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Anatomy Team  
MED 439

# The Small Intestine

GNP Block

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# Objectives

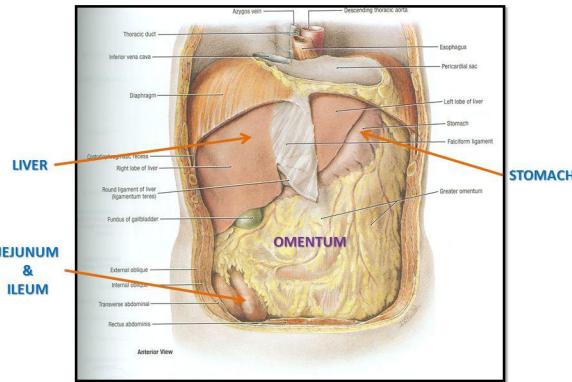
At the end of the lecture, students should:

- List the different parts of small intestine.
- Describe the anatomy of duodenum, jejunum & ileum regarding:
  - the shape
  - length
  - site of beginning & termination
  - peritoneal covering
  - arterial supply & lymphatic drainage.
- Differentiate between each part of duodenum regarding :
  - the length
  - level
  - relations.
- Differentiate between the jejunum & ileum regarding the characteristic anatomical features of each of them.

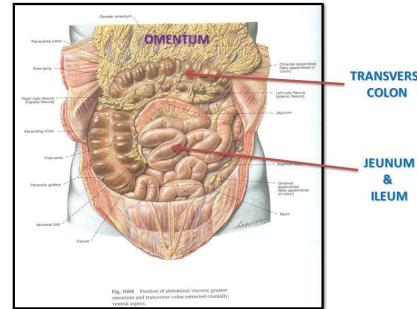
# Layers of the abdomen

Important layers “in male's slides”

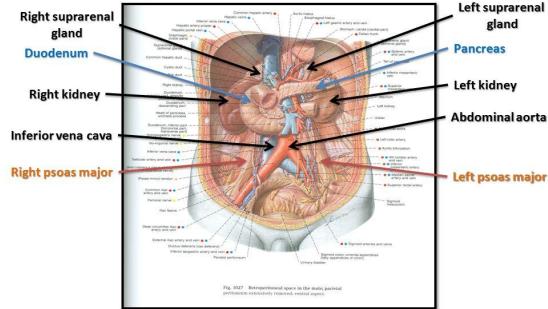
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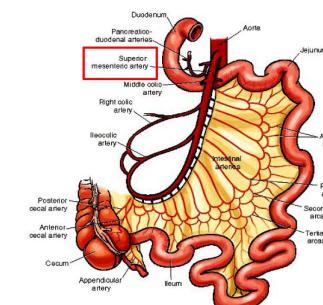
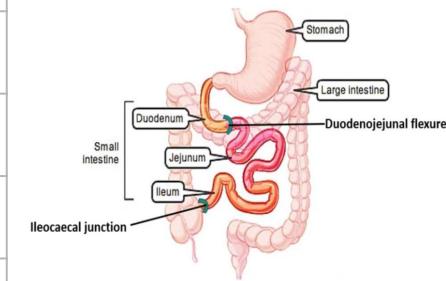
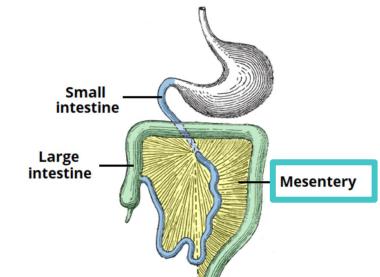
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# Small intestine

The small intestine divided into :

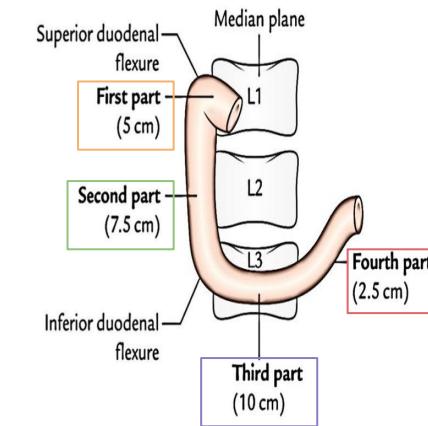
Parts	Fixed part (No mesentery): Duodenum	Free (Movable) part (With mesentery): Jejunum & ileum
Shape	C-shaped loop	Coiled tube
Length	10 inches	6 meters (20 feet)
Beginning	at pyloro-duodenal junction	at Duodeno-jejunal flexure
Termination	at duodeno-jejunal flexure	at Ilio-caecal junction
Peritoneal covering	retroperitoneal	mesentery of small intestine
Division	4 parts	-
Embryological origin	Foregut(gives rise to the 1st part) & Midgut(gives rise to the 2nd,3rd and 4th parts )	Midgut
Arterial supply	Celiac (artery of foregut) & Superior mesenteric (artery of midgut)	Superior mesenteric (artery of midgut)
Venous Drainage	Superior mesenteric & Portal veins	Superior mesenteric
Lymphatic drainage	Celiac & Superior mesenteric	Superior mesenteric



# DUODENUM

<b>SHAPE</b>	C-shaped loop
<b>LENGTH</b>	10 inches
<b>BEGINNING</b>	at pyloro-duodenal junction
<b>TERMINATION</b>	at duodeno-jejunal flexure
<b>PERITONEAL COVERING</b>	retroperitoneal
<b>DIVISIONS</b>	4 parts
<b>EMBRYOLOGICAL ORIGIN</b>	foregut & midgut
<b>ARTERIAL SUPPLY</b>	coeliac & superior mesenteric
<b>LYMPHATIC DRAINAGE</b>	coeliac & superior mesenteric

Part	Length	Level
<b>First part (Horizontal) (superior)</b>	2 INCHES	L1 (TRANSPYLORIC PLANE)
<b>Second part (Descending)</b>	3 INCHES	L1 TO L3 DESCENDS FROM
<b>Third part (Horizontal)</b>	<b>4 INCHES</b>	L3 (subcostal plane)
<b>Fourth part (Ascending)</b>	<b>1 INCHES</b>	ASCENDS FROM L3 TO L2

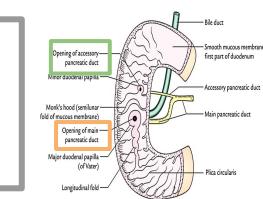


# STRUCTURES RELATED TO DUODENUM

Part	First part (Horizontal) (superior)	Second part (Descending)	Third part (Horizontal)	Fourth part (Ascending)
<b>Anterior Relations</b>	Liver	1) Liver 2) Transverse Colon 3) Small Intestine	1) Small intestine 2) Superior mesenteric vessels	Small intestine
<b>Posterior Relations</b>	1) Bile duct 2) Gastroduodenal artery 3) Portal Vein	Right Kidney	1) Right psoas major 2) Inferior vena cava 3) Abdominal aorta 4) Inferior mesenteric vessels	Left psoas major
<b>Medial Relations</b>	-	Pancreas	-	-
<b>Lateral Relations</b>	-	Right Colic Flexure	-	-
	<p>Diagram illustrating the anterior relations of the first part of the duodenum. Labels indicate the Anterior Liver, Posterior Liver, Anterior Gastroduodenal artery, Posterior Gastroduodenal artery, and the Portal vein. Numbers 1, 2, and 3 point to the Liver, Bile duct, and Portal vein respectively.</p>	<p>Diagram illustrating the posterior relations of the second part of the duodenum with the Right kidney and the Medial Pancreas. Labels include Anterior, Posterior, Lateral, and Medial directions, along with the Right kidney and Pancreas.</p>	<p>Diagram illustrating the third part of the duodenum. Labels include the Inferior vena cava, Portal vein, Right suprarenal gland, Gastric, splenic, and Duodenal arteries, and the Spleen, Pancreas, Ascending colon, Descending colon, and Transverse colon.</p>	<p>Diagram illustrating the fourth part of the duodenum. Labels include the Inferior vena cava, Portal vein, Right suprarenal gland, Gastric, splenic, and Duodenal arteries, and the Spleen, Pancreas, Ascending colon, Descending colon, and Transverse colon.</p>

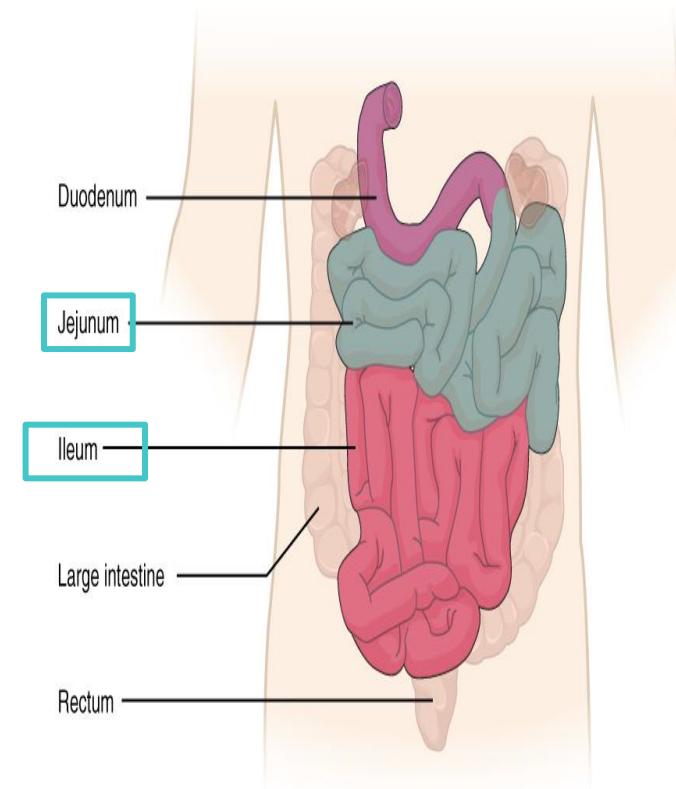
**Opening In  
Second Part Of  
Duodenum:**

- Common opening of bile duct & main pancreatic duct:** on summit of major duodenal papilla.
- Opening of accessory pancreatic duct (one inch higher):** on summit of minor duodenal papilla.

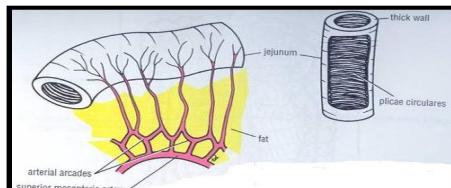
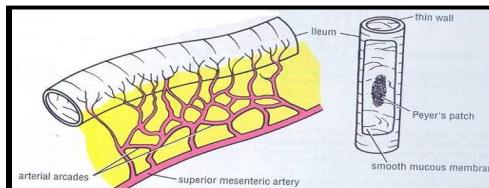


# JEJUNUM & ILEUM

<b>Shape</b>	coiled tube
<b>Length</b>	6 meters (20 feet)
<b>Beginning</b>	at Duodeno-jejunal flexure
<b>Termination</b>	at Ilio-caecal junction
<b>Embryological origin</b>	mid gut
<b>Blood supply</b>	superior mesenteric Artery and Vein
<b>Lymphatic drainage</b>	superior mesenteric lymph nodes



# Differences between jejunum and ileum

	<b>Jejunum</b>	<b>Ileum</b>
<b>Length</b>	Shorter(proximal 2/5) of SI	Longer (distal $\frac{3}{5}$ ) of SI
<b>Diameter</b>	Wider	Narrower
<b>Wall</b>	Thicker (more plicae circulares) <i>(their function is to increase the surface area thus increases the absorption rate and enhances the motility of the chyme as well.)</i>	Thinner (less plicae circulares)
<b>Appearance</b>	Dark red (more vascular)	Light red (less vascular)
<b>Vessels</b>	High&less arcades (long terminal branches)	Low& more arcades (short terminal branch)
<b>Mesenteric fat</b>	Small amount & away from intestinal border	Large amount & close to intestinal border
<b>Lymphoid tissue</b>	Few aggregation	Numerous aggregation (peyer's patches)
		

**Q1:The arterial supply of duodenum:**

A:celiac artery

B:superior mesenteric

C:abdominal aorta

D:A&B

**Q2:The termination of jejunum & ileum:**

A:Ilio-caecal junction

B:pyloro-duodenal junction

C:duodeno-jejunal flexure

D:Duodeno-jejunal flexure

**Q3:The beginning of duodenum:**

A:Ilio-caecal junction

B:pyloro-duodenal junction

C:duodeno-jejunal flexure

D:Duodeno-jejunal flexure

**Q4:There is \_\_\_\_ divisions of duodenum**

A:4

B:3

C:2

D:6

**Q5: one of the posterior relations of the first part of duodenum?**

A:liver

B:left psoas major

C:abdominal aorta

D:Gastroduodenal artery

**Q6: Embryological origin of duodenum?**

A:hindg

B:midgut

C:midgut and foregut

D:foregut

Answer key:

1 (D) , 2 (A) , 3 (B) , 4 (A), 5 (D) , 6 (C )

Q7: level of third part of duodenum?

A: L3 (transpyloric plane)

B:L3 to L2

C:L2 ( subcotal plane)

D:L3 (subcotal plane)

Q8:which part of duodenum opens into bile duct?

A:1st

B:2nd

C:3rd

D:4th

Q9:what is the shape of jejunum?

A:straight tubule

B:coiled tubule

C:vertical tubule

D:ascinding tubule

Q10:jejunum and ileum embryological origin is?

A:hind gut

B:foregut

C:midgut

D: none :)

Q11:which of these structures is proximal % of the small intestine?

A:jejunum

B:ileum

C:duodenum

D:colon

Q12:ileum is specialized by one of the following?

A:long terminal branches

B:more arcades with long terminal branches

C:less arcades

D:short terminal branches

Answer key:

7(D) , 8(B) , 9(B) , 10(C) , 11(A) , 12(D)

**Q1: List the parts of small intestine:**

**Q2: Levels of the duodenum?**

**Q3: Mention the ducts that open into summit of minor and major duodenal papilla?**

**Q4: Enumerate the differences between jejunum and ileum?**

## Answers

1: Duodenum, jejunum and ileum.

2 :

1. L1 (transpyloric plane)
2. L1 to L3 (descends form)
3. L3 (subcotal plane)
4. L3 to L2 (ascends form)

3 : major duodenal papilla : common opening of bile duct and main pancreatic duct.

minor duodenal papilla: opening of accessory pancreatic duct.

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