Cell Growth



Learning Objectives

 Explain how cell division solves the problem of cell growth

Calculating Surface Area



Area = A X B

Surface Area = Area X # of sides

Calculating Volume



Volume = Length X Height X Width

Surface Area to Volume



As the cell grows larger, the cell's volume increases faster than the surface area, causing problems for the cell.

Limits to Cell Growth



1. Larger cells have more trouble moving nutrients and wastes across the membrane 2. DNA overload large cells cannot make enough DNA to meet it's needs



When animals grow larger, do their cells increase in size or do they produce more cells? Produce more cells!

Cell Division



Before a cell becomes too large, it divides forming two "daughter" cells - Cell Division

Functions of Cell Division

- 1. Reproduction formation of an organism, increasing the population.
- 2. Growth development of multicellular organisms.
- 3. Repair repair and renew cells that die (apoptosis) from normal wear or damage.

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Surface Area to Volume Ratio Agar Cube Experiment

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Why are cells small? Mr. Anderson

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