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DEPARTMENT OF RADIOGRAPHY AND IMAGING TECHNOLOGY

COURSE NAME: HUMAN ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY

RELEVANT TO RADIOLOGY

UNIT: GENERAL STRUCTURE OF HUMAN BODY

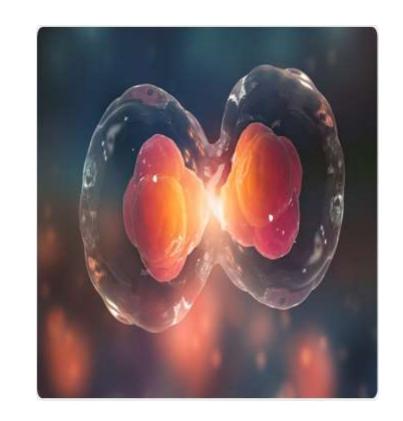
TOPIC: CELL CYCLE

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INTRODUCTION (Define)



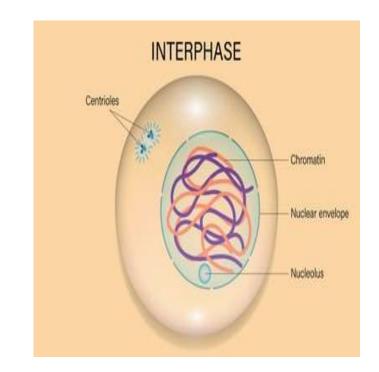
- Cell division is the process in which one cell, called the parent cell, divides to form two new cells, referred to as daughter cells.
- The **cell cycle** is a repeating series of events that include growth, DNA synthesis, and cell division.
- The cell cycle is composed of two major stages: Interphase and the mitotic (M) phase.



INTERPHASE

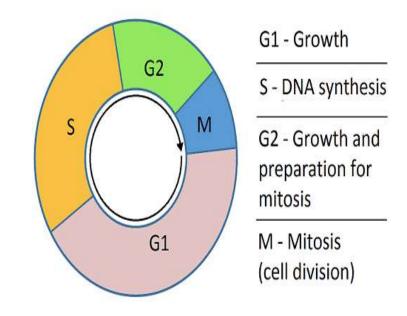


- Interphase is the longest part of the cell cycle, where the **cell grows** and makes a copy of its DNA.
- It is a period of intense metabolic activity and preparation for division and is divided into three substages: G1 phase (First Gap),
 S phase (Synthesis), G2 phase (Second Gap).



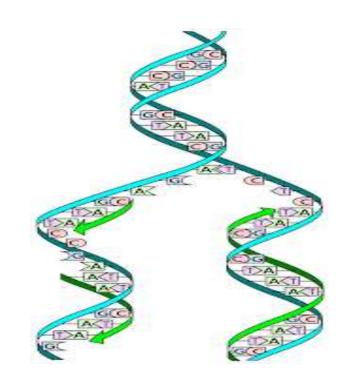


- G1 phase (First Gap): The cell grows physically larger, duplicates its organelles (such as mitochondria and ribosomes).
- And synthesizes proteins and molecular building blocks it will need in later steps.



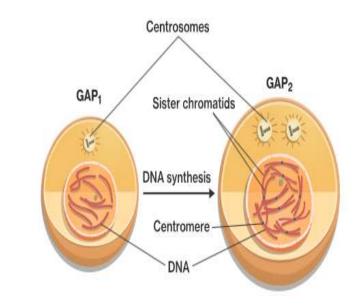


- S phase (Synthesis): The cell synthesizes a complete, identical copy of the DNA in its nucleus.
- Each chromosome is replicated to produce two identical sister chromatids attached at the centromere.
- The centrosome is also duplicated during this phase.





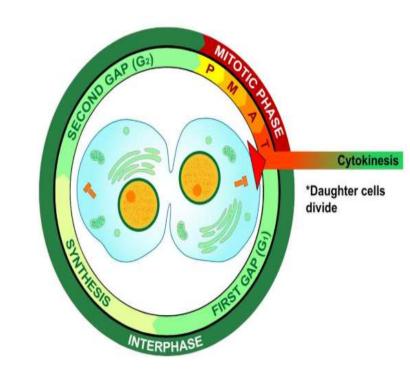
- G2 phase (Second Gap): The cell grows more, produces additional proteins and enzymes required for cell division and reorganizes its contents in preparation for mitosis.
- A final checkpoint ensures the **DNA** has been replicated accurately and is not damaged before entering the M phase.







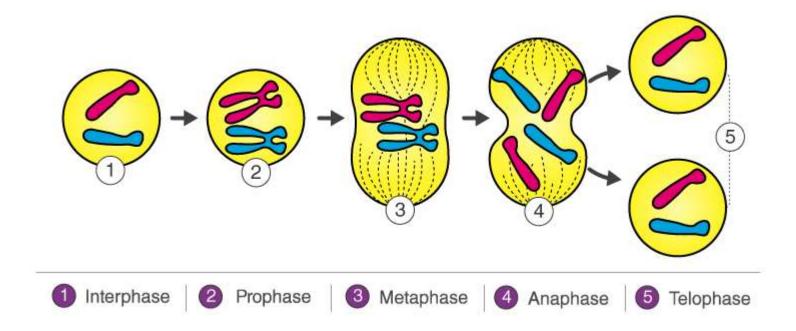
- The M phase is when the cell divides its copied DNA and cytoplasm to form two new cells.
- It consists of two tightly coupled processes: Mitosis (Nuclear Division) and Cytokinesis (Cytoplasmic Division)
- Mitosis (Nuclear Division): The nuclear DNA is condensed into visible chromosomes and separated into two identical nuclei.





This process is divided into four main stages:

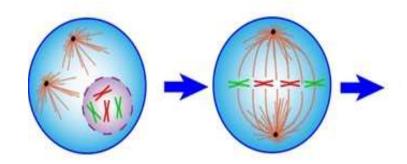
- Prophase
- Metaphase
- Anaphase
- Telophase





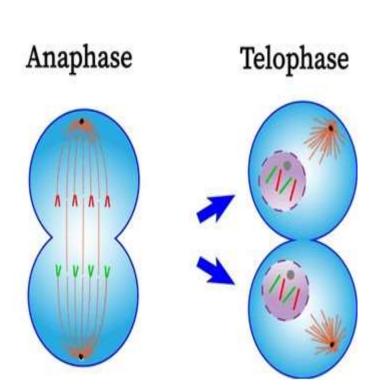
- **Prophase:** Chromosomes condense and become visible; the nuclear envelope breaks down; the mitotic spindle begins to form.
- Metaphase: Chromosomes align along the center of the cell (the metaphase plate).
- Anaphase: Sister chromatids separate and are pulled to opposite ends (poles) of the cell.

Prophase Metaphase





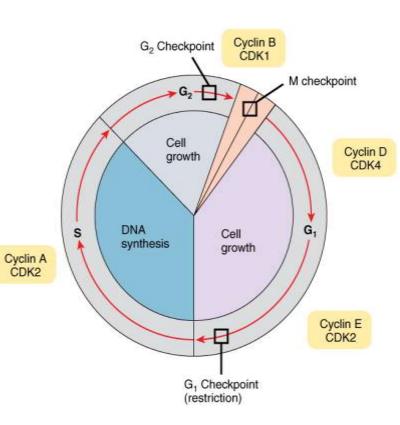
- Telophase: Two new nuclear envelopes form around the two sets of chromosomes, which begin to decondense.
- Cytokinesis (Cytoplasmic Division): The cell's cytoplasm divides, forming two separate daughter cells.



REGULATION AND CHECKPOINTS

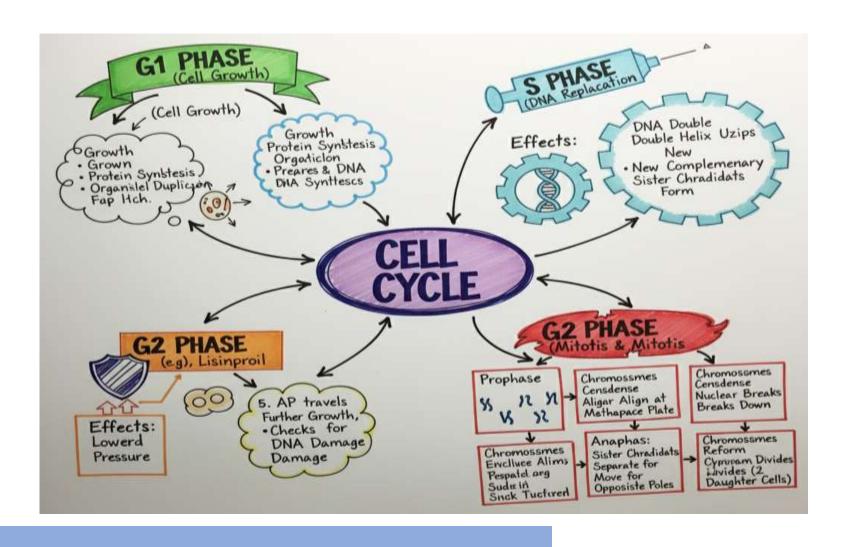


- The cell cycle is tightly regulated by a control system with **checkpoints** that monitor progression and ensure all conditions are met before proceeding to the next phase.
- Key regulatory molecules include cyclins and cyclin-dependent kinases (Cdks), whose fluctuating levels and activity drive the cell through the cycle transitions.



SUMMARY







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