Chapter Eight: Cellular Structure and Function Lesson 8.3: Cell Transport

Homeostasis: relatively constant internal physical and chemical conditions that organisms maintain

- One of the most important processes carried out by cell
- Movement of molecules from one side to the other

Diffusion: process by which particles tend to move from an area where they are more concentrated to an area where they are less concentrated

- Driving force behind the movement across the cell membrane
- Equilibrium is reached when the concentration on both sides of the cell membrane is the same
- Passive transport the movement of molecules across the cell membrane without using cellular energy



Facilitated diffusion: process of diffusion in which molecules pass across the membrane through cell membrane channels

Protein channels make it easier for certain molecules to cross



Aquaporins: water channel protein in a cell that allows water to pass right through it even though the lipid bilayer has a hydrophobic tail



Osmosis: diffusion of water through a selectively permeable membrane

• Exactly like diffusion but with water as the molecule coming across

Isotonic: when the concentration of two solutions is the same

Hypertonic: when comparing two solutions, the solution with the greater concentration of solutes

• Hyper-: high or excessive

Hypotonic: when comparing two solutions, the solution with the lesser concentration of solutes

• Hypo-: below normal or under

Osmotic pressure: pressure that must be applied to prevent osmotic movement across a selectively permeable membrane



Letter B (hypotonic) is what can cause your legs to swell called edema.

Active transport: the movement of materials against a concentration difference

• Requires energy

Endocytosis: the process of taking materials into the cell by means of infoldings, or pockets, of the cell membrane

Exocytosis: the membrane of the vesicle or vacuole surrounding the material fuses with the cell membrane, forcing the contents out of the cell

