

Lecture 2 :

Epithelial Tissue



Objectives :

- **Describe general characteristics of epithelial tissue.**
- **Discuss microscopic structure and distribution of different types of epithelial membranes.**
- **Classify glandular epithelium according to different parameters.**
- **Enumerate the functions of epithelial tissue.**
- **Understand the following clinical applications:**
 - **Immotile cilia syndrome (Kartagener's syndrome).**
 - **Metaplasia.**

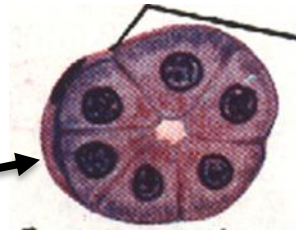
Epithelial tissue

General characteristics:

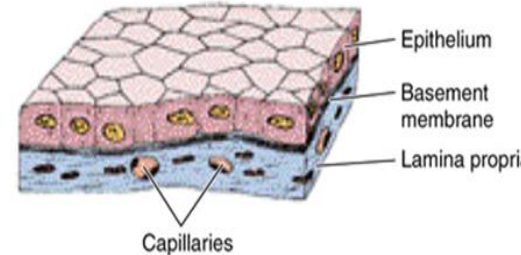
- Cells are **tightly joined** with **little intercellular space**.
 - Rest on a **basement membrane**.
 - **Avascular**. (no blood vessels)
 - High power of **regeneration**.
- * Intercellular: (between the cells)

Classification:

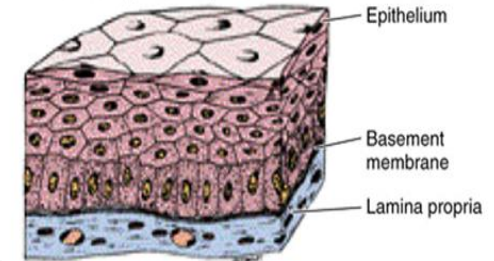
- **Epithelial membranes:**
 - A- Simple epithelium: one layer.
 - B- Stratified epithelium: more than one layer.
- **Glands (Glandular Epithelium).**



Simple epithelium



A Stratified squamous epithelium



* Epithelial tissue is surrounded by connective tissue so they can get what they need from the blood vessels of the connective tissue.

Function of epithelium:

- 1- **Protection** as in epidermis of skin.
- 2- **Secretion** as in glands.
- 3- **Absorption** as in small intestine.
- 4- **Excretion** as in kidney.
- 5- **Reproduction** as in gonads.
- 6- **Smooth lining** as in blood vessels.

*The different between secretion and excretion.

Secretion: used in the body

E.g. hormones

Excretion: waste products

E.g. : urine

A) Simple Epithelium

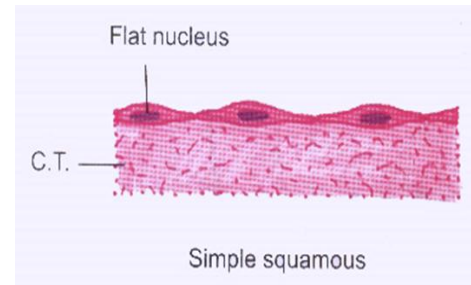
1- Simple Squamous Epithelium:

- **One layer** of **flat** cells with **flat** nuclei.
- Provides **smooth thin** surface.

Examples of sites:

- Endothelium (lining the **CVS** "cardiovascular system").
- Alveoli "air sacs" of lung .(95% is covered by simple squamous epithelium)

* The shape of the nucleus follows the shape of the cell (often).

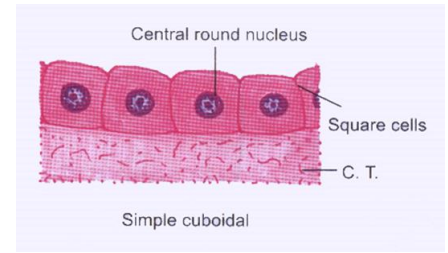


2- Simple Cuboidal Epithelium:

One layer of cuboidal cells with central rounded nuclei.

Example of sites:

Thyroid follicles



3- Simple Columnar Epithelium:

One layer of columnar cells with basal oval nuclei.

Types:

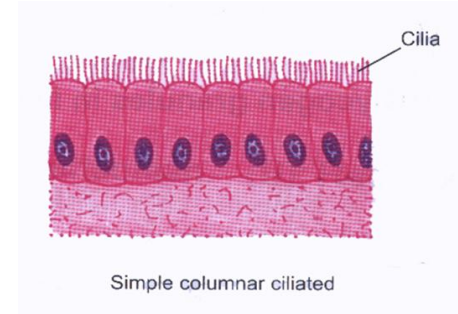
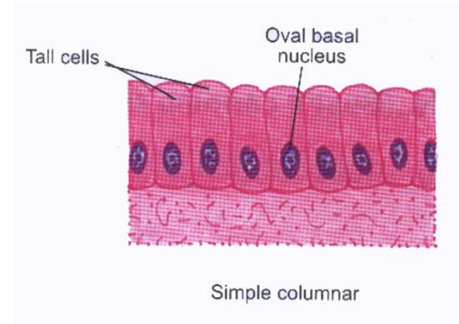
❖ **Non-ciliated:**

Example of sites: Lining of stomach, gall bladder, and intestines (with goblet cells). *goblet cell secretes the main component of mucus.

❖ **Ciliated:**

with cilia on free surface.

Example of sites: Fallopian tubes. * other names : uterine tube, oviduct



4- Pseudo-Stratified Columnar:

- **One** layer of **columnar** cells.
- Some cells are tall.
- Others are short and don't reach the surface.
- All cells rest on the basement membrane.
- Nuclei appear at different levels.

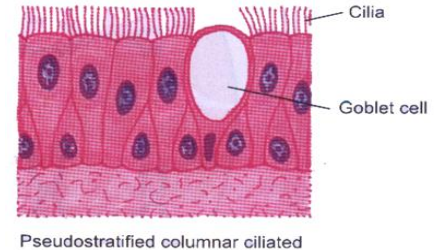
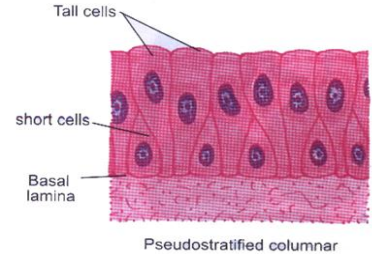
Types:

❖ **Non-ciliated:**

Example of sites: vas deferens.

❖ **Ciliated with goblet cells "respiratory epithelium":**

Example of sites: trachea & bronchi.



B) Stratified Epithelium

* Named stratified squamous based on the superficial layer of cells

1) Stratified squamous epithelium

- Multiple layers of cells.
- Basal cells are columnar with basal oval nuclei.
- Intermediate cells are polygonal with central rounded nuclei.
- Surface cells are flat with flattened nuclei.

Types:

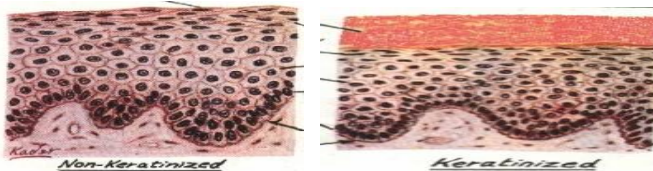
1) Keratinized: with a layer of keratin on the surface.

2) Non-keratinized: without a layer of keratin on the surface.

Example of sites:

1) Keratinized: epidermis of skin.

2) Non-keratinized: esophagus.



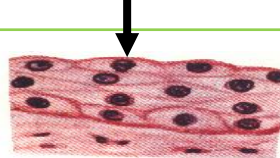
2) Transitional epithelium

- Multiple layers of cells.
- Basal cells are columnar.
- Intermediate cells are polygonal.
- Surface cells are large cuboidal with convex free surface and may be binculcated .

Example of sites:

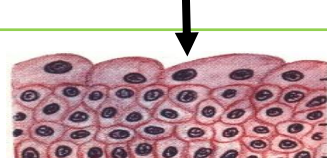
urinary bladder.

Full bladder



In Full Viscus

Empty bladder



In Empty Viscus

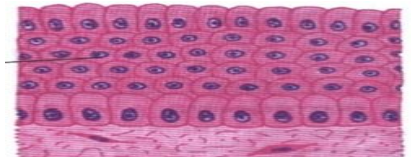
3) Stratified columnar epithelium

- Multiple layers of cells.
- Basal cells are columnar.
- Intermediate cells are polygonal.
- Surface cells are columnar.

Example of sites:

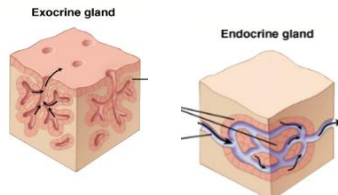
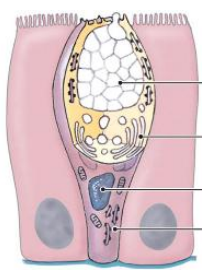
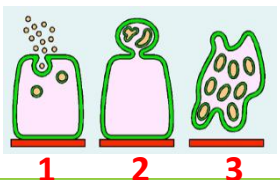
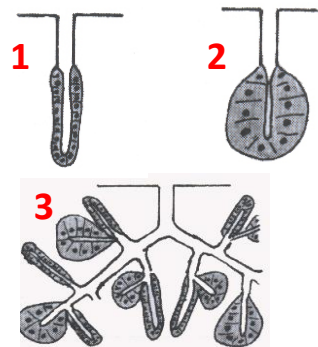
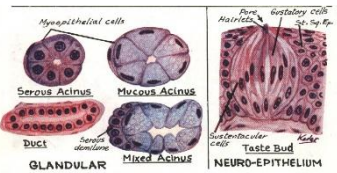
large ducts of glands.

* Some parts of urethra



Glands (glandular epithelium)

- Classified according to:

1-Presence or absence of ducts	2-Number of cells	3-Mode of secretion	4-Shape of secretory part	5-Nature of secretion
<p>a) Exocrine: (has ducts) e.g. salivary glands.</p> <p>b) Endocrine: (does not have ducts) e.g. thyroid gland.</p> <p>c) Mixed: e.g. pancreas</p> 	<p>a) Unicellular: e.g. goblet cells.</p> <p>b) Multicellular: e.g. salivary glands.</p> 	<p>a) Merocrine: No part of the cell is lost with the secretion, e.g. salivary glands.</p> <p>b) Apocrine: The top of the cell is lost with the secretion, e.g. mammary gland.</p> <p>c) Holocrine: The whole cell detaches with the secretion, e.g. sebaceous glands.</p> 	<p>a) Tubular: e.g. intestinal gland.</p> <p>b) Alveolar (acinar): e.g. mammary gland.</p> <p>3) Tubulo-alveolar: e.g. pancreas.</p> 	<p>a) Serous: e.g. parotid gland.</p> <p>b) Mucous: e.g. goblet cells.</p> <p>c) Muco-serous: e.g. sublingual gland.</p> <p>d) Watery: e.g. sweat gland.</p> 

Clinical Application

1. Immotile cilia syndrome (Kartegener's Syndrome):

Disorder that **causes infertility in male** and **chronic respiratory tract infection in both sexes**.

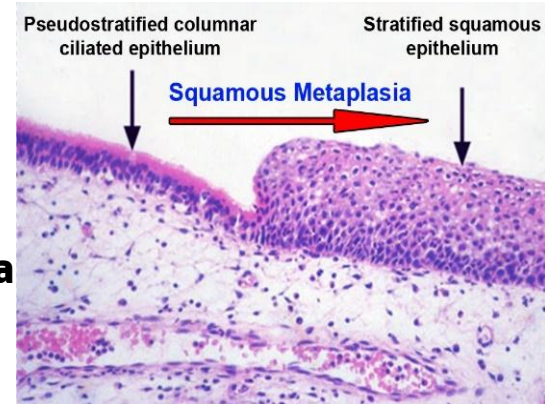
It is **caused by immobility of cilia and flagella induced by deficiency of dynein**.

***(Dynein protein is responsible for movements of cilia and flagella.)**

2. Metaplasia:

It is the transformation of one type of tissue to another in response to injury. This condition is usually **reversible** if the **injury is removed**.

Example: pseudostratified ciliated columnar epithelium of the respiratory passages, e.g. trachea, of heavy smokers may undergo **squamous metaplasia**, transforming into stratified squamous epithelium.



MCQs:

1-Fallopian tubes is example of ?

- A) ciliated Pseudo-Stratified Columnar
- B) ciliated Simple Columnar Epithelium
- C) transitional epithelium
- D) stratified columnar epithelium

*2-All epithelial tissue rest on?

- A) lamina
- B) nuclei
- C) basement membrane
- D) basal cell

*3-What function of Dynein protein?

- A) protection the cilia & flagella
- B) growth of cilia.
- C) movements of cilia and flagella
- D) movement of cilia only

*4-Kartegener's syndrome causes chronic respiratory tract infection in?

- A) children
- B) males
- C) females
- D) both sexes

*5-If the injury is removed, metaplasia is usually?

- A) reversible
- B) irreversible
- C) chronic
- D) Acute

*6-What differences between nuclei of simple squamous epithelium & simple cuboidal epithelium?

- A) **Simple squamous epithelium:** flat nuclei **Simple cuboidal epithelium:** basal oval nuclei
- B) **Simple squamous epithelium:** central rounded nuclei. **Simple cuboidal epithelium:** flat nuclei
- C) **Simple squamous epithelium:** basal oval nuclei **Simple cuboidal epithelium:** central rounded nuclei
- D) **Simple squamous epithelium:** flat nuclei **Simple cuboidal epithelium:** central rounded nuclei

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