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- Passive immunization is the transfer of ready made antibodies from one individual to another. Example "naturally acquired passive immunization": Maternal passive immunity: Maternal antibodies IgG are passed through the placenta for the protection of the fetus against infections.
- Examples "artificially acquired passive immunization": (historical) anti-serum against diphtheria toxin, anti-serum against cholera toxin; (modern) Human tetanus immunoglobulin, Human hepatitis B immunoglobulin

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- Cell wall synthesis: (examples: Beta lactam antibiotics Penicillin/Ampicillin)
- Protein synthesis: (Inhibitor of 30S ribosome subunit: Tetracycline; Inhibitor of 50S ribosome subunit: Chloramphenicol)
- Nucleic acid synthesis: (RNA synthesis inhibitor: Rifampicin; DNA synthesis inhibitor: Fluoroquinolones)

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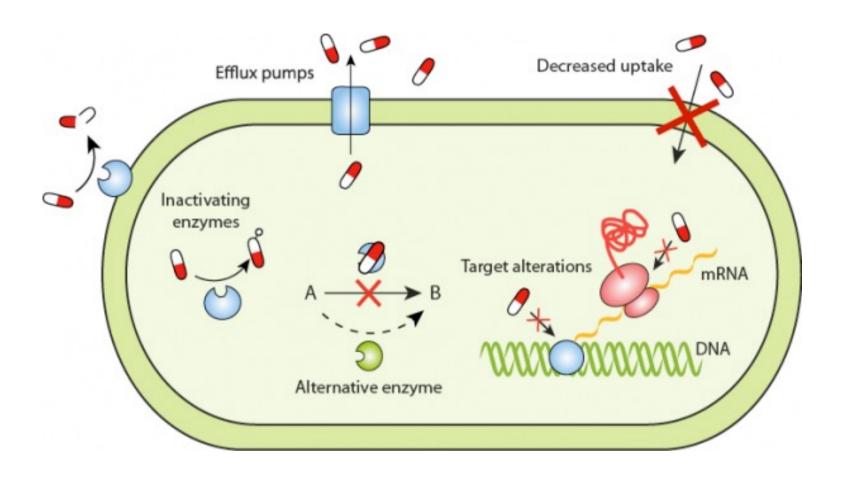
- (1) by genetic mutations
- (2) acquiring resistance from another bacterium (horizontal gene transfer)

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- Enzymes that destroy antibiotics (example: beta-lactamase). Inactivation of antibiotics by modification: enzymes adding different chemical groups to antibiotics.
- Increased efflux (pumps in bacterial membrane/cell wall)
- Decreased permeability
- Modify or bypass the antibiotic target

#### Antibiotic resistance strategies in bacteria



**Figure 1.** Antibiotic resistance strategies in bacteria. Courtesy of E. Gullberg.