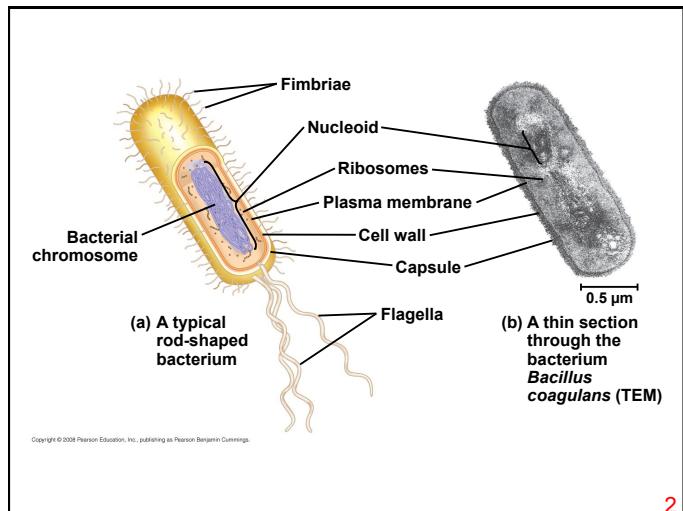
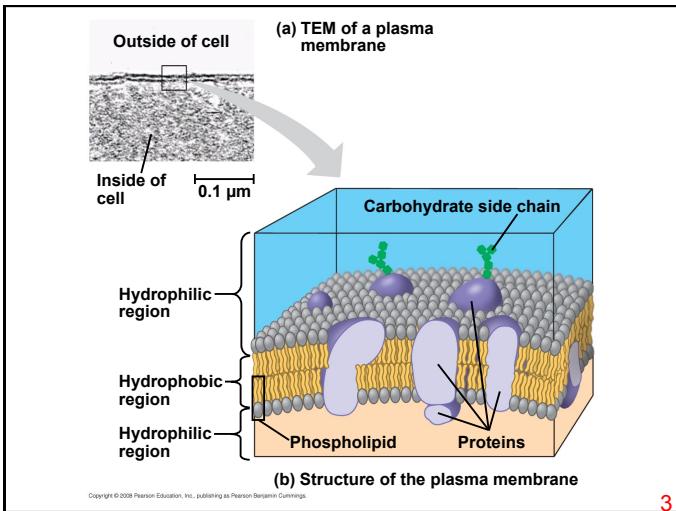


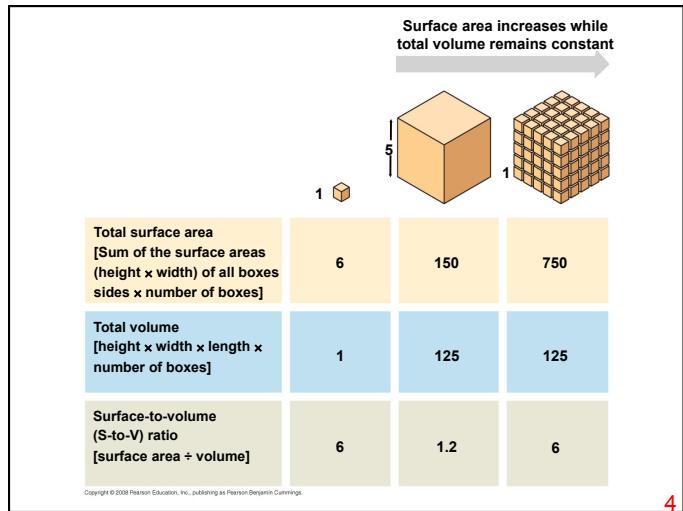
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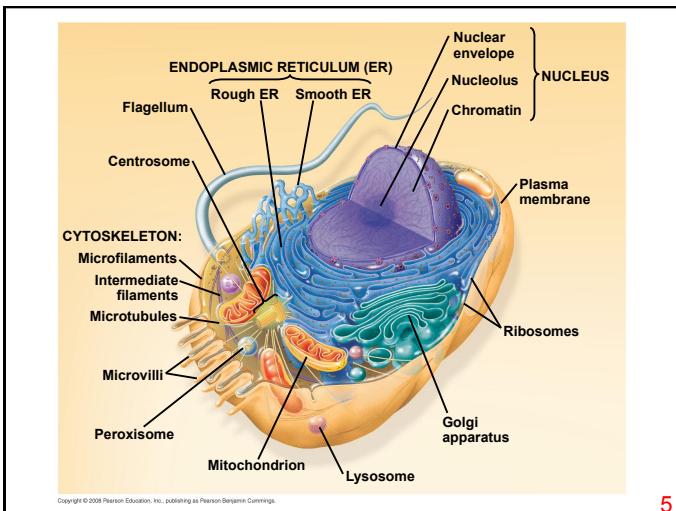
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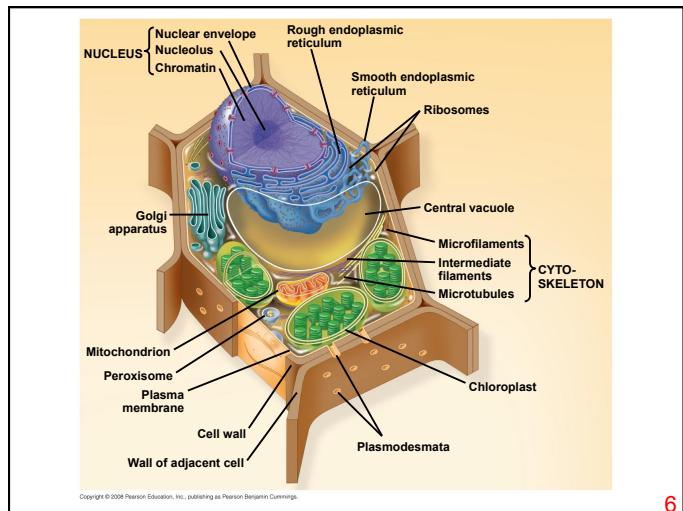
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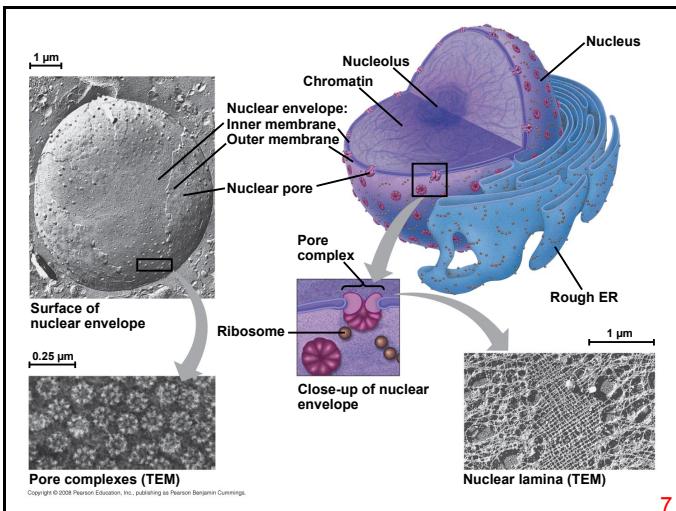
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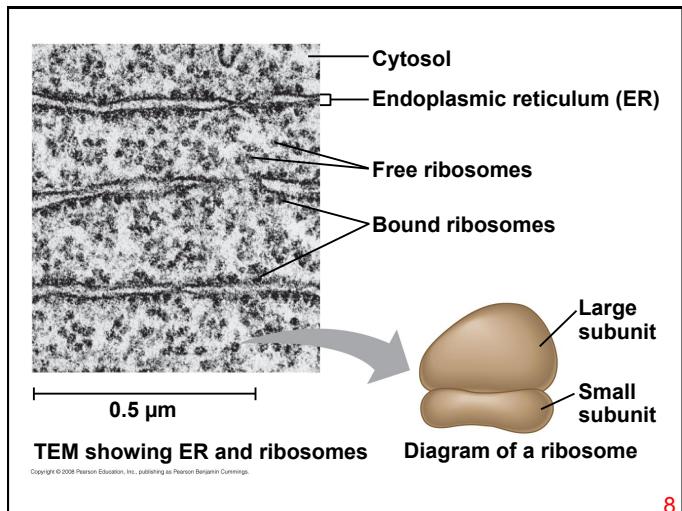
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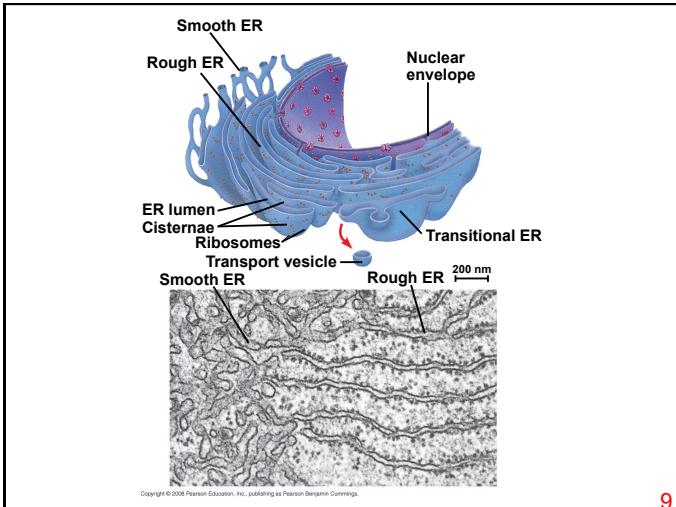
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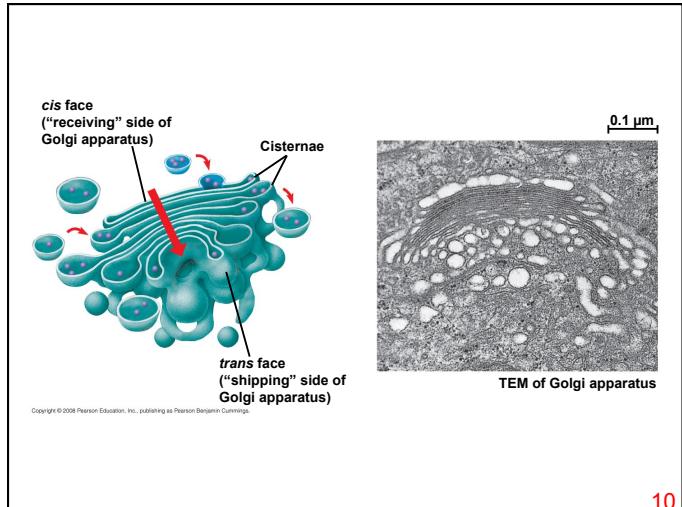
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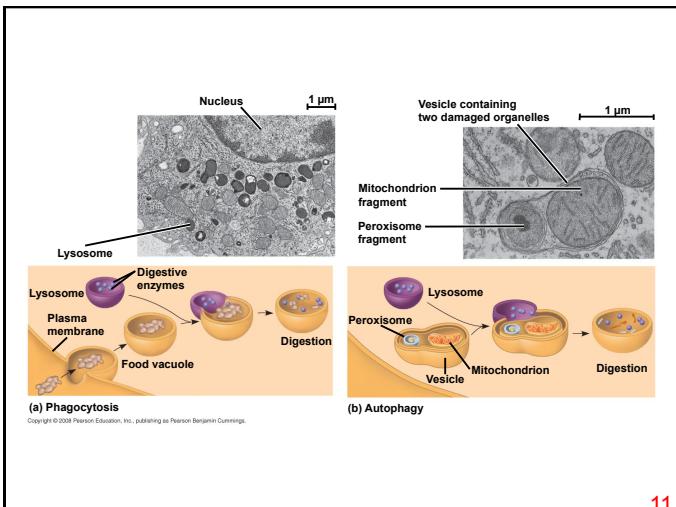
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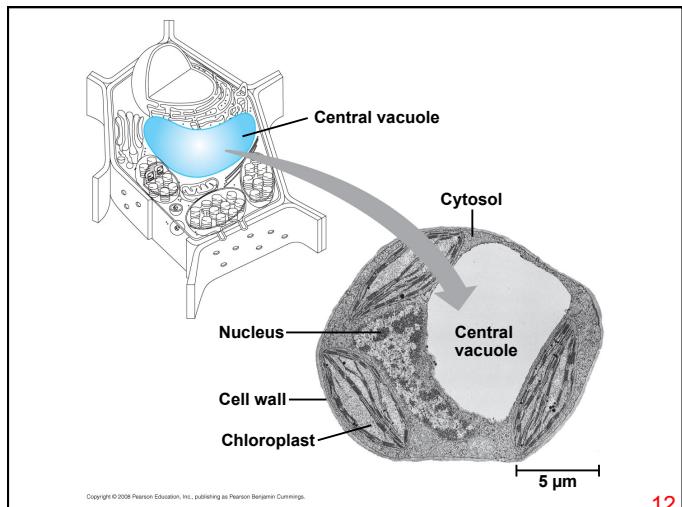
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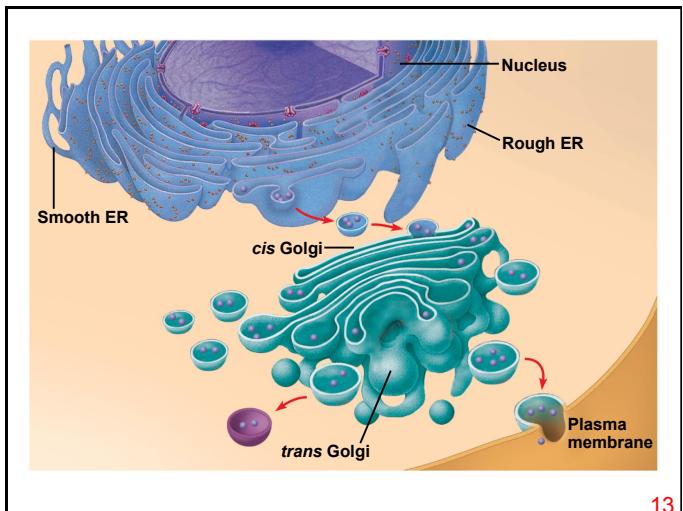
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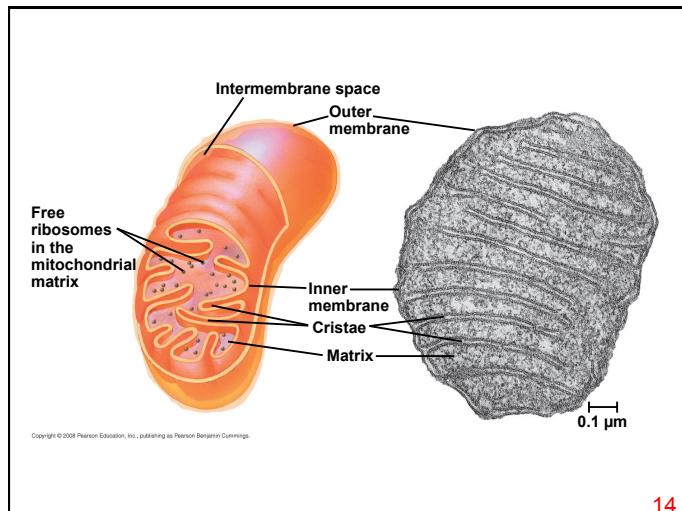
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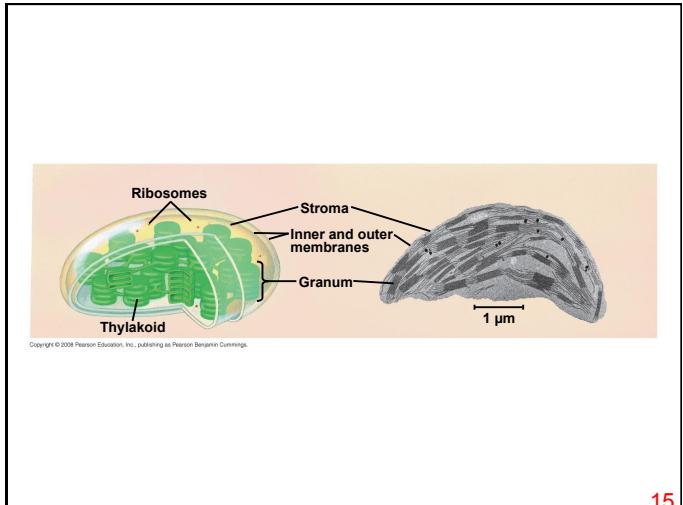
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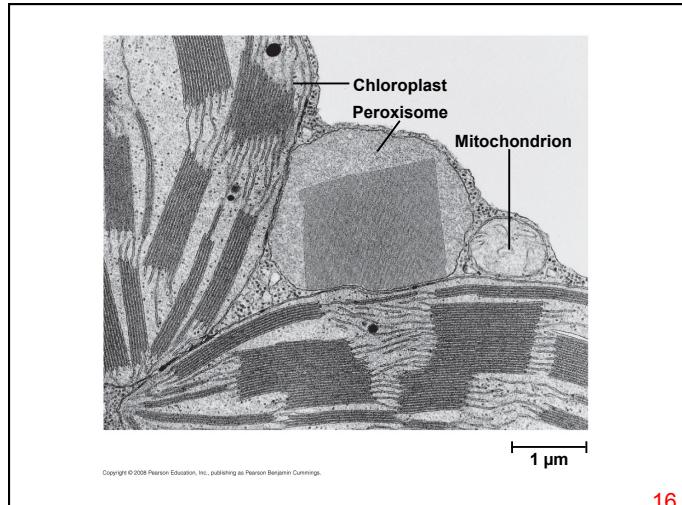
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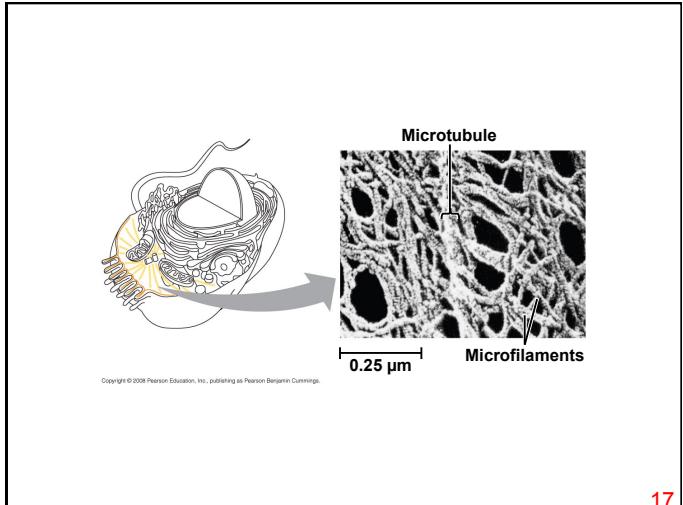
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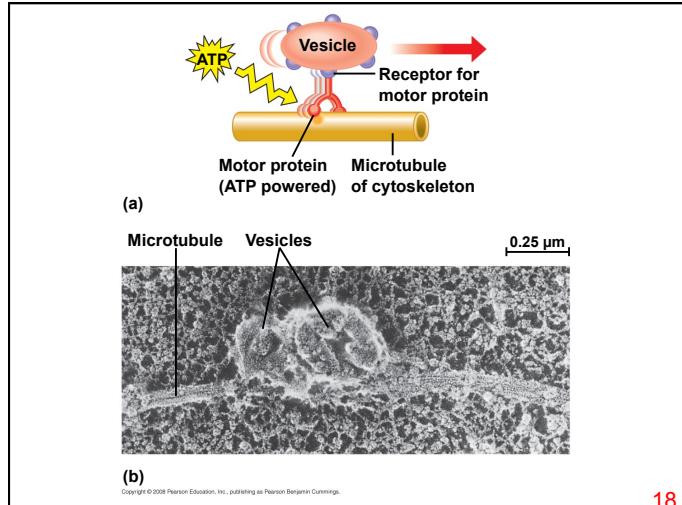
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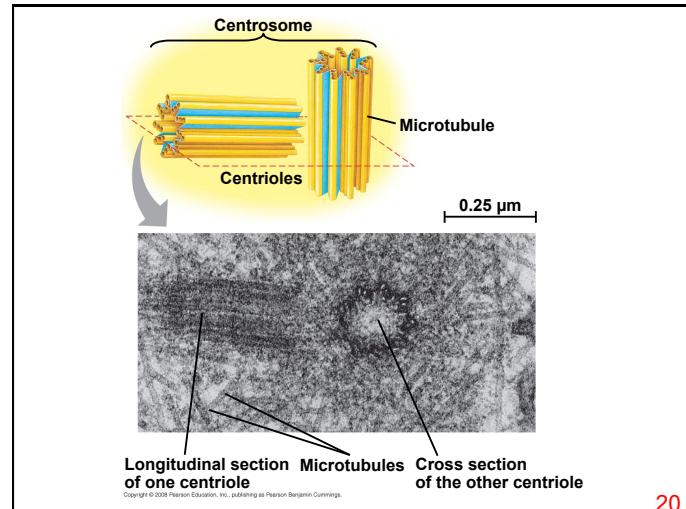
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| Table 6.1 The Structure and Function of the Cytoskeleton |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Property   | Microtubules<br>(Tubulin Polymers)   | Microfilaments<br>(Actin Filaments)   | Intermediate Filaments   |
| Structure  | Hollow tubes; wall consists of 13 columns of tubulin molecules   | Two intertwined strands of actin; each a polymer of actin subunits  | Fibrous proteins supercoiled into thicker cables   |
| Diameter   | 25 nm with 15-nm lumen   | 7 nm  | 8–12 nm  |
| Protein subunits   | Tubulin, a dimer consisting of $\alpha$ -tubulin and $\beta$ -tubulin  | Actin   | One of several different proteins of the keratin family, depending on cell type  |
| Main function  | Maintenance of cell shape (compression-resisting "girders")<br>Cell division (as in cilia or flagella)<br>Chromosome movements in cell division<br>Organicle movements | Maintenance of cell shape (tension-bearing elements)<br>Changes in cell shape<br>Muscle contraction<br>Cytoskeletal streaming<br>Cell motility (as in pseudopodia)<br>Cell division (cleavage furrow formation) | Maintenance of cell shape (tension-bearing elements)<br>Anchorage of nucleus and certain other organelles<br>Formation of nuclear lamina |

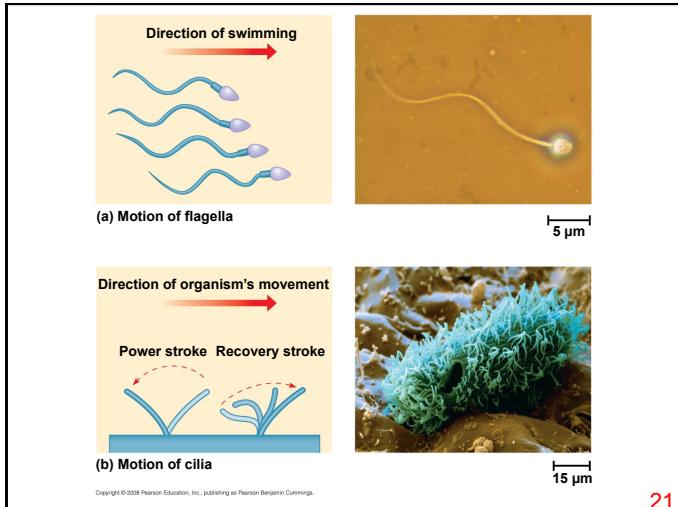
Micrographs of fibroblasts, a fibroblast-like cell type for cell biology studies. Each has been experimentally treated to fluorescently tag the structure of interest.

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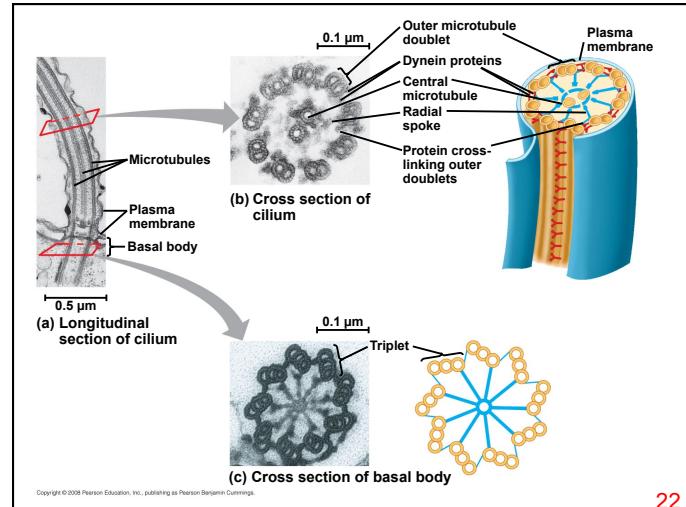
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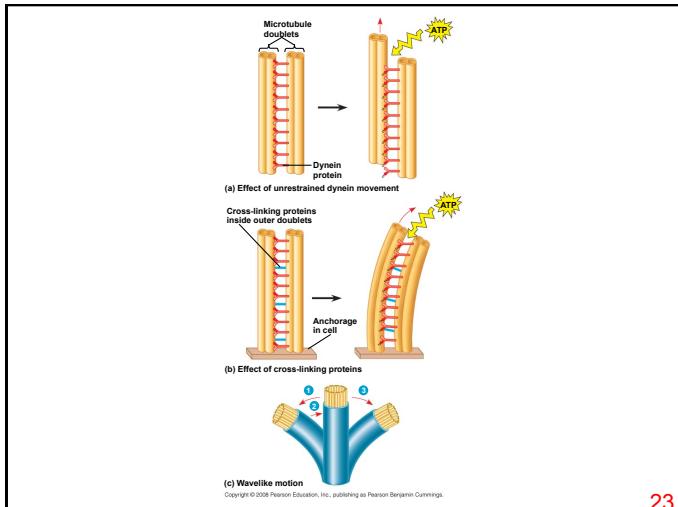
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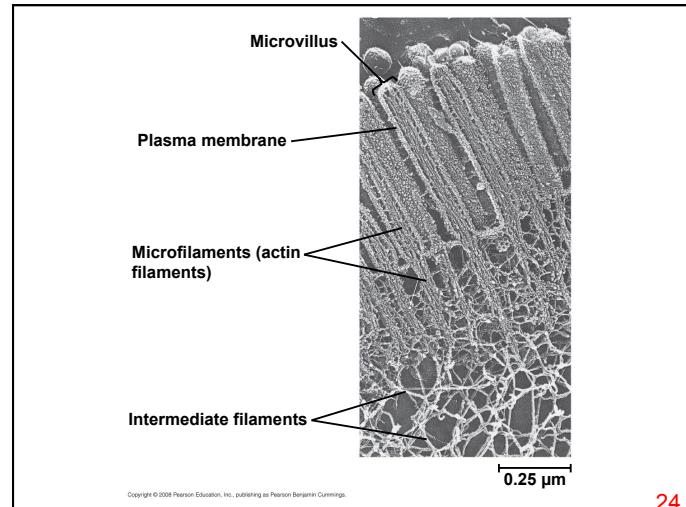
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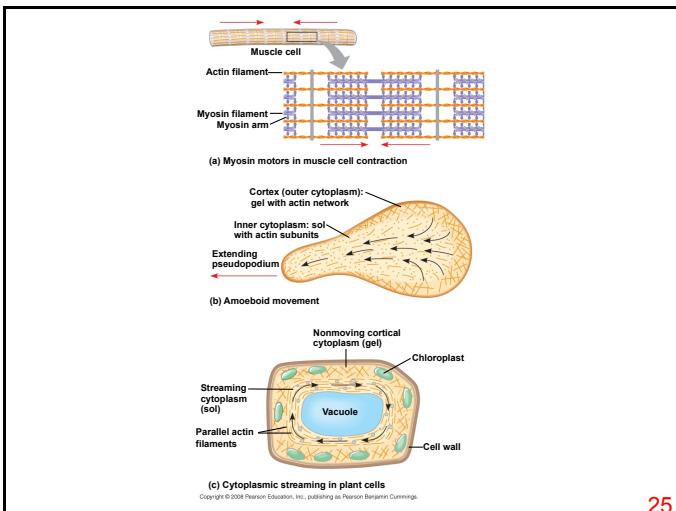
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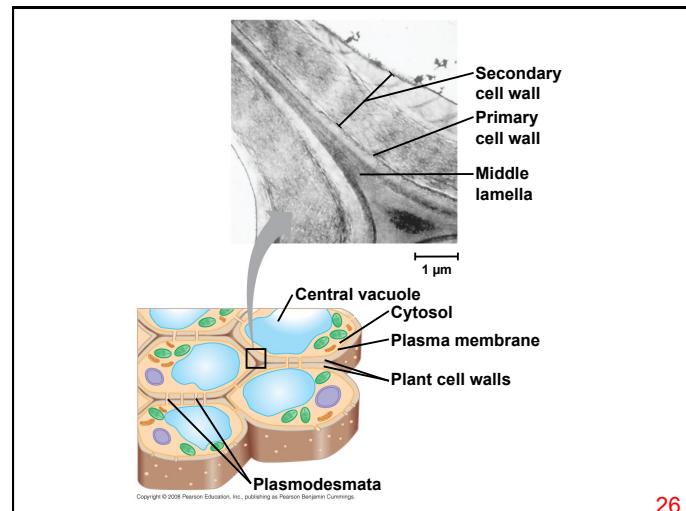
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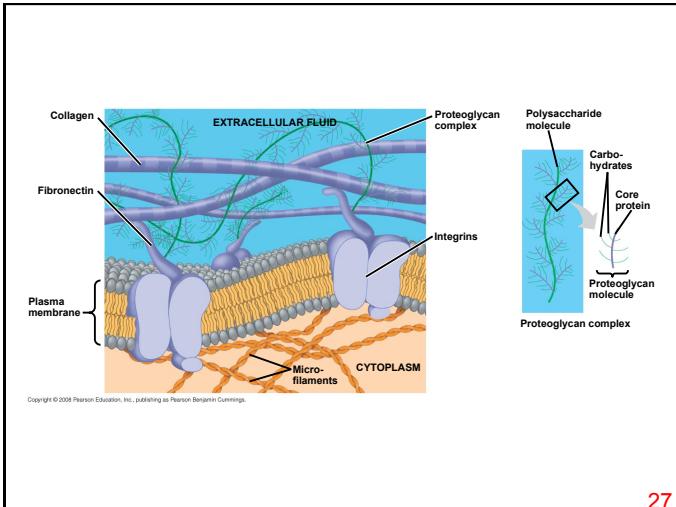
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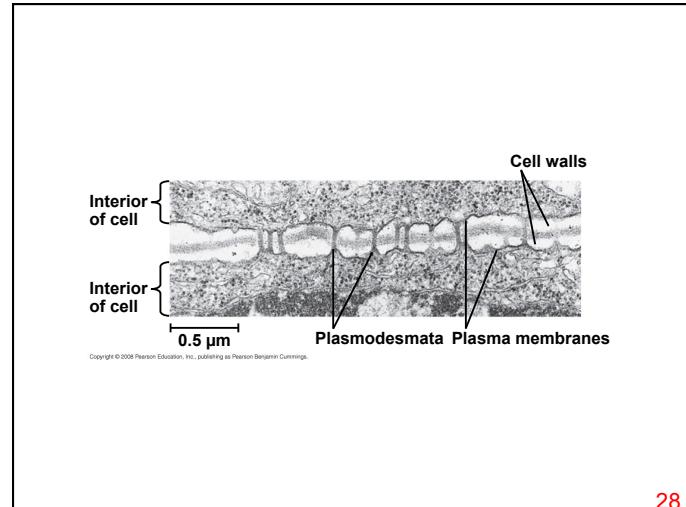
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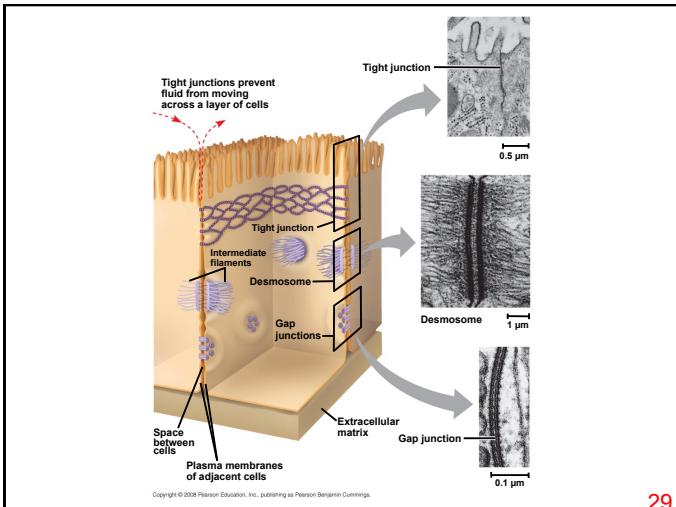
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| Concept 4.5   | Cell Component             | Structure   | Function   |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| The eukaryotic cell's genetic instructions are housed in chromosomes, which are carried out by the ribosomes. | Nucleus                    | Surrounded by nuclear envelope (double membrane) performed by nuclear pores. The nucleoplasm is continuous with the endoplasmic reticulum (ER). | Houses chromosomes, made of chromatin (DNA, histone proteins, material, and proteins); contains ribosomes; RNA and proteins are made. Permeable to many small molecules. |
|   | Ribosome                   | The subunits consist of ribosomal RNA and proteins. Can be bound to mRNA and moved to ER.   | Protein synthesis  |
| Concept 4.6   | Endoplasmic reticulum (ER) | Extensive network of membrane-bound tubules and vesicles that transports proteins from cytosol to the nuclear envelope.                         | The synthesis of phospholipids, metabolism of carbohydrates, and detoxification of drugs and poisons.  |
| The endomembrane system and ER both transport and perform metabolic functions in the cell                     | Golgi apparatus            | Stack of flattened sacs that modify, store, and move proteins and lipids from ER to the nuclear envelope.                                       | Rough ER: Adds carbohydrate chains to proteins; adds carbohydrate chains to lipids; produces new membrane  |
|   | Lysosome                   | Membrane sac of hydrolytic enzymes (in animal cells)  | Breakdown of ingested substances and damaged organelles for recycling  |
|   | Vacuole                    | Large membrane-bound vesicle in plants  | Digestion, storage, waste disposal, and regulation of cell growth, and protection  |
| Concept 4.8   | Mitochondrion              | Bounded by double membrane; inner membrane has cristae (folds).   | Cellular respiration   |
| Electrons and chlorophyll change energy from one form to another  | Chloroplast                | Typically found in green plants, which contain chlorophyll thylakoids (membrane structures).  | Photosynthesis   |
|   | Peroxisome                 | Specialized metabolic compartment bounded by a single membrane.   | Contains enzymes that transfer hydrogen atoms, using hydrogen peroxide ( $H_2O_2$ ) as a source of energy. Used to convert water by other enzymes to the peroxisome.     |

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