





Carbohydrates			
<u>Definition</u>			
• Carbo-Hydrate: have formula $C_n(H_2O)_n$ (for $n \ge 3$)			
 The precursor-macromolecule relationship is: Monosaccharide–polysaccharide (or oligosaccharide) 			
Carbohydrates are everywhere (ubiquitous) and versatile			
	in function; fulfill a variety of functions.		
	 Can be covalently linked with proteins and lipids; are intimately involved in nucleic acids 		
	ROLES	Monosaccharide	Polysaccharide
1.	Energy source/storage	glucose, fructose, etc.	Starch, glycogen
2.	Structure	glucose, glycerol	Cellulose, chitin, lipids & membranes
3.	Information	ribose (nucleotides)	Nucleic acids
4.	Recognition	many	Glycolipids & glycoproteins





















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Monosaccharides: The most important sugars SUMMARY

- Glyceraldehyde and dihydroxyacetone are the simplest (3 carbon) aldose and ketose, respectively.
- Ribose (Rib) is the standard five-carbon sugar.
- Glucose (Glc) is the standard six-carbon sugar.
- Galactose (Gal) is an C4-epimer of glucose.
- Mannose (Man) is an C2-epimer of glucose.
- Fructose (Fru) is the ketose form of glucose.
- Ribulose (Rul) is the ketose form of ribose.

Need to know, recognize, draw Fisher Projection, name, abbreviate













