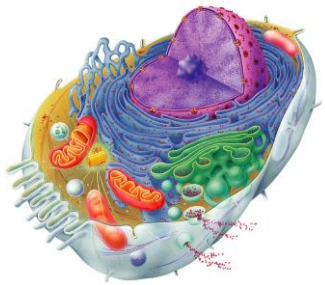
The Cell



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Cell Doctrine

- All living things are composed of cells
- A single cell is the smallest unit that exhibits all of the characteristics of life
- All cells come only from preexisting cells

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Two Basic Cell Types Classified by Internal Organization

Prokaryotic Cells

- Plasma membrane
- No nucleus
- Cytoplasm
  - fluid within membrane
- No true organelles

Eukaryotic Cells

- Plasma membrane
- Nucleus
  - information center
- Cytoplasm
  - fluid within membrane
- Organelles
  - structures with specialized functions
- All human cells are eukaryotic

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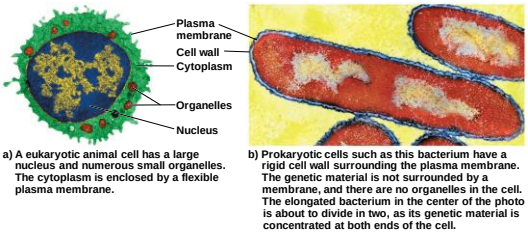

a) A eukaryotic animal cell has a large nucleus and numerous small organelles. The cytoplasm is enclosed by a flexible plasma membrane.

b) Prokaryotic cells such as this bacterium have a rigid cell wall surrounding the plasma membrane. The genetic material is not surrounded by a membrane, and there are no organelles in the cell. The elongated bacterium in the center of the photo is about to divide in two, as its genetic material is concentrated at both ends of the cell.

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Cell Structure Reflects Cell Function

- Though eukaryotic cells are remarkably similar, there are structural differences
  - Examples:
    - Muscle cells
      - Contain numerous organelles providing energy needed for muscle contraction
    - Nerve cells
      - Long and thin to carry impulses over distance

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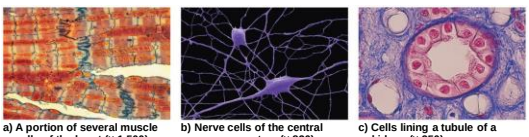

a) A portion of several muscle cells of the heart (X 1,500).

b) Nerve cells of the central nervous system (X 830).

c) Cells lining a tubule of a kidney (X 250).

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Cells Remain Small to Stay Efficient

- Most cells cannot be seen without magnification
  - Ideas on a large cell that we can see with our eyes?

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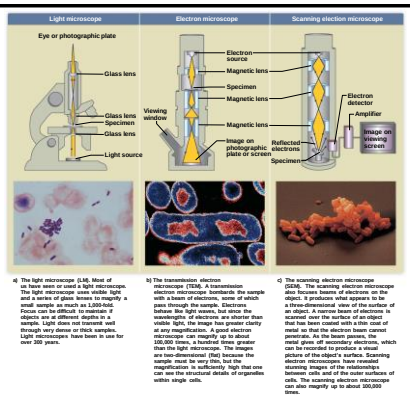

a) The light microscope (LM). Most of us have seen or used a light microscope. The light microscope uses visible light to study cells. Cells are usually viewed in a small sample as much as 1,000-fold. Focus can be difficult to maintain if objects are at different depths in a sample. Light does not transmit well through very dense or thick samples. Light microscopes have been in use for over 300 years.

b) The transmission electron microscope (TEM). A transmission electron microscope beams the sample with a stream of electrons, some of which pass through the sample. Electrons behave like light waves, but since the wavelengths of electrons are shorter than visible light, the image has greater clarity at any magnification. A good electron microscope can magnify up to about 100,000 times, a hundred times greater than the light microscope. The images are two-dimensional, so the thin the sample must be very thin, but the magnification is sufficiently high that one can see the structural details of organelles within single cells.

c) The scanning electron microscope (SEM). The scanning electron microscope also focuses beams of electrons on the sample, but it produces images that look like a three-dimensional view of the surface of an object. A narrow beam of electrons is scanned over the surface of an object that has been coated with a thin coat of metal so that the electron beam cannot penetrate. As the beam passes, the metal gives off secondary electrons, which can be recorded to produce a video image on a screen. Scanning electron microscopes have revealed stunning images of the relationships between cells and of the outer surfaces of cells. The scanning electron microscope can also magnify up to about 100,000 times.

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Cells Remain Small to Stay Efficient

- Small cells have a higher surface to volume ratio
- High surface to volume ratio promotes efficiency in
  - Acquisition of nutrients
  - Disposal of wastes

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a) One large cell. b) Eight small cells. c) Cell with microvilli on one surface.

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Plasma Membrane Surrounds the Cell

- Separates a cell from its environment
- Selectively permeable
  - Permits movement of some substances into and out of the cell, but blocks others
- Enables transfer of information between environment and cell

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A Plasma Membrane Surrounds the Cell

- Plasma membrane is a lipid bilayer
  - Phospholipids
    - polar head and nonpolar tail
  - Cholesterol
    - makes membrane a bit more rigid
  - Proteins
    - provide means of transport through membrane
  - Carbohydrates
    - recognition patterns ('fingerprints') for cells and organisms
- Nonrigid
- Fluid mosaic

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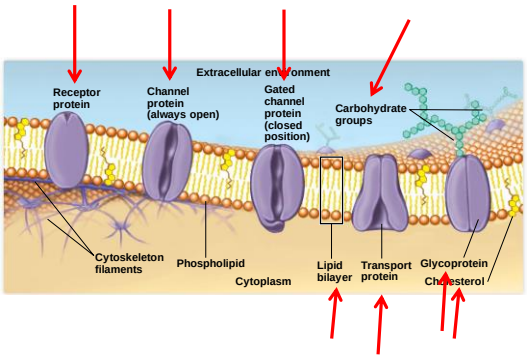

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Molecules Cross the Plasma Membrane in Several Ways

- Passive transport
  - Cell does not need to expend energy for this
    - Diffusion
    - Osmosis
- Active transport – cell must expend energy
- Bulk transport
  - Involves membranous vesicles to move larger substances
    - Endocytosis
    - Exocytosis

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Passive Transport Moves with the Concentration Gradient

- Passive transport is powered by the concentration gradient.
  - Diffusion through lipid layer
  - Diffusion through protein channels
  - Facilitated transport
    - Transport or carrier proteins in the membrane assist

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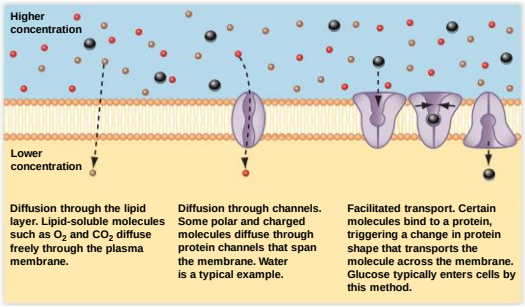

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Active Transport

- Active transport moves substances from an area of lower concentration to an area of higher concentration
  - Requires a membrane protein (transporter)
  - Requires ATP or other energy source

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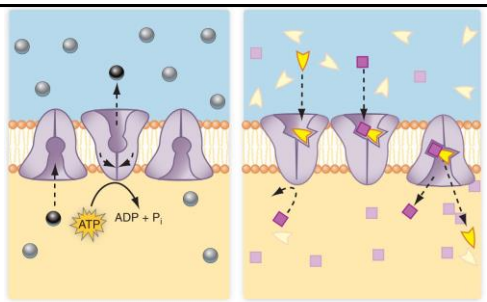

a) In active transport using ATP, energy derived from the breakdown of ATP is used to change the shape of the carrier protein.

b) Some carrier proteins use energy derived from the downhill transport of one molecule to transport another molecule uphill. In this example, the energy to transport the square molecules comes from the facilitated transport of the spearhead molecules.

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Endocytosis and Exocytosis Move Materials in Bulk

- Used to move larger molecules
  - Endocytosis: brings substances into the cell
  - Exocytosis: expels substances from the cell

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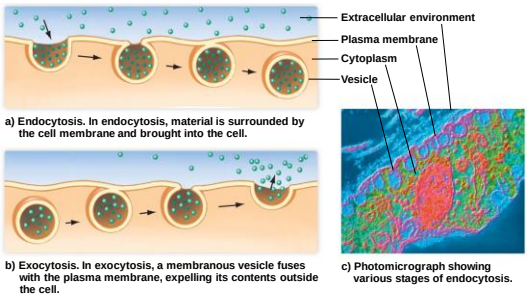

a) Endocytosis. In endocytosis, material is surrounded by the cell membrane and brought into the cell.

b) Exocytosis. In exocytosis, a membranous vesicle fuses with the plasma membrane, expelling its contents outside the cell.

c) Photomicrograph showing various stages of endocytosis.

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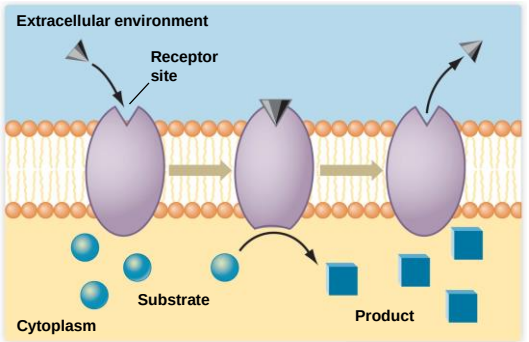

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The Sodium–Potassium Pump: Helps Maintains Cell Volume

- Sodium–potassium pump expels unwanted ions, keeps needed ones, and maintains cell volume
- ATP is used to expel 3 sodium ions for every 2 potassium ions brought into the cell

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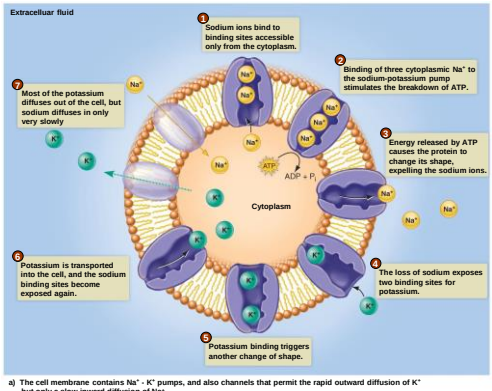

a) The cell membrane contains Na^+ - K^+ pumps, and also channels that permit the rapid outward diffusion of K^+ but only a slow inward diffusion of Na^+.

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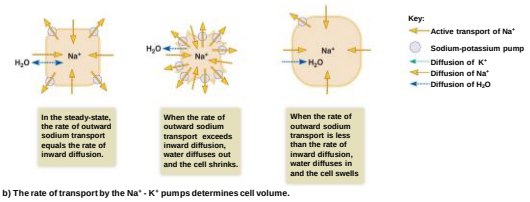

b) The rate of transport by the Na^+ - K^+ pumps determines cell volume.

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Isotonic Extracellular Fluid Maintains Cell Volume

- Tonicity: relative concentration of solutes in two fluids
- Isotonic
  - Extracellular and intracellular ionic concentrations are equal

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Isotonic Extracellular Fluid Maintains Cell Volume

- Hypertonic
  - Extracellular ionic concentration higher than intracellular
  - Water will diffuse out of cell
  - Cell will shrink and die
- Hypotonic
  - Extracellular ionic concentration lower than intracellular
  - Water will diffuse into cell
  - Cell may swell and burst

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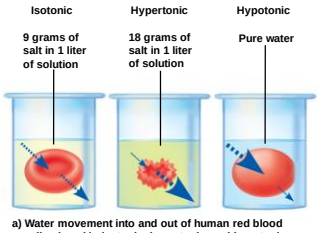

a) Water movement into and out of human red blood cells placed in isotonic, hypertonic, and hypotonic solutions. The amount of water movement is indicated by the sizes of the arrows.

b) Scanning of electron micrographs of red blood cells placed in similar solutions.

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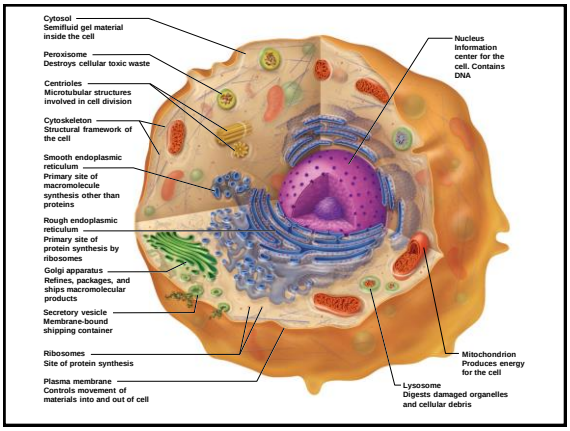

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Nucleus

- Functions
  - Contains the genetic information of the cell
  - Controls the cell
- Structural features
  - Double-layered nuclear membrane
  - Nuclear pores
  - Chromosomes/chromatin
  - Nucleolus

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Ribosomes

- Site of protein synthesis
- Location
  - Free: floating in cytoplasm
  - Bound: attached to outer surface of endoplasmic reticulum

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Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER)

- Two types of endoplasmic reticulum (ER)

– Rough ER
- Has ribosomes on surface
- Protein manufacturing, modifications

– Smooth ER
- No ribosomes on surface
- Lipid synthesis
- Packages the proteins

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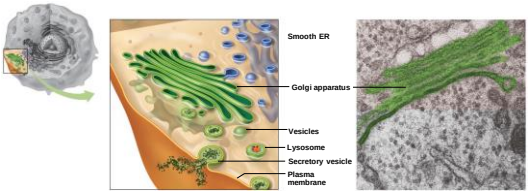
Golgi Apparatus

- Refines synthesized products
- Packaging and shipping center
- Products are packaged into vesicles



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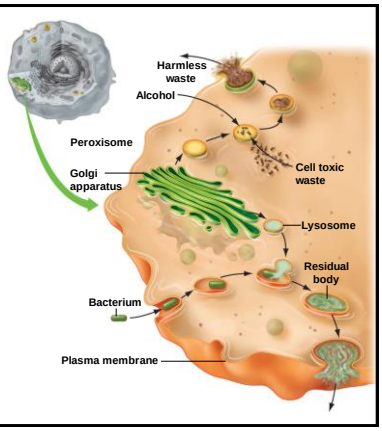
Vesicles

- Storage and shipping vesicles
  - – Peroxisomes
    - Contain enzymes that detoxify
  - – Lysosomes
    - Contain digestive enzymes



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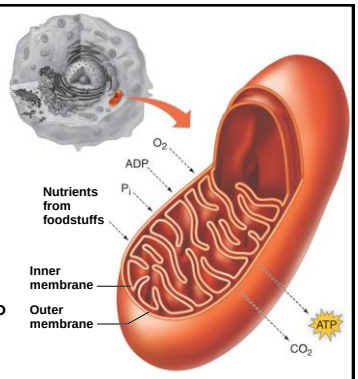
Mitochondria

- "Power plant" of the cell
- Surrounded by a double membrane
- Utilizes O_2 and produces CO_2
- Generates ATP



a) The structure and overall function of a mitochondrion.

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Sources of Energy

- Fat
  - Triglycerides
  - Long-term energy storage in animals
- Glycogen
  - Carbohydrate storage
  - Short-term energy storage in animals

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Cell Structures for Support and Movement

- Cytoskeleton
  - Structural support
- Cilia
  - Short, many
- Flagella
  - Long, single
- Centrioles
  - Cell division

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Cells Use and Transform Matter and Energy

- Anabolism
  - Requires enzymes
  - Used in making/assembling large molecules
  - May require energy (ATP)
- Catabolism
  - Requires enzymes
  - Breakdown of molecules
  - May release energy

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Glucose Provides the Cell with Energy

- Energy in glucose is used to generate ATP
- In absence of glucose, other carbohydrates, fats, and protein can be catabolized to generate ATP

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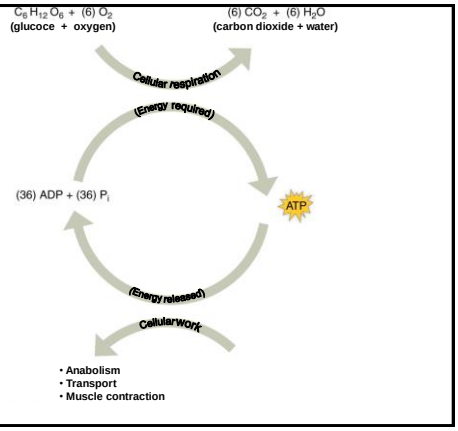

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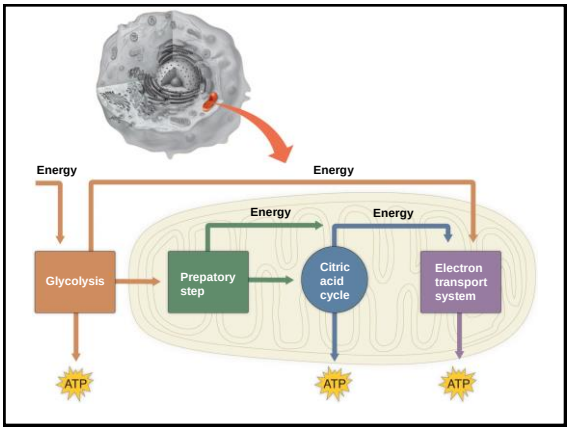

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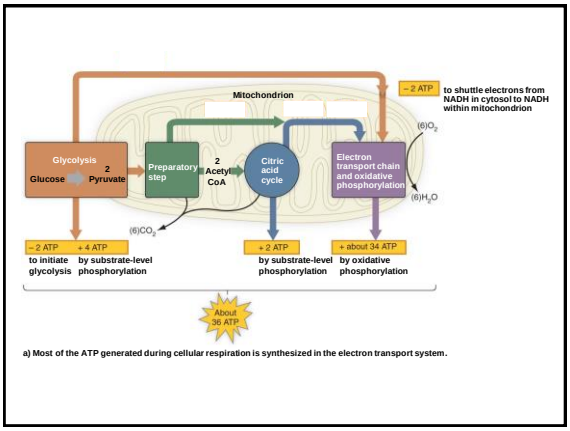

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Additional Energy Sources

- Glycogen
- Fats
  - Triglycerides have twice the energy of carbohydrates
- Proteins
  - Have the same energy as carbohydrates

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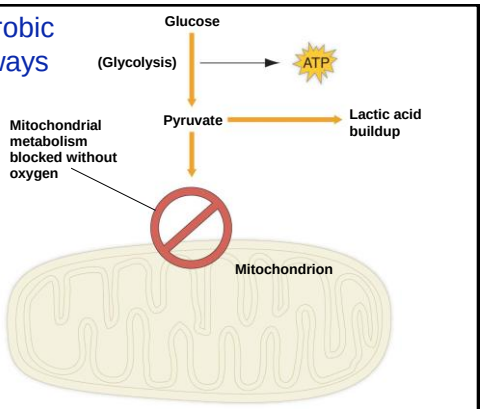
Anaerobic Pathways



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