# Lymphatic system



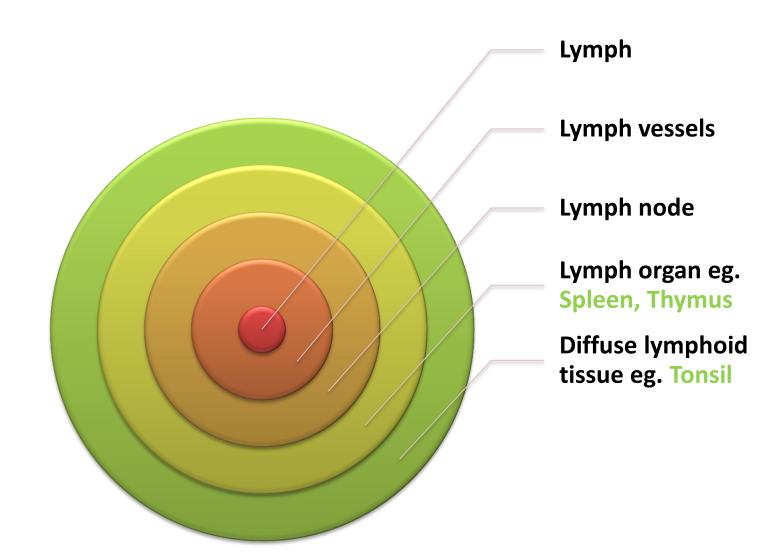
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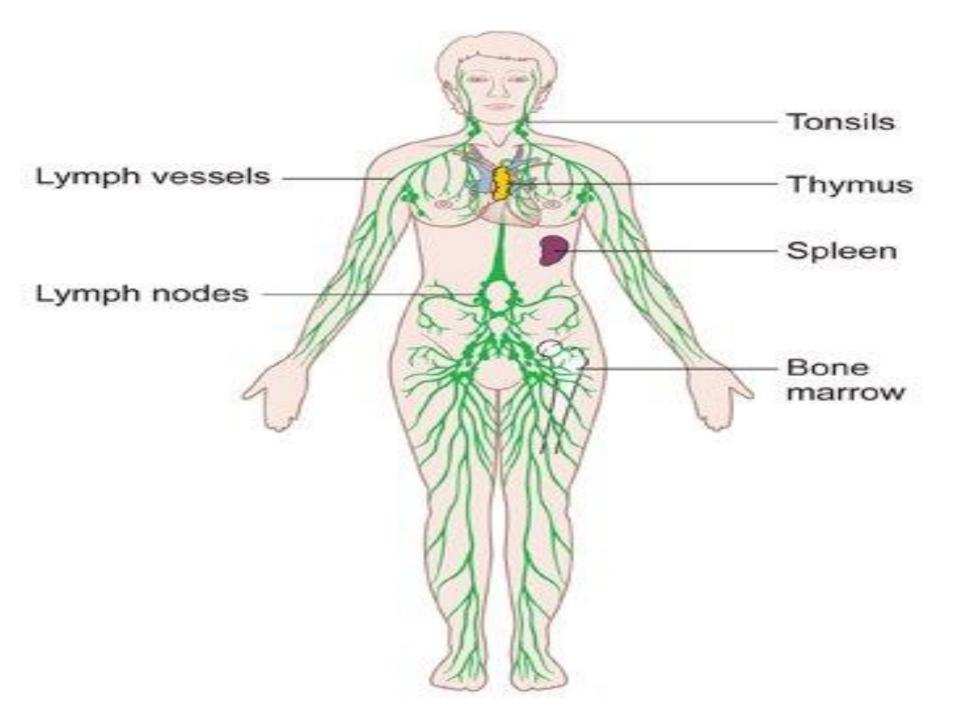
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#### Introduction:

 The lymphatic system is a network of tissues and organs that help to remove toxins, waste and other unwanted materials from the body.

### It consists of:



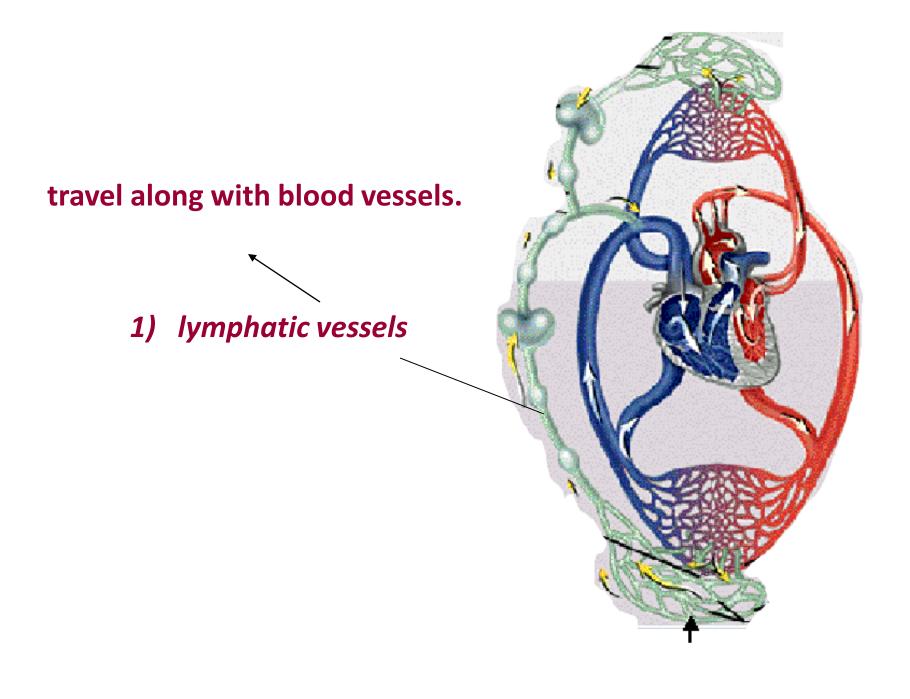


## **Functions of L.S.:**

➤ Return tissue fluid to the bloodstream;

➤ It absorbs and transports fat and soluble vitamins from the intestine;

>Kill the micro-organisms.

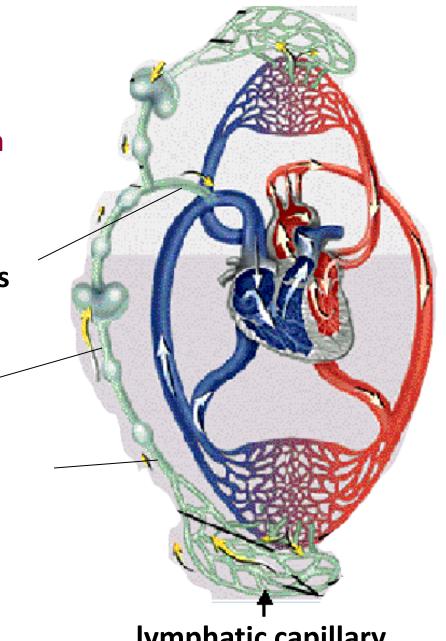


Lymphatic vessels start with lymphatic capillaries

lymphatic ducts

lymphatic trunks

lymphatic collecting vessels



lymphatic capillary

## Lymph:

Lymph is a clear, colourless liquid with a composition similar to blood plasma.

➤ It contains oxygen, proteins, glucose and white blood cells.

 $\triangleright$  Lymph is an alkaline (pH > 7.0)

## Function of lymph:-

➤ Transports oxygen, food materials, hormones, etc., to the body cells;

➤ Brings carbon dioxide and other metabolic wastes, from the body cells to blood;

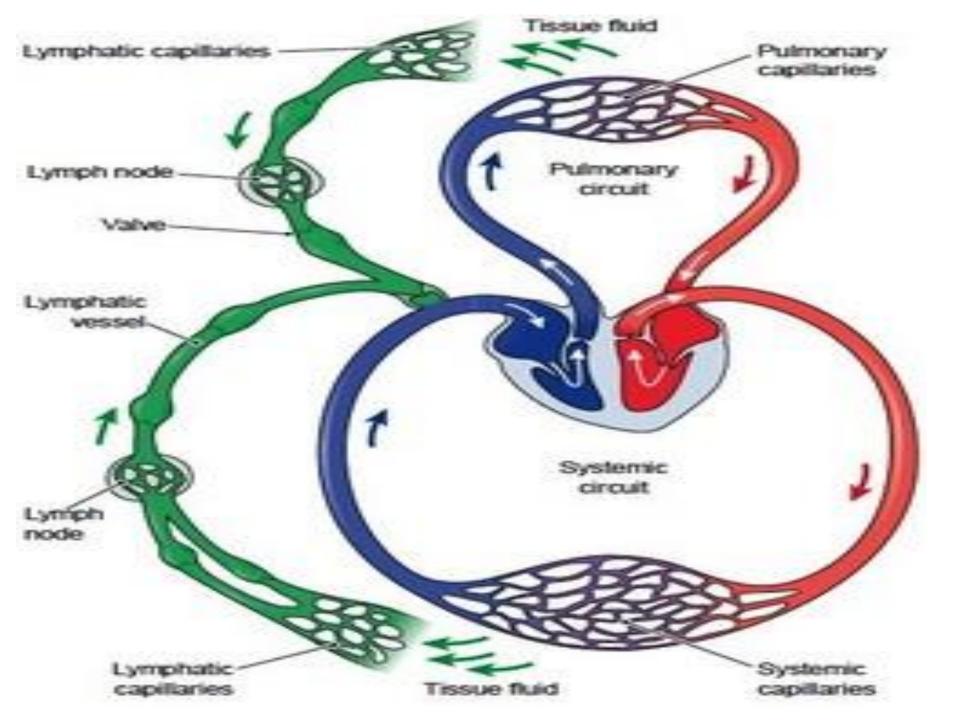
➤ Body cells are kept moist by the lymph;

➤ Destroys the invading microorganisms and foreign particles in the lymph nodes.

## Lymph vessels:-

➤ Return to the blood of any fluids that have escaped from the circulation.

Lymphatic vessels are intimately connected with blood vessels so that they can perform this function.



# Circulation of Lymph:

Lymphatic trunks form the union of collecting vessels.

The nine major trunks:

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1.lumbar;
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2. jugular,

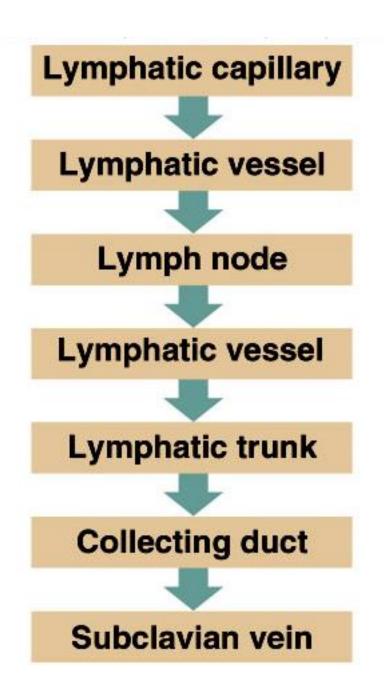
3.subclavian,

4.bronchomediastinal trunks, each of which occurs in pairs (left and right, for each side of the body), and -

(5) single intestinal trunk.

The left thoracic duct collects lymph from the left side of the body and regions of the right side of the body below the thorax.

The right lymphatic duct collects lymph from the upper right side of the body and drains lymph into the right subclavian vein.



#### CISTERNA CHYLI

➤ It is an elongated lymphatic sac

Length- 5-7 cm

Situation – in front of first and second lumber vertebra, immediately to the right of the abdominal aorta

Tributaries- right and left intestinal lymph trunk

Termination- its upper end continues as thoracic duct

Draining area – intestinal trunk brings lymph from

The stomach to intestine, pancrease, spleen, liver (antrio inferior)

All structures below diaphragm (lower half of body)

