# Human Anatomy & Physiology

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CHAPTER 5

The Integumentary System

## Skin (Integument)

- Consists of three major regions
  - 1. Epidermis—superficial region
  - 2. Dermis—middle region
  - 3. Hypodermis (superficial fascia)—deepest region
    - Subcutaneous layer deep to skin (not technically part of skin)
    - Mostly adipose tissue



## **Epidermis**

- Keratinized stratified squamous epithelium
- Cells of epidermis
  - Keratinocytes—produce fibrous protein keratin
  - Melanocytes 10–25% of cells in lower epidermis & Produce pigment melanin
  - Epidermal dendritic (Langerhan's) cells macrophages that help activate immune system
  - Tactile (Merkel) cells base of epidermis; associated with nerve endings of the dermis; touch receptors
  - Strongly held together by desmosomes
  - Basement layer attaching it to the dermis

Layers of the Epidermis **Stratum Basale** Stratum Spinosum **StratumGranulosum** StratumLucidum (thick skin only) Stratum Corneum



#### Stratum corneum

Most superficial layer; 20–30 layers of dead cells represented only by flat membranous sacs filled with keratin. Glycolipids in extracellular space.

#### Stratum granulosum

Three to five layers of flattened cells, organelles deteriorating; cytoplasm full of lamellated granules (release lipids) and keratohyaline granules.

#### Stratum spinosum

Several layers of keratinocytes unified by desmosomes. Cells contain thick bundles of intermediate filaments made of pre-keratin. Stratum basale

Deepest epidermal layer; one row of actively mitotic stem cells; some newly formed cells become part of the more superficial layers. See occasional melanocytes and epidermal dendritic cells.

## Layers of the Epidermis: Stratum Basale (Basal Layer)

- Deepest epidermal layer firmly attached to the wavy papillae layer of the dermis
- Single row of stem cells
- Also called stratum germinativum: cells undergo rapid division
- Merkel cells & melanocytes
- Journey from basal layer to surface
  - Takes 25–45 days

## Layers of the Epidermis: Stratum Spinosum (Prickly Layer)

- Cells contain a weblike system of intermediate prekeratin filaments attached to desmosomes
- Abundant melanin granules (transferred from the melanocytes of the basal layer)
- Langerhans' cells (dendritic cells)

## Layers of the Epidermis: Stratum Granulosum (Granular Layer)

- Thin; three to five cell layers in which the cells flatten (squamos)
- Nucleus & organelles begin disintegrate; cells begin die; keratinocytes begin to "toughen up"
- Keratohyaline (protein called keratin)
- Lamellated granules (glycolipid)
- Plasma membranes thicken cytosol proteins bind to inner membrane wall

## Layers of the Epidermis: Stratum Lucidum (Clear Layer; Not shown in diagram)

- In thick skin
- Palms of hands and soles of feet
- Thin, transparent band superficial to the stratum granulosum
- A few rows of flat, dead keratinocytes

## Layers of the Epidermis: Stratum Corneum (Horny Layer)

- 20–30 rows of dead, flat (squamos), keratinized membranous sacs (cell remnants)
- Shingle-like arrangement
- Three-quarters of the epidermal thickness
- Protects from abrasion (keratohyaline) and penetration
- Waterproofs (lamellated granules)
- Barrier against biological, chemical, and physical assaults

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Melanin granule – Melanocyte –



Keratinocytes

#### Sensory

nerve ending / Epidermal Tactile dendritic cell (Merkel) cell

#### Dermis

- Strong, flexible connective tissue
- Cells include fibroblasts, macrophages, and occasionally mast cells and white blood cells
- Two layers:
  - Papillary
  - Reticular



#### Layers of the Dermis: Papillary Layer

#### Papillary layer

- Areolar connective tissue with collagen and elastic fibers and blood vessels
- Dermal papillae contain: (capillary loops, areolar connective tissue, pain receptors, dermal ridges, Meissner's corpuscles, wavey, capillaries, free nerve endings

#### Layers of the Dermis: Reticular Layer

- Reticular layer
  - ~80% of the thickness of dermis
  - Dense irregular connective tissue (collagen fibers provide strength and resiliency, elastic fibers provide stretch-recoil properties)
    - Cleavage lines, flexure lines, Pacinian corpuscles (pressure receptors)

### **Skin Markings: Friction Ridges**

 Epidermal ridges lie atop deeper dermal papillary ridges to form friction ridges of fingerprints



### **Skin Markings: Cleavage Lines**

- Collagen fibers arranged in bundles form cleavage (tension) lines
- Incisions made parallel to cleavage lines heal more readily



#### **Skin Color**

- Three pigments contribute to skin color:
  1. Melanin
  - Yellow to reddish-brown to black, responsible for dark skin colors
    - Produced in melanocytes; migrates to keratinocytes where it forms "pigment shields" for nuclei
    - Freckles and pigmented moles
      - Local accumulations of melanin

#### **Skin Color**

#### 2. Carotene

- Yellow to orange, most obvious in the palms and soles, from foods
- 3. Hemoglobin
  - Responsible for the pinkish hue of skin

### **Appendages of the Skin**

### Derivatives of the epidermis

- Sweat glands
- Oil glands
- Hairs and hair follicles
- Nails

#### Sweat Glands (sudoriferous)

- Two main types of sweat (sudoriferous) glands
  - 1. Eccrine (merocrine) sweat glands—abundant on palms, soles, and forehead
    - Sweat: 99% water, NaCl, vitamin C, antibodies, dermcidin, metabolic wastes
    - Ducts connect to pores
    - Function in thermoregulation



sectioned eccrine gland (220x)

#### Sweat Glands (sudoriferous)

- 2. Apocrine sweat glands —confined to axillary and anogenital areas
  - Sebum: sweat + fatty substances and proteins
  - Ducts connect to hair follicles
  - Functional from puberty onward (as sexual scent glands?)
- Specialized apocrine glands
  - Ceruminous glands—in external ear canal; secrete cerumen
  - Mammary glands

## Sebaceous (Oil) Glands (holocrine)

- Widely distributed
- Most develop from hair follicles
- Become active at puberty
- Sebum
  - Oily holocrine secretion
  - Bactericidal
  - Softens hair and skin

#### Dermal connective tissue



sebaceous gland (220x)

**Sebaceous** 

gland

**Sebaceous** gland duct Hair in hair follicle Secretory cells

**Eccrine** gland

**Sweat** 

pore

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### Hair

#### Functions

- Alerting the body to presence of insects on the skin
- Guarding the scalp against physical trauma, heat loss, and sunlight
- Distribution
  - Entire surface except palms, soles, lips, nipples, and portions of external genitalia

#### Hair

- Consists of dead keratinized cells
- Contains hard keratin; more durable than soft keratin of skin
- Shape of the shaft determines hair texture
- Hair pigments: melanins (yellow, rust brown, black)
  - Gray/white hair: decreased melanin production, increased air bubbles in shaft

#### Hair shaft —

Arrector pili Sebaceous gland Hair root Hair bulb

#### Follicle wall

- Connective tissue root sheath
  - Glassy membrane
- External epithelial root sheath
- Internal epithelial root sheath
   Hair
- • Cuticle
- • Cortex
- • Medulla

(a) Diagram of a cross section of a hair within its follicle



#### Hair Follicle

- Extends from the epidermal surface into dermis
- Two-layered wall: outer connective tissue root sheath, inner epithelial root sheath
- Hair bulb: expanded deep end

#### Hair Follicle

- Hair follicle receptor (root hair plexus)
  - Sensory nerve endings around each hair bulb
    - Stimulated by bending a hair
- Arrector pili
  - Smooth muscle attached to follicle
  - Responsible for "goose bumps"





#### **Types of Hair**

- Vellus—pale, fine body hair of children and adult females
- Terminal—coarse, long hair of eyebrows, scalp, axillary, and pubic regions (and face and neck of males)

### **Types of Hair**

#### Hair Growth

- Growth phase (weeks to years) followed by regressive stage and resting phase (1–3 months)
- Growth phase varies (6–10 years in scalp, 3–4 months in eyebrows)

### **Hair Thinning and Baldness**

- Alopecia—hair thinning in both sexes after age 40
- True (frank or pattern baldness) baldness
  - Genetically determined and sex-influenced condition
  - Male pattern baldness is caused by follicular response to DHT

#### **Structure of a Nail**

 Scalelike modification of the epidermis on the distal, dorsal surface of fingers and toes



- 1. Protection—three types of barriers
  - Chemical
    - Low pH secretions (acid mantle) and defensins retard bacterial activity

- Physical/mechanical barriers
  - Keratin and glycolipids block most water and water- soluble substances
  - Limited penetration of skin by lipid-soluble substances, plant oleoresins (e.g., poison ivy), organic solvents, salts of heavy metals, some drugs
- Biological barriers
  - Dendritic cells, macrophages, and DNA

- 2. Body temperature regulation
  - ~500 ml/day of routine insensible perspiration (at normal body temperature)
  - At elevated temperature, dilation of dermal vessels and increased sweat gland activity (sensible perspirations) cool the body
- 3. Cutaneous sensations
  - Temperature, touch, and pain

- 4. Metabolic functions
  - Synthesis of vitamin D precursor and collagenase
  - Chemical conversion of carcinogens and some hormones
- Blood reservoir—up to 5% of body's blood volume
- 6. Excretion—nitrogenous wastes and salt in sweat

#### **Skin Cancer**

- Most skin tumors are benign (do not metastasize)
- Risk factors
  - Overexposure to UV radiation
  - Frequent irritation of the skin
- Some skin lotions contain enzymes in liposomes that can fix damaged DNA

#### **Skin Cancer**

- Three major types:
  - Basal cell carcinoma
    - Least malignant, most common
  - Squamous cell carcinoma
    - Second most common
  - Melanoma
    - Most dangerous

#### **Basal Cell Carcinoma**

- Stratum basale cells proliferate and slowly invade dermis and hypodermis
- Cured by surgical excision in 99% of cases



#### (a) Basal cell carcinoma

### **Squamous Cell Carcinoma**

- Involves keratinocytes of stratum spinosum
- Most common on scalp, ears, lower lip, and hands
- Good prognosis if treated by radiation therapy or removed surgically



#### (b) Squamous cell carcinoma

#### Melanoma

- Involves melanocytes
- Highly metastatic and resistant to chemotherapy
- Treated by wide surgical excision accompanied by immunotherapy

#### Melanoma

- Characteristics (ABCDE rule)
  - A: Asymmetry; the two sides of the pigmented area do not match
  - **B:** Border exhibits indentations
  - C: Color is black, brown, tan, and sometimes red or blue
  - D: Diameter is larger than 6 mm (size of a pencil eraser)
  - E: Elevation



#### (c) Melanoma

• Heat, electricity, radiation, certain chemicals  $\downarrow$ 

#### Burn

(tissue damage, denatured protein, cell death)

- Immediate threat:
  - Dehydration and electrolyte imbalance, leading to renal shutdown and circulatory shock

#### **Rule of Nines**

 Used to estimate the volume of fluid loss from burns



#### **Partial-Thickness Burns**

#### • First degree

- Epidermal damage only
  - Localized redness, edema (swelling), and pain
- Second degree
  - Epidermal and upper dermal damage
    - Blisters appear



(a) Skin bearing partial thickness burn (1st and 2nd degree burns)

#### **Full-Thickness Burns**

#### • Third degree

- Entire thickness of skin damaged
  - Gray-white, cherry red, or black
  - No initial edema or pain (nerve endings destroyed)
  - Skin grafting usually necessary



(b) Skin bearing full thickness burn (3rd degree burn)

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#### **Severity of Burns**

- Critical if:
  - >25% of the body has second-degree burns
  - >10% of the body has third-degree burns
  - Face, hands, or feet bear third-degree burns

#### **Developmental Aspects: Fetal**

- Ectoderm  $\rightarrow$  epidermis
- Mesoderm  $\rightarrow$  dermis and hypodermis
- Lanugo coat: covering of delicate hairs in 5th and 6th month
- Vernix caseosa: sebaceous gland secretion; protects skin of fetus

### Developmental Aspects: Adolescent to Adult

- Sebaceous gland activity increases
- Effects of cumulative environmental assaults show after age 30
- Scaling and dermatitis become more common

#### **Developmental Aspects: Old Age**

- Epidermal replacement slows, skin becomes thin, dry, and itchy
- Subcutaneous fat and elasticity decrease, leading to cold intolerance and wrinkles
- Increased risk of cancer due to decreased numbers of melanocytes and dendritic cells