# Animal Histology: Cells and Tissues

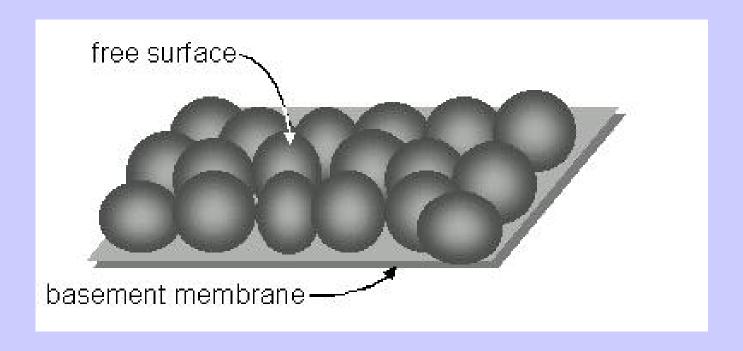
## **Tissues**

- How do we define *tissue*?
- Tissues are groups of specialized cells that work together for a particular function.
- There are four types of tissue.
  - Epithelial (covering)
  - Connective (support)
  - Muscle (movement)
  - Nervous (control)

# 1. Epithelial Tissues

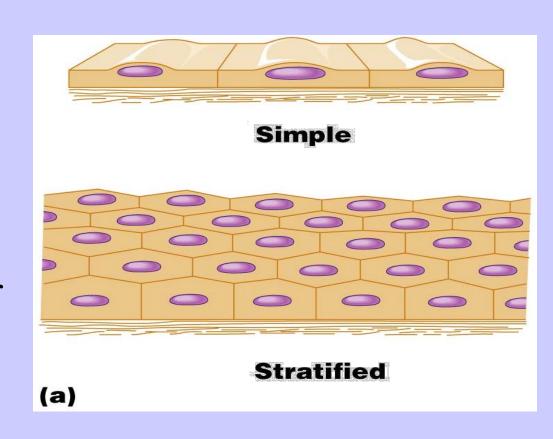
- Epithelial tissue is made of closely-packed cells arranged in flat sheets.
- Epithelia form the surface of the skin, line the various cavities and tubes of the body, and cover the internal organs.

• One surface of the tissue is free and the other adheres to a basement membrane.



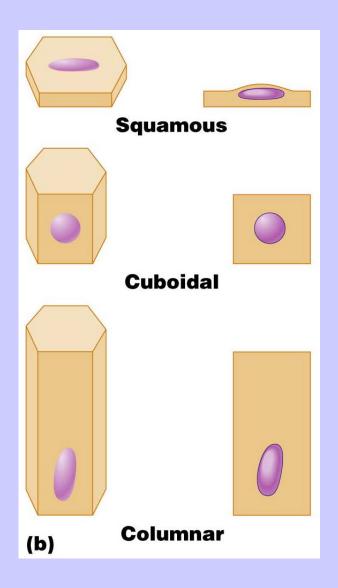
# Classification of Epithelium

- Each epithelium is given 2 names
- *First*: indicates relative number of cell layers
  - Simple (one layer of cells)
  - Stratified (more than one cell layer)



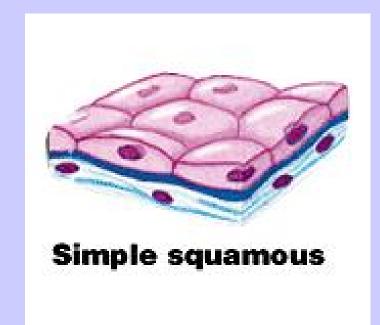
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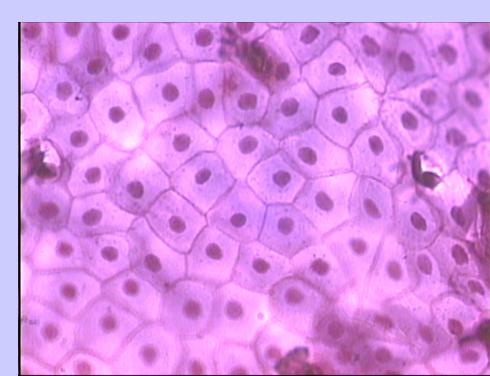
- Second: describes the shape of cells
  - Squamous (cells flattened like scales)
  - Cuboidal(cube-shaped)
  - Columnar (shaped like columns)



# Simple Squamous Epithelium

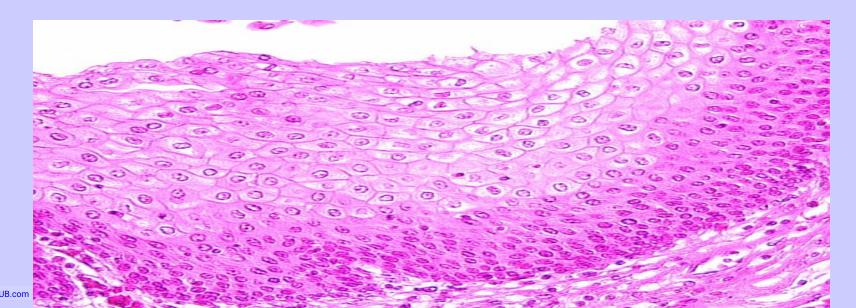
- Simple squamous (SS) tissue is composed of flat, scale-like cells that usually forms membranes
- •It lines the walls of blood vessels, pulmonary alveoli (shown here), and the lining of the heart, lung.





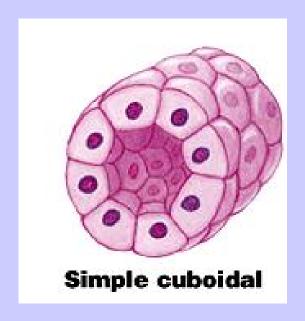
# Stratified Squamous Epithelium

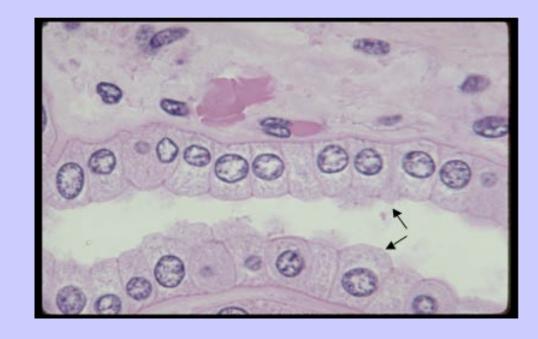
- The term "stratified" refers to the layered arrangement of cells.
- The outer layers of cells appear flat, but the inner cells vary in shape from cuboidal to columnar.
- Stratified squamous epithelium serves as a barrier to the outside environment in locations such as the skin, mouth, and esophagus.



## Simple Cuboidal Epithelium

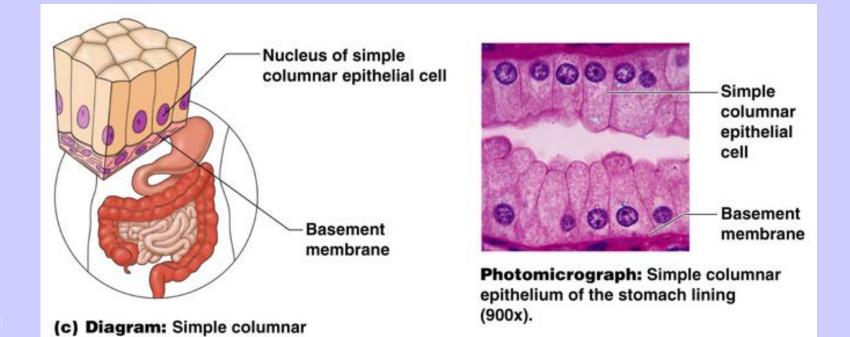
- •This tissue is composed of a single layer of cubelike cells.
- •It lines the walls of kidney tubules, covers the surface of ovaries, and is common in glands and their ducts.





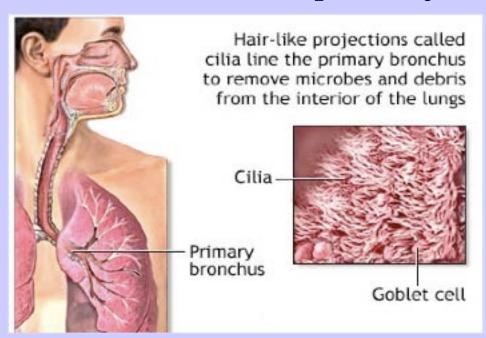
## Simple Columnar Epithelium

- This tissue is composed of a single layer of tall cells.
- It often includes mucus-producing **goblet cells**.
- It often lines the digestive tract.



# Ciliated Epithelium

- Some epithelial membranes are made up of cells with cilia, tiny projections that beat in harmony to move mucus along the surface.
- Ciliated epithelia in the trachea, for example, sweep debris out of the respiratory tract.



## 2. Connective Tissue

• The cells of connective tissue are embedded in a great amount of extracellular material. This **matrix** is secreted by the cells.

## Connective Tissue

- Connective tissues function to
  - bind other tissues together
  - provide support
  - provide nourishment
  - store wastes
  - repair damaged tissues

# Types of Connective Tissue

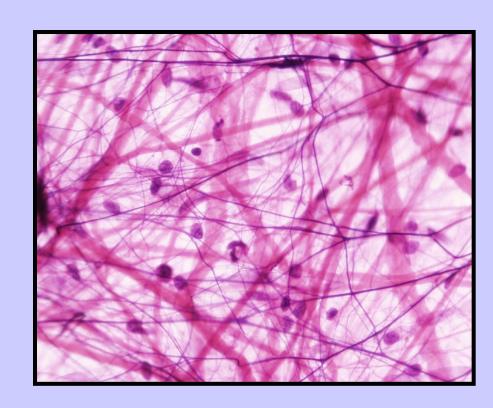
#### A. Proper connective tissue

- (Dense) Binding connective tissue:
- Tendons: connect muscle to bone.
- Ligaments: attach one bone to another.
- Fibrous.
- Loose connective tissue
- Areolar
- Adipose
- **B. Liquid connective tissues:** Blood, Lymph

- C. Cartilage
- D. Bone

## Areolar Tissue

- Most widely distributed connective tissue
- Soft tissue that cushions and protects the body's organs it wraps
- Holds internal organs together and in their proper positions
- Under microscope: matrix appears as empty space, reservoir of water and salts

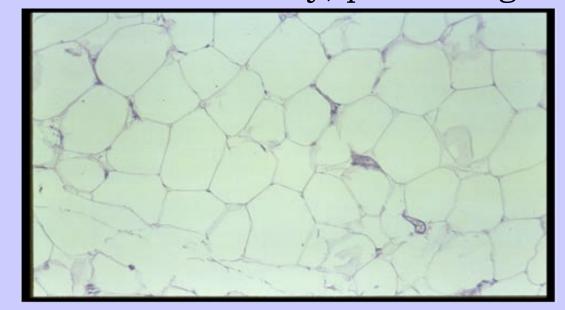


## Adipose Tissue

- Adipose cells are bundled together by connective tissue.
- Each cell appears as a clear space, representing the site of the large drop of lipid (fat) before it dissolved during preparation of the microscope slide.
- The nuclei appear as small disks on the periphery of cells.

• Functions to insulate the body, protect organs, and fuel

storage



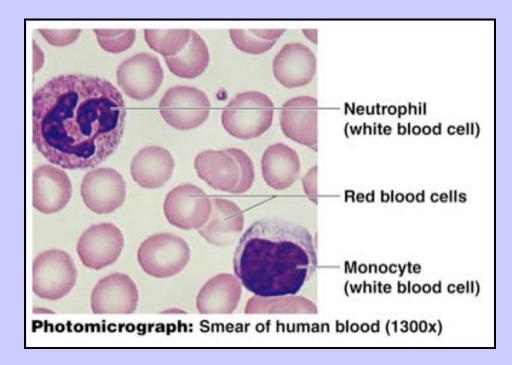
# B. Blood (Vascular Tissue)

 Consists of blood cells surrounded by nonliving, fluid matrix called blood plasma

'Fibers' only visible during blood clotting

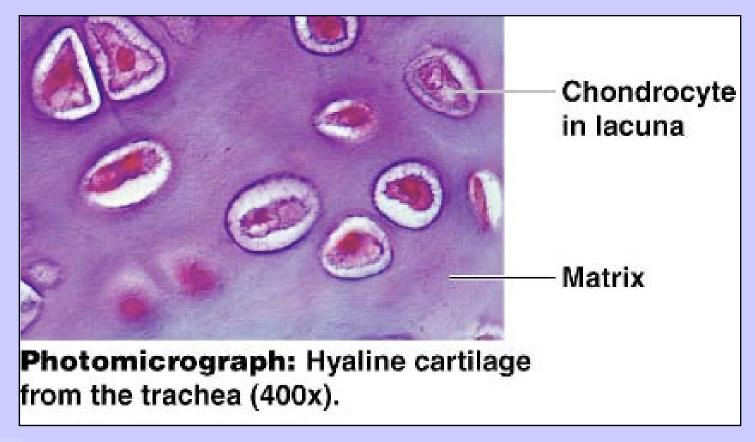
Functions as a transport medium for

materials



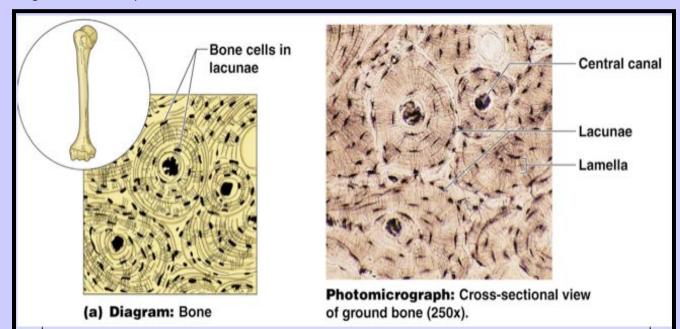
# C. Cartilage

- Group of cells in a mass of intercellular substance (Matrix)
- •External ears, nose, larynx, trachea, bronchi.



### D. Bone

- Composed of
  - Hard matrix of calcium salts
  - Large numbers of collagen fibers
- Used to protect and support the body
- Sponge or dense/ compact
- (Haversian (central) canal Haversian system)

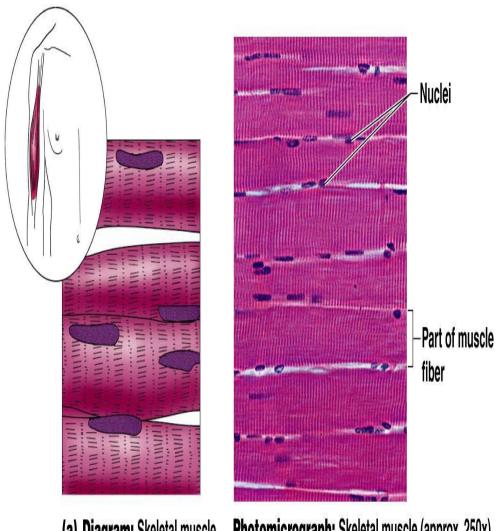


## 3. Muscle Tissue

- Muscle is a contractile tissue.
- There are three types of muscle:
  - -Skeletal/ striated
  - Cardiac
  - -Smooth / nonstriated
- Main function is to produce movement/locomotion

## Skeletal Muscle

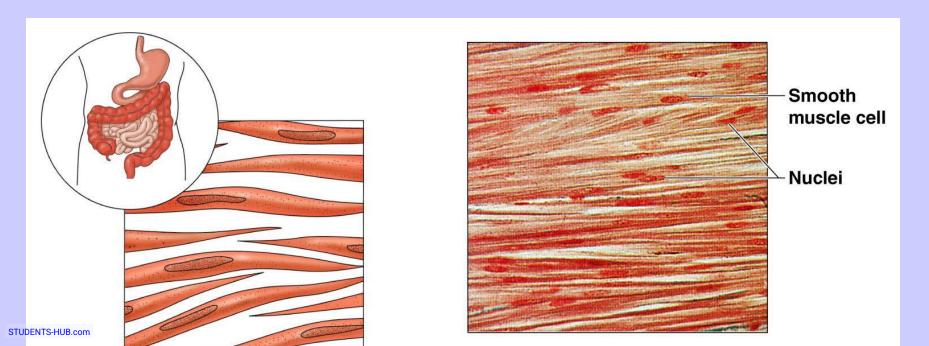
- Under voluntary control
- Characteristics of skeletal muscle cells
  - Striated (stripe-like pattern)
  - Multinucleate (more than one nucleus)
  - Long, cylindrical



**Photomicrograph:** Skeletal muscle (approx. 250x).

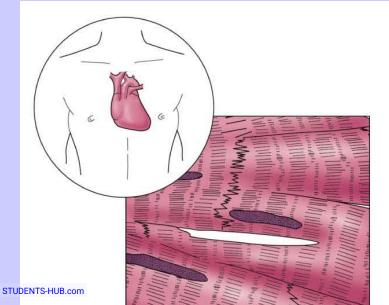
## Smooth Muscle

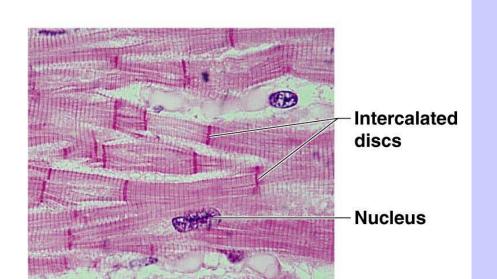
- Under involuntary muscle
- Found in walls of hollow organs such as stomach, uterus, and blood vessels
- Characteristics of smooth muscle cells
  - No visible striations One nucleus/cell Spindleshaped cells



## Cardiac Muscle

- Under **involuntary** control
- Found only in the heart
- Characteristics of cardiac muscle cells
  - Cells are attached to other cardiac muscle cells at intercalated disks
  - Striated -One nucleus/cell





## 4. Nervous Tissue

- Structural units are **neurons**.
- Nervous tissue also consists of **glia**, which are the various types of supporting cells in the nervous system.

