



Cardiovascular Block | Histology

Wall of The Heart & Cardiac Vaves



Wall of The Heart

- Identify the structure : Wall of the Heart (longitudinal section)
- Identify the features : The wall of the heart is formed of three coats : • Innermost : Endocardium
 - Outermost : Epicardium
 - the main Thickness of the Wall : Myocardium (Cardiac Muscle) in between





Cardiac Valve

- Identify the structure : • Cardiac Valve
- Identify the features :
 - Core of connective tissue (C.T)
 - Endothelium
 - oAvascular





Endocardium and Myocardium

• Identify the structure :

Endocardium and Myocardium

• Identify the features :

• **Endocardium:** simple squamous endothelium lying on C.T

• Myocardium: Cardiac Muscle Fibers:

Transverse Striations are present but not clear

- Branch and Anastomosis
- Central Nucleus
- Intercalated Discs





Moderator Band: Purkinje Fibers

• Identify the structure : • Moderator Band

It's better not to Use Purkinje Fibers in the Structure's Name!

- Identify the features : (In Comparison to Typical Cardiac Muscle Fibers) • Larger in diameter
 - Paler in staining (More Glycogen)
 - •Peripheral Nuclei
 - Fewer Myofibrils (Mainly Peripheral)
 - No Intercalated Discs
 - Purkinje Fibers





The section show : (you will not be asked about this)
 typical cardiac muscle fibers cut in TS
 Purkinje fibers lying in the subendocardial connective tissue
 Purkinje fibers are large modified cardiac muscle fibers specialized for faster conduction.



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Histology of The Blood Vessels



Elastic Artery: Aorta

• Identify the structure : • Elastic Artery : Aorta

• Identify the features : • Wide Lumen (Compared to the thickness of the wall)

• Thick Media Forming the Main thickness of the Wall

o Thin Adventitia with Vasa Vasorum





Aorta (Stained by Orcein) <a>

Aorta

Aorta Elastic Membranes Stained by Orcein



- Identify the features (Both has SAME Features)
 - Internal Elastic Lamina NOT Prominent
 - Tunica Intima seems to merge with the Media
 - Tunica <u>Media</u> is thick (Forming the Main Thickness of the wall)
 - Tunica Media is formed Mainly of Fenestrated wavy Elastic Membranes with Only Few smooth Muscle fibers in between
 - Tunica <u>Adventitia</u> is thin with Vasa Vasorum

Medium-Sized Artery and Vein



- (Appearing as a Bright Reddish wavy Line)
- Media is Thicker than Adventitia or Similar in Thickness

• Vasa Vorum (From Theoretical Slides)

 NO Internal Elastic Lamina Adventitia is Thicker than Media May Have Valves

