

# ✓ Alimentary Canal (I) (Esophagus and Stomach)

# ✓ Salivatory Glands

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# Objectives:

1. By the end of this lecture, the student should be able to discuss the microscopic structure in correlation with the function of the following organs:
  1. Esophagus.
  2. Stomach.

The GIT systems looks more like one tube with one continuous lumen with some modification in each area according to the function but the main structure is the same.

2. Describe the microscopic structure of the major salivary glands in correlation with function.

# Alimentary Canal

Is the tubular portion of digestive system.

○ Is subdivided into:

Esophagus, stomach, small intestine (duodenum, jejunum and ileum), and large intestine (cecum, colon, rectum, anal canal, and appendix).

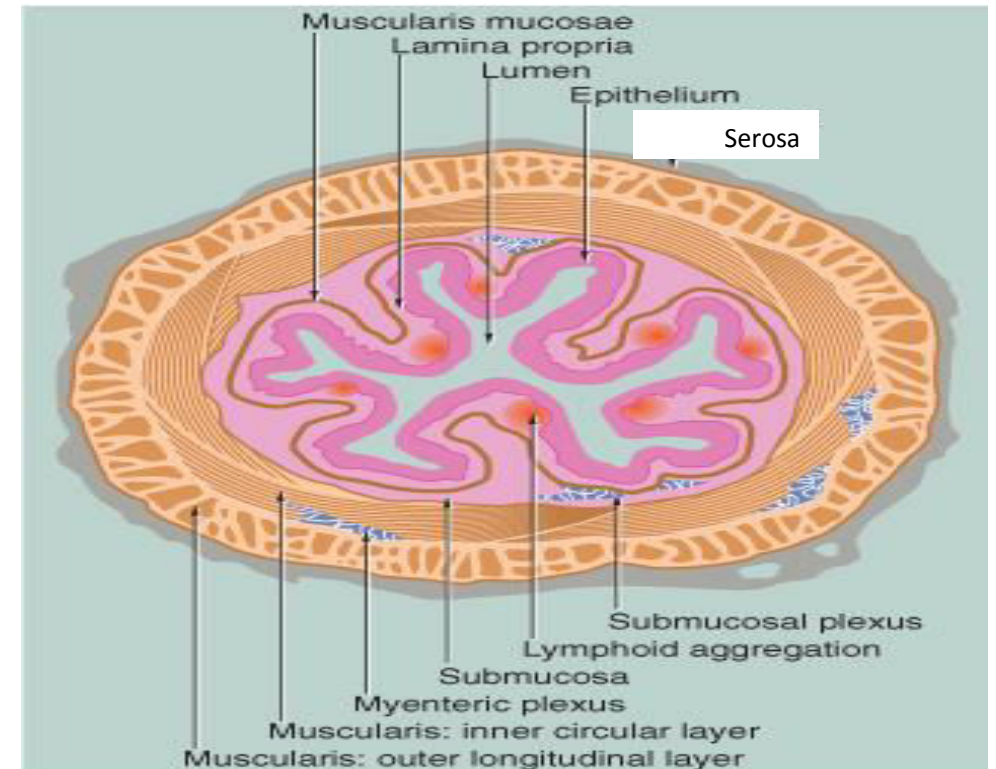
○ General Architecture of L/M Structure of Alimentary Canal:

- 1- Mucosa: epithelium (lining the cavity), C.T (Lamina propria) and mucosal muscularis smooth muscle (outer longitudinal and inner circular)
- 2- Submucosa: submucosal plexuses (mesenteric plexuses), lymphatic nodules and immune cells
- 3- Muscularis externa: outer longitudinal, inner circular and between them is myenteric plexuses (neuronal layer)
- 4- Adventitia OR serosa: Most of the esophagus has adventitia as its last layer cause most of it located in the thoracic cavity and there is no peritoneum there. The rest of esophagus has serosa.

**3ps:**

- 1-plurea around lungs
- 2-precardium around heart
- 3-peritoneum(serosa) around abdominal cavity

**So it depends on the organ whatever it covers by Adventitia or serosa**





# 1- Esophagus: Four concentric layers:

## 1-Mucosa: has folds to increase the surface area

### Epithelial Lining:

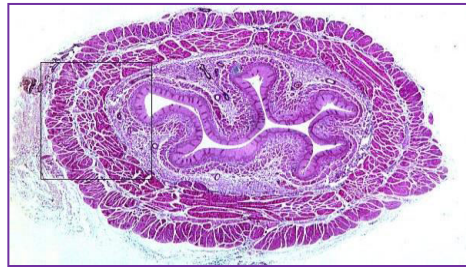
Non-Keratinized **Stratified Squamous Epithelium**.

### Lamina propria:

Loose areolar C.T. with **mucosal esophageal glands** (secretion of mucus) in the upper and lower ends.

### Muscularis mucosae:

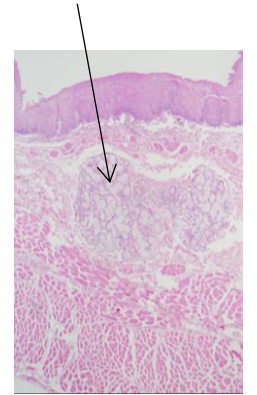
Few layers of smooth muscle fibers.



## 2-Submucosa

Loose areolar C.T. containing **blood vessels, nerves, submucosal esophageal glands** (secretion of mucus).

**Meissner's plexus** of nerve fibers and nerve cells.



## 3-Muscularis Externa:

### Two muscle layers:

- 1- Inner circular layer.
- 2- Outer longitudinal layer.

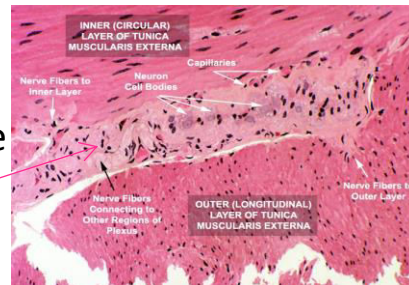
**Upper 1/3:** Both layers are skeletal M.

**Middle 1/3:** Inner layer is smooth muscle  
Outer layer is skeletal M.

**Lower 1/3:** Both layers are smooth M.

**Auerbach's (myenteric) plexus** in between the 2 layers

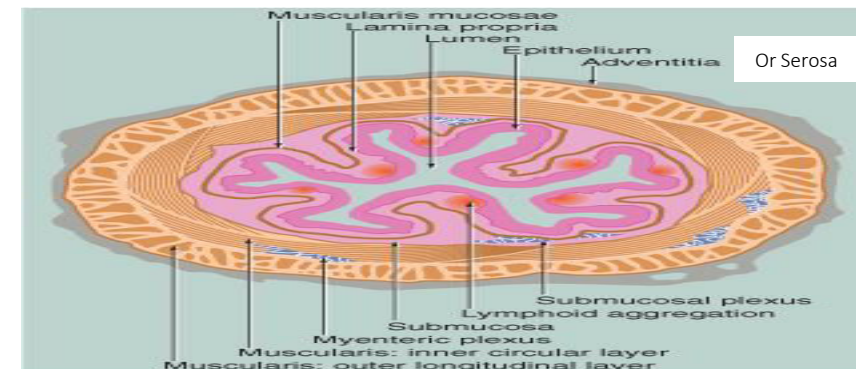
Upper 1/3<sup>rd</sup>: Skeletal = voluntary



## 4-Serosa or Adventitia

**Adventitia:** is loose areolar C.T. *not covered* by mesothelium.

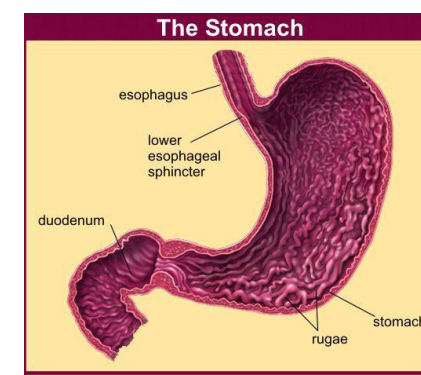
**Serosa:** is loose areolar C.T. *covered* by mesothelium (simple squamous epithelium) in the abdominal part of the esophagus.



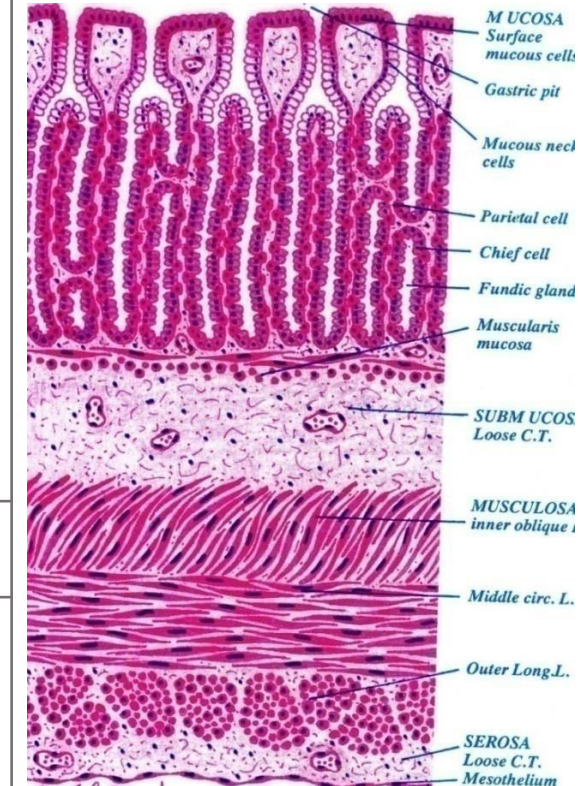
# 2- Stomach (Fundus and Body)

It has 4 regions: **cardia**, **fundus**, **body** and **pylorus**.

**Mucosa** has folds, known as **rugae** that disappear in the *distended* stomach.



<h2>1-Mucosa:</h2>	<h2>2-Submucosa</h2>
<p>Is invaded by <b>fundic glands</b>.</p> <p><b>Surface epithelium:</b> is <b>simple columnar mucus-secreting cells</b>. The mucus protects the cells from the acidic lumen. PAS(stain): any cell that contain mucous will get colorized by this stain.</p> <p><b>Lamina propria:</b> C.T. invaded by numerous fundic glands with lymphoid elements.</p> <p><b>Muscularis mucosae:</b> 2 layers of smooth muscle fibers.</p>	<p>Connective tissue containing blood vessels, nerves, and <b>Meissner's plexus</b>.</p> <p><b>NO submucosal glands.</b></p>
<h2>3-Muscularis Externa:</h2>	<h2>4-Serosa</h2>
<p><b>Three smooth muscle layers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inner oblique.</li> <li>Middle circular.</li> <li>Outer longitudinal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Auerbach's (myenteric) plexus.</b></p>	<p>C.T. covered by mesothelium.</p>

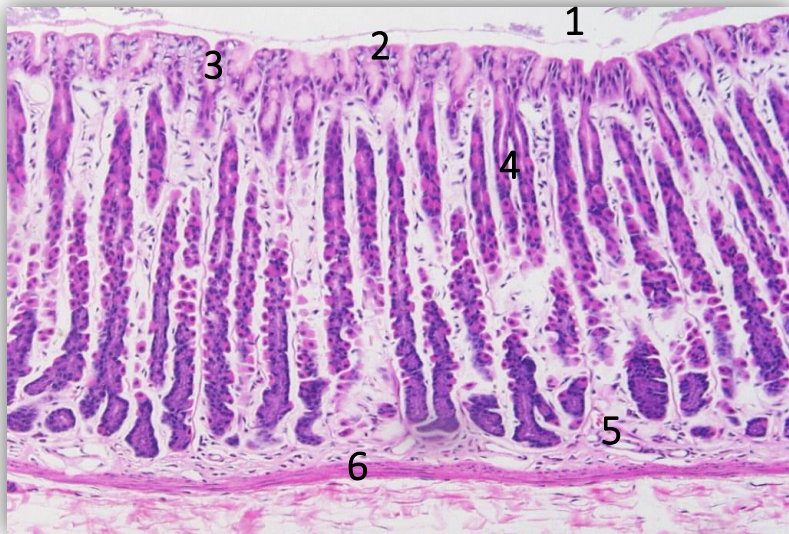


Lower esophageal sphincter:

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# Mucosa of Fundus of Stomach

1. Lumen
2. Surface columnar epithelium.
3. Pits of fundic glands.
4. Fundic glands.
5. Lamina propria.
6. Muscularis mucosae



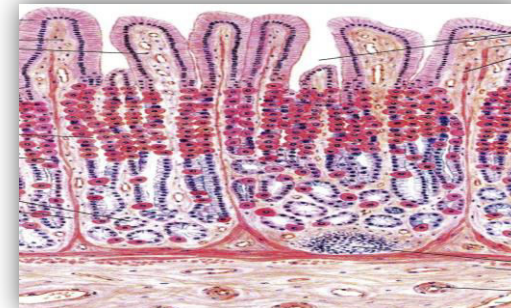
# Fundic Glands

Fundic glands have:

- ❖ Short pits: one fourth of mucosa. حفرة
- ❖ Simple branched tubular glands.
- ❖ Are rich in parietal & chief cells.

Composed of 5 cell types:

1. **Parietal (oxyntic) cells.**
2. **Peptic (chief) cells.**
3. Mucous neck cells.
4. Enteroendocrine (EE, DNES) cells.
5. Stem cells.





# Fundic Glands

## 1. Parietal (oxyntic) cells:\*\*

- Shape: pyramidal or polygonal.
- Nucleus: **central**, round.
- Cytoplasm: Deeply **acidophilic** (pink color), rich in SER and mitochondria (40% of the cell volume).

C-shaped intracellular canaliculus.

**Function: its villi secrete HCl and gastric intrinsic factor that helps absorption of vitamin B12.**

Parietal - why? Bc this type of cells do not reach the lumen of the stomach

Oxyntic - why? Bc it's acid forming cells

## 3- Mucous neck cells: secrete **mucus**.

## 5- Enteroendocrine (EE) (DNES) cells:

Enterochromaffin (EC) cells: **secrete hormones** (e.g. serotonin, endorphin).

hormones are secreted basally near C.T--to blood vessels –then circulate in blood

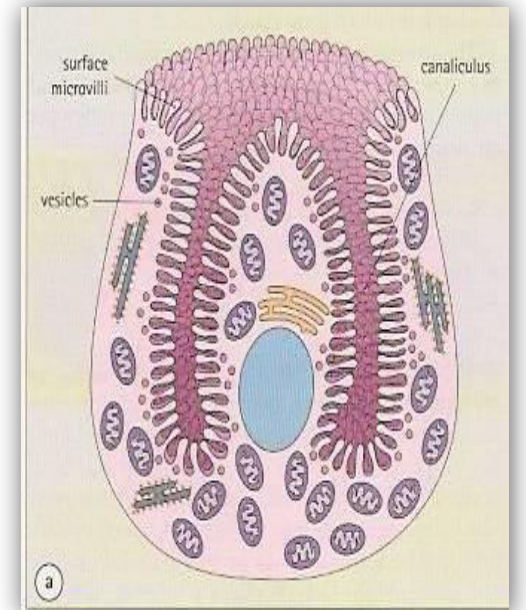
## 2. Peptic (chief) cells:

- The **predominant** cell type.
- Columnar cells.
- Nucleus: **basal**, round.
- Cytoplasm: **basophilic** with apical secretory granules.
- Function: Secrete **pepsinogen** (inactive form), when activated it'll digest proteins.

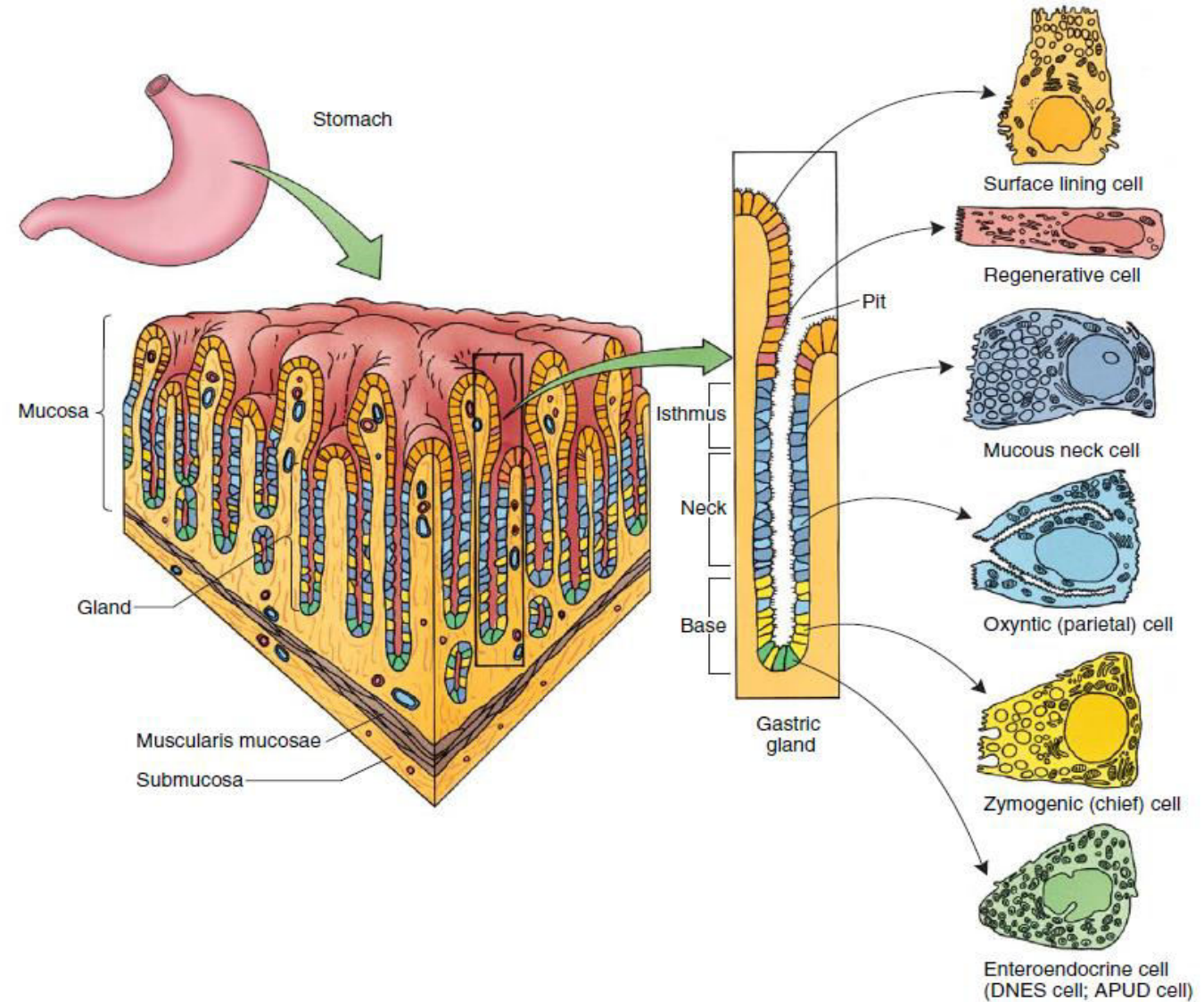
Proteins always appears under the microscope as basophilic.

## 4- Stem cells: **regenerative** cells.

the normal cells age = around 4 days then it will renew by stem cells



# Fundic gland (extra)



**Figure 17-3** Cellular composition of the fundic stomach and fundic gland. The fundic glands open into the bottom of the gastric pits, and each gland is subdivided into an isthmus, a neck, and a base.



# Pylorus of Stomach

1. **Mucosa:** Is invaded by **pyloric glands**.

The surface epithelium is simple columnar mucus-secreting cells.

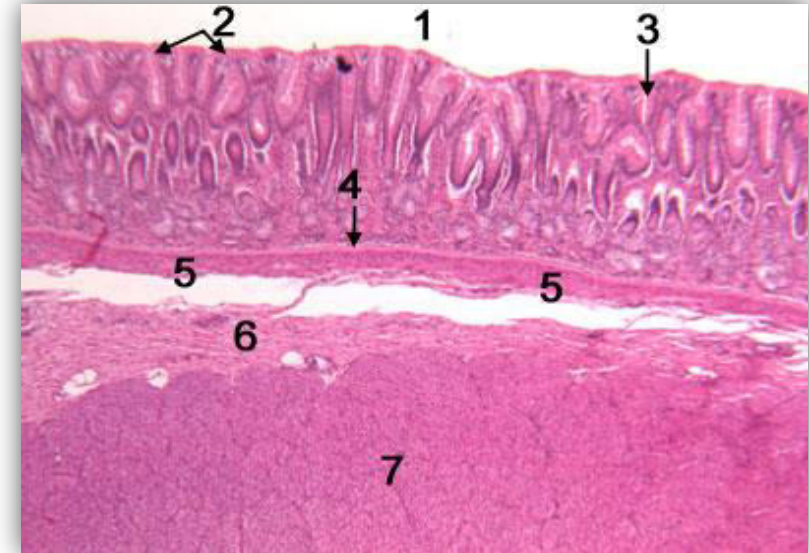
2. **Submucosa:**

- Connective tissue containing blood vessels, nerves, and **Meissner's plexus**.
- **NO glands.**

3. **Muscularis Externa:**

- Two smooth muscle layers:
  - 1- Inner circular: **is very thick because it will form sphincter**
  - 2- Outer longitudinal.
- **Auerbach's plexus**

4. **Serosa:** C.T. *covered* by mesothelium



1. Lumen
2. Surface epithelium
3. Pits of pyloric glands
4. Lamina propria
5. Muscularis mucosae
6. Submucosa
7. Muscularis externa

# Pyloric Glands

- ❖ Their **pits** are deep {about half the length of mucosa}.
- ❖ They are branched and convoluted {many cross sections}.

## Cells of pyloric glands:

### 1. Mucous neck cells

(Mucus secreting cells):

- The **predominant** cells.
- Secrete mucus

Neck cells are alkaline to neutralized the acidic chime, because chime is going from stomach (acid) to intestine (basic), also that's why there are a few parietal cells, because we do not need acid anymore.

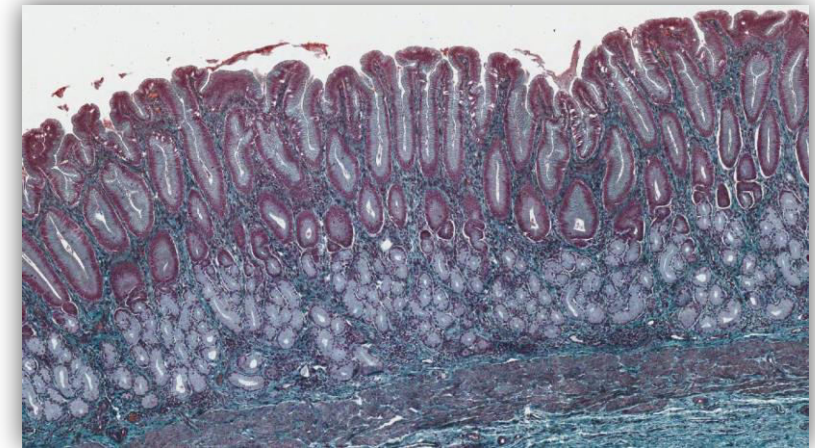
### 2. EE cells:

- EC cells
- G cells
- D cells
- A cells

### 3. Stem cells.

### 4. Parietal cells: few.

### 5. No peptic cells.



# Salivary Glands

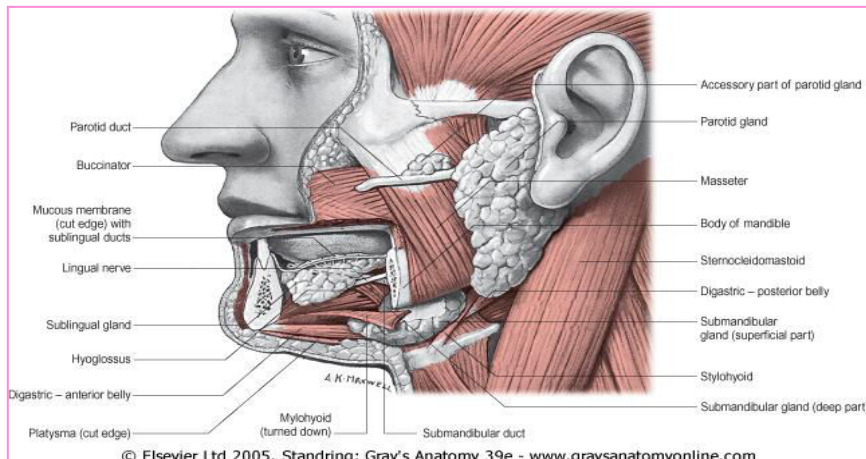
There are 2 main types:

## A- Major Salivary Glands: (Large and paired structures)

- 1- Parotid.
- 2- Submandibular.
- 3- Sublingual.

## B- Minor Salivary Glands: (Under the mucus membrane of the oral cavity)

- Labial (lips) , Lingual (tongue) , Buccal (cheek) , Palatine (Palate)
- Produce 5% of salivary output.



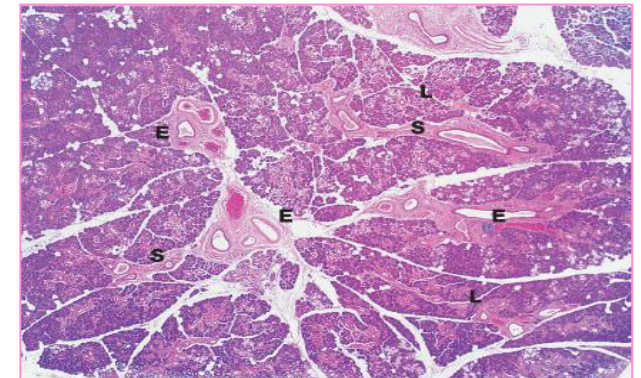
The general structures:

## A- Stroma: (Supporting elements )

- C.T. capsule.
- C.T. septa dividing the glands into lobes and lobules.
- Background reticular C.T

## B- Parenchyma: (Functional elements)

- **Acini.** Secretion into the duct
- **Duct system.** (Since it's an exocrine gland, so it must have a duct system).

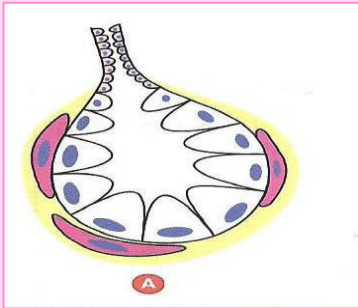




# Types of Salivary Acini:

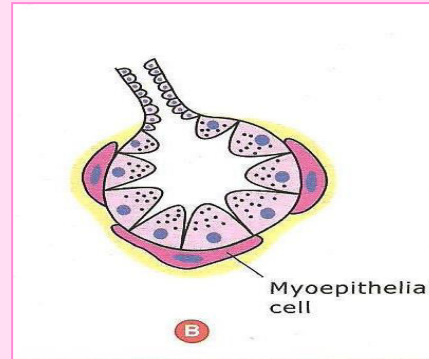
## Serous Acini:

- Contain **only serous cells**.
- Small, spherical, and with a narrow lumen.
- Secrete serous secretion **rich in enzymes, such as amylase and lysozyme** (Lysozyme is a defensive enzyme which lysis bacteria cell wall)



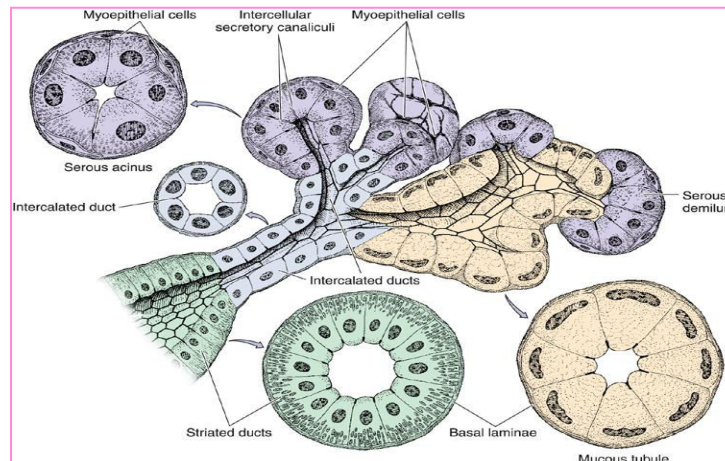
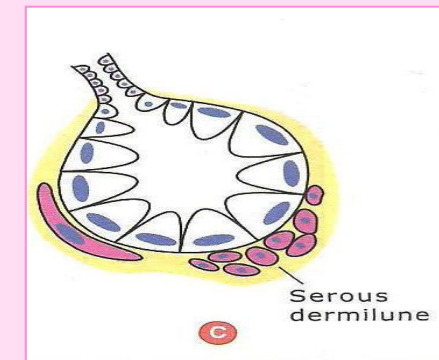
## Mucous Acini :

- Contain **only mucous cells**.
- Larger, more tubular, and with a wider lumen.
- Secrete mucous secretion.



## Mucoserous (Mixed) Acini:

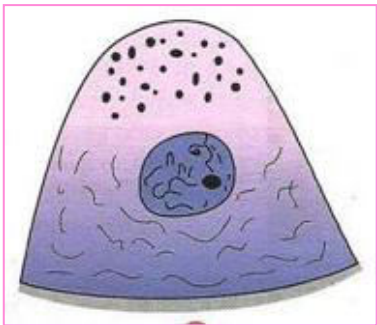
- Mucous acini with a cap of serous cells (serous demilunes).  
Demilunes مثل شكل الهلال



## Cells of Salivary Acini:

### 1. Serous cells

- Pyramidal in shape.
- Nuclei are round and basal.
- Cytoplasm:  
**Deeply basophilic** (due to numerous RER), with **apical acidophilic secretory granules** (rich in salivary amylase).



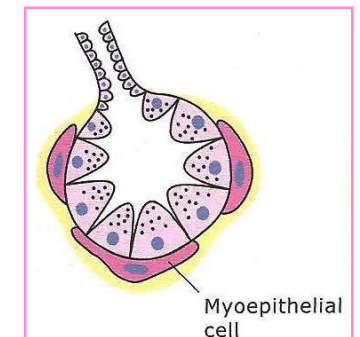
### 2. Mucous cells

- Pyramidal or cuboidal.
- Nuclei are flattened and basal. (Because the cell is distended with mucus)
- Cytoplasm:  
**Pale basophilic** and vacuolated (foamy) (due to dissolved mucinogen secretory granules).



### 3. Myoepithelial cells (basket cells):

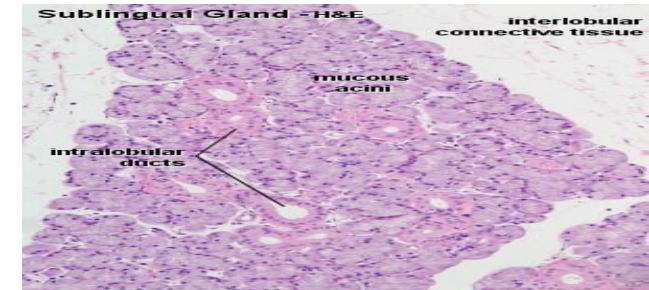
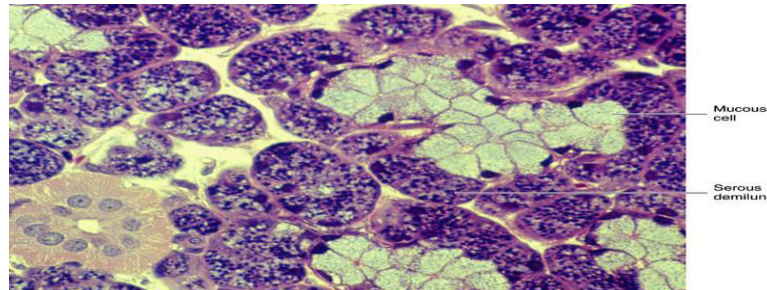
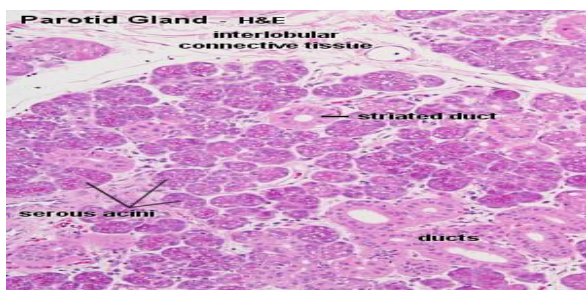
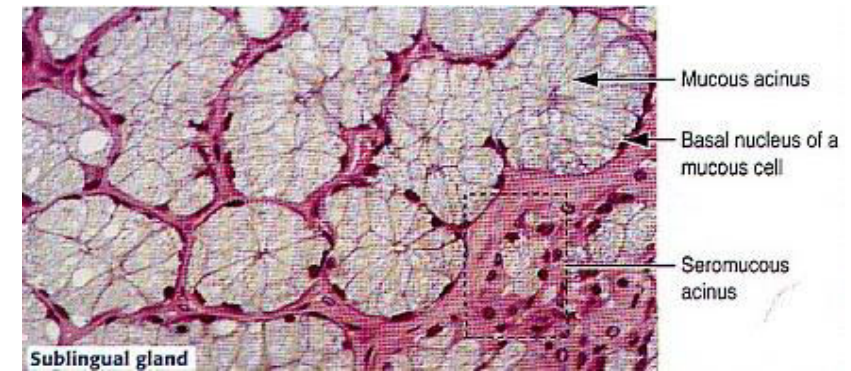
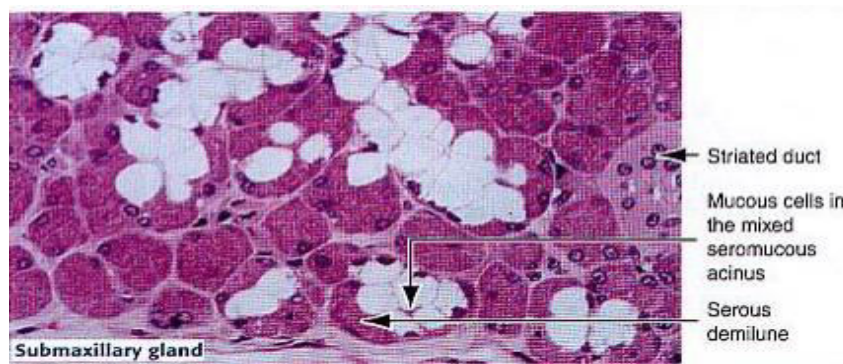
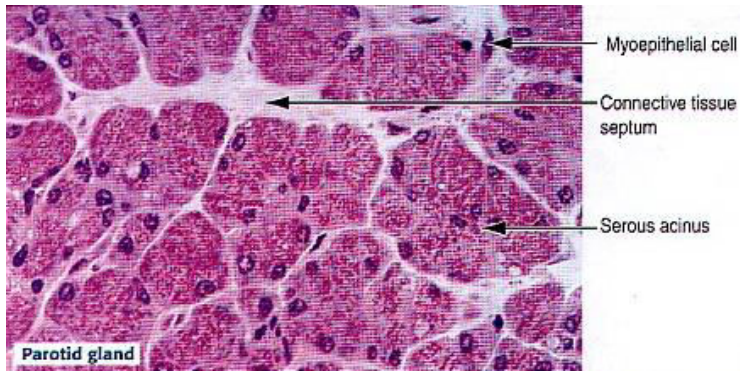
- (Epithelial cells which modified to perform the function of contraction)
- Contractile cells that embrace the basal aspect of the acini.
  - Their contraction releases the secretion into the duct system.





# Major Salivary Glands

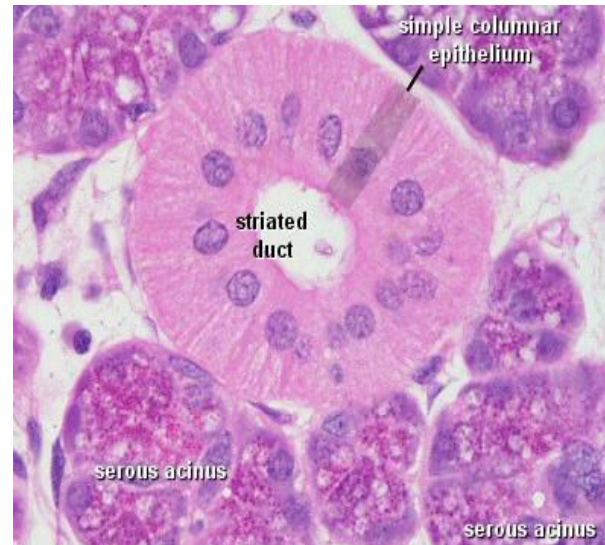
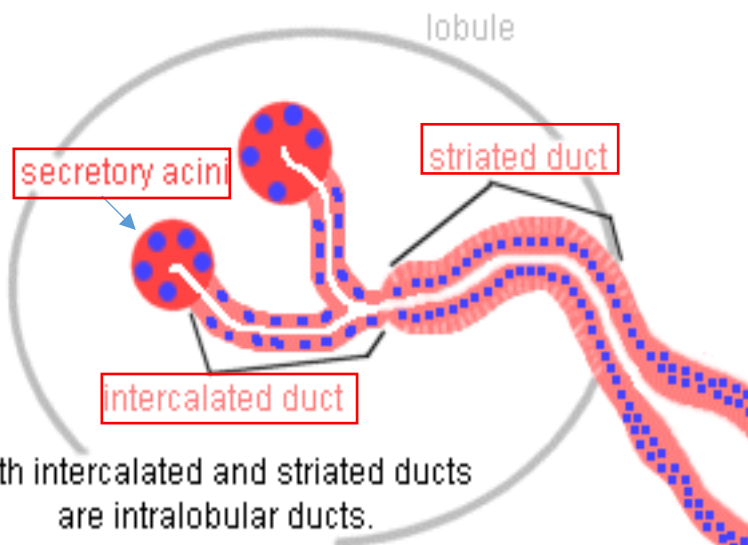
Parotid	Submandibular	Sublingual
The Largest salivary Gland	Intermediate in size	The Smallest Salivary Gland
Produces 30% of salivary output	Produces 60% of salivary output	Produces 5% of salivary output.
Purely serous	<u>Mixed</u> but mostly serous (90%).	<u>Mixed</u> but mostly mucous
Prominent intralobular ducts. Secretion rich in: Amylase, Lactoferrin, Lysozyme, secretory IgA	<b>Mucous acini</b> are capped by <b>serous demilunes</b>	



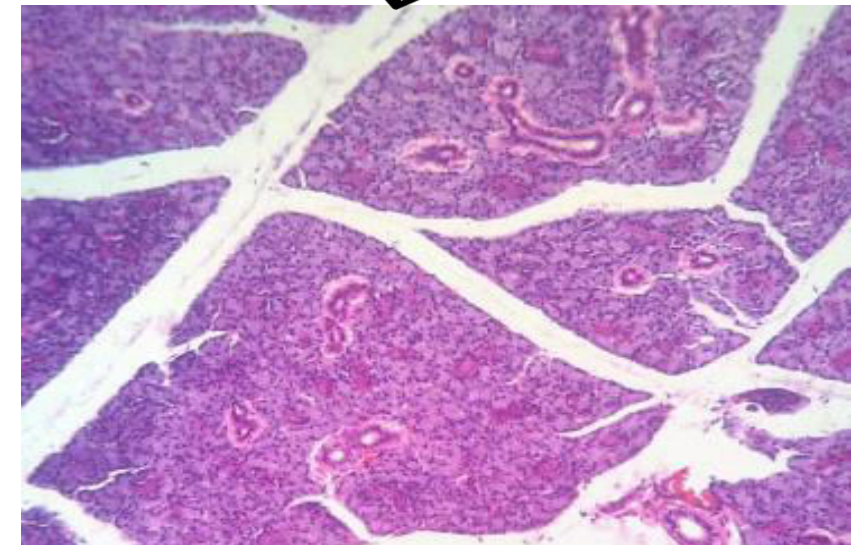


# Duct System of Salivary Gland

<h2>Intralobular Ducts</h2> <p>(prominent) inside the lobule</p>	<h2>Interlobular Ducts</h2> <p>outside the lobule</p>	<h2>Main Duct</h2> <p>opens in oral cavity</p>
<p>A) <b>Intercalated Ducts</b> <small>inside the acini:</small> Lined by small <u>cuboidal cells</u></p> <p>B) <b>Striated Ducts</b> <small>formed by 2 intercalated ducts:</small> Lined by low <u>columnar cells</u></p>	<p>Lined by <u>simple columnar epithelium</u></p>	<p>lined by <u>stratified columnar epithelium</u> which <u>becomes stratified squamous</u> (nonkeratinized) in the <b>distal end</b> <small>near the opening in oral cavity</small></p>



The main duct



## MCCQs

**1- Meissner's plexus of nerve fibers and nerve cells are found in:**

- A-mucosa of esophagus.
- B-submucosa of esophagus.
- C-Serosa of esophagus.

**2- There are..... in Muscularis Externa of esophagus:**

- A-Auerbach's (myenteric) plexus.
- B-submucosal glands.
- C-Meissner's plexus.

**3- Which of the following is a characteristic of Submucosa of the stomach:**

- A-NO submucosal glands.
- B-circular smooth muscle.
- C-by numerous fundic glands.

**4- Fundic glands are composed of:**

- A- Dendritic cells.
- B-Peptic (chief) cells.
- c-goblet cells.

**5- Parietal (oxyntic) cell nucleus is:**

- A-basal, round.
- B-oval-elongated.
- C-central, round.

**6- Peptic (chief) cell cytoplasm is:**

- A-acidophilic.
- B-basophilic.
- C-none of the above.

**7- Pyloric Glands are:**

- A- branched.
- B-convoluted.
- C-both a&b.

**8- Which one of the following is a major salivary gland?**

- A-Labial
- B-Buccal
- C-Sublingual
- D-Lingual

**9- Which of the following glands produce the most output of saliva?**

- A-Parotid
- B-Submandibular
- C-Sublingual
- D-Buccal

**10- Amylase & lysozyme produced by?**

- A-Serous acini
- B-Mucous acini
- C-Mixed acini
- D- Basket cells

**11-Function of basket cells is contractile and help to releases the secretion into the duct system**

- A-true
- B-false

**12- Which of the following is a feature of mucous cells salivary acini**

- A-Pyramidal in shape
- B-flattened and basal nuclei
- C-pale basophilic (cytoplasm)
- D-All above

12-p

11-e

10-a

9-q

8-c

7-c

6-q

5-c

4-q

3-e

2-e

1-q

# Thank you & good luck

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