Medical Biology

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



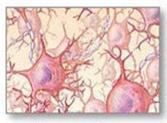
Connective tissue



Muscle tissue



Epithelial tissue



Nervous tissue

Epithelial Tissues: Features of epithelium:

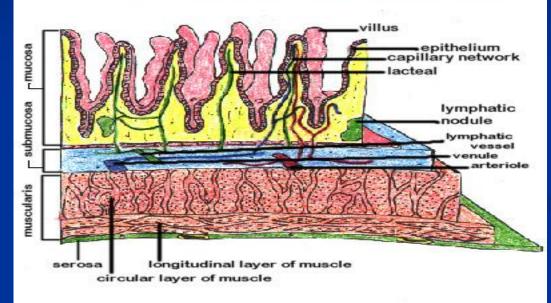
Covering & lining
 Homeostasis
 Intercellular space
 No bl. Vessels
 3 germ layers

Functions of epithelium:

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

polarity

Apical modification of plasma membrane micrvilli:

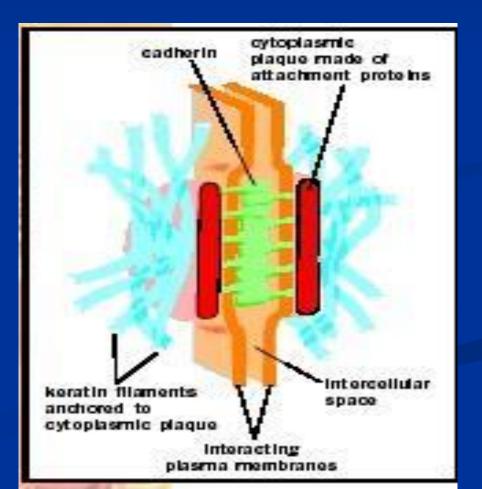


Stereocilia:

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.

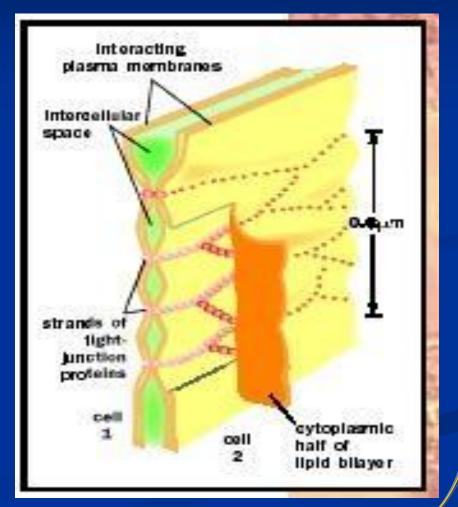
There are three types of junctions:
 adhesion junctions (desmosomes):

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



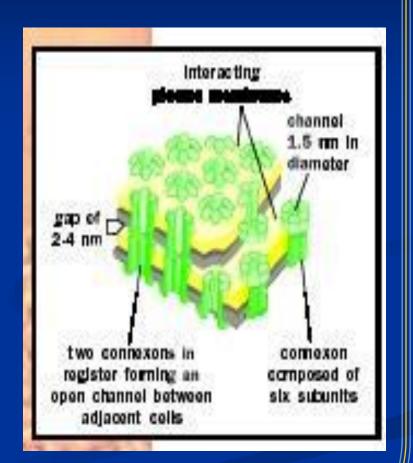
• tight junctions:

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:

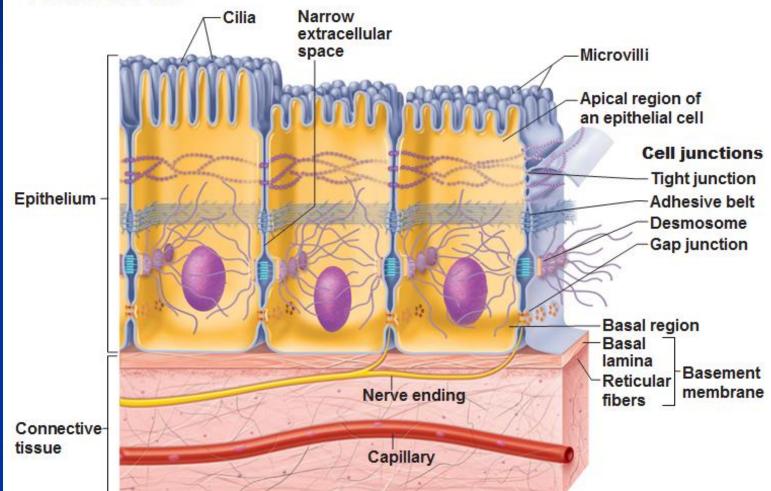
it allows cells to communicate, and is formed when two identical plasma membrane channels join. Functions of gap junctions are: 1. it lends strength to the cells. 2. it allows small molecules and ions to pass between them.



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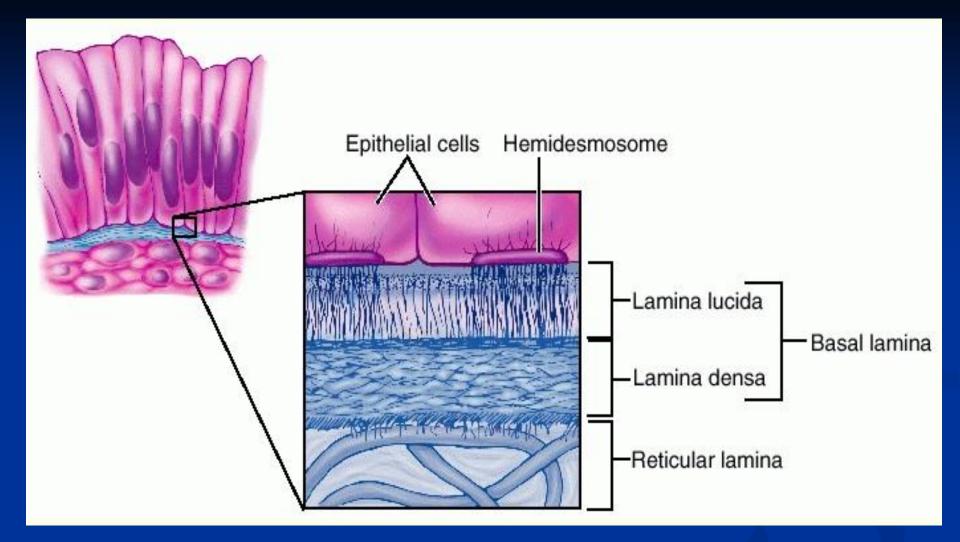
Polarity:

Special Characteristics of Epithelia-Cell Junctions



Basal lamina:

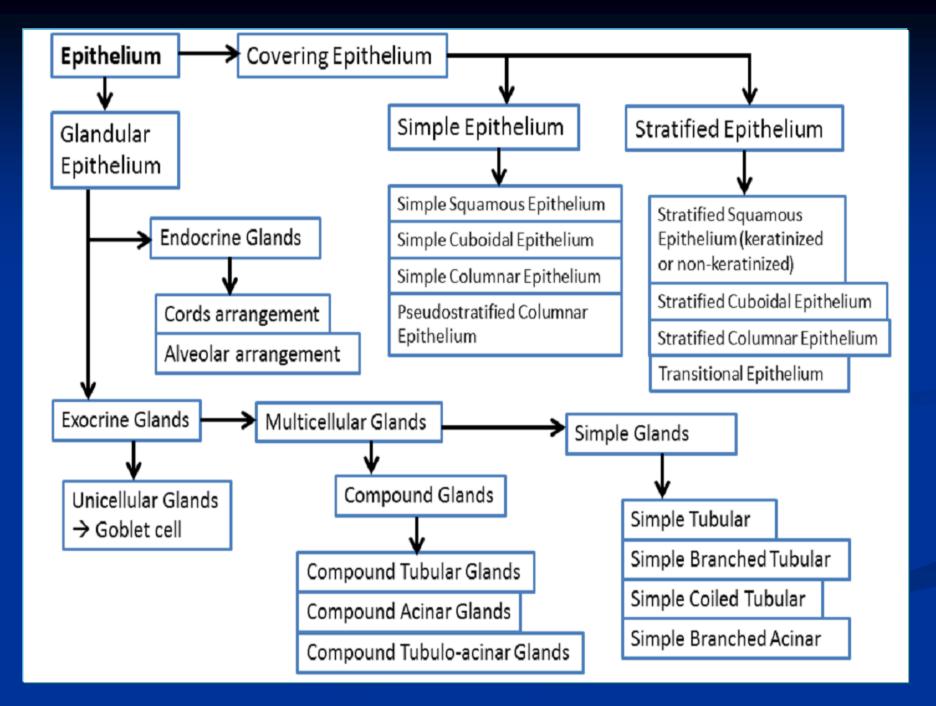
 Iamina densa: a delicate network of fine fibrils.
 Iamina lucidae: which appear to be transparent.



Basement membrane:

Functions of basal lamina:

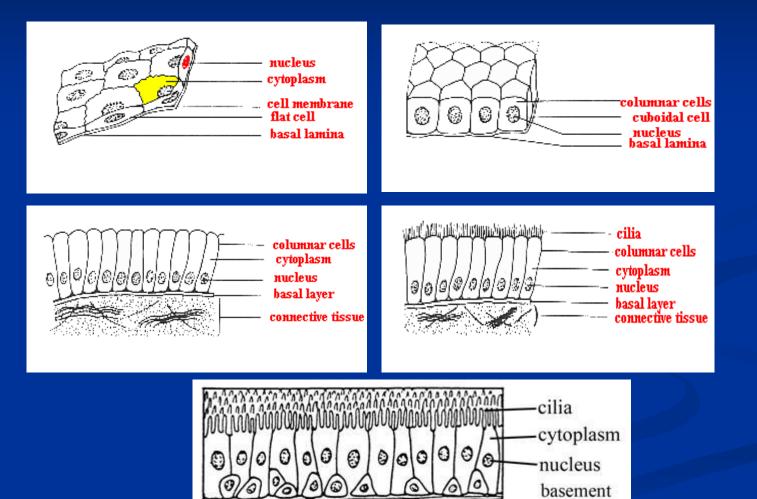
1. it is considered as a molecular filter and as a flexible, firm support for the overlying epithelium. 2. provide a selective barrier between connective tissue and other cells. 3. the presence of the basal lamina around a muscle cell is necessary for the establishment of new neuromuscular junctions. 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:



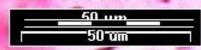
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basement membrane

Stratified epithelium:

Stratified Squamous Epithelium with Keratin Thick skin. Osmium staining

Stratified Squamous Epithelium Tongue

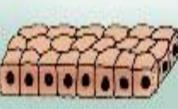


Stratified epithelium:

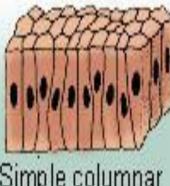
Types of Epithelium



Simple squamous

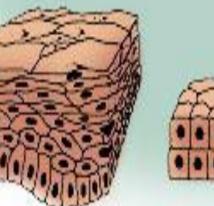


Simple cuboidal

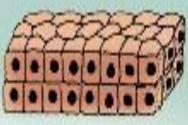


Simple columnar

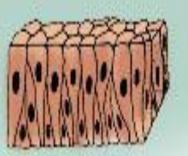
Transitional

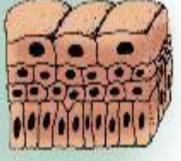


Stratified squamous



Stratified cuboidal





Pseudostratified columnar

Stratified Columnar Epithelium

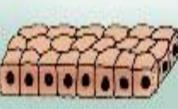


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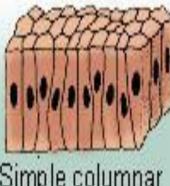
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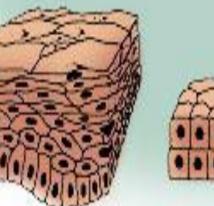


Simple cuboidal

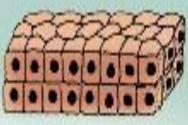


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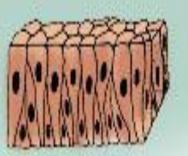
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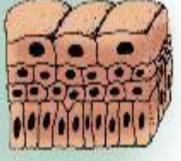


Stratified squamous



Stratified cuboidal





Pseudostratified columnar

Cells	Location	Function
Simple squamous epithelium	Air sacs of lungs and the lining of the heart, blood vessels, and lymphatic vessels	Allows materials to pass through by diffusion and filtration, and secretes lubricating substance
Simple cuboidal epithelium	In ducts and secretory portions of small glands and in kidney tubules	Secretes and absorbs
Simple columnar epithelium	Ciliated tissues are in bronchi, uterine tubes, and uterus; smooth (nonciliated tissues) are in the digestive tract, bladder	Absorbs; it also secretes mucous and enzymes
Pseudostratified columnar epithelium	Ciliated tissue lines the trachea and much of the upper respiratory tract	Secretes mucus; ciliated tissue moves mucus
Stratified squamous epithelium	Lines the esophagus, mouth, and vagina	Protects against abrasion
Stratified cuboidal epithelium	Sweat glands, salivary glands, and the mammary glands	Protective tissue

Stratified columnar epithelium	The male urethra and the ducts of some glands	Secretes and protects
Transitional epithelium	Lines the bladder, uretha, and the ureters	Allows the urinary organs to expand and stretch

Clinical Correlation: Epithelial Metaplasia

Squamous Metaplasia

