



# CELLS

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# THE CELL

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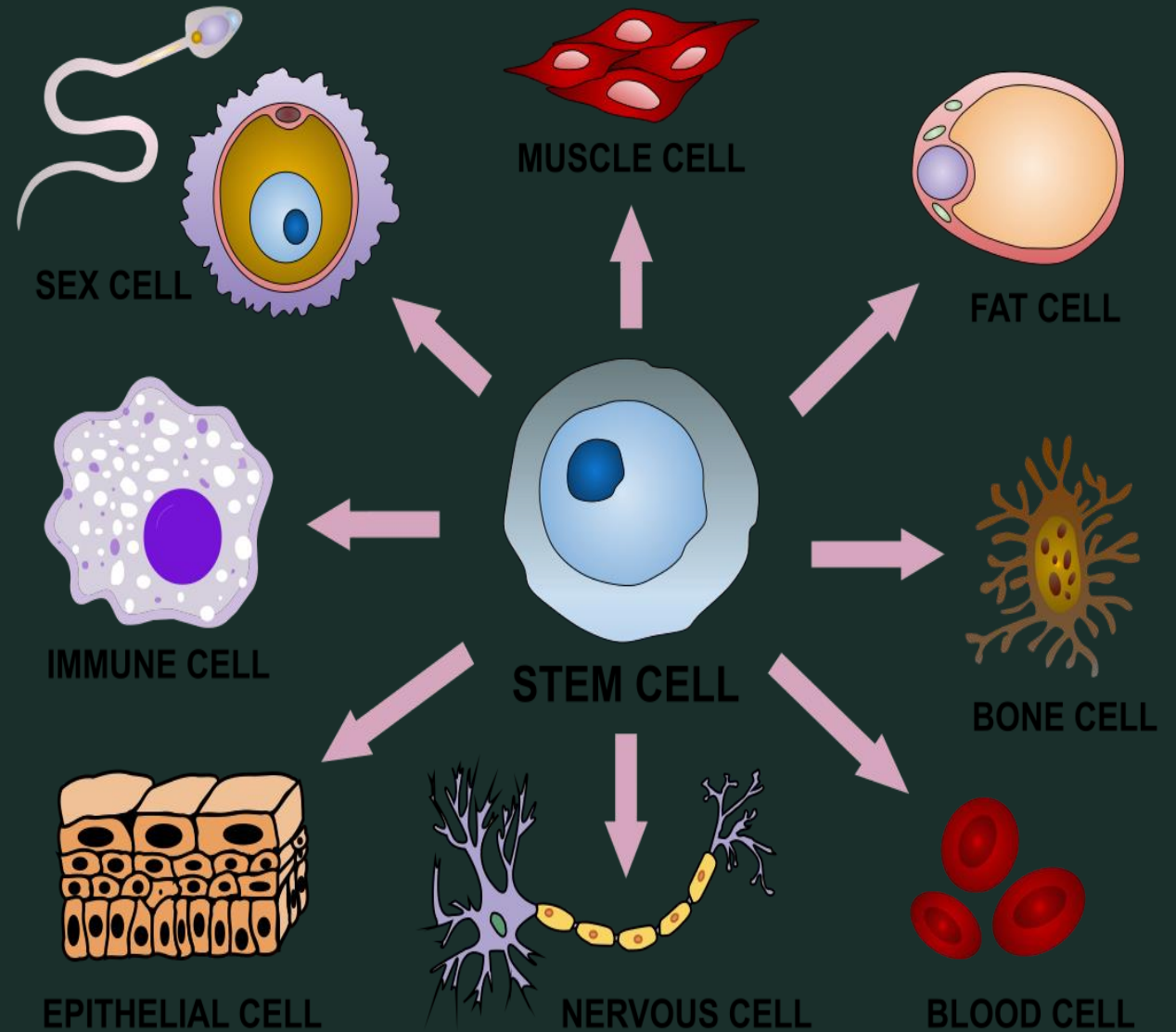
- The activities and abnormalities of cells symbolize traits, quirks, and illness
- When disease occurs, it provides for us a story of what is happening within the cell, and therefore, can suggest ways to treat the condition
- Understanding cell function reveals how a healthy body works, and how it develops from 1 cell to trillions



# TYPES OF CELLS

- Specialized Cells:  
*Blood, Bone, Muscle*
- Unspecialized Cells: Stem Cells

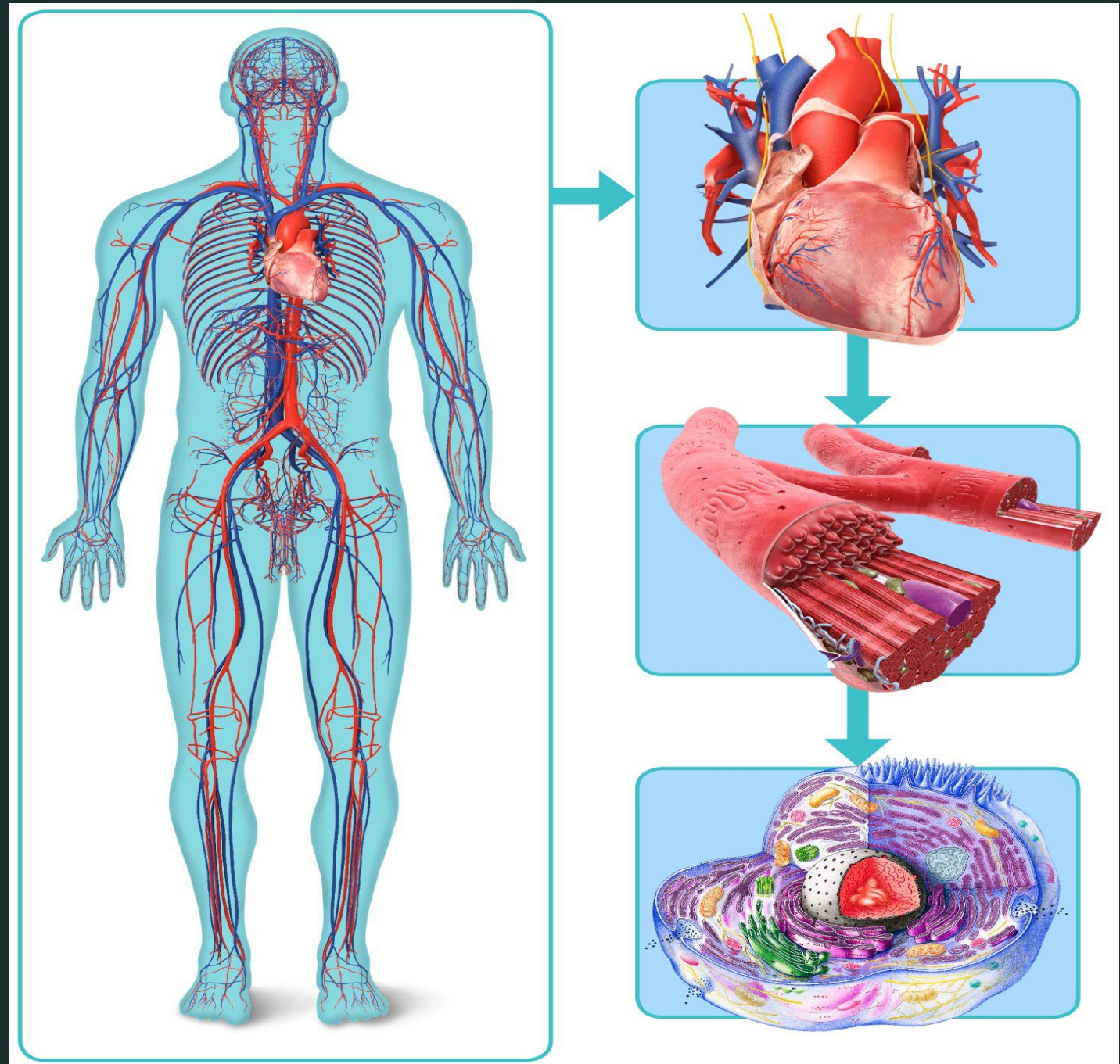
*Stem cells can replicate themselves as well as generate specialized cells  
This allows the body to develop, grow, and repair damage*



# THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE BODY

- Molecule
- Cell
- Tissue
- Organ
- Organ System
- Organism

*Cells interact, communicate, grow, and heal: this reflects the balance between new cells and cell death*



# THE COMPONENTS OF CELLS

- Cell Functions:

*Reproduction*

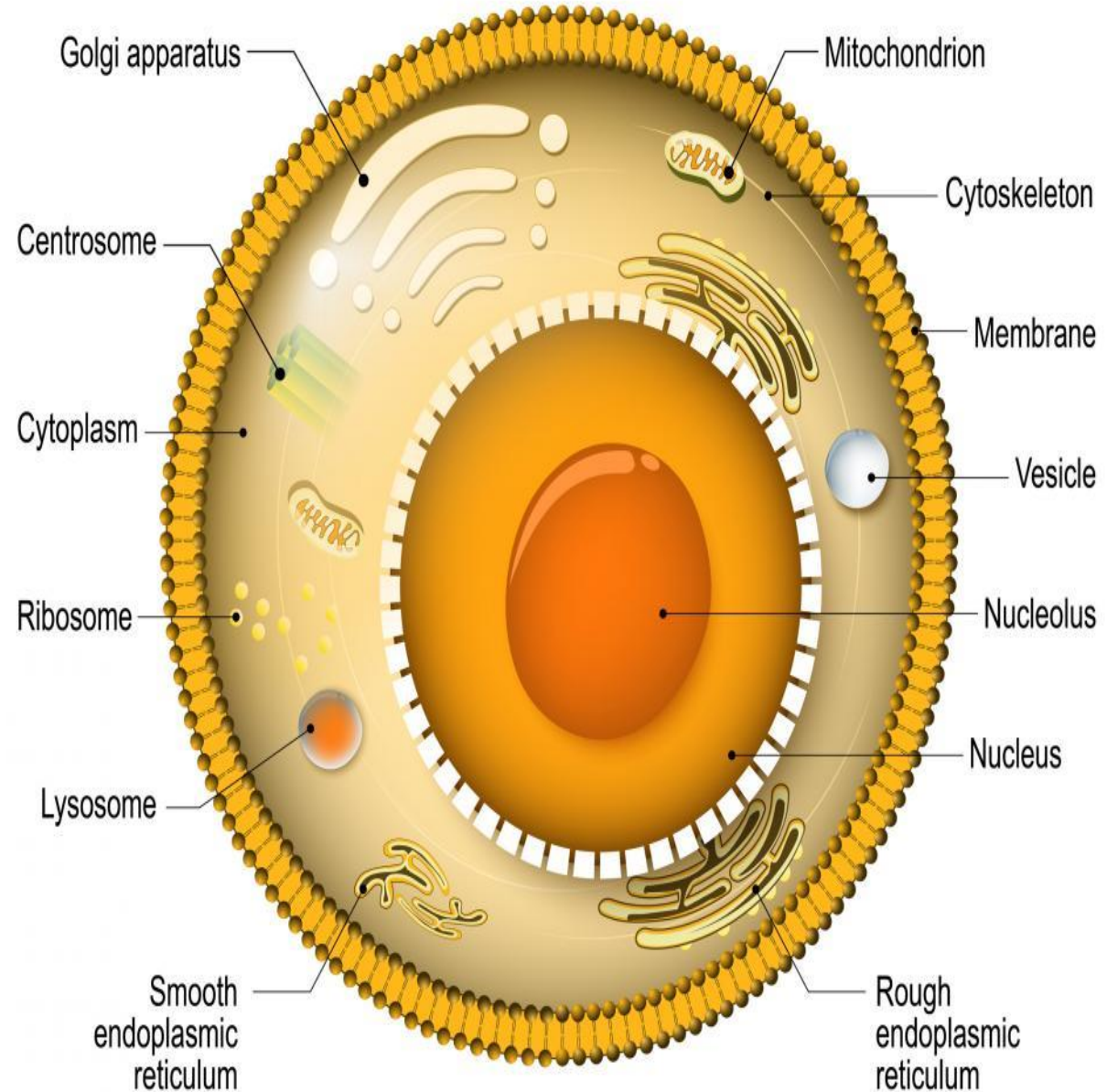
*Growth*

*Response to Stimuli*

*Energy Use*

- 260+ specialized cells in the human body

*Different cells expressing different codes*



**Plasma membrane:**  
outer surface that regulates entrance and exit of molecules

protein

phospholipid



**CYTOSKELETON:** maintains cell shape and assists movement of cell parts

**Microtubules:** cylinders of protein molecules present in cytoplasm, centrioles, cilia, and flagella

**Intermediate filaments:** protein fibers that provide support and strength

**Actin filaments:** protein fibers that play a role in movement of cell and organelles

**Centrioles\*:** short cylinders of microtubules of unknown function

**Centrosome:** microtubule organizing center that contains a pair of centrioles

**Cytoplasm:** semifluid matrix outside nucleus that contains organelles

**Vesicle:** membrane-bounded sac that stores and transports substances

**Lysosome\*:** vesicle that digests macromolecules and even cell parts

**NUCLEUS:**

**Nuclear envelope:** double membrane with nuclear pores that encloses nucleus

**Chromatin:** diffuse threads containing DNA and protein

**Nucleolus:** region that produces subunits of ribosomes

**ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM:**

**Rough ER:** studded with ribosomes

**Smooth ER:** lacks ribosomes, synthesizes lipid molecules

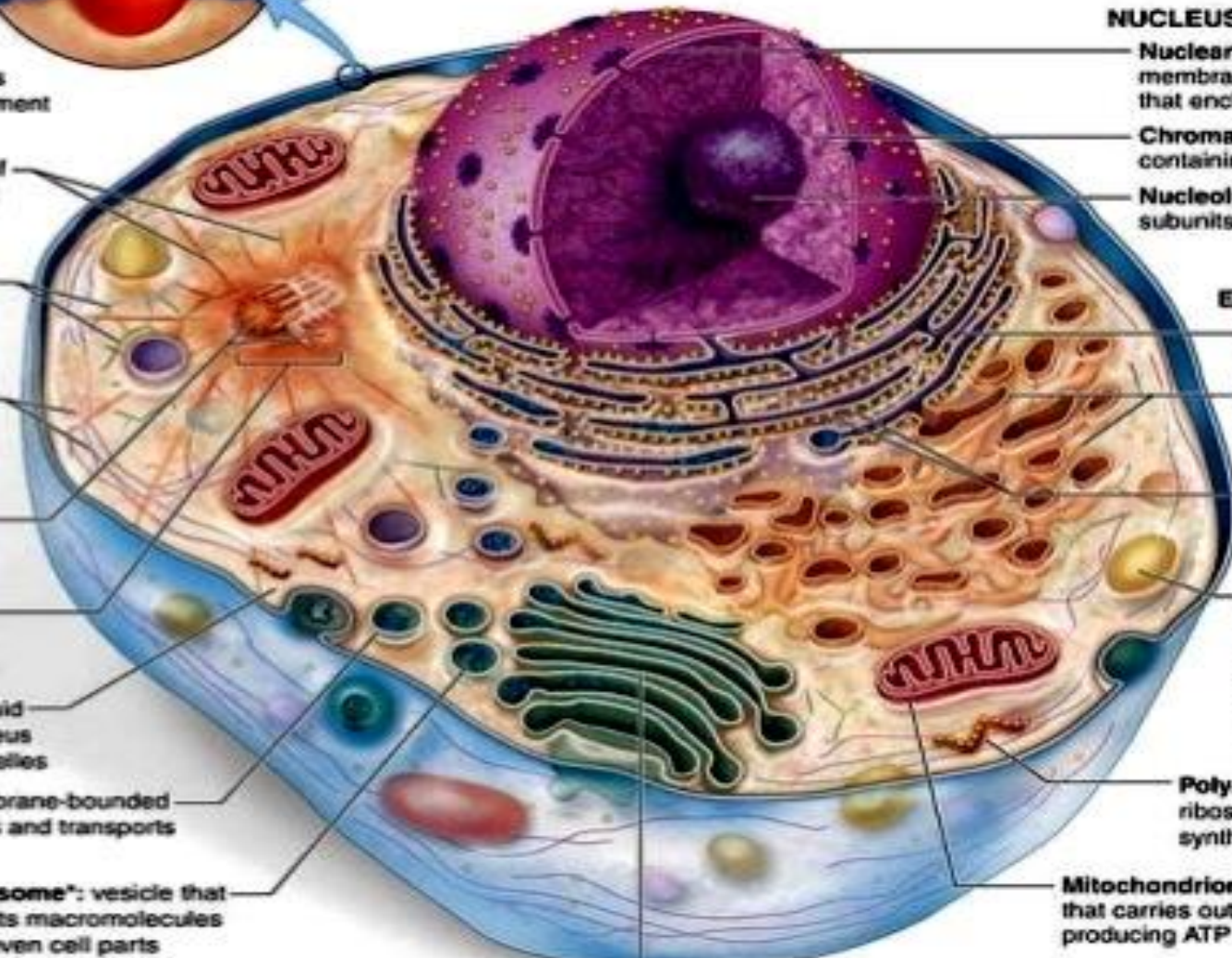
**Ribosomes:** particles that carry out protein synthesis

**Peroxisome:** vesicle that has various functions; breaks down fatty acids and converts resulting hydrogen peroxide to water

**Polyribosome:** string of ribosomes simultaneously synthesizing same protein

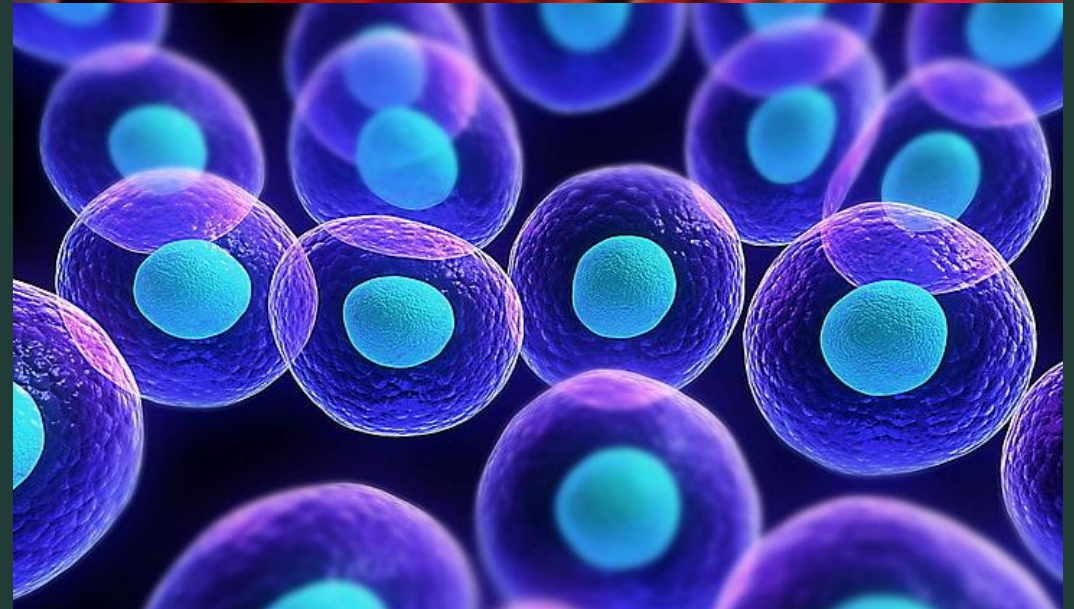
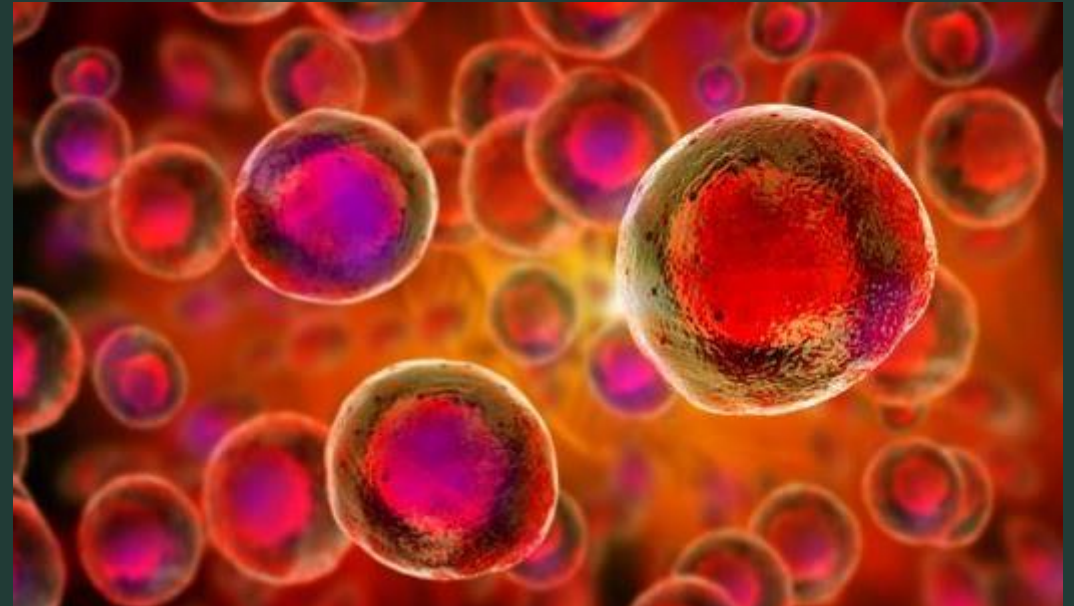
**Mitochondrion:** organelle that carries out cellular respiration, producing ATP molecules

**Golgi apparatus:** processes, packages, and secretes modified cell products



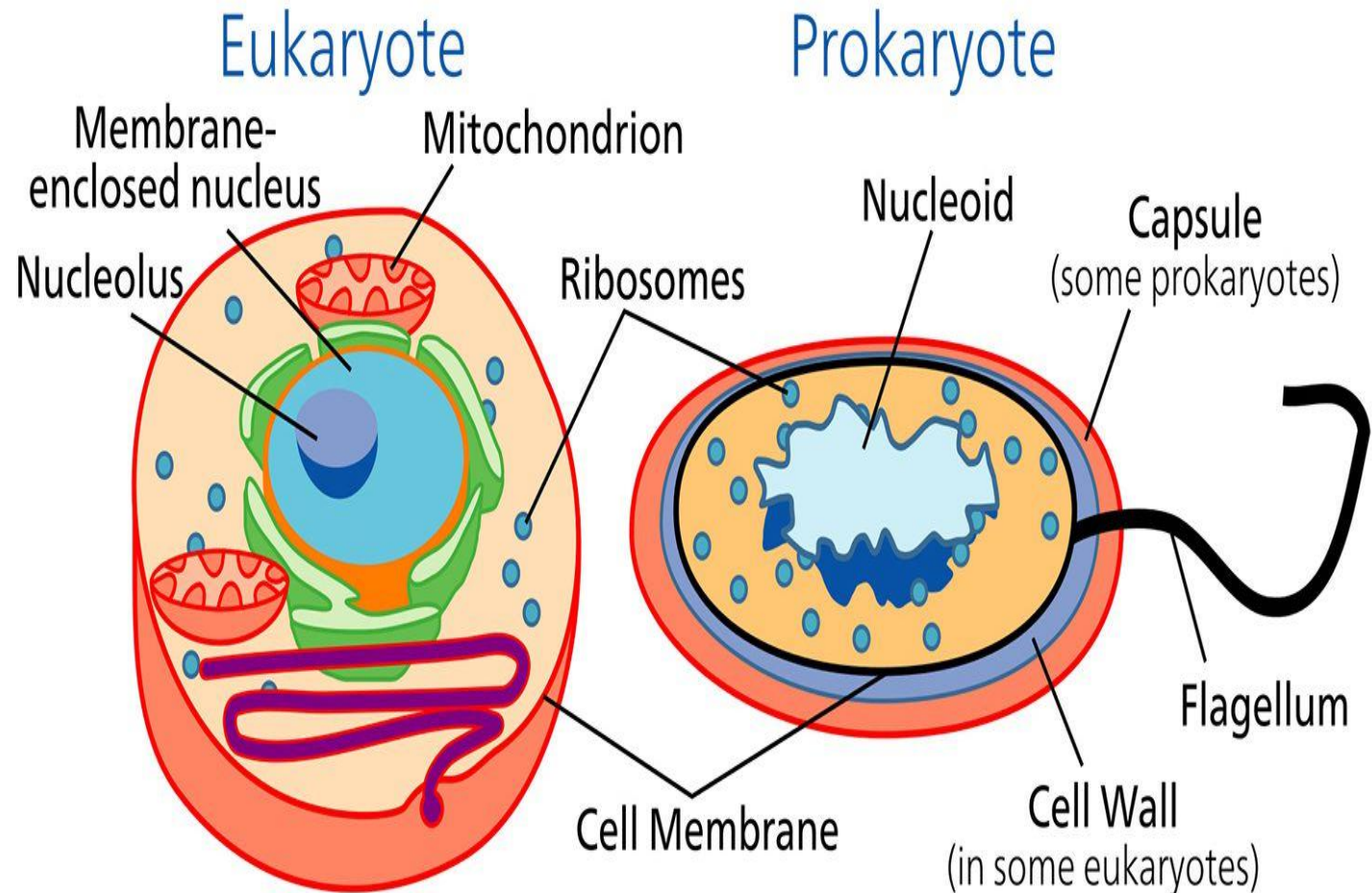
# HUMAN CELLS FALL INTO 4 CATEGORIES

- Epithelium
- Muscle
- Nerve
- Connective Tissue



# THE MAJOR DOMAINS OF LIFE

- Archaea  
*Prokaryotes (-) Nucleus*
- Bacteria  
*Prokaryotes (-) Nucleus*
- Eukarya  
*Eucaryotes (+) Nucleus*  
*Organelles*  
*RNA, Ribosomes and Protein*  
*Synthesis*





# CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS OF CELLS

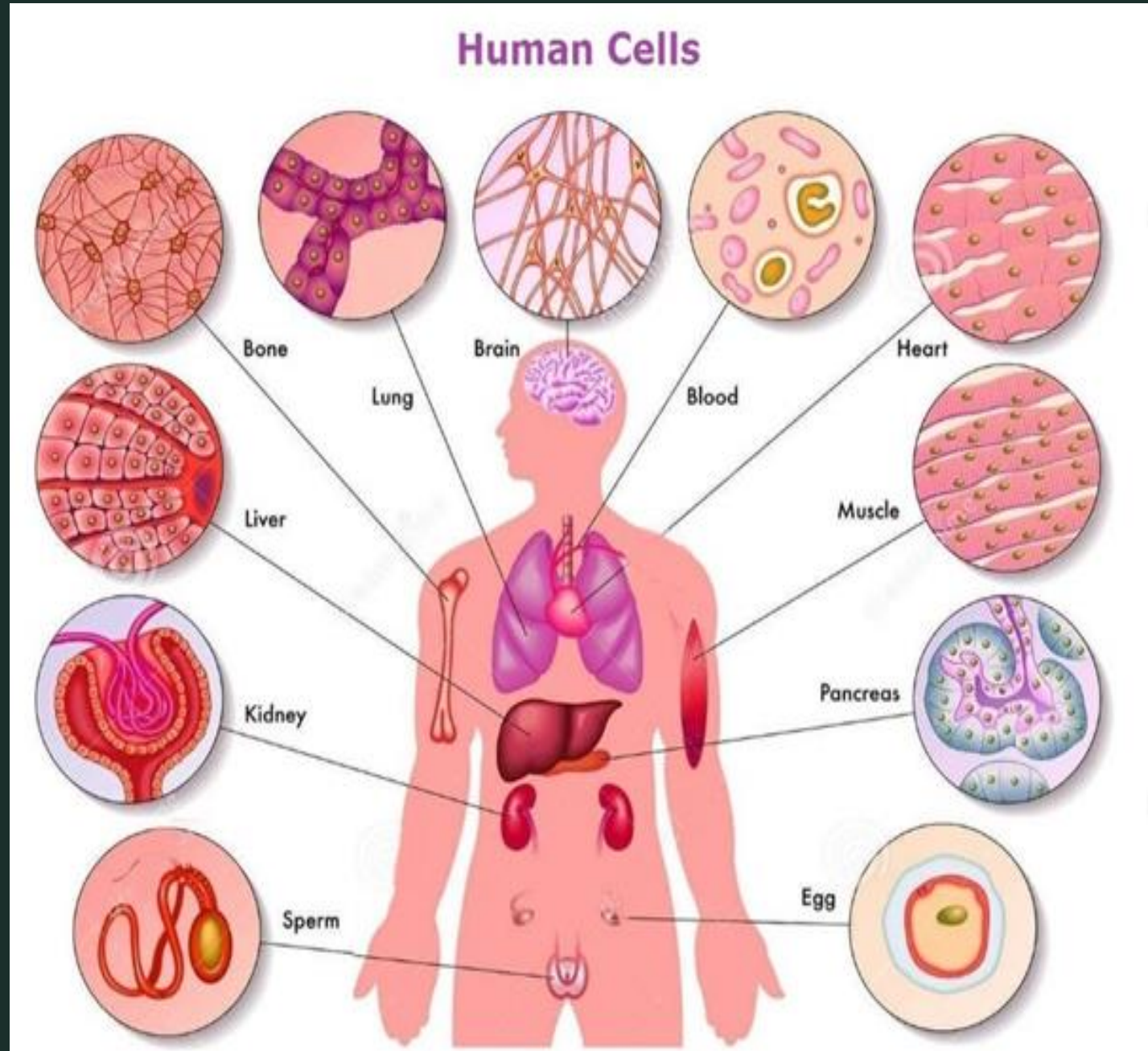
- Macromolecules of Life ☺

*Carbohydrates*

*Lipids*

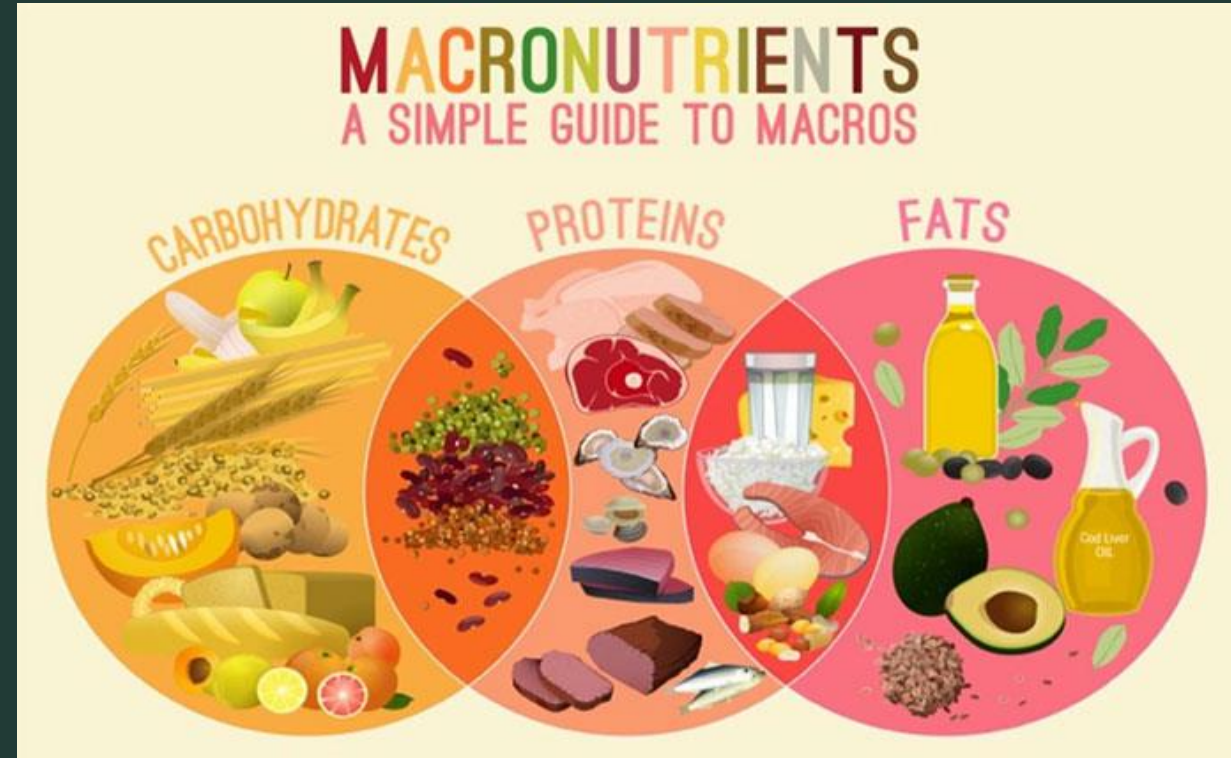
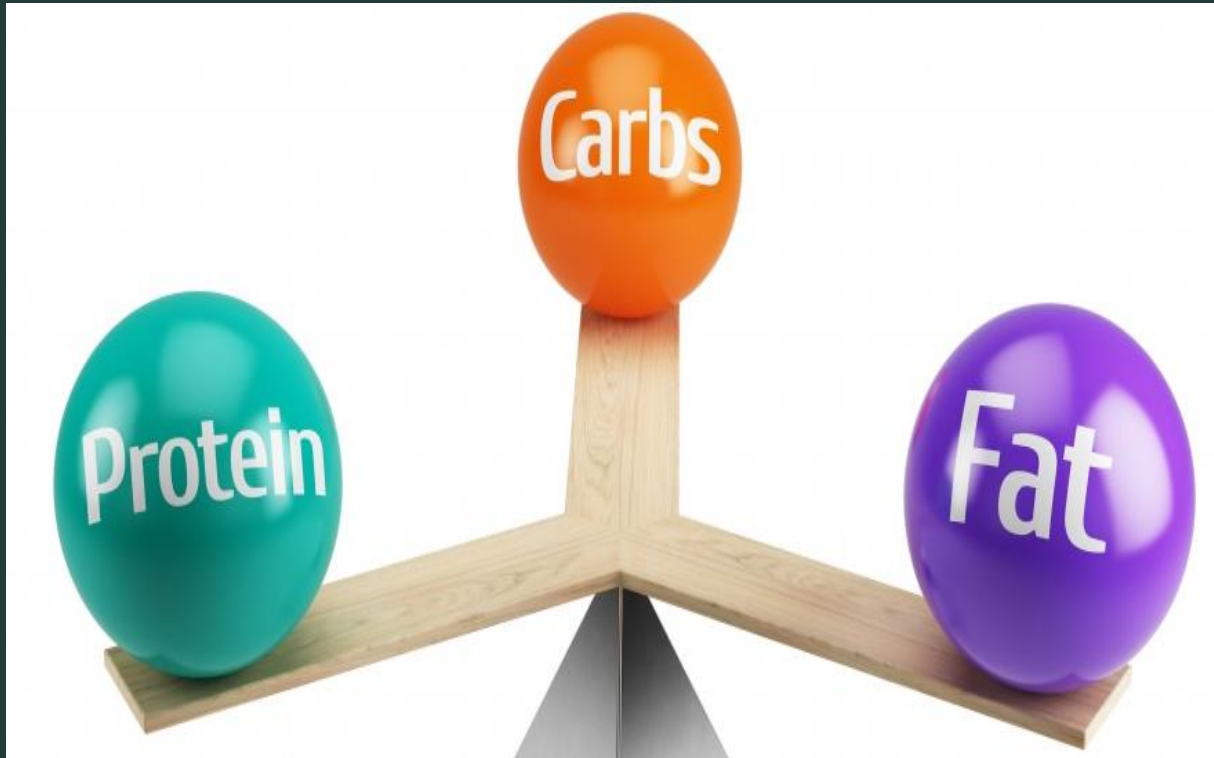
*Proteins*

*Nucleic Acids*



# WHAT IS OUR CELL PROVIDED?

- Carbs  
*Structure and Energy*
- Lipids  
*Energy Storage*
- Proteins  
*A Lot of Everything !*



# IMPORTANT CELL KNOWLEDGE

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- Enzymes are important proteins because they facilitate or catalyze biochemical reaction
- Life is based on chemical principles that govern all matter
- Genetics is based on the highly organized subset of the chemical reactions of life





THANK YOU!

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*Questions and  
Comments*

