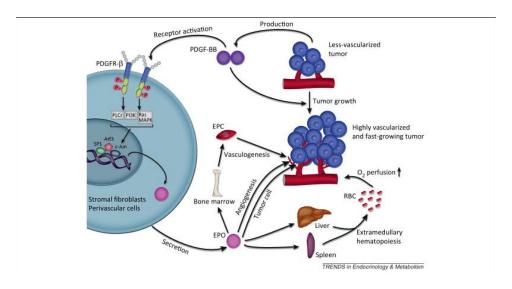
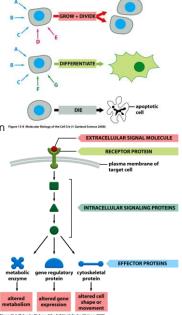
CELL COMMUNICATION:G-COUPLE RECEPTOR PROTEIN



Extracellular signal molecules

- · Unicellular organisms
 - Response to extracellular signal molecules -> altered cell behavior
- Multicellular organism
 - · Response to signal molecules:
 - Altered metabolism
 - · Altered tissue growth and differentiation
 - · Protein synthesis and secretion
 - Altered intracellular and extracellular composition
- Signal molecules: ligand bind to specific receptor - on/in target cell
- cell-surface receptors act as signal transducers by converting an extracellular ligand-binding event into intracellular signals that alter the behavior of the target cell



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Signal molecules ≤10⁻⁸M → activate cell signalling & alter cell behavior

Receptor :

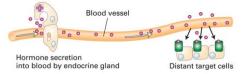
- Intracellular → hidrophobic/small signal molecules
- Extracellular → hidrophilic signal molecules

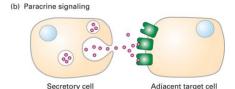
cell-surface plasma membrane receptor protein hydrophilic signal molecule target cell

small hydrophobic signal molecule target cell carrier protein nucleus intracellular receptor protein

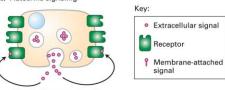
Types of extracellular signaling.





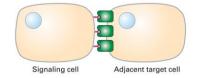


(c) Autocrine signaling

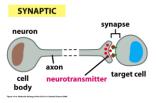


Contact-dependent signaling

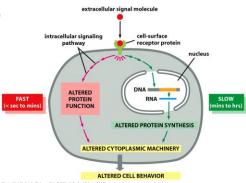
(d) Signaling by plasma-membrane-attached proteins



- Target sites on same cell
- a) Endocrine signaling depends on endocrine cells, which secrete hormones into the bloodstream for distribution throughout the body.
- b) Paracrine signaling depends on signals that are released into the extracellular space and act locally on neighboring cells.
- c) Autocrine signaling: cells may also produce signals that they themselves respond to
- d) ${\it Con}$ tact-dependent signaling requires cells to be in direct membrane-membrane contact.
- e) Synaptic signaling is performed by neurons that transmit signals electrically along their axons and release neurotransmitters at synapses, which are often located far away from the neuronal cell body.



- Speed of a response to an extracellular signal depends on:
 - The mechanism of signal delivery
 - the nature of the target cell's response.

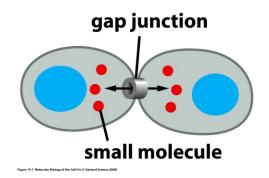


• Response :

- rapid response: changes in proteins already present in the cell:
 - · an allosteric change in a neurotransmitter-gated ion channel
 - · protein phosphorylation
- · Slow response
 - · changes in gene expression and the synthesis of new proteins

Gap junction

- Sharing signalling information
- exchange of inorganic ions and other small watersoluble molecules: Ca²⁺, cAMP
- · homogenize conditions in the communicating cells
 - · nerve-muscle

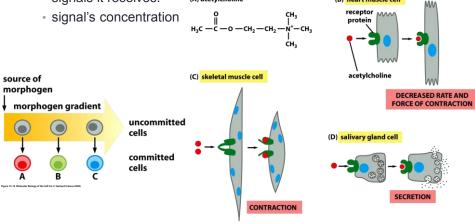


Different Types of Cells Usually Respond Differently to the Same Extracellular Signal Molecule

- A cell's response to extracellular signals depends on:
 - · the receptor proteins
 - the intracellular machinery by which it integrates and interprets the signals it receives.

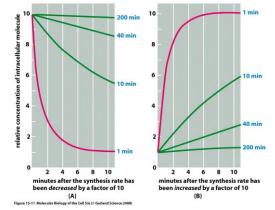
 (A) acetylcholine

 (B) heart muscle cell



A Cell Can Alter the Concentration of an Intracellular Molecule Quickly Only If the Lifetime of the Molecule Is Short

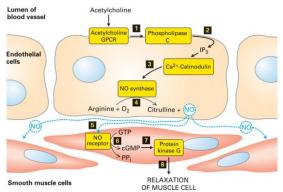
- During development → transient extracellular signals
 - →lasting effects
 - trigger a change in the cell's development through cell memory mechanisms.
- adult tissues
 - the response fades when a signal ceases.
 - effect is transient
 → signal effects by altering the concentrations of short-lived (unstable) intracellular molecules
 → undergoing continual turnover.
 - turnover rate can determine the promptness of the response when an extracellular signal arrives

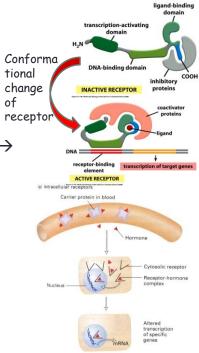


- Example : X and Y molecules are maintained by 1000 molecules
 - Y: synthesized and degraded every 100 mol/sec and lifetime each mole: 10 sec
 - X turnover rate: every 10 mol/sec. average lifetime:100 sec.
 - Activating Signal: 10 x fold increase synthesis of both x and Y → Y 900; X 90

Intracellular Receptor

- Signal molecules:
 - small molecules (CO, NO),
 - hydrophobic molecules: estrogen, progesterone, testosterone, retinoic acid, vitamin D
- receptor: in cytoplasm or nucleus
- Intracellular receptor without ligand → inactive





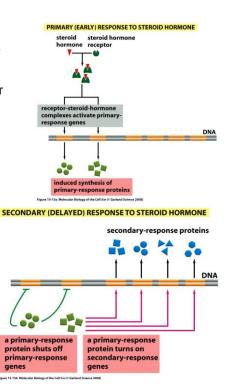
 The transcriptional response → multiple steps. :

 direct stimulation of a small number of specific genes -~ ± 30 minutes
 primary response;

protein products – primary response

a delayed, secondary response;

 some of the proteins from primary response → inhibit transcription of primary response genes → negative feedback



3 types of Cell-Surface Receptor Proteins

• Ion-channel-coupled receptors, ION-CHANNEL-COUPLED RECEPTORS

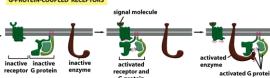
 transmitter-gated ion channels or ionotropic receptors,



G-protein-coupled receptors

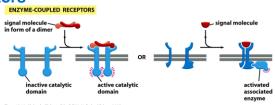
• act by indirectly regulating the activity of a separate plasma-membranebound target protein, G-PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTORS

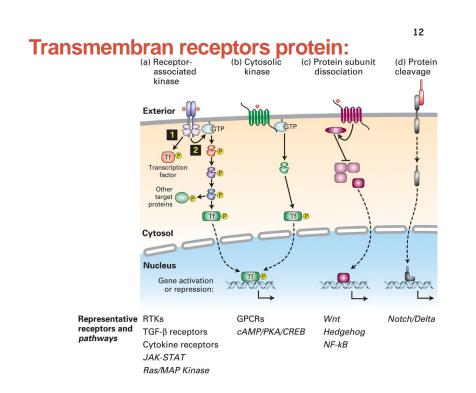
which is generally either an enzyme or an ion channel.



Enzyme-coupled receptors

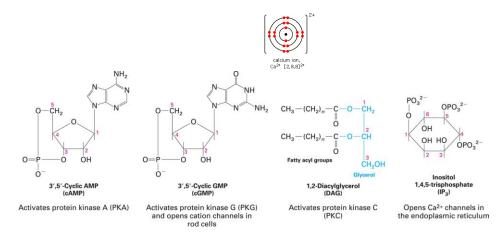
 either function directly as enzymes or associate directly with enzymes that they activate





Relay signals from cell surface

- · Relay signals from cell surface via:
 - Small molecules: second messenger



Relay signals from cell surface

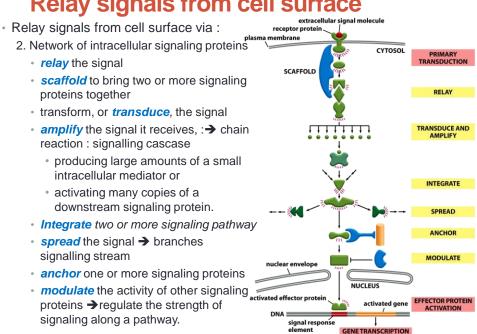
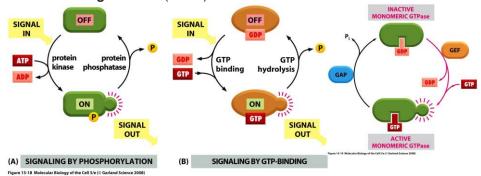


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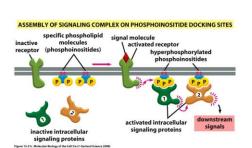
Two important Molecular switches

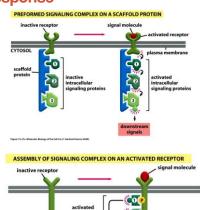
- · Phosphorylation:
 - · protein kinase & protein phosphatase
- GDP/GTP binding
 - GTPase-activating proteins (GAPs) & guanine nucleotide exchange factors (GEFs)

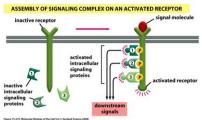


Intracellular Signaling Complexes Enhance the Speed, Efficiency, and Specificity of the Response

- Scaffold protein
- Assembly of signaling complex on an activated receptor
- Assembly of signaling complex on phosphoinositide docking sites

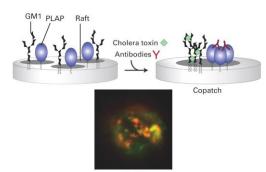


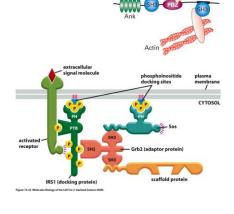




Receptor and signalling protein locallization

- Clustering protein using adaptor protein domain
 - Src homology 2 (SH2) or 3 (SH3) domains
 - phosphotyrosine-binding (PTB) domains
 - · Pleckstrin homology (PH) domains
- 2. Clustering protein using lipid raft

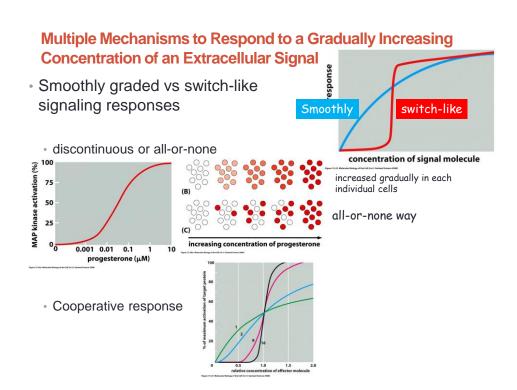




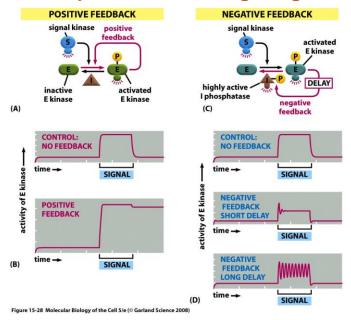
NMDA-type glutamate receptor Kainate-type glutamate receptor

Synaptic cleft

Cytosol



Feedback loops of intracellular signaling network



Desensitization of a signal

