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Mucosal Immune System in Health and Disease

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e system could also be viewed as an organ that's distributed throughout the body to supply host defense against pathogens wherever these may enter or spread. Within the system, a series of anatomically distinct compartments are o en distinguished, each of which is specially adapted to get a response to pathogens present during a particular set of body tissues. e previous part of the chapter illustrated the general principles underlying the initiation of an adaptive immune response in the compartment comprising the peripheral lymph nodes and spleen [1]. is is the compartment that responds to antigens that have entered the tissues or spread into the blood. A second compartment of the adaptive immune system of equal size to this, and located near the surfaces where most pathogens invade, is the mucosal immune system

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