# Cell Growth Section 10-1

- Living things grow by producing more cells.
- There are two reasons why cells divide rather than continue growing indefinitely:
  - 1. The larger a cell becomes, the more demands the cell places on its DNA.
  - The cell has more trouble moving enough nutrients and wastes across the cell membrane.

### DNA "Overload"

- The information that controls a cell's function is stored in a molecule of DNA.
- DNA is found in the nucleus.
- When the cell is small, the information stored in DNA is able to meet all of the cell's needs.
- As a cell increases, it does not make extra copies of DNA.
- If a cell grows without limit, an "information crisis" would occur.

#### **Exchanging Material**

- Food, oxygen, and water enter a cell through its cell membrane and wastes leave the same way.
- If the cell gets too large, it is more difficult to get sufficient amounts of oxygen and nutrients in and waste products out.

### **Division of the Cell**

- A growing cell divides forming two "daughter" cells.
- <u>Cell division</u> is the process by which a cell divides into two new daughter cells.
- Before division occurs, the cell replicates, or copies, all of its DNA.
- Each daughter cell receives one complete set of genetic information.

# Cell Division Section 10-2

- Every cell must first copy its genetic information before cell division begins.
- Cell division in eukaryotes is complex and occurs in two stages.
  - 1. The first stage is mitosis, which is the division of the cell nucleus.
  - 2. The second stage is <u>cytokinesis</u>, which is the division of the cytoplasm.

- Reproduction by <u>mitosis</u> is classified as <u>asexual</u>, since the cells produced are genetically <u>identical to the parent</u> cell.
- Mitosis is also the source of new cells when a multicellular organism grows and develops.

#### Chromosomes

- Carry the genetic information that is passed on from one generation of cells to the next.
- Made up of DNA and proteins
- Every organism has a specific number of chromosomes.
  - Fruit flies 8
  - Human cells 46
  - Carrot cells 18

- Chromosomes are not visible in most cells except during cell division.
- Well before cell division, each chromosome is copied.
- Each chromosome then consists of two identical "sister" <u>chromatids</u>.
- Each pair of chromatids is attached at the centromere.



Chromosome



#### **The Cell Cycle**



- Interphase is the "in-between" period of growth that occurs when cells are not dividing.
- The <u>cell cycle</u> is a series of events that cells go through as they grow and divide.
- The cell cycle consists of four phases:
  - 1. M phase mitosis and cytokinesis
  - 2. S phase chromosome replication, or synthesis of DNA
  - 3.  $G_1$  cell growth
  - G<sub>2</sub> preparation for mitosis
    (G stands for "gap")

#### Events of the Cell Cycle

- Interphase can be quite long, whereas cell division takes place quickly.
- Interphase is divided into three phases:
   G<sub>1</sub>, S and G<sub>2</sub> phases
- During G<sub>1</sub>, cells increase in size and synthesize new proteins.
- During S, Chromosomes are replicated and DNA is synthesized.
- During G<sub>2</sub>, (shortest) organelles and proteins required for cell division are made.

# Interphase

- Interphase is the "holding" stage or the stage between two successive cell divisions.
- 90% of a cell's time in the normal cellular cycle may be spent in interphase.
- 3 phases:
  - $-G_1 = Growth$
  - -S = Synthesis of DNA
  - $-G_2 = Prep for Mitosis$



**Nucleolus** 

Chromatin

## Interphase



# Prophase



- Prophase is the first and longest phase of mitosis (50-60% of the total time)
- Chromosomes are visible
- Centrioles separate and move to opposite side of the nucleus
- Spindle, a fanlike microtubule helps to separate the chromosomes
- Chromosomes attach to spindle fibers at the centromere of each chromatid
- At the end, chromosomes coil tightly, nucleolus disappears, nuclear envelope breaks down.

# Prophase



# Metaphase

- During metaphase, chromosomes line up across the center of the cell.
- Only lasts a few minutes
- Microtubules connect the centromere to the poles of the spindle.



# Metaphase



# Anaphase

- During anaphase, the centromeres that join the sister chromatids split, allowing the sister chromatids to separate and become individual chromosomes.
- Chromosomes move until they have separated into two groups near the poles of the spindle.
- Ends when the chromosomes stop moving.



# Anaphase



# Telophase

- During telophase, the chromosomes begin to disperse into a tangle of dense material.
- A nuclear envelope re-forms around each cluster of chromosomes.
- The spindle breaks apart, a nucleolus becomes visible in each daughter nucleus making mitosis almost complete.



# Telophase



# Cytokinesis

- As a result of mitosis, two nuclei are formed, usually within the cytoplasm of a single cell.
- The final step is the division of the cytoplasm itself.
- Cytokinesis usually occurs at the same time as telophase.

 In animal cells, the cell membrane is drawn inward until the cytoplasm is pinched into two nearly equal parts.



# Cytokinesis

