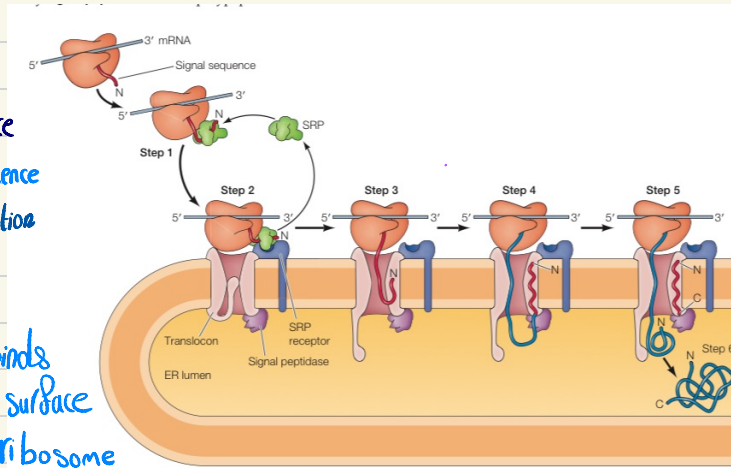


# Pathways / Mechanisms / regulation - Cyto



## Protein Sorting



Step 1: recognition of signal sequence as ribosomes being translated, signal sequence is produced & recognized by signal recognition particle (SRP)

Step 2: SRP-ribosome complex binds with SRP receptor located on surface of RER → positions the ribosome over a channel called translocon

Step 3: Translocon opens allowing growing polypeptide chain to be inserted into ER lumen

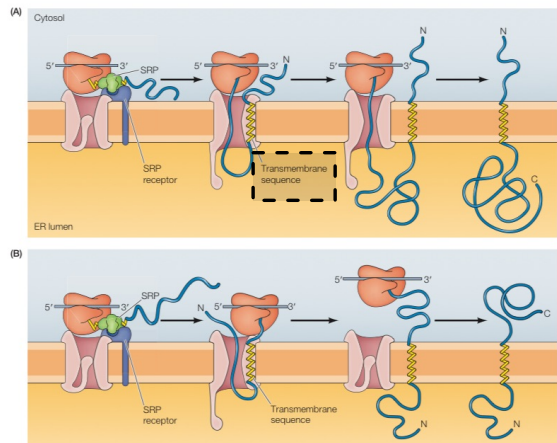
Steps 4 & 5: sequence is removed by signal peptidase

Step 6: continue translation & PPC embedded into ER lumen

## Insertion of membrane proteins via trans-membrane sequence

The Translocon recognizes trans membrane sequence

Acts as a stop!-transfer signal anchoring the protein in the ER membrane



Note: orientation of N-terminus & C-terminus depends on the direction of internal trans membrane sequence

Note 2: Multiple trans membrane domain proteins have multiple trans membrane sequence

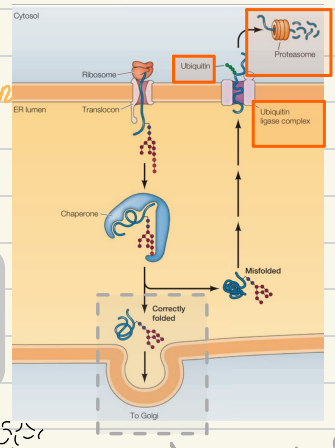
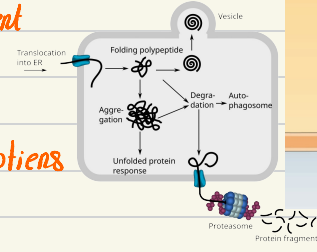
# Protein Folding & ER-associated degradation (ERAD)

acts as a sensor - if a protein is misfolded  $\rightsquigarrow$  unfolded then folded again

if protein is misfolded again so the protein is sent outside ER

in cytosol, protein is tagged with small proteins called ubiquitins

ubiquitinated proteins recognized & degraded by (proteasome)

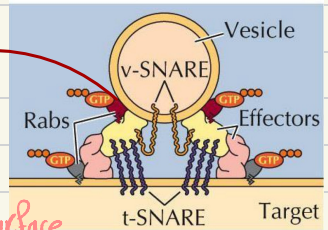


correctly folded  $\rightarrow$  proteins move on

## Delivery of Vesicles: Targeting & Fusion

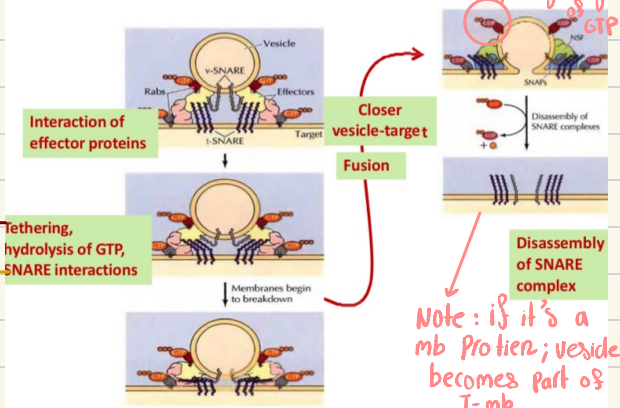
Rab: Guide vesicles to correct target membrane; each Rab specific to a transport route

Rab is activated  $\rightsquigarrow$  (GTP-bound) on vesicle surface



Active Rab interact with tethering factors or effector protein on target membrane, bringing the vesicle closer to the target

Each v-SNARE specific to a t-SNARE  $\leftarrow$  v-SNARE & t-SNARE interact & forms a stable complex, bringing vesicle & target membrane together



Note: if it's a mb protein; vesicle becomes part of T-mb

The SNAREs drives fusion of v-mb with T-mb cargo delivery

# Protein import & mitochondrial assembly

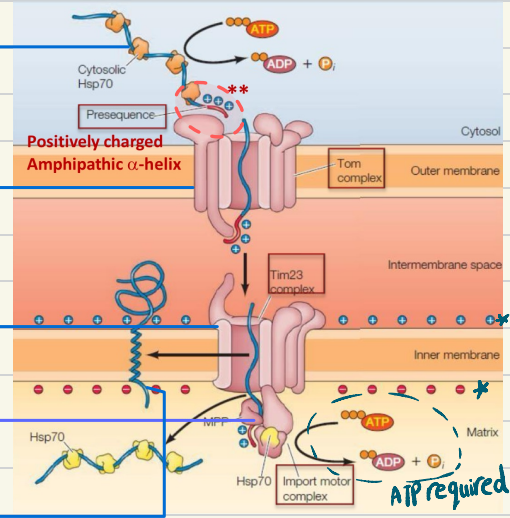
\* proteins destined for mt have **N-terminal Presequence**; it's + charged & amphipathic  $\alpha$ -helices

\* Translocation through TOM complex  
- Translocase of outer membrane

\* Translocation through TIM complex

\* Presequence is removed during Translocation

\* some proteins with transmembrane domains exit laterally into inner membrane

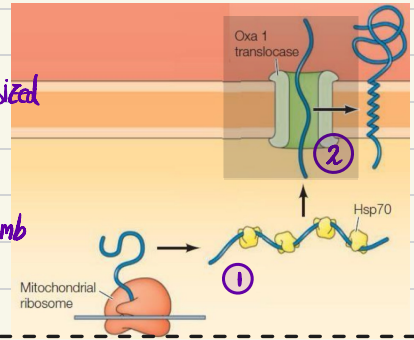


## Targeting of inner membrane proteins

\* inner mt membrane proteins encoded by mtDNA are synthesized directly on mitochondrial ribosomes in matrix



\* Oxa1 translocase recognize & integrates these proteins into the mb

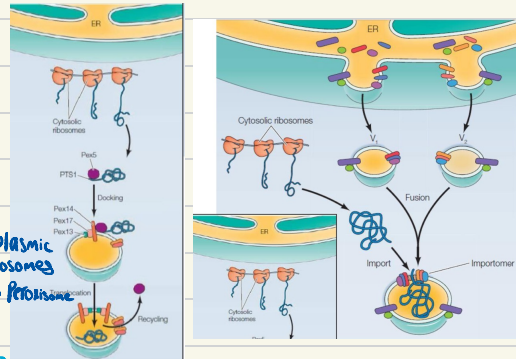


## Assembly of Peroxisomes

Transmembrane proteins are derived from ER, specific Peroxisomal transmembrane are involved in creating a functional Peroxisome

\* Matrix/internal proteins are synthesized in cytoplasm on cytoplasmic ribosomes  
\* They contain peroxisomal targeting signal (PTS1) direct them to peroxisomes

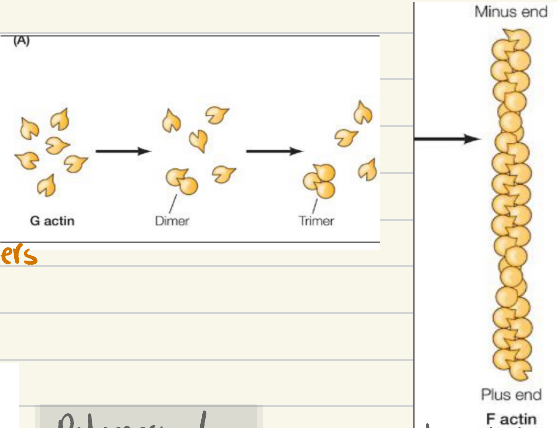
\* Peroxisins help in translocating peroxisomal proteins into Peroxisome by functioning in carrying & importing them



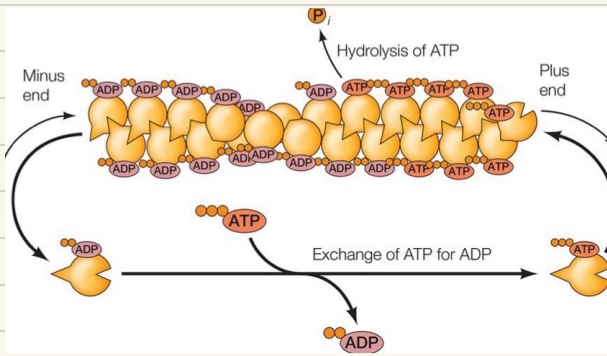


# Actin Polymerization

Nucleation: start of actin polymerization where a trimer of G-actin protein is formed

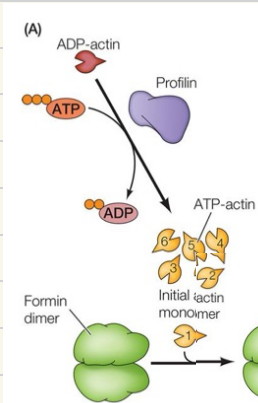


\* Actin filaments then grow by adding monomers to both ends



Polymerization: monomers bound to ATP

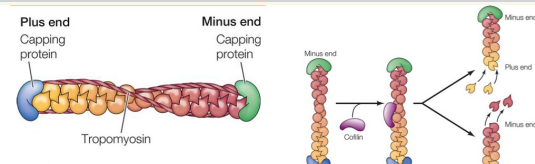
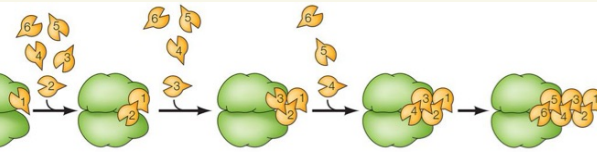
Treadmilling: filaments dissociated from ADP actin



Formin: promotes nucleation of actin

Profilin: exchange ADP for ATP

ARP 2/3: initiates branching



Tropomyosin: stabilizes ends by binding to capping proteins

Cofilin: breaks up actin filaments

# Microtubule-associated Proteins (MAPs) - Regulate dynamic behavior of microtubules

## Regulating

\* growth by Polymerases

\* Shrinkage by depolymerases at + ends of microtubules

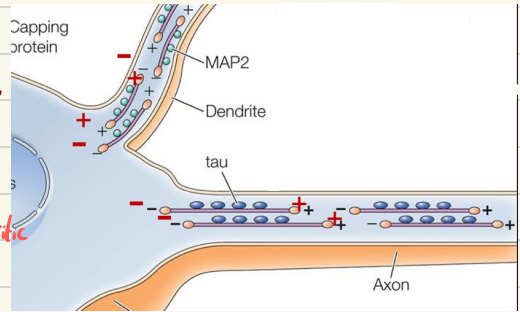
Suppressing microtubule catastrophe & Promoting rescue :

\* CLASP Proteins rescue microtubule from catastrophe

## Organization of microtubules within cells - Neuron

(+) & (-) ends in nerve cells terminate in cytoplasm

**dendrites** : Microtubules are oriented in both directions, meaning some have their + end facing dendritic tip, others have - end at dendritic tip

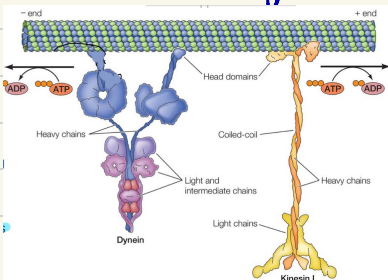
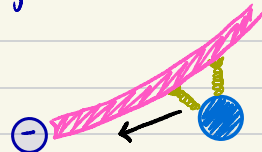
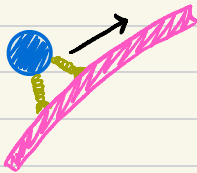


**axons** : organized with their + end consistently pointing towards axon tip

Microtubule-motor Proteins → Kinesin & dynein → Microtubule-motor proteins use ATP to move along microtubules in opposite directions

\* Kinesin moves towards +ve end → anterograde

\* Dynein moves toward the minus end

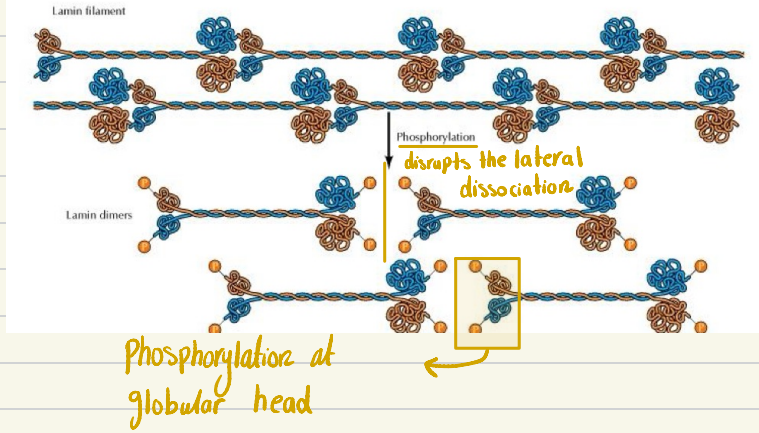


each motor protein has two head domains they alternately bind to & release from microtubule

↓  
when it binds to ATP it attaches strongly to microtubule, when ATP is hydrolyzed it triggers a shape change, causing it to release from microtubule & swing forward

# Regulation of intermediate filaments

When intermediate filaments like nuclear lamin & vimentin are phosphorylated  $\rightarrow$  they disassemble into dimers or protofilaments



# Assembly of fibrillar collagen

begins with a single  $\alpha$  chain



Formation of a triple-stranded molecule, basic structural unit



Outside, they assemble into fibrils, stabilized by cross-linking - can be between 3 diff tropocollagen or 3 same tropocollagen



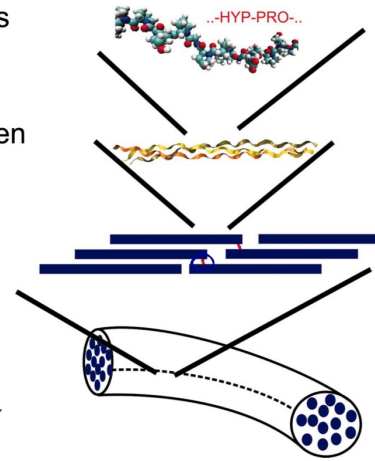
Fibrils aggregate to form fibers

amino acids  
~1 nm

tropocollagen  
~300 nm

fibrils  
~1  $\mu$ m

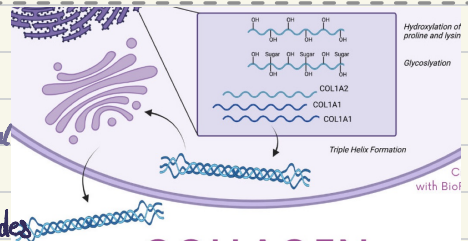
fibers  
~10  $\mu$ m  
seen with LM



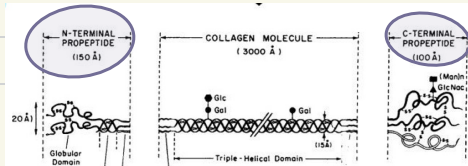
# Synthesis of collagen

Note: Procollagen I intact N-Terminal considered most sensitive marker of bone formation

molecule is synthesized as a procollagen, where N-terminal & C-terminal propeptides inhibit intracellular fibril formation. lysyl oxidase, which catalyzes formation of reactive aldehydes



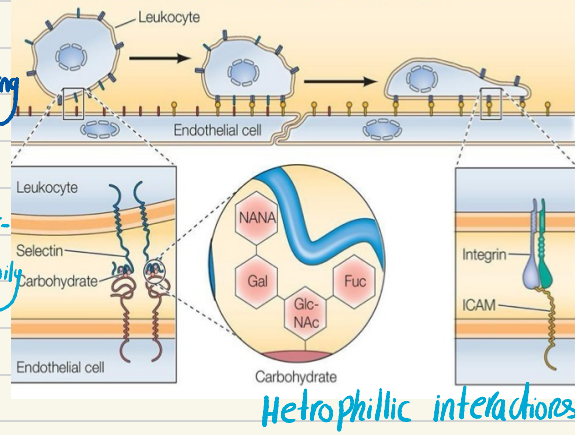
Following exocytosis, procollagen peptidases remove propeptides



## Role of Selectins in leukocyte - endothelial cell interactions

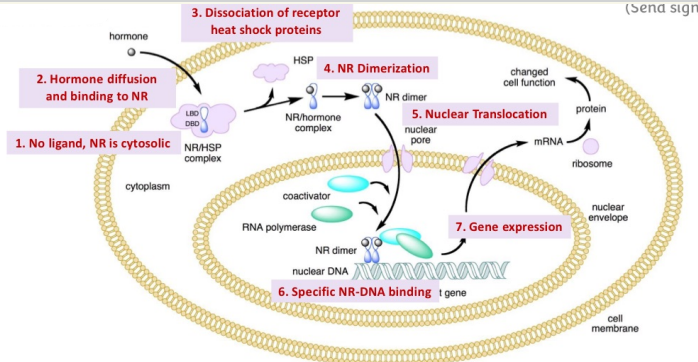
Leukocytes interact with endothelial cells via binding of leukocyte selectin to carb on endothelial cell

More stable interaction between leukocyte integrins & inter-cellular adhesion molecule (ICAM) - members of Ig family



## Mechanism of action of steroid nuclear receptor (NR)

1. Steroid diffuses, because they are small they diffuse through without the need of a carrier
2. They bind to intracellular receptor which is cytosolic & bound to heat shock protein (HSP) which prevent receptor from being active



3. HSP released
4. receptor dimerizes
5. Receptor gets translocated into nucleus
6. Receptor binds to DNA
7. controls gene expression



# Heteromeric G-Protein

Outside of cell

Hormone

G protein-coupled receptor

Cytosol

Plasma membrane

Activated G protein

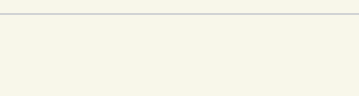
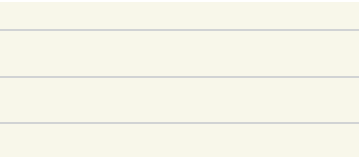
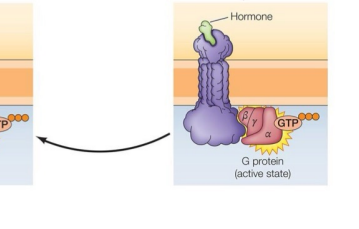
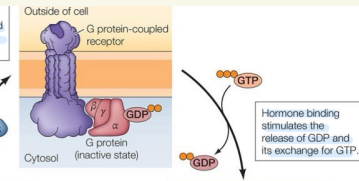
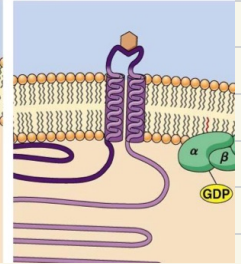
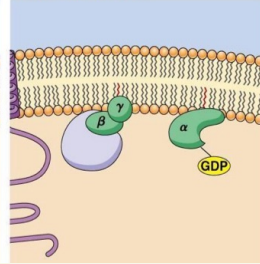
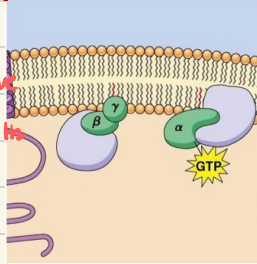
Adenylyl cyclase

G protein

4 G protein subunits activate or inhibit target proteins, initiating signal transduction events.

5 The G<sub>s</sub> subunit hydrolyzes its bound GTP to GDP, becoming inactive.

6 Subunits recombine to form an inactive protein.



In the inactive state, the  $\alpha$  subunit is bound to GDP in a complex with  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

Activity of the  $\alpha$  subunit is terminated by hydrolysis of the bound GTP, which is stimulated by RGS proteins. The inactive GDP-bound  $\alpha$  subunit then reassociates with the  $\beta\gamma$  complex.

Hormone-binding stimulates the release of GDP and its exchange for GTP.

The activated GTP-bound  $\alpha$  subunit and  $\beta\gamma$  complex then dissociate from the receptor and interact with their targets.

Target enzymes and ion channels

## G-Protein inactivation

activity of  $\alpha$ -subunit is terminated by hydrolysis of the bound by intrinsic GTPase activity, the inactive  $\alpha$  subunit now re-associates with  $\beta\gamma$

## The cycle of regulation

## G-Protein regulations (RGS)

inhibitors

GTPase which is regulated by

GAPs

GTPase Activating Proteins

Activators

(GEFs)

Guanine nucleotide exchange factors

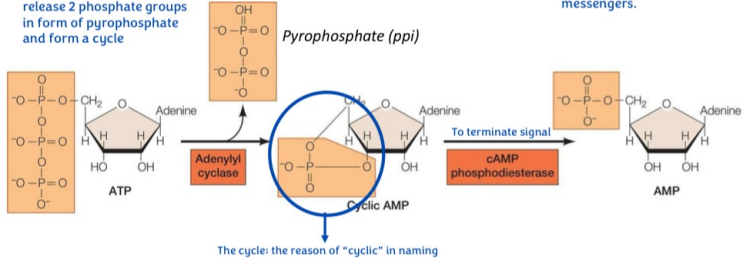
Facilitate release of GDP & binding to GTP

Target enzymes and ion channels

# cAMP synthesis

- \* Process begins with ATP
- \* Adenylyl cyclase, an enzyme catalyzes conversion of ATP into cAMP
- \* P<sub>pp</sub>i released

Adenylyl cyclase: release 2 phosphate groups in form of pyrophosphate and form a cycle

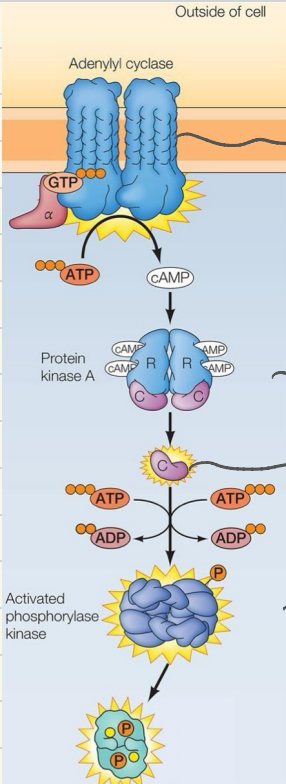


cAMP, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, cGMP are examples of secondary messengers.

## cAMP degradation:

cAMP is degraded into AMP by cAMP Phosphodiesterase

## Regulation of PKA by cAMP



it's a serine/threonine kinase

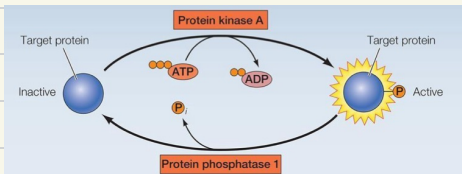
2 subunits R & C

Catalytic subunit release

phosphorylate other molecules

phosphorylate other enzymes or molecules → glycogen synthase & glycogen phosphorylase

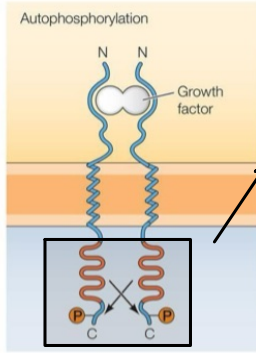
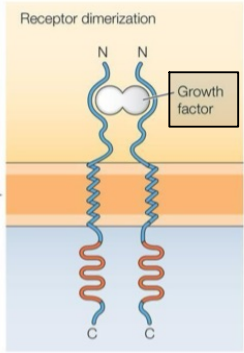
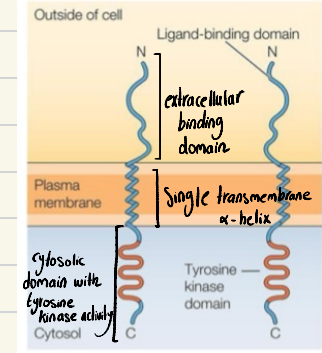
Translocate into nucleus & phosphorylates transcription factors like CREB leading to expression of cAMP inducible genes



→ phosphorylation of PKA is reversed by phosphatase 1

# Mechanisms of action of receptor-tyrosine kinase

Growth factor binding induces receptor dimerization

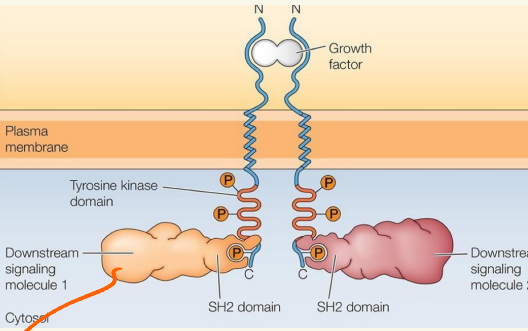


Dimerization results in receptor autophosphorylation as the two polypeptide chains now phosphorylate one another

receptor is now active ←

## Autophosphorylation effects

- ① increases protein kinase activity
- ② creates specific binding sites "docking sites" for additional proteins that transmit signals downstream of activated receptors



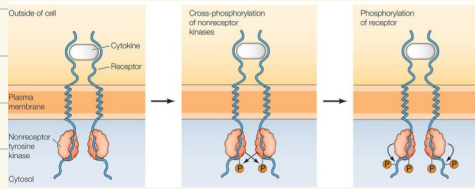
They localize to plasma mb

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associate with other proteins

↓  
phosphorylation of further proteins

↓  
stimulates enzymatic activity

## Non-receptor protein tyrosine kinases - cytokines receptor superfamily

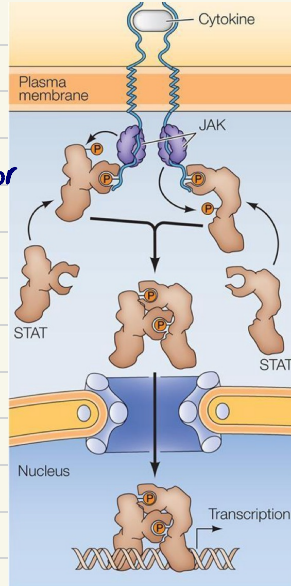


ligand binding induces receptor dimerization → cross-phosphorylation of non-receptor TR

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activated kinases phosphorylates tyrosine residues OR receptor → creating phosphotyrosine binding sites for downstream signaling molecules

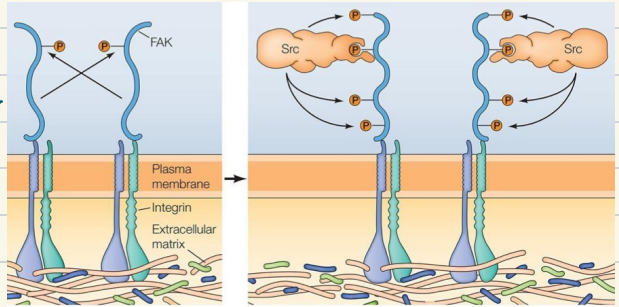
# JAK/STAT Pathway

1. cytokines bind to receptor, dimerization
2. JAK cross phosphorylates & then phosphorylates receptor
3. Transcription factor (STAT) binds on phosphotyrosine binding sites
4. STAT phosphorylated by JAK
5. JAK dimerizes & goes to nucleus
6. Affecting gene expression



# Integrin Signaling

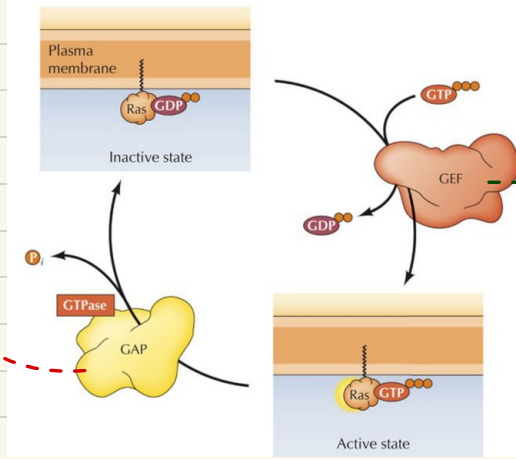
1. integrin bind to ECM; they cluster together on cell surface
2. activation of FAK (Focal adhesion kinase) by auto-phosphorylation
3. binding of Src → Phosphorylates FAK on additional tyrosine residue
4. creating binding sites for other signal molecules → RAS



Other receptors, such as cadherins & Ig superfamily can also transmit signals in a related way

# Ras Regulation

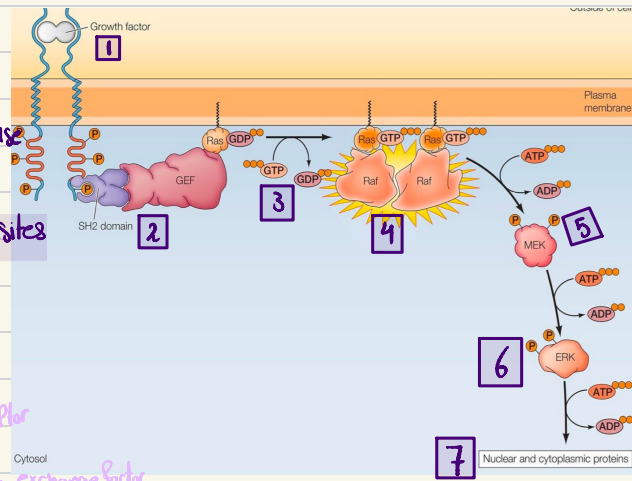
inhibited by GTPase activating factors (GAPs)



Stimulated by Guanine nucleotide exchange factors

# Ras/Raf/MEK/ERK Signaling Pathway

- 1 growth factor binds to a receptor tyrosine kinase. this binding activates the receptor causing it to undergo autophosphorylation, creating docking sites for specific proteins
- 2 phosphorylated receptor recruits a docking protein called Grb - Growth factor bound receptor. it brings another molecule GEF - Guanine nucleotide exchange factor
- 3 GEF interact with Ras, inactive at this stage bound to GDP, GEF cause Ras to release GDP & bind GTP
- 4 Active Ras interacts with Raf
- 5 Raf phosphorylates another kinase called MEK
- 6 MEK activates ERK
- 7 ERK enters nucleus & activate transcription factors



ERK enters nucleus & activate transcription factors  
 Proliferation      Survival      Differentiation

# PI<sub>3</sub>K/AKT Pathway

1 Growth factor binds to RTK → it undergoes auto-phosphorylation which creates docking sites

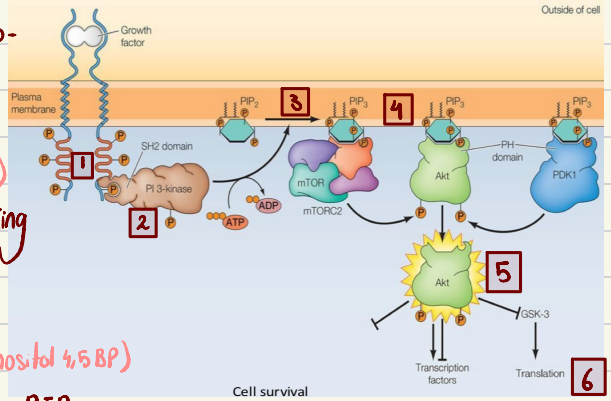
2 PI<sub>3</sub>-Kinase (Phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase) is recruited to the receptor, it binds to docking site & becomes activated

3 PI<sub>3</sub>-kinase targets PIP<sub>2</sub> (Phosphatidylinositol 4,5BP) PIP<sub>3</sub>-k adds a P group to PIP<sub>2</sub> converting it to PIP<sub>3</sub>

4 PIP<sub>3</sub> remains in cytoplasm & acts as docking site for (AKT, PDK1, mTOR)

5 AKT is phosphorylated by PDK1 & mTORC2 & fully activate it

6 AKT carries out its function → Protein synthesis & cell growth



# NF-κB signaling pathway

1 NF-κB is bound to IκB, which traps NF-κB in cytoplasm

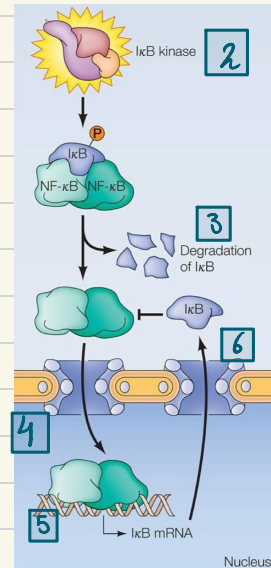
2 cell receives a signal → IκB kinase active → Phosphorylates IκB

3 degradation of IκB, NF-κB is now released

4 NF-κB enters nucleus & binds to specific DNA sequences

5 Gene activation, activation of certain genes → cell survival

6 Feedback-loop → one of the genes act by NF-κB encodes IκB itself



# NGF

NGF binds to specific receptors on cell mb, activating signaling pathways

Activation of pathway depends on ERK activity duration

Short duration

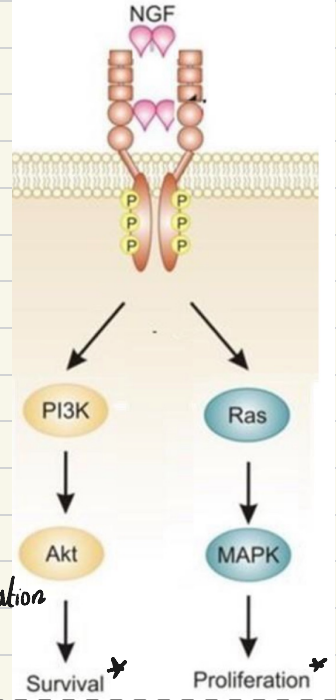
30-60 mins

cell proliferation

Sustained ERK activation

2-3 hours

neuronal differentiation



## Cross-talk

Ras activates PI<sub>3</sub>k

Akt inhibits Ras

ERK activate mTORC1

