



Fig. 40.3. Mammalian placental types arranged in a series to show the progressive elimination of barriers between the maternal and foetal circulation. 1. Endothelium of foetal blood vessel; 2. Chorionic connective tissue; 3. Chorionic epithelium; 4. Uterine epithelium; 5. Endometrial connective tissue (mucosa); 6. Endothelium of maternal blood vessel; 7. Maternal blood pool.