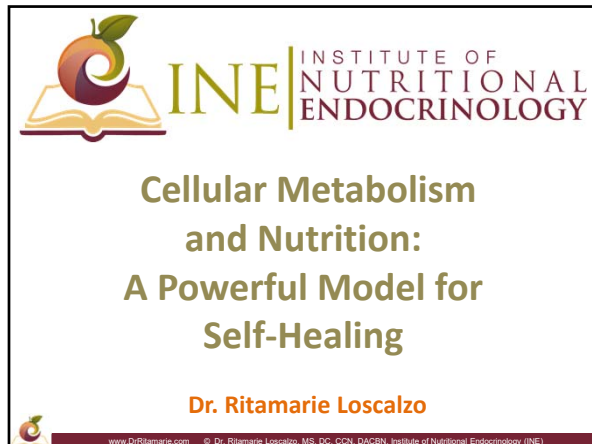
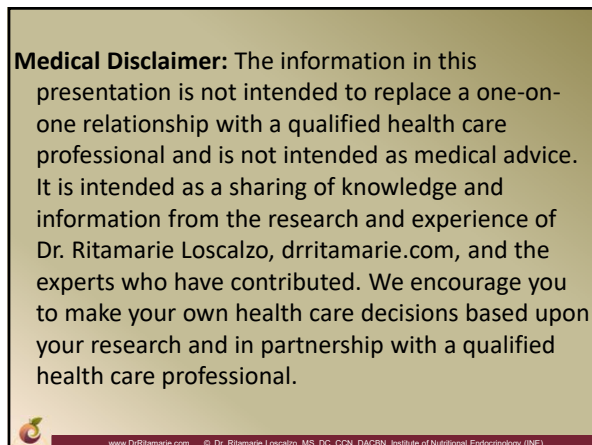
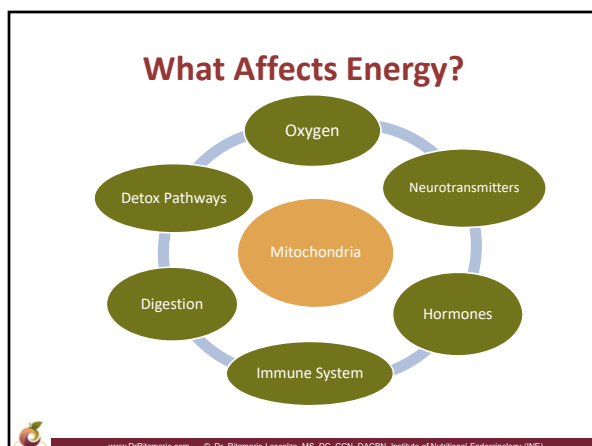


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What Causes Fatigue?

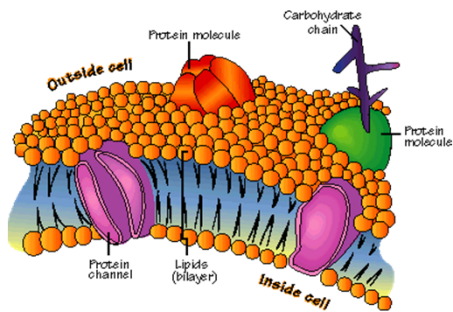
Imbalances in:

- ✓ Oxygen
- ✓ Neurotransmitters
- ✓ Hormones
- ✓ Mitochondria
- ✓ Immune System
- ✓ Digestion
- ✓ Detox Pathways



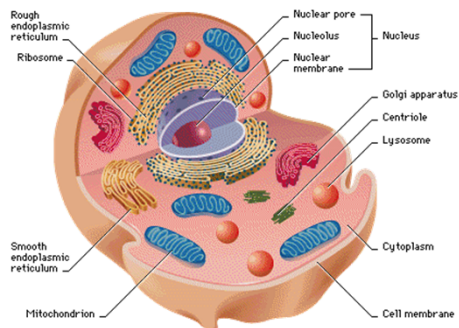
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Cell Wall



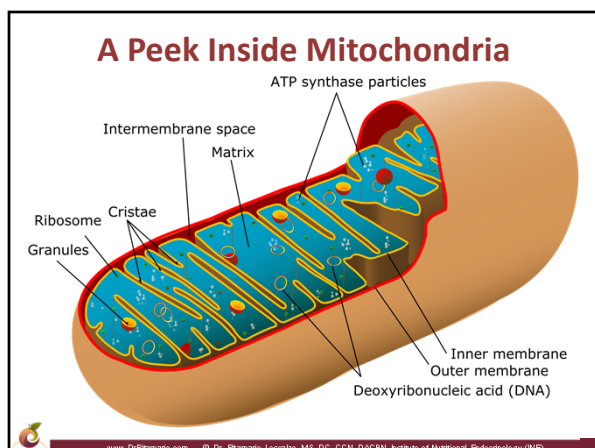
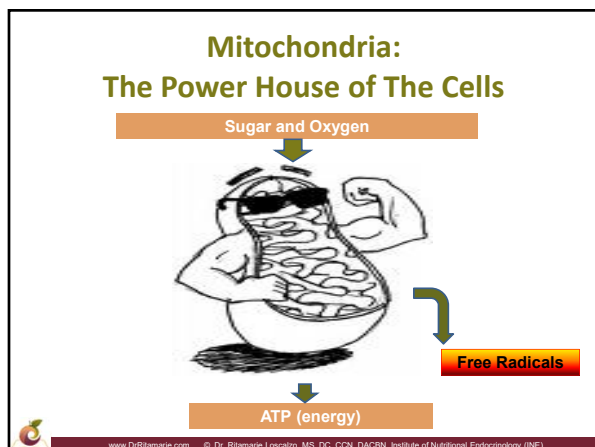
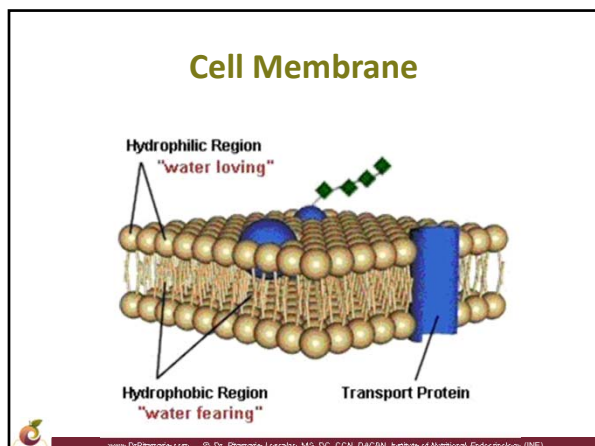
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Inside Cells



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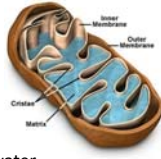
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Mitochondrial Parts

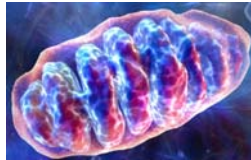
- ✓ **Outer membrane:** Semi-permeable phospholipid bilayer, allows passage of ions, ATP (adenosine triphosphate), ADP (adenosine diphosphate), and nutrients.
- ✓ **Inner membrane:** Permeable: allows oxygen, water, and carbon dioxide to pass through.
- ✓ **Cristae:** Shelf-like folds in inner membrane that help in expansion of the inner cell membrane.
- ✓ **Intermembrane space:** This is the space between outer membrane and inner membrane.
- ✓ **Intermembrane space:** Primarily responsible for oxidative phosphorylation.
- ✓ **Cytoplasmic matrix:** Contains the DNA molecules, enzymes, oxygen, carbon dioxide, recyclable intermediates (energy shuttles), and water.



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Mitochondria Functions

- ✓ **Cellular respiration:** The release of energy from glucose
 - **Stage 1:** Glycolysis
 - **Stage 2:** Citric Acid Cycle
 - **Stage 3:** Electron Transport
- ✓ Cell signaling for neurons
- ✓ Managing **apoptosis**
- ✓ Controlling cell cycle
- ✓ Monitoring **cell differentiation**, growth, and development



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Stage 1: Glycolysis

- ✓ Glucose is a **six-carbon sugar**.
- ✓ The enzymes in the cytoplasmic matrix initiate **glycolysis**.
- ✓ **Glucose**, a 6-carbon sugar, is oxidized to 2 molecules of a 3-carbon sugar, yielding two molecules of ATP, two molecules of pyruvic acid and two electron-carrying molecules of NADH (nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide).



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Stage 2: Citric Acid Cycle aka Krebs Cycle

- ✓ The three-carbon molecules which have been produced as a result of glycolysis are converted into acetyl compounds.
- ✓ The intermediary reactions of this process yields **ATP** molecules of energy and **NAD and FAD** (flavin adenine dinucleotide) molecules, too.
- ✓ **NAD and FAD** molecules are further reduced in the Krebs cycle to carry high energy electrons.



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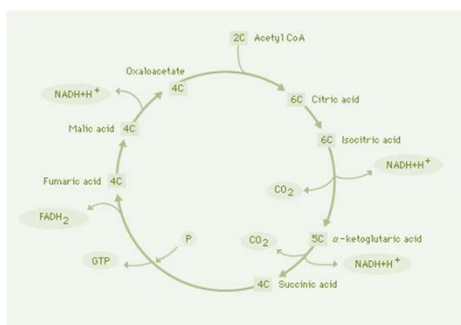
Stage 3: Electron Transport

- ✓ A series of electron carriers generated in the membrane of the mitochondria from the Krebs cycle
- ✓ The ATP molecules are further produced by the chemical reactions of these electron carrier molecules
- ✓ **36 ATP molecules after cellular respiration**



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Creating Energy: The Krebs Cycle



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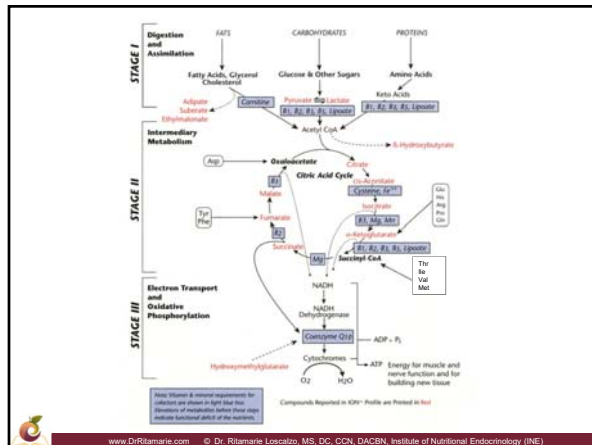
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Nutrients Needed for ATP Production

- ✓ **Vitamin B3:** Niacin NADH (Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide hydride)
- ✓ **Vitamin B2:** *Flavin Adenine Dinucleotide (FAD)*
- ✓ **Amino Acids:** Kreb cycle intermediates
- ✓ **CoQ10:** Oxidative phosphorylation process
- ✓ **Magnesium:** Activates alpha-ketoglutarate
- ✓ **Carnitine:** Shuttles fat
- ✓ **Ribose:** Fuels Kreb cycle



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Nutrients to Protect From Free Radicals



- ✓ Zinc
- ✓ Selenium
- ✓ Vitamin C
- ✓ Vitamin A
- ✓ Manganese
- ✓ Copper
- ✓ Sulfur containing amino acids



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Protecting Mitochondria

- ✓ Sugar balance
- ✓ Co-enzymes
- ✓ Antioxidants
- ✓ Fat balance
- ✓ Whole foods diet
- ✓ Avoidance of environmental toxins
- ✓ Be wary of medications
- ✓ Manage stress



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Free Radical Damage

Oxidize aka "rust" cells
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More free radicals
↓
More "rusted" cells
↓
Damaged DNA
↓
Damaged cell membranes
↓
Oxidized cholesterol
↓
Stiff arteries
↓
Wrinkles
↓
Brain damage
↓
Dementia, depression, brain fog, etc.



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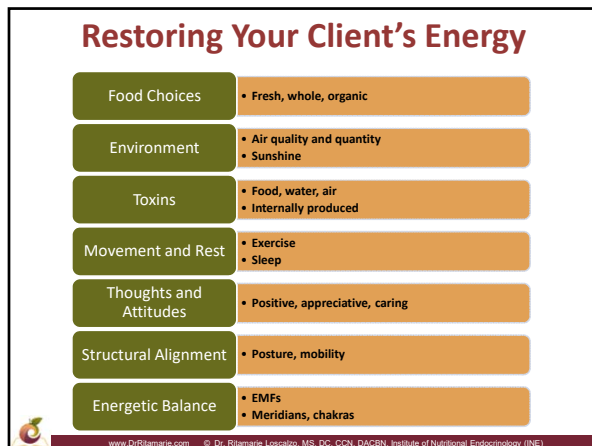
Substances That Damage Mitochondria

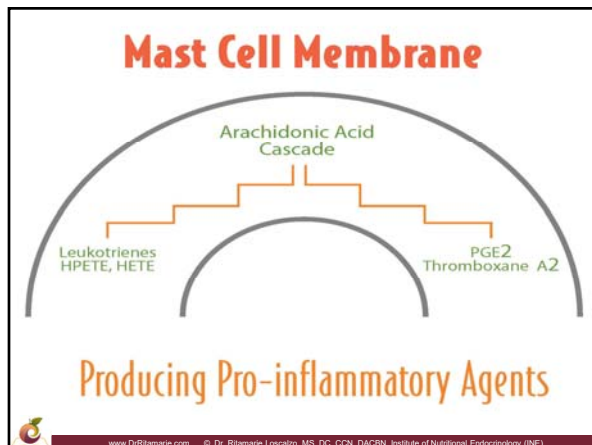
- ✓ Sugar
- ✓ Trans and heated fats
- ✓ MSG
- ✓ Pesticides
- ✓ Preservatives
- ✓ Artificial flavorings
- ✓ Processed grains
- ✓ Acid forming foods
- ✓ Inflammatory foods
- ✓ Cortisol

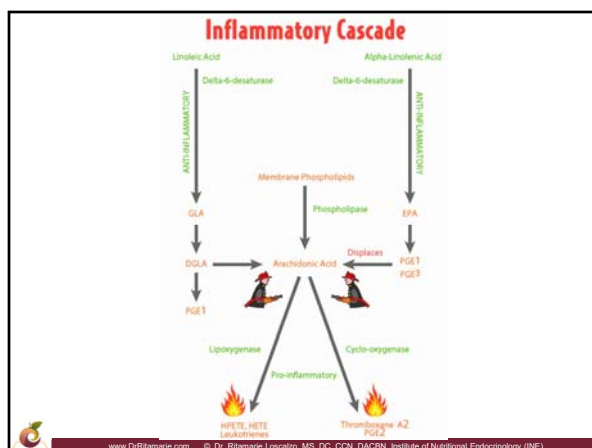


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