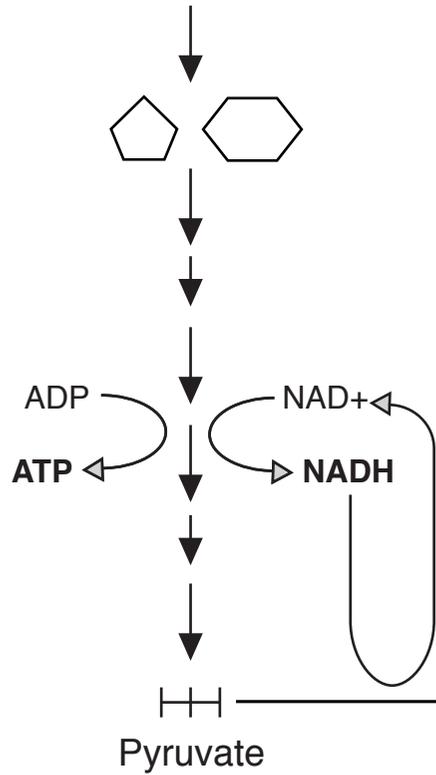


# Fermentation and Acidification of the Integument

Carbohydrate (such as sucrose)



Bacteria produce a number of metabolic byproducts that acidify the skin surface. Not all the bacteria mentioned here would be considered to be "normal" flora, but some are; and the lowering of the pH is clear, and this helps to protect against some pathogens.

