

This document presents lecture notes from a Medical Physics course at Madenat Alelem University College. Golgi apparatus Chemically processes the molecules from the endoplasmic reticulum and the packages them into vesicles; nicknamed "chemical processing and packaging center". Mitochondria Involved in cellular metabolism and respiration; provides the principle source of cellular energy and is the place where complex, energy-releasing chemical reactions occur continuously; nicknamed "power plants". Golgi apparatus Chemically processes the molecules from the endoplasmic reticulum and the packages them into vesicles; nicknamed "chemical processing and packaging center". Mitochondria Involved in cellular metabolism and respiration; provides the principle source of cellular energy and is the place where complex, energy-releasing chemical reactions occur continuously; nicknamed "power plants".

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The Cell Theory of Biology

- 1- All living organisms (Animals, plants and microbes) are made up of one or more cells and cell products.
- 2-All metabolic reactions in unicellular and multicellular organisms take place in cells.
- 3- Cells arise by division of preexisting cells.
- 4- The smallest clearly defined unit of life is the cell.
- 5-Cells can be cultured to produce more cells in vitro = outside organism or cell in vivo = inside organism or cell

Properties of Cells

- o They contain numerous internal structures
- o Some are membrane bound (organelles) while others do not
- o Genes are instructions for cells to create specific proteins
- o All cells use the same types of information
- o The genetic code is universal
- o Information transfer must be error free
- o Errors are called mutations

3-Cells arise from the division of other cells

- o Daughter cells inherit the genes from the mother cells
- o Daughter cells inherit cytoplasm and organelles from the mother cells
- o Binary fission – cell division in bacteria
- o Mitosis – the genetic complement of each daughter cell is identical to the other and to the mother cell. This is asexual reproduction
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Organelles can move

Cells can respond to stimuli

chemotaxis – movement towards chemicals

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hormone responses

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Major Cell Structures and Primary Functions

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