

A microscopic view of epithelial tissue, showing a layer of cells with prominent, dark purple nuclei and light purple cytoplasm. The cells are arranged in a regular, brick-like pattern, characteristic of simple cuboidal or columnar epithelium. The cell boundaries are clearly visible, forming a honeycomb-like structure.

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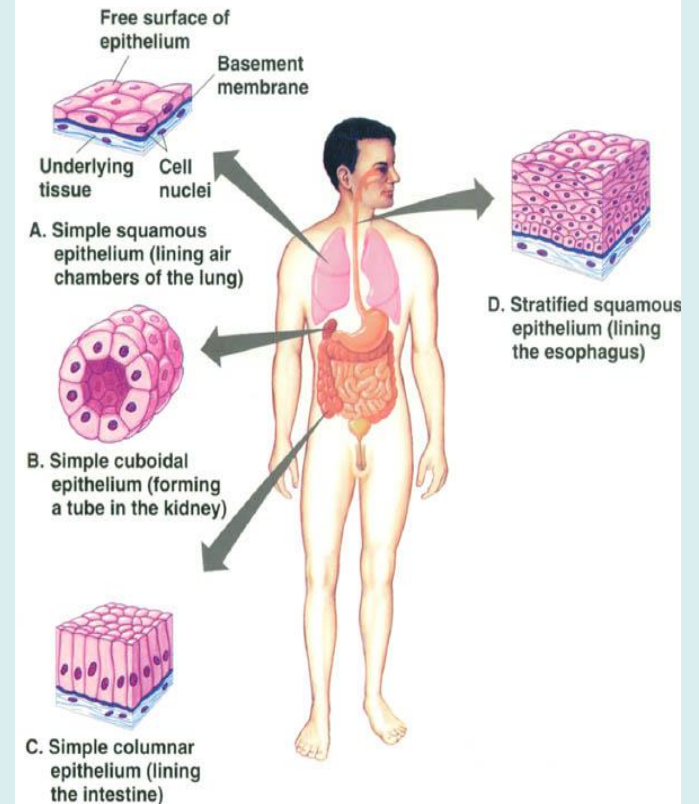
1. Epithelia
2. Glands

## Basic characteristic of epithelia

- cells are tightly bound
- small amount of extracellular matrix
- basal lamina.

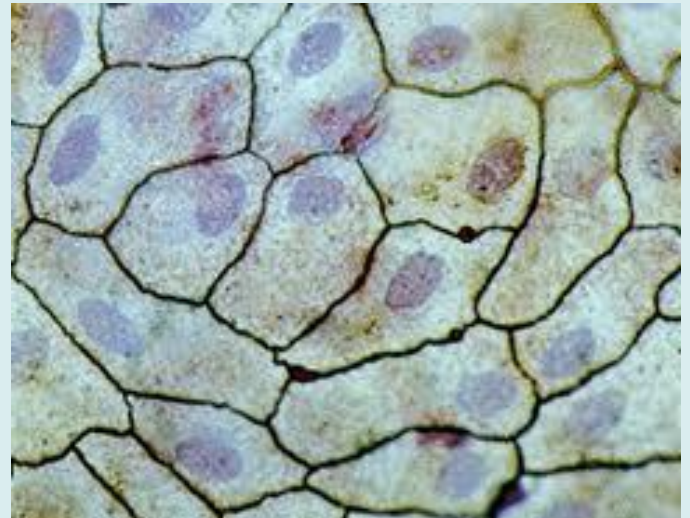


## 20.4 Epithelial tissue



# Functions of epithelial tissue

- Protection**
- Transcellular transport**
- Secretion**
- Absorption**
- Detection of sensations**



# Classification of epithelia

According to;

✓ the number of cell layers

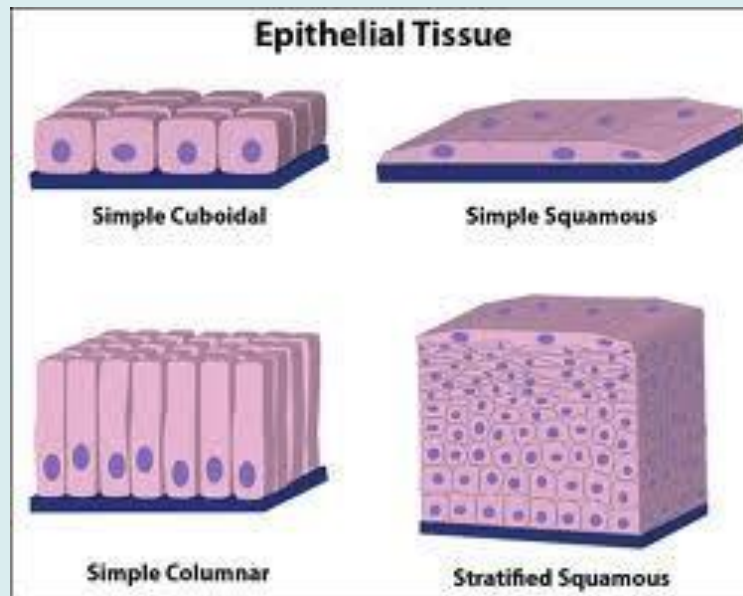
✓ the morphology (shape) of the epithelial cells (mostly nucleus)

- simple epithelium – is composed of a single layer of cells

- stratified epithelium – is composed of more than one cell layer

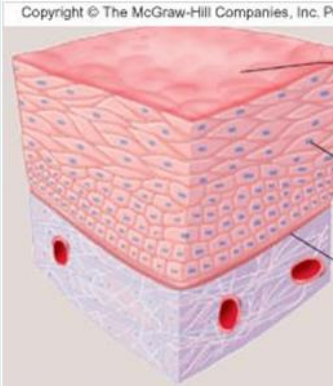
## Morphology of cells

- squamous (flat)
- cuboidal
- columnar



# Stratified epithelia – classification

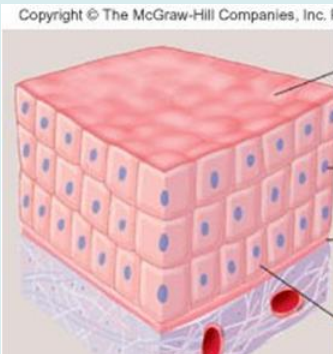
- by the morphology of the cells in superficial layer



**stratified  
squamous  
epithelium**



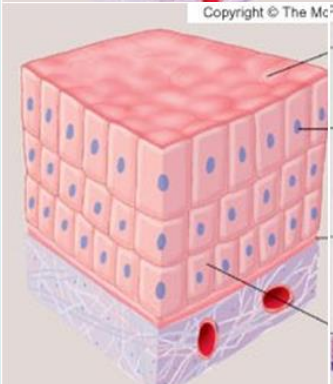
epidermis of skin  
esophagus



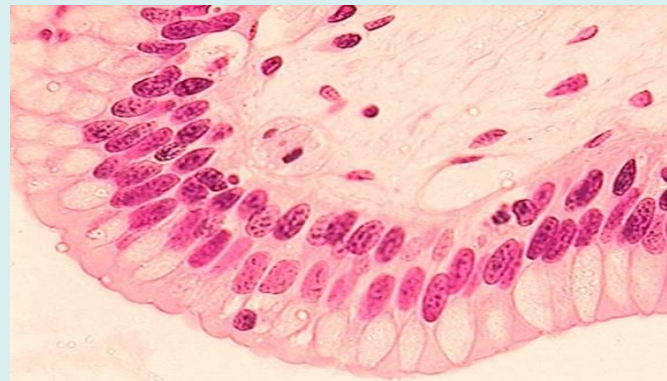
**stratified  
cuboidal  
epithelium**



ducts of sweat glands  
usually two layers



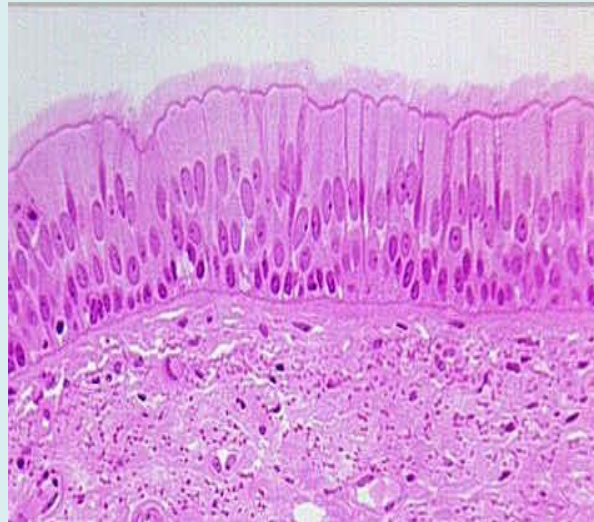
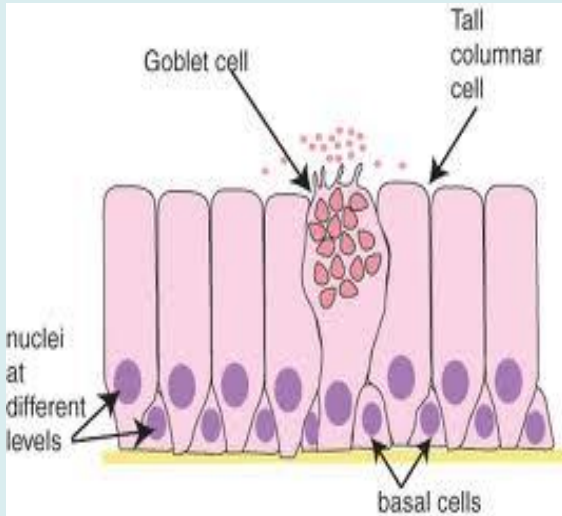
**stratified  
columnar  
epithelium**



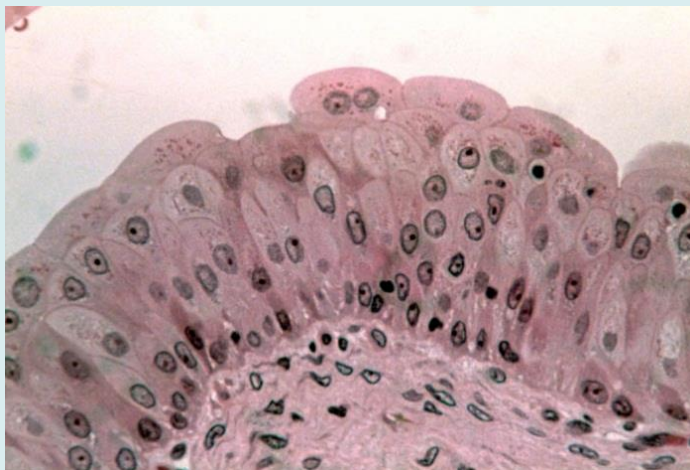
male urethra

# Distinct types of epithelium

- **pseudostratified**
- **transitional**

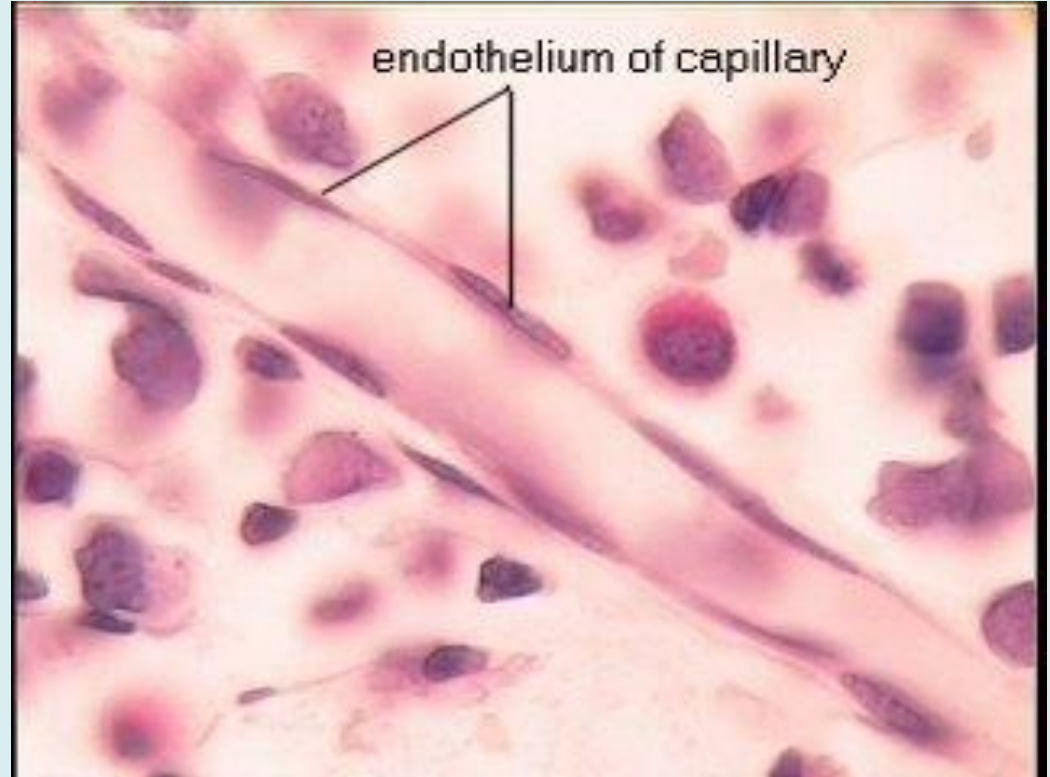
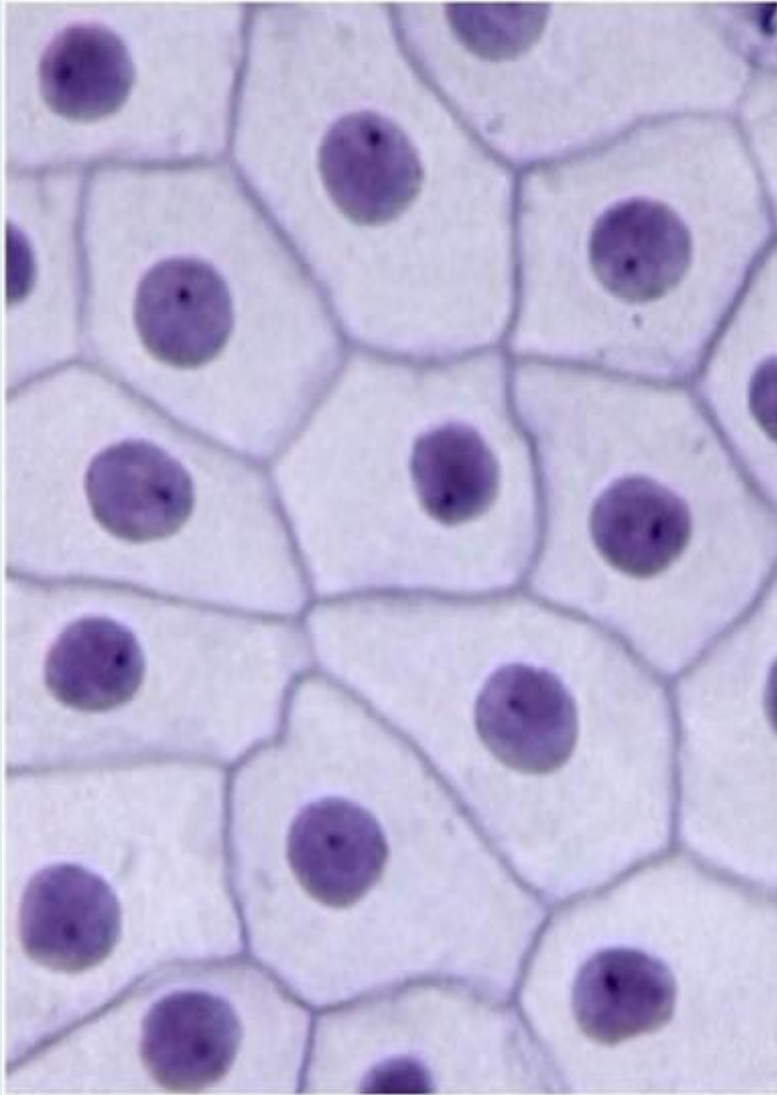


**Pseudostratified**  
- trachea and primary bronchi



**Transitional epithelium**  
- urinary tract

## Simple Squamous



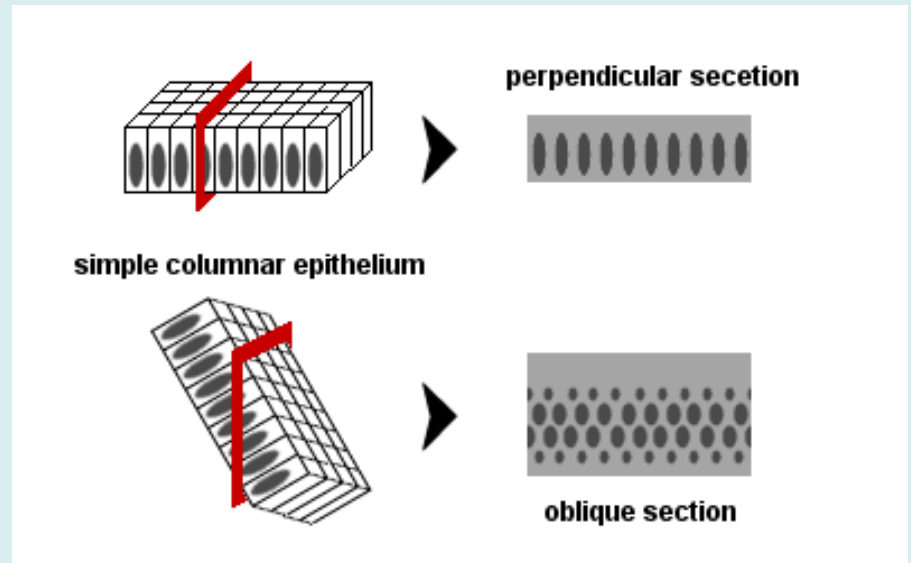


**Simple Cuboidal**

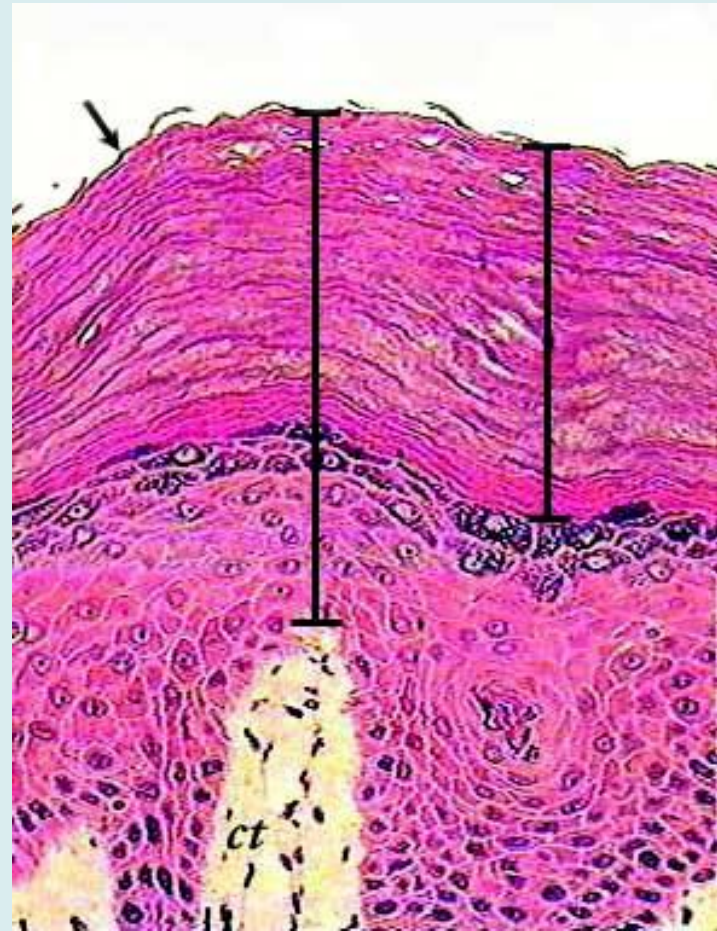




## Simple Columnar

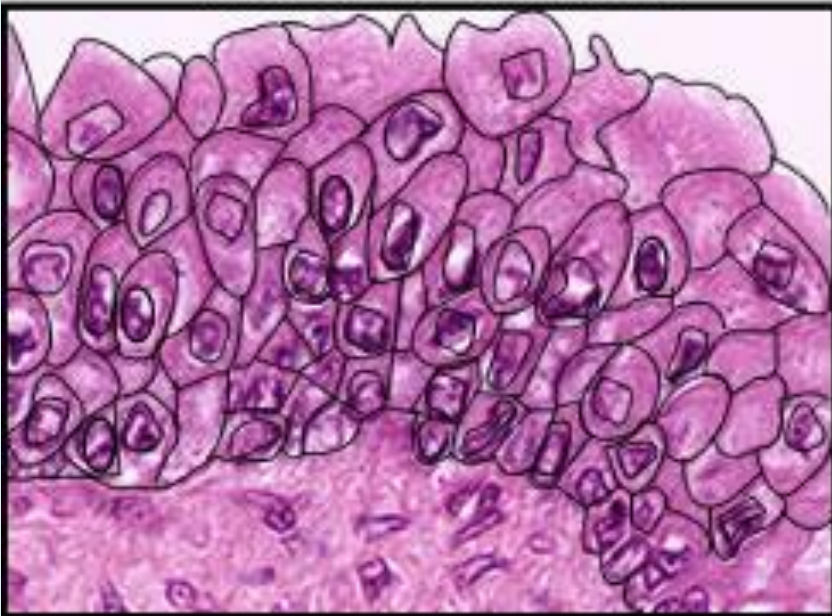


## Stratified Squamous



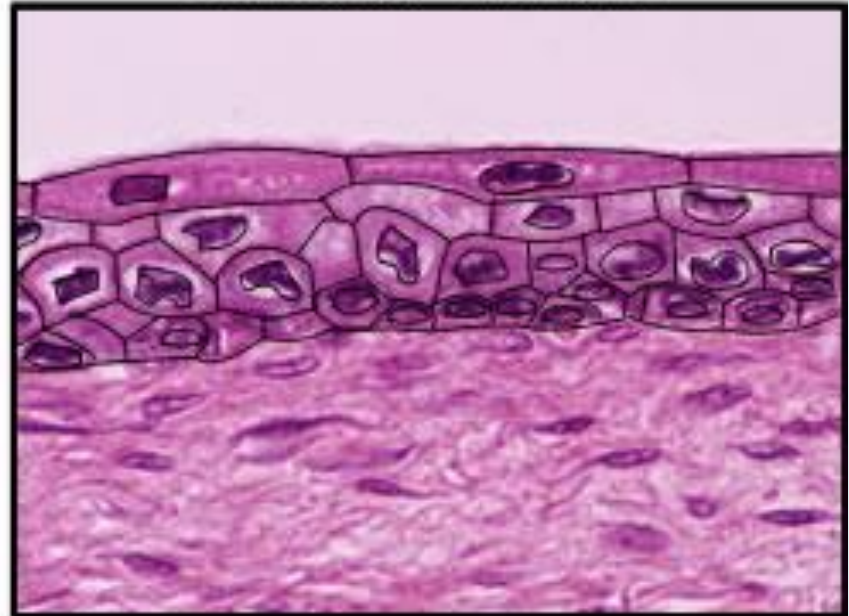
# Transitional epithelium

**Epithelium - Collapsed**



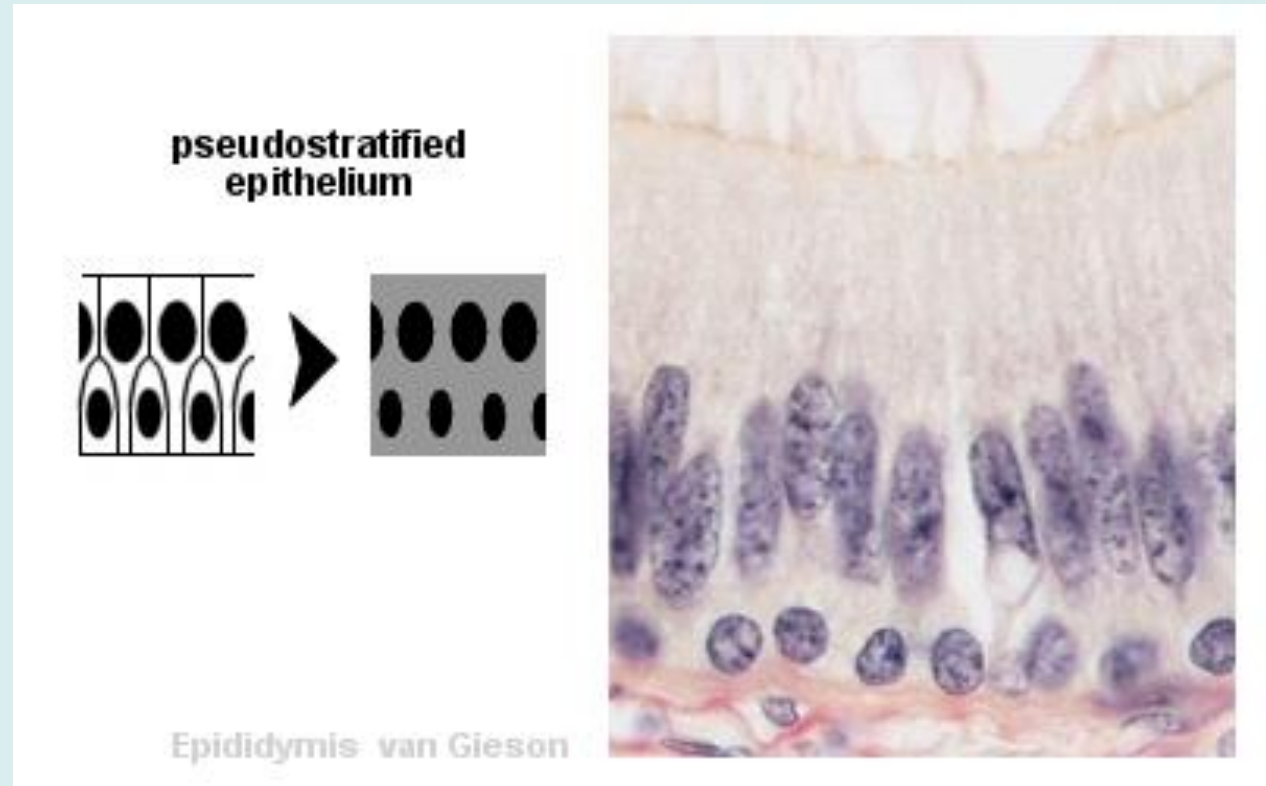
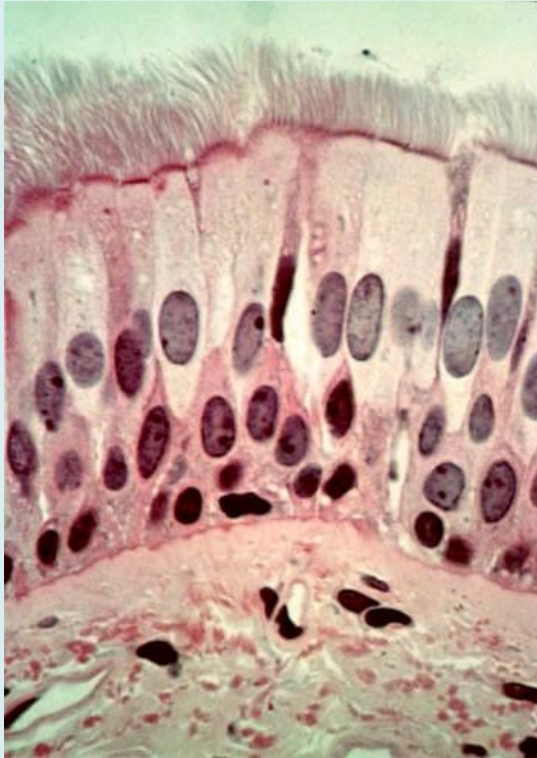
Empty bladder – superficial cells are large and dome-shaped

**Epithelium - Distended**



When the bladder is distended superficial cells become flattened

# Pseudostratified Columnar

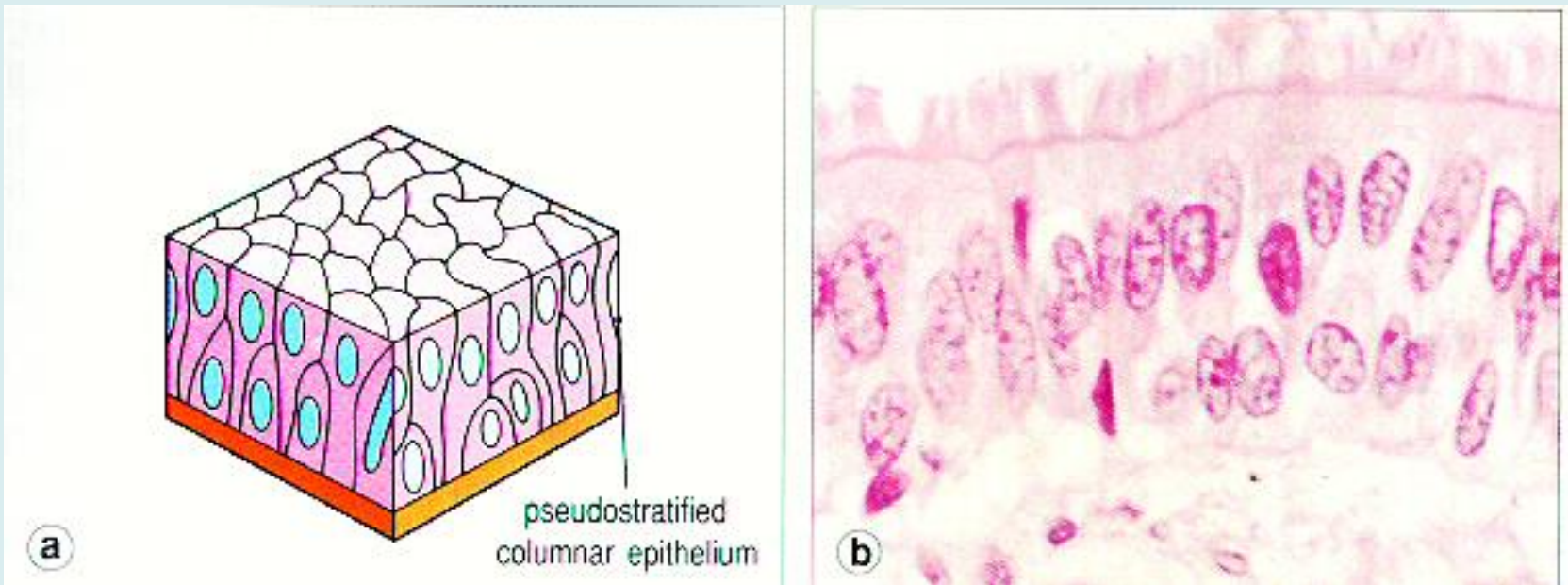


# Pseudostratified columnar epithelium

- is composed of a single layer of cells
- is found in the male urethra and epididymis

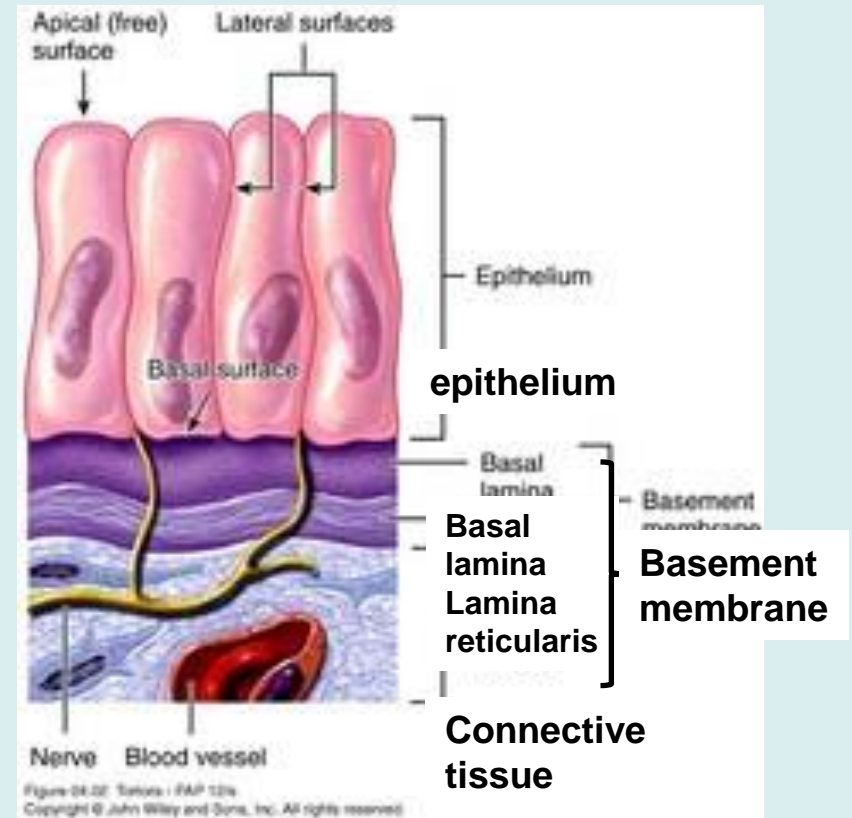
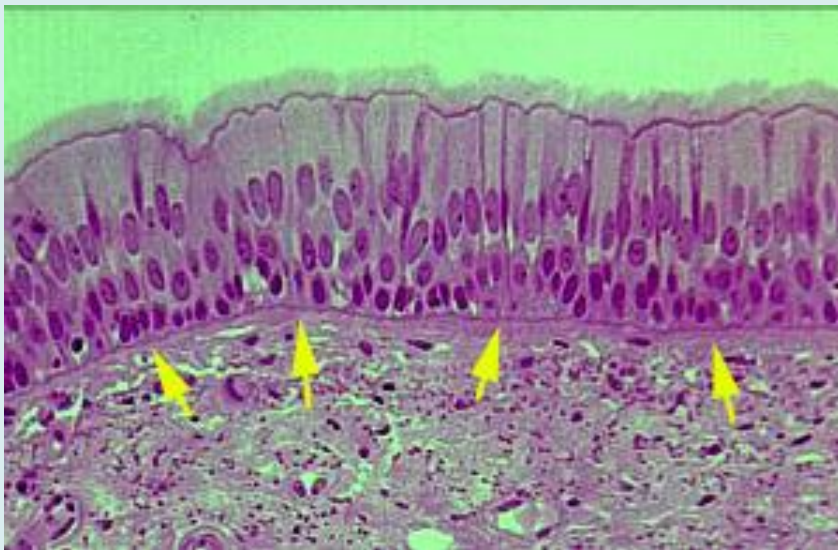
# Pseudostratified ciliated columnar epithelium

- cells possess cilia on the apical surface
- is found in trachea, primary bronchi and nasal cavity



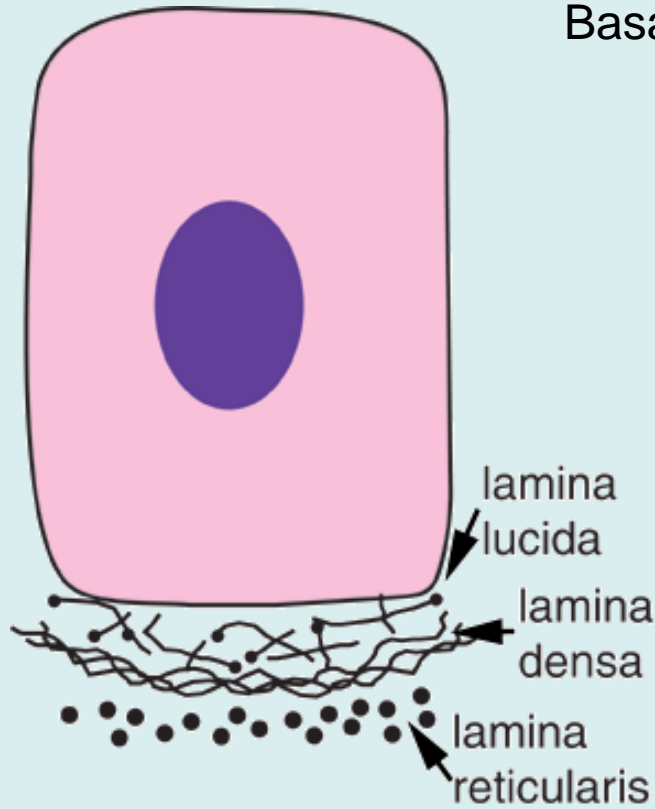
# Basement membrane

1. basal lamina - manufactured by epithelial cells
2. lamina reticularis - manufactured by cells of connective tissue



# Basal lamina

Basal lamina (lamina densa + lamina lucida or rara)



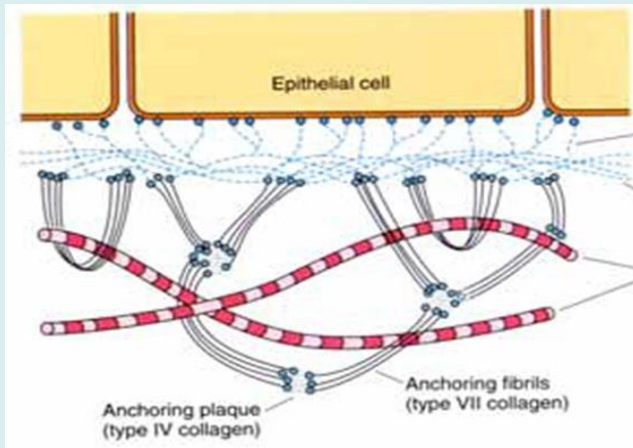
## lamina lucida

- glycoproteins (laminin, entactin),
- integrins and dystroglycans (laminin receptors)

## lamina densa

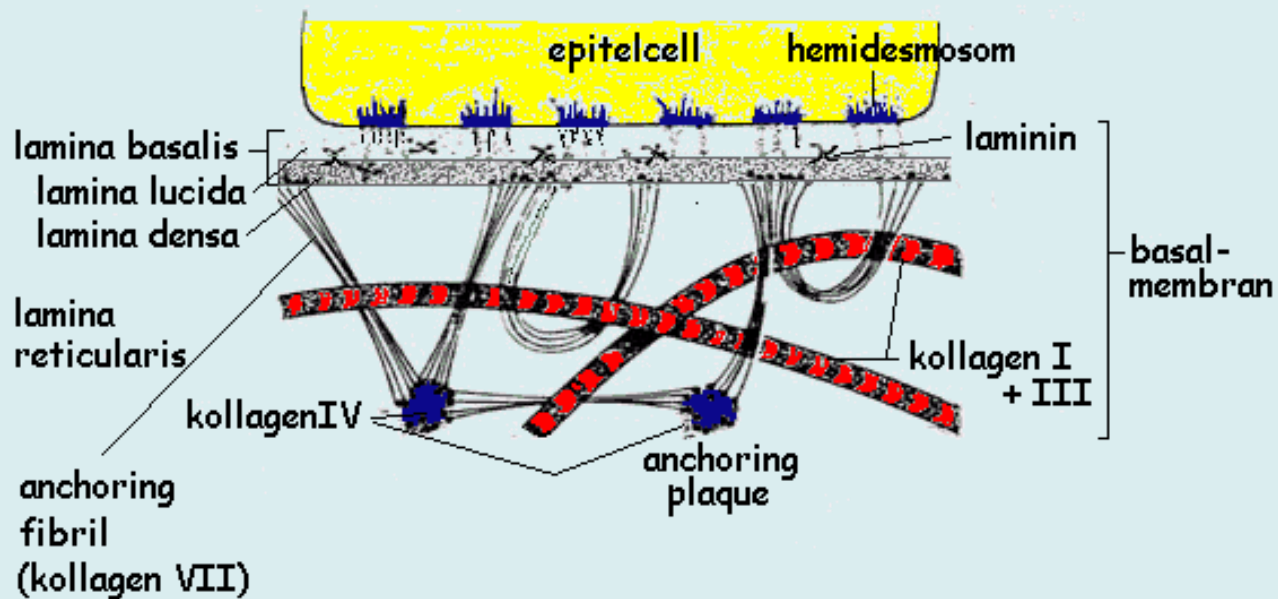
- type IV collagen,
- proteoglycans (perlecan, heparan sulfate) and fibronectin

**Basal lamina** is attached to the lamina reticularis by fibers composed of collagen type VII



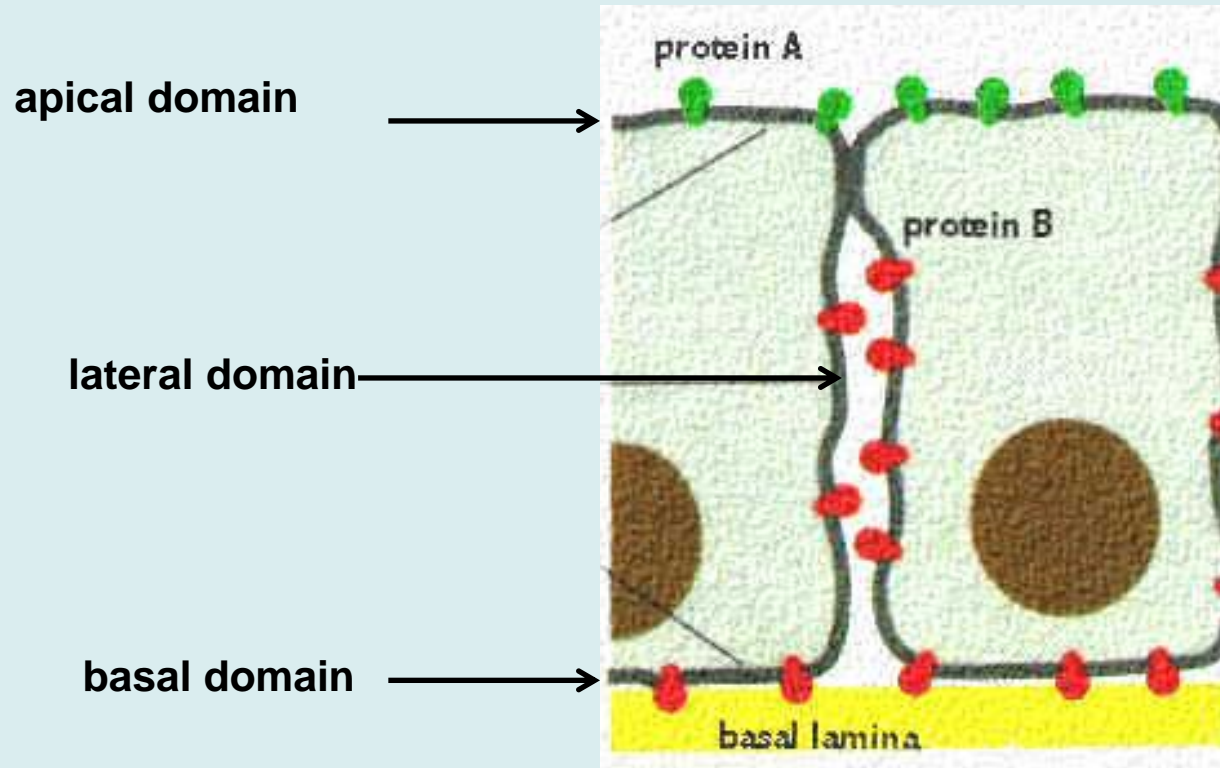
# Lamina reticularis

- is manufactured by fibroblasts (cells of connective tissue)
- is composed of type I and III collagen
- is responsible for affixing the basal lamina to the connective tissue



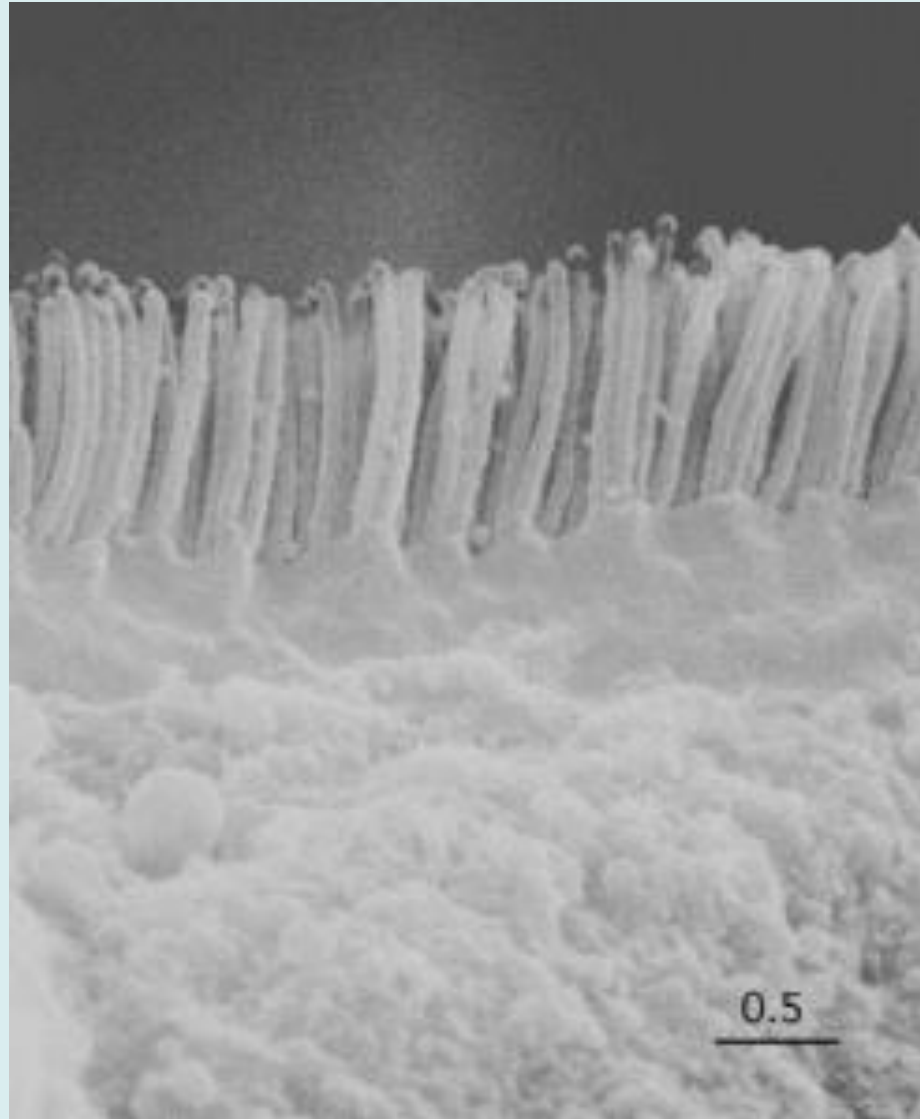


# Polarity of the cell

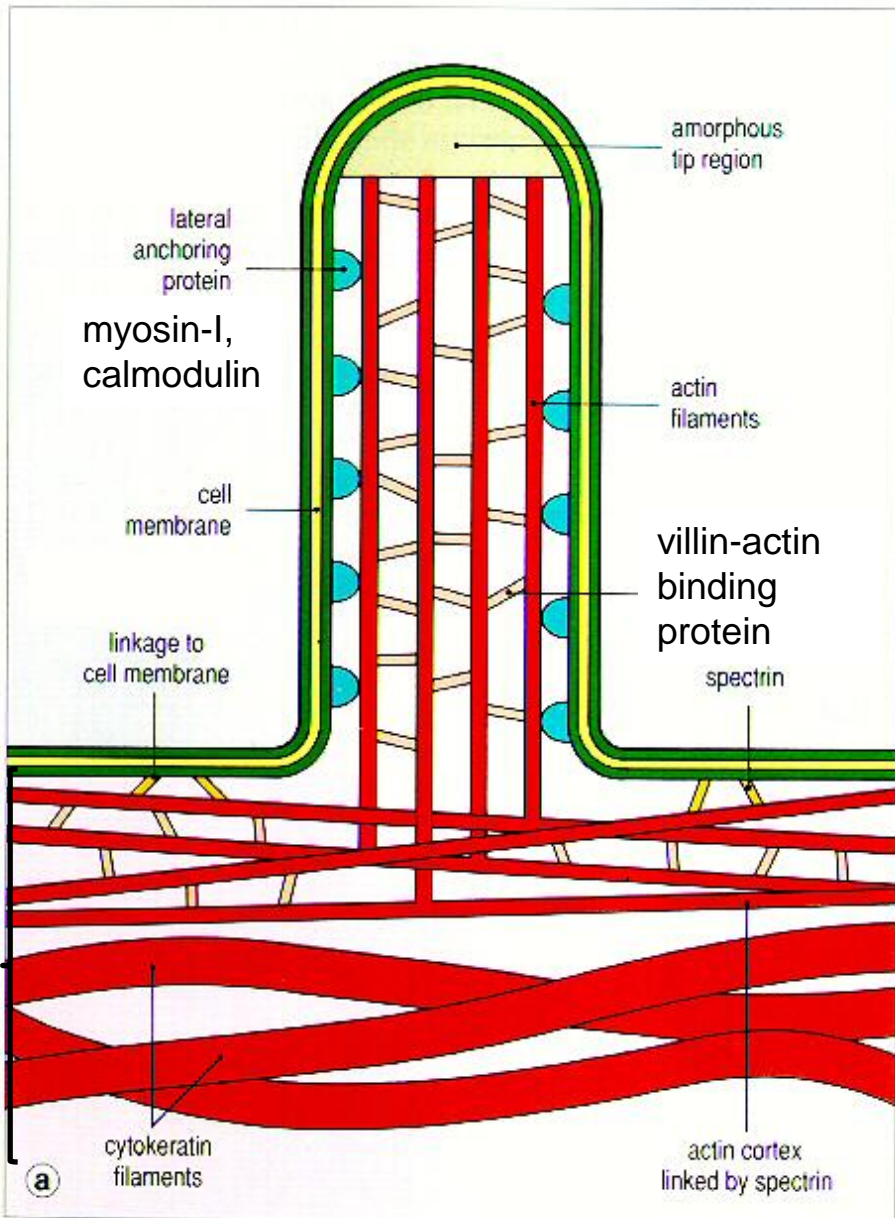
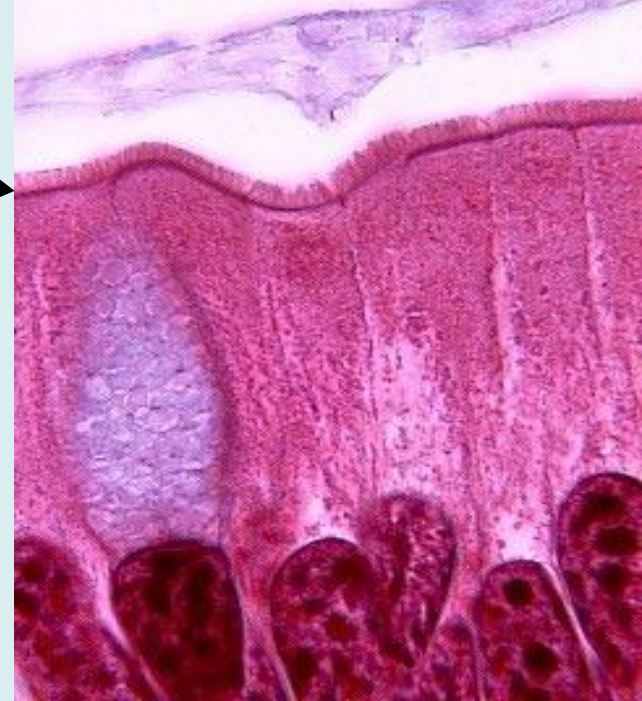


# Specializations of the apical surface

## Microvilli and stereocilia



# Microvilli – striated (brush) border



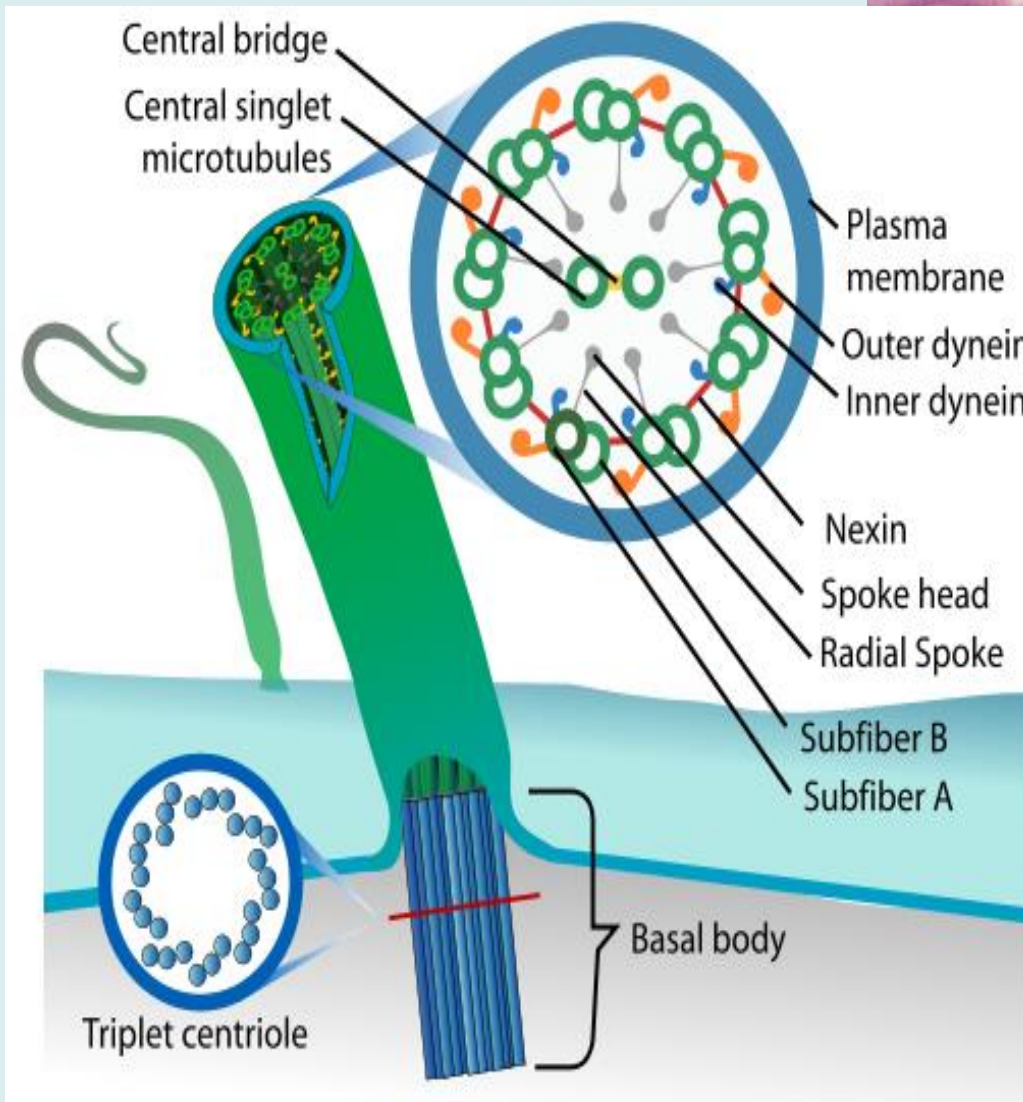
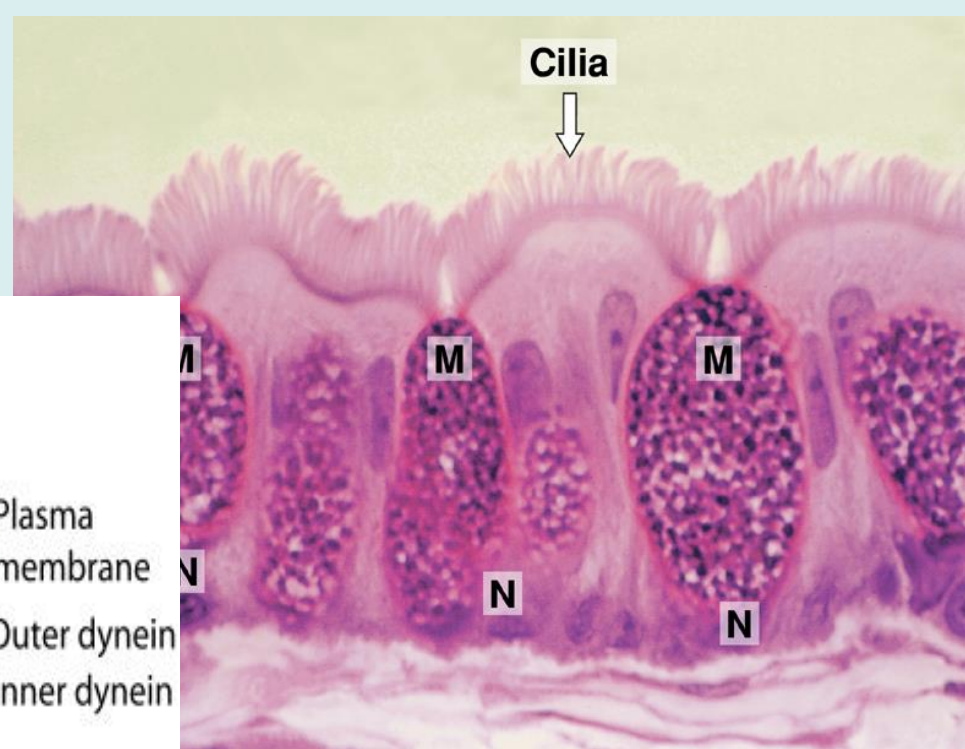
## Microvillus

- contains a core of actin filaments

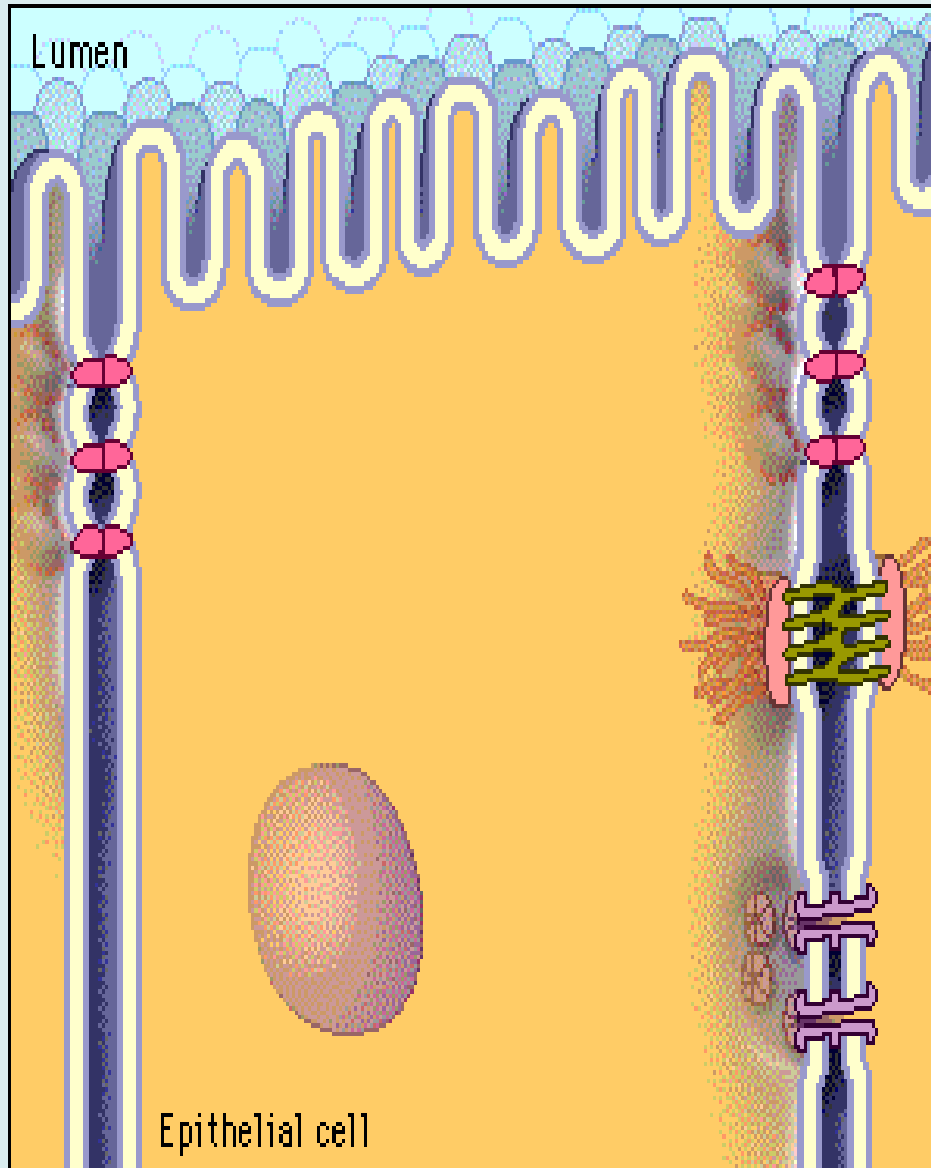
## Stereocilium

- longer, more rigid microvillus

**Cilia** – Long, motile,  
hair-like structures



# Intercellular junctions (lateral domain)



## Occluding junctions

seal cells together

## Anchoring junctions

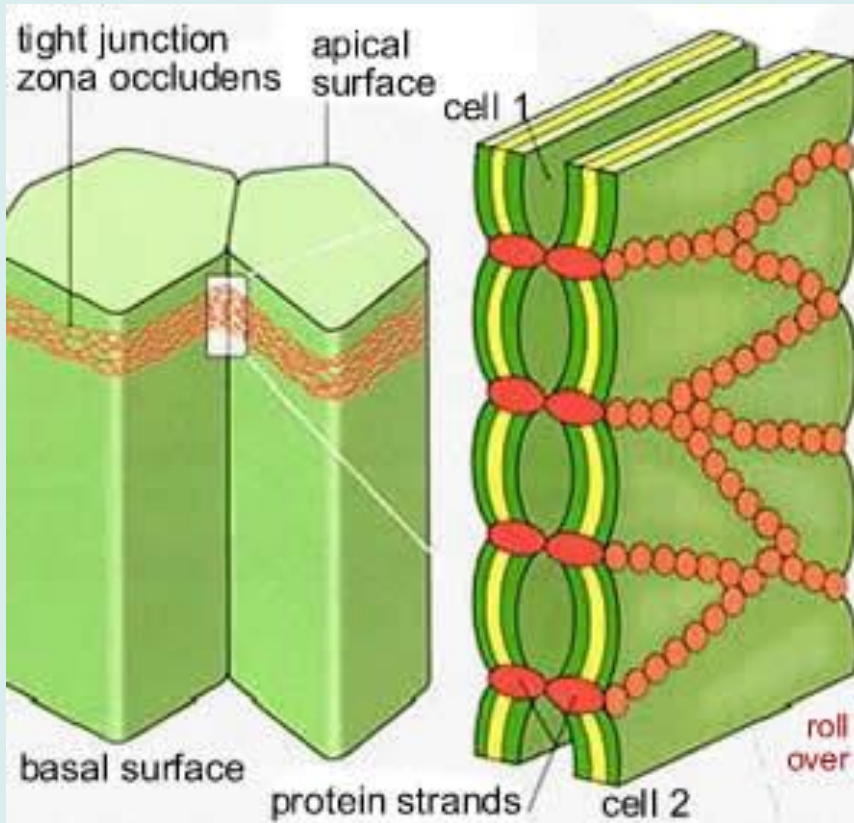
mechanically attach cells

## Communicating junctions

mediate the passage of chemical  
or electrical signals

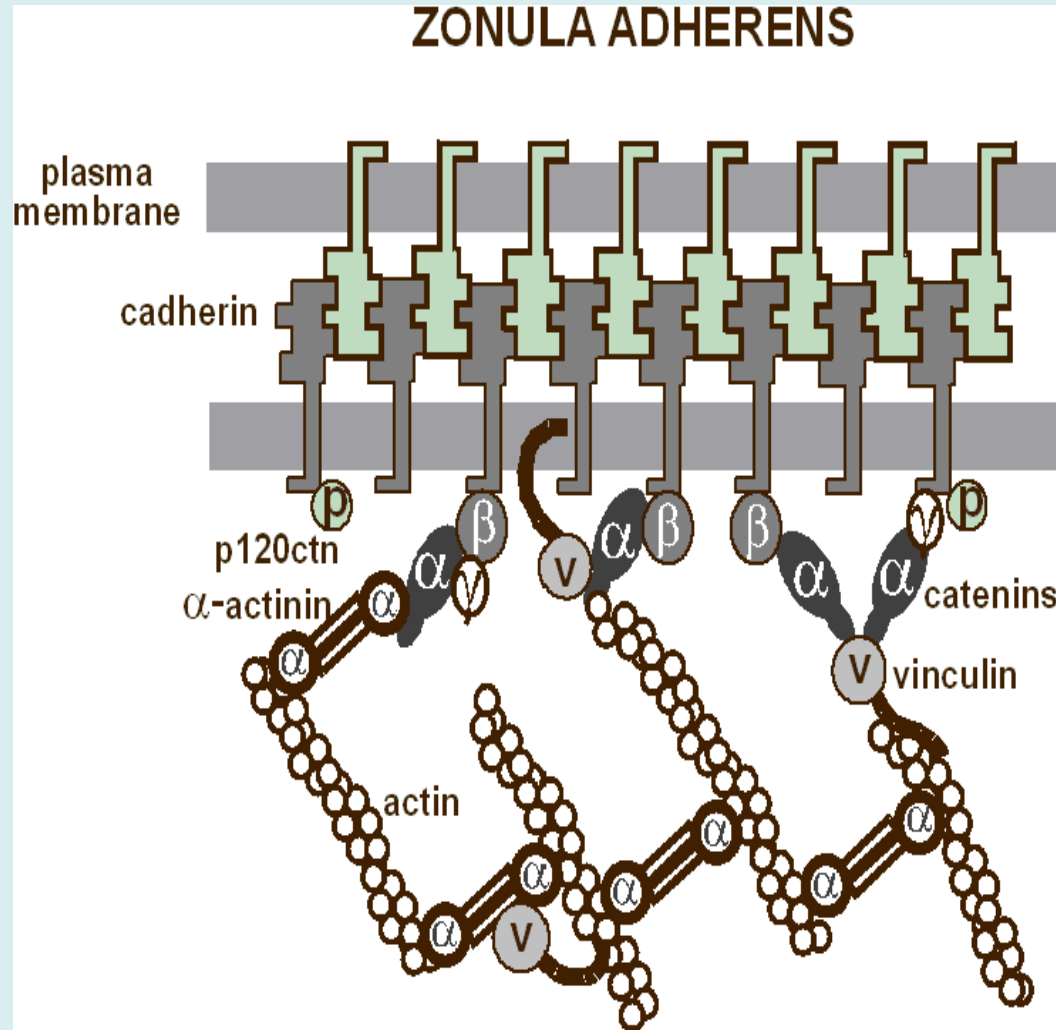
# Zonulae Occludentes or Tight junctions (Occluding junction)

„belt-like” junction that encircles the entire circumference of the cell



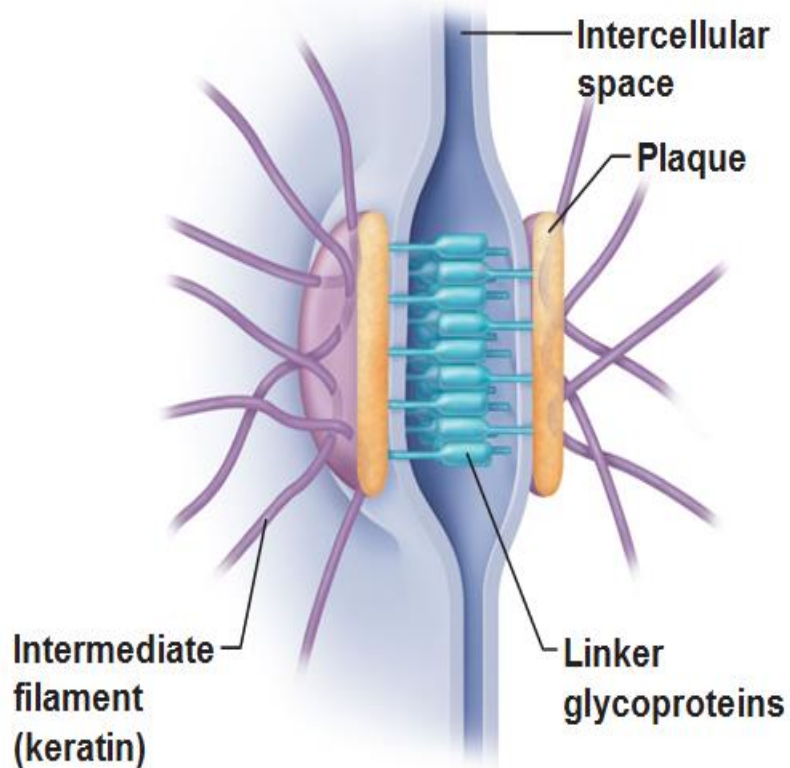
- **claudins** and **occludins**

# Zonulae Adherentes (anchoring junction)

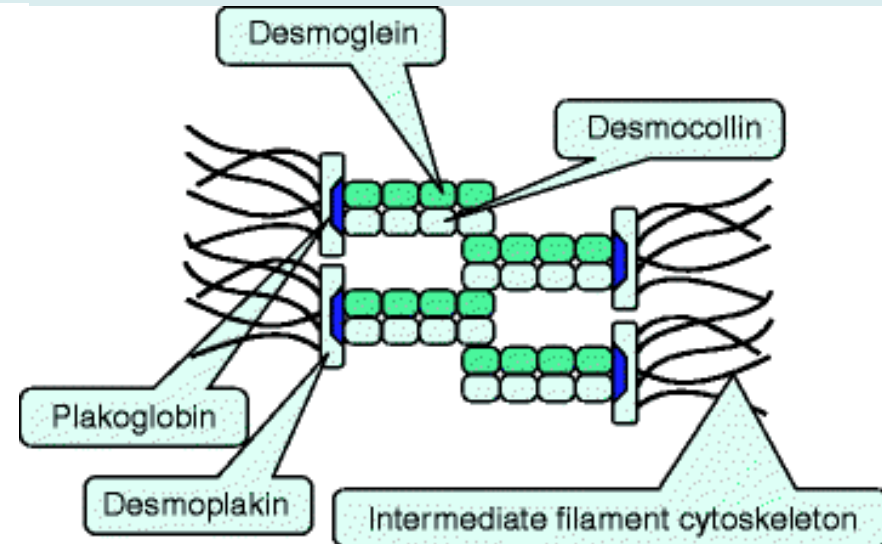


# DESMOSOMES (anchoring junction)

## Desmosome

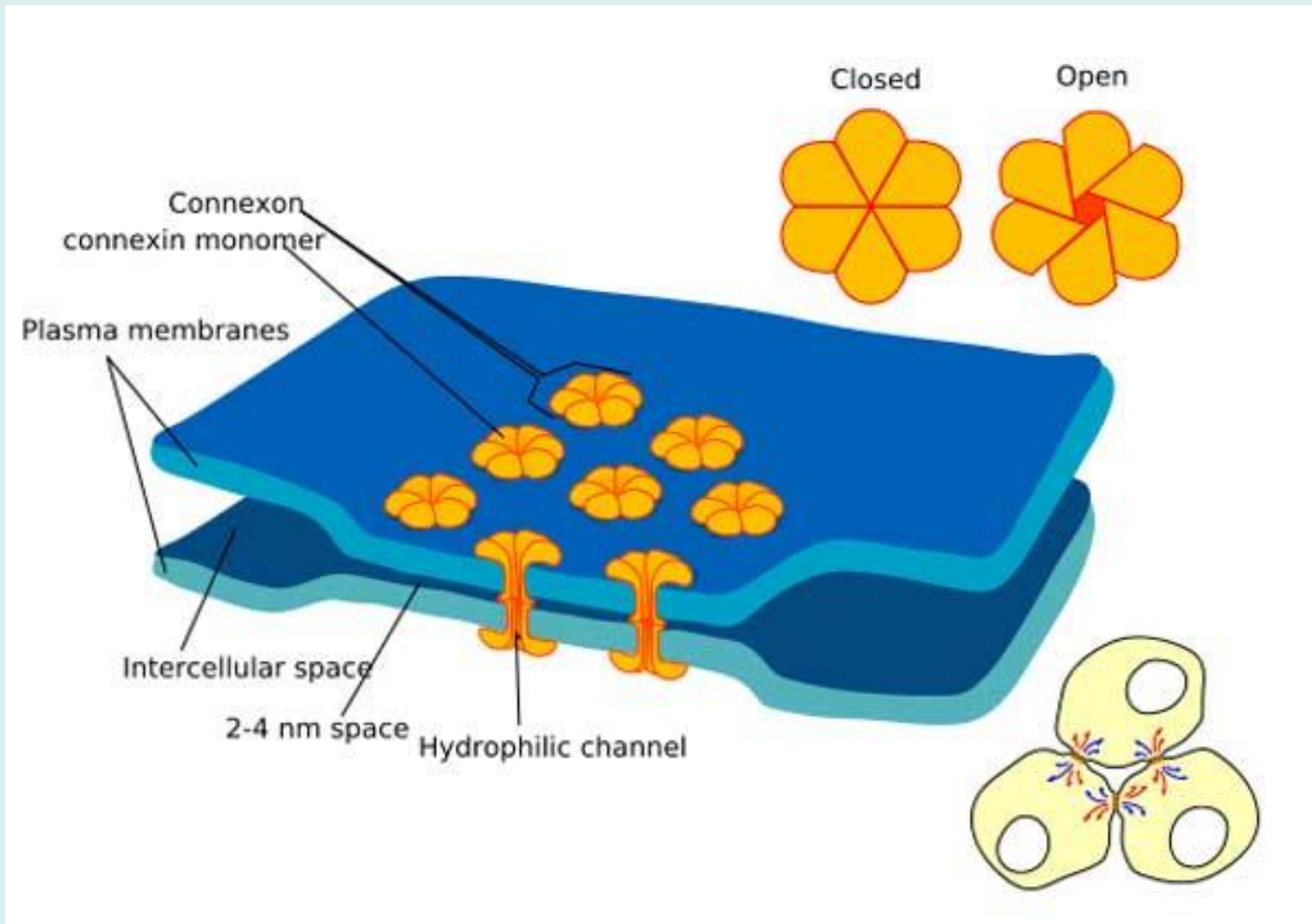


**(b) Desmosomes:** Anchoring junctions bind adjacent cells together and help form an internal tension-reducing network of fibers.

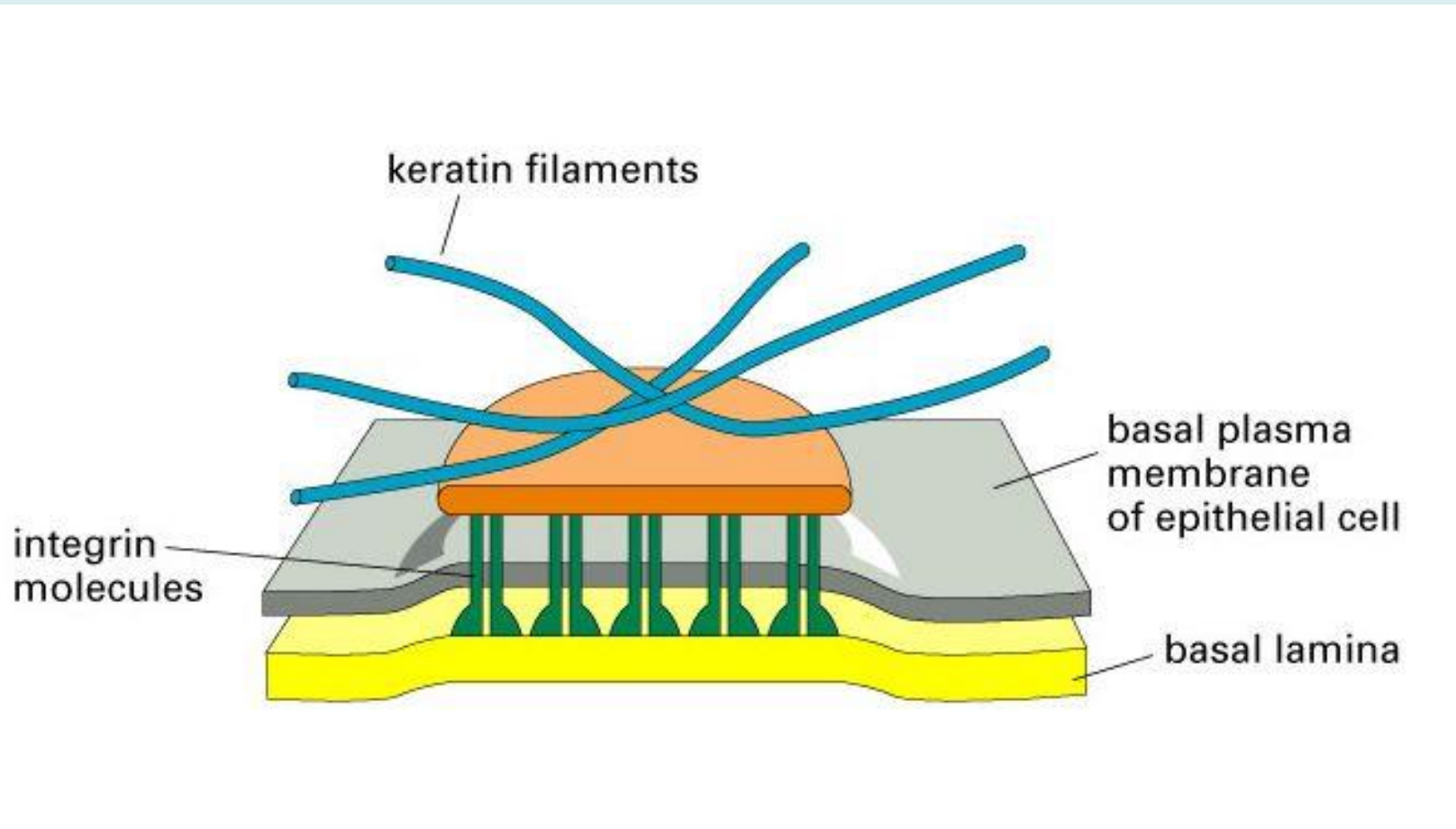




# Gap junctions (communicating junction)

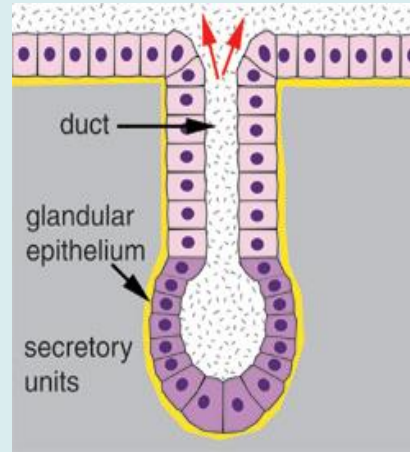


# Hemidesmosome

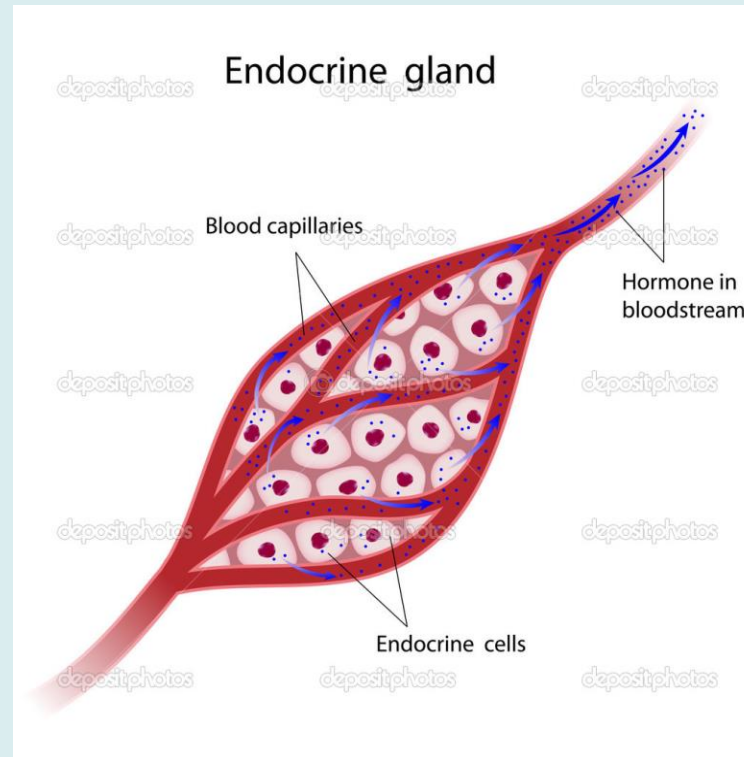


# GLANDS

Exocrine



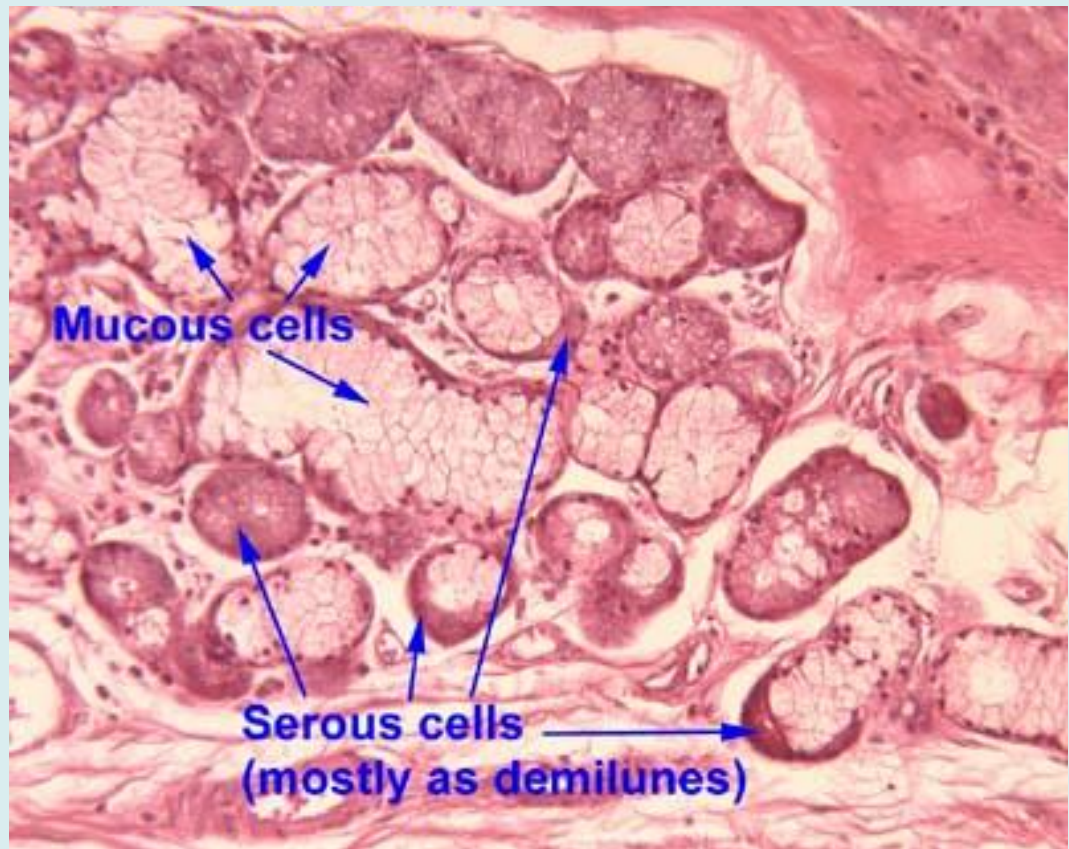
Endocrine



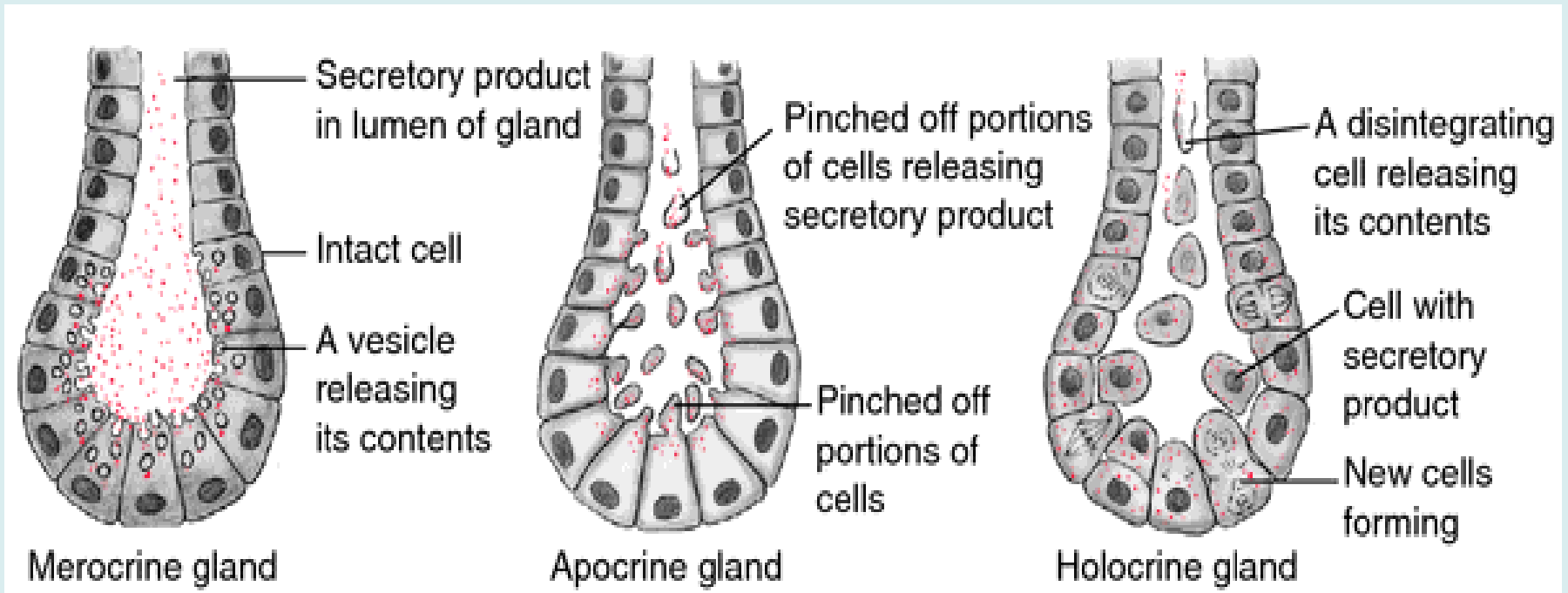
# Classification of exocrine glands

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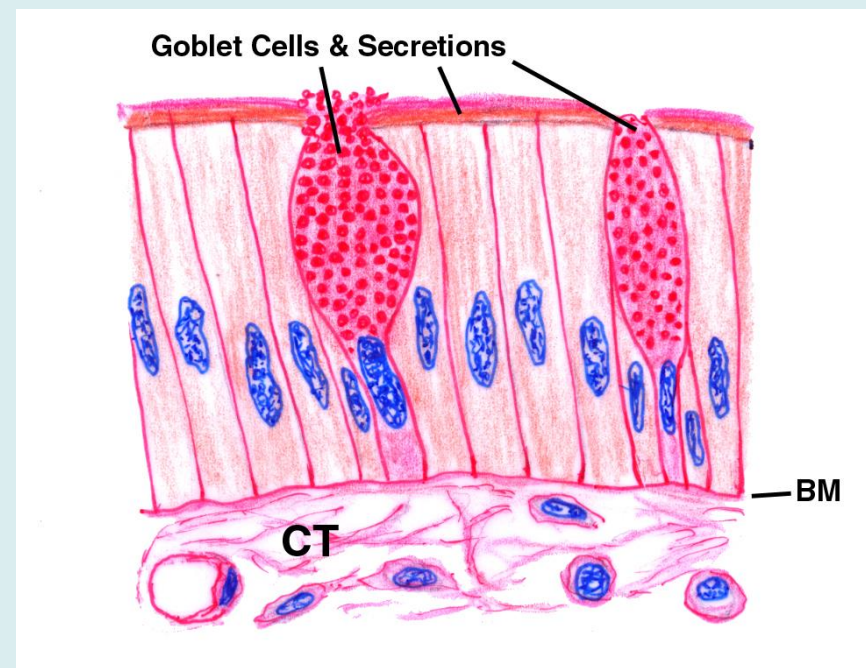
- **nature of secretion**
  - mucous glands
  - serous glands
  - mixed glands
- **mode of secretion**
  - merocrine glands
  - apocrine glands
  - holocrine glands
- **number of cells**
  - unicellular
  - multicellular



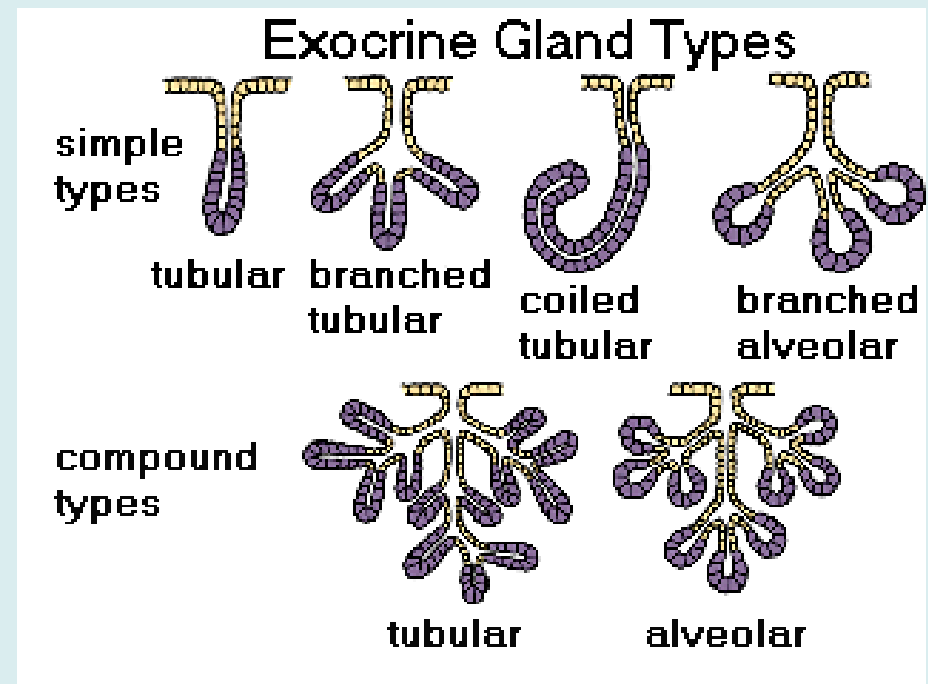
# Mechanisms of secretion of exocrine glands

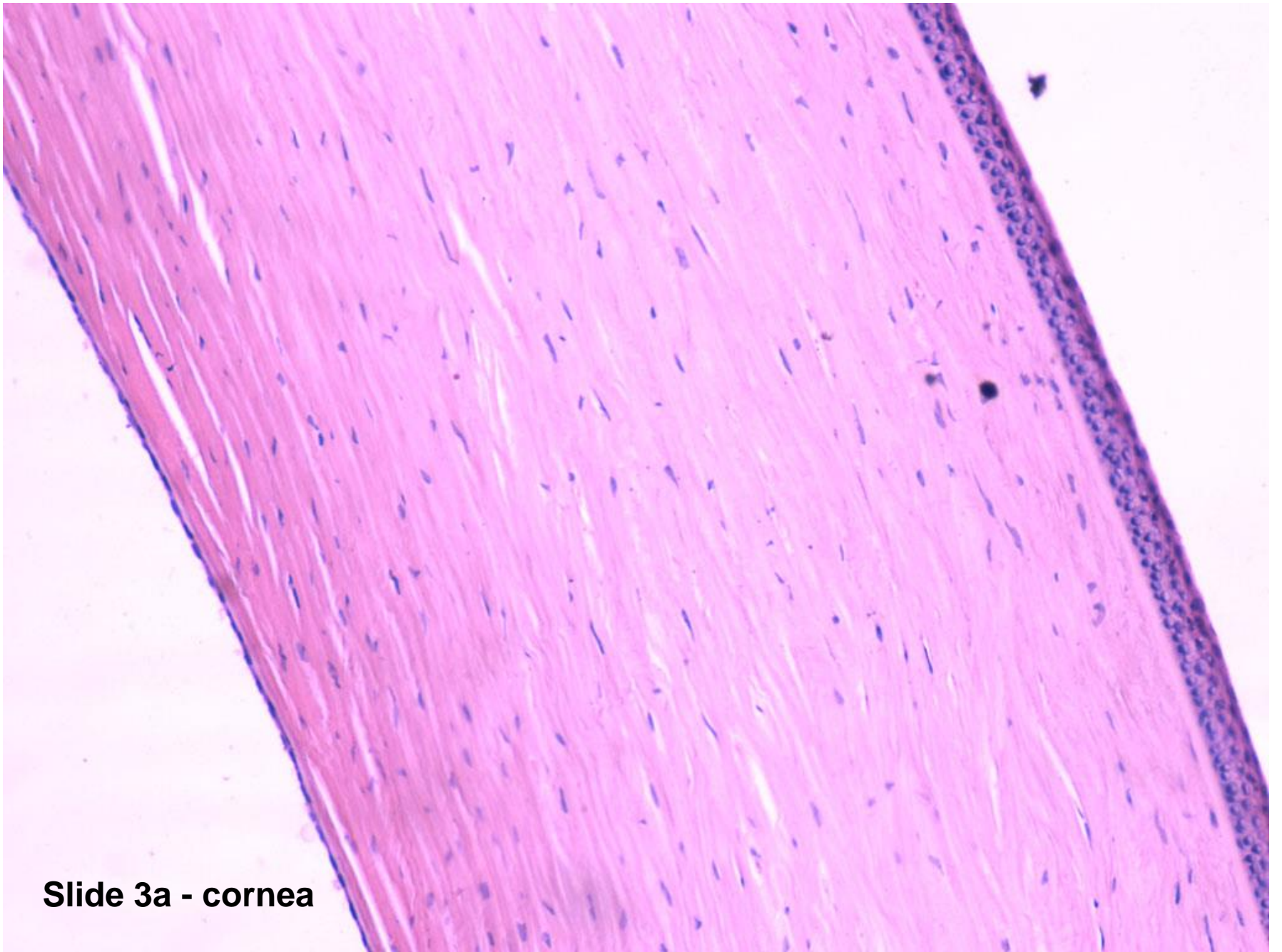


## Unicellular glands



## Multicellular exocrine glands



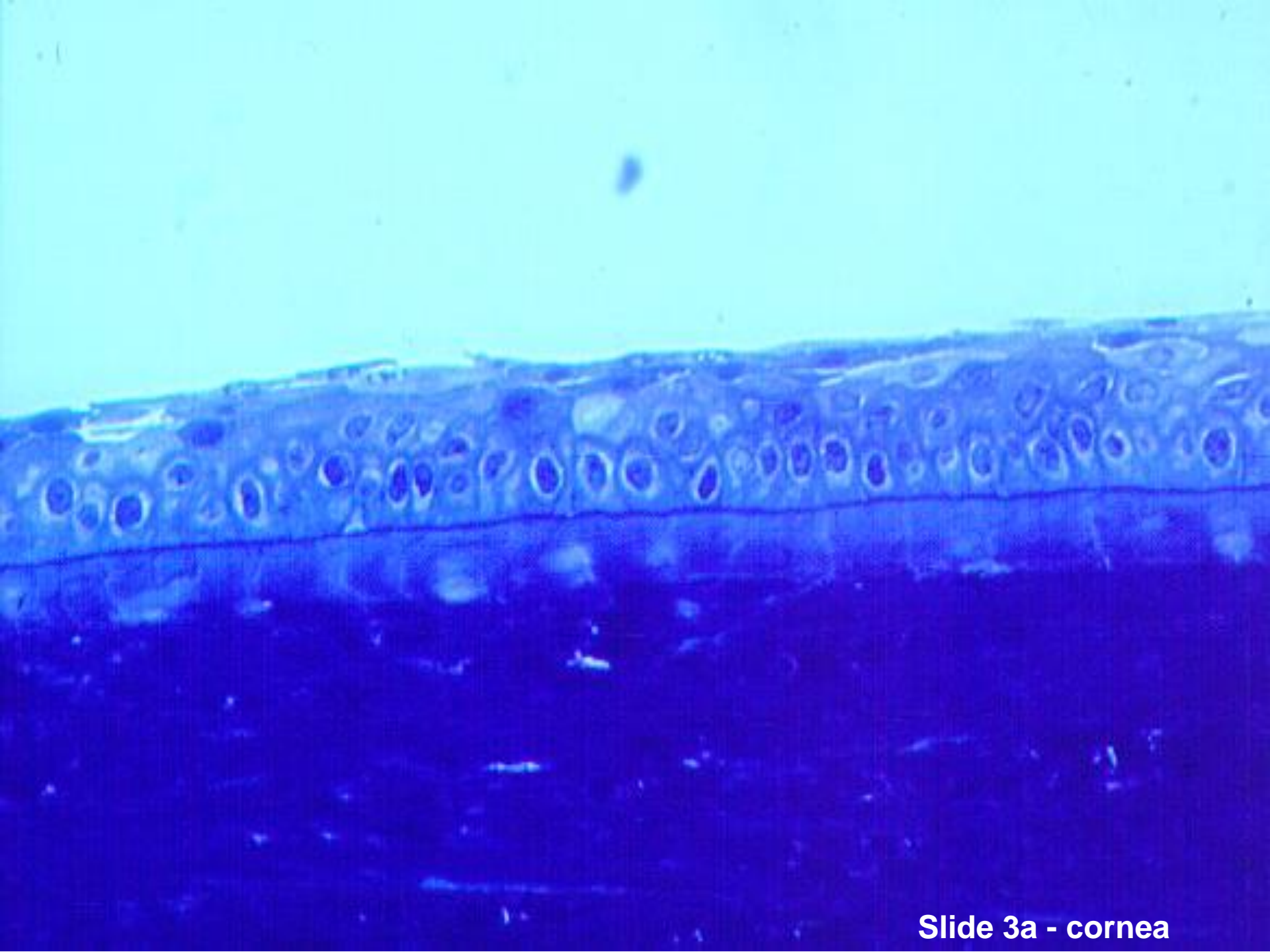


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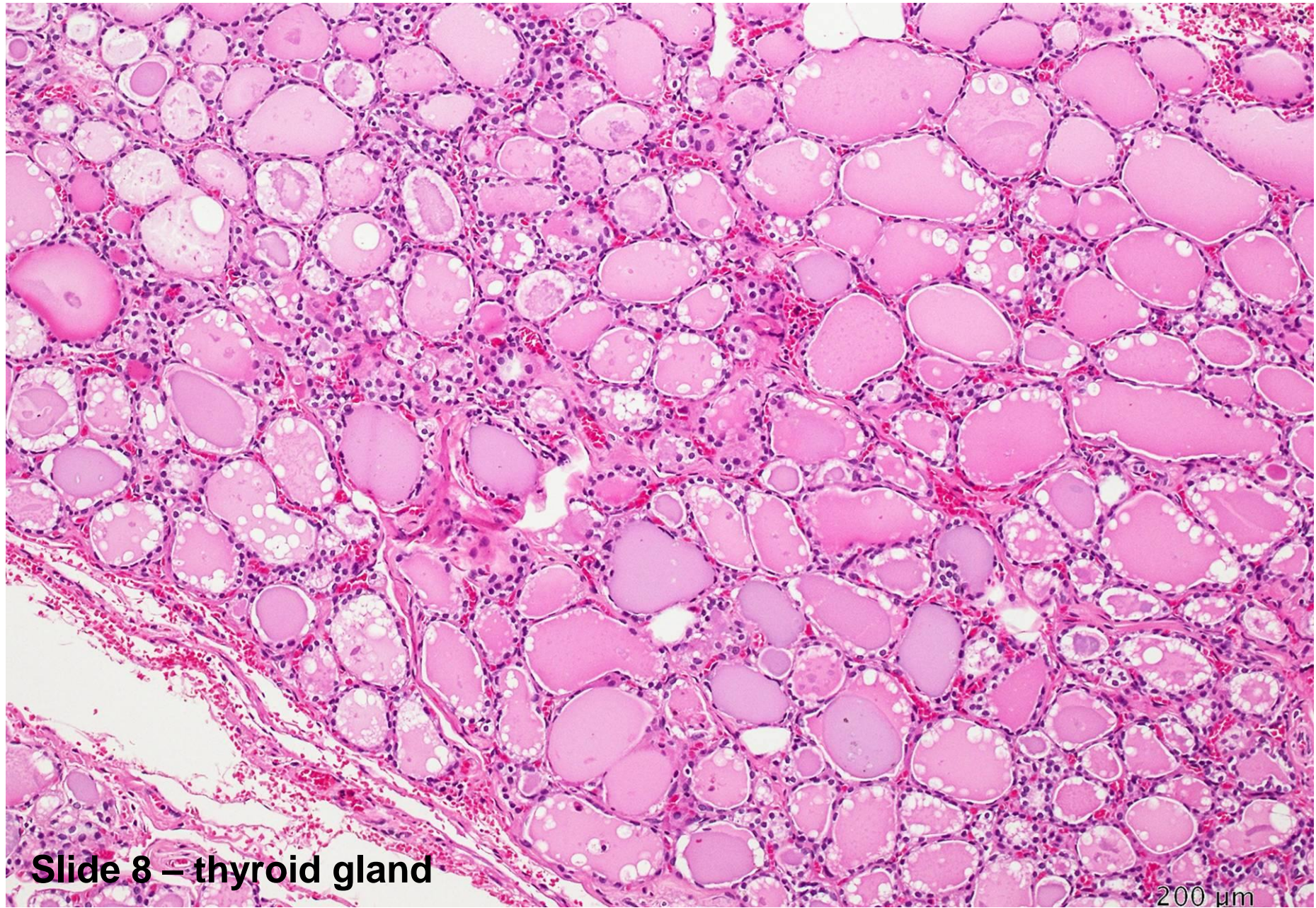


Slide 3a - cornea



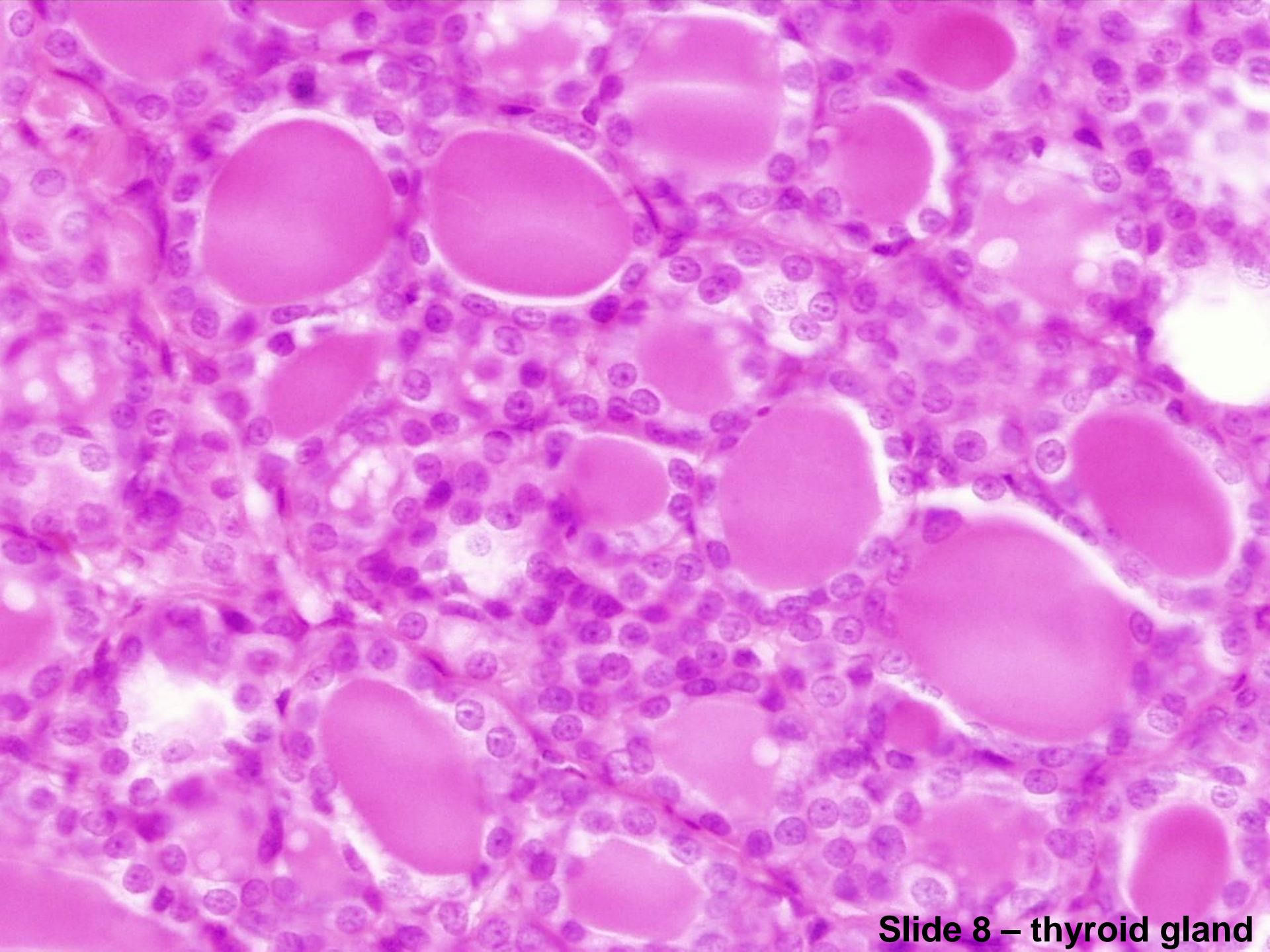


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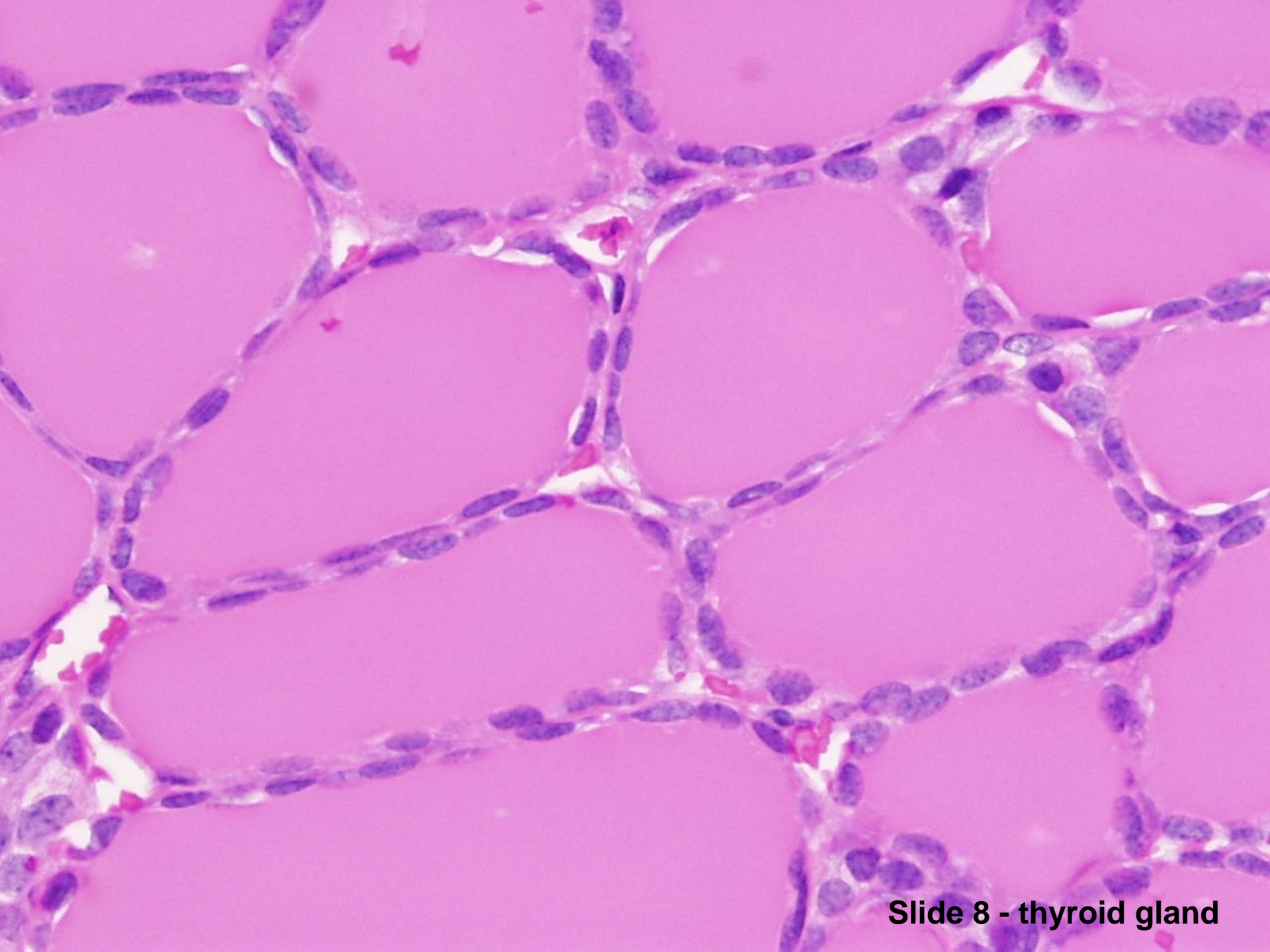


**Slide 8 – thyroid gland**

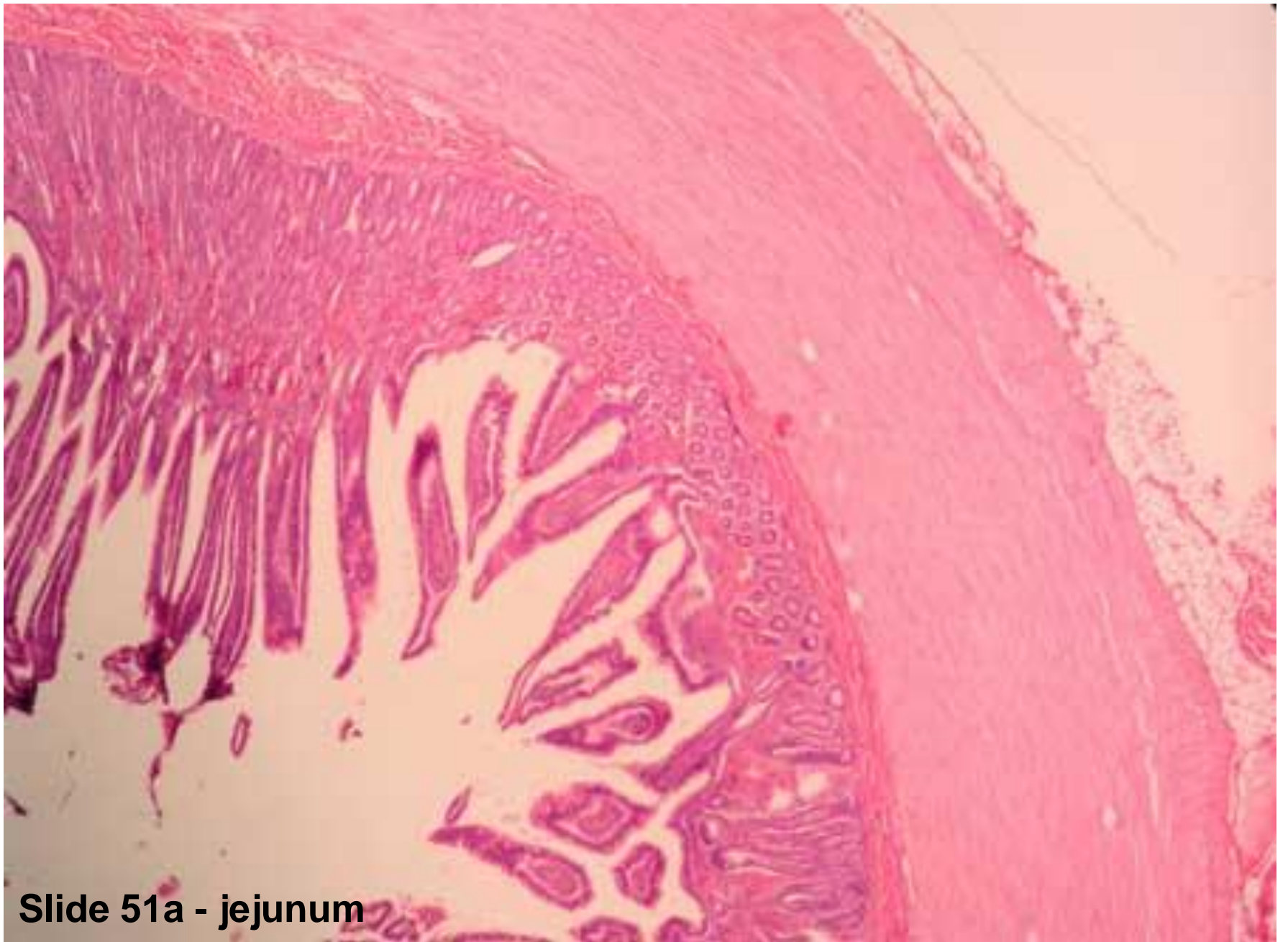
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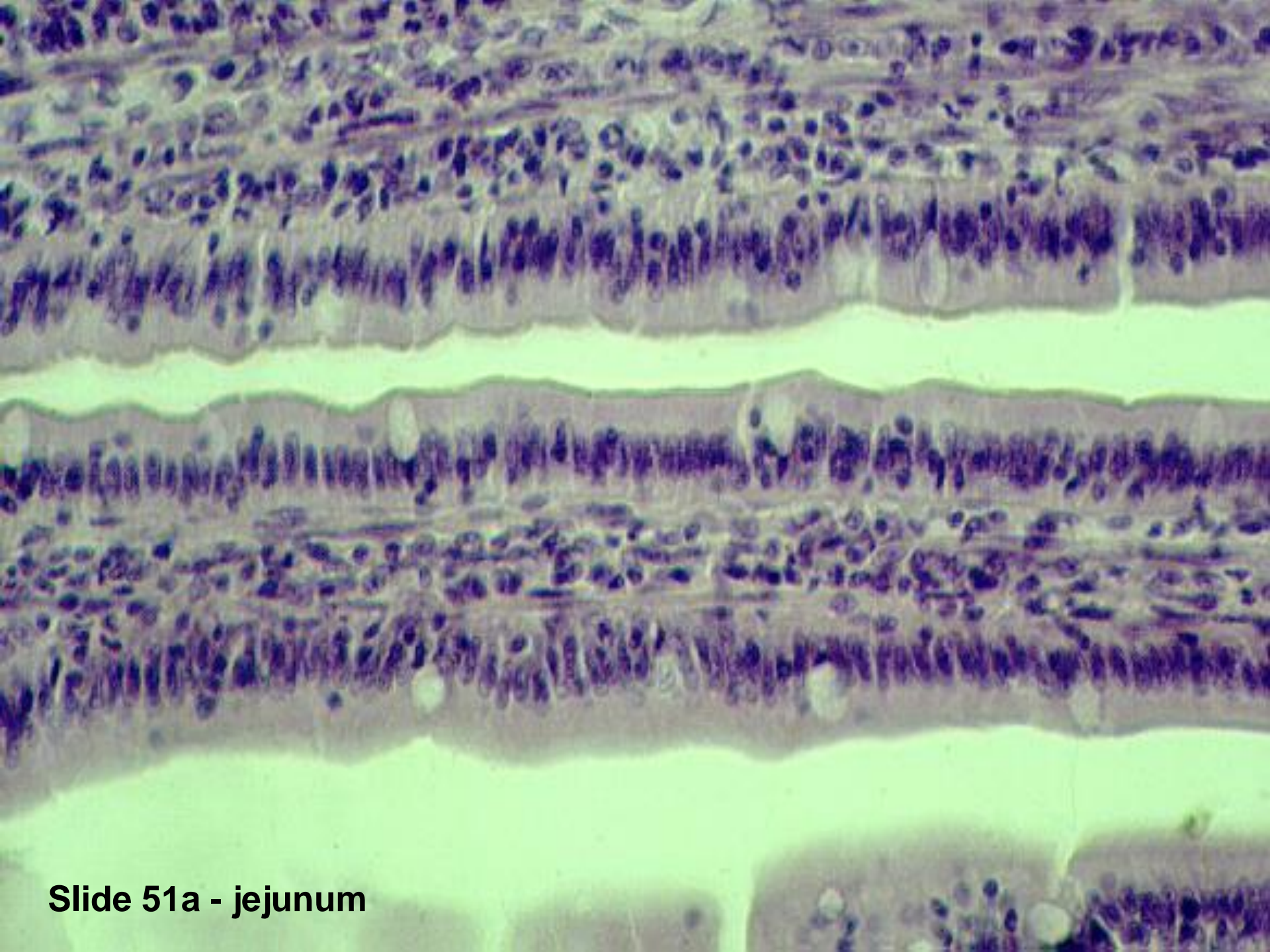
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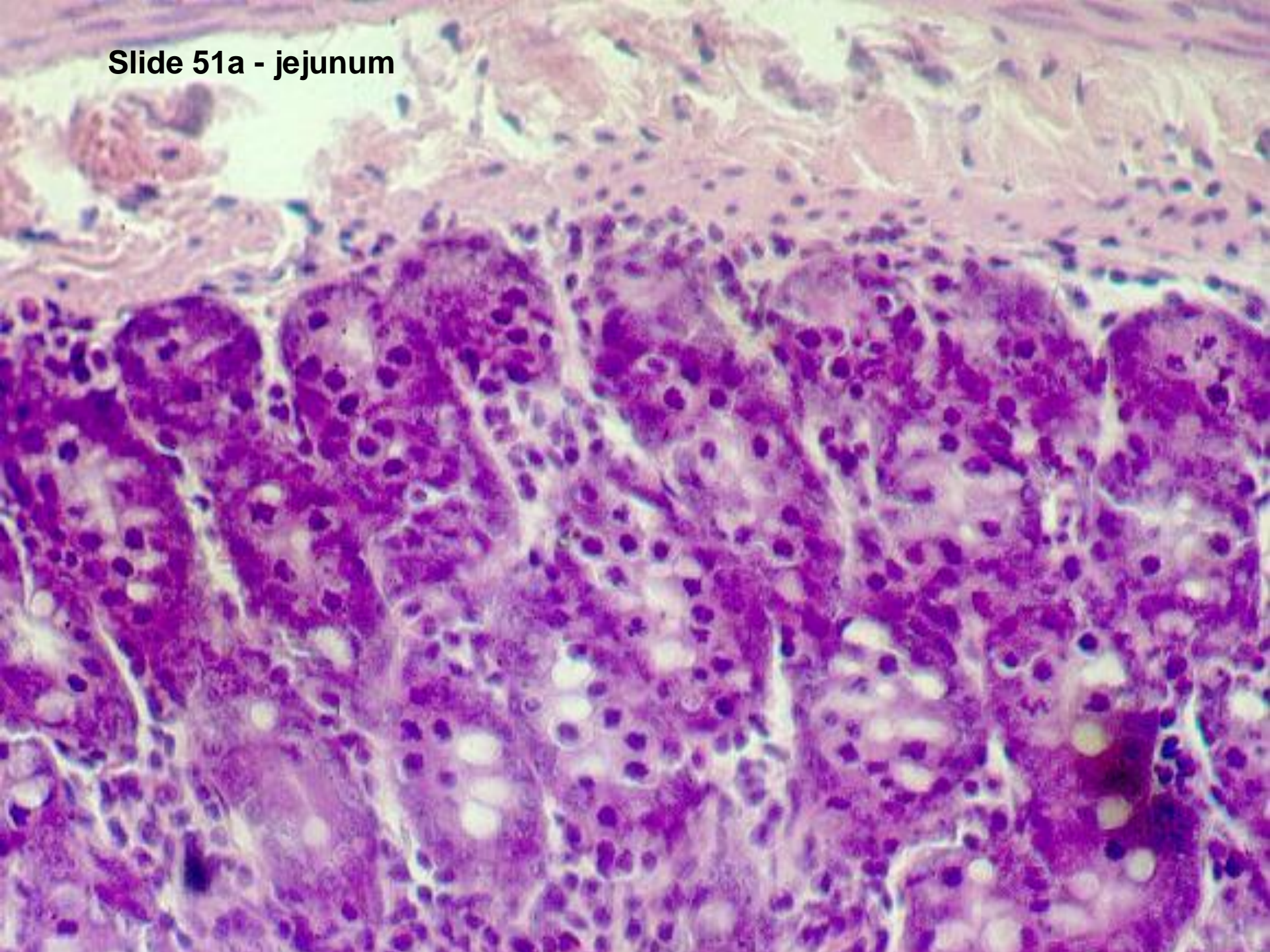


**Slide 51a - jejunum**

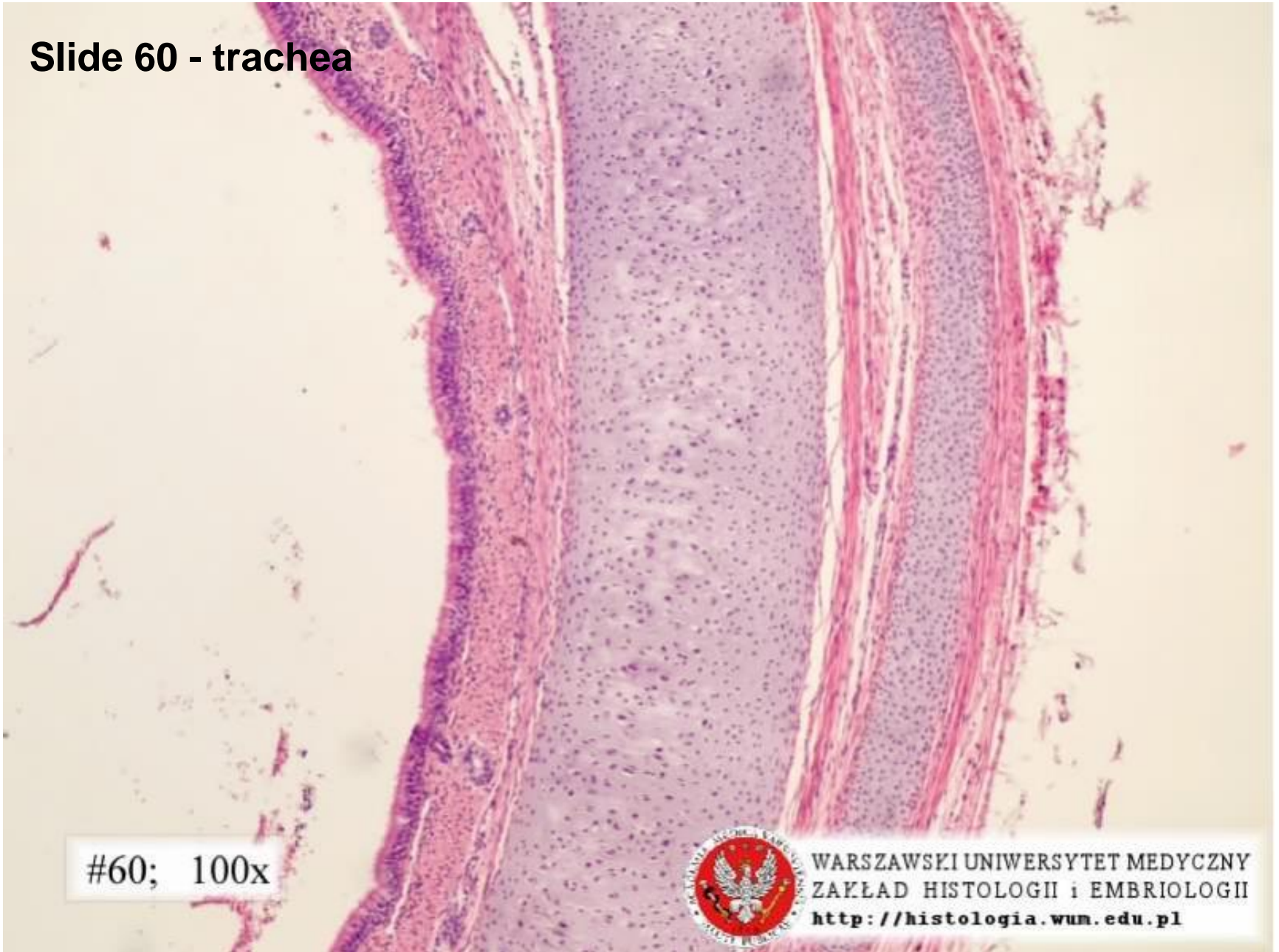


**Slide 51a - jejunum**

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**Slide 60 - trachea**

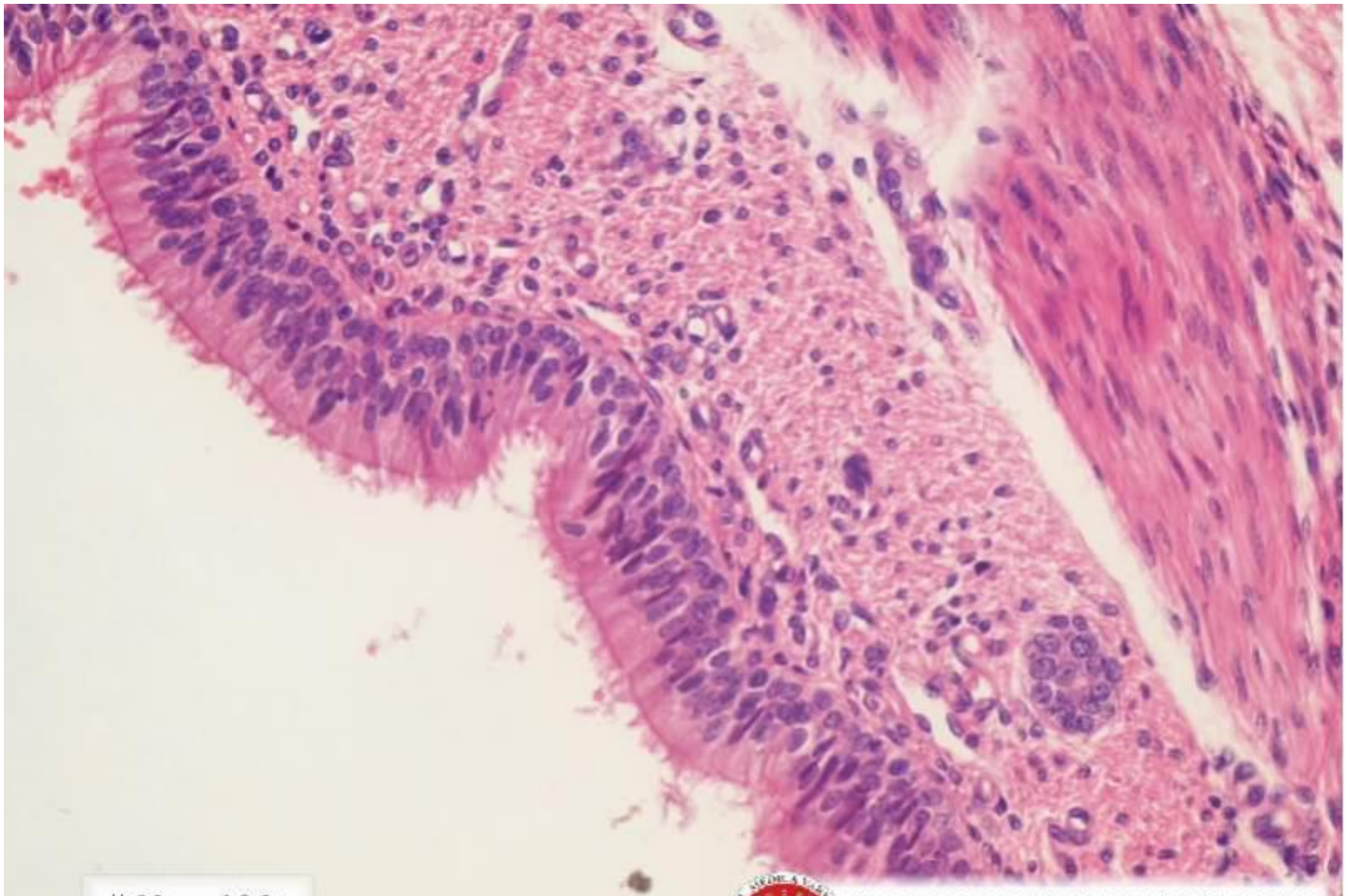


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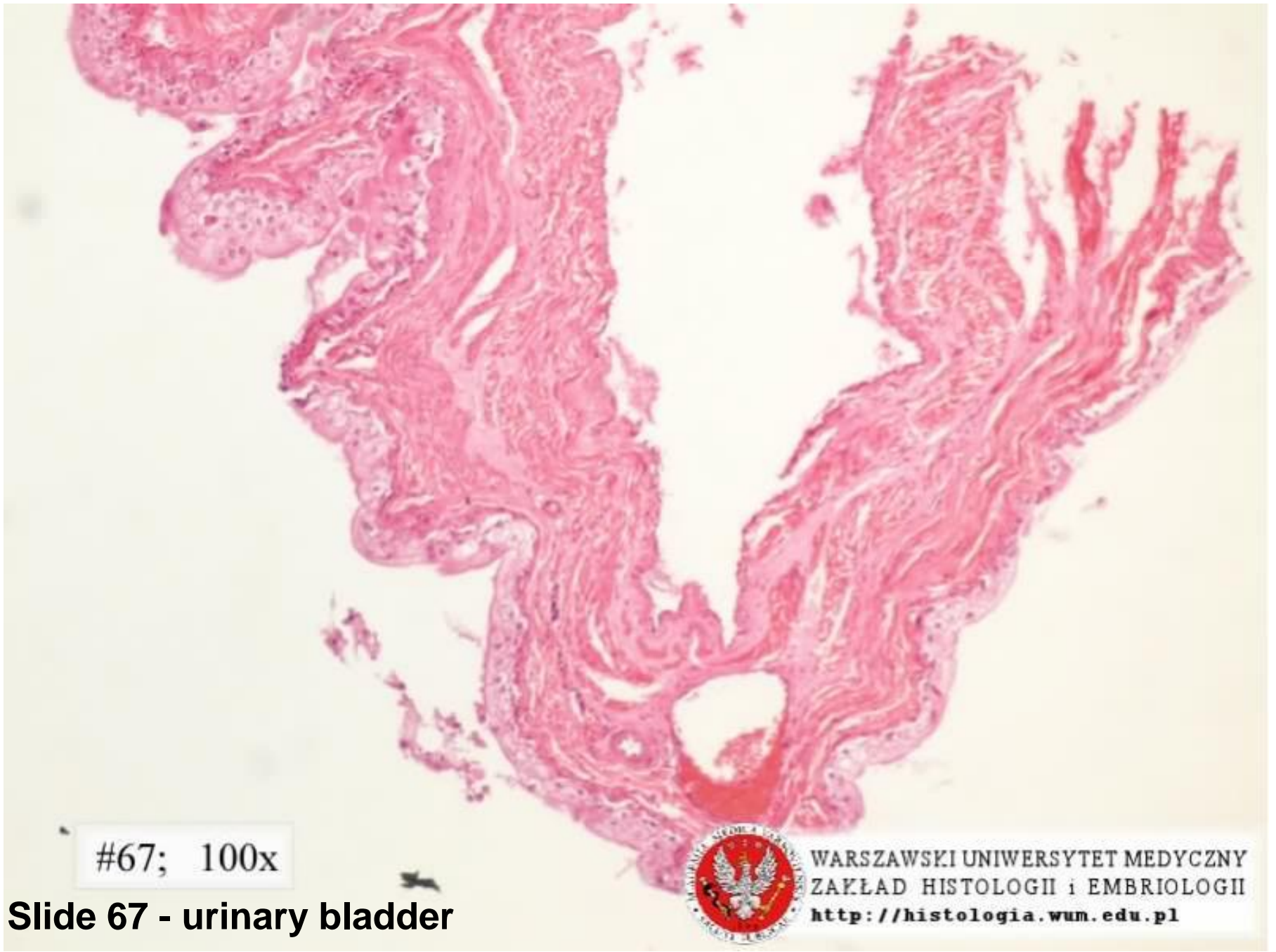


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**Slide 60 - trachea**



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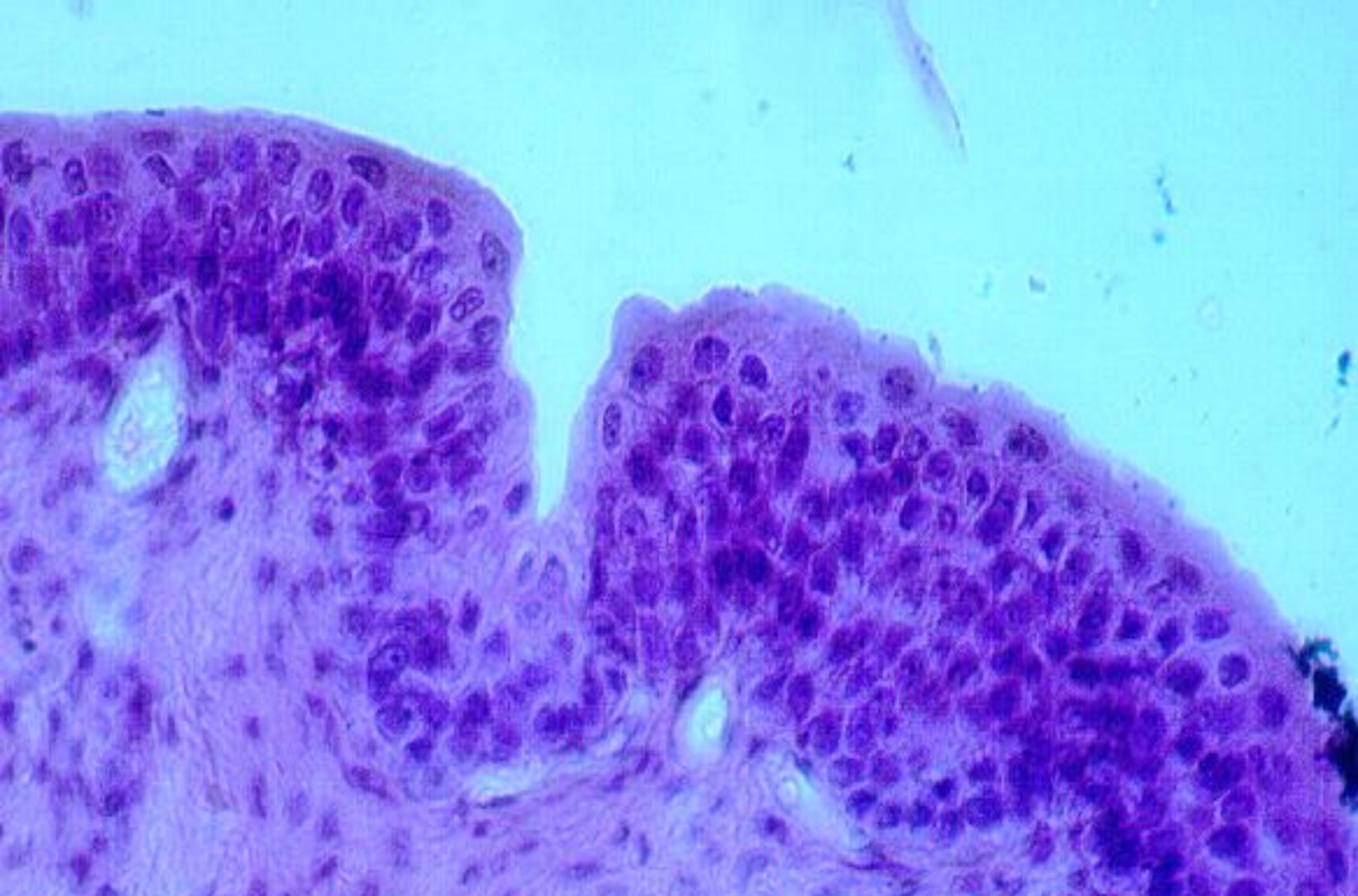


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**Slide 67 - urinary bladder**



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