## Biology

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Histology: is the study of the tissues of the body. Tissue: group of similar cells combined to perform a common function. The human body is composed of only 4

basic types of tissue:
1. epithelial tissues.
2. connective tissues.
3. muscular tissues.
4. nervous tissues.

Four types of tissue

Connective tissue



Muscle tissue



Epithelial tissue



Nervous tissue

## **Epithelial Tissues: Features of epithelium:**

Covering & lining
 Homeostasis
 Intercellular space
 No bl. Vessels
 3 germ layers



## **Functions of epithelium:**

1.Protection:
2.Sensation
3.Secretion
4.Absorption:
5.Cellular transport:



# polarity



#### **Apical modification of plasma membrane** micrvilli:



#### Stereocilia:



**Cell membrane specialization** The lateral parts of the cell membrane can show several specialization that form "intercellular junctions". functions of these junctions: 1. they are the sites of adhesion between adjacent cell. 2. they prevent the flow of materials through the intercellular compartment. **3. they help in the intercellular** communication.

There are three types of junctions: adhesion junctions (desmosomes):

in this type, the internal cytoplasmic plaques firmly attached to the cytoskeleton within each cell, are joined by intercellular filaments.



## • tight junctions:

adjacent cells are even more closely joined by tight junctions in which plasma membrane proteins actually attach to each other producing a zipper like fastening.



## •gap junctions:

it allows cells to communicate, and is formed when two identical plasma membrane channels join. Functions of gap junctions are: 1. it lends strength to the cells. 2. it allows small molecules and ions to pass between them.



## **Polarity:**

## Special Characteristics of Epithelia-Cell Junctions



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**Basal lamina:** 

 Iamina densa: a delicate network of fine fibrils.
 Iamina lucidae: which appear to be transparent.





## Basement membrane:



#### **Functions of basal lamina:**

1. it is considered as a molecular filter and as a flexible, firm support for the overlying epithelium. 2. provide a selective barrier between connective tissue and other cells. 3. the presence of the basal lamina around a muscle cell is necessary for the establishment of new neuromuscular junctions. 4. the ability to influence cell polarity. 5. regulate cell proliferation and differentiation by binding with growth factors. 6. influence cell metabolism.



## **Classification of epithelia:**

## covering epithelium. glandular epithelium.



#### **Covering epithelium: Simple epithelia:**





## **Stratified epithelium:**

Stratified Squamous Epithelium with Keratin Thick skin. Osmium staining

#### Stratified Squamous Epithelium Tongue

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## **Stratified epithelium:**

#### **Types of Epithelium**



#### Simple squamous



Simple cuboidal



Simple columnar

Transitional



Stratified squamous



Stratified cuboidal





Pseudostratified columnar



## Stratified Columnar Epithelium



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## **Clinical Correlation: Epithelial Metaplasia**

#### Squamous Metaplasia



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## Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia (Immotile Cilia Syndrome)



