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**TOPIC :EPITHELIAL TISSUE, MUSCULAR TISSUE, CONNECTIVE TISSUES AND**

**NERVOUS TISSUE.**

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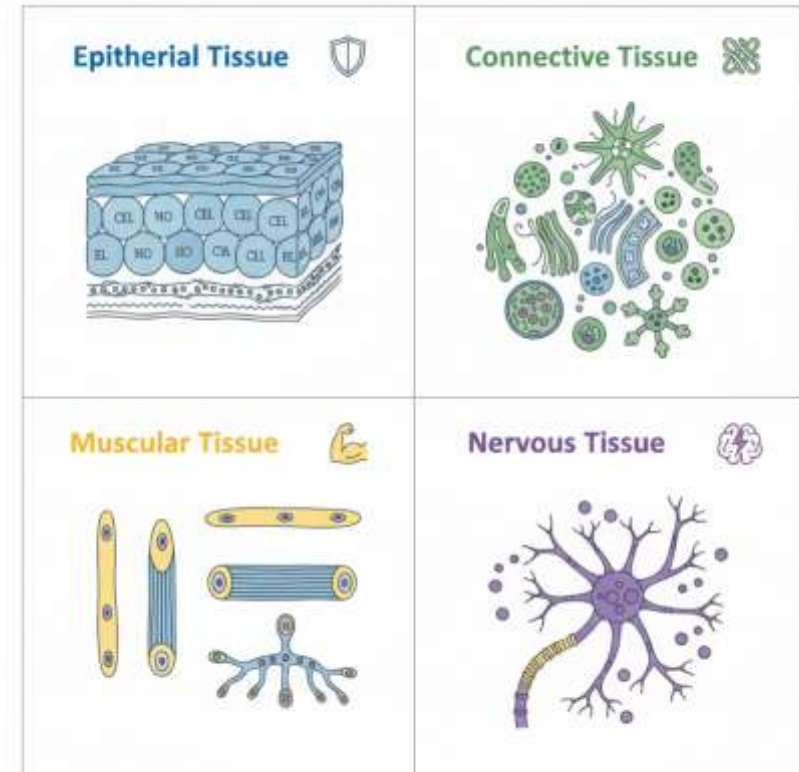
# INTRODUCTION TO TISSUE (Define)

## What are Tissues?

- Groups of similar cells performing specific functions.
- Form organs and organ systems.

## Four Primary Tissue Types:

- Epithelial Tissue
- Connective Tissue
- Muscular Tissue
- Nervous Tissue



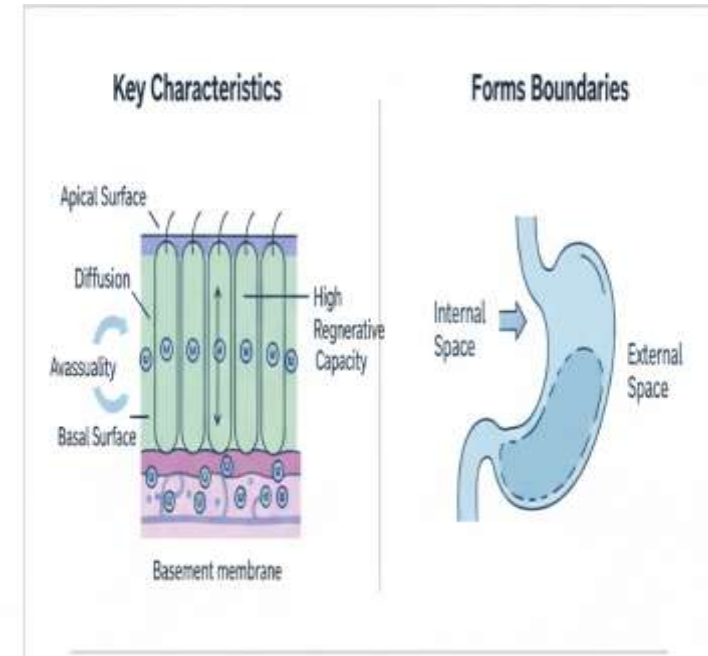
Structure of Human Elementary Tissues

# EPITHELIAL TISSUE - OVERVIEW

**Definition:** Tissue that covers body surfaces, lines body cavities, and forms glands.

## Key Characteristics:

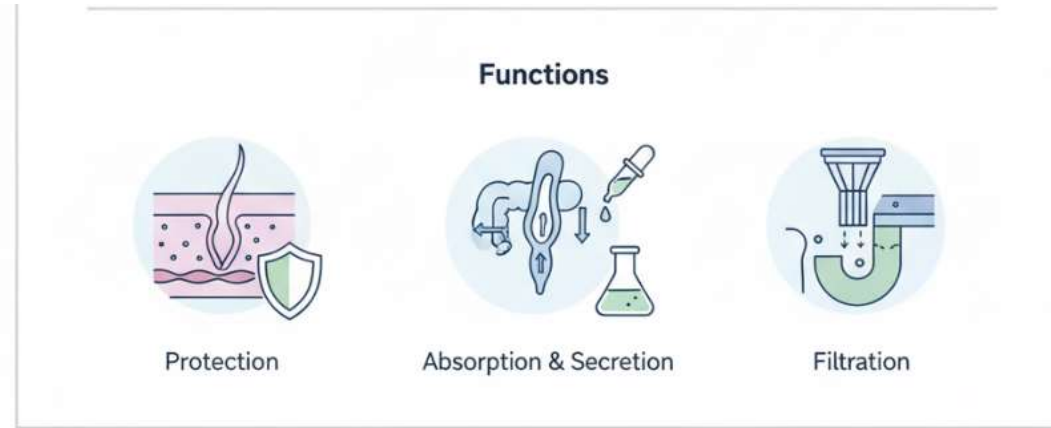
- Closely packed cells, little extracellular matrix.
- Avascular (no direct blood supply); nourished by diffusion.
- Forms boundaries.
- High regenerative capacity.
- Apical and basal surfaces.



# EPITHELIAL TISSUE - OVERVIEW

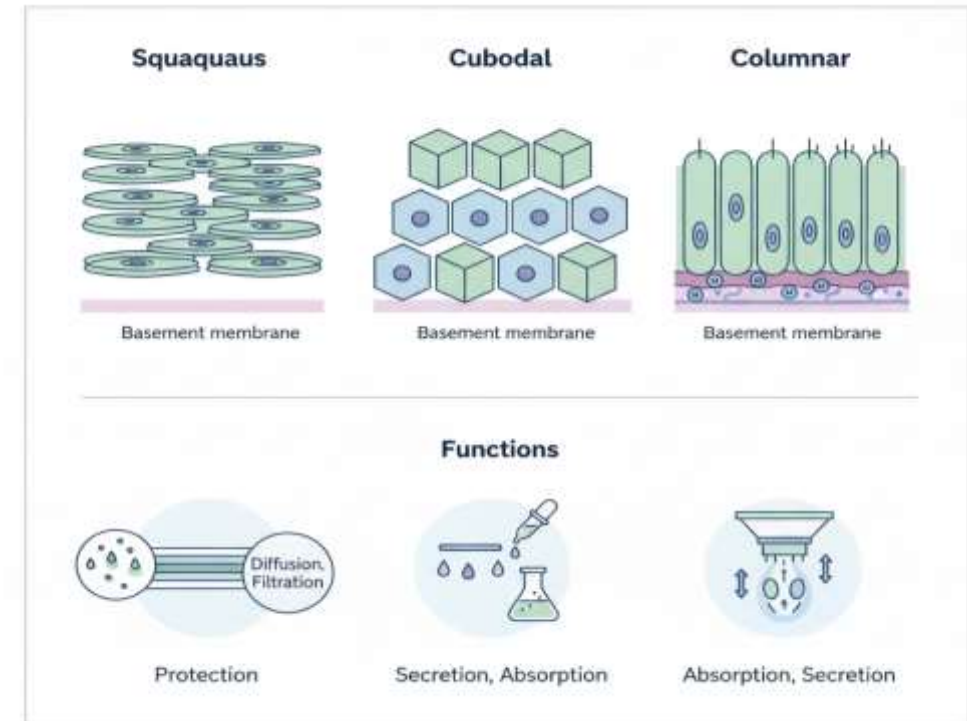
## Functions:

- Protection
- absorption
- filtration
- excretion
- secretion
- sensory reception.



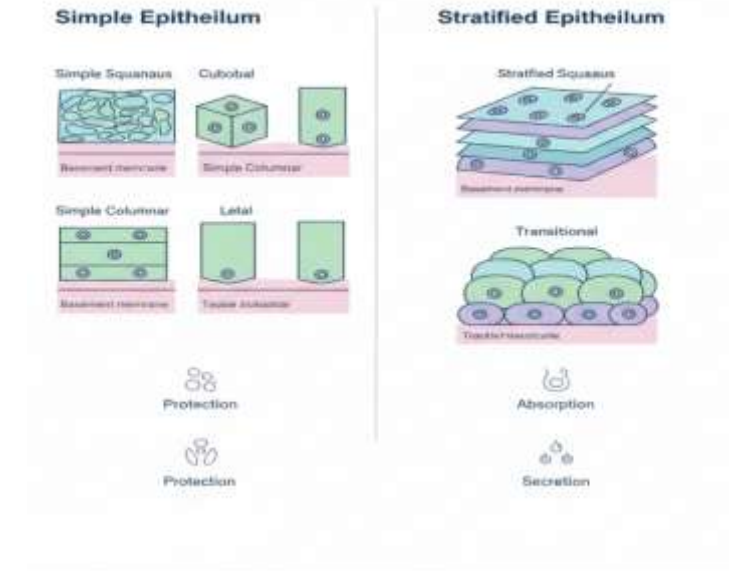
# CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE - CELL SHAPES

- **Squamous:** Flat, scale-like cells (diffusion, filtration).
- **Cuboidal:** Cube-shaped cells (secretion, absorption).
- **Columnar:** Tall, column-shaped cells (absorption, secretion).



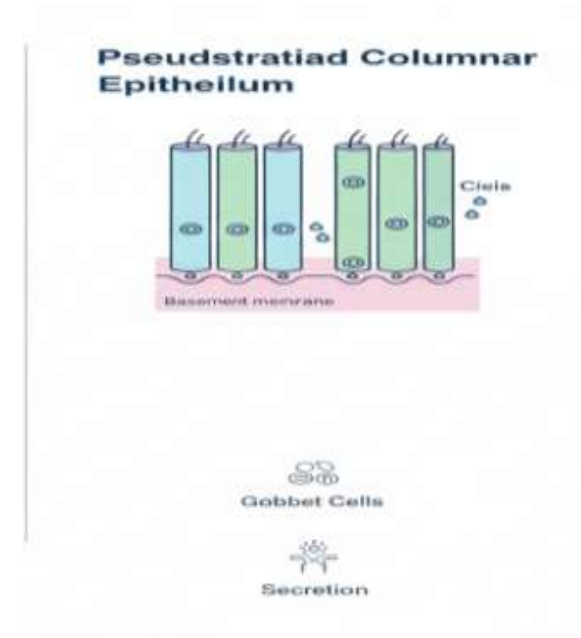
# CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE - LAYERS

- **Simple Epithelium:** Single layer of cells (absorption, secretion, filtration).
  - Examples: lining of blood vessels (simple squamous), kidney tubules (simple cuboidal), digestive tract (simple columnar).
- **Stratified Epithelium:** Two or more layers of cells (protection).
  - Examples: skin (stratified squamous), lining of bladder (transitional).



# CLASSIFICATION OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE - LAYERS

- **Pseudostratified Columnar Epithelium:** Appears stratified but is a single layer (secretion, propulsion of mucus).
- Example: lining of trachea.



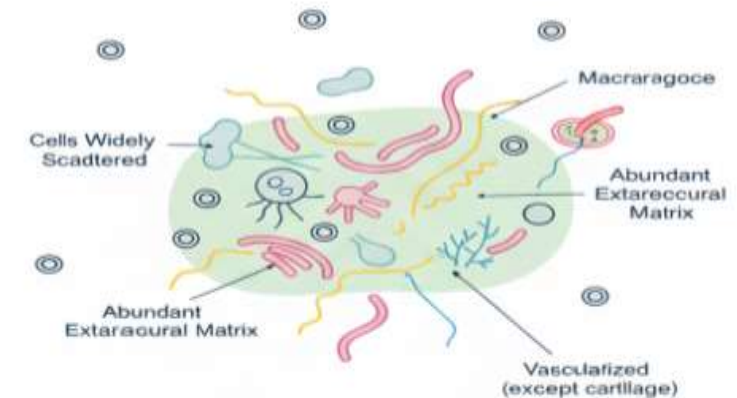
# CONNECTIVE TISSUE - OVERVIEW

**Definition:** Most abundant and widely distributed tissue type.

## Key Characteristics:

- Cells widely scattered, embedded in an abundant extracellular matrix.
- Vascularized (except cartilage).
- Diverse functions.

### Key Characteristics





# CONNECTIVE TISSUE - OVERVIEW

## Components:

**Cells:** Fibroblasts (most common), macrophages, mast cells, plasma cells, adipocytes.

**Extracellular Matrix:** Ground substance (unstructured material that fills space between cells) + Fibers (collagen, elastic, reticular).

**Functions:** Support, protection, insulation, storage, transport.



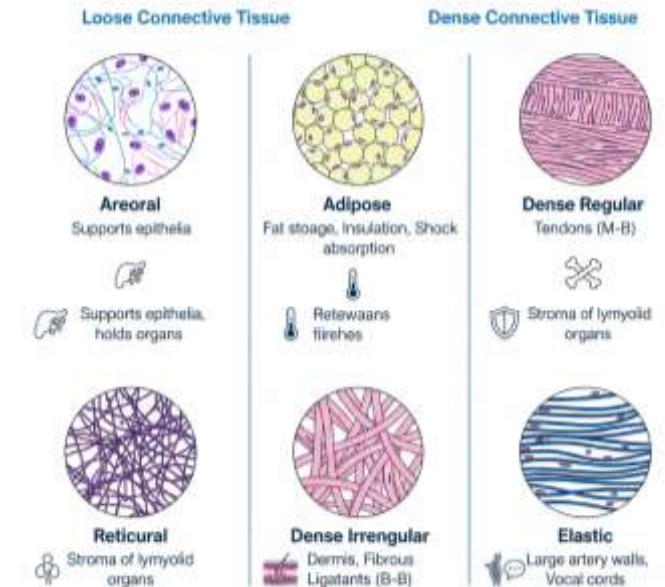
# TYPES OF CONNECTIVE TISSUE - PROPER

## Loose Connective Tissue:

- Areolar: Supports epithelia, holds organs in place.
- Adipose: Fat storage, insulation, shock absorption.
- Reticular: Forms stroma of lymphoid organs (spleen, lymph nodes).

## Dense Connective Tissue:

- Dense Regular: Tendons (muscle to bone), ligaments (bone to bone).
- Dense Irregular: Dermis of skin, fibrous capsules of organs.
- Elastic: Walls of large arteries, vocal cords.



# TYPES OF CONNECTIVE TISSUE - SPECIALIZED

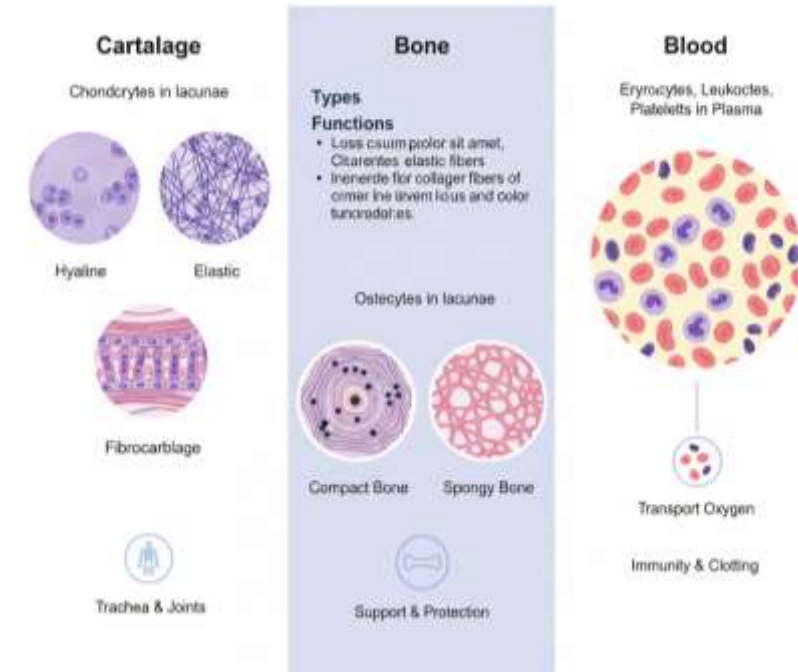
## **Cartilage:** (Chondrocytes in lacunae)

- Hyaline: Most common, articular surfaces, trachea, nose.
- Elastic: External ear, epiglottis.
- Fibrocartilage: Intervertebral discs, menisci of knee.

## **Bone:** (Osteocytes in lacunae)

- Compact Bone: Dense, outer layer.
- Spongy Bone: Trabecular, inner layer.

## **Blood:** (Erythrocytes, leukocytes, platelets in plasma)



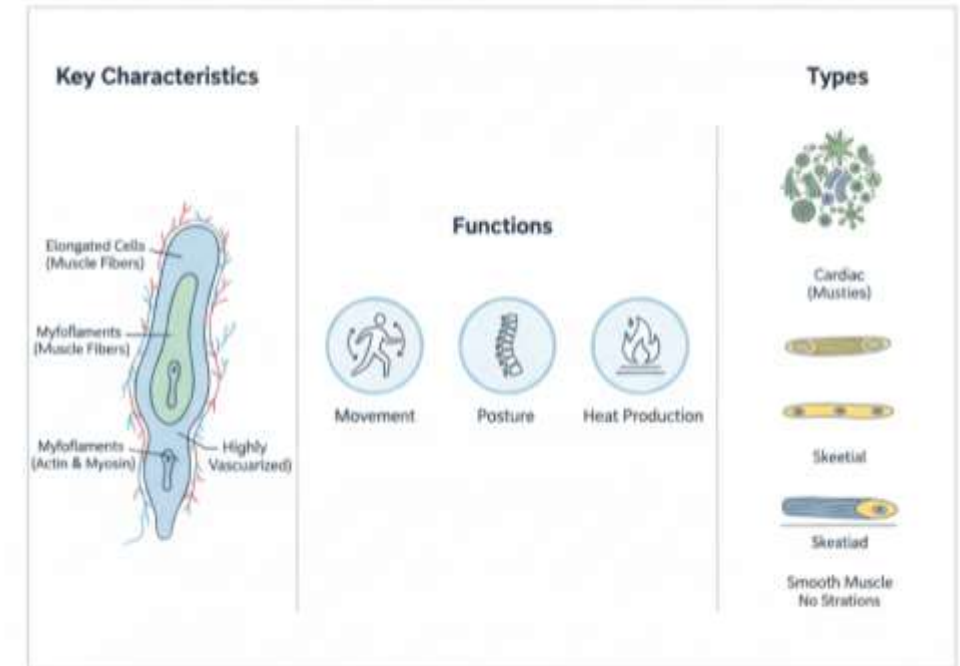
# MUSCULAR TISSUE - OVERVIEW

**Definition:** Specialized for contraction, generating force and movement.

## Key Characteristics:

- Elongated cells (muscle fibers).
- Contains myofilaments (actin and myosin) for contraction.
- Highly vascularized.

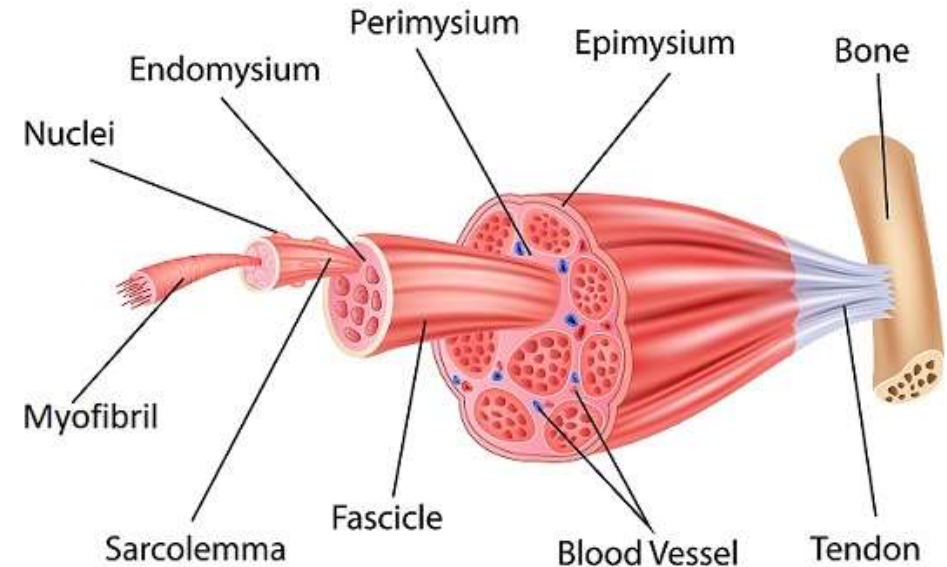
**Functions:** Movement, posture, heat production.



# TYPES OF MUSCULAR TISSUE

## Skeletal Muscle:

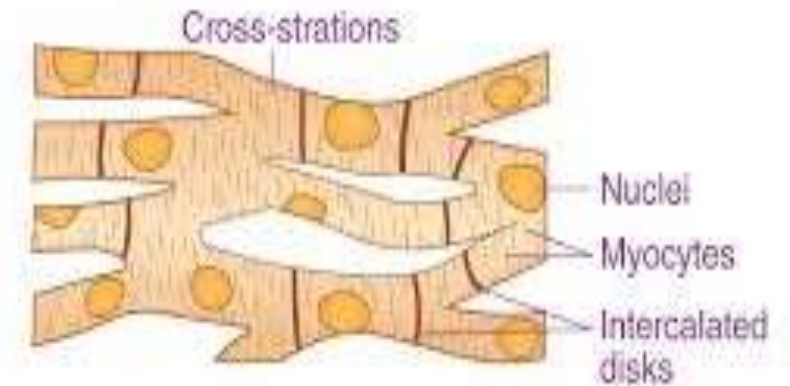
- Voluntary control.
- Striated (bands).
- Multinucleated, long cylindrical cells.
- Location: Attached to bones.



# TYPES OF MUSCULAR TISSUE

## Cardiac Muscle:

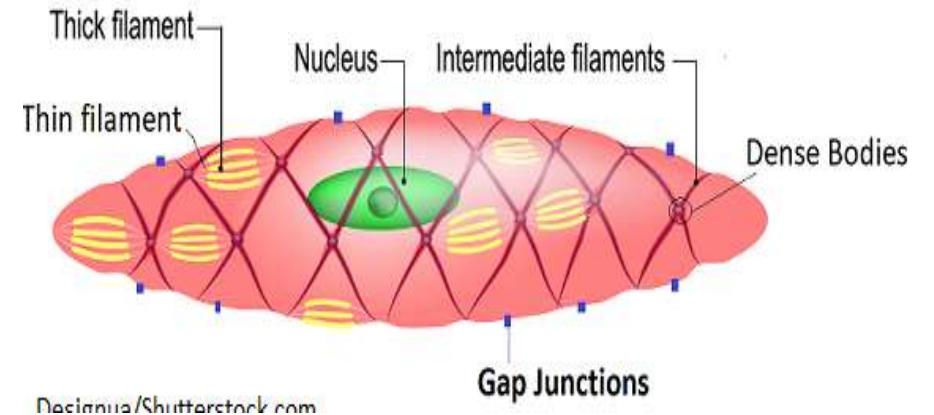
- Involuntary control.
- Striated.
- Uninucleated, branched cells with intercalated discs.
- Location: Wall of the heart.



# TYPES OF MUSCULAR TISSUE

## Smooth Muscle:

- Involuntary control.
- Non-striated.
- Uninucleated, spindle-shaped cells.
- Location: Walls of hollow organs (digestive tract, blood vessels).



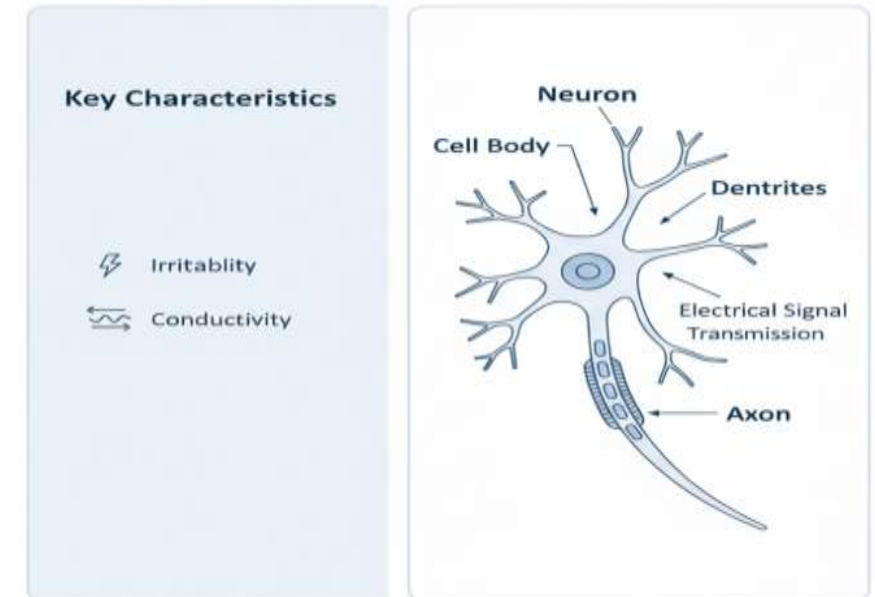


# NERVOUS TISSUE - OVERVIEW

**Definition:** Responsible for communication and control throughout the body.

## Key Characteristics:

- Highly specialized cells.
- Irritability (ability to respond to stimuli).
- Conductivity (ability to transmit electrical impulses).





# NERVOUS TISSUE - OVERVIEW

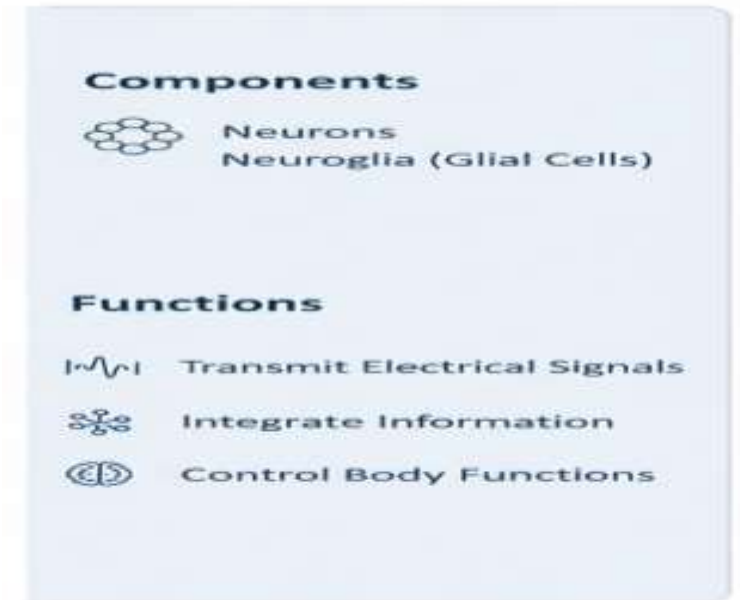
## Components:

- **Neurons:** Excitable cells that transmit electrical signals (nerve impulses).

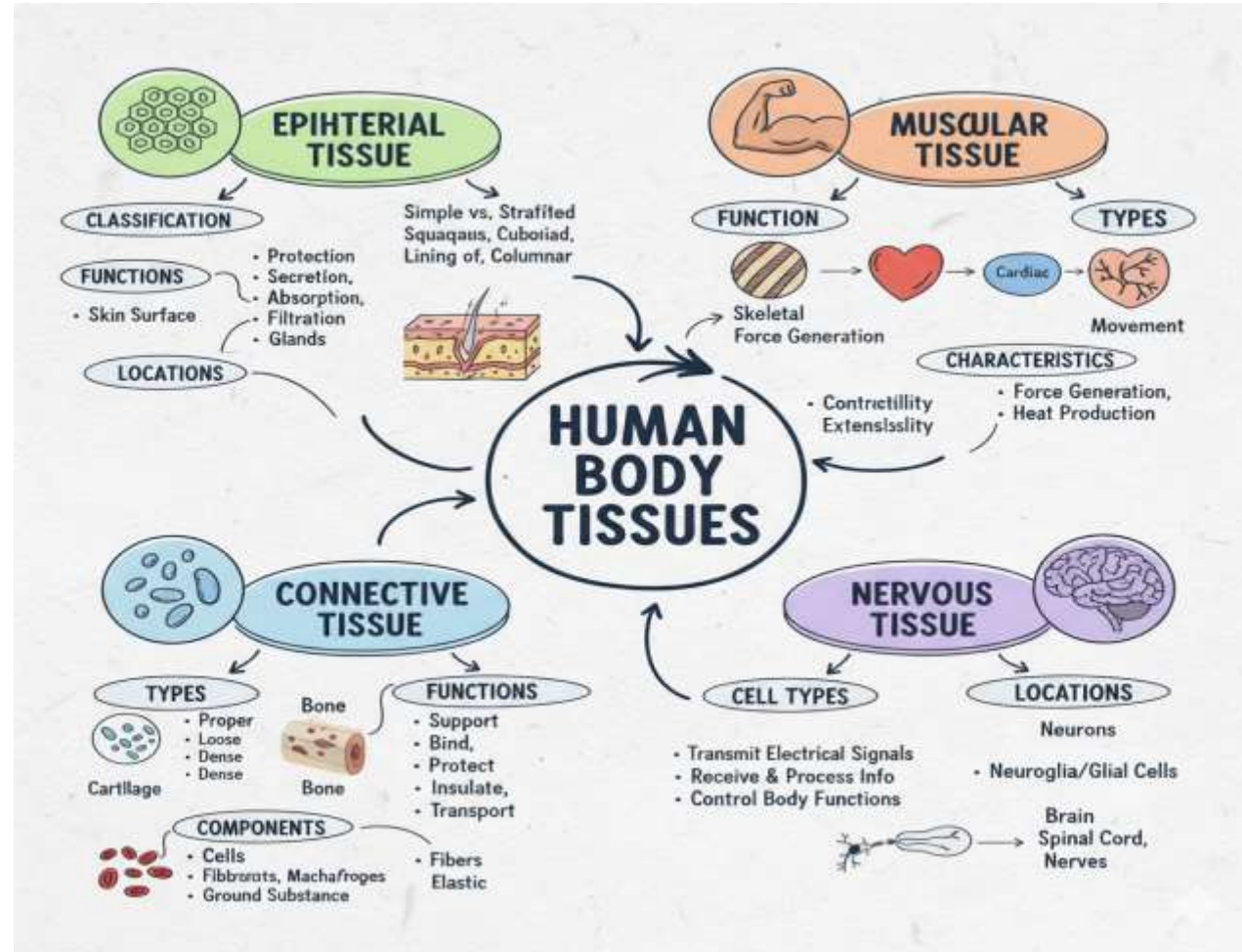
Cell body, dendrites, axon.

- **Neuroglia (Glial Cells):** Support, insulate, and protect neurons.

**Functions:** Transmit electrical signals, integrate information, control body functions.



# SUMMARY



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