



# Chapt. 5: The Integumentary System

The integumentary system is composed of skin and structures that are derived from the skin during development (such as hair, sweat glands, sebaceous glands, nails, etc.)

## **THE SKIN** (Cutis, Integument)

### **Structure of the Skin** (see Fig. 5.1)

List and describe the two layers (regions) that form skin:

#### **Is the skin an organ?**

Yes, because it consists of various tissues joined together to perform specific activities; in fact, it is the largest organ of the body!

Which layer is vascularized?

How do nutrients reach the epidermis?

#### **hypodermis**

- × the hypodermis is a layer of loose CT deep to the dermis of the skin; it joins skin to underlying structures such as bone and muscle.
- × the hypodermis is also referred to as the subcutis, subcutaneous layer, subQ, and superficial fascia
- × list functions of the hypodermis:

#### **EPIDERMIS**

- what type of epithelium is the epidermis?

## Cells of the Epidermis:

### ◦ keratinocytes

- by far the most numerous
- what is their chief role?
- what is **keratin**?
  
- what connects keratinocytes tightly to one another?
- the keratinocytes undergo a process called **keratinization**:
  - what do the keratinocytes arise in?

- as cells of the epidermis are pushed upward by the production of new cells they make the keratin
- by the time the keratinocytes reach the free surface of the skin, what are they like?

### ◦ melanocytes

- melanocytes are cells that synthesize the pigment called what?
  
- the melanin granules accumulate on the superficial side of the keratinocyte nucleus and form what?

### ◦ dendritic cells

- are also called what?
  
- what is their function?

## Layers of the Epidermis:

*First, a few words about two categories of skin based on the thickness of skin:*



#### **Thick skin:**

- hairless
- has a thicker epidermis & dermis
- the keratinocytes form 5 layers of the epidermis
- where is thick skin found?

#### **Thin skin:**

- has hairs
- has a thinner epidermis & dermis
- the keratinocytes form 4 layers of the epidermis
- covers most of the body

Examine Fig. 5.2 and locate the epidermis, its layers, and the dermis.

**1. Stratum Basale**

- is the deepest layer; it consists of a single row of what kind of cells?

\*cell division occurs in the stratum basale

- each time a basal cell divides, what happens to the two new daughter cells?

- the basal cells are cuboidal to columnar and rest on the basement membrane, which separates the epidermis from the underlying dermis

**2. Stratum Spinosum**

- several to numerous layers of polyhedral cells with spine-like processes

**3. Stratum Granulosum**

- more flattened cells filled with purple-staining granules
- name and describe the function of the two types of granules that the cells accumulate:

- what happens to the plasma membrane of these cells (of the stratum granulosum) and what do these events produce?

- the epidermis relies on capillaries in the underlying connective tissue for nutrients; why do the epidermal cells above the stratum granulosum die?

#### 4. **Stratum Lucidum**

- present only in thick skin; consists of clear flat, dead cells

#### 5. **Stratum Corneum**

- consists of layers of flat, scale-like, dead cells filled with a protein called **keratin**
- what is the function of keratin and the thickened plasma membranes of the cells of the stratum corneum?
  
- what does the glycolipid between the cells do?

### **DERMIS**

- a strong, flexible layer of CT

#### **Two Layers of the Dermis:**

##### **1. papillary layer (superficial layer)**

- \* the thin, superficial layer just below the epidermis
- \* describe the type of connective tissue that forms the papillary layer:

- what does the looseness of the papillary layer allow?

- \* has an extensive capillary network to nourish the epidermis and for heat regulation
- \* includes peglike projections called dermal papillae that interdigitate with the epidermal pegs of the epidermis; these are especially prominent in thick skin, where they help to anchor the dermis and epidermis together
  - what do the dermal papillae contain?

- \* in thick skin, the papillary layer has larger mounds of connective tissue called what?
  - these cause the overlying epidermis to form what?
  - what is thought to be the functions of the epidermal ridges (friction ridges)?

## 2. reticular layer (deep layer)

- \* accounts for about what percent of the thickness of the dermis?
- \* formed by what type of CT?

\* what is the **cutaneous plexus** and where is it located?

\* the collagen fibers of the dermis give skin what properties and what does collagen bind?

\* elastic fibers provide what?

## **SKIN COLOR**

List the three pigments that contribute to skin color:

### \* **melanin:**

- melanin ranges in color from what to what?
- name the cells that synthesize melanin:
- melanin synthesis depends on what enzyme?
- exposure to UV light increases the activity of tyrosinase
- are differences in skin color due to the number of melanocytes that people have or due to the amount and kind of melanin they produce?
- what is the function of a buildup of melanin?

### \* **carotene:**

- what color does carotene impart to skin?

### \* **hemoglobin:**

- what color does hemoglobin impart to skin?

## ACCESSORY STRUCTURES (APPENDAGES) OF SKIN

- name examples of accessory structures of the skin that are derived from the epidermis:
- accessory structures arise from **epidermal buds** that develop in the embryo

### HAIRS AND HAIR FOLLICLES

- list functions of hair:

#### Structure of a Hair:

- what is another term for "hairs"?
- hairs consist largely of what?
- name the type of keratin that forms hairs and nails and what are its two advantages over soft keratin:
- distinguish between the **shaft** and the **root** of a hair:
  - which part projects from the skin and extends about halfway down the follicle?
  - which part is deep within the follicle?
  - what is the hair like if the shaft of the hair in cross section is flat and ribbonlike?
  - what is the hair like if the shaft of the hair in cross section is oval?
  - what is the hair like if the shaft of the hair in cross section is perfectly round?
- list the three concentric layers of keratinized cells that a hair has, and locate the layers in Fig. 5.6:
  - the **cuticle** is formed from what?

- hair pigment:
  - hair pigment is made by what cells at the base of the hair follicle?
  - various proportions of what combine to produce hair color?
  - what happens when hair turns gray or white

### **Structure of a Hair Follicle:**

- hair follicles surround the portion of the hair below the surface of the skin
- name the deep, expanded end of a follicle:
  - are there **sensory nerve endings** associated with the hair bulb?
  - what stimulates these nerve endings?
- describe a **hair papilla**:
  - this papilla contains a knot of capillaries that does what?
- a hair follicle is formed by a **connective tissue sheath** and an **epithelial root sheath**. The epithelial root sheath is derived mainly from what?
  - name the two parts of the epithelial root sheath (and locate them on Fig. 5.5):
- the **hair matrix**, formed by actively dividing cells of the hair bulb, produces what?
- define **arrector pili**:
  - this muscle is attached in such a way that its contraction does what?
  - what does it contract in response to?
  - how is this "hair-raising" response useful to animals (other than humans)?

## Types and Growth of Hair:

- distinguish between the texture and location of vellus hairs and terminal hairs:

- list the phases of the growth cycle of a follicle:

## NAILS

- what is a **nail**?



- in contrast to soft keratin of the epidermis, nails (and hairs) contain what type of keratin?
- define the following parts of a nail and locate them on Fig. 5.6:
  - **free edge**: - the unattached portion that projects beyond the digit
  - **nail plate** (or **nail body**):
  - **nail root**:
  - **nail bed**:
  - **nail matrix**:
  - **eponychium** (or **cuticle**)

## SWEAT GLANDS

- what is another name for sweat glands?
- sweat glands consists of a secretory portion and a duct that empties either into a hair follicle or directly onto the surface of the skin
- the secretory cells of sweat glands are associated with cells called what?
  - what causes myoepithelial cells to contract?
  - their contraction forces what to happen?



### **Eccrine (Merocrine) Sweat Glands**

- are far more numerous (than apocrine sweat glands) and are particularly abundant where?
- sweat produced by eccrine glands is 99% water; it also contains what?
- what division of the autonomic nervous system regulates sweating?

### **Apocrine Sweat Glands**

- apocrine sweat glands are largely confined to what areas of the body?
- they are larger than eccrine gland
- their secretion contains the same basic components as sweat produced by eccrine glands, plus what?
- how is the secretion of apocrine sweat glands responsible for the basis of body odor?
- when do they begin functioning?
- ceruminous glands are modified apocrine glands found where?
- mammary glands are modified apocrine glands that secrete what?

### **SEBACEOUS GLANDS**

- what is another name for sebaceous glands?
- sebaceous glands are holocrine glands; most secrete into hair follicles; some open directly onto the surface of the skin
- name the oily substance that sebaceous glands secrete:
  - list the substances that constitute sebum:
- describe the functions of sebum:

## **FUNCTIONS OF THE INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM**

List, read about, and briefly describe the 6 major functions of skin and its derivatives:

## **Homeostatic Imbalances of Skin**

Read about skin cancer and burns, but you will not be responsible for this section.

*The End!*

