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# Autoimmune disease

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

## Definitions

### Immune system

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### Body tissue

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## Source

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A disorder of the body's **immune system** in which the immune system mistakenly attacks and destroys **body tissue** it believes to be foreign.