

#### Chemical Structure of the Plasma Membrane

14. Describe the plasma membrane according to the fluid mosaic model. Include glycolipids, glycoproteins, phospholipids, cholesterol, integral proteins, and peripheral proteins.

#### **Membrane Transport**

15. Define the following terms: intracellular fluid, extracellular fluid, and interstitial fluid.

16. Define diffusion and describe how molecules diffuse across a plasma membrane. Include the following terms in your description: passive process, simple diffusion, facilitated diffusion, carriers, and channels.

17. Define and describe osmosis. Include the following terms in your description: solvent, solute, solution, hypertonic, hypotonic, and isotonic.

18. Explain what happens to a cell placed in a hypertonic, hypotonic, or isotonic solution.

19. List and explain the five factors that affect the rate of transport of substances across cell membranes. These factors are size of the material, temperature, the presence or absence of channels or other facilitating devices, particle charges, and the concentration gradient for the material being transported.

**20.** Define and describe active processes by which materials move across cell membranes. Active processes include active transport and vesicular transport. Include the following terms

in your description: ATP, pumps, exocytosis, endocytosis, phagocytosis, and receptormediated endocytosis.

#### **Cellular Structures**

**21.** Describe the structures and functions of the following membrane junctions: tight junctions, desmosomes, and gap junctions

# Cell Theory

- The cell is the basic structural and functional unit of life
- Organismal activity depends on individual and collective activity of cells
- Biochemical activities of cells are dictated by subcellular structure
- Continuity of life has a cellular basis







#### Plasma Membrane

- Separates intracellular fluids from extracellular fluids
- Plays a dynamic role in cellular activity
- *Glycocalyx* is a glycoprotein area abutting the cell that provides highly specific biological markers by which *cells recognize one another, unique to each cells*
- Act as an ID tag
- Block cancer signal
- Embryo growth
- Cell protection
- Immunity to infection
- Cell adhesion
- Fertilization





GLYCOCALYX AFFECTED BY: Aging Diet Disease Exercise Genetics Smoking Stress







glycocalyx under physiological condition

perturbed glycocalyx

subendothelial VCAM / ICAM \$0300

perturbed

glycocalyx

endothelium

leukocyte adhesion1, and diapedesis

glycocalyx perturbation occurs when the circulation gets exposed to atherogenic stimuli such as oxidized lipoproteins, hyperlipidemia, and hyperglycemia.



- •How does chemistry dictate function?
- •Why are there different lipid types?
- •How does material get across membranes?



## Fluid Mosaic Model

#### • Double bilayer of lipids with imbedded, dispersed proteins

- Bilayer consists of *phospholipids*, *cholesterol*, *and glycolipids* 
  - o Glycolipids are lipids with bound carbohydrate
  - Phospholipids have hydrophobic and hydrophilic bipoles







# **Cell Membrane Structure**







## Six major functions of membrane proteins



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#### **Functions of Membrane Proteins**

#### • Transport

Transport Protein

#### • Enzymatic activity



#### Transport

(a) A protein that spans the membrane may provide a hydrophilic channel across the membrane that is selective for a particular solute. (b) Some transport proteins hydrolyze ATP as an energy source to actively pump substances across the membrane.

#### Enzymatic activity

A protein built into the membrane may be an enzyme with its active site exposed to substances in the adjacent solution. In some cases, several enzymes in a membrane act as a team that catalyzes sequential steps of a metabolic pathway as indicated (right to left) here.

Enzymes

 Receptors for signal transduction

**Receptor Proteins** 



**Receptors for signal transduction** A membrane protein exposed to the outside of the cell may have a binding site with a specific shape that fits the shape of a chemical messenger, such as a hormone. The external signal may cause a conformational change in the protein that initiates a chain of chemical reactions in the cell.

# Functions of Membrane Proteins

• Intercellular adhesion



#### Intercellular joining

Membrane proteins of adjacent cells may be hooked together in various kinds of intercellular junctions. Some membrane proteins (CAMs) of this group provide temporary binding sites that guide cell migration and other cell-to-cell interactions.

- Cell-cell recognition
- Attachment to cytoskeleton and extracellular matrix



#### **Cell-cell recognition**

Some glycoproteins (proteins bonded to short chains of sugars) serve as identification tags that are specifically recognized by other cells.



Attachment to the cytoskeleton and extracellular matrix (ECM) Elements of the cytoskeleton (cell's internal supports) and the extracellular matrix (ECM) may be anchored to membrane proteins, which help maintain cell shape and fix the location of certain membrane proteins. Others play a role in cell movement or bind adjacent cells together.





Cytoskeletal proteins

### **Lipid Rafts**

- Make up 20% of the outer membrane surface
- Composed of sphingolipids and cholesterol
- Are concentrating platforms for cell-signaling molecules





#### **Membrane** Junctions



- Tight junction impermeable junction that encircles the cell
- Desmosome anchoring junction scattered along the sides of cells
- <u>Hemidesmosomes</u>: basalmembrane to cell
- Gap junction a nexus that allows chemical substances to pass between cells

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(a) Tight junctions: Impermeable junctions (b) Desmosomes: Anchoring junctions bind adjacent cells together like a molecular prevent molecules from passing through "Velcro" and help form an internal tensionreducing network of fibers.

(c) Gap junctions: Communicating junctions allow ions and small molecules to pass for intercellular communication.

the intercellular space.





#### **Membrane Junctions: Tight Junction**





# Tight junction

- Tight junctions are found in all tissues, but those of particular relevance to drug delivery include:
  - Nasal tissue
  - Gastrointestinal tissue where oral drugs are absorbed
  - Blood vessels
  - Blood-brain barrier
- Tight junctions consist of proteins, for example:
  - claudins
  - occludins
  - junctional adhesion



# Membrane Junctions: Gap Junction = **nexus** or **macula communicans**







- Protienaceous tubes that connect adjacent cells.
- These tubes allow material to pass from one cell to the next without having to pass through the plasma membranes of the cells.
- Dissolved substances such as ions or glucose can pass through the gap junctions.
- Large organelles such as mitochondria connot pass.
- <u>Ca++ control of gap junction</u> <u>opening</u>
- Gap junctions occur in virtually all tissues of the body, with the <u>exception of adult fully</u> <u>developed skeletal muscle and</u> <u>mobile cell types such</u> <u>as sperm or erythrocytes.</u>



### **Passive Membrane Transport: Diffusion**



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#### Facilitated diffusion

- Transport of glucose, amino acids, and ions
- Transported substances bind carrier proteins or pass through protein channels



## **Carrier Proteins**

- Are integral transmembrane proteins
- Show specificity for certain polar molecules including sugars and amino acids





### Effects of Solutions of Varying Tonicity

- **Isotonic** solutions with the same solute concentration as that of the cytosol
- <u>Hypertonic</u> solutions having greater solute concentration than that of the cytosol
- <u>Hypotonic</u> solutions having lesser solute concentration than that of the cytosol

#### Passive Membrane Transport: Osmosis

- Osmosis is the diffusion of water through a cell membrane from a solution of <u>low solute concentration to a solution</u> with high solute concentration, up a solute concentration gradient.
- It is a physical process in which a <u>solvent moves, without</u> <u>input of energy</u>, across a <u>semi permeable membrane</u> (permeable to the solvent, but not the solute) separating two solutions of different concentrations.
- Osmosis releases energy, and can be made to do work, as when a growing tree-root splits a stone.





Low Sugar Concentration High Sugar Concentration High Water Concentration Low Water Concentration

### Passive Membrane Transport: Osmosis

- Occurs when the concentration of a solvent is different on opposite sides of a membrane
- Diffusion of water across a semipermeable membrane
- <u>Osmolarity</u> total concentration of solute particles in a solution
- <u>Tonicity</u> how a solution affects cell volume

It has been estimated that an amount of water equivalent to roughly 250 times the volume of the cell diffuses across the red blood cell membrane *every second*; the cell doesn't lose or gain water because equal amounts go in and out.

# Osmotic pressure affects cell shape and life



RBC ghost

#### Effect of Membrane Permeability on Diffusion and Osmosis

Left compartment: Solution with lower osmolarity Right compartment: Solution with greater osmolarity

Both solutions have the same osmolarity: volume unchanged



(a) Membrane permeable to both solute molecules and water

## Effect of Membrane Permeability on Diffusion and Osmosis



#### (b) Membrane impermeable to solute molecules, permeable to water

#### Why this is important biologically



Kidney function is dependent upon ion and water transport

#### Passive Membrane Transport: Filtration

- The passage of water and solutes through a membrane by hydrostatic pressure
- Pressure gradient pushes solute-containing fluid from a higher-pressure area to a lower-pressure area



### **Active Transport**

- **Uses ATP** to move solutes across a membrane
- Requires carrier proteins

### **Types of Active Transport**

#### <u>Symport system</u> – two substances are moved across a membrane in the <u>same direction</u>

• Antiport system – two substances are moved across a membrane in opposite directions



#### **Types of Active Transport**

Primary active transport – hydrolysis of ATP phosphorylates the transport protein causing Extracellular Glucose fluid conformational change Na<sup>+</sup>-glucose Na Secondary active transport – use of an exchange pump symport transporter releasing glucose (such as the Na<sup>+</sup>-K<sup>+</sup> pump) indirectly to drive the K<sup>+</sup> to the cytoplasm transport of other solutes[ATP-ASE] Na<sup>+</sup> ATP ATP 1 Sodium-2 Na<sup>+</sup>-glucose potassium symport Na pump creates transporter ion gradient loading glucose from ECF Cytoplasm

#### Vesicular Transport

- Transport of large particles and macromolecules across plasma membranes
  - <u>Exocytosis</u> moves substance from the cell interior to the extracellular space
  - <u>Endocytosis</u> enables large particles and macromolecules to enter the cell
  - <u>Transcytosis</u> moving substances into, across, and then out of a cell
  - <u>Vesicular trafficking</u> moving substances from one area in the cell to another
  - <u>Phagocytosis</u> pseudopods engulf solids and bring them into the cell's interior

- <u>Fluid-phase endocytosis</u> the plasma membrane infolds, bringing extracellular fluid and solutes into the interior of the cell
- <u>Receptor-mediated endocytosis</u> clathrincoated pits <u>provide the main route for</u> <u>endocytosis and transcytosis</u>
- <u>Non-clathrin-coated vesicles</u> caveolae that are platforms for a variety of signaling molecules



#### **Clathrin-Mediated Endocytosis**



Figure 3.13a





## **Receptor Mediated Endocytosis**

(c) Receptor-mediated endocytosis

#### Passive (Physical) Processes

- Require no cellular energy and include:
  - Simple diffusion
  - Facilitated diffusion
  - Osmosis
  - Filtration

#### Active (Physiological) Processes

- Require cellular energy and include:
  - Active transport
  - Endocytosis
  - Exocytosis
  - Transcytosis

Passive Membrane Transport – Review			
Process	Energy Source	Example	
Simple diffusion	Kinetic energy	Movement of O <sub>2</sub> through membrane	
Facilitated diffusion	Kinetic energy	Movement of glucose into cells	
Osmosis	Kinetic energy	Movement of H <sub>2</sub> O in & out of cells	
Filtration	Hydrostatic pressure	Formation of kidney filtrate	

## Active Membrane Transport – Review

Process	Energy Source	Example
Active transport of solutes	ATP	Movement of ions across membranes
Exocytosis	ATP	Neurotransmitter secretion
Endocytosis	ATP	White blood cell phagocytosis
Fluid-phase endocytosis	ATP	Absorption by intestinal cells
Receptor-mediated endocytosis	ATP	Hormone and cholesterol uptake
Endocytosis via caveoli	ATP	Cholesterol regulation
Endocytosis via coatomer vesicles	ATP	Intracellular trafficking of molecules

# **Membrane Potential**

- Voltage across a membrane
- Resting membrane potential the point where K<sup>+</sup> potential is balanced by the membrane potential
  - Ranges from –20 to –200 mV
  - Results from Na<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup> concentration gradients across the membrane
  - Differential permeability of the plasma membrane to Na<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup>
- Steady state potential maintained by active transport of ions







## Cell Adhesion Molecules (CAMs)

- Anchor cells to the extracellular matrix
- Assist in movement of cells past one another
- Rally protective white blood cells to injured or infected areas
- Guide cells on the move
- Selectin allows white blood cells to "anchor"
- Integrin guides white blood cells through capillary walls
- Important for growth of embryonic tissue
- Important for growth of nerve cells



#### **Roles of Membrane Receptors**

- <u>Contact signaling</u> important in normal development and immunity
- <u>Electrical signaling</u> voltage-regulated "ion gates" in nerve and muscle tissue
- <u>Chemical signaling</u> neurotransmitters bind to chemically gated channel-linked receptors in nerve and muscle tissue
- <u>G protein-linked receptors</u> ligands bind to a receptor which activates a G protein, causing the release of a second messenger, such as cyclic AMP



#### **Operation of a G Protein**



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#### Cytoplasm

- <u>Cytoplasm</u> material between plasma membrane and the nucleus
- <u>Cytosol</u> largely water with dissolved protein, salts, sugars, and other solutes
- The cytosol (cf. *cytoplasm*, which also includes the organelles) is the internal fluid of the cell, and where a portion of cell metabolism occurs.
  - Proteins within the cytosol play an important role in signal transduction pathways and glycolysis.
  - They also act as intracellular receptors and form part of the ribosomes, enabling protein synthesis.

- <u>Cytoplasmic organelles</u> metabolic machinery of the cell
- <u>Inclusions</u> chemical substances such as glycosomes, glycogen granules, and pigment

- Cytosol = water
- Organelles = solids



