

# GROWTH FACTORS AND DEVELOPMENT

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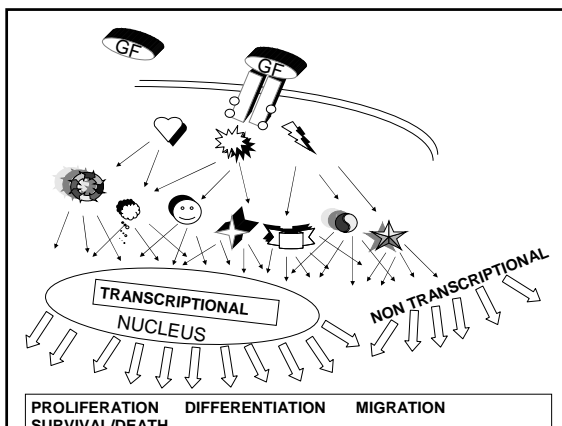
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## WHAT ARE GROWTH FACTORS?

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS LECTURE, WE WILL DEFINE GROWTH FACTORS AS PROTEINS THAT REACH CELLS EXTRACELLULARLY AND THAT CAUSE INTRACELLULAR CHANGES BY A TRANSDUCTION MECHANISM DEPENDENT ON TRANSMEMBRANE RECEPTORS

## HOW DO GROWTH FACTORS ACT?

GROWTH FACTORS ACT THROUGH TRANSMEMBRANE RECEPTORS. THE LATTER TRANSDUCE EXTRACELLULAR GROWTH FACTOR BINDING BY ACTIVATING INTRACELLULAR SIGNALLING CASCADES THAT INDUCE BOTH NON-TRANSCRIPTIONAL AND TRANSCRIPTIONAL RESPONSES



## HOW MANY GROWTH FACTORS ARE THERE?

- THERE ARE MULTIPLE SUPERFAMILIES OF GROWTH FACTORS COMPRISING ON THE ORDER OF SEVERAL HUNDRED DIFFERENT GENES

### EXAMPLES OF "CLASSICAL" GROWTH FACTORS

- EGF - EPIDERMAL GROWTH FACTOR
- FGF - FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR
- NGF - NERVE GROWTH FACTOR
- TGF $\beta$  - TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR BETA
- INSULIN & IGF'S (INSULIN-LIKE GROWTH FACTORS)
- PDGF- PLATELET DERIVED GROWTH FACTOR

### FGF SUPERFAMILY

- 22 FAMILY MEMBERS (FGF1-22) 13-71% IDENTITY
- 4 RECEPTORS

### TGF $\beta$ SUPER FAMILY

- >35 MEMBERS
- 12 KNOWN RECEPTORS

- TGF $\beta$  FAMILY (3)
- BONE MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS (BMPS) (15)
- GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTORS (GDF) (6)
- GLIAL DERIVED NEUROTROPHIC FACTORS (GDNF) (4)
- ACTIVINS (4)
- LEFTYS (2)
- NODAL
- INHIBINS
- MÜLLERIAN INHIBITING SUBSTANCE

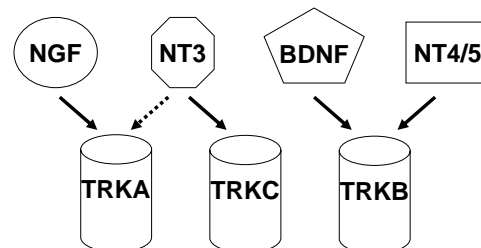
### EXAMPLES OF ADDITIONAL GROWTH FACTOR FAMILIES WITH ROLES IN DEVELOPMENT

- HEDGEHOG PROTEINS
- WNT'S
- INTERLEUKINS
- SLIT'S
- NETRINS
- EPHRINS
- TUMOR NECROSIS  $\alpha$  FAMILY (TNF $\alpha$ 'S)

### HOW MANY GROWTH FACTOR RECEPTORS ARE THERE AND WHAT IS THEIR DEGREE OF SPECIFICITY

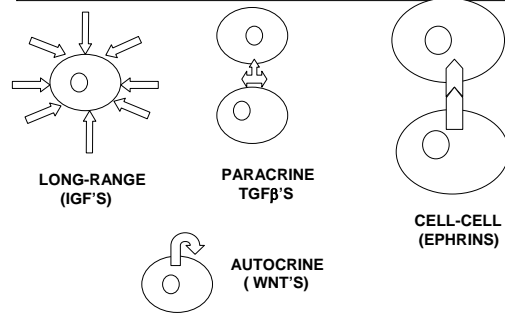
- THERE ARE MULTIPLE GROWTH FACTOR RECEPTORS. THEY ARE HIGHLY SPECIFIC BETWEEN GF FAMILIES AND EXHIBIT VARIOUS DEGREES OF SPECIFICITY WITHIN GF FAMILIES. THAT IS, IN SOME CASES RECEPTORS ARE SHARED, IN OTHERS GROWTH FACTOR RECEPTOR GENES APPEAR TO NUMBER IN THE HUNDREDS IN VERTEBRATES

### SPECIFICITY OF NEUROTROPHIN FAMILY RECEPTOR BINDING



**HOW DO GROWTH FACTORS REACH THEIR TARGET CELLS?**

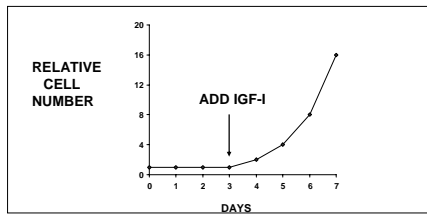
**MULTIPLE MODES OF GROWTH FACTOR DELIVERY**



**GROWTH FACTORS AS REGULATORS OF PROLIFERATION**

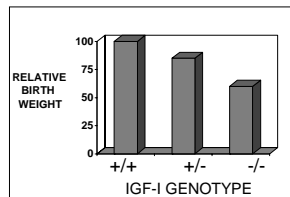
**GROWTH FACTORS CAN PROMOTE CELL PROLIFERATION**

- A GOOD EXAMPLE INCLUDES MEMBERS OF THE INSULIN/INSULIN-LIKE GROWTH FACTOR (IGF) FAMILY
- 9 FAMILY MEMBERS WITH 3 RECEPTORS
- MAJOR MEMBERS INCLUDE INSULIN, IGF-I, IGF-II



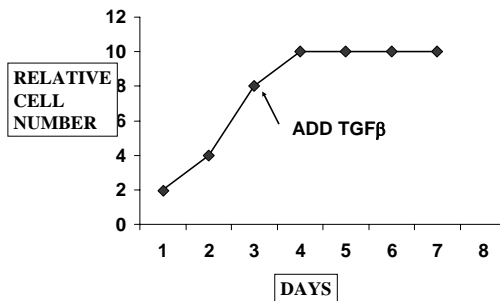
**WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF MISSING IGF'S OR INSULIN EXPRESSION DURING EMBRYOGENESIS?**

IGF-I, IGF-II: GENERAL GROWTH DEFICIENCY (MUSCLE, BONE, ORGANS)



INSULIN - LEPRECHAUNISM

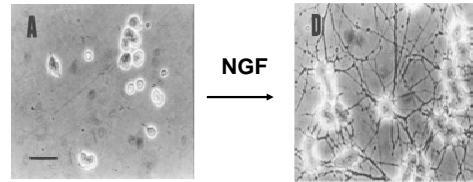
**GROWTH FACTORS CAN INHIBIT CELL PROLIFERATION**



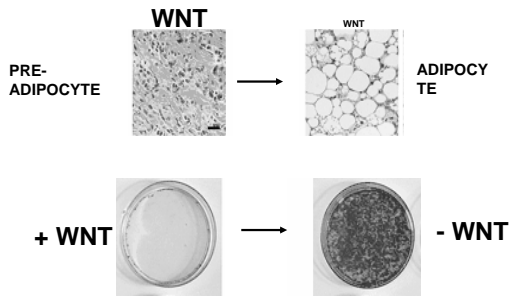
## GROWTH FACTORS REGULATE CELL DIFFERENTIATION

- GROWTH FACTORS EXERT BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON CELL DIFFERENTIATION

## NGF PROMOTES NEURONAL DIFFERENTIATION



## WNT'S CAN ACT AS NEGATIVE REGULATOR OF DIFFERENTIATION

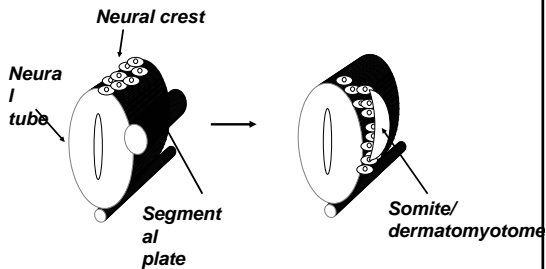


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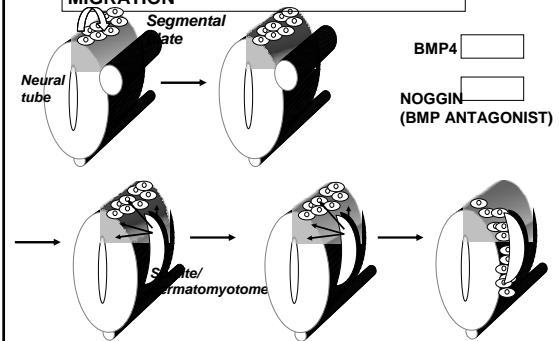
## GROWTH FACTORS AS REGULATORS OF CELL MIGRATION AND MOVEMENT

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## REGULATION OF NEURAL CREST MIGRATION



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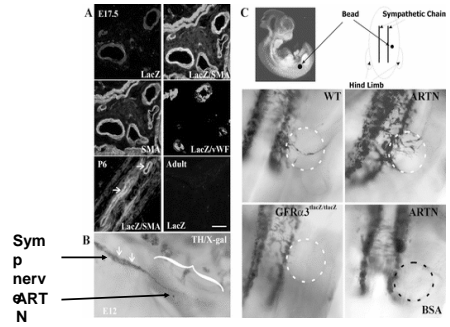
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**GROWTH FACTORS AS REGULATORS OF CELL**

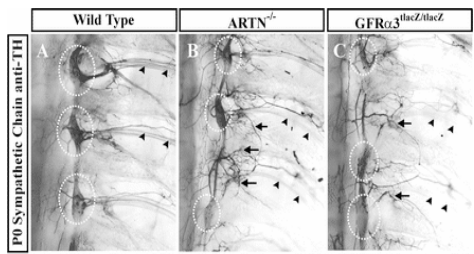
**MIGRATION AND MOVEMENT**

- EXAMPLE OF NEURAL CREST
  - REGULATION OF CELL MIGRATION
  - MODULATION OF GROWTH FACTOR ACTIVITY BY NATURALLY OCCURRING ANTAGONISTS
  - GROWTH FACTOR MODULATION OF ANTAGONIST EXPRESSION
  - GROWTH FACTORS CAN ACT AS TROPIC GUIDANCE MOLECULES FOR NEURONAL PATHFINDING

**ARTEMIN (TGFB SUPERFAMILY) IS A TROPIC/GUIDANCE FACTOR FOR DEVELOPING SYMPATHETIC NEURONS**



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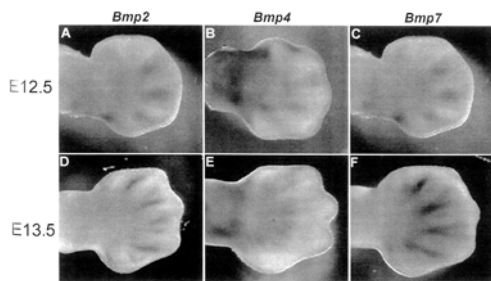


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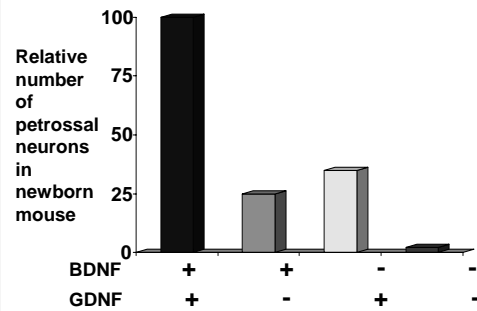
**SURVIVAL AND DEATH**

- GROWTH FACTORS CAN PROMOTE EITHER CELL SURVIVAL OR DEATH
- GROWTH FACTORS CAN ACT COORDINATELY

**CELL DEATH AND FORMATION OF DIGITS 2**



**MOUSE PETROSSAL NEURONS REQUIRE BOTH BDNF AND GDNF FOR SURVIVAL**



**THE SAME GROWTH FACTOR CAN HAVE MULTIPLE ACTIONS DURING DEVELOPMENT**

- DIFFERENT ACTIONS ON VARYING CELL TYPES
- DIFFERENT TIMES OF DEVELOPMENT
- THE SAME GROWTH FACTOR CAN AFFECT CELL PROLIFERATION, DIFFERENTIATION, SURVIVAL/DEATH AND MIGRATION

**MULTIPLE DEVELOPMENTAL FUNCTIONS OF WNT FAMILY MEMBERS**

Developmental functions of mouse *Wnt* genes

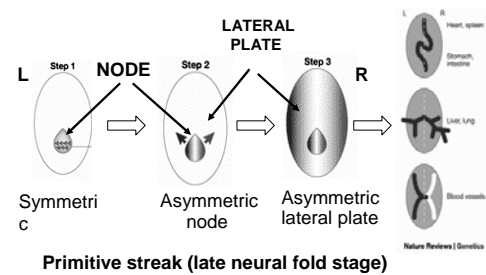
Gene	Phenotype of knockout or other functions
<i>Wnt1</i>	Loss of a portion of the midbrain and cerebellum Deficiency in dorsal neural-tube derivatives, including neural-crest cells in double knockout with <i>Wnt3a</i>
<i>Wnt2</i>	Placental defects
<i>Wnt3</i>	Defects in axis formation and gastrulation Defects in hair growth and structure
<i>Wnt3a</i>	Defects in somite and tailbud development Deficiency in dorsal neural-tube derivatives, including neural crest cells in double knockout with <i>Wnt1</i> Loss of hippocampus
<i>Wnt4</i>	Defects in kidney development Defects in female development; absence of Müllerian duct, ectopic synthesis of testosterone in females Defects in mammary gland morphogenesis
<i>Wnt5a</i>	Truncated limbs, shortened anterior-posterior axis, reduced number of proliferating cells
<i>Wnt7a</i>	Defects in limb polarity Female infertility due to failure of Müllerian duct regression Defects in uterine patterning Defects in synapse maturation in the cerebellum
<i>Wnt7b</i>	Placental defects
<i>Wnt10b</i>	Inhibition of adipogenesis

AFTER: JR Miller *Genome Biology* 2001 3(1):3001.1-3001.15

**GROWTH FACTORS REGULATE MORPHOGENESIS BY INTEGRATED FEEDBACK MECHANISMS**

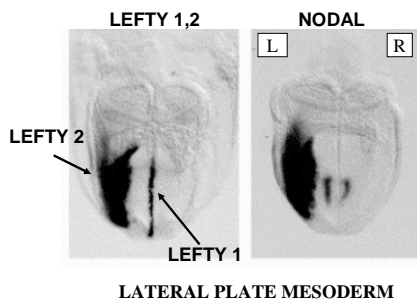
- GENERATION OF LEFT-RIGHT ASYMMETRY

**GF'S AND GENERATION OF RIGHT-LEFT ASYMMETRY**



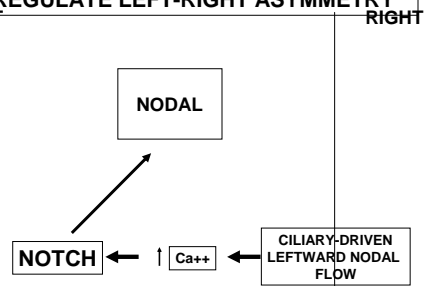
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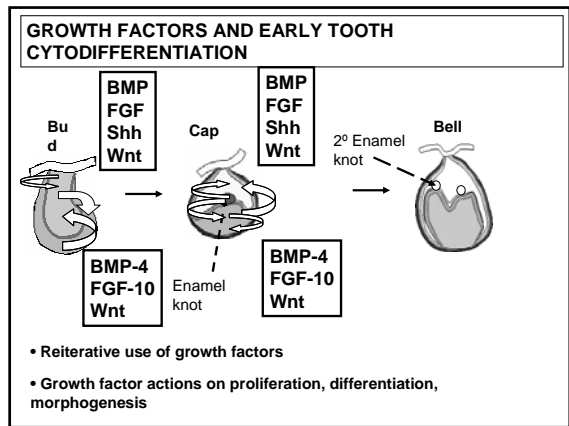
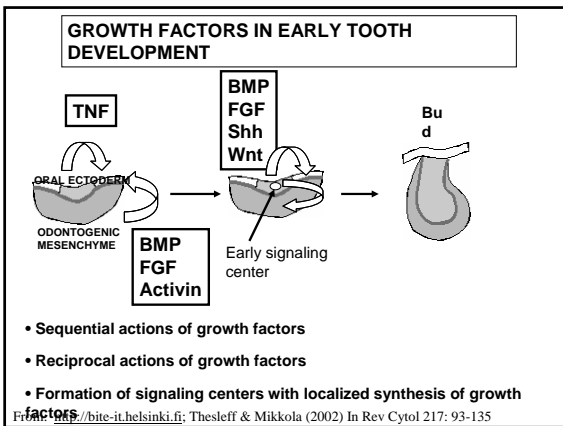
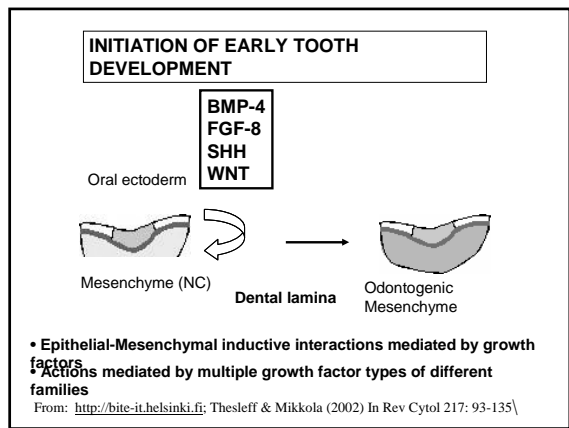
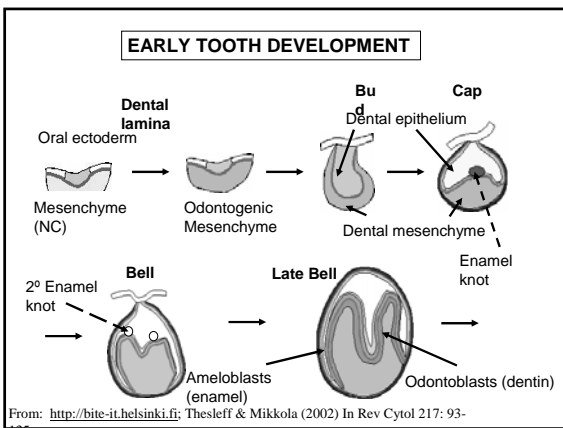
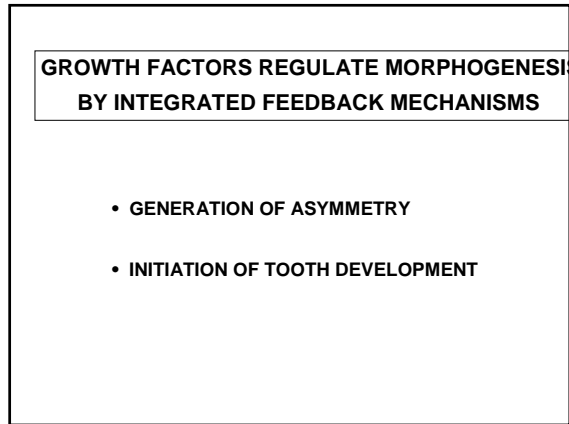
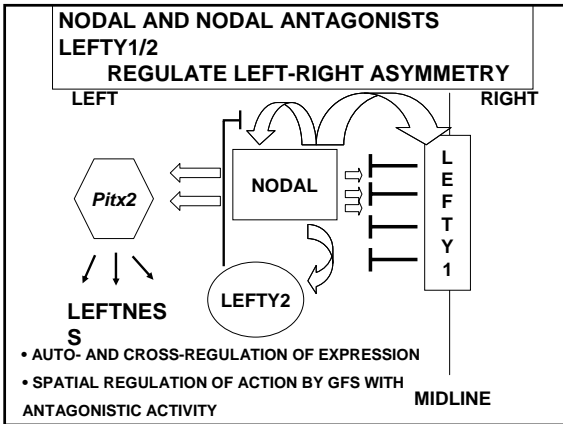
**TGFb FAMILY MEMBERS LEFTY AND NODAL REGULATE LEFT-RIGHT ASYMMETRY**

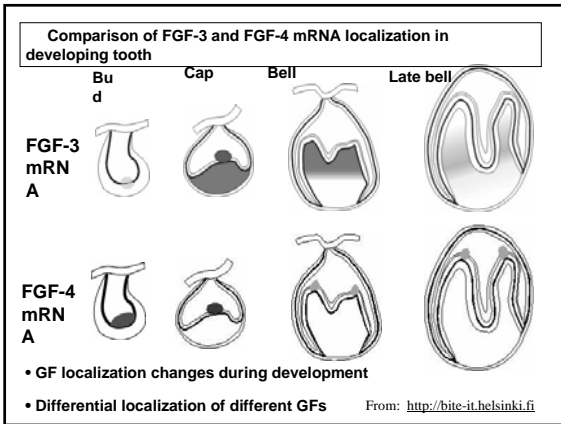


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**NODAL AND NODAL ANTAGONISTS LEFTY1/2 REGULATE LEFT-RIGHT ASYMMETRY**

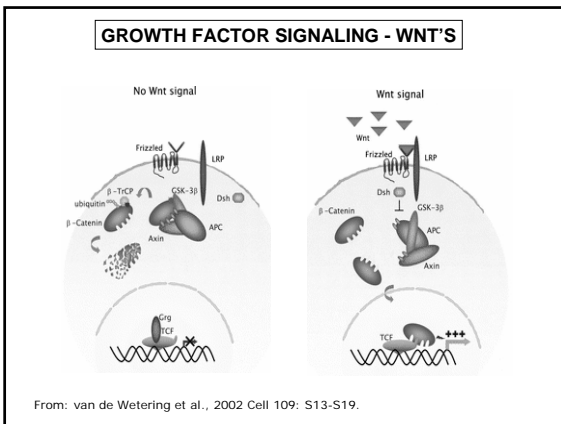
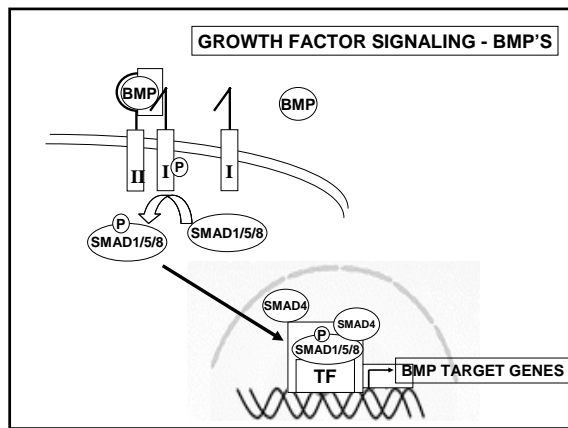
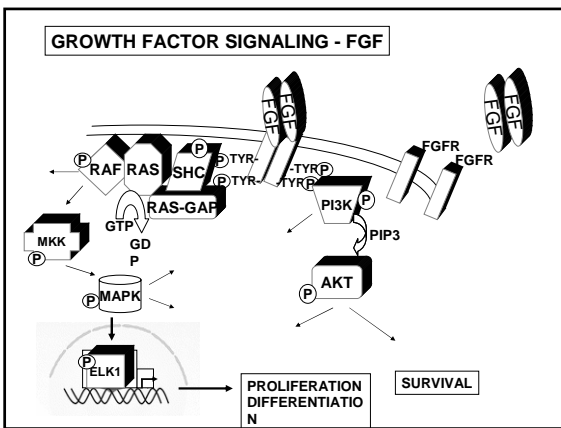






**HOW DO GROWTH FACTORS SIGNAL?**

- FGF - RECEPTOR TYROSINE KINASE SIGNALING
- BMP - SER/THR KINASE - SMAD SIGNALING
- WNT - INACTIVATION SIGNALING



BMP-5 (*short ear*) Viable; skeletal and cartilage abnormalities; role in allantois development and fusion with the chorion along with BMP-7

BMP-6 Viable; slight delay in ossification of sternum; role in cardiac cushion formation and septation along with BMP-7

BMP-7 Perinatal lethal; kidney dysgenesis and anophthalmia; skeletal patterning defects; role in cardiac cushion formation and septation along with BMP-6; role in allantois development and fusion with the

TGF-β2 Perinatal lethal; various craniofacial defects, axial and appendicular skeletal defects; retinal hyperplasia; heart defects; renal defects in a majority of females 169

TGF-β3 Perinatal lethal; cleft palate; delayed lung development

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GF'S ARE REQUIRED FOR BOTH SPECIFIC AND OVERALL GROWTH DURING DEVELOPMENT

GROWTH FACTORS CAN EXERT BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON CELL DIFFERENTIATION, SURVIVAL, MIGRATION AND PROLIFERATION

GF'S GUIDE REGULATE CELL MIGRATION AND SERVE AS CHEMOTROPIC GUIDANCE MOLECULES FOR NEURONAL PATHFINDING

IN SOME CASES (I.E. BMPS) ANTAGONISTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN REGULATING DEVELOPMENT

GF'S REGULATE BOTH CELL SURVIVAL AND CELL DEATH