Approximately 40,000 Species of common bacteria have been identified, but Scientists estimate that several million species have not been identified

> Harvard Dental School found 615 different bacteria within the mouth

KINGDOMS Eubacteria & Archaebacteria THE

PROKARYOTES - divided

into two separate Kingdoms

a) Archaebacteria

b) Eubacteria



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When it comes to classifying and naming bacteria, they tend to be classified according to their cell shape and by the way they grow. Some grow in chains (Strep) others in sheets (Staph)



The Three Most common shapes are : BACILLUS – Rod Shaped (stained pink) SPIRILLUM – Spiral Shaped (stained blue) COCCUS – Spherical Shaped (stained purple)



Another method used for classifying bacteria, is based on the type of cell wall they possess.

Some bacteria have thicker cell walls and they absorb and maintain a purple stain (Crystal Violet) – "GRAM POSITIVE"

Some bacteria with a thinner cell wall absorb and maintain a pink stain (Safrinine) – "GRAM NEGATIVE" - PINK – Think – Thin -







BACTERIAL STRUCTURE



WHY STUDY BACTERIA?



Worldwide, bacterial infections are responsible for more deaths than any other cause. The most common invasion routes are inhalation of airborne bacteria, ingestion into the gut from dirty hands or utensils, or through contaminated water, direct contact (touch) with an infected area of another person's body, contaminated blood, or by insect bite.



fasciitis (also known as flesh-eating disease). (Source: EMBBS, 1996 http://mdchoice.com/)

Any of these sound familiar?

Pink Eye Lyme's Disease

Strep Throat

Bacterial Pneumonia

Tuberculosis

Tetanus Whooping Cough

Botulism, Salmonella, E-coli and other types of food poisoning





ANTIBIOTICS : Chemicals that kill bacteria

Tend to kill bacteria by preventing them from making their cell wall or by shutting down their ribosomes which synthesize necessary protein or blocking specific enzymes that they use.





Help Your Antibiotics Do Their Job

- Take as directed
- Finish the full prescription even if you are feeling better
- Help prevent antibiotic resistance

PREVENT SUPERBUGS

Not my Thing, know what I mean...?

Antibiotics

ON COLDS

... OR MOST COUGHS AND SORE THROATS. NHS

THERE ENATHING GOOD ABOUT BACTERIA:

Beneficial bacteria

- Bacteria are used in sewage treatment to break down wastes.
- Strains of bacteria exist that can feed on petroleum. These have been used to clean up oil spills. Others can extract metals from mining waste, and are becoming used in mining and in environmental clean-up.
- As a byproduct of photosynthesis, blue-green bacteria, or cyanobacteria, produce much of the oxygen that we and other organisms breathe.



DECOMPOSERS

Beneficial bacteria

- Escherischia coli bacteria in your intestines help you digest food. They also make vitamin K and vitamin B₁₂.
- Bacteria living inside the roots of plants, such as alfalfa, take up nitrogen gas from the air and convert it into a form the plant can use (nitrates)
- A few bacteria produce antibiotic drugs such as streptomycin and nocardicin.
- Bacteria used in the food industry convert milk to buttermilk and yogurt, and wine to vinegar.

