The Lymphatic System and Immunity
Study Guide for the Lymphatic System - Chapter 22A
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- 1. >What is lymph?
- 2. What are the three main functions of the lymphatic system?
- 3. >How are lymphatic capillaries different than blood capillaries?
- 4. >How much fluid is lost across the capillary bed and returned to the systemic circuit by the lymphatic system?
- 5. What structures are part of the lymphatic system?
- 6. >What is the structure and function of a lymph node?
- 7. >What are the primary lymphatic organs?
- 8. >What are the secondary lymphatic organs?
- 9. >What is a lacteal? Where are they located? Function?
- 10. What is the structure and function of the thymus gland?
- 11. What is the largest lymphatic organ?
- 12. >What is the structure and function of the spleen? What is the red and white pulp?
- 13. What types of functions take place in the spleen?
- 14. Can you surgically repair the spleen after an accident?
- 15. >What is the structure and function of a lymphatic nodule?
- 16. What is MALT? BALT?
- 17. >Describe the anatomy of a lymphatic capillary in relationship to the systemic capillary bed and surrounding cells. a) How would you

describe the endothelium at the beginning of a lymphatic vessel? b) What do we mean when we say that the lymphatic endothelium function as a trap door? c) Why doesn't the lymphatic capillary collapse?

- 18. >Do lymphatic vessels have valves?
- 19. Trace the route of lymph from the tissue fluid back to the blood: What type of "stuff" can enter into the lymph vessels?
- 20. What is a Peyer Patch and where are they found?
- 21. Study the anatomy of a lymph node (Fig 22.6). Look at the number of afferent and efferent lymphatic vessels and explain why these structures aid in the lymph nodes function.
- 22. >What happens in the lymph node's germinal center?
- 23. How would you characterize a node that contains either a bacterial pathogen VS cancer cells?
- 24. >What is the structure and function of the tonsils? What is the signifiance of tonsillar crypts?