

Active transport

It is the movement of molecules or ions by a cell membrane (or intracellular membranes) uphill against a concentration or electrical gradient.

Ions actively transported are Na⁺, K⁺, Ca²⁺, iron, H⁺, I⁻, and urate ions.

Molecules that are actively transported are different *sugars* and most of the *amino acids*.

Transport depends on carrier proteins in cell membrane.

Types of active transport

Secondary active transport

Primary active transport

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Uses the hydrolysis of ATP as source of energy. Ions transported by this mechanism are Na⁺, K⁺, Ca²⁺,H⁺, Cl⁻, and few other ions. Examples are;

- A. Na⁺- K⁺ pump (Na⁺- K⁺ ATPase) is a clear example of this mechanism. Both Na⁺ and K⁺ are transported against their electrochemical gradients. Each cycle of the pump uses 1 molecule of ATP to remove 3 Na⁺ ions from the ICF and transport 2 K⁺ ions into the ICF. The Na⁺- K⁺ pump controls *cell volume* and creates *electrical potential* across the cell membrane as it pumps.
 - This pump is inhibited by **digitalis**, a drug used in the treatment of heart failure. Also this pump stops functioning if no Na⁺, K⁺, or ATP is available.

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- **B.** Ca²⁺ pump on the sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR) of muscle cells, which maintains the intracellular ionic Ca²⁺ concentration below 0.1 μmol/L.
- C. H⁺-K⁺ ATPase or proton pump. This pump is found in (1) the gastric glands of the stomach and in (2) the late distal tubules and cortical collecting ducts of the kidneys.

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B. Ca+2 pump

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Secondary active transport

Metabolic energy is not provided directly, but indirectly from the **Na**⁺ **gradient** that is maintained across cell membranes (potential energy).

- Two or more solutes are coupled to the carrier protein; one of the solutes (Na⁺) is transported *downhill* and provides the energy for the uphill transport of the other solute(s). Thus, inhibition of Na⁺-K⁺ pump eventually inhibits secondary active transport.
- If Na⁺ ions pull other substances along with them while diffusing to the interior (solutes move in the same direction), the phenomenon is called *co-transport*. Glucose and many amino acids are transported by this mechanism (such as in intestinal epithelial cells and in the renal proximal tubules of the kidney).

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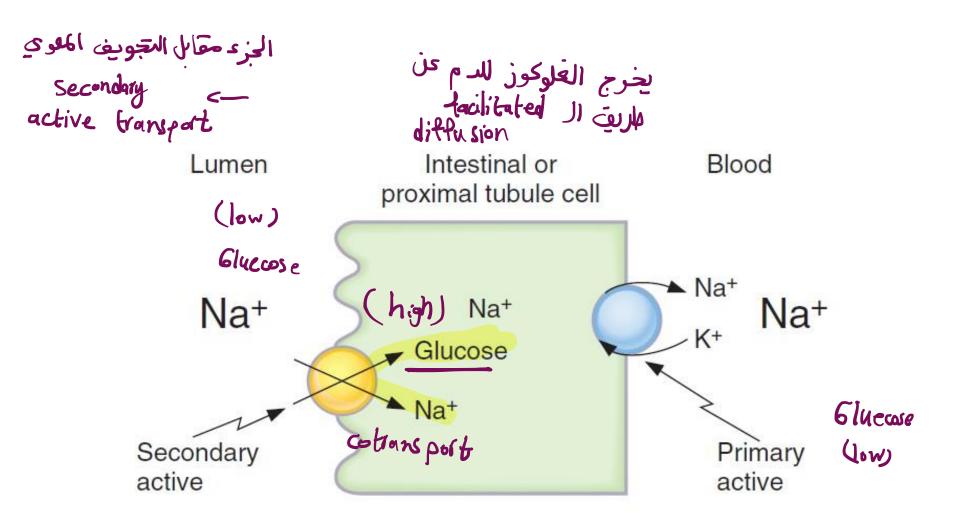
Secondary active transport (cont.)

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- Other form of secondary active transport is the *counter-transport* or <u>exchange</u> phenomenon. Here Na⁺ ions diffuse in replacement for intracellular substances that must be transported to the outside.
- Two counter-transport mechanisms are especially important; they are:
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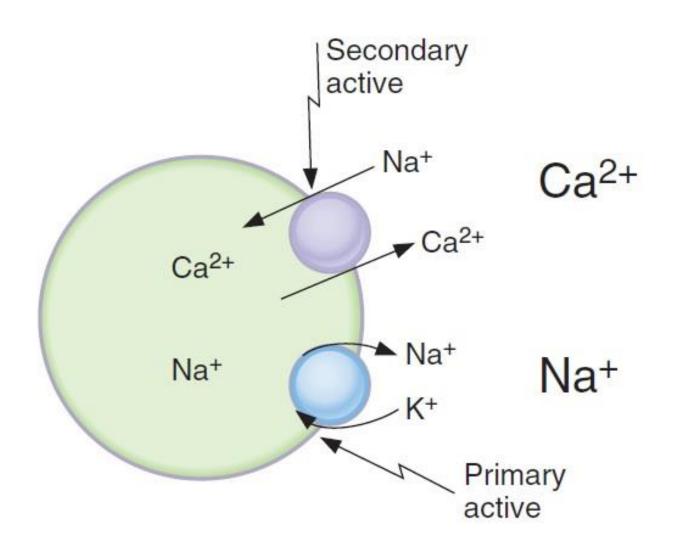
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- * The Na⁺-Ca²⁺ exchanger (responsible for the removal of calcium from the cytoplasm of myocardial cells)
- * The Na+-H+ counter-transport. This latter mechanism is responsible for the removal of H+ ions produced by cellular metabolism to the ECF. The same mechanism is also responsible for the reabsorption of bicarbonate ions in the proximal tubule of the kidney.



Na⁺-glucose cotransport (symport) in intestinal or proximal tubule epithelial cell Langer Air all

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Na⁺-Ca²⁺ countertransport (antiport)

Vesicular transport (active)

This mechanism is applied for the transport of large polar molecules or even multimolecular materials that must *leave* or *enter* the cell-such as during secretion of protein hormones by endocrine cells, or during ingestion of invading bacteria by white blood cells.

Vesicular transport <u>requires energy</u> expenditure by the cell, so it is an active method of membrane transport. <u>Energy is needed to</u> accomplish **vesicle formation** and **vesicle movement** within the cell.

Vesicular transport includes **endocytosis** and **exocytosis**.

A. In **endocytosis** the material to be transported first binds to a receptor, and then the receptor-substance complex is surrounded by the plasma membrane substance forming endocytic vesicle to be ingested by endocytosis. Endocytosis is of three types;

1. Phagocytosis (cell eating), for bacteria, dead tissue, and bits of material. Few specialized cells (such as WBC) are capable of phagocytosis. A lysosome fused with the membrane of the internalized vesicle releases its hydrolytic enzymes into the vesicle, breaking down the engulfed material into reusable raw

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- 2. Receptor-mediated endocytosis. is a highly selective process that enables cells to import specific large molecules that it needs from its environment. **Iron, cholesterol, vitamin B12**, and the **hormone insulin** are important examples.
 - 3. Pinocytosis (cell drinking), the ingested substances are in solution and cannot be seen under the microscope. Pinocytosis provides a way to retrieve extra plasma membrane that has been added to the cell surface during exocytosis.
 - B. In **exocytosis**, intracellular material is trapped within vesicles, the vesicles fuse with the cell membrane and release the content to the ECF. Hormones, digestive enzymes, and synaptic transmitters are examples of materials transported by such mechanism.

 Exocytosis enables the cell to add specific components to the membrane, such as selected carriers, channels, or receptors, depending on the cell's needs. Exocytosis is a process that requires Ca²⁺ and energy.

Notes: Exocytosis-endocytosis coupling maintains the surface area of the cell at its normal size.

Flu viruses and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, gain entry to cells via receptor-mediated endocytosis.

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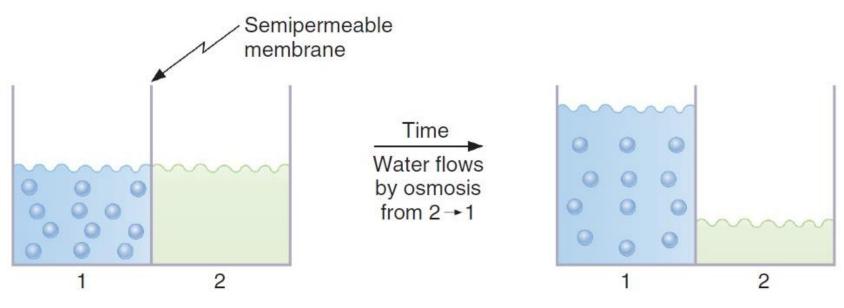
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• It is the net *passive* flow of water across a selectively permeable membrane down an osmotic pressure gradient.



- The driving force for movement of water is the same as for any other diffusing molecule, i.e. from a region of high water concentration to one that has a lower water concentration.
- It is important to recognize, however, that adding a <u>solute to pure water in effect decreases the</u> <u>water concentration</u>.
- In general, adding one molecule of a solute displaces one molecule of water.
- Therefore, water flows from pure water to salty solution (i.e. water moves by osmosis to the area of higher solute concentration).

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Osmosis of H₂O across a semipermeable membrane

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Osmosis (cont.)

 Osmotic pressure (π) of a solution is a measure of the tendency for water to move into that solution. It is equal to the hydrostatic pressure needed to stop osmosis.

It is determined by the number of particles in a solution per unit volume of fluid (i.é. molar concentration). The osmotic pressure increases when the solute concentration increases.

- The higher the osmotic pressure of a solution, the greater the water flow into it.
- The Osmole of a substance = 1 gram molecular weight of undissociated solute of that substance.

Osmolarity = concentration X number of dissociable particles) mOsm/L = mmol/L X number of particles/mole

• The **Osmolality** = the number of osmoles per kilogram of water. The normal osmolality of the extracellular and intracellular fluids is about 300 milliosmoles per a kilogram of water.

The average osmotic pressure of the body fluids is about 5500 mmHg, since one milliosmole per liter is equivalent to 19.3 mmHg osmotic pressure.

 The Osmolarity = the number of osmoles per liter of solution ≈ osmolality for dilute solution, such as those in the body.

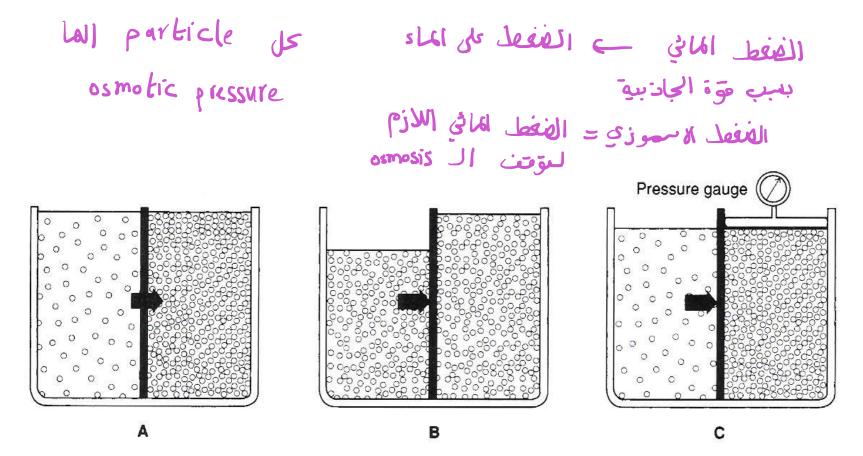


FIGURE. When a selectively permeable membrane separates two solutions of different osmolalities (*A*), water flows from the solution with the lower osmotic pressure (concentration) to the solution with the higher osmotic pressure (concentration). (*B*) Water flows into the chamber until the pressure (i.e., hydrostatic and osmotic) difference between the two chambers is zero. (*C*) The application of pressure to the chamber that contains the higher solute concentration prevents the flow of water. The amount of pressure that must be applied to prevent the flow of water is a measure of the osmotic pressure between the two chambers.