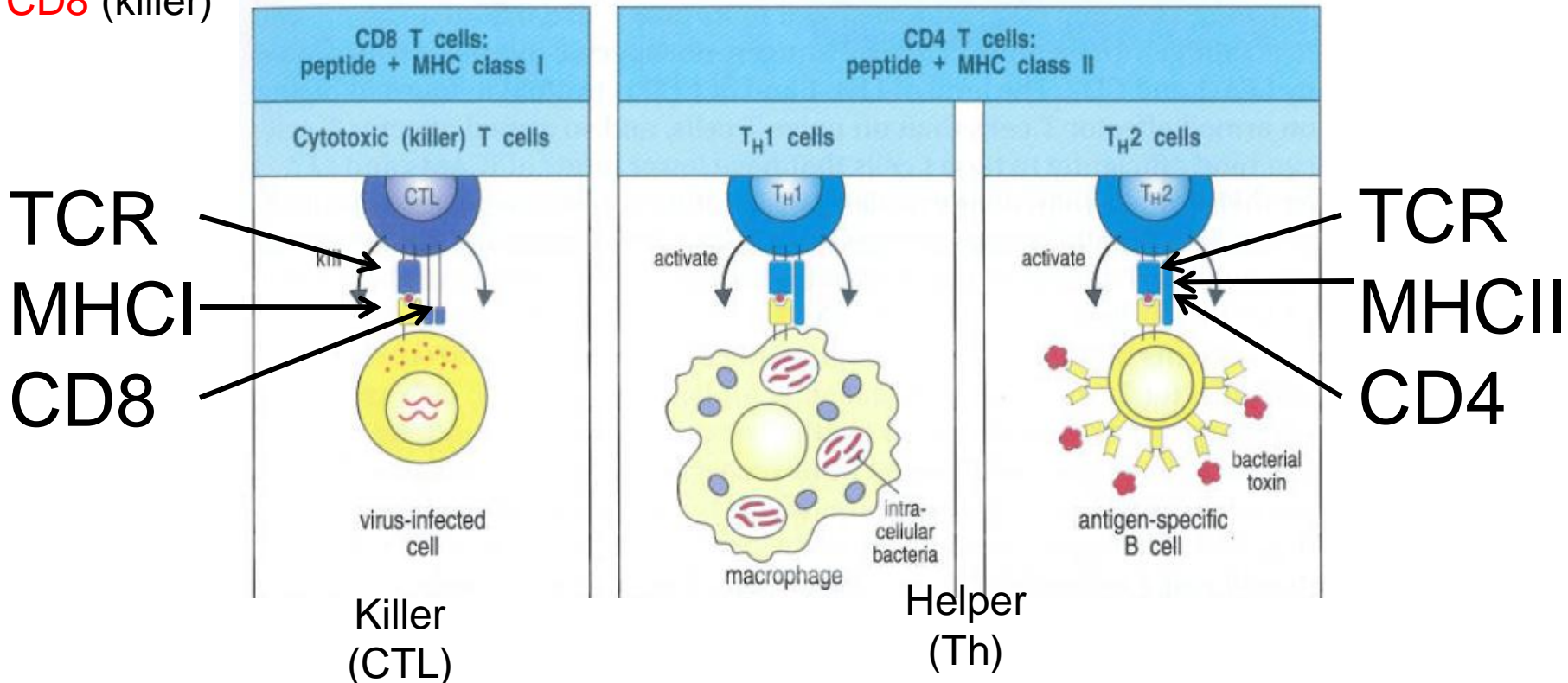


| Type         | Intracellular pathogen/antigen | Extracellular pathogen/Antigen |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Processed in | Cytosol                        | Endosomes                      |
| Presented on | MHCI                           | MHCII                          |
| Presented to | CD8 T cells                    | CD4 Cells                      |

- MHC Stands for Major Histocompatibility Complex
- Presents the peptide epitopes to T cells
- MHCI peptides are intracellular
- MHCII peptides are extracellular
- In humans it is encoded by the HLA genes
- Important for disease susceptibility e.g. HLA-B57 is protective against HIV (since it presents an HIV epitope that alters viral fitness)

# T Cells

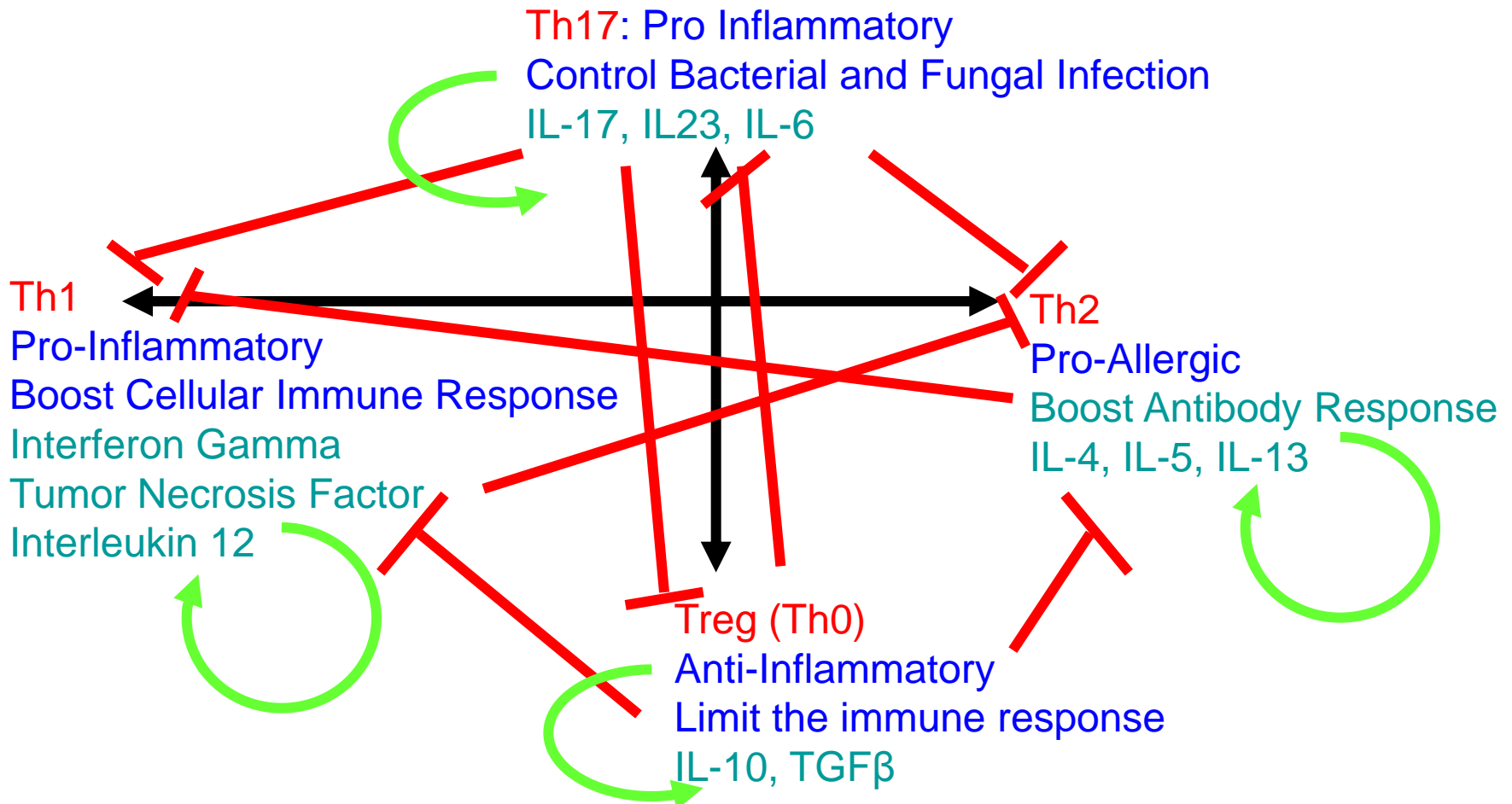
- T cells mature in the thymus
- Their receptors (T cell receptor (CD3)) remains membrane bound
- Recognise specially processed fragments of protein which are presented to them by target cells. T cell receptor recognises combination of peptide and MHC
- Two families **CD4** (helper) and **CD8** (killer)





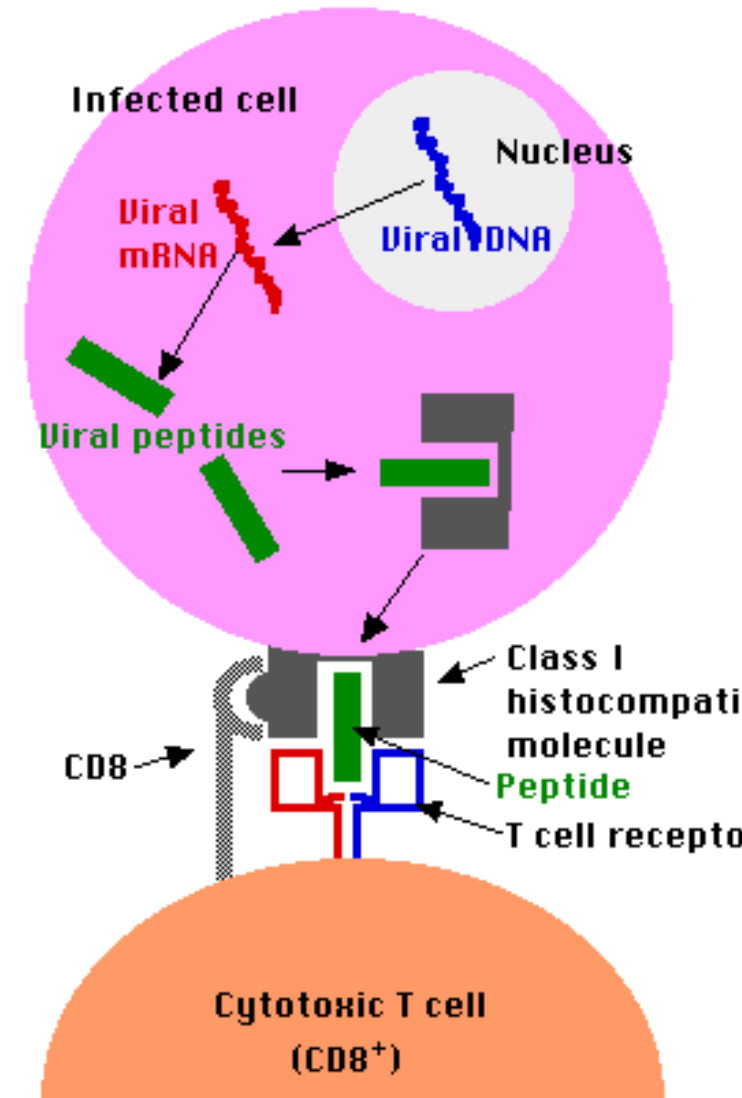
# CD4 T Helper cells

- T **Helper** cells produce cytokines (a family of inflammatory mediators).
- Cytokines have diverse actions on a wide range of cells
- Cytokines influence the outcome of the immune response

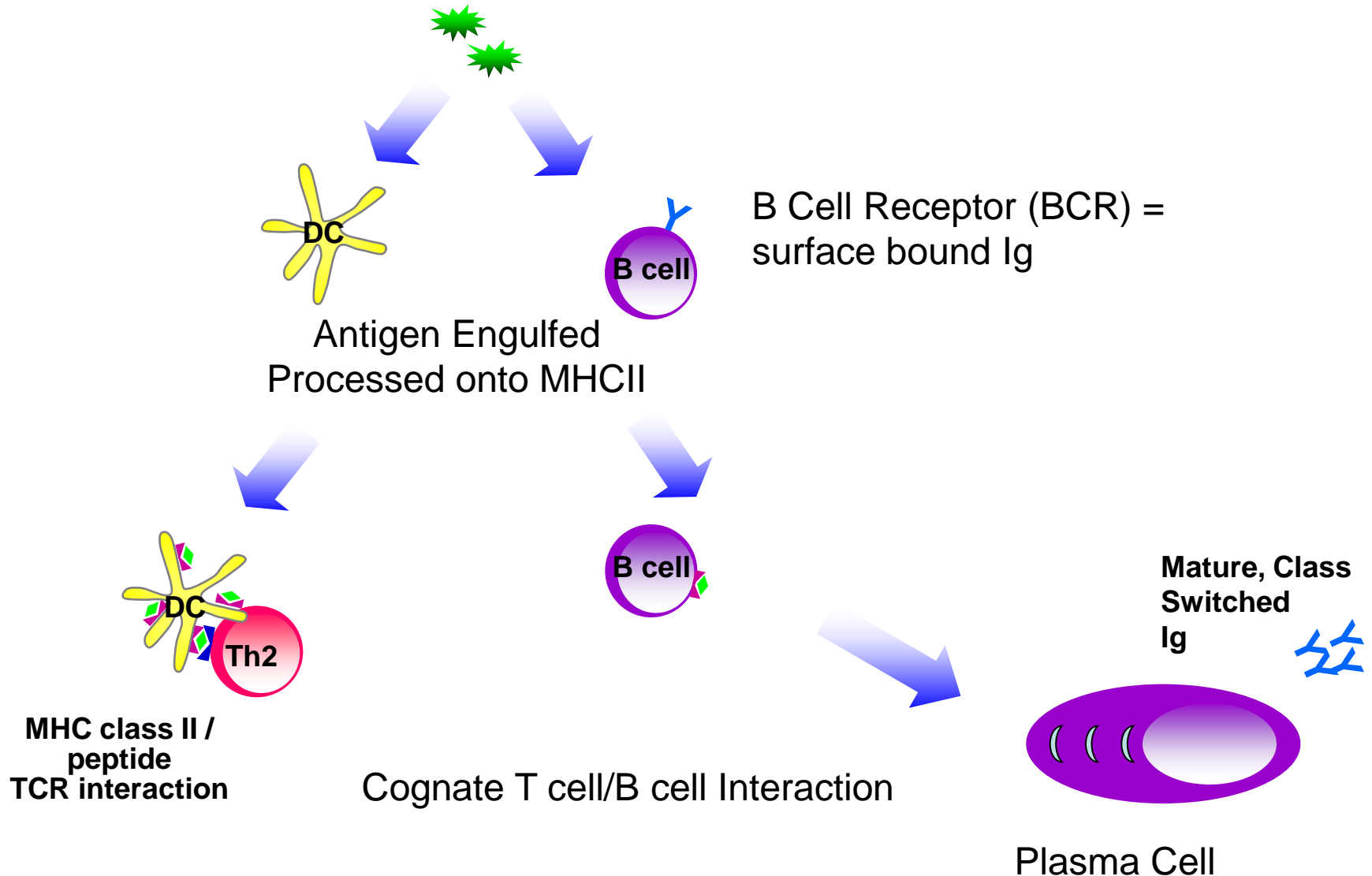


# CD8 (Cytotoxic T lymphocytes/ CTL)

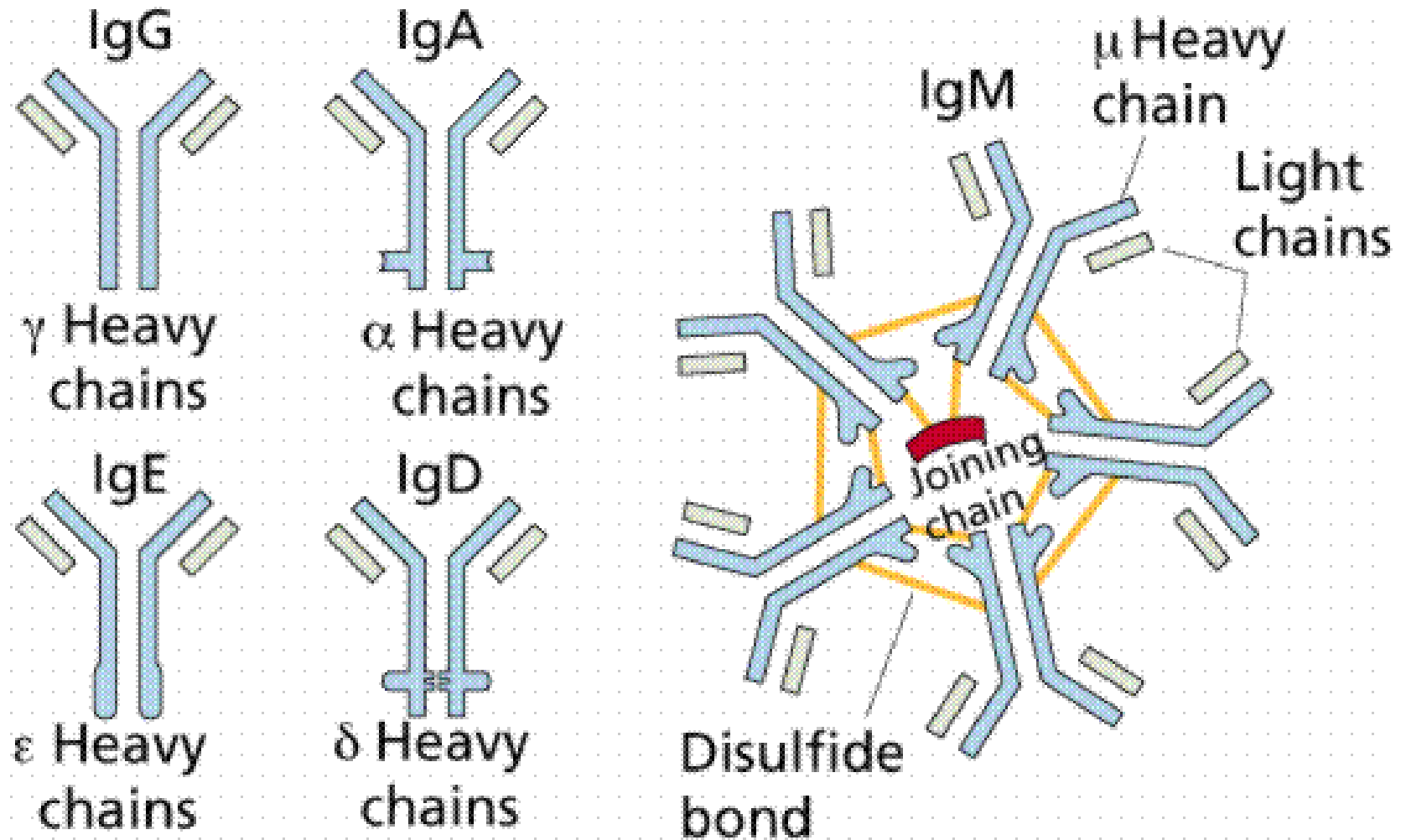
- **Cytotoxic** T cells (Killer) destroy target cells such as virus infected cells
- Recognise MHC I: Peptide Complexes
- Kill cells in 2 ways
  - punching holes in and injecting poison (Perforin/Granzyme)
  - Inducing Apoptosis (FasL/Fas)



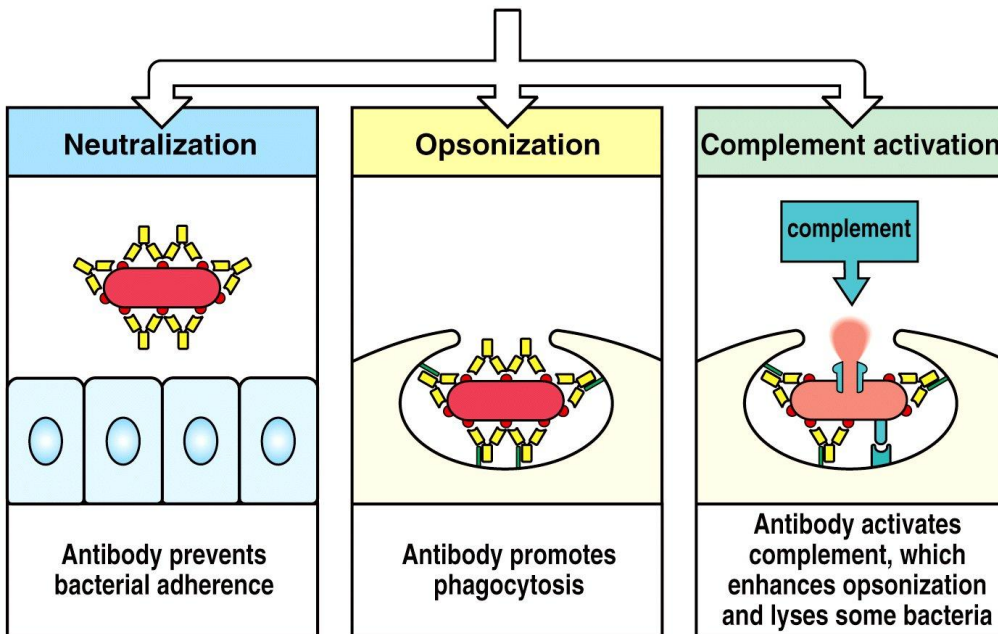
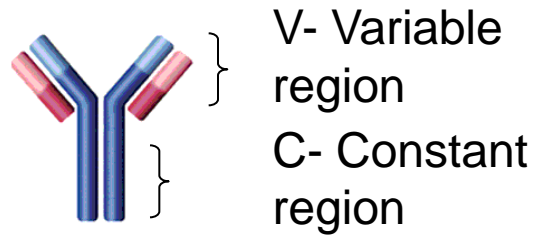
# B cell activation



# Antibody Classes



# Antibody Function



Antibodies extremely important in protection against reinfection

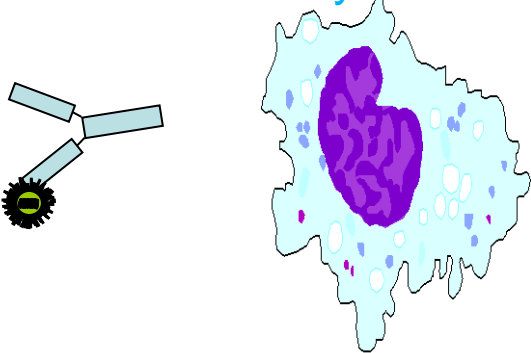
3 Core protective roles:

1. Neutralisation
2. Opsonisation
3. Complement activation

# How Vaccines stop infection

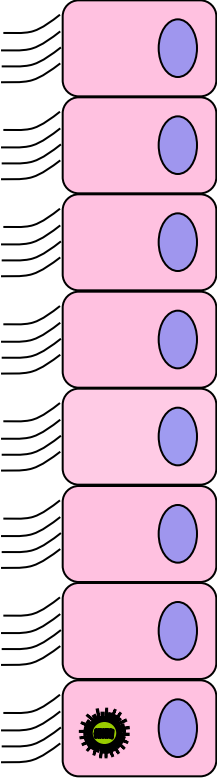
Vaccination is the generation of Immune Memory in the absence of harmful infection

Prevention of Entry

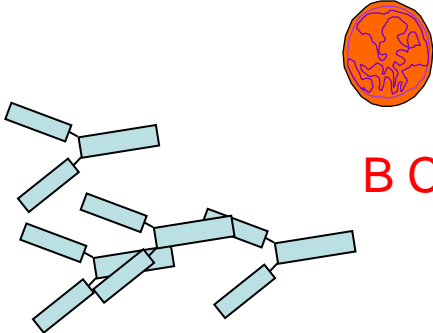


Macrophage:  
Engulfs  
Pathogen

Epithelium



CD8: Kills

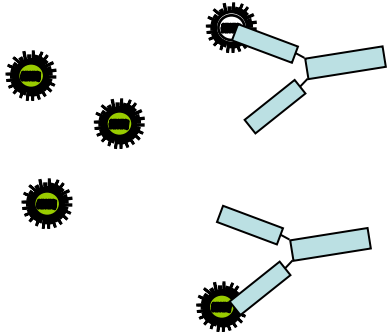


B Cell: Makes Ig

CD4 T Cell:  
Helps

Boosting Immune Response

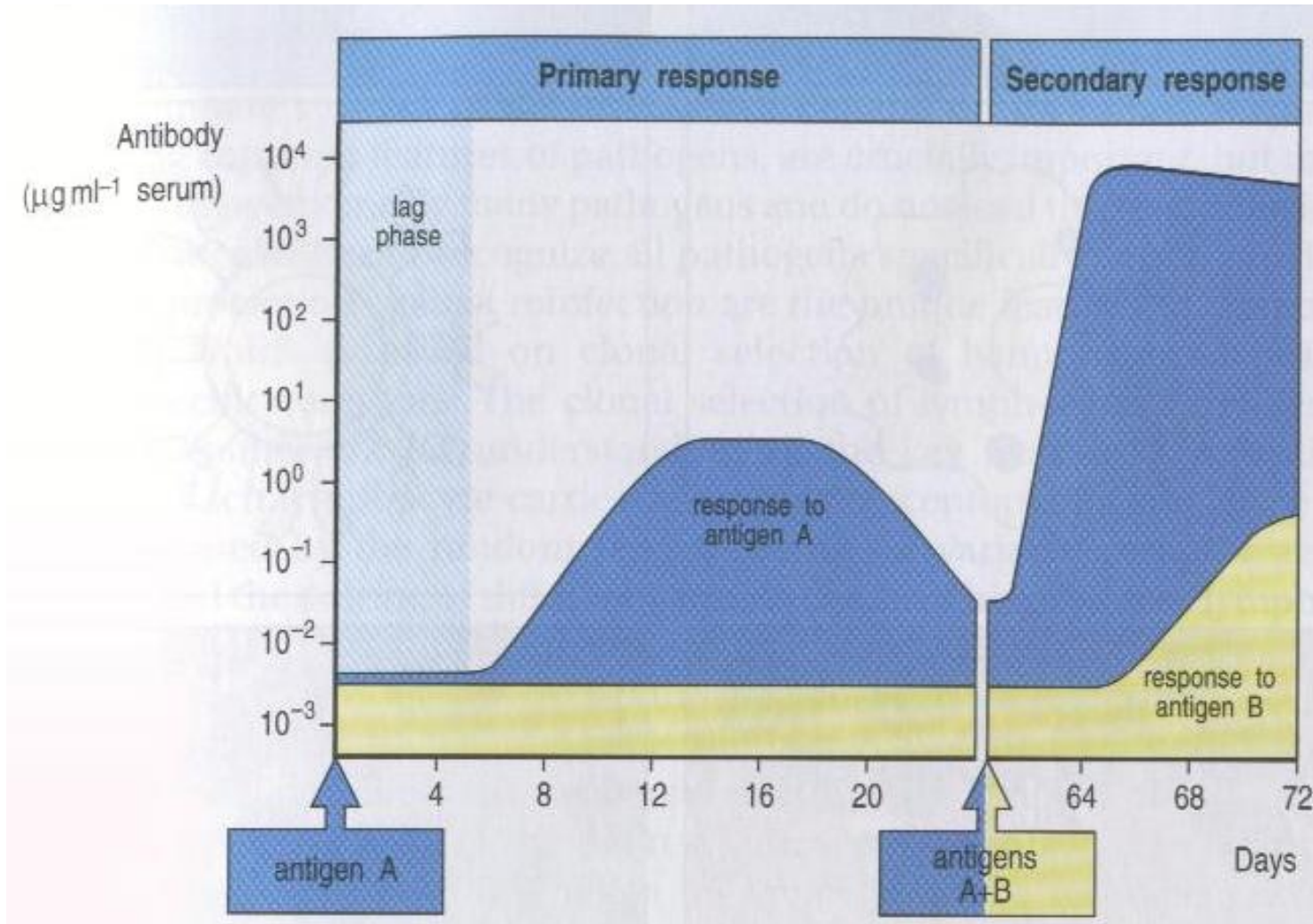
Infection



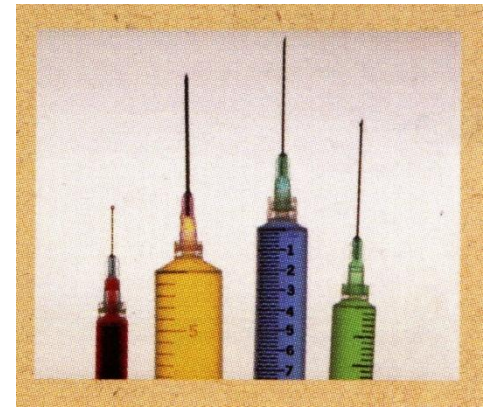
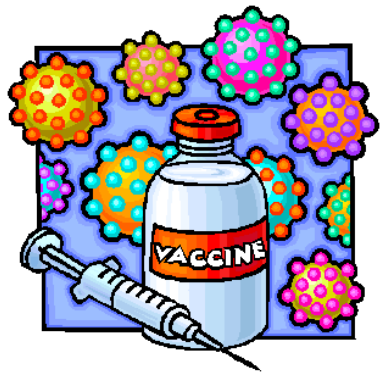
Antibody: Blocks Entry

Killing infected cells

# Immune Memory



From Janeway et al

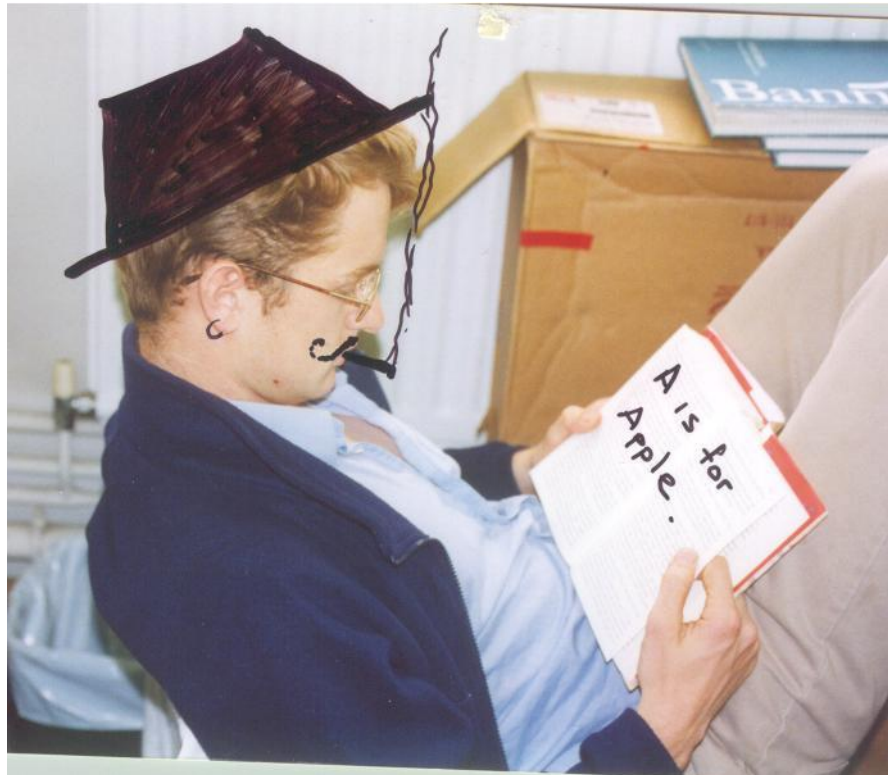


# The epidemiology of vaccines





# Epidemiology for Dummies



# Basics

- **Eradication** - Disease and its causal agent have been removed worldwide e.g. small pox
- **Elimination** - Disease has disappeared from one WHO region but remains elsewhere e.g. polio
- **Containment** - The point at which the disease no longer constitutes a 'significant public health problem' e.g. Hib

# R<sub>0</sub> - Basic reproduction number

The number of cases one case generates on average over the course of their infectious period

If  $R_0 < 1$  the infection will die out in the long run.

If  $R_0 > 1$  the infection will be able to spread in a population.

| Disease    | R <sub>0</sub> |
|------------|----------------|
| Diphtheria | 6-7            |
| Measles    | 12-18          |
| Mumps      | 4-7            |
| Pertussis  | 12-17          |
| Polio      | 5-7            |
| Rubella    | 6-7            |
| Smallpox   | 5-7            |

† Modified from *Epid Rev* 1993;15: 265-302, *Am J Prev Med* 2001; 20 (4S): 88-153, *MMWR* 2000; 49 (SS-9); 27-38

From CDC website

# Calculating the R

$$R_0 = D \cdot C \cdot \beta$$

Where

D Mean length of time infectious

C Rate at which contact occurs

$\beta$  Likelihood of transmission on a contact

## $R_t$ – Effective reproduction number

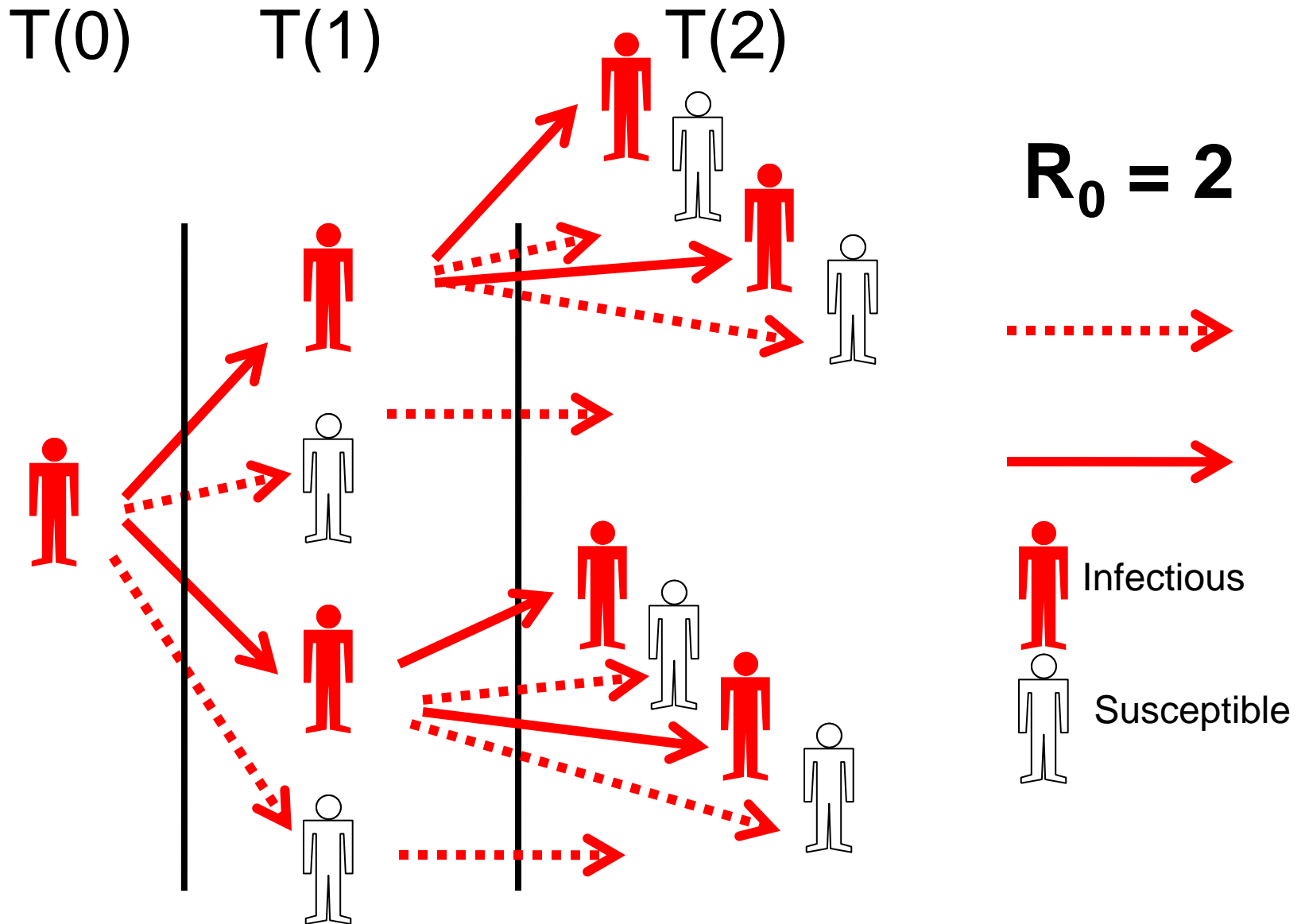
A population will rarely be totally susceptible to an infection in the real world.

$R_t$  reflects the number of susceptible cases

$$R_t = R_0 \cdot x$$

Where  $x$  is the proportion of contacts susceptible

# Effect of vaccination on $R_0$

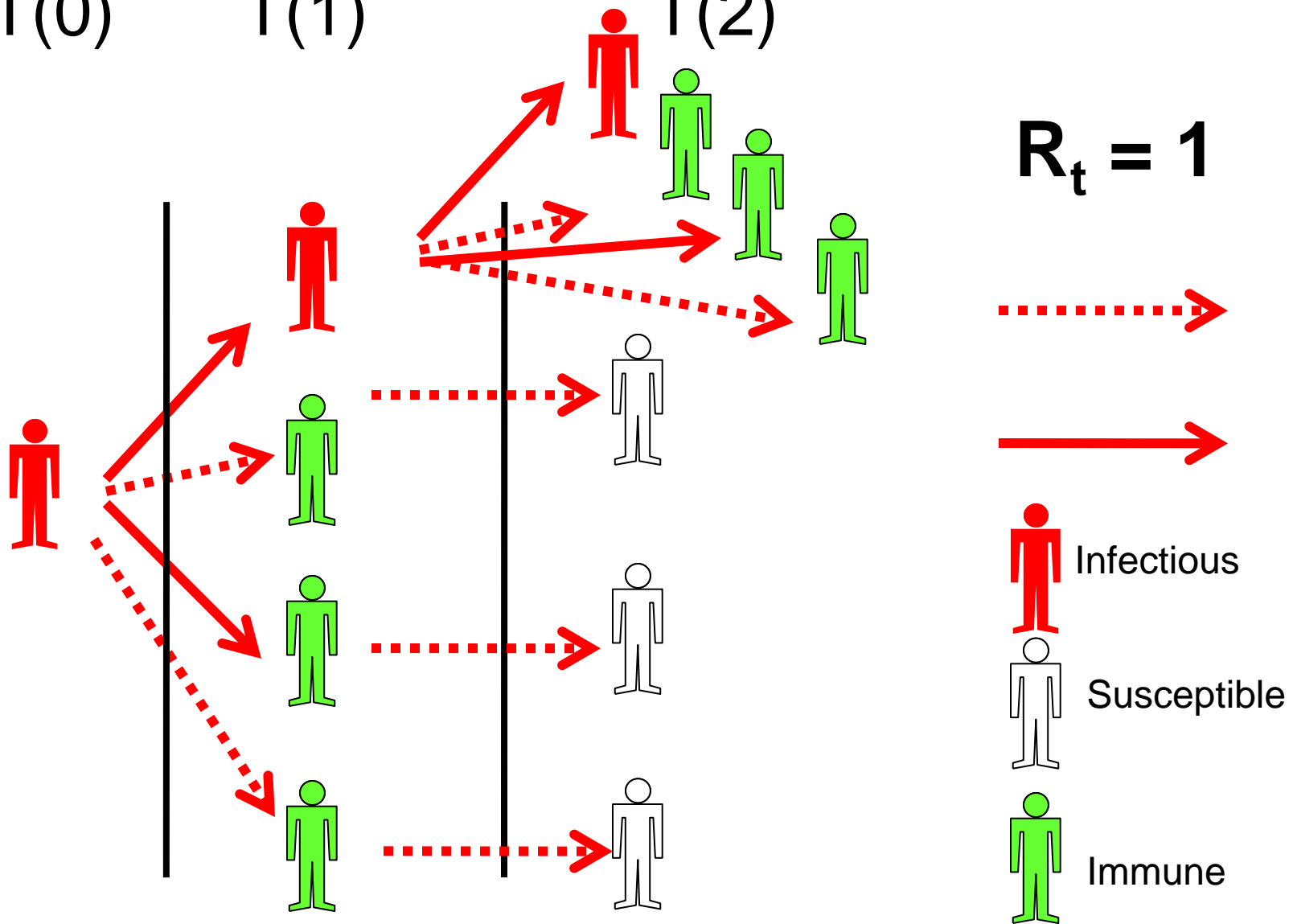


T(0)

T(1)

T(2)

$R_t = 1$

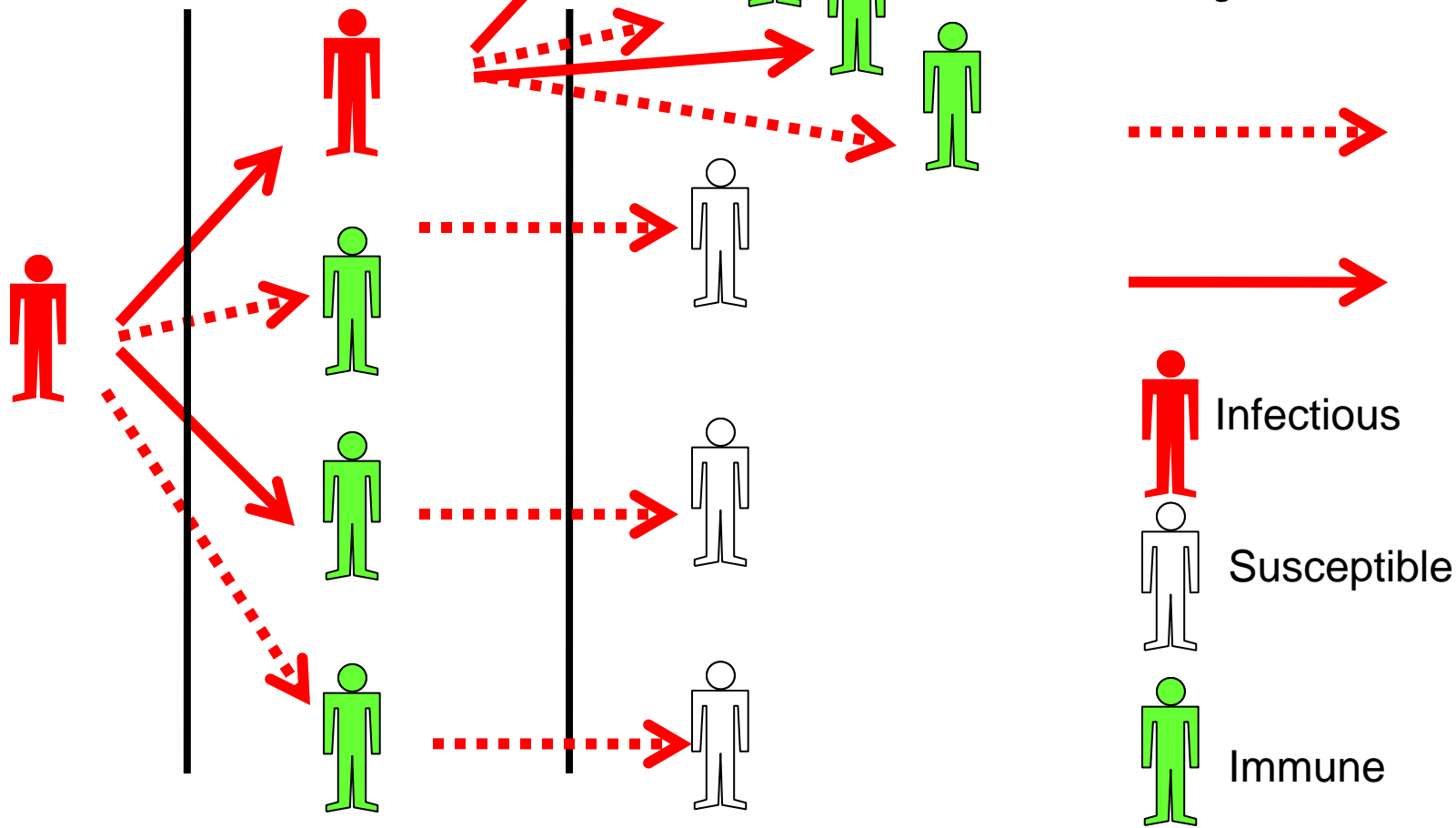


T(0)

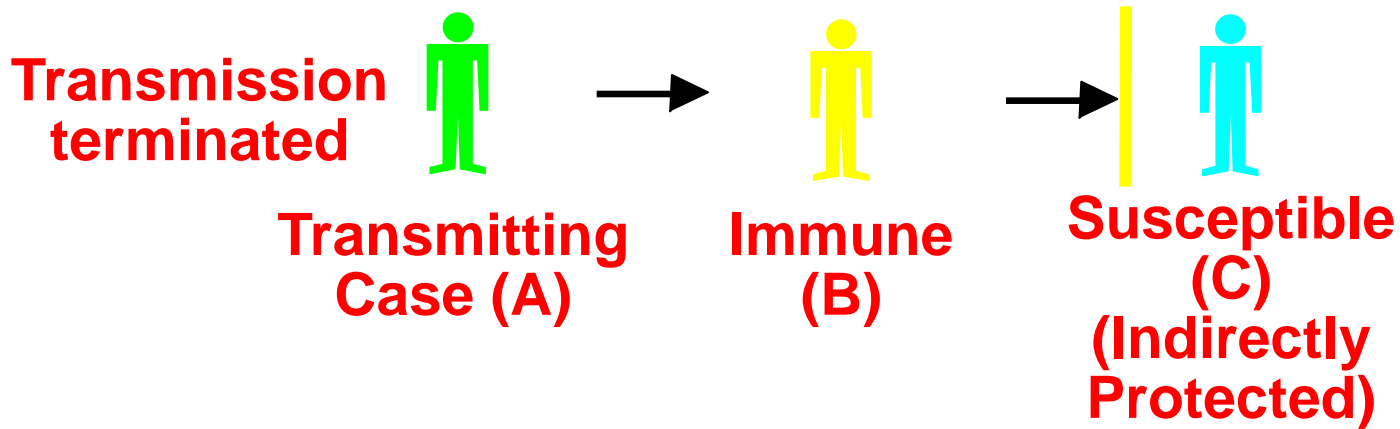
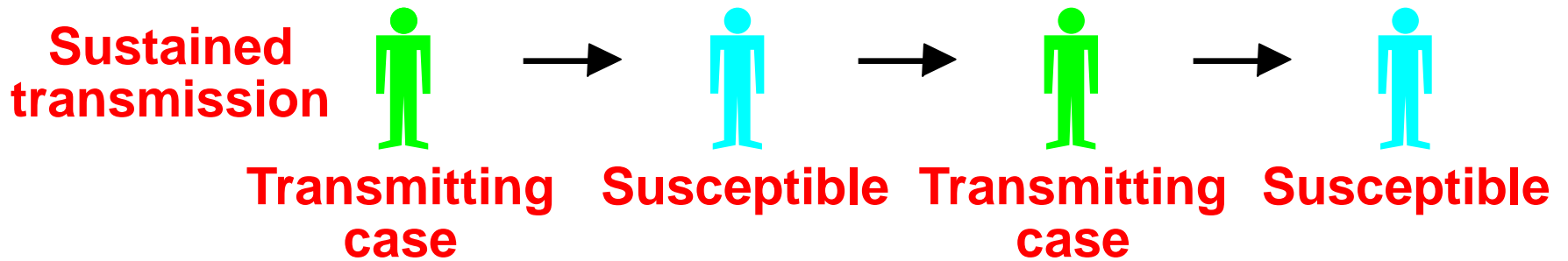
T(1)

T(2)

$R_t < 1$



# Herd Immunity



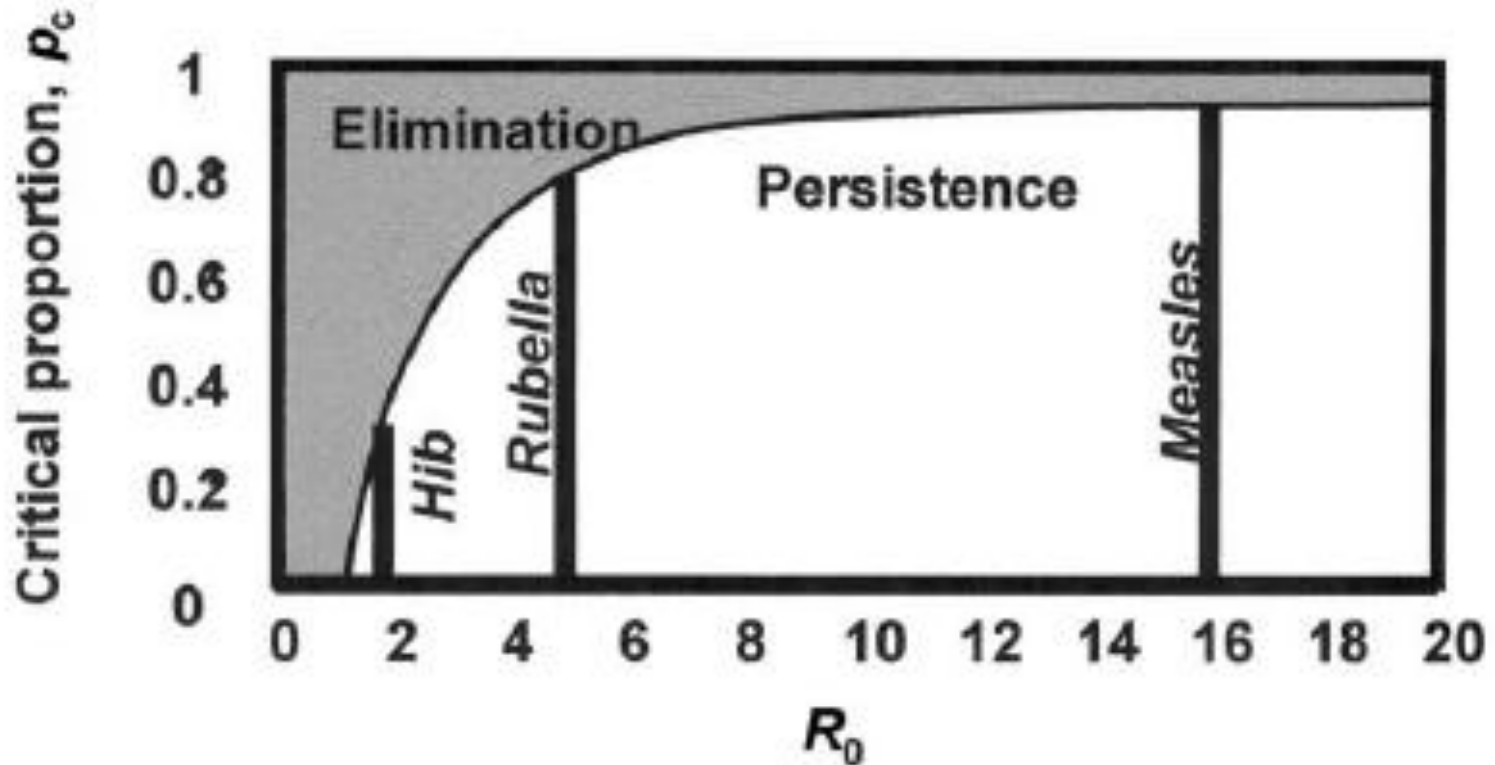


# Herd Immunity Threshold: $p_c$

- The proportion of individuals that need to be vaccinated to control the incidence of infectious disease is called  $p_c$
- $p_c = 1 - (1/R_t)$
- $R_t = R_0 \cdot x$  (vaccination directly decreases  $x$ )
- where  $R_t < 1$  for the elimination of infection)

**NB this value seems to have as many different names as there are authors!**

$p_c$  increases as  $R_0$  increases



# R<sub>0</sub> and herd immunity

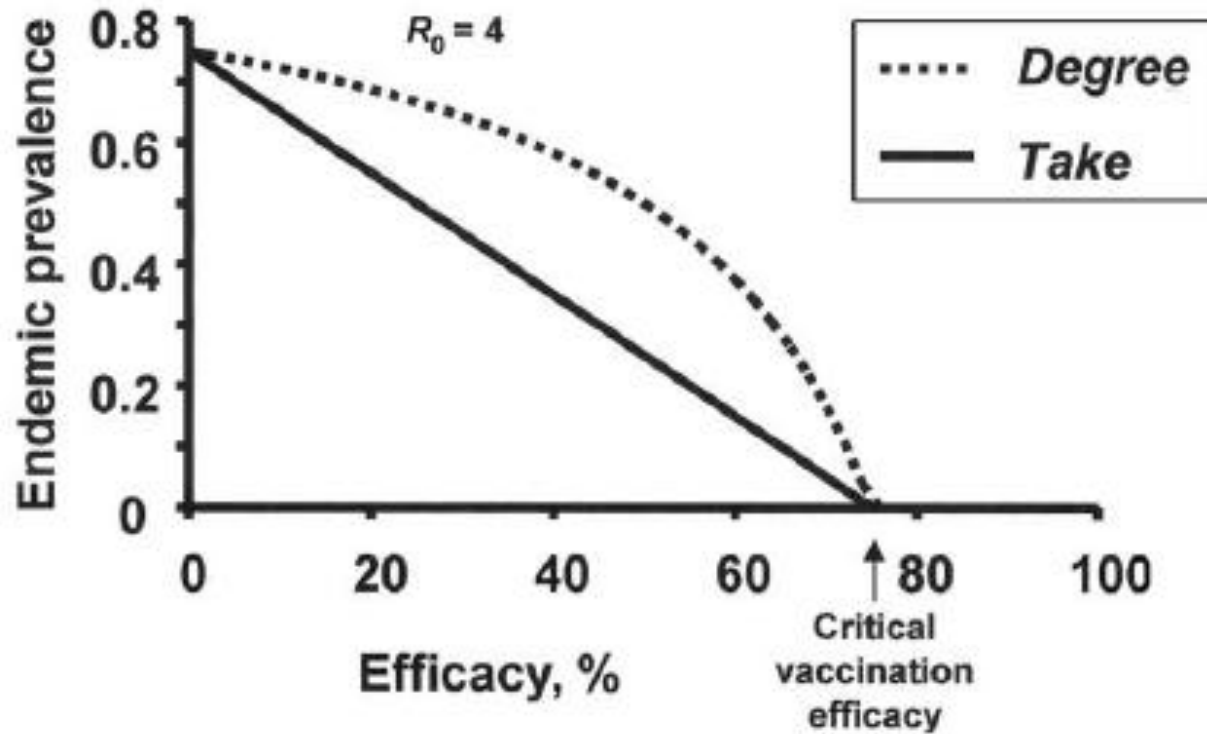
| Disease    | R <sub>0</sub> | Herd Immunity |
|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Diphtheria | 6-7            | 85%*          |
| Measles    | 12-18          | 83-94%        |
| Mumps      | 4-7            | 75-86%        |
| Pertussis  | 12-17          | 92-94%        |
| Polio      | 5-7            | 80-86%        |
| Rubella    | 6-7            | 83-85%        |
| Smallpox   | 5-7            | 80-85%        |

# Vaccine Efficacy

Two theoretical ways in which a vaccine fails

- Failure to **Take** failed sero-conversion/immunogenicity. *Efficacy = fraction fully protected.*
- Failure against infectious challenge (infection) – challenge dose, cofactors, **Degree** – *Efficacy = number of challenges protected from.*
- *This affects  $p_c = \frac{(1 - 1/R_0)}{E}$*

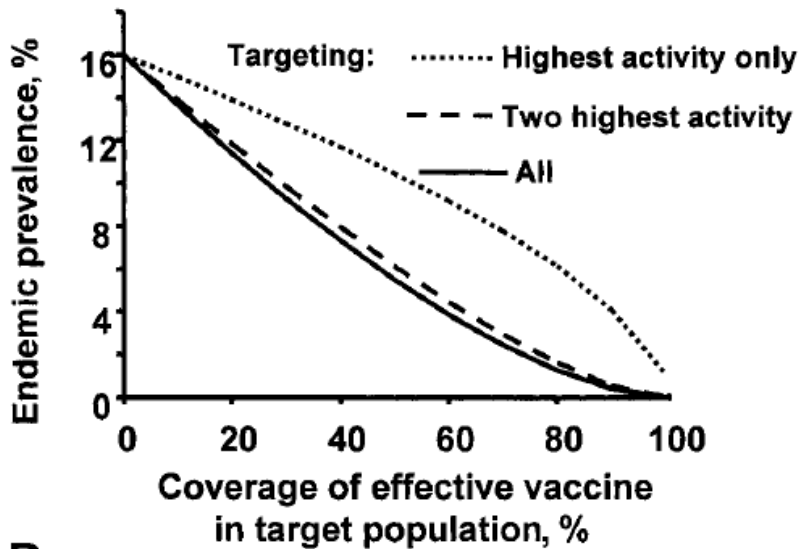
# Modelling the different effects of efficacy



Take is a linear relationship

Degree is a proportional relationship

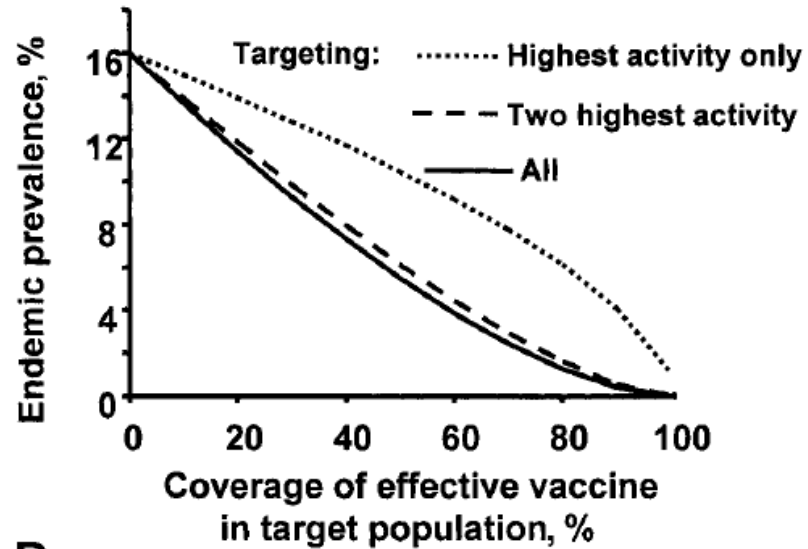
# Targeted Vaccination



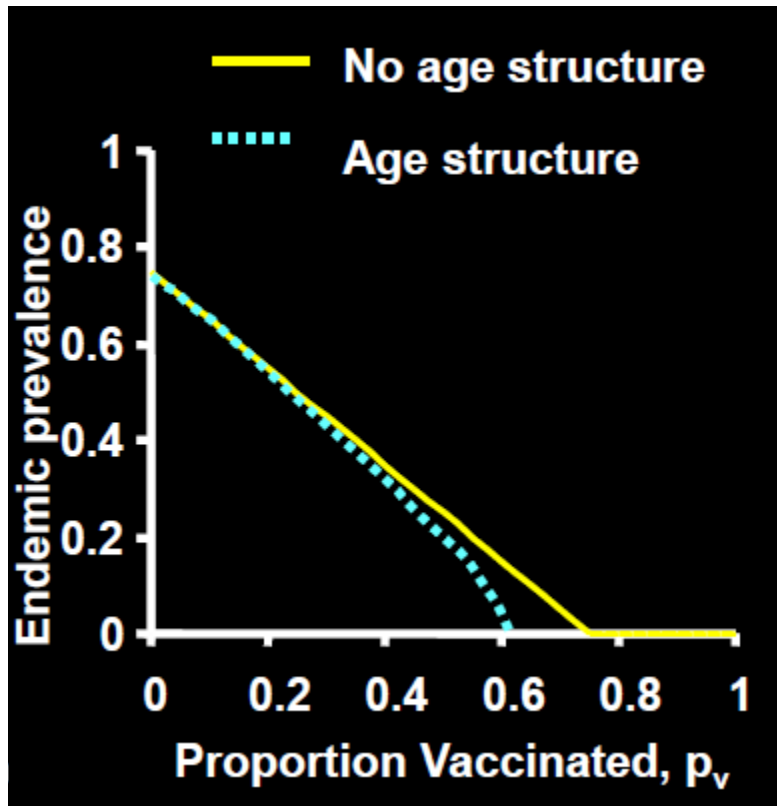
**This assumes the activity groups mix assortatively**

- Risk of spread can vary with behaviour e.g.
  - STI/ partner number, sex
  - RTI/ age
- Therefore some individuals may account for more infections.
- If these are vaccinated, you can get elimination for a lower overall vaccination rate, e.g HPV

# Another way of thinking about it



# Age Structured Models



- Age is a key determinant in many of the factors described above
- The models can be structured to cohort for age
- Applying this can reduce the proportion vaccinated ( $P_v$ ) e.g. HPV (again)

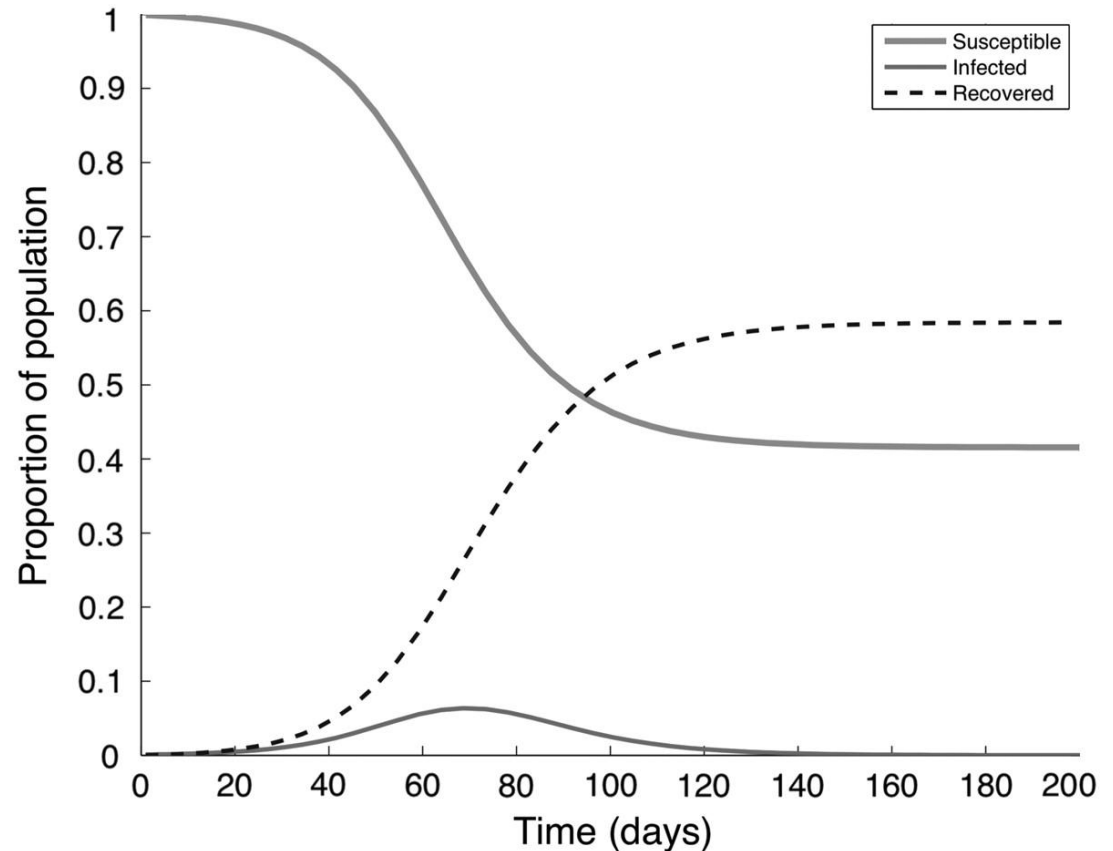
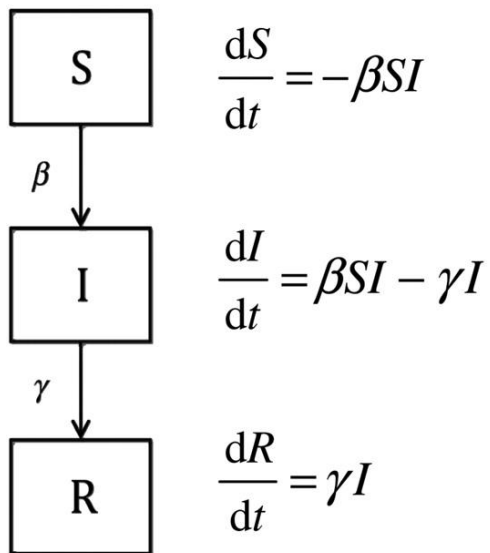


# SIR, SIS and others!



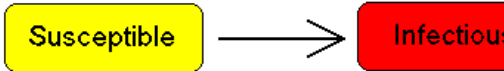
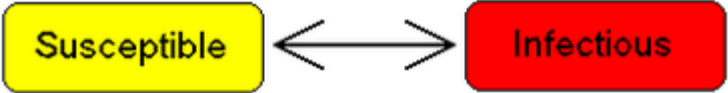
The SIR (susceptible/ infectious/ recovered) model is a good and simple model for many infectious diseases including measles, mumps and rubella.

From left to right: a pictorial representation of the flow of individuals between classes in the SIR model.

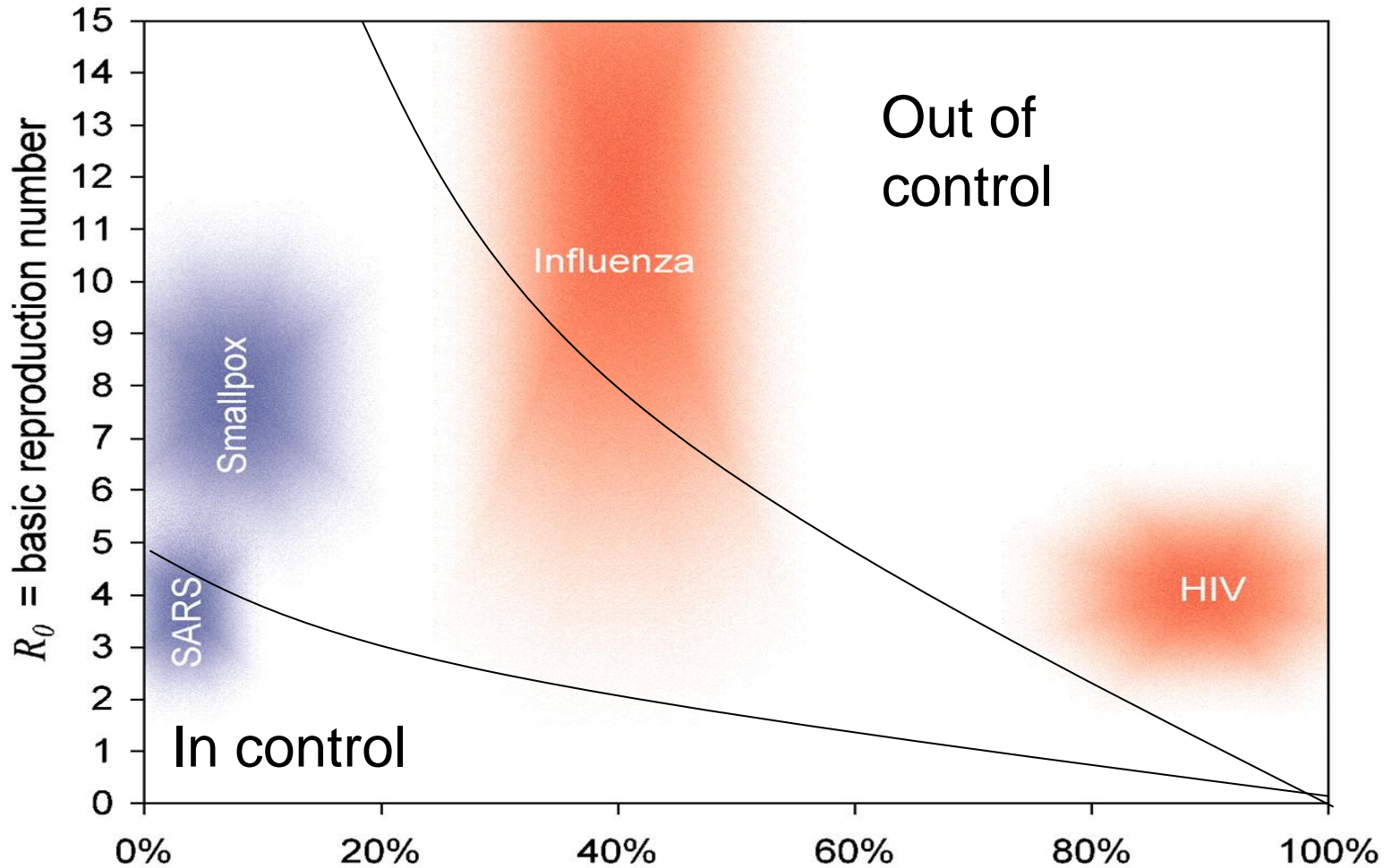
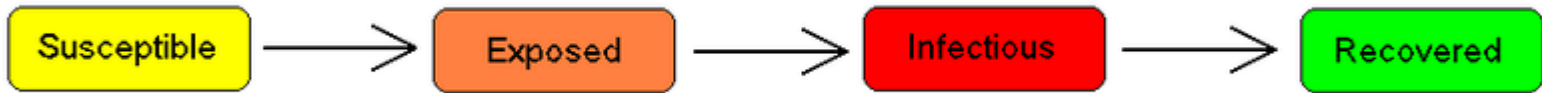


Keeling M J , Danon L Br Med Bull 2009;92:33-42

SIS model: Some infections, for example the group of those responsible for the common cold, do not confer any long lasting immunity. Such infections do not have a recovered state and individuals become susceptible again after infection.



who have had an infectious tuberculosis never recover and continue to carry the bacteria whilst not suffering the symptoms themselves.



$\theta$  = proportion of infections that occur prior to symptoms or by asymptomatic infection.

# So What!

- The application of epidemiological models allows a targeted approach for immunisation e.g. age structure – PCV or HPV
- Targeted approaches increase the coverage for reduced cost
- There are other considerations e.g. Risk severity (mumps/rubella in 80's)

# Conclusions

- By understanding the immune response to infection we can understand how to create vaccines that prevent future infections (lectures on Tuesday)
- By understanding disease transmission patterns we can focus vaccination programs (e.g. Nick Grassly Polio lecture/ Simmon Beddows HPV lecture)