

Bone Marrow and Hematopoiesis (Hemopoiesis)

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Intended learning outcomes (ILOs)

Knowledge :

1. Recognize the structural characteristics of the bone marrow.
2. Define and describe the structure of the different types of bone marrow.

Intellectual skills:

1. Differentiate between different types of bone marrow.
2. Relate the composition of each type of bone marrow to its specific functions.

Bone Marrow (Myeloid Tissue)

- The myeloid tissue is a specialized vascular **connective tissue** rich in cells that are responsible for formation of blood cells.

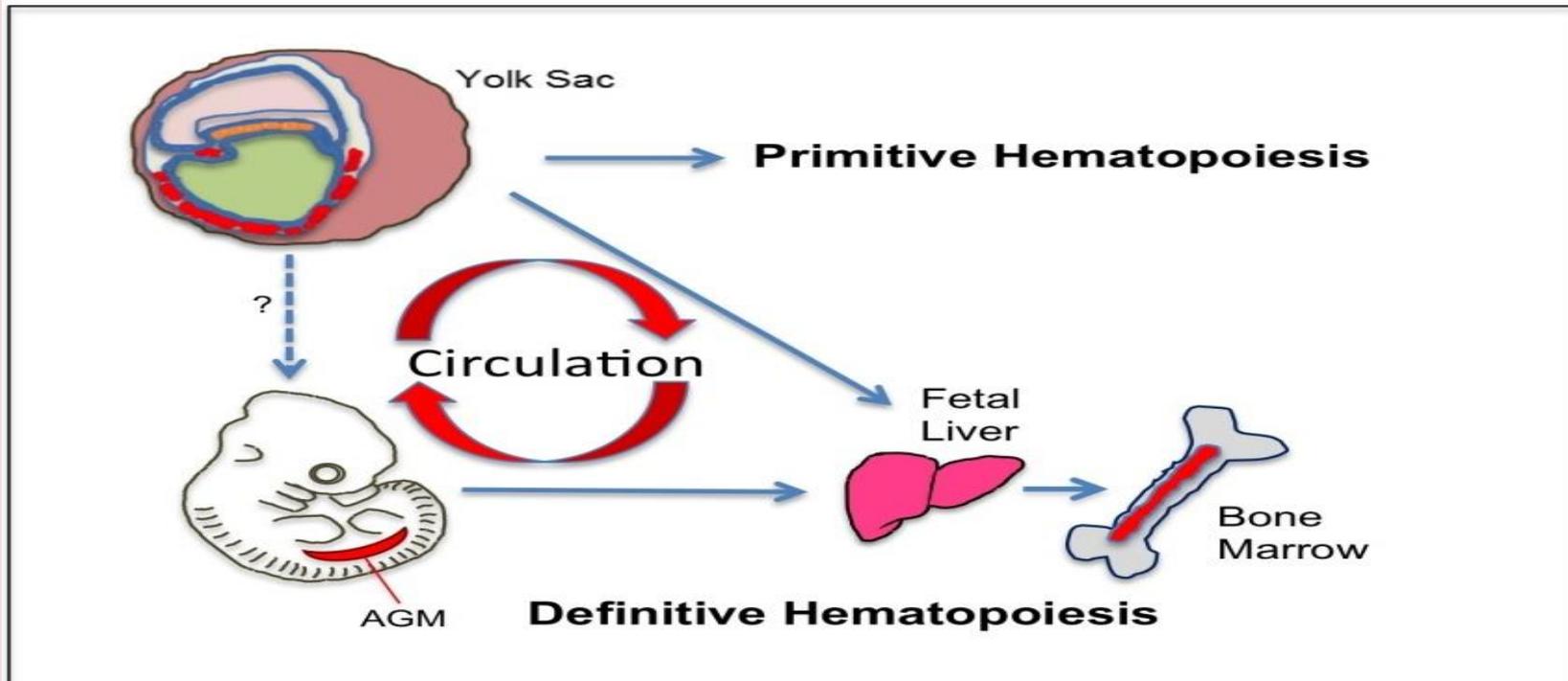
daily formed = daily destroyed elements

Site of hematopoiesis :

- **Yolk Sac:** very early embryo
- **Liver, Spleen:** NEWBORN
- **BONE**

CHILDHOOD: AXIAL SKELETON & APPENDICULAR SKELETON BOTH HAVE RED (active) MARROW

ADULT: AXIAL SKELETON (RED MARROW), APPENDICULAR SKELETON (YELLOW MARROW)



Types of Bone marrow

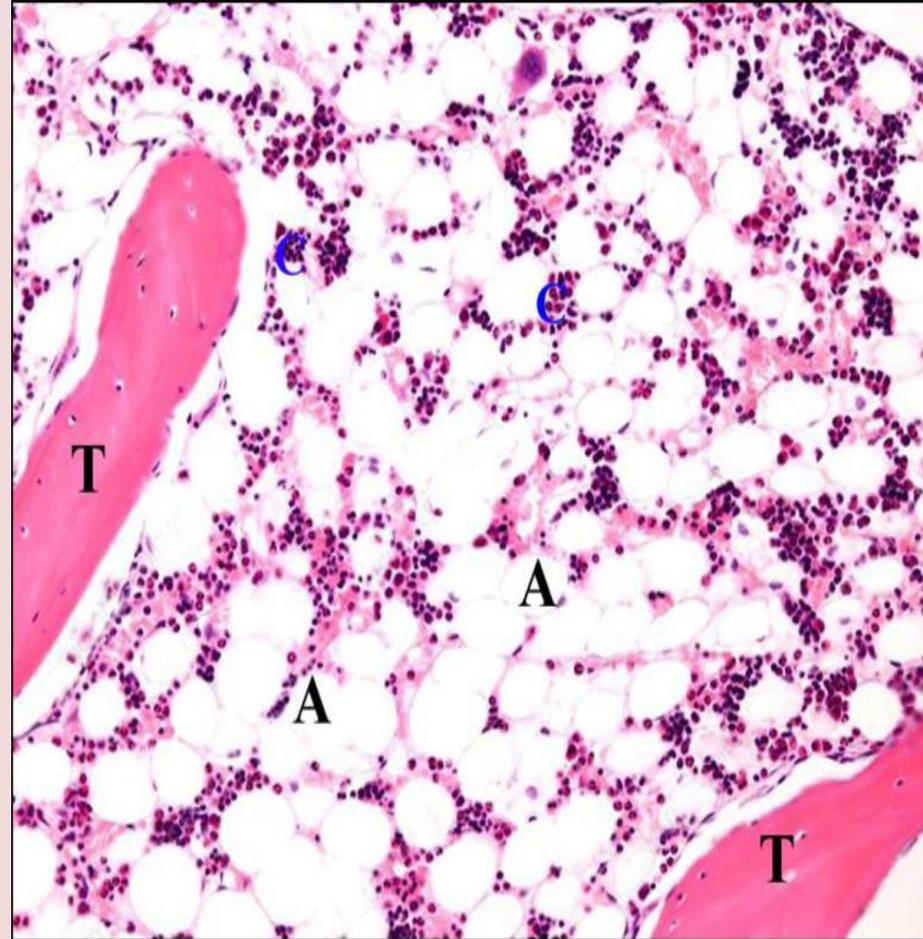
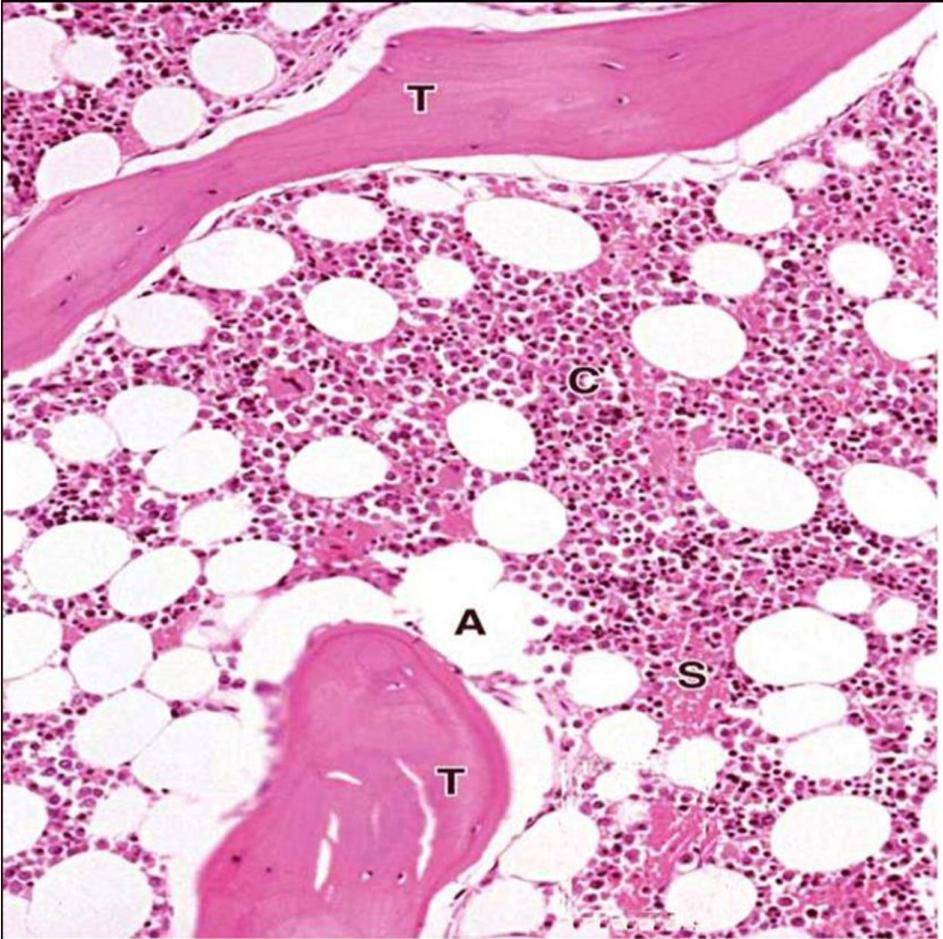


Types of Bone marrow

Red bone marrow	yellow bone marrow
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is the active bone marrow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is inactive bone marrow.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is red in color due to presence of blood and blood forming cells.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is yellow in color due to great number of adipose (fat) cells.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is found in all bones of the fetus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In adults, it occupies the bone marrow spaces of spongy bone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is present in the adult long bones.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formation of blood cells	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It does not form blood but stores fat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under certain conditions, such as severe hemorrhage yellow bone marrow becomes active and forms blood cells

Red B.M

Yellow B.M



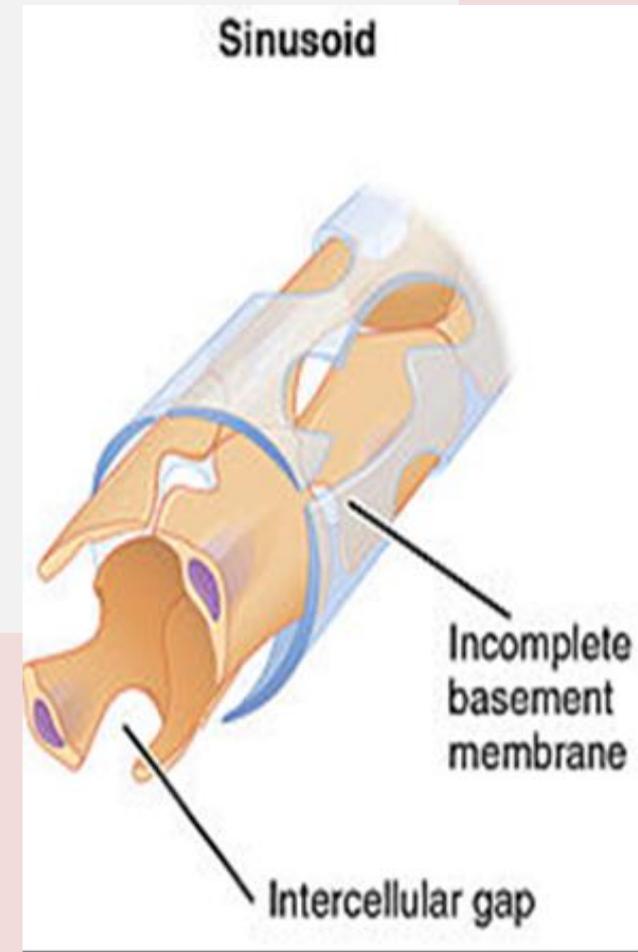
Structure of red bone marrow

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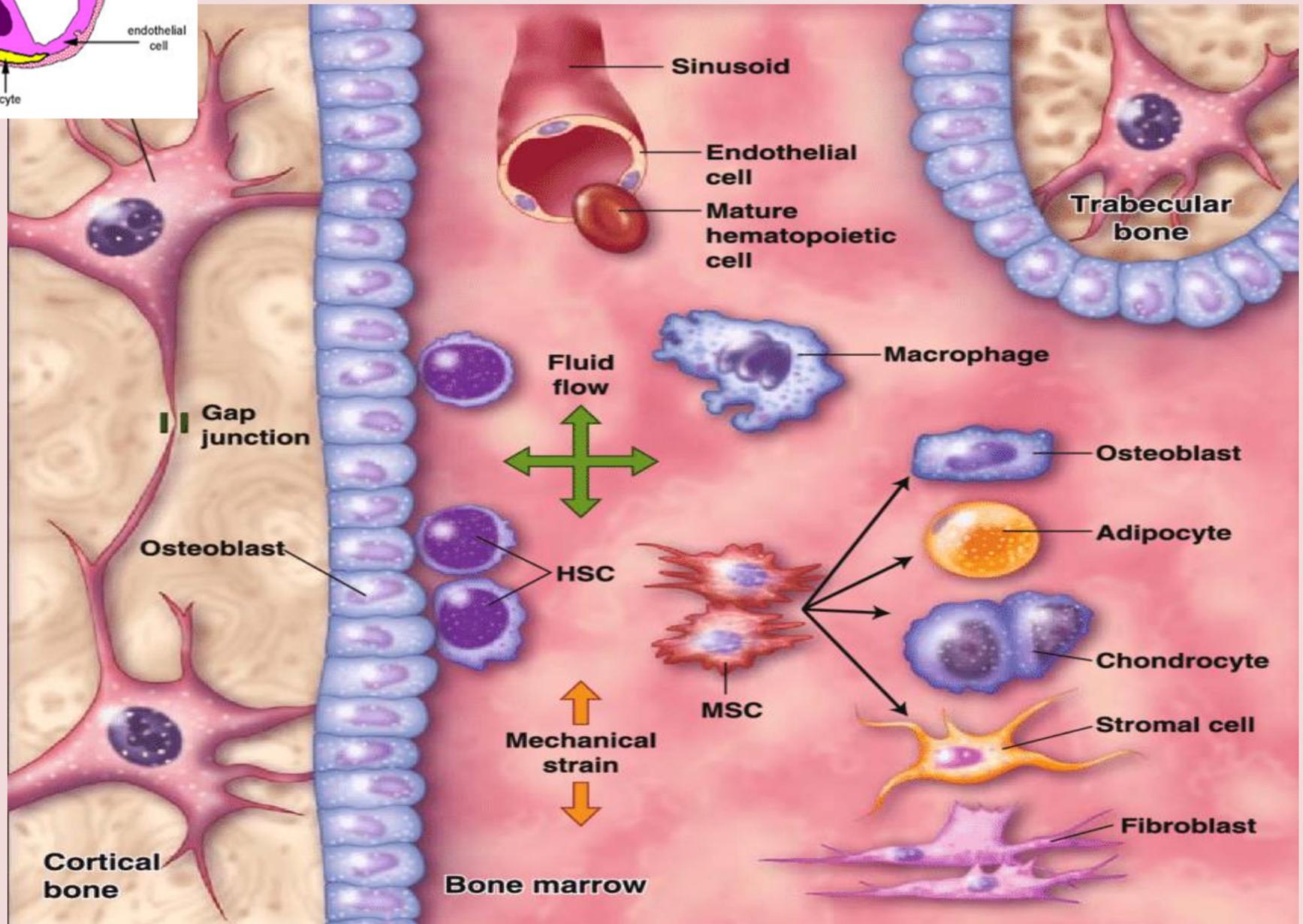
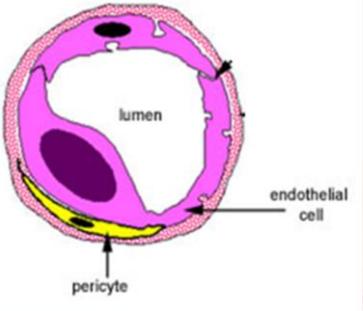
- **Network** formed of reticular fibers + reticular cells.
- **Matrix (fibers + ground subs.):** collagen type I and III, glycoproteins as fibronectin, laminin, hemonectin and proteoglycans.
- **The cells** of stroma includes; reticular cells, fibroblasts, macrophages, fat cells, osteogenic cells, endothelial cells and pericytes.

2) **Sinusoidal capillaries:** wide, very thin walled lined with a single layer of fenestrated endothelial cells with discontinuous basement membrane through which transendothelial migration of newly formed blood cells occurred.

3) **Hematopoietic cords:** developing blood cells



Bone Marrow Stromal cells



Reticular cells:

They are large branched cells with pale cytoplasm and lightly stained nucleus.
- **synthesize** reticular fibers + limited **phagocytic** power.

Fibroblasts:

They form collagen type I, glycoproteins and proteoglycans of the matrix.

Macrophages:

phagocytosis of malformed and old RBCs and store iron to be used for formation of new erythrocytes + extruded nuclei of erythrocyte precursors and excess cytoplasm.

Fat cells:

They accumulate fat as a **local fuel** for energy needed for hematopoiesis.

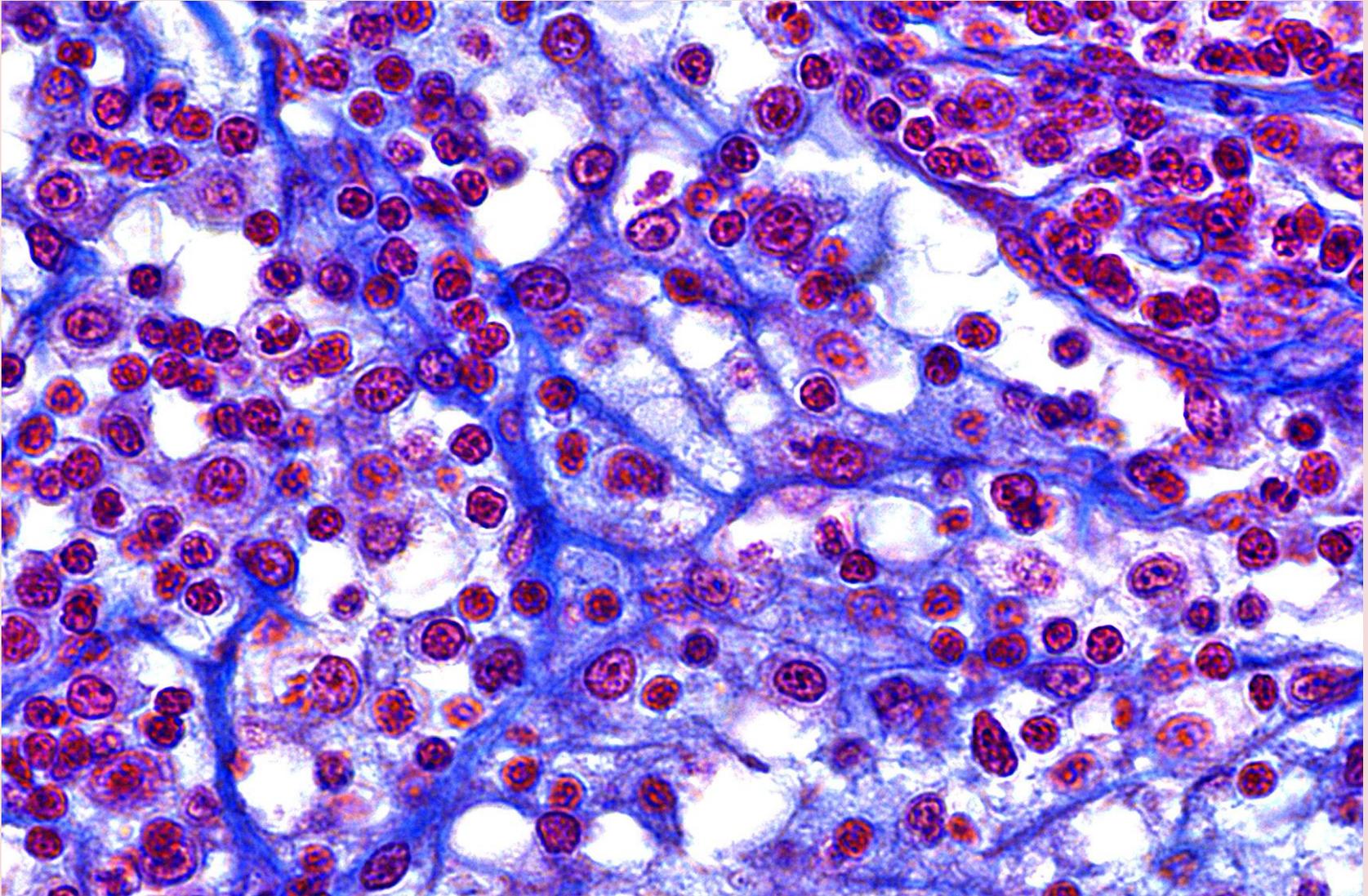
Osteogenic cells:

They are the stem cells of cartilage and bone. They may have a role in **stimulating the stem cells** to form blood cells in red bone marrow.

Endothelial cells and pericytes

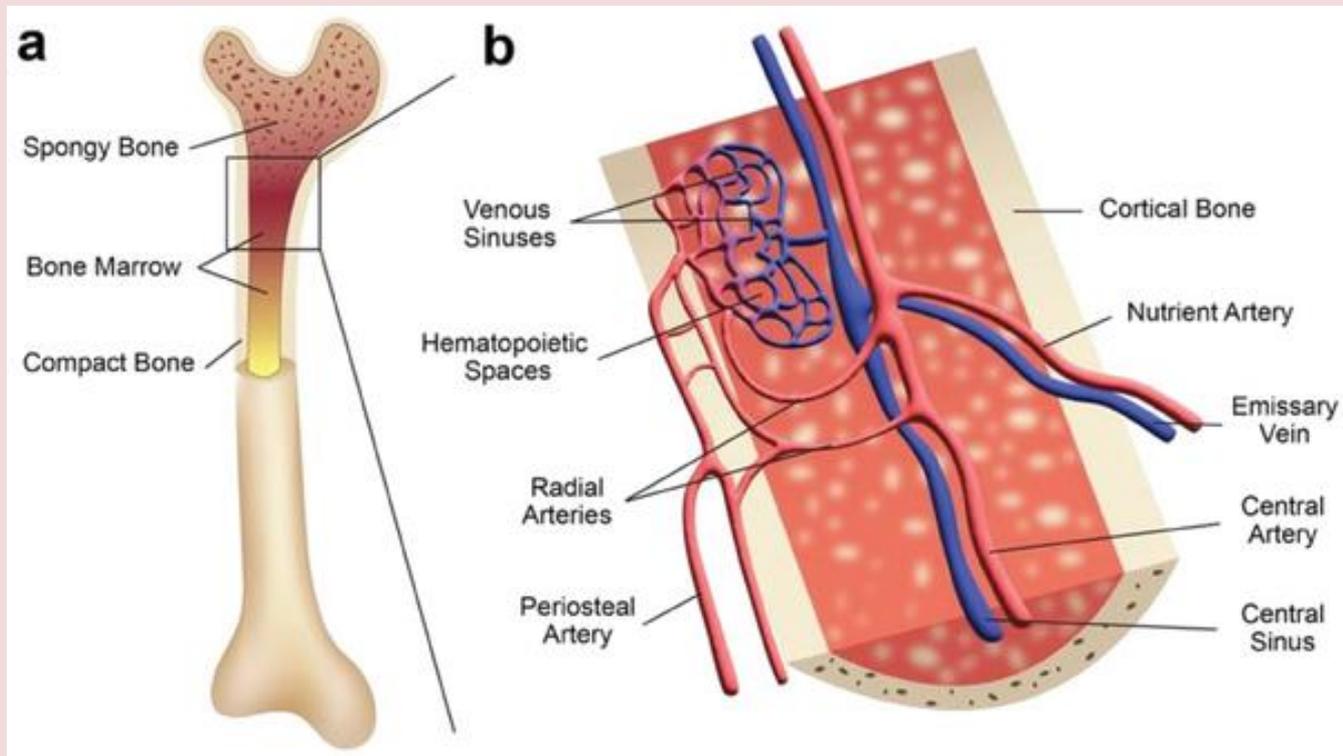
are present in the walls of blood sinusoids.

Reticular cells + fibers (network)



- **The vascular compartment of bone marrow**

BM is supplied by a nutrient artery which branches into central longitudinal arteries which send out radial branches that eventually open into sinuses. These sinuses converge into a central vein that carries the blood out of the bone marrow into the general circulation.



HEMATOPOIESIS (Formation of blood cells)

I- Pluripotential stem cells

II- Multipotential stem cells 
→ lymphoid
→ myeloid

III- Progenitor cells (Colony Forming Units, CFU):

IV- Precursor cells (blasts):

V- Mature cells

I- Pluripotential stem cells

- Produce **all types** of blood cells.
- **0.1%** of bone marrow cells.
- **Small cells**, large pale rounded nucleus, basophilic cytoplasm.(ribosomes+ RER)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Reserve other $\frac{1}{2}$ becomes more differentiated and form **multipotential stem cells**.

II- Multipotential stem cells

1-Lymphoid → which will developed → lymphocytes.

2-Myeloid → which will developed → myeloid cells → erythrocytes, granulocytes, monocytes & megakaryocytes.

- Form progenitor cells.

III-Progenitor cells (Colony Forming Units)

CFU

- Form colonies of blood cells.
- Initial letter of cell type denote its specific CFU.
 - CFU-E for erythrocytes.
 - CFU-M for monocyte.
- Form precursor cells.
- -unipotential or bipotential stem cells.
- High mitotic activity.
- Self renewing.

- They are common in bone marrow and lymphoid organs.

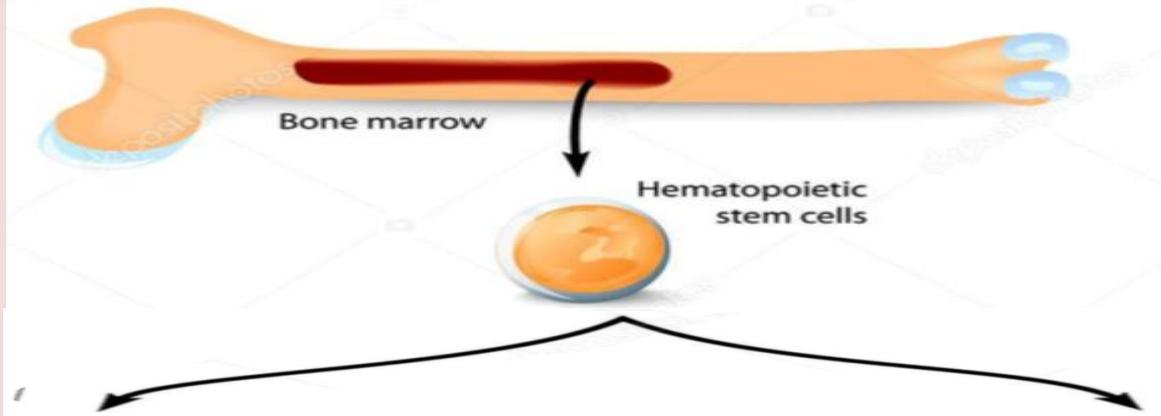
IV- Precursor cells (blasts)

- They are common in bone marrow and lymphatic organs and show the beginning of morphological differentiation.
- Form mature cells.
- **High mitotic activity.**
- Non self renewing.
- They are unipotential cells.

V- Mature cells

- Clear morphologic differentiation.
- No mitotic activity.

-They are common in bone marrow and hematopoietic organs



Myeloid multipotential

Lymphoid multipotential

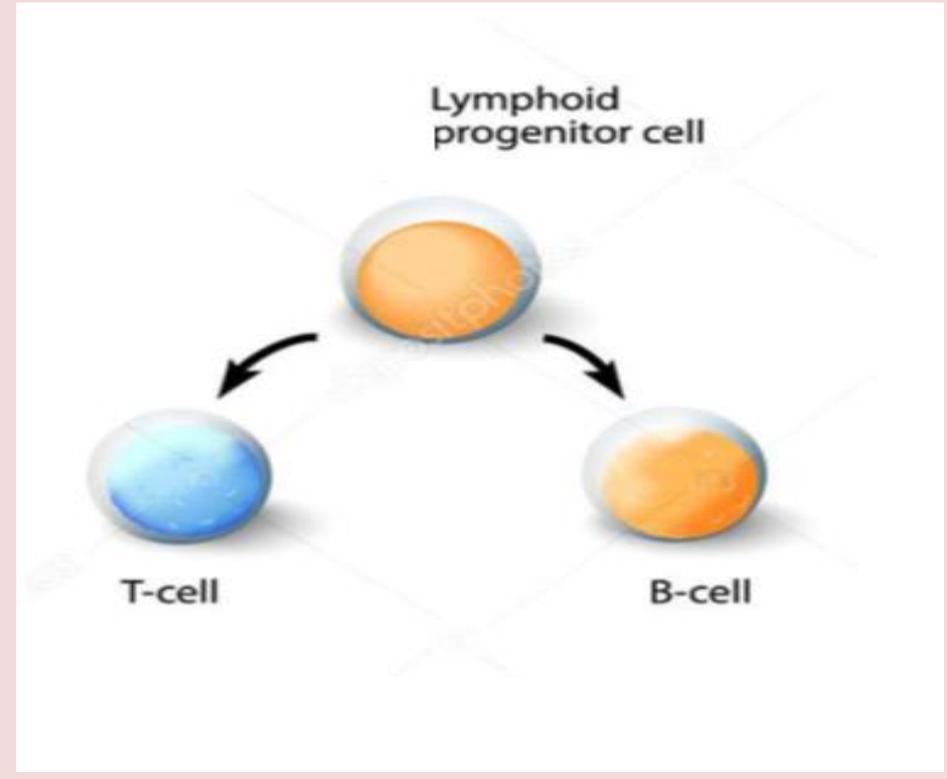
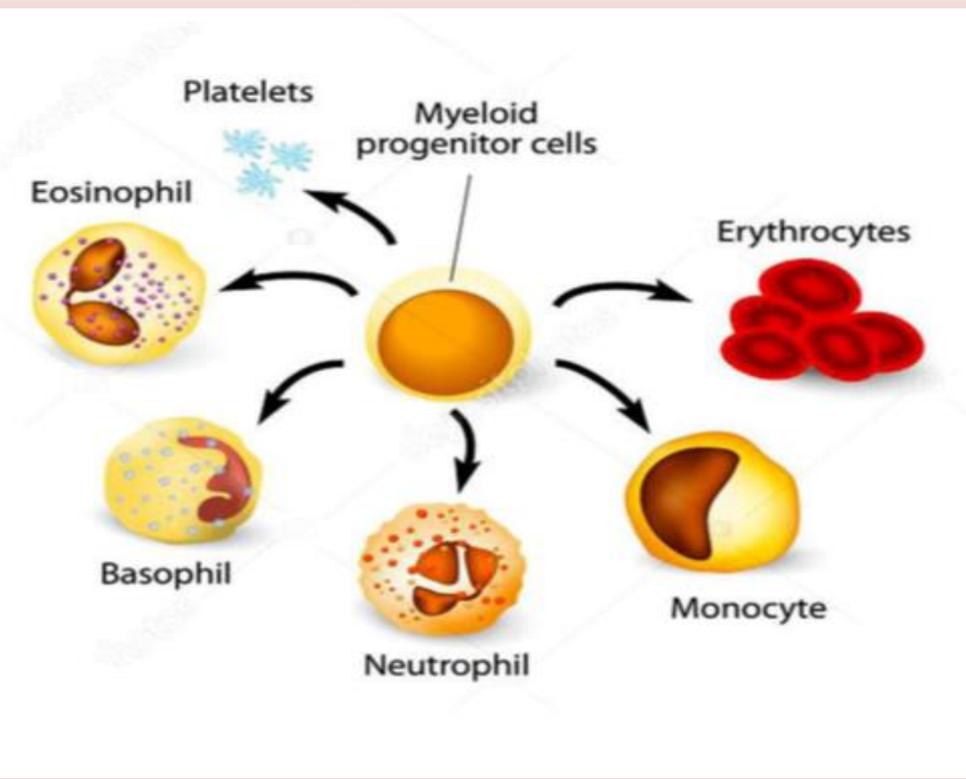
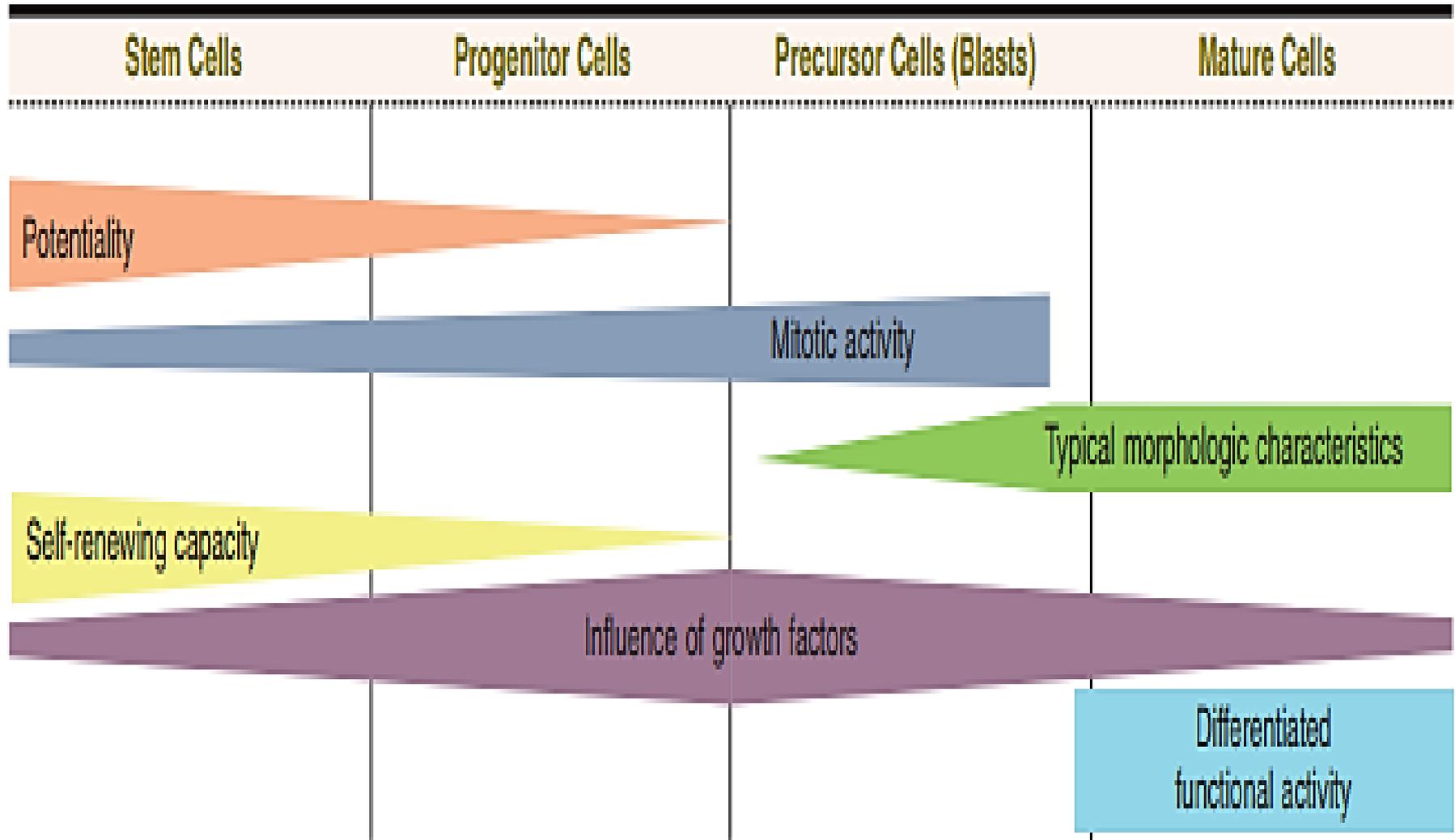
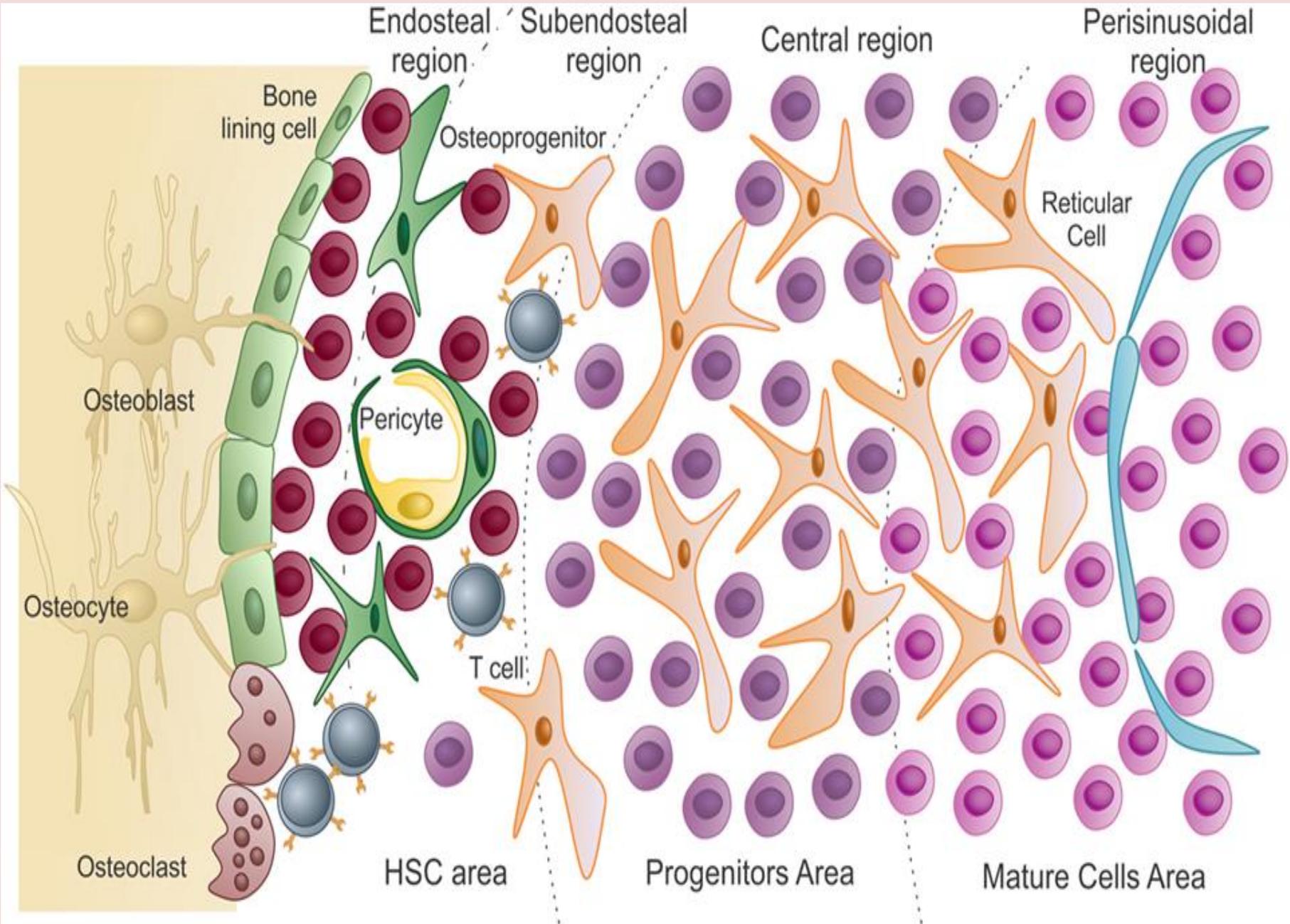


FIGURE 13-3 Major changes in developing hemopoietic cells.

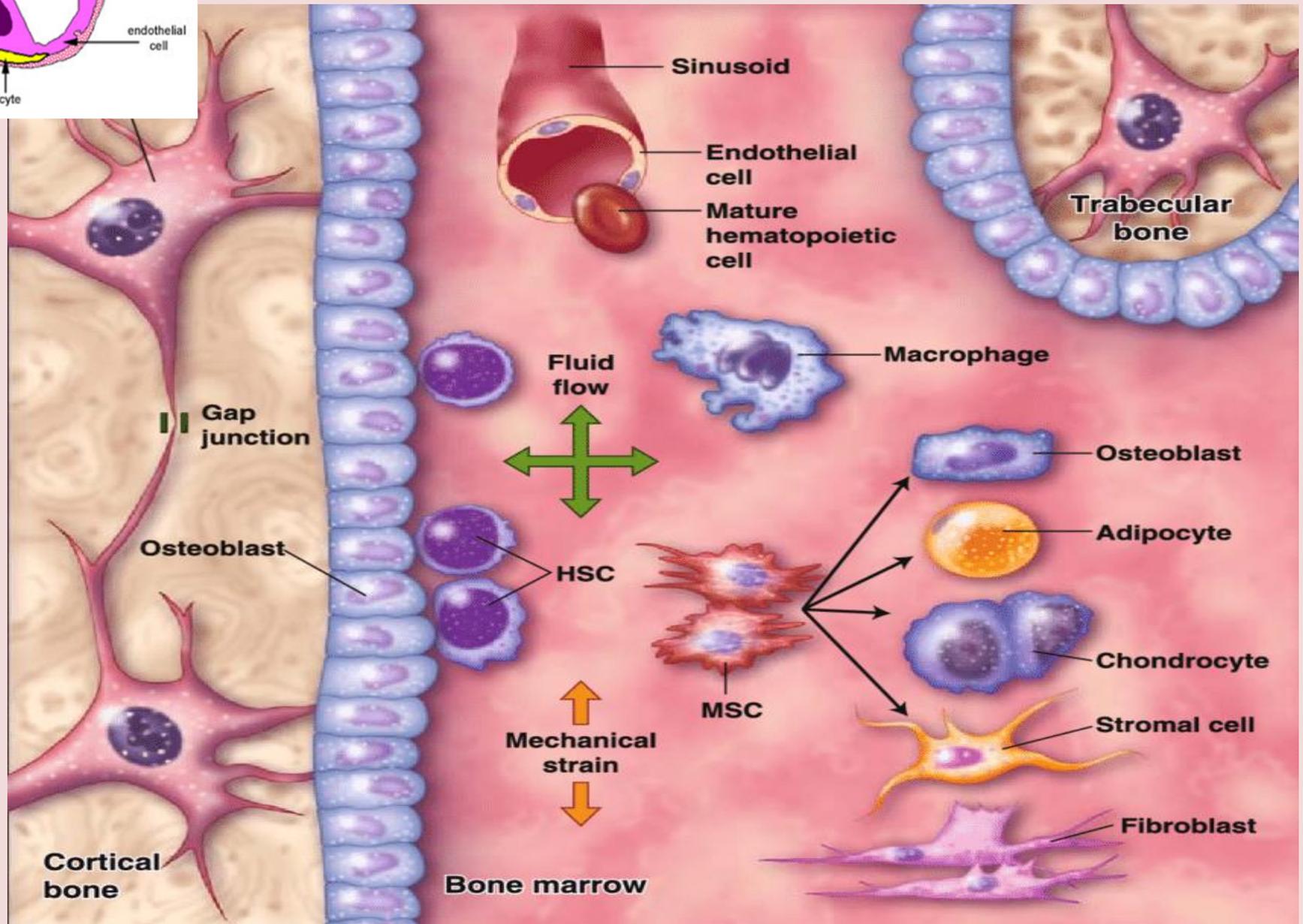
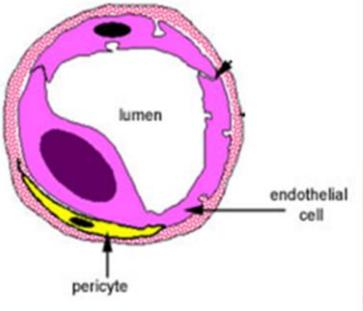




Bone marrow microenvironment

- **HSC area**, which harbors quiescent hematopoietic stem cells and uncommitted progenitors, comprises both endosteal and subendosteal niches.
- Committed progenitors and differentiated cells are distributed in the central and perisinusoidal niches, respectively.
- As HSCs exit quiescence to proliferative states, they migrate and colonize and interacting with both endothelial cells and pericytes.

Bone Marrow Stromal cells



Mesenchymal stem cells

- The bone marrow stroma also contains mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs), also known as marrow stromal cells. These are multipotent stem cells that can differentiate into a variety of cell types. MSCs have been shown to differentiate, *in vitro* or *in vivo* , into osteolasts, chondrocytes, myocytes, marrow adipocytes.
- MSCs constitute less than 0.1% of the total cells. they are heavily used in cell therapy due to their ability to quickly expand in culture conditions while retaining their multilineage potential.

Bone marrow barrier

- The blood vessels of the bone marrow constitute a barrier, inhibiting immature blood cells from leaving the marrow. Only mature blood cells contain the membrane proteins, such as **aquaporin and glycophorin**, that are required to attach to and pass the blood vessel endothelium.

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