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Lecture: Intra celluler cytokine staining and proliferation: Intracellular cytokine staining is a versatile technique used to analyze cytokine production in individual cells by flow cytometry. The recipient cells are analyzed *ex vivo* after isolation from the peripheral blood following either nonspecific stimulation or donor-specific stimulation. Flow cytometry is an ideal platform for measuring cell proliferation and enables us to study various unique cell types within a heterogeneous population. The most common approaches to monitoring cell proliferation by flow cytometry involve the use of fluorescent dyes such as carboxyfluorescein diacetate succinimidyl ester (CFSE) and PKH26 that incorporate into the cell cytosol, cell membranes and intracellular structures of living cells. A decrease in fluorescence occurs as dyes are evenly diluted into daughter cells with subsequent cell divisions representing the successive generations, and these are identified as distinct peaks during flow cytometry analysis. In this lecture, we will discuss flow cytometric methods for intra celluler cytokine staining and proliferation.

**Lab Module: Intra celluler cytokine staining and proliferation:** In this laboratory session, we will demonstrate intracellular cytokine staining and proliferative responses of T and B lymphocytes.

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