1 Chapter 1

The Microbial World and You

2 Microbes in Our Lives

- Microorganisms are organisms that are too small to be seen with the unaided eye
- Includes: bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and microscopic algae.
- "*Germ*" refers to a rapidly growing cell

3 Microbes in Our Lives

- A few are pathogenic (disease-causing)
- Decompose organic waste
- Are producers in the ecosystem by photosynthesis
- Produce industrial chemicals such as ethanol and acetone
- Produce fermented foods such as vinegar, cheese, and bread
- Produce products used in manufacturing (e.g., cellulase) and treatment (e.g., insulin)

4 Designer Jeans: Made by Microbes?

- Stone-washing: Trichoderma
- Cotton: *Gluconacetobacter*
- Debleaching: Mushroom peroxidase
- Indigo: E. coli
- Plastic: Bacterial polyhydroxyalkanoate

5 Microbes in Our Lives

- Knowledge of microorganisms
- Allows humans to
 - Prevent food spoilage
 - Prevent disease occurrence
- Led to aseptic techniques to prevent contamination in medicine and in microbiology laboratories

6 Naming and Classifying Microorganisms

- Linnaeus established the system of scientific nomenclature
- Each organism has two names: the genus and specific epithet

7 Scientific Names

- Are italicized or underlined. The genus is capitalized, and the specific epithet is lowercase.
- Are "Latinized" and used worldwide.
- May be descriptive or honor a scientist.

8 Escherichia coli

- Honors the discoverer, Theodor Escherich
- Describes the bacterium's habitat—the large intestine, or colon

9 Staphylococcus aureus

- Describes the clustered (staphylo-) spherical (cocci) cells
- Describes the gold-colored (*aureus*) colonies

10 Scientific Names

• After the first use, scientific names may be abbreviated with the first letter of the genus and the specific epithet:

• *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus* are found in the human body. E. coli is found in the large intestine, and *S. aureus* is on skin.

11 Types of Microorganisms

- Bacteria
- Archaea
- Fungi
- Protozoa
- Algae
- Viruses
- Multicellular animal parasites

12 Types of Microorganisms

13 🔳 Bacteria

- Prokaryotes (know their characteristics)
- Peptidoglycan cell walls
- Binary fission
- · For energy, use organic chemicals, inorganic chemicals, or photosynthesis

14 Archaea

- Prokaryotic
- Lack peptidoglycan
- Live in extreme environments
- Include
 - Methanogens
 - Extreme halophiles
 - Extreme thermophiles
- 15 🔳 Fungi
 - Eukaryotes (know characteristics)
 - Chitin cell walls
 - Use organic chemicals for energy
 - Molds and mushrooms are multicellular, consisting of masses of mycelia, which are composed of filaments called hyphae
 - Yeasts are unicellular

16 Protozoa

- Eukaryotes
- Absorb or ingest organic chemicals
- May be motile via pseudopods, cilia, or flagella

17 🔳 Algae

- Eukaryotes
- Cellulose cell walls
- Use photosynthesis for energy
- Produce molecular oxygen and organic compounds

18 Viruses

- Acellular
- Consist of DNA or RNA core
- Core is surrounded by a protein coat
- Coat may be enclosed in a lipid envelope

Viruses are replicated only when they are in a living host cell

19 Multicellular Animal Parasites

- Eukaryotes
- Multicellular animals
- Parasitic flatworms and roundworms are called *helminths*.
- Microscopic stages in life cycles.

20 Classification of Microorganisms

- Developed by Carl Woese in 1978
- Three domains
 - Bacteria
 - Archaea
 - Eukarya
 - -Protists
 - –Fungi
 - –Plants–Animals

21 A Brief History of Microbiology

- Ancestors of bacteria were the first life on Earth- bacteria date back to 3.4 bya in fossils.
- Cells discovered in 1665.
- The first live microbes were observed microscopically in 1673.

22 **The First Observations**

- 1665: Robert Hooke reported that living things were composed of little boxes, or cells
- 1858: Rudolf Virchow said cells arise from preexisting cells
- Cell theory: (Schleiden and Schwann) All living things are composed of cells and come from preexisting cells
 - Cells arise from preexisting cells
 - Living things were composed of little boxes, or cells
 - Cells are the basic unit of life.

23 The First Observations

1673-1723: Anton van Leeuwenhoek described live microorganisms

24 Debate over Spontaneous Generation

- Spontaneous generation: The hypothesis that living organisms arise from nonliving matter; a "vital force" forms life
- Biogenesis: The hypothesis that the living organisms arise from preexisting life

25 Evidence Pro and Con

• 1668: Francesco Redi filled 6 jars with decaying meat

26 Evidence Pro and Con

1745: John Needham put boiled nutrient broth into covered flasks

27 Evidence Pro and Con

- 1765: Lazzaro Spallanzani boiled nutrient solutions in flasks
- 28 Evidence Pro and Con
 - 1861: Louis Pasteur demonstrated that microorganisms are present in the air

29 The Theory of Biogenesis

Pasteur's S-shaped flask kept microbes out but let air in

30 **The Golden Age of Microbiology**

- 1857–1914
- Beginning with Pasteur's work, discoveries included the relationship between microbes and disease, immunity, and antimicrobial drugs

31 Fermentation and Pasteurization

- Pasteur showed that microbes are responsible for fermentation
- Fermentation is the conversion of sugar to alcohol to make beer and wine
- Microbial growth is also responsible for spoilage of food
- Bacteria that use alcohol and produce acetic acid spoil wine by turning it to vinegar (acetic acid)

32 Fermentation and Pasteurization

- Pasteur demonstrated that these spoilage bacteria could be killed by heat that was not hot enough to evaporate the alcohol in wine
- Pasteurization is the application of a high heat for a short time

33 The Germ Theory of Disease

- 1835: Agostino Bassi showed that a silkworm disease was caused by a fungus
- 1865: Pasteur believed that another silkworm disease was caused by a protozoan
- 1840s: Ignaz Semmelweis advocated hand washing to prevent transmission of puerperal fever from one OB patient to another

34 The Germ Theory of Disease

 1860s: Applying Pasteur's work showing that microbes are in the air, can spoil food, and cause animal diseases, Joseph Lister used a chemical disinfectant to prevent surgical wound infections

35 **The Germ Theory of Disease**

- 1876: Robert Koch proved that a bacterium causes anthrax and provided the experimental steps, Koch's postulates, to prove that a specific microbe causes a specific disease
- Germ Theory- specifically linked microorganisms to chemical and physical change in organic material.

36 Vaccination

- 1796: Edward Jenner inoculated a person with cowpox virus, who was then protected from smallpox
- Vaccination is derived from *vacca*, for cow
- The protection is called immunity

37 De Birth of Modern Chemotherapy

- Treatment with chemicals is chemotherapy
- Chemotherapeutic agents used to treat infectious disease can be synthetic drugs or antibiotics
- Antibiotics are chemicals produced by bacteria and fungi that inhibit or kill other microbes

38 The First Synthetic Drugs

- Quinine from tree bark was long used to treat malaria
- Paul Erlich speculated about a "magic bullet" that could destroy a pathogen without harming the host
- 1910: Ehrlich developed a synthetic arsenic drug, salvarsan, to treat syphilis
- 1930s: Sulfonamides were synthesized

39 A Fortunate Accident—Antibiotics

- 1928: Alexander Fleming discovered the first antibiotic
- Fleming observed that *Penicillium* fungus made an antibiotic, penicillin, that killed *S. aureus*
- 1940s: Penicillin was tested clinically and mass produced

40 Modern Developments in Microbiology

- Bacteriology is the study of bacteria
- Mycology is the study of fungi
- Virology is the study of viruses
- Parasitology is the study of protozoa and parasitic worms

41 Modern Developments in Microbiology

- Immunology is the study of immunity. Vaccines and interferons are being investigated to prevent and cure viral diseases.
- The use of immunology to identify some bacteria according to serotypes was proposed by Rebecca Lancefield in 1933.

42 Recombinant DNA Technology

- Microbial genetics: The study of how microbes inherit traits
- Molecular biology: The study of how DNA directs protein synthesis
- Genomics: The study of an organism's genes; has provided new tools for classifying microorganisms
- Recombinant DNA: DNA made from two different sources.
 - In the 1960s, Paul Berg inserted animal DNA into bacterial DNA, and the bacteria produced an animal protein

43 Recombinant DNA Technology

- 1941: George Beadle and Edward Tatum showed that genes encode a cell's enzymes
- 1944: Oswald Avery, Colin MacLeod, and Maclyn McCarty showed that DNA was the hereditary material
- 1961: Francois Jacob and Jacques Monod discovered the role of mRNA in protein synthesis

44 Nobel Prizes for Microbiology Research

- * The first Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.
- 1901* von Behring Diphtheria antitoxin
- 1902 Ross Malaria transmission
- 1905 Koch TB bacterium
- 1908 Metchnikoff Phagocytes
- 1945 Fleming, Chain, Florey Penicillin
- 1952 Waksman Streptomycin
- 1969 Delbrück, Hershey, LuriaViral replication
- 1987 Tonegawa Antibody genetics
- 1997 Prusiner Prions
- 2005 Marshall & Warren H. pylori & ulcers

45 Microbial Ecology

 Bacteria recycle carbon, nutrients, sulfur, and phosphorus that can be used by plants and animals

46 Bioremediation

- Bacteria degrade organic matter in sewage
- Bacteria degrade or detoxify pollutants such as oil and mercury

47 Biological Insecticides

• Microbes that are pathogenic to insects are alternatives to chemical pesticides in

preventing insect damage to agricultural crops and disease transmission

 Bacillus thuringiensis infections are fatal in many insects but harmless to other animals, including humans, and to plants

48 Biotechnology

Biotechnology, the use of microbes to produce foods and chemicals, is centuries old

49 Biotechnology

- Recombinant DNA technology, a new technique for biotechnology, enables bacteria and fungi to produce a variety of proteins including vaccines and enzymes
 - Missing or defective genes in human cells can be replaced in gene therapy
 - Genetically modified bacteria are used to protect crops from insects and from freezing

50 🔲 Normal Microbiota

- Bacteria were once classified as plants, giving rise to use of the term *flora* for microbes
- This term has been replaced by *microbiota*
- Microbes normally present in and on the human body are called normal microbiota

51 Normal Microbiota on Human Tongue

52 Mormal Microbiota

- Normal microbiota prevent growth of pathogens
- Normal microbiota produce growth factors such as folic acid and vitamin K
- Resistance is the ability of the body to ward off disease
- Resistance factors include skin, stomach acid, and antimicrobial chemicals

53 Biofilms

- Microbes attach to solid surfaces and grow into masses
- They will grow on rocks, pipes, teeth, and medical implants
- Biofilms can be beneficial, protecting your mucous membranes from harmful invaders.

54 Biofilms

55 Infectious Diseases

- When a pathogen overcomes the host's resistance, disease results
- Emerging infectious diseases (EIDs): New diseases and diseases increasing in incidence

56 Avian influenza A

- Influenza A virus (H5N1)
- Primarily in waterfowl and poultry
- Sustained human-to-human transmission has not occurred yet

57 🔳 MRSA

- Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus
- 1950s: Penicillin resistance developed
- 1980s: Methicillin resistance
- 1990s: MRSA resistance to vancomycin reported
 - VISA: Vancomycin-intermediate-resistant *S. aureus*
 - VRSA: Vancomycin-resistant S. aureus

58 West Nile Encephalitis

- Caused by West Nile virus
- First diagnosed in the West Nile region of Uganda in 1937
- Appeared in New York City in 1999

59 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

Caused by a prion

- Also causes Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)- a degenerative neurological disorder.
- New variant CJD in humans is related to cattle fed sheep offal for protein (Mad Cow)

60 🔳 Escherichia coli O157:H7

- Toxin-producing strain of *E. coli*
- First seen in 1982
- Leading cause of diarrhea worldwide

61 Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever

- Ebola virus
- Causes fever, hemorrhaging, and blood clotting
- First identified near Ebola River, Congo
- Outbreaks every few years

62 Cryptosporidiosis

- Cryptosporidium protozoa
- First reported in 1976
- Causes 30% of diarrheal illness in developing countries
- In the United States, transmitted via water

63 Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

- Caused by human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
- First identified in 1981
- Worldwide epidemic infecting 30 million people; 14,000 new infections every day
- Sexually transmitted infection affecting males and females
- HIV/AIDS in the U.S.: 30% are female, and 75% are African American