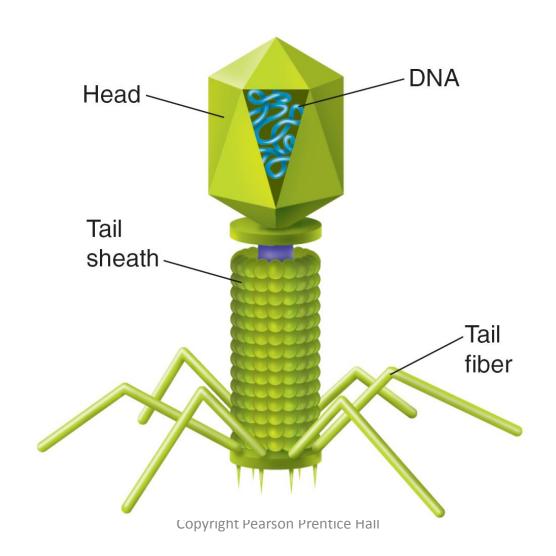
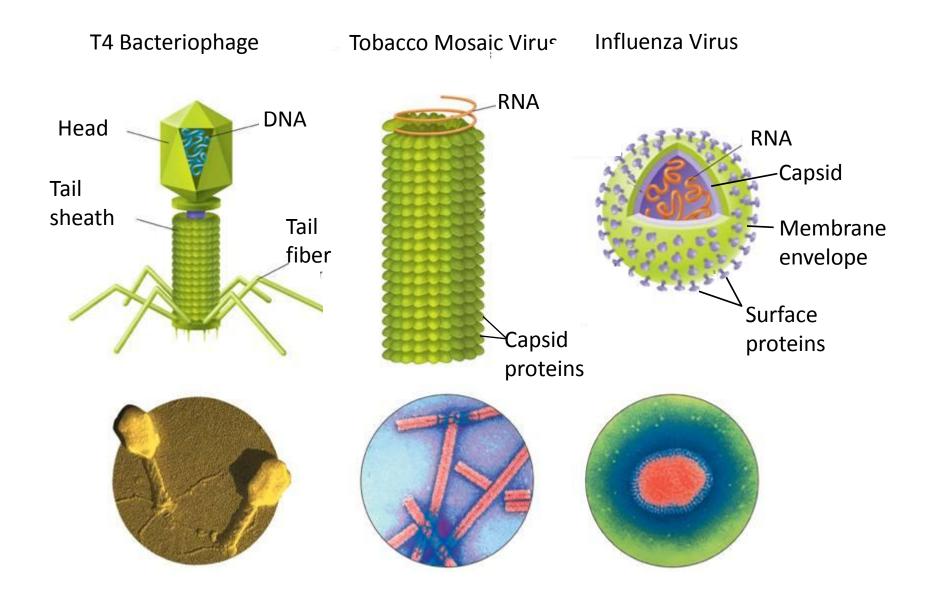
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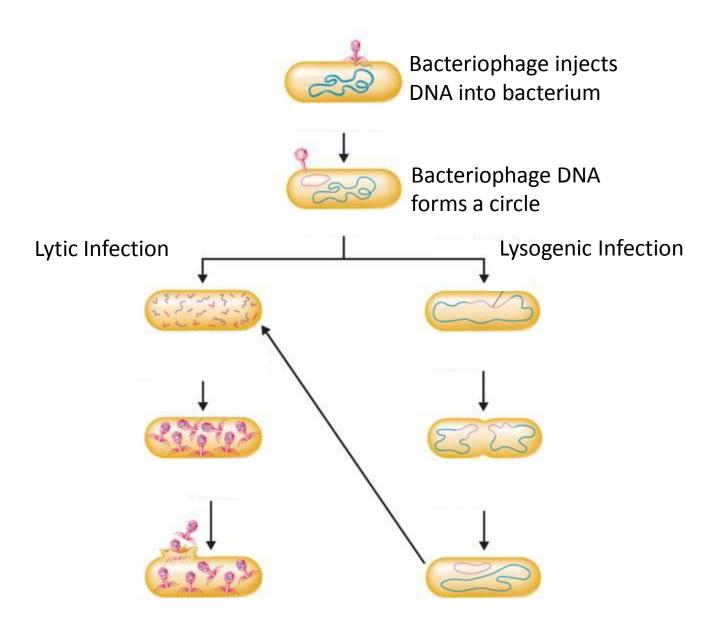




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What Is a Virus?

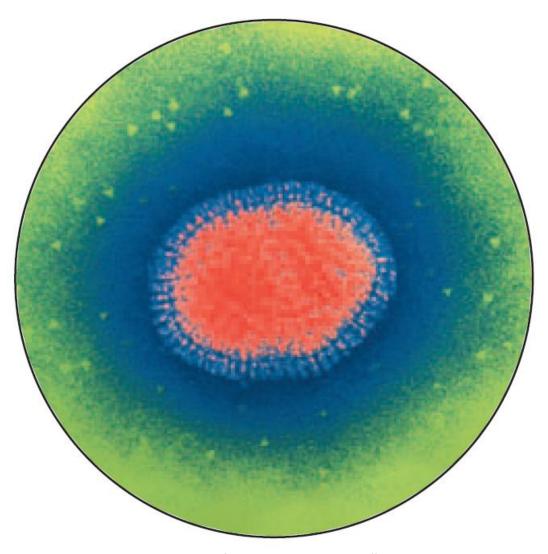
- A typical virus is composed of a core of DNA or RNA surrounded by a protein coat.
- A capsid is the virus's protein coat.
- Capsid proteins bind to receptors on the cell surface and "trick" the cell into allowing it inside.
- Once inside, viral genes are expressed and the cell transcribes and translates them into viral capsid proteins.
- The host cell may makes copies of the virus, and be destroyed



Retroviruses

- Retroviruses contain RNA as their genetic information.
- When retroviruses infect cells, they make a DNA copy of their RNA.
- This DNA is inserted into the DNA of the host cell.
- A retrovirus' genetic information is copied backward—from RNA to DNA.
- The virus that causes AIDS is a retrovirus.

19–3 Diseases Caused by Bacteria and Viruses



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- Bacteria produce disease in one of two general ways.
 - Some bacteria damage the cells and tissues of the infected organism directly by breaking down the cells for food.
 - Other bacteria release toxins (poisons) that travel throughout the body interfering with the normal activity of the host.

| Disease | Effect on Body |
|-------------------------|--|
| Lyme disease | "Bull's-eye" rash at site of tick bite, fever, fatigue, headache |
| Tetanus | Lockjaw, stiffness in neck and abdomen, difficulty swallowing, fever, elevated blood pressure, severe muscles spasms |
| Tuberculosis | Fatigue, weight loss, fever, night sweats, chills, appetite loss |
| Bacterial meningitis | High fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea, fatigue |
| Strep throat | Fever, sore throat, headache, fatigue, nausea |

Bacterial Disease in Humans

- Many bacterial diseases can be prevented by vaccines.
- A vaccine is a preparation of weakened or killed pathogens.
- When injected into the body, a virus may prompt the body's immunity to the disease.
- Immunity is the body's ability to destroy new pathogens.

Bacterial Disease in Humans

- If infection occurs, drugs can be used to destroy bacteria.
- These drugs include antibiotics, which are compounds that block the growth and reproduction of bacteria.
- A reason for increased human life expectancy is an increased understanding of how to prevent and cure bacterial infections.

Controlling Bacteria

Sterilization by Heat

- Sterilization destroys bacteria by subjecting them to great heat.
- Most bacteria are killed by prolonged high temperatures.

Disinfectants

- Disinfectants are chemical solutions that kill pathogenic bacteria.
- They are used to clean rooms where bacteria may flourish

Food Storage and Processing

- Bacteria can cause food to spoil.
- Refrigerated food stays fresh longer because the bacteria will take longer to multiply.
- Boiling, frying, or steaming can sterilize certain foods.

| Disease | Effect on Body |
|-------------|---|
| Common cold | Sneezing, sore throat, fever, headache, muscle aches |
| Influenza | Body aches, fever, sore throat, headache, dry cough, fatigue, nasal congestion |
| AIDS | Helper T cells, which are needed for normal immune system function, are destroyed |
| Chicken pox | Skin rash of blisterlike lesions |
| Hepatitis B | Jaundice, fatigue, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, joint pain |
| West Nile | Fever, headache, body ache |

Viroids

- Viroids are single-stranded RNA molecules that have no surrounding capsids.
- Viroids enter an infected cell and synthesize new viroids.
- They then disrupt the cell's metabolism and stunt the growth of the entire plant.
- Viroids cause disease in plants

Prions

- Prions contain only protein—no DNA or RNA.
- Prions cause disease by forming protein clumps.
 These clumps induce normal protein molecules to become prions.
- Eventually, there are so many prions in the nerve tissue that cells become damaged.
- Mad cow disease may be caused by prions.
- Prions cause disease in animals