Functional Anatomy of Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Cells

Chapter 4

Prokaryotic vs. Eukaryotic Cells

Prokaryotic cells

- No Nucleus
- No Organelles
- Cell Wall of
 peptidoglycan
- Binary Fission
- 1 circular chromosome

- Eukaryotic Cells
 - Nucleus
 - Organelles
 - If cell wall, Cellulose or chitin
 - Mitosis
 - Linear chromosomes



Prokaryotic Cells • Size • Length 2u to 8uDiameter 2u to .2u Morphology cocci bacilli spiral



Arrangement Cocci

- diplococci
- streptococci
- tetrads
- sarcinae
- staphylococci
- bacilli
 - diplobacilli
 - streptobacilli
 - coccobacilli

spiral

- vibrio
- spirilla
- spirochete

Monomorphic vs. pleomorphic



Corynebacterium diphtheriae

Prokaryotic Cell Structure

- Glycocalyx term to describe substances that surround bacterial cells
- 1. Capsule
 - if substance is organized and firmly attached to cell wall
- 2. Slime Layer
 - if substance is unorganized and loosely attached to cell wall



Function of Capsule

1. Contribute to Virulence of bacteria by preventing phagocytosis by WBC's

A. Streptococcus pneumoniae

B. Bacillus anthracis

Functions of Capsules

• 2. Prevents drying out or dessication

Allows bacteria to adhere to various surfaces

- *Streptococcus mutans* enamel on teeth to cause dental carries
- *Klebseilla pneumoniae* attaches to respiratory tract



Motility

• Almost all **Spiral** bacteria are **motile**

• About 1/2 of **Bacilli** are **motile**

• Almost all Cocci are non-motile



Flagella

• 1. Monotrichous

Amphitrichous

• 3. Lophotrichous

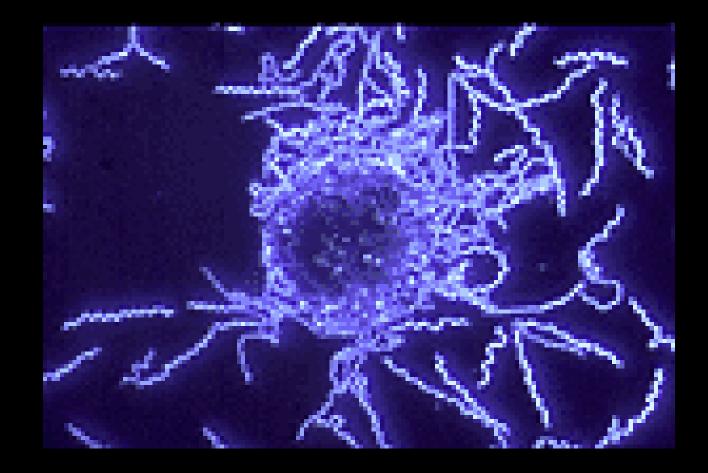
• 4. Peritrichous



Axial Filament - found only in spirochetes (flexible spirals)



Treponema pallidum



Borrelia burgdorferi



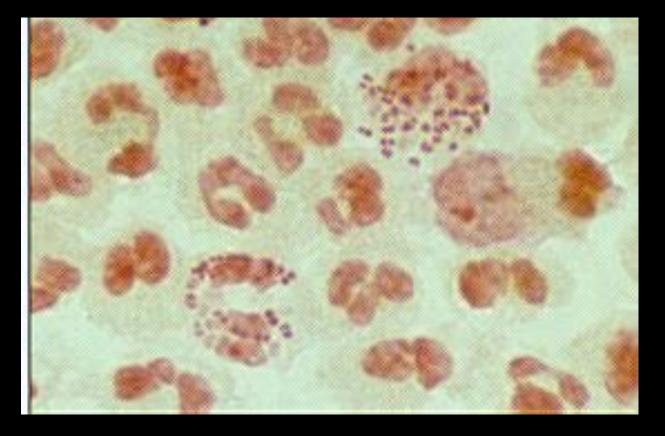
Fimbriae

• Filamentous appendages that are shorter, straighter and more numerous that flagella

• found mostly in Gram (-) Bacteria

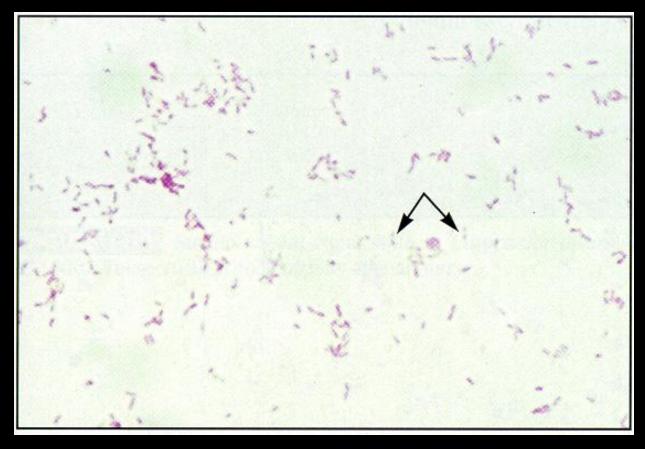
used for attachment not motility



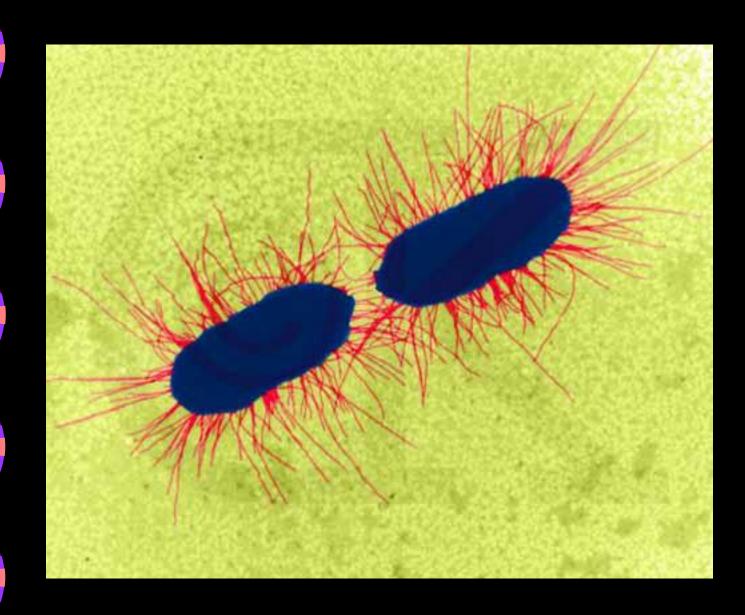


Neisseria gonorrhoeae





Bordetello pertussis



E. coli (pathogenic)



Cell Wall

Main structural component - Peptidoglycan

Peptidoglycan

- repeating dissacharide units
- polypeptides

Gram (+) Cell Wall

- NAM N-acetylmuramic acid
- NAG N- acetylglucosamine
- tetrapeptide side chains
- pentaglycine crossbridges
- teichoic acid

Gram (-) Cell Wall

- NAM
- NAG
- Tetrapeptide side chains
- pentaglycine
- 2nd Outer membrane
 - Lipopolysaccharides (LPS)
 - Lipid A
 - O Antigen

Bacterial cell wall - chemically unlike any other structure in Animal cells

• Target for drugs that can attack and kill bacteria without harming the host cell

- MANY ANTIBIOTICS are specifically directed at Cell Wall Synthesis
 - Penicillin
 - works by damaging the pentaglycine crossbridges of the peptidogylcan layer
 - Works best against Gram (+) bacteria

lysozyme

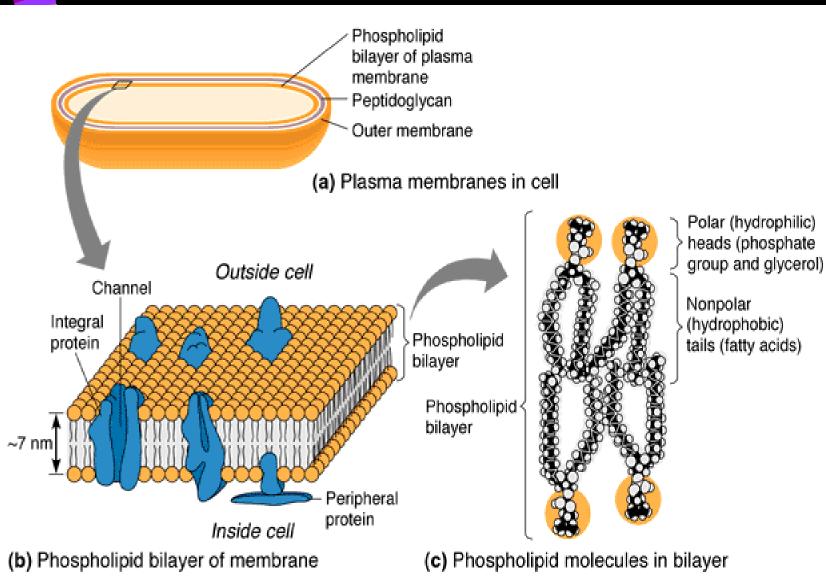
- Digestive enzyme that damages bacterial cell walls
- found in tears, saliva & mucus
- attacks the bond between NAM & NAG
- Works best on Gram (+) bacteria

Cell Membrane (Plasma Membrane)

• 2 structural component

- double layer of phospholipids
- proteins





Functions of Cell Membrane

- 1. Selective barrier (selectively permeable)
- 2. Secretes exoenzymes
 - amylases
 - lipases
 - peptidases
 - CAN NOT UNDERGO PHAGOCYTOSIS

Functions of Cell Membrane

- 3. E.T.S. is located here
- 4. Enzymes for cell wall synthesis
- 5. If photosynthesis, enzymes are located on membranous structures called thylakoids
- 6. Mesosomes invagination of cell membrane attached to DNA (Binary Fission)?

Antimicrobial Agents

- Disinfectants and Antiseptics
 - many are aimed at disrupting the cell membrane

Nuclear area (nucleoid)

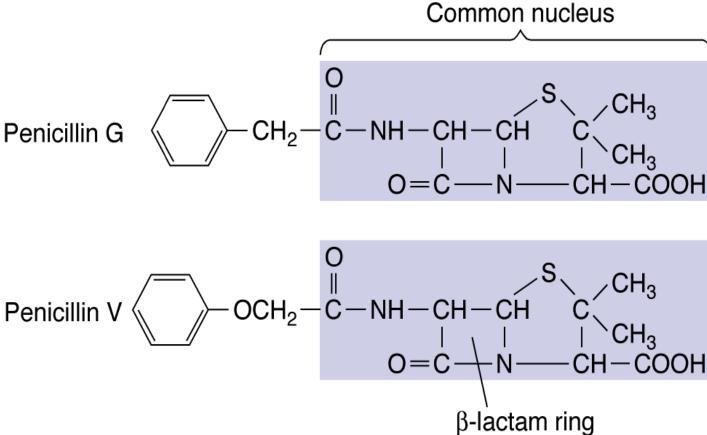
- 1 circular chromosome (ccDNA)
- attached to a mesosome
 - segragation of DNA during Binary Fission



Plasmids

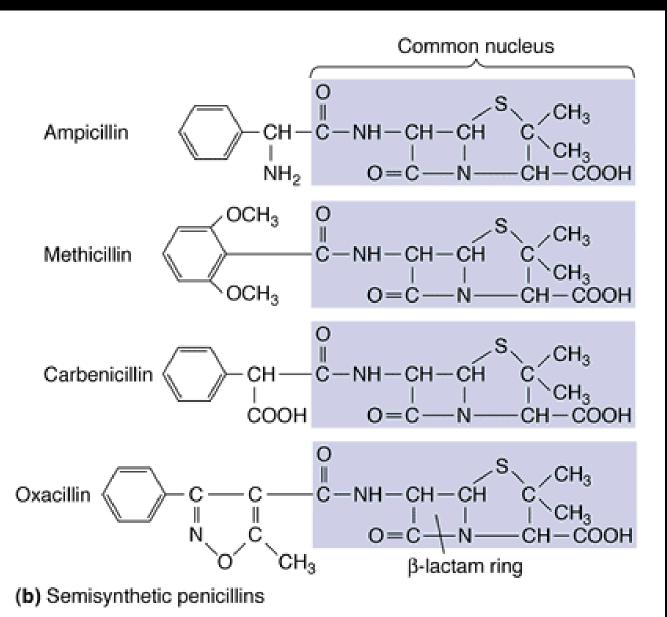
- Small circular, extra-chromosomal pieces of DNA
- 5 to 100 genes
- Code for auxiliary metabolic functions:
 - antibiotic resistance
 - penicillase
 - production of toxins
 - *E. coli* 0157:H7

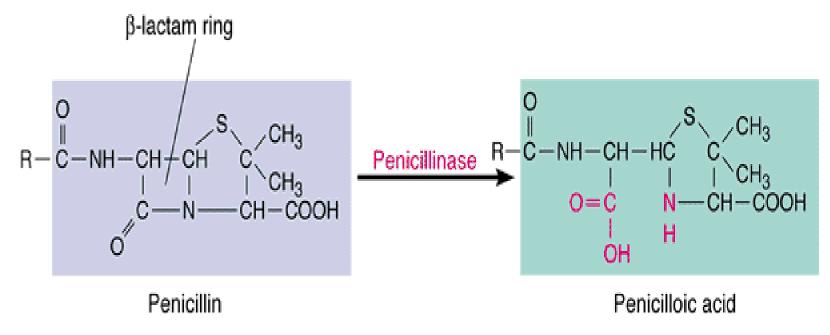




(a) Natural (antibiotic) penicillins







Ribosomes - protein synthesis

Prokaryotic Ribosome
 Eukaryotic Ribosomes

70 S

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• 50 S

• 30 S

• 80 S

- 60 S
- 40 S

Selective Toxicity

 Some antibiotics are aimed at the 70 S ribosomes of bacterial cells

 Streptomycin, Neomycin, Erythromycin and Tetracycline work by inhibiting protein synthesis by disrupting the 70 S ribosome Endospores - formed under periods of environmental stress

- Only found in Gram (+) Bacteria
- Bacillus
 - Bacillus cereus
 - Bacillus anthracis
- Clostridium
 - Clostridium tetani
 - Clostridium botulinum
 - Clostridium perfringens

Endospores

• Extremely resistant to heat, cold, chemicals, lack of water, etc.

- Most vegetative bacterial cells are killed at temps. above 70 C (160 F)
 - Endospores can survive boiling water for several hours (some for as long as 20 hours)



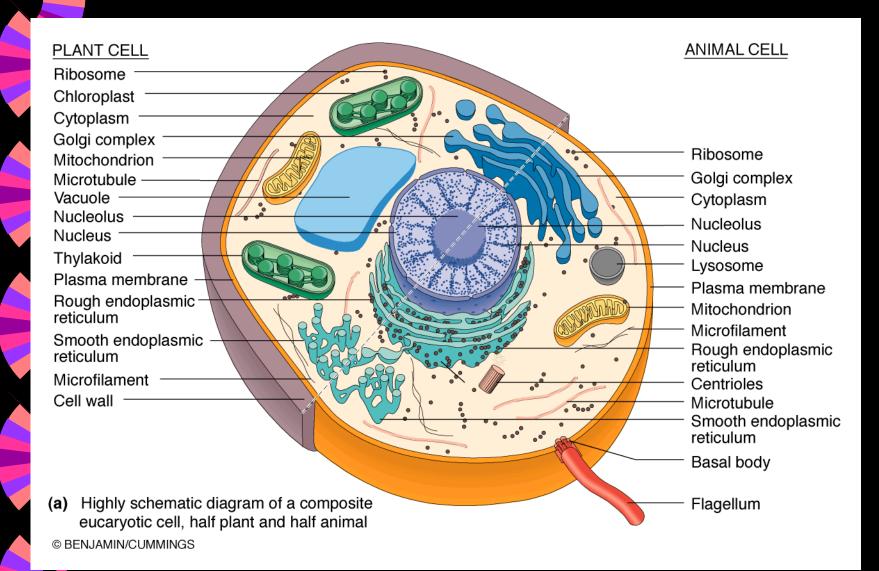
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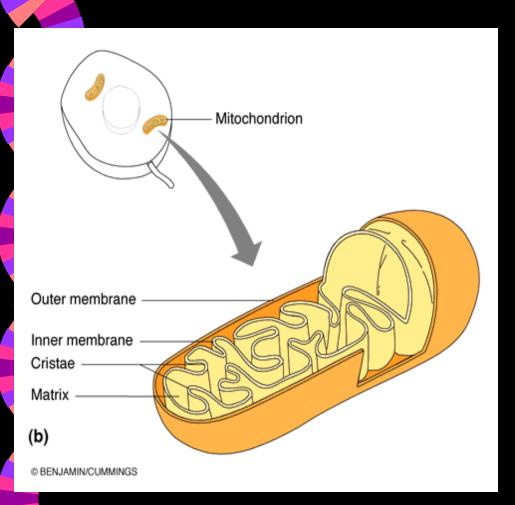
- Spores can remain viable for weeks, months, years
- Thermoactinomyces vulgaris
 - spores found in Minnesota were 7,500 years old and still germinated



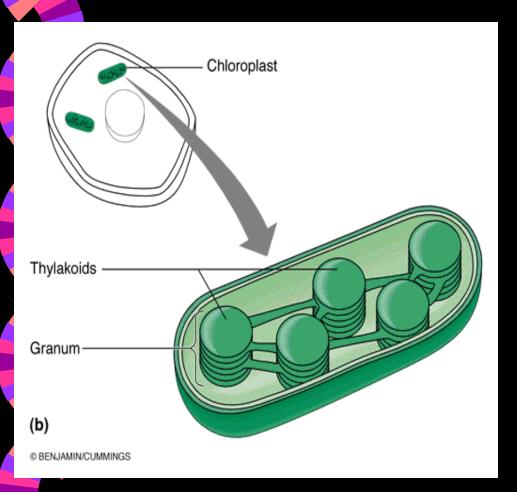
Eukaryotic Cell - Organelles

- Nucleus
- Nucleoli
- Endoplasmic Reticulum (E.R.)
 - rE.R.
 - sE.R.
- Ribosomes
- Golgi Body
- Lysosomes





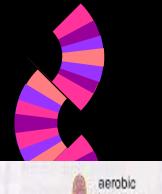
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- Circular chromosomes
- Replicate on their own

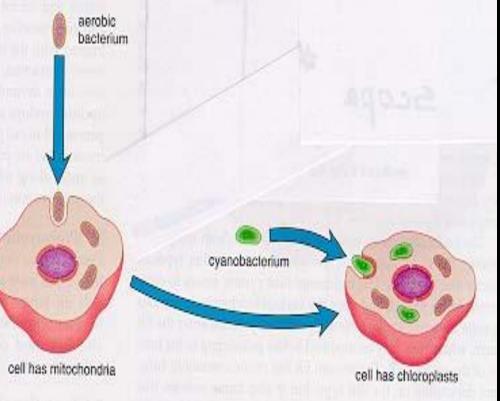


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Endosymbiotic Hypothesis

 Mitochondria and chloroplasts were once free living prokaryotes that were engulfed by Amoeba-like Eukaryotic cells





- Same size and shape as bacteria
- Double membrane
- 70 S Ribosomes
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