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General Splanhnology-Viscera

**Functional Anatomy of  
the Digestive System**

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# Plan

- Viscera
- Digestive System

- Locomotor apparatus – movement
- Internal organs - supply the locomotor apparatus

# CLASSIFICATION OF THE INTERNAL ORGANS

*According to functional point of view the viscera are divided into systems of organs and apparatuses.*

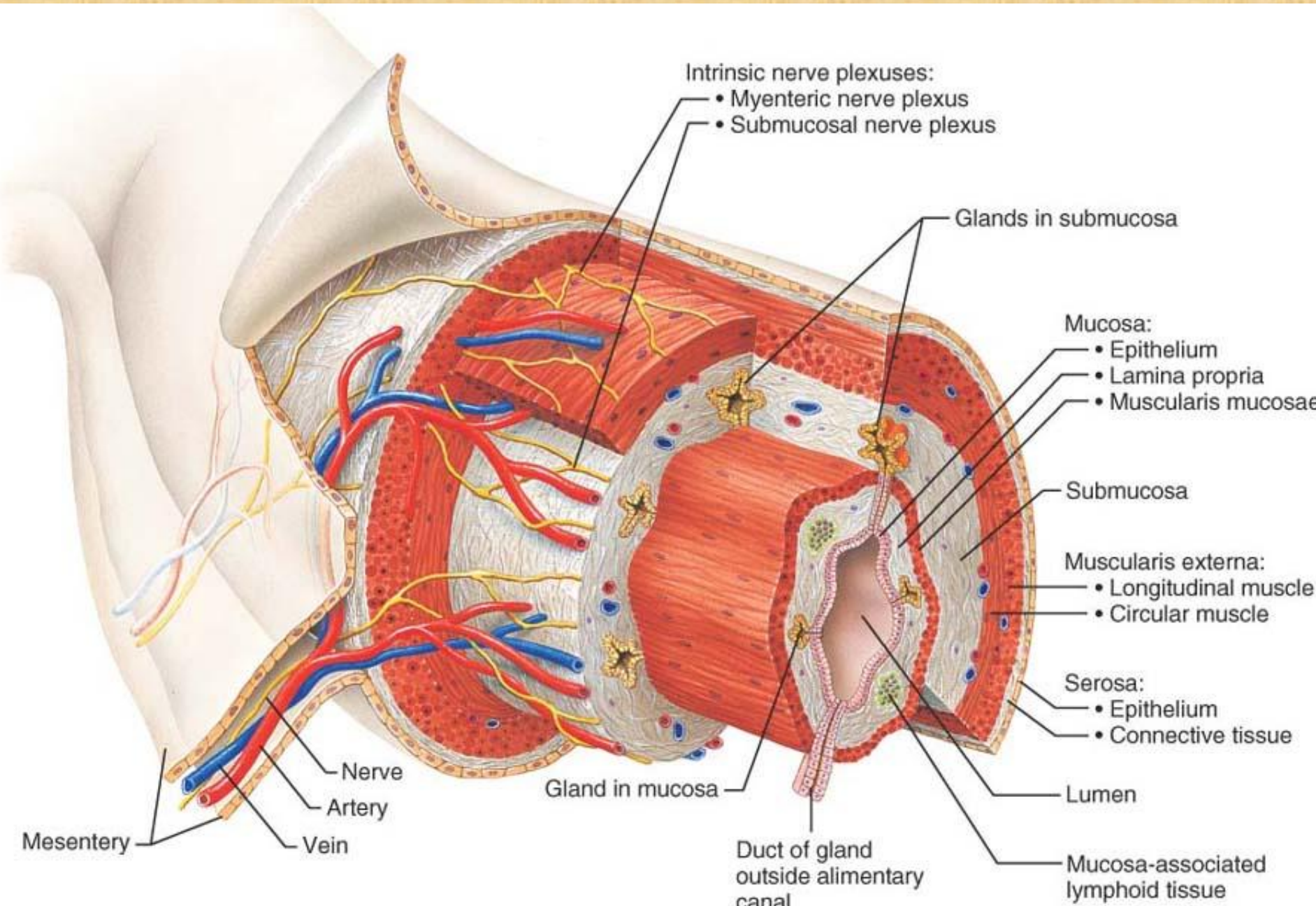
- **Digestive system** (energy, nutrients for growing up ) /the mouth, esophagus, gastrointestinal tract, liver and pancreas and salivary glands/;
- **Respiratory system** (exchange of gases O<sub>2</sub> to support burning)/(the nose, airways, larynx and lungs);
- **Urogenital system** (excretion also skin)(the urinary and genital or reproductive organs) – (multiplication);
- **Controlling system Endocrine and Nervous systems** (the ductless glands and cells which produce hormones);
- **Circulatory system** (the heart and blood and lymph vessels);
- **Defense system** (the blood, lymphatics and bone marrow);

The organs are divided into **tubular (hollow)** and **parenchymatous organs**.

**Cavitory organs** have a common tubular structure;

*The wall of the cavitory organs consist of few layers:*

- **The mucous coat** ( tunica mucosa )
- **The submucous layer** ( tela submucosa )
- **The muscular coat** (tunica muscularis )
- **The serous coat** (tunica serosa ), or the **adventitious coat** ( tunica adventitia )



Intrinsic nerve plexuses:  
• Myenteric nerve plexus  
• Submucosal nerve plexus

Glands in submucosa

Mucosa:  
• Epithelium  
• Lamina propria  
• Muscularis mucosae

Submucosa

Muscularis externa:  
• Longitudinal muscle  
• Circular muscle

Serosa:  
• Epithelium  
• Connective tissue

Lumen

Mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue

Gland in mucosa

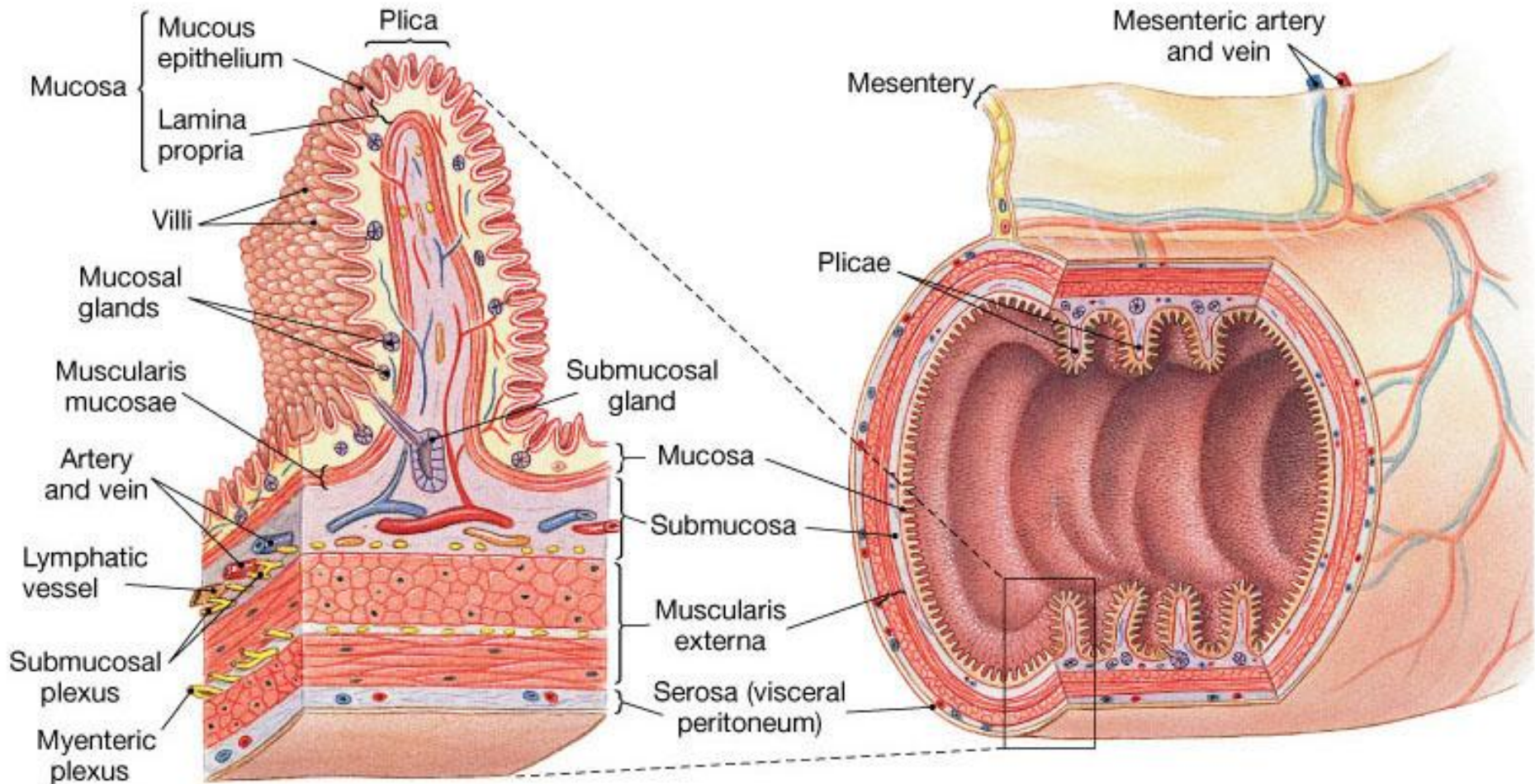
Duct of gland outside alimentary canal

Mesentery  
Nerve  
Artery  
Vein

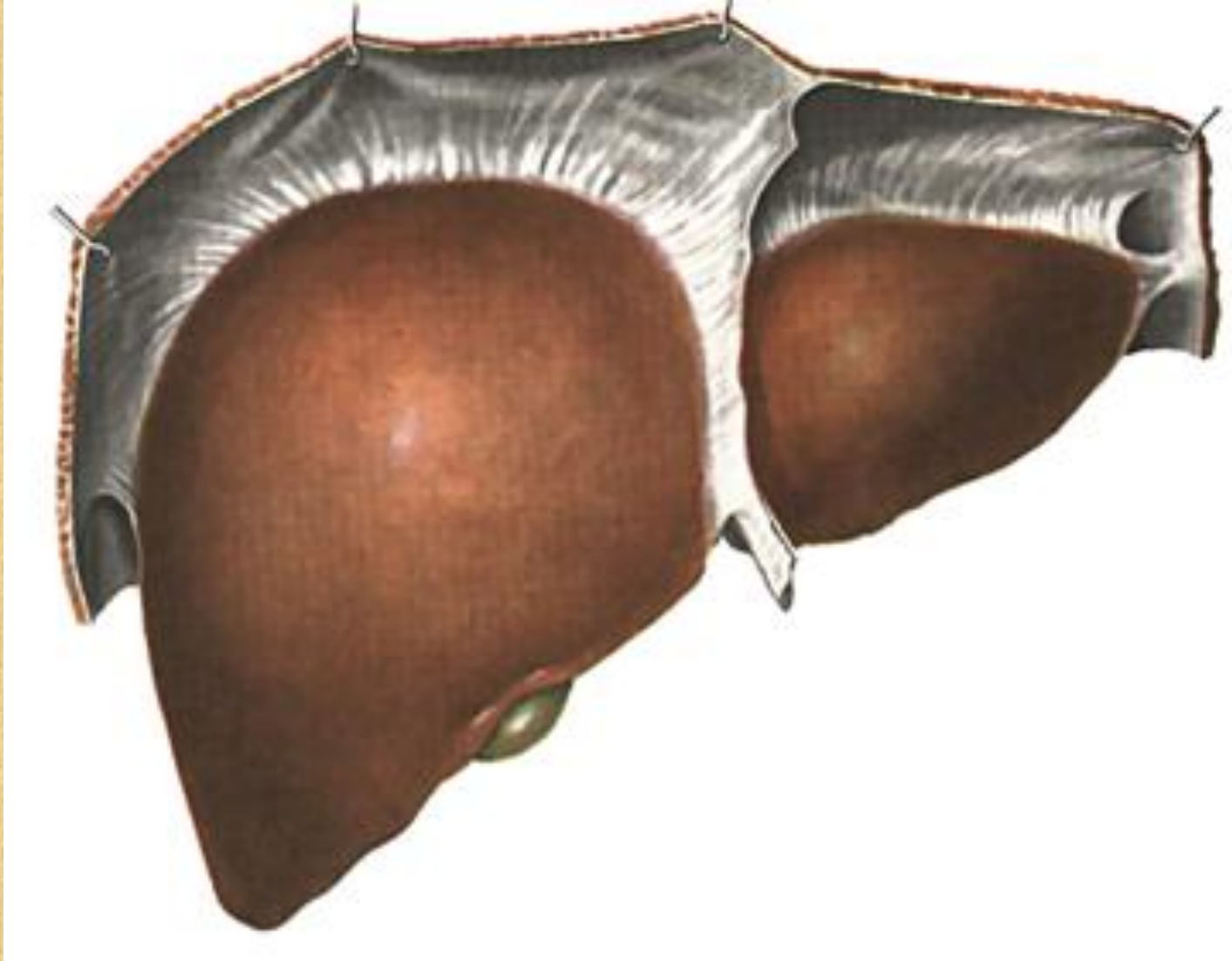
The **parenchymatous organs** consist of **parenchyma** and **stroma**.

- The *parenchyma*, which is formed from specific elements, that assure the function of organs;
- The *stroma*, which has a connective tissue origin sustains the parenchyma and leads the vessels and nerves.

# The Structure of the Digestive Tract





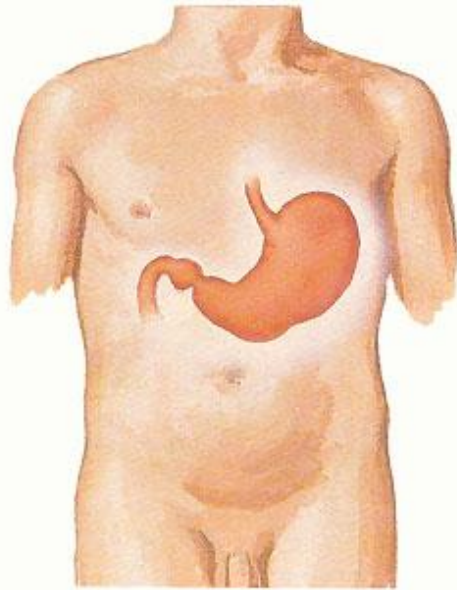


- *Classification of the viscera dependent on their development, topography, structure, and functions*
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- *a) According to the development organs are divided into:*
  - I. Organs derived from **endoderm**
  - II. Organs derived from **somatic mesoderm**
  - III. Organs derived from **ectoderm**

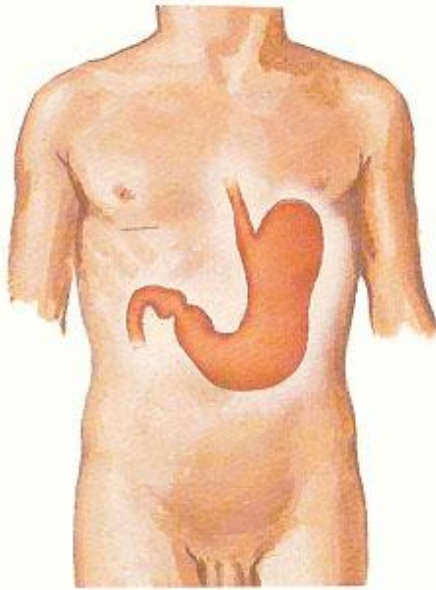
- ***b) According to the topographical principle organs are divided into:***
  - I. Organs of the head
  - II. Organs of the neck
  - III. Organs of the thoracic cavity
  - IV. Organs of the abdominal cavity
  - V. Organs of the pelvis.

# Viscera and constitutional types of the human body

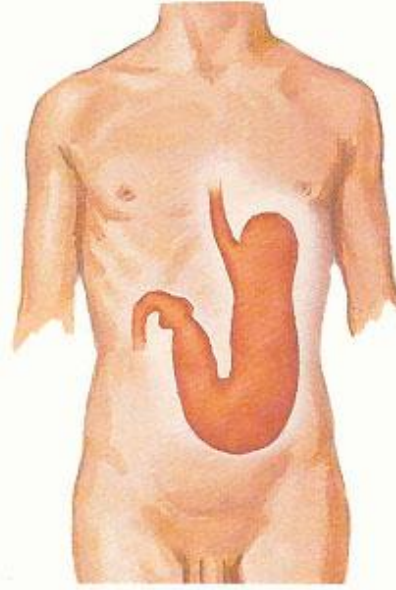
- The size, shape and position of the organs and vessels depend on constitutional type.
- In **asthenics** the viscera are smaller and have a lower position as they were ptotic. The lungs are longer, because the thoracic cage is longer. The heart has a vertical position and the aorta is narrow. The stomach has almost a vertical position as well as the loops of the small intestine. The liver, spleen and the pancreas and the kidney are small.
- In **hypersthenics** the heart is relatively large and has almost a horizontal position and the aorta is large. The lungs are short. The stomach has a transverse position as well as the loops of the small intestine. The liver, spleen and the pancreas and the kidney are large.
- The **normosthenic** type is an intermediate between the hypersthenic and asthenic type, and the organs have an intermediate position according to the characteristics accounted above.



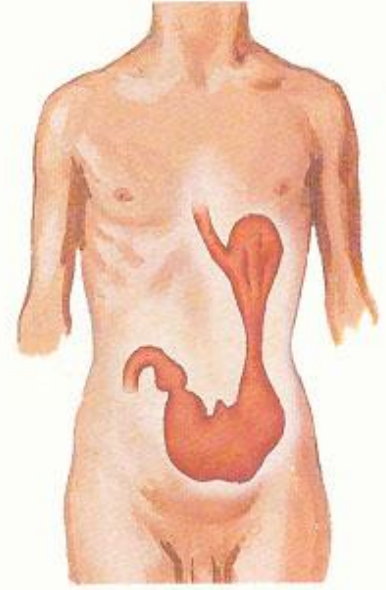
Hypertonic stomach



Orthotonic stomach



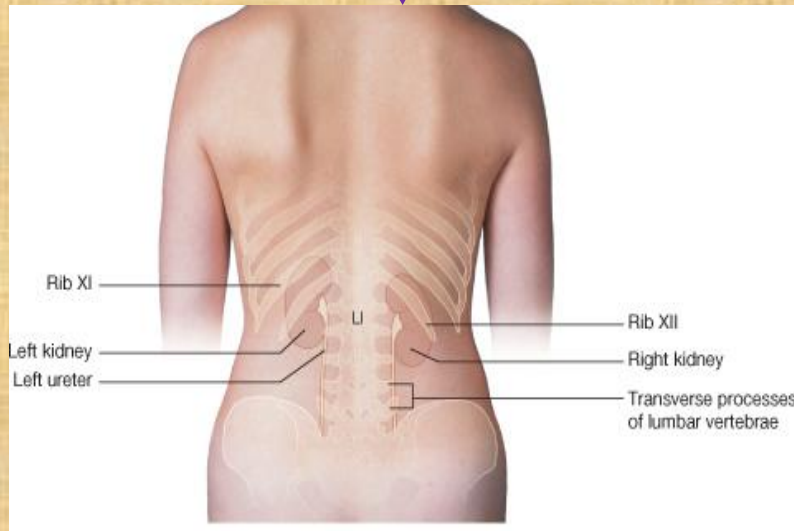
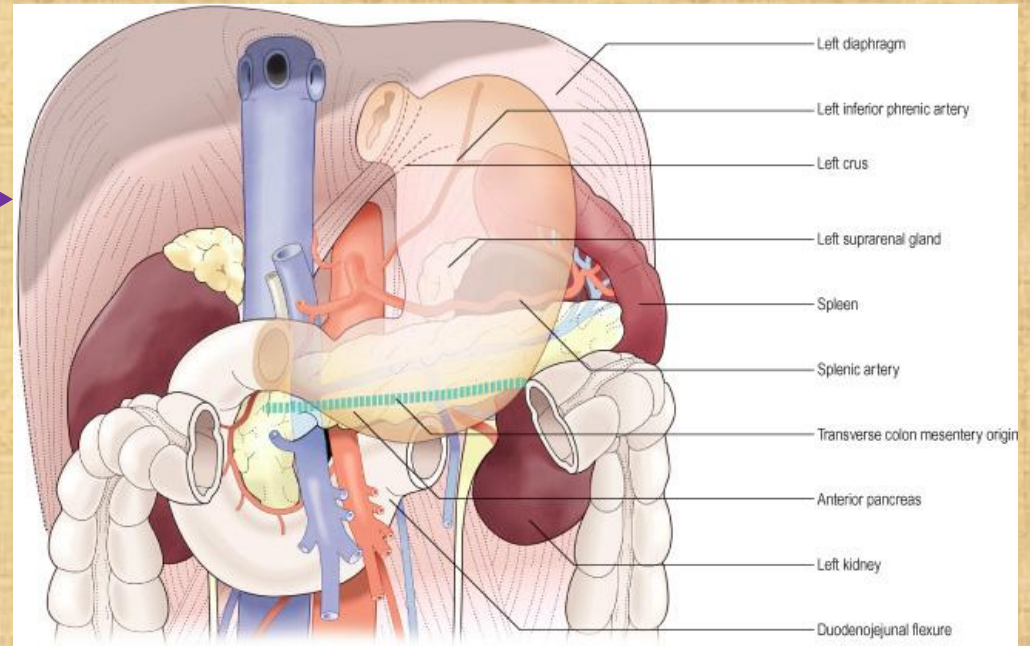
Hypotonic stomach

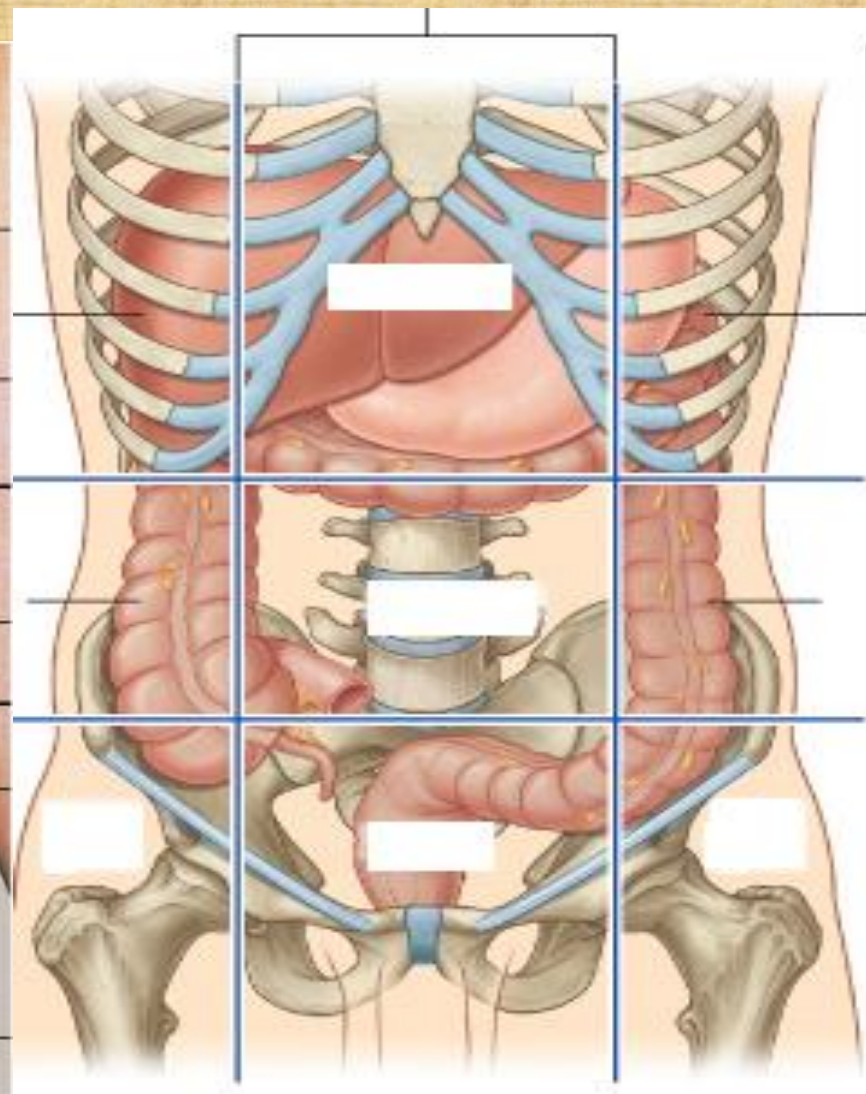
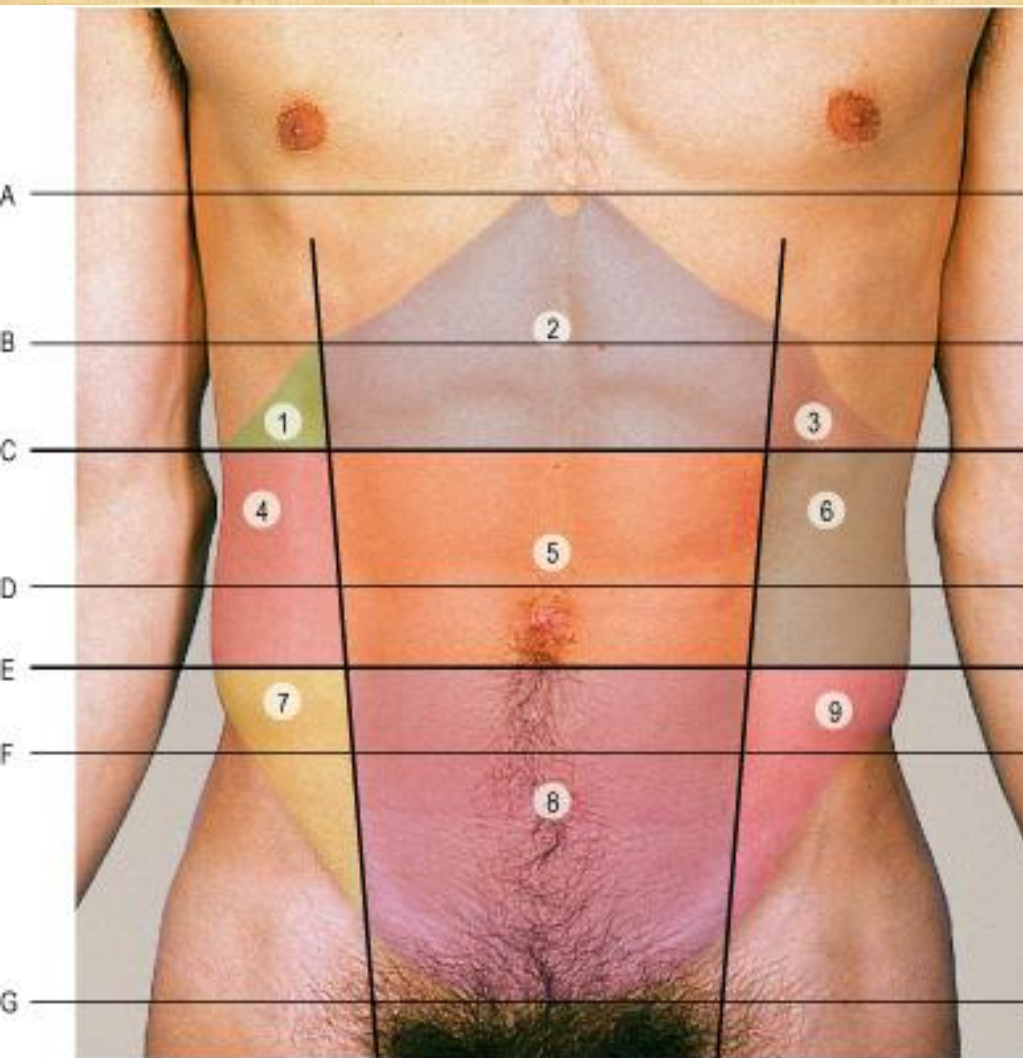


Atonic stomach

# Topography

- Syntopy
- Skeletotopy
- Holotopy



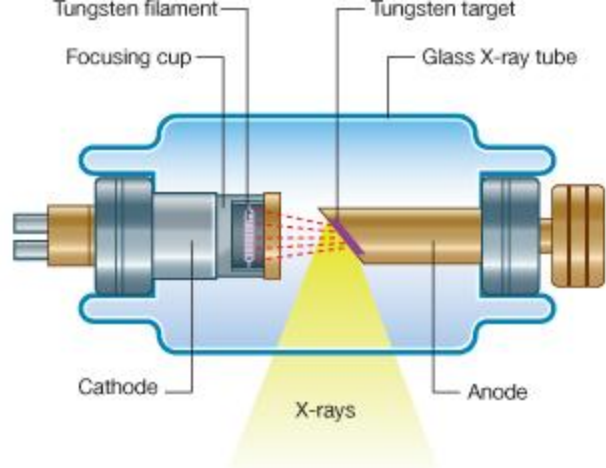


**Key for planes:**

A. Xiphisternal plane. B. Transpyloric plane. C. Subcostal plane. D. Supracristal plane.  
E. Transtuberular plane. F. Interspinous plane. G. Pubic crest plane.

**Key for nine regions of the abdomen:**

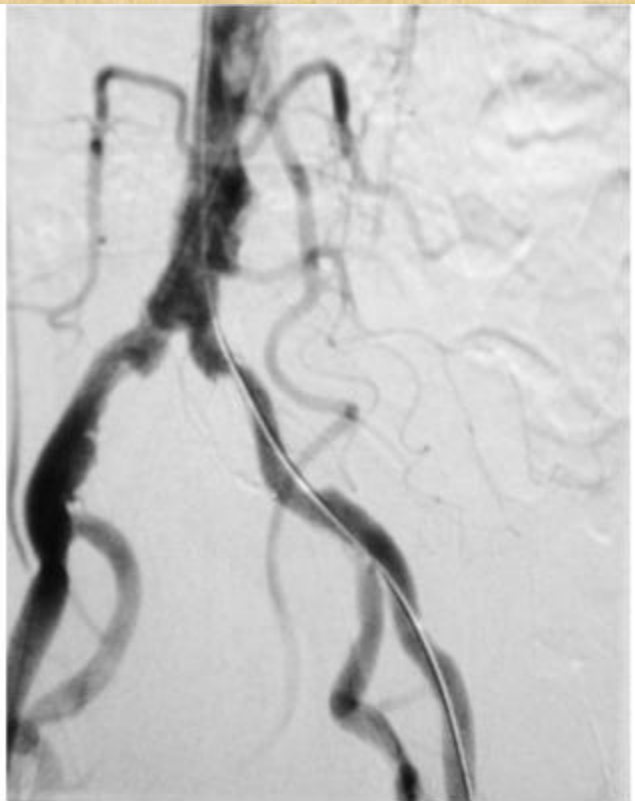
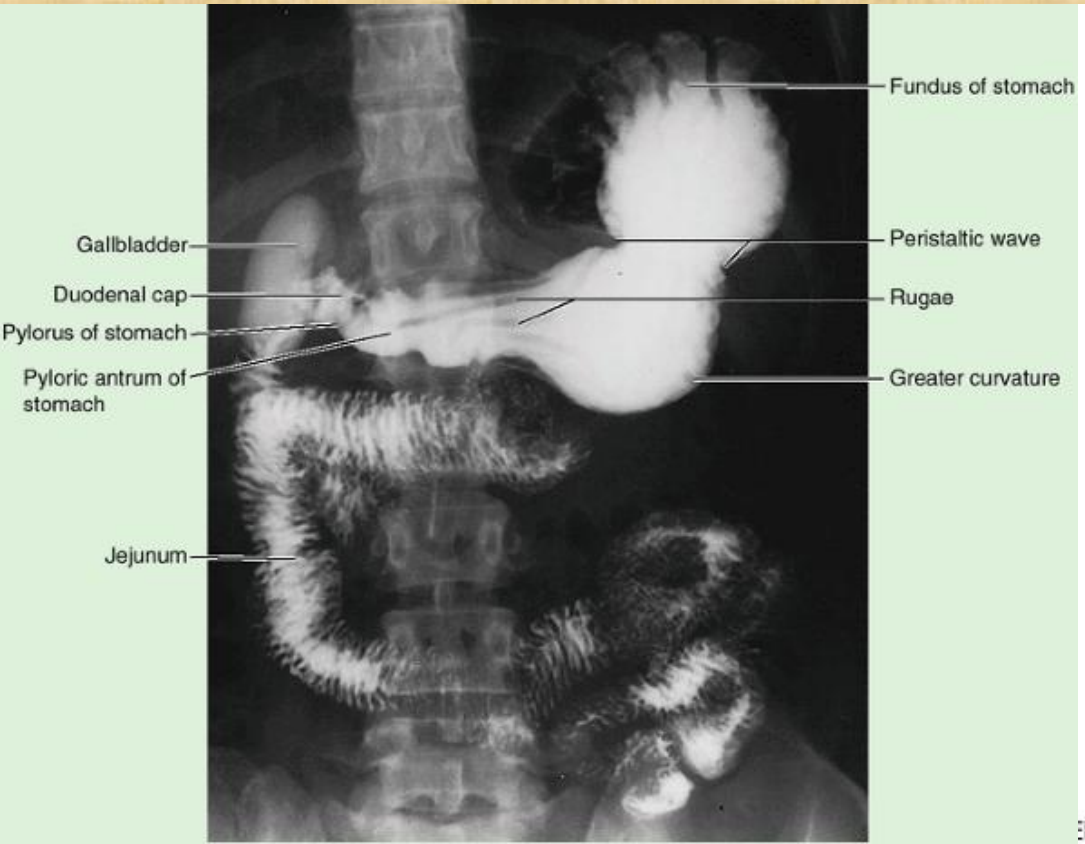
1. Right hypochondrium. 2. Epigastric. 3. Left hypochondrium. 4. Right lumbar.  
5. Central/umbilical. 6. Left lumbar. 7. Right iliac fossa. 8. Suprapubic/hypogastric.  
9. Left iliac fossa.



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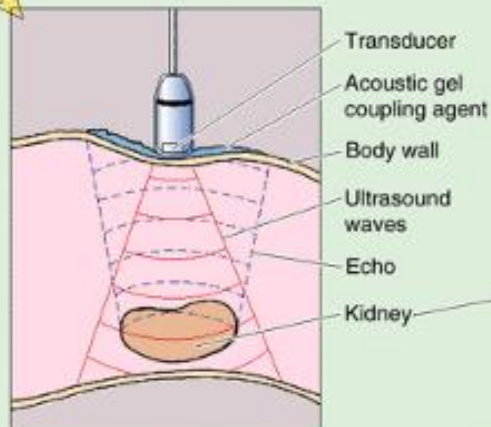


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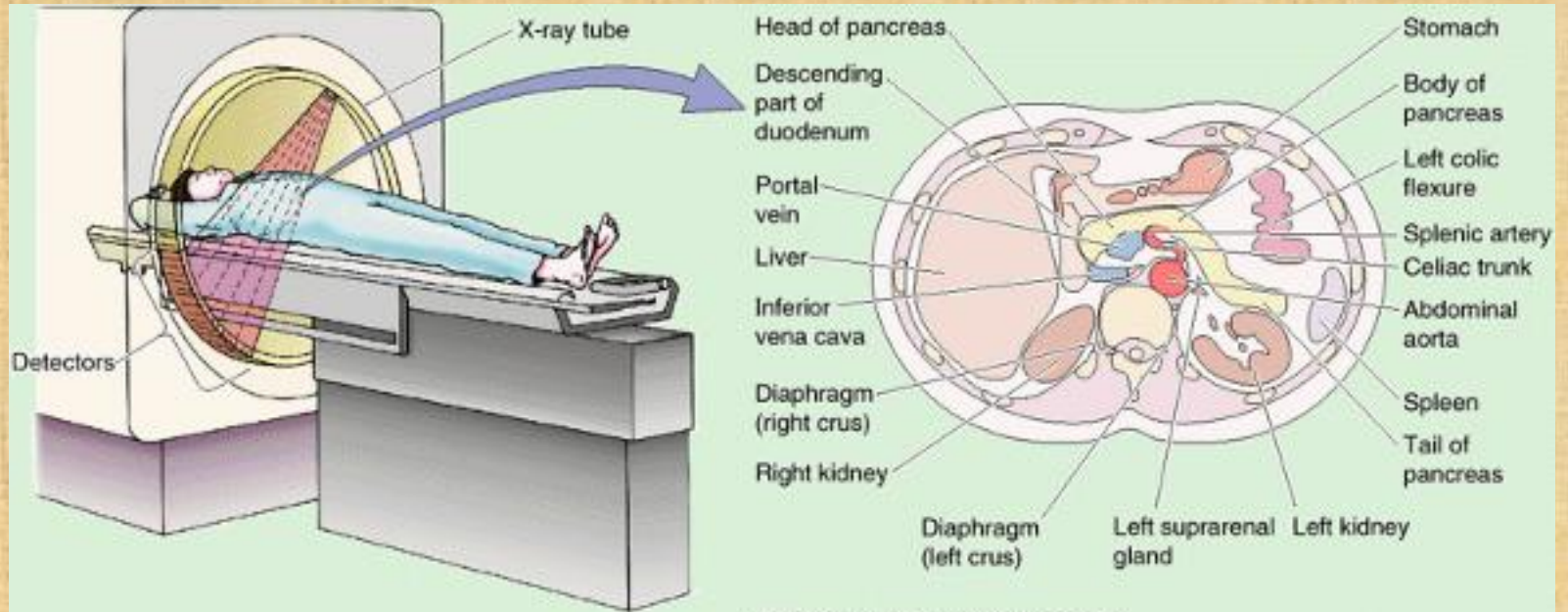




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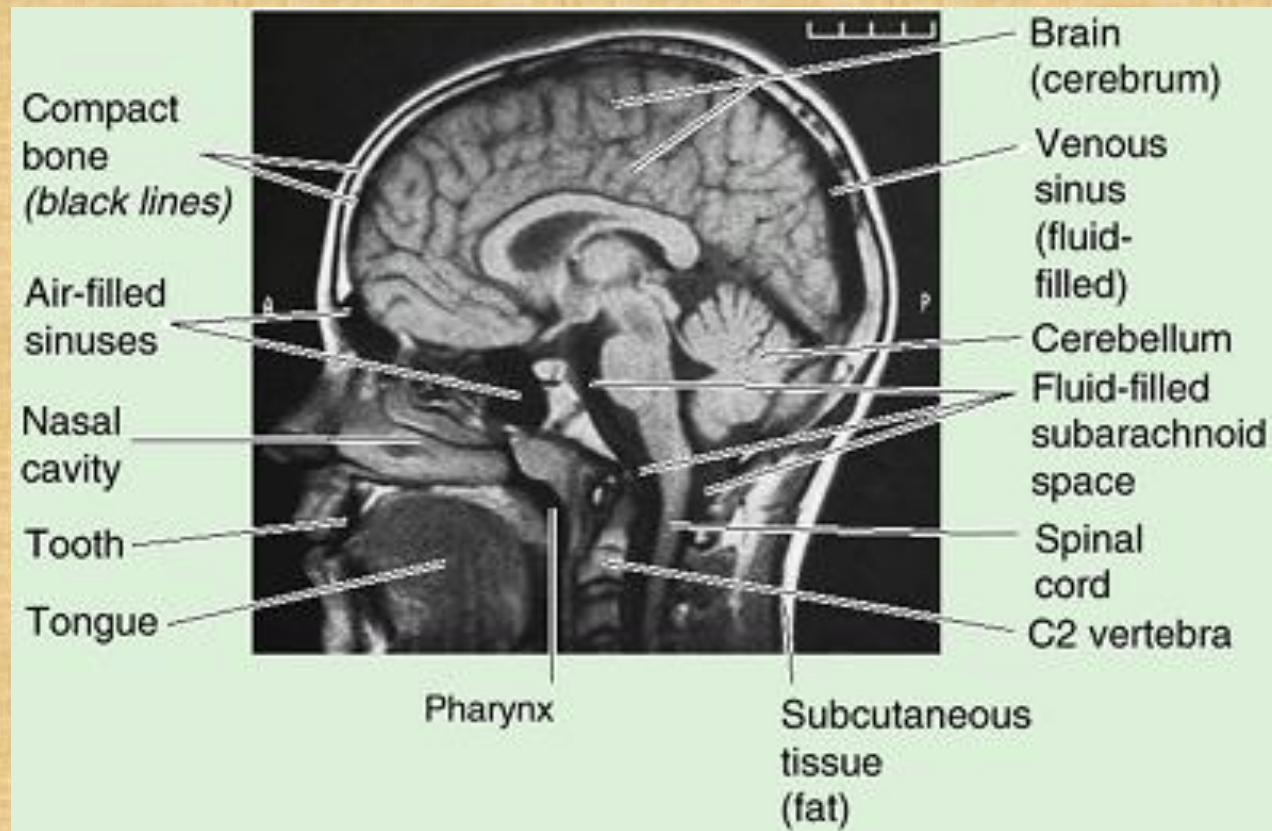


# Examination on alive person



CT image of the upper abdomen

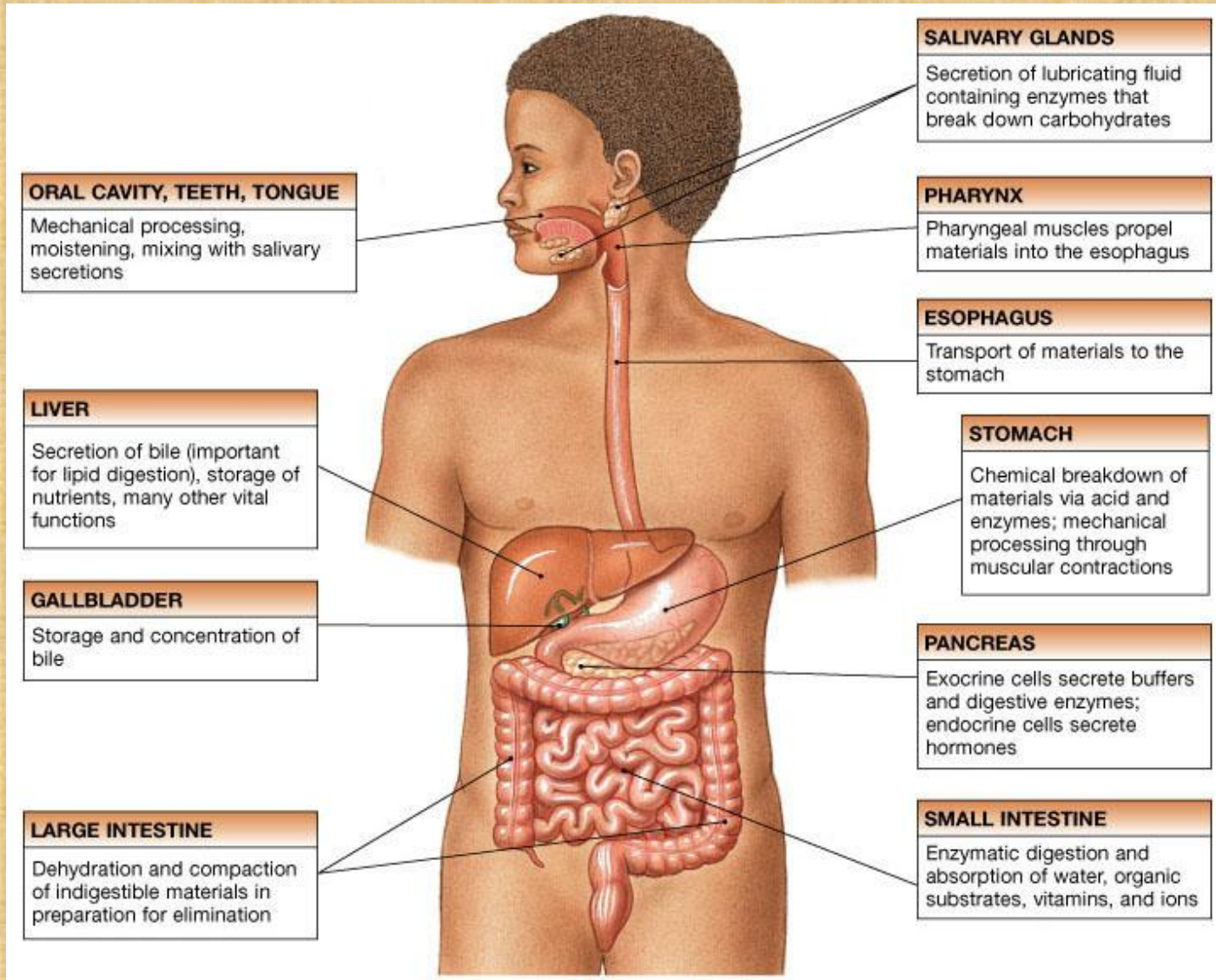


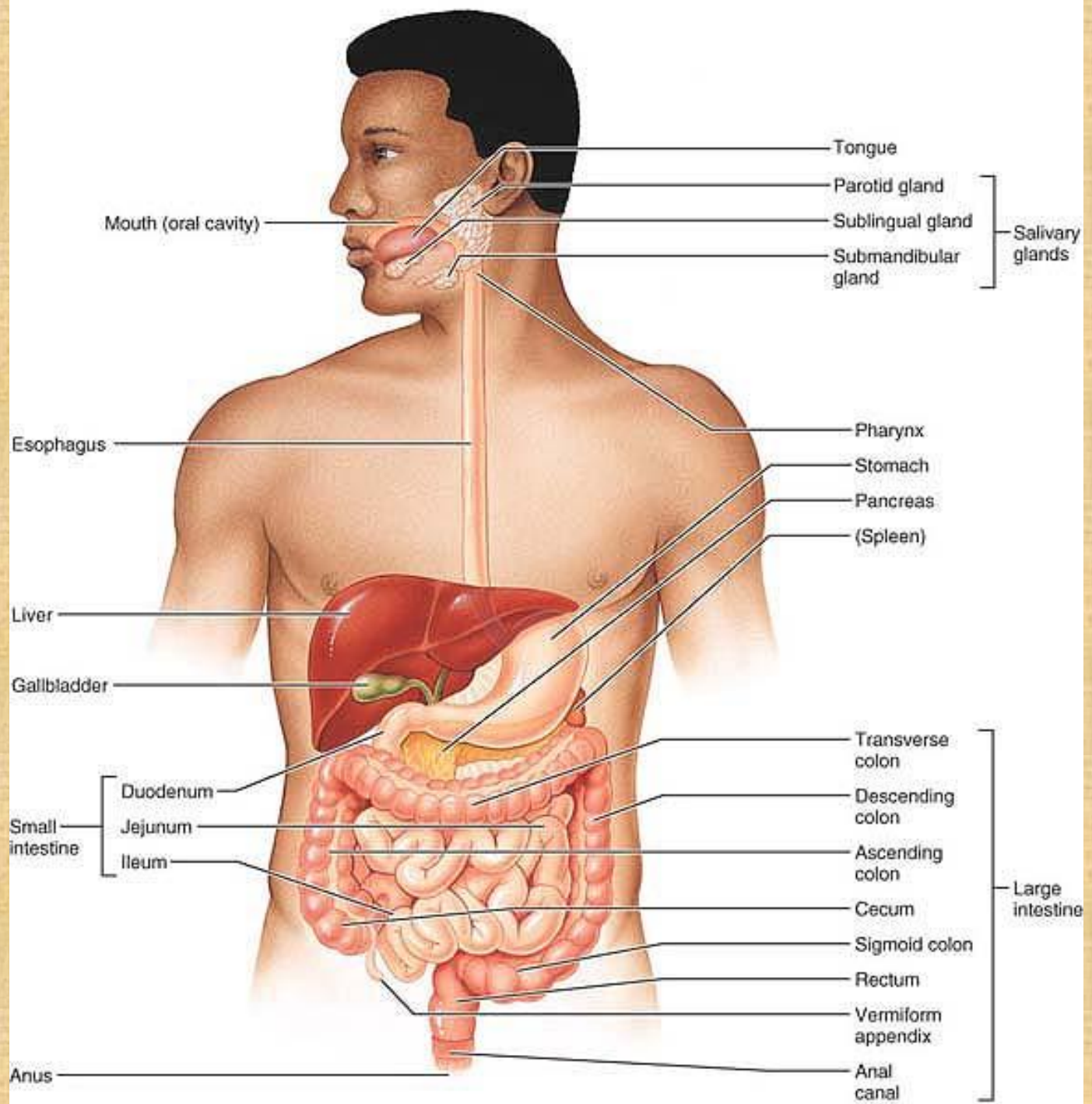


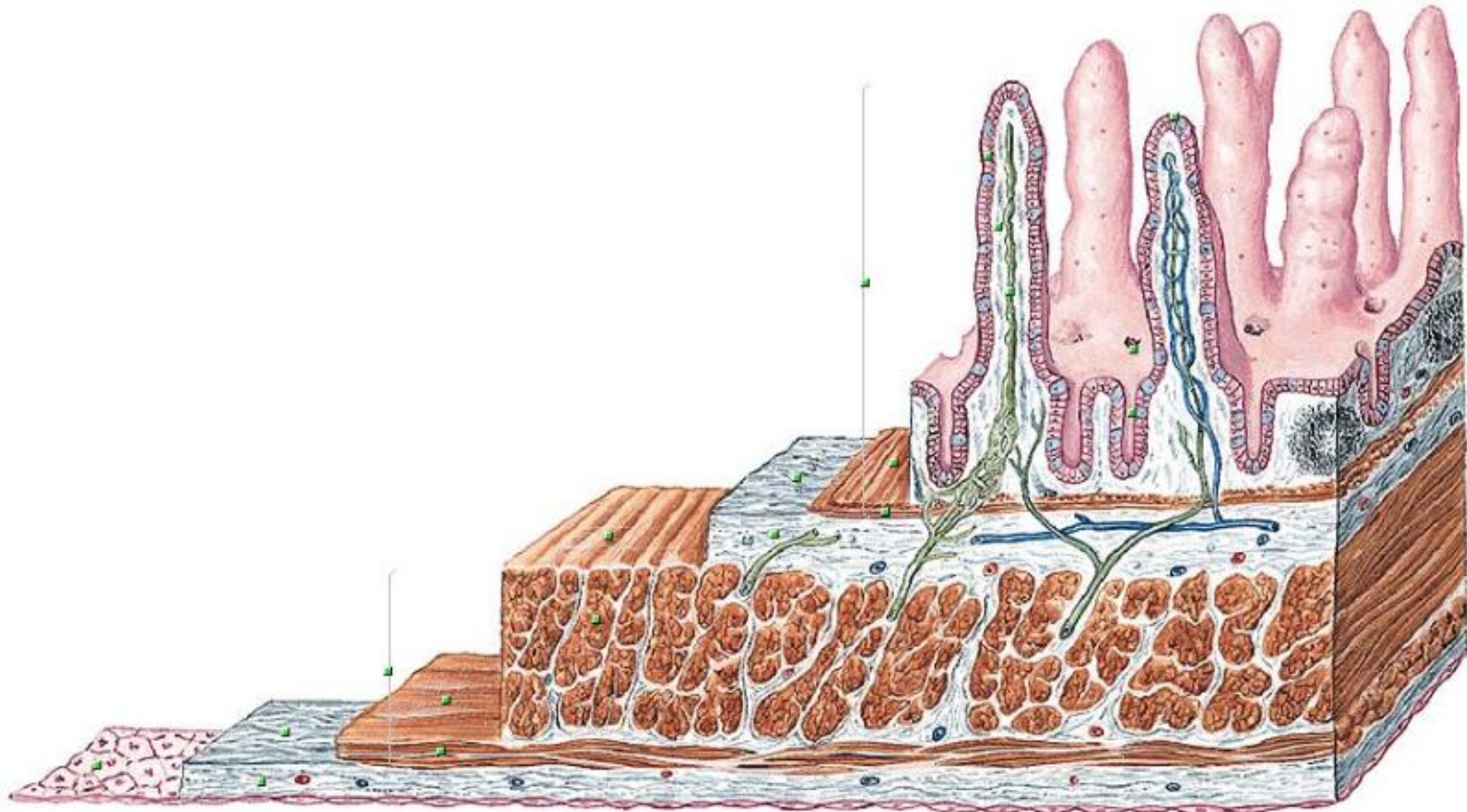
# Digestive Sysytem

the digestive system, or alimentary system (*systema digestorium*) is a complex of organs which provides mechanical and chemical treatment of food, absorption of the treated nutrients, and excretion of undigested remnants of the food.

# The Components of the Digestive System

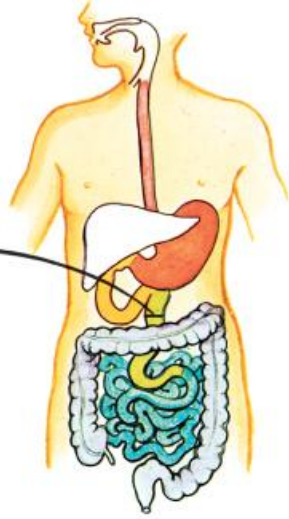
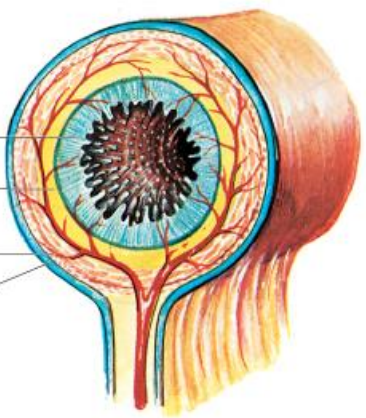




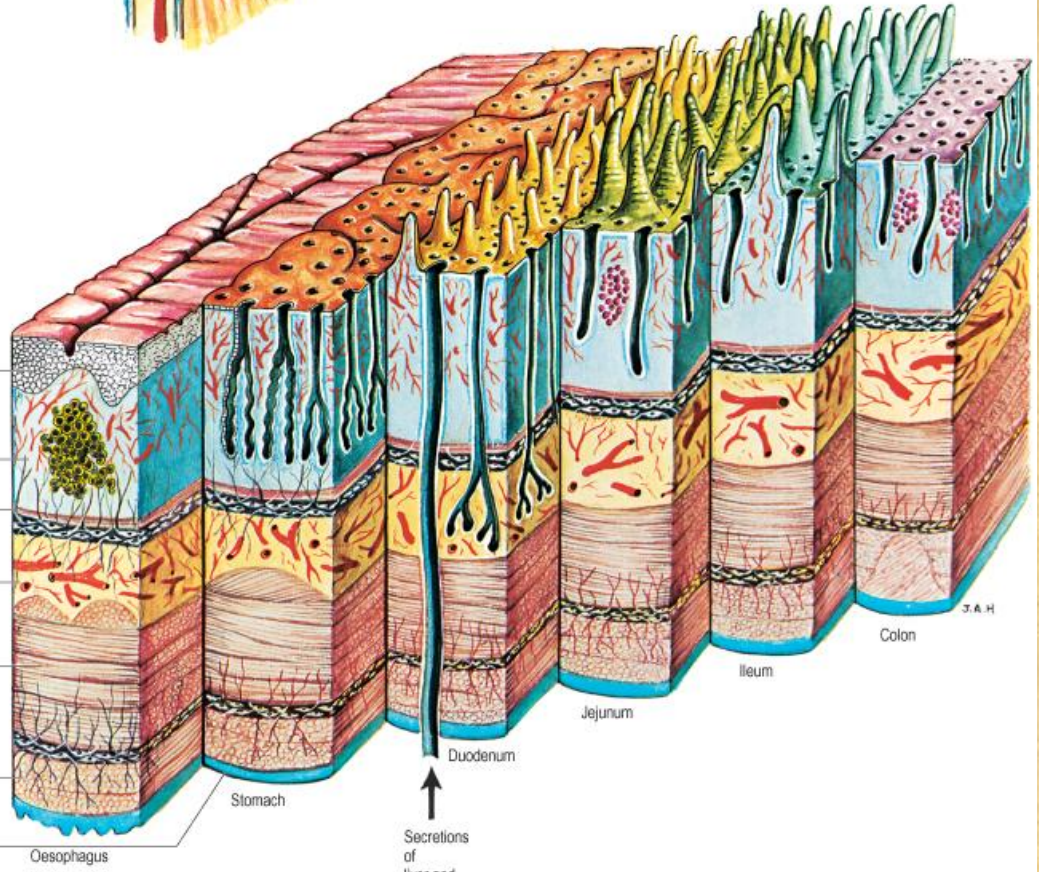


LAYERS OF THE GUT WALL

- a. Mucosa
- b. Submucosa
- c. Muscularis externa
- d. Serosa



- a. Epithelium
- Lamina propria
- Muscularis mucosae
- b. Submucosa
- c. Inner circular layer
- Outer Longitudinal layer
- d. Serosa





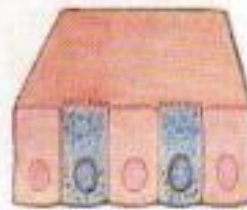
# Functions of the digestive system

- Ingestion
- Mechanical processing
- Digestion
- Secretion
- Absorption
- Excretion

# Glands

exocrine

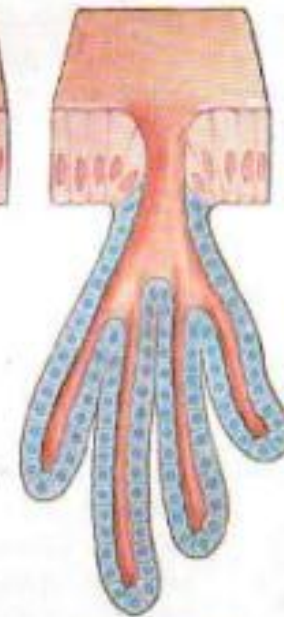
endocrine



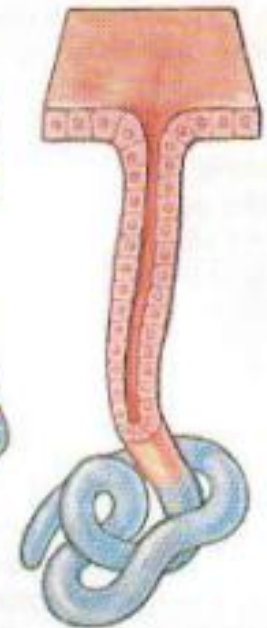
Single cells  
(stomach lining)



Simple tubular  
(intestinal  
glands)



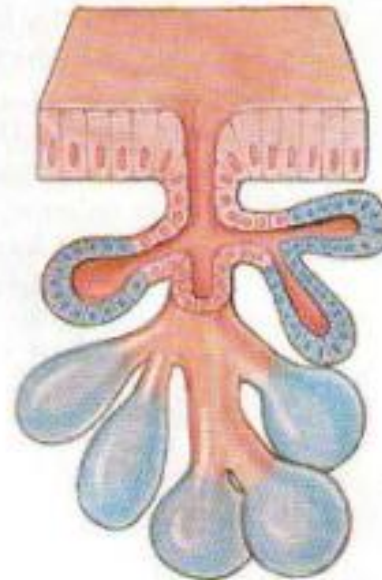
Simple branched  
tubular  
(stomach pyloric glands)



Simple coiled tubular  
(sweat glands)



Simple branched  
acinar  
(sebaceous glands)



Compound acinar  
(pancreas)



Lamellar  
(liver)

Different types of  
exocrine  
glands

# Movement of digestive materials

- Visceral smooth muscle shows rhythmic cycles of activity
  - Pacemaker cells
- Peristalsis
  - Waves that move a bolus
- Segmentation
  - Churn and fragment a bolus

# Peristalsis

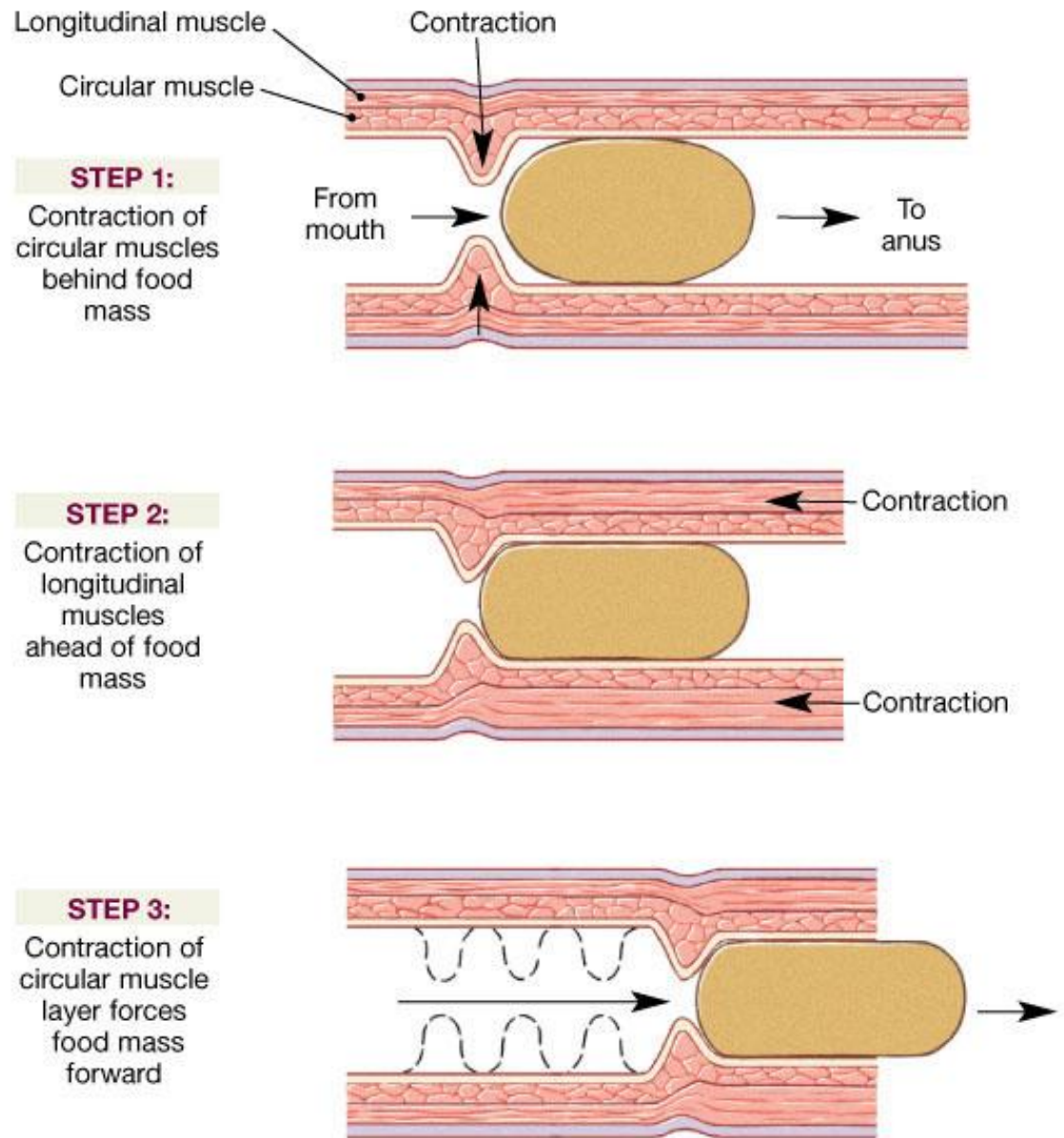
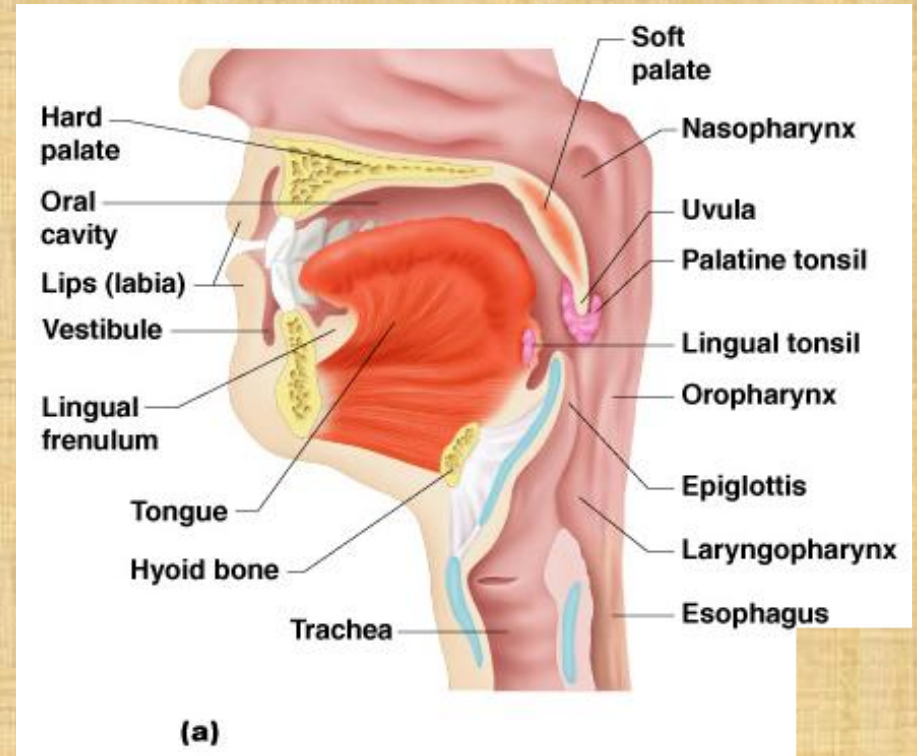


Figure 24.4

- Lips (labia) – protect the anterior opening
- Cheeks – form the lateral walls
- Hard palate – forms the anterior roof
- Soft palate – forms the posterior roof
- Uvula – fleshy projection of the soft palate



# The tongue

- primary functions include:
  - Mechanical processing
  - Assistance in chewing and swallowing
  - Sensory analysis by touch, temperature, and taste receptors

# The pharynx

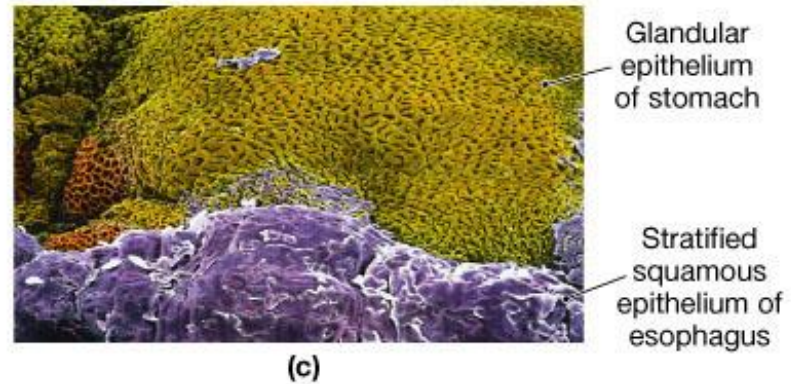
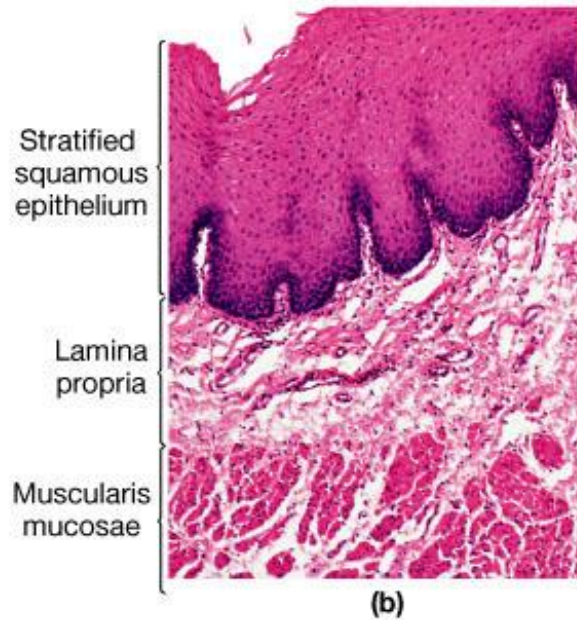
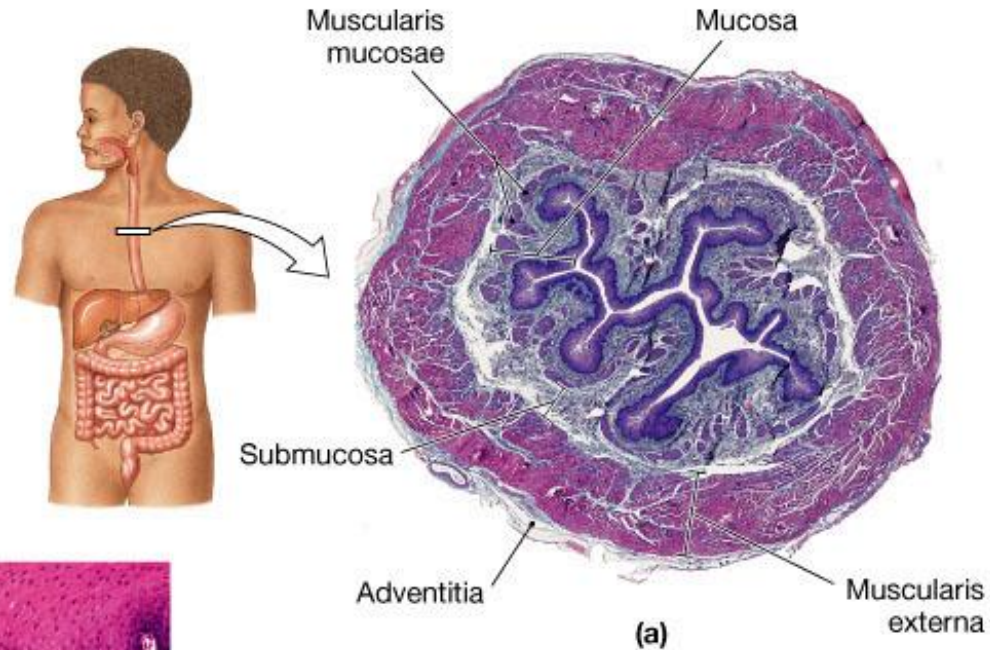
- Common passageway for food, liquids, and air
- Lined with stratified squamous epithelium
- Pharyngeal muscles assist in swallowing
  - Pharyngeal constrictor muscles
  - Palatal muscles

# Histology of the esophagus

- Distinctive features of the esophageal wall include
  - Nonkeratinized, stratified squamous epithelium
  - Folded mucosa and submucosa
    - Mucous secretions by esophageal glands
  - A muscularis with both smooth and skeletal muscle portions
  - Lacks serosa
    - Anchored by an adventitia



# The Esophagus



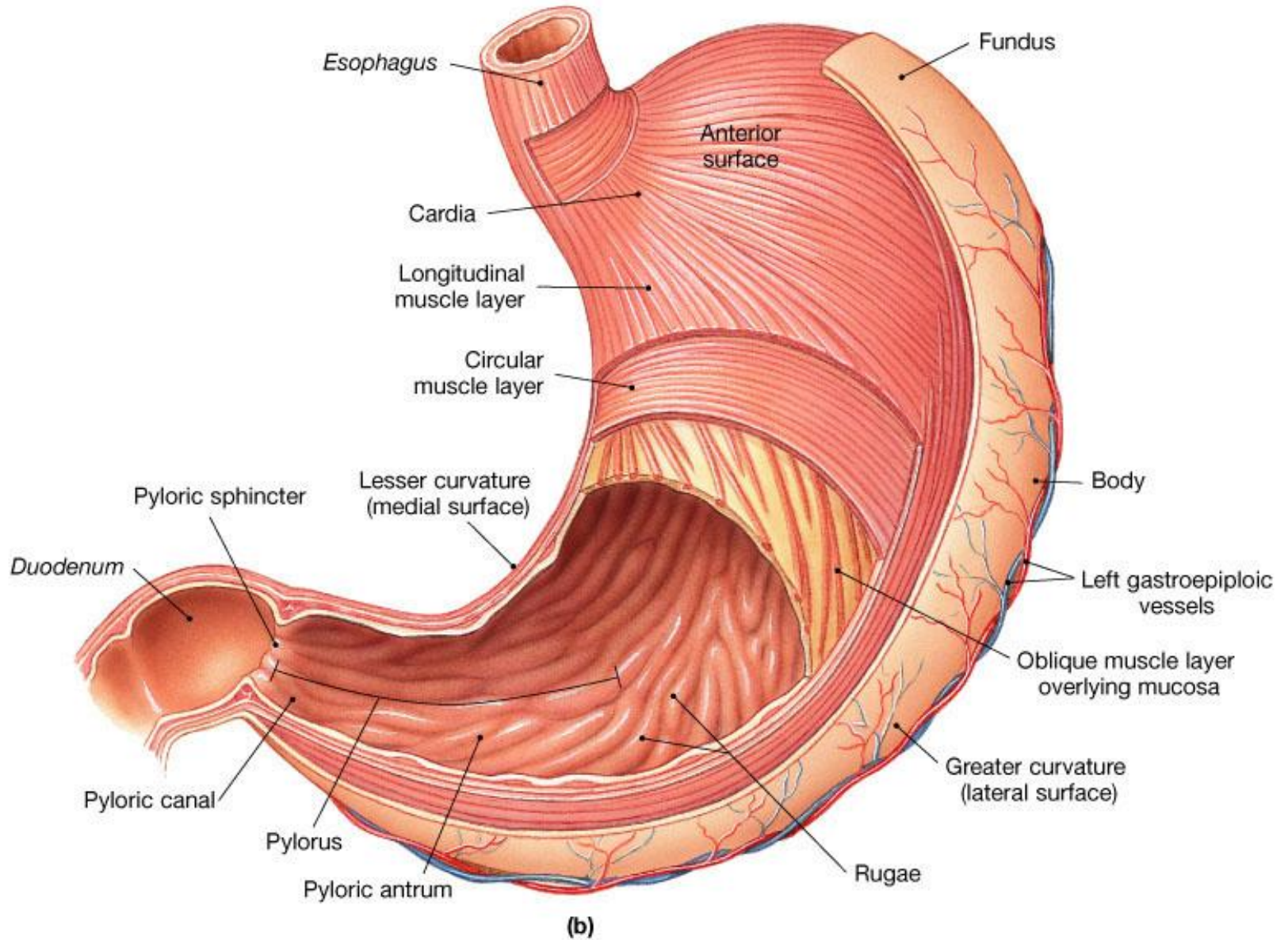
# Functions of the stomach

- Bulk storage of undigested food
- Mechanical breakdown of food
- Disruption of chemical bonds via acids and enzymes
- Production of intrinsic factor

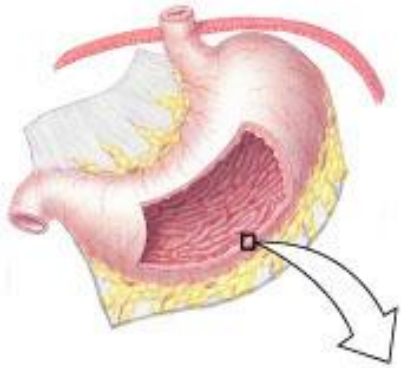
# Digestion and absorption in the stomach

- Preliminary digestion of proteins
  - Pepsin
- Permits digestion of carbohydrates
- Very little absorption of nutrients
  - Some drugs, however, are absorbed
  - Mucous secretion containing several hormones
- Enteroendocrine cells
  - G cells secrete gastrin
  - D cells secrete somatostatin

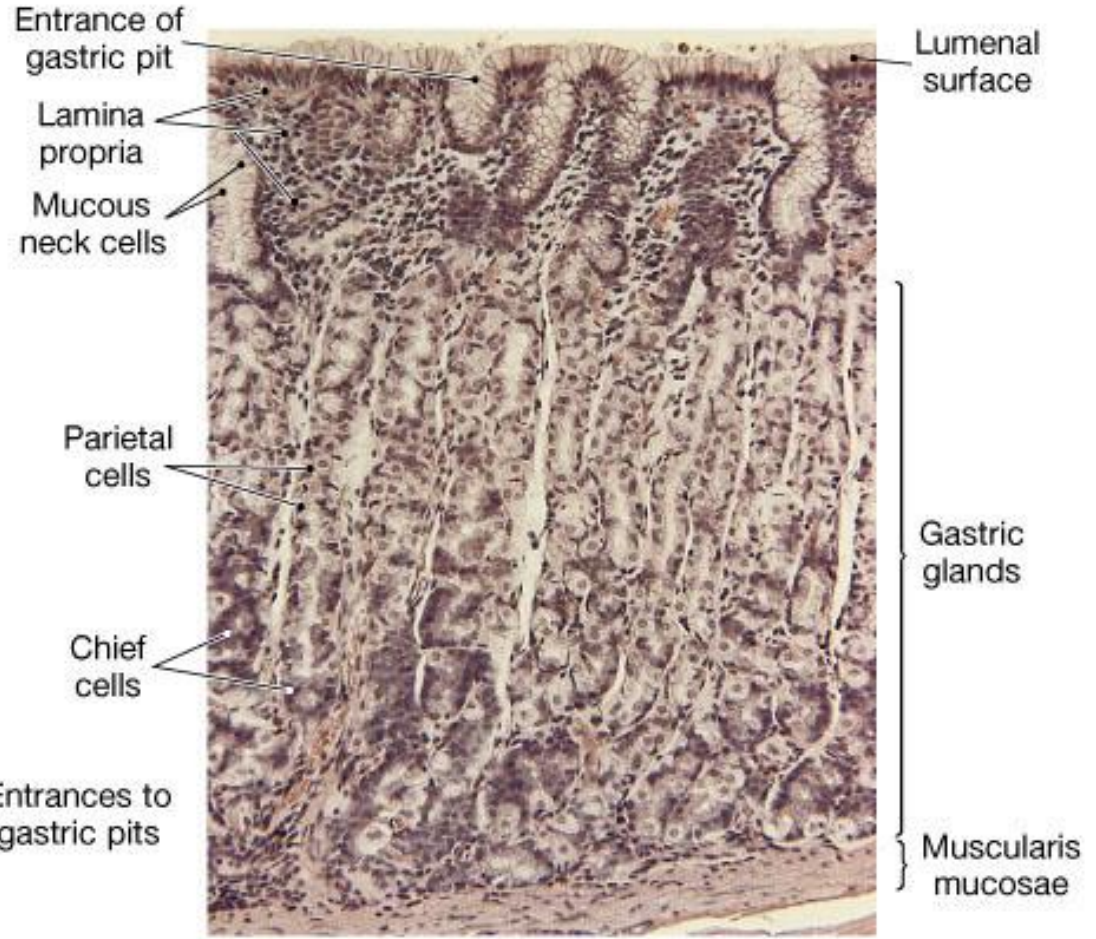
# The Stomach



# The Stomach Lining

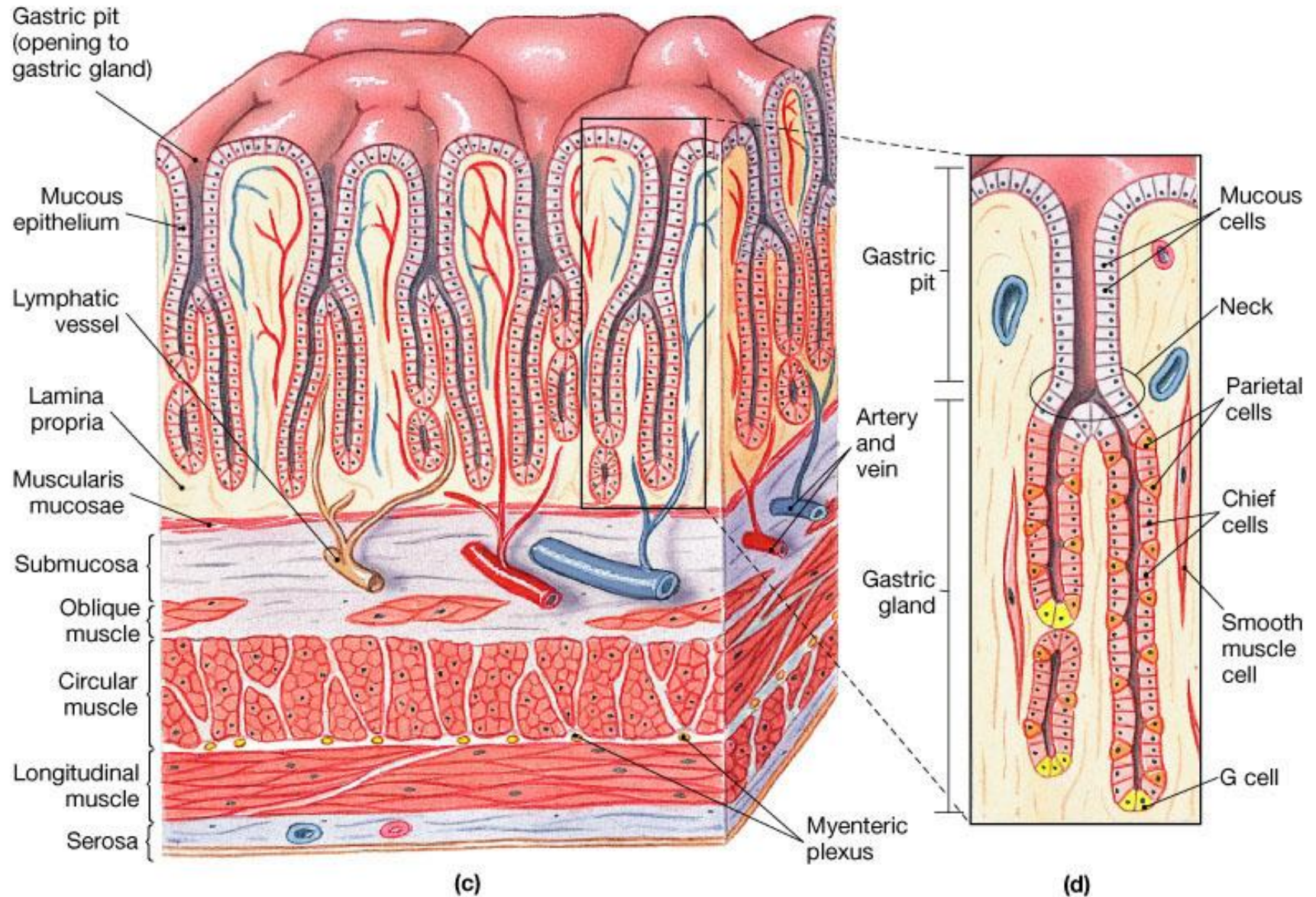


(a)



(b)

# The Stomach Lining



# Histology of the stomach

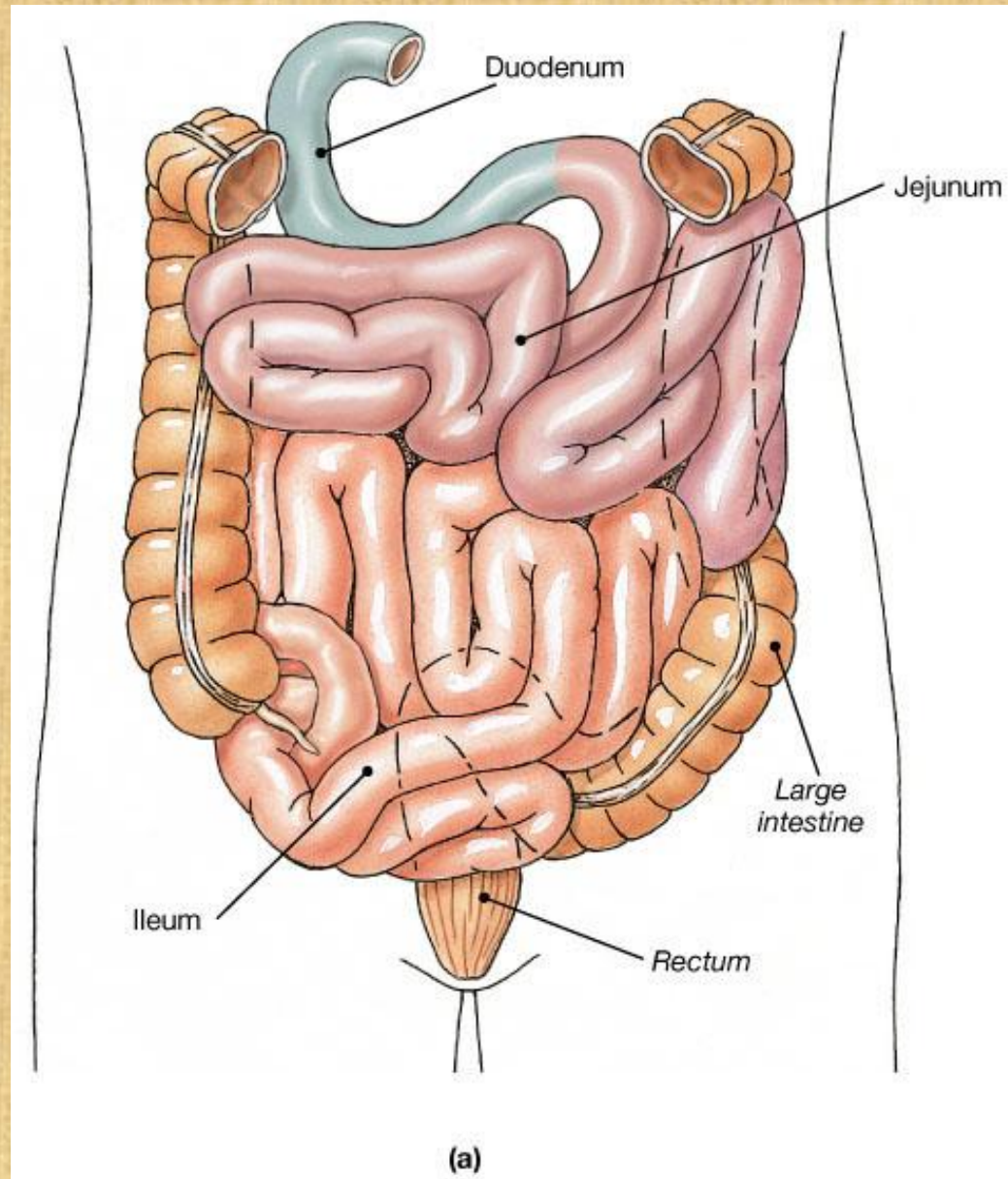
- Gastric glands
  - Parietal cells
    - Intrinsic factor, and HCl
  - Chief cells
    - Pepsinogen
- Pyloric glands

# Small intestine

- Important digestive and absorptive functions
  - Secretions and buffers provided by pancreas, liver, gall bladder
- Three subdivisions:
  - Duodenum
  - Jejunum
  - Ileum
- Ileocecal sphincter
  - Transition between small and large intestine



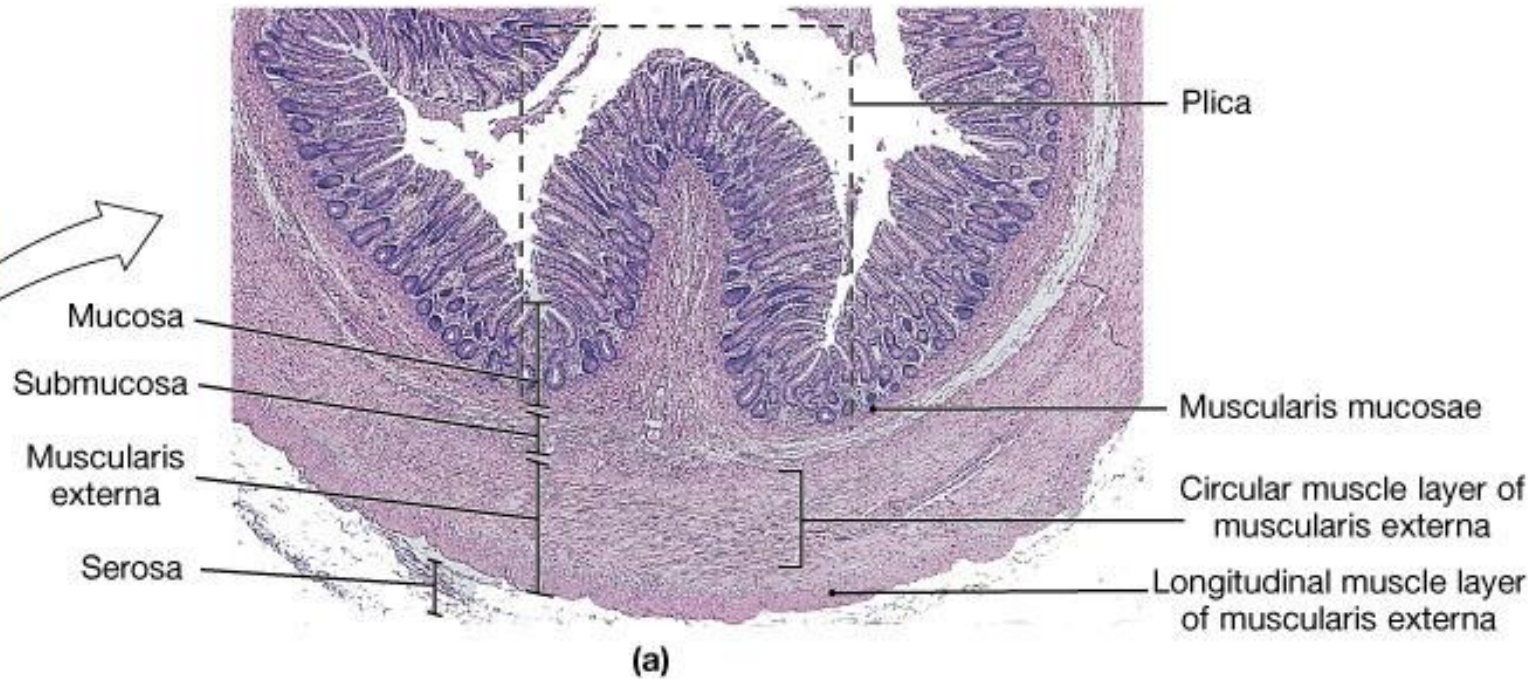
# Regions of the Small Intestine



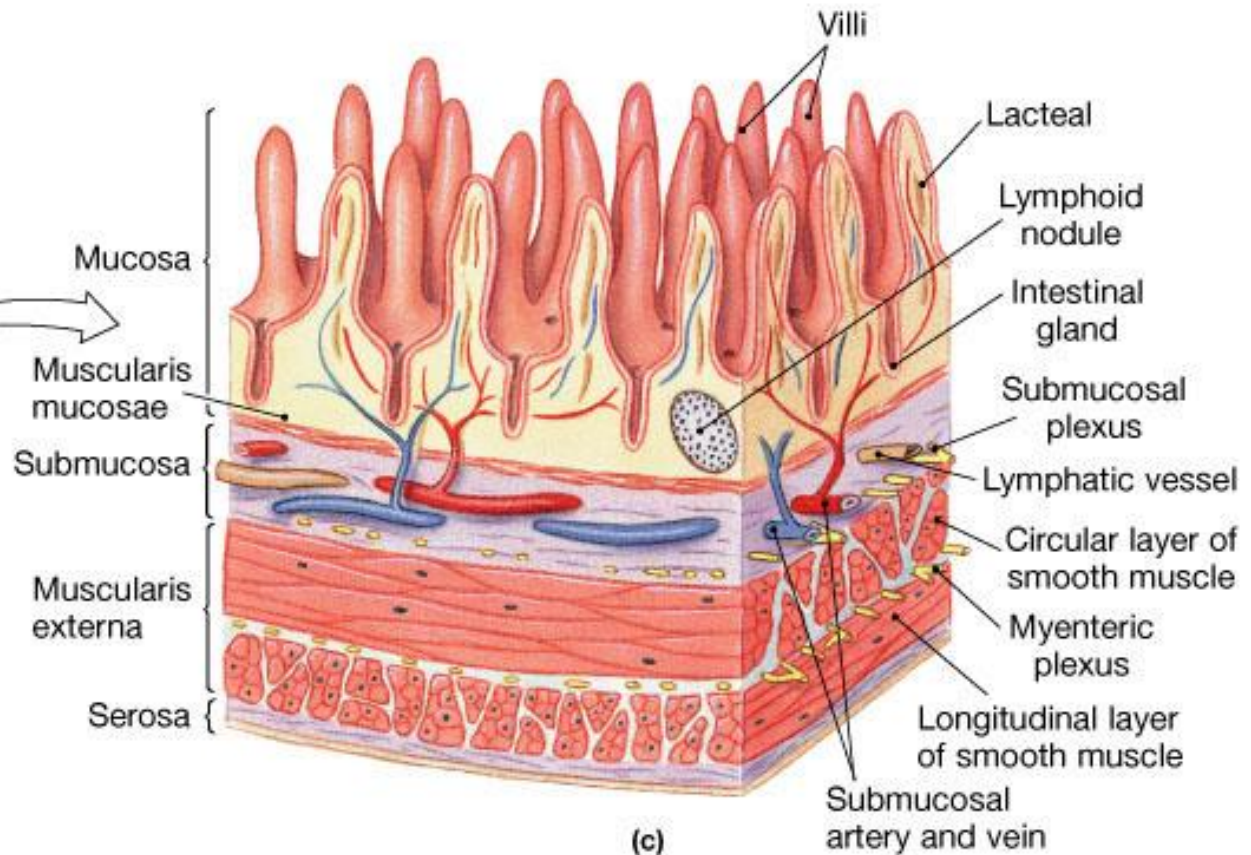
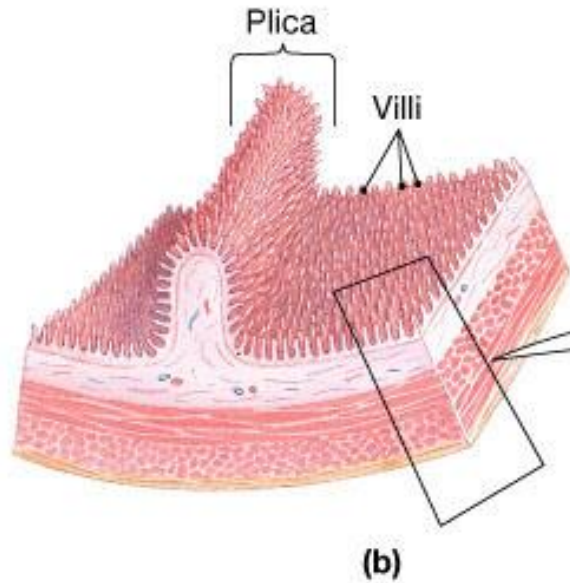
# Histology of the small intestine

- Plicae
  - Transverse folds of the intestinal lining
- Villi
  - Fingerlike projections of the mucosa
- Lacteals
  - Terminal lymphatic in villus
- Intestinal glands
  - Lined by enteroendocrine, goblet and stem cells

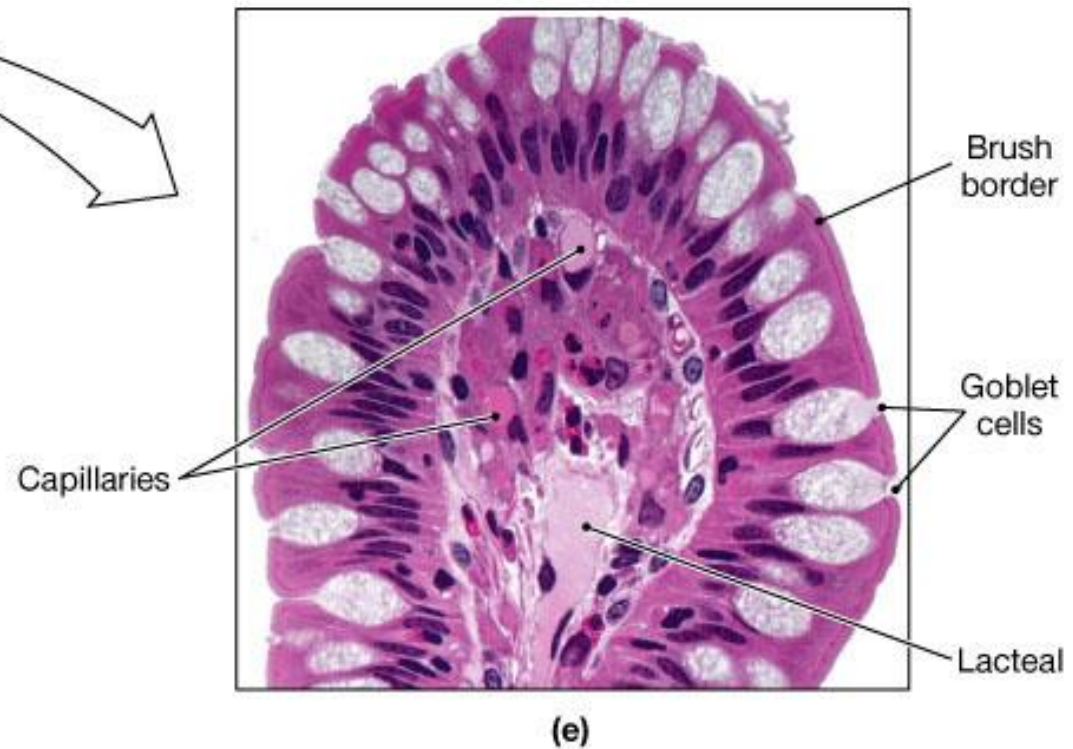
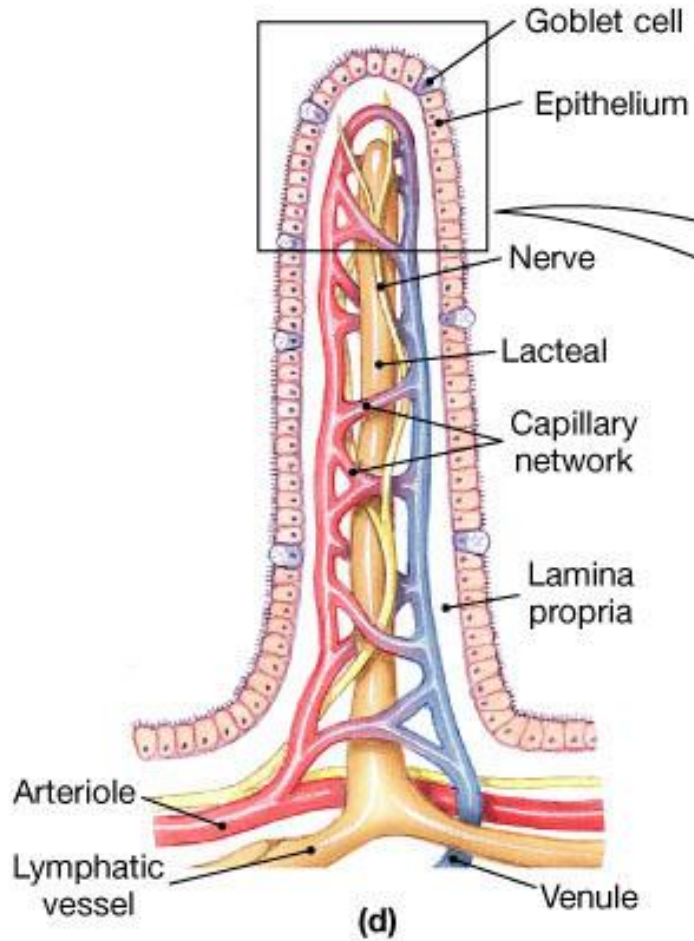
# The Intestinal Wall



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# Small Intestine

- Duodenal glands (Brunner's glands)
  - produce mucus, buffers, urogastrone
- Ileum
  - aggregated lymphoid nodules (Peyer's patches)

# Intestinal movements

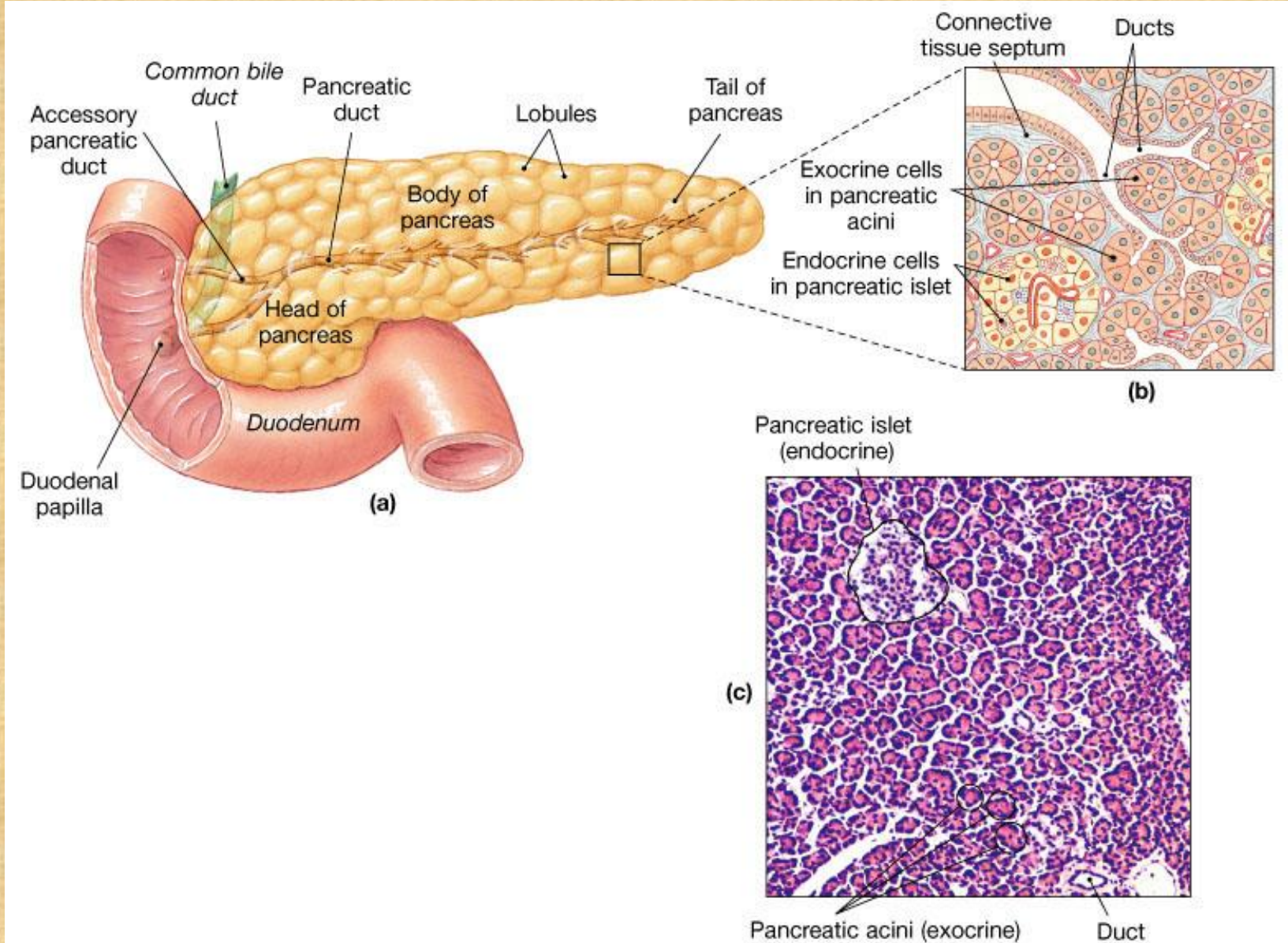
- Peristalsis
- Segmentation
- Gastroenteric reflexes
  - Initiated by stretch receptors in stomach
- Gastroileal reflex
  - Triggers relaxation of ileocecal valve

# The pancreas

- Pancreatic duct penetrates duodenal wall
- Endocrine functions
  - Insulin and glucagons
- Exocrine functions
  - Majority of pancreatic secretions
  - Pancreatic juice secreted into small intestine
    - Carbohydrases
    - Lipases
    - Nucleases
    - Proteolytic enzymes



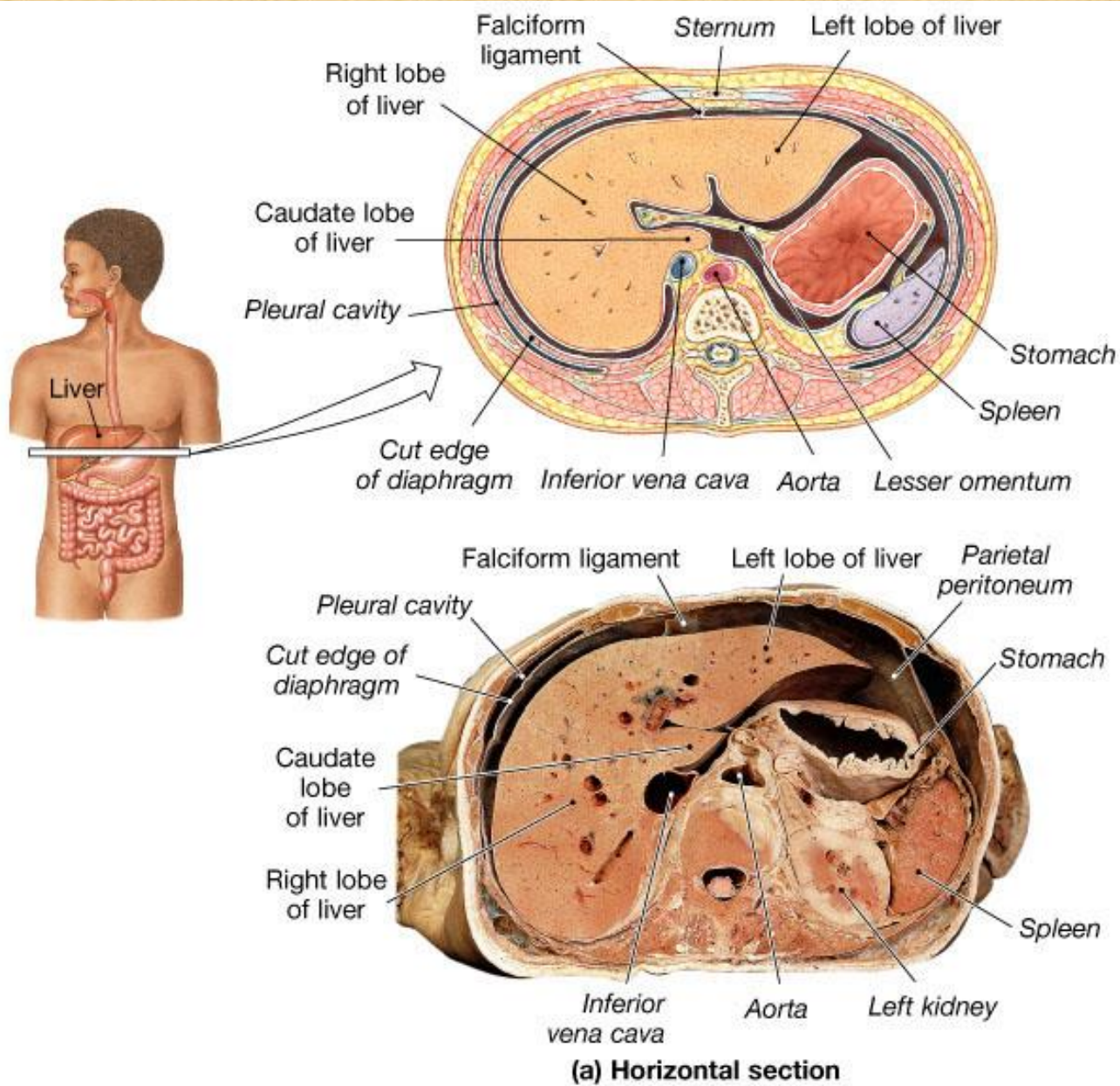
# The Pancreas



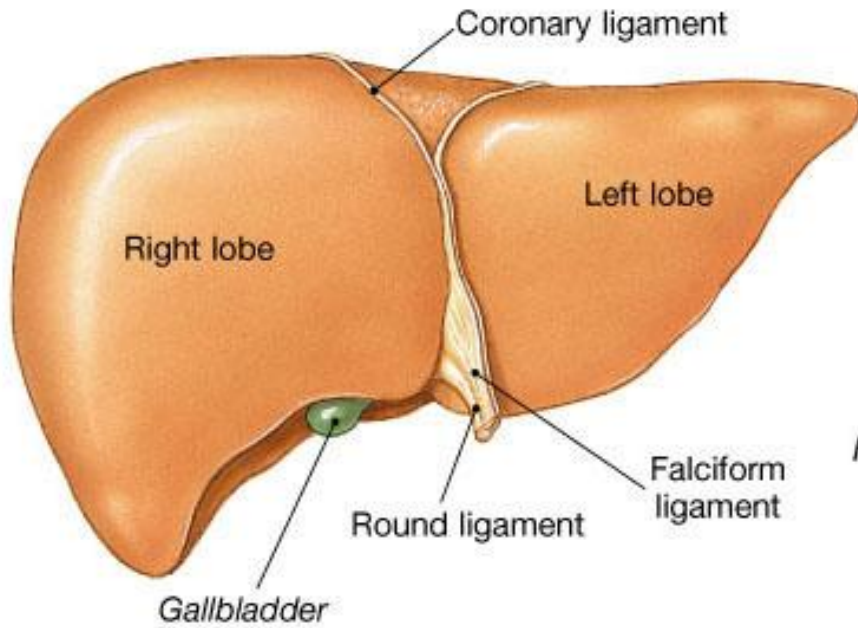
# The Liver

- Performs metabolic and hematological regulation and produces bile
- Histological organization
  - Lobules containing single-cell thick plates of hepatocytes
  - Lobules unite to form common hepatic duct
    - Duct meets cystic duct to form common bile duct

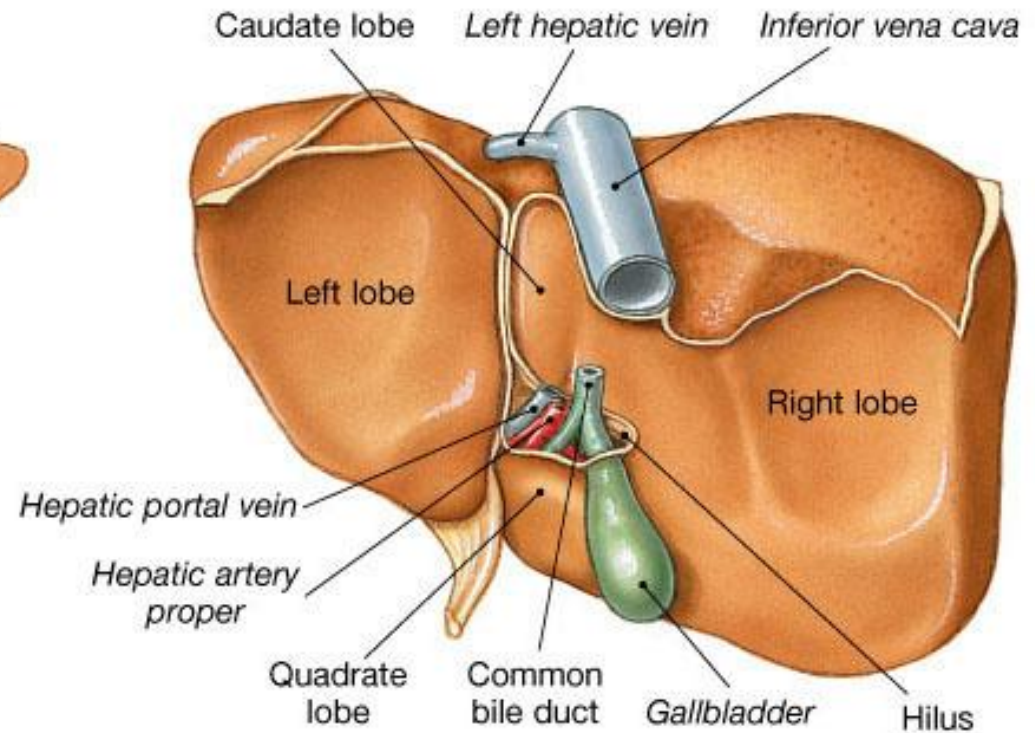
# The Anatomy of the Liver



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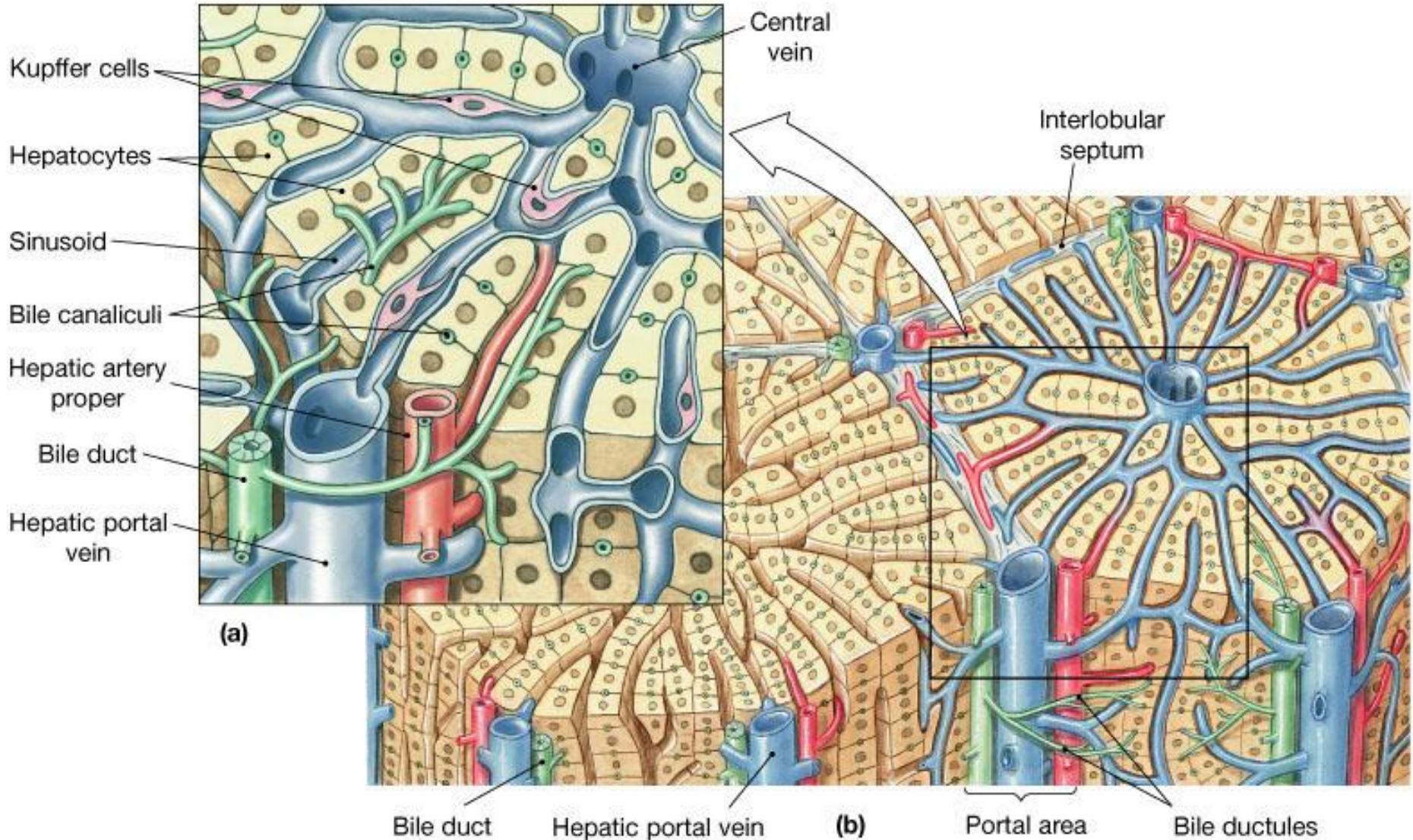
**(b) Anterior surface**



**(c) Posterior surface**



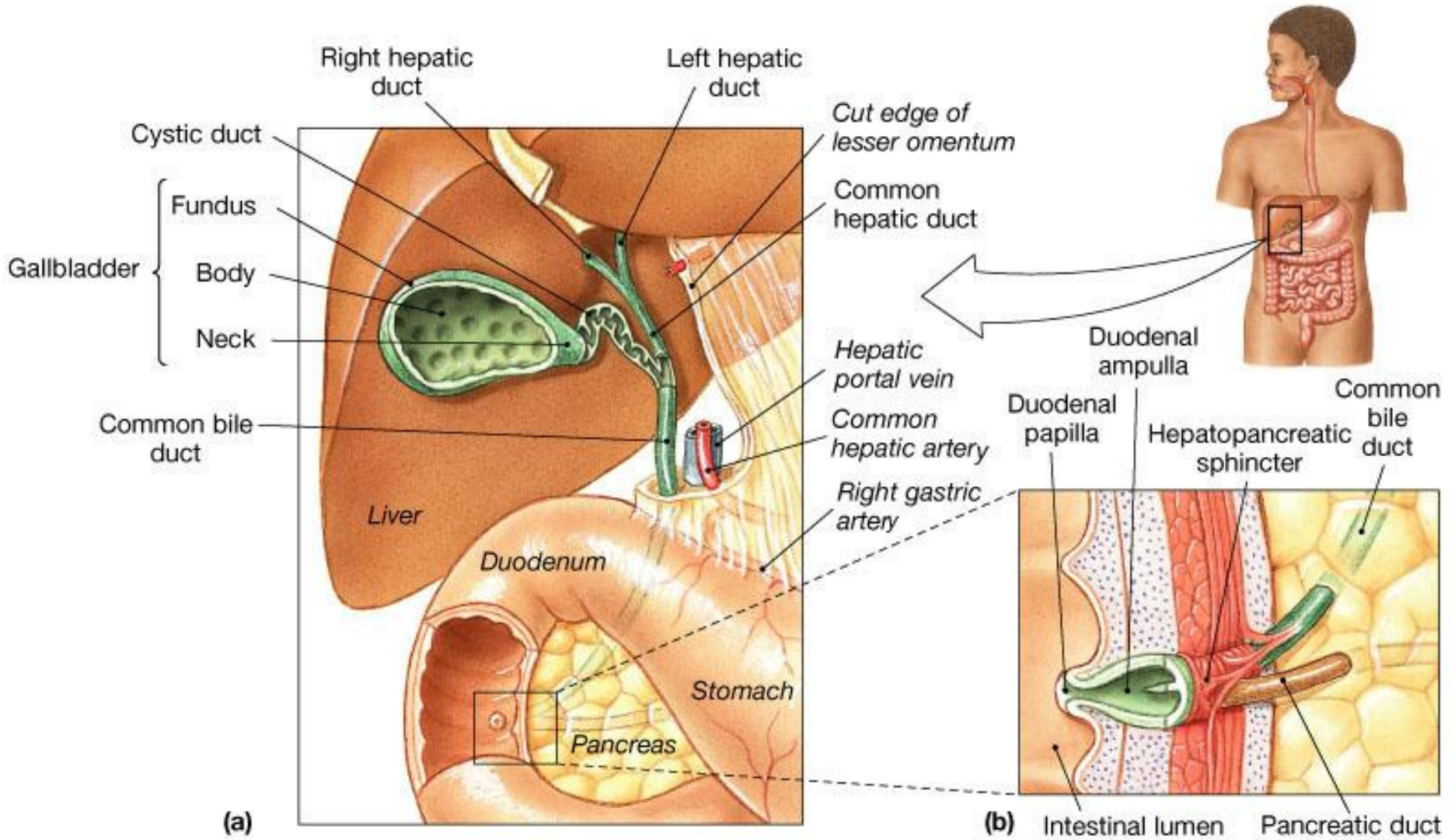
# Liver Histology



# The gallbladder

- Hollow, pear-shaped organ
- Stores, modifies and concentrates bile

# The Gallbladder





# Functions of the large intestine

- Reabsorb water and compact material into feces
- Absorb vitamins produced by bacteria
- Store fecal matter prior to defecation

# The Large Intestine

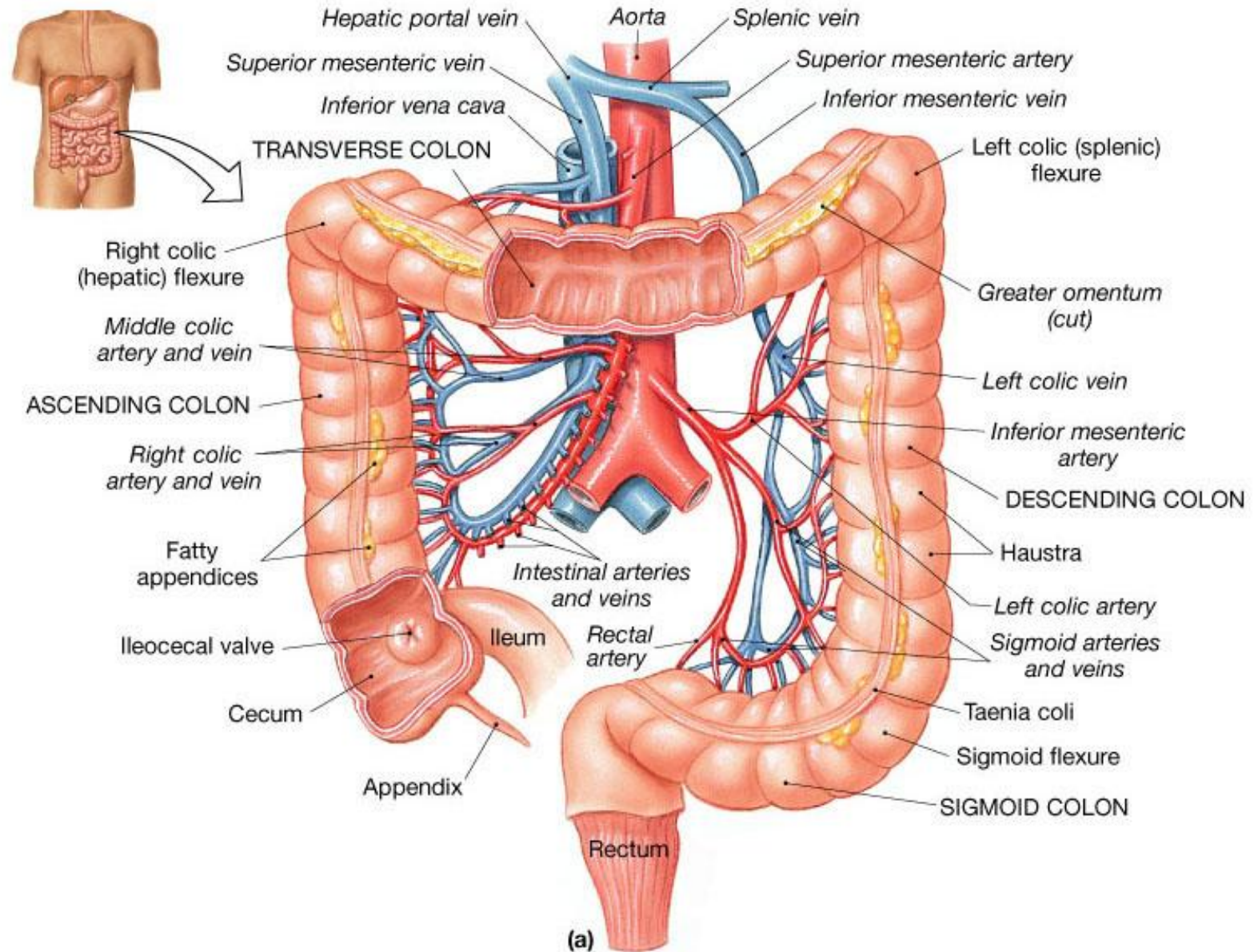
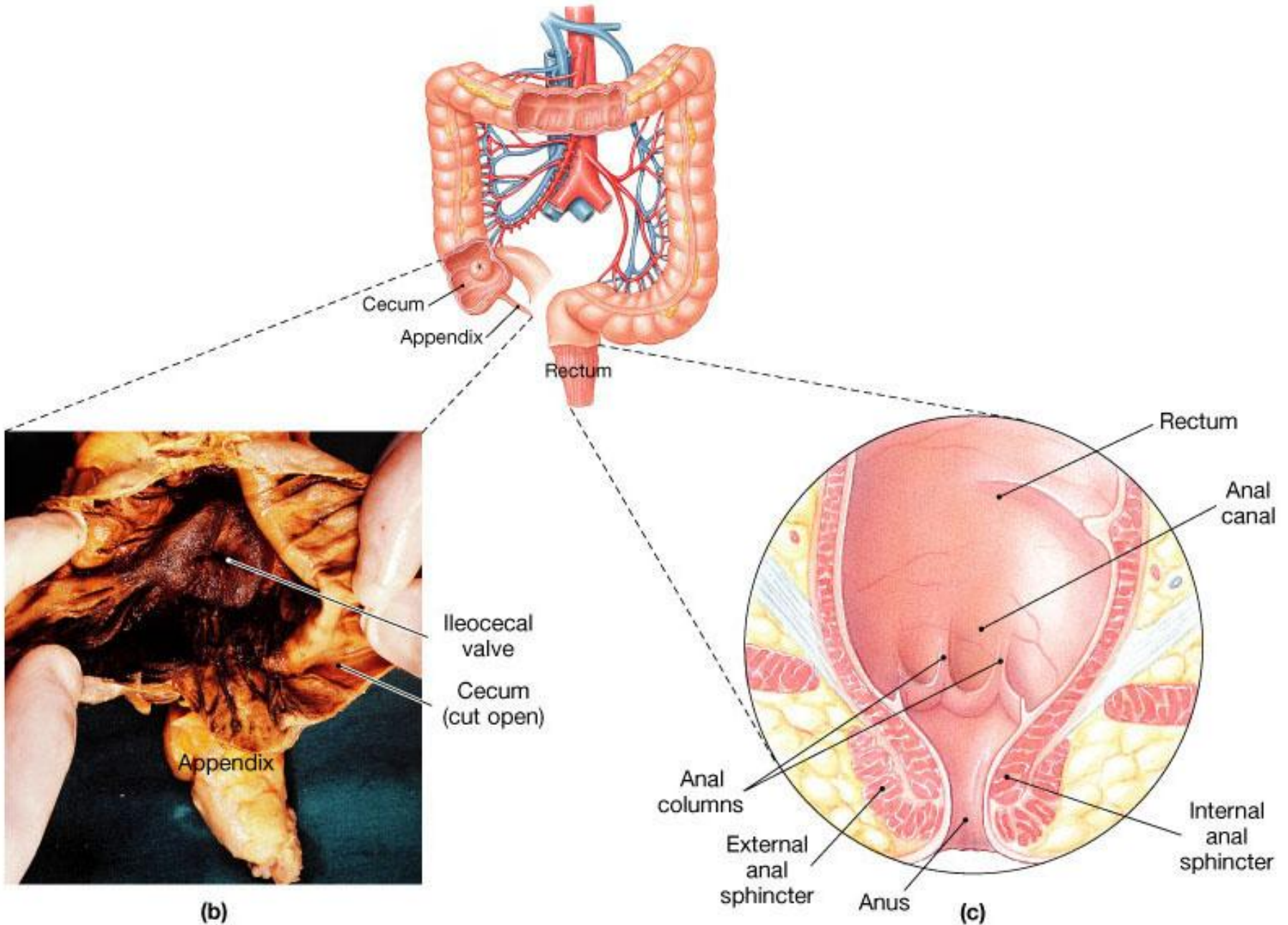
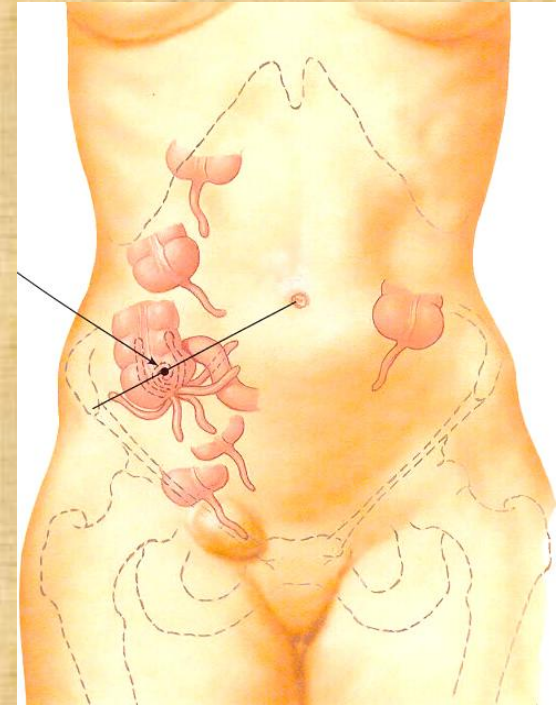
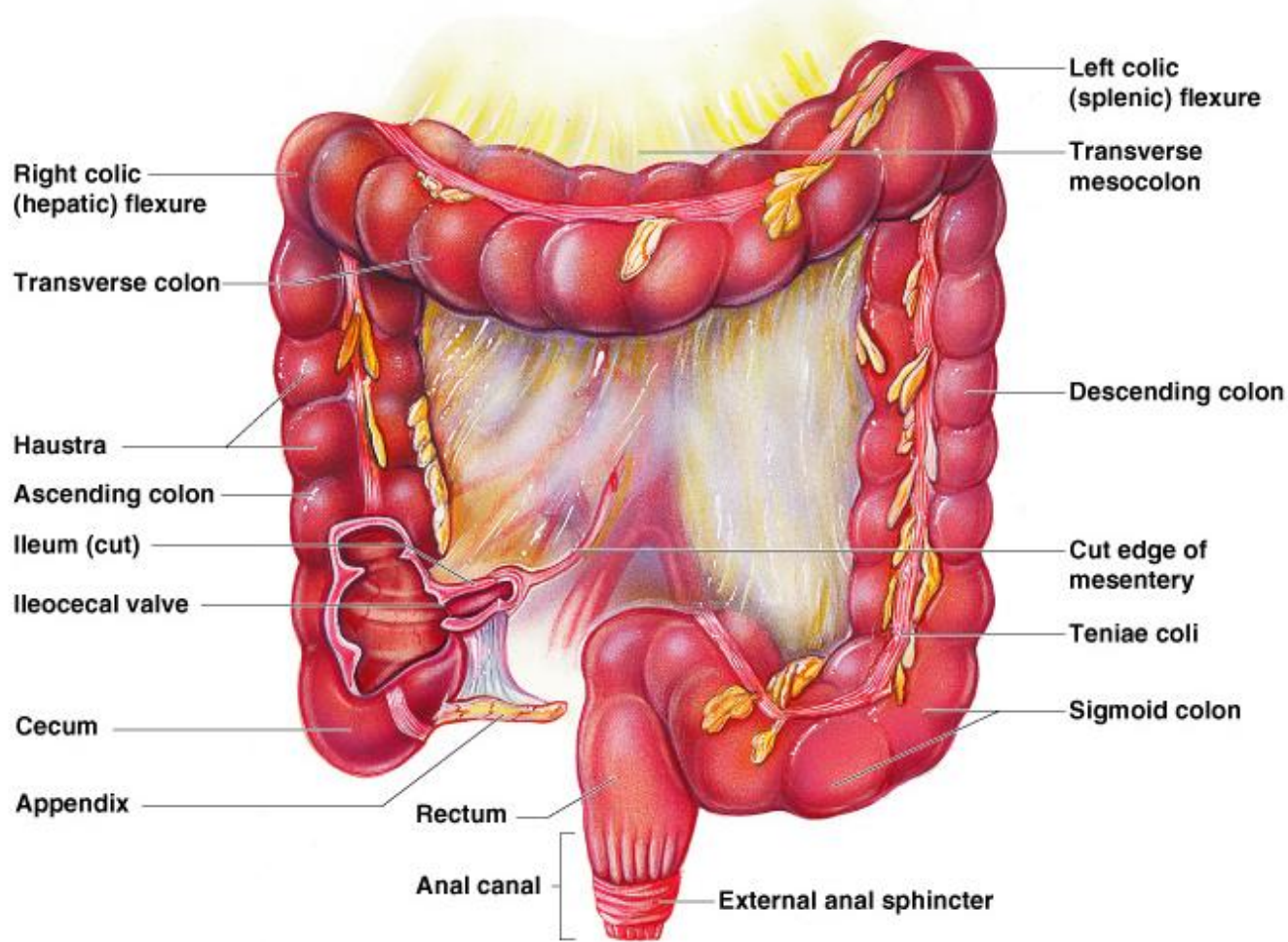


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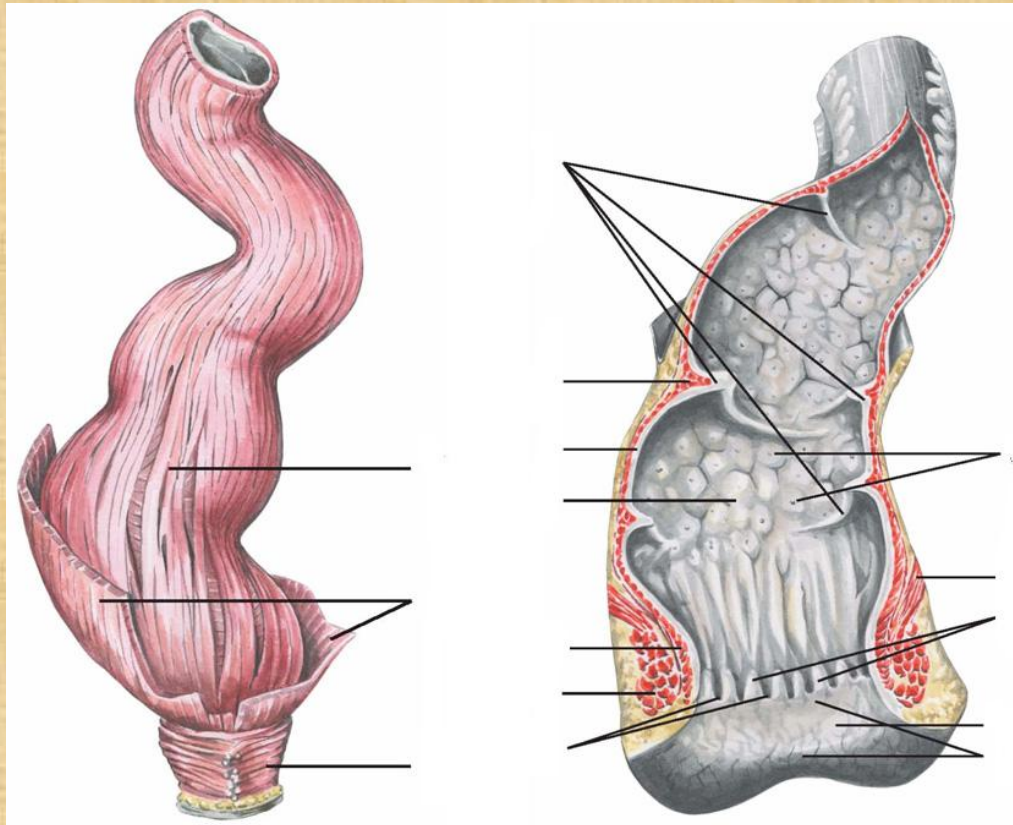
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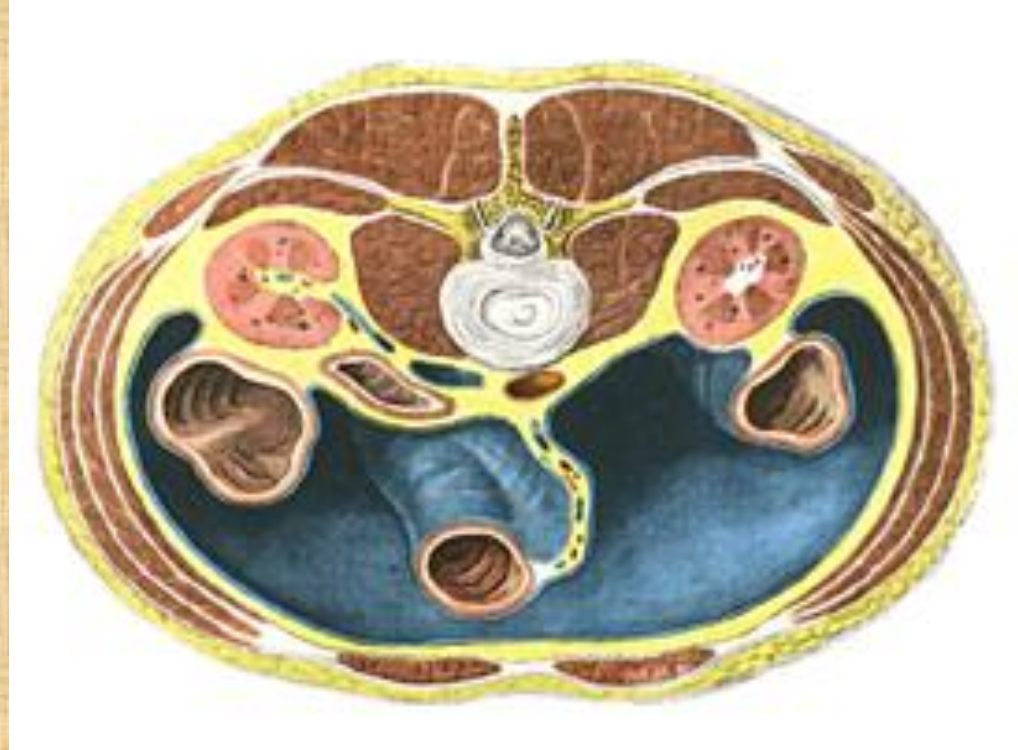
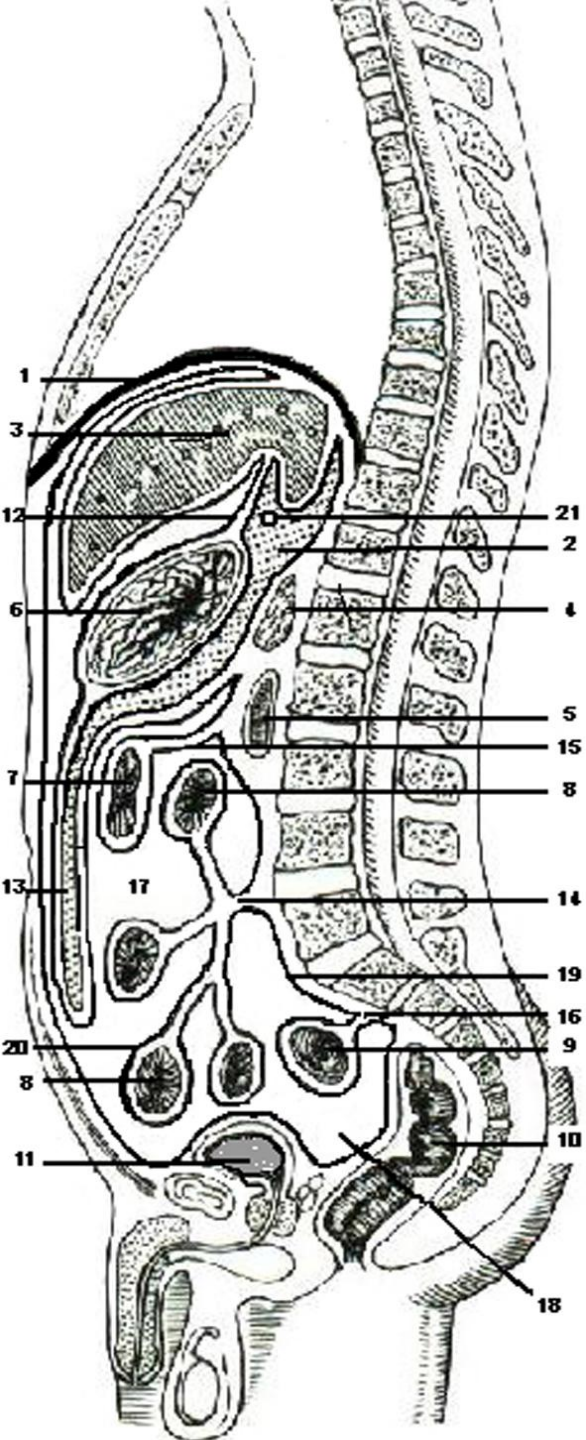
# The rectum

- Last portion of the digestive tract
- Terminates at the anal canal
- Internal and external anal sphincters



# Histology of the large intestine

- Absence of villi
- Presence of goblet cells
- Deep intestinal glands



# THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

The digestive tube derives from the primitive gut. As a result of cephalocaudal and lateral folding of the embryo, a portion of the endoderm-lined yolk sac cavity is incorporated into the embryo to form the **primitive gut**. Two other portions of the endoderm-lined cavity, the yolk sac and the allantois, remain outside the embryo.

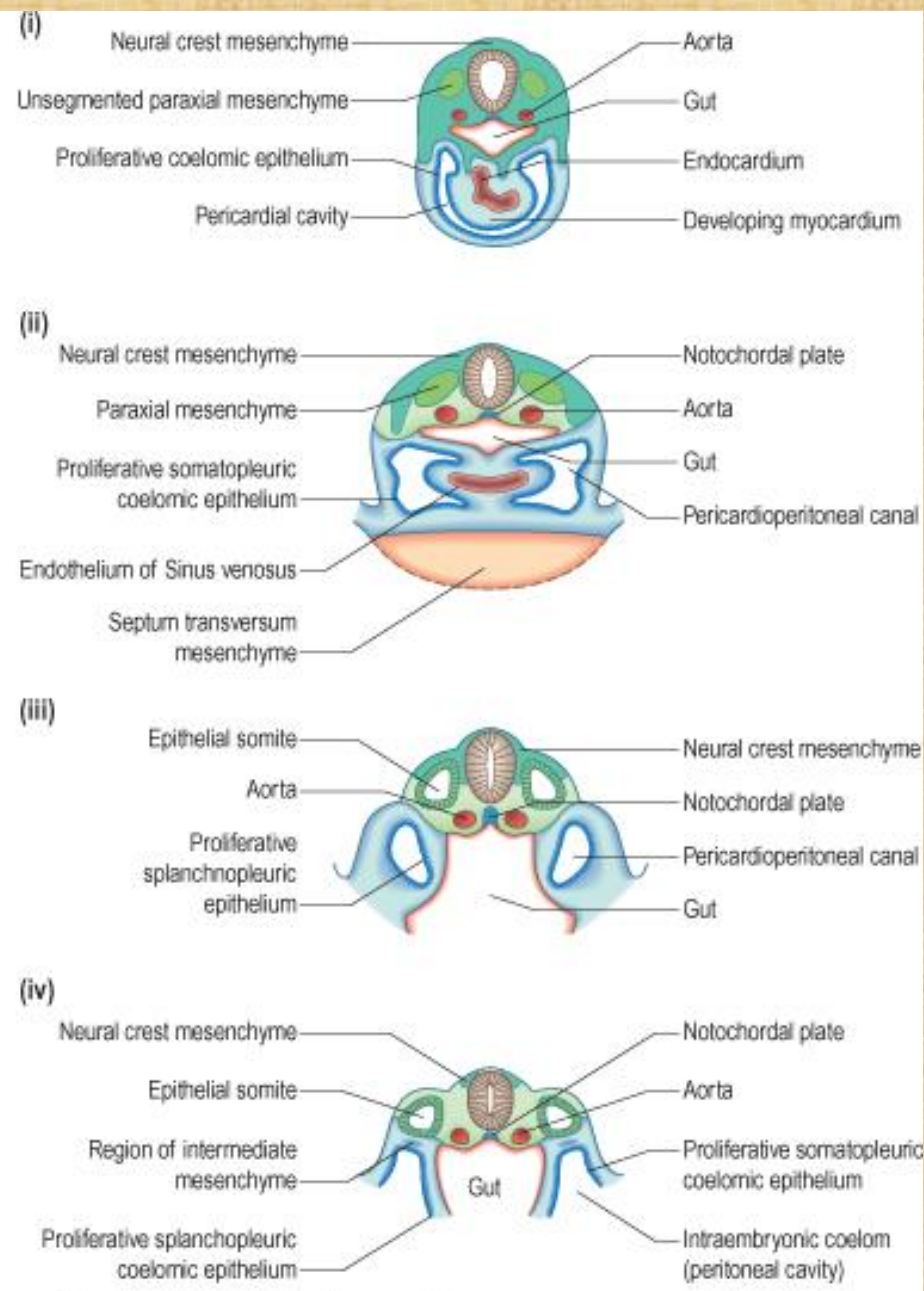
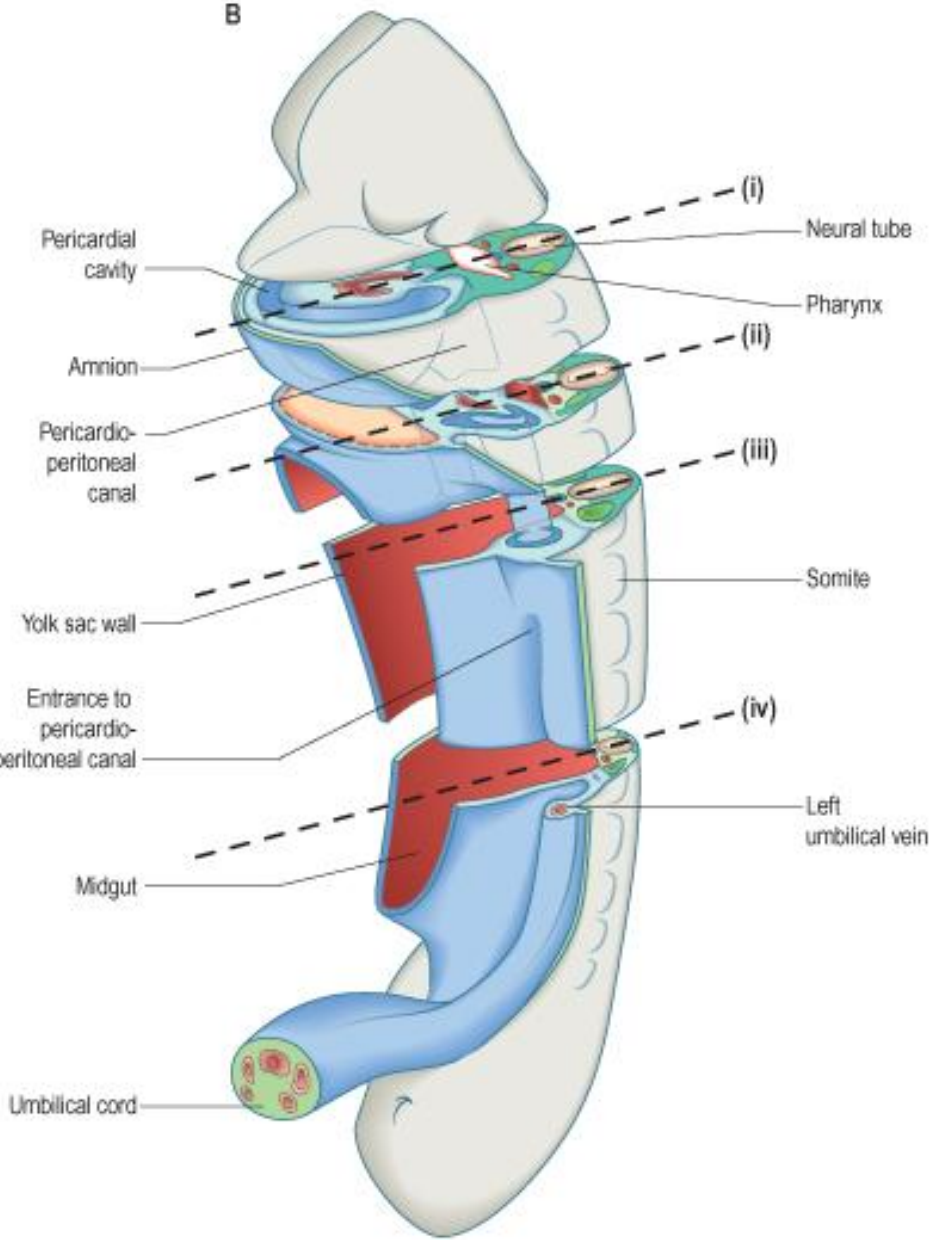
In the cephalic and caudal parts of the embryo, the primitive gut forms a blind-ending tube, the foregut and hindgut, respectively. The middle part, the midgut, remains temporarily connected to the yolk sac by means of the viteline duct, or yolk stalk.

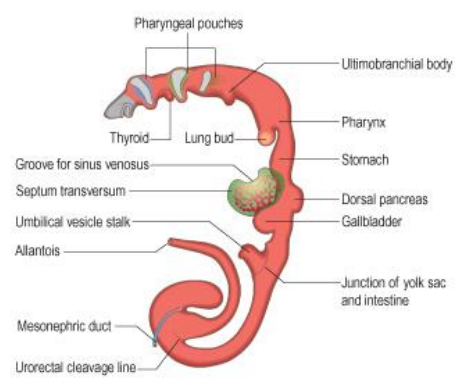
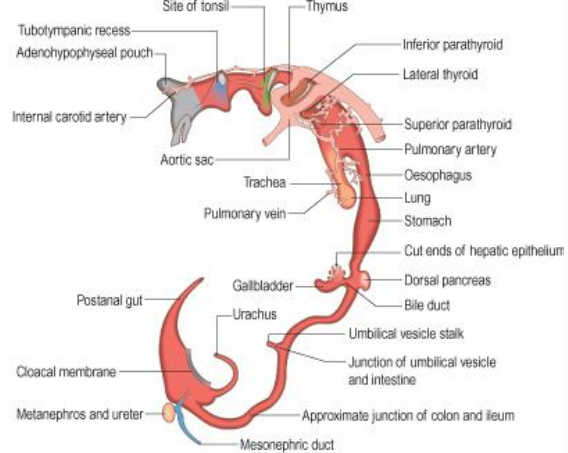
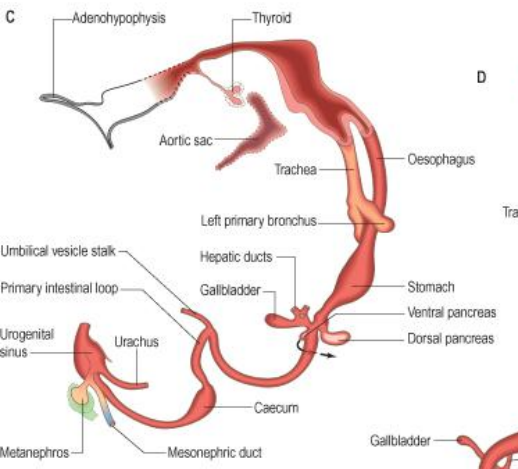
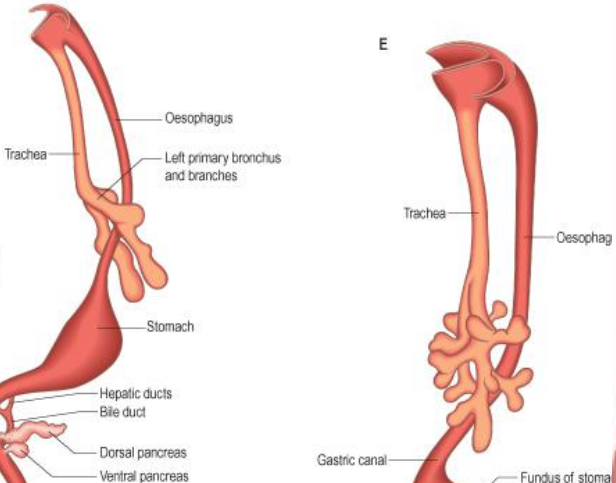
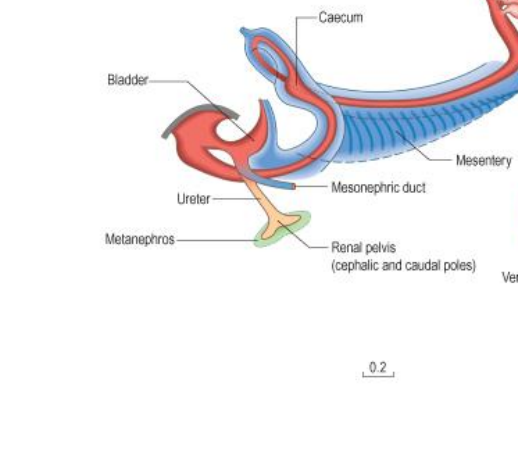
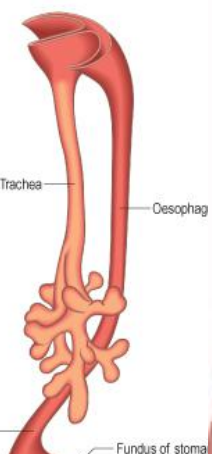
*Development of the primitive gut and its derivatives:*

- The **pharyngeal gut**, or pharynx, extends from the buccopharyngeal membrane to the tracheobronchial diverticulum;
- The **foregut** lies caudal to the pharyngeal tube and extends as far caudally as the liver outgrowth;
- The **midgut** begins caudal to the liver bud and extends to the junction of the right two-thirds and left third of the transverse colon in the adult;
- The **hindgut** extends from the left third of the transverse colon to the cloacal membrane.

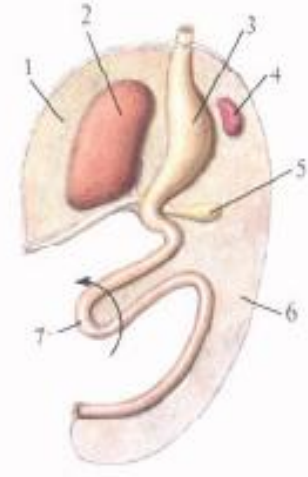


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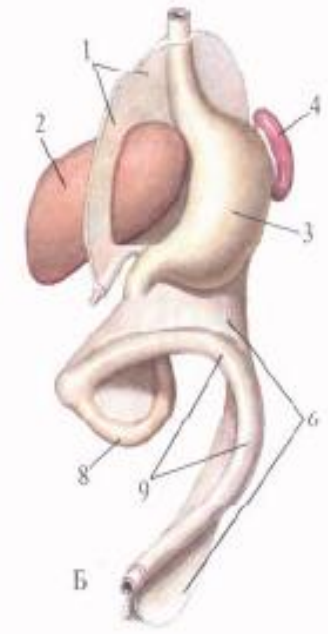


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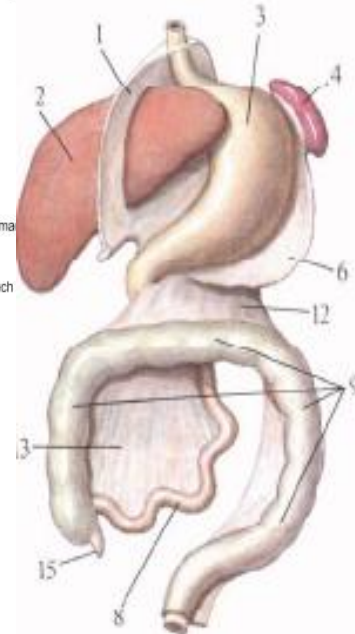
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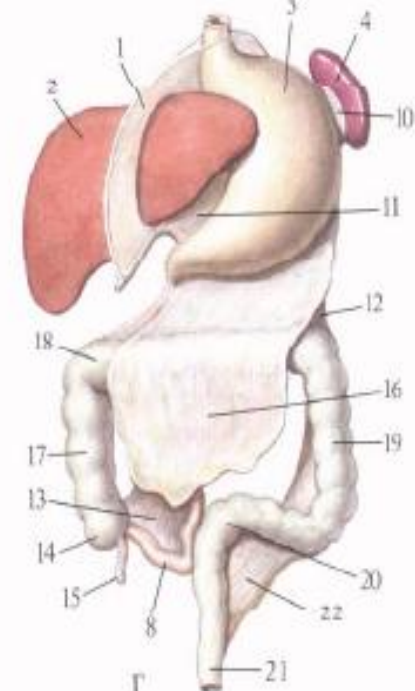
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