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CHAPTER 6: A TOUR OF THE CELL

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IMPORTANCE OF CELLS

- ALL ORGANISMS ARE MADE OF CELLS
- CELLS ARE THE SMALLEST LIVING UNIT
- STRUCTURE IS CORRELATED TO FUNCTION
- ALL CELLS ARE RELATED BY THEIR DESCENT FROM EARLIER CELLS

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MICROSCOPY

- LIGHT MICROSCOPE
- PASS VISIBLE LIGHT THROUGH A SPECIMEN
- MAGNIFY CELL STRUCTURES WITH LENSES

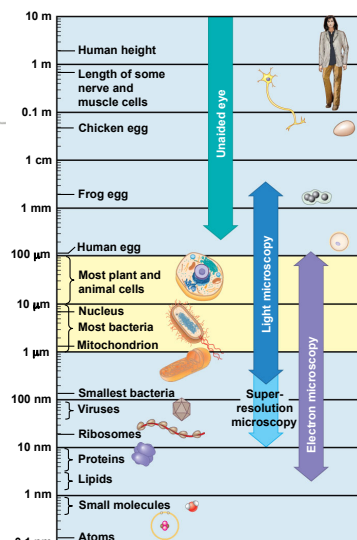


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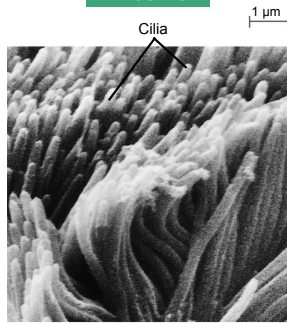
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ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

- FOCUS A BEAM OF ELECTRONS THROUGH A SPECIMEN (TEM) OR ONTO ITS SURFACE (SEM)

TECHNIQUE

(a) **Scanning electron microscopy (SEM).** Micrographs taken with a scanning electron microscope show a 3D image of the surface of a specimen. This SEM shows the surface of a cell from a rabbit trachea (windpipe) covered with motile organelles called cilia. Beating of the cilia helps move inhaled debris upward toward the throat.

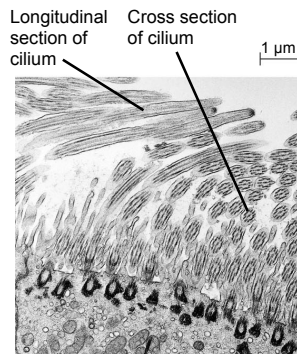


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ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

(b) **Transmission electron microscopy (TEM).** A transmission electron microscope profiles a thin section of a specimen. Here we see a section through a tracheal cell, revealing its ultrastructure. In preparing the TEM, some cilia were cut along their lengths, creating longitudinal sections, while other cilia were cut straight across, creating cross sections.



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CELL FRACTIONATION

- TAKES CELLS APART AND SEPARATES THE MAJOR ORGANELLES FROM ONE ANOTHER
- CENTRIFUGES USED TO FRACTIONATE CELLS INTO THEIR COMPONENTS PARTS
- ENABLES SCIENTISTS TO DETERMINE THE FUNCTIONS OF ORGANELLES (BIOCHEMISTRY AND CYTOLOGY HELP CORRELATE CELL FUNCTION WITH STRUCTURE)

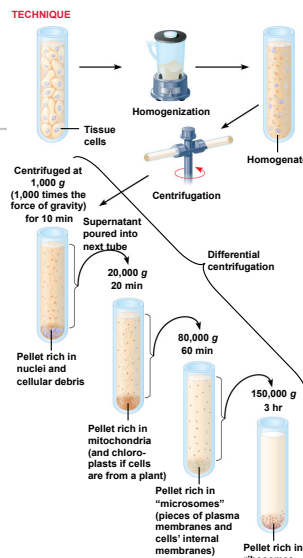


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CELL TYPES

- PROKARYOTIC (DOMAINS BACTERIA AND ARCHAEA)
- EUKARYOTIC (DOMAIN EUKARYA)
- BOTH ARE:
 - BOUNDED BY A PLASMA MEMBRANE
 - CONTAIN CYTOSOL
 - CONTAIN CHROMOSOMES
 - HAVE RIBOSOMES

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PROKARYOTIC CELLS

- DO NOT CONTAIN A NUCLEUS
- HAVE DNA LOCATED IN A REGION CALLED A NUCLEOID
- NO MEMBRANE-BOUND ORGANELLES

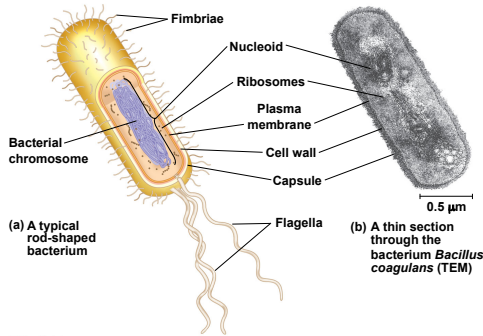


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EUKARYOTIC CELLS

- CONTAIN A TRUE NUCLEUS BOUNDED BY A MEMBRANOUS NUCLEAR ENVELOPE
- MEMBRANE-BOUND ORGANELLES
- GENERALLY BIGGER THAN PROKARYOTIC CELLS
- CELL METABOLISM LIMITS CELL SIZE

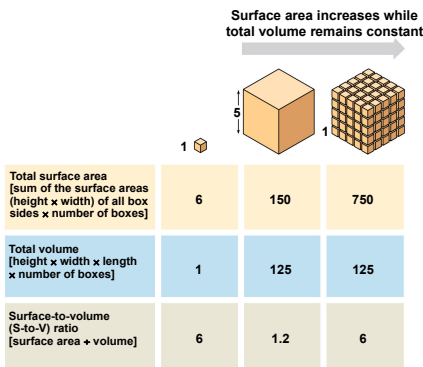


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PLASMA MEMBRANE

- FUNCTIONS AS A SELECTIVE BARRIER THAT ALLOWS SUFFICIENT PASSAGE OF OXYGEN, NUTRIENTS, AND WASTE
- STRUCTURED AS A DOUBLE LAYER OF PHOSPHOLIPIDS

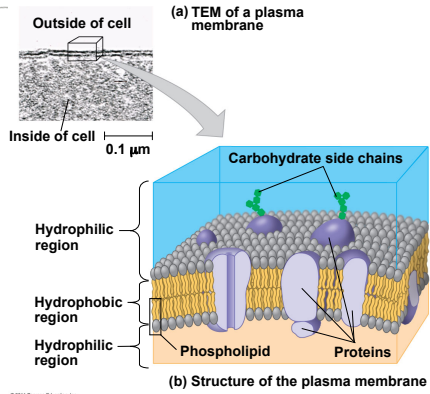


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ANIMAL CELL

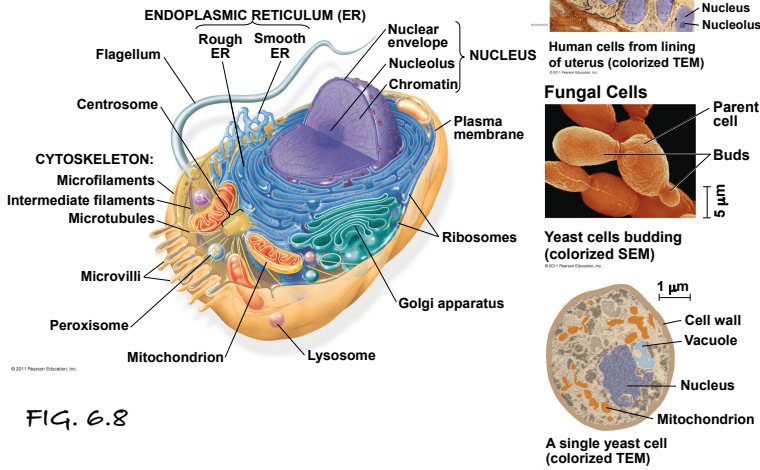


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PLANT CELL

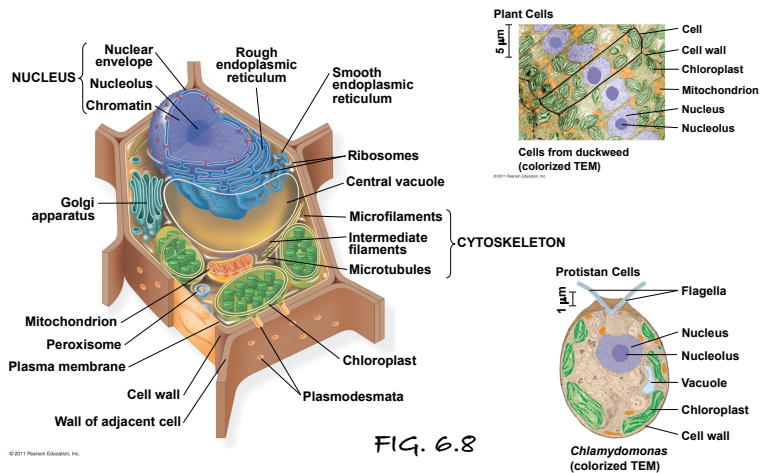


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NUCLEUS

- CELL'S GENETIC INSTRUCTIONS ARE HOUSED IN THE NUCLEUS
- NUCLEAR ENVELOPE - ENCLOSES THE NUCLEUS, SEPARATES ITS CONTENTS FROM THE CYTOPLASM

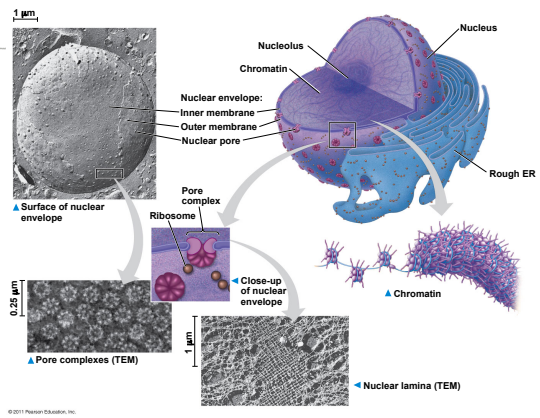


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RIBOSOMES

- MADE UP OF RIBOSOMAL RNA AND PROTEIN
- CARRY OUT PROTEIN SYNTHESIS IN TWO LOCATIONS (CYTOSOL = FREE RIBOSOMES; ER = BOUND RIBOSOMES)
- PROKARYOTES = 70S RIBOSOMES
- EUKARYOTES = 80S RIBOSOMES

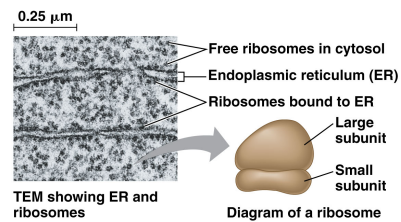


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ENDOMEMBRANE SYSTEM

- REGULATES PROTEIN TRAFFIC AND PERFORMS METABOLIC FUNCTIONS IN THE CELL
- COMPONENTS:
 - NUCLEAR ENVELOPE
 - ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM
 - GOLGI APPARATUS
 - LYSOSOMES
 - VACUOLES
 - PLASMA MEMBRANE

ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM

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- ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN HALF OF THE TOTAL MEMBRANE IN EUKARYOTIC CELLS
- CONTINUOUS WITH THE NUCLEAR ENVELOPE
- SMOOTH ER - LACKS RIBOSOMES
- ROUGH ER - CONTAINS RIBOSOMES

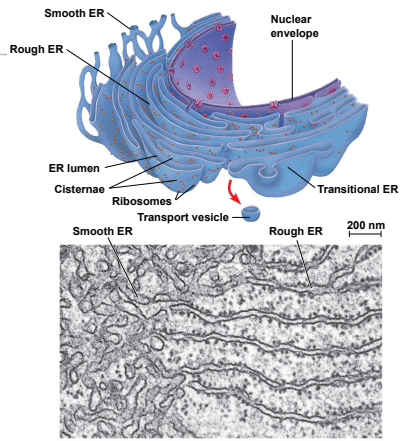


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SMOOTH ER VS. ROUGH ER

- SMOOTH ER
 - SYNTHESIZES LIPIDS
 - METABOLIZES CARBOHYDRATES
 - STORES CALCIUM
 - DETOXIFIES POISON
- ROUGH ER
 - HAS BOUND RIBOSOMES WHICH SECRETE GLYCOPROTEINS
 - PRODUCES PROTEINS AND MEMBRANES WHICH ARE DISTRIBUTED BY TRANSPORT VESICLES

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GOLGI APPARATUS

- RECEIVES MANY OF THE TRANSPORT VESICLES PRODUCED IN THE ROUGH ER
- CONSISTS OF FLATTENED MEMBRANOUS SACS CALLED CISTERNAE
- MODIFIES THE PRODUCTS OF THE ROUGH ER
- MANUFACTURES CERTAIN MACROMOLECULES
- SORTS AND PACKAGES MATERIALS INTO TRANSPORT VESICLES

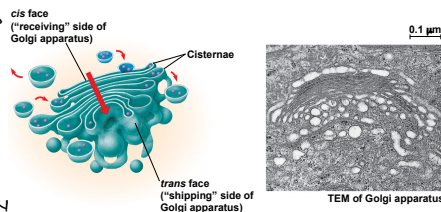


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LYSOSOME

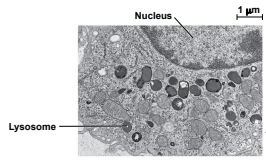
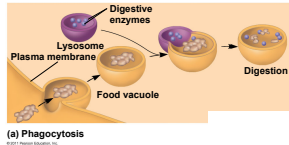
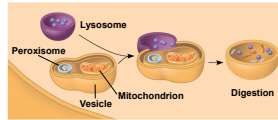
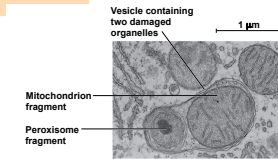


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- MEMBRANOUS SAC OF HYDROLYTIC ENZYMES
- CAN DIGEST ALL KINDS OF MACROMOLECULES
- CARRY OUT INTRACELLULAR DIGESTION THROUGH PHAGOCYTOSIS



(a) Phagocytosis



(b) Autophagy

VACUOLES

- PLANT OR FUNGAL CELLS MAY HAVE ONE OR SEVERAL VACUOLES
- FOOD VACUOLES - FORMED BY PHAGOCYTOSIS
- CONTRACTILE VACUOLES - PUMP EXCESS WATER OUT OF PROTIST CELLS
- CENTRAL VACUOLES - FOUND IN PLANT CELLS AND HOLD RESERVES OF IMPORTANT ORGANIC COMPOUNDS AND WATER

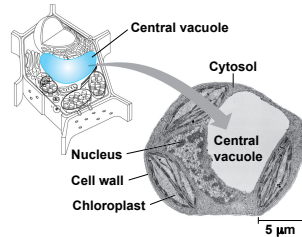


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ENDOMEMBRANE SYSTEM REVIEW

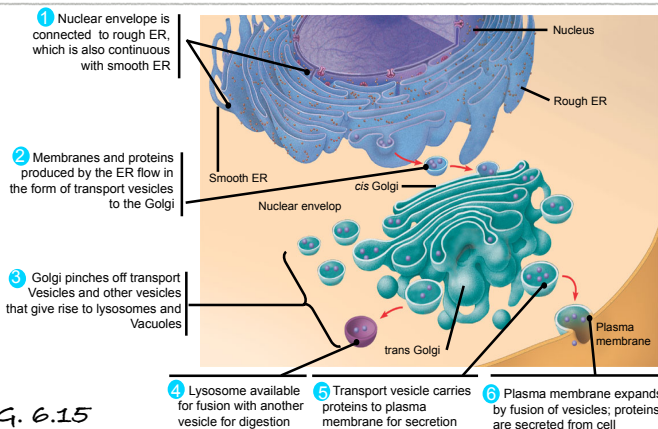


FIG. 6.15

MITOCHONDRIA AND CHLOROPLASTS

- CHANGE ENERGY FROM ONE FORM TO ANOTHER
- MITOCHONDRIA - SITES OF CELLULAR RESPIRATION
 - FOUND IN NEARLY ALL EUKARYOTIC CELLS
- CHLOROPLASTS - THE SITE OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS
 - FOUND ONLY IN PLANT CELLS

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EVOLUTION OF MITOCHONDRIA AND CHLOROPLASTS

- HAVE SIMILARITIES WITH BACTERIA
 - HAVE A DOUBLE MEMBRANE
 - CONTAIN FREE RIBOSOMES AND CIRCULAR DNA
 - GROW AND REPRODUCE INDEPENDENTLY IN CELLS
- ENDOSYMBIONT THEORY
 - EARLY ANCESTOR OF EUKARYOTIC CELLS ENGULFED PROKARYOTIC CELL
 - HOST AND ENDOSYMBIONT MERGED INTO A SINGLE ORGANISM

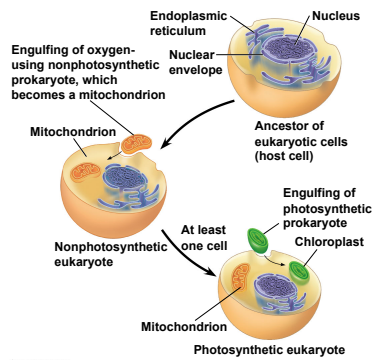


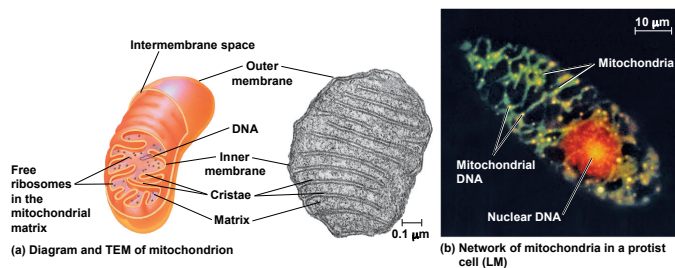
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MITOCHONDRIA

- ENCLOSED BY TWO MEMBRANES
- SMOOTH OUTER MEMBRANE
- INNER MEMBRANE FOLDED INTO CRISTAE

FIG. 6.17



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CHLOROPLAST

- CAPTURE LIGHT AND ENERGY
- SPECIALIZED MEMBER OF A FAMILY OF CLOSELY RELATED PLANT ORGANELLES CALLED PLASTIDS
- CONTAINS CHLOROPHYLL
- FOUND IN LEAVES AND OTHER GREEN ORGANS OF PLANTS AND IN ALGAE
- STRUCTURE INCLUDES THYLAKOIDS (MEMBRANOUS SACS) AND STROMA (INTERNAL FLUID)

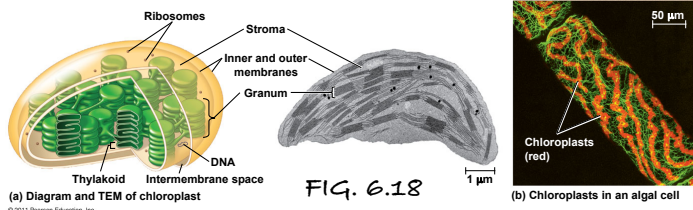


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PEROXISOMES

- PRODUCE HYDROGEN PEROXIDE AND CONVERT IT TO WATER

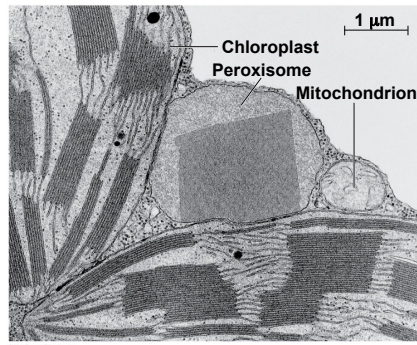


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CYTOSKELETON

- NETWORK OF FIBERS THAT ORGANIZES STRUCTURES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CELL
- EXTENDS THROUGHOUT THE CYTOPLASM
- GIVES MECHANICAL SUPPORT TO THE CELL
- INVOLVED IN CELL MOTILITY (USING MOTOR PROTEINS)

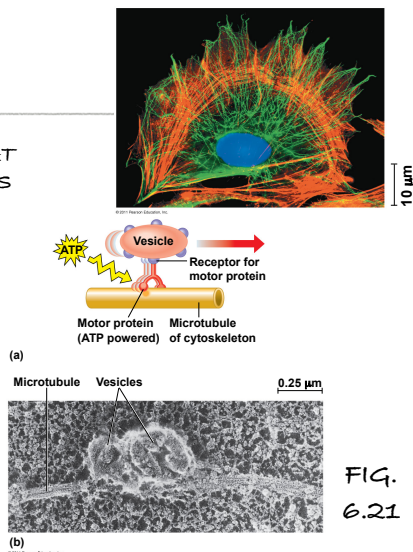
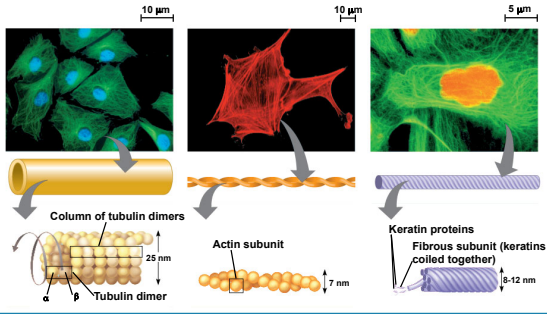


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Table 6.1 The Structure and Function of the Cytoskeleton

Property	Microtubules (Tubulin Polymers)	Microfilaments (Actin Filaments)	Intermediate Filaments
Structure	Hollow tubes; wall consists of 13 columns of tubulin molecules	Two intertwined strands of actin, each a polymer of actin subunits	Fibrous proteins supercoiled into thicker cables
Diameter	25 nm with 15-nm lumen	7 nm	8–12 nm
Protein subunits	Tubulin, a dimer consisting of α -tubulin and β -tubulin	Actin	One of several different proteins (such as keratins), depending on cell type
Main functions	Maintenance of cell shape (compression-resisting "girders") Cell motility (as in cilia or flagella) Chromosome movements in cell division Organelle movements	Maintenance of cell shape (tension-bearing elements) Changes in cell shape Muscle contraction Cytoplasmic streaming Cell motility (as in pseudopodia) Cell division (cleavage furrow formation)	Maintenance of cell shape (tension-bearing elements) Anchorage of nucleus and certain other organelles Formation of nuclear lamina

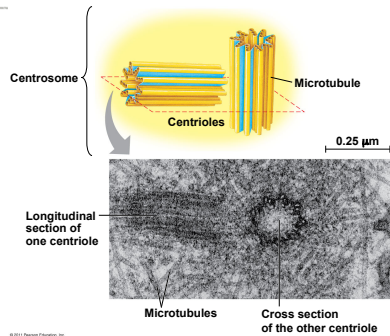


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MICROTUBULES

- SHAPE THE CELL
- GUIDE MOVEMENT OF ORGANELLES
- HELP SEPARATE THE CHROMOSOME COPIES IN DIVIDING CELLS
- CAN GROW OUT OF CENTROSOMES



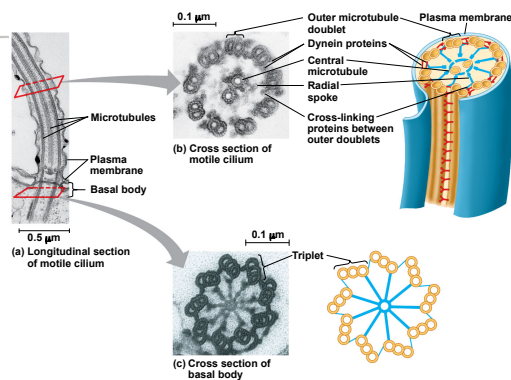
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FIG. 6.22

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CILIA AND FLAGELLA

- CONTAIN SPECIALIZED ARRANGEMENTS OF MICROTUBULES
- LOCOMOTOR APPENDAGES OF SOME CELLS
- SHARE SOME COMMON STRUCTURES



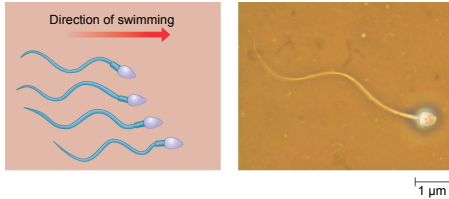
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CILIA AND FLAGELLA

(a) **Motion of flagella.** A flagellum usually undulates, its snakelike motion driving a cell in the same direction as the axis of the flagellum. Propulsion of a human sperm cell is an example of flagellate locomotion (LM).



(b) **Motion of cilia.** Cilia have a back-and-forth motion that moves the cell in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the cilium. A dense nap of cilia, beating at a rate of about 40 to 60 strokes a second, covers this *Colpidium*, a freshwater protozoan (SEM).

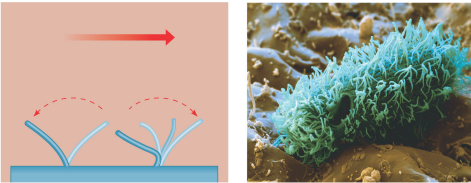


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MOVEMENT

- DYNEIN - PROTEIN RESPONSIBLE FOR BENDING MOVEMENT OF CILIA AND FLAGELLA

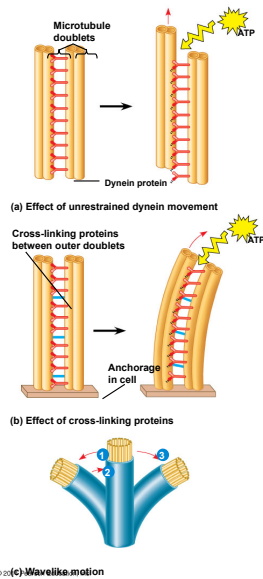


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MICROFILAMENTS

- BUILT FROM MOLECULES OF THE PROTEIN ACTIN
- FOUND IN MICROVILLI
- WHEN FUNCTIONING IN CELLULAR MOTILITY IT MUST ALSO CONTAIN THE PROTEIN MYOSIN

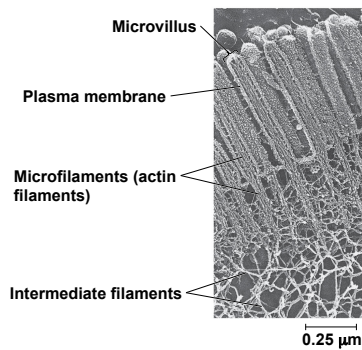
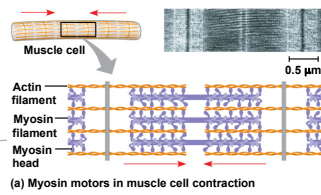


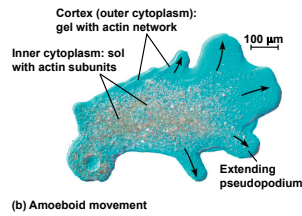
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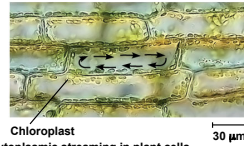
MOVEMENT



(a) Myosin motors in muscle cell contraction



(b) Amoeboid movement



(c) Cytoplasmic streaming in plant cells

FIG. 6.27

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INTERMEDIATE FILAMENTS

- SUPPORT CELL SHAPE
- FIX ORGANELLES IN PLACE

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CELL WALL

- EXTRACELLULAR STRUCTURE FOUND IN PLANTS
- MADE OF CELLULOSE FIBERS EMBEDDED IN OTHER POLYSACCHARIDES AND PROTEINS
- HAVE MULTIPLE LAYERS

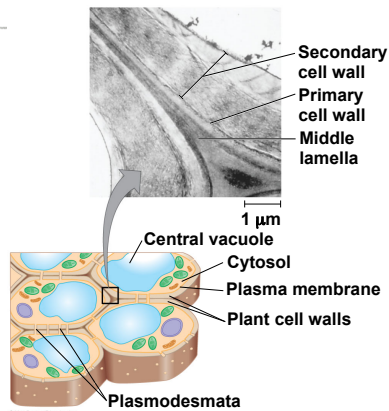


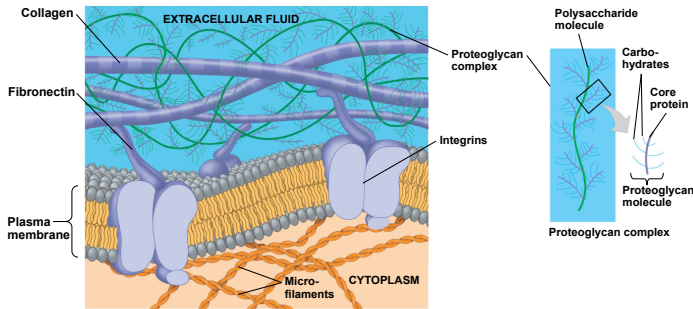
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EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX

- ANIMAL CELLS LACK CELL WALLS SO ECM IS MADE UP OF GLYCOPROTEINS AND OTHER MACROMOLECULES
- FUNCTIONS OF THE ECM: SUPPORT, ADHESION, MOVEMENT, AND REGULATION

FIG. 6.30



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CELLULAR JUNCTIONS: PLASMODESMATA

- FOUND IN PLANTS
- CHANNELS THAT PERFORATE PLANT CELL WALLS

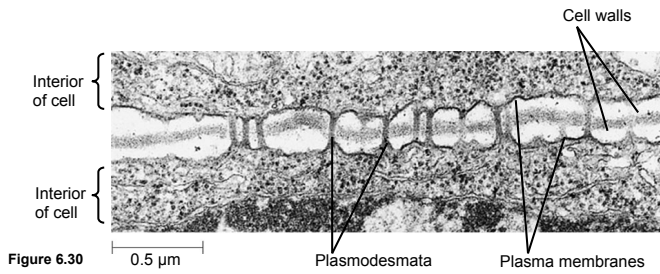


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INTERCELLULAR JUNCTIONS IN ANIMAL CELLS

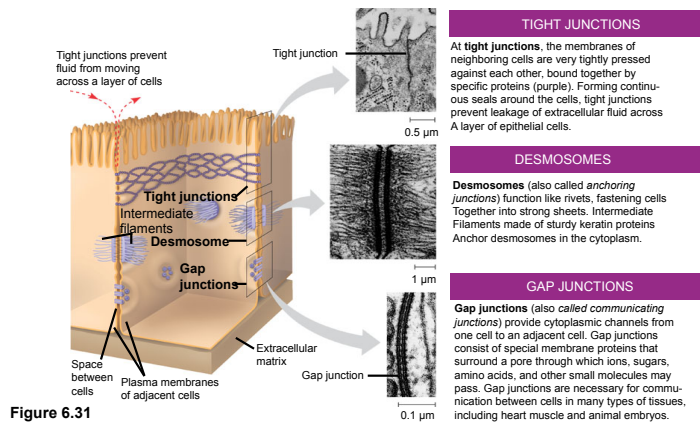


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