

### Features of the apical surface of the cell

#### 1) Microvilli (single = microvillus):

Finger-like cytoplasmic projections that are present in absorptive epithelium, most prominently in the small intestine. They increase Fig.6a: Microsmall intesting

Microvilli

Fig.6a: Microvilli of small intestinal cells

2) Stereocilia

They're similar in structure to microvilli; however, they're longer and less motile. They may act as mechanreceptors as in the inner ear hair cells.

Fig.6b: Stereocilia of a hair cell

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## 3) Cilia =) 0 ( ) / view view 20 50 ) ~ view v

Thick, elongated, motile structures on the surface of some epithelial cells, like those of the trachea. There are, usually, many cilia on the surface of a single cell. They move in rhythmic fashion backwards and forwards removing fluids and debris in a certain direction.

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4) Flagella

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They're similar to cilia in structure but are much longer and, usually, only one flagellum is present on a cell. The movement of the flagellum is rotational. In humans, only sperms possess a flagellum.

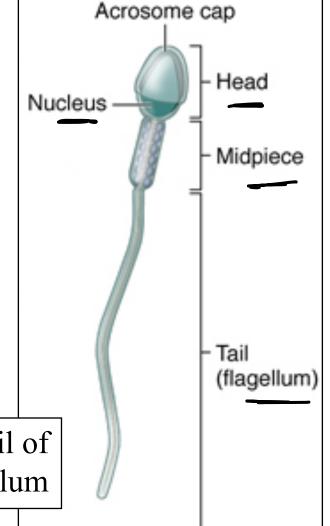
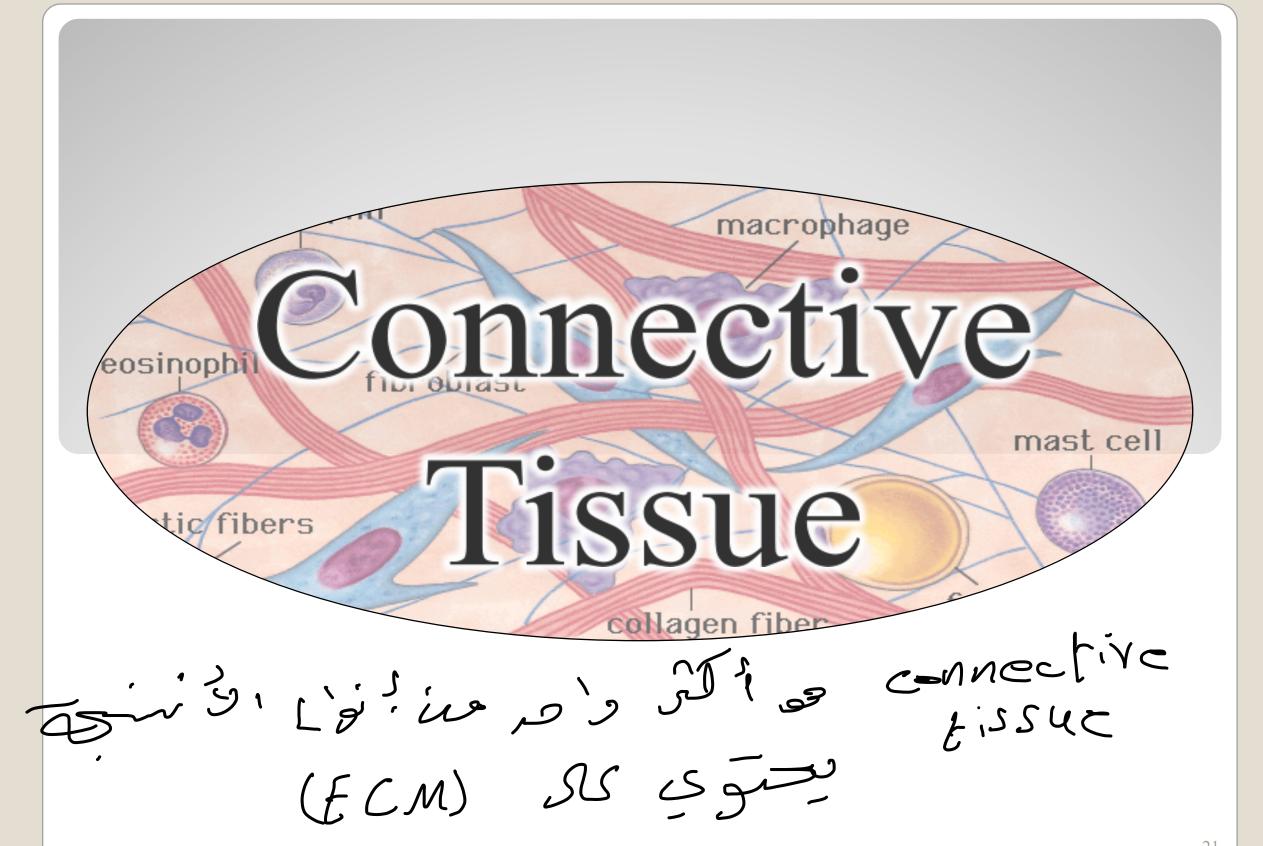
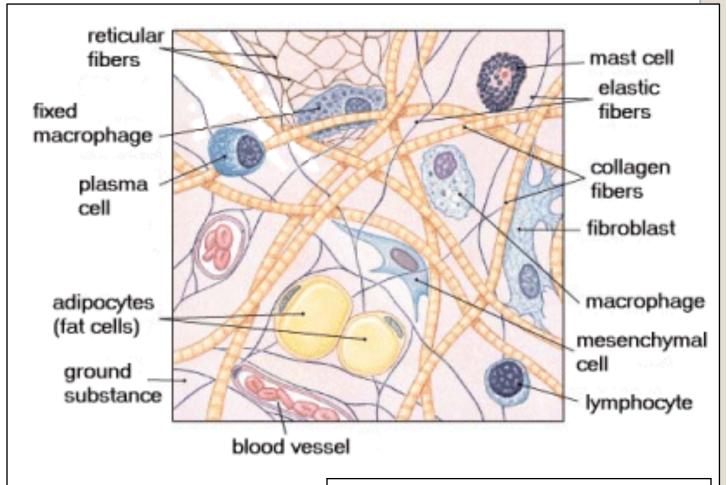


Fig.6c: Sperm. The tail of the sperm is a flagellum



Connective tissue (CT) is a type of body tissue characterized by the presence of an abundant extracellular matrix within which are dispersed different types of cells and fibers.



#### Fig.7: Components of CT.

#### **Functions:**

Provide form of organs.

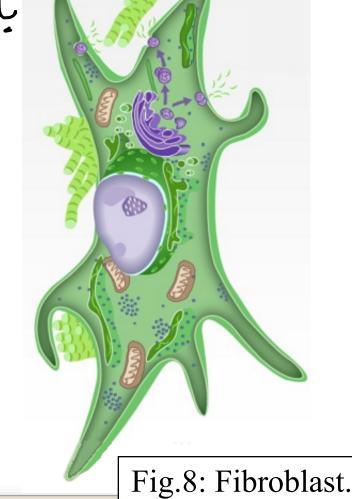
- Support of different organs → fatty tissue
- Connect and bind different structures → cartilage, bone.
- Provide a medium for diffusion of nutrients and waste products → connective tissue proper, blood.

### The Cells Of The Connective Tissue

## Fibroblasts – most common type of cell in the CT

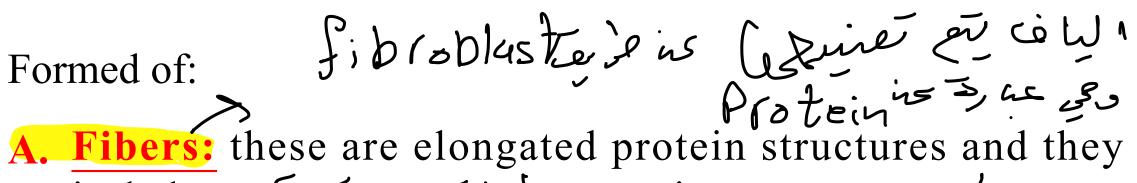
- Function: Synthesizes fibers and produces components of extracellular matrix.
- ✓ Abundant irregularly branched cytoplasm.

Large, pale-staining nucleus with a prominent nucleolus and a well developed rough endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi apparatus (features of protein producing cells).



Cell	Important feature	Function	
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Mast cells  wing by the	Cytoplasm filled with dark staining secretory granules	Secretion of histamine (allergy), heparin, and others	
Plasma cells	Nucleus has alternating dark and light regions (clockface appearance)	Production of antibodies	
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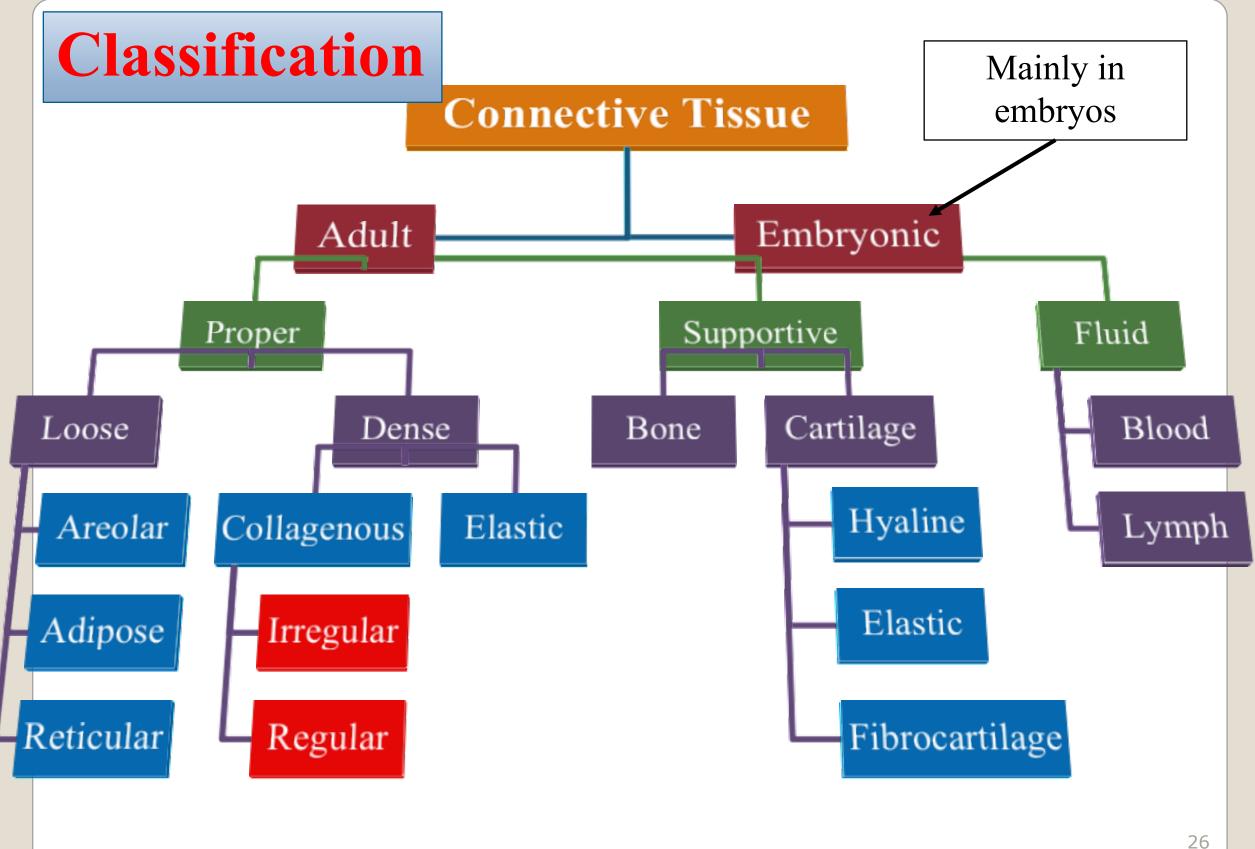
#### Extracellular Matrix



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  - 2) Elastic fibers: give elasticity to the tissue.
- 3) Reticular fibers: form a net that surrounds the different parts of the tissue holding them together. با المحالية ا

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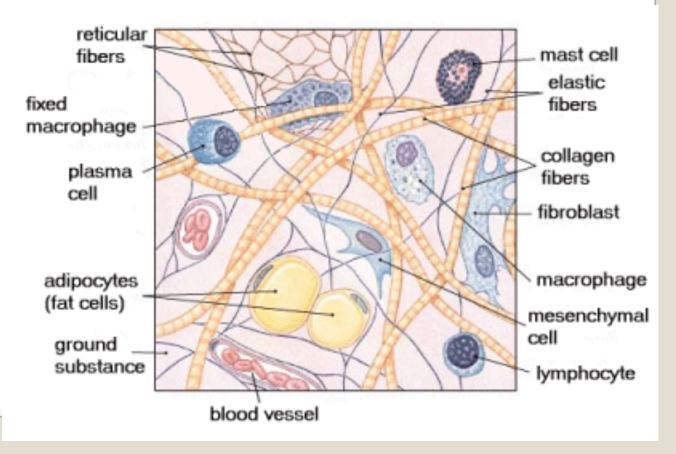


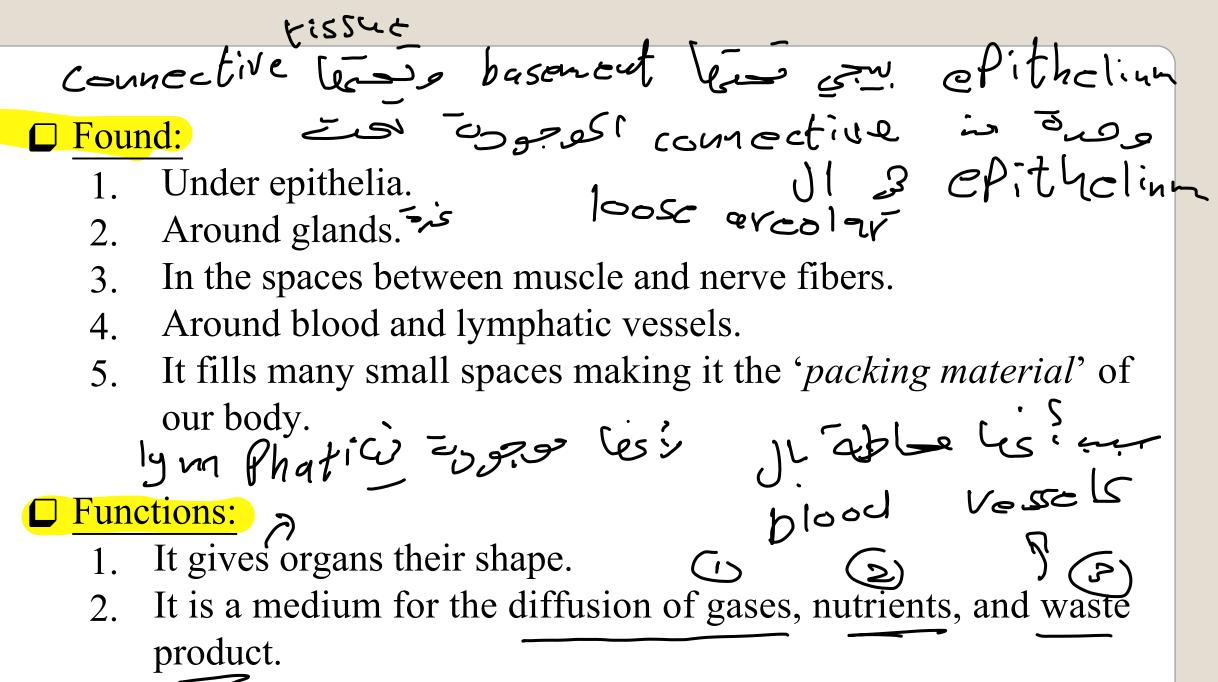
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#### Loose Areolar Connective Tissue:

- A very common type of connective tissue. It gives some support to organs and tissues. المحد المحدد المحدد
- Features:
  - ➤ Contain all three types of fibers arranged loosely.
  - All types of connective tissue cells (<u>especially fibroblasts</u> and macrophages) are present here.
  - All these components are embedded in an abundant semi-fluid ground substance.
  - ➤ It's highly vascular.

Fig.9: Areolar connective tissue.





It is usually the first tissue where microorganisms and foreign particles enter the body; therefore, it's an important site for immune and inflammatory responses.

#### Adipose Tissue

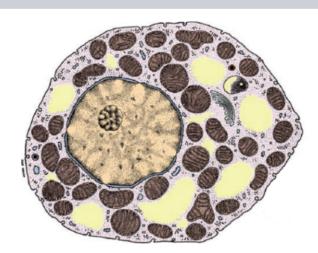
- Is a type of loose connective tissue characterized by the abundance of a specific type of cells called adipocytes.
- ? It is of two types:

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	White Adipose Tissue	Brown Adipose Tissue
Type of adipocyte	White	Brown
Gross color	White to yellow (due to presence of fat)	Brown due to abundance of blood vessels
Main function	to presence of fat) Storage of energy	Production of heat
Location	<ul><li>Present throughout life</li><li>All over the body</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Abundant in infants</li> <li>Decrease with age</li> <li>In adults found in few areas</li> </ul>
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	White Adipocyte	Brown Adipocyte	
Shape	Spherical 6'5'	Polygonal ¿Wily Joses	
Size	Larger	Smaller	
Fat droplet	Single (unilocular)	Multiple (multilocular)	
Nucleus	Peripheral	Central	
Mitochondria	Numerous	Numerous	



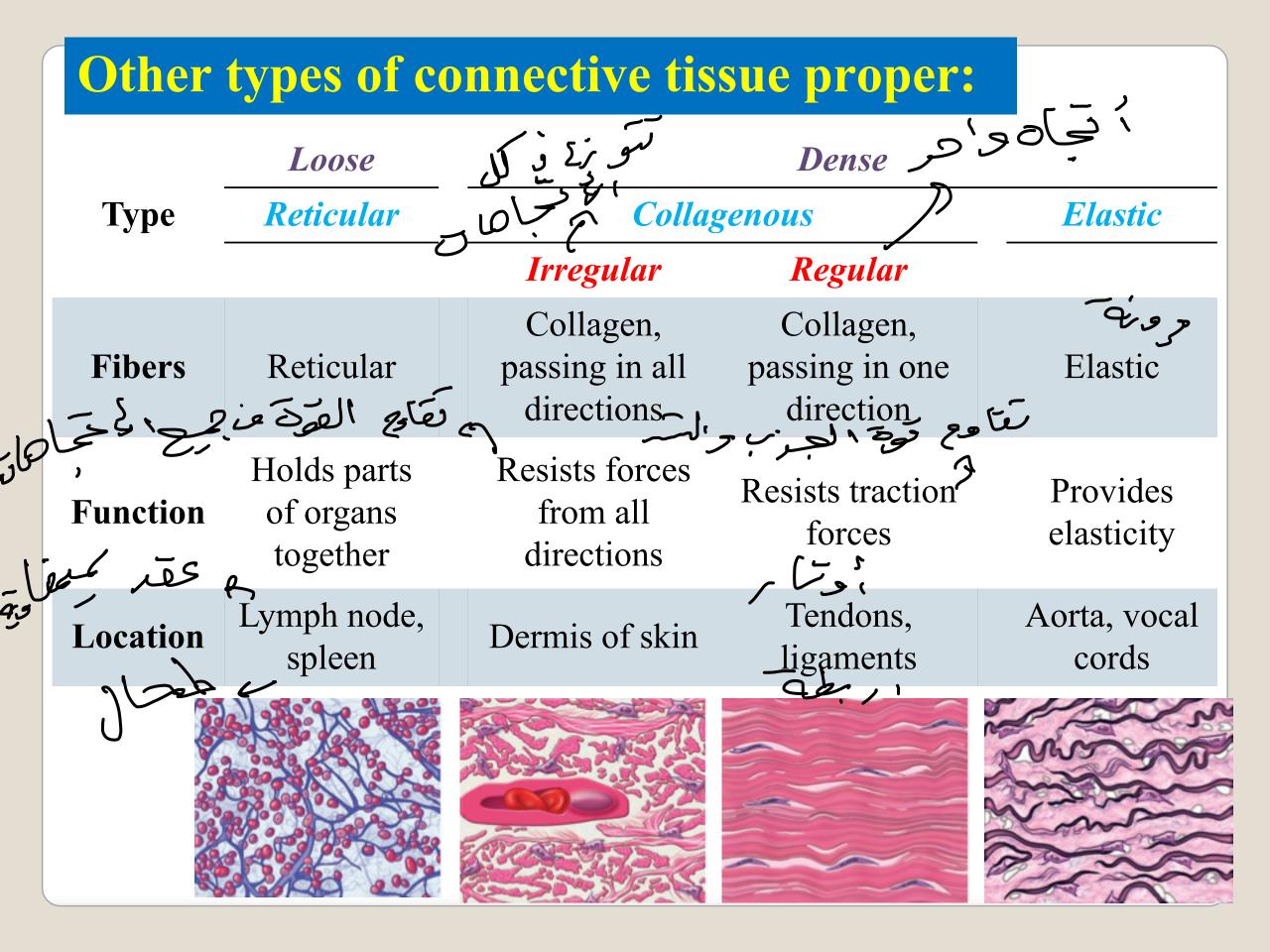


White adipocytes secrete the hormone Leptin, which is a satiety

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- تعلی تا می و ک Cartilage is a supportive type of connective tissue whose ECM is of a firm consistency which allows the cartilage to bear mechanical stresses.
- Cartilage has no vascular or nervous supply. Nutrients and stimuli reach this tissue by diffusion from the perichondrium or from the nearby synovial fluid. سنه اعفامل
- Perichondrium:

→ Is a layer of dense/connective tissue that covers all hyaline cartilage (except in joints) and all elastic cartilage. It's richly vascular and contains collagen fibers and fibroblast cells.

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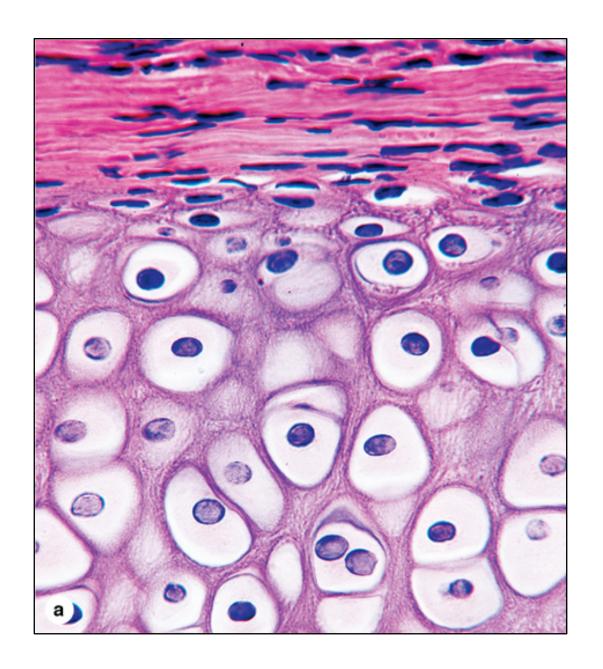
#### **Functions of Cartilage:**

- Support of soft tissues, as in the larynx and trachea.
- Acts as a shock absorber as in the intervertebral discs.
- Hyaline cartilage is important for development and growth of bones before and after birth.

- المراوي الماماوي <u>Phondrocytes:</u>

  ] Oval or round cells.
- Located inside spaces in the surrounding matrix called lacunae.
- Each lacuna may contain 1-8 chondrocytes.
- Function: production of the extracellular matrix of cartilage.

	Hyaline	Elastic	Fibrocartilage
ECM rich in	Hyaluronic acid	Elastic fibers	Collagen fibers
Arrangement of cells in lacunae	Clusters	Clusters	Axially
Perichondrium	Yes (except in joints)	Yes	No
Location	<ul> <li>Most common:</li> <li>Articular surfaces of some joints</li> <li>Cartilages of the nose and trachea</li> <li>Thyroid and cricoid cartilages of the larynx</li> <li>Costal cartilages</li> <li>The epiphyseal growth plate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Auricle of the ear</li> <li>Wall of external auditory canal</li> <li>Auditory tube</li> <li>Epiglottis and cuneiform cartilages of the larynx</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intervertebral discs</li> <li>Pubic symphysis</li> </ul>



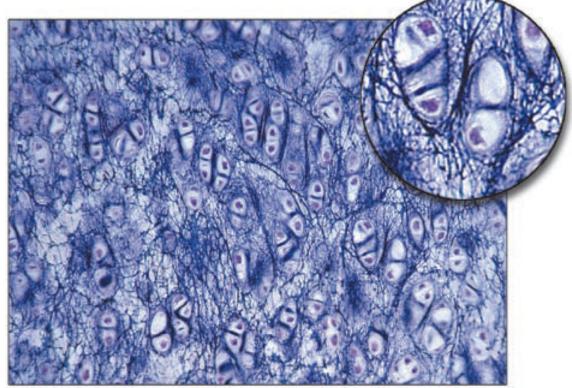


Fig.10: Left, hyaline cartilage. Above, elastic cartilage. Below, fibrocartilage.

