Cell Transport

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the process of substances moving across the cell membrane.

Why is cell transport important?

- 1. Moves substances needed for metabolism, growth, and reproduction INTO THE CELL.
- 2. Moves waste products OUT of the cell.

What is a concentration gradient?

Concentration gradient

• When the amount of a substance is NOT the same across the membrane.

Equilibrium

- when there is NO concentration gradient.
- amount of a substance is EQUAL.
- **Molecules are still moving but there is no NET change in amounts.

Concentration Gradient or Equilibrium?





Passive Transport

- Molecules follow concentration gradient
 - − High concentration → low concentration
- Energy comes from molecule movement
- Reaches dynamic equilibrium

 No NET movement



Types of Passive Transport

- 1. Diffusion
 - Molecules spread from areas of high concentration to areas of low concentration
 - Small molecules: O₂, CO₂, and water.



Types of Passive Transport

- 2. Osmosis
 - Diffusion of water across a semi-permeable membrane
 - Water moves to a high concentration of solute (stuff)



- Water "goes to the party"





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Active Transport

- Requires cellular energy
- Molecules move from LOW concentration to HIGH
- Builds a concentration gradient
- COLLECTING









