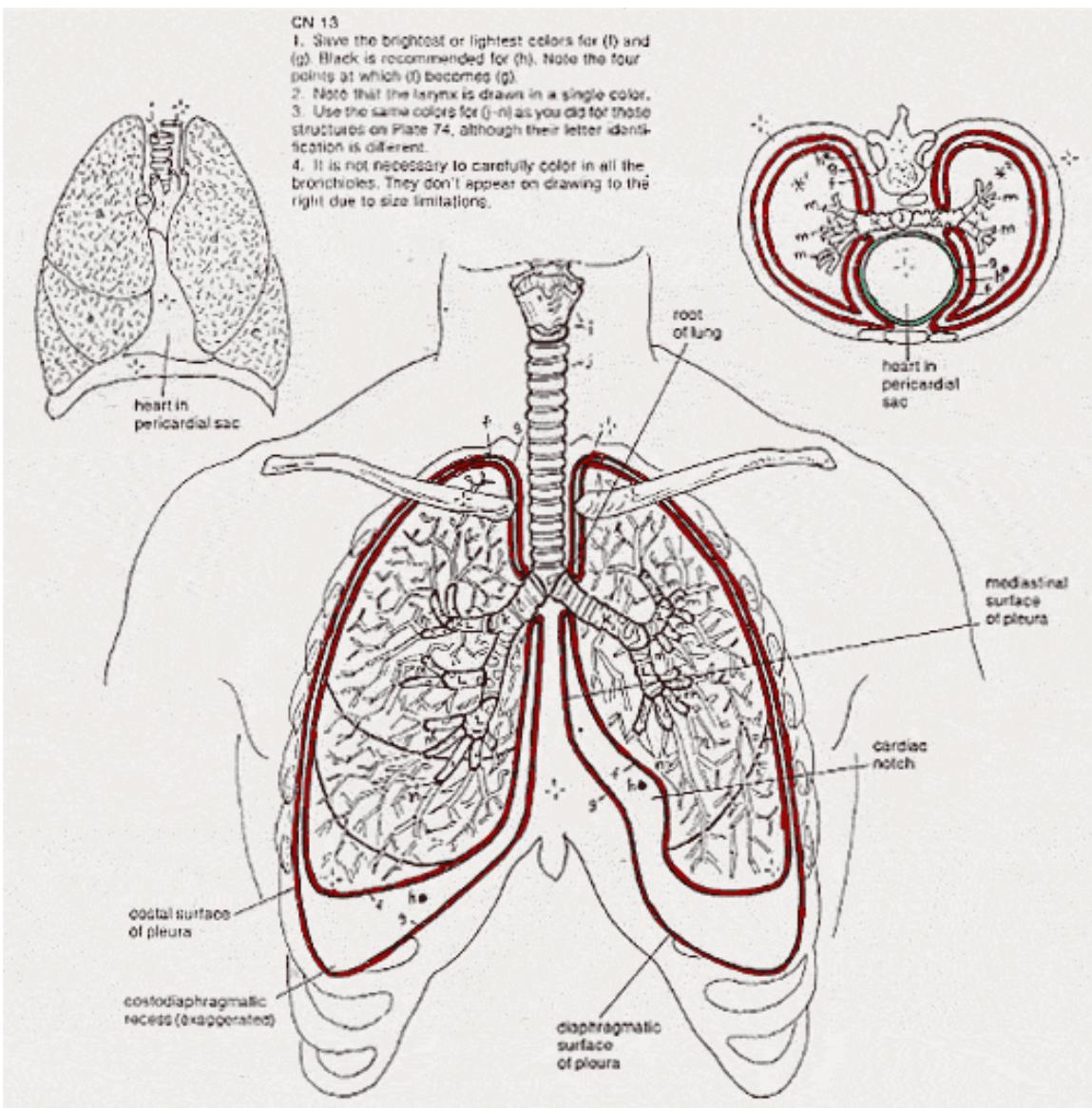
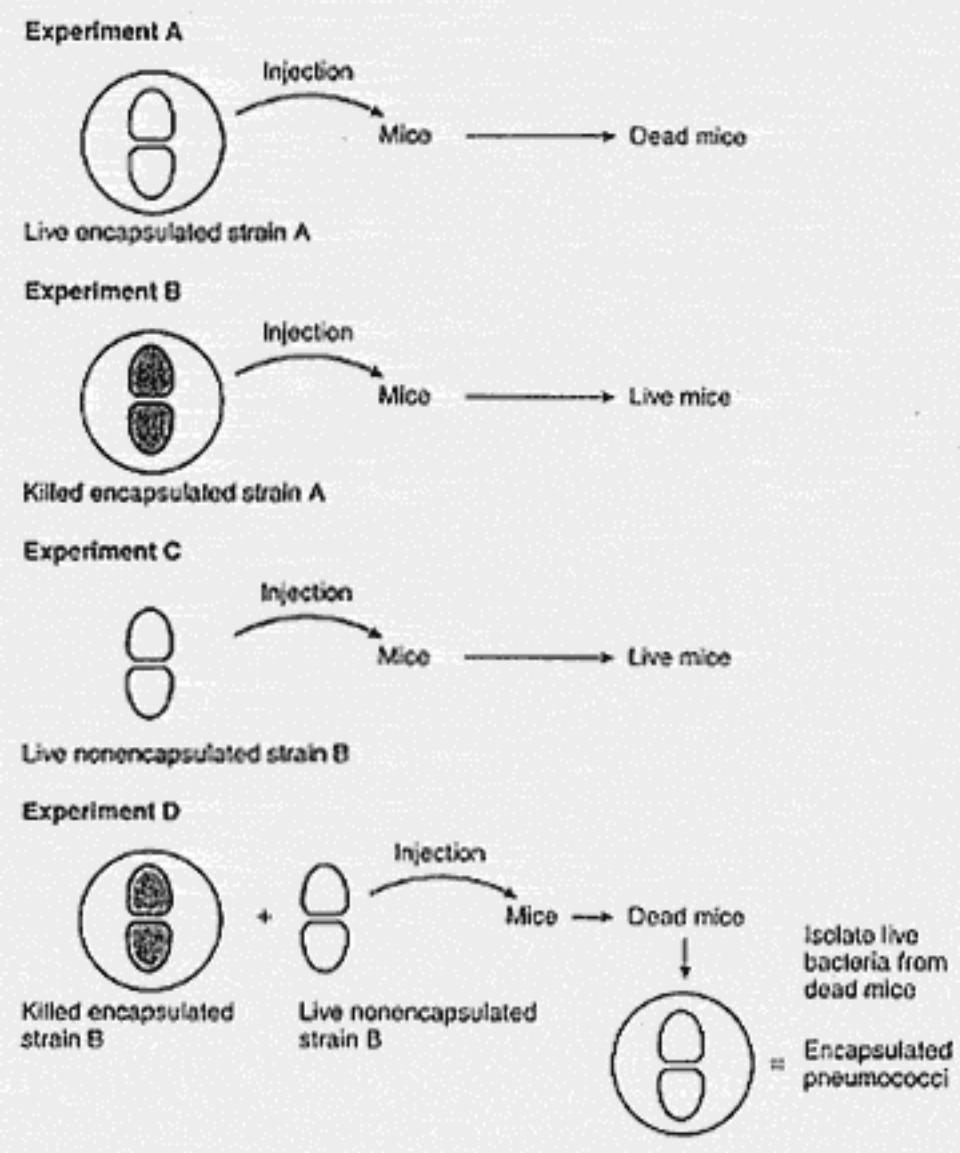


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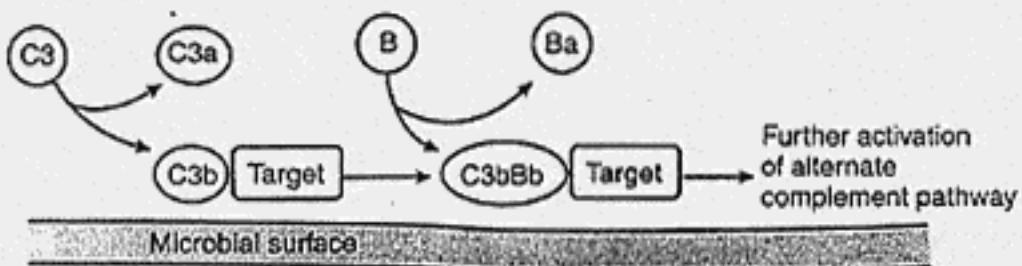
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<i>Microorganism</i>	<i>Capsule</i>
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	Polysaccharide (approximately 90 types known)
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	Hyaluronic acid
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i>	Polypeptide (polyglutamic acid)
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Polyribosyribitol phosphate (PRP or PRRP)
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	Polysaccharides (capsule of each group has a different polysaccharide composition—note that the group B capsule contains sialic acid)
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	Polysaccharide (called Vi antigen)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	Polysaccharide (referred to as K antigen)
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Polysaccharide (called alginic acid)
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	Polysaccharide
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	K polysaccharides (over 80 different <i>E. coli</i> capsular polysaccharides have been identified; these polysaccharides are referred to as K antigens, e.g., the K1 antigen is a sialic acid polymer)

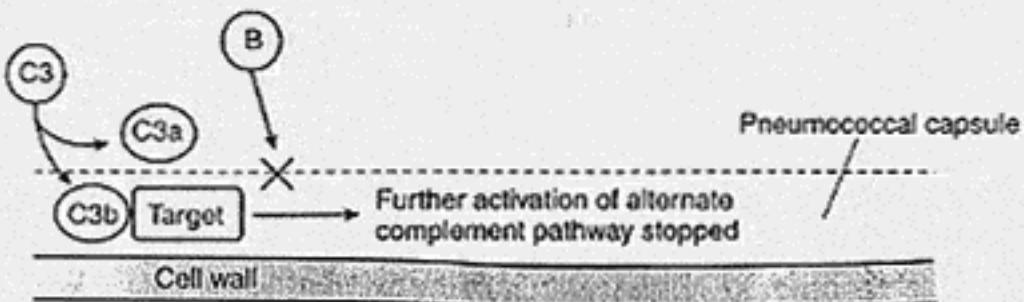


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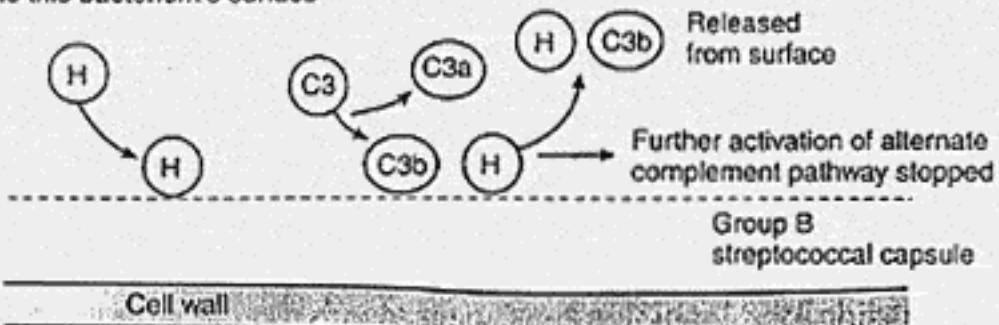
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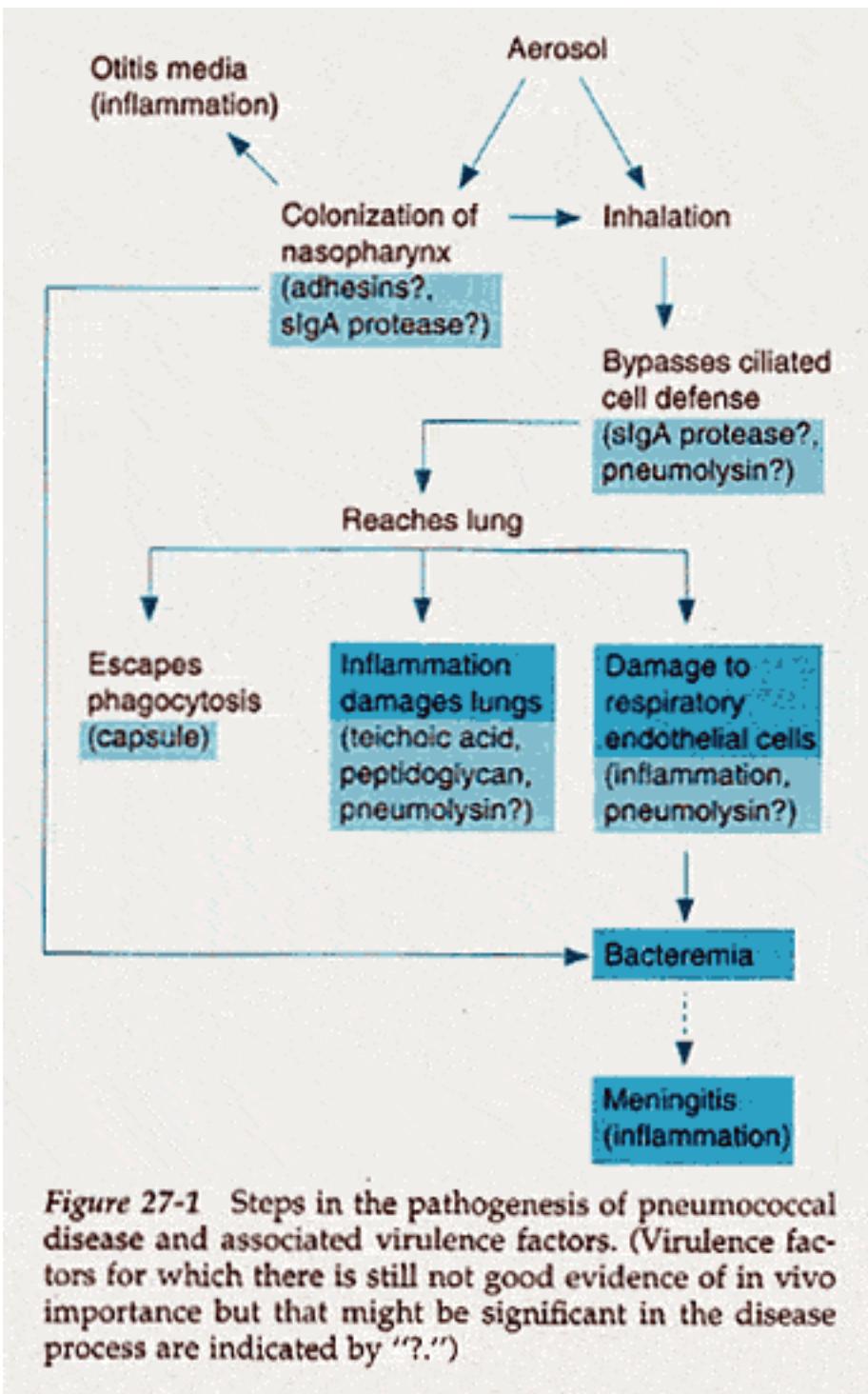


**B Pneumococcal capsule shields microbial targets from factor B**



**C Group B streptococci capsule binds inhibitory serum factor H to this bacterium's surface**





**Figure 27-1** Steps in the pathogenesis of pneumococcal disease and associated virulence factors. (Virulence factors for which there is still not good evidence of in vivo importance but that might be significant in the disease process are indicated by "?".)

TABLE 23-5

***Streptococcus pneumoniae***  
**Virulence Factors**

VIRULENCE FACTOR	BIOLOGICAL EFFECT
<b>COLONIZATION AND MIGRATION</b>	
Protein adhesin	Binds to epithelial cells
Secretory IgA protease	Disrupts secretory IgA-mediated clearance
Pneumolysin	Possibly destroys ciliated epithelial cells
<b>TISSUE DESTRUCTION</b>	
Teichoic acid	Activates alternative C pathway
Peptidoglycan fragments	Activates alternative C pathway
Pneumolysin	Activates classic complement pathway
Hydrogen peroxide	Allows reactive oxygen intermediates to cause damage
Phosphorylcholine	Binds phosphodiesterase-activating factor, allowing bacteria to enter host cells
<b>PHAGOCYTIC SURVIVAL</b>	
Capsule	Antiphagocytic
Pneumolysin	Suppresses phagocytic oxidative burst

16g