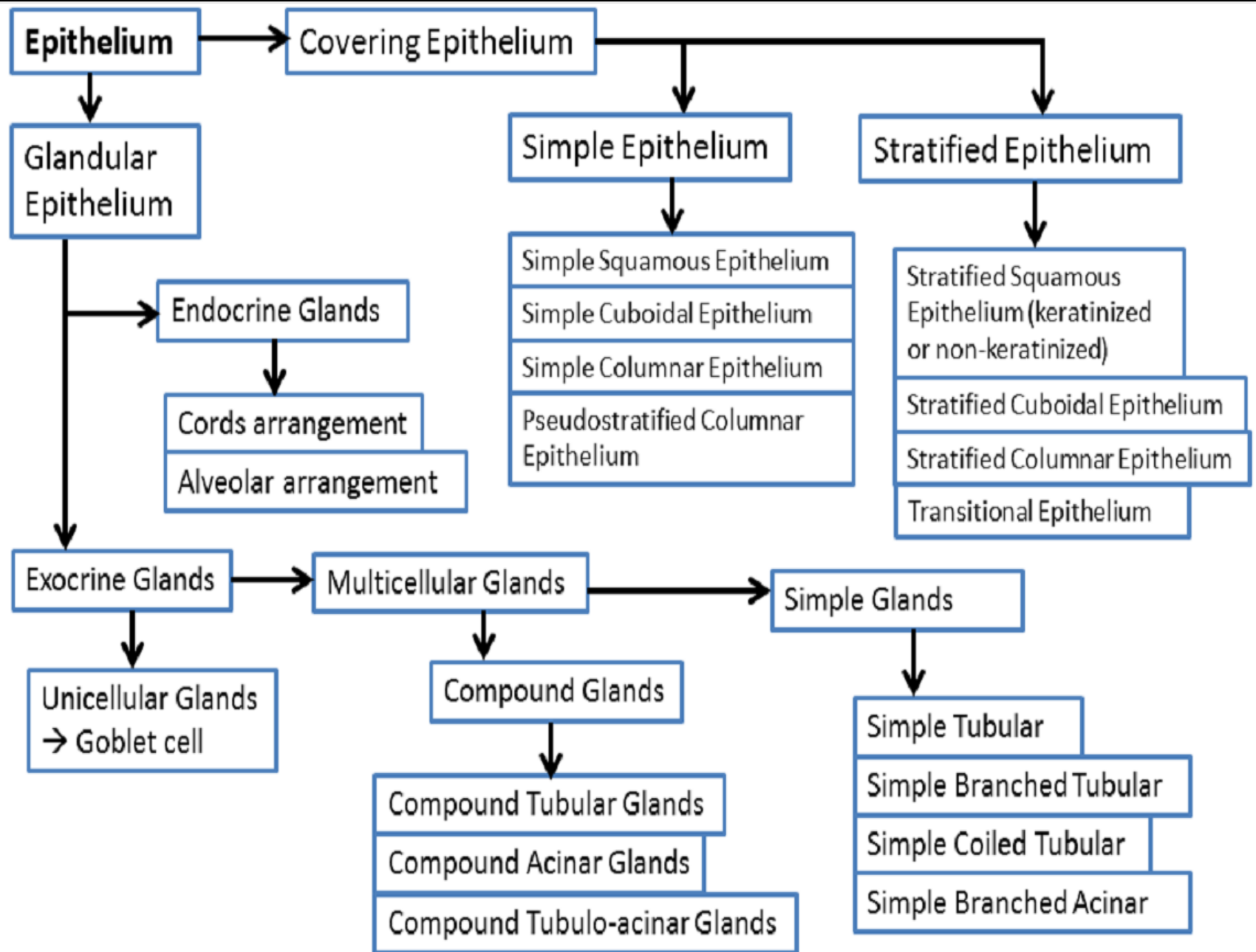




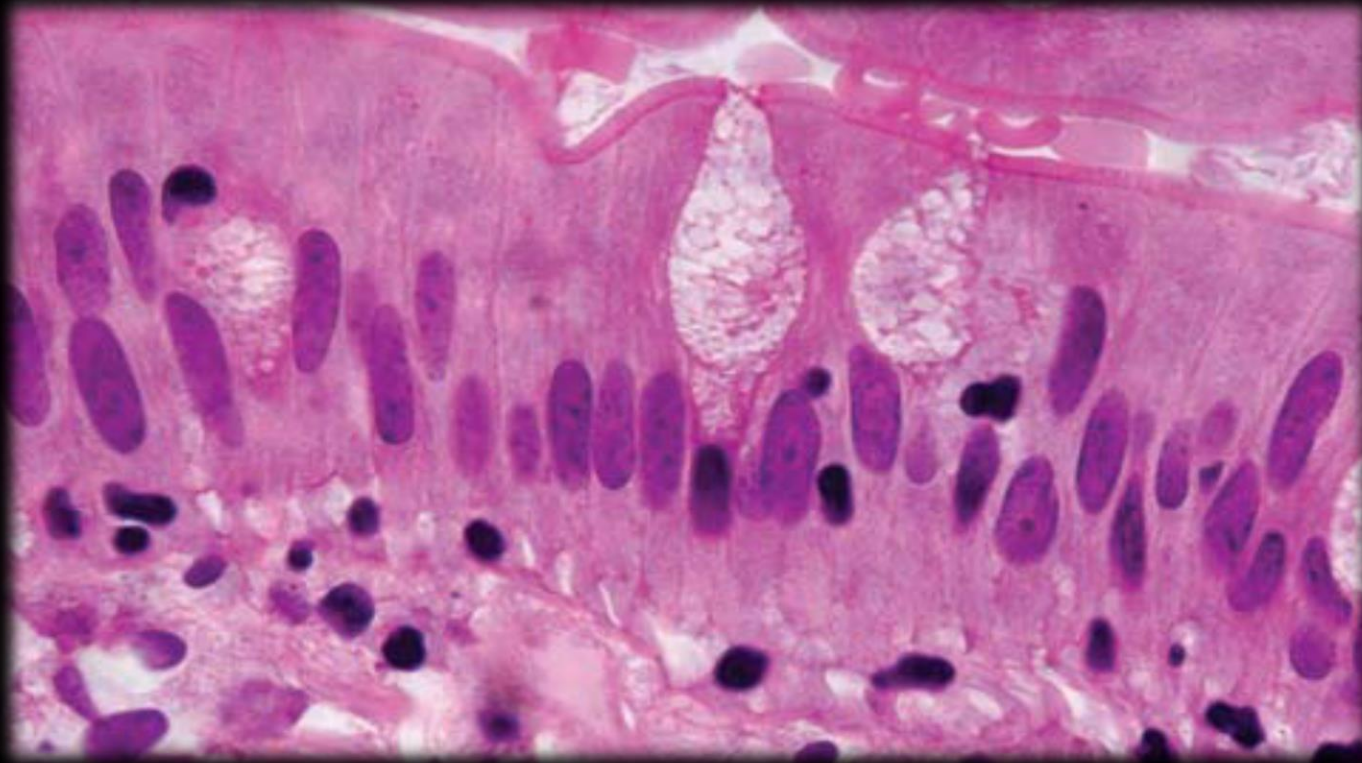
# **Medical Biology**



## 2. Exocrine Glands Classified by Morphology:

Exocrine glands are classified according to the no. of cells into two groups:  
unicellular glands  
multicellular glands.

### ■ Unicellular exocrine glands:



# Classification of glandular epithelium

It is classified according to **morphology**

## 1. Unicellular glands

2. Multicellular glands: they are classified according to the following:

Organization of the duct system	Organization of the secretory portion	Shape of the secretory portion
simple	straight	tubular
compound	branched	acinar
	coiled	Tubule-acinar

# Simple

Simple straight  
tubular

simple branched  
tubular

simple coiled tubular

Simple straight acinar

Simple branched  
acinar

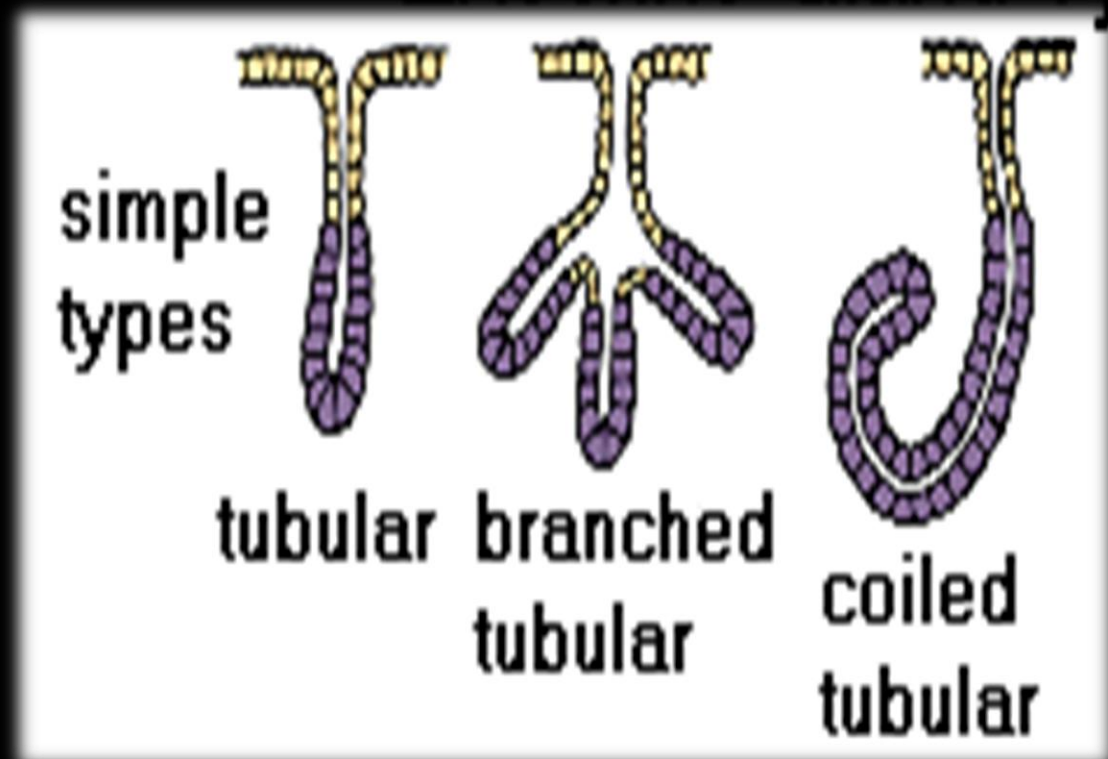


# 1. simple tubular glands:

a. simple straight tubular glands:

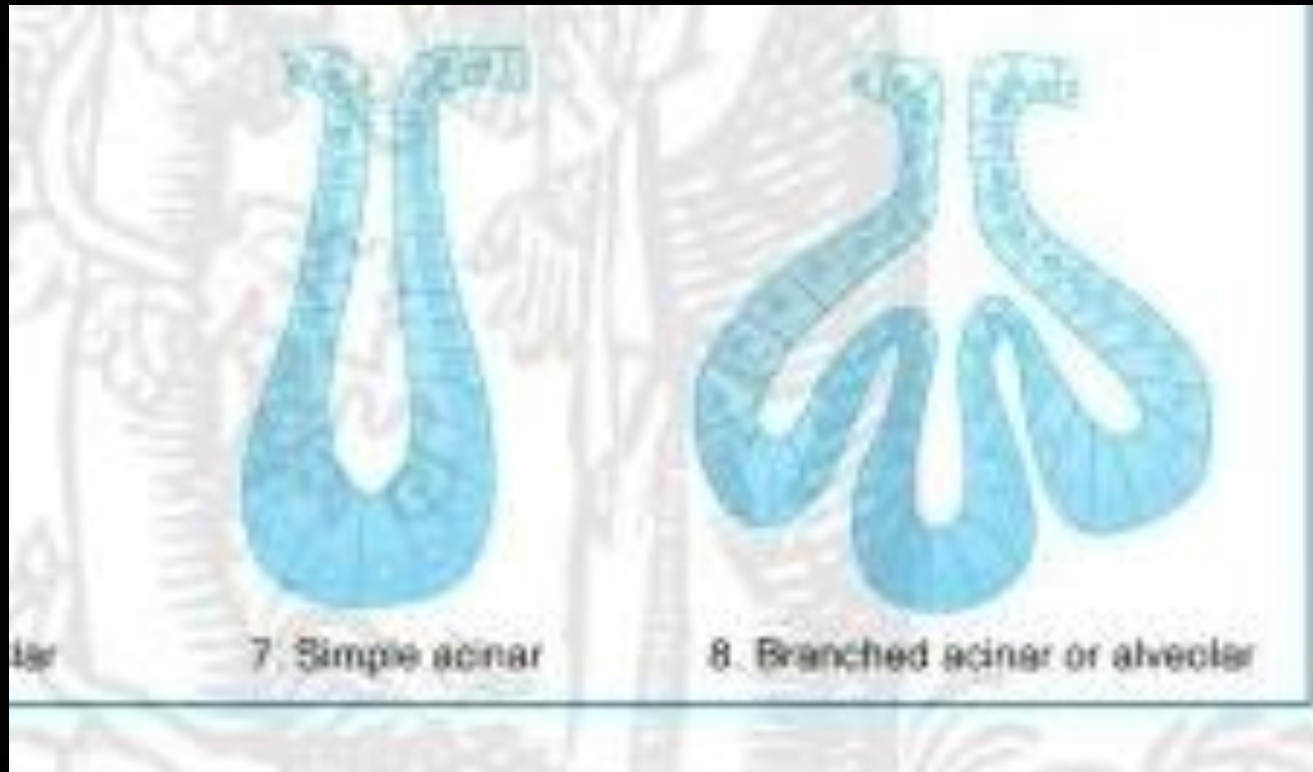
b. simple branched tubular glands:

c. simple coiled tubular glands:



## 2. simple acinar glands (simple alveolar)

- a. simple straight acinar glands:
- b. simple branched acinar glands:



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# Compound

(only classified according to organization of duct system and shape of secretory portion)



**Compound tubular**



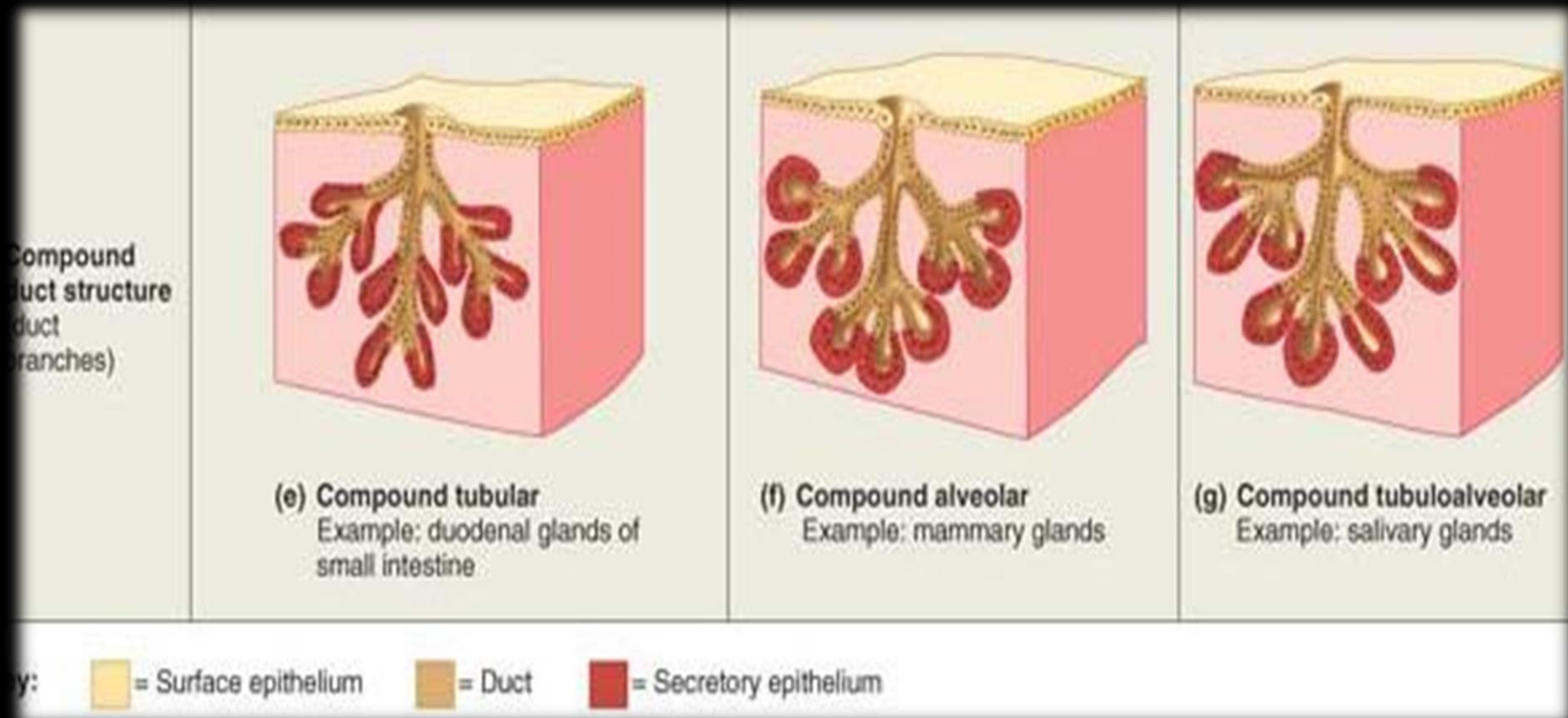
**Compound acinar**



**Compound tubulo-  
acinar**

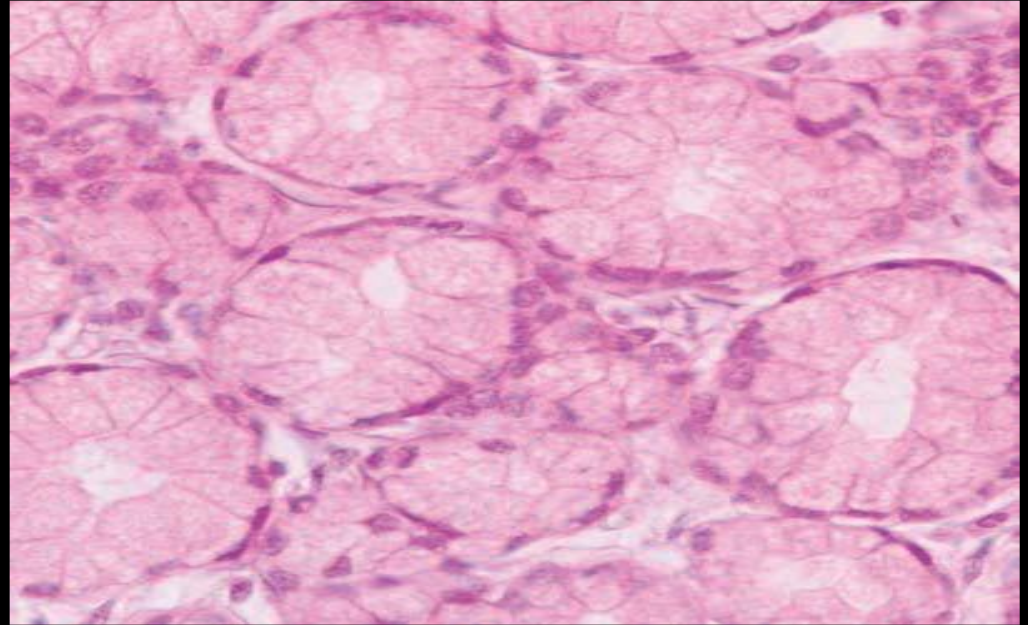
## 2. compound multicellular exocrine glands:

- a. compound tubular glands:
- b. compound acinar or alveolar glands:
- c. compound tubuloacinar (tubuloalveolar):

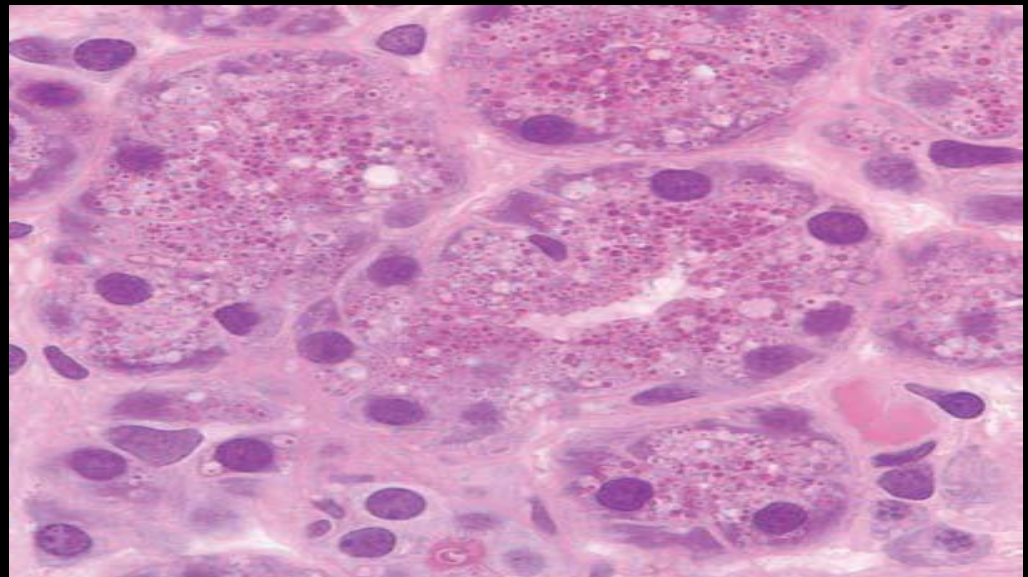


### 3. Exocrine Glands Classified by Product:

a. Mucous cells:



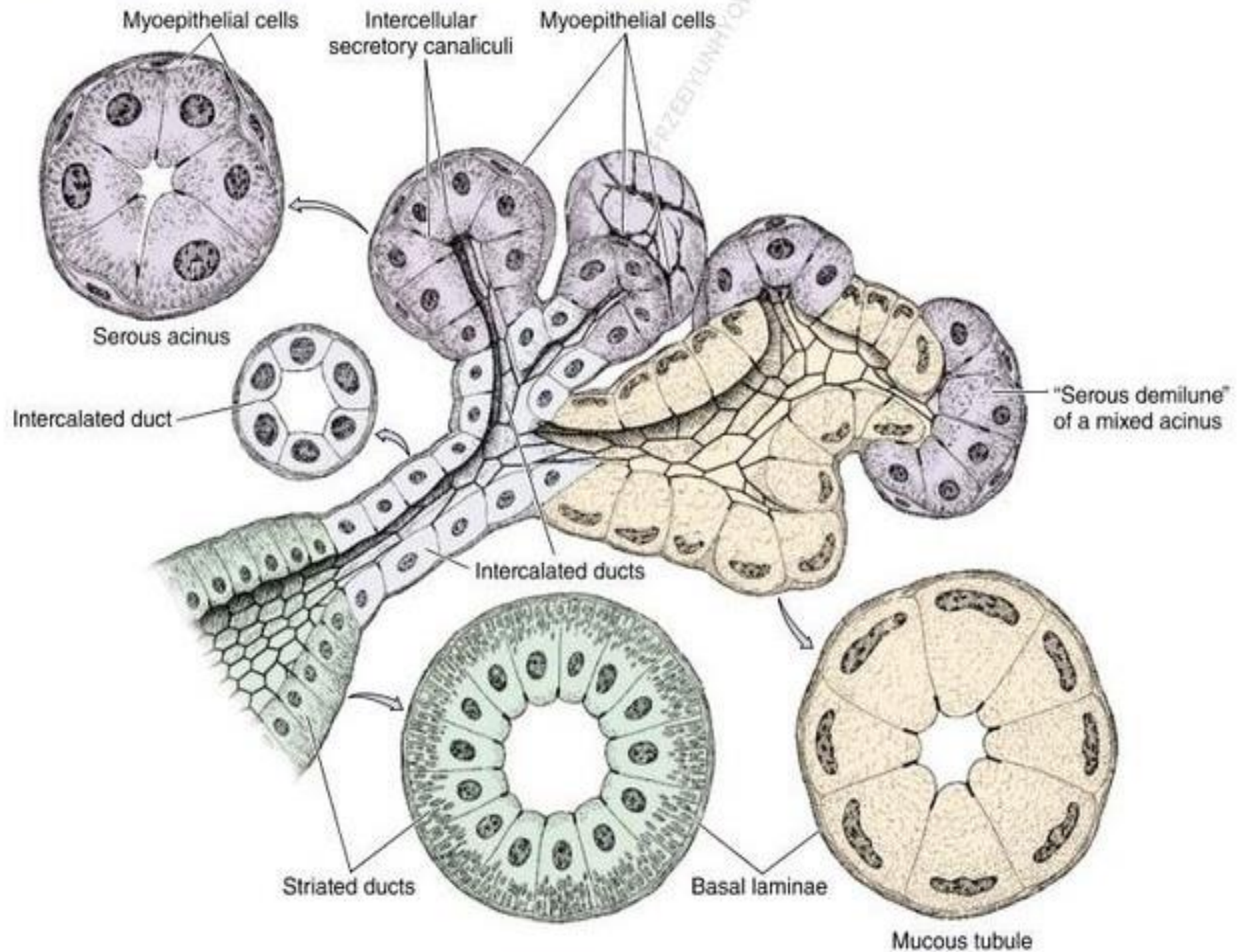
b. Serous cells:



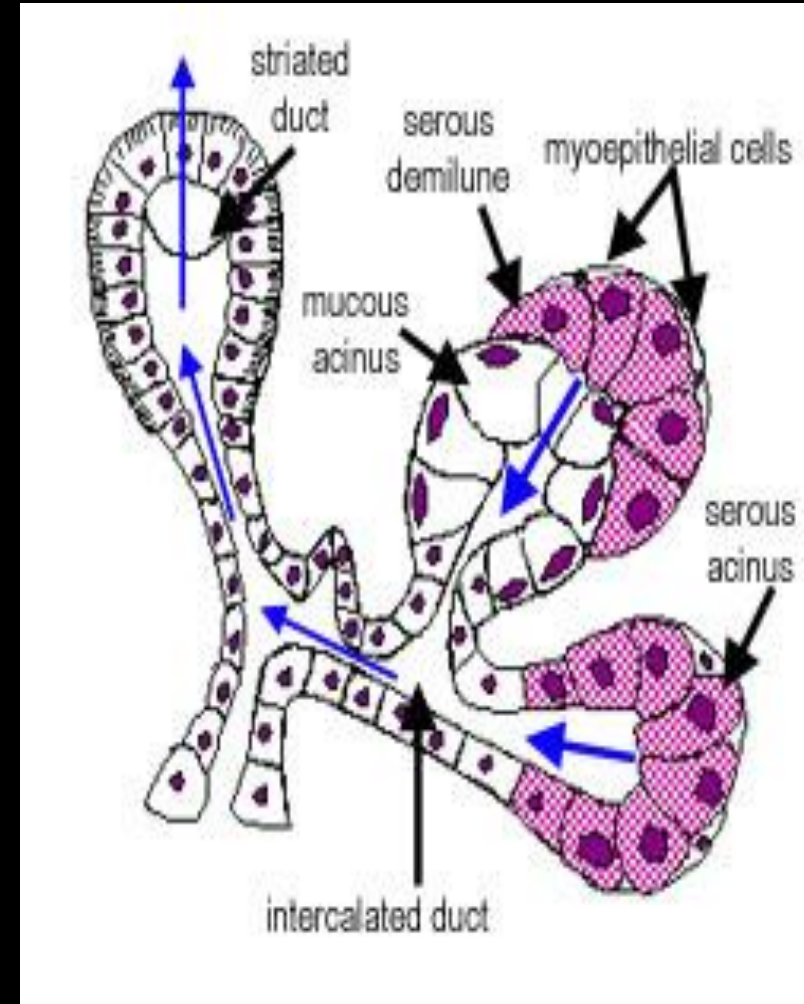
c. Mixed:



**FIGURE 16-2** Epithelial components of a submandibular gland lobule.



- The mucous cells ends are capped by serous cells that secrete between the mucous cells' intercellular space. These serous caps on mucous cells are called serous demilunes.





# Difference between Serous & Mucous Acini

## Serous

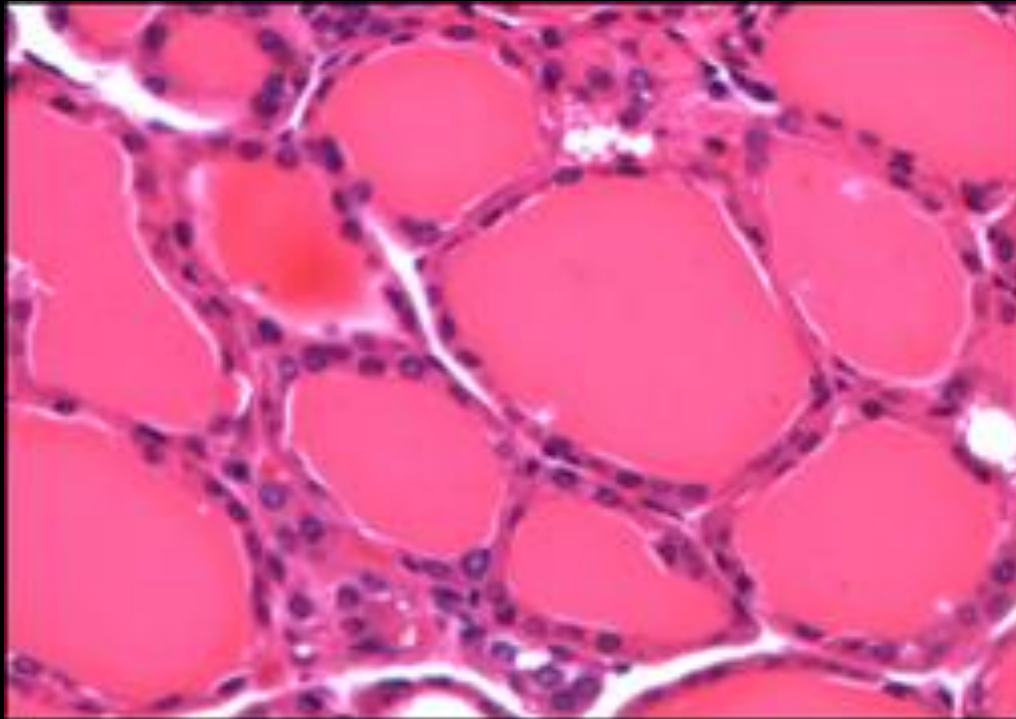
- Thin, watery
- Proteinaceous secretion
- Zymogen granules in cyto
- Central rounded Nucleus
- Small Lumen
- Indistinct cell boundaries
- Darkly stained
- Enzymatic action
- Parotid Gland

## Mucous

- Thick, viscous
- Mucopolysaccharides
- Mucigen droplets
- Nucleus-flat & peripheral
- Large Lumen
- Distinct cell boundaries
- Lightly stained
- Protection & lubrication
- Sublingual gland

## Endocrine glands:

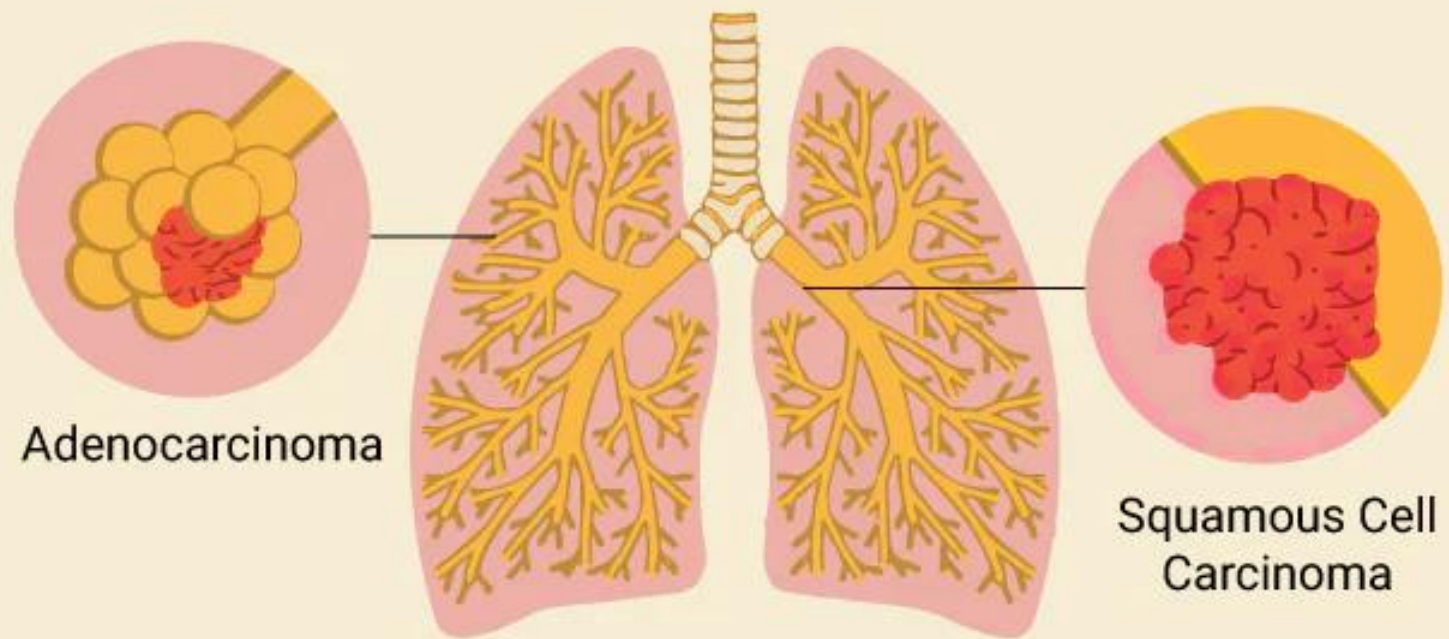
- polypeptide (or protein)-secreting cells
- steroid-secreting cells.



# Medical notes

- Both benign and malignant tumours can arise from most types of epithelial cells. Malignant tumours of epithelial origin are called **carcinomas**. Malignant tumours derived from glandular epithelial tissue are called **adenocarcinomas** which are mostly common tumours in adults after age 45.

## Adenocarcinoma VS Squamous Cell Carcinoma



THANK YOU