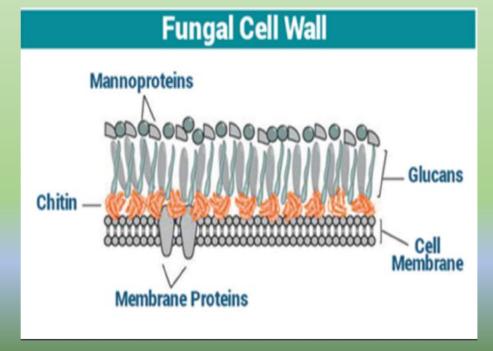
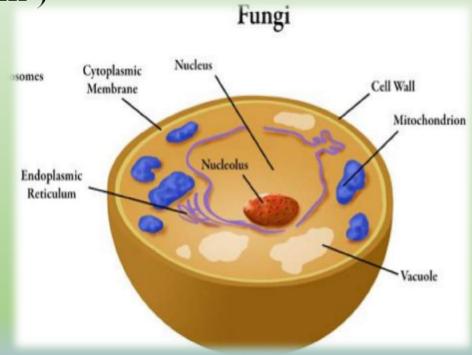


# Fungal characteristics

• Fungi are group of **eukaryotic** (have nucleus and organelles including mitochondria and endoplasmic reticulum )

• The cell wall is composed of large amount of **chitin** (carbohydrate ).





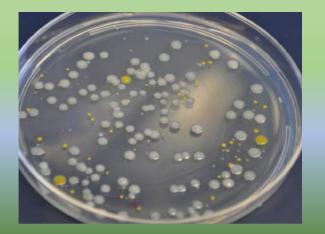
• Most fungi are multicellular (molds) some are unicellular (yeasts).

• Mold fungi grow as long filaments of cells that give rise to visible

colonies.



• Yeast colonies on agar similar to bacterial colonies (mucoid).

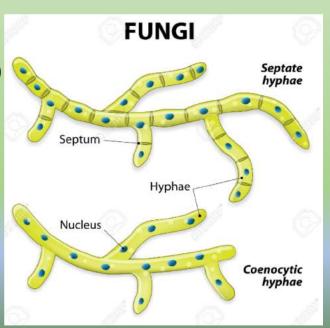


•Fungi are consist of masses of tubular structures called

(hyphae)

•Some fungi have cross walls or **septa** which divide the filaments into sections while other fungi lack septa (**coenocytic**)

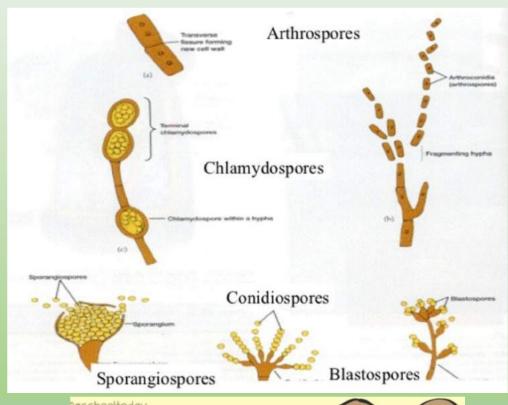
- •Fungi are **heterotrophic** (non-photosynthetic organisms)
- •All fungi require water and oxygen to grow and reproduce.
- •The optimal temperature of most fungi is 25°C.

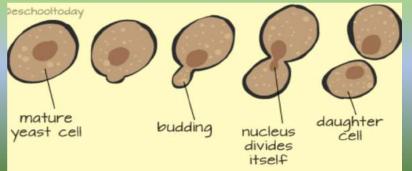


• Reproduction. Fungi reproduce sexually and/or asexually to produce spores.

### >Asexually:

- •Spores ex:
- **\***Conidiospore
- Chlamydospore
- Sporangiospore
- Budding (yeast)
- Fragmentation

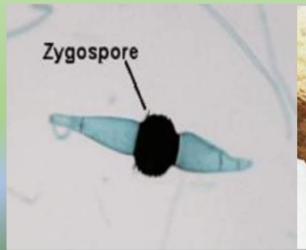


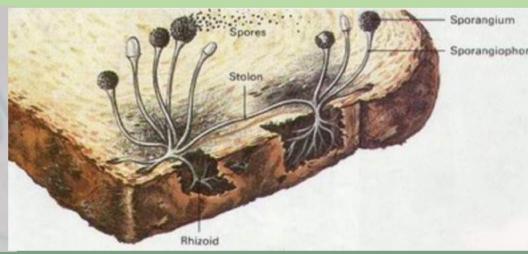


#### •Reproduction.

- >Sexually.
- •Fungi are classified by their sexual reproductive structures into 4 phyla:
- 1-Zygomycota
- •Sexual spores produced by conjugation when (+) hypha and (-) fuse is called **zygospores**.
- •Ex: Rhizopus sp.

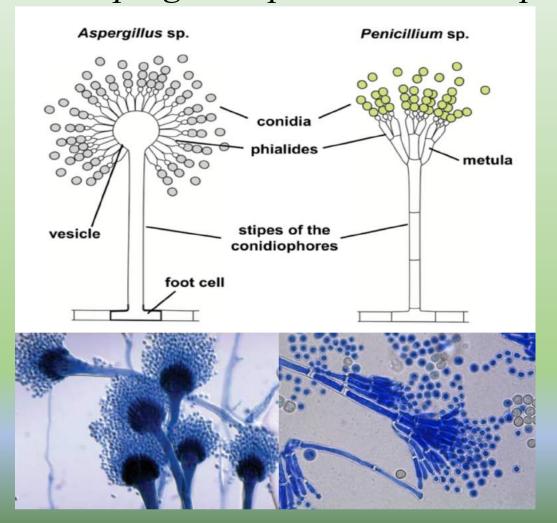


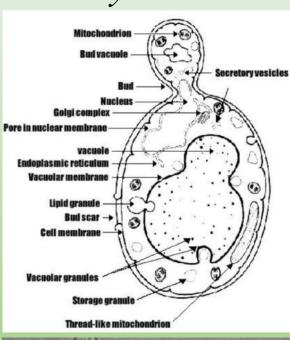


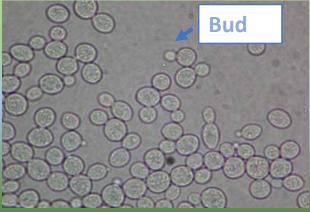


### 2-Ascomycota

- •Ascospores contained in an ascus.
- •Ex: Aspergillus sp., Penicillium sp., Saccharomyces cerevisiae

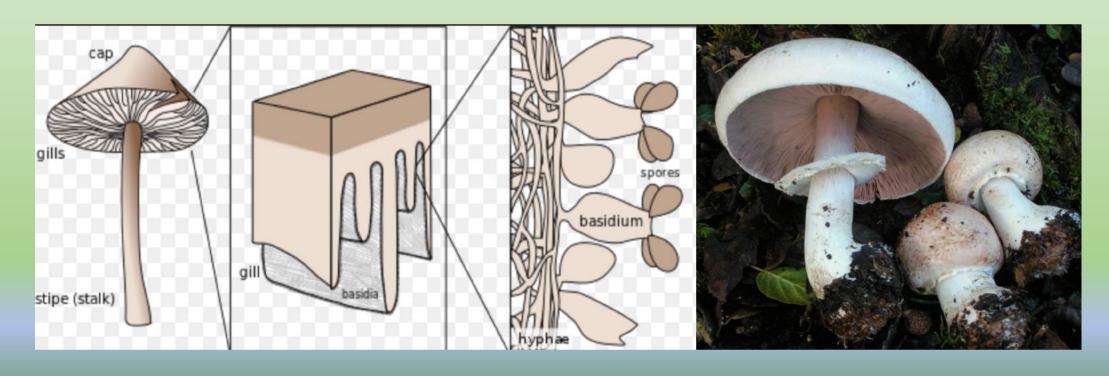






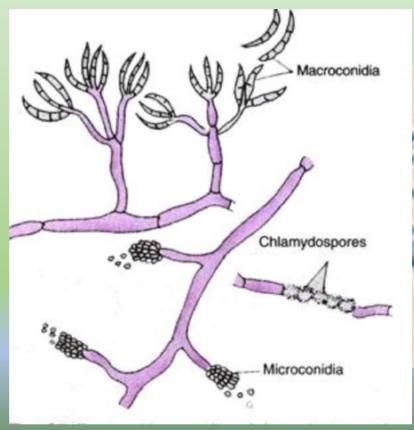
#### 3-Basidiomycota

- •Basidium is sexual reproductive structure that make **basidiospores**.
- •Ex: Agaricus sp.



## 4-Deuteromycota

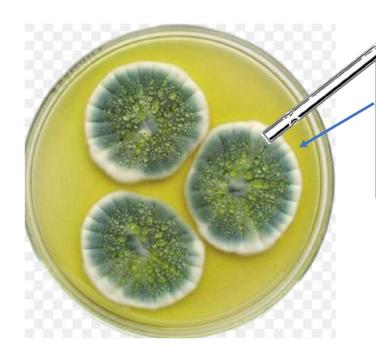
- •Sexual reproduction not yet observed.
- •Ex: Fusarium sp.





# Purification of Fungi by Disc Transfer

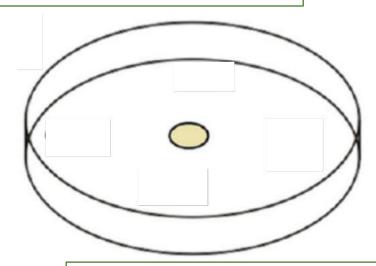
- Use a cork borer or Pasture pipette.
- Flame Pasteur pipette using alcohol and allow to cool.
- Cut few discs from the edge of an actively growing fungal colony.
- Inoculate it (surface facing down) on the center another media plate with the help of flamed forceps
- Incubate it for 3-5 days
- Pure culture of the organism will grow.



1- Use a Pasture pipette to pick up some material from the colony



2- A fungal colony Disc transferred Aseptically to the centre by loop





3- Incubation at 26°C for 5 days

A sterile media plate (PDA) being inoculated