COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF MUSCLE PHYSIOLOGY

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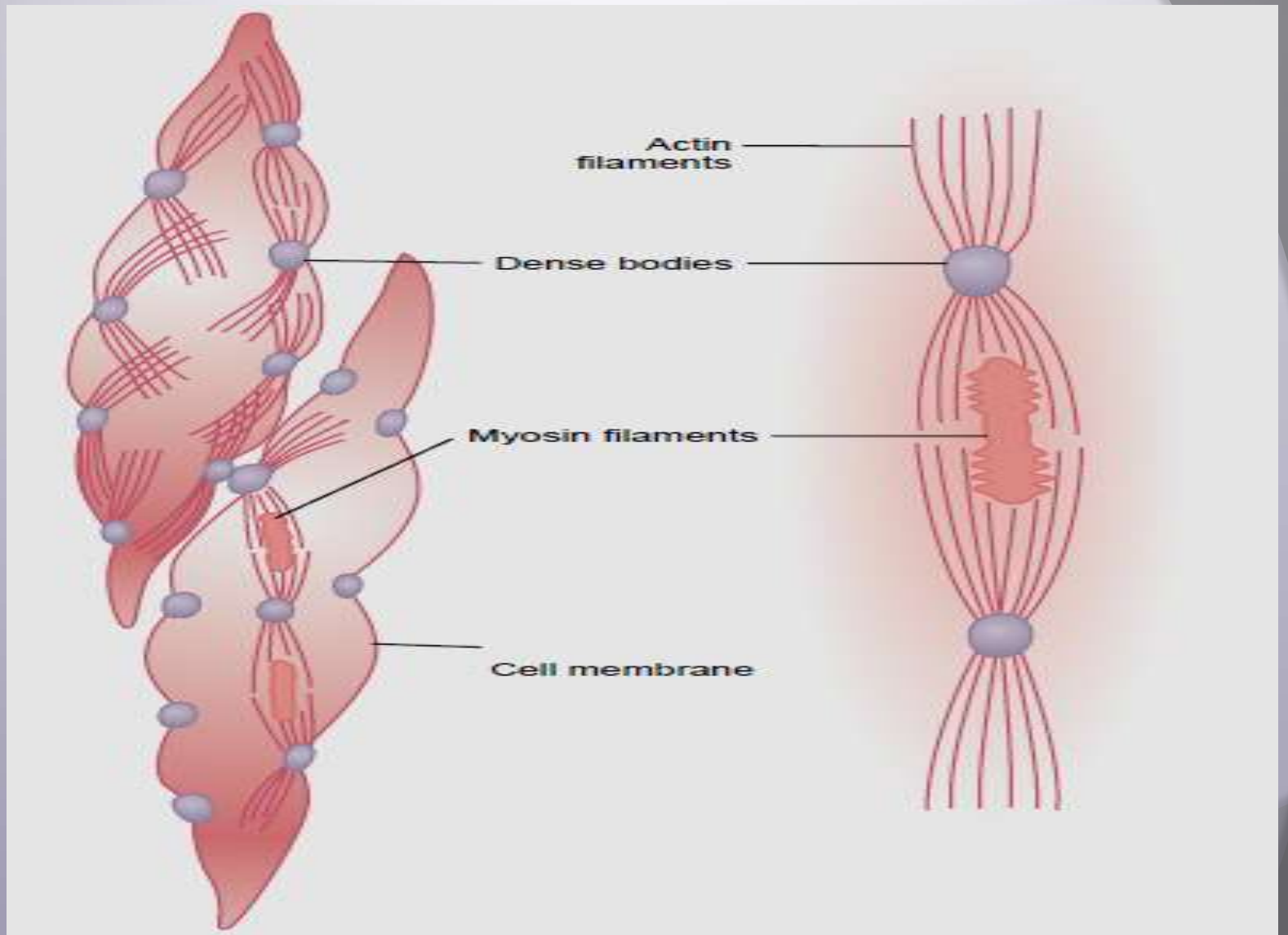
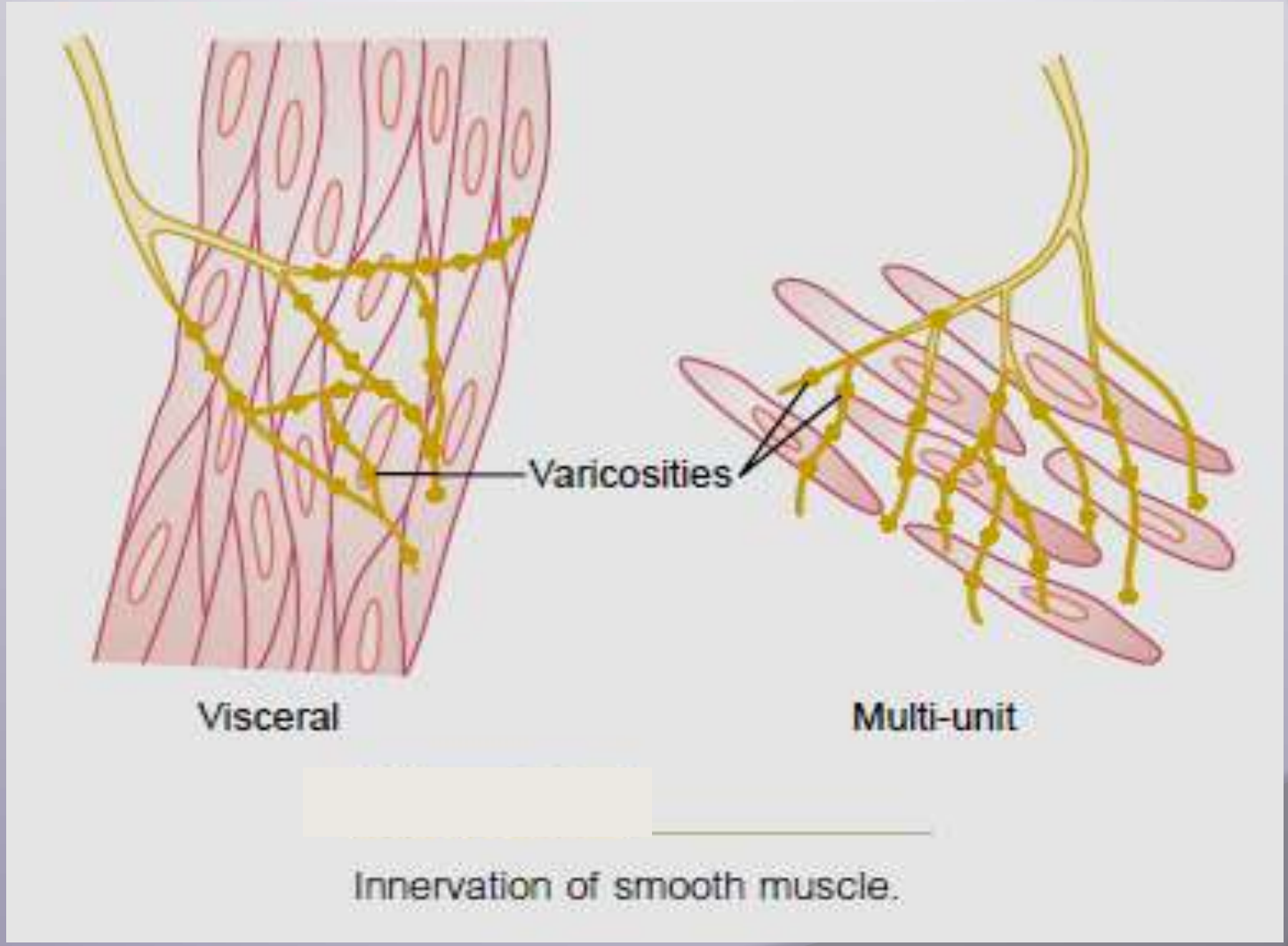
The Muscle

Muscles are divided into 3 types:

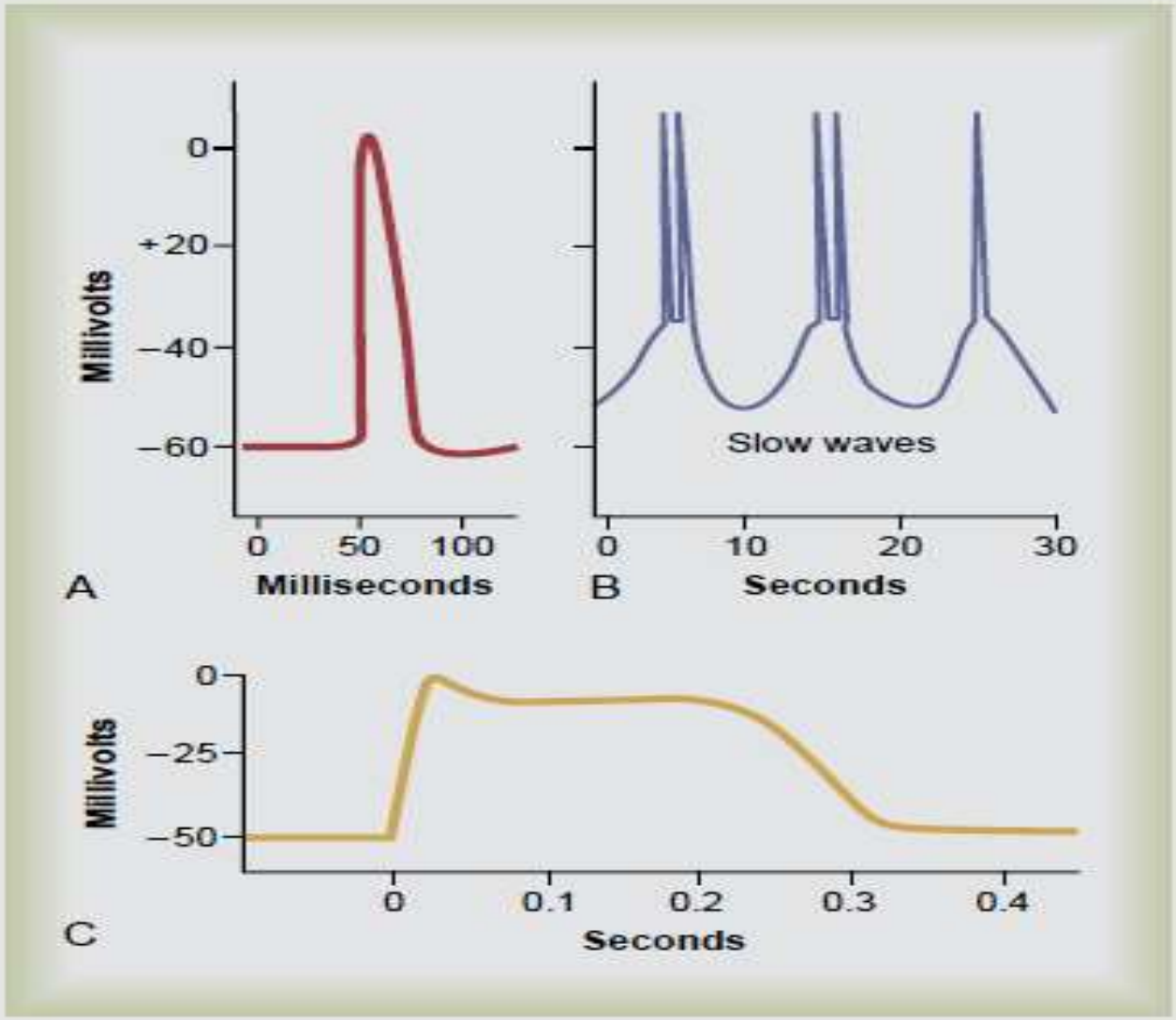
	Skeletal	Cardiac	Smooth
-Striations	Striated	Striated	Non-striated
-control	Voluntary	Involuntary	Involuntary
-innervation	Somatic	Autonomic N.S.	Autonomic N.S.
-Function	Movement	Pumping of blood	According to site
-site	Attached to bone	Heart	Gut, bl.vs, others



Physical structure of smooth muscle. The upper left-hand fiber



Innervation of smooth muscle.



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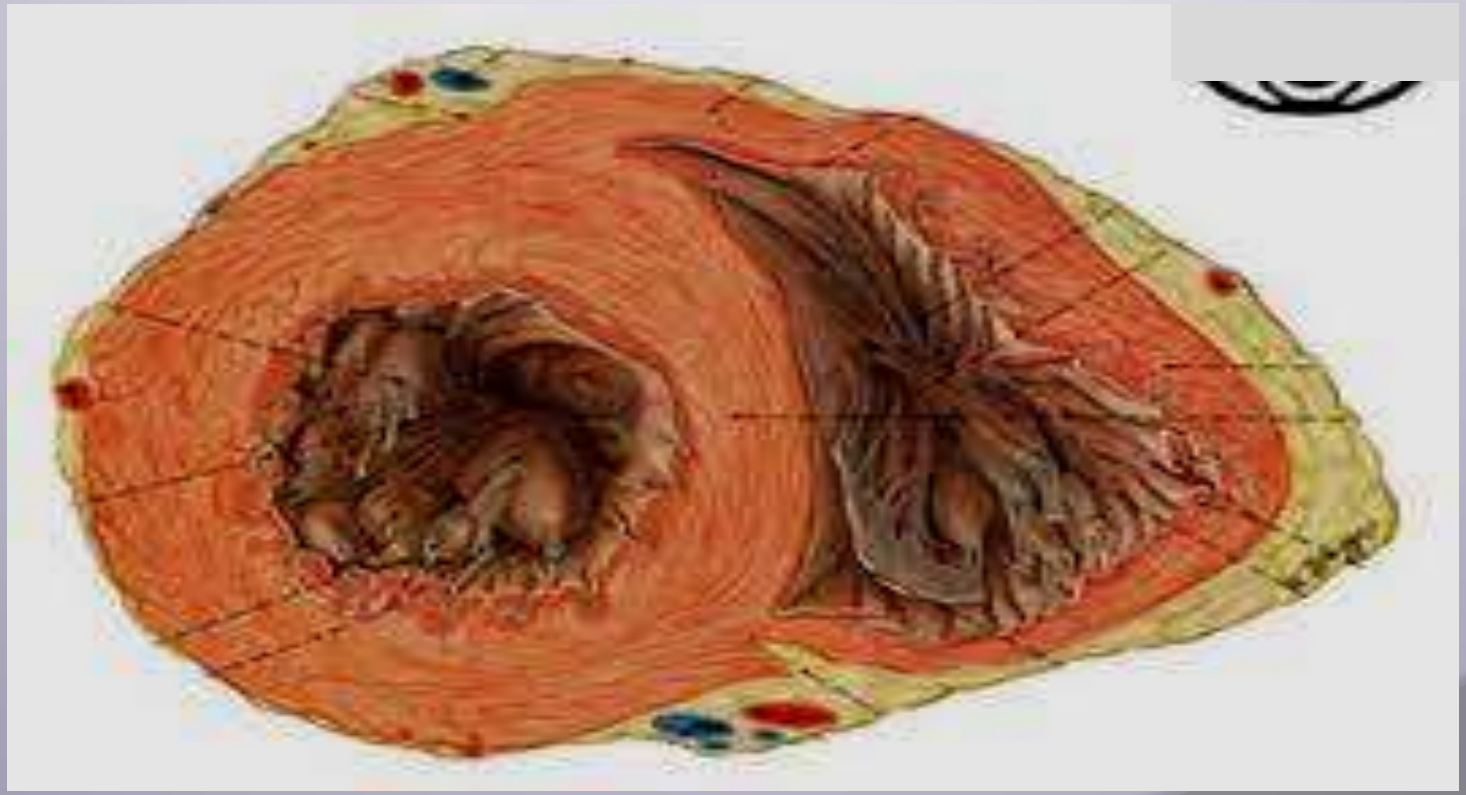
A, Typical smooth muscle action potential (spike potential) elicited

Left ventricular aid



Cardiac Muscl fibers

***The main tissues of the heart:**

1. **The connective tissues:** represent the septa of the heart and the fibrous valves in addition to its chordae tendinae fibrous tendons by which the papillary muscles attached to the vanes of the atrio-ventricular valve (AV valve).

2.The muscular tissues:

The atrial muscles: are thin and arranged in rings around both atria. The right atrial wall is thinner than the left atrial wall.

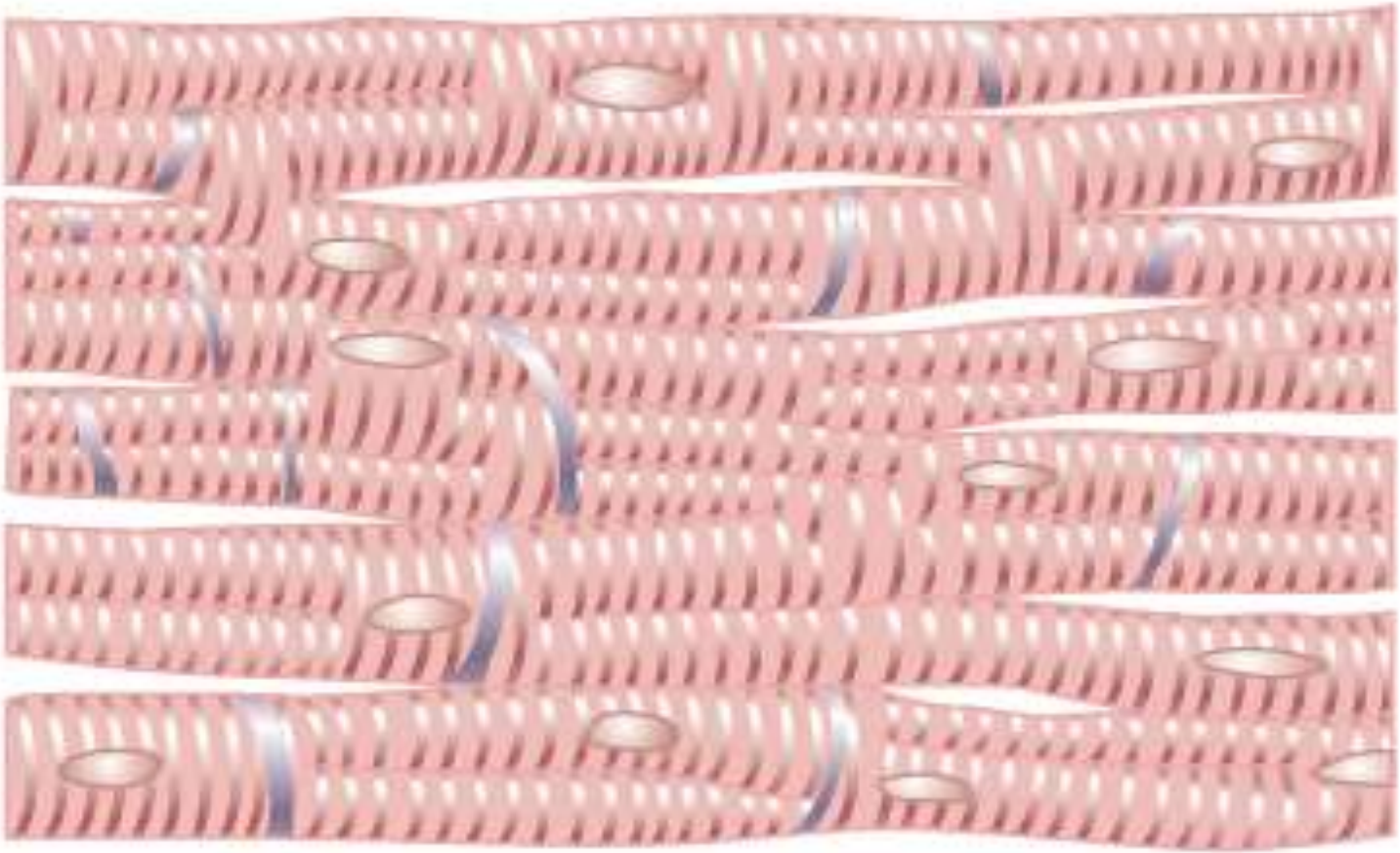
The ventricular muscles: formed of three layers:

- **The outer and inner layer**, are spiral, run in opposite directions. They loop back inside the heart to form the papillary muscles.
- **The middle layer** : is thick and transverse layer. It is lost at the apex.

N.B.: left ventricular aid:

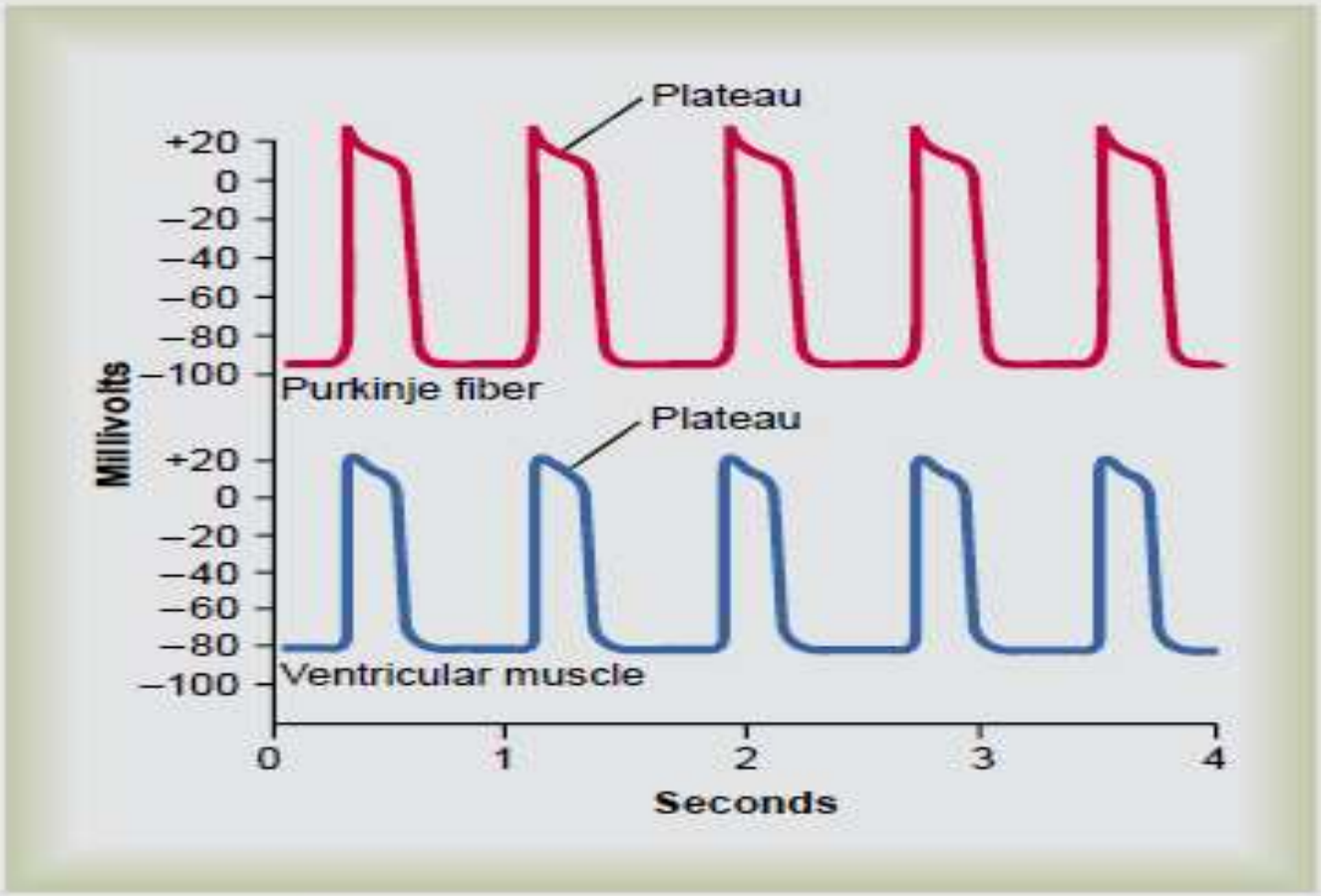
The wall of the left ventricle is three times as thick as the right and the cross section the left ventricle is spherical and the right ventricle is oblong. So, the contraction of the left ventricle pulls on the outer free wall of the right ventricle, aiding its contraction (So, acute diseases that affect contraction of the right ventricle are not fatal as it can be compensated by the left ventricular aid).

The specialized cardiac muscles for initiation and propagation of excitation waves. They are modified cardiac muscle fibers which have the ability to conduct the nerve impulses throughout the myocardium and contract only feebly because they contain less myofibrils but more glycogen.



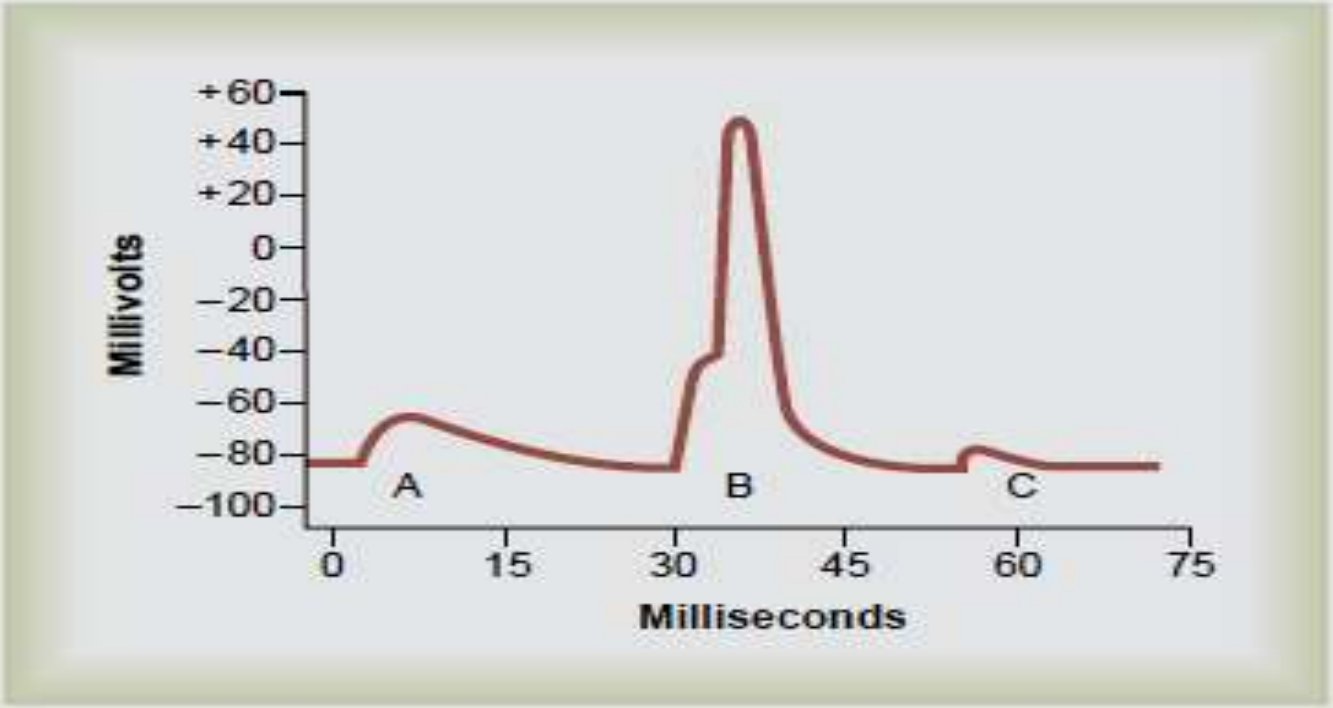
"Syncytial," interconnecting nature of cardiac muscle fibers.

Cardiac Muscl fibers Action potential



Rhythmical action potentials (in millivolts) from a Purkinje fiber and from a ventricular muscle fiber, recorded by means of microelectrodes.

Skeletal muscle EPP



End plate potentials (in millivolts). *A*, Weakened end plate potential recorded in a curarized muscle, too weak to elicit an action potential. *B*, Normal end plate potential eliciting a muscle action potential. *C*, Weakened end plate potential caused by botulinum toxin that decreases end plate release of acetylcholine, again too weak to elicit a muscle action potential.

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