

Asthma

- URT damage or infection
- damage to Bronchi and Bronchiole
- cause chronic inflammation to Airways

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making it narrower and difficult to breathe.
[DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

- People with asthma.

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leads to asthma attack

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usually triggered by something in the environment which cause immune cell to generate inflammation in the lungs which can make them even narrower and life threatening.

⇒ Now,

In Bronchiole →

Trachea

↓
lumen

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Innervating of epithelial cell
lamina propria

[DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

} → Mucosa

Smooth muscle lines

} → Sub-mucosa

In Asthma → there are typically lots of eosinophils just below the epithelium in the lamina propria [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

Eosinophils are WBC → that carry large of granules



full of soluble chemical mediators

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like histamine, Prostaglandin, P. Activating factors

[DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

and

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when these eosinophils sense an environment trigger
like smoking (cigarette smoke)

⇒ They can release their granules 

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These chemical mediators spill out and start
degrading lipid, protein and nucleic acid
(RNA, DNA)

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Destroy all the Major cell components

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This creates a strong inflammatory seen. in the
bronchials and causes 2 changes.

[DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

(A)

Smooth muscle around
the BRONCHIOLE start to spasm which
narrows the airways.

(B)

(1) se Mucus secretions into
those narrow airways
and narrowing them
even more.

(A) and (B) combine → really hard to breathe.

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That's why it is considered as Obstructive
Pulmonary Disease. [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

⇒ Initially these inflammatory changes are completely reversible but over the years Irreversible changes start to take place



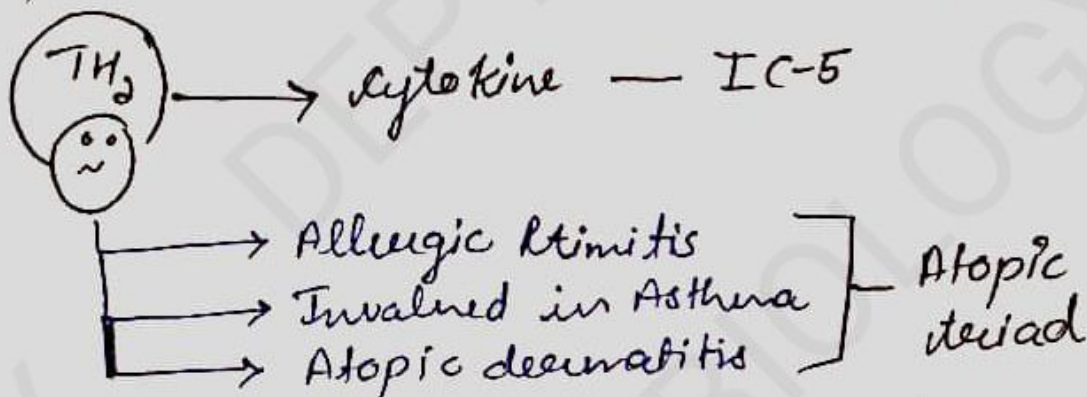
Edema, scarring and fibrosis build up and leading to thickening of the epithelial basement membrane



which permanently reduces the airway diameter.

⇒ Now, why ☺? [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

Type 2 Helper T Cell (TH_2) Immune cell sub types.



• These TH_2 cells release cytokine → to communicate with other cells
[DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

* One cytokine is Interleukin 5 which is a small peptide that attracts and activates eosinophils.

⇒ So, Blocking in Interleukin 5 → relief in → Asthma Patient.

⇒ some patient with Asthma with low level of TH_2 cell



But high level of another class of Immune cell Neutrophils.



Highly Inflamm. Phagocytic cell [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

It gobble up infected or dead cells. [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

How Neutrophils promote Asthma?? - Unknown

But another interleukin - Interleukin 8 released by neutrophils play a key role in the disease.

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Patient of Neutrophils disease tend to have a more severe form of Asthma.

Causes :- unknown [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

It may be caused by combination of Genetic and environmental factors.

due to genetic factors

↳ (childhood Asthma → 12 years) identified

↓
certain genes

Environmental factors

↳ leads to later onset of Asthma.

Hygiene hypothesis → Reduced early immune system exposure to bacteria and viruses

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might actually ↑ the risk of later developing Asthma.

Triggering Substance →

① Air Pollution → Cigarette Smoking
→ Car exhaust.

② Allergens → Dust, Pet dander and Mould.

③ Medication → Aspirin / Beta Blockers] also triggers symptoms.

Symptoms :-

- coughing [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]
- wheezing sound

- Feeling of Chest Tightness
- Dyspnea
- In sputum → Curschmann spirals

This is very dangerous because mucus stop both air and Medication ← elongated mucous casts (seen in people with Bronchial Asthma)

Asthma can be classified According to frequency of symptoms. [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]



- * FEV1 → forced expiratory Vol. in 1 sec.
 - * PEF → Peak expiratory flow Rate
 - * Freq. of Medication used.
- Measure amount of obstruction in airways.

Types →



Treatment → No cure [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

we try to manage its symptoms and AVOID of Asthma attack.

① People with Asthma avoid contact with triggers substances

- By
- vacuuming
 - sweeping carpet and rugs.
 - changing the environmental condition. [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

② Medications →

- ① Bronchodilators
- ② Anticholinergics

- ① Bronchodilators — Like short acting beta adrenoceptor agonists
- ② Anticholinergics — This cause smooth muscle to relax (lungs) [DEPTH OF BIOLOGY]

In severe cases

- Daily corticosteroids
- Long acting β -adrenoceptor agonists:
- Leukotriene antagonists.

Very severe cases —

- Intravenous corticosteroid $MgSO_4$ and
- Oxygen therapy might be needed.