





Microorganisms need nutrients, a source of energy and certain environmental conditions in order to grow and reproduce. In the natural environment, microbes have adapted to the habitats most suitable for their needs. In the laboratory, however, these requirements must be met by culture media. A culture medium is basically an aqueous solution to which all the necessary nutrients have been added. Depending on the type and combination of nutrients, different categories of media can be

- Based on Oxygen requirement:
  - -- Aerobic medium
  - -- Anaerobic media

## Classification of the Culture Media

- Based on the consistency
- 1. Liquid Peptone water, Nutrient broth
- 2. Semisolid Nutrient agar stabs
- 3. Solid Blood agar, Serum agar

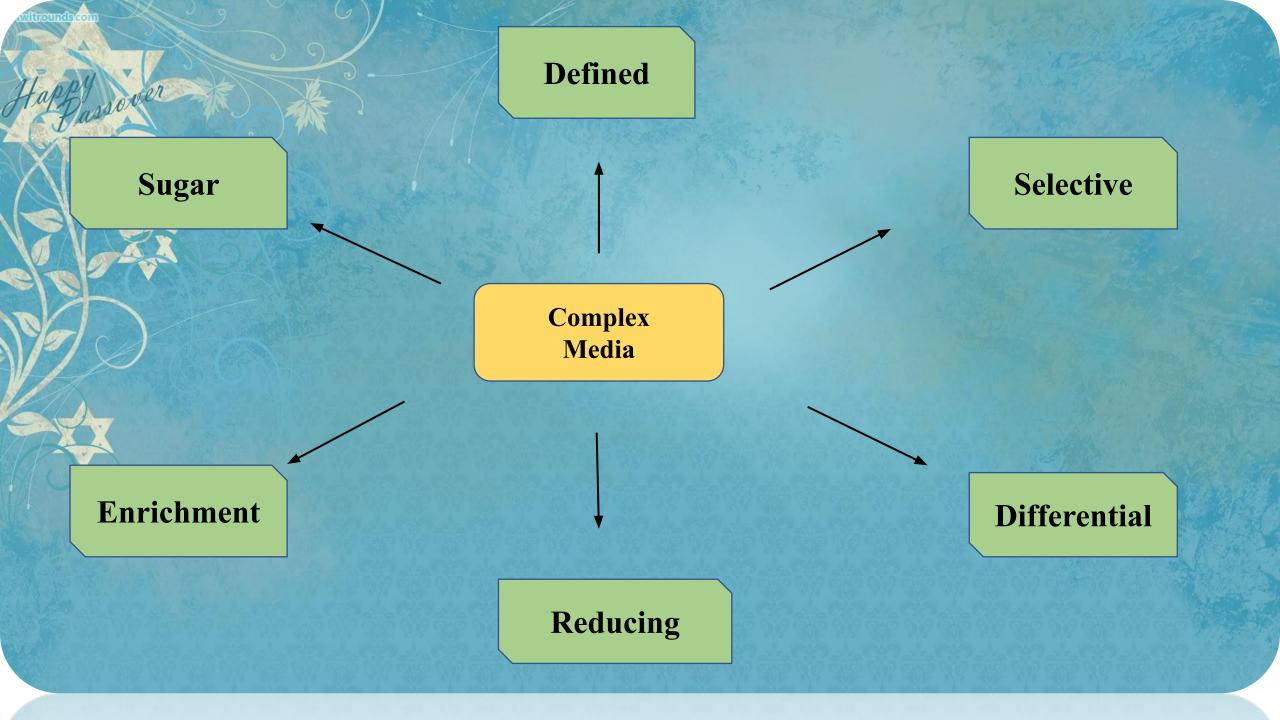
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## Aerobic media

Simple media- consists of only basic necessities

- Liquid media
  - Peptone water(1% peptone +0.5%Nacl + 100 ml water)
  - Nutrient broth (peptone water + 1% meat extract
- Solid media
  - Nutrient agar (nutrient broth + 2% Agar)
- Use: To grow non-fastidious microorganisms





Media	Purpose
Defined	Grow specific heterotrophs and are often mandatory for chemoautotrophs, photoautotrophs and for microbiological assays
Selective	Suppress unwanted microbes, or encourage desired microbes
Differential	Suppress unwanted microbes, or encourage desired microbes
Enrichment	Simlar to selective media but designed to increase the numbers of desired microorganisms to a detectable level without stimulating the rest of the bacterial population
Reducing	Growth of obligate anaerobes







Before inoculation with the desired microorganisms, microbiological media and all materials coming into contact with it must be sterile. During any subsequent handling of the bacterial cultures, unwanted or contaminant organisms must be excluded employing aseptic techniques.

Sterilisation implies the complete destruction of all microorganisms including spores, this is accomplished by the use of heat, chemicals, radiation, filtration.

## **Conclusion**

## **Properties of Media:**

- Properties of Media:
  - Support the growth of the bacteria.
  - 2) Should be nutritive (contains the required amount of nutrients).
  - 3) Suitable pH (neutral to slightly alkaline 7.3-7.4).
  - 4) Suitable temperature
  - 5) suitable atmosphere. (Bacteria grow at 37°C).
  - 6) Sterilized.
- \*Note: media are sterilized by autoclaving at 121°C and 1.02 atmosphere (15 p.s.i.) for 15-20 minutes. With the autoclave, all bacteria, fungi, viruses, and spores are destroyed. Some media can't be sterilized by autoclaving because they contain eggs or carbohydrates.

