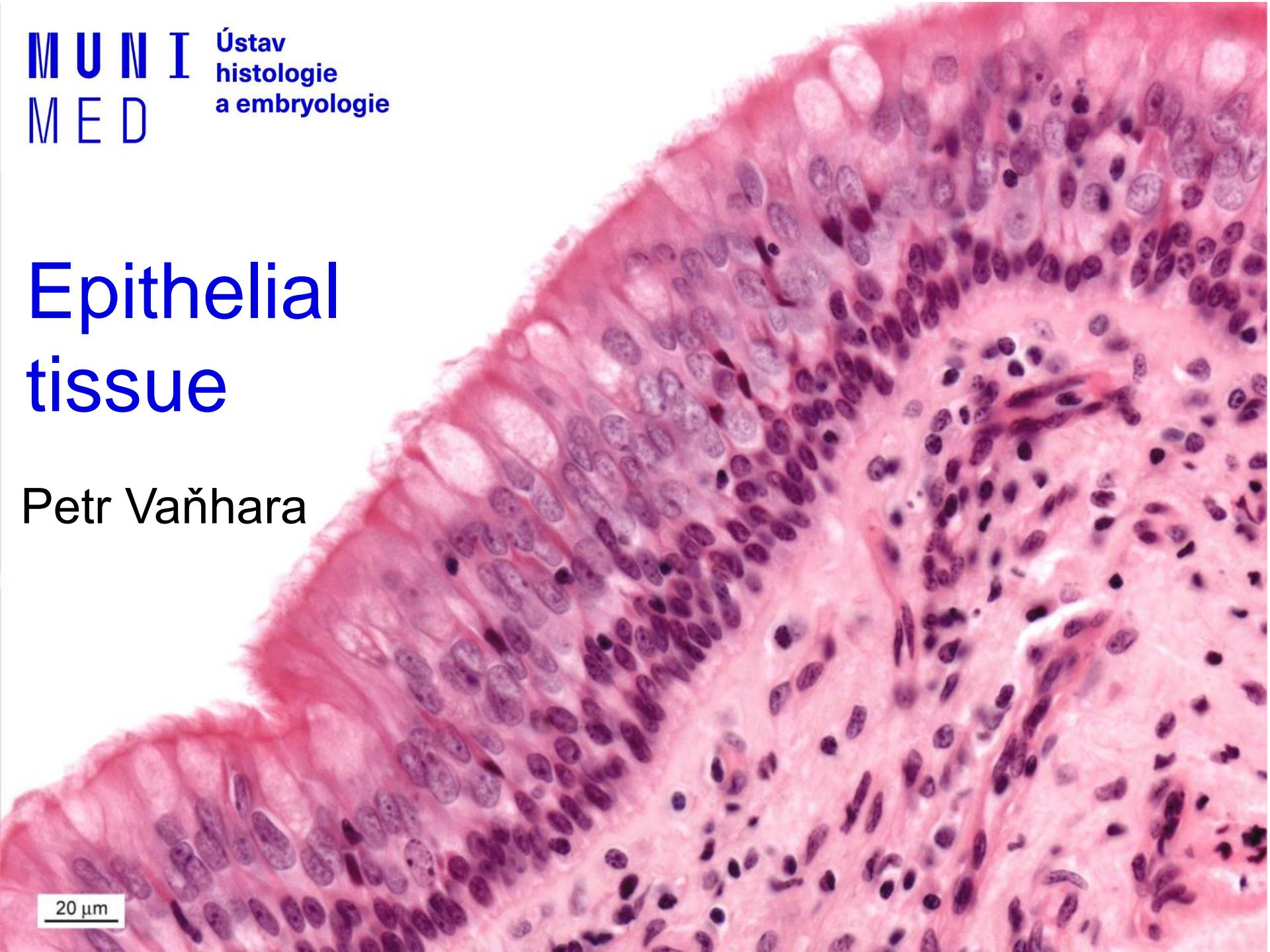


Epithelial tissue

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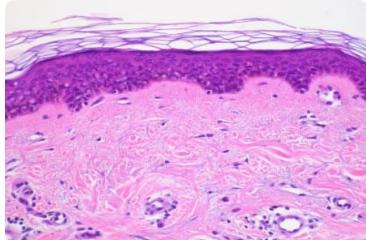


20 µm

CONTEMPORARY TISSUE CLASSIFICATION

Based on morphology and function:

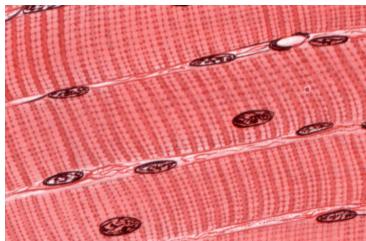
Epithelium



Continual, avascular layers of cells with different function, oriented to open space, with specific junctions and minimum of ECM and intercellular space.

Derivates of all three germ layers

Muscle

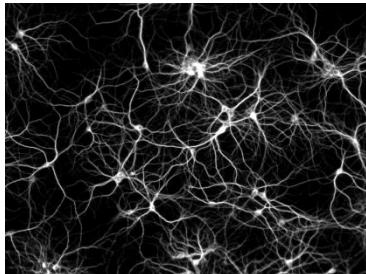


Myofibrils → contraction

Mesoderm – skeletal muscle, myocard, **mesenchyme**
– smooth muscles

Rarely ectoderm (eg. m. sphincter a m. dilatator pupillae)

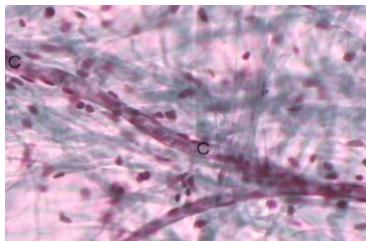
Nerve



Neurons and neuroglia

Reception and transmission of electric signals
Ectoderm, rarely mesoderm (microglia)

Connective



Dominant extracellular matrix

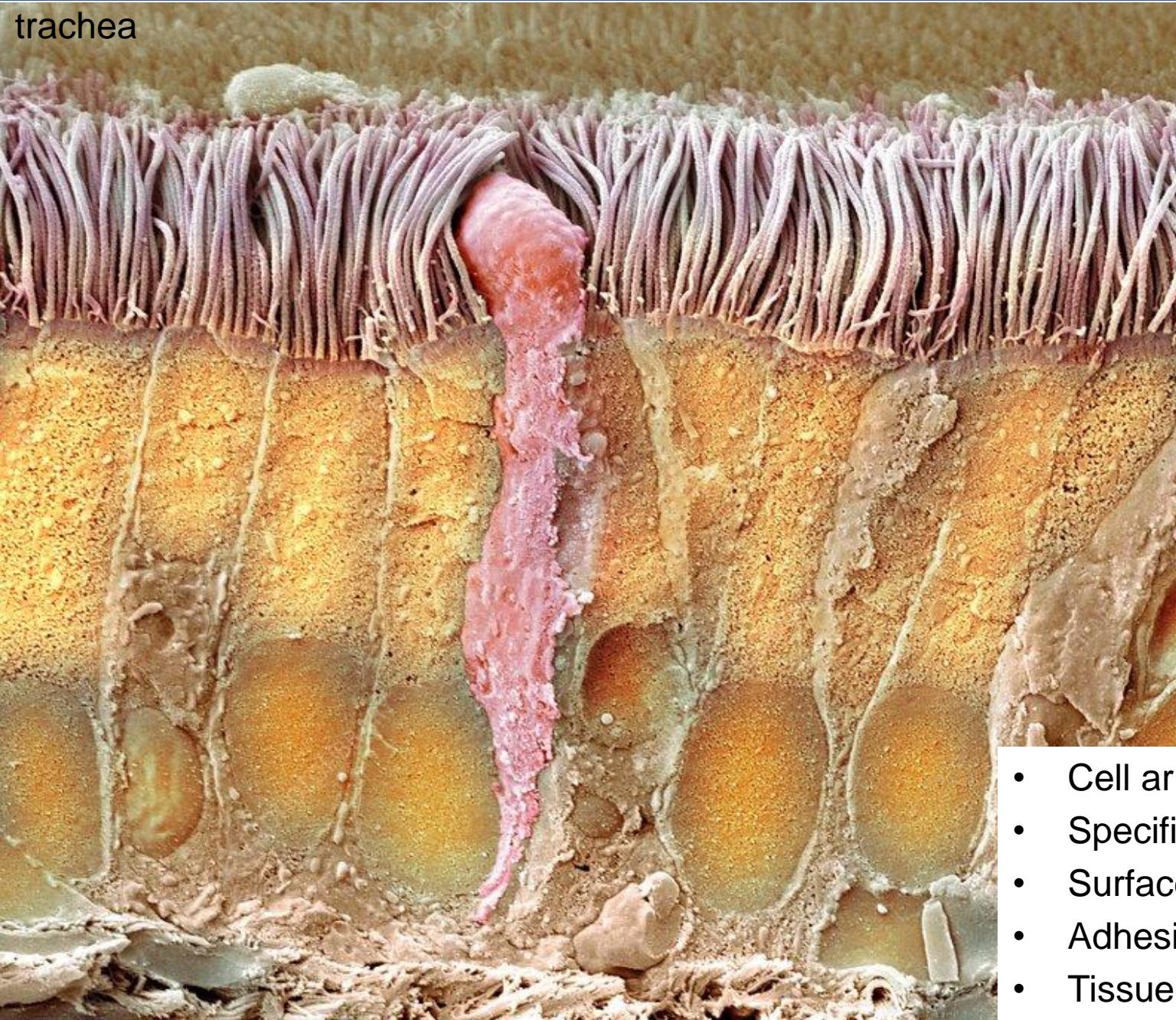
Connective tissue, cartilage, bone...

Mesenchyme

General characteristics

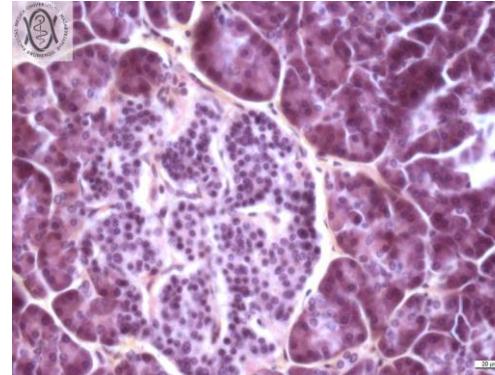
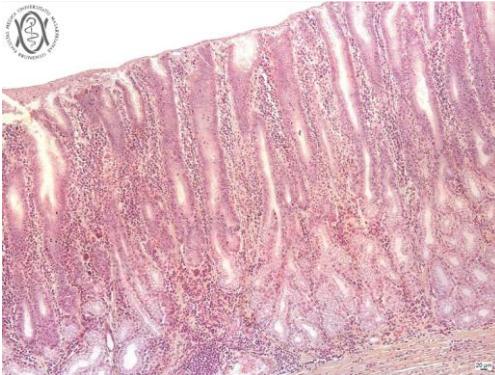
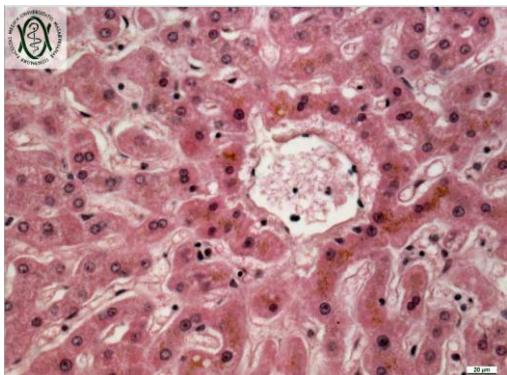
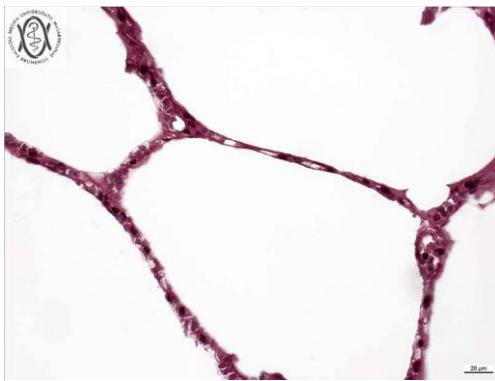
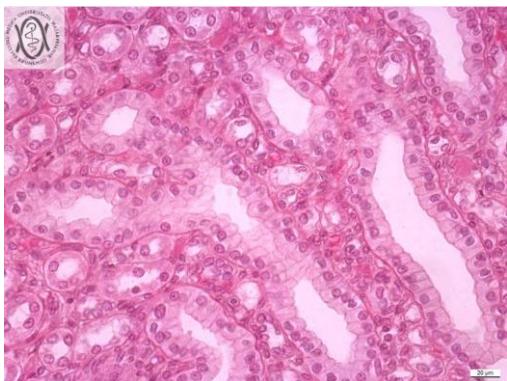
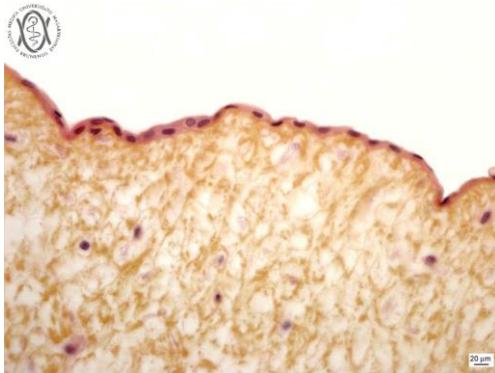
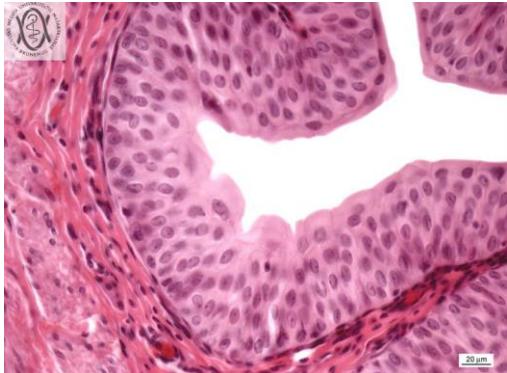
EPITHELIUM

trachea



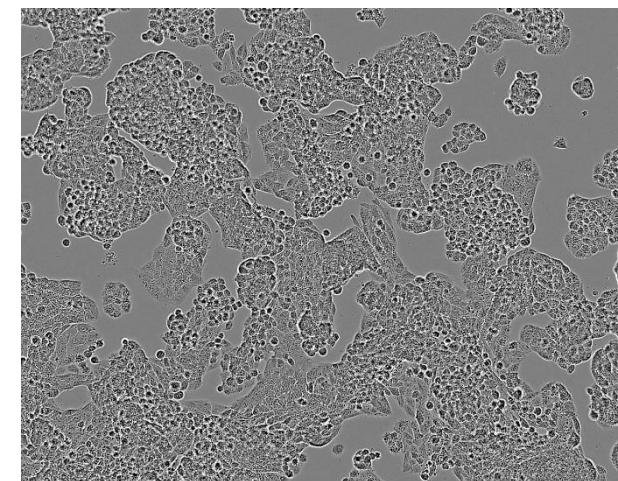
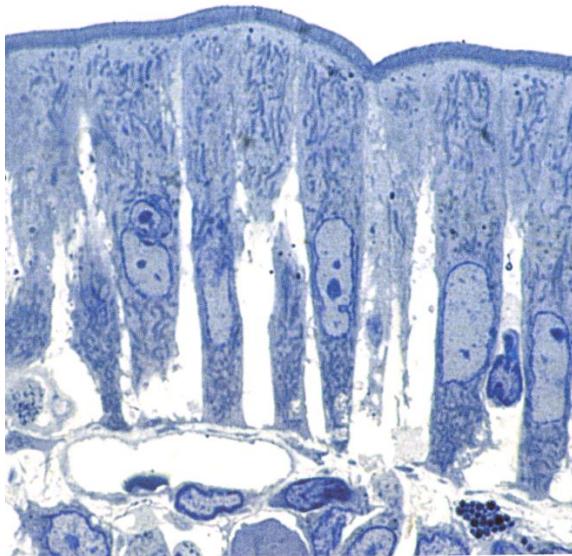
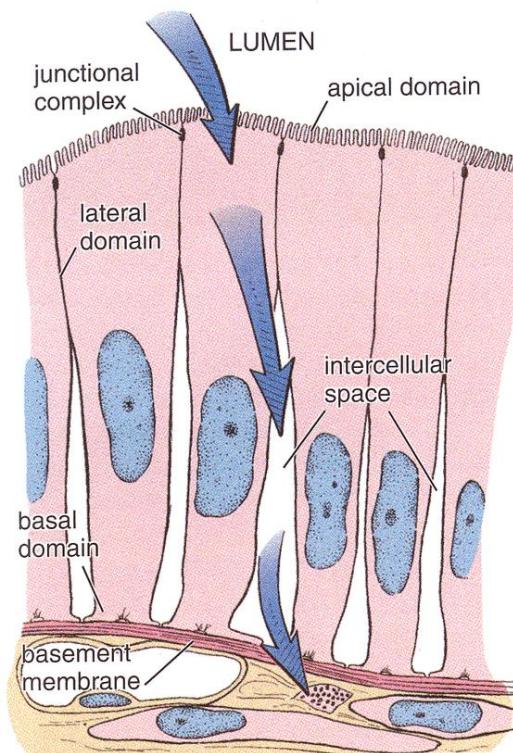
- Cell arrangement
- Specific morphology
- Surface modifications
- Adhesion
- Tissue barriers

EPITHELIAL VARIABILITY IN HUMANS

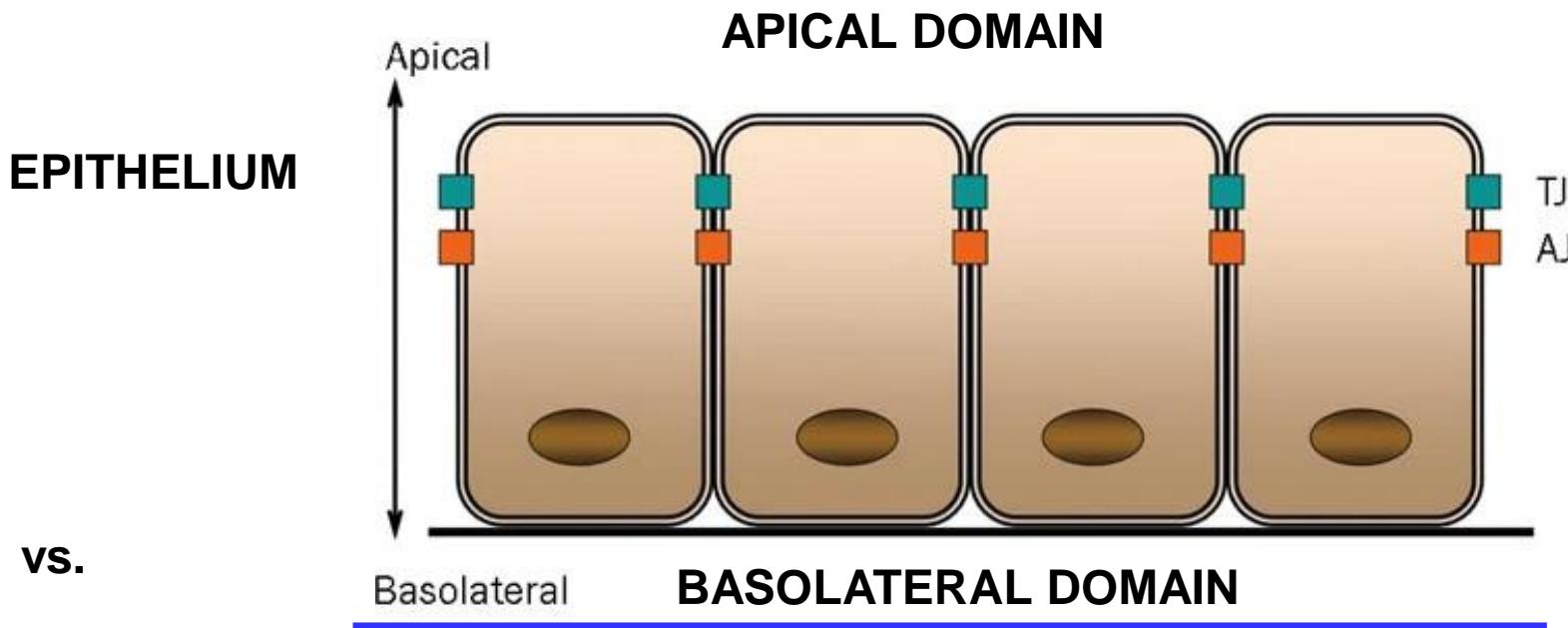


GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

- **Avascular** (without blood supply) – nutrition by diffusion from a highly vascular and innervated area of loose connective tissue (*lamina propria*) just below the basement membrane
- **Highly cellular** – cohesive sheet or groups of cells with no or little extracellular matrix
- Typical **morphology** and **cell connections**

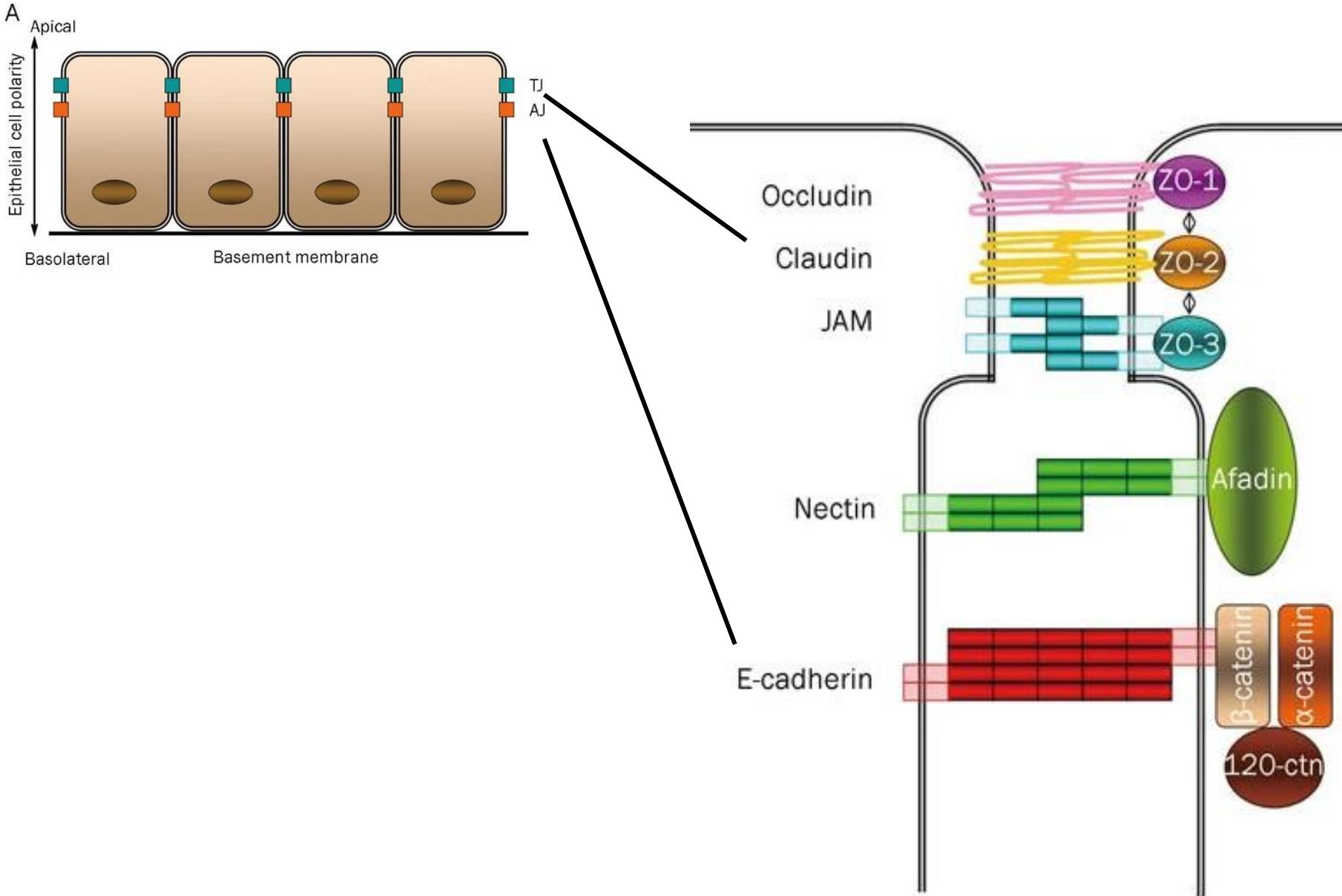


CELL POLARITY

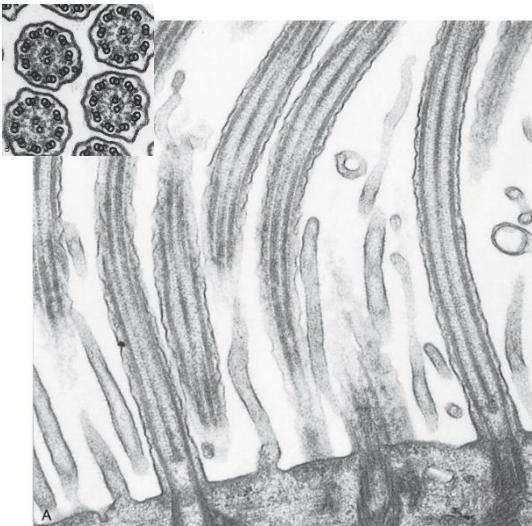


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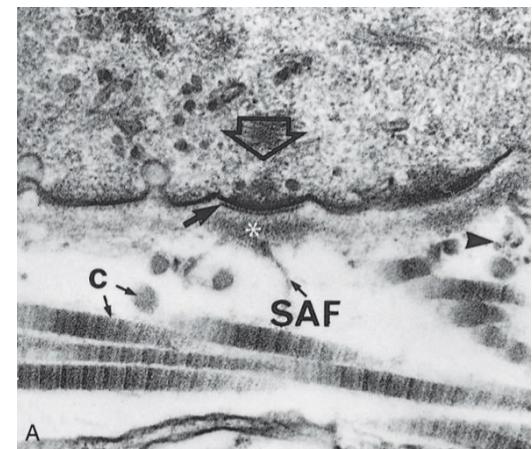
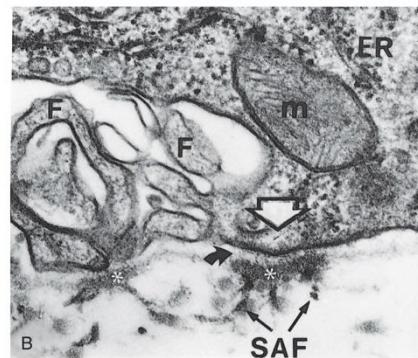
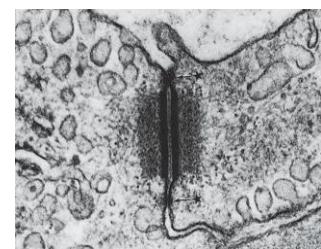
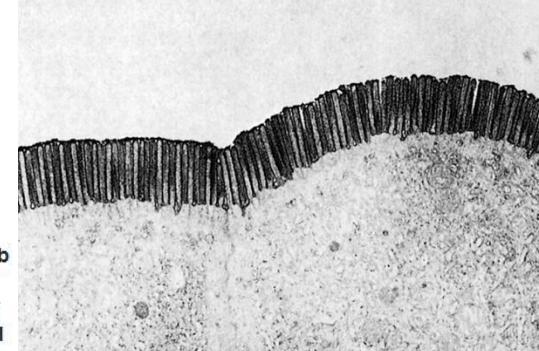
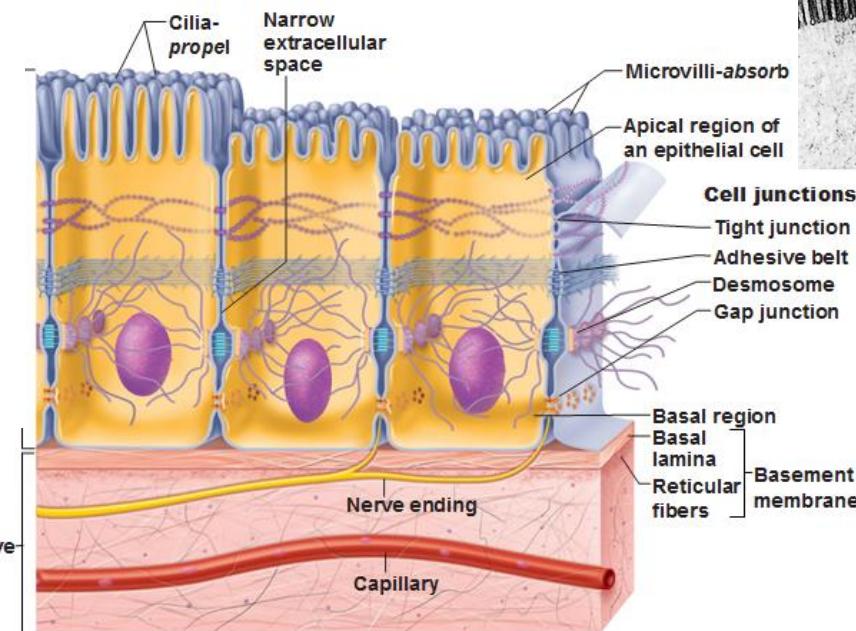
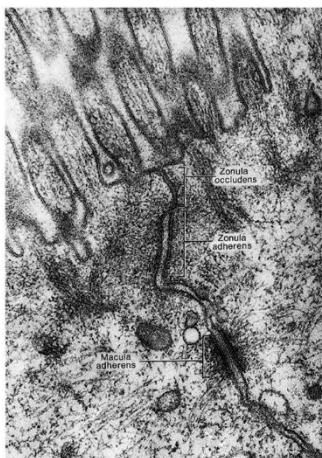
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HALLMARKS OF A TYPICAL EPITHELIAL CELL

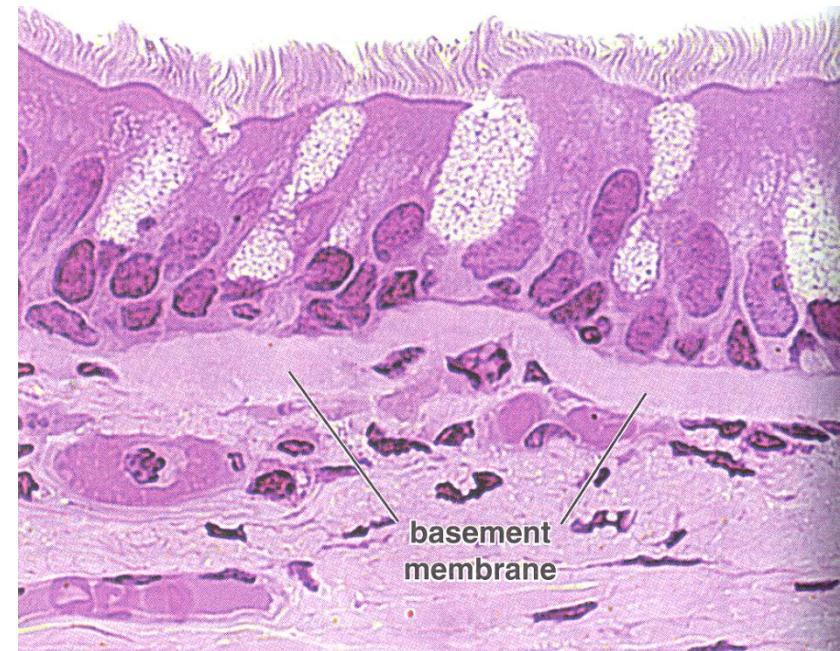
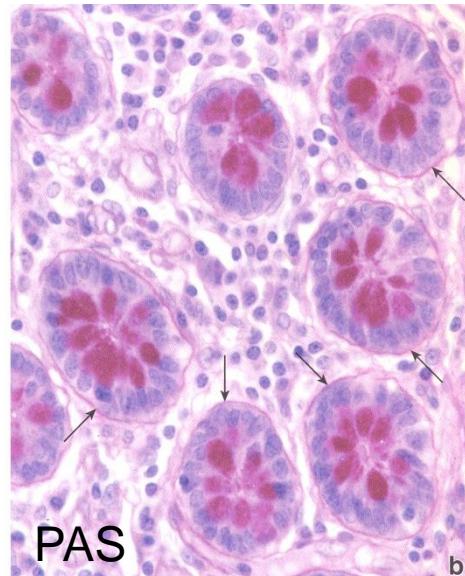
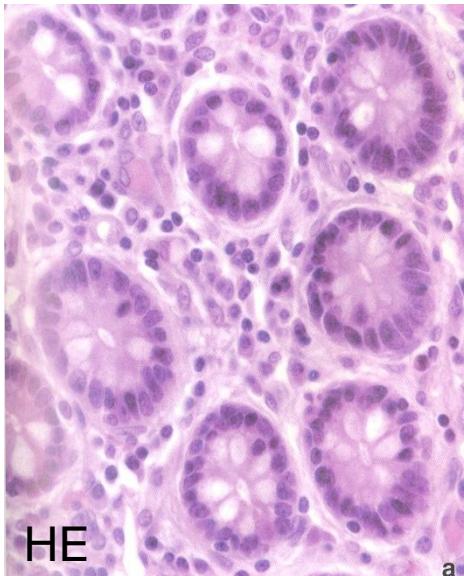
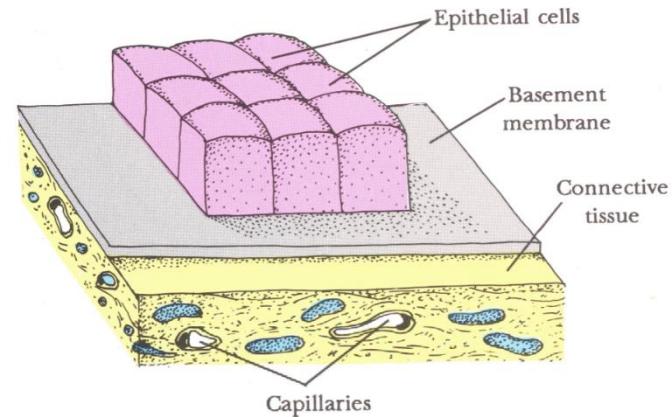


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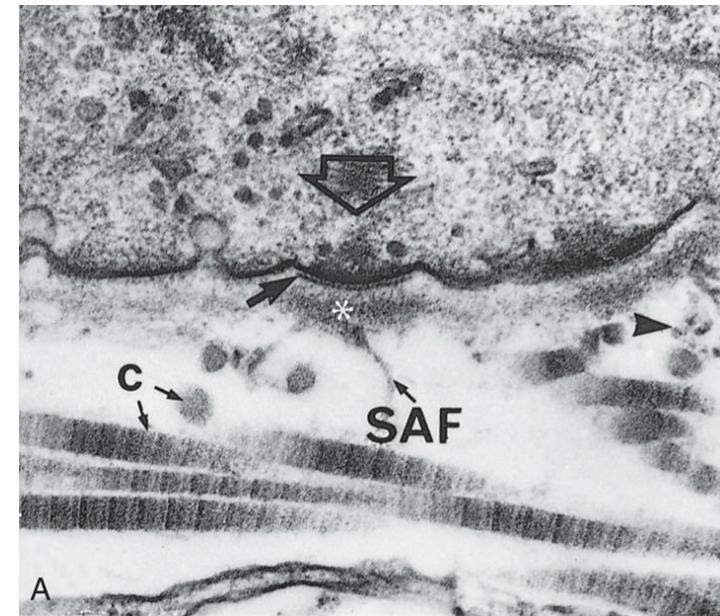
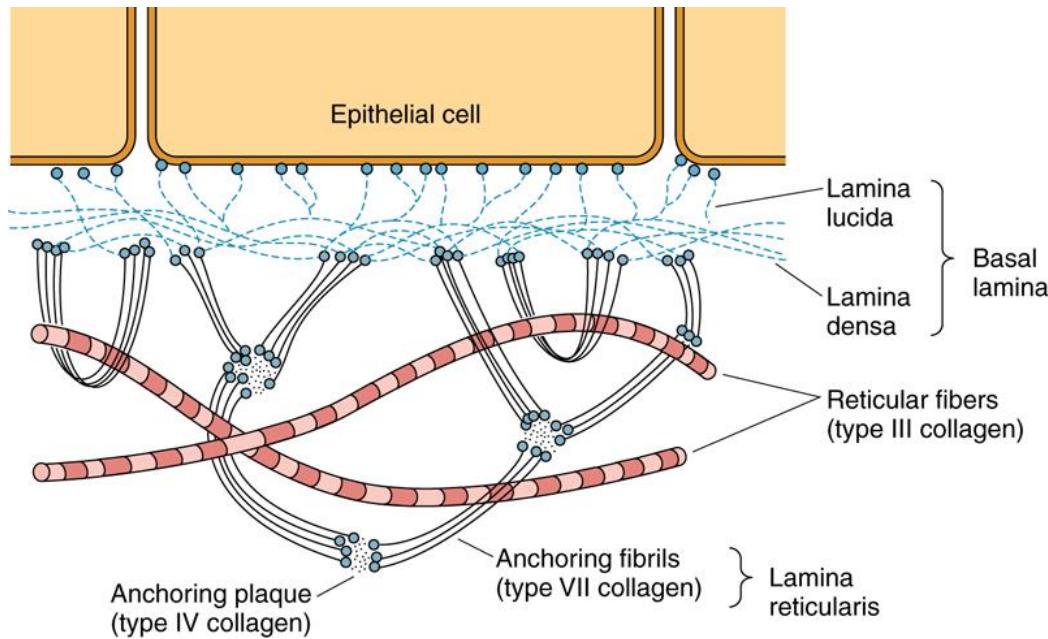
BASEMENT MEMBRANE

- Attachment of epithelium to underlying tissues
- Selective filter barrier between epithelial and connective tissue
- Communication, differentiation

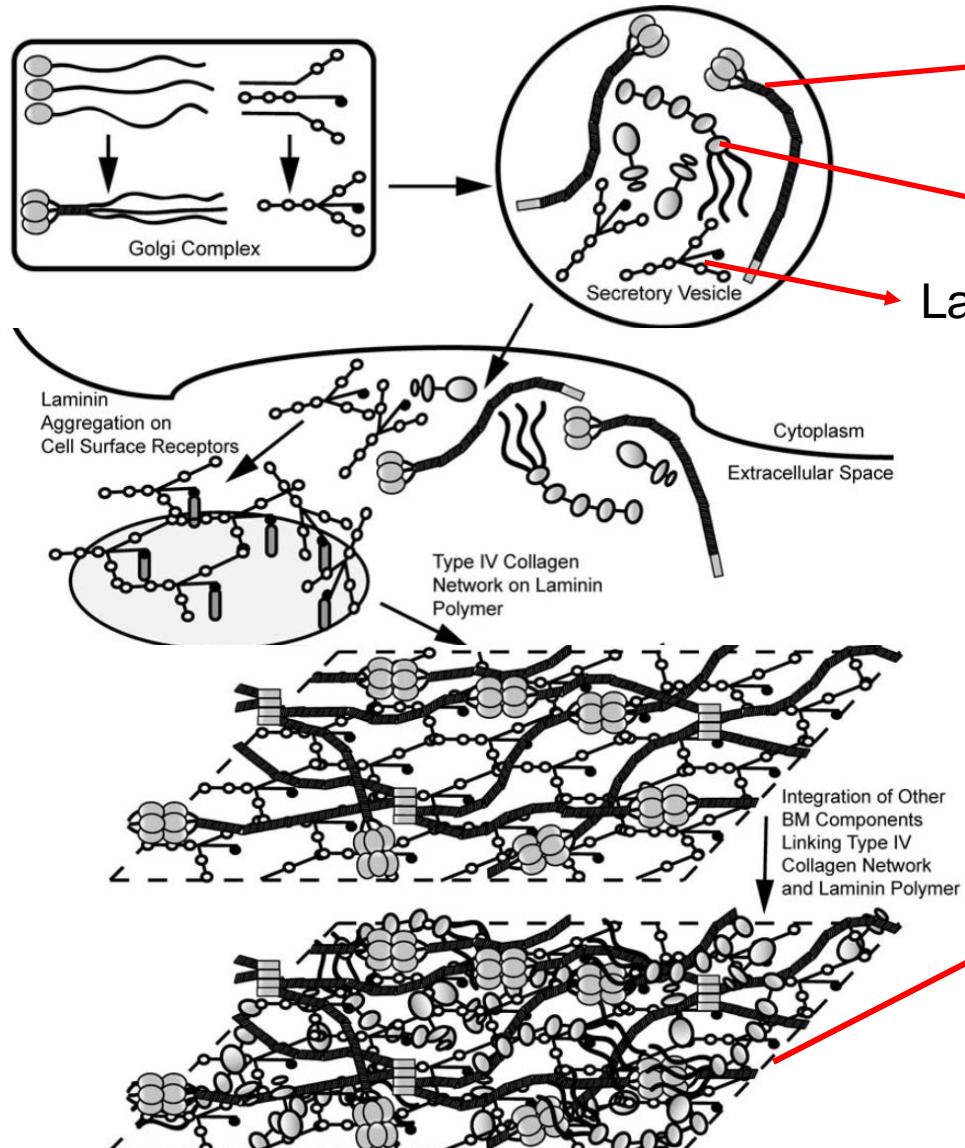


BASAL LAMINA vs. BASEMENT MEMBRANE

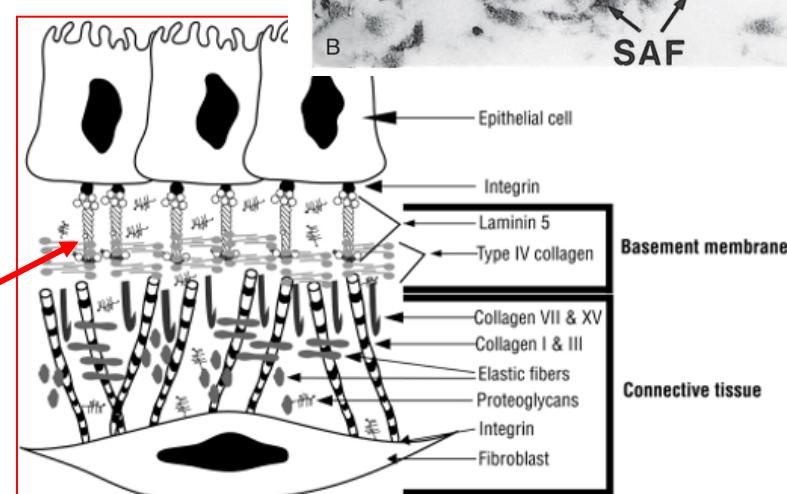
- 50-100nm
- Glycosaminoglycans – heparansulfate
- Laminin, collagen III, IV, VI,
- Nidogen/entactin
- Perlecan
- Proteoglycans



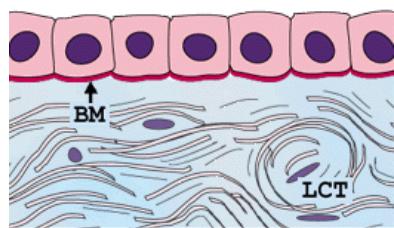
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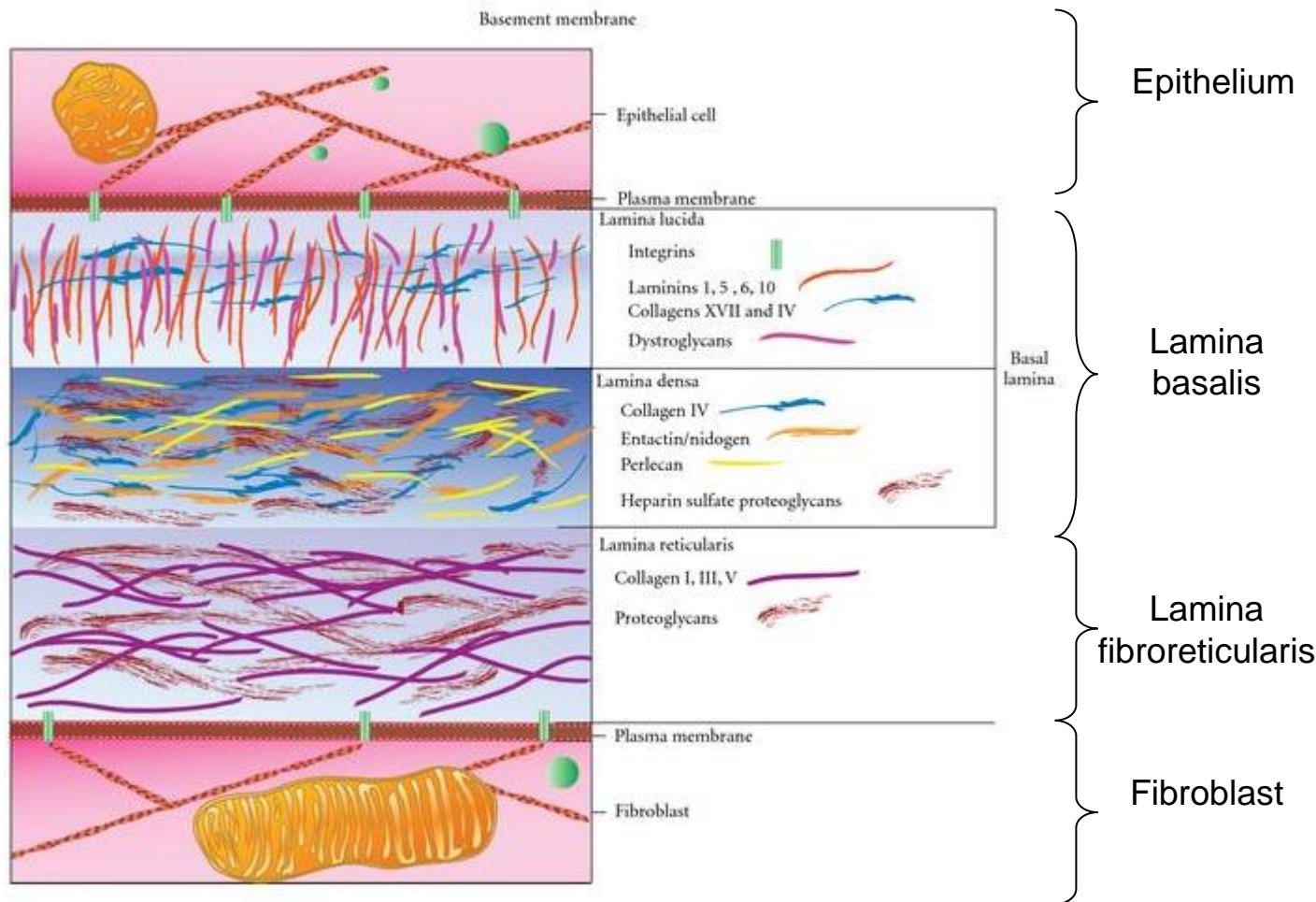
Kolagen IV
Perlecan,
Nidogen/Entactin
Laminin



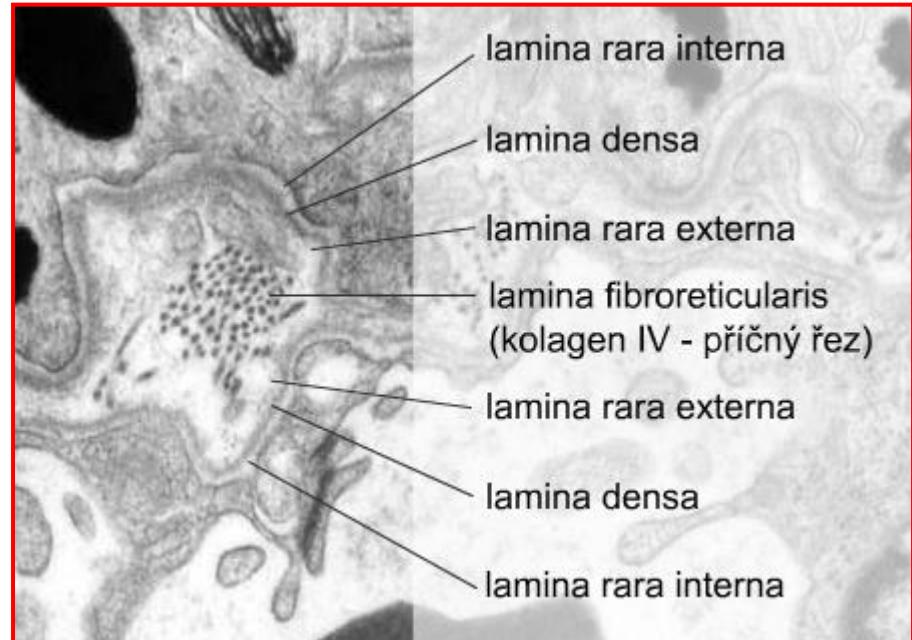
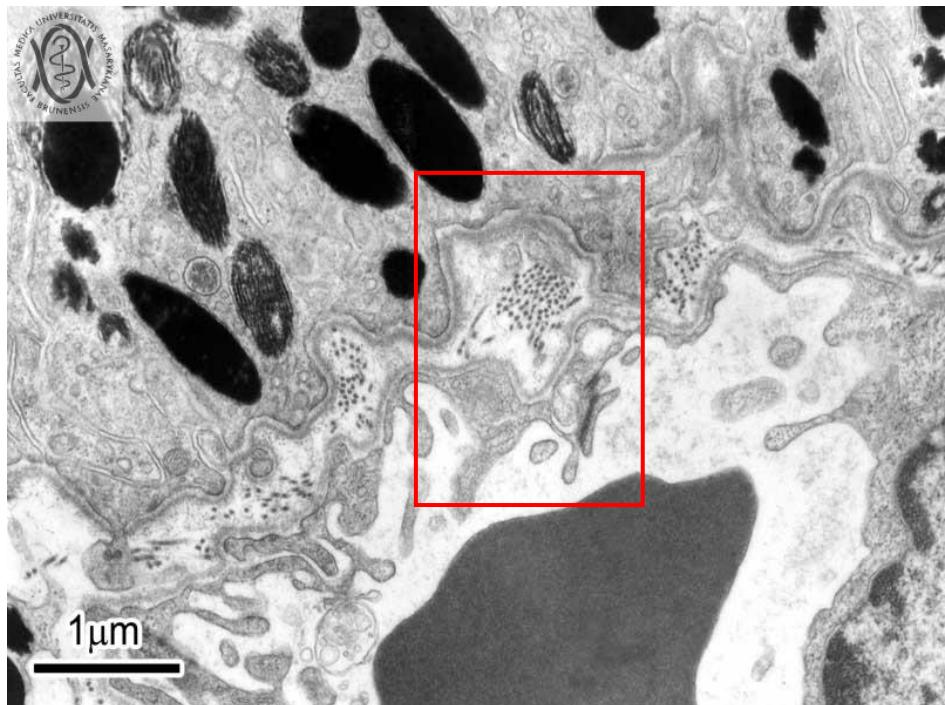
ARCHITECTURE OF BASEMENT MEMBRANE



BM



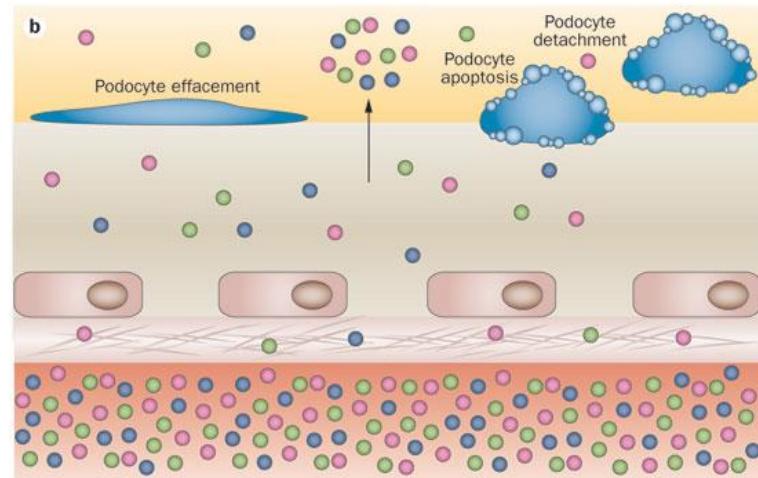
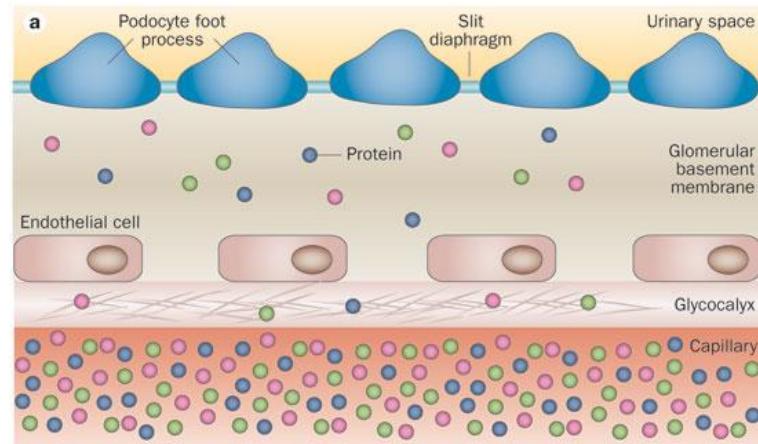
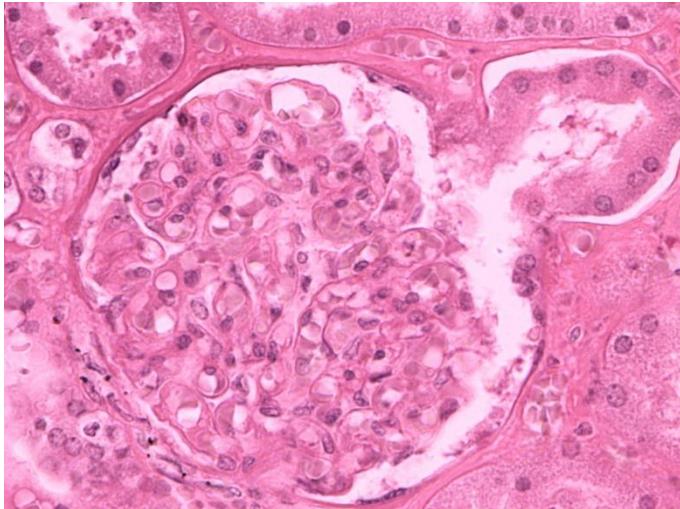
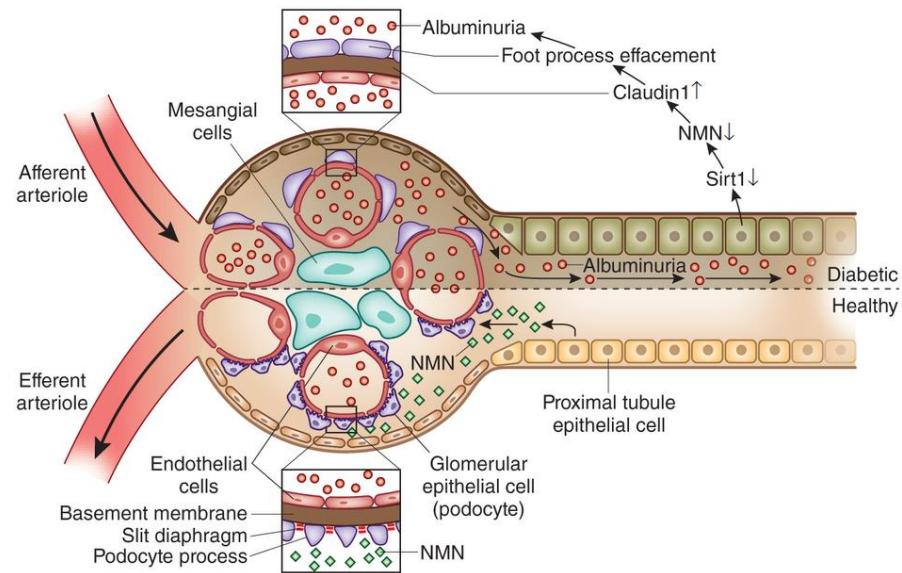
MODIFICATIONS OF BASEMENT MEMBRANE



- **Two basic layers of basement membrane**
 - lamina basalis
 - lamina fibroreticularis
- **Contact of two epithelia (or with endothelium)**
 - fusion of laminae basales
 - lamina densa
 - lamina rara (lucida) ext. et int.

- **Tissue specific modifications**
 - Descemet membrane (cornea)
 - Glomerular BM (Bowman's capsule)
 - Part of Bruch's membran of retina
 - ...

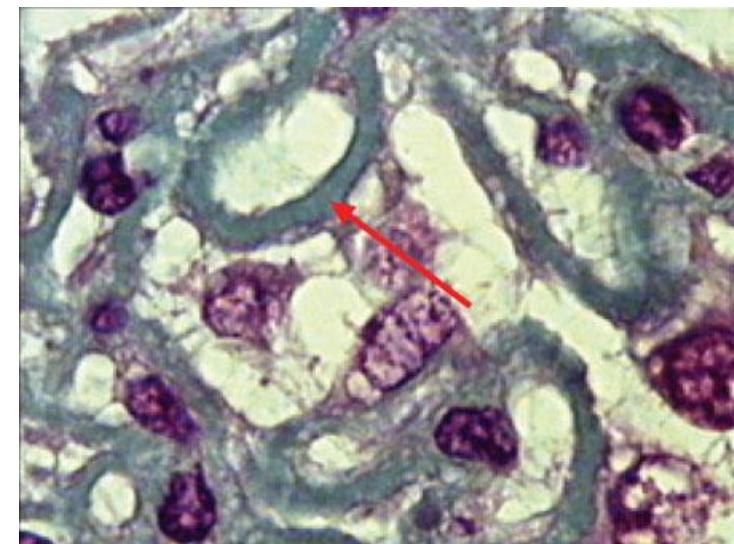
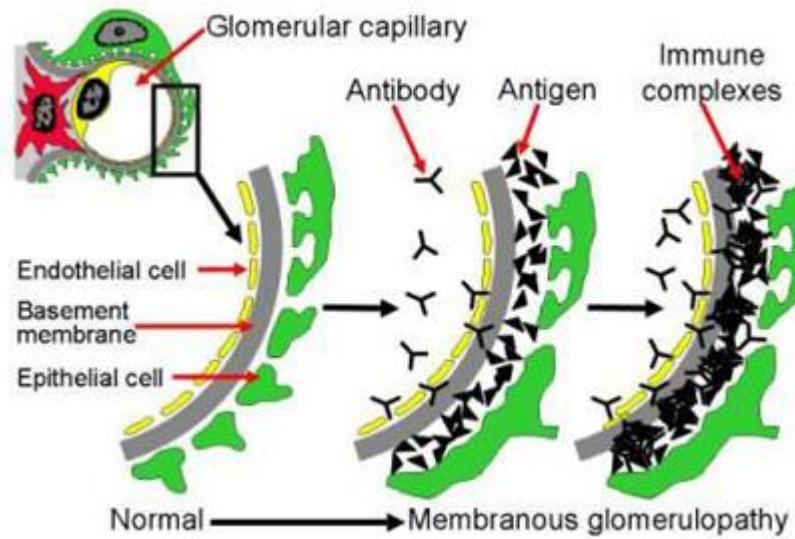
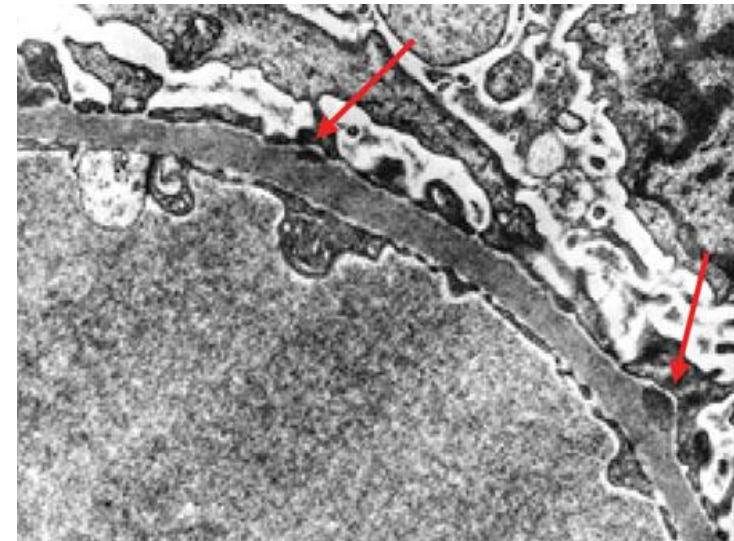
BASEMENT MEMBRANE IN CORPUSCULUM RENIS



BASEMENT MEMBRANE IN CORPUSCULUM RENIS

- Clinical correlations – *membranous glomerulonefritis*

- circulating Abs bind to BM of capillary wall
- complement (C5b-C9) attacks glomerular endothelial cells
- filtration barrier compromised
- proteinuria, edema, hematuria, renal failure



EMBRYONIC ORIGIN OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

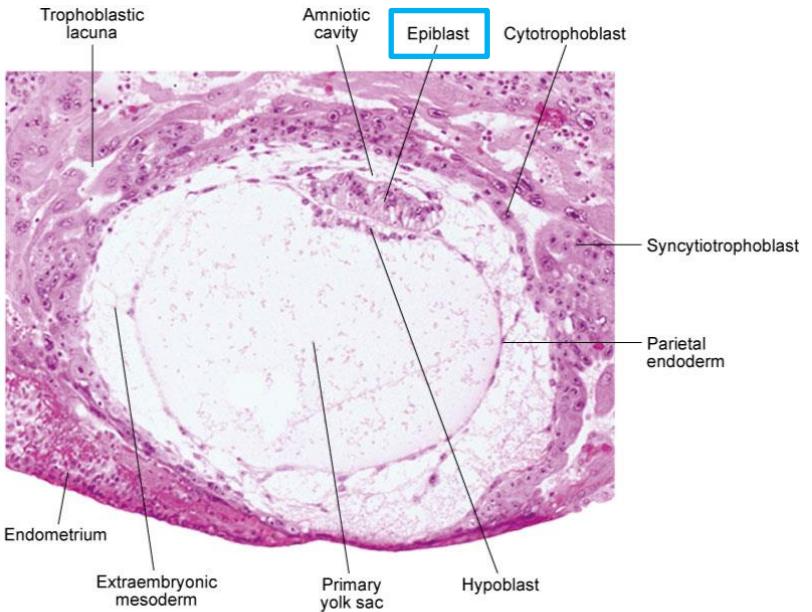


Fig. 5-3. Digital photomicrograph of a 12-day human embryo (Carnegie No. 7700) taken just as implantation within the endometrium is completed.

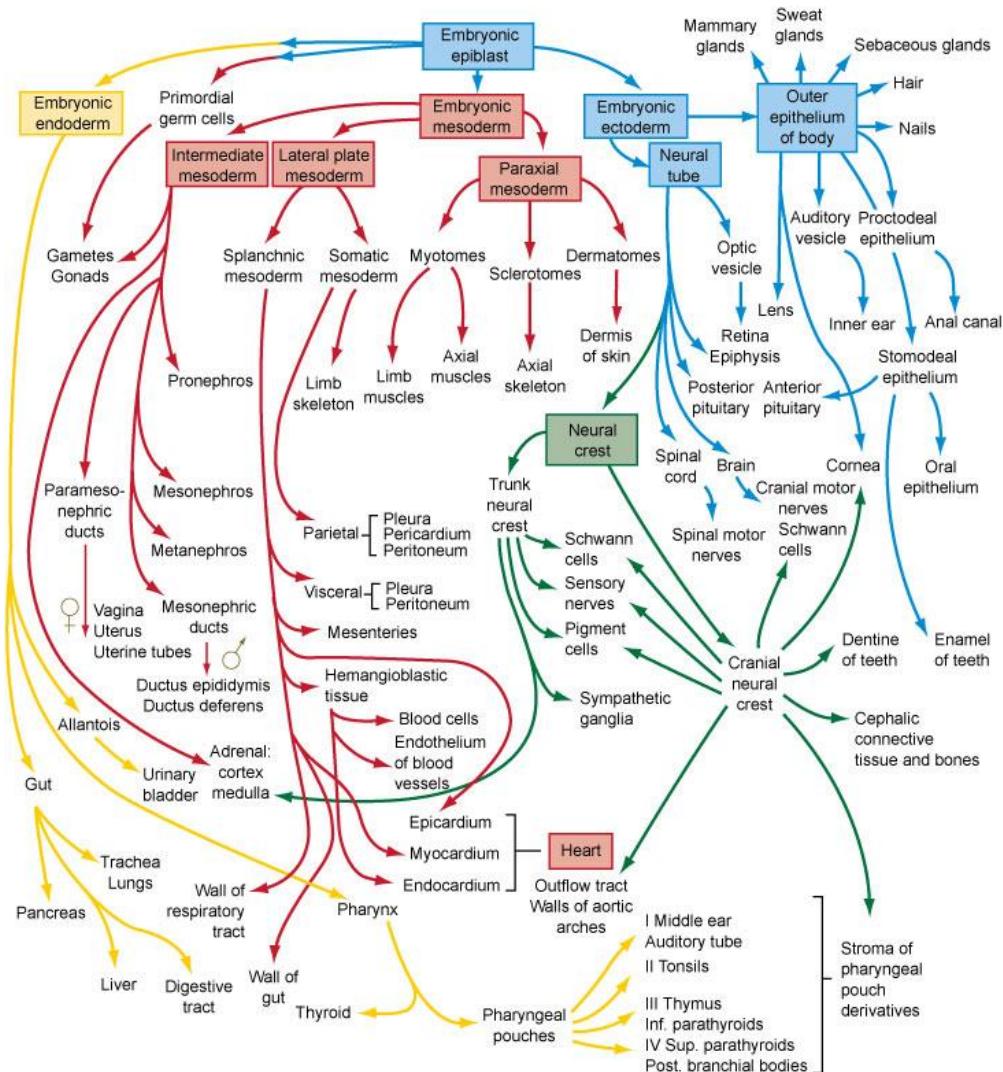


Fig. 6-27. Flow chart showing the formation of the organs and tissues of the embryo from the fundamental germ layers. The arrows are color-coded according to the germ layer of origin of the structure (see Fig. 4-1 for color code).

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EMBRYONIC ORIGIN OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

- derived from all three germ layers

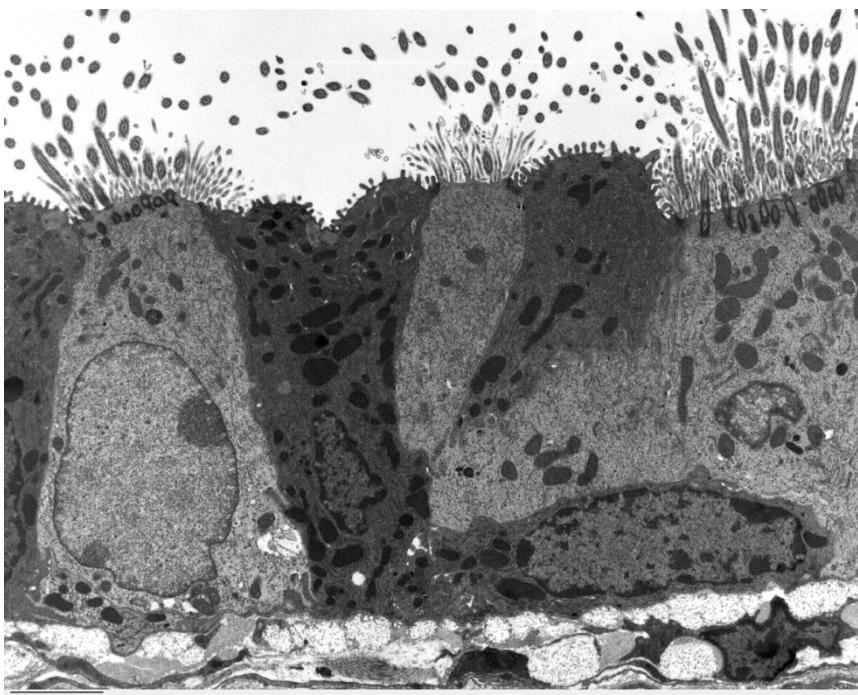
| Germ layer | Epithelial derivatives |
|------------|---|
| Ectoderm | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Epidermis (stratified squamous keratinized epithelium)2. Sweat glands and ducts (simple and stratified cuboidal epithelium)3. Oral cavity, vagina, anal canal (stratified squamous non-keratinized epithelium) |
| Mesoderm | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Endothelium of blood vessels (simple squamous epithelium)2. Mesothelium of body cavities (simple squamous epithelium)3. Urinary and reproductive passages (transitional, pseudostratified and stratified columnar epithelium, simple cuboidal and columnar epithelium) |
| Endoderm | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Esophagus (stratified squamous non-keratinized epithelium)2. GIT (simple columnar epithelium)3. Gall bladder (simple columnar epithelium)4. Solid glands (liver, pankreas)5. Respiratory passages (ciliated pseudostratified columnar epithelium, ciliated simple columnar epithelium, cuboidal, squamous epithelium)6. Part of urinary system (cloaca-derived) |

CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

According to

1) morphology

2) function



- Covering (sheet) epithelium
- Trabecular epithelium
- Reticular epithelium

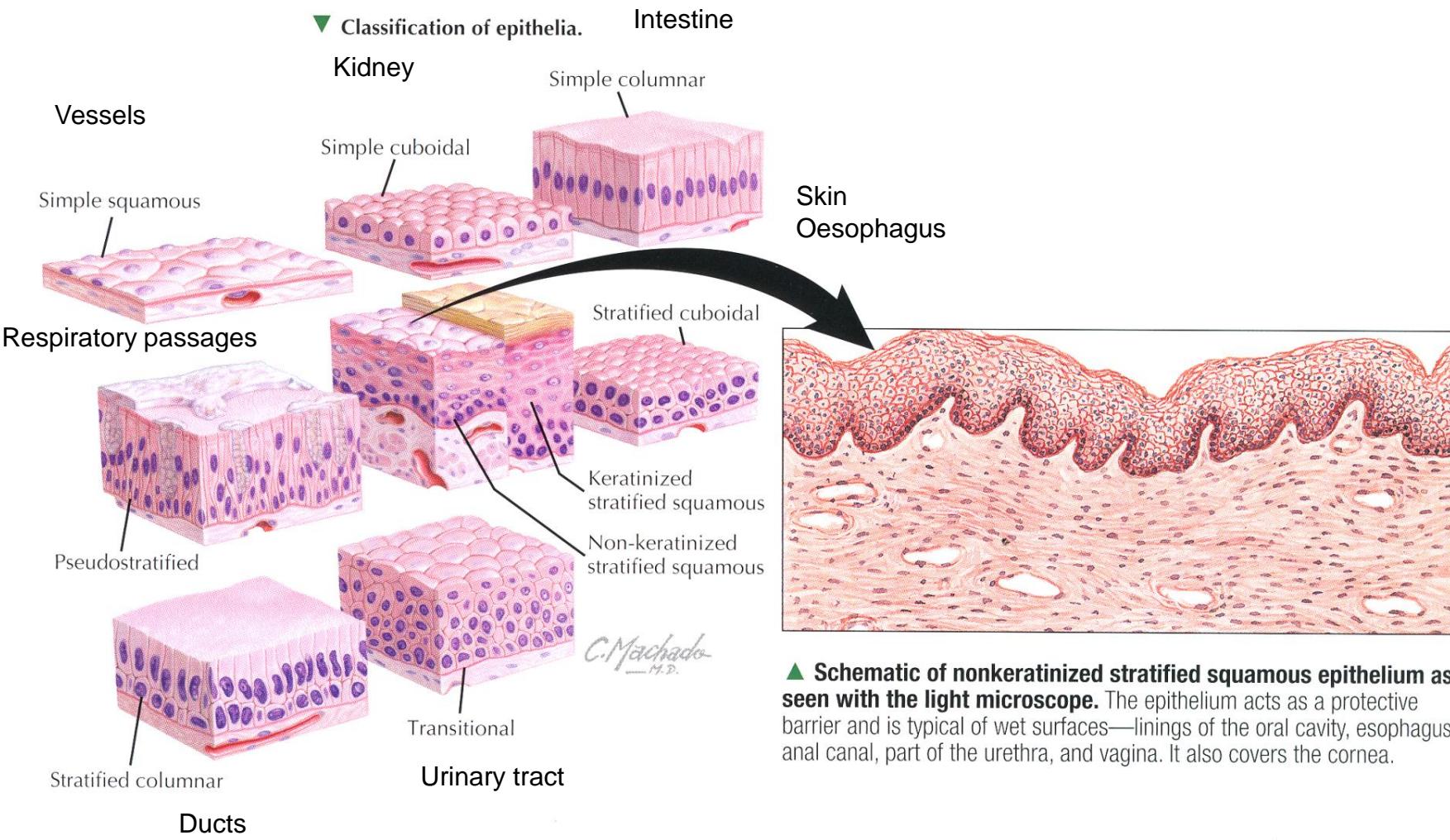
- Covering
- Glandular
- Resorption
- Sensory
- Respiratory
- Alveolar
- Germinal
- ...

CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

Classification by morphology

CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

1) Covering (sheet) epithelia

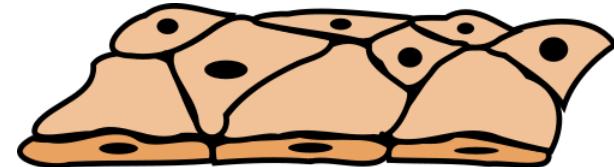


CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

■ Simple squamous epithelium

- Single layer of flat cells with central flat nuclei
- Capillaries
- Lung alveolus
- Glomerulus in renal corpuscle

} Selective permeability

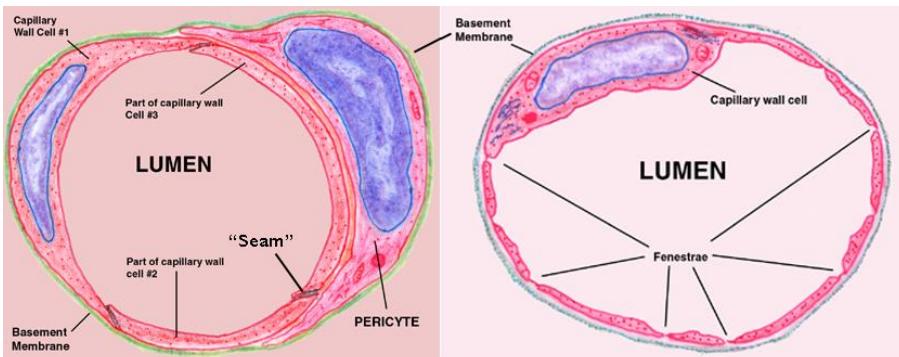
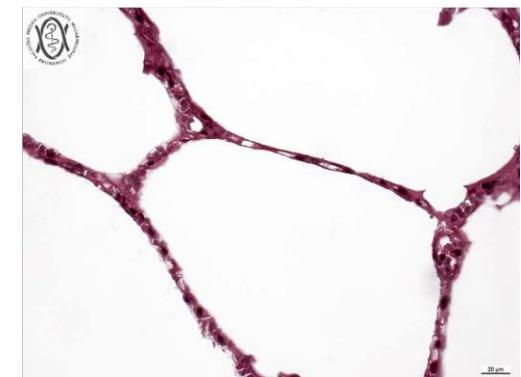


Endothelium

heart, blood, and lymphatic vessels.

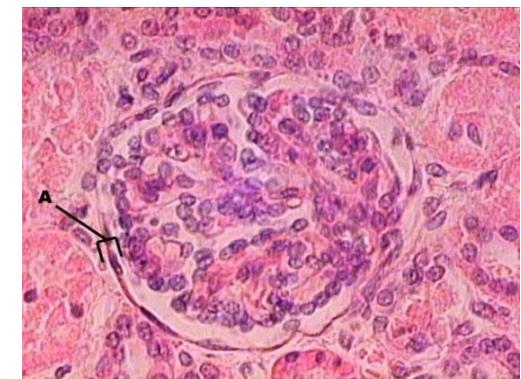
Mesothelium

serous membranes - body cavities

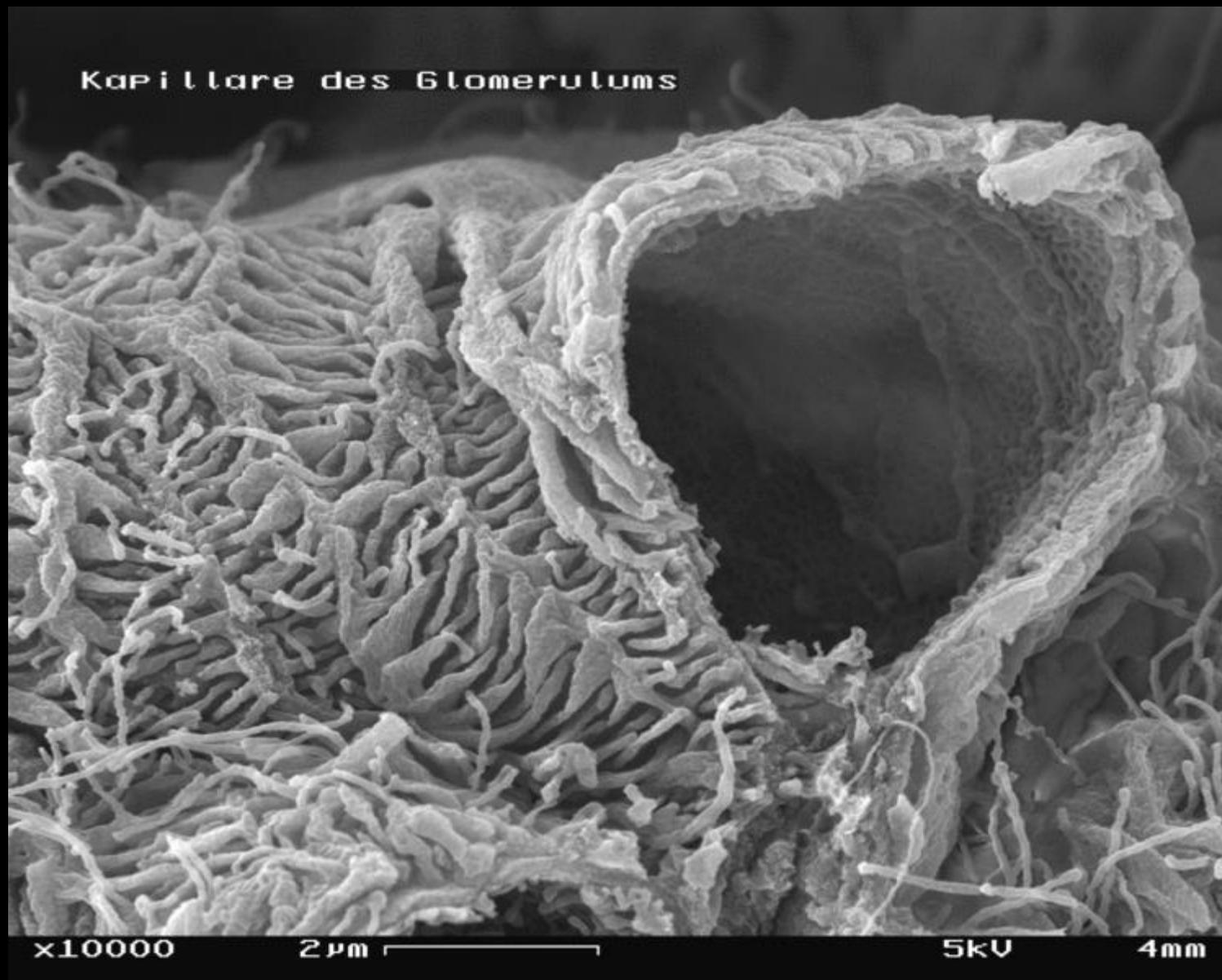


Closed or Continuous
Capillary

Fenestrated Capillary



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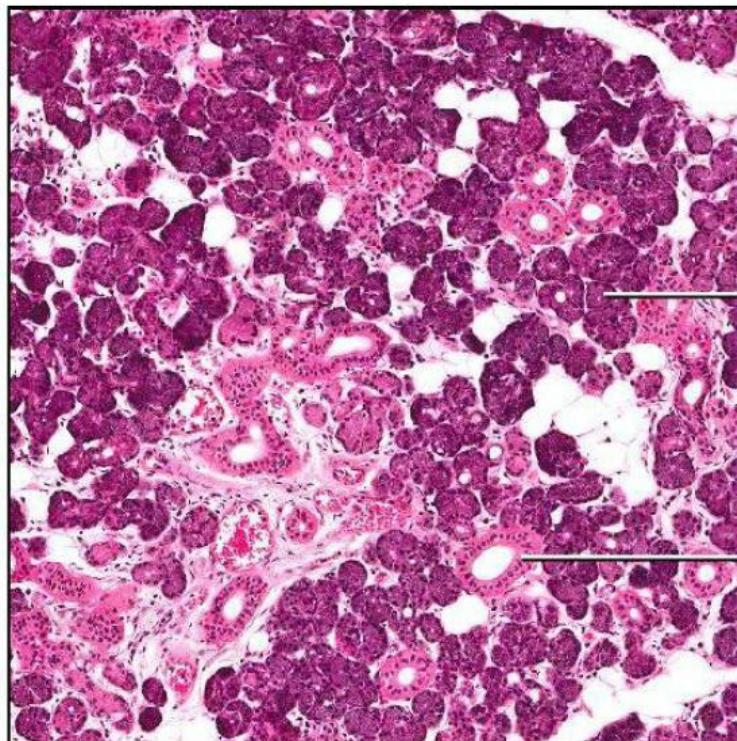


CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

■ Simple cuboidal epithelium

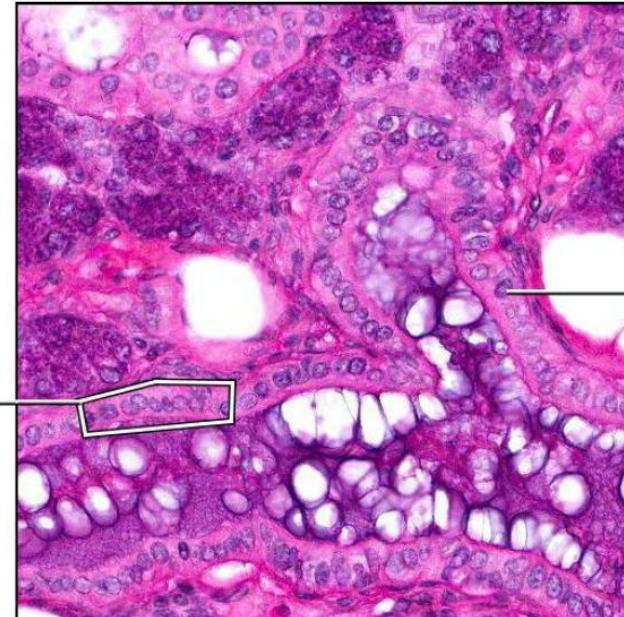
- Single layer of cuboidal cells with large, spherical central nuclei
- Secretion or resorption

Simple cuboidal epithelium



Serous acini

Simple cuboidal epithelium of intralobular duct



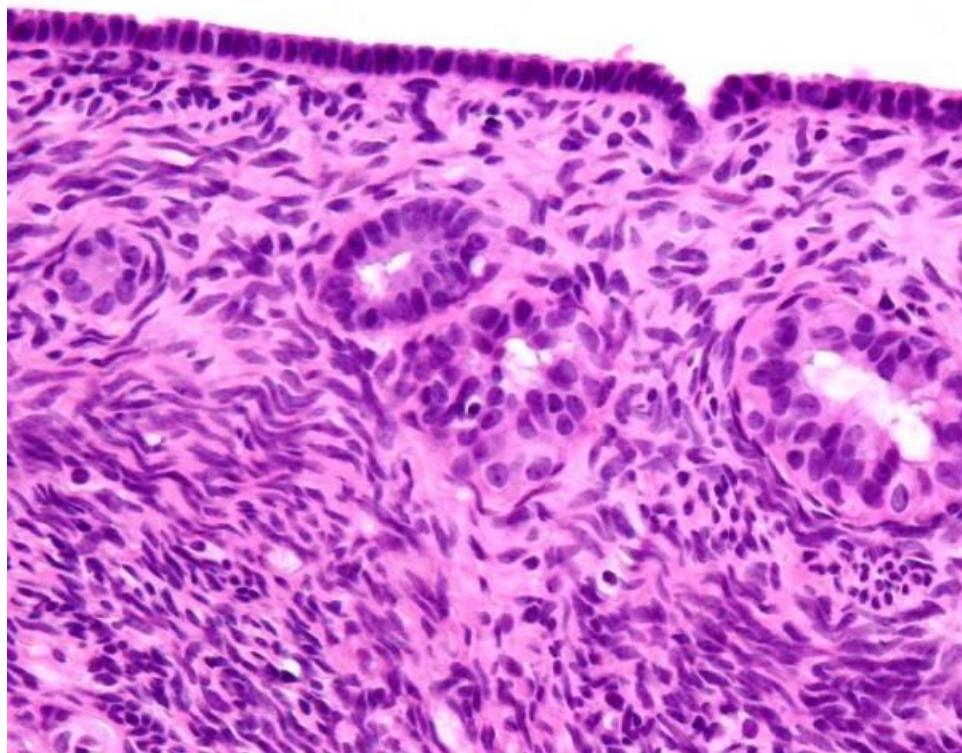
Nucleus of cuboidal epithelium cell

Examples:

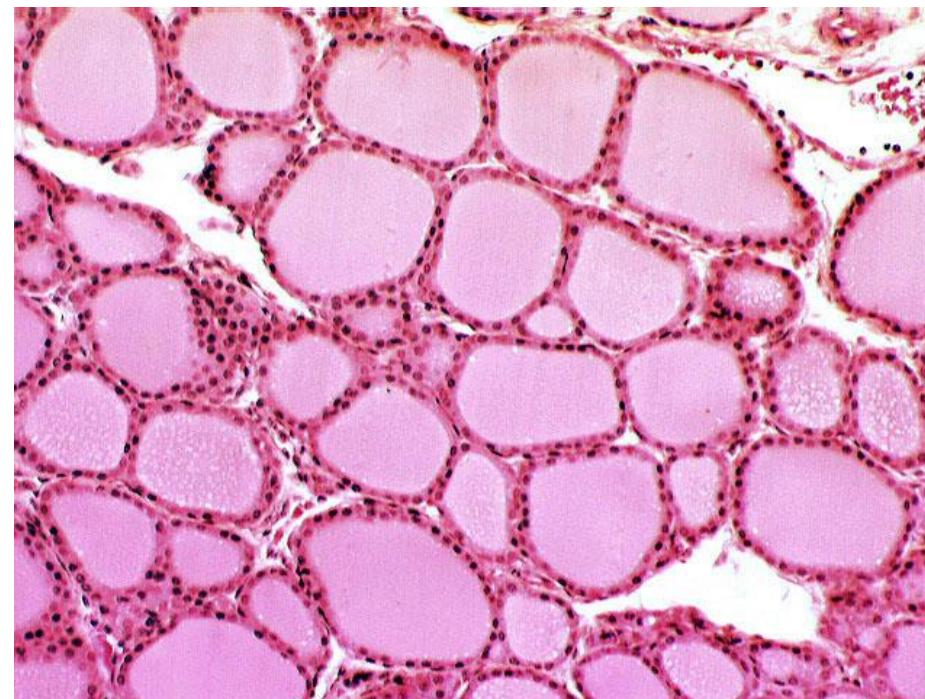
- Ovarian surface epithelium
- Renal tubules
- Thyroid
- Secretion acini

CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

Ovarian surface epithelium



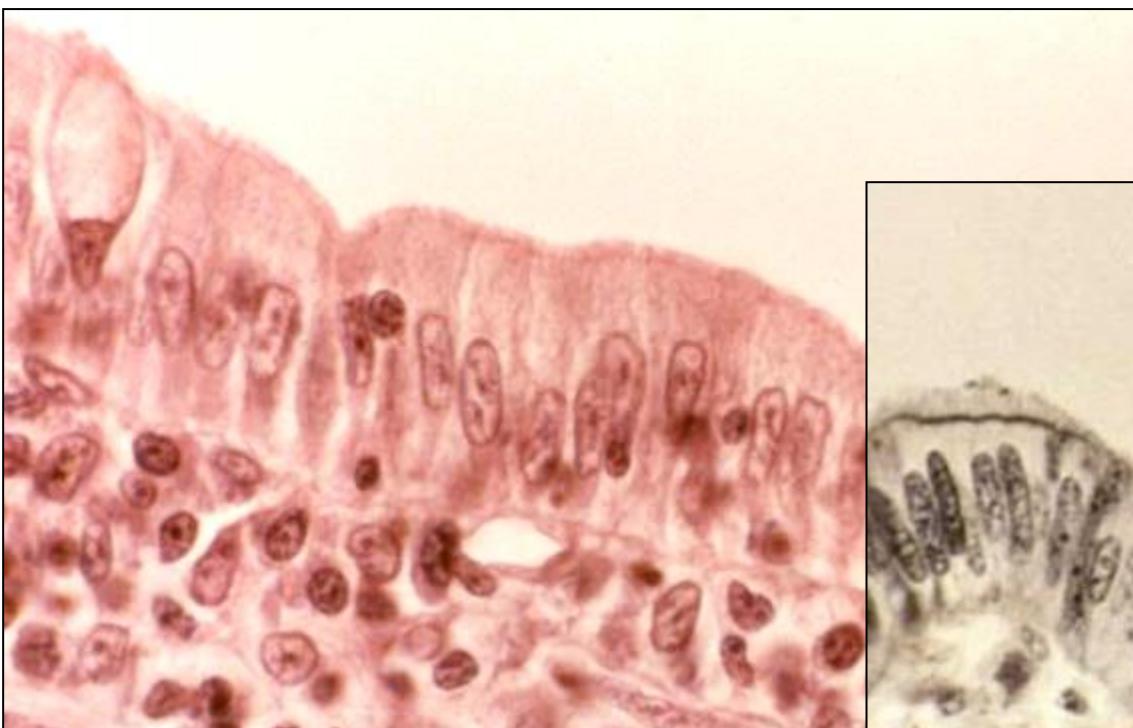
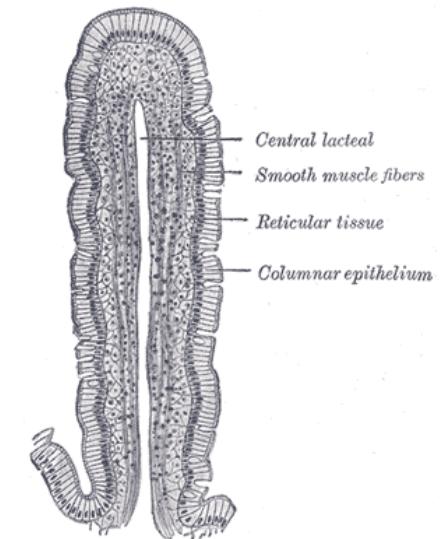
Thyroid follicles



CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

■ Simple columnar epithelium

- Single layer of columnar cells with large, oval, basally located nucleus
- **Typicall epithelium of GIT**
 - stomach
 - small and large intestine
 - gall bladder

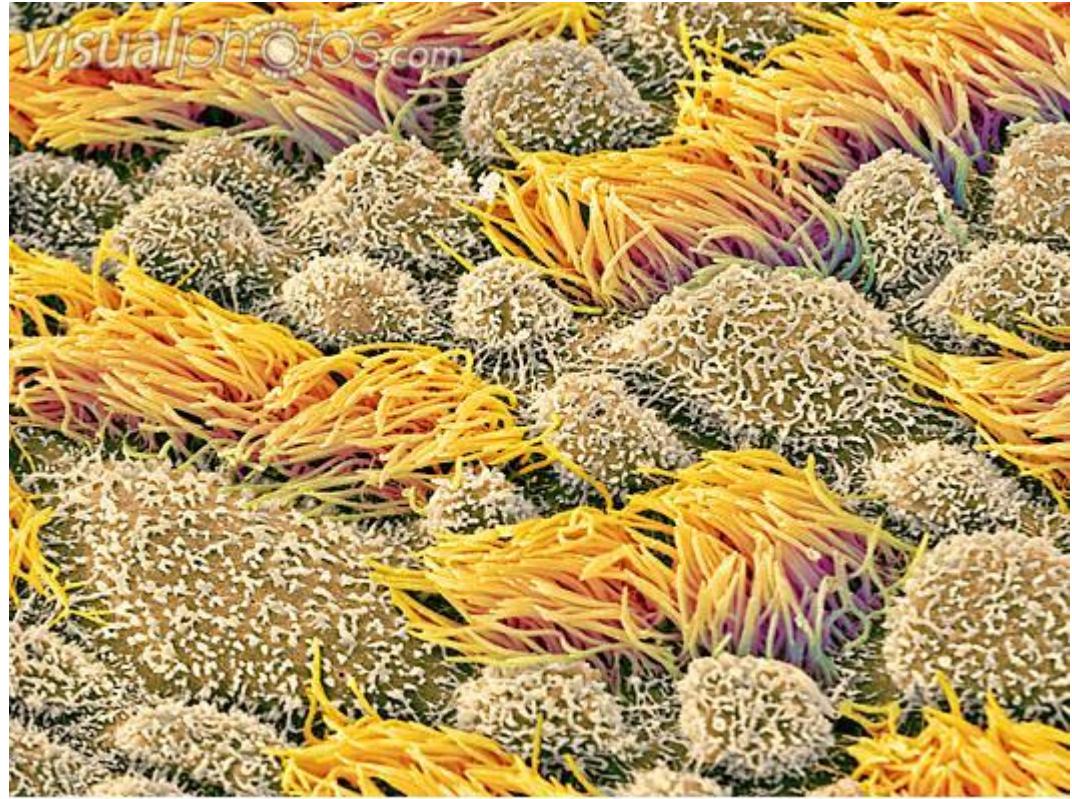
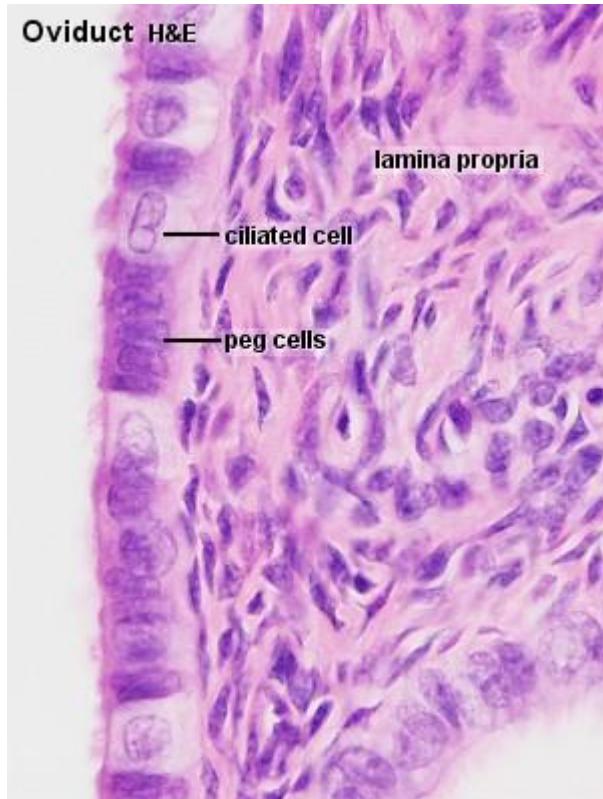


CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

■ Simple columnar epithelium with kinocilia

Uterine tube

- flow of the oocyte towards the uterus

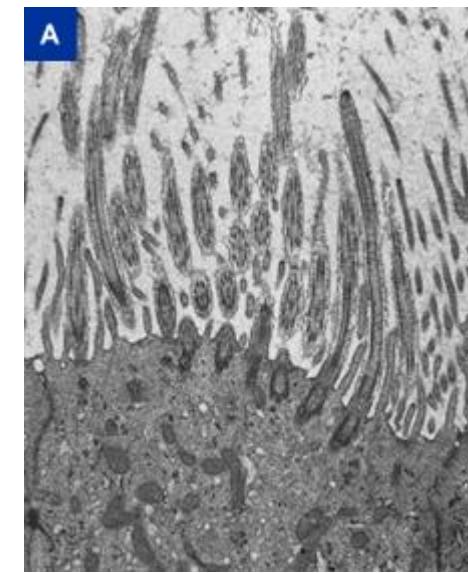
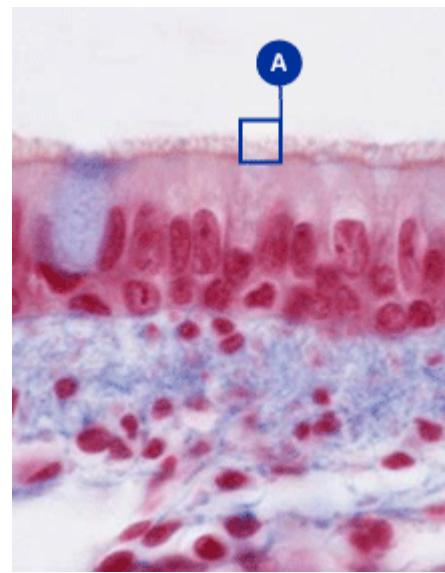
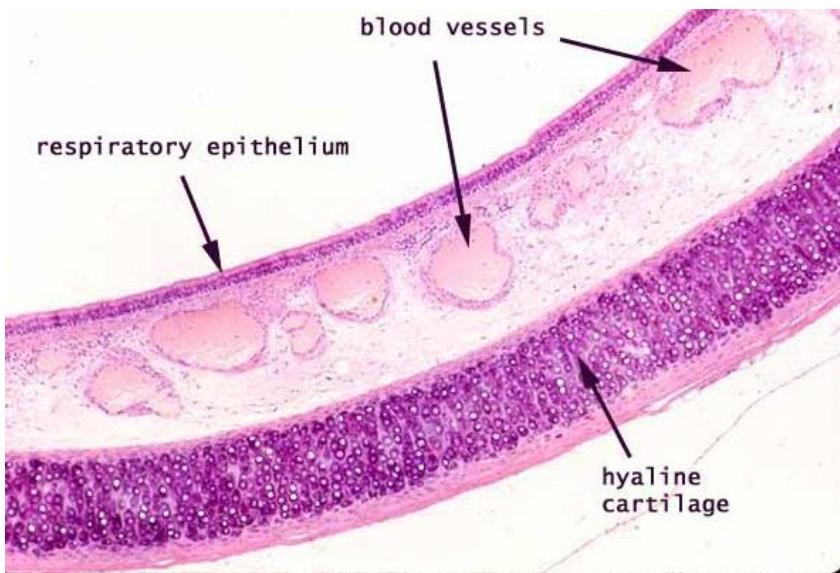


CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

■ Pseudostratified columnar epithelium with kinocilia and goblet cells

Upper respiratory passages

- Removal of mucus produced by epithelial glands

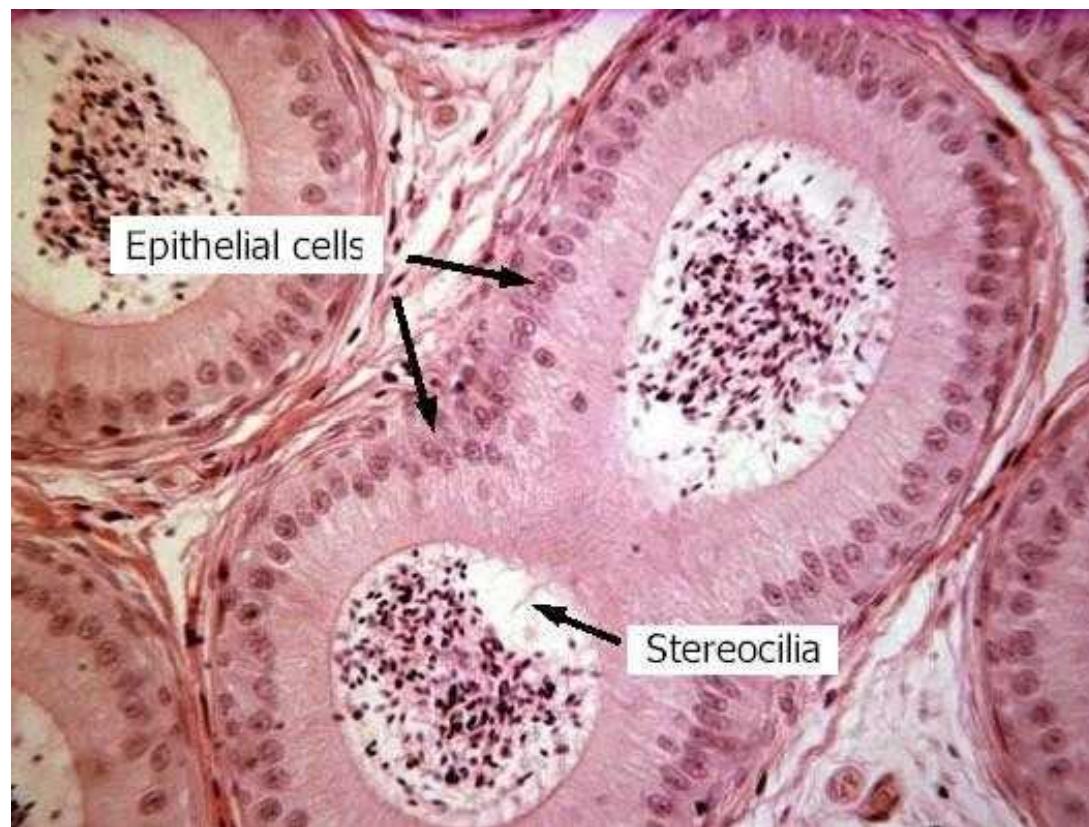


CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

■ Pseudostratified columnar epithelium with stereocilia

Male reproductive passages

- Epididymis
- Ductus deferens



CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

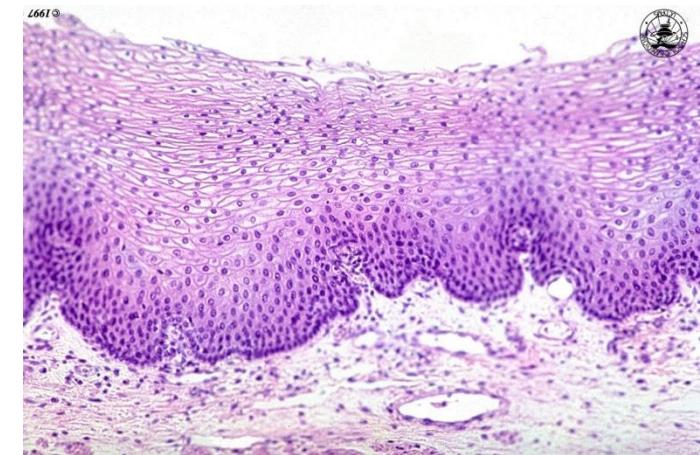
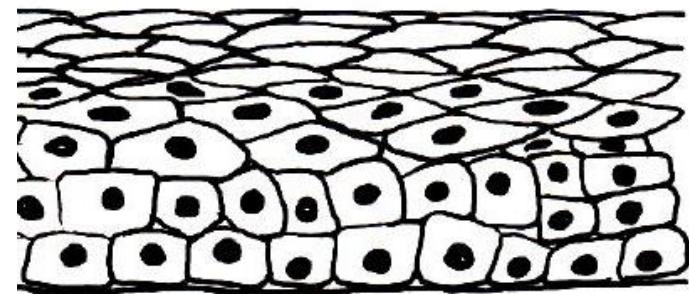
■ Non-keratinized stratified squamous epithelium

- Multiple layers of cubic cells with centrally localized nuclei, flattening towards surface
- Cells in the superficial layer viable
- First layer in contact with BM, last layer – squamous

- Constant abrasion
- Mechanical resilience
- Protection from drying
- Rapid renewal

Examples:

- Cornea
- Oral cavity and lips
- Esophagus
- Anal canal
- Vagina

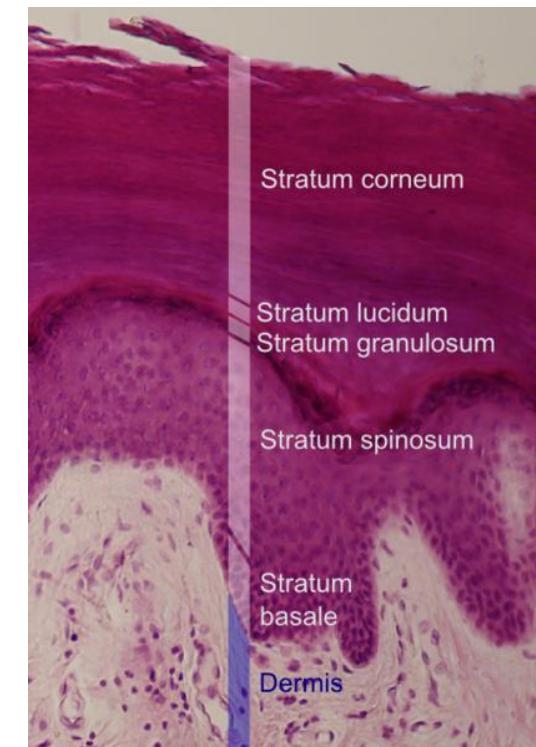
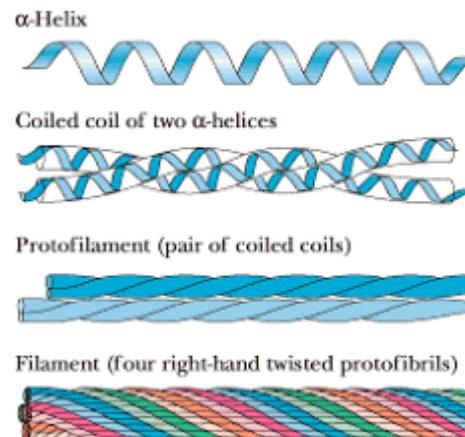
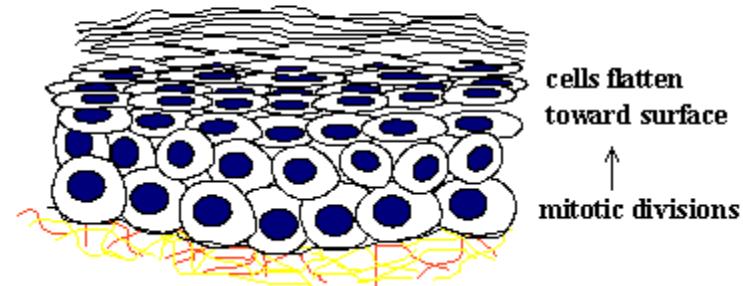


CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

■ Keratinized stratified squamous epithelium

- Cell in the superficial layer dead
- Skin (epidermis)
- Nail
- Keratins
 - Fibrous proteins, ~ 40 types
 - Intermediate filaments
 - Very stable, multimeric
 - Disorders of keratin expression – variety of clinical symptoms
 - e.g. Epidermolysis bullosa simplex (mutations in the genes encoding keratin 5 or keratin 14)

keratinized stratified squamous
dead, keratinized cells at surface

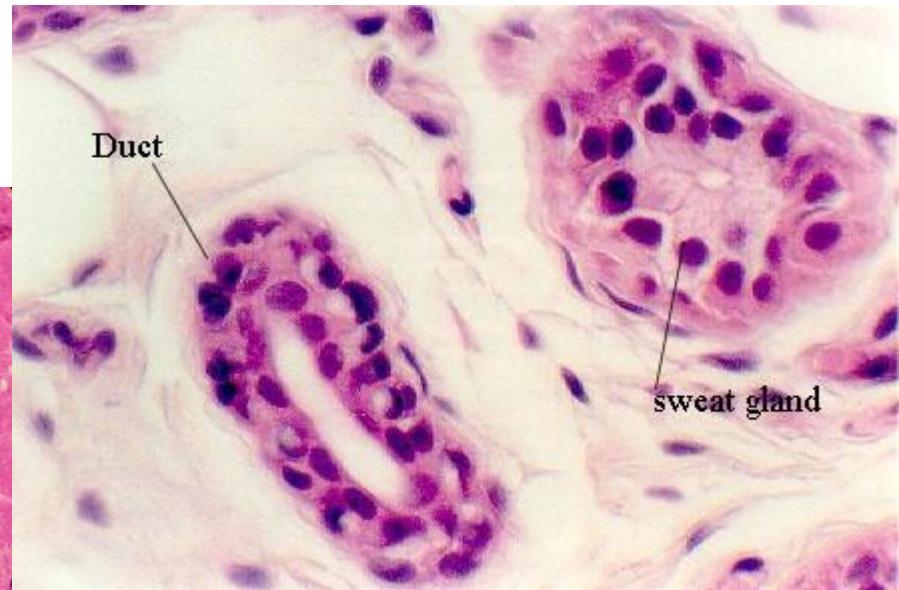
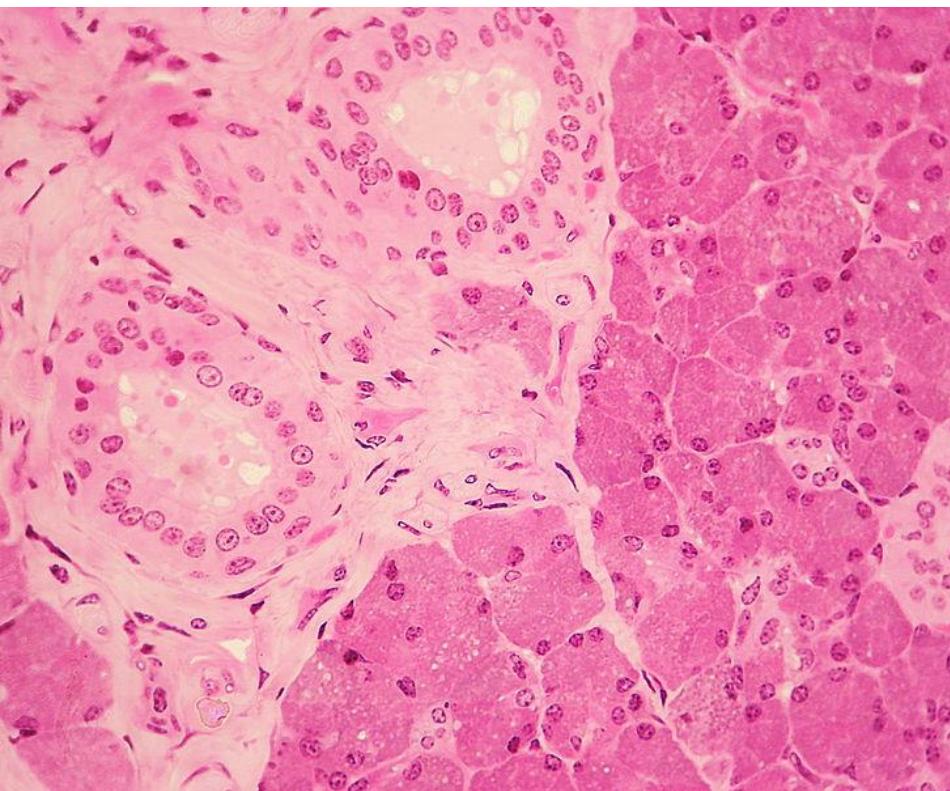


CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

■ Stratified cuboidal epithelium

Large ducts of:

- sweat glands
- mammary glands
- salivary glands



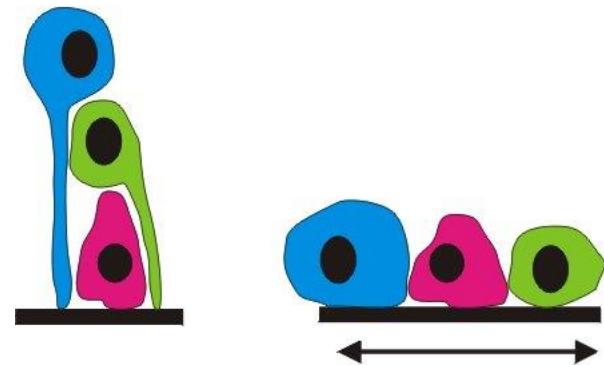
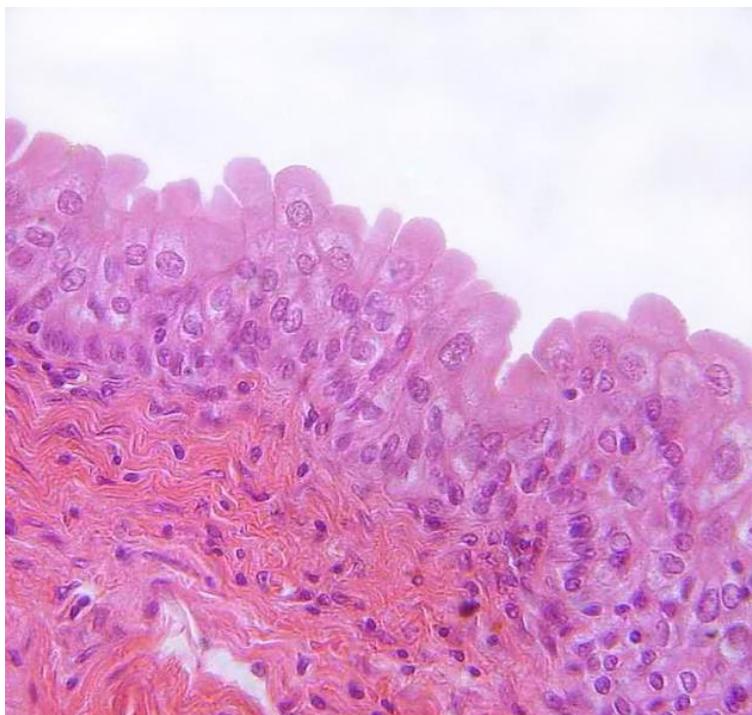
CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

■ Transitional epithelium (urothelium)

- fluctuation of volume
- organization of epithelial layers
- membrane reserve
- protection against hyperosmotic urine

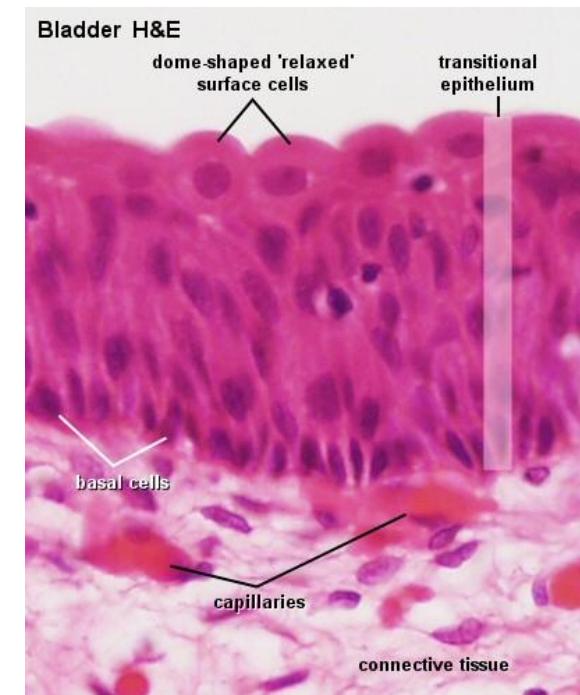
Urinary system

- urinary bladder, ureters, renal calyx and pelvis



Empty (relaxed): rather cuboidal cells with a domed apex
Full: flat, stretched

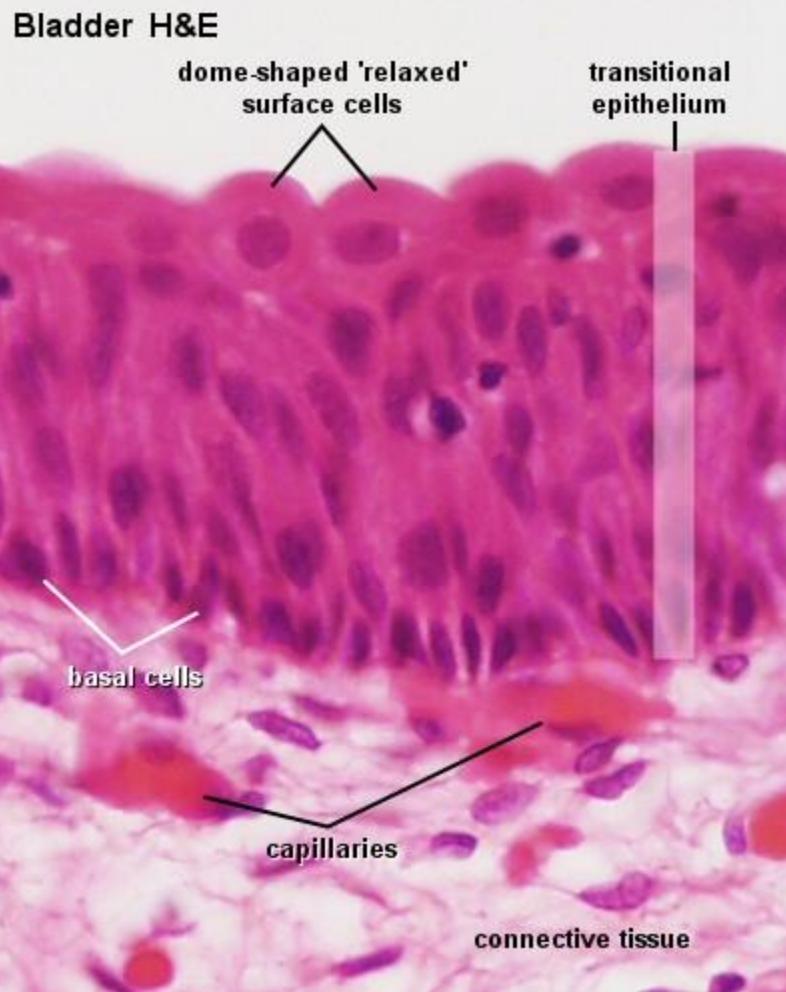
- Basal cells
- Intermediate layer
- Surface cells



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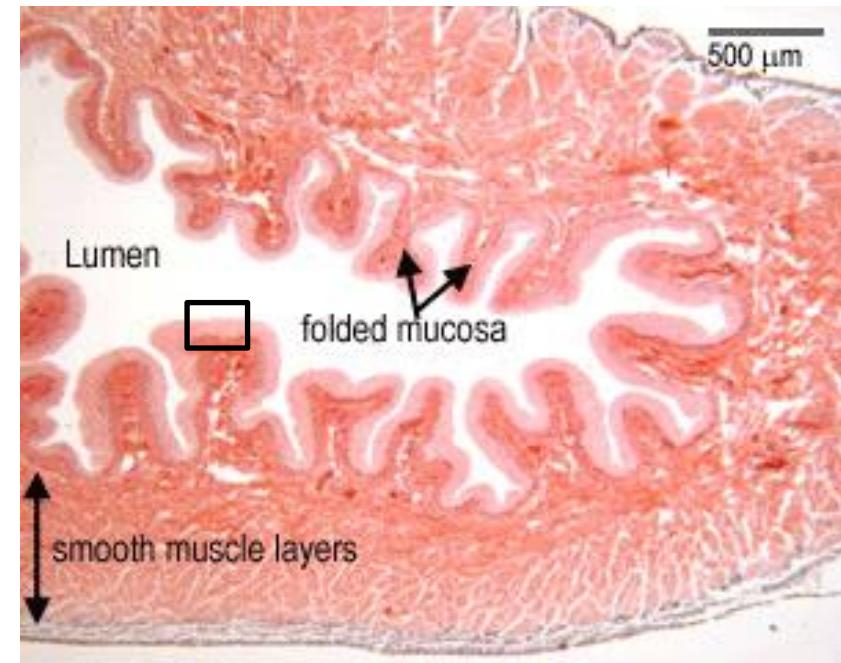
■ Transitional epithelium (urothelium)

- glycosaminoglycan layer (GAG) on the surface
- osmotic barrier
- antimicrobial properties



Barrier architecture:

- GAG-layer
- surface cells (tight junctions), uroplakins proteins in the apical cell membrane
- subepithelial capillary network



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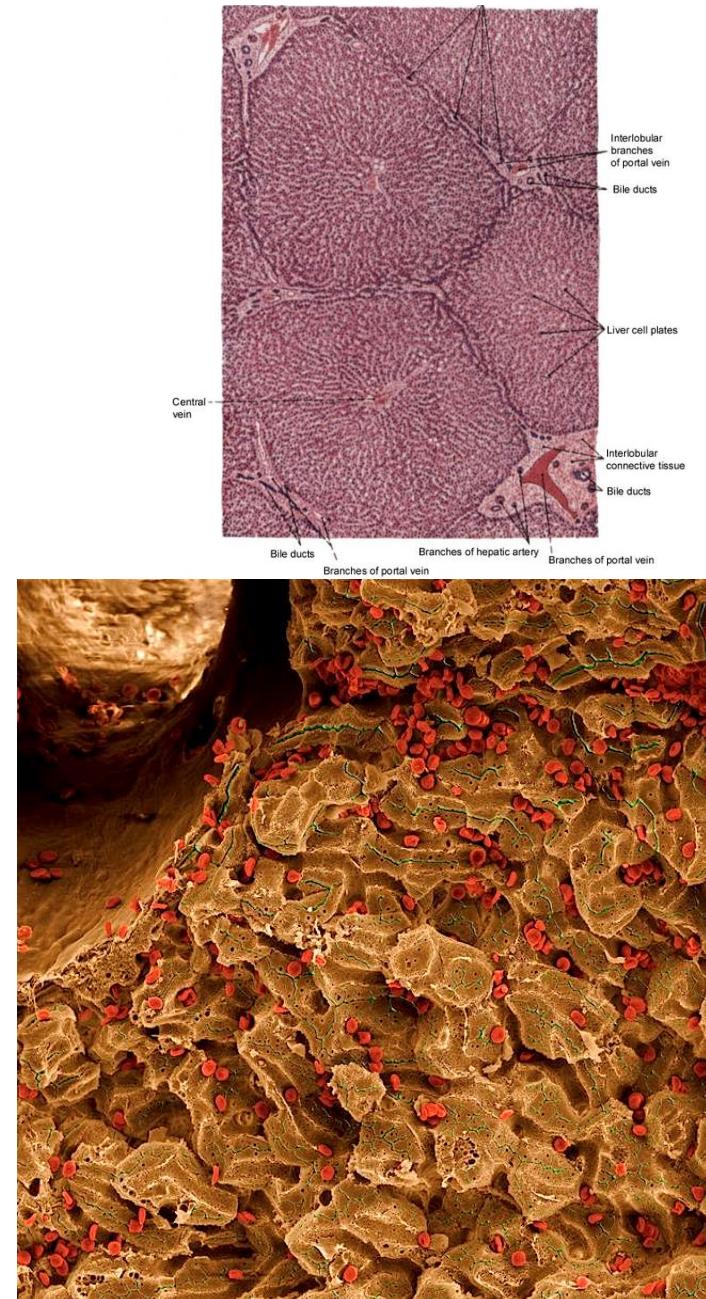
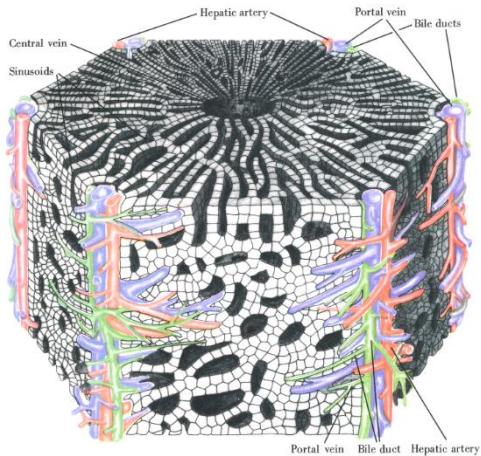
■ Stratified columnar epithelia

- several layers of columnar cells
 - secretion / protection
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- ocular conjunctiva
 - pharynx, anus – transitions
 - male urethra, vas deferens
 - large ducts of salivary glands



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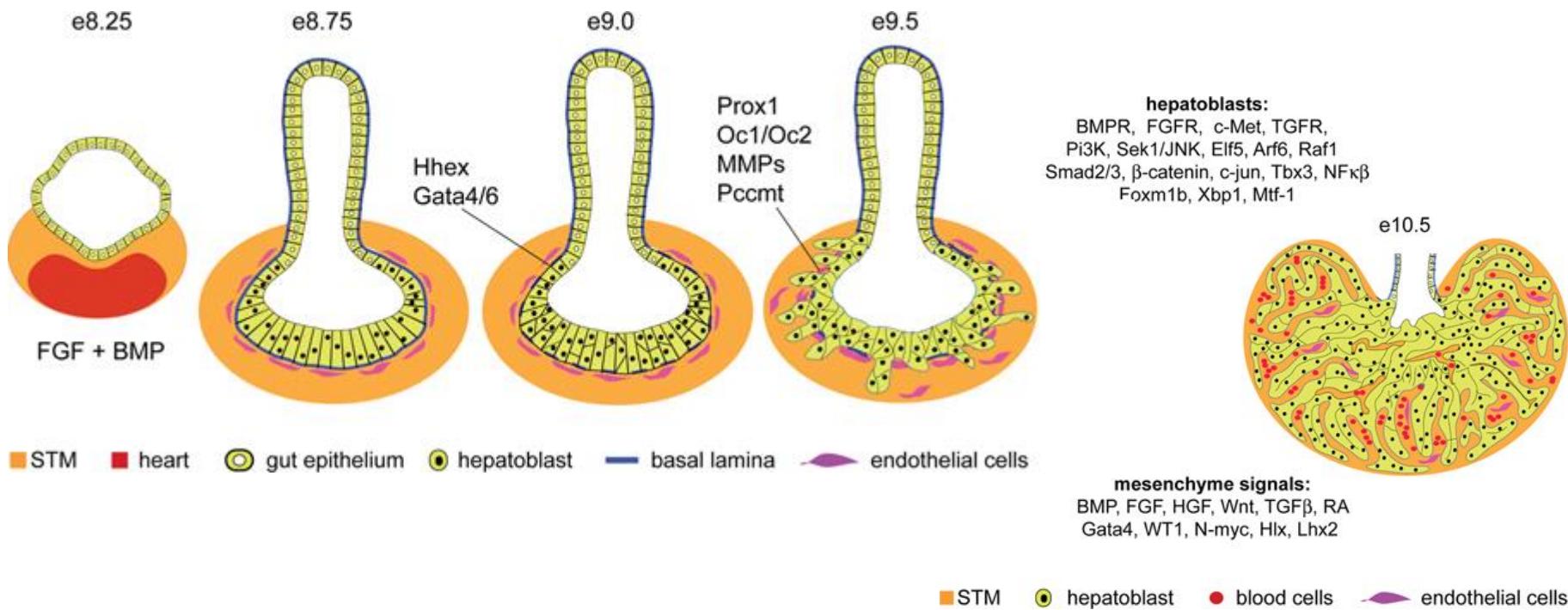
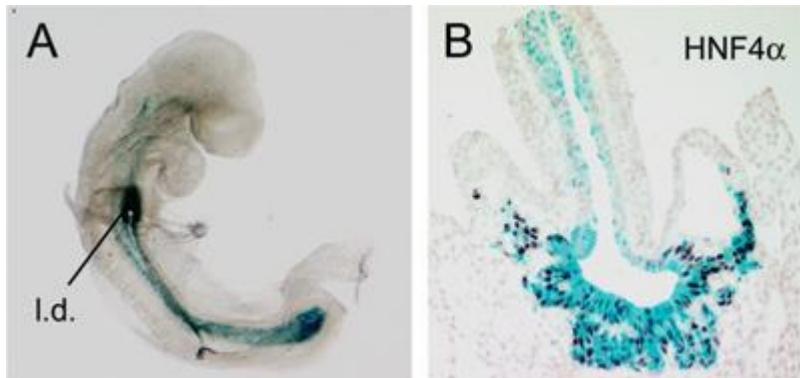
2) Trabecular epithelium



CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

■ Liver

Trabecules of hepatocytes develop from sheet epithelial layer of primitive gut lining

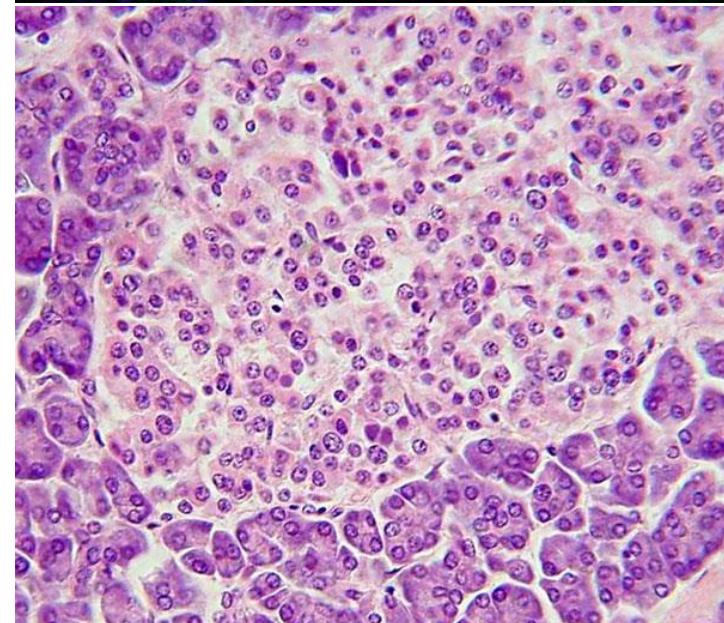
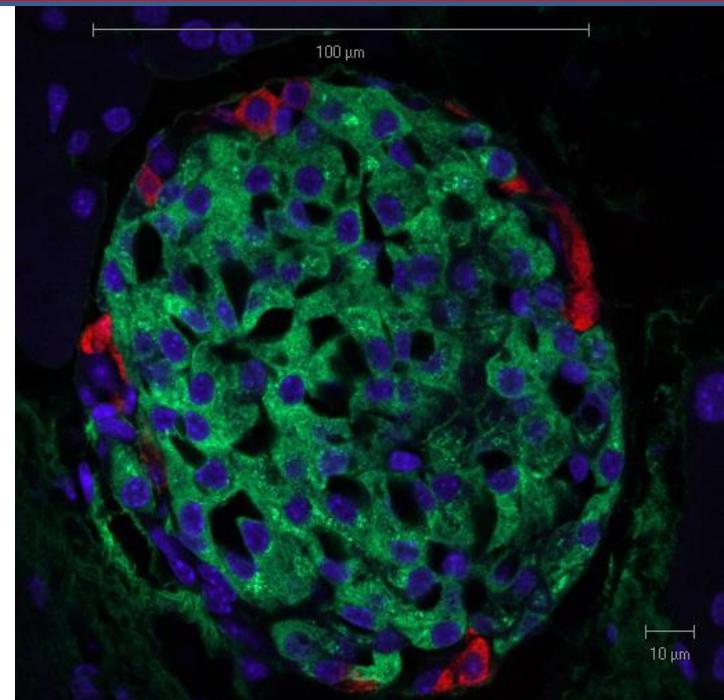
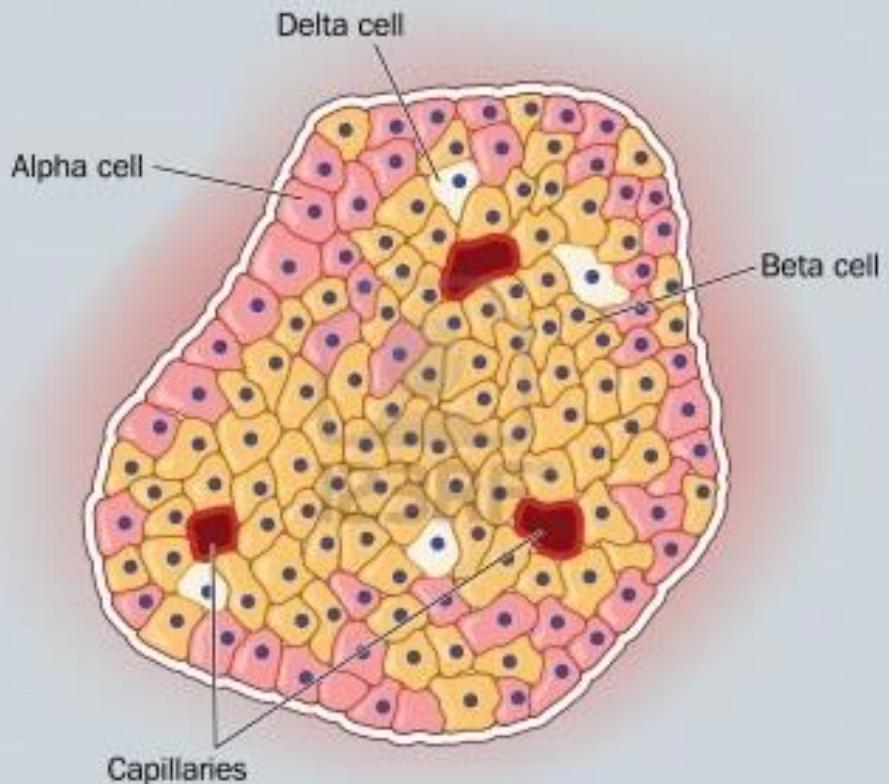


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- Endocrine glands

- Islets of Langerhans

- Cords of endocrine active cells

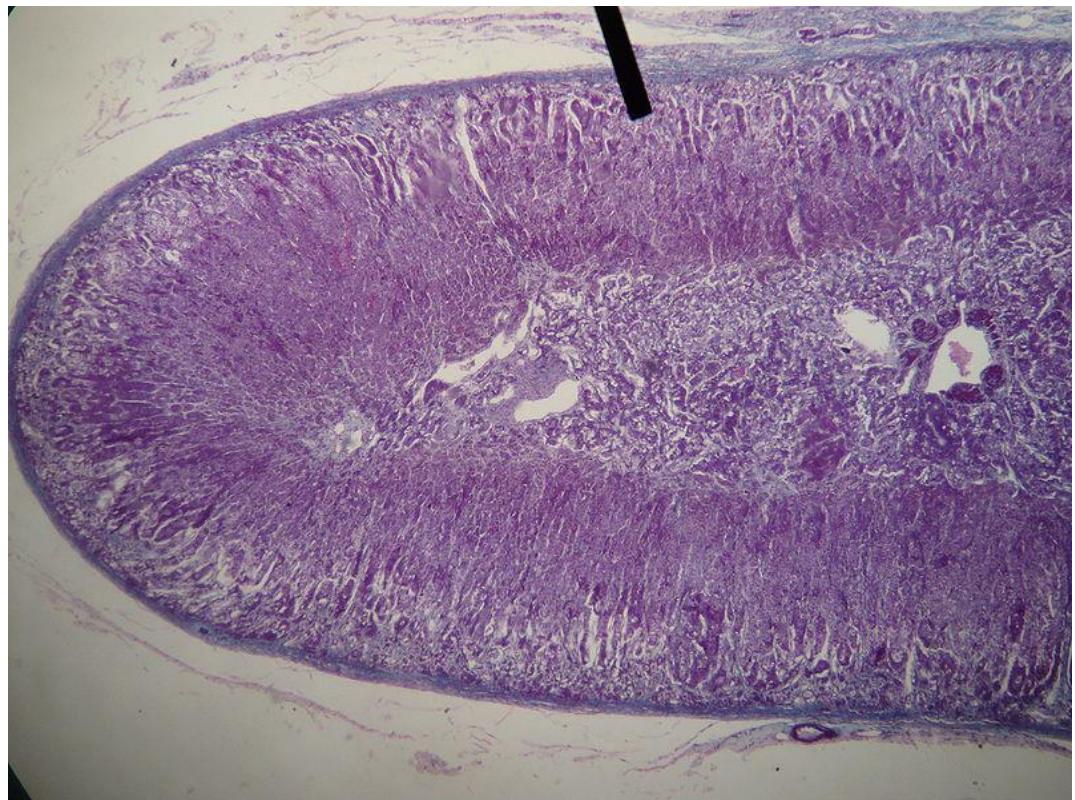
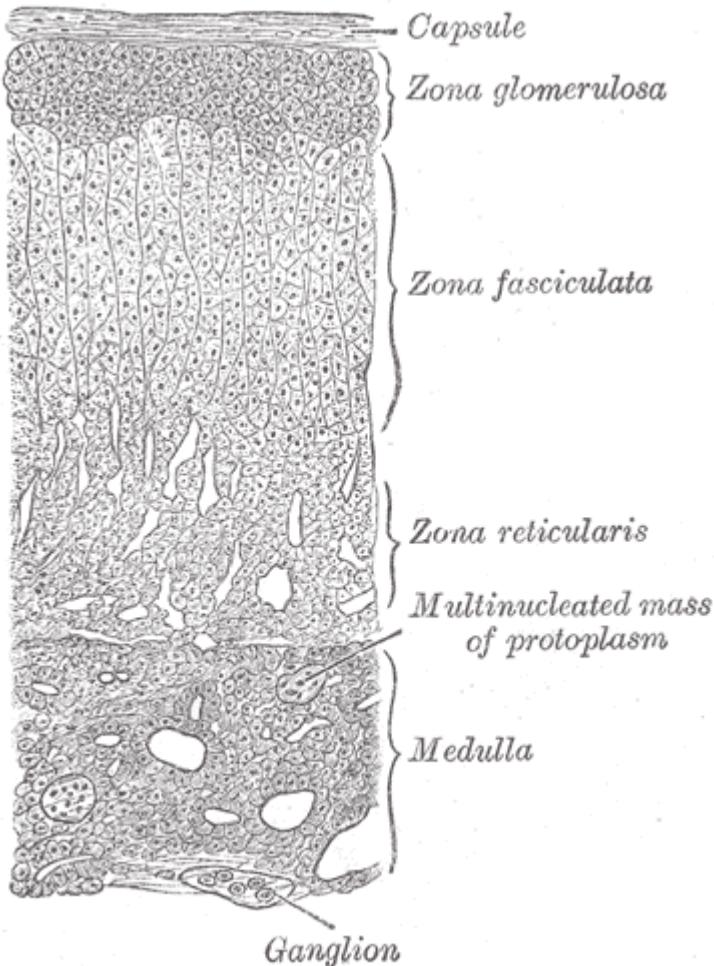


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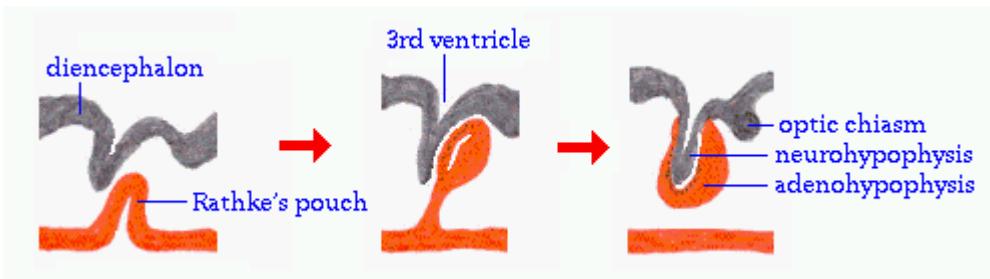
- **Endocrine glands**

Adrenal cortex

Cortex of adrenal gland – epithelial cells in cords secreting corticoid

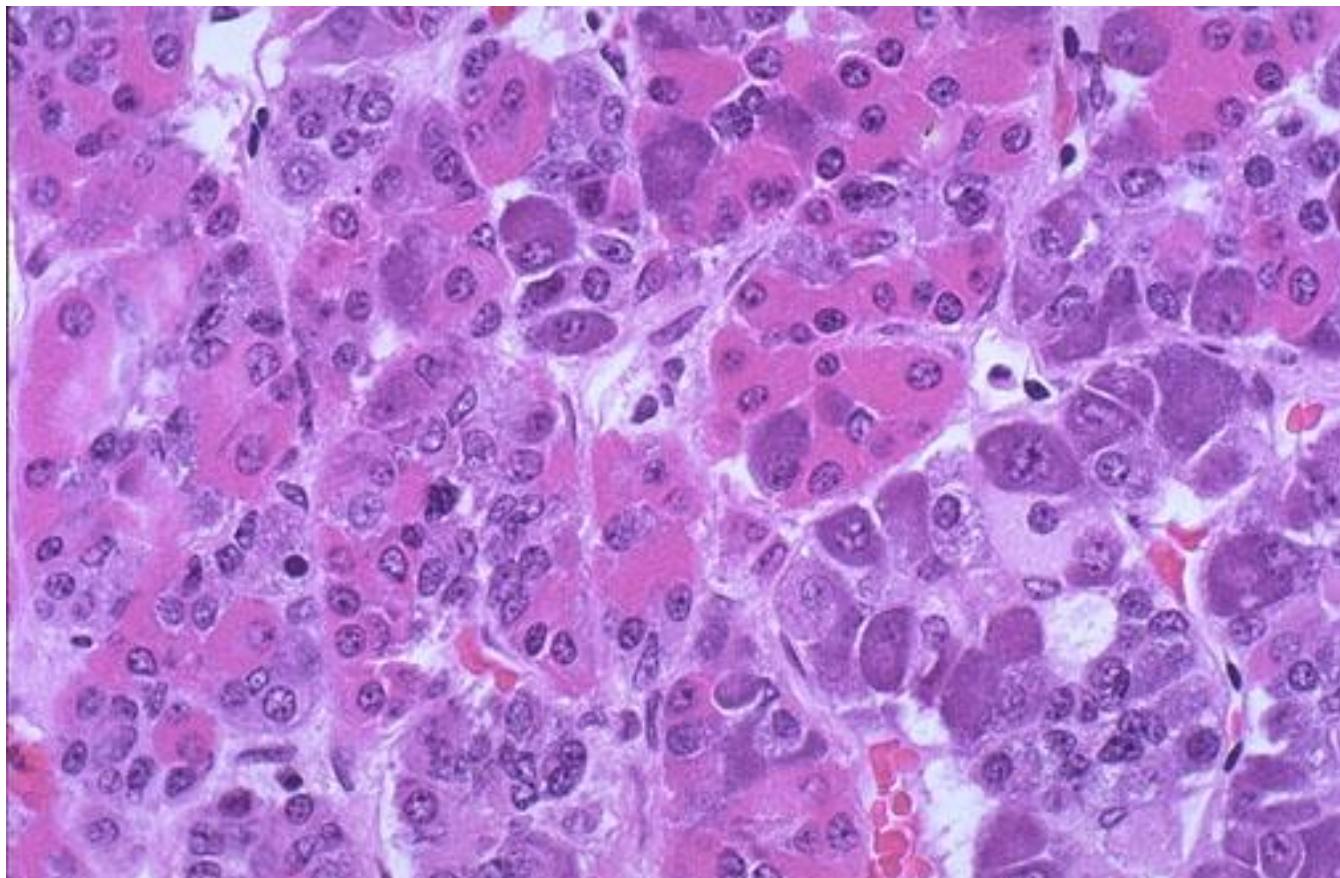


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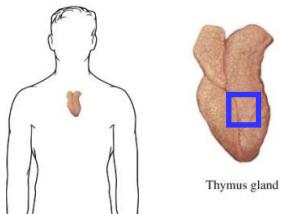
- **Endocrine glands**

Adenohypophysis – anterior pituitary

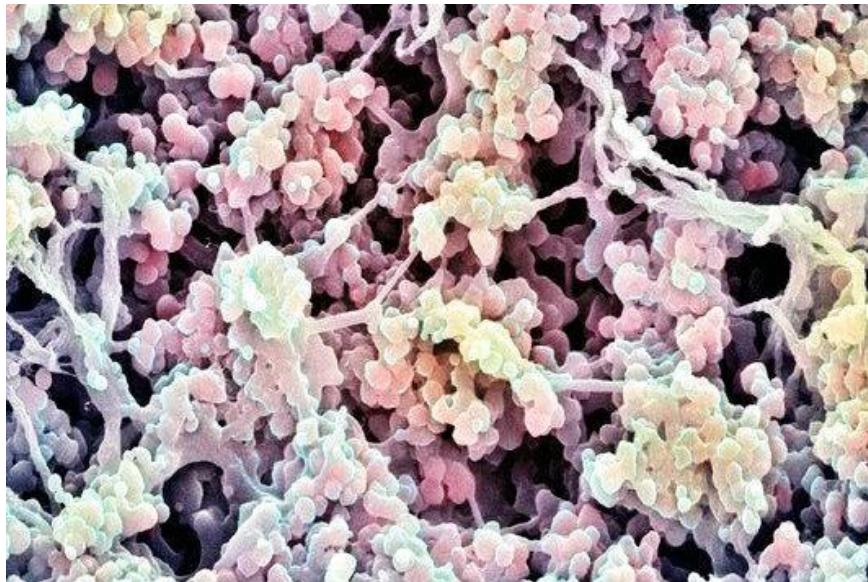
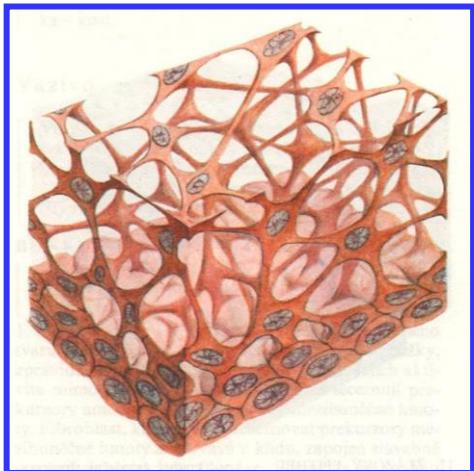


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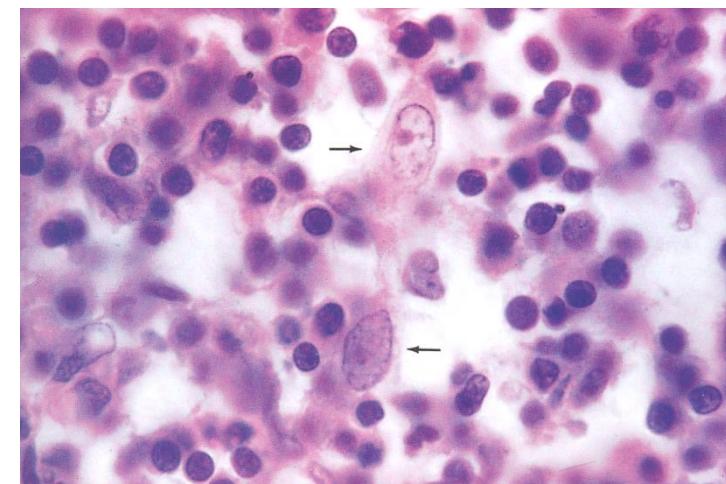
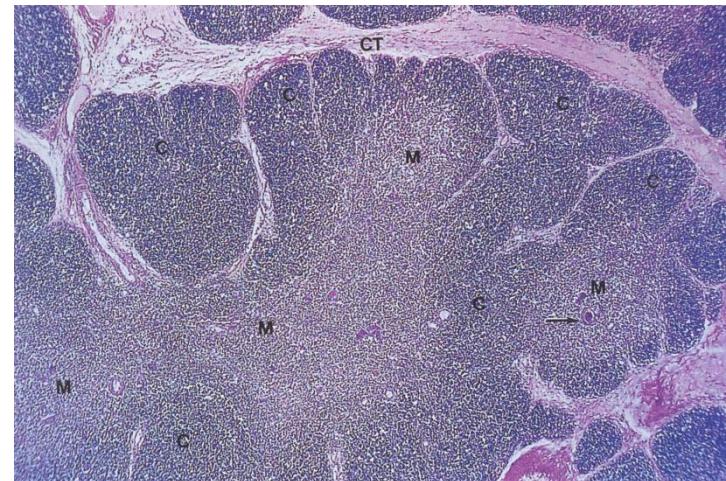
Thymus - cytoretikulum



Thymus gland

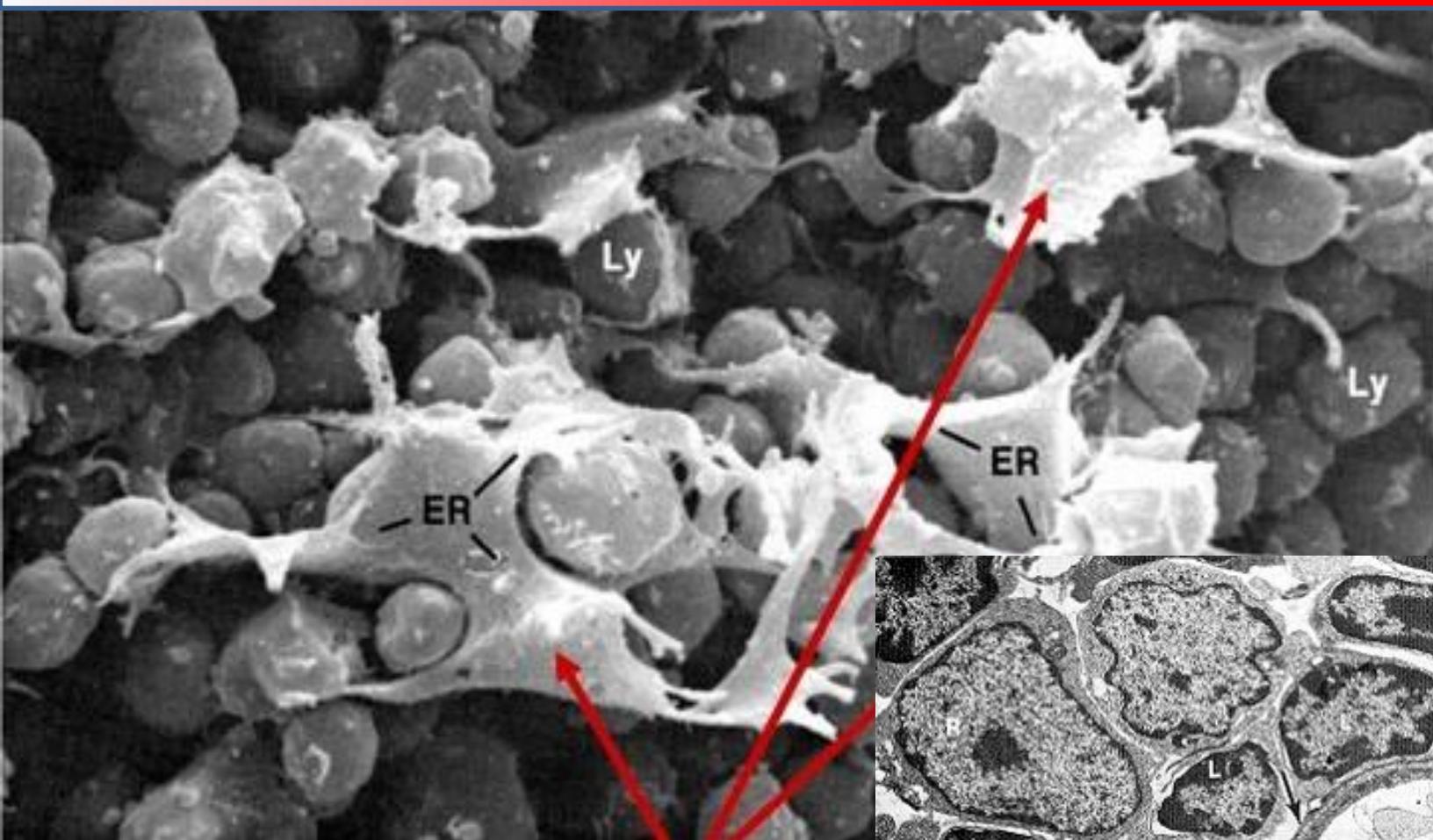


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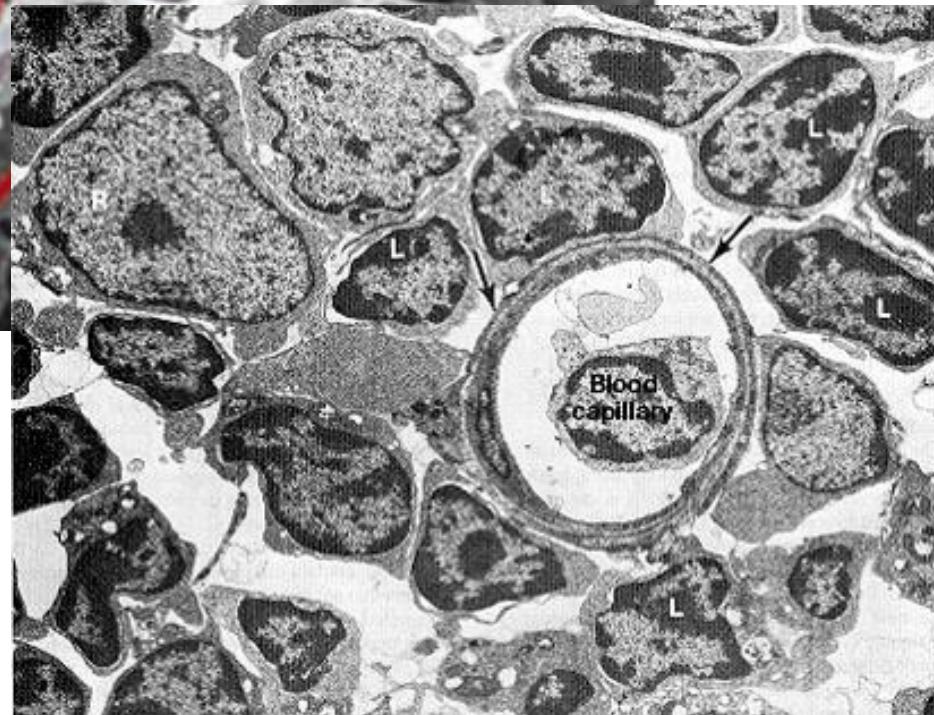
- Compartments and microenvironment for T-cell development and selection
- Blood-thymus barrier

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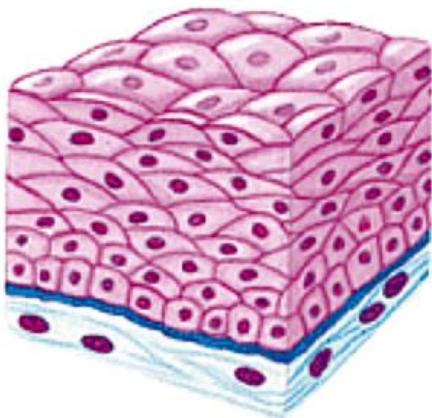


Epithelial reticular (epithelioreticular) cells:

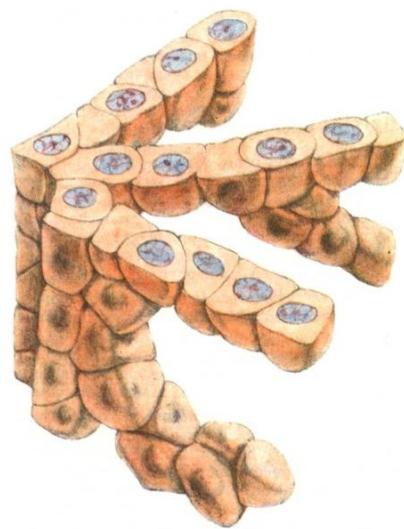
Structural and functional support for developing T-lymphocytes



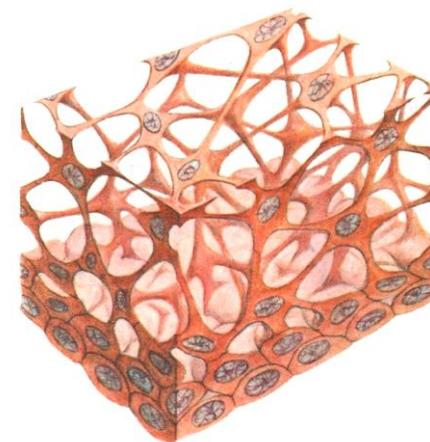
SUMMARY



Sheet



Trabecular



Reticular

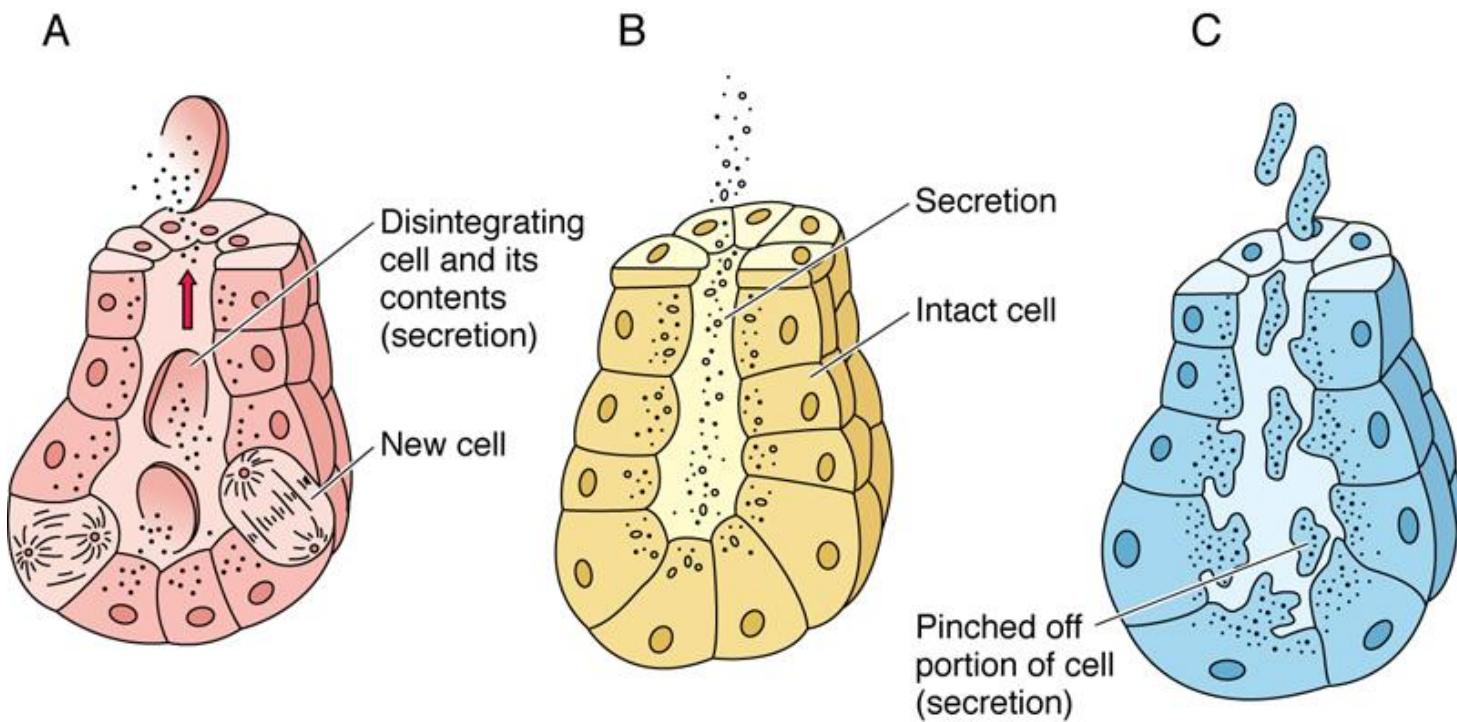
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Classification by function

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Ways of secretion

- Secretion ↔ excretion
- Process of secretion:

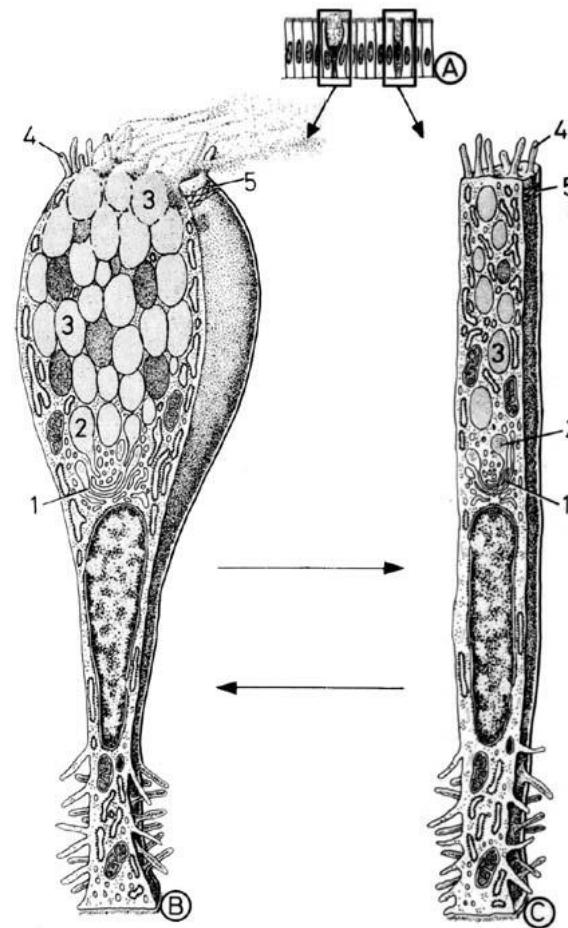
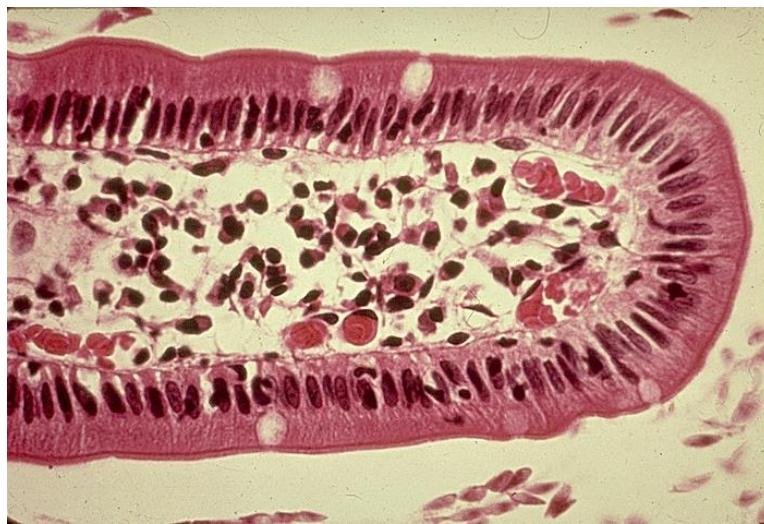


Holocrine × Merocrine × Apocrine

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■ Single cell glands

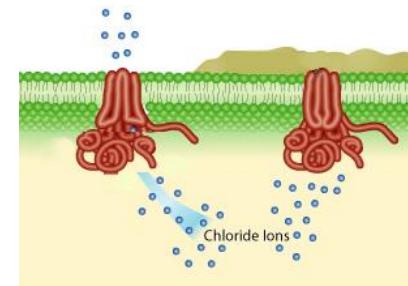
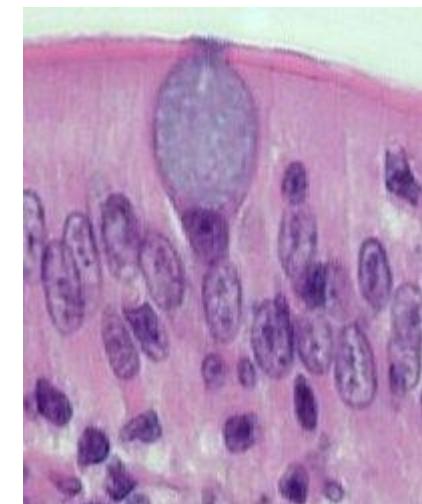
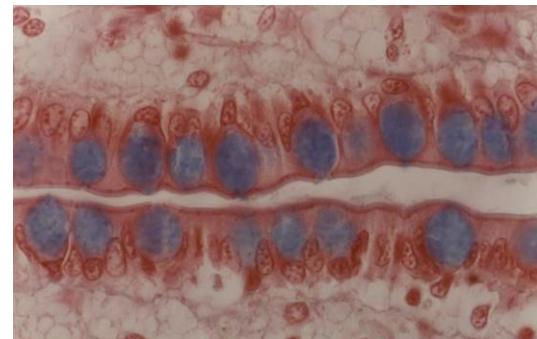
- Goblet
- Enteroendocrine



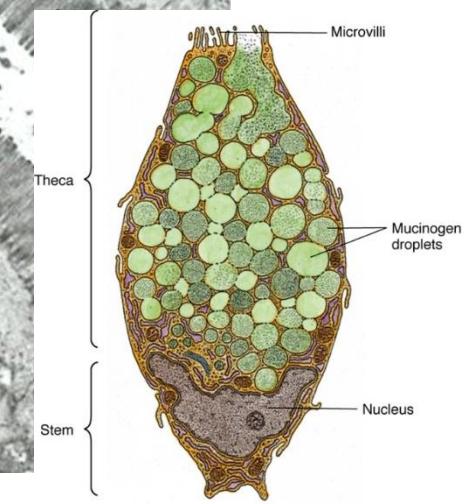
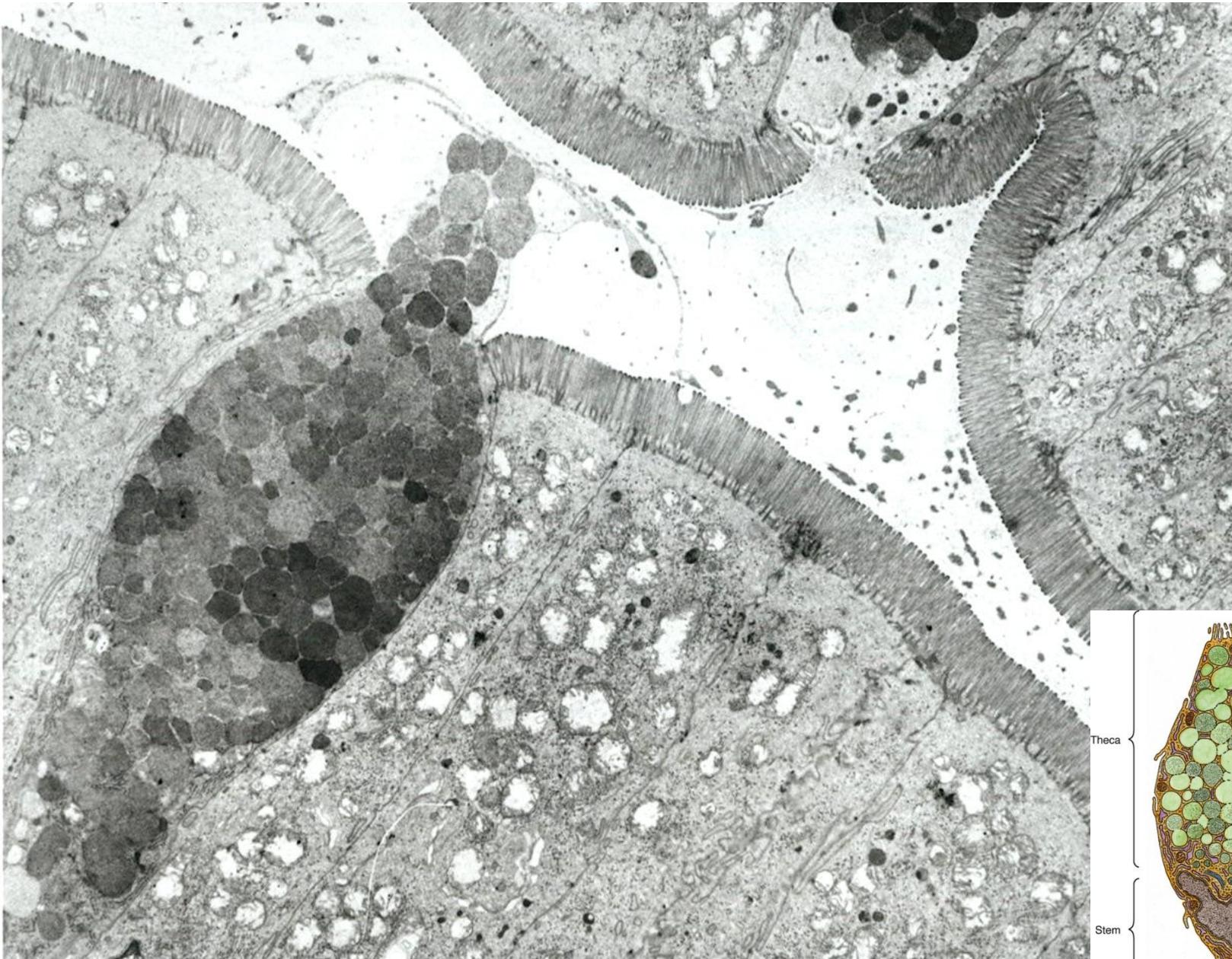
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■ Goblet cells

- Mainly respiratory and intestinal tract
- Produce mucus = viscous fluid composed of electrolytes and highly glycosylated glycoproteins (mucins)
- Protection against mechanic shear or chemical damage
- Trapping and elimination of particular matter
- Secretion by secretory granules constitutive or stimulated
- After secretion mucus expands extremely – more than 500-fold in 20ms
- Dramatic changes in hydration and ionic charge
- Chronic bronchitis or cystic fibrosis – hyperplasia or metaplasia of goblet cells



GOBLET CELL

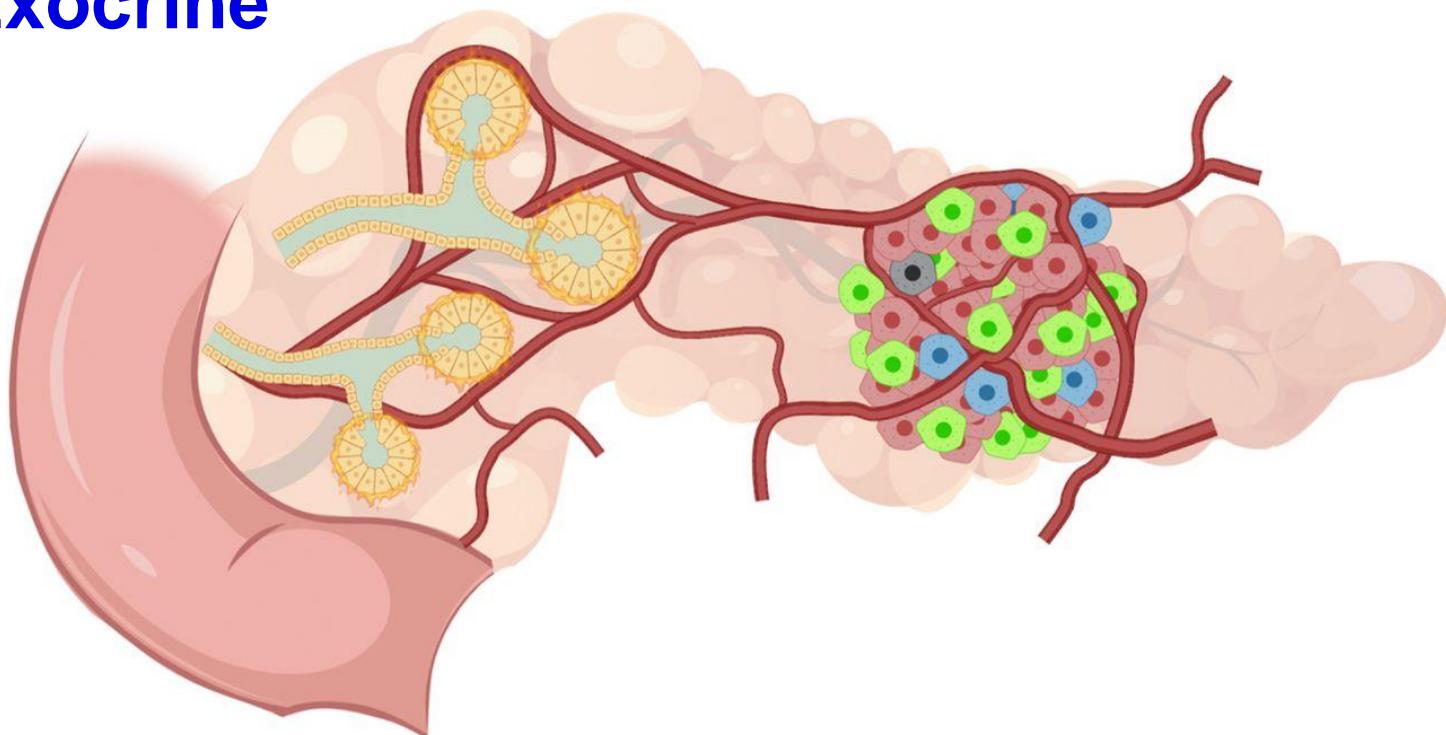


GLANDULAR EPITHELIUM

- Multicellular glands

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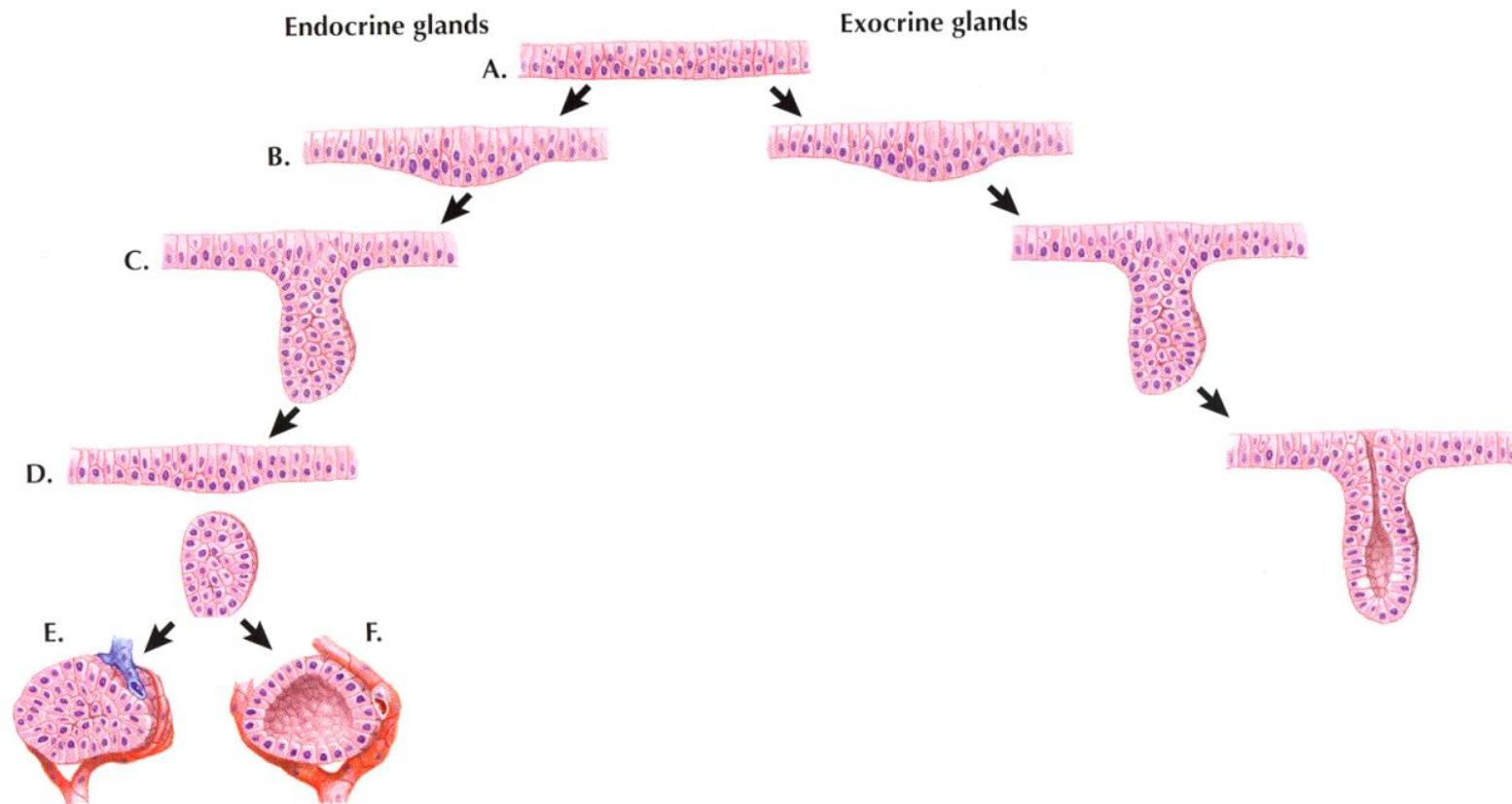
Endocrine



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■ Development of multicellular glands

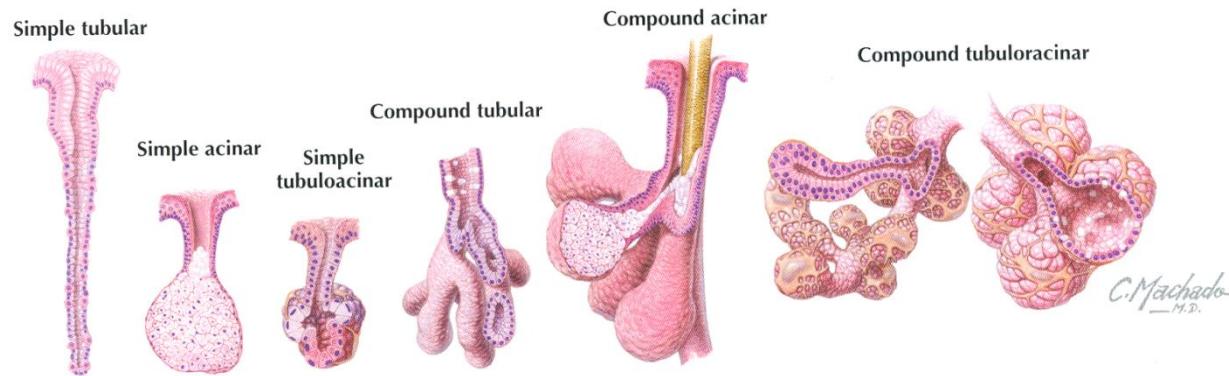
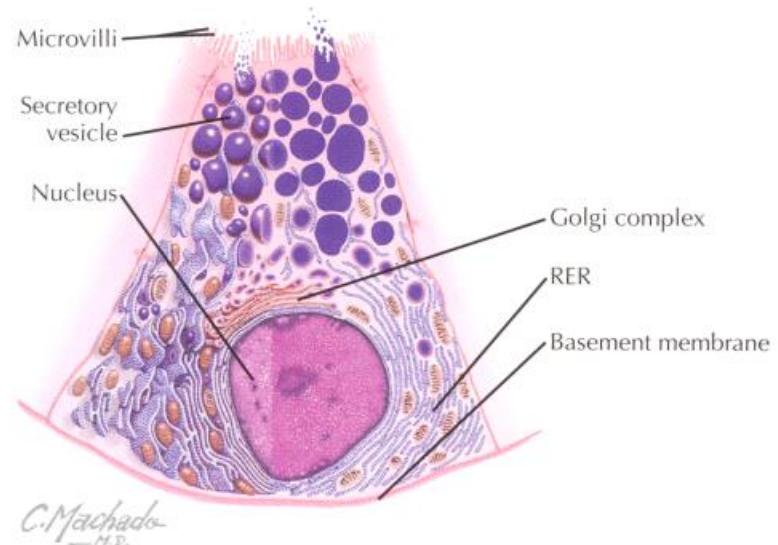
- Endocrine vs. exocrine



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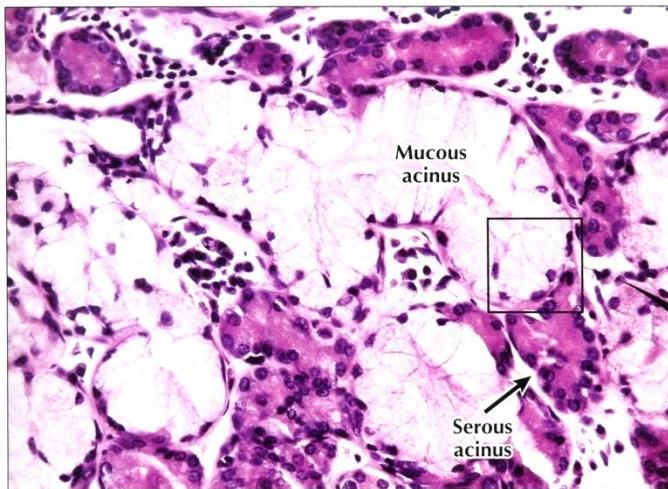
■ Exocrine multicellular glands

- Shape of secretion part
 - Alveolar (acinar)
 - Tubular
 - Tubuloalveolar (tubuloacinar)
- Branching
 - Simple
 - Branched
 - Compound
- Secretion
 - Mucous
 - Serous
 - Compound



GLANDULAR EPITHELIUM

■ Mucous glands



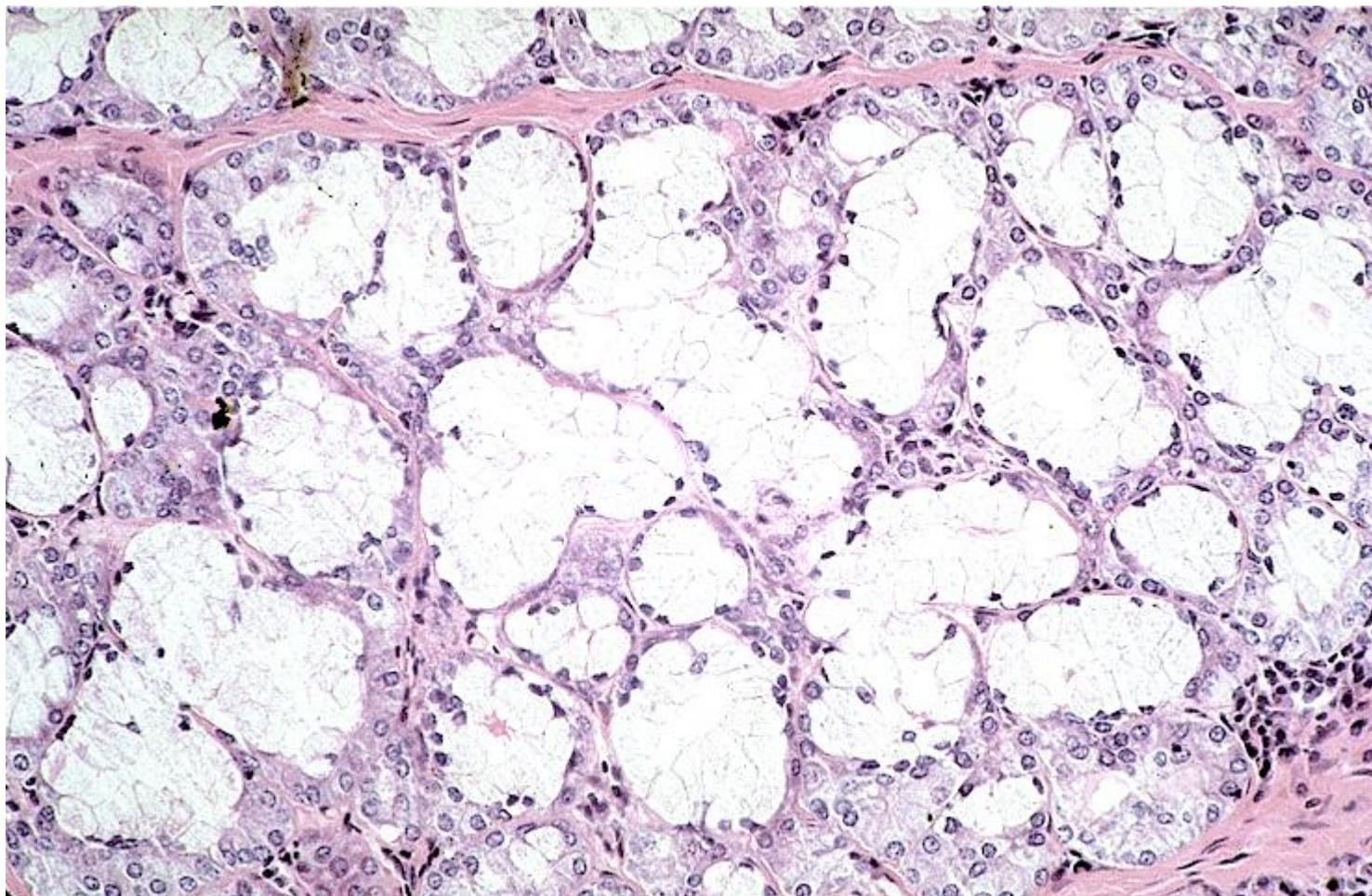
► LM of part of a mixed seromucous gland in the trachea. Several mucous acini with pale-stained mucous cells are seen. The basal nuclei are flat, and cells appear washed out because mucous droplets dissolved during specimen preparation. Darker stained serous cells in adjacent acini have more rounded basal nuclei. Serous cells are smaller than mucous cells. The square outlines the area of interest seen in the EM below. 295 \times . H&E.



► EM of part of a mucous acinus in a mixed salivary gland. Parts of three mucous cells line the acinus lumen (*). Euchromatic basal nuclei have prominent nucleoli. Basal cytoplasm contains many profiles of rough endoplasmic reticulum (RER). Many large, electron-lucent secretory vesicles (SV) dominating the remaining cytoplasm are discharged by exocytosis into the acinus lumen. 5400 \times .

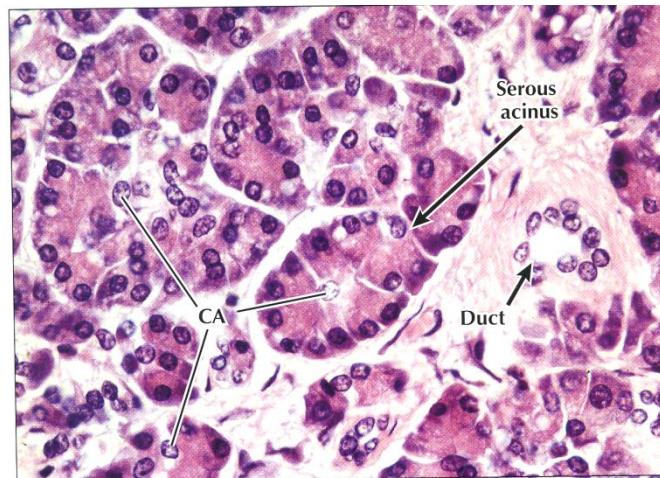
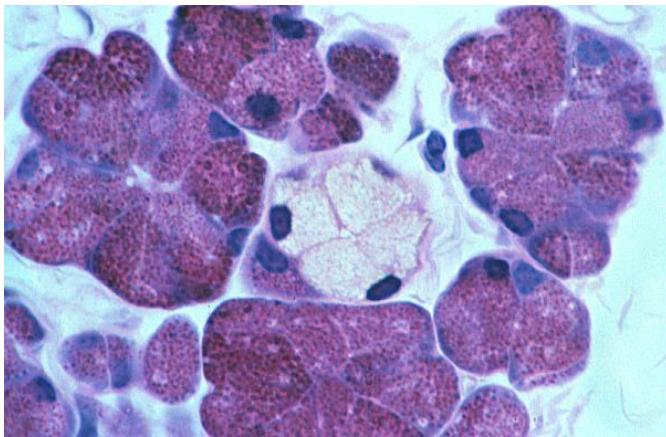
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- Mucous glands

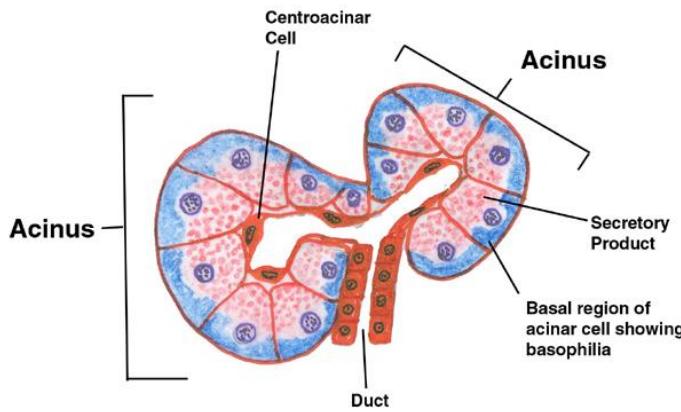


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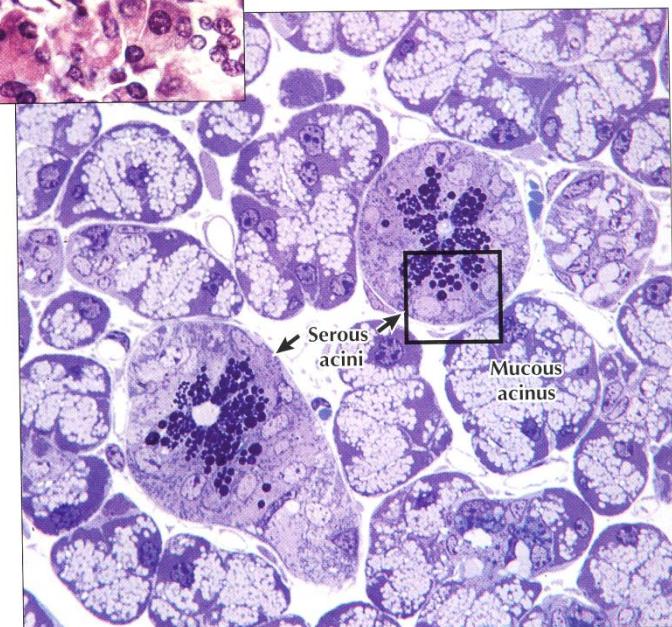
Serous glands



► LM of part of the exocrine pancreas. The exocrine part of the gland consists of closely packed spherical or pear-shaped serous acini. Several columnar to pyramidal acinar cells, with round basal nuclei, face a small central lumen in each **serous acinus**. Basal cytoplasm is basophilic; apical cytoplasm is more eosinophilic. Small clear centroacinar cells (**CA**) in acini centers help distinguish this purely serous gland from others, such as the parotid salivary gland. A small **duct**, in the connective tissue stroma, conveys secretions from acini to larger pancreatic ducts. 385 \times . H&E.

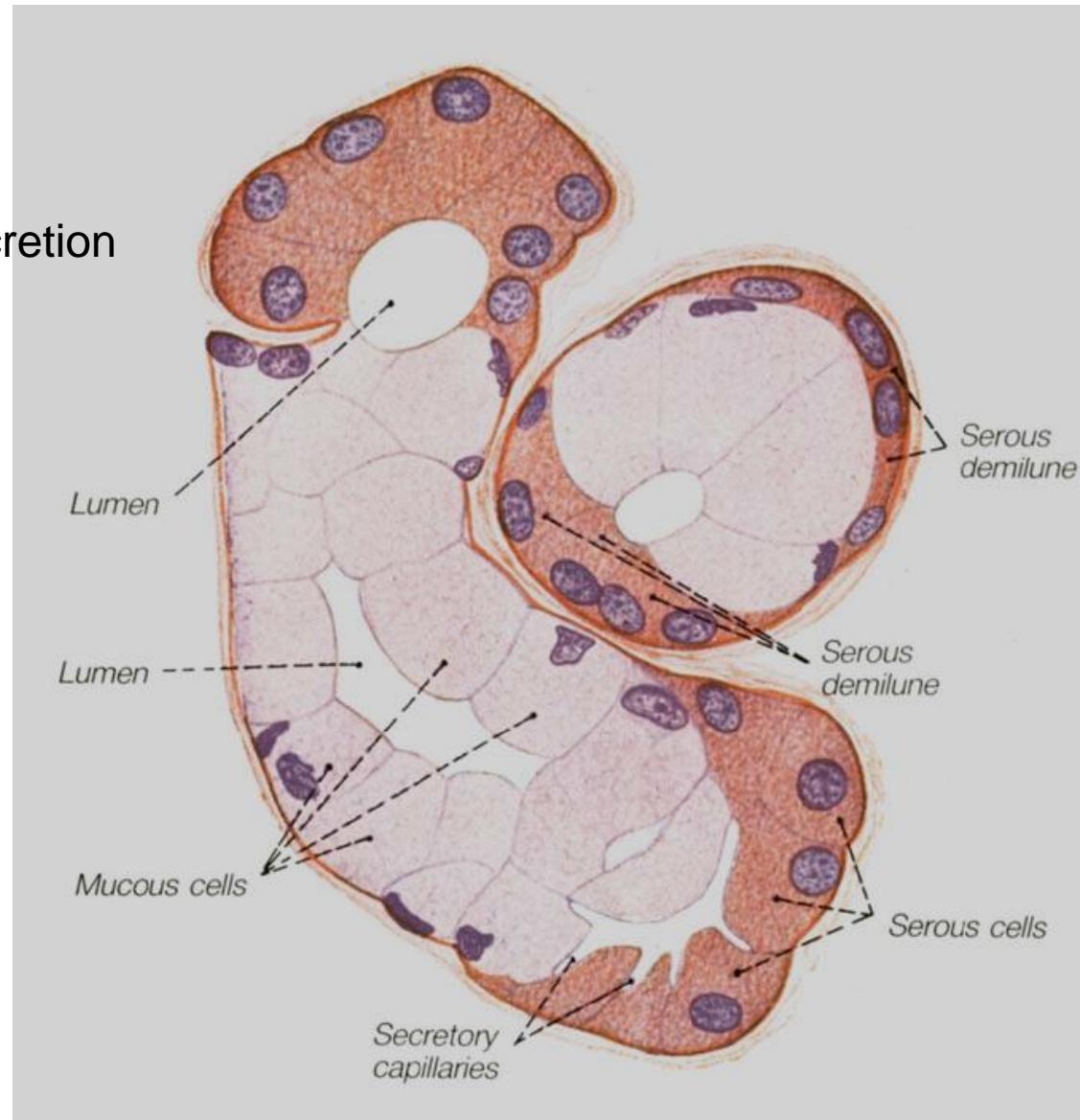


► LM of part of a mixed salivary gland. Several pale mucous acini surround two round serous acini. Serous cells have conspicuous, dark-stained secretory vesicles; mucous cells look vacuolated and washed out. EM in 2.15 shows the area in the square in detail. 600 \times . Toluidine blue, plastic section.

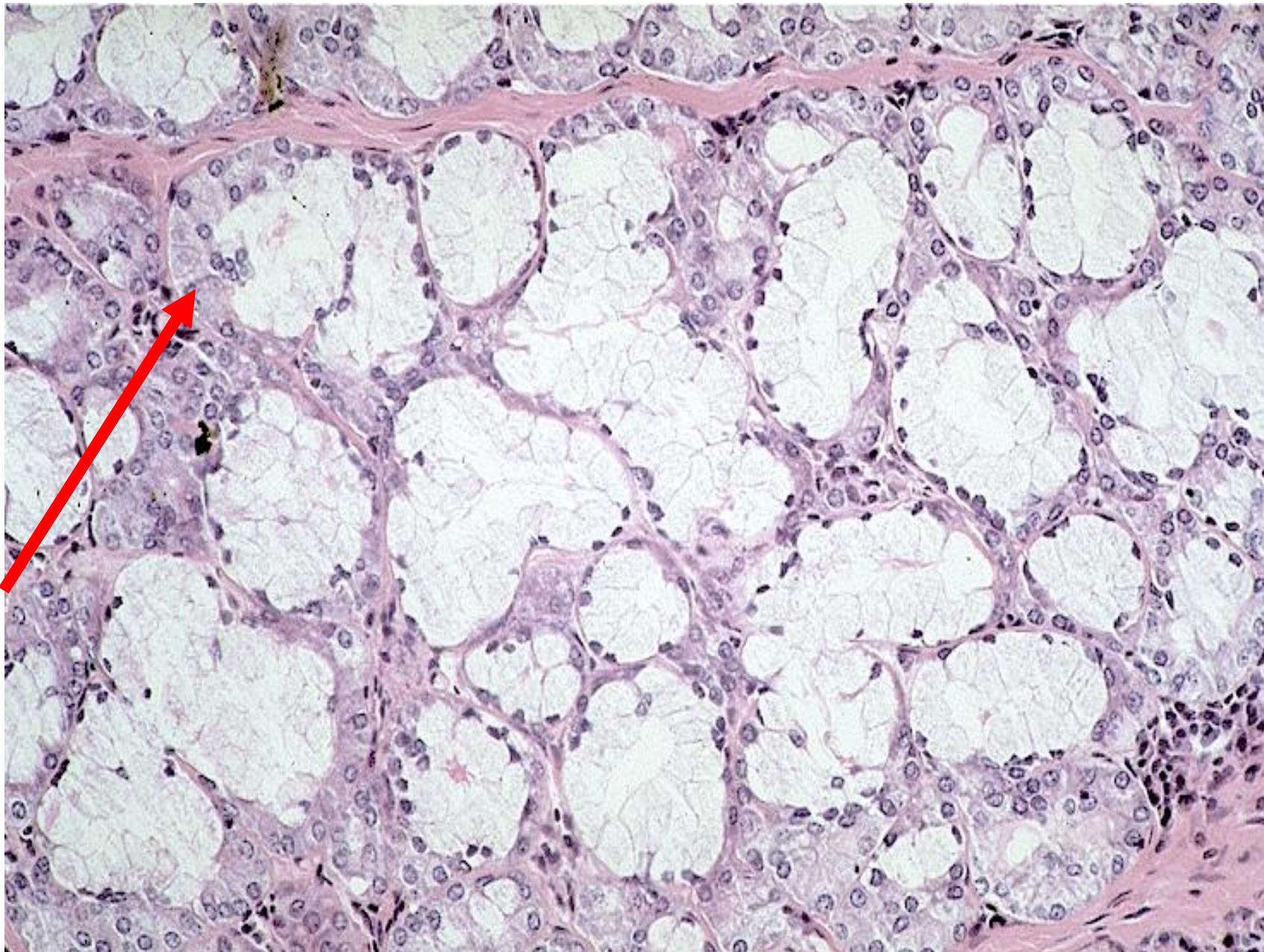


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- **Mixed glands**
- mixed serous and mucous secretion



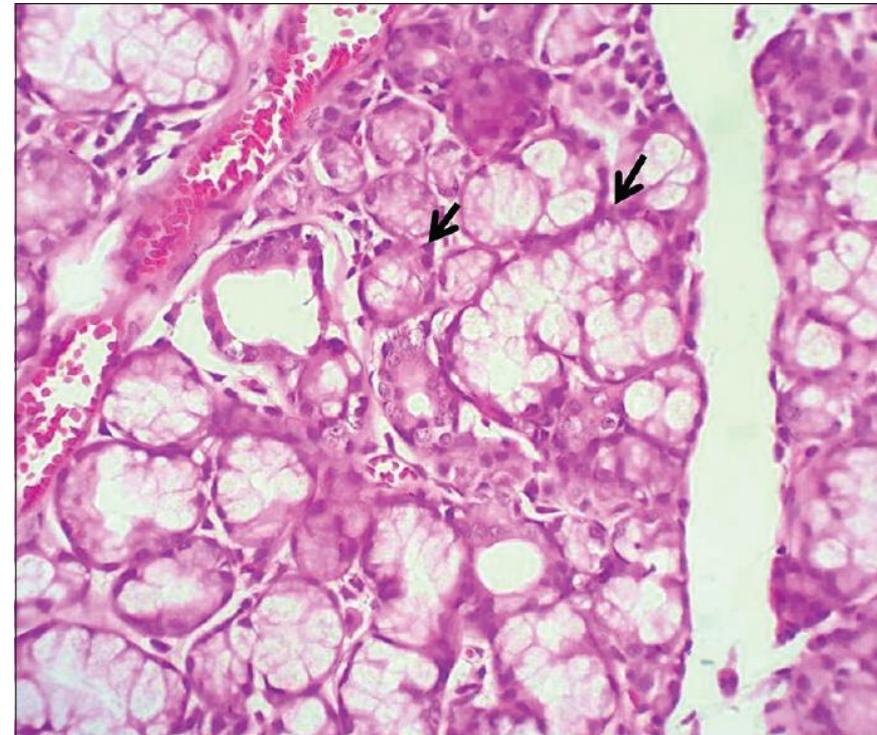
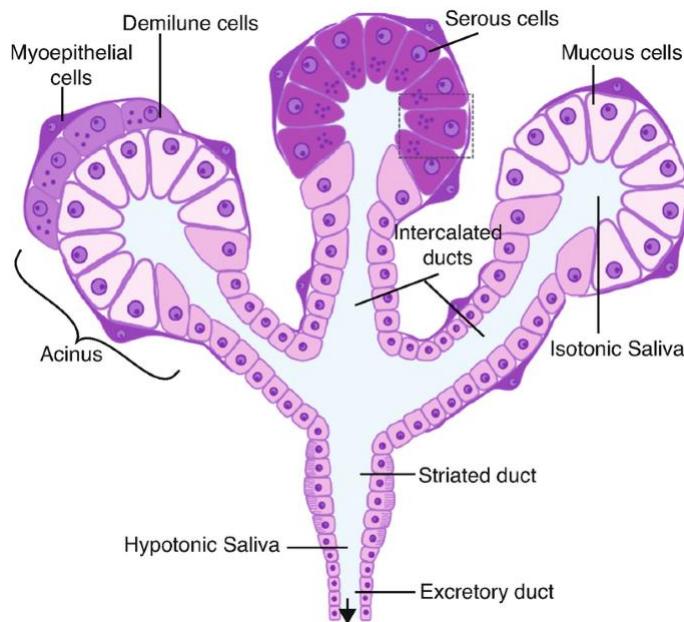
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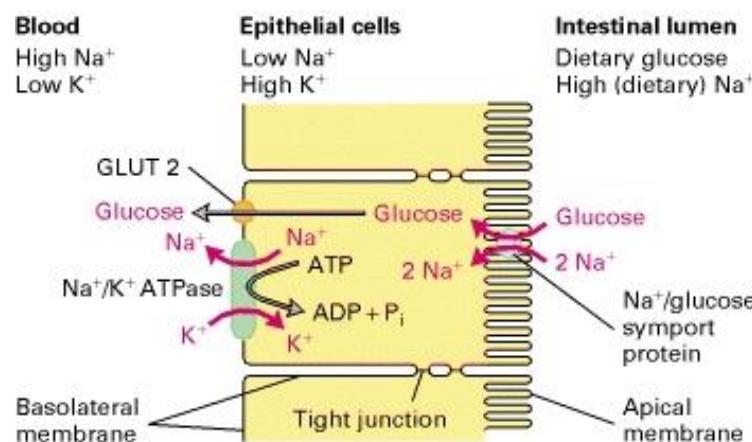
Myoepithelium

- star-like or spindle cells
- connected by nexus and desmosomes
- actin microfilaments, myosin and tropomyosin
- contraction
- sweat and salivary glands – enhancing secretion

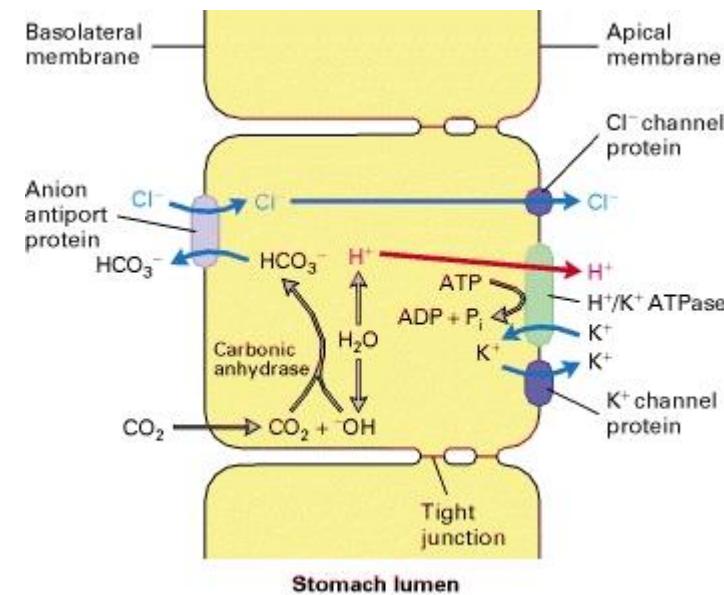


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Transcellular transport through epithelial cells is driven by concentration and/or charge gradients



Glucose transport



HCl secretion in stomach

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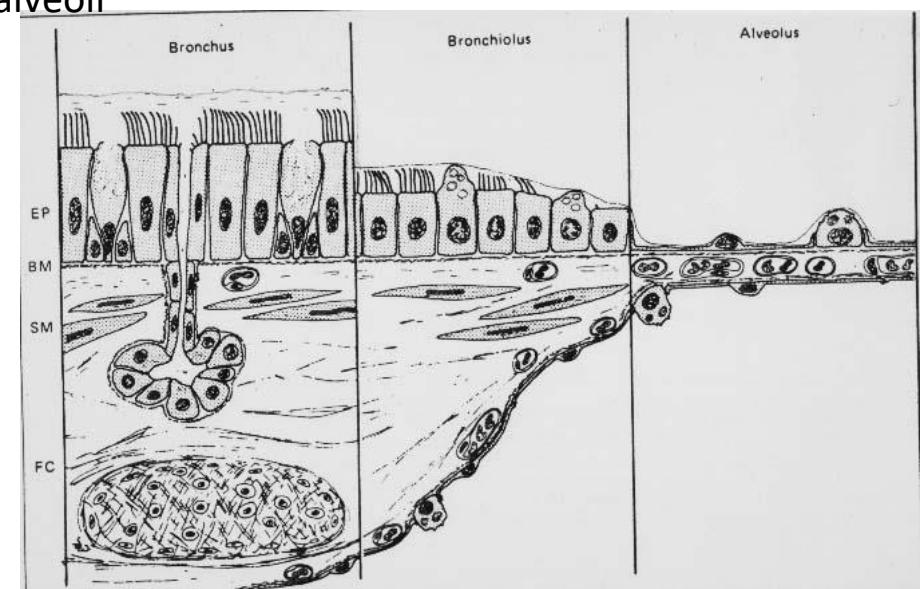
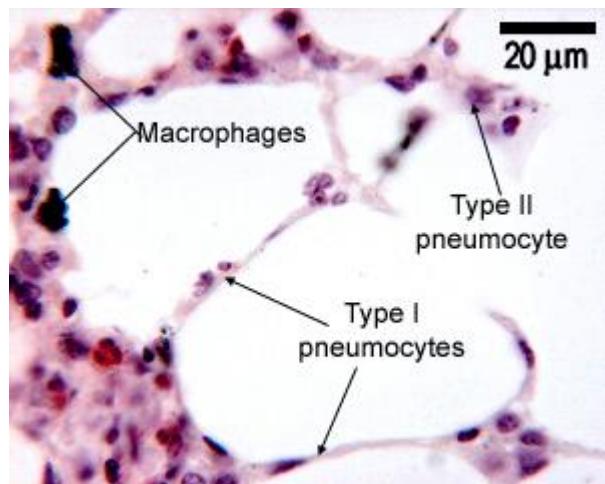
Respiratory epithelium

Epithelium of respiratory passages

- Moistening and protection against injury and pathogens
- Remove particles by mucociliary clearance
- Pseudostratified columnar epithelium with cilia
- Basal cells → epithelium renewal

Alveolar epithelium

- Gas exchange
- Surfactant
- Respiratory bronchioles, alveolar passages and alveoli
- Type I and II pneumocytes



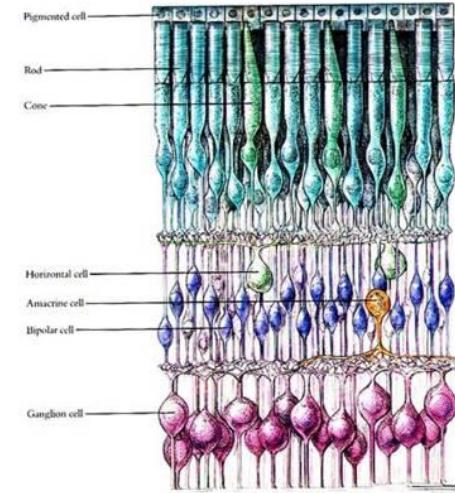
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Sensory epithelium

- Supportive and sensory cells

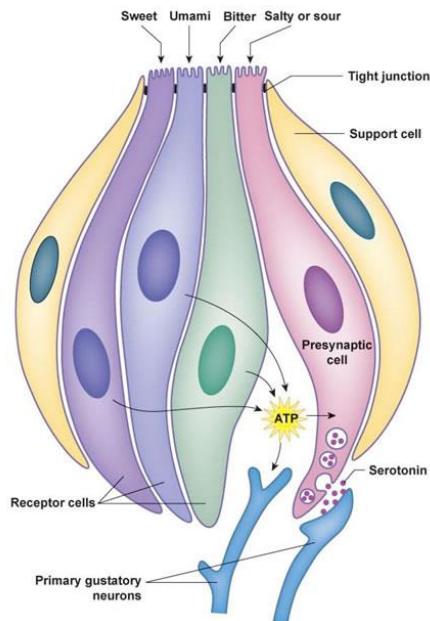
Primary sensory cells

- directly convert stimuli to membrane potential
- receptor region, body, axonal process
- olfactory epithelium (*regio olfactoria nasi*), rods and cones



Secondary sensory cells

- receptor region and the cell body
- signal is transmitted by adjacent neurons terminating on secondary sensory cell
- taste buds, vestibulocochlear apparatus

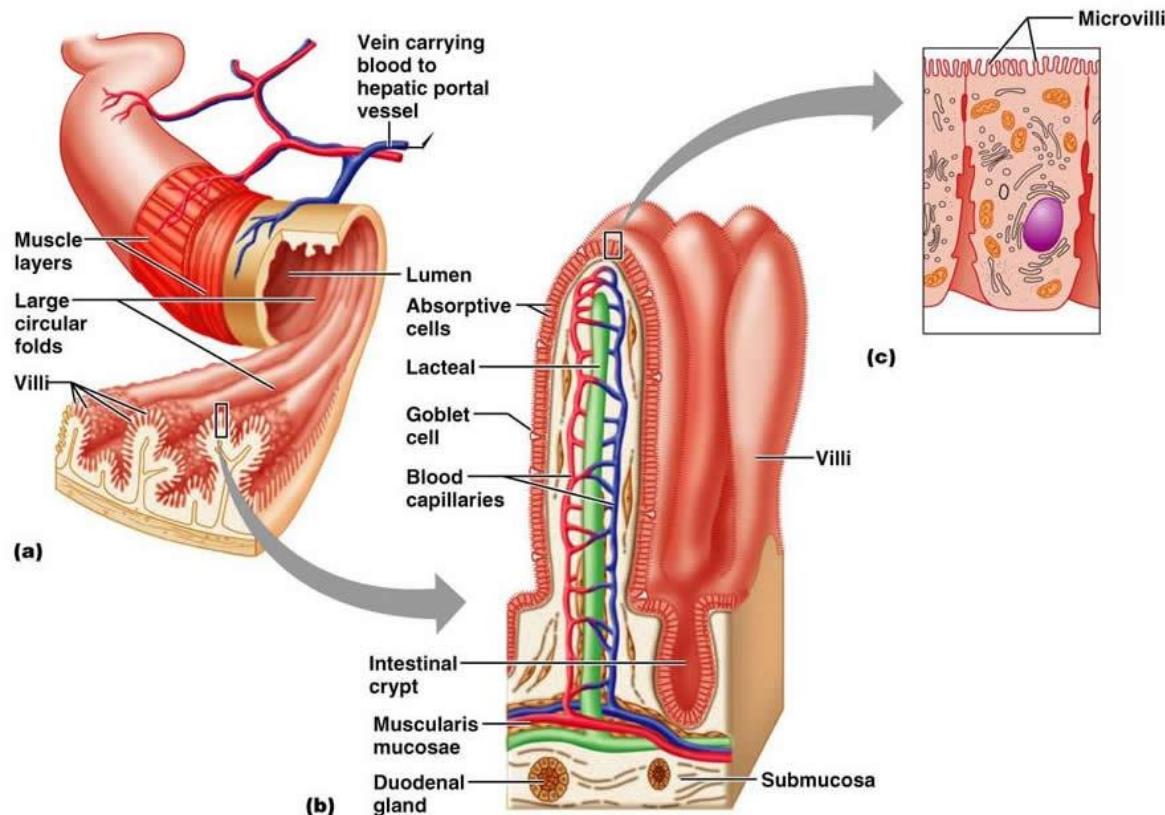


REGENERATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

Renewal of epithelium

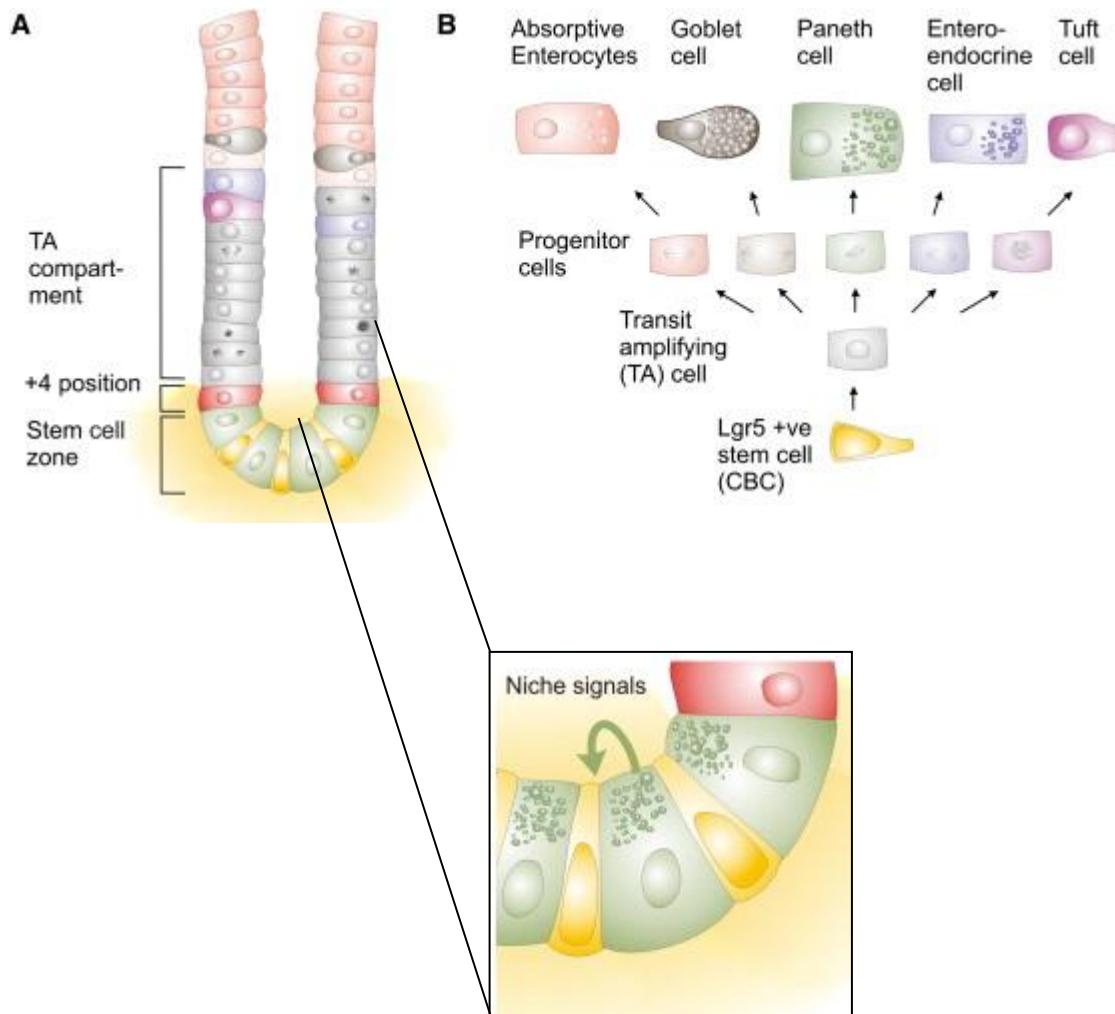
- different regenerative potential (epidermis × sensory epithelium of inner ear)
- multi- and oligopotent stem cells
- microenvironment – *stem cell niche*

Example: Regeneration of intestine epithelium



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Example: Regeneration of intestine epithelium



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Abnormal renewal: metaplasia



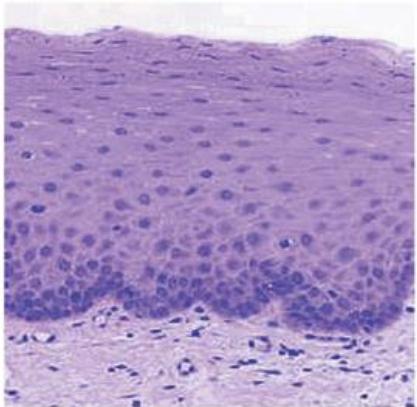
- squamous metaplasia of cervix uteri
- respiratory passages

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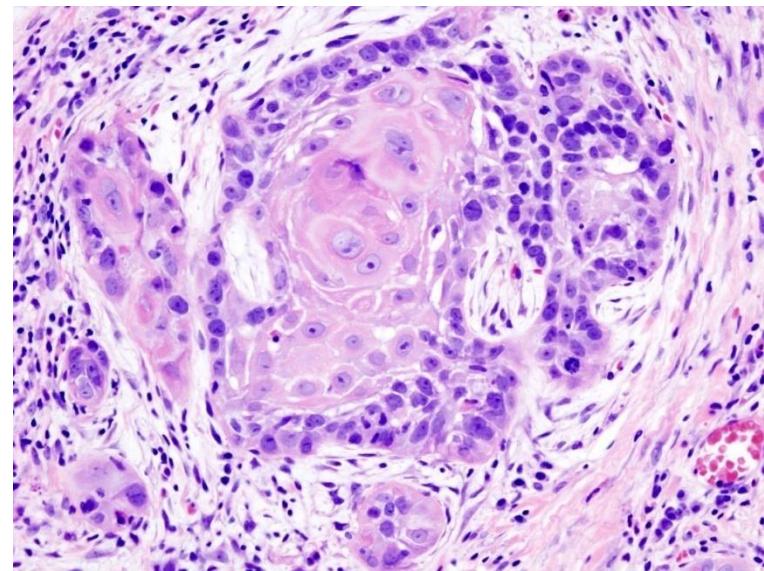
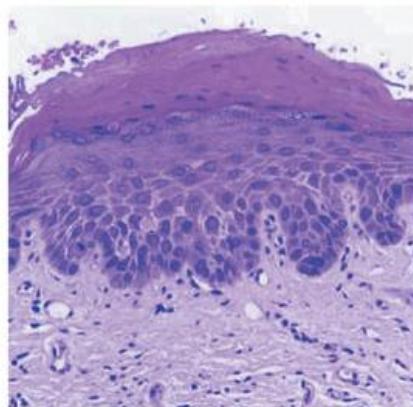
Abnormal renewal: metaplasia

- risk of development of precancerous lesions

c Normal oral mucosa

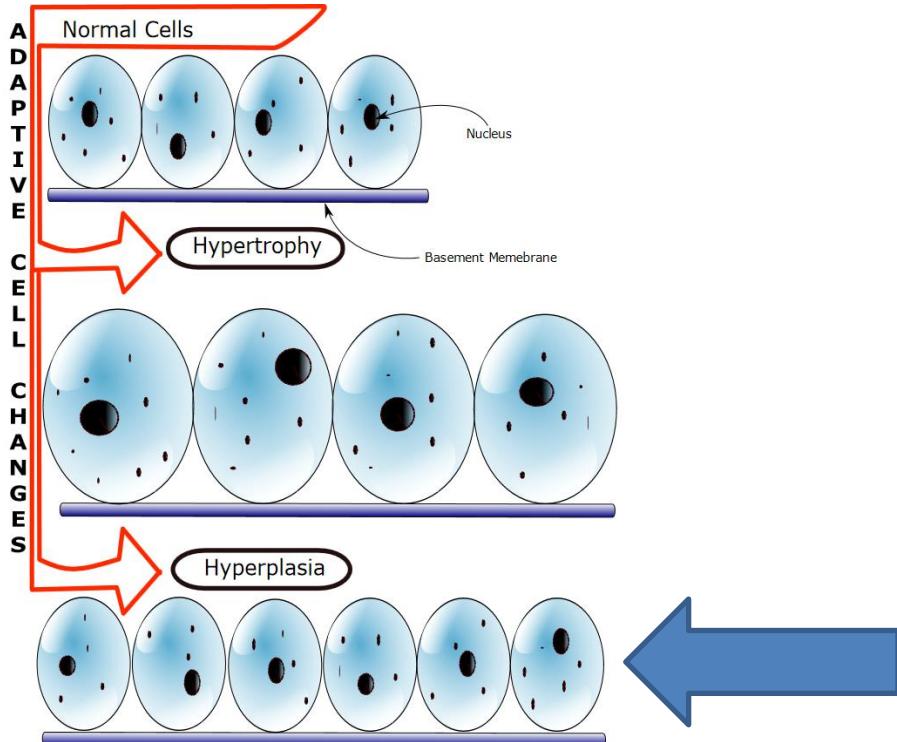


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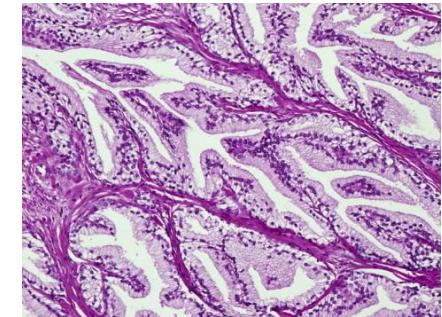


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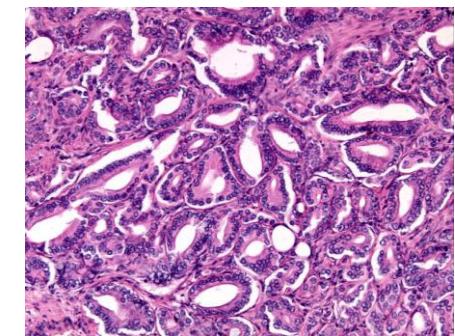
Abnormal renewal: hyperplasia



Normal prostate



Hyperplasia of prostate glandular epithelium



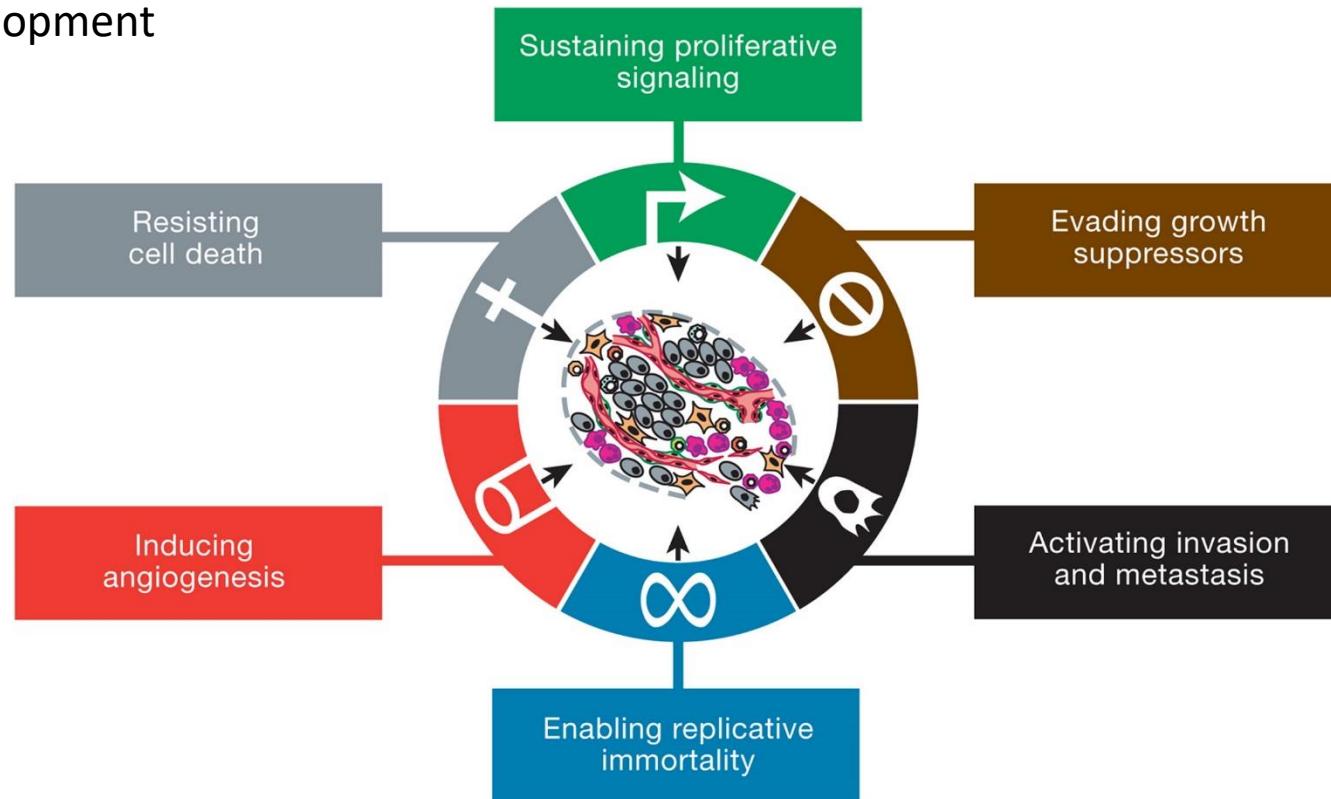
Prostate adenocarcinoma



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Abnormal renewal: dysplasia and neoplasia

- uncoupling from regulatory mechanisms
- change in morphology and acquisition of new biological properties
- tumor development



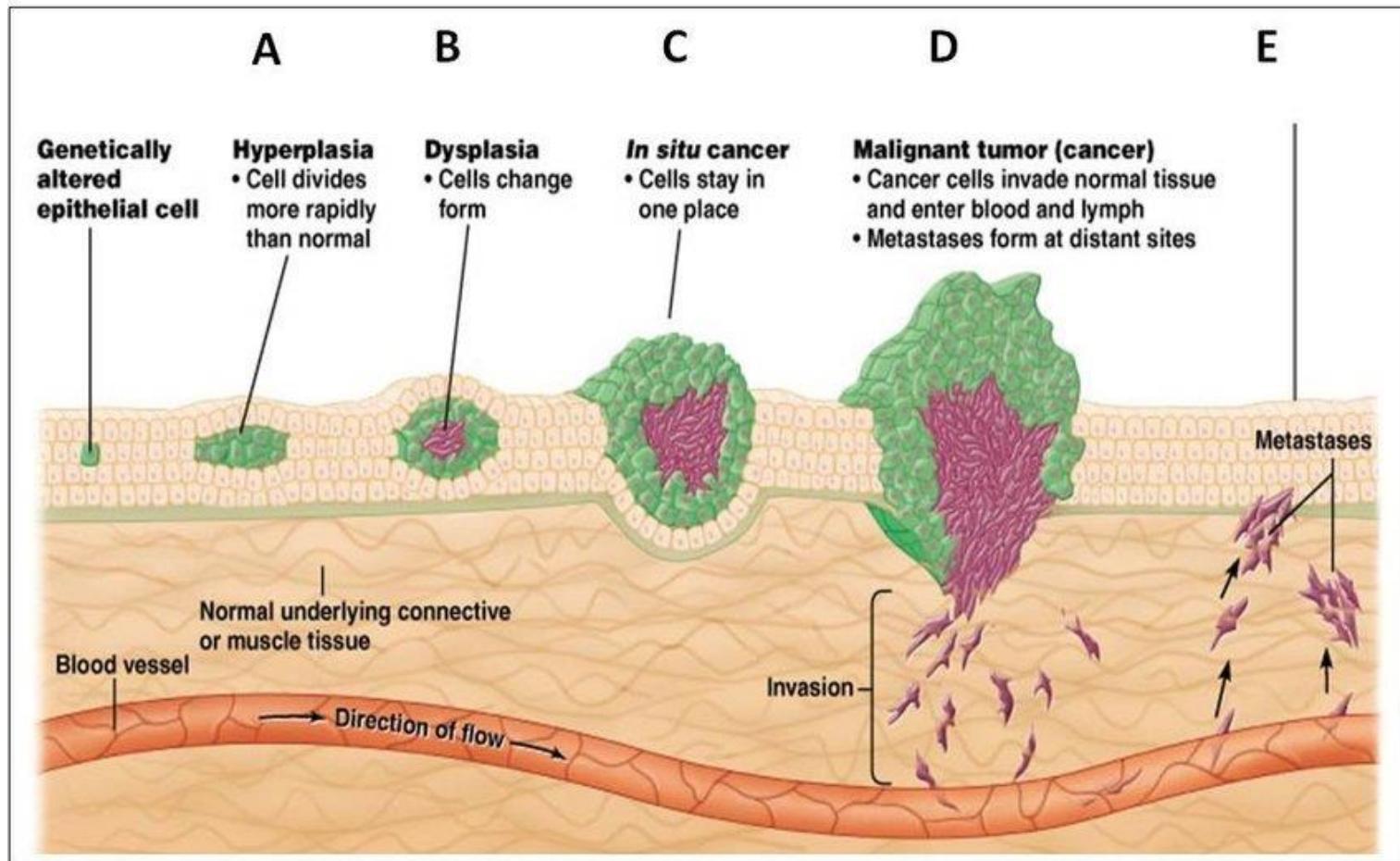
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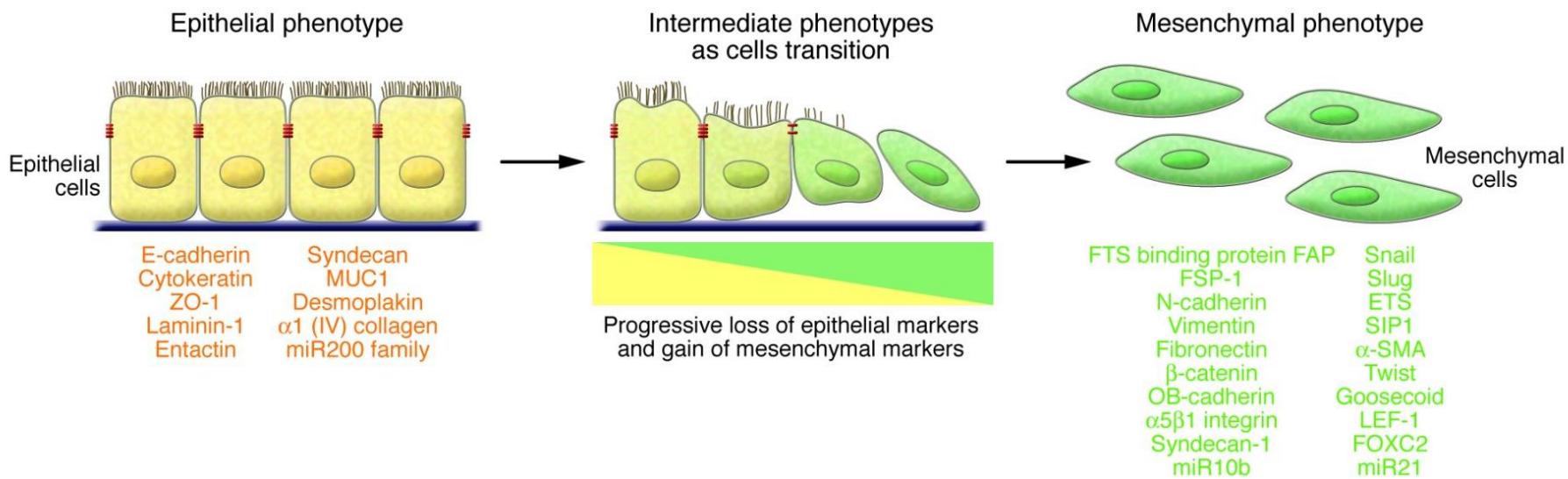
Abnormal renewal: neoplasia

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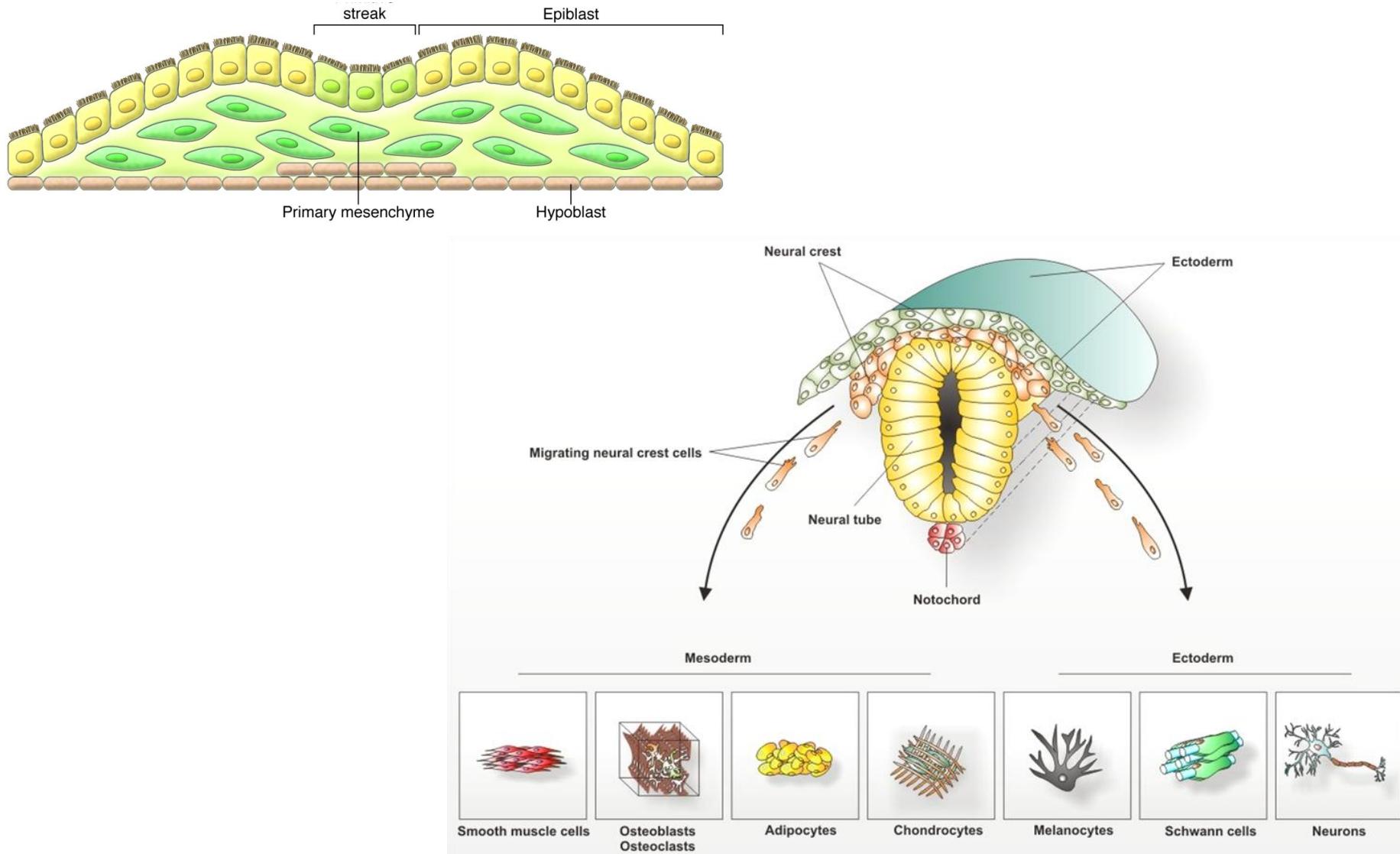
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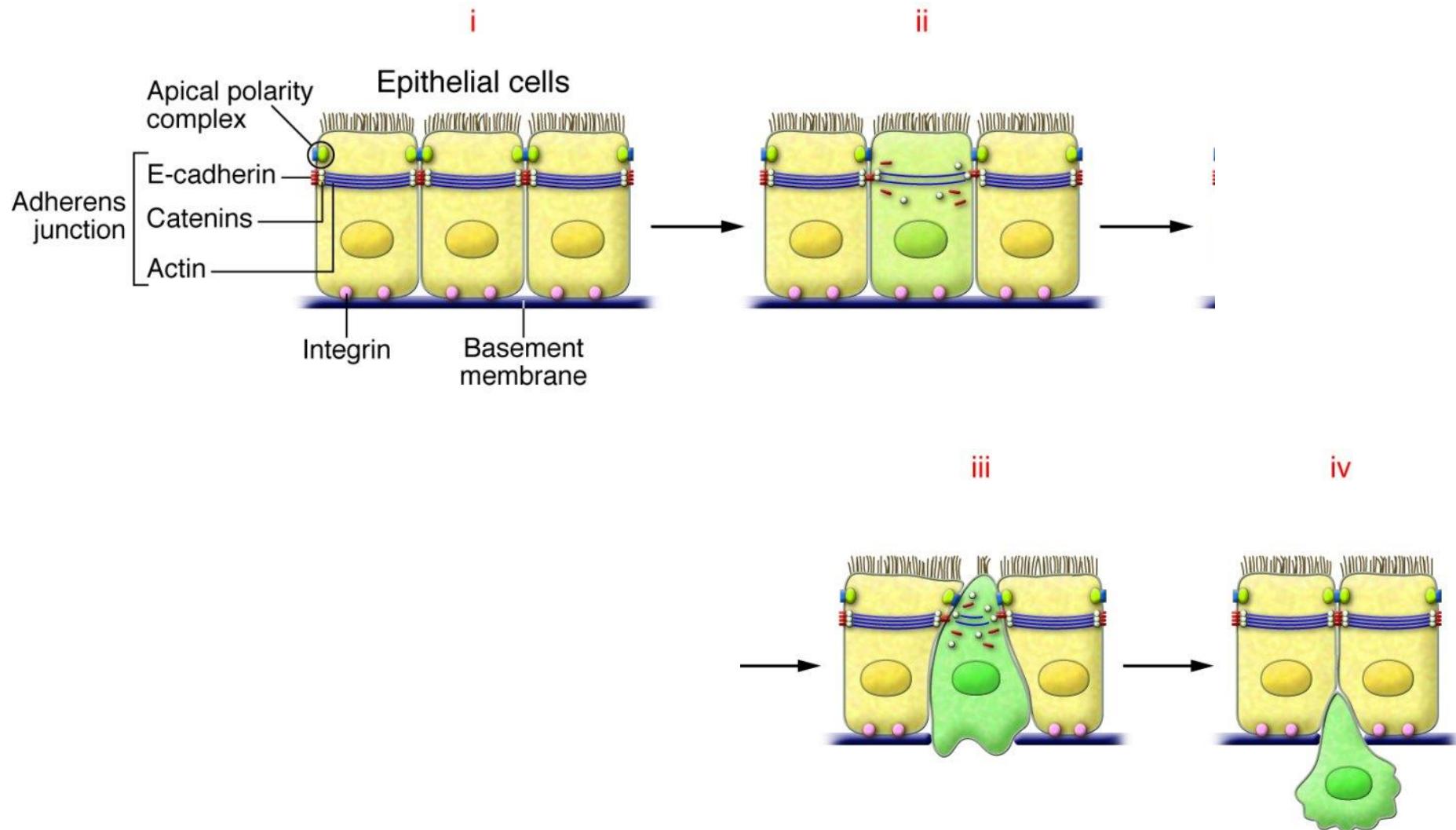
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EMT in embryonic development

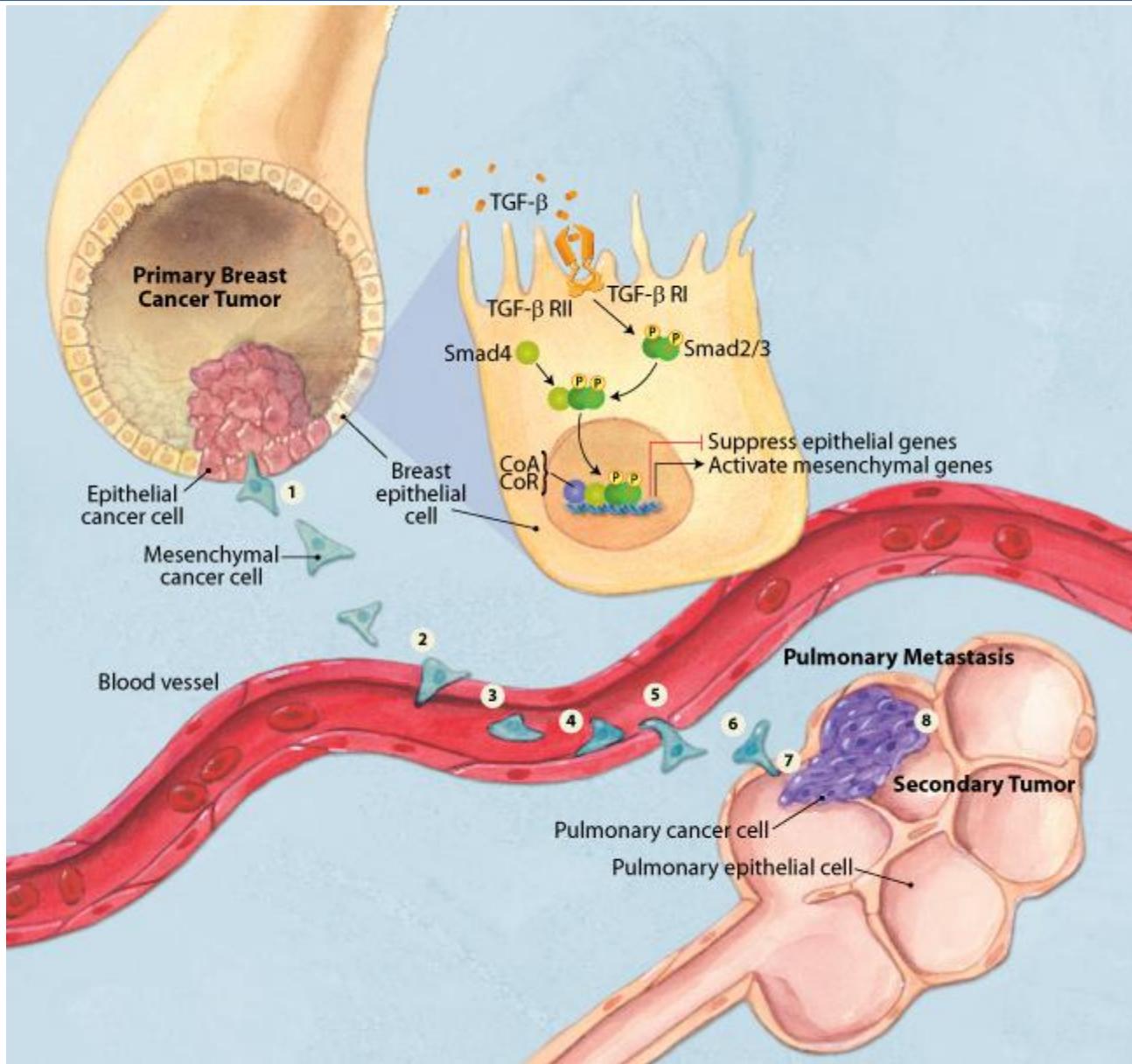


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EMT in tumor dissemination



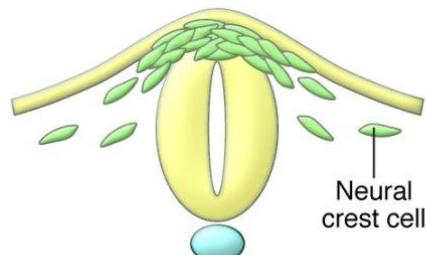
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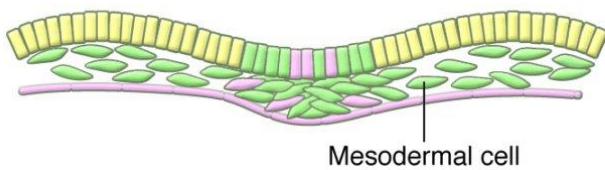
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EMT overview

Embryos

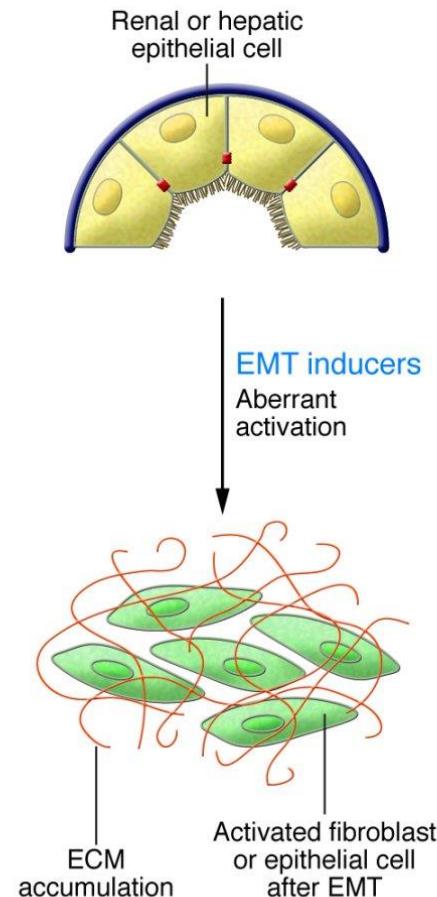


EMT inducers
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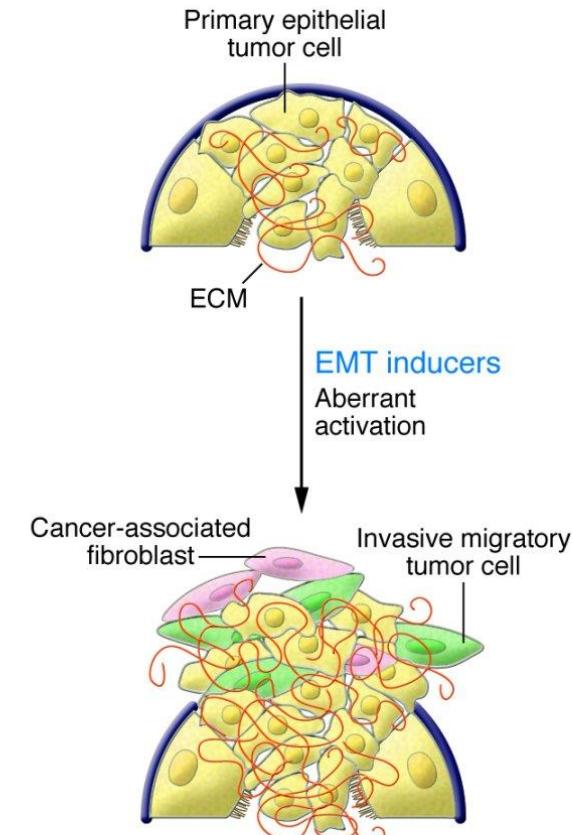


- [Yellow square] Epithelial cells
- [Green square] Mesenchymal cells

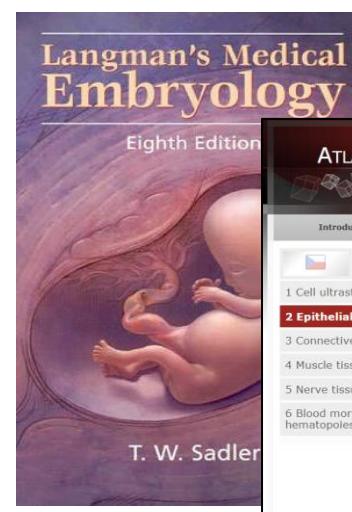
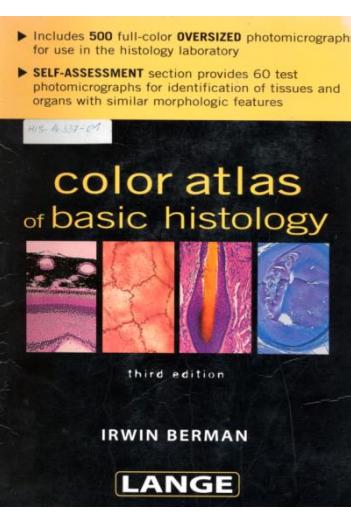
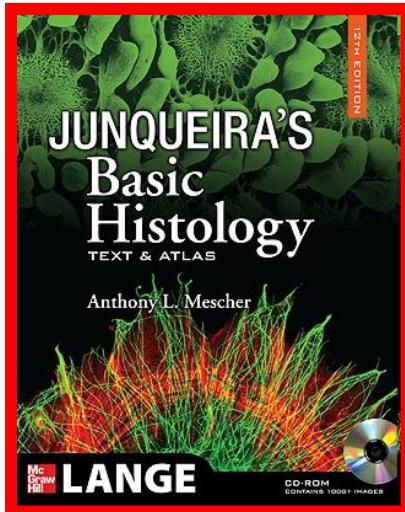
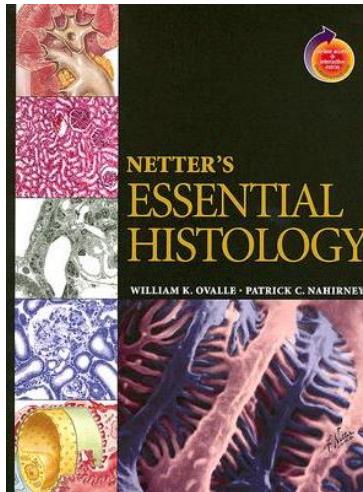
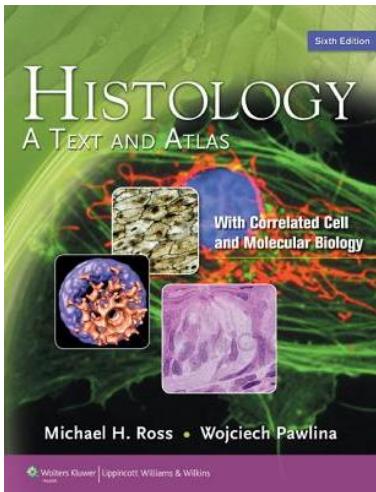
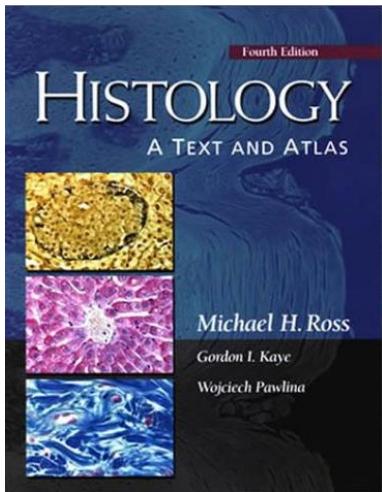
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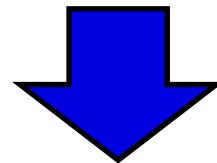
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