### Chemical Reactions & Chemical Equations



# WHY CHEMICAL REACTIONS are IMPORTANT in MEDICINE?

-because ALL CHANGES that happen in our body and in our environment are DUE TO SOME KIND OF CHEMICAL REACTION going on

 $\rightarrow$  creation of ATP, synthesis of drugs, effect of the drugs in the body, Enzyme-substrate interactions, enzyme inactivation drug-DNA interactions...

all these systems consider some type of chemical reaction...

Biology 2.4

Energy and Chemical Reactions in Cells





Protein digestion



Aim: To revise the purpose of enzymes, how they work, and examine the factors which affect enzyme catalysed reactions.

### How many chemical reactions happen in our body?

Since we have about 200 trillion cells and each one performs millions of chemical reactions, the total number of chemical reactions in the human body is about 400 billion per second every second of your life.

That's 4 times the amount of stars in our galaxy which is a mere 100 billion



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### **Chemical Reactions in Cells**

- To keep your body alive, your cells undergo countless chemical reactions.
  - Many of these reactions are occurring 24/7.

These chemical reactions drive cellular processes!



#### Chemistry of Life

- Twenty-five elements are essential to life.
- Four elements make up about 96% of the weight of the human body:
  - Oxygen
  - Carbon
  - Hydrogen
  - Nitrogen



**REMEMBER**: Majority of chemical reactions in our body consider CONVERSION of the COMPOUNDS present in the FOOD to useful compounds NEEDED to OUR BODY





# **Chemical Reactions**

Decomposition/catabolic reaction: When a bond holding atoms together breaks and produces a simpler molecule.



Example: Is needed for foods to be digested and energy to be released for your body to use.







# Chemical Reaction in living organisms







# How a chemical Reaction can be recognized that takes place

- Indications of a Chemical Reaction
  - Evolution of heat, light,
  - Production of a gas
  - Formation of a precipitate
  - Color change



### What are Chemical Equations

Depict the kind of **reactants** and **products** and their relative amounts in a reaction.

aluminum oxide



The letters (s), (g), and (l) are the physical states of compounds.

The numbers in the front are called **stoichiometric coefficients**.



This equation means:

4 Al atoms +  $3 O_2$  molecules yield 2 molecules of  $AI_2O_3$ or 4 Al moles +  $3 O_2$  moles yield 2 moles of  $AI_2O_3$ 4 mol AI@27g/mol 3 mol  $O_2@32g/mol$  2 mol AI $_2O_3@102g/mol$ 108 g + 96 g = 204 g

### **Chemical Equations**

Because the same atoms are present in a reaction at the beginning (*reactants*) and at the end (*products*), the amount of matter in a system does not change.

The Law of Conservation of Matter



### **Chemical Equations**

Because of the principle of the conservation of matter,

An equation must be balanced.

It must have the same number of atoms of the same kind on both sides.



Lavoisier, 1788

## **Chemical Equations**

- Reactants the substances that exist before a chemical change (or reaction) takes place.
- **Products** the **new** substance(s) that are formed during the chemical changes.
- CHEMICAL EQUATION indicates the reactants and products of a reaction.

#### **REACTANTS** $\rightarrow$ **PRODUCTS**

# Word Equations

• A WORD EQUATION describes chemical change using the names of the reactants and products.

Write the word equation for the reaction of methane gas with oxygen gas to form carbon dioxide and water.



#### **Unbalanced and Balanced Equations**



#### **Chemical Equations** $N_2(g)$ **3 H<sub>2</sub>**(g) **2 NH<sub>3</sub>** (g) + $\rightarrow$ + "Microscopic recipe" 1 molecule N<sub>2</sub> 3 molecules H<sub>2</sub> 2 molecules NH<sub>3</sub> + $\rightarrow$ "Macroscopic recipe" 1 mol N<sub>2</sub> $3 \text{ mol H}_2$ 2 mol NH<sub>3</sub> $\rightarrow$ +

# $CH_4 + 2O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O_2$







### Synthesis Reaction

#### **Direct combination reaction (Synthesis)**



### Potassium reacts with Water Synthesis reaction



### Formation of a solid: AgCl



 $AgNO_3(aq) + KCI(aq) \rightarrow KNO_3(aq) + AgCI(s)$ 



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### **Double Replacement Reaction**



## Synthesis Reactions

### Photosynthesis $6 \text{CO}_2 + 6 \text{H}_2 \text{O} \longrightarrow \text{C}_6 \text{H}_{12} \text{O}_6 + 6 \text{O}_2$ Formation of water $2H_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2H_2O$ Formation of salt $2 \text{ Na} + \text{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow 2 \text{ NaCl}$ **General Form**

 $A + B \longrightarrow C$ 

### **Decomposition Reaction**

**Decomposition reaction** 



### **Decomposition Reactions**







Figure 15 - LCD-Clock powered by a tomato battery.



#### **Oxidation-Reduction Reactions**

In the oxidation-reduction reactions THERE IS an EXCHANGE of ELECTRONS taking place between the REACTANTS

The LOSS of Electrons is named OXIDATION ("LEO")

The GAIN of Electrons is named REDUCTION ("GER")



*The process of loss of electron is named oxidation*, BUT, **the compound that loses the electrons is named REDUCING AGENT** (compound A in this picture) because The electrons it has released have REDUCED the other compound (B in this picture)

*The process of gain of electrons is reduction*, BUT...**the compound that gains electrons is named OXIDIZIGN AGENT (compound B in this picture)** because The electrons it has received have OXIDIZED the other compound (A in this picture)



#### **Examples of Oxidation-Reduction Reactions important for MEDICINE**





Stainless steel - nonimplantable medical equipment and devices, dental and orthopaedics implants, catheters (good corrosion resistance, low price, biocompatibility, chemical stability, intoxicity) Titanium and its alloys - dental and

orthopaedics implants (good corrosion resistance, absence of tissue toxicity and allergic reactions, good strength, low elastic modulus) Cobalt-Chrome - dental and orthopaedics implants (high wear-

and Cr), causing implant loosening,



100+ C

50 .....



# Oxidation-Reduction process in the Water formation from molecules of $H_2$ and $O_2$



 $2H_2 + O_2 - 2H_2O$ 

In this equation we have two so-called half reactions

 $H_2 - 2e - --> 2H^+$  oxidation

 $O_2 + 4e$ - --->  $2O^{2-}$  reduction

#### **Examples of Oxidation-Reduction Reactions**



Ethane burns in Oxygen gas to give Carbon Dioxide and Water



Iron metal reacts with oxygen to form ferrous oxide, also called rust.



# Why Oxidation\_Reduction Reactions are Important in Medicine?







Levels of Redox potendial and Free energy in Electron Transport Chain Complexes

#### Corrosion of bioimplants

#### Electron Transfer Chain and Production of ATP





Reactions of cell-membrane damaging or lipid-peroxidation with Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) are also Oxidation-Reduction Reactions...

...Substances that give electrons to ROS and neutralize their effects are Called *ANTIOXIDANTS*!! Important For increasing immunity in our body





Enzyme-substrate interactions are crucial for understanding the action of defined ENZYMES and the conditions affecting their activity...

-glucose oxidase

-superoxide dismutase

-peroxidases...



Many drugs and medicals are exhibiting their effect via Oxidation-reduction reactions



- Vitamin C
- Vitamin A and K
- Adrenalin
- Dopamine
- Antibiotics...



Other important oxidation-reduction chemicals used in Everyday medicine

- →Hydrogen Peroxide H2O2
- →NaClO sodium hypochlorite



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