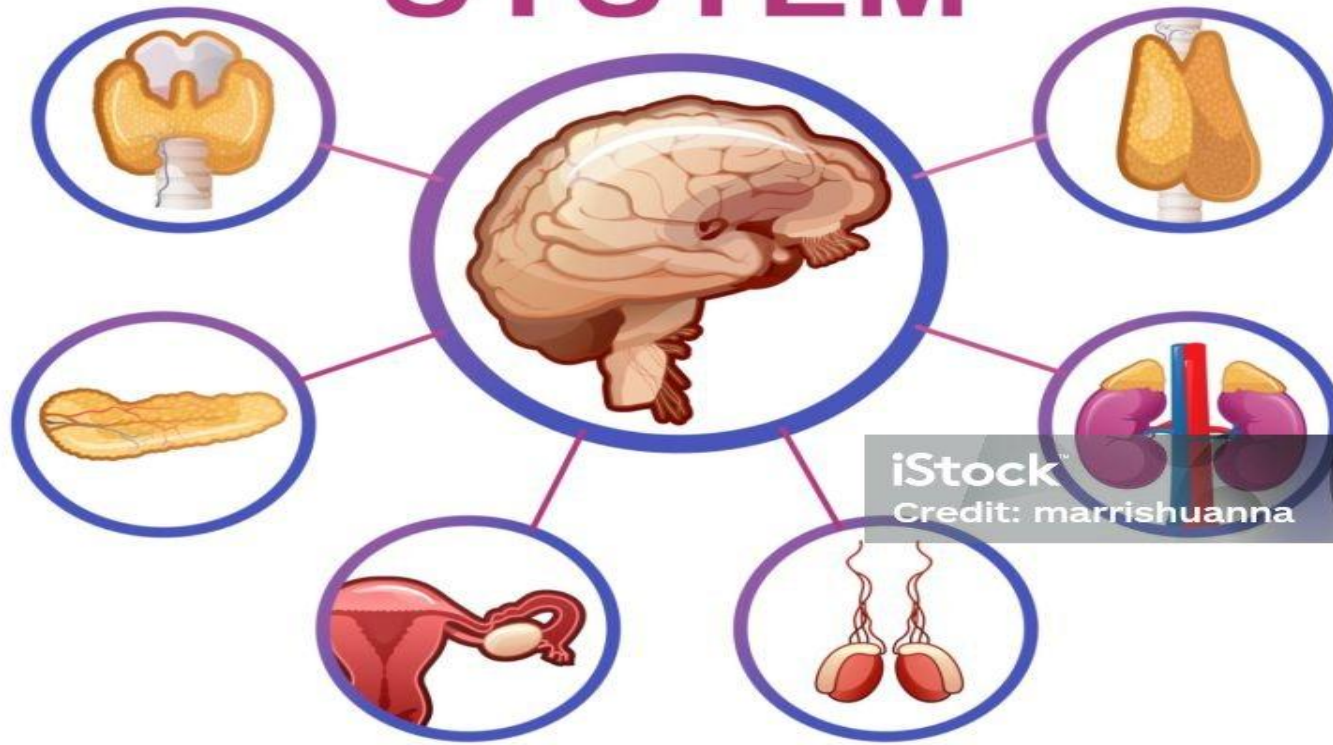


# ENDOCRINE SYSTEM



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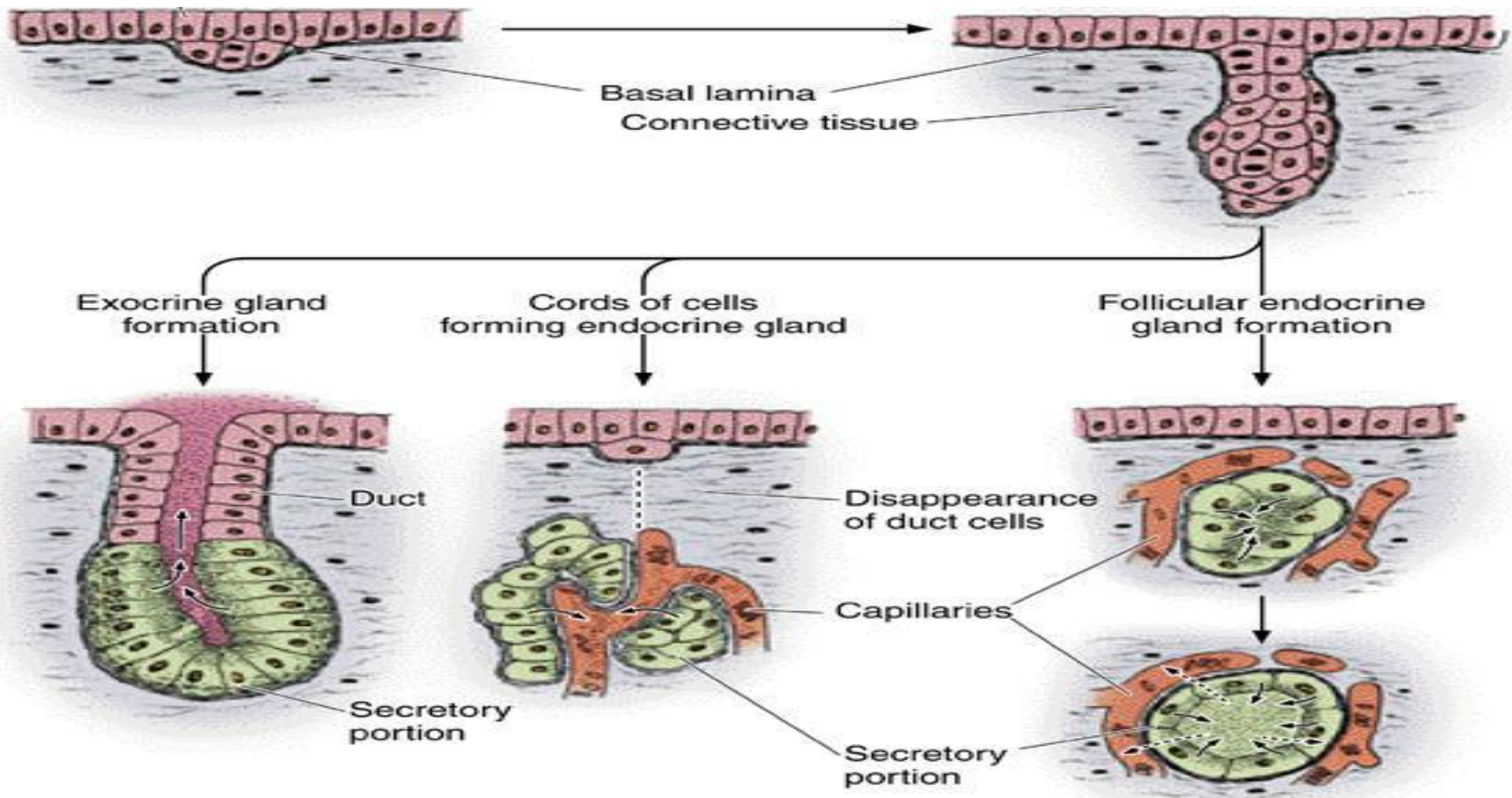
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# ILOS

- Describe the histological structure of the following endocrine glands: Pituitary, Adrenal, Thyroid, Parathyroid.
- Know the histological structure of primary sex organs secrete hormones ( testis and ovary ).
- Identify different types of cells present in each gland.
- Differentiate between different types of endocrine glands.
- Relate the composition of each gland to its specific function.
- Predict the special type of hormones secreted by each gland.

# Origin of gland

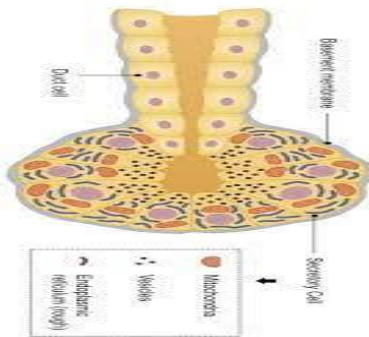
They develop as invagination from surface epithelium, then separate.



# Types of glands

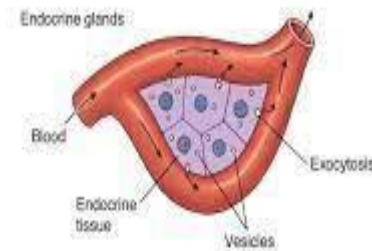
## 1- Ducts **present**: Exocrine glands.

- They retain their connection with the surface epithelium
- **Have ducts** to carry their secretion outside
- Examples: Salivary glands and sweat glands



## 2- Ducts **absent**: Endocrine glands.

- connection with the surface was obliterated-
- They secrete hormones directly **in the blood**
- Example: Thyroid gland



## 3- Mixed glands:

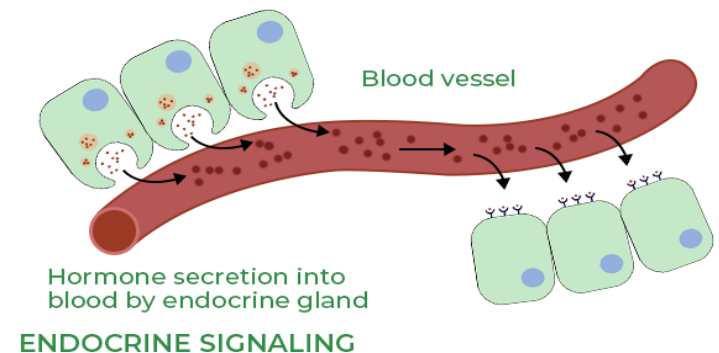
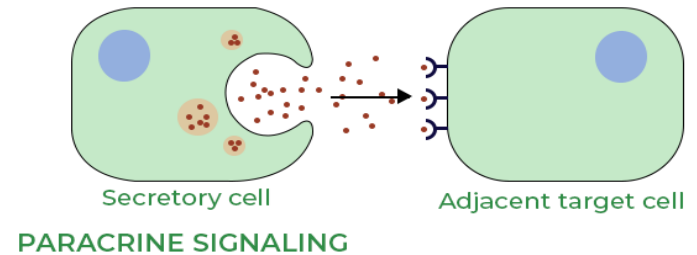
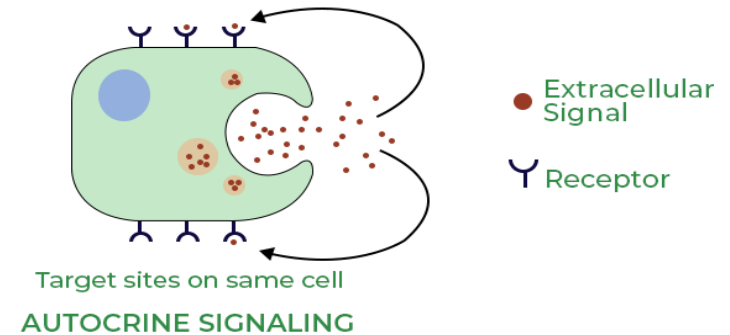
- Have **both** exocrine and endocrine functions
- Example: pancreas.

# Endocrine System

- It consists of the endocrine glands or cells.
- They deliver their secretion (hormones) into the blood stream.
- Hormone
  - is a small chemical molecule can enter the blood stream and cause an action at Target cells or tissue at a distance from the site of their secretion.
  - regulate functions of different organs.
- Target cells have receptors for those hormones.
- The endocrine system and nervous system work together.

# Patterns of hormone Action

- **Endocrine:** circulated by blood to distant target cells.
- **Paracrine:** Hormones that affect neighboring cells.
- **Autocrine:** Hormones that act on the cells that secrete them.



# General characters of endocrine glands

- They have no ducts.
- Each gland consists of groups of secretory epitheloid cells.
- The cells are surrounded by have fenestrated blood capillaries and stromal reticular network.

# Chemical types of hormones

- **Steroids:** hormones of adrenal cortex.
- **Proteins:** hormones of pituitary gland.
- **Aminoacids:** catecholamine of adrenal medulla.



# Protein synthesizing cells

**Sites:** e.g: thyroid gland

**LM**

Cells pyramidal.  
Nucleus **central** rounded.  
Apical Acidophilia (secretory granules).  
Basal Basophilia  
(RER).

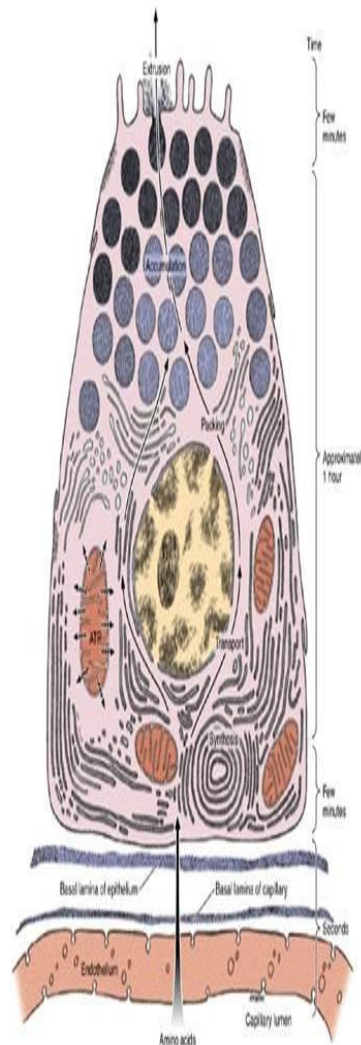
**E/M**

**In the basal region:**

- ☐ Infranuclear parallel arrays of rER
- ☐ Abundant ribosomes.
- ☐ Mitochondria are interspersed among rER.

**In the apical region:**

- ☐ Golgi complex supranuclear
- ☐ Secretory granules



# Steroid secreting cells

**Sites:** testes, ovaries and adrenal glands.

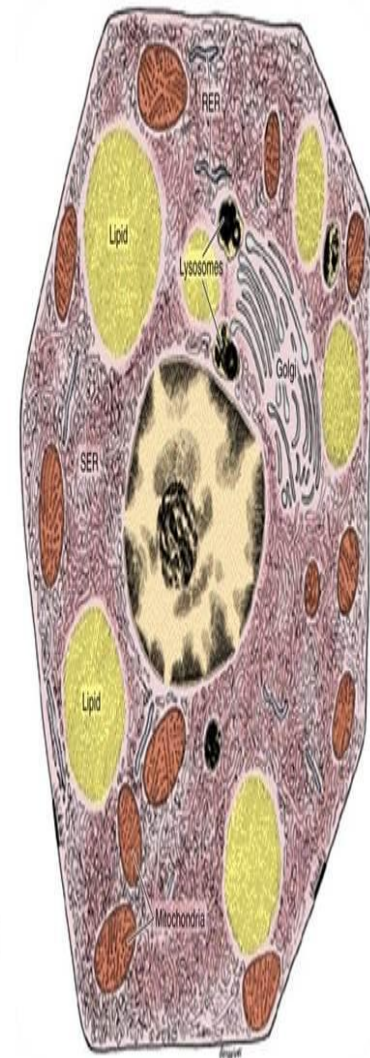
**L/M:** -polyhedral

- acidophilic cytoplasm
- central nucleus.
- Rich in lipid droplets

**E/M:**

- ☐ Microvilli on the surfaces facing blood capillaries
- ☐ Rich in **SER**.
- ☐ Rich in **lipid droplets**
- ☐ mitochondria with **tubular cristae**

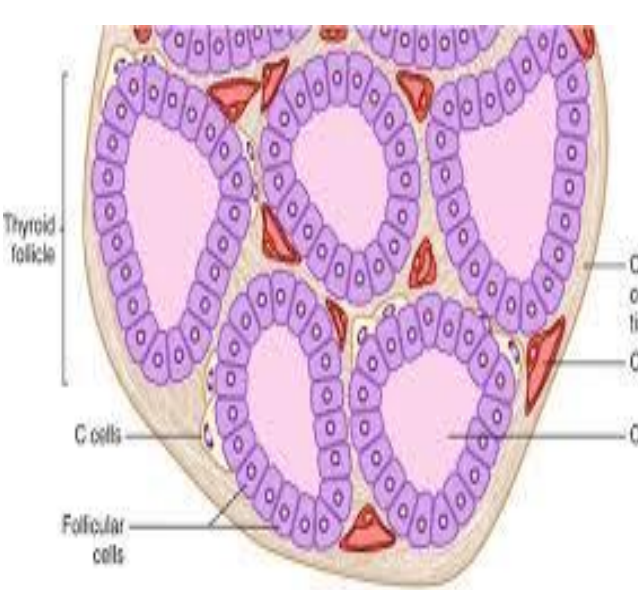
Golgi apparatus, lysosomes, and few RER



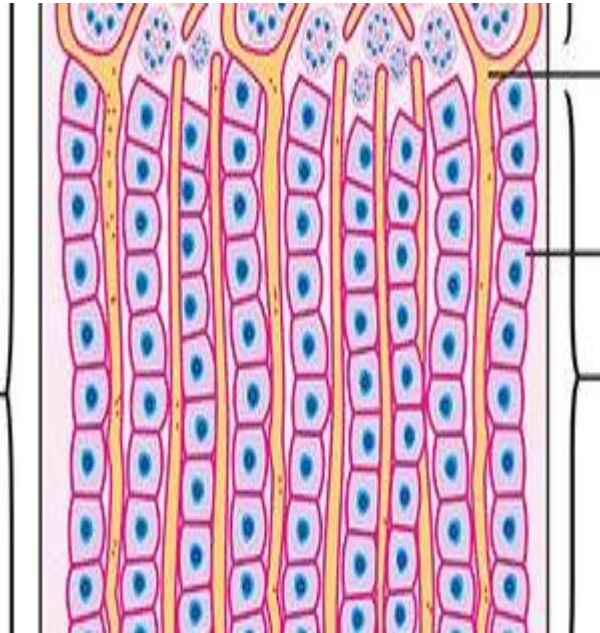
# The endocrine glands structure

- Stroma:
  - Thin capsule
  - Septa: divid the gland into compartments.
  - Network of reticular fibers.
- Parenchyma:
  - Polyhydral cells.
  - Arranged as cords or follicles. Or have irregular pattern.
  - Separated by fenestrated blood capillaries.

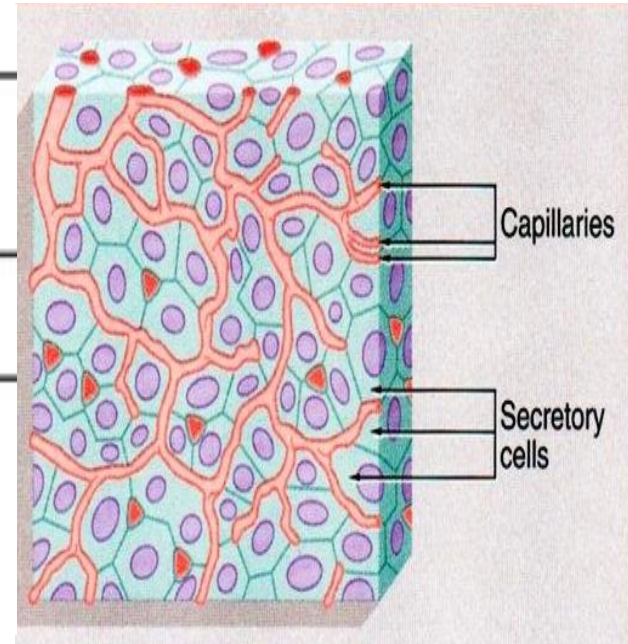
**Follicles**



**Cords**



**irregular pattern**





# Endocrine glands

**1-Pituitary gland.**

**2-Pineal gland.**

**3-Thyroid gland.**

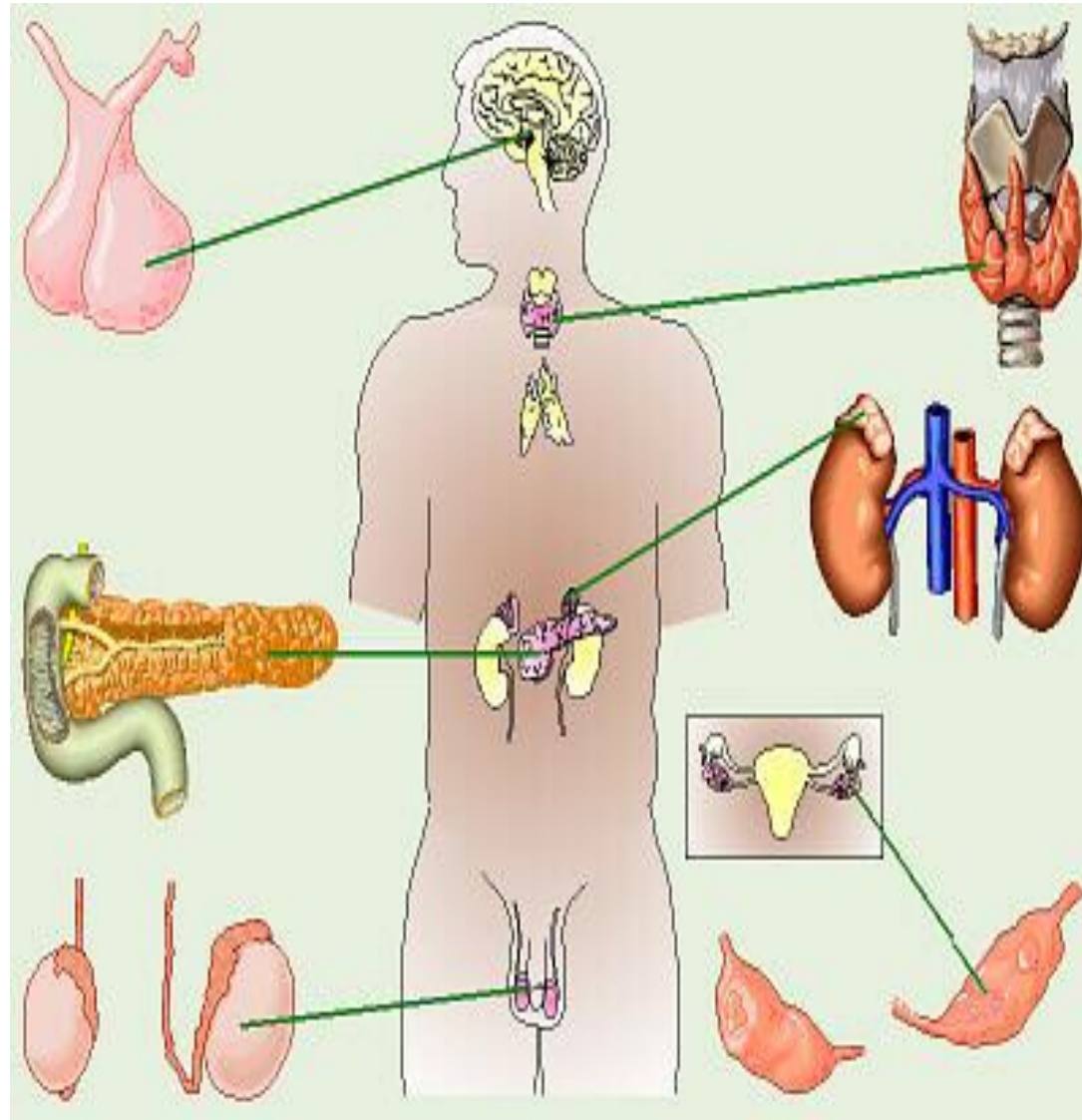
**4-Parathyroid gland.**

**5-Islets of Langerhans.**

**6- Adrenal gland.**

**7-Testes.**

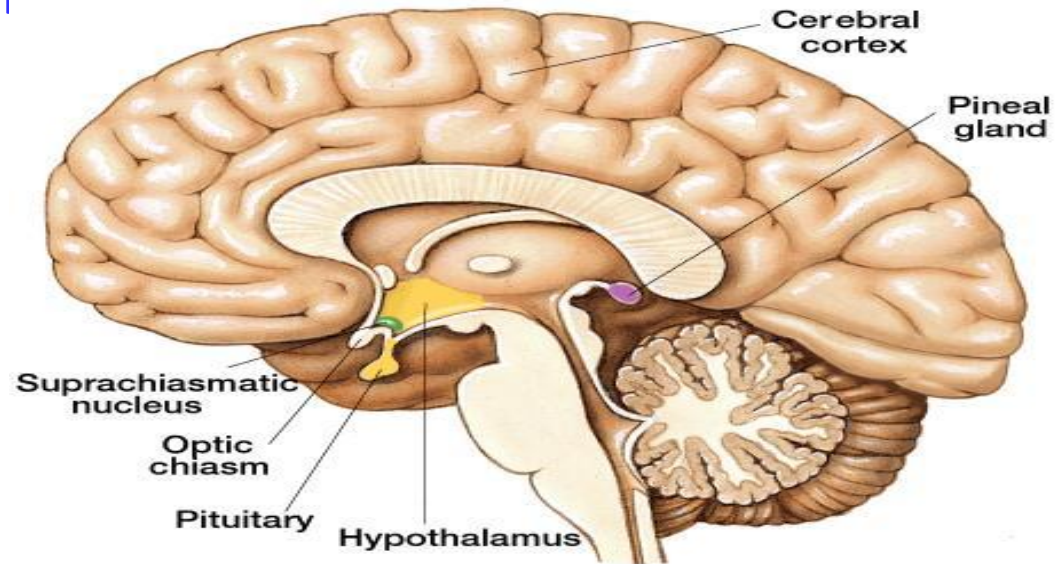
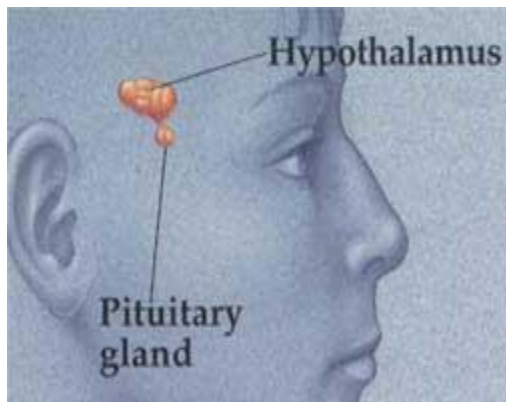
**8-Ovaries.**



# Pituitary gland

## (Hypophysis Cerebri)

- Attached to base of brain by a slender stalk called the infundibulum.
- The master endocrine gland.
- Controls other endocrine glands.
- Controlled by hypothalamus



# It is divided anatomically into two parts:

## Anterior Pituitary (adenohypophysis)

It includes:

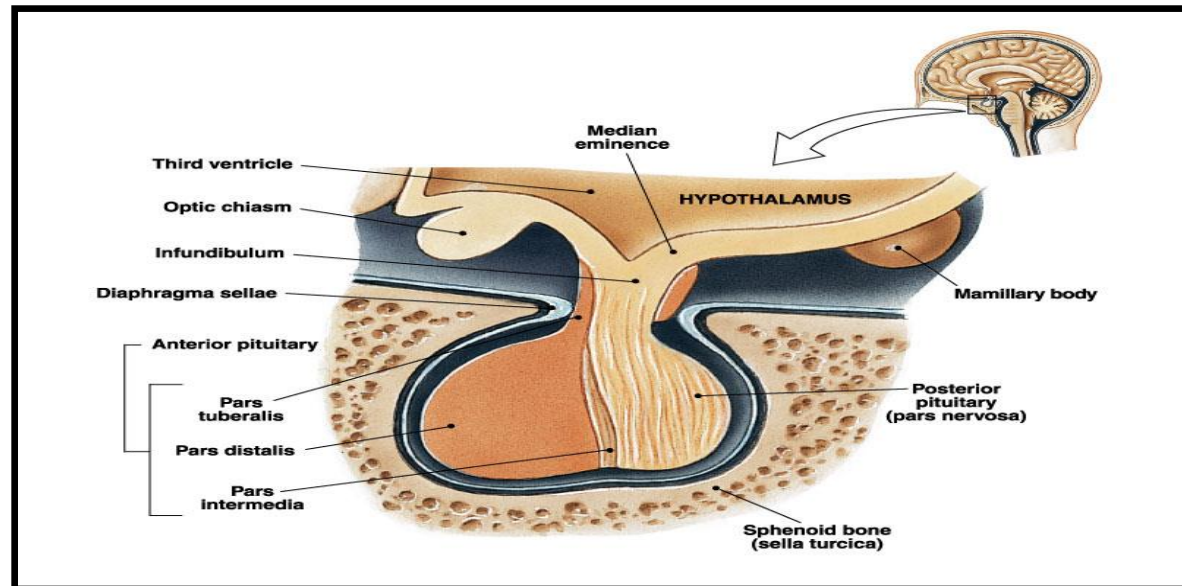
- a) Pars Distalis
- b) Pars Tuberalis
- c) Pars intermedia

## Posterior Pituitary (neurohypophysis)

It includes:

- a) Pars nervosa.
- b) Infundibulum

Both the adenohypophysis and the neurohypophysis are joined and covered by **C.T. capsule**.

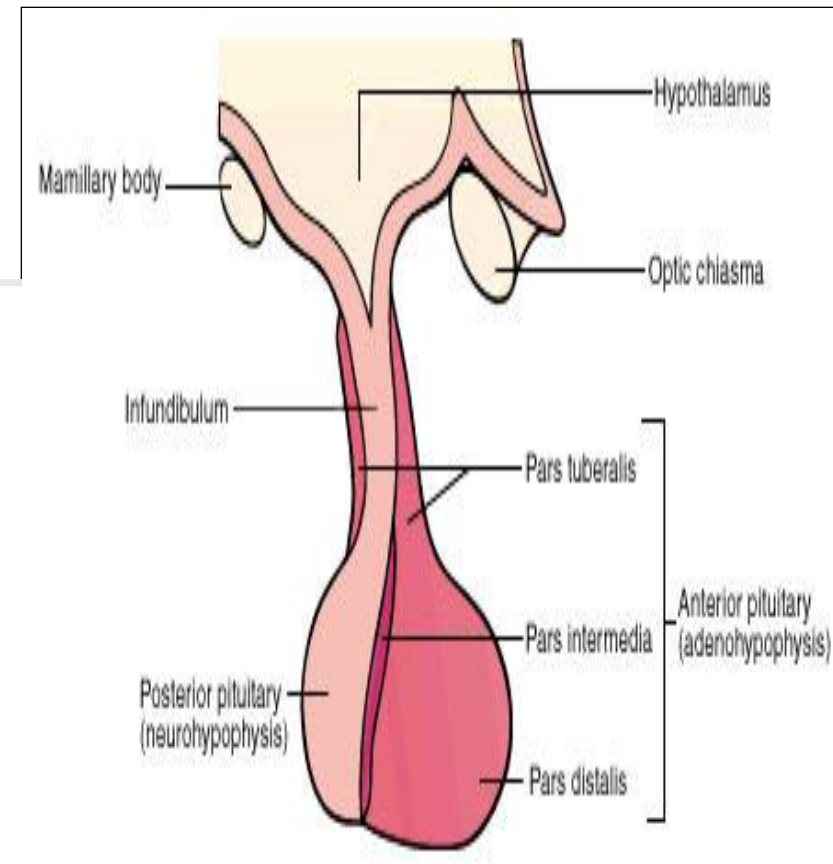
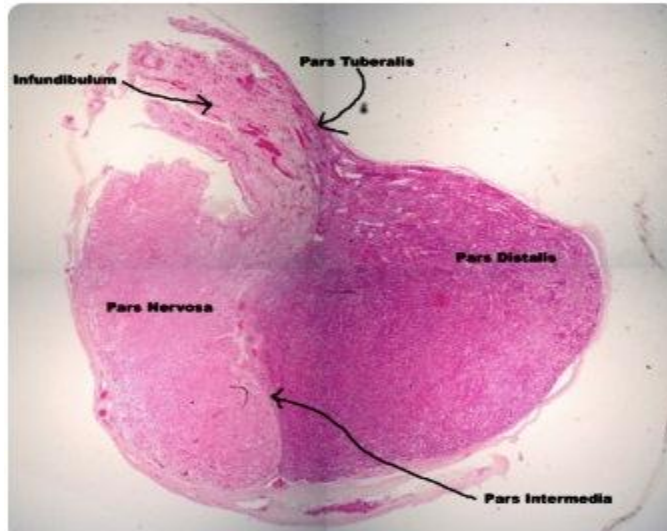


## The adenohypophysis

- *Pars distalis*: anterior largest part.
- *Pars tuberalis*: superior extension.
- *Pars intermedia*: between distalis & nervosa.

## The neurohypophysis

- *Pars nervosa*: the large part.
- *Infundibulum (neural stalk)*:  
small part.





# The adenohypophysis

## A- Pars distalis

- **Composed of irregular cords** of cells separated by fenestrated capillaries.
- The parenchymal cells either:

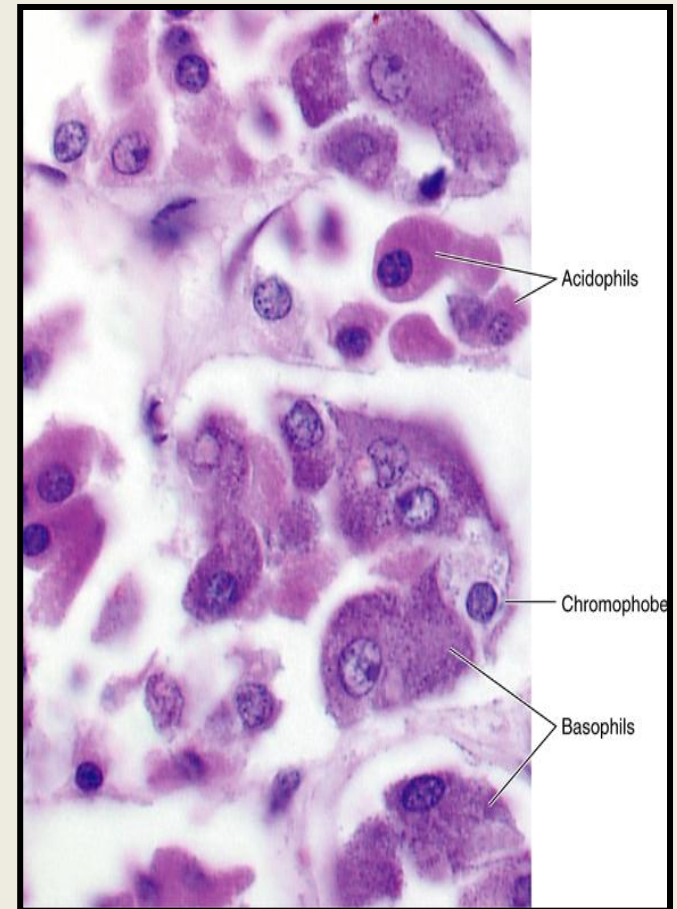
### 1- **Chromophobes:** 50%

- have no affinity for stains
- represent stem cells or exhausted chromophils

### 2- **Chromophils:** 50%

- have affinity for stains.

- a) Acidophils (stain with acid dyes).
- b) Basophils (stain with basic dyes).





# Acidophils (40%)

**L/M:**

- large in number
- contains **acidophilic** granules.

A2=SM

**E/M**

The secretory granules have characteristic size, shape and electron density by which the different cell types can be recognized.

are of two types:

## 1-Somatotrophs:

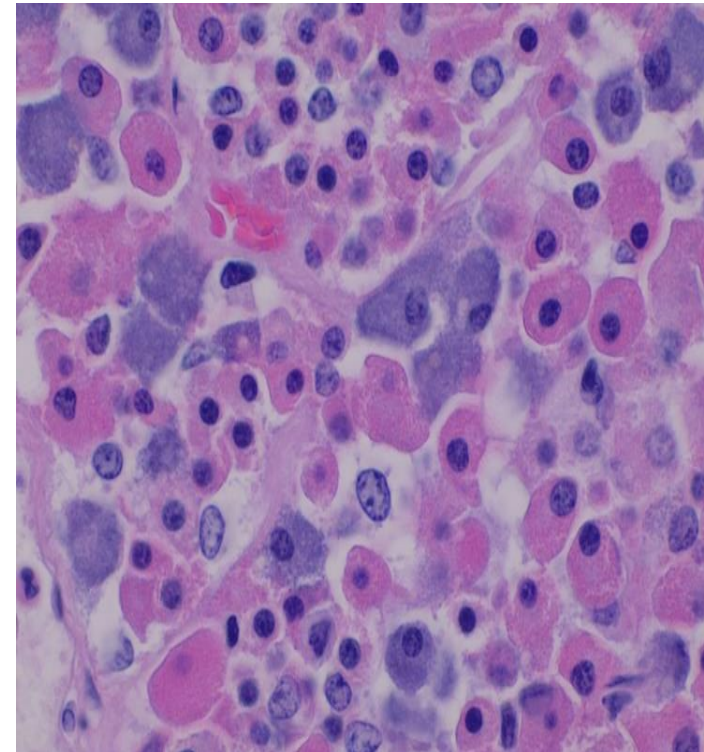
secrete **growth hormone**

- stimulate growth of long bone.

## 2-Mammotrophs:

secrete **prolactin** hormone

- stimulate mammary gland development.
- stimulates milk **secretion**.



# Basophils (10%)

## LM:

- few in number
- contains basophilic granules.

B3= CGT

EM: are of different types:

## 1-Corticotrophs:

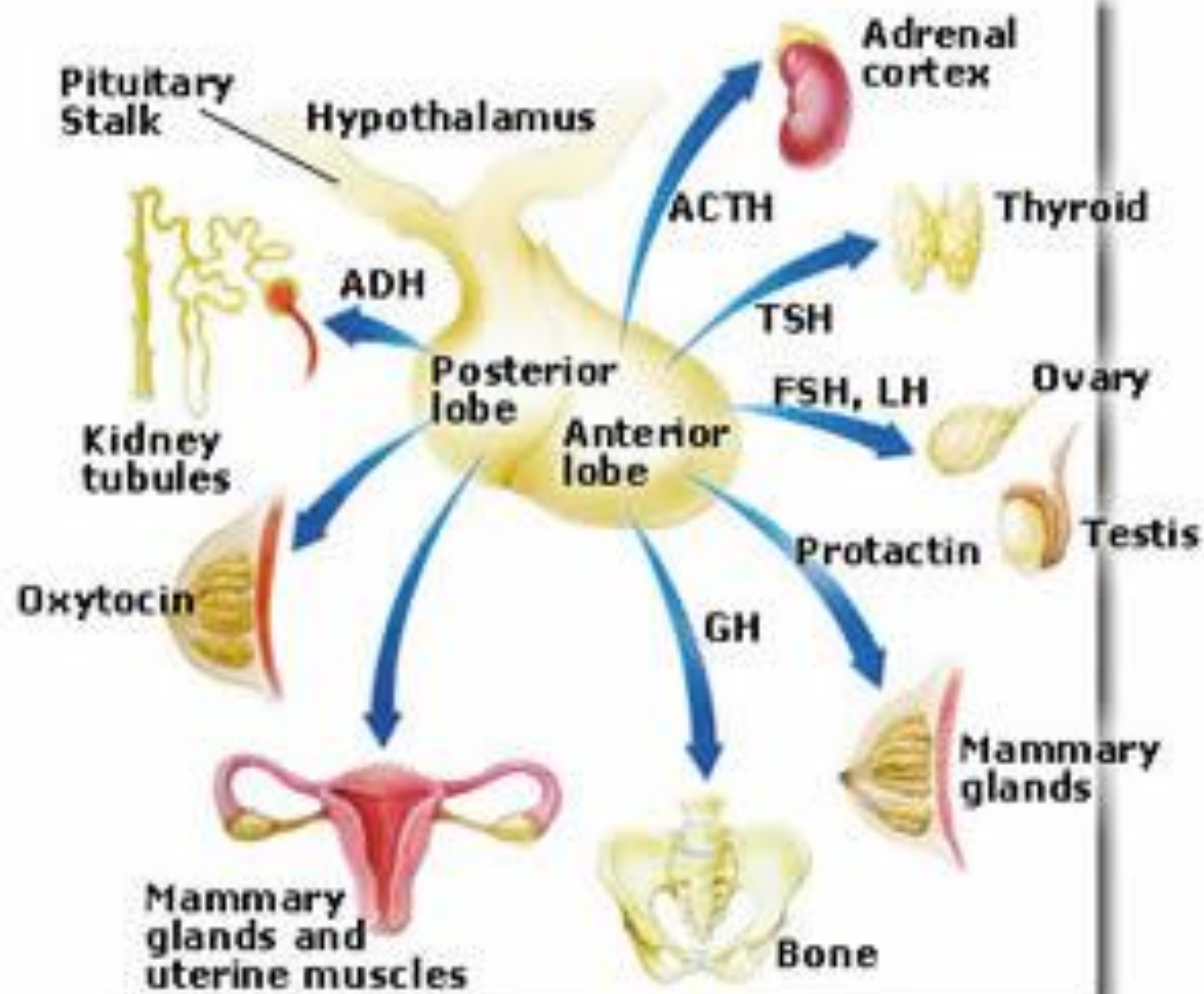
- secrete adrenocorticotrophic hormone [ACTH]
- stimulates suprarenal cortex.

## 2-Thyrotrophs:

- secrete thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)
- stimulates thyroid gland.

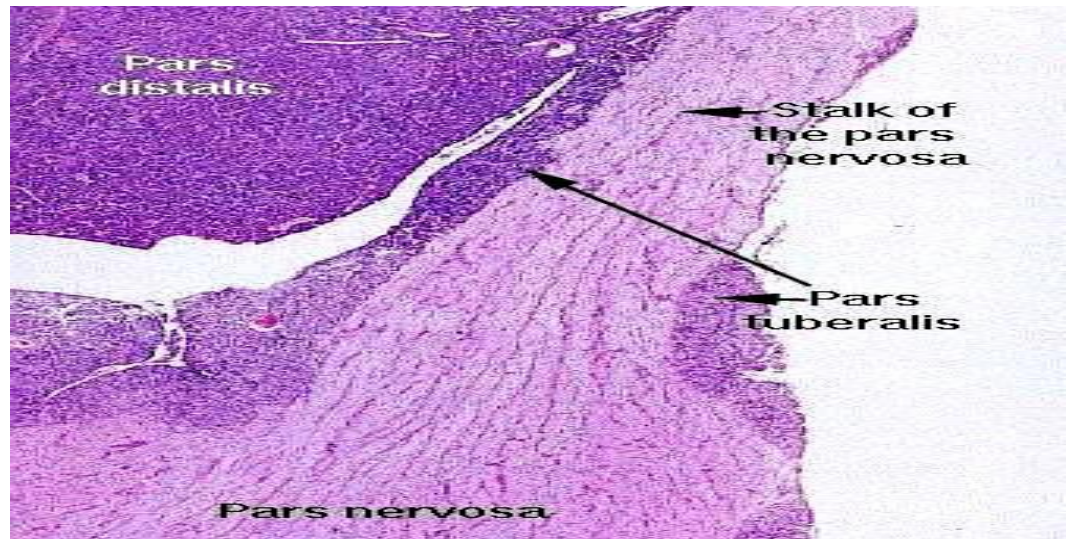
## 3-Gonadotrophs: secrete:

- A- Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) stimulates ovarian follicles development and estrogen secretion.
- B- Luteinizing hormones (LH) stimulates ovarian follicle maturation and progesterone secretion
- C- Interstitial cell stimulating hormone (ICSH) stimulates production of androgens by interstitial cells of testes.



## B- Pars tuberalis

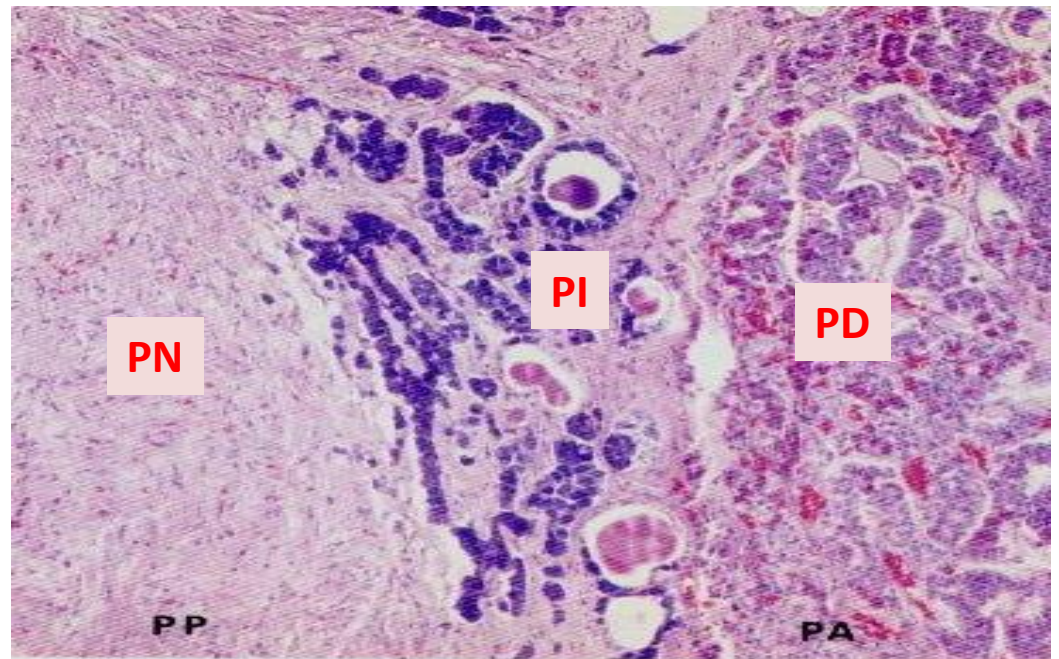
- Funnel-shaped superior extension of pars distalis.
- Wraps the **pituitary stalk** (infundibulum).
- highly vascularized.
- cells are cuboidal arranged in longitudinal cords alongside the blood vessels.
- Secrete gonadotropins [FSH & LH]





## C- Pars intermedia

- Thin part between pars distalis & nervosa.
- Rudimentary in humans.
- Made up of *follicles* and blood capillaries.
- Secrete melanocyte stimulating hormone (MSH).

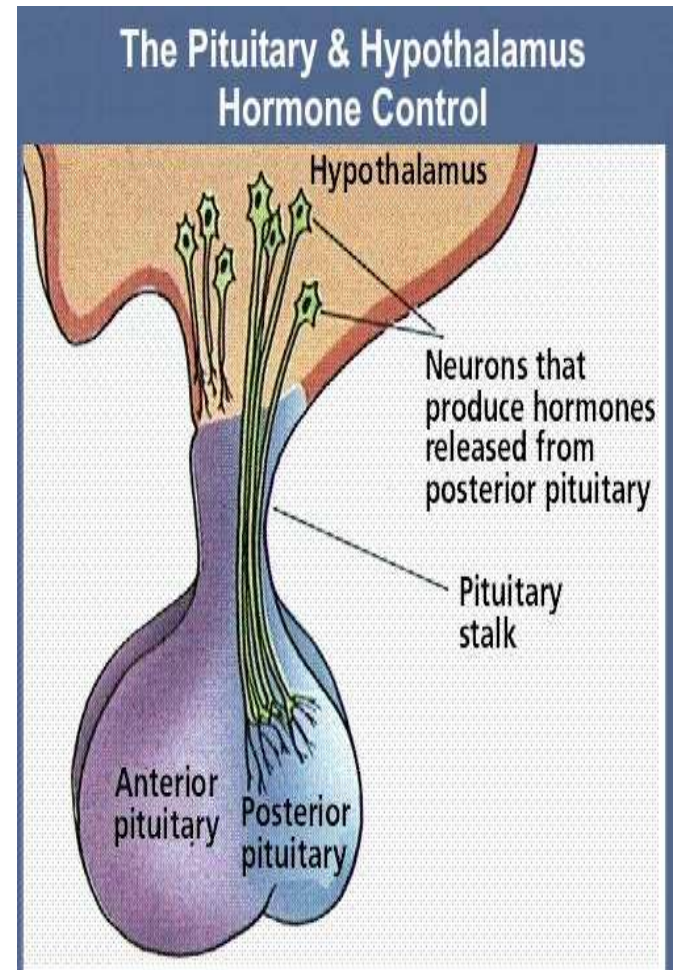


# Pars nervosa

- **Stained Pale** in Hx & E sections.
- Contains *no secretory cells*.
- **Composed of:**
  - 1- **Nerve fibers:** axons of hypothalamohypo-physeal tract.
  - 2- **Supportive cells:** pituicytes.
  - 3- **Herring bodies:** accumulations of neuro-secretion in dilated terminals of axons.
  - 4- **Wide fenestrated blood capillaries.**

## Pituicytes

- Similar to neuroglial cells.
- Highly branched cells.
- Support axons of pars nervosa.



# Functions of pars nervosa (Hypothalamo-hypophyseal tract)

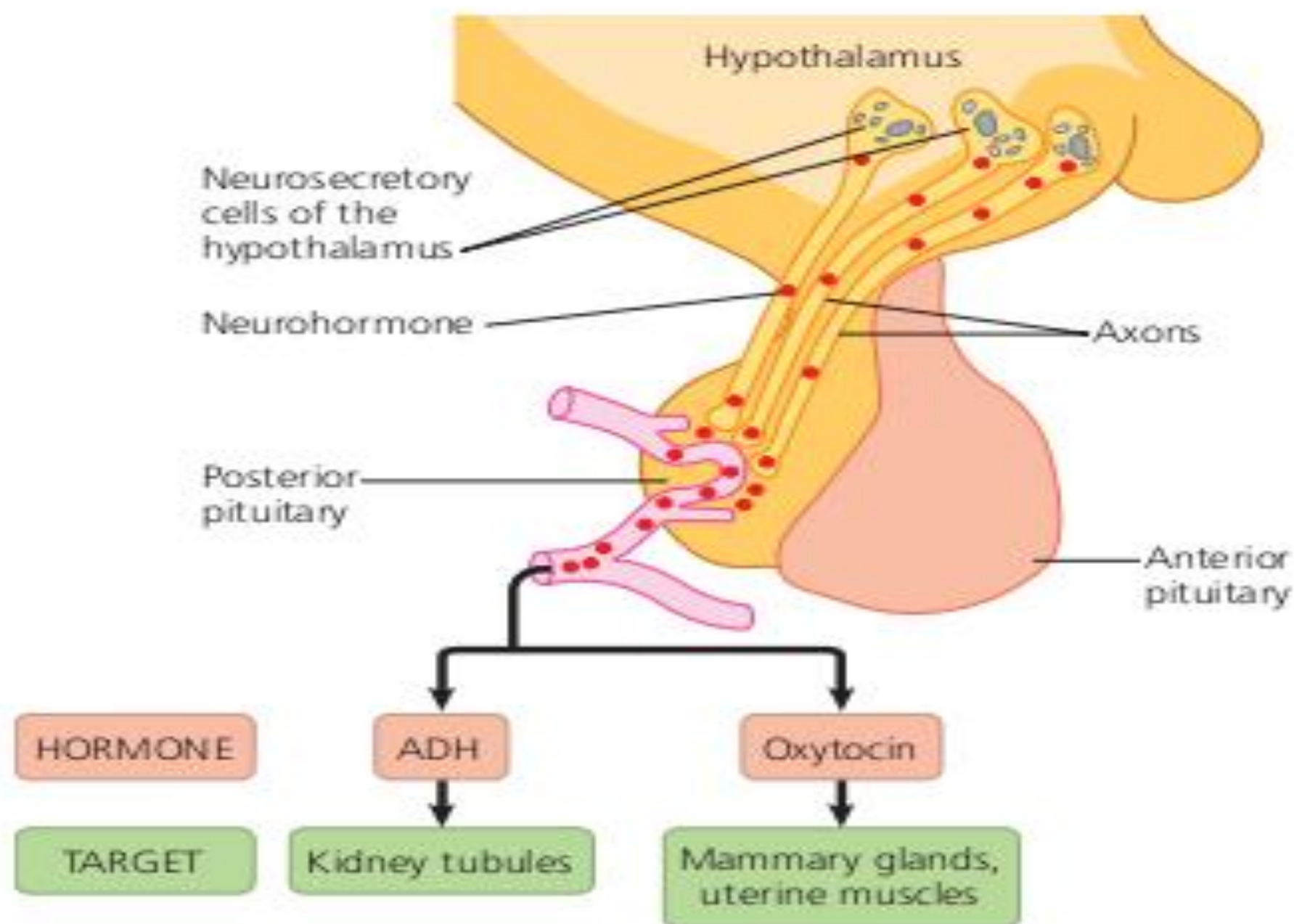
- Oxytocin and ADH are
  - synthesized in nuclei of hypothalamus.
  - travel within axons of hypothalamo-hypophyseal tract in neural stalk to reach pars nervosa.
  - accumulate as Herring bodies.
  - pass through fenestrated capillaries to blood.

## 1- *Oxytocin:*

- Stimulates contraction of smooth muscle of uterus during labor.
- Stimulate milk ejection during lactation.

## 2-*Antidiuretic hormone (ADH):*

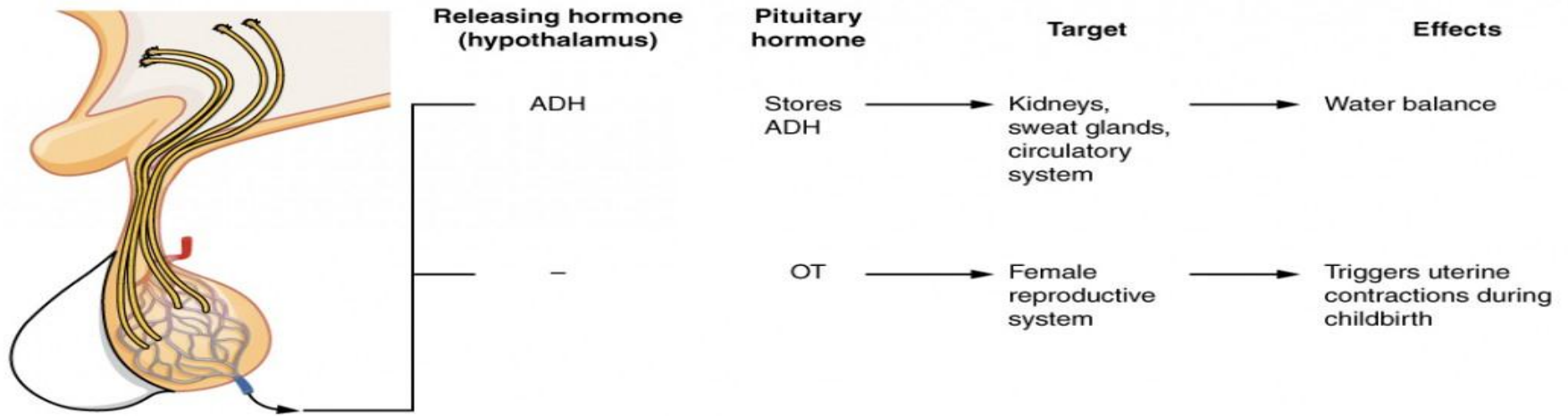
- Stimulates resorption of water from kidneys.
- Stimulates contraction of smooth muscle fibers to increase blood pressure.



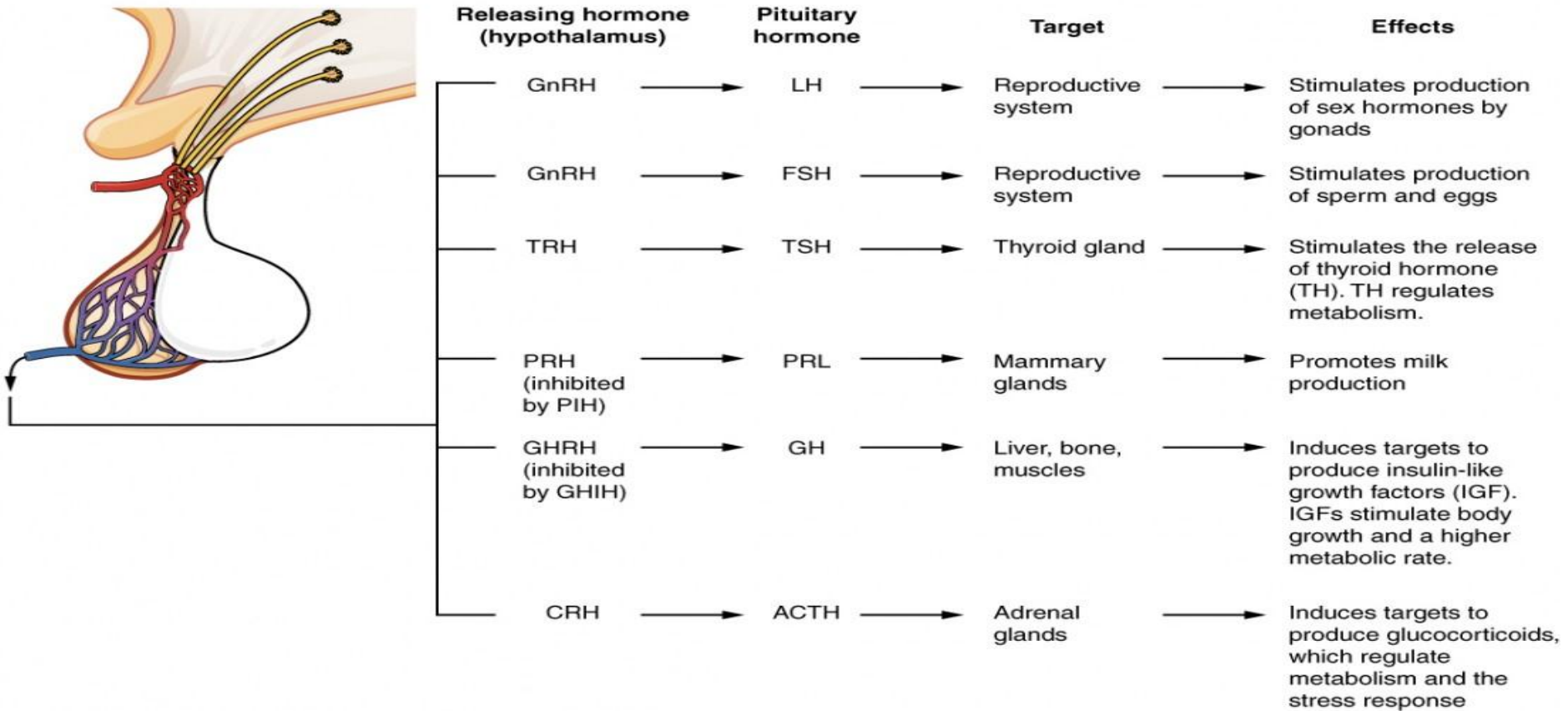


Part	Cells
Adenohypophysis	<p><b>A- Pars distalis</b></p> <p>1-Chromophobes  2- Chromophils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Acidophils</b></li> </ul> <p><u>1-Somatotrophs.</u>  <u>2-Mammotrophs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Basophils</b></li> </ul> <p><b>1-Corticotrophs: [ACTH]</b>  <b>2-Thyrotrophs: (TSH)</b>  <b>3-Gonadotrophs: (FSH) (LH) (ICSH)</b></p>
	<p><b>B- Pars tuberalis</b></p> <p>gonadotropins [FSH &amp; LH]</p>
	<p><b>C- Pars intermedia</b></p> <p>(<b>MSH</b>).</p>
Neurohypophysis	<p><b>Pars nervosa</b></p> <p><b>Oxytocin:</b>  <b>Antidiuretic hormone (ADH)</b></p>

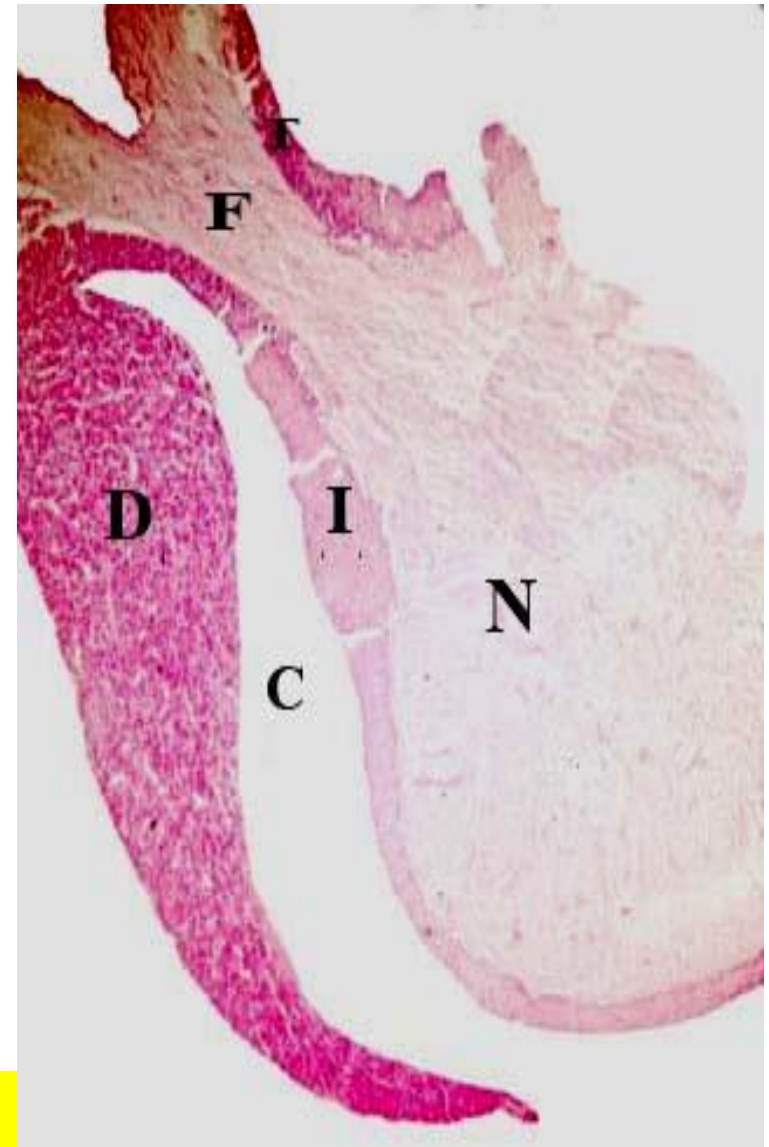
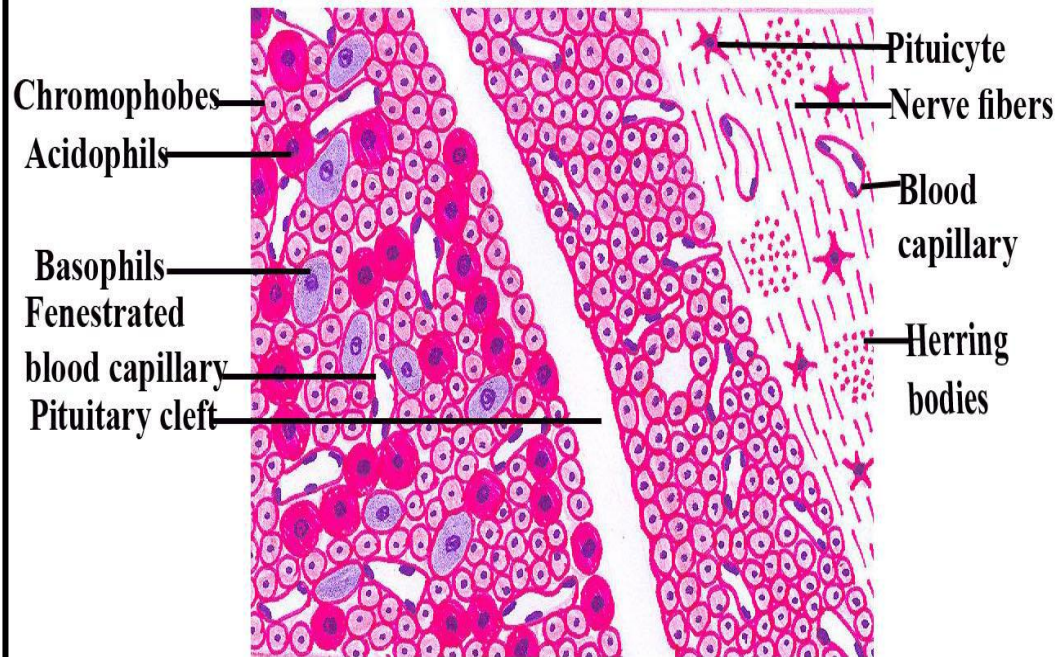
## Posterior Pituitary Hormones



## Anterior Pituitary Hormones

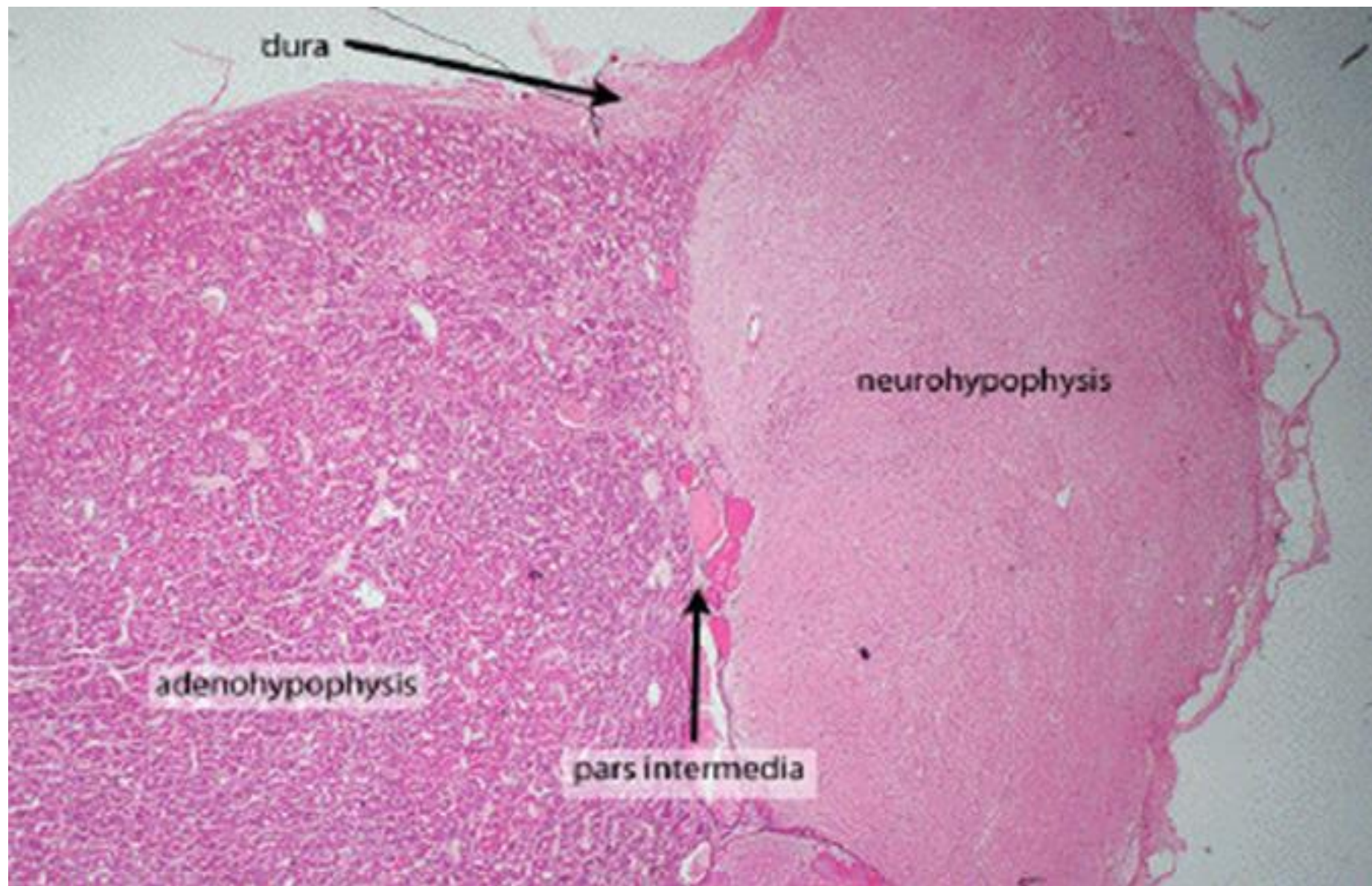


Pars  
distalis      Pars  
Intermedia      Pars  
nervosa



**Pituitary gland**





**Pituitary gland**

# Thyroid Gland

- **Bilobed** endocrine gland in neck, anterior to larynx and upper trachea.
- Right and left lobes are connected by **isthmus**.

## Structure:

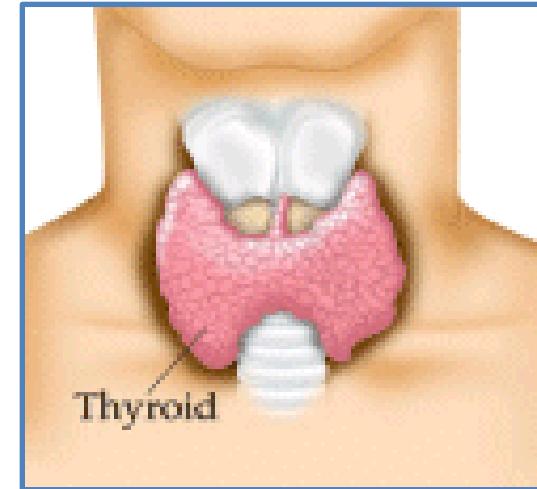
### A- Stroma

- 1- **Capsule**: thin.
- 2- **Septa**: fine, incomplete

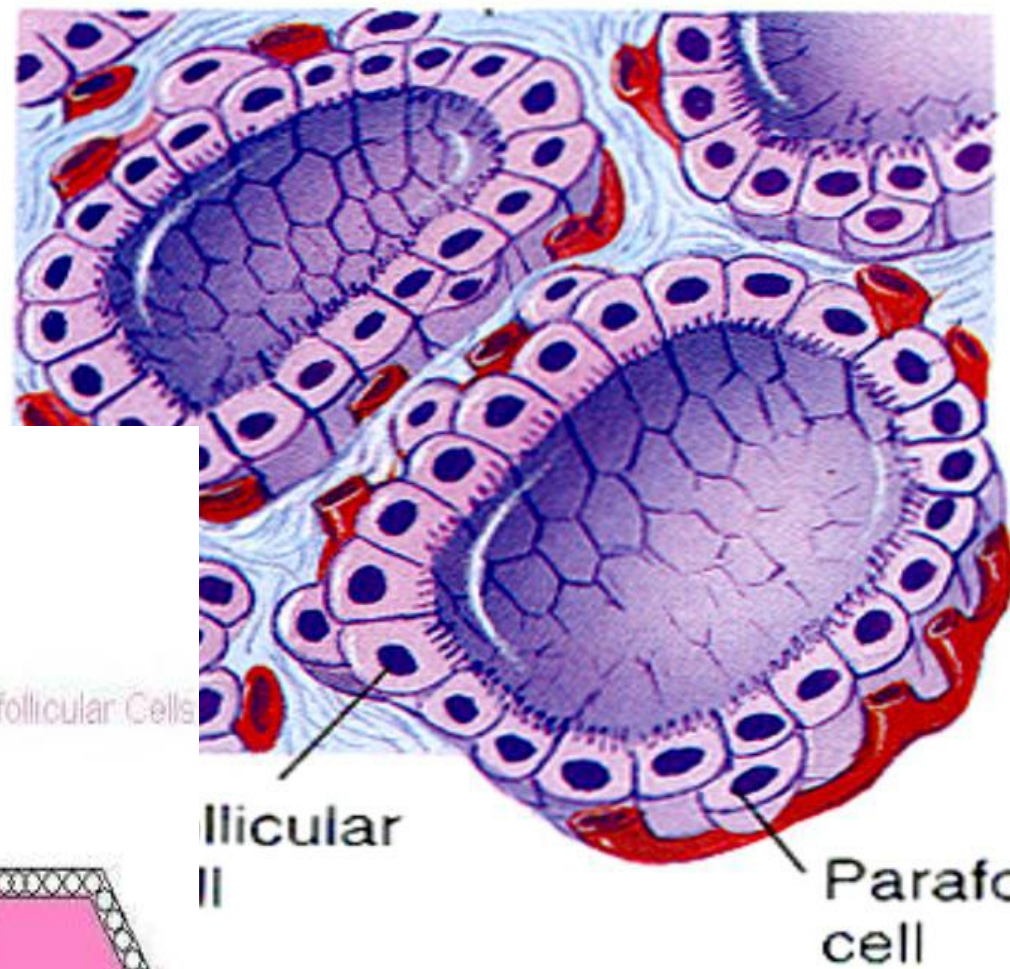
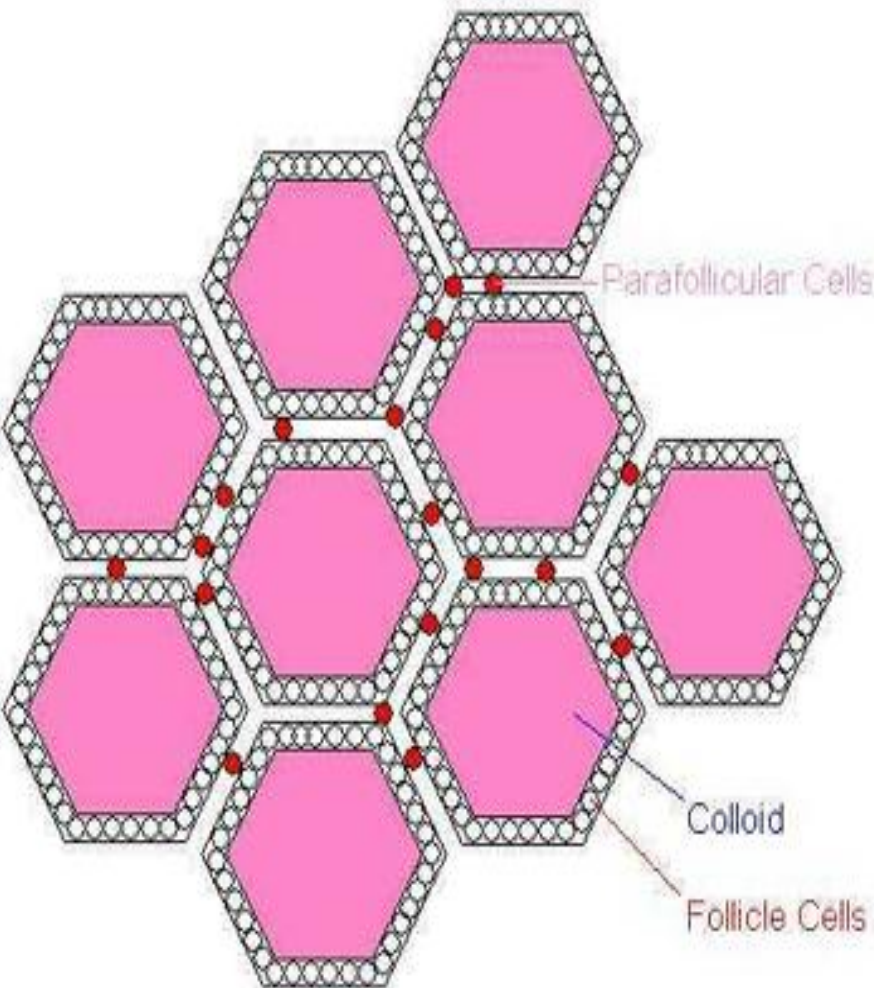
**B- Parenchyma (cells)** is in the form of *follicles* and *fenestrated blood capillaries* in between.

The follicles consists of 2 types of cells:

- 1- Follicular cells (98%).
  - 2- Parafoallicular or (C) cells(2%).
- The follicles contain in their lumen the stored secretion called **colloid**.







# Thyroid Gland

- **B- Parenchyma**
- **Structural & functional units** of thyroid gland are **thyroid follicles**.
- **Packed** together by fine reticular network containing fenestrated capillaries.
- **Rounded** and surrounded by thin basal lamina.
- **Lined** with:
  - **Follicular cells** (simple cuboidal epithelium)
  - **Parafollicular cells** (few short C cells).

## **Colloid**

- **Homogenous acidophilic** material filling the central lumen in the follicle.
- **It is** glycoprotein (thyroglobulin) synthesized & secreted by follicular cells.
- Contains **thyroid hormones**.

# 1- Follicular cells (principal cells)

## L/M:

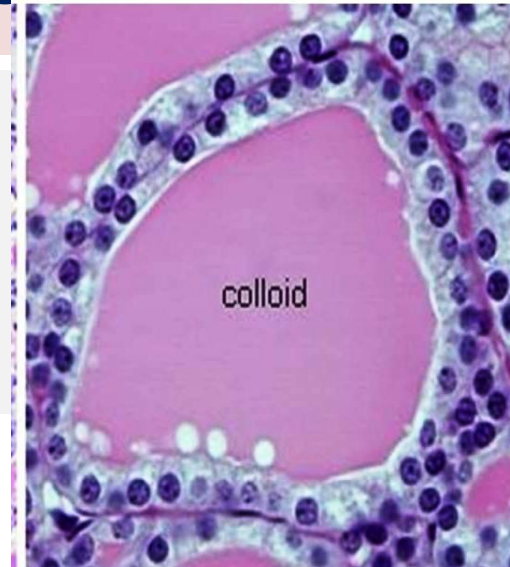
- The majority.
  - Simple cuboidal cells resting on basal lamina.
  - Central rounded nuclei and basophilic cytoplasm.
- Hyperactive cells are simple columnar, while inactive cells are simple squamous.

## E/M

- Characteristics of a **protein synthesizing cell**.

## Function

They secrete thyroid hormones, T3 and T4 (thyroxin).





- **2. Parafollicular or C (clear cells)**

- Found as a part of follicular epithelium or as isolated clusters between thyroid follicles.
- Few, resting on basement membrane of follicles but do not reach lumen.

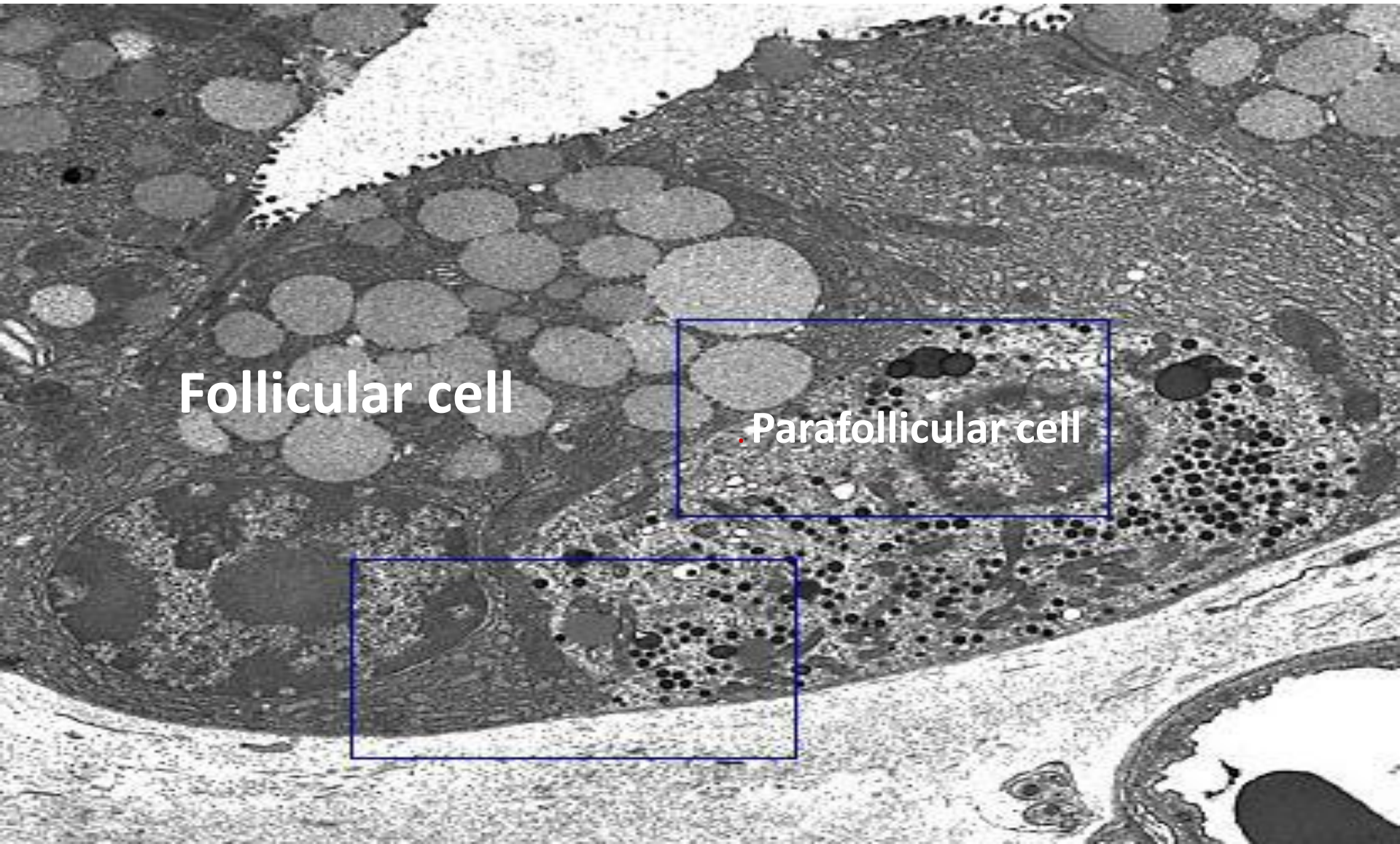
**L/M:** large, rounded, pale staining cells with central rounded nuclei.

**E/M:** contain basal small dense granules containing calcitonin hormone.

**Function:**

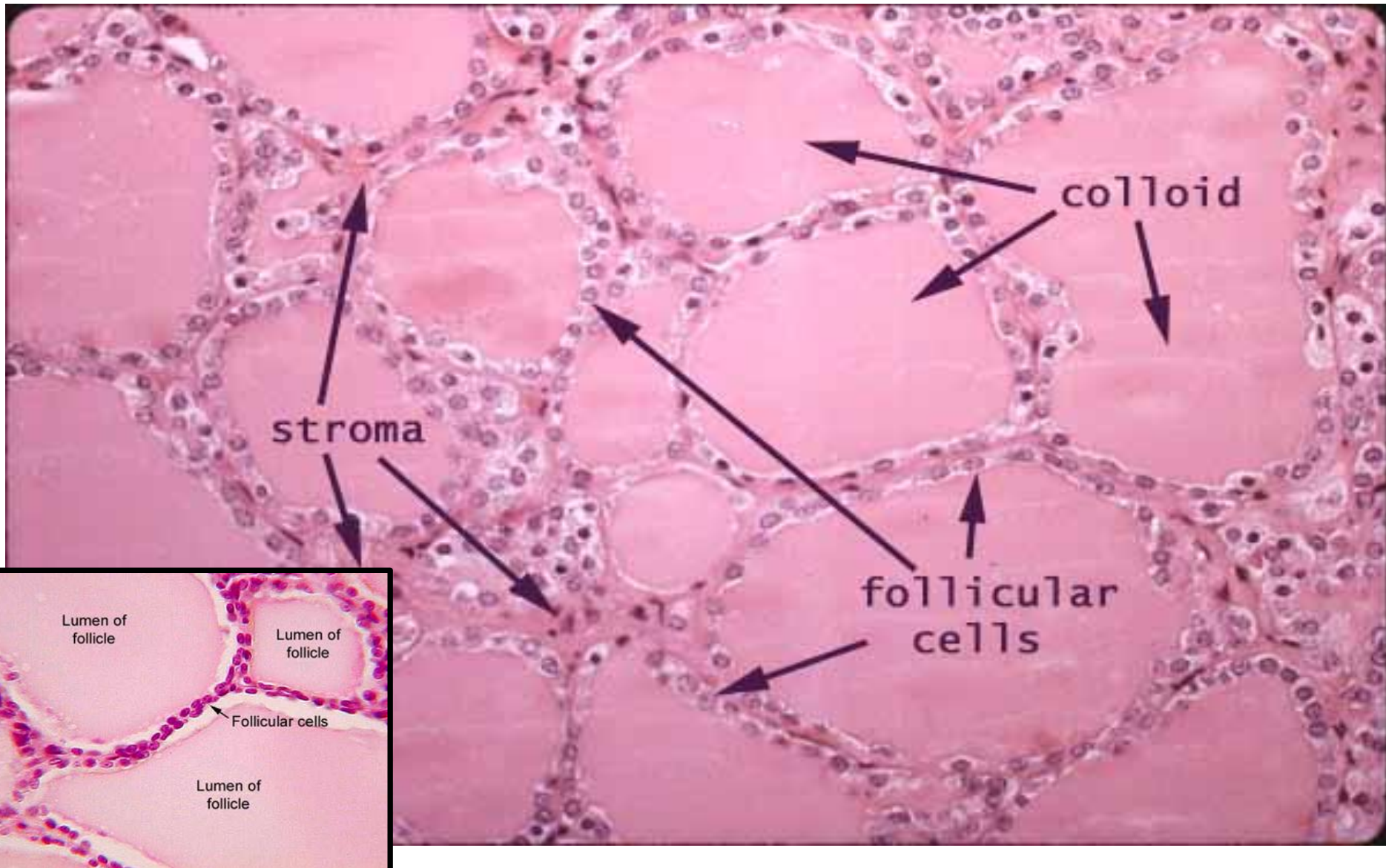
Secrete calcitonin hormone  
which Reduce blood calcium

# Ultrastructure of thyroid follicles





# Thyroid Gland



# Parathyroid Glands

- They are 4 small glands- Behind the thyroid gland.

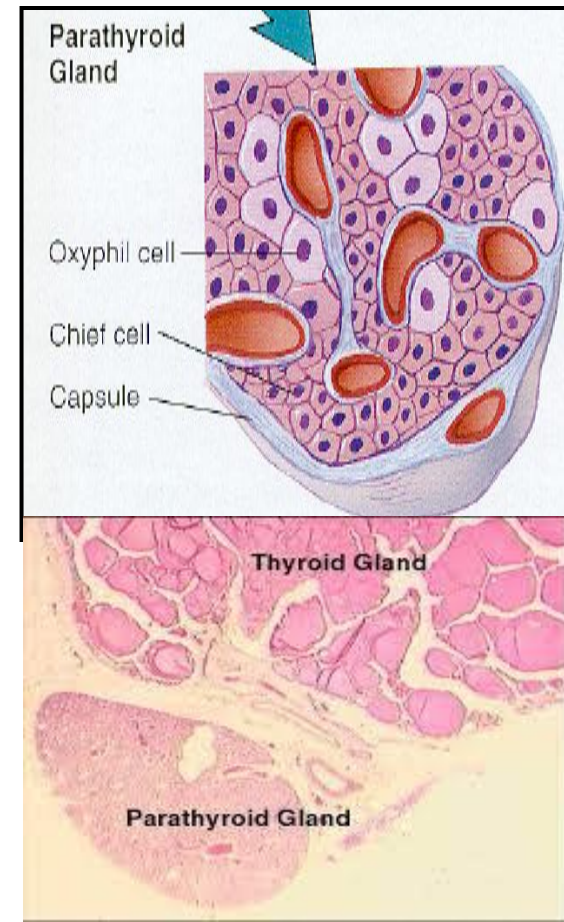
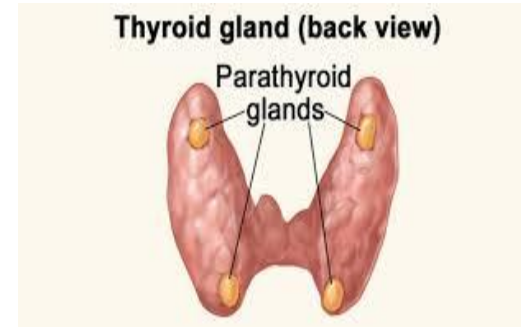
Each gland consists of:

**Stroma:** C.T. capsule, incomplete septa, fine reticular fibers.

**Parenchyma:** clumps or cords of cells with large fenestrated blood capillaries in between.

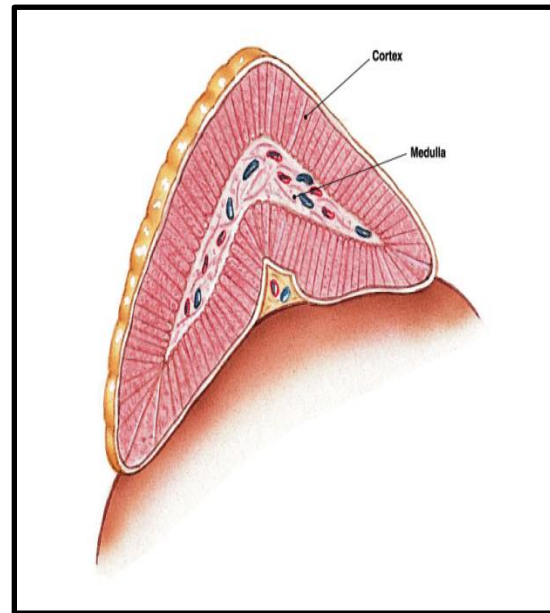
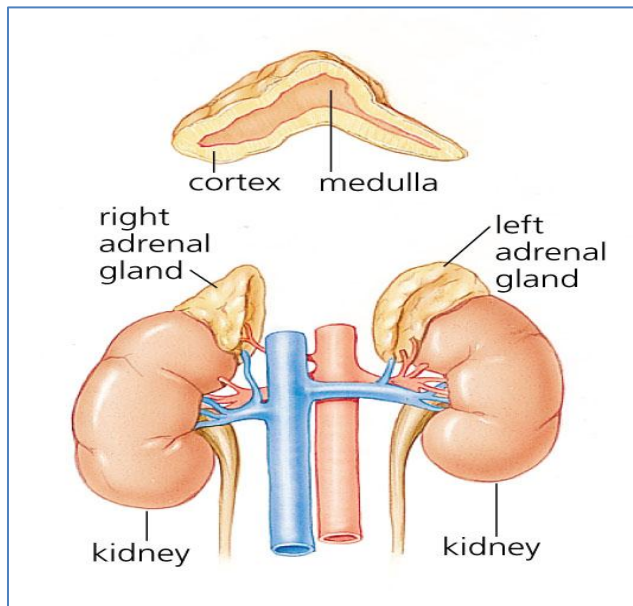
## **Types of cells:**

- **Chief cell:**
  - It is the **main type**
  - small**
  - pale nucleus.
  - It secretes **parathyroid hormone**(↑ Blood Calcium level)
- **Oxyphil cell:**
  - It is **larger**
  - less numerous**
  - dark nucleus
  - It is of unknown function.



# Adrenal glands (Suprarenal glands)

- **Parenchyma** divided into two embryologically, histologically and functionally different regions:
- Outer large yellowish **cortex** (about 90% of the gland), develops from mesoderm and secretes **steroid hormones**.
- Inner small reddish-brown **medulla** develops from **ectoderm** and secretes **catecholamines**.





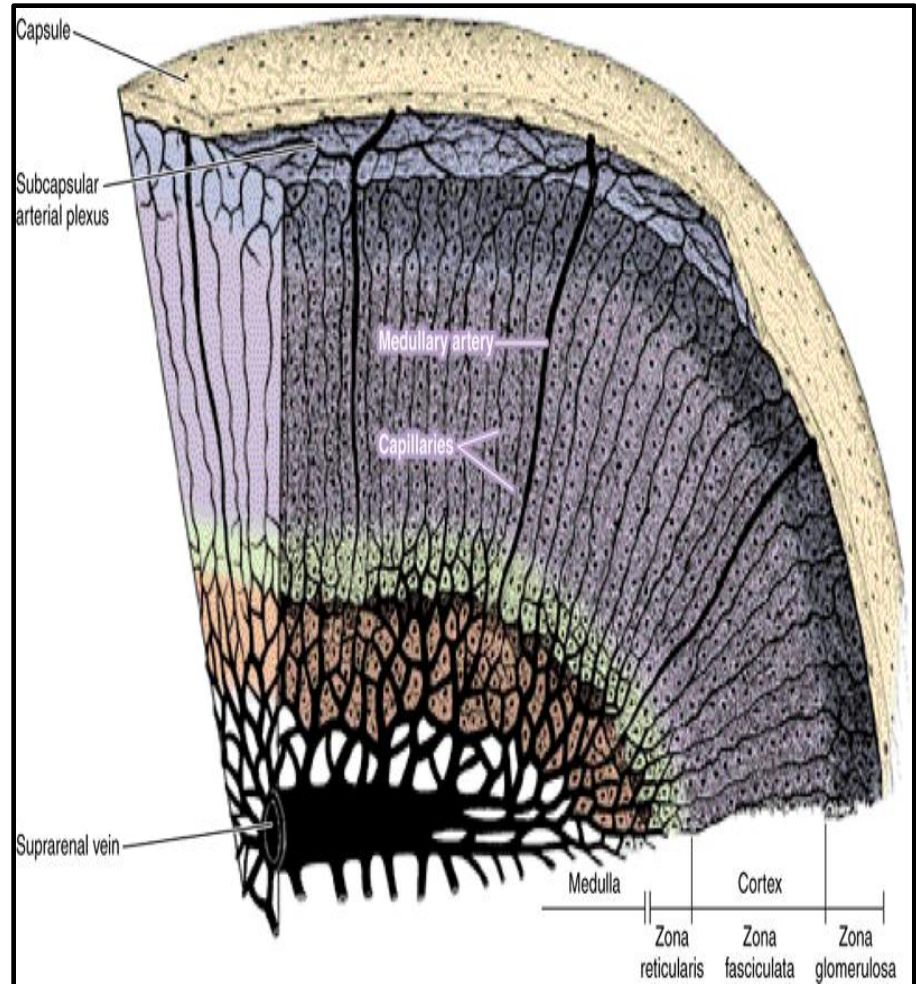
# Histological Structure of adrenal gland

## A) Stroma

- *Capsule.*
- *Trabeculae.*
- *Fine reticular fibers.*

## B) Parenchyma

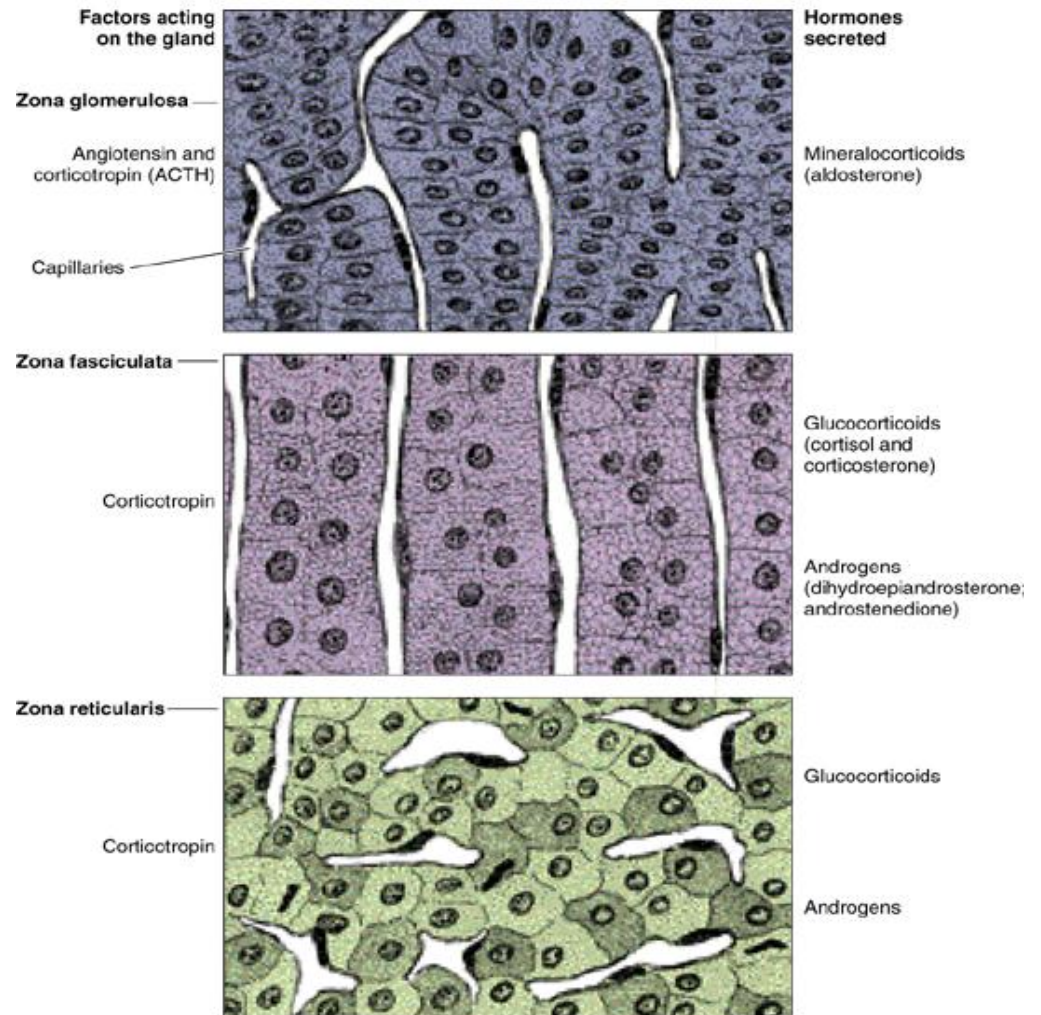
- **Adrenal cortex.**
- **Adrenal medulla.**



# ADRENAL CORTEX

formed of three zones:

- **Zona glomerulosa :**  
13%(outer narrow zone).
- **Zona fasciculata:**  
80% (middle thick zone).
- **Zona reticularis:**  
7% (inner narrow zone).



# Zona glomerulosa (13%)

## L/M:

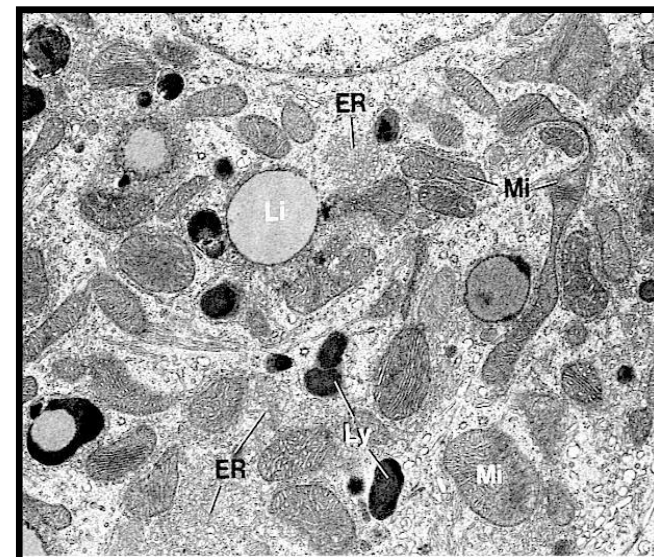
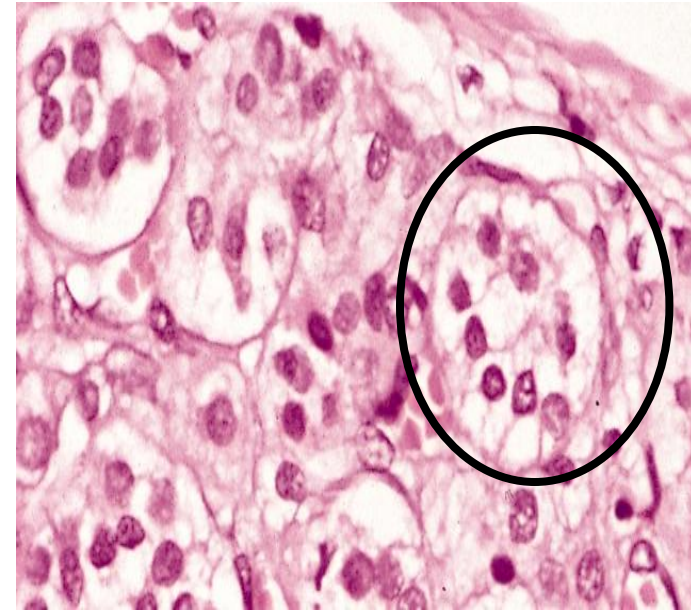
- columnar or pyramidal cells
- acidophilic cytoplasm
- arranged in rounded or arched clusters
- surrounded by blood capillaries

## E/M:

steroid secreting cells.

## Function:

secrete mineralocorticoids (**aldosterone**).  
controls water and electrolyte balance  
in the body.





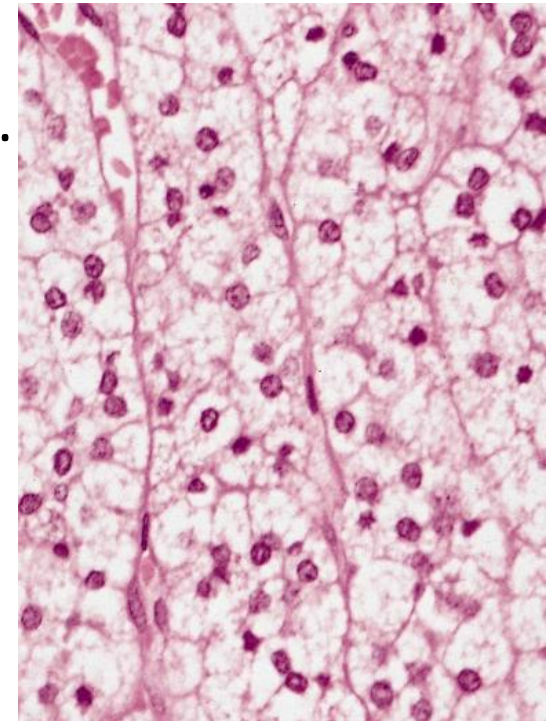
# Zona Fasciculata (80%)

## L/M:

- **Cells** (spongiocytes): polygonal arranged in long straight cords perpendicular to the surface of the gland.
- **Nuclei**: large, rounded and lightly stained.
- **Cytoplasm**: many lipid droplets (spongiocytes).
- Blood capillaries are present in between

## E/M:

steroid secreting cells with  
*many lipid droplets.*



**Function:** They secrete glucocorticoids (cortisone) & sex hormones.

## **Zona reticularis (7%)**

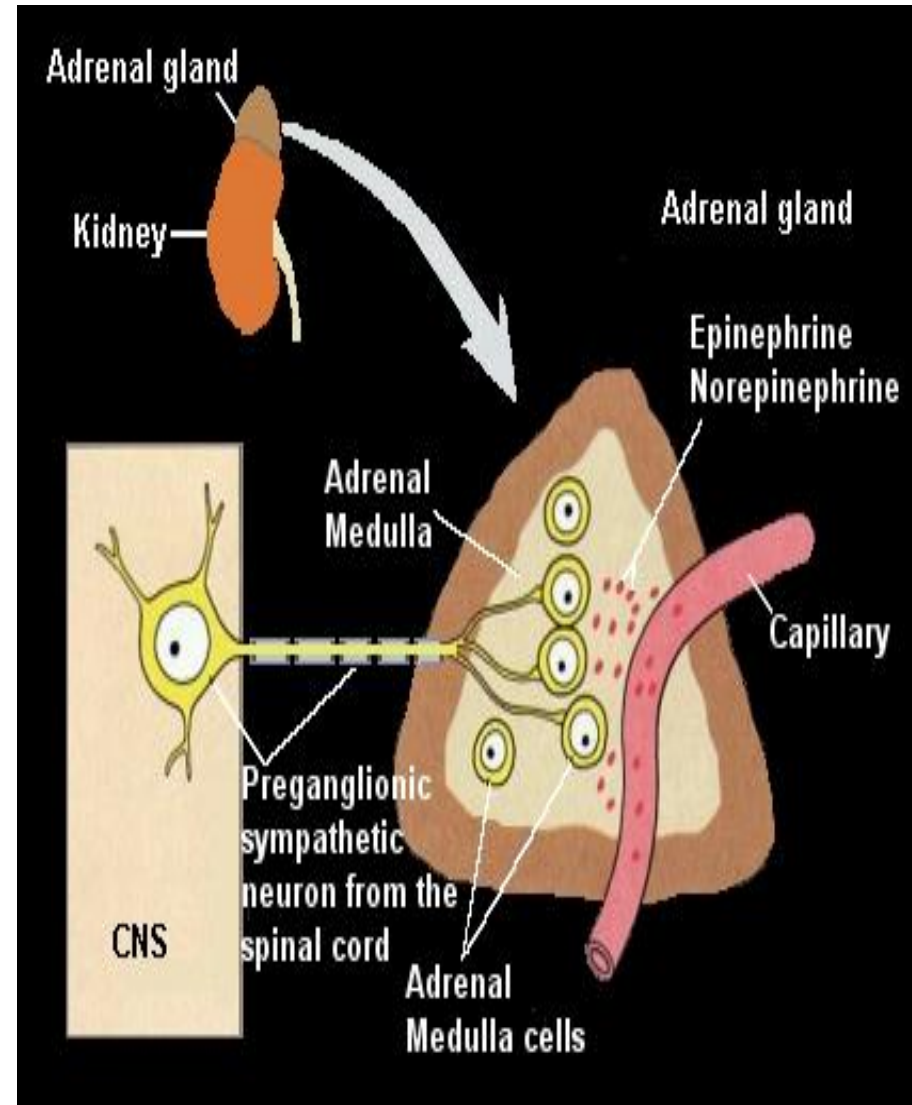
- **Cells:** smaller cells arranged in irregular cords forming network with blood capillaries in between.

### **Function:**

- **Secrete** androgens
- **Secrete of** little amount of glucocorticoids.

# Adrenal medulla

- It occupies the center of the adrenal gland, and is surrounded by adrenal cortex.
- Its cells (**Chromaffin cells**) can be regarded as **modified neurons** that have no axons and no dendrites and specialized *as* secretory cells.



# Adrenal medulla

## 1- Chromaffin cells:

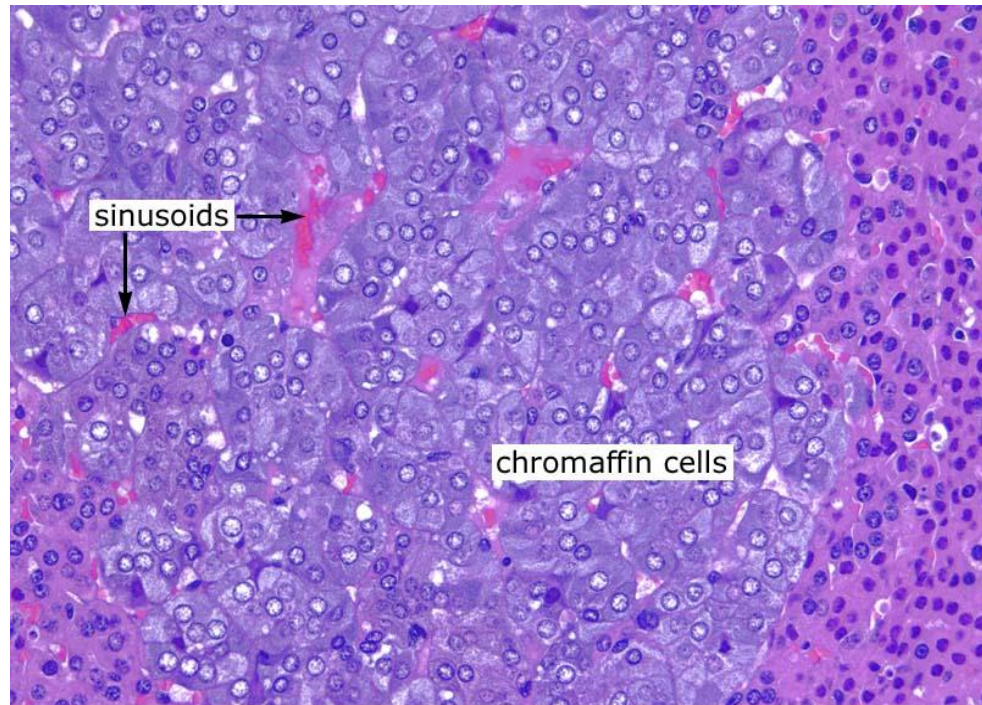
- large, polyhedral
- large, pale-staining nuclei.
- Their cytoplasm is **basophilic** containing fine granules.
- The cells are arranged in short cords, surrounded by a rich network of capillaries and supported by reticular fibers.

## Function:

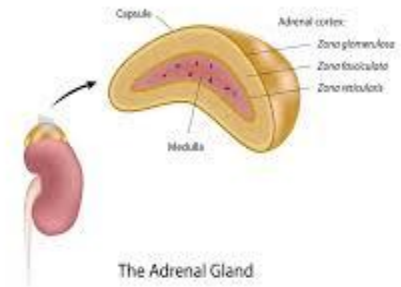
Secrete **catecholamines**  
**adrenaline**(80%) &  
**noradrenaline**(20%).

## 2- Ganglion nerve cells

- are scattered between chromaffin cells



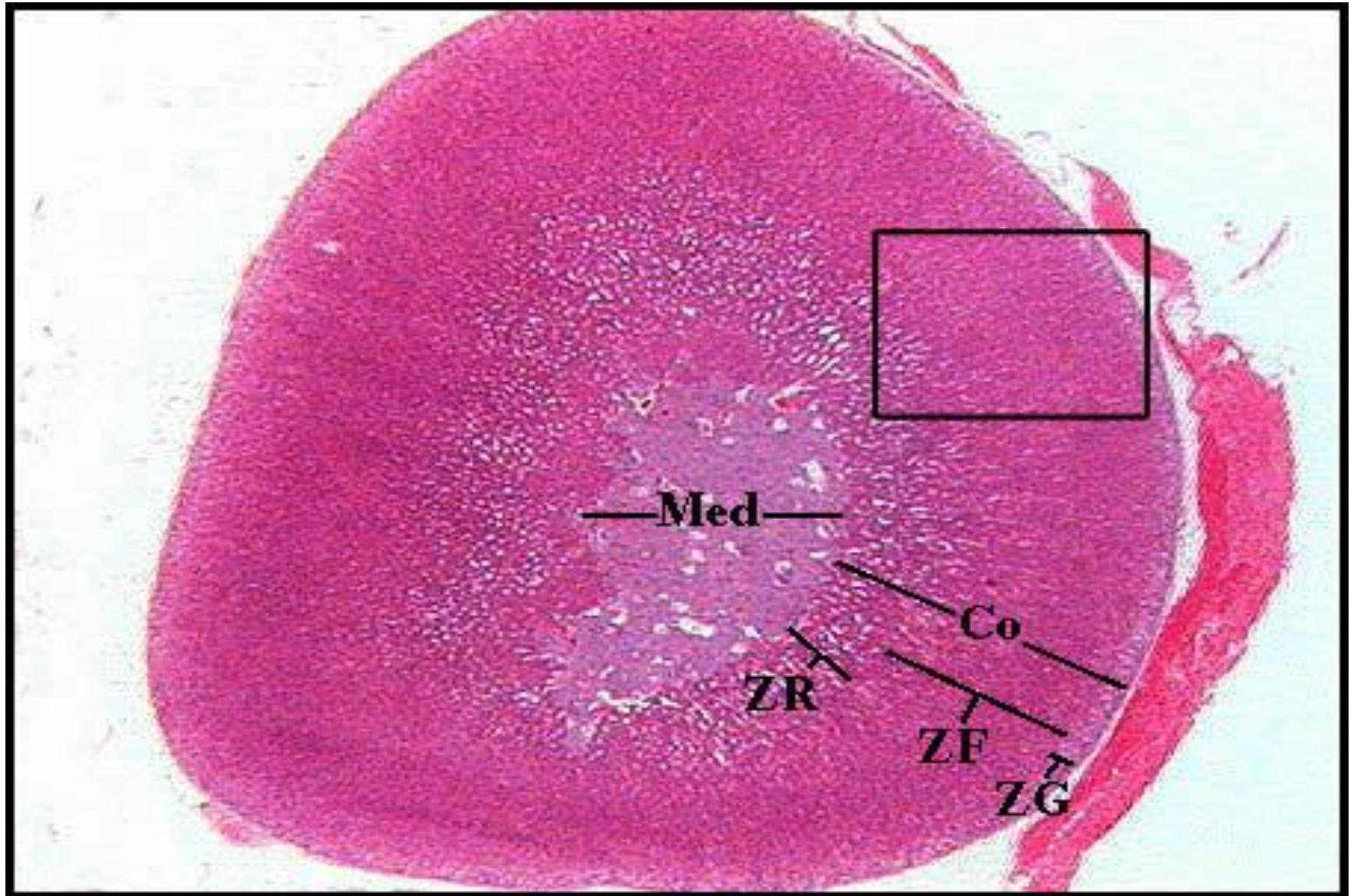
# Cortex and Medulla



	<b>Cortex</b>	<b>Medulla</b>
<b>Site</b>	<b>Outer</b>	<b>Inner</b>
<b>Size</b>	<b>large</b>	<b>small</b>
<b>Colour</b>	<b>yellowish</b>	<b>reddish-brown</b>
<b>Origin</b>	<b>mesoderm</b>	<b>ectoderm</b>
<b>Secrete</b>	<b>steroid hormones</b>	<b>catecholamines</b>

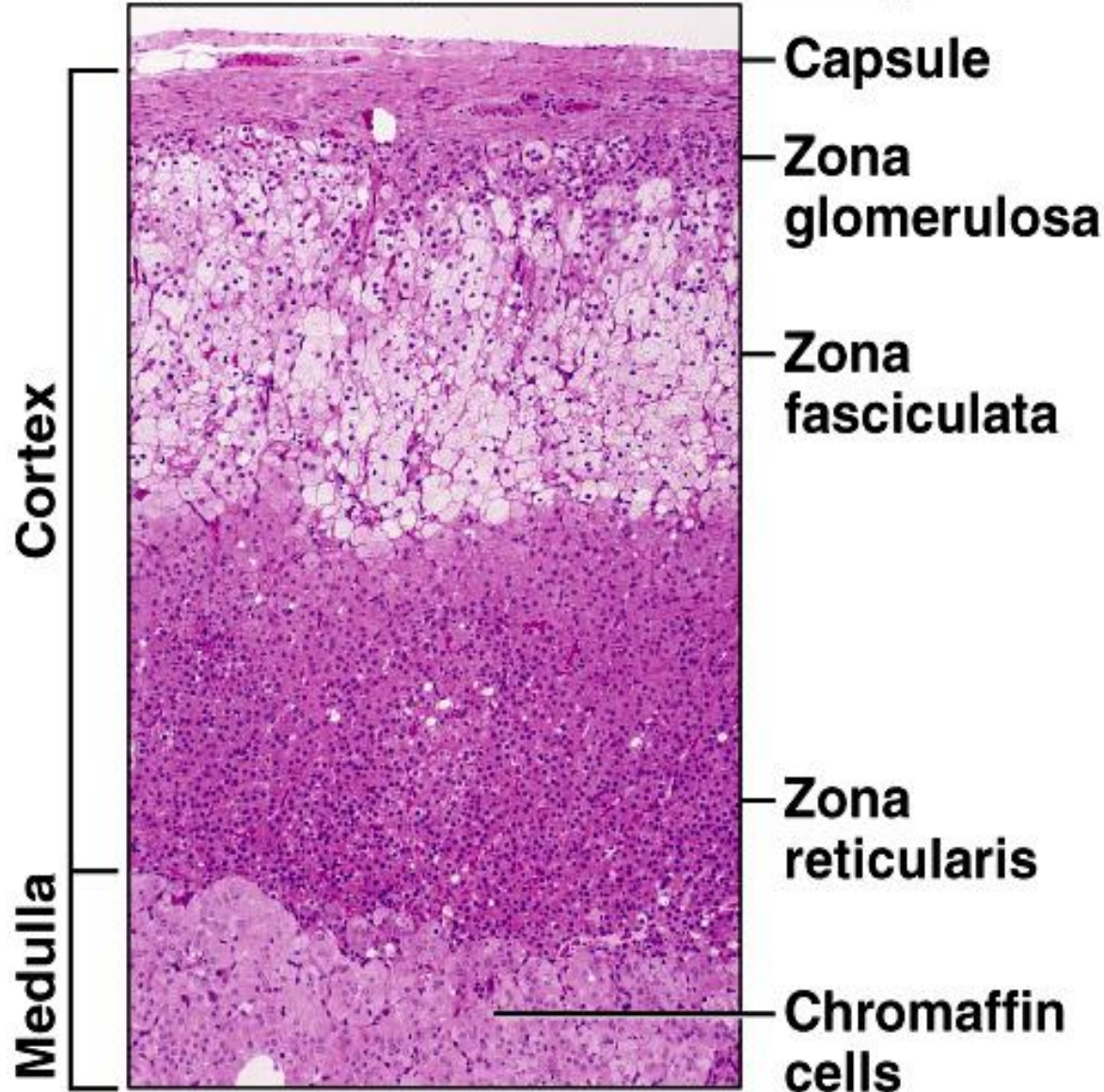


# Adrenal gland



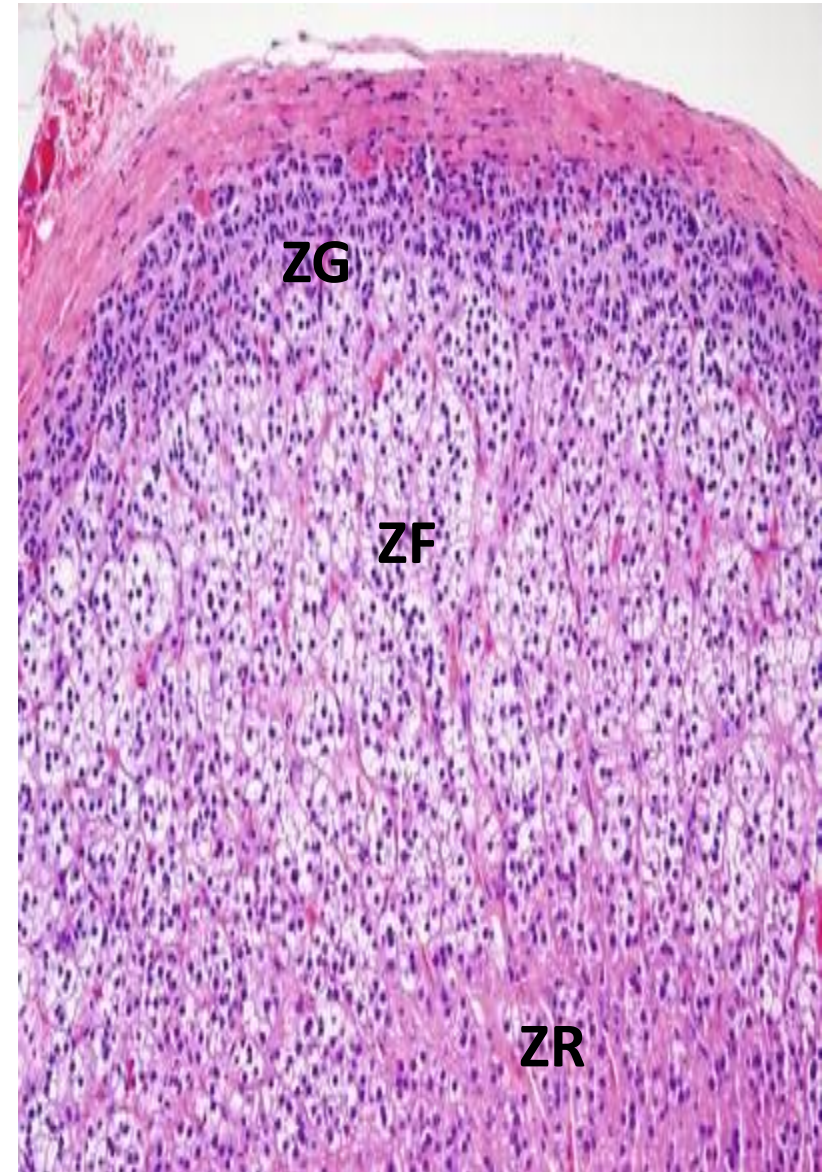
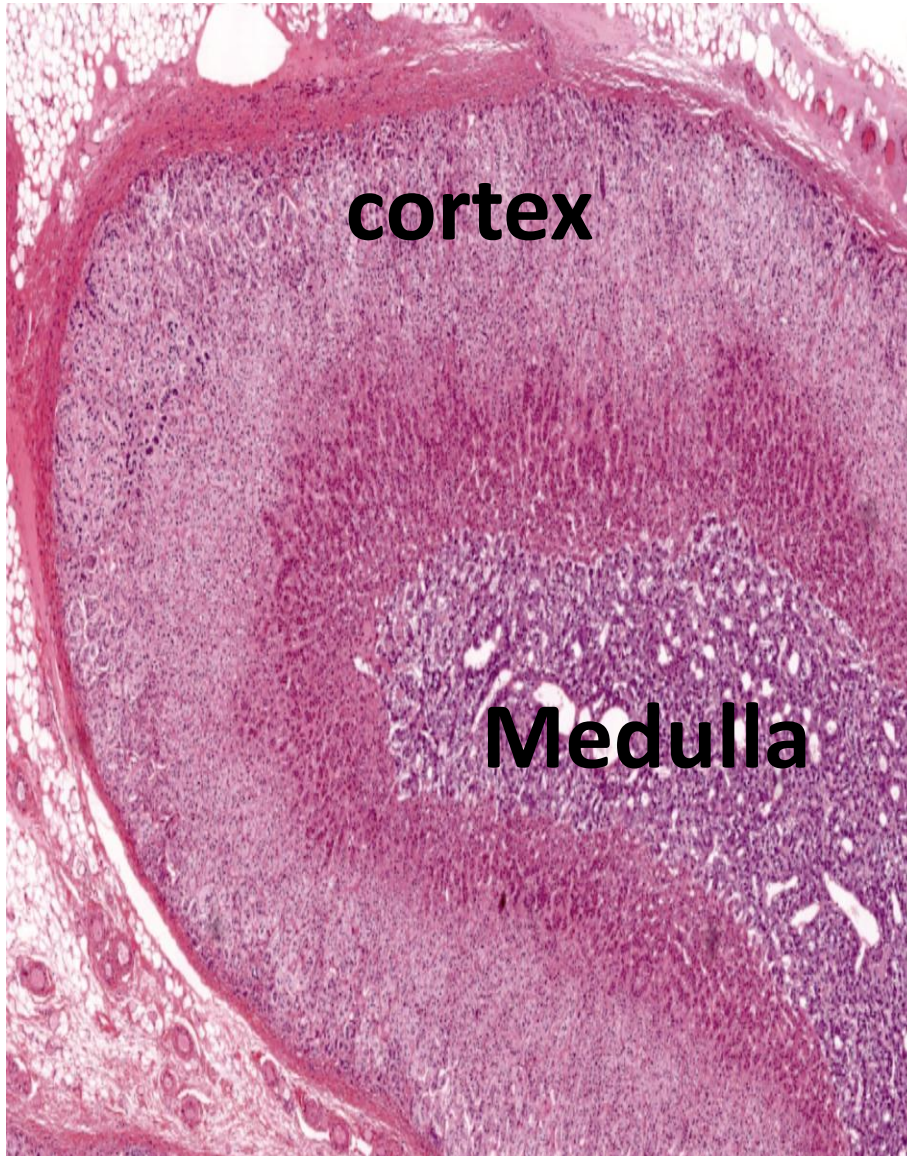
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# Adrenal gland





# Male Reproductive System

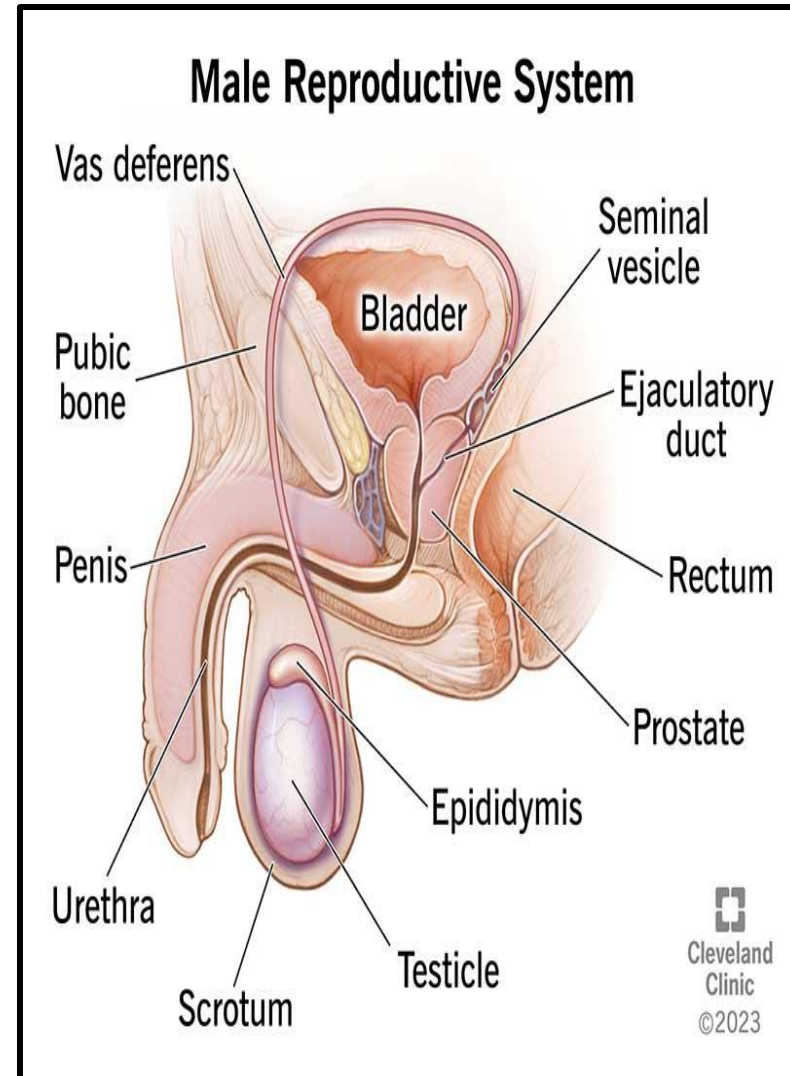
- Primary sex organs ( the paired testes):

## A) Exocrine part:

- 1-Seminiferous tubule
- 2- Intratesticular genital ducts

## B) Endocrine part (interstitial cells of Leydig)

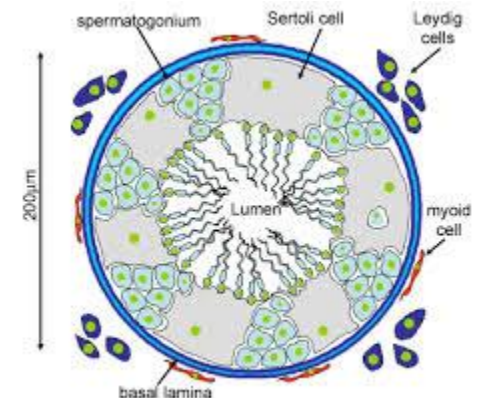
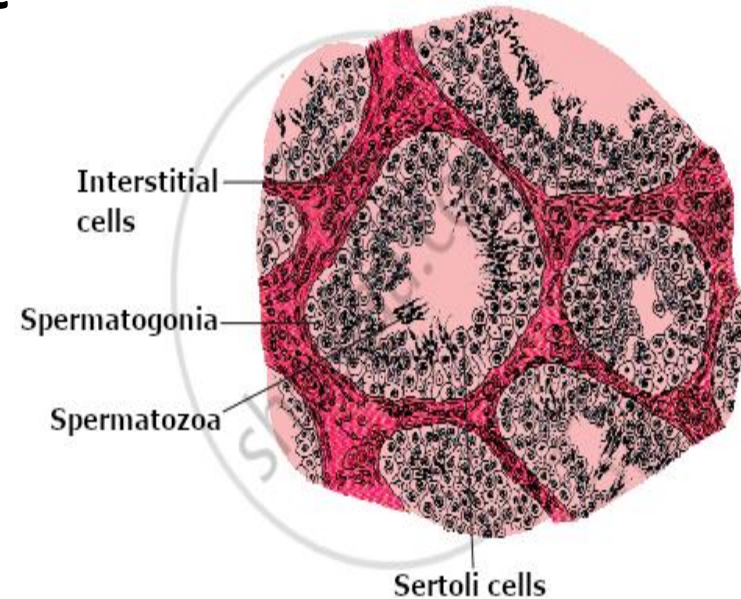
- Secondary sex organs:
- **Excretory genital ducts** (epididymis, vas deferens, ejaculatory duct and urethra)
- **Accessory genital glands** (seminal vesicle, prostate, bulbourethral glands, glands of Littre and glands of Tyson)
- **External genitalia** (penis and scrotum)





# Testes

- Each testis is a compact ovoid organ.
- composed of:
  1. **Seminiferous tubules (ST)**  
(many small convoluted tubules).
  2. **Interstitial tissue**  
(abundant intertubular tissue)



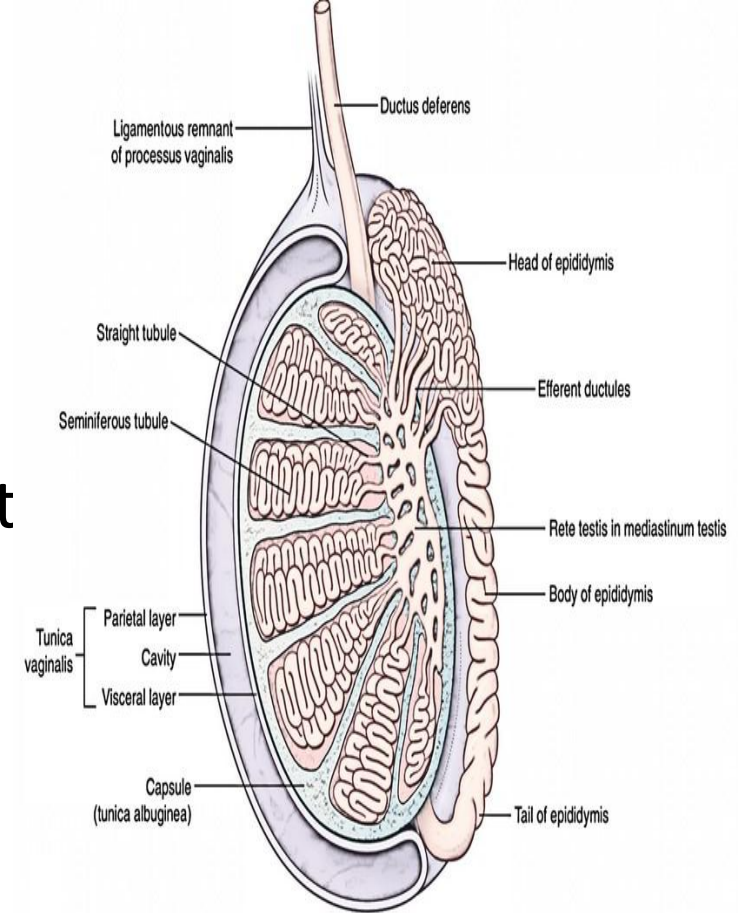
# Stroma:

## 1- Capsule:

❑ Tunica vaginalis is the outer most covering.

❑ Tunica albuginea is a thick capsule of dense C.T. present beneath the first layer.

❑ Tunica vasculosa is a thin delicate layer of C.T. rich in blood vessels.



## On the posterior border of the testis

- the tunica albuginea thickens and form **the mediastinum testis** through which blood vessels enter the testis.

## 2- Septa:

- From the mediastinum testis, thin C.T. (connective tissue) septa radiate into the testis dividing it into incomplete lobules.

# Parenchyma

## A. Spermatogenic cells:

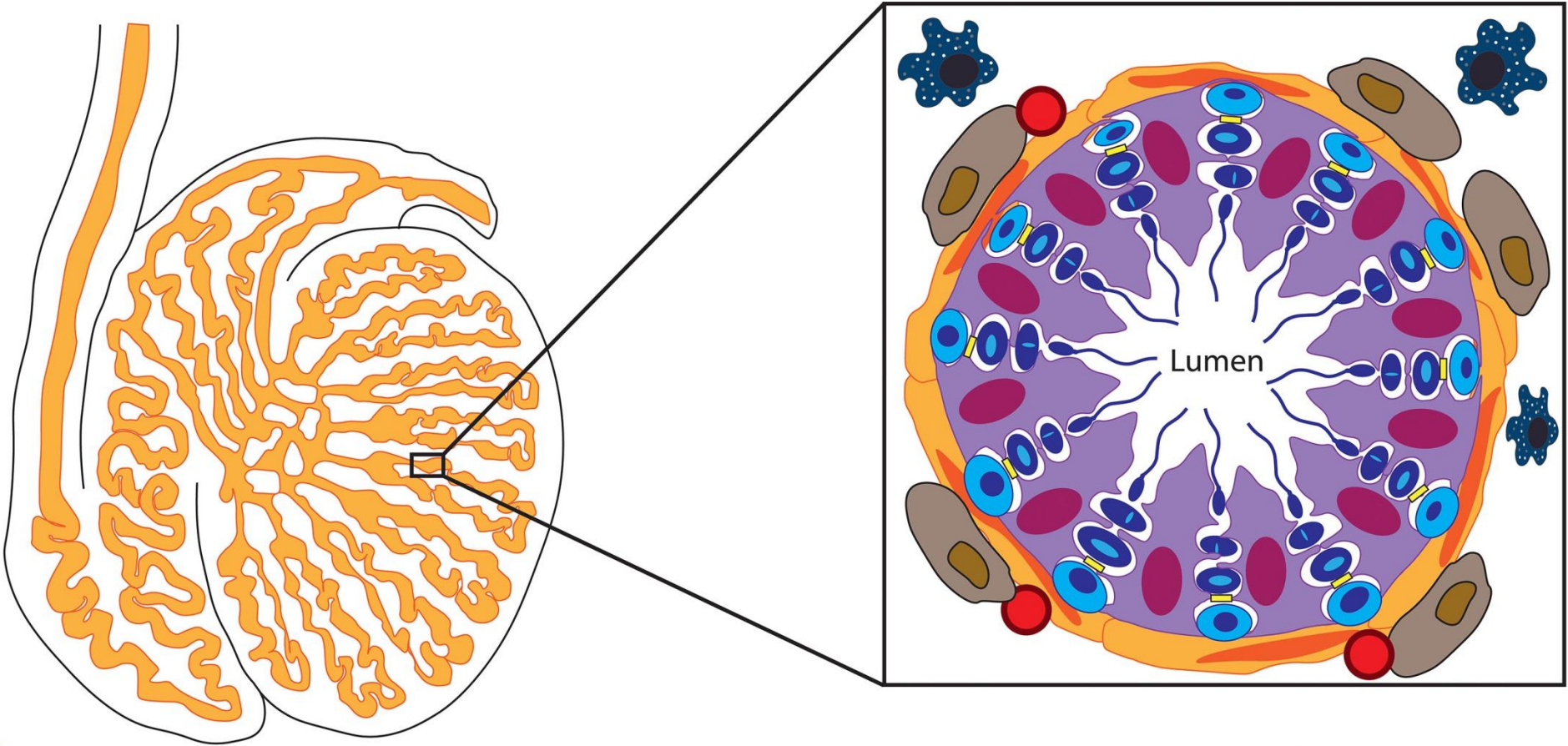
- There are **several layers** of cells that represent *different stages of spermatogenesis*.
- They are arranged from the basement membrane to the lumen as follows:









**1- Spermatogonia** (stem cells).

**2-Spermatocytes** (primary & secondary)  
(proliferating cells).

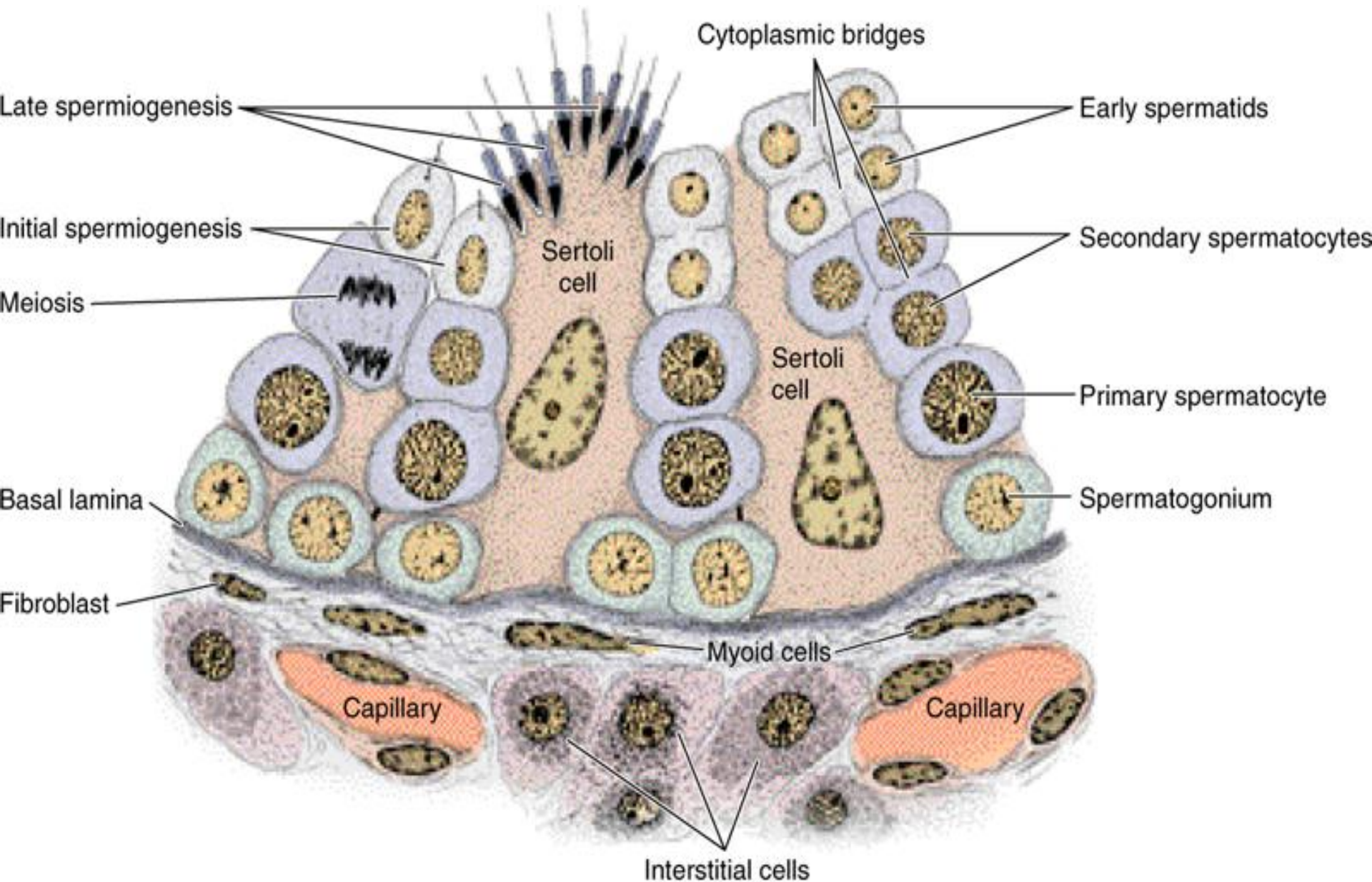
**3- Spermatids** (differentiating cells).

**4- Spermatozoa** (mature germ cells ).



 Sertoli cell  Tight junction  Peritubular myoid cell  Leydig cell  Blood vessel  Mitotic germ cell  Meiotic germ cell  Spermatozoa  Macrophage

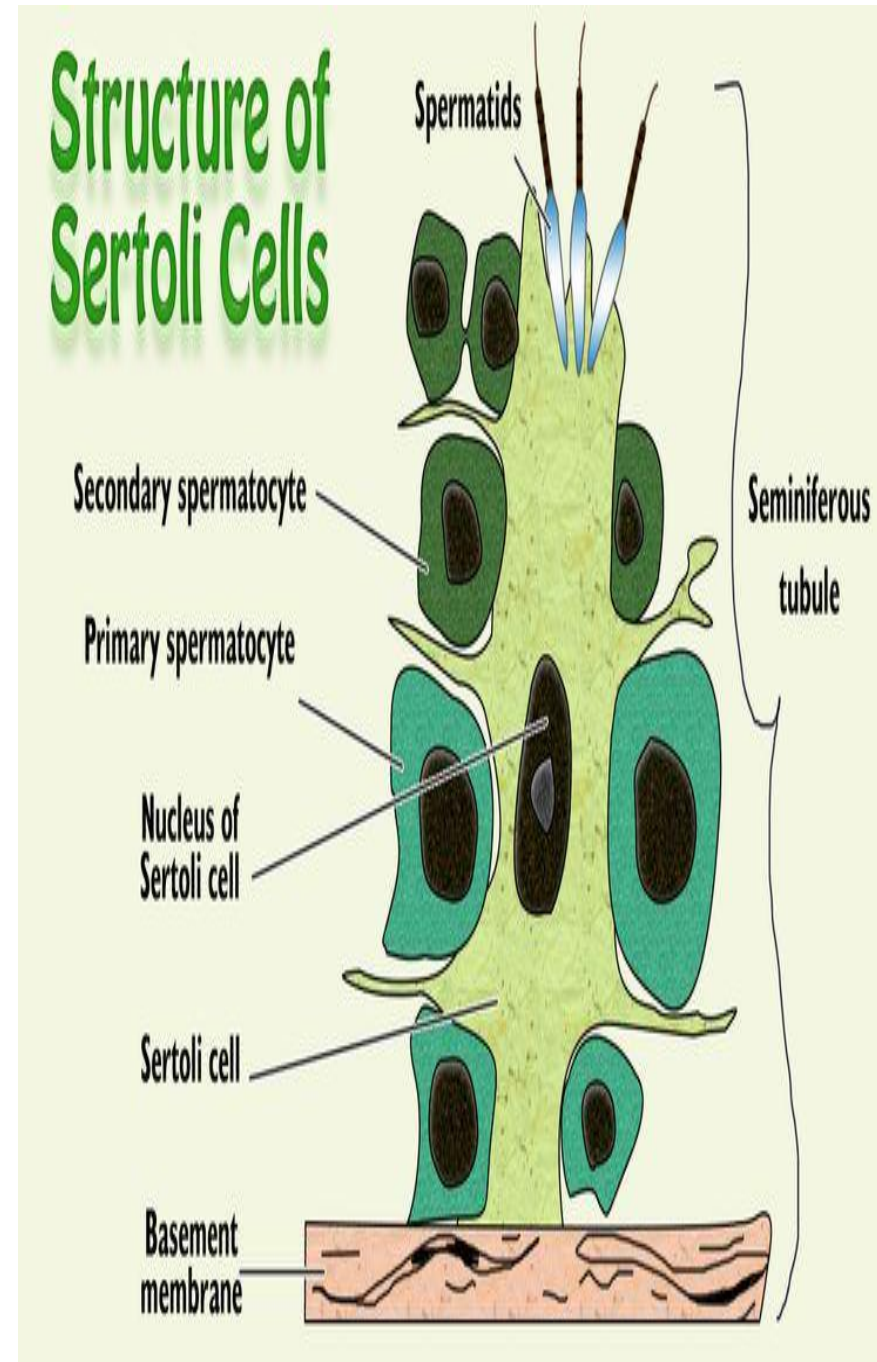




**Seminiferous tubule**

## B. Sertoli cells:

- Nucleus: triangular
- Shape:
  - Elongated pyramidal cells that extend from the basement membrane to the luminal surface of the ST.
  - Many lateral cytoplasmic processes that partially envelope the developing spermatogenic cells.
  - Adjacent Sertoli cells are bound together by **tight junctions** separating the developing spermatogenic cells from the blood stream (**blood– testis barrier**).



## Functions of Sertoli cells :

1. Formation of the *blood – testis barrier* which protect the developing spermatogenic cells from harmful substances present in the blood.
2. *Supportive* for spermatogenic cells.
3. *Nutritive* for developing and mature sperms.
4. *Phagocytosis* of the residues of the maturing sperms.

## B) ENDOCRINE PART

- Interstitial (Leydig) cells:

- Site:

present in the **interstitial C.T.** between the S.T.

- Shape:

- L.M:

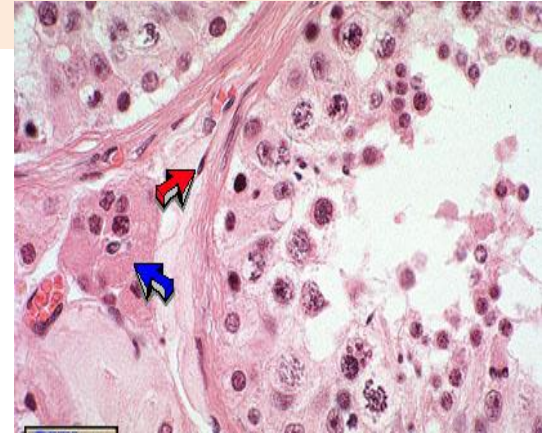
- **rounded or polyhedral** with large nucleus, prominent nucleoli
- **acidophilic cytoplasm**
- may contain **lipid droplets**.
- Form cell groups with **Fenestrated blood capillaries** are present inbetween

- E.M:

**steroid secreting cell**

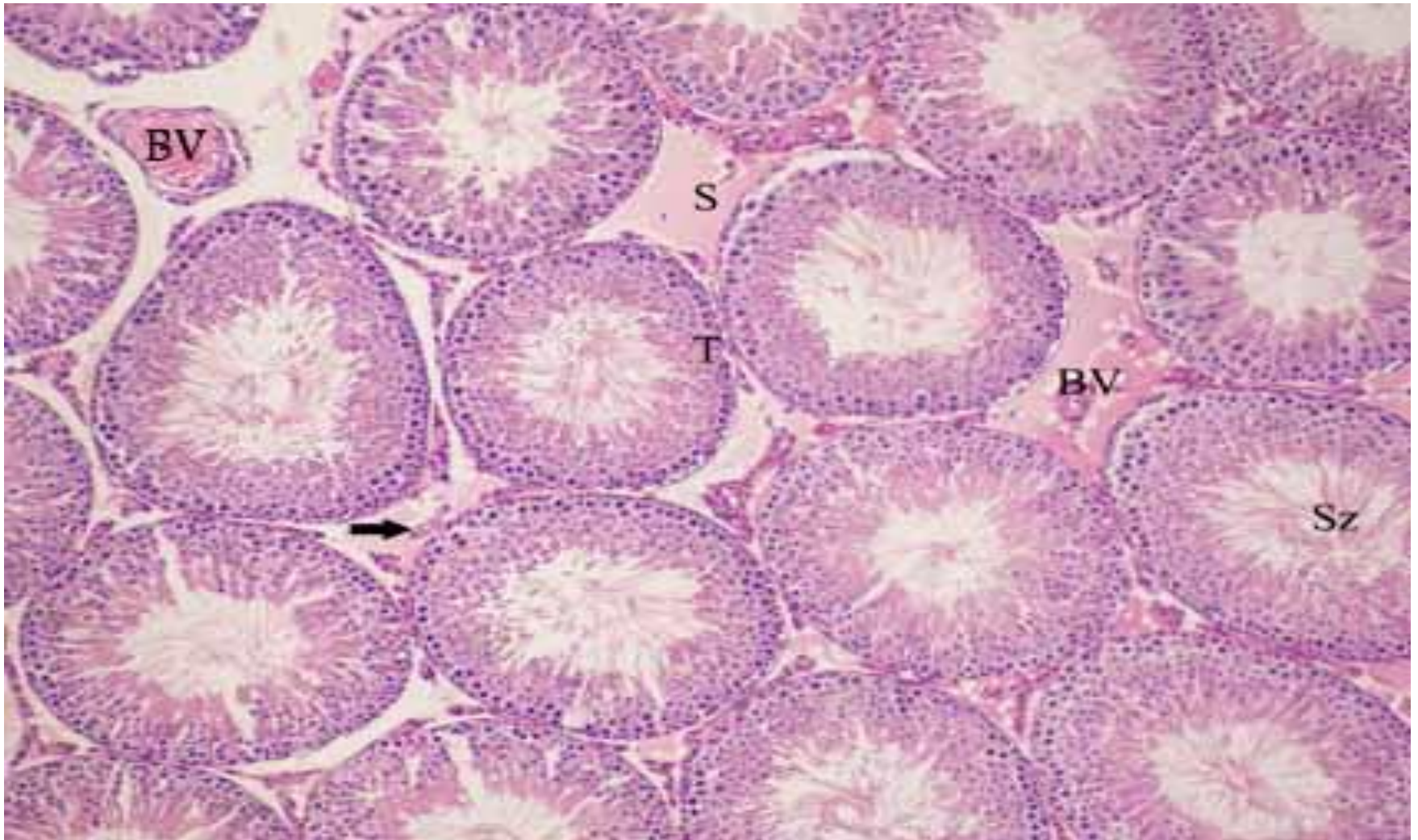
- Function:

They produce androgenic steroid hormones, mainly **testosterone** under the control of LH of the anterior pituitary.



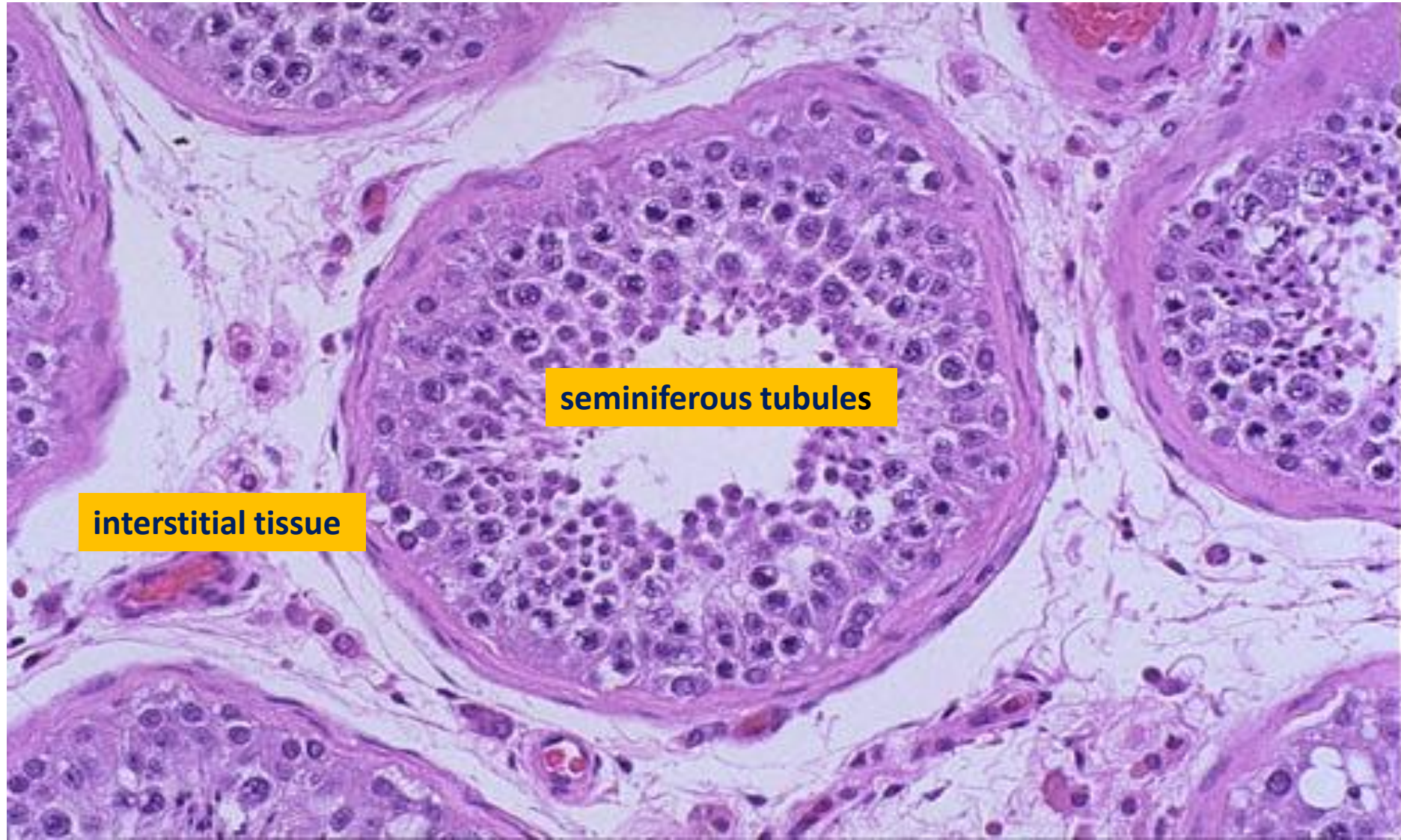


# Testis





# Testis



seminiferous tubules

interstitial tissue



**Seminiferous tubule**

**Spermatogonia**

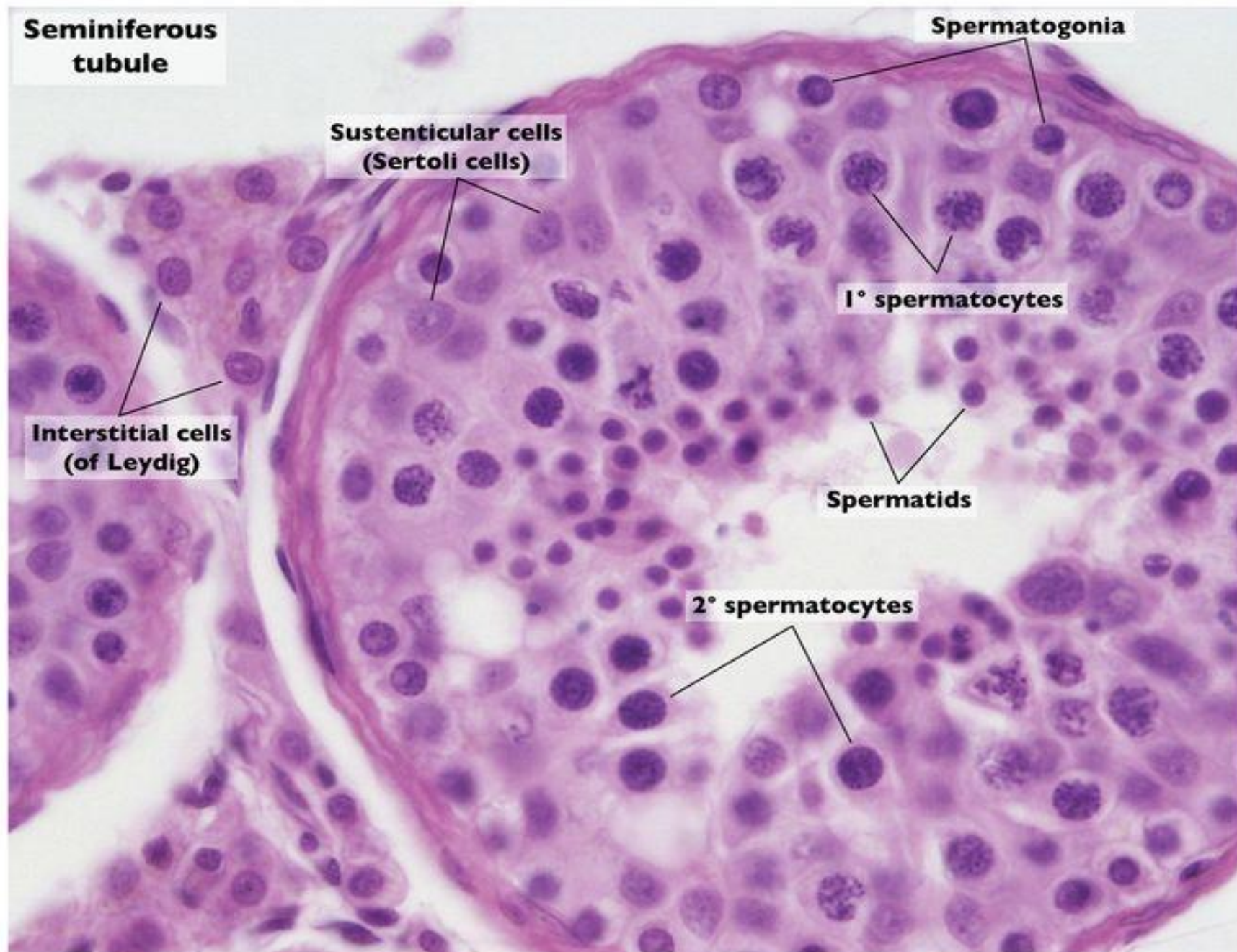
**Sustentacular cells  
(Sertoli cells)**

**1° spermatocytes**

**Interstitial cells  
(of Leydig)**

**Spermatids**

**2° spermatocytes**



# Female Reproductive System

consists of:

I- Primary sex organs: two ovaries.

II- Secondary sex organs

(1) Two oviducts (uterine tubes).

(2) Uterus.

(3) Vagina & external genitalia.

(4) Mammary glands.

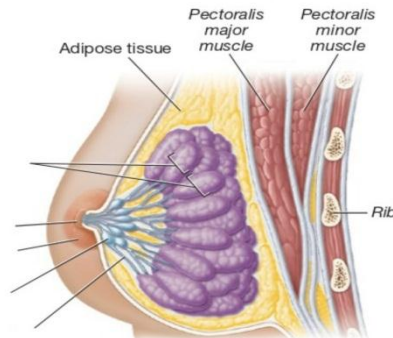
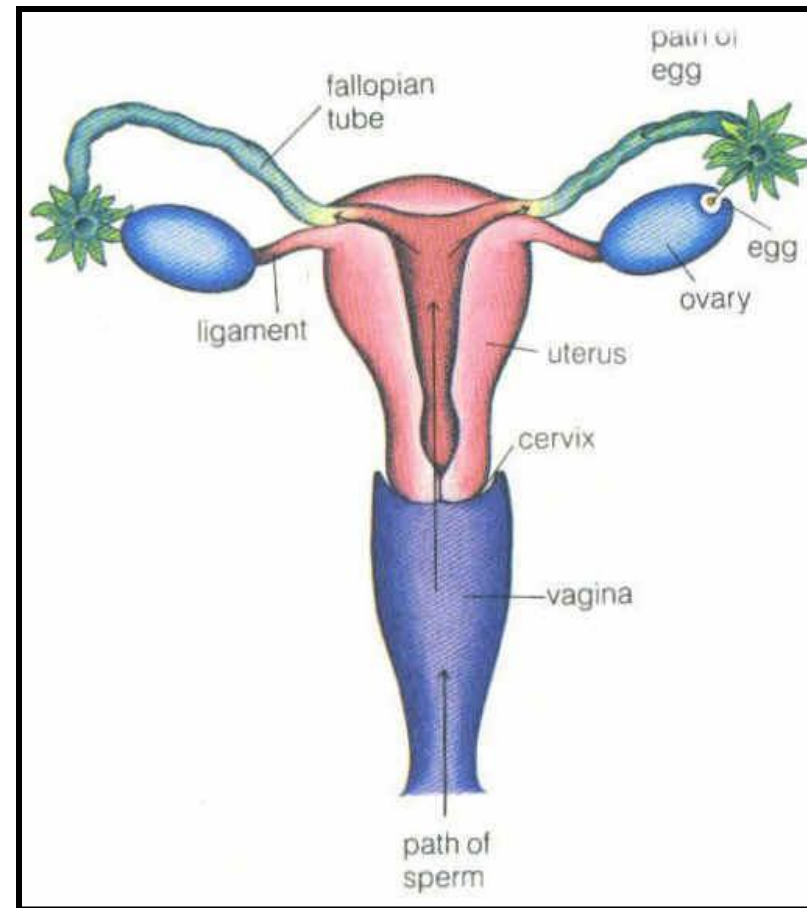


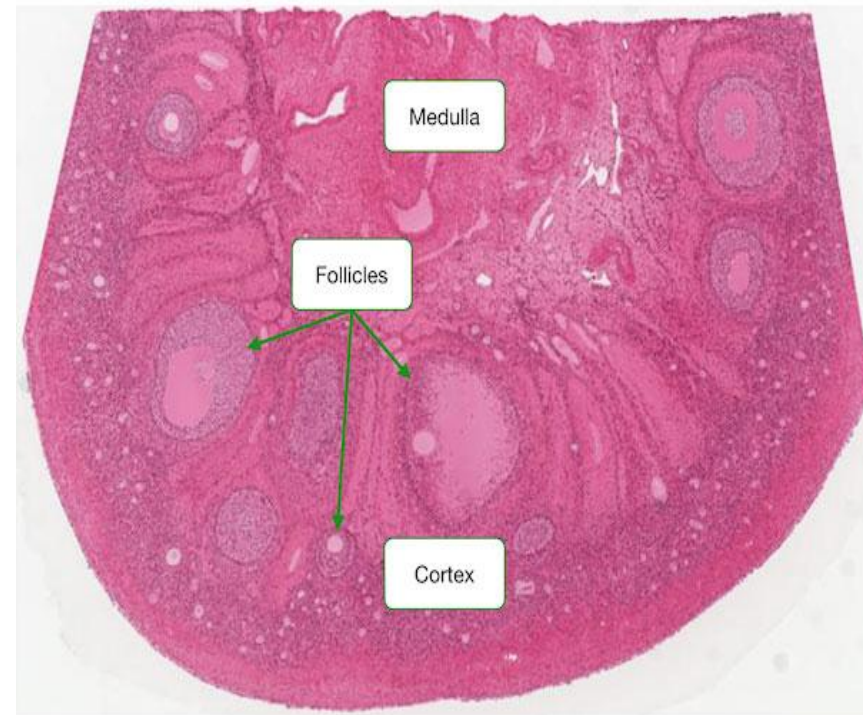
FIGURE 10.8 Structure of a lactating mammary gland.





# Ovary

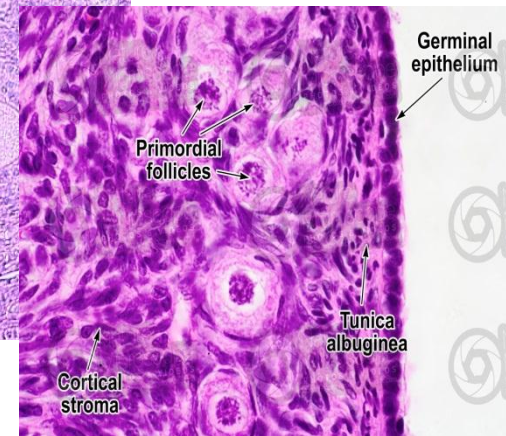
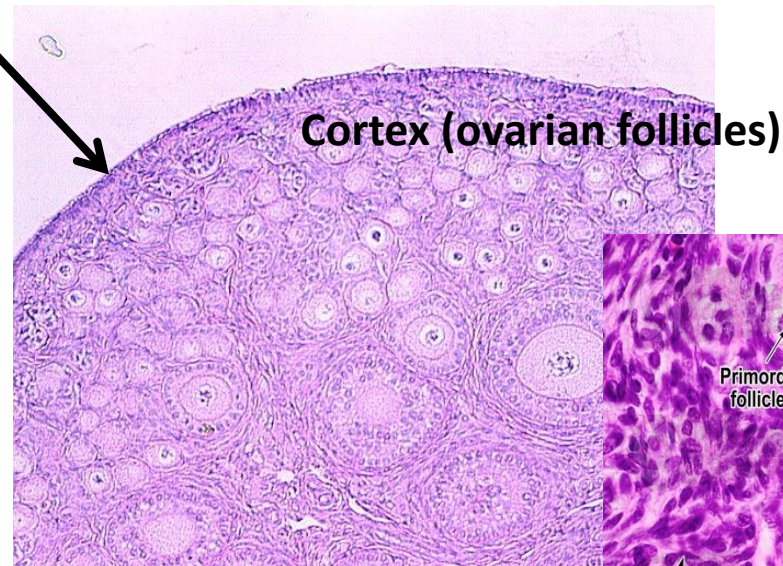
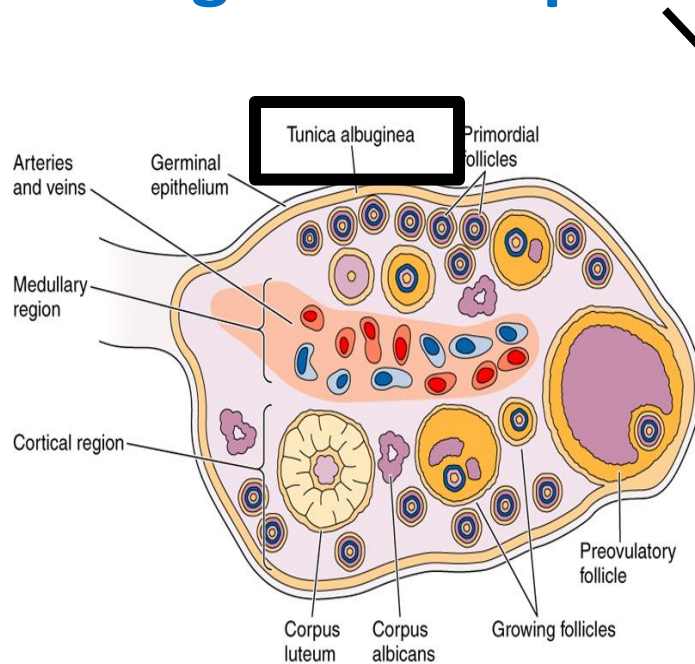
- **Oval** body (3cm long×1.5cm wide×1cm thick).
- Attached to **uterus** by ovarian ligaments.
- **Functions**
  - 1- Formation of **ova**.
  - 2- production of female hormones (**estrogen & progesterone**)
- **Structure:**
  - **Stroma:**
    - a) Capsule
    - b) Reticular connective tissue
    - c) Stromal cells
  - **Parenchyma:**
    - **cortex & medulla**
    - **no sharp limits.**



# Structure of the ovary

## Stroma

Each ovary is covered by simple cuboidal epithelium, called **germinal epithelium**.



❑ Under it a layer of dense connective tissue called **tunica albuginea**.



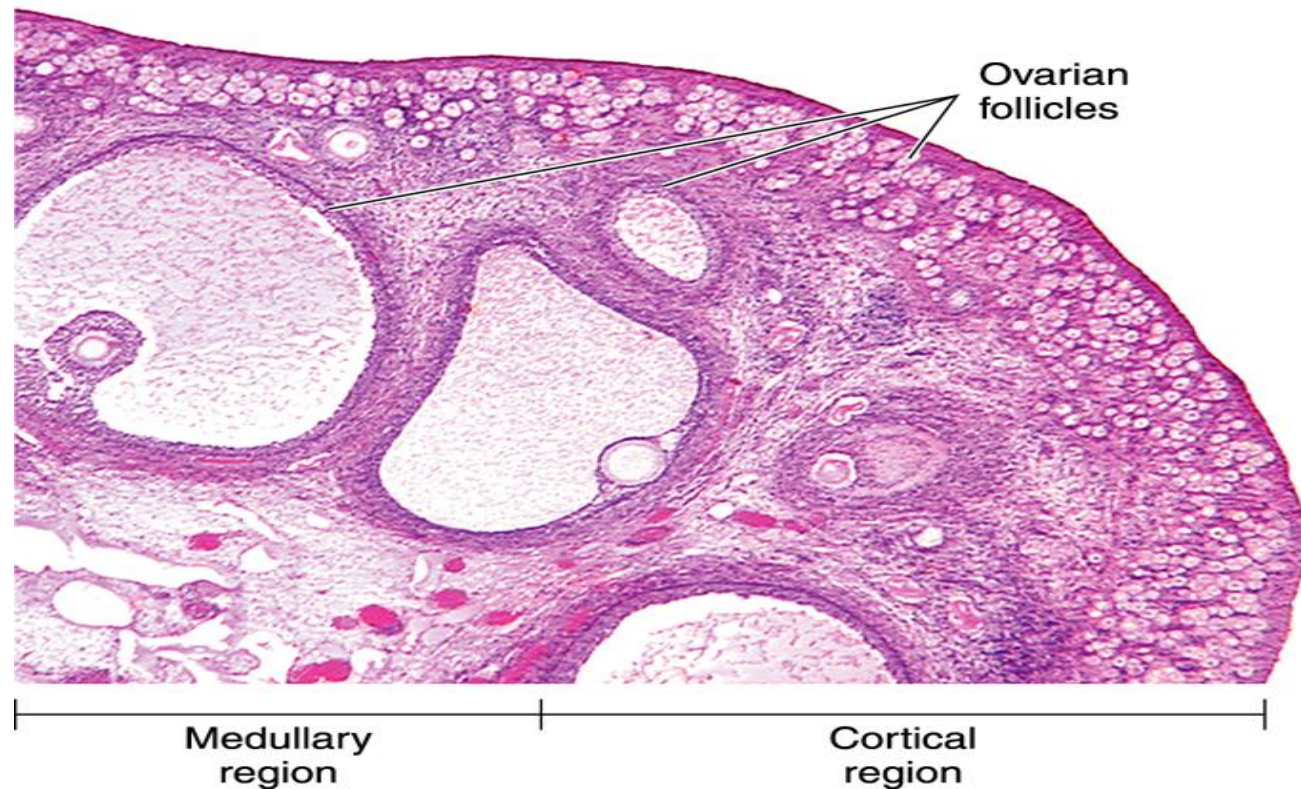
- Parenchyma

## 1-Cortex:

- wide outer region
- contain **ovarian follicles** at various stages of development & degeneration and separated by CT.

## 2-Medulla:

vascular C.T.



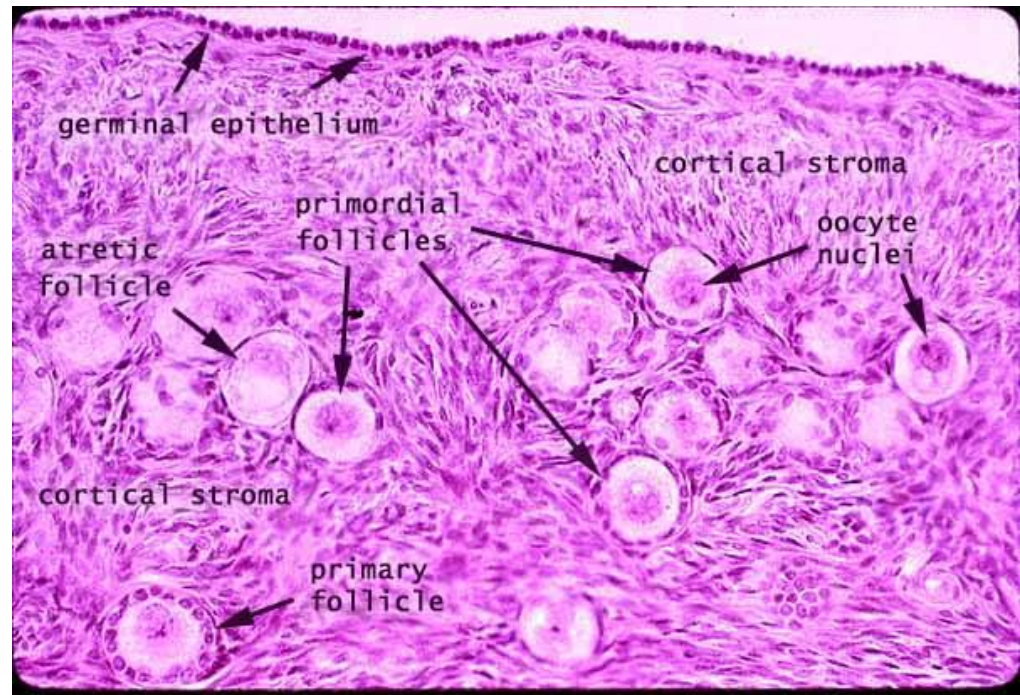
# Ovarian Follicles

**Site:** stroma (C.T) of the cortex

**Formation:**

*Follicle:* oocyte surrounded by follicular cells.

- About 400,000 follicles are present in the two ovaries of an adult female.
  - Only about 450 of them reach maturation and deliver ova during the fertile period.
  - The other follicles undergo degeneration forming **Atretic Follicles**.





# Ovarian follicles

**1. Primordial follicles**

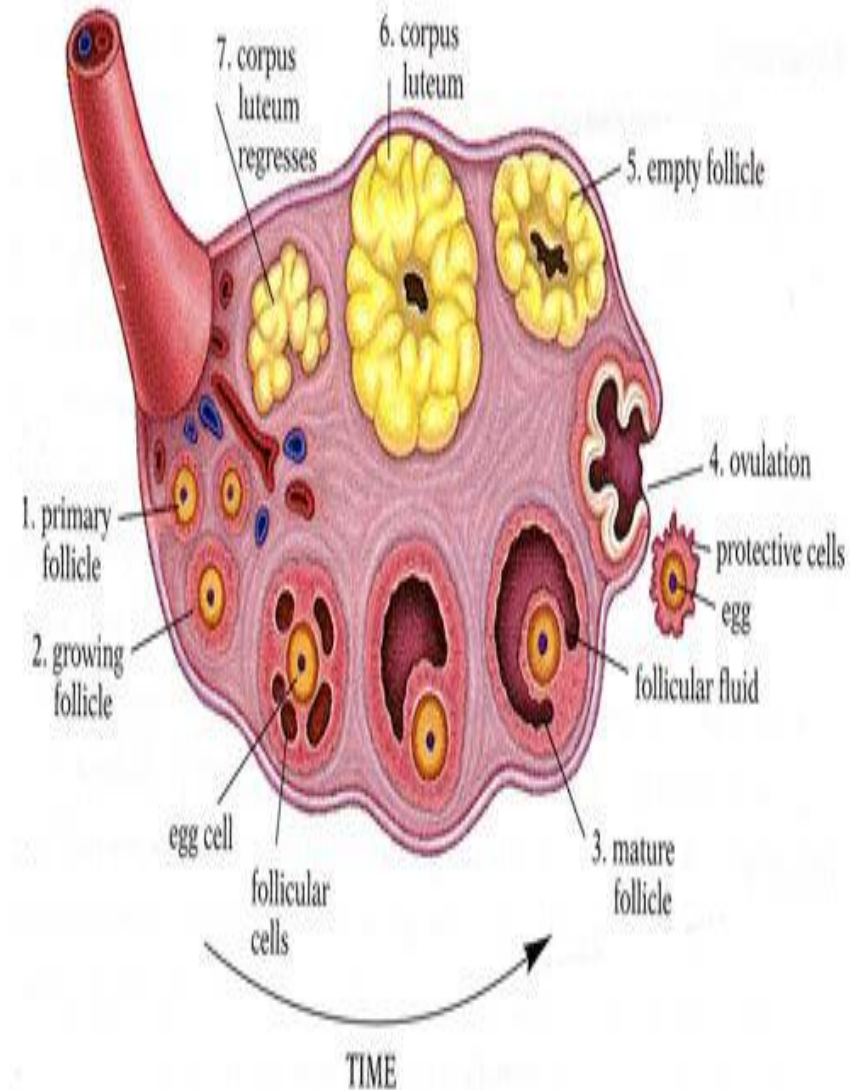
**2. Growing follicles:**

**1. 1ry (uni & multilaminar)**

**2. 2ry**

**3. Mature (Graafian)**

**4. Atretic follicles**

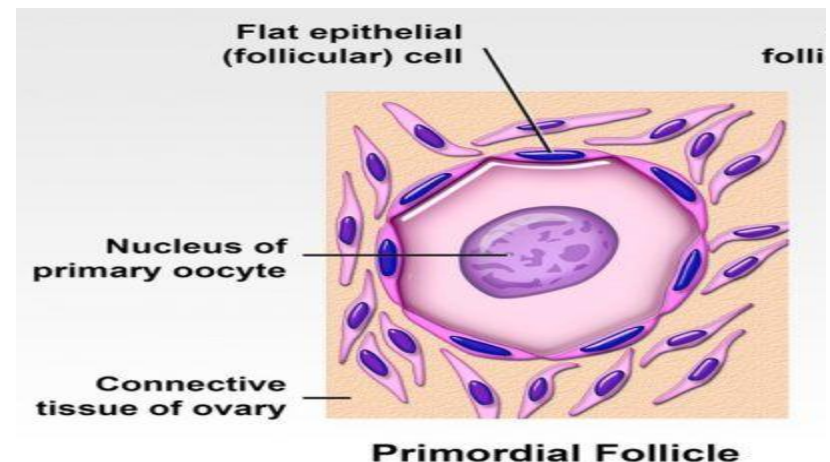


# Stages of follicular development

## 1-Primordial follicles

- Primary oocyte surrounded by single layer of flattened follicular cells.
- At puberty follicular stimulating hormone (FSH) of pituitary gland stimulates primordial follicles to grow.
- The follicular growth involves follicular cells, oocyte & stroma.

**Oocyte :** Primary oocyte  
**Follicular cells:** single layer of flat cells  
**Stromal CT:** Proliferate

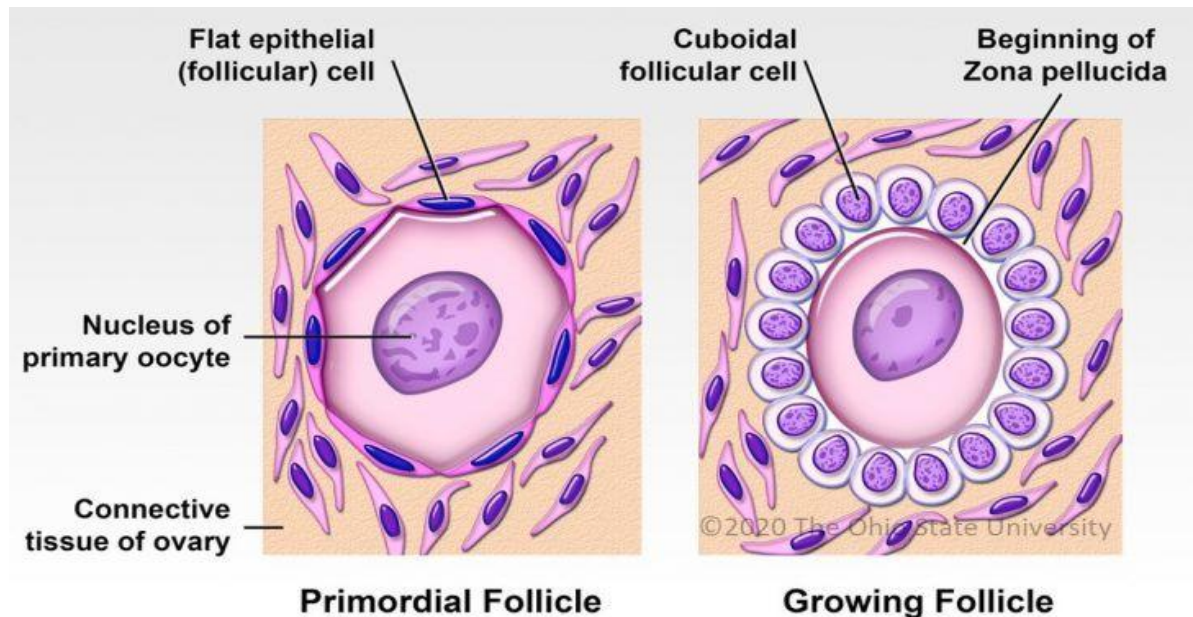


# 2-Growing follicles

## 1- Primary Ovarian follicle

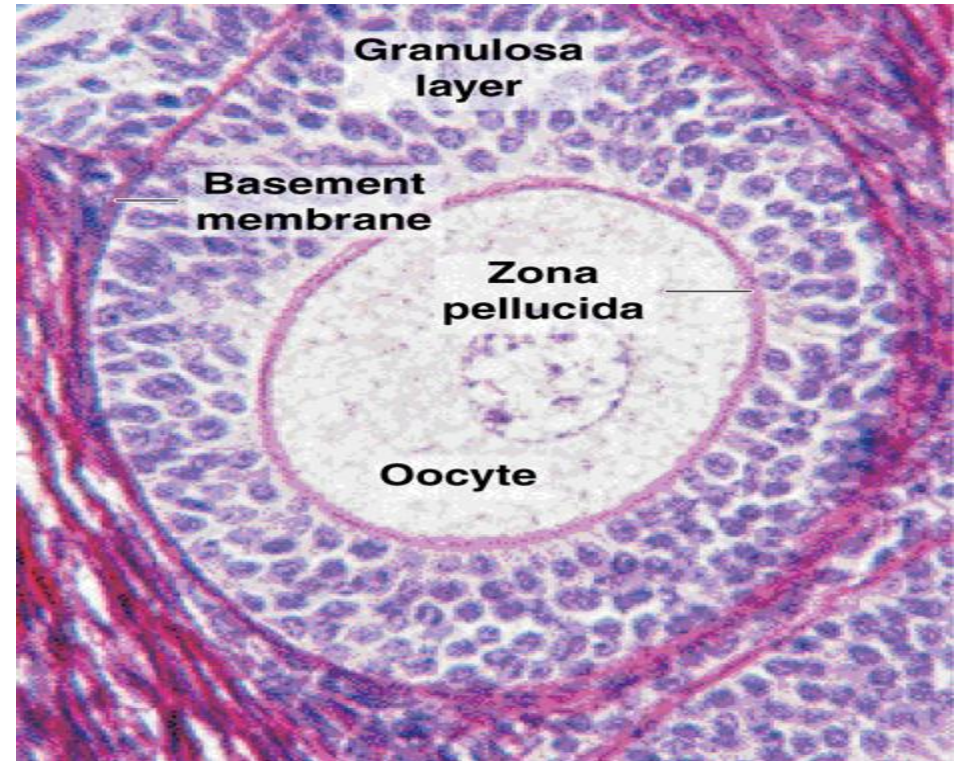
### Unilaminar

- **Oocyte:** increase in size.
- **Follicular cells:** single layer of cuboidal cells.



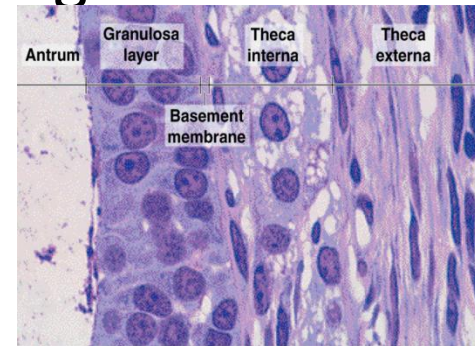
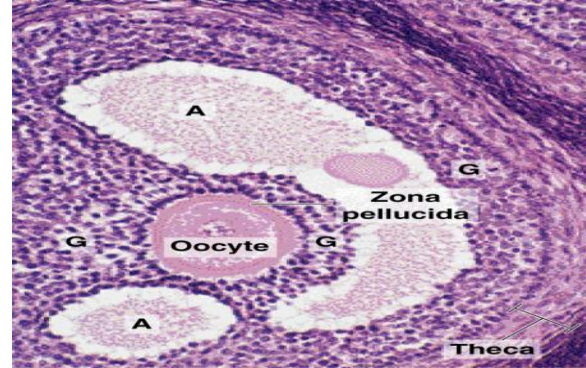
# Multilaminar

- **Oocyte:** continues to increase in size.
- **Zona pellucida:** thick coat of acidophilic, homogenous, surround the oocyte.
- **Follicular cells:** proliferate by mitosis forming stratified follicular epithelium (*granulosa layer*).
- **Stroma:** around follicle differentiates to *theca folliculi*.





- **2- Secondary Growing follicles (Antral follicles)**
- **Oocyte** reaches its maximum diameter (**150μm**).
- **Follicle** grows due to increase in number of follicular cells.
- **Follicular fluid** appear in **vesicles between cells** and unite forming a cavity called **Antrum**.
- **Theca folliculi** differentiates into:
  - 1-Theca interna:** steroid secreting cells → estrogen.
  - 2-Theca externa:** C.T.



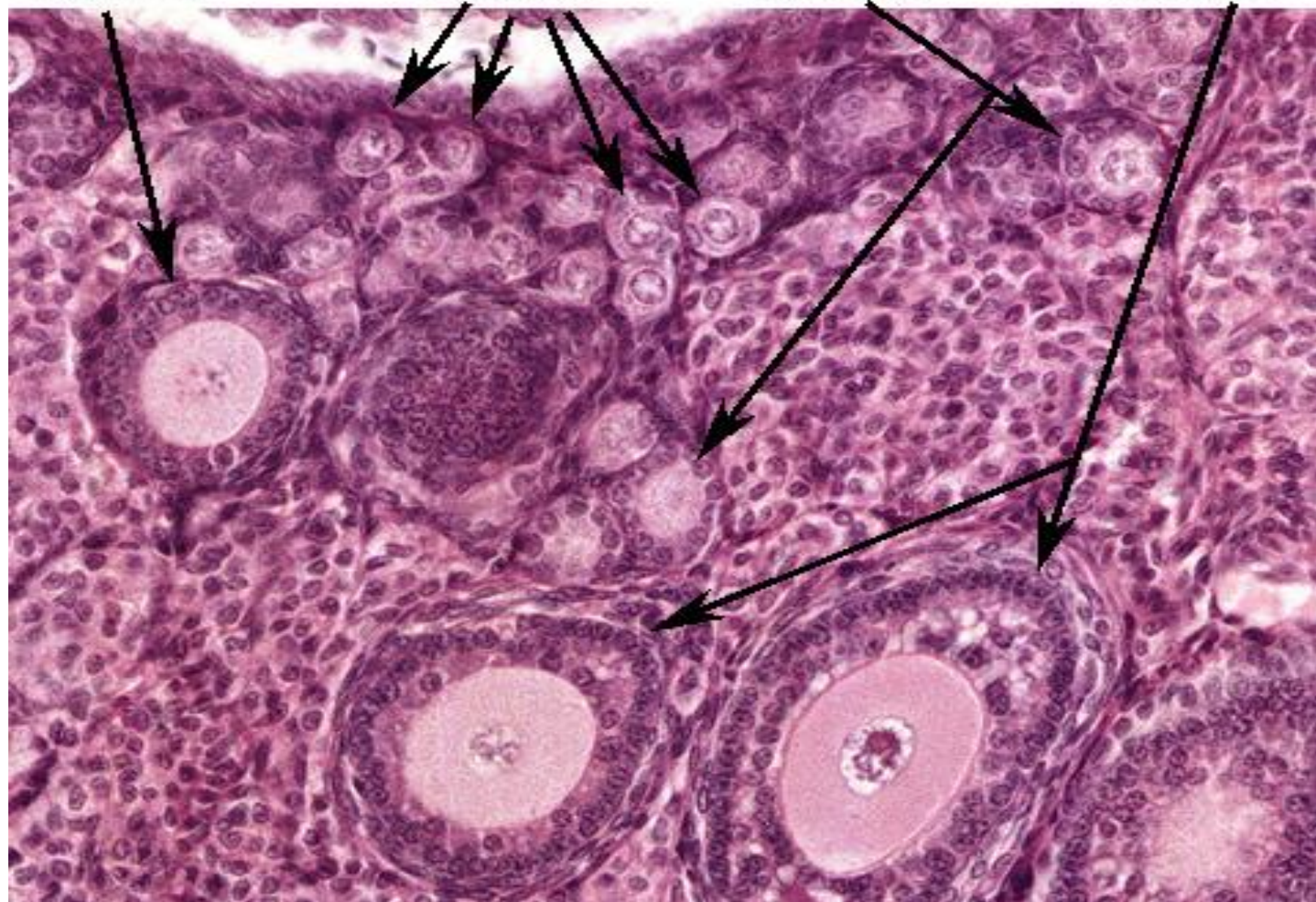
- No sharp boundary between the 2 theca layers or between them and ovarian stroma.
- However, a **thick basement membrane** is found between granulosa layer & theca interna.

**Primary  
Follicle**

**Primordial  
Follicle**

**Primary  
Follicle**

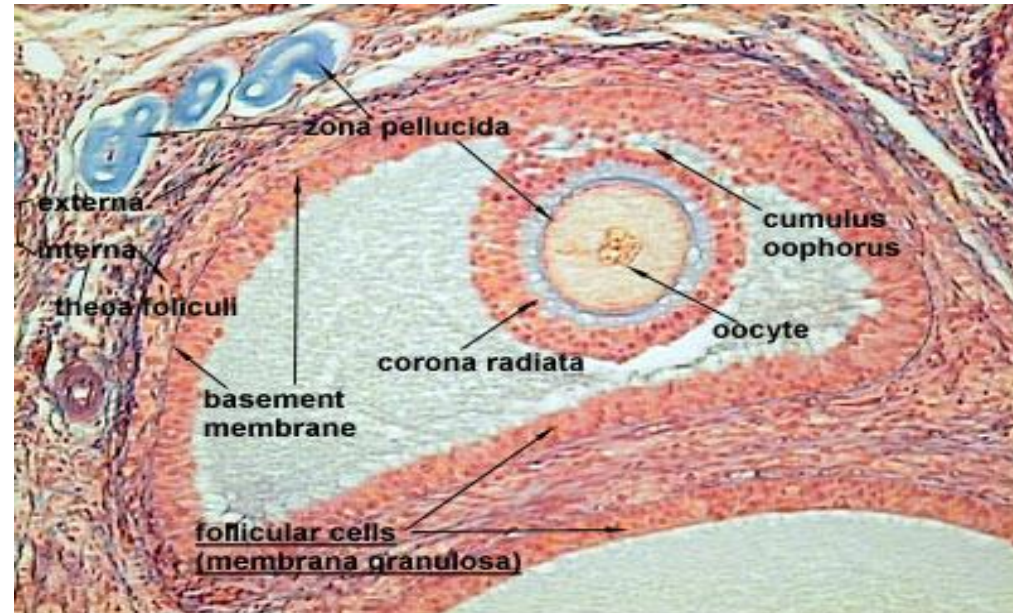
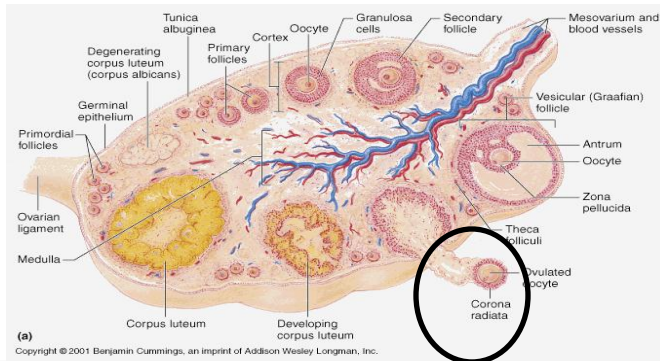
**Secondary  
Follicle**





### **3-Mature (Graafian) follicle:** Reaches up to 5 cm in diameter.

1. **Oocyte:** adheres to wall of follicle through pedicle of granulosa called **cumulus oophorus**. The first layer of granulosa cells around ovum form **corona radiata**
2. **Zona pellucida.**
3. **Corona radiata:** granulosa cells around oocyte.
4. **Cumulus oophorus:** pedicle connecting oocyte to granulosa layer.
5. **Follicular cavity:** increases in size forming single large cavity.
6. **Granulosa layer** becomes thinner forming ***membrana granulosa***.
7. **Basement membrane.**
8. **Graafian follicle** is surrounded by theca interna & theca externa.



The process of ovulation takes place in **middle** of menstrual cycle (14<sup>th</sup> day) by rupture of mature follicle and liberation of ovum accompanied by corona radiata

# Corpus Luteum

Ovulation results in collapse of wall of Graafian follicle which becomes **folded**.

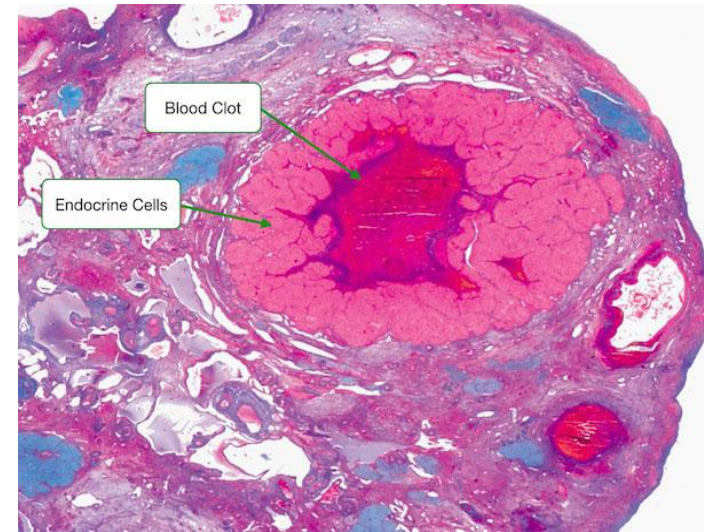
- The remaining structure form **temporary endocrine gland** called corpus luteum formed of the following layers:

## Granulosa Lutein Cells:

- Granulosa cells increase in size
- accumulate **lipochrome** pigment.
- They secrete **progesterone**

## Theca Lutein Cells:

- cells of theca interna give rise to small sized darkly stained cells.
- They secrete **estrogen**.

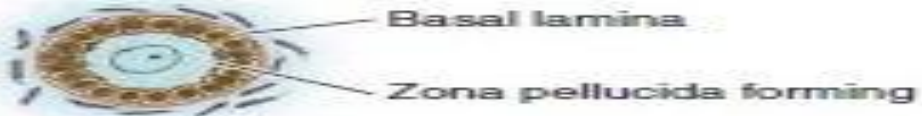




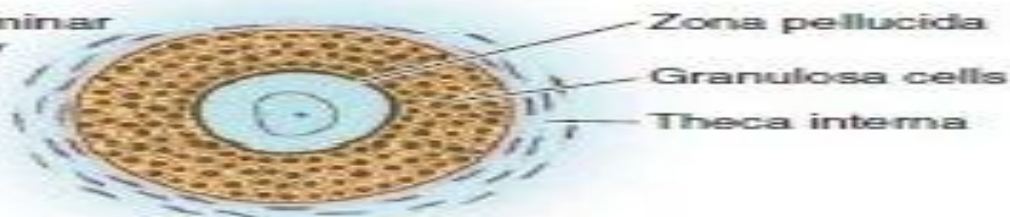
Primordial follicle



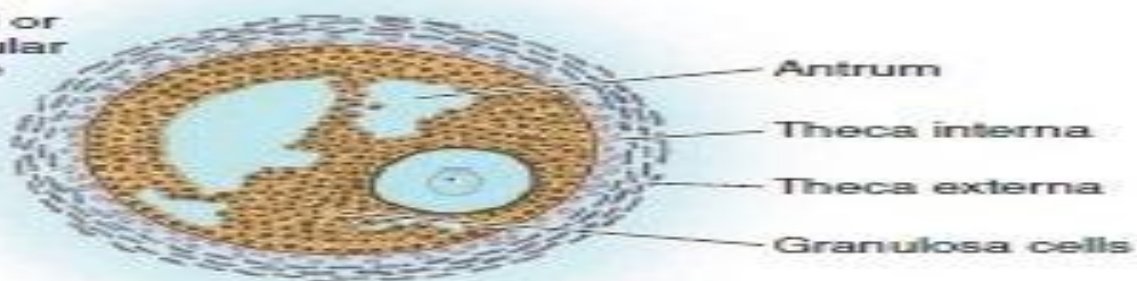
Unilaminar primary follicle



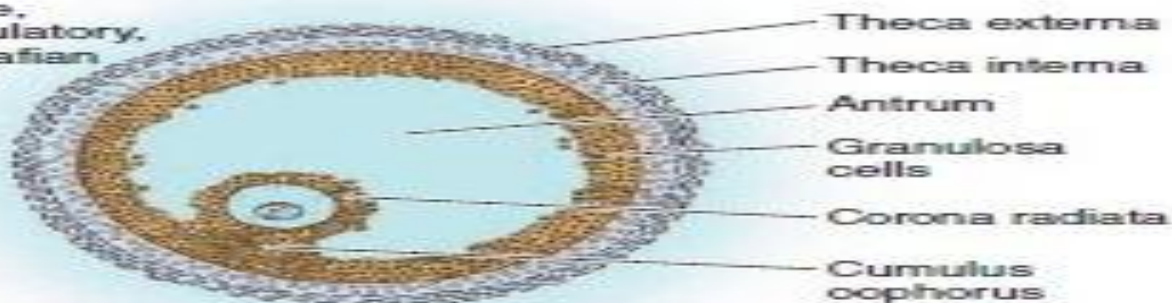
Multilaminar primary follicle



Antral or vesicular follicle



Mature, preovulatory, or graafian follicle



*Thank you*

