







Unit: Bovine Mastitis

Lesson: 2

# Immune system of Udder and pathogenesis of mastitis

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Microbiota of udder

Immune system of udder

Pathogenesis of mastitis







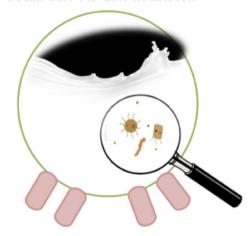


#### Microbiota of Udder

#### HISTORICAL THOUGHT



#### CONCEPT OF MICROBIOTA











### **Udder Microbiota**











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#### **Teat Apex Microbiota**

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Corynebacterium, Enterobacter,
Facklamia, Lactobacillus,
Lactococcus, Micrococcus,
Propionibacterium,
Staphylococcus, and
Streptococcus, among which
non-aureus staphylococci (NAS)
have gained the greatest
attention.

#### **Teat Canal Microbiota**

- More than 165 isolates
- Lactococcus and Lactobacillus
  - --> Hydrophobic
  - --> Autoaggregation
  - --> Colonization capacity
  - --> Immunomodulatory









- → Milk and Colostrum Microbiota
- → Firmicutes, Proteobacteria, Bacteroidetes, and Actinobacteria are main bacterial phyla shaping the structure of milk microbiota.

Normal milk microbiota- Staphylococcus, Ruminococcaceae, Lachnospiraceae, Propionibacterium, Stenotrophomonas, Corynebacterium, Pseudomonas, Streptococcus, Comamonas, Bacteroides, Enterococcus, Lactobacillus, and Fusobacterium obtained from clinically healthy quarters (Bhatt et al., 2012; Kuehn et al., 2013; Oikonomou et al., 2014; Ganda et al., 2016, 2017; Bonsaglia et al., 2017).

Colostrum microbiota- Staphylococcus, Prevotella, Ruminococcaceae, Bacteroidales, Clostridiales, and Pseudomonas (Lima et al., 2017).













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#### Mammary Gland Defense Mechanisms

- Anatomical defense barriers First line of defense
- Teat skin
- Teat sphincter muscle
- The teat canal
- Keratinized epithelium and
- Teat cistern
- Innate immune response
- Macrophages located in the alveoli phagocytize bacteria that enter the mammary gland
- Activated macrophages release cytokines
- Neutrophil recruitment from the blood stream to the site of infection

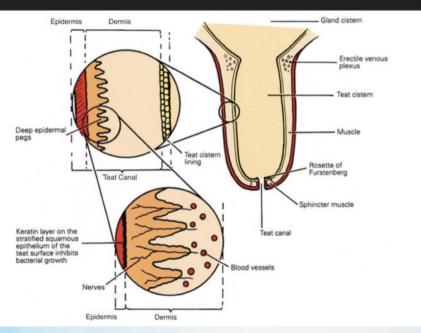








#### **Teat skin**





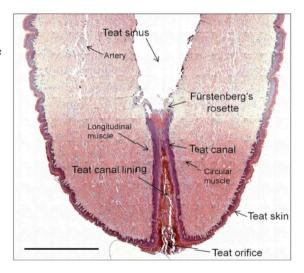






#### Streak canal

 The streak canal - lined by keratin and covered by thin layer of lipid seals the canal and prevent entry of pathogens.



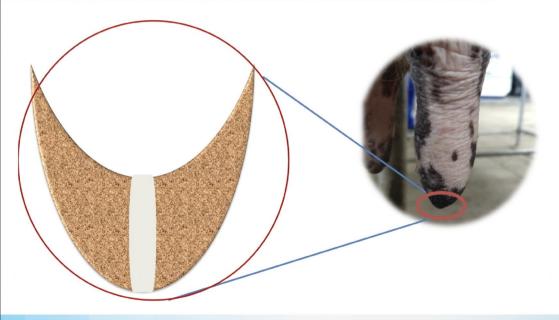








# **Keratinand Wax Plug**



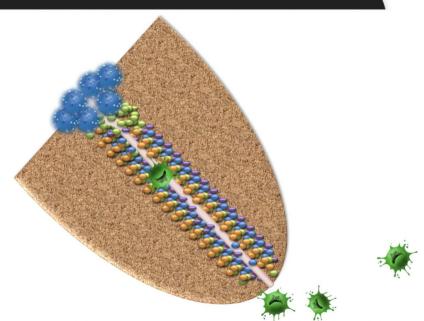








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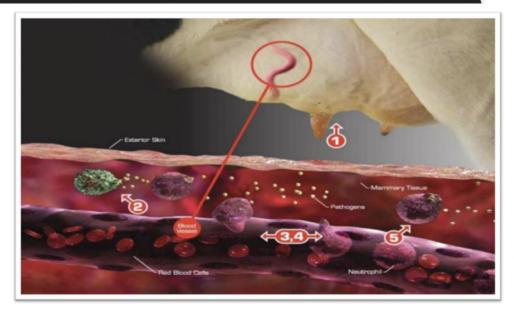








# **Innate Immunity**



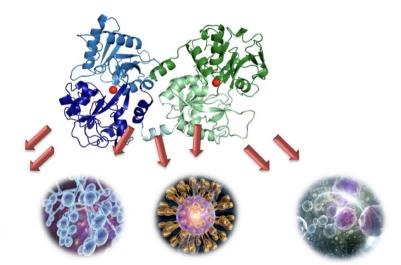








# **Lactoferrin- The Red Protein**











### **Pathogenesis**



Compromise in first defense mechanism

Prepartal loss of the keratin plug

Postmilking dilation of the sphincter

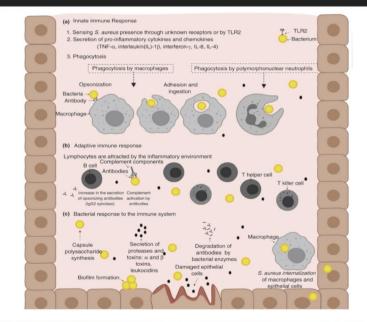








#### **Biofilm formation and Internalisation**



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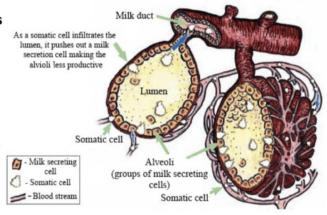






#### **Biofilm formation and Internalisation**

- As a result of mammary invasion by pathogenic species, masses of neutrophils pass between the milk secreting cells into the lumen of the alveoli, increasing the somatic cell counts besides injuring the secretory cells.
- The increase in the number of leukocytes in milk results in the increased number of somatic cells.



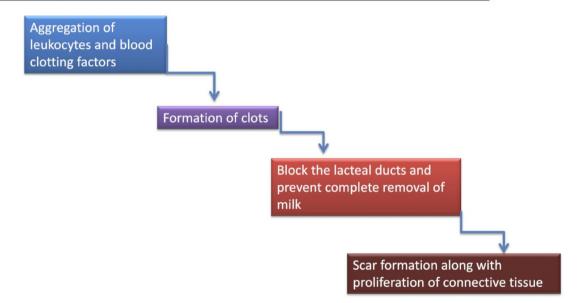








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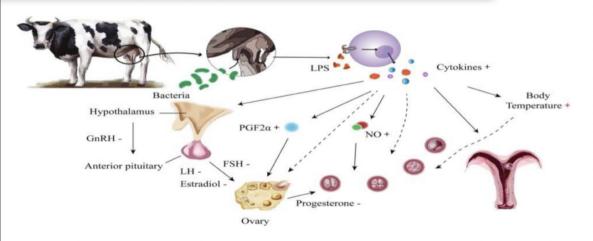








# Mechanism by which mastitis affects reproduction in dairy cow











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