

# Shock

- Shock is defined as the characterized by **systemic hypoperfusion** of tissues, caused by **diminished cardiac output** or by **reduced effective circulating blood volume**.
- or
- Shock is a **pathological process that results** from inadequate tissue perfusion, **leading to cellular dysfunction and organ failure**.
- **It is** resulting in hypotension, impaired tissue perfusion and **cellular hypoxia**

# Characteristic features:

**Extreme and widespread failure of the circulatory system**



**Systemic hypotension**



**Life-threatening inadequate/impaired tissue perfusion  
(hypoperfusion)**



**Tissue hypoxia**



**Reversible cellular injury**



**Reversible tissue injury and organ failure**



**Death**



# Cardiogenic Shock

- **low cardiac output due to myocardial pump failure**

Causes :

- intrinsic myocardial damage (e.g. acute myocardial infarction)
- Ventricular arrhythmias
- Extrinsic compression e.g. cardiac tamponade
- Outflow obstruction e.g., pulmonary embolism

# Cardiogenic Shock

Direct myocardial damage or a mechanical abnormality of the Heart



Low cardiac output



Reduced cardiac output and Blood pressure



# Hypovolemic shock

- Inadequate blood or plasma volume
- Causes of fluid loss
  - Internal or external hemorrhage
  - Vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Burns
  - Severe gastroenteritis

# Hypovolemic shock

Loss of blood/plasma/ fluid



Decreased circulating blood volume



Low cardiac output



Hypotension, and shock



# Anaphylactic shock

- Systemic form of IgE – mediated hypersensitivity reaction
- Systemic vasodilation + increased vascular permeability
- Peripheral pooling of blood and hypotension



# Neurogenic shock

- The principal mechanism is result of loss of vascular tone and peripheral pooling of blood,
- For clinical example is anesthetic accident or spinal cord injury

# Septic shock

- It is defined as shock due to **severe sepsis with hypotension**, which cannot be corrected by infusing fluids.
- It results from vasodilation and peripheral pooling of blood and is associated with dysfunction of multiple organs distant from the site of infection.

# Septic shock: Etiopathogenesis

## Causes:

- **Gram-positive bacterial infections** – lipoteichoic acid/cell wall muramyl peptides
- **Gram-negative bacteria**- lipopolysaccharide
- **Fungi**
- **Superantigens** (Staphylococcal toxic shock syndrome toxin)--**toxic shock syndrome**

# Overview of pathogenesis of septic shock

Microbial infection Localized / systemic

Systemic immune response  
Release of inflammatory mediators

Systemic arterial  
& venous dilation  
Peripheral pooling  
of blood

Metabolic  
derangements

Widespread  
endothelial  
cell activation

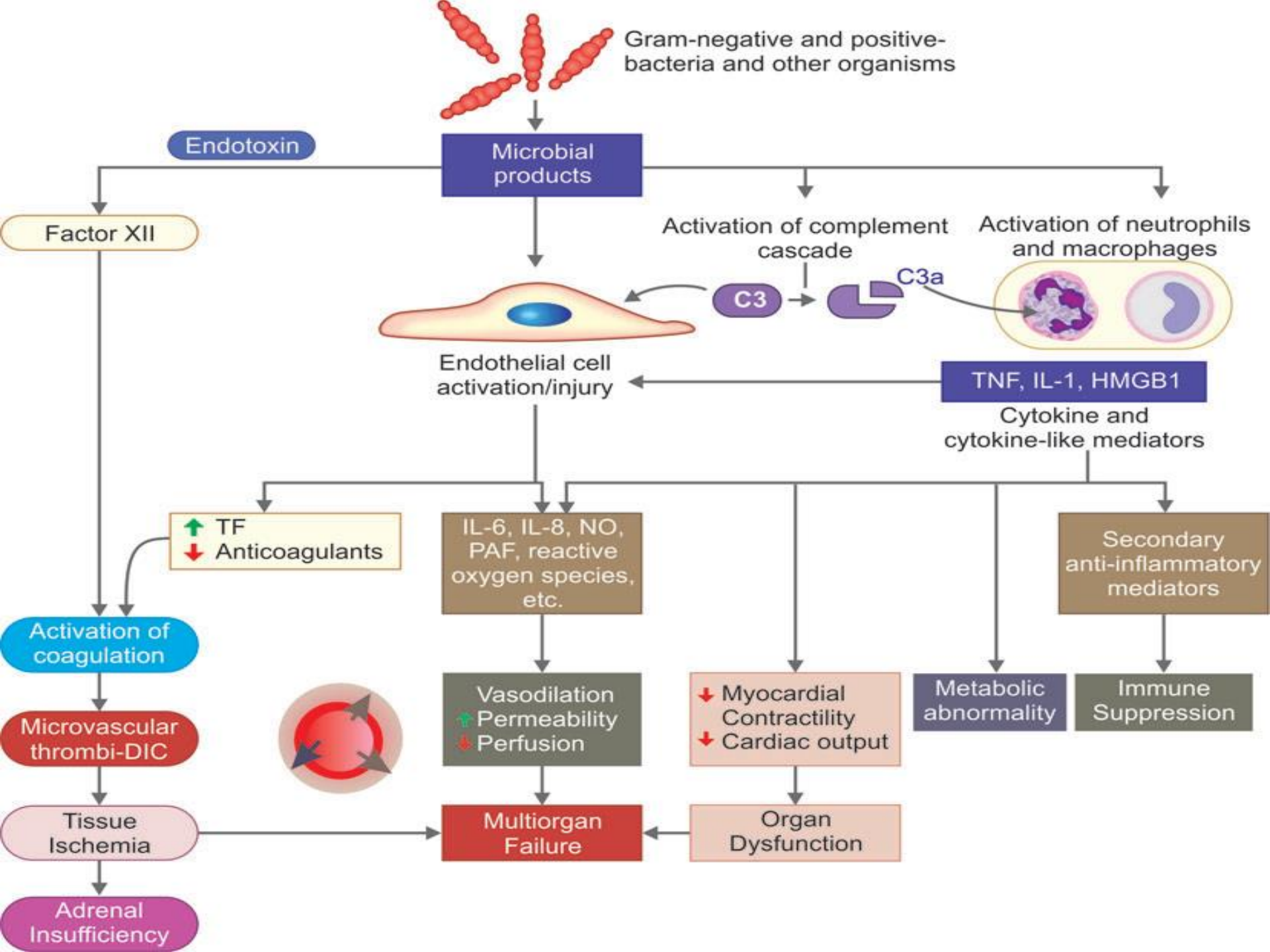
microvascular  
thrombosis (DIC)  
& ischemia

↓ Cell and tissue  
function

Tissue hypoperfusion  
and hypoxia

Multiorgan failure

Septic shock





# Factors contributing septic shock

## • **Inflammatory mediators**

- Microbe derived substances- PAMP(pathogen associated molecular pattern)
- Recognized by host innate immune system
  - Cells- neutrophils, macrophages, endothelial cells
  - Plasma component- complement system, factor XII
- Activated cells-> proinflammatory cytokines and cytokine like mediators- TNF, IL-1, IL\_12, IL-18 HMGB-1; ROS, PAF → activate endothelial cells → release of secondary waves of cytokines

## Factors contributing septic shock

- Activation of complement cascade: direct activation by microbes or indirectly by factor XII activation and generation of plasmin
  - generation of anaphylatoxins C3a, C5a, chemoattractants C5a, opsonins C3b
- Factor XII activation → activation of coagulation cascade

# Factors contributing septic shock

- Endothelial cell activation and injury
  - Activated directly by microbes or inflammatory mediators

## 1. Thrombotic effect

- ↑ Procoagulant effect- ↑ TF
  - ↓ Anticoagulant effect- ↓ TFPI, thrombomodulin expression, protein C
  - ↑ Antifibrinolytic effect- ↑ PAI
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- microvascular thrombosis – **tissue ischemia** – full blown DIC– extensive haemorrhage



# Endothelial cell activation and injury

## 2. **Peripheral vasodilation**

by release of cytokines and platelet activating factor (PAF), NO

→ peripheral pooling of blood and hypotension

3. **↑vascular permeability** (loosening of endothelial tight junction)- tissue edema

→ impaired tissue perfusion



# Factors contributing septic shock

- Metabolic abnormalities
  1. Hyperglycemia → ↓ Neutrophil function → ↓ bactericidal activity
- Due to gluconeogenesis stimulated by
  - Cytokines- TNF, IL-1
  - Stress induced hormones- catecholamines, glucagon, GH, glucocorticoids
- ↓ Insulin secretion and insulin resistance
  - Induced by proinflammatory cytokines





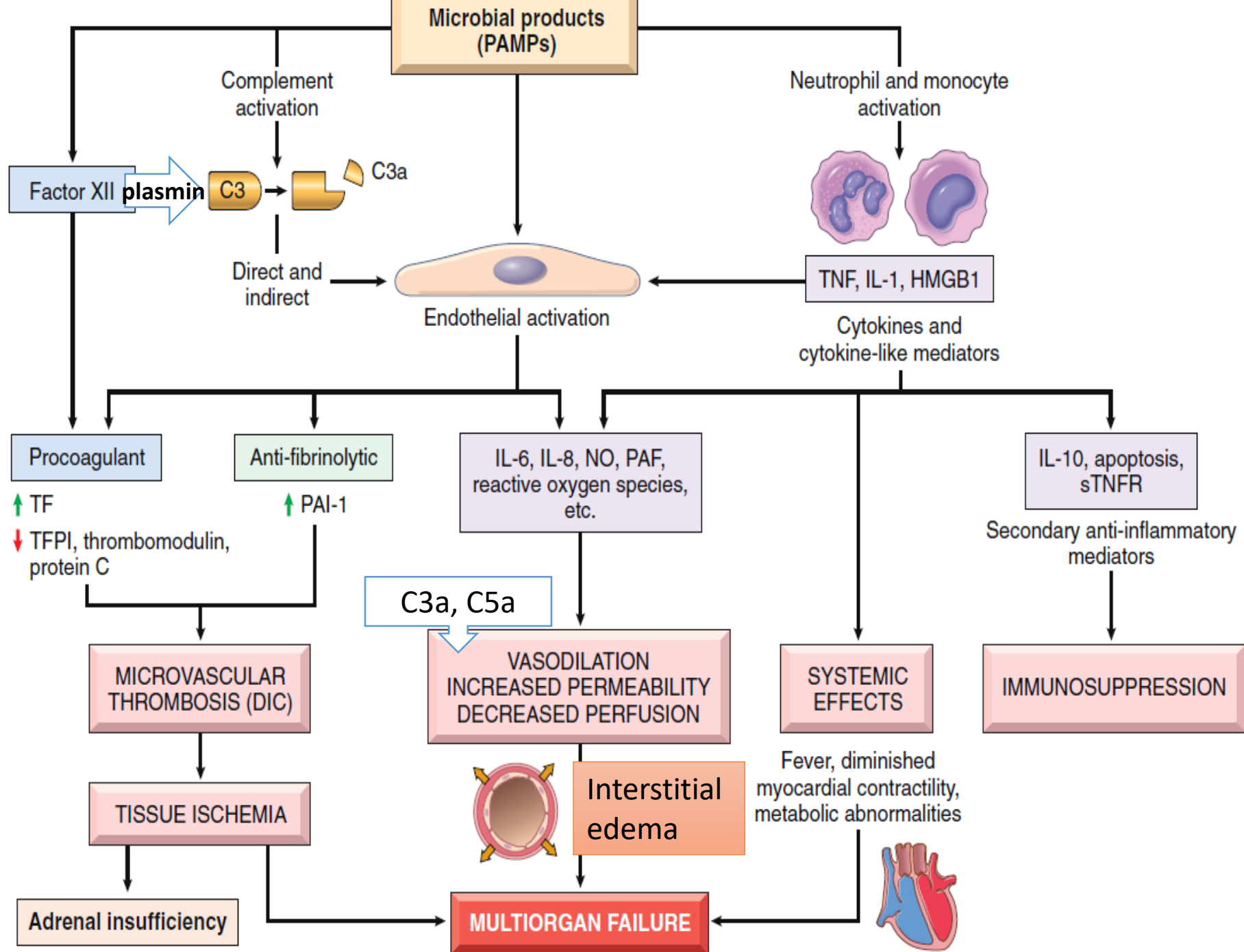


# Metabolic abnormalities

- Later- adrenal insufficiency → ↓glucocorticoids
  - Due to DIC → adrenal necrosis or
  - Due to functional exhaustion of intact adrenal gland
- Cellular hypoxia and anaerobic glycolysis → lactic acidosis → vasodilation

# Factors contributing septic shock

- Multi organ dysfunction and it is due to;
  - Systemic vasodilation and hypotension
  - Interstitial edema
  - Thrombosis
  - Heart- ↓myocardial contractility and cardiac output
  - Lungs- increased vascular permeability and endothelial injury → ARDS
  - Kidneys- Acute tubular necrosis and renal failure
  - Liver failure
  - Death



# STAGES OF SHOCK

- Nonprogressive phase
  - Progressive stage
  - Irreversible stage
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- Seen mainly in hypovolemic and cardiogenic shock

# Shock: Non progressive stage

- Reflex compensatory mechanisms activated → maintains perfusion of vital organs by maintaining cardiac output
- Neurohumoral mechanism:
  - Baroreceptor reflexes
  - Release of Catecholamines
  - Activation of the renin- angiotensin- aldosterone axis
  - Release of ADH
  - Sympathetic stimulation
- Tachycardia, peripheral vasoconstriction and renal conservation of fluid





# Progressive phase

- If the underlying causes are not corrected, shock passes to the progressive phase
- Tissue hypoperfusion
- Metabolic acidosis due to anaerobic glycolysis
- vasodilation and peripheral pooling of blood
- further endothelial cell injury
- DIC
- Tissue hypoxia of vital organs





# Irreversible stage

- **Without intervention, the shock eventually enters an irreversible stage.**
- Severe tissue injury
- No survival even with vigorous correction of circulatory imbalances
- Heart- myocardial contractility fails
- Kidney- acute tubular necrosis– acute renal failure
- Bowel- intestinal flora may enter circulation and superimposed septic shock
- Inevitable death





# Morphology

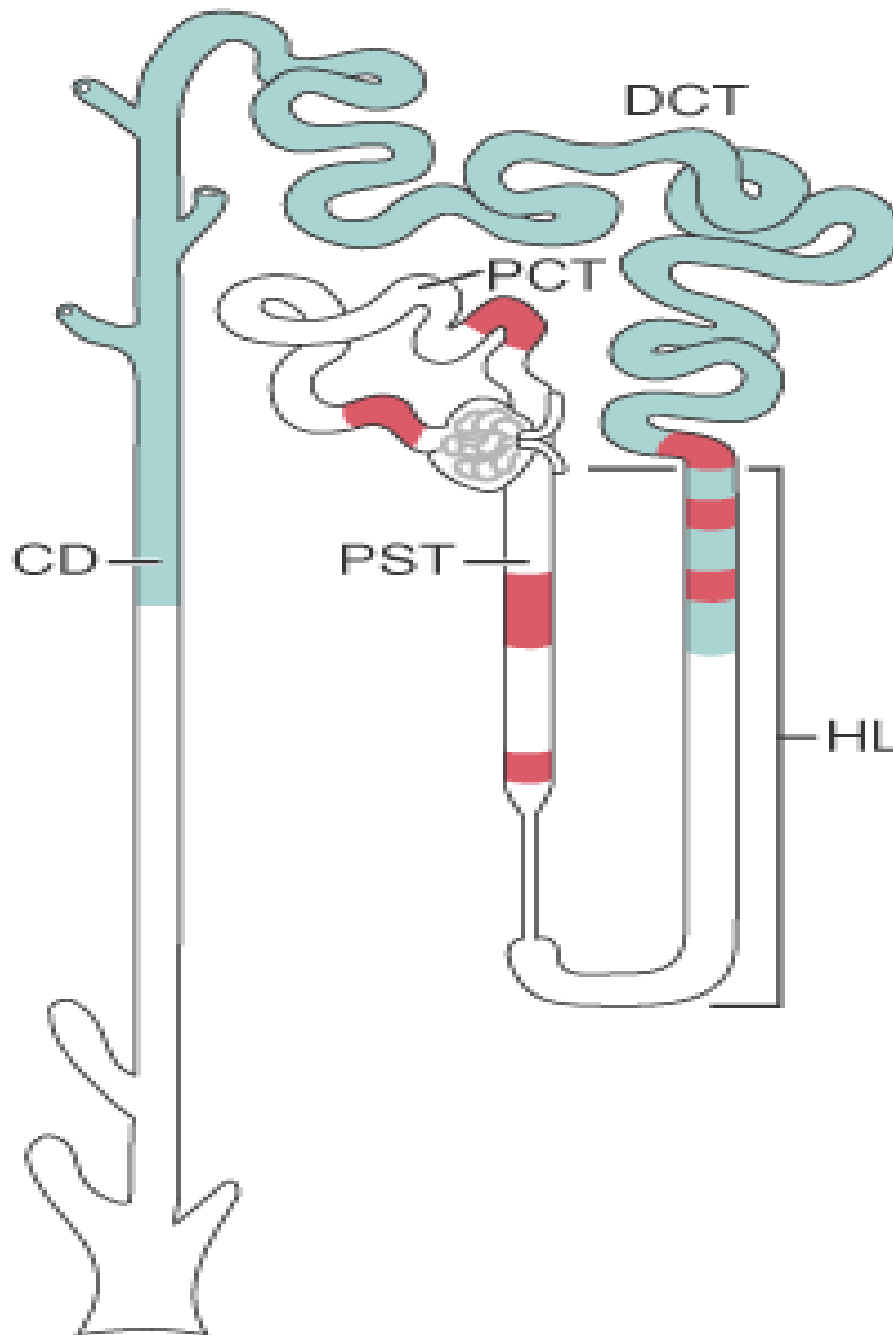
Coagulation necrosis in vital organs:

- Heart- **petechial hemorrhages** in the epicardium and endocardium.
- Kidneys – patchy tubular necrosis
- Lungs- diffuse alveolar damage
- Adrenal glands- cortical cell lipid depletion
- GI tract- mucosal haemorrhage and ischemic necrosis
- Liver- fatty change
- Septic shock- widespread microthrombi formation and petechial haemorrhages on serosal surface and the skin





| Organ                  | Changes   |
|------------------------|---|
| Adrenal                | Lipid depletion in the cortical cells   |
| Kidney                 | Acute tubular necrosis  |
| Lungs                  | Relatively resistant to hypoxic injury. However, in septic shock shows diffuse alveolar damage (shock lung) with hyaline membrane |
| Heart                  | Coagulative necrosis and contraction band necrosis  |
| Liver                  | Congestion and necrosis of centrilobular region of the liver  |
| Brain                  | Encephalopathy (ischemic or septic) and cortical necrosis   |
| Gastrointestinal tract | Diffuse gastrointestinal hemorrhage. Erosions of the gastric mucosa and superficial ischemic necrosis in the intestine            |



Acute tubular  
necrosis  
in  
shock



# Clinical features

- Depends upon the initiating cause
- Hypovolemic and cardiogenic shock
  - Weak rapid pulse, tachypnea; **cool clammy cyanotic skin**
- Septic shock
  - **Warm and flushed skin**
- Initial threat to life depends upon the precipitating cause of shock- MI, sepsis
- soon- multiorgan failure— heart, brain, lungs aggravate the condition
- Worsening renal function – progressive oliguria, acidosis, electrolyte imbalance
- Death

