Cell membrane cont.....

# Permeability across cell membrane

- Cell membrane is the boundary between inside & outside...
  - separates cell from its environment

Can it be an impenetrable boundary? NO!



cell needs materials in & products or waste out

#### **Permeability Factors**

- •Lipid solubility
- Size
- •Charge
- Presence of channels and transporters

-Hydrophobic molecules are lipid soluble and can pass through the membrane rapidly

- -Polar molecules do not cross the membrane rapidly
- -Transport proteins allow passage of hydrophilic substances across the membrane

# Diffusion through phospholipid bilayer

• What molecules can get through directly?

• fats & other lipids



- What molecules can <u>NOT</u> get through directly?
  - polar molecules
    - H<sub>2</sub>O
  - ions
    - salts, ammonia
  - large molecules
    - starches, proteins •

Channels through cell membrane

- Membrane becomes <u>semi-permeable</u> with protein channels
  - specific channels allow specific material across cell membrane



#### **Membrane permeability**

The plasma membrane is <u>selectively permeable</u>, it allows some substances to cross it more easily than others

Types of Cellular Transport

#### **Passive Transport**

cell **does not** use energy molecules move <u>randomly</u>, molecules spread out from an area of <u>high</u> concentration to an area of <u>low</u> concentration

DiffusionFacilitated DiffusionOsmosis

#### **Active Transport**

cell does **use energy** •Protein Pumps •Endocytosis •Exocytosis

## **Passive Transport**

Diffusion: <u>random</u> passive movement of particles from an area of high concentration to an area of low concentration until *equilibrium* is reached. (*High to Low*)

diffusion of nonpolar, hydrophobic molecules

Example: lipid and gases, oxygen diffusing into a cell and carbon dioxide diffusing out.



Materials move down their concentration gradient through the phospholipid bilayer. **Facilitative Diffusion** 

diffusion of specific particles (high to low concentration)

- Diffusion through protein channels
- no energy needed
  diffusion of polar, hydrophilic molecules

**Two types** of transport proteins can help ions and large polar molecules diffuse through cell membranes:

- Channel proteins provide a narrow channel for the substance to pass through.
- Carrier proteins physically bind to the substance on one side of membrane and release it on the other.

Examples: Glucose or amino acids moving from blood into a cell.



#### Osmosis

Osmosis is the **diffusion of water** across a semi-permeable membrane from a hypotonic solution to a hypertonic solution **Direction of osmosis is determined by comparing total solute concentrations (Tonicity)** 

<u>Hypertonic (low water potential)</u> - more solute, less water <u>Hypotonic (high water potential)</u>- less solute, more water <u>Isotonic</u> - equal solute, equal water

Water can diffuse across plasma membrane--- Moves from HIGH water potential (low solute concentration) to LOW water potential (high solute concentration)

Aquaporins (water channels) are proteins embedded in the cell membrane that regulate the flow of water only. Homeostasis (equilibrium)



#### -Active Transport

// Protein Pumps -transport proteins that require energy to do work (low to high concentration) AGAINST concentration gradient
 2 types:

•Primary active transport ( directly uses metabolic energy/ energy is derived directly from the breakdown of ATP): Membrane pump (protein-mediated active transport) example Na+/K+ Pump

• Secondary active transport: (electrochemical potential difference created by pumping/ energy is derived secondarily from energy that has been stored in the form of ionic concentration differences between the two sides of a membrane.)

#### **Coupled transport (cotransport)**

-symport transport two substances simultaneously in the same direction example glucose symporter (glucose and sodium)
 -antiport transport two substances in opposite directions example sodium-calcium exchanger or antiporter



# The Sodium-potassium Pump



### **Organelles cont....**

#### Vesicles - small membrane bound sacs

Examples

- Golgi and ER transport and secretory vesicles
- Peroxisome
  - -Where fatty acids are metabolized
  - -Where hydrogen peroxide is detoxified

#### ■ Lysosome

- -contains digestive enzymes
- -Digests unwanted cell parts and other wastes

#### Vacuoles

- is a membrane-bound organelle which is present in all plant and fungal cells and some protist, animal and bacterial cells

- larger forms of vesicles

- Animal vacuoles are **smaller** that their plant counterparts but also usually greater in **number** // **exocytosis** and **endocytosis** 

### Lysosomes

**Structure**: Small membrane-bound organelles, but **bigger** than ribosomes (packets of hydrolytic enzymes that break down materials in a cell), **Function**:

- Breaks down (**digests**) food, bacteria and waste
- **Autophagy –** Breaks down damaged organelles
- Programmed for cell death break down the cell when it dies, called "suicidal bags" of the cell



#### **Support & Movement** \*Cytoskeleton \*Centrioles \*Cilia & Flagella **Cytoskeleton** Proteins that **support** the cell, **hold** Cytoskeleton Diagram organelles in place, enable cell to change shape Plasma membra Function • Endoplasmic – Support reticulum – Motility Intermediate filaments Regulation of internal structure -Ribosome **Types**

- Microtubules
- Microfilaments
- Intermediate Filaments

Microtubule Microfilament

Mitochondrion

# Cytoskeleton



The cytoskeleton of eukaryotic cells is **not stable**, but is always being **assembled & disassembled** 

Microfilaments: are threadlike composed of the proteins actin //myosin. Provide for structural support. Involved in cell movement muscle cell contraction, changes in cell membrane shape- amoeba; Movement of cilia & flagella

<u>Microtubules:</u> are tube-like & made of TUBULIN i.e. hollow structures helps provide support to cytoplasm. Forms organelles such as cilia & flagella & centrioles.

Intermediate Filaments: Bigger than microfilaments but smaller than microtubules, provides tension bearing Permanent fixtures of cells (do not move) Present only in animal cells of certain tissues





### Cilia & Flagella

Function: provides movement for the cell or objects moving by the cell

Microtubules wrapped in an extension of the plasma membrane (9 + 2 double arrangement of microtubules) (axoneme)

#### <u>Cilia (cilium)</u>: project from cell surface, cylindrical in shape & enclosed by membrane.

Contain microtubules. **Numerous** in certain cells e.g. cells that line **respiratory tract** 

*Flagella (flagellum) :* structure similar to cilia but longer (whip-like). Usually **one-three** in certain cells e.g. **sperm** 

#### <u>Microvilli (microvillus)</u>: specialized extensions of cell membrane & contain microfilaments

Do not move. Function is to increase surface area esp. in cells that are used to absorb e.g. intestines, kidney



# Centrioles

Function: microtubules that help divide the cell during cell division via mitotic spindle// generally appear in animal cells

<u>Structure</u>: An associated **pair** of centrioles, arranged **perpendicularly** to each other each composed of sets of **microtubules** arranges to form a cylinder. The walls of each centriole are usually composed of **nine triplets** of microtubules







