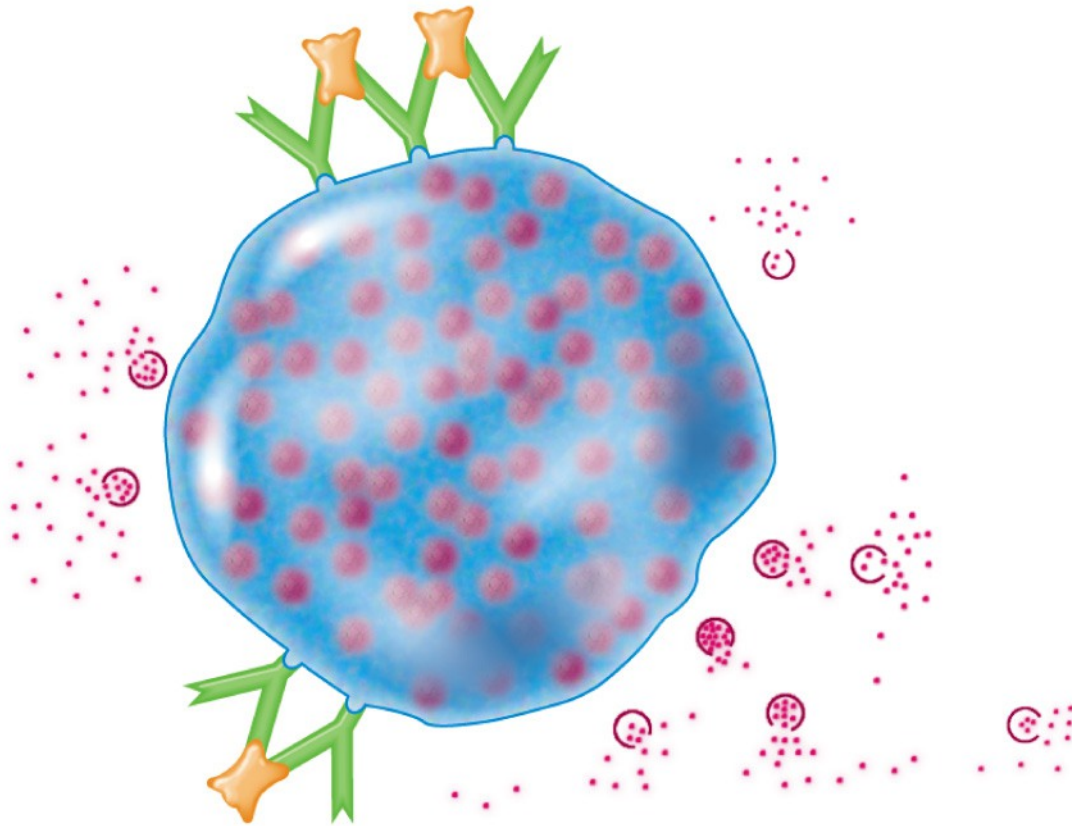


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# Hypersensitivity



# Four Different Types of Hypersensitivity

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- Hypersensitivity reactions are exaggerated or inappropriate immunologic responses occurring in response to an antigen or allergen.
  - Type I, II and III hypersensitivity reactions are known as immediate hypersensitivity reactions because they occur within 24 hours of exposure to the antigen or allergen. /// These are associated with antibodies
  - *Type IV hypersensitivity is a T cell response and is delayed*
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# Four Different Types of Hypersensitivity

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Four kinds of hypersensitivity based on the type of immunity (antibodies or T cells) and response to antigen

**Type I** acute (immediate) hypersensitivity /// very rapid response

**Type II** - sub-acute /// slower onset (1 – 3 hours after exposure /// last longer – 10 to 15 hrs)

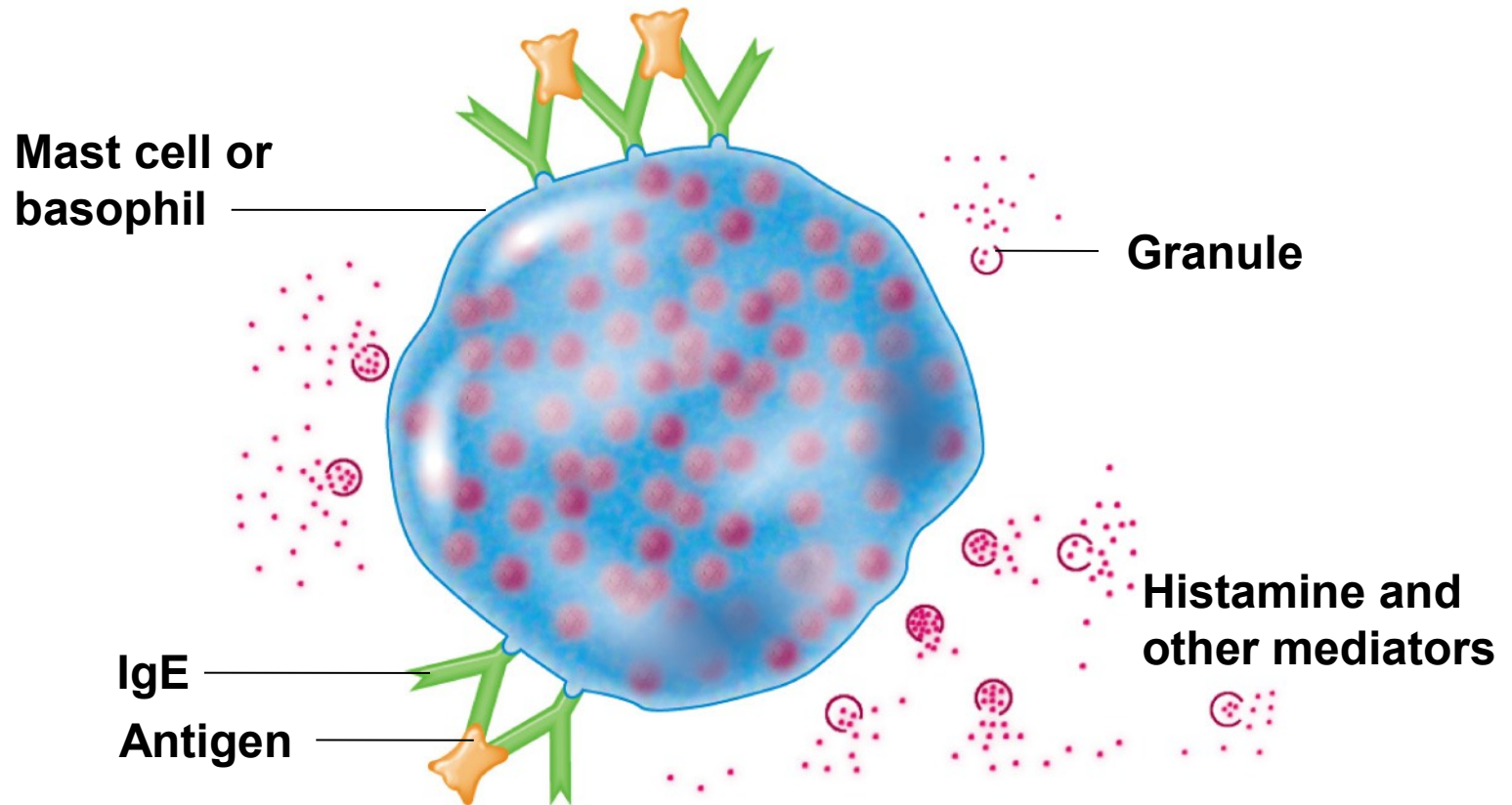
**Type III** - sub-acute /// slower onset (1 – 3 hours after exposure /// last longer – 10 to 15 hrs)

**Type IV** - delayed /// Cell mediated response

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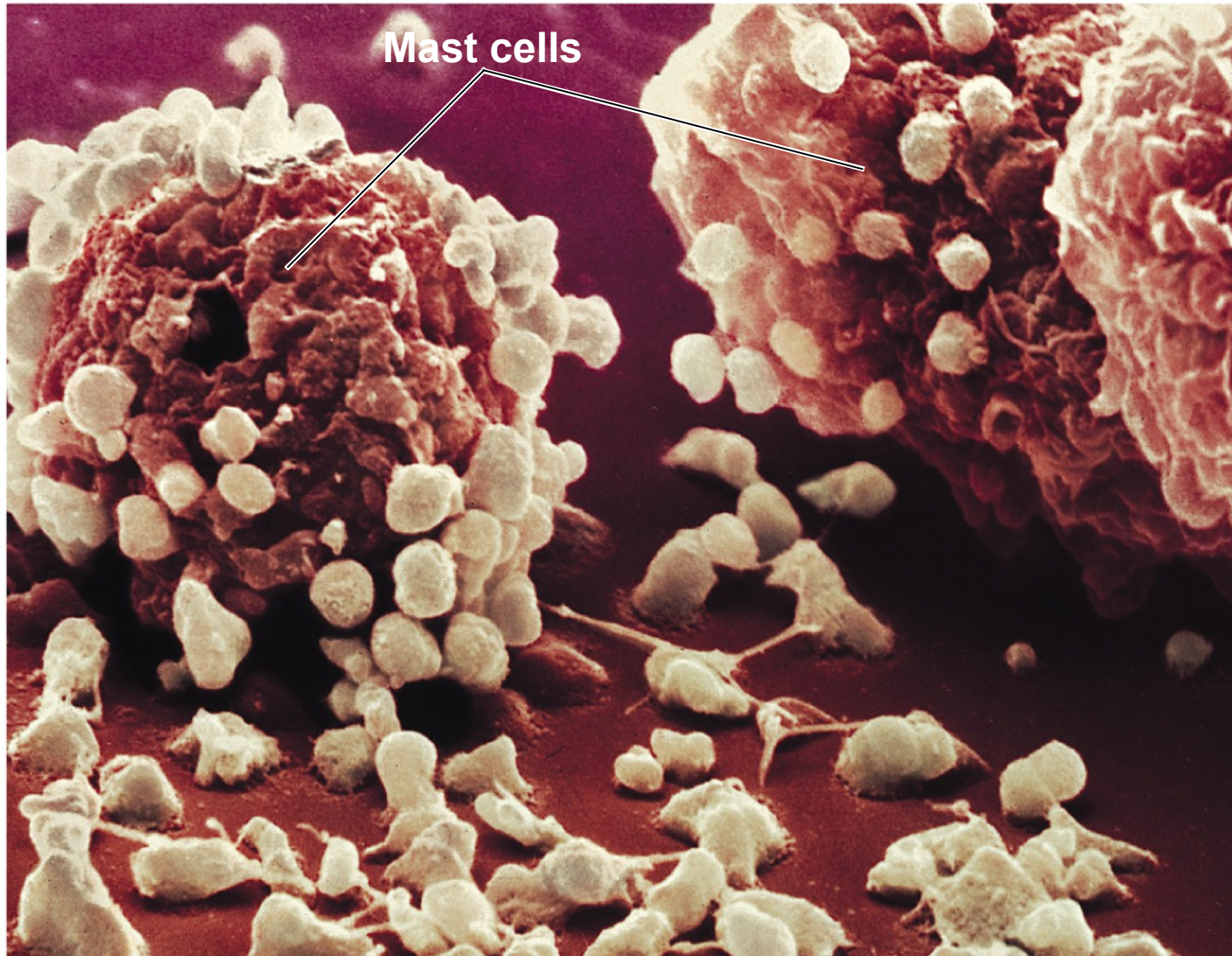
*Note: Types I, II, and III are antibody mediated responses*

# The Mechanism of Anaphylaxis



- (a)** IgE antibodies, produced in response to an antigen, coat mast cells and basophils. When an antigen bridges the gap between two adjacent antibody molecules of the same specificity, the cell undergoes degranulation and releases histamine and other mediators.

## The mechanism of anaphylaxis.



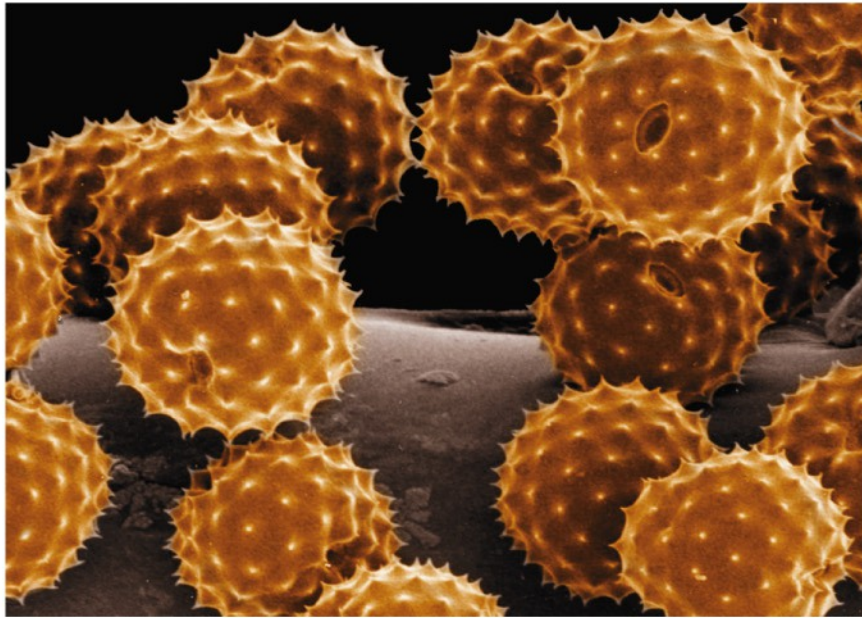
SEM

10  $\mu$ m

**A degranulated mast cell that has reacted with an antigen and released granules of histamine and other reactive mediators**



# Localized Anaphylaxis



SEM

40  $\mu\text{m}$

**(a)** A micrograph of pollen grains

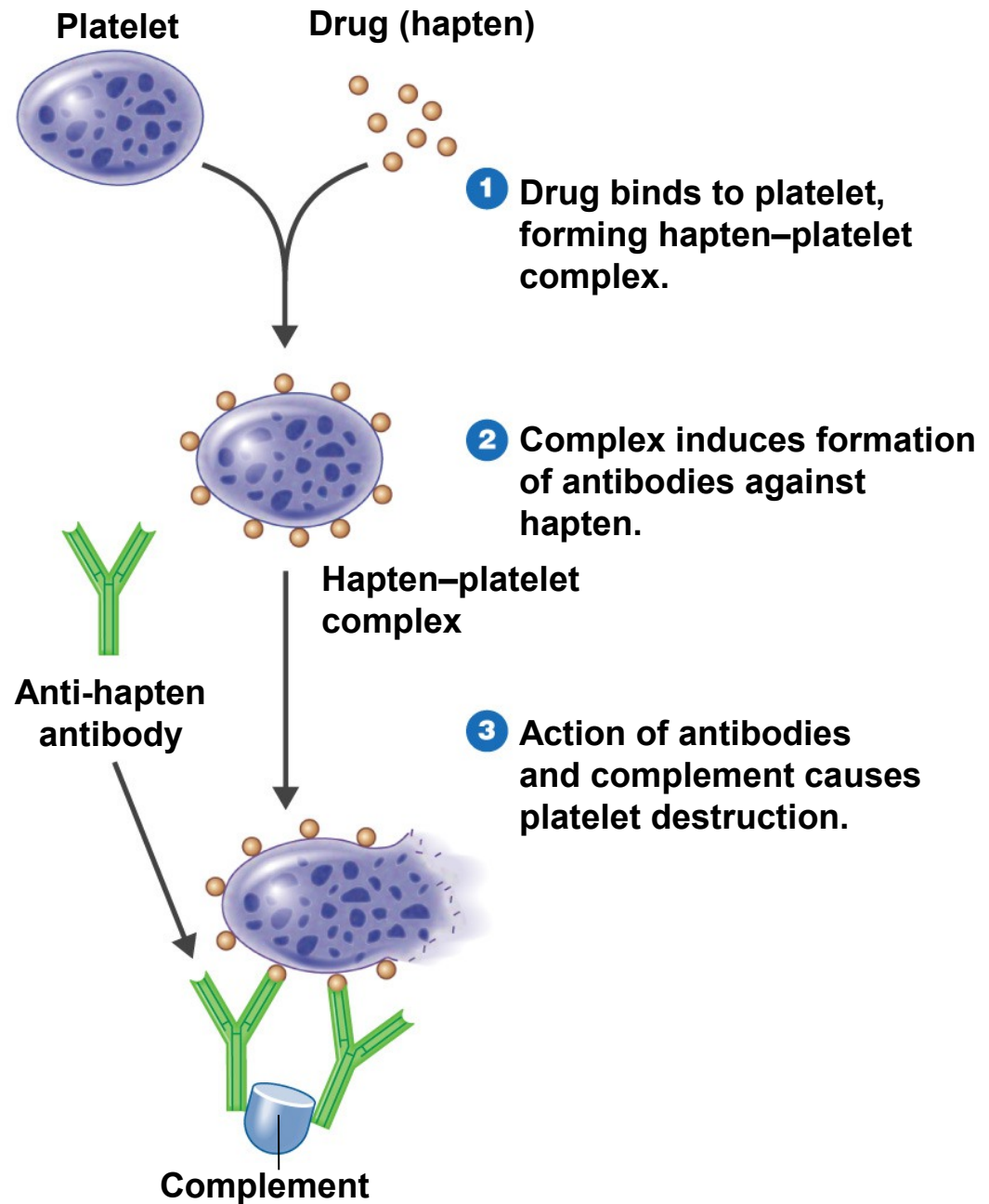


SEM

55  $\mu\text{m}$

**(b)** A micrograph of a house mite on fabric

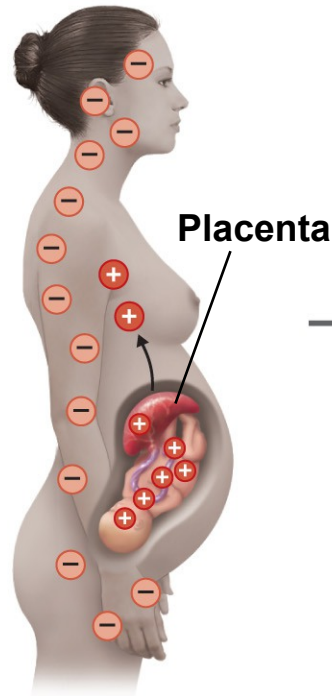
## Drug-induced thrombocytopenic purpura.



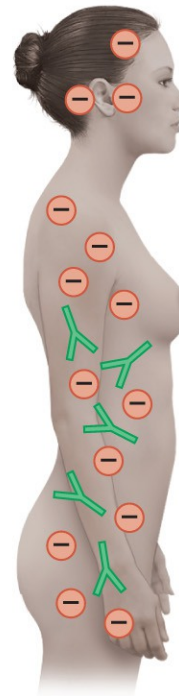
## Hemolytic disease of the newborn.



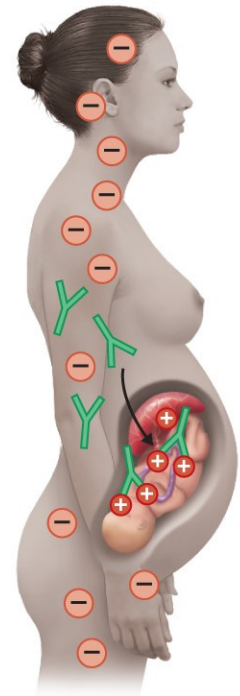
**1** Rh<sup>+</sup> father.



**2** Rh<sup>-</sup> mother carrying her first Rh<sup>+</sup> fetus. Rh antigens from the developing fetus can enter the mother's blood during delivery.



**3** In response to the fetal Rh antigens, the mother will produce anti-Rh antibodies.



**4** If the woman becomes pregnant with another Rh<sup>+</sup> fetus, her anti-Rh antibodies will cross the placenta and damage fetal red blood cells.



## Immune complex-mediated hypersensitivity.

Basement  
membrane of  
blood vessel

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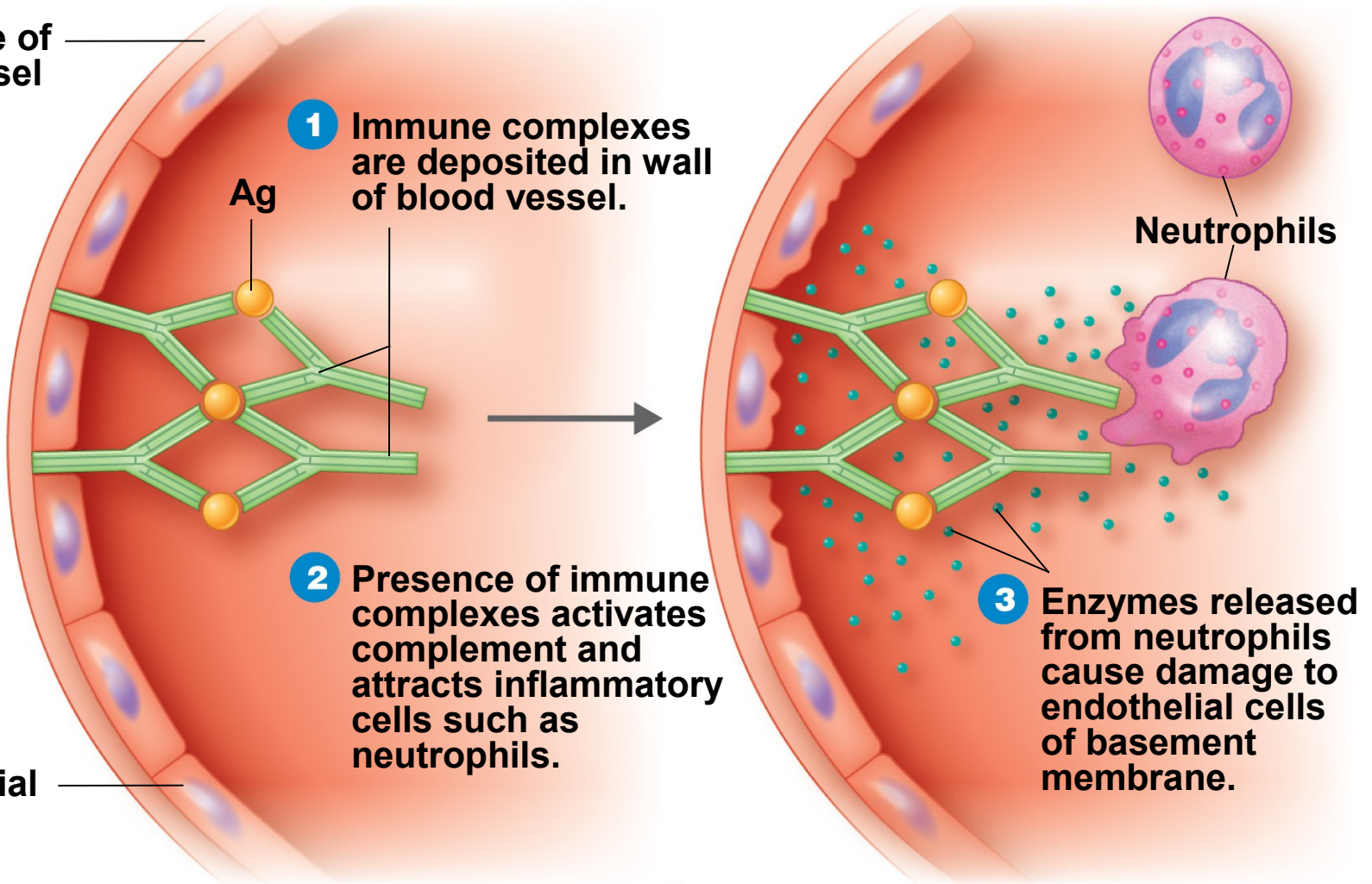
**1** Immune complexes  
are deposited in wall  
of blood vessel.

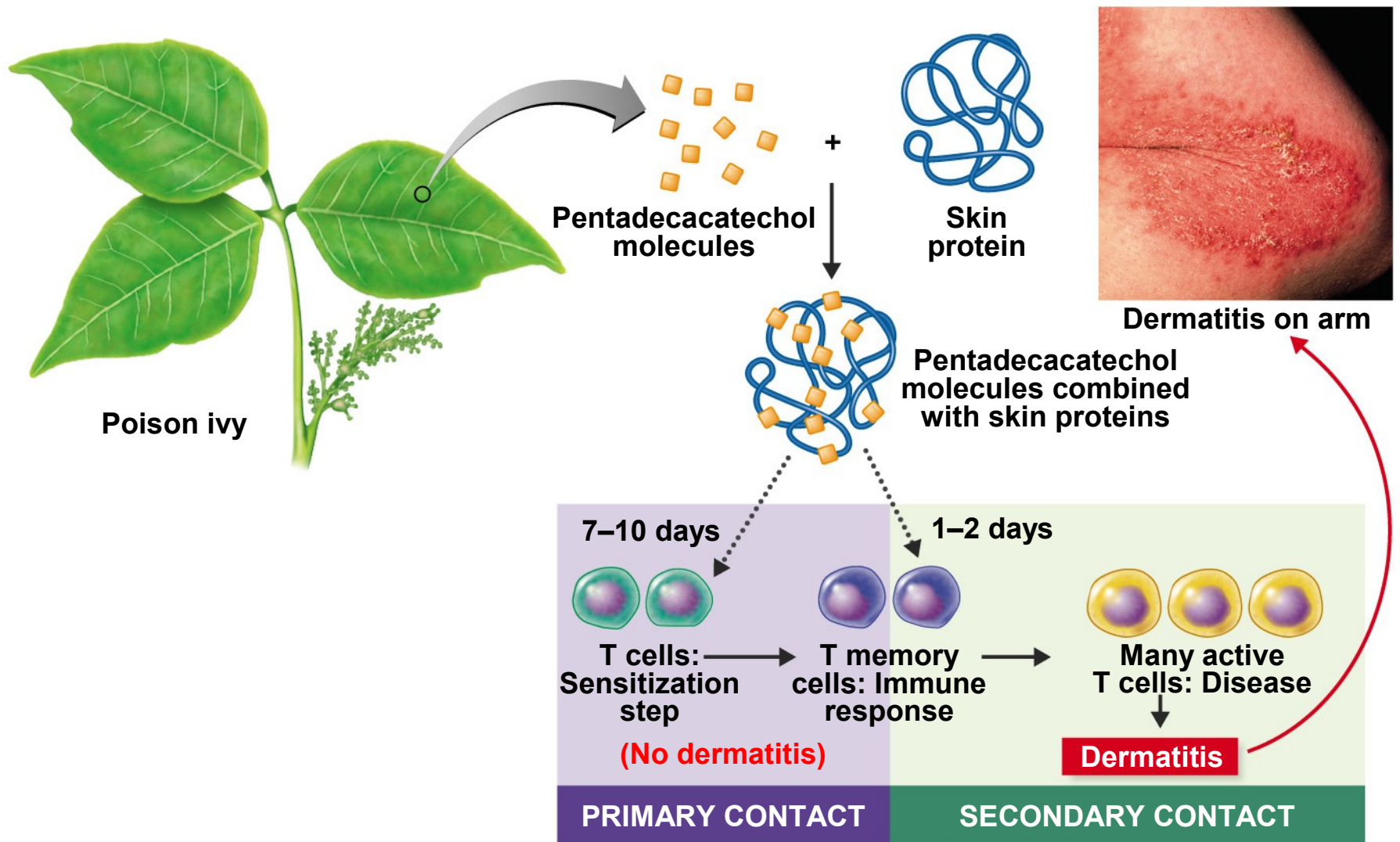
**2** Presence of immune  
complexes activates  
complement and  
attracts inflammatory  
cells such as  
neutrophils.

Endothelial  
cell

Neutrophils

**3** Enzymes released  
from neutrophils  
cause damage to  
endothelial cells of  
basement  
membrane.





**The development of an allergy (allergic contact dermatitis) to catechols from the poison ivy plant.**



**Allergic contact dermatitis.**

