

# Cell-cell interaction & communication

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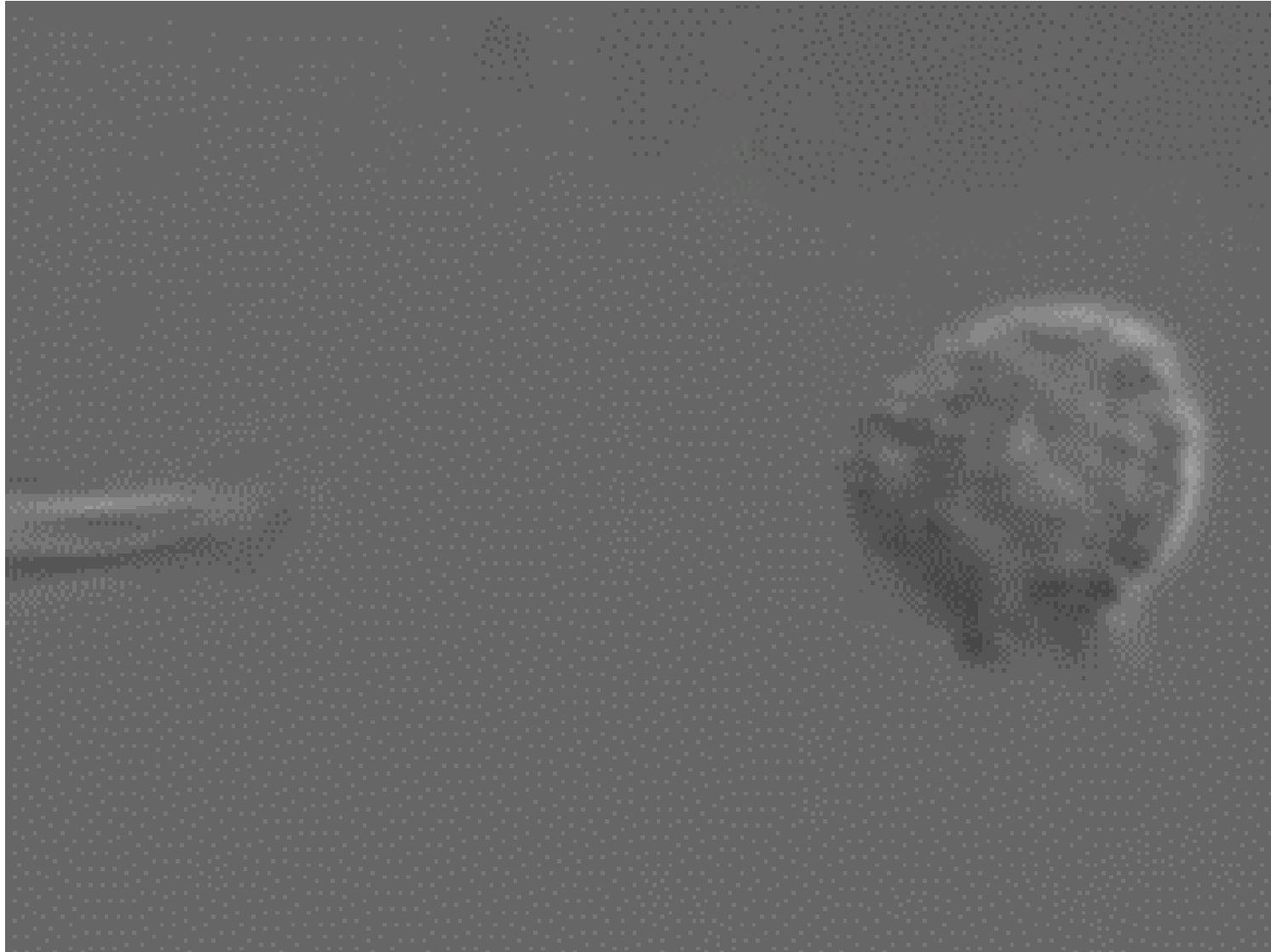
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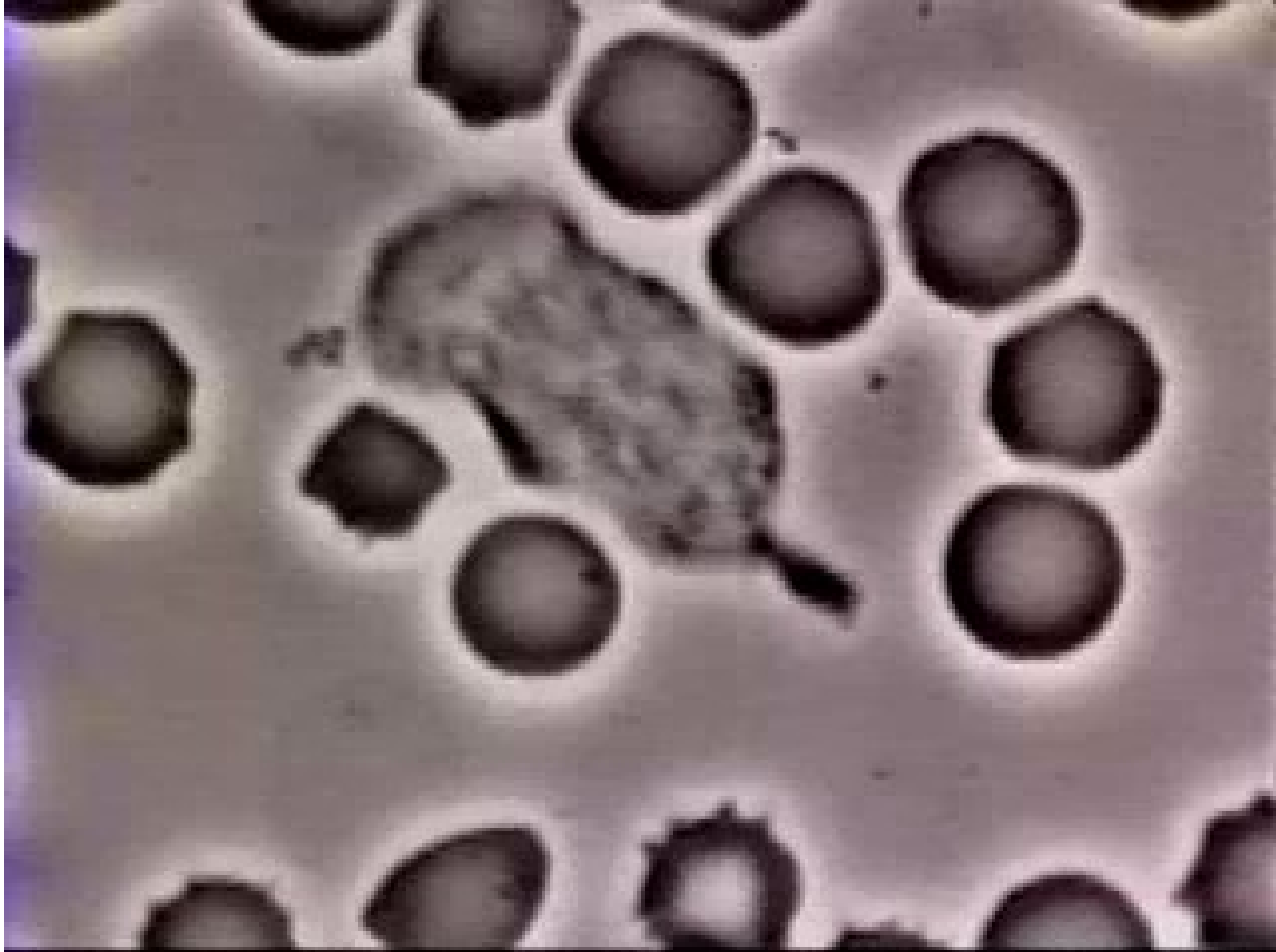
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# White blood cell response to chemotactic substance





Cocci bacteria secrete some signals detected by neutrophil

# Objectives of Learning



Students would be able to **describe and discuss** the following:

1. An importance of cell-cell interaction & communication
2. General principles of cell-cell interaction & communication
3. How do cells interact & communicate to others?
4. Function of adhesion molecules, extra-cellular matrix and cell-cell communication molecules
5. Cells response to the communication & interaction

• Rational

• Principles

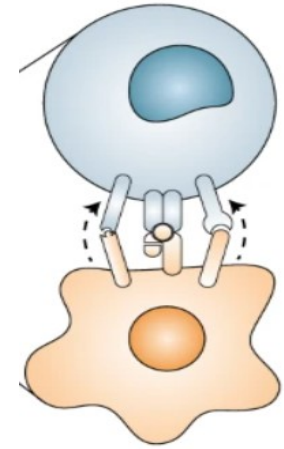
• Methods

• Material

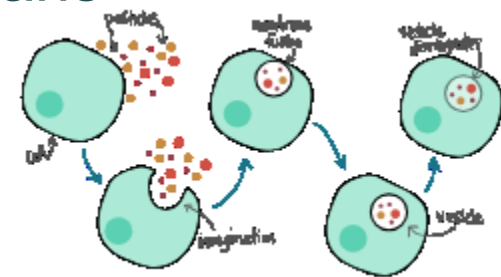
• Result



- Cell-cell interaction:
  - ✓ Cells contact each others or
  - ✓ contact with extracellular matrix (ECM)
  - ✓ in order to form an organ or
  - ✓ facilitate communication.
- Cell-cell communication:
  - ✓ Ways of living cells (of an organism) communicate with one another,
  - ✓ By direct contact between cells or by means of chemical signals
  - ✓ e.g. : neurotransmitter substances, hormones, cytokines, and cyclic AMP.



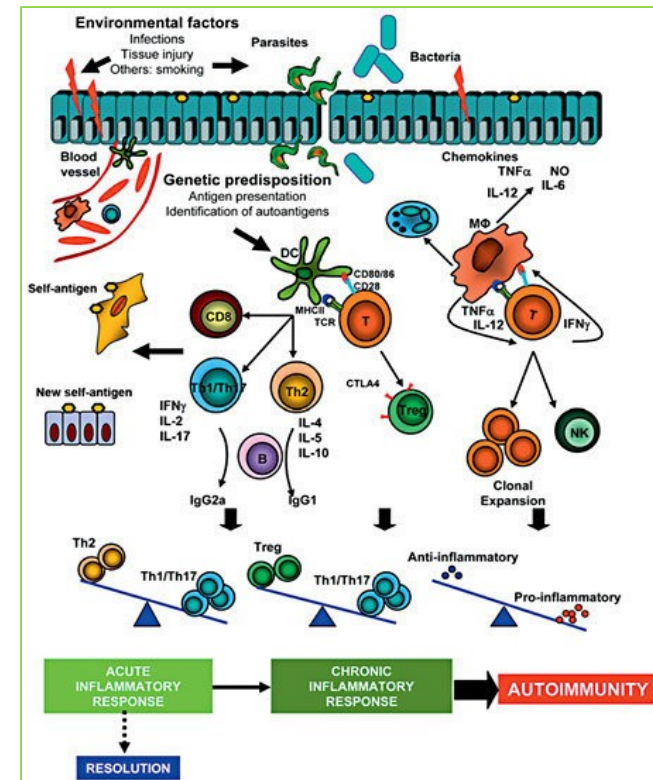
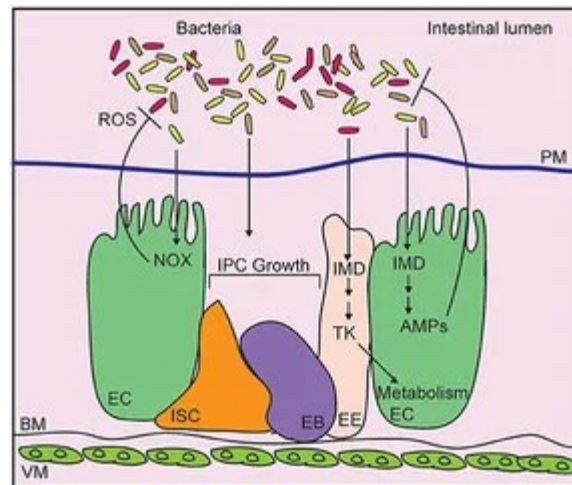
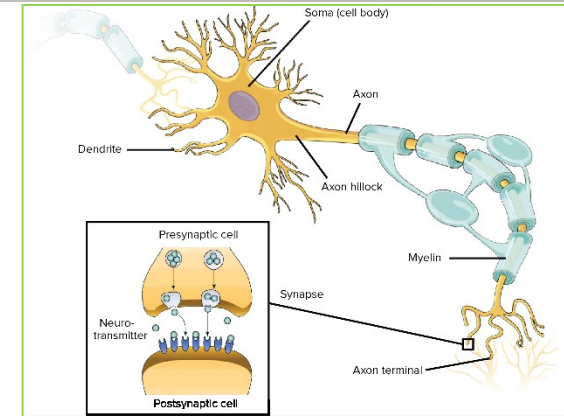
Cell-cell interaction





# Which cells communicate?

- Immune-immune cells
- Neuron-neuron cells
- Hormone glands-target cells/organs
- Neighbor cells in each organ
- Host - microbe cells
- All living cells



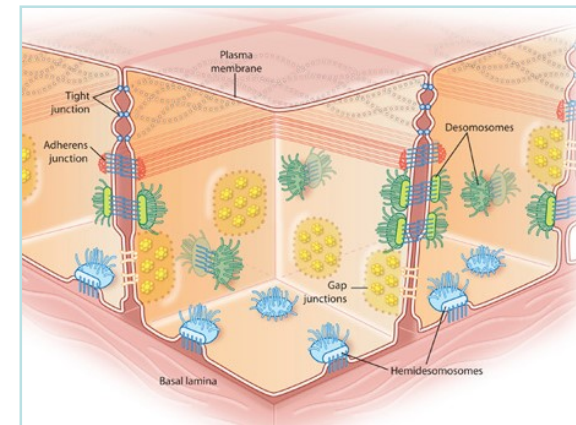
# Why cells have to interact each other?



## 1. To combine cells together

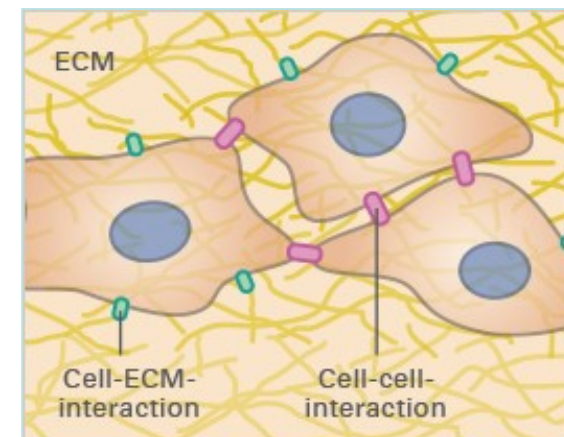
- to form part of organ
- hold cells in its proper place,
- carry out a structural role

## 2. Be able to communicate with its neighbor cells



## 3. To facilitate biological process:

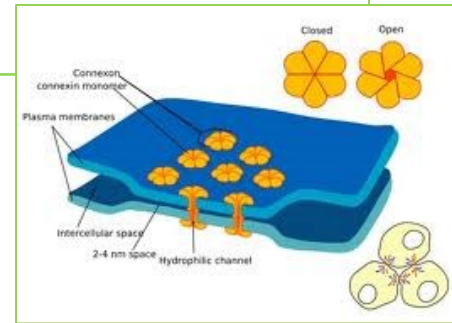
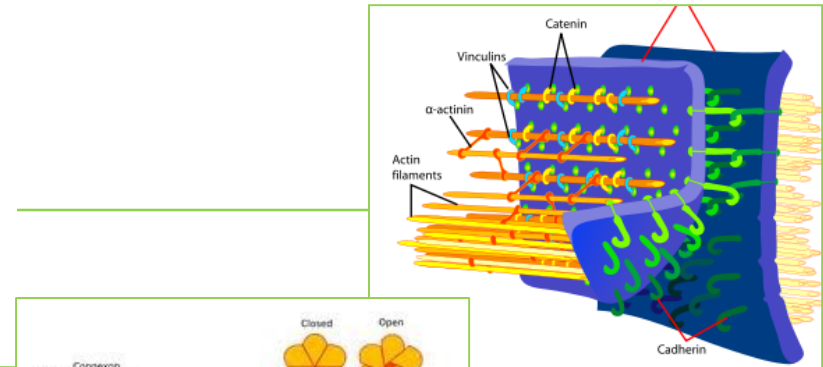
- growth,
- permeability,
- tissue repair,
- embryogenesis,
- differentiation.



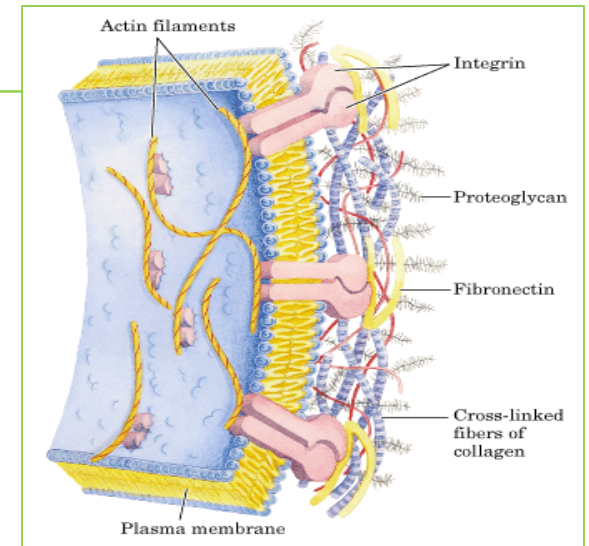
# Principles of cell-cell interaction



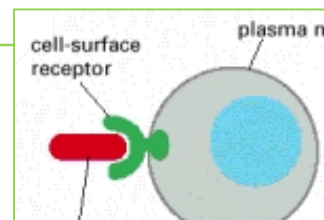
1. Direct contact of cells:
  - a. cell adhesion molecules
  - b. Gap junction: exchange signal molecules



2. Cells-extracellular matrix (ECM) contact



3. Ligand and its specific receptor molecule

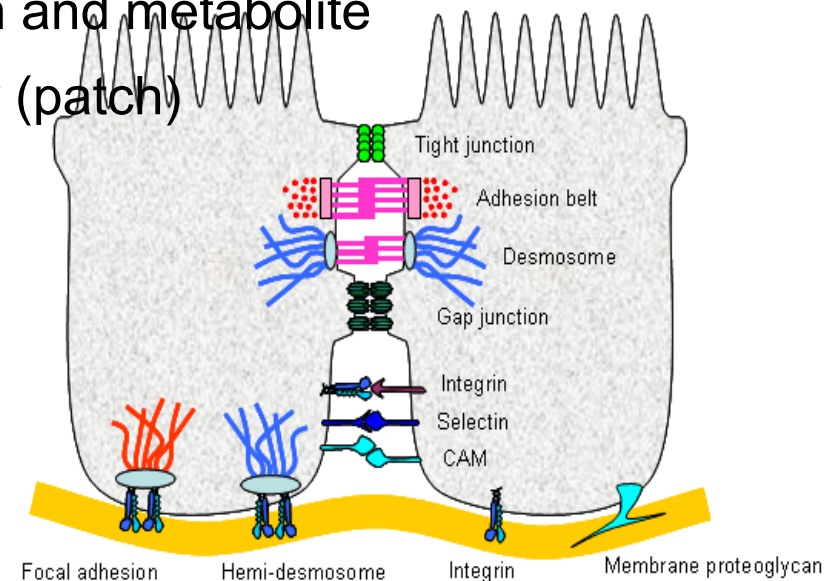




# Cell:Cell Direct Contact



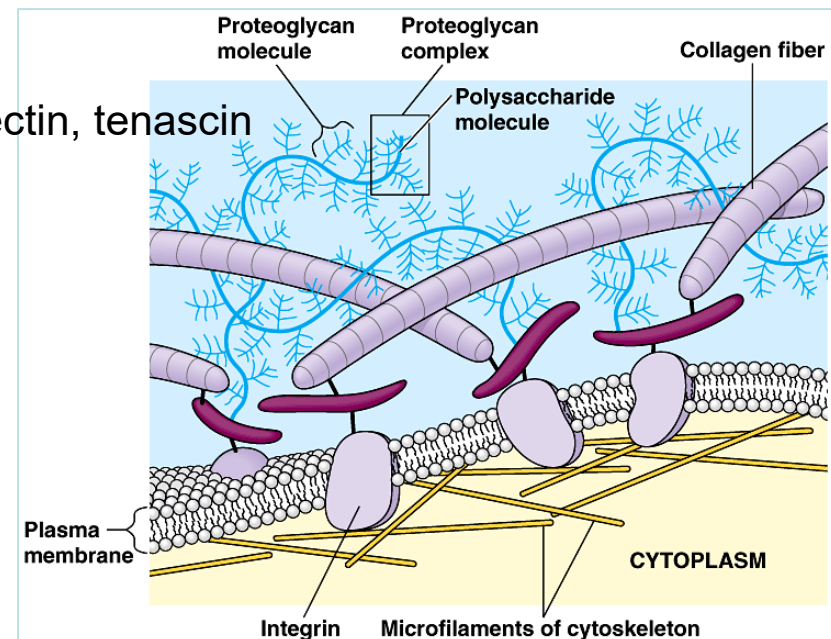
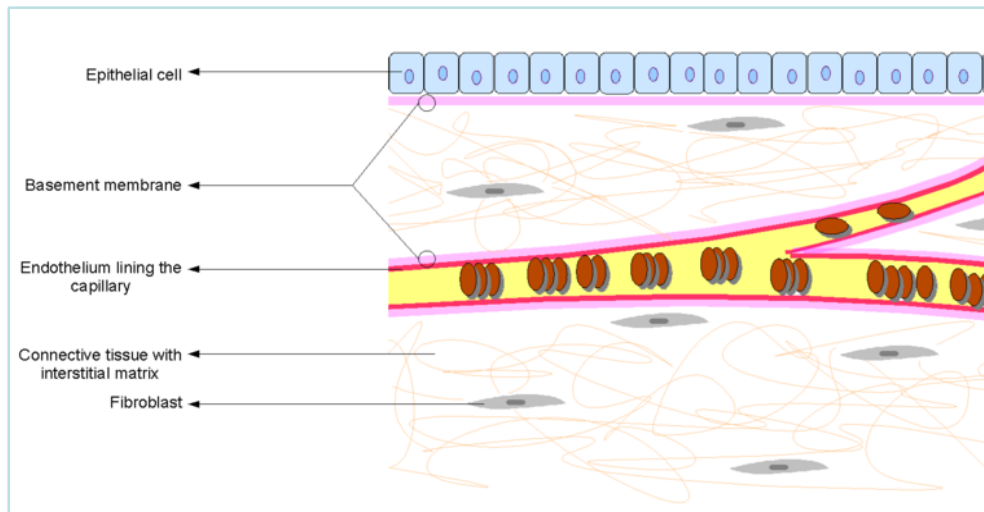
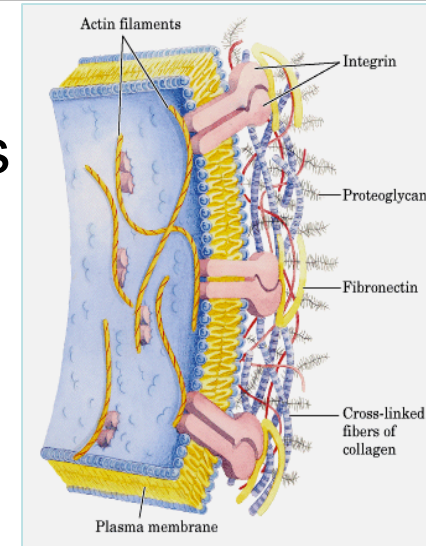
- The contacts are vital in multicellular organisms.
- Facilitate transport and communication
- 4 kinds of cell junction in vertebrate cells.
  1. Tight junctions: hold cell together, barrier
  2. Adherent junction: stability and integrity (belt)
  3. Gap junction: small channels for ion and metabolite
  4. Desmosomes: stability and integrity (patch)
- 5. Integrin
- 6. Selectin
- 7. CAM



# Extracellular matrix (ECM)

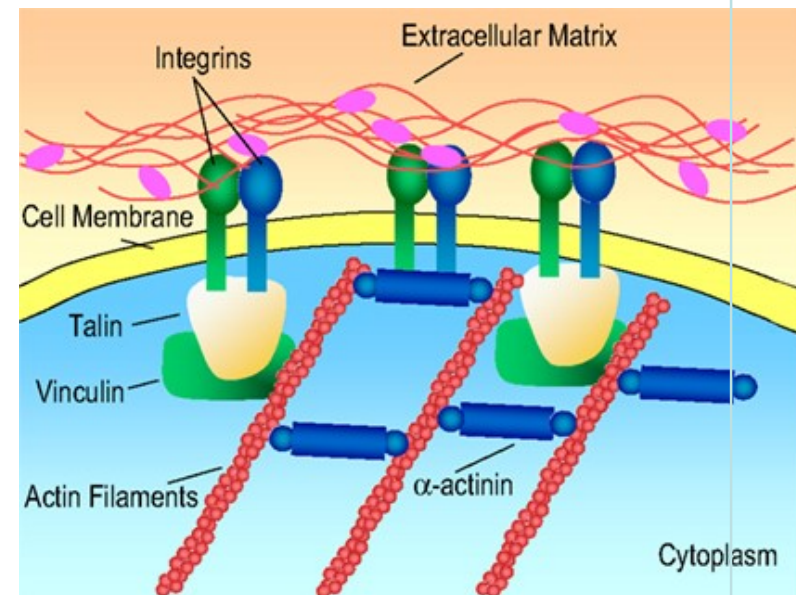
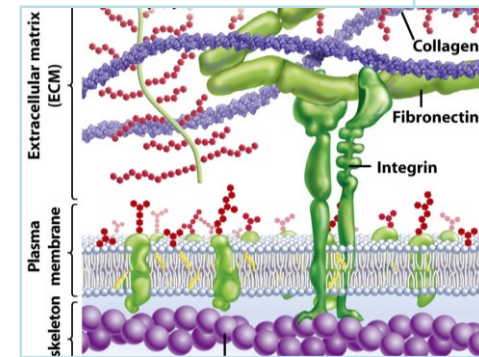


- Extracellular part of animal tissue
- Produced intracellularly, secrete via exocytosis
- Providing support and anchorage for cells
- Segregating tissues from one another
- 3 types
  1. Proteoglycan: polysaccharide gel
  2. Structural proteins: collagen, elastin:
  3. Fibrous adhesive protein: laminin, fibronectin, tenascin



# ★ Cell-ECM Functions

- Regulating intercellular communication
- trap and store (relay) signals
- control cell shape and motility
- Cell use integrins to bind ECM
- Essential for processes like
  - ✓ growth,
  - ✓ wound healing,
  - ✓ Fibrosis
  - ✓ tumor invasion
  - ✓ metastasis





# Principle of cellular communication



## A. Reception

1. Extracellular signal molecules bind to specific receptor
  2. They can act over either short or long distance
  3. Autocrine signaling can coordinate decision
  4. Many types of cell communication molecules
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## B. Transduction

1. signal transduction pathway
  2. Cross talk network
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## C. Response

1. Each cell response to specific combination of signal molecules
2. Different cell can response differently to the same signal molecule
3. The responses can vary from turning on a gene, activating an enzyme, rearranging the cytoskeleton



# A. Reception

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# 1. Extracellular Signal Molecules Bind to Specific Receptors



- Specificity \*\*\*
- Two types of signal molecules

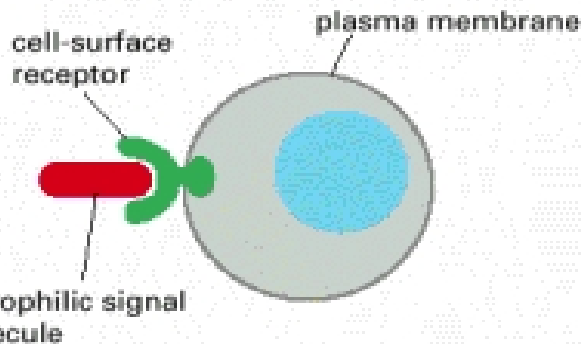
## 1. Hydrophilic signal molecules

- *bind to cell-surface specific receptors*
- turn one or more signals inside the target cell.

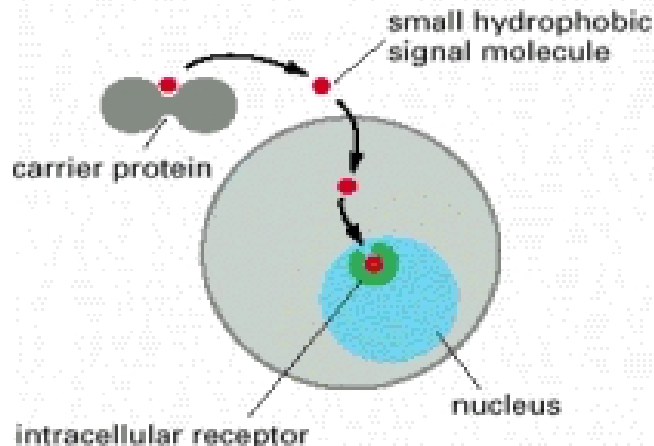
## 2. Hydrophobic signals

- *bind to carrier proteins*
- dissociate, diffuse across membrane
- bind to specific receptors inside the target cell
- either in the cytosol or in the nucleus

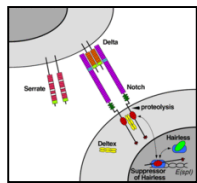
### CELL-SURFACE RECEPTORS



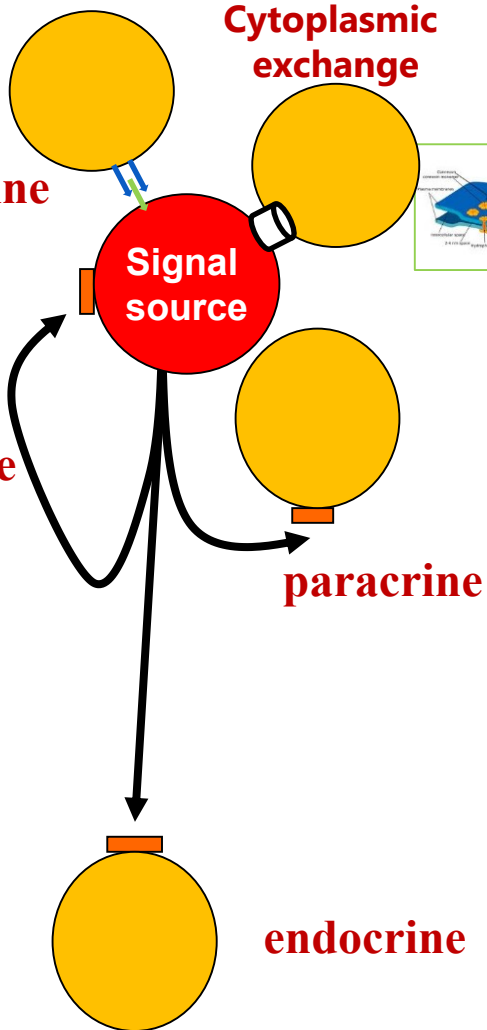
### INTRACELLULAR RECEPTORS



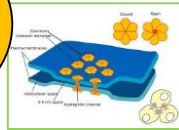
## ★ 2. Extracellular Signal Molecules Act Over Either Short or Long Distances



**juxtacrine**



**Cytoplasmic exchange**



### 1. Cytoplasmic exchange:

- electro-chemical signal
- through gap junction
- e.g. ion, cAMP

### 2. Juxtacrine:

- contact-dependent signaling
- transmission via components of a cell membrane, integrin or ephrin
- e.g. growth factors, Immune cell

### 3. Autocrine:

- regulates on the same cell of signal source
- both short or long distance

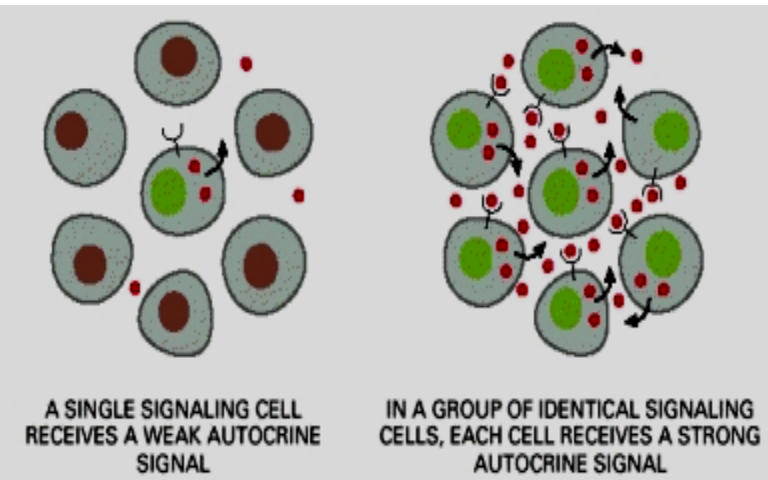
### 4. Paracrine:

- cells in the immediate area (local)
- e.g. *neurotransmitter*

### 5. Endocrine:

- cells in the distance area
- Blood vessel dependent
- e.g. hormone

### ★ 3. Autocrine Signaling Coordinate Decisions by Groups of Identical Cells



- A group of identical cells produces a higher concentration of a secreted signal than does a single cell.
- encourages the cells to respond coordinately as a group.
- quorum sensing
- Pathogenesis of bacterial pathogen, biofilm production, drug resistance

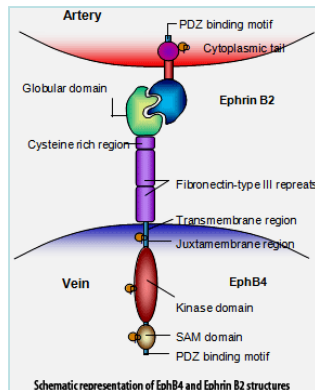
# 4. Cell communication molecules



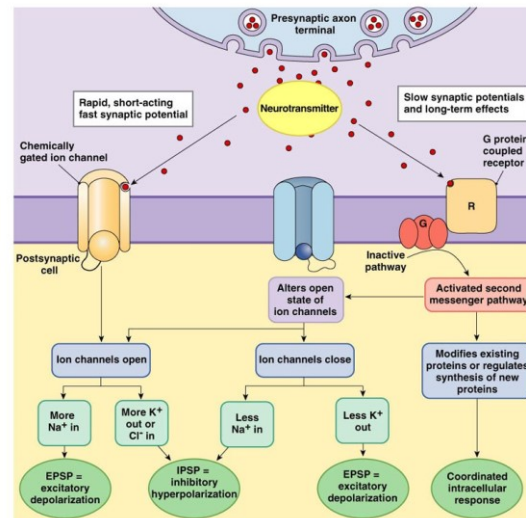
“soluble molecules that transmit biological signals between cells”

## Types of the signaling molecules

1. Cytokines: interferon, interleukin, lymphokine
2. Growth factors
3. Hormones
4. Neurotransmitter
5. Ephrin

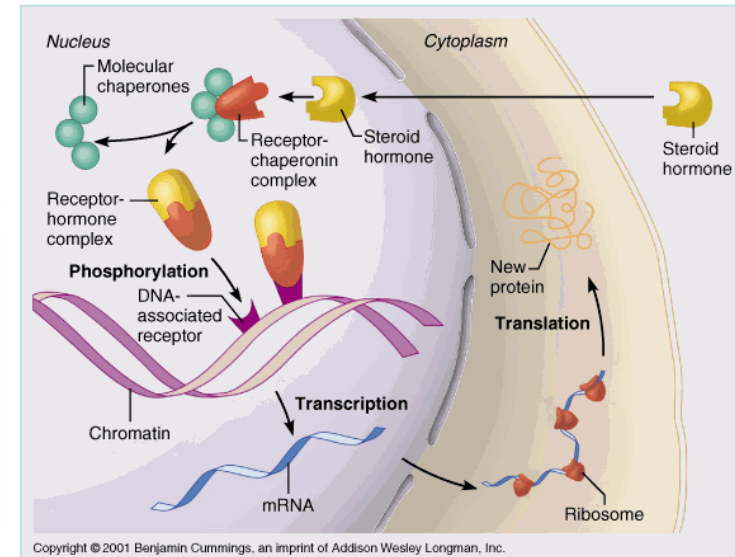
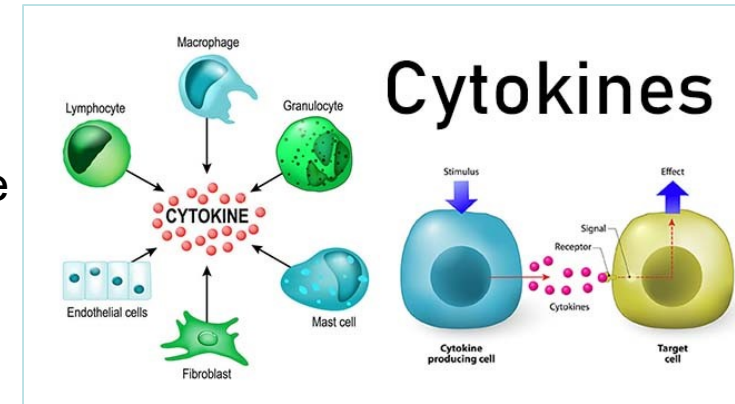


“Juxtacrine”



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“paracrine”



“Endocrine”



# B. Transduction

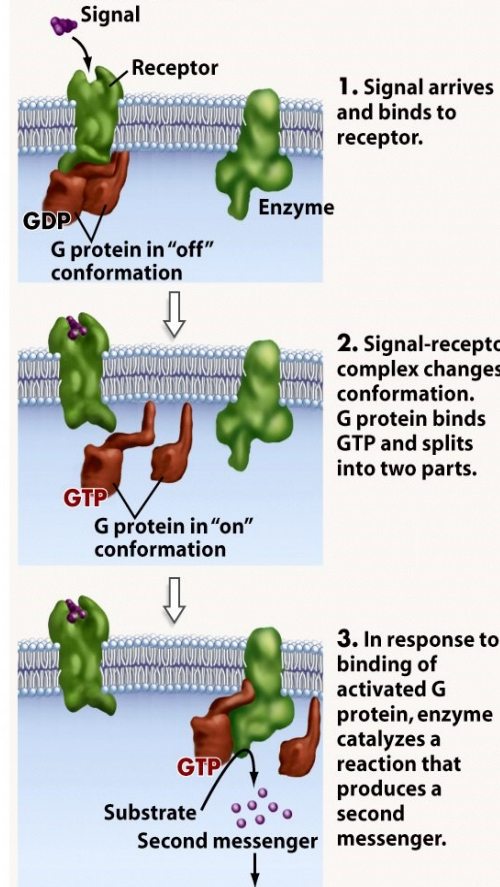
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# 1. Signal transduction pathway

- Cascade transduction
- G protein/ phosphorylation
- Finally reach its target gene/enzyme
- Regulate expression of its target gene/enzyme.

(a) G PROTEINS TRIGGER THE PRODUCTION OF SECOND MESSENGERS.



(b) RECEPTOR TYROSINE KINASE TRIGGERS A SERIES OF PHOSPHORYLATION EVENTS.

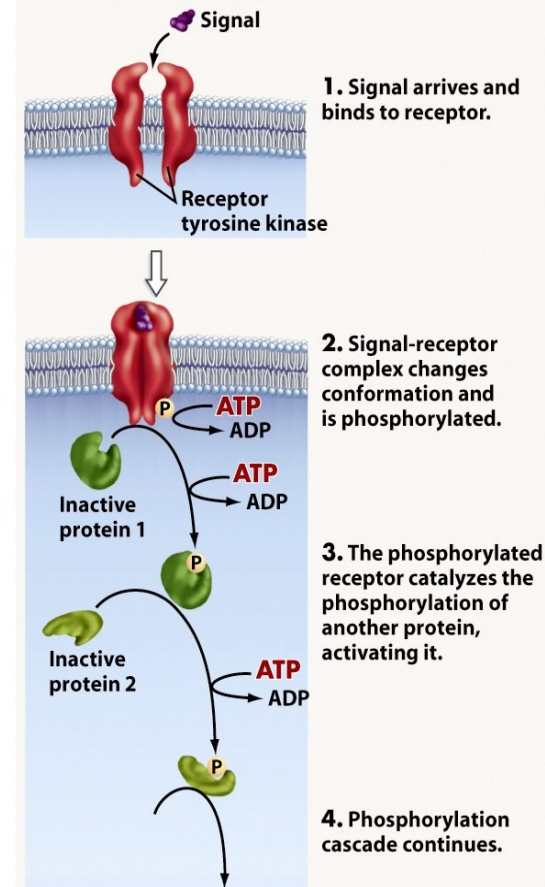


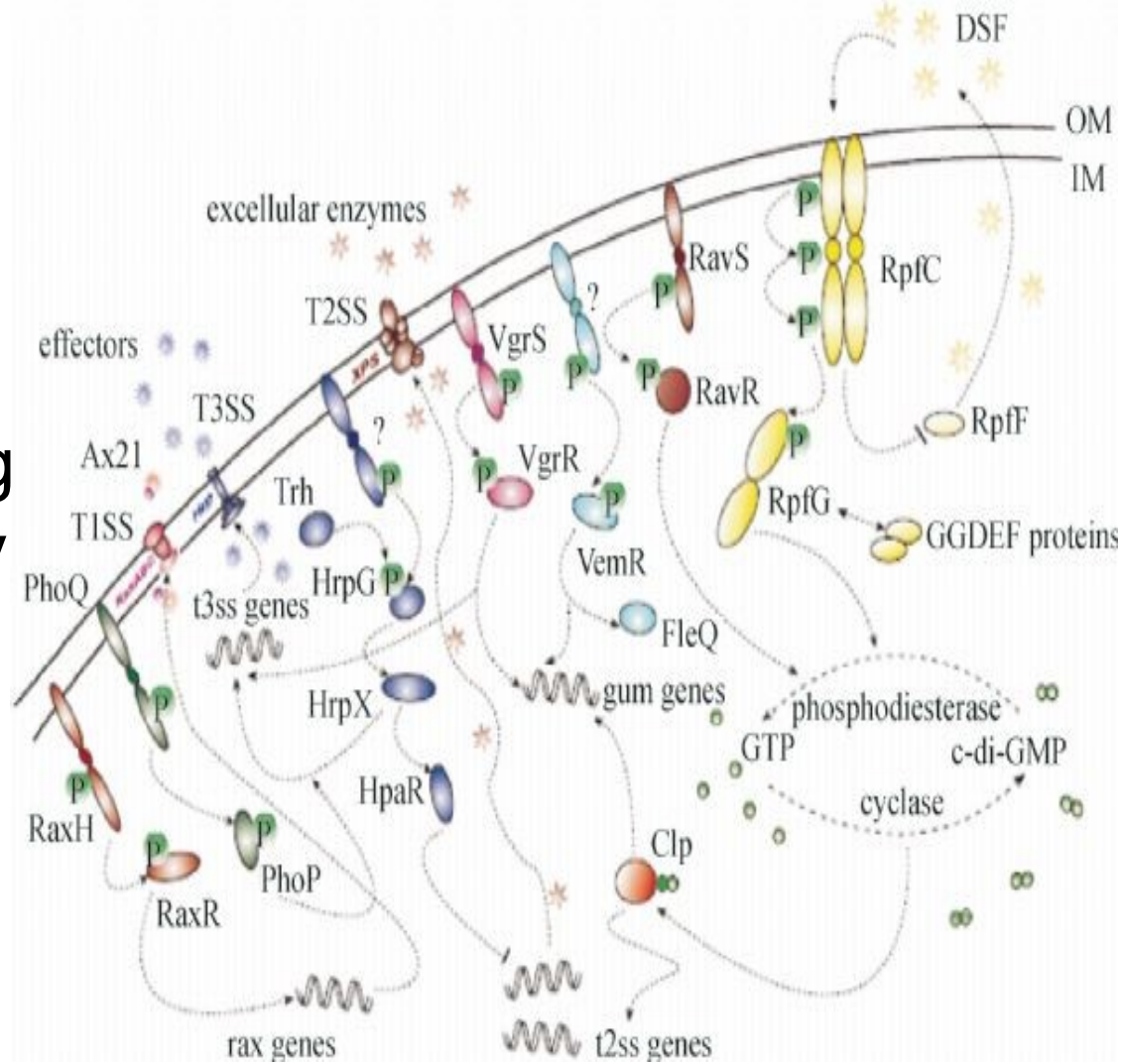
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- Cross signaling between pathway

- To compensate some defect

- To make fine tuning for response properly

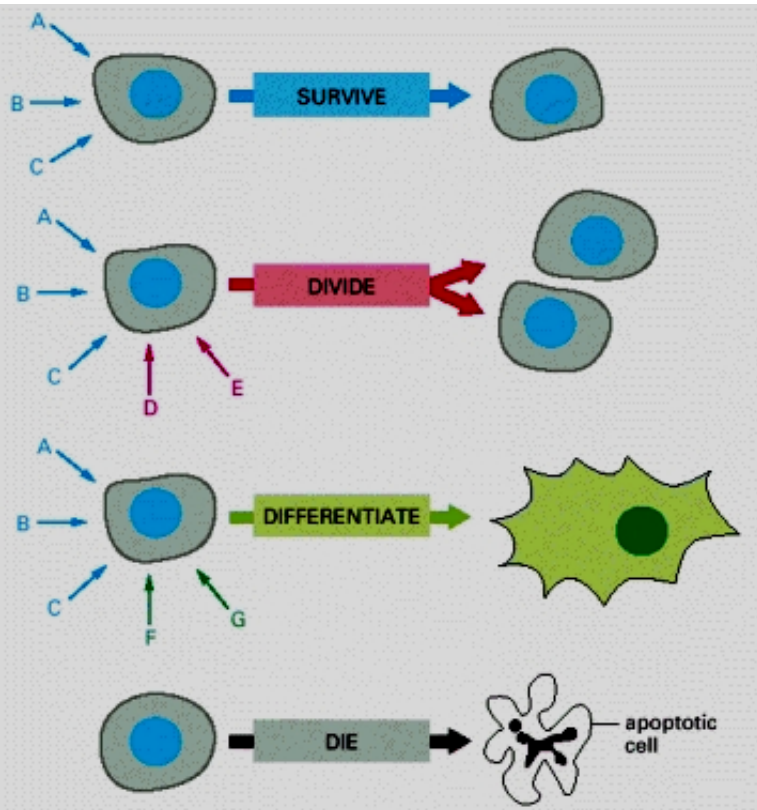




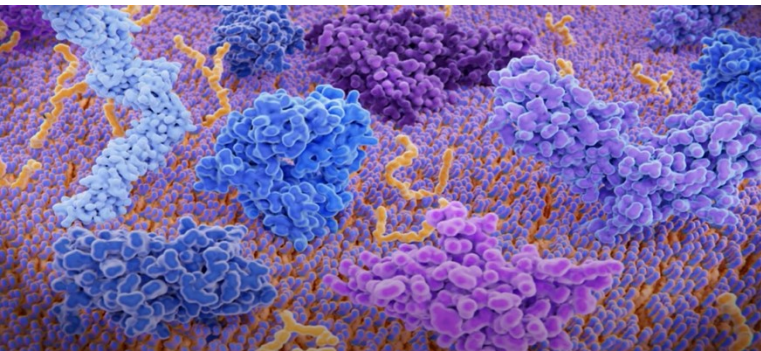
# C. Response

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# ★ 1. Each cell is programmed to response to specific combination of extracellular signal molecules



- cell's dependence on multiple extracellular signals
- Each cell type displays a set of receptors
- respond to a corresponding set of signal molecules.
- These signal molecules work in combinations
- to regulate the behavior of the cell.

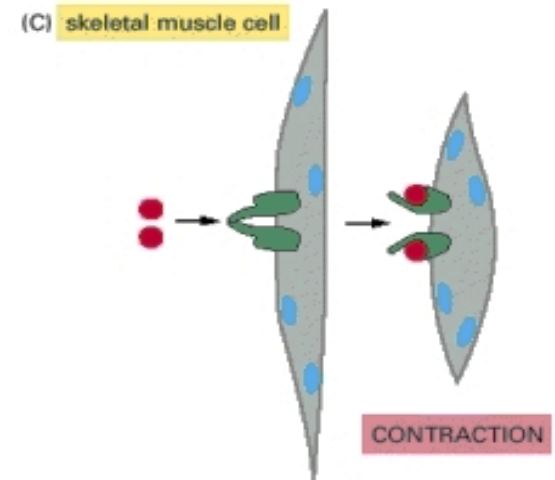
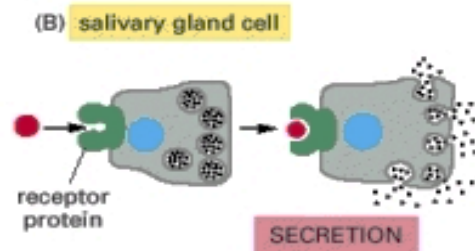
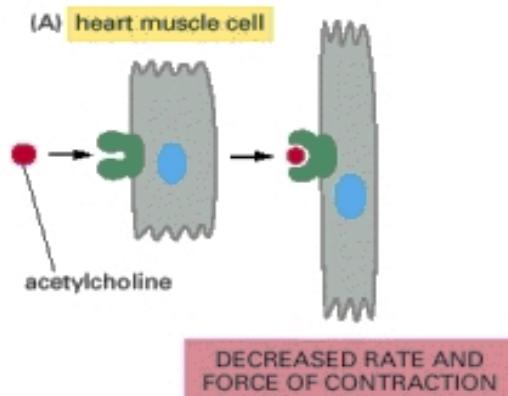




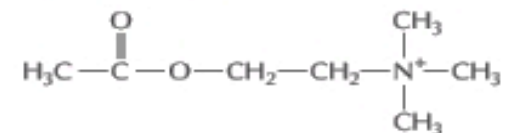
## ★ 2. Different cell can response differently to the same extracellular signal molecule



- Different cell types respond to **acetylcholine** in different ways.
- (A) and (B) similar receptor
- (A) Heart muscle cell: decrease rate & force of contraction,
- (B) Salivary gland cell: secretion
- (C) Muscle cell with distinct type of receptor: Contraction



(D) acetylcholine





### 3. Cells respons to the interaction & communication



Regulate target-gene expression to response in many ways

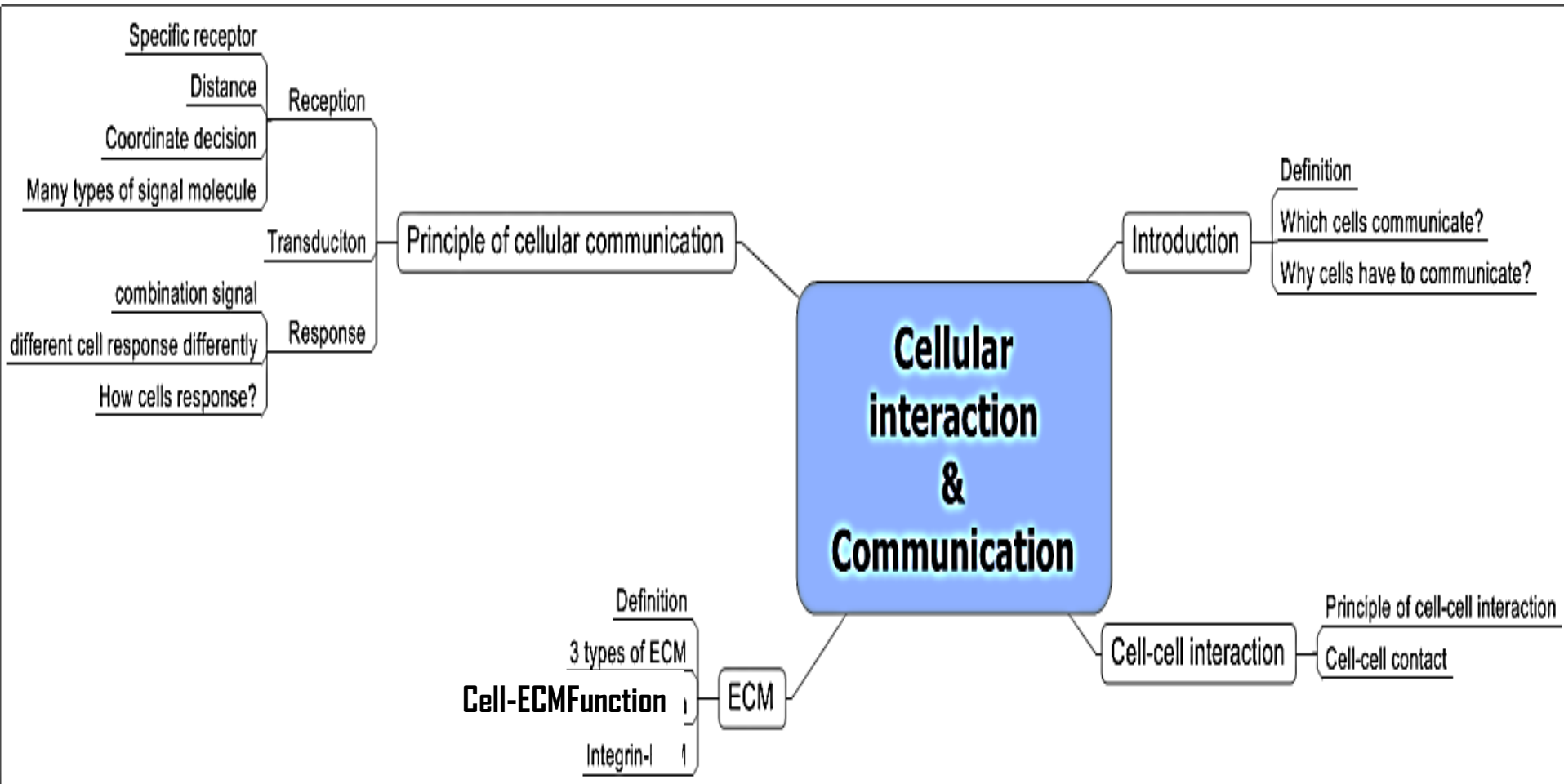
- Signal amplification
  - ✓ autocrine
- Survival of the cells
  - ✓ Differentiation: growth factors
  - ✓ Maintain or change biochemical mechanism
  - ✓ Cell dead: apoptosis
- Changes in cytoskeletal
  - ✓ Conformation change: for movement

# What happen in case of miscommunication



- **Metastasis of Cancer**
  - Metastasis: impaired cell interaction facilitating spread to other organs
- **Type II Diabetes Mellitus**
  - impaired insulin signaling (resistance)
  - Insufficient signaling
  - poor regulation of blood glucose levels
- **Breast Cancer:**
  - Abnormal signaling receptors: HER2
  - lead to uncontrolled cell proliferation.
- **Rheumatoid Arthritis:**
  - abnormal immune signaling
  - inflammation and joint damage
- **Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy:** Involves
  - mutations that affect signaling pathways
  - Affect muscle maintenance and repair

# Mind map for Conclusion



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