

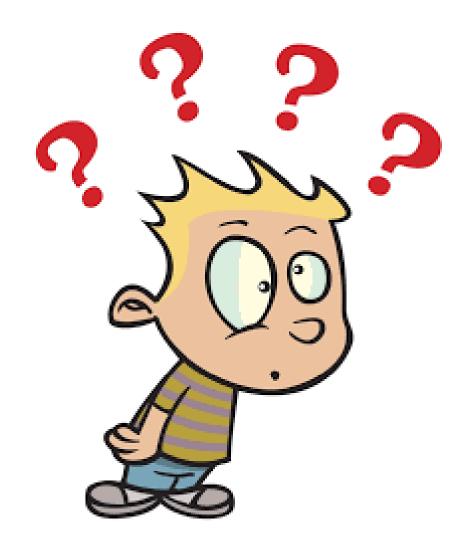


Introductory Module
The cell









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Cytology

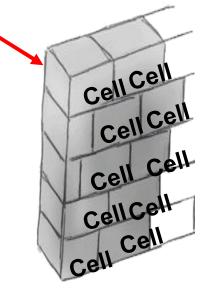


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The cell

Definition:

Smallest Structural and functional unit living tissues that can live independently (perform vital functions)..



Functions:

Secretion, Respiration, Absorption, reproduction, Excretion, Sensation, contraction.

Size:

- varies from 4-150 @m
- Small cells as lymphocyte 6 @m
- Large cells as ovum 150 @m

<u>Shape:</u> Different shapes (Rounded, oval, flat, Stellate, polygonal, Cubical, columnar

Structure of the cell Cytoplasm Nucleus Mitochondrion Flagellum Peroxisome Nuclear Centrioles envelope **NUCLEUS** Chromatin Microfilaments Nucleolus Rough Microtubules endoplasmic reticulum Ribosomes Lysosome Plasma membrane Smooth endoplasmic Golgi apparatus reticulum ©1999 Addison Wesley Longman, Inc.

1- Cytoplasm

Matrix

Organelles

Inclusions

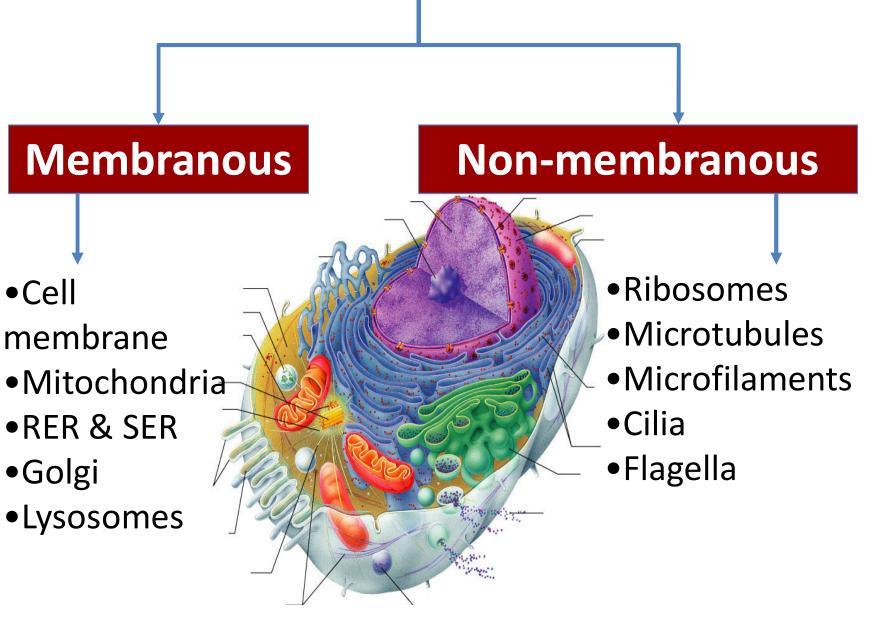
Colloidal solution

- Proteins
- Carbohydrates
- Lipids
- Enzymes
- minerals

- Living structures
- Permanent
- Essential in all nucleated cells
- Have vital functions

- Non living
- Temporary
- Not essential
- Not in all cells
- Result of cell activity

Cytoplasmic organelles



A) Membranous Organelles

1- The Cell membrane

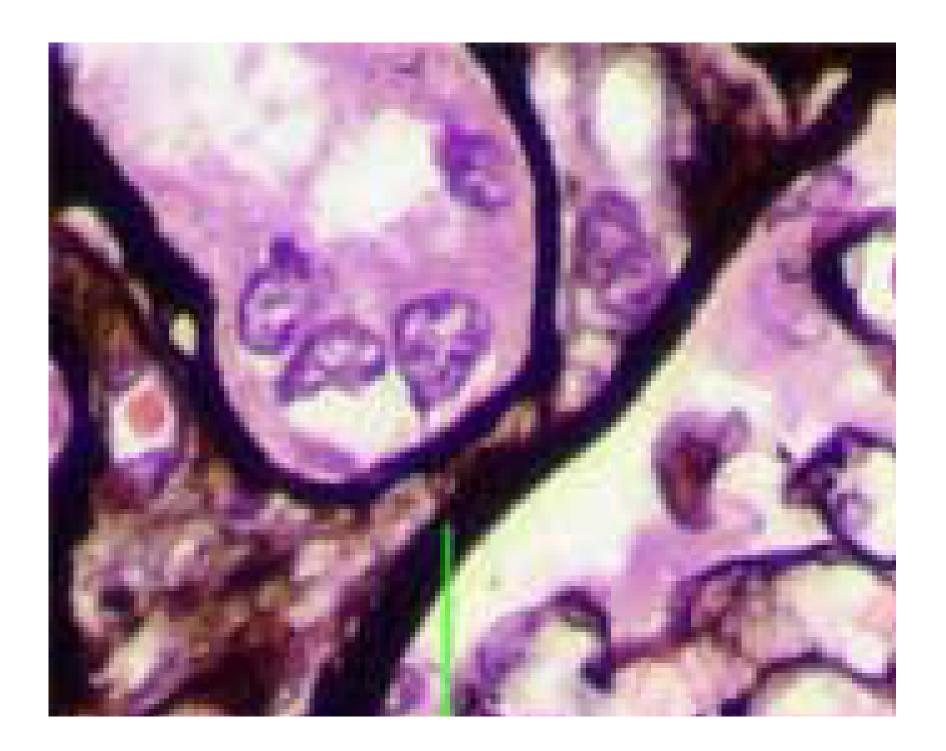
Definition

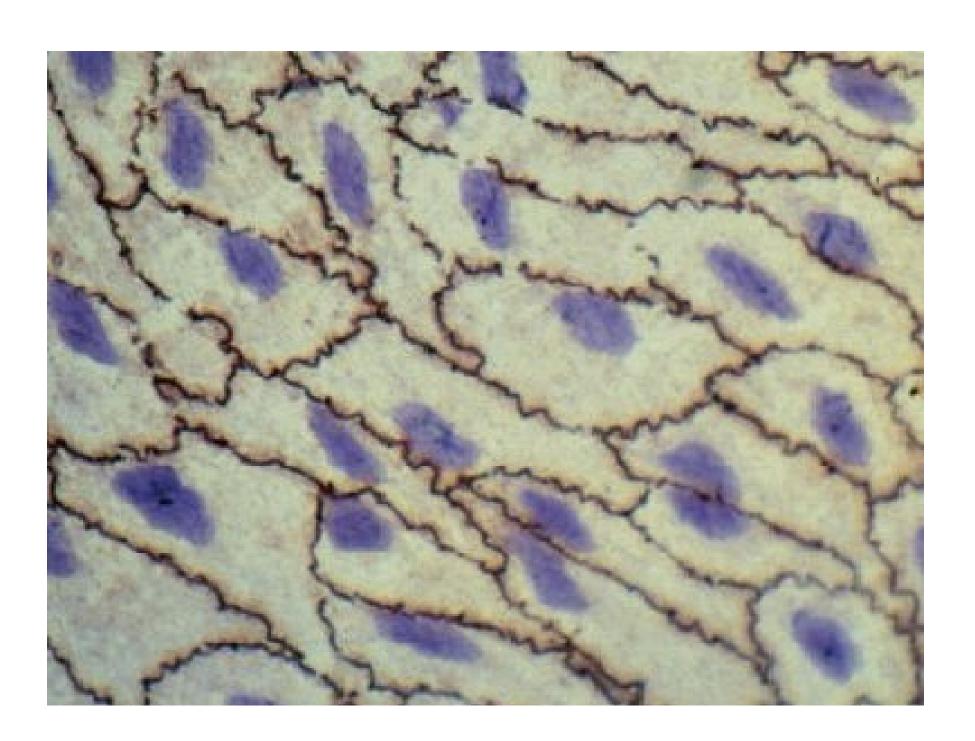
A living membrane forming the outermost cover of the cytoplasm

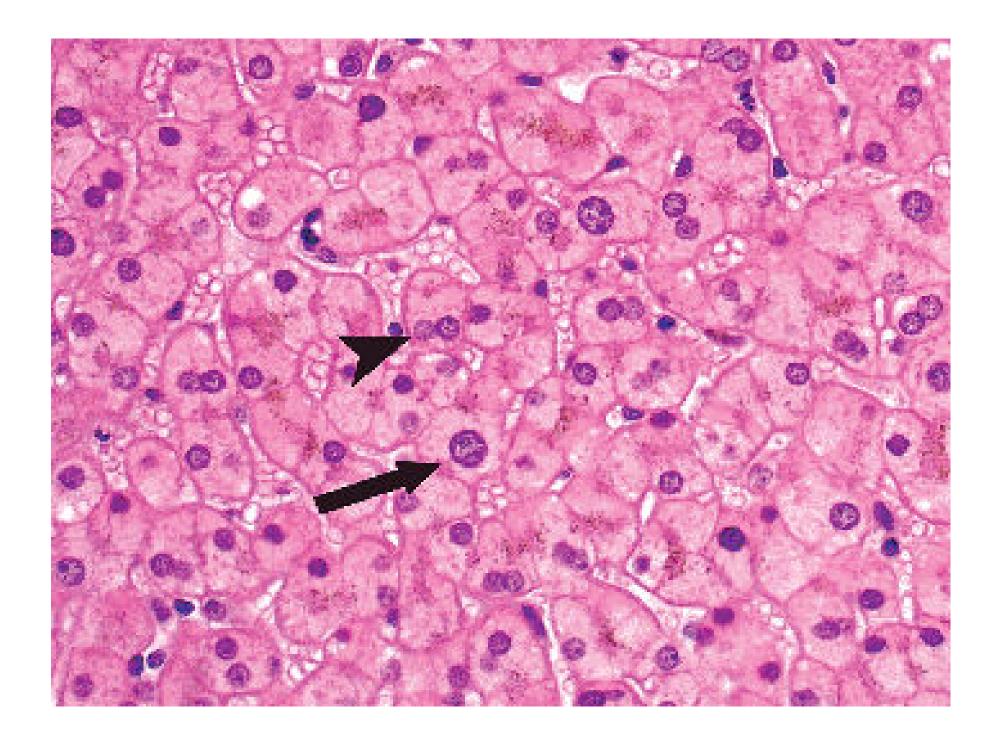
LM:

H & E: Can not be seen because very thin (8-10 nm)

Special stain: Silver or PAS



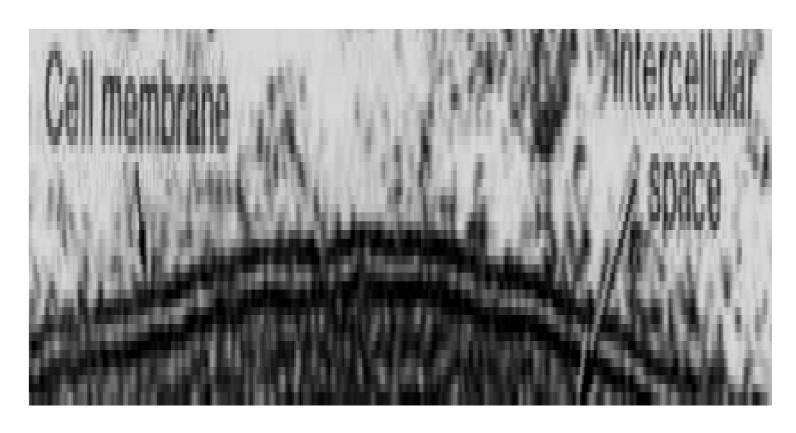




EM:

Two dark lines separated by a light one

= Trilamellar membrane = Unit membrane

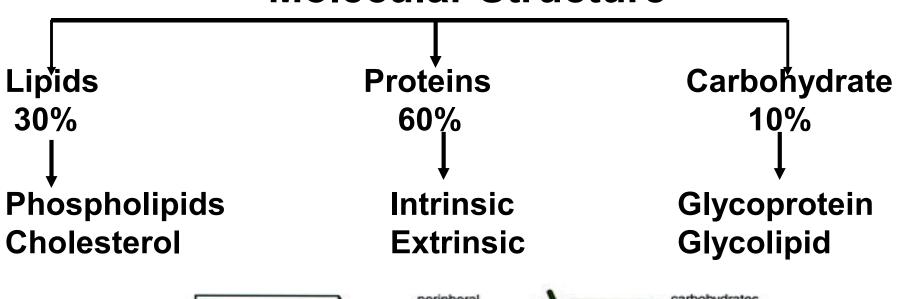


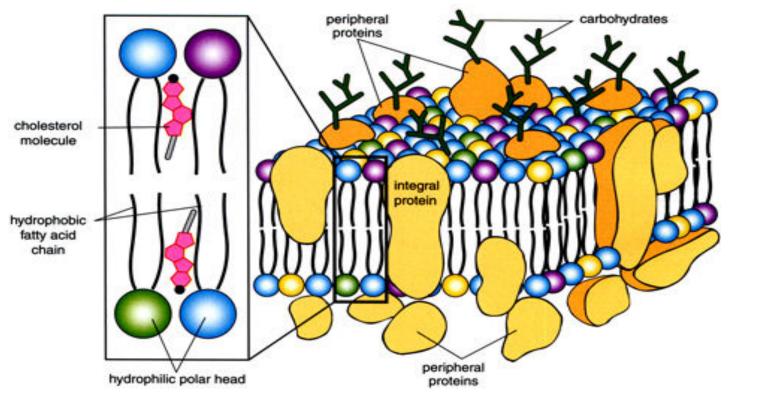
EM picture of cell membrane of 2 adjacent cells



Why is the cell membrane trilamillar?

Molecular Structure





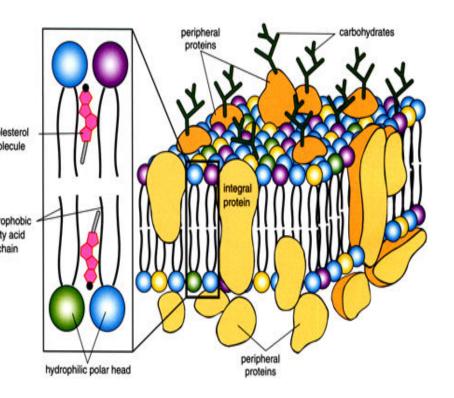
A. Lipids

1. Phospholipid molecules: each molecule has:

Hydydrophilic polar end:
 Phospholipid head

Hydrophilic

Hydrophobic nonpolar ellydrophobic fatty acid chain
 Hydrocarbon fatty acid tail
 Hydrophobic



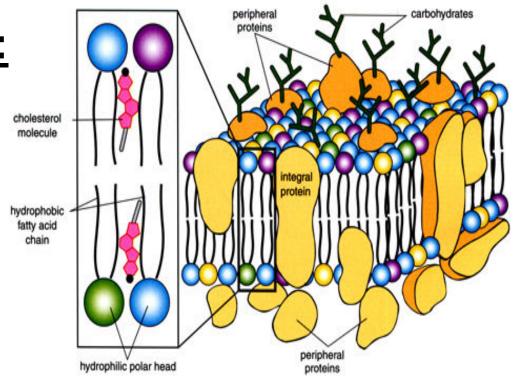
2. Cholesterol molecules:

Incorporated with hydrophobic region of phospholipids

B. Proteins

a) Extrinsic proteins:

Small molecules
Outside the lipid bilayer



b) Intrinsic proteins:

1. Small molecules:

2. Large globules:

Extend through the full thickness (Transmembrane)

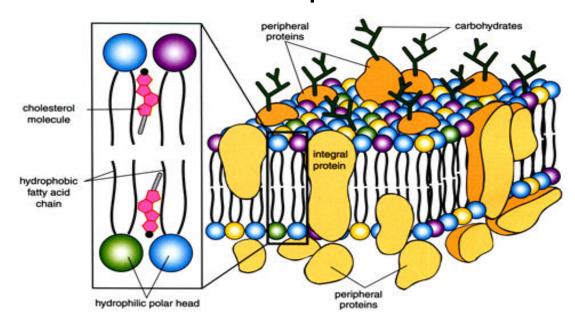
C. Carbohydrate

1. Glycoproteins:

Polysaccharide chains attached to protein molecules

2. Glycolipids:

Polysaccharides linked to lipid molecules.

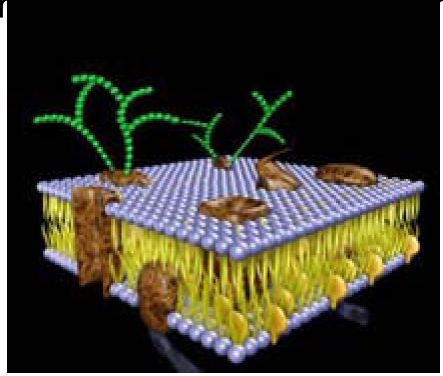


Cell coat (Glycocalyx)

- Glycoproteins and glycolipids
- Present on the external surface of cell membrane
- It includes special molecules (receptors)

Receptors continue for the mones ..etc

into cells



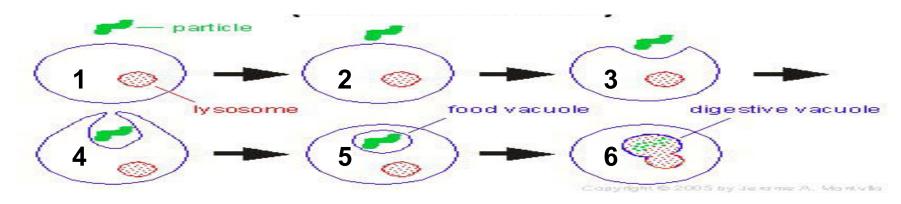
Functions of Cell Membrane:

- 1- Encloses the cell, maintains its shape and Keep its internal composition
- 2- Controls transport of materials between cell and surroundings
- a- Simple (passive)transport:
 - Passive diffusion: molecules cross according to concentration gradient e.g. water and gasses
 - Facilitated diffusion: fat insoluble substances need a carrier
- **b- Active transport:** Molecules pass against concentration gradient so needs energy e.g. Na+/K pump

c- Bulk transport: of large substances

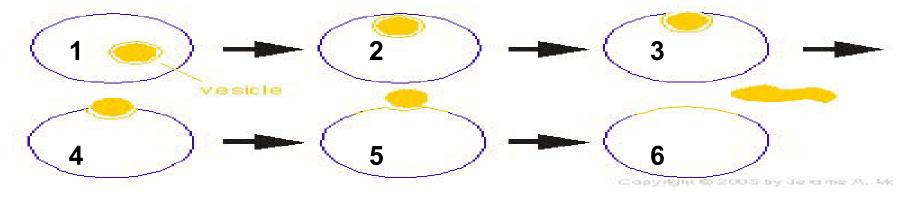
Endocytosis: by which substances enter the cell

- i- Phagocytosis = if the substance is solid
- ii- Pinocytosis= if the substance is fluid



b) Exocytosis:

in which substances leave the cell to outside. e.g. Extrusion of residual bodies



D- Selective transport: by presence of receptors in the cell membrane which allow certain substances only to enter the cell so called (Receptor mediated endocytosis)

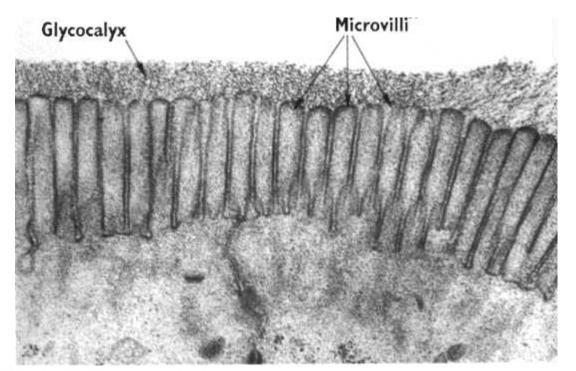
4- Functions of Receptors

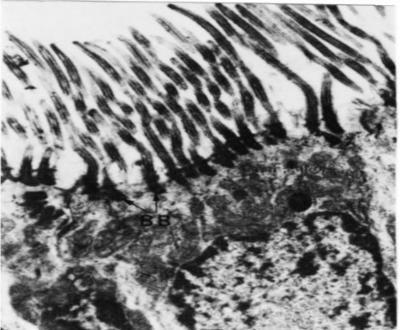
Cell recognition (cell identity), protection and immunity

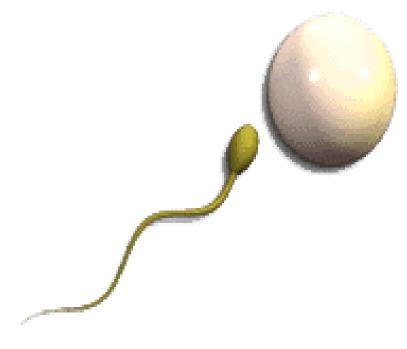
5- Cell membrane modifications:

- ➤ Microvilli: Increase surface area for absorption or secretion
- ➤ Cilia: move particles above the cell membrane in one direction
- > Flagella: form the tails of spermatozoamuscles.

6- Conduction of excitation waves in nerve cells and







2- Mitochondria

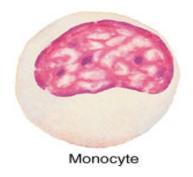
(Mito = thread, chondria = granules)

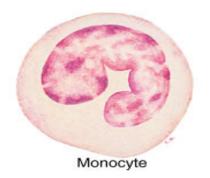
Definition: membranous organelles, containing enzymes responsible for cell respiration and energy production. They are considered the **power-house** or **the battery** of the cell. **Sites:** accumulate in the cytoplasm at sites of most activity.

- **2** Number:
- More numerous in highly active cells. .
- Mitochondria can divide as they have their own DNA and RNA.

LM:

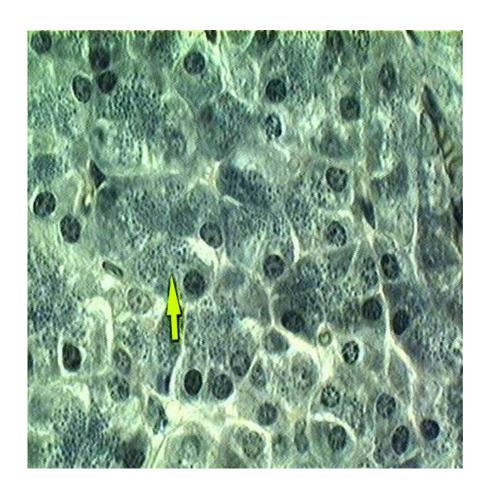
Not seen by H & E





Special stains: Iron hematoxylin & Janus green stain





EM: 2 membranes + 2 Spaces

<u>outer</u> membrane

Thicker, Smooth

<u>inner</u> membrane Thinner, and projects into the cavity forming <u>cristae</u>



2 spaces

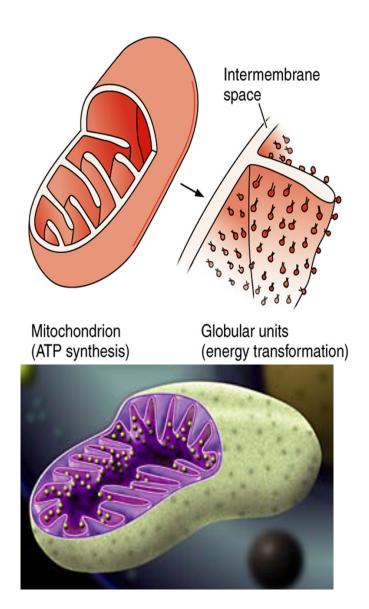
A. Inter-membranous space

Between the two membranes

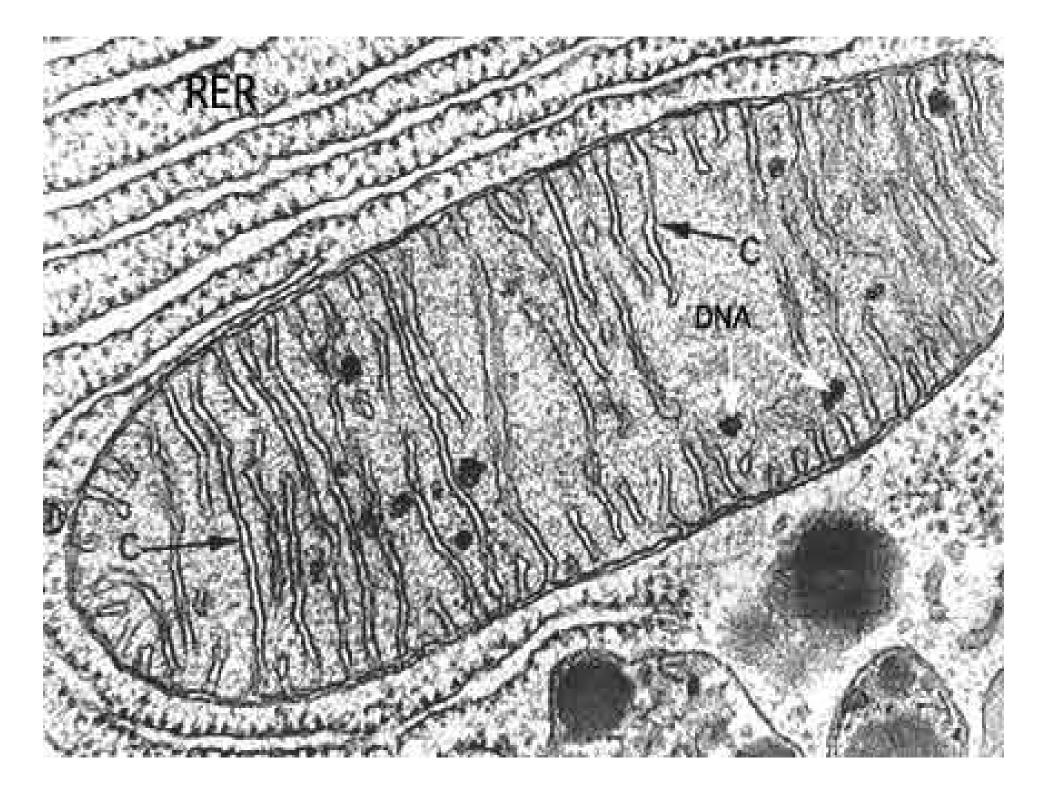
B. Interior space

Filled with matrix Full of granular materials:

- 1. Elementary particles:They contain respiratory enzymes
- 2. Matrix granules (lipids, proteins, Ca++, Mg++),
- 3. DNA & RNA



It was recently discovered that all mitochondria are derived from those in the fertilized ovum and are entirely of maternal origin.



Mitochondria

<u>Matrix</u>

