Active and passive immunization

Passive immunization

- Substitution of missing specific antibodies protecting against infectious disease or treating the infectious disease.
- Used mainly in infectious diseases or diseases caused by toxins.
- Prompt but short-term effect.
- No immunological memory is induced.

Active immunization

- Induction of immune memory by harmless antigen.
- In the case of infection by a pathogen prompt secondary immune response protects the immunized person from the disease.
- Has protective, but no therapeutic effect.

Active and passive immunisation

	<u>Active</u> immunisation	Passive immunisation
Speed of response	Delayed	Prompt
Length of response	Long-term	Short-term
Clinical use	Long-term prophylaxis	Treatment, short-term prophylaxis

Antisera used in human medicine

- Against bacterial infections: Tetanus (human), Diphteria (equine), Botulism (equine)
- Against viral infetions: Hepatitis B (human), Rabies (equine), Varicella-zoster (human), CMV (human), tick-born encephalitis (human), hepatitis A, measles and other viral infections (pooled human immunoglobulin)
- Against snake or black widow spider toxins
- Anti Rh

Edward Jenner



Discovery of small pox vaccine

Primary and secondary immune response



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Formation of memory cells after antigenic challenge





Primary and secondary immune response



"Classical" vaccines

- Atenuated microbes: <u>BCG</u> (against TBC), <u>mumps</u>, <u>measles</u> rubella, varicella, cholera, yellow fever, poliomyelitis,
- Inactivated microorganisms: rabies, hepatitis A, tick-born encephalitis, poliomyelitis, cholera, plague. Formerly pertussis.
- Toxoids: tetanus, diphteria

"Modern" vaccines

- Subunit: influenza, pertussis
- Polysaccharide: Heamophilus influenzae B (conjugated), Meningococcus (group A a C, conjugated on non-conjugated), Pneumococcus (conjugate and non-conjugated)
- Recombinant: <u>hepatitis B</u>
- Virus-like particles : papillomavirus

"Future (?)" vaccines

- Synthetic polypeptides
- Antiidiotype antibodies
- DNA vaccines
- Vector vaccines
- Antigens inserted into food (bananas, potatoes)

Anti-idiotypic antibodies

