

Histology of the respiratory tract:

Branchioles → conducting
respiratory
(main function of the RS)

- * Largest capillaries network is present in the lungs (surrounding the alveoli) → to support gas exchange (main function of the RS)
- * Respiratory tract → conducting portion (nose, larynx, pharynx, trachea, bronchi, conducting bronchioles)
Respiratory portion (for gas exchange) (respiratory bronchioles, alveolar duct, alveolar sac, alveoli)
 - ↳ alveoli (so it's surrounded by many alveoli) large & small bronchioles
 - * alveolar sac is the end of the duct & is also surrounded by alveoli terminal bronchioles

* each lung has millions of alveoli → surrounded by many capillaries
(imp in the RT (is filled with O₂ when the lung is inflated))

* Branchi → primary → rt & lt main bronchus ⇒ Extra pulmonary (outside the lung)

as we move distally towards the lungs → the branchi diameter decreases

→ secondary (lobar bronchi) → lobes N₂ (lt lung → 2 lobes / rt lung → 3 lobes)
so we have ↓
- 2 left secondary
- 3 right secondary

→ Tertiary (10 on each lung) → we call them: Bronchopulmonary segments

in cases of tumor in the lung → lobectomy
(if C₇, S₁ involved ← left) (if 2 or 3 ← 2nd or 3rd lobes)

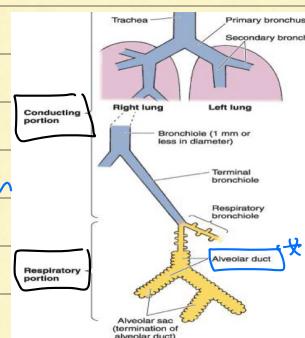
Now they only perform segmentectomy (removal of the affected segments)

bc each segment contains its own alveoli, lymphatics, blood supply & surrounded by CT → easily resected

The lining epithelium:-

- * Generally: pseudostratified ciliated columnar epi with goblet cells
↳ (trachea, bronchi (1^o+2^o+3^o))
- * in bronchioles → simple columnar / cuboidal ciliated (conducting) with few goblet cells
With no cartilage (absent)
So in cases of asthma, the smooth m. cells in the bronchioles are narrowed & contracted → wheezing during expiration

→ So it's in the conducting part (lack of cartilage) → more



* in respiratory bronchioles → simple squamous epi

* in the alveoli → -- -- --

* in the capillaries → simple squamous epi (endothelium)

So: they are all thin for gas exchange

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* The lining epi in the esophagus: stratified squamous non-keratinised
• Stomach: simple columnar epi without goblet cells
• Small intestine: simple columnar with goblet cells

* The layers of the conducting portion walls :-

- mucosa → lining epi / lamina propria / muscularis mucosa
- submucosa → contains glands (seromucus gland) → tiny open on the surface
- supporting layer (hyaline cartilage & smooth m. cells)
 - C-shape in trachea
- Adventitia (CT)
 - plates in bronchi (decreasing in # as we move distally)
 - increase in the bronchioles & become spiral

* The 4 layers in the GIT: mucosa / submucosal / muscularis layer / adventitia (serosa)

* The lamina propria in the GI → filled with glands (in RT, it's in the submucosa)

* The mucosa layers are the same as the RT (lining epi, lamina propria, muscularis mucosa)

* Supportive layer of the respiratory tract:

- Cartilage
- OR
- smooth m. cells

* The glands in the submucosa → trap the foreign bodies

* The cilia → propel foreign bodies by moving outwards (in one direction)

* Lamina propria → loose CT with few glands (unlike the GIT)

* The smooth muscles are increased in the bronchioles (excess & spiral)

Lumen \rightarrow JS \rightarrow

So: when they contract ↘

Lumen narrowing

- * cartilage in the trachea :- (in the supporting layer)
 - C-shape hyaline cartilage → Why is it not complete?
Bc there's the esophagus behind the trachea which performs peristaltic movement
- Instead there are smooth muscles (trachealis muscles): even help the bolus descending through the esophagus
- * Cartilage in bronchi:
 - in the form of plates → decrease as we move distally (hyaline cartilage)
 - When we reach the 30 branchi → they become only 1-3 pieces of cartilage

- * Functions of the conducting portion:
 - Air transmission (major function)
 - Protection → By cleaning, moistening & warming of air
 - Thick hairs & skin in the vestibule → Air filtration
 - movement of cilia (propelling the dust outside) in one direction

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- * The respiratory portion → main function: gases exchange
 - the alveoli surround the alveolar sac + duct
 - type of epi: simple squamous epi (in 97%, the rest are cuboidal surfactant cells)
 - When 2 alveoli meet, they form a septum in the middle + corners (filled with elastic & reticular fibers)
 - * The capillaries surround each alveolus (begin as arterioles & end as venules)
 - For lung's inflation and deflation
 - * Pulmonary trunk → rt & lt pulmonary arteries → Arterioles (from rt ventricle) (deoxygenated blood) (going to the lungs)
 - * Blood exiting the arterioles is now oxygenated → venules → pulmonary veins (taking O₂ from alveoli) (4 in #) → 2 rt & 2 lt
 - Left atrium ← -----

* Types of alveoli :-

Their walls :-

- 1- Type 1 alveolar cells / pneumocytes (97%) → simple squamous cells
 - 2- Type 2 alveolar cells / pneumocytes (3%) → cuboidal surfactant cells
- ↳ secrete the surfactants Function: Decrease the surface tension of the alveoli



So: the alveoli becomes filled with air during inspiration

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Surfactants ↓ in lungs

brain respiratory center |

Sending motor impulses to the diaphragm to descend towards the abdomen

→ so: intrathoracic pressure < atmospheric

↳ entry of air to fill the lungs

وهي ترسل إشارات إلى الرئتين لملئها بالهواء

surfactants ↓ in lungs

Respiratory distress syndrome



So we put the baby in an incubator
But nowadays, surfactant production can be detected before birth

so:

Thyroxine/cortisone → reduces surfactants ↓ in lungs

* Cells of the respiratory epithelium :-

5 types of cells in the lining epi

↳ 2 types can be seen by the light microscope

1- The goblet cells 2- the pseudostratified columnar cells
→ the other types are only seen by the electron microscope

3- Basal cell (in the basement membrane) → thick in the RT
Stem cell (reserve cell)

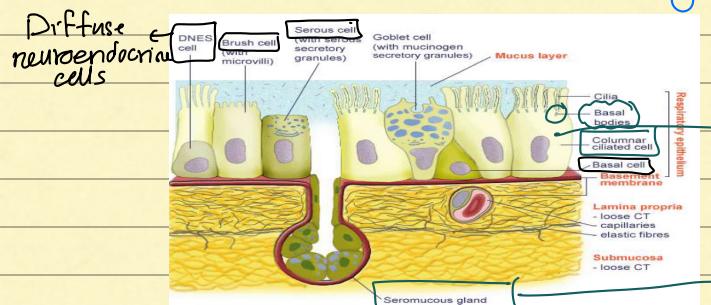
Function ↳ mitosis to replace other cells (reservoir cell)

4- Brush cells → have microvilli (have sensory receptors) on the surface

5- Granular cells/ serous cells

6- Diffuse neuroendocrine cells/ Kultschitsky cells
↳ for secretion of glands

ciliated columnar (with 300 cilia)
* the cilia are connected with basal bodies



The glands have ducts to deliver the secretions to the surface

* all the cilia are:
 surrounded by apical mitochondria → to give energy for cilia movement

* Dynein protein is very imp for movement of cilia (in one direction)

 → Nicotine kills this dynein (in smokers)
 no efficient ciliary movement → infection (from acute to chronic)
 immotile cilia syndrome (Kartagener syndrome)
 leads to chronic RT infections

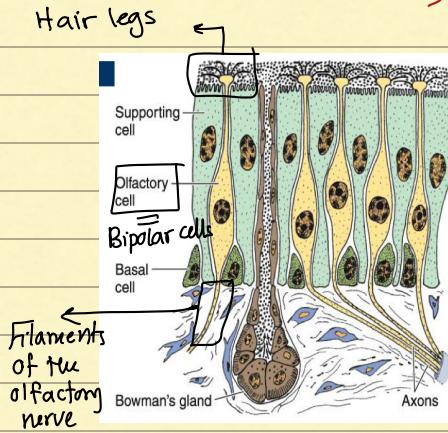
 infertility in men

 ↳ Bc sperms have tails & movement

 So when we kill the cilia, the flagella of the sperm
 can't move anymore → immotile sperm

* Mucus goblet cells → produce mucus → trapping of foreign bodies

* Nasal cavity → vestibule ^{air}
 * type of epi is skin
 * contains thick & short hair (for air filtration)
 The respiratory area
 covering all the lateral wall (pseudostratified ciliated columnar epi with goblet cells)
 Submucosa ^{veins} → Glands
 venous plexus → for warming of air
 * its disadvantage: of veins (to protect the brain in cases of infections/rhinitis) cells from cold air
 ↳ engorgement of blood → block of the nose
 ↳ could be treated by giving: Decongestants
 Olfactory region (above the superior conchae)

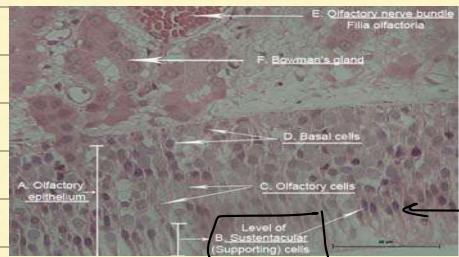


 has Bipolar cells (smell → impulses) & then are sent to the smell olfactory cells
 Through the olfactory nerve (cranial nerve # 1) center in the brain

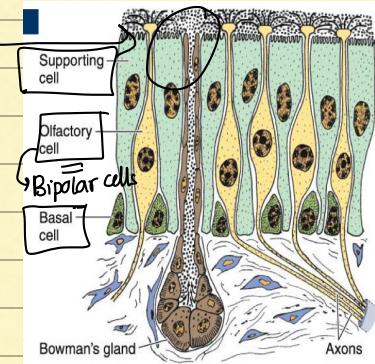
 * 1 pole has hair legs

 * the other pole → filaments of olfactory nerve

- * Walls of olfactory region:
 - * Bipolar cells → are surrounded by supporting cells
 - * On the base → basal cells (stem cells); just like the ones in the respiratory epi)
 - * in the submucosa → glands (Bowman's glands → seromucus/mucus secreting)
 - * Microvilli on the cells surfaces → For surface dissolving
 - * Supporting cells = sustentacular cells



RC fluid ducts reach the surface



A Paranasal sinuses (12): Cavities inside the skull bone

1- Frontal(2) / 2-Maxillary(2) / 3- sphenoid(2) / 4- ethmoidal (6)

* Their lining epi is very thin

* Goblet cells & glands are very few (Bc the sinuses have different function: Resonance of voice)

* The underlying periosteum is adherent with the lining epithelium

* Trachea → ends at (T4) → in inspiration: it descends & could reach (T6)
↳ C-shaped hyaline cartilage with trachealis muscle (posteriorly)

* Tertiary bronchi → each one gives 5-7 terminal bronchioles
↳ smaller diameter

!! Remember: conducting bronchioles = terminal bronchioles

* Clara cells → Cuboidal cells without cilia → imp function
↳ it's said that they substitute the goblet cells in surfactants formation
↳ as goblet cells become absent

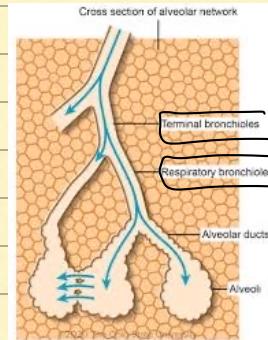
* Bronchi → have pieces of cartilage / plates of cartilage

↳ Primary: extra pulmonary
↳ 2^o & 3^o: intrapulmonary

↳ # of hyaline cartilage is less than the 2^o

- * Conducting bronchioles → many smooth m. cells
 - No cartilage
 - No glands
 - simple cuboidal/columnar with cilia → ^{then:} without cilia
 - Goblet cell → clara cell (simple cuboidal without cilia)
- * Respiratory bronchioles → simple squamous
 - No cartilage
 - Clara cells without cilia
 - Surrounded them by alveoli (simple squamous epi)

Extra pic:



In the lung:

- A Elastic fibers → between few alveoli in the lung
+ reticular fibers
responsible for inflation & deflation of the lung
- No smooth m. cells in the lung (only knobs of smooth muscles) *irregularly*

