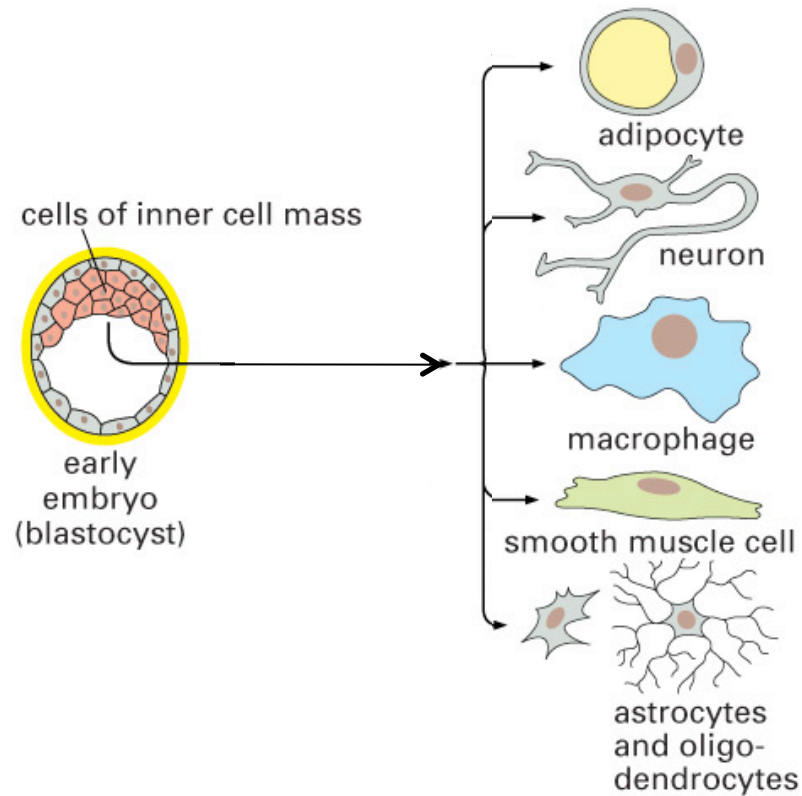


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Gene Regulation and  
Cell Differentiation  
(and stem cells and cancer)

# Cell Differentiation



terminally  
differentiated  
cells

some need to be  
replenished often

- blood cells
- surface epidermal cells
- intestinal lining cells

Differentiated cells are continuously Supplied by a **stem cell** population

- No limit to number of cell divisions
- One daughter is always a stem cell
- Other daughter begins process of differentiation into precursor cell

Precursor cells can divide a limited number of times

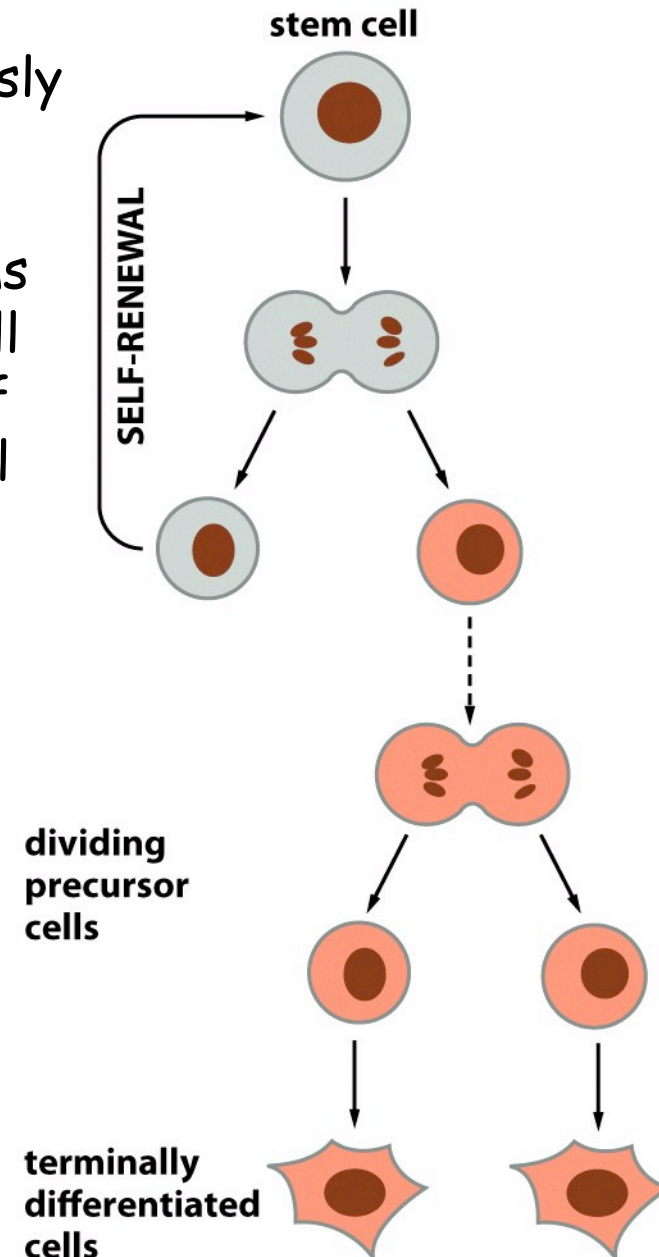


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# Hemopoiesis

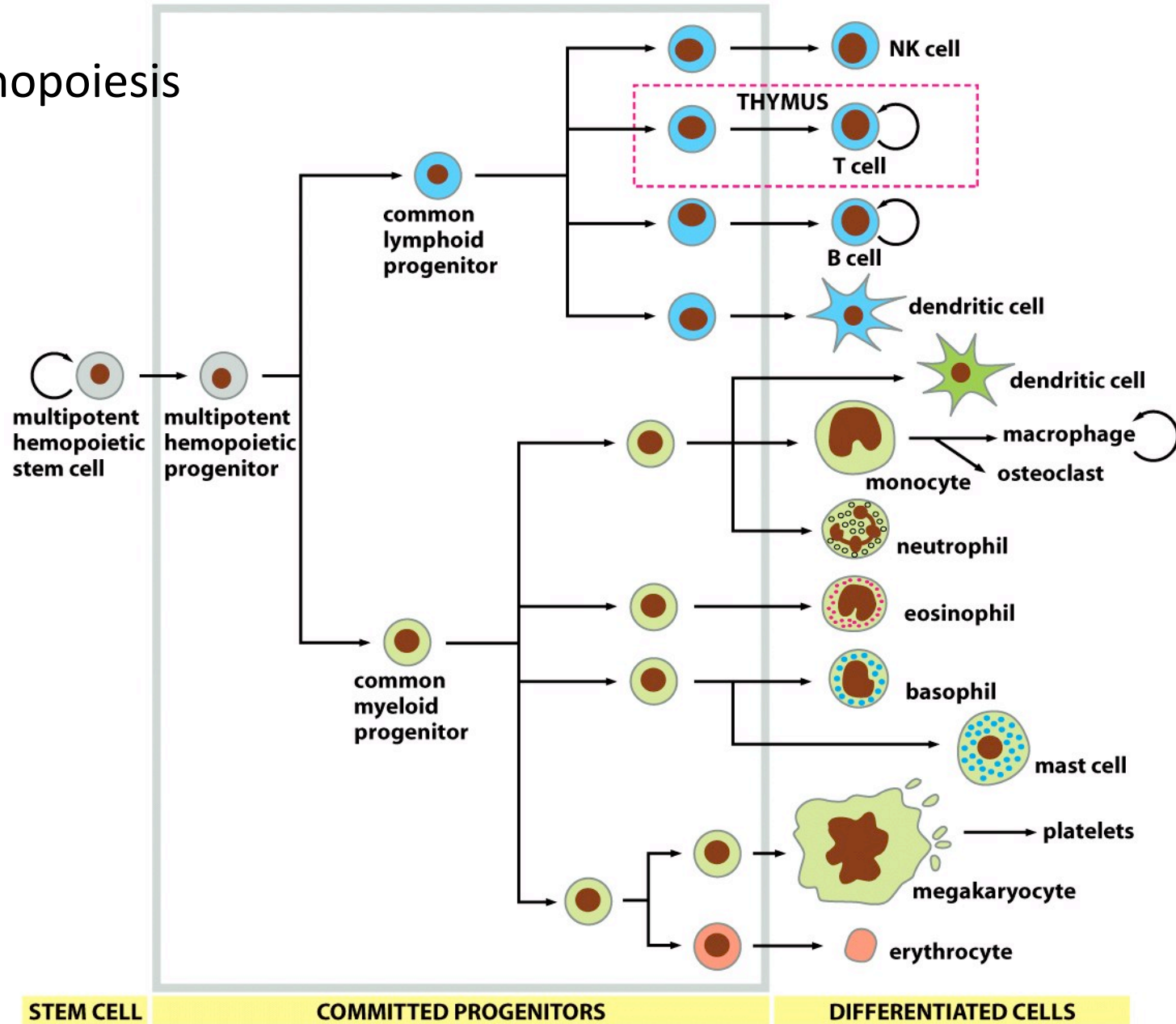
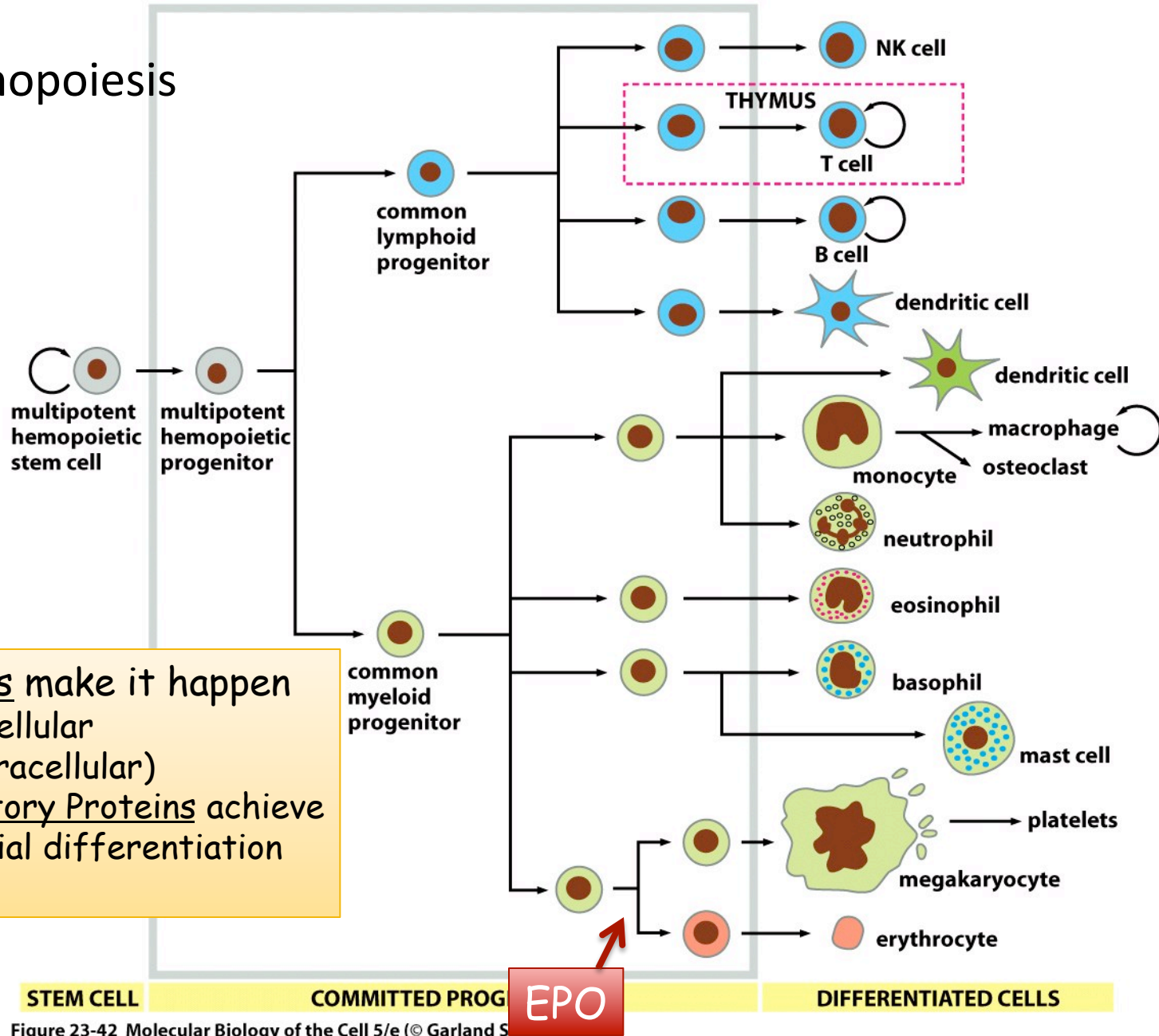


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## Hematopoietic cell lineage

- [http://www.genome.jp/dbget-bin/show\\_pathway?hsa04640+2056](http://www.genome.jp/dbget-bin/show_pathway?hsa04640+2056)

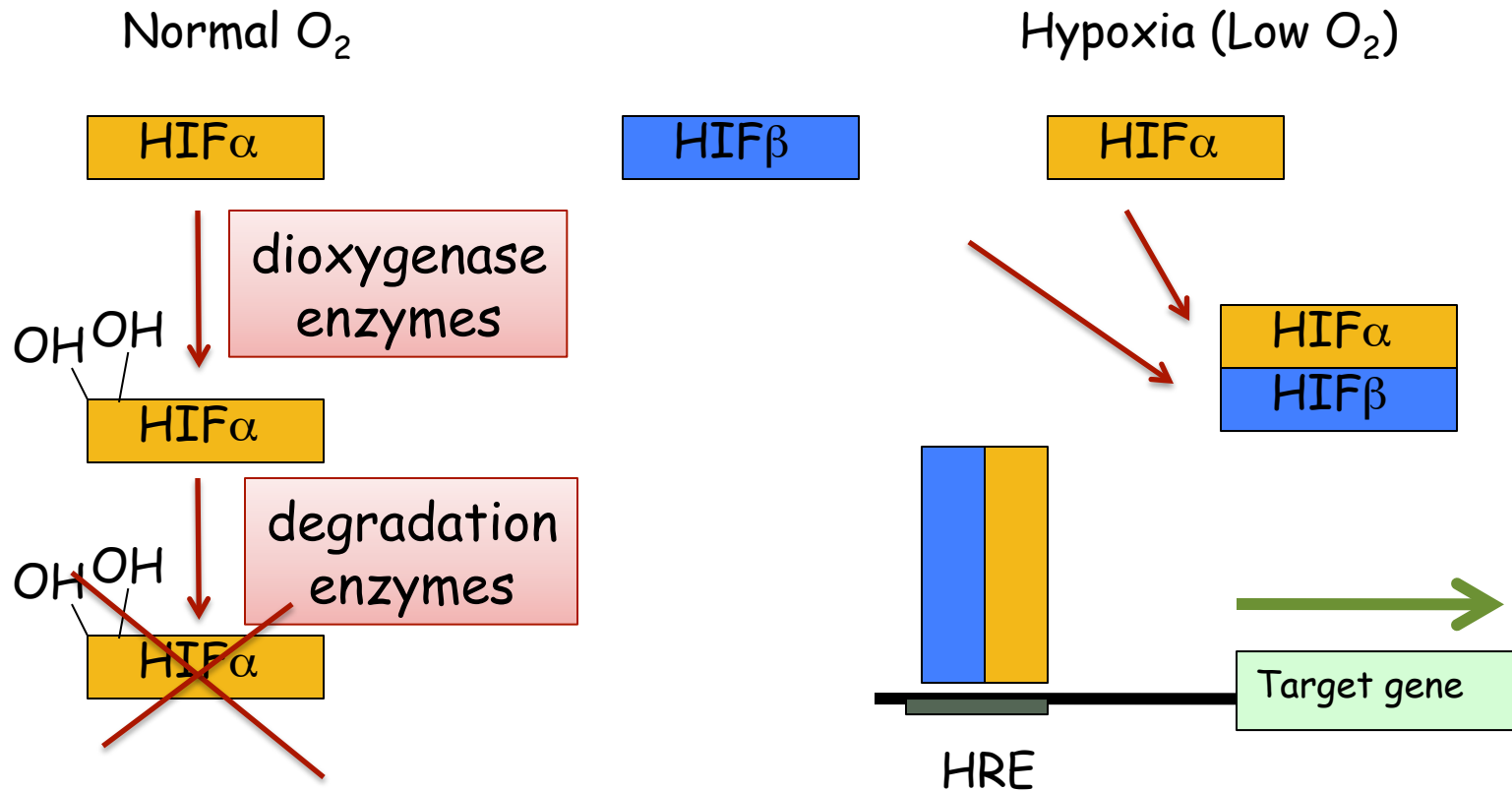
# Hemopoiesis



• Signals make it happen (inter-cellular and extracellular)  
 • Regulatory Proteins achieve sequential differentiation

STEM CELL      COMMITTED PROG      **EPO**      DIFFERENTIATED CELLS  
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- drop in  $O_2$  levels in any tissue (ex. high altitude) = hypoxia
- → activation of HIF1 Transcription Regulator
  - (hypoxia-inducible factor 1)
  - HIF1 =  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits, both transcribed and translated “constitutively”
  - HIF $\beta$  is constitutively active but HIF $\alpha$  is regulated by  $O_2$  levels in tissues



# HIF1 Target Genes (only those that are known)

Function	Gene (abbreviation)	Reference
Erythropoiesis/ iron metabolism	Erythropoietin (EPO)	Semenza et al., 1991
	Transferrin (Tf)	Rolfs et al., 1997
	Transferrin receptor (Tfr)	Bianchi et al., 1999
	Ceruloplasmin	Lok and Ponka, 1999
Angiogenesis	Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)	Levy et al., 1995
	Endocrine-gland-derived VEGF (EG-VEGF)	LeCouter et al., 2001
	Leptin (LEP)	Grosfeld et al., 2002
Vascular tone	Transforming growth factor- $\beta$ 3 (TGF- $\beta$ 3)	Scheid et al., 2002
	Nitric oxide synthase (NOS2)	Melillo et al., 1995
	Heme oxygenase 1	Lee et al., 1997
Matrix metabolism	Endothelin 1 (ET1)	Hu et al., 1998
	Adrenomedullin (ADM)	Nguyen and Claycomb, 1999
	$\alpha$ <sub>1B</sub> -Adrenergic receptor	Eckhart et al., 1997
Glucose metabolism	Matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs)	Ben-Yosef et al., 2002
	Plasminogen activator receptors and inhibitors (PAIs)	Kietzmann et al., 1999
Glucose metabolism	Collagen prolyl hydroxylase	Takahashi et al., 2000
	Adenylate kinase-3	O'Rourke et al., 1996
	Aldolase-A,C (ALDA,C)	Semenza et al., 1996
	Carbonic anhydrase-9	Wykoff et al., 2000
	Enolase-1 (ENO1)	Semenza et al., 1996
	Glucose transporter-1,3 (GLU1,3)	Chen et al., 2001
	Glyceraldehyde phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH)	Graven et al., 1999
Hexokinase 1,2 (HK1,2)	Mathupala et al., 2001	

RBC production

Cell proliferation/survival	Lactate dehydrogenase-A (LDHA)	Semenza et al., 1996
	Pyruvate kinase M (PKM)	Semenza et al., 1996
	Phosphofructokinase L (PFKL)	Semenza et al., 1996
	Phosphoglycerate kinase 1 (PGK1)	Semenza et al., 1996
Apoptosis	6-phosphofructo-2-kinase/gructose-2,6-bisphosphate-3 (PFKFB3)	Minchenko et al., 2003
	Insulin-like growth factor-2 (IGF2)	Feldser et al., 2003
	Transforming growth factor- $\alpha$ (TGF- $\alpha$ )	Krishnan et al., 2003
Apoptosis	Adrenomedullin (ADM)	Cormier et al., 1998
	Bcl-2/adenovirus E1B 19kD-interacting protein 3 (BNip3)	Carrero et al., 2003
	Nip3-like protein X (NIX)	Bruick et al., 2003

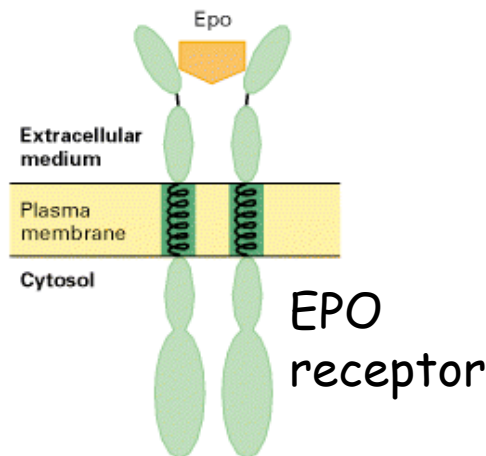
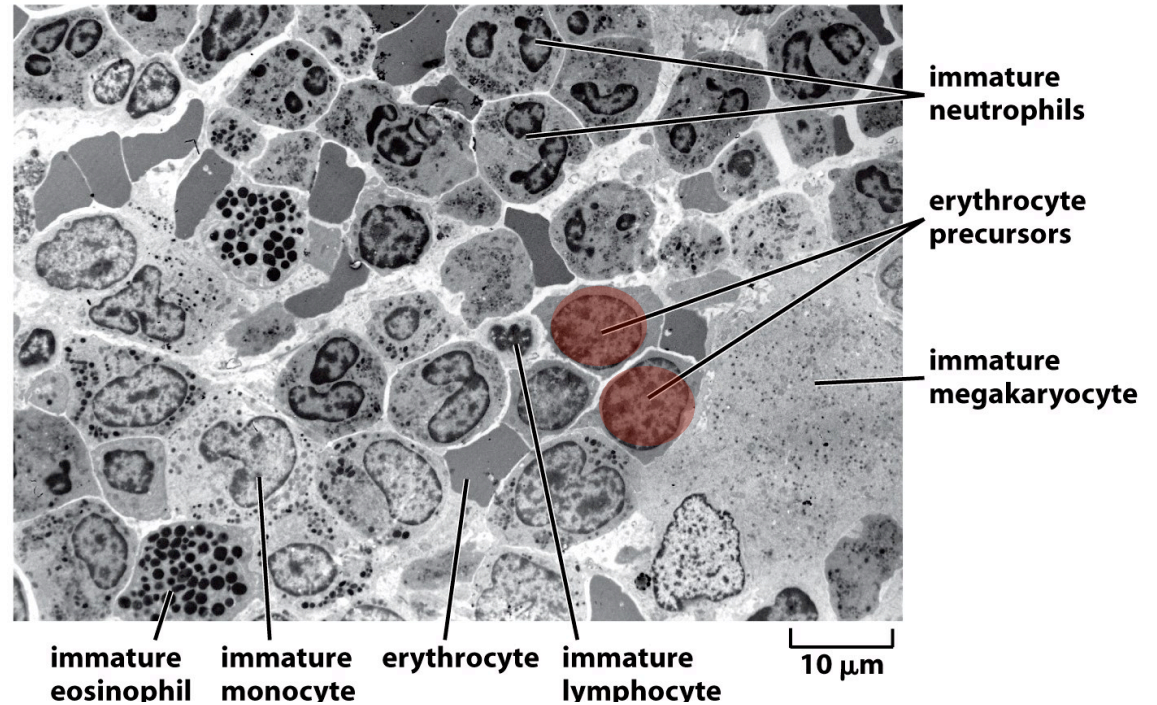
Increase glycolysis (O<sub>2</sub>-independent energy production)



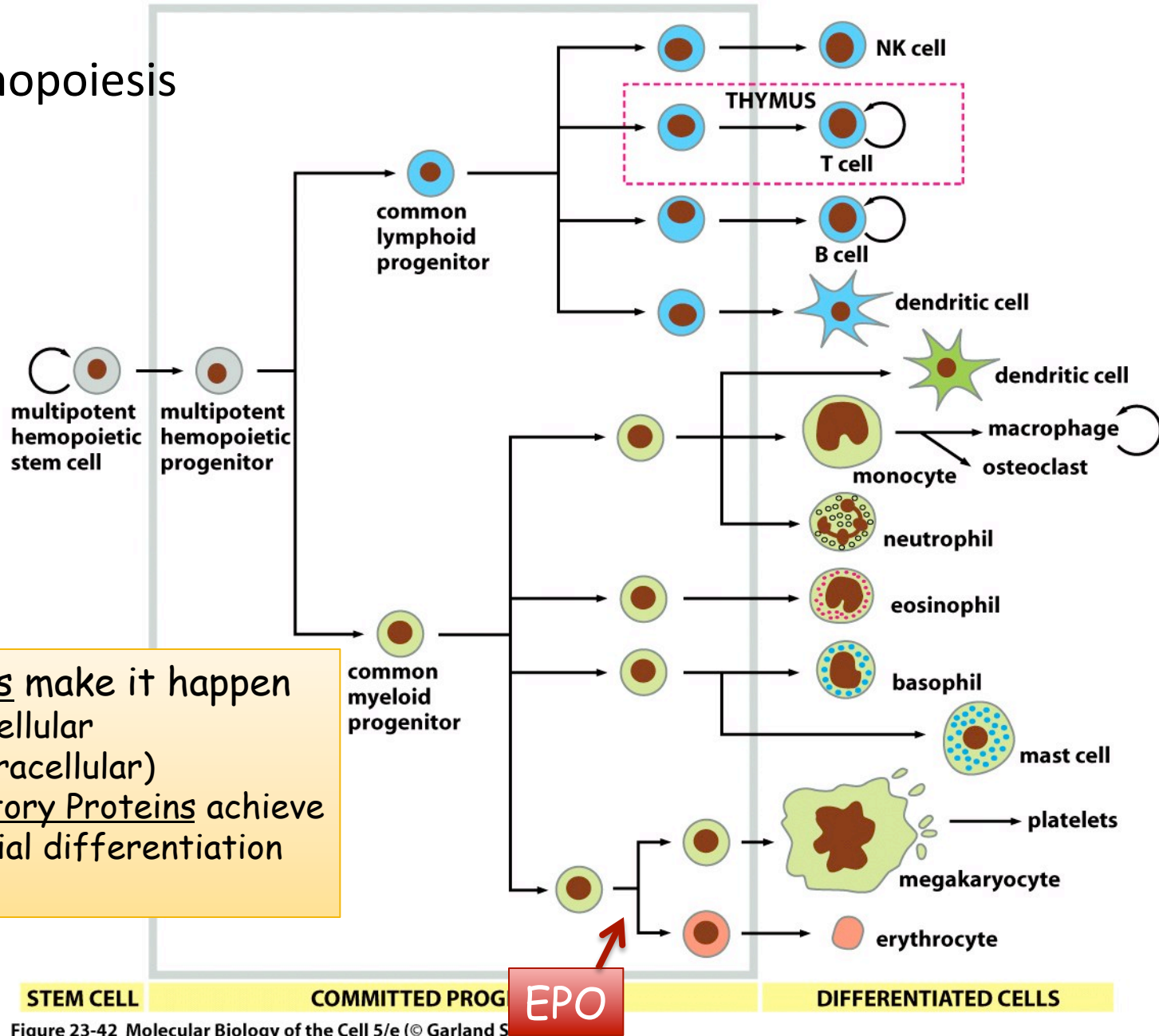
- EPO (erythropoietin) gene is now transcribed under influence of HIF1
  - 165 a.a. protein hormone that travels through blood stream

in bone marrow some cells have EPO Receptor Protein on their cell surface allowing them to be stimulated by EPO...  
erythropoiesis yields new RBCs within ~ 4 days

(what genes are activated?)



# Hemopoiesis

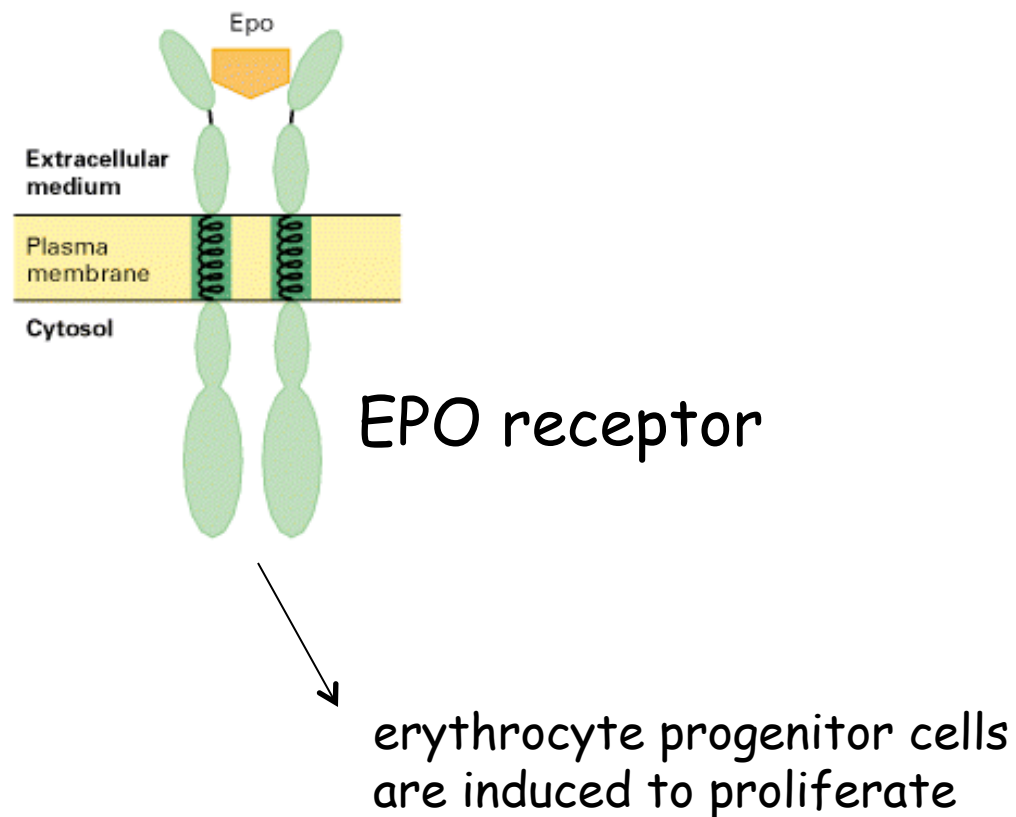


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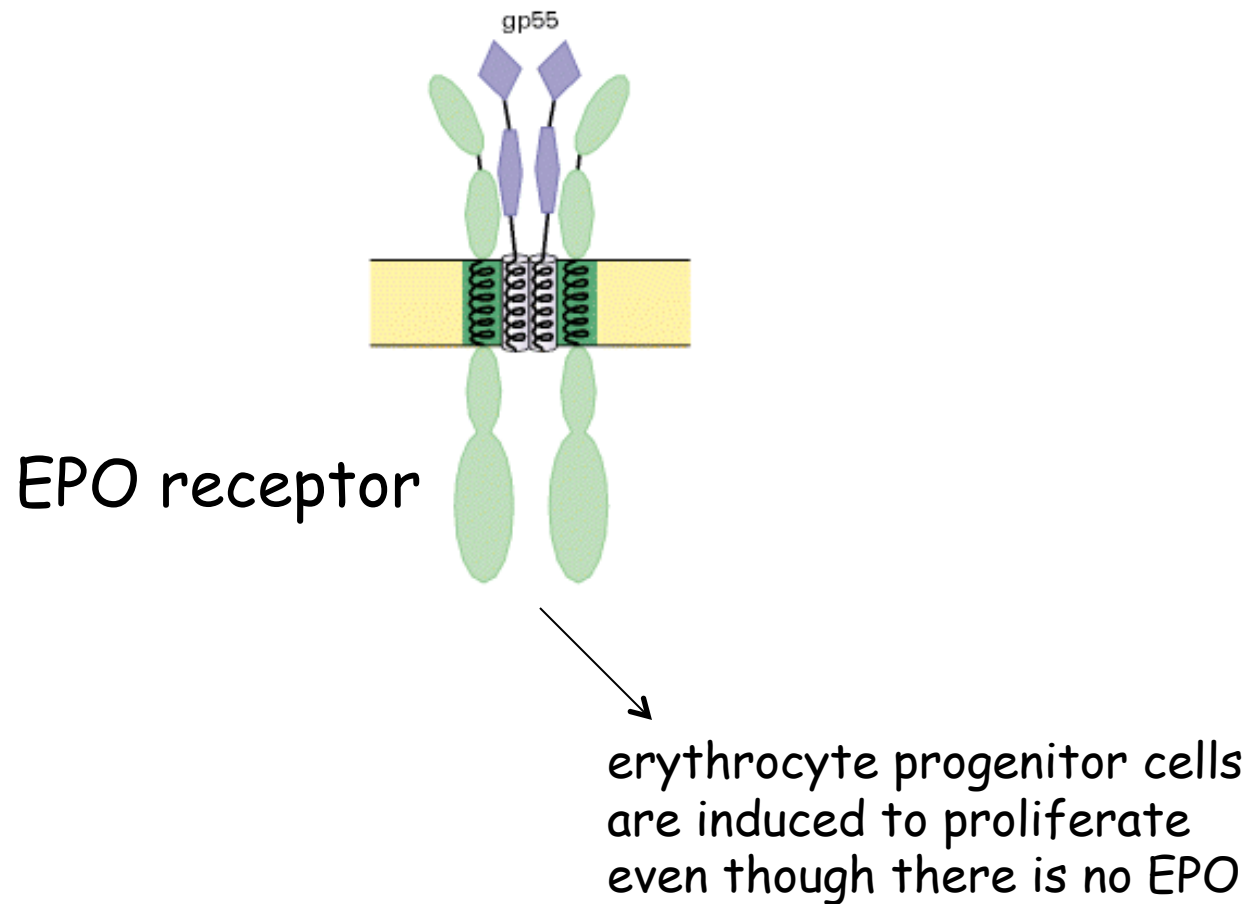
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EPO hormone is recognized and bound by a cell-surface receptor protein (EPO receptor)



SFFV (spleen focus-forming virus)  
hijacks the system:  
viral gp55 envelope protein tricks EPO receptor



Misbehaving cells: cancer  
(when normal controls are  
absent or ignored)

# misbehaving cells: cancer

- 1) uncontrolled proliferation
- 2) invasion of other territories

benign tumor = (1) alone

malignant tumor = (1) + (2)

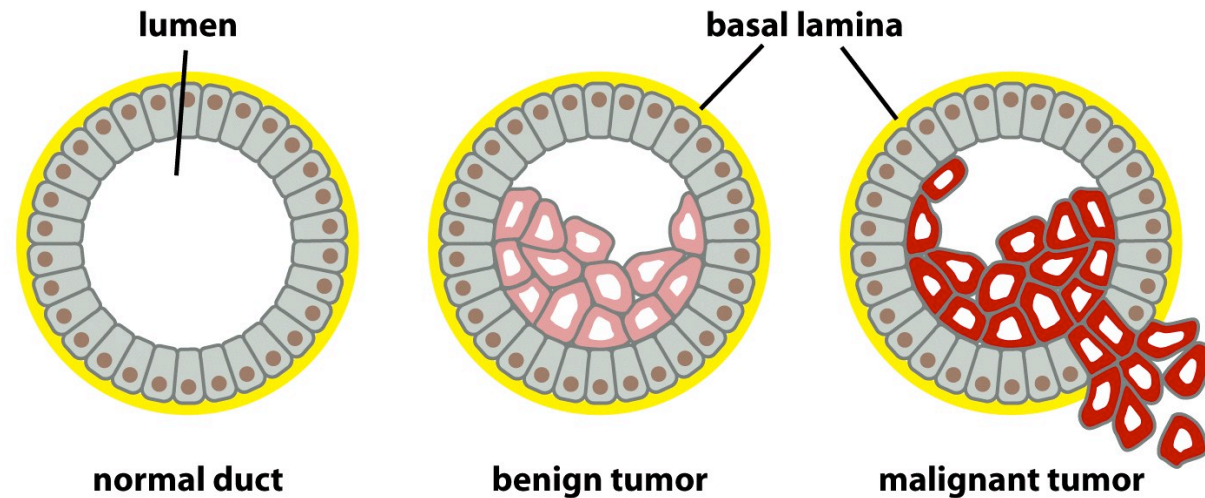


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cancer = genetic disease

- 1) consequence of mutations
- 2) somatic cells

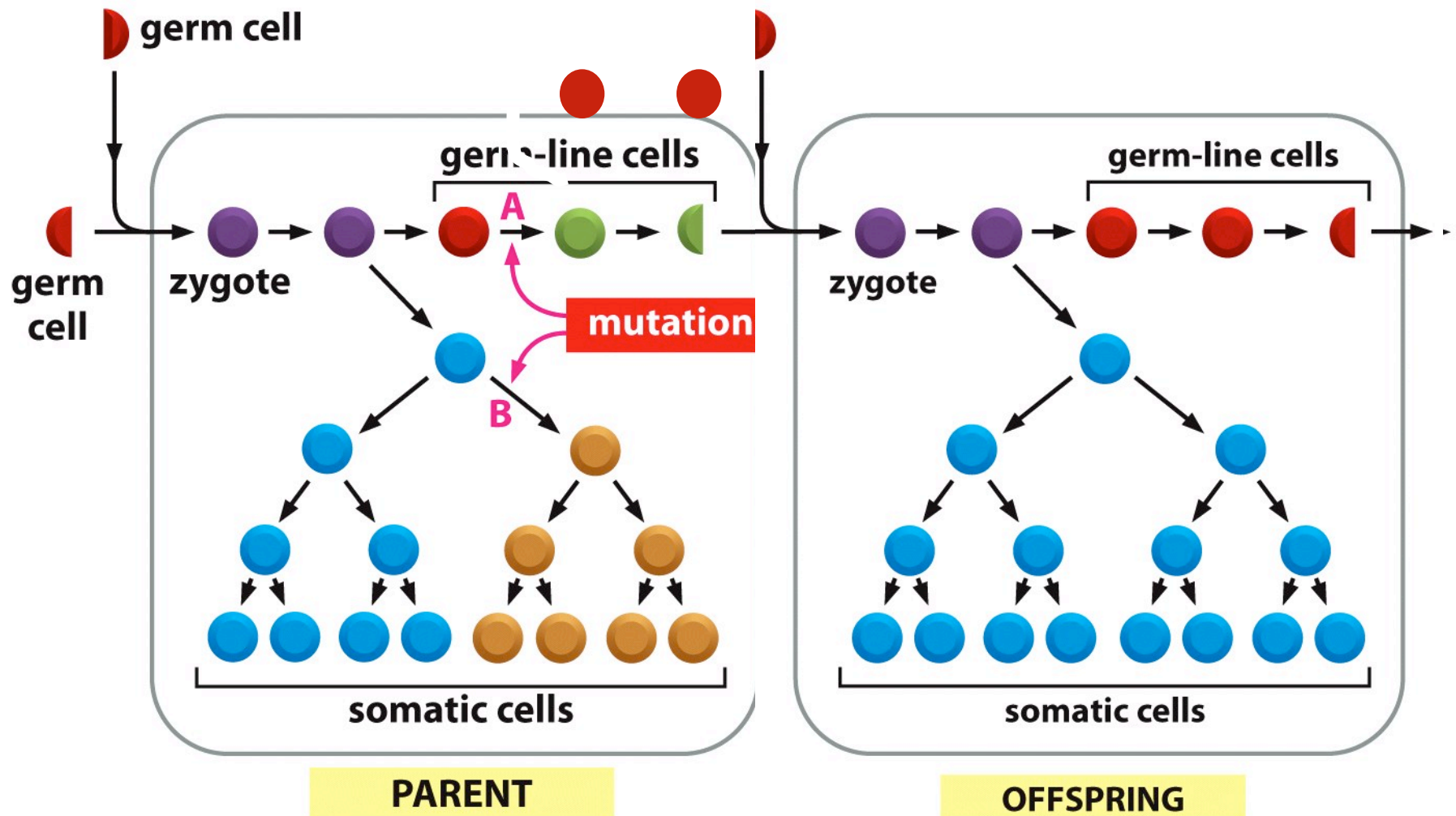
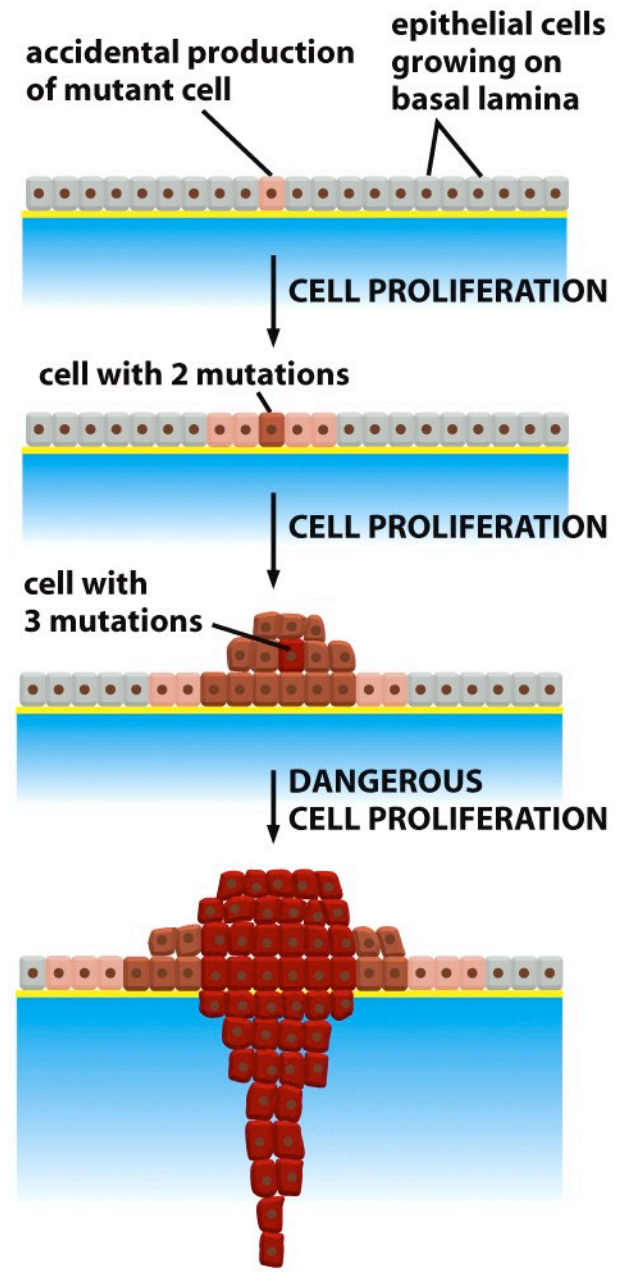


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cancer = genetic disease

- 1) consequence of mutations
- 2) somatic cells
- 3) cumulative mutations (~5-7)





human lifetime  
=  $10^{16}$  cell divisions

spontaneous mutation rate  
= between  $10^{-6}$  and  $10^{-7}$   
mutations per gene per cell

in one lifetime: a given gene  
could mutate  $10^9$  times!!

why will most of these not matter?

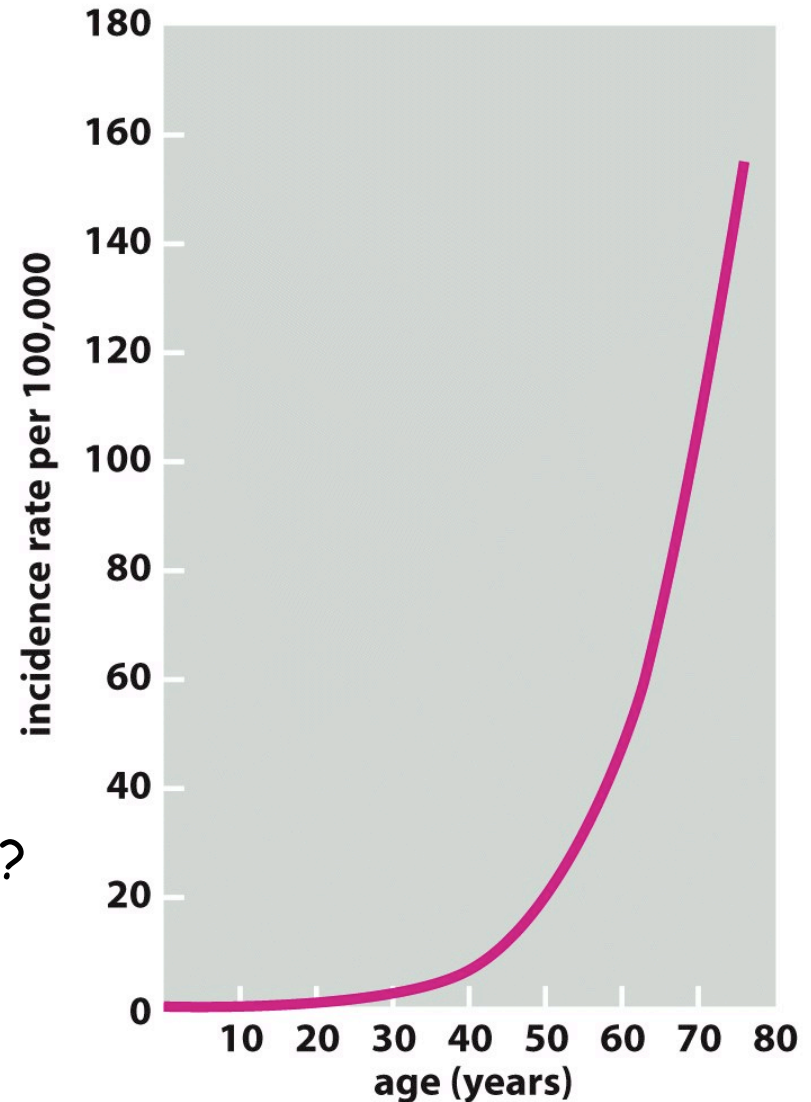


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## Two classes of mutations can cause cancer:

1) Those that inactivate gene function of a protein that *halts* cell proliferation (or other cancerous bad behavior)

= Tumor Suppressor Genes

ex. p53, APC ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of all cancers have mutant p53)

2) Those that hyperactivate gene function of a protein that *promotes* cell proliferation (or other cancerous bad behavior)

= Oncogene

ex. Ras

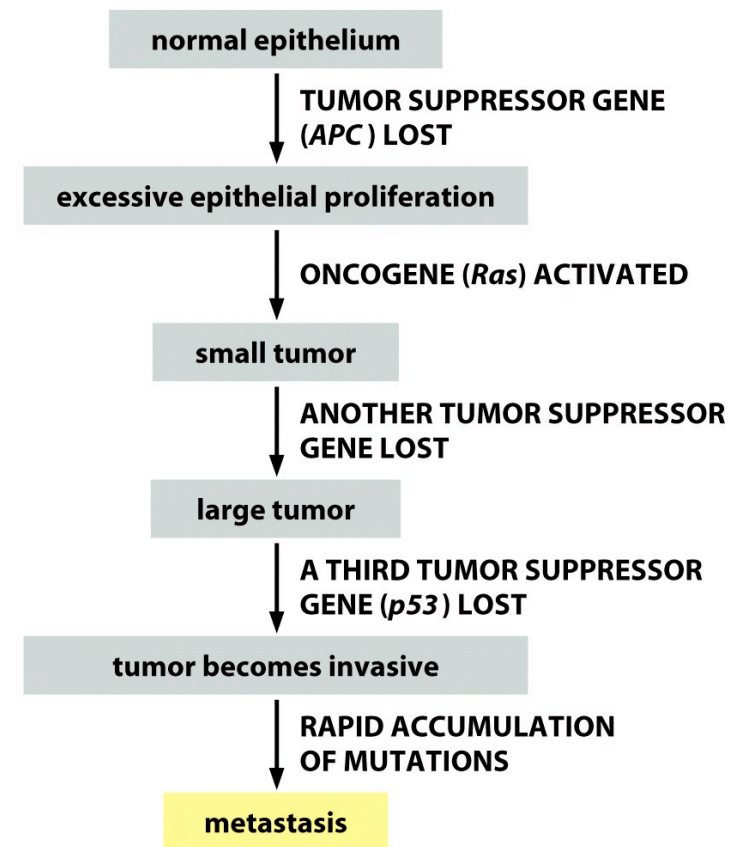


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