

علم الأحياء الدقيقة

Microbiology

Introduction to Bacteriology



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Occurrence & distribution of bacteria

- They live everywhere. They occur in water (fresh and salty) , in soil and air. Some types live as **SAPROPHYTES**, others are **PARASITES** on plants ,animals and humans causing diseases, and some are **SYMBIOTIC** organisms. Some of them can survive in ice and others can live in hot water. They can form spores which are very resistant to drought , chemical , rays and temperature variations.

Bacterial Cells Morphology

- **Eubacteria have three main shape categories:**

1- Rod-shaped are known as ***bacilli***. These are short rods and according to their arrangement, they are divided to:

- **Mono-bacilli:** Some of them have pin-head thickenings and they give an impression of branched structure and they causes diseases in human.

- **Diplo-bacilli:** They occur in pairs, also causing diseases in humans.

- **Strepto-bacilli:** That occur in chains of different lengths, arranged in end-to-end chains.

- **Coryne-form bacillus:** A bacterium with irregularly rod-shaped cells arranged at angles (V- and/or L-shaped).

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2-Spherical are called *cocci* : They are divided in six groups depending on the cell arrangement and cell division:

- **Mono-cocci**: They are single celled and lives as saprophytes.
- **Diplo-cocci**: The cell divides in one plane and the pairs remain attached or cells arranged in pairs.
- **Strepto-cocci**: Division of cell in one plane and causes diseases in humans.
- **Tetra-cocci (Tetrad)**: The cell divides in two planes resulting in four cells and causes diseases in humans. Looks almost like a square under the microscope.
- **Sarcinae**: The cell divides in three planes resulting in 8 cells. Look like small cubes and may be difficult to distinguish from tetrads.

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- **Staphylo-cocci:** Division in several planes resulting in cluster of cells like cluster of grape.

3- Spiral are called *spirilla*. They can be divided into:

- **Vibrion:** The cell resemble a comma or curved in appearance.

- **Spirillia:** Coiled forms exhibiting twists with one or more turns. They have constant shapes and they move by flagella

- **Spirochaets:** They are intermediate between bacteria and protozoa, they don't have cell wall and flagella. Their movement is like a worm with helical or corkscrew-shaped.

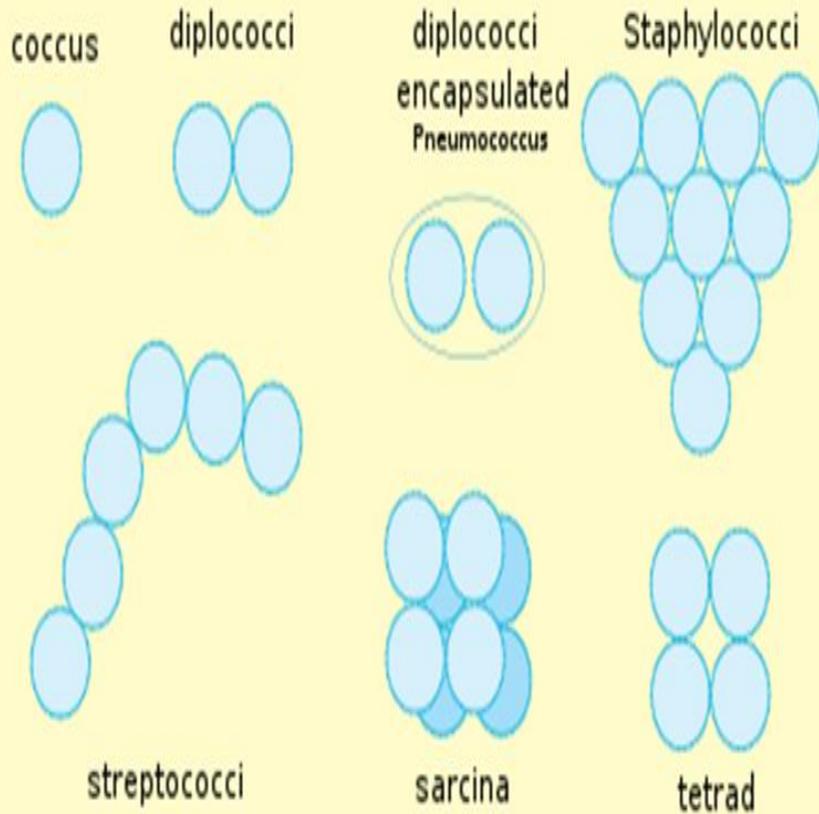
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- **Actinomycetes (Filamentous/Mold-like bacteria):**

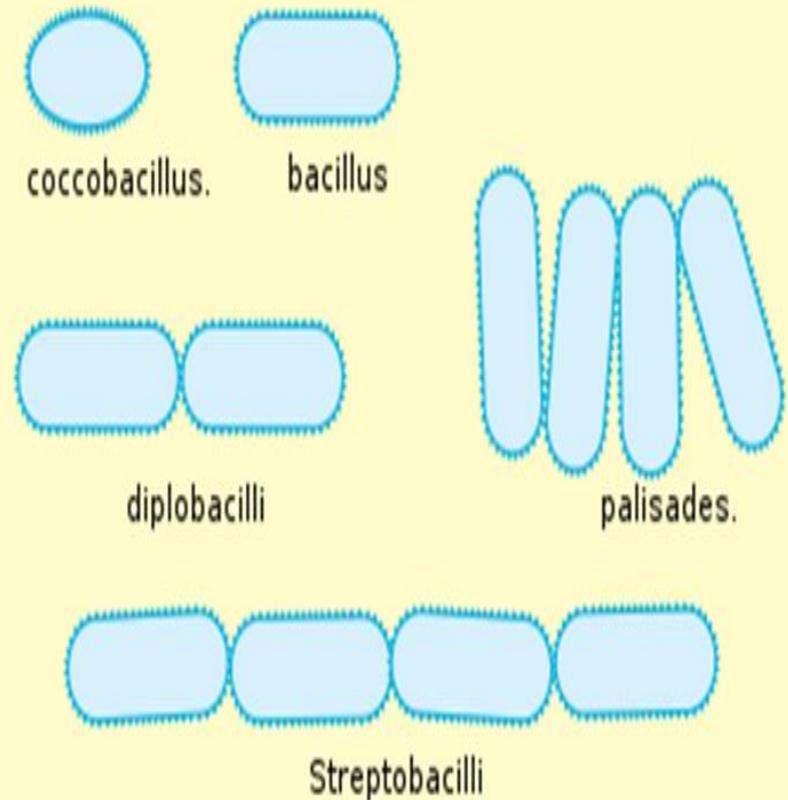
Their body consists of mycelium just like fungi. Streptomyces group belongs to these molds like bacteria. Streptomycin, an antibiotic is produced by Streptomyces.

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Cocci



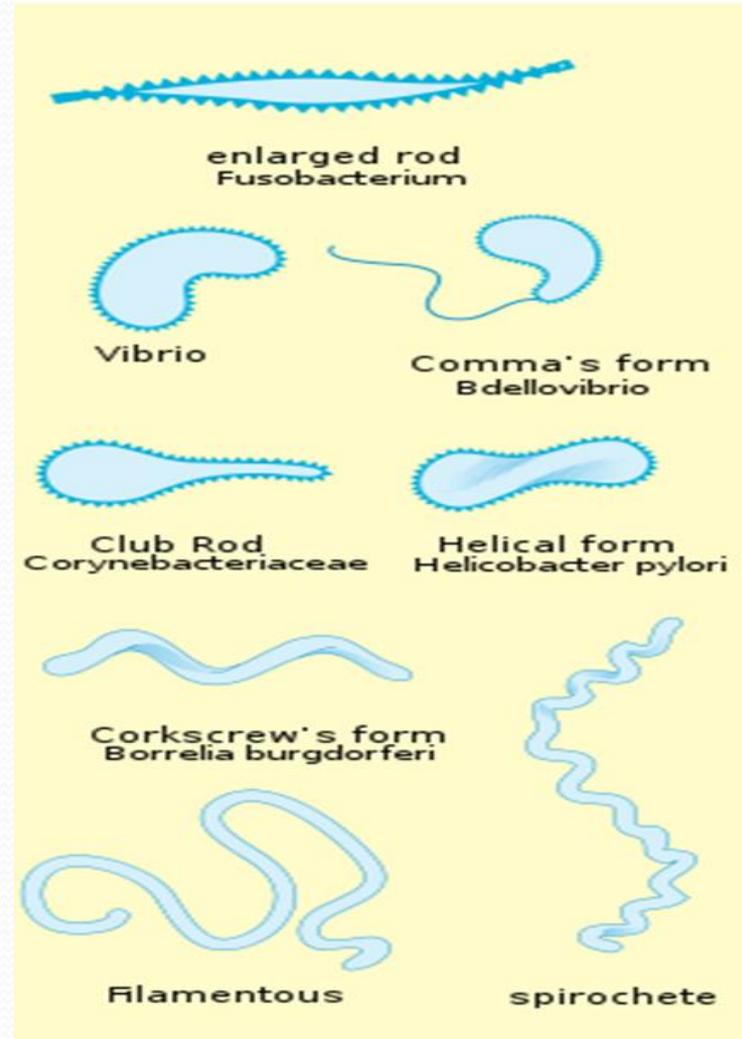
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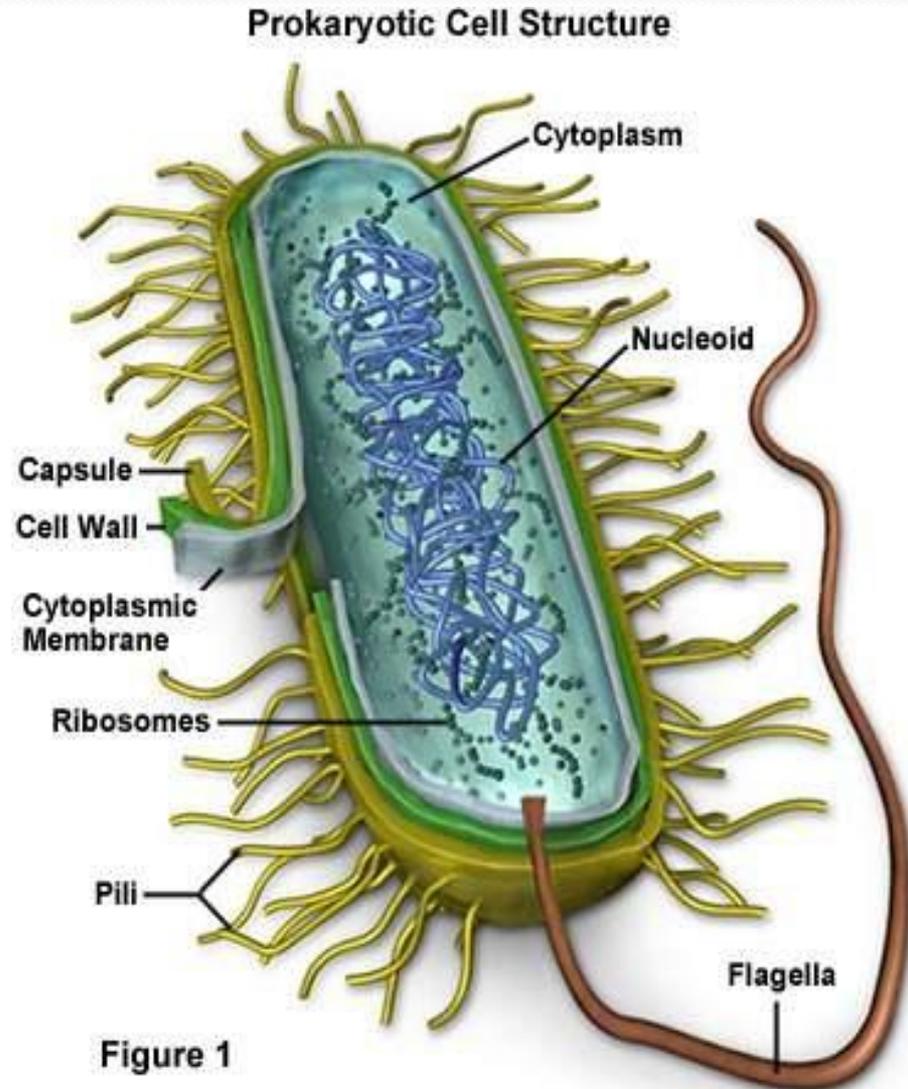
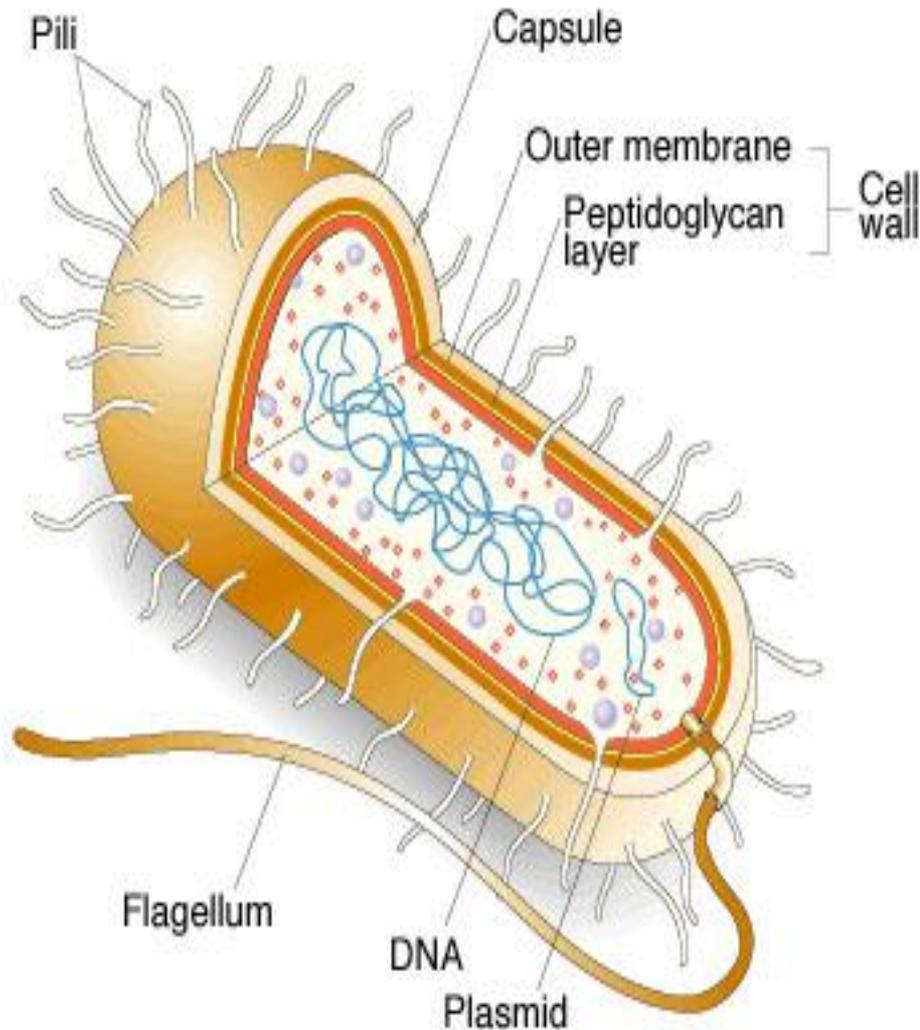
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Bacterial Structures



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- **Structures present in some species** (primary taxonomic characters).
- **Structures present in some strains** of some species.

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- Protoplast (cytoplasm and nuclear body).
- Cytoplasmic membrane.
- Cell wall.

*** Structures present in some species:**

- Flagella
- Spores
- Inclusion granules.

Structures present in some strains of some species:

- Fimbriae.
- Pili.
- Glicocalix (capsule, microcapsule, etc.).

Motility in bacteria

Bacteria are either non-motile or motile. Motile forms are either creeping or swimming. Creeping bacteria (*e.g. Myobacterium*) move or creep slowly on a supporting surface as a result of wave-like contractions (contract and relax) of their bodies. Swimming bacteria move freely in a liquid medium due to the presence of flagella.

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- **Monotrichous.** One flagellum attached to one pole of the cell.
- **Lophotrichous.** A tuft of flagella at one pole of the cell.
- **Amphitrichous.** A single or a tuft of flagella at the two poles of the cell.
- **Peritrichous.** Many flagella distributed over the whole surface of the cell.

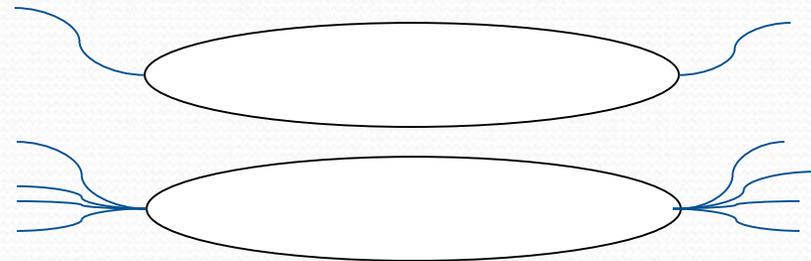
Monotrichous



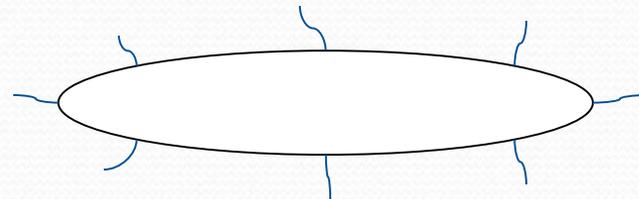
Lophotrichous



Amphitrichous



Peritrichous



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