

LEARNING OBJECTIVES





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determination (cell committed to particular fate)

- heritable
- specific gene activation
- permanent

differentiation (maturation process)

- specific gene expression
- metabolically active
- characteristic shape
- usually terminal (do not divide further)
- triggered by external stimuli



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CELLS

all cells derive from 4 basic types:

- 1. epithelia
- 2. connective
- (matrix)
- 3. muscle
- 4. nerve



(coverings)

(coordination)









Simple cuboidal epithelium

Simple columnar epithelium
 absorption
 secrete mucus, ...
 maybe ciliated
 digestive tract
 small bronchi
 uterine tubes

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Glands

Exocrine glands

- ducted glands
- secrete chemicals onto body surface or cavities
- diverse (mucous/sweat/oil/salivary glands, liver...)
- epithelial derivatives

Endocrine glands (in detail later in course)

- ductless glands
- secrete chemicals (hormones) into extracellular space
- diffuse (cells scattered in digestive mucosa and brain)
- not all epithelial derivatives





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Composition

made up of extracellular matrix

- ground substance (fluid, proteins, proteoglycans)
- fibres (collagen, elastin, reticulin)

plus connective tissue cells

- fibroblasts \rightarrow connective tissue proper
 - loose ct (areolar, adipose, reticular)
 - dense ct (regular, irregular, elastic)
- chondroblasts \rightarrow cartilage (hyaline, elastic, fibro)
- osteoblasts \rightarrow bone
- haemopoetic stem cells \rightarrow blood



Support functions

- loose ct provide reticular framework for organs
- fibrous ct such as tendons provides elasticity
- cartilage provide flexible support
- bones support weight and provide framework for muscle action
- fat provides padding and energy store
- blood provides oxygen and nutrients



































Tissues

tissues constantly wearing out

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Tissue replacement

- regeneration

 (replacement with same tissue)
- fibrosis

 (replacement with fibrous scar tissue)



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