# digestive system



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### Introduction of digestive system

- \* a long tube extending from the mouth to the anus, and associated with glands.
- \* its main function: -digestion: physical/chemica -absorption
- \* three major sections
- -the oral cavity including oropharynx
  -the tubular digestive tract
  -the major digestive glands:
  salivary glands,
  pancreas,
  liver,



# general structure of tubular digestive tract

### basically four layers

1.Mucosa

2.Submucosa3.Muscularis

4.adventitia



Mucosa (tunica mucosa) 1. Epithelium -----two types stratified squamous & simple columnar epith. 2. Lamina propria a layer of C.T. gland capillaries 3. Muscularis mucosa





#### Submucosa

\*C.T. with small blood / lymphatic vessels;

\*glands only in the esophagus and duodenum

\*submucosal plexus

\*accumulation of lymphatic tissue quite frequently

*plicae* \*folds of mucosa and submucosa \*longitudinal/circular form.



# Muscularis

two layers of smooth m. inner layer: circular m. outer layer: longitudinal m. <sup>k</sup>upper esophagus & the anus with striated m. \*three layers in the stomach \*between two layers of m. are a vascular plexus and a never plexus



# Adventitia

## the outmost layer formed by CT with two form: \* *fibrosa*:

CT blending with surrounding structure

\* *serosa:* C.T. + mesothelium



longitudinal (outside) and circular (inside) layers of smooth muscle

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# **Esophagus**

**mucosa:** stratified squamous epithelium muscularis mucosa: longitudinal bunches of smooth muscle cells submucosa: esophageal glands muscularis: proximal end: skeletal muscle distal end: smooth muscle mid portion: mixture muscle Advantitia: fibrosa





#### **Esophagogastric junction** (longitudinal section)

#### Structural characteristic of stomach

\*plicae, gastric pits :

**mucosa** \*simple columnar epith.:

Surface mucous cells

\* lamina propria :gastric glands muscularis

inner layer : oblique m. middle layer : circular m. outer layer : longitudinal m.



serosa

#### Three types of gastric glands

cardiac glands pyloric glands fundic glands



#### Longitudinal section of fundic gland

Cell types:

#### \*surface mucous c.

\*parietal c

\*mucous neck c.

\*endocrine cell

\* chief C

\* stem c





## **Chief Cell**

- \* located in the base of the gland
- \* with the typical appearance of a protein-secreting cell
- \* basophilic basal cytoplasm
- \*apical acidophilic zymogen granules
- \* secreting pepsinogen -----> pepsin





protein-----peptides



# **Parietal Cell**

- \* Located mostly in upper half of the gland
- \* large round cell with centrally-locate nucleus



- \* acidophilic cytoplasm
- \* Extentive invagination of the apical cell membrane forms *intracellular secretory canaliculus*

**Function :** secreting hydrochloride acid (HCl) producing intrinsic factor

## Mucous neck cell

\*located in the neck of the gland in small groups;

- \* flatten nucleus located in the base of cell;
- \* mucin granules lie in the supranuclear position;
  \* secreting acid mucus.



## Stem cell

\*a group of undifferentiated cells located in the neck region of the gland;

\*differentiating into surface mucous cells, chief cells and parietal cells;

#### **Endocrine cells**

\*ECL cell: histanine stimulated the acid production
 \*D cell: somatostatin inhibited secretion of parietal cells and other endocrine cells

## **mucous-HCO3- barrier:**

# Small intestine

Divided into three parts: duodenum jejunum ileum

**Function:** 

\**digestion* \**absorption* \*secreted certain hormones

#### plicae intestinal villus

#### Mucosa

simple columnar epith. with many different types of cells small intestinal glands submucosa LCT, duodenal glands muscularis: internal circular sublayer and external longitudinal sublayer smooth muscle cells Advantitia: serosa



#### Terminology for small intestine

## \*Plica : \*intestinal villi :





### Intestinal villi epithelium absorptive cells: LM: striated border EM: microvillus, cell coat, SER and Golgi complex Goblet cell



# Small intestine gland

\*infolding the epithelium to the lamina propria at the base of villus

\*cellular components as same as that in the villous epith., except two types of cells:

> Goblet c. Absorptive c. Paneth c Stem c. Endocrine c.



# Paneth cell

- \* found only in the base of the gland
- \* pyramidal shape with a broad base and a narrow apex
- \* having all features of proteinsecreting cells
- \* acidophilic granules in the apical cytoplasm
- \* secreting defensin, lysozyme which involved in the control of infection



# Regional difference in the small intestine

	duodenum	jejunum	ileum
Villi shape	leaf-like	finger-like	becoming smaller
Goblet C.	+	++	+++
	scattered L.C.	Same as in	aggregated L.N.
tissue	solitary L.N.	duodenum	<b>4991 694664 1211 (1</b>
Glands	Present	none	none
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# Large intestine

\* three main sections:

cecum including the appendix colon rectum with the anal canal

\* primary function is reabsorption of water and salt

\* secreted mucus acts as a lubricant during transport of the intestinal contents

#### Structural characteristic of cecum, colon & rectum

\*absence of plicae & villi
\*surface and gland epith. with numerous goblet c.
\* taeniae coli









### Structural characteristic of appendix

- \* surface epith. with few goblet cells.
- \* rare intestinal glands
- \* lymphoid nodules
- \* very thin muscularis
- \* serosa





### Lymphoid Tissue of Digestive Tract and Immune Function

gut –associated lymphoid tissue: including lymphoid nodules in mucosa, lymphocytes, plasma cells and macrophages in lamina propria and lymphocytes between epithelial cells Function: microfold cells, IgA, secretory piece, sIgA

















# **Ultrastructure of Parietal cell**



















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# Function of surface mucous cell

\*secreting alkali mucin

\*forms a protective layer in the lumen of stomach

Pathogenesis: ulceration



