



Figure 3.18 Peptidoglycan Cross-Links. (a) *E. coli* peptidoglycan with direct cross-linking, typical of many gram-negative bacteria. (b) *Staphylococcus aureus* peptidoglycan. *S. aureus* is a gram-positive bacterium. NAM is *N*-acetylmuramic acid. NAG is *N*-acetylglucosamine. Gly is glycine. Although the polysaccharide chains are drawn opposite each other for the sake of clarity, two chains lying side-by-side may be linked together (see figure 3.19).