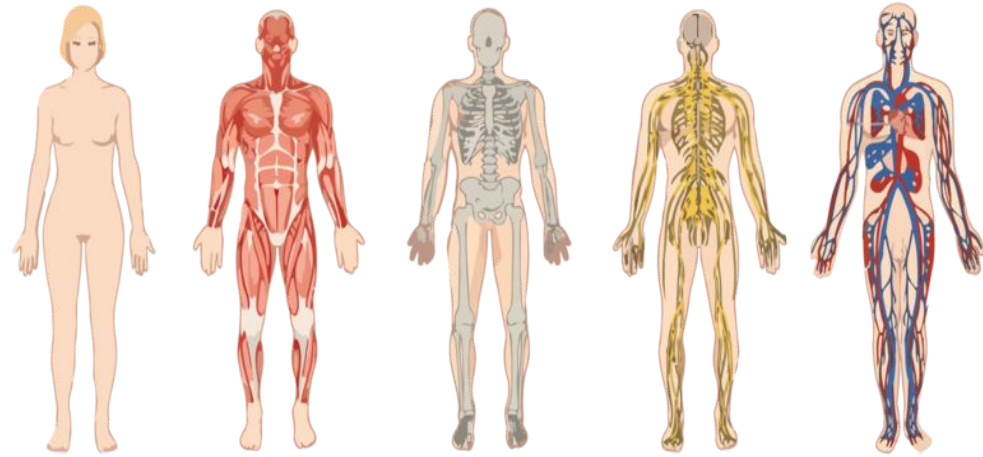
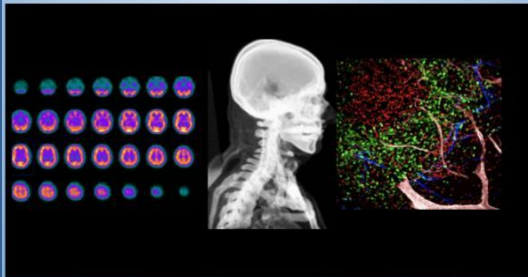


# Organization and Homeostasis of the Human Body: Levels of Organization & Organ Systems

Introduction to Human Anatomy  
& Physiology: A Multilingual  
Approach

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# Lesson 1: Levels of Organization and Organ System Overview

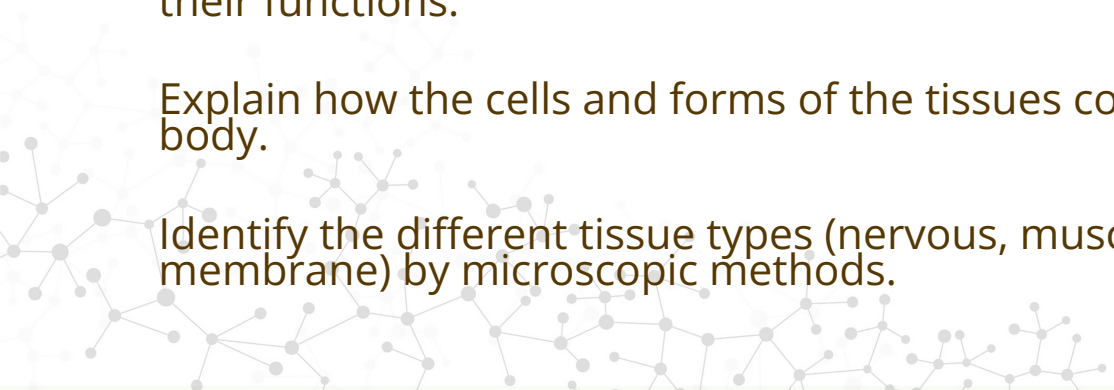
## Learning Objectives:

Define, in order from simplest (chemical) to most complex (organismal), the major levels of structural organization in the human organism.

Utilize systemic and regional approaches to relate gross anatomical structures to their functions.

Explain how the cells and forms of the tissues contribute to their function in the body.

Identify the different tissue types (nervous, muscle, connective, epithelial, and membrane) by microscopic methods.

A decorative graphic of a molecular structure, consisting of a network of grey dots (atoms) connected by thin grey lines (bonds), extending across the bottom of the slide. Below this graphic are three horizontal bars: a light yellow bar on the left, a light blue bar in the middle, and a light blue bar on the right.

# See the Body Organization & Homeostasis Wordlist!

- Can be found in accompanying materials to this lecture
- Materials are available in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Filipino, East African French, Kiswahili (Swahili) and Chinese.

## Module 1 Body Organization and Homeostasis Word List

### Body Planes/Sections

Coronal  
Oblique  
Sagittal  
Transverse

### Directional Terms

Anterior vs Posterior  
Deep vs Superficial  
Distal vs Proximal  
Dorsal vs Ventral  
Inferior vs Superior  
Lateral vs Medial

### Body Regions

Abdominal  
Acromial  
Antecubital  
Axillary  
Brachial  
Buccal  
Carpal  
Cephalic  
Cervical  
Coxal  
Crural  
Cranial  
Digital  
Facial  
Femoral  
Fibular  
Frontal  
Genital  
Gluteal  
Hallux  
Inguinal  
Lumbar  
Mammary  
Mental  
Nasal  
Occipital  
Oral  
Orbital/Ocular

Otic  
Palmar  
Patellar  
Pectoral  
Pedal  
Pelvic  
Perineal  
Plantar  
Popliteal  
Pollex  
Pubic  
Sacral  
Sternal  
Tarsal  
Thoracic  
Umbilical  
Vertebral

### Cavities

Dorsal Cavity  
Cranial Cavity  
Spinal Cavity  
Ventral Cavity  
Thoracic Cavity  
Mediastinum  
Pericardial Cavity  
Pleural Cavity  
Abdominopelvic Cavity  
Abdominal Cavity  
Pelvic Cavity

### Membranes

Visceral vs Parietal  
Peritoneum

### Body Systems (general function)

Cardiovascular System  
Digestive System  
Endocrine System  
Integumentary System  
Lymphatic/Immune System

Muscular System  
Nervous System  
Reproductive System  
Respiratory System  
Skeletal System  
Urinary System

### Homeostasis

Control Center  
Homeostasis  
Effector  
Negative Feedback  
Positive Feedback  
Receptor  
Set Point

### General Terminology

Anatomy  
Gross Anatomy  
Microscopic Anatomy  
Regional Anatomy  
Systemic Anatomy  
Physiology

### Techniques

Palpation  
Auscultation  
Percussion

# Levels of Structural Organization:

1. Atoms
2. Cells
3. Tissues
4. Organs
5. Organ systems
6. Organisms

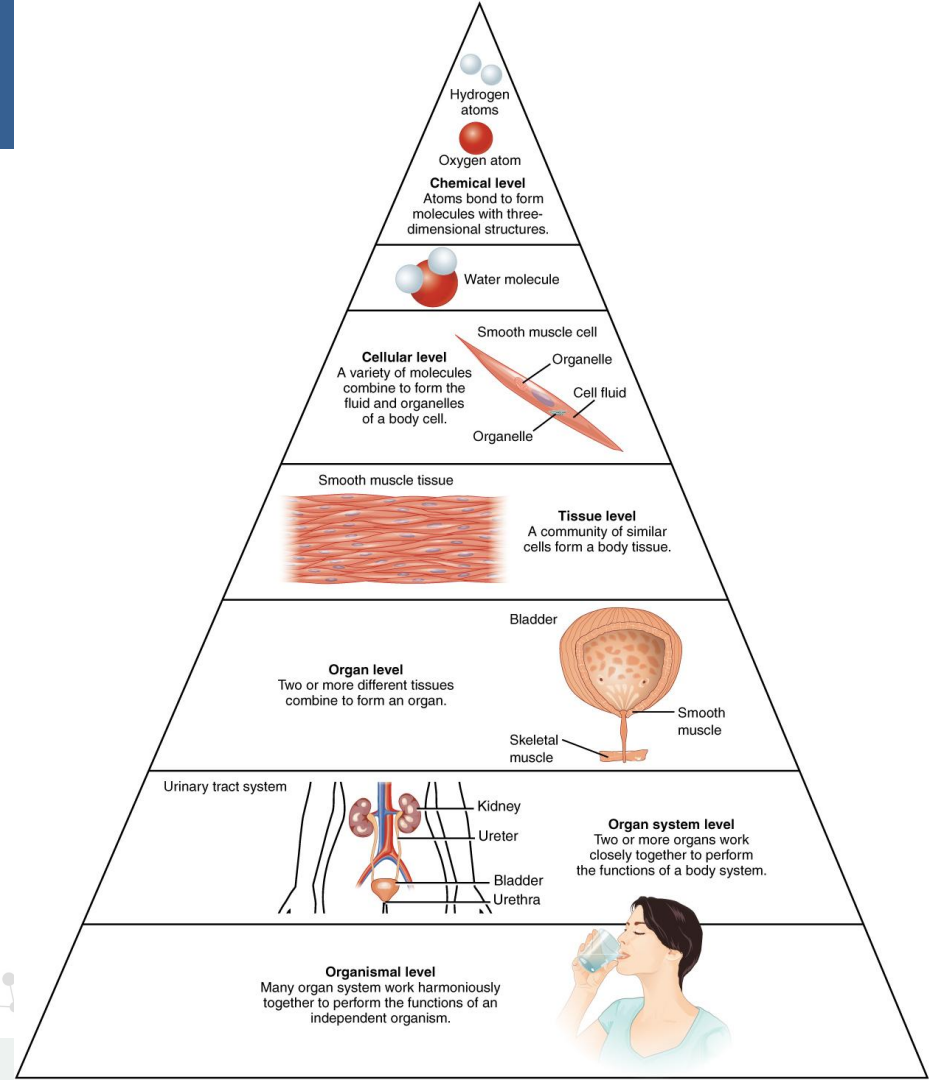


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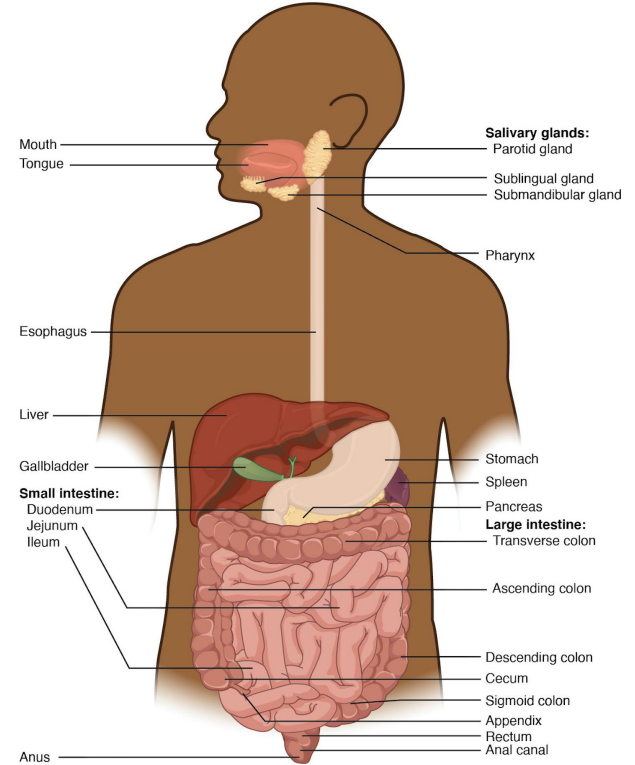
# Anatomy = Structure

**Gross anatomy** = easily observable structures

Surface  
anatomy

Systemic  
anatomy

Regional  
anatomy



## Digestive

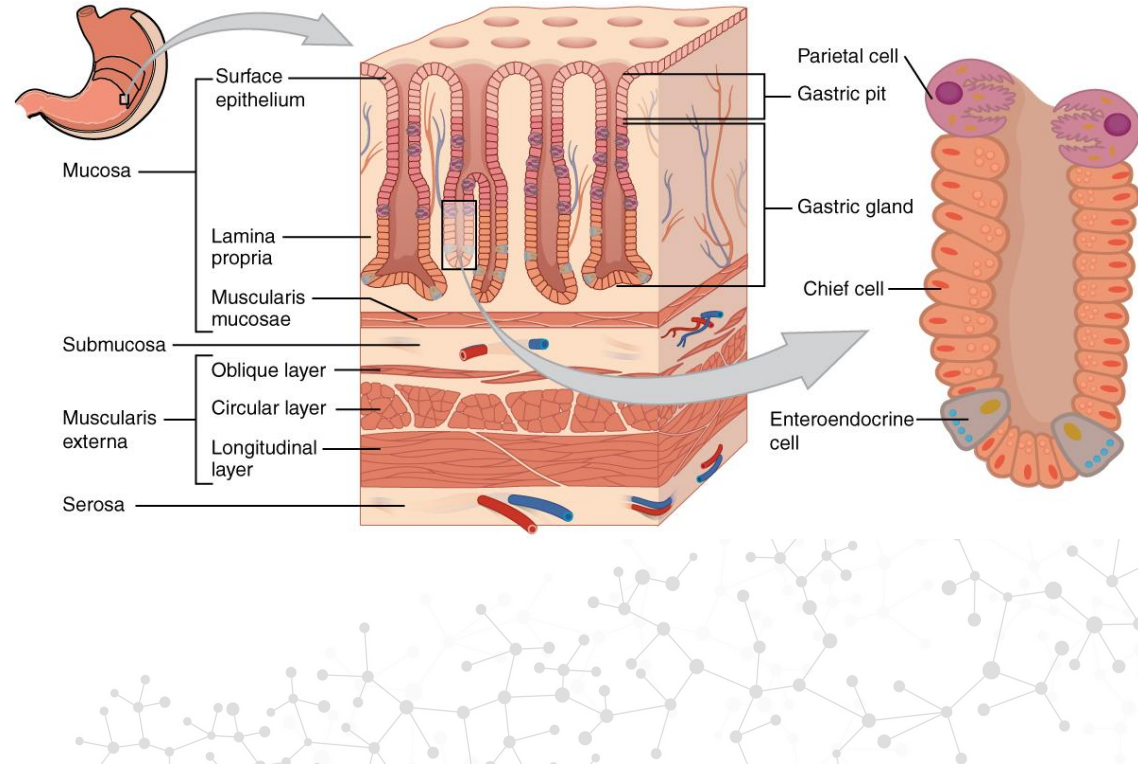
Breaks food down into absorbable nutrients that enter the blood for distribution to body cells; indigestible foodstuffs are eliminated as feces.

# Compare Gross Anatomy with...

Histology

cell and tissue level structure

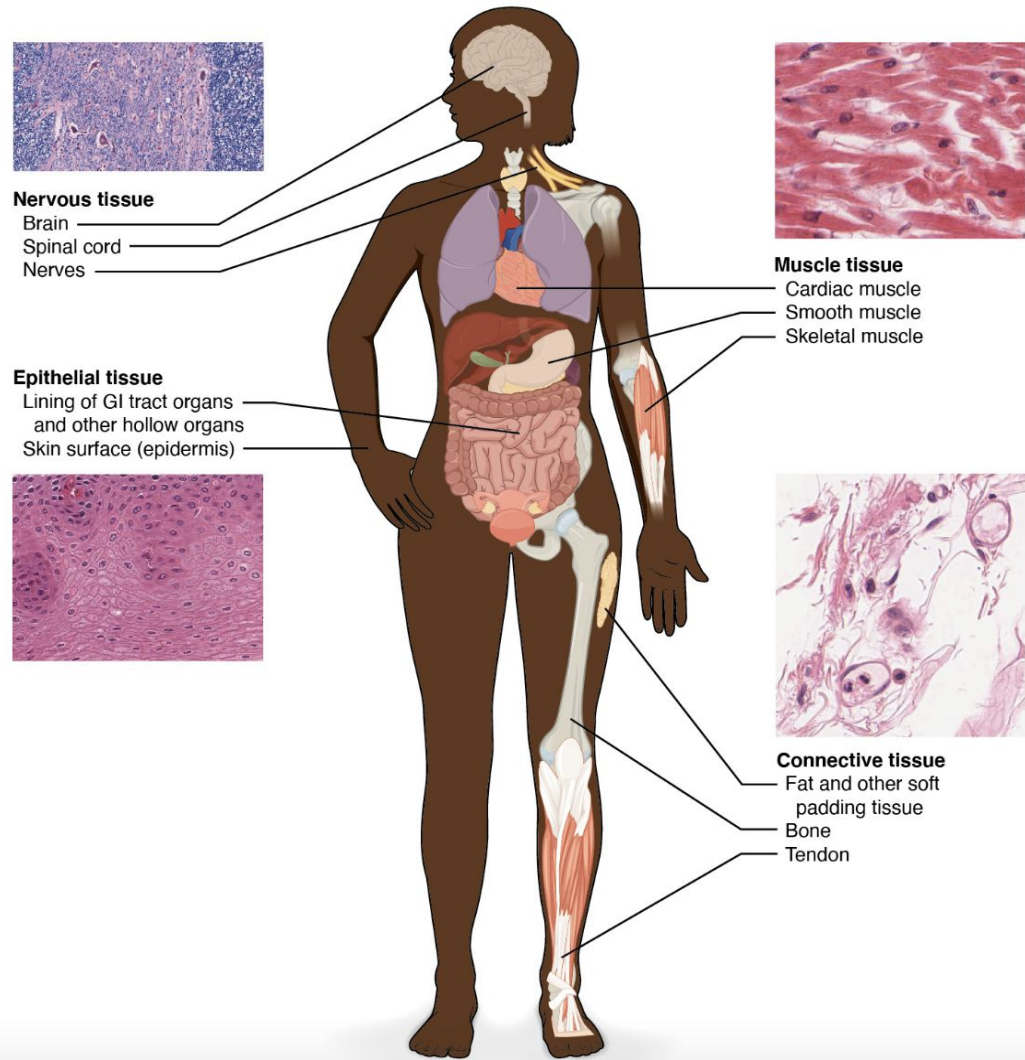
Histopathology





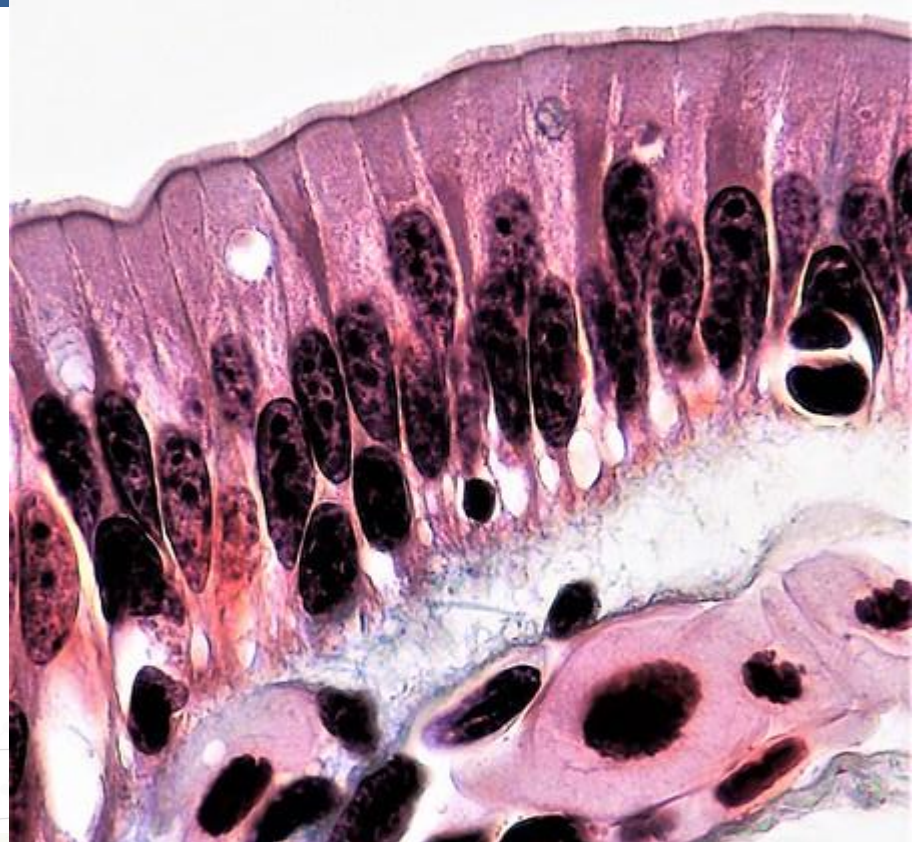
# Tissue Types

1. Epithelial
2. Connective
3. Muscular
4. Nervous



# Epithelia

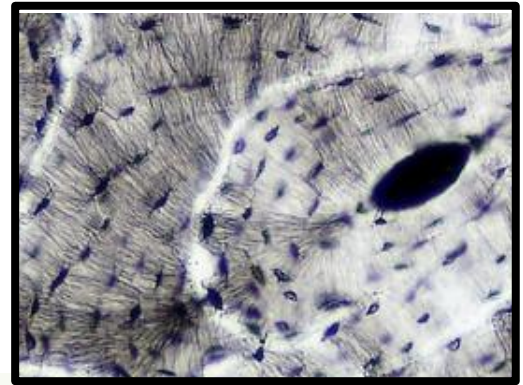
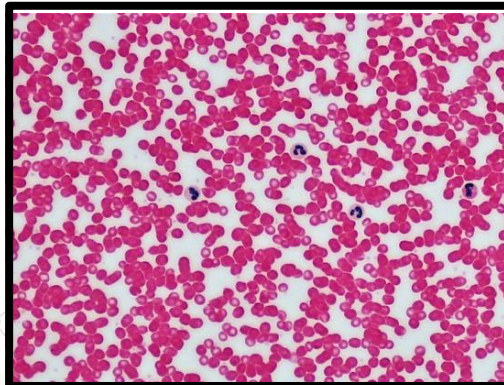
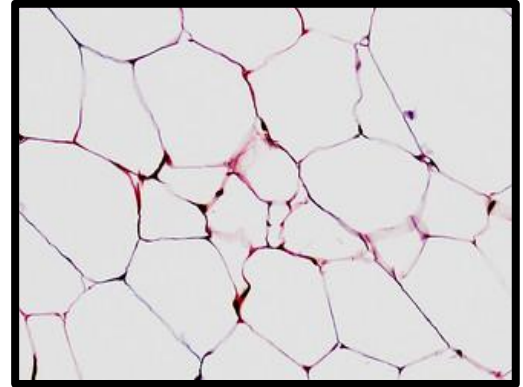
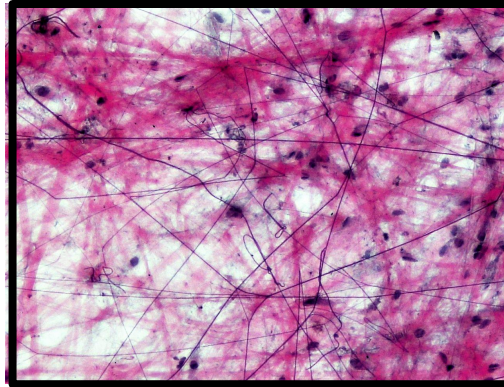
- **Locations**
  - Cover surfaces
  - Line cavities
- **Functions**
  - Protect, absorb, secrete, excrete, filter
- **Characteristics**
  - Free surface
  - Tightly packed cells
  - Rapid regeneration





# Connective Tissue

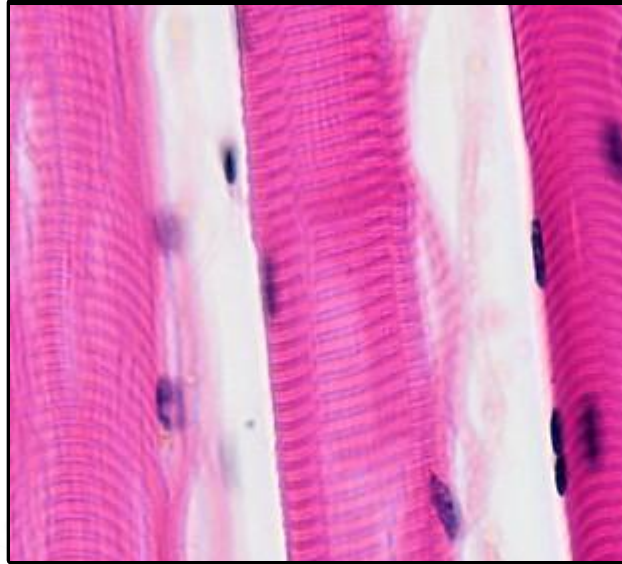
- **Locations**
  - Throughout Body
- **Functions**
  - Bind, support, store energy, transport substances
- **Characteristics**
  - Most replicate slowly
  - Few/Scanty cells with extracellular matrix (EM)
  - Subtypes based on EM



"[Loose Areolar Connective Tissue](#)," "[Connective Tissue Adipose](#)," "[Bone](#)" and "[Blood](#)" by [bccor](#) is marked with [CC0 1.0](#).

# Muscular Tissue

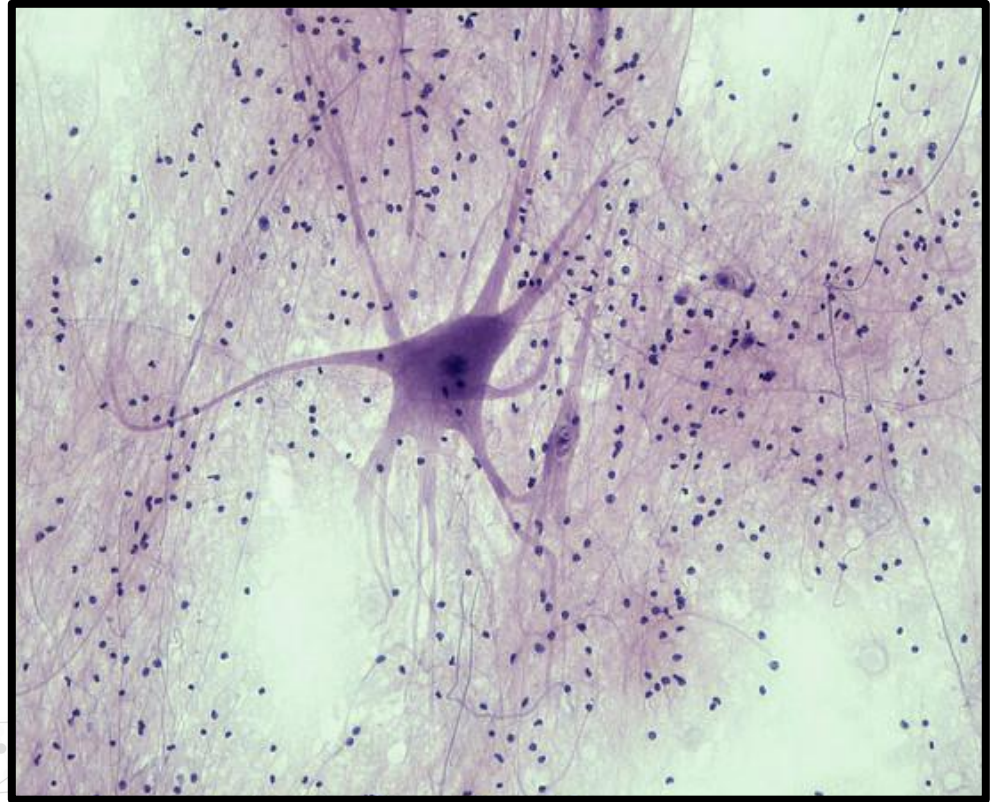
- **Locations**
  - Attached to bone
  - In heart
  - Walls of hollow organs
- **Functions**
  - Movement & Stability
- **Characteristics**
  - Can Contract
  - Highly cellular
  - Vascular



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# Nervous Tissue

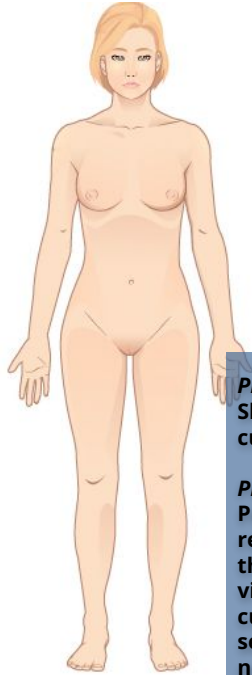
- **Locations**
  - **Brain**
  - **Spinal Cord**
  - **Nerves**
- **Functions**
  - **Coordinate body functions**
- **Characteristics**
  - **Neurons with axons and dendrites**
  - **Neuroglia**
  - **avascular**





# Organ System Overview: Integument, Skeletal, Muscular, Nervous

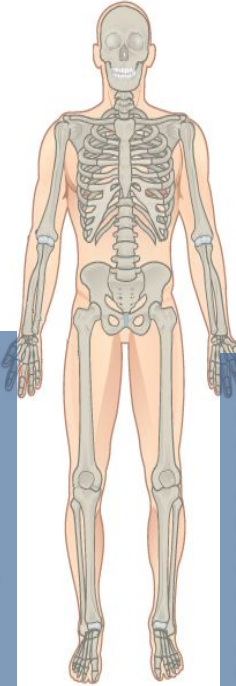
## Integumentary system



**Principal organs:**  
Skin, hair, nails,  
cutaneous glands

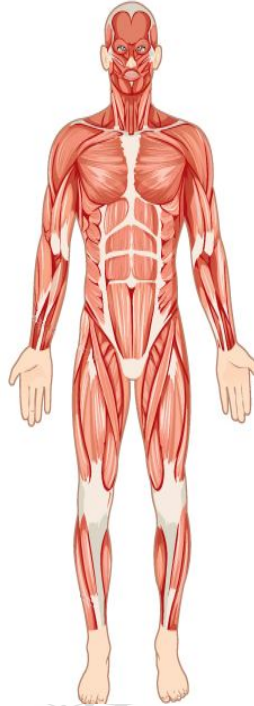
**Principal functions:**  
Protection, water  
retention,  
thermoregulation,  
vitamin D synthesis,  
cutaneous  
sensation,  
nonverbal  
communication

## Skeletal system



**Principal organs:**  
Bones, cartilages,  
ligaments  
**Principal functions:**  
Support,  
movement,  
protective  
enclosure if  
viscera, blood  
formation, mineral  
storage, electrolyte  
and acid-base  
balance

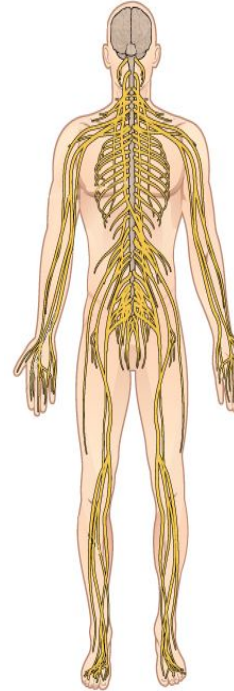
## Muscular system



**Principal organs:**  
Skeletal muscles

**Principal functions:**  
Movement,  
stability,  
communication,  
control of body  
openings, heat  
production

## Nervous system

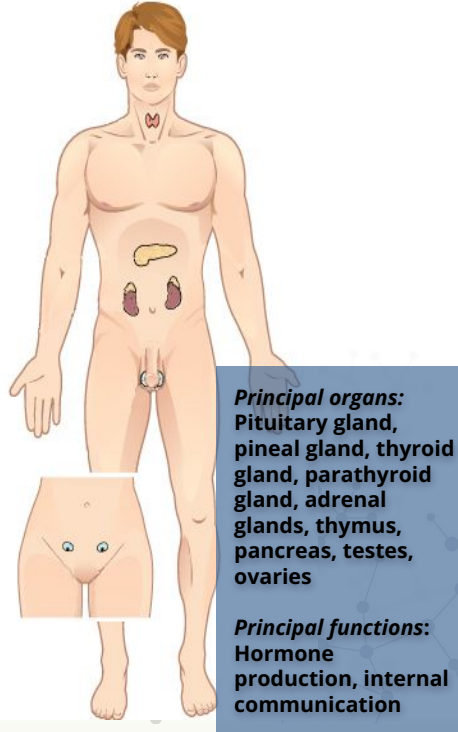


**Principal organs:**  
Brain, spinal cord,  
nerves, ganglia

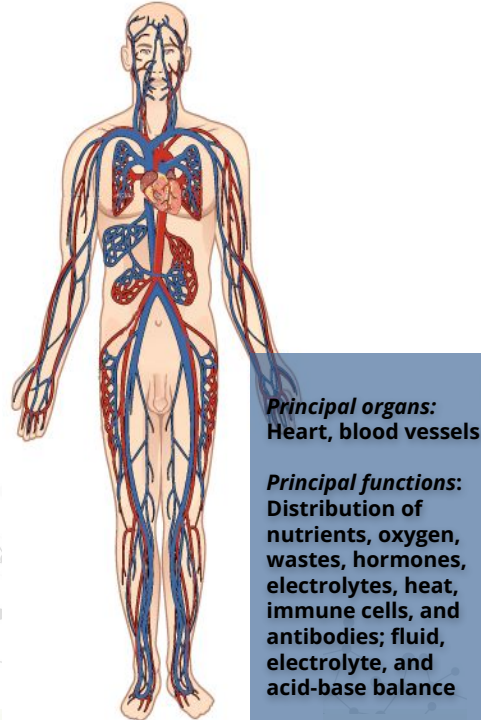
**Principal functions:**  
Rapid internal  
communication,  
coordination,  
motor control, and  
sensation

# Organ System Overview: Endocrine, Cardiovascular, Lymphatic, Respiratory

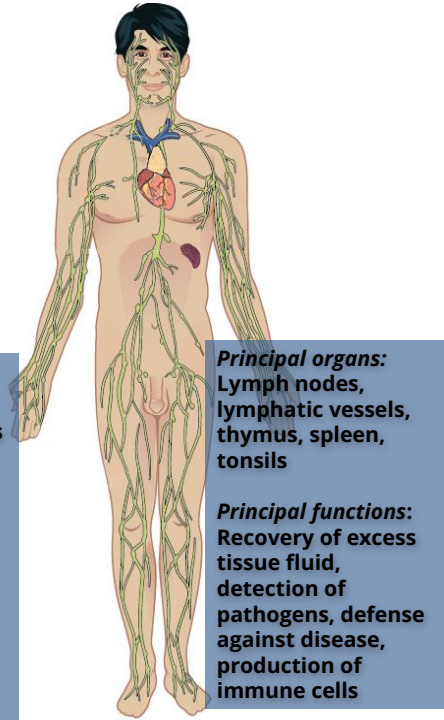
## Endocrine system



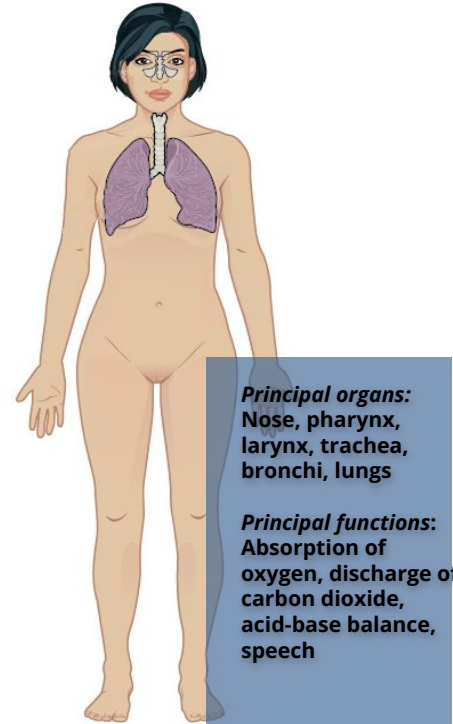
## Cardiovascular system



## Lymphatic system

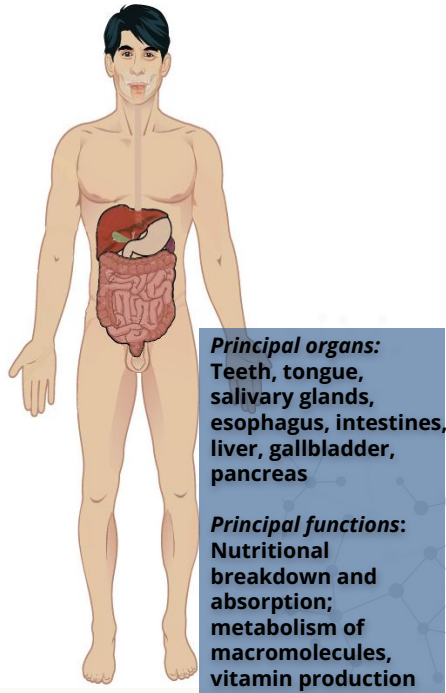


## Respiratory system

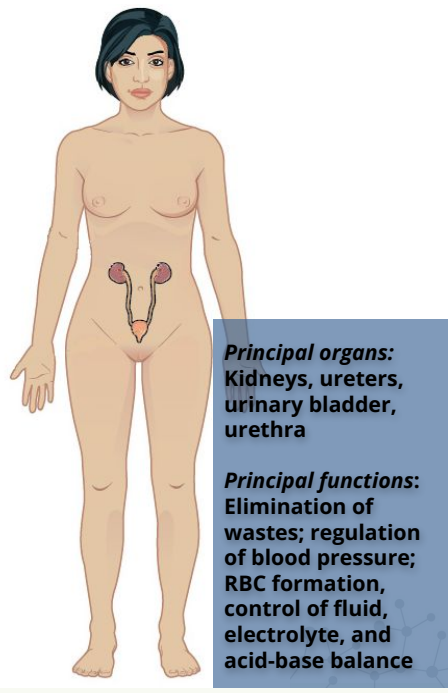


# Organ System Overview: Digestive, Urinary, Reproductive

## Digestive system



## Urinary system



## Reproductive system

