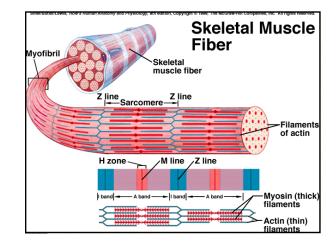
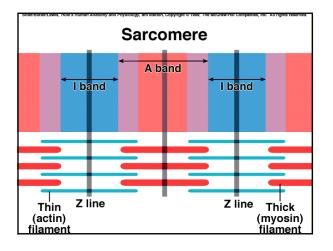


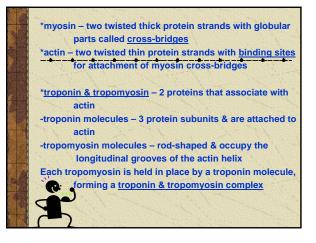
SKELETAL MUSCLE FIBERS

*a <u>skeletal muscle fiber</u> is a single muscle cell; it is the unit o contraction; muscle cells are cylindrical with many nuclei; <u>have rounded ends that attach to the connective tissues</u> associated with muscle

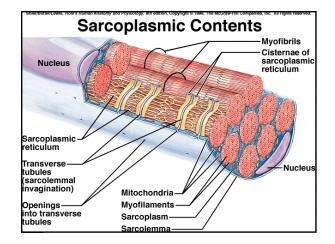
the <u>sarcolemma</u> (cell membrane), <u>sarcoplasm</u> (cytoplasm) contains mitochondria, <u>sarcoplasmic reticulum</u>, & <u>myofibrils</u> parallel structures of <u>actin</u> & <u>myosin</u>
'myofibrils – threadlike & play a role in muscle contraction -have 2 kinds of protein filaments: thick filaments – <u>myosin</u> & thin filaments – <u>actin</u>; organization of these filaments gives striations to skeletal muscle
<u>-I bands</u> (light bands) are actin & are held by Z lines & attached by <u>titin</u> = a large protein

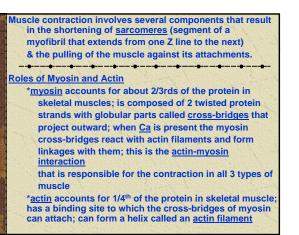


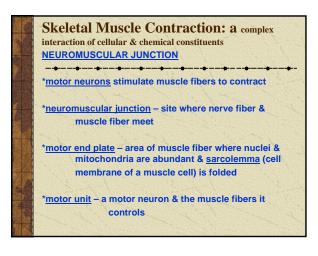


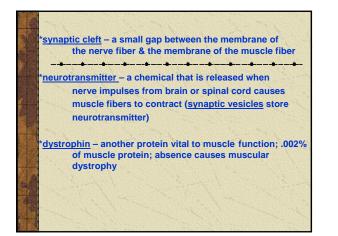


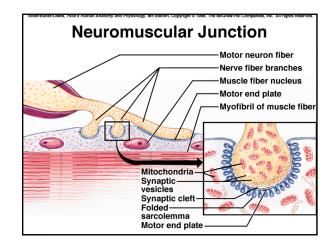
	sarcomere – segment of a myofibril that extends from one Z
	line to the next Z line
	sarcoplasmic reticulum - network of channels that surround
1	& parallel each myofibril (= endoplasmic reticulum)
	transverse tubules – channels that extend through the
	myofibril that transmit muscle impulses into the cell
	interior
	cisternae - each transverse tubule lies between 2
要感	enlarged portions of the sarcoplasmic reticulum
	called the cisternae near the region where the actin &
	myosin filaments overlap
	triad – network of membranous channels that includes the
	sarcoplasmic reticulum, transverse tubules, &
	cisternae

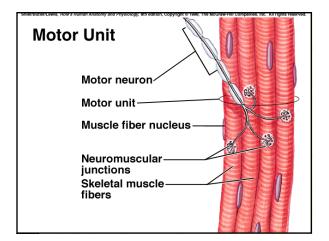


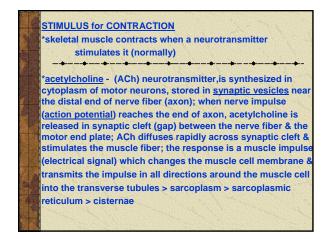


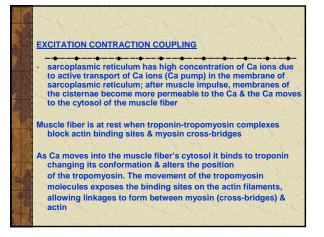


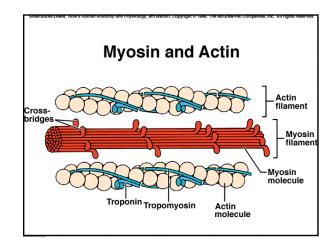


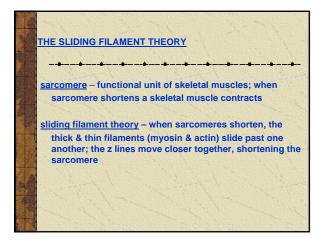


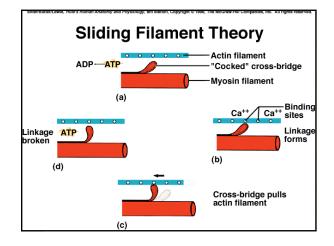


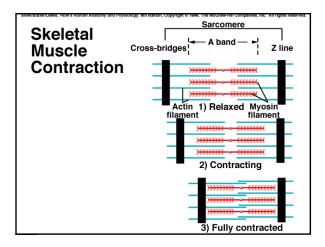














- The cross-bridges pulling on the thin filaments shortens the sarcomeres; then the head of the cross-bridge can release & combine with another binding site further down the actin filament & pull again.

-Cross-bridges contain <u>ATPase</u> (enzyme) which catalyzes breakdown of ATP to ADP+P = Energy is released. This is the force for muscle contraction.

-Breakdown of ATP puts cross-bridges in "cocked" position to attach to actin binding sites. When P+ADP = ATP crossbridges release actin filament until ATP >ADP again & crossbridges are cocked again; this cycle may repeat many times as long as ATP is available & nerve impulses cause release of ACh

RELAXATION (of muscle fiber)

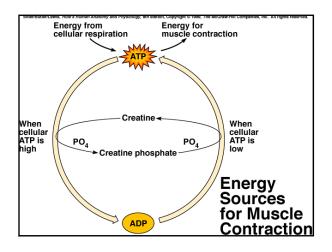
- *When nerve impulses cease 2 events relax the muscle fiber. 1. <u>Acetylcholinesterase</u> (enzyme) in the synapse & on the membranes of the motor and plate decomposes the
- ACh & prevents a single nerve impulse from continuously stimulating the muscle fiber.
- 2. When ACh is broken down, the stimulus to the sarcolemma & membranes within the muscle fiber ceases; Ca pump has no ATP to continue & moves Ca ions back into sarcoplasmic reticulum, decreasing the Ca ion concentration of the cytosol; cross-bridge linkages break & troponin & tropomyosin inhibit the interaction between the filaments. As a result the muscle fiber relaxes
- NOTE Table: "Major Events of Muscle Contraction & Relaxation"

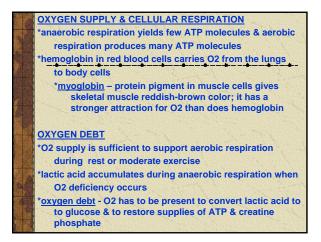
ENERGY SOURCES FOR CONTRACTION

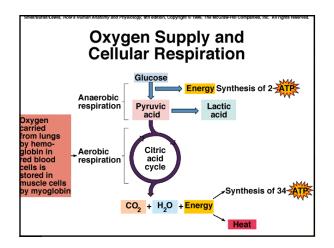
*ATP supplies the energy for the interaction between actin & myosin filaments during muscle fiber contraction

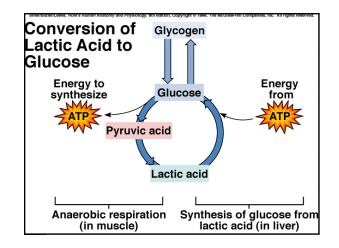
*<u>creatine phosphate</u> –source of energy that can be used to synthesize ATP as it is decomposed into ADP

*active muscles depend upon cellular respiration for energy







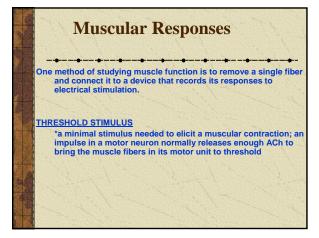


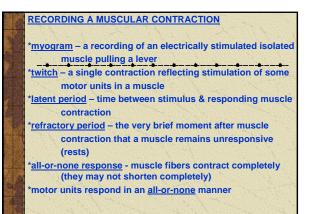
MUSCLE FATIGUE

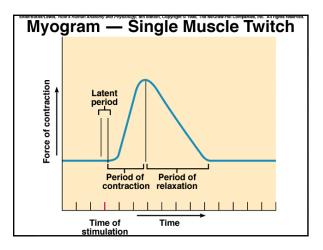
fatigued muscles cannot contract; due to accumulation of lactic acid; athletes have better ability to produce less lactic acid because of their conditioning which increases the ability to supply O2 and nutrients to muscles

HEAT PRODUCTION

- *muscles are an important source of body heat
- *heat produced in cellular respiration is lost
- *heat is transported by blood vessels







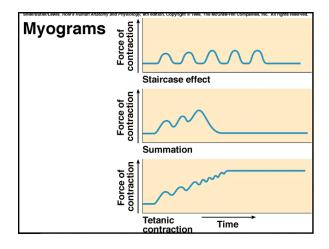
SUMMATION

*a rapid series of stimuli summation of twitches & sustained contraction *<u>tetanic contraction</u> – forceful, sustained contraction without relaxation (eye-twitching)

RECRUITMENT of MOTOR UNITS

*the # of muscle fibers in a motor unit varies considerably; the <u>fewer</u> muscle fibers in the motor units, the <u>finer</u> the movements that can be produced in a particular muscle; the motor units of the muscles that move the eyes can have fewer than 10 muscle fibers per motor unit; the motor units of the muscles of the back may have a 100+ muscle fibers = <u>coarse</u> vs. fine movements of the eyes *small #s of motor units contract at low intensity of

stimulation *at increasing intensities of stimulation, other motor units are <u>recruited</u> until the muscle contracts with maximal tension

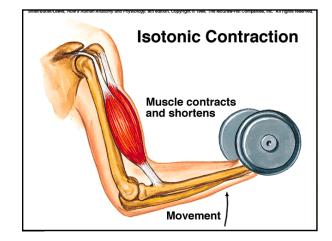


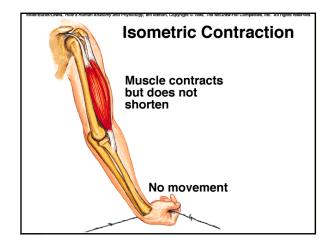
SUSTAINED CONTRACTION

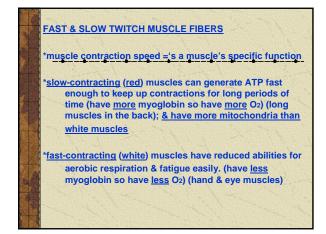
strength of contraction increases when contractions fuse due to recruitment of fibers *when muscles are at rest they still maintain tone – partial contraction

TYPES OF CONTRACTION

 *isotonic – when muscle contracts & ends pulled closer together (ie. lifting an object) – is <u>concentric</u> <u>contraction</u> because the muscle is shortened
*isometric – when muscle contracts & its attachments do not move (ie. pushing against a wall)
*eccentric contraction – when muscle doesn't generate enough force to lift or move an object
*most body movements involve both <u>isometric & isotonic</u>







A. Smooth Muscle Fibers *cells are shorter than fibers of skeletal muscle *contain actin & myosin filaments *lack transverse tubules & sarcoplasmic reticula are

В.

- not well-developed *2 types of smooth muscle fiber: <u>multiunit</u> & <u>visceral smooth</u> muscle
- *visceral smooth muscle displays <u>rhythmicity</u> a pattern of spontaneous repeated contraction
- *<u>peristalsis</u> aids movement of material through hollow organs
- Smooth Muscle Contraction *ACh & norepinephrine are neurotransmitters for smooth muscles
- *hormones & stretching affect smooth muscle contractions *can maintain a contraction longer than skeletal muscle *can change length without changing tautness

