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Cell to tissue

- As human body develops from single to multicellular, cells specialize.
- Body is interdependent system, malfunction of one group of cells is catastrophic.
- Cells specialize into types of tissues, then interspersed into organs.



Tissues = groups of cells that are similar in structure and function.

■ Epithelium

■ Coverings ■ Linings of surfaces

■ Muscle

■ Movement

■ Connective

■ Support ■ Bone, ligaments, fat

■ Nervous

■ Control ■ Brain, nerves, spinal cord



Function of Epithelial tissue



Protection

- Skin protects from sunlight & bacteria & physical damage.

Absorption

- Lining of small intestine, absorbing nutrients into blood

Filtration

- Lining of Kidney tubules filtering wastes from blood plasma

Secretion

- Different glands produce perspiration, oil, digestive enzymes and mucus



Characteristics of Epithelial tissue



- Form continuous sheets (fit like tiles)
- Apical Surface
 - All epithelial cells have a top surface that borders an open space - known as a lumen
- Basement Membrane
 - Underside of all epithelial cells which anchors them to connective tissue
- Avascularity (a = without)
 - Lacks blood vessels
 - Nourished by connective tissue
- Regenerate & repair quickly

- **Named for the type of cell at the apical surface.**





Types Squamous Epithelium

Simple Squamous Epithelium

■ Structure

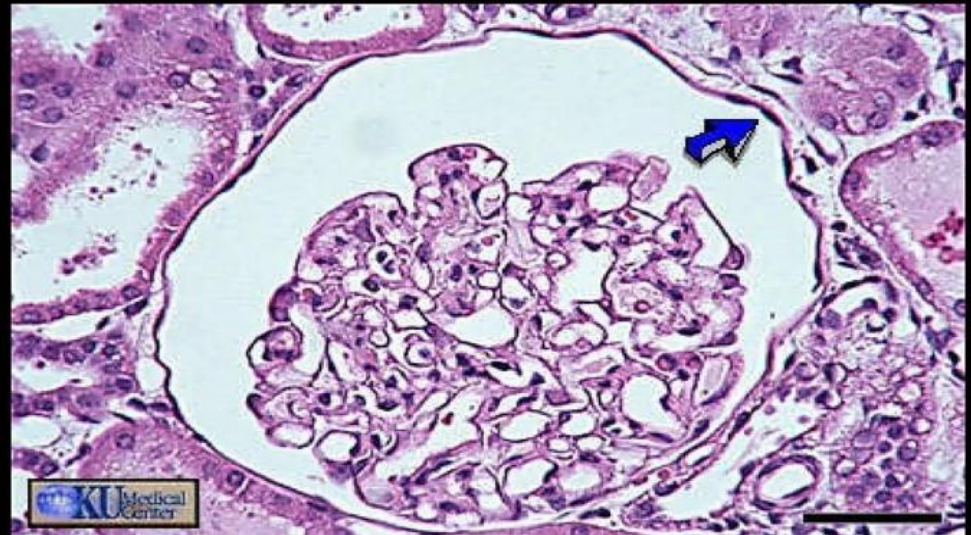
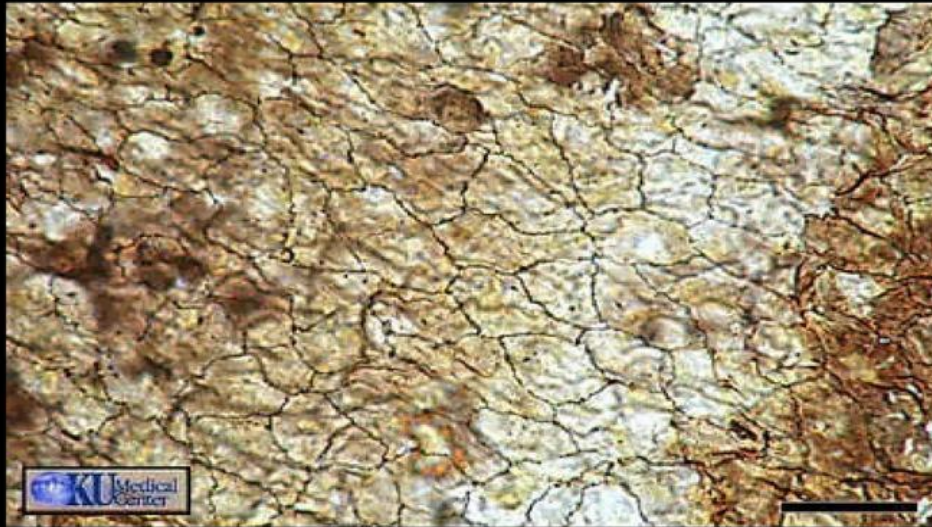
- Single Layer of flattened cells

■ Function

- Absorption, and filtration
- Not effective protection - single layer of cells.

■ Location

- Walls of capillaries, air sacs in lungs
- Form serous membranes in body cavity





Simple Cuboidal Epithelium

Structure

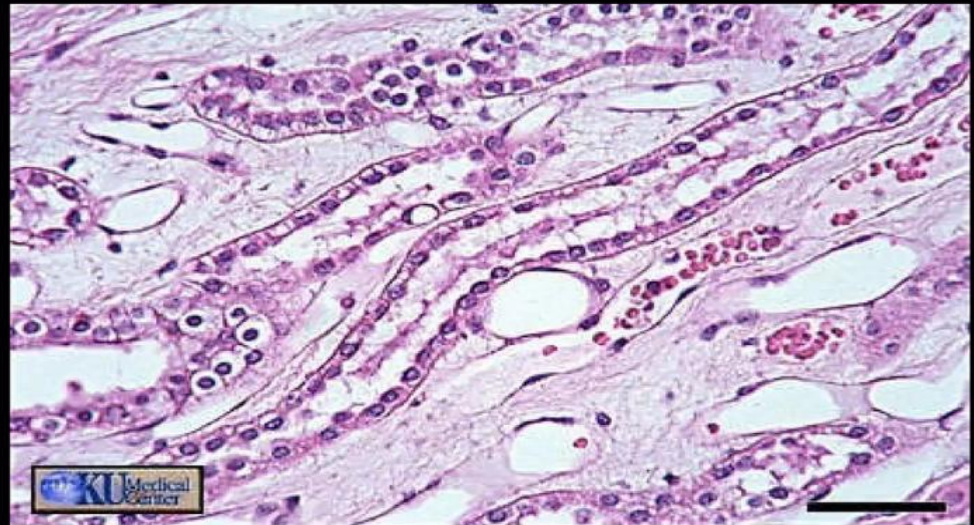
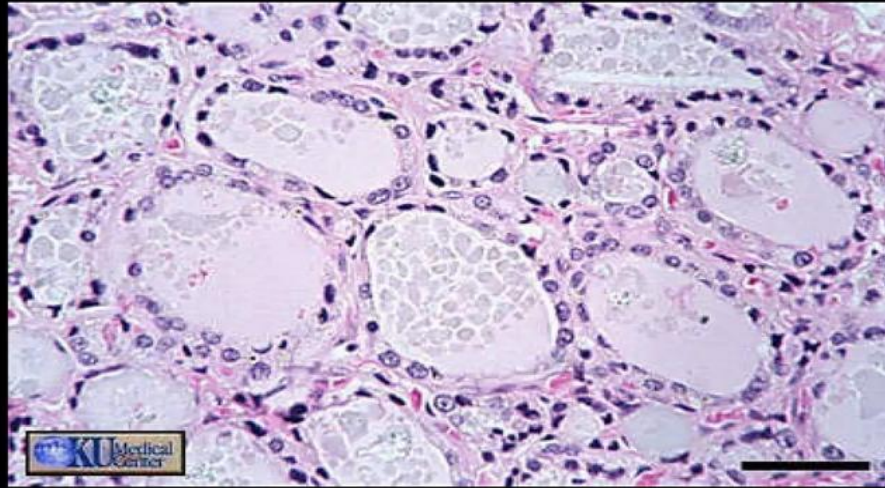
- Single layer of cube shaped cells

Function

- Secretion and transportation in glands, filtration in kidneys

Location

- Glands and ducts (pancreas & salivary), kidney tubules, covers ovaries





Simple Columnar Epithelium



■ Structure

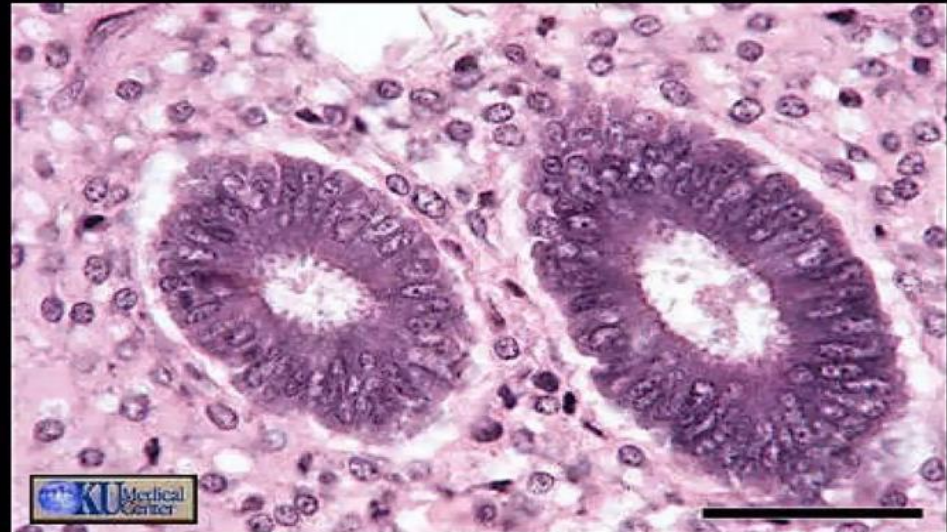
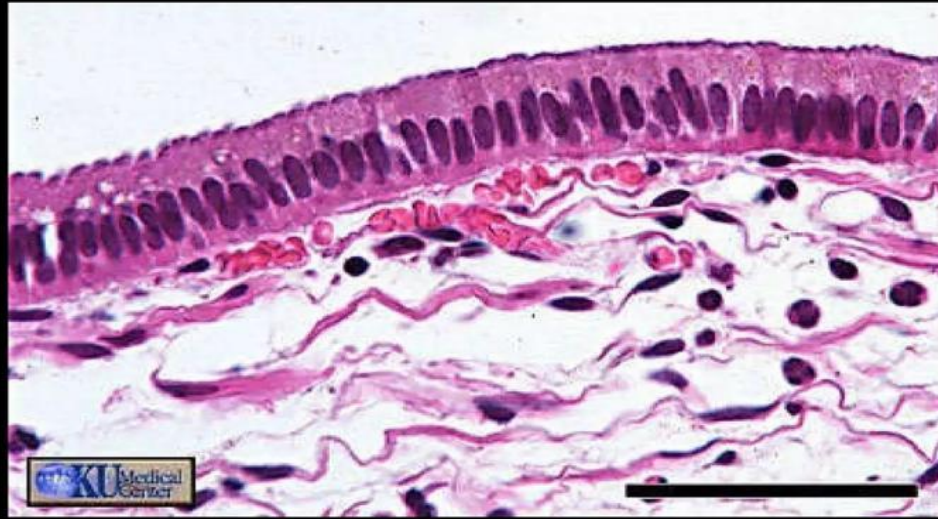
- *Elongated layer of cells with nuclei at same level*

■ Function

- *Absorption, Protection & Secretion*
- *When open to body cavities – called mucous membranes*

■ Special Features

- *Microvilli, bumpy extension of apical surface, increase surface area and absorption rate.*
- *Goblet cells, single cell glands, produce protective mucus.*
- **■ Location**
- *Linings of entire digestive tract*





Pseudostratified Epithelium

■ Structure

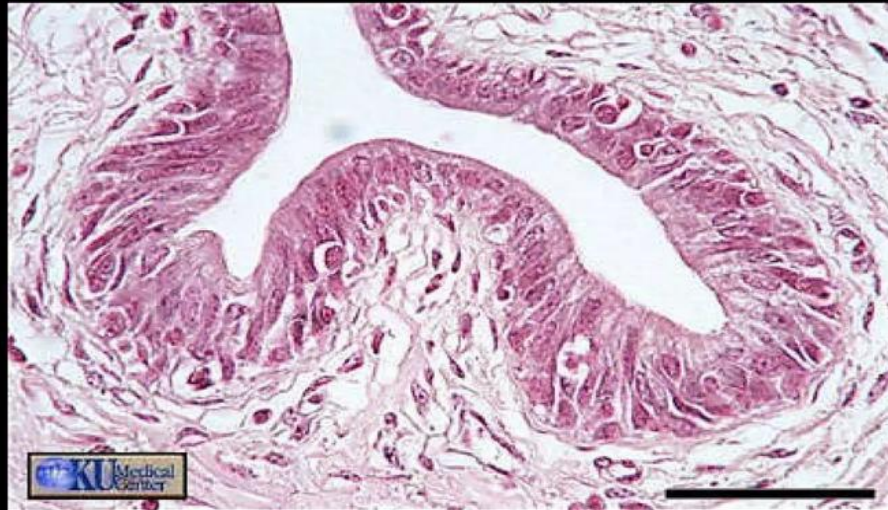
- Irregularly shaped cells with nuclei at different levels - appear stratified , but aren't.
- All cells reach basement membrane

■ Function

- Absorption and Secretion
- Goblet cells produce mucus
- Cilia (larger than microvilli) sweep mucus

■ Location

- Respiratory Linings & Reproductive tract



Basement
Membrane



Cilia



Stratified Squamous Epithelium



■ Structure

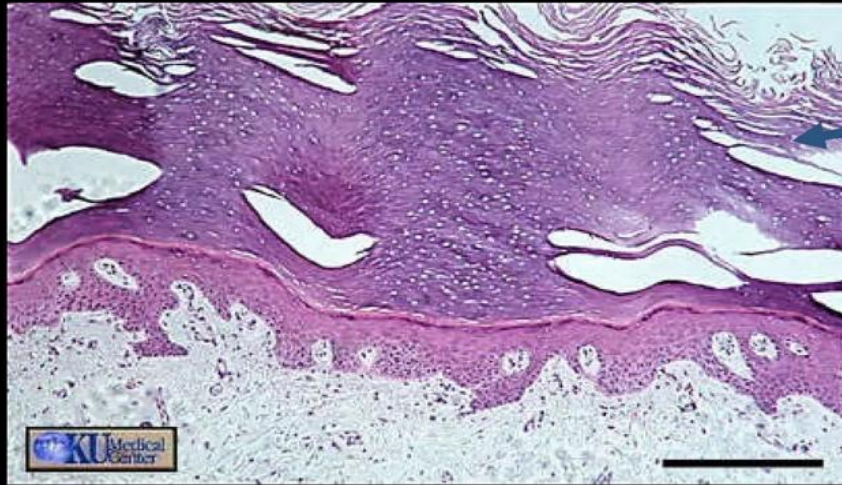
- Many layers (usually cuboidal /columnar at bottom and squamous at top)

■ Function

- Protection
- Keratin (protein) is accumulated in older cells near the surface - waterproofs and toughens skin.

■ Location

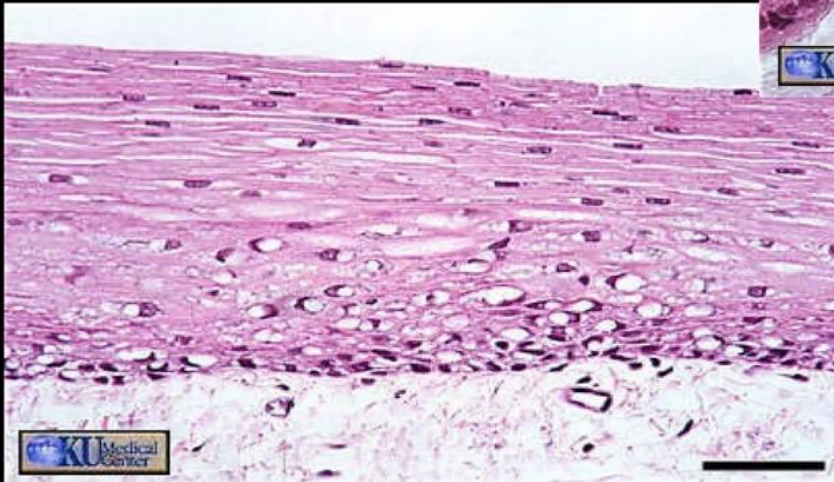
- Skin (keratinized), mouth & throat



Keratin



Stratified
Cuboidal (layers
of cuboidal only)





Transitional Epithelium



■ Structure

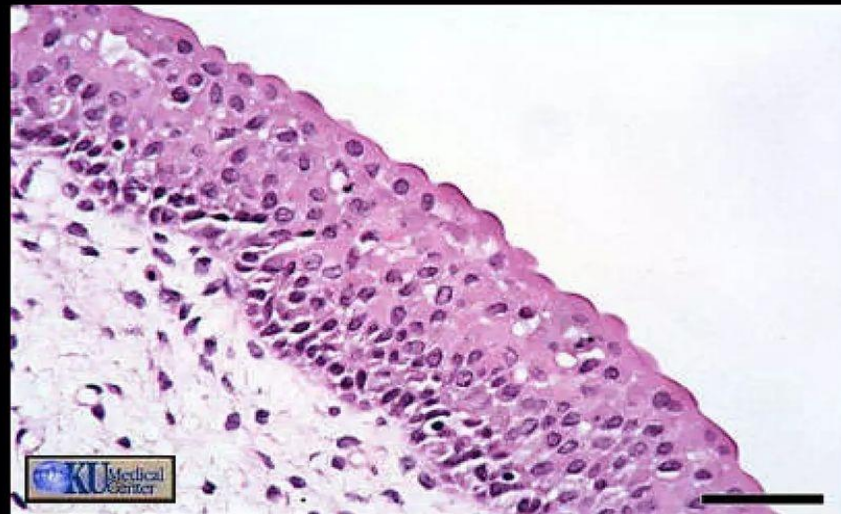
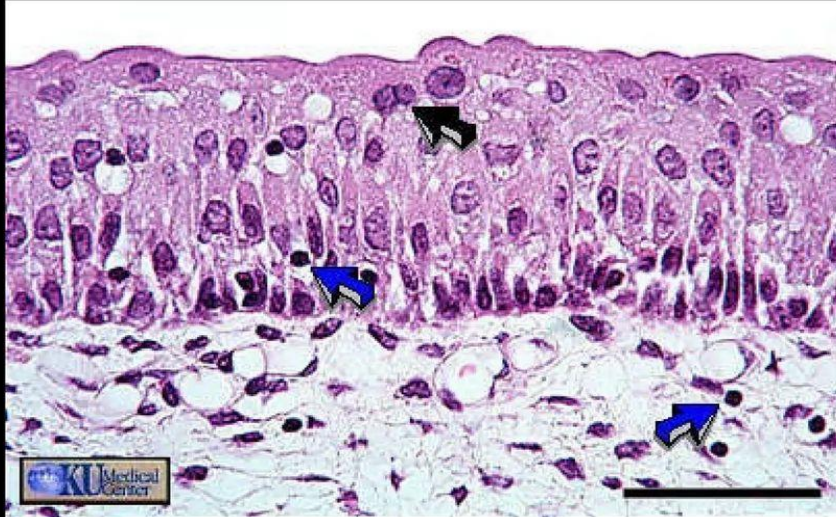
- Many layers
- Very specialized – cells at base are cuboidal or columnar, at surface will vary.
- Change between stratified & simple as tissue is stretched out.

■ Function

- Allows stretching (change size)

■ Location

- Urinary bladder, ureters & urethra



Glands

- One or more cells that make and secrete a product.
- Secretion = protein in aqueous solution: hormones, acids, oils.
- Endocrine glands
 - No duct, release secretion into blood vessels
 - Often hormones
 - Thyroid, adrenal and pituitary glands
- Exocrine glands
 - Contain ducts, empty onto epithelial surface
 - Sweat, Oil glands, Salivary glands, Mammary glands.



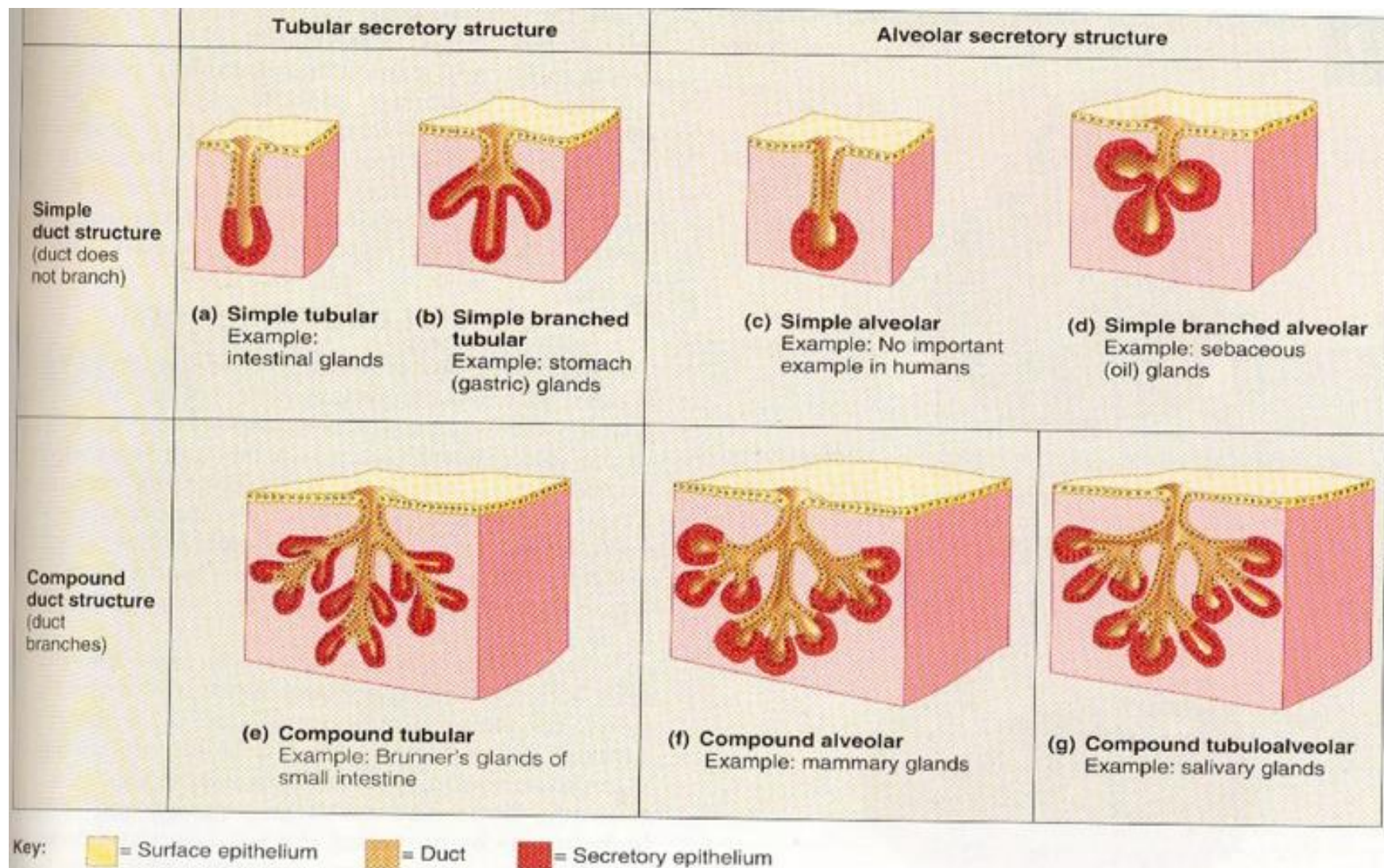
Shapes of Exocrine glands

Branching

- Simple - single, unbranched duct
- Compound – branched.

Shape: tubular or alveolar

- Tubular – shaped like a tube
- Alveolar – shaped like flasks or sacs
- Tubuloalveolar – has both tubes and sacs in gland





Modes of Secretion

■(How the gland's product is released)

■ Merocrine

- Just released by exocytosis without altering the gland at all.
- Ex: Sweat glands and salivary glands

■ Holocrine

- The gland ruptures and releases secretion and dead cells as well.
- Sebaceous (oil glands on the face) only example

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