

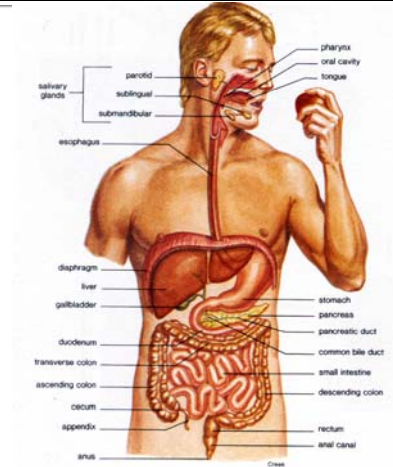
# FUNCTION

## ■ General Structure and Functions of the Digestive System

- Ingest the food.
- Transport the food.
- Digest the food into smaller usable components.
- Absorb the necessary nutrients into the bloodstream.
- Expel the waste products from the body.

### Composed of two separate categories of organs:

- digestive organs
- accessory digestive organs.



- **1. Ingestion or the taking of food into the body**
- **2. Peristalsis or the physical movement or pushing of food along the digestive tract**
- **3. Digestion or the breakdown of food by both mechanical and chemical mechanisms**
- **4. Absorption or the passage of digested food from the digestive tract into the cardiovascular and lymphatic systems for distribution to the body's cells**
- **5. Defecation or the elimination from the body of those substances that are indigestible and cannot be absorbed.**

## General Structure and Functions of the Digestive System

### The GI tract organs:

- oral cavity
- pharynx
- esophagus
- stomach
- small intestine
- large intestine

Form a continuous tube that extends about 30 feet (9–10 meters) from the mouth to the anus.

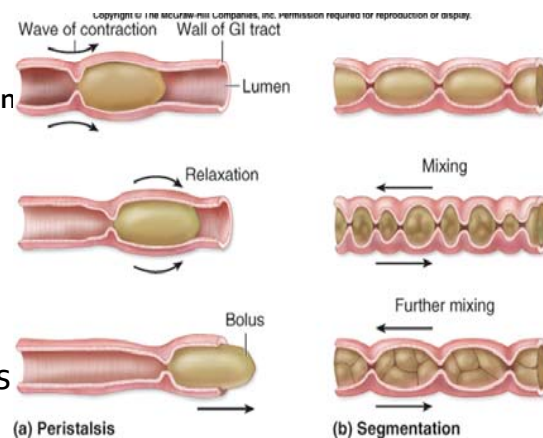
- Smooth muscle in the GI tract wall pushes materials from one end to the other.

### Accessory digestive organs:

- do not form the long GI tube, but often develop as outgrowths from and are connected to the GI tract
- Assist the GI tract in the digestion of food.
- teeth, tongue, salivary glands, liver, gallbladder, and pancreas

## Digestive System Functions

- Ingestion
- Digestion
  - mechanical digestion
  - chemical digestion
- Propulsion
  - peristalsis
  - segmentation
- Secretion
- Absorption
- Elimination of wastes (defecation)



## GENERAL STRUCTURE

- **Mouth** - the first part of the digestive system, where food enters the body. Chewing and salivary enzymes in the mouth are the beginning of the digestive process (breaking down the food).
- **Salivary glands** - glands located in the mouth that produce saliva. Saliva contains enzymes that break down carbohydrates (starch) into smaller molecules.
- **Esophagus** - the long tube between the mouth and the stomach. It uses rhythmic muscle movements (called peristalsis) to force food from the throat into the stomach.
- **Peristalsis** - rhythmic muscle movements that force food in the esophagus from the throat into the stomach. Peristalsis is involuntary - you cannot control it. It is also what allows you to eat and drink while upside-down.
- **Liver** - a large organ located above and in front of the stomach. It filters toxins from the blood, and makes bile (which breaks down fats) and some blood proteins.
- **Stomach** - a sack-like, muscular organ that is attached to the esophagus. Both chemical and mechanical digestion takes place in the stomach. When food enters the stomach, it is churned in a bath of acids and enzymes.

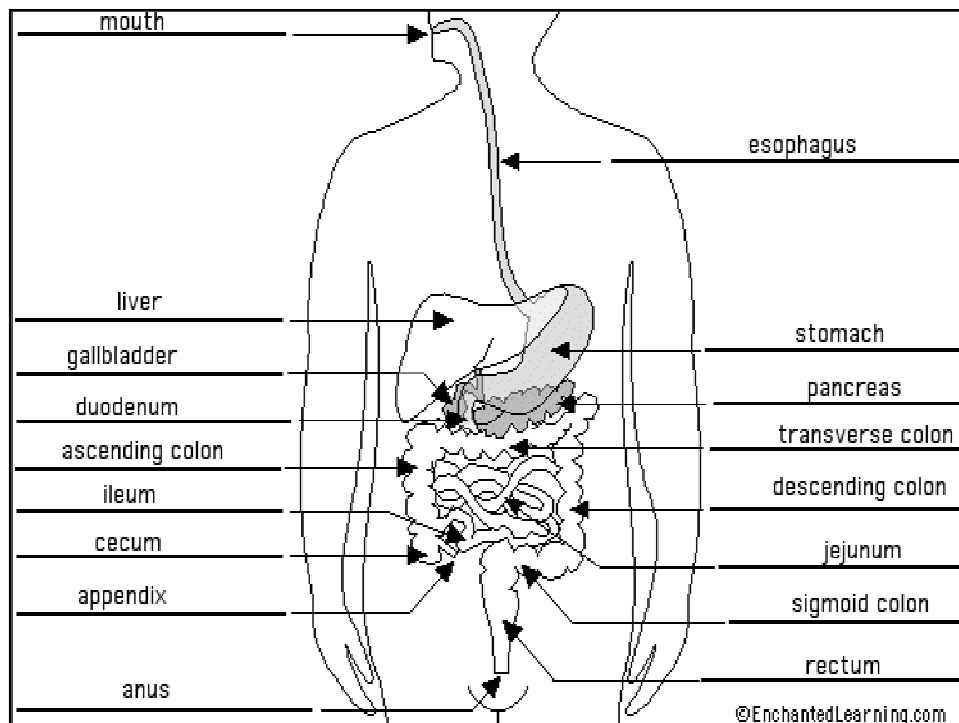
## GENERAL STRUCTURE 2

- **Chyme** - food in the stomach that is partly digested and mixed with stomach acids. Chyme goes on to the small intestine for further digestion.
- **Gall bladder** - a small, sac-like organ located by the duodenum. It stores and releases bile (a digestive chemical which is produced in the liver) into the small intestine.
- **Bile** - a digestive chemical that is produced in the liver, stored in the gall bladder, and secreted into the small intestine.
- **Pancreas** - an enzyme-producing gland located below the stomach and above the intestines. Enzymes from the pancreas help in the digestion of carbohydrates, fats and proteins in the small intestine.
- **Duodenum** - the first part of the small intestine; it is C-shaped and runs from the stomach to the jejunum.
- **Jejunum** - the long, coiled mid-section of the small intestine; it is between the duodenum and the ileum.

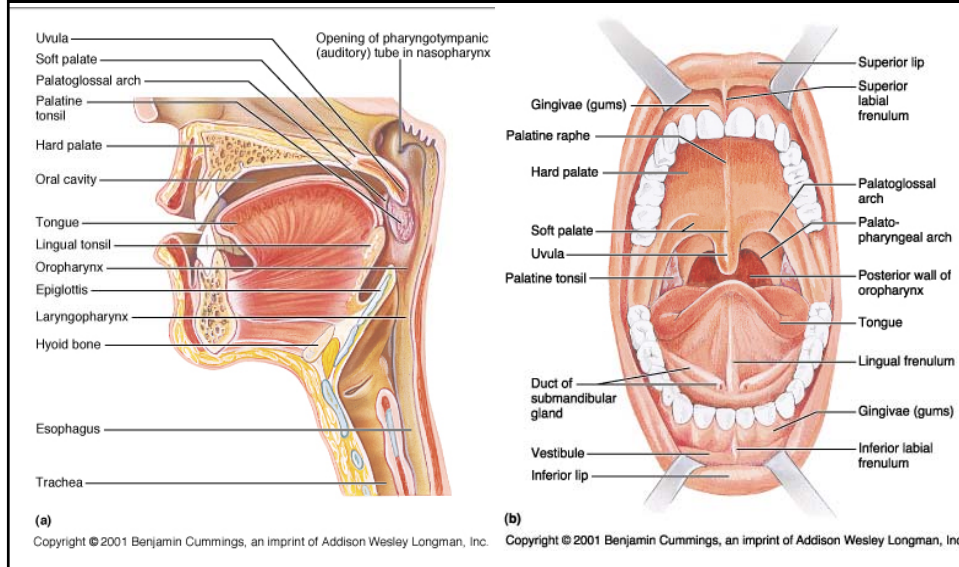


## GENERAL STRUCTURE 3

- **Ileum** - the last part of the small intestine before the large intestine begins.
- **Cecum** - the first part of the large intestine; the appendix is connected to the cecum.
- **Appendix** - a small sac located on the cecum.
- **Ascending colon** - the part of the large intestine that run upwards; it is located after the cecum.
- **Transverse colon** - the part of the large intestine that runs horizontally across the abdomen.
- **Descending colon** - the part of the large intestine that run downwards after the transverse colon and before the sigmoid colon.
- **Sigmoid colon** - the part of the large intestine between the descending colon and the rectum.
- **Rectum** - the lower part of the large intestine, where faeces are stored before they are excreted.
- **Anus** - the opening at the end of the digestive system from which faeces (waste) exits the body



## Anatomy of the Mouth and Throat



## Oral Cavity (mouth)

Entrance to the GI tract.

Initial site of mechanical digestion (via mastication) and chemical digestion (via enzymes in saliva).

Bounded anteriorly by the teeth and lips and posteriorly by the oropharynx.

Superior boundary is formed by the hard and soft palates.

Floor, or inferior surface, of the oral cavity contains the tongue as well as the mylohyoid muscle covered with mucosa.

Vestibule is the space between the cheeks or lips and the gums.

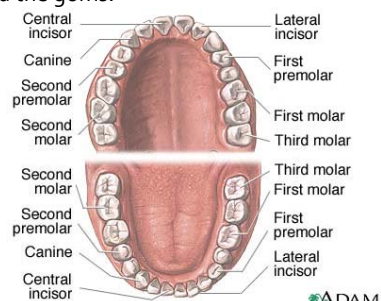
Oral cavity proper.

The lateral walls are formed by the cheeks.

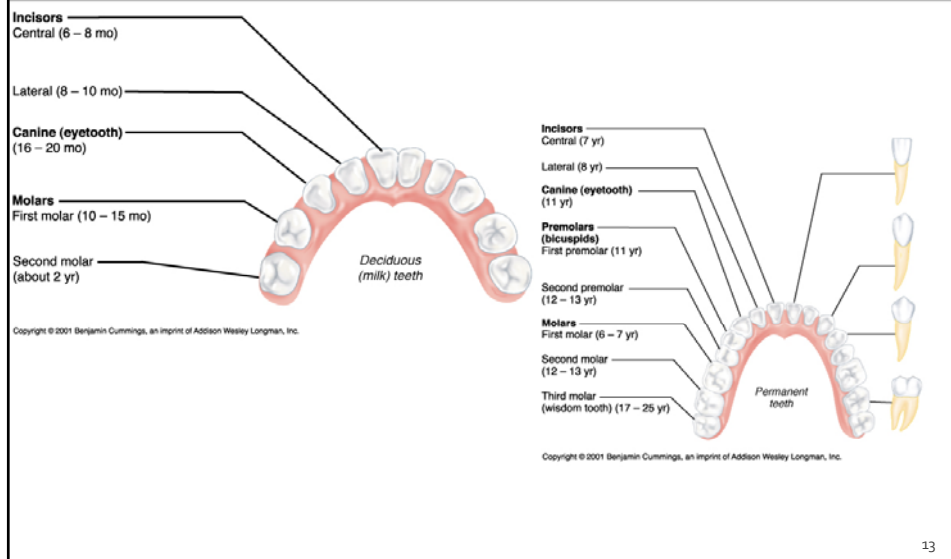
Lips (labia).

Gingivae, or gums.

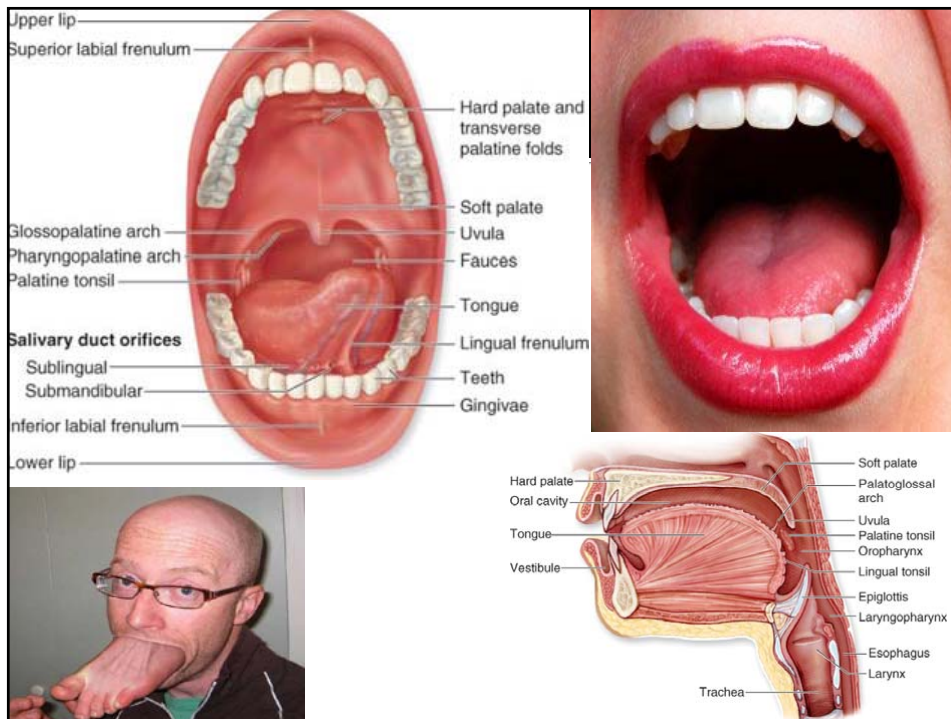
Labial frenulum.

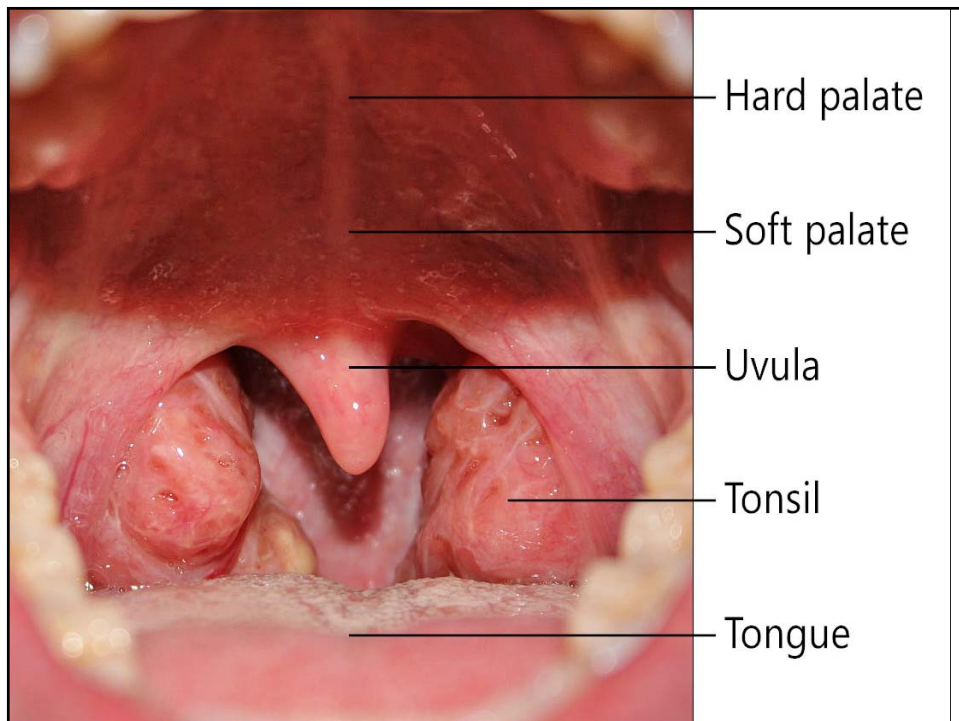
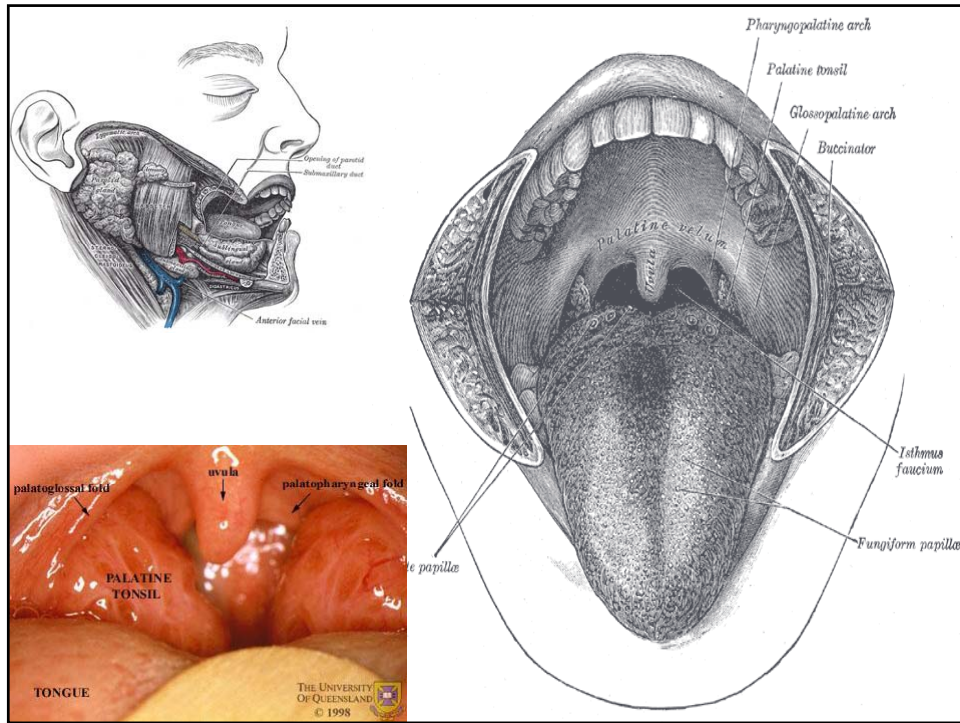


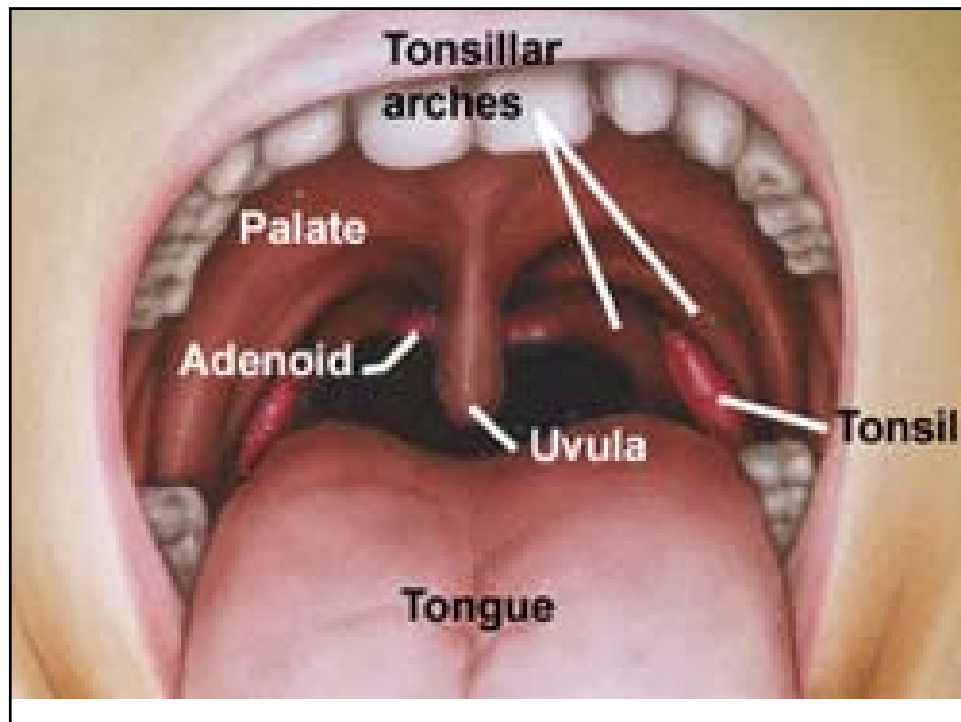
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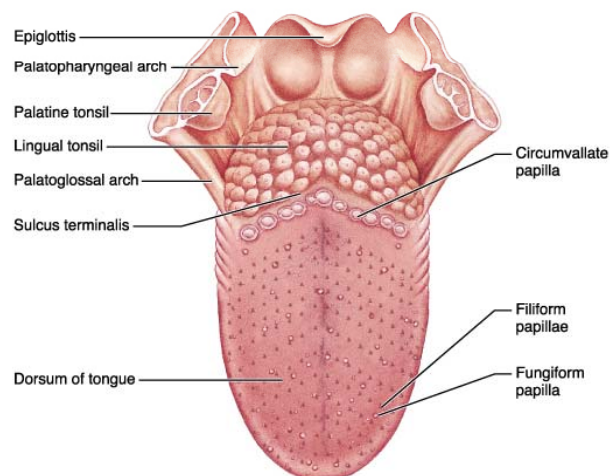
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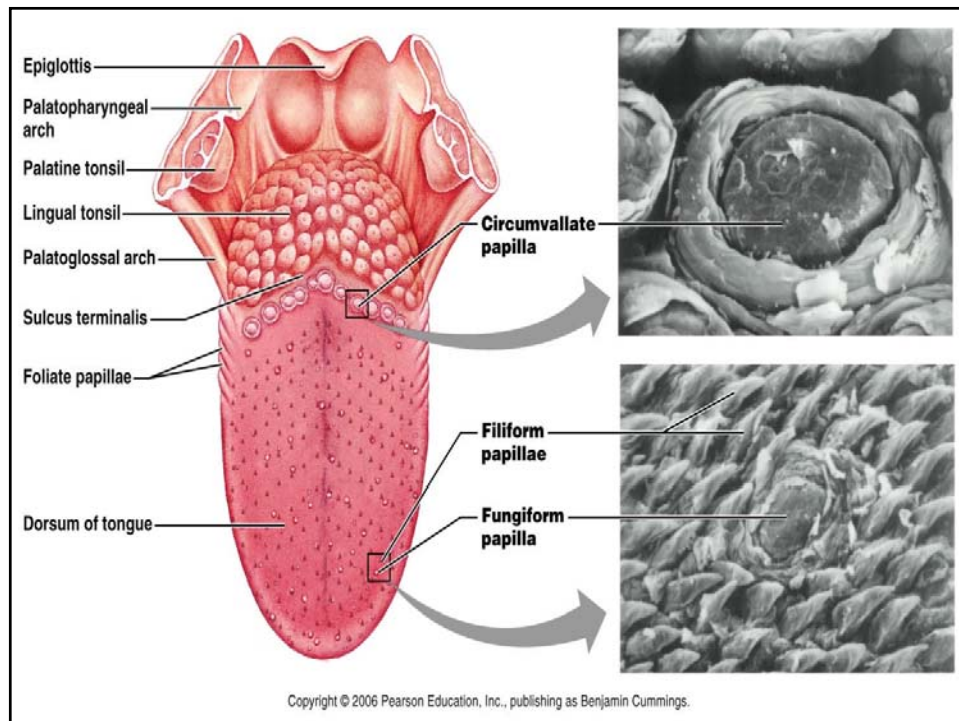
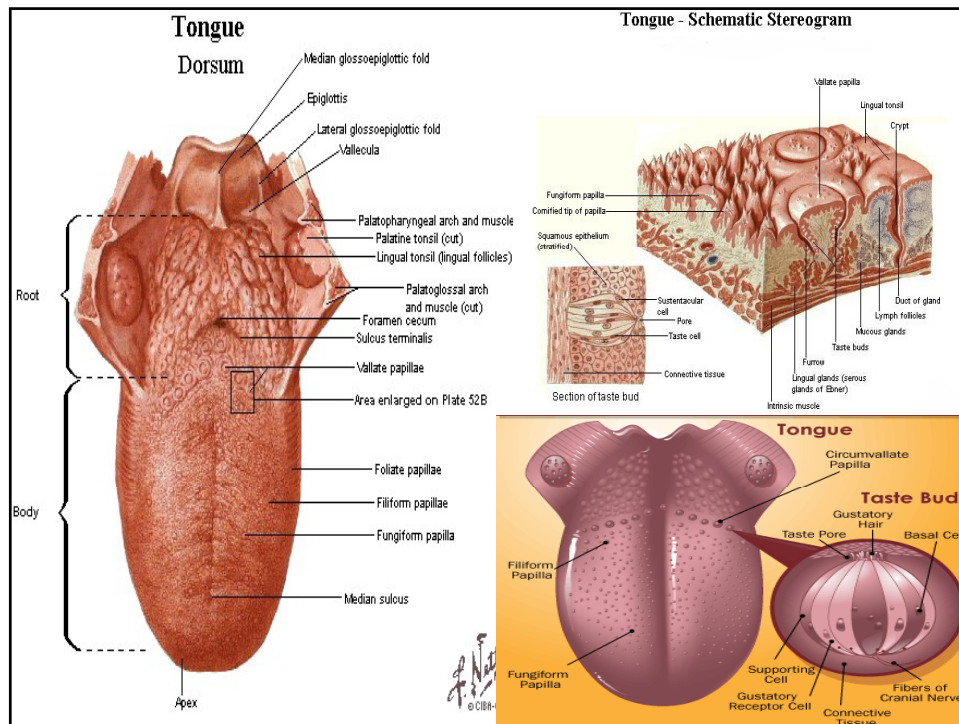


## Dorsal Surface of the Tongue



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## Palate

Anterior two-thirds of the palate is hard and bony (called the hard palate), while the

Posterior one-third is soft and muscular (called the soft palate).

primarily composed of skeletal muscle.

Extending inferiorly from the posterior part of the soft palate is the uvula.

When swallowing, the soft palate and the uvula elevate to close off the opening of the nasopharynx.

Fauces represent the opening between the oral cavity and the oropharynx.

Fauces are bounded by paired muscular folds:

glossopalatine arch (anterior fold)

pharyngopalatine arch (posterior fold)

Palatine tonsils are housed between the arches.

## Tongue

An accessory digestive organ that is formed from skeletal muscle and covered with lightly keratinized stratified squamous epithelium.

Manipulates and mixes ingested materials during chewing and

Helps compress the partially digested materials against the

palate to turn these materials into a bolus. a globular mass of partially digested material

Performs important functions in swallowing.

Inferior surface of the tongue attaches to the floor of the oral cavity by a thin vertical mucous membrane, the lingual frenulum.

Numerous small projections (papillae) cover the superior (dorsal) surface.

Posterior surface contains lingual tonsils.

Skeletal muscles move the tongue.

Lingual papillae - projections of the lamina propria on the dorsum of tongue. There are three types of these projections:

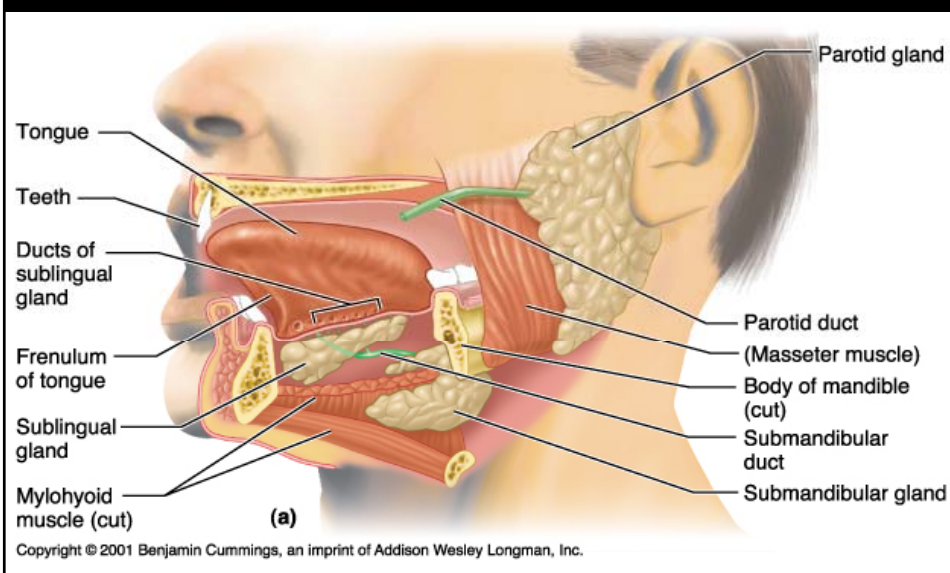
1. **Filiform papillae** - the most numerous they cover the anterior 2/3 of the dorsum. They give the tongue a roughness needed in licking semisolid foods. Heavily keratinized, they give the tongue a "coated" appearance.

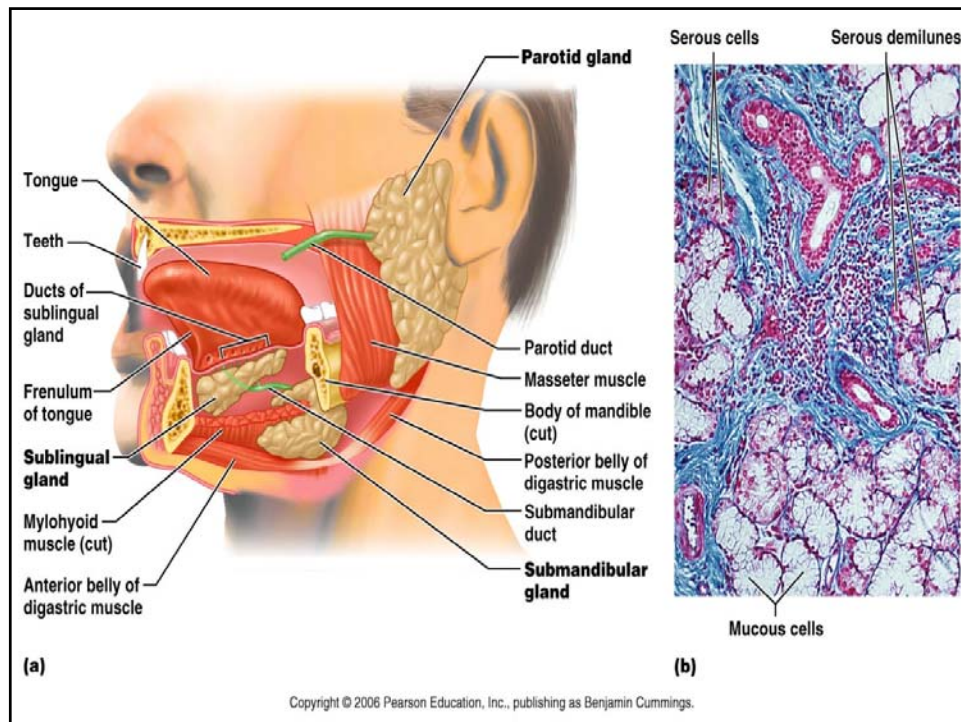
2. **Fungiform Papillae** - located on the sides of tongue interspersed among the filiform papillae. Taste buds are found around these papillae.

3. **Circumvallate Papillae** - form a V - shaped formation near the posterior margin of the tongue. The largest number of taste buds are associated with these papillae. The Lingual Tonsil - an unencapsulated cluster of lymphoid tissue located at the base of the tongue.

- Most people mistake the bumpy structures that cover the tongue's surface for **taste buds**. These are actually **papillae**: goblet-shaped elevations that sometimes contain taste buds and help create friction between the tongue and food.
- Taste buds are smaller structures, tucked away in the folds between papillae.
- Every taste bud is made up of basal and supporting cells that help maintain about 50 **gustatory receptor cells**.
- These specialized receptors are stimulated by the chemical makeup of solutions.
- They respond to several primary tastes: sweet, salty, bitter, sour, **umami** (savory) and fat, which some scientists claim might be a sixth taste.
- When a stimulus activates a gustatory cell, the receptor will synapse with neurons and send an electrical impulse to the gustatory region of the cerebral cortex.
- The brain interprets the sensation as taste.
- Each gustatory receptor cell has a long, spindlelike protrusion called a **gustatory hair** that comes into contact with the outside environment.
- The hair extends from a small opening, or **taste pore**, and mingles with molecules of food introduced by saliva. The saliva solution contains digestive enzymes that help break down foods chemically. Saliva is secreted by three major salivary glands -- the **parotid**, **submandibular** and **sublingual glands** -- as well as other small salivary glands contained within the tongue and mouth.
- Aside from the tongue's ability to detect gustatory stimuli, it also perceives temperature and the complex tactile sensations that food scientists call **mouth feel**.
- The tongue, along with the rest of the mouth, helps determine a food's texture, oiliness, chewiness, viscosity and density

## The Major Salivary Glands





**The Salivary Glands** - Ducted exocrine glands producing saliva. Two types of secretory cells are found in the glandular tissue:

1. Serous cells producing a watery secretion containing amylase.
2. Mucous cells producing a viscous liquid containing the glycoprotein mucin.

**Submandibular Glands** - are bilaterally located at the median aspect of the mandibular angle. Their ducts bring saliva to the oral cavity at the base of the frenulum. They are mixed glands, containing approximately equal numbers of serous and mucous cells.

**Sublingual Glands** - are anterior to the submandibular glands under the tongue. Cells of these glands are mostly mucous producing. Very little amylase is found in this saliva.

**Parotid Glands** - are anterior and inferior to the external ears lying in a connective tissue capsule. Parotid ducts bring saliva into the vestibule along side of the second upper molar.

The glandular cells are mostly serous.

**The Fauces** - are the passageway from the mouth to the pharynx. This short corridor is guarded by four pillars; the two palatoglossal arches are more anterior followed by the two palatopharyngeal arches. In between the two sets of arches on either side are the palatine tonsils. During swallowing, contraction of the muscles in these arches constricts the pillars preventing food from reentering the mouth.

## Salivary Glands

Collectively produce and secrete saliva.

- a fluid that assists in the initial activities of digestion

Volume of saliva secreted daily ranges between 1.0 and 1.5 L.

Most is produced during mealtime, but

Smaller amounts are produced continuously to ensure that the oral cavity remains moist.

Water makes up 99% of the volume of saliva.

Also contains a mixture of other components.

Three pairs of large, multicellular salivary glands:

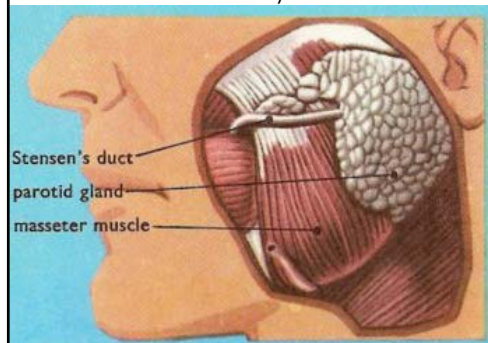
- parotid glands
- submandibular glands
- sublingual glands

## The Parotid Glands

Largest salivary glands.

Each parotid gland is located anterior and inferior to the ear, partially overlying the masseter muscle.

Produce about 25–30% of the saliva, which is conducted through the parotid duct to the oral cavity.



# The Submandibular Glands

## Inferior to the body of the mandible.

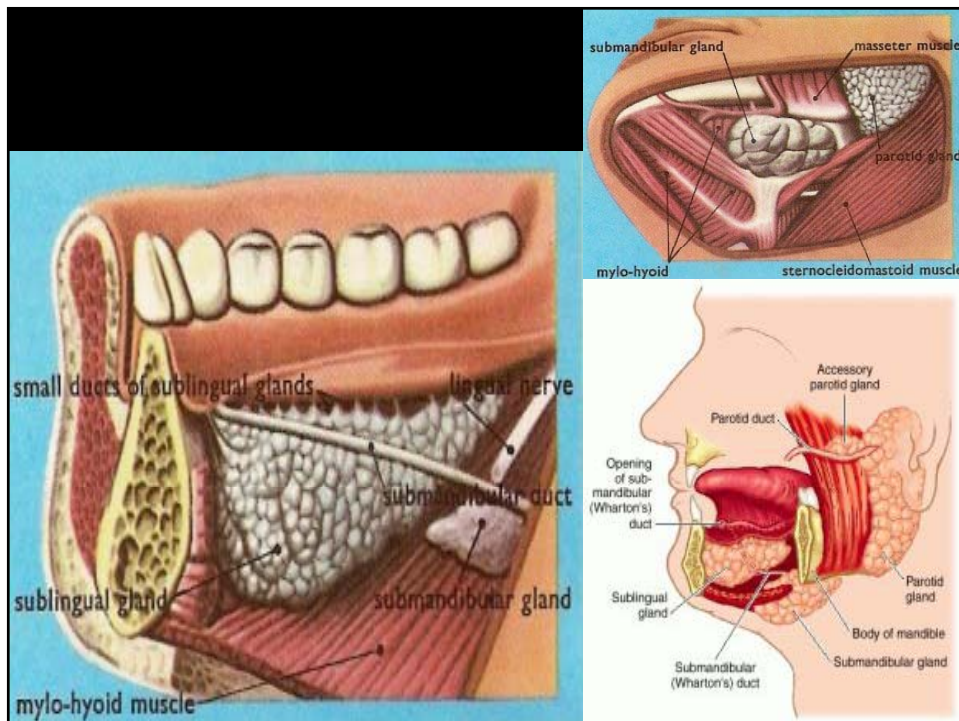
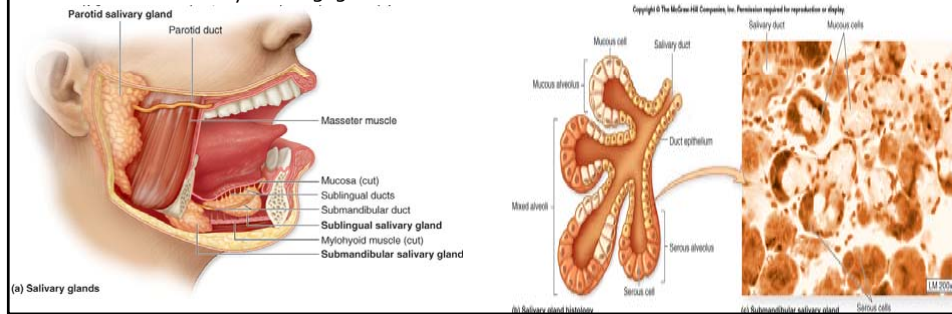
Produce most of the saliva (about 60–70%).

A duct opens from each gland through a papilla in the floor of the mouth on the lateral sides of the lingual frenulum.

## Inferior to the tongue and internal to the oral cavity mucosa.

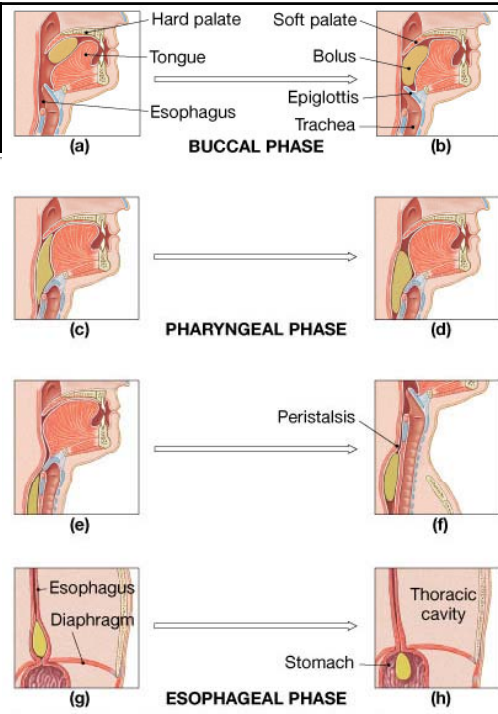
Each gland extends multiple tiny sublingual ducts that open onto the inferior surface of the oral cavity, posterior to the submandibular duct papilla.

Contribute only about 3–5% of the total saliva.





## The Swallowing Process



## Functions of Saliva

Moistens ingested food and helps turn it into a semisolid bolus that is more easily swallowed.

Moistens and cleanses the oral cavity structures.

First step in chemical digestion occurs when amylase in saliva begins to break down carbohydrates.

Contains antibodies and an antibacterial element called lysozyme that help inhibit bacterial growth in the oral cavity.

Watery medium into which food molecules are dissolved so taste receptors can be stimulated.



# Esophagus

A muscular tube about ten inches long.

It receives food from the pharynx as a result of swallowing.

The esophagus passes through the mediastinum and penetrates the diaphragm at the esophageal hiatus.

Trauma in this area may allow the upper portion of the stomach to protrude above the diaphragm (hiatal hernia). This will produce regurgitation and ulceration of the esophageal wall. Normally, food passes through the esophagus by muscular contractions of the wall called peristalsis. The food enters the stomach through the cardiac orifice. This opening is guarded by a sling of muscle from the diaphragm called the cardiac sphincter (skeletal muscle).

**Basic Design of the Wall of the Digestive Tract**

From the esophagus to the anus, the wall of the digestive tract shows a basic plan or design. However, each region of the tract modifies this basic architecture for its own purposes. The overall design is as follows:

1. **Adventitia** - the outermost portion of the gut wall consists of a layer of tough collagenous connective tissue.
2. This covering protects and anchors that portion of the tract to surrounding structures.
3. Digestive organs located below the diaphragm usually have an outer wrapping of peritoneum called the **Serosa**.

**2. Just inside the adventitia is the muscularis externa.**

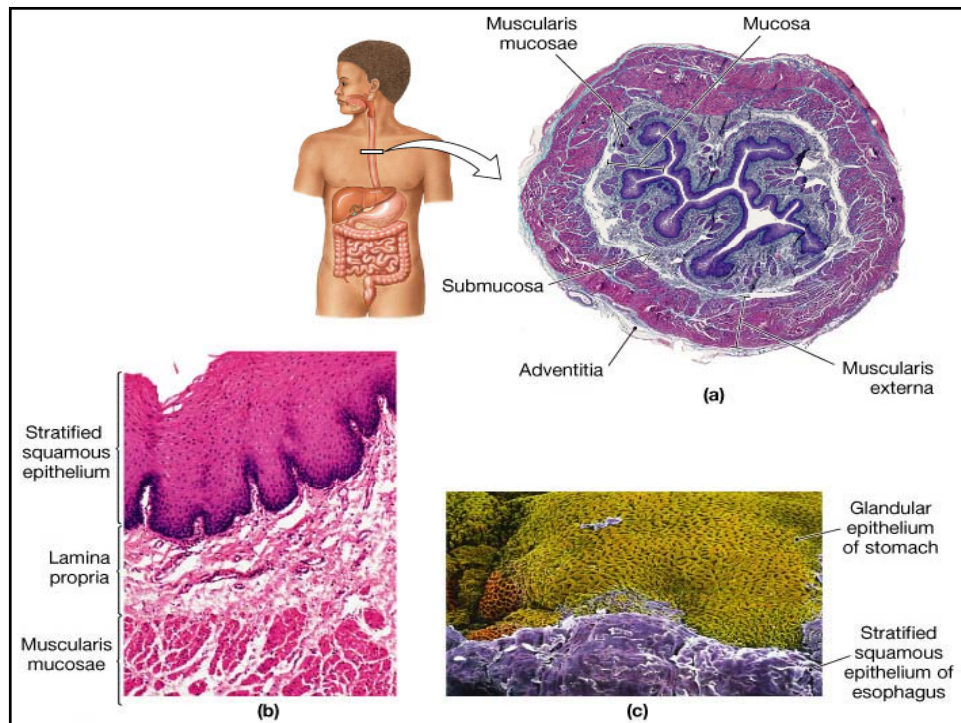
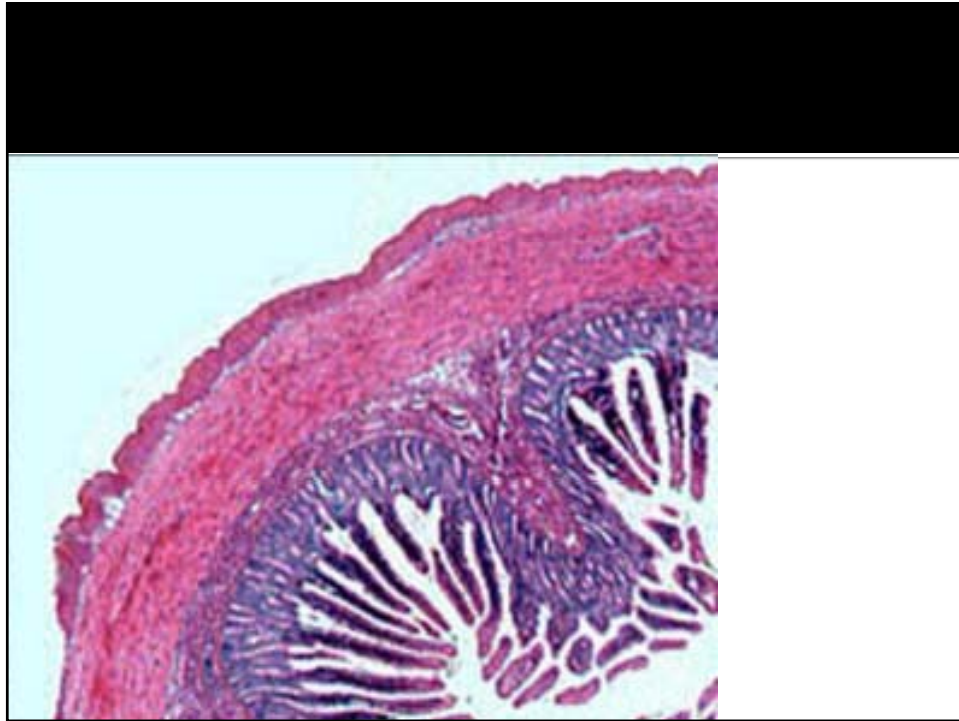
Generally, this is a double layer of smooth muscle consisting of an outer longitudinal layer and an inner circular layer. It is the combined action of these two layers that produces the muscular contractions of peristalsis. Skeletal muscle may replace smooth in certain areas of the tract, e.g., esophagus.

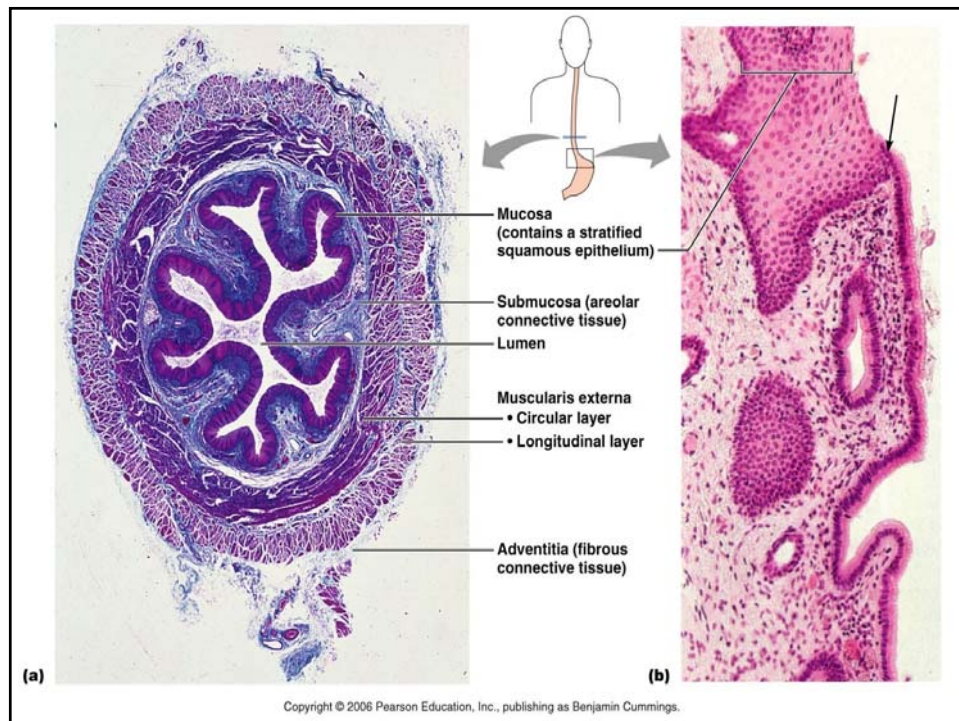
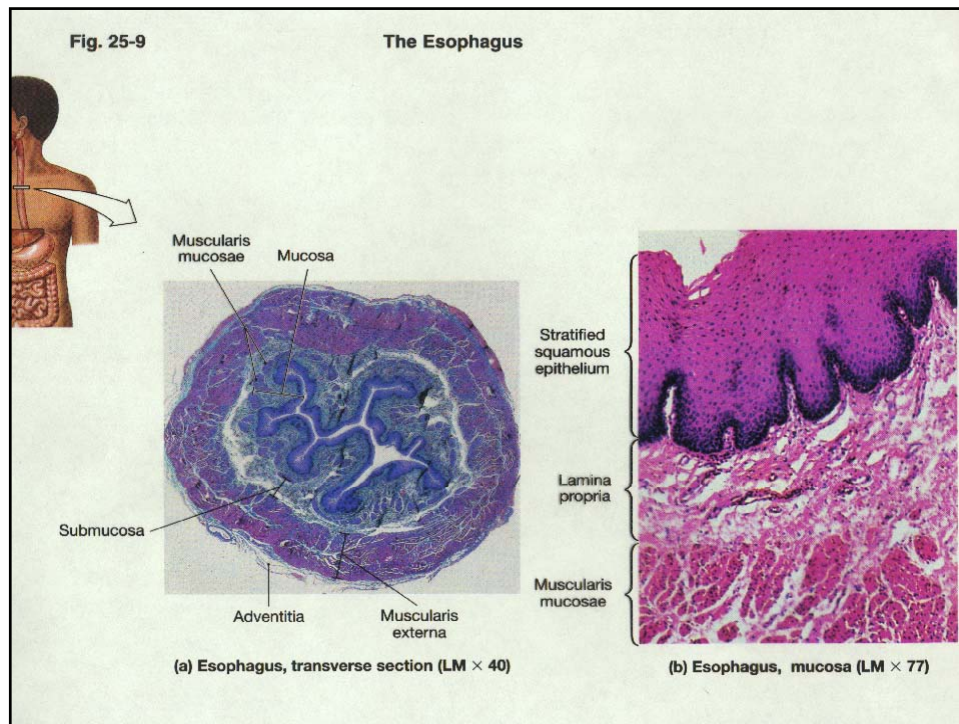
**3. The Submucosa** is a layer of loose connective tissue inside the thick muscularis. Blood vessels, lymphatics, nerves and nerve plexi are located here, as well as, glandular tissue and nodules of lymphoid tissue.

**4. The inner lining or Mucosa** of the tract is essentially a mucous membrane.

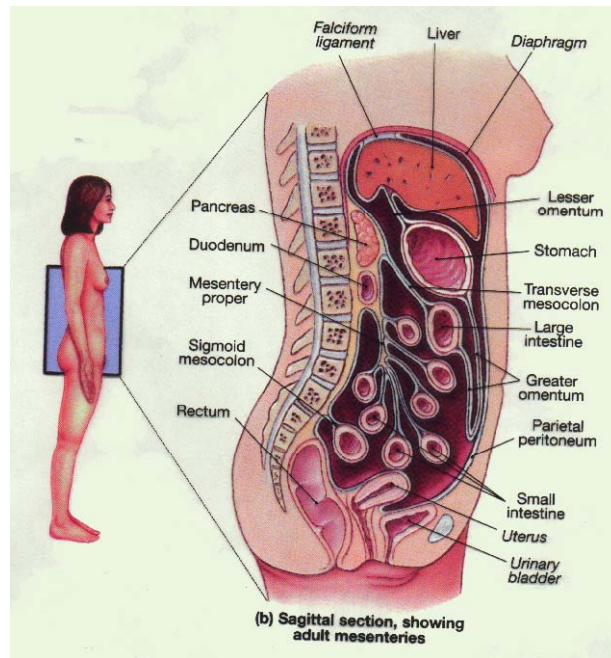
Overall its functions are:

- a. **Secretion** - mucous, digestive enzymes and hormones.
- b. **Absorption** - end products of digestion, water, minerals.
- c. **Protection** from infection.

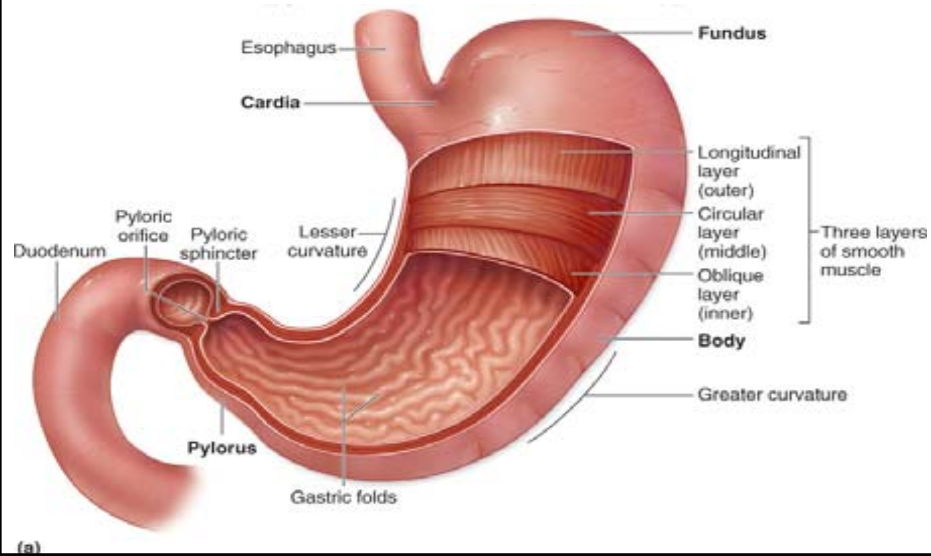








## stomach

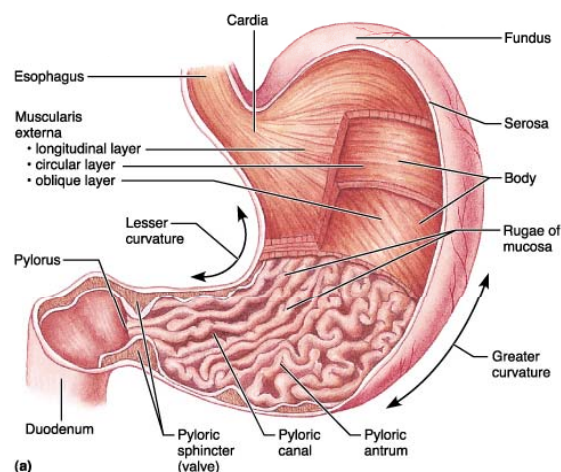


## Stomach

- Usually "J" shaped
- Left side, anterior to the spleen
- Mucous membrane
  - G cells – make gastrin
  - Goblet cells – make mucous
  - Gastric pit – Oxyntic gland – Parietal cells – Make HCl
  - Chief cells – Zymogenic cells
    - Pepsin
    - Gastric lipase

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## Anatomy of the Stomach

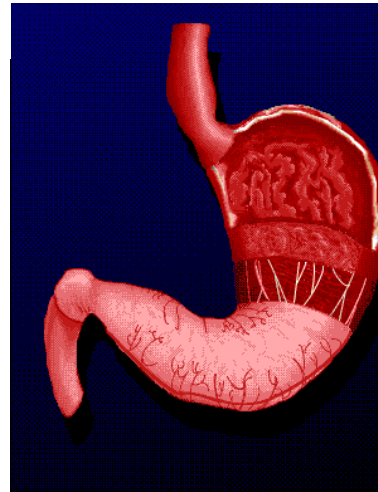


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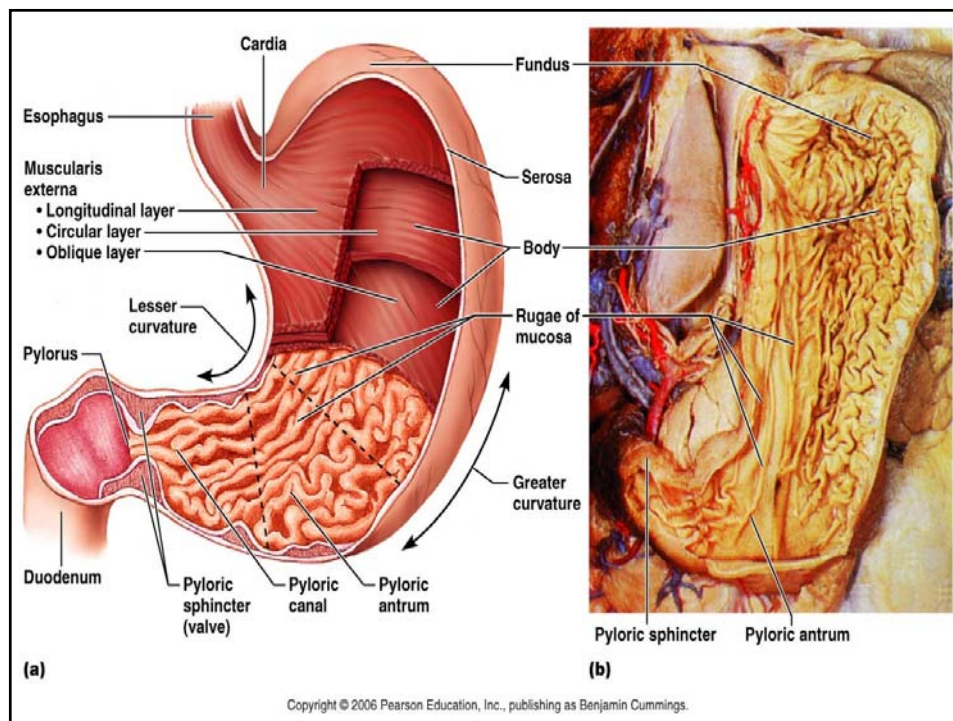
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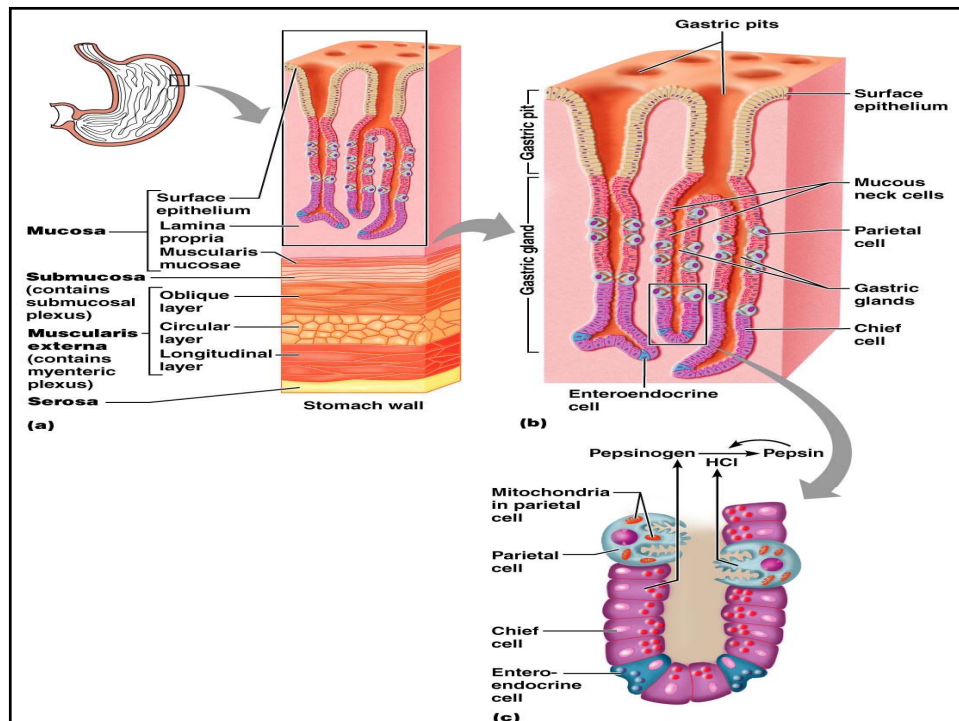
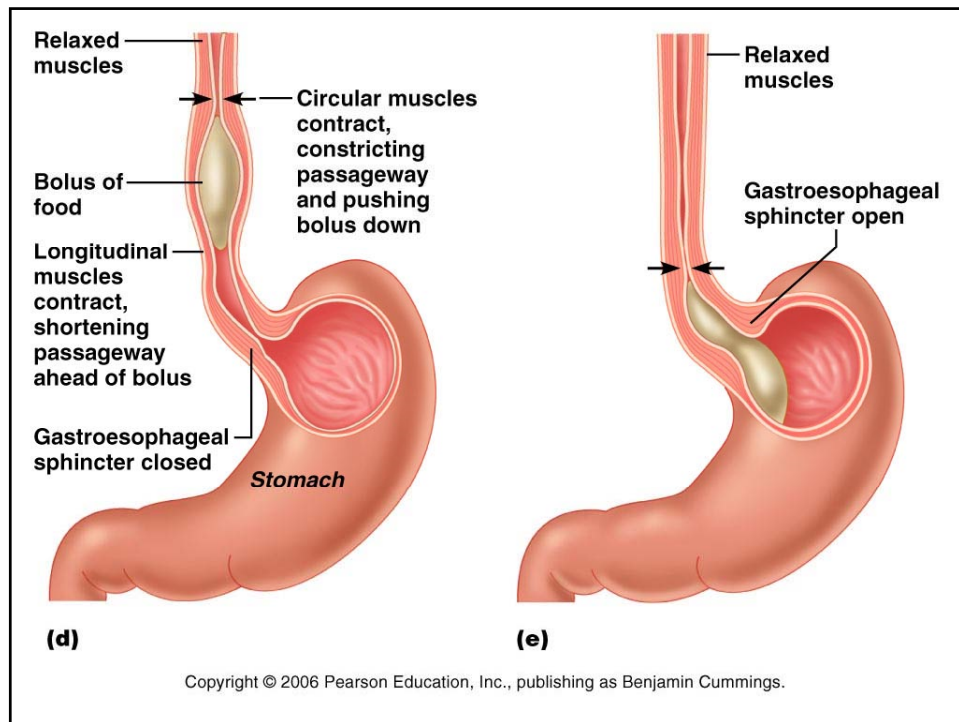
- 3 muscle layers
  - Oblique
  - Circular
  - Longitudinal
- Regions
  - Cardiac sphincter
  - Fundus
  - Antrum (pylorus)
  - Pyloric sphincter
- Vascular
- Inner surface thrown into folds – Rugae
- Contains enzymes that work best at pH 1-2



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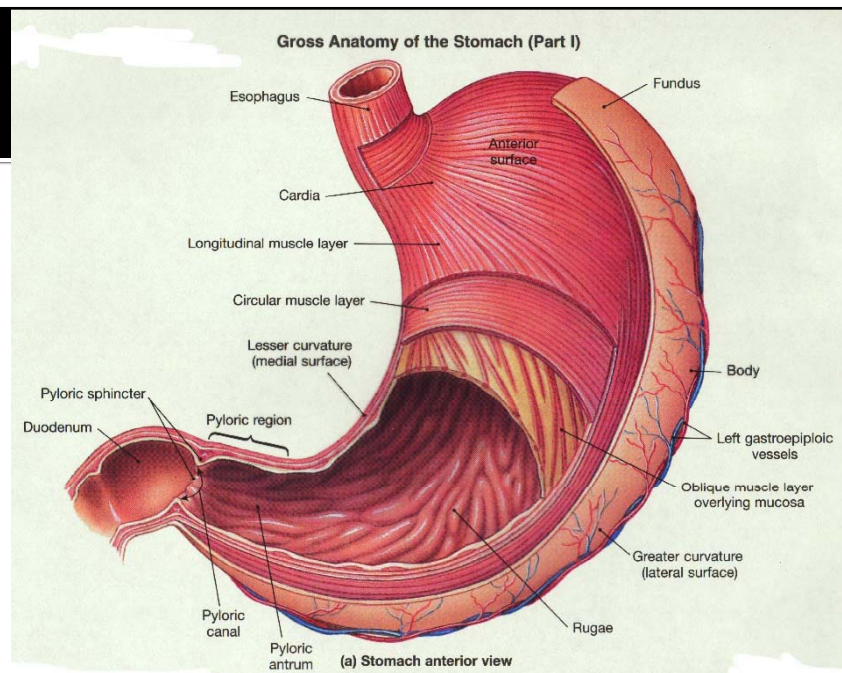




# Stomach

- Functions
  - Mix food
  - Reservoir
  - Start digestion of
    - Protein
    - Nucleic acids
    - Fats
  - Activates some enzymes
  - Destroy some bacteria
  - Makes intrinsic factor – B 12 absorption
  - Destroys some bacteria
- Absorbs
  - Alcohol
  - Water
  - Lipophilic acid
  - B 12

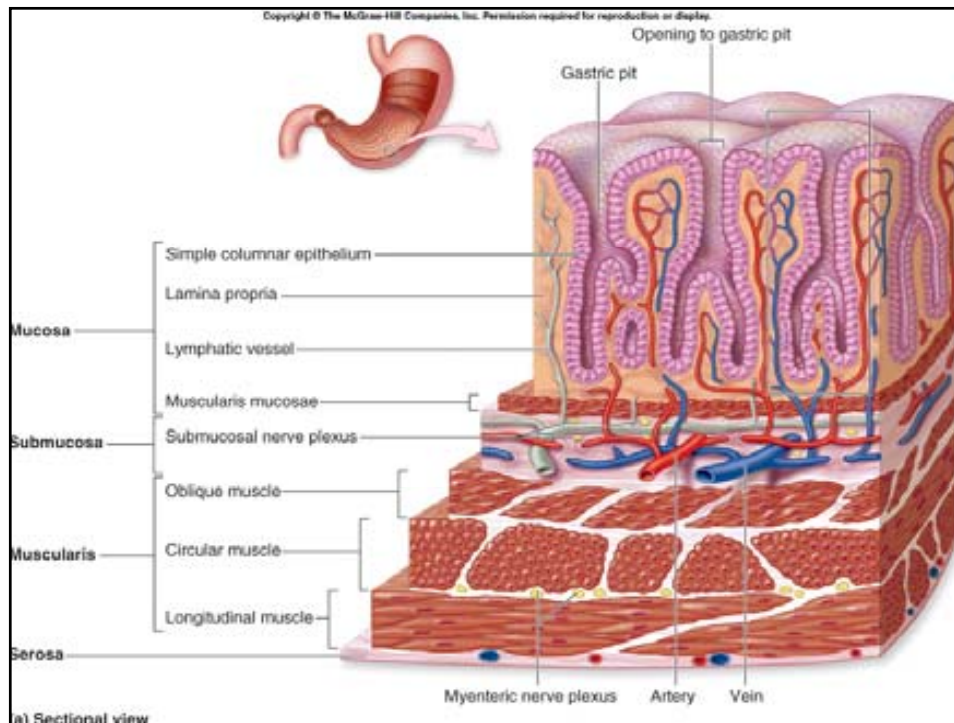
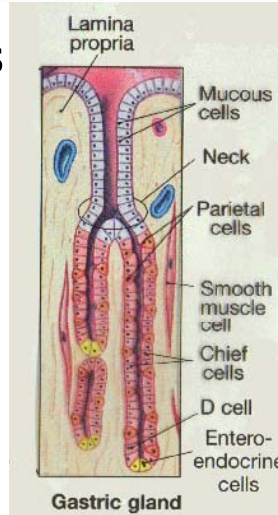
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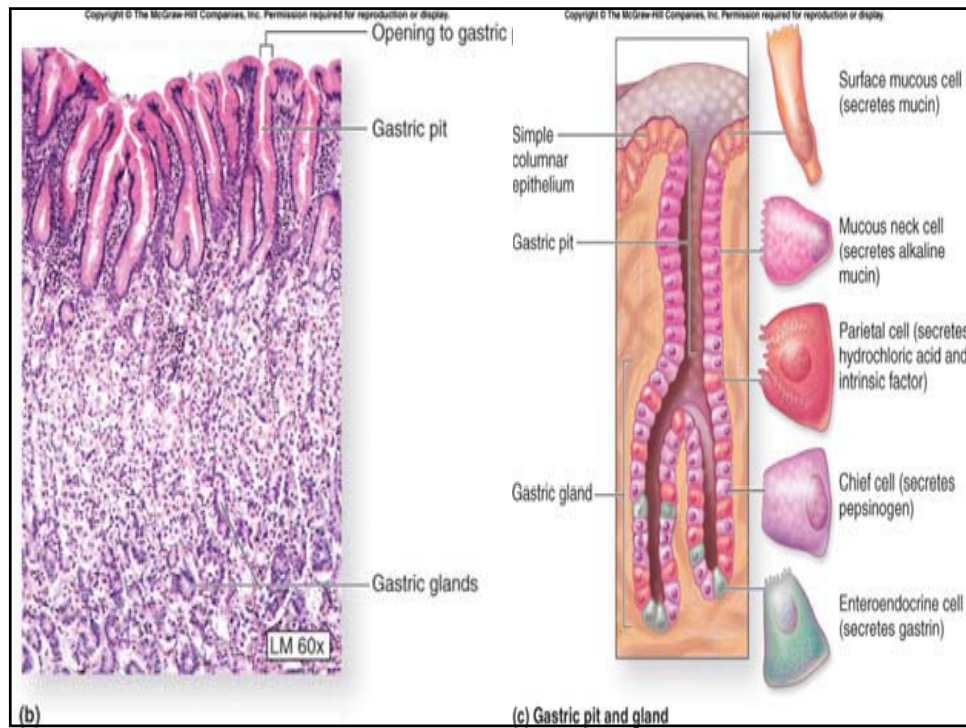


## ■ Stomach Histology

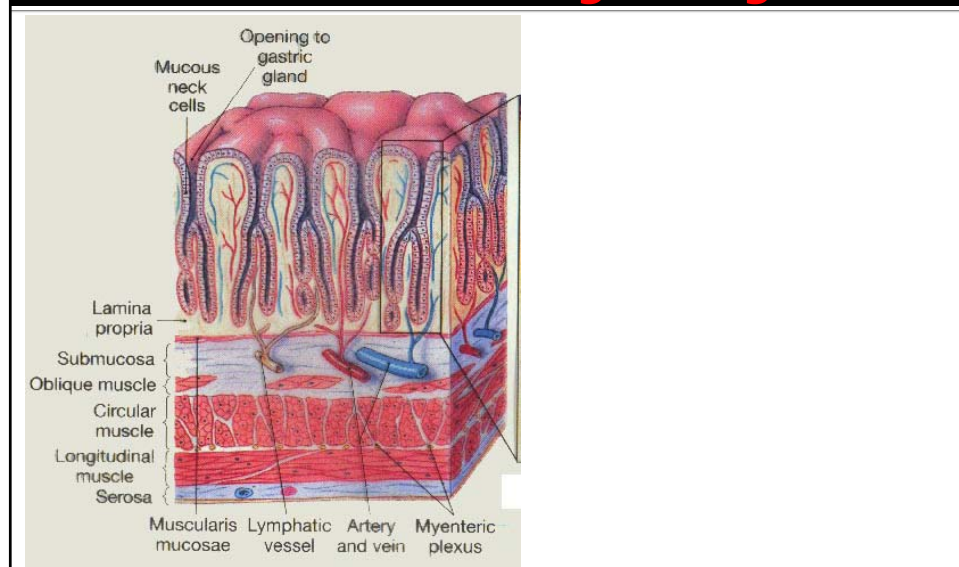
### ■ mucosa: location of gastric glands

- gastric gland cells
  - mucous cells
  - parietal cells
  - chief cells
  - endocrine cells





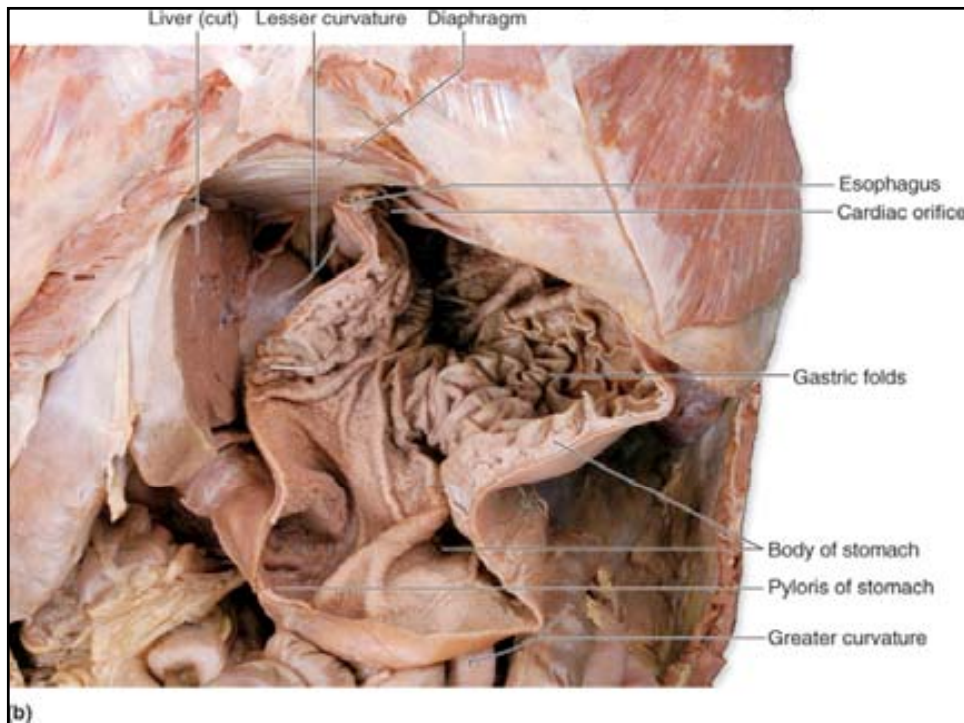
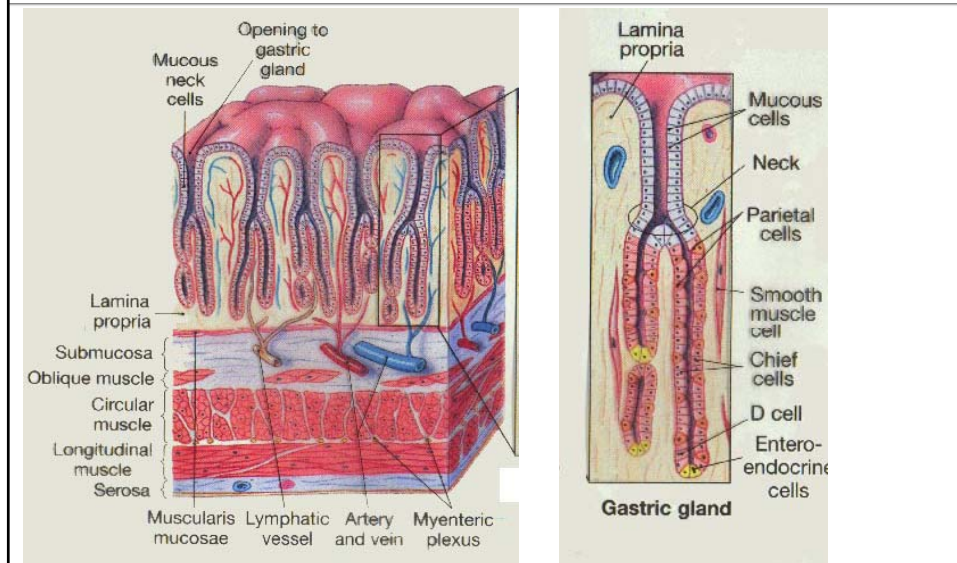
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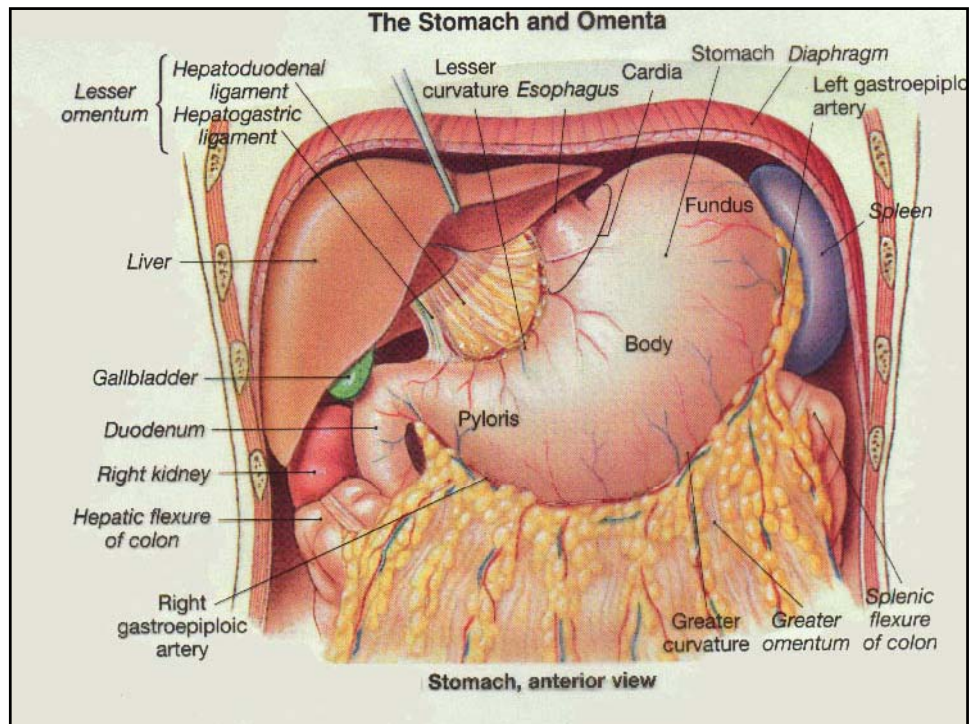




## ■ Stomach Histology

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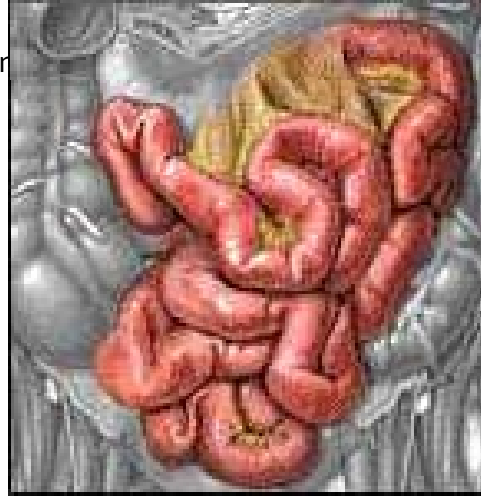




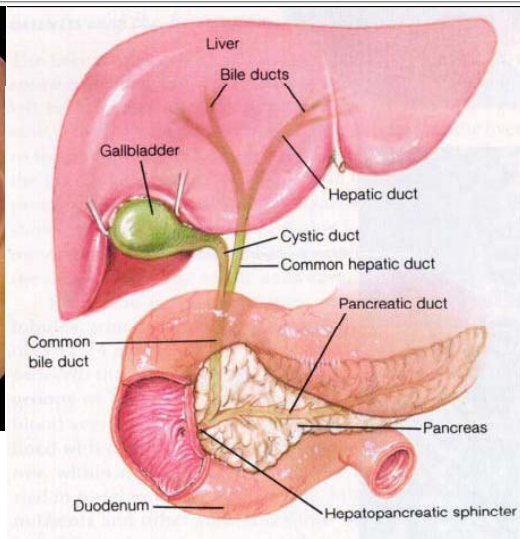


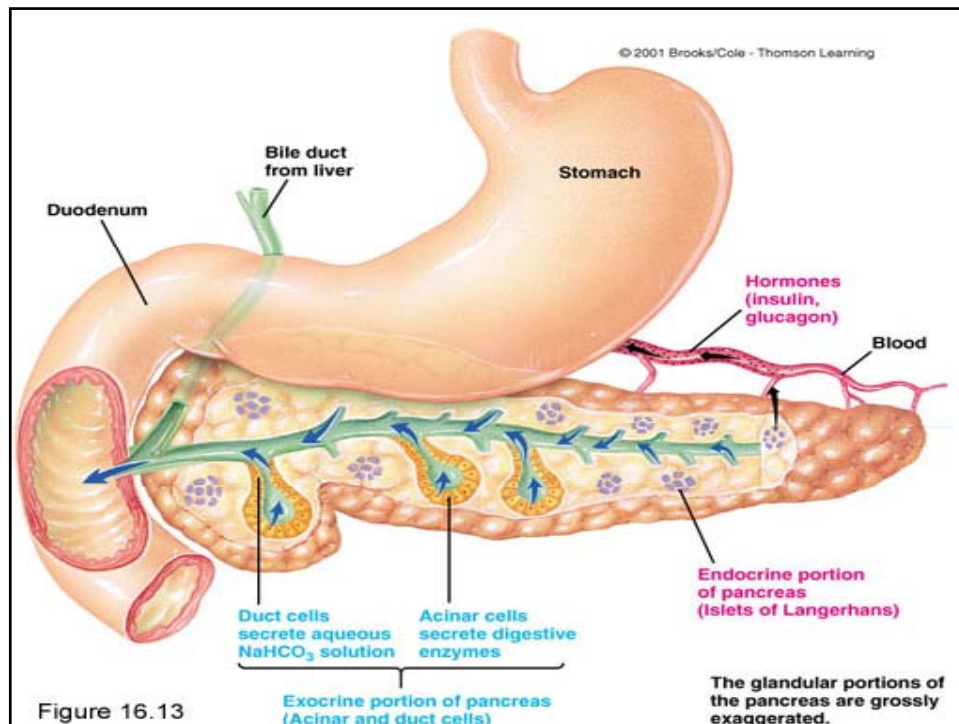
## Small Intestine

- Extends from pyloric sphincter  
→ ileocecal valve
- Regions
  - Duodenum
  - Jejunum
  - Ileum
- Movements
  - Segmentation
  - Peristalsis



## Duodenum





The duodenum forms the first segment of the small intestine.

Approximately 25 centimeters (10 inches) long and originates at the pyloric sphincter.

The jejunum is the middle region of the small intestine.

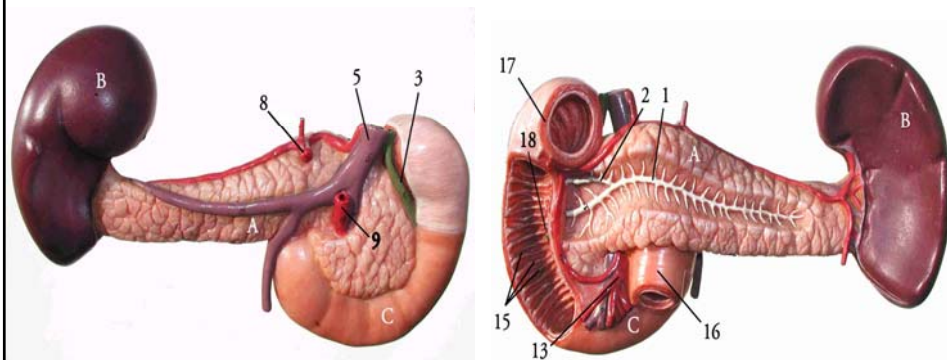
Extending approximately 2.5 meters (7.5 feet), it makes up approximately two-fifths of the small intestine's total length.

primary region for chemical digestion and nutrient absorption

The ileum is the last region of the small intestine.

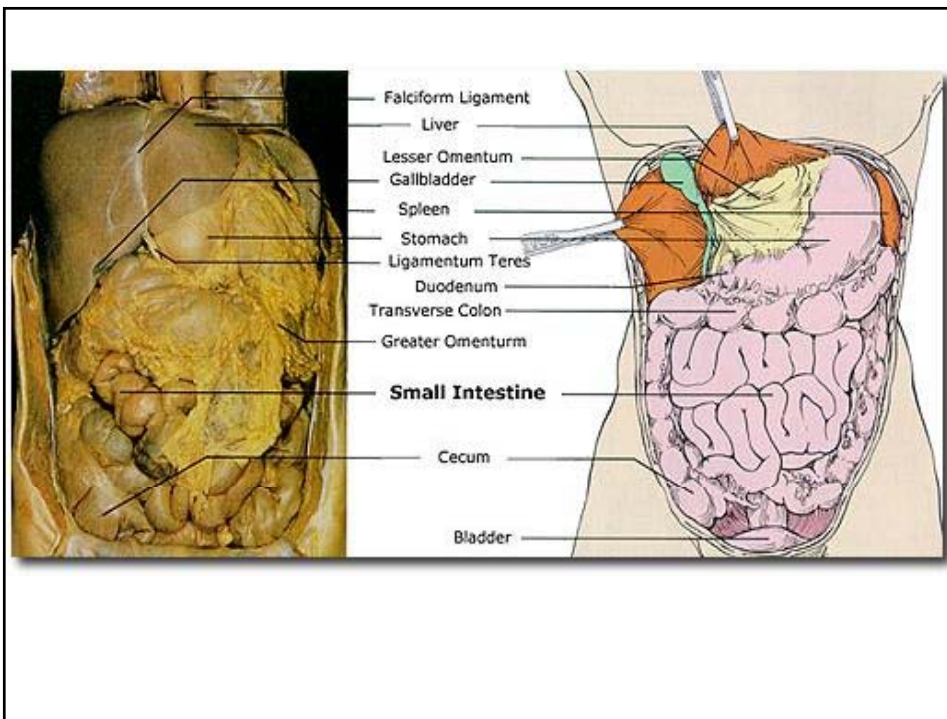
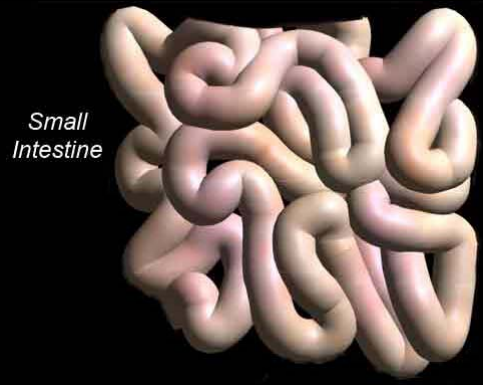
At about 3.6 meters (10.8 feet) in length, the ileum forms approximately three-fifths of the small intestine.

Its distal end terminates at the ileocecal valve, a sphincter that controls the entry of materials into the large intestine.



## Small Intestine

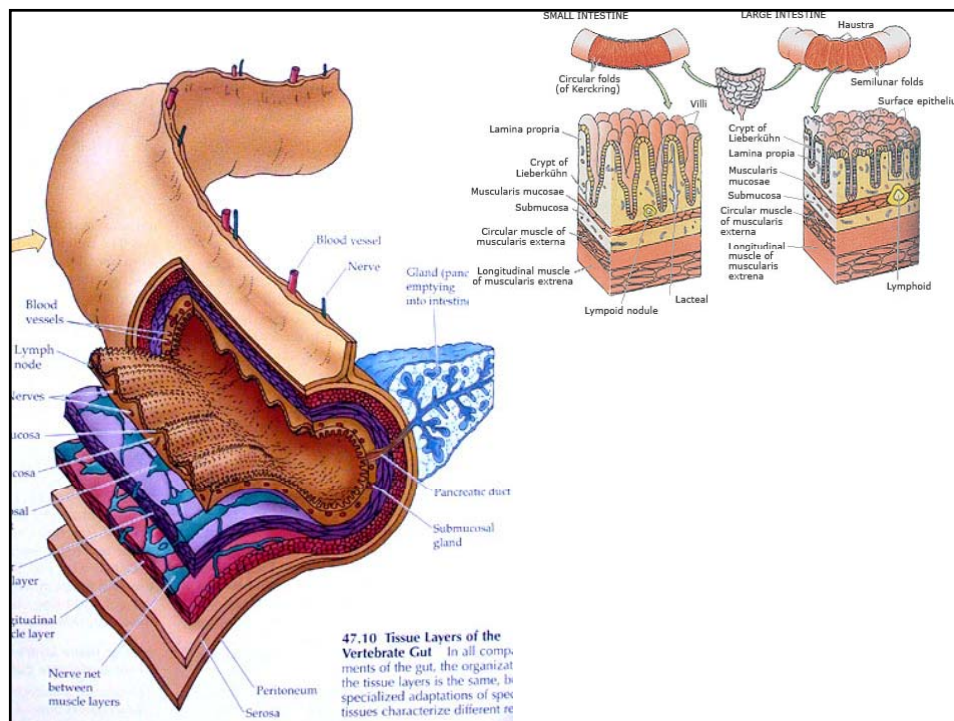
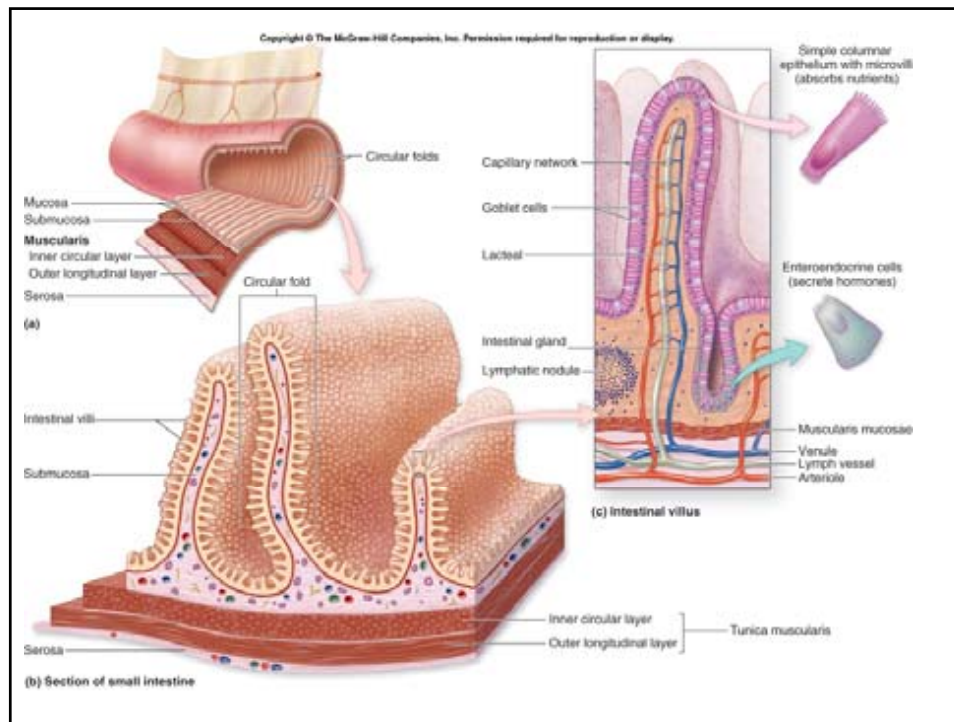
- Finishes the chemical digestion process and is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients.
- Ingested nutrients spend at least 12 hours in the small intestine as chemical digestion and absorption are completed.
- Coiled, thin-walled tube about 6 meters (20 feet) in length.
- Extends from the pylorus of the stomach to the cecum of the large intestine, and thus occupies a significant portion of the abdominal cavity.





- **Histology**
  - Intestinal glands – Intestinal enzymes
  - Duodenal glands – Alkaline mucous
  - Paneth cells – Lysozyme
  - Microvilli
  - Lacteals
  - Plica circularis
  - Smooth muscle
  - Lymphatic tissue – GALT
  - Vascular

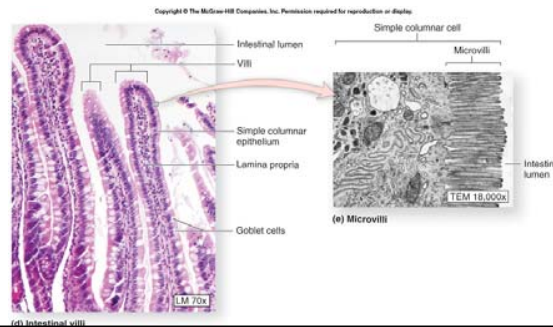




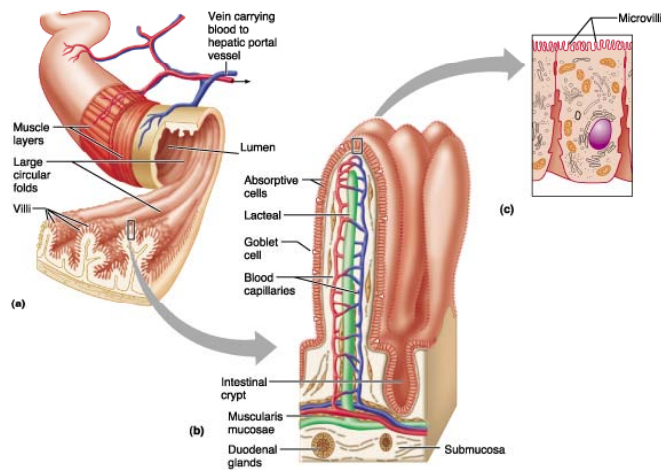


## Small Intestine

- Absorbs
  - 80% ingested water
  - Electrolytes
  - Vitamins
  - Minerals
  - Carbonates
    - Active/facilitated transport
    - Monosaccharides
  - Proteins
    - Di-/tripeptides
    - Amino acids
- Lipids
  - Monoglycerides
  - Fatty acids
  - Micelles
  - Chylomicrons



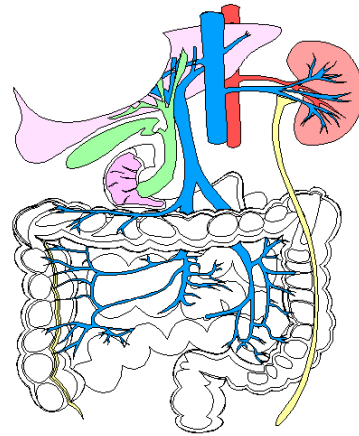
## Structure of the Villi in the Small Intestine



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## Small Intestine

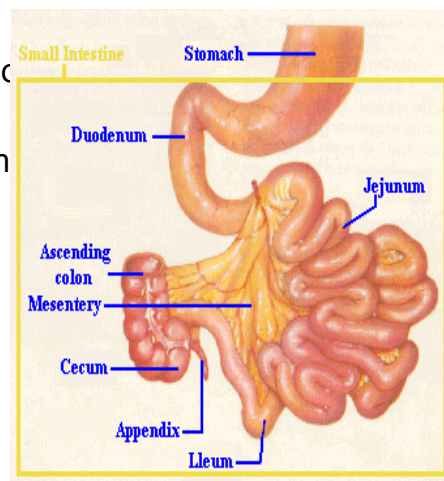
- Secretes digestive enzymes
  - Peptidases
    - Amino-
    - Di-
    - Tri-
  - Sucrases
  - Maltase
  - Lactase
  - Saccharidases
    - Di-
    - Tri-
  - Lipase
  - Nucleases



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## Small Intestine

- Control
- Requires pancreatic enzymes & bile to complete digestion



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## Large Intestine

- Extends from ileocecal valve to anus
- Regions
  - Cecum – Appendix
  - Colon
    - Ascending
    - Transverse
    - Descending
  - Rectum
  - Anal canal

Has an approximate length of 1.5 meters (5 feet) and a diameter of 6.5 centimeters (2.5 inches).

Absorbs most of the water and electrolytes from the remaining digested material.

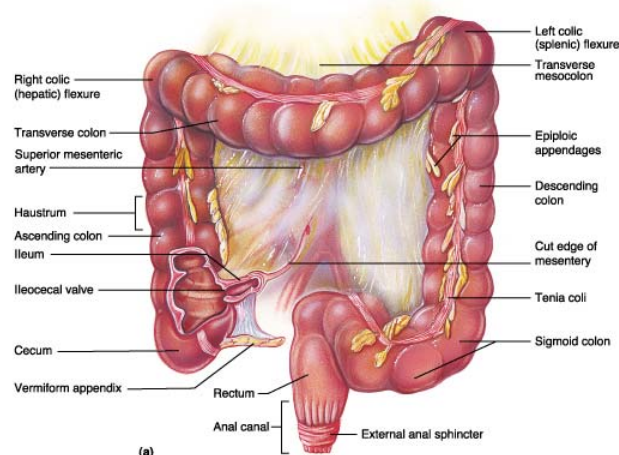
Watery material that first enters the large intestine soon solidifies and becomes feces.

Stores this fecal material until the body is ready to defecate.

Absorbs a very small percentage of nutrients still remaining in the digested material.

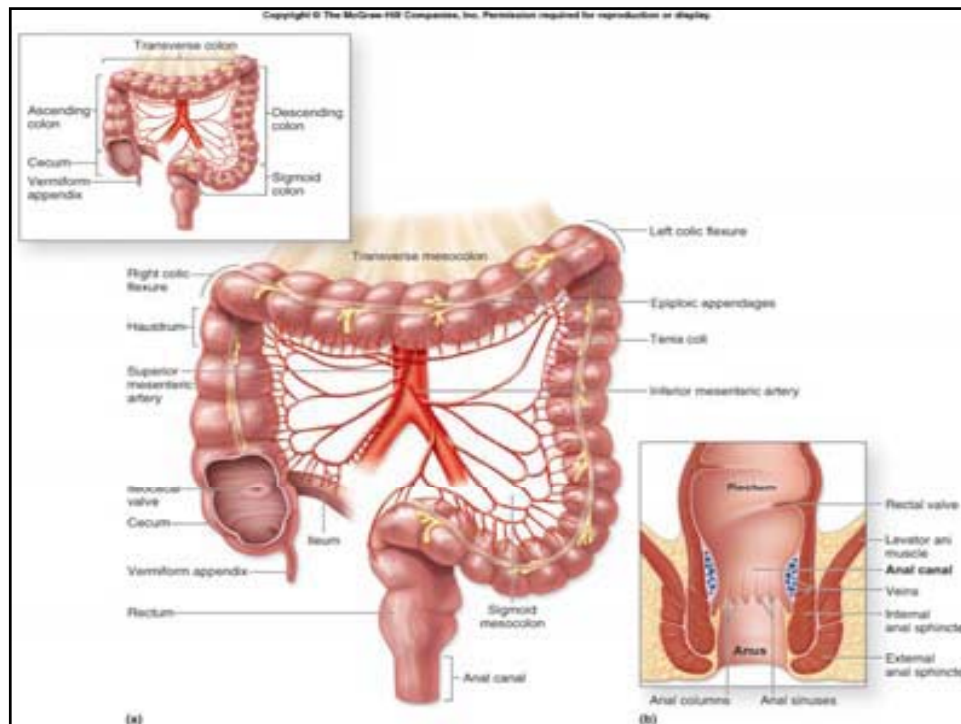
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## Anatomy of the Large Intestine



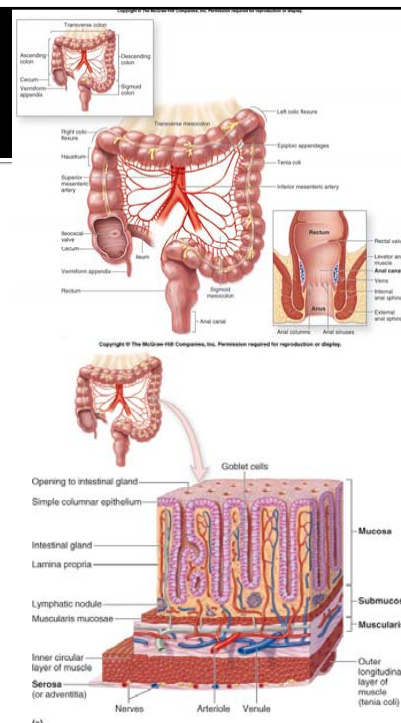
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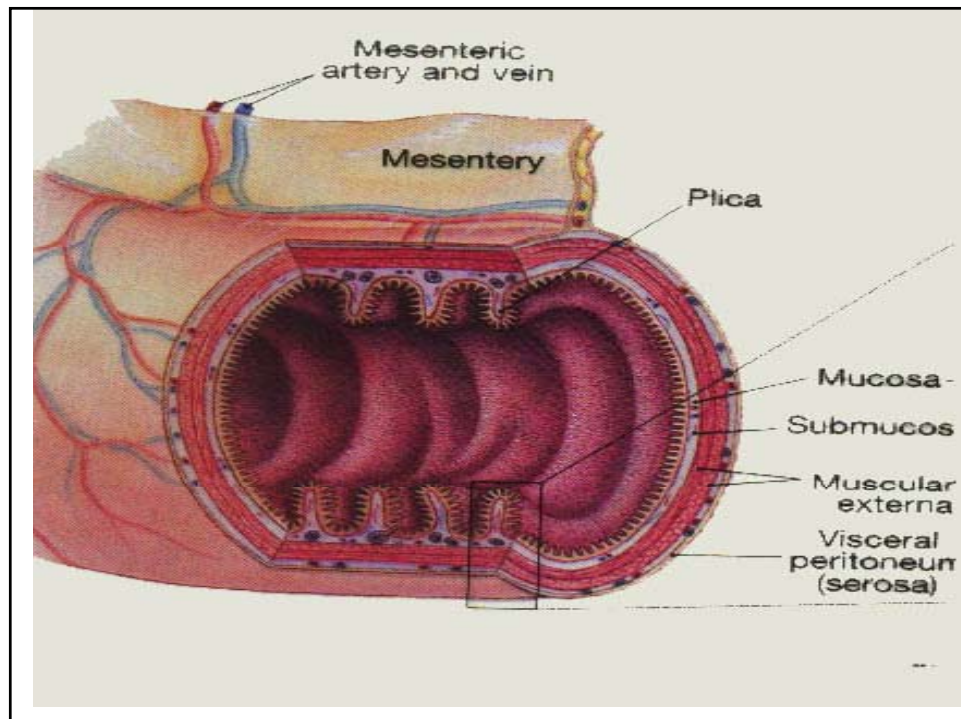
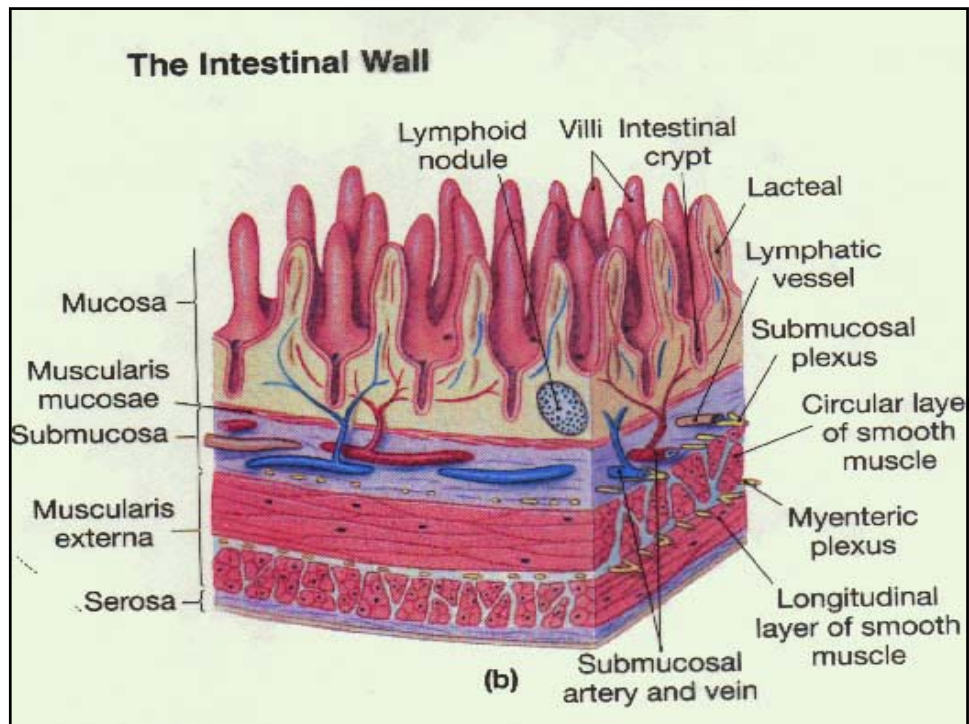


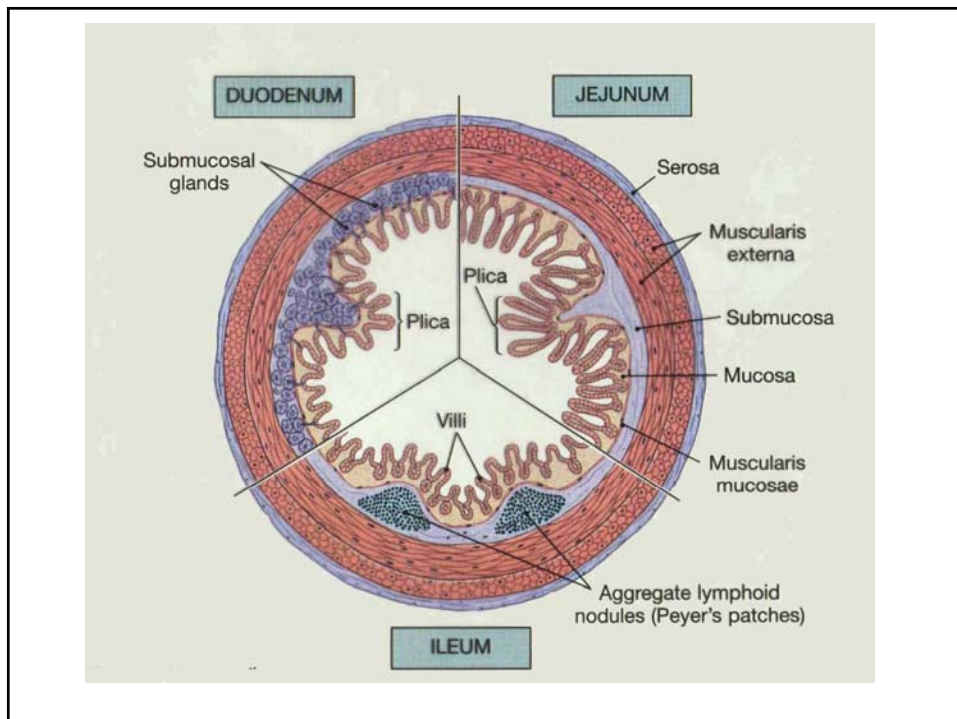
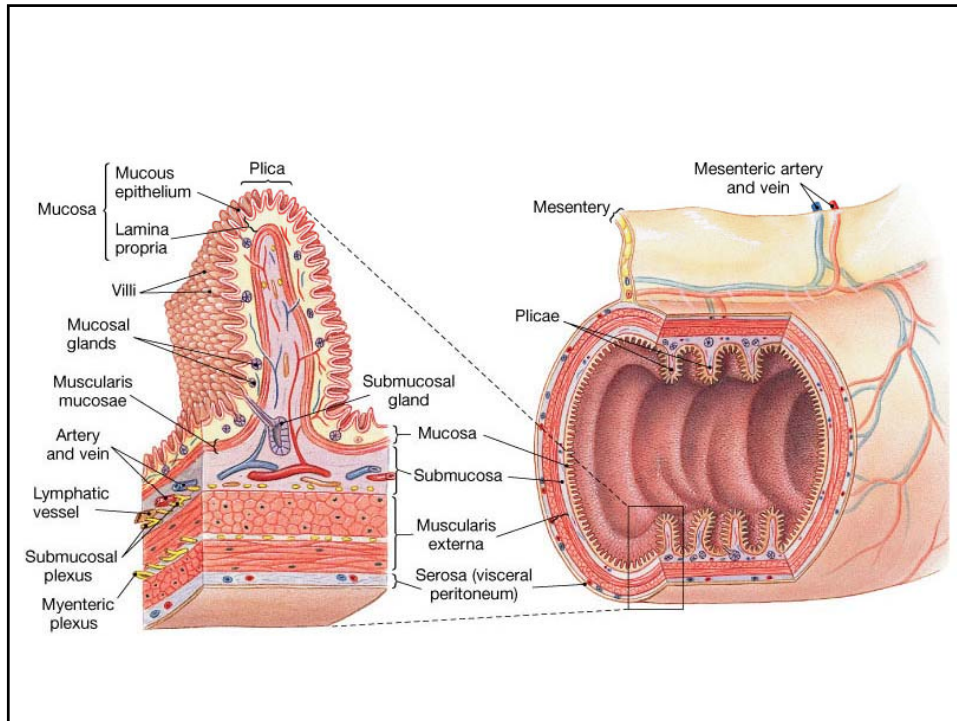
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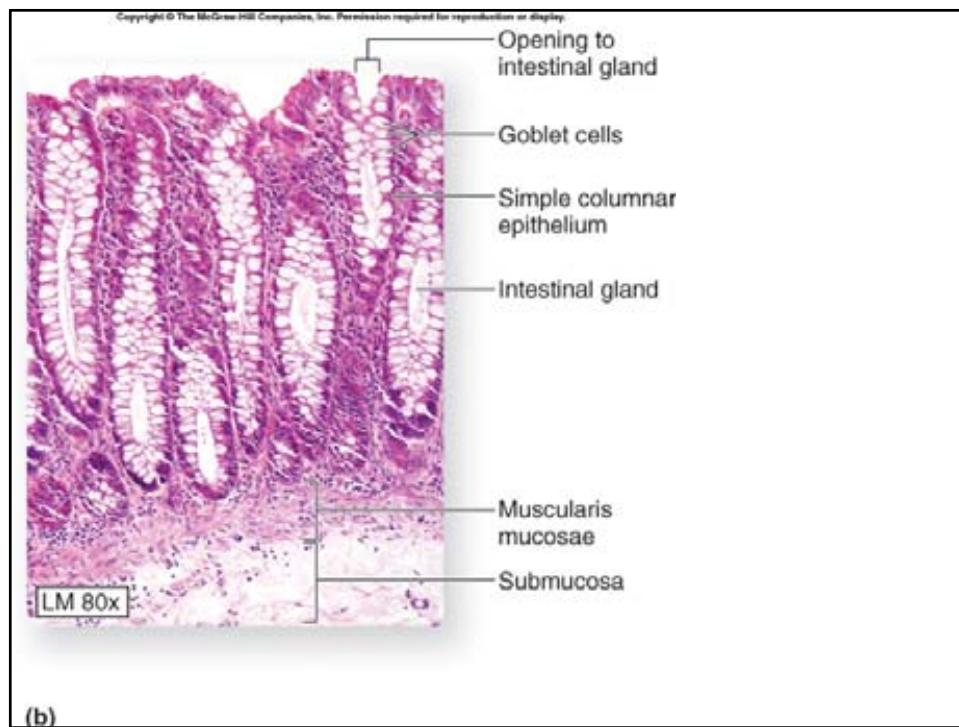
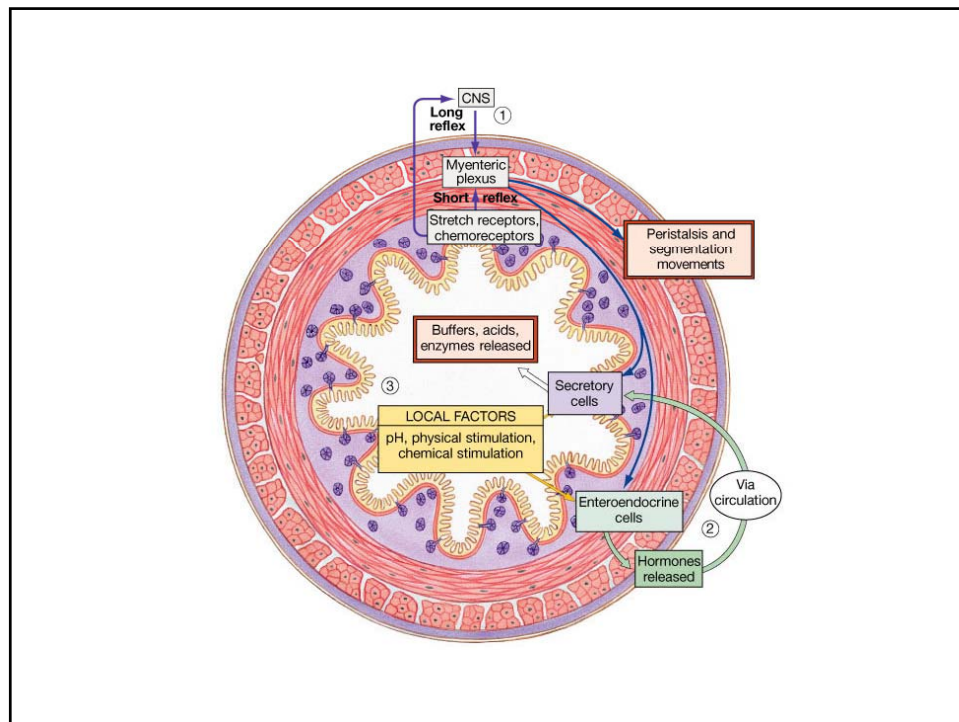
- Histology
  - No villi
  - No permanent circular folds
  - Smooth muscle
    - Taeniae coli
    - Haustra
  - Epiploic appendages
  - Otherwise like rest of GI tract











## Large Intestine

### ■ Functions

#### ■ Mechanical digestion

- Haustral churning
- Peristalsis
- Reflexes
  - Gastroileal
  - Gastrocolic

– Absorbs

- More water
- Vitamins
  - B
  - K

– Concentrate/eliminate wastes

#### ■ Chemical digestion – Bacterial digestion

- Ferment carbohydrates
- Protein/amino acid breakdown

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## Feces Formation and Defecation

### ■ Chyme dehydrated to form feces

### ■ Feces composition

- Water
- Inorganic salts
- Epithelial cells
- Bacteria
- Byproducts of digestion

### ■ Defecation

- Peristalsis pushes feces into rectum
- Rectal walls stretch

### ■ Control

- Parasympathetic
- Voluntary

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# Liver

- Location
  - R. Hypochondrium
  - Epigastric region
- 4 Lobes
  - Left
  - Quadrate
  - Caudate
  - Right
- Each lobe has lobules – Contains hepatocytes – Surround sinusoids – Feed into central vein

## The liver

composed of four incompletely separated lobes

supported by two ligaments

Right lobe

Left lobe

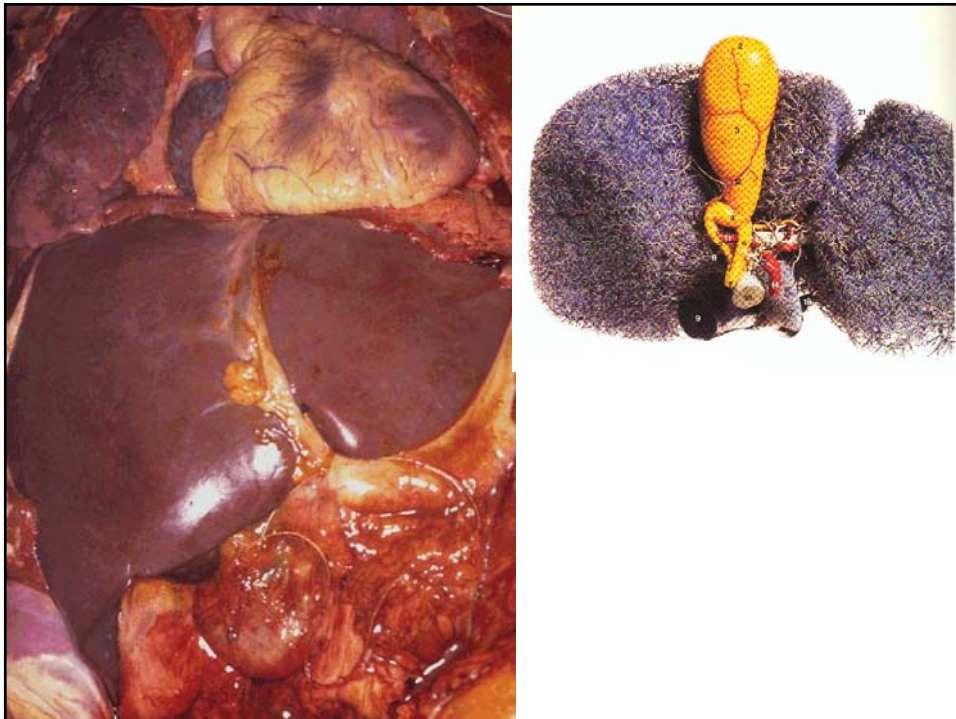
Falciform ligament

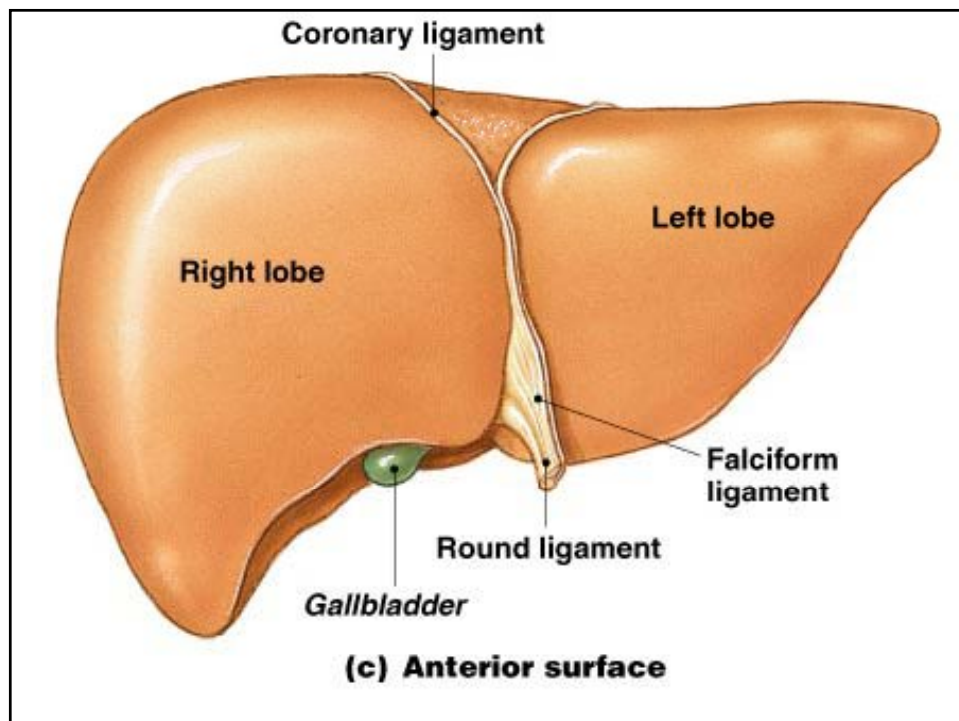
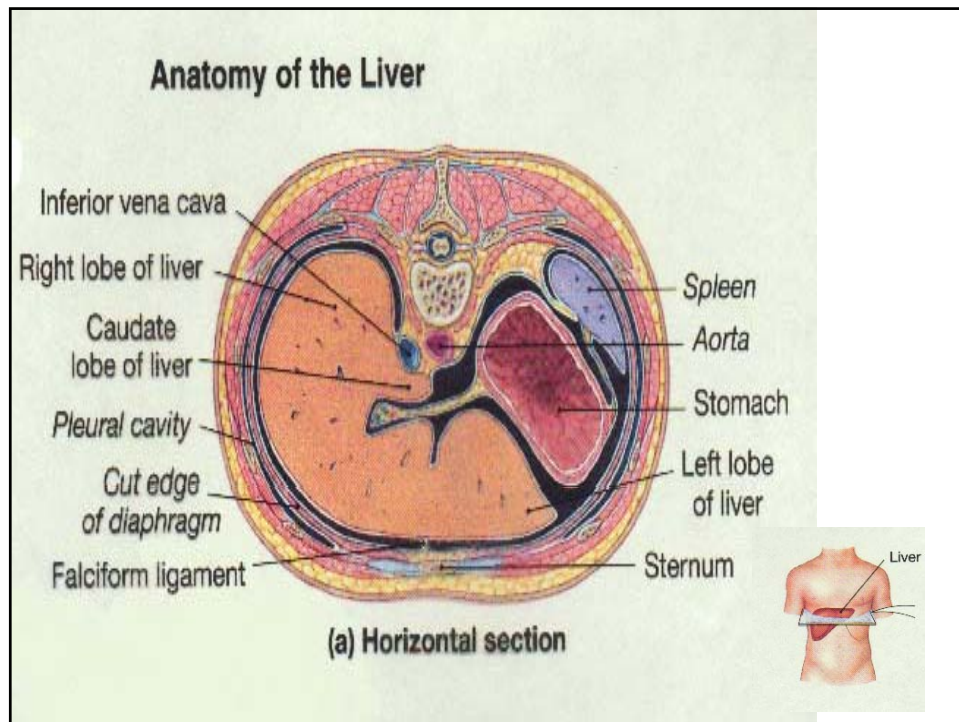
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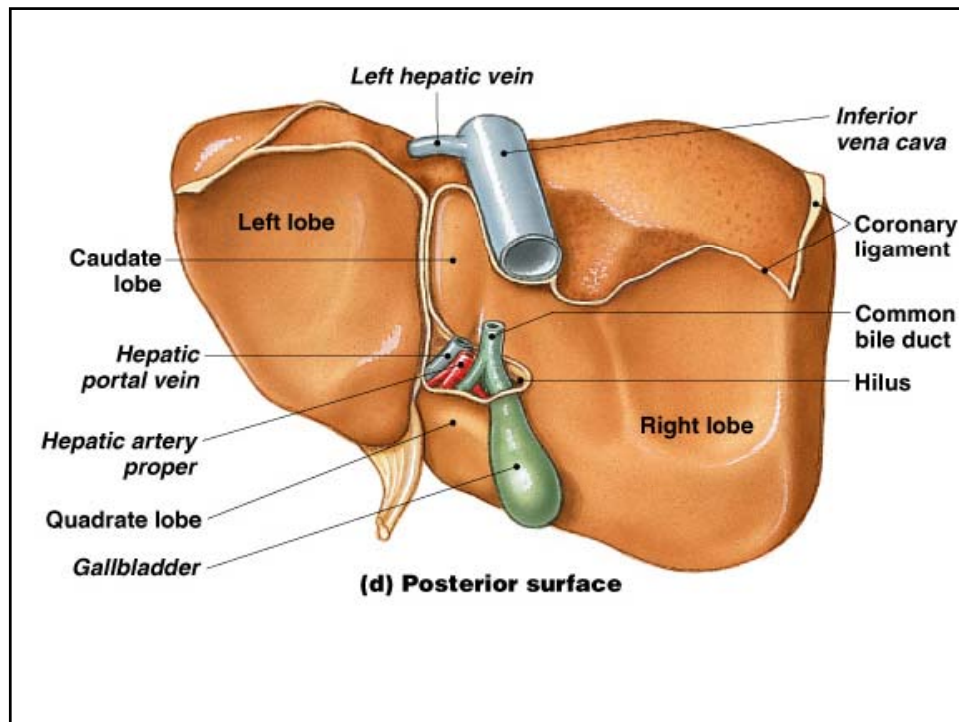
Caudate lobe

Quadrate lobe

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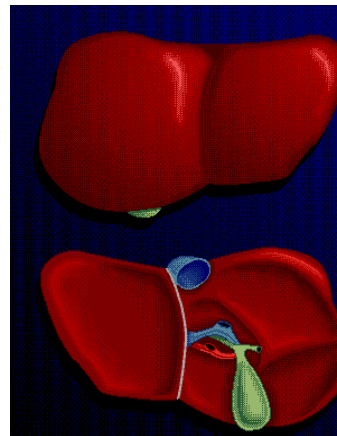




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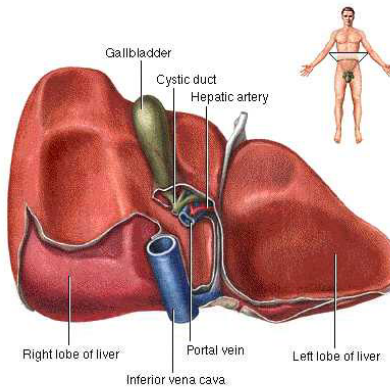
### ■ Functions

- Makes bile
  - Detergent – emulsifies fats
  - Release promoted by:
    - Vagus n.
    - CCK
    - Secretin
  - Contains
    - Water
    - Bile salts
    - Bile pigments
    - Electrolytes
    - Cholesterol
    - Lecithin



# Liver

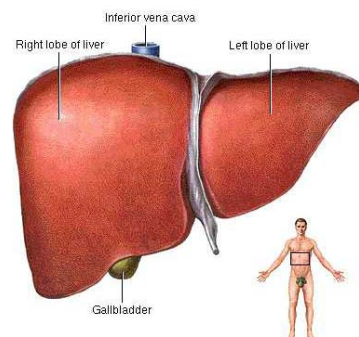
- Detoxifies/removes
  - Drugs
  - Alcohol
- Stores
  - Glycogen
  - Vitamins (A, D, E, K)
  - Fe and other minerals
  - Cholesterol
- Activates vitamin D
- Fetal RBC production
- Phagocytosis
- Metabolizes absorbed food molecules
  - Carbohydrates
  - Proteins
  - Lipids



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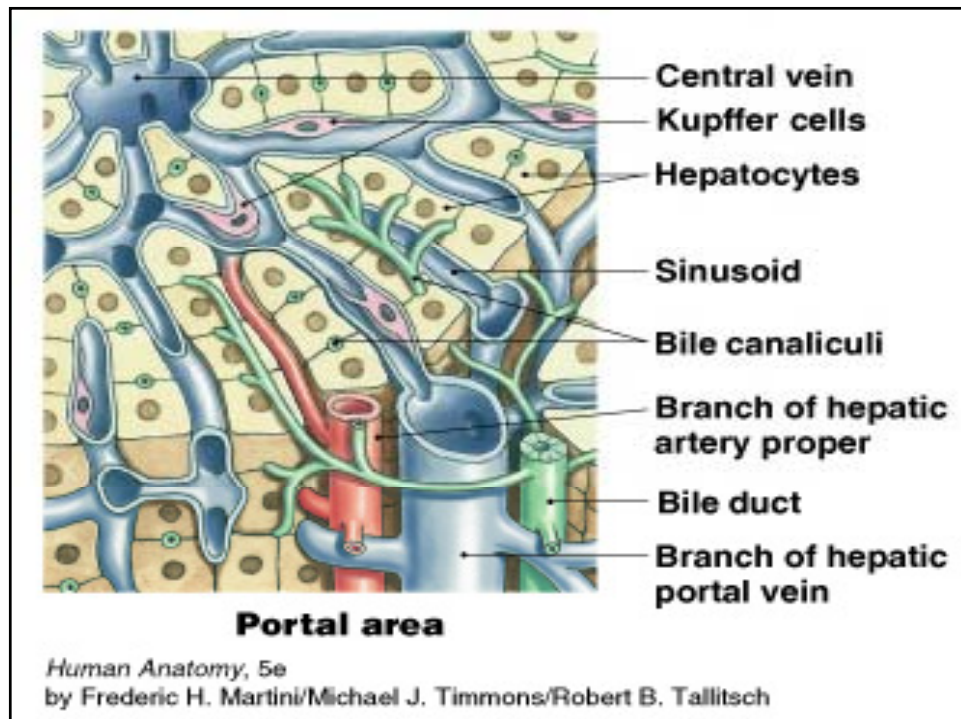
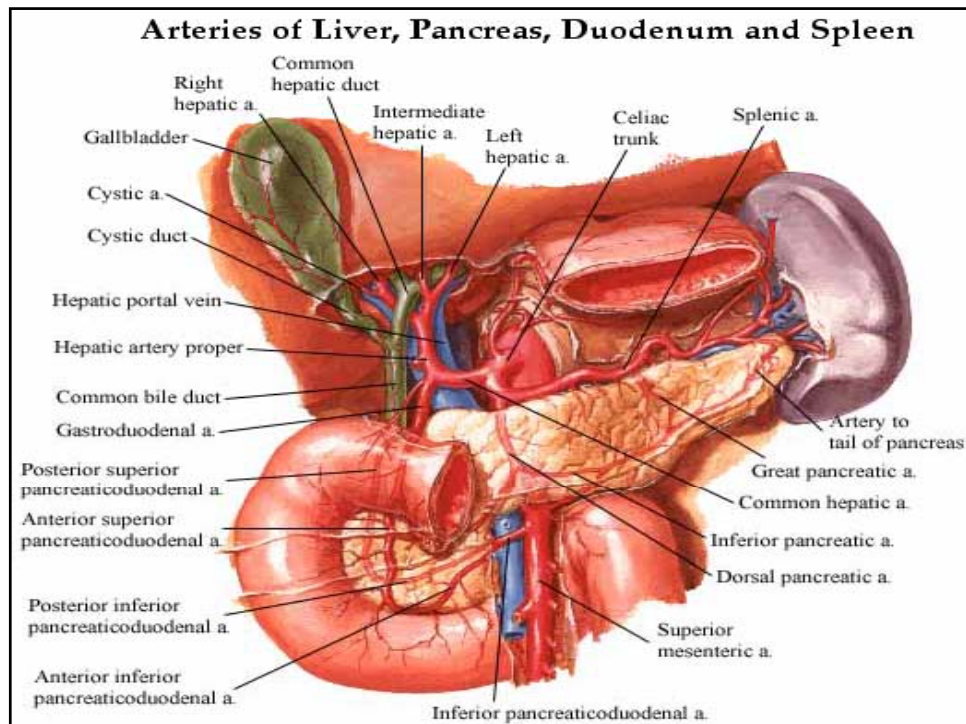
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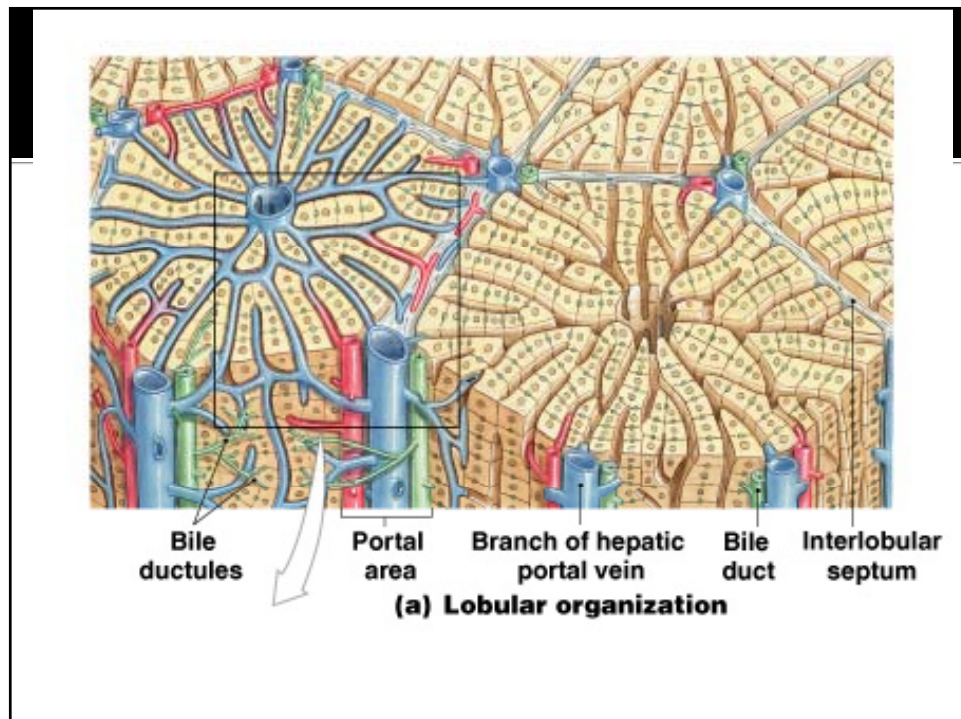
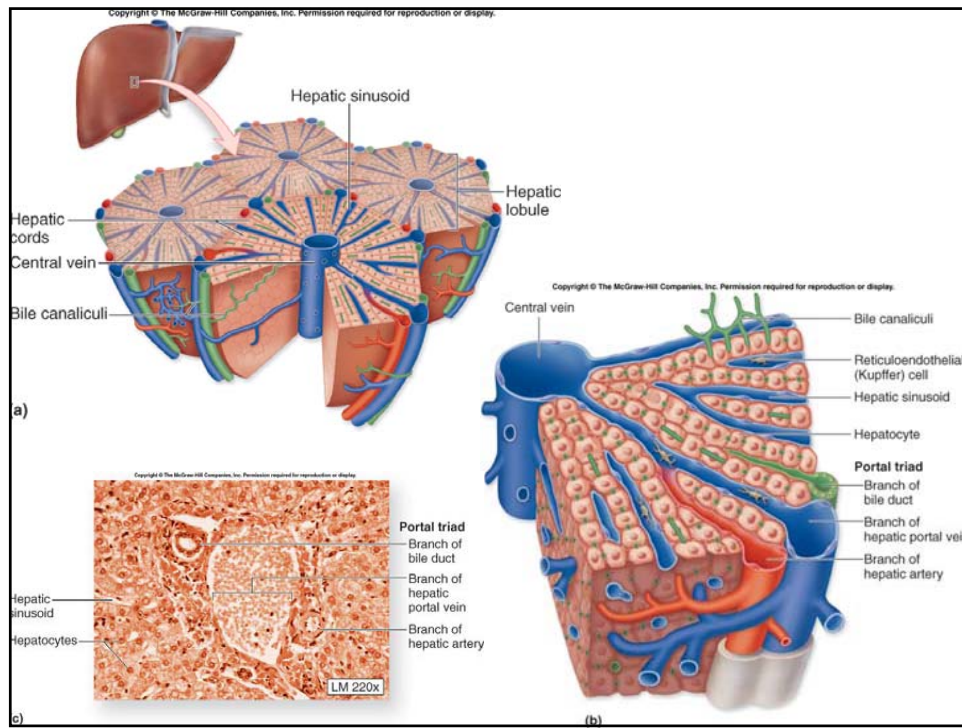
- Dual blood supply
  - Hepatic portal vein
    - Direct input from small intestine
  - Hepatic artery/vein
    - Direct links to heart

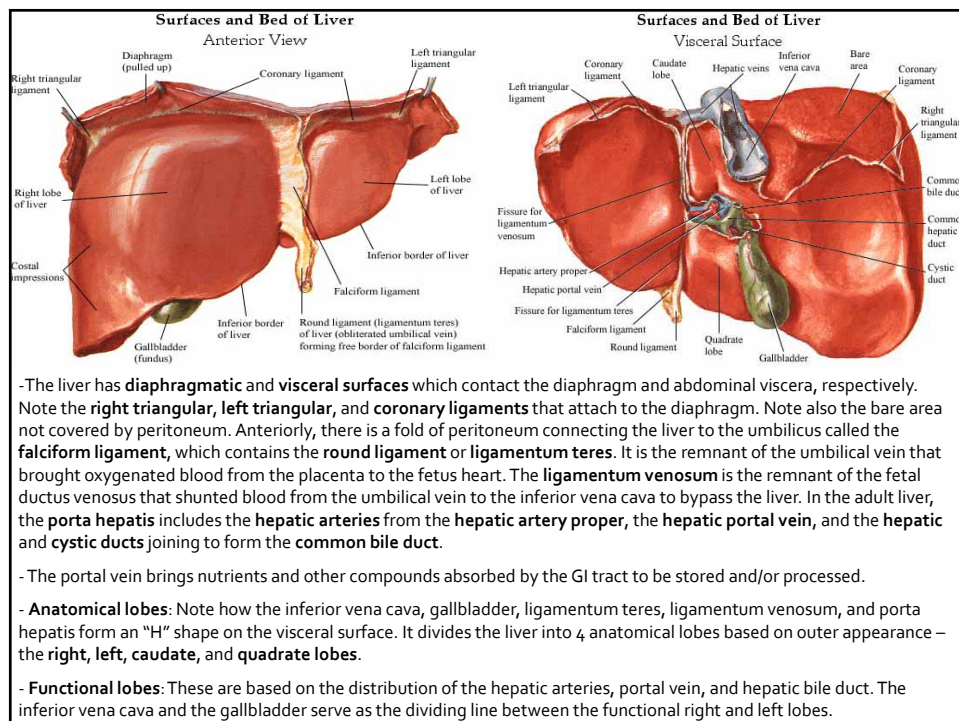
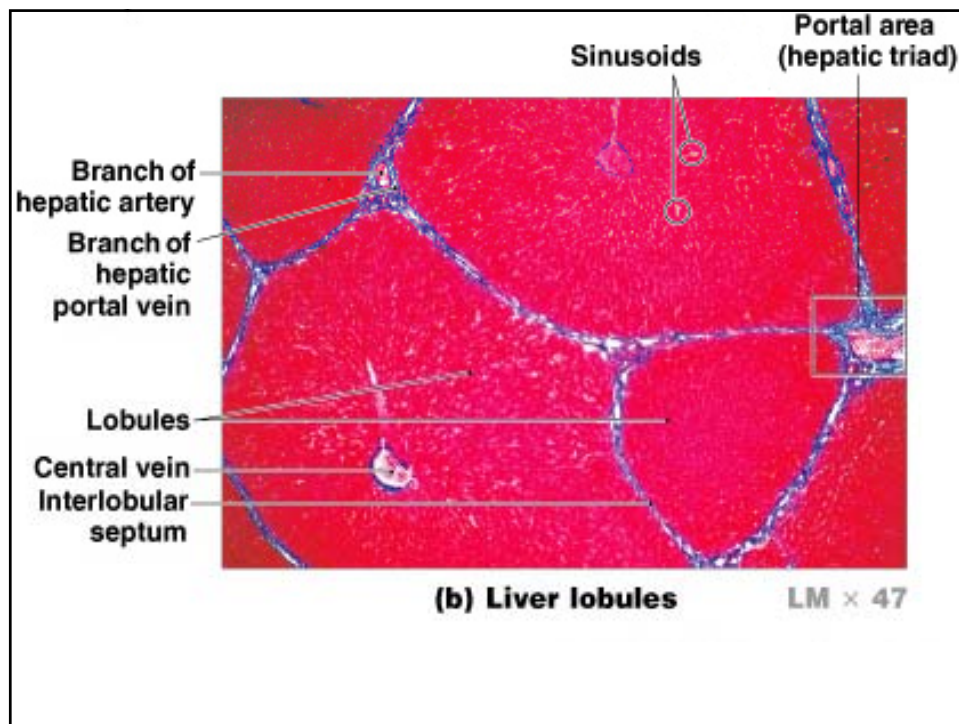


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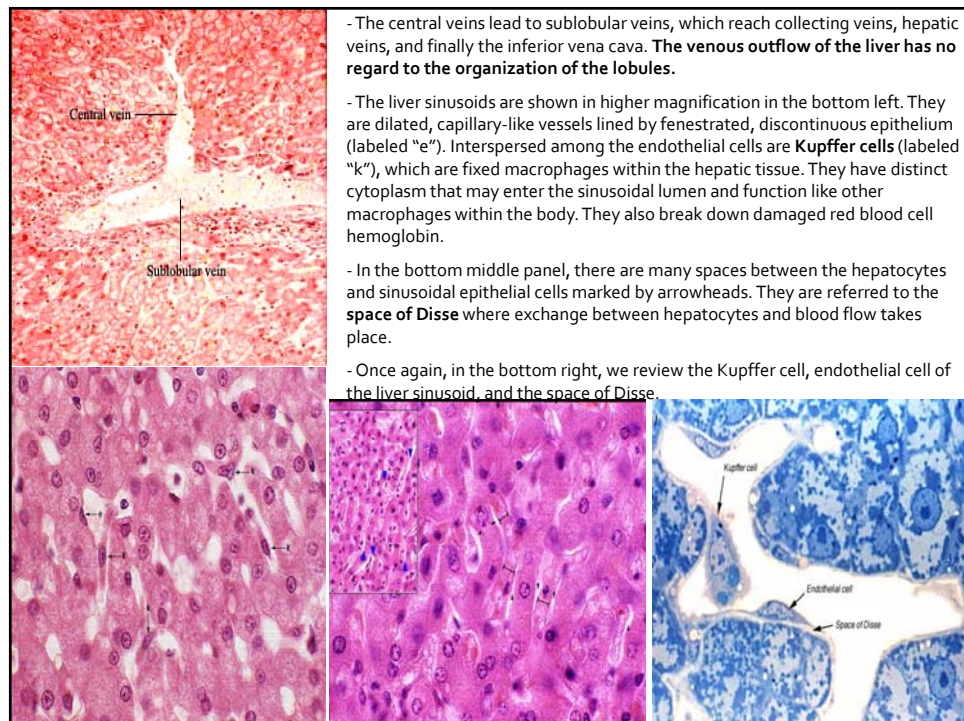
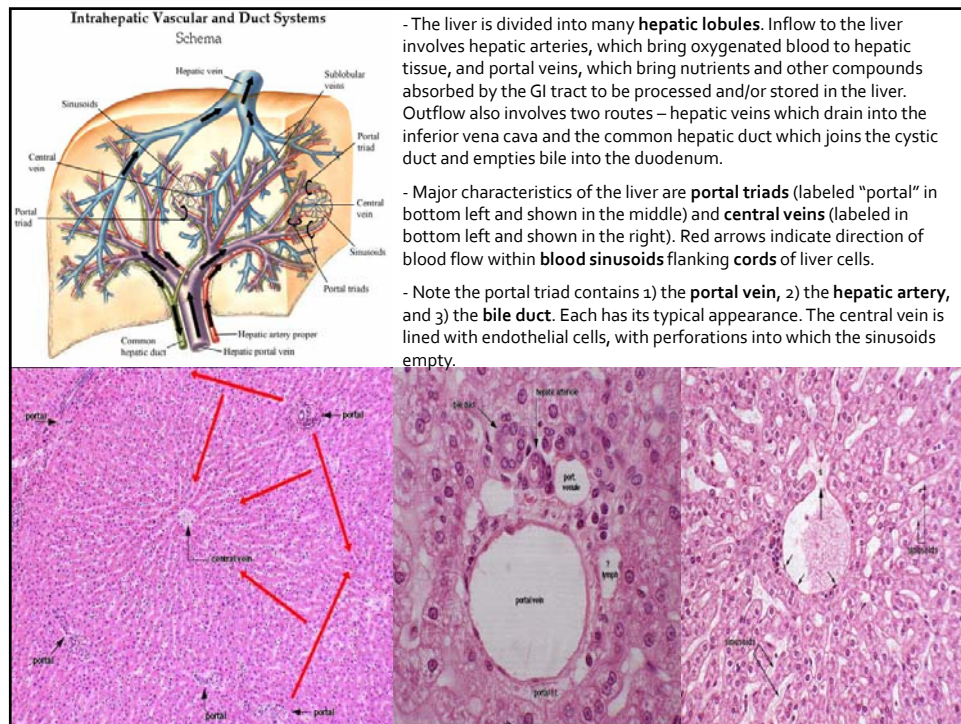




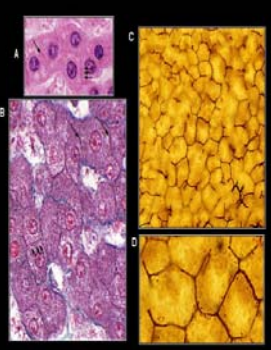










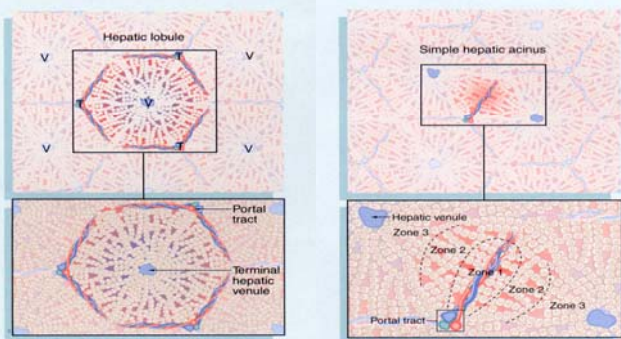


- The liver lobules can be defined in 3 ways:

- 1) **Classic lobule** – centered around the central vein with the portal triads at each corner. Shown below on the left, the classic lobule may not always be hexagonal in shape.
- 2) **Portal lobule** (not shown) – centered on the portal triad, based on bile secretion, and approximately triangular in shape.
- 3) **Liver acinus of Rappaport** – this is the most functionally important classification. Shown below on the right, the acinus is roughly oval in shape with 2 central veins and 2 portal triads on opposite ends. Based on the blood flow within hepatic tissue, the acinus is divided into 3 zones. Cells in different zones are specialized for different activity. Zone 1 cells, being closest to the portal triads and hence most oxygenated blood, have the most drug-metabolizing enzymatic activity. Following that same reasoning, zone 3 hepatocytes near the central veins are most susceptible to ischemia.

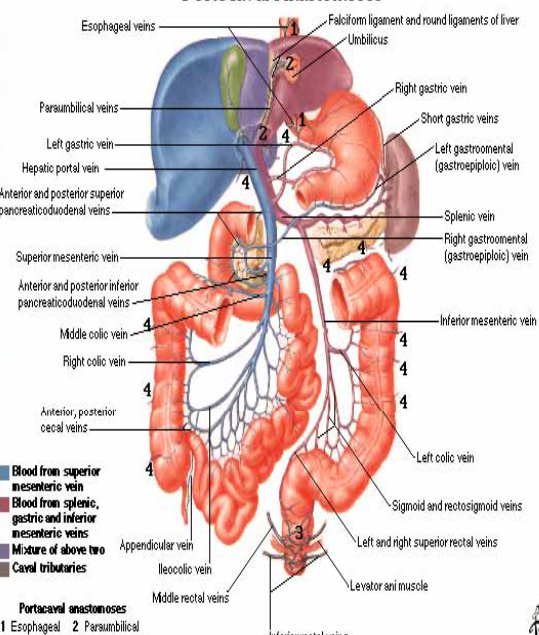
- As mentioned earlier, the liver has both endocrine and exocrine functions. The various proteins that hepatocytes secrete enter the bloodstream via the liver sinusoids. The liver also secretes bile in the conventional exocrine fashion.

- The hepatocytes secrete bile into sealed extracellular spaces called **bile canaliculi**. The typical "chicken-wire" appearance is more easily visualized with silver stain.



### Hepatic Portal Vein Tributaries

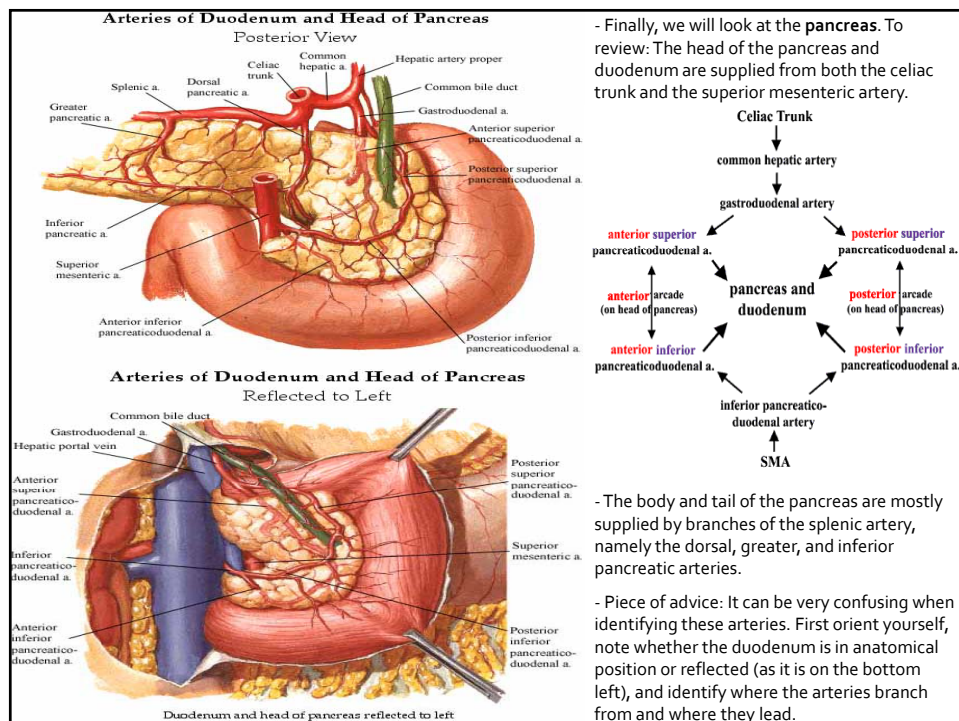
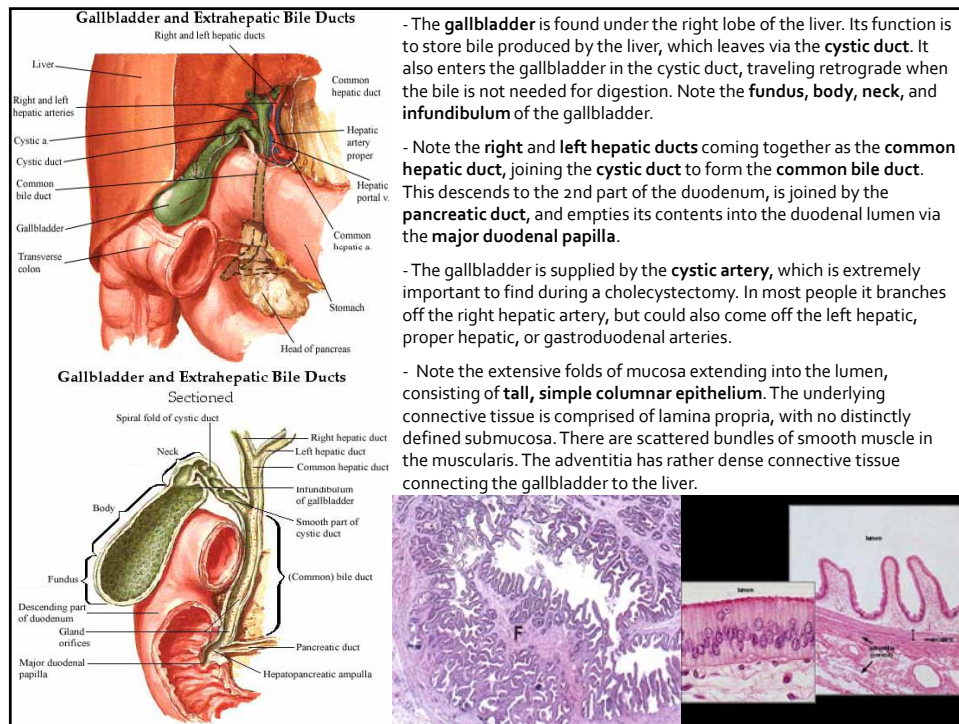
#### Portocaval Anastomoses



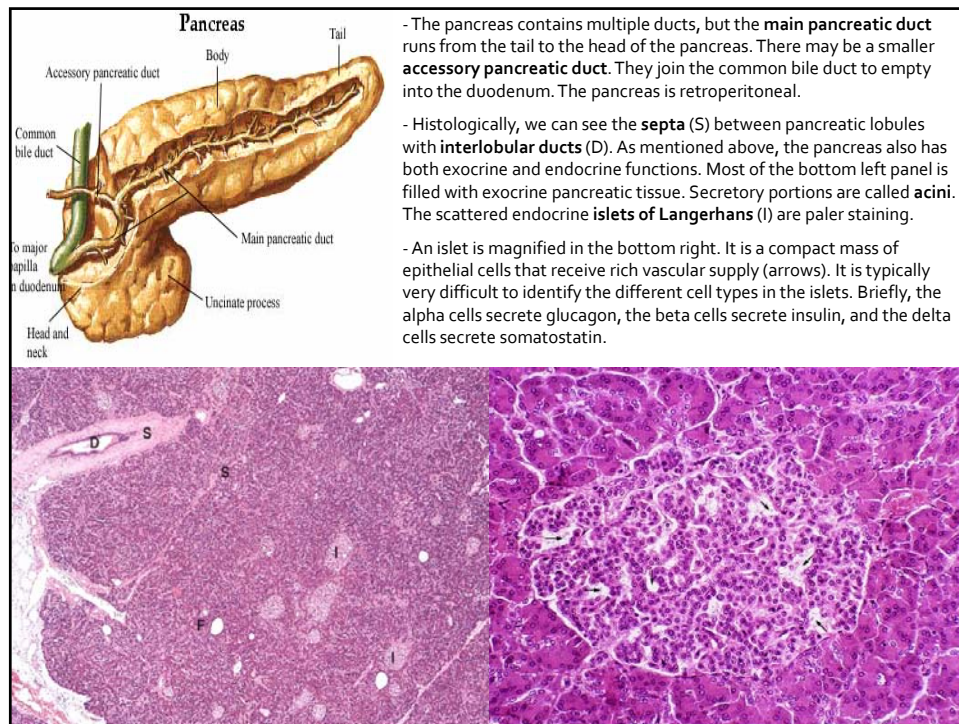
**Portocaval anastomoses:**

- 1 Esophageal
- 2 Paraumbilical
- 3 Rectal
- 4 Retroperitoneal

- Once again, inflow to the liver involves oxygenated blood via hepatic arteries and absorbed nutrients and compounds from the GI tract via the hepatic portal veins.
- All venous drainage from the GI tract and abdominal visceral organs enters the **portal system** back to the liver. The overall order is as following: arteries → capillaries → veins → portal vein → hepatic sinusoids → veins → vena cava → heart.
- In contrast, the **caval system** is as following: arteries → capillaries → veins → vena cava → heart. Obviously, this is the circulatory system within the rest of the body.
- The portal and caval system are not exclusive from each other. There are 4 sites of **portocaval anastomoses**:
  - 1) esophageal veins
  - 2) paraumbilical veins
  - 3) rectal veins
  - 4) retroperitoneal veins
- If there is liver damage or **cirrhosis** – accumulation of fibrous tissue that constricts the sinusoids – there may be **portal hypertension**. This may lead to varicose veins at the 4 sites of anastomoses.



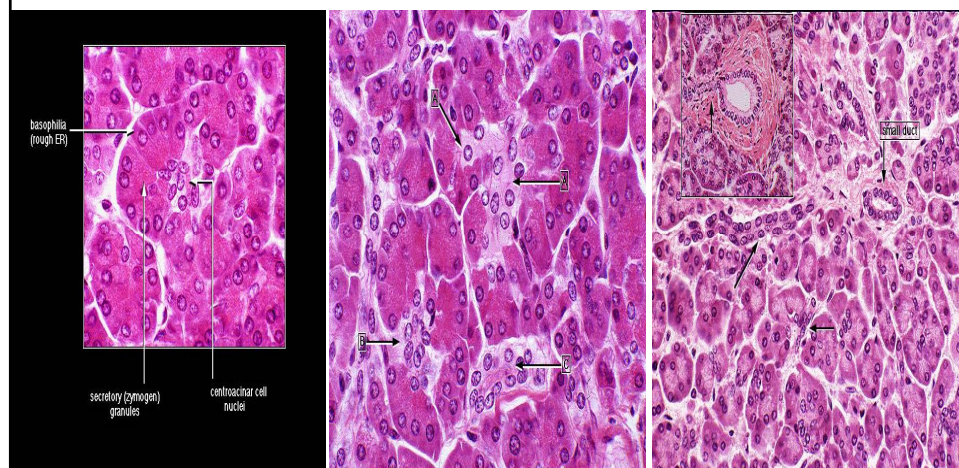




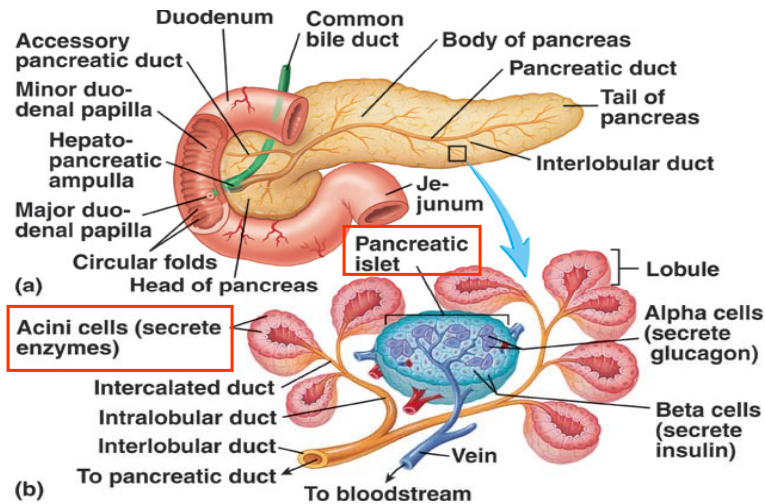
- Once again, most of the pancreas contains **exocrine acini**. Pancreatic enzymes are very diverse, including extremely efficient proteases, lipases, and amylases.

- Separate acini are shown in the left. The pancreatic **acinar** or **secretory cells** are polarized, meaning the **basal** portions are filled with **basophilic rough ER**. The **apical** regions are filled with **zymogen granules** that contain many stored pro-enzymes.

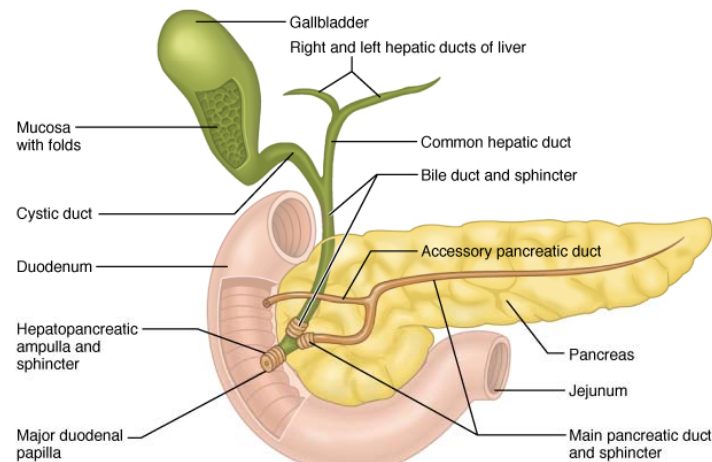
- **Centroacinar cells**, with paler staining, can be seen in the middle of some acini and mark the beginning of the duct system (marked "A" in the middle panel). They converge at "B" to form **intercalated ducts**, marked as "C". The intercalated duct cells may be hard to identify, but they actively pump water and bicarbonate into the duct lumen. Intercalated ducts empty into interlobular ducts, marked as "small duct" in the bottom right, which lead to the main pancreatic duct.



## PANCREAS ANATOMY



## The Duodenum and Related Organs

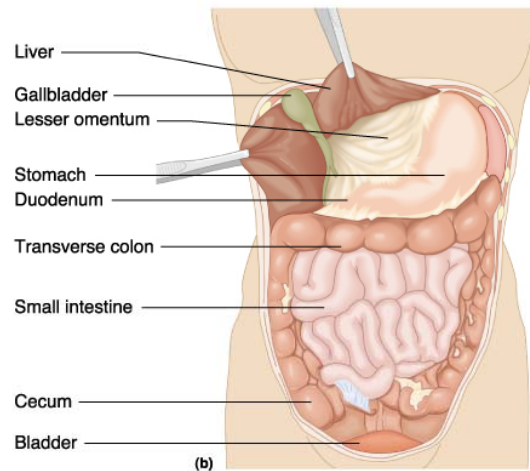


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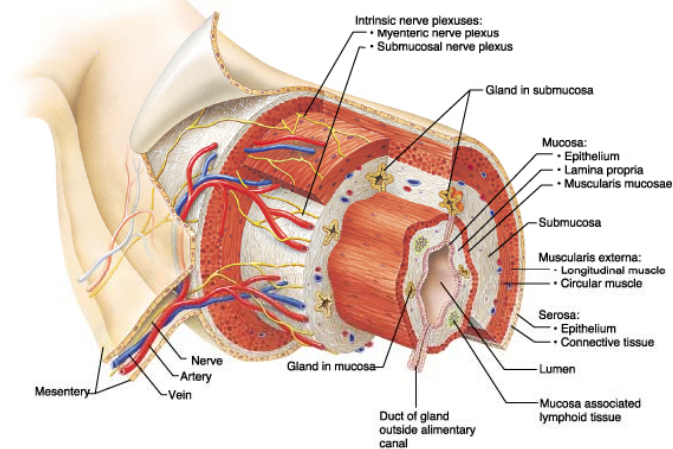
## The Organs and Positions in the Abdominal Cavity



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## Structures of the Alimentary Canal



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