

# INFLAMMATION

#### What is Inflammation?

 Inflammation: is a response of living tissues to a harmful insult or agents. Its purpose is to localize, eliminate the injurious agent, remove damaged tissue and replace it with healthy new tissue (repair).

Terms ending in the suffix "-itis" denote inflammation

## **Examples:**

- Appendix ——— appendicitis
- Bronchi
   bronchitis
- Gastric mucosa → gastritis
- Hair follicle folliculitis

But it cannot always be considered:

Lung tissue — pneumonia

Breast mastitis

Joint arthritis

#### It consists principally of:

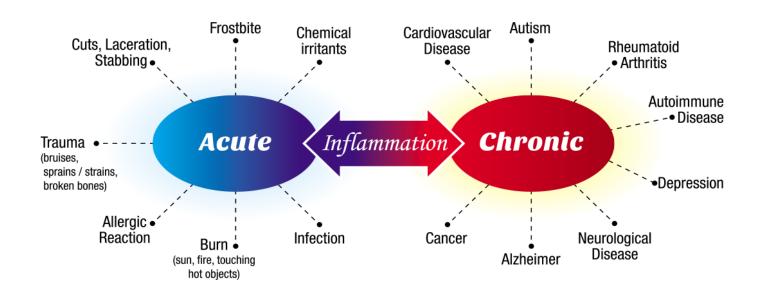
- Vascular changes
- Leukocyte infiltration
- > Systemic reaction.

## Causes of inflammation

- 1) Infection: Bacterial ,Viral, Parasitic and microbial toxins
- 2) Immunological: hypersensetivity reactions and autoimmune diseases
- 3) Physical agents: trauma, radiation, burn
- 4) Chemical agents: strong acids and alkalines, toxins
- 5) Foreign bodies: splinters, sutures and dirts
- 6) Circulation disorders: thrombosis, hemorrhage

## Types of inflammation:

- Acute inflammation (sec, mins, hrs or days)
- Chronic inflammation (weeks, months, years)



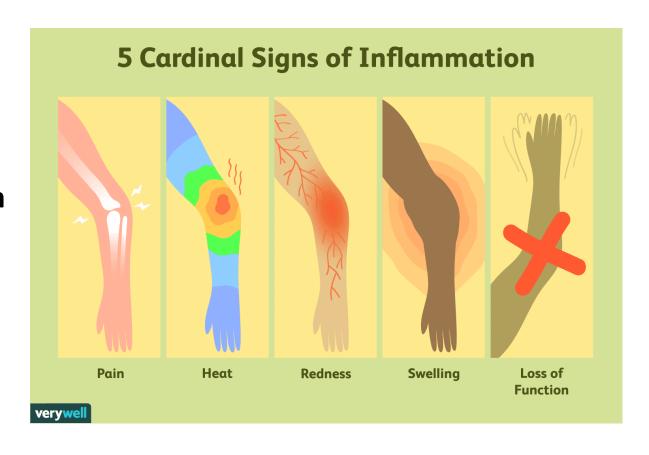
#### **Acute inflammation**

#### An inflammatory response that:

- I. Lasts only for short period.
- II. Characterized by the exudation of fluid and plasma proteins
- III. Emigration of leukocytes predominantly neutrophiles.

#### The five Cardinal Signs of Acute Inflammation

- > Heat
- > Redness
- > Swelling
- > Pain
- > Loss of function

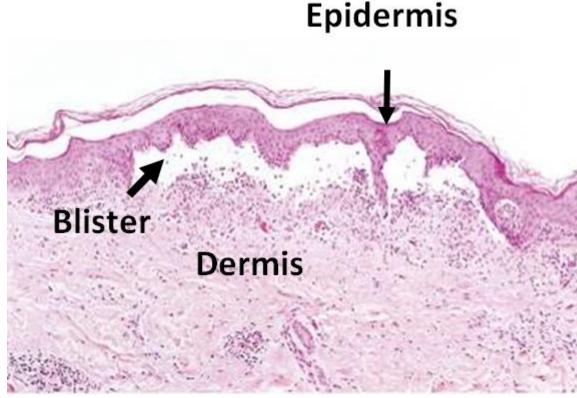


## Morphological types of acute inflammation 1- Serous type:

The fluid exudate resumble serum or is watery ex.

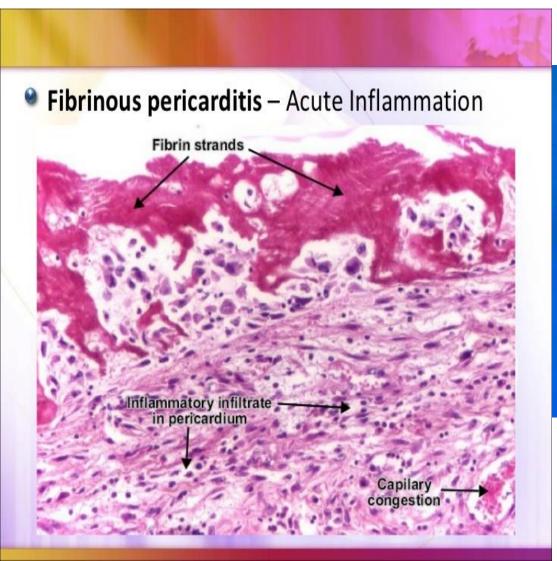
Skin blisters from burns or viral infection





#### 2- Fibrinous type:

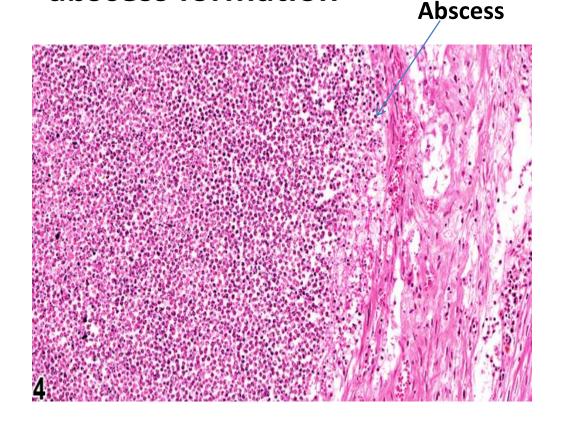
It is characterized by a thick exudate containing fibrin usually found in serous cavities as pericardium

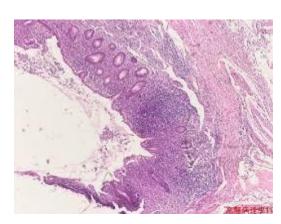




#### 3- Suppurative type:

It is characterized by production of pus containing neutrophils, liquified cellular debris and edema fluid ex. Pyogenic bacterial infection. It may lead to abscess formation

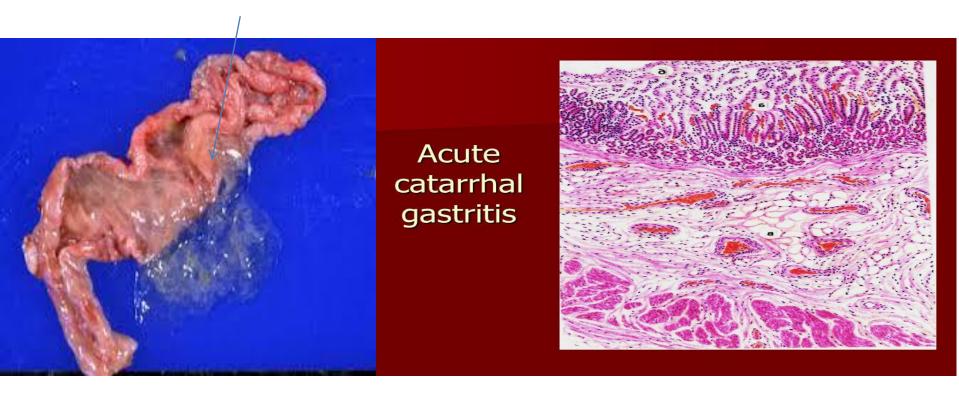




#### 4- Acute catarrhal type:

It is inflammation of mucous membranes, characterized by mucus secretion, as in infections ex. Runny nose in common cold, gastritis, colitis

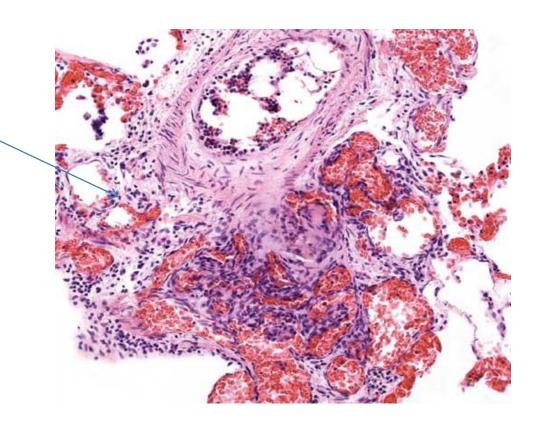
mucin



#### 5- Acute hemorrhagic:

It is characterized by microvascular injury with massive microvascular bleeding producing an exudate with a high erythrocyte content

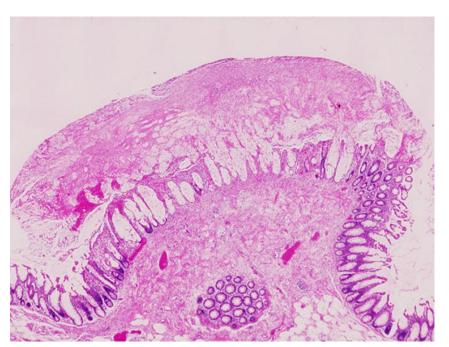
The inflammed area is necrotic and filled with blood



#### 6- Pseudomembranous type:

Bacterial toxins damage mucosal lining producing a membrane composed of necrotic tissue ex. Corynebacterium diphtheriae produce pseudomembrane in the pharynx and trachea

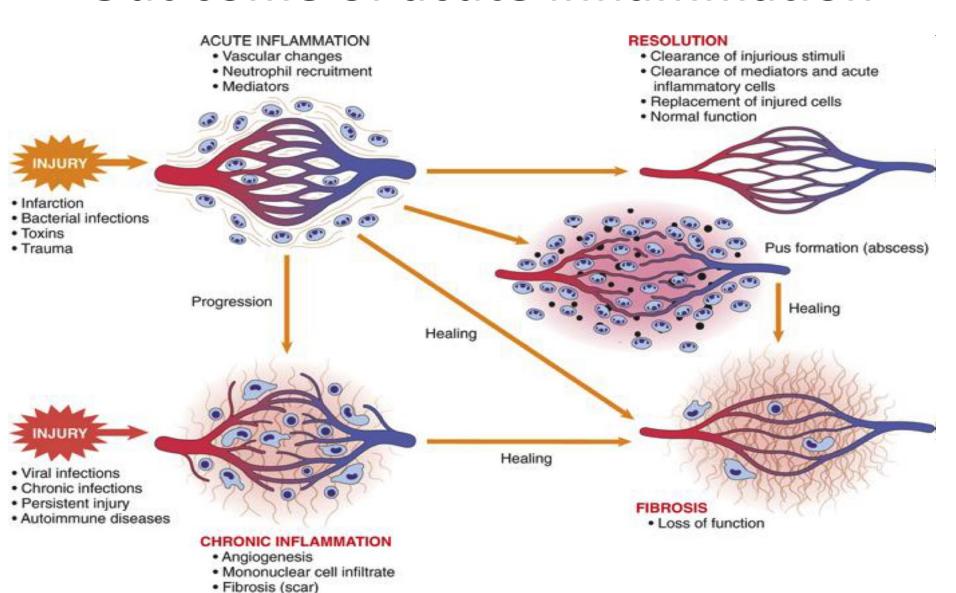
#### **Pseudomembranous colitis**

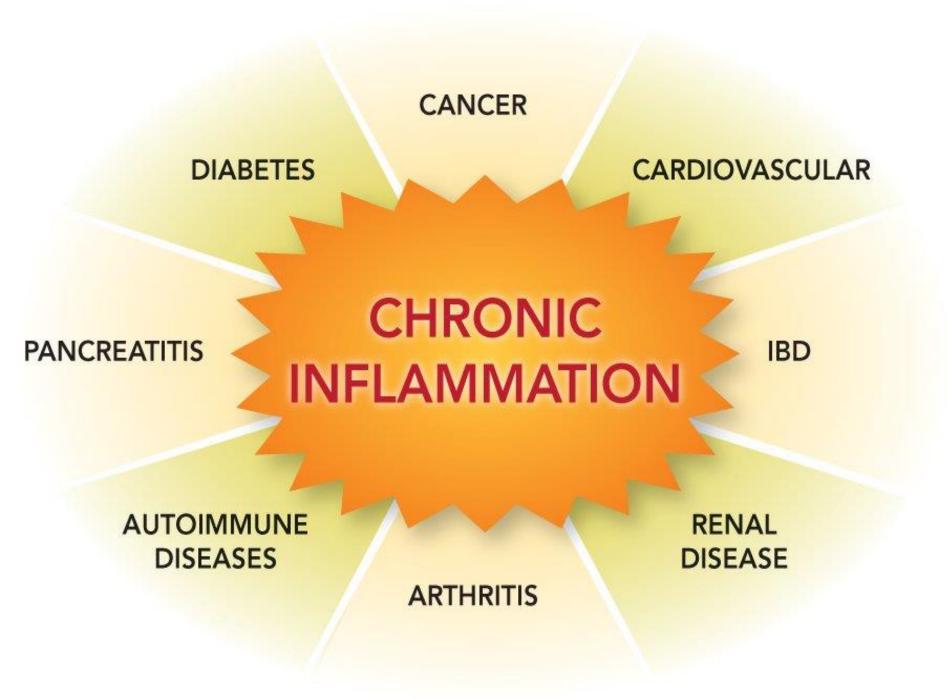


#### **Diphtheria**



## Out come of acute inflammation





#### What is chronic inflammation?

 Chronic inflammation is defined as prolonged process in which tissue destruction, inflammation and attempt to repair occur at the same time.

### It can be caused by one of the following 3 ways:

- 1. Progression of acute inflammation e.g. osteomyelitis
- 2. Recurrent attacks of acute inflammation lead to chronicity e.g. in recurrent urinary tract infection leading to chronic pyelonephritis, repeated acute infection of gallbladder leading to chronic cholecystitis.

#### 3. Chronic inflammation starting de novo:

- Infection: Tuberculosis. TB. Leprosy, Syphilis
- Foreign body: surgical sutures
- Hypersensitivity reactions (HSR): Systemic Lupus Erythematous (SLE), Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

## Systemic Effect of Chronic Inflammation

- Mild Fever, loss of weight and weakness
- Anemia
- Leukocytosis
- Elevated ESR

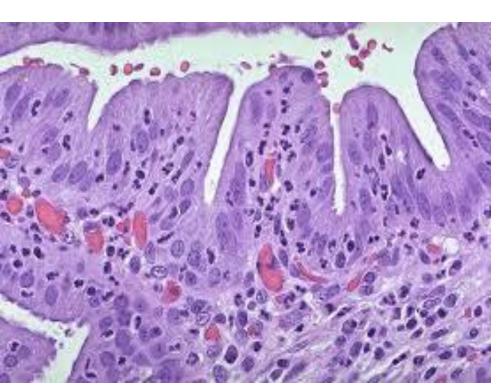
#### TYPES OF CHRONIC INFLAMMATION

Chronic inflammation is subdivided into 2 types:

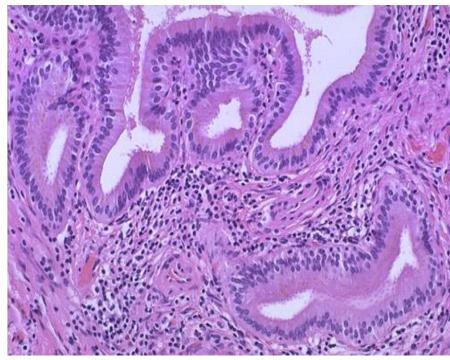
- 1. Chronic non-specific inflammation. It is characterized by chronic inflammatory cell infiltration e.g. chronic osteomyelitis, lung abscess.
- 2. Chronic granulomatous inflammation. It is characterized by formation of granulomas e.g. tuberculosis, foreign body

## Acute vs chronic cholecystitis (chronic non specific)

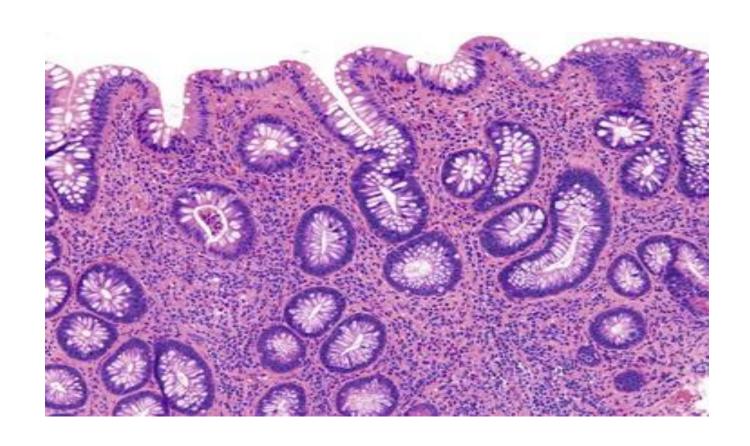
Acute
Neutrophils infiltrating mucosa
and submucosa

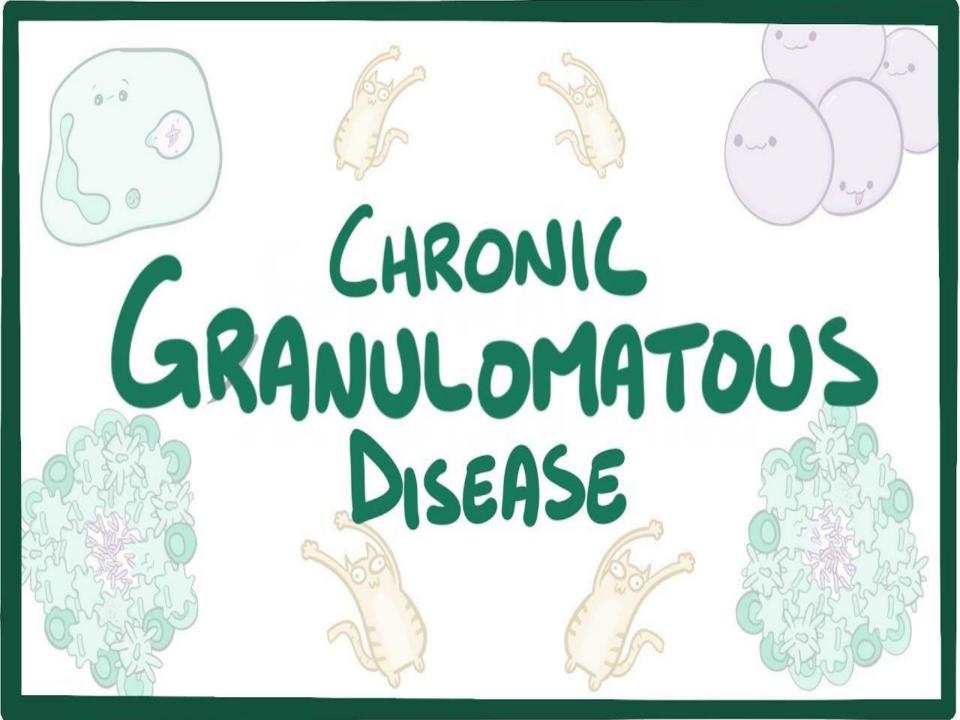


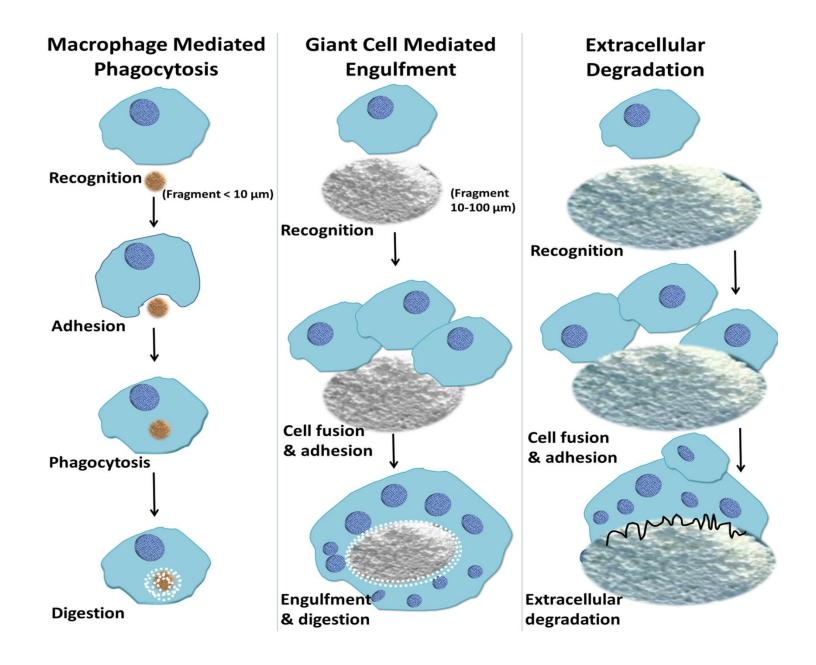
Chronic
Wall is penetrated by mucosal glands with inflammatory cells infiltration and fibrosis



## Chronic non specific inflammatory bowel disease



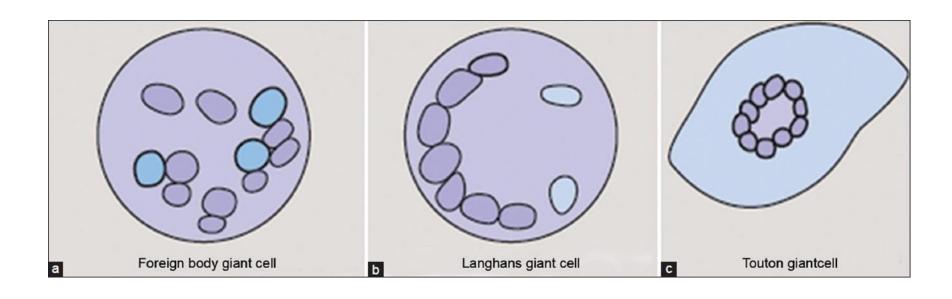




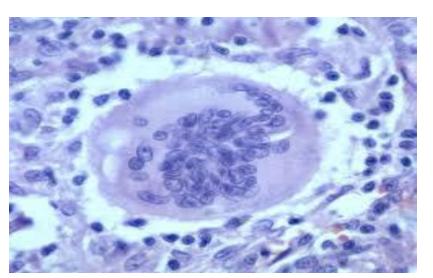
### Types of multinucleated giant cells:

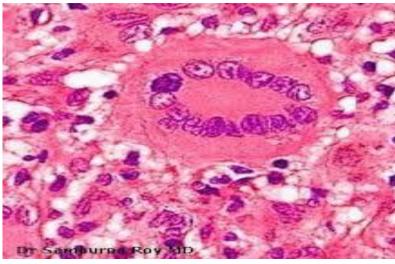
Foreign body multinucleated giant cell/ foreign body

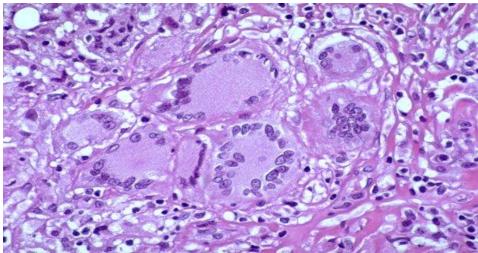
Langhans multinucleated giant cell/ TB
Touton multinucleated giant cell/ tumour



## Q/ Identify the type of giant cell?





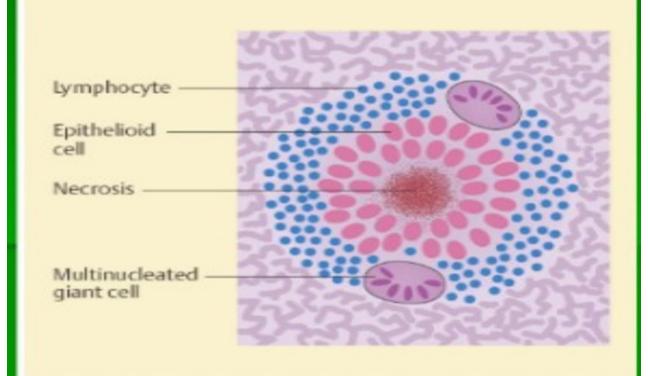


## **Composition of Granuloma**

A granuloma has the following structural composition:

- 1. Necrosis: caseation center
- 2. Epithelioid cells which are modified macrophages
- 3. Multinucleate giant cells. Multinucleate giant cells are formed by fusion of adjacent epithelioid cells and may have 20 or more nuclei.
- 4. Lymphocytes
- 5. Fibrosis. Fibrosis is a feature of healing by proliferating fibroblasts at the periphery of granuloma.





Tubercular granuloma

