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General Physiological Principles Cell Physiology Functions of Cellular Membrane and Intracellular Structures Basic Principles of Physiological Regulations

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Physiology

- science that describes how organisms
 FUNCTION and survive in continually changing environment
- function can be described at various levels



Basic Physiological Principles

- living organism = open system with steady internal environment
- HOMEOSTASIS
 - stable operating conditions in the internal environment





Cell Physiology

CELL

- the basic structural and functional unit of living organisms
- the smallest unit of life that is classified as a living thing

 consists of functional structures called CELL ORGANELLES

Cell Structure



Cell/Plasma Membrane

Polar

head

(Phosphate-

containina)

Fatty acid tail (nonpolar tail)

- 2 primary building blocks include protein (about 60% of the membrane) and phospholipid (about 40%)
- molecules of phospholipid form a phospholipid bilayer because the two ends of phospholipid molecules have very different characteristics
 - non-polar (hydrophobic)
 - polar (hydrophilic)



Functions of Cell Membrane

- supporting and retaining the cytoplasm
- selective barrier
- transport
- communication (via receptors)
- recognition

Cell Organelles



Membrane proteins

Transport proteins

- ion channels
- carriers
- ATP-ases

Receptors

- cell surface
- (intracellular)



Nucleus

- replication and transfer of genetic information
- RNA synthesis
- regulation of cell differentiation and maturation



Endoplasmic Reticulum

SMOOTH ROUGH

- surface is coated with ribosomes
- mechanical support
- synthesis (especially proteins by rough ER)
- transport



Golgi apparatus

 modifying, sorting, and packaging of substances synthesized in the cell



Function of ER and GA



Lysosomes and Peroxisomes

Lysosomes

 contain acid hydrolase enzymes that break down waste materials and cellular debris

Peroxisomes

 the breakdown of very long chain fatty acids through beta-oxidation



Mitochondria



- generate most of the cell's supply of adenosine triphosphate (ATP), used as a source of chemical energy
- contain own DNA





Cytoskeleton

 dynamic system of microfilaments, intermediate filaments, and microtubules determining the shape and internal architecture of cell and performing cell movement



Ion channel linked receptors



G protein-coupled receptors

- Gs protein
- Gi protein
- Gp protein



Receptors tyrosine kinases



Intracellular receptors



Cell Transport

- provides necesarry communication between the cell and its environment
- receptors
- carriers
- channels
- pumps
- exo- and endocytosis
- transcellular transport
- paracelullar transport



Passive Transport

Passive transport

Diffusion

Facilitated diffusion

membrane carrier

Ion channels

- voltage-gated
- ligand-gated
- stress-activated



Active Transport

• the movement of a substance against its concentration gradient

Active membrane transporters – pumps

- primary active transport (ATP-ases)
- secondary active transport
 - symport
 - antiport

Cytosis

- endocytosis
- exocytosis





Membrane and Action Potential







Intercellular Communication

Gap junctions Paracrine Autocrine Nervous Endocrine Neuroendocrine



Cell Junctions



Homeostasis and Adaptation

 mechanisms consist of reducing the output or activity of any organ or system back to its normal range of functioning

ADAPTATION

- adjustement to the changed life conditions
- selection press of the environment changes the frequency of genes performing basic life functions

Feedback

Negative feedback

 mechanisms consist of reducing the output or activity of any organ or system back to its normal range of functioning

Positive feedback

 mechanisms are designed to accelerate or enhance the output created by a stimulus that has already been activated

Negative Feedback



Positive Feedback



