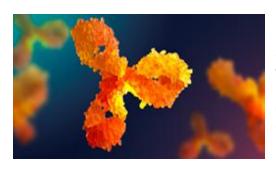
## **Antibodies (3766)**



ANTIBODIES ARE IMMUNOGLOBULINS SECRETED BY EFFECTOR LYMPHOID B CELLS INTO THE BLOODSTREAM. ANTIBODIES CONSIST OF TWO LIGHT PEPTIDE CHAINS AND TWO HEAVY PEPTIDE CHAINS THAT ARE LINKED TO EACH OTHER BY DISULFIDE BONDS TO FORM A "Y" SHAPED STRUCTURE. BOTH TIPS OF THE "Y" STRUCTURE CONTAIN BINDING SITES FOR A SPECIFIC ANTIGEN. ANTIBODIES ARE COMMONLY USED IN MEDICAL RESEARCH, PHARMACOLOGICAL RESEARCH, LABORATORY RESEARCH, AND HEALTH AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH. THEY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN

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