UNIT 1

Cell morphology

Cell organelles – structure and function

Chapter 1:

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Human Physiology



Pathophysiology

• The study of disordered body function (i.e., disease)

The basis for clinical medicine



The Human Body - A Complex Society of Differentiated Cells

- Cells: the basic structural and functional unit (~ 100 trillion)
- Tissues: (e.g. muscles, epithelial, nervous)
- Organs: (e.g. kidney, heart, liver, pancreas)
- Organ systems: (e.g. cardiovascular, urinary)



Regulation and Integration

- Exists at all levels of organization
- Cells: e.g. genes, operons, repressor proteins, transcription factors, membrane transport
- Tissues: e.g. autacoids, paracrines
- Organ systems: e.g. nervous and endocrine systems



Homeostasis

The maintenance of a stable "milieu interieur"

Claude Bernard (1813 - 1878)



General Organization of the Circulatory System

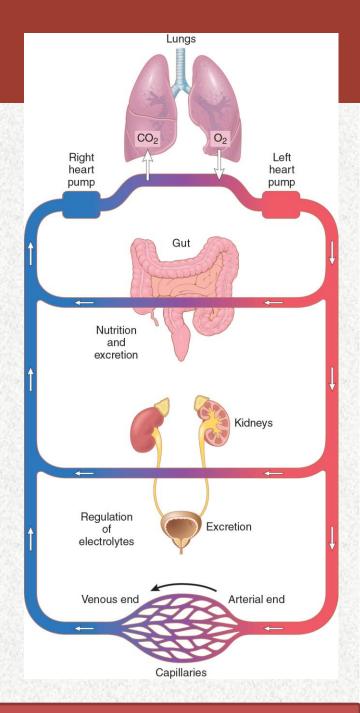


Figure 1-1



Organization of the Cell

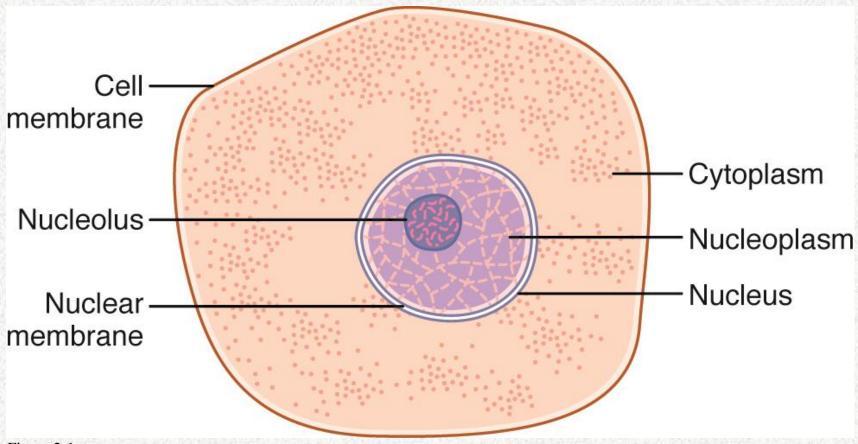
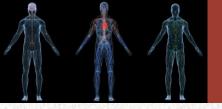


Figure 2-1



Cell Composition

Water ...70-85% of cell mass

Ions

Proteins ...10-20%

Lipids ...2-95%

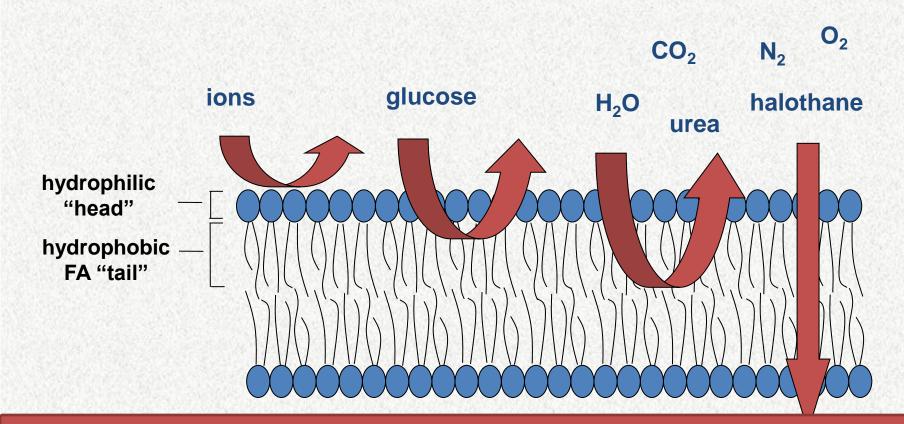
Carbohydrates ...1-6%



Membrane Components:

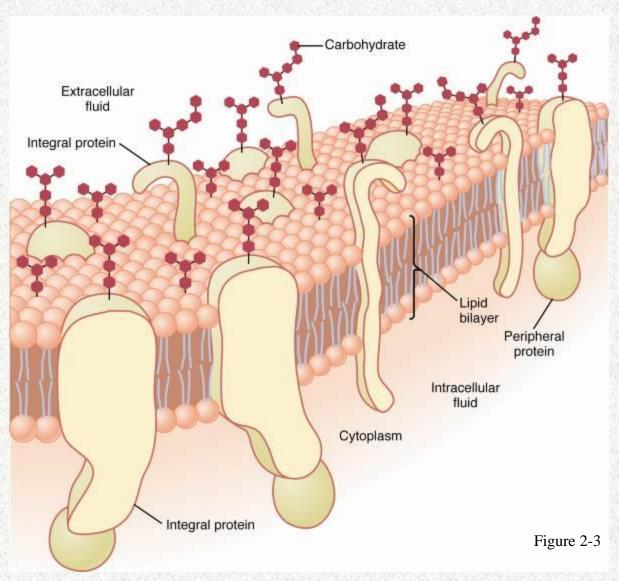
LIPIDS:

- Barrier to water and water-soluble substances
- Organized in a bilayer of phospholipid molecules





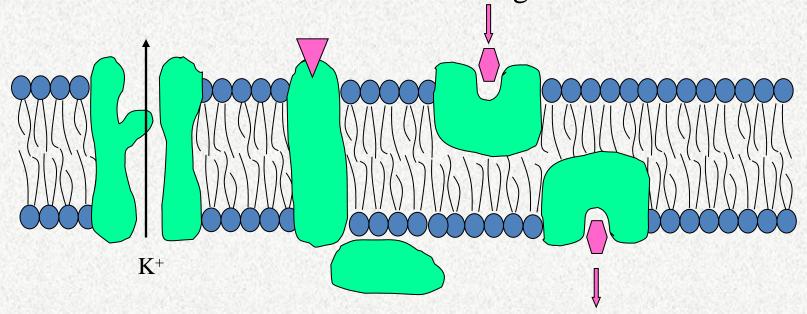
Cell Membrane: Bilayer of Phospholipids with Proteins





Proteins:

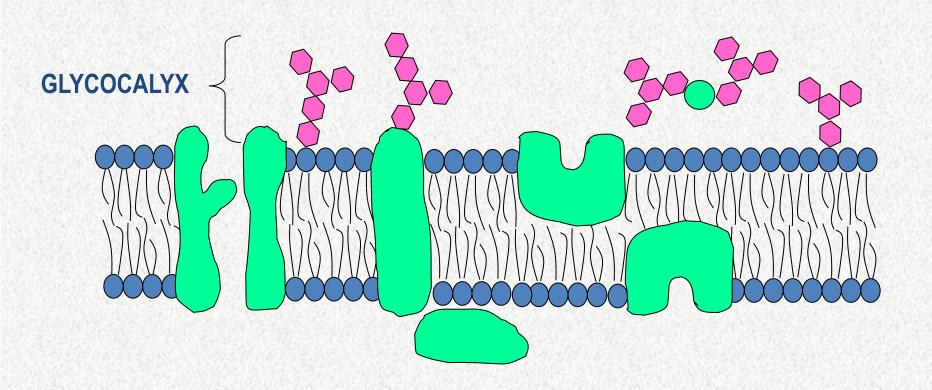
- Provide "specificity" to a membrane
- Defined by mode of association with the lipid bilayer
 - A. <u>Integral</u>: channels, receptor, antigen, pump, pores, carriers, enzymes
 - B. <u>Peripheral</u>:
 - a) Intrensic inside surface of lipid layer enzymes
 - b) Extrinsic outer surface intracellular signal mediators





Carbohydrates:

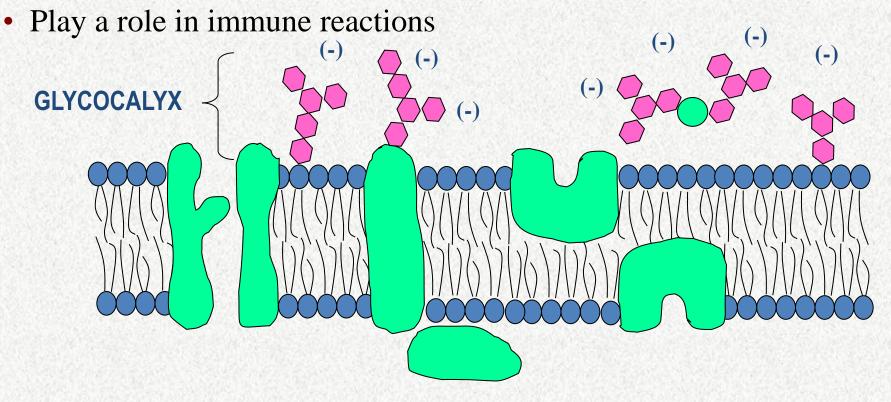
- Glycolipids (approx. 5 10%)
- Glycoproteins (majority of integral proteins)
- Proteoglycans





Carbohydrates (Cont.):

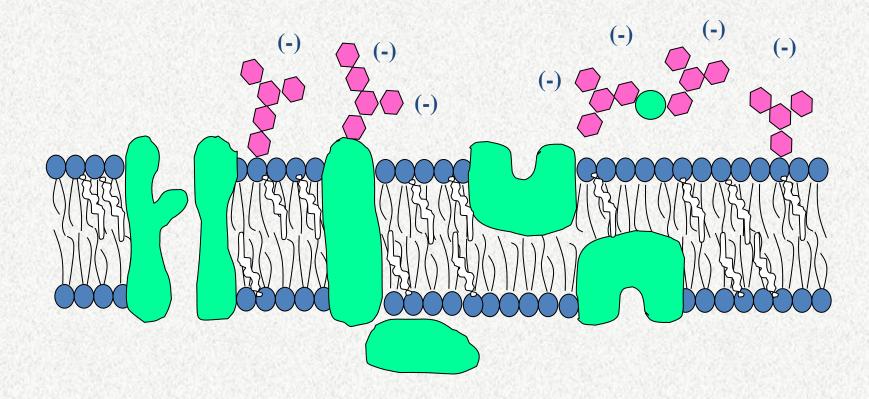
- Negative charge of the carbo chains repels other negative charges
- Involved in cell-cell attachments/interactions
- Tight fixation of cell
- Receptor





Cholesterol

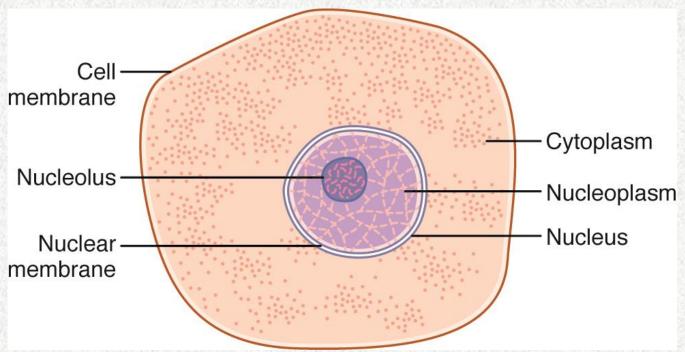
- Present in membranes in varying amounts
- Generally decreases membrane FLUIDITY and PERMEABILITY (except in plasma membrane)
- Increases membrane FLEXIBILITY and STABILITY





Chromatin (condensed DNA) is found in the nucleoplasm **Nucleolus**

- one or more per nucleus
- contains RNA and proteins
- not membrane delimited
- functions to form the granular "subunits" of ribosomes





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The Nucleus: "Control Center" of the Cell

The double **nuclear membrane** and matrix are contiguous with the endoplasmic reticulum

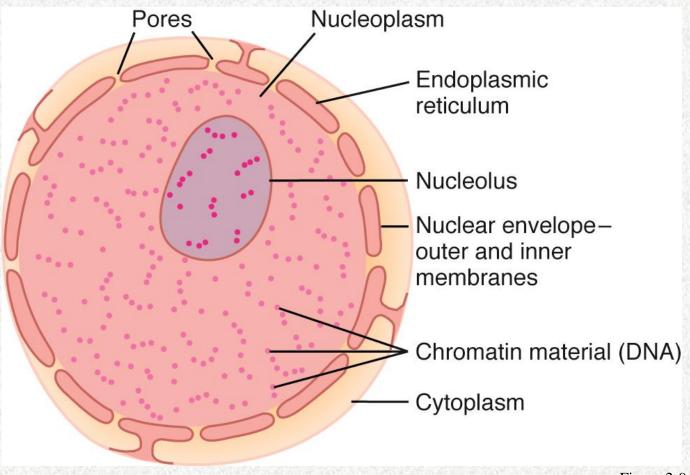


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The nuclear membrane is permeated by thousands of nuclear pores

- 100 nm in diameter
- functional diameter
 is ~9 nm
- (selectively)
 permeable to
 molecules of up to
 44,000 MW

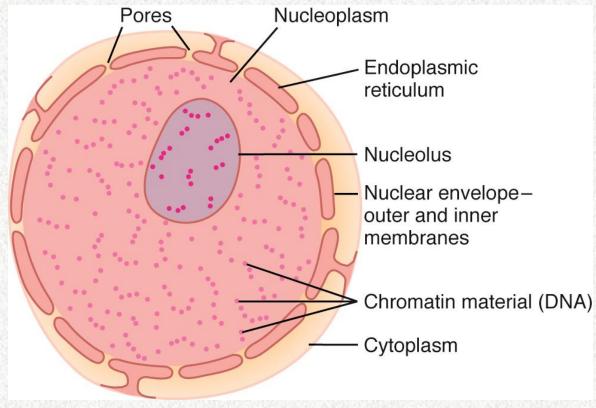
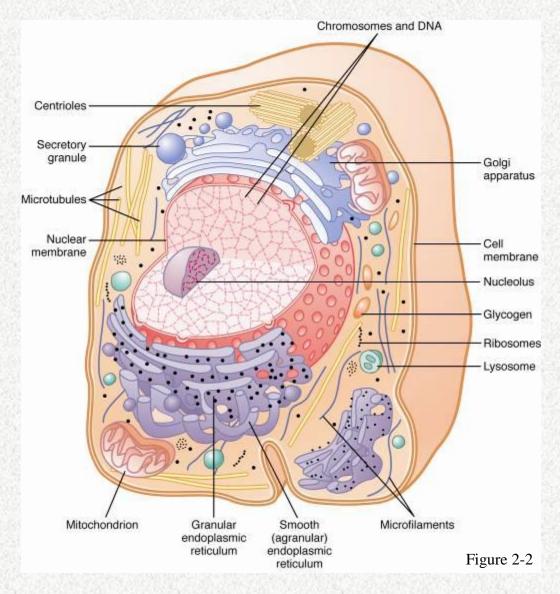


Figure 2-9



Cell Organelles





Mitochondria:

Primary function:

Extraction of energy from nutrients
Aerobic respiration.

KREB CYCLE.

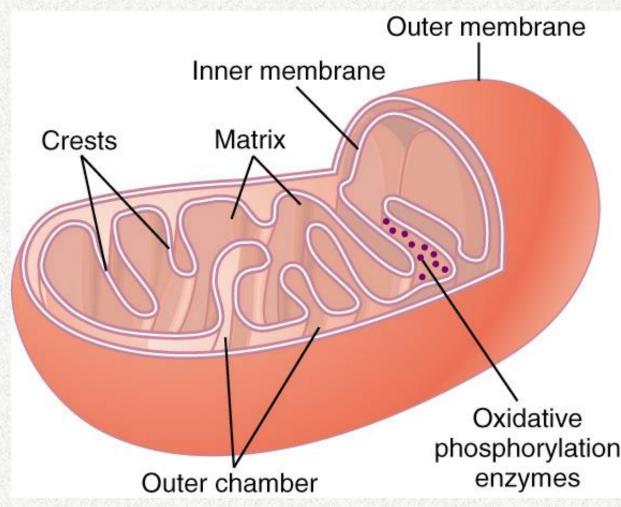


Figure 2-7



The Endoplasmic Reticulum:

- Network of tubular and flat vesicular structures
- Membrane is similar to (and contiguous with) the plasma membrane
- Space inside the tubules is called the endoplasmic matrix

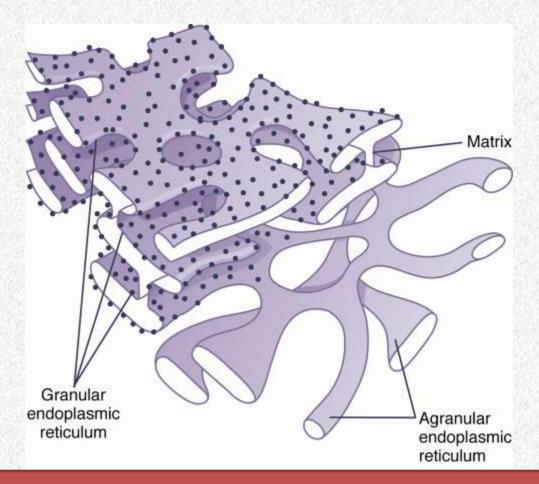


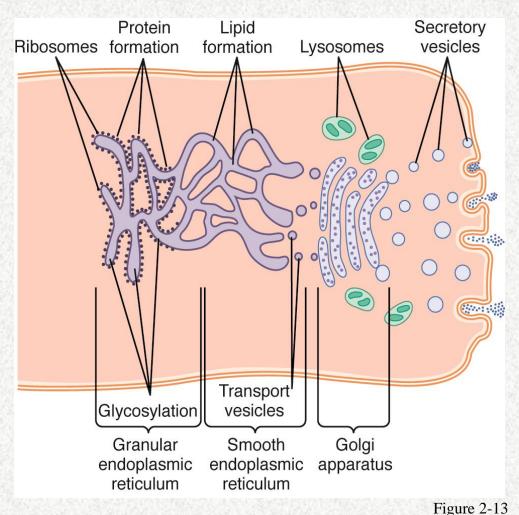
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Rough or Granular ER

- Outer membrane surface covered with ribosomes
- Newly synthesized proteins are extruded into the ER matrix
- Proteins are "processed" inside the matrix
 - crosslinked
 - folded
 - glycosylated (N-linked)
 - cleaved

E.g.
Russells body in plasma
Nissels granules of nerve cell
Acinar cell of pancreases





Smooth ER

- Site of lipid synthesis
 - phospholipids
 - cholesterol
- Growing ER membrane buds continuously forming transport vesicles, most of which migrate to the Golgi apparatus
- •Sarcoplasmic reticulam NM & CVS

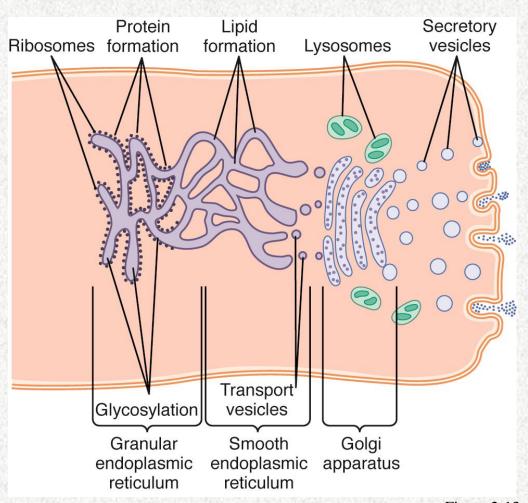
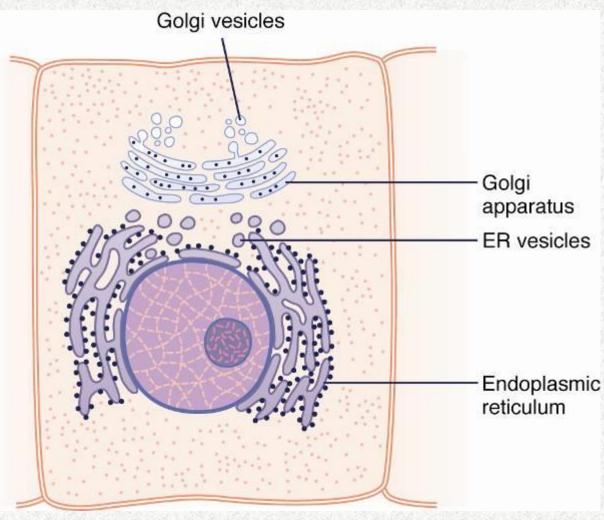


Figure 2-13



The Golgi Apparatus:

- Membrane composition similar to that of the smooth ER and plasma membrane
- Composed of 4 or more stacked layers of flat vesicular structures





The Golgi Apparatus:

- Receives transport vesicles from smooth ER
- Substances formed in the ER are "processed"
 - phosphorylated
 - glycosylated
- Substances are concentrated, sorted and packaged for secretion.
- Synthesis of carbohydrate and protein
- Lysosomal enzyme formation
- •Transport to other parts in cell

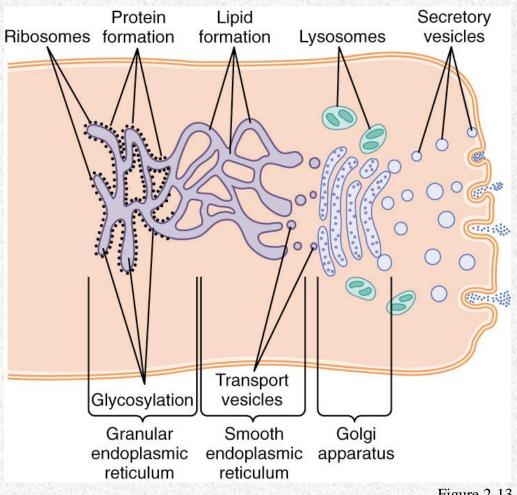


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Exocytosis:

Secretory vesicles diffuse through the cytosol and fuse to the plasma membrane

Lysosomes fuse with internal endocytotic vesicles

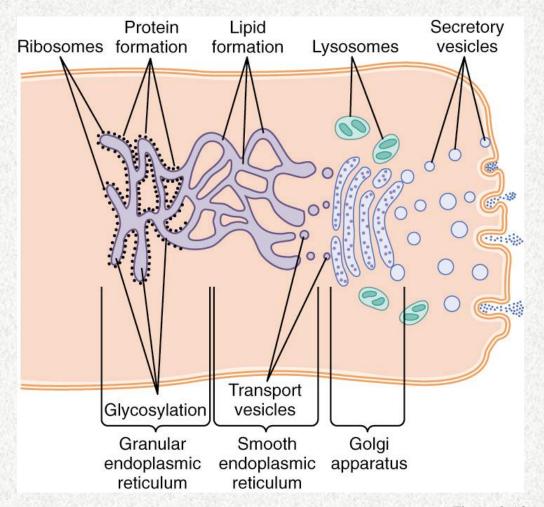


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Secretion:

- Secretory vesicles containing proteins synthesized in the RER bud from the Golgi apparatus
- Fuse with plasma membrane to release contents
 - constitutive secretion –
 happens randomly
 - stimulated secretion –requires trigger

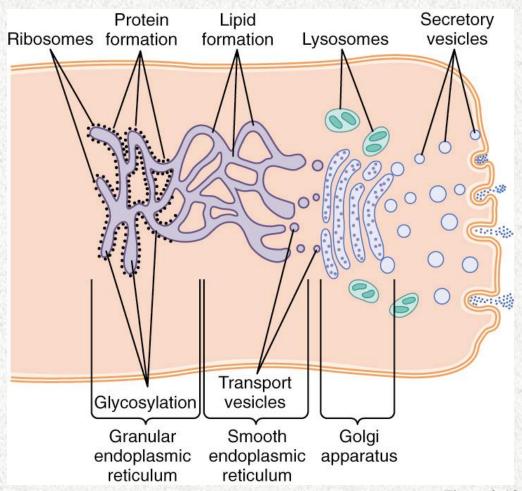


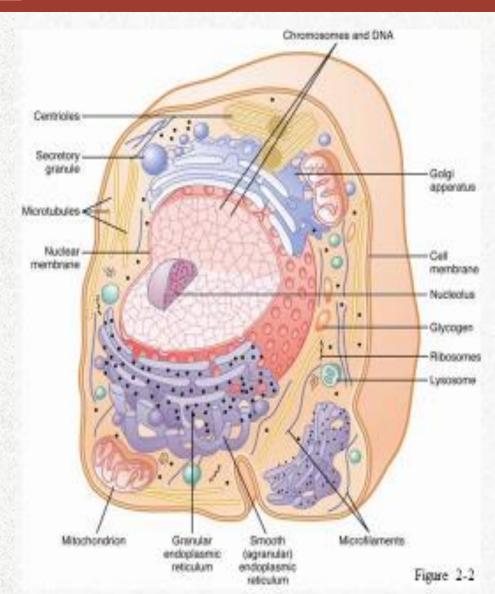
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RIBOSOME

- Spherical particles
- Present in cytosol in free form or in bound form attached with ER

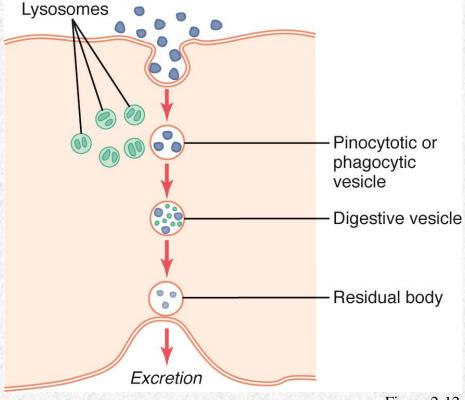
• Function - Protein synthesis





Lysosomes:

- Vesicular organelle formed from budding Golgi
- Contain hydrolytic enzymes (acid hydrolases)
 - phosphatases
 - nucleases
 - proteases
 - lipid-degrading enzymes
 - lysozymes digest bacteria
- Fuse with pinocytotic or phagocytotic vesicles to form digestive vesicles
- •1ry lysosomes storage vacuoles
- •2ry lysosomes autophagic vacuoles, worn out cell component
- •Residual bodies- indigestible





Lysosomal Storage Diseases

Absence of one or more hydrolases

- not synthesized
- inactive
- not properly sorted and packaged

Result: Lysosomes become engorged with undigested substrate

Examples:

- Acid lipase A deficiency
- I-cell disease (non-specific)
- Tay-Sachs disease (HEX A)



Peroxisomes:

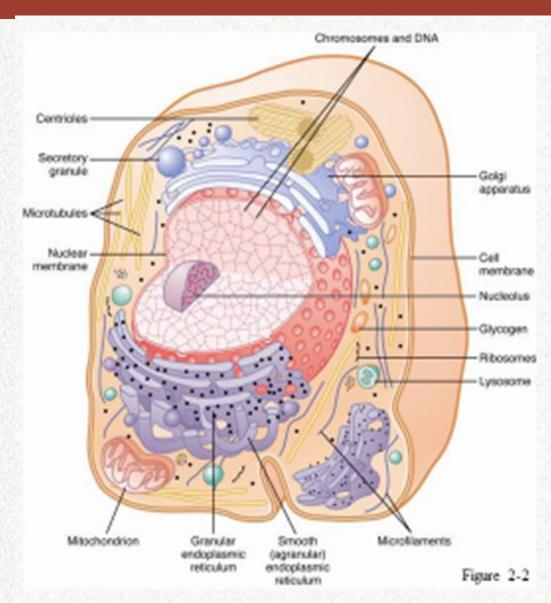
- Similar physically to lysosomes
- Micro bodies
- Single layer of unit membrane
- Two major differences:
 - formed by self-replication
 - they contain oxidases, catalyses

Function: oxidize substances (e.g. alcohol) that may be otherwise poisonous



Centrosomes:

- 2 short cylindrical structure
- Function: Movement of chromosomes





Secretory Granules

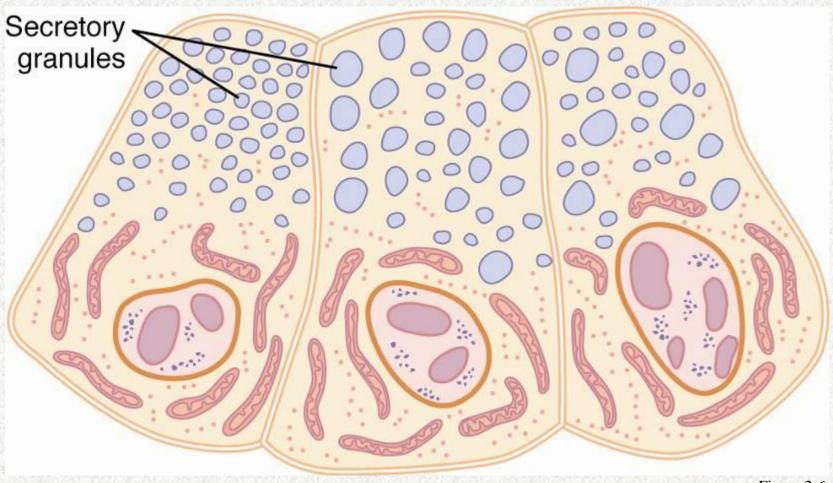


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