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#### WHAT IS ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY?

Anatomy and physiology are two related biology disciplines that study the structure and function of body parts and the body as a whole. Anatomy is the study of the structure and relationship between body parts, their organization, and their identity. Physiology is the study of the function of body parts and their interactions within a living system.

#### Subdivision of Anatomy

Surface Anatomy	the study of form and markings of the body structure explored through visualization without any cutting.
Gross Anatomy	the study of the anatomical structures visible to unaided eye. The gross dissection proceeds through cutting after making surface marking.
Develo- pmental Anatomy	the study of the fertilized egg developing into its adult form.
Cytology	the study of cells
Histology	the study of tissues
Pathology	the study of anatomical changes due to disease

#### LEVELS OF ORGANIZATION

Cell	basic unit of structure and function in all living things.
Tissues	group of similar cells carrying out similar or related functions.
Organ	collections of tissues grouped together performing a common functions.
Organ System	group of organ working together to perform a specific function for the organism.
Organism	any living thing.

Single-	an organism made up of only		
celled	one cell; organelles carry out		
organism	life functions. Ex. Amoeba		
Multi-cel-	made up of many different		
lular	types of cells; organ system		
organism	carry out life functions. Ex.		
	Human		

#### Life

is the sum total of all bodily activities of an organism

### Life (cont)

is a characteristic that distinguishes physical entities that have biological processes from those that do not have.

Characteristics of Life		
1.Resp- ons- iveness	ability of sense change and react	
2. Movement	change in position of an organism	
3. Reprod- uction	process of making a new organism	
4. Respir- ation	the process of getting oxygen	
5. Growth	an increase in body size	
6. Digestion	complex material changes	
7. Absorption	the passage of a substance through a membrane	
8. Assimi- lation	putting molecules together to make a more complex substances	
9. Circul- ation	movement of material	
10. Excretion	getting rid of material	



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Major Needs of Organism			
1. Water	Most abundant substance in the body		
2. Food	Provides energy for body		
3. Oxygen	Makes up 20% of atmospheric air we breath 78% is nitrogen 2% other gases		
4. Heat	we get heat from muscle activity Normal temp-98.6 °F or 37 °C		
5. Pressure	a. Hydrostatic pressure- example would be the blood moving under the pressure of the heart 120/80 is normal		
	<ul> <li>b. Atmospheric pressure- comes</li> <li>from the air around us and</li> <li>allows us to breath</li> </ul>		
Body Systems			

Body Systems		
Integu- mentary	skin and anything in skin protects. The skin is your	
system	largest organ.	
Skeletal system	bones support, protect and make blood cells.	
Muscular system	move the body and produces heat	
Nervous system	brain, spinal cord, and nerves- helps you to communicate	

#### Body Systems (cont)

Endocrine system	made up of hormones and glands-hormones affect target cell Example of endocrine glands are pancreas, thyroid, and adrenalin gland
Digestive system	breaks down food stomach, intestine, liver and gall bladder
Respir- atory system	intake and output of gases lungs
Circul- atory system	transports gases, nutrients, and other thingsheart and blood vessels
Lymphatic system	cleans up lymph fluidspleen and lymph nodes
Urinary system	gets rid of waste kidney, ureters, and urethra
Reprod- uctive system	produces offspring testes and uterus

#### Anatomical Terms Superior above Inferior below toward the front Anterior toward the back Posterior Medial close to the midline of body Lateral toward sides of body

### Anatomical Terms (cont) Proximal closer to the point of attachment

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Distal	further away from the point of attachment
Superf- icial	near the surface
Deep	internal

Vertebral Cavity			
Vertebral	1. Thoracic cavity- which is the		
cavity	chest cavity contains heart and		
contains	lungs (Diaphragm separates		
three	thoracic and abdominal)		
cavities			
	2. Abdominal cavity- contains		
	stomach, liver, pancreas, intest-		
	ines, gall bladder, and spleen		
	3. Pelvic cavity- contains		
	bladder and uterus		



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Dorsal Cavities		Connective Tis	sue (cont)	Connectiv	e Tissue (cont)
Dorsal cavity contains two cavities	1.Cranial (skull)- brain		Ground Substance: non- cellular material		<ul> <li>✓ cells located in chambers lacunae</li> </ul>
	2.Vertebral (spinal)- spinal cord	Types of Conn	separating cells	Types of Cartilage	a. Elastic cartilage- elastin fibers, more flexible and locate
		1. Loose	<ul> <li>contains fibroblast</li> </ul>	Cartilage	in the outer ear
Body Cavities Thoracic cavity Abdominal cavity Pelvic cavity		Fibrous Connective Tissue			b. Hyaline cartilage- most common and contains fine collagen fibers. It is located in
			<ul> <li>✓ Matrix: ground</li> <li>substance + fibers</li> </ul>	and ribs, walls of r	the nose, ends of long bones and ribs, walls of respiratory passages.
			<ul> <li>Protective covering for muscles, blood vessels, nerves</li> </ul>		c. Fibrocartilage- strong collagen fibers located in
			✓ collagen fibers packed		between vertebrae and in knee joint.
Tissue		Fibrous Connective	together	Bone	
A tissue is defined as	•	Tissue			<ul> <li>solid, rigid matrix of calciun salts arond collagen fibers</li> </ul>
organized to perform a Types of Tissues	I. Epithelial Tissue		<ul> <li>Tendons: connect muscle to bone</li> </ul>		
	2. Connective Tissue		✓ Ligaments: connect		
	3. Muscle Tissue		bone to bone		
	I. Nerve Tissue	3. Fibrous Connective Tissue	<ul> <li>✓ Adipose Tissue- cells stores fat</li> </ul>		
Connective Tissue			<ul> <li>Found under the skin,</li> </ul>		
binds and supports bo			around kidneys and heart		
Three Components of Connective Tissue	Specialized Cells	4. Supportive (	Connective Tissue		
	Protein Fibers:	Cartilage			
	elastin & collagen		✓ solid and flexible		
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Connective Tissue (cont)		
	<ul> <li>✓ in compact bone, cells are located in spaces between rings of matrix</li> </ul>	
Types of Bone	a. Compact bone	
	c. Spongy bone	
5. Fluid Connec	tive Tissue	
Liquid matrix- =plasma	<ul> <li>dissolved substances,</li> <li>eg. gases and ions</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>suspended substa-</li> <li>nces, eg. proteins</li> </ul>	
Formed elements: cells and cell fragments	<ul> <li>✓ Red blood cells - transport oxygen</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>White blood cells -</li> <li>fight infection</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Platelets - cell</li> <li>fragments that aid in</li> <li>blood clotting</li> </ul>	
Liquid matrix- =lymphatic fluid	contains white blood cells	

#### Hemapoietic

#### Blood making

Hematopoietic refers to the formation of blood cells. Hematopoiesis is the process through which the body manufactures blood cells. It occurs within the hematopoietic system, which includes organs and tissues such as the bone marrow, liver, and spleen.

#### **Epithelial Tissue**

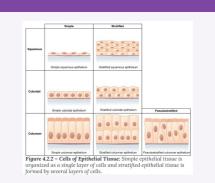
Epithelial tissue is a thin tissue that covers all the exposed surfaces of the body. It has different functions, such as protection, absorption, secretion and movement of substances.

The cells making up epithelia are often closely bound to one another through specialized structures called tight junctions.

Classification of Epithelial Tissue			
Squamous	flattened cells		
Simple	one layer		
Pseudostr- atified	appears as multiple layers		
Stratified	multiple layers		
Cuboidal	cube-shaped cells		
Columnar	elongated cells		

#### Muscular Tissue

Cells are called mus	scle fibers
Cells contain proteir and <i>myosin</i>	n filaments called actin
Types of Muscular T	lissue
a. Skeletal Muscle	<ul> <li>✓ voluntary</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>✓ striation and nucleus</li> </ul>
b. Smooth Muscle	<ul> <li>✓ Involuntary</li> </ul>
	✓ cell and nucleus
c. Cardiac Muscle	<ul> <li>✓ Involuntary</li> </ul>
	✓ nucleus



00/0	Tissue
	Issue

Neurons	conduct nerve impulses
Neuroglia	support and nourish neurons

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#### **Integumentary System**

The integumentary system, which includes the skin, hair, and nails, provides protection, sensations, thermoregulation, and allows sunlight for vitamin D synthesis.

Epidermis is the outermost and thinnest layer of the skin. It protects the body from harm, keeps the body hydrated, produces new skin cells and contains melanin, which determines the color of the skin.

The Four ✓ stratum basale - the Layers of deepest layer of your Epidermis epidermis. New skin cells develop in this layer. It also contains the keratinocyte stem cells, which produce the protein keratin. It also contains melanocytes, which are responsible for producing melanin, which provides the pigment of your epidermis.

> ✓ stratum spinosum - This layer mostly consists of keratinocytes held together by sticky proteins called desmosomes. The stratum spinosum helps make the skin flexible and strong.

✓ stratum granulosum -Keratinocytes have granules within them, which are visible under a microscope in this layer.

Integumentary System (cont)

✓ *stratum lucidum* - It's a thin, transparent layer of keratinocytes that are becoming less round and have a flatter shape.

✓ stratum corneum - the top layer of the epidermis. This is where keratinocytes become corneocytes. Corneocytes are strong, dead keratinocytes that protect you from harm, including abrasions, light, heat and pathogens.

Dermis is a vital layer containing blood vessels, sweat glands, sebaceous glands, and various receptors that allow us to sense touch, pain, and light.

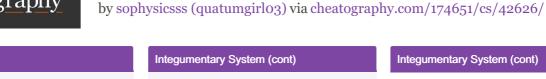
Hypodermis, or subcutaneous layer, provides insulation and padding with its abundance of connective tissue and fat cells.

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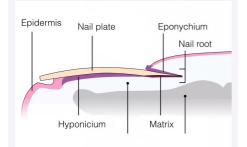
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Accessory Structure	es
	-Hair shaft
Arrector pili muscle	manana provide
Sebaceous gland	and a second sec
Apocrine sweat gland—	Hair root
Hair bulb	Hair root
Hair matrix	
Hair papilla	



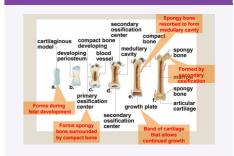
#### Skeletal System (cont) Bone compact bone - dense matrix cells= of salts (calcium phosphate) osteocytes spongy bone - thin plates with open spaces bone marrow - red: produces blood cells, yellow: stores fat hyaline - firm yet flexible. At Cartilage cells=choends of long bones, ribs, in ndrocytes nose fibrocartilage - strong for support. Found in knee and disks between vertebrae elastic cartilage - most flexible and found in ear flaps Fibrous periosteum - covers long connective bones. It contains blood and tissue lymphatic vessels, nerves ligaments - connect bone to bone tendons - connect muscles to bones at joints

#### Cells Involved in Bone Growth and Repair

Osteoprogenitor cells		
(unspecialized, give rise to other	cells)	
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Osteoblasts Monocytes		
(bone-forming cells)	(red bone marrow)	
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Osteocytes Osteoclasts		
(mature bone cells)	(bone resorption)	

Bone Development and Growth	
Bone formation =	ossification
<ul> <li>Bones of the skull form by Intramembranous ossification</li> </ul>	Bones develop between sheets of fibrous tissue
<ul> <li>Most bones form</li> <li>by Endochondral</li> <li>ossification</li> </ul>	Cartilage models are formed first
	At ossification centers, cartilage is gradually replaced by bone

#### Endochondral Ossification



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#### Skeletal System

Functions of the Skeletal System

- ✓ Supports the body
- Protects soft body parts
- Produces blood cells
- ✓ Stores minerals and fat
- ✓ Permits flexible body movement
- Tissues of the Skeletal System

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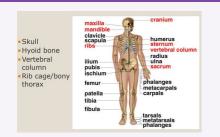


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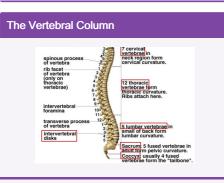
#### Axial Skeleton: Midline of the Body



#### Bones of the Skull



The skull is divided into cranial and facial bones, with sutures connecting them. It also contains foramina for nerves and vessels, as well as ear and nasal cavities and orbits for the eyes.



The vertebral column is a flexible structure supporting the skull to the pelvis. It consists of cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacrum, and coccyx vertebrae, with intervertebral discs acting as shock absorbers. thoracic vertebra manubrium sternum false fibs floating ribs

The Rib Cage

The thoracic cage, made up of the sternum and ribs, protects the organs in the chest and supports respiration.



Pectoral and Pelvic Girdles and the Limbs It consists of the bones of the limbs (or appendages), and the bones that attach the limbs to the rest of the body. It includes a total of 126 bones, including those in the arms, legs, and shoulder and pelvic girdle bones.

The pectoral and pelvic girdles attach the upper and lower limbs to the axial skeleton. The pectoral girdle has the clavicle and scapula, while the pelvic girdle consists of the hip bones.

#### Bones of Pectoral Girdle, Arm, Hand



#### Bones of Pelvic Girdle, Leg, Foot



The bones in the lower limb are thicker and sturdier, allowing for effective running and jumping. The foot has tarsals, metatarsals, and phalanges similar to the hand.

#### Knee Joint



Joints play a crucial role in the movement and stability of the skeleton. Ligaments and intervertebral discs help connect and support the bones in the spine.

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Joints: Artic	culations between Bones	Di
Fibrous joir	its: immovable	(c
Cartil- aginous joints	<ul> <li>connected by hyaline or fibrocartilage cartilage</li> </ul>	G
	✓ slightly movable	
Synovial joints	✓ separate the bones by a cavity	M
	✓ freely movable	9'
	✓ Hinge	
	✓ Ball-and-socket	
Movements	Permitted by Synovial Joints	
fley a. An	tion extension adduction abduction gular movements adduction both tion suppression inversion eversion	M dy Te
b. Cir	rular movements c. Special movements	
r c a	s a broad term for joint inflam- nation, with various forms like osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. It causes constant joint oain and damage.	

#### isorders of Muscular and Skeletal System cont) Gout is characterized by the deposition of uric acid crystals in joints, leading to swelling, loss of function, and severe pain. lyasthenia is an autoimmune disease ravis that affects muscle strength and causes fatigue. It primarily affects eye muscles and may lead to difficulty swallowing and slurred speech. luscular refers to a group of genetic ystrophy disorders that progressively weaken muscles, impairing locomotion. It primarily affects skeletal muscles. etany is the involuntary contraction of muscles due to low calcium levels. Muscle cramps and spasms are longlasting and painful.

### Disorders of Muscular and Skeletal System (cont)

Osteo	is a condition where bone mineral
porosis	density decreases, resulting in
	fragile bones and an increased
	risk of fractures, especially in
	postmenopausal women.
✓ Aging	, lack of exercise, and family
0 0	, lack of exercise, and family re significant risk factors for these
history a	
history and disorders	re significant risk factors for these
history and disorders	re significant risk factors for these s. Early diagnosis and appropriate

✓ These conditions lead to joint inflammation, muscle weakness, decreased mobility, and increased fracture risk.

#### Muscular System

The muscular system is an organ system consisting of skeletal, smooth, and cardiac muscle.

Skeletal muscle - the only organ of the muscular system

Skeletal muscle is composed of skeletal muscle tissue and also contains nervous tissue, blood vessels and connective tissue

Half of the body's	- Skeletal muscle
weight is muscle	= 40% in males
tissue	

- 32% in females

- Cardiac muscle
- = 10%

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#### Muscular System (cont)

Muscles are excitable, contractable, extensible, and elastic. They can adapt and change based on usage.

There are five types of muscle movements: adduction, abduction, flexion, extension, and rotation.

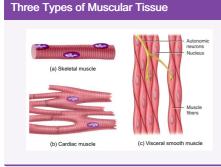
The muscular system consists of over 600 muscles with various functions and properties.

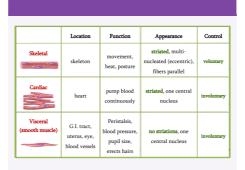
#### Functions of the Muscular System

- ✓ Supports the body
- ✓ Makes the bones move
- Helps maintain constant body temperature

✓ Assists movement in cardiovascular and lymphatic vessels

 Helps protect internal organs and stabilize joints





#### Characteristics of Skeletal Muscle

- ✓ Most are attached by tendons to bones
- Cells are multinucleate
- ✓ Striated have visible banding
- ✓ Voluntary subject to conscious control
- ✓ Cells are surrounded and bundled by connective tissue

✓ Allow for movement, facial expressions, breathing, swallowing, writing, talking and singing, posture, heat production, joint stability

Skeletal Muscle Attachments		
<ul> <li>✓ Epimysium blends into a connective tissue attachment</li> </ul>	Tendon – cord- like structure	
	Aponeuroses – sheet-like structure	
<ul> <li>Sites of muscle attachment</li> </ul>	Bones	
	Cartilages	
	Connective tissue coverings	

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#### Characteristics of Smooth Muscle

Has no striations
 Spindle-shaped cells
 Single nucleus
 Involuntary – no conscious
 control
 Found mainly in the walls o
 hollow organs



#### **Cardiac Muscle Characteristics**



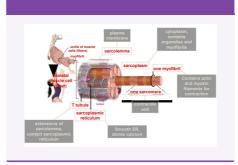
Muscle Cell Type		
1. skeletal (or volunt- ary/st- riated) muscle	the most abundant tissue in the human body, producing movement.	
2. smooth (or visceral) muscle	forming the muscle layers in the walls of the digestive tract, bladder, various ducts, arteries and veins, and other internal organs.	
3. cardiac (or heart) muscle	a cross between the smooth and striated muscles, comprising the heart tissue.	

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Structure of Skele	
one muscle fiber fascicle	Each fascicle is a bundle of muscle fibers a bundle of myofibrils
	Whole muscle is a bundle of many fasicles Each myofibril is made of many sarcomeres
fascia	bundle of sarcoplasmic reticular fiber sarcoplasm fiber tubules calcium storage sites
The fascia Each	skeleta muscle sarcomere ad 2 of actin sarcomere
muscle and m	y <mark>osin fibers Z</mark> line Z line

Four Different Connective Tissue Coverings	
1. Deep fascia	Surrounds entire skeletal muscle and extends beyond its length
2. Perimysium	Surrounds each fascicle
3. Epimysium	Closely surrounds skeletal muscle, binds fascicles together
4. Endomysium	Surrounds each muscle fiber (cell)

Fascicles are arranged bundles of skeletal muscle fibers (cells). Fascicles are bound by connective tissue.



Specialized Organelles of Skeletal Muscle	
Sarcop- lasmic Reticulum (SR)	✓ a type of ER.
	✓ Surrounds each myofibril, running parallel to it.
	✓ Stores calcium, when stimulated, calcium diffuses into sarcoplasm.
Transverse Tubules (TT)	<ul> <li>✓ Extends into sarcoplasm as invaginations continuous with sarcolemma</li> </ul>
	✓ T tubules run between cisternae of SR
	✓ Filled with extracellular fluid
	✓ Cisternae of SR and TT form a triad near where thick and thin filaments overlap

#### Skeletal Muscle Contraction

Motor	Nerve cell that innervates
Neuron	skeletal muscle tissue
Dendrite	Receives information
Axon	Transmits information
	Has vesicles containing neurot- ransmitter that will stimulate or inhibit muscle contraction
Neurom uscular Junction	Site where branch of motor neuron (motor nerve ending) comes in contact with sarcolemma of skeletal muscle fiber
	A type of synapse

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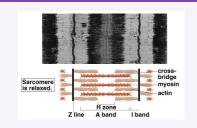
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## Cheatography

#### Skeletal Muscle Contraction (cont)

Muscle contraction occurs through a complex process involving sarcomeres, action potentials, and the neuromuscular junction. The sliding filament model of contraction explains how myosin and actin interact to produce muscle movement. The process is initiated by a signal from the nervous system, which triggers the release of acetylcholine at the neuromuscular junction. This leads to depolarization and the generation of an action potential, causing calcium ions to be released and allowing for the interaction of myofilaments. The myosin heads bind to actin, resulting in the sliding of filaments and muscle contraction. Once calcium levels deplete, the muscle fiber relaxes. Understanding these basic concepts is important before delving into more detailed aspects of muscle contraction.

#### Structure of the Sarcomere



Muscle has light and dark bands (striations) corresponding to the placement of myofilaments in the sarcomere.

Sarcomere exists from Z-line to Z-line

- A-Band is dark middle band
- Overlapping think and thin filaments
- I-Band ends of A-Band, thin filaments only
- Z-line is in the middle if the I-Band

• Myosin filaments are held to the Z-line by titin proteins



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- A band stays the same
- I band gets smaller
- H zone gets smaller
- Sarcomere shortens

# Sliding Filament Theory of Muscle Contraction

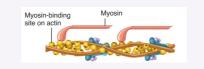
Z line A band I band Sarcomere shortens when actin filaments slide past myosin filaments and approach one another.

#### **Sliding Filament Theory**

Sarcomere is the functional unit of skeletal
 muscle

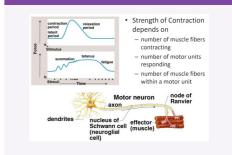
- When a skeletal muscle contracts,
- sarcomeres shorten
- This is described by the sliding filament theory

#### Sliding Filament Theory

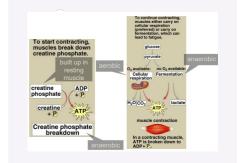


- Sarcomeres shorten because thick and
- thin filaments slide past one another
- Thin filaments move towards the center of
- the sarcomere from both ends

#### Whole Muscle Contraction



#### Energy for Muscle Contraction



#### Skeletal Muscles Work in Pairs



- Muscles contract (shorten) or relax
- Muscle contraction pulls on an attached bone
- Prime mover = muscle doing the most work
- Synergists = muscles assisting prime mover
- Antagonist = muscle with action opposite to prime mover

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#### Ways to Name Muscles



#### Slow-and-Fast Twitch Muscle Fibers



#### Nervous System

#### Functions of Nervous System

 Transmission of signals for communication, regulation and coordination of body systems

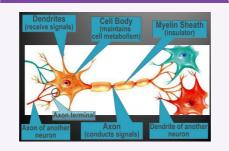
 Sensing the world (vision, hearing, taste, smell, and touch

Neurons - The	
functional unit of the	
nervous system is the	
nerve cell	

They send electrochemical messages around the body Glial cells provide support and protection for neurons

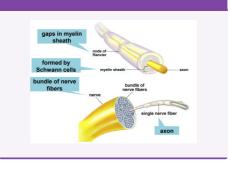
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Structure of a Neuron

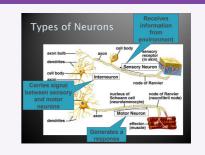


#### Parts of Nerve Cell

Dendrites	receive chemical signals from neighboring cells.
Cell Body	contains the nucleus & organelles
Axon	long extension that carries electrical messages away from the body to the terminal axons
Terminal Axons	passes the signal to the next cell.
Myelin sheath	Protective covering for axon



#### Types of Neurons



#### 3 main types of neurons:

□Sensory neuron = detect stimuli □Interneurons = relay sensory signals to brain then return message back to motor neurons.

 Motor neuron = pass message from brain to rest of body for muscle response
 This coordinated pathway is known as the REFLEX ARC

#### **Reflex Arc**

"What happens when you step on a nail?"

✓ Reflexes are automatic

✓ The Stimulus (nail ) is received by the sensory neurons in the foot

✓ This info travels to the spine, where the interneuron is triggered

✓ The interneuron transmits signal to brain (through the spinal cord)and carries message back and stimulates the motor neuron, to move the foot

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#### Nerve Impulse

A progressive wave of electric and chemical activity along a nerve fiber that stimulates or inhibits the action of a muscle, gland, or other nerve cell

This is how the information moves from sensory neurons to interneuron to motor neurons

## Transmission of Nerve Impulse Along a Neuron



Involves a change in charge across the neuron's membrane, caused by the movement of ions

Action Potential = rapid depolarization and repolarization of membrane

## Resting Potential Depends on Ionic Gradients



#### Inside:

- Potassium ions are pumped into cell
- Large organic molecules cannot pass
- through membrane

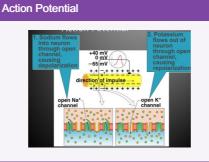
#### Outside:

•Sodium ions are pumped out •Chloride ions found in extra-cellular fluid



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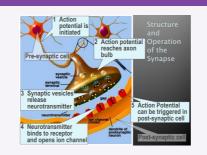


## Transmission of Nerve Impulses Between Neurons

Signal is carried by neurot-	Synapse:
ransmitters that diffuse	junction
across the space between	between
neurons.	neurons
	<i>Synaptic</i> <i>cleft:</i> space
	between
	neurons

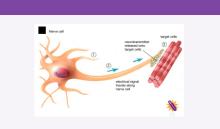
Neurotransmitters bind to receptors on next neuron, opening ion channels

#### Structure and Operation of the Synapse



#### Transmission Between Neurons

Neurotransmitters can be	<ul> <li>Excitatory:</li> <li>initiate action</li> <li>potential -</li> <li>Acetylcholine</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Inhibitory:</li> <li>prevent action</li> <li>potential -</li> <li>Dopamine</li> </ul>
After acting on the post-s- ynaptic neuron, neurotran- smitters are removed from the synaptic cleft	Acetylcholin- esterase breaks down acetylcholine



Neurotransmitters carry signals to muscle cells to stimulate contraction.

Disorders of the Nervous System	
<ul><li>✓</li><li>Multiple</li><li>Sclerosis</li></ul>	Autoimmune disease leading to breakdown of neuron myelin sheaths
<ul> <li>✓</li> <li>Parkin- son's</li> <li>Disease</li> </ul>	Degeneration of neurons that produce dopamine

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Disorders of the Nervous System (cont)	
✓ Alzhei-	Extensive death of neurons
mer's	and loss of brain tissue
Disease	

**Neurons**, the main cells in the nervous system, have an incredible amount of branching within each cell, allowing them to respond to stimuli and transmit electrical impulses over long distances. They are amitotic and can live for a hundred years or more.

Neuroglia, or glial cells, are supporting cells in the nervous system that wrap around delicate parts of neurons to provide protection. They do not transmit electrical impulses like neurons but play a crucial role in maintaining the health and functioning of neurons.

Neurons can be classified by their structure or function. Structurally, they can be **unipolar, bipolar, or multipolar**, depending on the number of processes extending from the cell body. Functionally, they can be **sensory, motor, or interneurons**, depending on the direction of signal transmission.

#### (cont)

Neurons have distinct regions: the **receptive region** where stimuli are received, the **trigger zone** where electrical signals are initiated, the **conducting region** where signals travel along the axon, and the **secretory region** where neurotransmitters are released at the axon terminals.

The generation of electrical impulses in neurons is dependent on changes in membrane potential and the opening of ion channels. Different types of ion channels, such as **chemically-gated** and **voltage-gated channels**, allow specific ions to flow in and out of the cell, generating electrical currents.

The nervous system is composed of the **central nervous system (CNS)**, which includes the brain and spinal cord, and the **peripheral nervous system (PNS)**, which consists of nerves that extend throughout the body. The CNS is the control center where sensory information is integrated and motor outputs are determined and implemented.

#### (cont)

The PNS is divided into the **sensory** (afferent) division, which sends signals from receptors to the CNS, and the **motor** (efferent) division, which sends signals from the CNS to muscles and glands. The motor division is further divided into the **somatic nervous system** (voluntary control) and the **autonomic nervous system** (involuntary control), which includes the sympathetic and parasympathetic divisions that often have opposing functions.



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