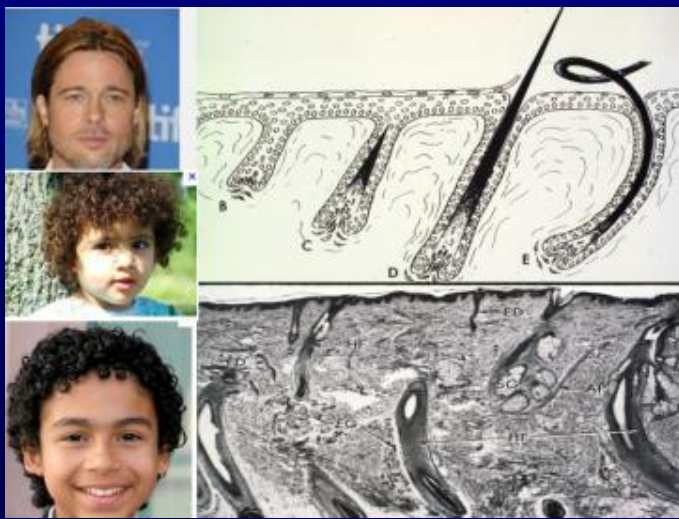
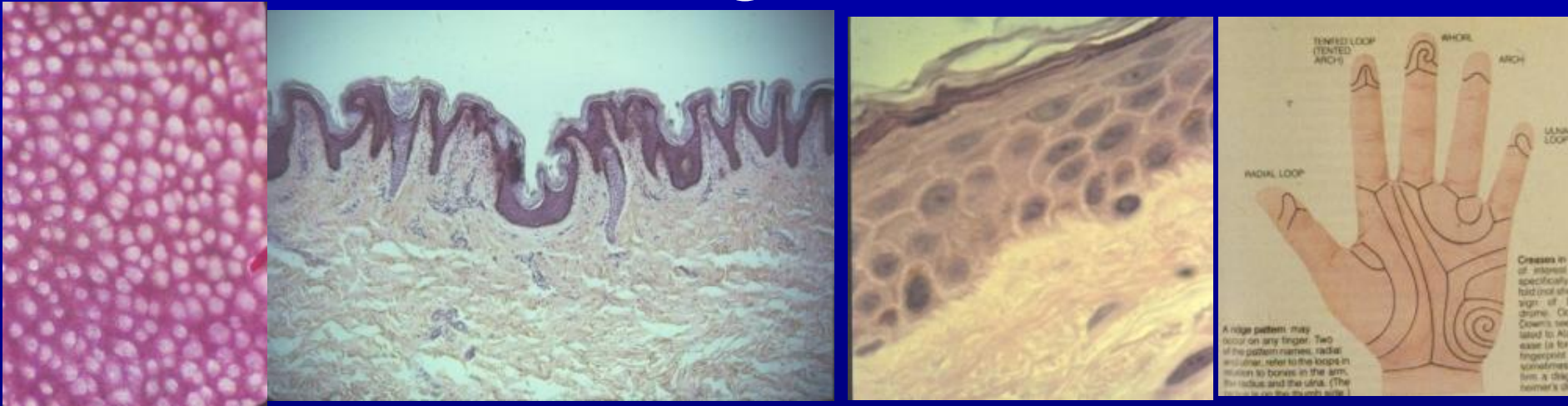
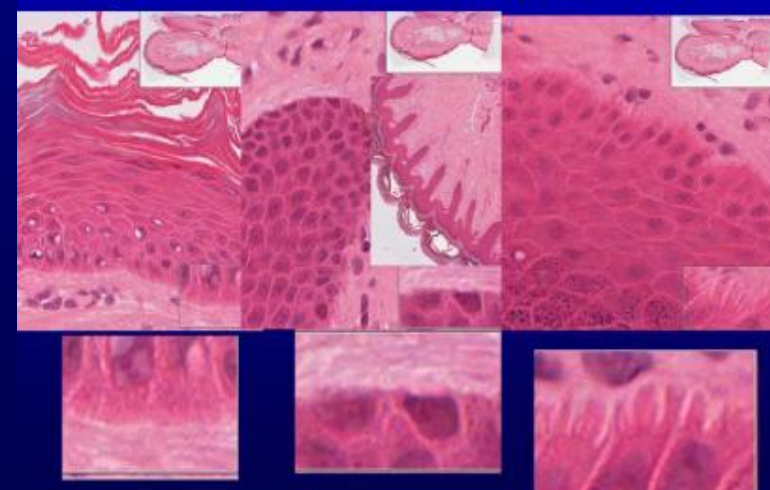


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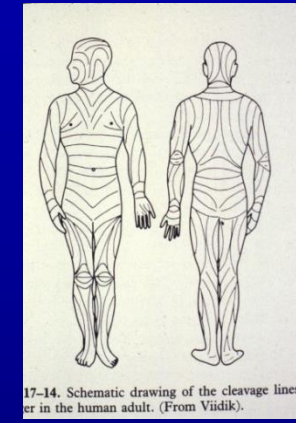
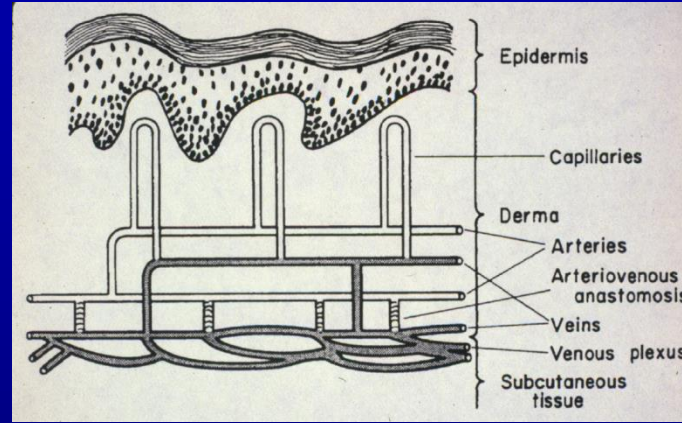
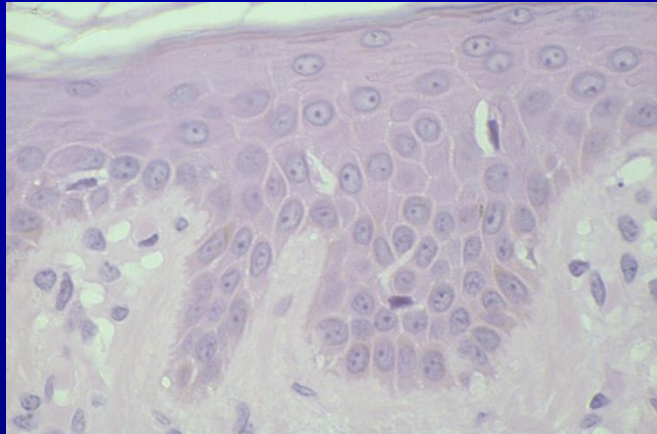


## Epidermal - dermal interface

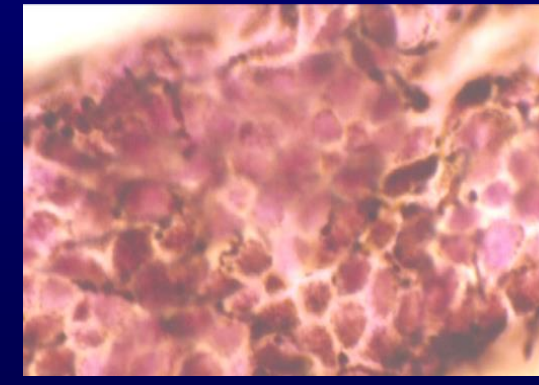
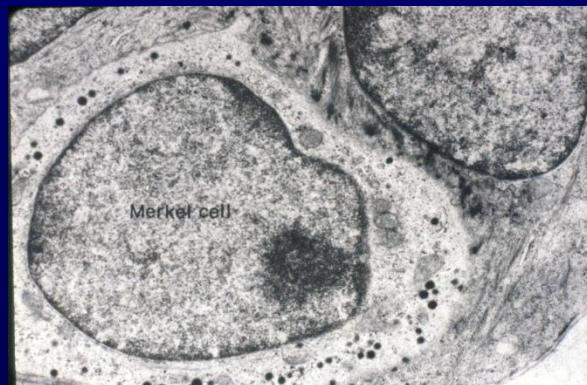
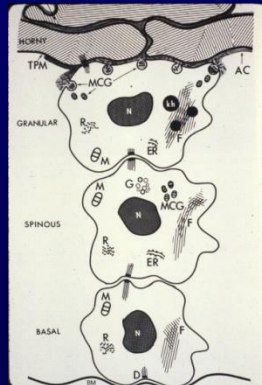


# Objectives

*To gain a greater appreciation of the diversity of functions of skin*

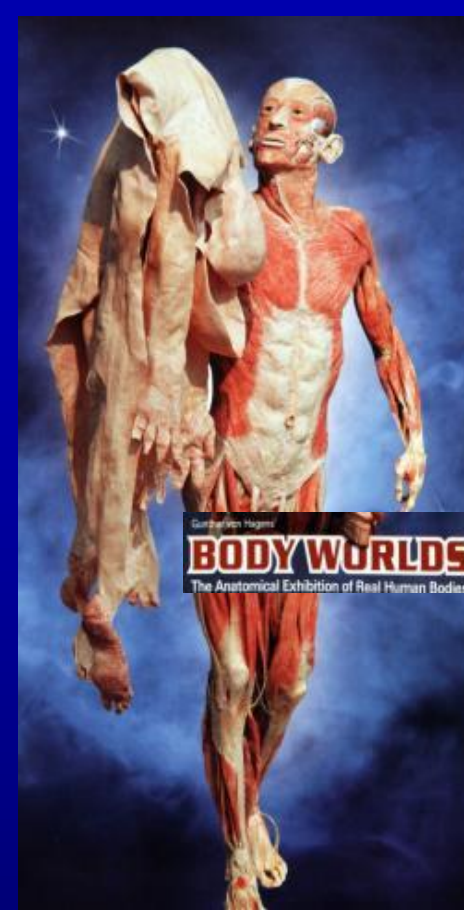


*To recognize the different cell types and structures of the skin which make possible this **functional diversity***

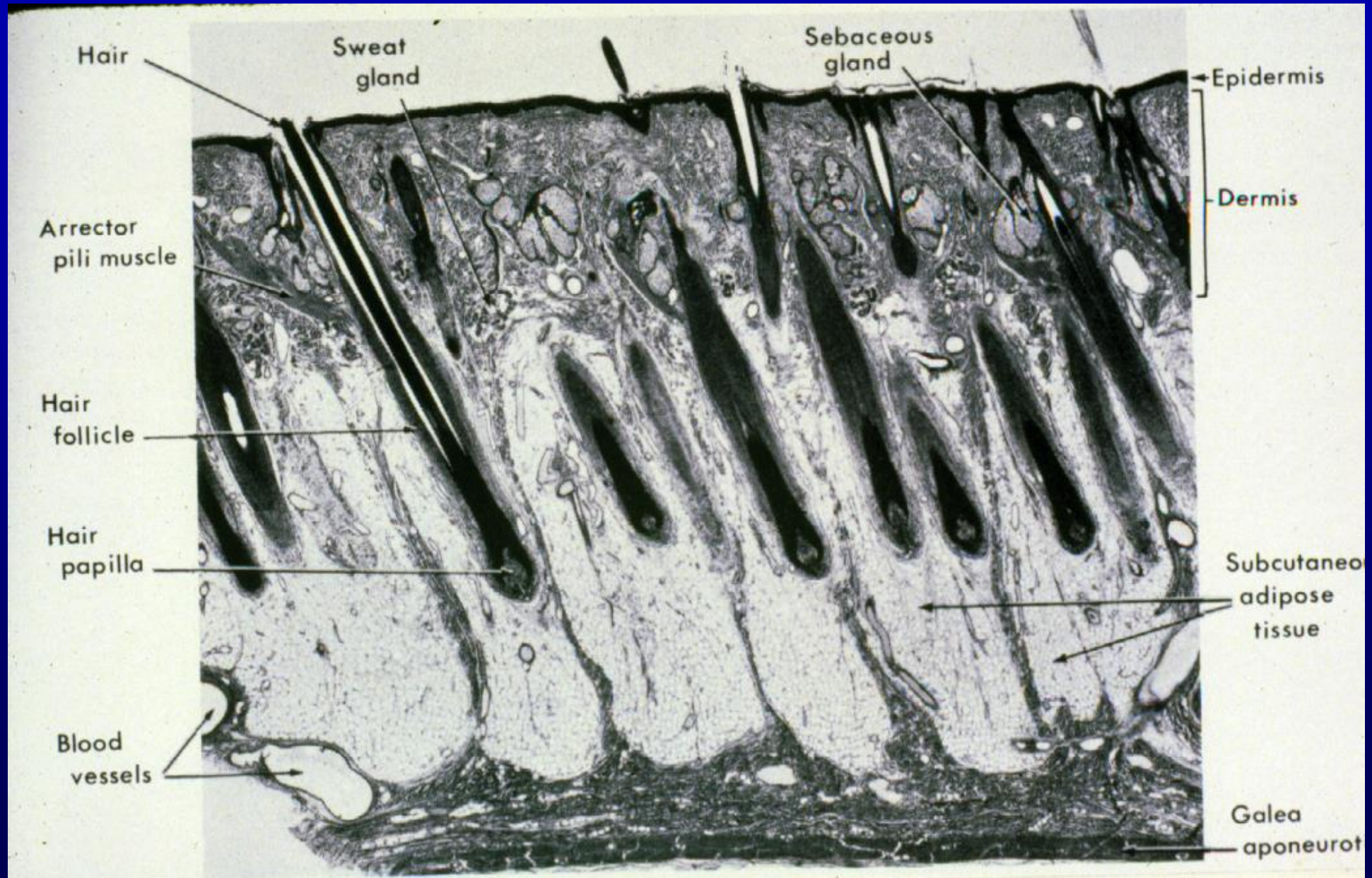


# Functions of Skin: Functional Diversity of Skin

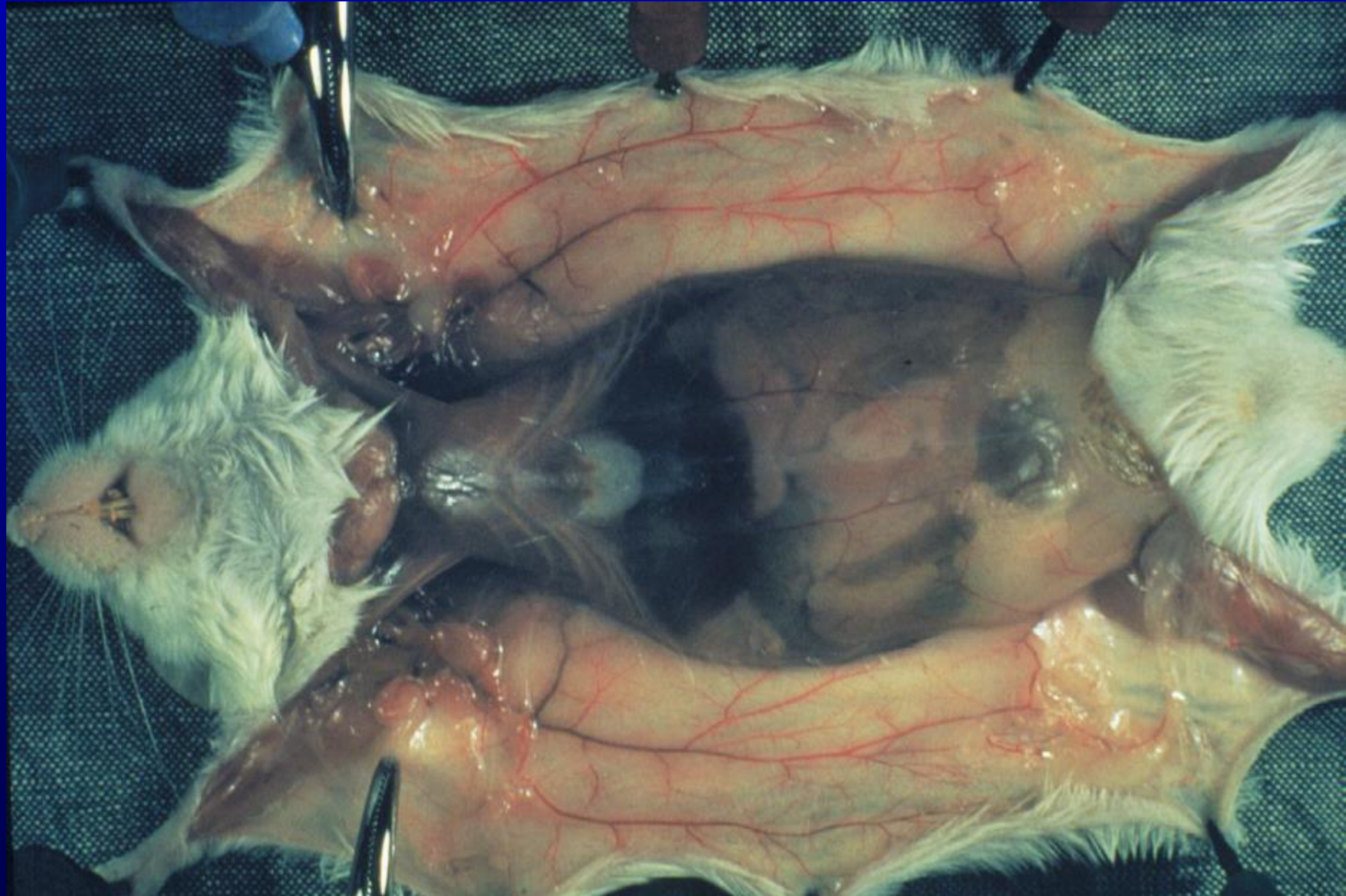
- Protects against injury and desiccation
- Maintenance of water balance
- Excretes/secretates various substances
- Thermoregulation
- Receives stimuli
  - Temperature
  - Pain
  - Pressure
- Basis of recognition and yields clues to one's well being
- Fat metabolism in the subcutaneous layer

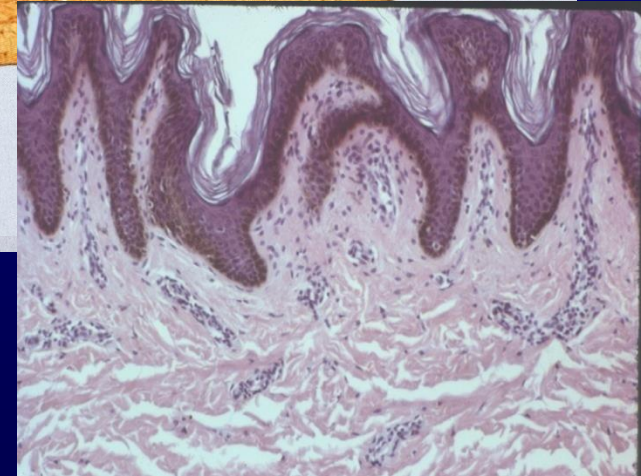
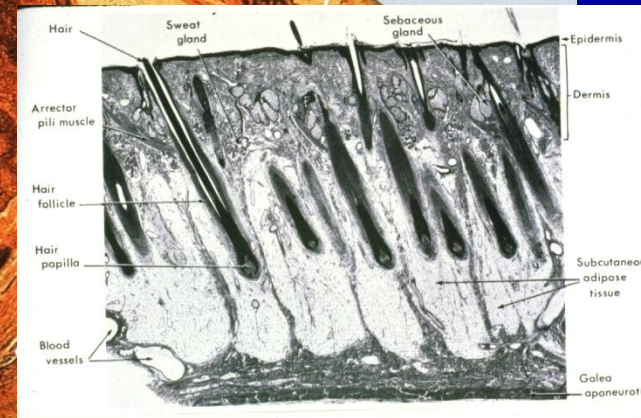
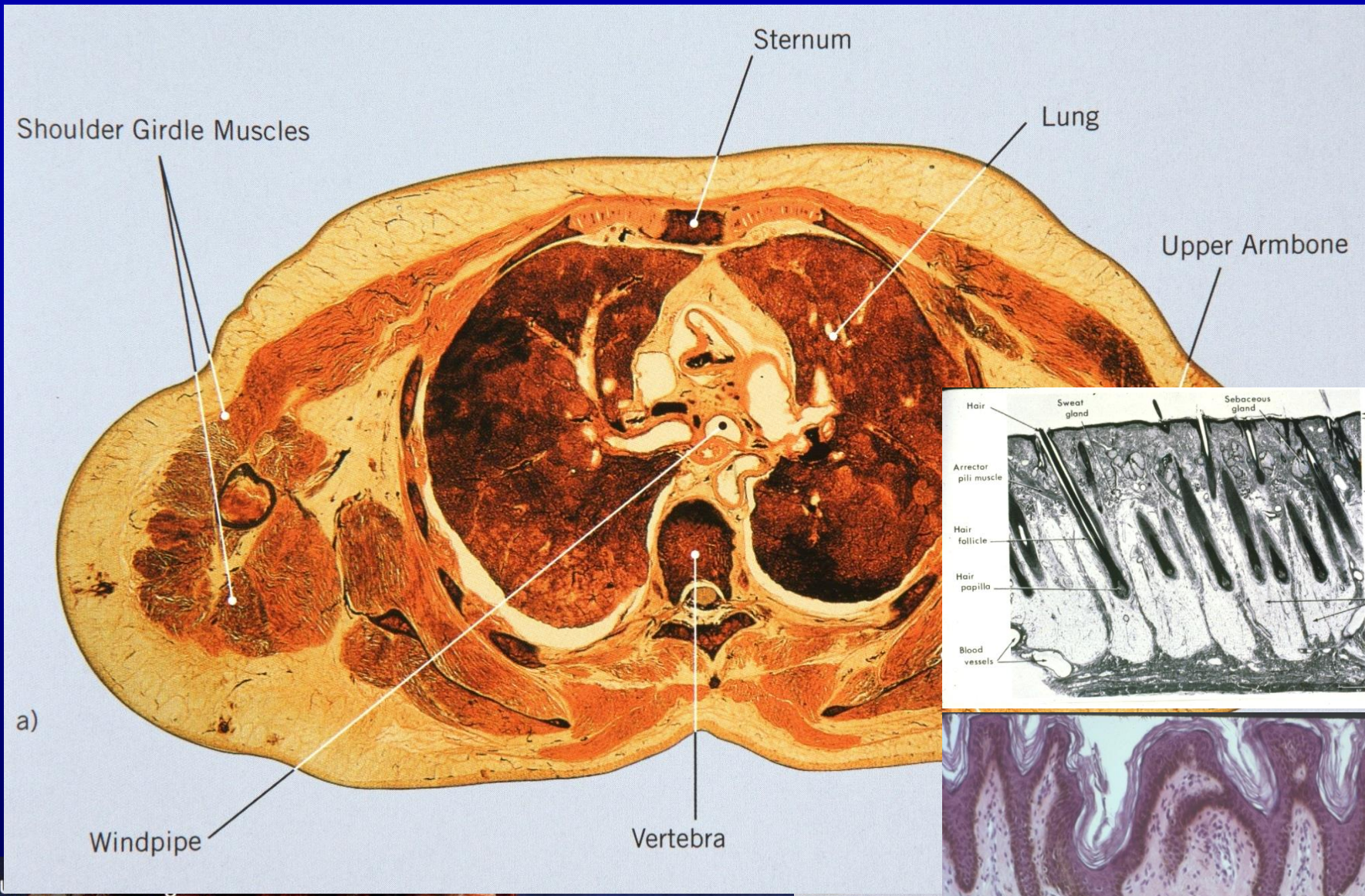


# Fat Metabolism in the Subcutaneous Layer



# Fat Metabolism in the Subcutaneous Layer





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# Obesity =

Too much fat  
in the  
Subcutaneous  
Layer

Obesity Revealed, 2005

These specimens are the first of their kind. Due to a breakthrough in polymer technology for plastination, it is now possible to preserve fat tissue in its natural white color. Comparing the sagittally cut slices of an obese person (300 pounds) to those of a slim one (120 pounds) shockingly reveals the burden that the inner organs endured during this person's shortened life. As obvious from the enlarged heart and supported by his clinical data, the heart was finally not able to supply the body with uninterrupted blood flow. The person died of a malfunction in his heart at the age of about 50.



Gunther von Hagens'

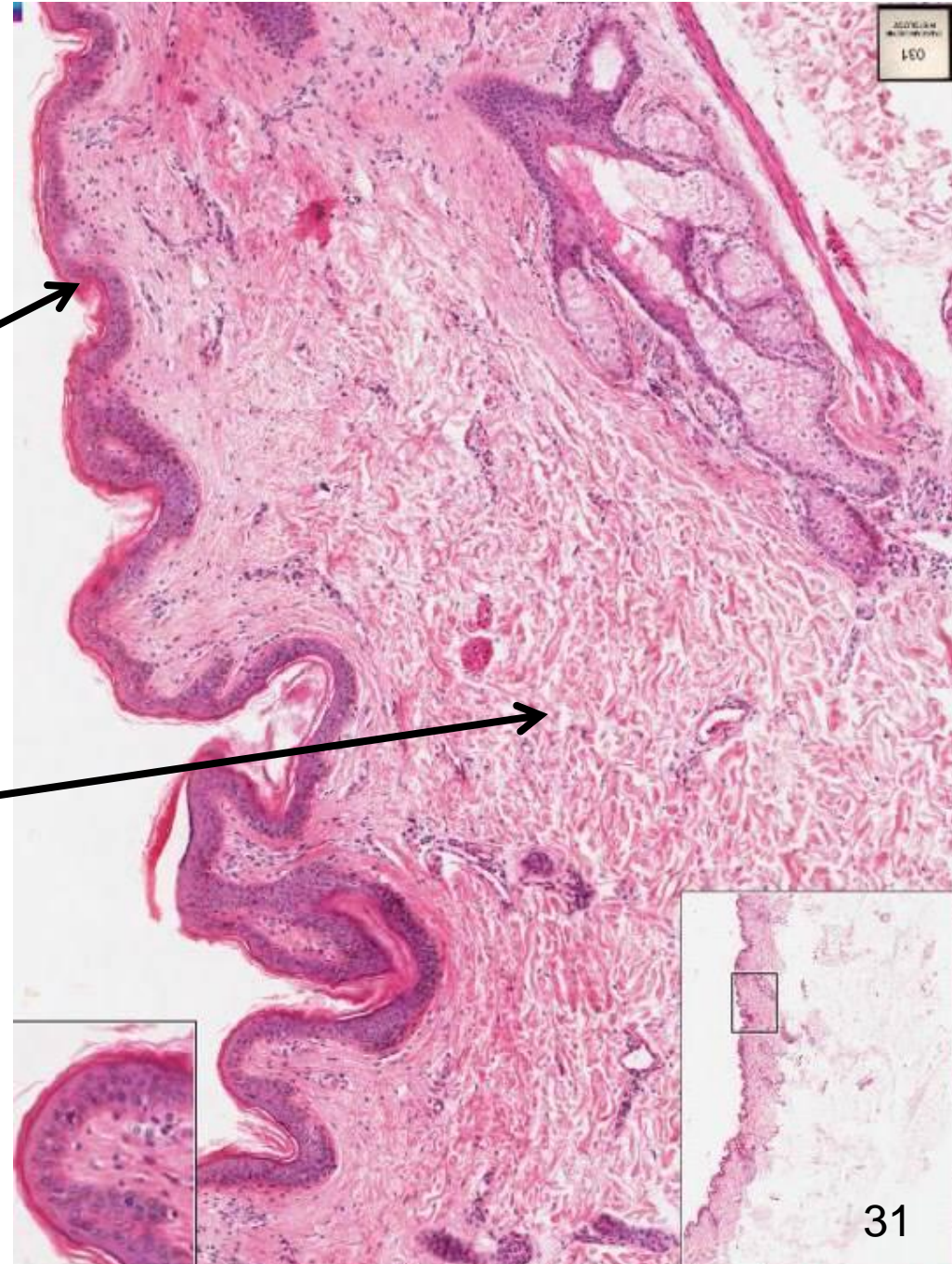
## **BODY WORLDS**

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# BINARY ORIGIN OF SKIN

EPIDERMIS -  
ECTODERM

DERMIS -  
MESODERM





# Skin Overview and Introduction

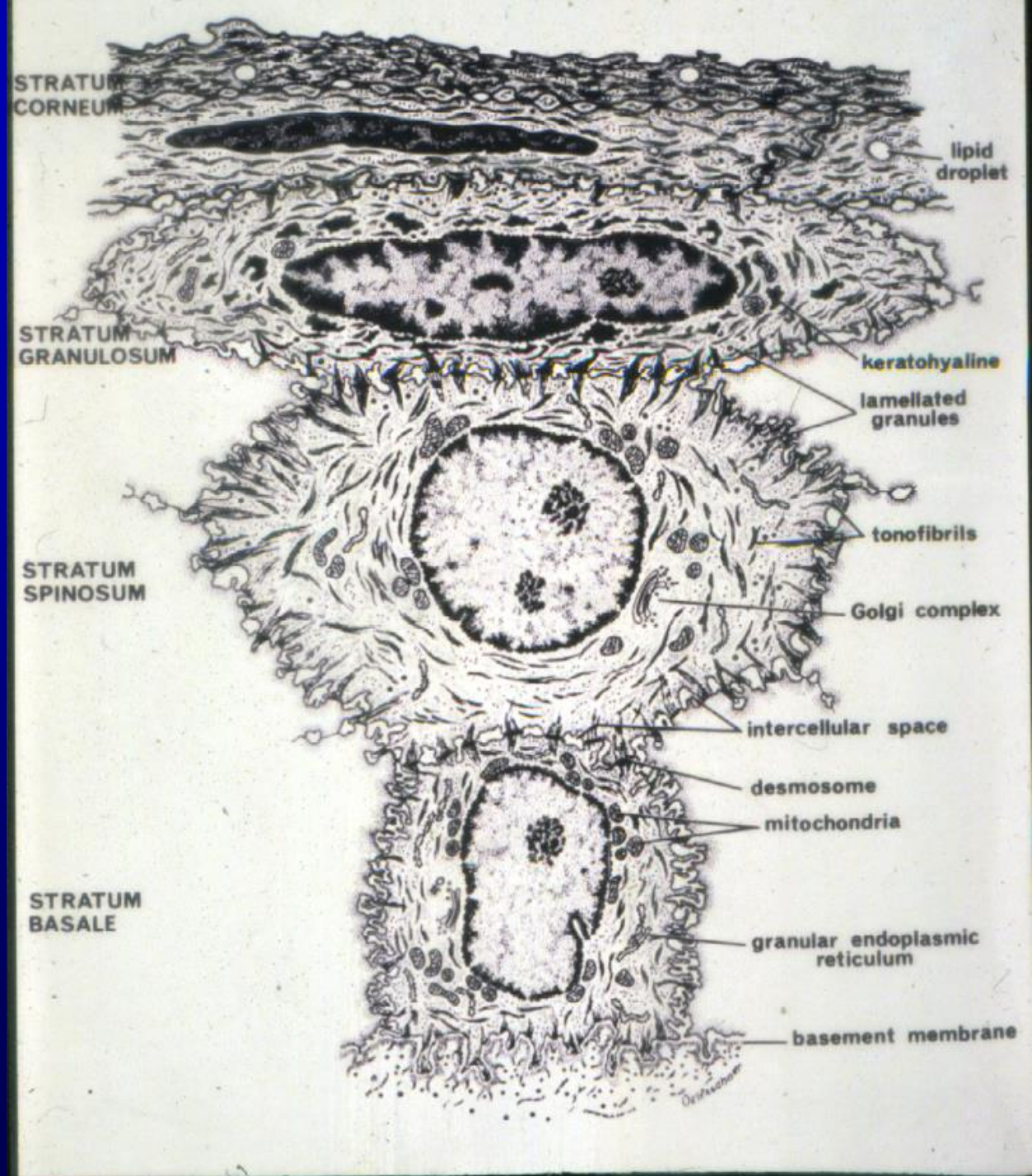
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKAzVC0WcmI>

**Stratum  
Corneum**

**Stratum  
Granulosum**

**Stratum  
Spinosum**

**Stratum  
Basale**



# Layers of the Epidermis: palms and soles of feet

## Stratum Corneum

- Keratinized flattened, denucleated, dead cells

## Stratum Granulosum

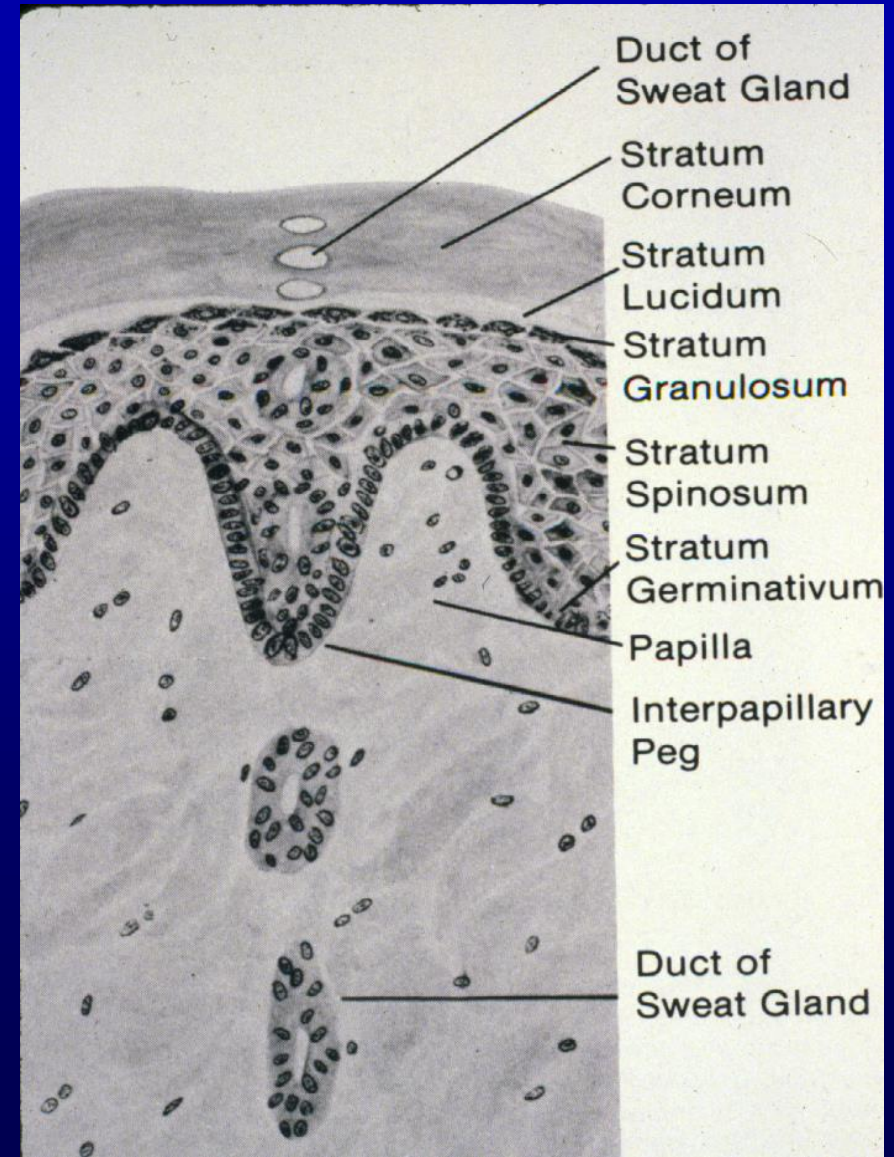
- Keratohyalin granules

## Stratum Spinosum

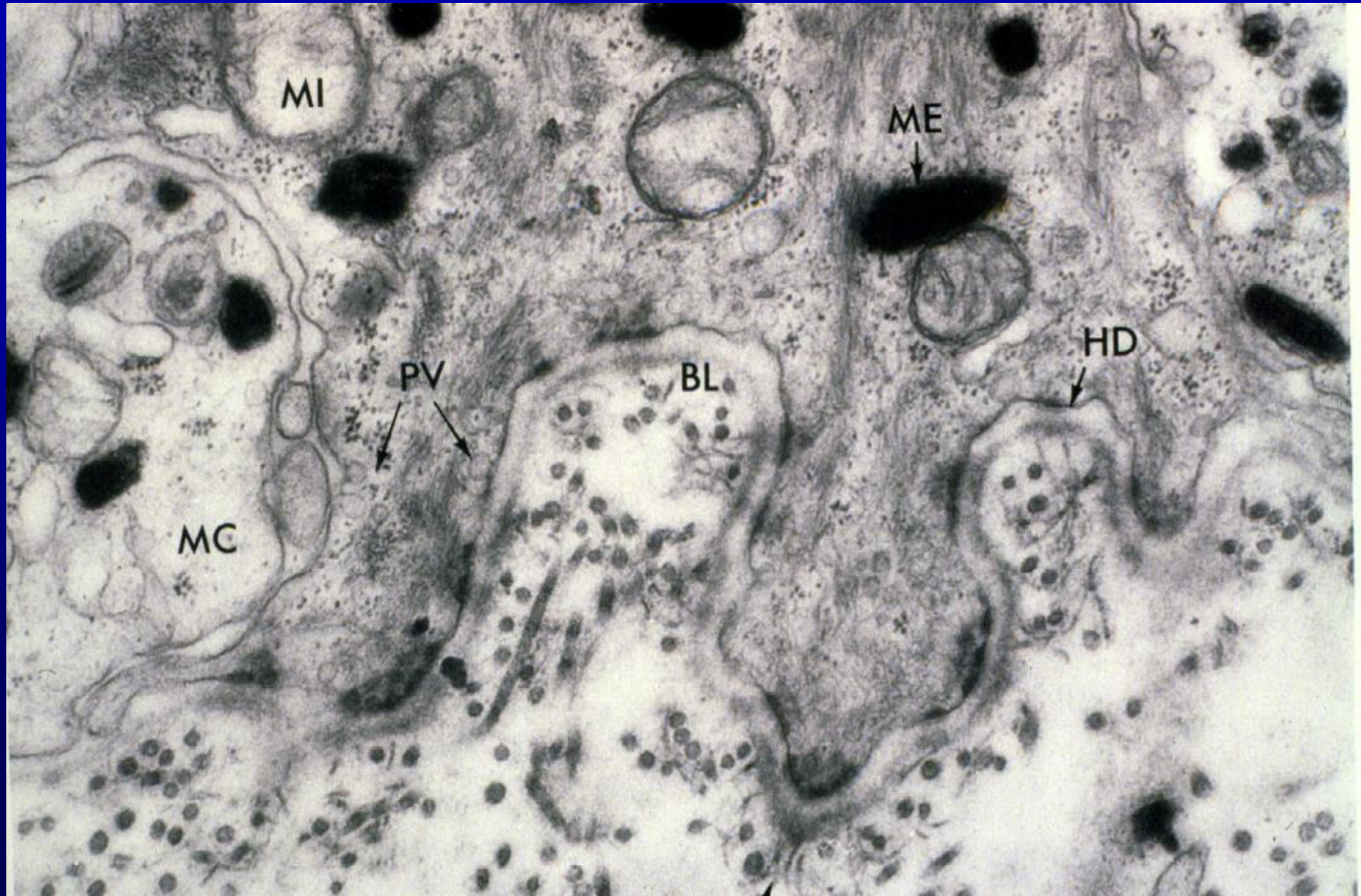
- Tonofibrils – desmosomes

## Stratum Basale

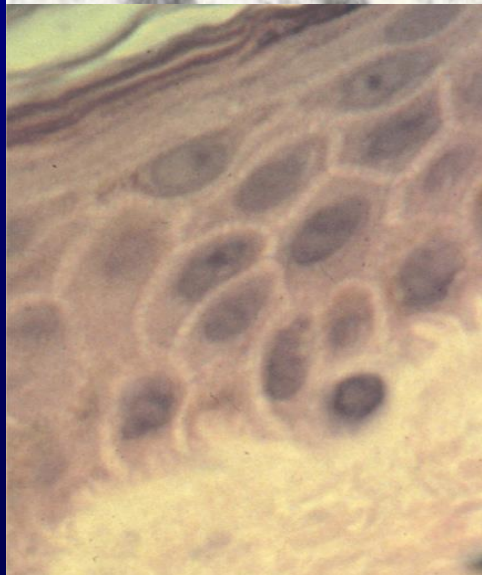
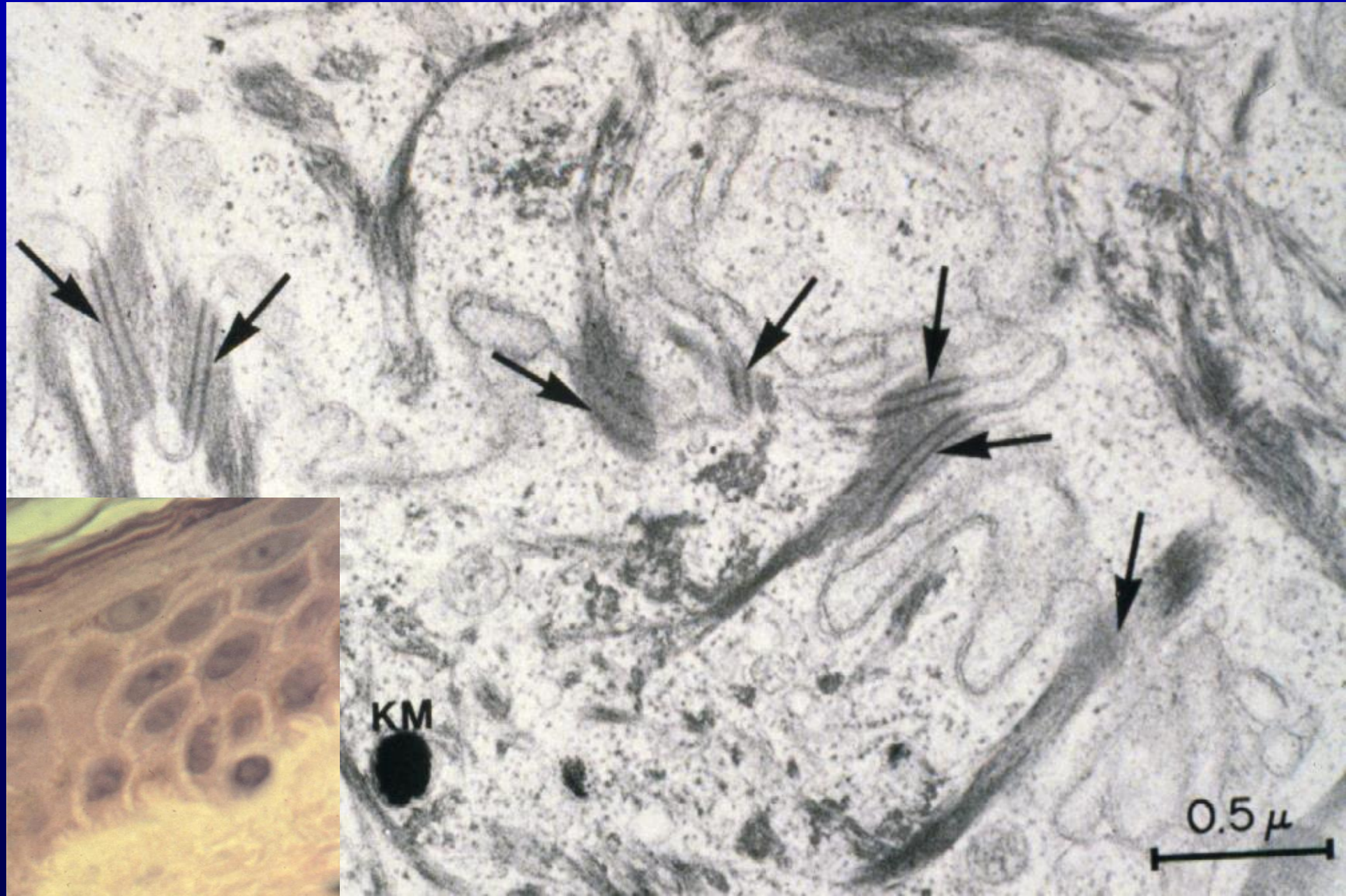
- Continual renewal of epidermis



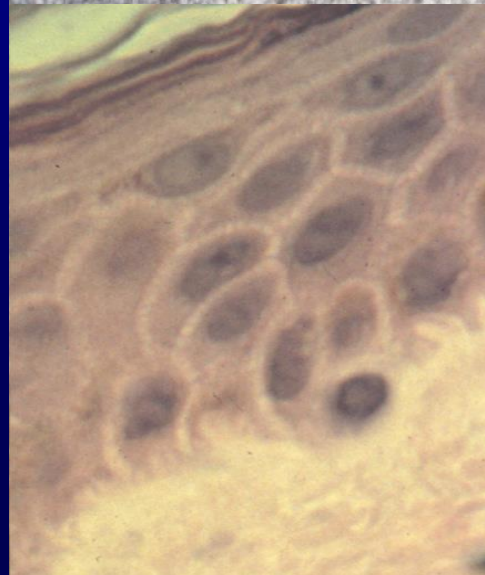
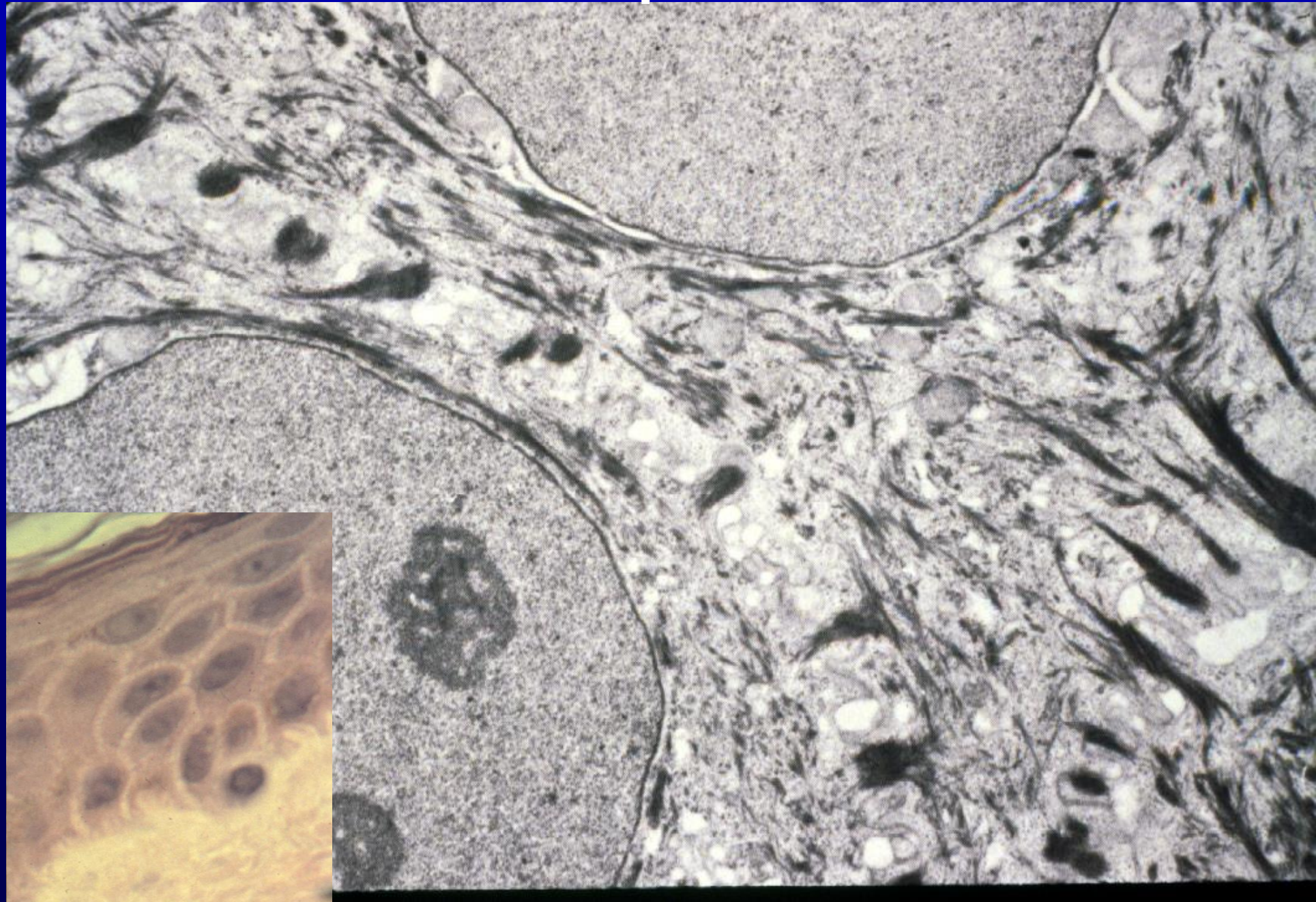
# Stratum Basale



# Stratum Spinosum

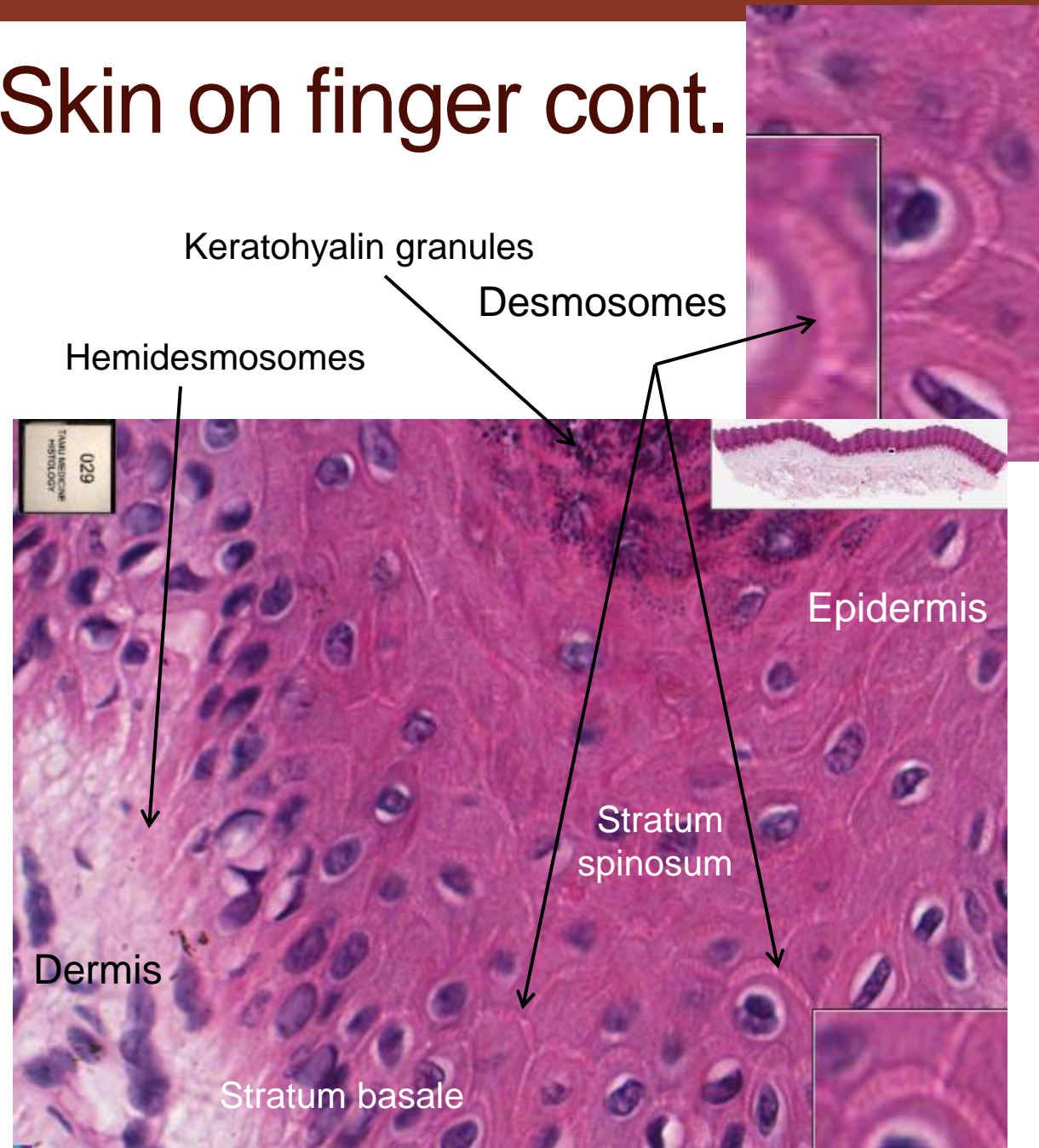


# Stratum Spinosum



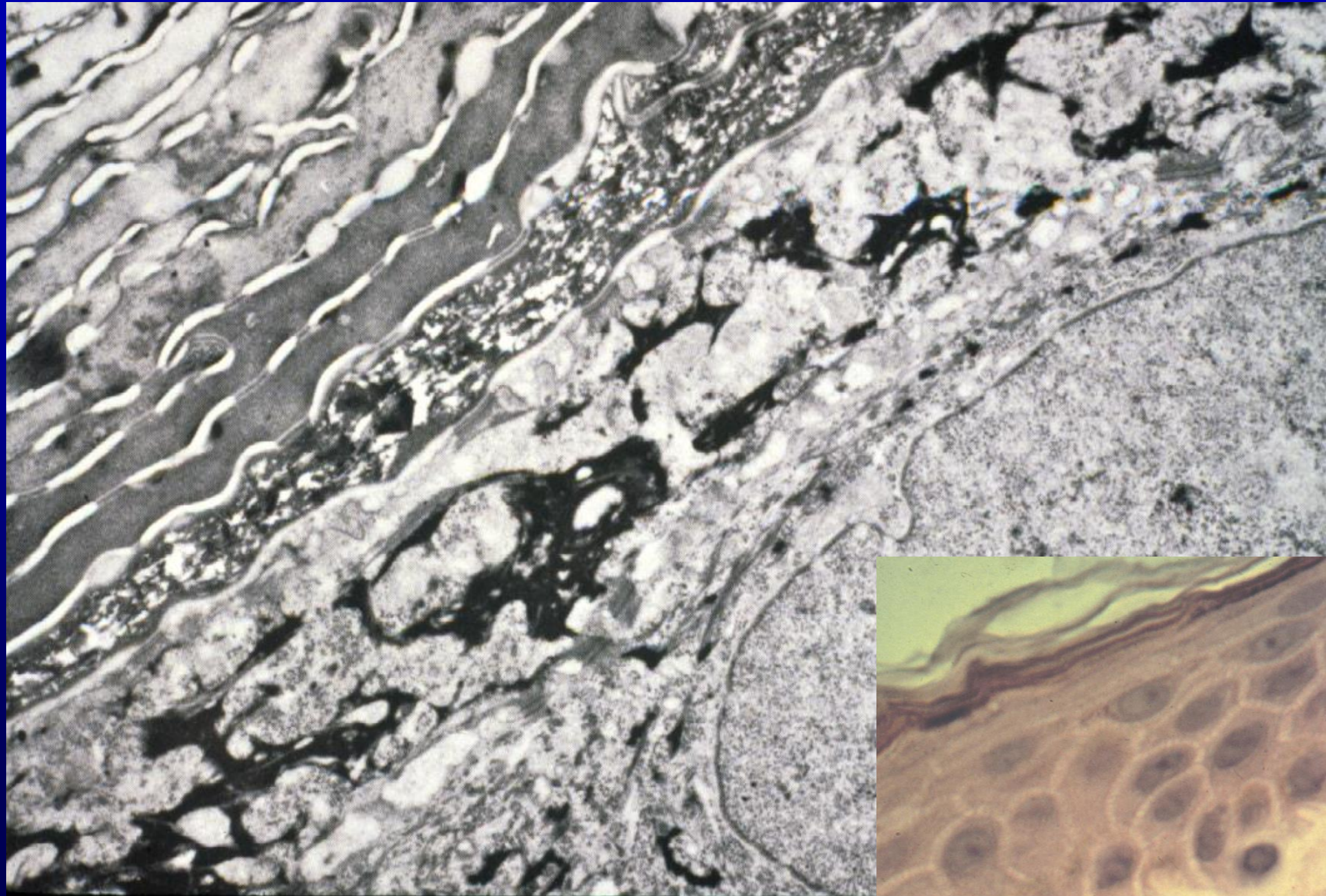
# Slide 29: Thick Skin on finger cont.

The epidermis of thick skin is subject to continuous friction and pressure so the abundant desmosomes (and tonofibrils) withstand this and hold the cell layers together.



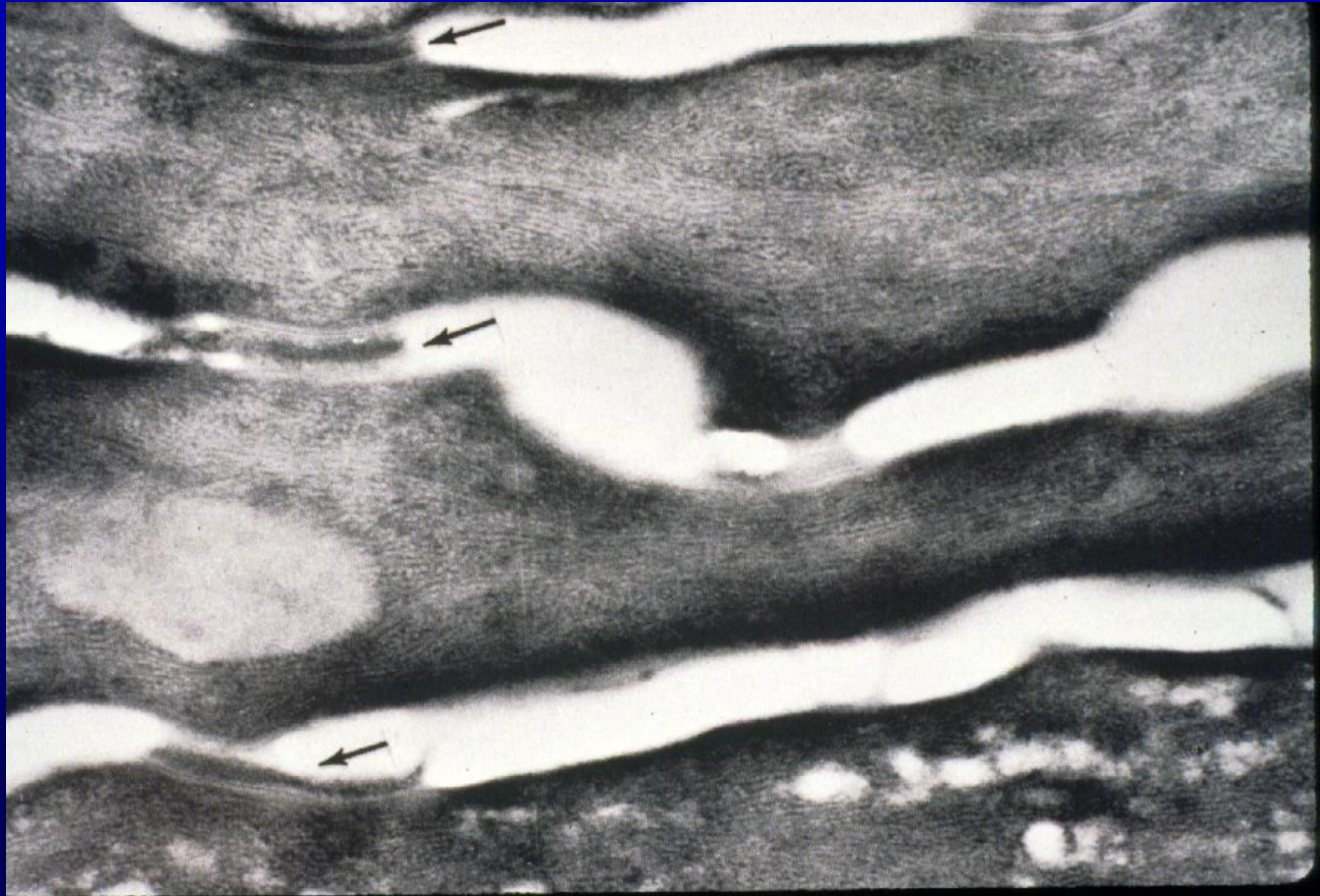
**Stratum Corneum**

**Stratum Granulosum**

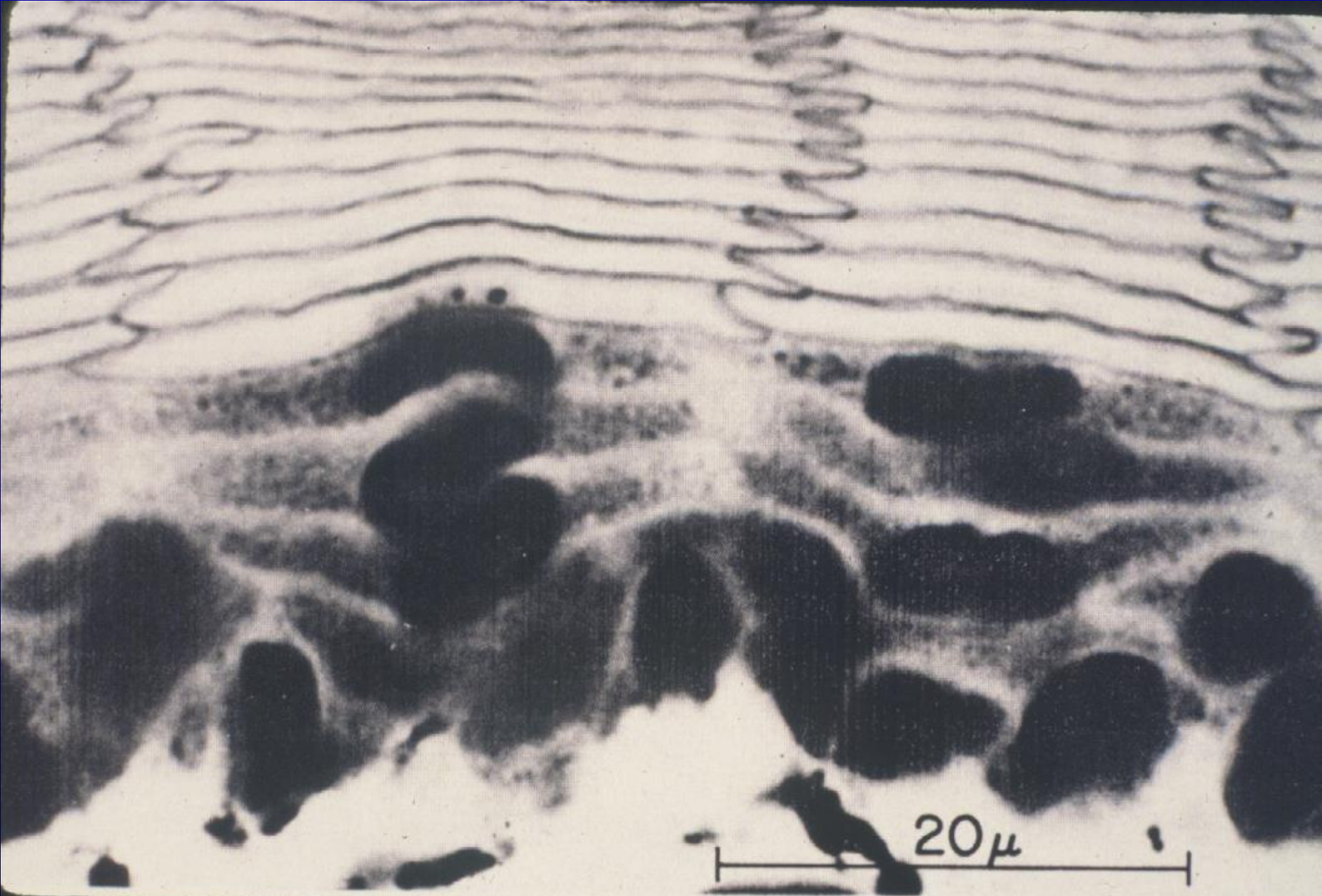




# Stratum Corneum



# Stratum Corneum



# Three Types of Granules in Keratinocytes

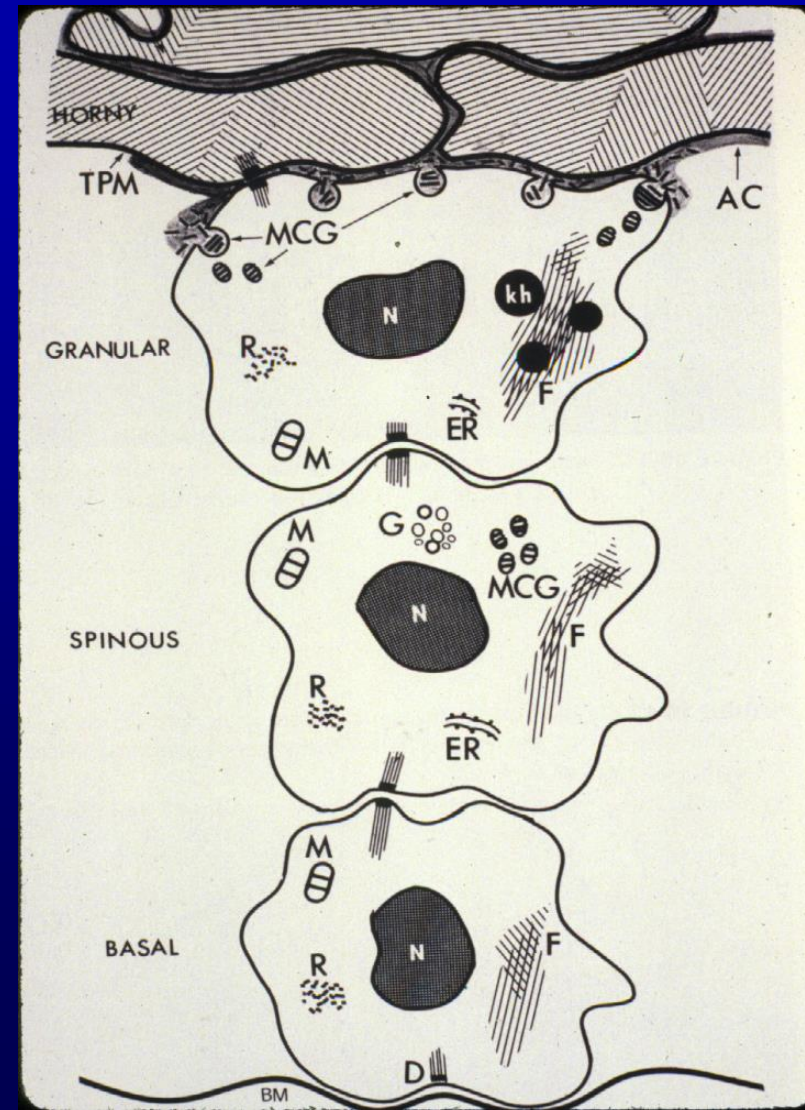
## Melanin

- Skin pigment
- Produced by melanocytes and passed by cytokrine secretion to keratinocytes

## Membrane coating granules (lamellated granules)

- Water proofing function
- Produced by keratinocytes

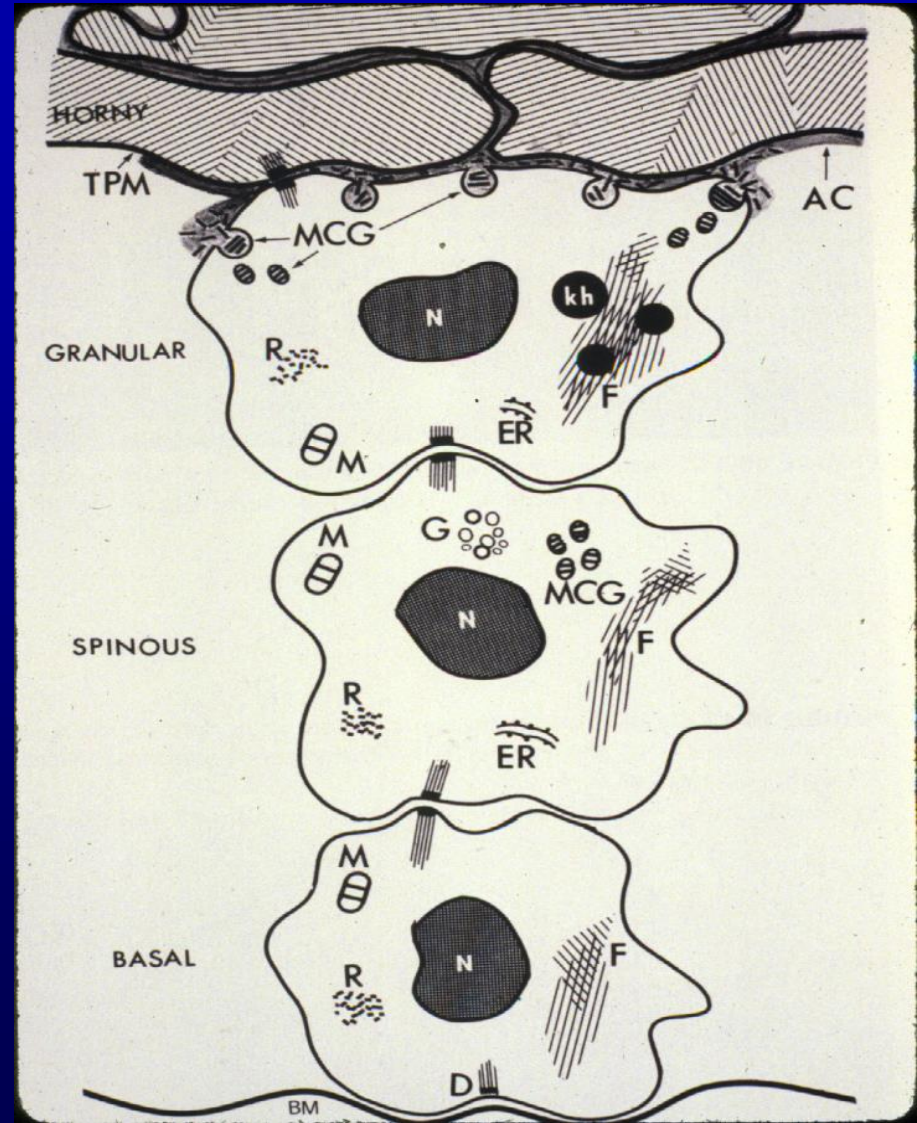
## Keratinohyalin granules



# Three Types of Granules in Keratinocytes

## Keratinohyalin granules

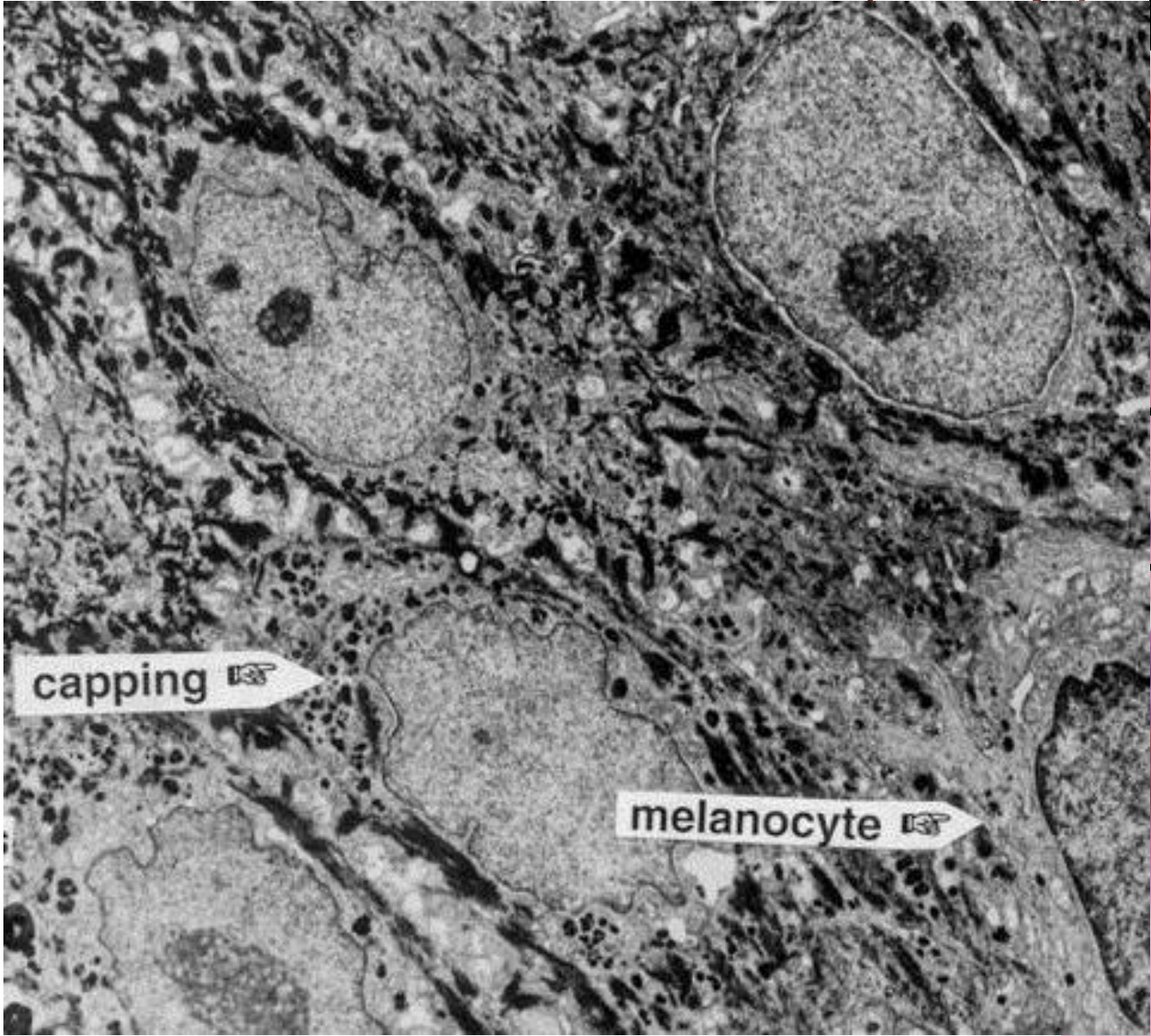
- Chemical nature not clearly established
- Rich in histidine forms
- Matrix of cells in stratum corneum, stability due to disulfide bonds
- Absent in hair and nails



# Slide 31: Thin Skin (scalp)

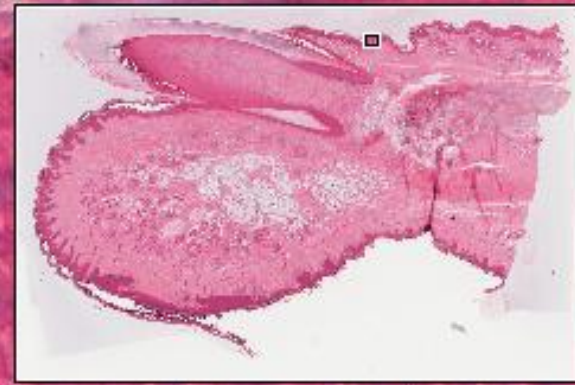


Sun from NASA

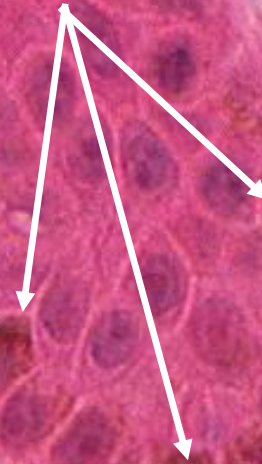


Melanin capping of nuclei

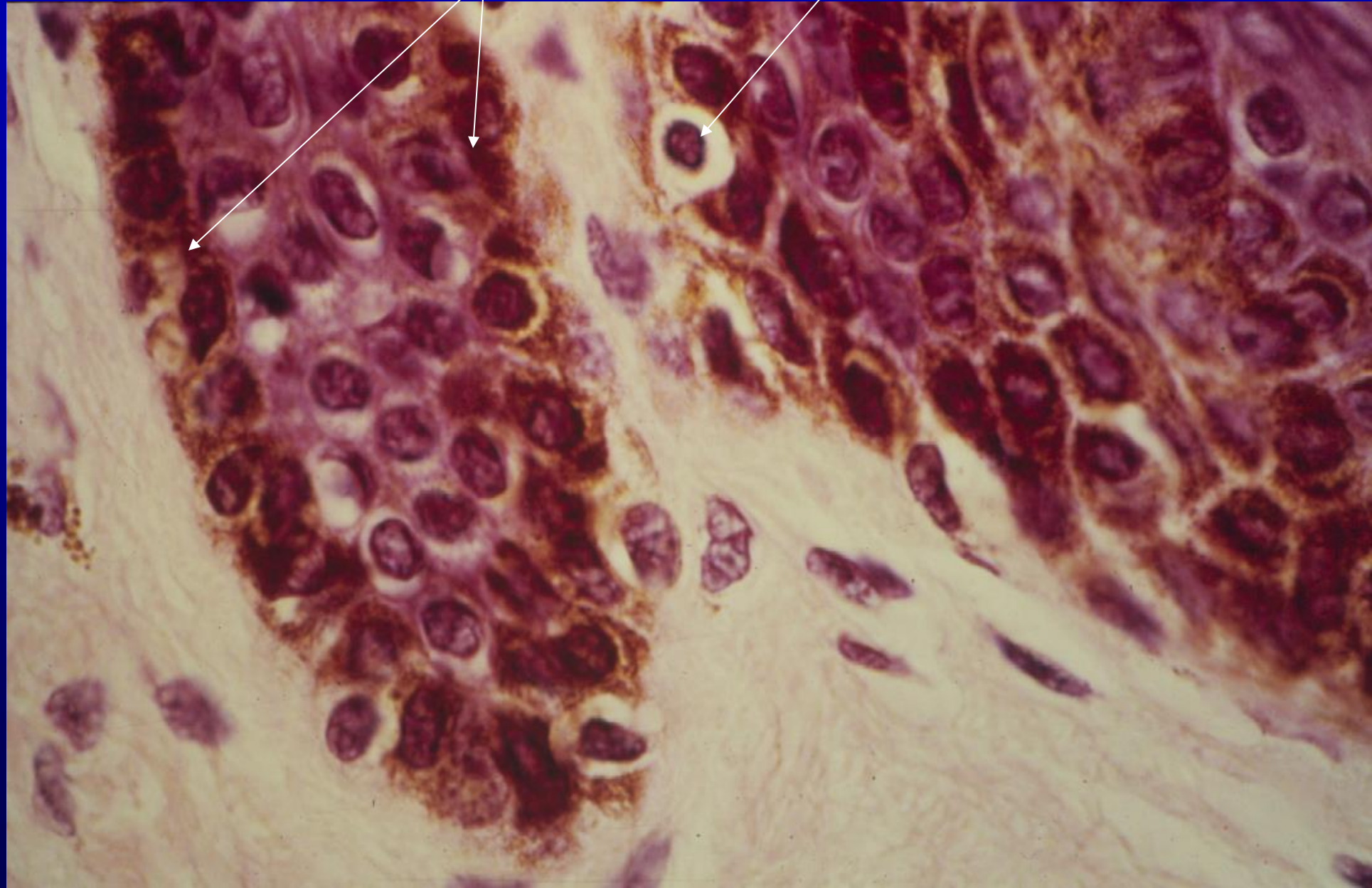
# Capping of Melanin Granules in Keratinocytes in Stratum Basale



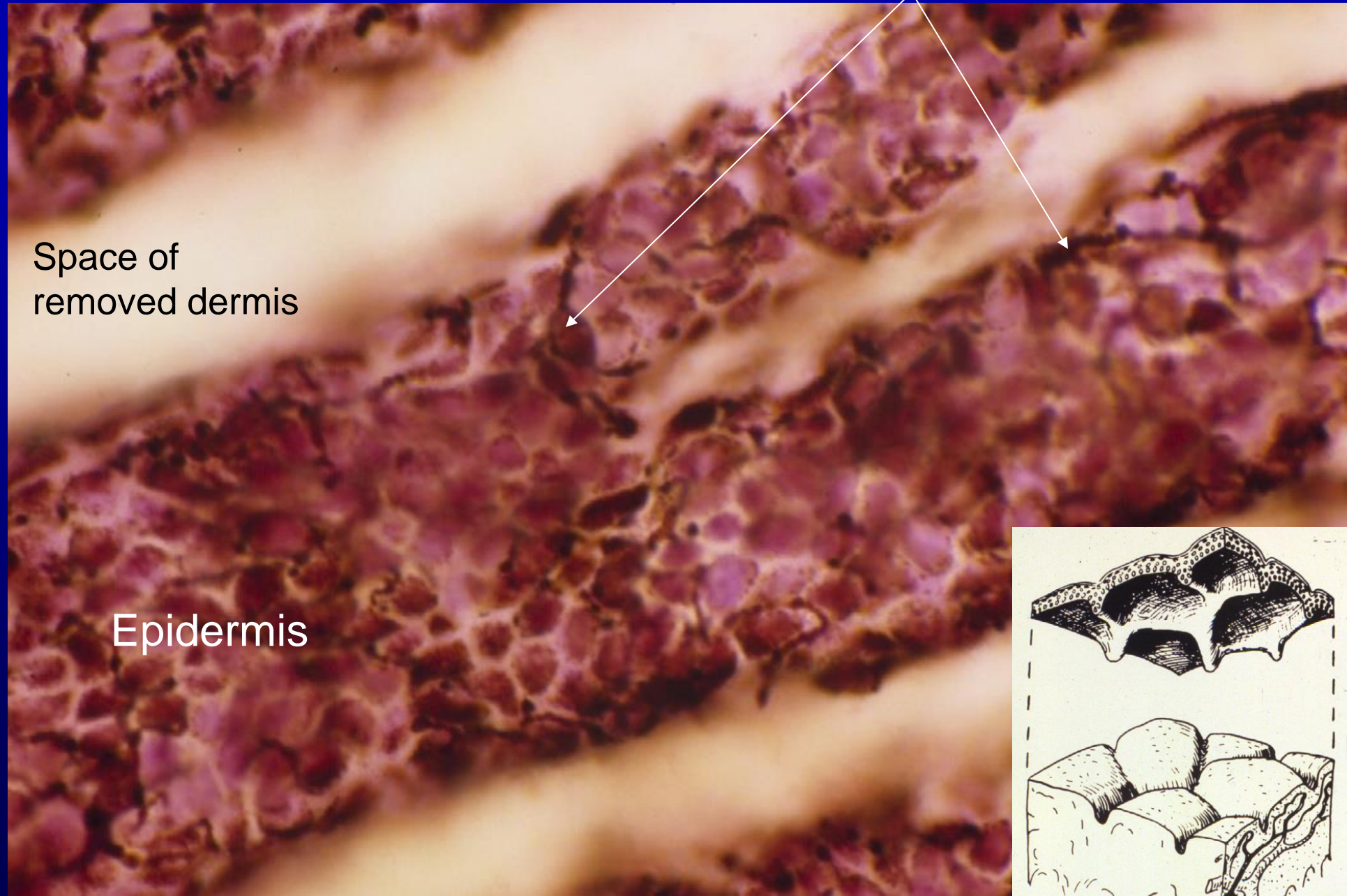
Capping



**Melanin is produced by Melanocytes**



# Melanin-producing enzymes in Melanocytes





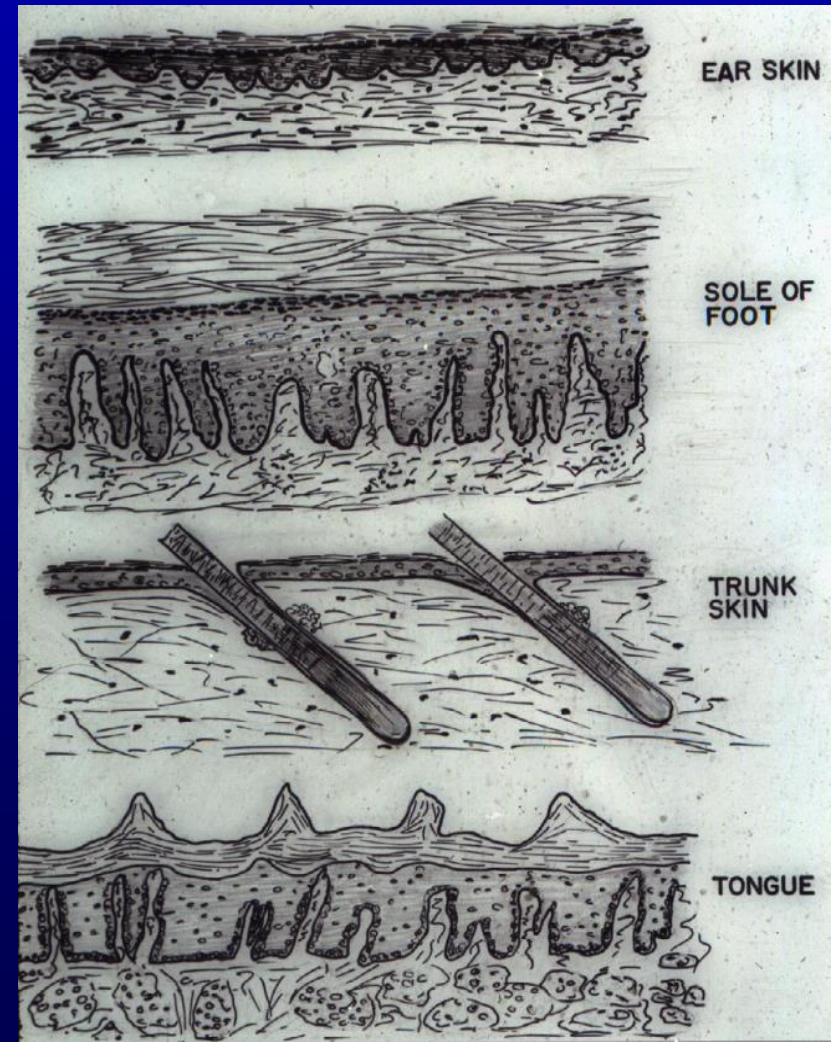
# Regional Variation of the Epidermis

**Thick skin - sole of foot (1.4 mm thick)**

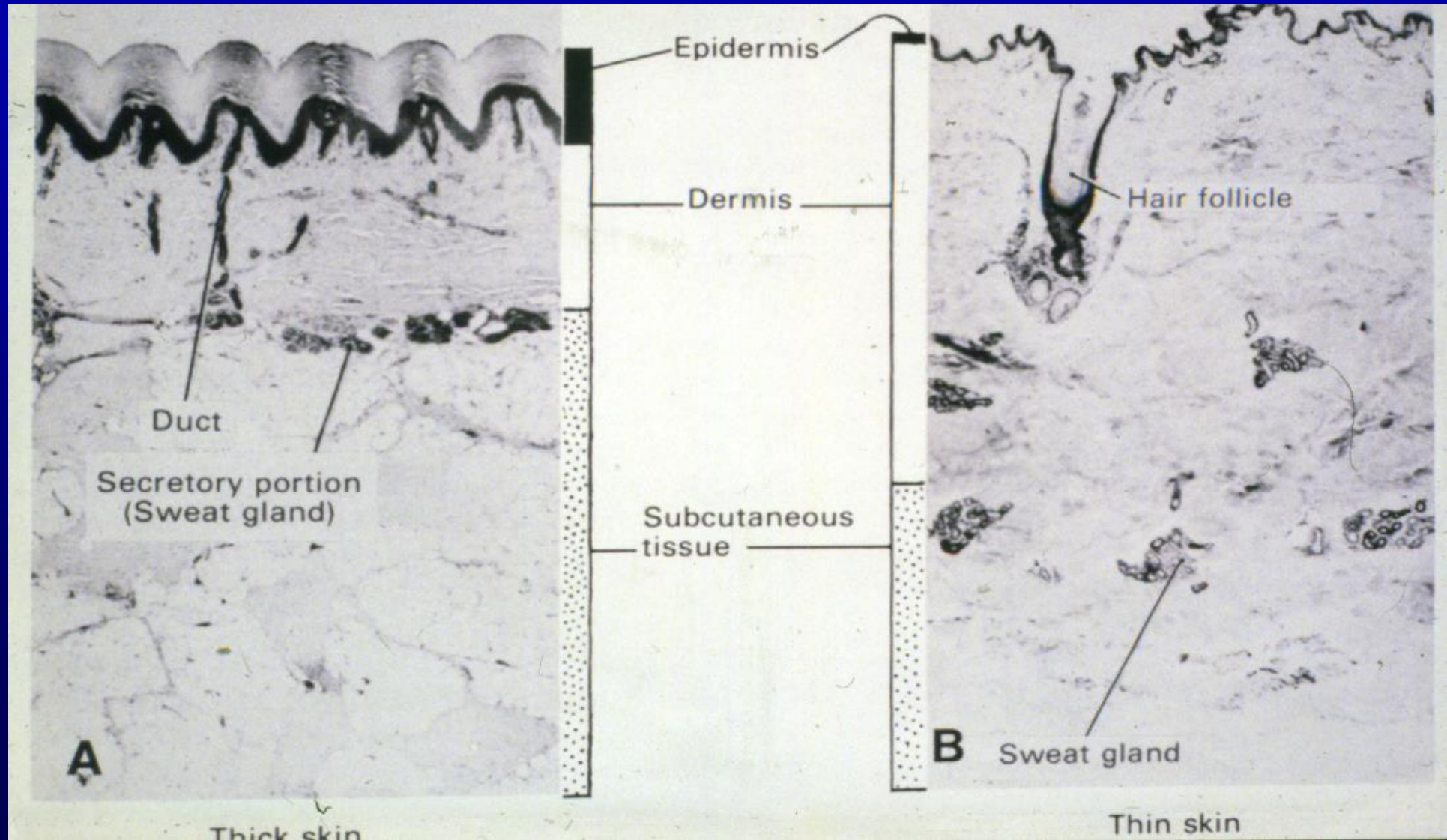
**Thin skin - eyelid and most of body (0.07 to 0.12 mm)**

**Cornea of eye - transparent**

**Appendages - hair follicles, nails, glands**



# Regional Variation of the Epidermis



# Cells in Epidermis

**Stratified squamous - cell types include:**

- Keratinocytes - main cell type – ectoderm
- Melanocytes - pigmentation - neural crest
- Langerhans cell - immunologic role
- Merkel cells - associated with nerve endings

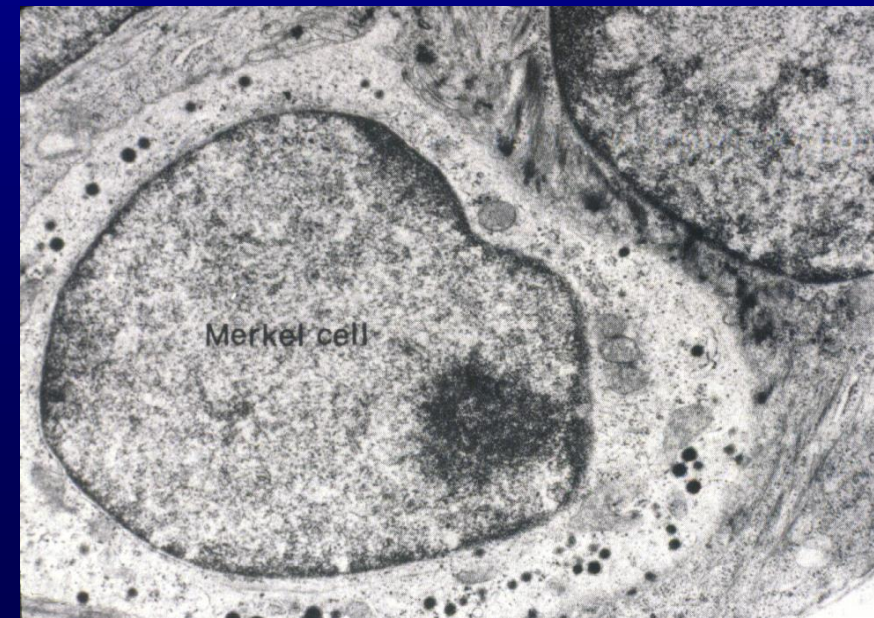
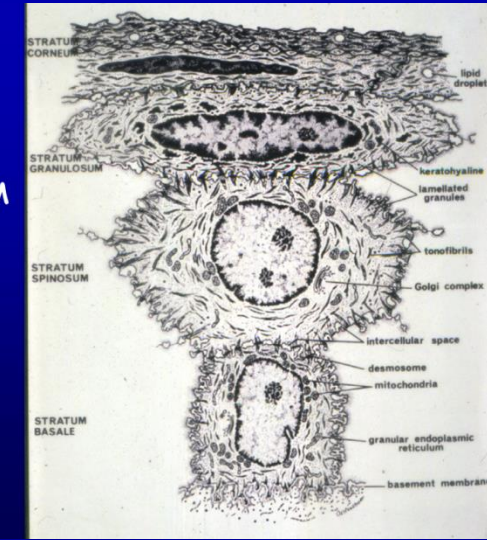
**= Renewal of skin by cell division and differentiation**

STRATUM CORNEUM

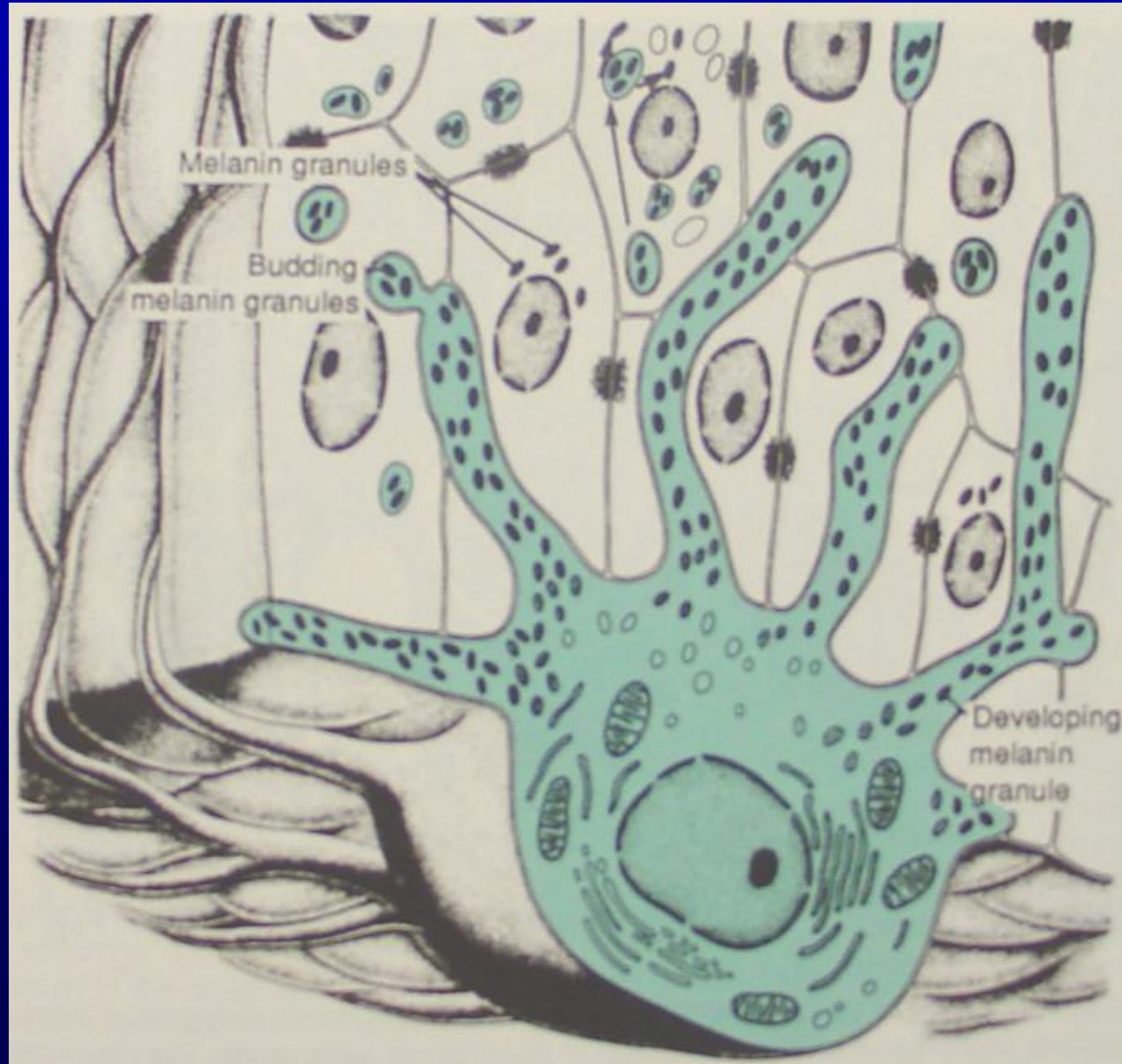
STRATUM GRANULOSUM

STRATUM SPINOSUM

STRATUM BASALE



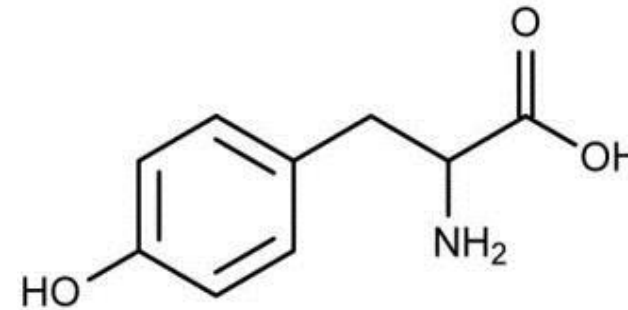
# CYTOCRINE SECRETION - PASS MELANIN GRANULES FROM MELANOCYTES TO KERATINOCYTES



# Clinical Correlation

*Albinism can be caused by a hereditary defect in tyrosinase activity or the inability of cells to take up tyrosine.*

Patient with albinism would be more at risk for the development of **basal and squamous cell carcinomas** as albinism produces skin hypopigmentation so fewer melanin granules to protect nuclear DNA from the ionizing, mutagenic effects of UV radiation.



Tyrosine amino acid figure  
[chemistry.about.com](http://chemistry.about.com).



Albino peacock  
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# Melanocyte - pigment synthesis

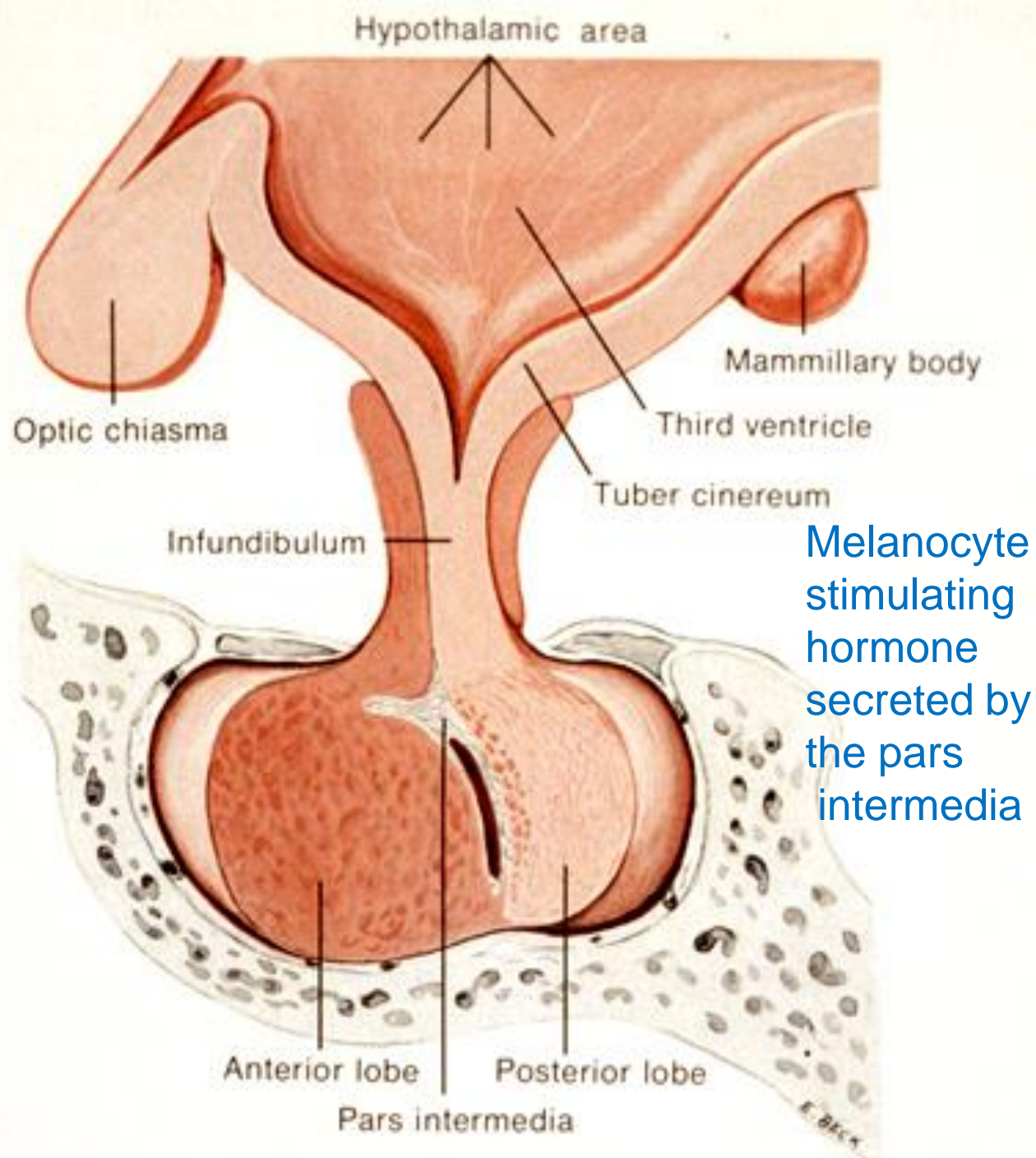
**Freckles - melanin distributed in patches**



# Melanocyte - pigment synthesis

## Freeze branding in cattle







# Melanocyte – disease states



**Albinism - failure to produce melanin**

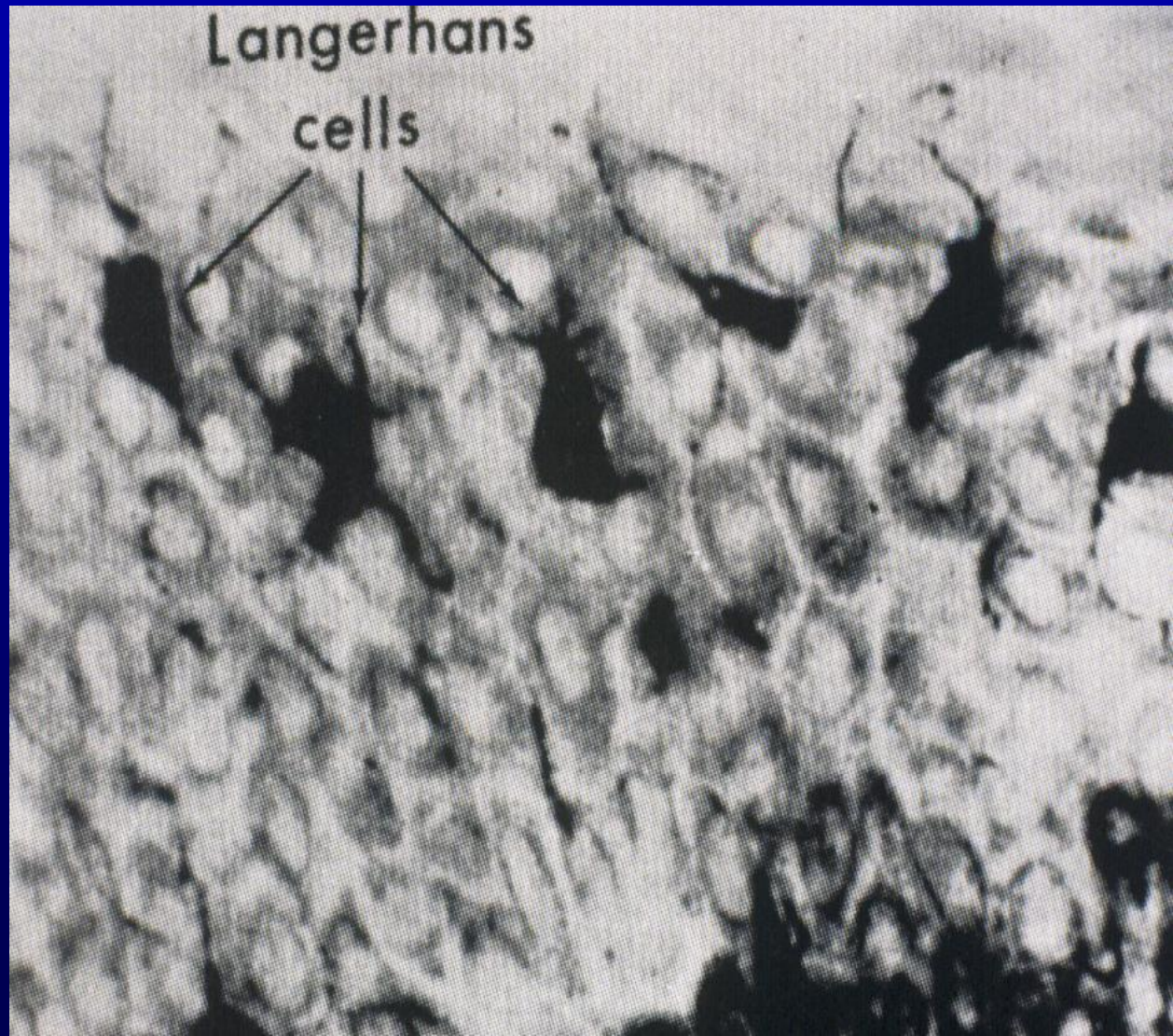
**Malignant melanomas - cancer**

**Addison's disease - pigment deposition  
in skin due to adrenocortical  
insufficiency**

# Langerhans cells

**Bone marrow origin**  
**Located in stratum  
spinosum - gold  
chloride stain**

**Clear cell - no  
desmosomes**  
**Dendritic cell**

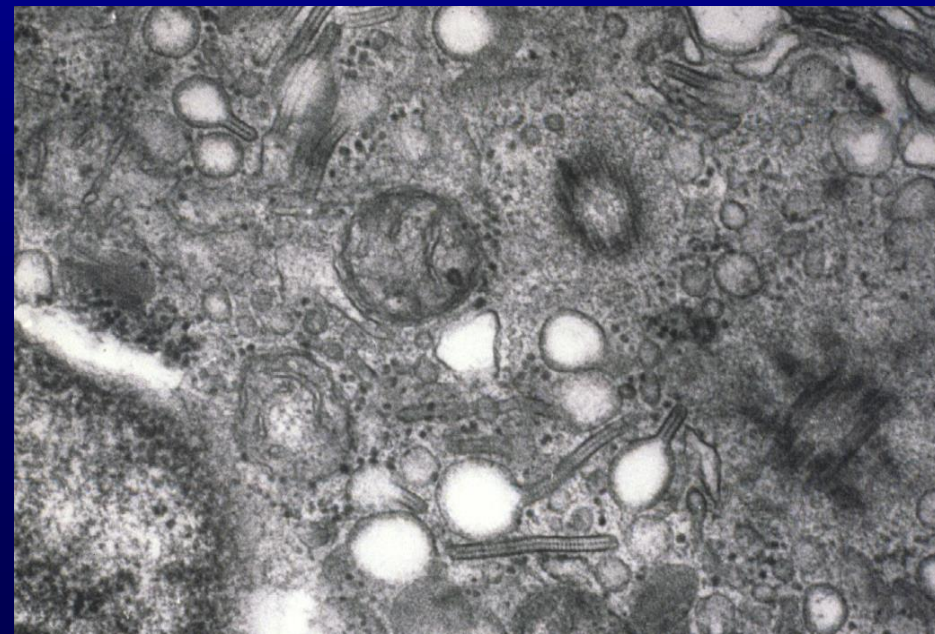
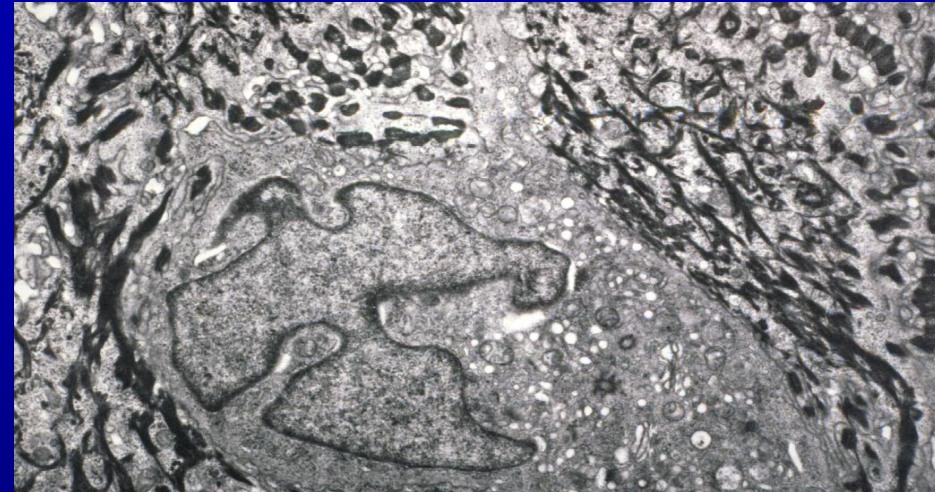


# Langerhans cells

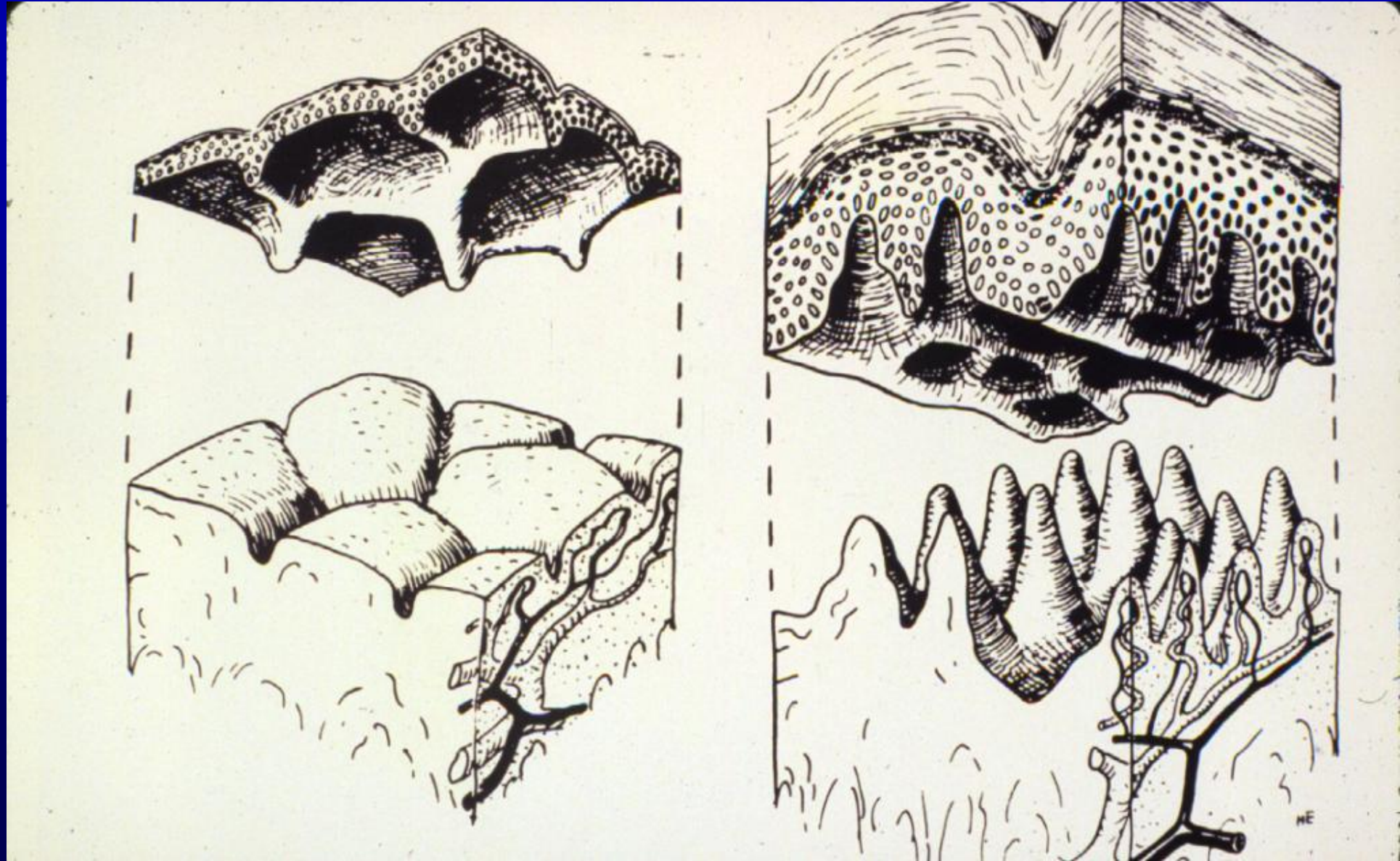
**Dendritic cell**  
**Rod or racket shaped granules**

**Function - immunologic**  
**role as an antigen-**  
**presenting cell**

**Contact allergic**  
**responses and other**  
**cell mediated reaction**  
**of the skin**



# Epidermal - dermal interface



# Epidermal – dermal interface

Epidermis

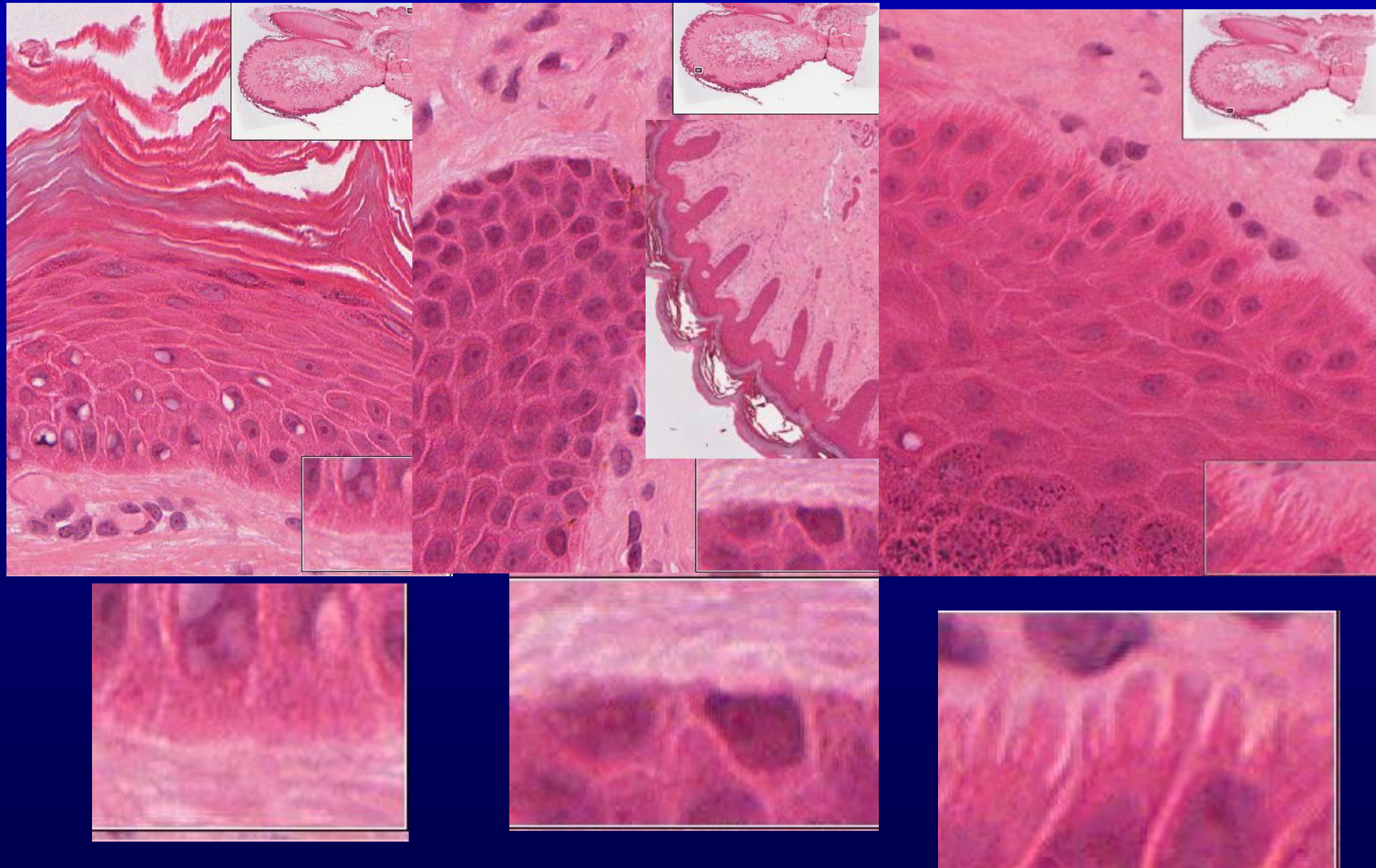
Rete pegs  
of epidermis



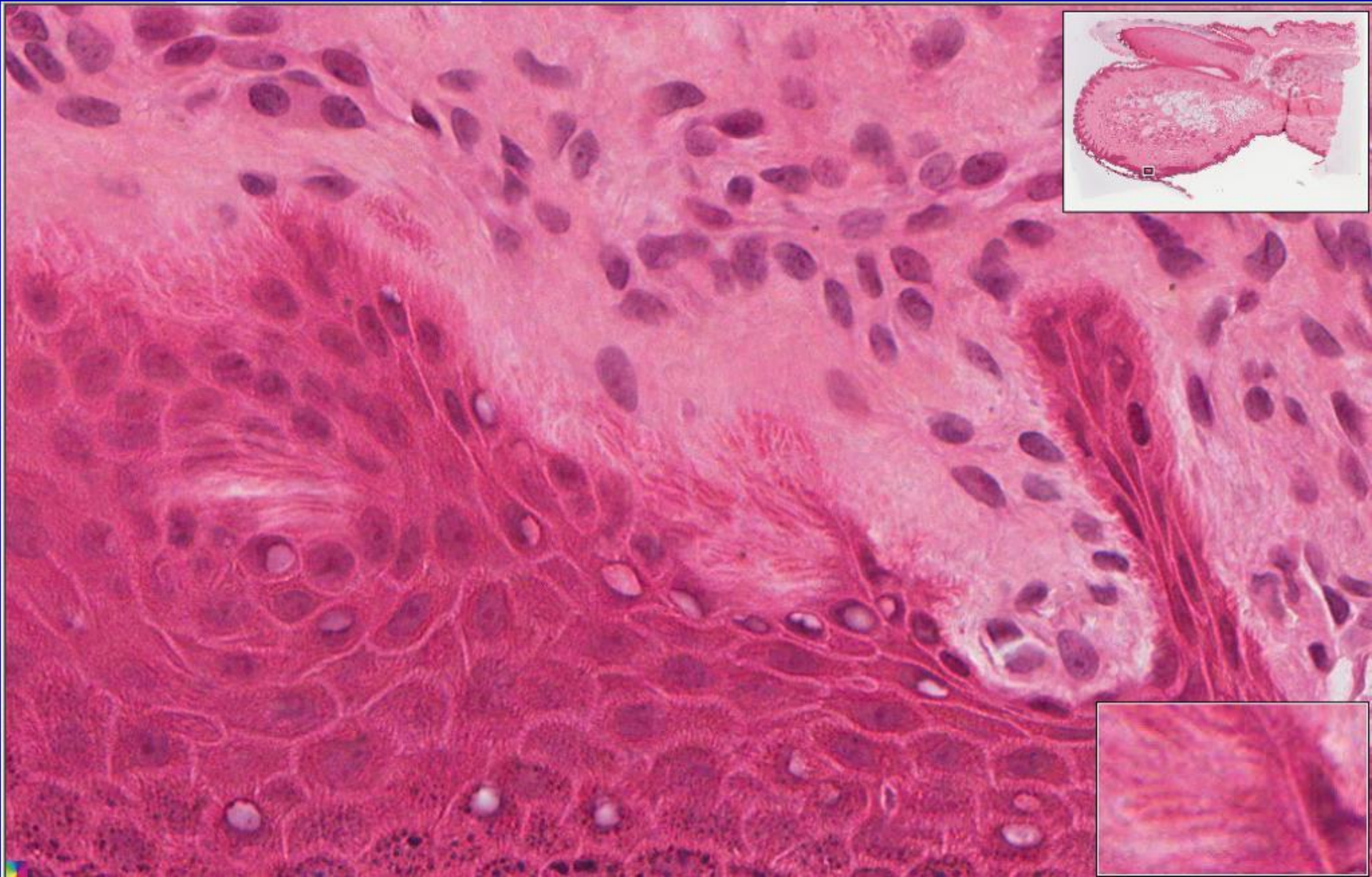
Dermal papillae

Dermis

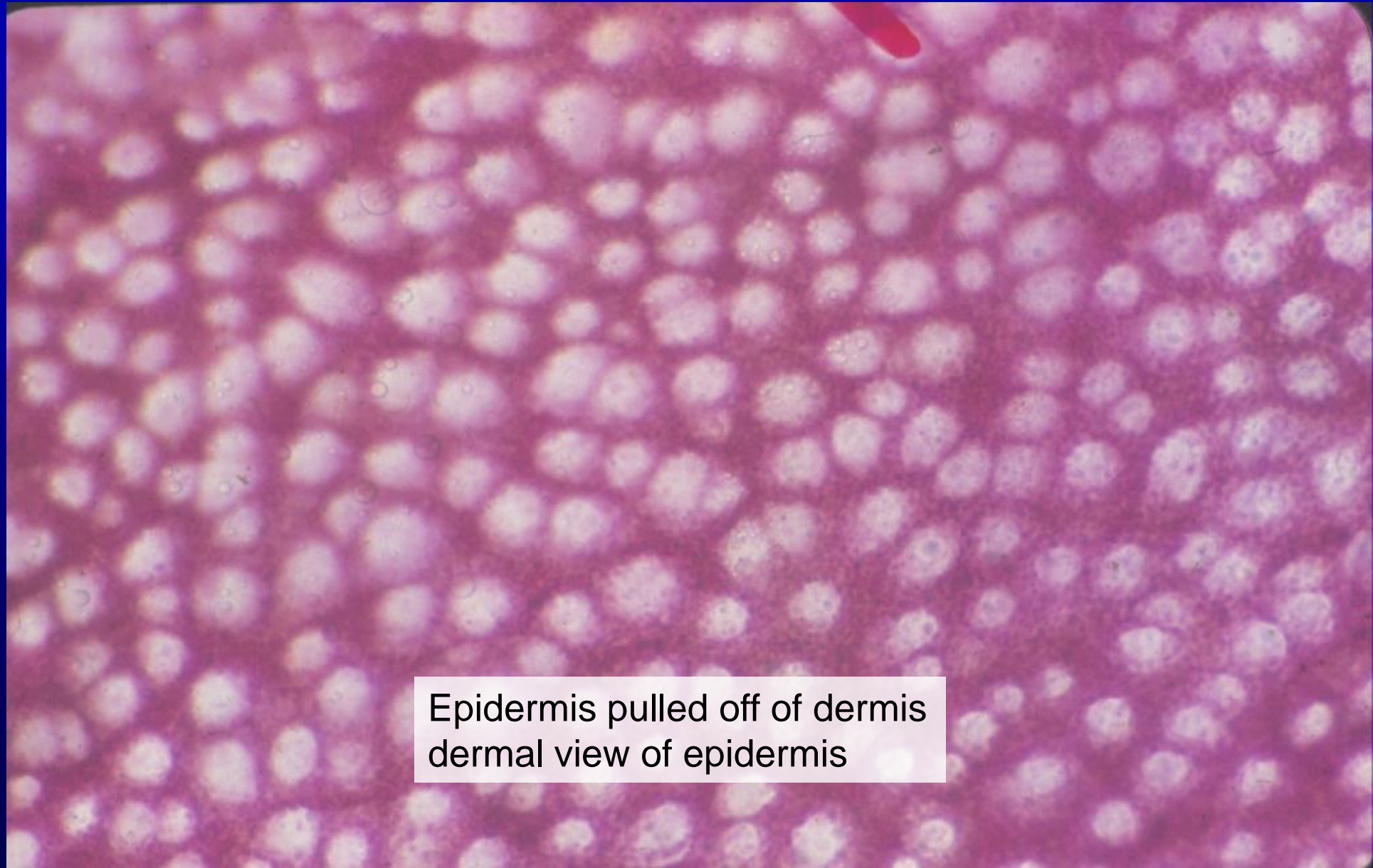
# Epidermal – dermal interface



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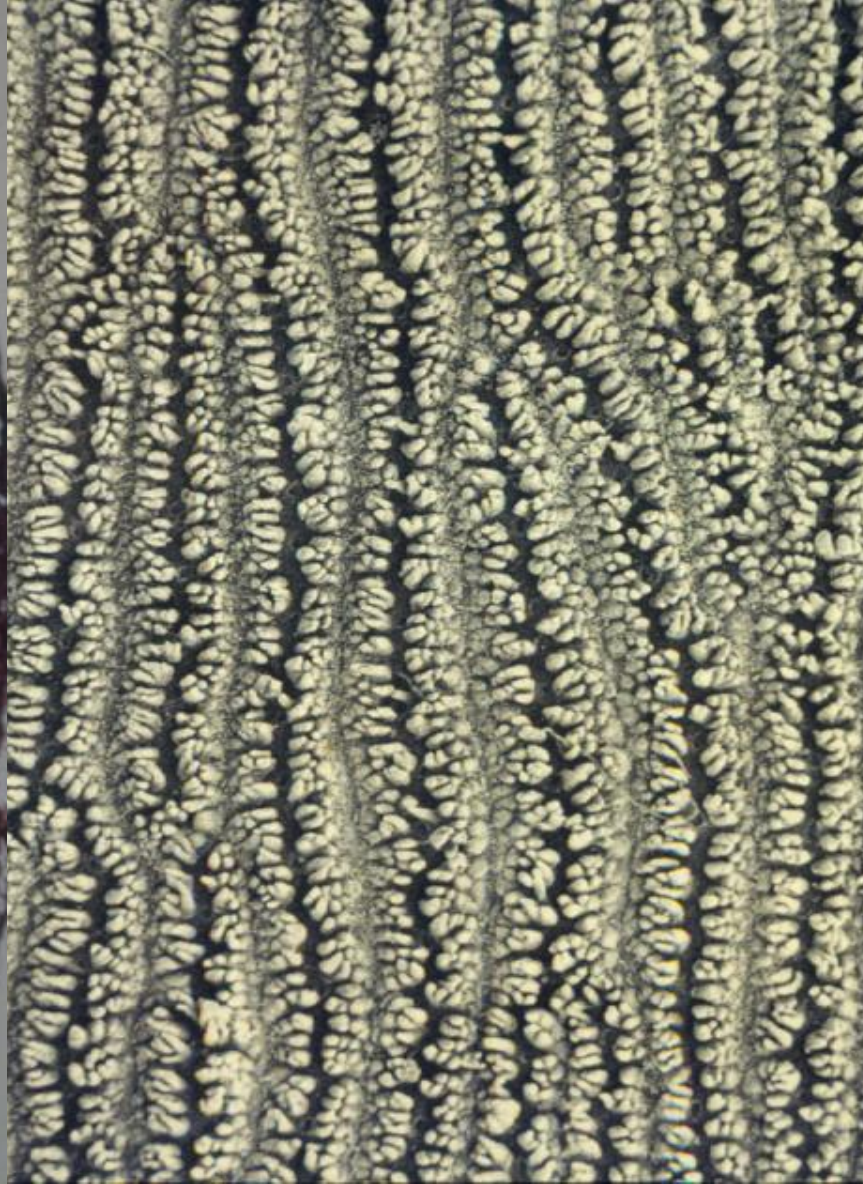
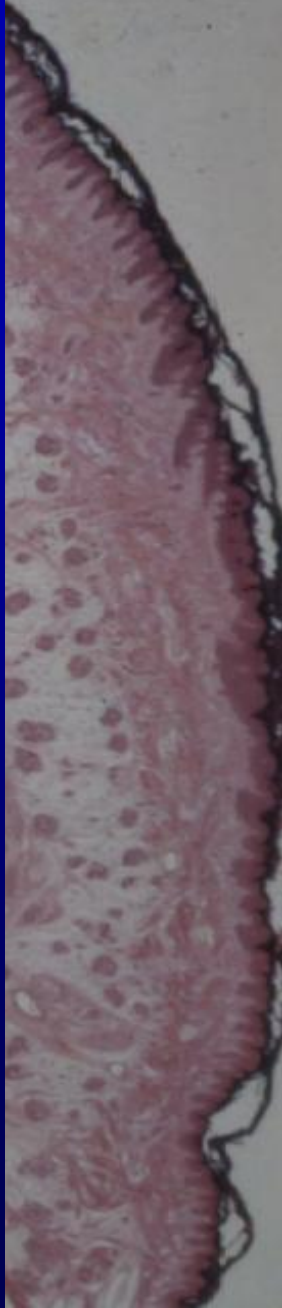
# Epidermal – dermal interface



Epidermis pulled off of dermis  
dermal view of epidermis

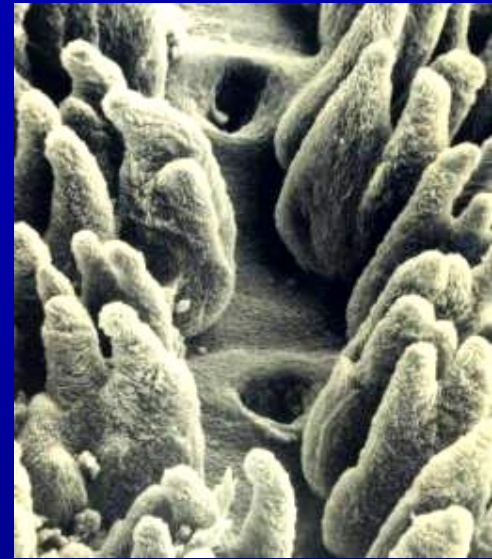


# Epidermal – dermal interface - finger pad



# Dermis

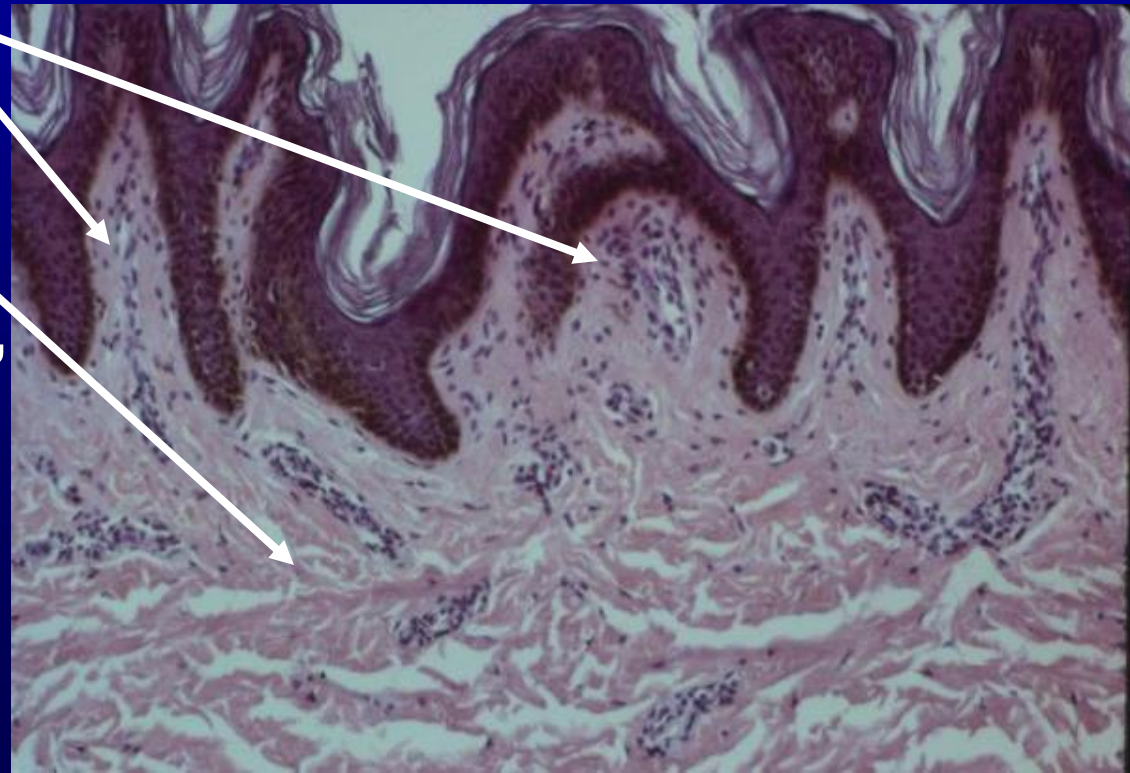
PAPILLARY LAYER



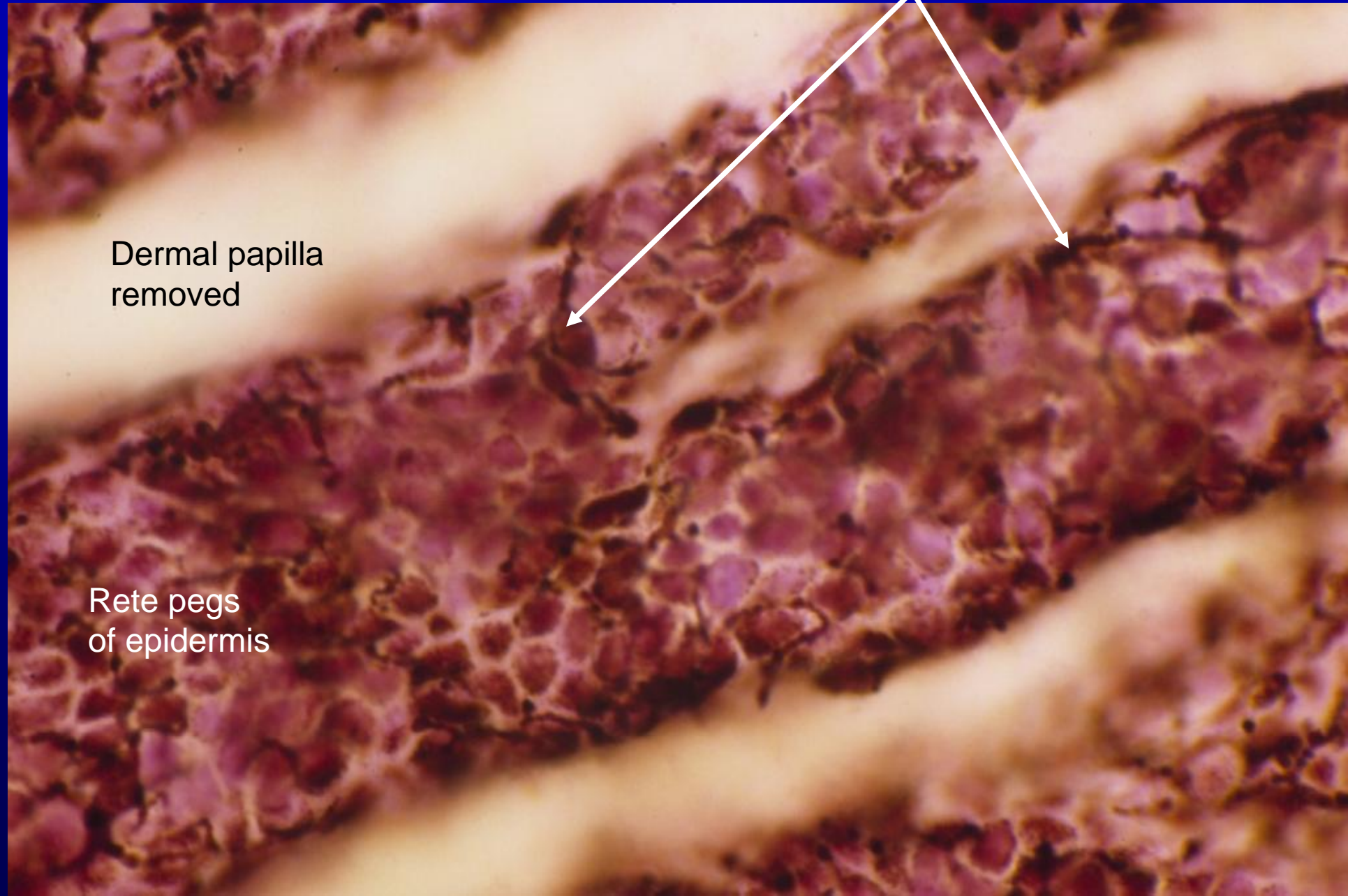
Two layers”

Papillary layer -  
sculptured layer of  
dermis

Reticular layer - deeper  
main portion of dermis,  
rather dense irregular  
CT



# Melanin-producing enzymes in Melanocytes



Dermal papilla  
removed

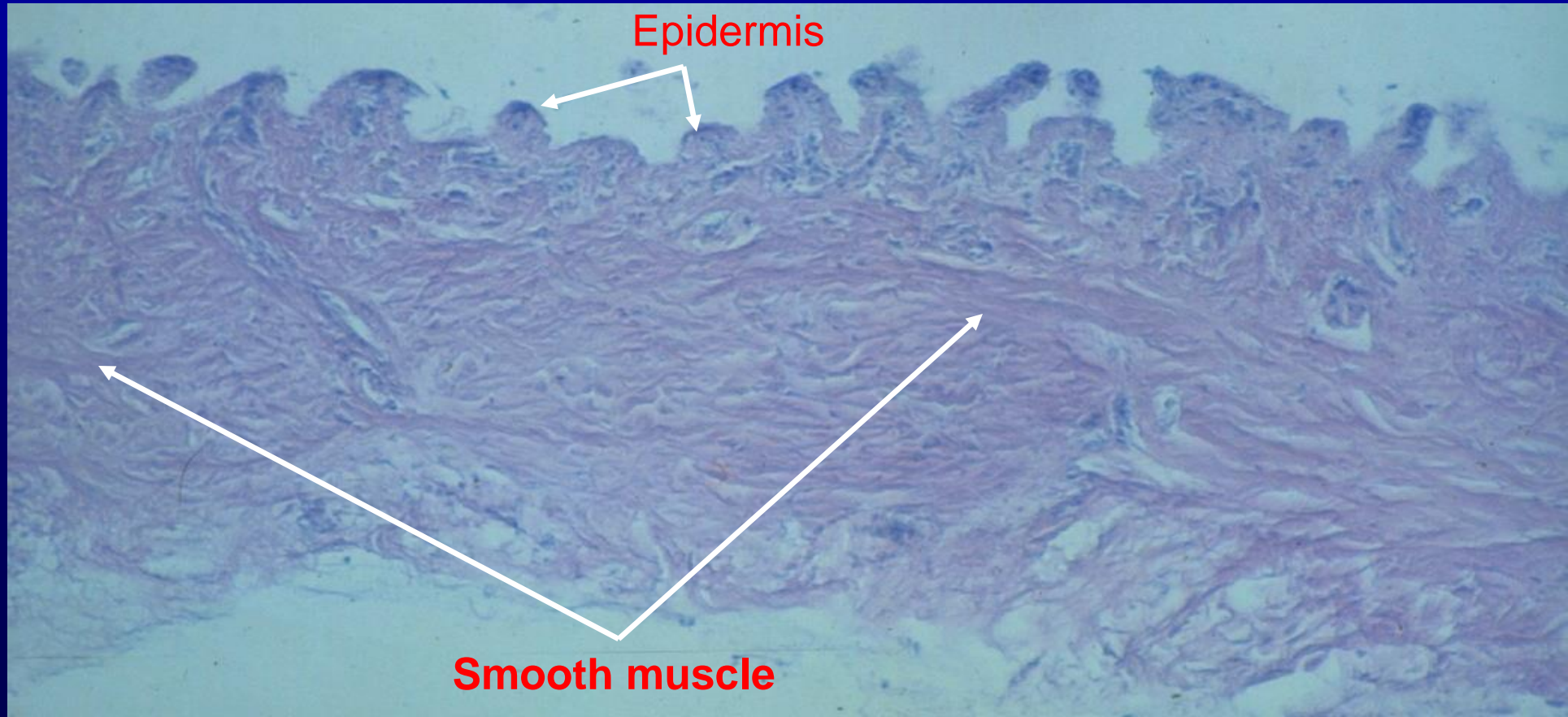
Rete pegs  
of epidermis

# Dermis

## Elastic fibers

- Network between collagen bundles muscle

**Smooth muscle** - loose plexus in reticular layer in areolae, penis, perineum, and scrotum



# Dermis

## Muscle

**Skeletal muscle** -  
terminated in the dermis

- Facial expression



# Dermis

## Muscle

Skeletal muscle -  
terminated in the dermis

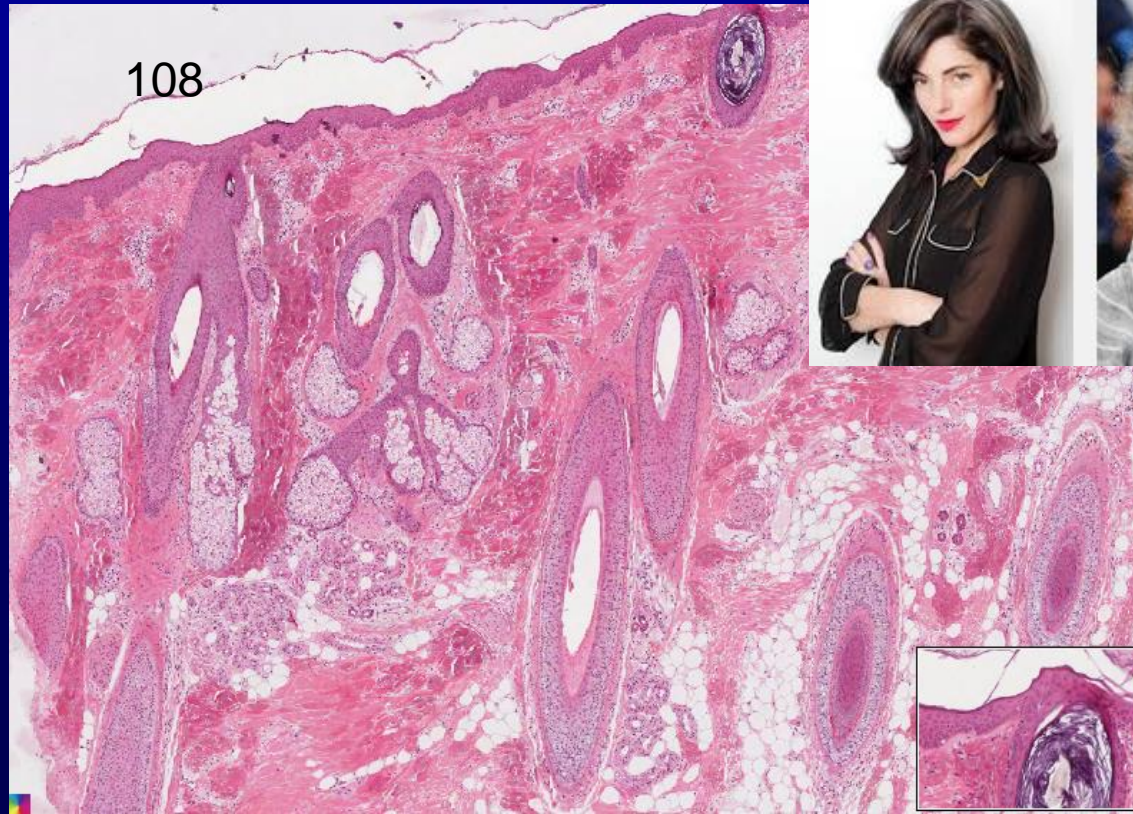
- Facial expression



# Cutaneous appendages

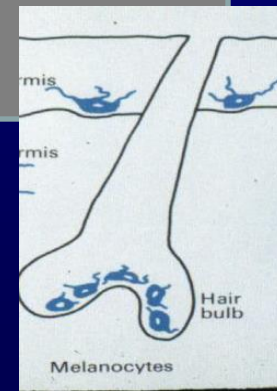
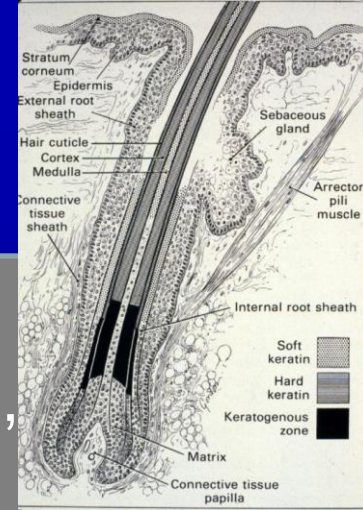
## Hair

- Follicles
- Pigmentation
- Graying



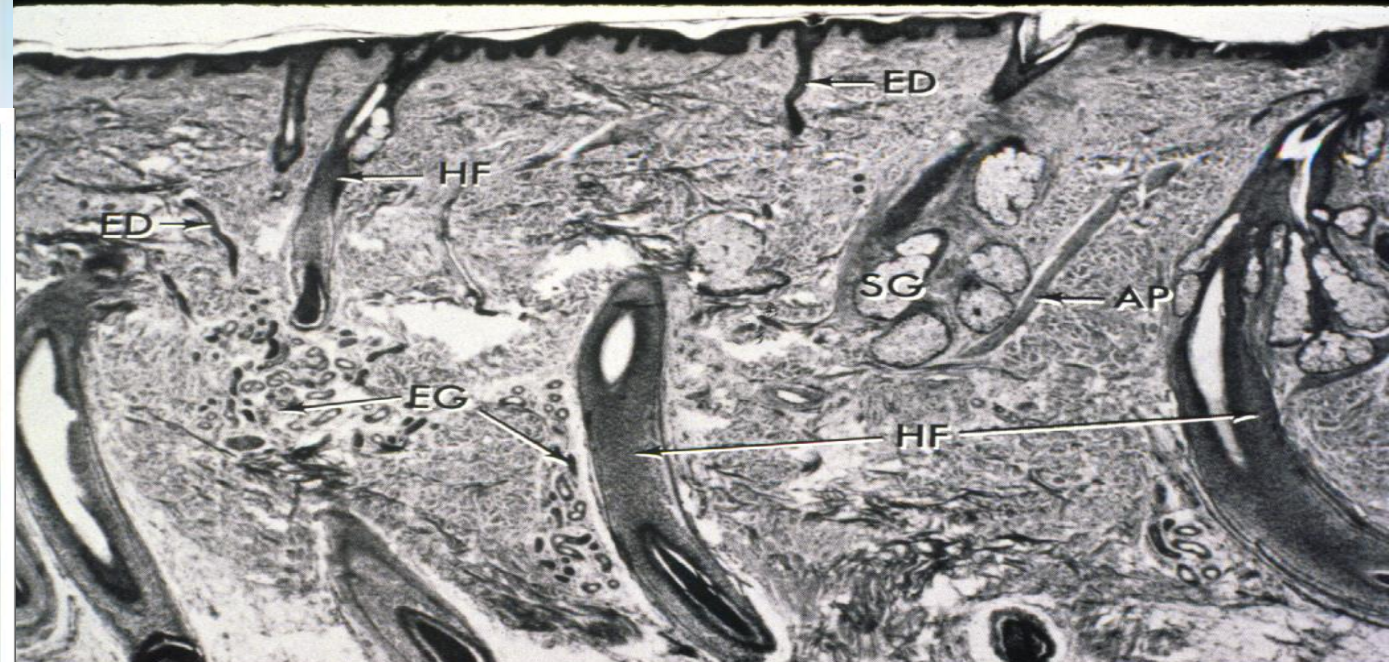
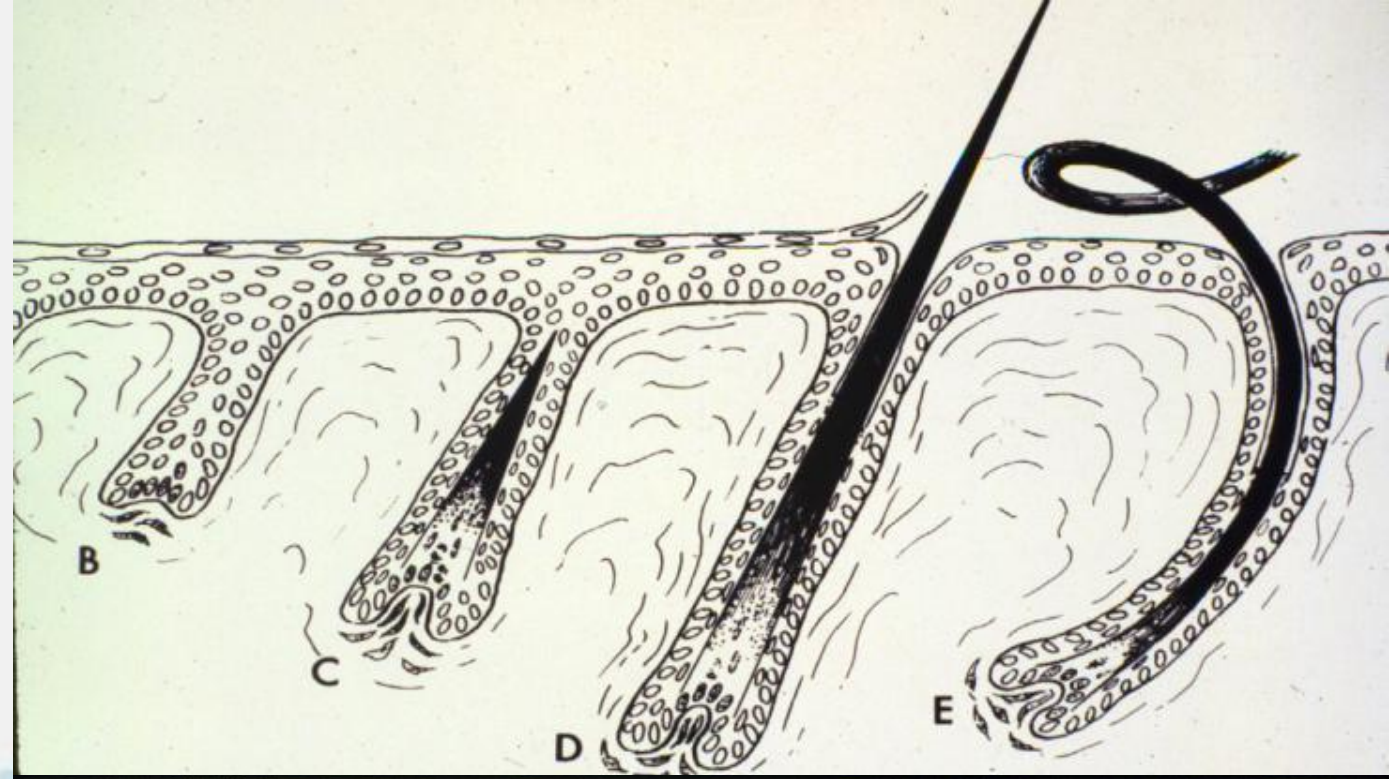
# Hair Graying with age

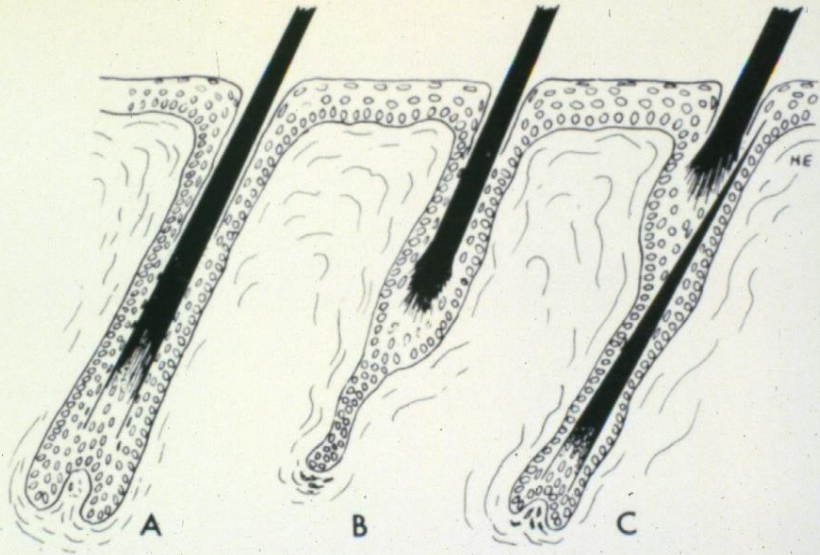
Every hair follicle contains pigment cells called **melanocytes**. The melanocytes produce eumelanin, which is black or dark brown, and pheomelanin, which is reddish-yellow, and pass the melanin to the cells which produce keratin, the chief protein in hair. When the keratin-producing cells (**keratinocytes**) die, they retain the coloring from the melanin. When you first start to go gray, the **melanocytes** are still present, but they become less active. Less pigment is deposited into the hair so it appears lighter. As graying progresses, the melanocytes die off until there aren't any cells left to produce the color.



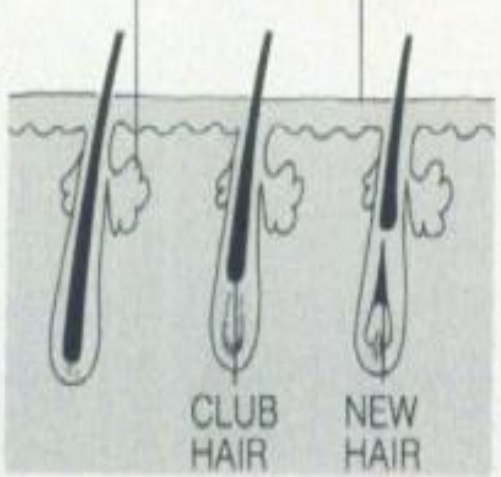
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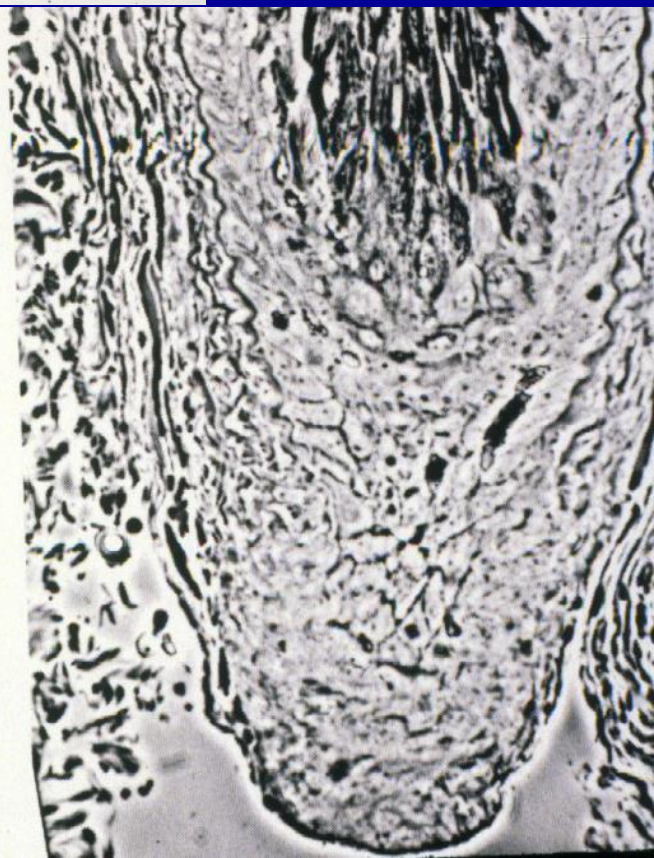


SEBACEOUS GLAND  
EPIDERMIS

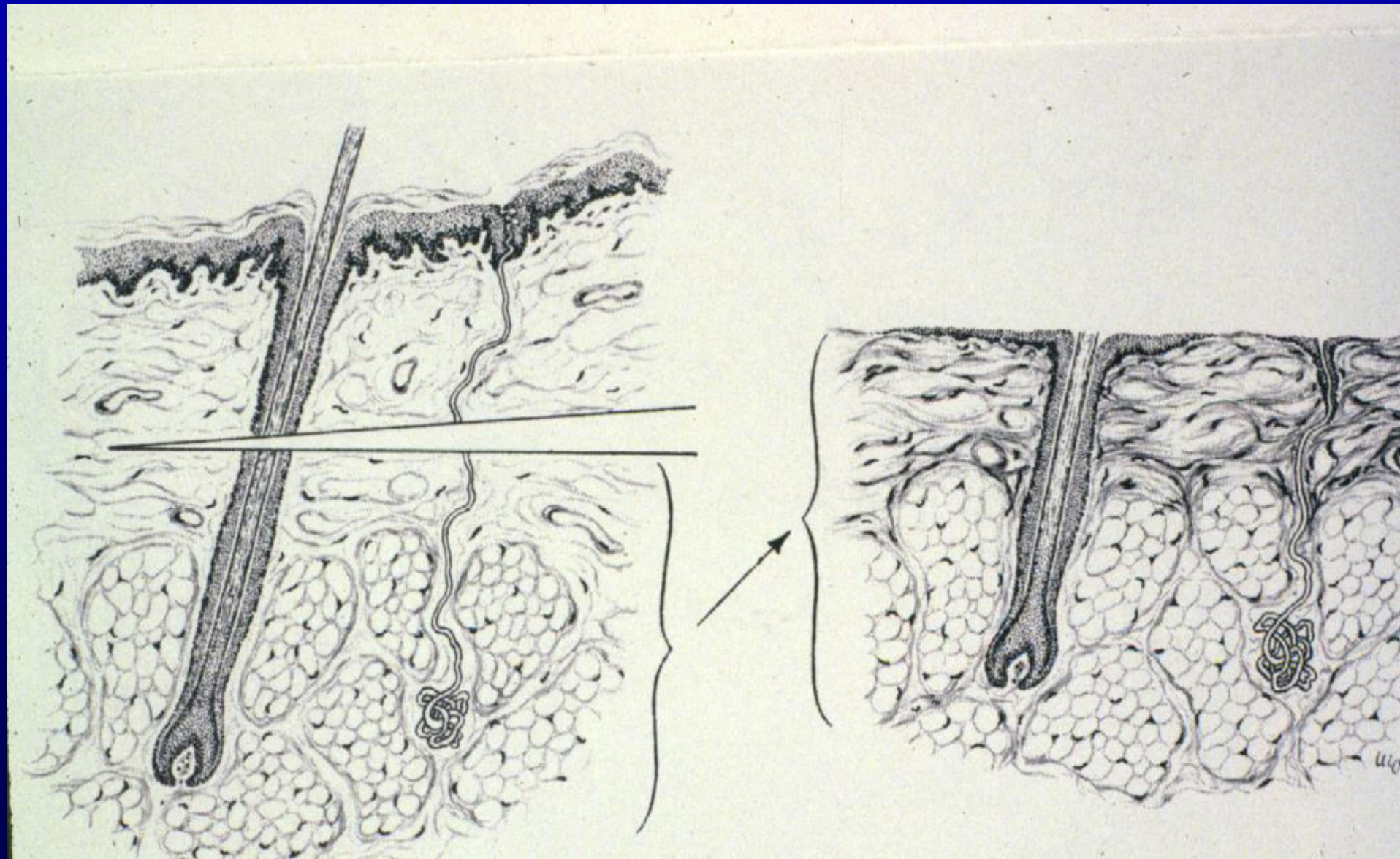


CLUB HAIR  
NEW HAIR

A hair lives for several years. The follicle rests for months, then produces another hair.



# Regeneration of epidermis



## Degrees of Burn, Methods of Treatment

The three burn categories correspond to the three layers of skin. A first-degree burn damages only the outer layer, the epidermis. A second-degree burn penetrates deeper, into the dermis. Capillaries may be damaged, and plasma may escape to produce blistering—and great pain. In third-degree burns, the damage reaches the subcutaneous layer. This kind of burn is dangerous because the slow-healing underskin is vulnerable to bacterial attack. Loss of blood may impede circulation and cause dehydration.

**First-degree burns**, such as scalds, affect the outer skin and heal by themselves. Cold water gives relief.



**Second-degree burns** damage the lower layer. If blisters are unbroken, they protect the injured area.



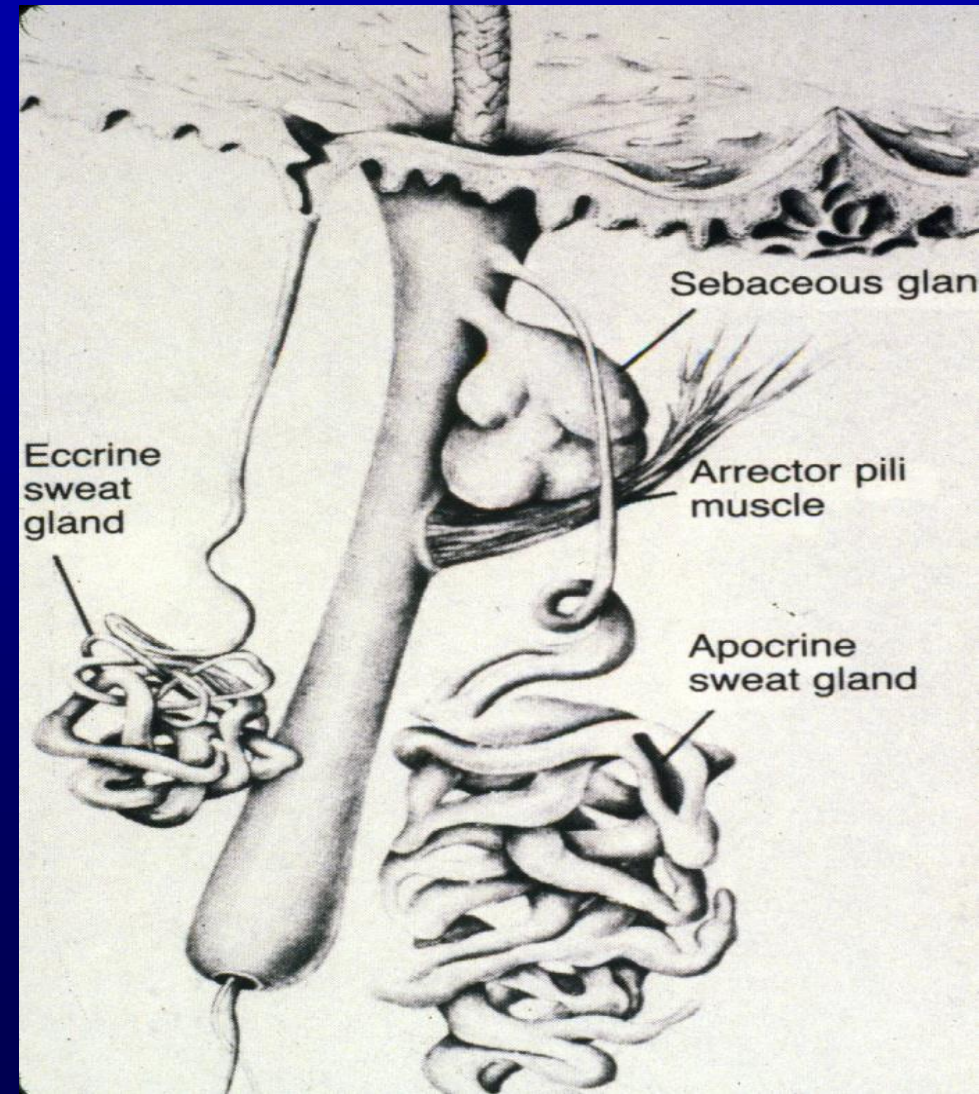
**Third-degree burns**, which go into the subcutaneous layer, should receive immediate medical attention.



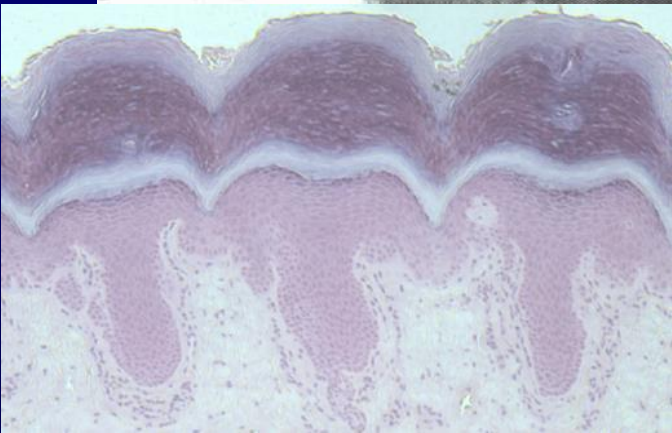
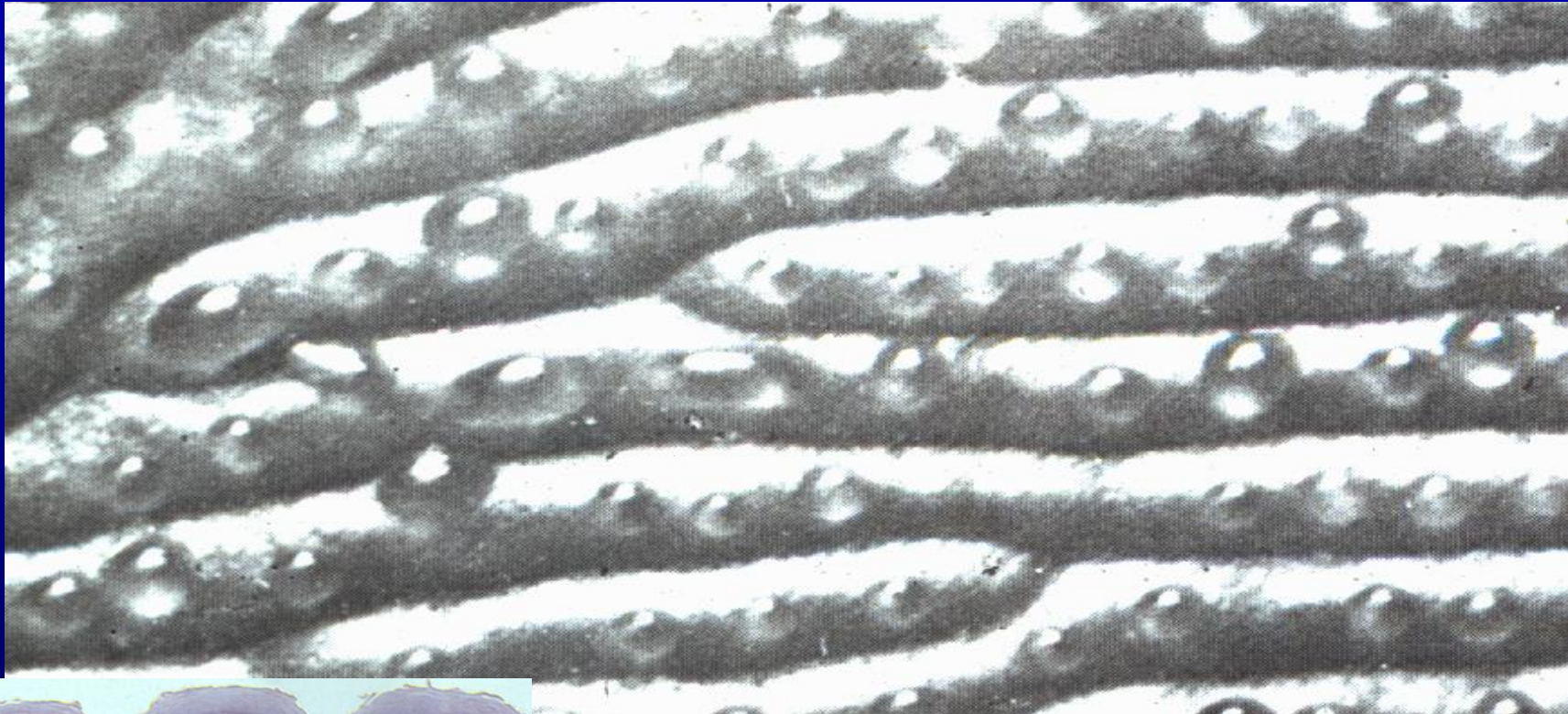
# Glands of epidermal origin

## Sweat glands

- **Eccrine: common sweat gland - local cooling**
- **Apocrine axillary region: function in animals**



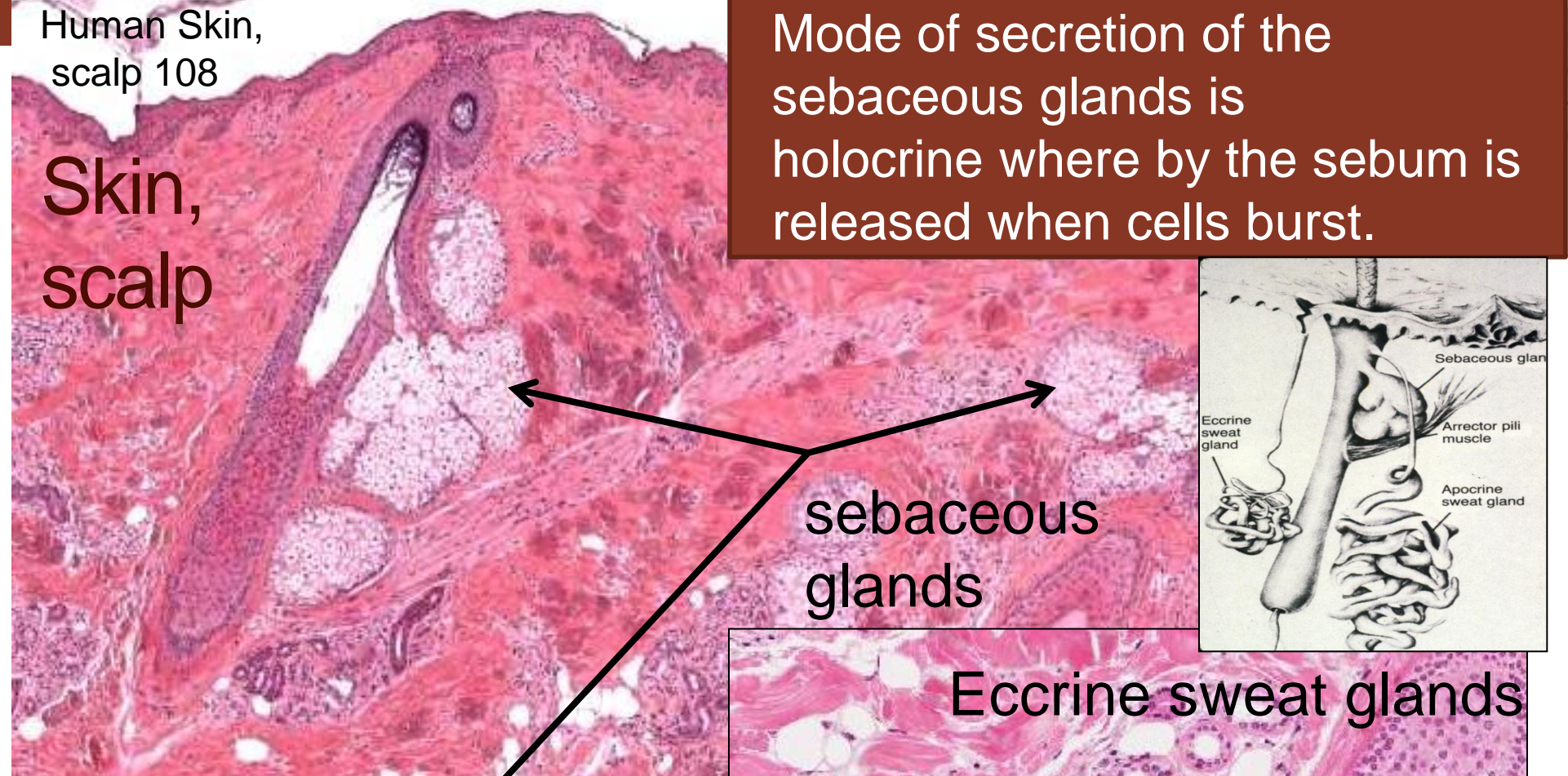
# Sweat Gland Secretions



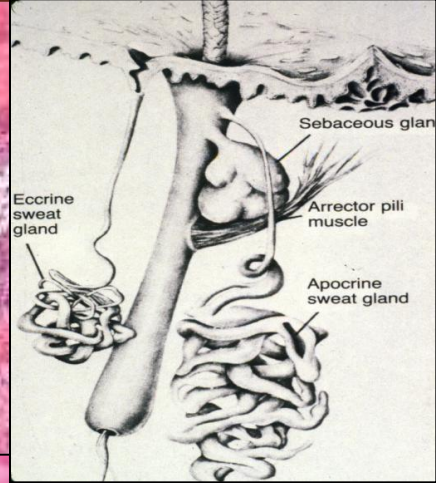
Human Skin,  
scalp 108

Skin,  
scalp

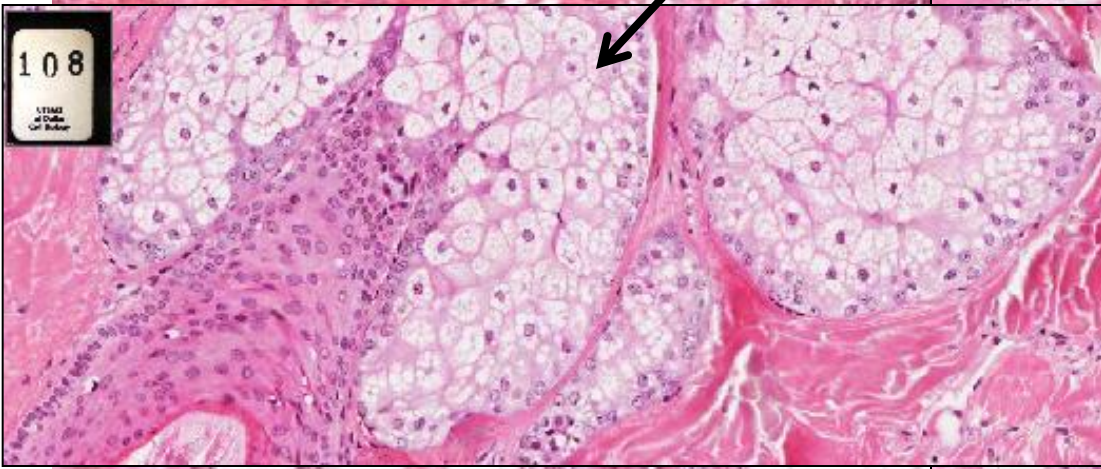
Mode of secretion of the sebaceous glands is holocrine where by the sebum is released when cells burst.



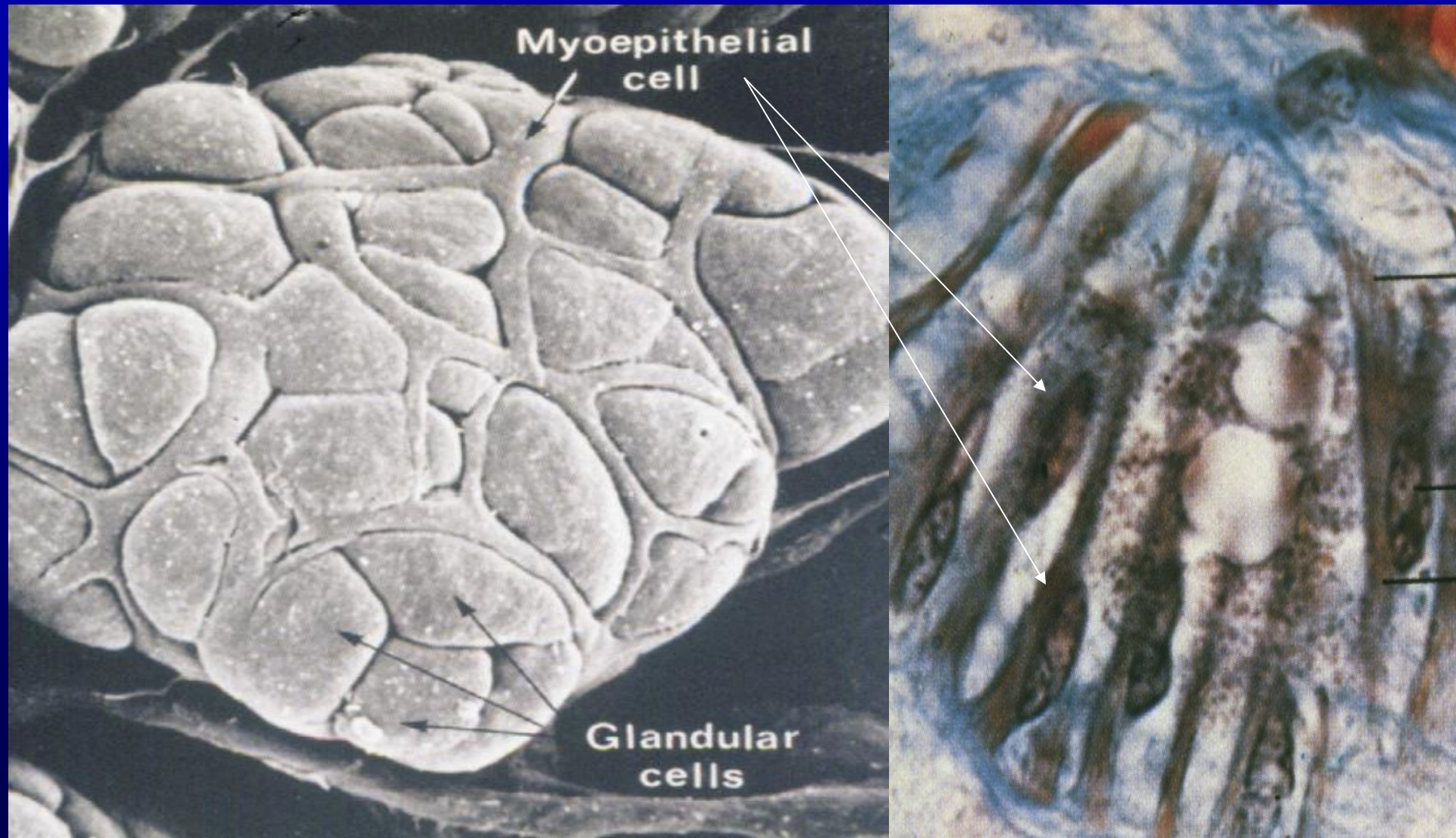
sebaceous glands



Eccrine sweat glands

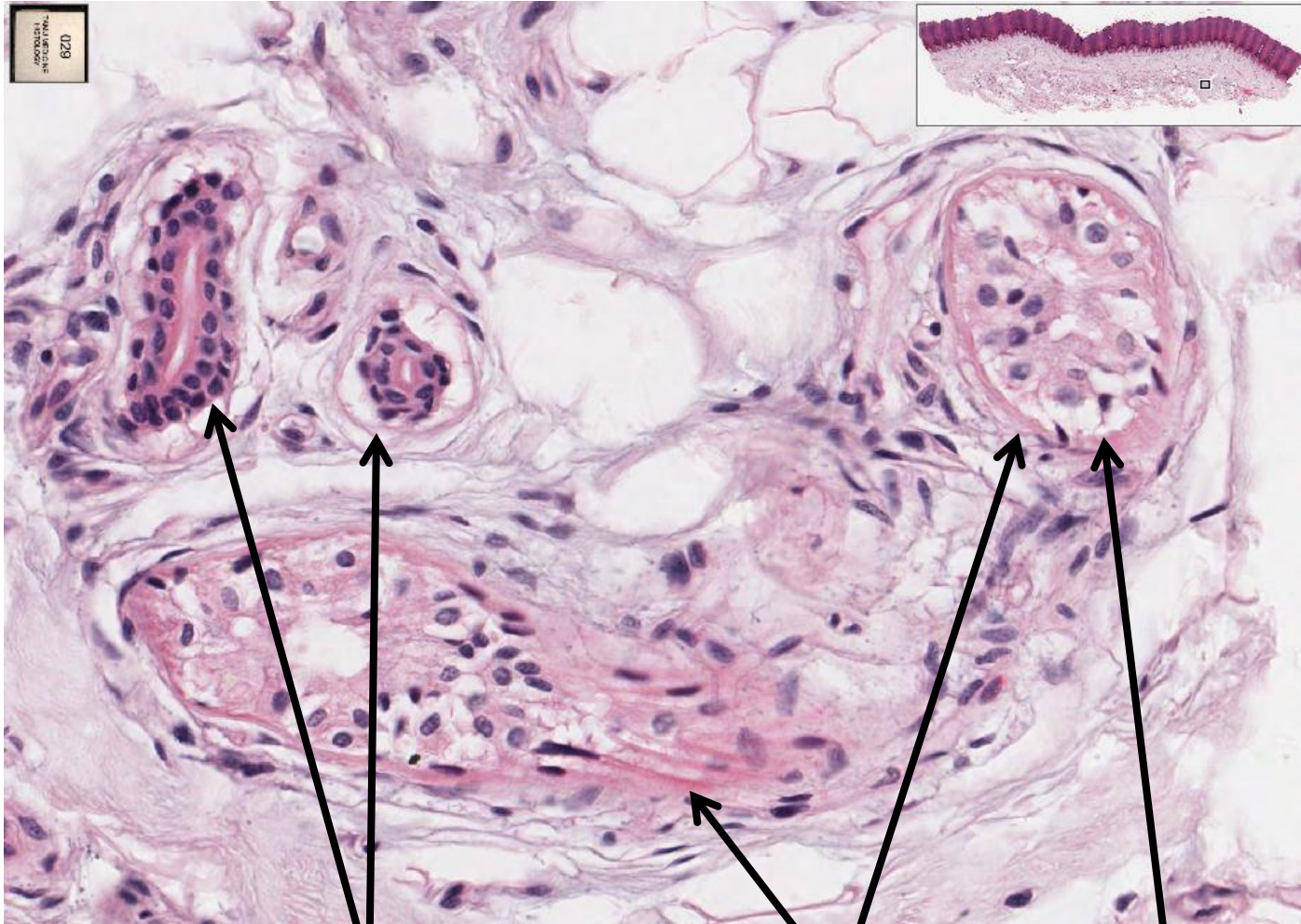


# Sweat Glands





# Slide 29: Thick Skin (ventral surface of finger)

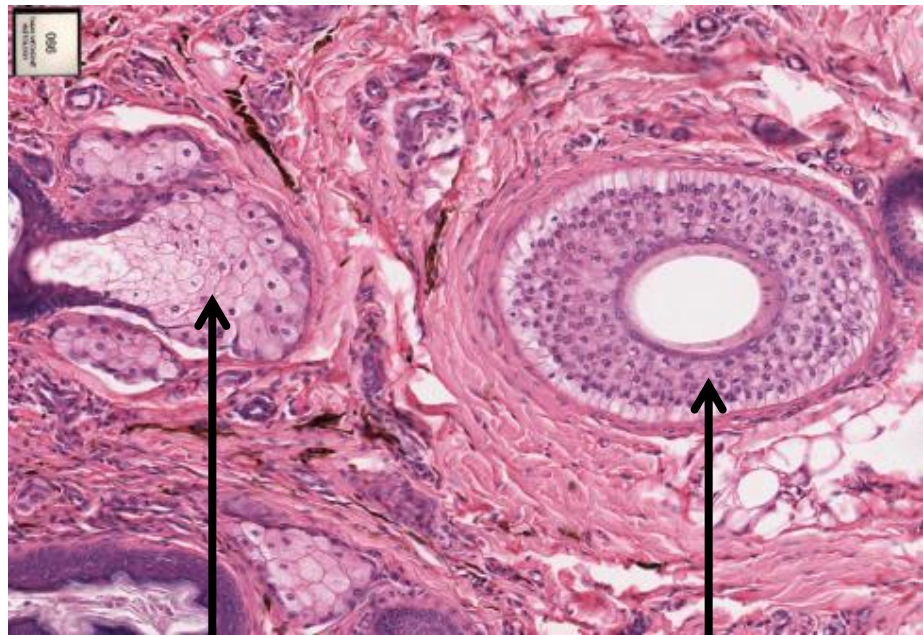


Myoepithelial cells are eosinophilic because of the presence of muscle contractile proteins, which contract to expel sweat when needed.

Ducts of eccrine sweat glands with stratified cuboidal epithelium

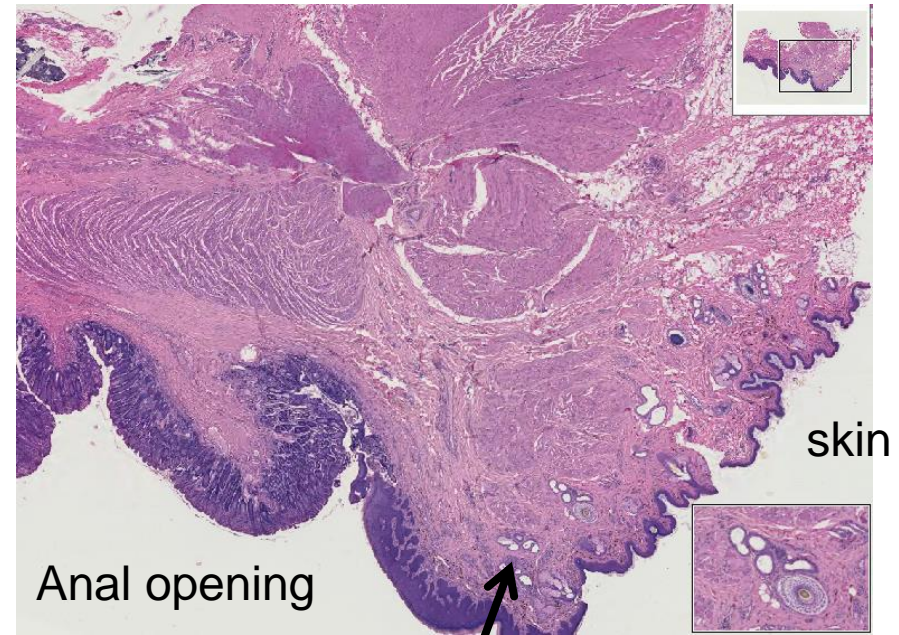
Myoepithelial cells    Eccrine sweat glands

# Slide 66: Recto-anal junction



Sebaceous gland

Hair follicle

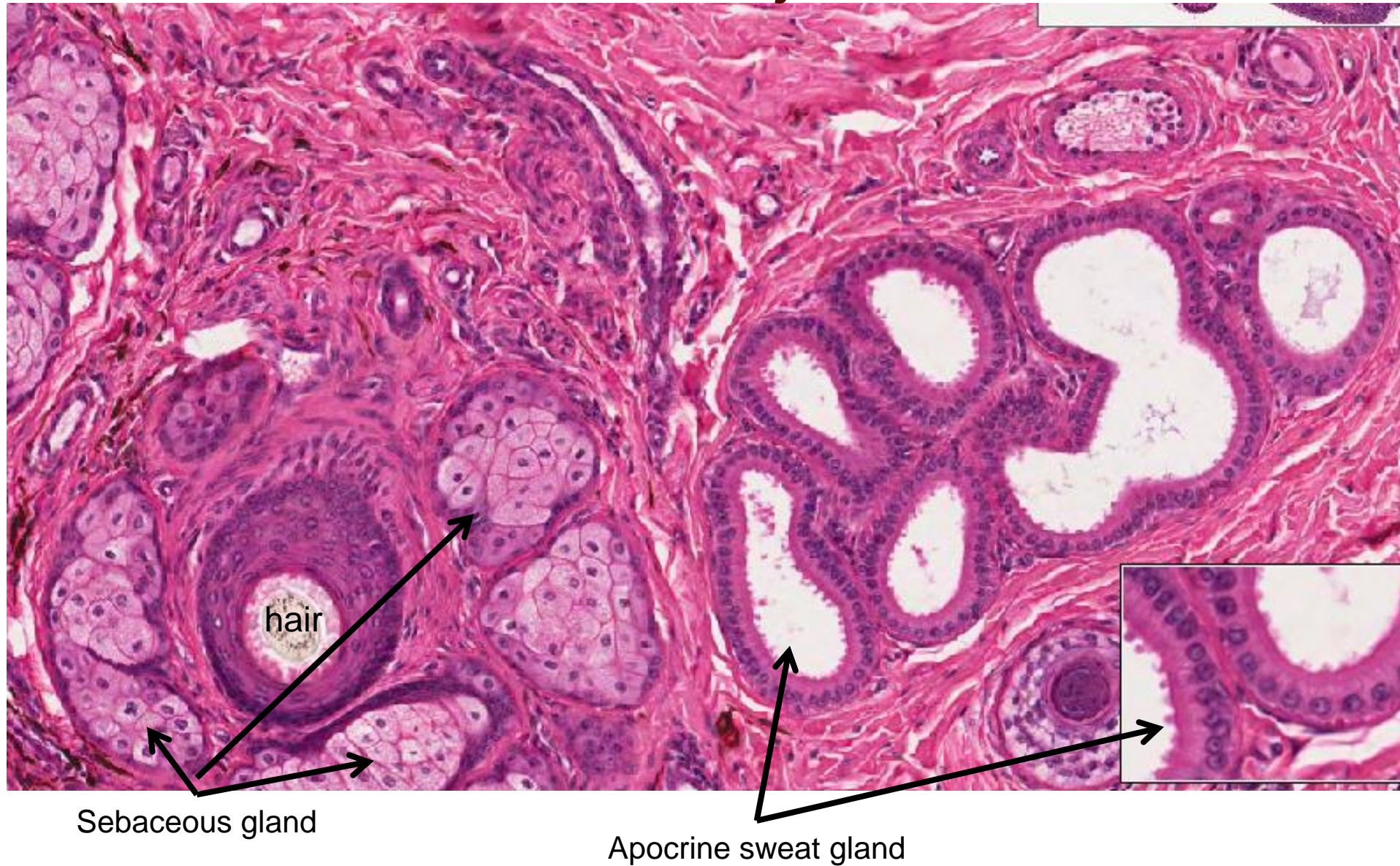


Anal opening

Apocrine sweat gland

skin

# Slide 66: Recto-anal junction

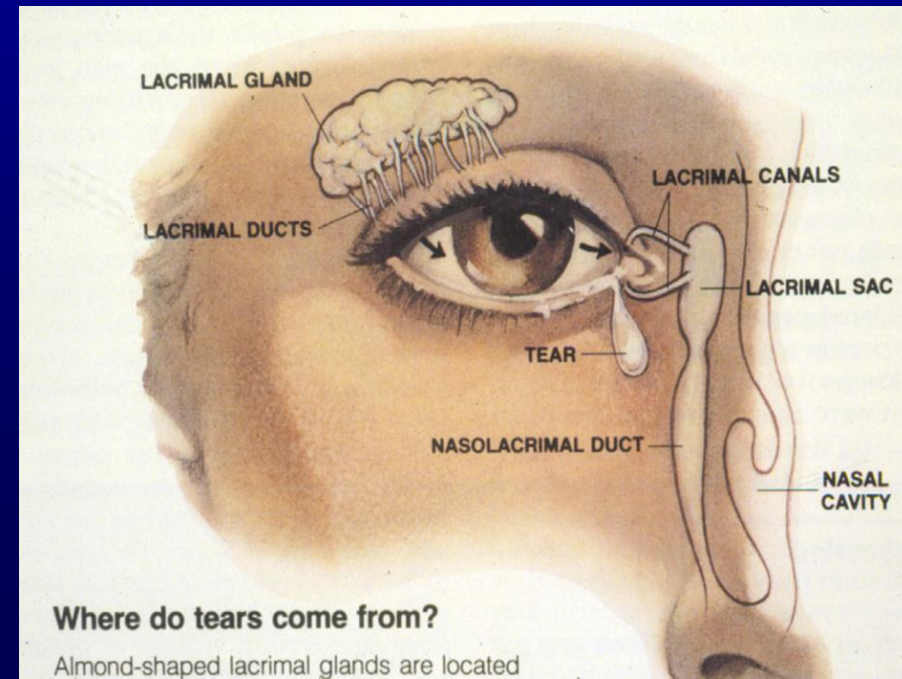


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Tarsal gland of meibomian – wax-like secretion that holds in tears



# Other Glands of Epidermal Origin – mammary gland

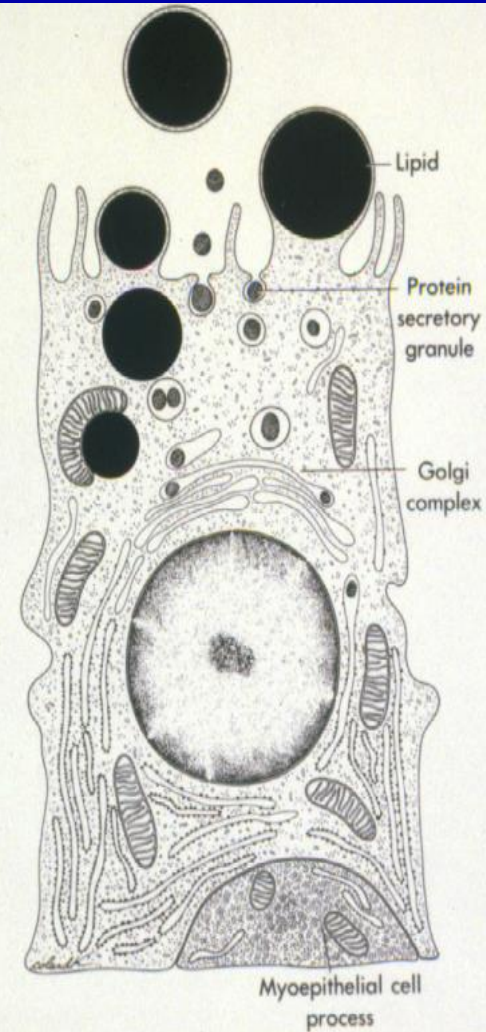
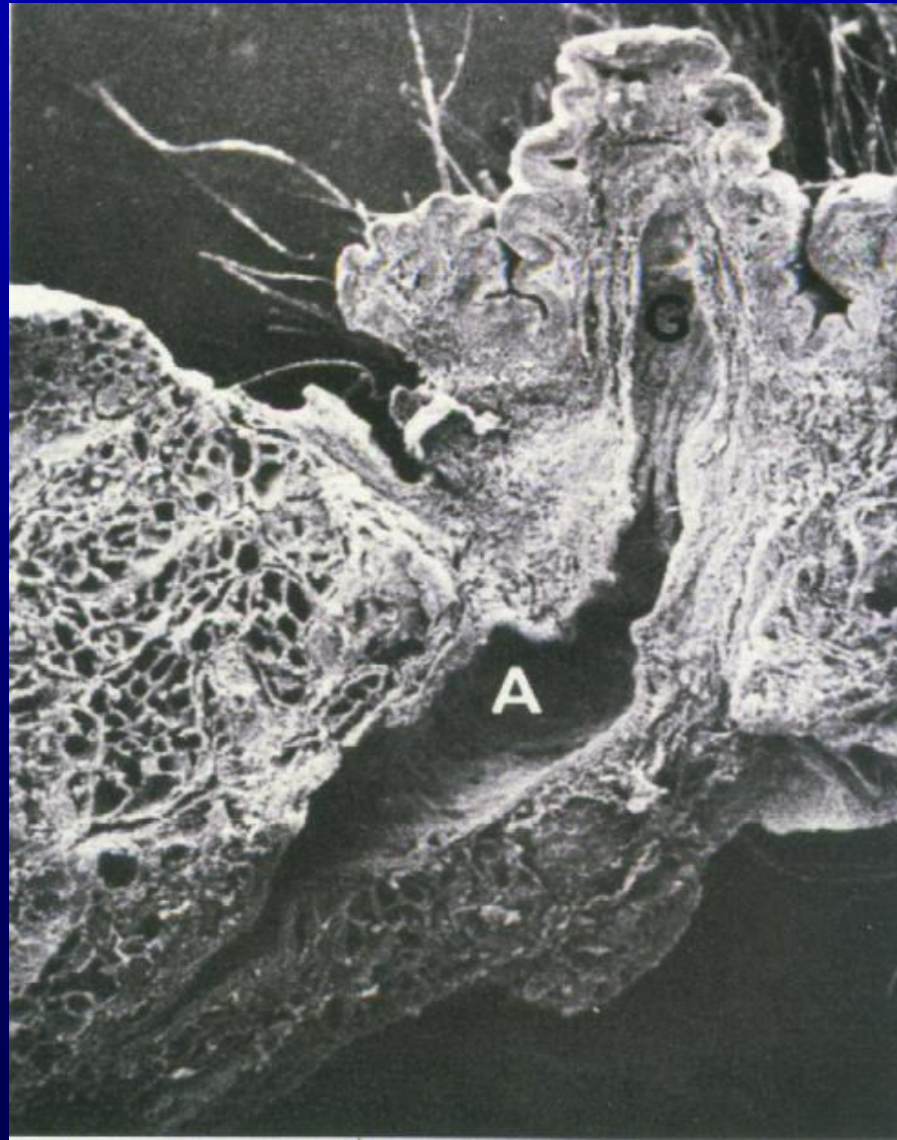


Figure 33-8. Diagrammatic representation of a cell from a lactating mammary gland, showing large lipid droplets being cast off enclosed in a layer of cytoplasm, and small granules of protein secretion being concentrated in the

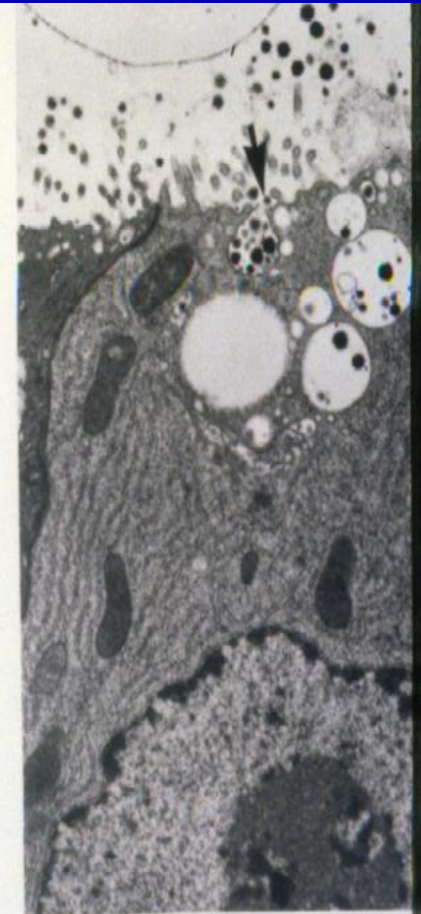
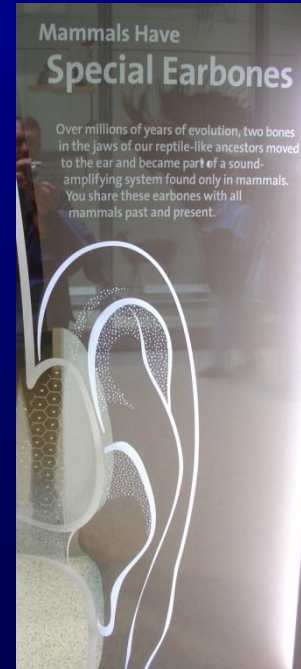


Figure 33-9. Electron micrograph of a myoepithelial cell, showing several vacuoles containing milk protein. One (at arrow) is in process of containing milk protein. (Micrograph courtesy of A. Ichikawa.)

# Other Glands of Epidermal Origin – Mammary Gland

Gland for which our **class**, mammalia, was named. Mammals are characterized by hair on skin, special ear bones, and milk-producing mammary glands in females for nourishment of young.



# Variations in the Microvasculature

Common Arteriole



Capillary



Venule

Shunts Arteriole



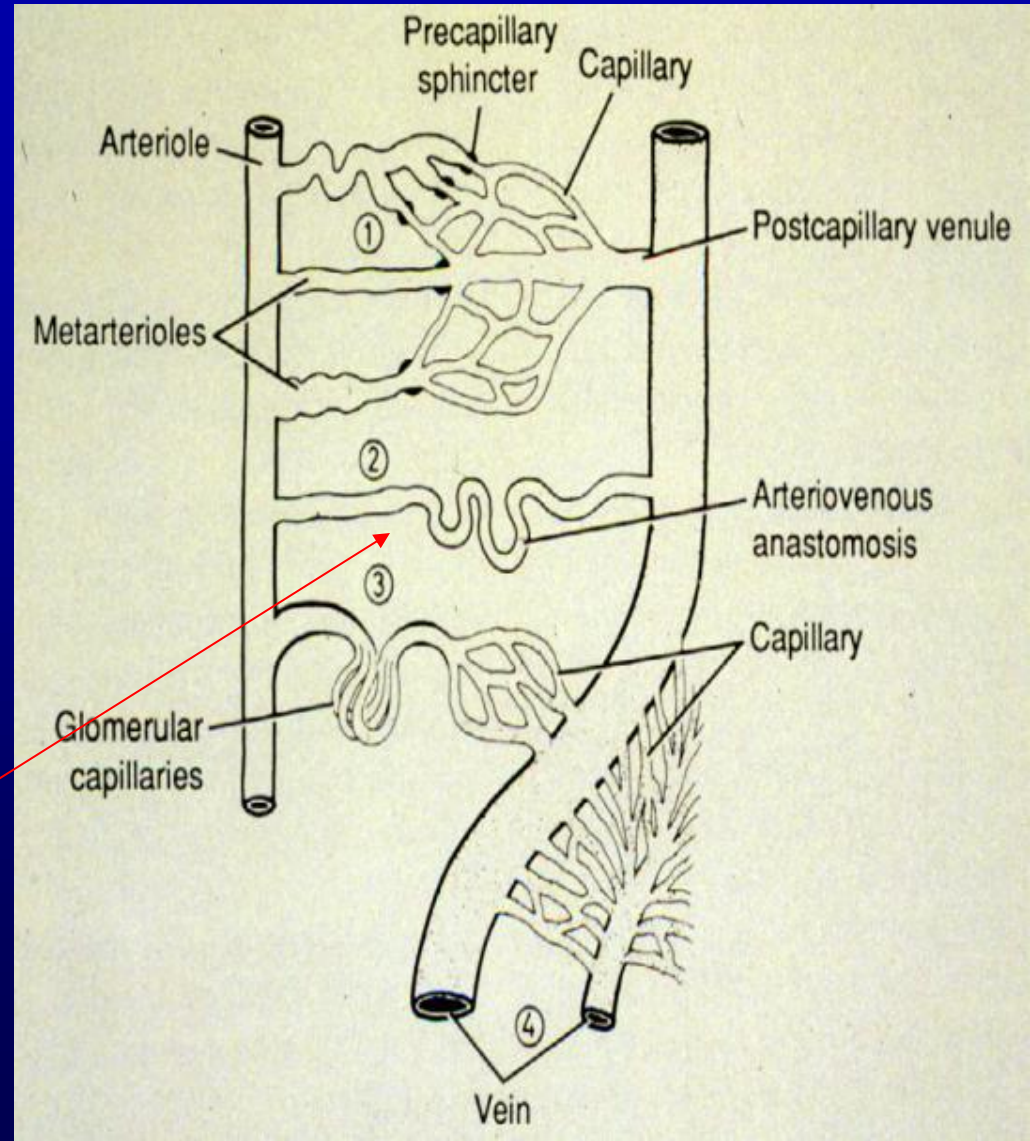
Metarteriole



Venule

arteries  $\Rightarrow$  av

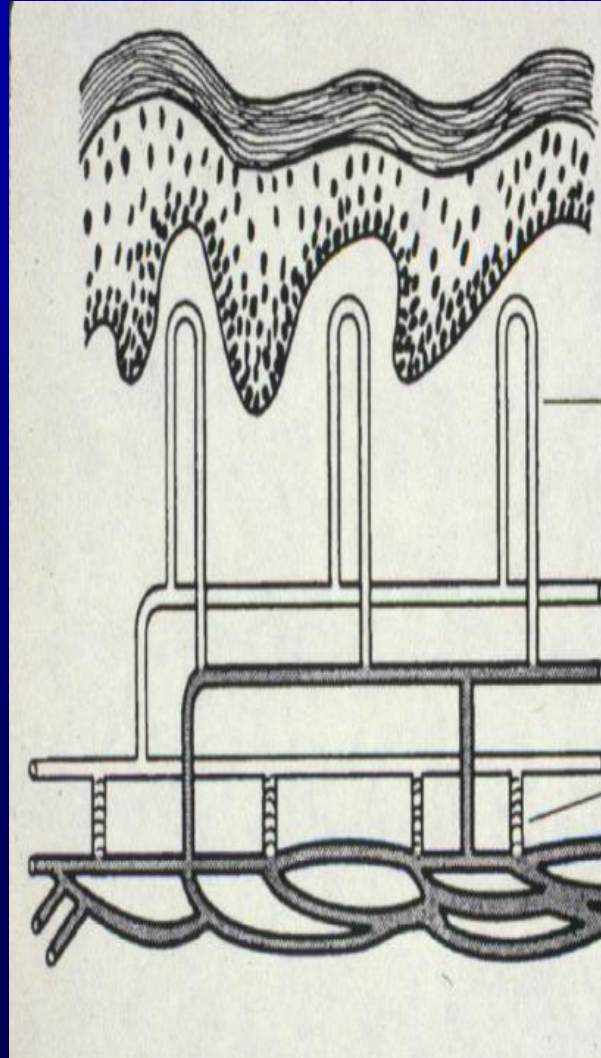
shunt  $\Rightarrow$  venules





# Circulation of Blood Through Skin:

Blushing?



# Circulation of Blood Through Skin

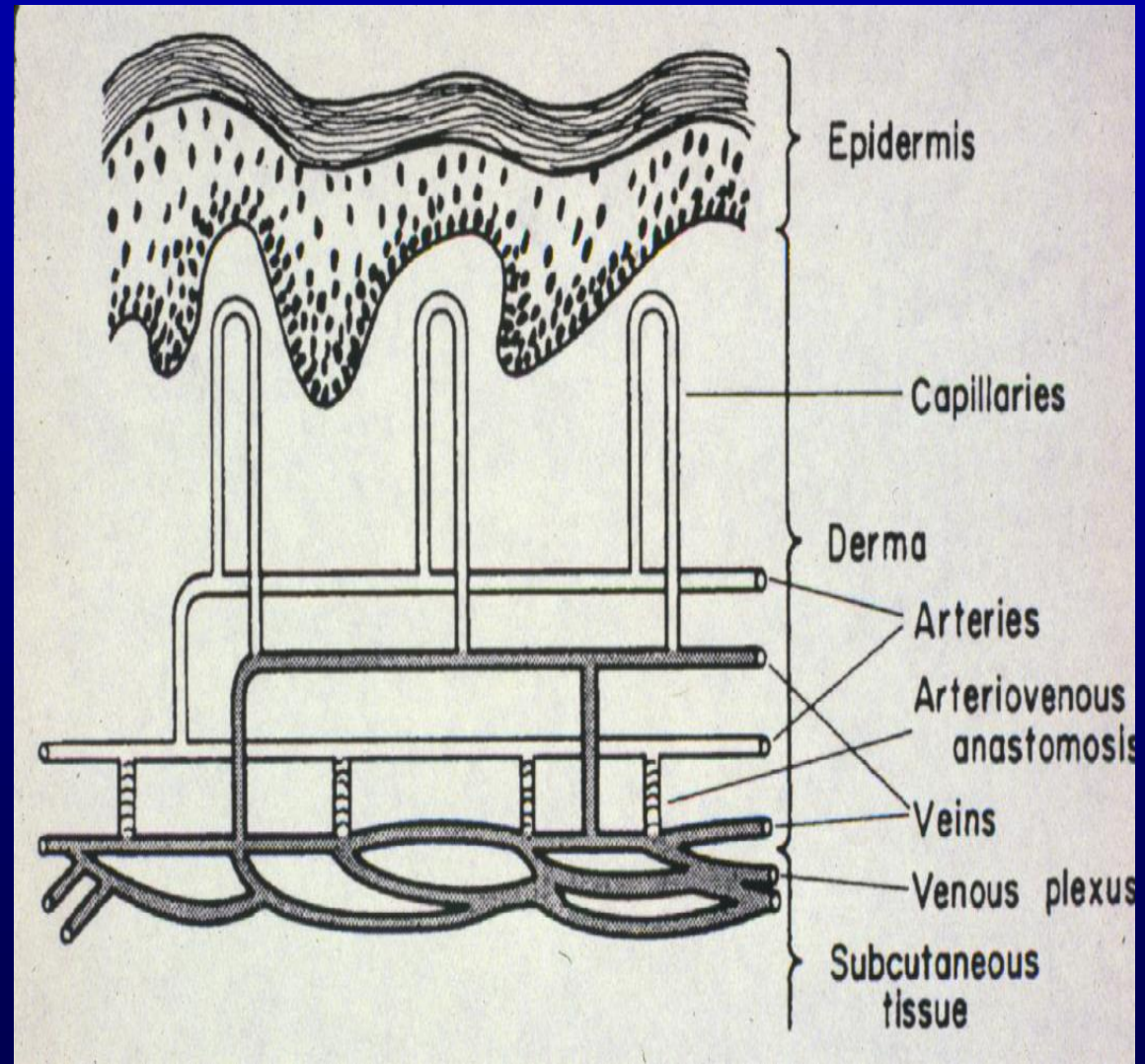
## Function and structure

Nutrition -  
capillaries

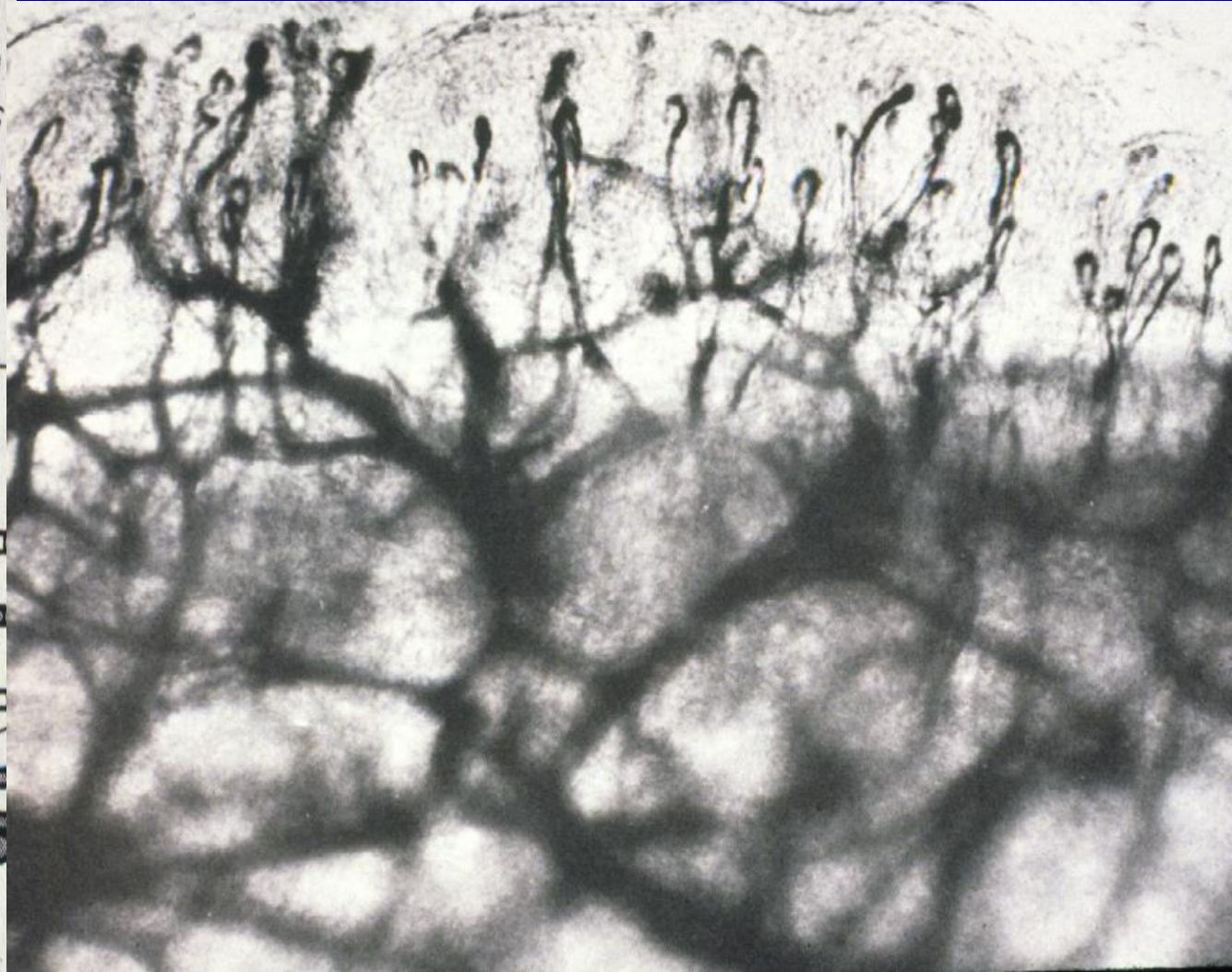
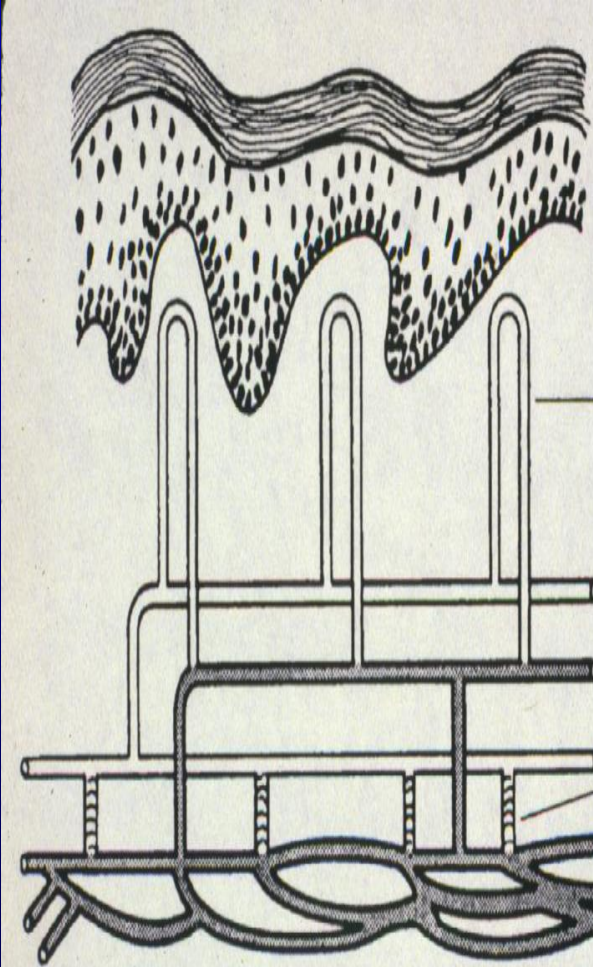
Heat conduction from  
body

Subcutaneous venous  
plexus (holds large  
quantities of  
blood to heat skin)

Arterio-venous  
anastomoses

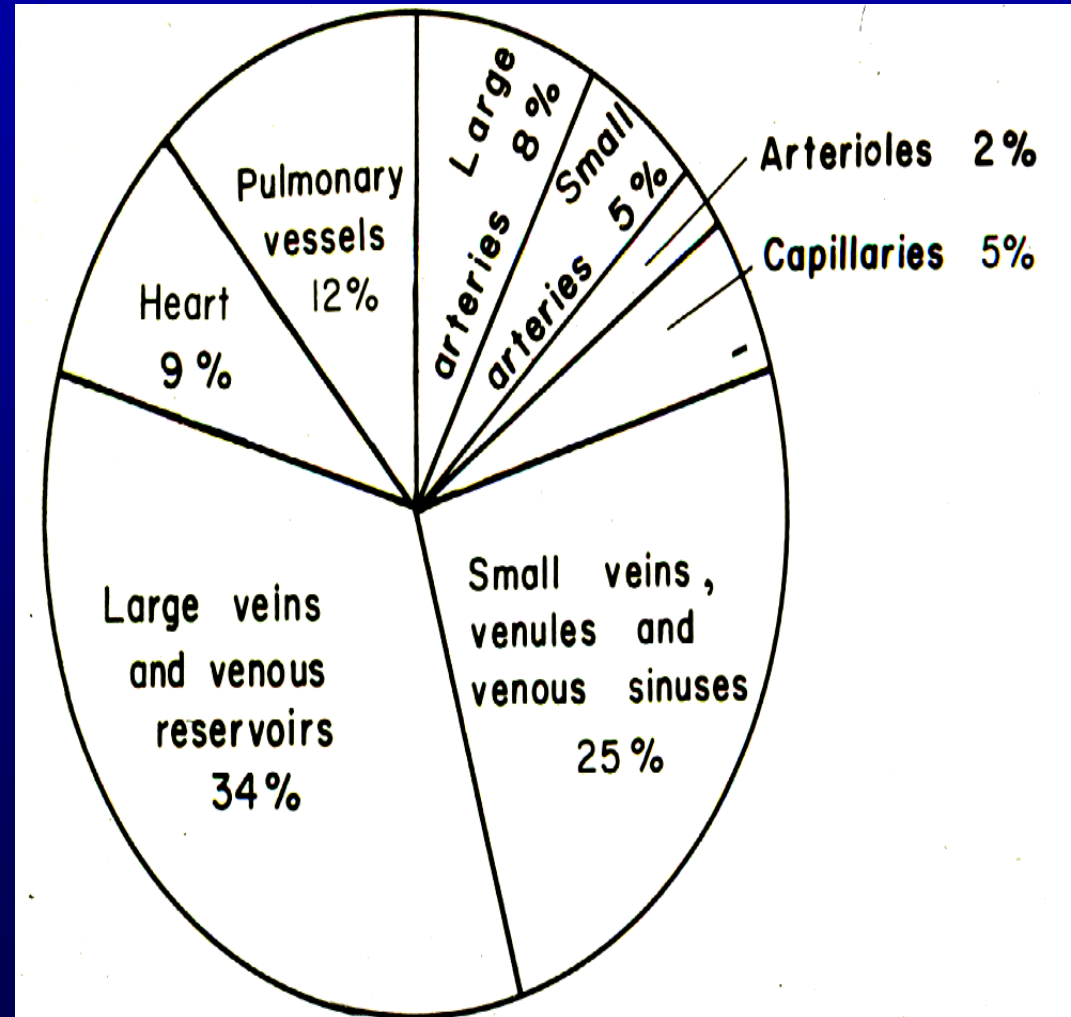
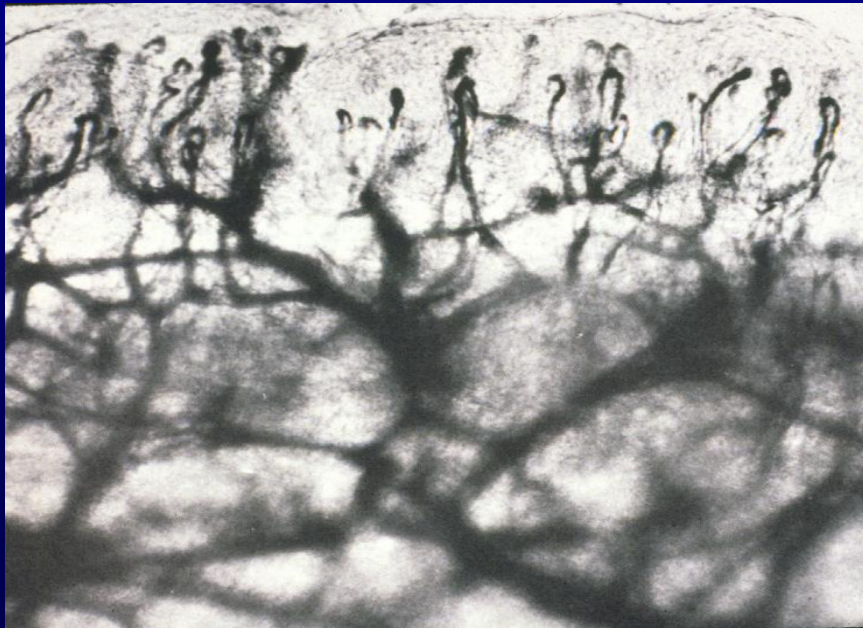


# Circulation of Blood Through Skin



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Blood volume capacity of skin is **4.5%** of total blood volume

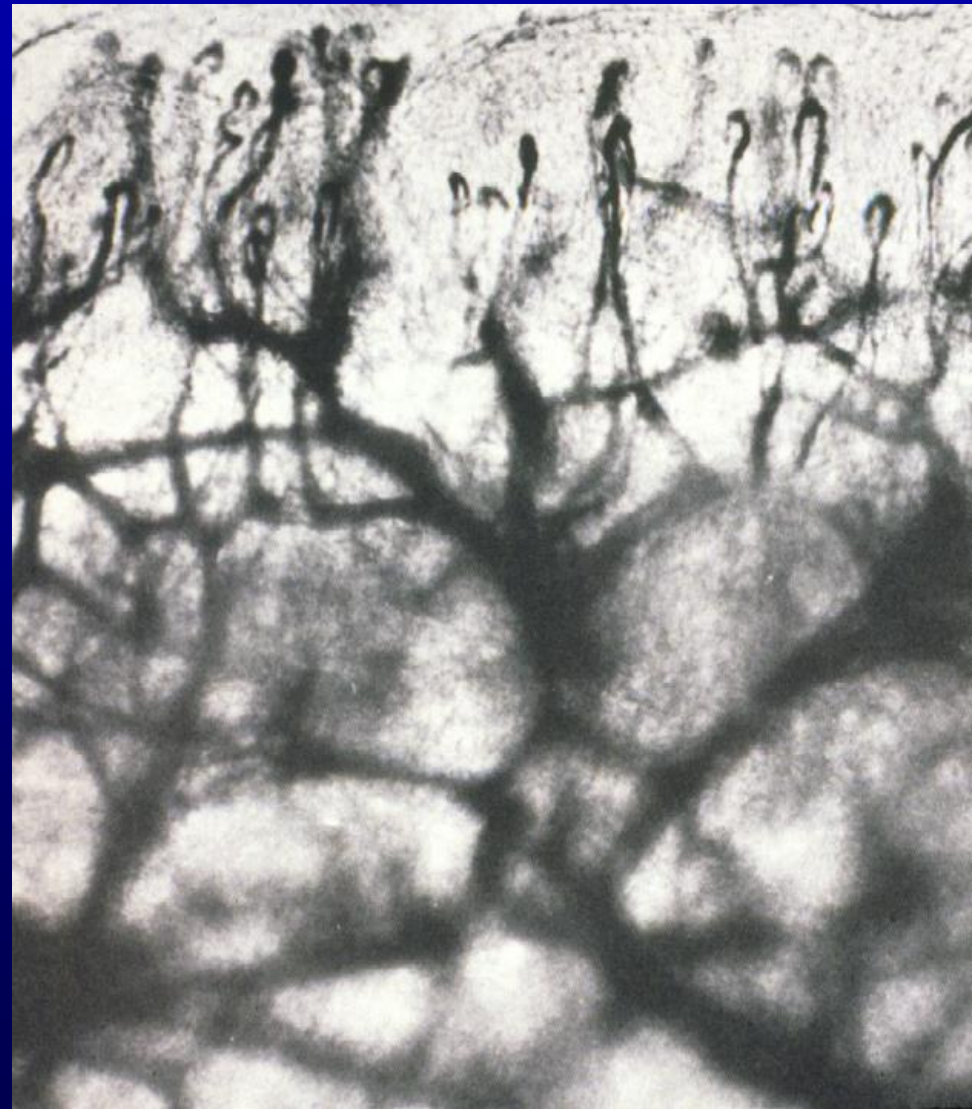


# Circulation of Blood Through Skin

## Blood flow through skin in an average adult

- Normal conditions - **400 mL/min.**
- Hot conditions - **2.8 liters/min**

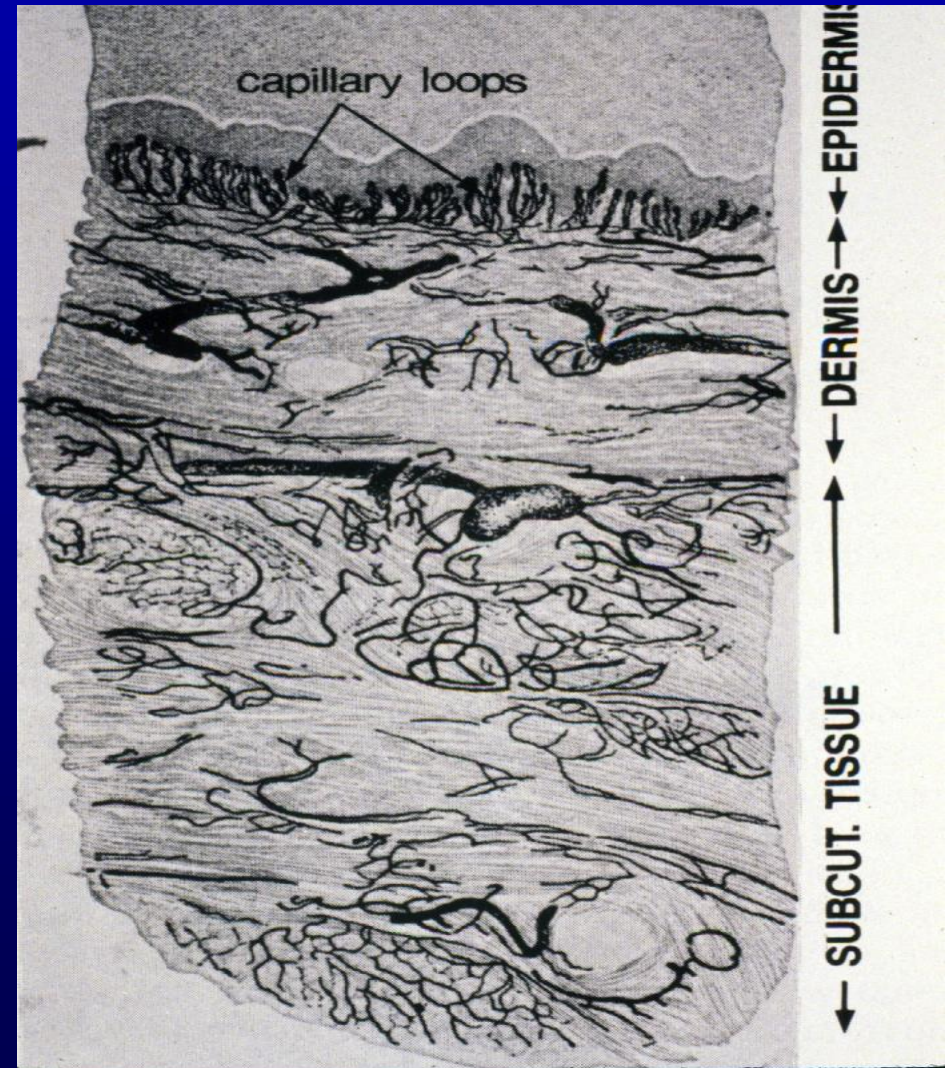
(Volume 5-6 L = 12-13 pints/person)



# Circulation of Blood Through Skin

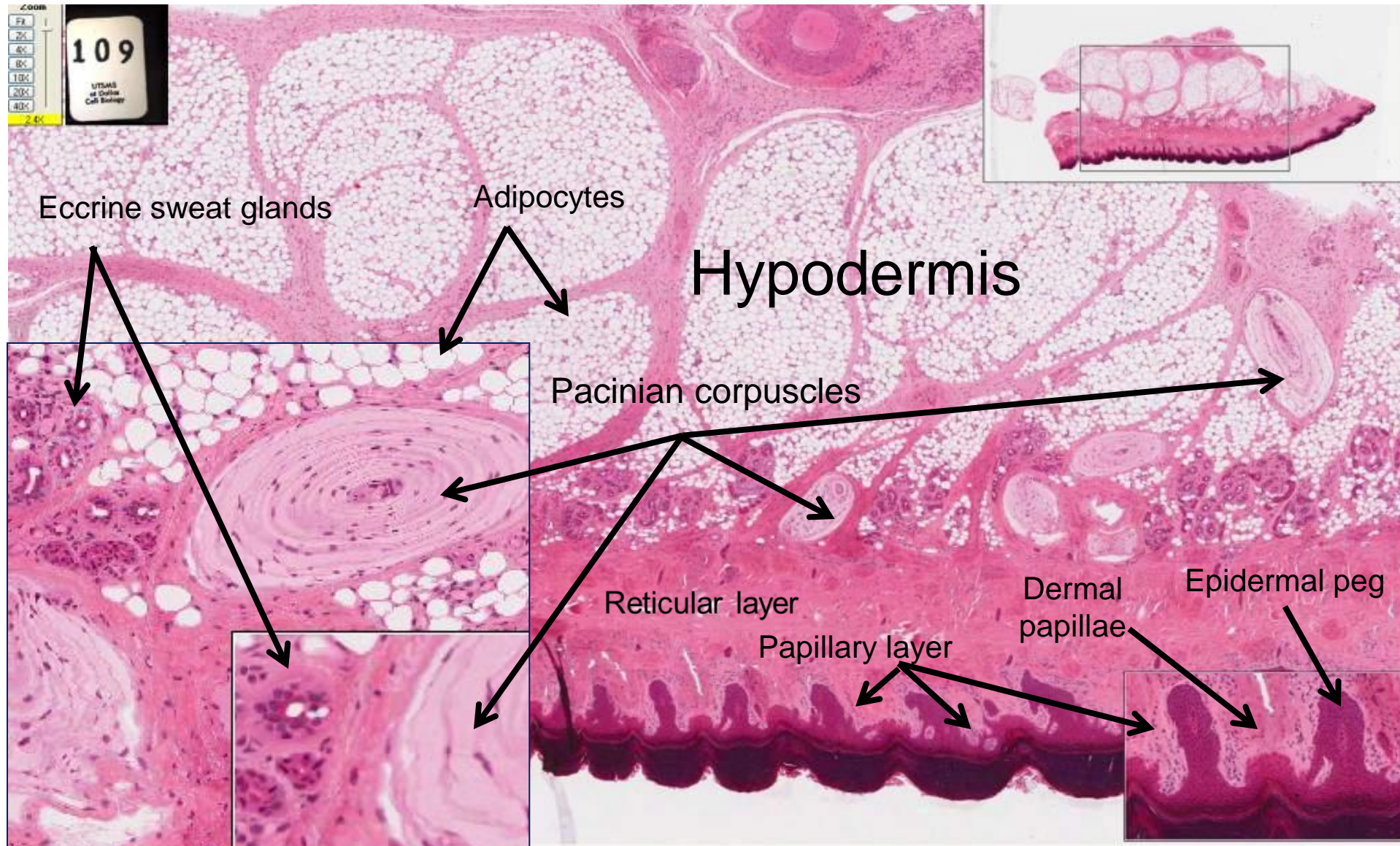
**Blood vessels  
in different  
layers**

**Of skin to  
accommodate  
variation in  
flow rate.**



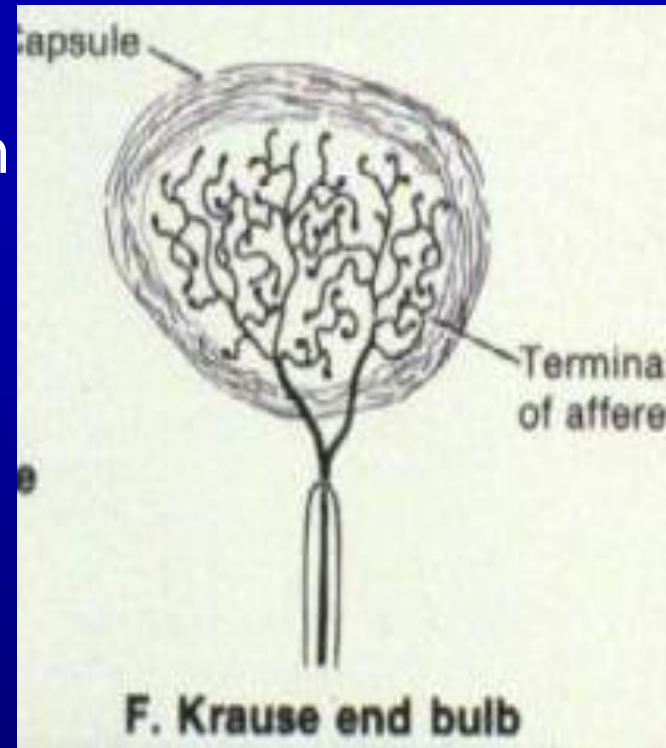
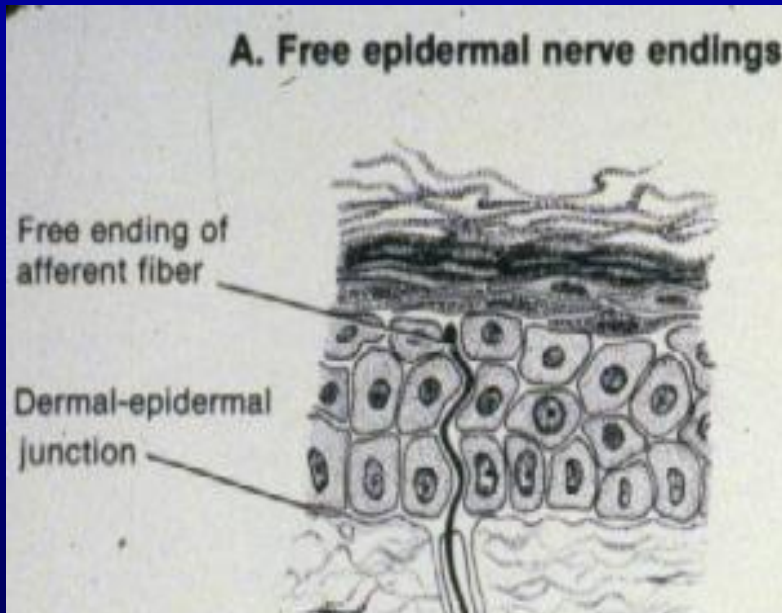
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# Skin hand monkey



# Epidermal and dermal – nerve interfaces

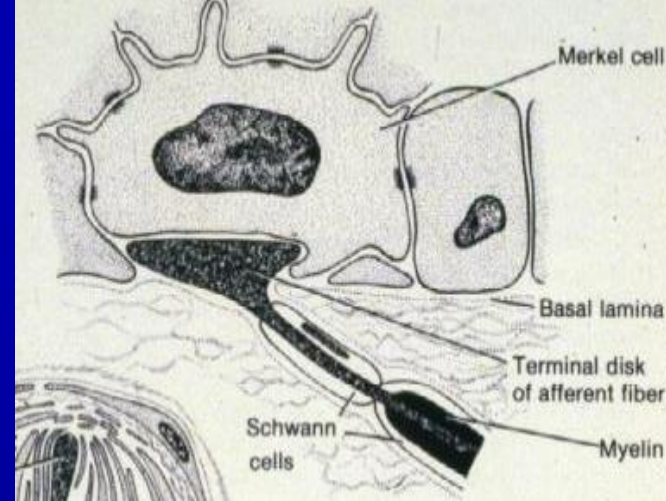
The End bulb of Krause is a **thermoreceptor** that picks up on the sensation of cold temperatures.



**Pain receptors** are found on **free nerve endings** located in many tissues throughout the body. This includes skin, muscles, joints, connective tissues, and internal organs. Pain receptors are activated in response to a painful stimulus, usually involving tissue damage.



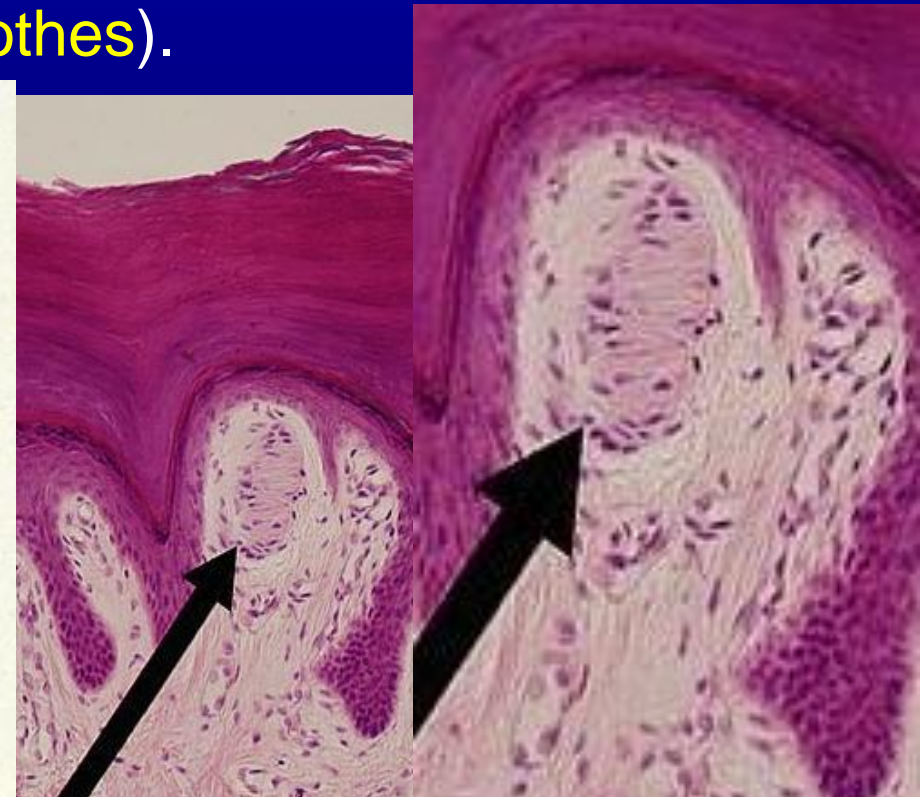
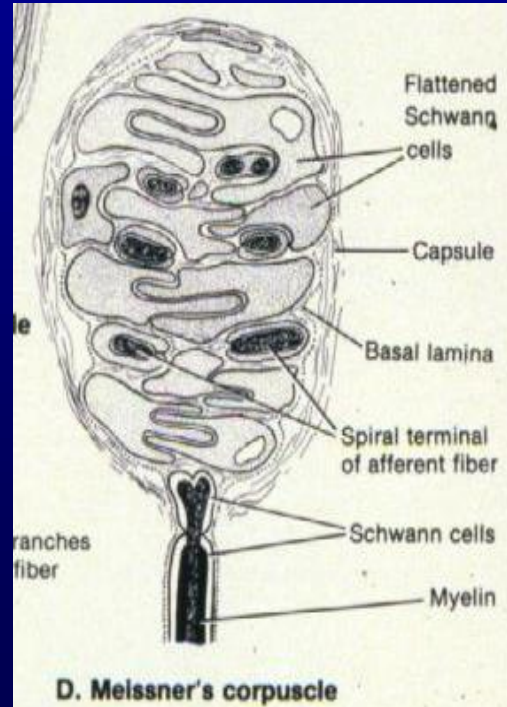
## Epidermal and dermal– nerve interfaces



Merkel cells or Merkel-Ranvier cells are oval receptor cells found in the skin of vertebrates that have **synaptic contacts with somatosensory afferents**. They are associated with the sense of **light touch discrimination of shapes and textures**. Genetic knockout mice have recently shown that Merkel cells are essential for the **specialized coding** by which **afferent nerves resolve fine spatial details**.

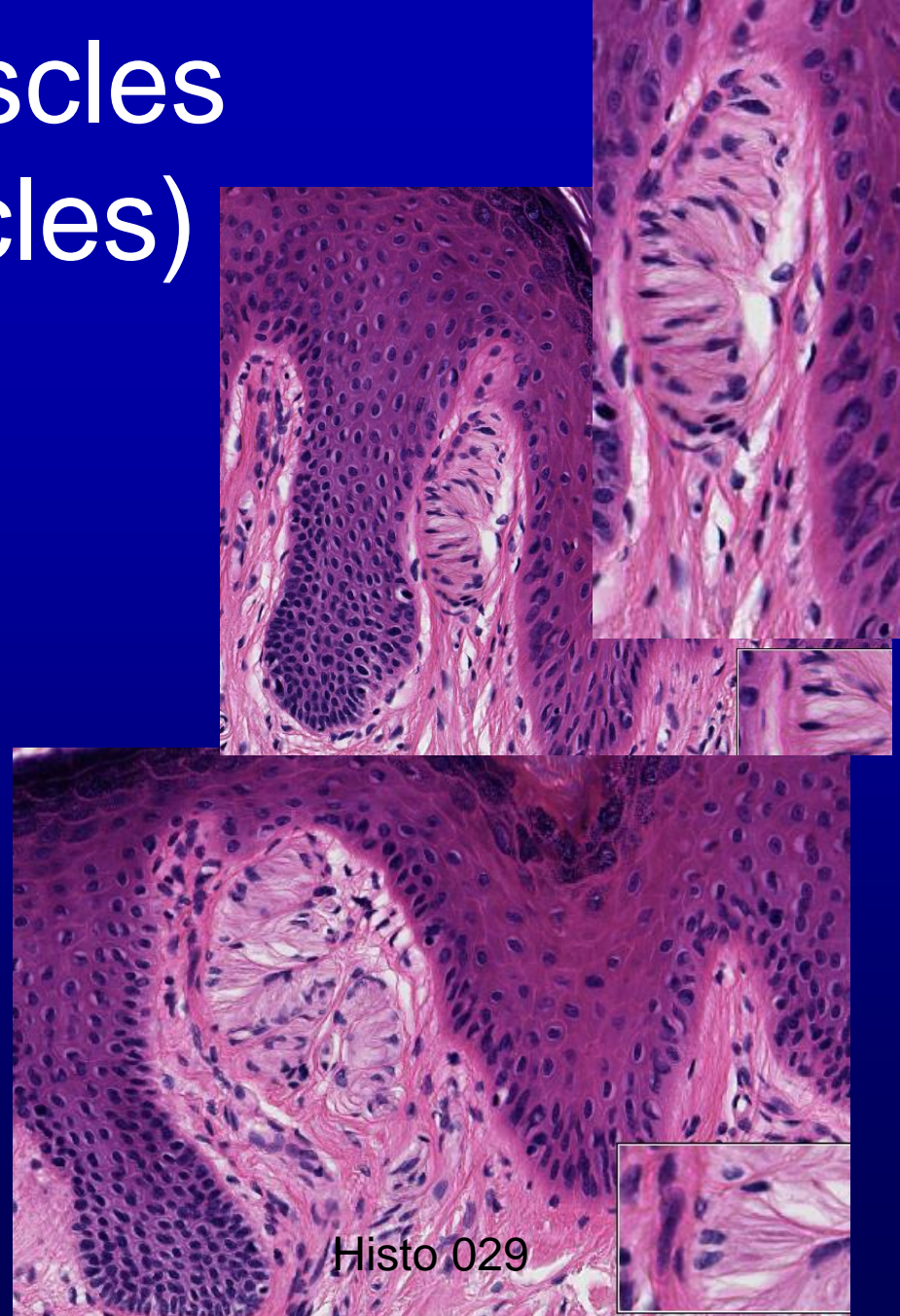
**Meissner's corpuscles** (or tactile corpuscles) are a type of nerve ending in the skin that is responsible for **sensitivity to light touch**. In particular, they have highest sensitivity (lowest threshold) when sensing vibrations lower than 50 Hertz. They are **rapidly adaptive receptors**. Any **physical deformation** in the corpuscle will cause **an action potential** in the nerve. Since they are rapidly adapting or phasic, the action potentials generated **quickly decrease** and eventually cease (this is the reason one **stops "feeling" one's clothes**).

Epidermal and dermal – nerve interfaces



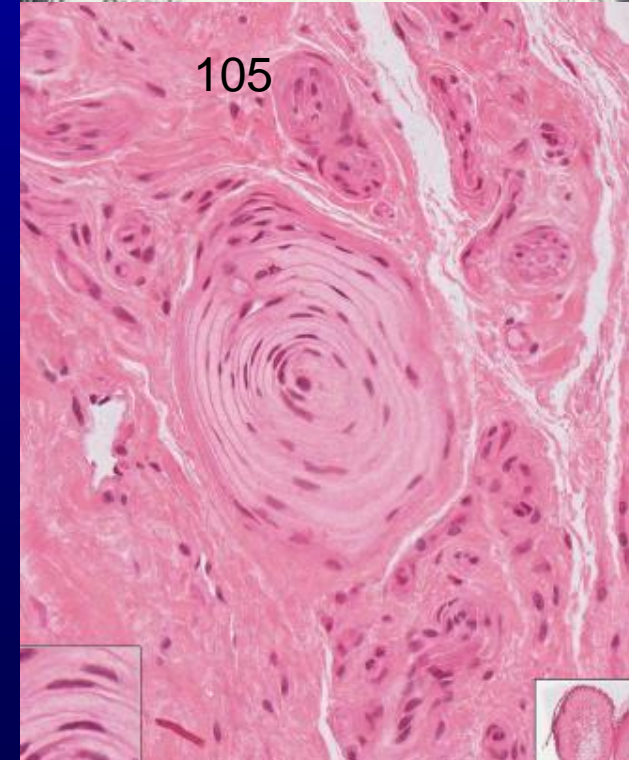
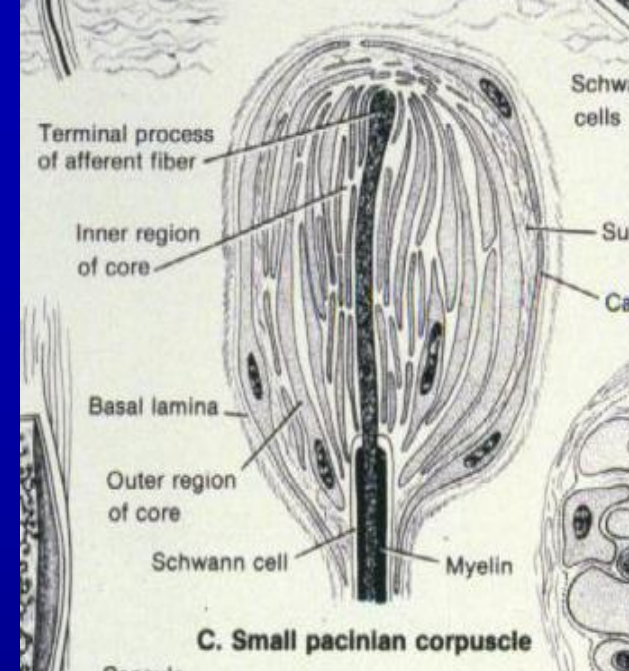
# Meissner's Corpuscles (or tactile corpuscles)

- The **number** of Meissner's corpuscles per square millimeter of human skin on the fingertips **drops four fold between the ages of 12 and 50**. The rate at which they are lost correlates well with the **age-related loss in touch sensitivity** for small probes (Thornbury and Mistretta, 1981).

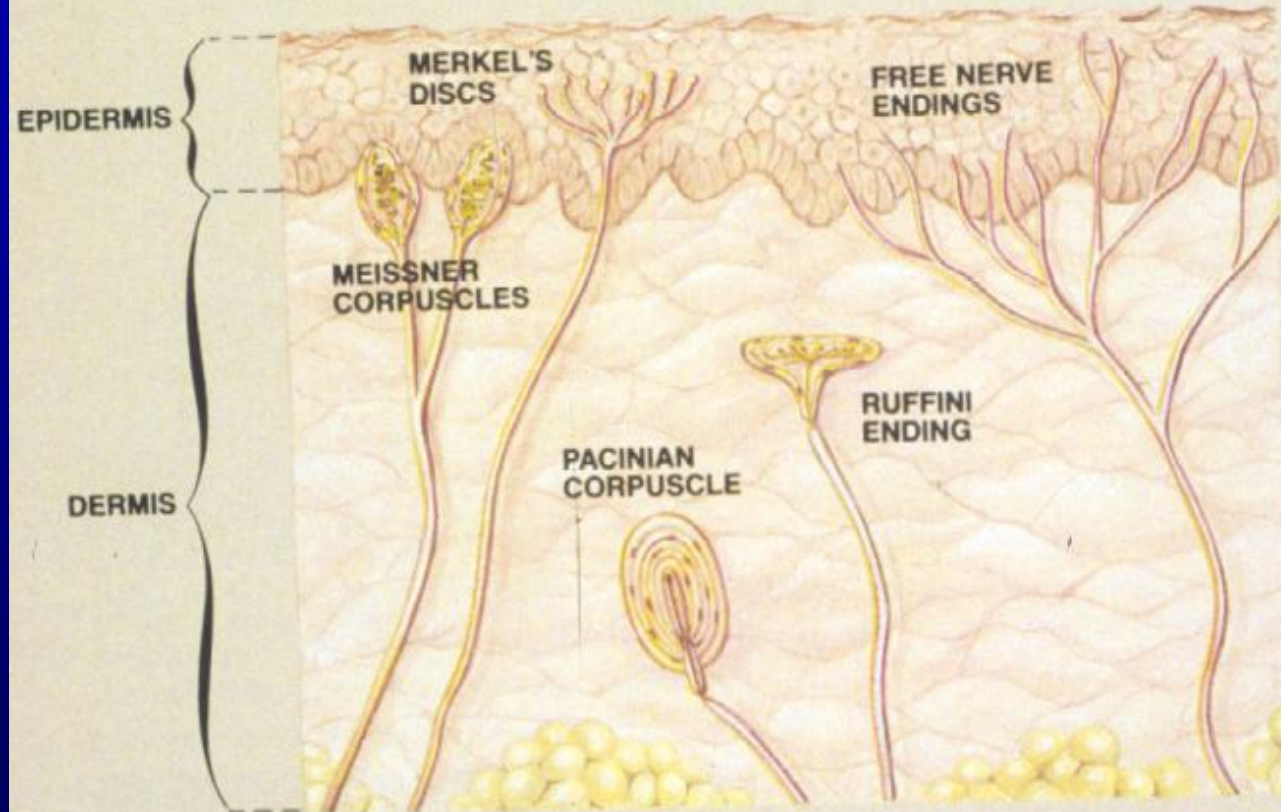
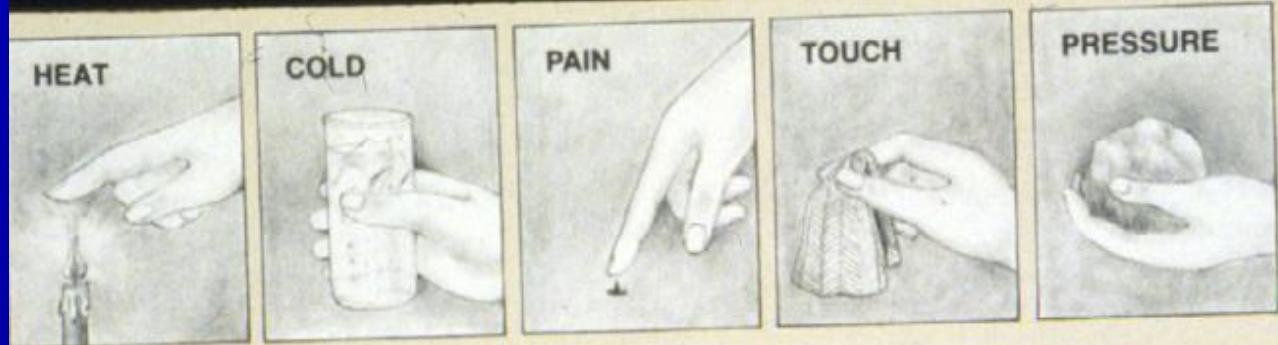


# Epidermal and Dermal – Nerve Interfaces

A **Pacinian corpuscle** is a type of touch receptor located in the skin. It is classed as a **mechanoreceptor**, meaning it is part of the group of sensory receptors that respond to **touch and pressure**. Pacinian corpuscles are especially suited to feeling rough surfaces and detecting vibration. They respond to **transient touches rather than sustained pressure**. This is because a Pacinian corpuscle is able to quickly adapt to pressure so that it no longer acts as a stimulus.



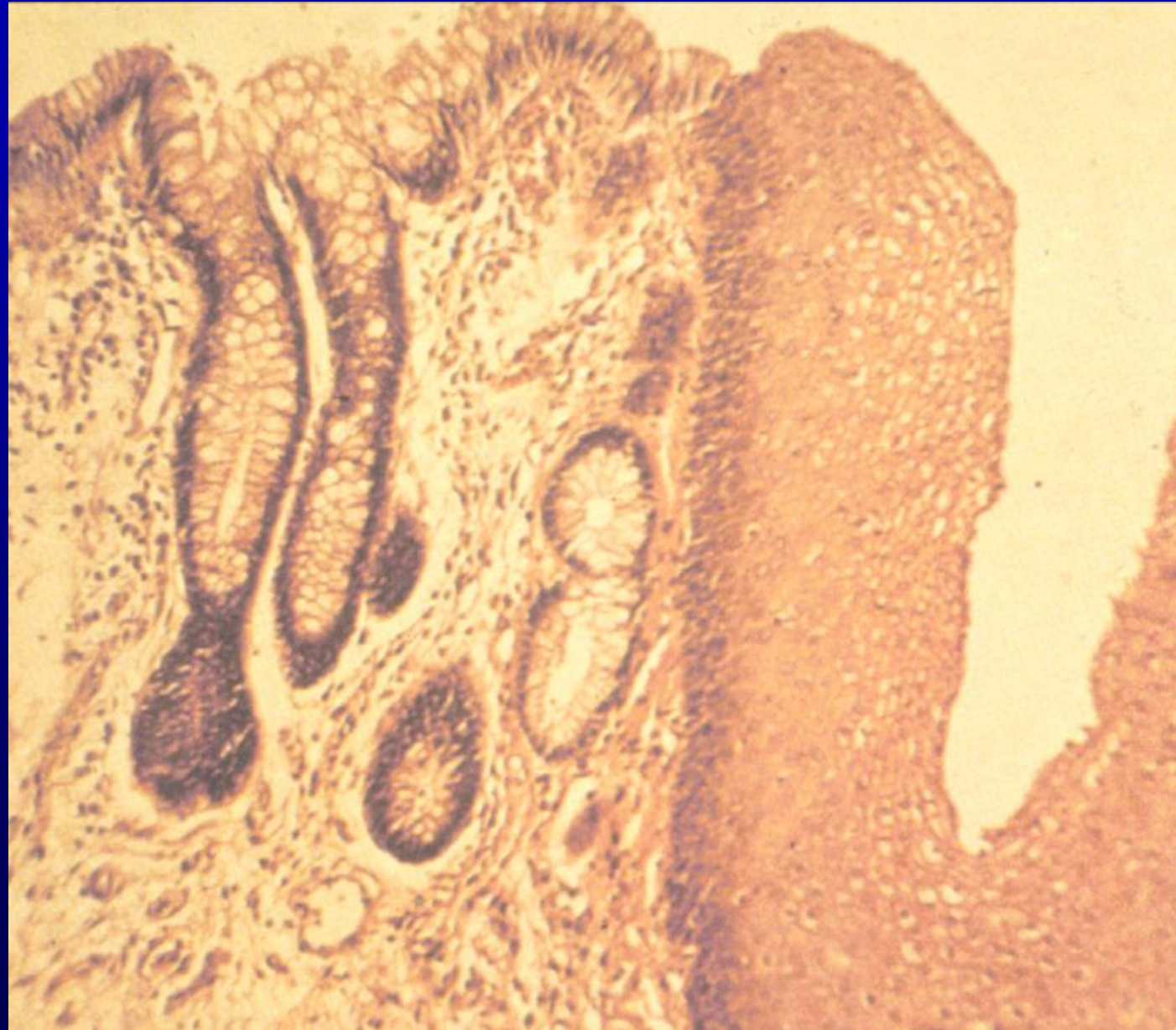
# Epidermal and Dermal – nerve Interfaces

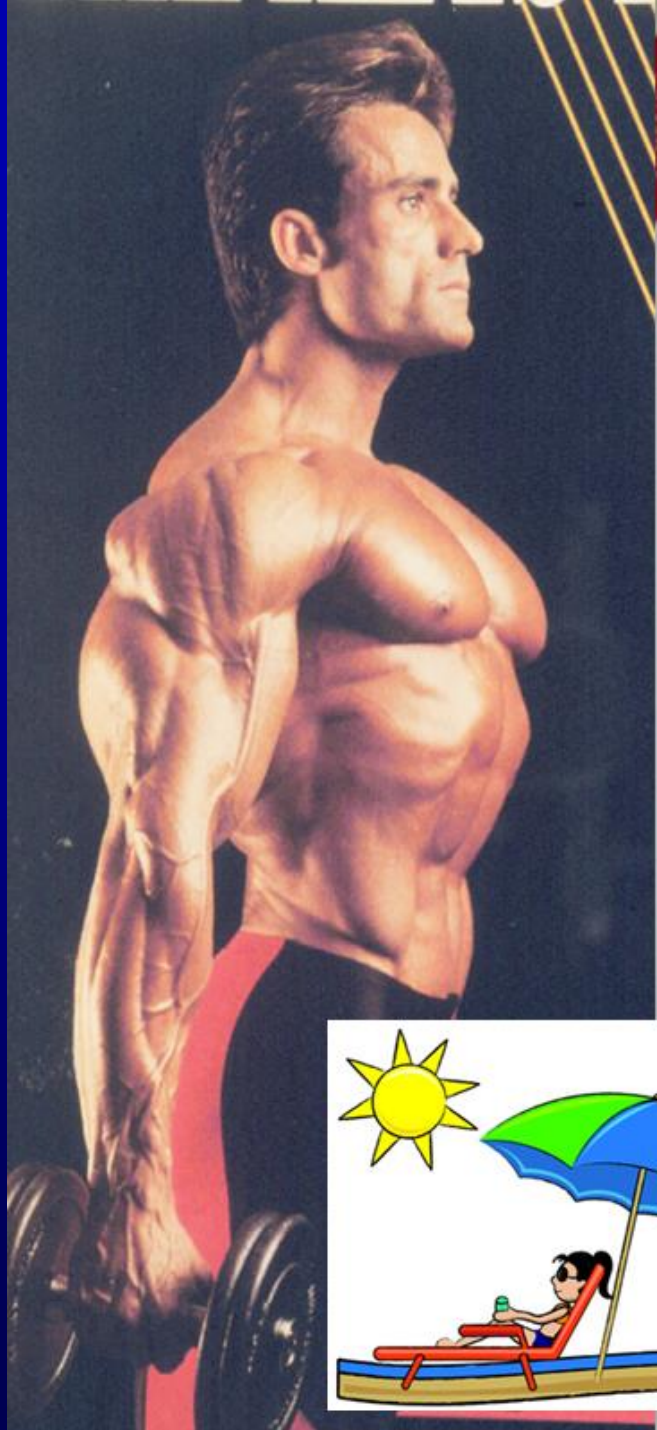


Free nerve endings, which are scattered throughout the body, and which are grouped around the bases of hairs, can register pain and pressure. Other, larger, specialized receptors are also present (see above). These occur in clusters, the more numerous, the more sensitive the area. The tips of the fingers have many such receptors; the shoulder has few. The more the receptors, the more sensitive the area.

# Mucocutaneous Junctions

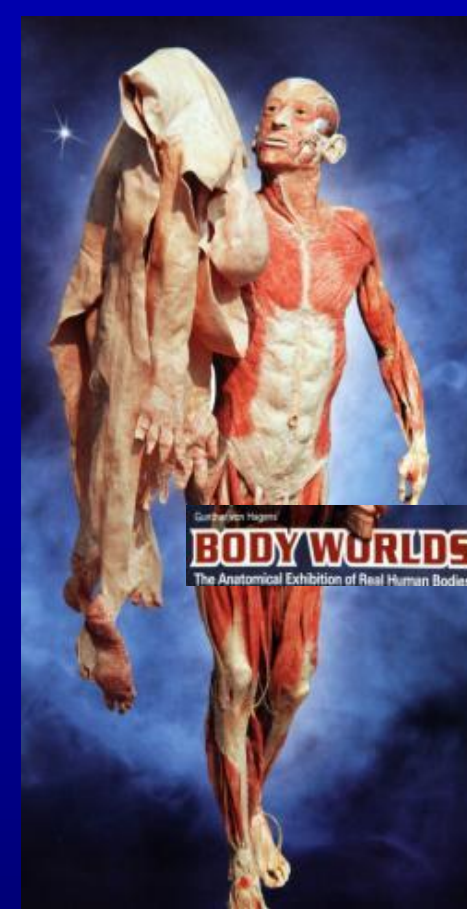
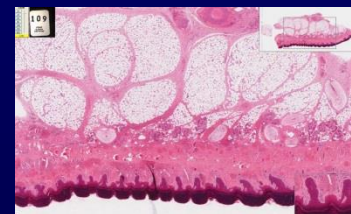
Lips,  
Nares,  
Eyelids,  
Vulva or  
Prepuce  
Anal Canal





# Functional Diversity of Skin

- Protects against injury and desiccation
- Maintenance of water balance
- Excretes/secretates various substances
- Thermoregulation
- Receives stimuli
  - Temperature
  - Pain
  - Pressure
- Basis of recognition and yields clues to one's well being
- Fat metabolism in the subcutaneous layer







The Nazis' mistreatment of Europe's Jews immediately made them pariahs. Children as young as six were forced to wear the yellow star, subjecting them to ridicule, taunts, and hate. Paradoxically, the badge evoked sympathy from some non-Jews. Eight-year-old Augusta Feldman wore this patch in German-occupied Belgium.

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