

October 30th lecture notes: NON-Diffusion Gradients?

How to explain concentration gradients of non-diffusible substances?

- 1) Examples in which concentration gradients are not distorted or disturbed despite rapid flow of blood or lymph through arteries, veins, capillaries, lymph ducts etc.
- 2) Concentration gradients of proteins that are unable to penetrate through plasma membranes either because the proteins are either too large or too hydrophobic to diffuse through membranes!?
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- 4) Persistence of concentration gradients regardless of surgical disturbance of embryonic tissues?
- 5) Even gradients of sizes of pigment granules and gradients of sizes of yolk granules!

How can a property like size diffuse?

6) "Steepening" of gradients in response to shortening of distances over which these gradients are restricted.

