Movement across the Cell Membrane (Ch. 4)





Cell Membrane



- I. <u>Cell Membrane Functions</u>
- A. A gateway for nutrients to enter the cell and wastes to leave the cell
- B. A wide variety of molecules and substances must pass through the cell membrane
 - 1. large (ex. sugars)
 - 2. small (ex. water, oxygen)
 - 3. hydrophobic (ie. "scared of water")
 - 4. hydrophilic (ie. "likes water)

II. Fluid Mosaic Model

A. Cell membrane is found in all living cells and is the outer boundary for the cytoplasm

1. All living cells (plant, animal, fungal, protozoan, or bacterial) are surrounded by cell membranes





B. Composed of double layer of phospholipids (has a fluid consistency)

1. Hydrophilic polar heads face the intracellular and extracellular fluid and the hydrophobic nonpolar tails face each other





Protein molecules are wholly or partly embedded throughout the double layer (form a mosaic pattern)

- 1. Proteins float free in the bilipid layer
- 2. Some proteins are held in place by cytoskeleton filaments
- 3. Divided structurally into two types



i. Span the lipid bilayer

ii. Proteins are hydrophilic where they interact with the hydrophilic portion of the membraneiii. Proteins are hydrophobic where they interact with the hydrophobic portion of the membrane

b. Peripheral membrane proteins

i.Attached to the outside of the membrane



4. The different proteins in the cell membrane vary in structure and function

a. **Channel** Protein - allows particular molecules or ions to cross the plasma membrane

example: chlorine ions





b. Carrier Protein - selectively interacts with specific molecules or ions so that it can cross the plasma membrane

example: sodium ions

c. Cell Recognition Protein

-recognizes a certain
 substance and starts a
 response

example: immunity

recognition

d. Receptor Protein - has a specific shape that certain molecules can bind to it and may start a response

example: human growth hormone binding receptors



e. Enzymatic Protein - Catalyzes specific reactions

example: making ATP



D. Glycoproteins and Glycolipids **1. Glycoproteins** – proteins which have an attached carbohydrate chain

2. Glycolipids – phospholipids whose hydrophilic head have an attached carbohydrate chain



3. These carbohydrate chains allow tissues and cells of embryo to sort themselves out

4. Always found on the extracellular side of the membrane

- **a** Important in cell-cell recognition
- b. Carbohydrate chains of glycolipids and glycoproteins vary by:
 - i. number of sugars
 - ii. number of branching patterns
 - iii. sequence of sugars

5. They vary among/between species and from cell to cell within individuals

6. During development, each cell in embryo develops its own glycoproteins and glycolipids

7. They help the immune system identify which cells belong to the body and which are invaders

- a.Immune system rejection of transplanted tissues due to recognition of unique glycolipids and glycoproteins
- b. Blood types due to unique glycoproteins on red blood cells

E. Cholesterol

a. Is a lipid steroid found within the animal lipid bilayer



- b. Serves as a temperature-stability buffer
 - i. At higher temperatures, cholesterol serves to impede phospholipid fluidity
 - ii. At lower temperatures, cholesterol interferes with solidification of membranes

Ted-Ed Summary: Membranes

I. Movement Across a Cell Membrane

A. Materials that the cell needs to take in or get rid of must cross the cell membrane

B. Cell membrane can choose the molecules that will cross this barrier, hence it is selectively permeable

1. Selectively permeable - some molecules can enter the cell, while other molecules (which can be the same size) are not allowed to enter

2. Cell membrane can discriminate between different molecules that are the same size

Name	Examples
Diffusion	lipid-soluble molecules, water gases
	Water, gases
Transport by carriers (active and	sugars and amino acids
facilitated transport)	sugars, amino acids., ions
Endocytosis and exocytosis (e.g. pinocytosis and phagocytosis)	macromolecules (e.g. proteins), cells or subcellular material

II. <u>Diffusion ANIMATION</u>

- A. Particles moving from an area of greater concentration towards an area of lesser concentration until it is equally distributed
- B. ANIMATION BBC



- B. Random movement of molecules due to the Kinetic Molecular Theory (Brownian motion)
- C. Passive process does not require energy
- D. Diffusion is a slow process.

E. Rate of diffusion is affected by:

1. Concentration gradient - the difference in concentration of the diffusing molecules between the two regions

- 2. Size of the molecules
- 3. Shape of the molecules
- 4. Temperature
- 5. State
 - a. Diffusion in liquid is slower than in gas
- 6. Properties of the cell membrane

a. Lipid-soluble molecules like steroids and alcohols can diffuse directly across because the membrane itself is made of lipids

b. Water diffuses readily across membrane, probably through charged, protein-lined pores in the membrane that will not allow anything else but water through

(Diffusion of water is called OSMOSIS)

III. Osmosis ANIMATION A. Osmosis is a special case of water diffusion

- B. Osmosis is the net movement of water molecules from the area of greater concentration of water to the area of lesser concentration of water until it is evenly distributed
- C. Must be across a selectively permeable membrane
- D. Water passes through the membrane, solutes (sugars, proteins, larger molecules) cannot.
 - 1. Solute particles which are dissolved in water
 - 2. Solvent liquid which dissolves the solute. This is water when we are talking about osmosis
 - 3. Solution combination of solute and solvent

- E. Water molecules move between the phospholipid molecules
- F. Osmotic pressure the pressure due to the flow of water from the area of greater concentration to the area of lesser concentration
 - 1. The greater the concentration difference across the membrane, the greater the osmotic pressure.
 - 2. Can work against hydrostatic pressure (physical pressure)



H. Water can move easily across cell membranes, but other molecules cannot.Therefore, it is often only water that can move and follow the law of diffusion.

 1. According to the law of diffusion, water will move from where it is more concentrated (i.e. solution that has less solute in it) to where it is less concentrated (i.e. solution that has more solute in it).

2. Isotonic Solutions ("same st

a. No net movement of water across membrane.

b. Same number of solute molecules per unit volume

c. Cells placed in an isotonic solution neither gain or lose water

d. Ex. a 0.9 percent solution of NaCl is isotonic to red blood cells (RBC)





3. Hypertonic Solutions ("greater strength")

- a. These solutions have a greater concentration of solute than the cell contents
- b. When cells placed in hypertonic solution, water will leave the cell and the cell will shrivel up.
- c. Called crenation in animal cells

d. Ex. a 10% solution of NaCl is hypertonic to RBC -- they'll shrink





4. Hypotonic Solutions ("hypo" means "less than")

a. These solutions have lower concentration of solute than the cell contents

b. When cells placed in hypotonic solution, water will enter cell and the cell will swell and possibly burst

c. Ex. a salt solution with a concentration less than 0.9% is hypotonic to RBC



5. Summary of what happens to animal cells placed in different tonicities of solution



6.Summary of what happens to plant cells placed in different tonicities of solution



a. Hypertonic solutions cause plasmolysis (shrinking of cell due to osmosis).

- i. Central vacuole loses water
- ii. Cell membrane shrinks and pulls away from cell wall
- b. Hypotonic solutions causes turgor pressure, against rigid cell wall
 - i. Turgor pressure occurs when plant cells are placed in hypotonic solution and admit water
 - ii. As water enters, pressure builds up inside the cell (hydrostatic pressure)
 - iii. When hydrostatic pressure = osmotic pressure, the plant is said to have developed turgor pressure
 - iv. Cell wall keeps cell from bursting
 - v. Osmosis continues until turgor pressure = osmotic pressure

vi. Turgor pressure important for plant cells to retain erect positions

IV. Transport By Carriers

A. Facilitated Transport ANIMATION

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- 1. Moved by carrier proteins in the cell membrane
- 2. Are highly specific each carrier passes only one type molecule
- 3. Allows for the movement of certain molecules that are not normally able to pass through the lipid membrane
- 4. Examples: Sugars, amino acids, etc.
- 5. Movement of certain molecules goes with the concentration gradient (i.e. in the same as diffusion)
- 6. Moves molecules from area of higher
 concentration to area of lower concentration.
 7. No energy is needed
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B. Active Transport

BEFORE

ACTIVE TRANSPORT



1. Also moved by carrier proteins in the cell membrane

2. Movement of certain molecules goes against the concentration gradient (i.e. in the opposite direction of diffusion).

3. Moves molecules from area of lower

concentration to area of higher concentration

4. Requires energy (ATP) and carrier proteins in the cell membrane

5. Important in nerve cells and others

- 6. Active Transport is vitally important to organisms
- a. Iodine & Thyroid Gland
 - i. [I+] is low in blood, high in Thyroid Gland
 - ii. Active transport moves I+ from blood to thyroid

(The thyroid produces hormones involved in metabolism)



b. Na+ is actively transported out of urine by kidney tubule cells

c. Sodium/potassium pump in nerve/muscle cells

i. Moves Na+ from inside to outside of cell and K+ from outside to inside

Sodium-potassium pump

Animation

d. Cystic fibrosis

- i. Genetic disease
- ii. Usually fatal
- iii. Caused by blockage of CI- transport channels



V. Endocytosis and Exocytosis

A. Another way to get molecules, especially large particles, in and out of cell



C. Endocytosis: ("Endo" means "in")

1. The taking in of molecules or particles by invagination of the cell membrane forming a vesicle

2. Phagocytosis

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- a. Large particles
- b. Visible with light microscope
- c. Examples: White blood cells, amoeba



3. Pinocytosis ("Cell drinking")



- a. Smaller particlesb. Visible with an electron
- microscope
- c. Ex. Intestine cells

D. Exocytosis: ("Exo" means "out")

- 1. Reverse of endocytosis
- 2. Vacuole/vesicle within cell fuses with cell membrane and the vacuole contents are deposited on the outside
- 3. Important in secretion and excretion in cells
- 4. Ex. Waste from Amoeba, cell products from Golgi Apparatus

