

The Cellular Level of Organization

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An Introduction to Cells

- Cell Theory
 - Developed from Robert Hooke's research
 - Cells are the building blocks of all plants and animals
 - All cells come from the division of preexisting cells
 - Cells are the smallest units that perform all vital physiological functions
 - Each cell maintains homeostasis at the cellular level

An Introduction to Cells

- Sex Cells (Germ Cells)
 - Reproductive cells
 - Male *sperm*
 - Female *oocyte* (a cell that develops into an egg)
- Somatic Cells
 - Soma = body
 - All body cells except sex cells



Cytoskeleton

Proteins organized in fine filaments or slender tubes

Functions Strength and support; movement of cellular structures and materials



Microtubule

Microfilament

Plasma Membrane

Lipid bilayer containing phospholipids, steroids, proteins, and

carbohydrates

Functions Isolation; protection; sensitivity; support; controls entry and exit of materials



Cytosol (distributes materials by diffusion)

- = Plasma membrane
- = Nonmembranous organelles
- = Membranous organelles



Microvilli

Membrane extensions containing microfilaments

Function Increase surface area to facilitate absorption of extra-cellular materials





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Cilia

Cilia are long extensions containing microtubule doublets in a 9 + 2 array (not shown in the model cell)





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Proteasomes

Hollow cylinders of proteolytic enzymes with regulatory proteins at their ends

Functions Breakdown and recycling of damaged or abnormal intracellular proteins

Ribosomes

RNA + proteins; fixed ribosomes bound to rough endoplasmic reticulum, free ribosomes scattered in cytoplasm

Function Protein synthesis





Mitochondria

Double membrane, with inner membrane folds (cristae) enclosing important metabolic enzymes

Functions Produce 95% of the ATP required by the cell





Peroxisomes

Vesicles containing degradative enzymes

Functions Catabolism of fats and other organic compounds, neutralization of toxic compounds generated in the process

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NUCLEUS

Nucleoplasm containing nucleotides, enzymes, nucleoproteins, and chromatin; surrounded by a double membrane, the nuclear envelope

Functions: Control of metabolism; storage and processing of genetic information; control of protein synthesis

- Extracellular Fluid (Interstitial Fluid)
 - A watery medium that surrounds a cell
 - Plasma membrane (cell membrane) separates
 cytoplasm from the extracellular fluid
 - Cytoplasm
 - Cytosol = liquid
 - Intracellular structures collectively known as organelles

- Functions of the Plasma Membrane
 - Physical Isolation
 - Barrier
 - Regulation of Exchange with the Environment
 - Ions and nutrients enter
 - Wastes eliminated and cellular products released

- Functions of the Plasma Membrane
 - Sensitivity to the Environment
 - Extracellular fluid composition
 - Chemical signals
 - Structural Support
 - Anchors cells and tissues

- Membrane Lipids
 - Phospholipid bilayer
 - Hydrophilic heads toward watery environment, both sides
 - Hydrophobic fatty-acid tails inside membrane
 - Barrier to ions and water soluble compounds

- Membrane Proteins
 - Integral Proteins
 - Within the membrane
 - Peripheral Proteins
 - Bound to inner or outer surface of the membrane

- Membrane Proteins
 - Anchoring Proteins (stabilizers)
 - Attach to inside or outside structures
 - *Recognition Proteins (identifiers)*
 - Label cells as normal or abnormal
 - Enzymes
 - Catalyze reactions

- Membrane Proteins
 - Receptor Proteins
 - Bind and respond to **ligands** (ions, hormones)
 - Carrier Proteins
 - Transport specific solutes through membrane
 - Channels
 - Regulate water flow and solutes through membrane

- Membrane Carbohydrates
 - Proteoglycans, glycoproteins, and glycolipids
 - Extend outside cell membrane
 - Form sticky "sugar coat" (glycocalyx)
 - Functions of the glycocalyx
 - Lubrication and Protection
 - Anchoring and Locomotion
 - Specificity in Binding (receptors)
 - *Recognition* (immune response)



Cytoplasm

- All materials inside the cell and outside the nucleus
 - Cytosol (intracellular fluid)
 - Dissolved materials
 - Nutrients, ions, proteins, and waste products
 - High potassium/low sodium
 - High protein
 - High carbohydrate/low amino acid and fat
 - Organelles
 - Structures with specific functions

- The Organelles
 - Nonmembranous organelles
 - No membrane
 - Direct contact with cytosol
 - Include the cytoskeleton, microvilli, centrioles, cilia, ribosomes, and proteasomes
 - Membranous organelles
 - Covered with plasma membrane
 - Isolated from cytosol
 - Include the *endoplasmic reticulum (ER), the Golgi apparatus, lysosomes, peroxisomes, and mitochondria*

- Nonmembranous Organelles
 - Six types of nonmembranous organelles
 - 1. Cytoskeleton
 - 2. Microvilli
 - 3. Centrioles
 - 4. Cilia
 - 5. Ribosomes
 - 6. Proteasomes

- The Cytoskeleton
 - Structural proteins for shape and strength
 - Microfilaments
 - Intermediate filaments
 - Microtubules

- The Cytoskeleton
 - Microfilaments thin filaments composed of the protein actin
 - Provide additional mechanical strength
 - Interact with proteins for consistency
 - Pair with thick filaments of *myosin* for muscle movement

- The Cytoskeleton
 - Intermediate filaments mid-sized between microfilaments and thick filaments
 - Durable (collagen)
 - Strengthen cell and maintain shape
 - Stabilize organelles
 - Stabilize cell position

- The Cytoskeleton
 - Microtubules large, hollow tubes of tubulin protein
 - Attach to *centrosome*
 - Strengthen cell and anchor organelles
 - Change cell shape
 - Move vesicles within cell (*kinesin* and *dynein*)
 - Form *spindle apparatus*

- The Cytoskeleton
 - Thick filaments
 - Myosin protein in muscle cells

Figure 3-3a The Cytoskeleton



changing the shape of the cell.





Microtubules (yellow) in a living cell, as seen after special fluorescent labeling (LM × 3200).

• Microvilli

- Increase surface area for absorption
- Attach to cytoskeleton

Centrioles in the Centrosome

- Centrioles form spindle apparatus during cell division
- Centrosome cytoplasm surrounding centriole
- Cilia
 - Small hair-like extensions
 - Cilia move fluids across the cell surface

Figure 3-4a Centrioles and Cilia



Figure 3-4b Centrioles and Cilia



 Cilium. A cilium contains nine pairs of microtubules surrounding a central pair (9 + 2 array). The basal body to which the cilium is anchored has a structure similar to that of a centriole.





Power stroke



Ciliary movement. Action of a single cilium. During the power stroke, the cilium is relatively stiff; during the return stroke, it bends and returns to its original position.

Ribosomes

- Build polypeptides in protein synthesis
- Two types
 - 1. Free ribosomes in cytoplasm
 - Manufacture proteins for cell
 - 2. Fixed ribosomes attached to ER
 - Manufacture proteins for secretion

Proteasomes

- Contain enzymes (*proteases*)
- Disassemble damaged proteins for recycling

- Membranous Organelles
 - Five types of membranous organelles
 - 1. Endoplasmic reticulum (ER)
 - 2. Golgi apparatus
 - 3. Lysosomes
 - 4. Peroxisomes
 - 5. Mitochondria
- Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER)
 - *Endo-* = within, *plasm* = cytoplasm, *reticulum* = network
 - **Cisternae** are storage chambers within membranes
 - Functions
 - 1. *Synthesis* of proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids
 - 2. Storage of synthesized molecules and materials
 - 3. *Transport* of materials within the ER
 - 4. *Detoxification* of drugs or toxins

- Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER)
 - Smooth endoplasmic reticulum (SER)
 - No ribosomes attached
 - Synthesizes lipids and carbohydrates
 - Phospholipids and cholesterol (membranes)
 - Steroid hormones (reproductive system)
 - Glycerides (storage in liver and fat cells)
 - Glycogen (storage in muscles)

- Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER)
 - Rough endoplasmic reticulum (RER)
 - Surface covered with ribosomes
 - Active in protein and glycoprotein synthesis
 - Folds polypeptide protein structures
 - Encloses products in transport vesicles

Figure 3-5a The Endoplasmic Reticulum





Golgi Apparatus

- Vesicles enter forming face and exit maturing face
- Functions
 - 1. Modifies and packages secretions
 - Hormones or enzymes
 - Released through exocytosis
 - 2. Renews or modifies the plasma membrane
 - Packages special enzymes within vesicles for use in the cytoplasm



























Lysosomes

- Powerful enzyme-containing vesicles
 - *Lyso-* = dissolve, *soma* = body
- Primary lysosome
 - Formed by Golgi apparatus and inactive enzymes
- Secondary lysosome
 - Lysosome fused with damaged organelle
 - Digestive enzymes activated
 - Toxic chemicals isolated

- Lysosomes
 - Functions
 - 1. Clean up inside cells
 - 2. Autolysis

- Clean Up inside Cells
 - Break down large molecules
 - Attack bacteria
 - Recycle damaged organelles
 - Eject wastes by exocytosis

Autolysis

- *Auto-* = self, *lysis* = break
- Self-destruction of damaged cells
 - Lysosome membranes break down
 - Digestive enzymes released
 - Cell decomposes
 - Cellular materials recycle



Activation of lysosomes occurs when:

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A primary lysosome fuses with the membrane of another organelle, such as a mitochondrion

A primary lysosome fuses with an endosome containing fluid or solid materials from outside the cell

The lysosomal membrane breaks down during autolysis following injury to, or death of, the cell

Peroxisomes

- Are enzyme-containing vesicles
 - Break down fatty acids, organic compounds
 - Produce hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂)
 - Replicate by division

- Membrane Flow
 - A continuous exchange of membrane parts by vesicles
 - All membranous organelles (except mitochondria)
 - Allows adaptation and change

Mitochondria

 Have smooth outer membrane and inner membrane with numerous folds (cristae)

Matrix

- Fluid around cristae
- Mitochondrion takes chemical energy from food (glucose)
 - Produces energy molecule ATP

- Mitochondrial Energy Production
 - Glycolysis
 - Glucose to pyruvic acid (in cytosol)
 - Citric acid cycle (also known as the *Krebs cycle* and the *tricarboxylic acid cycle* or *TCA cycle*)
 - Pyruvic acid to CO₂ (in matrix)
 - Electron transport chain
 - Inner mitochondrial membrane

- Mitochondrial Energy Production
 - Called **aerobic metabolism** (cellular respiration)
 - Mitochondria use oxygen to break down food and produce ATP
 - Glucose + oxygen + ADP \rightarrow carbon dioxide + water + ATP



Figure 3-9b Mitochondria



This is an overview of the role of mitochondria in energy production. Mitochondria absorb short carbon chains (such as pyruvate) and oxygen and generate carbon dioxide and ATP.
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3-3 Cell Nucleus

Nucleus

- Largest organelle
- The cell's control center
- Nuclear envelope
 - Double membrane around the nucleus
- Perinuclear space
 - Between the two layers of the nuclear envelope

Nuclear pores

Communication passages



Figure 3-10b The Nucleus





C This cell was frozen and then broken apart to make its internal structures visible. The technique, called *freeze fracture* or *freeze-etching*, provides a unique perspective on the internal organization of cells. The nuclear envelope and nuclear pores are visible. The fracturing process broke away part of the outer membrane of the nuclear envelope, and the cut edge of the nucleus can be seen.

3-3 Cell Nucleus

- Contents of the Nucleus
 - DNA
 - All information to build and run organisms
 - Nucleoplasm
 - Fluid containing ions, enzymes, nucleotides, and some RNA
 - Nuclear matrix
 - Support filaments
3-3 Cell Nucleus

- Contents of the Nucleus
 - Nucleoli
 - Are related to protein production
 - Are made of RNA, enzymes, and histones
 - Synthesize rRNA and ribosomal subunits
 - Nucleosomes
 - DNA coiled around histones

3-3 Cell Nucleus

- Contents of the Nucleus
 - Chromatin
 - Loosely coiled DNA (cells not dividing)
 - Chromosomes
 - Tightly coiled DNA (cells dividing)

Figure 3-11 The Organization of DNA within the Nucleus



3-3 Cell Nucleus

- Information Storage in the Nucleus
 - DNA
 - Instructions for every protein in the body
 - Gene
 - DNA instructions for one protein
 - Genetic code
 - The chemical language of DNA instructions
 - Sequence of bases (A, T, C, G)
 - Triplet code
 - 3 bases = 1 amino acid

- The Role of Gene Activation in Protein Synthesis
 - The nucleus contains chromosomes
 - Chromosomes contain DNA
 - DNA stores genetic instructions for proteins
 - Proteins determine cell structure and function

- The Role of Gene Activation in Protein Synthesis
 - Gene activation uncoiling DNA to use it
 - Promoter
 - Terminator
 - Transcription
 - Copies instructions from DNA to mRNA (in nucleus)
 - RNA polymerase produces messenger RNA (mRNA)

- The Role of Gene Activation in Protein Synthesis
 - Translation
 - Ribosome reads code from mRNA (in cytoplasm)
 - Assembles amino acids into polypeptide chain
 - Processing
 - RER and Golgi apparatus produce protein

- The Transcription of mRNA
 - A gene is *transcribed* to mRNA in three steps
 - **1.** Gene activation
 - 2. DNA to mRNA
 - **3. RNA processing**

- Step 1: Gene activation
 - Uncoils DNA, removes histones
 - Start (promoter) and stop codes on DNA mark location of gene
 - Coding strand is code for protein
 - **Template strand** is used by RNA polymerase molecule

Step 2: DNA to mRNA

- Enzyme RNA polymerase transcribes DNA
 - Binds to promoter (*start*) sequence
 - Reads DNA code for gene
 - Binds nucleotides to form messenger RNA (mRNA)
 - mRNA duplicates DNA coding strand, uracil replaces thymine

Step 3: RNA processing

- At stop signal, mRNA detaches from DNA molecule
 - Code is edited (RNA processing)
 - Unnecessary codes (introns) removed
 - Good codes (**exons**) spliced together
 - Triplet of three nucleotides (codon) represents one amino acid



Translation

- mRNA moves:
 - From the nucleus through a nuclear pore
- mRNA moves:
 - To a ribosome in cytoplasm surrounded by amino acids
- mRNA binds to ribosomal subunits
 - tRNA delivers amino acids to mRNA

Translation

- tRNA anticodon binds to mRNA codon
 - 1 mRNA codon *translates* to 1 amino acid
- Enzymes join amino acids with peptide bonds
 - Polypeptide chain has specific sequence of amino acids
- At *stop codon*, components separate



The mRNA strand binds to the small ribosomal subunit and is joined at the start codon by the first tRNA, which carries the amino acid methionine. **Binding occurs between** complementary base pairs of the codon and anticodon. Amino acid Small **tRNA** ribosomal subunit Anticodon UAC tRNA binding sites AUGCCGAGCUAA mRNA strand Start codon

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Table 3–1	L Examp	Examples of the Triplet Code			
DNA Triplets					
Template Strand	Coding Strand	mRNA Codon	tRNA Anticodon	Amino Acid	
AAA	TTT	UUU	AAA	Phenylalanine	
AAT	TTA	UUA	AAU	Leucine	
ACA	TGT	UGU	ACA	Cysteine	
CAA	GTT	GUU	CAA	Valine	
TAC	ATG	AUG	UAC	Methionine	
TCG	AGC	AGC	UCG	Serine	
GGC	CCG	CCG	GGC	Proline	
CGG	GCC	GCC	CGG	Alanine	

- How the Nucleus Controls Cell Structure and Function
 - 1. *Direct* control through synthesis of:
 - Structural proteins
 - Secretions (environmental response)
 - 2. *Indirect* control over metabolism through enzymes

- Membrane Transport
 - The plasma (cell) membrane is a barrier, but:
 - Nutrients must get in
 - Products and wastes must get out
 - **Permeability** determines what moves in and out of a cell, and a membrane that:
 - Lets nothing in or out is **impermeable**
 - Lets anything pass is **freely permeable**
 - Restricts movement is **selectively permeable**

- Membrane Transport
 - Plasma membrane is **selectively permeable**
 - Allows some materials to move freely
 - Restricts other materials
 - Selective permeability restricts materials based on:
 - Size
 - Electrical charge
 - Molecular shape
 - Lipid solubility

- Membrane Transport
 - Transport through a plasma membrane can be:
 - Active (requiring energy and ATP)
 - *Passive* (no energy required)
 - Diffusion (passive)
 - Carrier-mediated transport (passive or active)
 - Vesicular transport (active)

Diffusion

- All molecules are constantly in motion
- Molecules in solution move randomly
- Random motion causes mixing
- Concentration is the amount of solute in a solvent
- Concentration gradient
 - More solute in one part of a solvent than another

PLAY ANIMATION Membrane Transport: Diffusion



Factors Influencing Diffusion

- Distance the particle has to move
- Molecule Size
 - Smaller is faster
- Temperature
 - More heat, faster motion
- Concentration Gradient
 - The difference between high and low concentrations
- Electrical Forces
 - Opposites attract, like charges repel

- Diffusion across Plasma Membranes
 - Can be simple or channel mediated
 - Materials that diffuse through plasma membrane by simple diffusion
 - Lipid-soluble compounds (alcohols, fatty acids, and steroids)
 - Dissolved gases (oxygen and carbon dioxide)

- Diffusion across Plasma Membranes
 - Channel-mediated diffusion
 - Water-soluble compounds and ions
 - Factors in channel-mediated diffusion
 - Size
 - Charge
 - Interaction with the channel leak channels

Figure 3-15 Diffusion across the Plasma Membrane



- Osmosis: A Special Case of Diffusion
 - Osmosis is the diffusion of water across the cell membrane
 - More solute molecules, lower concentration of water molecules
 - Membrane must be freely permeable to water, selectively permeable to solutes
 - Water molecules diffuse across membrane toward solution with more solutes
 - Volume increases on the side with more solutes



1 Two solutions containing different solute concentrations are separated by a selectively permeable membrane. Water molecules (small blue dots) begin to cross the membrane toward solution B, the solution with the higher concentration of solutes (large pink dots) Α B Water molecules Solute < molecules Selectively permeable membrane





- Osmosis: A Special Case of Diffusion
 - Osmotic pressure
 - Is the force of a concentration gradient of water
 - Equals the force (hydrostatic pressure) needed to block osmosis
3-5 Diffusion and Osmosis

- Osmolarity and Tonicity
 - The osmotic effect of a solute on a cell
 - Two fluids may have equal **osmolarity**, but different **tonicity**
 - **Isotonic** (*iso-* = same, *tonos* = tension)
 - A solution that does not cause osmotic flow of water in or out of a cell
 - **Hypotonic** (*hypo-* = below)
 - Has less solutes and loses water through osmosis
 - **Hypertonic** (*hyper-* = above)
 - Has more solutes and gains water by osmosis

3-5 Diffusion and Osmosis

- Osmolarity and Tonicity
 - A cell in a hypotonic solution:
 - Gains water
 - Ruptures (hemolysis of red blood cells)
 - A cell in a hypertonic solution:
 - Loses water
 - Shrinks (crenation of red blood cells)



Figure 3-17a Osmotic Flow across a Plasma Membrane



Figure 3-17b Osmotic Flow across a Plasma Membrane



Immersion in a hypotonic saline solution results in the osmotic flow of water into the cells. The swelling may continue until the plasma membrane ruptures, or lyses.

Figure 3-17c Osmotic Flow across a Plasma Membrane



Exposure to a hypertonic solution results in the movement of water out of the cell. The red blood cells shrivel and become crenated.

Carrier-Mediated Transport

- Of ions and organic substrates
 - Characteristics
 - Specificity
 - One transport protein, one set of substrates
 - Saturation Limits
 - Rate depends on transport proteins, not substrate
 - Regulation
 - Cofactors such as hormones

Carrier-Mediated Transport

Cotransport

- Two substances move in the same direction at the same time
- Countertransport
 - One substance moves in while another moves out

- Carrier-Mediated Transport
 - Facilitated Diffusion
 - Passive
 - Carrier proteins transport molecules too large to fit through channel proteins (glucose, amino acids)
 - Molecule binds to **receptor site** on carrier protein
 - Protein changes shape, molecules pass through
 - Receptor site is specific to certain molecules



- Carrier-Mediated Transport
 - Active Transport (Primary or Secondary)
 - Active transport proteins
 - Move substrates against concentration gradient
 - Require energy, such as ATP
 - Ion pumps move ions (Na⁺, K⁺, Ca²⁺, Mg²⁺)
 - Exchange pump countertransports two ions at the same time

- Carrier-Mediated Transport
 - Primary Active Transport
 - Sodium–potassium exchange pump
 - Active transport, carrier mediated
 - Sodium ions (Na⁺) out, potassium ions (K⁺) in
 - 1 ATP moves 3 Na⁺ and 2 K⁺

Figure 3-19 The Sodium-Potassium Exchange Pump



- Carrier-Mediated Transport
 - Secondary Active Transport
 - Na⁺ concentration gradient drives glucose transport
 - ATP energy pumps Na⁺ back out



- Vesicular Transport (Bulk Transport)
 - Materials move into or out of cell in vesicles
 - Endocytosis (endo- = inside) is active transport using ATP
 - Receptor mediated
 - Pinocytosis
 - Phagocytosis

- Endocytosis
 - Receptor-mediated endocytosis
 - Receptors (glycoproteins) bind target molecules (ligands)
 - Coated vesicle (endosome) carries ligands and receptors into the cell

Figure 3-21 Receptor-Mediated Endocytosis



Receptor-Mediated Endocytosis

Target molecules (ligands) bind to receptors in plasma membrane.

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Areas coated with ligands form deep pockets in plasma membrane surface.

Pockets pinch off, forming endosomes known as coated vesicles.

Coated vesicles fuse with primary lysosomes to form secondary lysosomes.

Ligands are removed and absorbed into the cytoplasm.

The lysosomal and endosomal membranes separate.

The endosome fuses with the plasma membrane, and the receptors are again available for ligand binding.

- Endocytosis
 - Pinocytosis
 - Endosomes "drink" extracellular fluid
 - Phagocytosis
 - **Pseudopodia** (*pseudo-* = false, *pod-* = foot)
 - Engulf large objects in **phagosomes**
- **Exocytosis** (*exo-* = outside)
 - Granules or droplets are released from the cell





Table 3–2	Mech	hanisms Involved in Movement across Plasma Membranes		
Mechanism		Process	Factors Affecting Rate	Substances Involved (Sites)
Diffusion (includes simple diffusion and channel- mediated diffusion)		Molecular movement of solutes; direction determined by relative concentrations	Size of concentration gradient; size of molecules; electrical charge; lipid solubility, temperature; additional factors apply to channel-mediated diffusion	Small inorganic ions; most gases and lipid-soluble materials (all cells)
Osmosis		Movement of water molecules toward solution containing relatively higher solute concentration; requires selectively permeable membrane	Concentration gradient; opposing osmotic or hydrostatic pressure; number of aquaporins (water channels)	Water only (all cells)
Carrier-Mediated Transport				
Facilitated diffusion		Carrier proteins passively transport solutes across a membrane down a concentration gradient	Size of gradient, temperature, and availability of carrier protein	Glucose and amino acids (all cells, but several different regulatory mechanisms exist)
Active transport		Carrier proteins actively transport solutes across a membrane, often against a concentration gradient	Availability of carrier, substrates, and ATP	Na ⁺ , K ⁺ , Ca ²⁺ , Mg ²⁺ (all cells); other solutes by specialized cells
Secondary acti transport	ive	Carrier proteins passively transport two solutes, with one (normally Na ⁺) moving down its concentration gradient; the cell must later expend ATP to eject the Na ⁺	Availability of carrier, substrates, and ATP	Glucose and amino acids (specialized cells); iodide
Vesicular Transpo	ort			
Endocytosis		Creation of membranous vesicles containing fluid or solid material	Stimulus and mechanics incompletely understood; requires ATP	Fluids, nutrients (all cells); debris, pathogens (specialized cells)
Exocytosis		Fusion of vesicles containing fluids or solids (or both) with the plasma membrane	Stimulus and mechanics incompletely understood; requires ATP	Fluids, debris (all cells)

3-7 Transmembrane Potential

- Transmembrane Potential
 - Charges are separated creating a potential difference
 - Unequal charge across the plasma membrane is transmembrane potential
 - **Resting potential** ranges from –10 mV to

-100 mV, depending on cell type

3-8 Cell Life Cycle

- Cell Life Cycle
 - Most of a cell's life is spent in a nondividing state (interphase)
 - Body (somatic) cells divide in three stages
 - **DNA replication** duplicates genetic material exactly
 - **Mitosis** divides genetic material equally
 - Cytokinesis divides cytoplasm and organelles into two daughter cells

3-8 Cell Life Cycle

- DNA Replication
 - *Helicases* unwind the DNA strands
 - DNA polymerase
 - Promotes bonding between the nitrogenous bases of the DNA strand and complementary DNA nucleotides dissolved in the nucleoplasm
 - 2. Links the nucleotides by covalent bonds
 - DNA polymerase works in one direction
 - Ligases piece together sections of DNA

PLAY A&P FLIX: DNA Replication



3-8 Cell Life Cycle

- Interphase
 - The nondividing period
 - **G-zero** (**G**₀) phase specialized cell functions only
 - G₁ phase cell growth, organelle duplication, protein synthesis
 - **S phase** DNA replication and histone synthesis
 - G₂ phase finishes protein synthesis and centriole replication



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Figure 3-24 Stages of a Cell's Life Cycle: Interphase



An interphase cell in the G_0 phase is not preparing for division, but is performing all of the other functions appropriate for that particular cell type. Some mature cells, such as skeletal muscle cells and most neurons, remain in G_0 indefinitely and never divide. In contrast, stem cells, which divide repeatedly with very brief interphase periods, never enter G_0 .

Figure 3-24 Stages of a Cell's Life Cycle: Interphase

INTERPHASE



When the activities of G₁ have been completed, the cell enters the S phase. Over the next 6–8 hours, the cell duplicates its chromosomes. This involves DNA replication and the synthesis of histones and other proteins in the nucleus.



Once DNA replication has ended, there is a brief (2–5-hour) G₂ phase devoted to 2 to 5 hours last-minute protein synthesis and to the completion of centriole \mathbf{G}_2 replication. **Protein** synthesis THE CELL CYCLE

3-8 Cell Life Cycle

- Mitosis
 - Divides duplicated DNA into two sets of chromosomes
 - DNA coils tightly into **chromatids**
 - Chromatids connect at a **centromere**
 - Protein complex around centromere is kinetochore

Figure 3-24 Stages of a Cell's Life Cycle: Interphase



3-8 Cell Life Cycle

- Mitosis
 - Prophase
 - Nucleoli disappear
 - Centriole pairs move to cell poles
 - Microtubules (**spindle fibers**) extend between centriole pairs
 - Nuclear envelope disappears
 - Spindle fibers attach to kinetochore
 - Metaphase
 - Chromosomes align in a central plane (metaphase plate)


3-8 Cell Life Cycle

- Mitosis
 - Anaphase
 - Microtubules pull chromosomes apart
 - **Daughter chromosomes** group near centrioles
 - Telophase
 - Nuclear membranes re-form
 - Chromosomes uncoil
 - Nucleoli reappear
 - Cell has two complete nuclei



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3-8 Cell Life Cycle

- Cytokinesis
 - Division of the cytoplasm
 - Cleavage furrow around metaphase plate
 - Membrane closes, producing daughter cells



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3-8 Cell Life Cycle

- The Mitotic Rate and Energy Use
 - Rate of cell division
 - Slower mitotic rate means longer cell life
 - Cell division requires energy (ATP)
 - Muscle cells, neurons rarely divide
 - Exposed cells (skin and digestive tract) live only days or hours – replenished by stem cells

3-9 Regulation of the Cell Life Cycle

Cell Division

- Normally, cell division balances cell loss
- Increased cell division
 - Internal factors (M-phase promoting factor, MPF)
 - Extracellular chemical factors (growth factors)
- Decreased cell division
 - *Repressor genes* (faulty repressors cause cancers)
 - Worn out **telomeres** (terminal DNA segments)

Table 3–3	Chemical Factors Affecting Cell Division			
Factor		Sources	Effects	Targets
M-phase promoting factor (maturation-promoting factor)		Forms within cytoplasm from Cdc2 and cyclin	Initiates mitosis	Regulatory mechanism active in all dividing cells
Growth hormone		Anterior lobe of the pituitary gland	Stimulation of growth, cell division, differentiation	All cells, especially in epithelial and connective tissues
Prolactin		Anterior lobe of the pituitary gland	Stimulation of cell growth, division, development	Gland and duct cells of mammary glands
Nerve growth factor (NGF)		Salivary glands; other sources suspected	Stimulation of nerve cell repair and development	Neurons and neuroglia
Epidermal growth factor (EGF)		Duodenal glands; other sources suspected	Stimulation of stem cell divisions and epithelial repairs	Epidermis
Fibroblast growth factor (FGF)		Unknown	Division and differentiation of fibroblasts and related cells	Connective tissues
Erythropoietin		Kidneys (primary source)	Stimulation of stem cell divisions and maturation of red blood cells	Bone marrow
Thymosins and related compounds		Thymus	Stimulation of division and differentiation of lymphocytes (especially T cells)	Thymus and other lymphoid tissues and organs
Chalones		Many tissues	Inhibition of cell division	Cells in the immediate area

3-10 Cell Division and Cancer

- Cancer Develops in Steps
 - Abnormal cell
 - Primary tumor
 - Metastasis
 - Secondary tumor

3-10 Cell Division and Cancer

- **Tumor** (*Neoplasm*)
 - Enlarged mass of cells
 - Abnormal cell growth and division
 - Benign tumor
 - Contained, not life threatening unless large
 - Malignant tumor
 - Spreads into surrounding tissues (invasion)
 - Starts new tumors (metastasis)



3-11 Differentiation

- Differentiation
 - All cells carry complete DNA instructions for all body functions
 - Cells specialize or differentiate
 - To form tissues (liver cells, fat cells, and neurons)
 - By turning off all genes not needed by that cell
 - All body cells, except sex cells, contain the same 46 chromosomes
 - Differentiation depends on which genes are active and which are inactive