

## TOPIC: STRATIFIED EPITHELIAL TISSUES

- \_\_\_\_ tissues are structurally categorized as \_\_\_\_ epithelial tissues.

### 2a. Stratified Squamous Epithelium

#### Characteristics:

- Many layers of \_\_\_\_ cells.

#### Function:

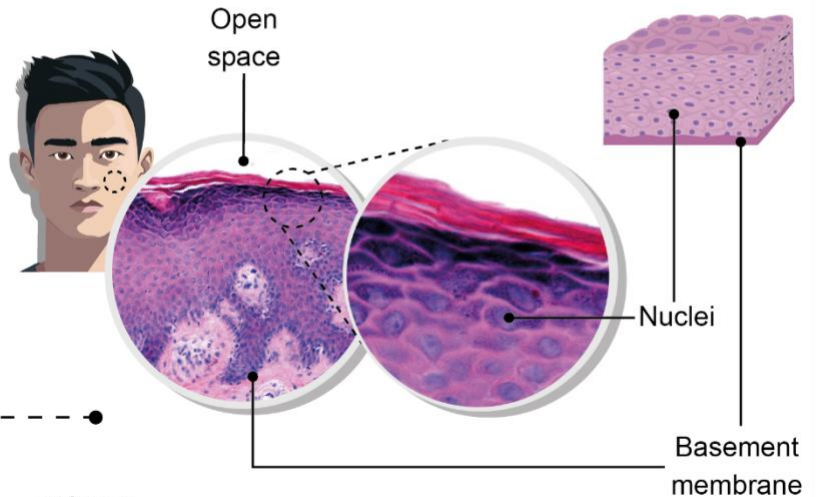
- Protection.
- Protein \_\_\_\_ increases toughness and prevents water loss.

#### Locations:

- Keratinized: \_\_\_\_
- Unkeratinized: orifices near the skin (mouth, esophagus, anus, vagina).

#### ID tip:

- Thick. Cells near apical surface are \_\_\_\_ and may be flaking off. Cells near basement membrane not flat.



### 2b. Transitional Epithelium

#### Characteristics:

- Many layers of cells.
- Transitions from cuboidal to squamous when \_\_\_\_.

#### Function:

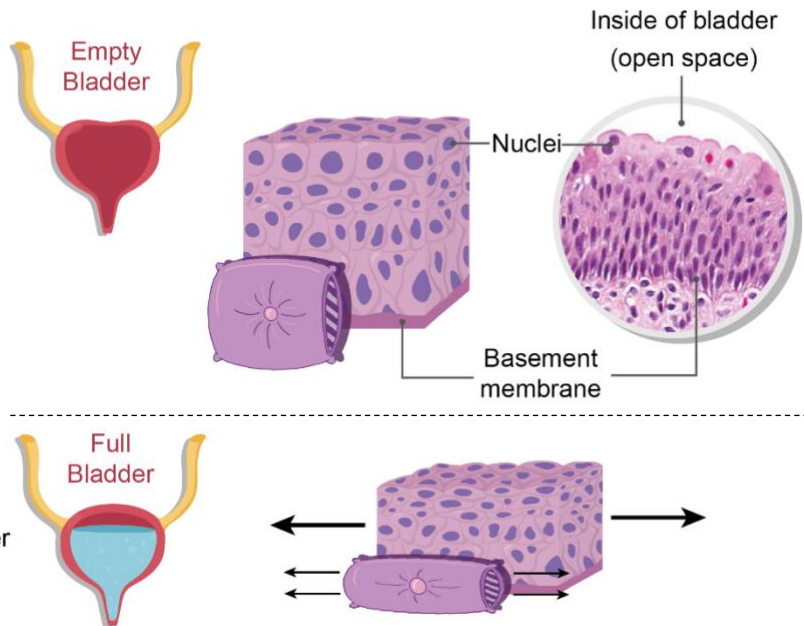
- Protection: blocks \_\_\_\_.

#### Locations:

- Lining of the bladder, ureters, and urethra.

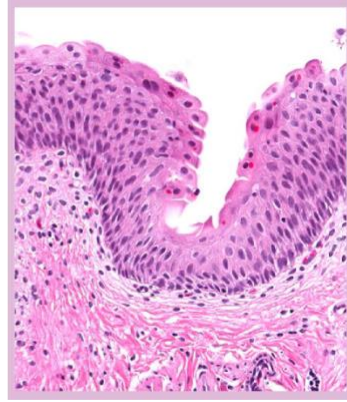
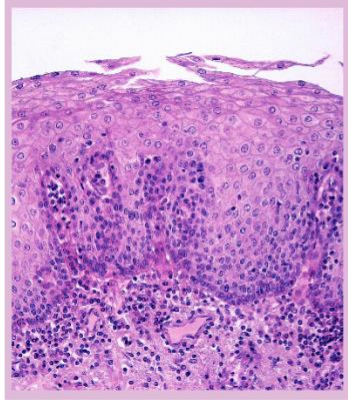
#### ID tip:

- More layers than stratified cuboidal but fewer than stratified squamous. Surface cells are "pillow shaped".



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**EXAMPLE:** To students, stratified squamous epithelium and transitional epithelium tissues often look similar. Identify each tissue below and highlight the difference(s) between the tissue that helps you tell them apart.



**PRACTICE:** Before rubber was used in inflatable balls used in sports, people would inflate animal bladders to make the inner part of a ball. Which tissue type would make this possible?

- a) Stratified squamous epithelium.
- b) Transitional epithelium.
- c) Pseudostratified columnar epithelium.
- d) Simple squamous epithelium.

**PRACTICE:** When you look at another person, what do you see?

- a) Stratified squamous epithelium.
- b) Transitional epithelium.
- c) Pseudostratified columnar epithelium.
- d) Simple squamous epithelium.

**PRACTICE:** What is different about the epithelium found inside the mouth and the epithelium found on the face?

- a) Inside the mouth has simple squamous epithelium while the face has stratified squamous epithelium.
- b) The epithelium inside the mouth has goblet cells, while the skin will not.
- c) The epithelium of the skin has a basement membrane, while the epithelium inside the mouth will not.
- d) The epithelium on the face has keratinized cells, while inside the mouth will not.

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### 2c. Stratified Cuboidal Epithelium (Rare)

#### Characteristics:

- More than one layer of \_\_\_\_\_ shaped cells.

#### Function:

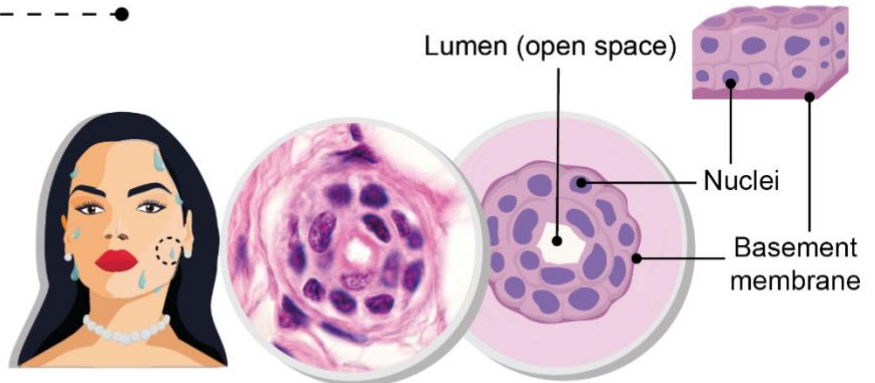
- Protection.
- Secretion.

#### Locations:

- Ducts of sweat and mammary glands.

#### ID tip:

- Only 2-3 layers. Usually arranged in a ring with open space in middle.



### 2d. Stratified Columnar Epithelium (Rare)

#### Characteristics:

- More than one layer of cell.
- \_\_\_\_\_ surface is columnar cells.

#### Function:

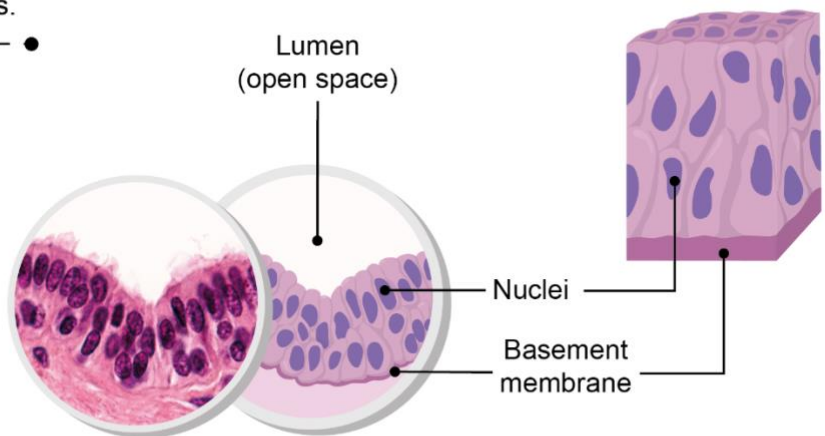
- Protection.
- Absorption (limited).
- Secretion (limited).

#### Locations:

- Parts of male urethra.
- Transitions between other epithelial tissues.

#### ID tip:

- Only 2-3 layers. Only top layer is columnar.



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**PRACTICE:** Which type of epithelial tissue has more than one cell shape in a single layer?

- a) Simple cuboidal epithelium.
- b) Simple columnar epithelium.
- c) Stratified squamous epithelium.
- d) Pseudostratified columnar epithelium.

**PRACTICE:** Which of the following functions is stratified squamous epithelial tissue best suited to?

- a) Rapid diffusion.
- b) Absorption.
- c) Protection.
- d) Lining internal organs.