

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.

<u>Membrane Transport</u>

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







- The plasma membrane, also known as the cell membrane.
- is a vital structure that **surrounds all cells**.
- A membrane is a Fluid Mosaic of lipids, proteins, carbos
- It serves as a selectively permeable barrier (boundary).
- controlling the passage of substances into and out of the cell.
- The plasma membrane is a <u>dynamic structure</u> that plays a crucial role in maintaining cell integrity and regulating cellular processes, communicate with each other by physical contact
- Allows them to interact with the extracellular spaces.



Importance of cell membrane in maintaining homeostasis

- The cell membrane plays a crucial role in maintaining homeostasis
- Homeostasis refers to the stable internal environment necessary for the proper functioning of living organisms.
- Homeostasis ensures that cells can carry out their physiological processes efficiently and respond to changes in the external environment.
- The importance of the cell membrane in maintaining homeostasis is evident in various ways:
- Selective Permeability:
 Ion Balance:
 Nutrient Uptake:
 Waste Removal:
 Water Balance:.
 Protection from External Factors:
 Cell Signaling:
 Temperature Regulation:
 Cell Adhesion:
 Organismal Homeostasis:



1.Selective Permeability:

- The cell membrane is selectively permeable, allowing only specific substances to pass through while restricting others.
- This regulation of molecular traffic is vital for maintaining the balance of ions, nutrients, and other molecules inside the cell.

2.Ion Balance:

- The cell membrane helps maintain the balance of ions such as sodium, potassium, calcium, and chloride.
- This balance is crucial for cell signaling, electrical excitability, and overall cellular function.

3.Nutrient Uptake:

- Nutrients necessary for cell metabolism, growth, and energy production must enter the cell.
- The cell membrane facilitates the selective transport of essential nutrients into the cell, contributing to its overall well-being.

4.Waste Removal:

- Metabolic processes within the cell generate waste products that need to be removed.
- The cell membrane controls the exit of waste materials, preventing their accumulation and ensuring cellular health.

5. Water Balance:

• The cell membrane regulates water movement through processes such as osmosis. This is crucial for maintaining proper cell volume and preventing excessive swelling or shrinkage, which could disrupt cellular function.

6. Protection from External Factors:

• The cell membrane acts as a barrier, protecting the cell from harmful substances in the external environment. It prevents the entry of toxins, pathogens, and other potentially damaging agents.

7. Cell Signaling:

 The cell membrane is equipped with receptors and signaling molecules that allow cells to communicate with each other and respond to changes in their environment. This communication is essential for coordinating cellular activities and adapting to external stimuli.

8. Temperature Regulation:

• The lipid bilayer of the cell membrane helps maintain fluidity, allowing cells to function optimally within a specific temperature range. Changes in temperature can affect the permeability and fluidity of the membrane.

9. Cell Adhesion:

 Cell membranes contain proteins involved in cell adhesion, allowing cells to stick together and form tissues. This adhesion is essential for the structural integrity and function of organs and tissues.

10. Organismal Homeostasis:

•At the organismal level, the cell membrane's role in maintaining homeostasis contributes to the overall stability of the internal environment, ensuring the well-being of the entire organism.

Membranes that allow certain materials to pass through based on certain properties

o size

o hydrophobicity

o charge

Semipermeabl e membranes



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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 under physiological condition

perturbed glycocalyx

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

Fluid Mosaic Model:

•The fluid mosaic model describes the dynamic nature of the plasma membrane, with lipids and proteins in constant motion.

•The membrane is not rigid but rather has a flexible and fluid structure.

•The protein can be anchored or freely moving





- •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





'HEAD' GROUPS

In addition to phospholipids, the membrane has proteins and cholesterol embedded in it.

Model: The membrane is made up of <u>many smaller</u> <u>parts</u> and the structure <u>moves like</u> a fluid



http://www.susanahalpine.com/anim/Life/memb.htm

<u>Phospholipids</u> and <u>proteins</u> make up most of the membrane. <u>Cholesterol</u> helps with flexibility, and <u>carbohydrate chains</u> help communicate with other cells



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Cell Membrane Structure



Plasma Membrane: Phospholipids

Lipids with a phosphate group!



 Main component of plasma membrane and organelle membranes (eukaryotes).

A phospholipid is a type of lipid that has <u>2 fatty acid tails</u> and a

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The <u>phospholipid bilayer</u> forms because the <u>inside and outside</u>

General Membrane Characteristi

- Held together by hydrophobic interactions
- Most lipids/proteins can drift laterally
- Molecules rarely flip transversely
- Phospholipids move faster than proteins
- Some proteins are connected to the cytoskeleton, can't move far
- Unsaturated Hydrocarbon tails on lipids increase fluidity
- Cholesterol decreases fluidity at warmer temps, more fluid at colder temps. (plant survival adaptation)



(a) Movement of phospholipids



Cholesterol

(c) Cholesterol within the membrane

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MOSAICISM

- Membranes are mosaics of floating proteins in a lipid bilayer. 2 ways:
 - Integral Proteins: transmembrane, have both hydropohilic and hydrophobic parts
 - Peripheral Proteins: Attached to membrane's surface by:
 - × Attachment to integral proteins or ECM fibers (outside)
 - **Attachment to filaments of cytoskeleton (inside)**

Six major functions of membrane proteins



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Functions of Proteins in the Membrane

<u>Transport</u>

 Regulate movement of some molecules across the membrane.

Structural

- Anchor cell to the extracellular matrix
- Anchors proteins near the cell membrane

Recognition

 Glycoproteins: sugars attached to proteins allow cells to "recognize" each other

Communication

- Receptors and enzymes
- Activation initiates cellular processes









(d) Cell-cell recognition (e) Intercellular joining



(b) Enzymatic activity

(c) Signal transduction

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

Cytosol

Lipid Rafts

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





- animal cells incorporate cholesterol into their membranes to make them strong and flexible
- Decreases permeability and fluidity



Phospholipids are <u>not</u> cross-linked. **Membrane is a fluid!**



(a) Unsaturated versus saturated hydrocarbon tails

(b) Cholesterol within the animal cell membrane



Cholesterol

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Membrane Junctions



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

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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>

Membrane Permeability

Ability to get things in and out of the cell!

- Plasma membranes are **selectively permeable**
 - Small hydrophobic and/or uncharged molecules can pass through
 - Larger and charged/polar molecules cannot
- Transport proteins are needed to move large and charged/polar molecules in/out of the cell.



Types of Cell Membrane Transport

a. Passive Transport b. Active Transport







Diffusion

The movement of molecules from an area of higher concentration to an area of lower concentration until **equilibrium** is attained.



Equilibrium means the concentrations are *uniformly distributed*

- Diffusion happens when there is a concentration gradient. The process by which molecules
- spread from areas of high concentration, to areas of low concentration (Moving across the concentration gradient)
- No energy is required
- When the molecules are even throughout a space it is called EQUILIBRIUM
- A difference in concentration of a substance
 Molecules of dye
 Membrane (cross section)
 WATER
 WATER
 WATER
 WATER
 Water
 Wet diffusion





Passive Membrane Transport: Diffusion







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Passive Membrane Transport: Diffusion

Facilitated diffusion

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





Mechanism of Facilitated Diffusion:

- 1. Transport Proteins: Facilitated diffusion involves the presence of specific proteins embedded in the cell membrane called carrier proteins or channel proteins.
 - These proteins create passageways, either channels or carriers, allowing certain molecules to move across the membrane.
- 2. Selectivity: Transport proteins are selective in the substances they allow to pass through.
 - Each protein is designed to facilitate the movement of specific molecules or ions.
 - This selectivity ensures that only the necessary substances are transported into or out of the cell.
- **3. Directionality:** Facilitated diffusion occurs down the concentration gradient, meaning that substances move from an area of higher concentration to an area of lower concentration.
 - This is a passive process, and no energy is expended by the cell.
- 4. Saturation: The rate of facilitated diffusion is limited by the number of available transport proteins.
 - Once all the proteins are in use, the rate of diffusion reaches a maximum, and further increases in substrate concentration do not result in increased transport.

Carrier Proteins

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



- **Channel Proteins:** These form channels or pores in the membrane that allow specific ions or molecules to pass through.
 - Channel proteins are usually specific to certain types of substances, ensuring a high degree of selectivity.
- **Carrier Proteins:** These undergo a conformational change to transport a specific molecule across the membrane.
 - The carrier protein binds to the molecule on one side of the membrane, undergoes a change in shape, and releases the molecule on the other side.



There are two main types of facilitated diffusion proteins:





Facilitated Diffusion and Its Role

Examples of Facilitated Diffusion:

- **Glucose Transporters:** Glucose transporters are carrier proteins that facilitate the movement of glucose across the cell membrane.
 - two main types—sodium–glucose linked transporters (SGLTs) and facilitated diffusion glucose transporters (GLUT))
- **Ion Channels:** Channel proteins, such as those for sodium (Na+), potassium (K+), and chloride (Cl-), allow the facilitated diffusion of these ions.
- Importance in nutrient uptake (glucose transporters in intestines)

Glucose transporters have also received much attention a therapeutic targets for various diseases

ION CHANNEL





1. Simple Diffusion:

- Definition: The movement of small, nonpolar molecules (such as oxygen and carbon dioxide) e tra directly through the lipid bilayer of the cell membrane.
- **Driving Force:** The concentration gradient of the substance.

2. Facilitated Diffusion:

• **Definition:** The assisted movement of substances across the cell membrane through protein channels or carriers.

Proteins Involved:

- Channel Proteins: Form open channels allowing specific ions or molecules to pass through.
- Carrier Proteins: Bind to specific substances, undergo conformational changes, and transport the substances across the membrane.
- Driving Force: Still follows the concentration gradient.





Passive transport

3. Osmosis:

Definition: The passive movement of water molecules across a selectively permeable membrane from an area of lower solute concentration to an area of higher solute concentration.

Special Term: The movement of water is influenced by the osmotic pressure created by solutes.

4. Ion Channels:

Definition: Proteins that form channels allowing the selective passage of ions based on size and charge. **Examples:** Sodium channels, potassium channels.

5. Aquaporins:

Definition: Specialized protein channels that facilitate the rapid movement of water molecules.

Location: Found in cell membranes, especially in cells where water transport is essential.





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.



PASSIVE TRANSPORT: OSMOSIS

Hypotonic Solution



Remember: Water moves to hypertonic areas!
Red Blood Cells in Saline Solutions

- Plasma membranes of RBCs are very permeable to water
- Sensitive to osmotic pressure gradients (e.g. NaCl concentration in surrounding fluid)











1. % water inside and outside the cell?

2. Does the water flow into or out of the cell?

Out of the cell

3. Is the solution *surrounding the cell* **hypertonic, hypotonic** or **isotonic** with respect to the interior of the cell?

HYPERTONIC

*Salt pulls water out

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

- Role of osmosis in maintaining water balance.
- Relevance to kidney function and urine concentration.

Osmosis in Physiology

Passive Membrane Transport: Filtration

- In biological terms, "filtration" through a cell membrane typically refers to the selective passage of substances across the cell membrane based on their size, charge, and other properties.
- the plasma membrane, acts as a **semipermeable barrier** that controls the entry and exit of substances into and out of the cell.
- 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.

Why this is important biologically



Kidney function is dependent upon ion and water transport

Key points about osmosis in physiology include:

1.Semi-permeable Membrane:

 Osmosis occurs through a semi-permeable membrane, which allows the passage of water molecules but restricts the movement of solutes (such as ions or molecules).

2.Concentration Gradient:

 Osmosis always occurs down a concentration gradient. Water moves from areas of lower solute concentration (higher water concentration) to areas of higher solute concentration (lower water concentration).

3.Role in Cell Physiology:

- Osmosis is crucial for the functioning of cells.
- Cells are surrounded by membranes that are selectively permeable, and the movement of water in and out of cells helps maintain cell shape, regulate cell volume, and facilitate the transport of nutrients and waste products.

4. Tonicity:

- Tonicity refers to the ability of a solution to cause a cell to gain or lose water.
- There are three main types of tonicity: hypertonic, hypotonic, and isotonic.
 - **1. Hypertonic Solution:** A solution with a higher solute concentration than the cell.
 - Water moves out of the cell, causing it to shrink or undergo crenation.
 - **2. Hypotonic Solution:** A solution with a lower solute concentration than the cell.
 - Water moves into the cell, causing it to swell or undergo lysis.
 - **3. Isotonic Solution:** A solution with the same solute concentration as the cell.
 - There is no net movement of water, and the cell maintains its shape.

5. Osmotic Pressure:

- Osmotic pressure is the pressure exerted by the movement of water across a semi-permeable membrane due to osmosis.
- It is influenced by the concentration of solutes and the temperature.

Osmosis plays a crucial role in various physiological processes within the human body, and its understanding is fundamental in the field of medicine.

Here are some key aspects highlighting the importance of osmosis in medicine:

1.Cellular Physiology:

- **1. Cellular Homeostasis:** Osmosis is vital for maintaining the balance of water and solutes within cells.
- 2. Cells need to regulate their internal environment to ensure proper functioning, and osmosis helps achieve this balance.

2.Renal Physiology:

- **1. Kidney Function:** Osmosis is integral to the formation of urine in the kidneys.
- 2. The selective reabsorption and secretion of water and solutes in different parts of the renal tubules are orchestrated through osmotic processes.

3.Blood Physiology:

- **1. Osmotic Pressure:** Osmosis contributes to the maintenance of blood osmotic pressure.
- 2. Proteins in the blood, such as albumin, help regulate osmotic pressure by attracting water into the bloodstream, preventing excessive fluid leakage into tissues.

1.Clinical Applications:

- **1. Intravenous Fluids:** Understanding osmosis is crucial when administering intravenous fluids.
- 2. Different solutions have varying osmotic pressures, and selecting the appropriate fluid is essential for preventing complications such as cell lysis or excessive fluid shift.

2.Disease Mechanisms:

- **1. Edema:** Disorders affecting osmotic balance can lead to conditions like edema, where an abnormal accumulation of fluid occurs in tissues.
- 2. This is seen in various medical conditions, such as heart failure or liver disease.

3.Drug Absorption and Distribution:

- **1. Pharmacokinetics:** Osmosis influences the absorption and distribution of drugs within the body.
- 2. Medications may move across cell membranes through osmotic processes, impacting their efficacy and duration of action.

4.Biological Membranes:

- **1. Cell Membrane Integrity:** Osmosis is essential for maintaining the integrity and structure of cell membranes.
- 2. Changes in osmotic pressure can affect cell shape and function.

5.Digestive System:

- **1.** Nutrient Absorption: Osmosis is involved in the absorption of nutrients in the digestive system.
- 2. The movement of water and nutrients across the gastrointestinal tract is influenced by osmotic processes.

A 65-year-old patient presents to the emergency department with significant swelling in the lower extremities. The patient has a history of heart failure, a condition that compromises the pumping efficiency of the heart, leading to fluid retention.

- Edema is a medical condition characterized by the abnormal accumulation of fluid in the interstitial spaces, leading to tissue swelling.
- This condition often involves disruptions in the balance of passive transport mechanisms, specifically related to osmosis and the movement of water across cell membranes.



Passive transport key words

•Concentration Gradient: The difference in concentration of a substance between two areas.

•Equilibrium: When the concentration of a substance is the same on both sides of the membrane, and there is no net movement.

•Selective Permeability: The property of the cell membrane to allow certain substances to pass through while restricting others.

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

Importance of Passive Transport

- Essential for nutrient uptake, waste removal, and maintaining cellular homeostasis.
- Ensures the continuous exchange of gases (like oxygen and carbon dioxide) across cell membranes.
- Facilitates the movement of water, ions, and other essential molecules without the expenditure of energy by the cell.



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Active Transport

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

Active Transport in Cellular Physiology

- Active transport is a cellular process that requires energy to move substances against their concentration gradient, from an area of lower concentration to an area of higher concentration.
- Examples related to human physiology (e.g., sodiumpotassium pump).
- his process is essential for maintaining specific intracellular concentrations of ions and molecules, and it plays a crucial role in various physiological functions.



- 2.Protein Pumps
- **3.**Against the Concentration Gradient
- **4.lon Pumping**
- **5.Sodium-Potassium Pump**

6.Endocytosis and Exocytosis

7.Primary Active Transport vs. Secondary Active Transport: In primary active transport, energy directly comes from the hydrolysis of ATP. In secondary active transport, the energy is derived from the electrochemical gradient established by primary active transport. Symporters and antiporters are examples of secondary active transport proteins.

8.Role in Cellular Homeostasis: Active transport is crucial for maintaining the proper balance of ions and molecules inside and outside the cell. This is essential for cell function, signaling, and overall cellular homeostasis.



Active Transport

- <u>Uses ATP</u> to move solutes across a mem
- Requires carrier proteins



Here are key aspects of active transport in cellular physiology:

1.Energy Expenditure: Active transport mechanisms utilize energy, usually in the form of adenosine triphosphate (ATP), to pump substances across the cell membrane against their natural gradient.

2.Protein Pumps: Active transport is often facilitated by specific membrane proteins, such as pumps or transporters, that actively move substances across the membrane.

• Examples include the sodium-potassium pump and the proton pump.

3.Against the Concentration Gradient: Unlike passive transport, which follows the concentration gradient, active transport **moves substances in the opposite direction, against the gradient.**

4.Ion Pumping: Many active transport processes involve the movement of ions, such as sodium (Na+), potassium (K+), calcium (Ca2+), and hydrogen ions (H+).

• These ions are crucial for cellular functions like maintaining membrane potential and regulating pH.

5.Sodium-Potassium Pump: A well-known example of active transport is the sodium-potassium pump, which actively transports three sodium ions out of the cell and two potassium ions into the cell against their respective concentration gradients.

• This process is vital for maintaining the cell's resting membrane potential and controlling cell volume.

6.Endocytosis and Exocytosis: While not strictly active transport across the cell membrane, endocytosis and exocytosis involve the energy-dependent movement of large molecules or particles into and out of the cell through vesicles.

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



Protein Pumps use energy (ATP, electrons) to increase th concentration on one side of th membrane





The Sodium-Potassium (Na⁺/K⁺) Pump uses ATP to move Na+ out and K+ into nerve, muscle and many other cells.

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
 - Phagocytosis pseudopods engulf solids and bring them into the cell's interior
 - × PINOCYTOSIS
 - <u>Receptor-mediated endocytosis</u> clathrin-coated pits provide the main route for endocytosis and transcytosis
 - <u>Transcytosis</u> moving substances into, across, and then out of a cell

- Fluid-phase endocytosis the plasma membrane infolds, bringing extracellular fluid and solutes into the interior of the cell
- <u>Vesicular trafficking</u> moving substances from one area in the cell to another
- <u>Non-clathrin-coated vesicles</u> caveolae that are platforms for a variety of signaling molecules

Endocytosis	Both	Exocytosis
•Molecules <i>enter</i> cell	 Involve <u>vesicles</u>, which are made of phospholipids 	•Molecules <i>leave</i> cell
•Cell membrane pinches in, creating vesicle	•Large amount of molecules transported	•Vesicle approaches cell membrane, and merges with it, releasing molecules
•Ex: cell taking in nutrients	•Golgi complex controls process	•Ex: Cell releasing hormones
	•Requires energy	



EXOCYTOSIS





Clathrin-Mediated Endocytosis

his mechanism is essential for various cellular functions, including nutrient uptake, receptor internalization, and the regulation of cell signaling.

**1. Initiation:
**2. Formation of
Clathrin-Coated Pits:
**3. Binding of Adaptor
Proteins:
**4. Invagination of the
Membrane:
**5. Pinching Off of the
Vesicle:

**6. Uncoating and

Fusion:

**7. Cargo Delivery and Recycling:



Example of action :Clathrinmediated endocytosis allows cells to regulate their cholesterol levels by taking up LDL particles from the extracellular environment.

**1. Initiation:

•The process begins with the recognition of specific molecules or ligands on the cell membrane that need to be internalized.

•These molecules often include nutrients, signaling receptors, or other substances that the cell needs.

**2. Formation of Clathrin-Coated Pits:

•Clathrin is a protein that assembles into a lattice-like structure on the inner surface of the cell membrane, forming structures known as clathrin-coated pits.

•These pits are regions where endocytosis will take place.

**3. Binding of Adaptor Proteins:

•Adaptor proteins, such as adaptin, help link clathrin to the receptors on the cell membrane that are associated with the molecules to be internalized.

•These adaptors help in the recruitment of clathrin to the specific sites.

******4. Invagination of the Membrane:

•The clathrin-coated pit invaginates, causing the cell membrane to fold inward and form a vesicle.

•This process encloses the target molecules within the vesicle.

**5. Pinching Off of the Vesicle:

•The vesicle, now fully enclosed and coated with clathrin, pinches off from the cell membrane.

•The clathrin coat is shed, leaving a free vesicle containing the internalized cargo.

**6. Uncoating and Fusion:

•Once the vesicle is formed, it loses its clathrin coat.

•The uncoated vesicle then moves into the cell's interior, where it may fuse with other vesicles or undergo further processing.

**7. Cargo Delivery and Recycling:

•The internalized cargo is transported to its destination within the cell.

• The clathrin molecules can be recycled and used for future endocytic events.





Receptor Mediated Endocytosis



(c) Receptor-mediated endocytosis



Pinocytosis



Pinocytosis vesicles forming in a cell lining a small blood vessel (TEM).



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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 ₂ through membrane		
Facilitated diffusion	Kinetic energy	Movement of glucose into cells		
Osmosis	Kinetic energy	Movement of H ₂ 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	

Clinical Relevance

Cell membrane transport plays a critical role in maintaining cellular homeostasis and ensuring proper functioning of cells and tissues. Disruptions in membrane transport processes can have significant impacts on cellular function and contribute to the development or progression of various disease conditions. Here are some examples:

1.Cystic Fibrosis:

• Defective Ion Transport: Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disorder caused by mutations in the CFTR gene, leading to defective chloride ion transport across cell membranes. This disrupts the balance of ions and water in the respiratory and digestive systems, resulting in thick and sticky mucus. This mucus impairs the function of the lungs and pancreas, leading to respiratory and digestive problems.

2.Diabetes:

• **Glucose Transport Issues:** In diabetes, particularly type 2 diabetes, there is a reduced responsiveness of cells to insulin (insulin resistance). Insulin facilitates the uptake of glucose into cells by promoting the insertion of glucose transporters (GLUT4) into the cell membrane. Insulin resistance disrupts this process, leading to elevated blood glucose levels and contributing to the development of diabetes.

3.Hemolytic Anemias:

• Impaired Ion Transport in Red Blood Cells: Certain types of hemolytic anemias result from defects in ion transport mechanisms in red blood cells. For example, hereditary spherocytosis is caused by mutations affecting membrane proteins involved in maintaining the shape and stability of red blood cells. This can lead to premature destruction of red blood cells and anemia.

4. Hypertension:

• Ion Transport in Blood Vessels: The regulation of ion transport across the membranes of blood vessel cells is essential for maintaining blood pressure. Dysregulation of ion transport, such as increased sodium retention, can contribute to hypertension (high blood pressure). This is often associated with conditions like kidney disease.

5.Cancer:

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Altered Transport in Tumor Cells: Cancer cells often exhibit changes in membrane transport processes. For example, upregulation of certain ion
channels and transporters can promote the survival and proliferation of cancer cells. Disruptions in ion transport may also contribute to changes in the
microenvironment that support tumor growth.

6.Neurological Disorders:

Ion Transport in Neurons: Neurological disorders, such as epilepsy and certain movement disorders, can be influenced by abnormalities in ion transport across neuronal membranes. Ion channels and transporters play a crucial role in maintaining the electrical excitability of neurons, and disruptions can lead to abnormal neuronal activity.

Activity

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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





Figure 3.16

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





(c) Movement of mucus across cell surfaces





Interactive Simulation

- Introduction to an online simulation demonstrating cell membrane transport.
- https://contrib.pbslearningmedia.org/WGBH/conv19/tdc02-int-membraneweb/index.html
- Guided exploration: Participants interact with the simulation to understand transport processes.
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CNGe3jMej0</u>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3xulvstq90
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