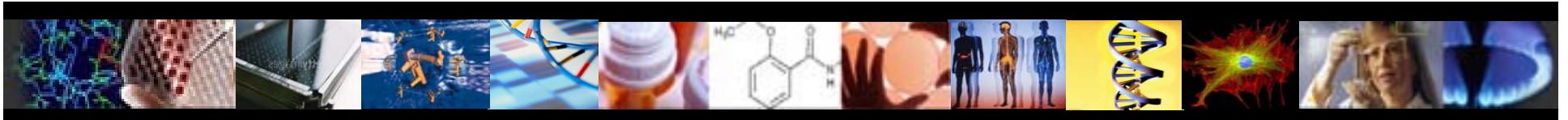


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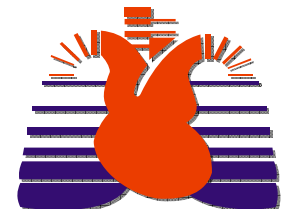


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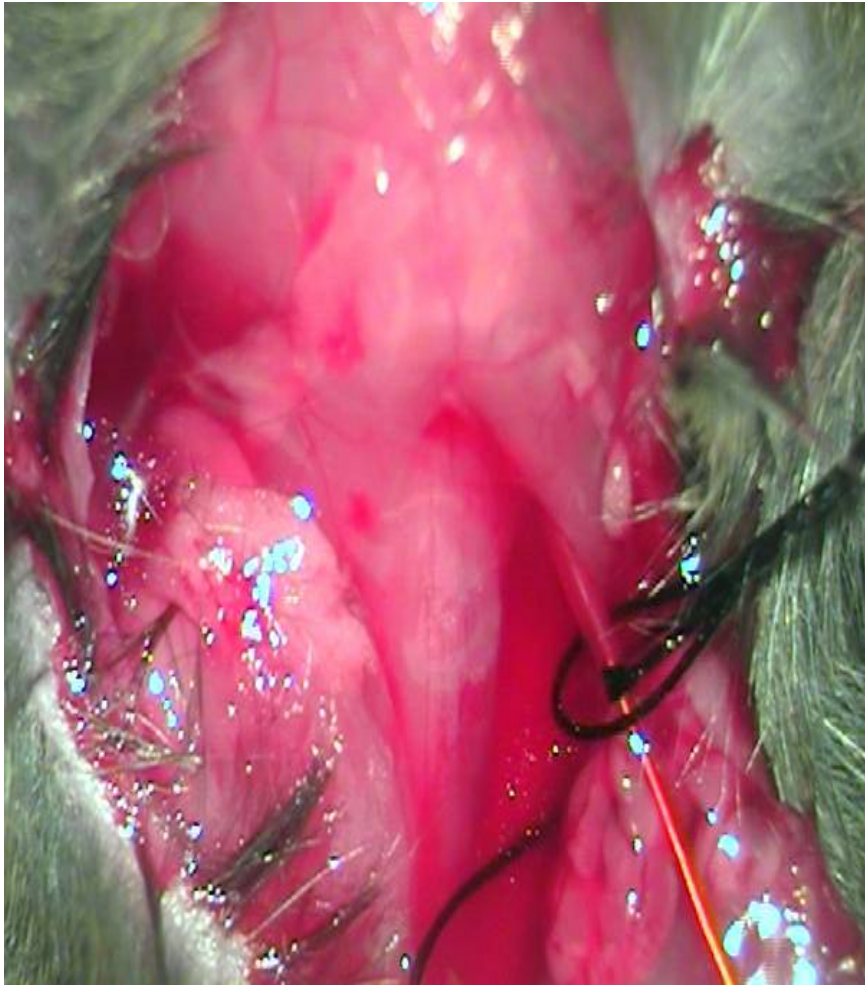


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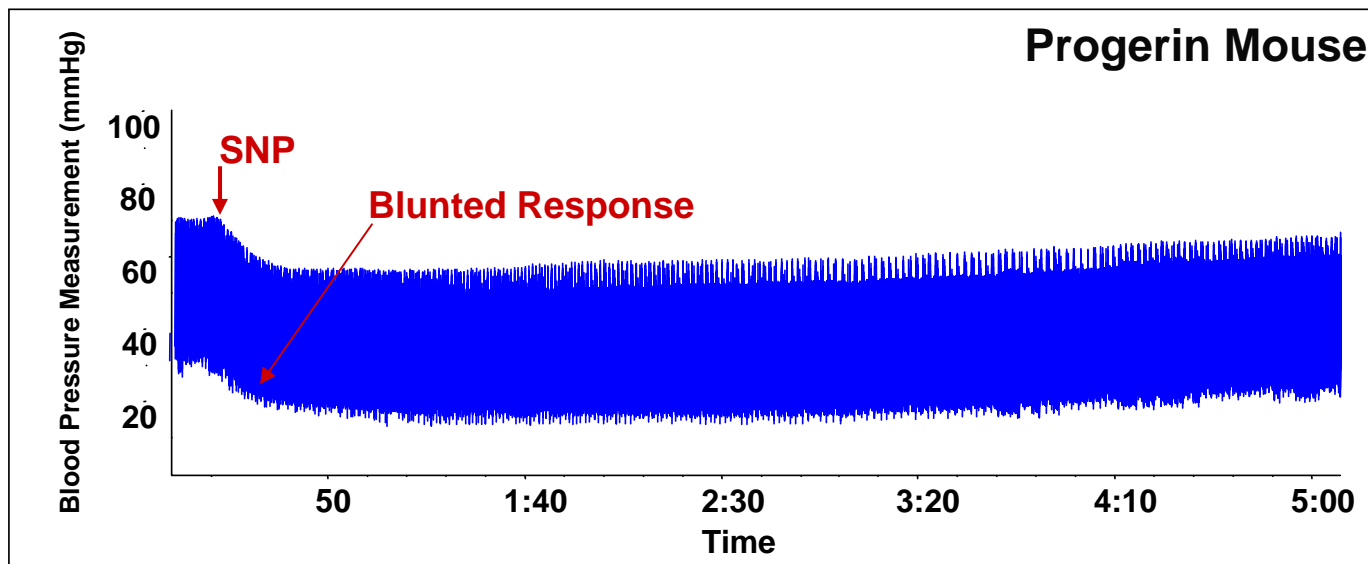
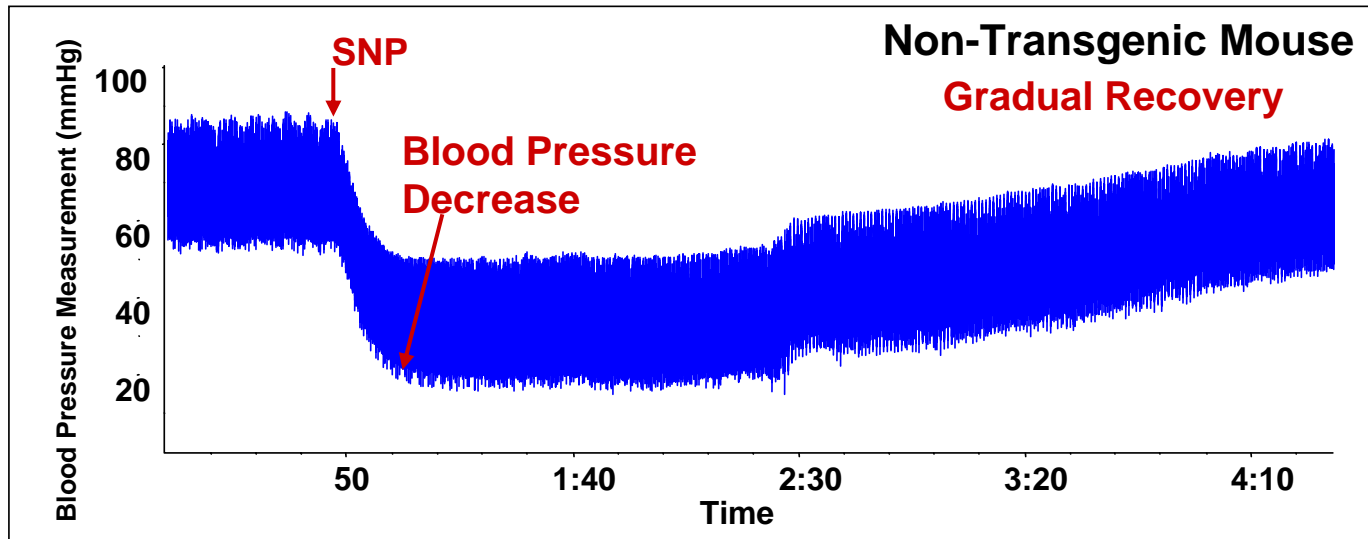
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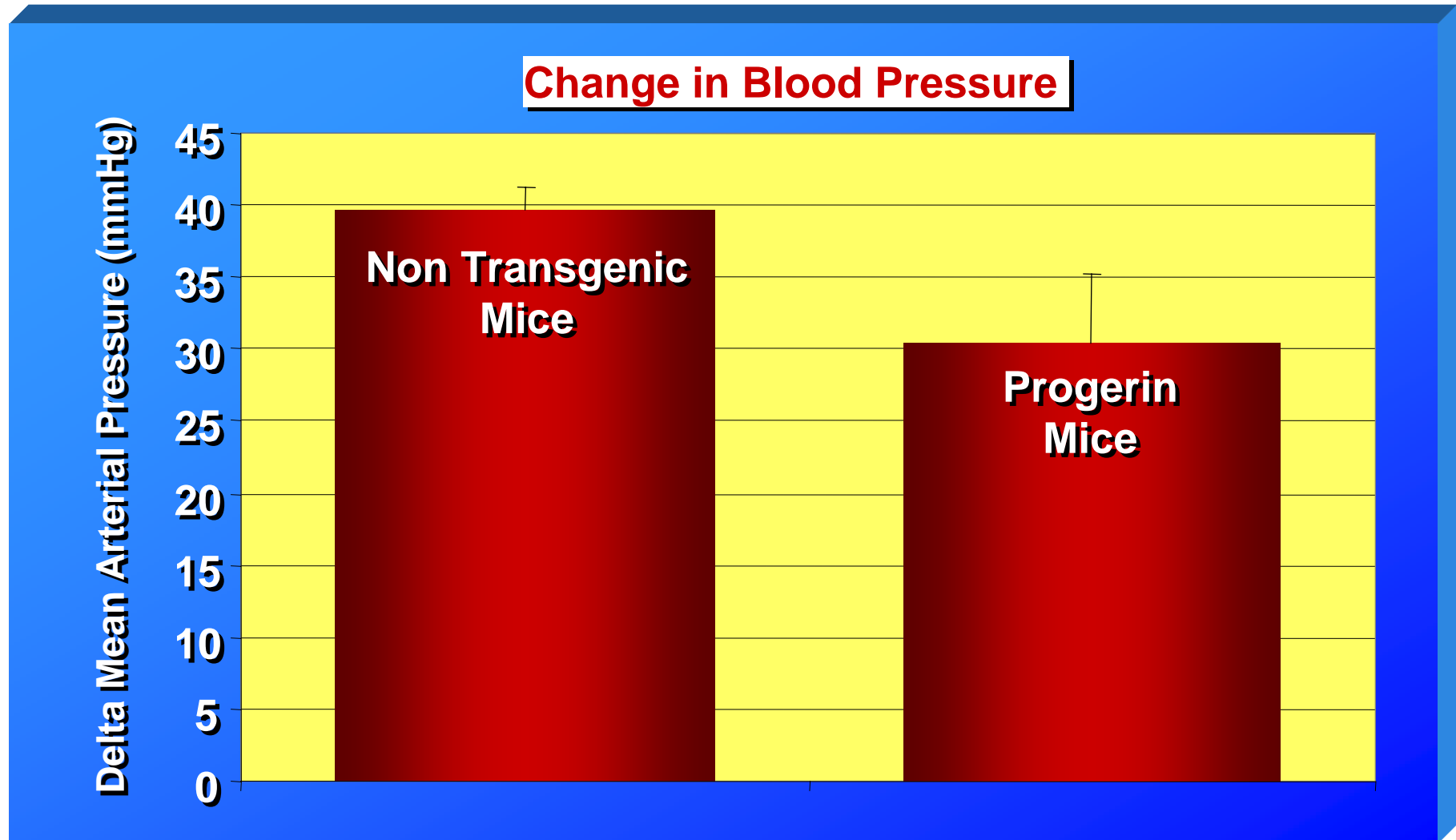


- 1 - 3% Isoflurane anesthesia
- Cannulation of the right carotid artery with a Millar conductance catheter
- 2 infusions of 0.9% saline or sodium nitroprusside 0.1 mg/kg into the left jugular vein
- Continuous measurements of blood pressure over two hours using ARIA single-Segment Pressure-Volume Conductance System

# Impaired Maintenance of Blood Pressure upon Infusion of Sodium Nitroprusside (SNP) in Progerin Mice

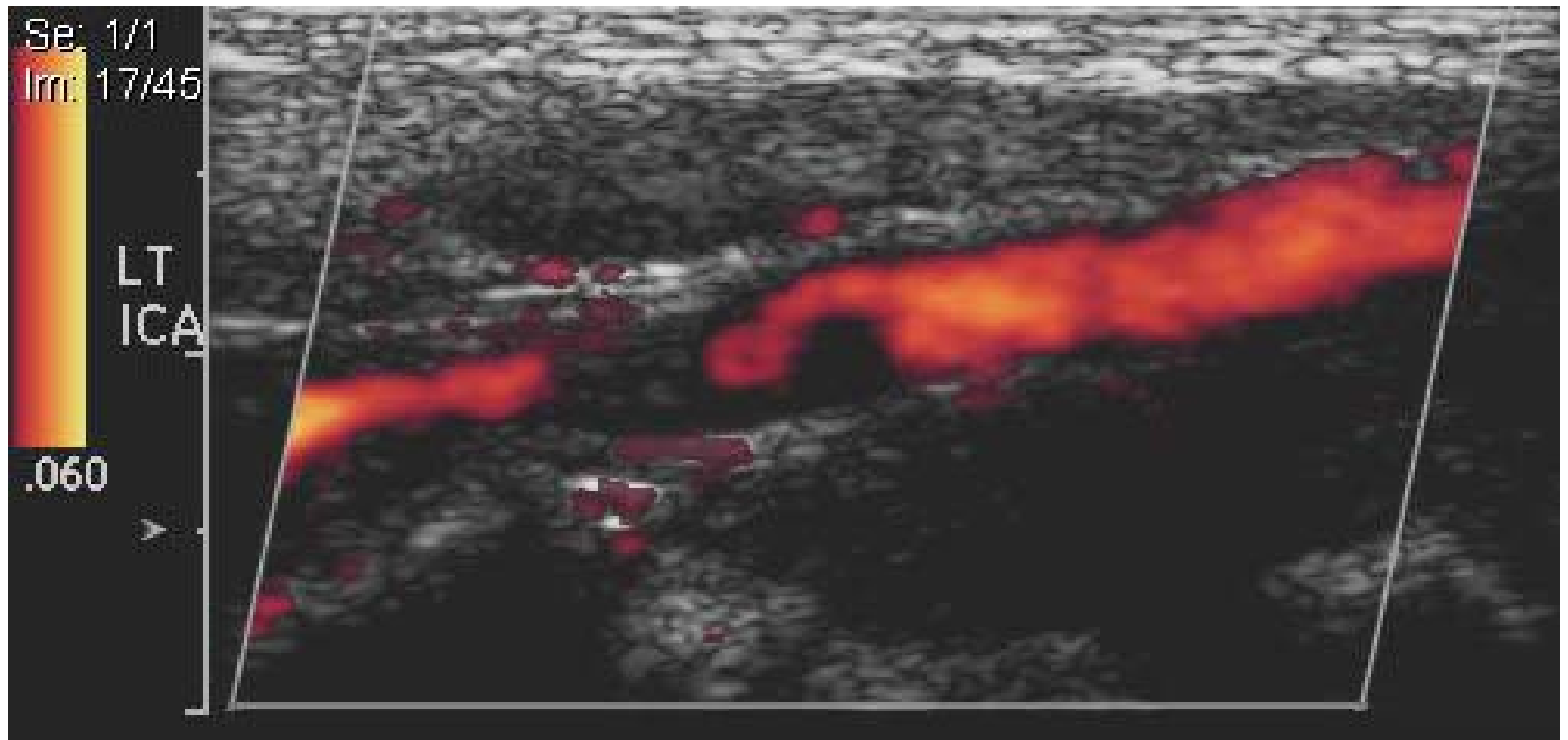


# Blunting of Blood Pressure Response in Progerin Mice



# Complete Occlusion of the Left Common Carotid Artery in a 9 year old child with HGPS

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# Vascular Remodeling in HGPS

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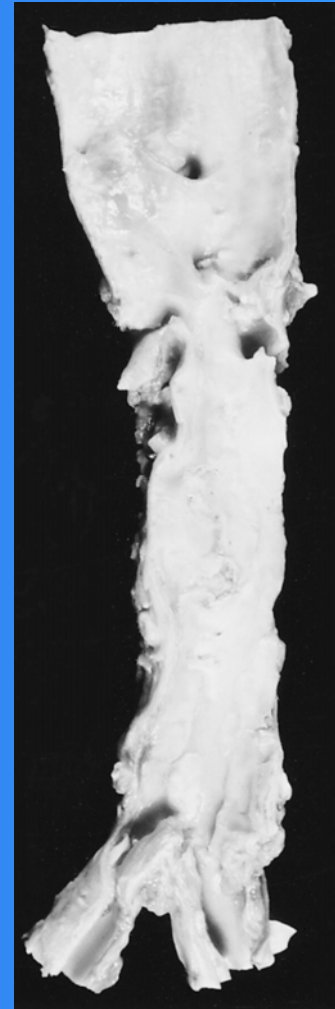
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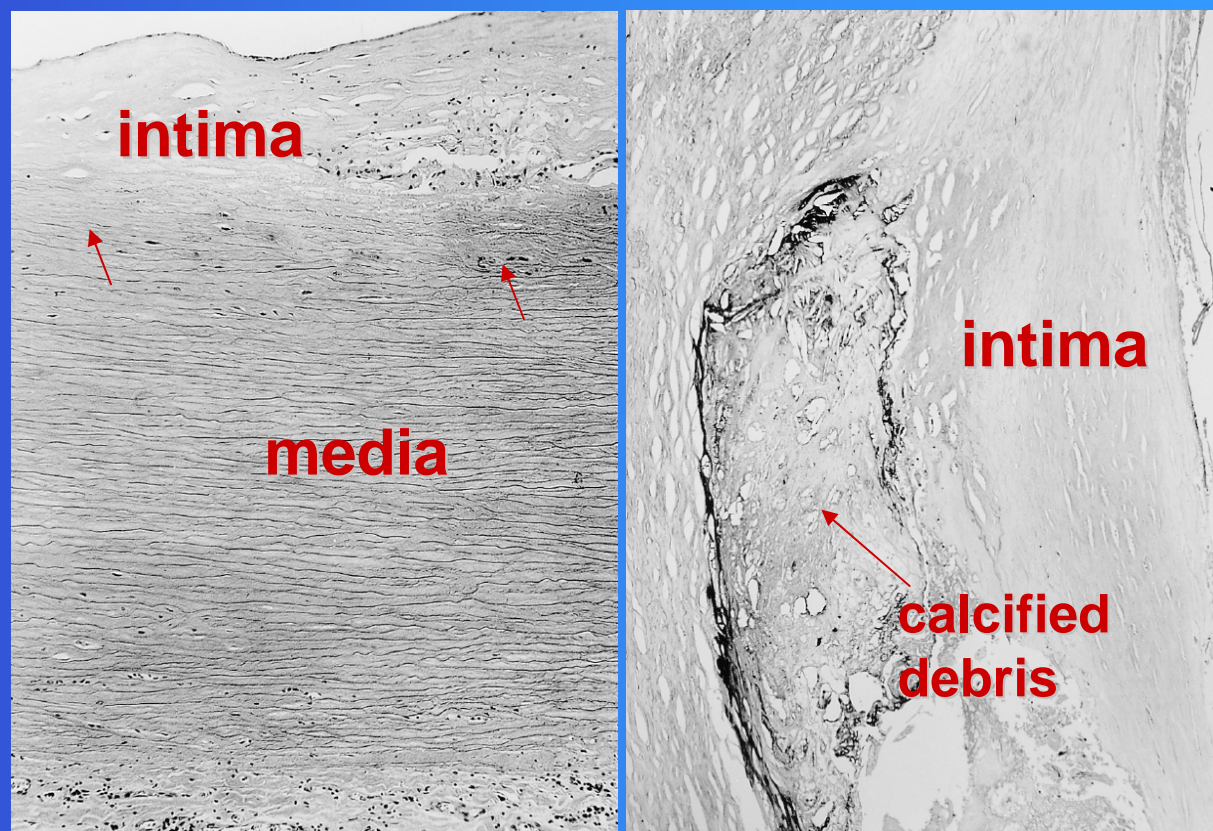
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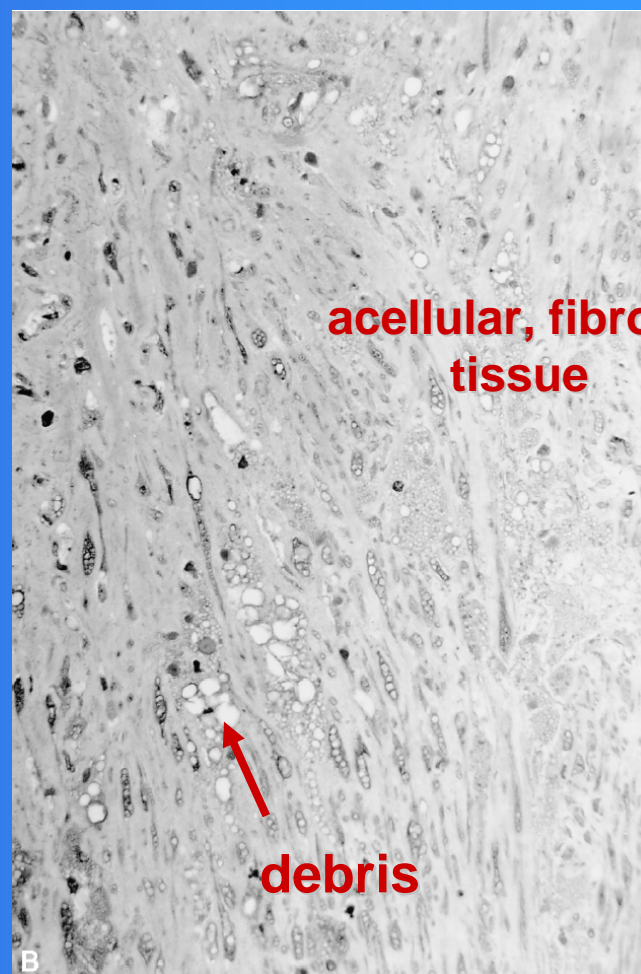
# Histological Features of Vascular Remodeling in HGPS

**Atherosclerotic aortic showing relative acellularity of intima and media with round cell infiltration, partially calcified caseous debris and loose superficial dissection of intimal tissue with thrombus.**



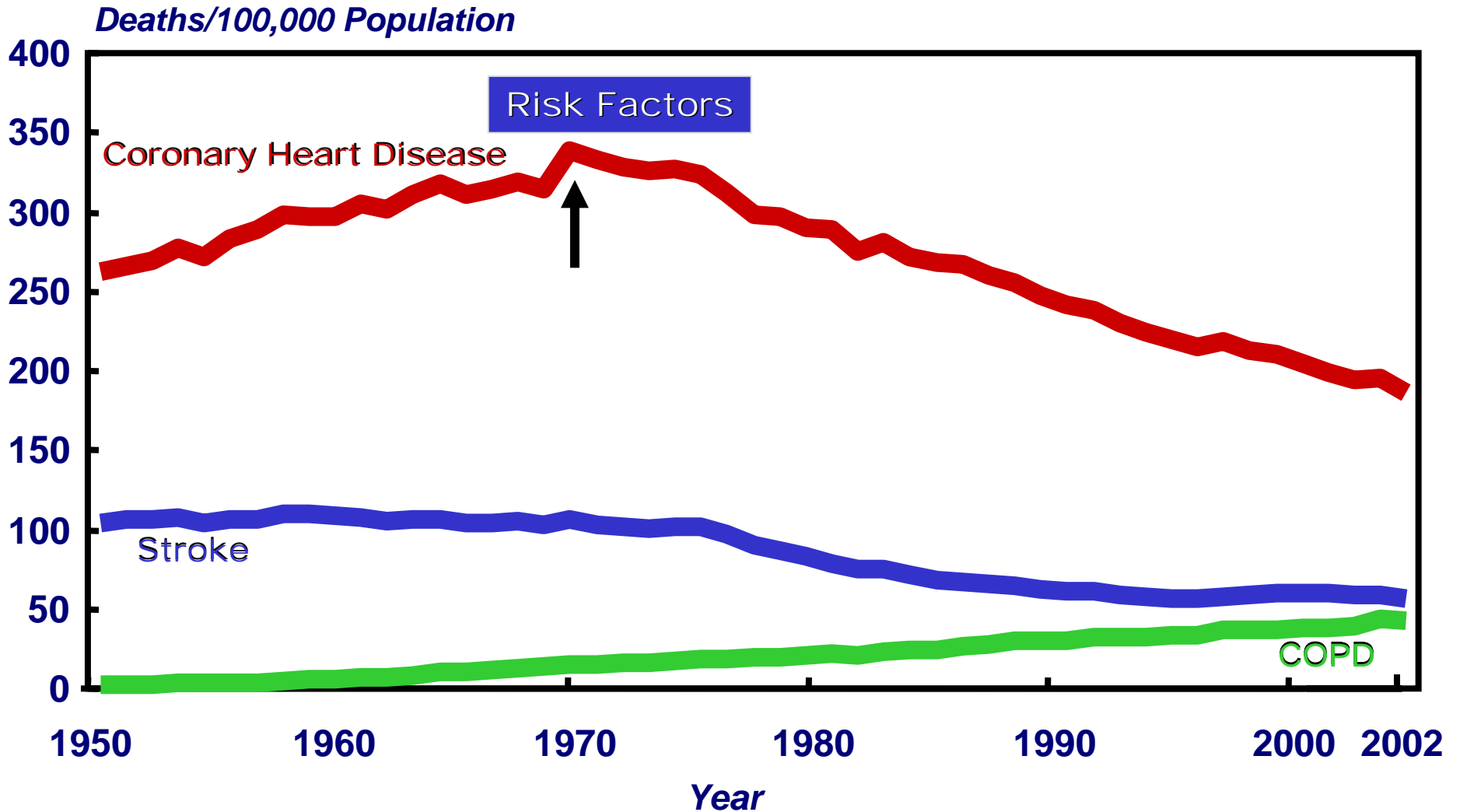
# Loss of vascular smooth muscle cells and replacement by fibrosis

**Atherosclerotic  
aortic intima  
exhibiting fibrotic  
tissue overlying  
caseous debris  
deep in intima.**





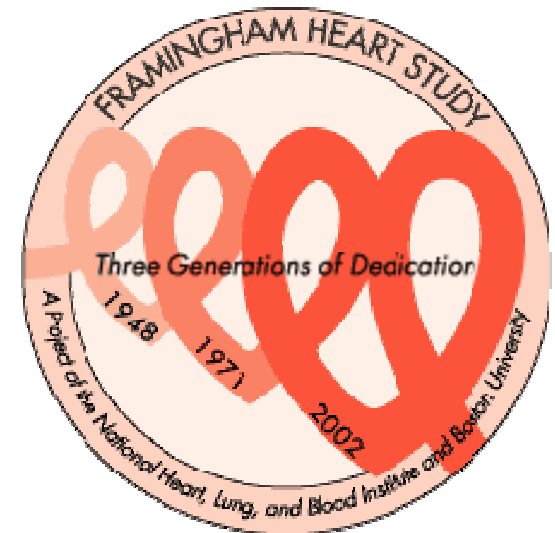
# Age-Adjusted Death Rates for Coronary Heart Disease, U.S., 1950-2002



# Framingham Heart Study

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**Downtown Framingham, MA (circa 1960)**



# “Factors of Risk” for CVD

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## **Annals of Internal Medicine**

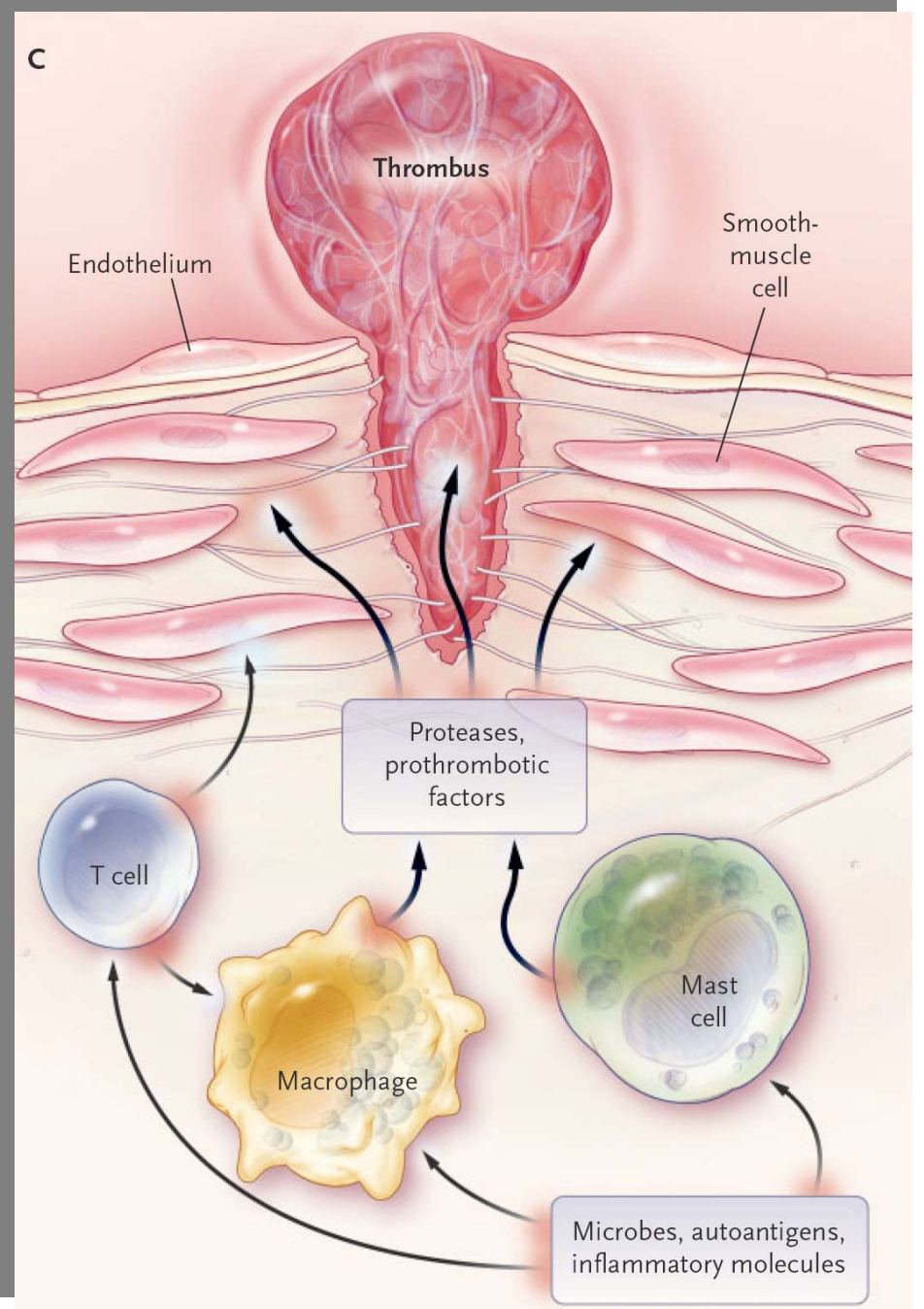
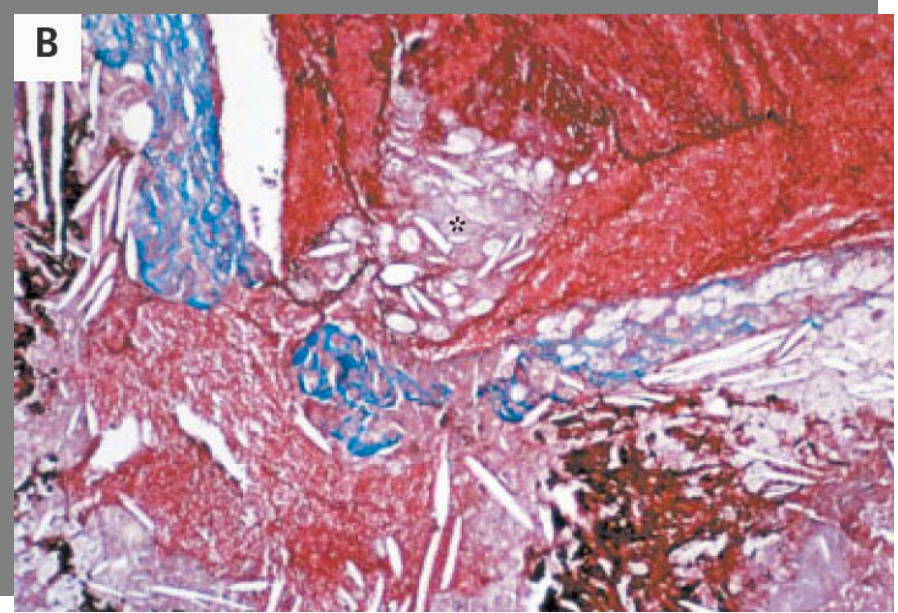
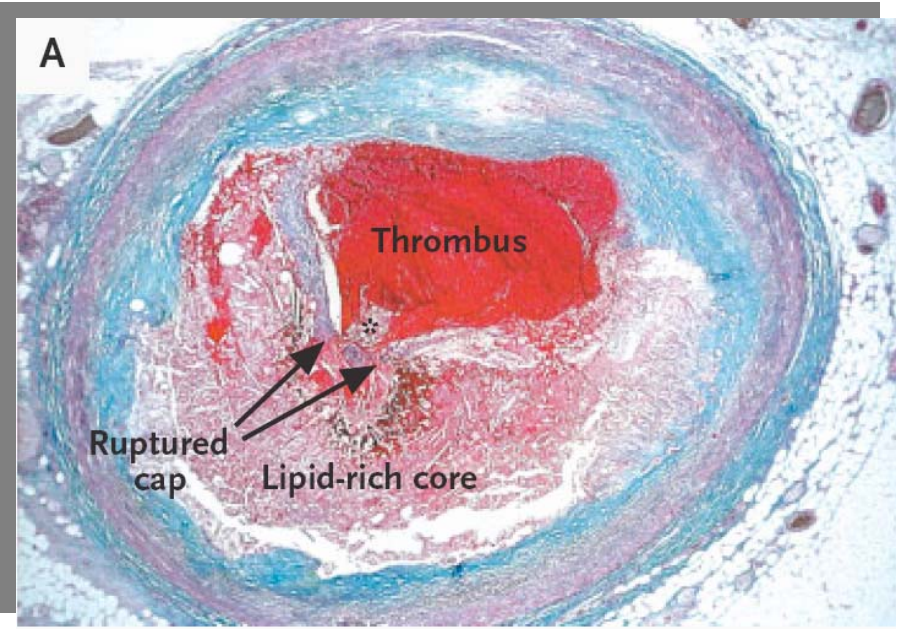
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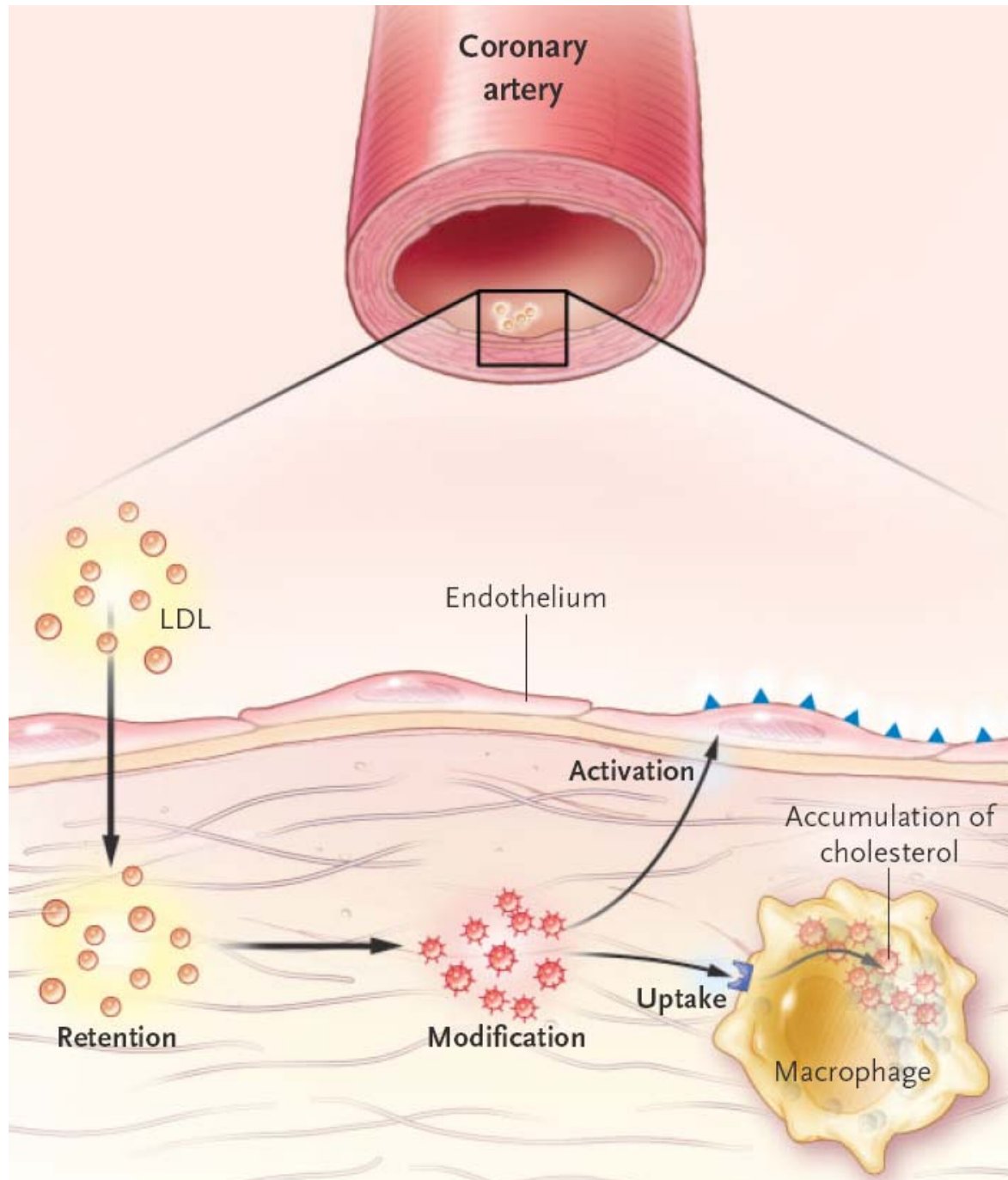
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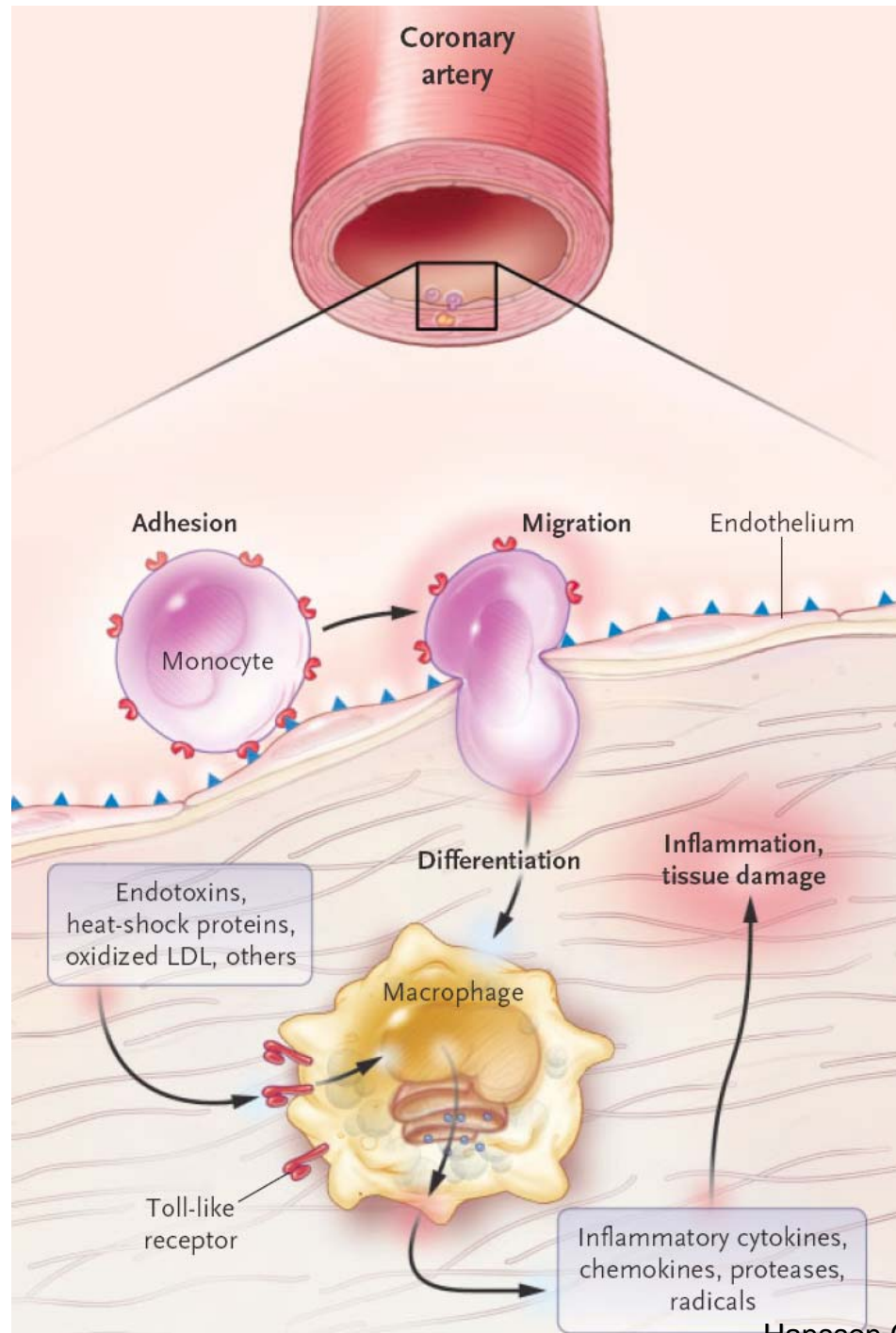
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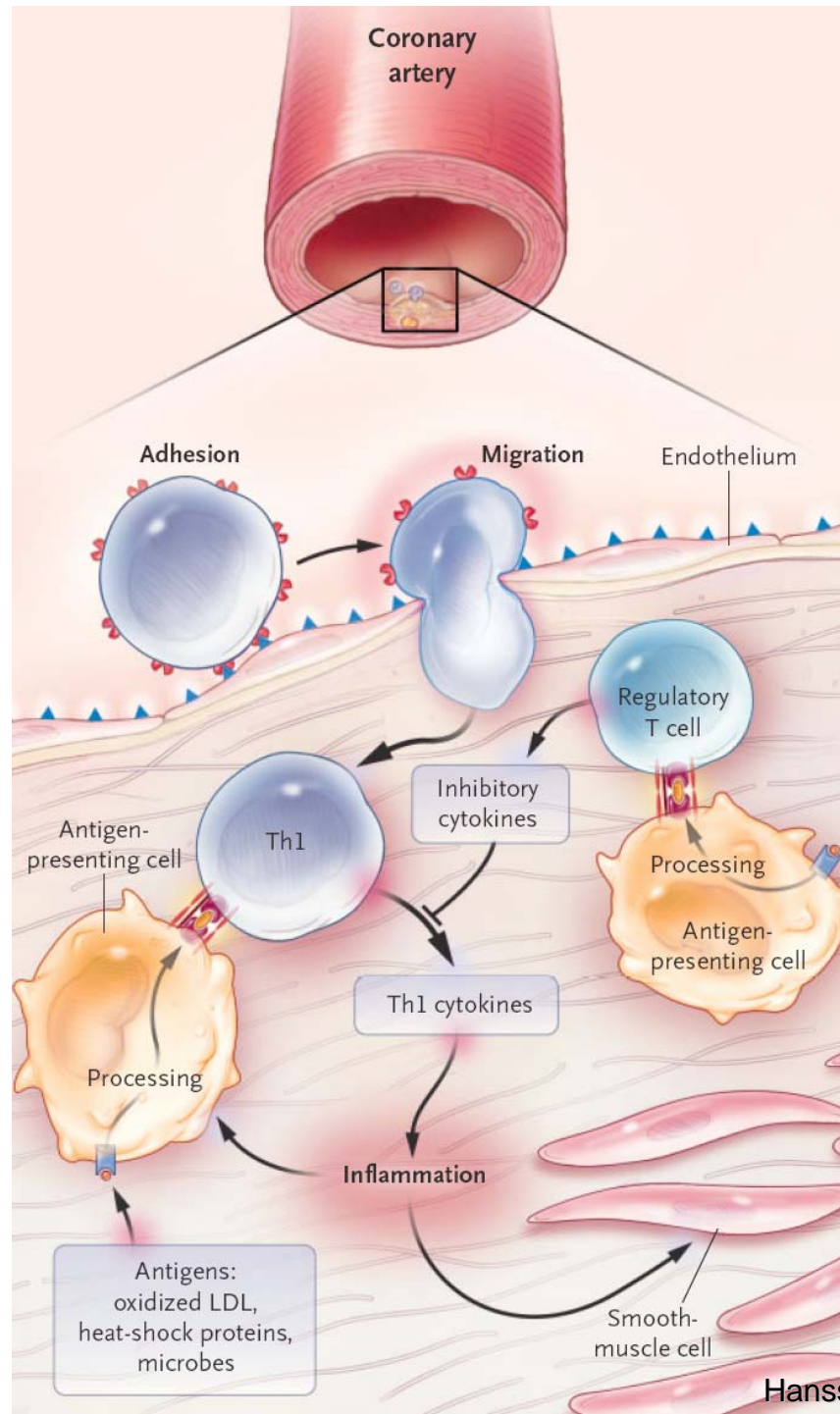
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- **Family History**
- **Male Gender**

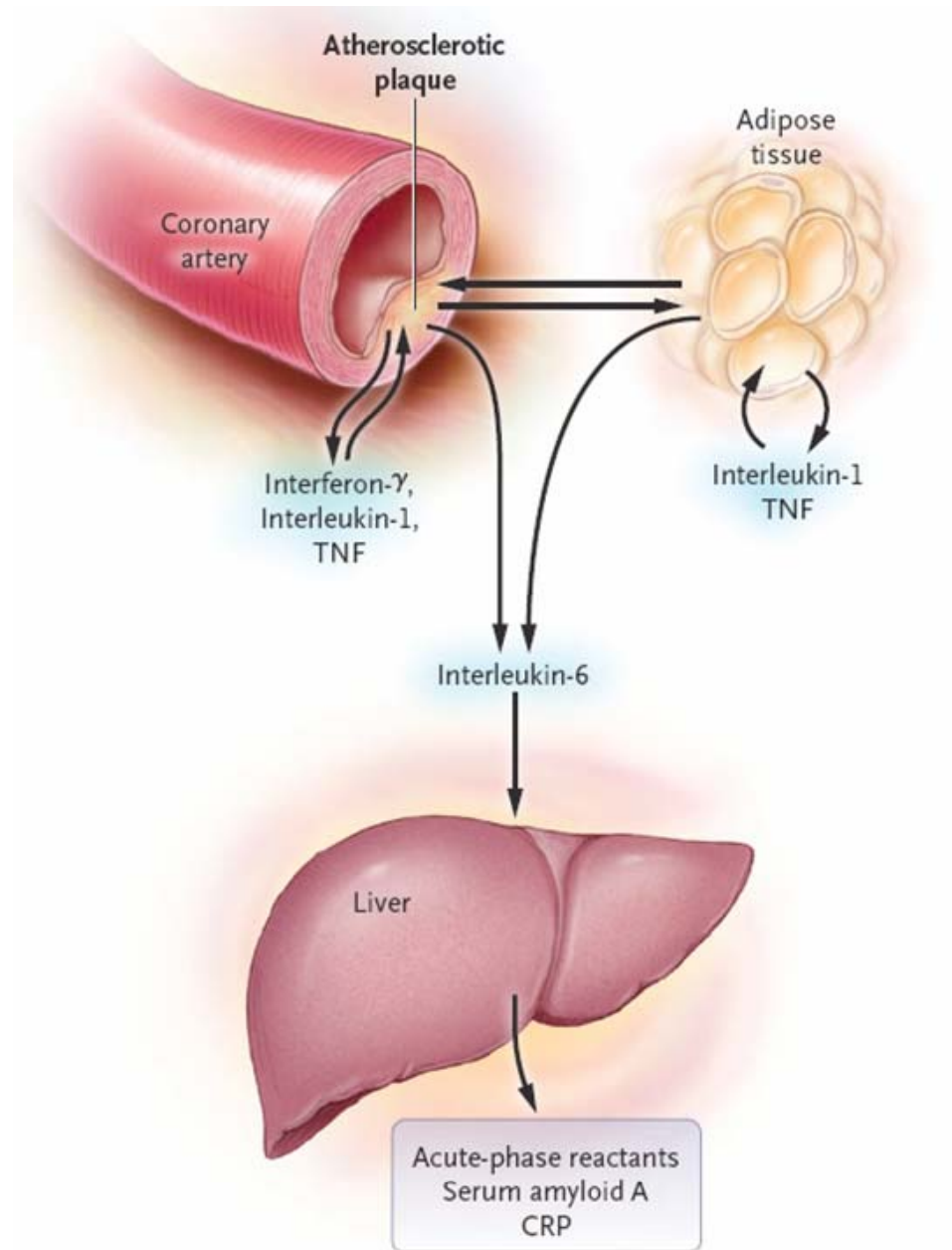


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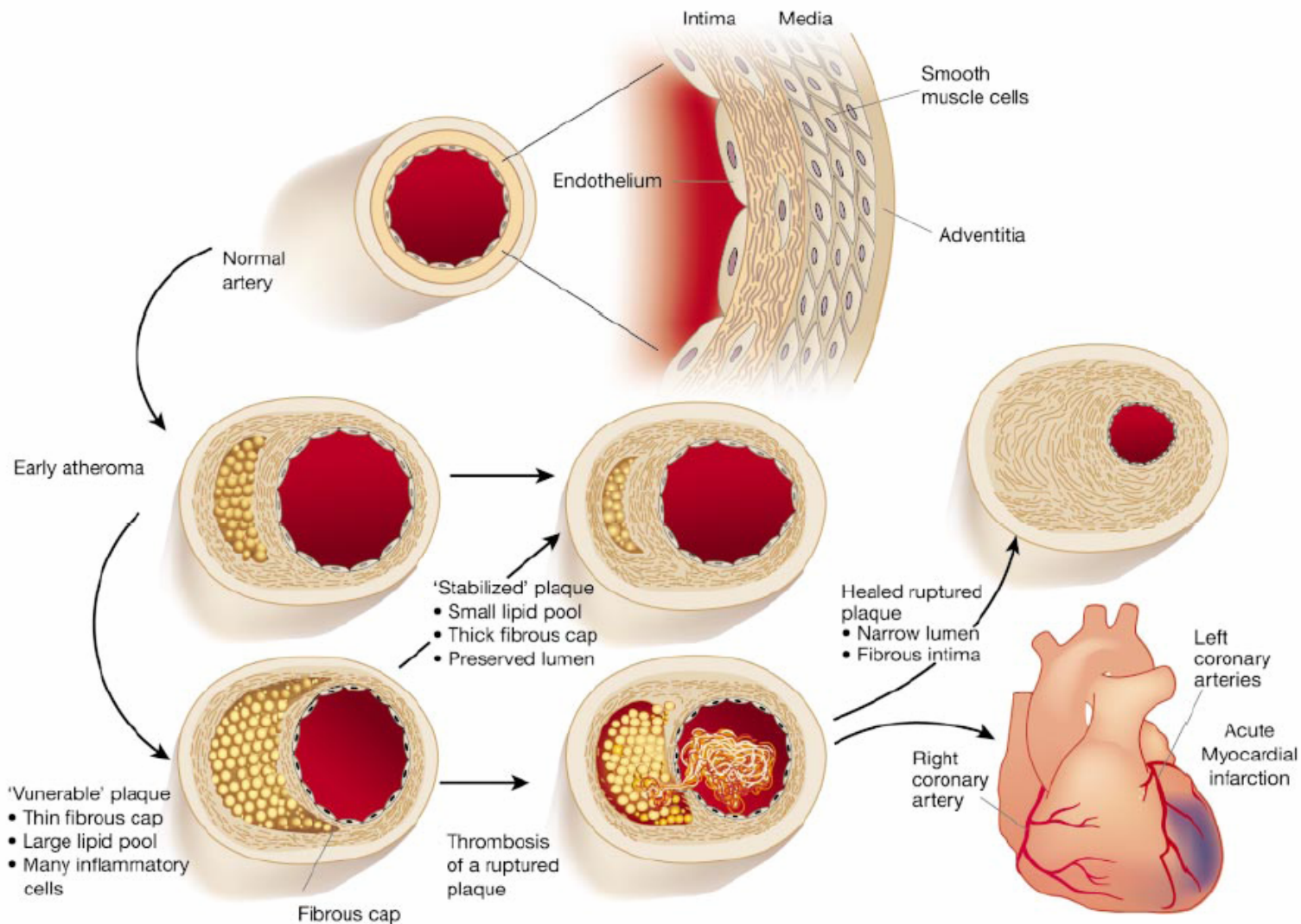






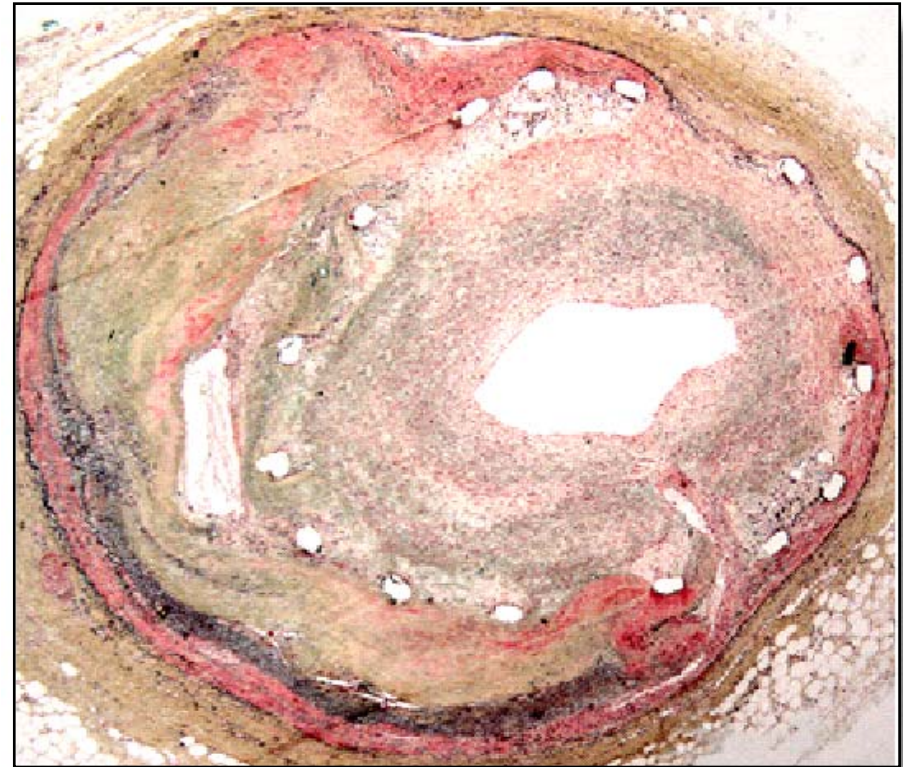


# Schematic of the Life History of an Atheroma



# Atherosclerosis in Human Coronary Arteries

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Farb et al., *Circulation* 2002;105:2974

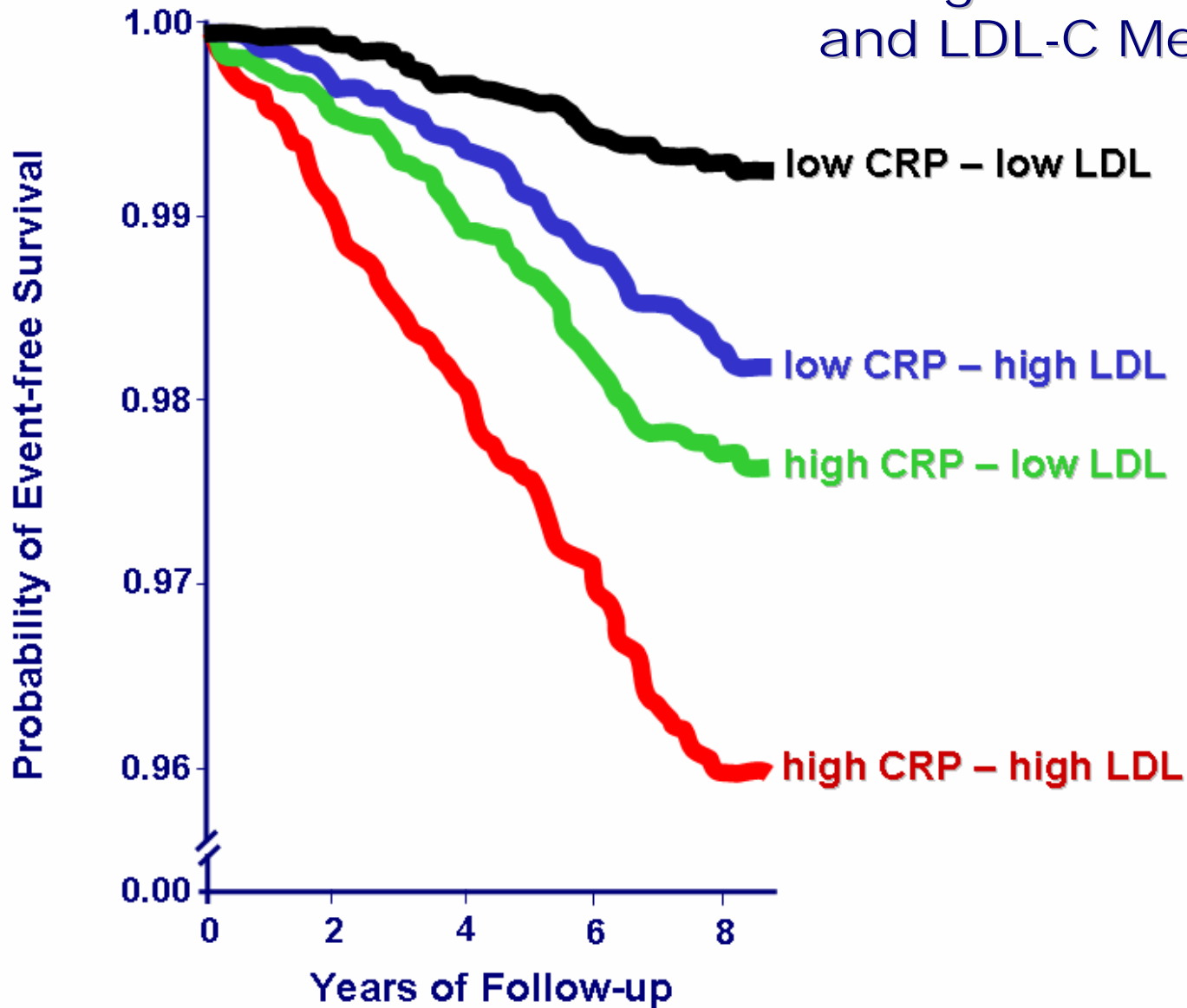
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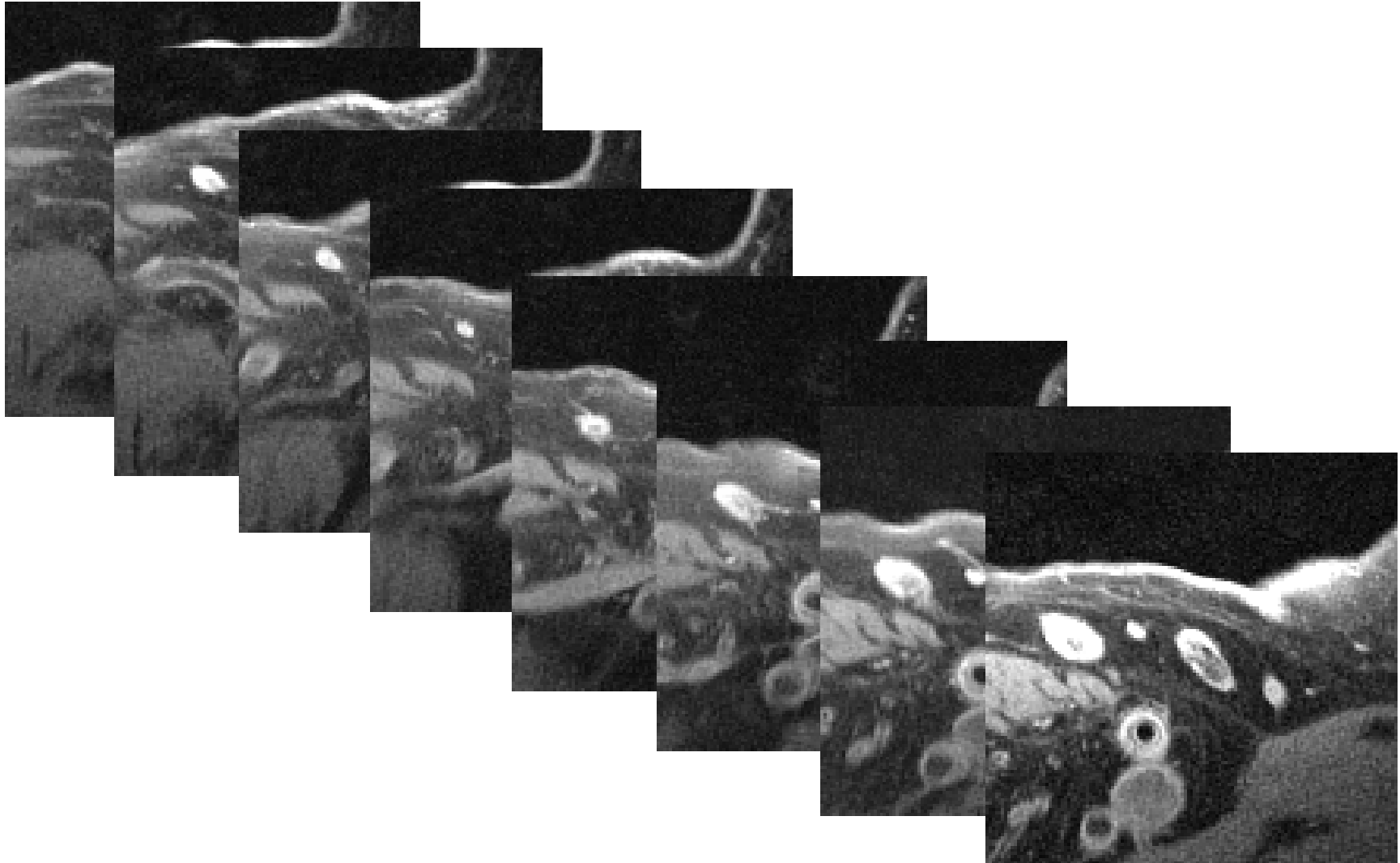
Median LDL 124 mg/dl  
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## CV Event-Free Survival Using Combined hsCRP and LDL-C Measurements

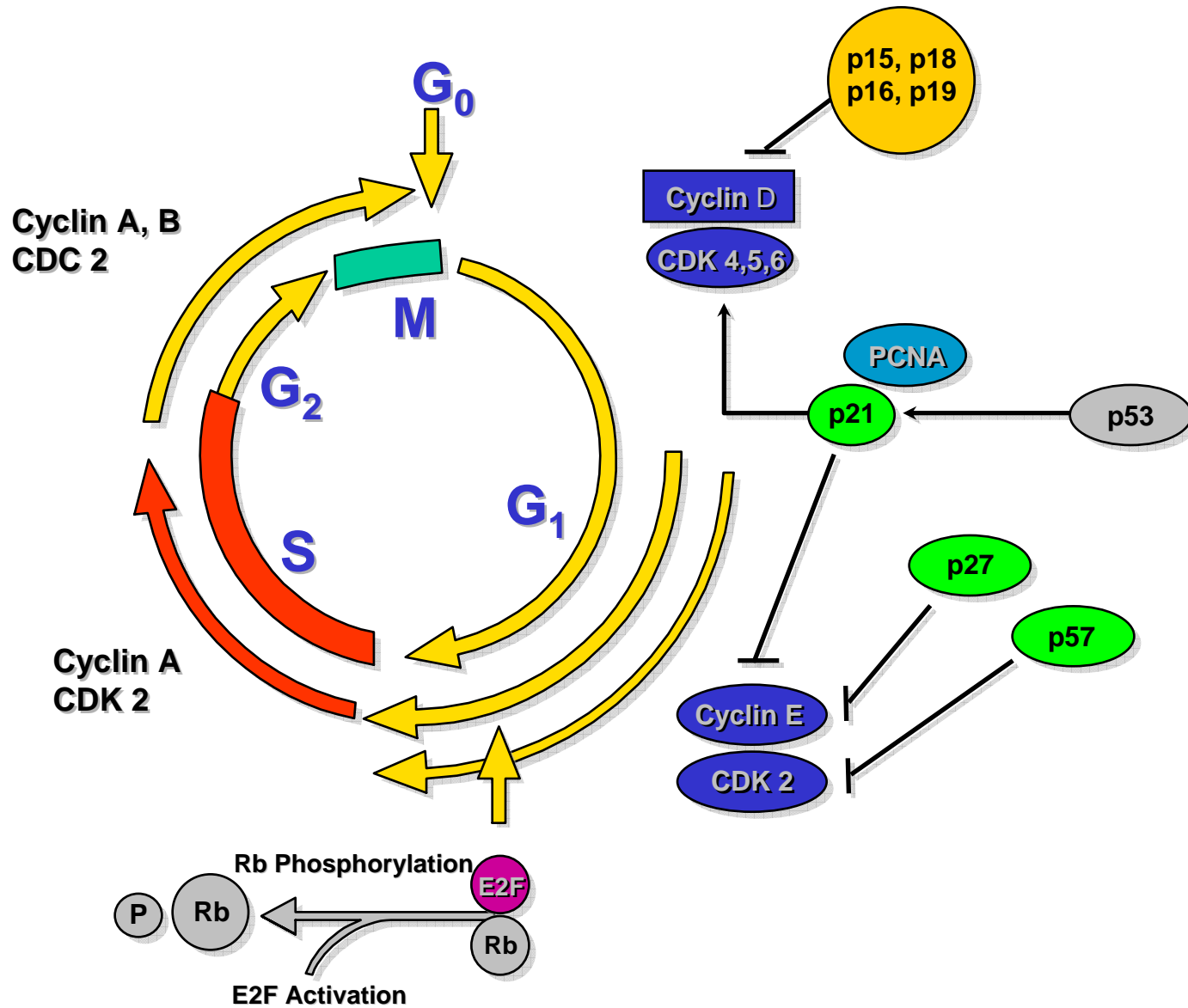


# Imaging: Plaque Volume Quantification

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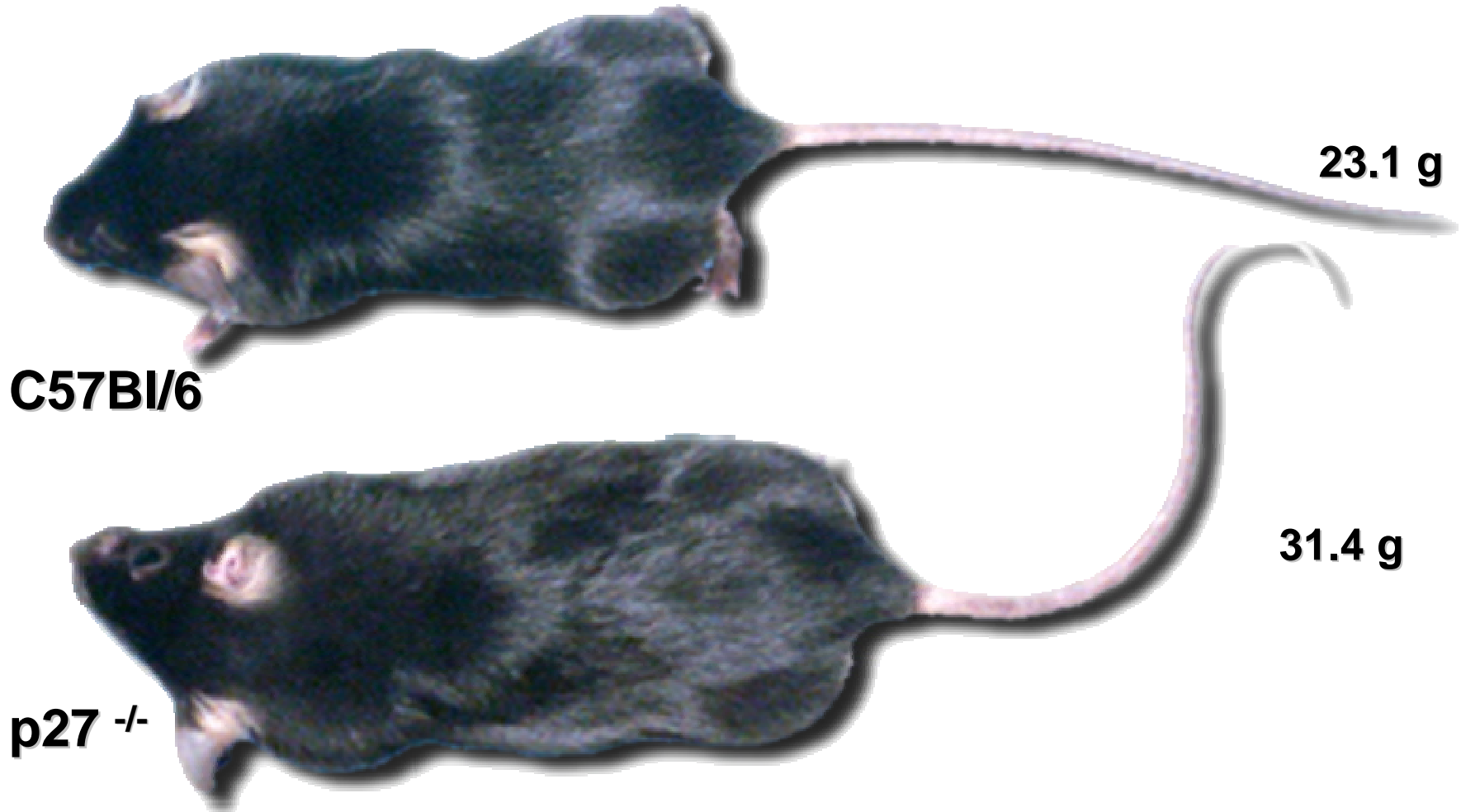


# Cell Cycle



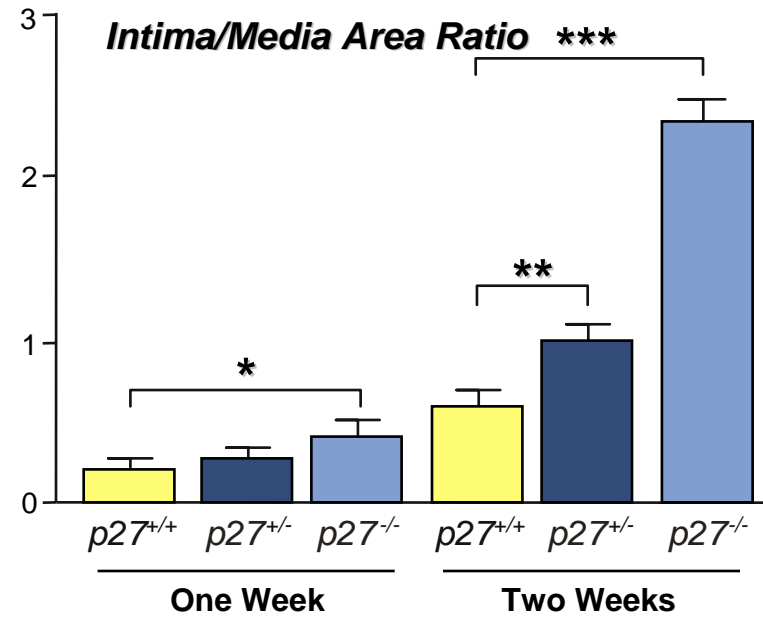
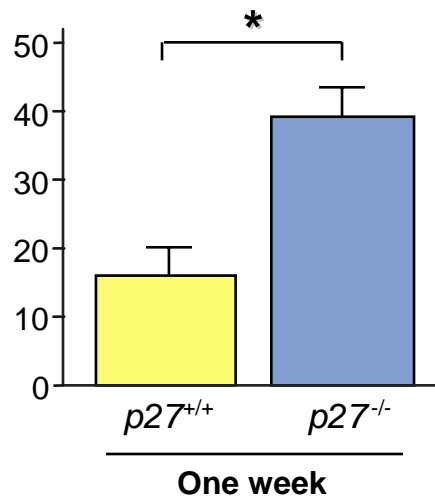
# *p27<sup>-/-</sup>* Mice Display Abnormal Cell Growth in Many Organs

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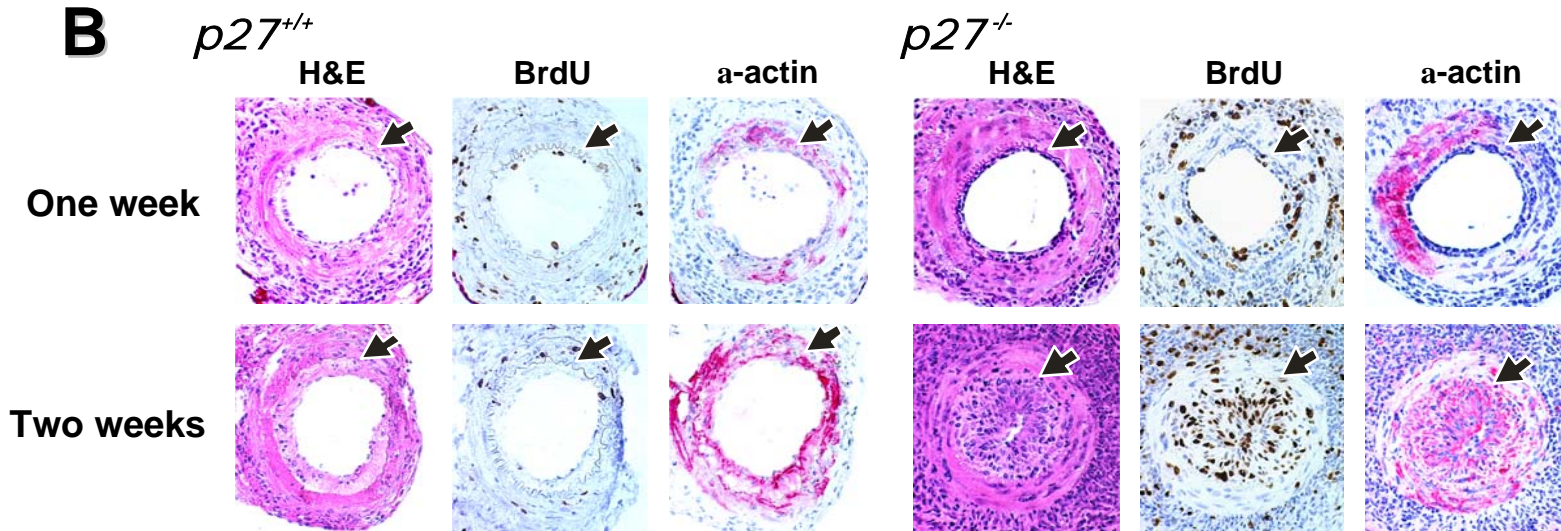


# Impaired Wound Healing in $p27^{-/-}$ Mice

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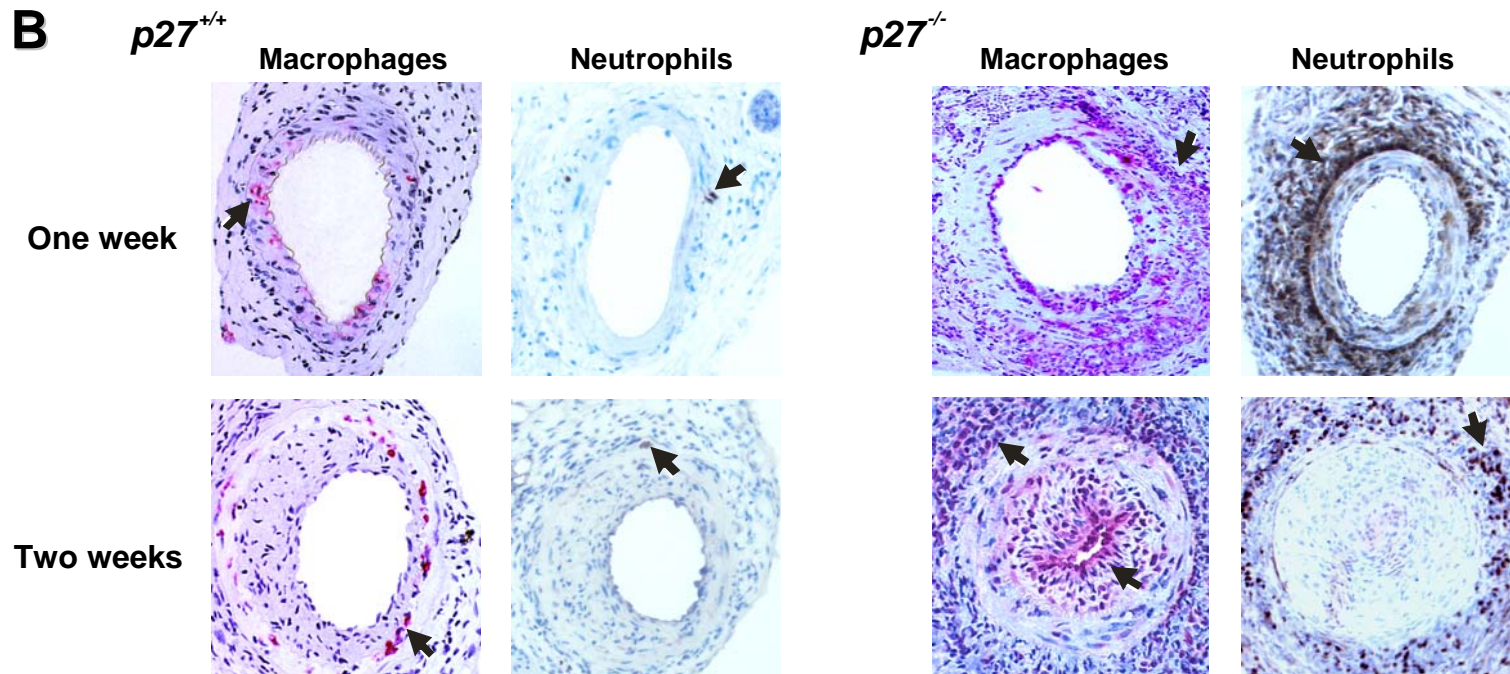
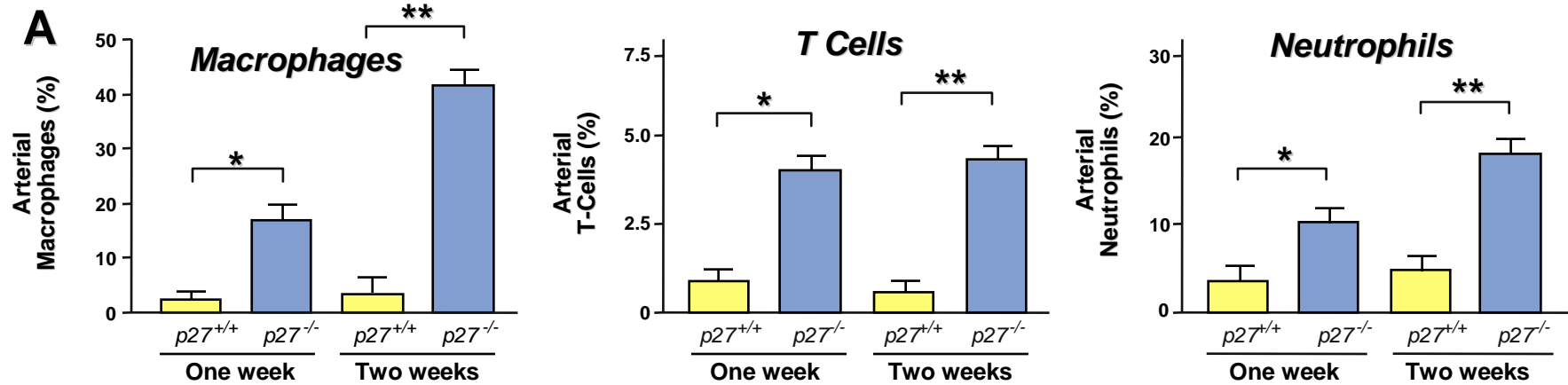


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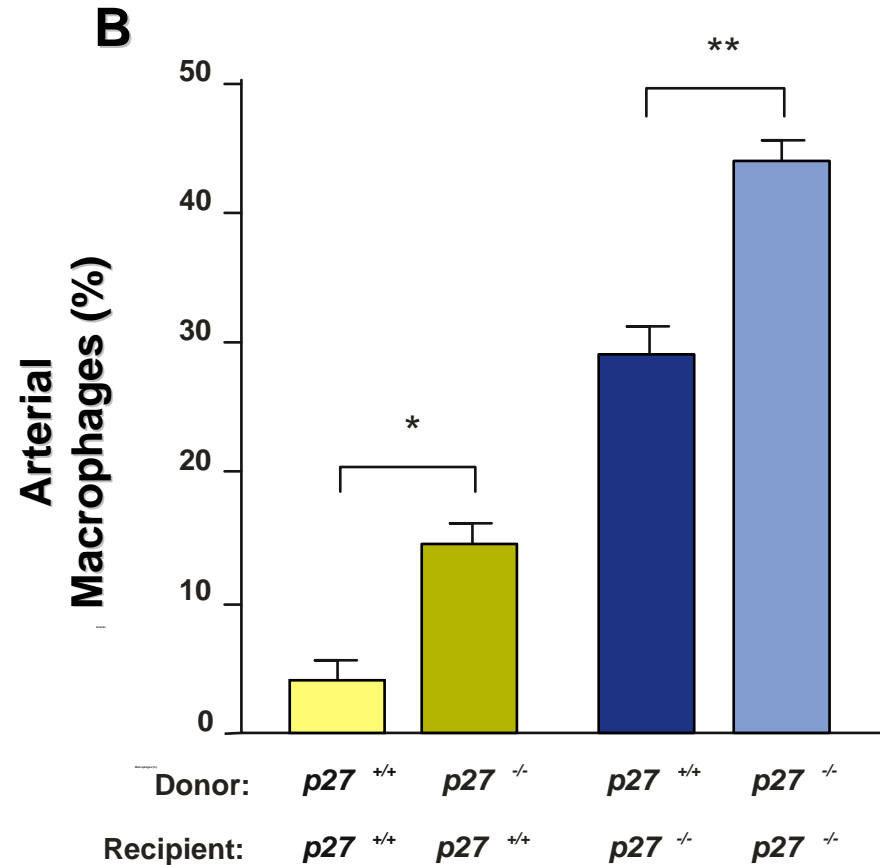
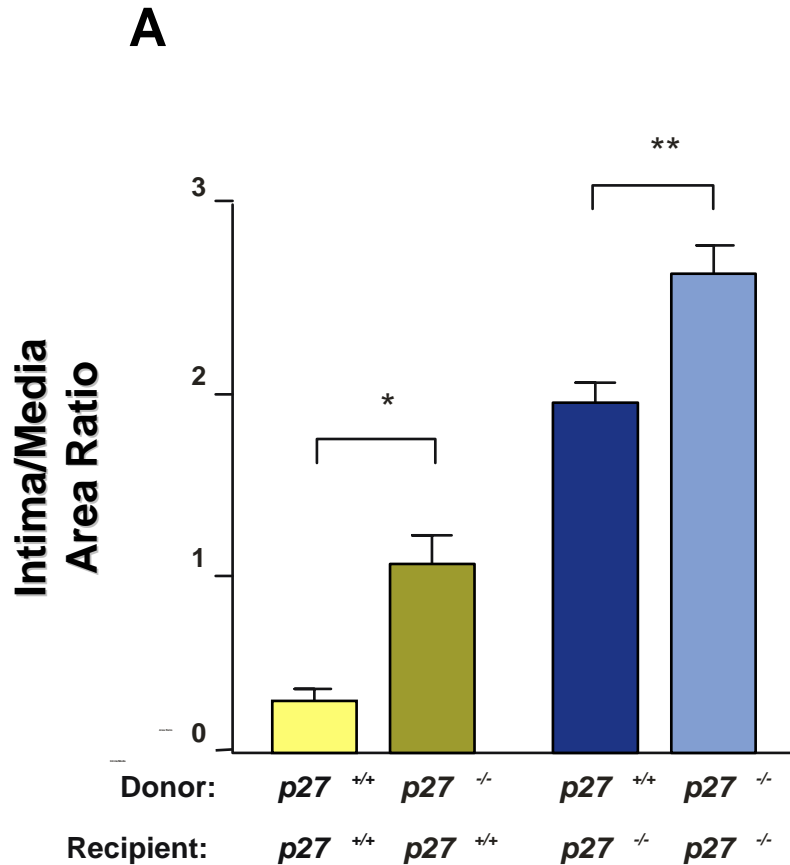




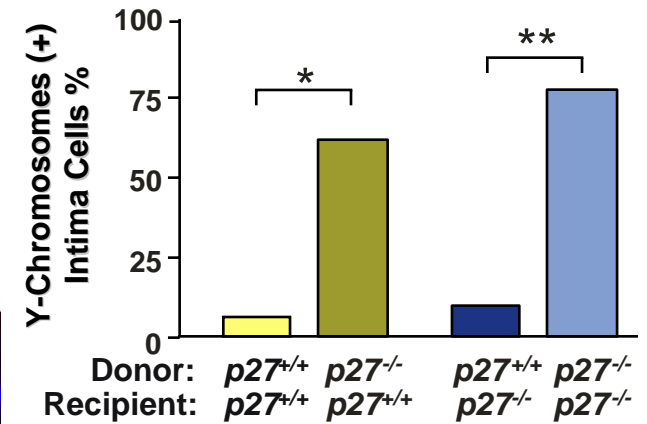
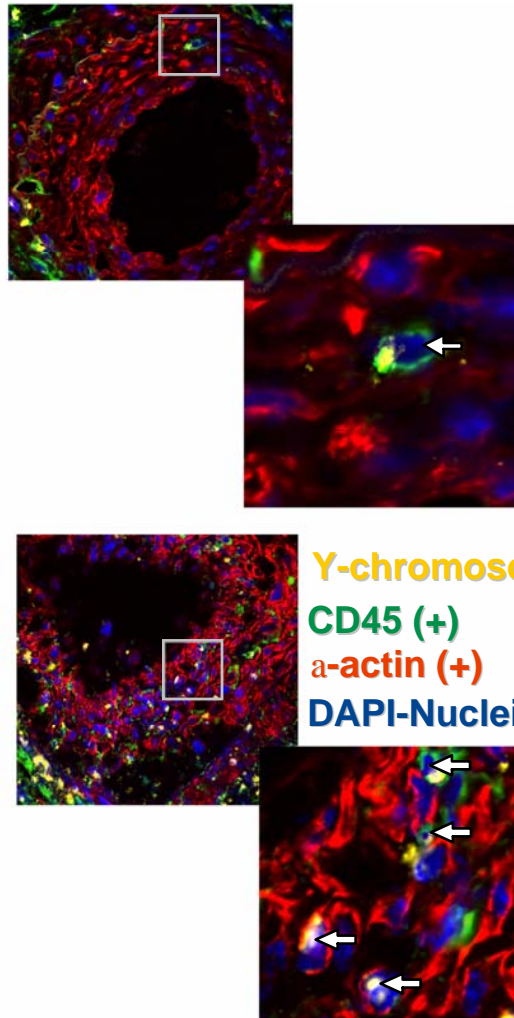
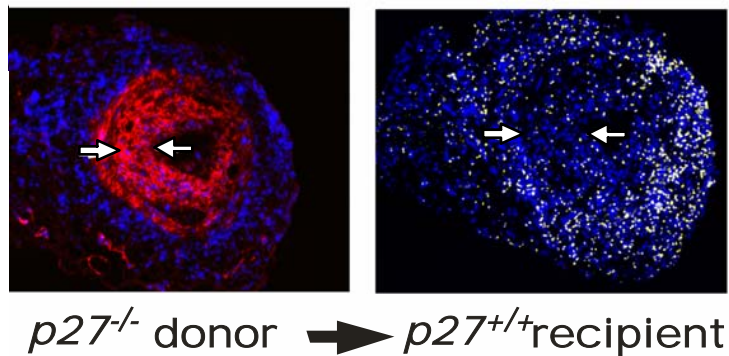
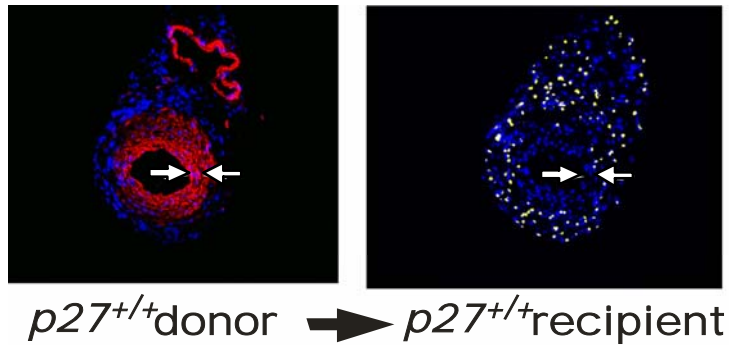
# p27<sup>Kip1</sup> Mediates the Inflammatory Response to Vascular Injury



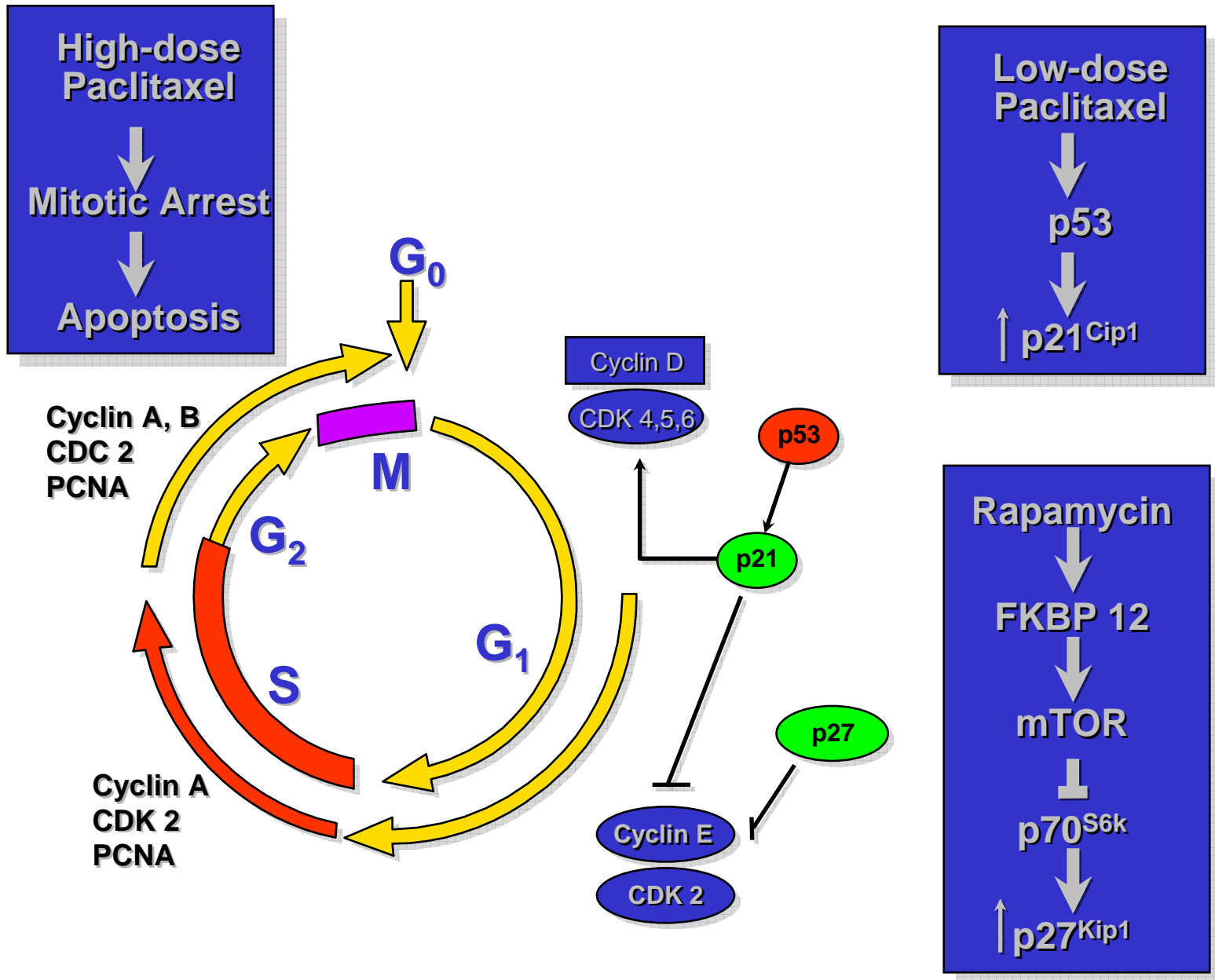
# p27<sup>Kip1</sup> Regulates Bone Marrow Cells that Repopulate Injured Arteries



# $p27^{-/-}$ BM Derived Cells Reconstitute the Intima and Adventitia of Vascular Lesions



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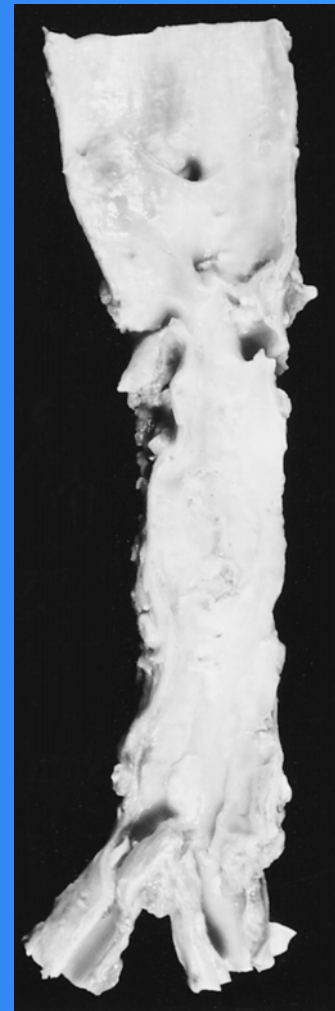
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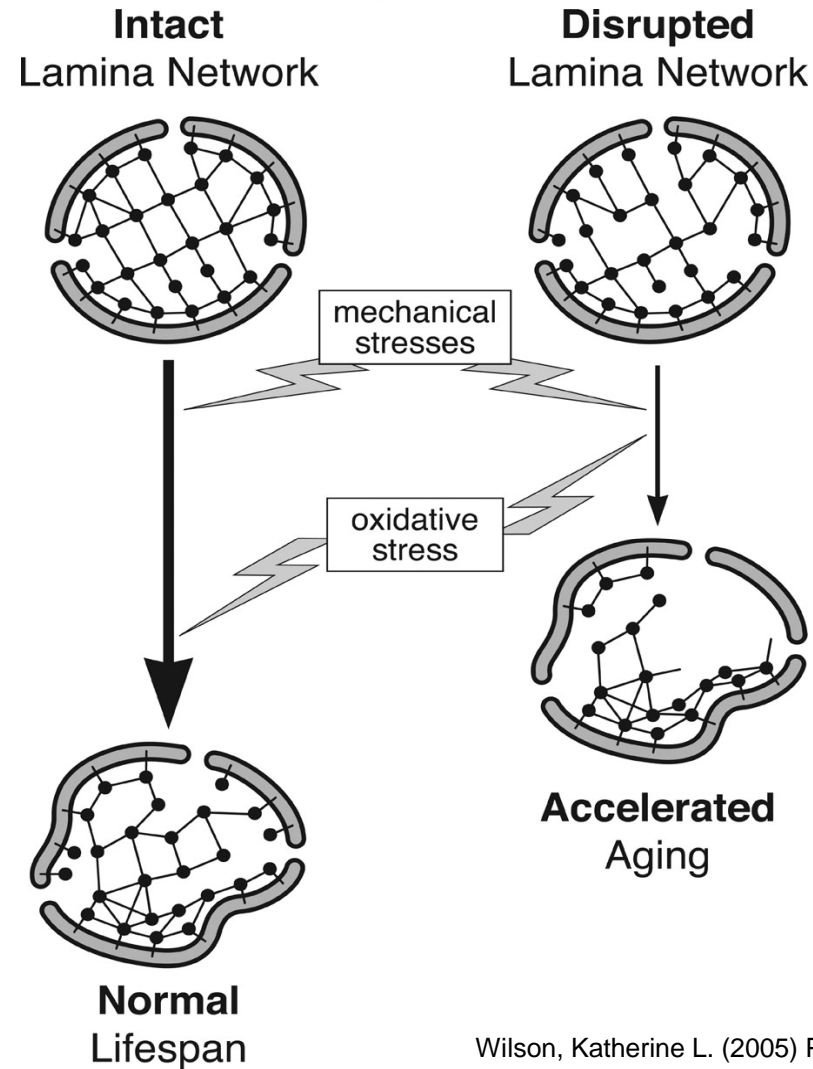
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# The Integrity of the Nuclear Lamina is linked Lifespan of Cells



# Progeroid Syndromes Associated with Impaired Genome Stability

Syndrome (affected genes)	Affected process
Cockayne syndrome ( <i>CSA, CSB</i> )	Transcription-coupled DNA repair
Cerebro-oculo-facio-skeletal syndrome ( <i>CSB, XPG, XPD</i> )	Transcription-coupled and global genome nucleotide excision repair
Trichothiodystrophy ( <i>XPB, XPD, TTDA</i> )	Transcription-coupled and global genome nucleotide excision repair
Xeroderma pigmentosum + Cockayne syndrome ( <i>XPB, XPF, XPD, XPG</i> )	Transcription-coupled and global genome nucleotide excision repair
Xeroderma pigmentosum + DeSanctis-Cacchione syndrome ( <i>XPA, XPC, XPD</i> )	Global genome nucleotide excision and transcription-coupled repair
Ataxia telangiectasia ( <i>ATM</i> )	DNA damage response
Nijmegen breakage syndrome ( <i>NBS1</i> )	DNA damage response and repair
Bloom syndrome ( <i>BLM</i> )	DNA repair and recombination
Werner syndrome ( <i>WRN</i> )	DNA repair and recombination
Fanconi anaemia ( <i>FANC</i> genes, <i>BRCA2</i> )	DNA crosslink repair
Dyskeratosis congenita ( <i>DKC1, TERC1</i> )	Telomere maintenance
Hutchinson–Gilford progeria syndrome ( <i>LMNA</i> )	Lamina function
Atypical Werner syndrome ( <i>LMNA</i> )	Lamina function
Restrictive dermopathy ( <i>LMNA, ZMPSTE24</i> )	Lamina function
Seip syndrome ( <i>LMNA</i> )	Lamina function

\*Mitochondrial DNA disorders that lead to premature ageing might also be considered to be caused by genetic instability.

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