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The Tissue Level of Organization

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Ictures and functions of the main body systems
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Four Types of Tissues

- Tissues are collections of cells and cell products that perform specific, limited functions
- Types of tissue
 - Epithelial tissue
 - Covers exposed surfaces
 - Lines internal passageways
 - Forms glands

Four Types of Tissues

Types of Tissue (cont'd)

Connective tissue

- Fills internal spaces
- Supports other tissues
- Transports materials
- Stores energy

Muscle tissue

- Specialized for contraction
- Skeletal muscle, heart muscle, and walls of hollow organs

Neural tissue

Carries electrical signals from one part of the body to another

Epithelia

 Layers of cells covering internal or external surfaces

Glands

Structures that produce secretions

Characteristics of Epithelia

- Cellularity (cell junctions)
- Polarity (apical and basal surfaces)
- Attachment (basal lamina)
- Avascularity
- Regeneration

Functions of Epithelial Tissue

- Provide physical protection
- Control permeability
- Provide sensation
- Produce specialized secretions (glandular epithelium)

Specializations of Epithelial Cells

- Move fluids over the epithelium (protection)
- Move fluids through the epithelium (permeability)
- Produce secretions (protection and messengers)

Free Surface and Attached Surface

- Polarity
 - Apical surfaces:
 - microvilli increase absorption or secretion
 - cilia (ciliated epithelium) move fluid
 - Basolateral surfaces

- Maintaining the Integrity of Epithelia
 - Intercellular connections
 - Attachment to basal lamina
 - Epithelial maintenance and repair

- Attachment to the Basal Lamina
 - Clear layer (Lamina lucida)
 - Thin layer
 - Secreted by epithelia
 - Barrier to proteins
 - Dense layer (Lamina densa)
 - Thick fibers
 - Produced by connective tissue
 - Strength and filtration

- Epithelial Maintenance and Repair
 - Epithelia are replaced by division of germinative cells (stem cells)
 - Near basal lamina

- Singular epithelium; plural epithelia
- Classes of Epithelia
 - Based on shape
 - Squamous epithelia: thin and flat
 - Cuboidal epithelia: square shaped
 - Columnar epithelia: tall, slender rectangles
 - Based on layers
 - Simple epithelium: single layer of cells
 - Stratified epithelium: several layers of cells

- Squamous Epithelia
 - Simple squamous epithelium
 - Absorption and diffusion
 - Mesothelium
 - Lines body cavities
 - Endothelium
 - Lines heart and blood vessels

- Squamous Epithelia
 - Stratified squamous epithelium
 - Protects against attacks
 - Keratin protein adds strength and water resistance

- Cuboidal Epithelia
 - Simple cuboidal epithelium
 - Secretion and absorption
 - Stratified cuboidal epithelia
 - Sweat ducts and mammary ducts

Transitional Epithelium

- Tolerates repeated cycles of stretching and recoiling and returns to its previous shape without damage
- Appearance changes as stretching occurs
- Situated in regions of the urinary system (e.g. urinary bladder)

- Columnar Epithelia
 - Simple columnar epithelium
 - Absorption and secretion
 - Pseudostratified columnar epithelium
 - Cilia movement
 - Stratified columnar epithelium
 - Protection

- Glandular Epithelia
 - Endocrine glands
 - Release hormones:
 - into interstitial fluid
 - no ducts
 - Exocrine glands
 - Produce secretions:
 - onto epithelial surfaces
 - through ducts



Mechanisms of Glandular Secretion

- Glandular Epithelia
 - Types of secretions
 - Serous glands:
 - watery secretions
 - Mucous glands:
 - secrete mucins
 - Mixed exocrine glands:
 - both serous and mucous

- Glandular Epithelia
 - Gland structure
 - Unicellular glands
 - Mucous (goblet) cells are the only unicellular exocrine glands:
 - » scattered among epithelia
 - » for example, in intestinal lining