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Unit I- Cell and Tissue Structure

Topic : Epithelial Tissue and its function

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EPITHELIAL TISSUE or EPITHELIUM



- The basic tissue of the body.
- Cells are arranged as continuous sheets.
- Single or multiple layers.
- Cells are held tightly together by cell junctions.
- Free surface
- Basal surface adheres to basal lamina or basement membrane.
- Avascular but supplied by nerves.
- Has high capability to regenerate.



Embryological aspect

- Epithelia are derived from all the 3 germ layers:
- Ectoderm- Epithelium of skin
- Endoderm- Epithelium of gut
- Mesoderm- Epithelium of pericardial, peritoneal and pleural cavities



Functions

- Protection
- Absorption
- Barrier
- Excretion
- Secretory
- Function as sensory surfaces



Classification

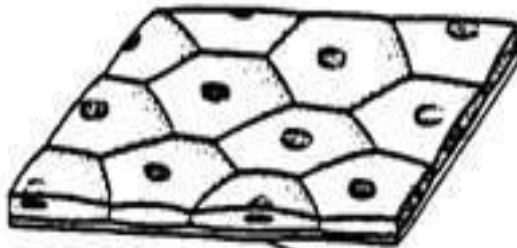
According to shape, arrangement and the specialization of their free surface:

- Simple
- Stratified
- Pseudostratified
- Transitional

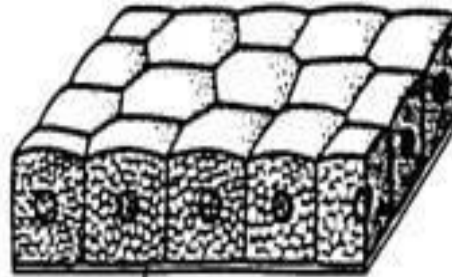


Simple epithelium

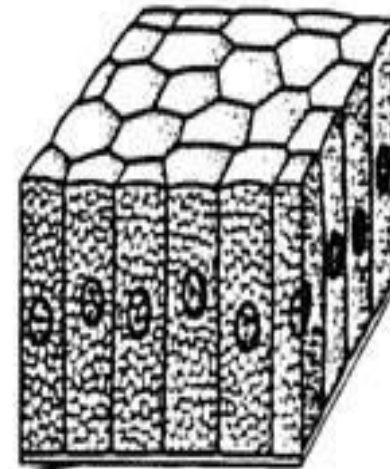
Simple squamous



Simple cuboidal



Simple columnar



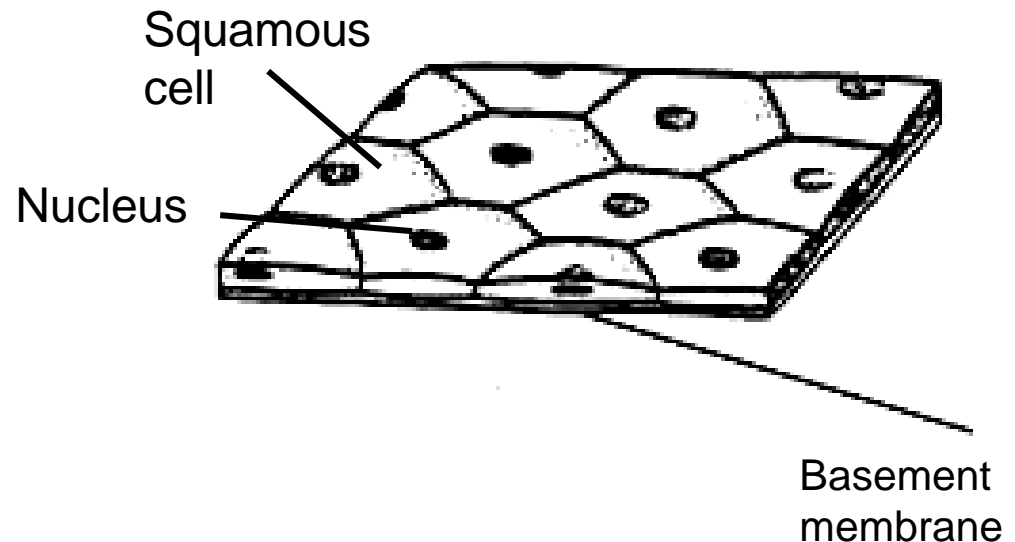
Basement membrane



Simple Squamous Epithelium

- Single layered
- Flat cells
- On surface view, like floor tiles
- Elevated nuclei
- Examples:
 - Lung alveoli
 - Parietal layer of Bowman's capsule of kidney
 - Inner aspect of tympanic membrane
 - **Mesothelium**
 - **Endothelium**

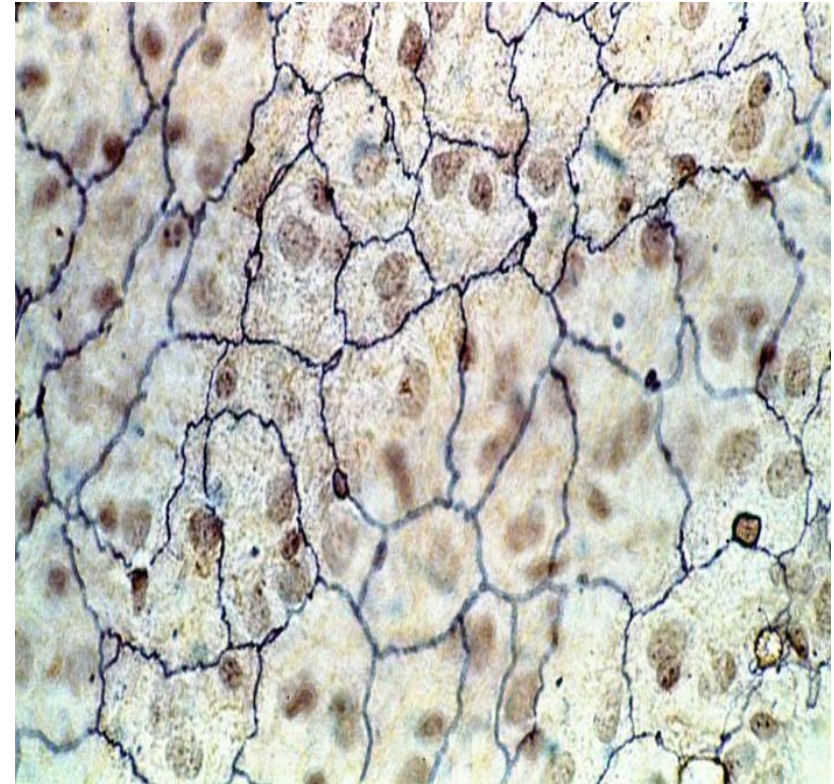
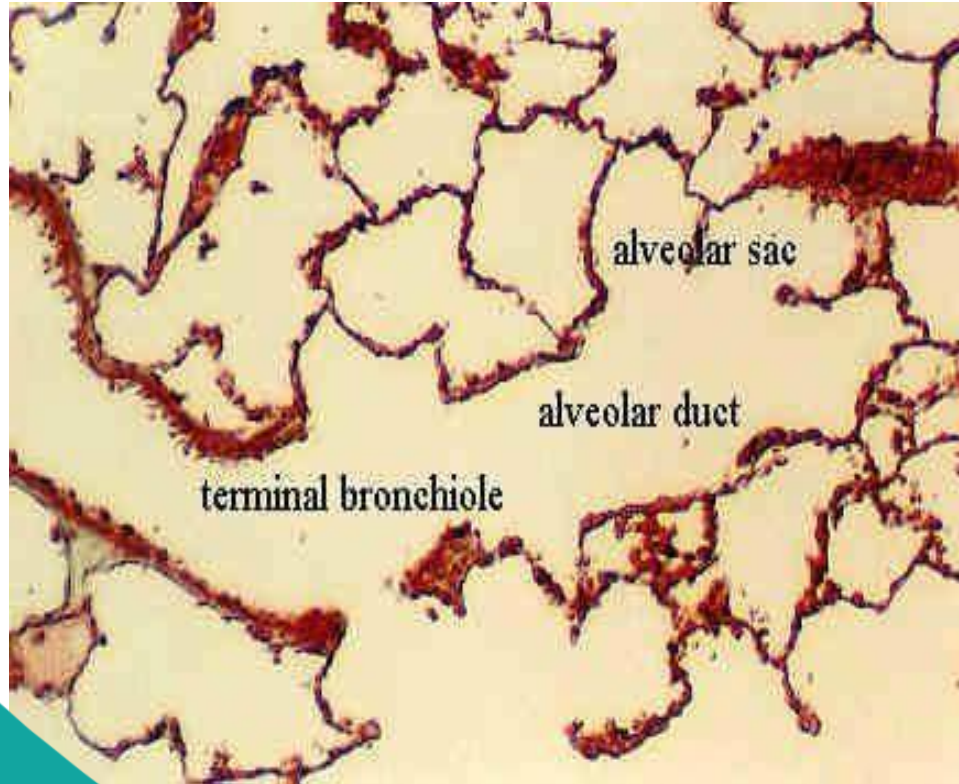
Simple squamous



Function: Rapid transport of substances, secretion of fluid, diffusion of gases and osmosis



Simple Squamous Epithel

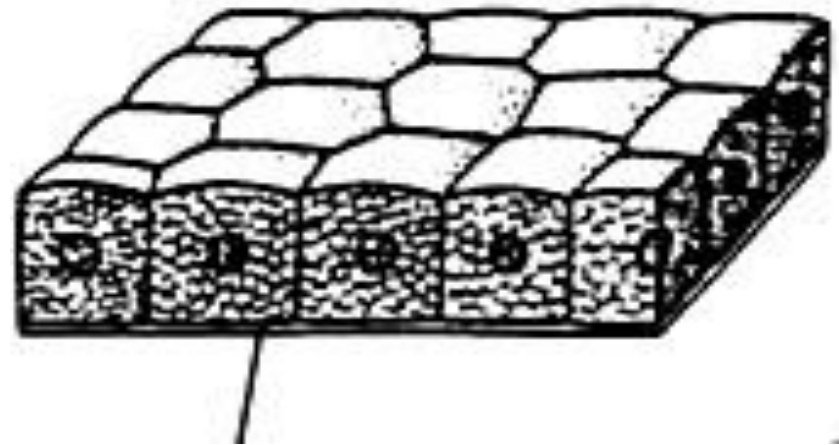




Simple Cuboidal Epithelium

- Single layer of cuboidal shaped cells
- On surface view, cells look like mosaic (hexagonal)
- Examples:
 - Thyroid follicles
 - Tubules of nephrons
 - Pigmented layer of retina
 - Germinal layer of ovary
 - Inner layer of lens
 - Choroid plexuses of brain

Simple cuboidal



Basement membrane

Function: Secretion and absorption



Simple Cuboidal Epithelium



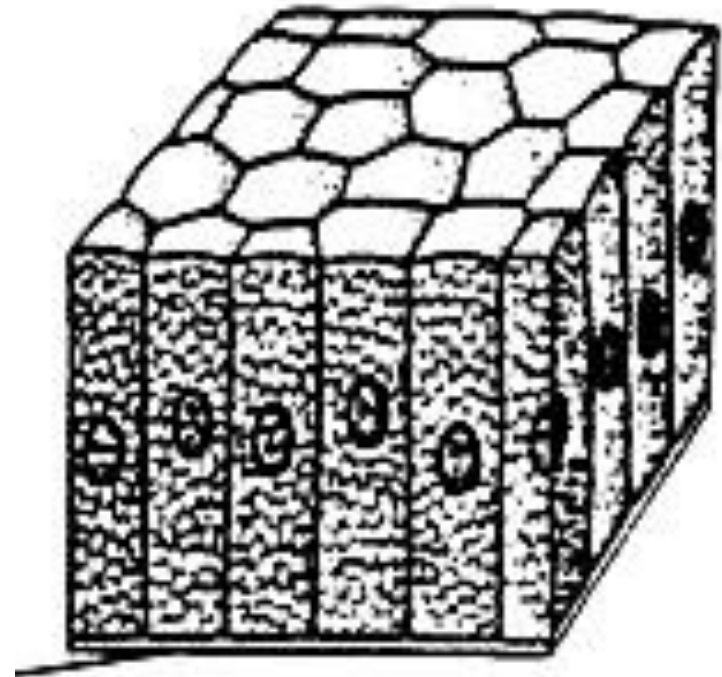


Simple Columnar Epithelium

- Cells having more height than width
- Nuclei are elongated, located in the lower half of cells
- Cells may show some surface modifications
- Examples:
 - GIT(stomach to anus)

& cavity
of spinal

Simple columnar

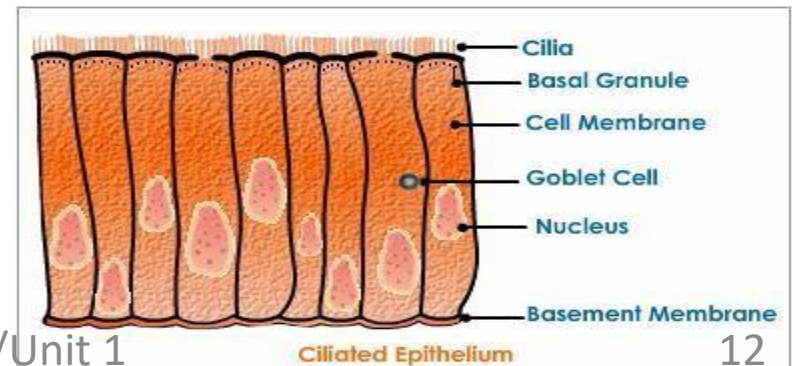
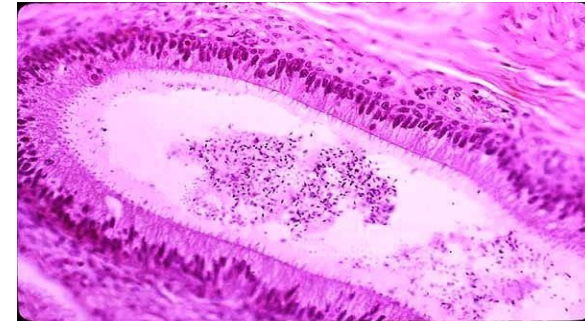
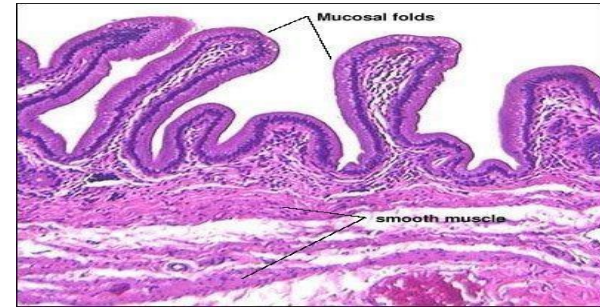


Function: Secretion and absorption;
Ciliary action



Surface modifications

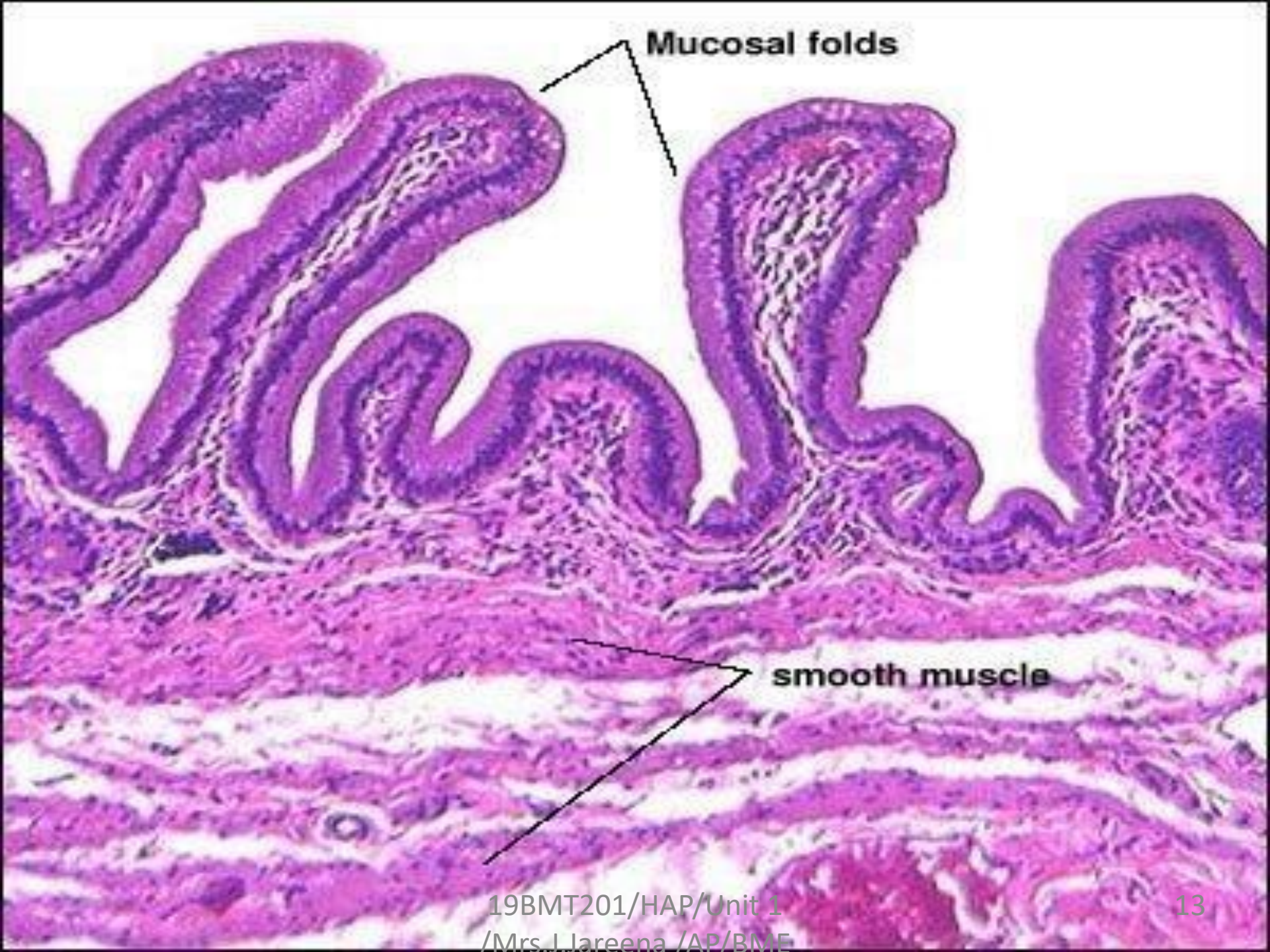
- **Microvilli-**
 - **Striated border** (fine vertical striations)
eg; small intestine
 - **Brush border**—
branched projections
eg; PCT, gall bladder
- **Stereocilia-**
 - epididymus, internal ear
(kinocilia), olfactory cilia



rent ductules

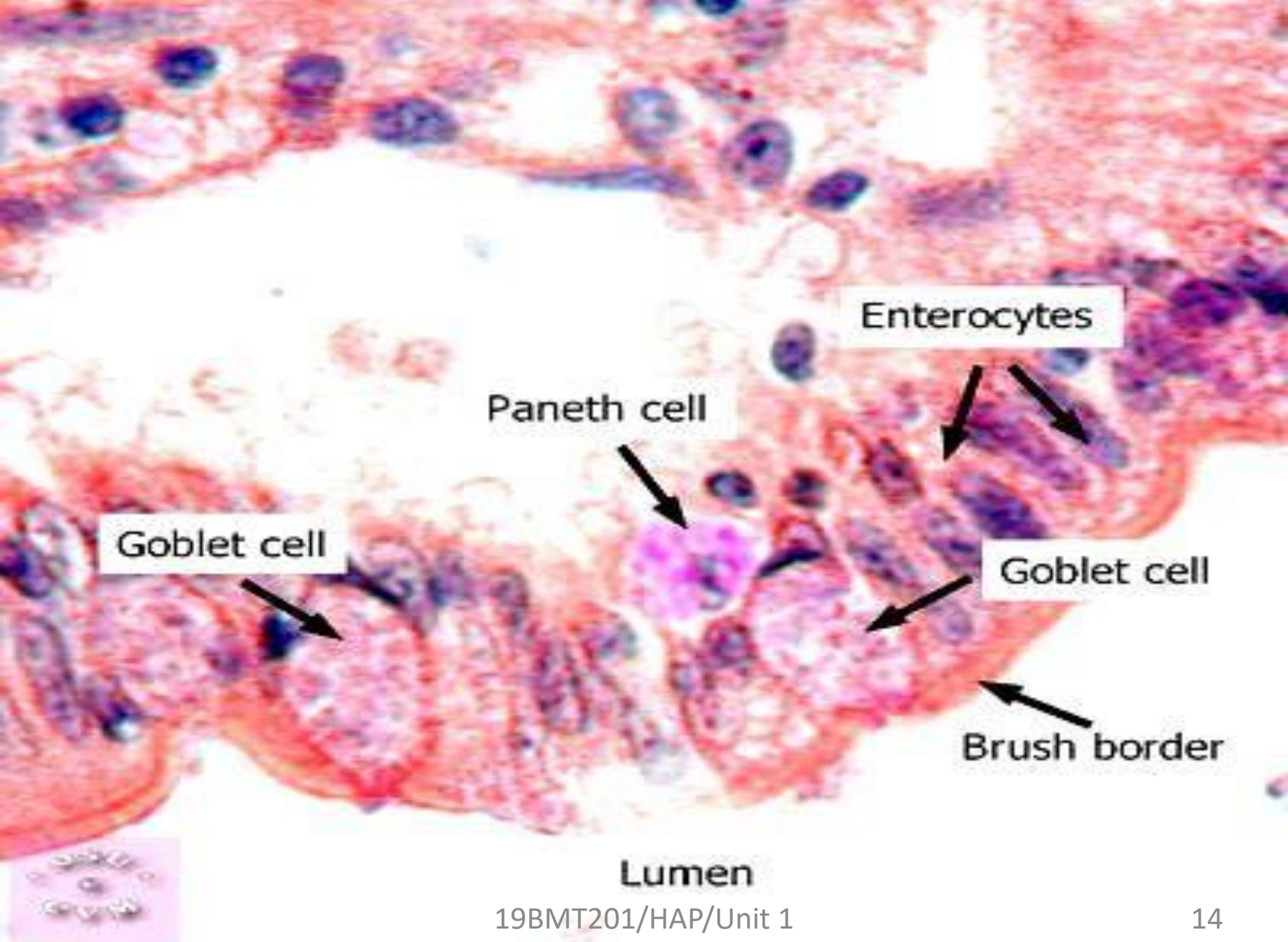
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Mucosal folds

smooth muscle



Enterocytes

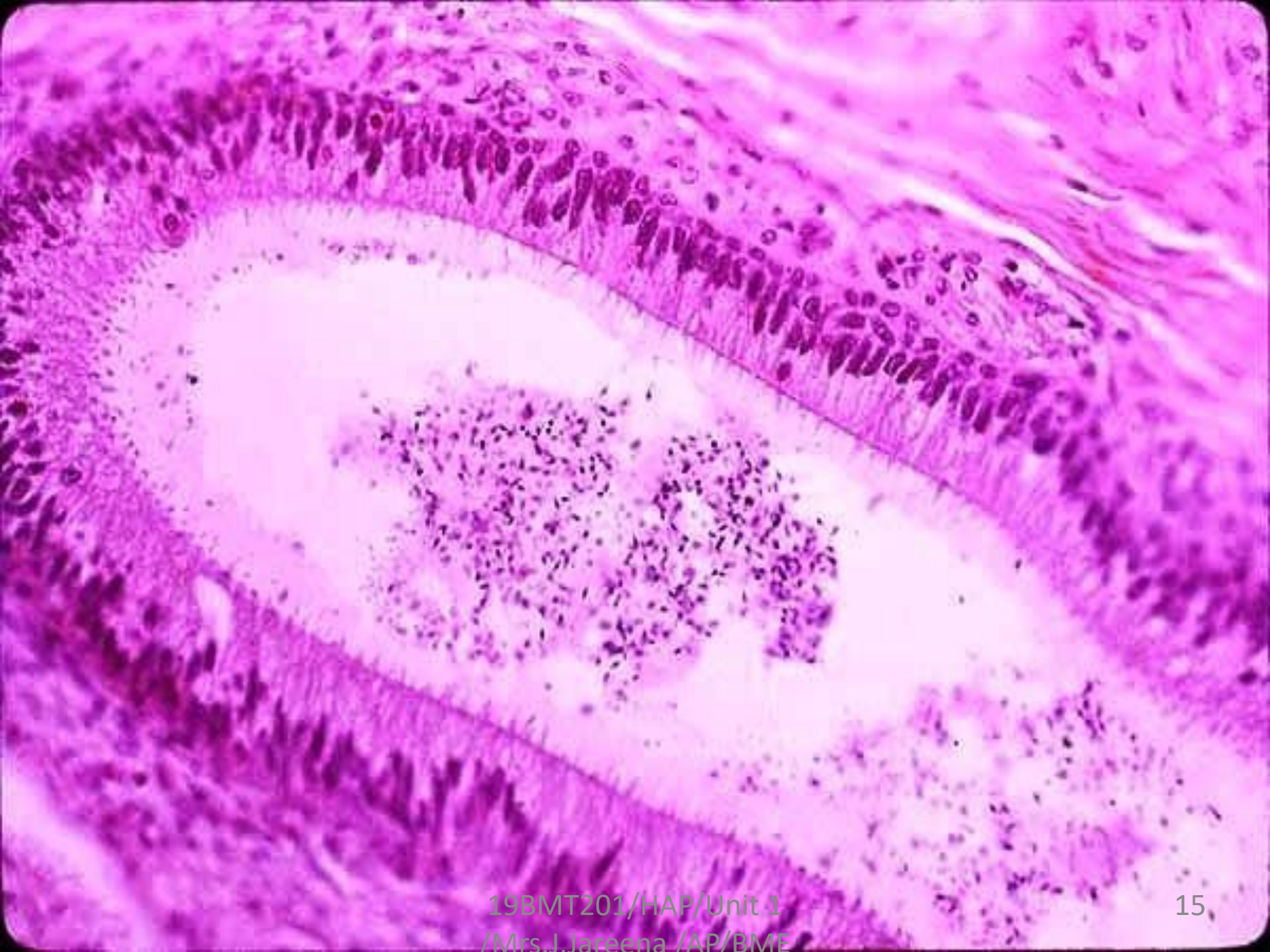
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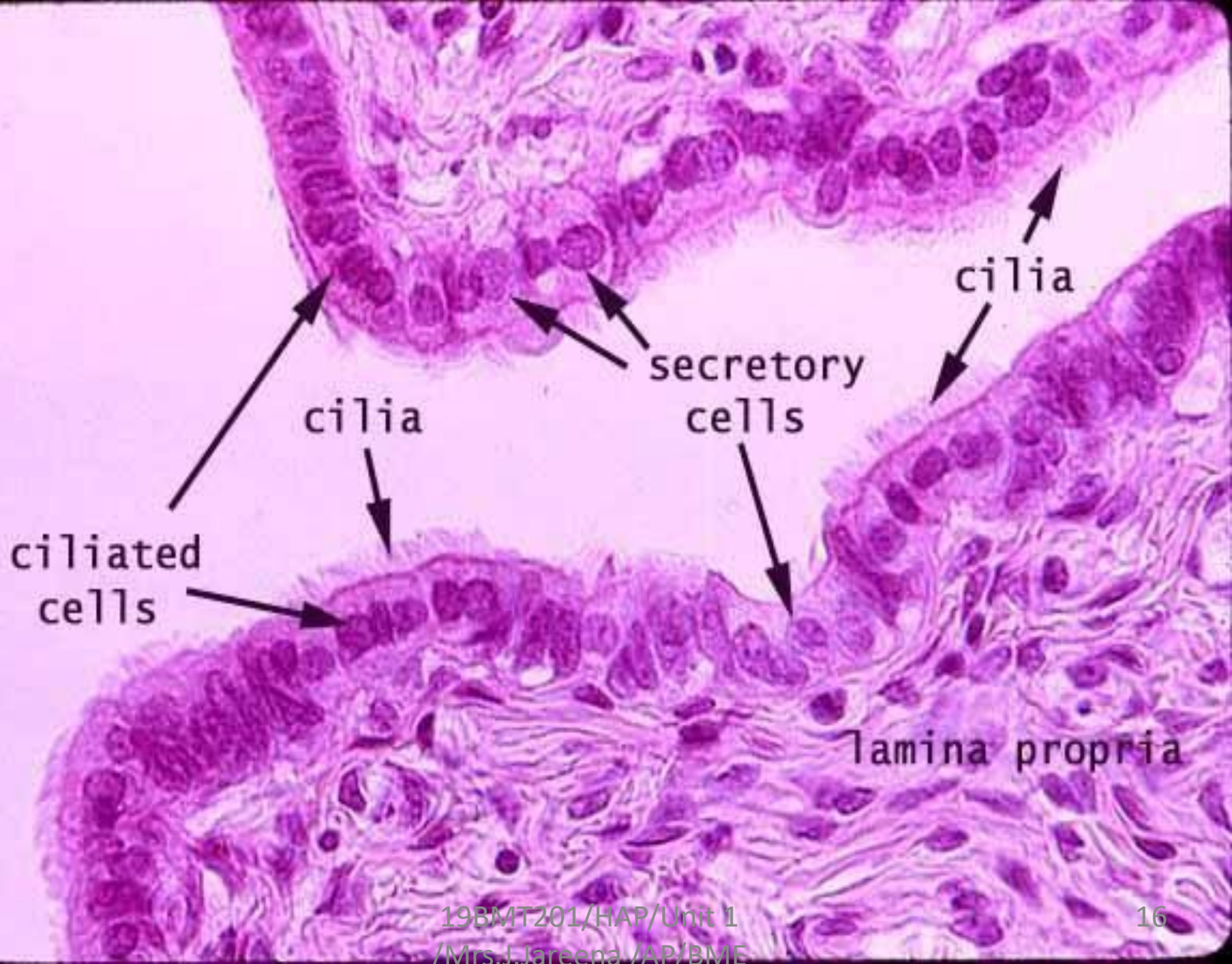
Goblet cell

Goblet cell

Brush border

Lumen





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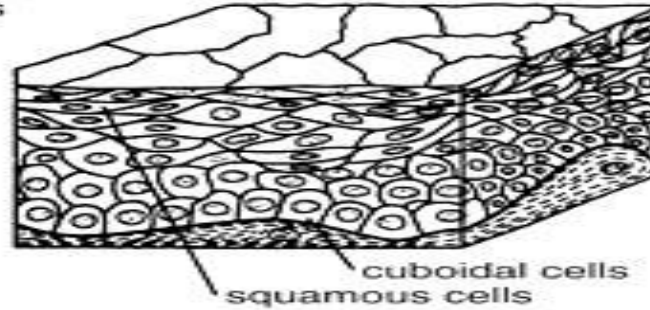
lamina propria



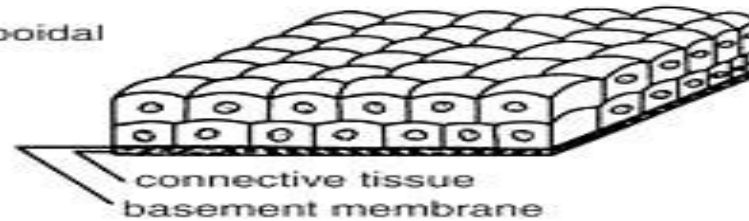
Stratified epithelium

stratified squamous

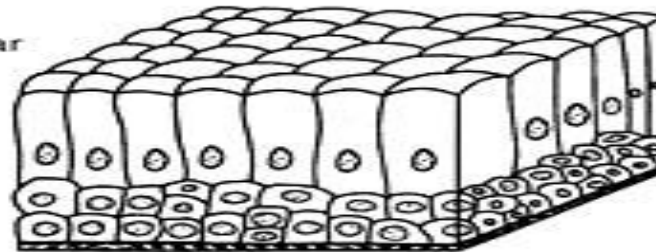
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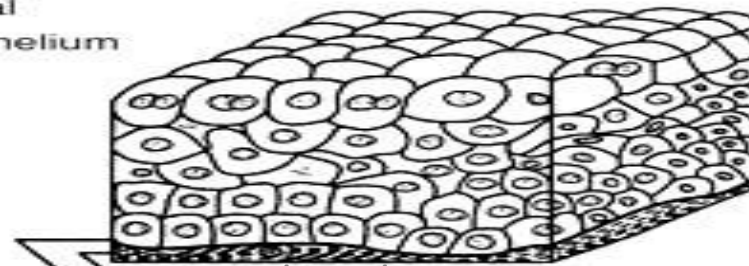
stratified cuboidal



stratified columnar



transitional
epithelium





Stratified Squamous Epith

- Multi layered squamous cells

- **Keratinized:**

Skin Tongue

- **Non keratinized:**

oral cavity

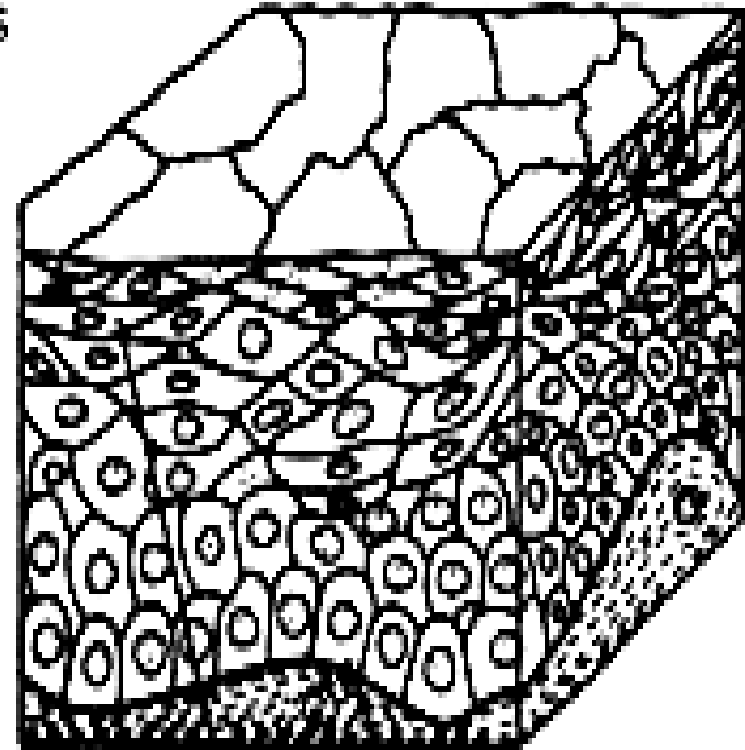
esophagus

vagina

cornea

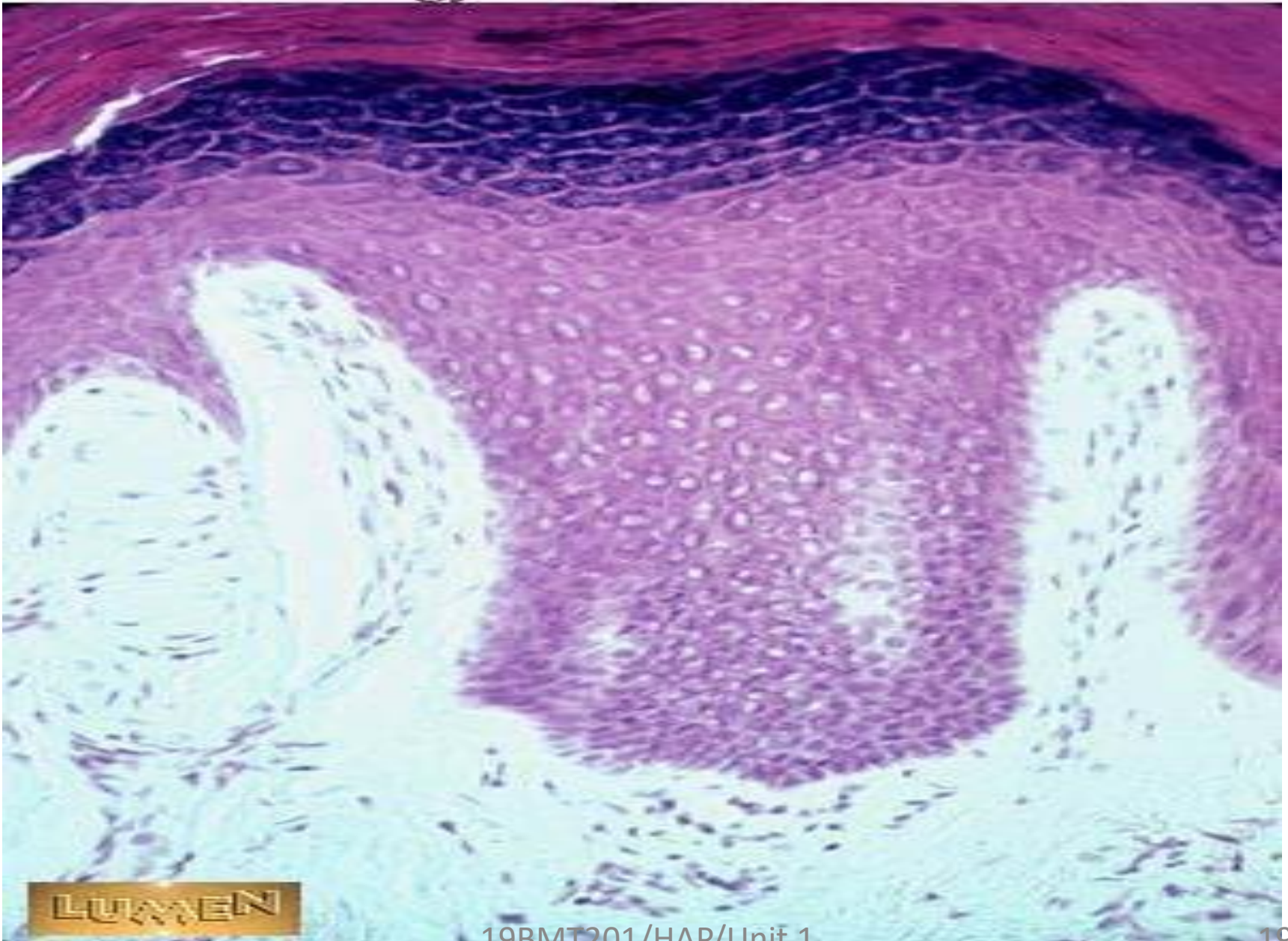
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cuboidal cells
squamous cells

Stratified squamous (keratinized)



Stratified squamous (non keratinized)





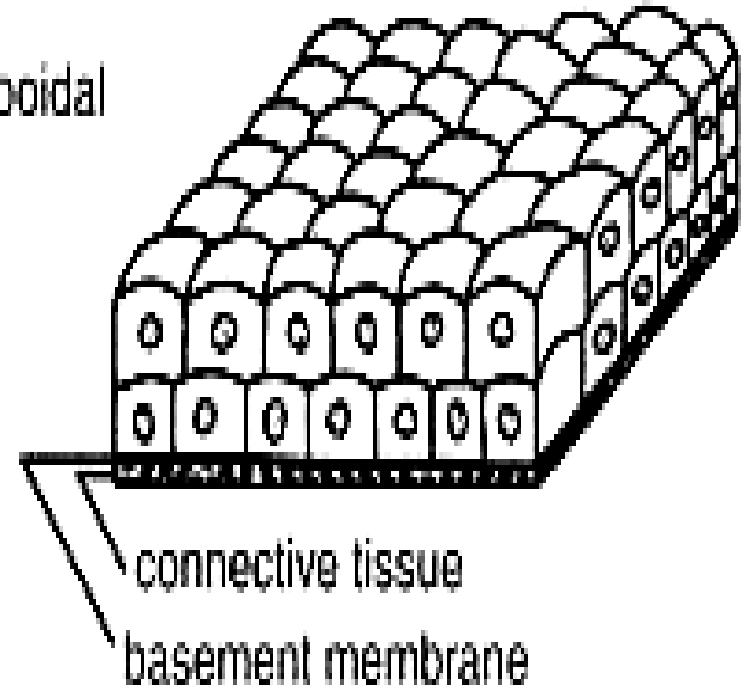
Stratified Cuboidal Epithelium

Cells: two layers

Nuclei: centrally located,
and spherical

Functions: absorption,
secretion

stratified cuboidal



Examples—

Ducts of sweat glands, ovarian follicle, seminiferous tubules

Functions: Passage to the secretion and acts as barrier

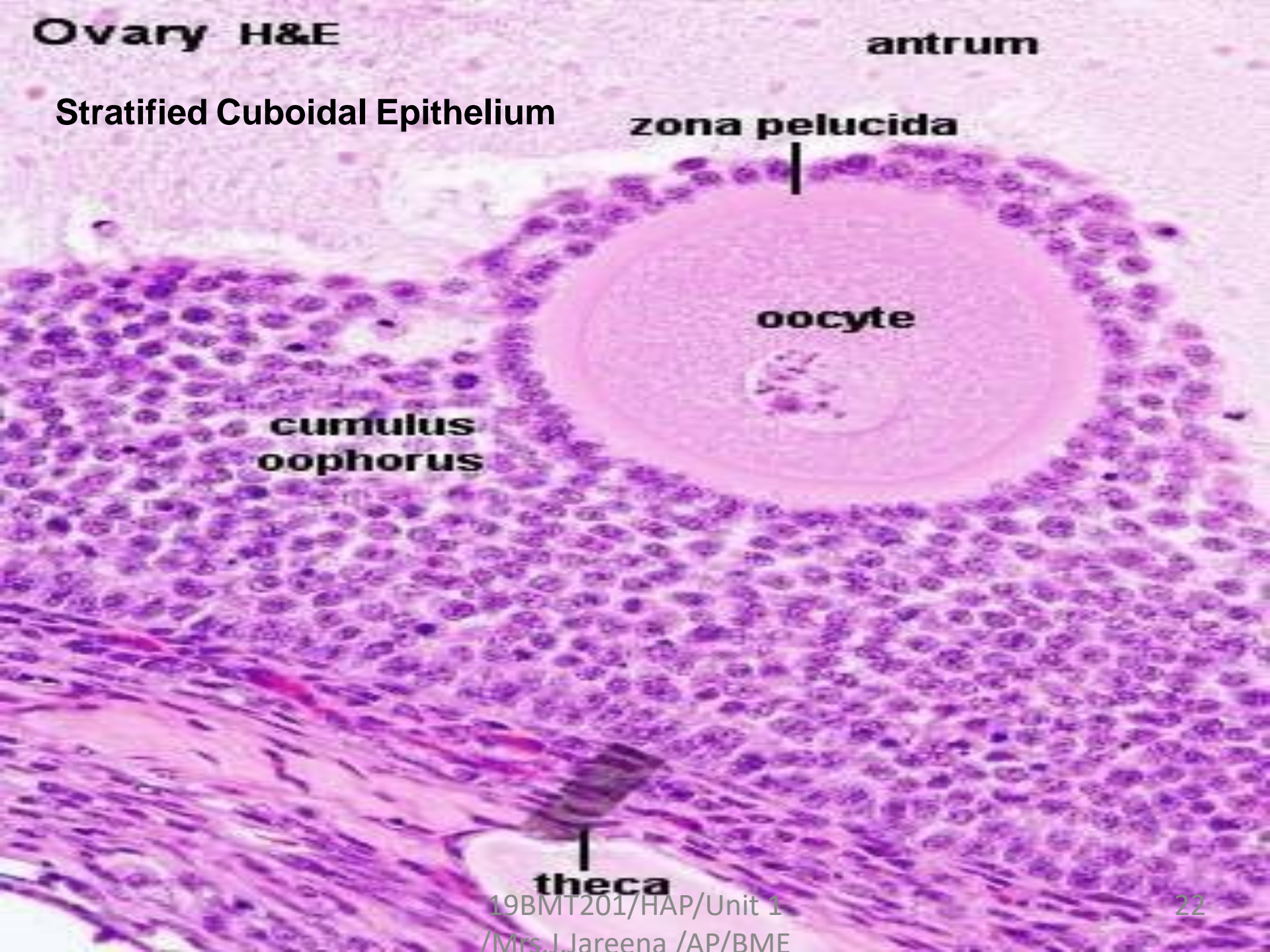
Stratified Cuboidal Epithelium

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oocyte

cumulus
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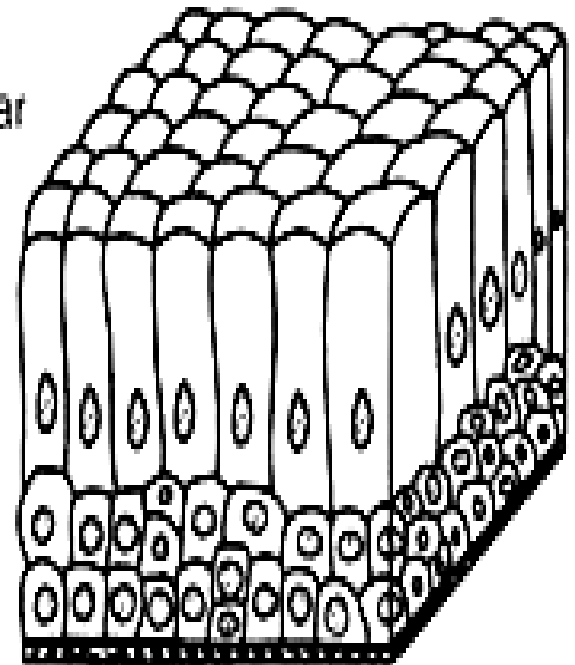


Stratified columnar

- Two or more layer of cells
- Superficial cells are columnar
- Examples – Conjunctiva
Cavernous urethra

Functions: Passage to the secretion and acts as barrier

stratified columnar



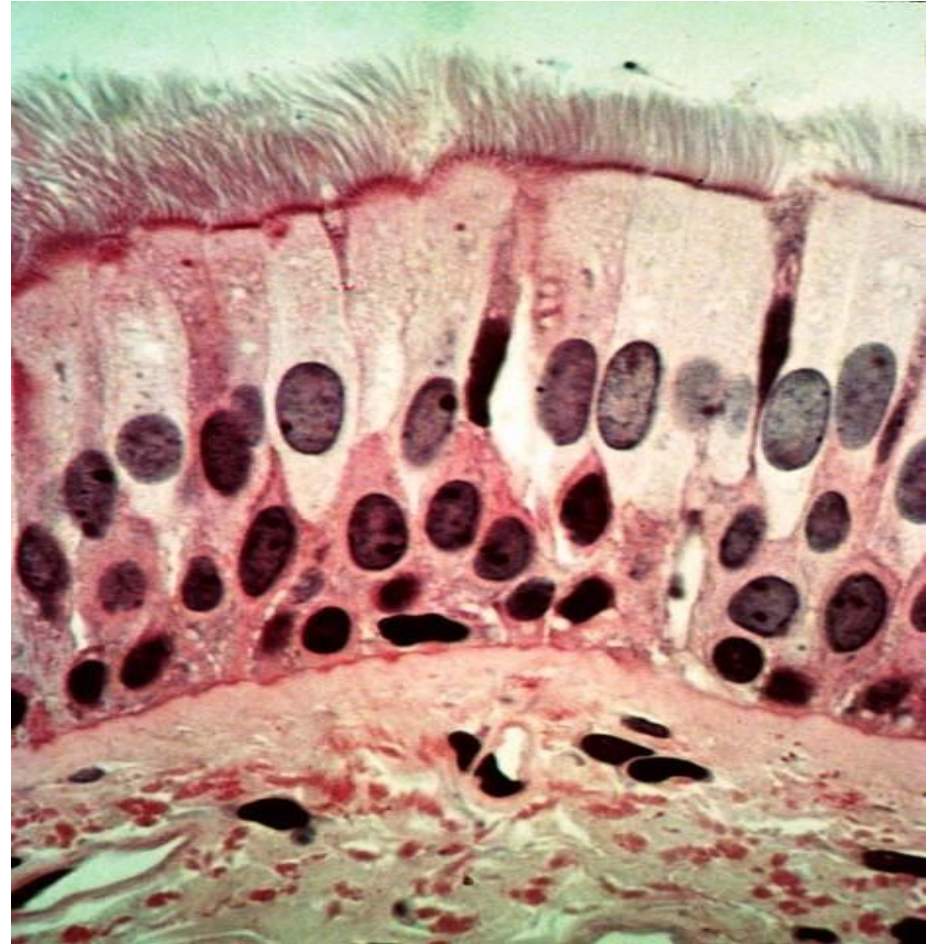


Pseudostratified Columnar epithelium

- Cell of unequal heights resting on same basement membrane.
- Ciliated/non-ciliated
- May contain goblet cells
- Examples-
Trachea, bronchi, auditory tube, ductus deferens, male urethra

Functions:

Protection, ciliary movements remove mucus, goblet cells secrete mucus





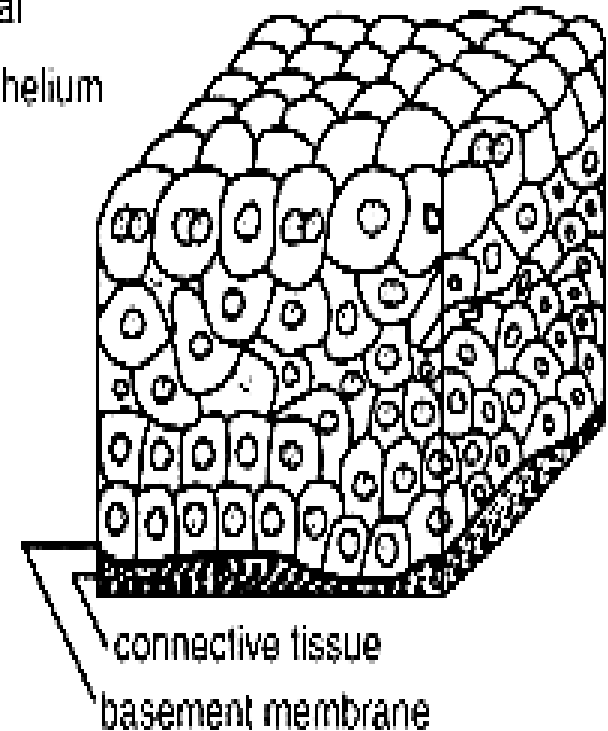
Transitional epithelium (urothelium)

Layers-

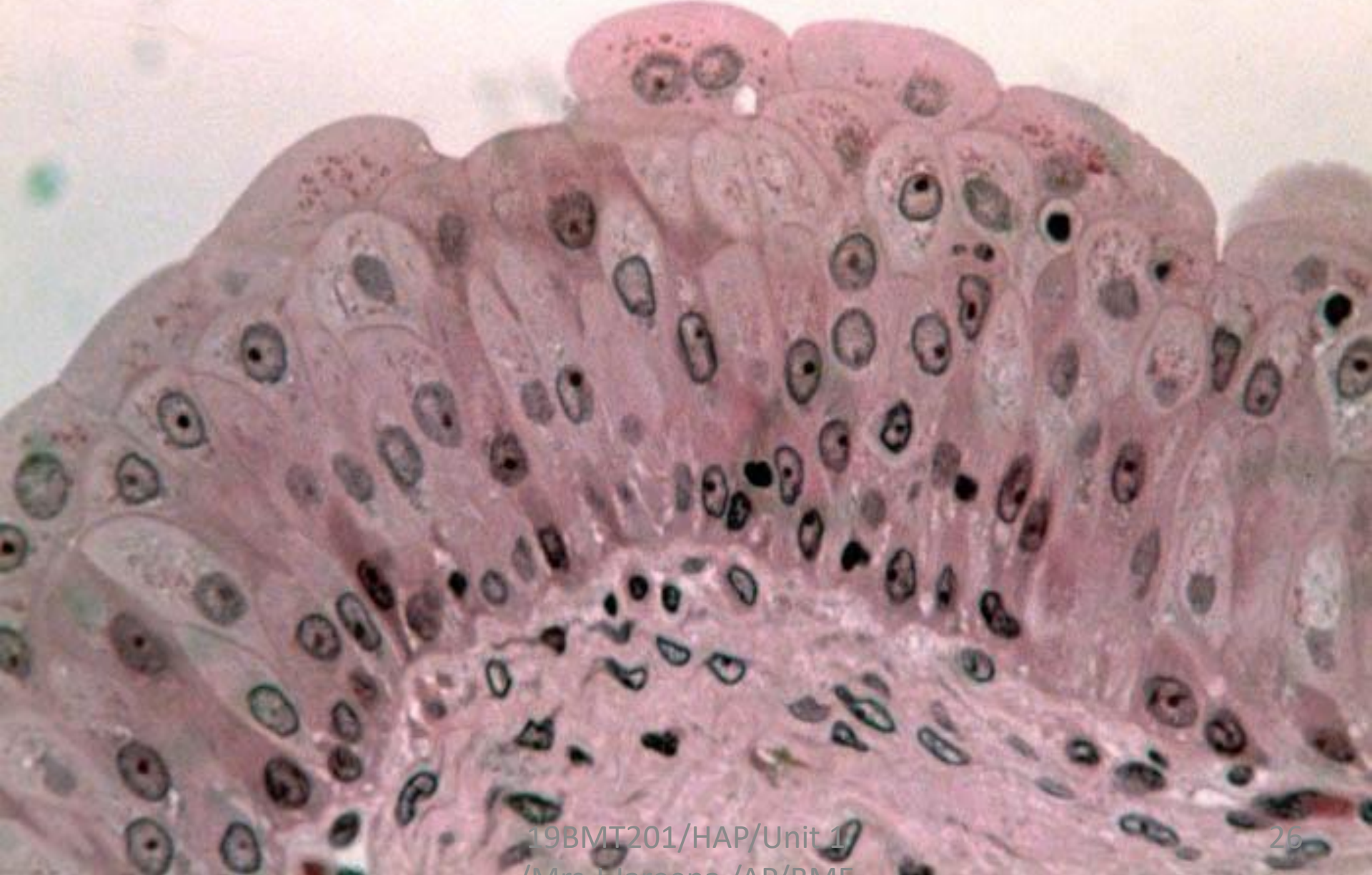
- Basal layer**- columnar or cuboidal
- Middle layer**- pear or polyhedral cells (interdigitating layer)
- Outer layer**- rounded or umbrella cells, often binucleate
- Eg; ureter, urinary bladder

Functions: Protection, distention

transitional
epithelium



Transitional Epithelium





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MCQ

- Simple Squamous epithelium is seen in-
 1. Alveoli of lungs
 2. Stomach
 3. Urinary bladder
 4. Tongue



MCQ

- Transitional epithelium is found in-
 1. Uterus
 2. Ureter
 3. Gall bladder
 4. Vagina



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- Stomach is lined by-
 1. Simple columnar epithelium
 2. Straified squamous epithelium
 3. Simple cuboidal epithelium
 4. Pseudostratified columnar epithelium



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- Pseudostratified Columnar ciliated epithelium is a feature of-
 - 1.Ureter
 - 2.Skin
 - 3.Trachea
 - 4.Kidney



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- All are the functions of epithelium **except** -
 1. Protection
 2. Absorption
 3. Secretion
 4. Assimilation