

1  **Chapter 10**

Classification of Microorganisms

2  **Taxonomy**

- The science of classifying organisms
- Provides universal names for organisms
- Provides a reference for identifying organisms

3  **Systematics, or Phylogeny**

- The study of the evolutionary history of organisms
- All Species Inventory (2001–2025)
 - To identify all species of life on Earth

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- ✓ Of what value is taxonomy and systematics? 10-1
- ✓ Why shouldn't bacteria be placed in the plant kingdom? 10-2, 10-3
- ✓

5  **Placing Bacteria**

1735 Kingdoms Plantae and Animalia

1857 Bacteria and fungi put in the Kingdom Plantae –“Flora”

1866 Kingdom Protista proposed for bacteria, protozoa, algae, and fungi



1937 *Prokaryote* introduced for cells "without a nucleus"

1961 *Prokaryote* defined as cell in which nucleoplasm is not surrounded by a nuclear membrane

1959 Kingdom Fungi

1968 Kingdom Prokaryotae proposed

1978 Two types of prokaryotic cells found

6  **The Three-Domain System**7 8  **A Model of the Origin of Eukaryotes**9  **Endosymbiotic Theory**10  **Fossilized Prokaryotes**11  **Fossilized Prokaryotes**12  **Fossilized Prokaryotes**13  **Phylogenetics**

- Each species retains some characteristics of its ancestor
- Grouping organisms according to common properties implies that a group of organisms evolved from a common ancestor
 - Anatomy
 - Fossils
 - rRNA

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- ✓ What evidence supports classifying organisms into three domains? 10-4

- ✓ Compare Archaea and Bacteria; Bacteria and Eukarya; and Archaea and Eukarya. 10-5
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15 **Scientific Nomenclature**

- Common names
 - Vary with languages
 - Vary with geography
- Binomial Nomenclature (genus + specific epithet)
 - Used worldwide
 - *Escherichia coli*
 - *Homo sapiens*
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16 **Scientific Names**

17 **Taxonomic Hierarchy**

Domain
 Kingdom
 Phylum
 Class
 Order
 Family
 Genus
 Species

18 **The Taxonomic Hierarchy**

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- ✓ Using *Escherichia coli* and *Entamoeba coli* as examples, explain why the genus name must always be written out for the first use. Why is binomial nomenclature preferable to the use of common names? 10-6
- ✓ Find the gram-positive bacteria *Staphylococcus* in Appendix F. To which bacteria is this genus most closely related: *Gemella* or *Streptococcus*? 10-7
- ✓
- ✓
- ✓
- ✓

20 **Classification of Prokaryotes**

- Prokaryotic species: A population of cells with similar characteristics
 - Culture: Grown in laboratory media
 - Clone: Population of cells derived from a single cell
 - Strain: Genetically different cells within a clone

21 **Phylogenetic Relationships of Prokaryotes**

22 **Classification of Eukaryotes**

- Eukaryotic species: A group of closely related organisms that breed among themselves

23 **Classification of Eukaryotes**

- Animalia: Multicellular; no cell walls; chemoheterotrophic
- Plantae: Multicellular; cellulose cell walls; usually photoautotrophic
- Fungi: Chemoheterotrophic; unicellular or multicellular; cell walls of chitin; develop from spores or hyphal fragments
- Protista: A catchall kingdom for eukaryotic organisms that do not fit other kingdoms
 - Grouped into clades based on rRNA

24 **Classification of Viruses**

- Viral species: Population of viruses with similar characteristics that occupies a particular ecological niche

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- ✓ Use the terms *species*, *culture*, *clone*, and *strain* in one sentence to describe growing methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). 10-8
- ✓ Assume you discovered a new organism: it is multicellular, is nucleated, is heterotrophic, and has cell walls. To what kingdom does it belong? 10-9
- ✓ Write your own definition of *protist*. 10-10
- ✓ Why wouldn't the definition of a viral species work for a bacterial species? 10-11
- ✓
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- ✓
- ✓

26 **Classification and Identification**

- Classification: Placing organisms in groups of related species. Lists of characteristics of known organisms.
- Identification: Matching characteristics of an "unknown" organism to lists of known organisms.
 - Clinical lab identification

27 **Identifying Bacteria**

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- Identifying *Klebsiella* doesn't tell you it's classified as gammaproteobacteria

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- ✓ What is in *Bergey's Manual*? 10-13
- ✓
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30 **Identification Methods**

- Morphological characteristics: Useful for identifying eukaryotes
- Differential staining: Gram staining, acid-fast staining
- Biochemical tests: Determines presence of bacterial enzymes

31 **Identifying a Gram – Negative, Oxidase – Negative Rod**

32 **Numerical Identification**

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✓ Design a rapid test for a *Staphylococcus aureus*. 10-14

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34 **Serology**

- Combine known antiserum plus unknown bacterium
- Slide agglutination test

35 **ELISA**

- Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
- Known antibodies
- Unknown type of bacterium
- Antibodies linked to enzyme
- Enzyme substrate
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36 **The Western Blot: Uses Proteins Vs DNA**

37 **Phage Typing of *Salmonella enterica***

38 **Flow Cytometry**

- Uses differences in electrical conductivity between species
- Fluorescence of some species
- Cells selectively stained with antibody plus fluorescent dye

39 **Genetics**

- DNA base composition
 - Guanine + cytosine moles% (GC)
- DNA fingerprinting
 - Electrophoresis of restriction enzyme digests
- rRNA sequencing
- Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

40 **Nucleic Acid Hybridization**

41 **A DNA Probe Used to Identify Bacteria**

42 **DNA Chip Technology**

43 **DNA Chip Technology**

44 **FISH**

- Fluorescent in situ hybridization
- Add DNA probe for *S. aureus*

45 **Dichotomous Key**

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47 **Building a Cladogram**

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- ✓ What is tested in Western blotting and Southern blotting? 10-15
- ✓ What is identified by phage typing? 10-16
- ✓ Why does PCR identify a microbe? 10-17
- ✓ Which techniques involve nucleic acid hybridization? 10-18
- ✓ Is a cladogram used for identification or classification? 10-12, 10-19