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Histology

Lower Respiratory Tract
(Trachea, Bronchi, Bronchioles)
& the Lung

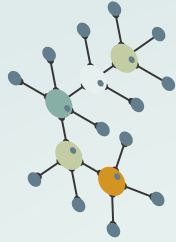
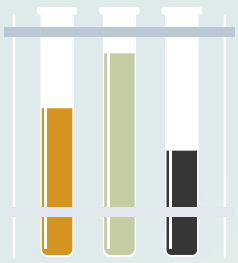


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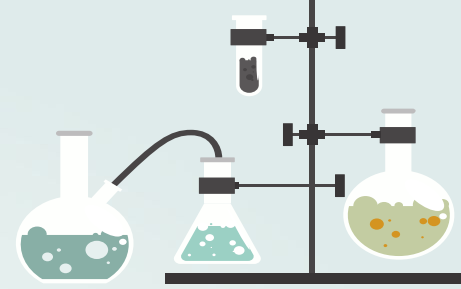
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- Important
- Doctor's note
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Objective



By the end of this lecture, the student should be able to describe:

01

The microscopic structures of the wall of:

Trachea

Primary or
extrapulmonary
bronchi

Intrapulmonary
(secondary and
tertiary) bronchi

Bronchioles

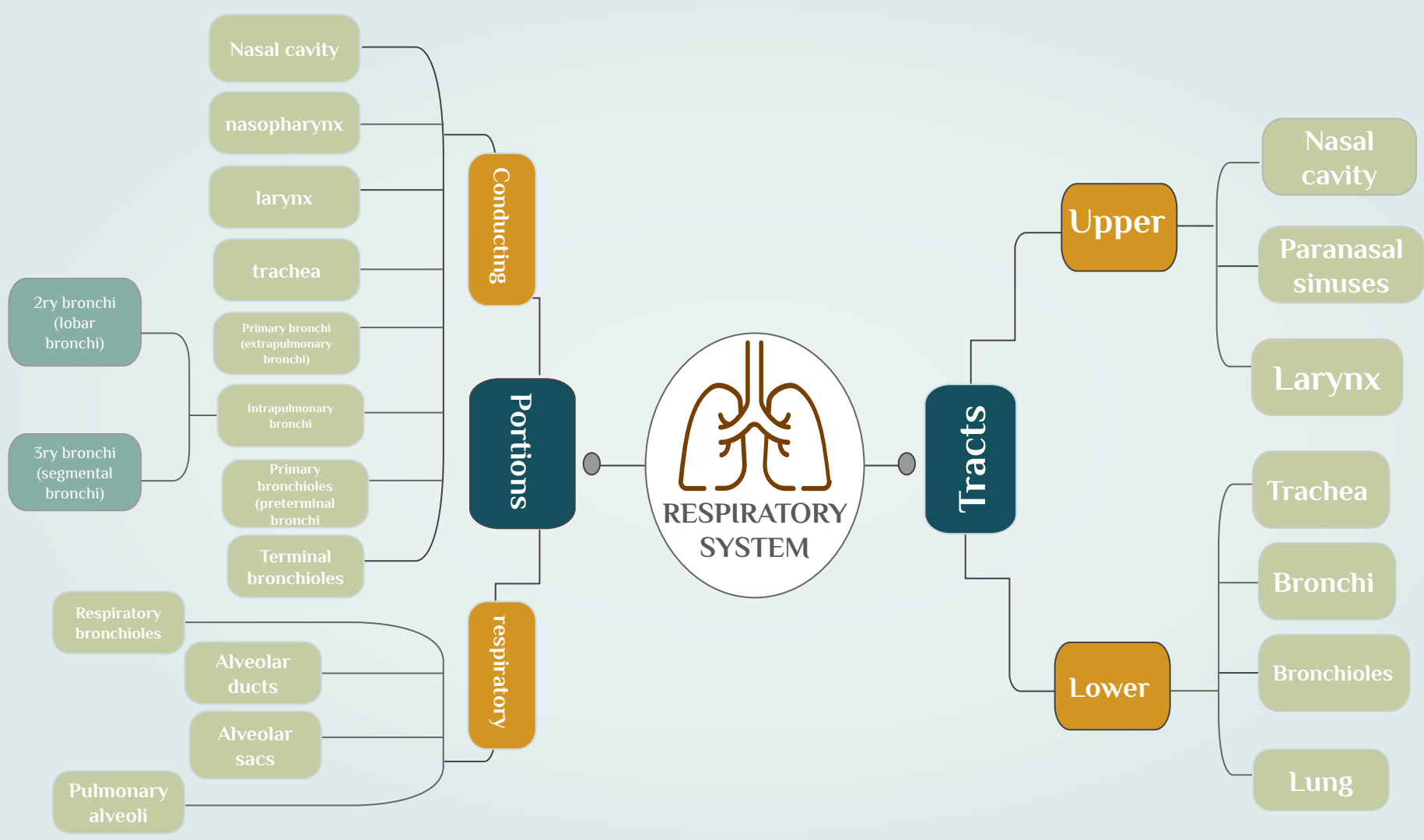
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The microscopic structures of :

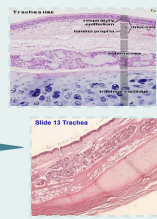
Interalveolar
septum

Alveolar
phagocytes

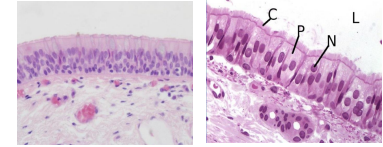
Pleura



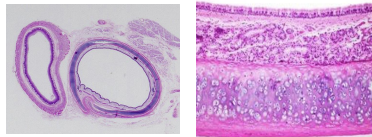
TRACHEA



- Epithelium: Respiratory epithelium
- Lamina propria
- Elastic lamina:
 - It is formed of elastic fibers
 - It separates lamina propria from submucosa



- Fibroelastic C.T
- C-shaped rings (12-16) of hyaline cartilage
- Trachealis muscle (bundle of smooth muscle fibers) connects the 2 ends of each C-shaped (incomplete) rings of cartilage



Mucosa

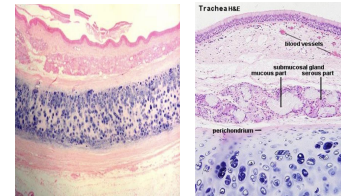
TRACHEA

The wall of trachea is formed of

Adventitia

Submucosa

- C.T
- Numerous mucous & seromucous glands
- Lymphoid elements



BRONCHI

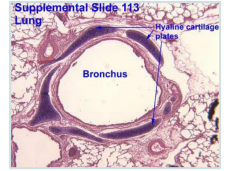
EXTRAPULMONARY
BRONCHUS (1ry
BRONCHUS)

Generally have the same histological appearance as the trachea.
(same structure but different in diameter)

INTRAPULMONARY BRONCHI
(2ry & 3ry BRONCHI)

Mucosa

-Epithelium:
Respiratory epith
-Lamina propria N.B.
No elastic lamina

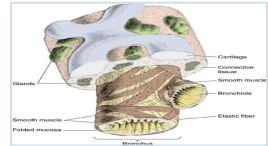


Muscle coat
(complete)

-Two distinct layers of **smooth muscle**
fibers **spirally** arranged in opposite
direction

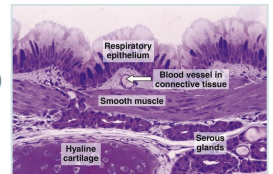
Submucosa

-C.T. contains:
Seromucous glands
Lymphoid elements



Adventitia

-Loose C.T Irregular plates of
hyaline cartilage (complete layer)
-Solitary lymphoid nodules



Bronchioles

Preterminal (1ry) Bronchioles

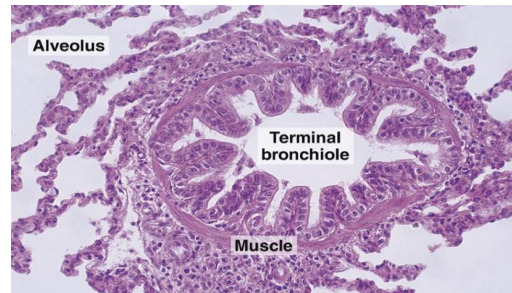
- less than **1mm** in diameter.
- 1- **Mucosa**: has longitudinal folds:
 - (A) Epithelium: **Simple** ciliated columnar Epithelium with **occasional goblet cells**.
 - (B) Lamina propria: Connective tissue rich in elastic fibers.
 - 2- **Smooth muscle**: **2 helically** arranged smooth muscle layers.
 - 3- **Adventitia**: Connective tissue.

*No cartilage
*No seromucous glands
*No lymph nodules
Irregular “wavy” to increase the surface area for lung expansion



Terminal (2ry) Bronchioles

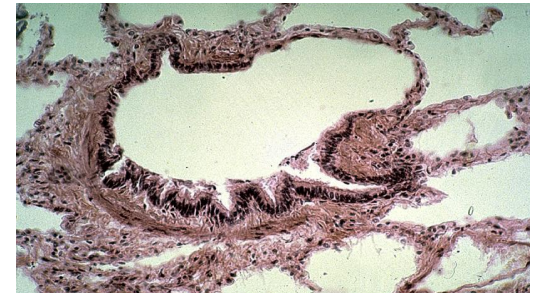
- less than **0.5mm** in diameter.
the last part of the conduction zone.
- Similar structure to preterminal bronchioles, but:
Epithelium: Simple **cuboidal** partially ciliated epithelium With **Clara cells** (With **NO goblet cells**).



Respiratory Bronchioles

the first part of the respiratory zone

- Similar structure to terminal bronchioles, BUT: their walls are interrupted by the **presence of few pulmonary alveoli**.



CLARA CELLS



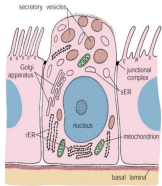
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-The goblet cells will decrease in number until they are replaced by the Clara cells. although the cilia will decrease in number but won't disappear completely

-found in 2ry & 3ry bronchioles

Structure

CLARA CELLS



columnar cells (non ciliated)

Function

- 1- Degrade toxins in inhaled air.
 - 2- Divide to regenerate the bronchiolar epithelium.
 - 3- Produce **surfactant-like** material.
- Secretory cells

PULMONARY ALVEOLI

Component

Definition

Alveolar duct

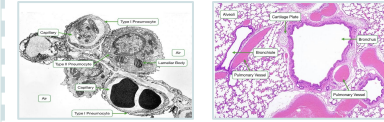
Alveolar phagocytes

INTERALVEOLAR SEPTA

Interstitium

ALVEOLAR EPITHELIUM

They are small out-pouching of respiratory bronchioles, alveolar ducts & alveolar sacs



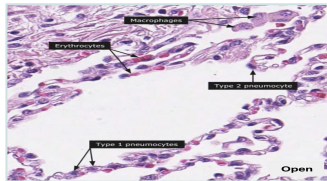
-The wall of alveolar ducts consist of pulmonary alveoli.
-Alveolar duct → ends by: atrium → communicates with: 2-3 alveolar sacs

Sites:

- (1) In the lumen of pulmonary alveoli.
- (2) In the interstitium of interalveolar septa.

Function:

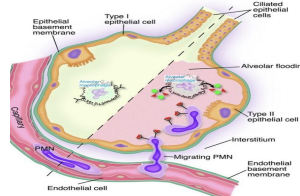
Phagocytose particulate matter (e.g. dust) & bacteria in the lumen of pulmonary alveoli and in the interstitium of interalveolar septa



(1) Continuous Pulmonary Capillaries.

(2) Interstitial C.T.:

- C.T. Fibers: elastic fibers & type III collagen (reticular fibers).
- C.T. Cells: Fibroblasts, Mast cells, Lymphocytes

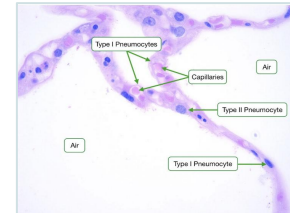


(1) Type I Pneumocytes:

- line 95% of the alveolar surface.
- Count: less numerous than type II pneumocytes.
- L/M: simple squamous epith.

-Function:

Exchange of gases

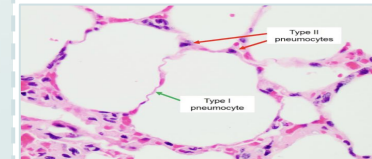


(2) Type II Pneumocytes:

- Line 5% of the alveolar surfaces. - Are more numerous than type I pneumocytes.
- Are cuboidal or rounded cells, With foamy cytoplasm With central & rounded Nucleus.
- The cytoplasm contains membrane-bound Lamellar bodies (contain pulmonary surfactant)

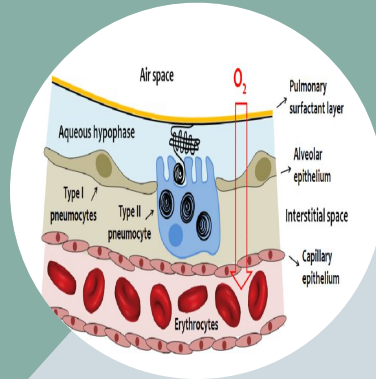
-Function:

- 1- Synthesis & secretion of pulmonary surfactant.
- 2- Renewal of alveolar epithelial cells: Type II cells can divide to regenerate both type I & type II pneumocytes



Blood-Gas Barrier

Components



It is the region of the interalveolar septum that is traversed by O₂ & CO₂

- 1- Thin layer of surfactant.
(Secreted from type 2 pneumocyte)
- 2- Type I pneumocyte.
- 3- Fused basal laminae of type I pneumocytes & endothelial cells of the pulmonary capillary.
- 4- Endothelial cells of the pulmonary capillary.

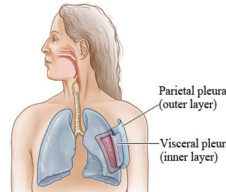
Definition

Pleura

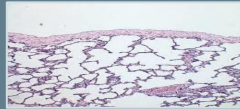
It is formed of simple squamous mesothelium

The Pleura is formed of two layers:
Parietal and Visceral

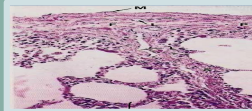
Pleura



The visceral layer has sub-epithelium loose C.T that extends into the lung tissue

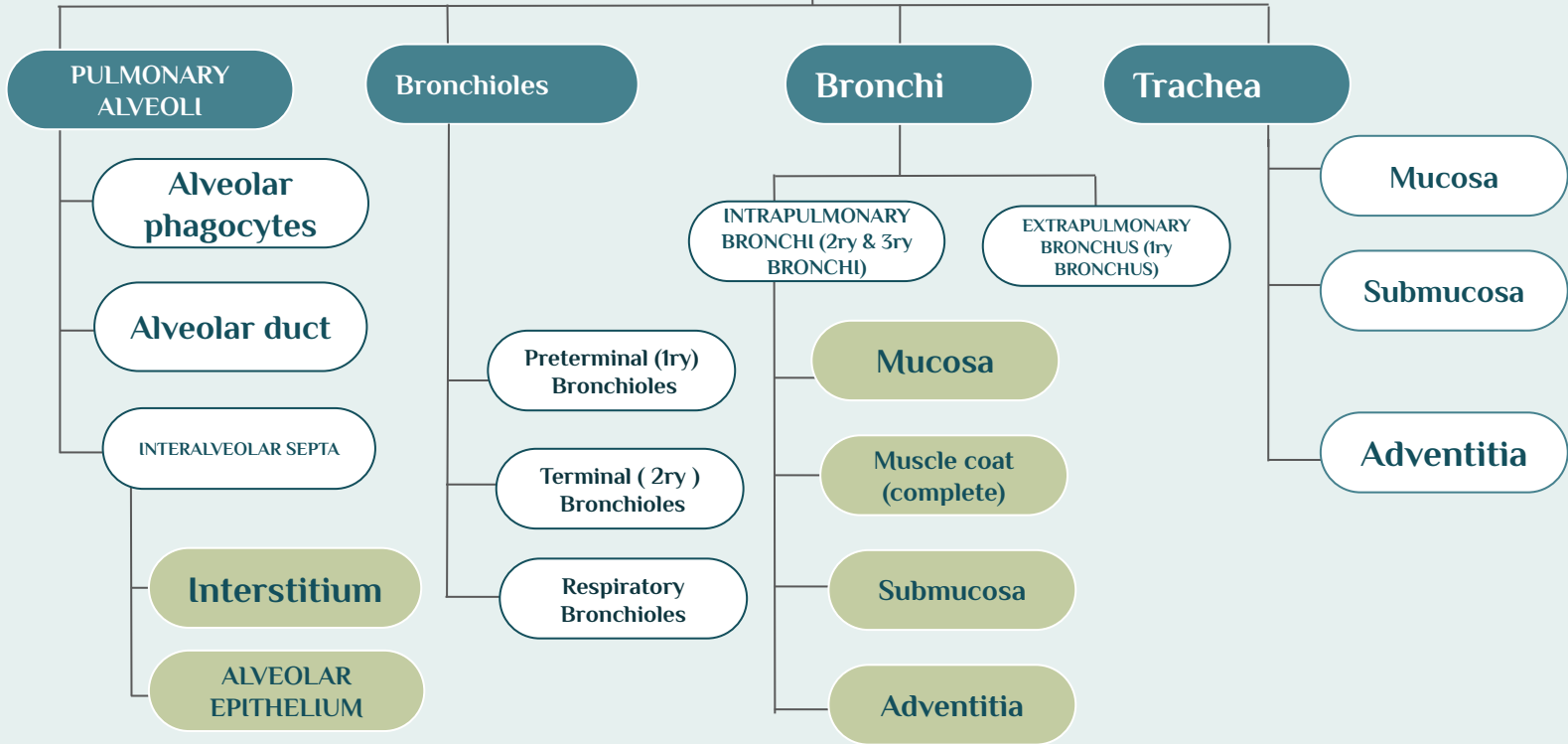


The two layers are separated by serous fluid

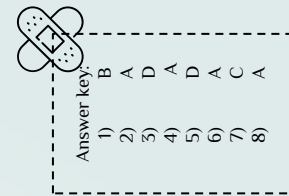


SUMMARY

Lower respiratory tract



MCQs :



01

production of surfactant like material is a function of?

- A) Type I Pneumocytes
- B) Clara cells
- C) Pleura
- D) Type II Pneumocytes

02

which feature is present only in respiratory bronchioles ?

- A) presence of pulmonary alveoli
- B) Clara cells
- C) Presence of cilia
- D) no cartilage

03

What type of cartilage is found in the Preterminal Bronchioles?

- A) Elastic cartilage
- B) Fibrocartilage
- C) Hyaline cartilage
- D) Have no cartilage

04

Pleura is formed of ?

- A) simple squamous mesothelium
- B) simple Columnar cells
- C) Respiratory Epithelium
- D) cuboidal cells

05

Which one of the following has an elastic lamina?

- A) preterminal bronchioles
- B) Terminal bronchioles
- C) Esophagus
- D) trachea

06

the incomplete ring of hyaline cartilage in trachea completed by:

- A) Trachealis muscle
- B) Tendon
- C) ligament
- D)elastic cartilage

07

Which of the following structures has the same histological appearance as the trachea?

- A)Preterminal Bronchioles
- B)Respiratory Bronchioles
- C)Extrapulmonary Bronchus
- D)Intrapulmonary Bronchus

08

Which of the following divides to regenerate new cells ?

- A)Both B & C
- B)Clara cells
- C)Type 2 pneumocyte
- D)Intrapulmonary Bronchus



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