# CELL MEMBRANE

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#### DEFINITION

- Biological membranes surround cells and serve to keep the insides separated from the outsides.
- They are formed of phospholipid bilayers, which by definition are a double layer of fatty acid molecules (mostly phospholipids, lipids containing lots of phosphorus).
- Proteins serve very important functions in cellular membranes.

### PHOSPHOLIPID

- Basis of biological membranes and cellular organisms contains a charged, hydrophilic (attracted to water) head and two hydrophobic (repelled by water) hydrocarbon tails.
- In presence of water, phospholipids form bilayer maximize hydrogen bonds between water creates barrier to passage of materials.
- Fluid mosaic model shows horizontal (common) and "flip-flop" (rare) movement of phospholipids

### **The Fluid Mosaic Model**



### **MEMBRANE PROTEINS**

- Transport channels
- Enzymes
- Cell surface receptors
- Cell adhesion proteins
- Attachments to cytoskeleton
- Carrier protein





Cell-cell recognition



Intercellular joining



Signal transduction



Attachtment

#### **OSMOSIS**

- Diffusion of water down concentration gradient
- Hyperosmotic solution: higher concentration of solutes
- Hypoosmotic solution: lower concentration of solutes
- Isoosmotic solution: solute concentrations equal

## Osmosis

- The movement (diffusion) of water through a cell membrane
- Type of <u>passive transport</u> (does not require energy)



#### ENGULFMENT

- Endocytosis: energy requiring
- Phagocytosis: Solid material, typically food
- Pinocytosis: Primarily liquid

#### Endocytosis

