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Lymphatic

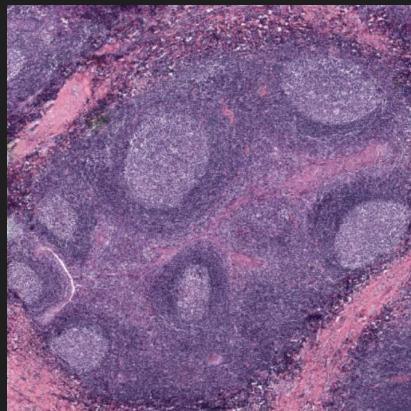
Tonsils

- Tonsils are examples of mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (**MALT**). The lymphocytes are distributed as diffuse, non-encapsulated nodules in the underlying connective tissue.

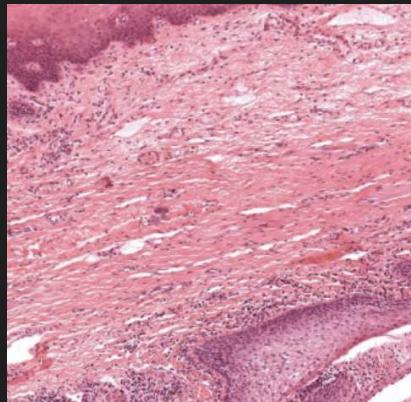
- **Stratified Squamous Non-Keratinized Epithelium:** covers the numerous nodules that comprise the palatine tonsil.



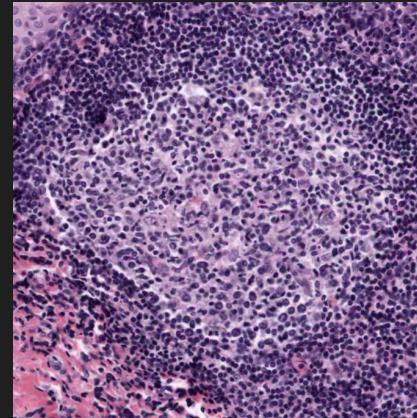
- **Lymph Nodules:** spherical aggregations of lymphocytes that usually have germinal centers.



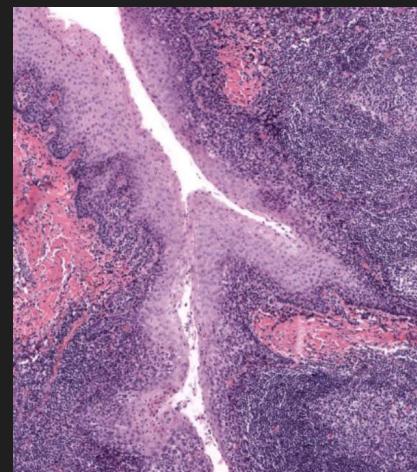
- **Submucosa**



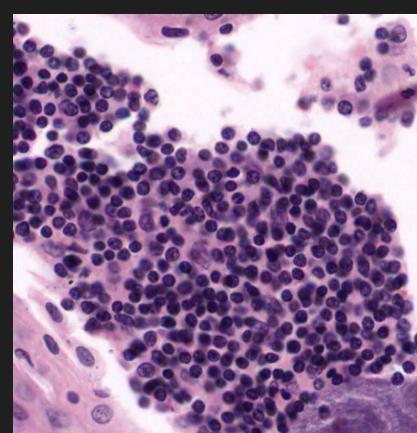
- **Germinal centers**



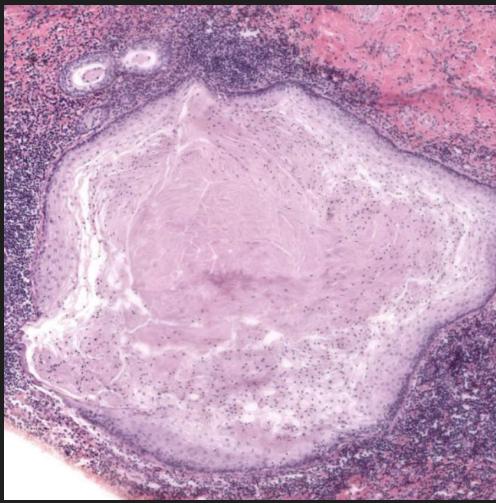
- **Crypts:** infoldings of the epithelium into the underlying connective tissue.



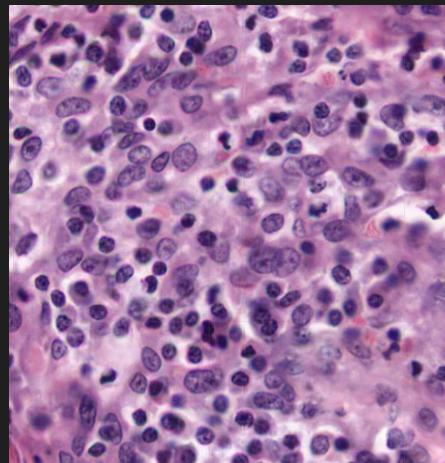
- **Lymphocytes**



- **Sequestered crypts:** usually inflamed and filled with debris and lymphocytes

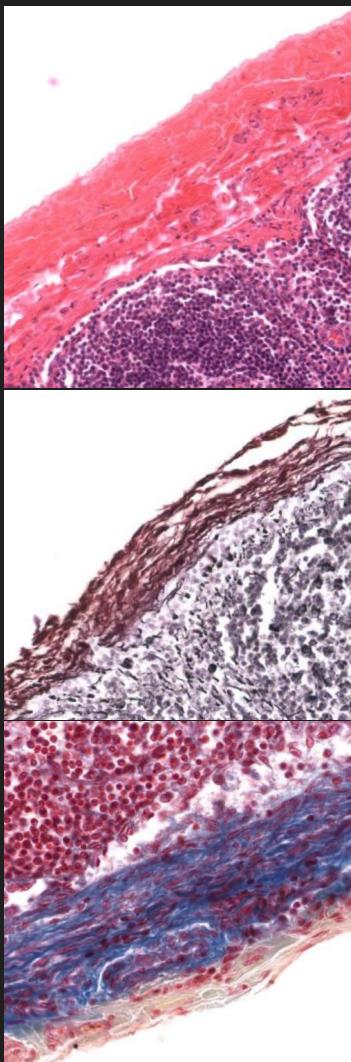


- **Plasma cells:** large numbers of plasma cells are usually seen in the underlying connective tissue near the epithelium.

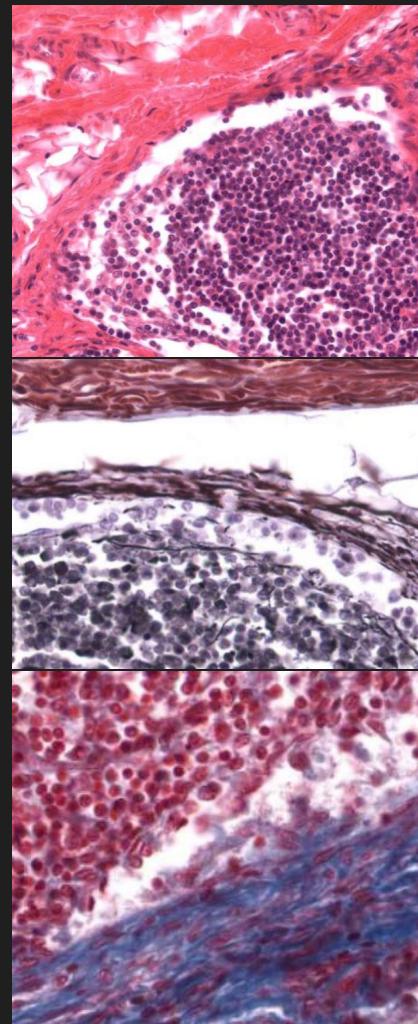


Lymph Nodes

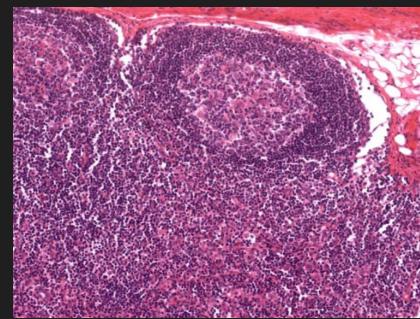
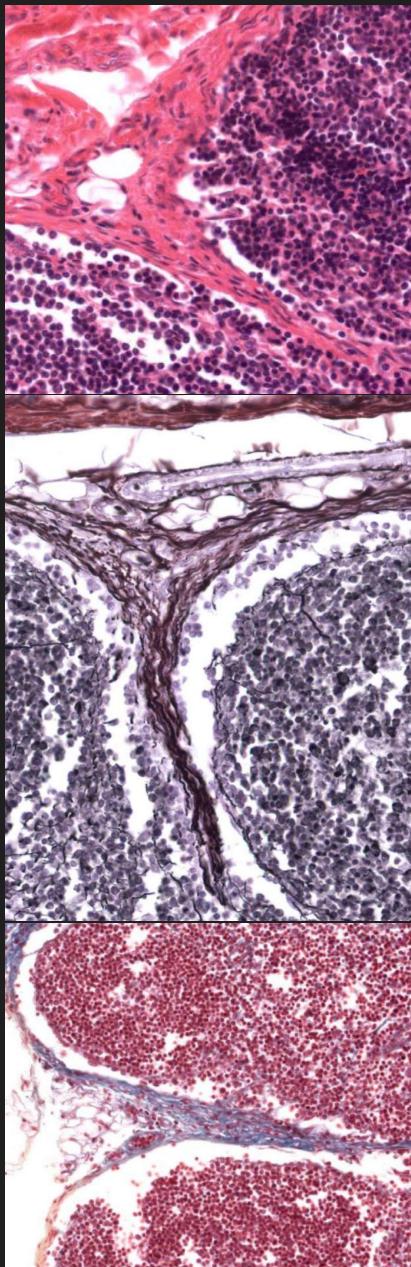
- **Capsule:** dense connective tissue enclosing the node.



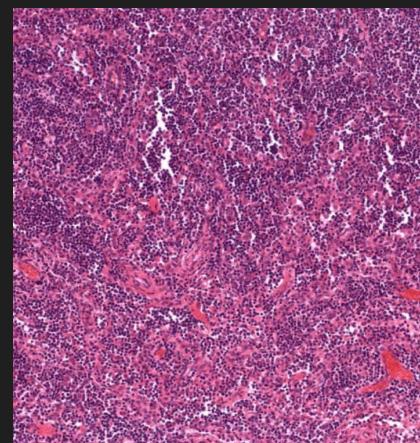
- **Subcapsular Sinus:** space underneath the capsule that receives lymph from afferent lymphatic vessels.



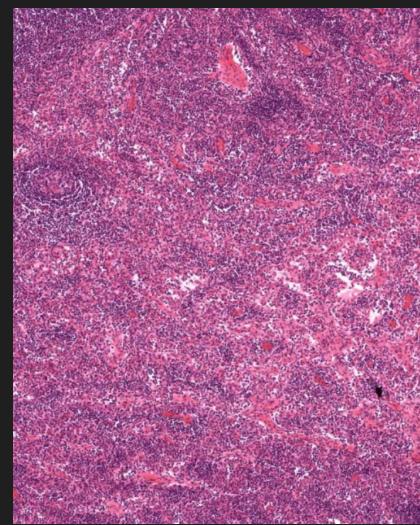
- **Trabeculae:** connective tissue that extends inward from the capsule.



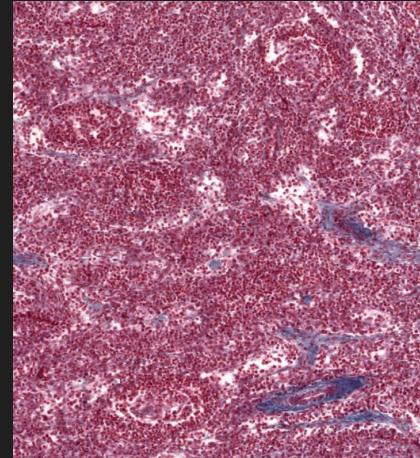
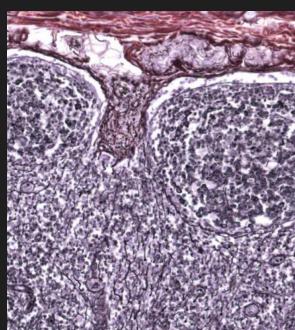
- **Inner Cortex:** region between the outer cortex and the medulla that is free of nodules.



- **Medulla:** inner part of the node.

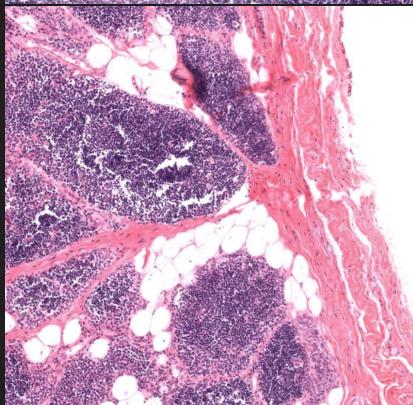
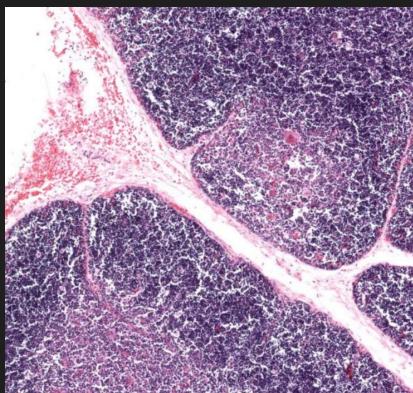


- **Cortex:** reticular fibers form an irregular, anastomosing network in the outer region of the node. Nodules are enclosed by reticular fibers.

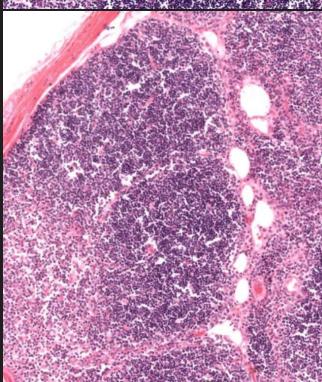
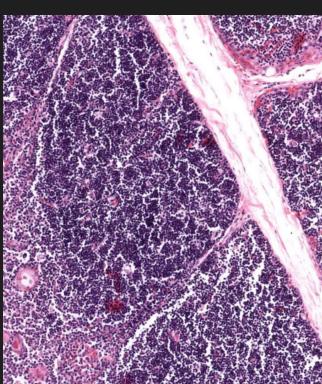


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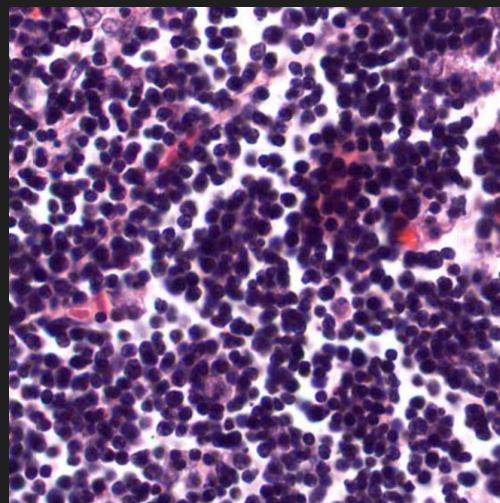
- **Capsule (neonatal/adult)**: thin connective tissue layer surrounding the thymus that extends inwards to form incomplete lobules.



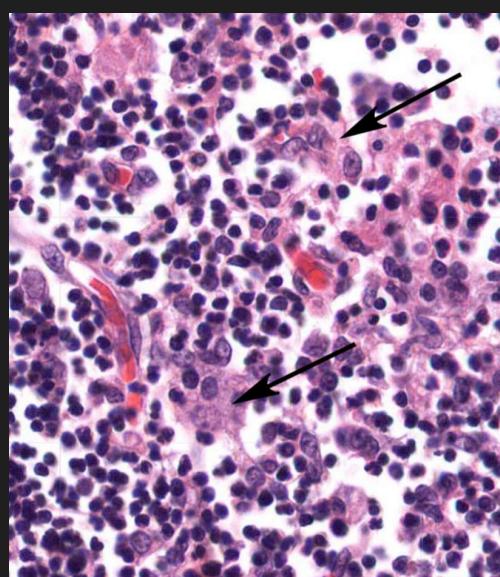
- **Cortex (neonatal/adult)**: outer darker, region of small lymphocytes.



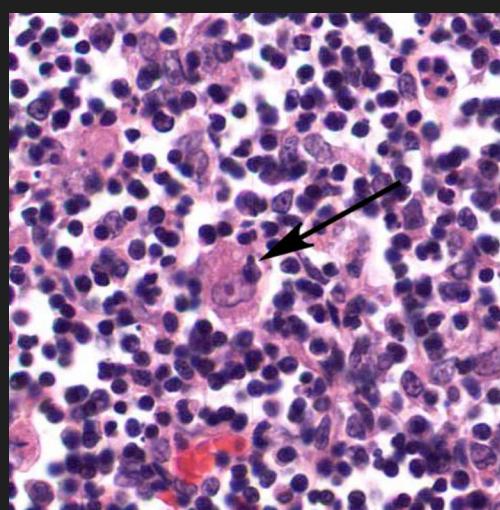
- **T Lymphocytes**: small nuclei of condensed chromatin.



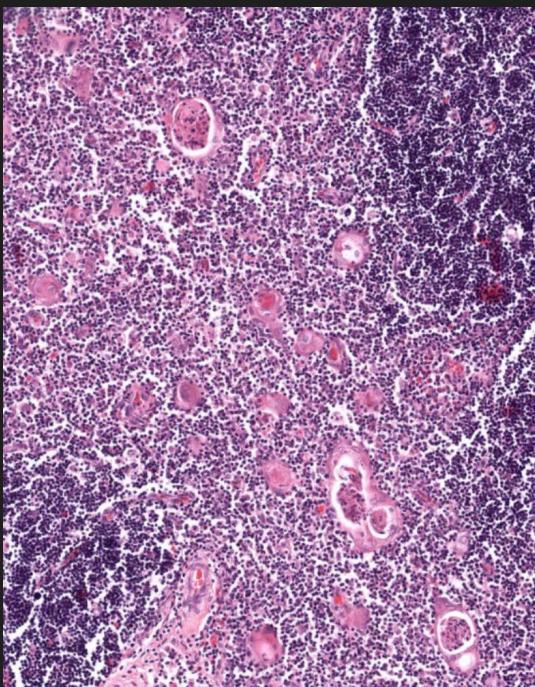
- **Epithelial Reticular Cells**



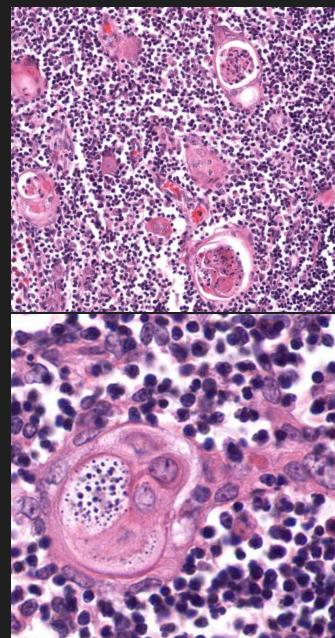
- **Macrophages**: large cells that phagocytize T cells marked for removal.



- **Medulla:** inner, lighter region of larger lymphocytes.

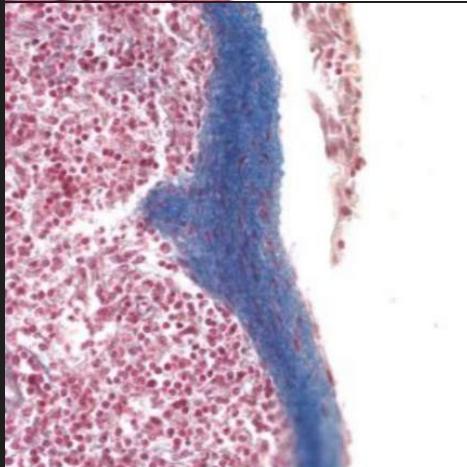
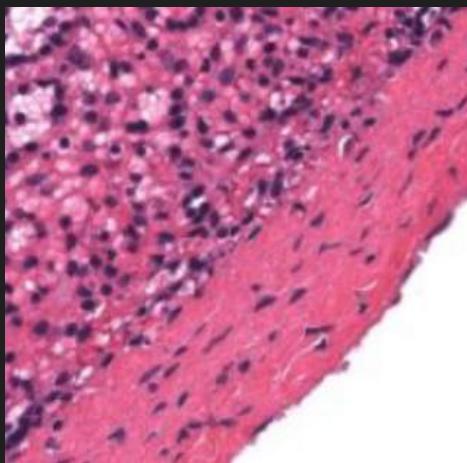


- **Hassal's Corpuscles:** closely packed, concentrically arranged epithelial reticular cells.

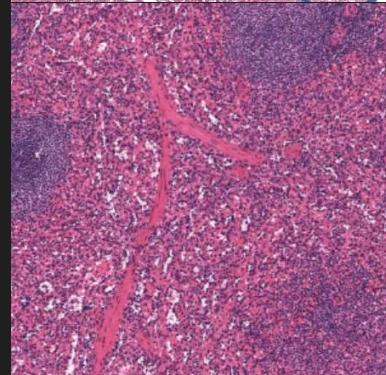
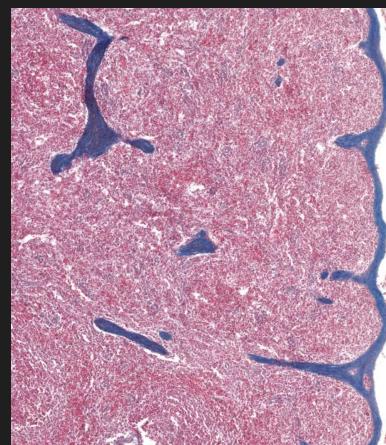


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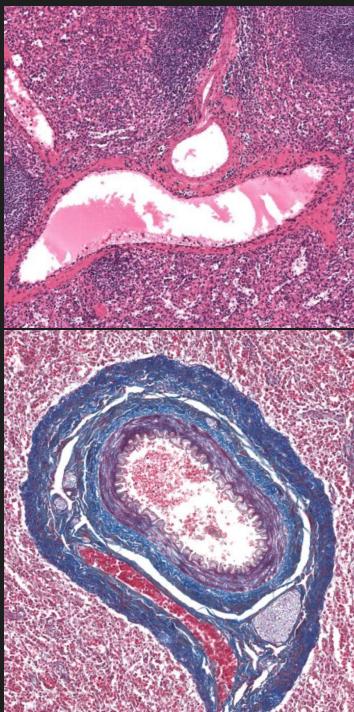
- **Capsule:** dense connective tissue enclosing the organ.



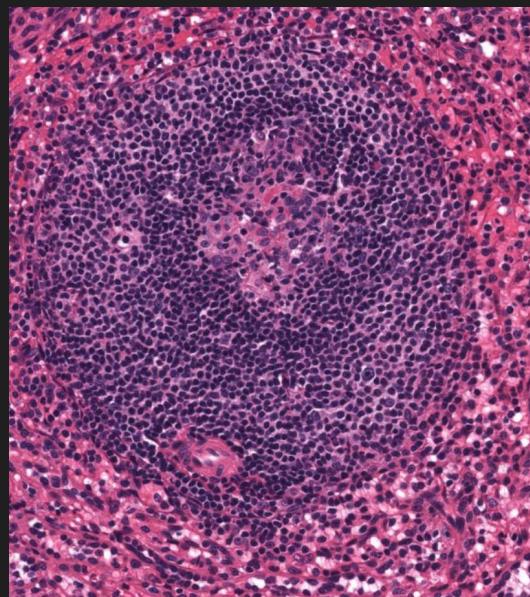
- **Trabeculae:** connective tissue that extends inward from the capsule through which blood vessels enter the pulp



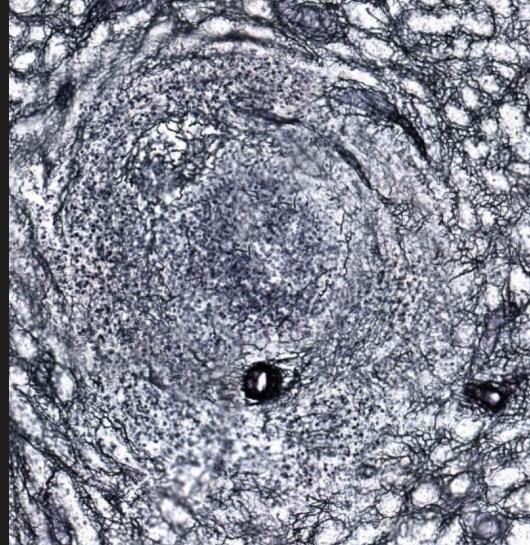
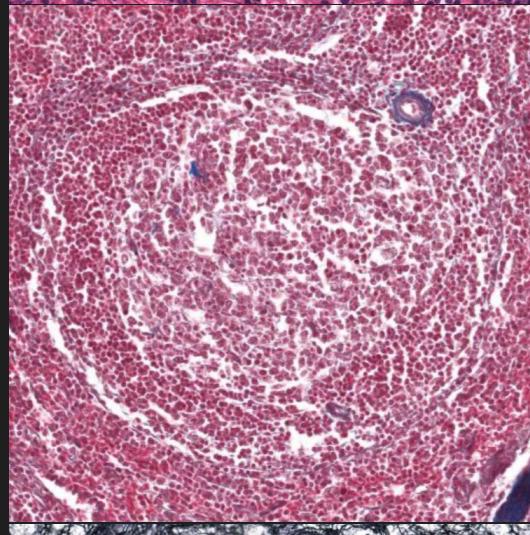
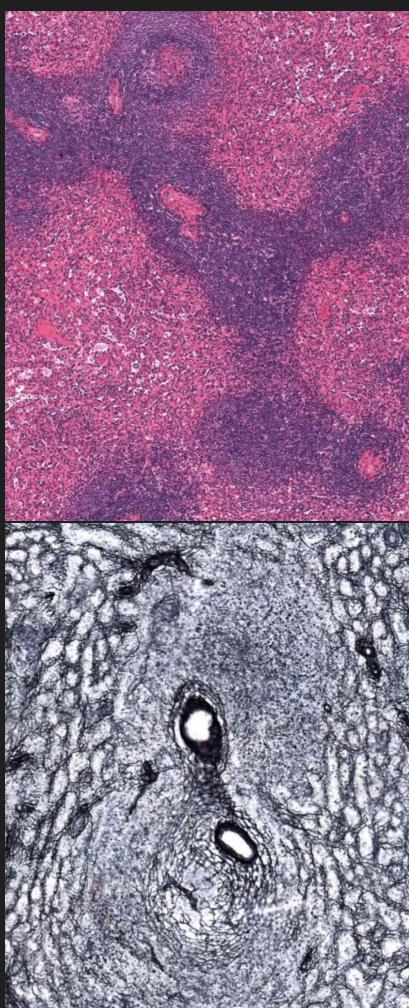
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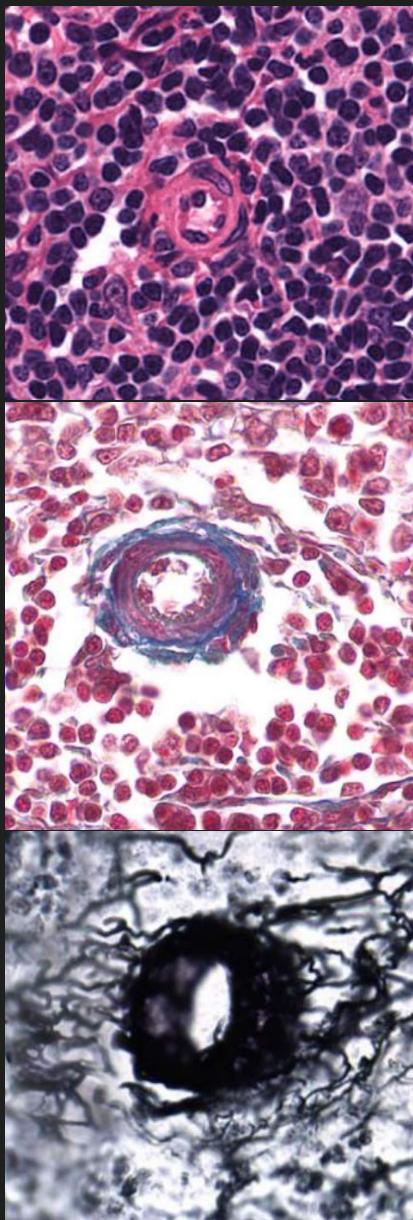
- **Splenic Nodules:** clusters of B lymphocytes located on central arterioles. They usually contain a germinal center of activated B lymphocytes.



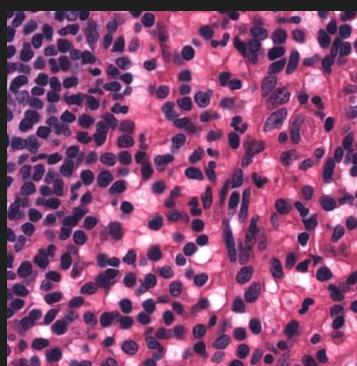
- **White Pulp:** composed of lymphatic tissue. It appears basophilic due to the large number of nuclei.



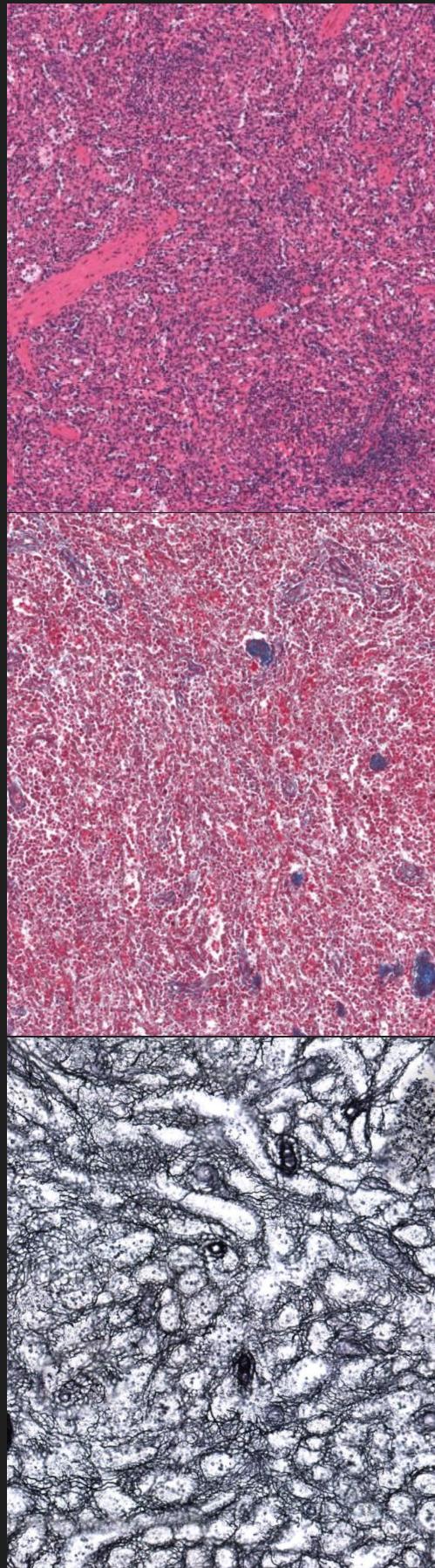
- **Central Arterioles** branches of trabecular arteries coated by PALS and adjacent to nodules.



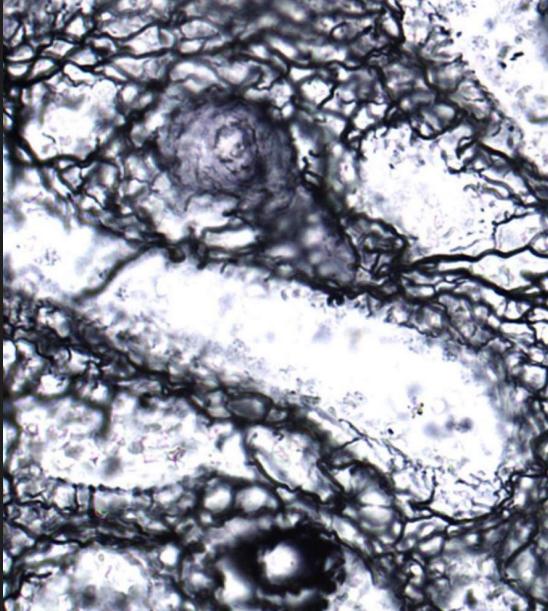
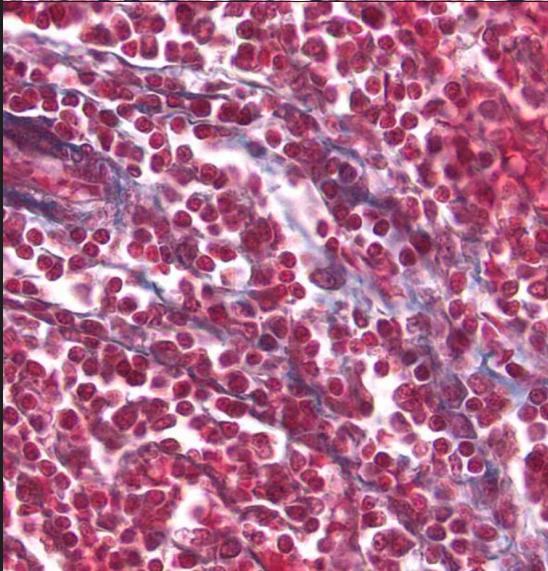
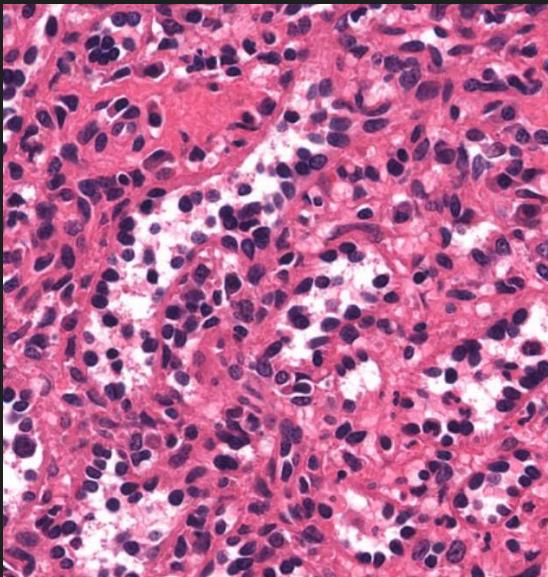
- **Marginal Zone:** region between white and red pulp where macrophages, dendritic cells, and lymphocytes interact.



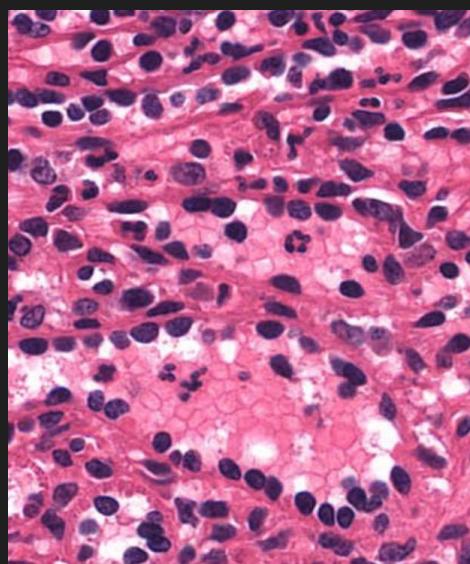
- **Red pulp:** filters and degrades red blood cells (RBCs). It appears eosinophilic due to the large number of RBCs.



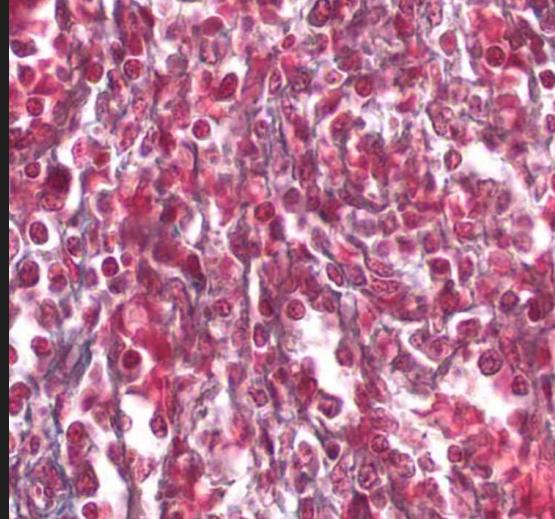
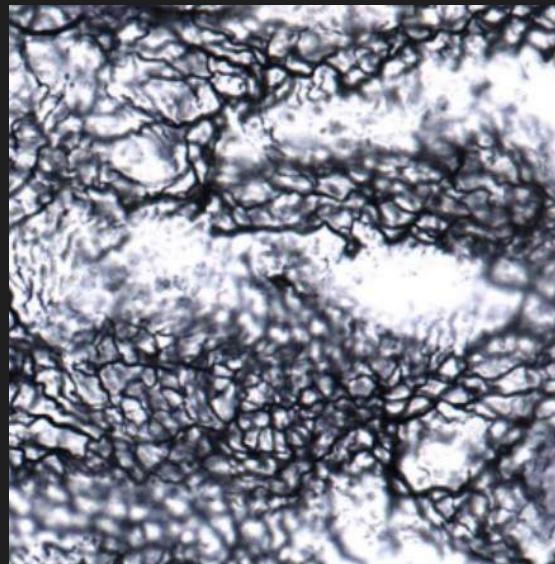
- **Splenic Sinusoids:** vascular spaces lined by specialized endothelial cells that filter RBCs.



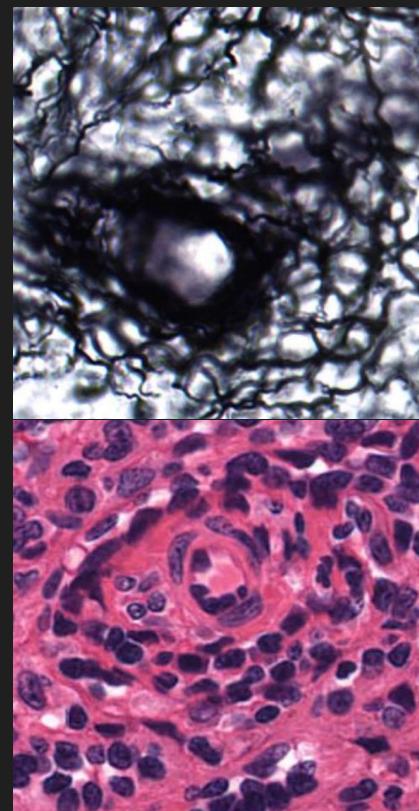
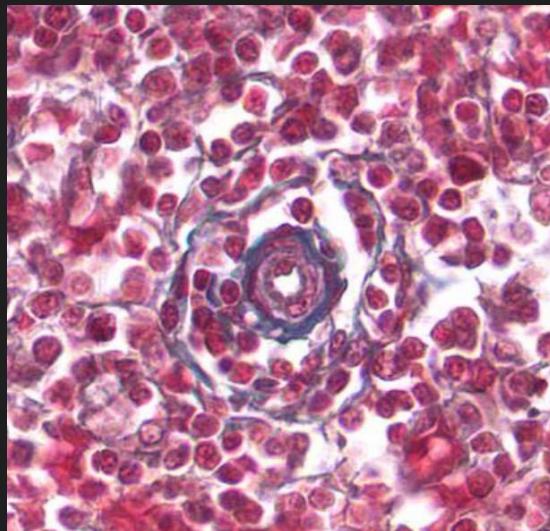
- **Specialized Endothelial Cells**



- **Splenic Cords:** loose connective tissue supported by a meshwork of reticular fibers, and contains loose connective tissue supported by a meshwork of reticular fibers.



- **Pulp Arterioles:** not surrounded by lymphocytes like central arterioles in white pulp and surrounded by layer of reticular fibers.

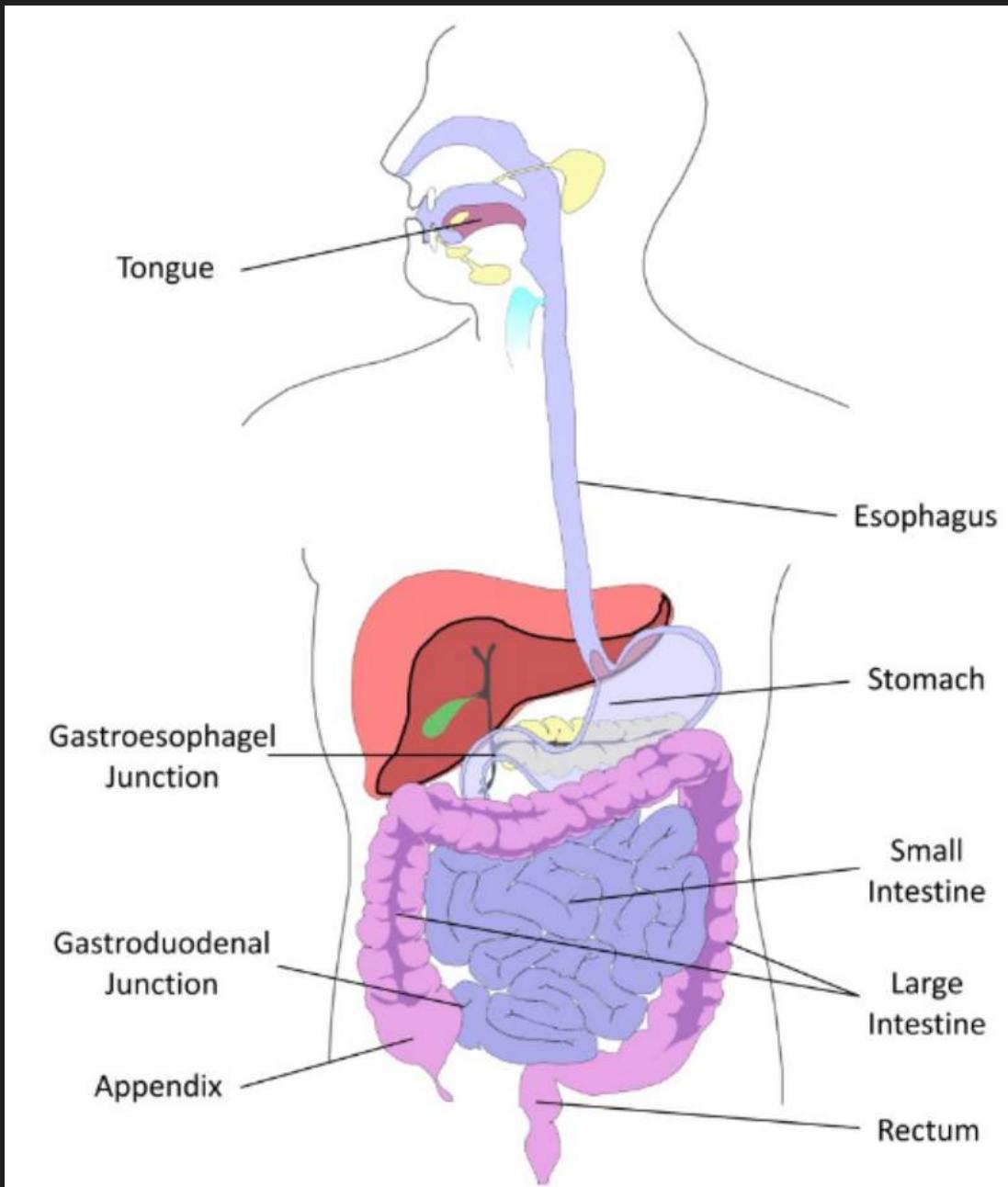


Questions

1. Which lymphatic organs have afferent lymphatic vessels?
 - Found only in lymph nodes; efferent are found in thymus and spleen.
2. How do lymphocytes enter:
 - (a) Lymph nodes?
 - Via blood vessel walls or afferent lymphatic vessels.
 - (b) MALT?
 - Via efferent lymphatic vessels.
3. What are the components of the blood thymic barrier?
 - Epithelial reticular cells, basal laminae, and endothelial cells joined by tight junctions.
4. Which of the lymphatic organs filters blood?
 - Spleen.

Digestive

- **Gastrointestinal Tract**



Tongue

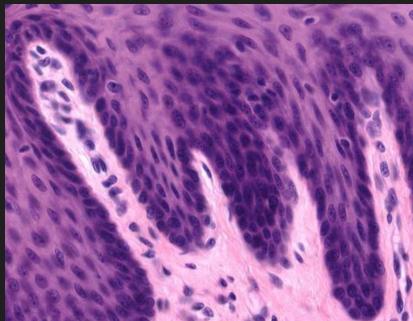
- **Overview of the Tongue**



- **Stratified Squamous Non-Keratinized Epithelium**



- **Dermal Papillae:** ridges of connective tissue that project into the epithelium that reduce its mobility and brings blood vessels in close contact with the epithelial cells.



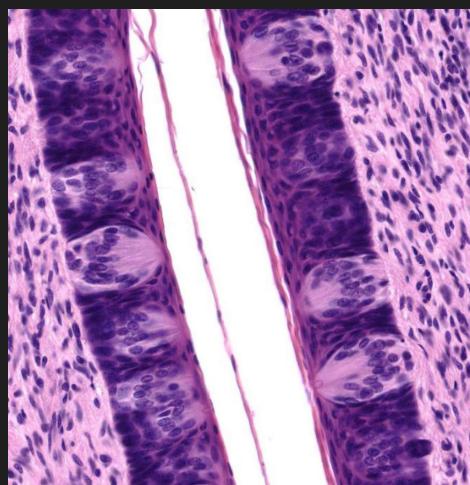
- **Foliate Papillae:** parallel ridges on the lateral edges of the tongue separated by deep mucosal furrows.



- **Furrows:** separate each papillae and receive saliva from the minor lingual glands.



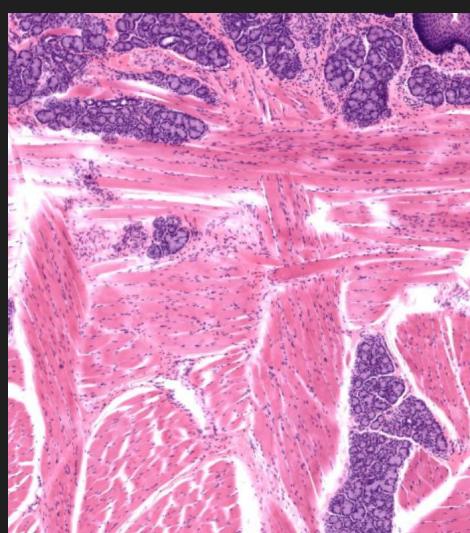
- **Taste Buds:** elliptical structures found in the epithelium of the furrows that contain cells with taste receptors. The circular opening at its apex is the taste pore.



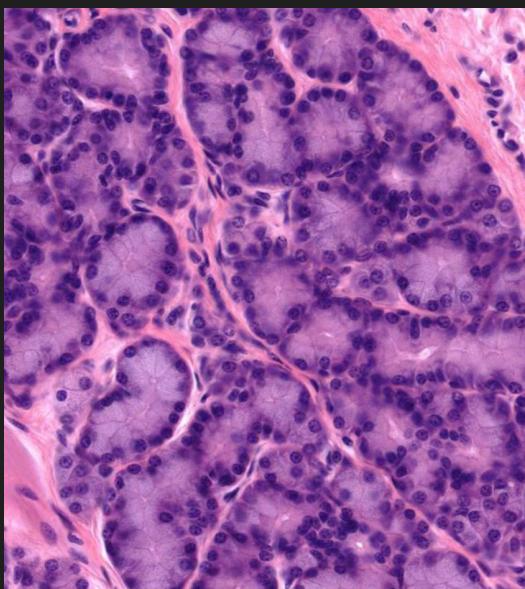
- **Taste Pore**



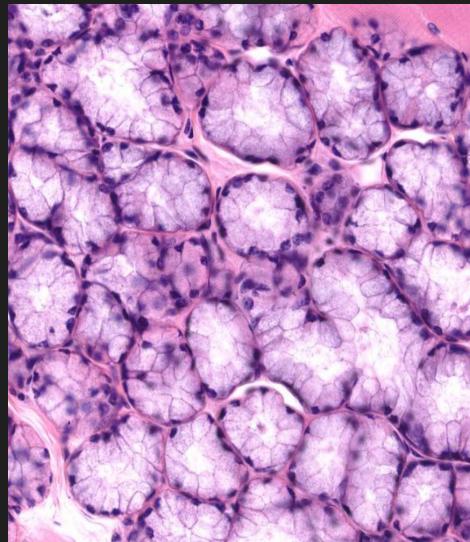
- **Skeletal Muscle:** arranged in three bundles at right angles to each other to allow flexibility and precision in movements of the tongue.



- **Serous Glands:** secrete a fluid that contains digestive enzymes.



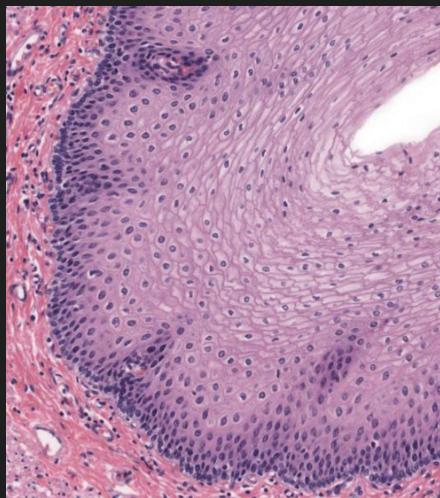
- **Mucous Glands:** secrete a fluid that contains mucus (glycoproteins known as mucins).



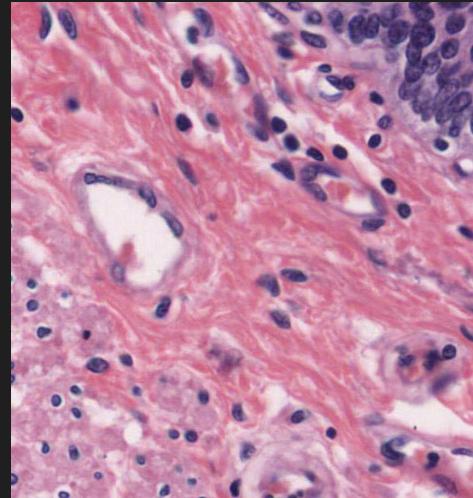
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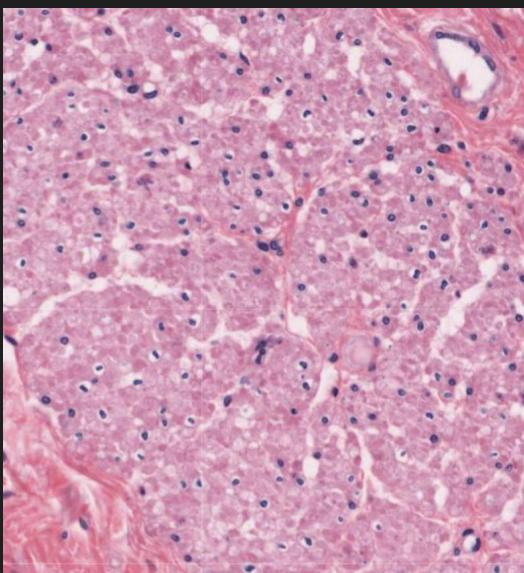
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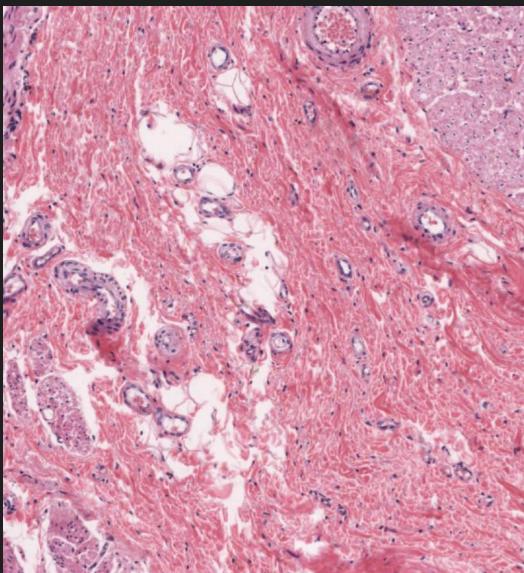
- **Lamina Propria:** dense irregular connective tissue.



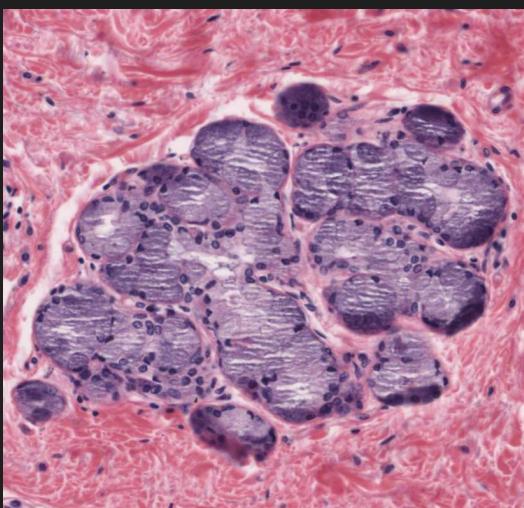
- **Muscularis Mucosae:** smooth muscle.



- **Submucosa:** dense irregular connective tissue.



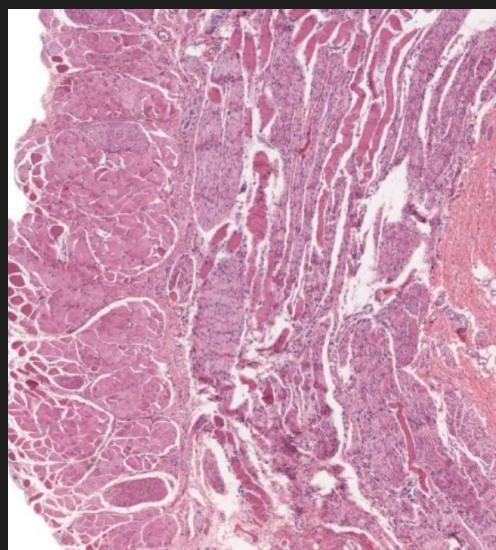
- **Mucus Glands:** only the esophagus and the duodenum have glands in the submucosa.



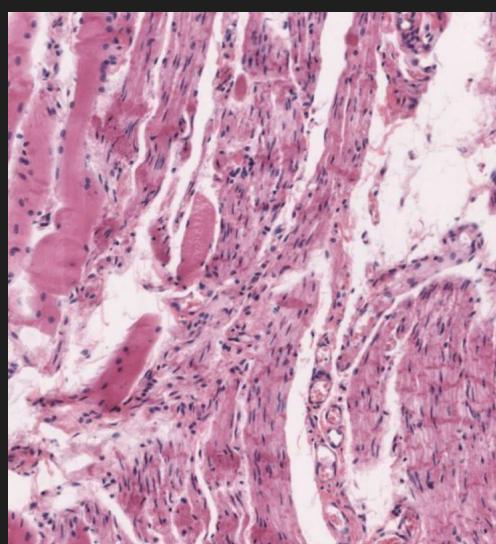
- **Ducts:** usually have cuboidal or stratified cuboidal epithelium.



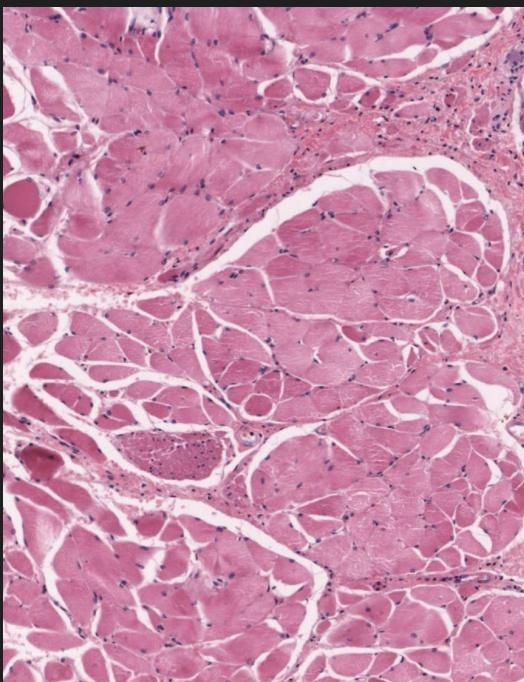
- **Muscularis Externa:** contains both smooth and skeletal muscle because this specimen is from the middle third of the esophagus.



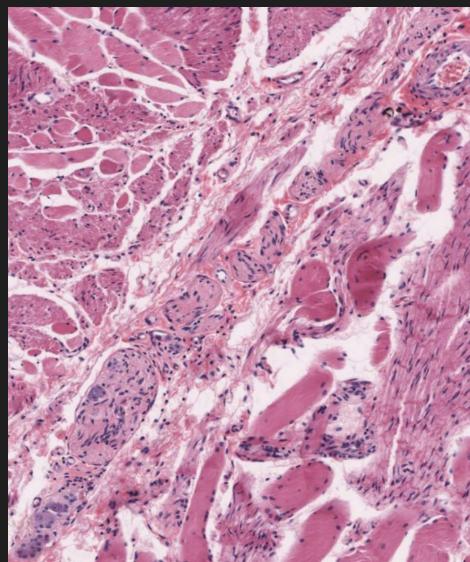
- **Inner Layer**



- **Outer Layer**

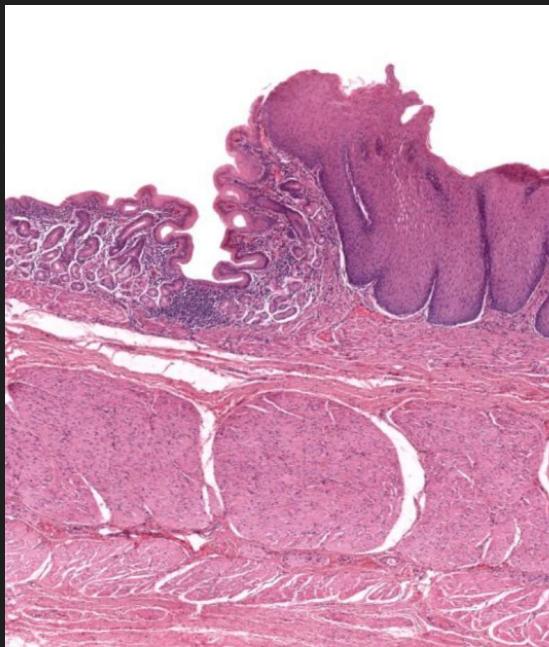


- **Auerbach's plexus:** is found between the inner and outer layers of the muscularis externa. Ganglia with prominent capsule cells can be seen.

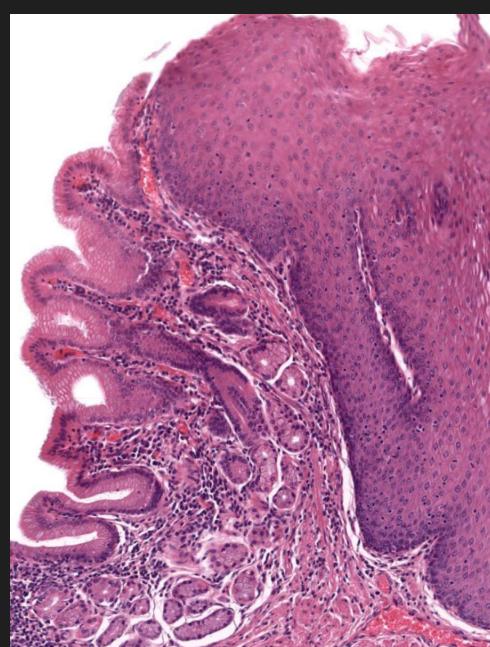


Gastroesophageal Junction

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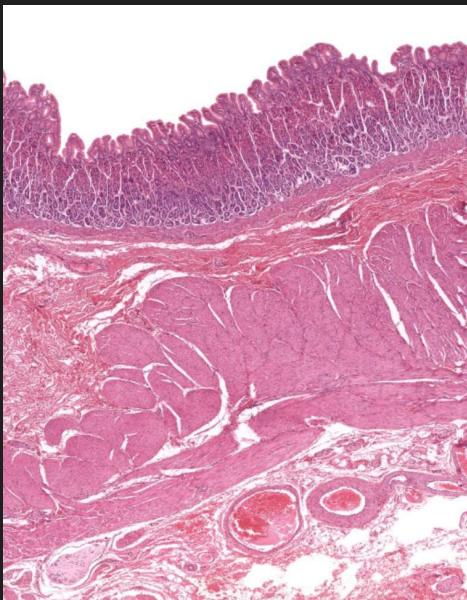
- **Change in Epithelium**



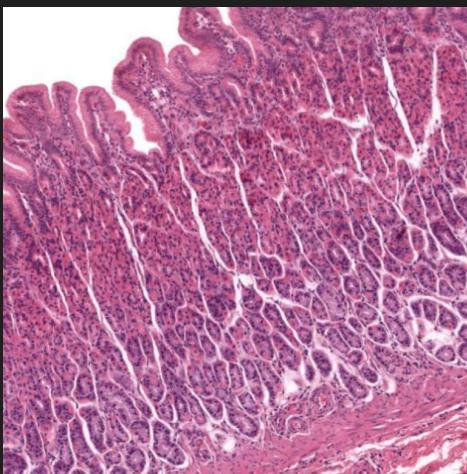
- How can you diagnose whether you are looking at the upper or lower portion of the esophagus?
 - The best way to tell is to look at the epithelium; the upper portion of the esophagus has stratified squamous while the lower portion (stomach) has simple columnar epithelium with long linear or coiled glands.

Stomach

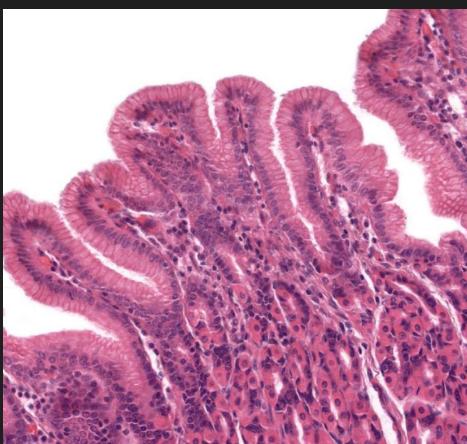
- **Stomach**



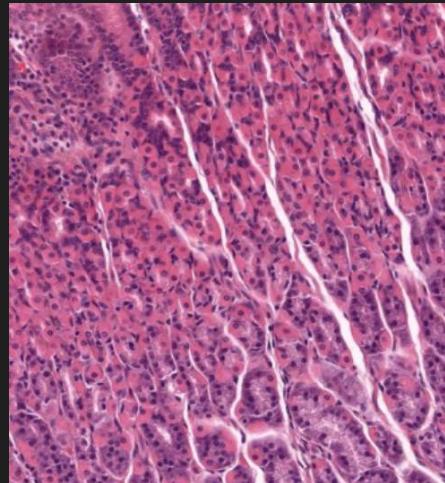
- **Mucosa:** composed of the epithelium, lamina propria, and muscularis mucosae.



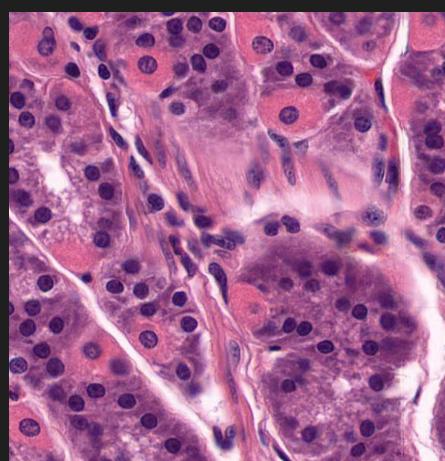
- **Gastric Pits:** invaginations of the surface epithelium.



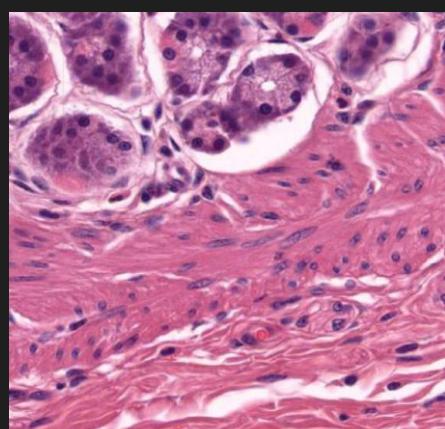
- **Gastric Glands:** tubular glands that extend from the base of the gastric pits to the muscularis mucosae.



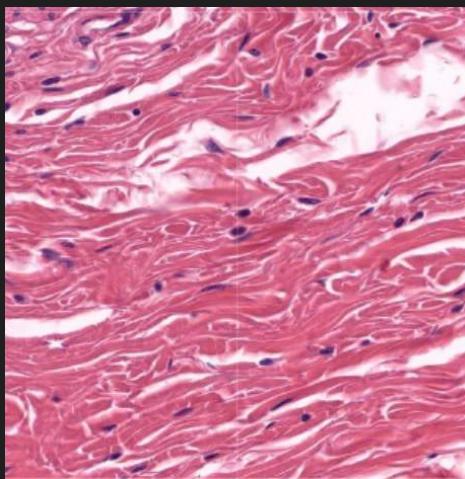
- **Lamina Propria:** reduced to small amounts of connective tissue found between gastric pits and glands.



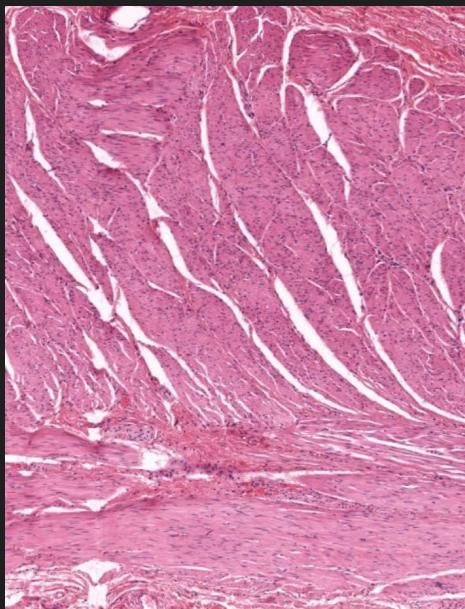
- **Muscularis Mucosae:** narrow layer of smooth muscle cells at the base of the mucosa.



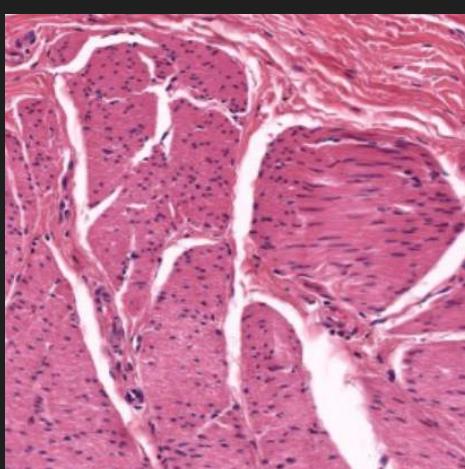
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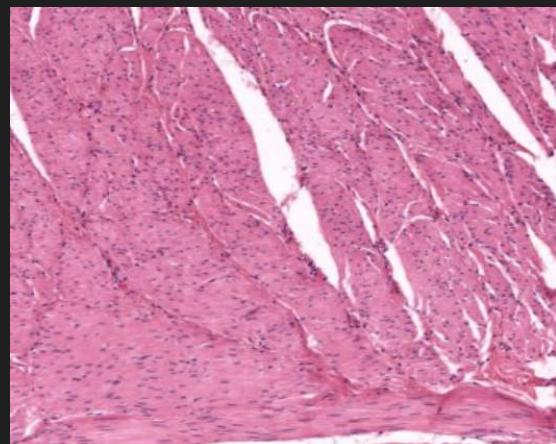
- **Muscularis Externa:** three layers of muscle cells rather than two layers found elsewhere in the GI tract.



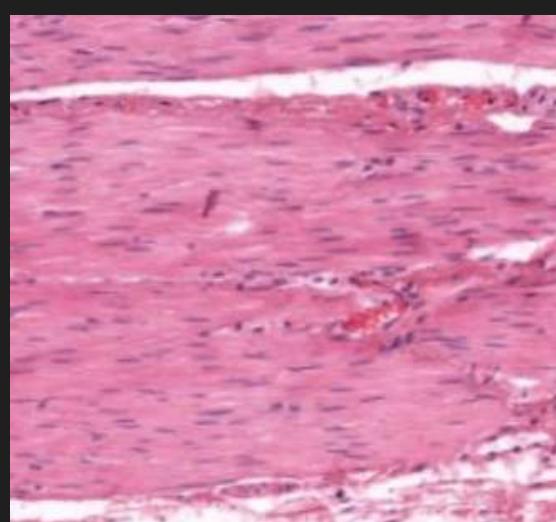
- **Inner Oblique Layer:** this layer is unique to the stomach and is found near the boundary with the submucosa.



- **Middle Circular Layer:**



- **Outer Longitudinal Layer:**

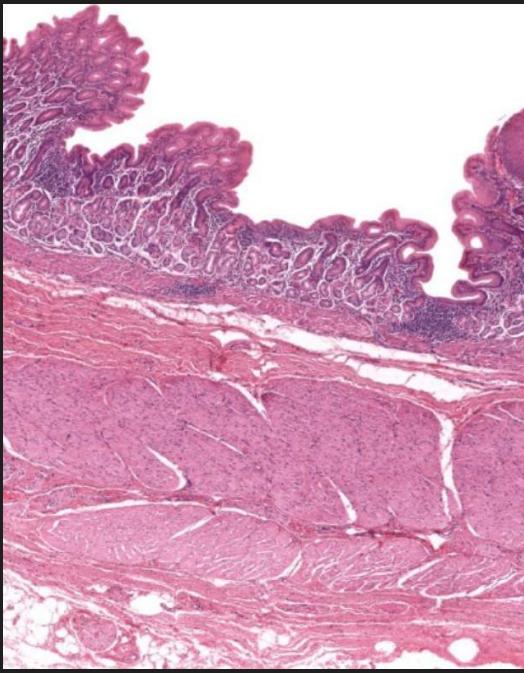


- **Adventitia:** loose irregular connective tissue.

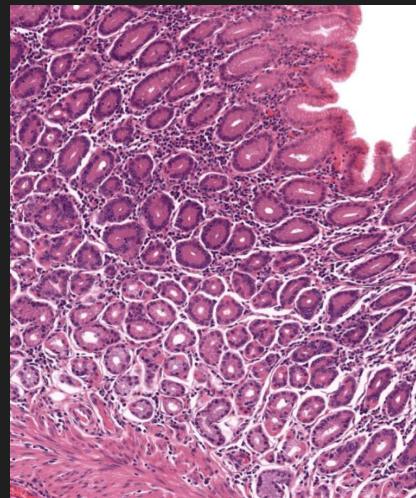


- **Cardiac Stomach:** the narrow region surrounding the opening of the esophagus that contains cardiac

glands in the mucosa.



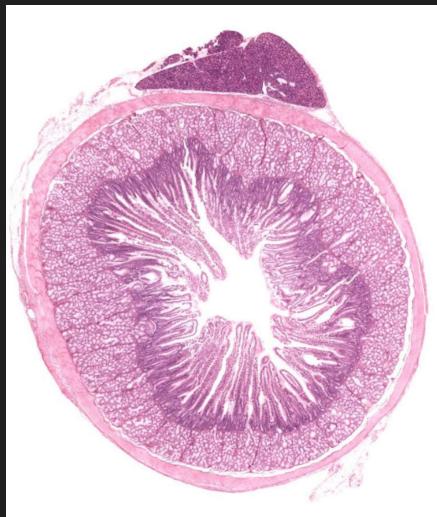
- **Cardiac Glands:** appear as cross-sections of the coiled tubular glands of mostly mucus secreting cells that empty into the bottom of gastric pits.



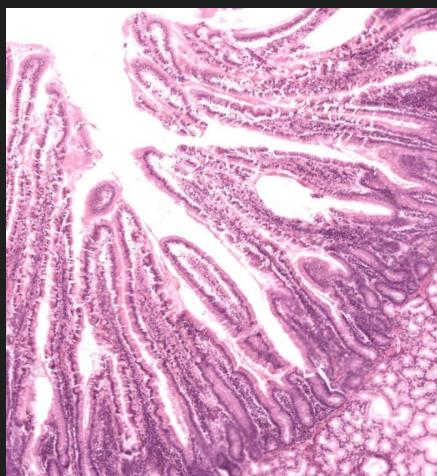
- To what ultrastructural feature does the brush border correspond?
 - The presence of mucous-secreting duodenal glands in its submucosa.

Small Intestine

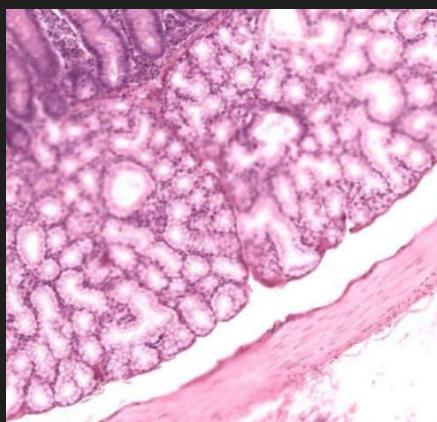
- **Duodenum:** proximal portion adjacent to the stomach.
- **Jejunum:** middle portion.

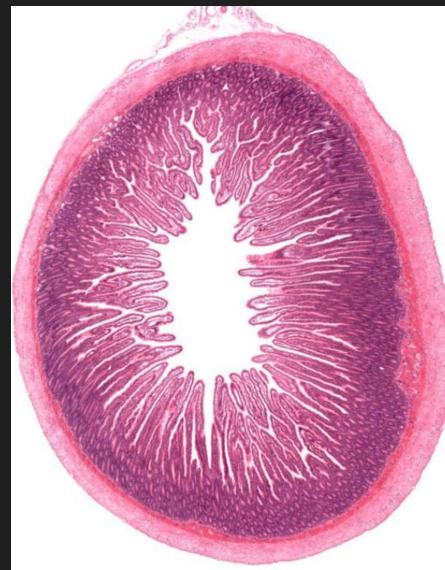


- **Villi (Duodenum):** tall, slender finger-like projections that extend into the lumen.

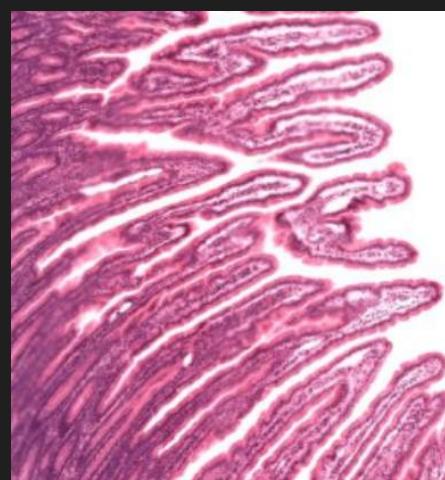


- **Brunner's Glands:** only region of the gastrointestinal tract (along with the esophagus) with glands in the submucosa.





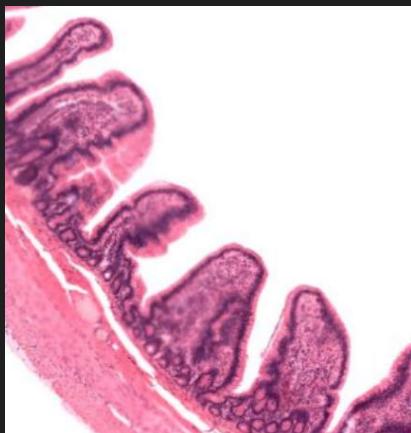
- **Villi (Jejunum)**



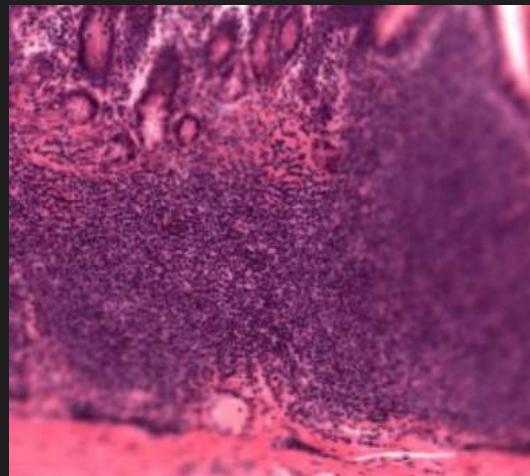
- **Ileum:** distal portion adjacent to the large intestine.



- **Villi (Ileum)**: short, broad finger-like projections with blunt ends that extend into the lumen.



- **Peyer's Patches**: diffuse aggregations of lymphoid cells in the lamina propria.

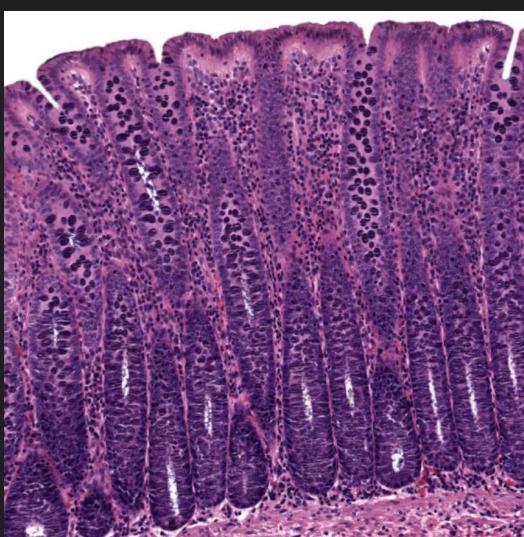


Large Intestine

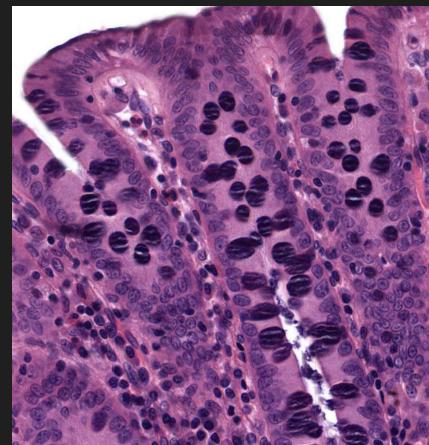
- **Colon**: The colon is composed of the four layers characteristic of the gastrointestinal tract. However, neither villi nor plicae circulares are present and goblet cells become more frequent.



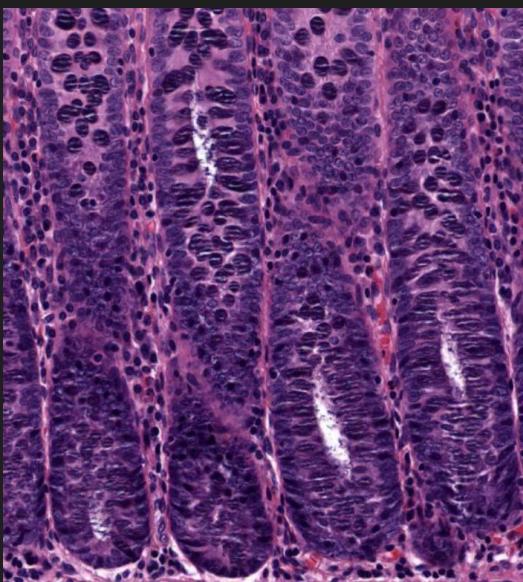
- **Mucosa**: mucous membrane.



- **Epithelium**: with enterocytes (simple columnar cells with microvilli; i.e., the brush border) and goblet cells.



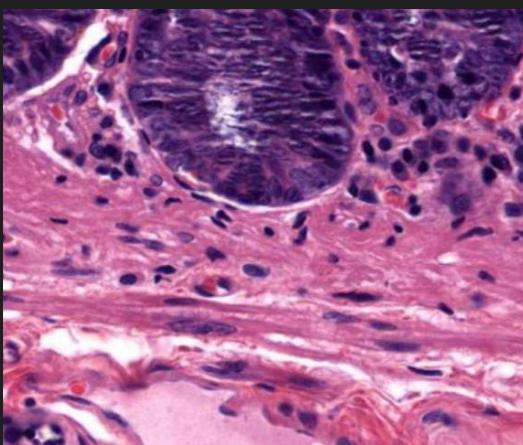
- **Intestinal Crypts of Lieberkuhn:** straight, unbranched, tubular glands.



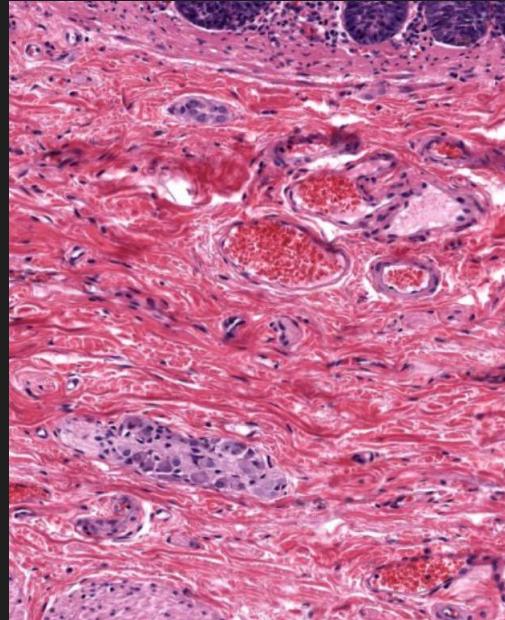
- **Lamina Propria:** abundant between cross-sections of the crypts. Many including cell types plasma cells, lymphocytes, eosinophils and macrophages can be seen.



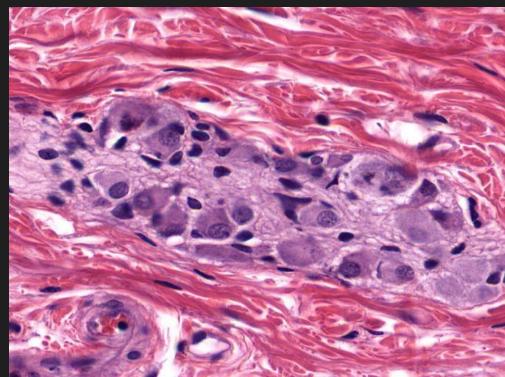
- **Muscularis Mucosae:** layer of smooth muscle.



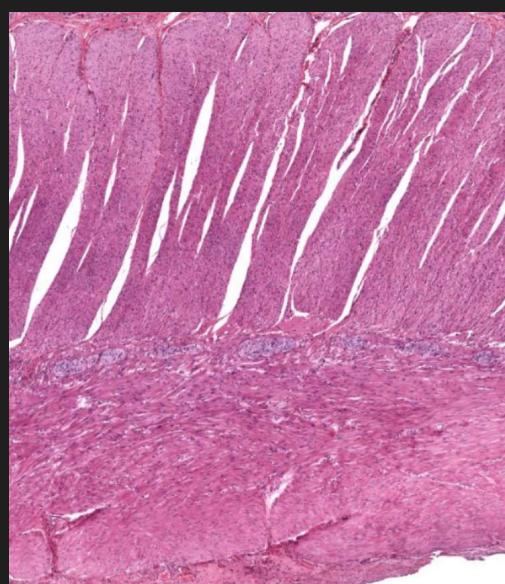
- **Submucosa:** dense irregular connective tissue.



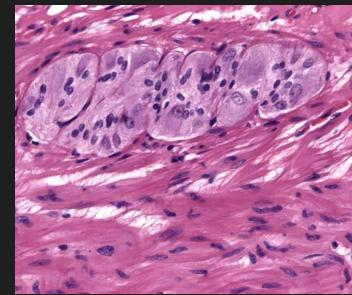
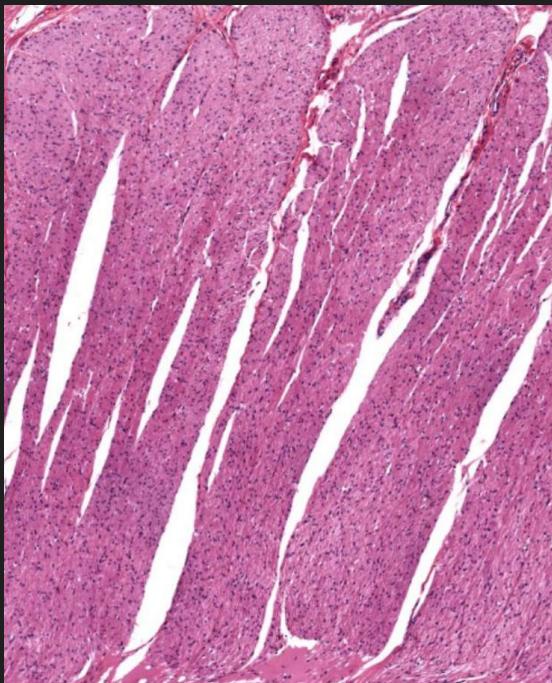
- **Meissner's Plexus:** provides secretory innervation of goblet cells and motor innervation of the muscularis mucosae.



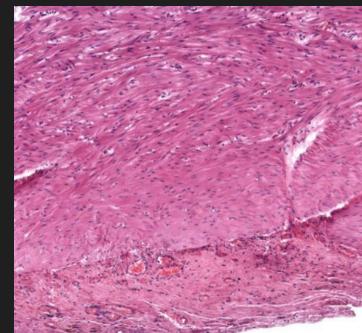
- **Muscularis Externa:** two orthogonal layers of smooth muscle.



- **Inner Circular Layer:** smooth muscle.
- **Auerbach's Plexus:** provides motor innervation of the muscularis externa.

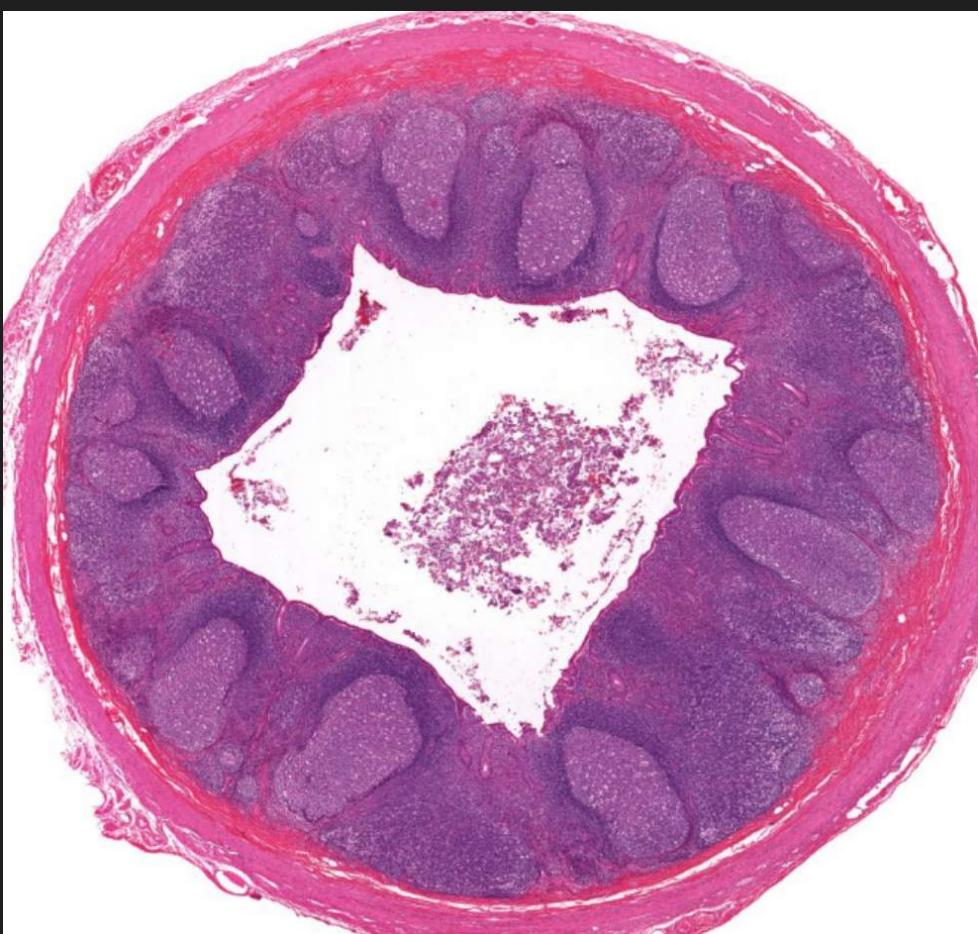


- **Outer Longitudinal Layer:** smooth muscle.

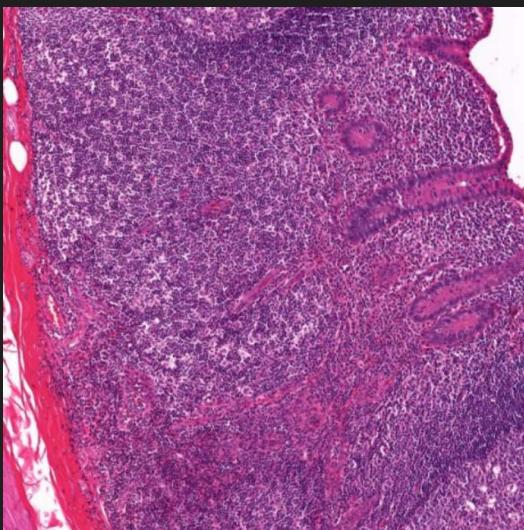


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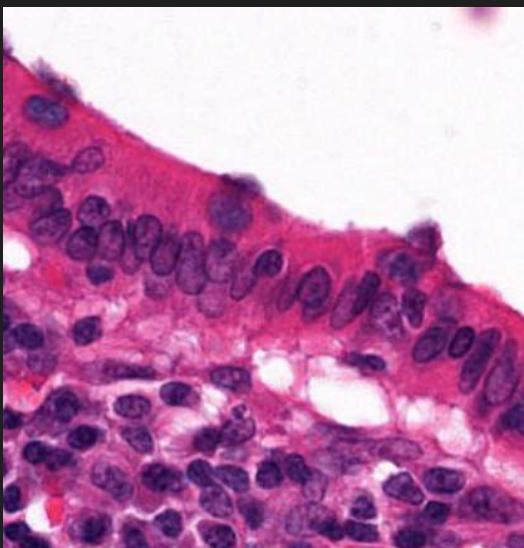
- **Appendix:** the appendix is composed of the four layers characteristic of the gastrointestinal tract.



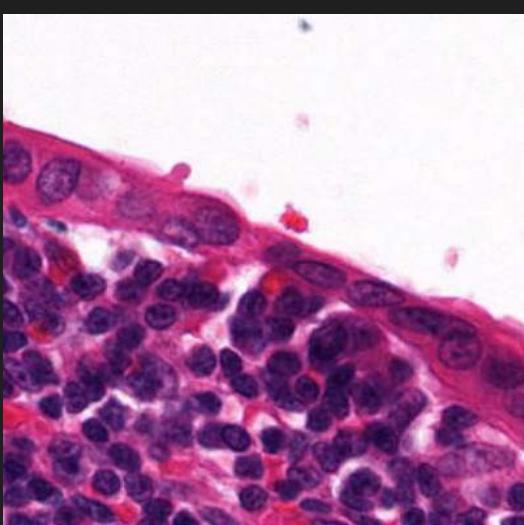
- **Mucosa**



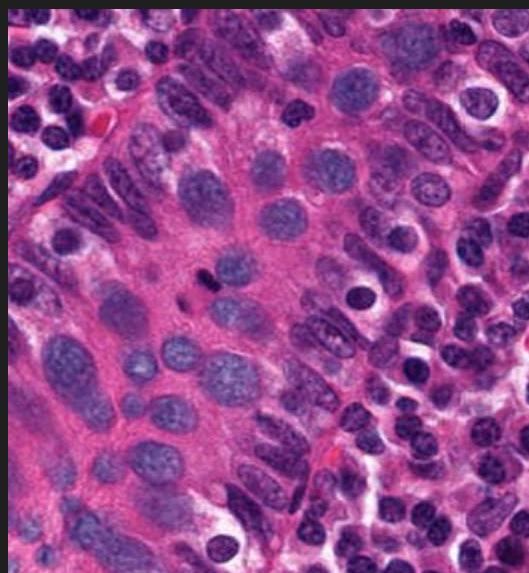
- **Enterocytes**: simple columnar cells with microvilli (or brush border).



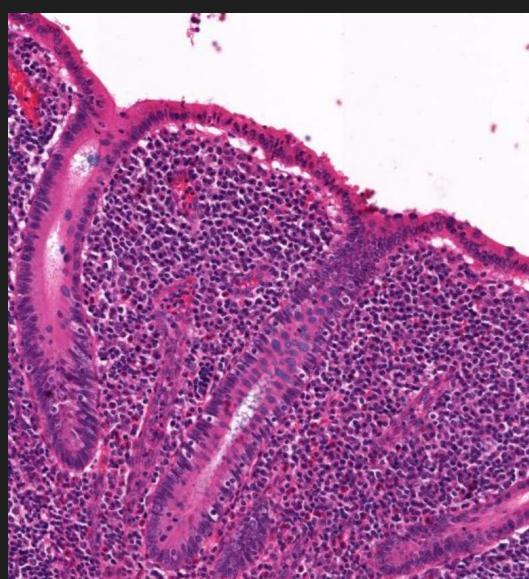
- **M-Cells**: cover nodules and have a lower profile than absorptive cells (small folds on their surface versus microvilli on absorptive cells).



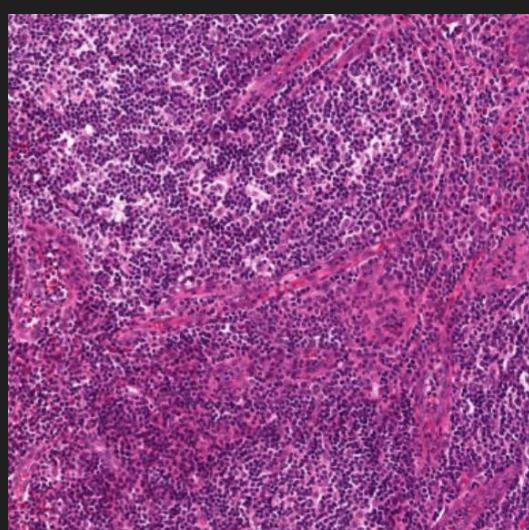
- **Goblet Cells**: secrete mucus for lubrication



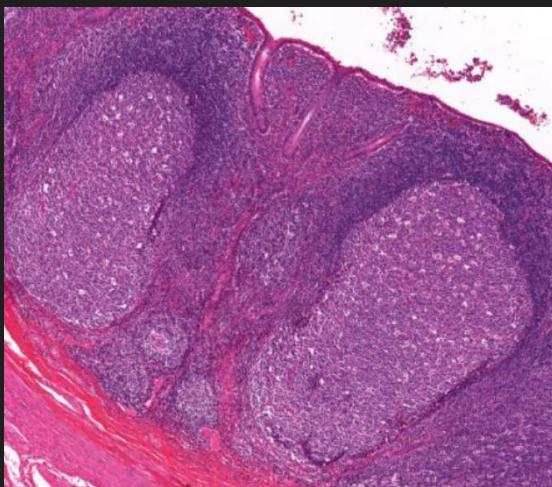
- **Crypts**: very few.



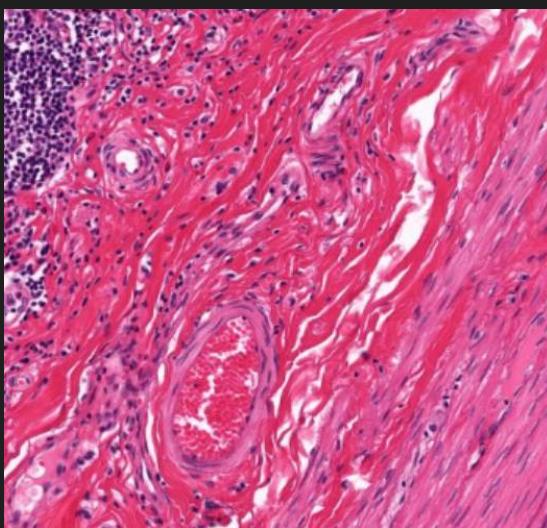
- **Lamina Propria**: comprises almost the entire mucosa.



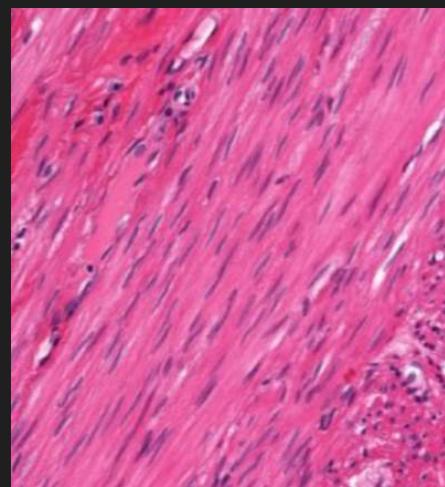
- **Nodules:** fill the lamina propria.



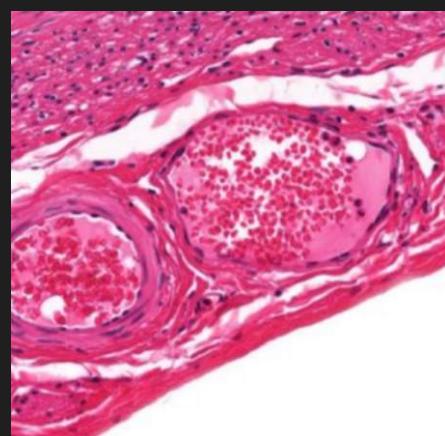
- **Submucosa:** nodules may extend into the submucosa



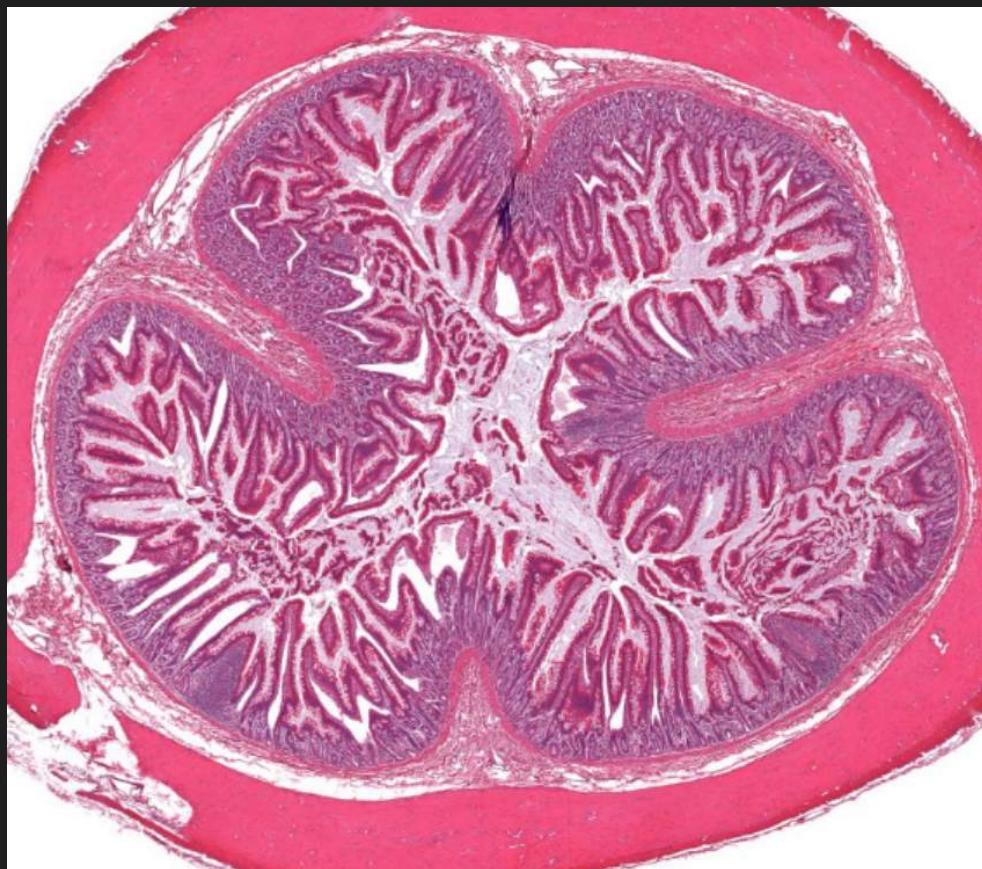
- **Muscularis Externa:** two orthogonal layers of smooth muscle (inner circular and outer longitudinal).



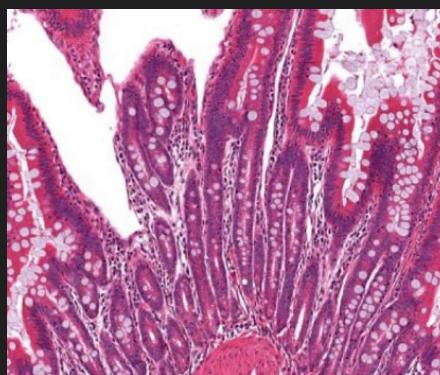
- **Serosa:** covers the outer surface of the appendix.



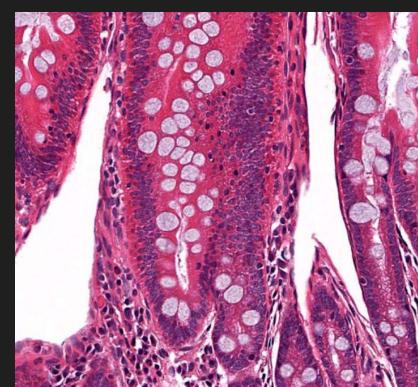
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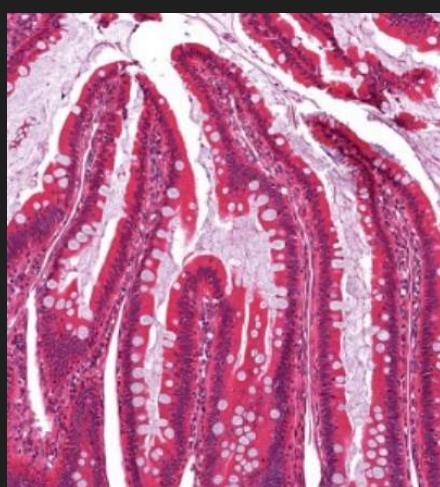
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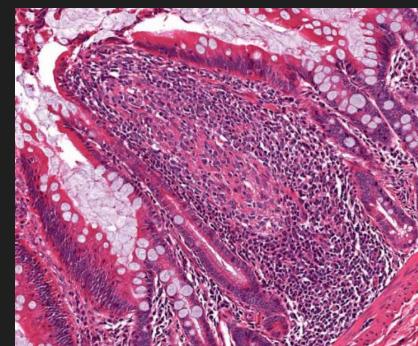
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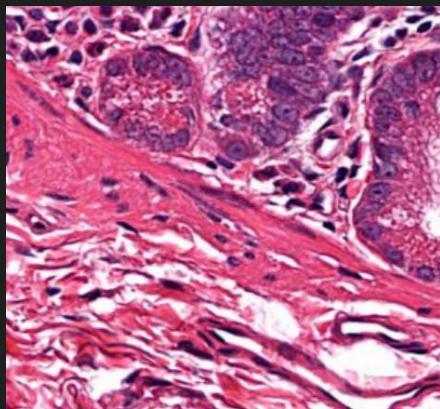
- **Villi:** cover the surface of the mucosa.



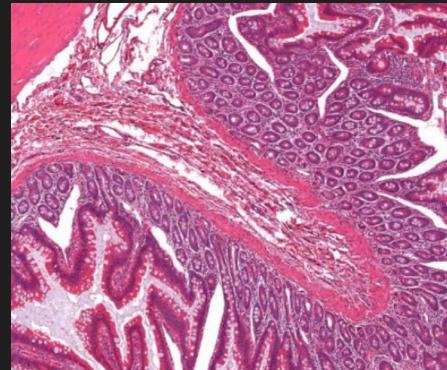
- **Lamina Propria:** loose connective tissue that supports the epithelium and forms the core of villi.



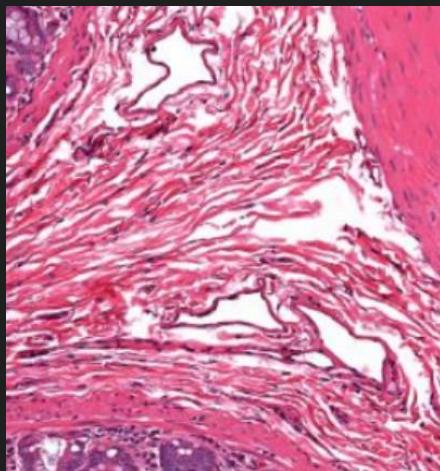
- **Muscularis Mucosae:** layer of smooth muscle



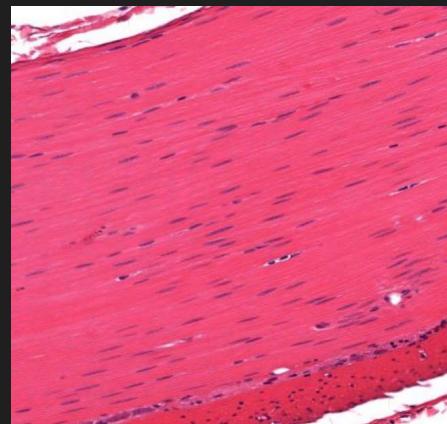
- **Anal Columns:** vertical folds of the mucosa and submucosa that project into the lumen.



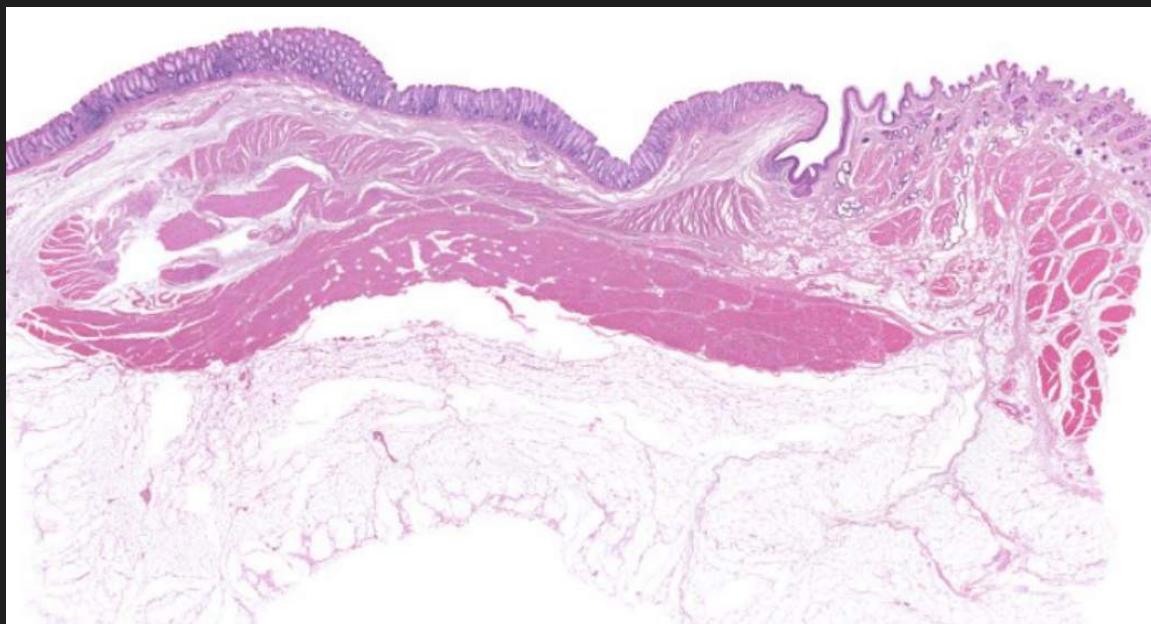
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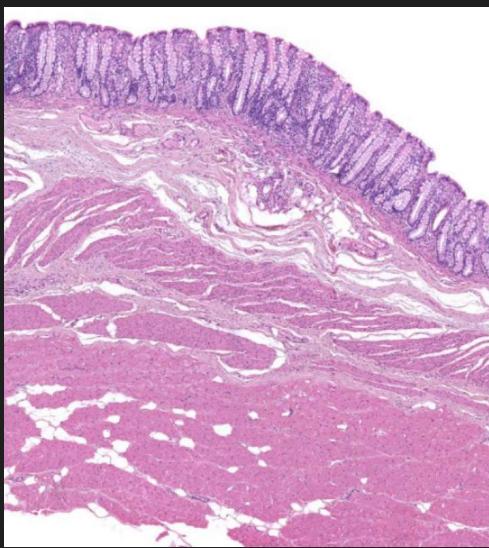
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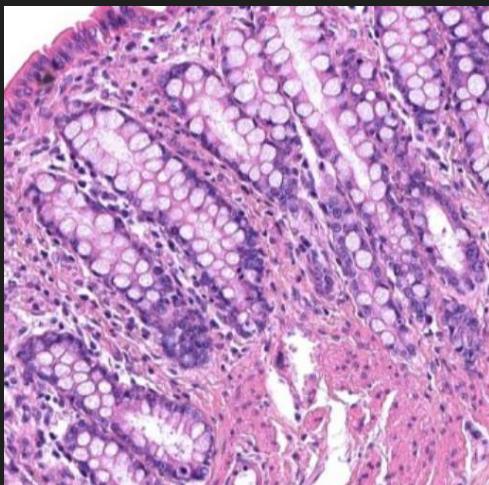
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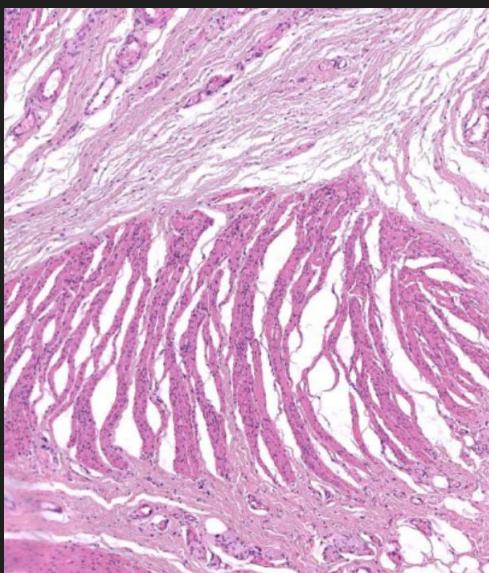
- **Colorectal Zone:** left side of the specimen



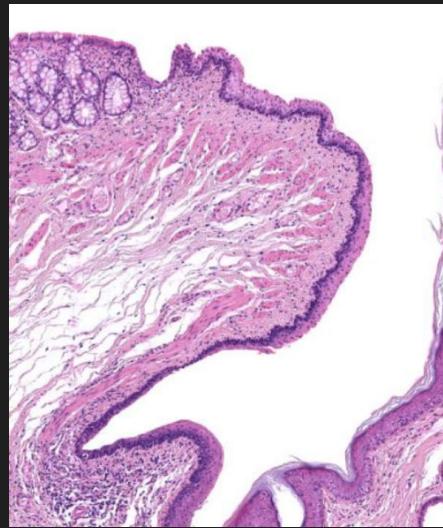
- **Anal Glands:** secrete mucus into the anal canal



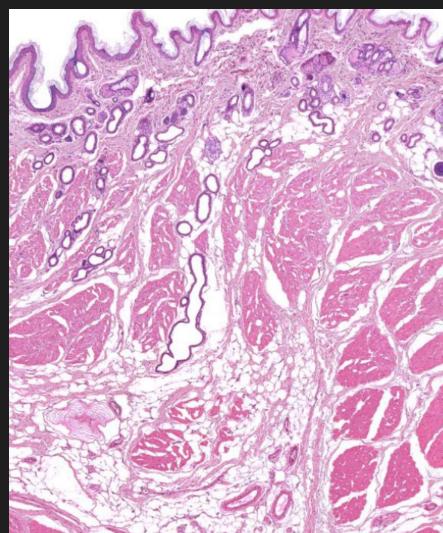
- **Internal Anal Sphincter:** an expansion of the inner circular layer of the muscularis externa



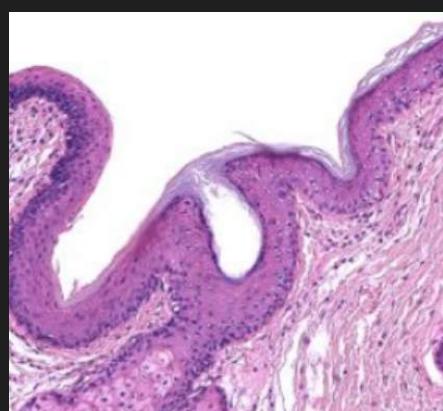
- **Pectinate Line:** junction between the simple columnar epithelium of the colon and the stratified squamous epithelium of the skin



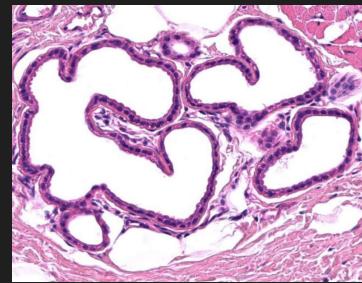
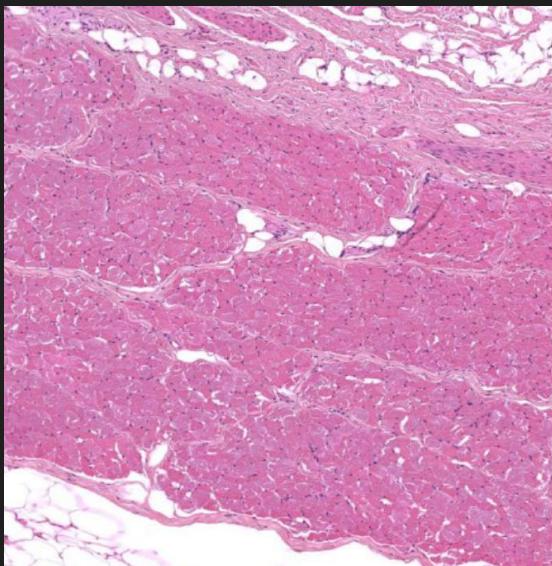
- **Squamous Zone of the Anal Canal:** right side of the specimen.



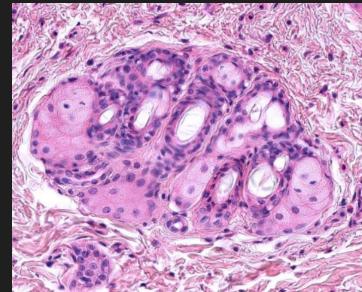
- **Stratified Squamous Epithelium:** initially is non-keratinized but becomes keratinized within a few millimeters.



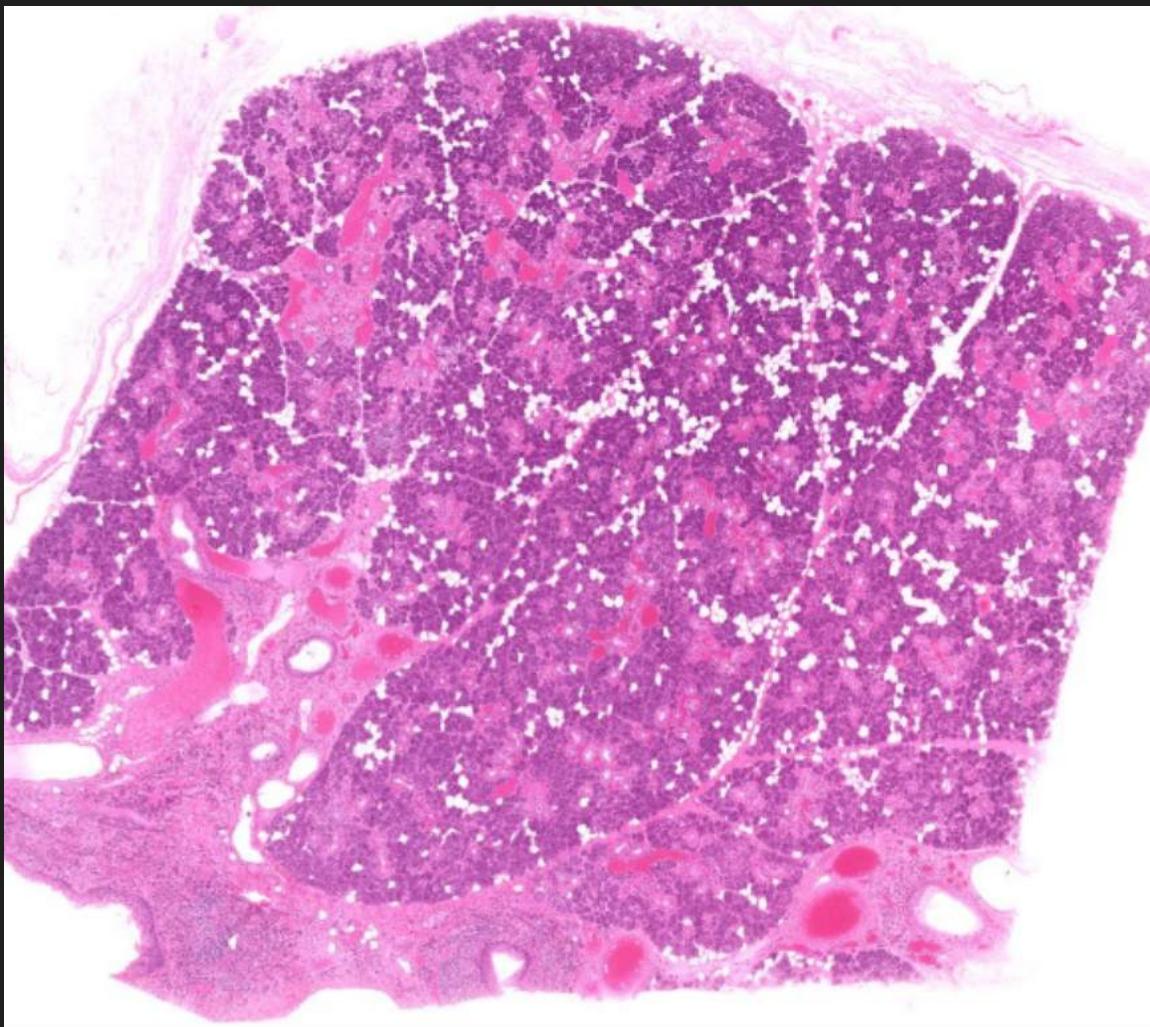
- **External Sphincter:** skeletal muscle that is part of the pelvic floor.
- **Circumanal Glands:** apocrine glands.



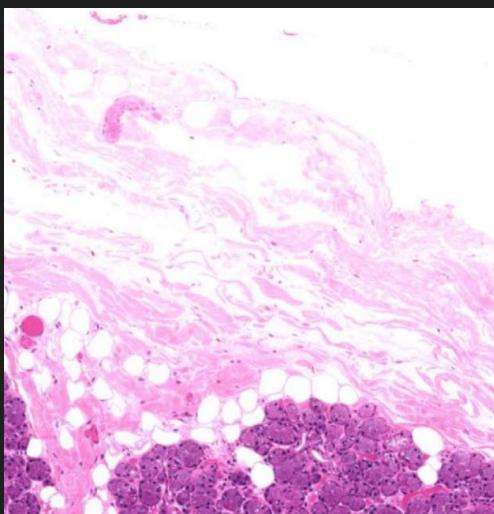
- **Sebaceous Glands:**



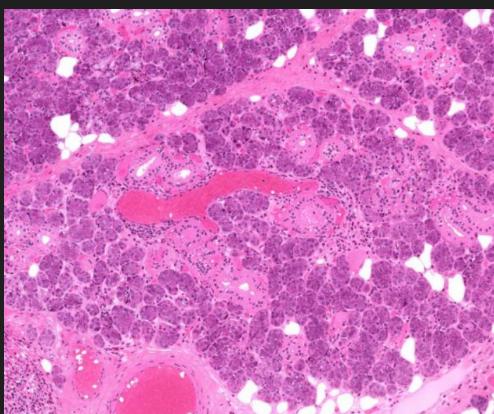
Parotid Gland



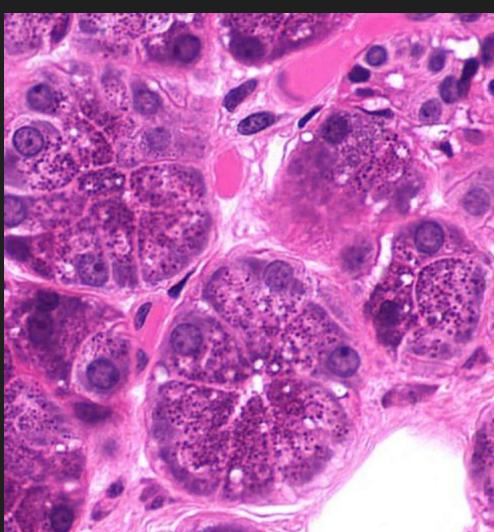
- **Capsule:** connective tissue that encapsulates the gland.



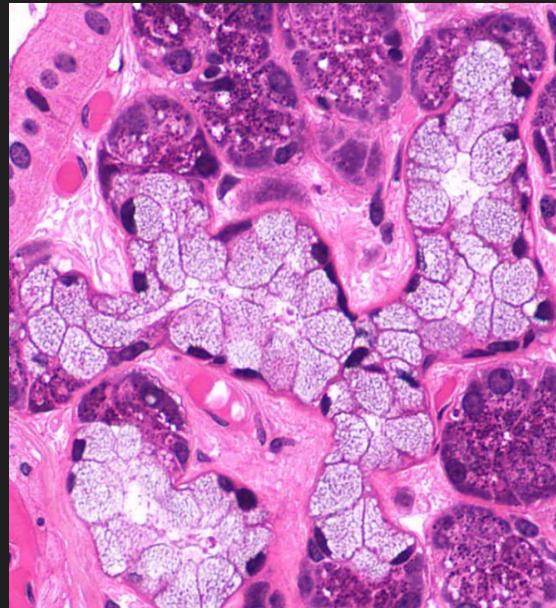
- **Lobules:** connective tissue further divides lobes into lobules the smallest functional unit.



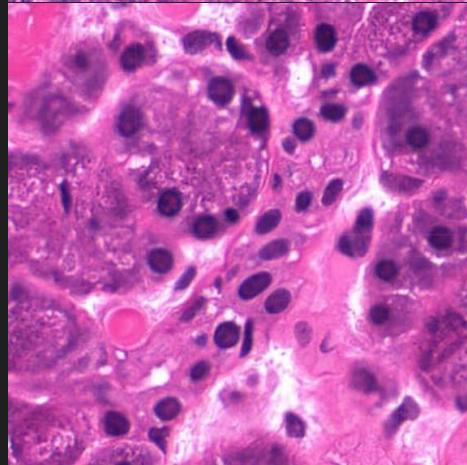
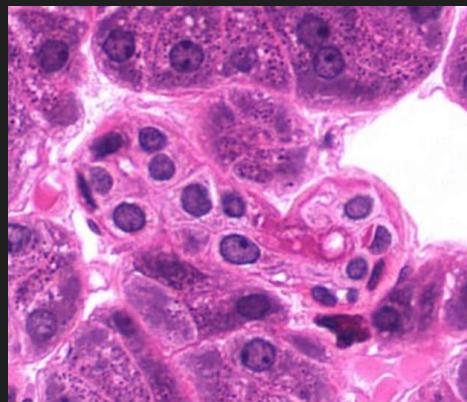
- **Serous Cells:** arranged in acini of pyramidal serous cells. These polarized cells have rough endoplasmic reticulum at their base (basophilic) and secretion granules (eosinophilic) at their apex.



- **Mucous Cells:** polarized cells with flattened nuclei at the bottom of the cells. They are very lightly stained with a "foamy" appearance (mucous has been extracted).



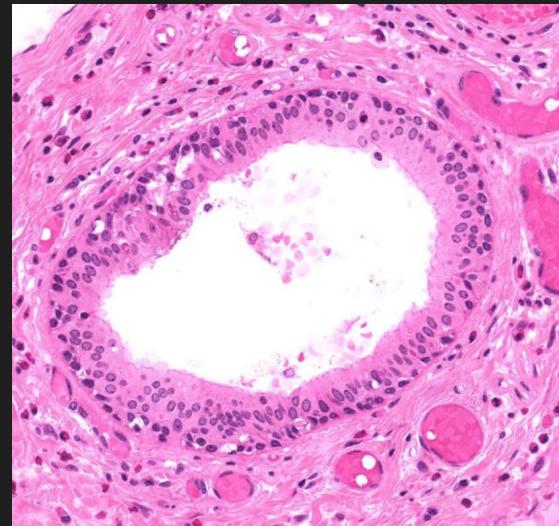
- **Intercalated Ducts:** the smallest ducts that insert into and drain individual acini. They are more lightly stained than acini cells and are low cuboidal.



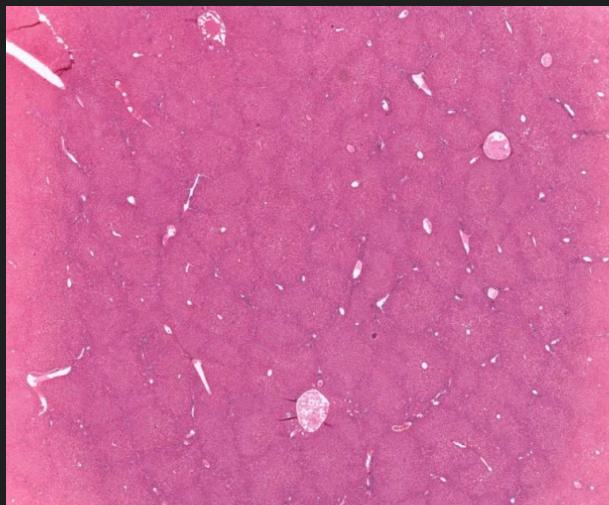
- **Striate Ducts:** arise from intercalated ducts. They are columnar with basal striations and are surrounded by capillaries.



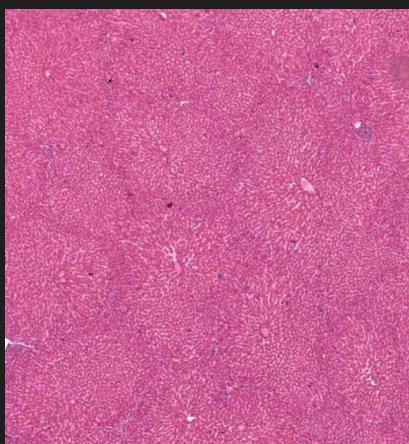
- **Interlobular Ducts:** found outside of lobules.



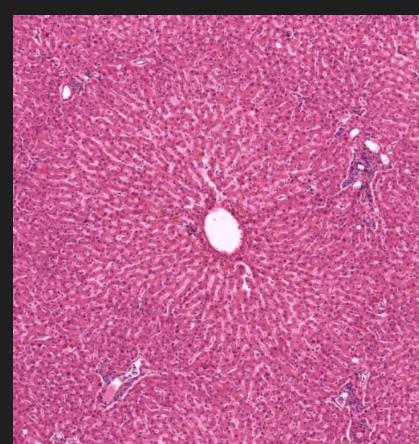
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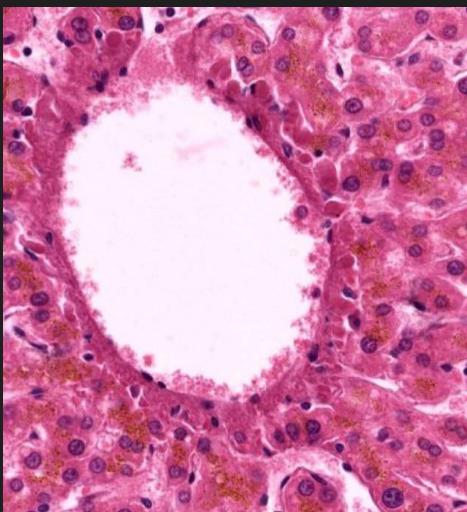
- **Lobules:** individual lobules are seen as lighter areas with darker edges at low magnification



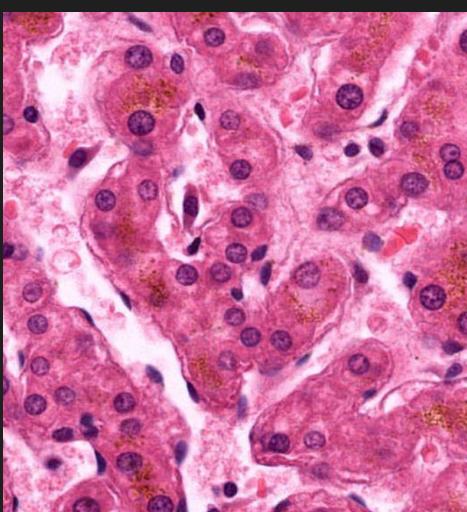
- **Lobule Structure:** roughly hexagonal structure with a central vein at its center and six portal triads at its periphery.



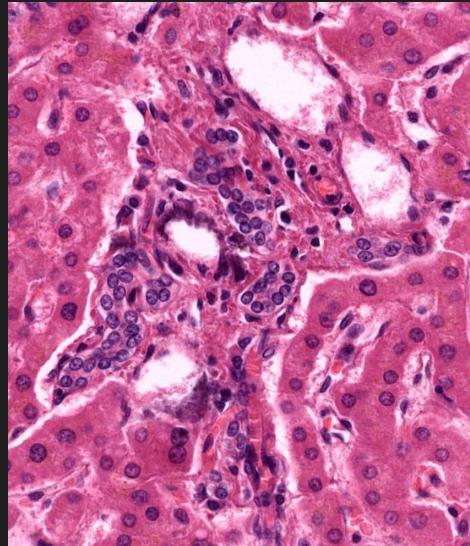
- **Central Vein:** large venule at the center of the lobule.



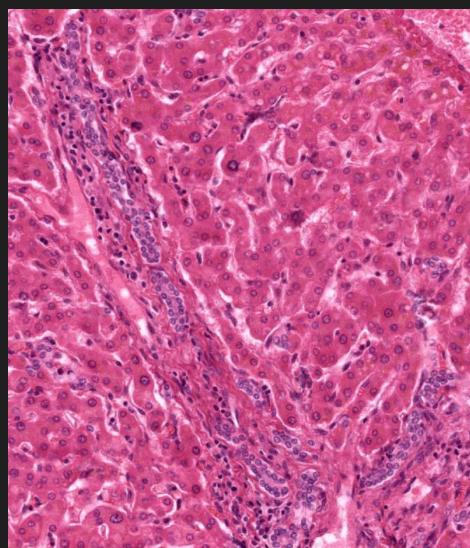
- **Hepatocytes:** anastomosing plates, one cell thick, radiate outward from the central vein separated by sinusoidal capillaries and supported by reticular fibers.



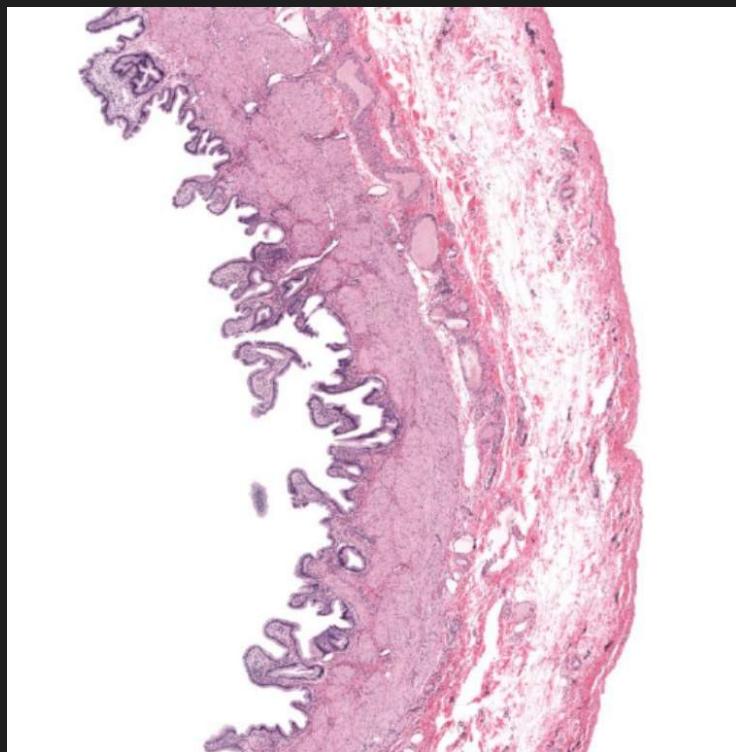
- **Portal Triads:** at the corners of each lobule.



- **Bile Ducts:** lined with a simple cuboidal epithelium.



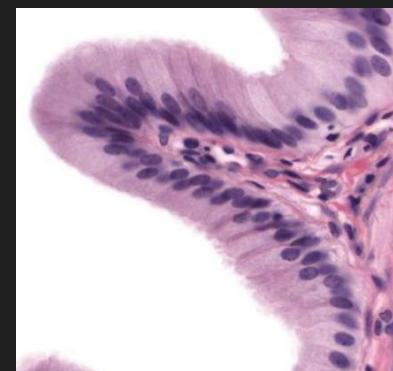
Gall Bladder



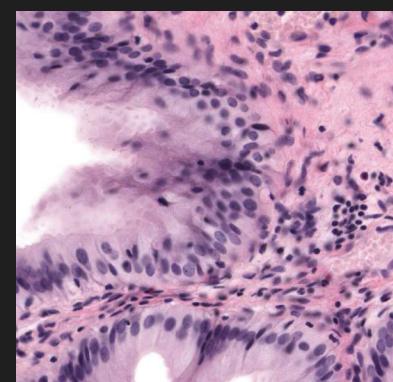
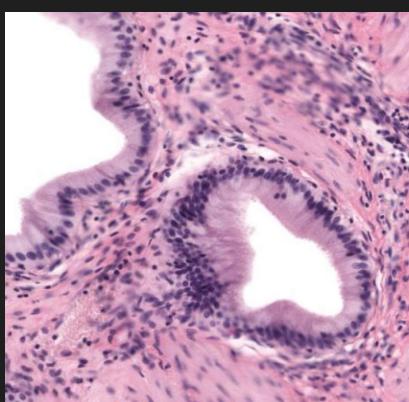
- **Mucosa:** the empty bladder has numerous deep folds (or rugae) often resulting in the appearance of cross bridges.
- **Simple Columnar Epithelium:** similar in appearance to absorptive cells in the intestines.



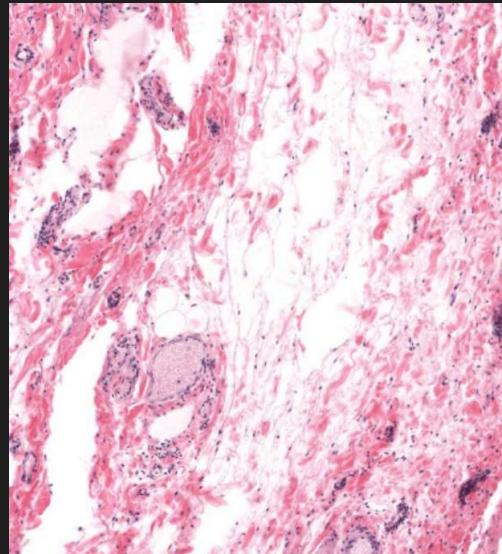
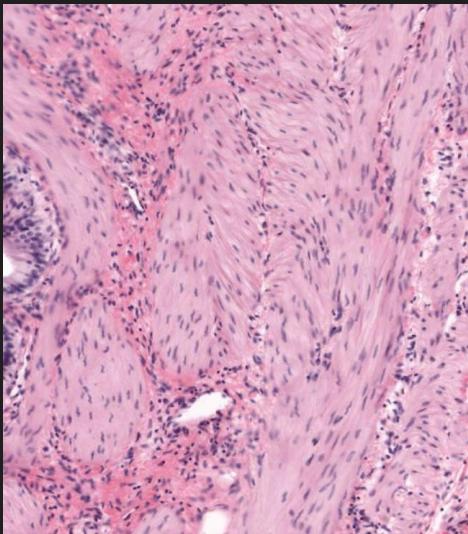
- **Cross Bridges**



- **Lamina Propria:** dense irregular connective tissue that supports the epithelium. It is rich in fenestrated capillaries and small venules.

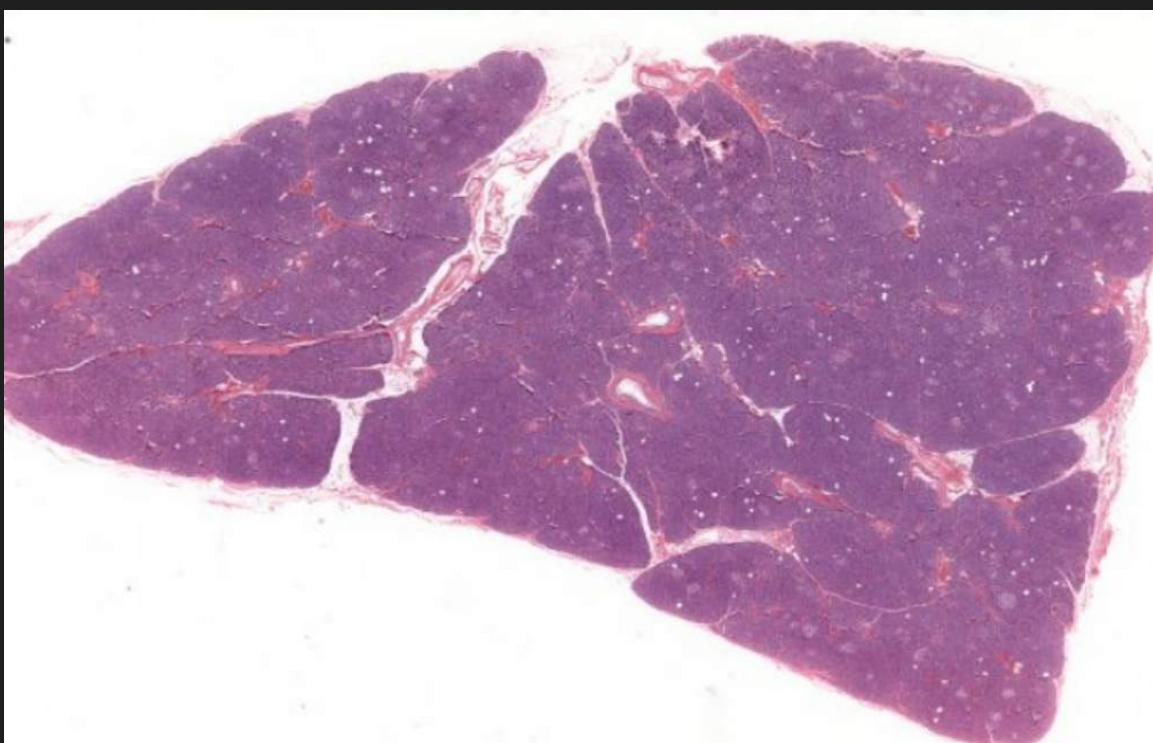


- **Tunica Muscularis:** randomly oriented bundles of smooth muscle containing numerous collagen and elastic fibers. Its contraction results in emptying of the gallbladder.
- **Serosa:** where the gallbladder is unattached to the liver. It is composed of a surface layer of mesothelium supported by loose connective tissue.

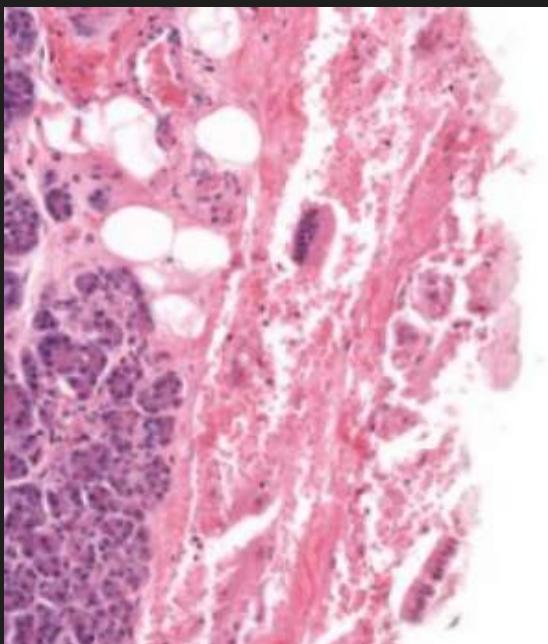


Exocrine Pancreas

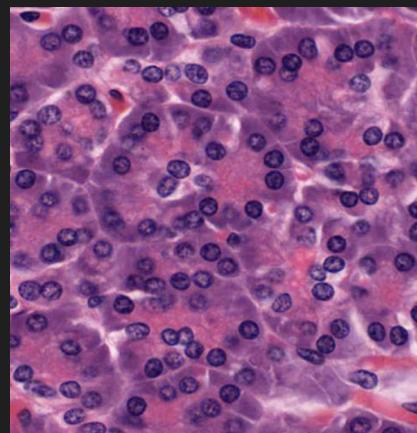
- The pancreas is the largest exocrine gland and is 95% exocrine tissue and 1–2% endocrine tissue. The exocrine portion is a purely serous gland which produces digestive enzymes that are released into the duodenum. The duct cells also secrete bicarbonate to neutralize acid from the stomach.
- The exocrine pancreas is compound tubuloacinar in structure. Centroacinar cells are epithelial cells from the beginning of ducts that protrude into the acinar lumen.



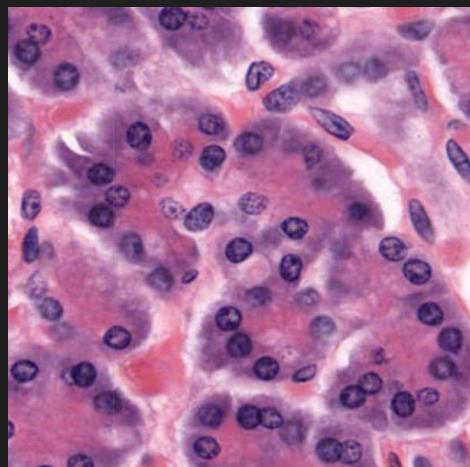
- **Capsule:** connective tissue covers the exterior surface.



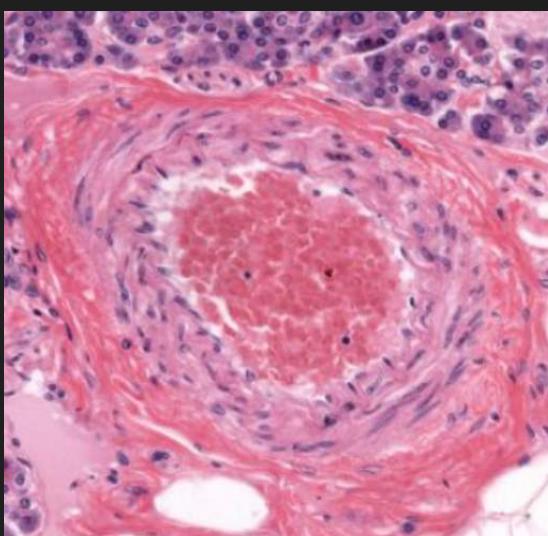
pyramidal serous cells.



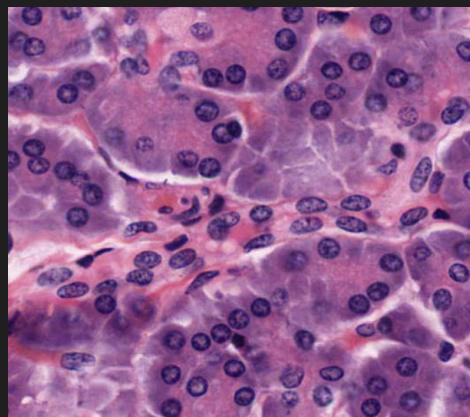
- **Acini**



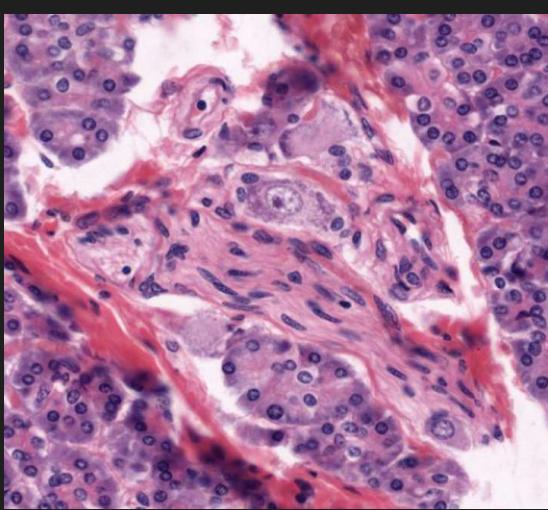
- **Blood Vessels**



- **Intercalated Ducts**



- **Nerves**

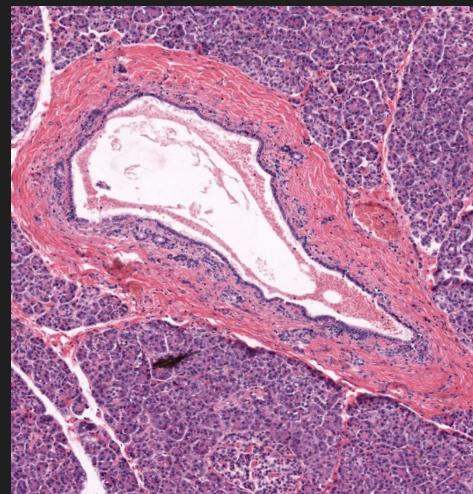
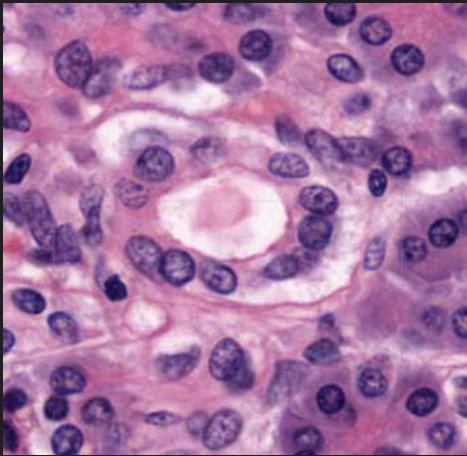


- **Centroacinar Cells:** duct cells located within an acinus.



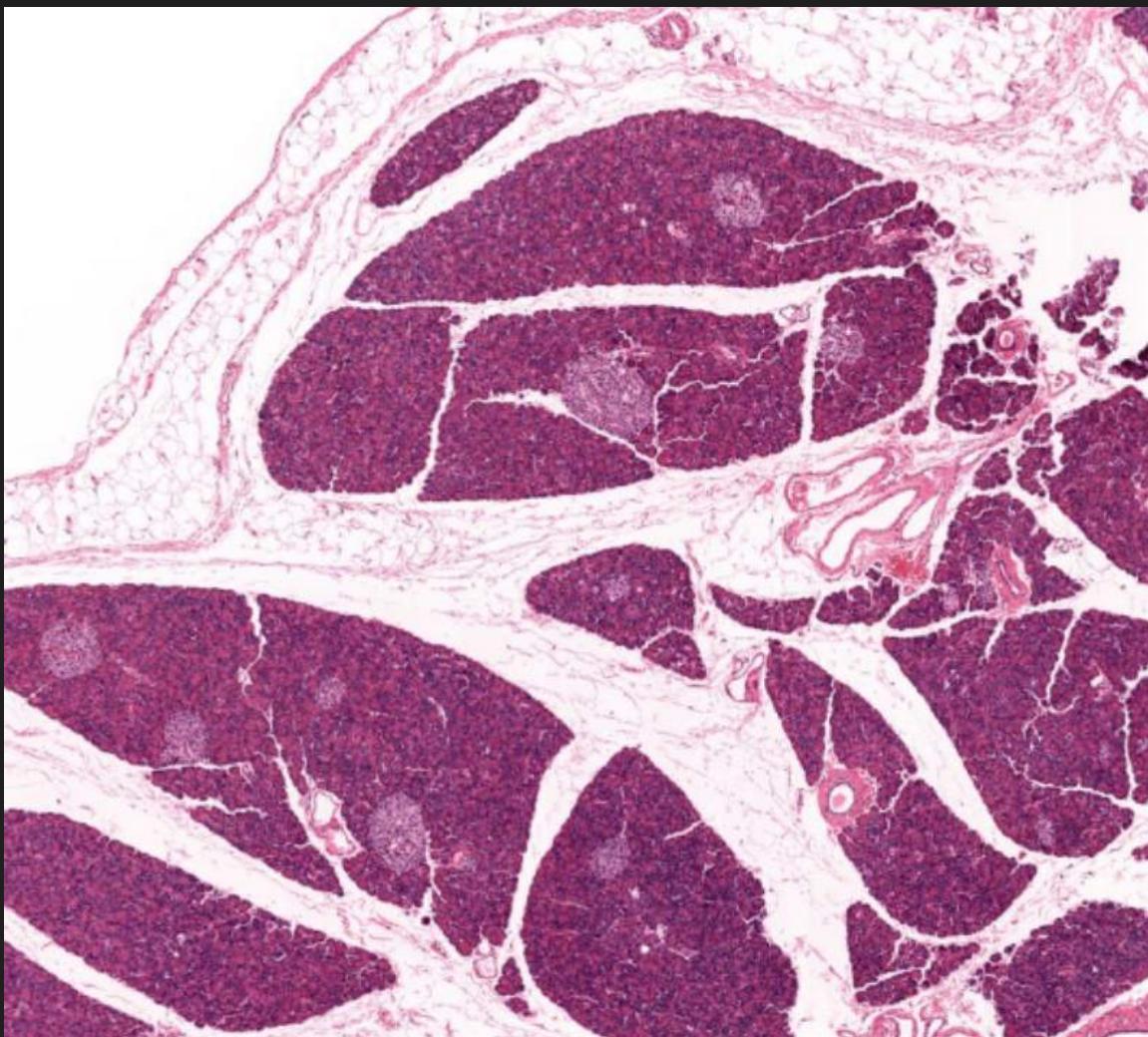
- **Exocrine Cells:** arranged as acini of

- **Interlobular Ducts:** leave the lobule and drain into interlobular ducts.
- **Interlobular Ducts:** ducts located outside a lobule.

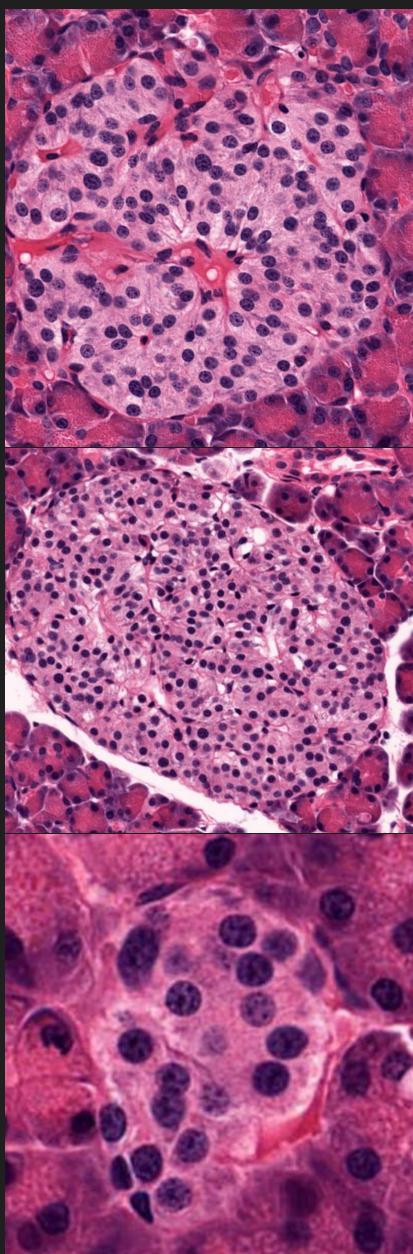


Endocrine Pancreas

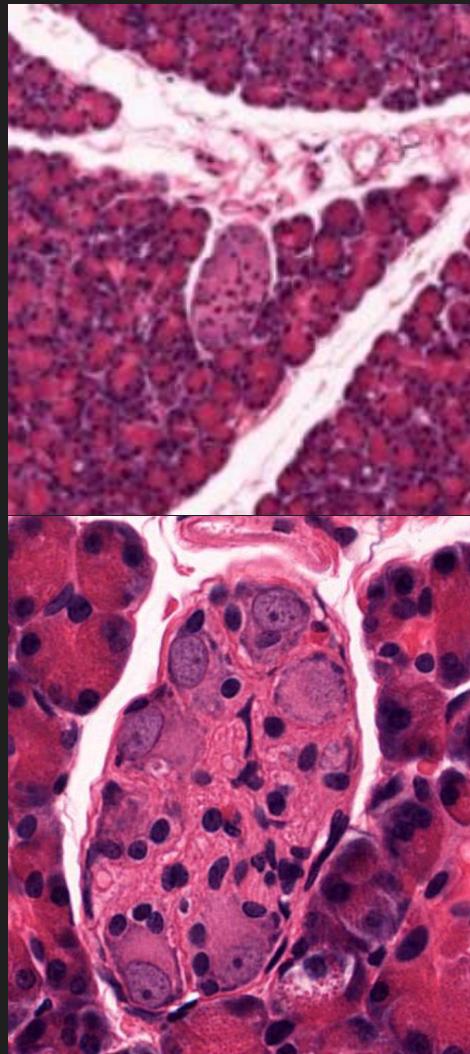
- Pancreatic islets (or islets of Langerhans) are “islands” of endocrine cells located within the pancreas. They secrete hormones (insulin and glucagon) important in the regulation of glucose in blood.



- **Islets of Langerhans:**



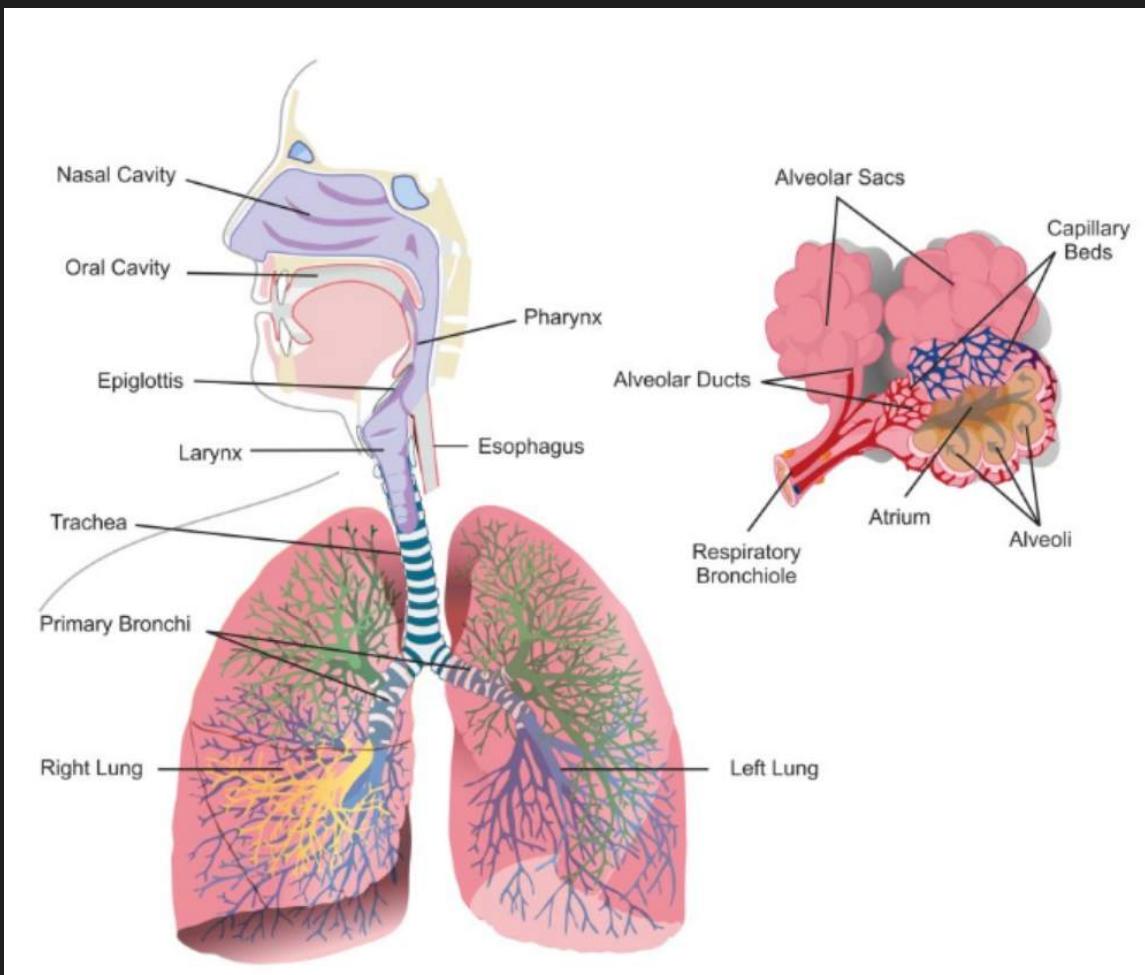
- **Parasympathetic Ganglion:** that is easily confused with small islets at low magnification, however at higher magnification shows typical structure of automatic ganglia.



1. Why can the liver be characterized as both an exocrine and endocrine organ?
 - Exocrine, since it primarily produces digestive bile for the small intestine, but is also endocrine since it releases hormones into the blood.
2. What are the secretory products of the exocrine pancreas?
 - Digestive enzymes: trypsinogen, lipase, amylase, etc., in inactive state
3. What is the major factor controlling insulin secretion?
 - Modulating blood glucose levels.

Week 7: Respiratory, Integument, Urinary

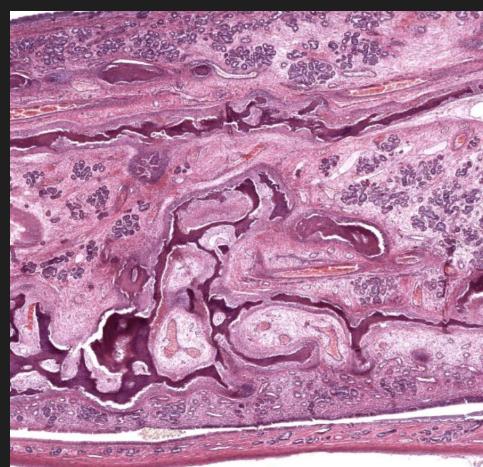
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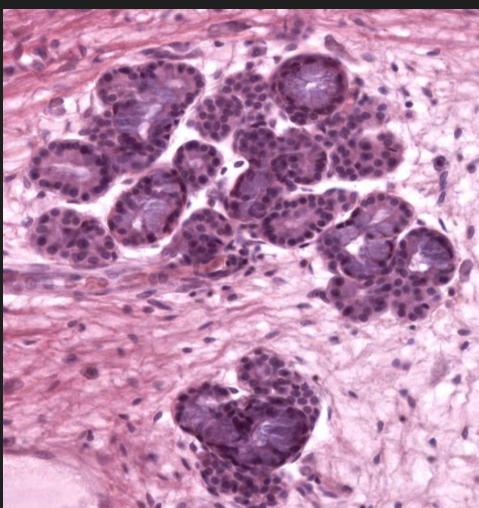
Nasal and Oral Cavities

The nasal cavities provide an extensive surface area for removing debris, warming, and humidifying the air. The nasal and oral cavities are separated by the hard and soft palate.

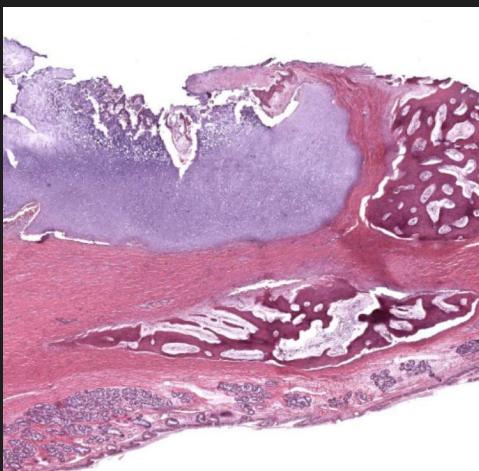
- **Respiratory epithelium:** pseudostratified epithelium with cilia and goblet cells lines the nasal cavity.
- **Nasal concha:** long, narrow and curled bone that protrudes into the nasal cavity.



- **Nasal Sero-Mucous glands:**



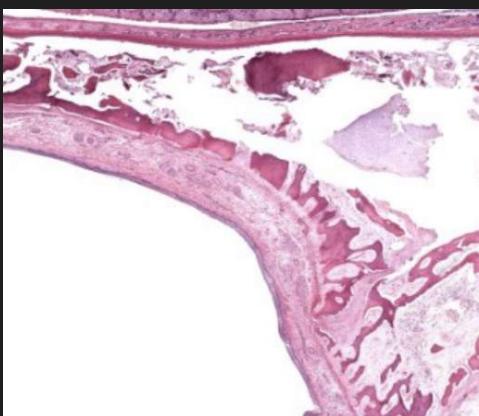
- **Nasal pharynx:** nasal portion of the pharynx.



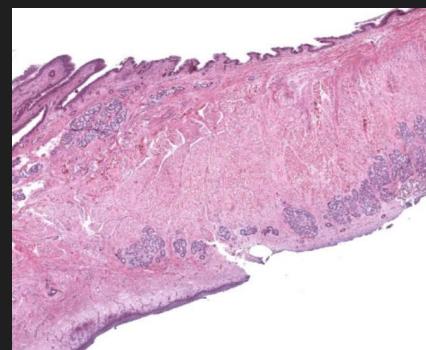
- **Palate:** roof of the mouth that separates the oral cavity from the nasal cavity.



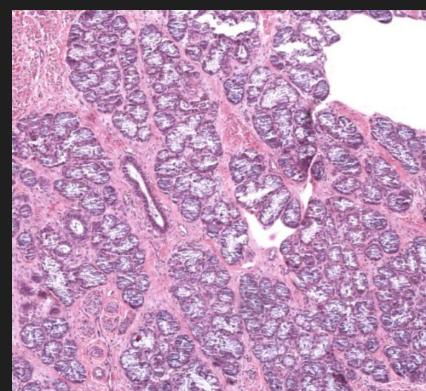
- **Hard palate:** anterior, bony (rigid) portion.



- **Soft palate:** anterior, bony (rigid) portion.



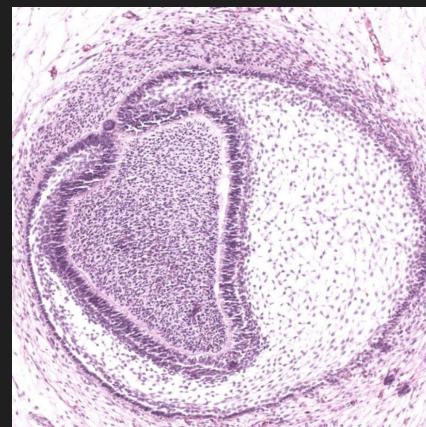
- **Palatine mucous glands:**



- **Tooth:**



- **Tooth Bud:**

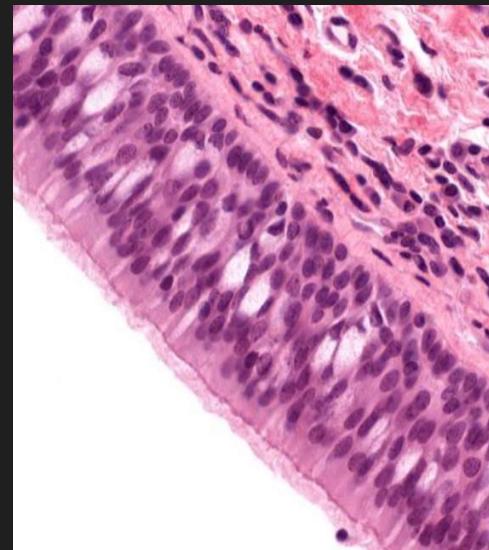
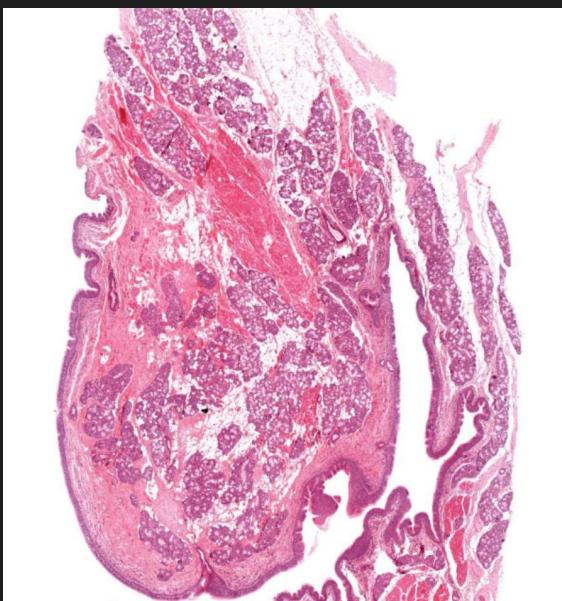


Larynx

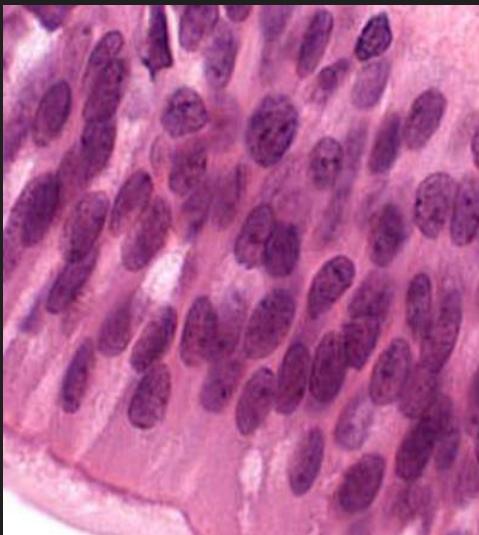
The larynx plays a critical role in speech.



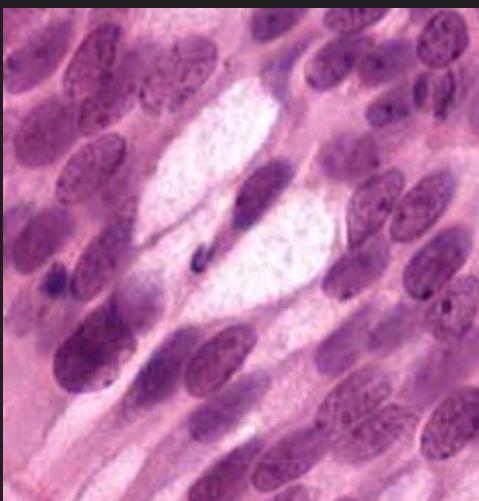
- **False vocal (ventricular) fold:**
- **Respiratory epithelium:** pseudostratified columnar epithelium with cilia and goblet cells.



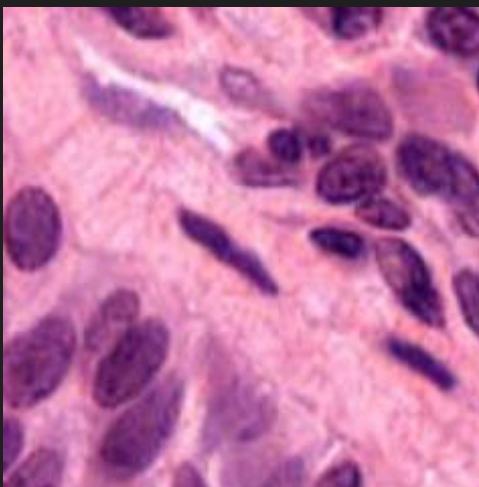
- **Pseudostratified columnar cells:** basal bodies visible as a dark line at the base of the cilia.



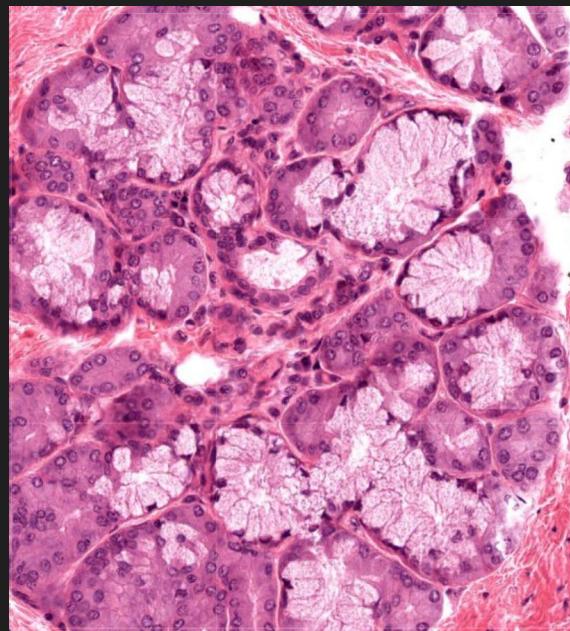
- **Goblet cells:** basal bodies visible as a dark line at the base of the cilia.



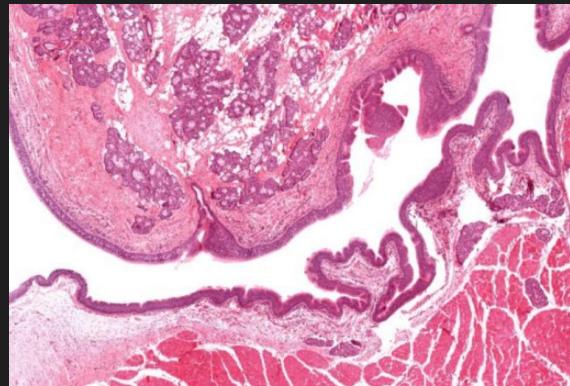
- **Basement membrane:** basal bodies visible as a dark line at the base of the cilia.



- **Sero-Mucous glands:** add moisture to air and aid in trapping contaminants.



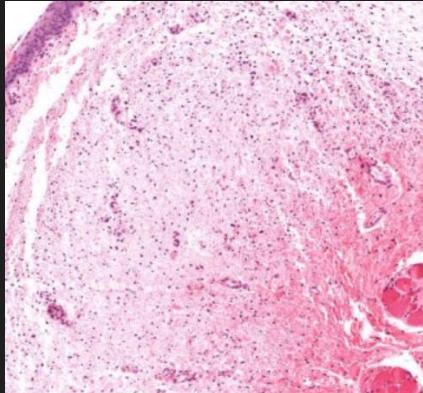
- **Laryngeal ventricle:** a lateral diverticulum that separates false folds above from true vocal cords below.



- **True vocal cord:**



- **Vocal ligament:** thick band of connective tissue within the lamina propria near the surface of the vocal cord.



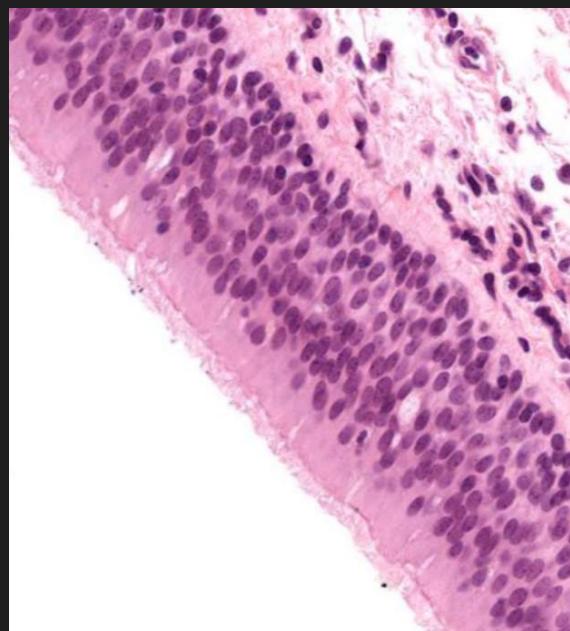
- **Stratified squamous non-keratinized epithelium:** covers this region of the larynx because it is subject to mechanical stress.



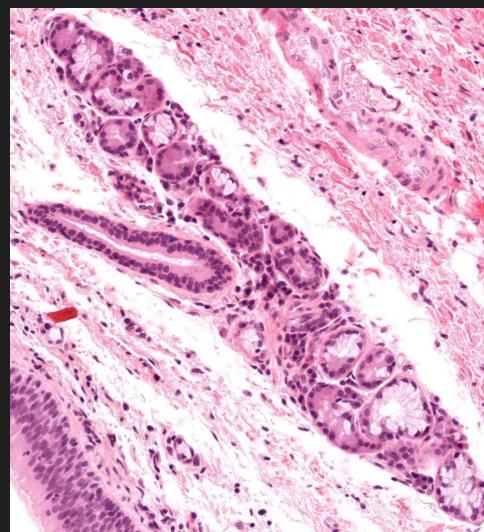
- **Vocalis muscle:** skeletal muscle that underlies and regulates the tension of the vocal ligament.



- **Respiratory epithelium:** covers the true vocal cord except for the region that covers the vocal ligament.



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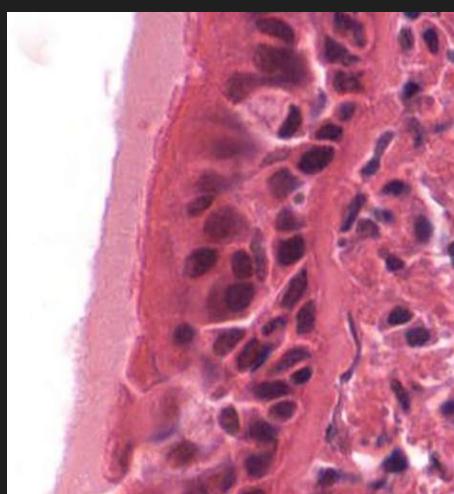


Trachea

The trachea (windpipe) is a fibromuscular tube supported by C-shaped rings of hyaline cartilage. It extends from the larynx toward the lungs.



- **Respiratory epithelium:** the trachea is lined with a pseudostratified columnar epithelium with cilia and goblet cells.



- **Cilia:** extend 5 to 7 μm from the surface of the columnar epithelial cells. The dark line at their base is from their basal bodies.



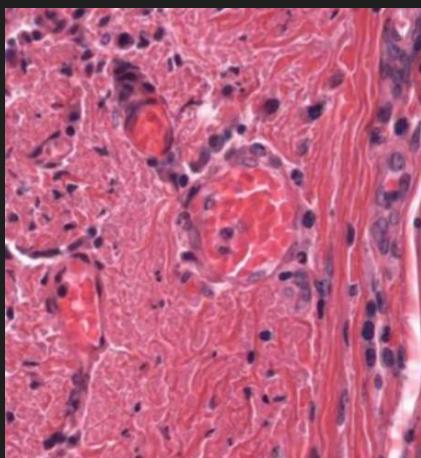
- **Goblet cells:** secrete mucus. They are difficult to identify in this specimen, but a thick layer of mucus (20 to 30 µm) is seen on the surface of the epithelium.



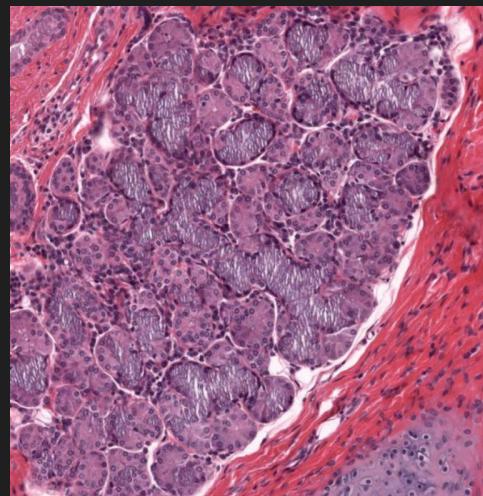
- **Basement membrane:** separates the epithelium from the underlying connective tissue. It is seen as a thick, eosinophilic band beneath the epithelium.



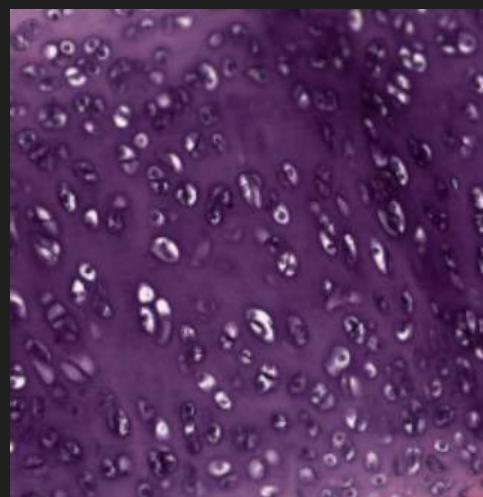
- **Lamina propria:** dense irregular connective tissue supports the epithelium.



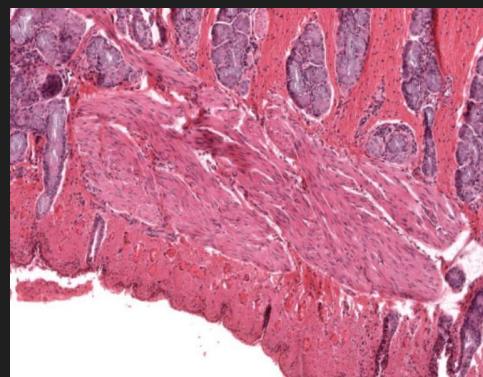
- **Sero-Mucous glands:** add moisture to air and aid in trapping contaminants. The cilia propel mucus towards the esophagus where it is swallowed.



- **Hyaline cartilage:** "C"-shaped cartilage that is open in its posterior aspect.



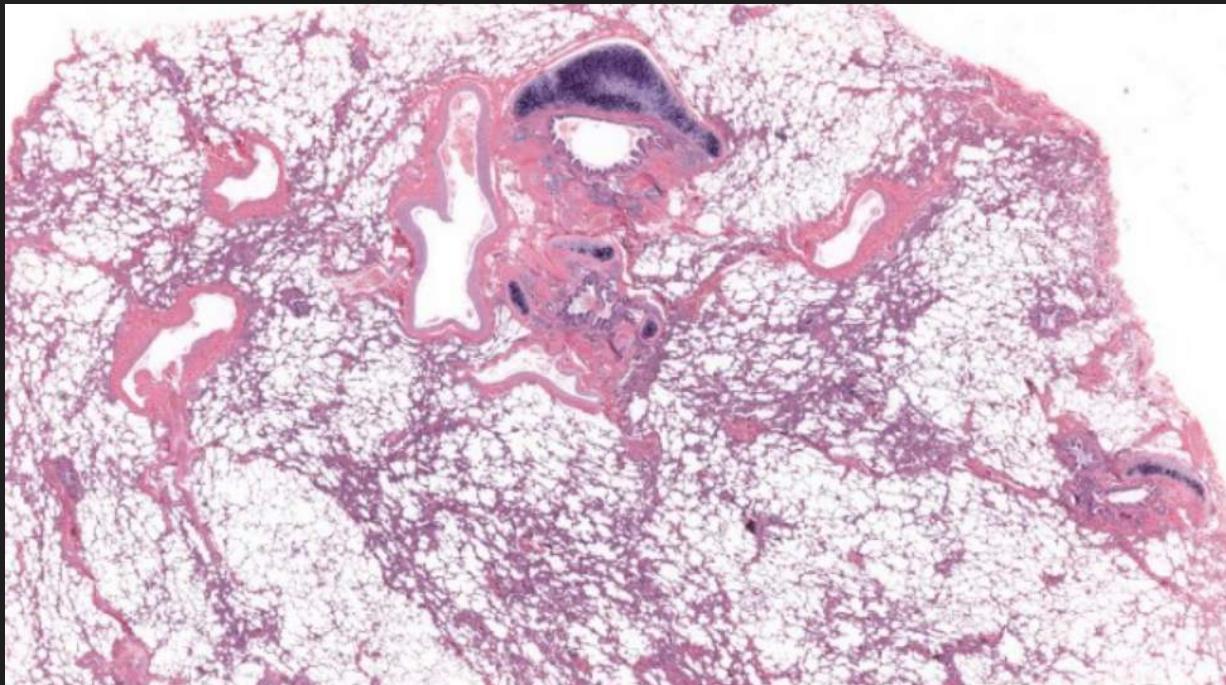
- **Trachealis muscle:** smooth muscle that spans the ends of tracheal cartilages. They control the diameter of the trachea.



Lung

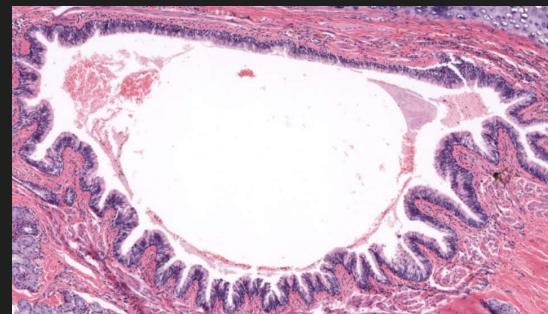
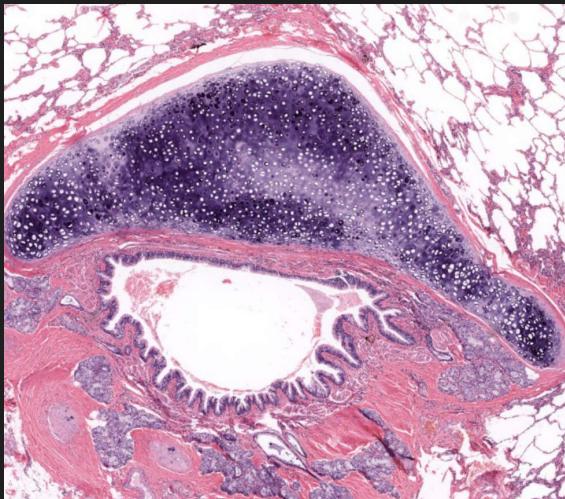
The lung consists of airways and structures for gas exchange.

The trachea divides into primary bronchi for each lung. They divide into secondary (lobar) bronchi and then into segmental (terminal) bronchi.

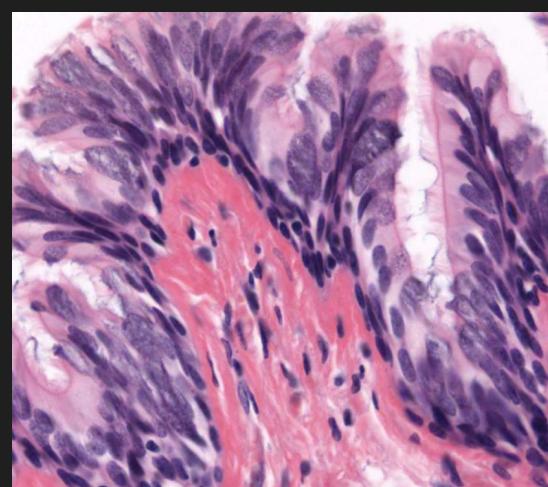
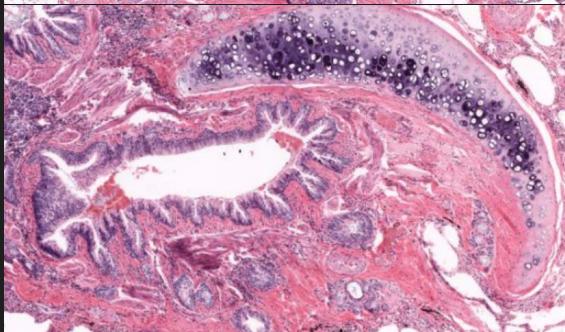


- **Primary bronchi:**

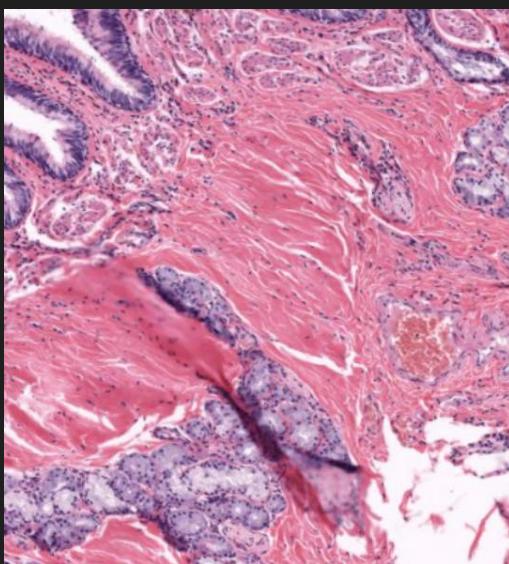
- **Respiratory epithelium:** composed of pseudostratified columnar epithelium.



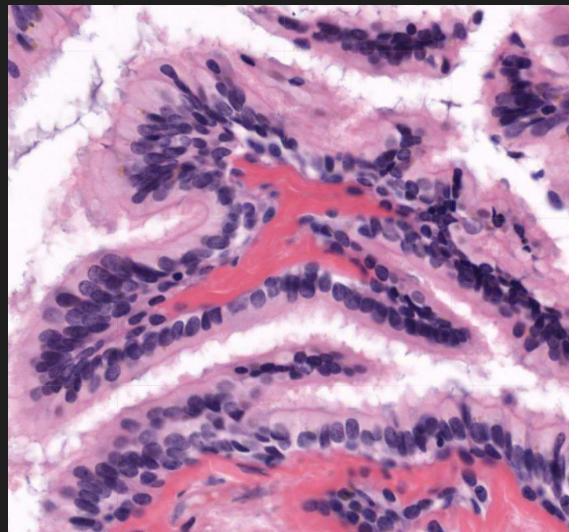
- **Pseudostratified columnar epithelium:**



- **Lamina propria:**



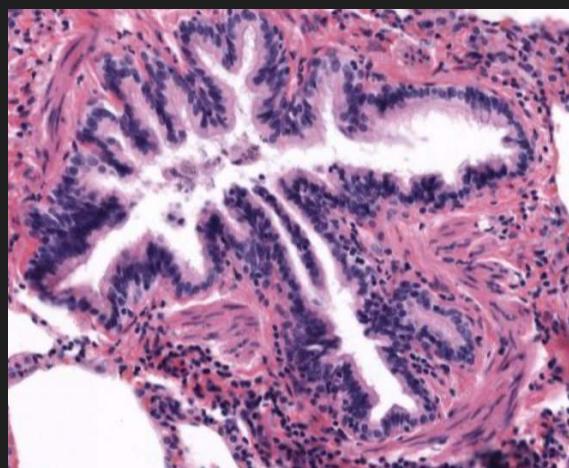
- **Epithelium:** changes from pseudostratified columnar to simple, ciliated columnar epithelium as they decrease in diameter.



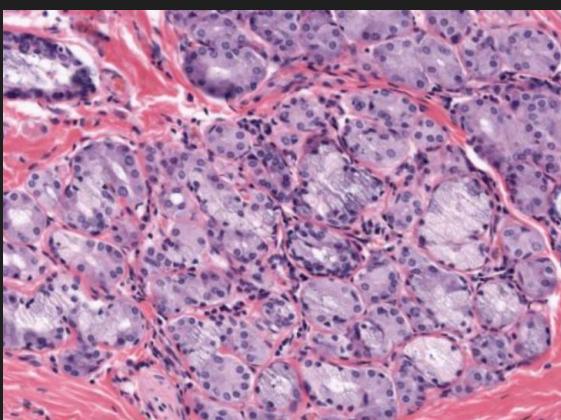
- **Bronchial cartilage:**



- **Terminal bronchioles:** conducting airways.

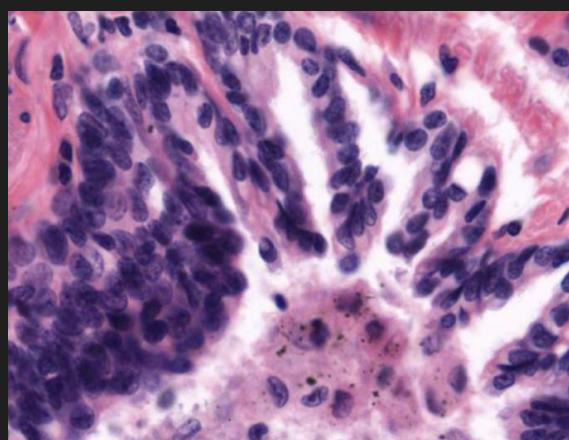
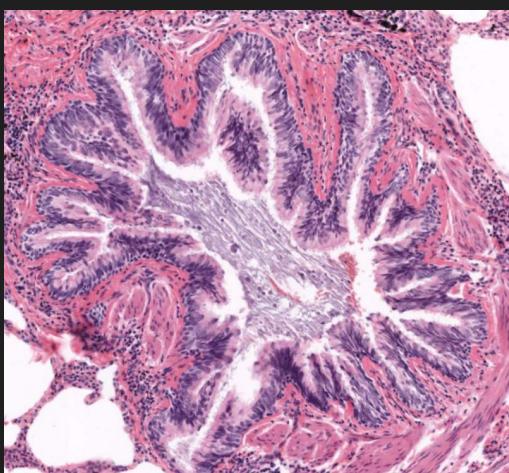


- **Sero-Mucous glands:**



- **Epithelium:** changes from simple, ciliated columnar epithelium to cuboidal epithelium.

- **Primary muscular bronchioles:**



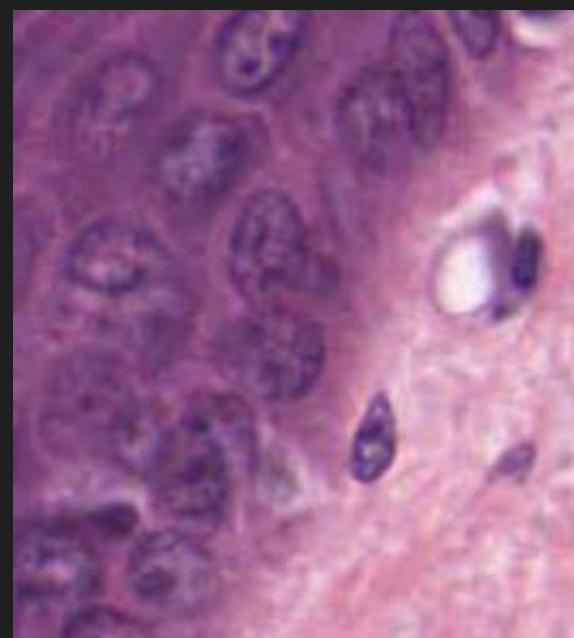
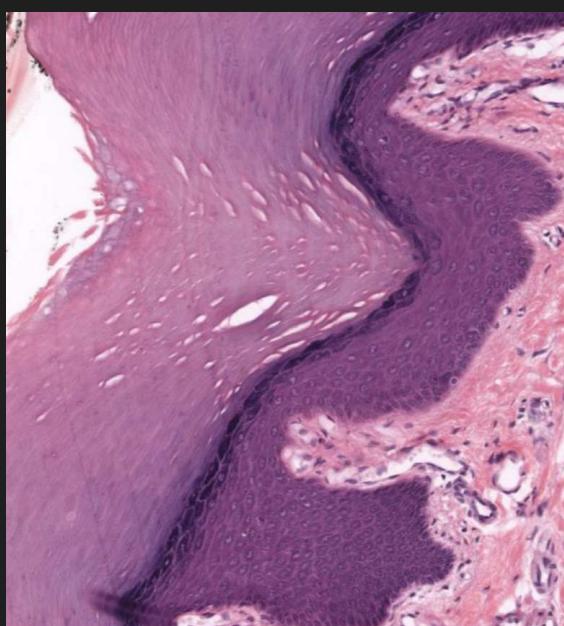
Integument

Thick Skin

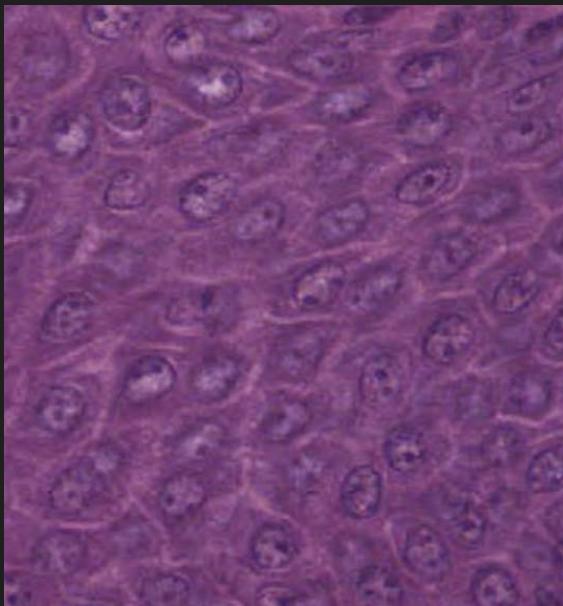
Thick skin is only found on the palms of the hands, and the soles of the feet, locations subjected to considerable abrasion. It has a thick epidermis and contains sweat glands, but lacks hair follicles and sebaceous glands.



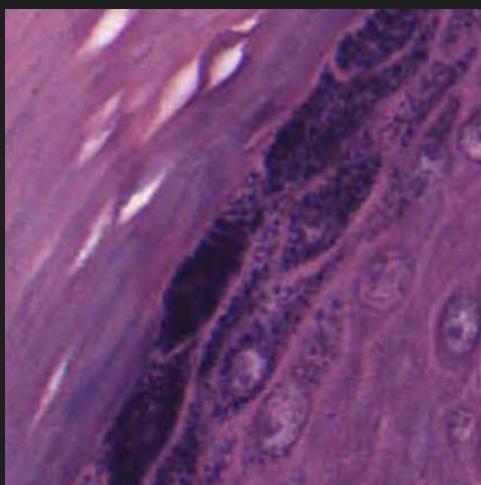
- **Epidermis:** stratified squamous keratinized epithelium divided into five strata (or layers).
- **Stratum basale:** single layer of germinative cells resting on the basement membrane which is attached to the dermis.



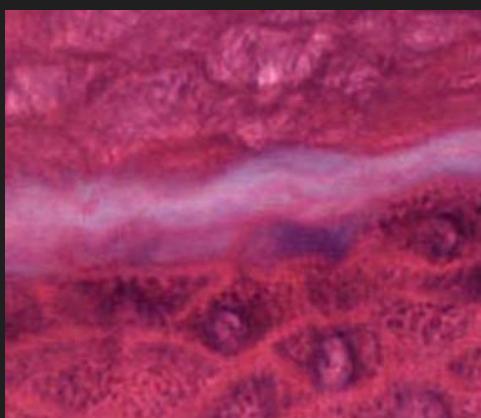
- **Stratum spinosum:** keratinocytes attached to each other by desmosomes on spiny processes.



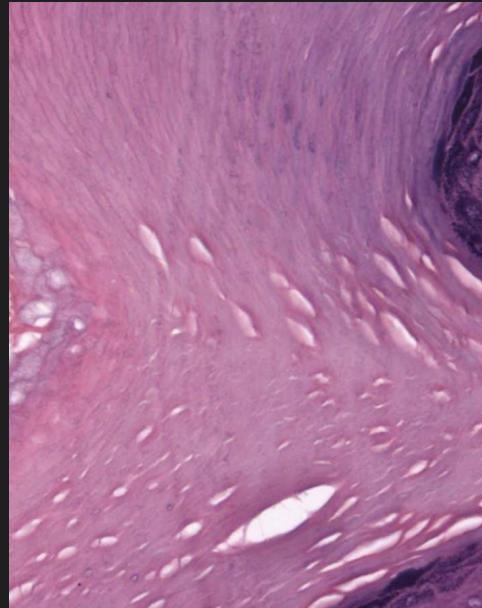
- **Stratus granulosum:** keratinocytes with numerous basophilic, keratohyalin granules in their cytoplasm.



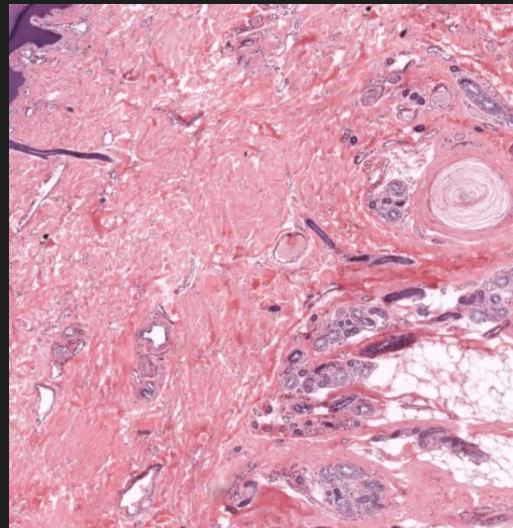
- **Stratum lucidum:** highly refractive zone only seen in very thick skin.



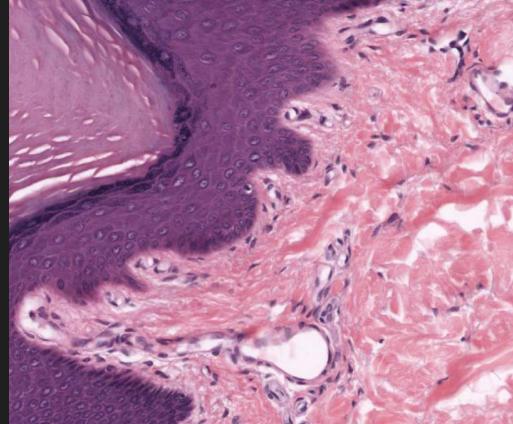
- **Stratum Corneum:** - thick layer of dead cells (squames) devoid of nuclei and organelles.



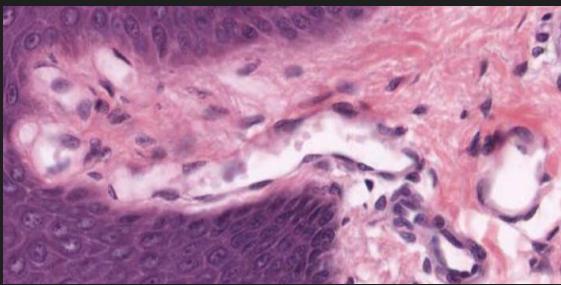
- **Dermis:** dense irregular connective tissue that supports the epidermis.



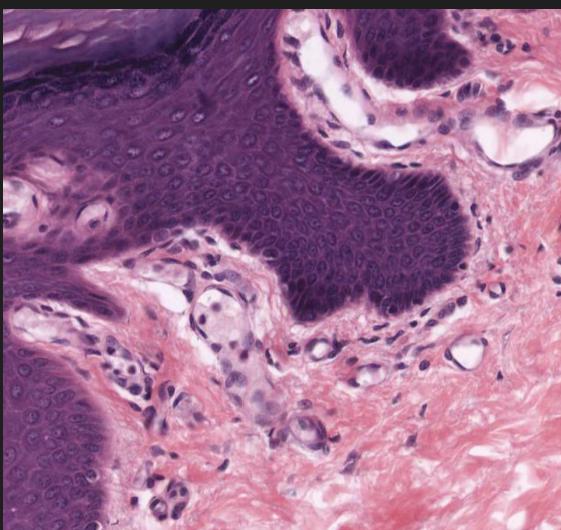
- **Papillary layer:** papillae that project into the dermis.



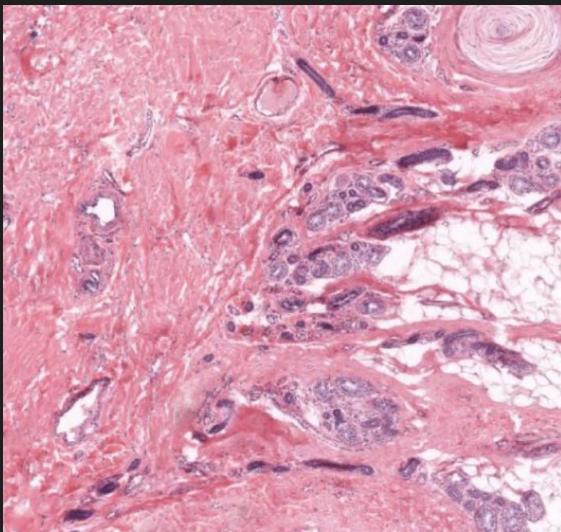
- **Dermal papillae:** increase adhesion between the epidermis and dermis.



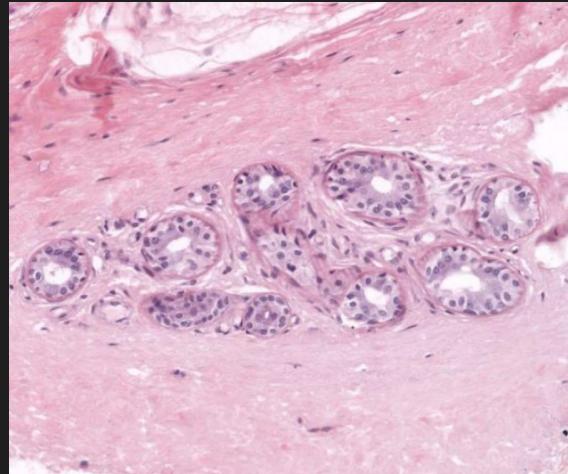
- **Papillary capillaries:** bring nutrients to the epidermis.



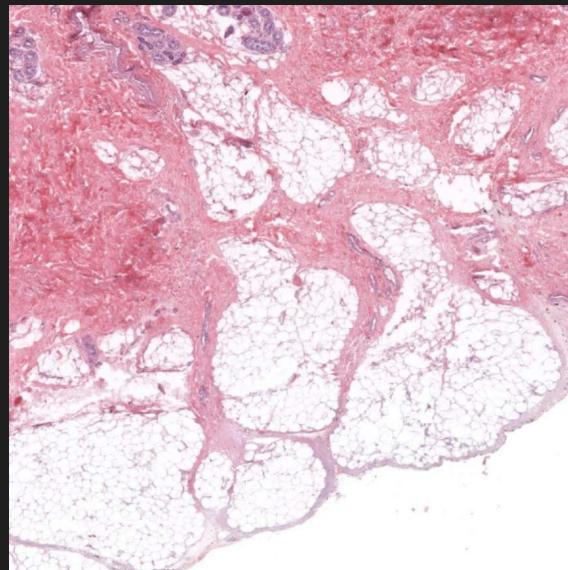
- **Reticular layer:** dense irregular connective.



- **Eccrine sweat glands:** coiled tubular gland with simple or stratified cuboidal epithelium (lightly stained) and duct cells (dark staining).



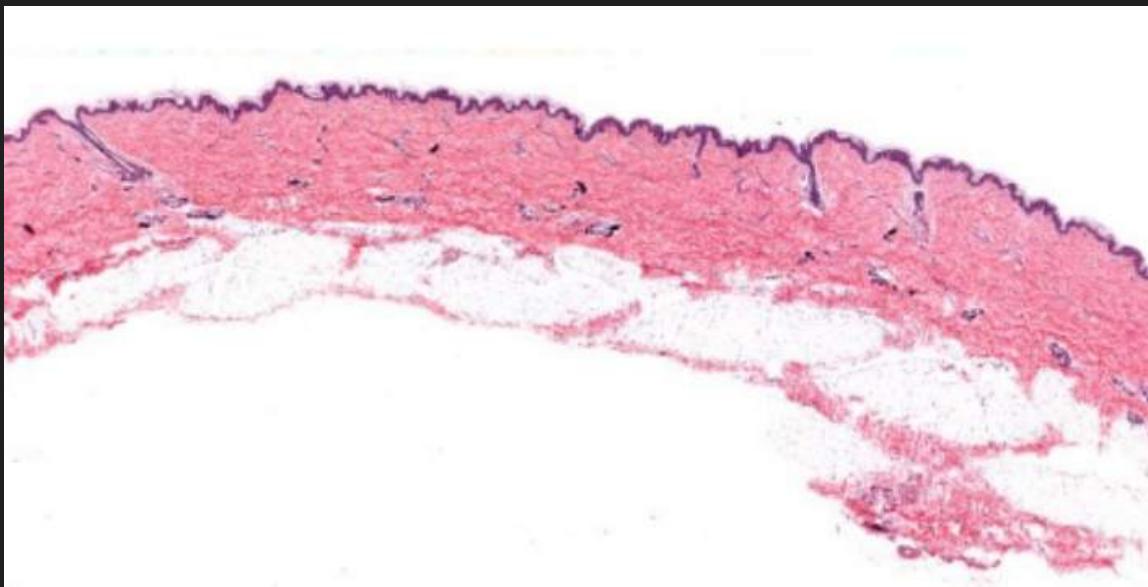
- **Hypodermis:** loose connective tissue with adipose tissue.



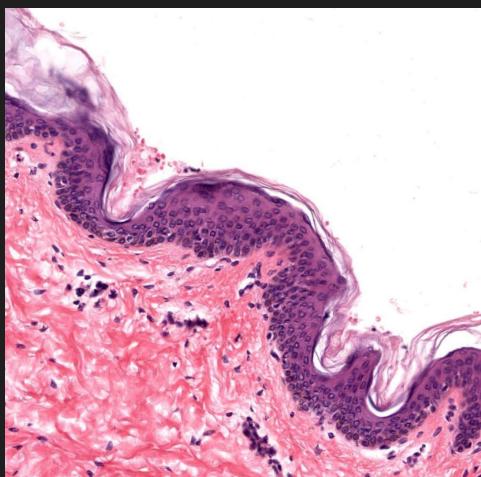
Thin Skin

Thin skin (1 to 2 mm) covers most of the body, whereas thick skin is restricted to the palms of the hands and soles of the feet.

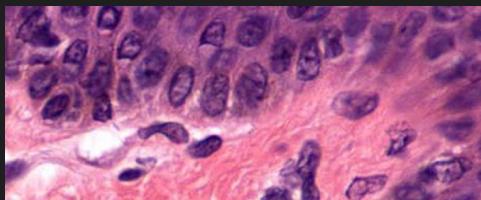
The keratin layers often become dislodged during preparation of thin skin. In the natural state, the keratin layers would be attached to the underlying layers. The thickness of the stratum corneum is less than the cellular layers.



- **Epidermis:** stratified squamous keratinized epithelium divided into four strata (or layers).



- **Stratum basale:** single layer of germinal cells resting on the basement membrane which is attached to the dermis.



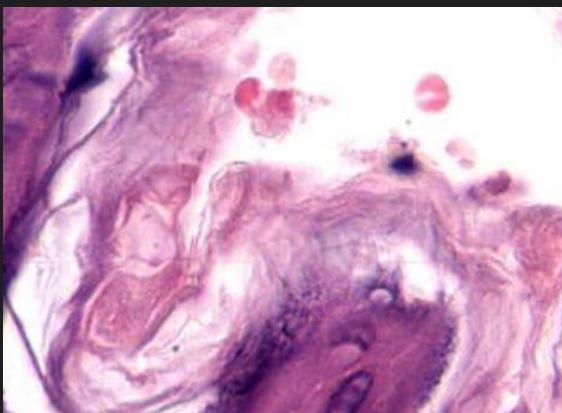
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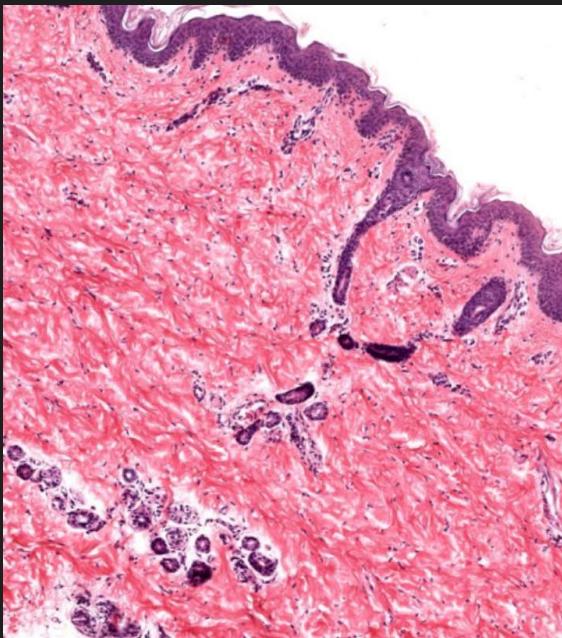
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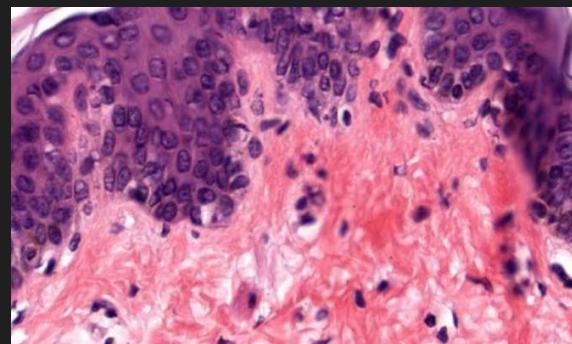
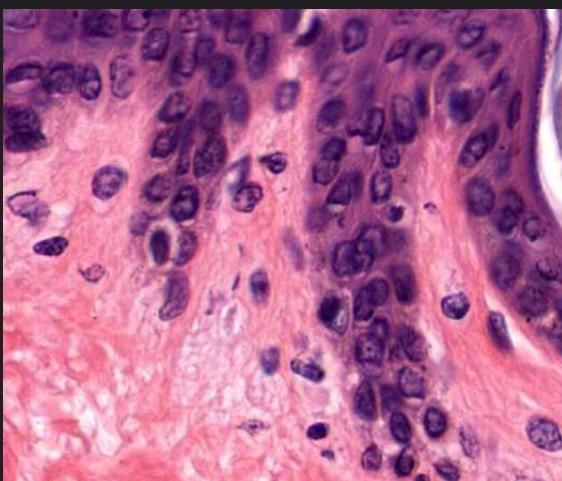
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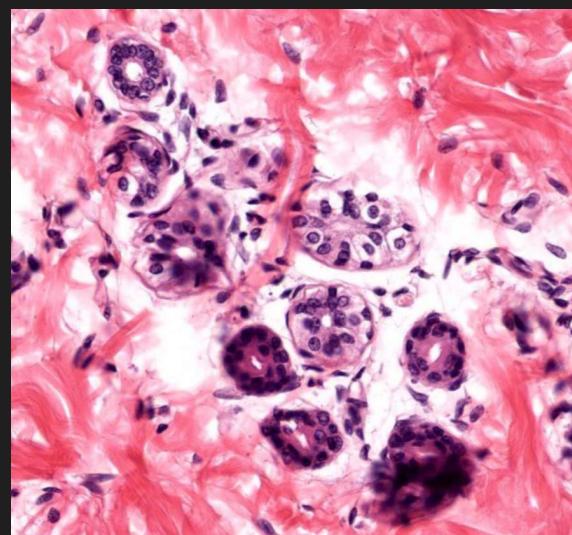
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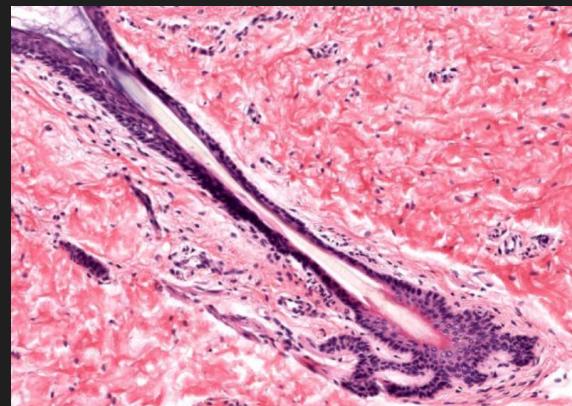
- **Dermal papillae:** less prominent than in thick skin. They increase adhesion between the epidermis and dermis.



- **Eccrine sweat glands:** coiled tubular glands (lightly stained) and ducts (dark stained) with simple or stratified cuboidal epithelium.

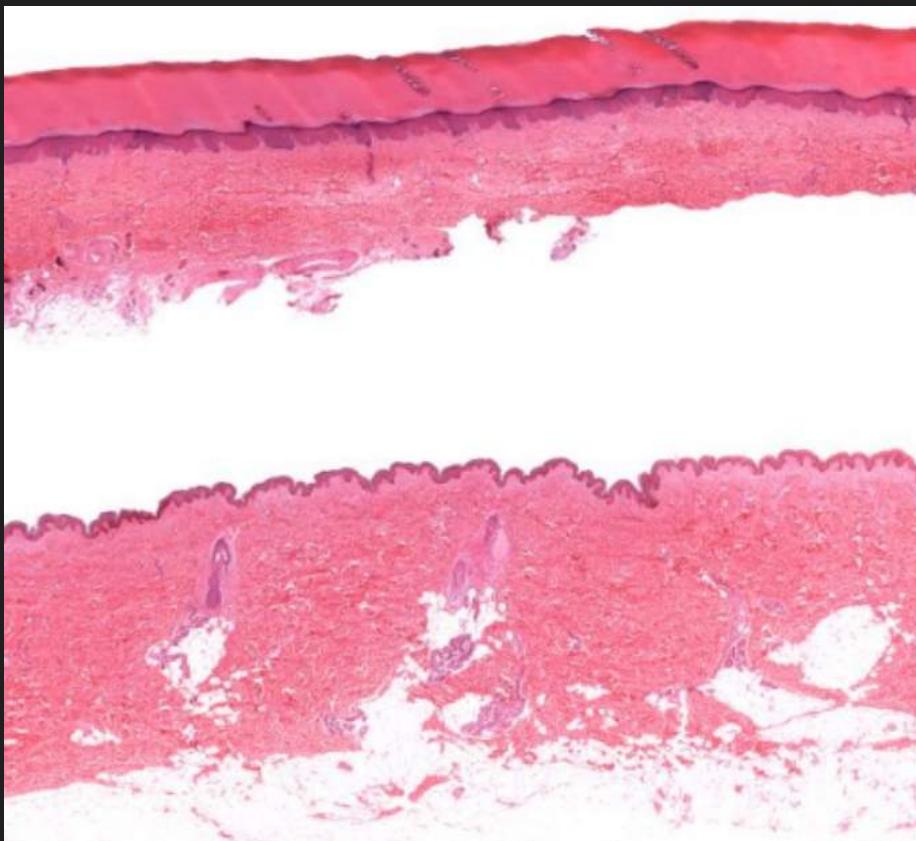


- **Hair follicle:** thin skin has hair follicles.

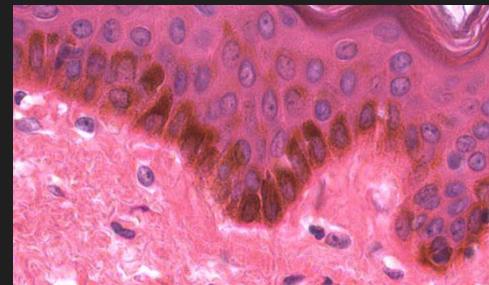
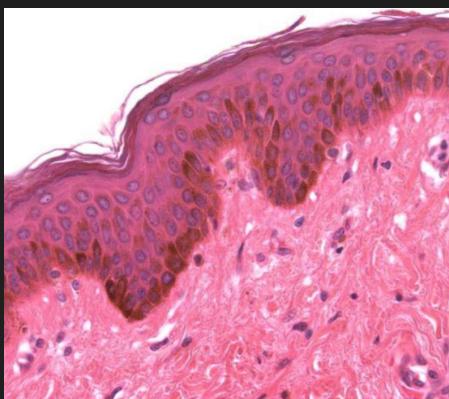


Pigmented Skin

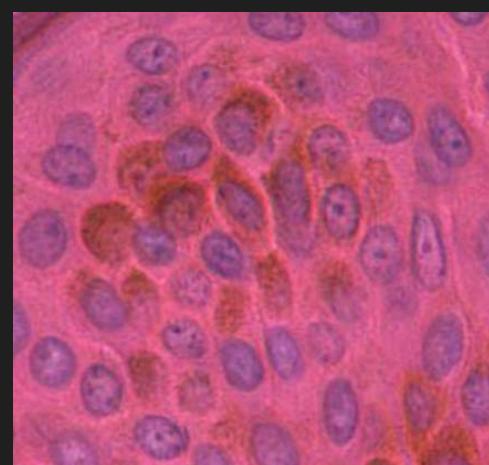
Thick and thin skin from a dark skinned individual.



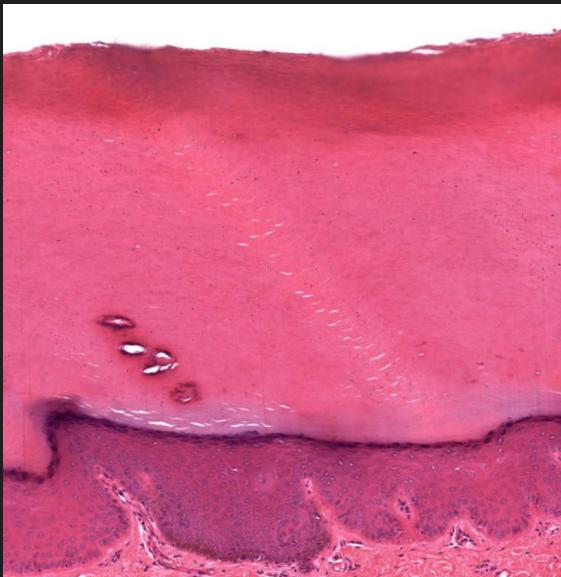
- **Thin skin:** covers most of the body and is heavily pigmented.
- **Stratum basale:** heavily pigmented with dark brown granules of melanin.



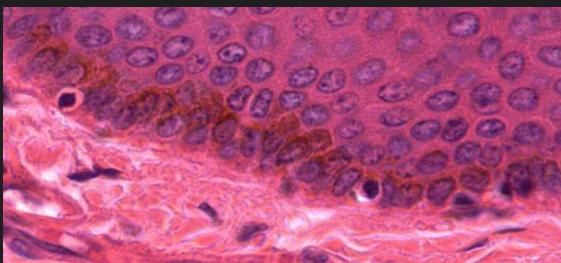
- **Melanocytes:** melanin-producing cells located in the stratum basale.



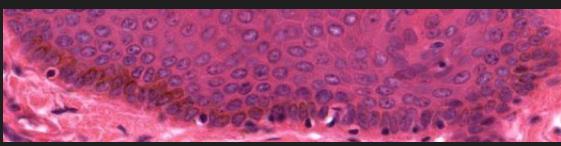
- **Thick skin:** covers the palms of the hands and soles of the feet and is lightly pigmented.



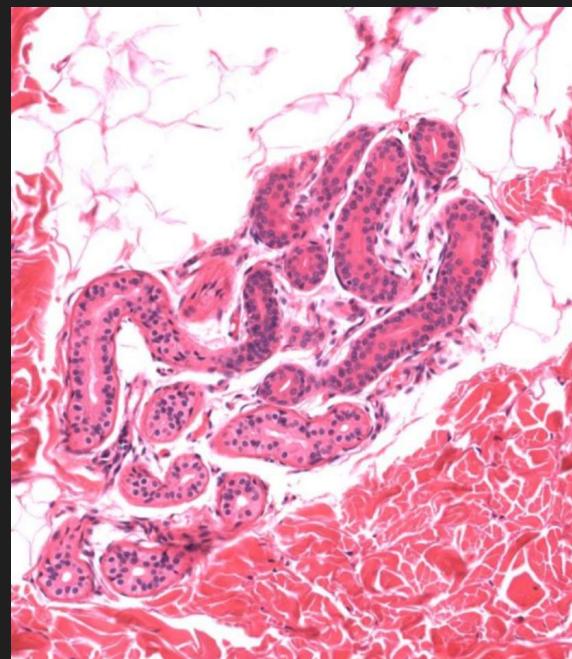
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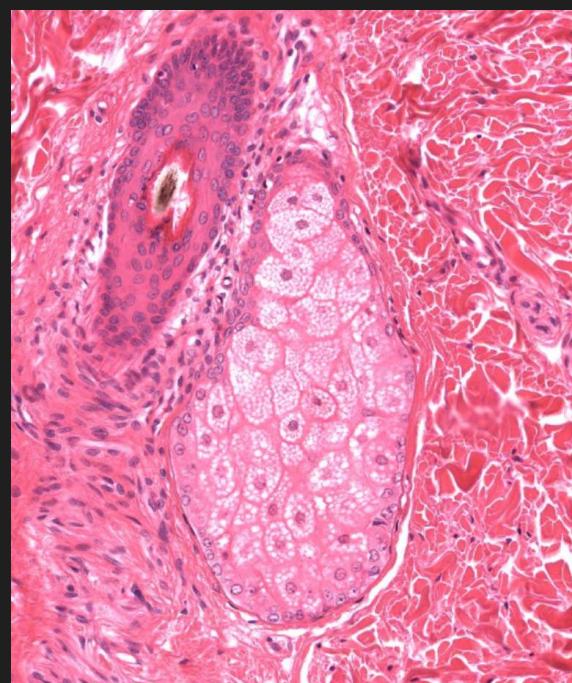
- **Stratum basale:** lightly pigmented with dark brown granules of melanin.



- **Sweat gland:** coiled tubular gland with simple or stratified cuboidal epithelium (lightly stained) and duct cells (dark staining).



- **Hair follicle and sebaceous gland:** common in thin skin. The sebaceceus glands are large cells with a central nuclei and foamy cytoplasm. These cells produce an oily, waxy substance called sebum that is released onto the surface of the skin.



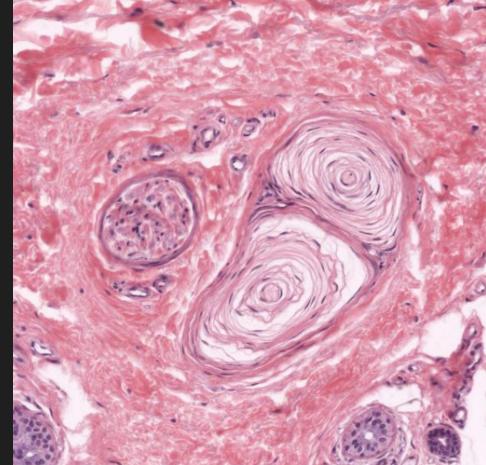
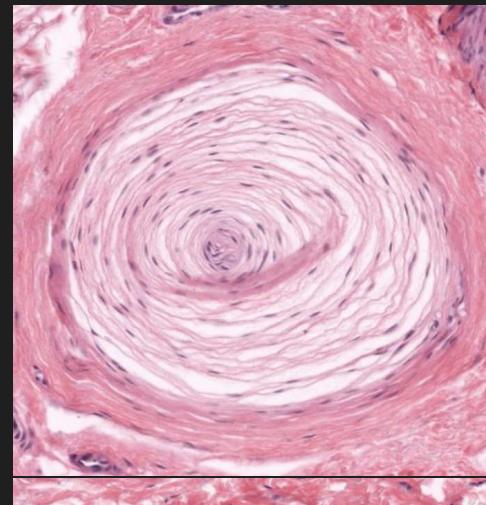
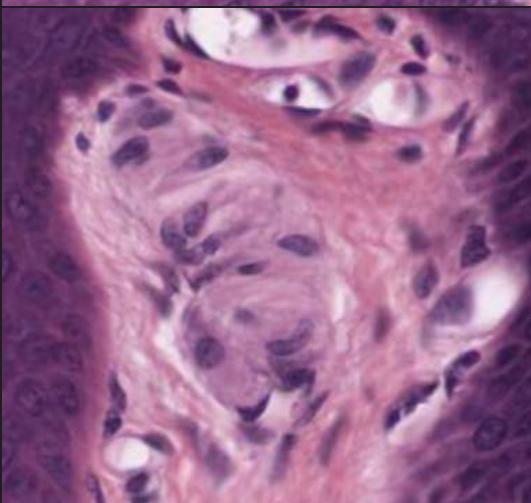
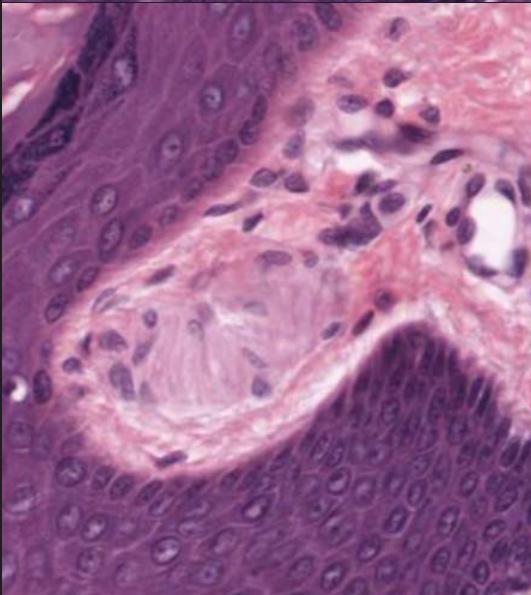
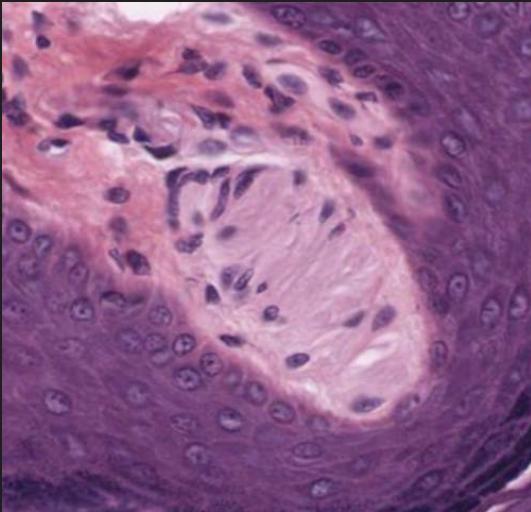
Questions

- What are the cell junctions in the stratum spinosum? – Desmosomes, with spiky membrane projections.
- Where are the melanocytes located? – Stratum basale.

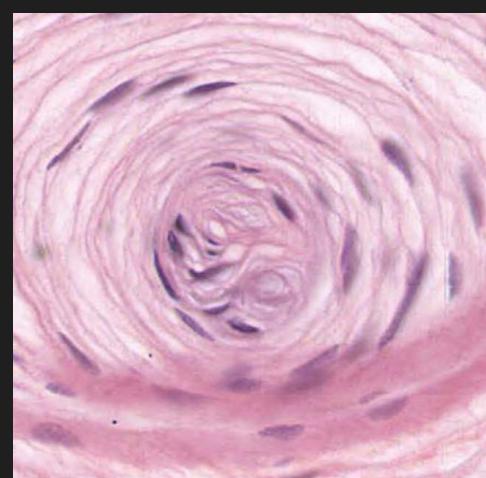
Meissner and Pacinian Corpuscles

Meissner and Pacinian corpuscles are two types of touch/pressure receptors that are found in skin.

- **Meissner corpuscles:** nerve endings in skin responsible for sensitivity to light touch.
- **Pacinian corpuscles:** nerve endings in skin responsible for sensitivity to vibration and pressure.



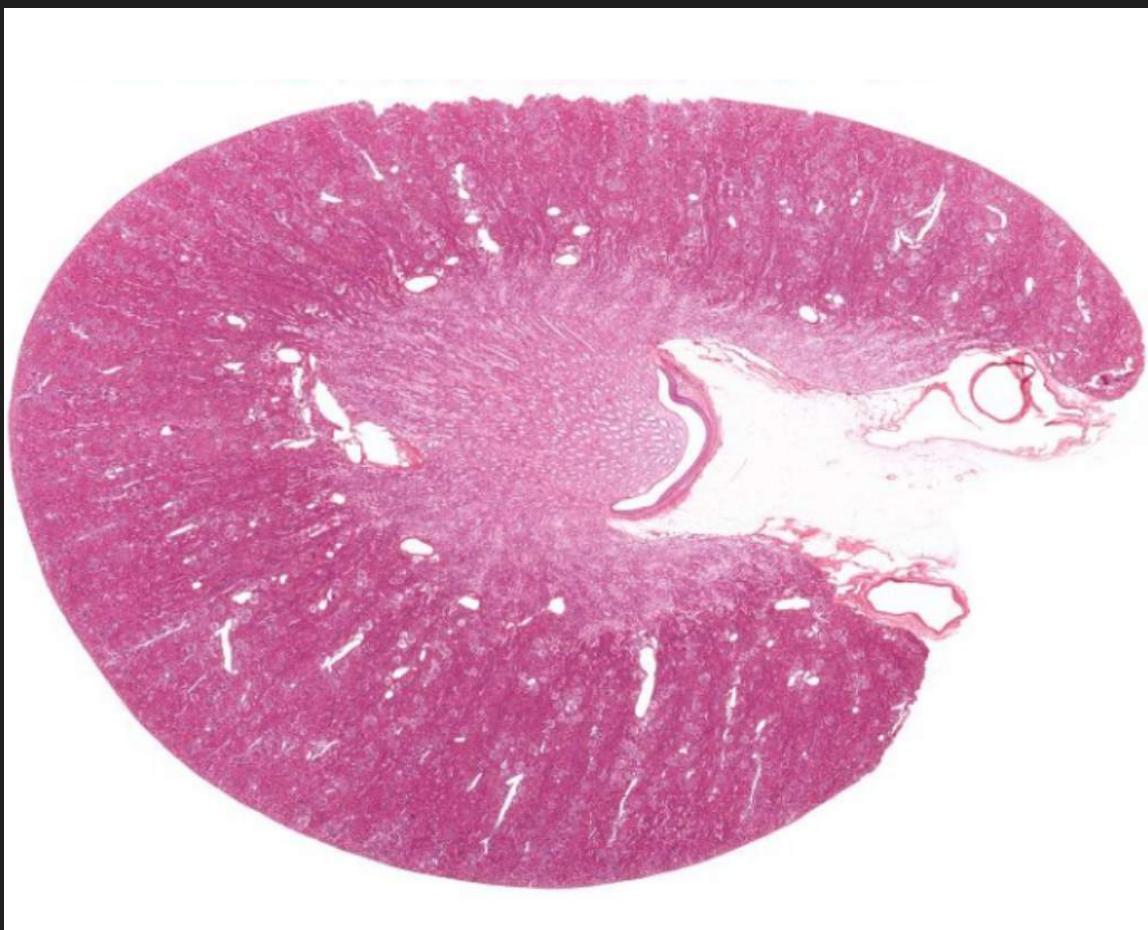
- **Inner bulb:** an unmyelinated axon within a fluid-filled cavity formed by several lamellae of Schwann cells.



Urinary

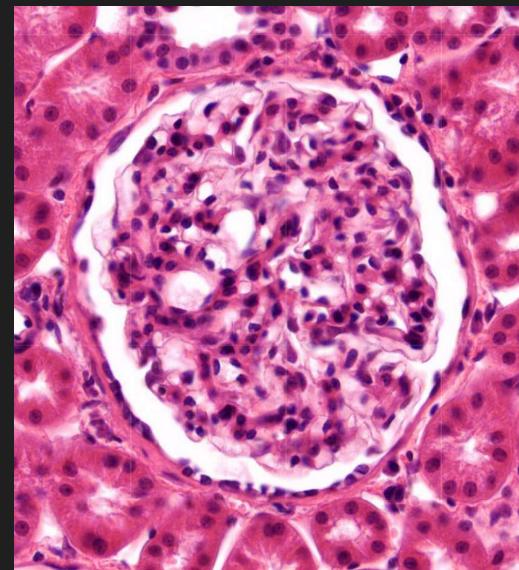
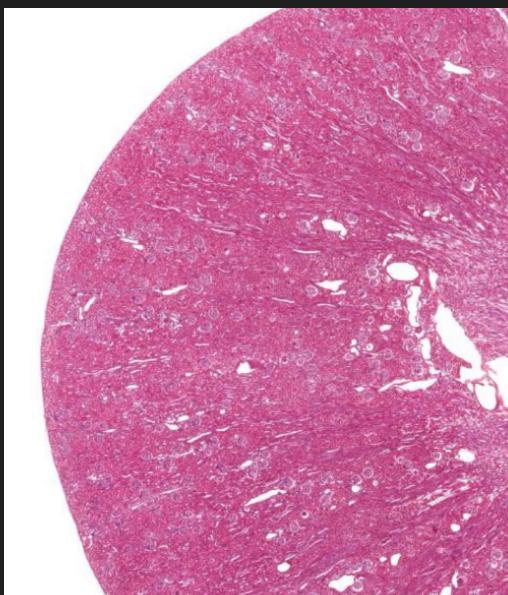
Kidney

Kidneys filter blood and produce urine. Unlike the human kidney which is multilobed (10 to 12 lobes) separated by renal columns (cortical tissue that extends alongside the margin of pyramids in the medulla), the monkey kidney is unilobular.

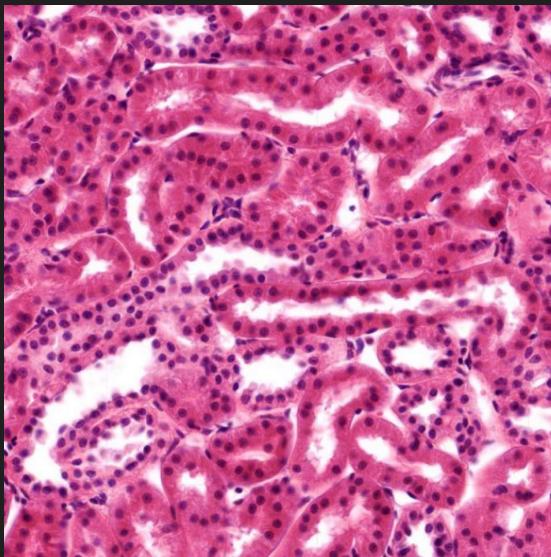


- **Cortex:** darker outer region.

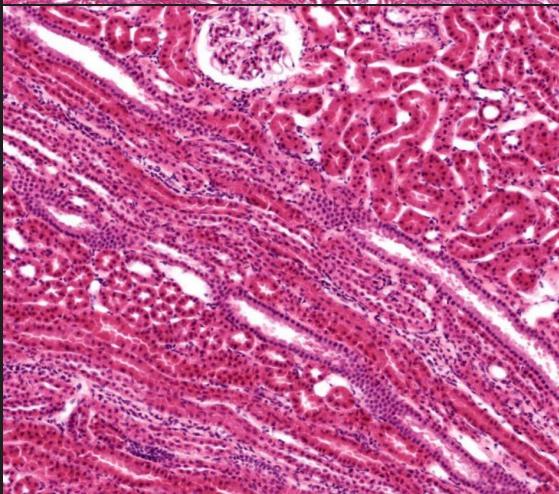
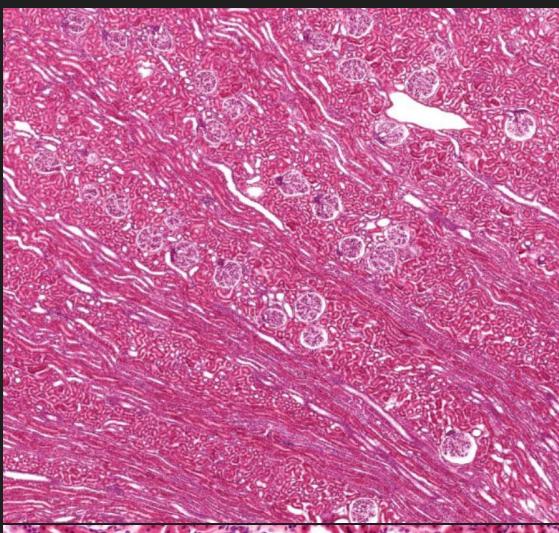
- **Renal corpuscles:** spherical structures that form ultrafiltrate from blood.



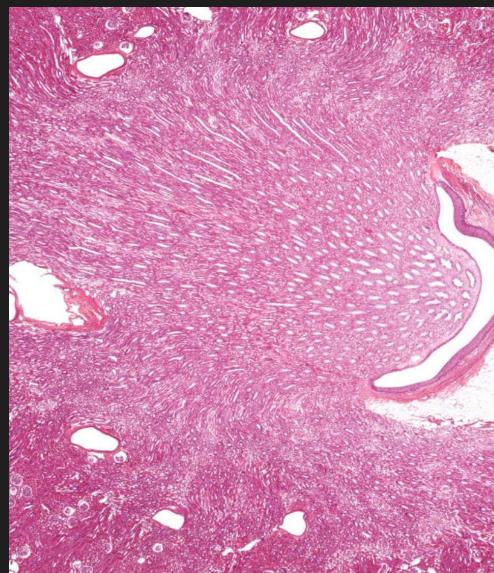
- **Cortical labyrinths:** regions between renal corpuscles and medullary rays that contain proximal and distal convoluted tubules.



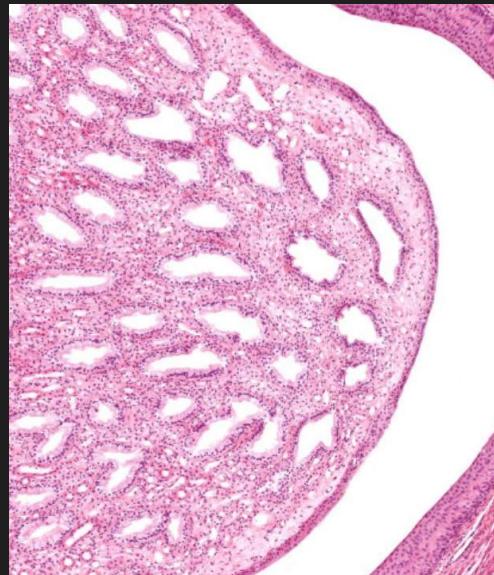
- **Medullary rays:** projections of tubules between the cortex and medulla that contains straight tubules and collecting ducts.



- **Medulla:** lighter inner region.



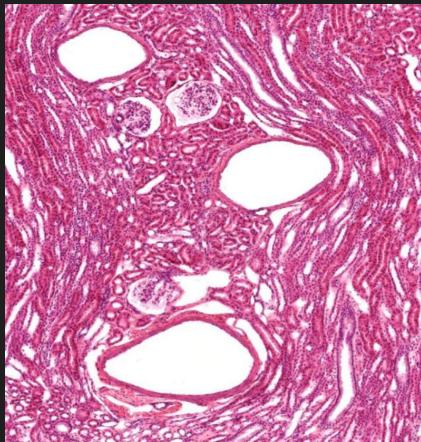
- **Renal papilla**



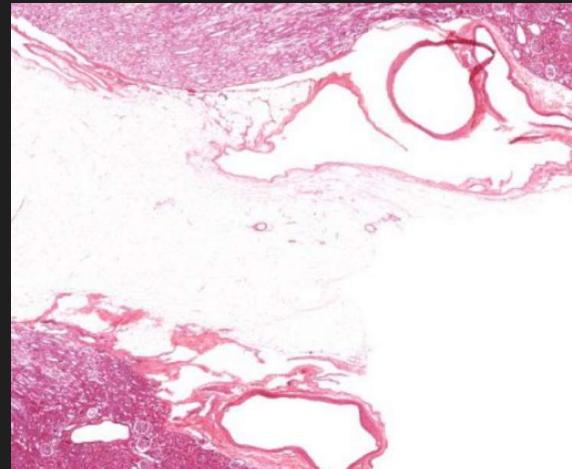
- **Renal pelvis:** funnel-shaped origin of the ureter.



- **Arcuate arteries:** branches of interlobular arteries that form an arcade over the pyramids at the junction of the cortex and medulla.

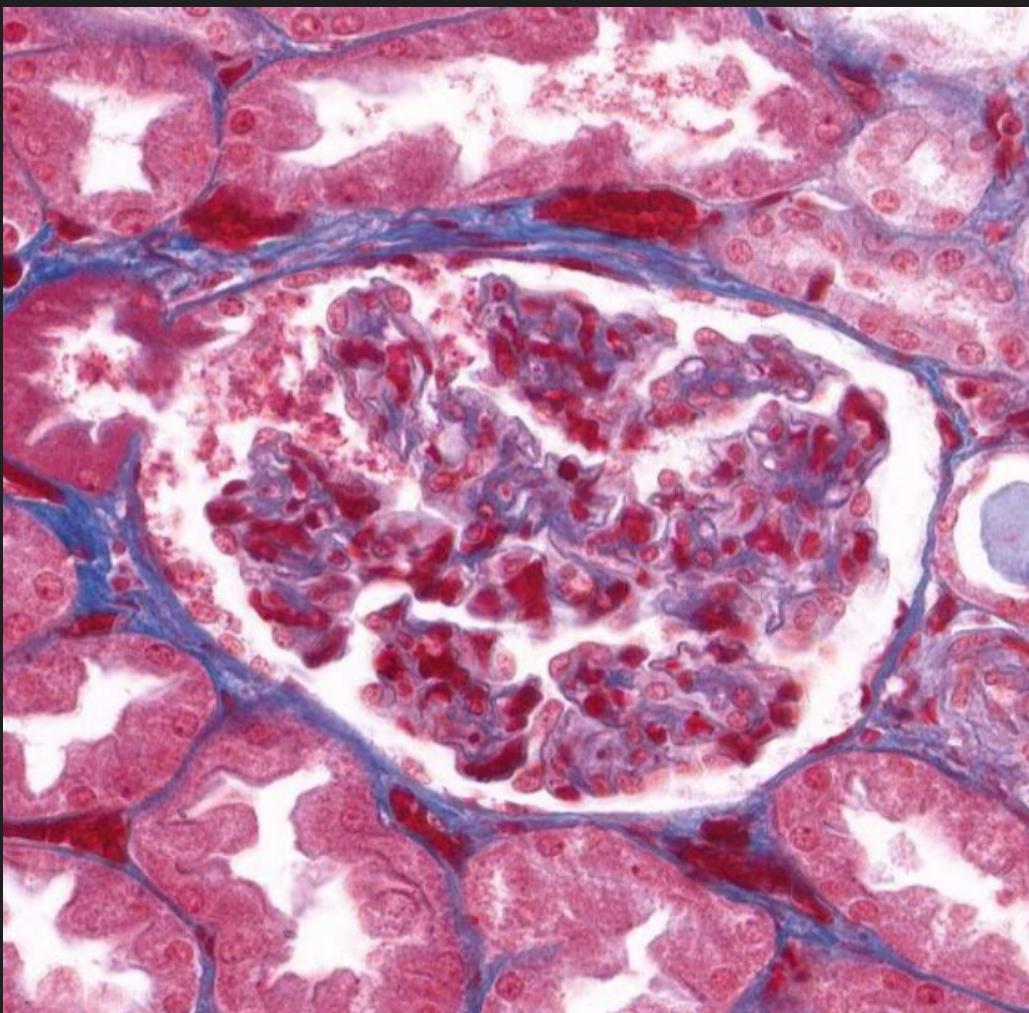


- **Hilum:** concave surface with a deep fissure in which vessels enter and exit the kidney.

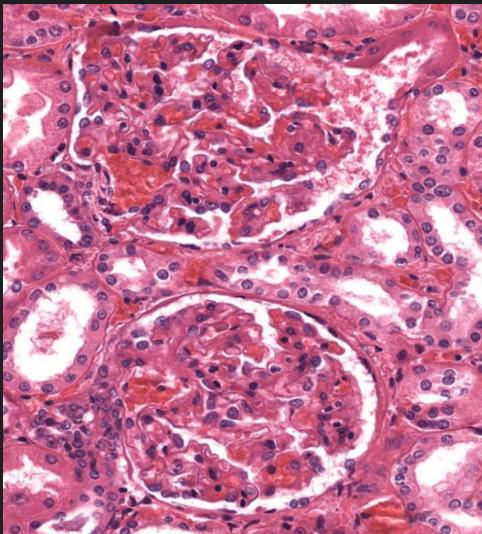


Nephron

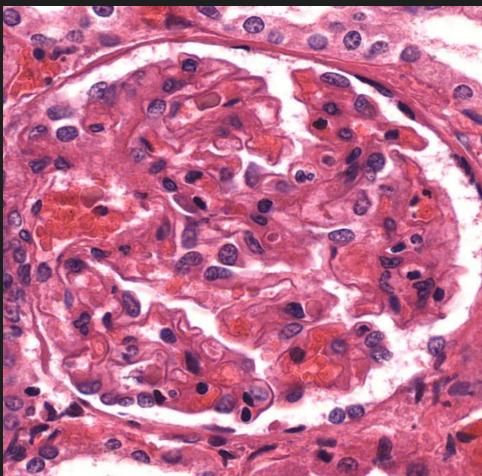
The nephron is the functional unit of the kidney. Each nephron includes a filter (renal corpuscle), and a single, long tubule (renal tubule) through which the filtrate passes before emerging as urine.



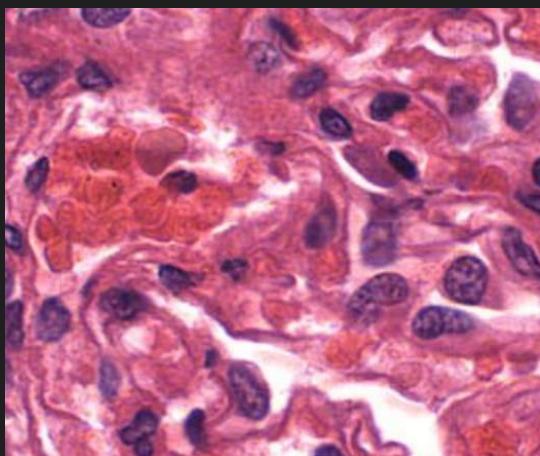
- **Renal corpuscle:** spherical structures with an average diameter of 200 µm distributed throughout the cortex.



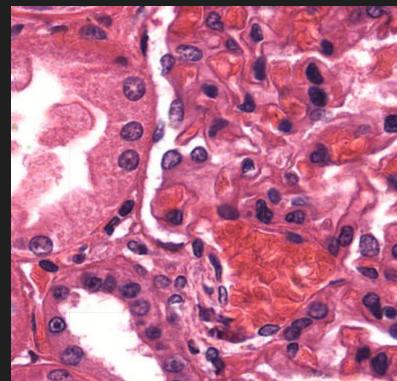
- **Bowman's capsule:** encloses the glomerulus.



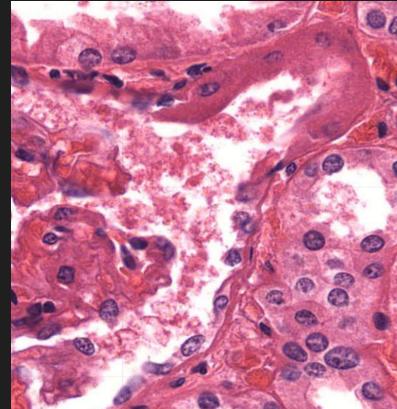
- **Glomerulus:** blood flowing through a capillary network (or tuft) undergoes filtration to produce the ultrafiltrate.



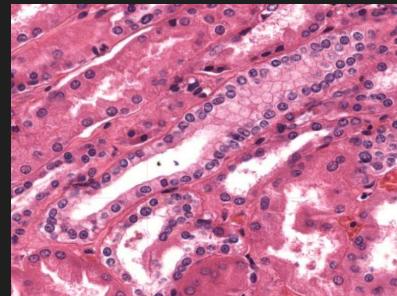
- **Vascular pole:**



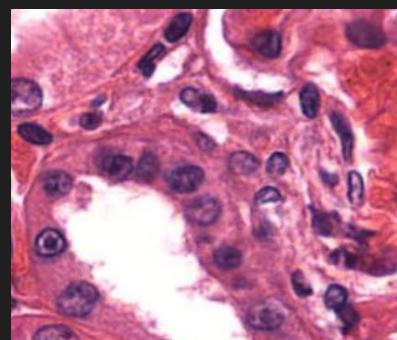
- **Urinary pole:**



- **Collecting ducts:** convey urine from nephrons to collecting ducts within medullary rays.

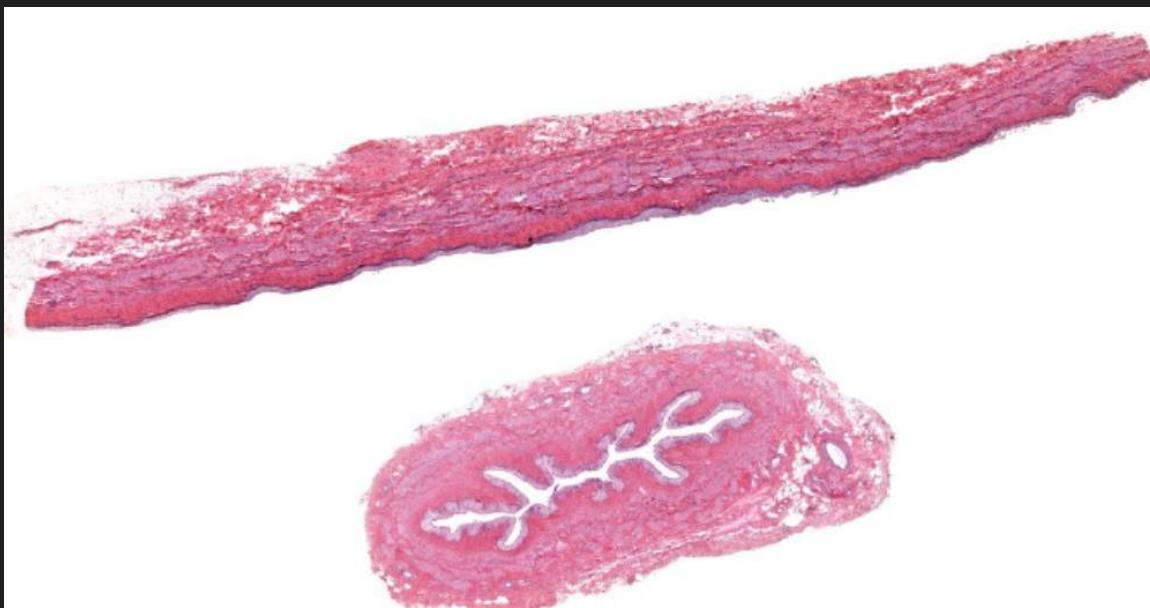


- **Macula densa:** tightly packed cells where the distal straight tubule contacts the afferent arteriole of the vascular pole of the renal corpuscle.

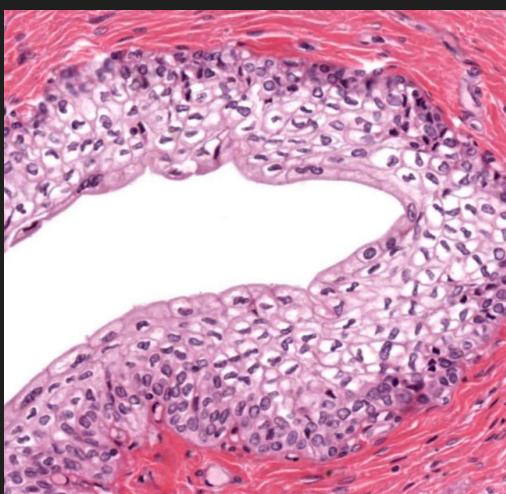


Ureter

Ureter transport urine from the kidney to the bladder. It is lined with an epithelium that is impermeable to water and ions. Peristaltic contraction of the smooth muscle moves urine from the kidney to the bladder.



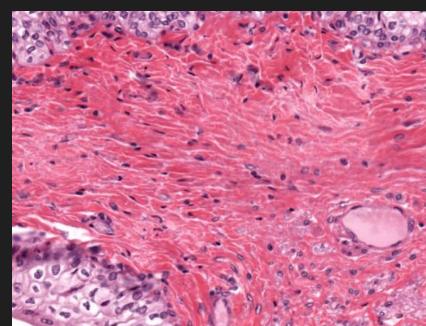
- **Cross-section:** composed of four concentric layers.
- **Transitional epithelium (Urothelium):** consists of two to three cell layers in the upper ureter with up to ten cell layers near the bladder



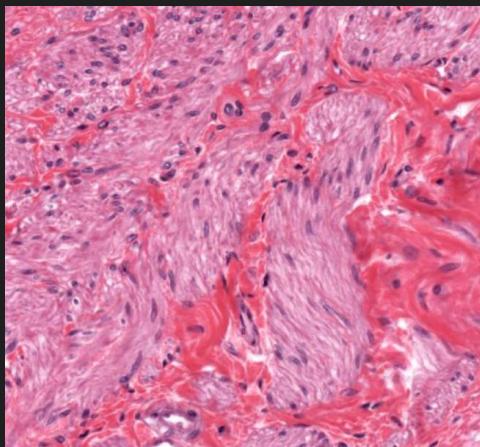
- **Umbrella cells:** upper layer of cells that change shape depending on the distention of the ureter (relaxed)



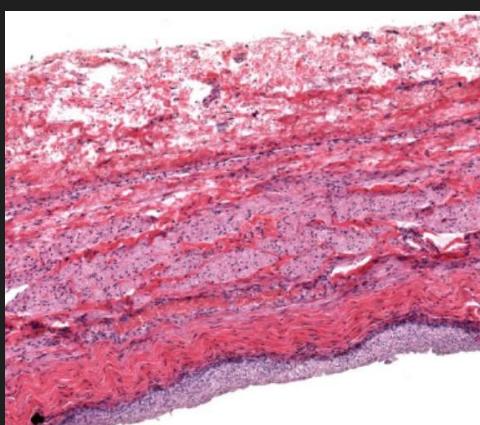
- **Lamina propria:** thick layer of dense irregular connective tissue rich in collagen and elastic fibers



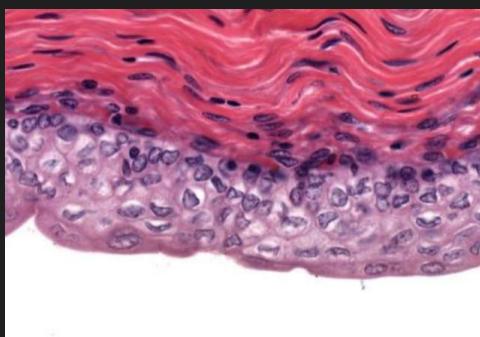
- **Muscularis externa:** irregular arrangement of smooth muscle in two layers (inner longitudinal and outer circular) in the upper ureter or three layers (inner longitudinal, middle circular and outer longitudinal) near the bladder.



- **Longitudinal section:**



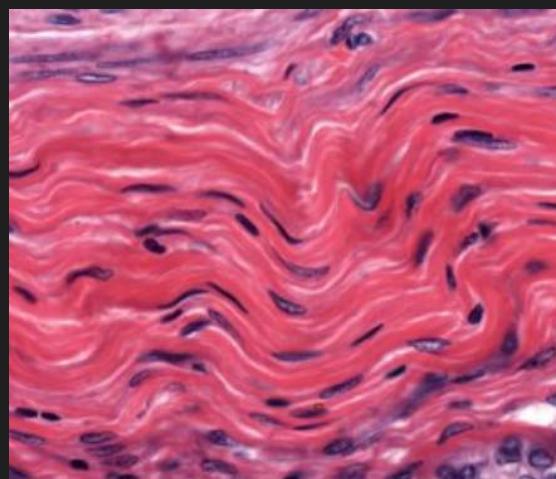
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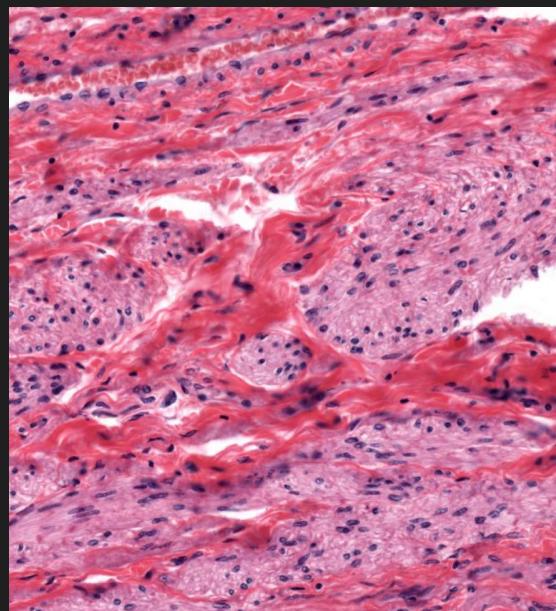
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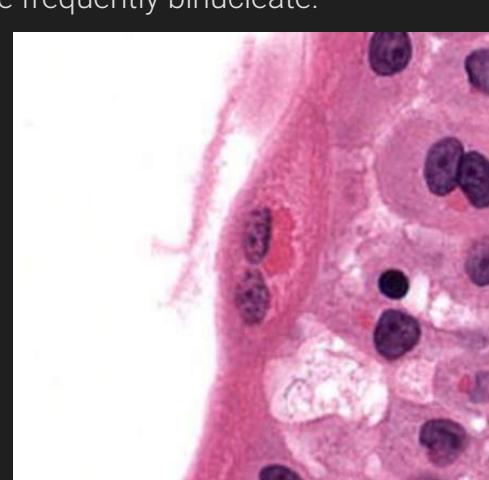
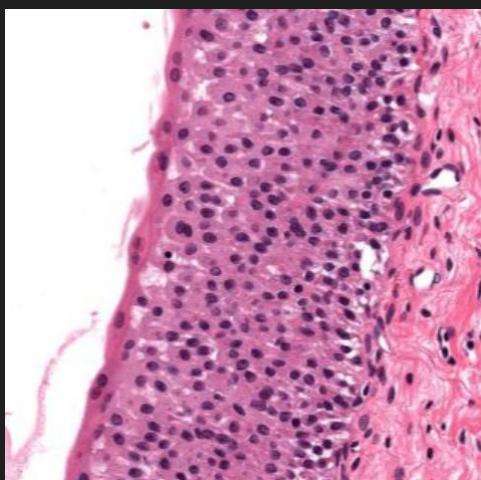
Urinary Bladder

Bladder is an expandable vessel for the storage of urine. It is lined with an epithelium that is impermeable to water and ions.

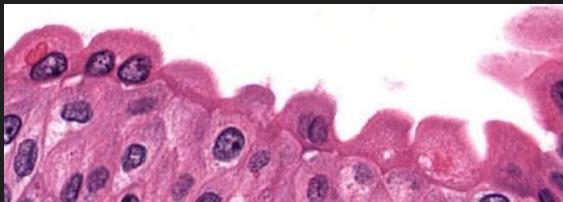
Like the ureters, the bladder is composed of four concentric layers.



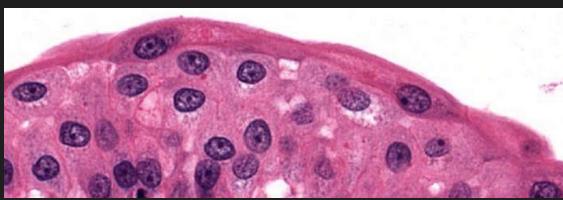
- **Urothelium:** consists of two to three cell layers in the upper ureter with up to ten cell layers near the bladder.
- **Umbrella cells:** the upper layer of cells that change shape depending on the distention of the bladder. Umbrella cells are frequently binucleate.



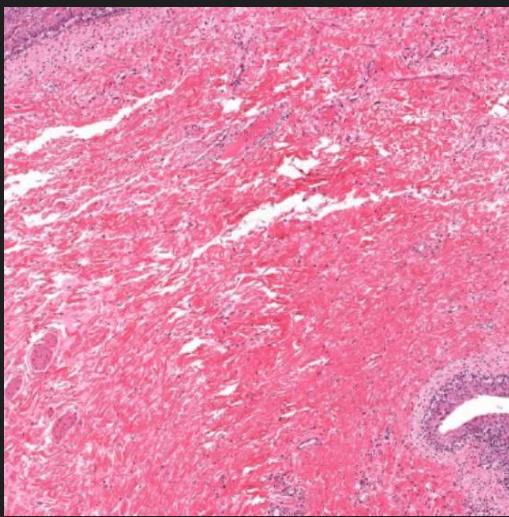
- **Dome-shaped umbrella cells:** rounded and bulge from the surface of the epithelium.



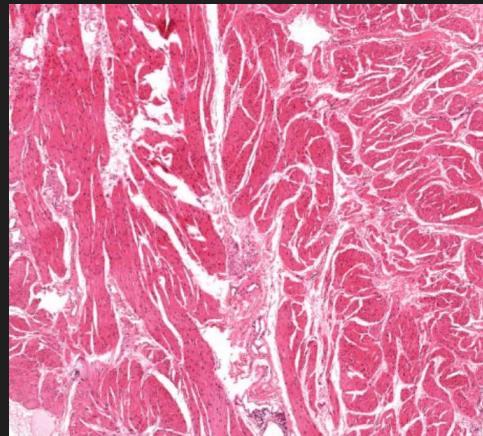
- **Flattened umbrella cells:** stretch over several underlying epithelial cells.



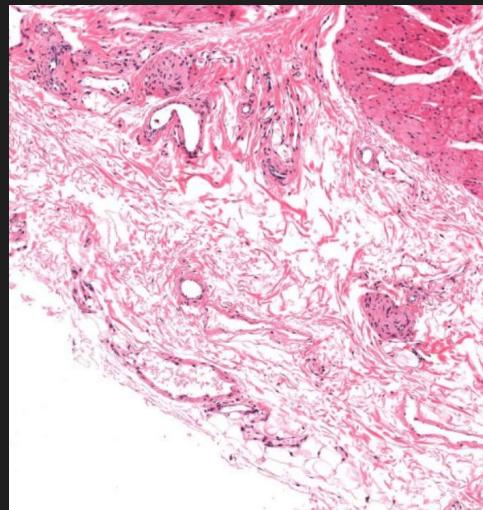
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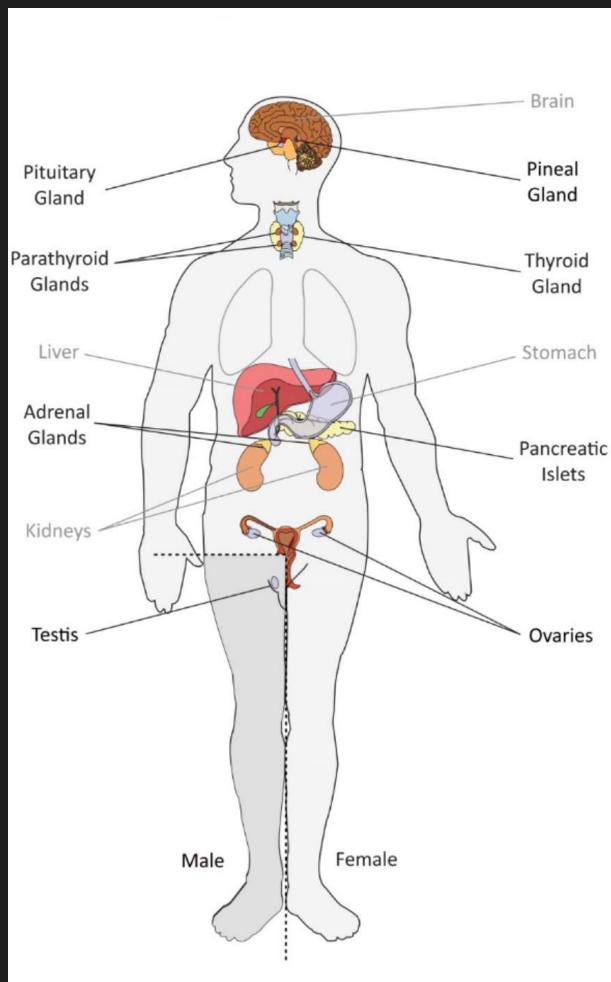


- **Adventitia:** loose connective tissue with blood vessels, nerves and adipose cells.



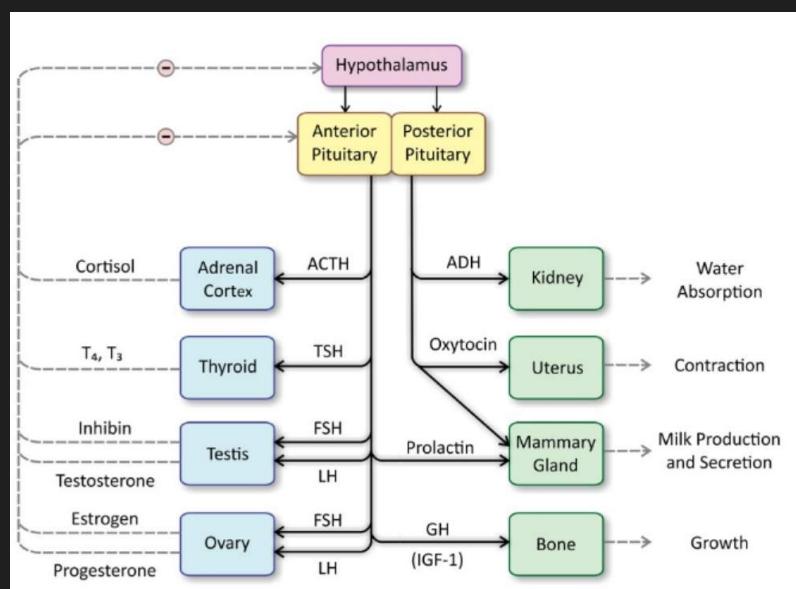
Week 8: Endocrine, Male Reproductive

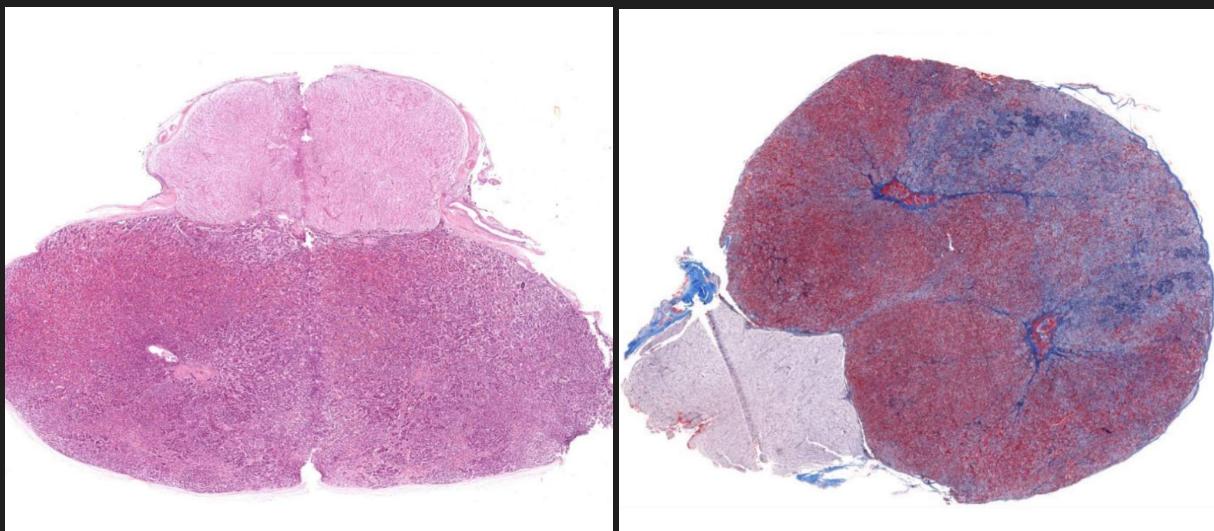
Endocrine Glands



Pituitary Gland

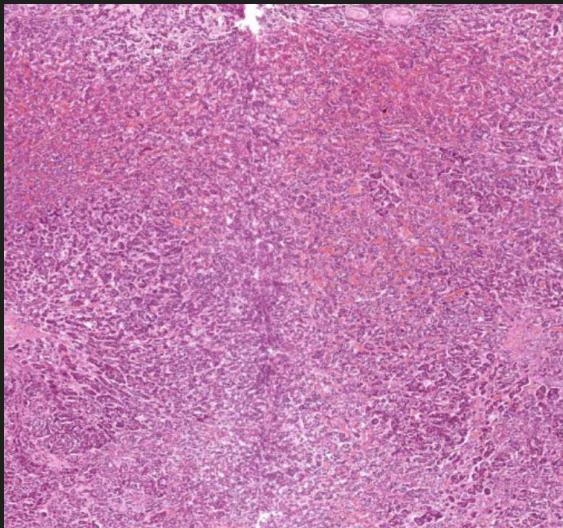
The pituitary is often called the “master gland” of the body because it produces hormones that regulate other endocrine glands, as well as, have direct effects on target tissues.



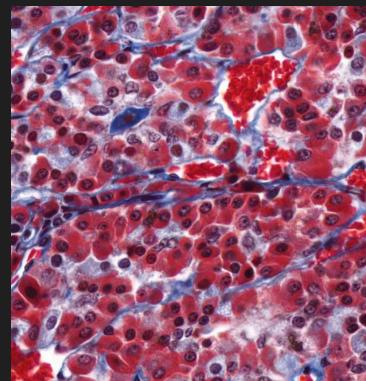


- **Anterior pituitary**

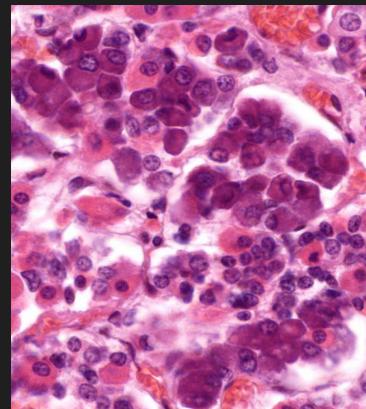
- **Acidophils:** stain dark red with azan.



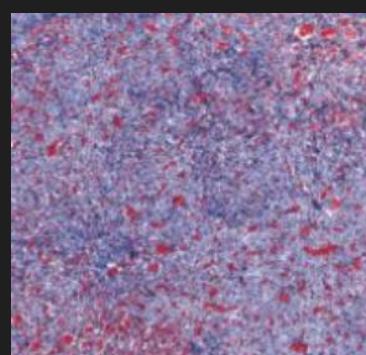
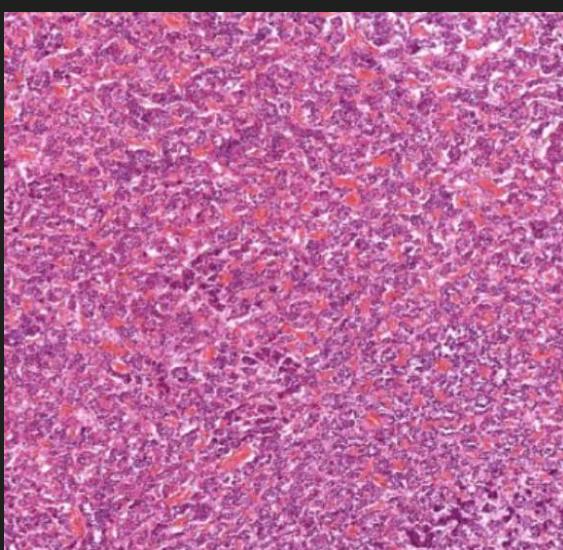
- **Chromophils:** stain with H&E and secrete hormones.



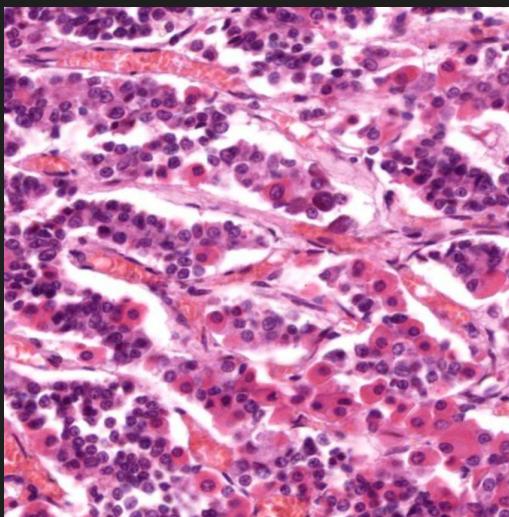
- **Basophils:** stain bluish-purple with H&E



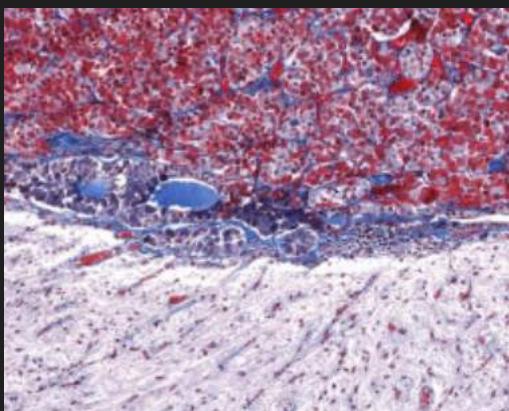
- **Chromophobes:** stain light blue with azan and do not secrete hormones.



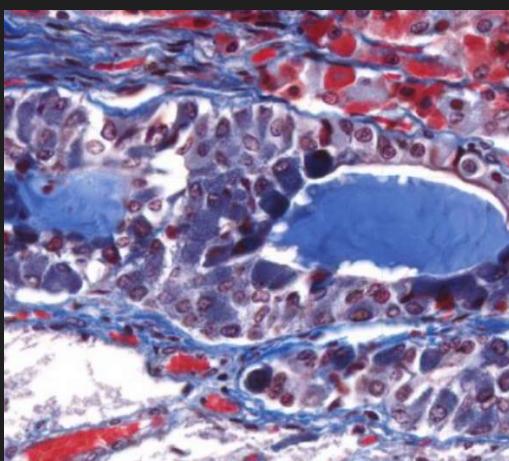
- **Sinusoidal capillaries:** extensive network that receives hormones from acidophils and basophils.



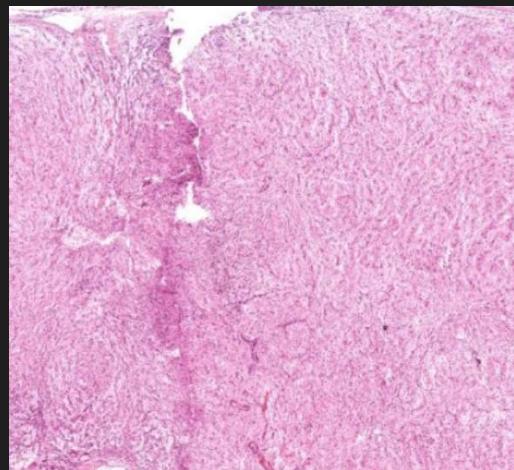
- **Pars intermedia:** thin remnant (<2%) at interface between the anterior and posterior lobes that contains numerous colloid (protein)-filled cysts (Rathke's cysts)



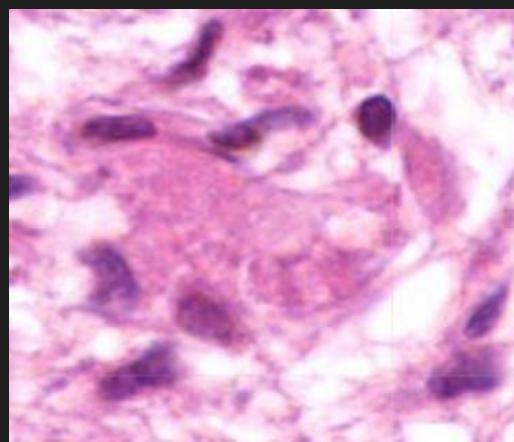
- **Rathke's Cysts:**



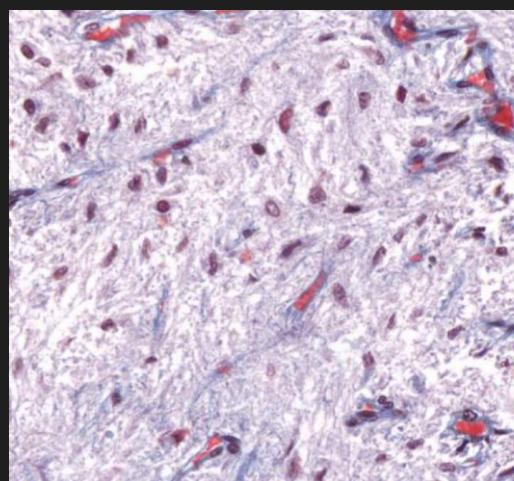
- **Posterior pituitary:** axons from the hypothalamus that release hormones into the capillaries of the pars nervosa.



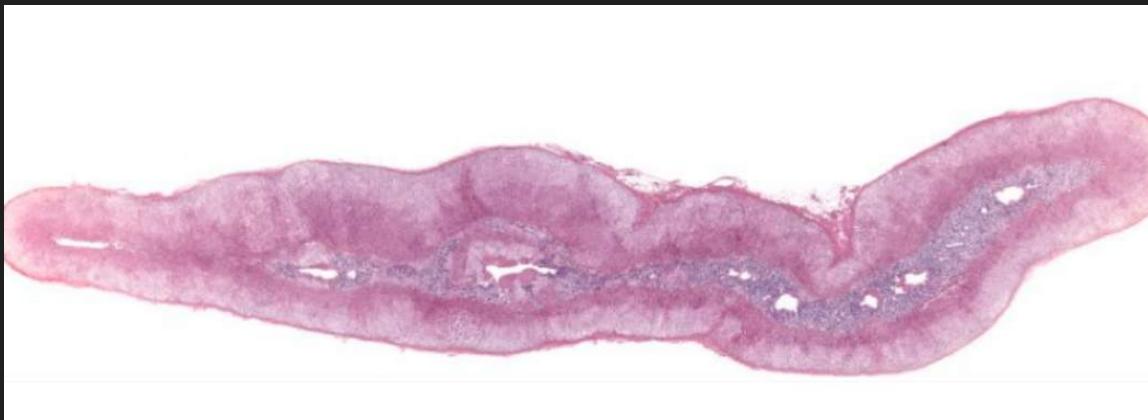
- **Herring bodies:** dilations of axons filled with neuro-secretion vesicles.



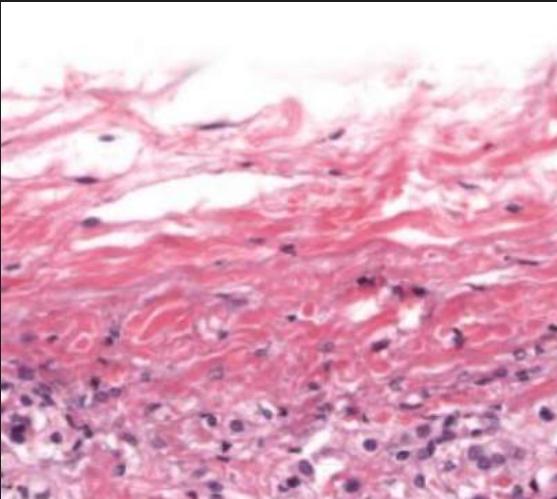
- **Pituicytes:** most nuclei belong to these glial cells.



Adrenal Gland

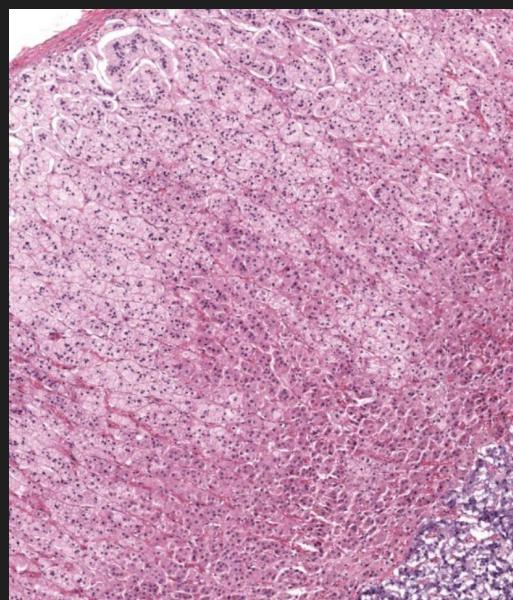


- **Capsule:** enclosed by a thin layer of connective tissue.

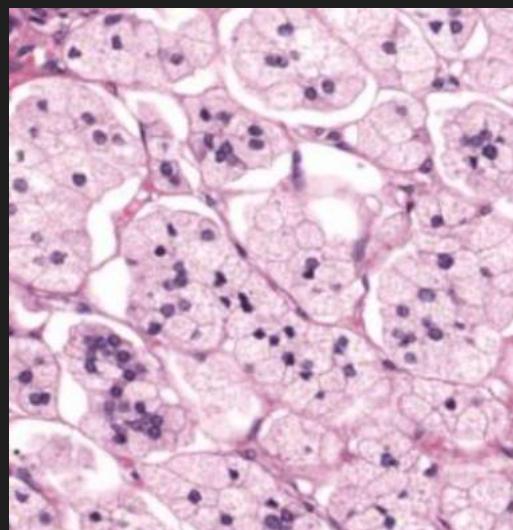
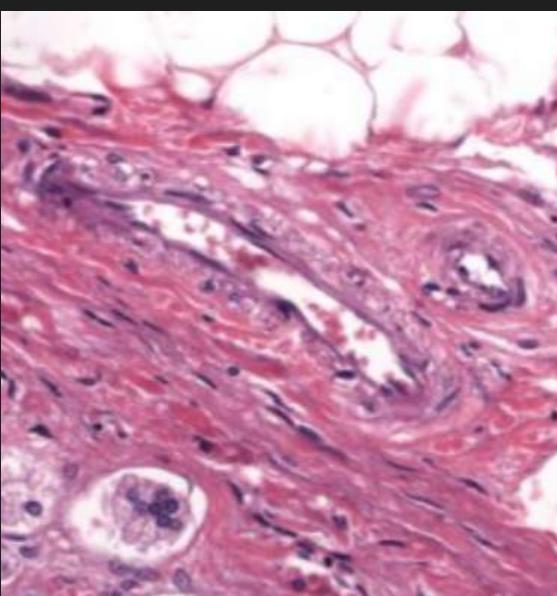


- **Afferent blood vessels:** penetrate the capsule and branch into sinusoids that supply the cortex and medulla.

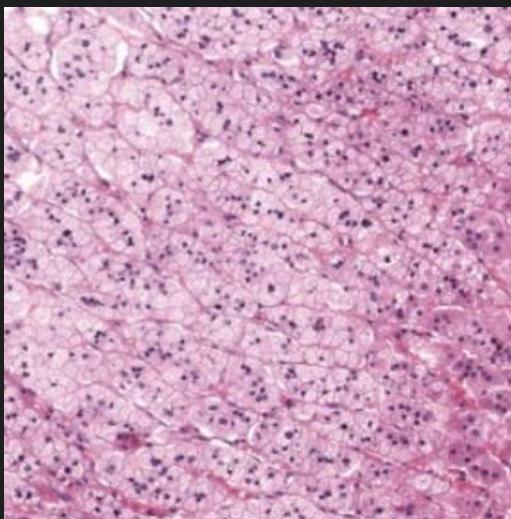
- **Cortex:** cells that synthesize and secrete steroid hormones.



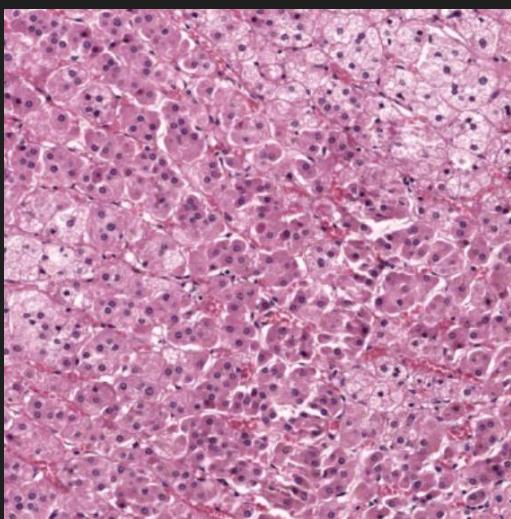
- **Zona glomerulosa:** outer zone (15%) of glomerular-like clusters of cells and secrete aldosterone.



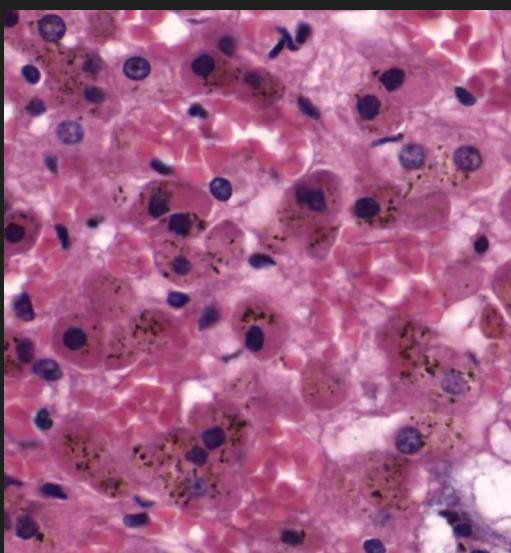
- **Zona fasciculata:** middle zone (80%) of two-cell wide vertical cords that secrete cortisol.



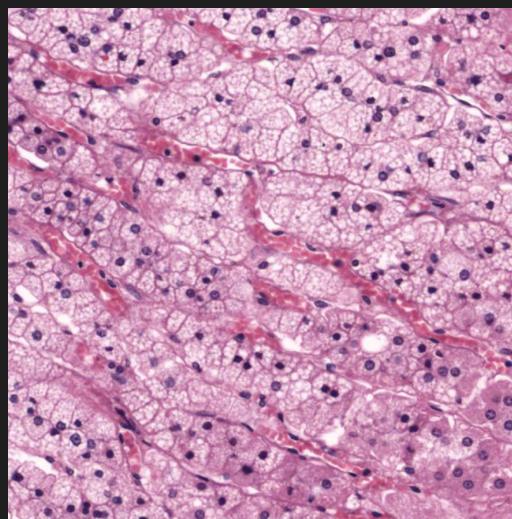
- **Zona reticularis:** inner zone (7%) of one-cell wide anastomosing rows that secrete precursors of testosterone.



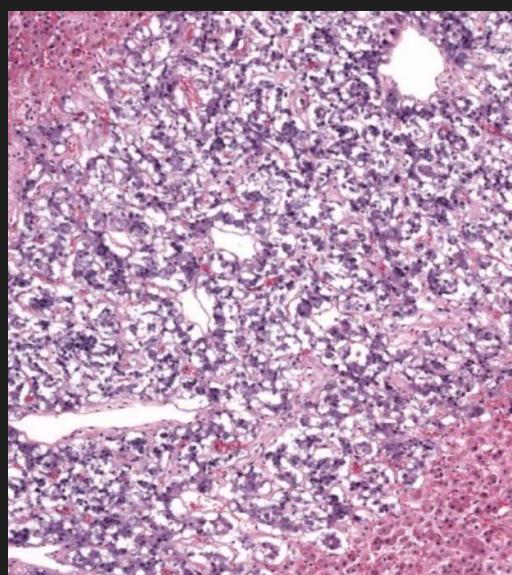
- **Lipofuscin pigment:**



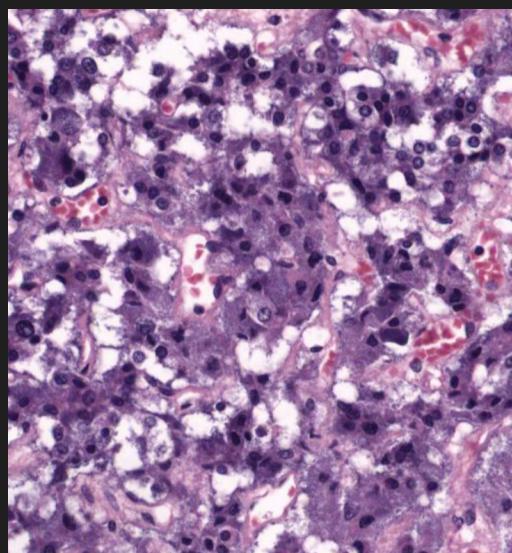
- **Sinusoidal capillaries:** rich network of blood vessels.



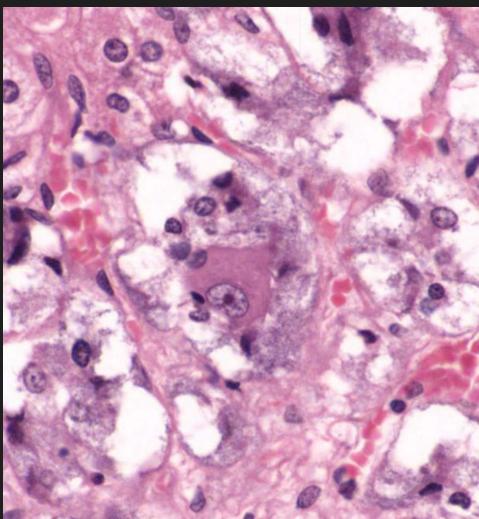
- **Medulla:**



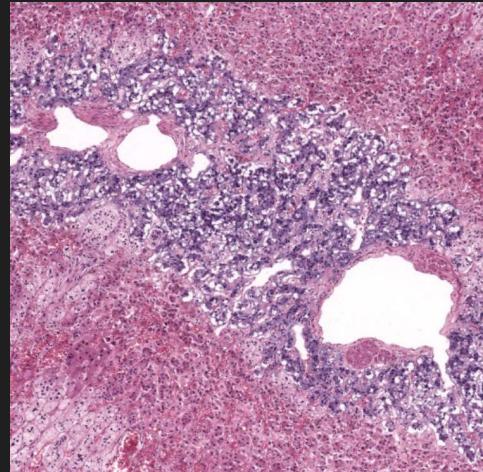
- **Chromaffin cells:** modified postganglionic sympathetic neurons that secrete catecholamines



- **Ganglion cells:** infrequent sympathetic ganglion cells.



- **Medullary vessels:** large veins that drain the organ.

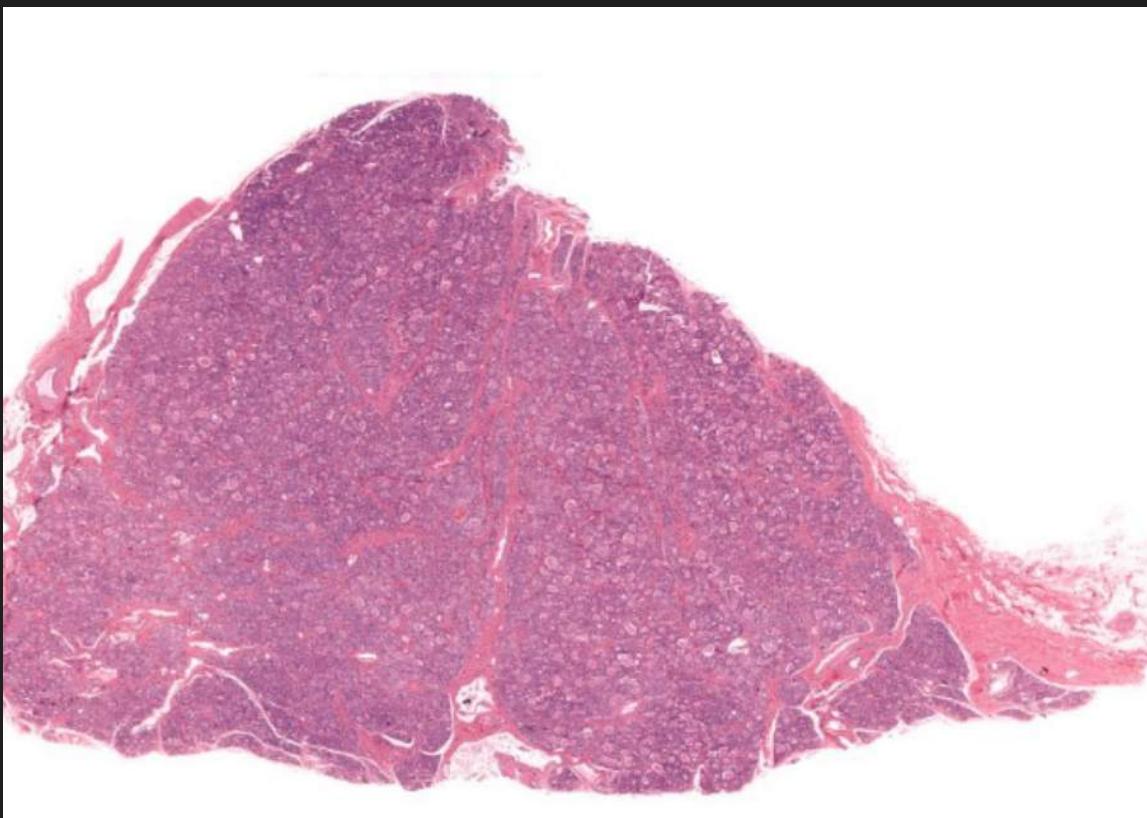


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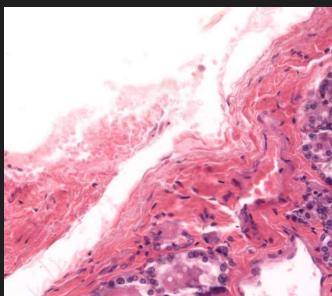
- What hormone is produced by the zona glomerulosa?
 - Aldosterone, which plays a central role in regulating blood pressure and certain electrolytes.
- By the zona fasciculata?
 - Cortisol, involved in response to stress.
- By the zona reticularis?
 - Androgens, various sex hormones.
- By the medulla?
 - Epinephrine and norepinephrine.
- What hormones regulate the function of the cortex?
 - Corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH) and vasopressin.
- How is medullary function regulated?
 - CRH and adrenocorticotropin hormone (ACTH).

Thyroid

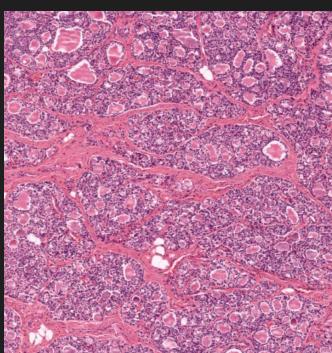
The thyroid gland is a bilobed endocrine gland. It is unique in that it stores its hormones bound to an extracellular pool of protein (colloid)



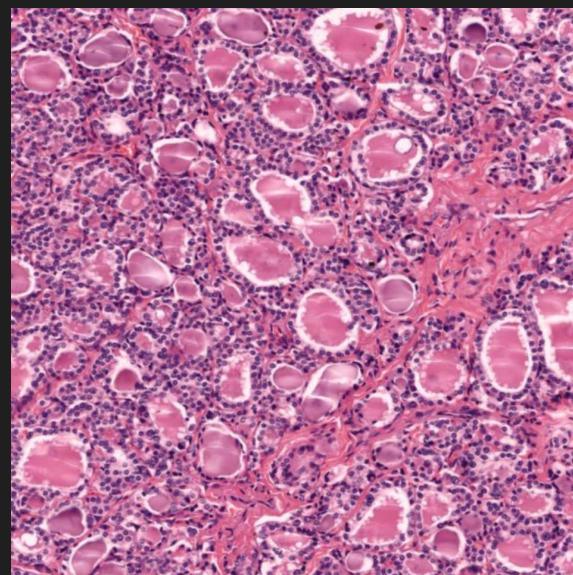
- **Capsule:** enclosed by a thin layer of connective tissue.



- **Trabeculae:** connective tissue extends inwards from the capsule to partially outline irregular lobes and lobules.



- **Thyroid follicles:** spherical follicles of varying size (50 to 500 µm) in which thyroid hormones are stored.

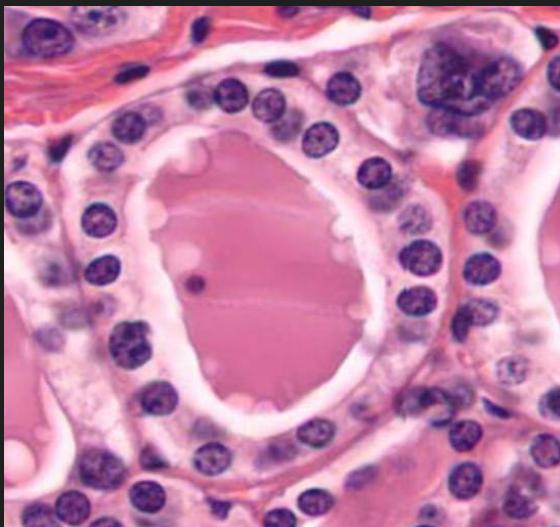


- **Colloid:** lumen of each follicle is filled with the gel-like mass called colloid. It is mostly the protein thyroglobulin (pink) and bound thyroid hormones

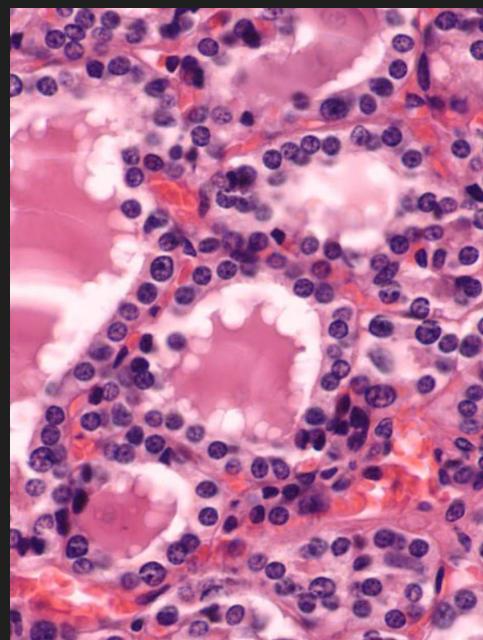
(triiodothyronine and tetraiodothyronine (or thyroxin)). The clear space around the colloid is a shrinkage artifact.



- **Follicular cells:** follicles are lined by a simple cuboidal to columnar epithelium depending on functional activity. Secrete thyroid hormones when active.



- **Capillaries:** a rich network surrounds each follicle.



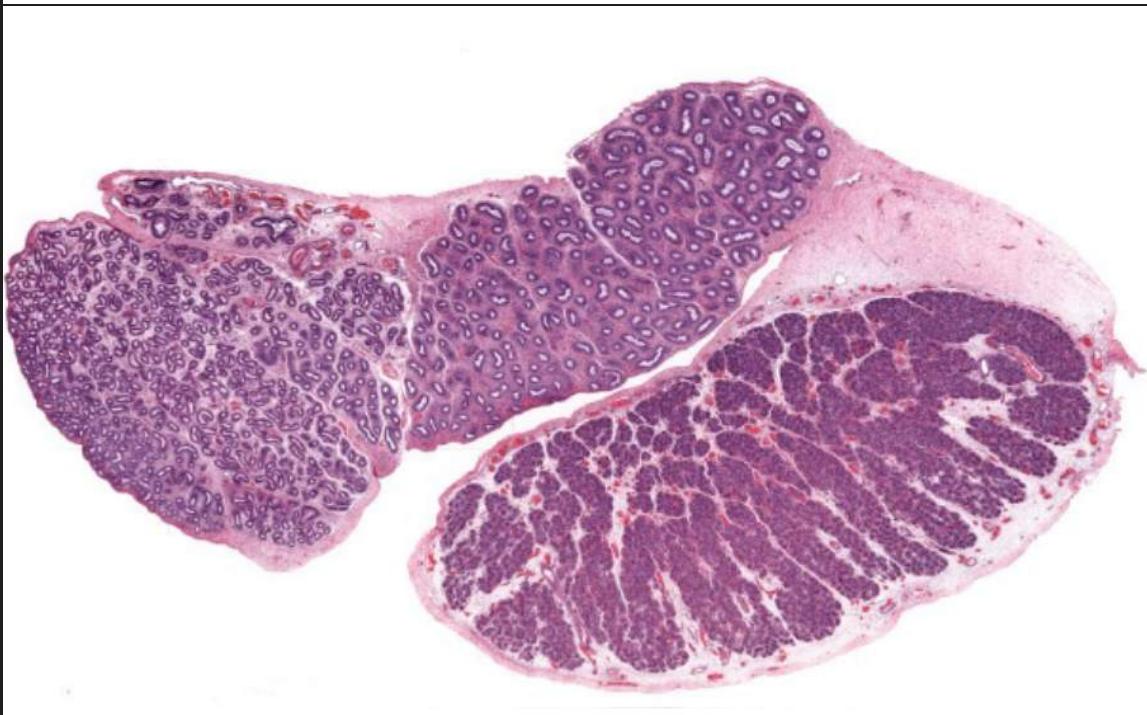
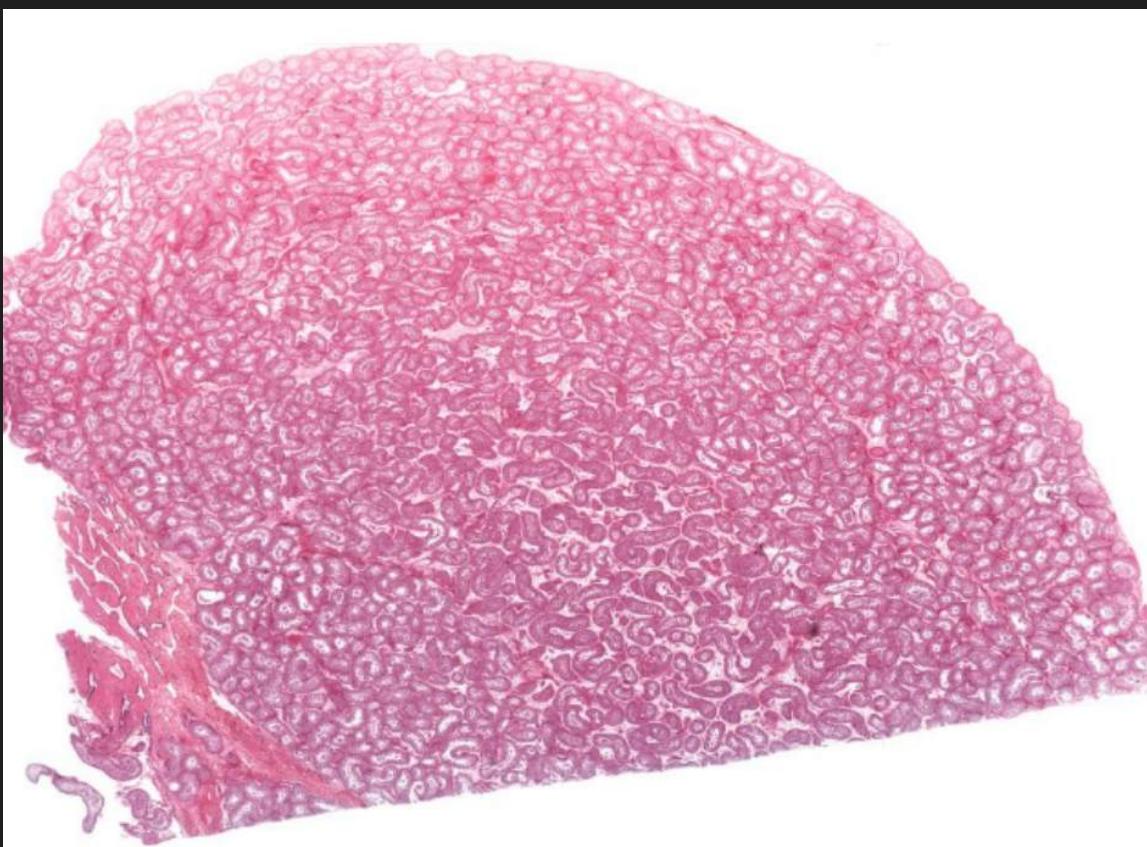
- **Parafollicular cells:** small numbers of larger cells located at the periphery of follicles that secrete calcitonin. They stain poorly with H&E making identification difficult.



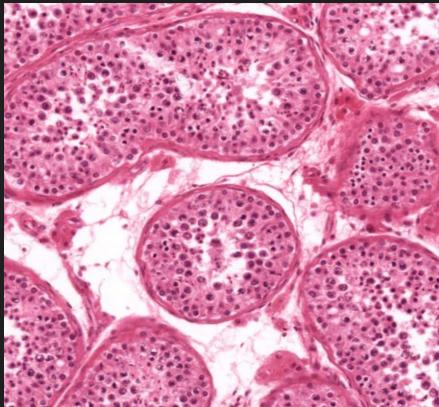
Male Reproductive System

Testis (Adult and Neonatal)

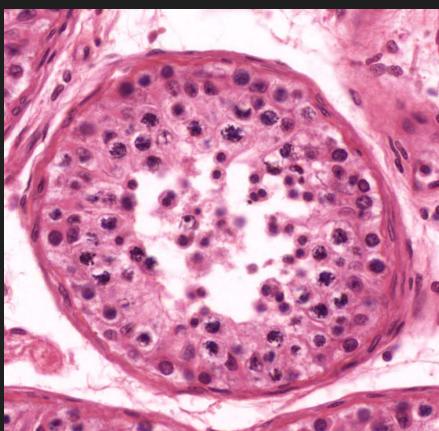
Testes are responsible for the production of sperm (spermatogenesis) and secretion of male sex hormones (testosterone). The production of sperm occurs within the seminiferous tubules that make up most of the testis.



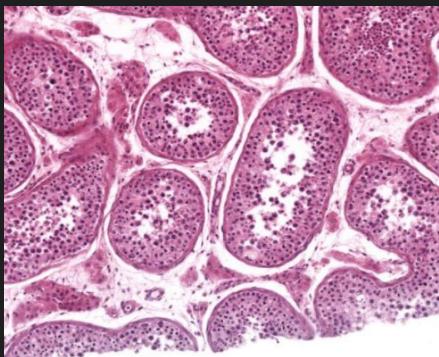
- **Seminiferous tubules:** each lobule contains 1 to 4 highly-coiled seminiferous tubules lined by a germinal epithelium that is the site of sperm production.



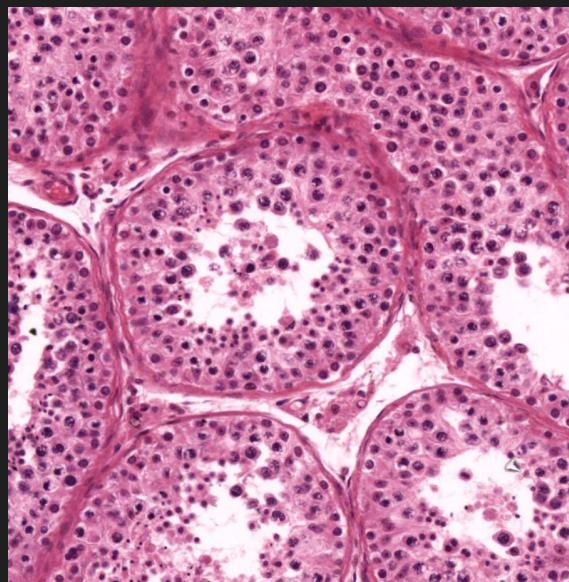
- **Sertoli cells:** large, columnar cells that extend the full thickness of the germinal epithelium that separate the basal epithelial compartment (of spermatogonia) from the luminal compartment (of spermatocytes, spermatids and sperm).



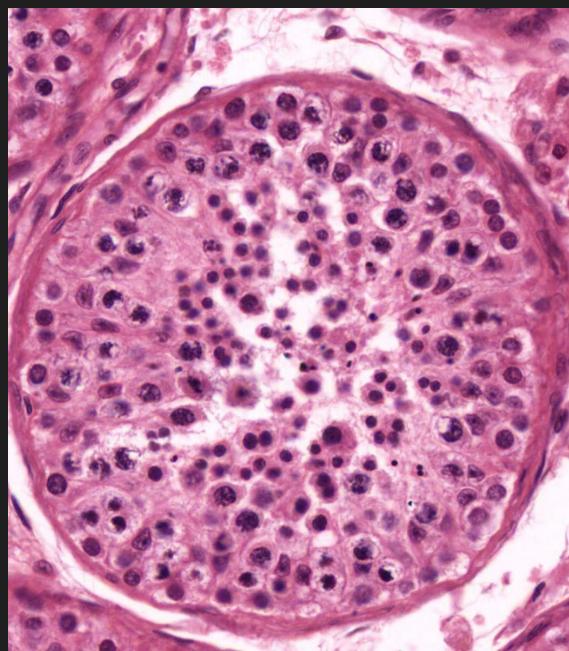
- **Spermatogonia:** single layer of germ cells resting on the basement membrane.



- **Primary spermatocytes:** arise from spermatogonia and cross from the basal epithelial to luminal compartment of the germinal epithelium.

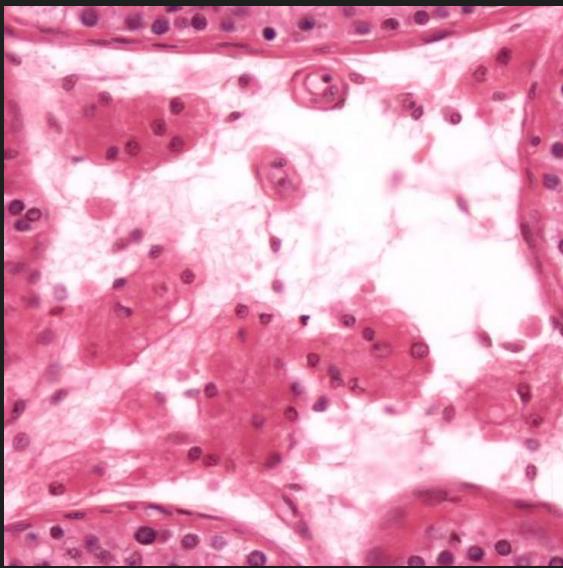


- **Spermatids:** Small, spherical cells (8 µm or less) with intensely stained nuclei near the lumen that arise from secondary spermatocytes and undergo spermiogenesis to transform into sperm and embed in the cytoplasm of Sertoli cells.

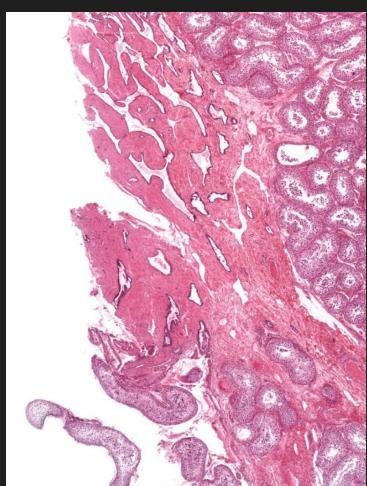


- **Leydig cells:** Large, round cells (20 to 30 µm diameter; usually clustered) with vesicular nuclei and eosinophilic

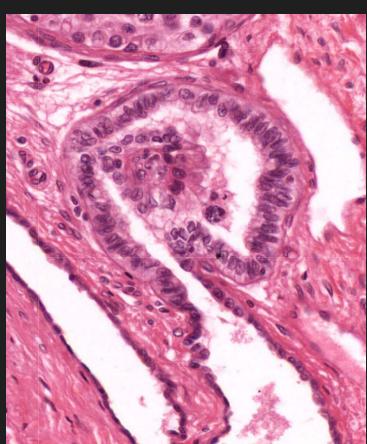
cytoplasm found in the connective tissue (or interstitium) between seminiferous tubules that secrete testosterone.



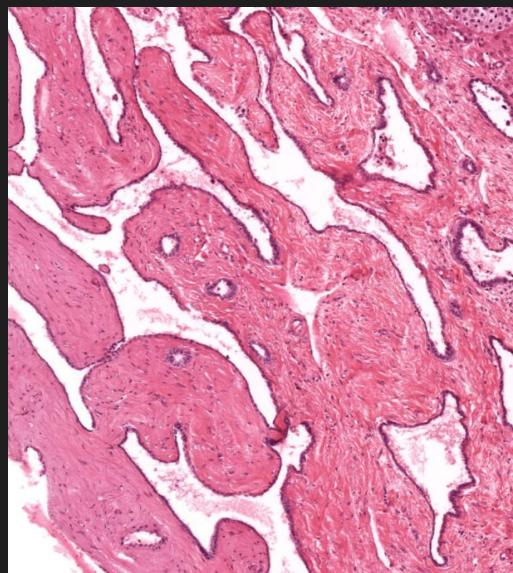
- **Mediastinum:** region in which seminiferous tubules converge and sperm exits the testis.



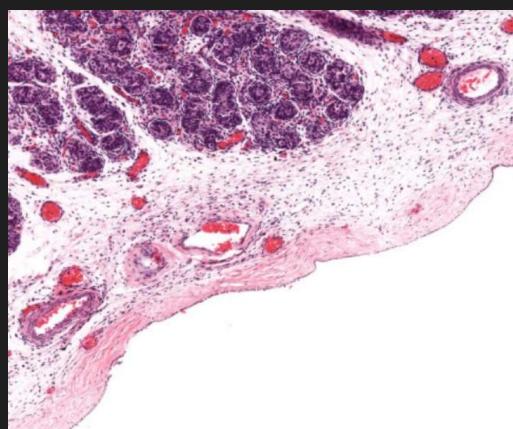
- **Straight tubules (tubuli recti):** short, terminal section of each seminiferous tubule lined only by Sertoli cells.



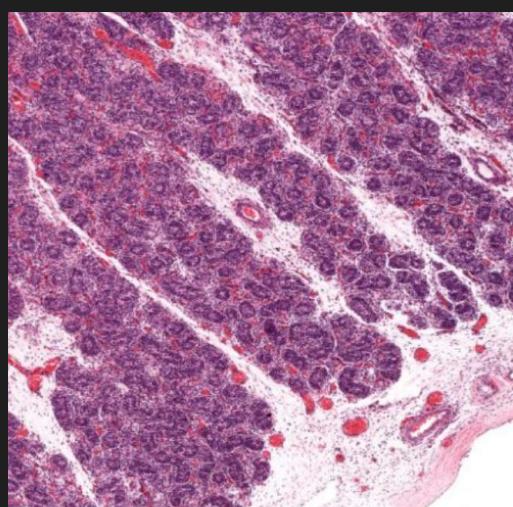
- **Rete testis:** straight tubules empty in an anastomosing labyrinth lined by a simple cuboidal or columnar epithelium.



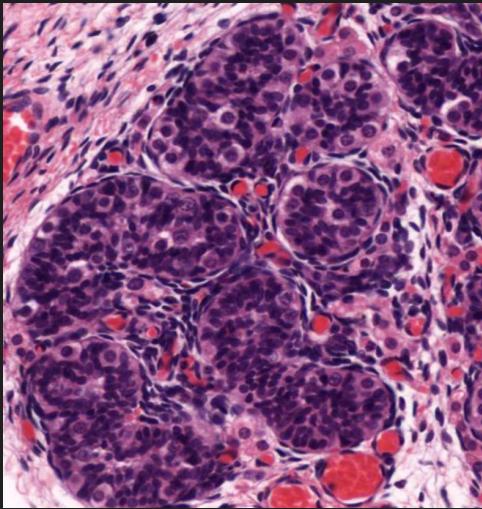
- **Tunica albuginea:** capsule of thick connective tissue.



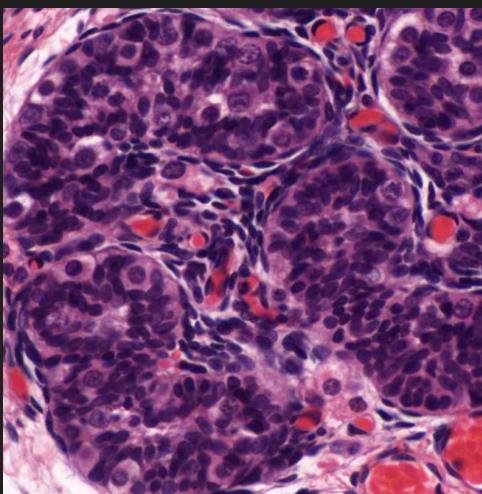
- **Lobules:** pyramid shaped lobules separated by septae of connective tissue that extend inward from the capsule.



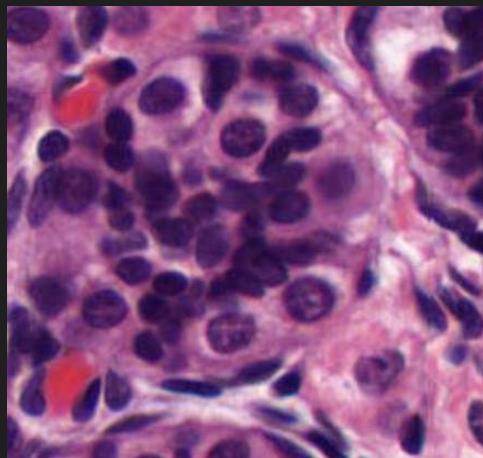
- **Seminiferous tubules:** each lobule contains 1 to 4 highly-coiled seminiferous tubules with an immature germinal epithelium and small lumen.



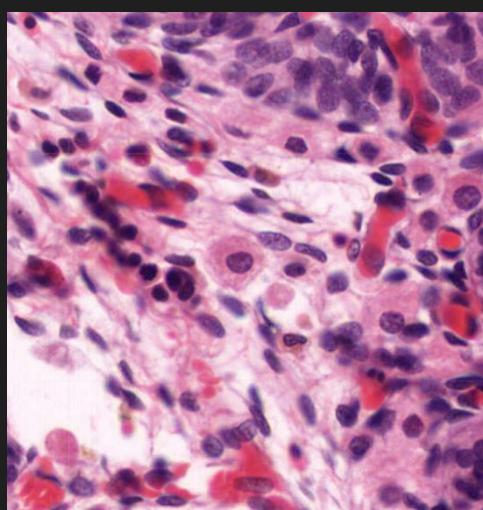
- **Sertoli cells:** most of the cells within the tubule. The columnar cells have dark, round to oval nuclei.



- **Spermatogonia:** single layer of germ cells resting on the basement membrane. Large cells with a thin rim of lightly stained cytoplasm.



- **Leydig cells:** found in the connective tissue (or interstitium) between seminiferous tubules.

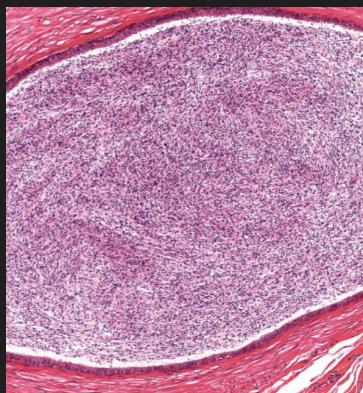


Epididymis

Sperm leave the testes and enter the epididymis. Each epididymis is a long, tightly coiled duct in which sperm undergo maturation as they move through it. Mature sperm are stored in the tail of the epididymis.



- **Sperm:**

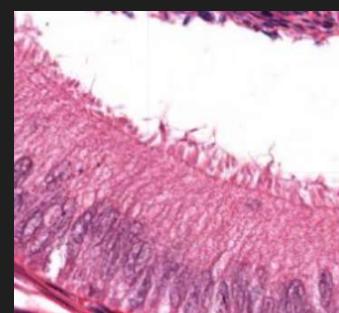


- **Pseudostratified columnar epithelium:**

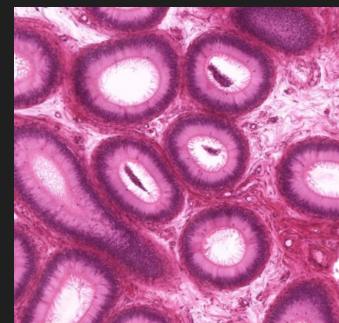
has a smooth luminal surface, unlike the "wavy" or "saw-toothed" appearance of the efferent ductules.



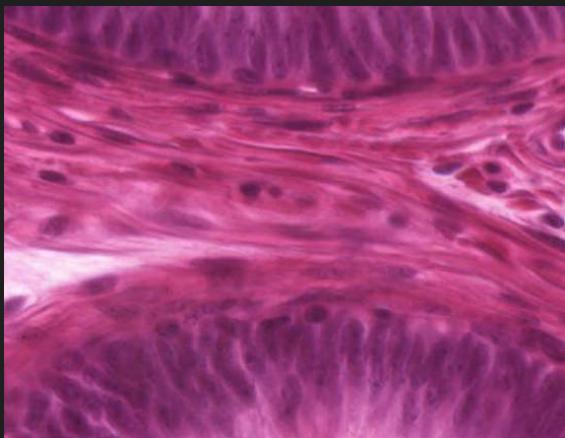
- **Principal cells:** tall columnar cells (75 to 80 µm) with numerous modified, long microvilli called stereocilia extend from their luminal surface.



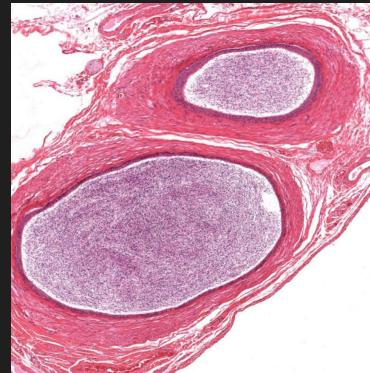
- **Muscular layer:** gradually increases in thickness through the length of the duct.



- **Circular layer of smooth muscle:**

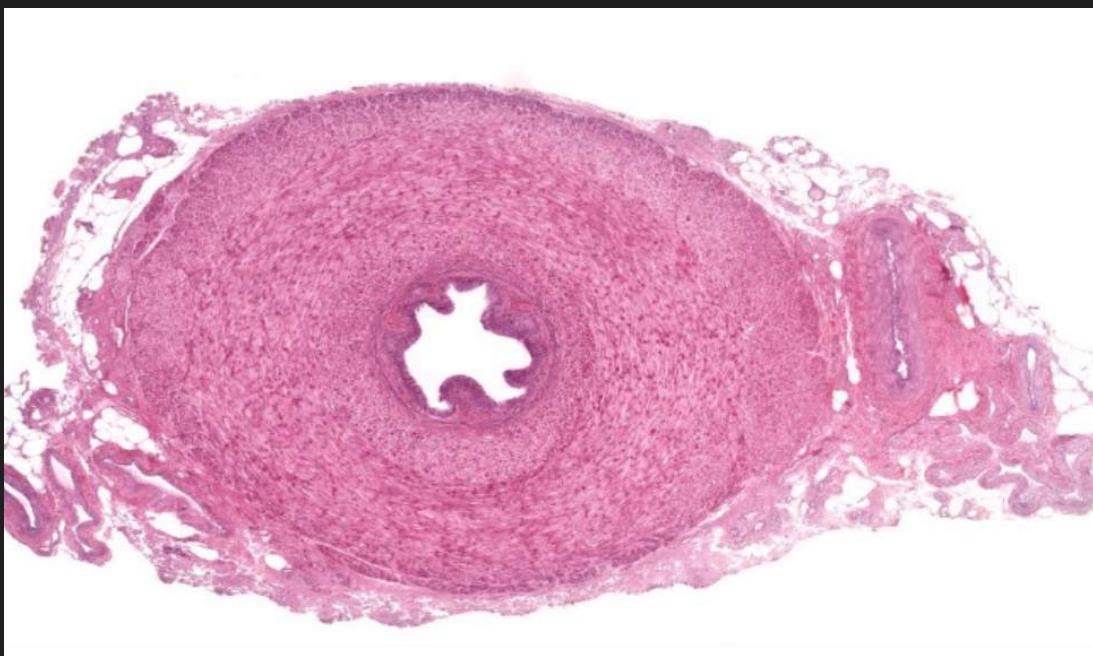


- **Tail:** consists of three layers of smooth muscle and stores sperm.



Ductus Deferens

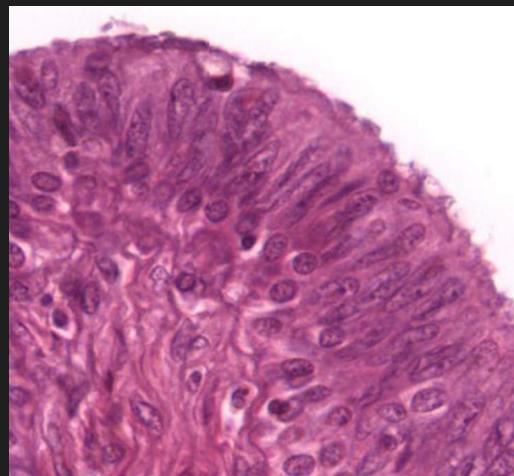
Ductus deferens (vas deferens) is a thick walled, fibromuscular tube that is continuous with the epididymis. Peristaltic movements propel sperm through the duct.



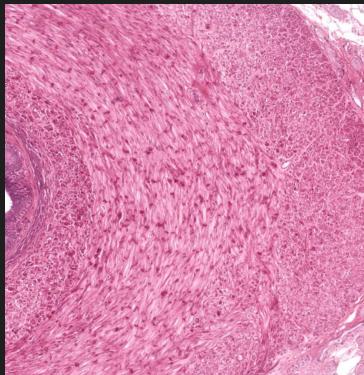
- **Duct:** resembles that of the epididymis except the luminal surface has longitudinal folds. It is lined with a pseudostratified columnar epithelium.



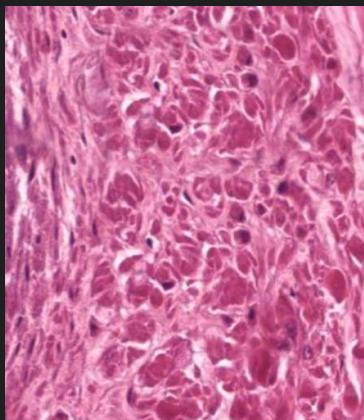
- **Pseudostratified columnar epithelium:**



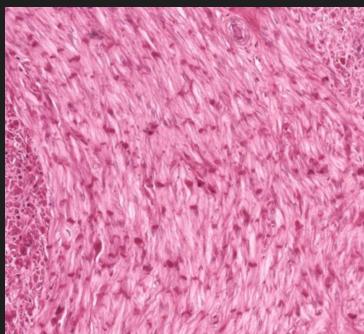
- **Muscular layer:** consists of three layers of which sperm is transported through by peristaltic contractions of the smooth muscle.



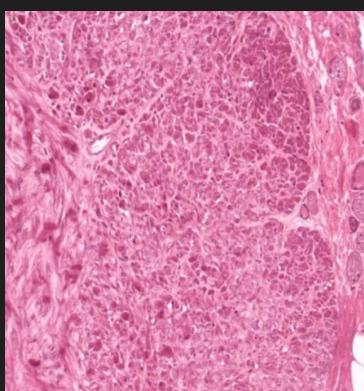
- **Inner longitudinal,**



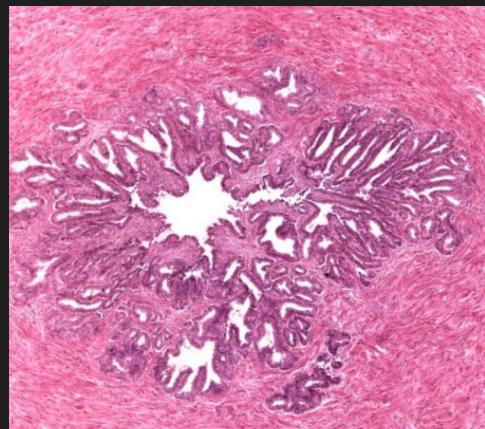
- **Middle circular,**



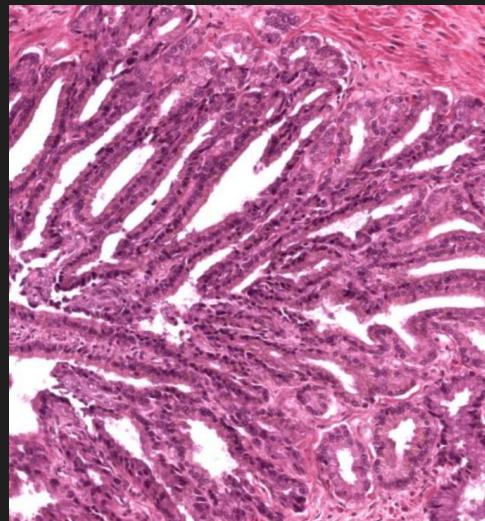
- **Outer longitudinal,**



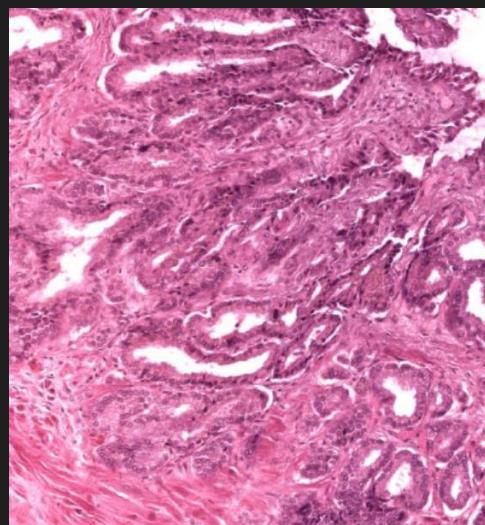
- **Ampulla:** resembles the rest of the ductus deferens except that its surface has more longitudinal folds.



- **Longitudinal folds:**

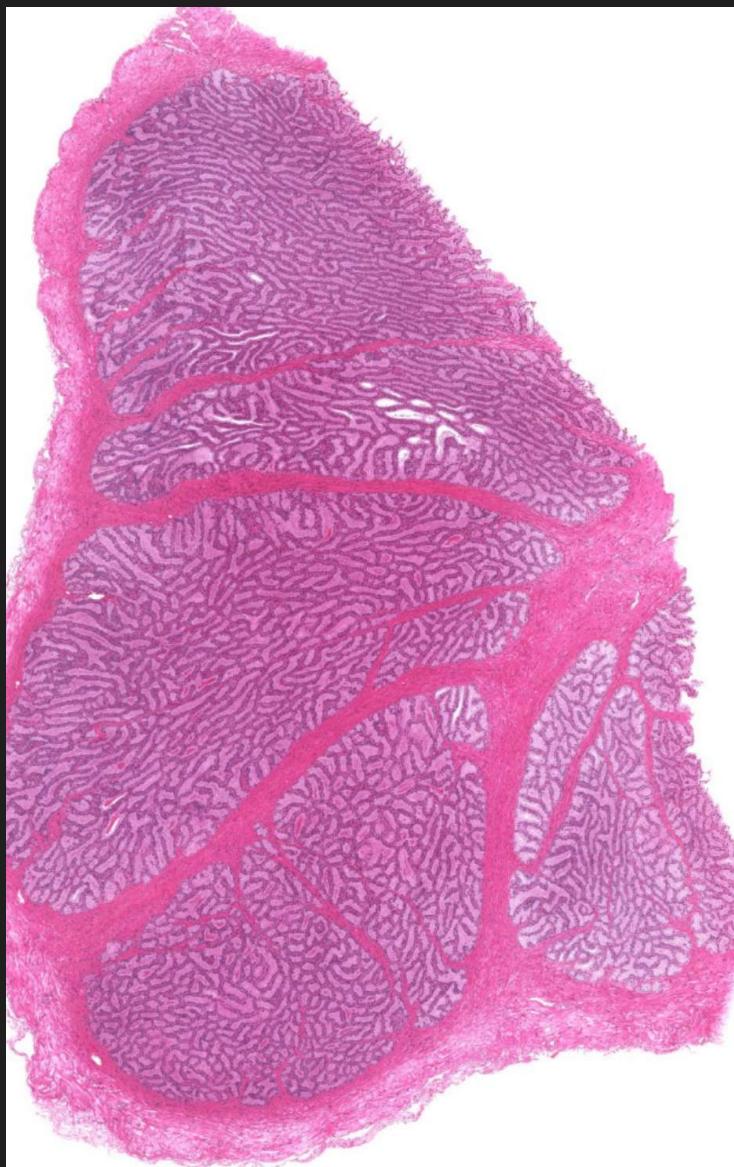


- **Lamina propria:** supports the epithelium.

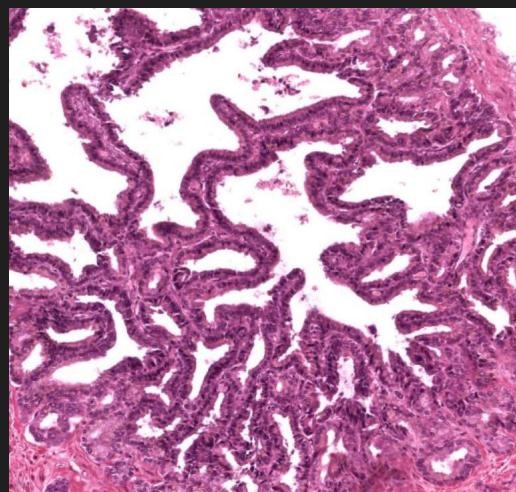
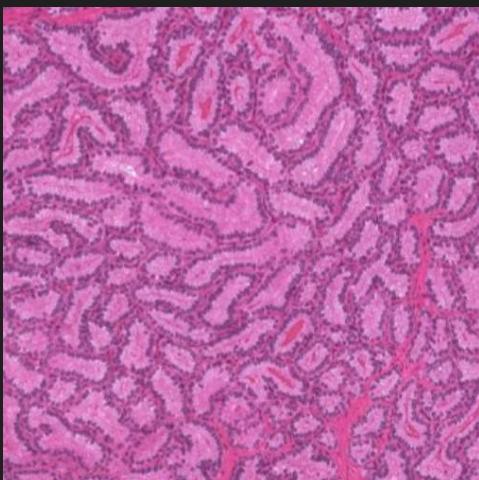


Seminal Vesicle

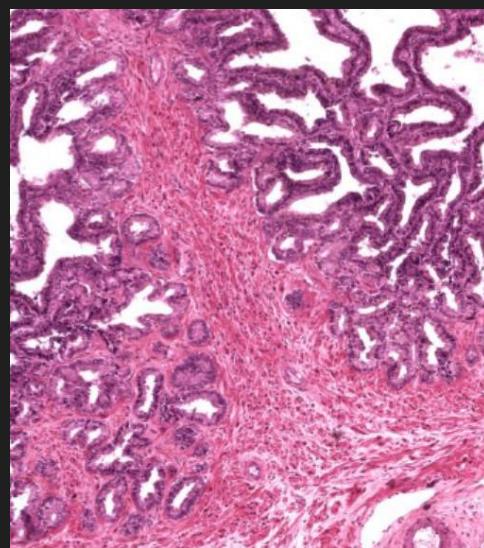
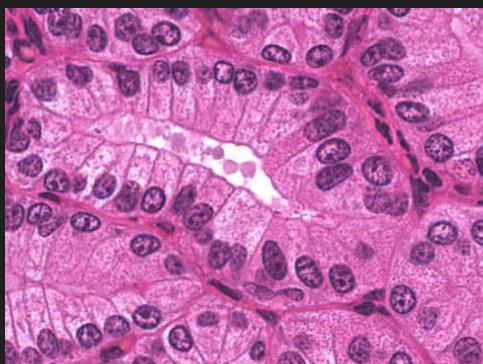
The seminal vesicles are unbranched, highly-coiled tubular glands. Their secretions make up 60 percent of the volume of the semen. This fluid is high in fructose that acts as the main energy source for sperm outside the body.



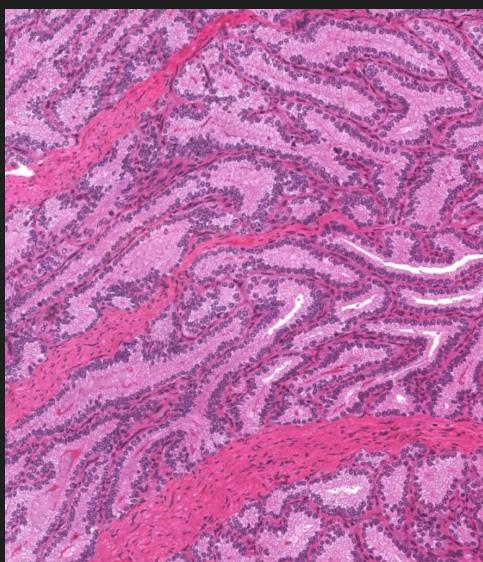
- **Mucosa:**



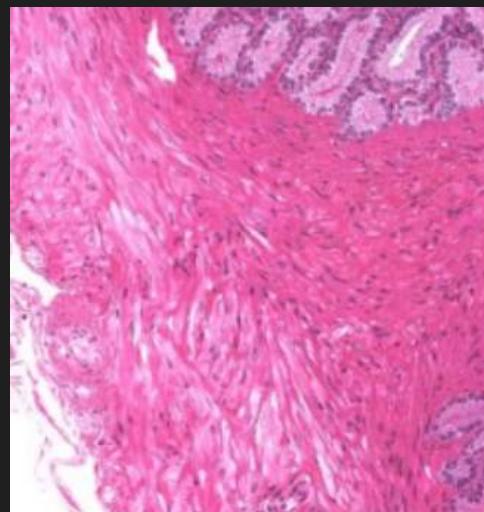
- **Pseudostratified columnar epithelium:**



- **Lamina propria:**

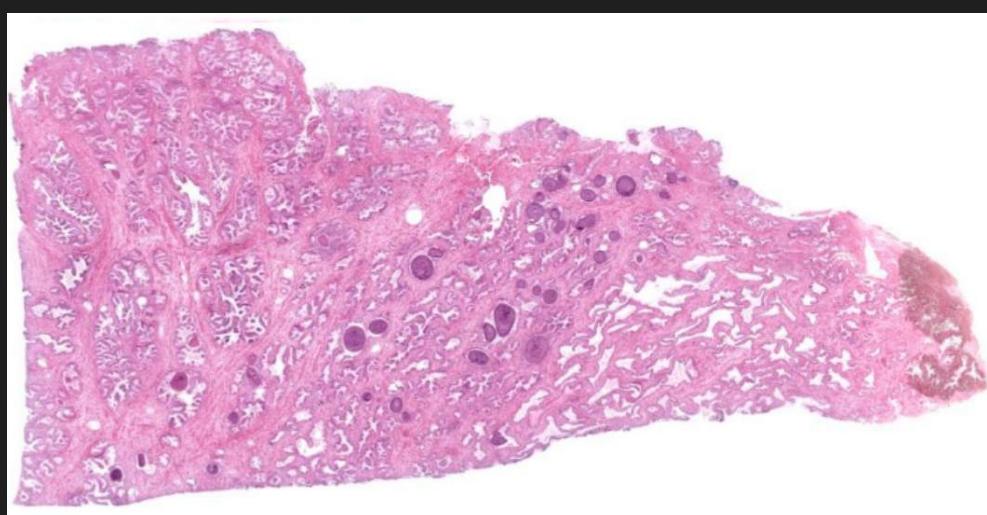


- **Muscular layer:**

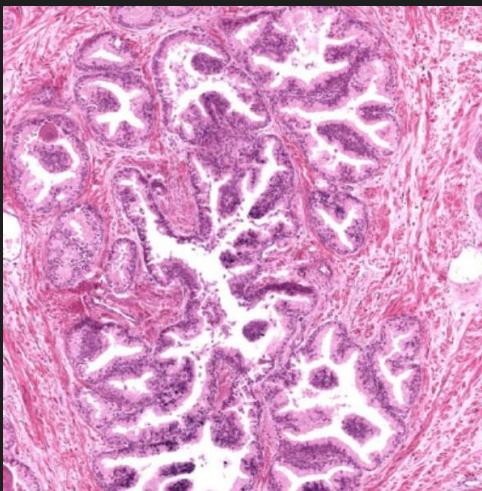


Prostate Gland

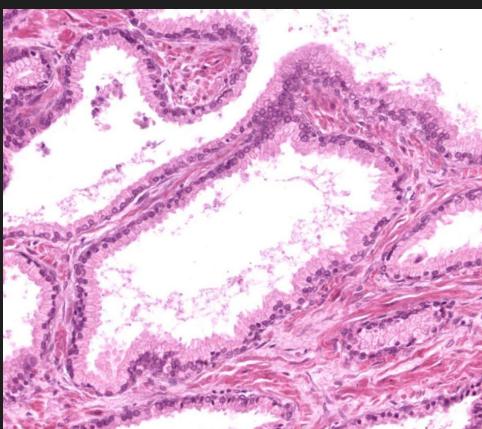
The prostate is composed of compound tubuloalveolar glands that contributes a slightly alkaline fluid to semen. These secretions help neutralize the acidity of the vagina, prolonging the lifespan of sperm.



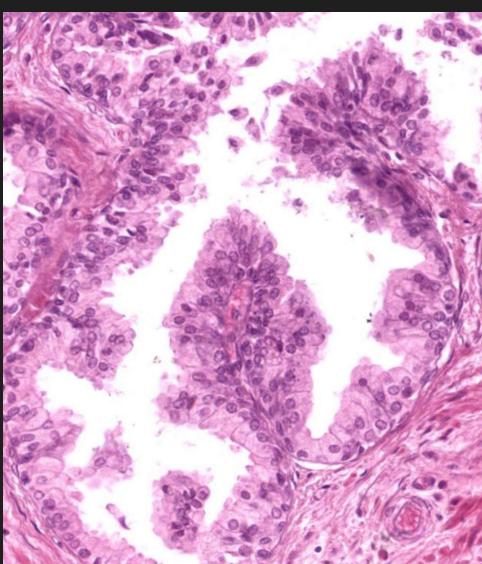
- **Tubuloalveolar glands:**



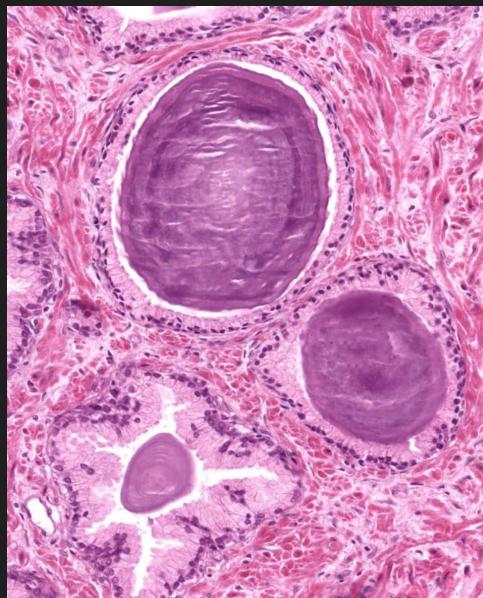
- **Glandular epithelium:** mostly simple columnar and cuboidal epithelial cells but may have regions of pseudostratified columnar epithelium.



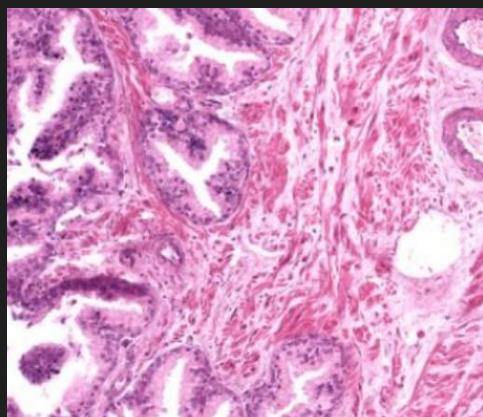
- **Pseudostratified columnar epithelium:**



- **Corpora amylacea:** concretions of prostatic fluid in the lumen of some glands in older men.



- **Lamina propria:**

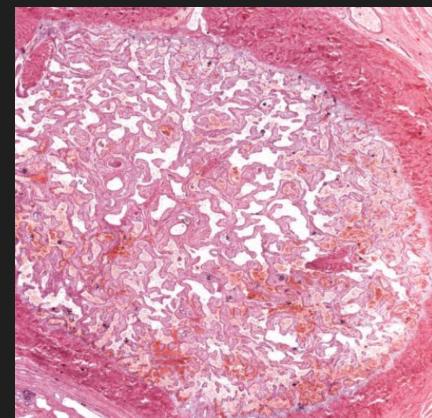
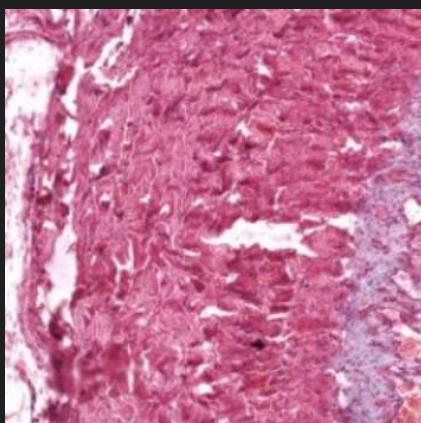


Penis

The penis is composed of three cylindrical bodies of erectile tissue.

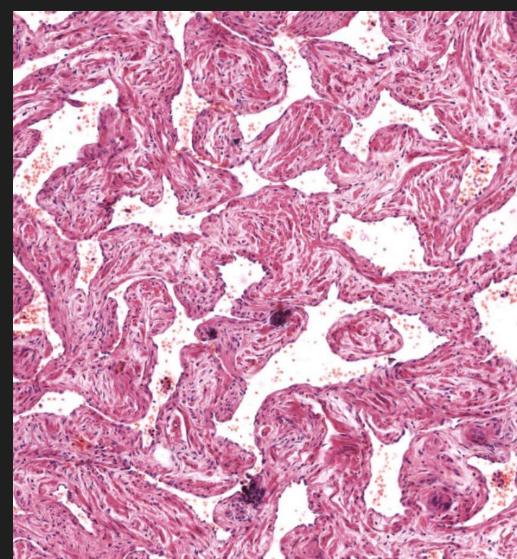
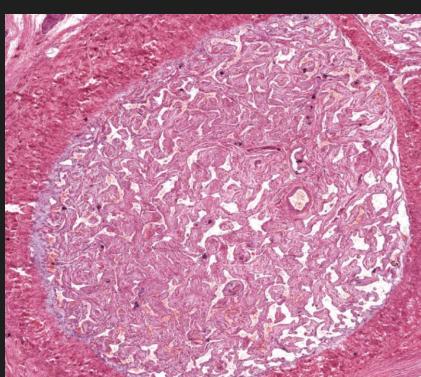


- **Tunica albuginea:** sheath of dense irregular connective tissue that surrounds the erectile bodies.

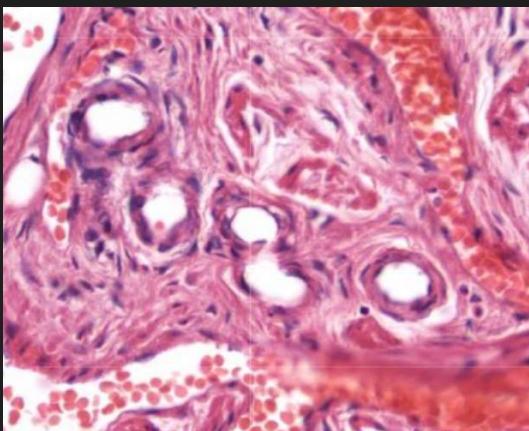


- **Trabeculae:** consist of connective tissue and smooth muscle.

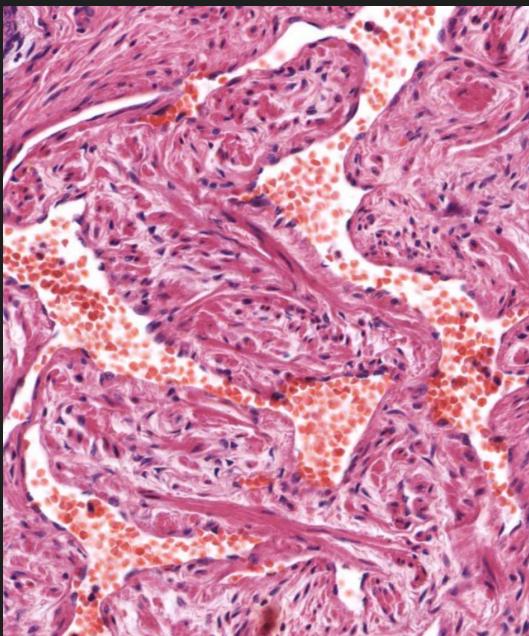
- **Corpora cavernosum:** a pair of vascular channels located dorsally within the penis.



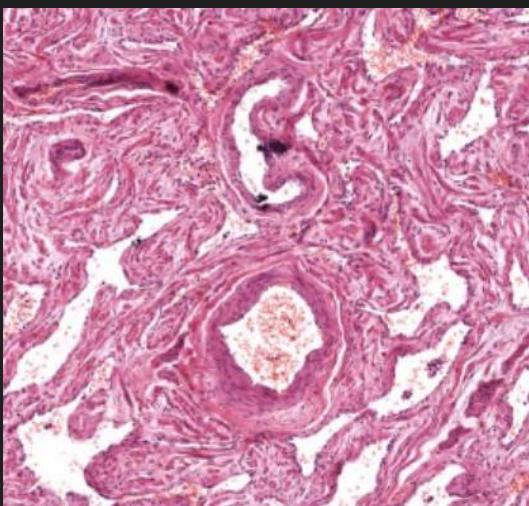
- **Helicine arteries:** normally coiled, but straighten and dilate on erection.



- **Blood sinuses:** labyrinth lined with endothelial cells and become filled with blood during erection.



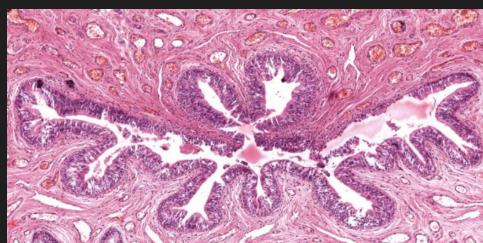
- **Central artery:** each corpus contains a single, central artery.



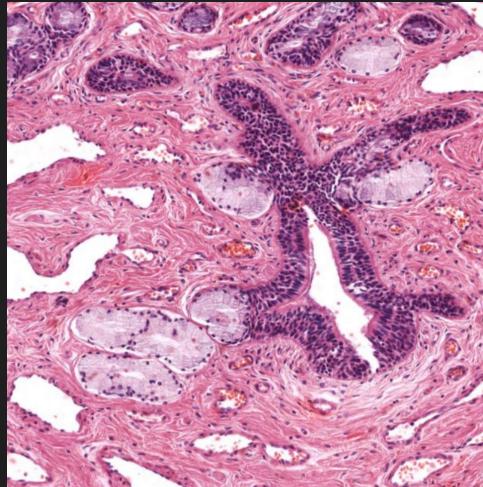
- **Corpus spongiosum:** located ventrally within the penis.



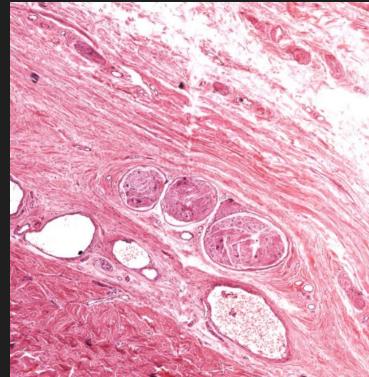
- **Urethra:** lined with a pseudostratified columnar epithelium.



- **Mucous glands of littre and ducts:** secrete a clear mucous on erection.



- **Superficial fascia:** connective tissue that surrounds the penis with many blood vessels and nerves.



Questions

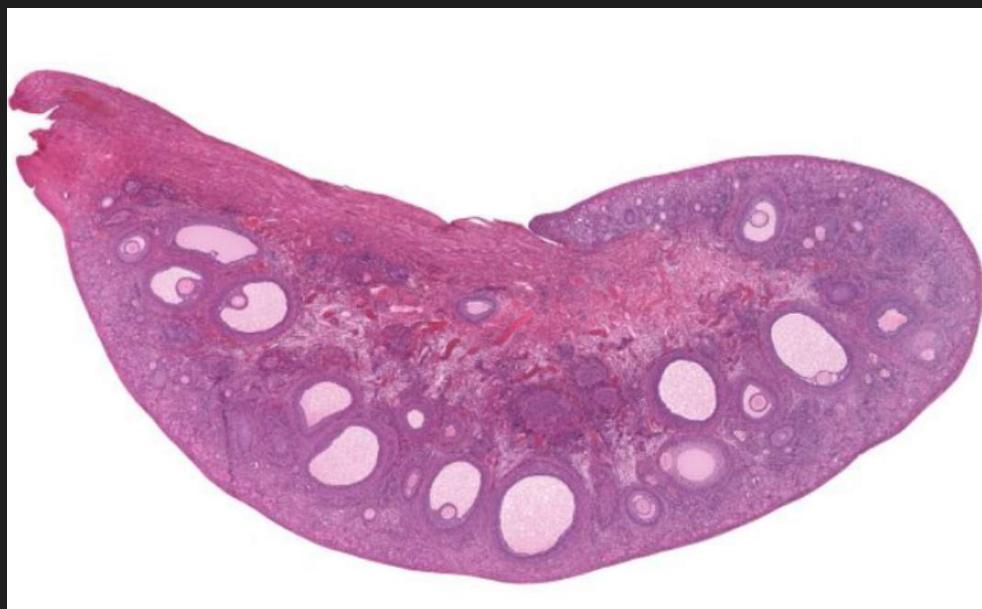
- Give an overview of the process of spermatogenesis and spermogenesis.
 - Spermatogenesis is the process by which haploid spermatozoa develop from germ cells in the seminiferous tubules of testis.
 - Spermogenesis is the final stage of spermatogenesis, where the maturation of spermatids mature into spermatozoa.
- What is the effect of castration on the accessory sex glands (prostate and seminal vesicles)?
 - Atrophy, reduction in size.
- Where is the primary source of testosterone?
 - The Leydig cells.
- Where is the principal site of storage of spermatozoa in the male reproductive system?
 - Epididymis (much of which in the tail?)
- Which organs are the major sources of seminal fluid?
 - Seminal vesicle, prostate gland, and bulbourethral.
- What are the components of the blood-testis barrier, and what is its significance?
 - Tight junctions between Sertoli cells isolate developing sperm from the vasculature which help prevent their immunological rejection.

Week 9: Female Reproductive, Eye, Ear

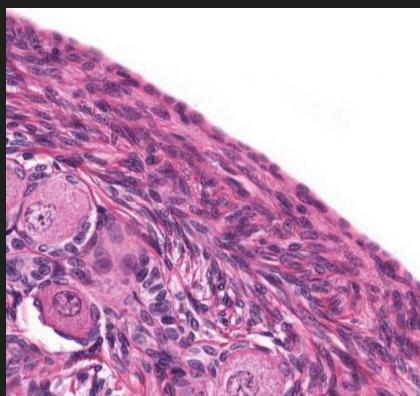
Female Reproductive System

Ovary

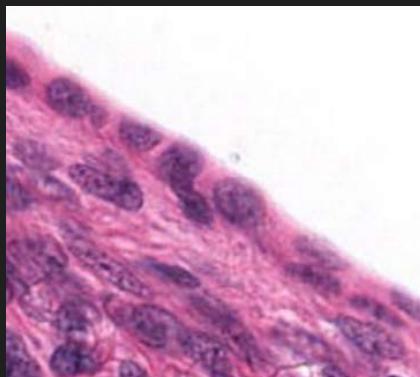
The ovaries are responsible for the production of an oocyte (oogenesis) and secretion of female sex hormones (estrogen and progesterone). When it releases a mature ovum, it travels down the oviduct to the uterus.



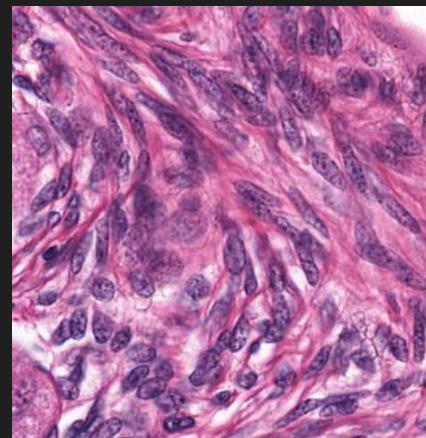
- **Capsule:** covers the outer surface.



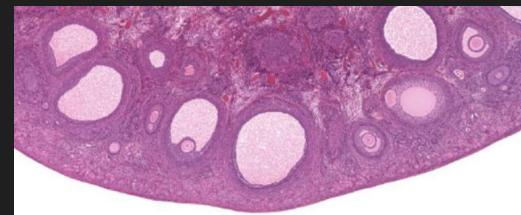
- **Germinal epithelium:** the surface is covered by a simple cuboidal epithelium.



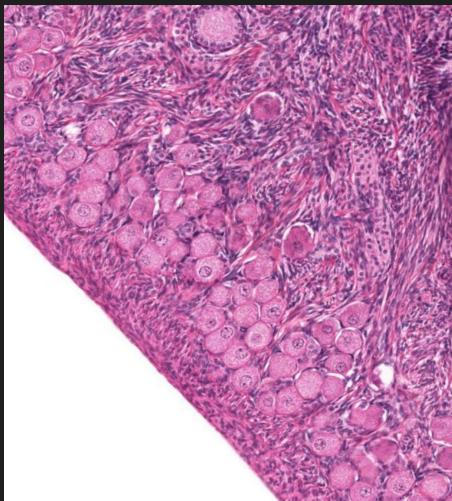
- **Tunica albuginea:** layer of dense irregular connective tissue that supports the epithelium.



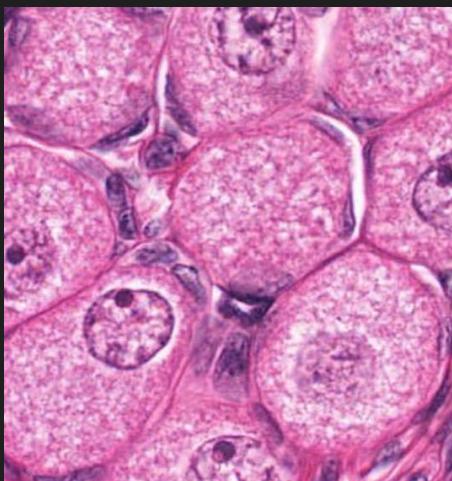
- **Cortex:** outer region that is the site of oocyte development.



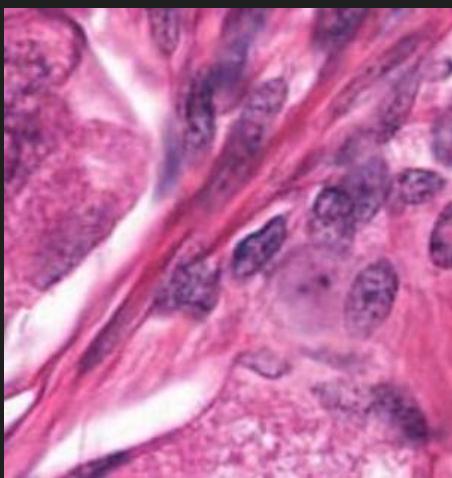
- **Primordial follicles:** oocytes arrested in development are located in the outer cortex.



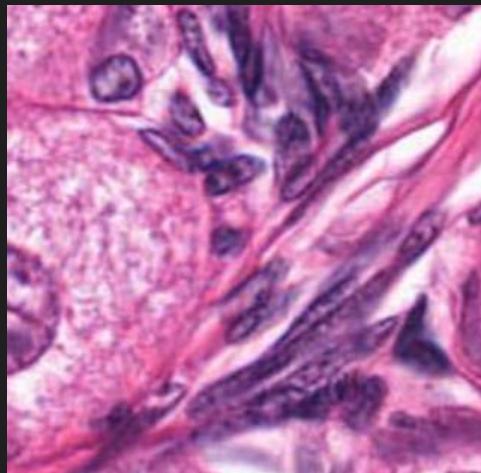
- **Primary oocyte:** large (25 to 30 µm), round to oval cells with a vesicular nucleus.



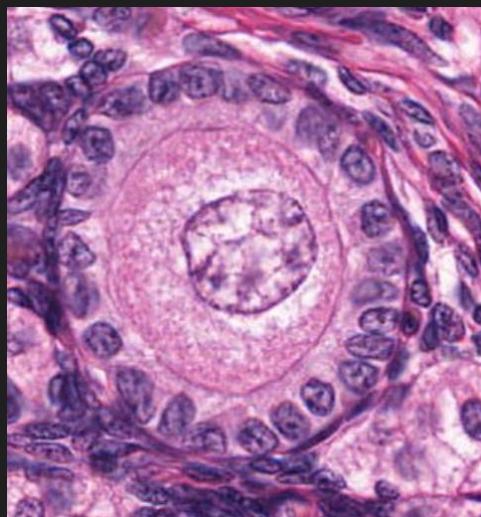
- **Zona pellucida:** layer of glycoproteins between the oocyte and granulosa cells. It is visible as a thin, eosinophilic band in many follicles.



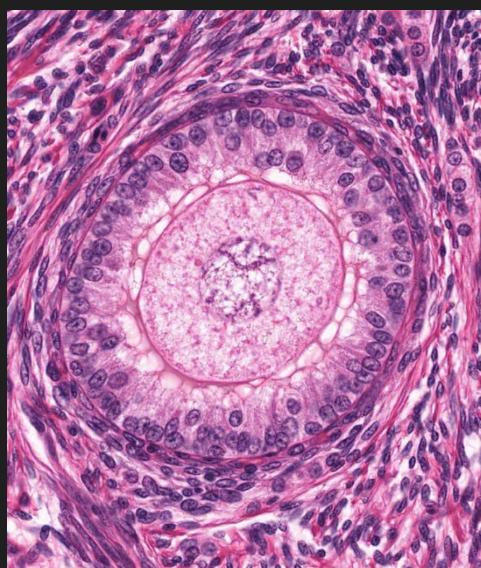
- **Follicular cells:** single layer of flattened cells that surround each oocyte.



- **Unilaminar:** primary oocytes surrounded by a single layer of granulosa cells.

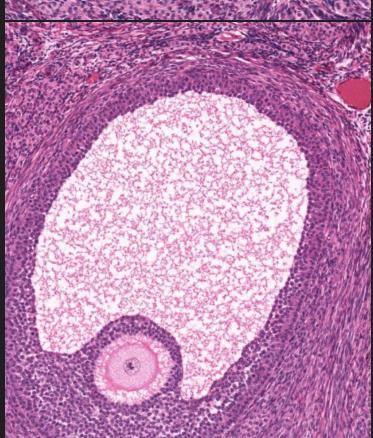
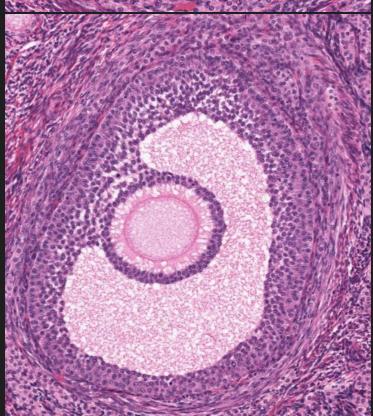
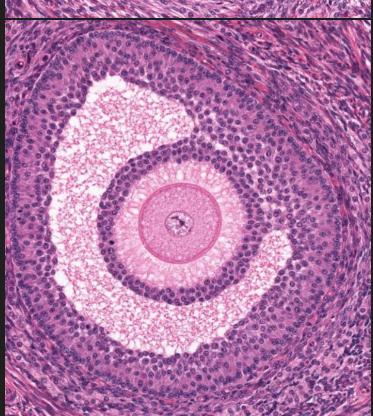
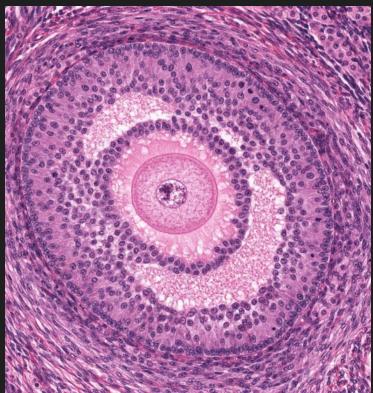


- **Multilaminar:** primary oocytes surrounded by multiple layers of granulosa cells.

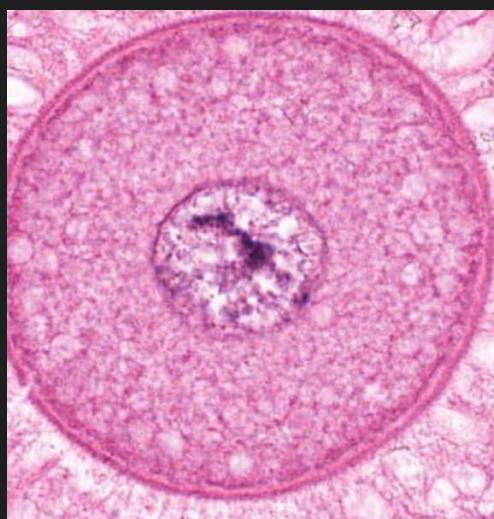


- **Secondary (Antral) Follicles:**

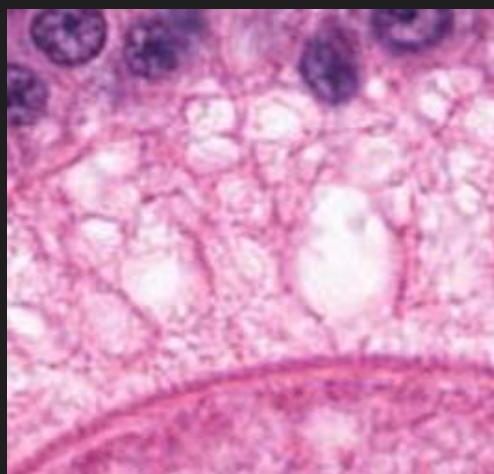
characterized by the formation an antrum (a fluid-filled space) containing an oocyte. The antrum increases in size as the follicle matures



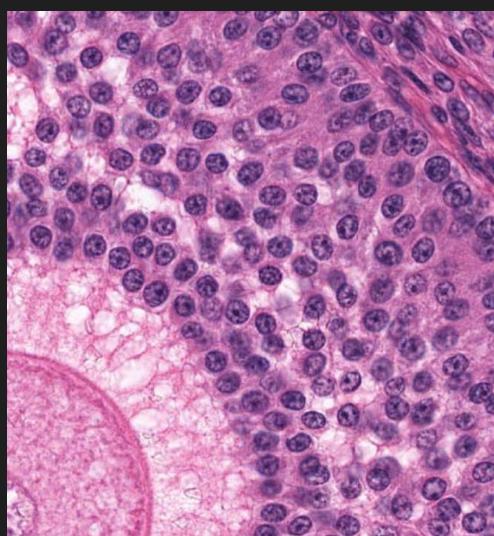
- **oocyte:** large (50 to 100 µm), round to oval cells with a vesicular nucleus.



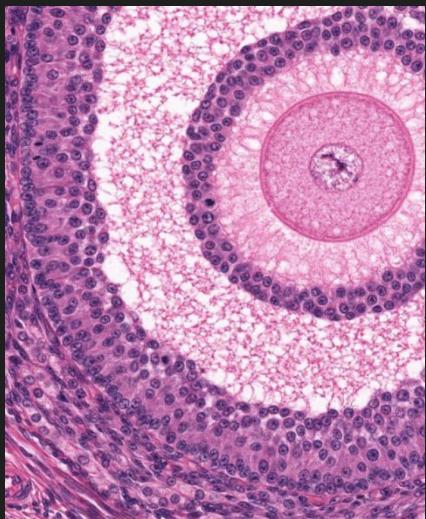
- **Zona pellucida:** layer of glycoproteins between the oocyte and granulosa cells (eosinophilic).



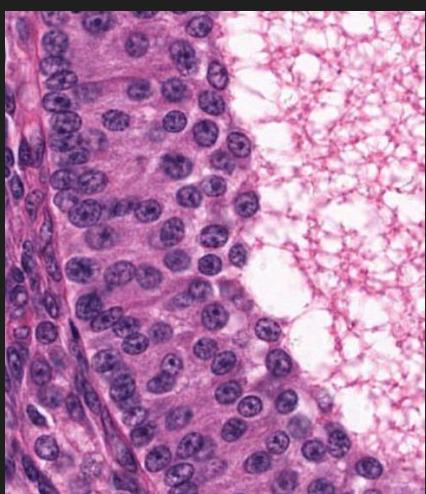
- **Corona radiata:** group of cells anchored to the follicle wall that contains the oocyte.



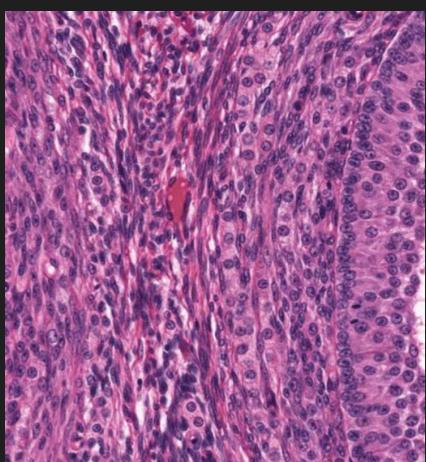
- **Cumulus oophorus:** group of cells anchored to the follicle wall that contains the oocyte.



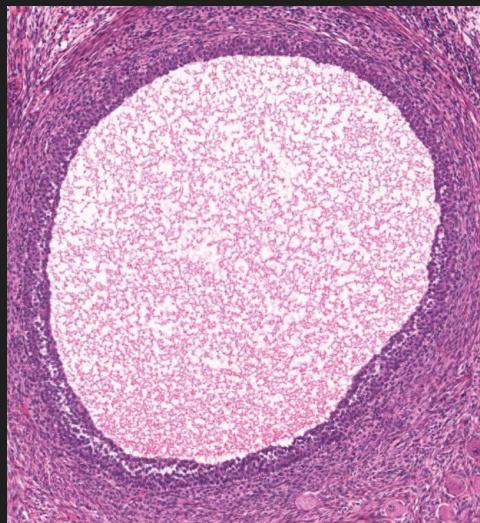
- **Stratum granulosum:** multiple layers of cells that form the follicle wall that surrounds the antrum.



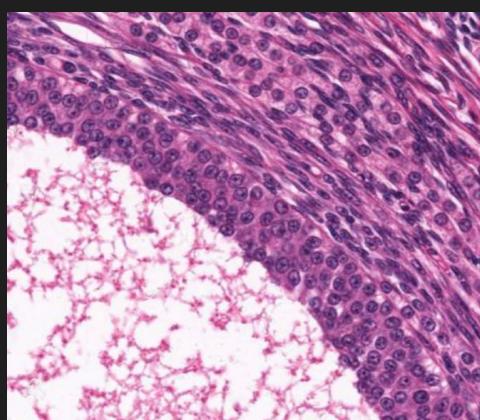
- **Theca folliculi:** stromal cells around the follicle develop into a sheath of highly vascularized connective tissue.



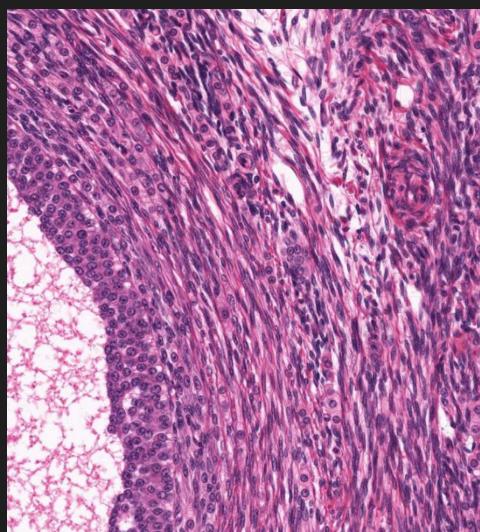
- **Mature (Graafian) follicles:** usually only one follicle will continue to grow each cycle to form a very large, mature follicle (25 mm or more in diameter).



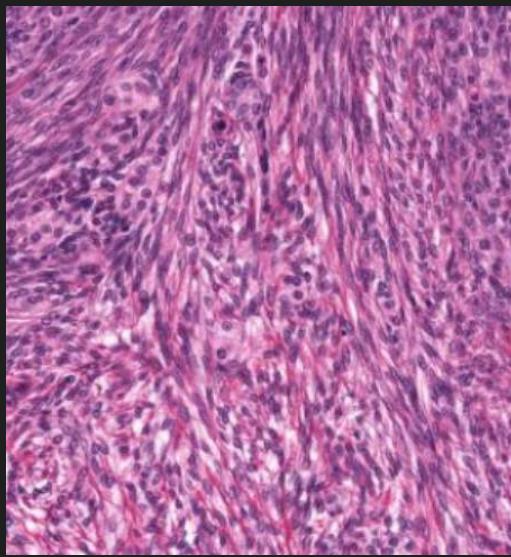
- **Stratum granulosum:** becomes thinner as the follicle continues to grow in size.



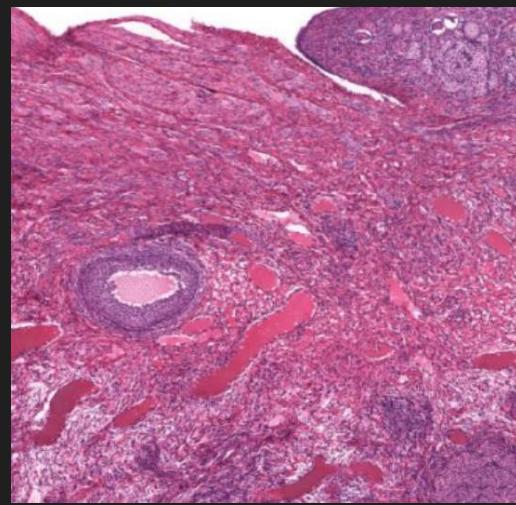
- **Theca folliculi:** becomes more organized and contains many blood vessels.



- **Stroma:** highly cellular connective tissue with fewer connective tissue fibers in which ovarian follicles are located.

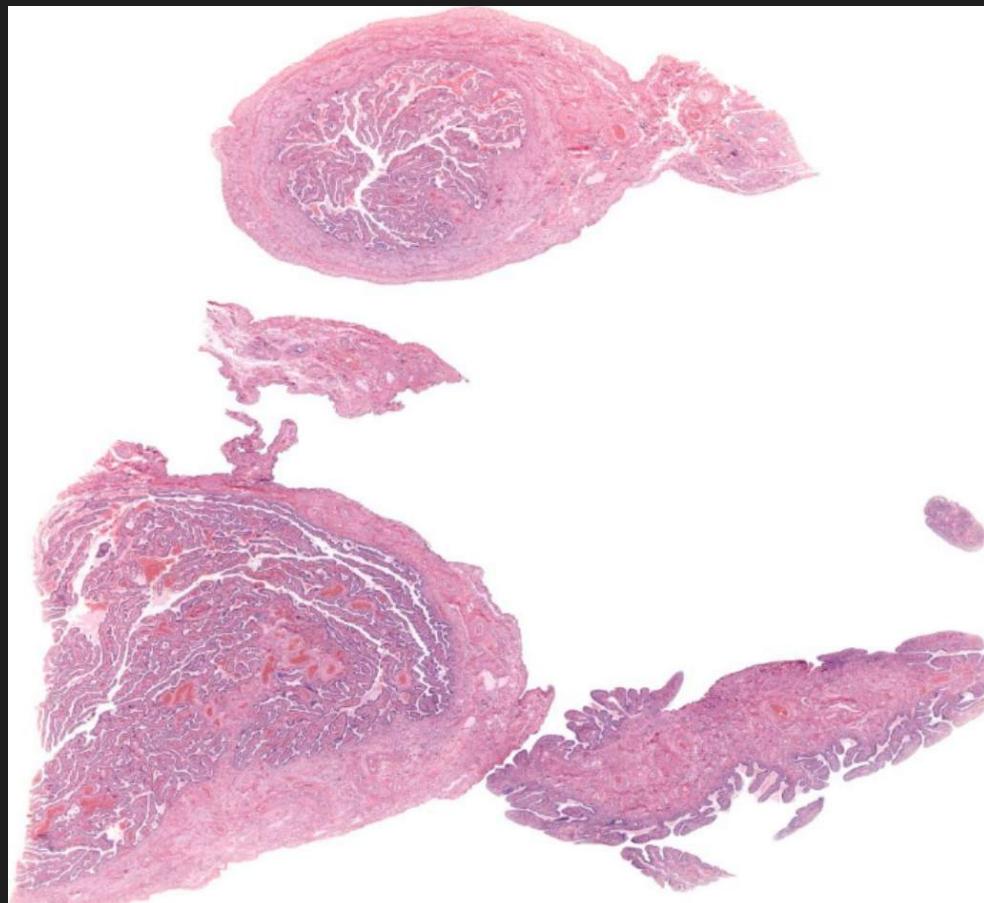


- **Medulla:** inner region of fibroelastic connective tissue with many large, tortuous blood vessels, lymph vessels and nerve fibers.



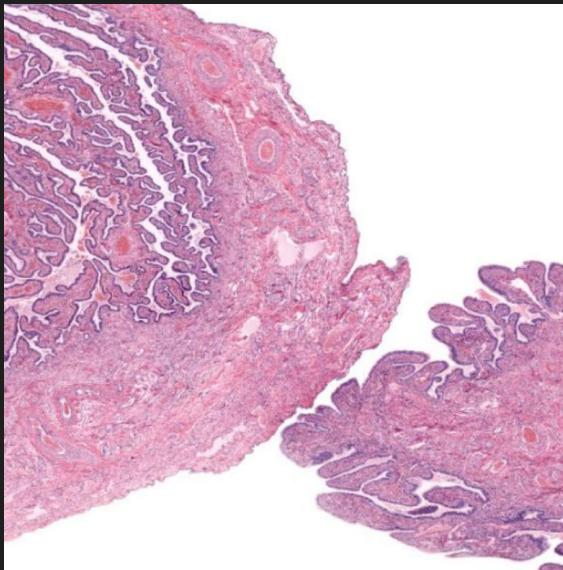
Oviduct

The oviducts (uterine tubes; fallopian tubes) are fibromuscular tubes that transport an ovulated ovum from the ovary to the uterus. Fertilization usually takes place in the oviduct.

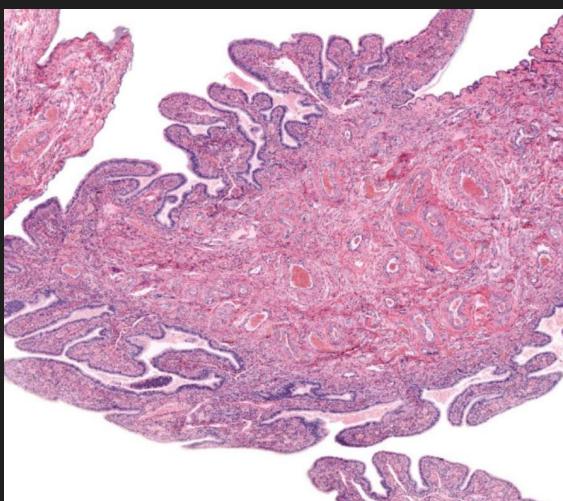


- **Infundibulum with fimbria:**

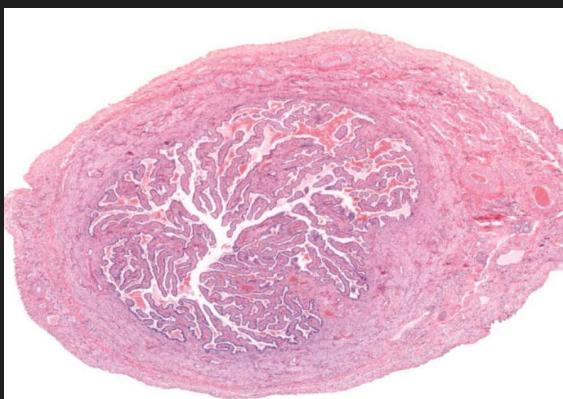
funnel-shaped segment open to the peritoneal cavity with fringed extensions that extend toward the ovary.



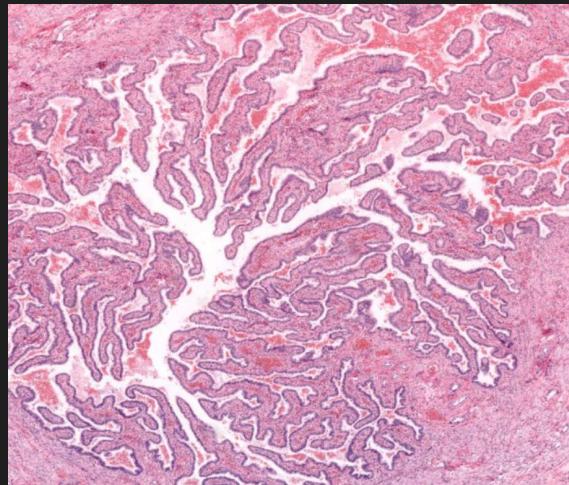
- **Fringed extensions:**



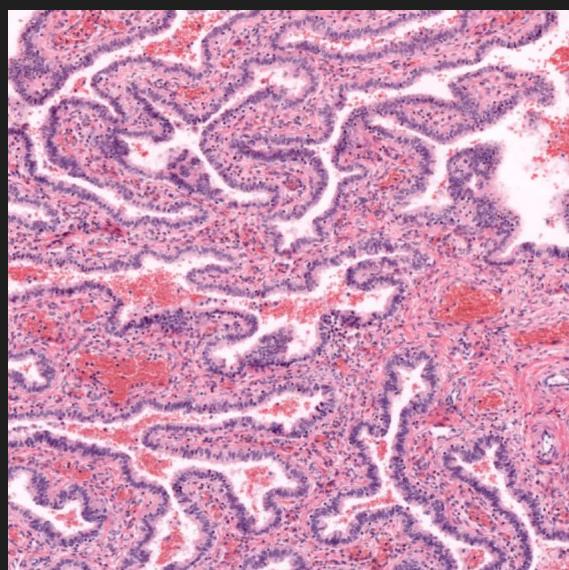
- **Ampulla:** longest region and site of fertilization.



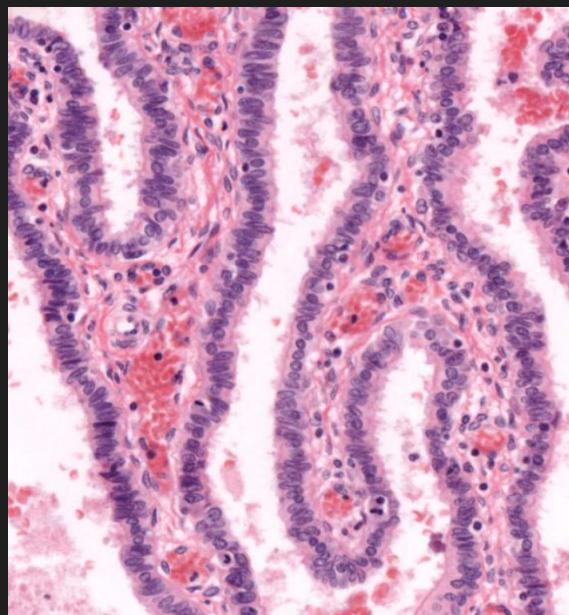
- **Mucosa:** exhibits thin longitudinal folds that project into the lumen.



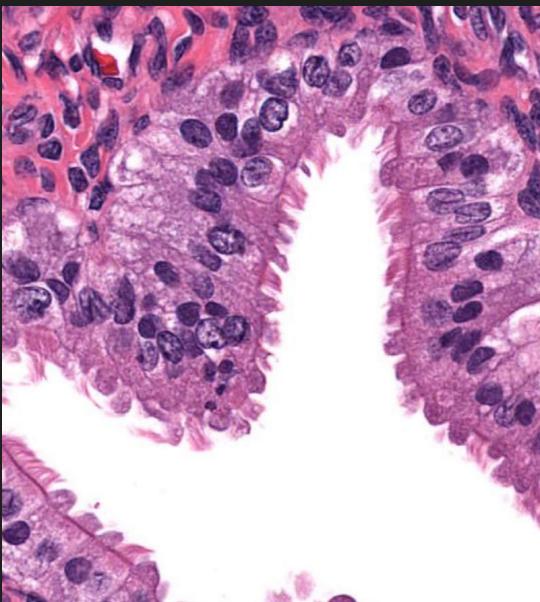
- **Longitudinal folds:**



- **Simple columnar epithelium:** consists of two types of cells.



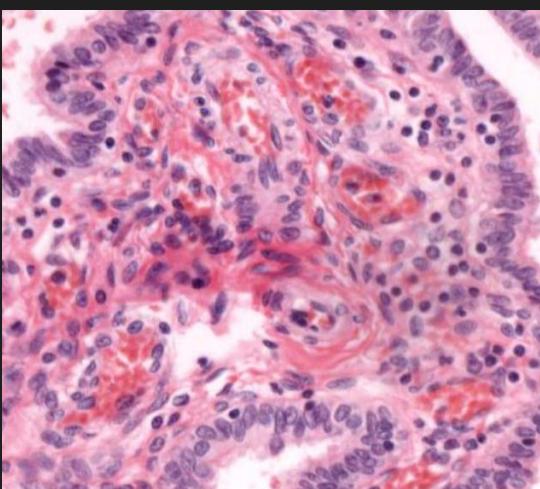
- **Ciliated cells:** secrete fluid that provides nutrients for the ovum or fertilized zygote.



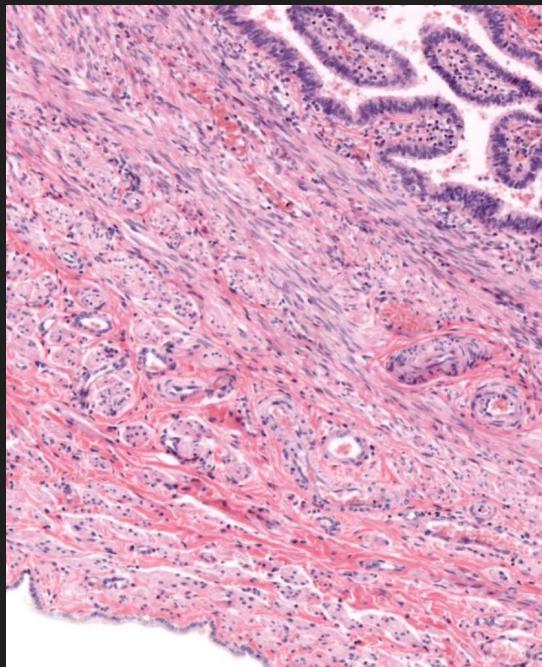
- **Peg cells:** secrete fluid that provides nutrients for the ovum or fertilized zygote.



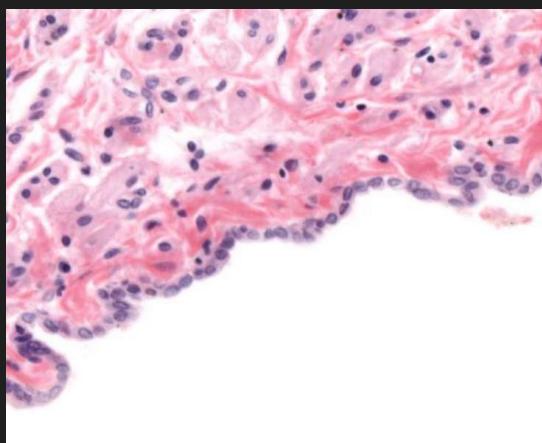
- **Lamina propria:** contains blood vessels and nerves.



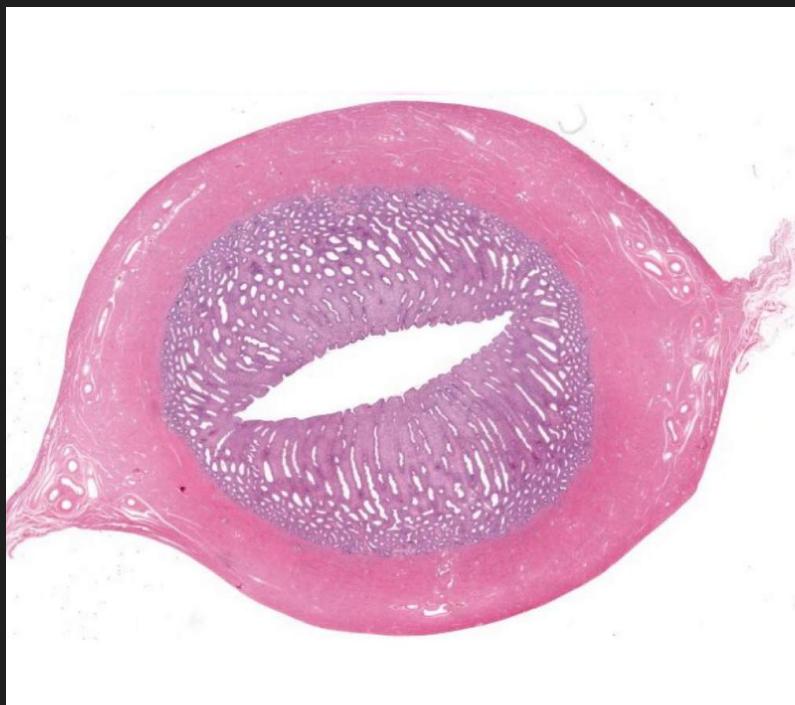
- **Muscularis:** consists of an inner circular or spiral layer and an outer longitudinal layer whose peristaltic contractions help propel the ovum or fertilized zygote to the uterus.



- **Serosa:** composed of a simple cuboidal epithelium (or mesothelium) supported by a thin layer of connective tissue.



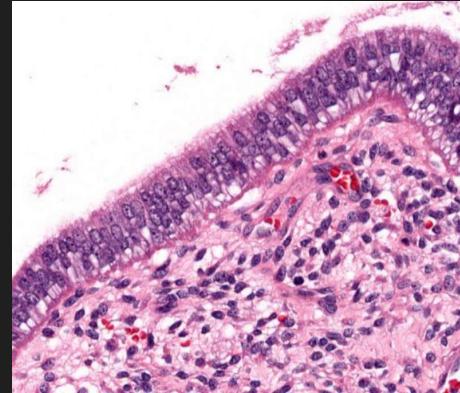
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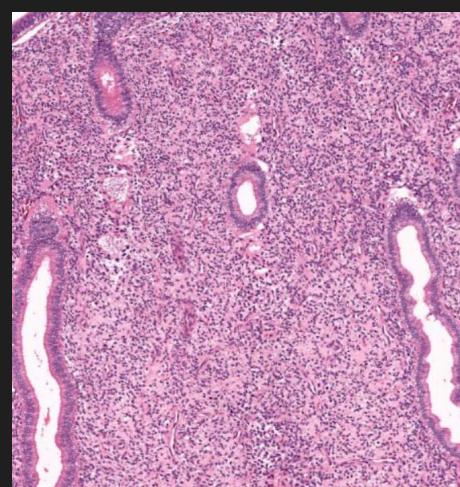
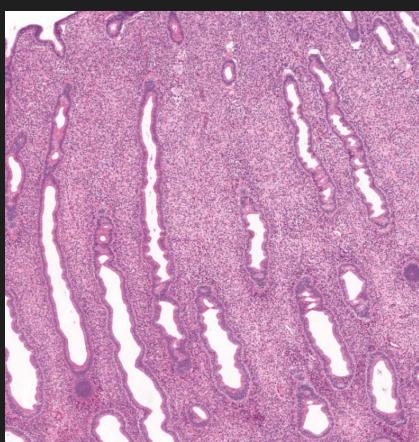
- **Endometrium:** specialized mucosa that undergoes marked changes during the menstrual cycle.
- **Simple columnar epithelium:** ciliated columnar and non-ciliated secretory cells.



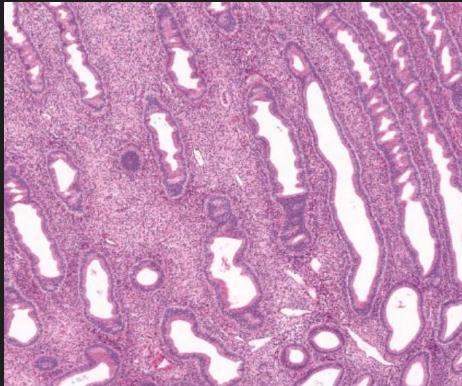
- **Functional layer:** the upper two thirds of the mucosa that develops glands and is lost during menstruation.



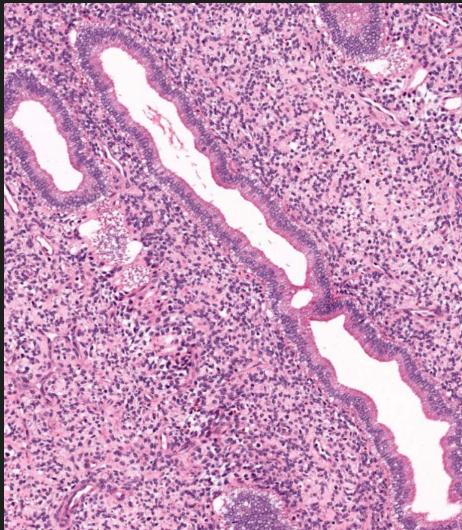
- **Endometrial stroma:** the underlying lamina propria is highly cellular.



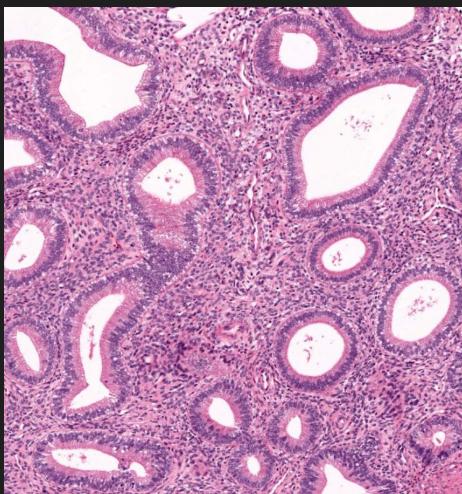
- **Uterine glands:** during the menstrual cycle the surface epithelium invaginates into the stroma to form simple tubular glands lined with mostly non-ciliated secretory cells.



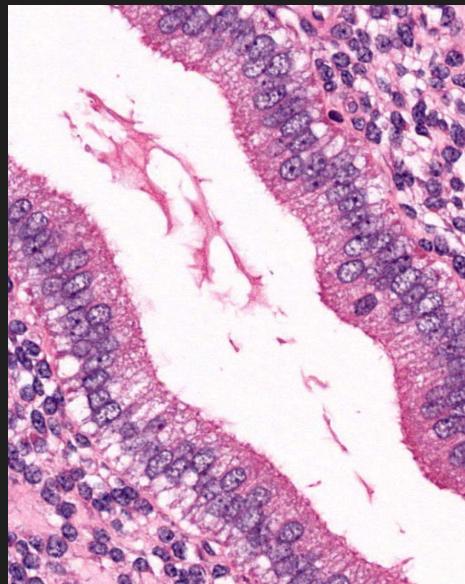
- **Simple tubular glands:**



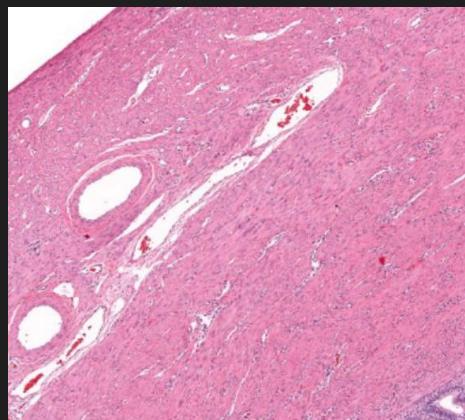
- **Basal layer (stratum basalis):** lower third of the mucosa that is retained during menstruation and regenerates the functional layer.



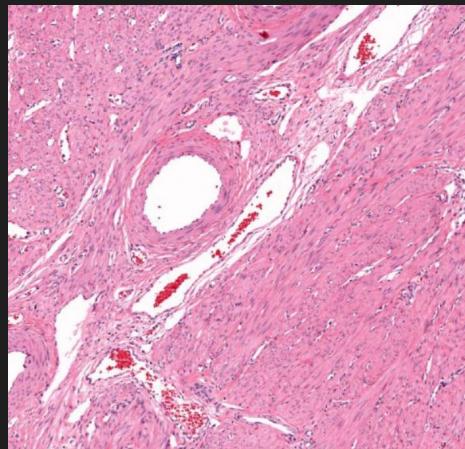
- **Glycogen:** stored in the base of the epithelial cells is characteristic of early secretory glands.



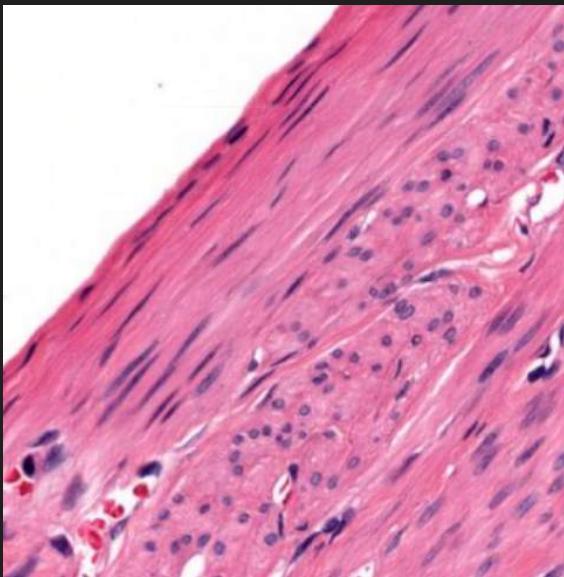
- **Myometrium:** composed of three indistinct layers of smooth muscle.



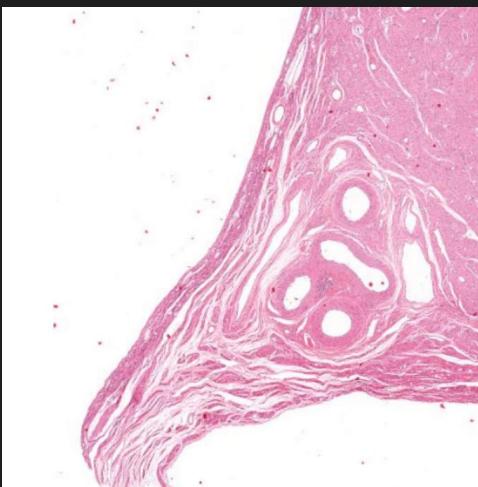
- **Stratum vasculare:** thickest layer of mostly circular or spiral bundles of smooth muscle with numerous blood vessels.



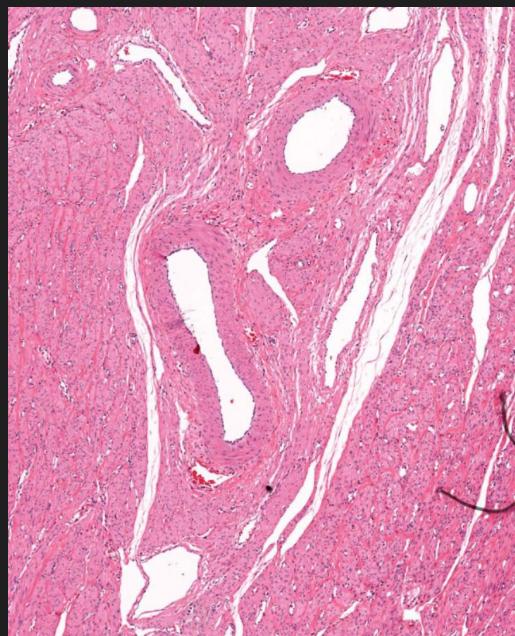
- **Perimetrium:** covered by an outer serous layer or visceral peritoneum that is continuous with the broad ligament.



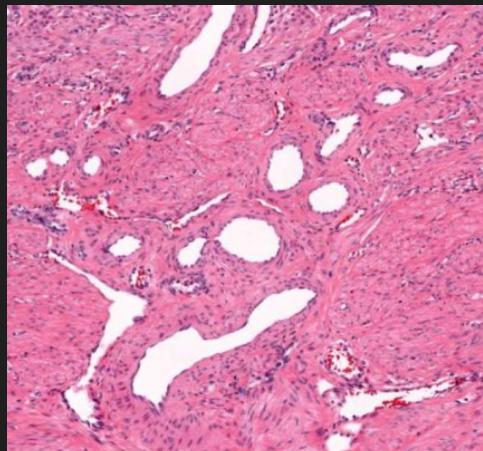
- **Broad ligament:**



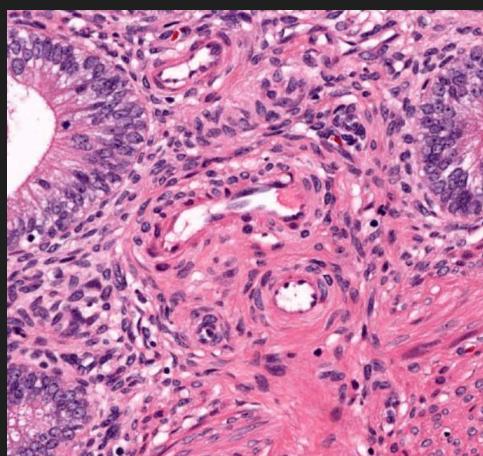
- **Arcuate arteries:** 6 to 10 branches of the uterine artery that encircle the uterus in the myometrium.



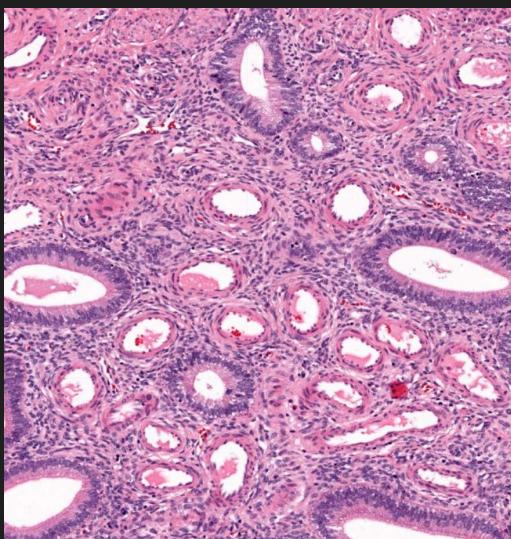
- **Radial arteries:** branches of arcuate arteries that ascend into the endometrium and give rise to:



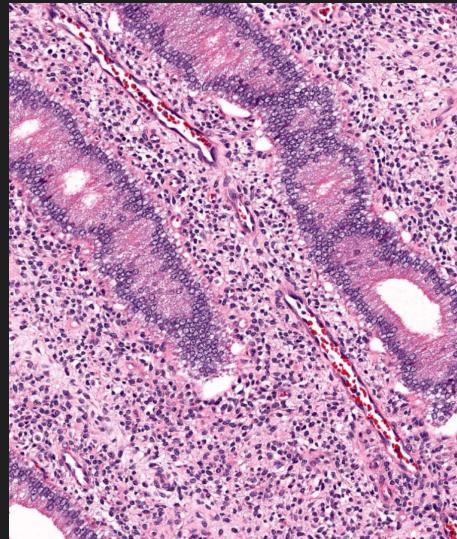
- **Straight arteries:** supply the basal layer.



- **Spiral arteries:** pass through the basal layer and supply the functional layer.

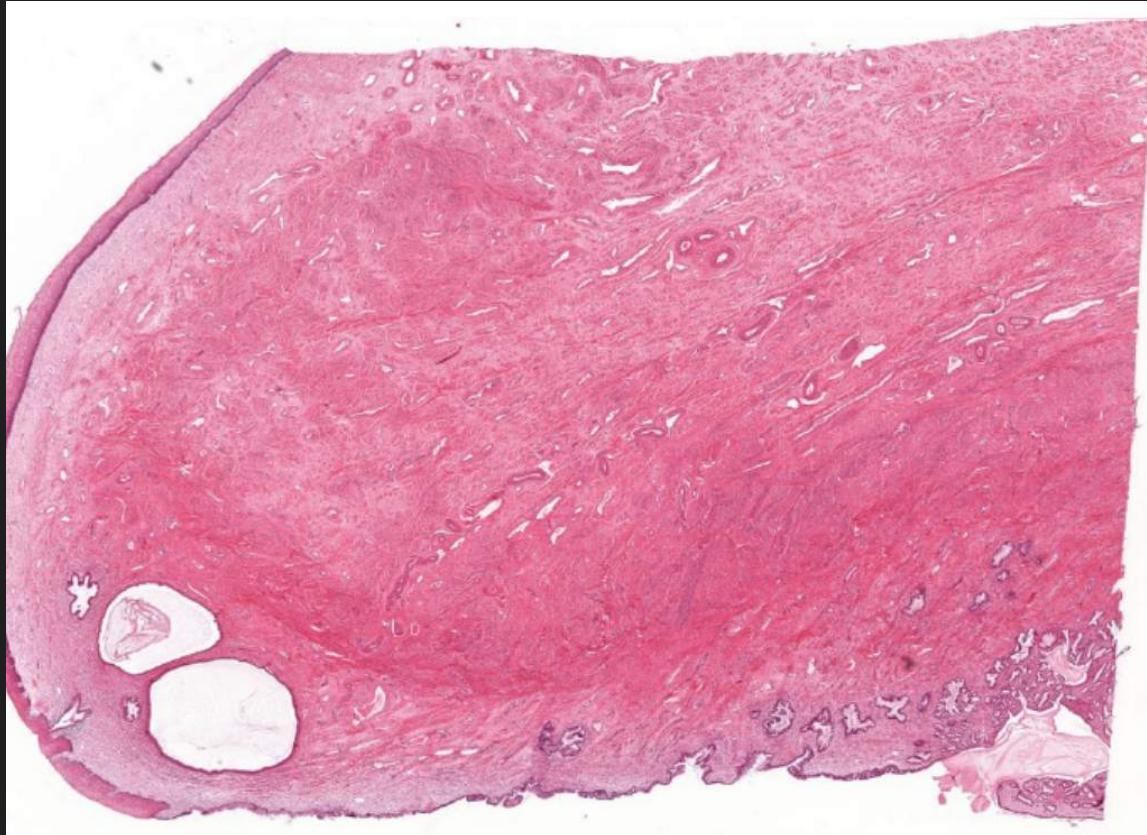


- **Terminal capillaries:** dilated (or ectatic) capillaries that arise from spiral arteries.

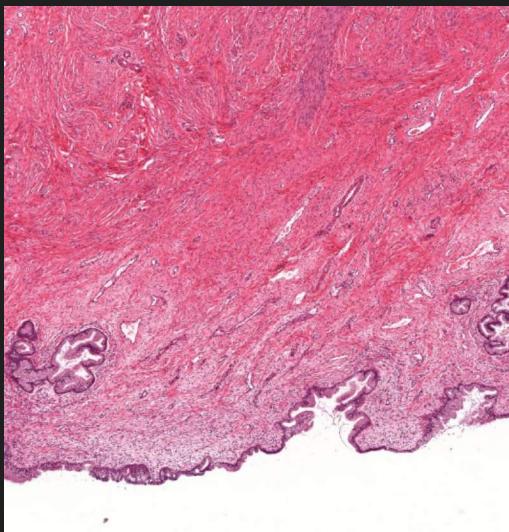


Cervix

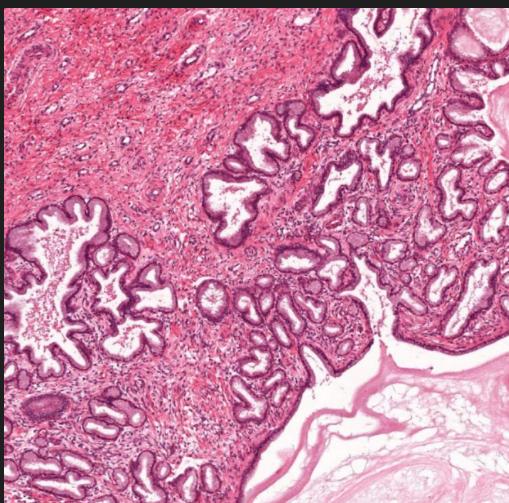
The cervix is the lower end of the uterus that opens into the vagina. During menstruation, it allows the passage of menstrual fluid from the uterus. In childbirth, it widens (dilates) to allow passage of the baby from the uterus to the outside world.



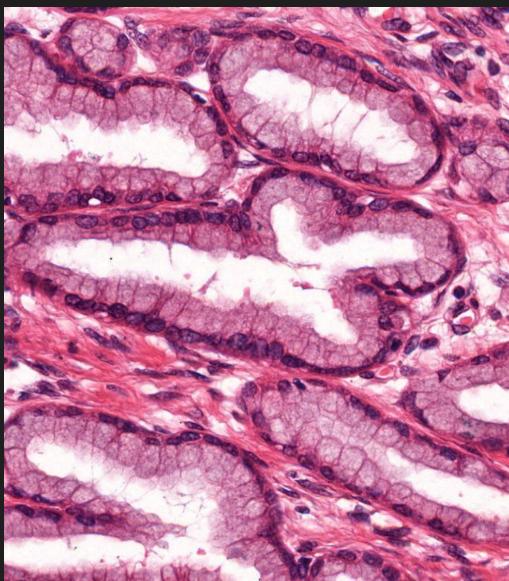
- **Endocervix:** forms the wall of the cervical canal.



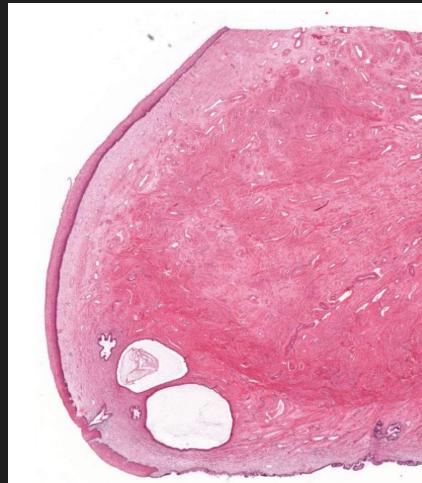
- **Cervical glands:** branched glands of mucus-secreting cells located in the lamina propria.



- **Mucus-secreting cells:**



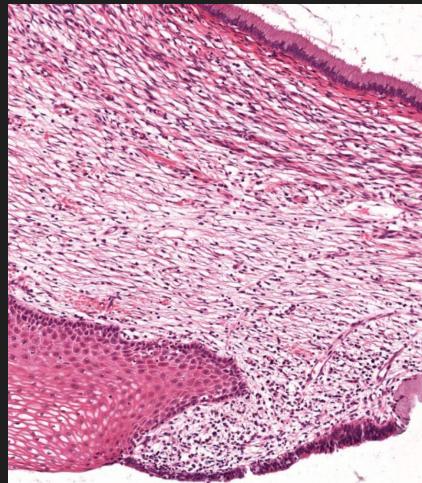
- **Ectocervix:** part of the cervix that protrudes in the vagina and contains the opening of the uterus.



- **Stratified squamous non-keratinized epithelium:** continuous with the lining of the vagina.



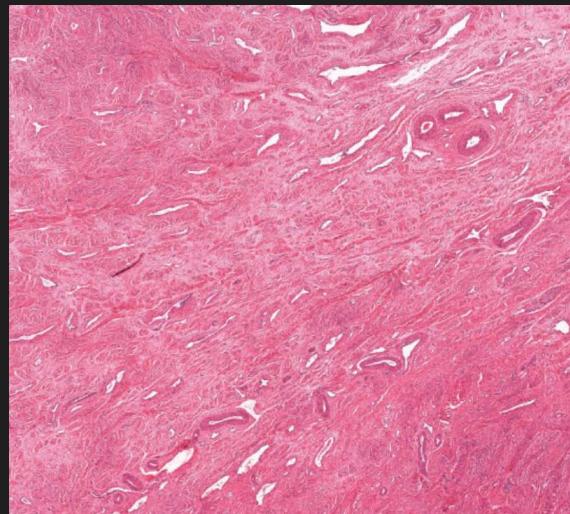
- **Transformation zone:** abrupt junction between the mucus-secreting columnar epithelium of the endocervix and the squamous epithelium of the ectocervix.



- **Nabothian cysts:** develop as stratified squamous epithelium grows over mucus-secreting simple columnar epithelium and entraps large amounts of mucus.



- **Cervical wall:** composed of dense connective tissue rich in both collagen and elastic fibers. Unlike the rest of the uterus, it contains little smooth muscle.

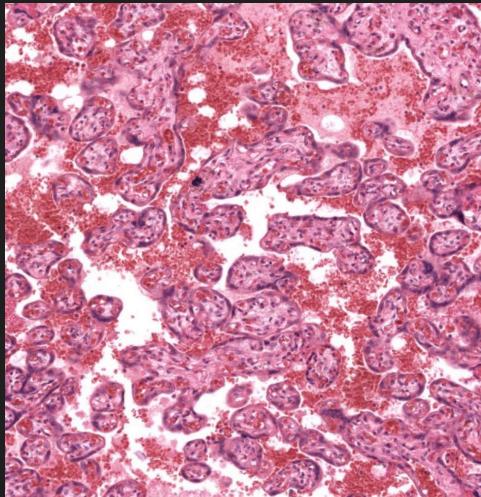


Placenta

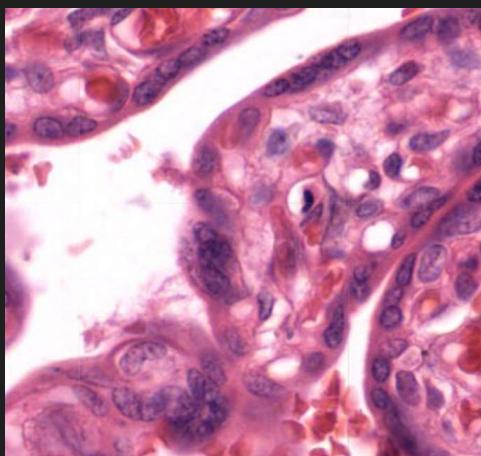
The placenta develops during pregnancy to support the developing fetus by producing hormones, transferring nutrients and waste products between the mother and the fetus. The placenta is composed of 15 to 20 regions called cotyledons. This specimen is a portion of a cotyledon from late pregnancy.



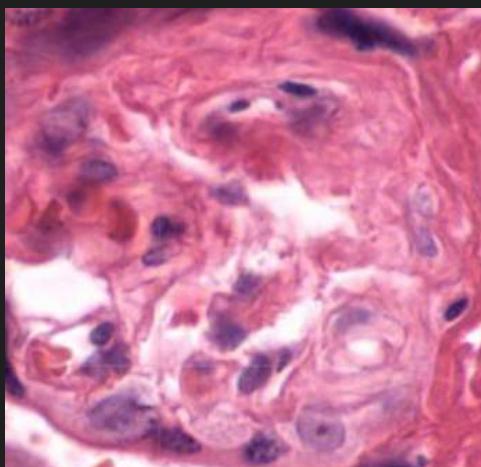
- **Villi:** projections of the fetal chorion that extend into lacunae in which maternal blood flows. Exchange between the two circulations occurs through the villus wall.



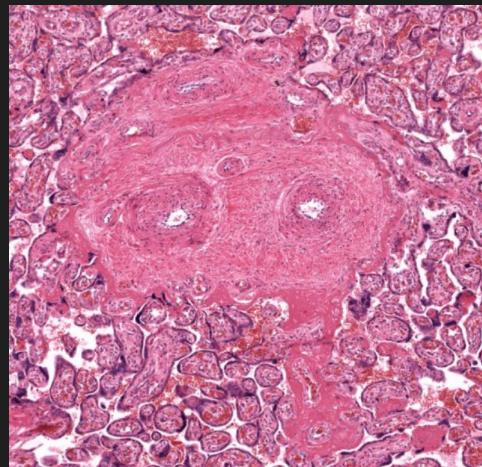
- **Syntiotrophoblasts:** multinucleated cuboidal cells with microvilli.



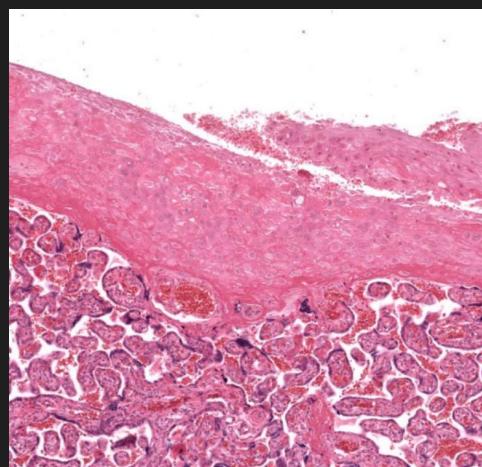
- **Stroma:** mesenchymal connective tissue forms the core of villi and contains fetal capillaries and venules.



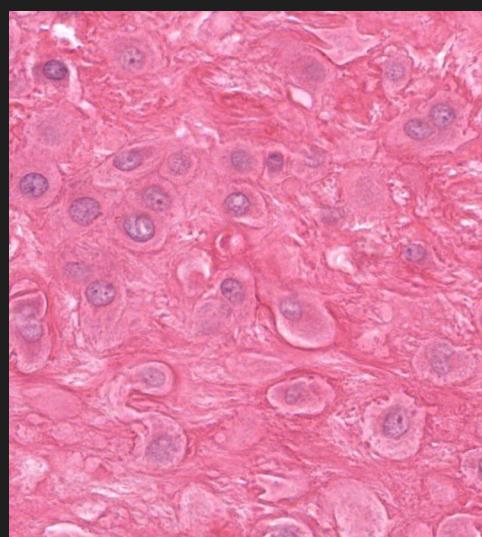
- **Placental arteries:** develop from arteries in the endometrium to supply maternal blood to the lacunae.



- **Basal plate:** the part of the uterus to which chorionic villi are anchored.



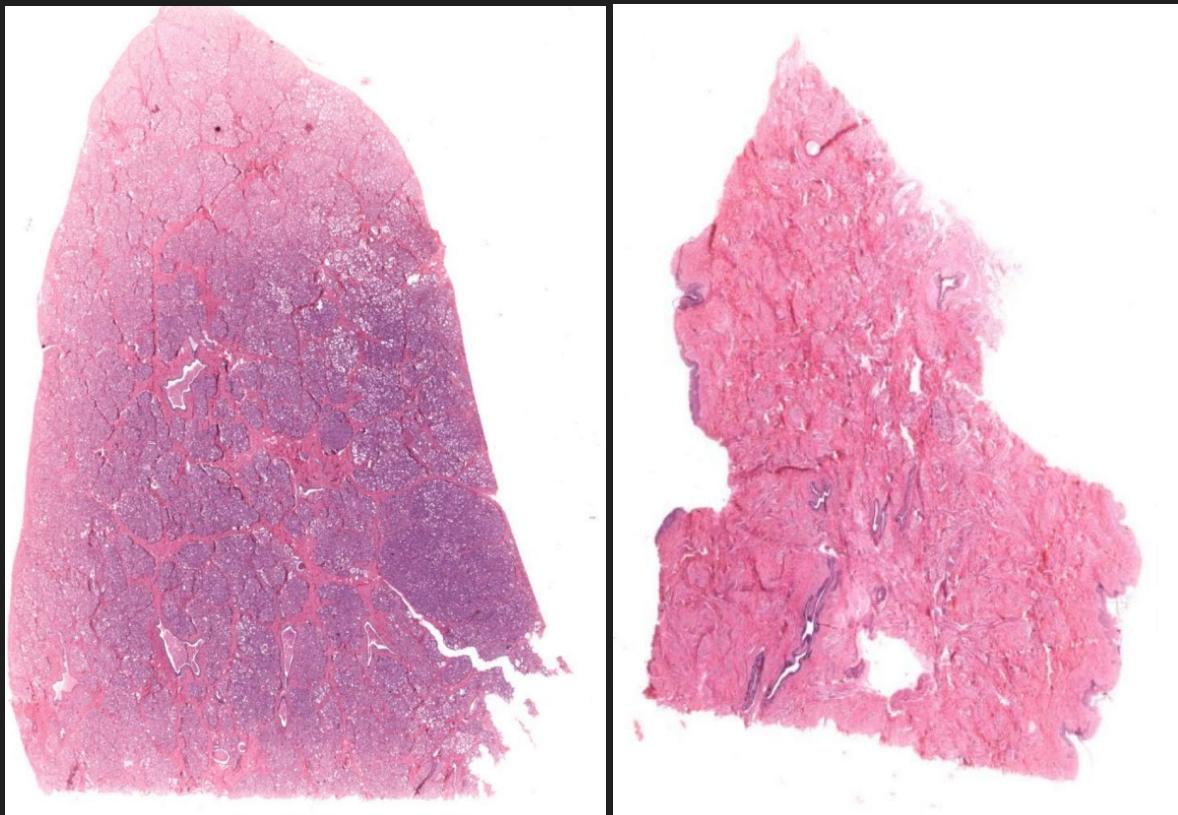
- **Decidual cells:** clusters of large round or oval cells.



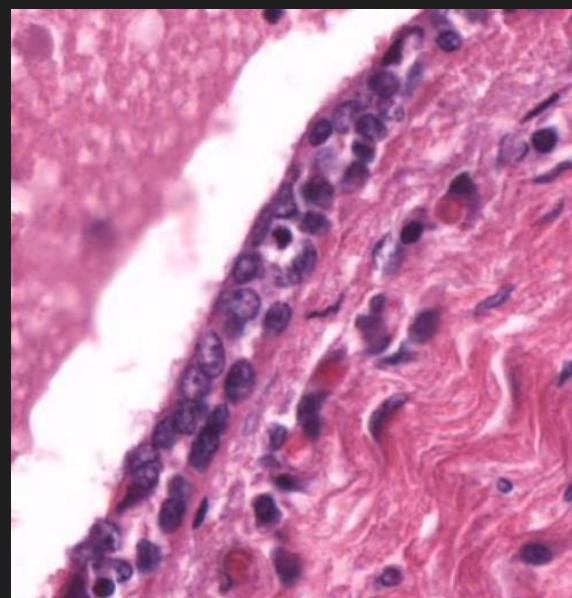
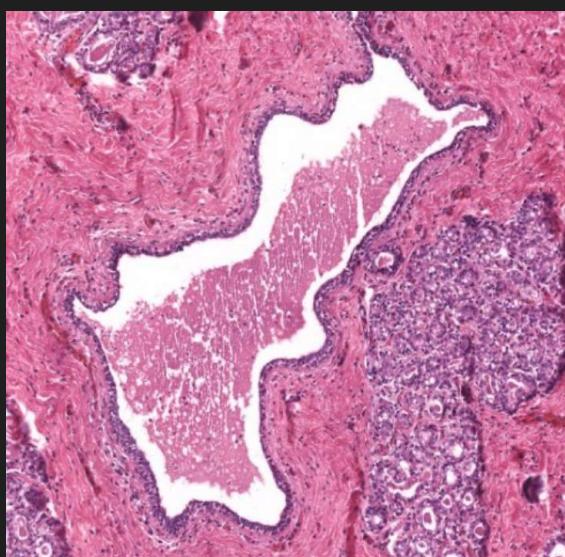
Mammary Gland

Mammary glands are compound, tubulo-alveolar glands whose structure changes depending on the reproductive status of females.

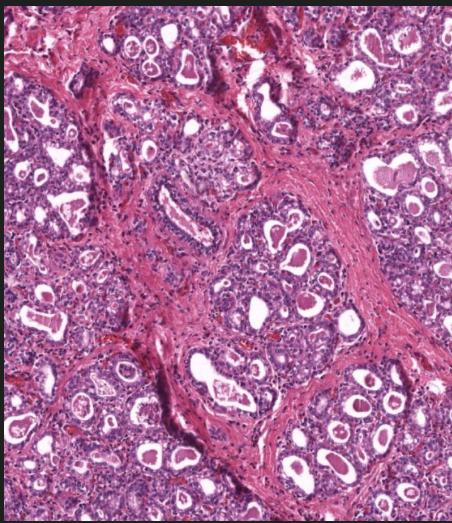
Lactating (left) – Resting (right)



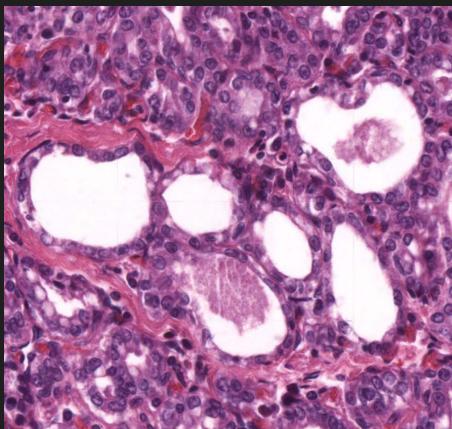
- **Lactiferous duct:** each lobe is drained by a single lactiferous duct that opens into the nipple. It is lined by a double layer of cuboidal or columnar cells surrounded by a sheath of connective tissue with myoid cells.
- **Double layered cuboidal/columnar cells:**



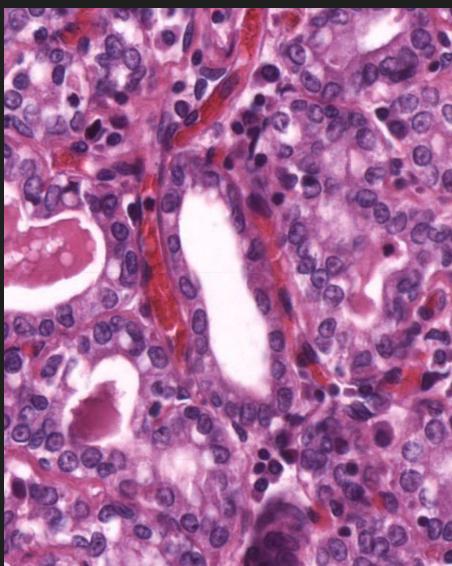
- **Lobules:** enclosed by a thin layer of connective tissue.



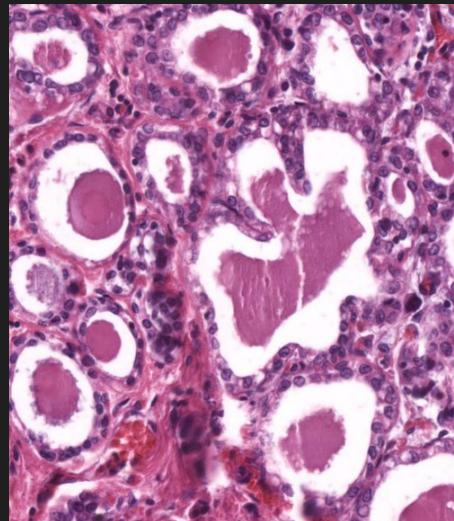
- **Intralobular ducts:** lined by one or two layers of cuboidal cells surrounded by a thin layer of connective tissue.



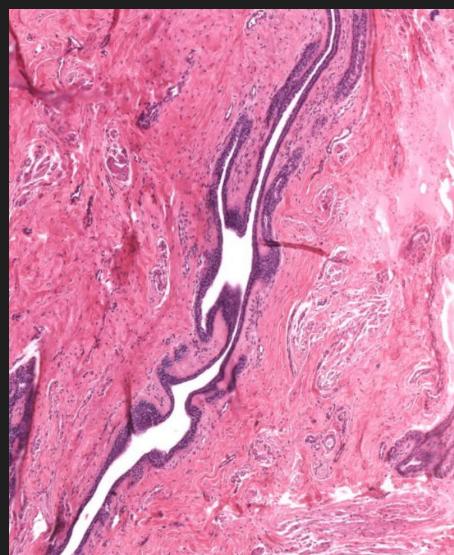
- **Terminal ductules:** branches of intralobular ducts lined with cuboidal secretory cells.



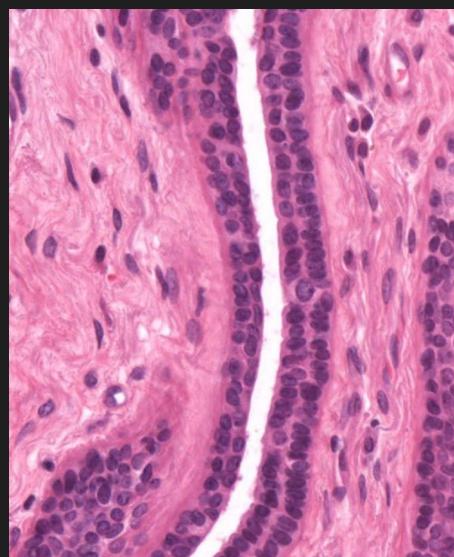
- **Alveoli:** grow and expand during pregnancy and lactation.



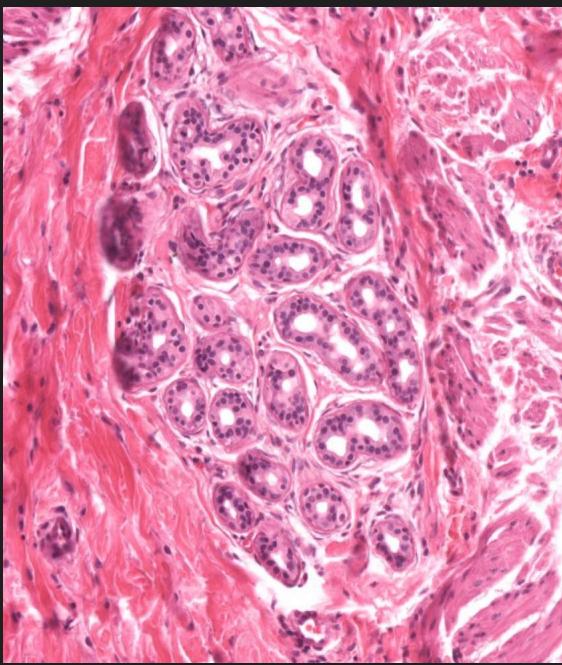
- **Lactiferous ducts:** (resting)



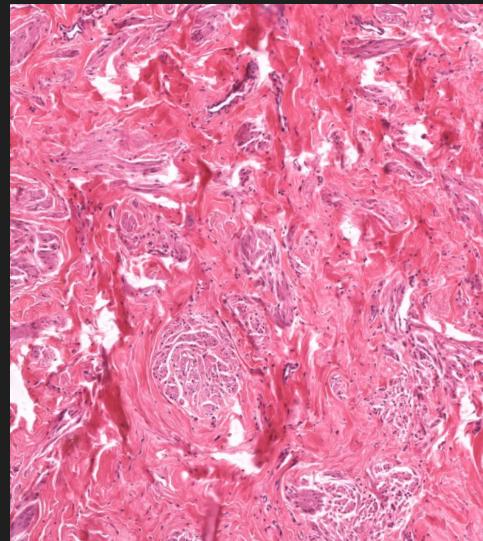
- **Double layered cuboidal/columnar cells:** (resting)



- **Terminal ductules:** branches of intralobular ducts.



- **Lamina propria:** dense connective tissue with numerous bundles of whose contraction smooth allows for erection of the nipple.



Questions

- In which portion of the uterine tube does fertilization occur?
 - Ampulla
- What is the primary ovarian hormone stimulating the endometrium during each stage?
 - Estrogen.
- What is the dominant ovarian structure during the secretory stage?
 - Corpus luteum.
- Which ovarian hormone is necessary for the maintenance of the secretory stage of the endometrium?
 - Progesterone.
- Which zones of the endometrium may be lost during menstruation?
 - Functionalis
- What are some possible functions of cervical mucus?
 - Impedes sperm entry except in peri-ovulatory period when the mucus is less viscous
- In what other regions of the body does one observe an abrupt junction between simple columnar and stratified epithelia?
 - Gastro-esophageal junction, colo-rectal junction.
- What are the major hormones that are responsible for the cyclic changes in the mammary gland?
 - Estrogen and progesterone

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