



#### **Muscle Tissue**

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#### An Introduction to Muscle Tissue

- Muscle Tissue
  - A primary tissue type, divided into:
    - Skeletal muscle tissue
    - Cardiac muscle tissue
    - **Smooth** muscle tissue

- Skeletal Muscle
  - Muscle tissue (muscle cells or fibers)
  - Connective tissues
  - Nerves
  - Blood vessels

- Organization of Connective Tissues
  - Muscles have three layers of connective tissues
    - **1.** Epimysium
    - 2. Perimysium
    - **3. Endomysium**

#### Epimysium

- Exterior collagen layer
- Separates muscle from surrounding tissues

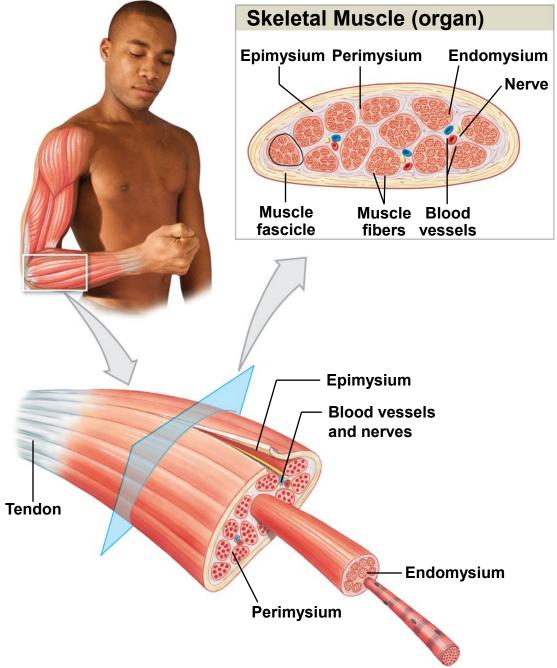
#### Perimysium

- Surrounds muscle fiber bundles (fascicles)
- Contains blood vessel and nerve supply to fascicles

#### Endomysium

- Surrounds individual muscle cells (muscle fibers)
- Contains capillaries and nerve fibers contacting muscle cells

#### Figure 10-1 The Organization of Skeletal Muscles



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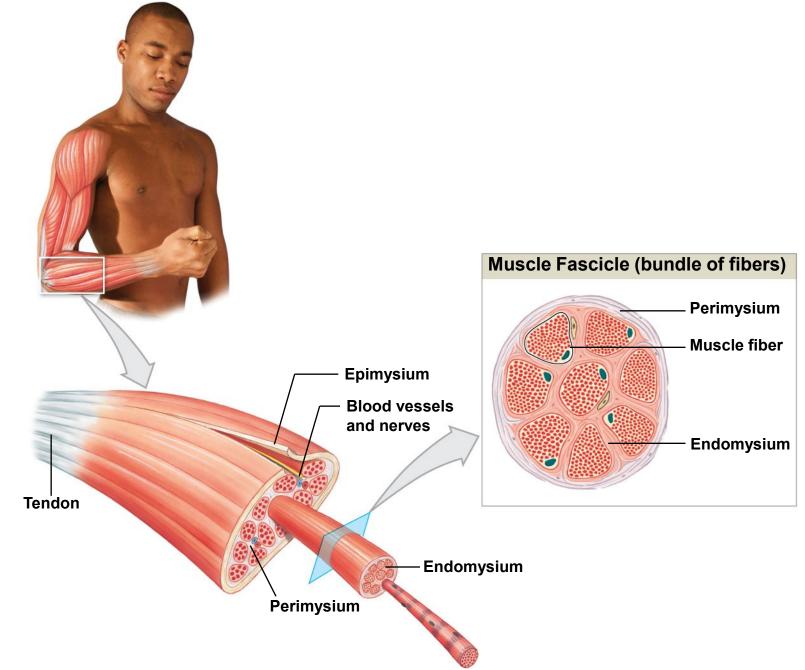
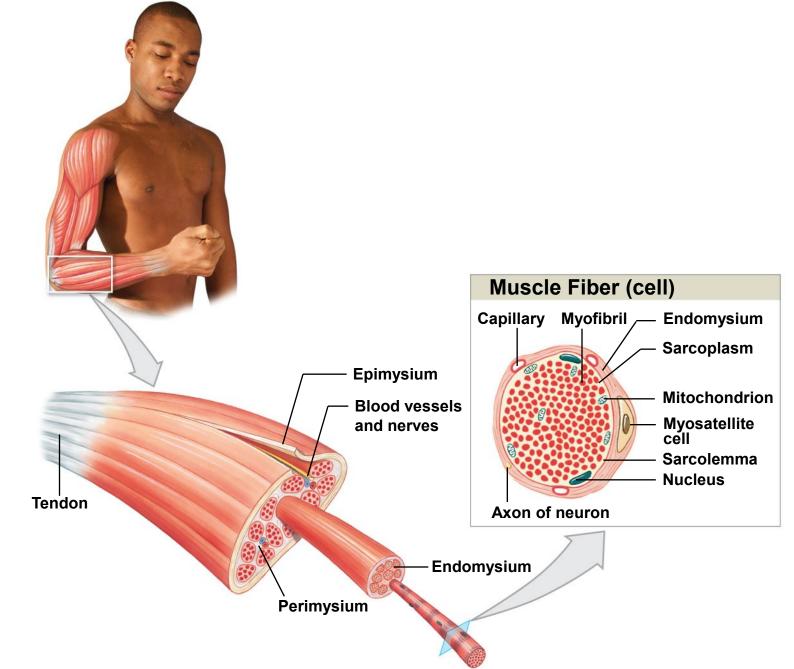


Figure 10-1 The Organization of Skeletal Muscles



- Organization of Connective Tissues
  - Muscle Attachments
    - Endomysium, perimysium, and epimysium come together:
      - At ends of muscles
      - To form connective tissue attachment to bone matrix
      - I.e., **tendon** (bundle)

- Skeletal Muscle Cells
  - Are very long
  - Become very large
  - Contain hundreds of nuclei

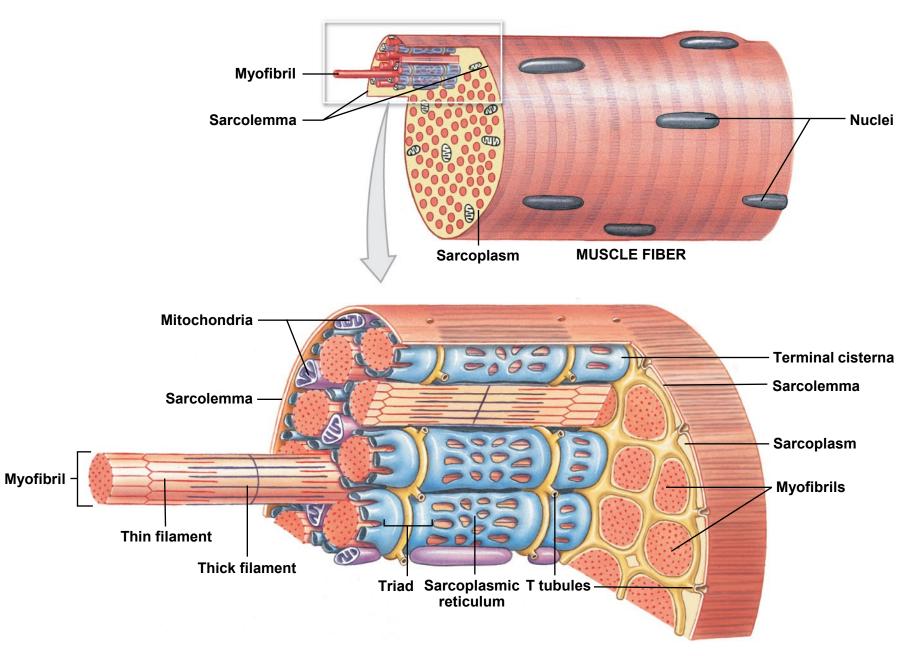
- The Sarcolemma and Transverse Tubules
  - The sarcolemma
    - The cell membrane of a muscle fiber (cell)
    - Surrounds the sarcoplasm (cytoplasm of muscle fiber)
    - A change in transmembrane potential begins contractions

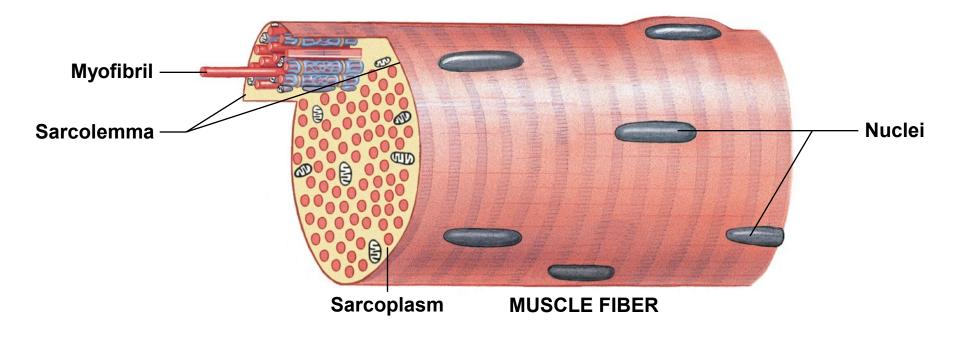
- The Sarcolemma and Transverse Tubules
  - Transverse tubules (T tubules)
    - Transmit action potential through cell
    - Allow entire muscle fiber to contract simultaneously
    - Have same properties as sarcolemma

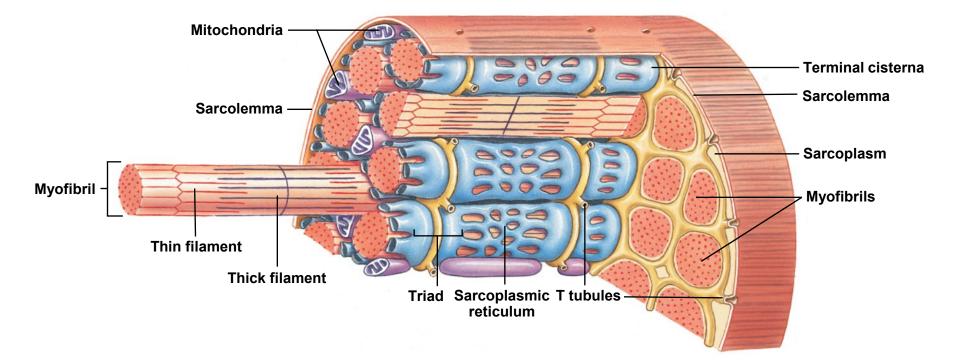
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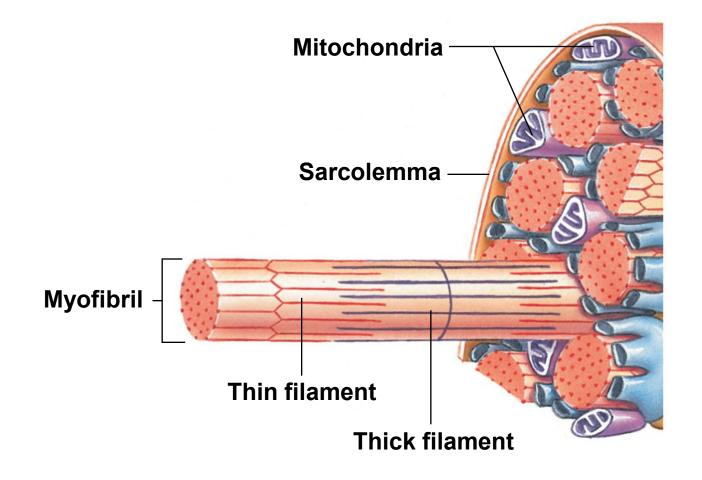
- Lengthwise subdivisions within muscle fiber
- Made up of bundles of protein filaments (myofilaments)
- Myofilaments are responsible for muscle contraction
- Types of myofilaments:
  - Thin filaments
    - Made of the protein actin
  - Thick filaments
    - Made of the protein myosin

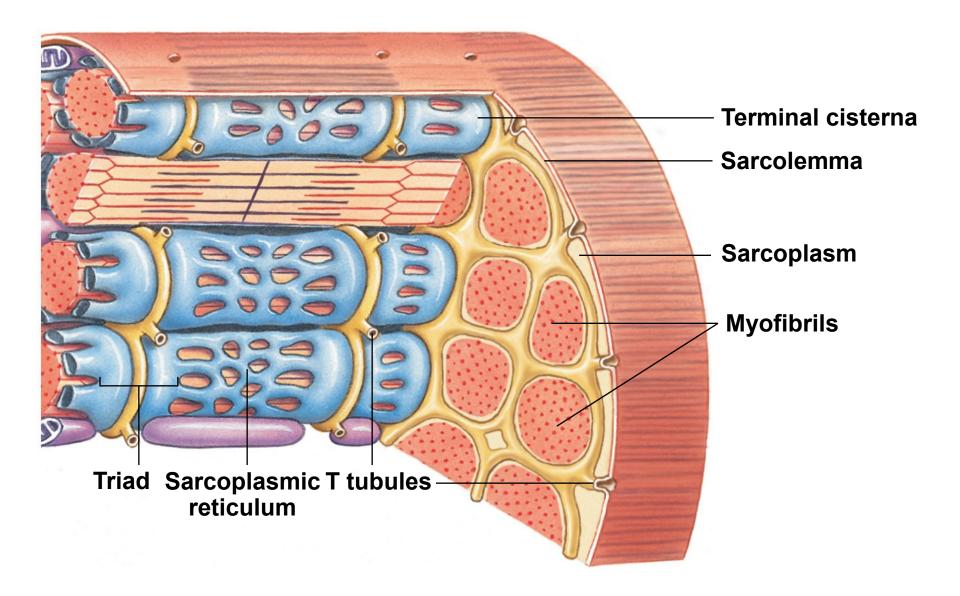
- The Sarcoplasmic Reticulum (SR)
  - A membranous structure surrounding each myofibril
  - Helps transmit action potential to myofibril
  - Similar in structure to smooth endoplasmic reticulum











- Sarcomeres
  - The contractile units of muscle
  - Structural units of myofibrils
  - Form visible patterns within myofibrils
  - A striped or striated pattern within myofibrils
    - Alternating dark, thick filaments (A bands) and light, thin filaments (I bands)

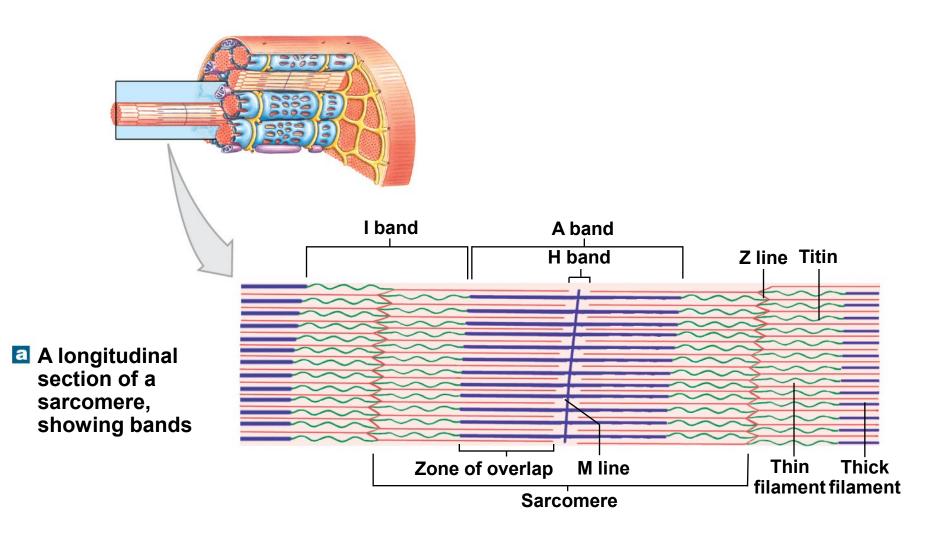
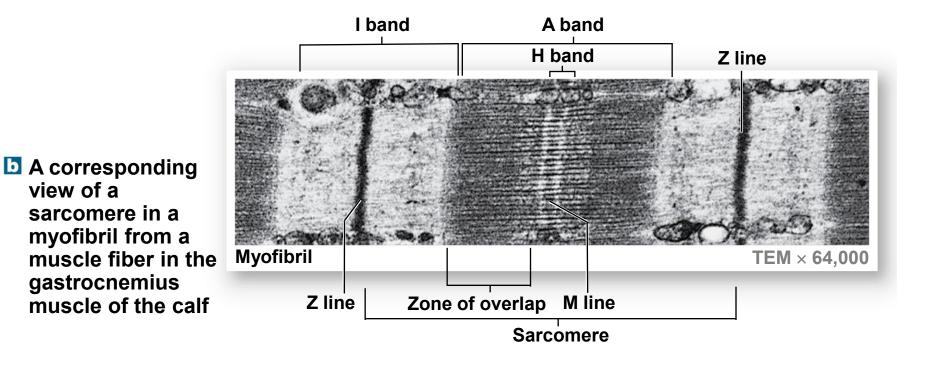
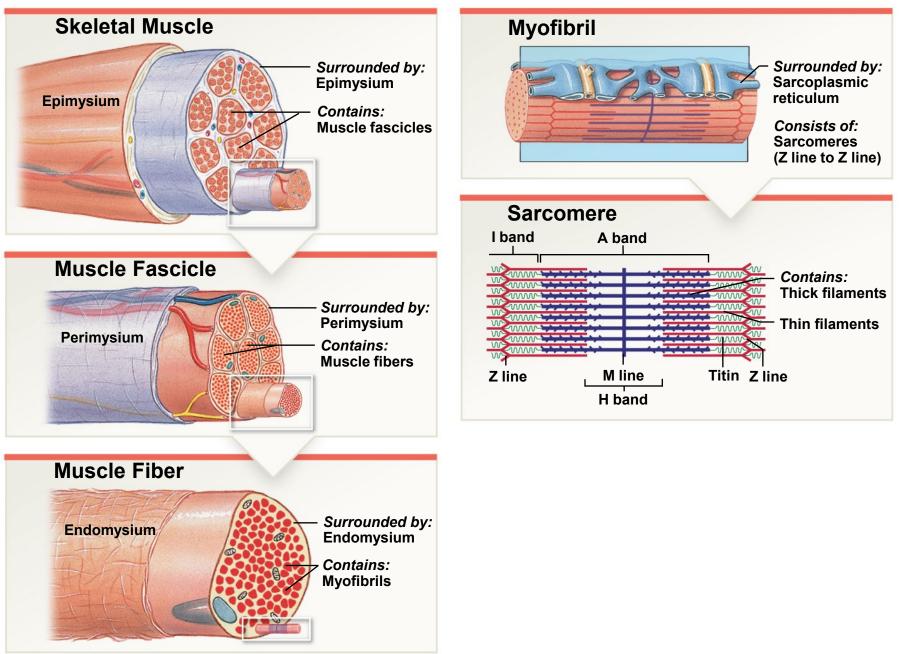
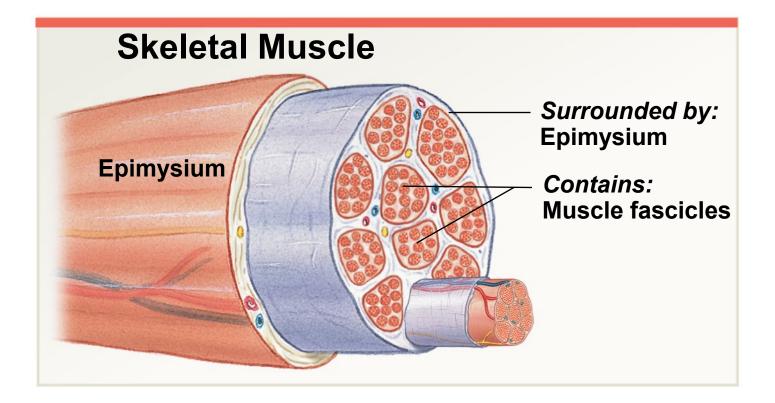


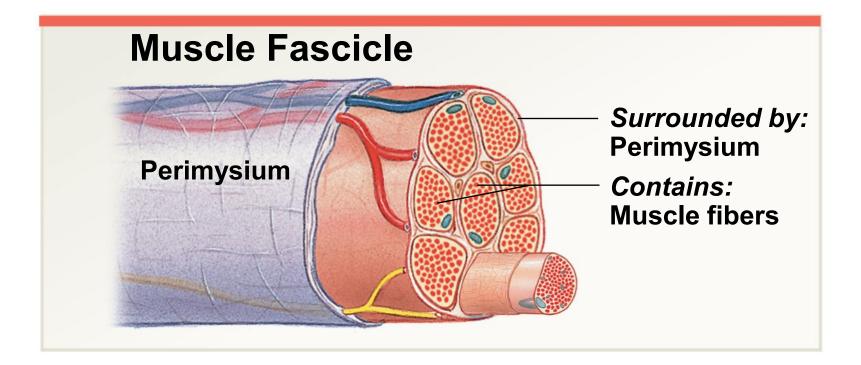
Figure 10-4b Sarcomere Structure, Part I

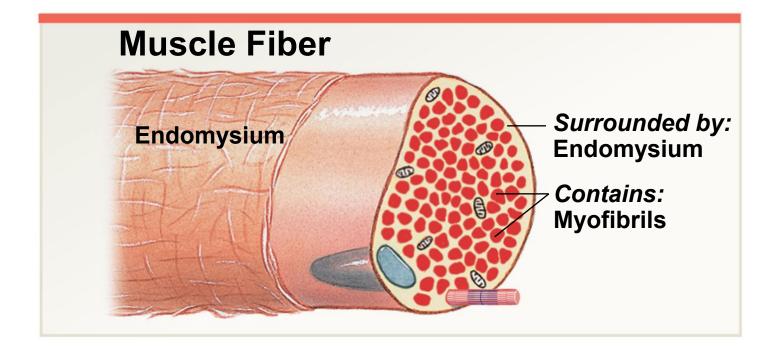


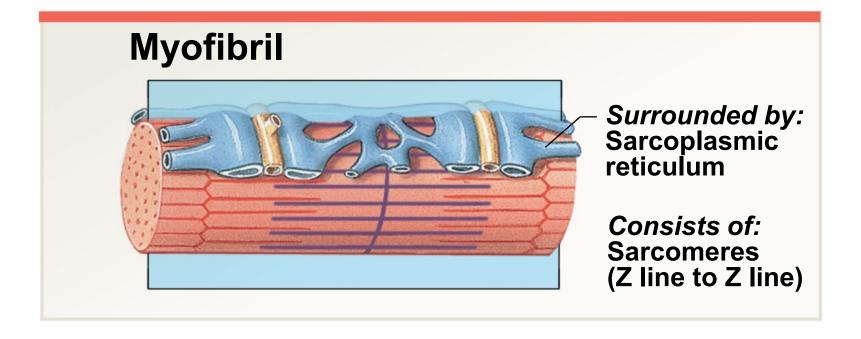
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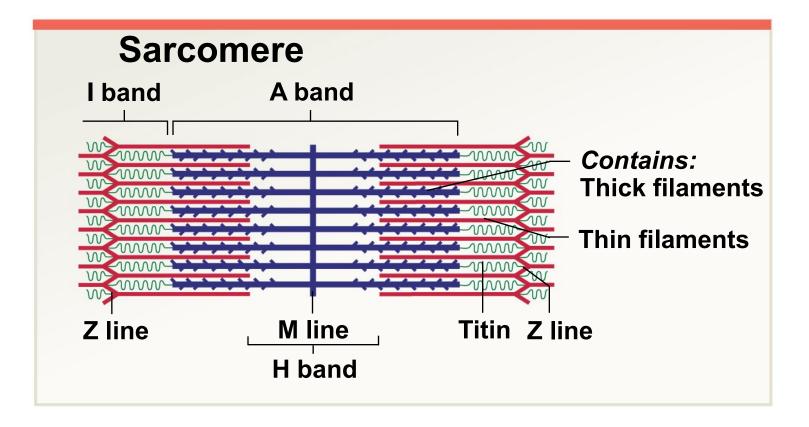






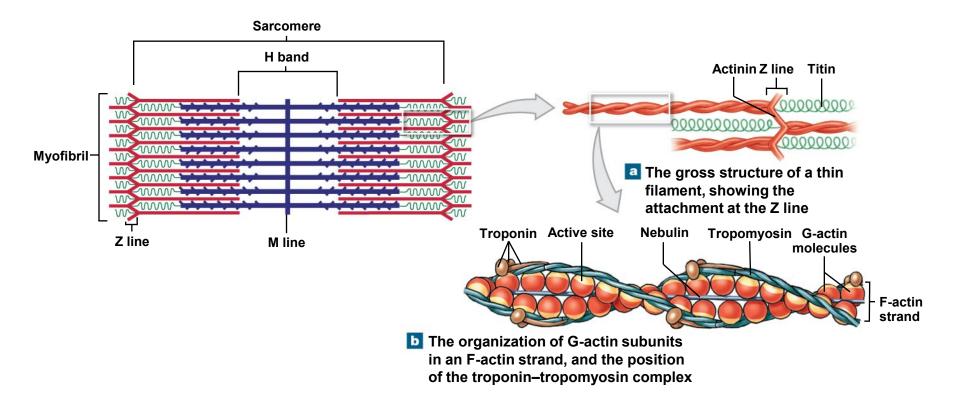


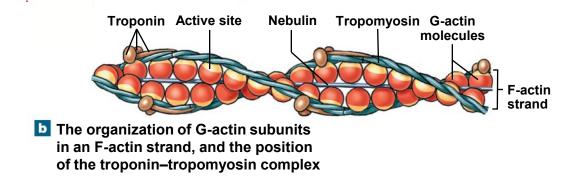




- Thin Filaments
  - F-actin (filamentous actin)
    - Is two twisted rows of globular G-actin
    - The active sites on G-actin strands bind to myosin

- Thin Filaments
  - Tropomyosin
    - Is a double strand
    - Prevents actin—myosin interaction
  - Troponin
    - A globular protein
    - Binds tropomyosin to G-actin
    - Controlled by Ca<sup>2+</sup>

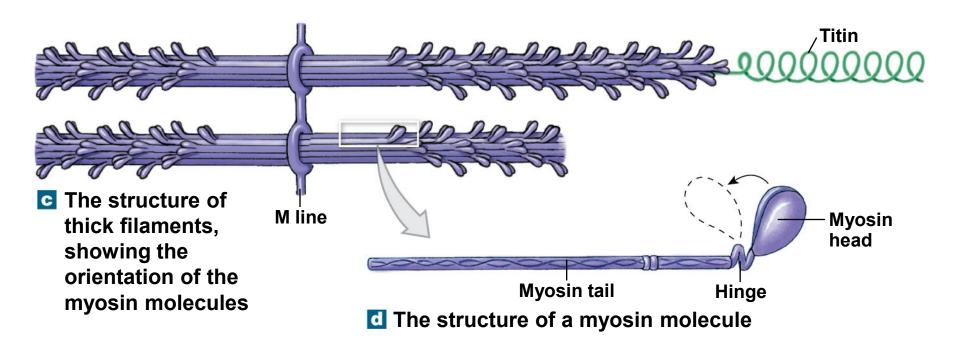




- Initiating Contraction
  - Ca<sup>2+</sup> binds to receptor on **troponin** molecule
  - Troponin–tropomyosin complex changes
  - Exposes active site of F-actin

#### Thick Filaments

- Contain about 300 twisted myosin subunits
- The mysosin molecule
  - Tail
    - Binds to other myosin molecules
  - Head
    - Made of two globular protein subunits
    - Reaches the nearest thin filament



# 10-3 Structural Components of a Sarcomere

- Myosin Action
  - During contraction, myosin heads:
    - Interact with actin filaments, forming crossbridges
    - Pivot, producing motion

# 10-3 Structural Components of a Sarcomere

- Sliding Filaments and Muscle Contraction
  - Sliding filament theory
    - Thin filaments of sarcomere slide toward M line, alongside thick filaments
    - The width of A zone stays the same
    - Z lines move closer together

Figure 10-8a Changes in the Appearance of a Sarcomere during the Contraction of a Skeletal Muscle Fiber

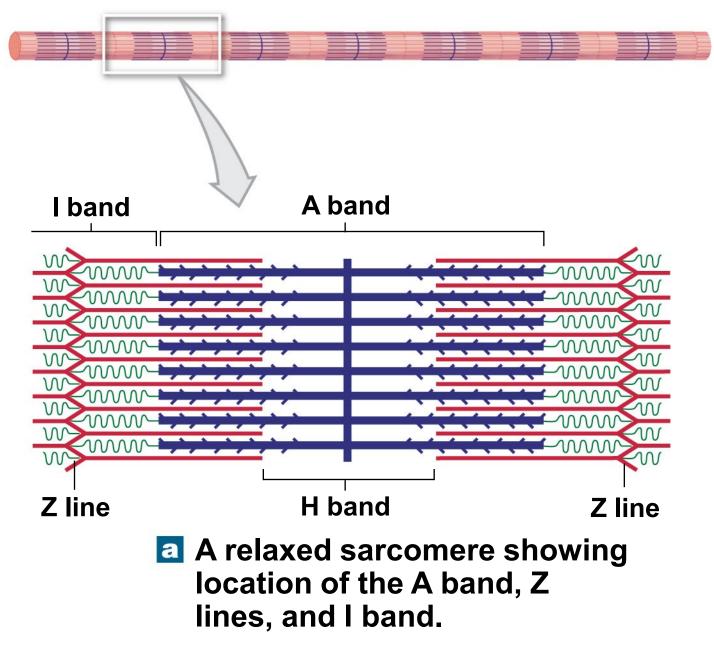
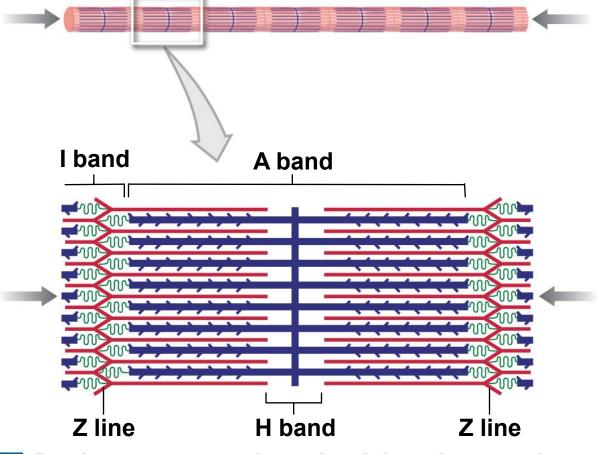


Figure 10-8b Changes in the Appearance of a Sarcomere during the Contraction of a Skeletal Muscle Fiber



During a contraction, the A band stays the same width, but the Z lines move closer together and the I band gets smaller. When the ends of a myofibril are free to move, the sarcomeres shorten simultaneously and the ends of the myofibril are pulled toward its center.

# 10-3 Structural Components of a Sarcomere

- Skeletal Muscle Contraction
  - The process of contraction
    - Neural stimulation of sarcolemma
      - Causes excitation—contraction coupling
    - Muscle fiber contraction
      - Interaction of thick and thin filaments
    - Tension production

### Figure 10-9 An Overview of Skeletal Muscle Contraction

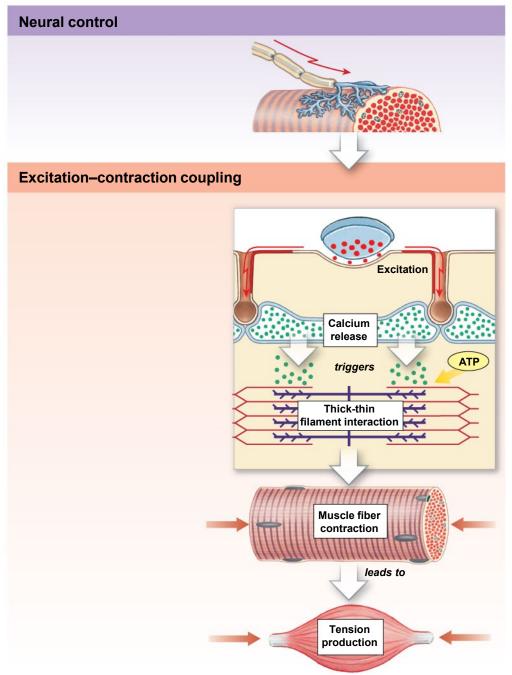
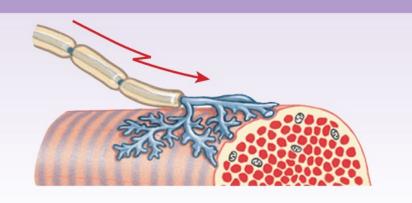


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## Neural control



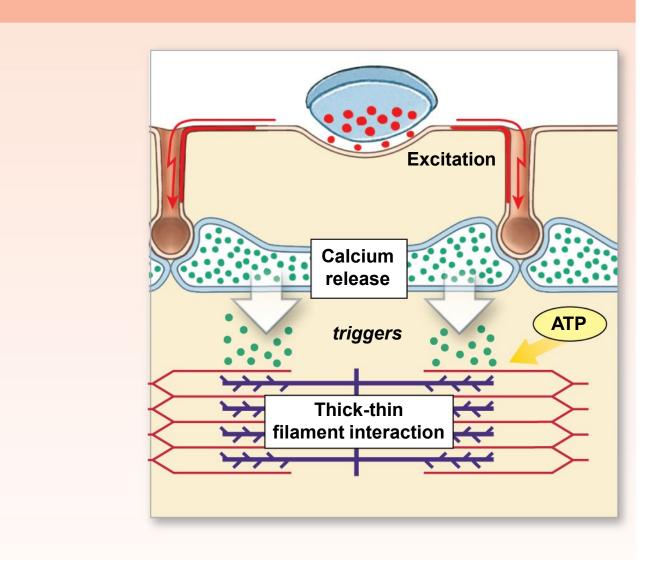
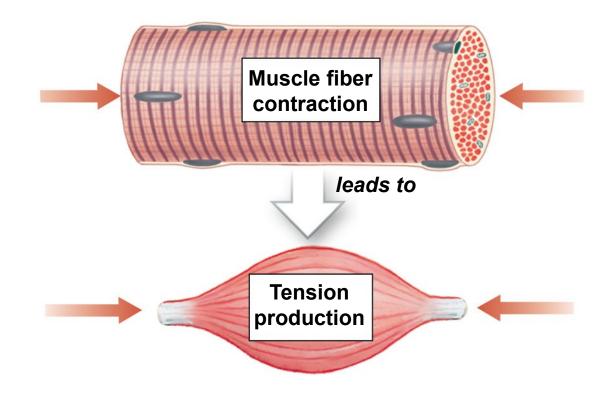
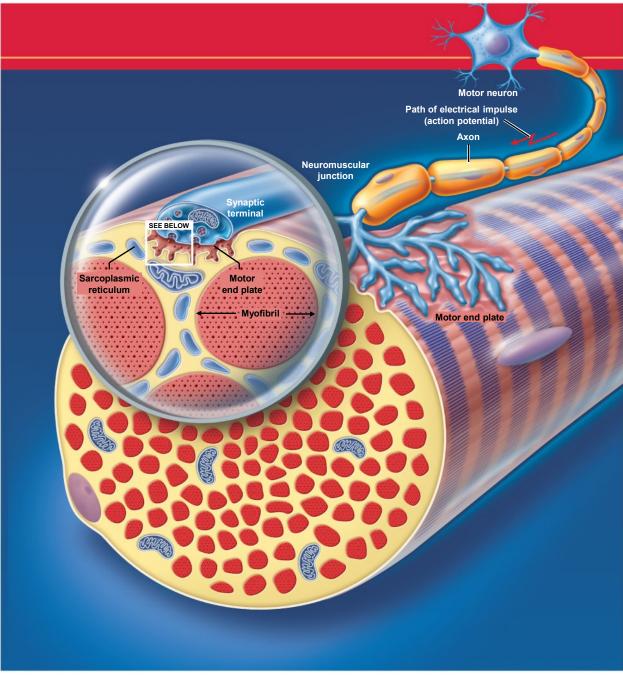


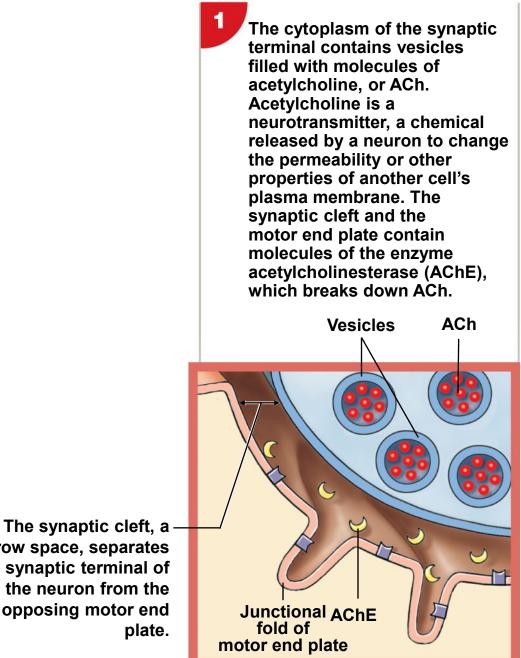
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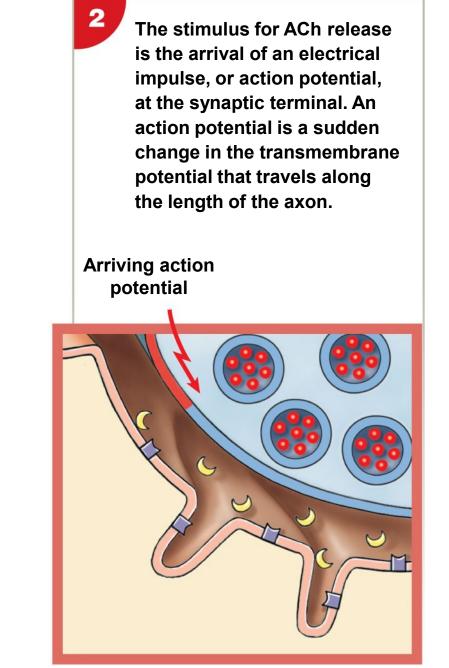
10-4 Components of the Neuromuscular Junction

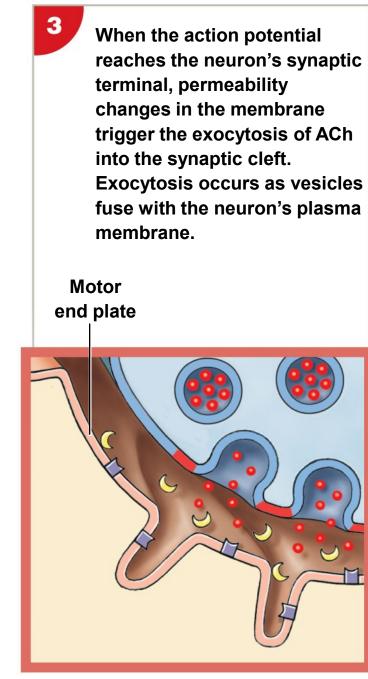
- The Control of Skeletal Muscle Activity
  - The neuromuscular junction (NMJ)
    - Special intercellular connection between the nervous system and skeletal muscle fiber
    - Controls calcium ion release into the sarcoplasm

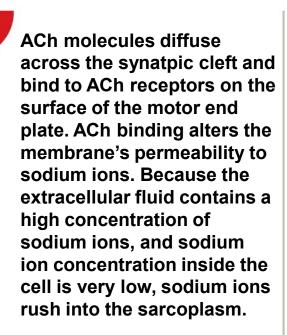


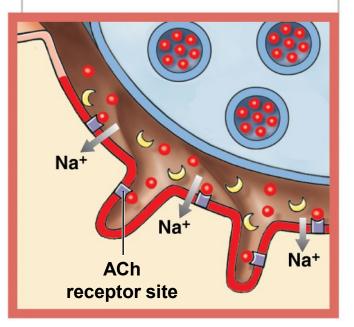


narrow space, separates the synaptic terminal of the neuron from the opposing motor end









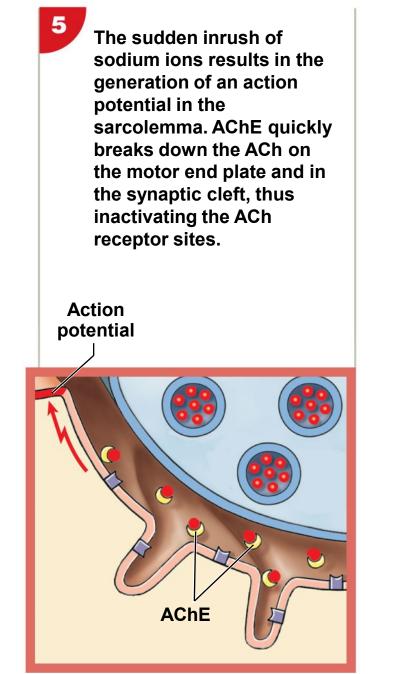
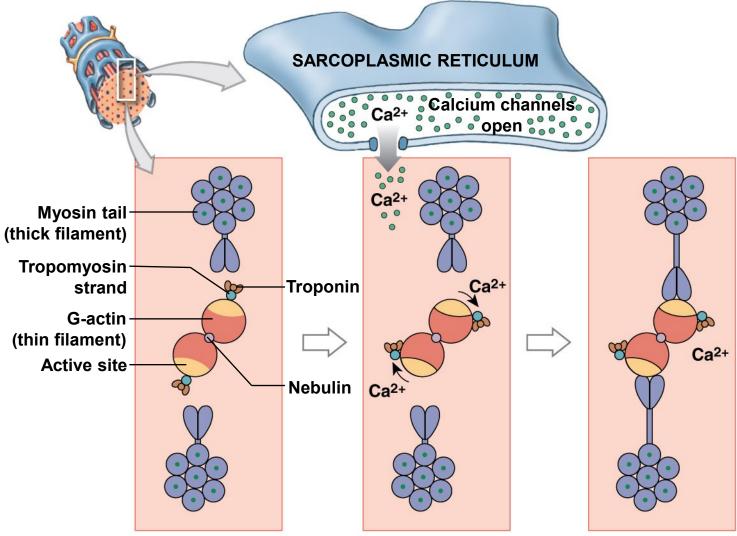


Figure 10-10 The Exposure of Active Sites

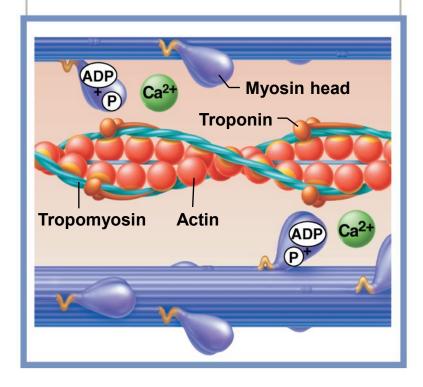


- In a resting sarcomere, the tropomyosin strands cover the active sites on the thin filaments, preventing cross-bridge formation.
- When calcium ions enter the sarcomere, they bind to troponin, which rotates and swings the tropomyosin away from the active sites.
- Cross-bridge formation then occurs, and the contraction cycle begins.



## **Contraction Cycle Begins**

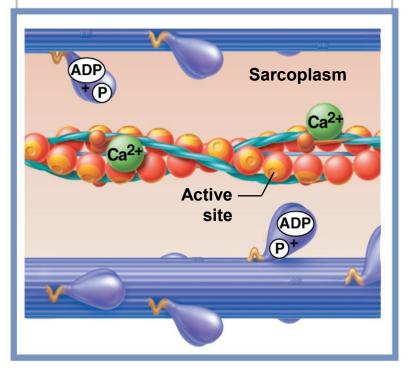
The contraction cycle, which involves a series of interrelated steps, begins with the arrival of calcium ions within the zone of overlap.

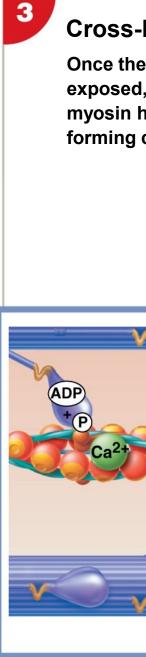




## **Active-Site Exposure**

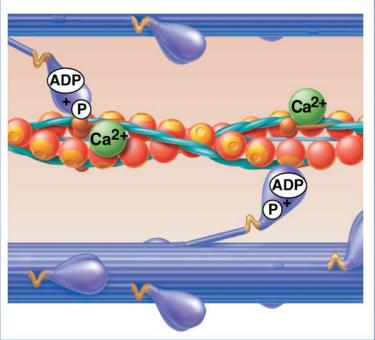
Calcium ions bind to troponin, weakening the bond between actin and the troponin– tropomyosin complex. The troponin molecule then changes position, rolling the tropomyosin molecule away from the active sites on actin and allowing interaction with the energized myosin heads.





## **Cross-Bridge Formation**

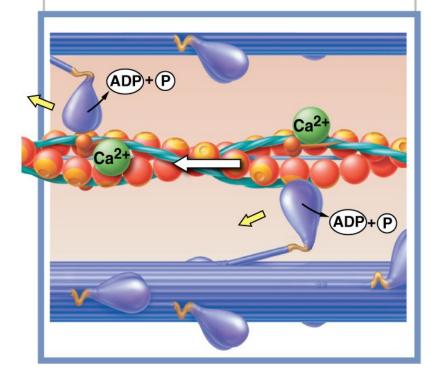
Once the active sites are exposed, the energized myosin heads bind to them, forming cross-bridges.





## **Myosin Head Pivoting**

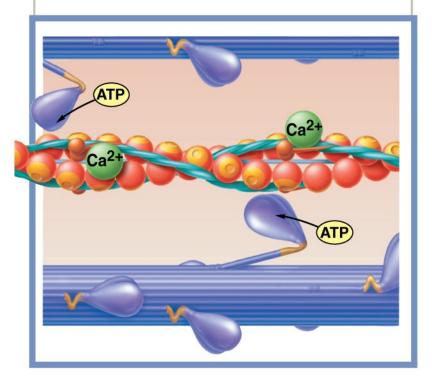
After cross-bridge formation, the energy that was stored in the resting state is released as the myosin head pivots toward the M line. This action is called the power stroke; when it occurs, the bound ADP and phosphate group are released.





## Cross-Bridge Detachment

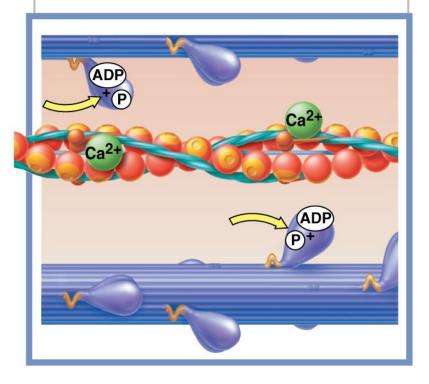
When another ATP binds to the myosin head, the link between the myosin head and the active site on the actin molecule is broken. The active site is now exposed and able to form another cross-bridge.



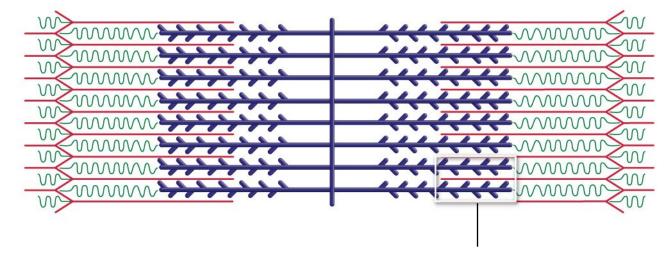


## **Myosin Reactivation**

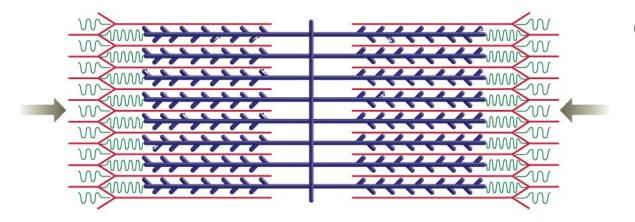
Myosin reactivation occurs when the free myosin head splits ATP into ADP and P. The energy released is used to recock the myosin head.



**Resting Sarcomere** 



Zone of overlap (shown in sequence above)



## **Contracted Sarcomere**

# **10-4 Skeletal Muscle Contraction**

- Fiber Shortening
  - As sarcomeres shorten, muscle pulls together, producing *tension*

# **10-4 Skeletal Muscle Relaxation**

## Relaxation

- Contraction Duration
  - Depends on:
    - Duration of neural stimulus
    - Number of free calcium ions in sarcoplasm
    - Availability of ATP

# **10-4 Skeletal Muscle Relaxation**

## Relaxation

- Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentrations fall
- Ca<sup>2+</sup> detaches from troponin
- Active sites are re-covered by tropomyosin

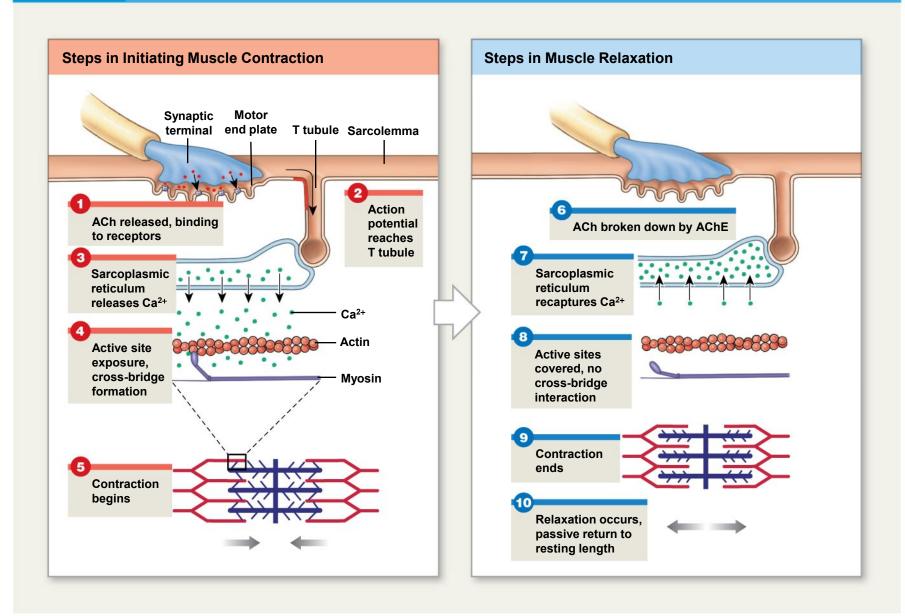
# 10-4 Skeletal Muscle Contraction and Relaxation

## Summary

- Skeletal muscle fibers shorten as thin filaments slide between thick filaments
- Free Ca<sup>2+</sup> in the sarcoplasm triggers contraction
- SR releases Ca<sup>2+</sup> when a motor neuron stimulates the muscle fiber
- Contraction is an active process
- Relaxation and return to resting length are passive

#### Table 10-1 Steps Involved in Skeletal Muscle Contraction and Relaxation

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- ATP Provides Energy For Muscle Contraction
  - Sustained muscle contraction uses a lot of ATP energy
  - Muscles store enough energy to start contraction
  - Muscle fibers must manufacture more ATP as needed

- ATP and CP Reserves
  - Adenosine triphosphate (ATP)
    - The active energy molecule
  - Creatine phosphate (CP)
    - The storage molecule for excess ATP energy in resting muscle
- Energy recharges ADP to ATP
  - Using the enzyme **creatine kinase (CK)**
  - When CP is used up, other mechanisms generate ATP

- ATP Generation
  - Cells produce ATP in two ways
    - 1. Aerobic metabolism of fatty acids in the mitochondria
    - 2. Anaerobic glycolysis in the cytoplasm

## Aerobic Metabolism

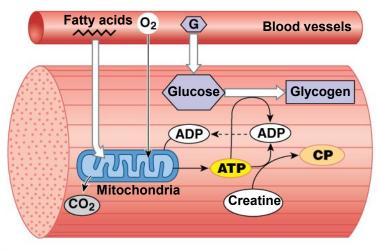
- Is the primary energy source of resting muscles
- Breaks down fatty acids
- Produces 34 ATP molecules per glucose molecule

## Glycolysis

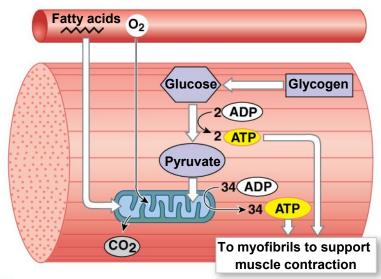
- Is the primary energy source for peak muscular activity
- Produces two ATP molecules per molecule of glucose
- Breaks down glucose from glycogen stored in skeletal muscles

- Energy Use and the Level of Muscular Activity
  - Skeletal muscles at rest metabolize fatty acids and store glycogen
  - During light activity, muscles generate ATP through anaerobic breakdown of carbohydrates, lipids, or amino acids
  - At peak activity, energy is provided by anaerobic reactions that generate lactic acid as a byproduct

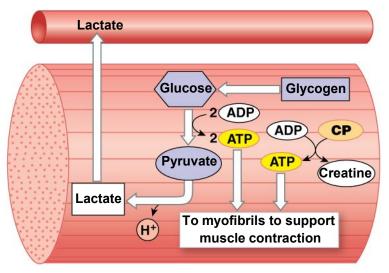
#### Figure 10-20 Muscle Metabolism



a Resting muscle: Fatty acids are catabolized; the ATP produced is used to build energy reserves of ATP, CP, and glycogen.

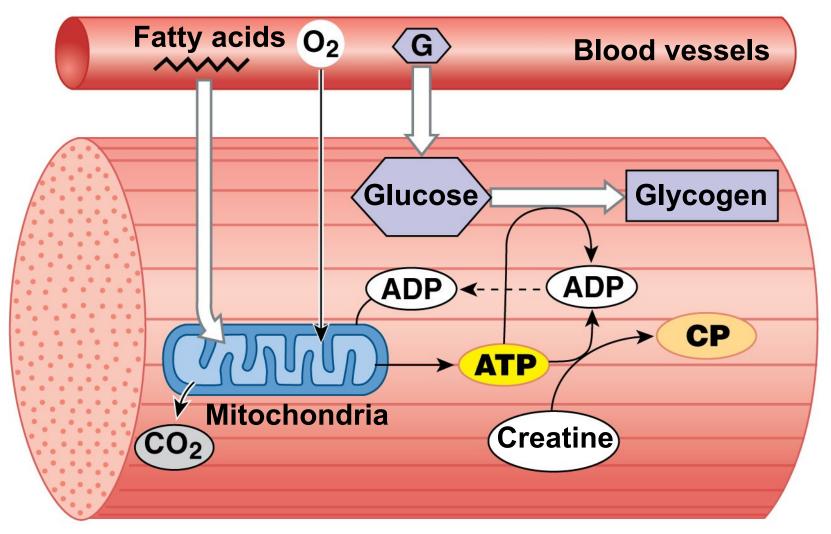


**b** Moderate activity: Glucose and fatty acids are catabolized; the ATP produced is used to power contraction.



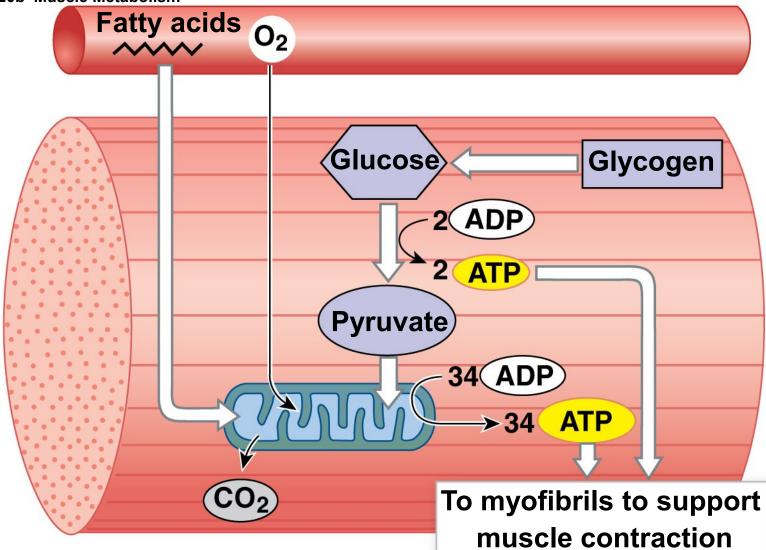
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Figure 10-20a Muscle Metabolism



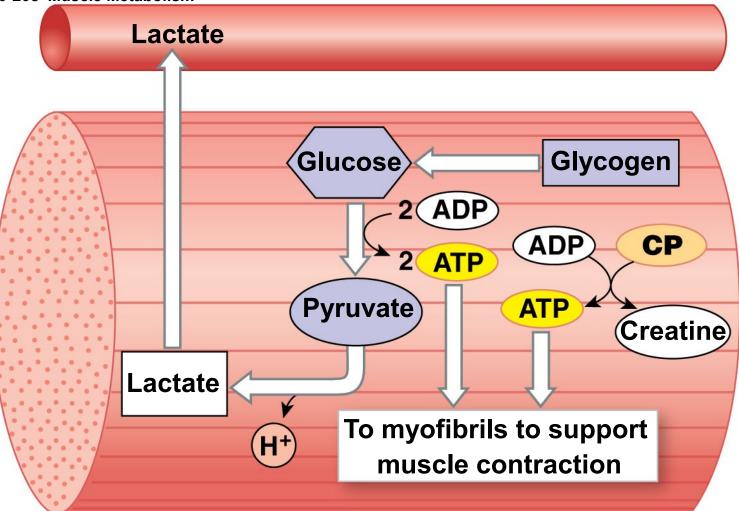
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Figure 10-20c Muscle Metabolism



C Peak activity: Most ATP is produced through glycolysis, with lactate as a by-product. Mitochondrial activity (not shown) now provides only about one-third of the ATP consumed.

- Muscle Fatigue
  - When muscles can no longer perform a required activity, they are **fatigued**
- Results of Muscle Fatigue
  - Depletion of metabolic reserves
  - Damage to sarcolemma and sarcoplasmic reticulum
  - Low pH (lactic acid)
  - Muscle exhaustion and pain

- The Recovery Period
  - The time required after exertion for muscles to return to normal
  - Oxygen becomes available
  - Mitochondrial activity resumes

- Lactic Acid Removal and Recycling
  - The removal and recycling of lactic acid by the liver
  - Liver converts lactate to pyruvate
  - Glucose is released to recharge muscle glycogen reserves

- Heat Production and Loss
  - Active muscles produce heat
  - Up to 70% of muscle energy can be lost as heat, raising body temperature

- Three Major Types of Skeletal Muscle Fibers
  - **1.** Fast fibers
  - 2. Slow fibers
  - 3. Intermediate fibers

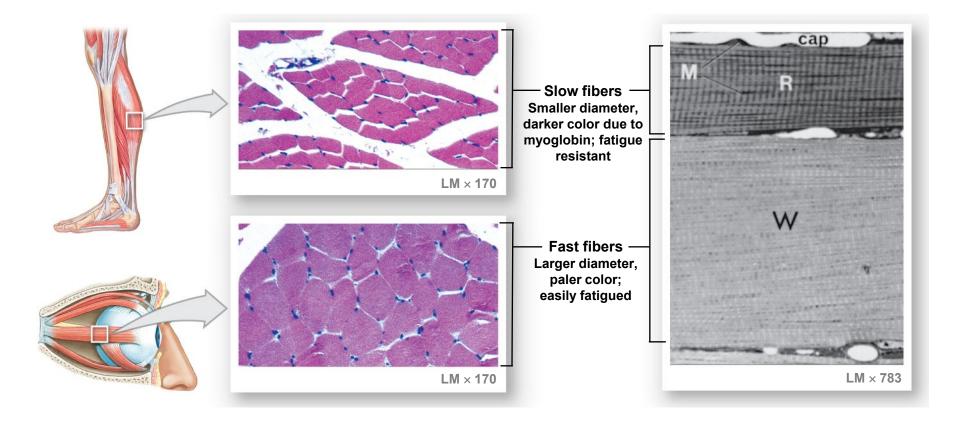
#### Fast Fibers

- Contract very quickly
- Have large diameter, large glycogen reserves, few mitochondria
- Have strong contractions, fatigue quickly

#### Slow Fibers

- Are slow to contract, slow to fatigue
- Have small diameter, more mitochondria
- Have high oxygen supply
- Contain myoglobin (red pigment, binds oxygen)

- Intermediate Fibers
  - Are mid-sized
  - Have low myoglobin
  - Have more capillaries than fast fibers, slower to fatigue



- Muscle Performance and the Distribution of Muscle Fibers
  - White muscles
    - Mostly fast fibers
    - Pale (e.g., chicken breast)
  - Red muscles
    - Mostly slow fibers
    - Dark (e.g., chicken legs)
  - Most human muscles
    - Mixed fibers
    - Pink

### • Muscle Hypertrophy

- Muscle growth from heavy training
  - Increases diameter of muscle fibers
  - Increases number of myofibrils
  - Increases mitochondria, glycogen reserves

#### Muscle Atrophy

- Lack of muscle activity
  - Reduces muscle size, tone, and power

- Physical Conditioning
  - Improves both power and endurance
    - Anaerobic activities (e.g., 50-meter dash, weightlifting)
      - Use fast fibers
      - Fatigue quickly with strenuous activity
    - Improved by:
      - Frequent, brief, intensive workouts
    - Causes hypertrophy

- Physical Conditioning
  - Improves both power and endurance
    - Aerobic activities (prolonged activity)
      - Supported by mitochondria
      - Require oxygen and nutrients
    - Improves:
      - Endurance by training fast fibers to be more like intermediate fibers
      - Cardiovascular performance

- Importance of Exercise
  - What you don't use, you lose
  - Muscles become flaccid when inactive for days or weeks
  - Muscle fibers break down proteins, become smaller and weaker
  - With prolonged inactivity, fibrous tissue may replace muscle fibers