Development of the skin and its derivatives





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Skin Function and Anatomy

Largest organ of our body

Protects inner body from outside world (pathogens, water, sun)

Thermoregulation

Diverse: thick vs thin skin, scalp skin vs face skin, etc

Consists of:

- Overlying epidermis
- Dermis
- Hypodermis
- Epidermal appendages:
 - Hair follicles,
 - Glands: sebaceous, sweat, apocrine, mammary
 - Teeth
 - Nails
- Melanocytes
- Merkel Cells
- Langerhans cells



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Trilaminar embryo

Ectoderm (Neural crest)

brain, spinal cord, eyes, *peripheral nervous system* epidermis of skin and associated structures, *melanocytes, cranial connective tissues (dermis)*

> <u>Mesoderm</u> musculo-skeletal system, limbs connective tissue of skin and organs urogenital system, heart, blood cells

Endoderm epithelial linings of gastrointestinal and respiratory tracts

Lateral Ectoderm Neural Crest Somitic and Lateral Plate Mesoderm



Week 4 embryo



<u>Lateral Ectoderm</u> Overlying epidermis, epidermal appendages



<u>Neural Crest</u> Melanocytes + Cranial Connective Tissue



<u>Mesoderm</u> Dermis, Hypodermis



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Somitic mesoderm (yellow): dermomyotome -> dermatome -> dorsal dermis Somatic lateral plate mesoderm (purple) -> ventral dermis

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Interfollicular epidermis: stratified squamous epithelium

Appendages:

Hair follicles Glands (sebaceous, sweat, apocrine, mammary, lacrimal, salivary) Teeth Nails



Lateral ectoderm





Interfollicular Epidermis (IFE)



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Periderm formation: 4 weeks

Periderm



8 weeks

Interfollicular Epidermis (IFE)

Week 11: intermediate layer



11 weeks

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Adult



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Interfollicular Epidermis (IFE)



Regeneration, skin types

Interfollicular Epidermis (IFE)





Thick skin

Thin skin

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Common developmental mechanism:

Epithelial to mesenchymal signaling inducing formation of placode and mesenchymal condensations, invagination of epidermis into dermis.





Month 2-4: Onset hair follicle development Hair follicles develop first in cranial region Month 5: most hair follicles present ≈ 5,000,000 hair follicles Anatomy

Hair follicles develop from month 2 until birth Approximately 5000,000 will be formed No new hair follicles will be formed after birth 4 stages of hair follicle development



Development of the epidermal appendages Hair follicles



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Hair peg

Bulbous hair peg

Invasion of dermal cells



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Sebaceous glands (Sebum): develop from hair follicle Sweat/eccrine glands: develop from basal layer IFE (20 weeks+) Apocrine glands (pheromones): develop in association with HFs



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Apocrine glands: develop in association with HFs, most lost late in fetal dev.





Mammary Gland Anatomy



Mammary Gland development

4 weeks:







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Development of the epidermal appendages

Tooth development

Ectoderm/cranial neural crest derived mesenchyme



Week 6: dental lamina forms

Week 7-8: formation of tooth buds: Bud stage

Week 8: formation of dental papilla: Cap and Bell Stage



Oral epithelium: Ameloblasts, enamel

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Dental papilla: Odontoblast, dentin



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Development of melanocytes



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