

# Epithelial Tissue

Epithelium is derived from all the 3 Embryonic layers.

- Epithelium creates a selective barrier between the external environment and the underlying connective tissue

- The cells predominate, they are closely apposed and adhere to one another by means of special junctions (Highly cellular)

- Their basal surface is attached to an underlying basement membrane



(Resting on basement membrane)  
ECM collagen + fibroblasts  
Basement membrane  
Interstitital fluid.

Embryonic layers: ectoderm, endoderm, mesoderm

\* Structural (Related to structure)

## General morphological signs of epithelial tissues

underlying connective tissue, part of basement membrane

Epithelial tissues are widespread throughout the body. They form the covering of all body surfaces, line body cavities and hollow organs, and are the major tissue in glands.

- 1) Cells are closely packed together. Esophagus, Digestive tract
- 2) Intercellular substance is reduced to a minimum. [minimal intercellular space.]

- 3) Cells rest on the basal lamina. [All Rest on basement membrane]
- 4) Polarity of epitheliocytes (in the epitheliocytes there are apical and basal poles). called avascular

- 5) All epithelia don't have blood vessels. They derive their nutrition from the blood vessels of underlying connective tissue.

- 6) Availability of intercellular junctions. [Junction Complex]

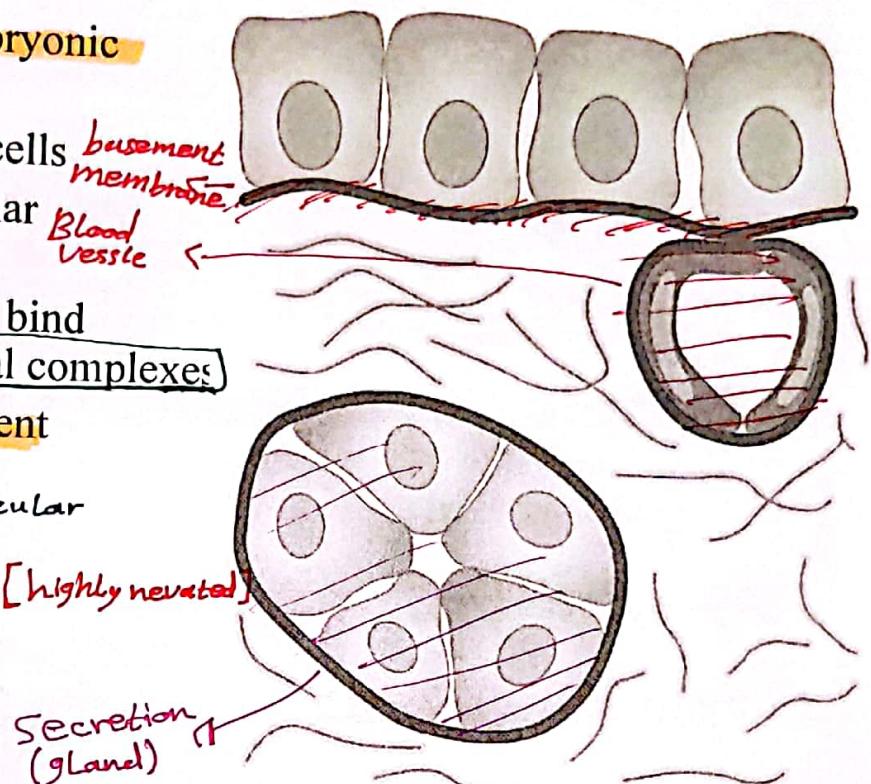
- 7) High ability to regeneration. Ex: Ulcer, trauma, injury

- 8) Derived from three embryonic layers

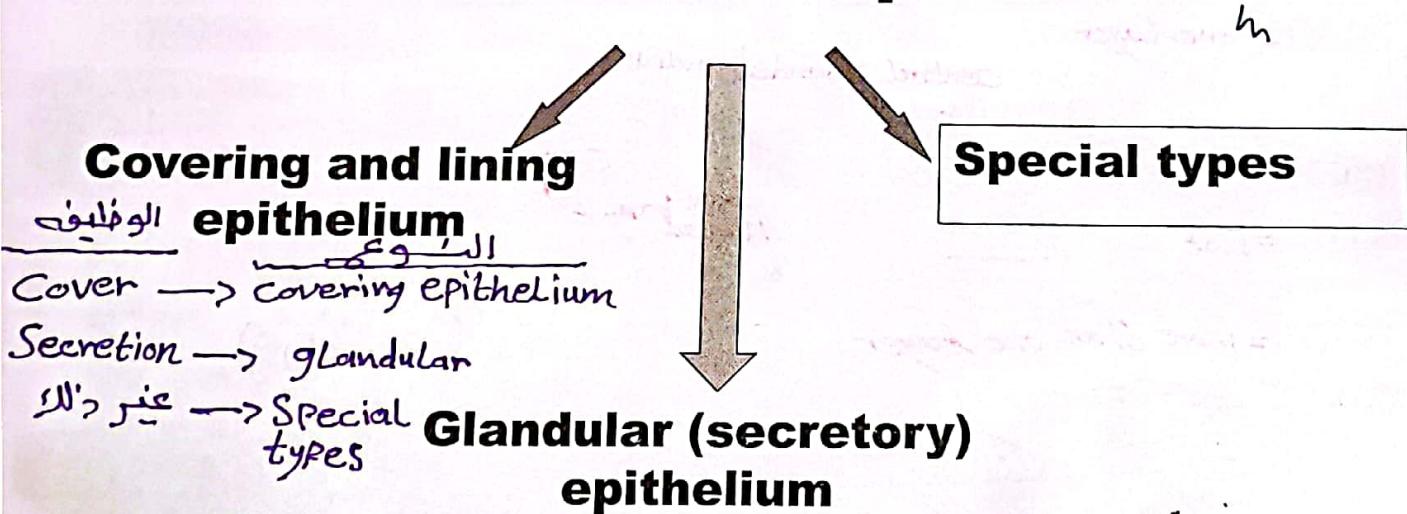
Ectoderm      mesoderm      Endoderm

# General features of epithelium

- Derived from **3 embryonic layers**.
- Closely aggregated cells
- Very little intercellular substances
- Regular shaped cells bind together by **junctional complexes**
- Basal lamina (**basement membrane**)
- Avascular\* ~~Not vascular~~
- Rich in nerve supply [**highly innervated**]
- High **renewal rate**  
*regeneration*



## Classification of epithelium



- Epithelium covers body surfaces, lines body cavities, and constitutes glands, therefore it is subdivided into lining, glandular and special types

# Classification of covering = lining epithelium

## Number of layers

### Simple

One layer of cells

### Stratified

More than one layer

## Shape of cells

### Squamous

### Cuboidal

### Columnar

### Pseudostratified

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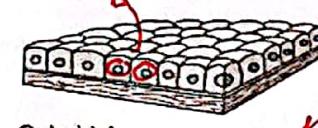
## (covering) Classification of lining epithelia

Simple = one layer



Squamous = Flat

central rounded nucleus



Cuboidal

oval basal nucleus

Columnar

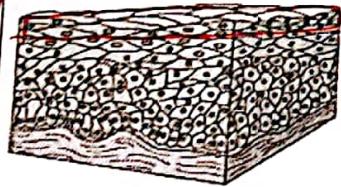
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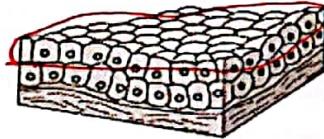
Pseudostratified columnar

Stratified

= more than one layer

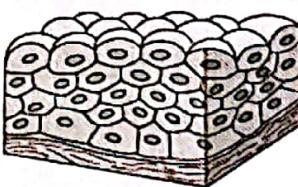


Squamous nonkeratinized

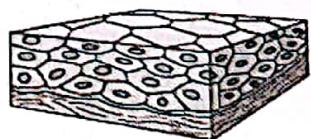


Cuboidal

Transitional

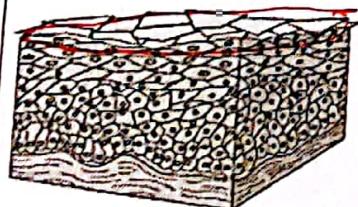


Transitional (relaxed)

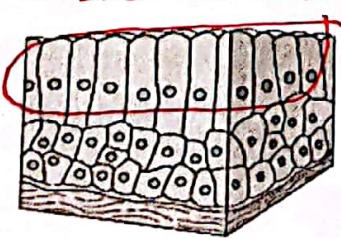


Transitional (distended)

Identified according to the most superficial layer (first layer)



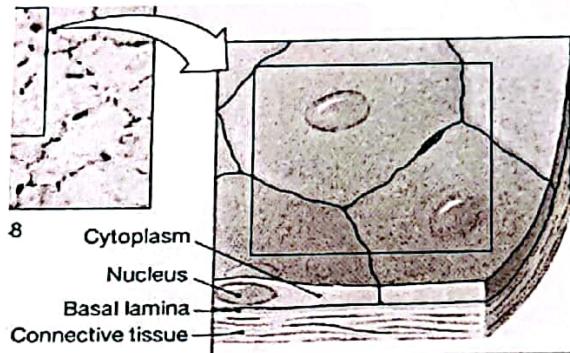
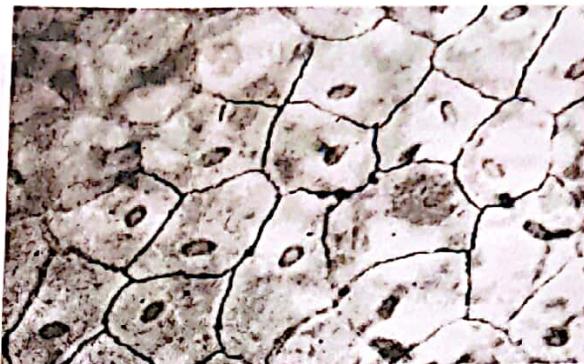
Keratinized



Columnar

# 1- Simple Squamous Epithelium

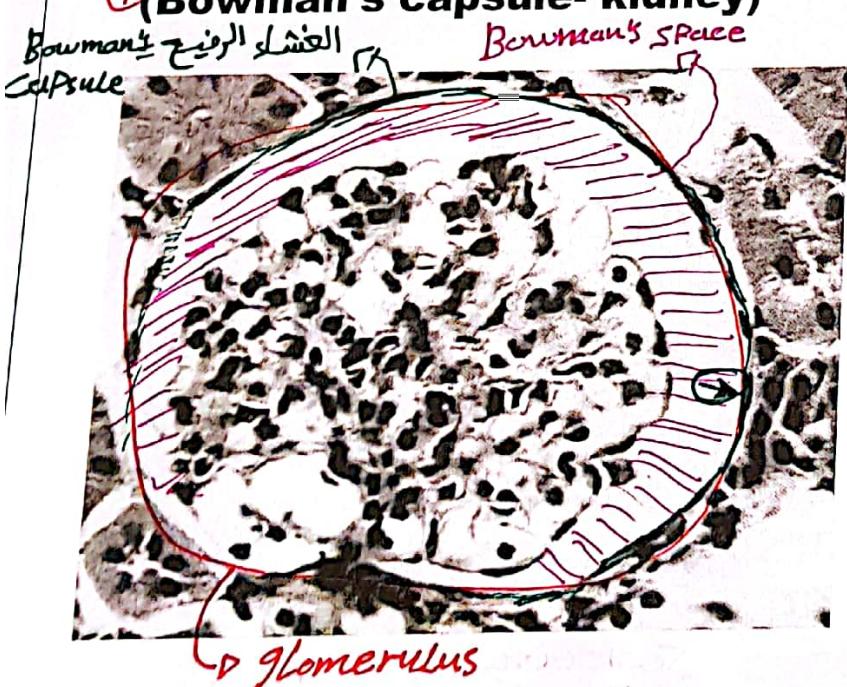
LM: very thin + smooth surface



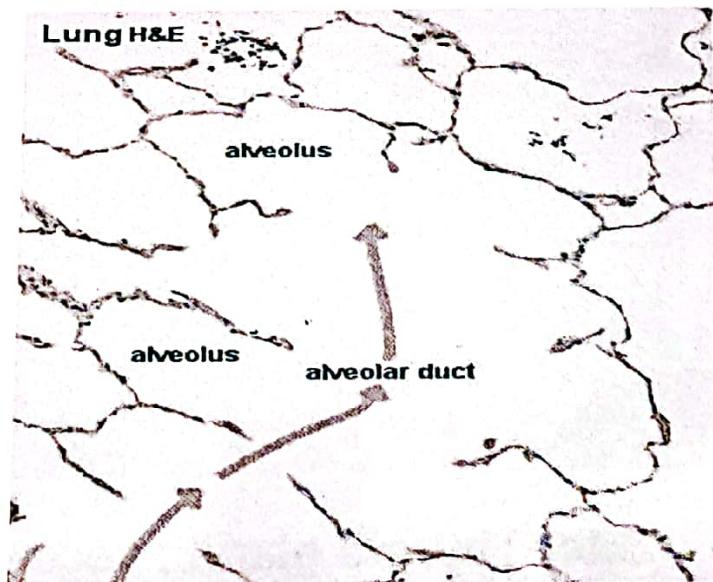
# 1- Simple Squamous Epithelium

is Found in :

① (Bowman's capsule- kidney)



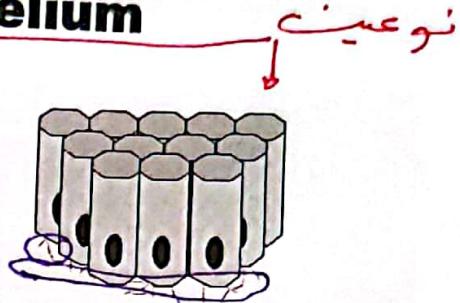
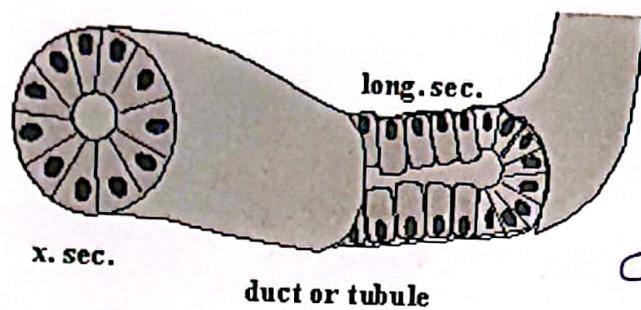
② (Lung alveoli)



Function: Filtration of blood

Function: gas exchange

### 3- Simple Columnar Epithelium



Ciliated = Cilia نوع

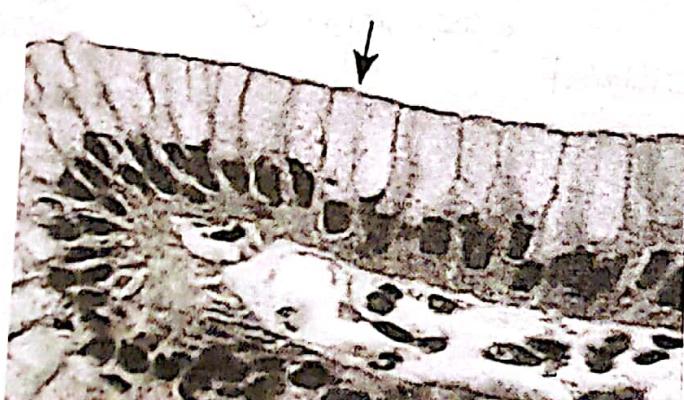
Cilia نوع  
Non-ciliated

#### Types:

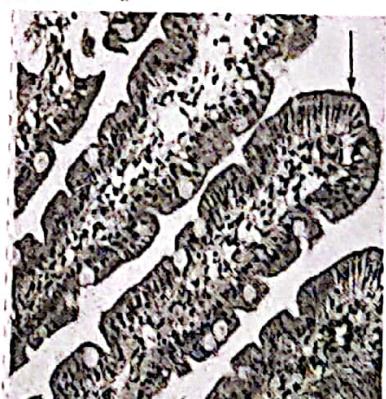
- a. Non ciliated → cilia
- b) Ciliated

### **Simple columnar epithelium (non ciliated)**

LM



Simple columnar



**Sites: ducts of glands: secretion  
digestive tract : absorption**

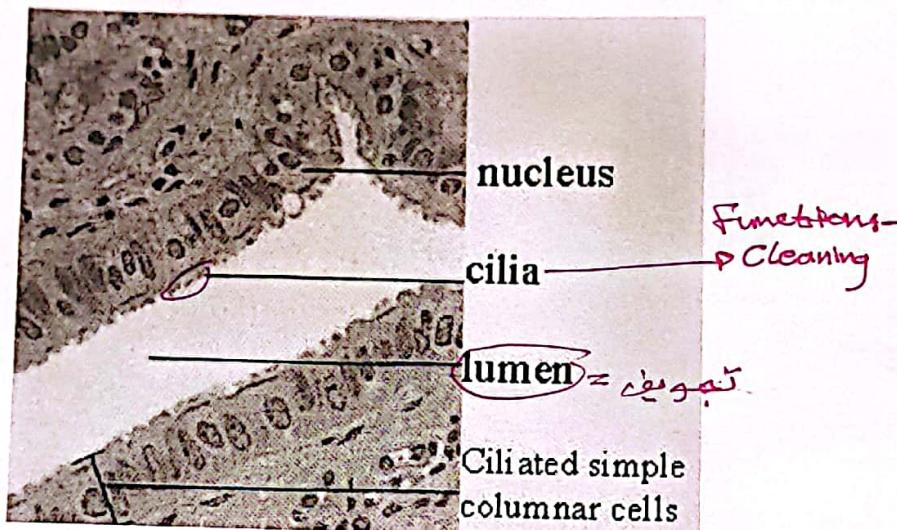
gastrointestinal tract

→ It has microvilli NOT cilia!

( apical on the apex, \* apical \*

bronchial respiratory tract & ciliated epithelium

## Simple columnar epithelium ciliated



Functions:  
Cleaning

Sites: uterus, oviduct & bronchiole of the lung  
Fallopian tube (movement of luminal contents)

Nose (nasal cavity) + nasopharynx + Larynx + trachea = Pseudostratified

respiratory epithelium

Columnar epithelium

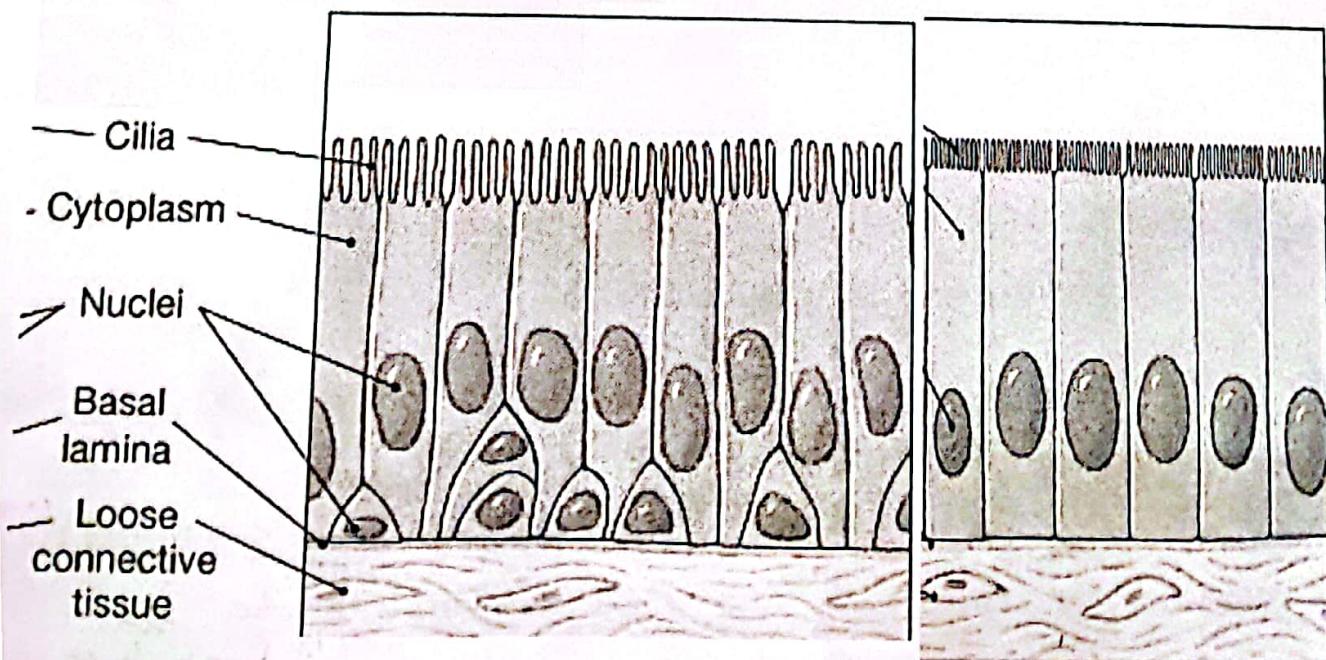
## 4- Pseudostratified columnar epithelium

False

epithelium

Confined for respiratory system  
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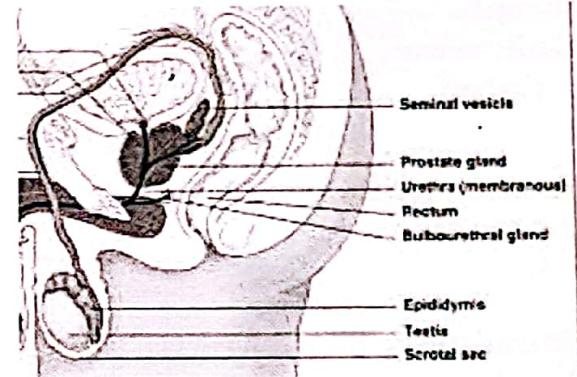
Ciliated



## Pseudostratified columnar epithelium non ciliated



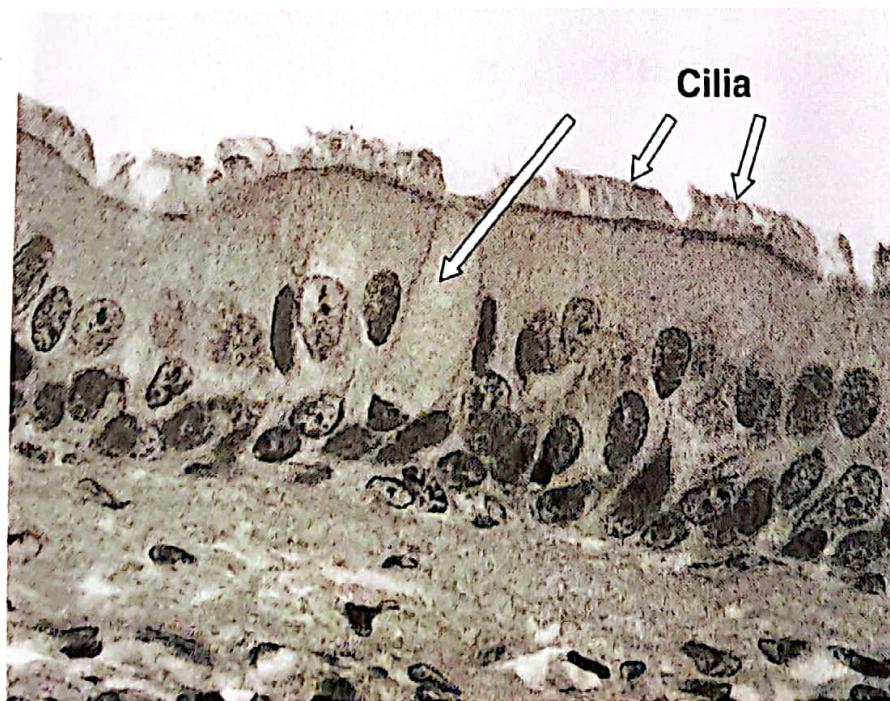
- Sites: Male genital tract – large ducts of glands: (secretion) *OF Sperm*



[الاحتياجات] Stereocilia (Sperm) short, non-ciliated, micrilli here is short and non-motile.  
Cilic → Long and motile

## Pseudostratified columnar epithelium ciliated

Sites: Nose- Trachea



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Type	Site	Function
<b>Simple Squamous</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bowman's capsule- kidney</li> <li>Lung alveoli</li> </ul>	Filteration
<b>Simple cuboidal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thyroid follicles</li> <li>Kidney tubules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretion</li> <li>Ions exchange</li> </ul>
<b>Simple Columnar non ciliated</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digestive tube</li> <li>Ducts of the glands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absorption</li> <li>Secretion</li> </ul>
<b>Simple Columnar ciliated</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>uterus, oviduct</li> <li>bronchiole of the lung</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Movement of luminal contents</li> </ul>
<b>Pseudostratified columnar ciliated</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nose- Trachea</li> </ul>	Movement of luminal contents
<b>Pseudostratified columnar non ciliated</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Male genital tract</li> <li>large ducts of glands</li> </ul>	Secretion

## 2- Stratified Epithelium

What cell is on the top layer?

- Classification according to shape of most superficial layer
- Stratified squamous epithelium
- Stratified cuboidal epithelium
- Stratified columnar epithelium
- Transitional epithelium

