In general, the study of anatomy refers to the study of the structure of body parts and includes gross anatomy (identification by unaided visual means) and microscopic anatomy (identification by microscopic assistance that usually begins at the cellular level). The study of physiology is a study of the functions of the body, or as sometimes stated, “how the body works,” and includes biophysical and biochemical processes and precludes a knowledge of anatomy. Although anatomy and physiology can be taught as separate entities, overlaps are unavoidable and it follows that greater productivity is obtained by integrating the two disciplines.

The study of anatomy and physiology is assisted by prerequisite courses, which include chemistry, physics, biology, and quantitative skills in mathematics. With this in mind, we will rely not only on your previous preparation, but also on the desire to advance your knowledge with application to animal anatomy and physiology. This chapter provides basics of structure and function that should be helpful to you as you study the chapters that follow.
The number of cells in an animal is in the trillions and for the human has been estimated to be about 100 trillion. Each of these cells had their start beginning with fertilization of an oocyte. The appearance of cells varies with the organ of which they are a part and will be shown and described when encountered. Cells are highly organized chemical systems and share many features that are shown schematically in Figure 1-1. The basic components of a cell are the plasma membrane (cell membrane) that bounds the cell and gives it limits; the cytoplasm, which is the homogenous ground substance that forms the background in which the formed elements are suspended; and the nucleus. The nucleus is separated from the cytoplasm by a nuclear membrane, and the cytoplasm is separated from the surrounding fluids (interstitial fluid) by a cell membrane. The cell membrane is usually pliable and is composed of phospholipids and proteins. The phospholipid molecules occur in two layers. The protein molecules may be associated with either the outer or inner layer and may penetrate completely or incompletely (see Chapter 2).

Because of cell specialization, no cell can be called typical. The cytoplasm is the location of diverse metabolic activities and is filled with both minute and large dispersed particles and organelles.

**The Organelles**

The organelles are highly organized physical structures represented in Figure 1-1, and in addition to the cell membrane, consist of the nucleus, endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi apparatus, mitochondria, lysosomes, and centrioles. These structures assist the cytoplasm with its metabolic activities by receiving materials into the cell, synthesizing new substances, generating energy, packaging materials for transport to other parts of the cell or to the circulation, excretion of waste products, and reproduction.

**Nucleus**

The nucleus is the control center of the cell, controlling its chemical reactions and reproduction. It contains large quantities of DNA. Nuclear components consist of a nuclear membrane, one or more nucleoli, and chromatin, all bathed in nuclear sap (nucleoplasm). The nuclear membrane (also called nuclear envelope) consists of two membranes wherein the outer membrane is continuous with the endoplasmic reticulum, and the space between the two nuclear membranes, the lumen, is also continuous with the lumen of the endoplasmic reticulum. Both layers are penetrated by numerous nuclear pores. These pores permit exchange between the nucleoplasm of the nucleus and the cytoplasm outside the nucleus, including movement of RNA synthesized in the nucleus, out into the cytoplasm. The nucleolus does not have a limiting membrane and is a structure that contains large amounts of RNA and proteins that are found in ribosomes. Chromatin appears as dark-staining particles throughout the nucleoplasm in the nondividing cell. In the dividing cell, the chromatin organizes into the chromosomes.

**Endoplasmic Reticulum**

The endoplasmic reticulum (ER) is a network of tubular and flat vesicular (small thin-walled cavity) structures in the cytoplasm that all interconnect with one another. The fluid within the lumen of the ER is continuous with the fluid in the nuclear envelope and is different from the fluid in the cytoplasm. A large number of small granular particles called ribosomes are attached to the outer surfaces of many parts of the ER. Where these are present they are called the granular ER, and where they are not present they are called the agranular or smooth ER. Ribosomes are composed of a mixture of RNA and proteins and function in the synthesis of proteins. The agranular ER functions in the synthesis of lipid substances and other enzymatic processes of the cell.
■ FIGURE 1-1 Schematic drawing of a cell and its organelles as seen in electron photomicrographs. (From Crouch, JE. Functional Human Anatomy. 4th Ed. Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger, 1985.)
Golgi Apparatus

The Golgi apparatus is closely related to the ER. It is prominent in secretory cells, being well developed in cells secreting enzymes and hormones. It packages materials made in the cell and transforms them into units that are then distributed outside the cell. The packaging begins when vesicles pinch off from the ER and then fuse with the Golgi apparatus. The vesicular substances are then processed in the Golgi apparatus to form lysosomes or other secretory vesicles, which become surrounded by a membrane. They are then released from the Golgi apparatus for storage or use in the cell or are transported to the cell membrane, where they are released into the extracellular fluid as a secretion.

Mitochondria

Mitochondria are the “powerhouses” of the cell because they are the principal sites for energy production. The number in a cell depends on the amount of energy required, and mitochondria increase in number when cellular needs increase. A mitochondrion is composed of an outer and inner membrane. The inner membrane has infoldings that provide shelves for the attachment of oxidative phosphorylation enzymes (enzymes for production of energy). The inner cavity consists of a matrix (supporting substance) that contains enzymes and coenzymes (cofactors) required for extracting energy from nutrients. The matrix is the site of the citric acid cycle (also known as the tricarboxylic acid cycle and Krebs cycle).

Lysosomes

The vesicular organelles called lysosomes are formed by the Golgi apparatus and then become dispersed throughout the cytoplasm. Because lysosomes contain digestive enzymes, their presence in the cytoplasm provides an intracellular digestive system allowing digestion of damaged cellular structures, food particles ingested by the cell, and bacterial cells.

Centrioles

There are typically two centrioles in a cell, and they are located in an area free of ribosomes and endoplasmic reticulum known as the centrosome. Centrioles are involved with cell division. Cells without centrioles cannot replace themselves by cell division. The centrioles are usually oriented at right angles to each other. Each consists of nine groups of three microtubules arranged in a circle. Microtubules constitute the spindle in mitosis.

ENERGY PRODUCTION

1. What substance is formed from the catabolism of carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins to begin the aerobic stage of energy production via the citric acid cycle?
2. What are the cofactors involved in the transfer of electrons from the citric acid cycle to the electron transport chain?
3. Where are the electron receptors of the electron transport chain located?
4. What is the energy substance produced by oxidative phosphorylation?
5. What is metabolic water?
6. What is the location for oxygen consumption by the body?

Within mitochondria, energy is released from molecules by controlled metabolic oxidation. The aerobic (occurring in the presence of oxygen) stage in the catabolism of carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins begins after the formation of acetyl-Co A from respective glucose, fatty acids, and some amino acids (Fig. 1-2). The acetyl-Co A that has been formed undergoes oxidation via the citric acid cycle within the matrix. Oxidation of the acetyl groups involves the abstraction of electrons and their transfer to the cofactors nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD) and flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD), wherein the cofactors are reduced to NADH and FADH₂.
The electrons carried by NADH and FADH$_2$ are funneled to the electron transfer chain, a chain of electron acceptors that are an integral part of the inner membrane (the shelf membrane) of the mitochondrion. In the electron flow that follows, adenosine triphosphate (ATP), a high-energy substance, is synthesized from adenosine diphosphate (ADP) in the process of oxidative phosphorylation. Also, NADH and FADH$_2$ are reoxidized and hydrogen ions (H$^+$) combine with oxygen (O$_2$) to form water (H$_2$O). About 90% of the total ATP formed by glucose metabolism is formed during oxidative phosphorylation described above. The water formed at this location is referred to as metabolic water (see Chapter 2), and also, oxygen consumption for the body occurs at this location (see Chapter 10).

FUNCTIONS OF DNA AND RNA

1. What comprises each chromosome?
2. What are the chemical bases that make up the two nucleotide chains of DNA?
3. How are the two nucleotide chains bound together, and what are the complementary positions of the bases?
4. What is the relationship of the histone proteins to the nucleotide chains?
5. Where is the chemical location for the beginning of DNA replication?
6. What is the point of attachment of the two newly formed chromosomes (chromatids) called?
7. Describe a gene as related to the DNA molecule.
8. What are the four stages of mitosis?
9. What is the name of each pair of replicated centrioles?
10. Visualize and describe each of the four stages of mitosis, recognizing interphase as a period between successive sequences.
11. Is DNA in the nucleus able to enter the cytoplasm to initiate the synthesis of protein?
12. What are the separate functions of mRNA, tRNA, and rRNA?
13. How is protein synthesis related to allergies and tissue rejection by individual animals?

**DNA and Its Replication**

The nucleus is composed mostly of the chromosomes, those structures providing for inherited and individual characteristics of an animal. Each chromosome is made up of a large molecule of DNA wrapped in the form of double helices (a helix is a spiral form) around a core of histone proteins. DNA is made up of two extremely long polynucleotide chains each containing the purine bases adenine and guanine and the pyrimidine bases thymine and cytosine (Fig. 1-3). A nucleotide is formed by the combination of one molecule of phosphoric acid, one molecule of deoxyribose, and one of the four bases. The chains are bound together by hydrogen bonding between the bases, with adenine bonding to thymine and guanine to cytosine. The bonding relationship is referred to as complementary (i.e., they are not identical). Whenever adenine appears on one strand, thymine will be in the same position on the opposite strand. The histones are positively charged proteins that associate strongly with DNA by ionic interactions with its many negatively charged phosphate groups. About half of the mass of chromatin is DNA and half is histones. The whole complex of DNA and histones is called chromatin. Before cell division, the coiling around the histone proteins is loosened and replication of DNA begins by splitting the double helices at the point of junction of complementary bases. The separate strands then serve as a template for the formation of its complementary base when replication (making a facsimile or copy) takes place (Fig. 1-4). The result is that each of the two original strands of each chromosome is now paired with a new complementary strand, forming two spiral helix chromosomes wherever there was one before. The two newly formed chromosomes remain temporarily attached to each other (until the time for mitosis) at a point called the centromere located near their center. These duplicated but attached chromosomes are called chromatids. The units of heredity are the genes on the chromosomes, and each gene is a portion of the DNA molecule. Large numbers are attached end-on-end on the long, double-stranded, helical molecules of DNA that have molecular weights measured in the billions.
Mitosis

Mitosis is the division of somatic cells (body cells, as opposed to reproductive cells) in which complex nuclear division precedes cytoplasmic fission and that involves a sequence of four stages: prophase, metaphase, anaphase, and telophase (Fig. 1-5). The period between successive sequences is called interphase. The stages illustrated in Figure 1-5 are not to be considered as stops and starts but rather as an unbroken sequence of events. In the interphase nucleus (nondividing), the chromosomes are in the form of dispersed chromatin. Late in interphase each of the centrioles have replicated so that there are two pairs, each with two centrioles. Each pair is called a centrosome. In early prophase (first step in mitosis), chromatin condenses into chromosomes (the two constituent threads are called chromatids), and the mitotic spindle begins to form, pushing the centrosomes apart. In late prophase, there is further separation of the centrosomes with the development of radiating fibers (microtubules), called asters, from each centrosome. The spindle at this point encroaches further into the nucleus as the nuclear membrane gradually disappears. Some of the microtubules become attached to the chromosomes in the area of the centromere. The nucleolus gradually disappears, and the chromosomes shorten and become more visible. In the next step, metaphase, the centrioles are pushed closer to their respective poles by the growing spindle, and the chromatids are aligned at the center of the cell. An early event in anaphase (the next stage) is the separation of the single centromere disc that is common to both chromatids into two so that each chromatid has its own. During anaphase,
FIGURE 1-5 The stages of mitosis. Until anaphase, the two chromatids of a mitotic chromosome remain joined at a region known as the centromere of the chromosome. At this location, each chromatid has a microtubule attachment site called a kinetochore. (From Cormack DH. Essential Histology. 2nd Ed. Baltimore: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2001.)
separation of the duplicated chromatid takes place (now referred to as daughter chromosomes) and they move to opposite poles of the cell, pulled by spindle microtubules attached to the respective centromeres. In telophase, the daughter chromosomes have reached opposite poles of the cell, the mitotic spindles disappear, and a nuclear membrane forms around each set. Two daughter cells form by cell division and then enter early interphase.

RNA and Protein Synthesis

Genes control the formation of cell proteins by a complex process of coding, the so-called genetic code. Because of its large size and inability to enter the cytoplasm, DNA in the nucleus is not able to directly control the synthesis of protein that occurs in the cytoplasm. This is accomplished by RNA molecules that are synthesized from DNA. The first of these, messenger RNA (mRNA), moves into the cytoplasm through nuclear pores carrying the code for the synthesis of proteins (transcription) and establishes a position with a granular ER ribosome where protein molecules are made. A second, transfer RNA (tRNA), is synthesized by DNA and moves to the cytoplasm, where it picks up an amino acid and carries it to the mRNA. There the amino acid is fitted into the code for the production of a specific protein molecule (translation). Each of 20 tRNAs is specific for each of the 20 amino acids. The third type of RNA is ribosomal RNA (rRNA), found in ribosomes. It is believed that it serves as a physical structure on which the protein is formed. The sequence of protein synthesis is shown in Figure 1-6. Because of the transfer of information required for protein synthesis from DNA molecules in the nucleus, it can be seen that proteins are specific to each individual animal. Introduction of proteins foreign to an animal results in allergies, tissue rejection, and other incompatibilities.

EMBRYOLOGY

1. Differentiate between diploid and haploid.
2. How does meiosis contrast with mitosis?
3. What is meiosis accompanied by division of the cells called in the female and in the male?

![FIGURE 1-6](image-url) A schematic summary of genetic coding and its role in protein synthesis and related cell functions.
4. Define embryology.
5. Differentiate among gamete, zygote, morula, and blastocyst.
6. What does the trophoblast contribute to in fetal development?
7. Name the three germ layers established as embryonic development proceeds.
8. What two major events are signified by the development of the germ layers?

Fertilization is the first event of reproduction at the cellular level and requires the joining of the female sex cell (gamete), known as the oocyte, with the male gamete, known as the spermatozoon. So that the fertilized oocyte will have the normal number of chromosomes (diploid or 2n), each gamete must be reduced in chromosome numbers by one-half (haploid or n) while still in the reproductive systems of the respective female and male. This reduction in chromosomes is called meiosis, in contrast to mitosis, whereby each cell after division retained the 2n chromosome number. Meiosis accompanied by division of the cells is called oogenesis in the female and spermatogenesis in the male. The joined gametes now known as a zygote will have the proper number of chromosomes (2n) for the species, and further development beyond fertilization will proceed by mitosis. Fertilization and the beginning of mitosis for the formation of a new individual are shown in Figure 1-7. For further details of spermatogenesis, oogenesis, and fertilization, see Chapters 14 and 15.

Embryology is the study of prenatal (before birth) development of an individual, and, as indicated above, it begins with the zygote. Mitotic divisions continue and form a cluster of cells known as a morula that proceeds to a blastula (Fig. 1-8). The cavity of the blastula, the blastocoele, is formed when uterine fluid diffuses into the spaces between the cells of the morula. As the fluid accumulates, it gradually separates the cells into an outer layer of cells called the trophoblast and an inner cell mass that forms the body of the embryo (Fig. 1-9A). The trophoblast contributes to the fetal placenta (extraembryonic membranes) that secures the position of the embryo in the uterus and provides for its nutrition from the maternal connection (see Chapter 15).

The portion of the inner cell mass closest to the trophoblast is the epiblast, and the portion adjacent to the blastocoele is the hypoblast (Fig. 1-9B). The cavity formed dorsal to the epiblast is the amniotic cavity of the embryo (see Chapter 15). Proliferating hypoblast cells migrate to line the blastocoele. This lining becomes the endoderm. The endoderm grows into the blastocoele and generates the lungs, gut, liver, and other visceral organs. The ectoderm develops from proliferating outer cells of the inner cell mass (epiblast cells) and migrates toward a longitudinal axis location known as the primitive streak, a thickening of epiblast cells (Fig. 1-9C). Skin and all of its derivatives (e.g., hair, hooves, mammary glands) and the entire nervous system are formed from ectoderm. The cells between ectoderm and endoderm become mesoderm (Fig. 1-9D). The mesoderm grows between the ectoderm and endoderm and splits into two layers that form a cavity between the two layers known as the coelom (precursor of body cavities). The pericardial, pleural, and abdominopelvic cavities are derived from the coelom. Skeletal, smooth, and cardiac muscle, the kidneys, the skeleton, and other connective tissues develop from mesoderm. The establishment of the germ layers is the first segregation of cell groups clearly distinct from one another by way of their definite relations within the embryo. Also, establishment of the germ layers marks the transition between that period of development when an increase in the number of cells was the only outstanding event to one when differentiation and specialization are the dominating aspects of growth. The germ layers are the source of all body structures.
TISSUES

1. Differentiate among cells, tissues, organs, and systems as units of structure in the body.
2. Name the four basic tissues in the body.
3. Where are the general locations of epithelium?
4. What is the function of a basement membrane?
5. How does epithelium receive nutrition and discharge waste?
6. How is epithelium classified according to the number of cell layers?
7. How is epithelium classified according to shape of the surface cells?
8. Where are the locations of endothelium, mesothelium, and mesenchymal epithelium that are derived from mesoderm and have the appearance of simple squamous epithelium that is derived from ectoderm or endoderm?
9. Know where each of the several classifications of epithelium are located.

FIGURE 1-7 Schematic diagrams of fertilization. Meiosis in spermatozoa and oocytes (division of chromosome numbers by one-half) occurs while in respective male and female reproductive systems. Entrance of a spermatozoon into an oocyte is followed by fusion of respective pronuclei to form a zygote with a proper chromosome number (2n or diploid). Cell division will proceed by mitosis to form a new individual. (From Crouch JE. Functional Human Anatomy. 4th Ed. Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger, 1985.)
10. What is the distinguishing feature between endocrine and exocrine glands?
11. Differentiate among holocrine, merocrine, and apocrine glands.
12. What are the two types of epithelial membranes, and where are they located?
13. What are the chief functions performed by the connective tissue types?
14. What cells produce the intercellular substance of ordinary connective tissue?
15. What are the intercellular substances of loose connective tissue? How do they differ?
16. Differentiate between dense regular and irregular connective tissue.
17. Recognize that cartilage, bone, and blood are other elements of connective tissue.

In considering units of structure within the body, a first consideration involved the cell. The next involves tissues, which as a unit, are composed of cells having similar features of structure and function. Two or more tissues, when combined to perform certain functions, are known as organs (e.g., the heart and liver are organs). Combinations of organs of similar or related functions, working together as a unit, are represented by body systems (e.g., the digestive system and the respiratory system). Most of this book is organized by systems, wherein the cells, tissues, and organs for a system will be studied to recognize the contribution of each in providing for each system’s function.

There are four basic tissues in the body, namely: 1) epithelial tissue (epithelium), 2) connective tissue, 3) nervous tissue, and 4) muscle tissue. Unlike nervous and muscle
tissues, epithelial and connective tissues are not considered in individual chapters as a system. Therefore, some identifying features will now be given.

**Epithelium**

Epithelial tissues cover the body surface, line body cavities, and form glands and other structures (e.g., hair, hooves, and horns). With few exceptions, epithelium originates from ectoderm or endoderm, and the cells lie on a non-cellular basement membrane. The basement membrane serves an adhesive function so that the cells are held closely to the underlying connective tissue, thereby giving greater strength to the tissue.

Epithelial tissues are not penetrated by blood vessels but rather receive nutrition and discharge waste by diffusion via blood vessels in the underlying or neighboring connective tissue.

**Classification**

When classified according to the number of layers of cells in the tissue, simple epithelium (one layer) and stratified epithelium (two or more layers) are recognized. There is also a classification according to shape of the surface...
cells, namely: 1) **squamous** (thin and plate-like), 2) **cubical**, being about equal in height and width (appear square in a cut perpendicular to the surface), and 3) **columnar**, in which the cells are taller than they are wide and in a perpendicular section are rectangular.

The types of epithelium that commonly exist throughout the body are illustrated in **Figure 1-10**. It will be noted that each is identified according to number of layers and also shape of the cell, and the following are identified:

1. Simple squamous epithelium (Fig. 1-10A).

Simple squamous epithelium consists of a single layer of thin, flat cells of irregular outlines that fit together, with cement substances between their borders, to form a continuous, thin membrane. It is not adapted to withstanding wear and tear but rather to performing a filtering function (e.g., some portions of kidney tubules).

There are three tissues that have the same appearance as simple squamous epithelium but differ because they are derived from mesoderm rather than ectoderm or endoderm. In these instances they are known as endothelium, mesothelium, and mesenchymal epithelium. **Endothelium** is the simple layer of squamous cells forming the inner lining of the heart, blood vessels, and lymph vessels. **Mesothelium** is the simple squamous epithelium that lines the great body cavities (pleura and peritoneum). **Mesenchymal** epithelium is found in more discreet locations such as the linings of the subarachnoid spaces (in the brain) and chambers of the eye.
2. Simple cuboidal epithelium (Fig. 1-10B).

This is a widely distributed tissue, and examples are found in the choroid plexus of the nervous system, the outer covering of the nervous system, the outer covering of the ovary (reproductive system), and the lining of follicles in the thyroid gland (endocrine system).

3. Simple columnar epithelium (Fig. 1-10C).

This tissue provides the lining for the digestive tract. The cells may be absorptive, secretory, or both. A common secretory function of these cells is secretion of mucus on the surface of epithelial membranes, and in this capacity they provide a protective function. There are also simple columnar ciliated tissues. Cilia are motile extensions of a cell surface that move tubular contents in a single direction. An example of their presence is in the uterine tubes (oviducts).

4. Pseudostratified ciliated columnar with goblet cells (Fig. 1-10D).

These tissues seem to consist of many layers but actually have only one layer. The one shown is ciliated, but there are also those that are nonciliated. The stratified appearance is caused by some of the cells being short and other taller cells overlapping them. They both share a common basement membrane. The type shown, with cilia and goblet cells, are found in the respiratory tract. The goblet cells provide for a wet surface for entrapment of inhaled particles, and the cilia direct the wet surface toward the mouth.

5. Transitional epithelium (Fig. 1-10E).

This tissue is common to the lining of the muscular urinary bladder. It is a stratified epithelium with a varied appearance depending on the fill of the bladder. When the bladder contracts, the epithelium piles up into many layers, but when the bladder fills and is stretched, only two or three layers of cells can be seen.

6. Stratified squamous (Fig. 1-10, F and G).

Stratified membranes serve chiefly to protect. They can withstand more wear and tear than simple membranes. There are different kinds and degrees of protection needed at different places in the body, and accordingly, stratified membranes have dissimilarities. The kind shown in the illustration is nonkeratinized stratified squamous epithelium (Fig. 1-10F) and is found on wet surfaces subjected to wear and tear. The inside of the mouth and esophagus have this lining, giving protection from coarse foods. Only the surface cells are actually squamous, the deepest layer (on the basement membrane) of cells is columnar. As the deep layer cells undergo mitotic division, the outer cells flatten, die, and finally, slough (separate) from the surface. In this way the tissue renews itself. The epidermis (outer layer) of skin is stratified squamous keratinized tissue (Fig. 1-10G). This differs from nonkeratinized epithelium in that the superficial cells are keratinized (also called cornified). The cells of this type are also fused with each other. The cornified and fused layer minimizes fluid loss from the body by evaporation and gives greater protection from wear and tear.

Glands

The glands of the body are classified as exocrine or endocrine. Both are secretory, but exocrine glands are those that have secretions to the outside of the body, and endocrine glands are those that secrete within the body. Exocrine glands must be provided with ducts, which are tubes that convey the glandular secretions to a free surface of the body. Because endocrine secretions are those within the body, no ducts are needed and they are often referred to as ductless glands.

Development of both glands is shown schematically in Figure 1-11. It is noted that both originate as a result of surface epithelial cells growing, in the form of either a cord or a tubule, into the connective tissue beneath the membrane. After invasion of the connective tissue, a gland is formed by means of further proliferation and differentiation. The epithelial
connection between the gland and surface is retained for exocrine glands, whereas the connection disappears for endocrine glands. Those cells that form the secretory unit secrete their substances into a central cavity or lumen.

**Holocrine, merocrine, and apocrine glands** refer to the manner in which the secretory cells of the gland elaborate their secretions. A cell within holocrine glands accumulates secretory products in its cytoplasm and then dies and disintegrates. The dead cell and its products constitute the secretion (i.e., the entire cell is secreted). The sebaceous (oily, fatty) glands of the skin are of this type.

Merocrine glands secrete without any part of the cell being lost. Secretory granules are cytoplasmic inclusions, and although produced by the cytoplasm, they are not actually part of the cytoplasm. Therefore, the secretory granules pass into the lumen of the secretory unit without loss of the secretory cells' cytoplasm. The pancreas and salivary glands are in this group.

Apocrine glands are intermediate between holocrine and merocrine glands because their secretions gather at the outer ends of the gland cells and then pinch off to form the secretions. The mammary glands and some sweat glands belong to this group.

**Epithelial Membranes**

Epithelial membranes consist of a surface layer of epithelium and an underlying layer of connective tissue. Two kinds that are of importance in the body are mucous membranes and serous membranes.

Mucous membranes, referred to as mucosae, line the hollow organs and cavities that open on the skin surface of the body. These membranes line most of the organs of the digestive, respiratory, urinary, and reproductive systems. The surface epithelium may vary in type, but it is always kept moist by mucus. The connective tissue underlying the epithelium is referred to as the lamina propria.

Serous membranes, referred to as serosae, line the body cavities and cover the surfaces of related organs. The surface epithelium is mesothelium over a thin layer of loose connective tissue. The mesothelium provides fluid that serves to moisten and lubricate. Pleura (lining the thorax), pericardium (lining the heart), and peritoneum (lining the abdomen) are examples of serous membranes.
Connective Tissue

Connective tissues are represented by a wide range of tissues that share a common origin from mesoderm. The chief functions performed by the various cells of the different types of connective tissue follow: 1) production of intercellular substances, 2) storing fat (adipocytes), and 3) production of the various blood cells, which in turn have specific functions (e.g., phagocytosis of bacteria and production of antibodies). The intercellular substance of chondrocytes and osteocytes (cartilage and bone) are connective tissues specialized for the support of the body. Cartilage, bone, and blood are elements of connective tissue that will be described separately in respective chapters.

Ordinary Connective Tissues

Ordinary connective tissues connect other tissues and are classified as either loose or dense.

Loose connective tissue contains a variety of different cell types. Loose connective tissue is widely distributed in the body, where it makes up the subcutaneous tissue or superficial fascia. It penetrates between organs to fill space and bind structures together. Because of its loose nature, it allows for movement of muscles relative to one another. Fibroblasts are the cells that produce the intercellular substance of ordinary connective tissue. When less active during adult life, fibroblasts are often referred to as fibrocytes.

Important intercellular substances of loose connective tissue are 1) collagenous or white fibers, 2) elastic or yellow fibers, 3) reticular fibers, and 4) amorphous ground substance.

Collagenous fibers appear as wavy ribbons. They are strong and inelastic and are composed of collagen, a family of closely related proteins. Elastic fibers are long cylindrical threads or flat ribbons. They tend to regain their original shape after being stretched. They are formed in elastic arteries and are mixed with other tissues wherever elasticity is needed. Reticular connective tissue fibers are fine and highly branched. They make up part of the framework of endocrine and lymphatic organs and also form networks where structures are adjacent to connective tissue, as found along the blood vessels, in basement membranes, and around nerve, muscle, and fat cells. Like collagenous fibers, they are inelastic. The above fibers are imbedded in amorphous (without form) ground substance. The viscosity of amorphous ground substance varies from fluids to gel. Figure 1-12 illustrates cells and fibers that might be seen in a microscopic section of loose connective tissue.

Dense connective tissues contain essentially the same fiber elements as loose connective tissues. There are two types, dense regular and dense irregular. The regularity relates to the arrangement of the fiber elements. In dense regular connective tissue, the fibers (especially collagenous fibers) are arranged in parallel bundles forming tendons. In ligaments, the collagenous fibers are not as regularly arranged and may be mixed with elastic fibers. The ligamentum nuchae in the necks of grazing animals has a predominance of elastic fibers. In dense irregular connective tissue, the collagenous fibers are interwoven and compacted to form a dense matting. This type is found in the dermis of the skin. The dermis of the skin is used in the production of leather. It is treated with tannic acid after the epidermis is removed.

Cartilage, bone, and blood are other elements of connective tissue that will be described separately in respective chapters.

DIRECTIONAL TERMS AND PLANES

1. Know the definitions of the directional terms and planes, and visualize the application of these as shown in Figure 1-13.

Throughout this book, descriptive terms will be used when referring to the location of body parts. These frames of reference are in
relation to the animal itself and apply regardless of the position or direction of the animal. Definitions of the terms that follow are illustrated in Figure 1-13 and apply to quadrupeds (four-footed animals).

1. **Cranial** is a direction toward the head. The lungs are cranial to the intestines (closer to the head).
2. **Caudal** is a direction toward the tail. The intestines are caudal to the lungs (closer to the tail).
3. **Rostral** and **caudal** are terms for direction within the head to mean toward the nose (rostral) or toward the tail (caudal). The cerebrum is rostral to the cerebellum.
4. The **median plane** is one that passes through the body craniocaudally (from head to tail). It divides the body into equal right and left halves.
5. A **sagittal plane** is any plane parallel to the median plane, and except for the midsagittal plane (which is another name for the median plane), it would be either to the right or to the left of the median plane.
6. A **transverse plane** is at right angles to the median plane and divides the body into cranial and caudal parts. A cross-sectional view of the body or part would be made on the transverse plane.
7. A **horizontal plane** is at right angles to both the median and the transverse planes and would divide the body into dorsal (upper) and ventral (lower) segments.
8. **Dorsal** pertains to the back or upper surface of an animal. Often used to indicate the position of one structure of the body relative to another (i.e., nearer the back surface of the body). The kidneys are dorsal to the intestines.
9. **Ventral** pertains to the undersurface of an animal, and as with dorsal, is often used to indicate the position of one structure relative to another. The intestines are ventral to the kidneys.
10. **Medial** relates to the middle or center; nearer to the median or midsagittal plane. The heart is medial to the lungs.
11. **Lateral** is opposite to the meaning of medial (i.e., away from the median plane). The ribs are lateral to the lungs. A lateral radiographic (x-ray) view is one with the animal on its side and the film in the sagittal plane.

12. **Superficial** pertains to the surface or to a structure situated near the surface. The skin is superficial to the muscles.

13. **Deep** refers to a structure situated at a deeper level in relation to a specific reference point. The femur is deep to the quadriceps muscles.

14. **Proximal**, when referring to part of a limb, artery, or nerve, means it is nearest the center of the body or the point of origin.

15. **Distal** means relatively farther from the center of the body. The hoof is distal to the knee.

16. **Palmar** refers to the caudal surface of the forelimb distal to the carpus (joint connecting radius, ulna, and metacarpals). Dorsal refers to its opposite cranial side.

17. **Plantar** refers to the caudal surface of the hindlimb distal to the tarsus (also known as the hock; joint connecting tibia, fibula, and metatarsals). Dorsal refers to its opposite (cranial) side.

18. **Prone** refers to a position in which the dorsal aspect of the body or any extremity is uppermost. A radiograph from this position with the film on the ventral aspect is identified as a dorsal-ventral view.

19. **Supine** refers to a position in which the ventral aspect of the body or palmar or plantar aspect of an extremity is uppermost. A radiograph from this position with the film on the dorsal aspect is identified as a ventral-dorsal view.

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**FIGURE 1-13** Directional terms and planes as applied to four-footed animals. The stippled areas represent the carpus and tarsus on the forelimbs and hindlimbs, respectively.

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**BODY CAVITIES**

1. What are the subdivisions of the ventral body cavity?
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2. Differentiate between visceral and parietal pleura.

3. What is the mediastinal space?

4. What structures occupy the mediastinal space?

5. Differentiate between the abdominal and pelvic cavities with regard to the structures contained in each.

6. What is the peritoneum?

7. Differentiate among omentum, mesentery, and ligaments.

A median plane view would show two main body cavities, the dorsal and ventral, and each has its subdivisions. The dorsal cavity contains the brain in its cranial cavity and the spinal cord in its vertebral cavity. The ventral cavity is subdivided by the diaphragm into the thoracic cavity cranially and the abdominal and pelvic cavities (collectively known as abdominopelvic cavity) caudally.

**Thoracic Cavity**

The thoracic cavity is divided into two lateral chambers. Each chamber is lined by a serous membrane called the pleura, and is termed a pleural cavity. The right and left lungs occupy their respective cavity and are enveloped by visceral pleura, which is continuous with the parietal pleura (mediastinal and costal). The envelopment occurs during embryonic development. An analogy is that of pushing one’s fist into a partially inflated balloon, as shown for the heart in **Figure 1-14**. The space between the two lungs is known as the mediastinal space or mediastinum (Fig. 1-15). It is a partition between the two pleural cavities. The heart, thoracic parts of the esophagus, trachea, vessels, and nerves are contained in the mediastinum, which is bounded laterally by mediastinal pleura. The mediastinal pleurae are the parietal pleurae that cover the sides of the partition between the two pleural cavities, and the costal pleurae line the walls of the thorax. The partition completely separates the right and left pleural cavities for all of the domestic animals except the dog and horse.

**The Abdominopelvic Cavity**

The abdominal cavity contains the kidneys, most of the digestive organs, and parts of the
internal reproductive organs in both sexes. The pelvic cavity contains the rectum (terminal part of the gastrointestinal tract) and the internal parts of the urogenital system not otherwise found in the abdominal cavity. A serous membrane similar to that surrounding the heart and lungs is also found in the abdominopelvic cavity and is known as peritoneum.

**The Peritoneum**

The peritoneum lines the abdominal cavity and extends into the pelvic cavity. The abdominal organs begin development in a subserous (outside of the peritoneum) location, near the body wall. During development the organs enlarge and migrate into the abdominal cavity. They carry the peritoneum before them (introduction), and folds are formed that suspend them from the wall (Fig. 1-16). The connecting folds are termed omenta, mesenteries, and ligaments. They contain a varying amount of connective tissue, fat, and lymph glands, and provide a pathway for vessels and nerves of the organs. An omentum is a fold that passes from the stomach to other viscera (soft structures). A mesentery is a fold that attaches the intestine to the dorsal wall of the abdominal cavity. Ligaments are folds that pass between viscera, other than parts of the digestive tube, or connect them with the abdominal wall. The coronary ligament (Fig. 1-16) is a sheet of peritoneum that passes between the diaphragm and the liver around the caudal vena cava and hepatic veins.
SUGGESTED READING


SELF EVALUATION—CHAPTER 1

THE CELL, ITS STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS

1. The Golgi apparatus is associated with:
   a. cell reproduction.
   b. energy production.
   c. packaging materials for transport.
   d. protein synthesis.

2. The endoplasmic reticulum:
   a. is entirely separate from the nucleus.
   b. has agranular locations associated with protein synthesis.
   c. has granular locations with ribosome attachments and is associated with protein synthesis.
d. has an internal fluid with the same composition as that found in the cytoplasm.

3. Which one of the organelles is the site of the citric acid cycle?
   a. Mitochondria
   b. Lysosomes
   c. Centrioles
   d. Endoplasmic reticulum

ENERGY PRODUCTION

4. The aerobic stage of energy production from carbohydrate, lipid, and protein catabolism involves:
   a. acetyl-Co A.
   b. NAD and FAD.
   c. the citric acid cycle.
   d. all of the above.

5. The electron transfer chain is located in the:
   a. endoplasmic reticulum.
   b. mitochondria.
   c. nucleus.
   d. Golgi apparatus.

6. In the electron flow in the electron transfer chain:
   a. ATP is synthesized from ADP (oxidative phosphorylation).
   b. NADH and FADH$_2$ are oxidized.
   c. oxygen is consumed and metabolic water is produced.
   d. all of the above.

FUNCTIONS OF DNA AND RNA

7. A chromosome is:
   a. the same as a gene.
   b. a large molecule of DNA.
   c. a large molecule of RNA.
   d. the histone portion of DNA.

8. Chromatids:
   a. are paired, identical chromosomes formed from chromatin in early prophase.
   b. is another name for chromatin.
   c. are the paired centrioles.
   d. are formed during telophase.

9. Mitosis:
   a. is a phenomenon of cell division in which each cell after division has a haploid chromosome number.
   b. is the division of somatic cells in which nuclear division precedes cytoplasmic fission.
   c. is the division of reproductive cells (oocytes and spermatozoa) in which each cell after division has a diploid chromosome number.
   d. concludes with the anaphase stage.

10. The sequence of bases on one strand of DNA is TGCCAT. What would be the sequence of bases of its complementary strand within a DNA double helix?
    a. ACGGTA
    b. CATGTC
    c. GTAACG
    d. TGCCAT

11. During replication of DNA:
    a. the double helix is not split and a new double helix forms by its side.
    b. the double helix is split and each nucleotide chain is identified as the new chromosome.
    c. the double helix is split and each nucleotide chain becomes paired with a new complementary strand, forming two double-helix chromosomes.
    d. the duplicated attached chromosomes are called centromeres.

12. The synthesis of protein:
    a. occurs in the cytoplasm and is accomplished by RNA molecules.
    b. occurs in the nucleus and is accomplished by DNA molecules.
    c. occurs within the endoplasmic reticulum.
    d. has nothing to do with the DNA.

13. During the synthesis of protein:
    a. only one tRNA is involved in its synthesis.
b. tRNA is synthesized by the Golgi apparatus in the cytoplasm.
c. tRNA enters the nucleus with its attached amino acid for the nuclear synthesis.
d. tRNAs, specific for each of 20 amino acids, move to the cytoplasm to pick up respective amino acids and carry it to the mRNA, where it is fitted into the code for a specific protein molecule.

EMBRYOLOGY

14. Meiosis:
   a. is the same as mitosis except that it occurs in reproductive cells, the oocytes and spermatozoa.
   b. begins after fertilization of the oocyte by the spermatozoa.
   c. results in a reduction of chromosome numbers by one-half (haploid or n) while still in the reproductive systems of the male and female.
   d. happens beyond fertilization and during the formation of a new individual.

15. The nervous system develops from the germ layer known as:
   a. ectoderm.
   b. mesoderm.
   c. endoderm.
   d. hypoderm.

16. The celom is the forerunner of:
   a. skeletal, smooth, and cardiac muscle.
   b. the pericardial, pleural, and abdominopelvic cavities.
   c. the skin and all of its derivatives.
   d. the placenta.

TISSUES

17. Epithelial tissues are derived from:
   a. ectoderm.
   b. endoderm.
   c. mesoderm.
   d. both a and b.

18. Epithelium that appears to consist of many layers but actually only has one layer is known as:
   a. stratified squamous.
   b. transitional.
   c. simple columnar.
   d. pseudostratified columnar.

19. Glands with cells that accumulate secretory products in their cytoplasm and then die and disintegrate are known as:
   a. apocrine glands.
   b. merocrine glands.
   c. holocrine glands.
   d. pep glands.

20. Mucous membranes:
   a. line body cavities and cover the surfaces of related organs.
   b. line the hollow organs and cavities that open on the skin surface of the body.
   c. are represented by pleura, pericardium, and peritoneum.
   d. both a and c.

21. Tissues that produce intercellular substances (e.g., cartilage and bone), store fat, and produce various blood cells are known as:
   a. connective tissues.
   b. epithelial tissues.
   c. nervous tissues.
   d. muscle tissues.

22. Collagenous or white fibers, and elastic or yellow fibers:
   a. are intercellular substances produced by fibroblasts.
   b. are found in loose connective tissue.
   c. are found in dense connective tissue.
   d. a, b, and c.

DIRECTIONAL TERMS AND PLANES

23. Within the head, rostral means:
   a. toward the nose.
   b. the same as cranial.
   c. toward the tail.
   d. the same as caudal.
24. A sagittal plane is:
   a. one that divides the body into cranial and caudal parts.
   b. any plane parallel to the median plane.
   c. one that would divide the body into upper (dorsal) and lower (ventral) segments.
   d. equipped with jets.

25. The part of a limb, artery, or nerve that is nearest the center of the body or point of origin is referred to as:
   a. proximal.
   b. palmar.
   c. distal.
   d. superficial.

26. The position in which the dorsal aspect of the body or any extremity is uppermost is known as:
   a. supine.
   b. upside.
   c. prone.
   d. downer.

**BODY CAVITIES**

27. The mediastinum:
   a. is located in the abdominal cavity.
   b. contains the heart, thoracic parts of the esophagus, trachea, vessels, and nerves.
   c. is bounded by peritoneum.
   d. contains the lungs.

28. A mesentery is a connecting fold of the peritoneum that:
   a. attaches the intestine to the dorsal wall of the abdominal cavity.
   b. passes from the stomach to other soft structural viscera.
   c. passes between viscera other than parts of the digestive tube, or connects them with the abdominal wall.
   d. separates the abdominal cavity from the pelvic cavity.

29. The serous membrane that lines the wall of the thoracic cavity is:
   a. parietal pleura.
   b. parietal peritoneum.
   c. visceral pleura.
   d. visceral peritoneum.

30. Omentum refers to a peritoneal fold:
   a. passing from the stomach to other soft structure viscera.
   b. passing between viscera other than parts of the digestive tube.
   c. that attaches the intestine to the dorsal wall of the abdominal cavity.
   d. in the thoracic cavity.

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**ANSWERS TO SELF EVALUATION—CHAPTER 1**

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