Practical CVS

Cardiac muscle



Cardiac Muscle (LS)



LM:

- □ Shorter than skeletal muscle
- Cylindrical in shape
- Branched. Striated.
- □ Has one nucleus in the center of the cell.
- Adjacent cells are interconnected end–to- end by **intercalated discs**.

Intercalated discs



Intercalated discs

Transverse Part:

- zonula (fasciae) adherents
- desmosomes (macula adherentes)

prevent the cells from pulling apart under the strain of contraction

- Lateral Part:
- **Gap junctions (nexus)** for **impulse transfer** providing ionic continuity between adjacent myocytes (**electrical commtiunicaon** between cardiac muscle cells)

Diad in cardiac muscle at Z- line

T- tubules :

- Larger than those in skeletal m
- At Z –line instead of A-I Junction in skeletal M
- □ Sarcoplasmic reticulum :
- Not well developed as in skeletal m
- Irregular and narrow with no terminal cisternae this arrangement is known as **diads**
- In skeletal m at A-I junction called triad



Purkinje fibers

Site :

□Subendocardium.

- □ Present in group 2 or more
- □ They are often <u>binucleated cells</u>.
- D Purkinje fibers are shorter, larger, **pale**.
- □They are **larger** than <u>cardiomyocytes</u> with **fewer myofibrils** at the periphery and many <u>mitochondria</u>.
- Purkinje fibers take up stain differently from the surrounding muscle cells because of having relatively fewer myofibrils than other cardiac cells.
- □ The presence of **glycogen** around the nucleus causes
- ■Not contain T- tubules or intercalated discs Function :
- □They conduct <u>cardiac action potentials</u> more quickly than any other cells in the heart.









Conducting or Elastic Arteries





Medium size artery = muscular artery



Large & medium size arteries











Arteriole



Tunica intima is smaller with **endothelium** and internal elastic lamina which may be **incomplete** and (absent in small and terminal arteriole but present in large arterioles)

Tunica media is made up of **circular smooth muscles** i.e. single smooth muscle layer in small arterioles; **2-4 layers in large arterioles**

Tunica adventitia posses **autonomic** nerve fibres to control the size of the lumen which is responsible **peripheral resistance** necessary to control arterial **blood pressure**



Arterioles and venules

Types of capillaries











Venule and lymphatic vessel