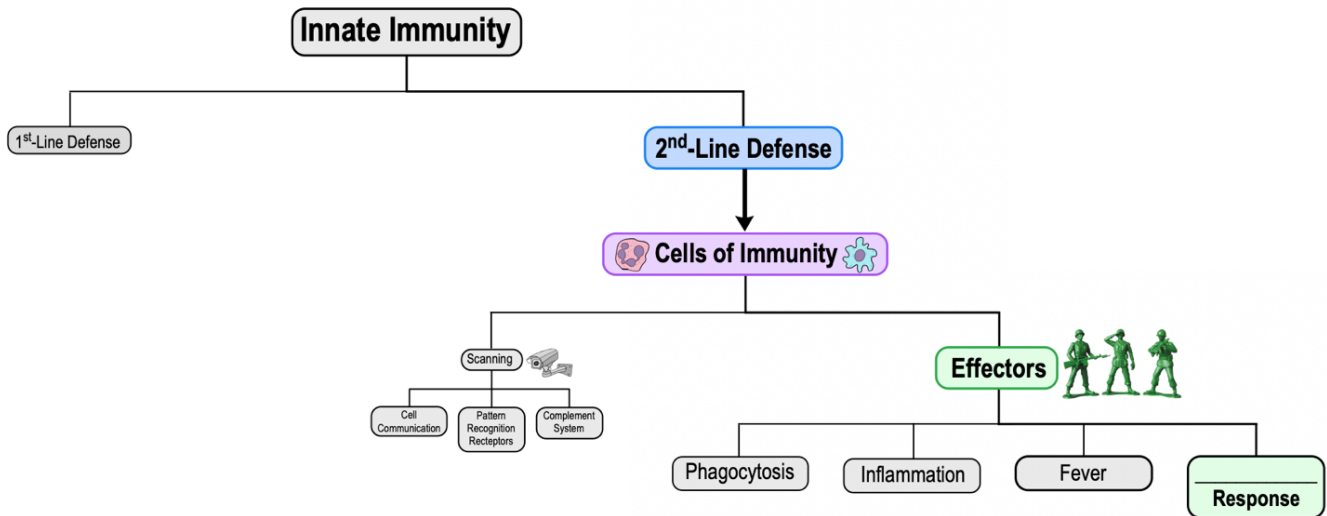


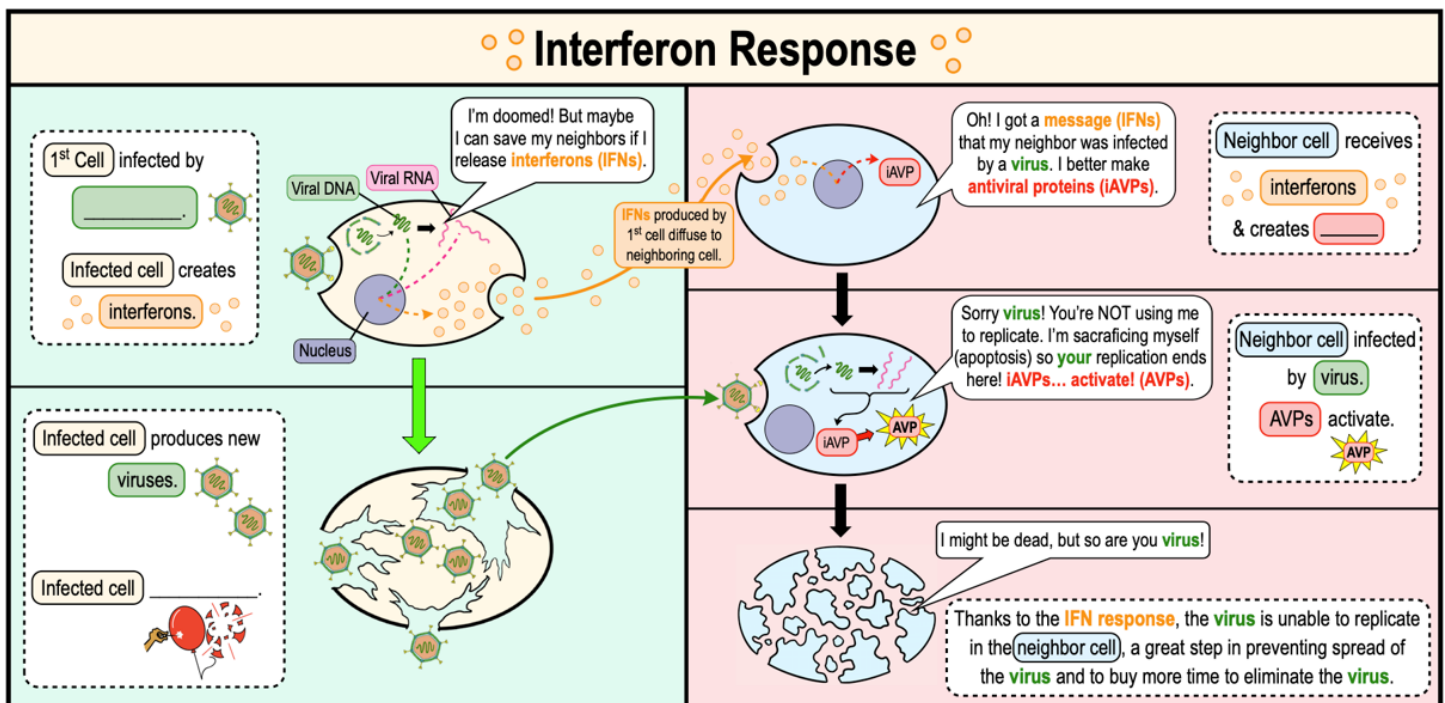
## CONCEPT: INTERFERON RESPONSE

- Recall: **Interferons (IFNs)**: cytokines providing \_\_\_\_\_-viral effects (defense against viruses) to neighboring cells.



## Steps of the Interferon Response

- When PRRs of an infected cell detect viral RNA, it can *produce & secrete* IFNs that \_\_\_\_\_ to & “warn” other cells.
  - IFN binds to neighboring cells (not yet infected) leading to production of *inactive antiviral proteins* (\_\_\_AVPs).
  - If neighboring cell is infected by virus; detection of *viral dsRNA* activates its iAVPS, forming \_\_\_\_\_.
    - AVPs stop translation of the cell by degrading the cell’s mRNA, which triggers \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Apoptosis kills the cell but \_\_\_\_\_ the virus from using the cell as a host to replicate.
- In summary, IFNs function to prevent/limit viral replication by warning neighboring cells to build antiviral proteins.



### **CONCEPT: INTERFERON RESPONSE**

**PRACTICE:** How does the interferon response provide anti-viral protection?

- a) Interferons bind to the virus neutralizing it.
- b) Interferons stimulate neighboring cells to produce anti-viral proteins.
- c) Interferons prevent the virus from entering the cell.
- d) Interferons prevent the virus from leaving the infected cell and infecting neighboring cells.

**PRACTICE:** If a cell produces antiviral proteins (AVPs) what occurs when that cell encounters dsRNA?

- a) The antiviral proteins trigger the production of iAVPs.
- b) The antiviral proteins cease protein translation in the cell so no viral proteins can be made.
- c) The antiviral proteins become activated and the cell undergoes apoptosis to stop the viral spread.
- d) The antiviral proteins trigger the production of interferon proteins to warn neighboring cells of viral infection.

**PRACTICE:** How does the interferon response to an invading virus result in the infected cell undergoing apoptosis?

- a) Detection of viral RNA triggers the degradation of host RNA and stops translation which results in cell death.
- b) Detection of viral proteins inactivates the AVPs which triggers cells death.
- c) Detect of viral RNA ceases all functions of the cell and results in cell lysis and release of newly made viruses.
- d) Detection of viral proteins causes pores to form in the surface of the cell resulting in apoptosis.

**PRACTICE:** Which of the following cells can induce viral-infected cells to undergo apoptosis?

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| a) Neutrophils. | d) B cells.         |
| b) NK cells.    | e) Basophils.       |
| c) Eosinophils. | f) Red blood cells. |

**PRACTICE:** Which of the following statements about interferon is incorrect?

- a) It only works on a few specific types of virus.
- b) It makes cells resistant to viral infection.
- c) It is a species-specific molecule.
- d) It does not directly inactivate viruses.