



Endocrino lab

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Table 37-1. Hormones and Their Sites of Production in Nonpregnant Adults

Gland	Hormone
Hormones Synthesized and Secreted by Dedicated Endocrine Glands	
Pituitary gland	Growth hormone (GH) Prolactin Adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) Follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) Luteinizing hormone (LH)
Thyroid gland	Tetraiodothyronine (T_4 ; thyroxine) Triiodothyronine (T_3) Calcitonin
Parathyroid glands	Parathyroid hormone (PTH)
Islets of Langerhans (endocrine pancreas)	Insulin Glucagon Somatostatin
Adrenal gland	Epinephrine Norepinephrine Cortisol Aldosterone Dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate (DHEAS)
Ovaries	Estradiol- 17β Progesterone Inhibin
Testes	Testosterone Antimüllerian hormone (AMH) Inhibin

Hormones Synthesized in Organs with a Primary Function Other Than Endocrine

Brain (hypothalamus)	Antidiuretic hormone (ADH; vasopressin) Oxytocin Corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH) Thyrotropin-releasing hormone (TRH) Gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) Growth hormone-releasing hormone (GHRH) Somatostatin Dopamine
Brain (pineal gland)	Melatonin
Heart	Atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP)
Kidney	Erythropoietin
Adipose tissue	Leptin Adiponectin
Stomach	Gastrin Somatostatin Ghrelin
Intestines	Secretin Cholecystokinin Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) Glucagon-like peptide-2 (GLP-2) Glucose-dependent insulinotropic peptide (GIP; gastrin inhibitory peptide) Motilin
Liver	Insulin-like growth factor type I (IGF-I)

Hormones Produced to a Significant Degree by Peripheral Conversion

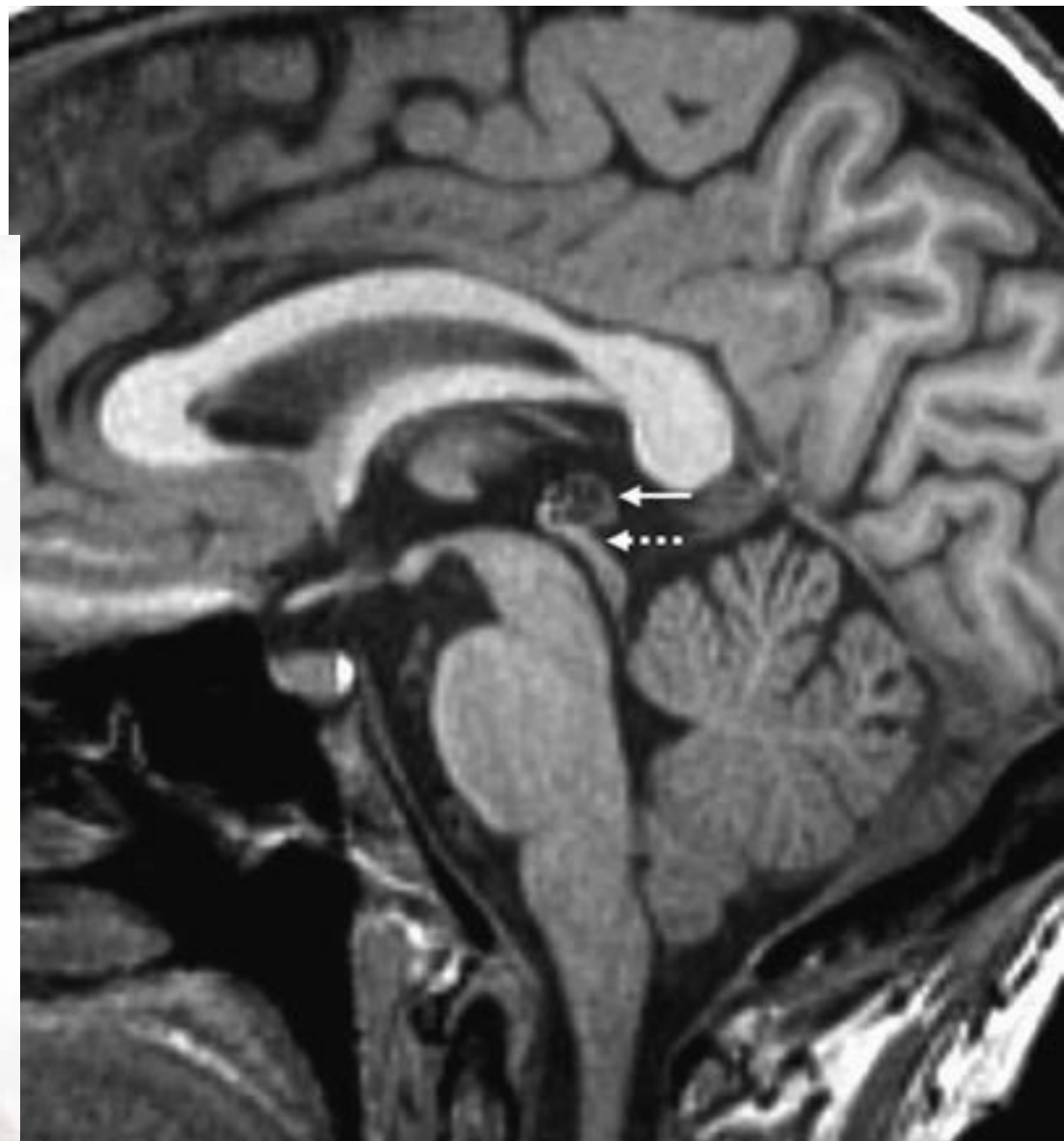
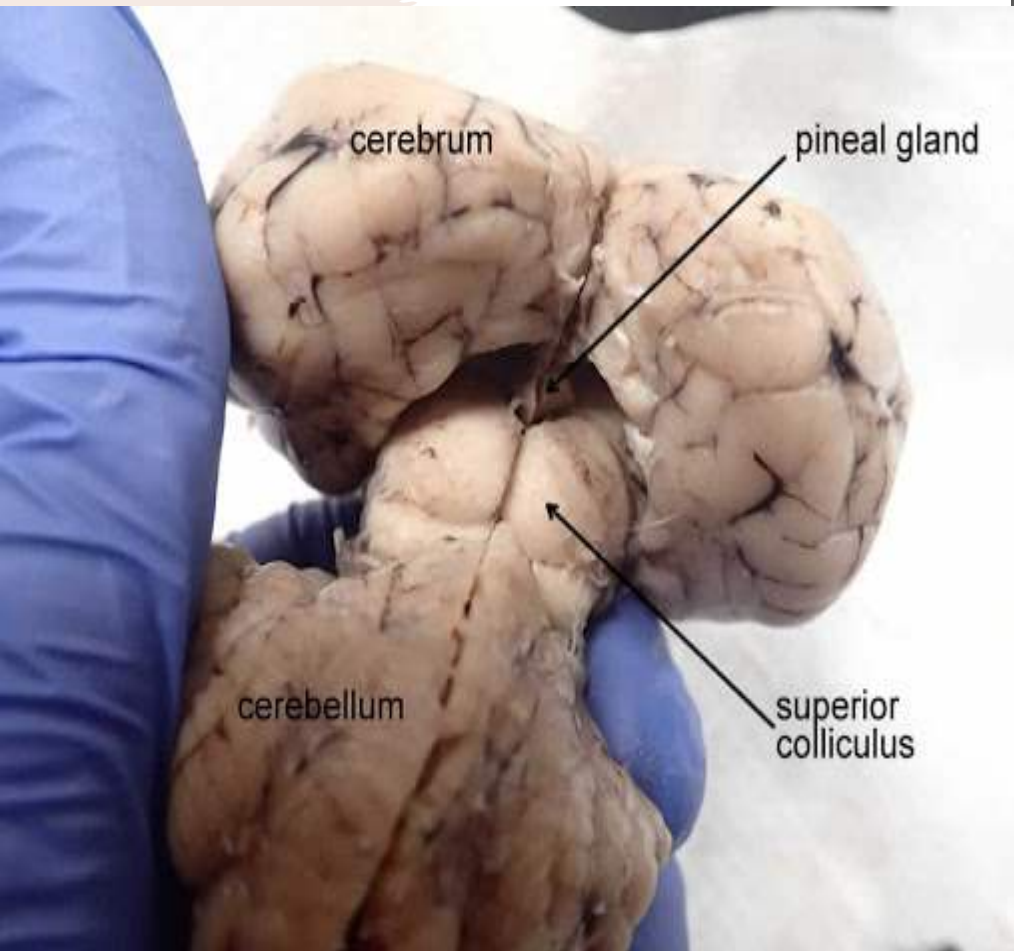
Lungs	Angiotensin II
Kidney	1,25-Dihydroxyvitamin D (vitamin D)
Adipose, mammary glands, other organs	Estradiol-17 β
Liver, sebaceous gland, other organs	Testosterone
Genital skin, prostate, other organs	5-Dihydrotestosterone (DHT)
Many organs	T ₃

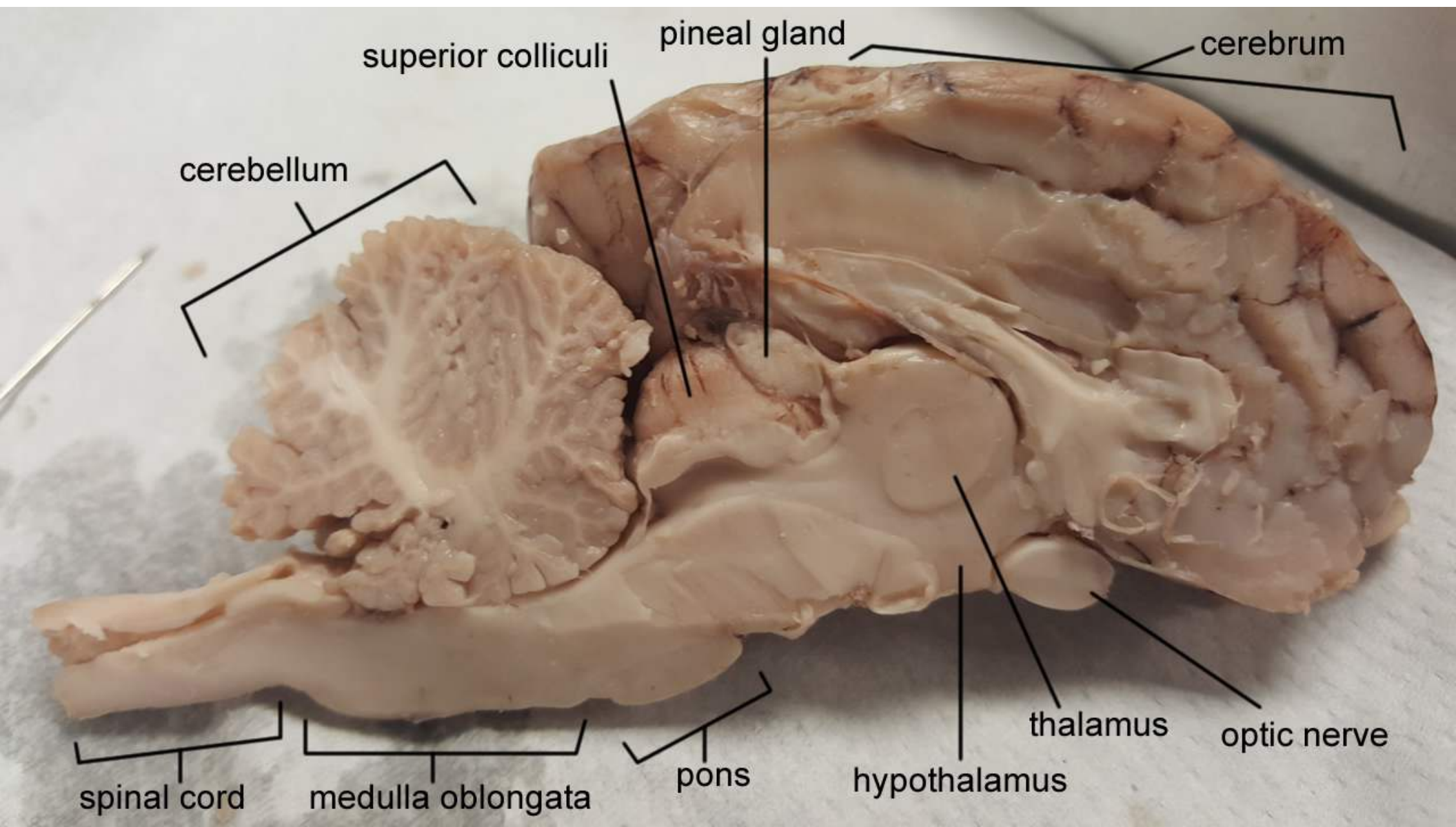
Table 37-2. Steroid Hormones

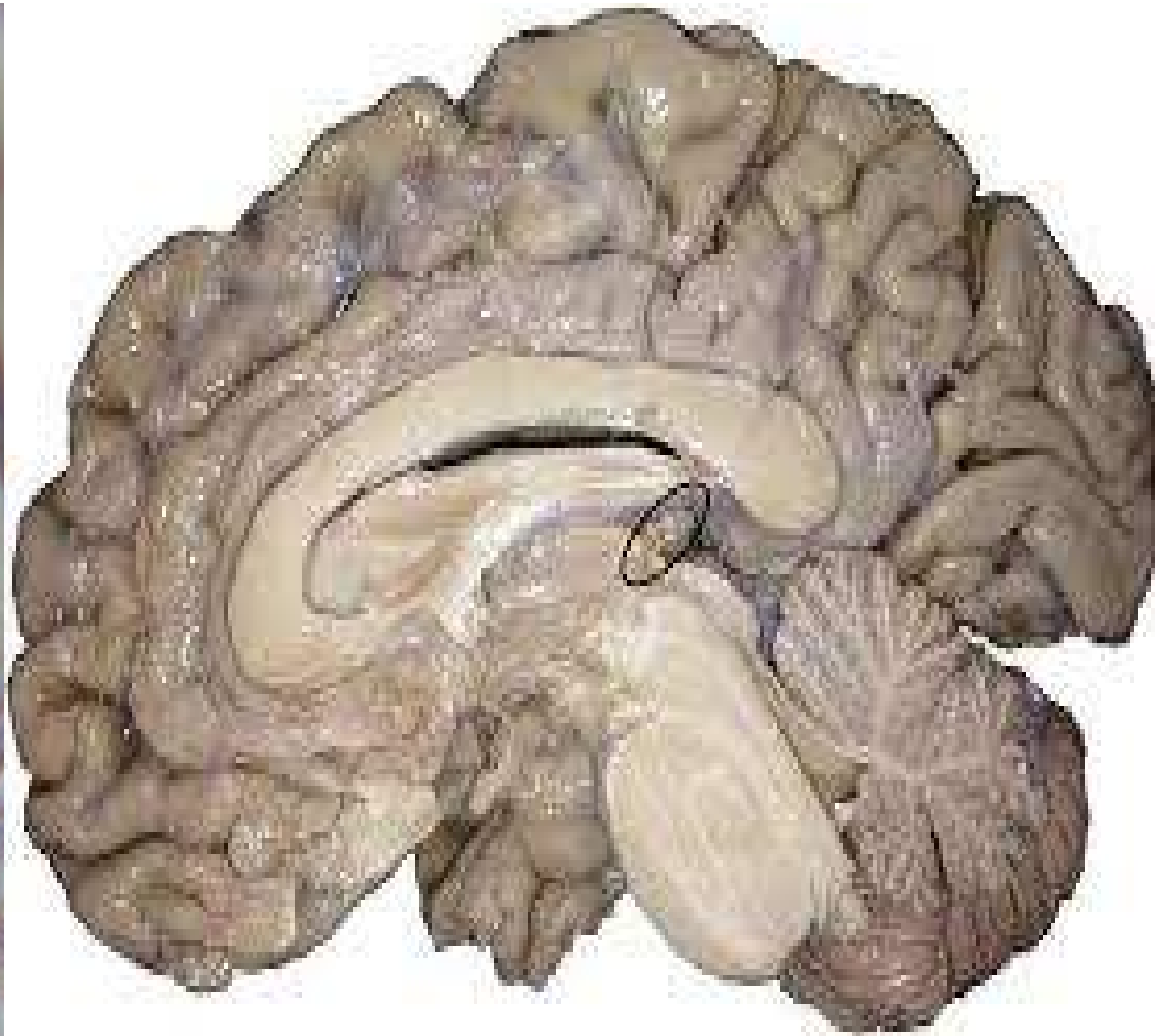
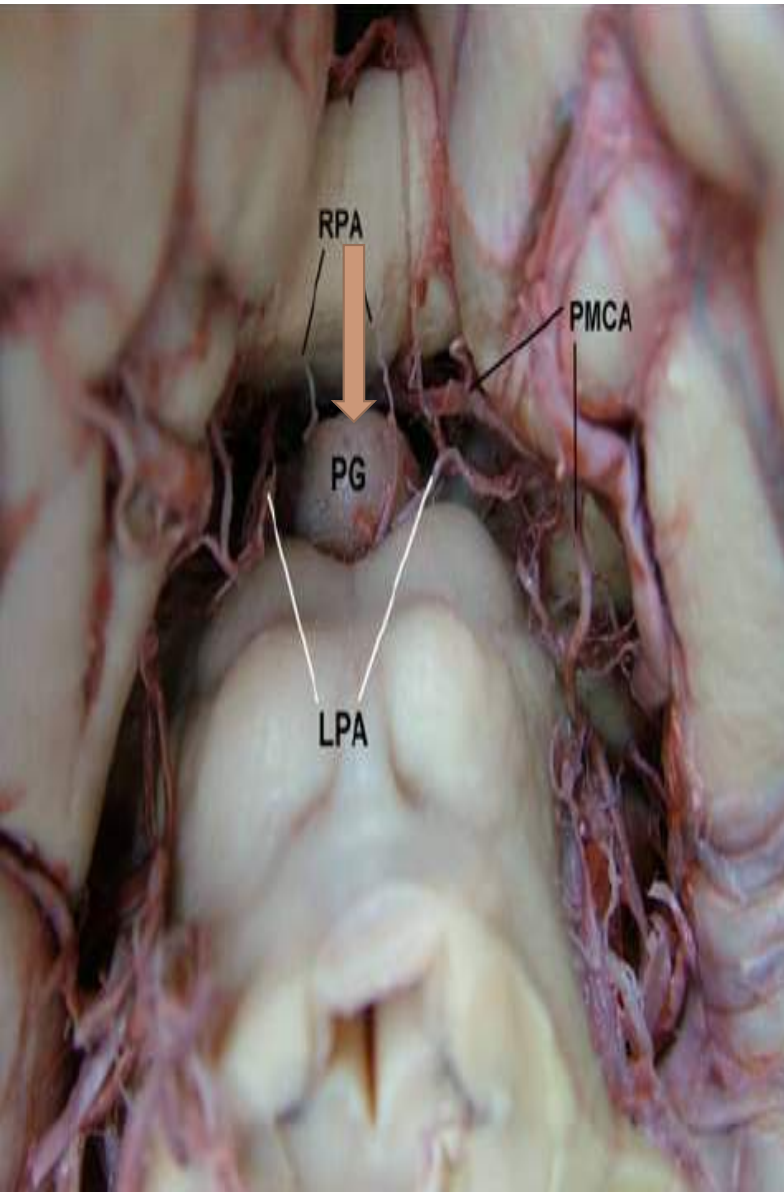
Family	Number of Carbons	Specific Hormone	Primary Site of Synthesis	Primary Receptor
Progestin	21	Progesterone	Ovary Placenta	Progesterone receptor (PR)
Glucocorticoid	21	Cortisol Corticosterone	Adrenal cortex	Glucocorticoid receptor (GR)
Mineralocorticoid	21	Aldosterone 11- Deoxycorticosterone	Adrenal cortex	Mineralocorticoid receptor (MR)
Androgen	19	Testosterone Dihydrotestosterone	Testis	Androgen receptor (AR)
Estrogen	18	Estradiol-17 β Estriol	Ovary Placenta	Estrogen receptor (ER)

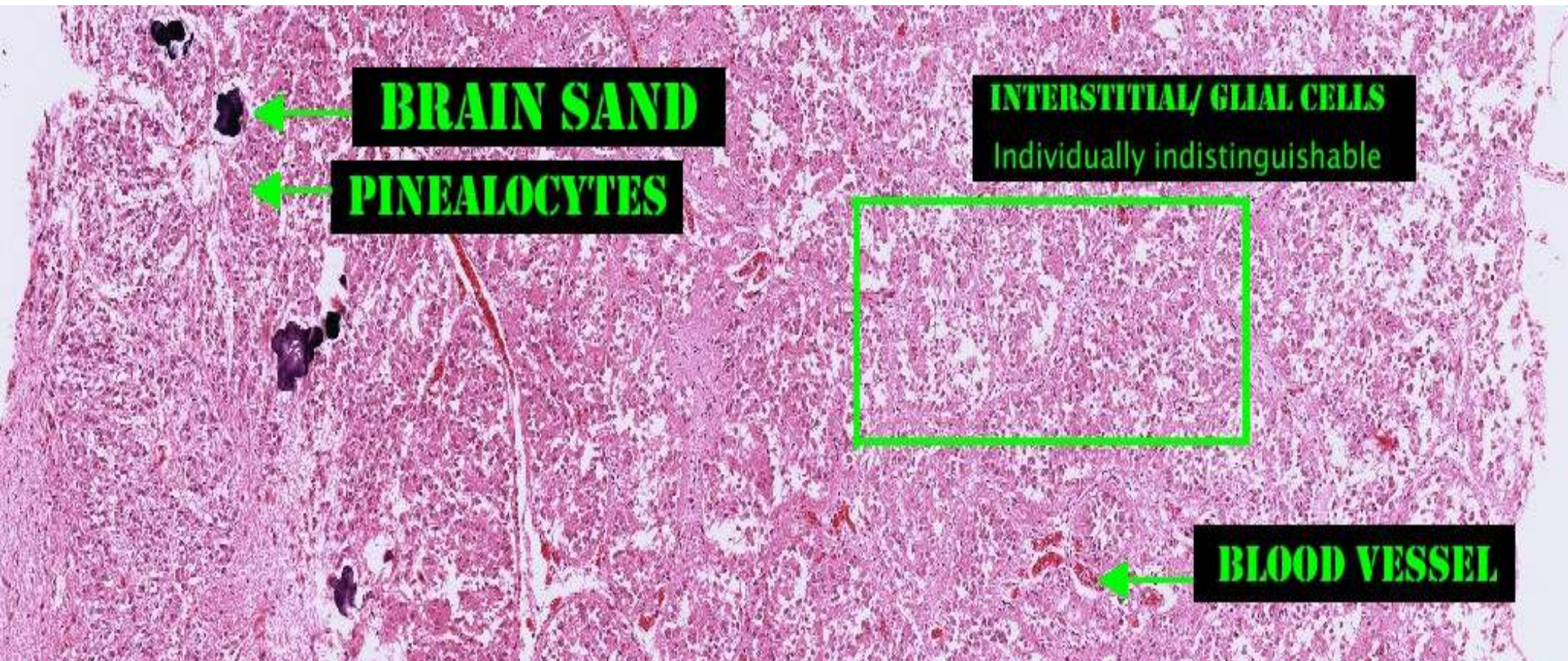
***Testis and ovaries will be discussed
in the reproductive***

Pineal gland



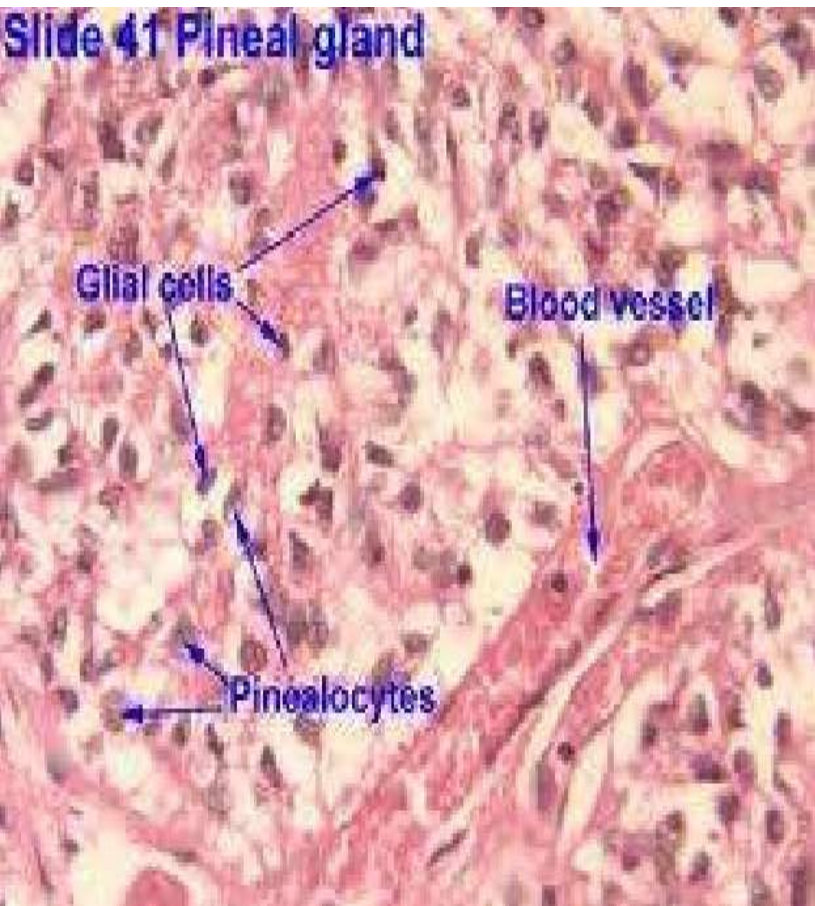




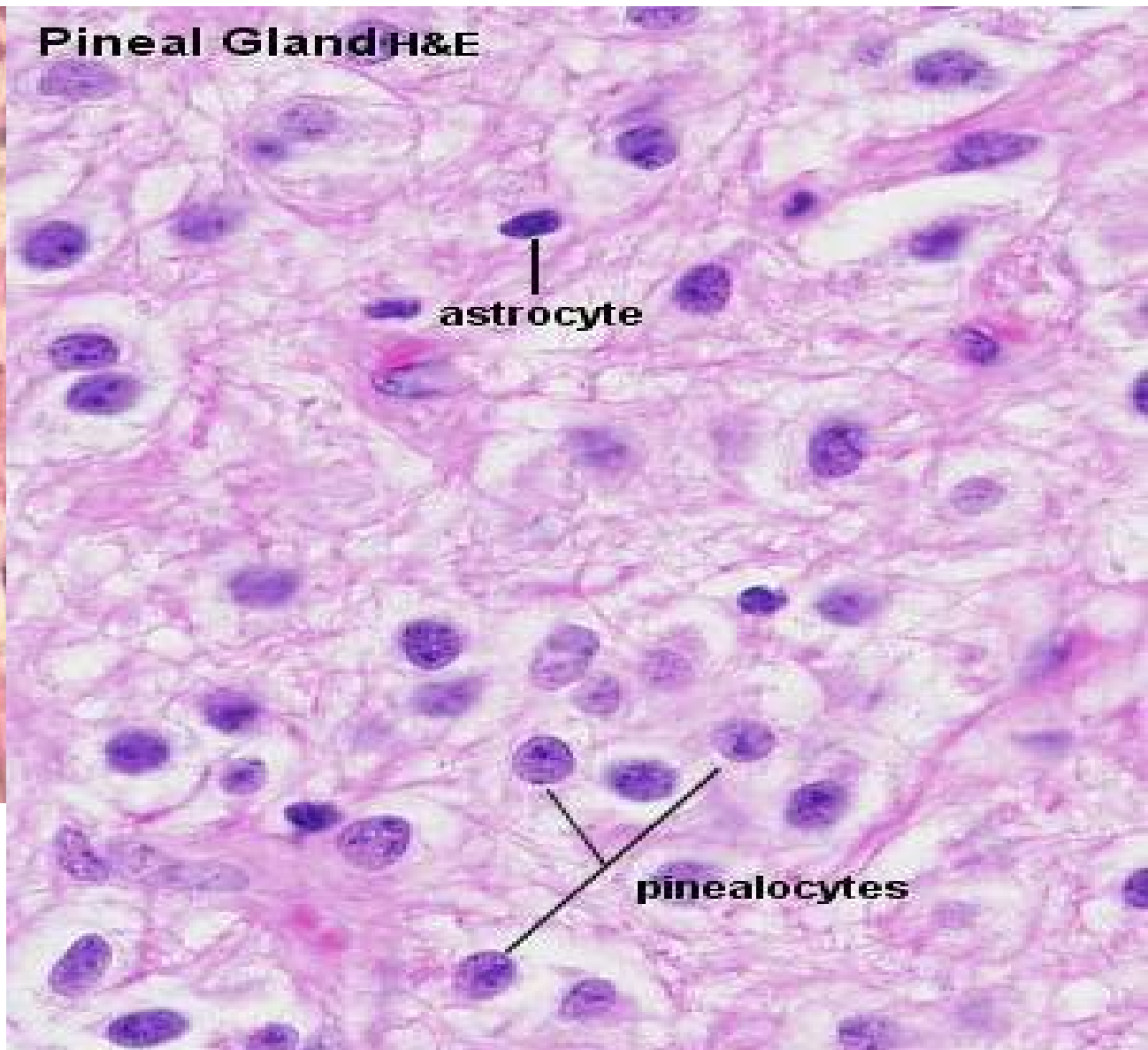


"Brain sand," also known as corpora arenacea or acervuli, refers to calcified structures found in the pineal gland and other areas of the brain. Composition: Primarily composed of calcium phosphate, calcium carbonate, and other mineral salts.

Slide 41 Pineal gland

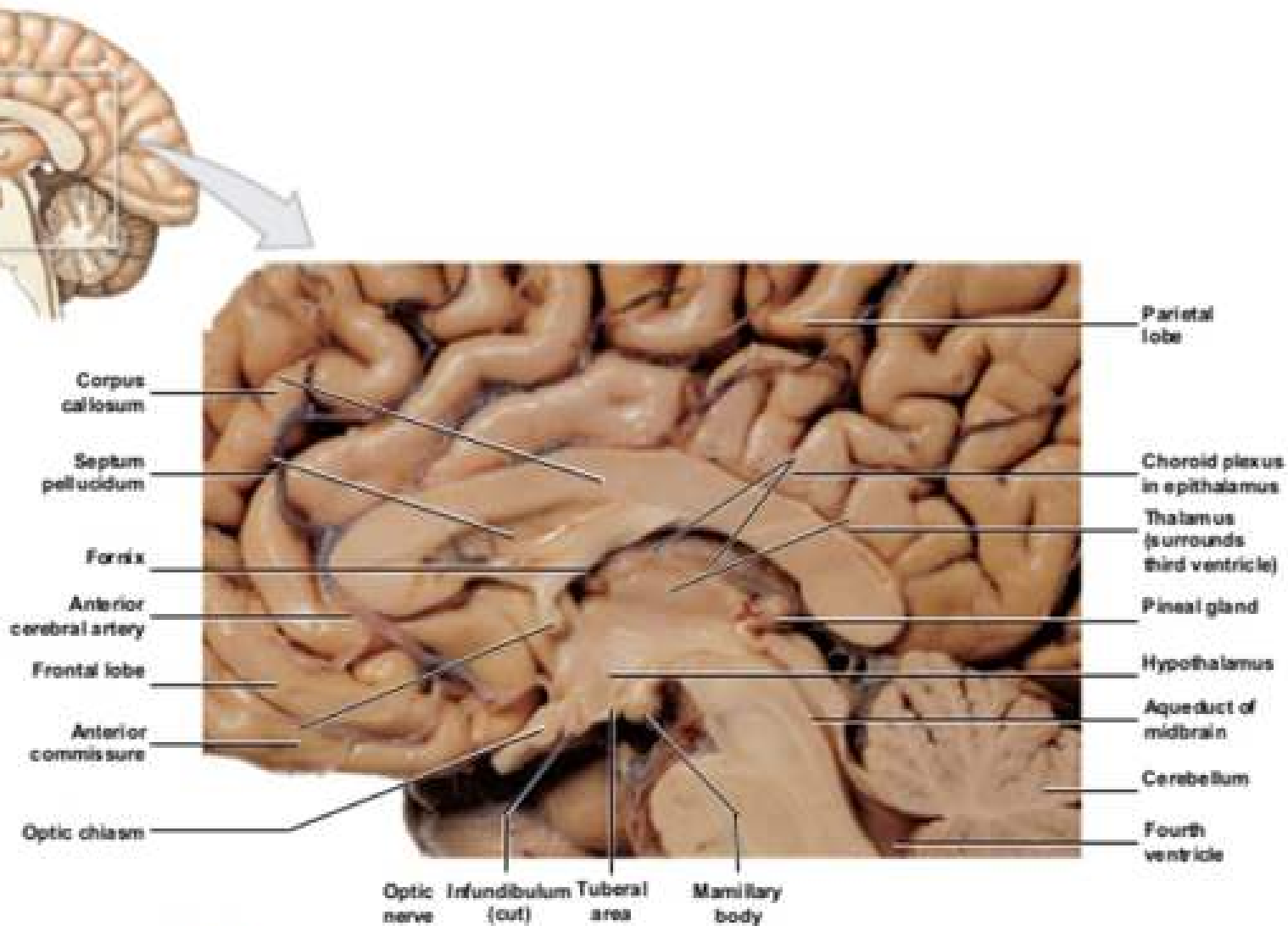


Pineal Gland H&E



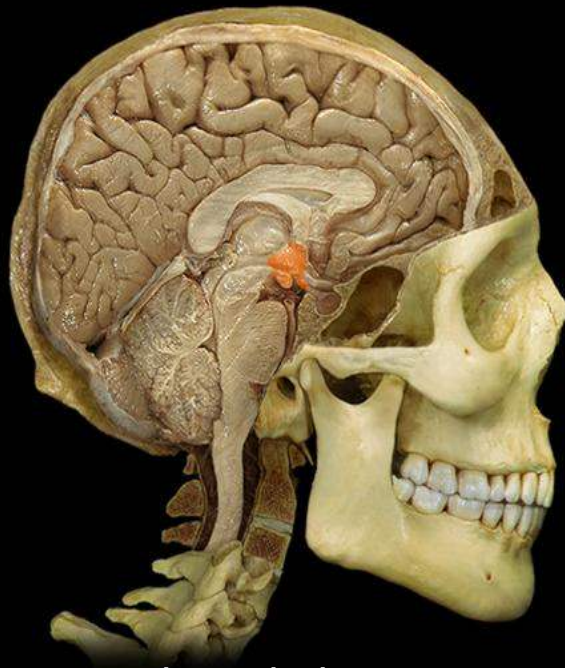
The pineal gland, located near the center of the brain, plays a crucial role in the regulation of circadian rhythms through the secretion of the hormone melatonin.

Hypothalamus

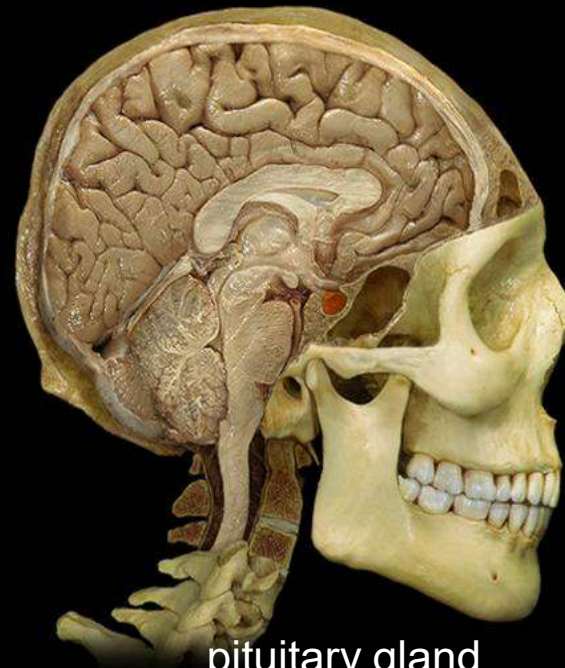


■ Midsagittal section through the brain. This view shows the major features of the diencephalon and adjacent portions of the brain stem.

Hypothalamus and Pituitary Gland

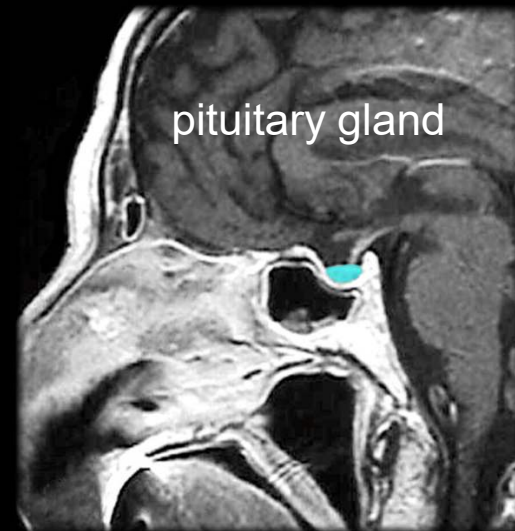
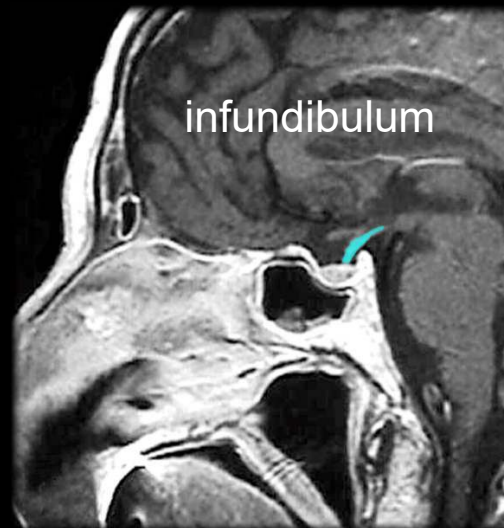
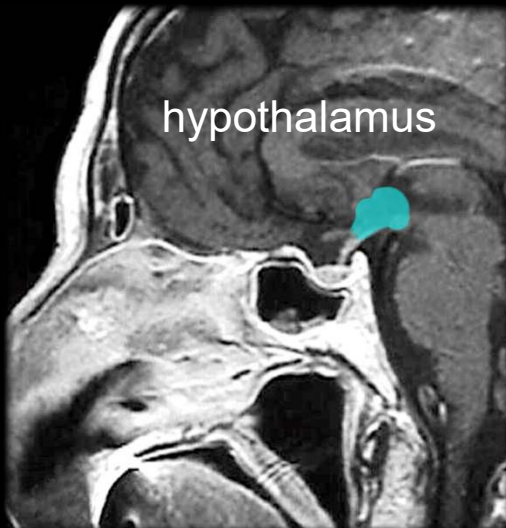
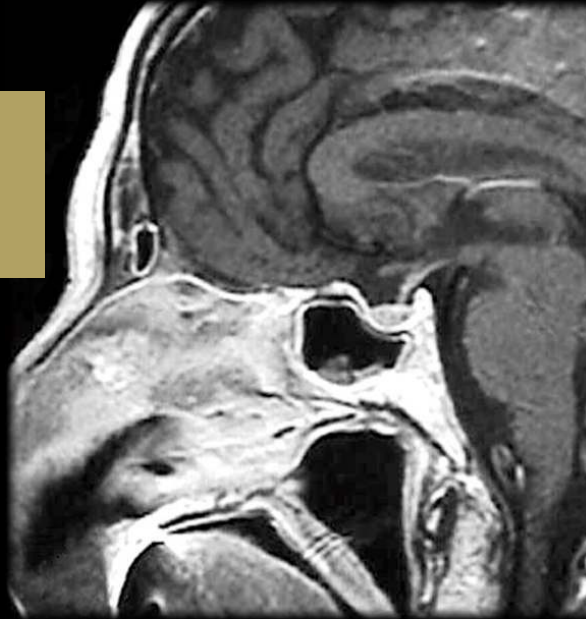


hypothalamus

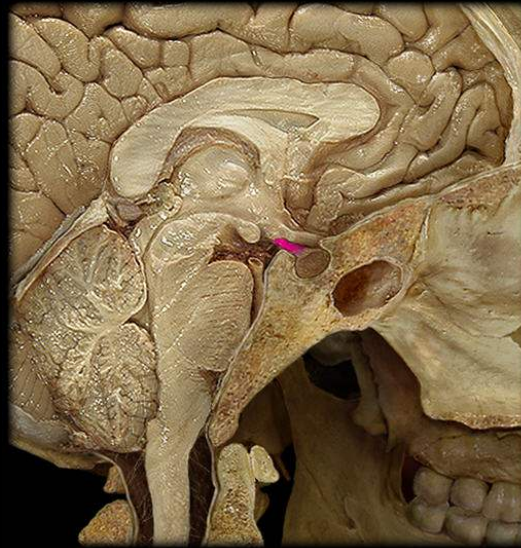
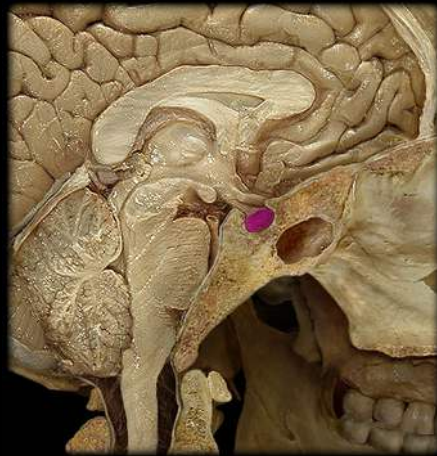
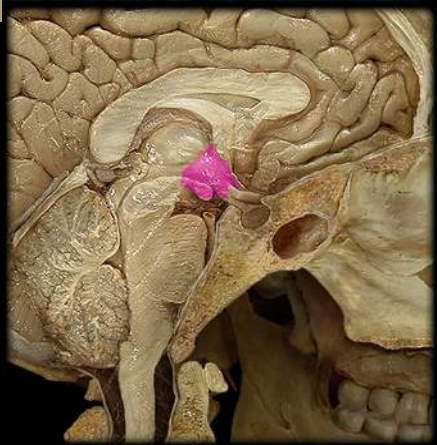


pituitary gland

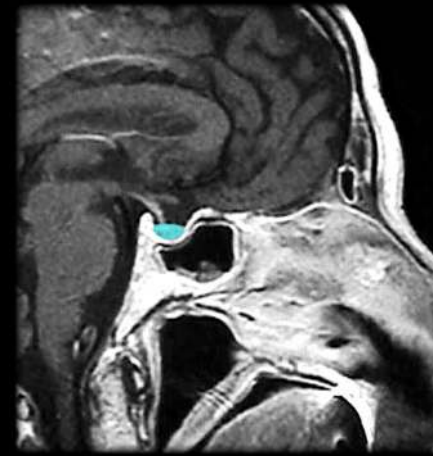
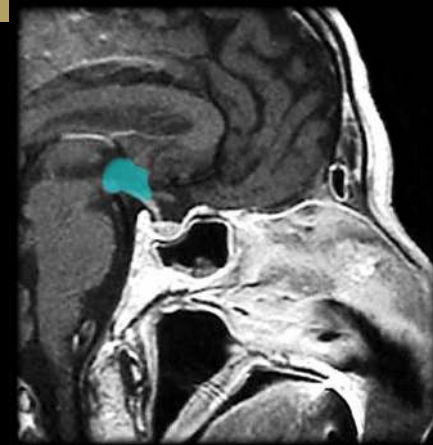
Hypothalamus and Pituitary Gland



Hypothalamus and Pituitary Gland



infundibulum



Functions of the Hypothalamus

1. Endocrine System Regulation

1. Hormone Release: The hypothalamus produces releasing and inhibiting hormones that regulate the anterior pituitary gland's secretion of hormones. These include:

1. Thyrotropin-Releasing Hormone (TRH): Stimulates the release of thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH).

2. Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone (GnRH): Stimulates the release of follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH).

3. Corticotropin-Releasing Hormone (CRH): Stimulates the release of adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH).

4. Growth Hormone-Releasing Hormone (GHRH): Stimulates the release of growth hormone (GH).

5. Somatostatin: Inhibits the release of growth hormone and thyroid-stimulating hormone.

6. Dopamine: Inhibits the release of prolactin.

2. Oxytocin and Vasopressin: These hormones are produced in the hypothalamus and stored in the posterior pituitary gland. Oxytocin is involved in childbirth and lactation, while vasopressin (antidiuretic hormone, ADH) regulates water balance in the body.

•**Temperature Regulation**

•The hypothalamus acts as the body's thermostat, detecting changes in body temperature and initiating appropriate responses to maintain a stable internal temperature. This includes sweating to cool down and shivering to generate heat.

•**Appetite and Weight Control**

•**Hunger and Satiety Centers:** The hypothalamus contains nuclei that control hunger (lateral hypothalamus) and satiety (ventromedial hypothalamus). It responds to various signals, including blood glucose levels, hormones like leptin and ghrelin, and the presence of nutrients in the digestive system.

•**Water Balance and Thirst**

•The hypothalamus monitors the osmolarity of the blood. When osmolarity is high, it stimulates the sensation of thirst and the release of vasopressin to promote water retention by the kidneys.

•**Sleep-Wake Cycle**

•The hypothalamus helps regulate circadian rhythms and the sleep-wake cycle through the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN), which receives light signals from the eyes and influences melatonin production in the pineal gland.

•**Emotional and Behavioral Regulation**

- The hypothalamus is involved in the regulation of emotions and behaviors such as
 - aggression,
 - sexual activity,
 - and maternal behaviors.
- It interacts with the limbic system to influence emotional responses.

•**Autonomic Nervous System Regulation**

- The hypothalamus controls the autonomic nervous system, influencing heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, and respiration.
- It helps coordinate the sympathetic and parasympathetic branches to maintain balance in bodily functions.

•**Response to Stress**

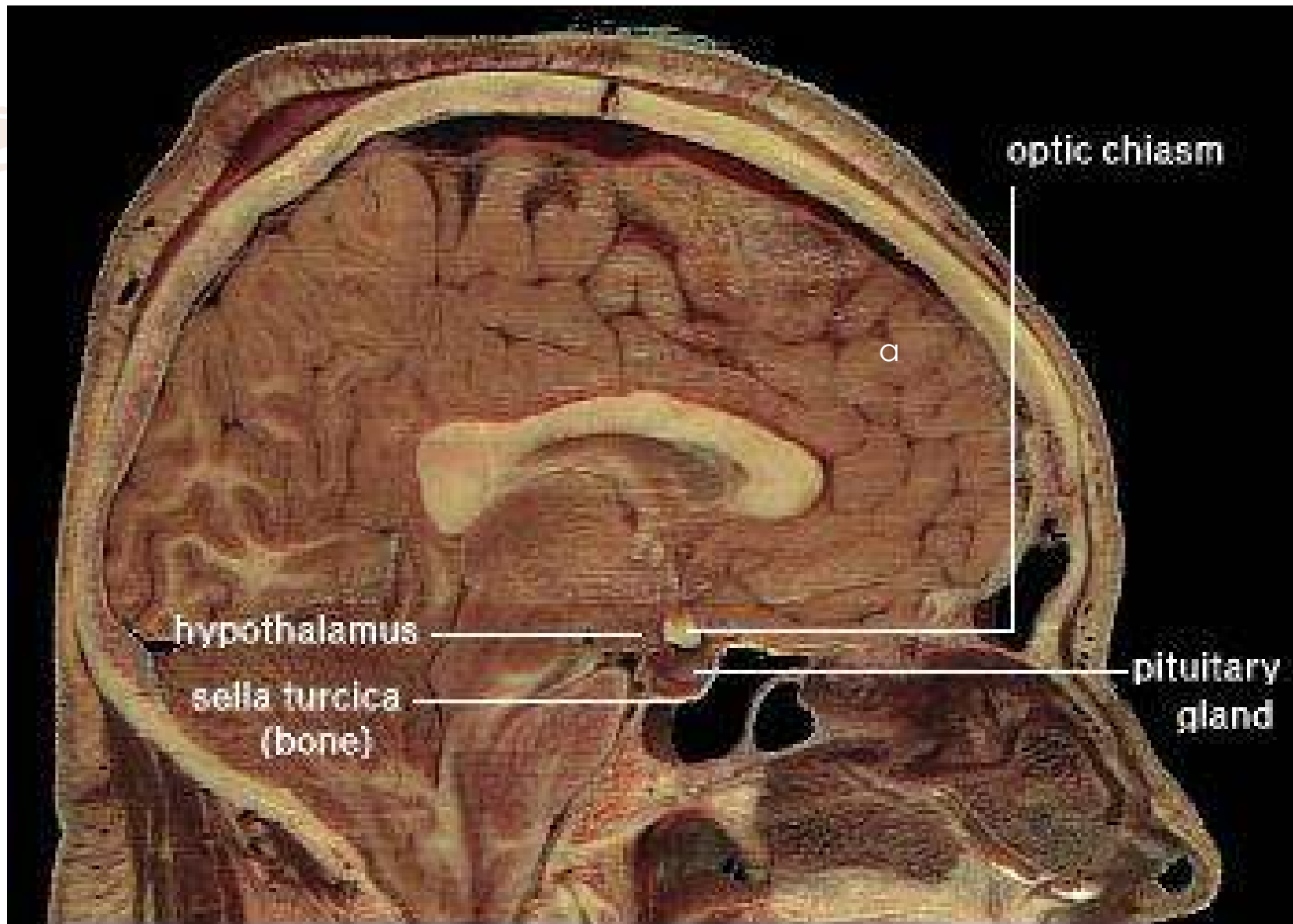
- The hypothalamus plays a key role in the body's response to stress by activating the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis.
- This leads to the release of cortisol from the adrenal glands, preparing the body to handle stress.

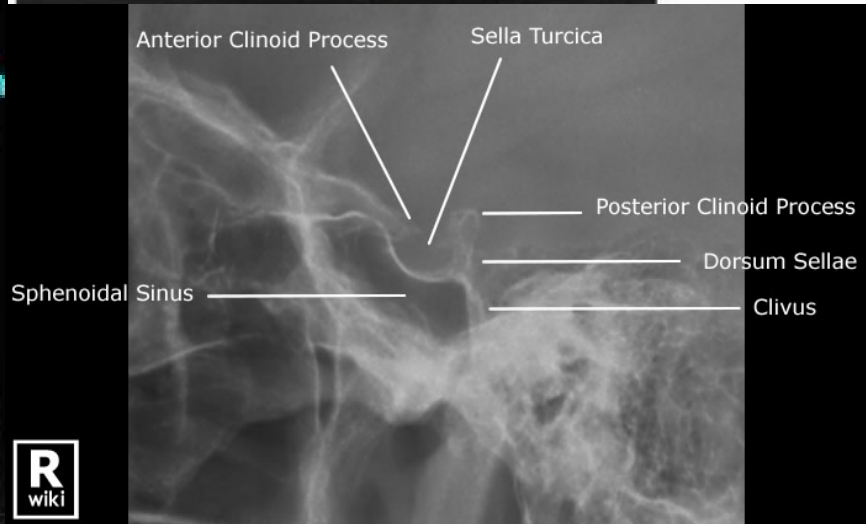
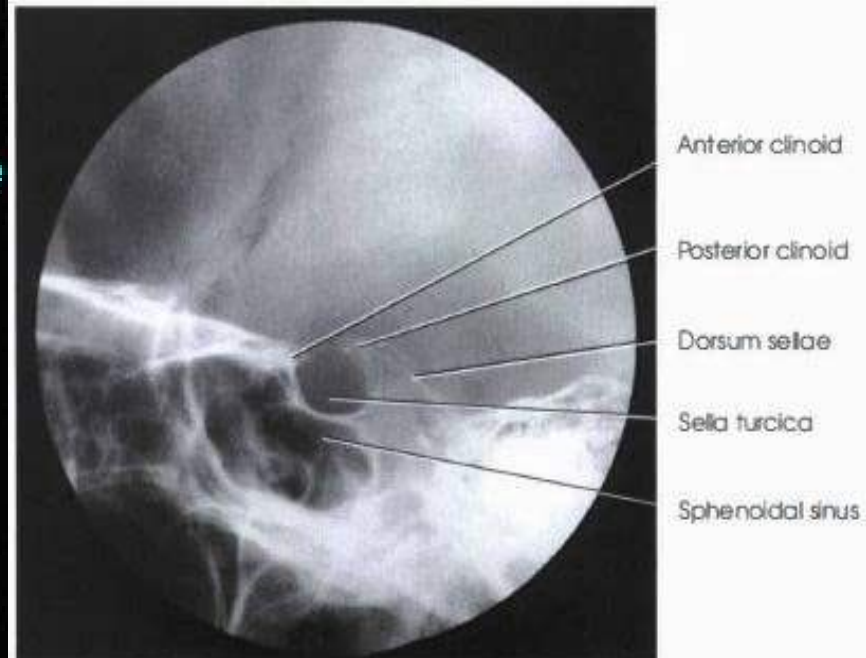
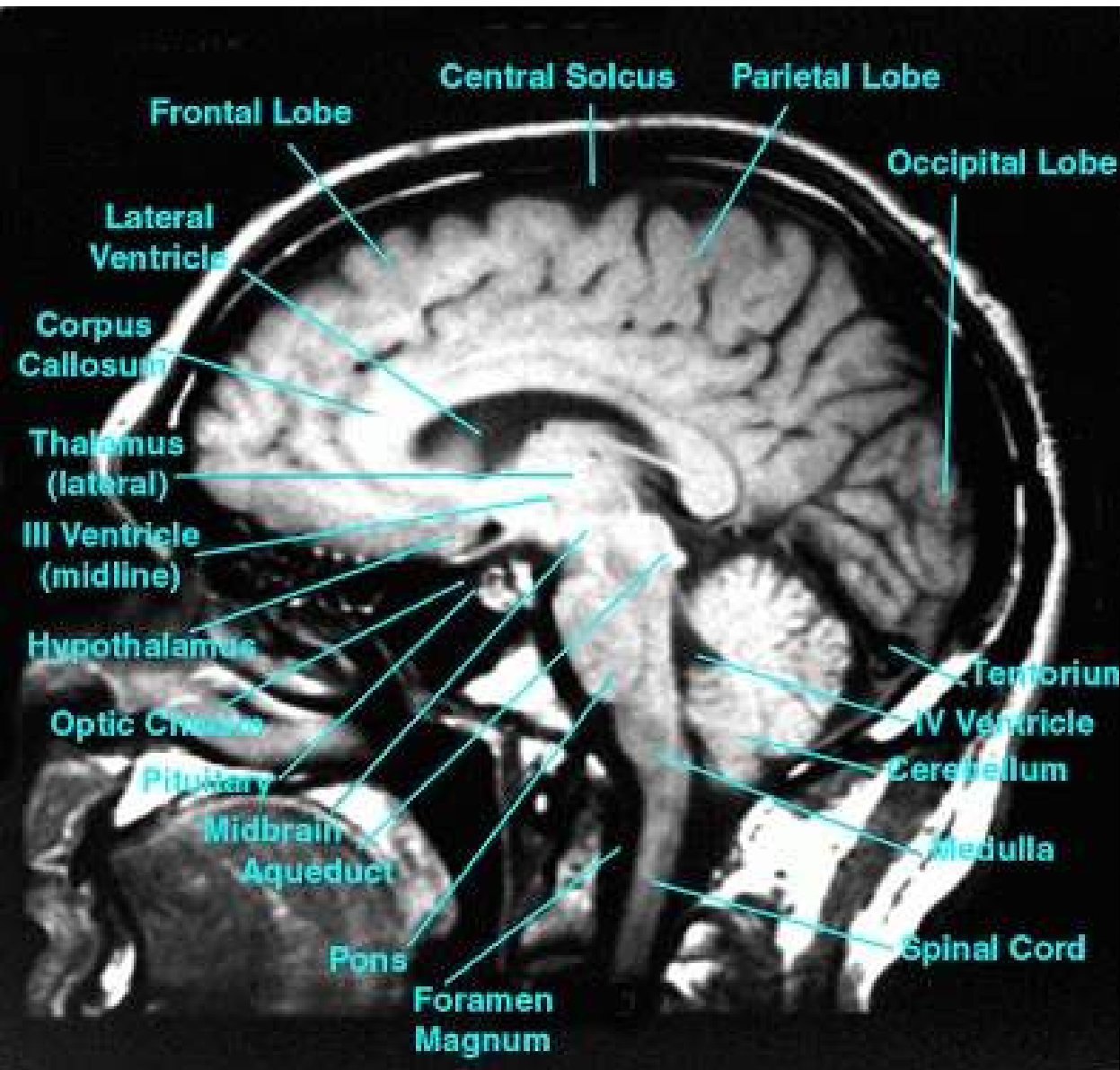
Pituitary gland



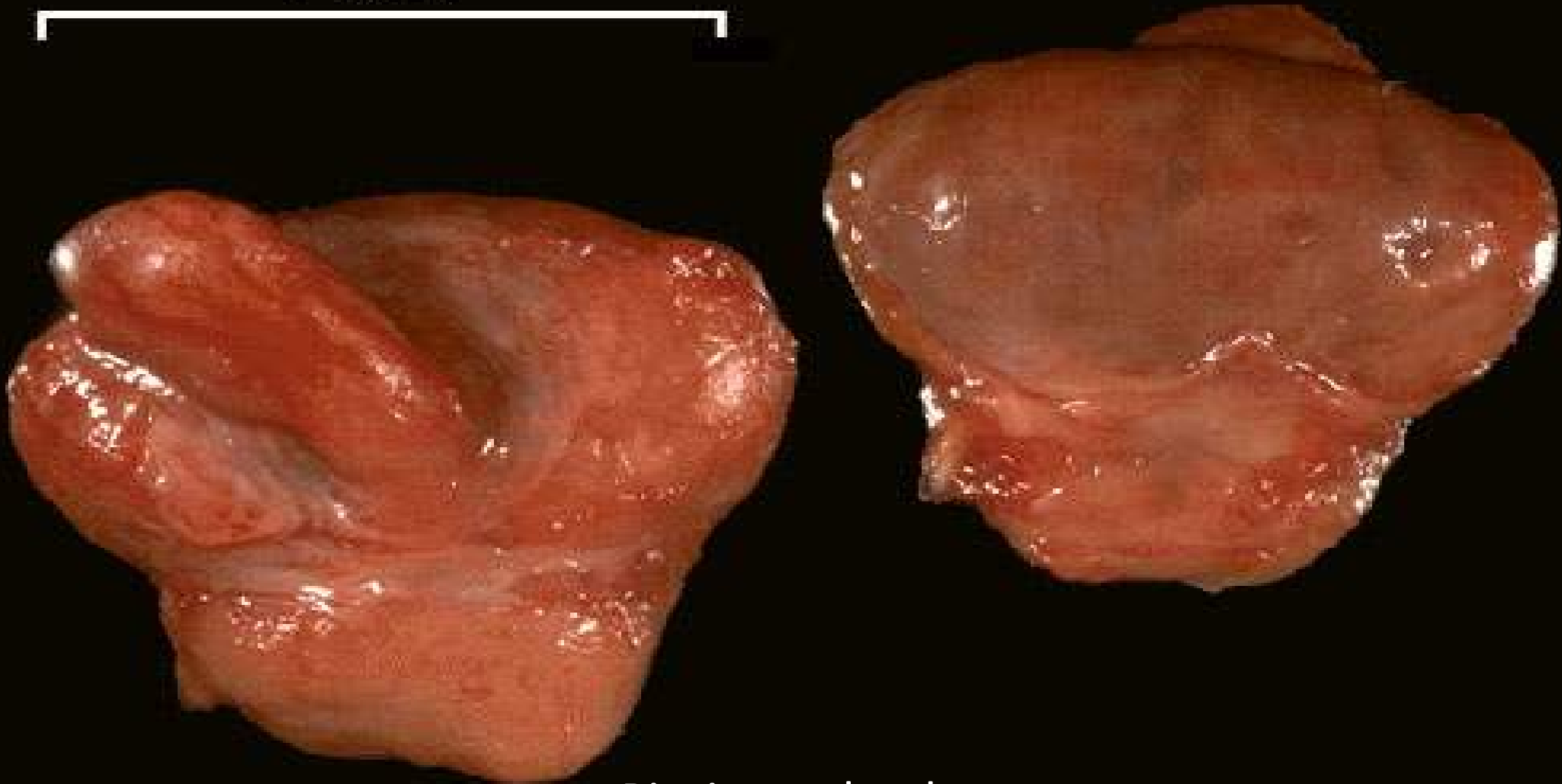
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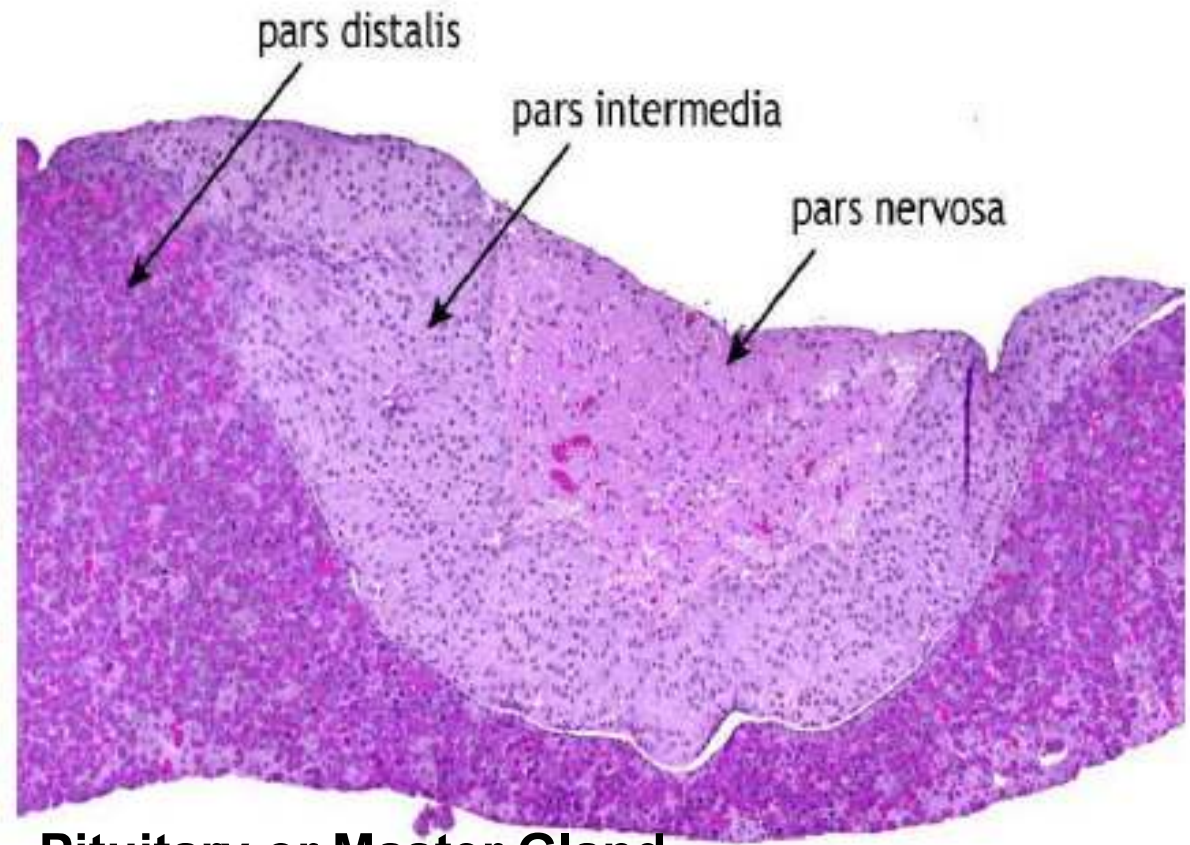
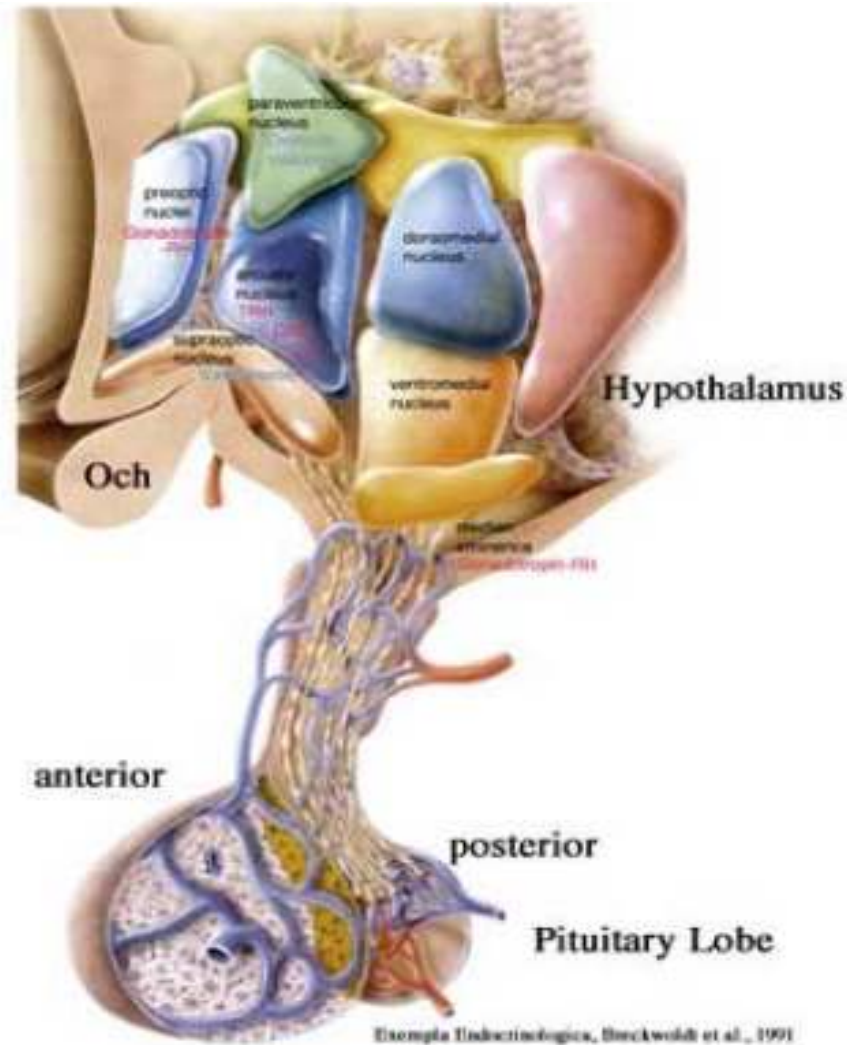




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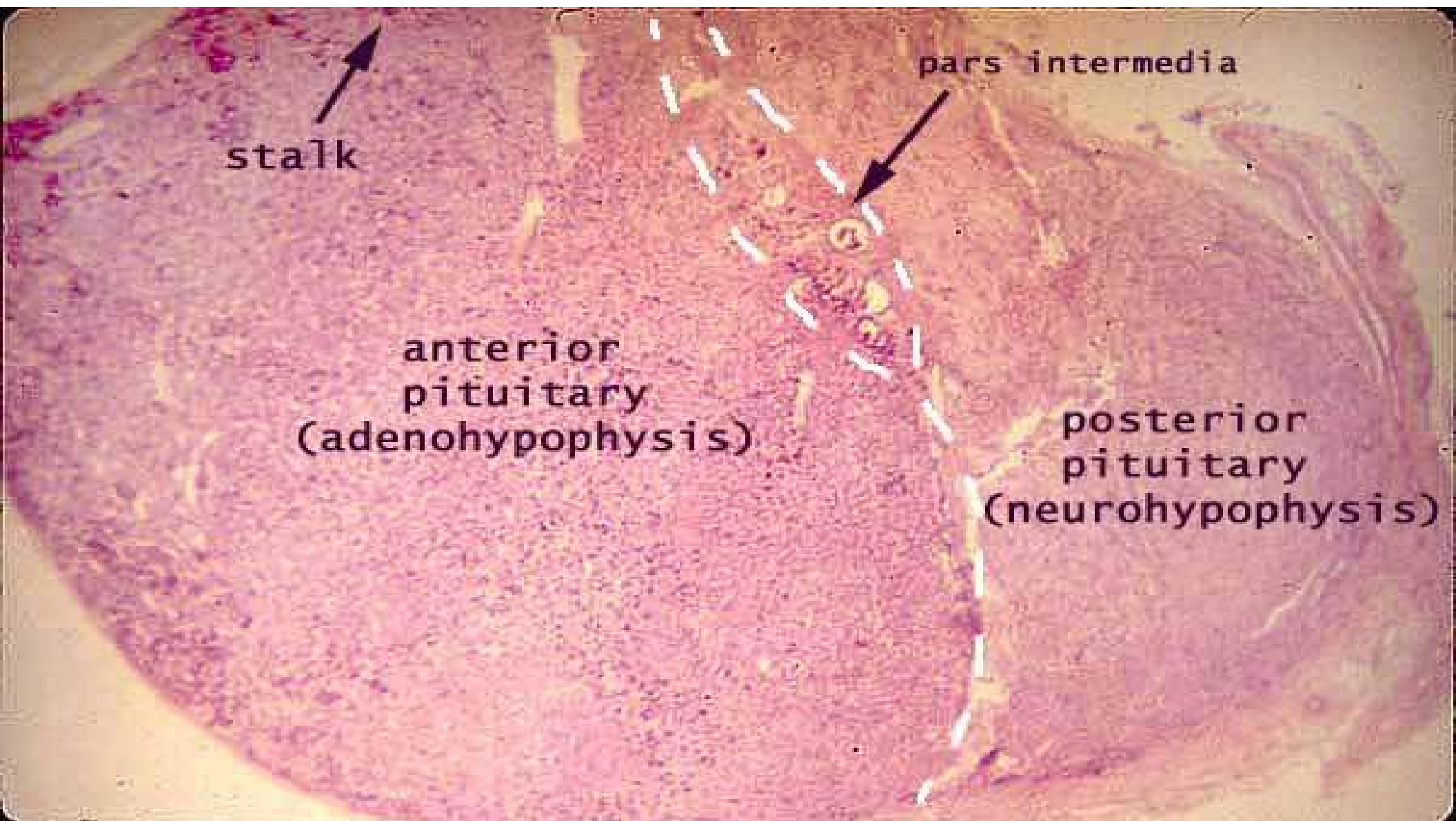


Pituitary gland



Pituitary or Master Gland

- posterior lobe
- neurohypophysis
- anterior lobe
- adenohypophysis



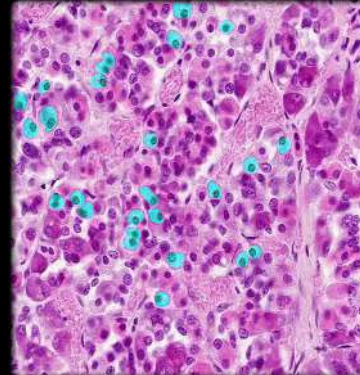
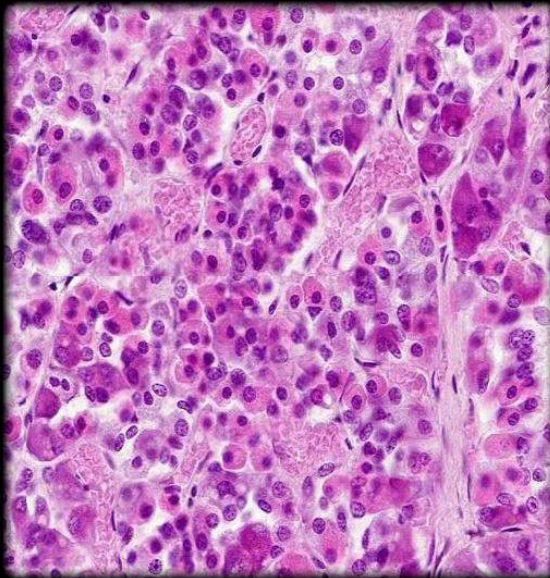
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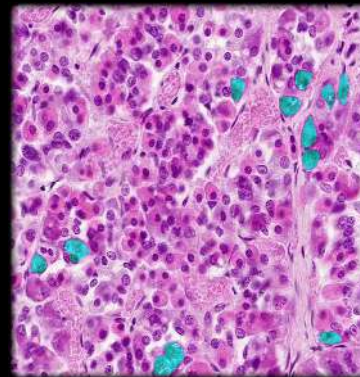
anterior
pituitary
(adenohypophysis)

posterior
pituitary
(neurohypophysis)

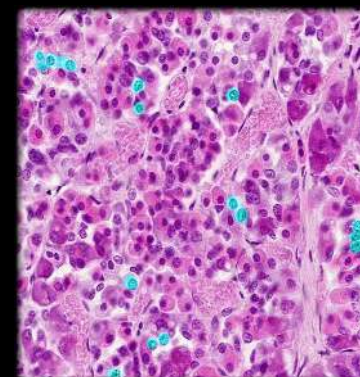
Histology of Anterior Pituitary



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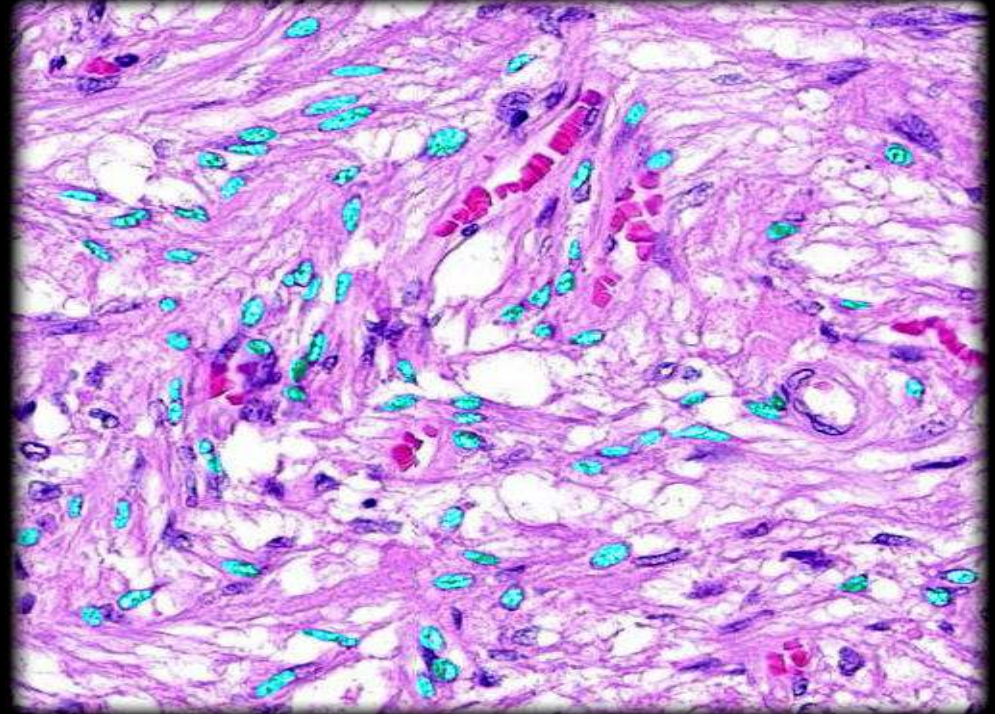
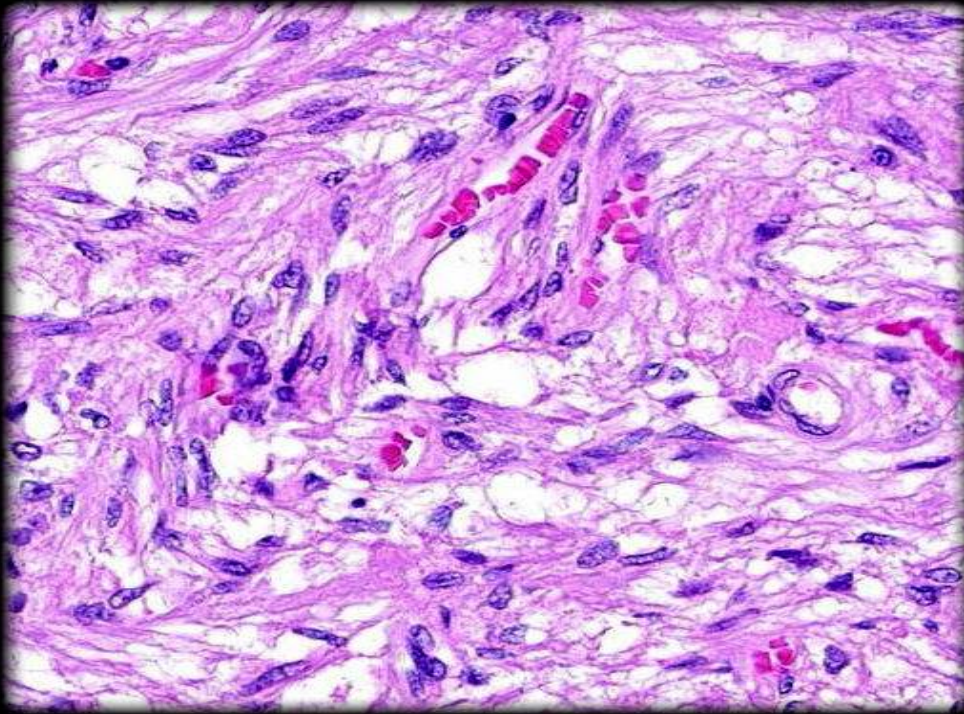


basophils

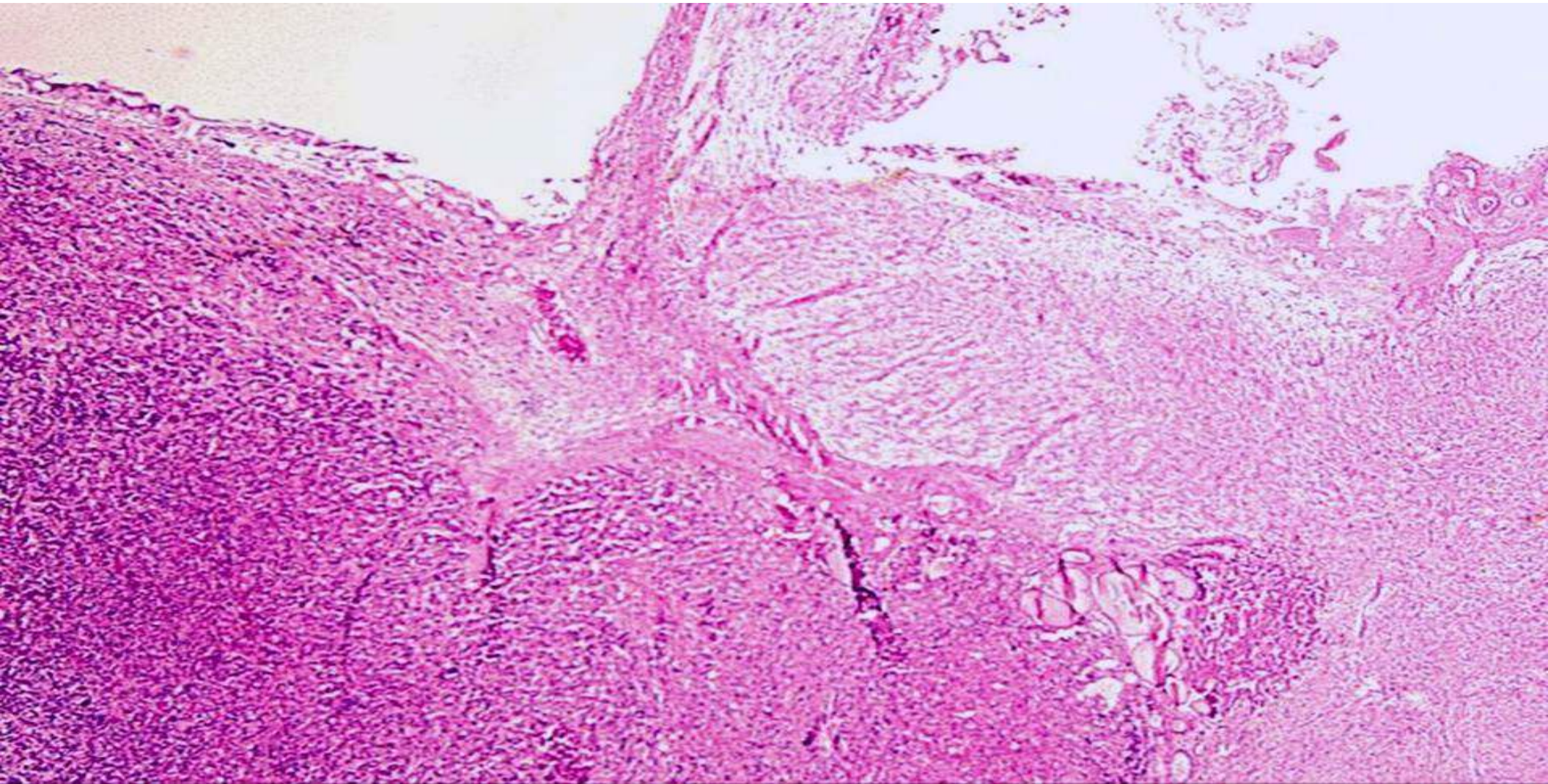


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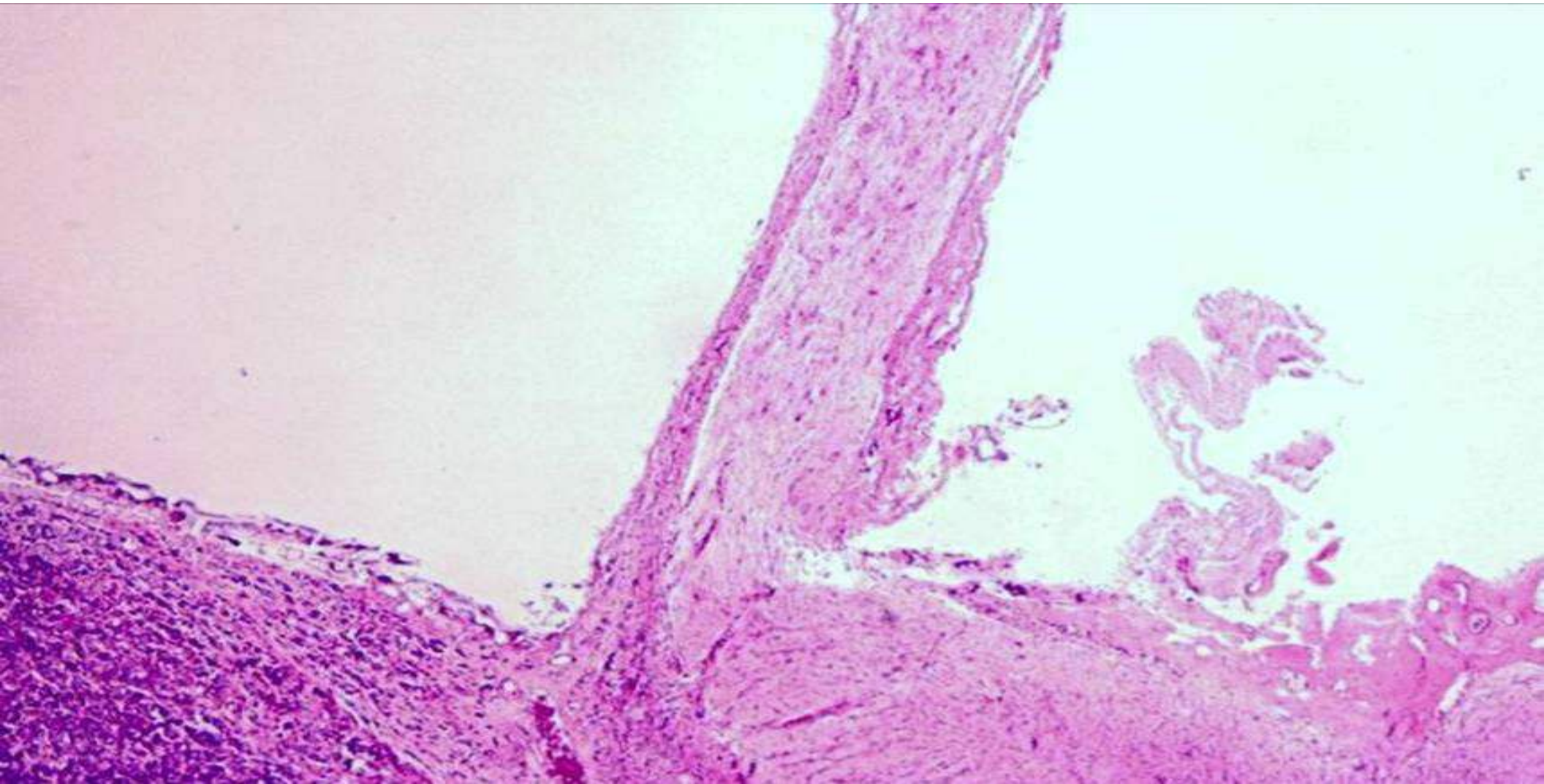
Histology of Posterior Pituitary



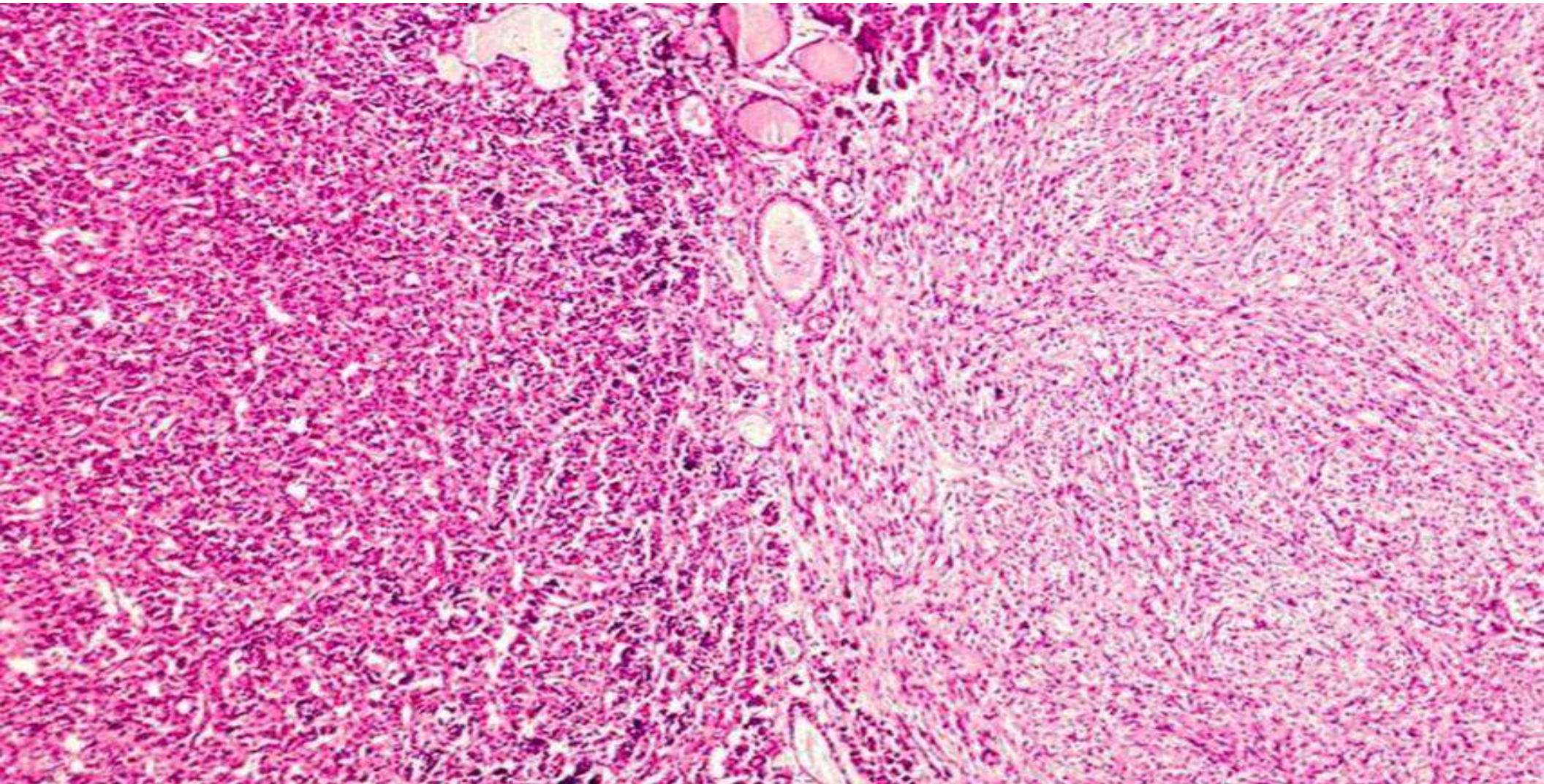
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Anterior and posterior pituitary

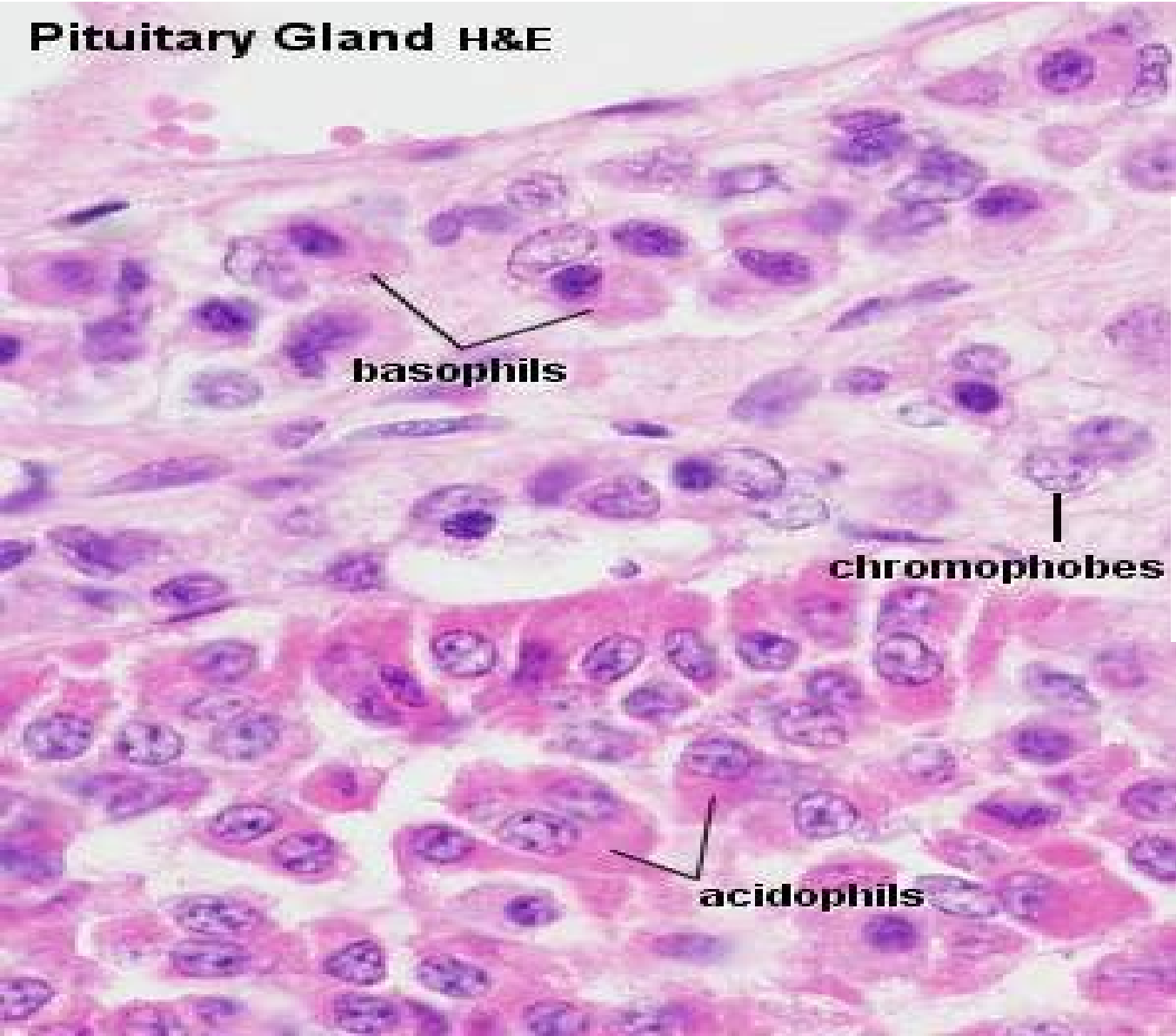


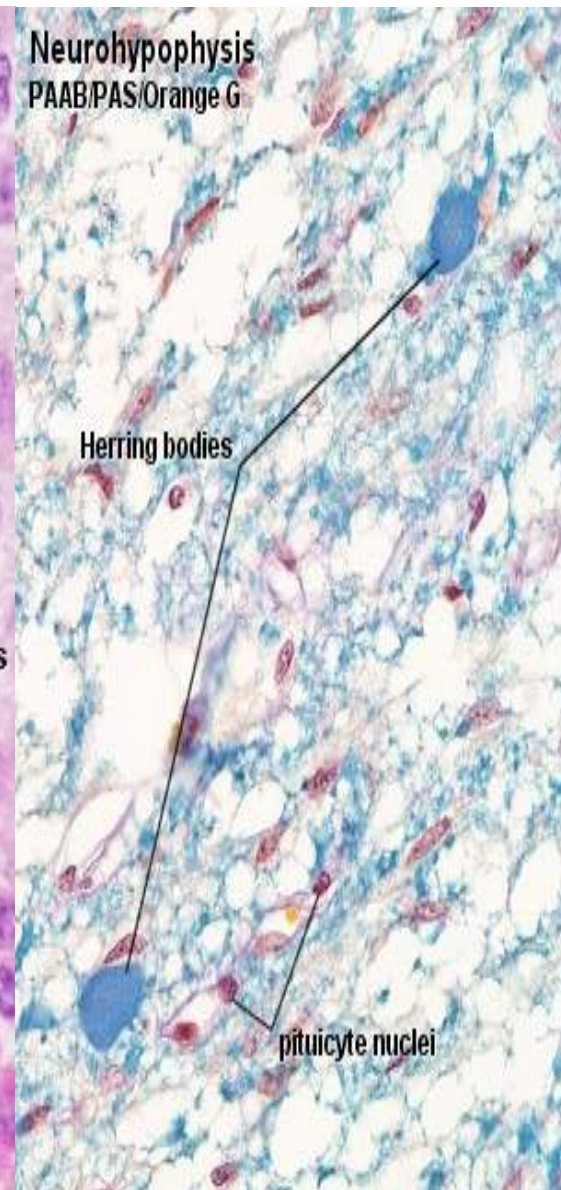
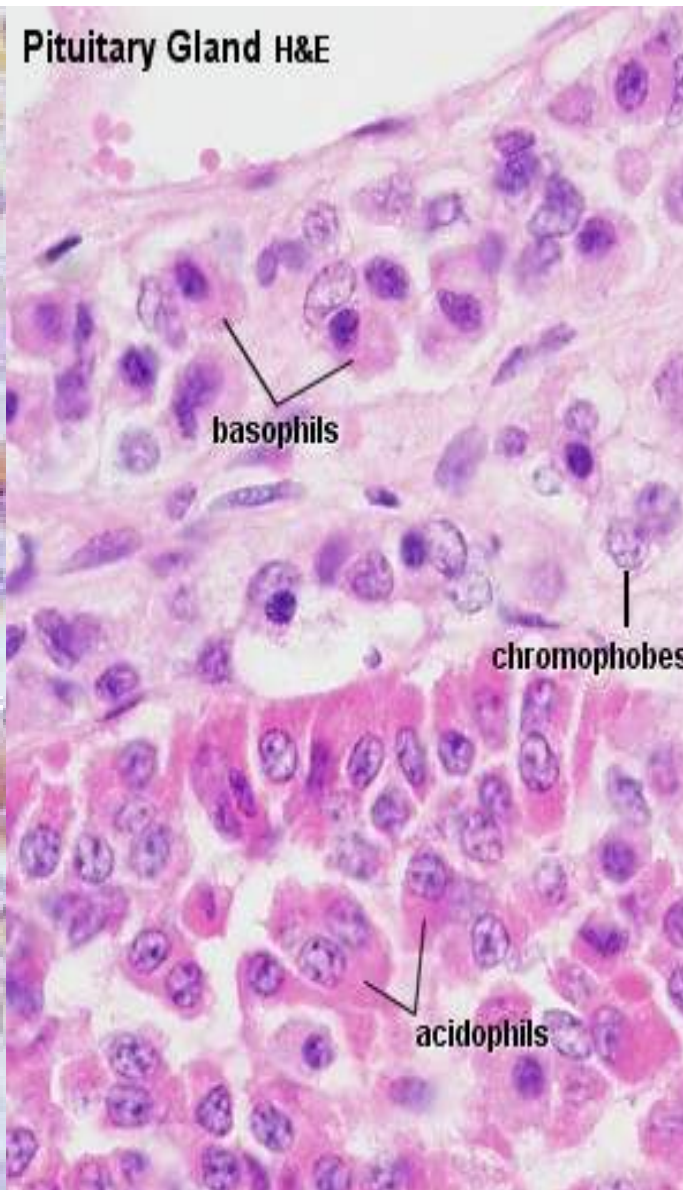
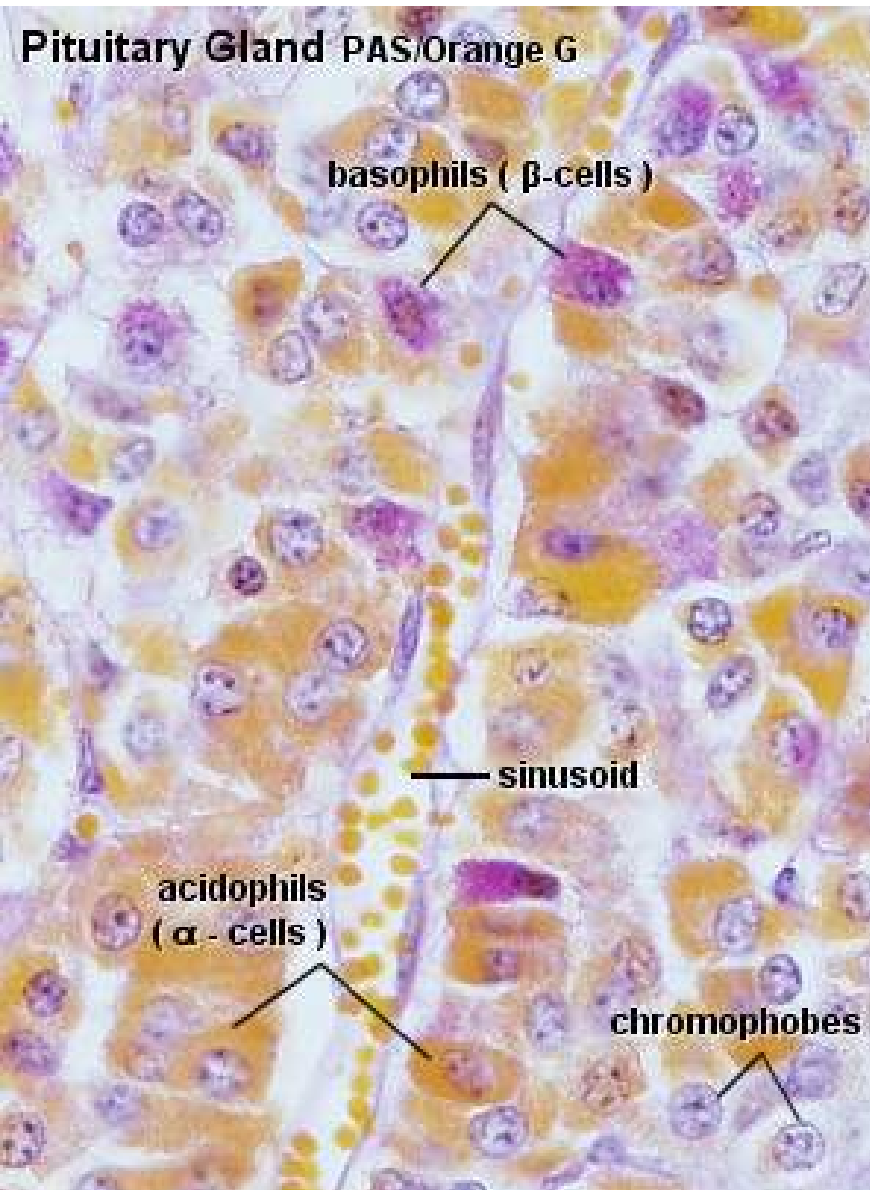
Pituitary stalk

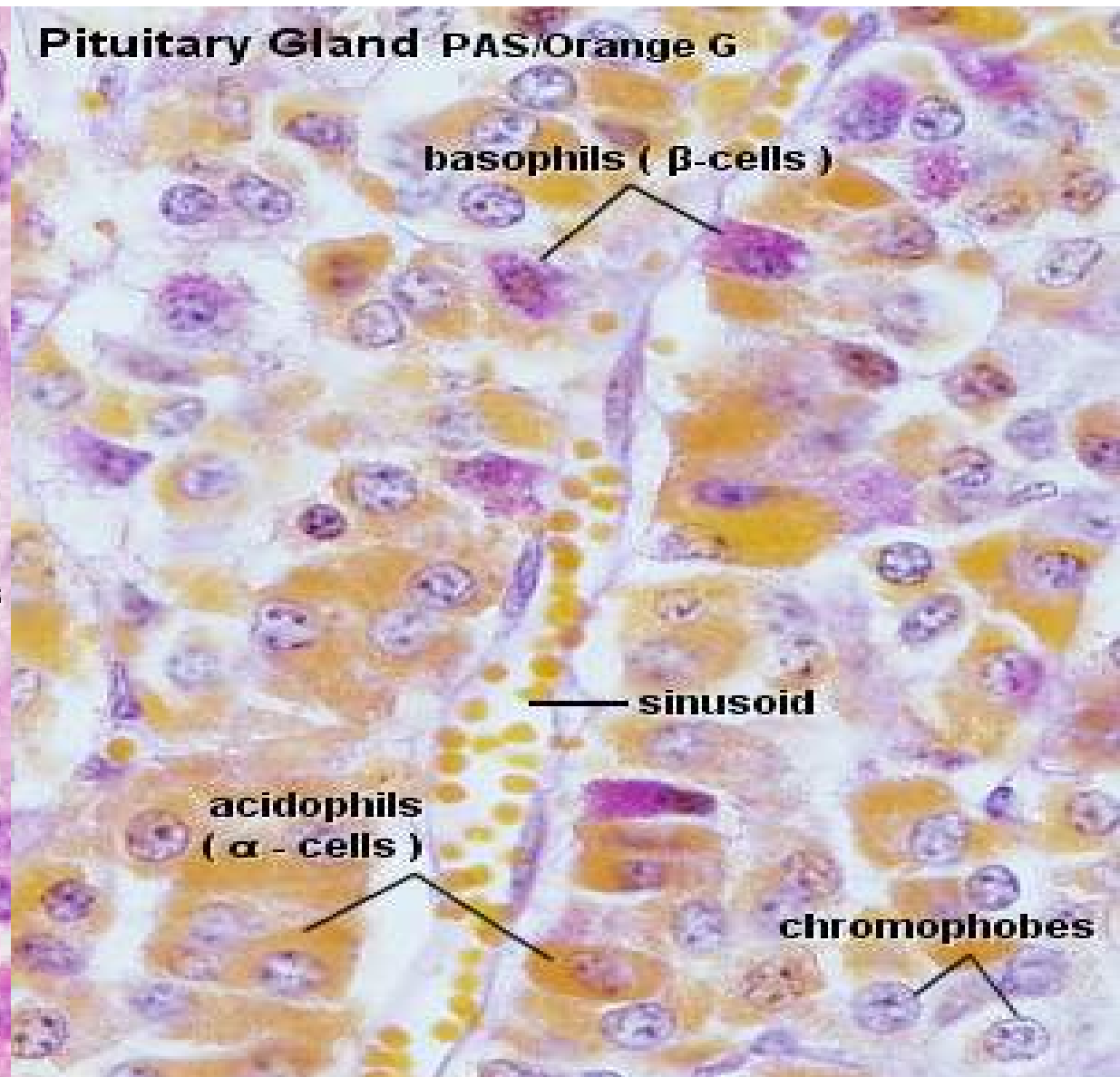
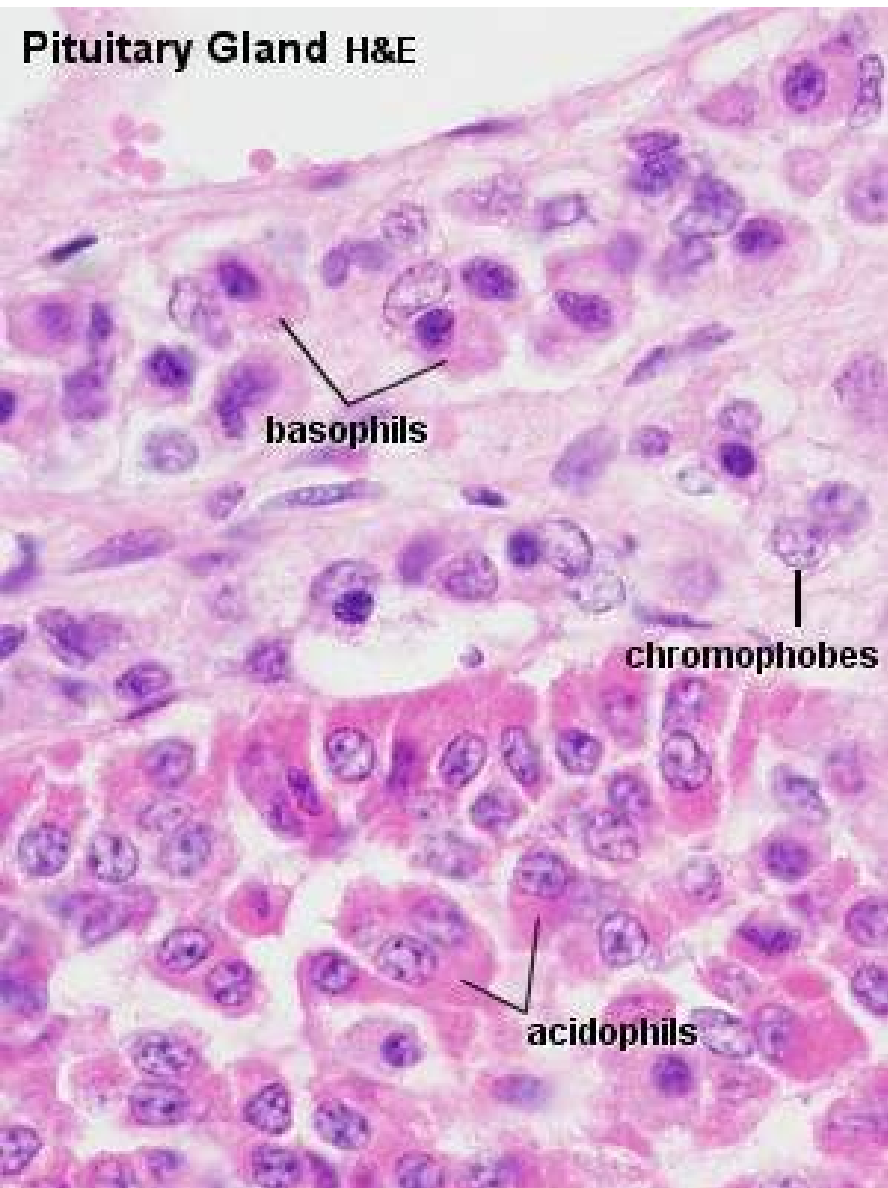


Anterior and posterior pituitary

Pituitary Gland H&E







Origins of Pituitary (Hypophysis)

- **Adenohypophysis**
 - Rathke's pouch
 - Oral ectoderm
 - Loses attachment with oral cavity
- **Neurohypophysis**
 - Neuroectoderm
 - Outgrowth from floor of diencephalon
 - Remains attached to brain (HT) via infundibulum

Hormones of the Anterior Pituitary

Anterior pituitary makes and secretes:

- **Growth hormone (GH)**
- **Prolactin (PL)**
- **Follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH)**
- **Luteinizing hormone (LH)**
- **Adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH)**
- **Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)**

Acidophils

- Important secretions produced
 - **Somatotropes – somatotropin (hGH)**
 - Affects for example epiphyseal plates of long bones
 - Human growth hormone (hGH) also coordinates growth in many other areas
 - **Mammotropes – prolactin**
 - Stimulates milk secretion from mammary glands

Basophils

- General classes of secretion
 - **Thyrotrophes** – secrete thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH); causes thyroid to release T3 and T4 (thyroid hormones) setting basal metabolic rate
 - **Gonadotropes** – see next slide
 - **Corticotropes** – secrete Adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH) promotes growth of adrenal cortex and stimulates release glucocorticoids and gonadocorticoids

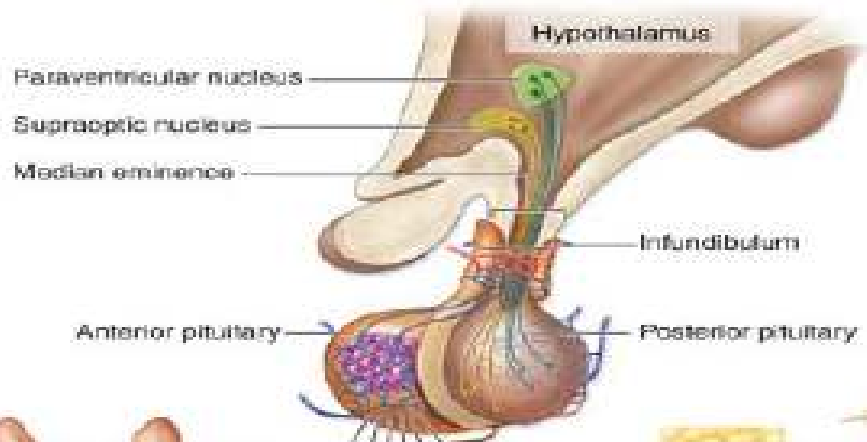
Gonadotropes

- **Gonadotropes of adenohypophysis**
 - **FSH** – females stimulates development of ovarian follicles ; in males stimulates Sertoli cells to produce androgen binding protein
 - **LH** – in females promotes maturation of follicle and ovulation and maintains corpus luteum ; in males called interstitial cell secreting hormone (ICSH) promotes secretion of testosterone by Leydig cells

ROS* of Anterior Pituitary Hormones

Hormone	Stimulates
Growth hormone	growth of bones and many other functions
Prolactin	milk secretion
Follicle stimulating hormone	ovarian follicle development and spermatogenesis
Luteinizing hormone	ovarian follicle development and testicular hormone secretion
Adrenocorticotrophic hormone	secretion of glucocorticoids and androgens by adrenal cortex.
Thyroid-stimulating hormone	secretion of thyroid hormone by thyroid gland

*** Ridiculously Oversimplified Summary**



Thyrotropic cells secrete thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH).

Thyroid

Somatotropic cells secrete growth hormone (GH).

Adipose tissue

Bone

Muscle

Mammotropic cells secrete prolactin (PRL).

Mammary gland

Gonadotropic cells secrete follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH).

Testis

Ovary

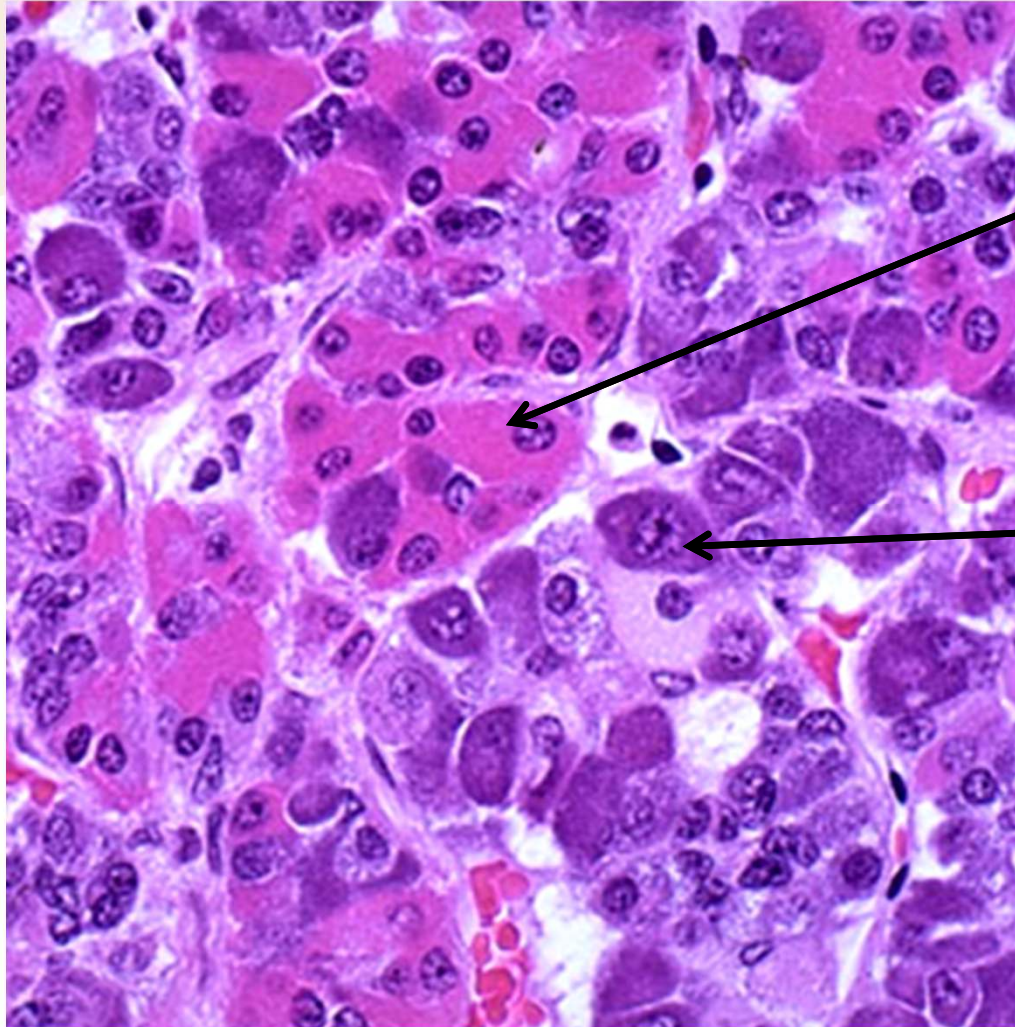
Corticotropic cells secrete adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH).

Adrenal gland

Adrenal cortex

Pars intermedia cells secrete melanocyte-stimulating hormone (MSH).

Melanocytes



Acidophils

GH

PL

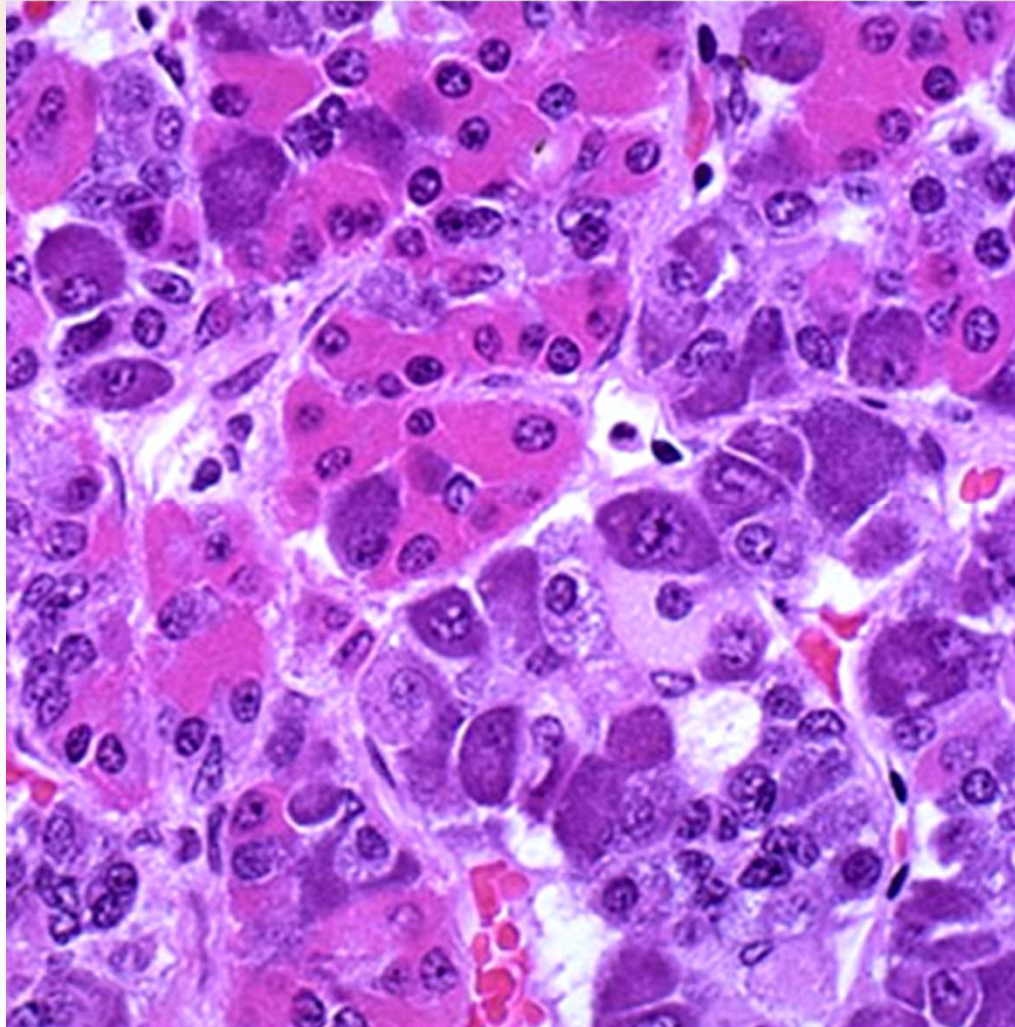
Basophils

FSH

LH

ACTH

TSH



Acidophils

GH

PL

Basophils

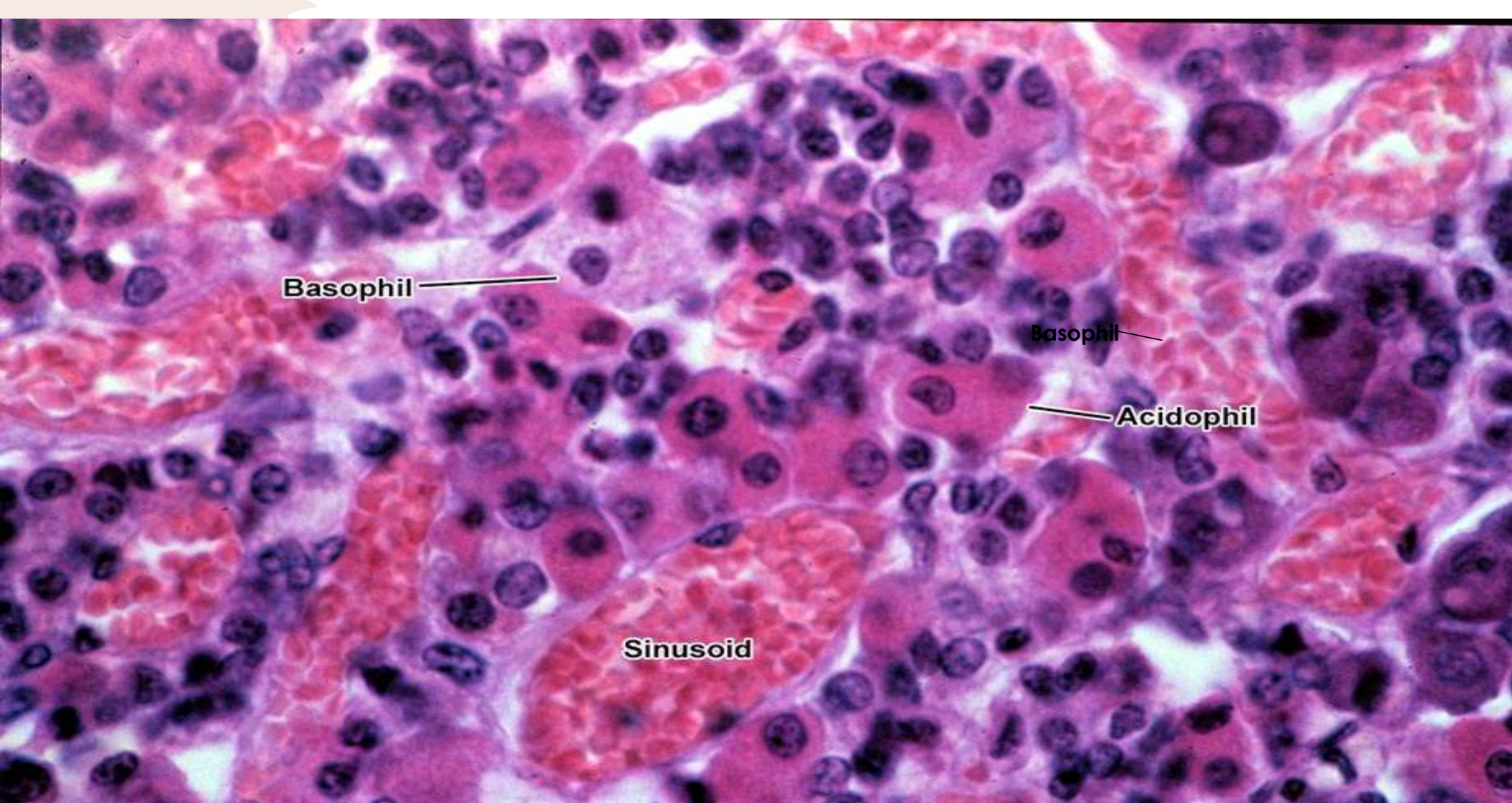
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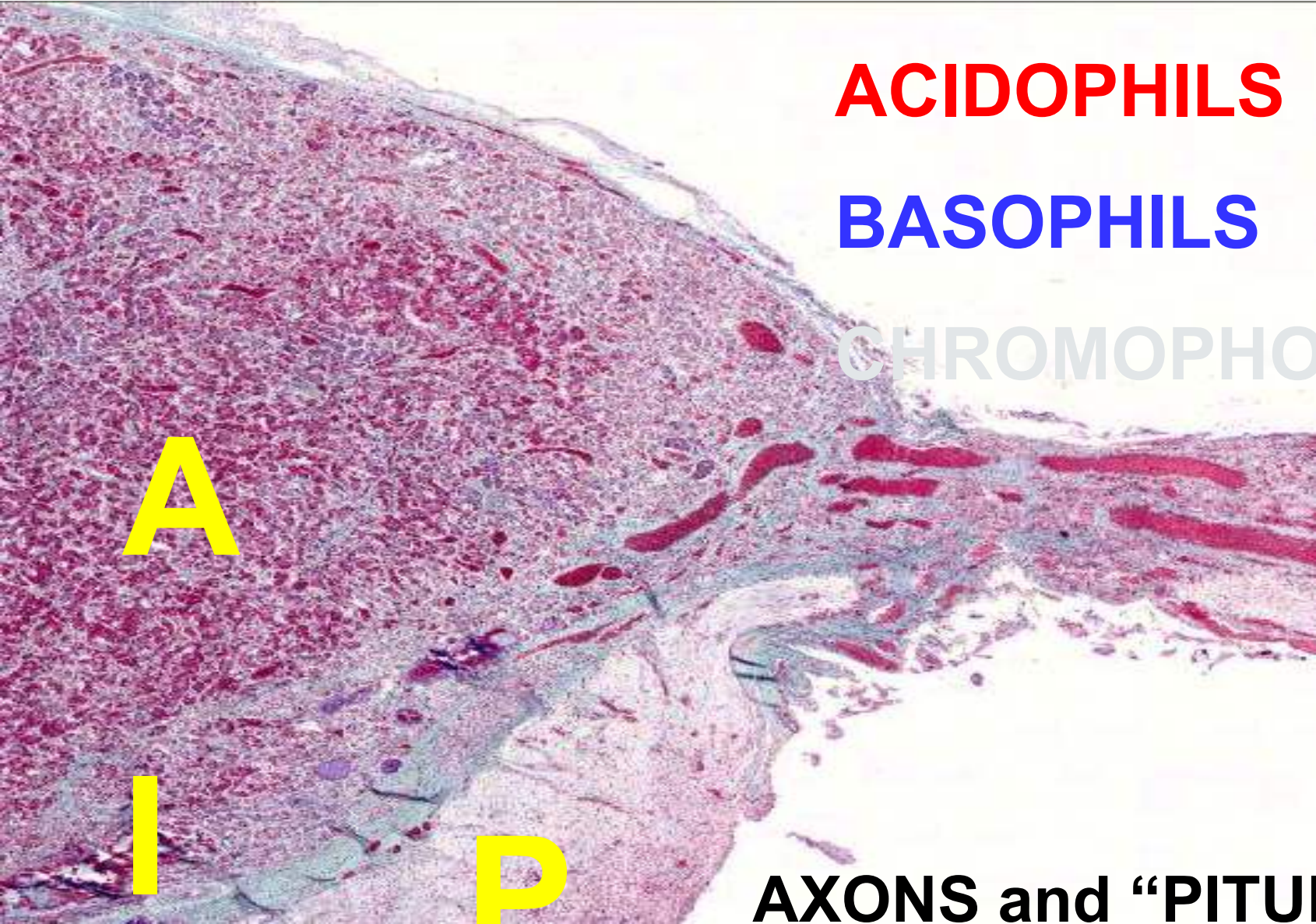
LH

ACTH

TSH

Anterior pituitary (H&E stain)





ACIDOPHILS

BASOPHILS

CHROMOPHOBES

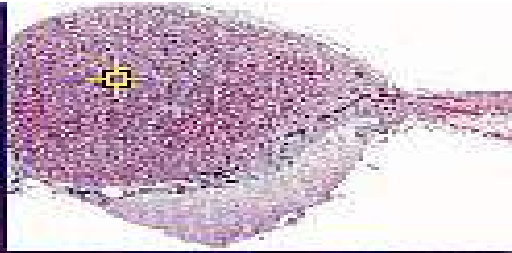
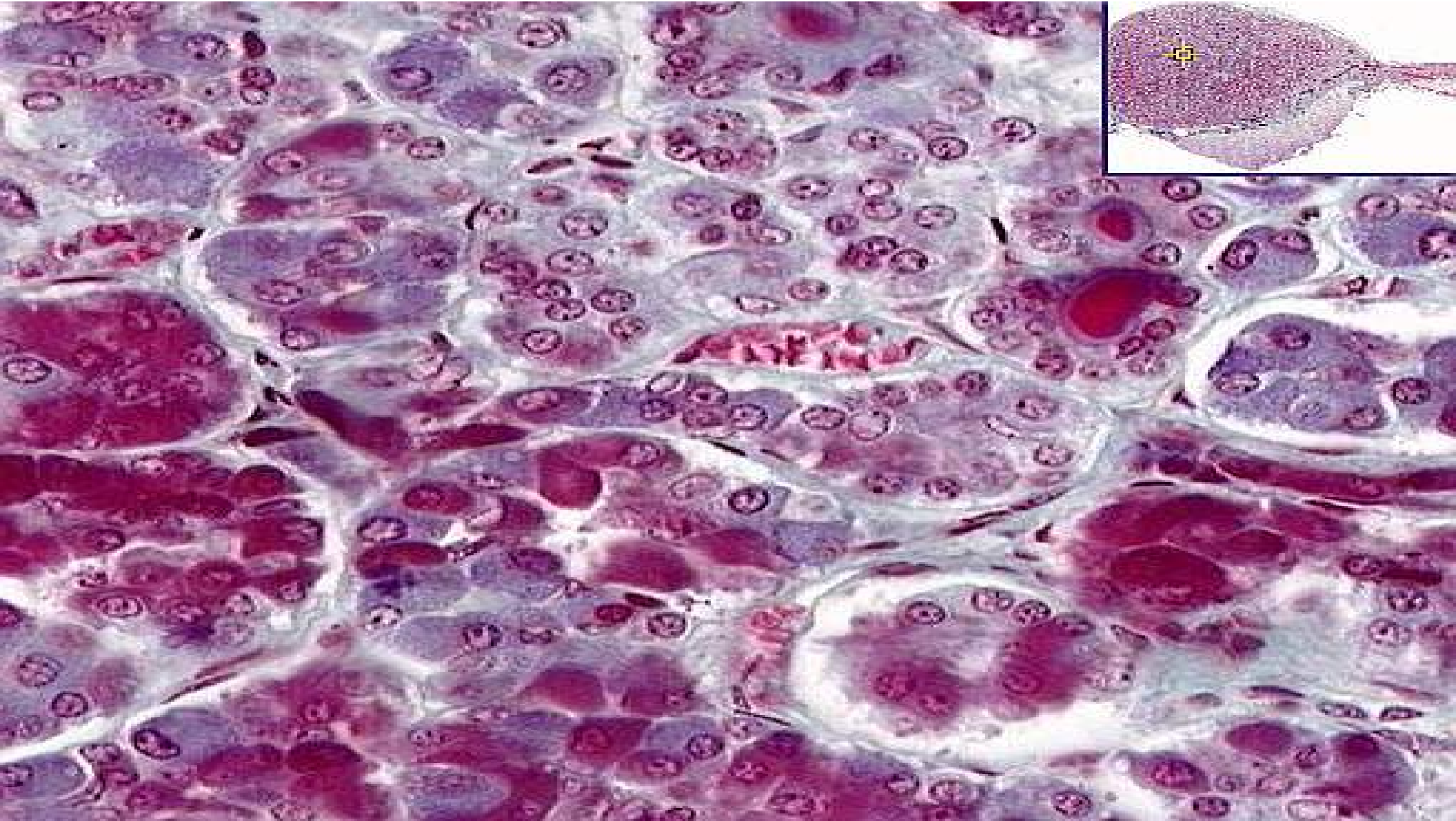
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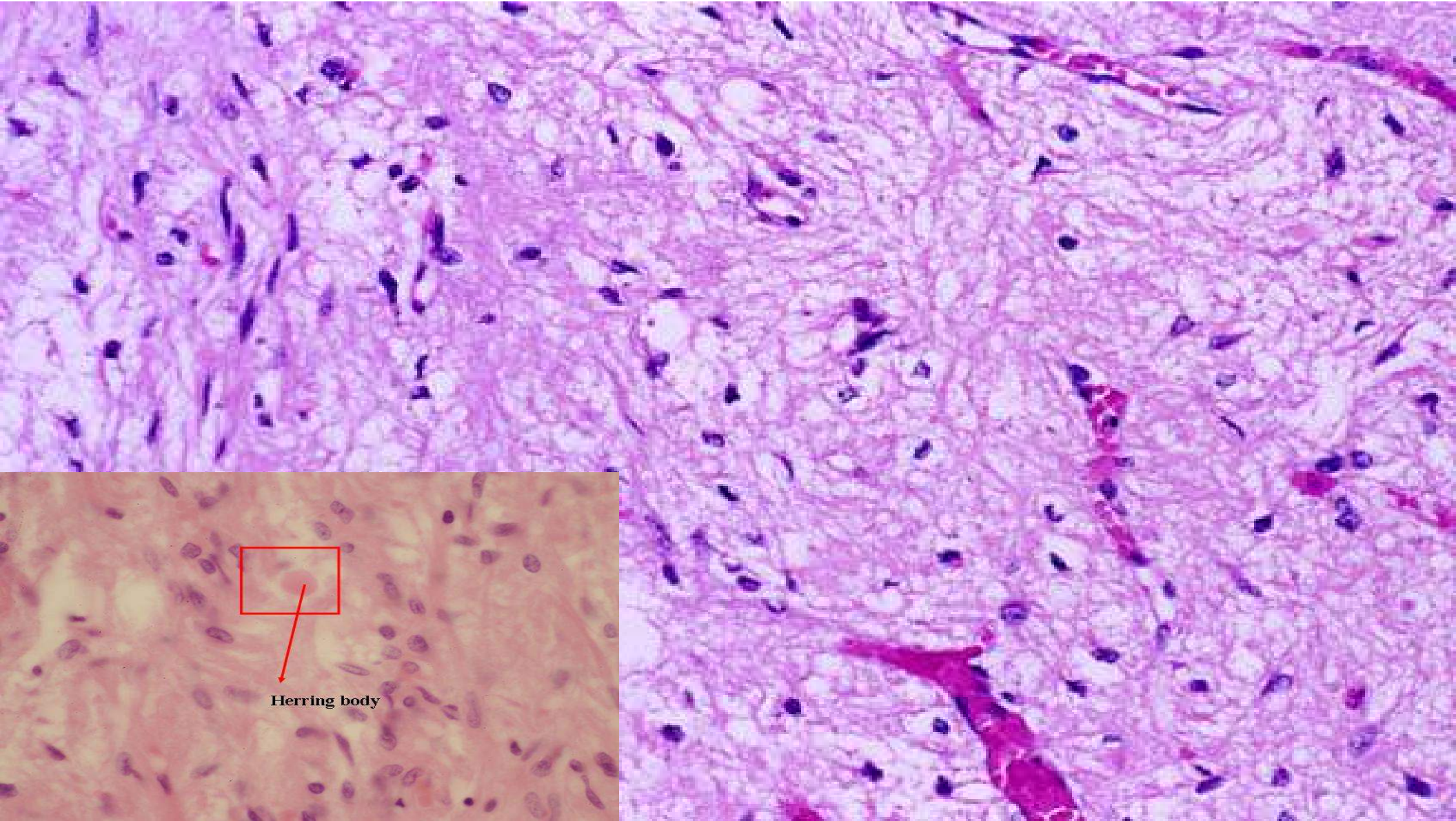
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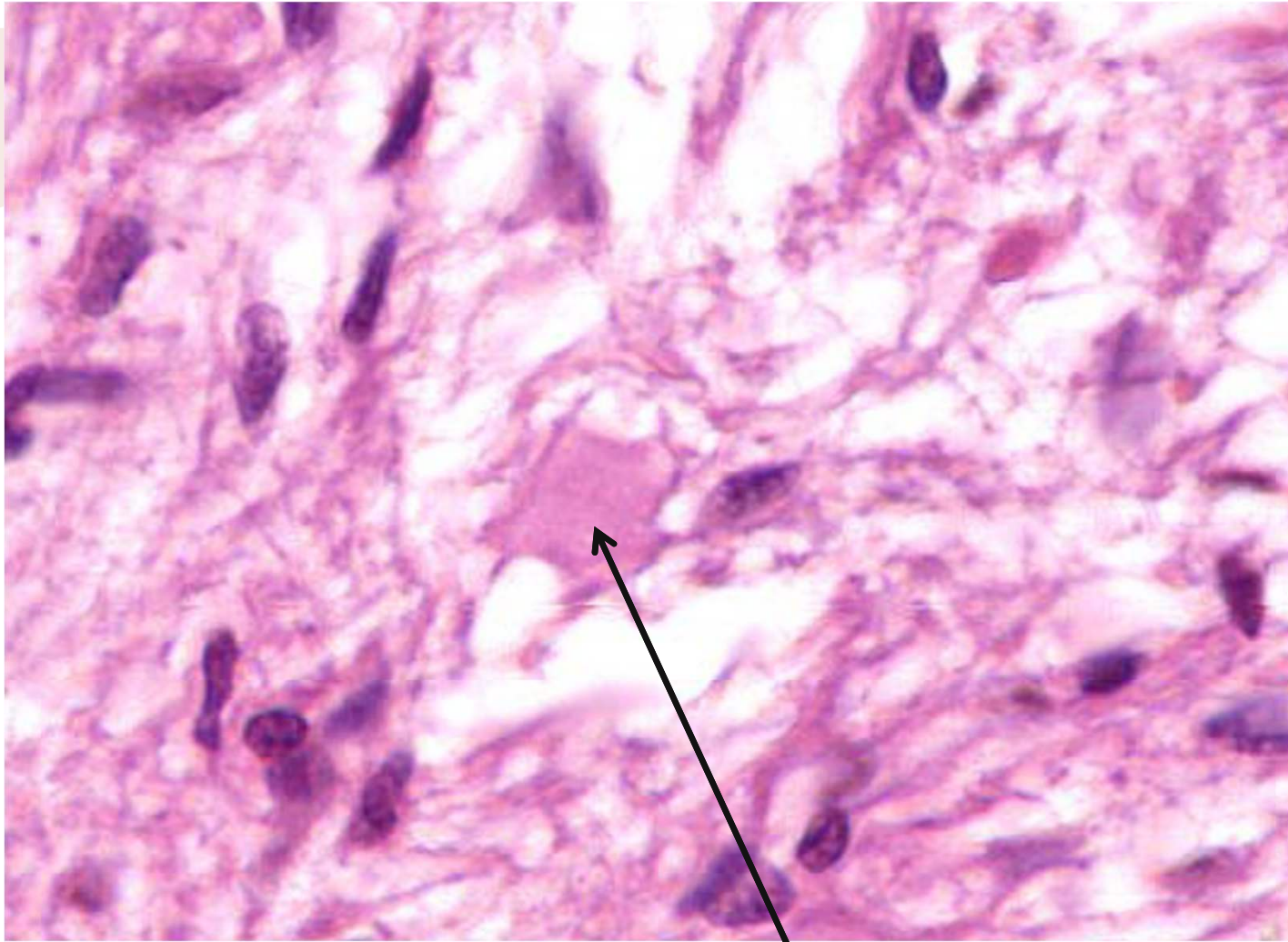
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AXONS and "PITUI-"cytes





Herring body



Posterior pituitary: Herring body

Anterior Pituitary (Adenohypophysis)

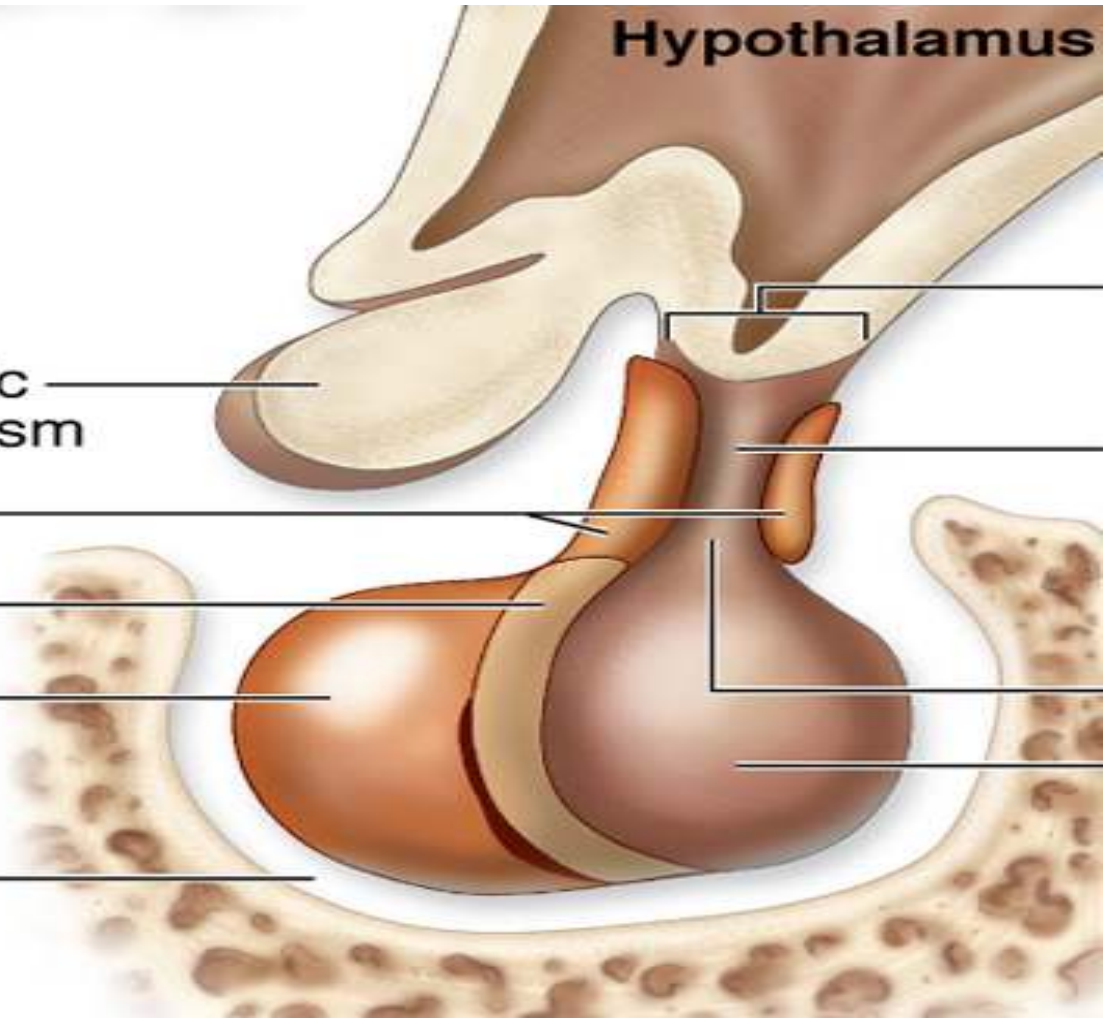
- Composed of cords of glandular epithelial cells separated by capillaries.
- Makes and secretes a bunch of hormones.
- Subdivisions
 - **Pars distalis (biggest and most important part)**
 - **Pars tuberalis (superior extension of pars distalis)**
 - **Pars intermedia (separates pars distalis from pars nervosa)**



Anterior pituitary
Pars tuberalis
Pars intermedia
Pars distalis

Optic chiasm

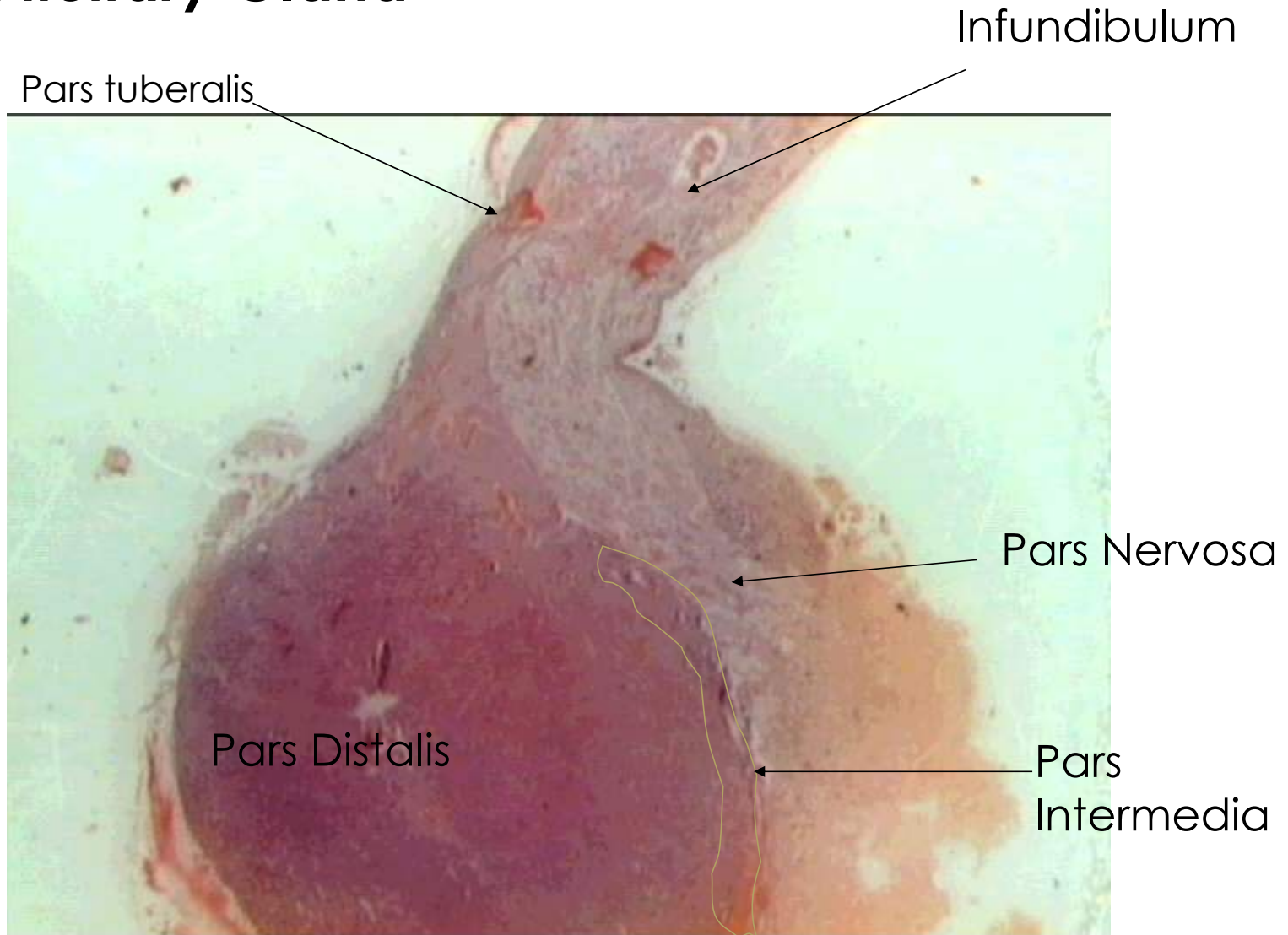
Hypothalamus

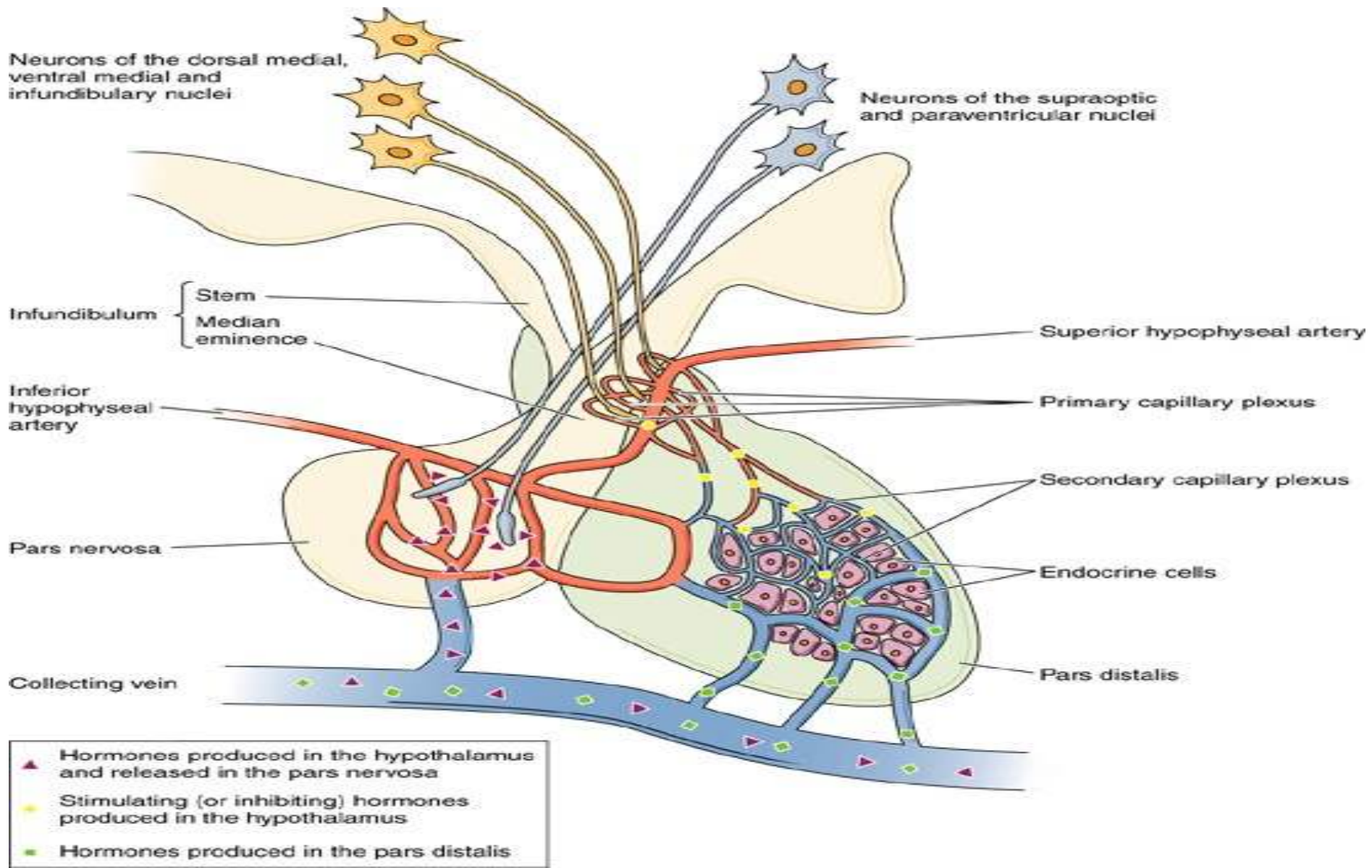


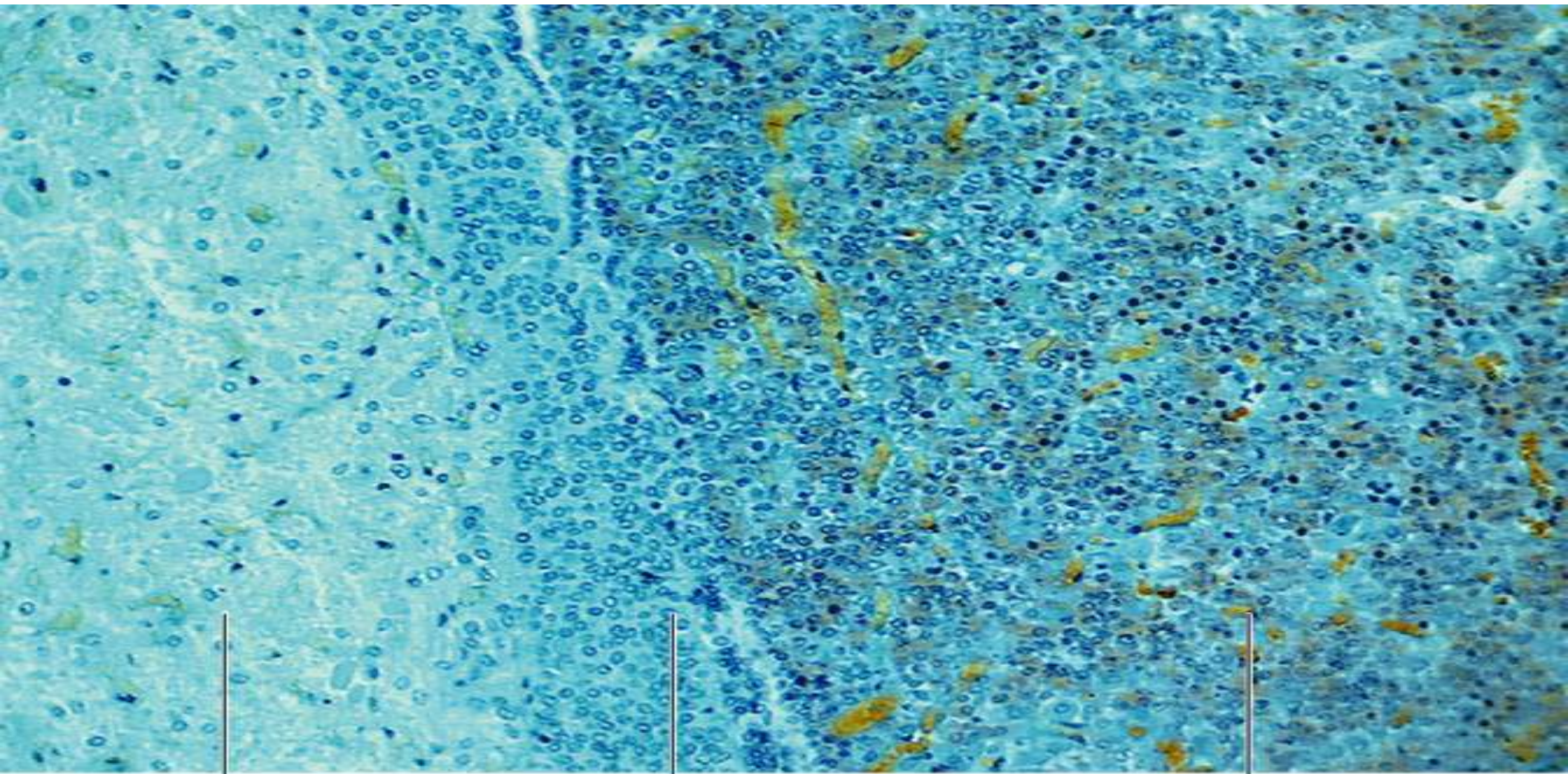
Hypophyseal fossa
in sella turcica of
sphenoid bone

Anterior pituitary

Pituitary Gland





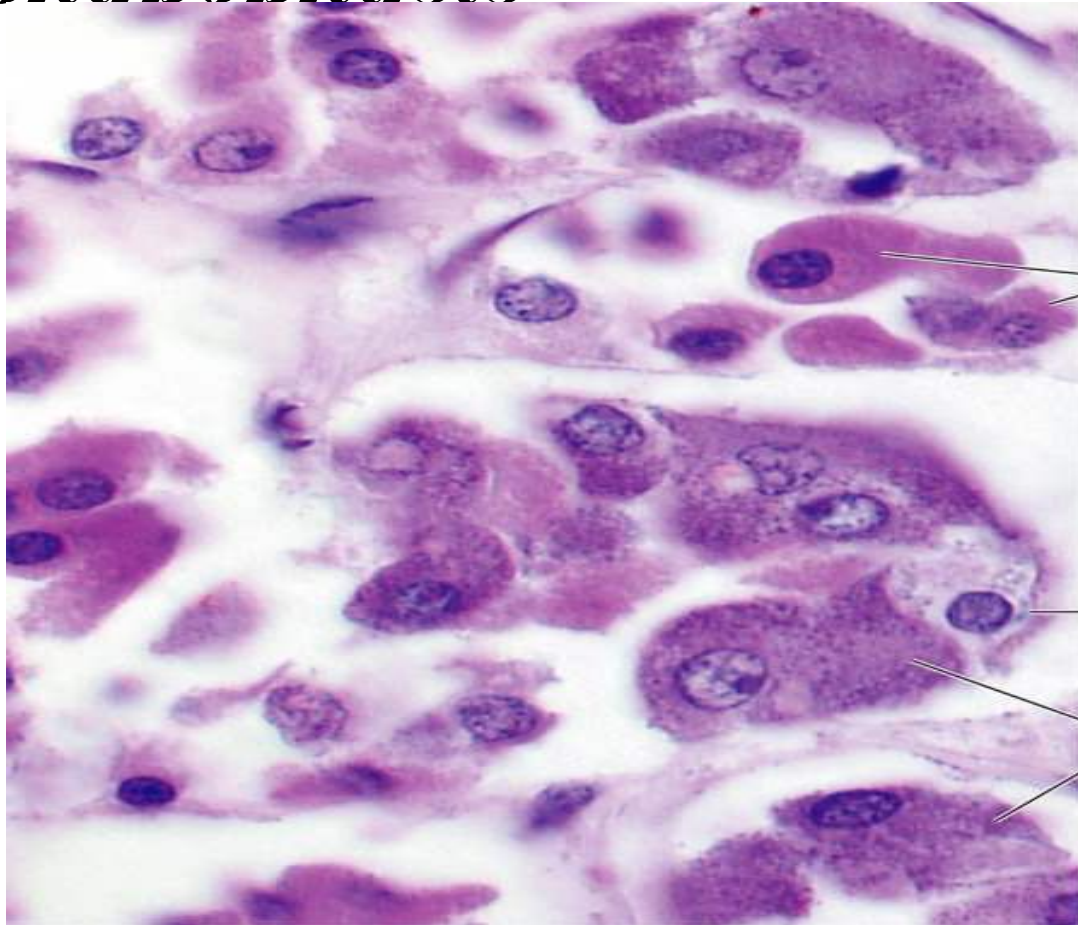


Pars
nervosa

Pars
intermedia

Pars distalis

Acidophils, Chromophobes & Basophils of Adenohypophysis

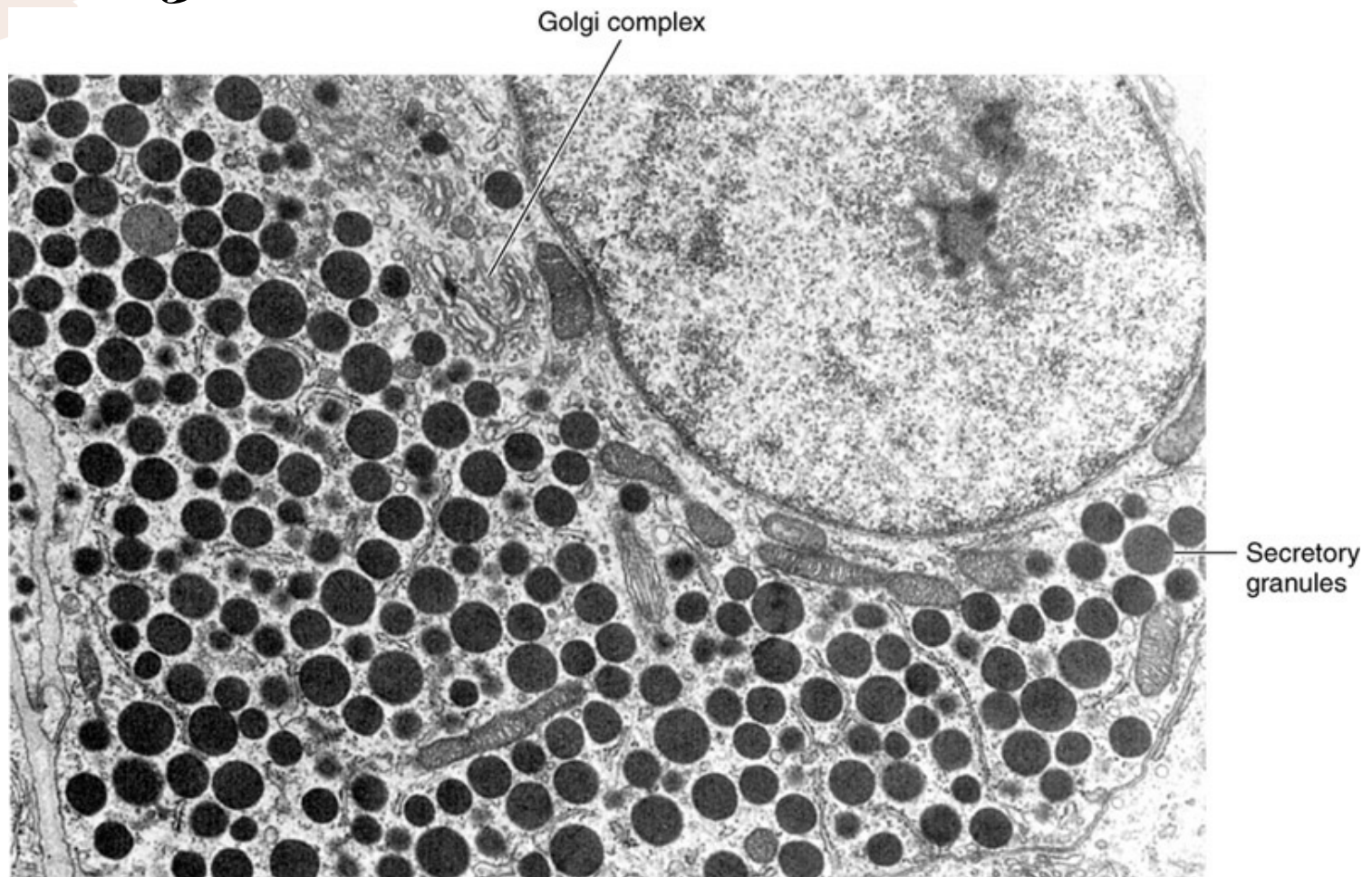


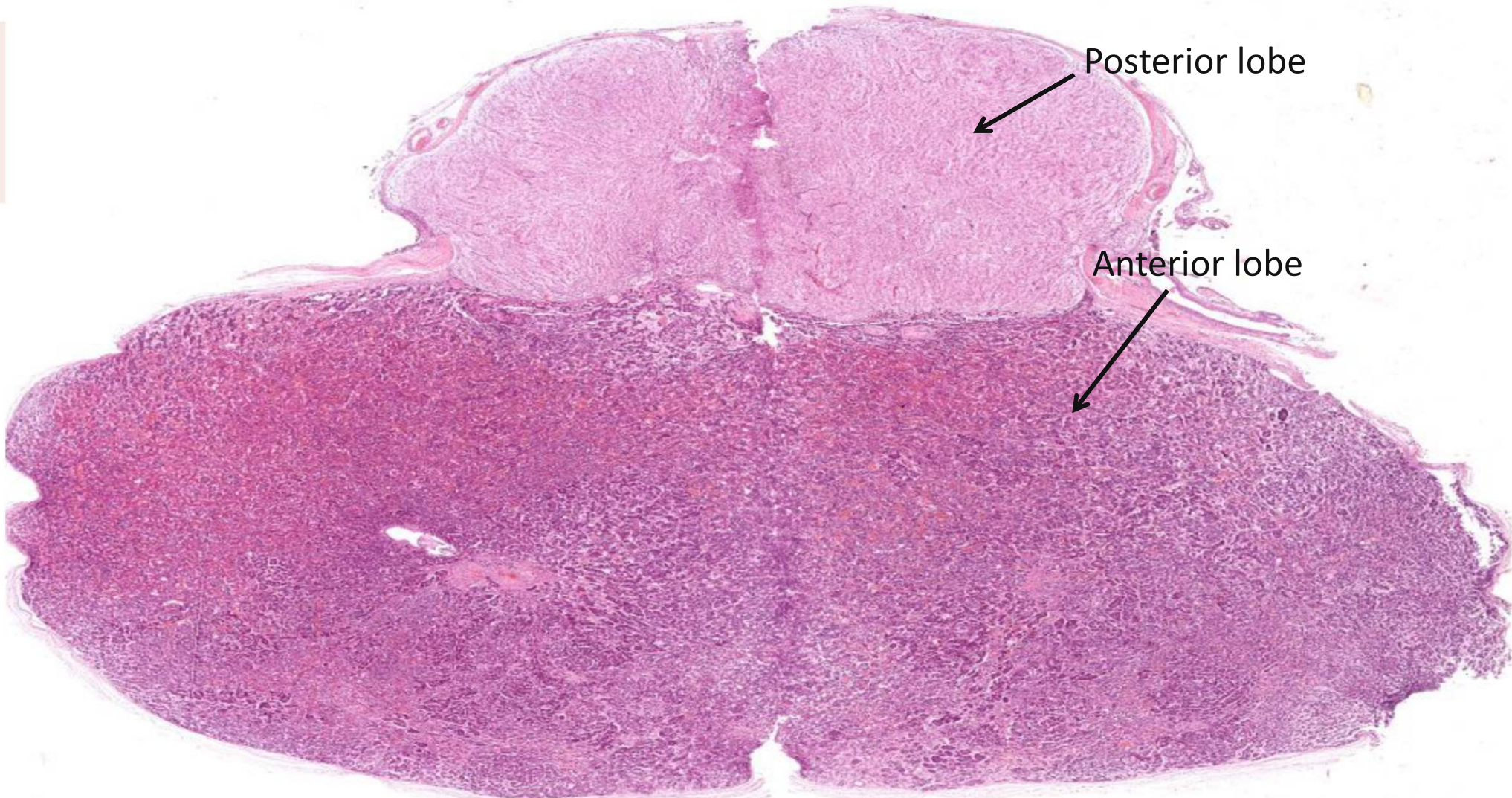
Acidophils

Chromophobe

Basophils

Secretory Cell

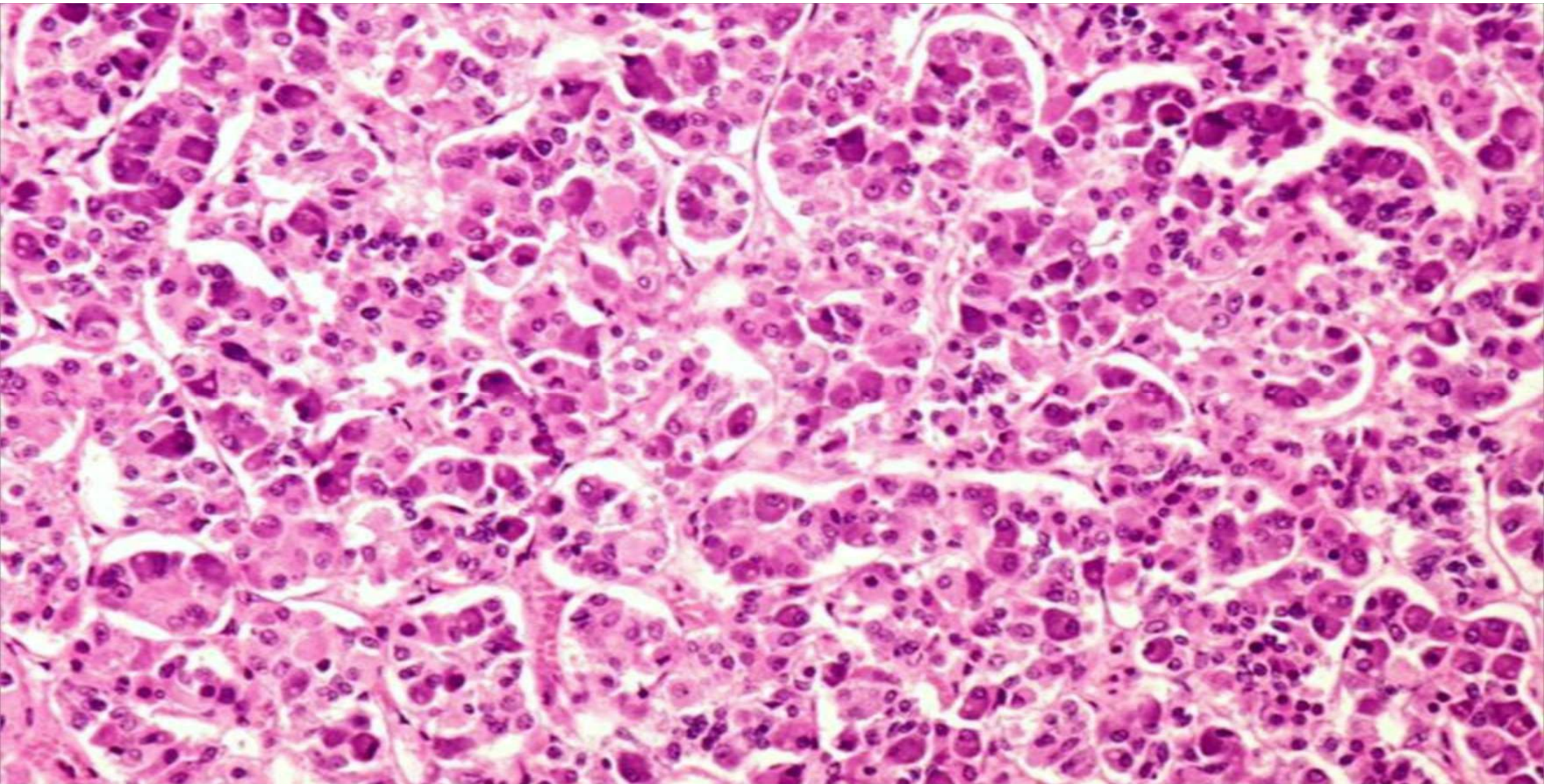




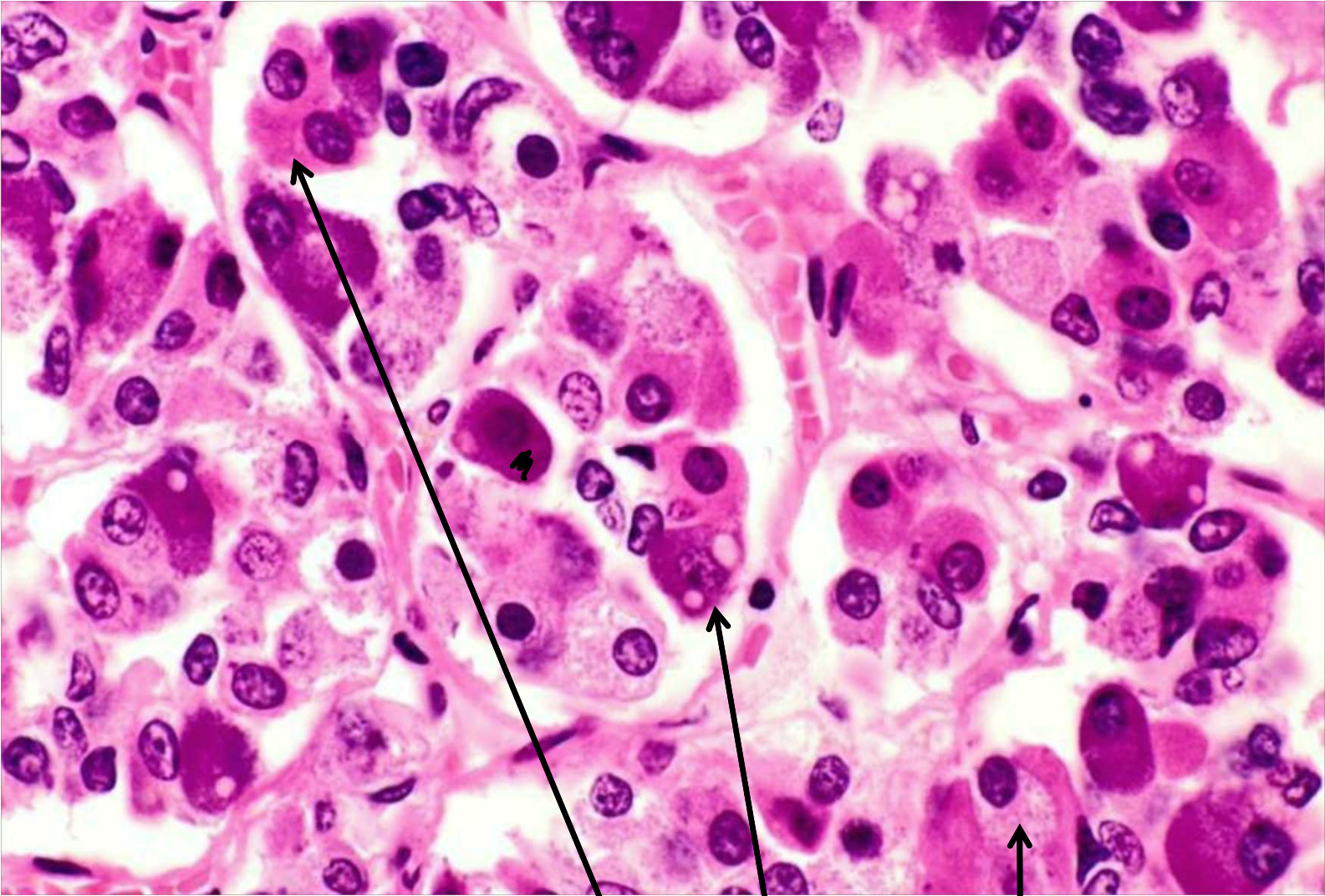
Posterior lobe

Anterior lobe

Pituitary: super low-power view



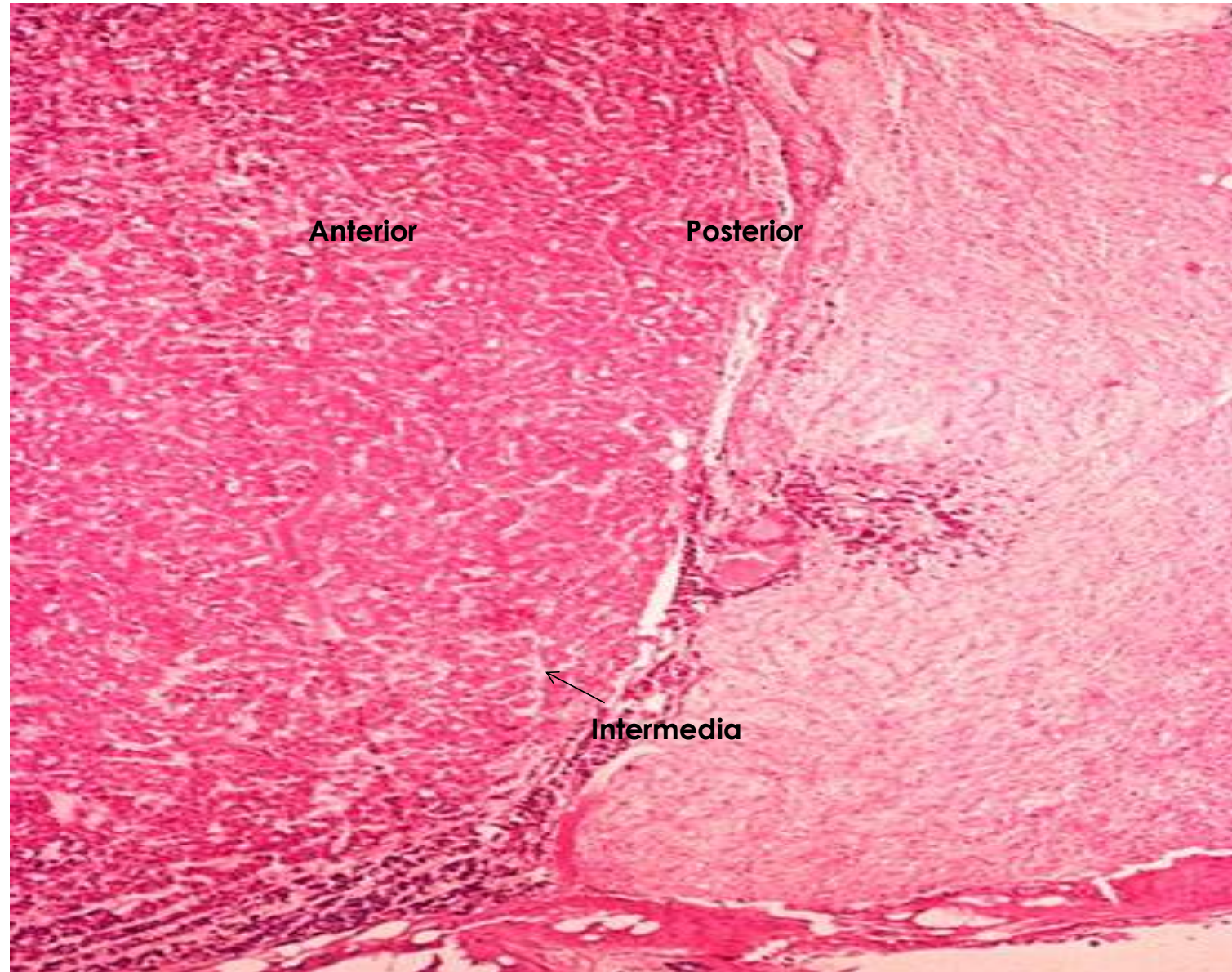
Anterior pituitary

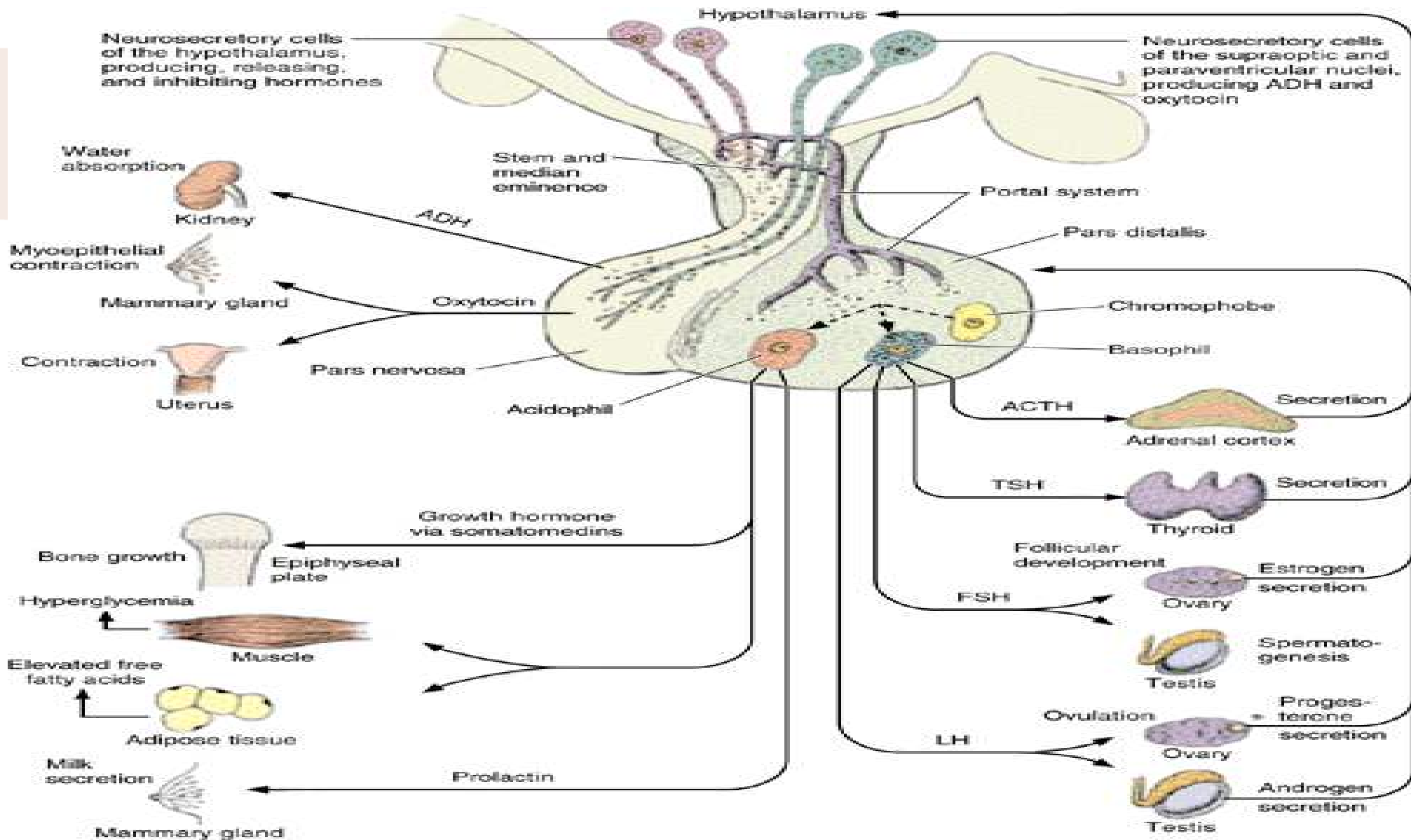


Anterior pituitary: acidophils, basophils, chromophobes

***Pars intermedia,
between anterior
and posterior
pituitary***

***(Poorly developed and
of doubtful function in
humans)***





Posterior Pituitary (Neurohypophysis)

- Composed of neural tissue (mostly axons).
- Subdivisions
 - Pars nervosa (biggest and most important part)
 - Median eminence (floor of the hypothalamus)
 - Infundibulum and infundibular stalk (axons traveling from hypothalamus to pars nervosa)

Hormones of the Posterior Pituitary

- Posterior pituitary doesn't make hormones! It secretes hormones made by the hypothalamus.
- Herring bodies are dilated portions of axons containing with hormone-filled vesicles.
- Hormones:
 - Antidiuretic hormone (ADH)
 - Oxytocin

POSTERIOR PITUITARY

- **OXYTOCIN (contracts uterine smooth muscle)**
- **VASOPRESSIN (ADH)**
 - **vasoconstriction,**
 - **gluconeogenesis,**
 - **platelet aggregation,**
 - **release of Factor-VIII and vWb factor,**
 - **concentrates urine, main effects on kidney and brain)**
- The posterior pituitary does not make these hormones, it just releases them.
- The hypothalamus actually makes the hormones and transfers it down the stalk to the neurohypophysis.

B.AHS* of Posterior Pituitary Hormones

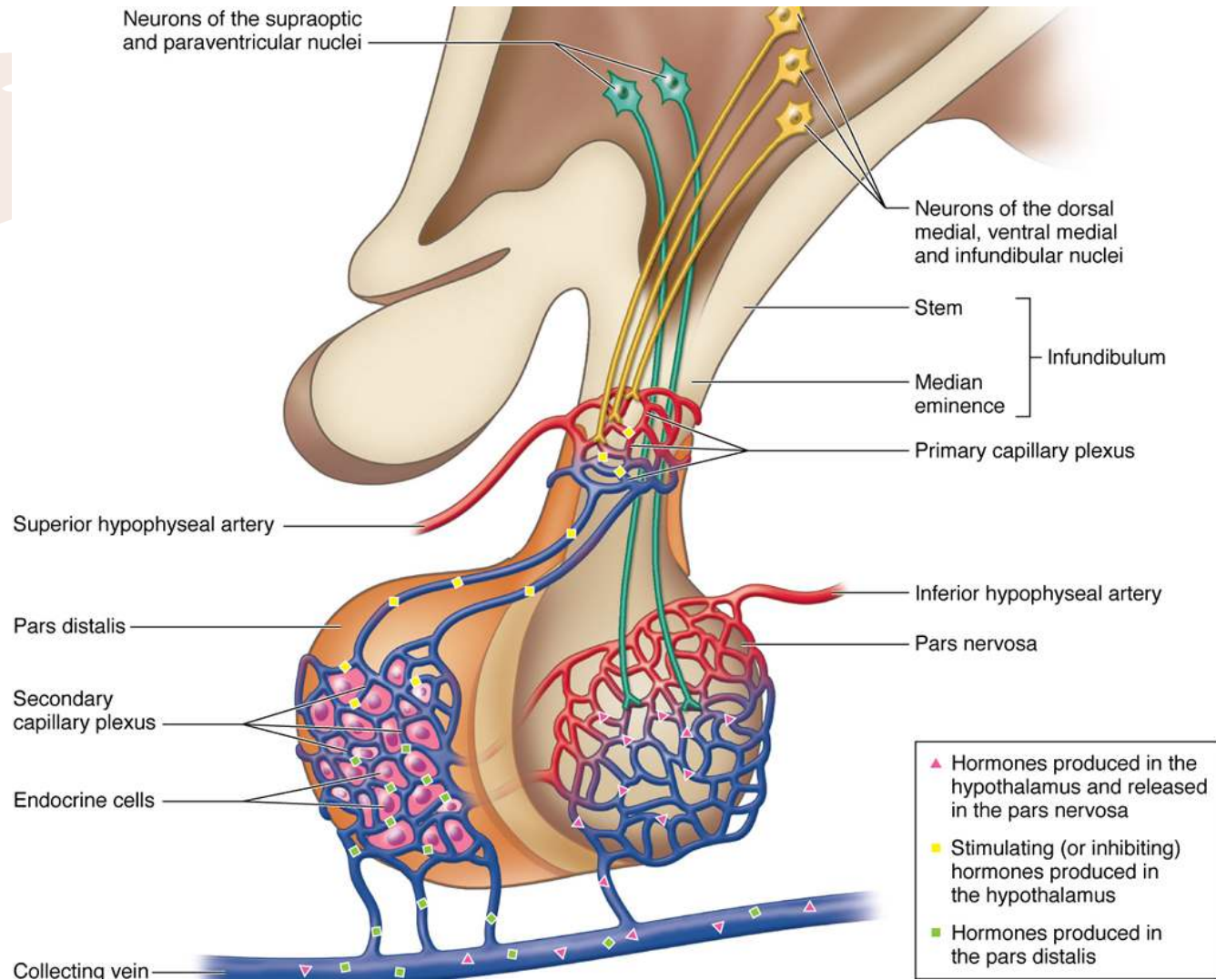
Hormone	Stimulates
Antidiuretic hormone	Water reabsorption in the kidney
Oxytocin	Contraction of uterine smooth muscle in labor. Contraction of breast cells to allow milk let down.

*** Boring as heck summary**

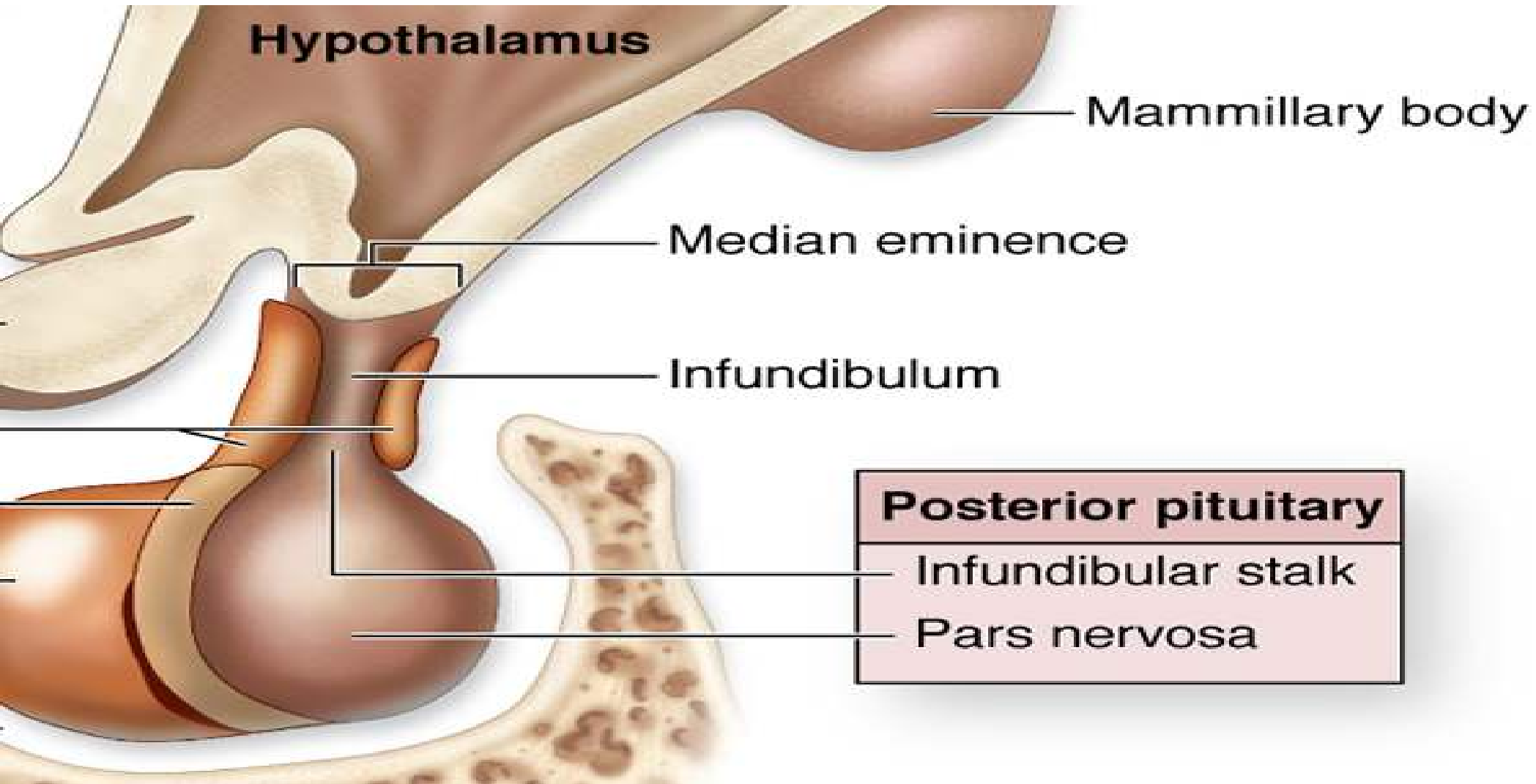
VIS* of Oxytocin

Situation	Stimulates
Interpersonal connection	Trust
Orgasm	Pleasure AND connection with that particular person
Intimate relationship	Monogamy
Sports teams	Better performance

*** Very interesting summary**

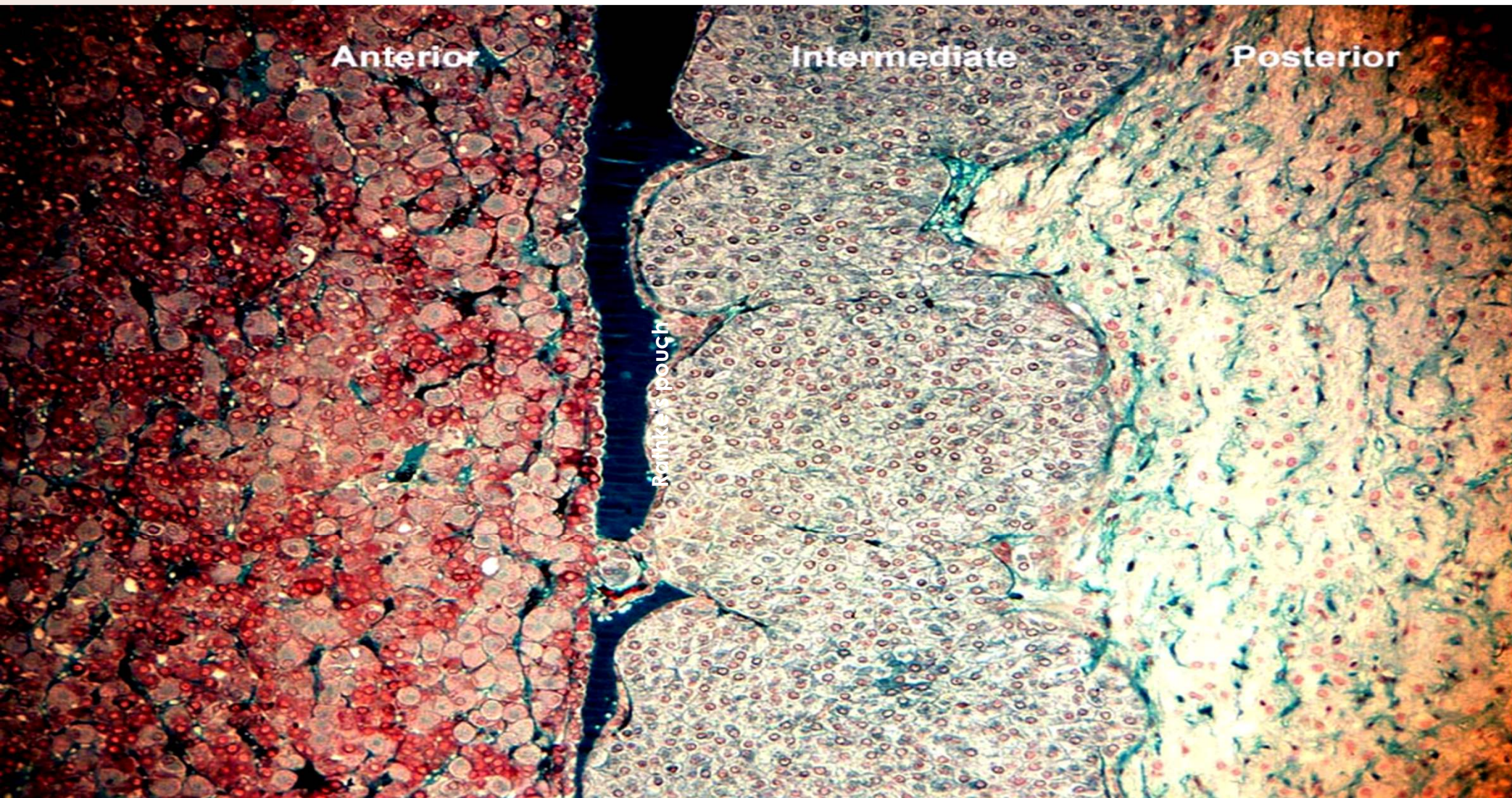


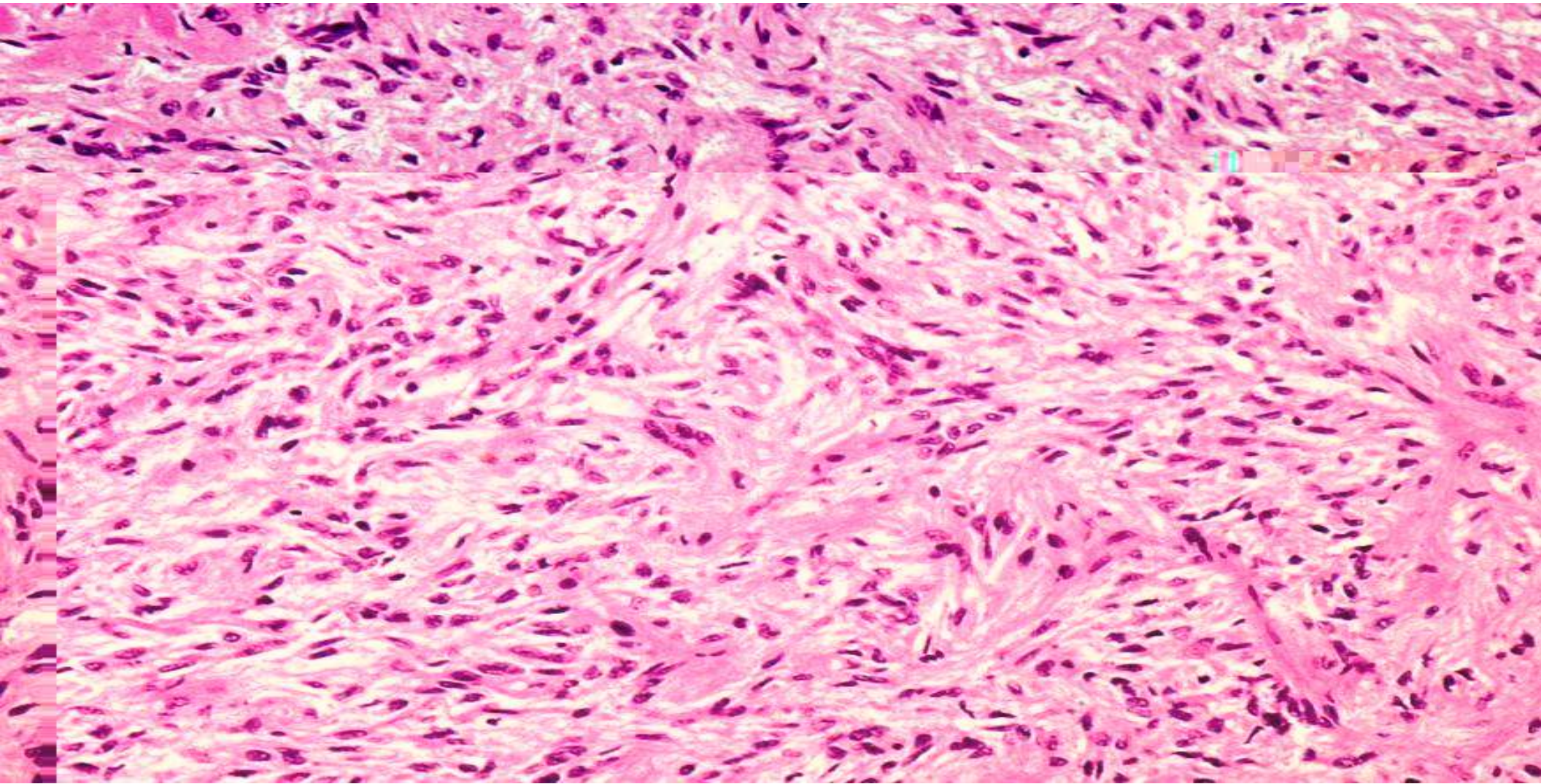
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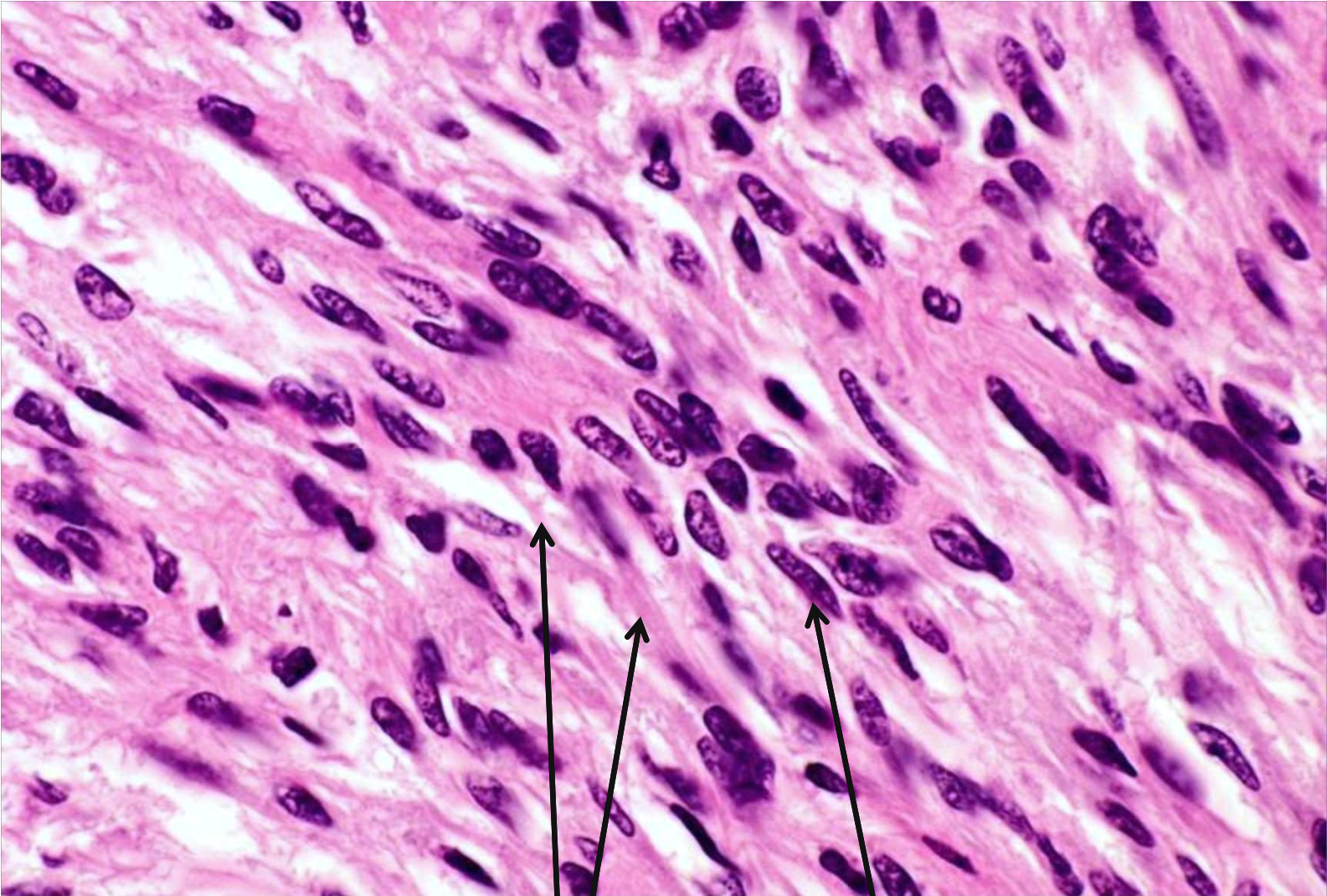
Posterior pituitary

Pars intermedia (rat pituitary)

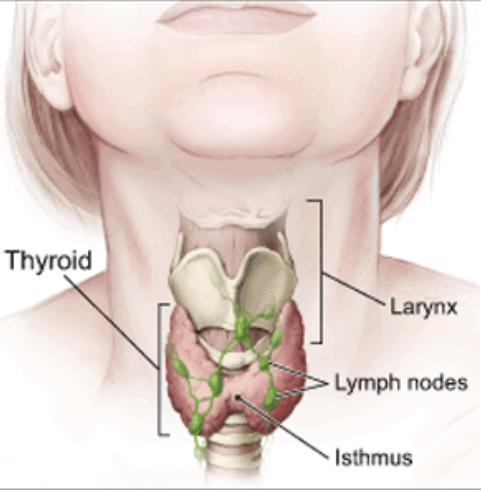




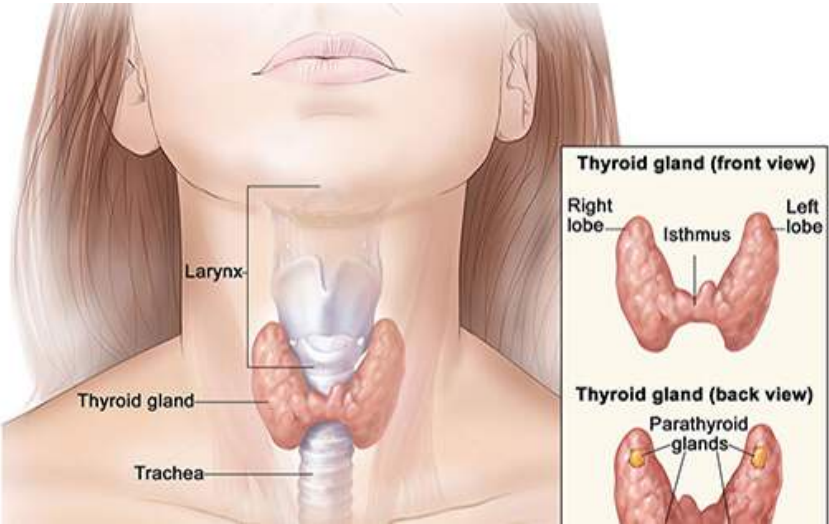
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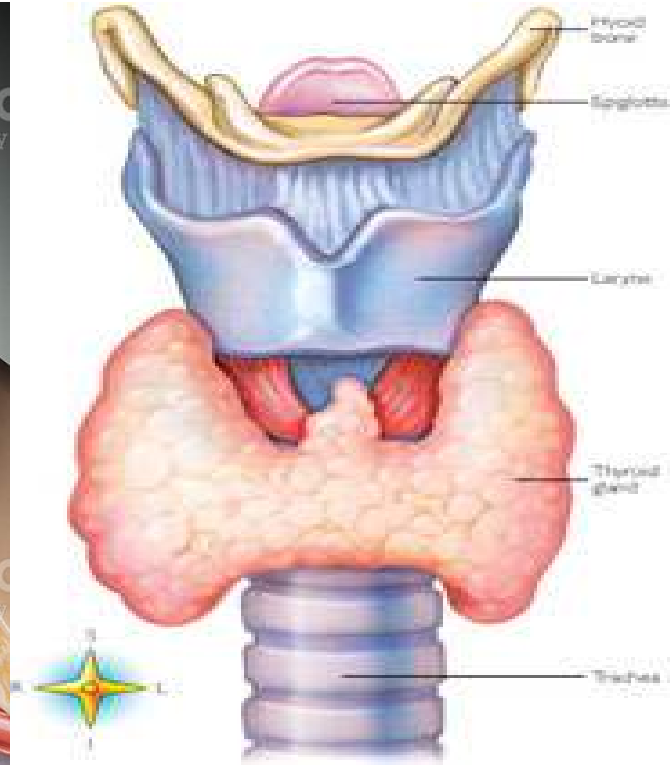
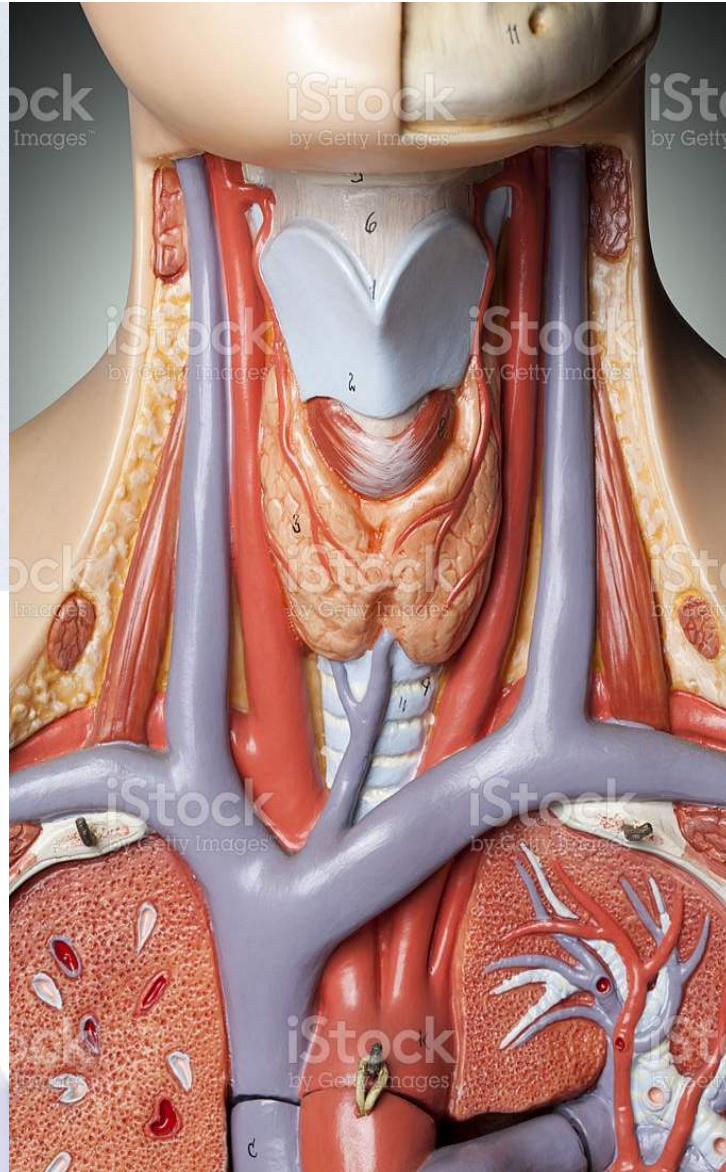
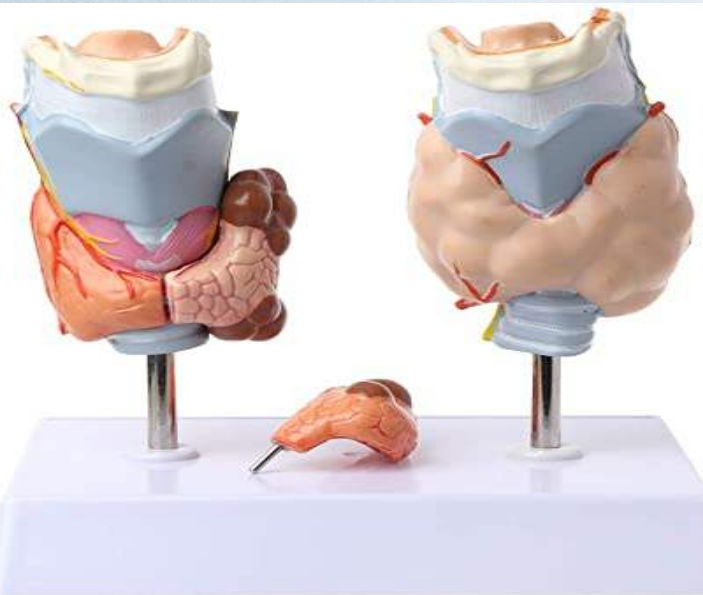


Posterior pituitary: axons and pituicytes (glial cells)



Thyroid gland





Thyroid

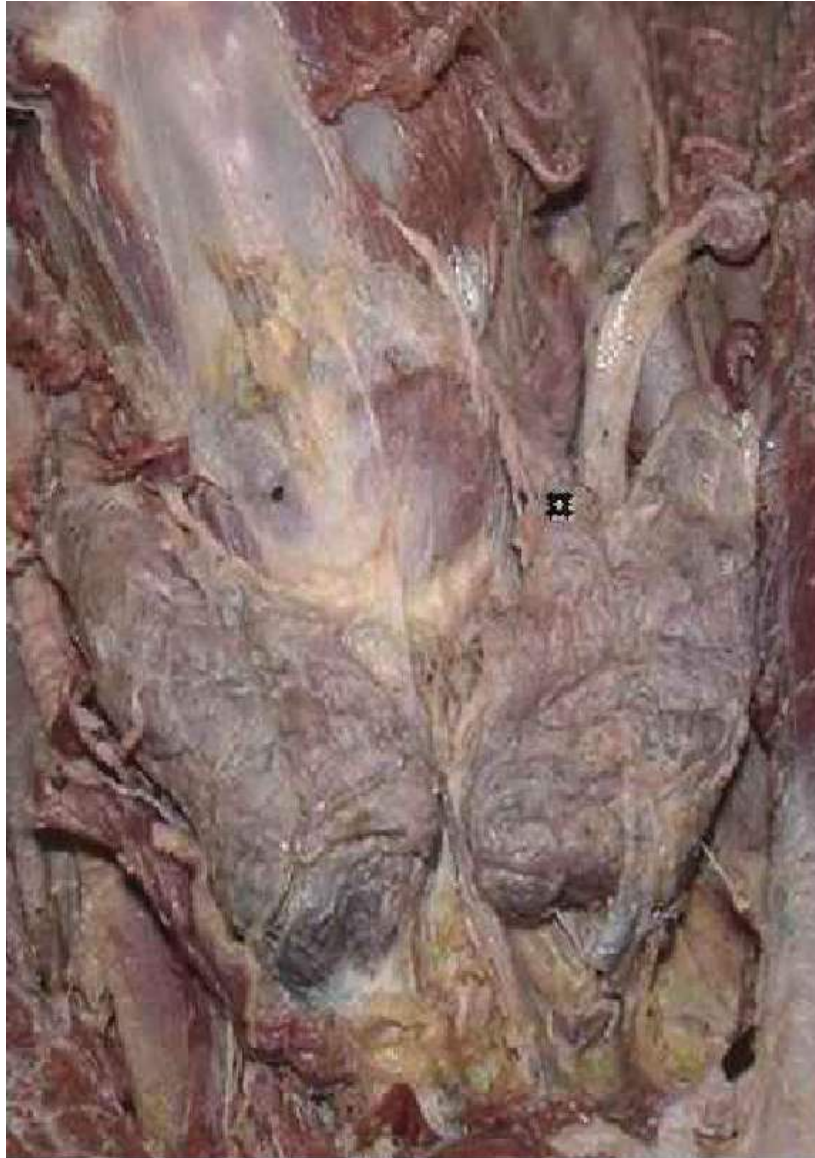
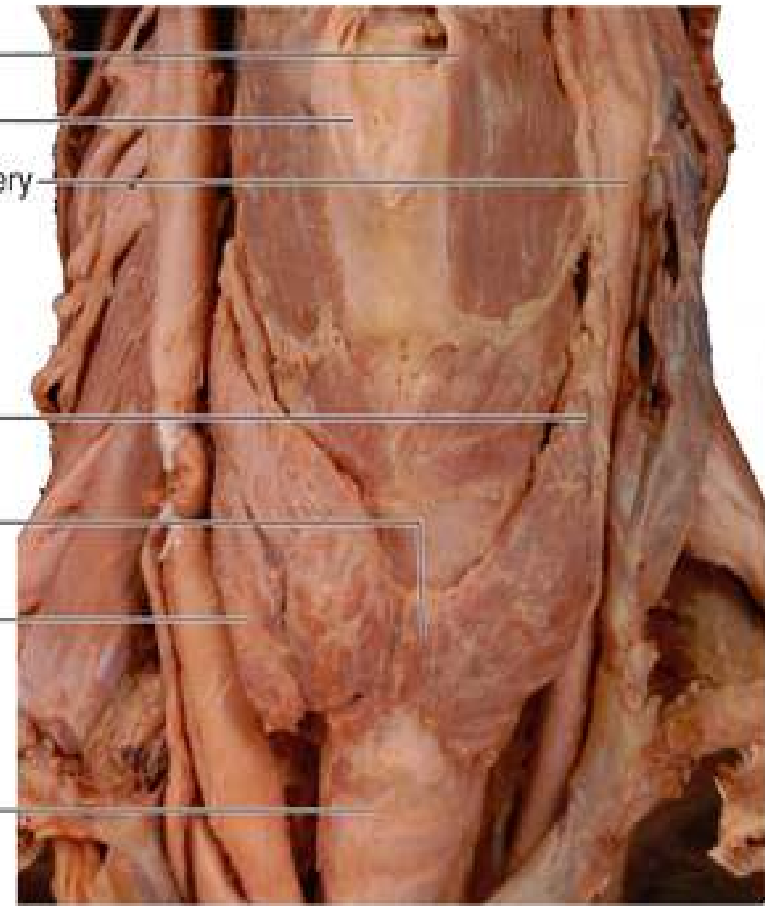
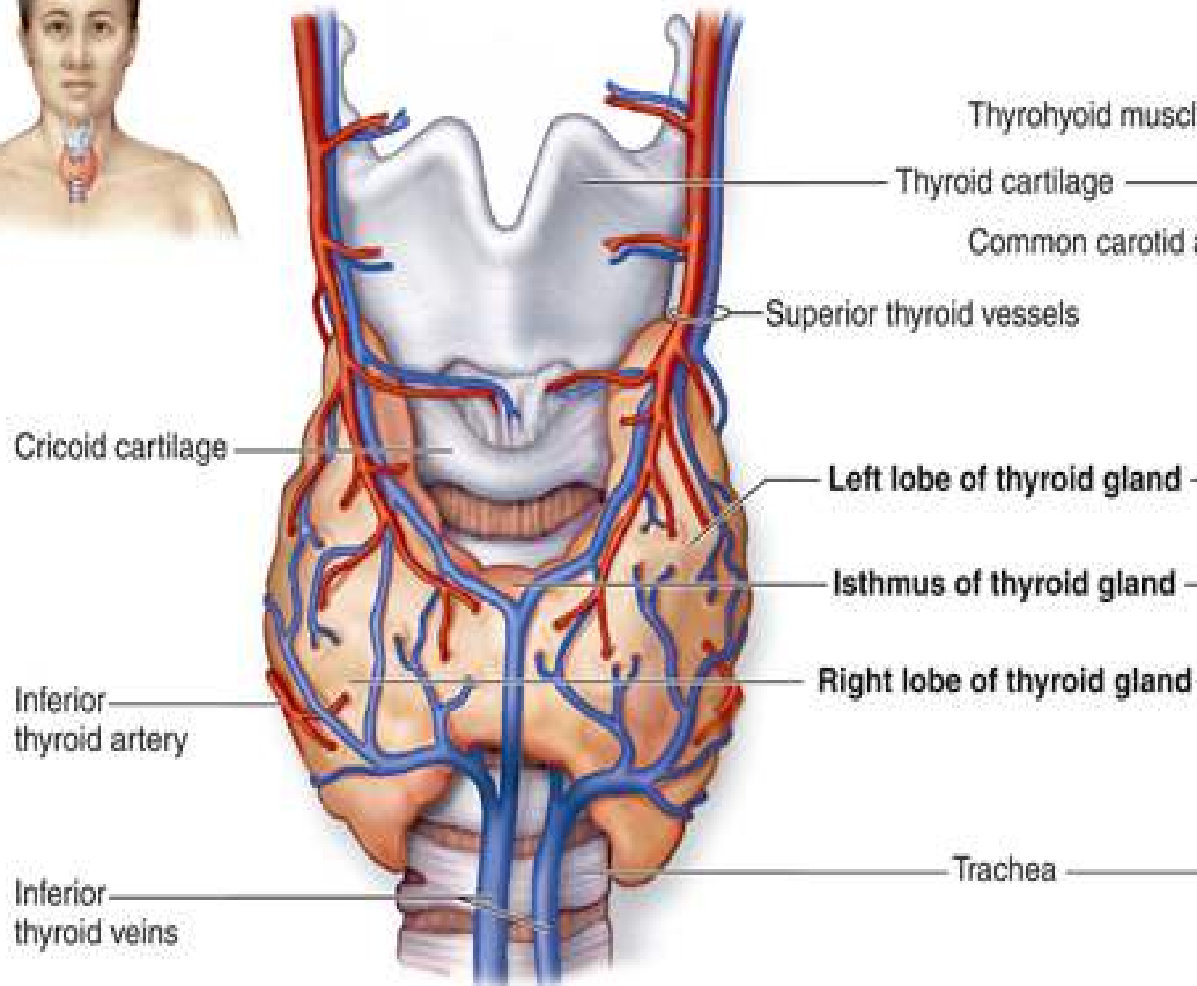
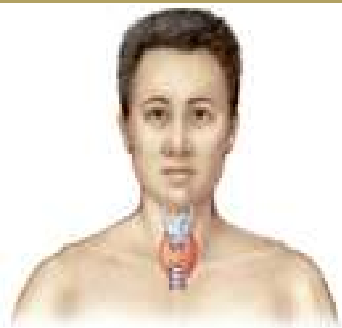


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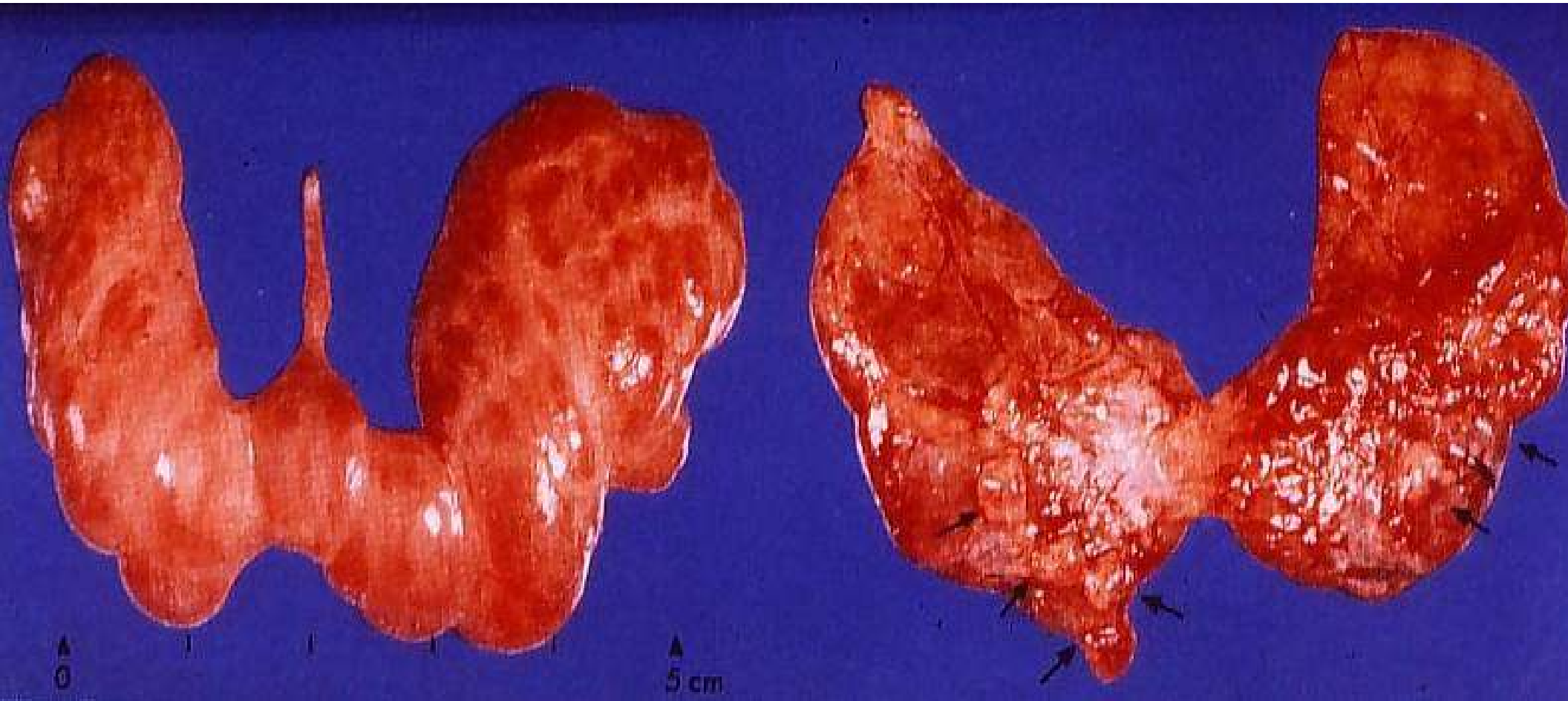
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Thyroid

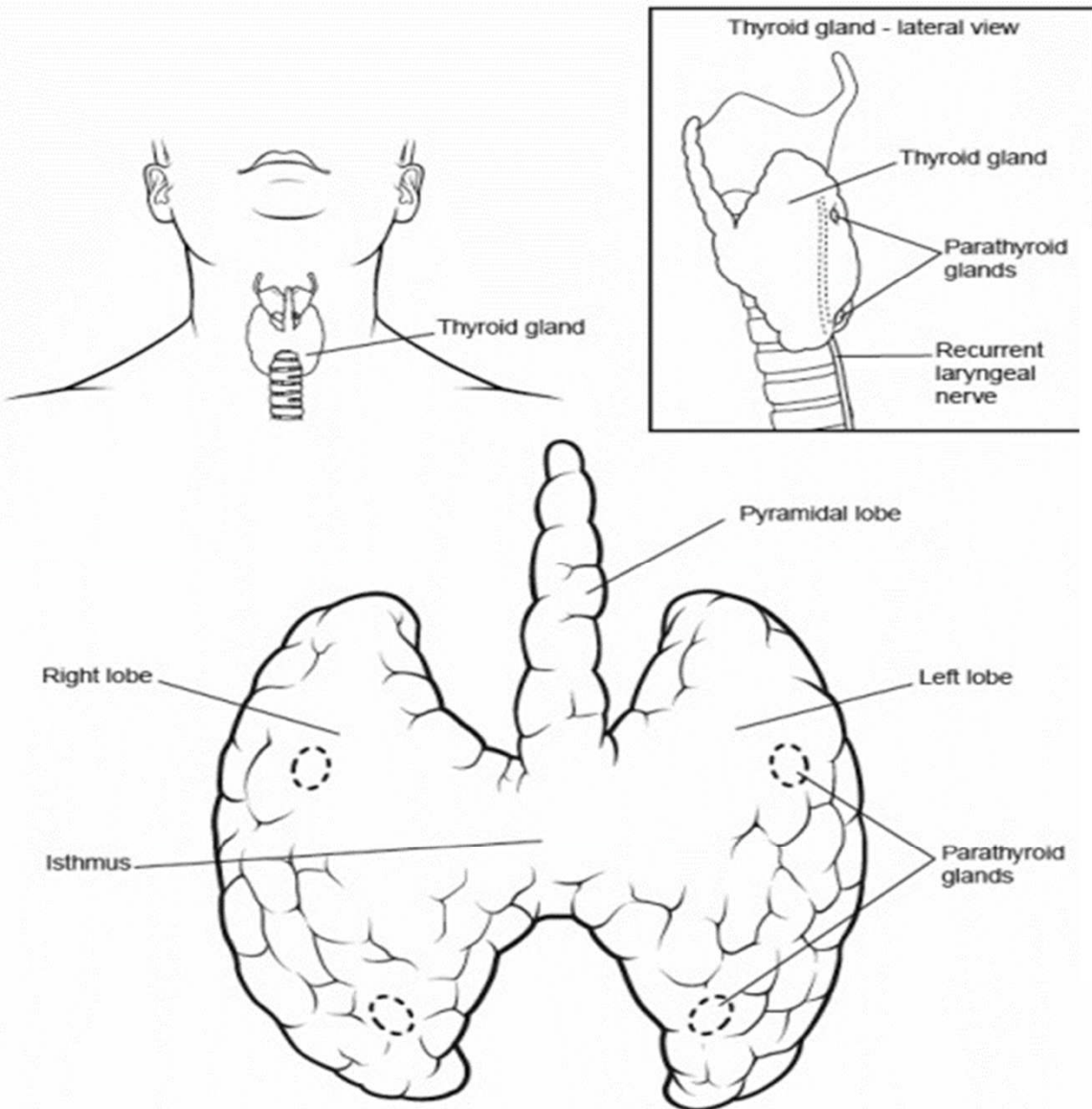


(a)

Thyroid Gland, Anterior and Posterior Views



Thyroid Gland: anterior view (left); and posterior view (right)



Thyroid Gland

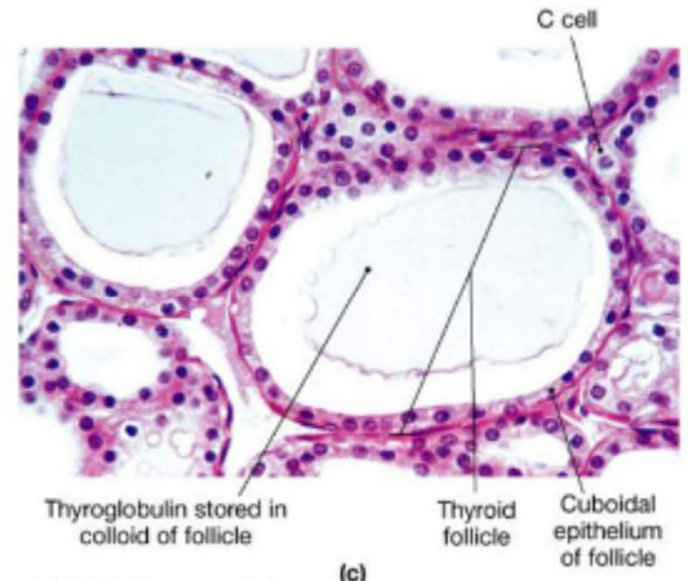
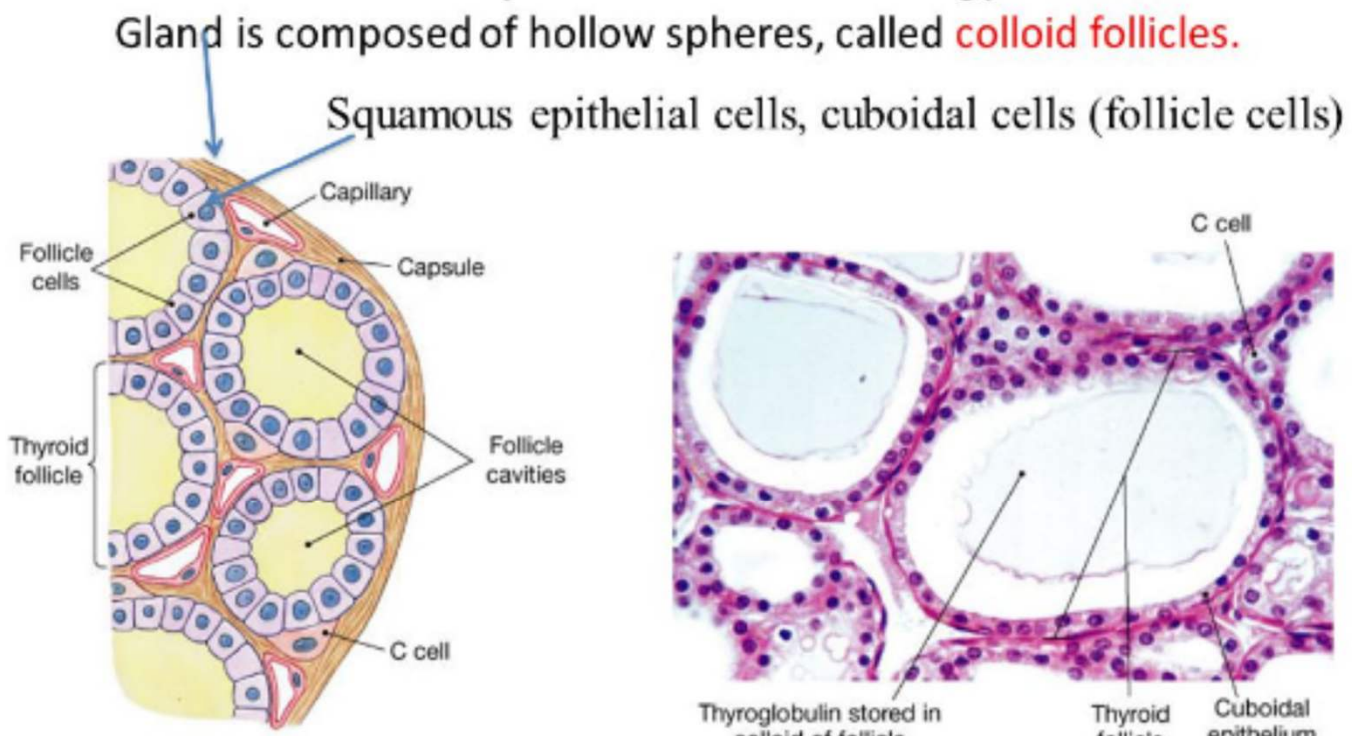
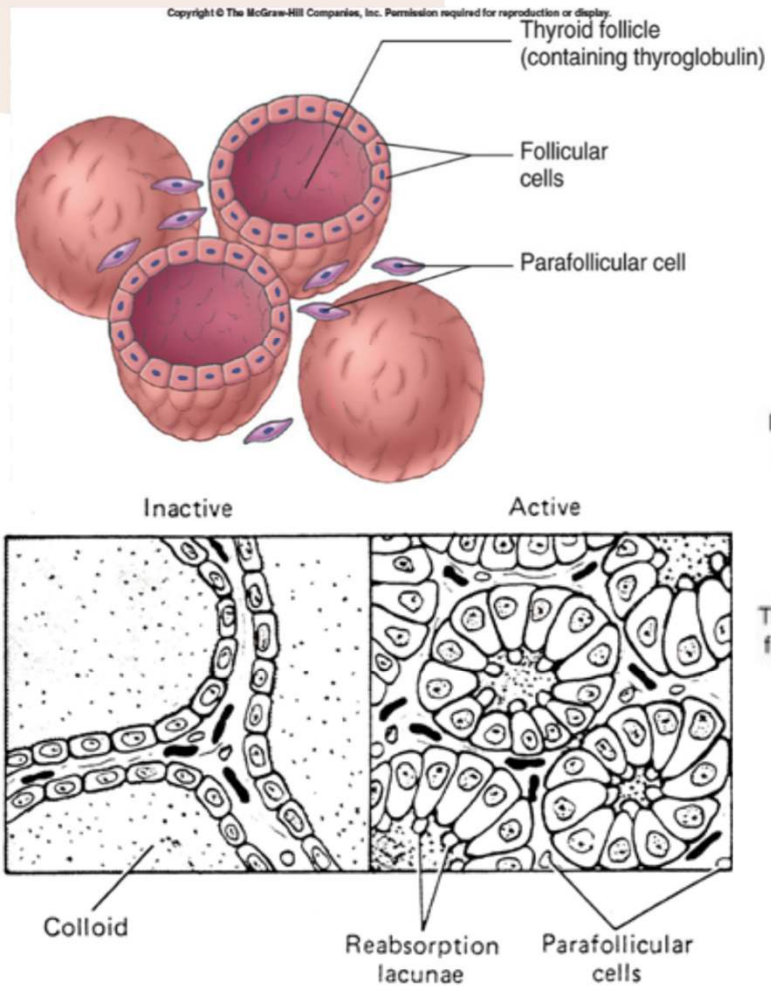
- Section of Thyroid Gland shows follicles lumen of which is filled with colloid material.
- The lining cells of follicles are simple cuboidal type.
- The connective tissue in between the follicles show few faintly eosinophilic cells C cells.
- The C cells secrete thyrocalcitonin.

Thyroid Gland

The thyroid is made of multiple acini (follicles). Each spherical follicle is surrounded by a single layer of cells and filled with pink-staining proteinaceous material called colloid.

When the gland is inactive, the colloid is abundant, the follicles are large, and the cells lining them are flat.

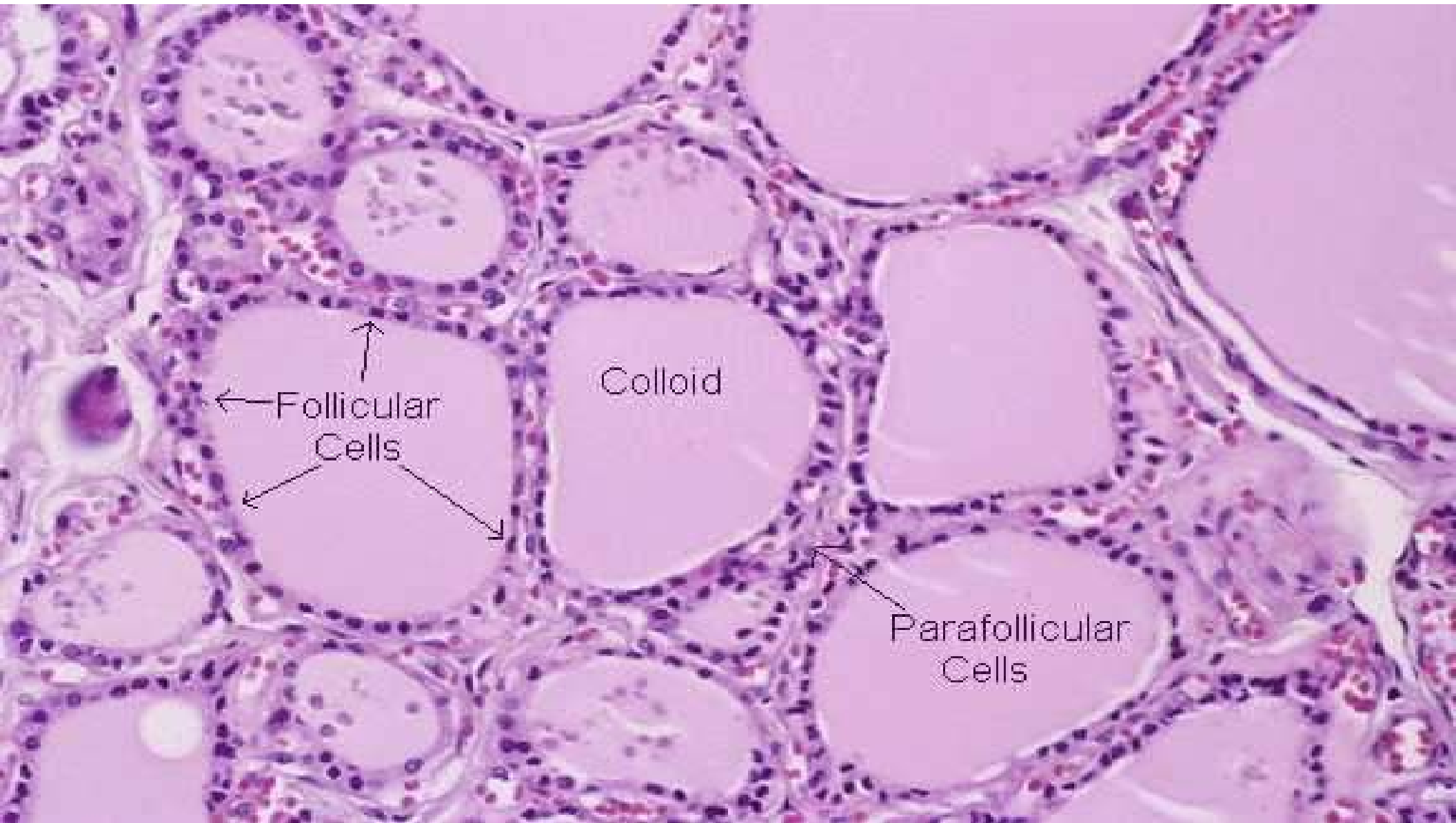
When the gland is active, the follicles are small; the cells are cuboidal or columnar

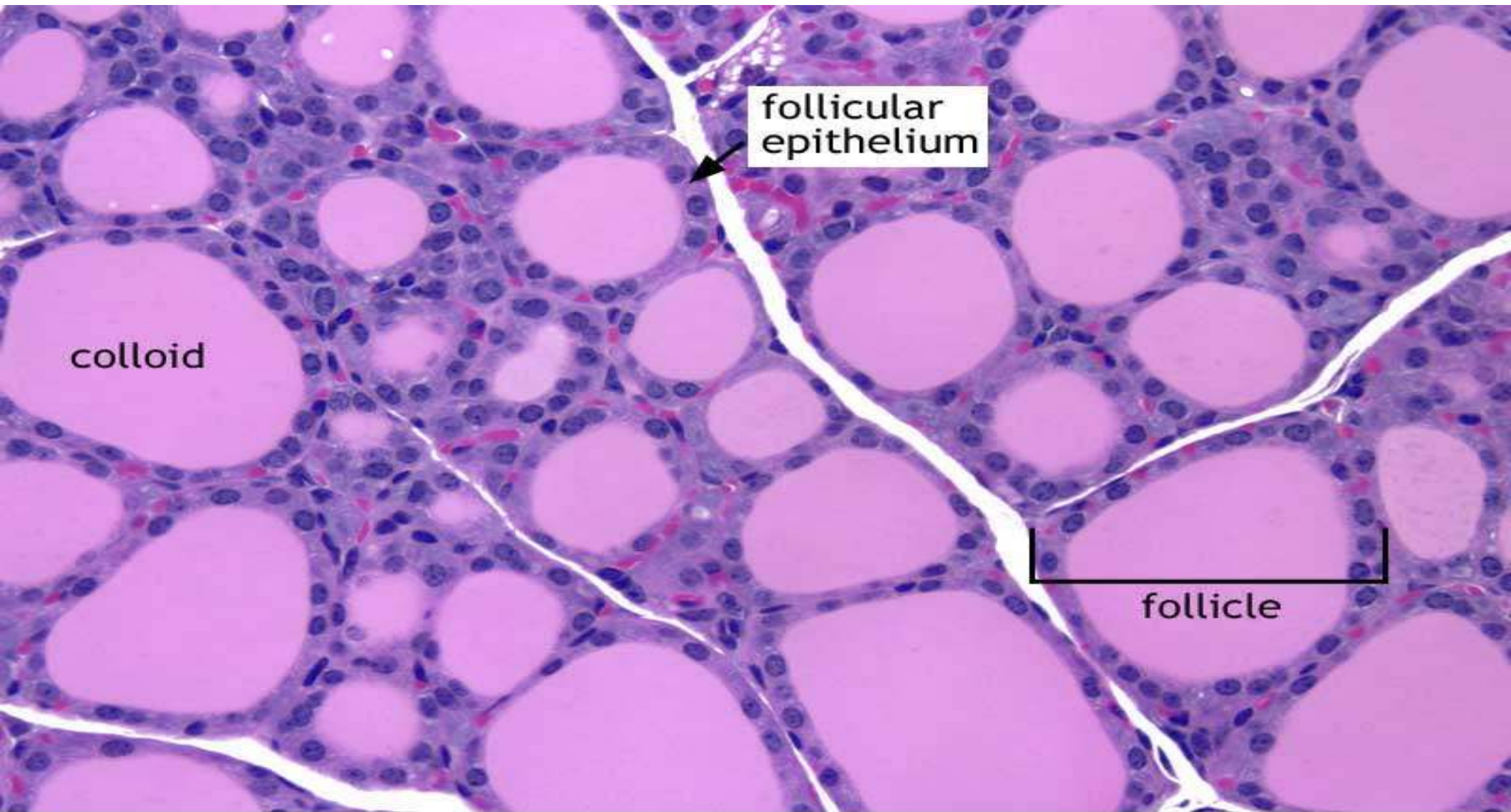


Colloid fills the follicle cavities

Thyroid Gland

- Composed of round follicles lined by simple squamous to cuboidal epithelium and filled with colloid.
- Follicular cells synthesize thyroid hormones (T3 and T4) and secrete them into the blood.
- Hypothalamus releases TRH (thyrotropin releasing hormone), which makes pituitary release TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone), which makes thyroid release thyroid hormone.
- Follicular cells synthesize thyroglobulin (a protein backbone) and secrete it into the colloid.
- Follicular cells take up iodide from the blood and attach it to tyrosine residues on thyroglobulin, forming T3 and T4 (thyroid hormones), which stay attached to thyroglobulin until needed.
- When stimulated by TSH, follicular cells eat a bit of colloid, digest it in a vesicle, cleave off the T3 and T4 and release it into the blood.

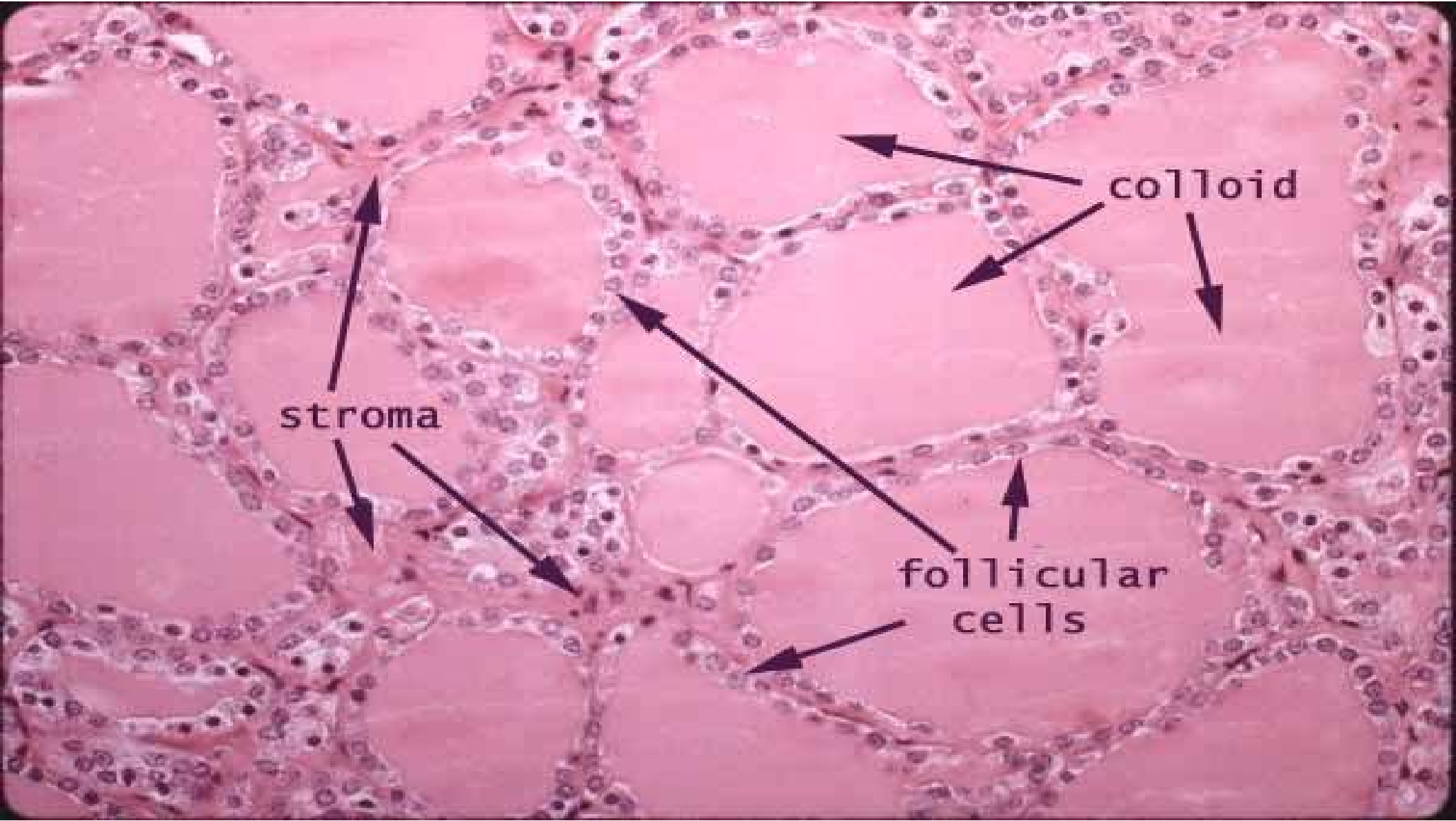




colloid

follicular
epithelium

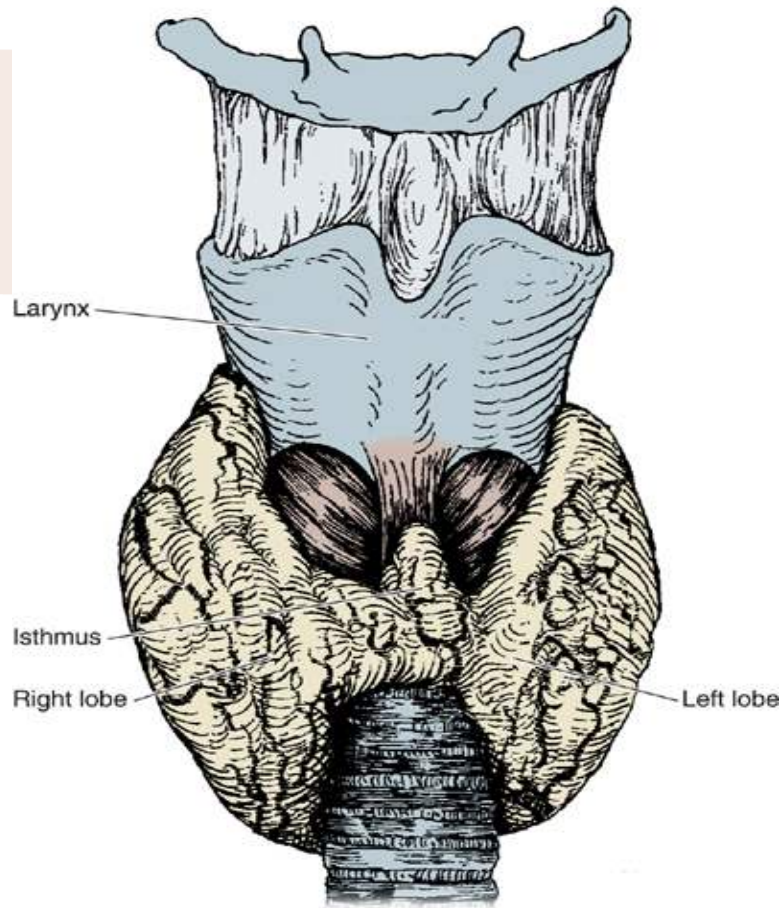
follicle



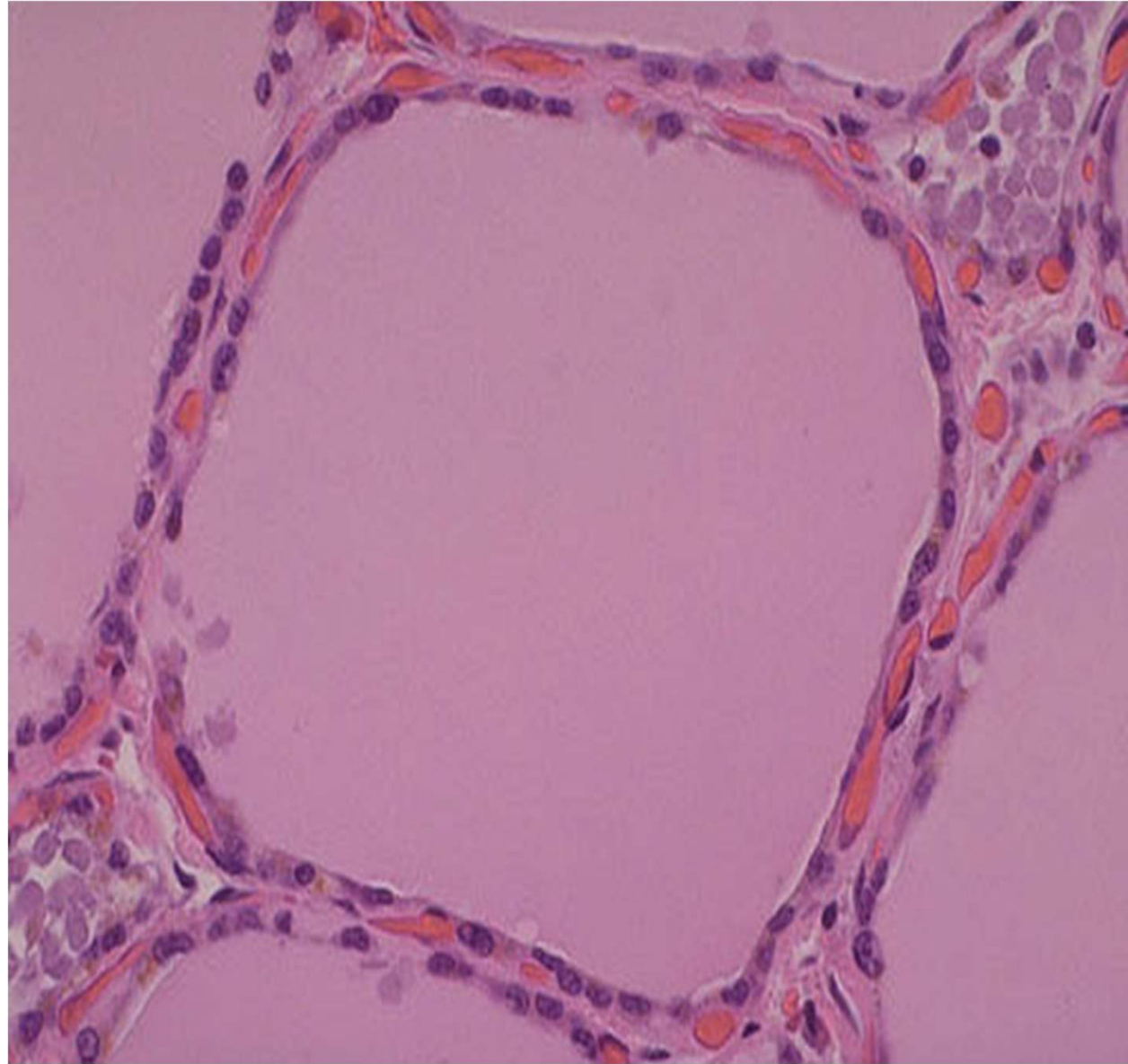
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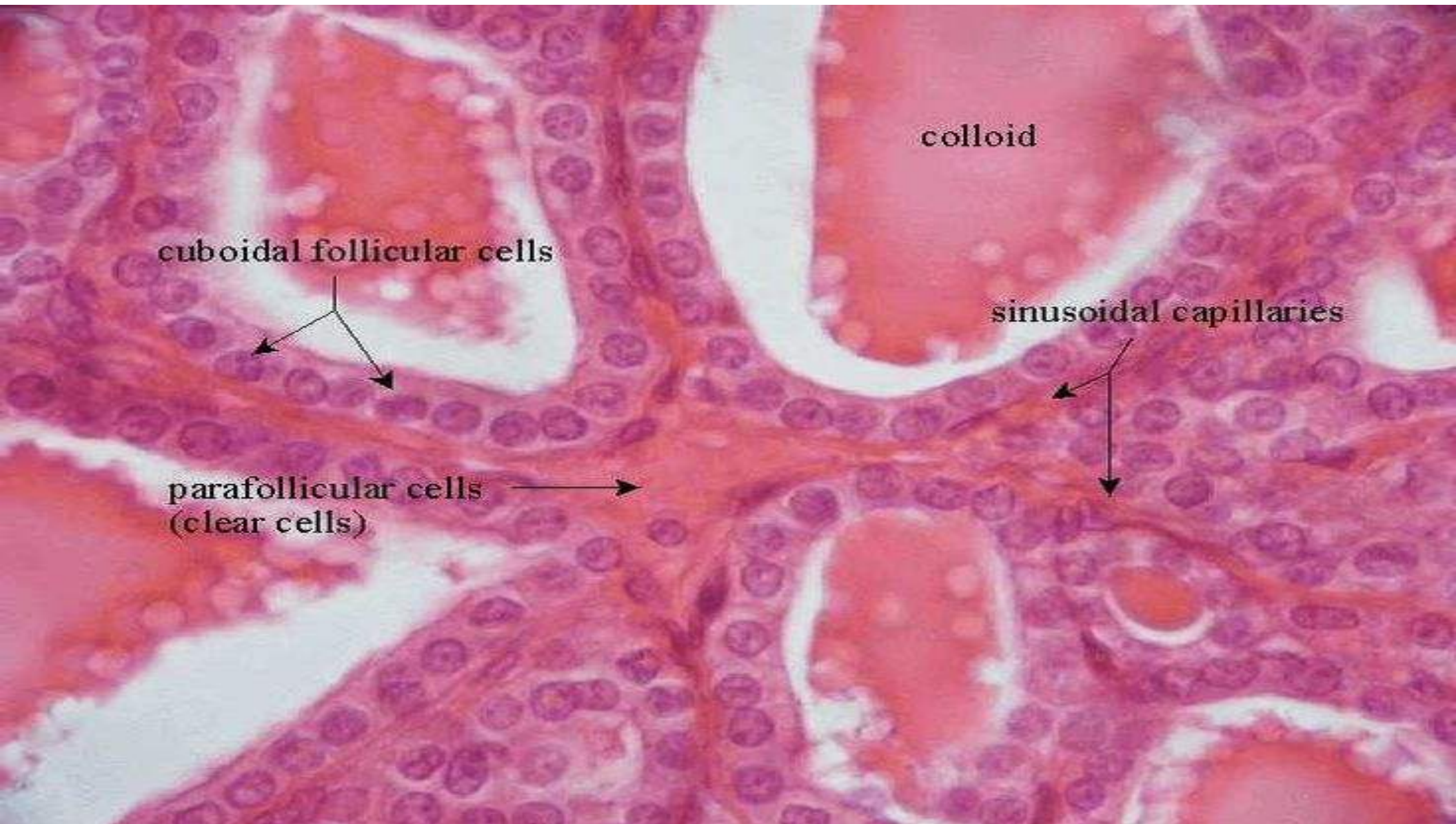
colloid

follicular
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Thyroid gland gross anatomy



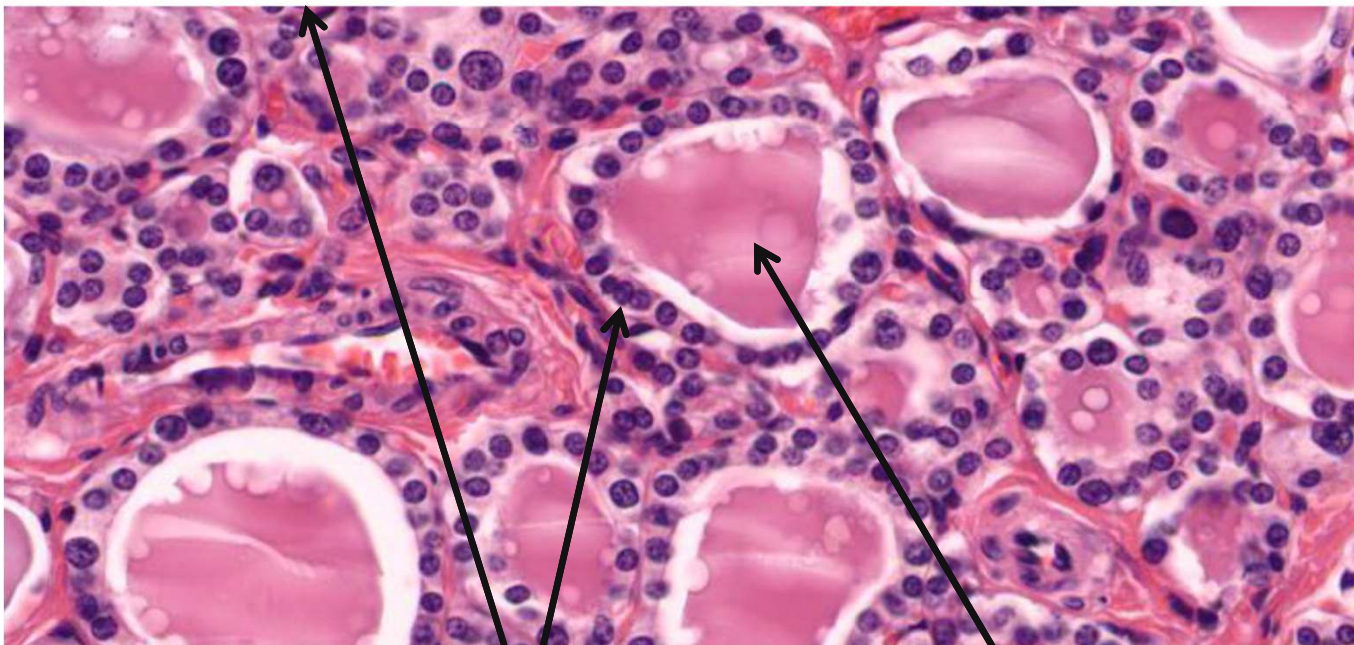
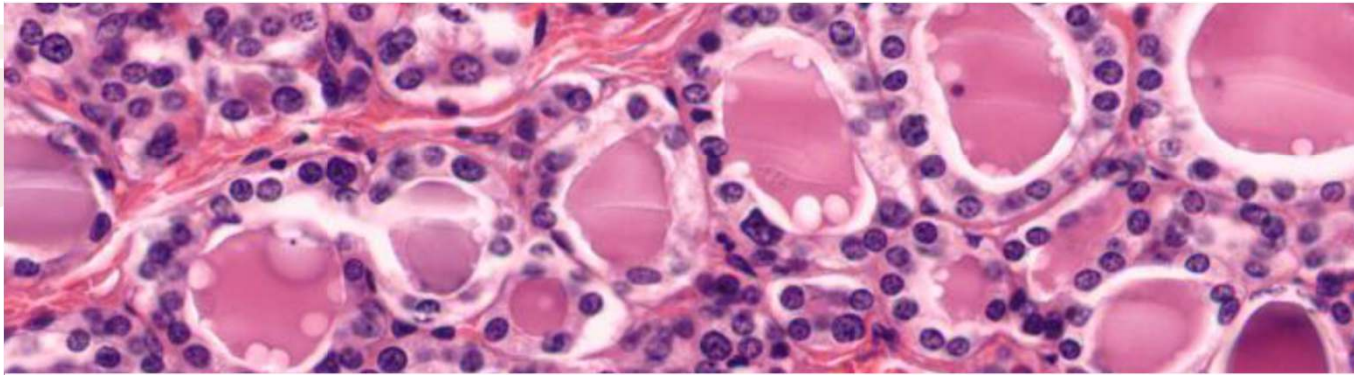


colloid

cuboidal follicular cells

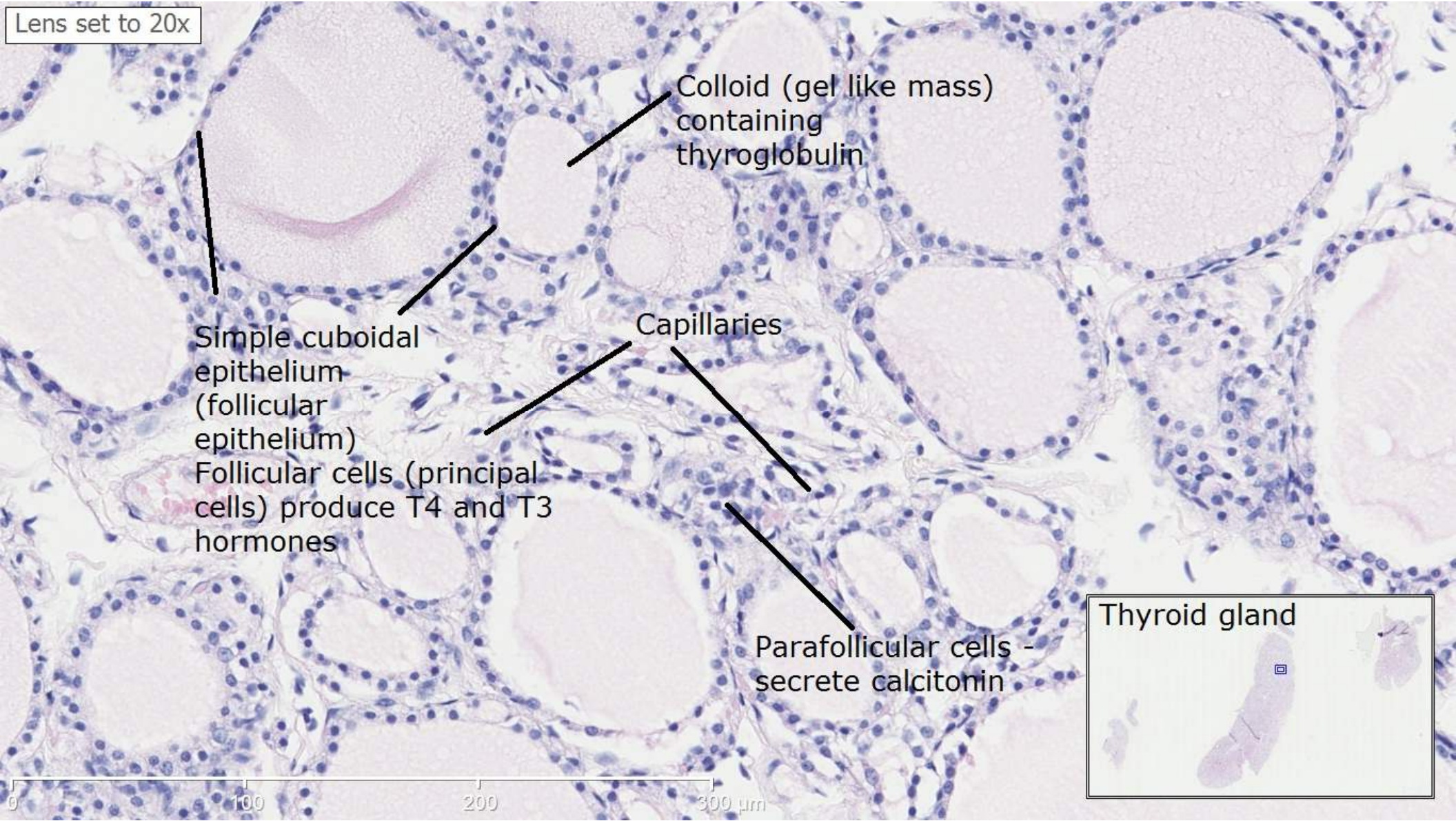
sinusoidal capillaries

parafollicular cells
(clear cells)



Thyroid follicles containing colloid

Lens set to 20x



Colloid (gel like mass) containing thyroglobulin

Simple cuboidal epithelium (follicular epithelium)
Follicular cells (principal cells) produce T4 and T3 hormones

Capillaries

Parafollicular cells - secrete calcitonin



Thyroid gland

Parathyroid glands gross anatomy

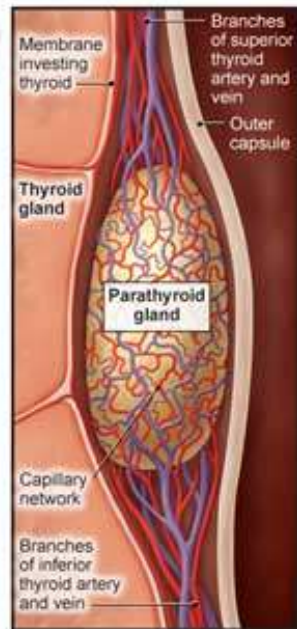
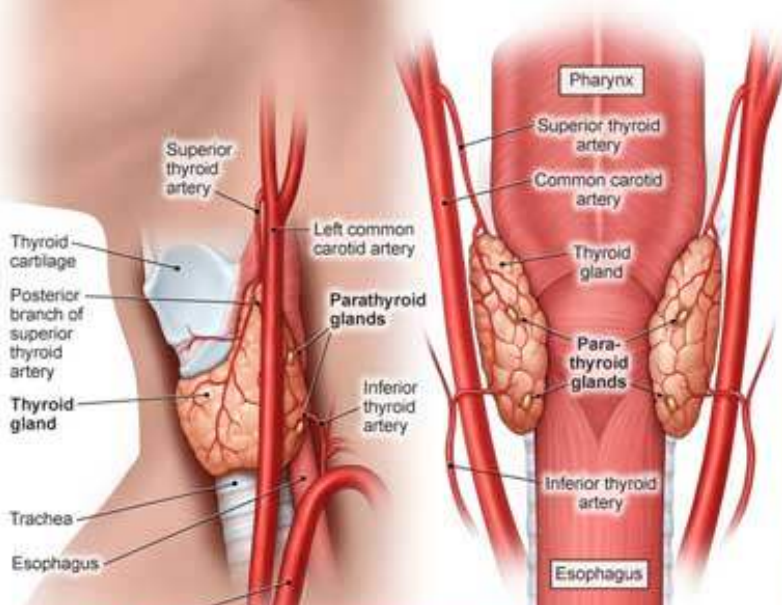
Parathyroid

The Parathyroid Glands

Sagittal View

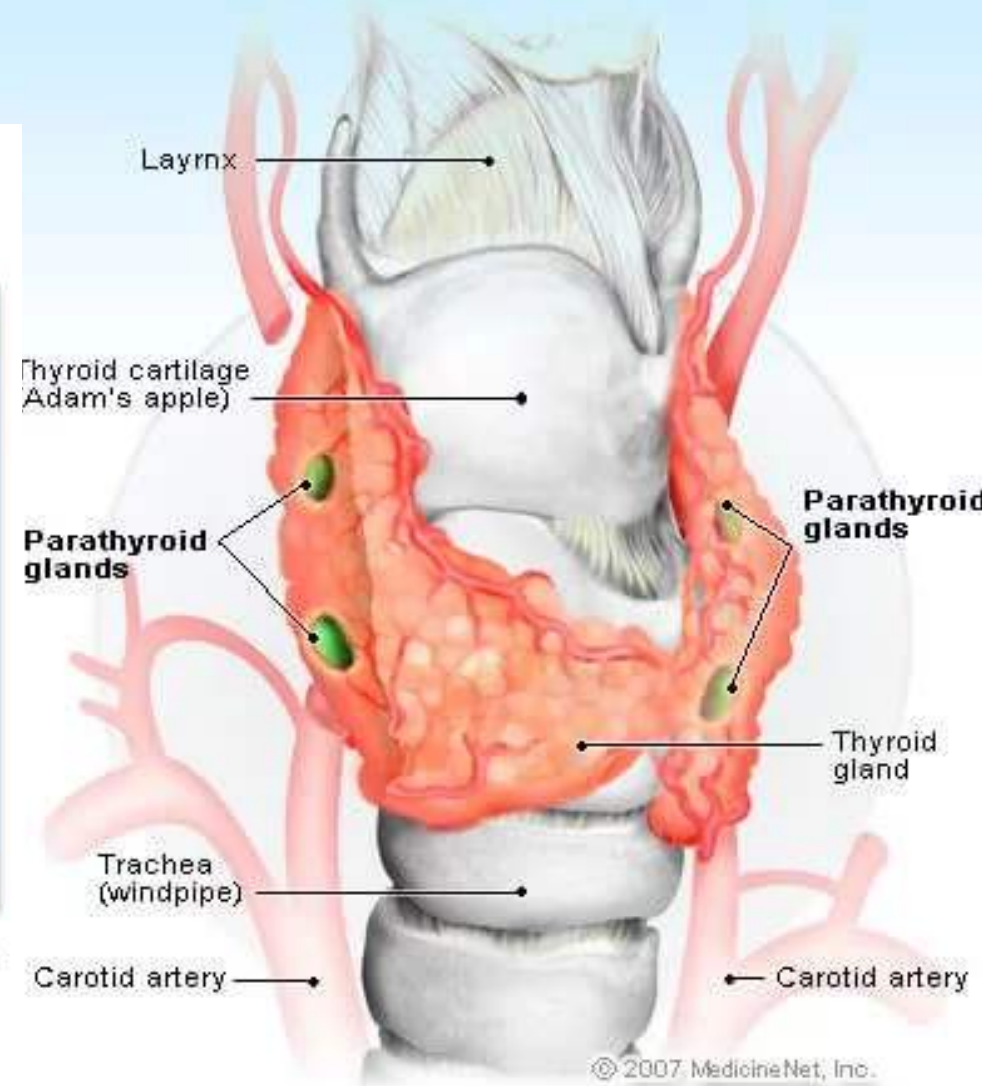
Posterior View

Parathyroid Within Capillary Network



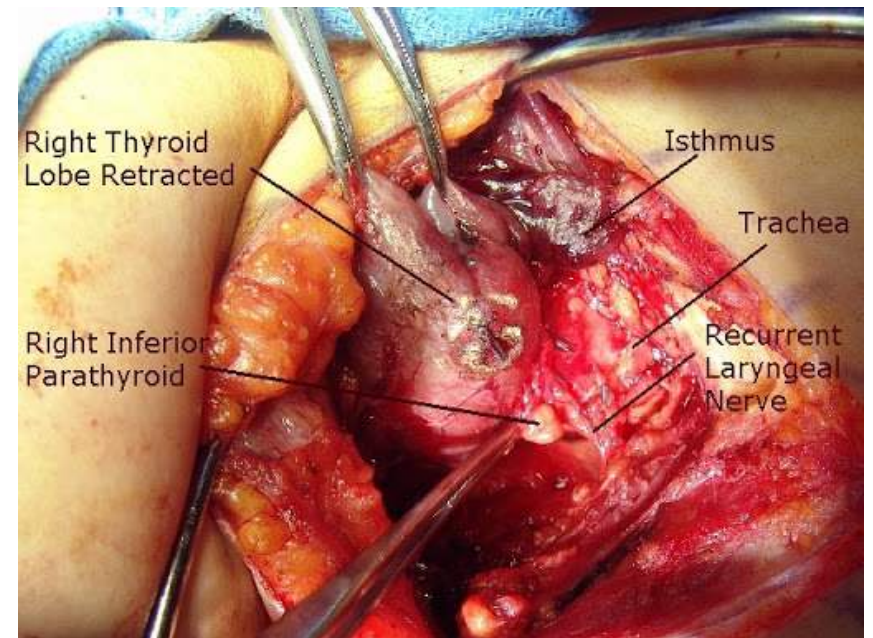
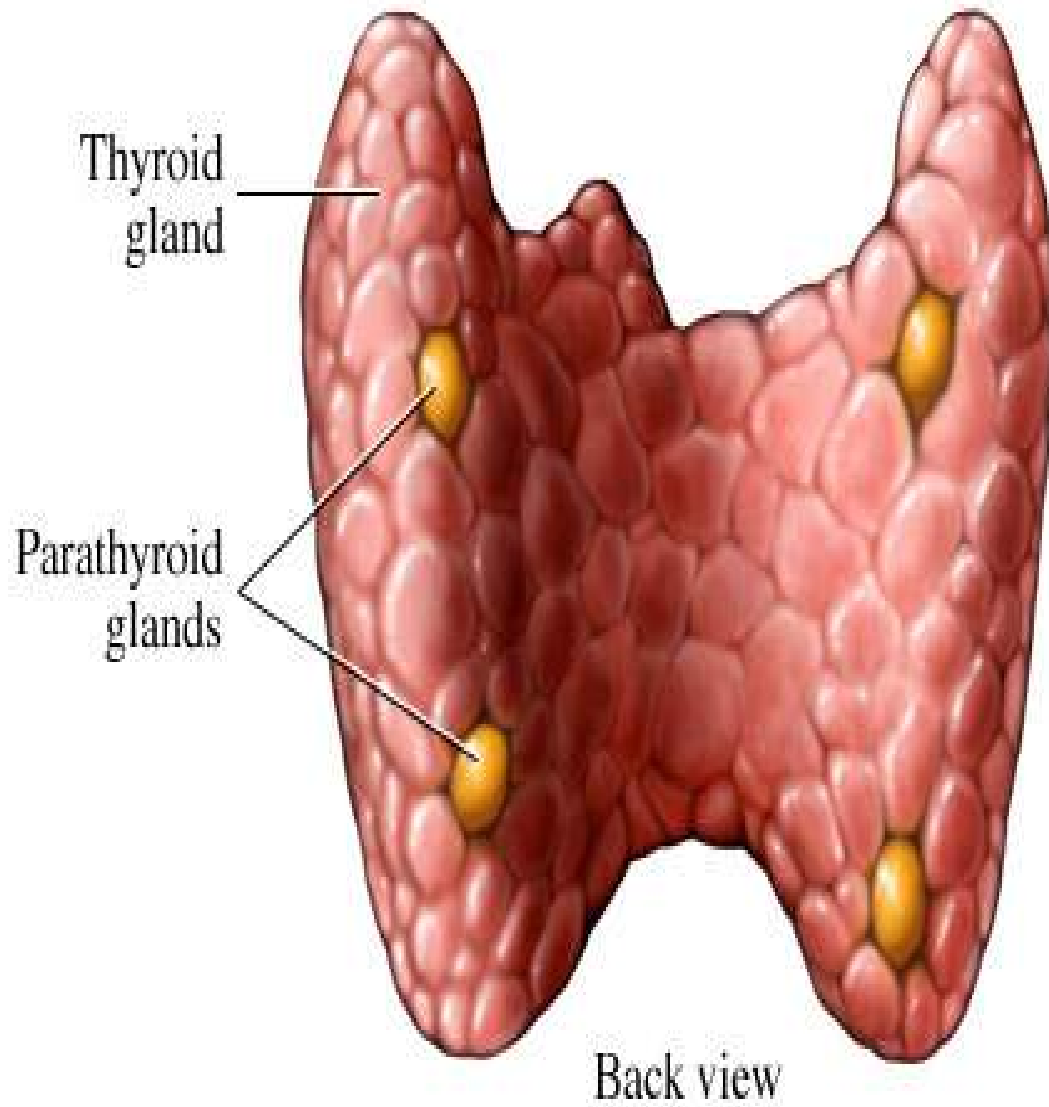
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Parathyroid Glands



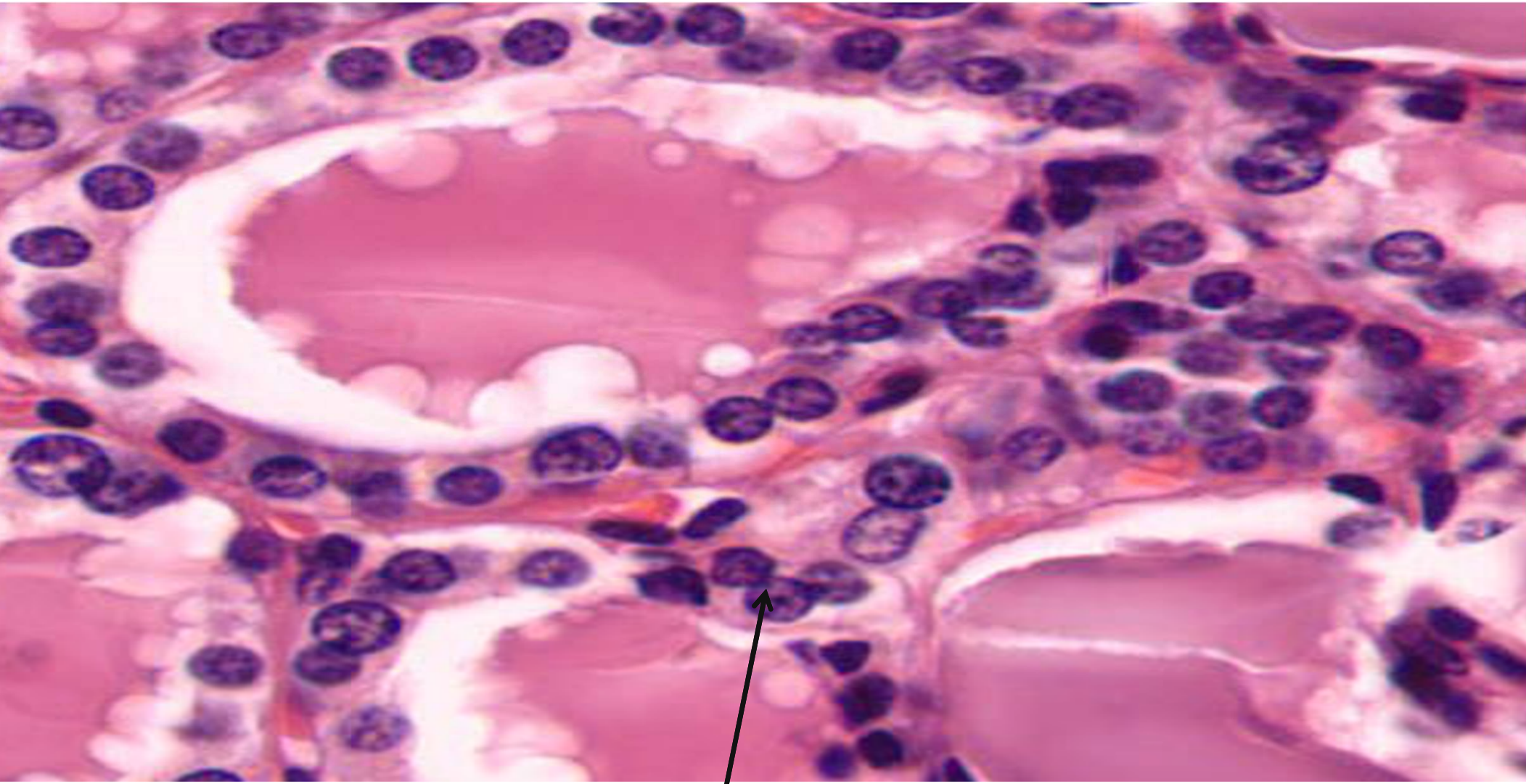
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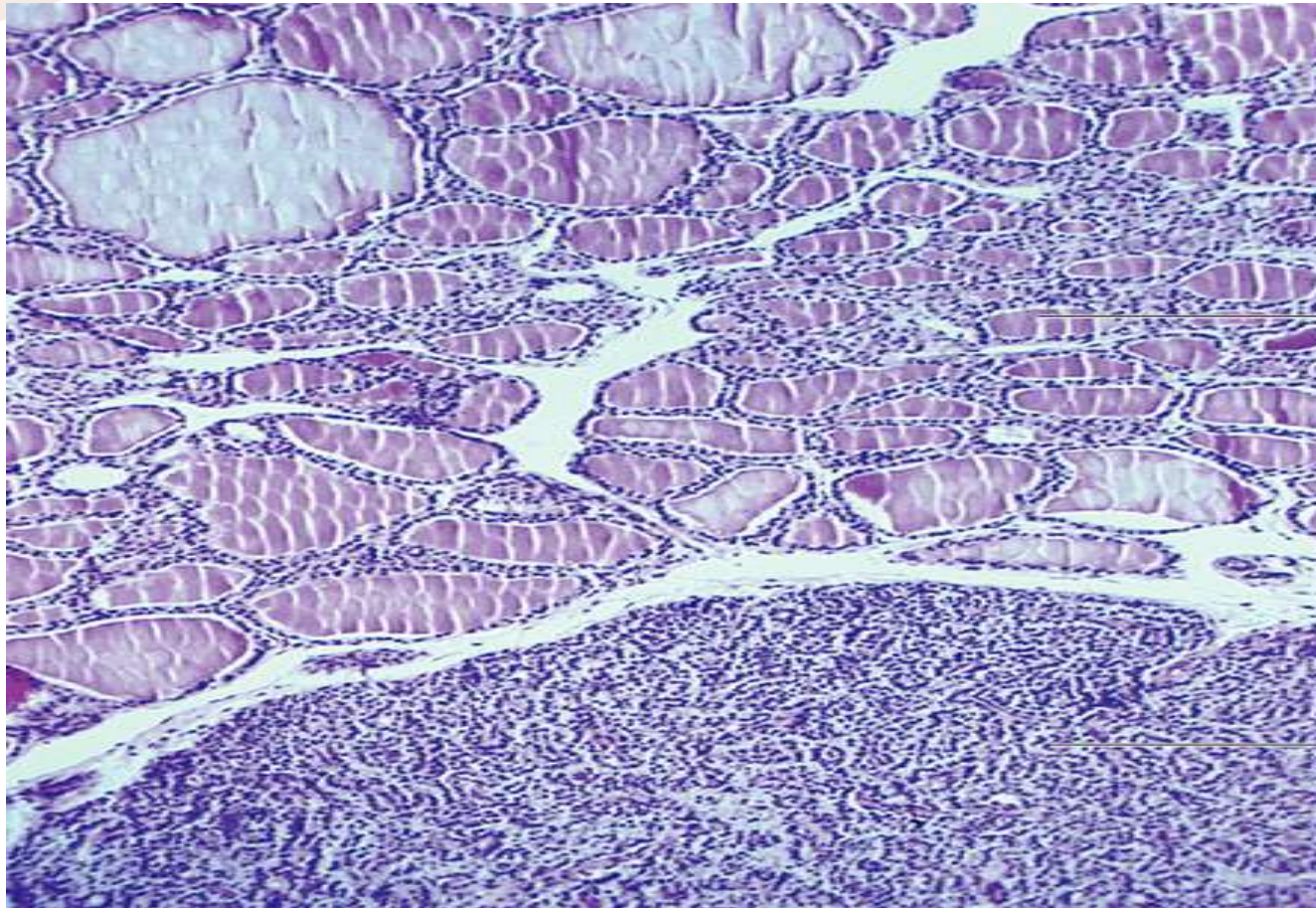


Parafollicular Cells (C Cells)



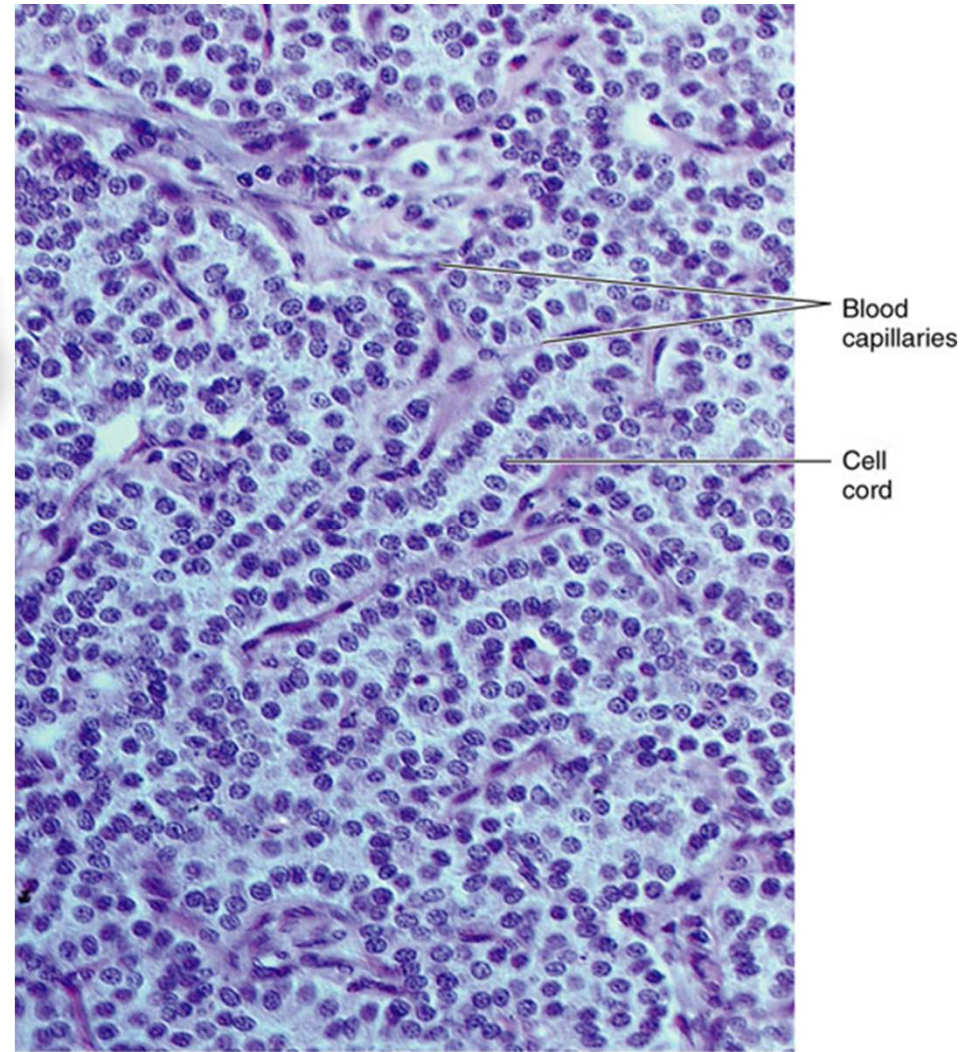
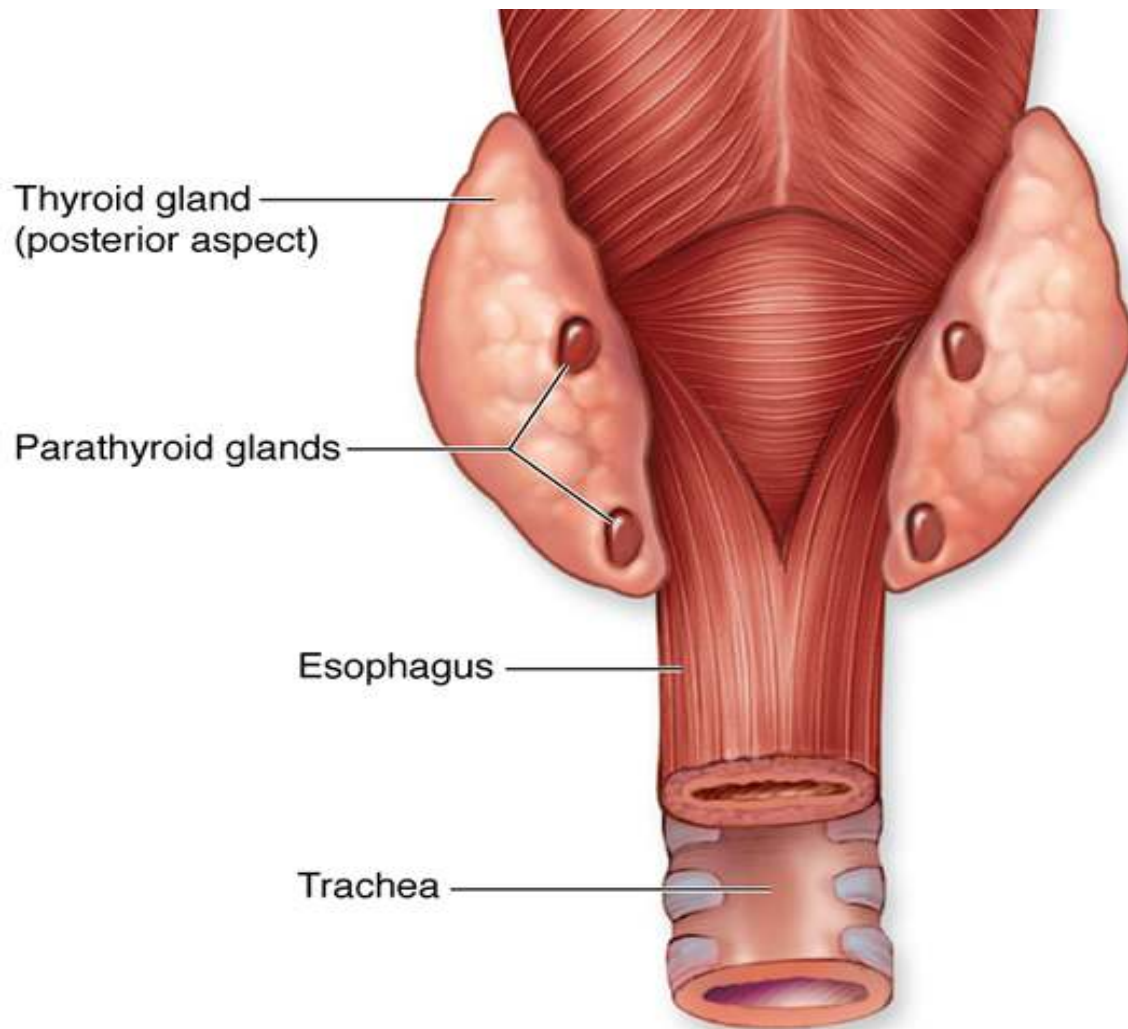
Parafollicular (C) cell

Thyroid junctions w Parathyroid



Thyroid

Parathyroid



Parathyroid glands gross anatomy

A histological micrograph showing thyroid and parathyroid glands. The thyroid gland is composed of numerous follicles of varying sizes, each lined by a single layer of cuboidal epithelial cells. The follicles are filled with a pink-stained substance called colloid. The parathyroid gland is a smaller, more densely cellular mass with a darker, more granular appearance, located adjacent to the thyroid follicles. The overall structure is set against a light pink background of connective tissue.

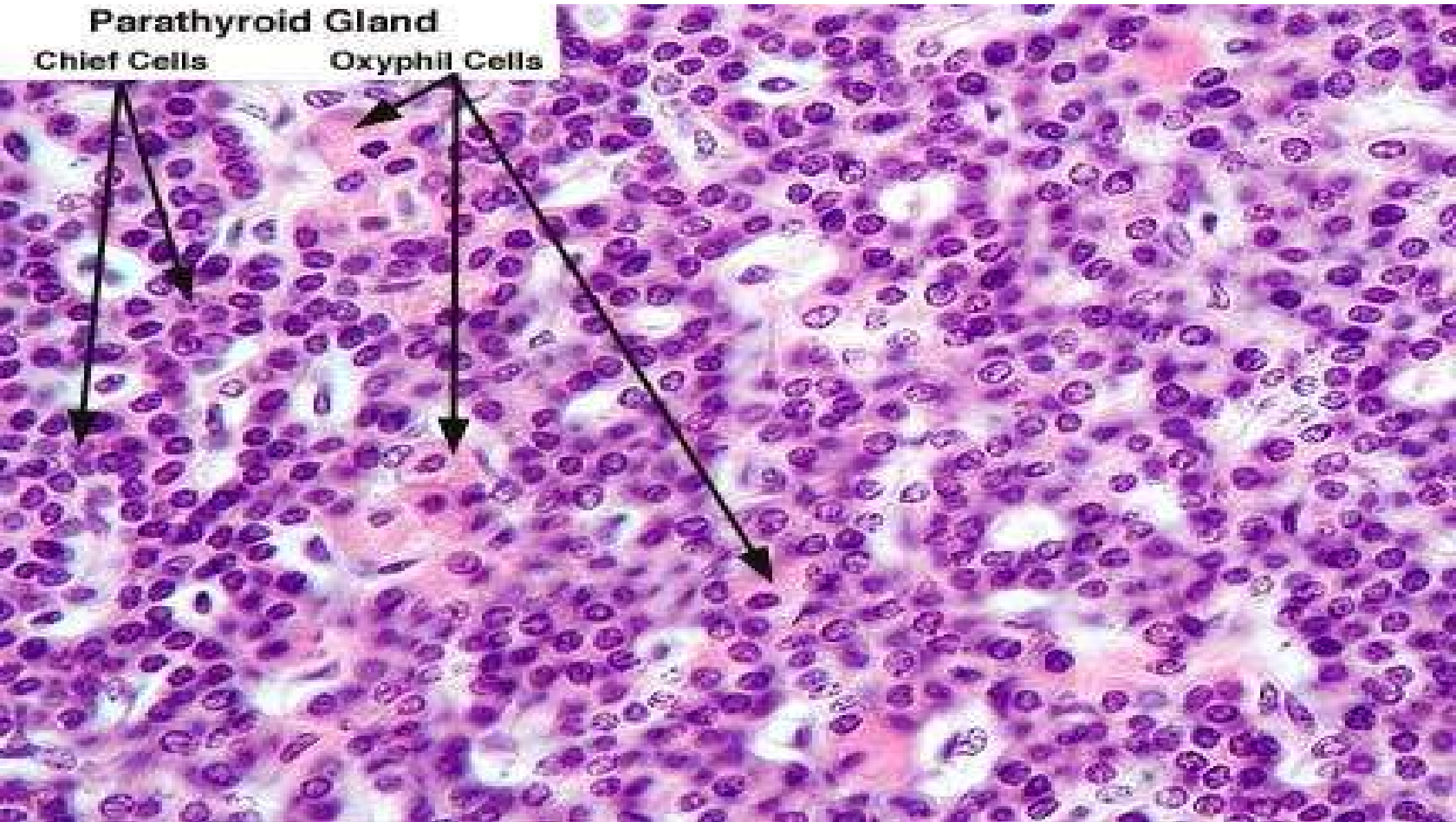
Thyroid Gland

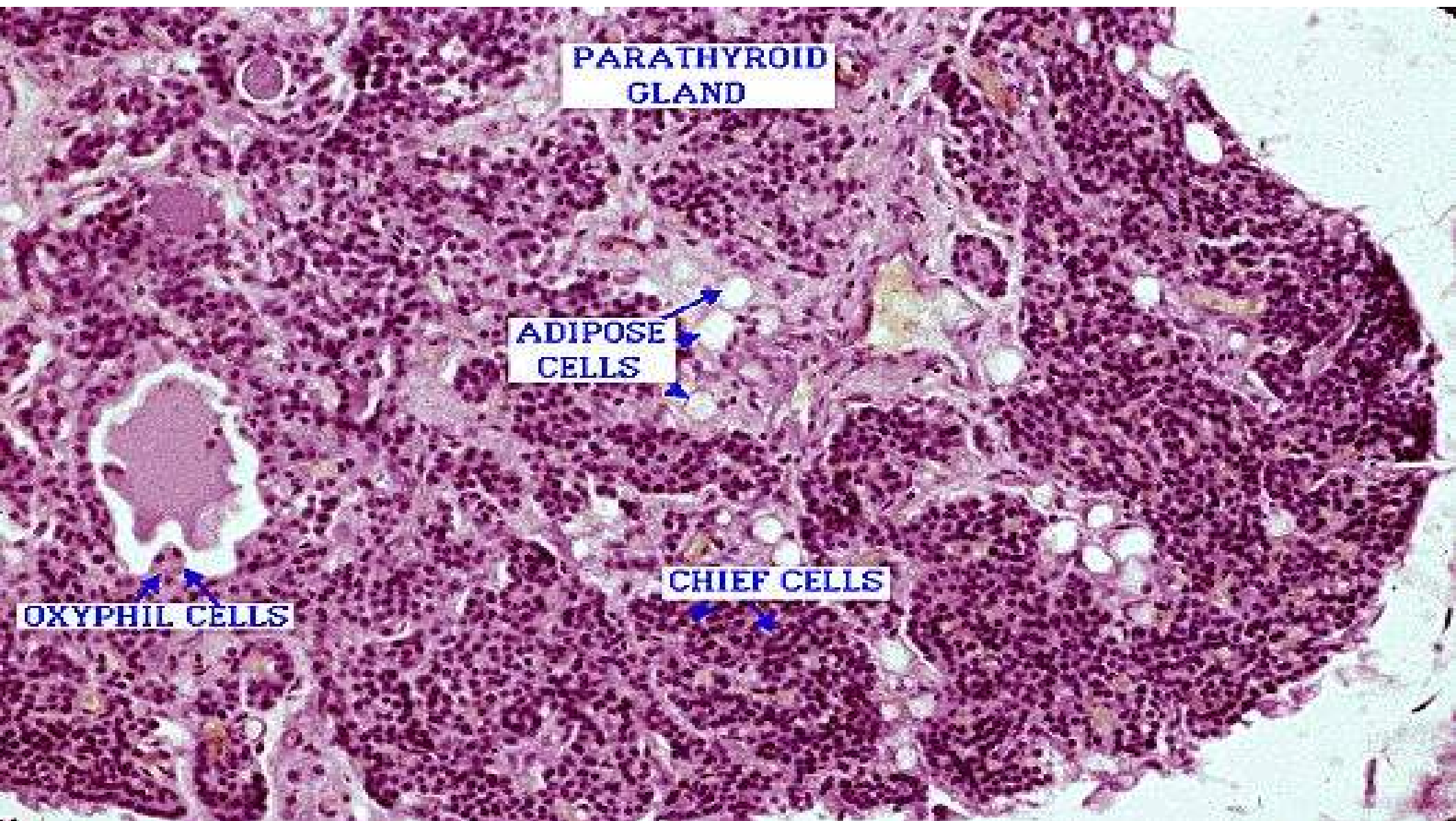
Parathyroid Gland

Parathyroid Gland

Chief Cells

Oxyphil Cells





PARATHYROID
GLAND

ADIPOSE
CELLS

OXYPHIL CELLS

CHIEF CELLS

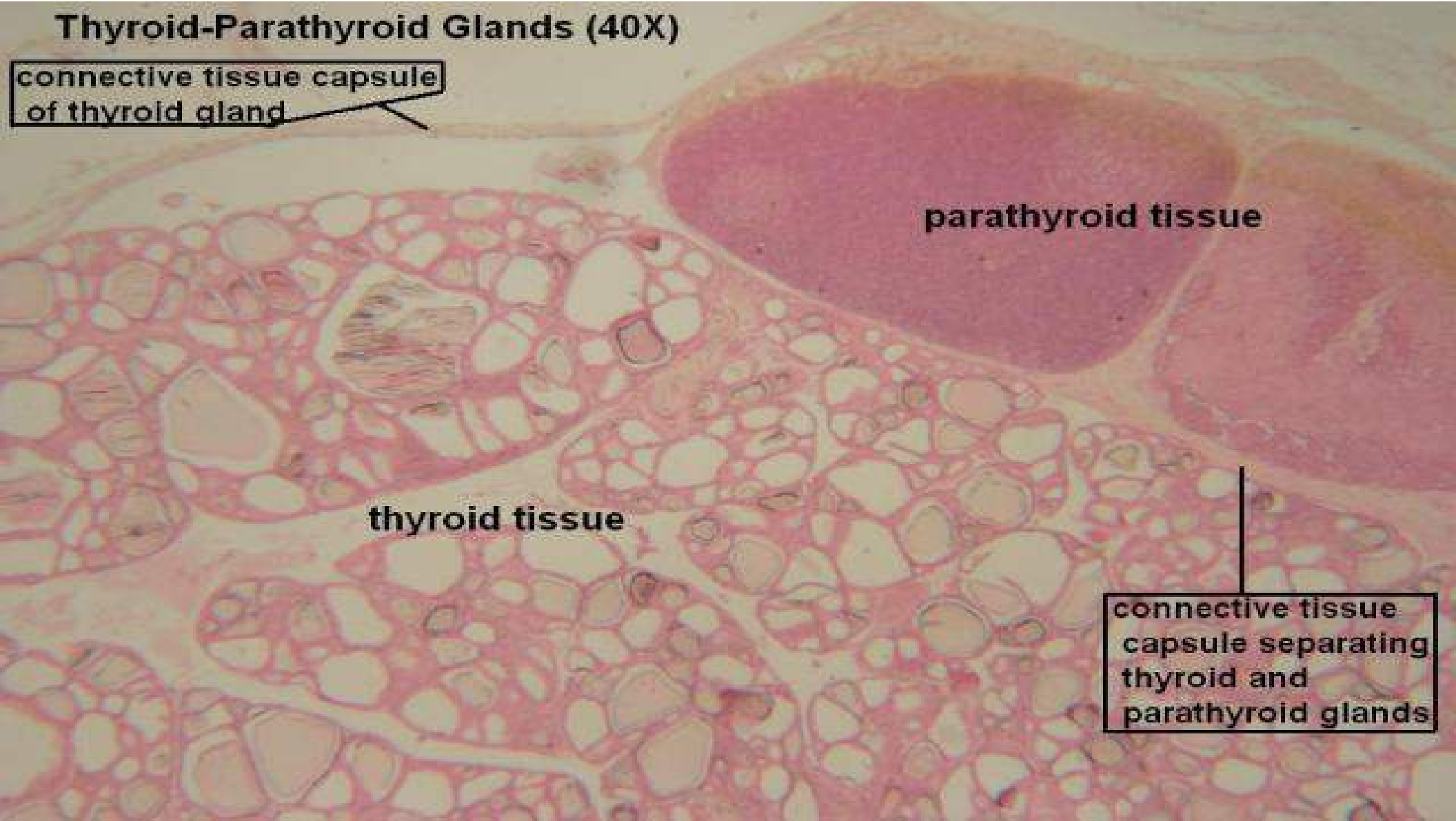
Thyroid-Parathyroid Glands (40X)

connective tissue capsule
of thyroid gland

parathyroid tissue

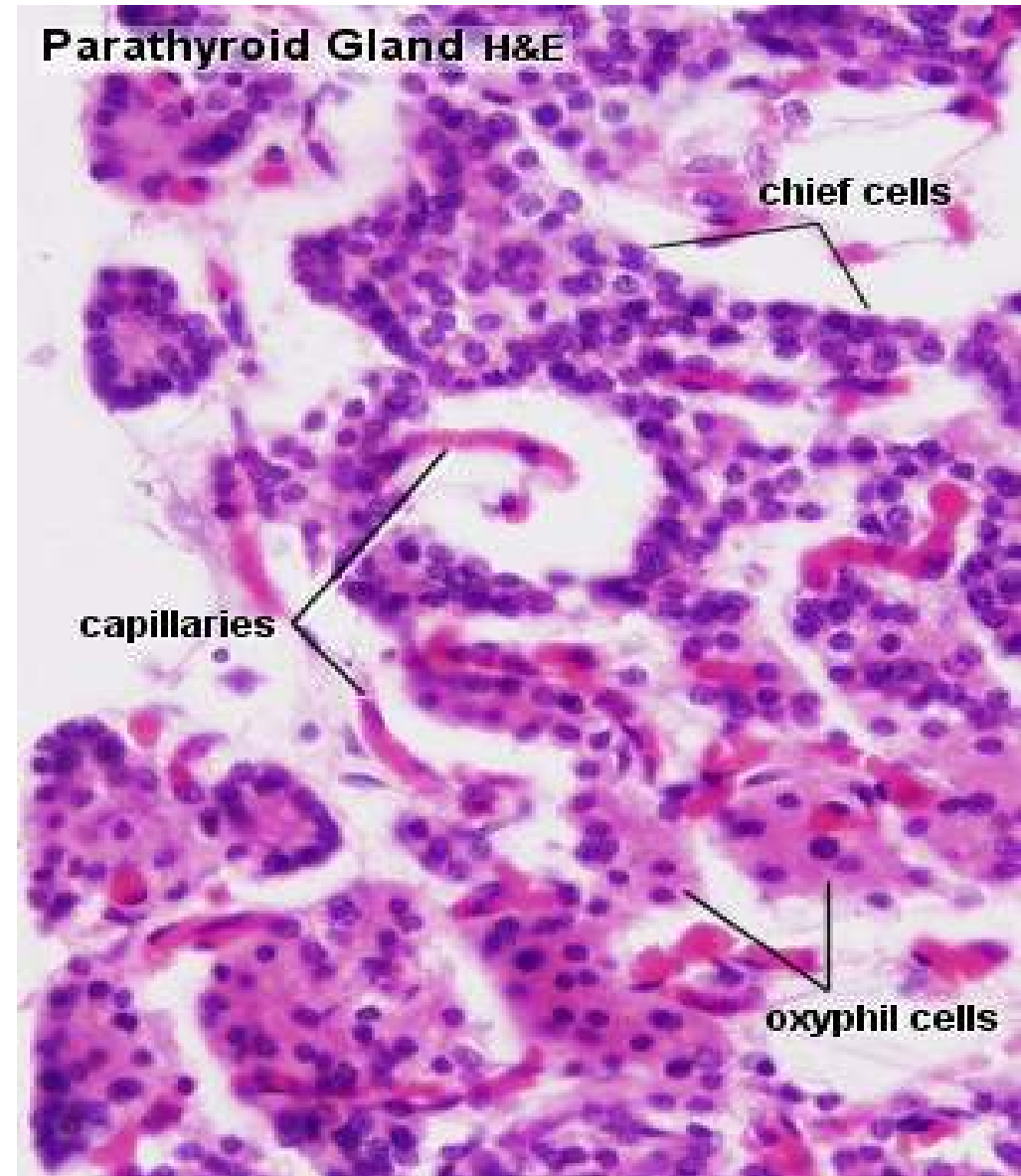
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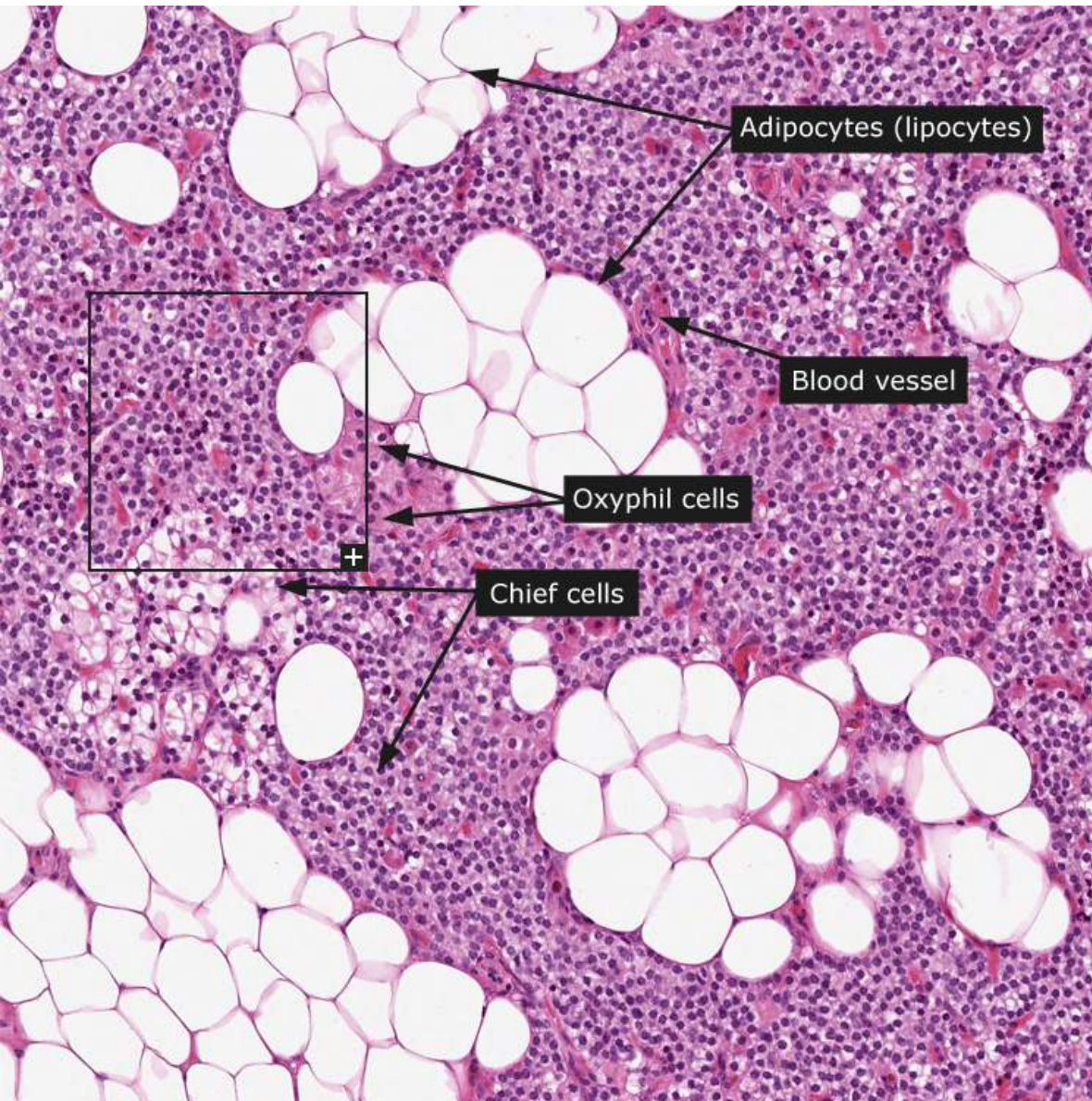
connective tissue
capsule separating
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parathyroid glands



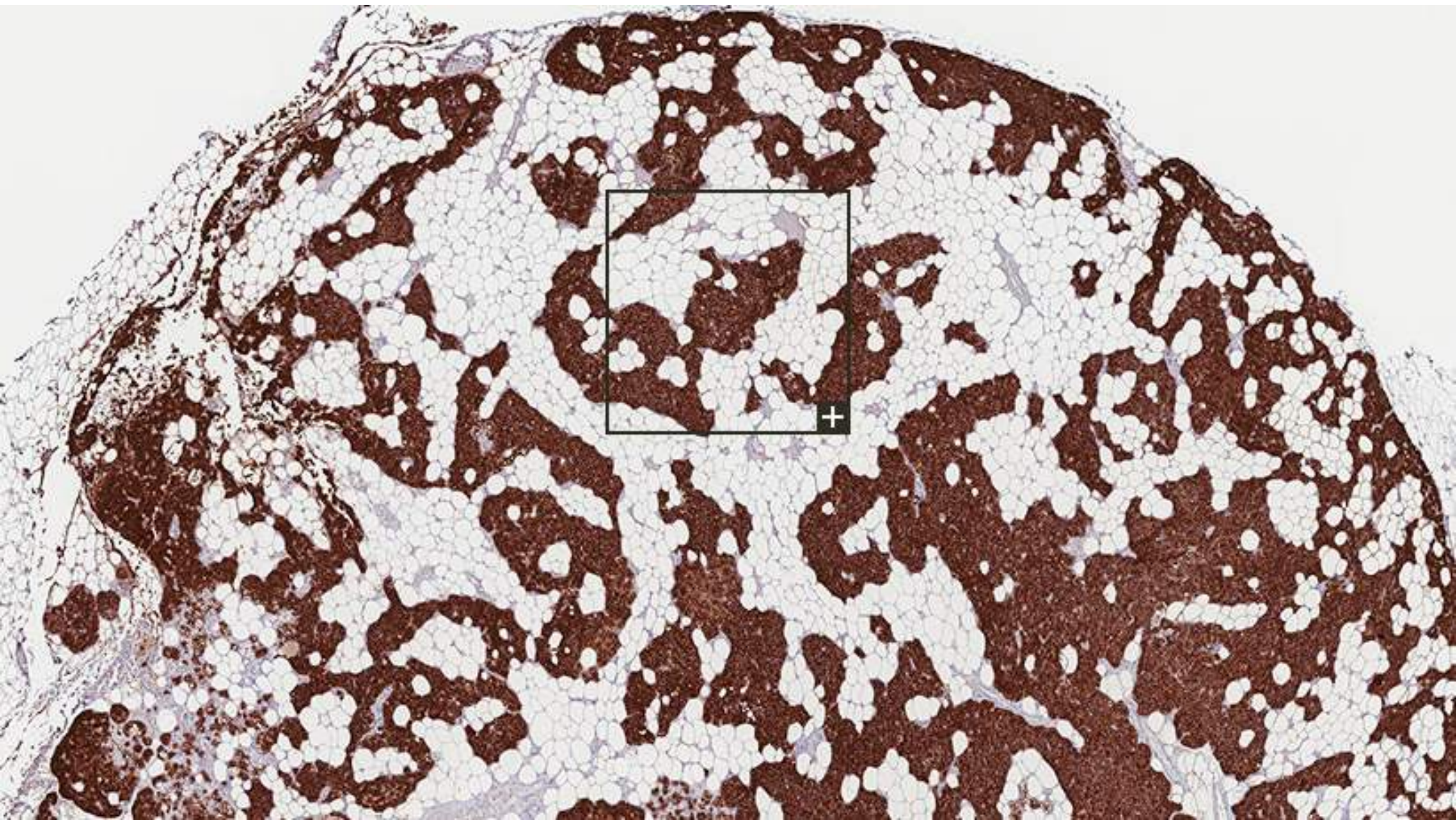
Parathyroid Glands

- Four glands on posterior surface of thyroid.
- Main function: secrete parathyroid hormone (PTH) to regulate calcium levels.
- PTH raises calcium levels in response to low serum calcium (it's not under pituitary control!).
- **Two main cell types:**
 - chief cells (secrete PTH)
 - oxyphils (function unknown).



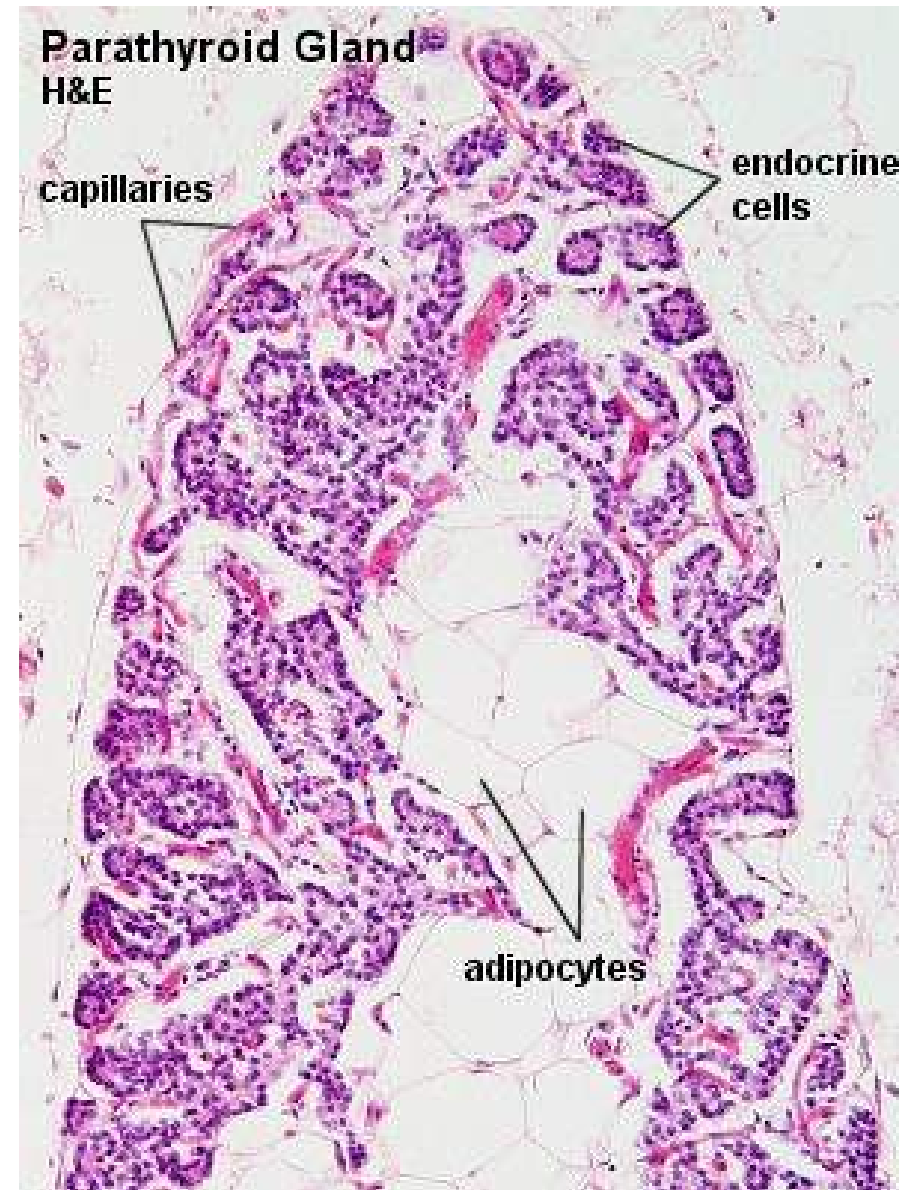


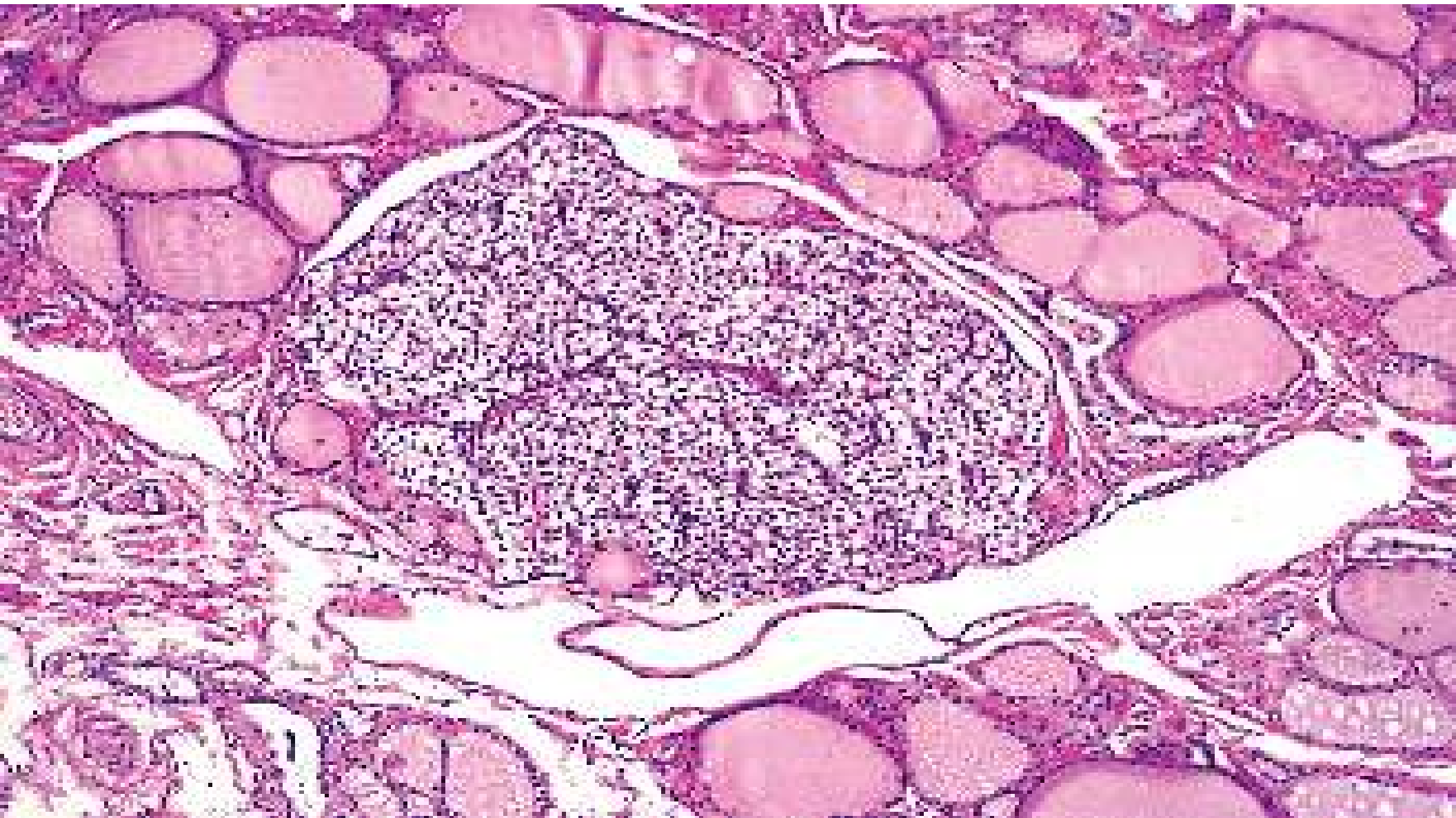
- **encapsulated** organ is seen. Within the gland there is a lot of **adipose tissue** and numerous venules, which run through the gland.
- The parathyroid gland contains two cell types, **chief cells** and **oxyphil cells**.
- Chief cells are the predominant cell type characterised by round nucleus surrounded by scarce cytoplasm.
 - **They produce and secrete PTH in response to low extracellular calcium levels detected by receptors in the cell membrane.**
- Larger oxyphil cells with an eosinophilic cytoplasm and a slightly smaller nucleus form clusters scattered between chief cells.
- The function of the oxyphil cells is unknown.

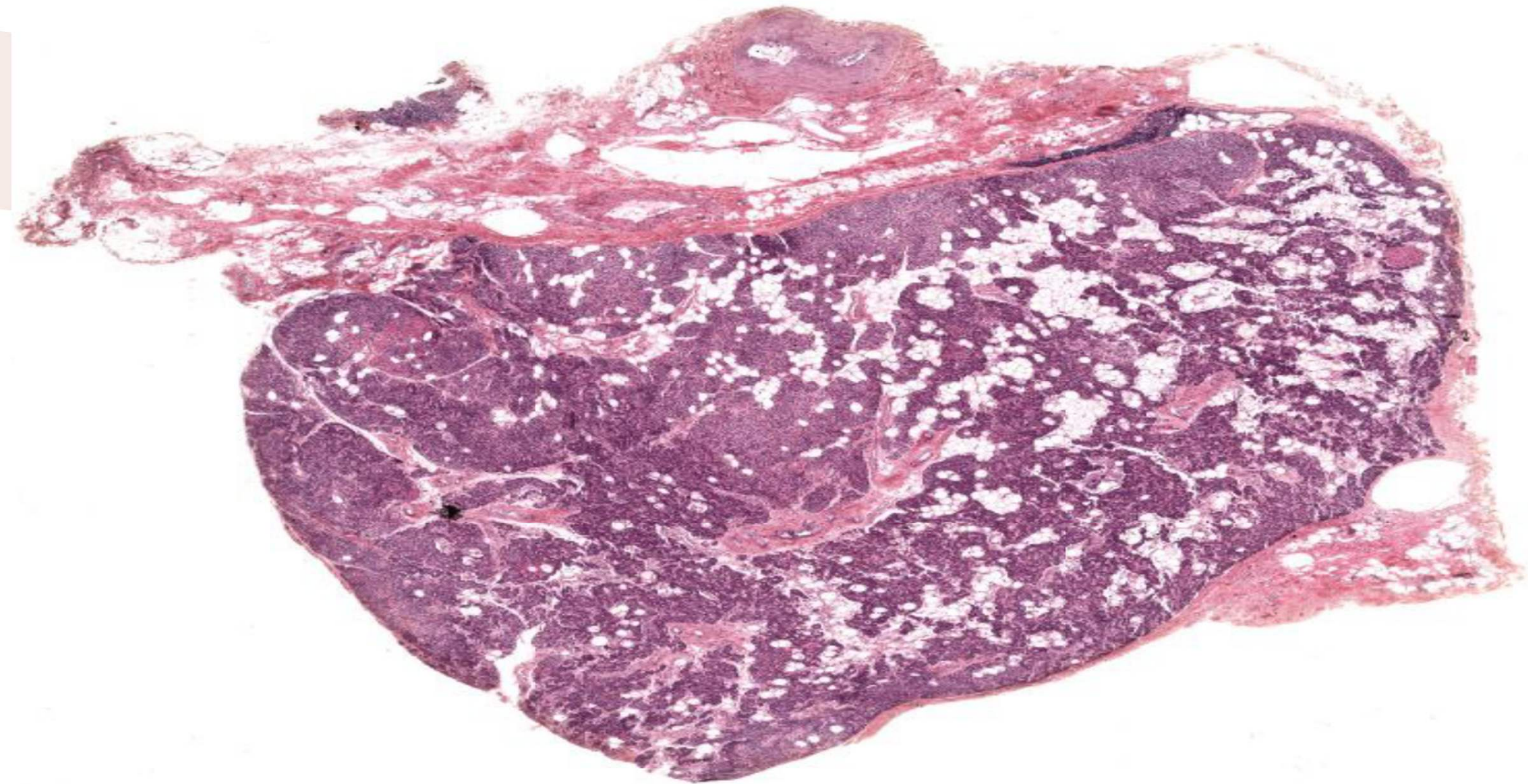


Chief cells of parathyroid gland

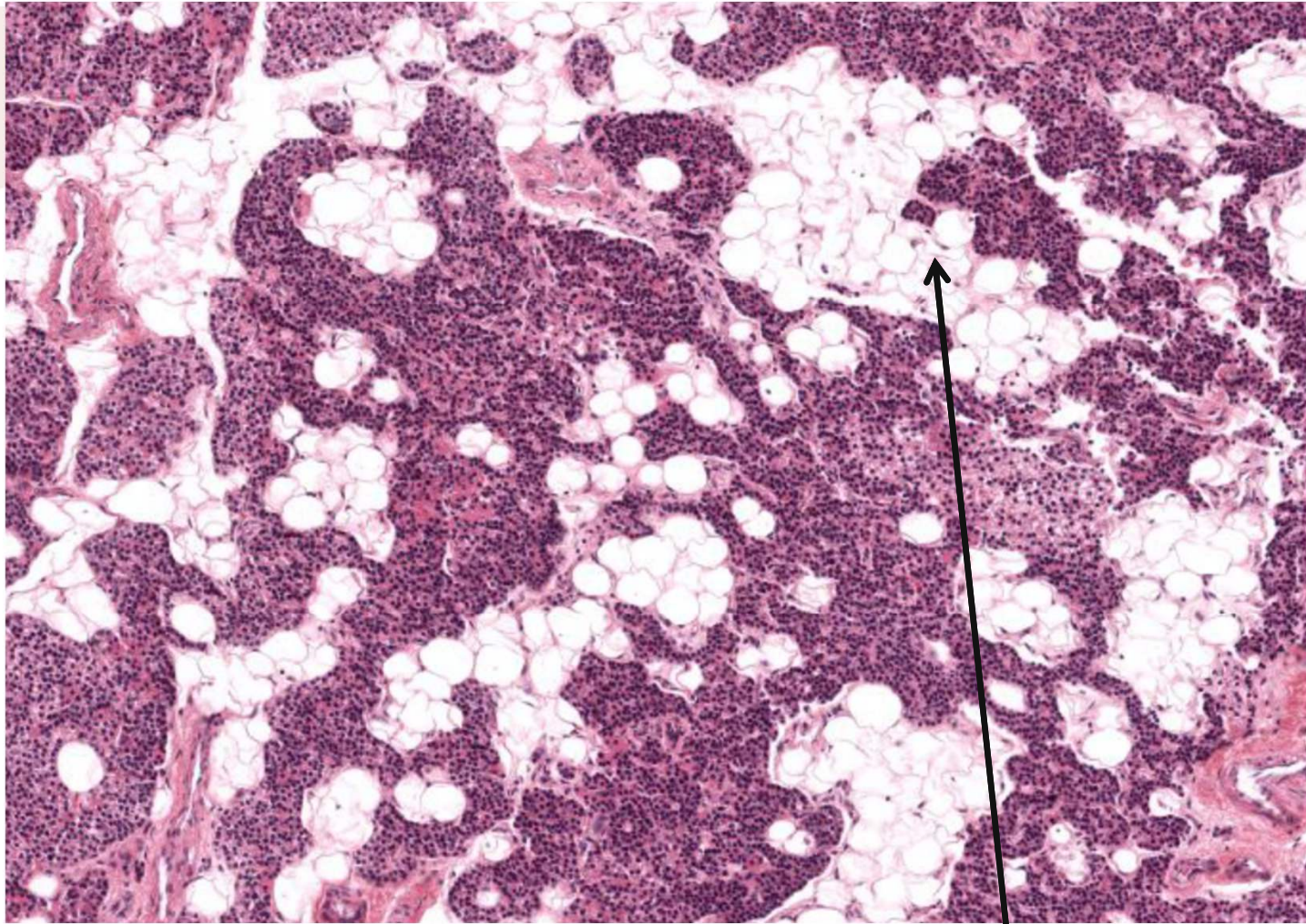
- **Secrete parathyroid hormone**
 - **Low blood calcium stimulates secretion**
 - **Parathyroid hormone stimulates**
 - Osteoclast increase in number and
 - Osteoclast to degrade bone and raise blood Ca^{+2}
 - Also decreases blood level of phosphate by decreasing resorption in kidney tubules, promoting excretion
 - Most important regulation blood Ca^{+2}



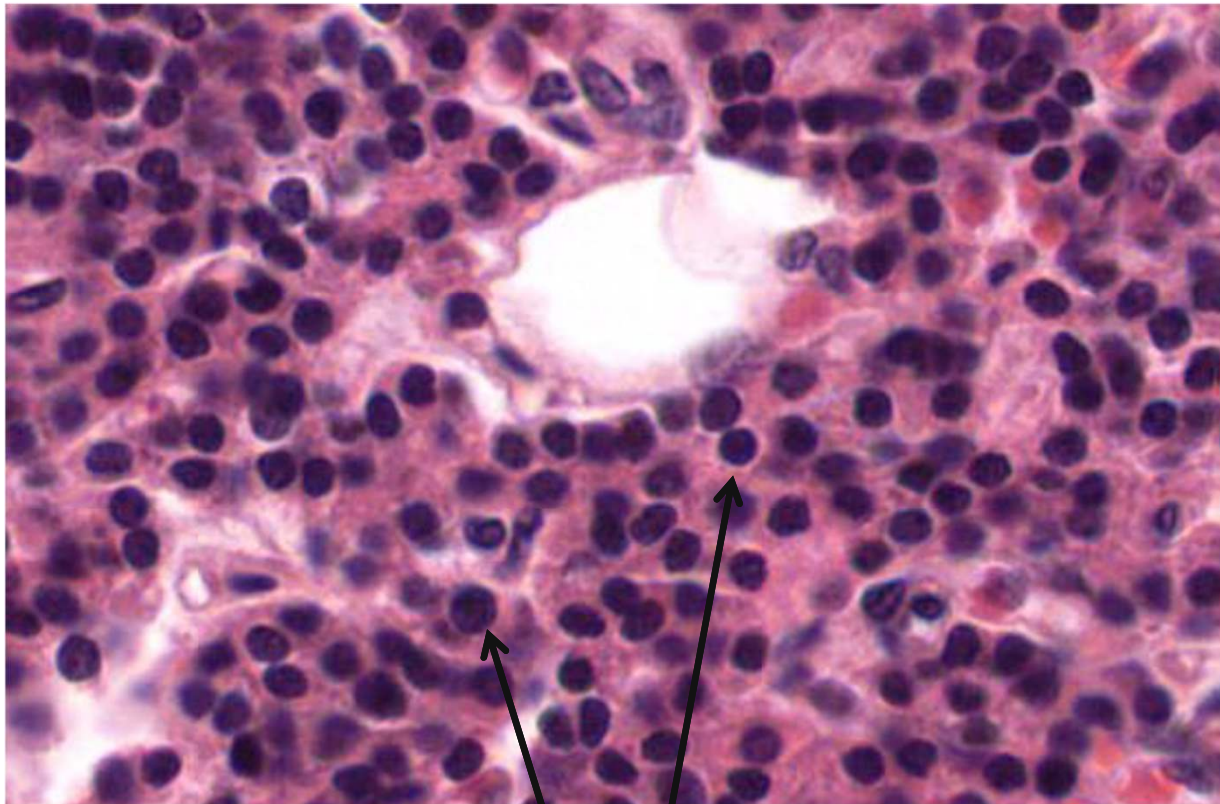
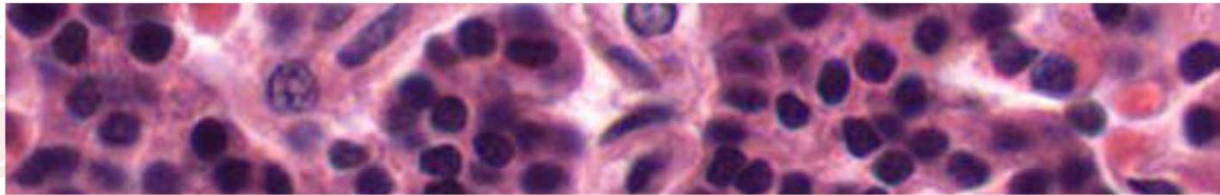




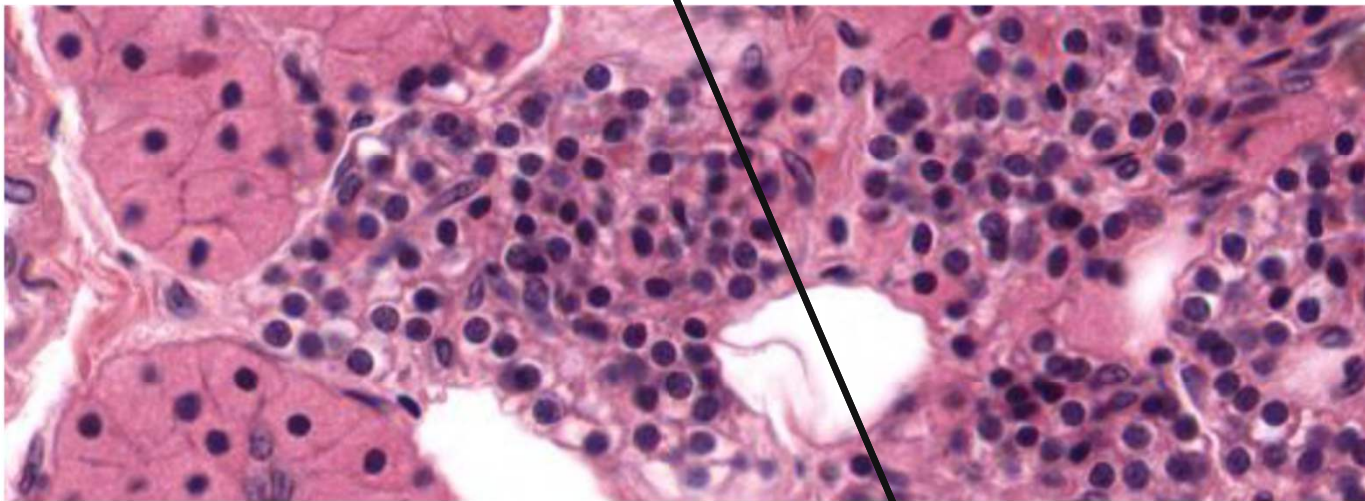
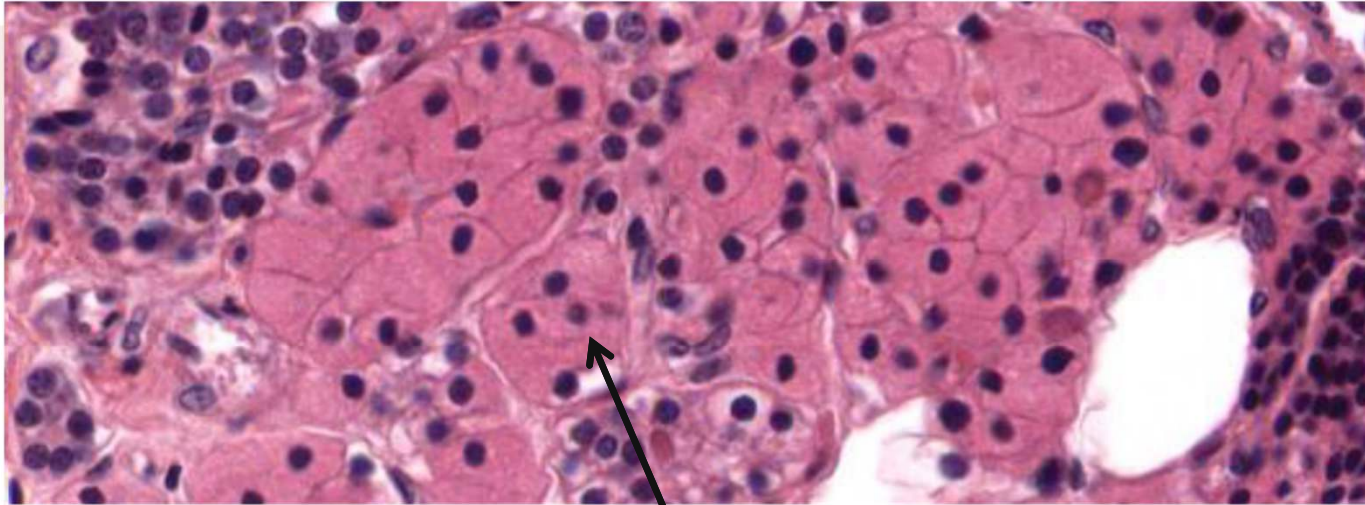
Parathyroid gland: super low-power view



Parathyroid gland: adipose tissue

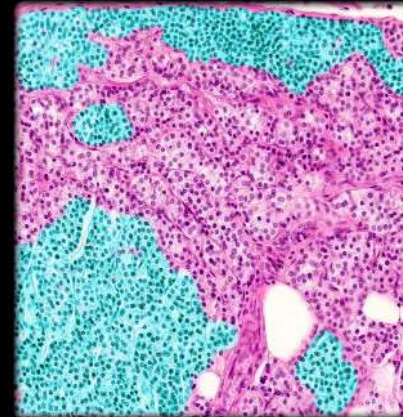
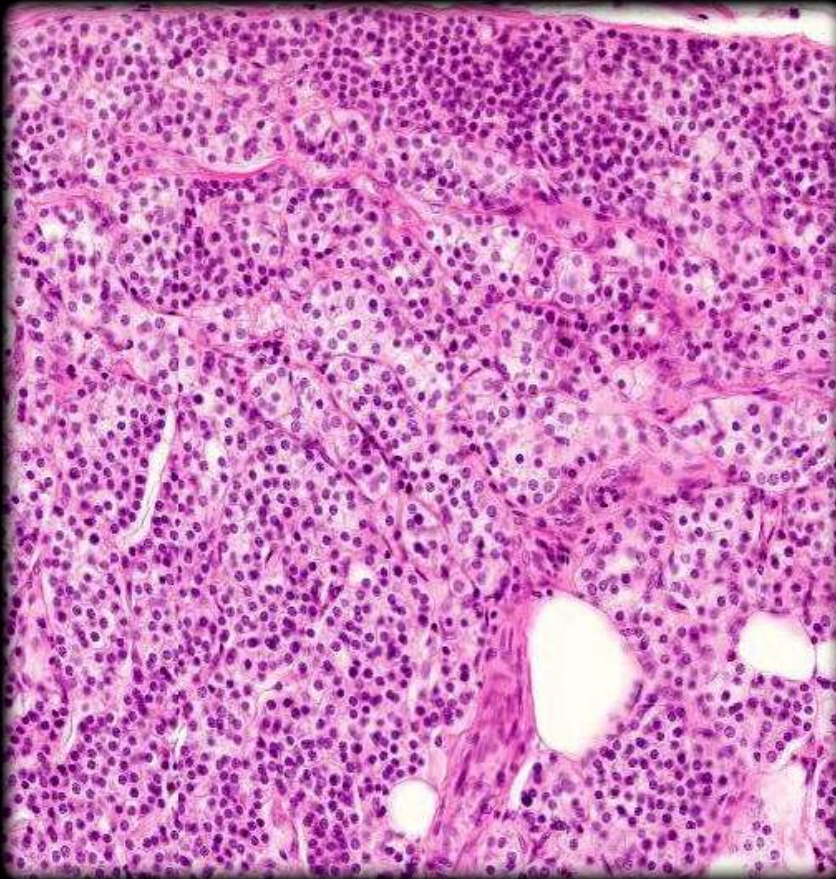


Parathyroid gland: chief cells

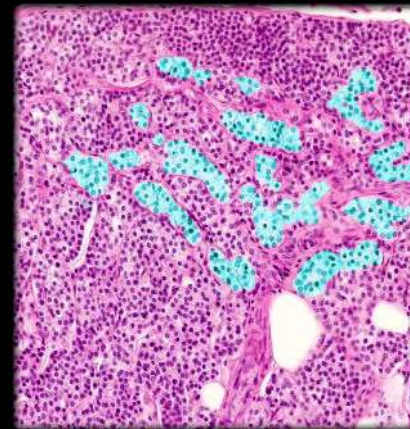


Parathyroid gland: oxyphil cells

Parathyroid Histology

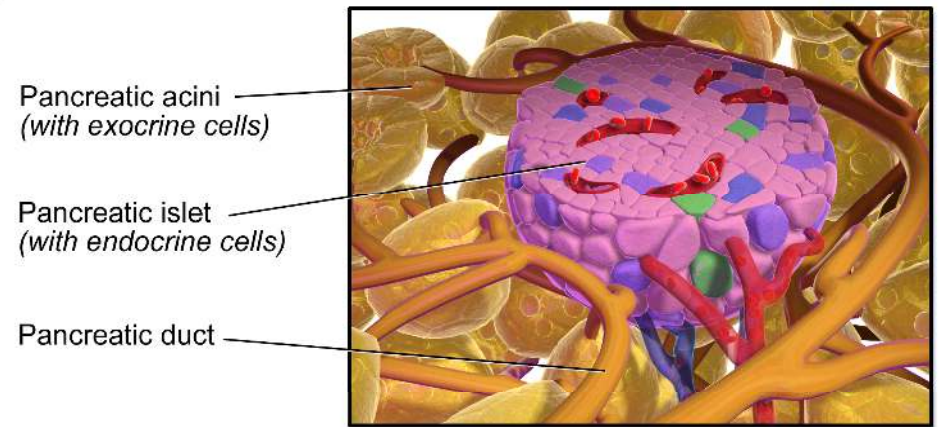
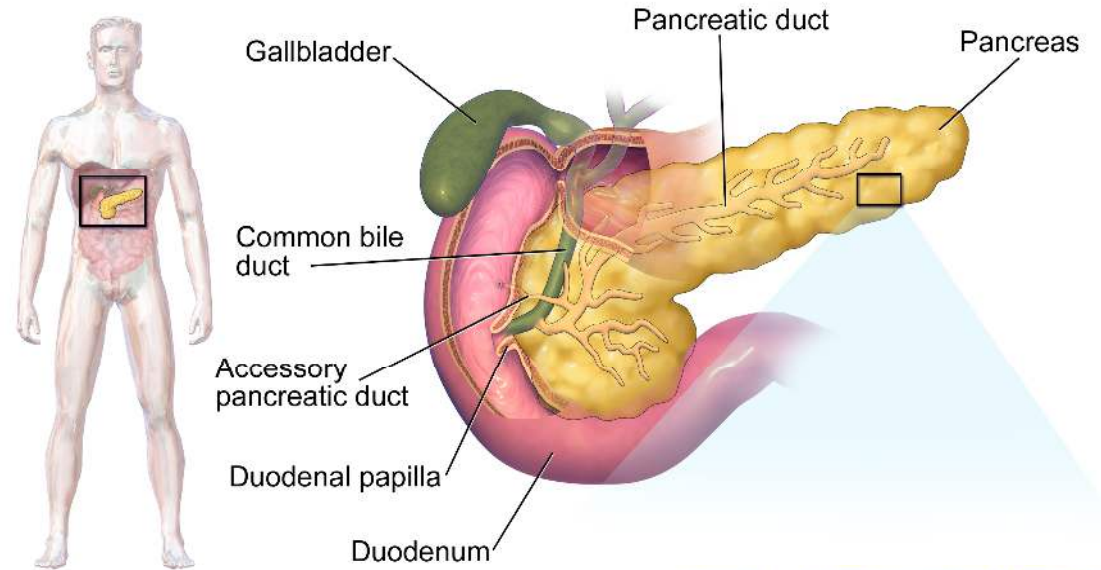
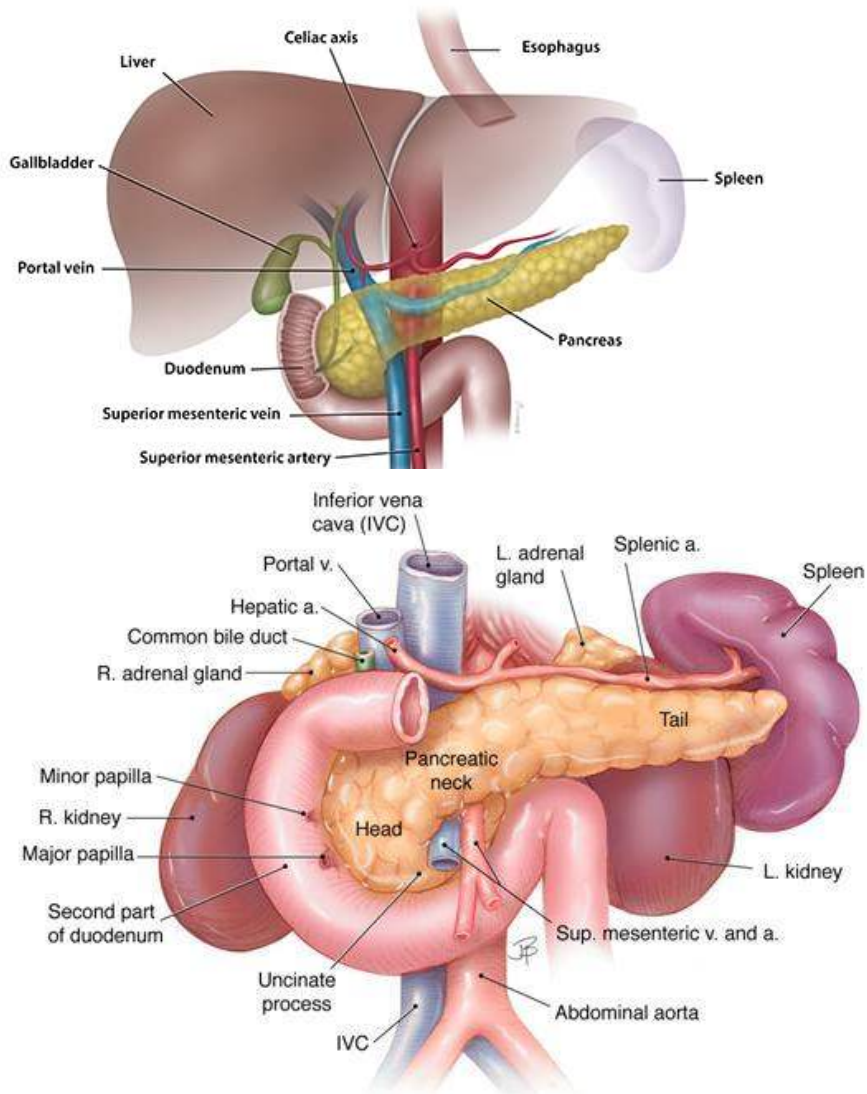


chief
cells

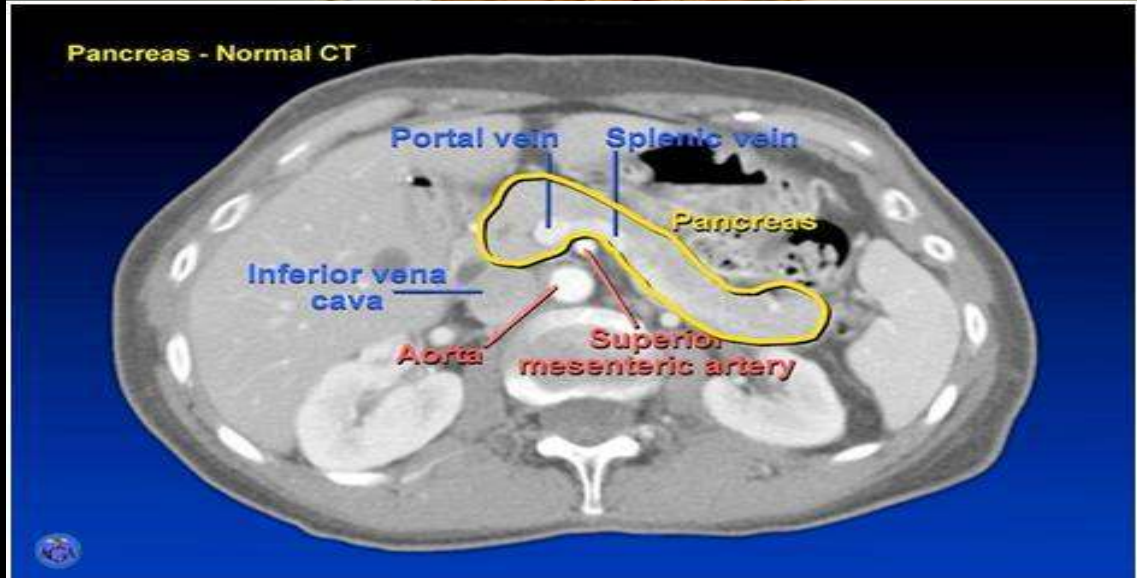
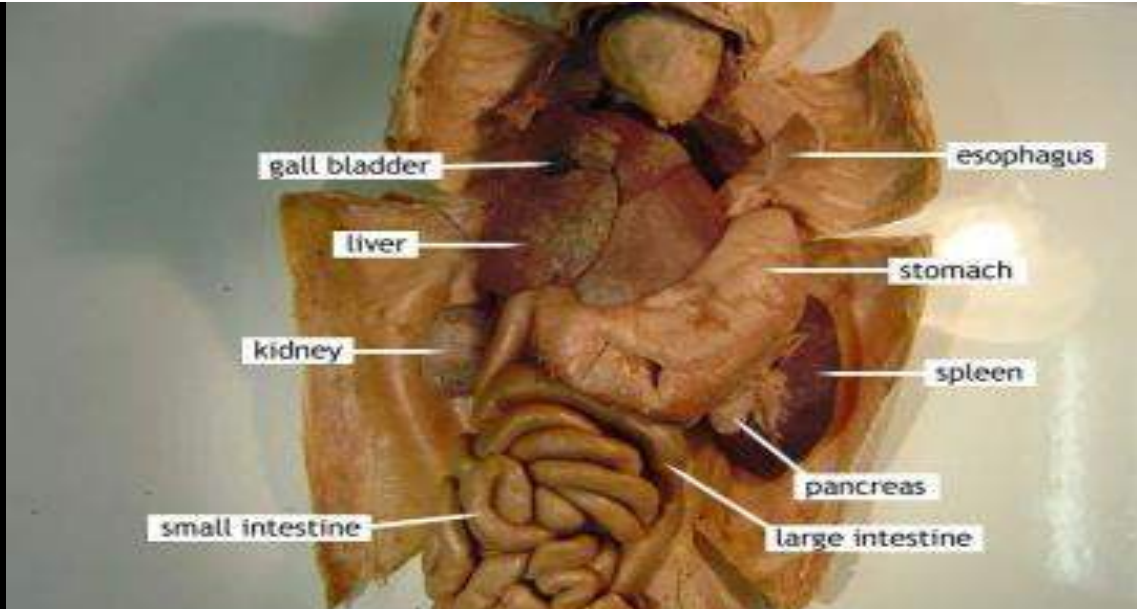
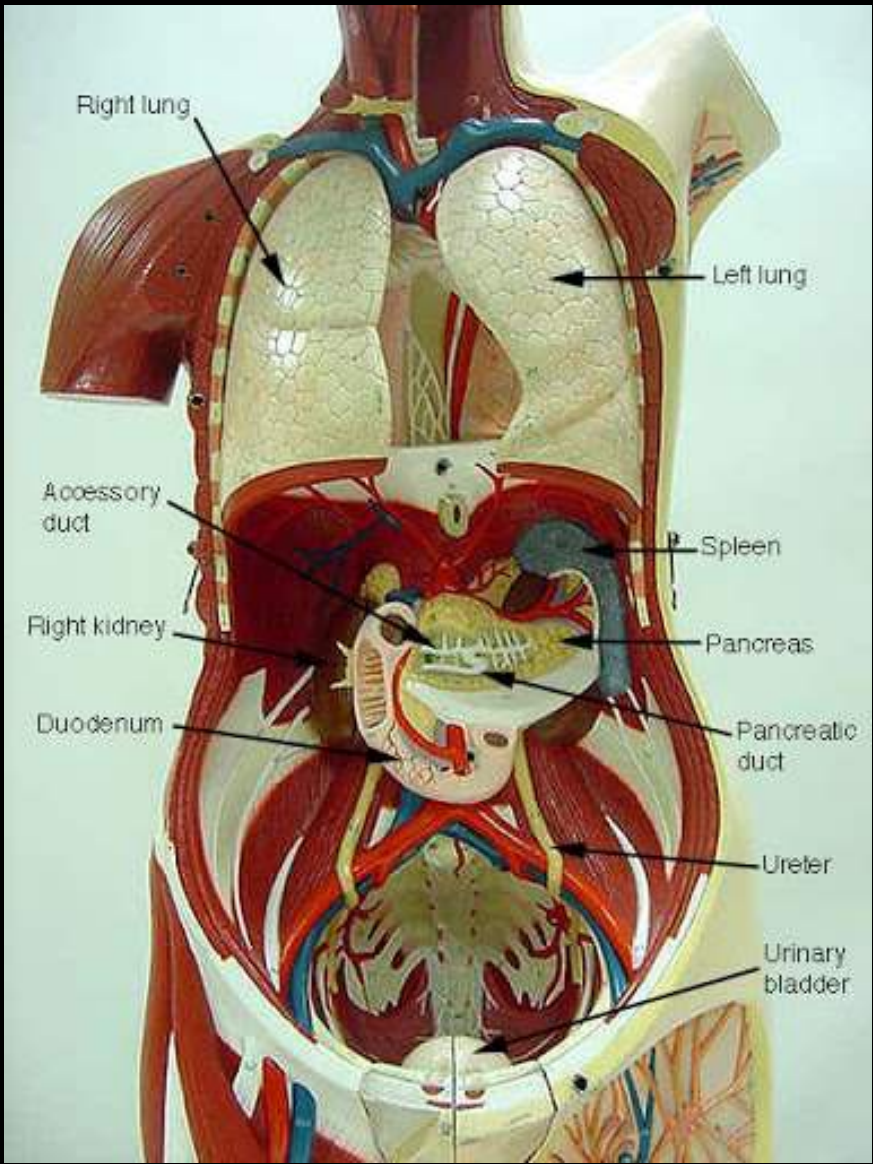


oxyphil
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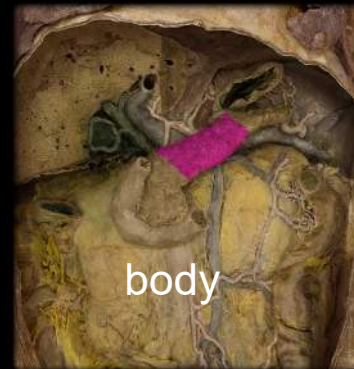
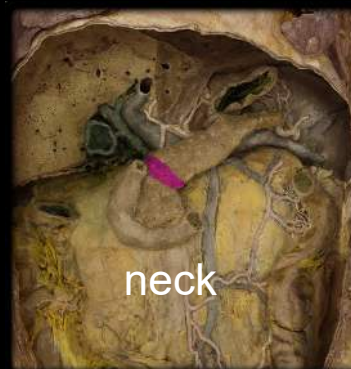
Pancreas

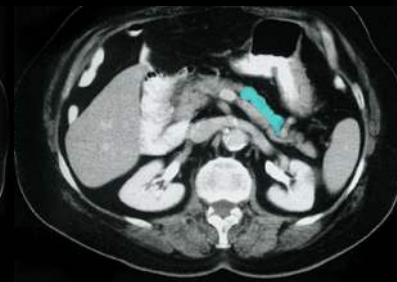
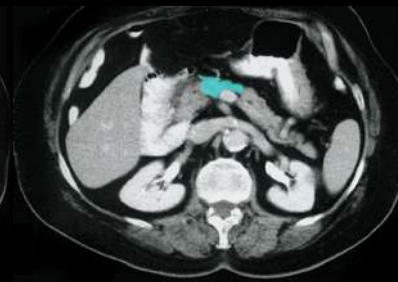
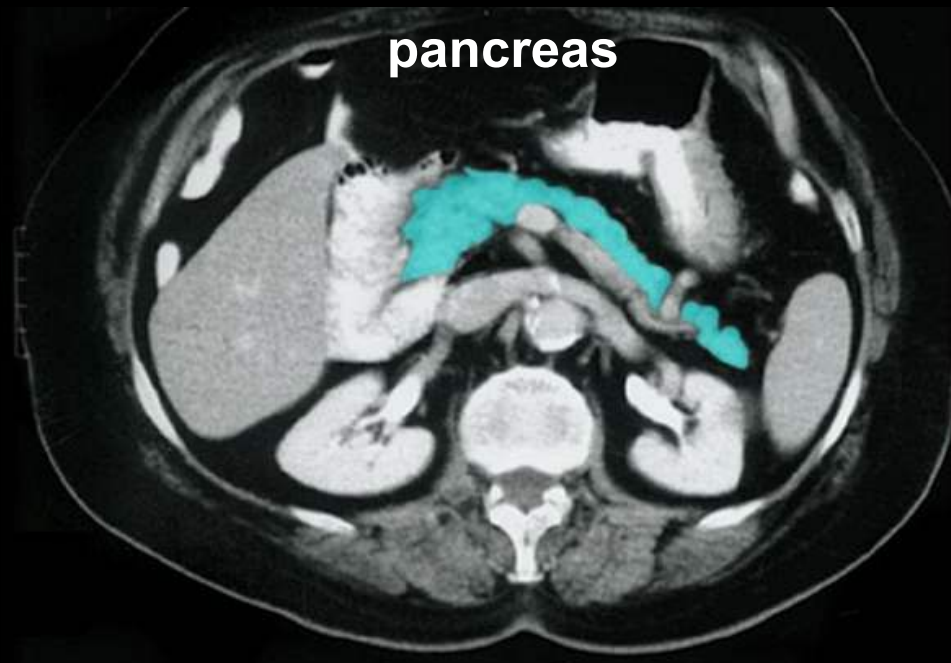


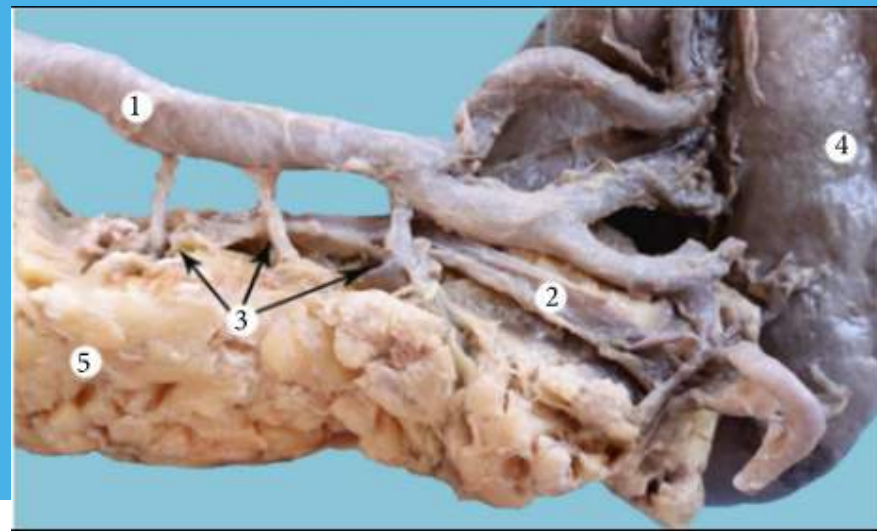
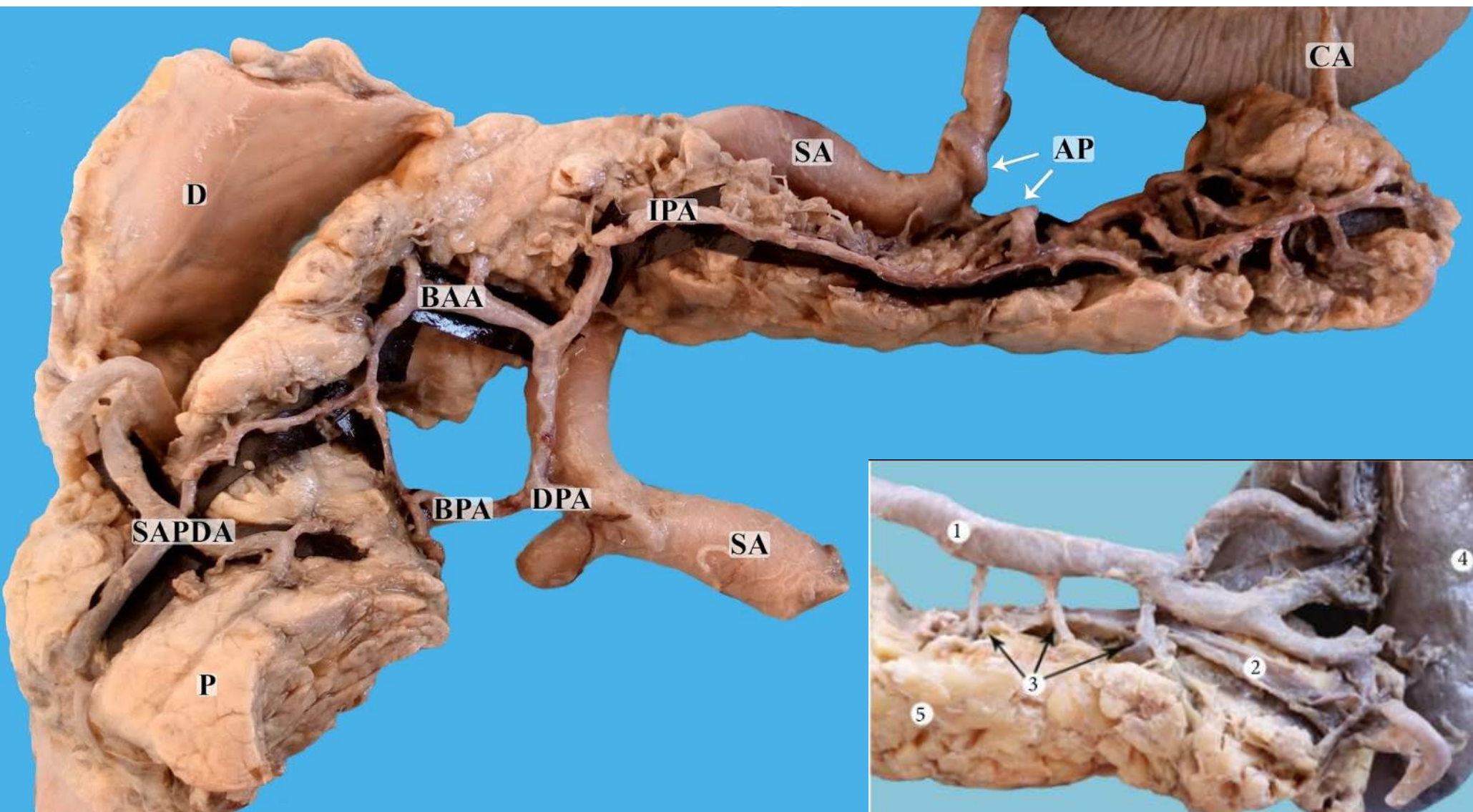
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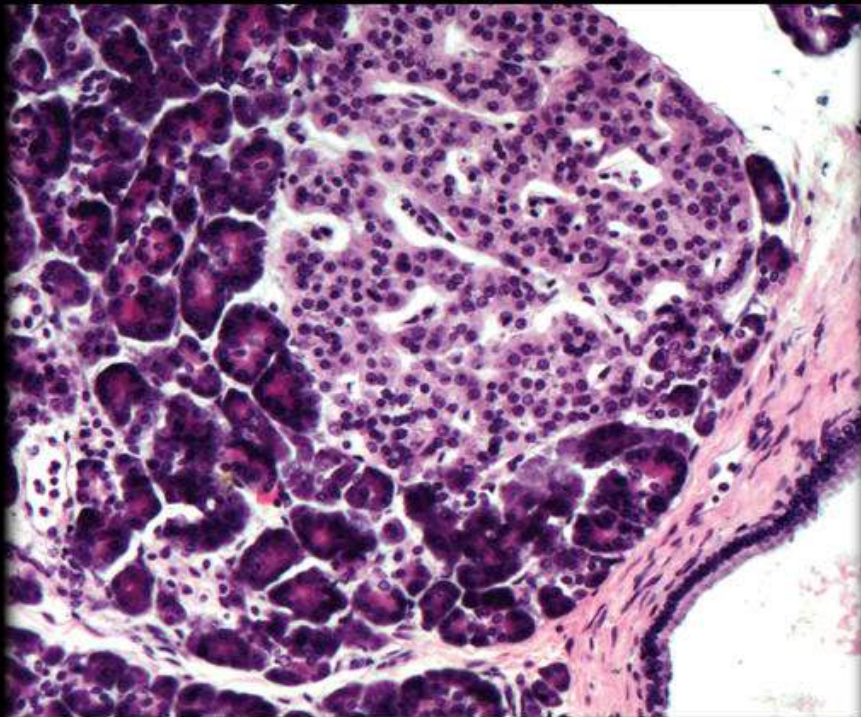
Pancreas



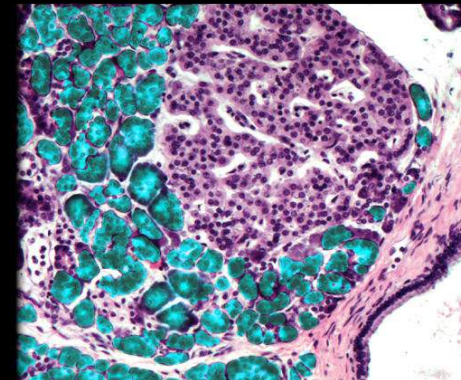
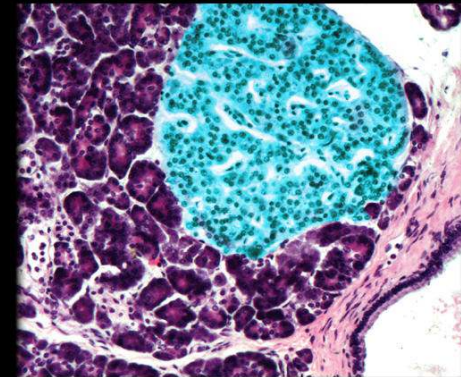




Pancreas Histology

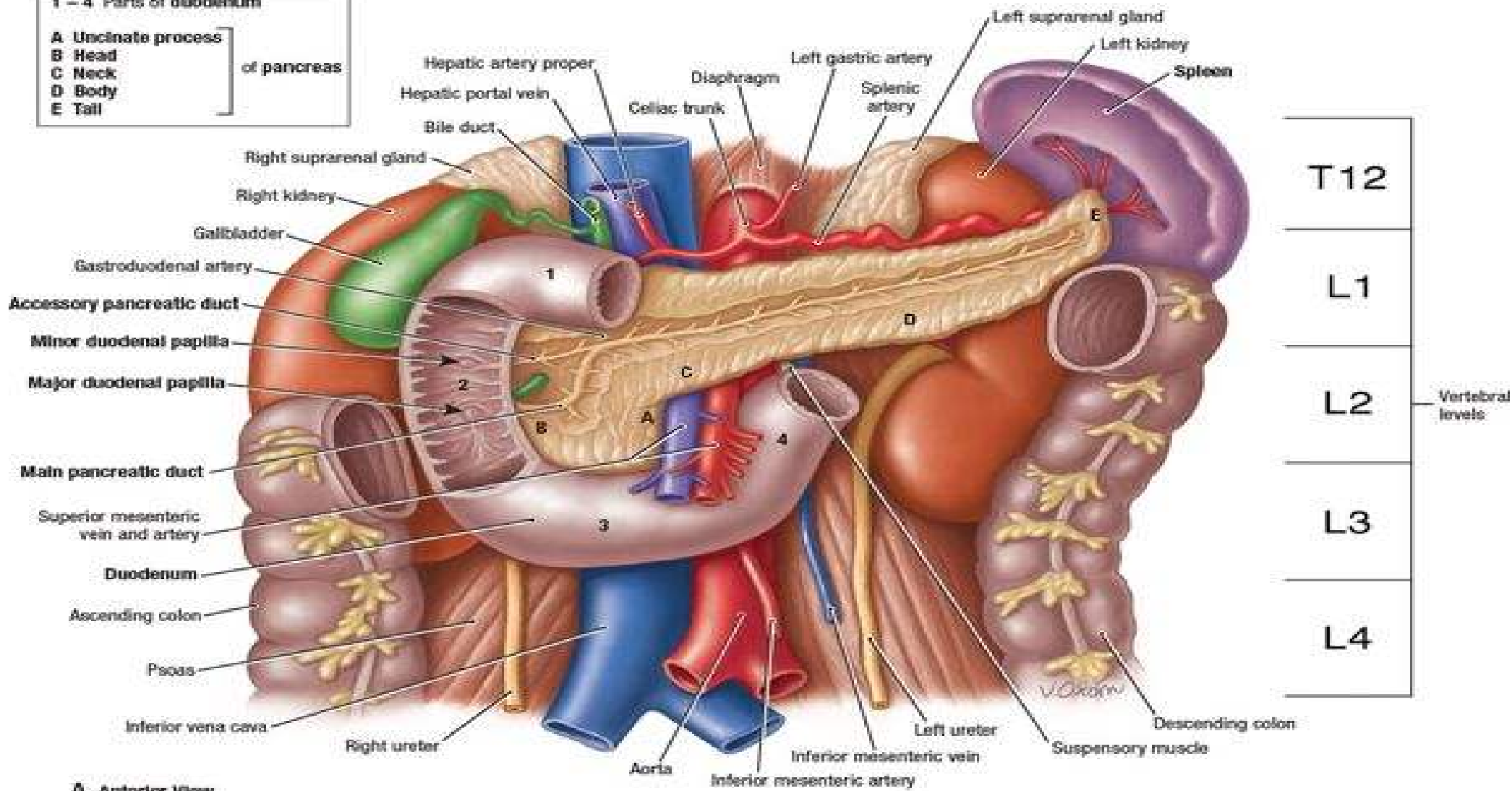


pancreatic islet



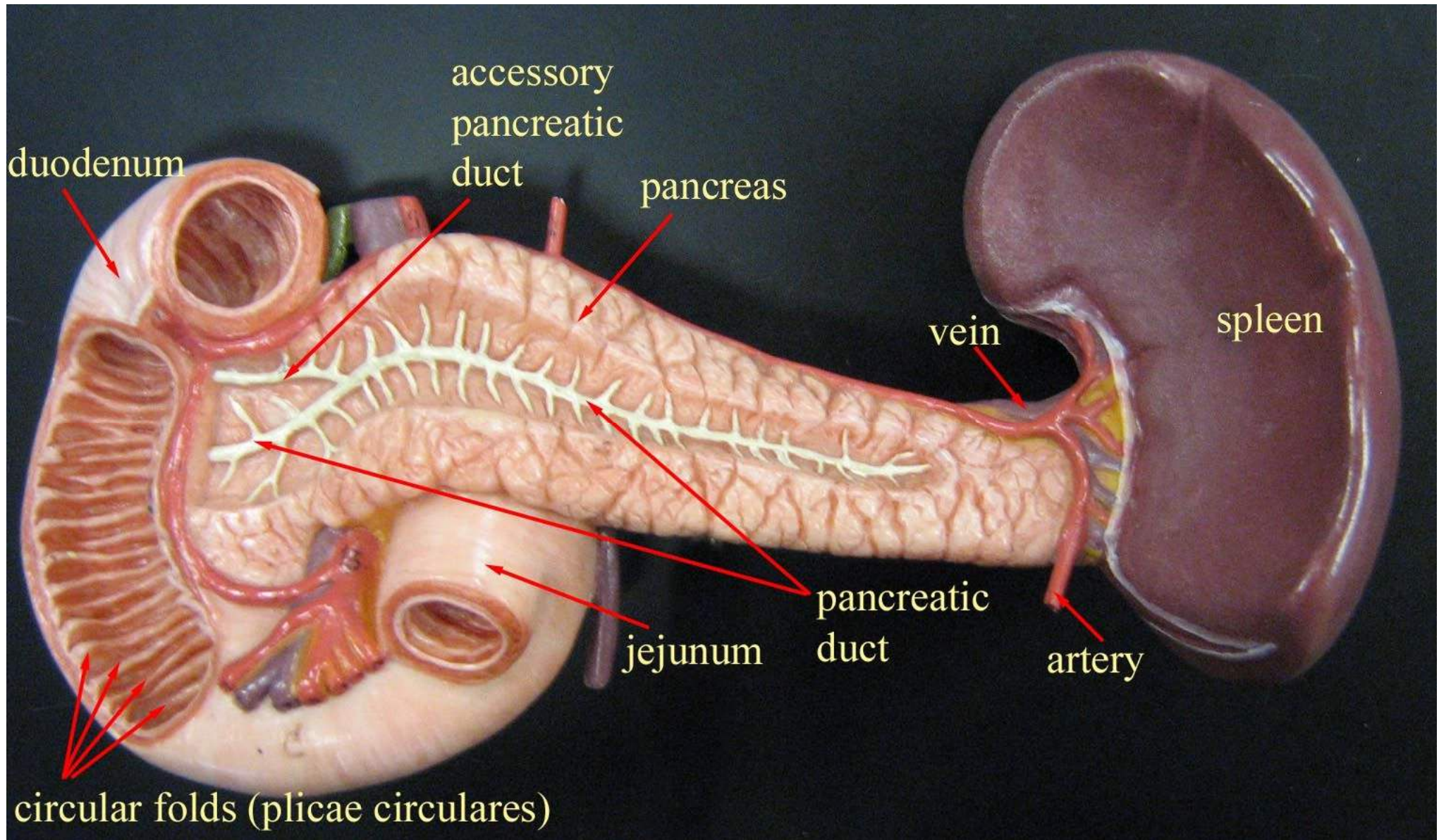
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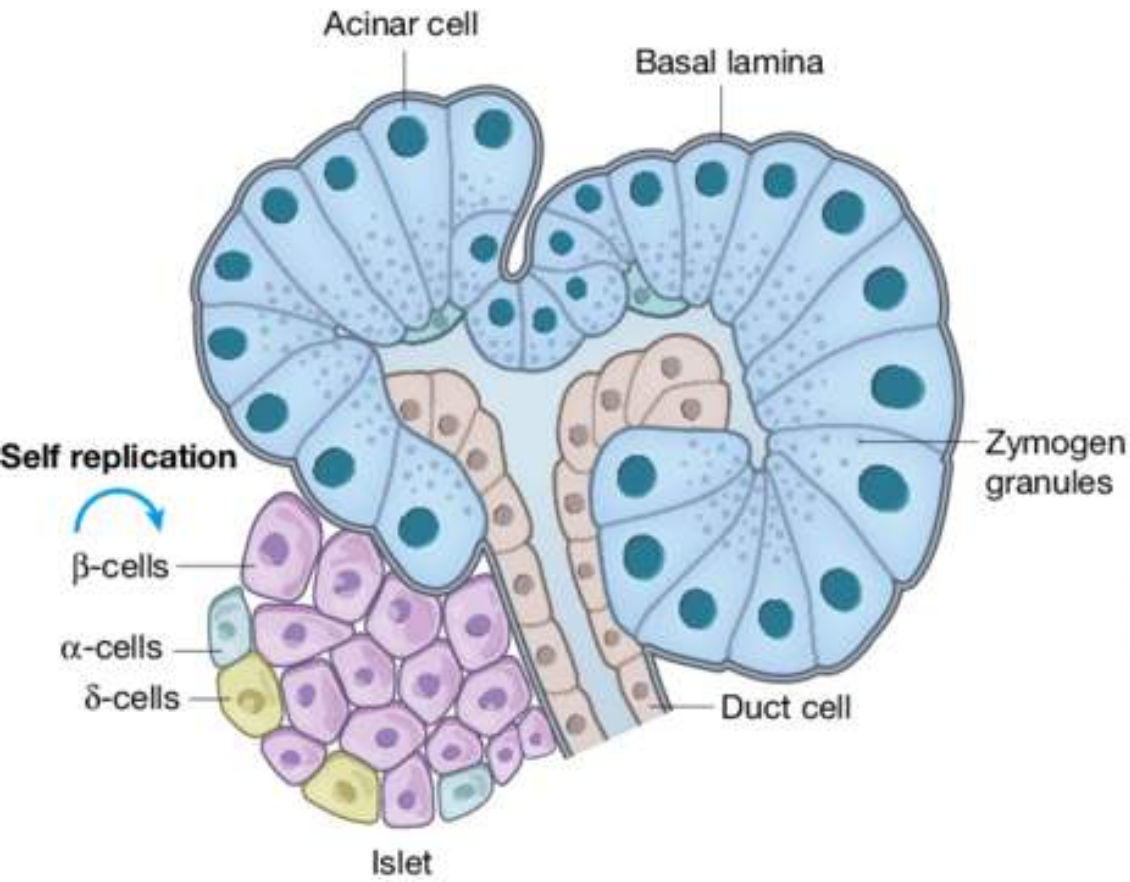
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 B Head
 C Neck
 D Body
 E Tail
 of pancreas



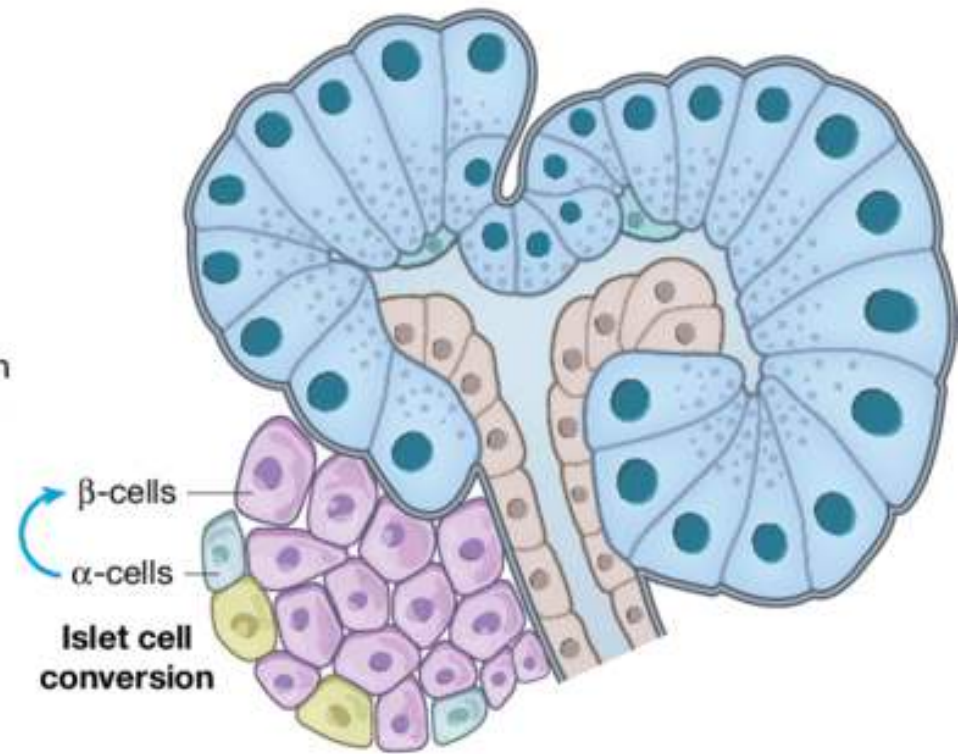
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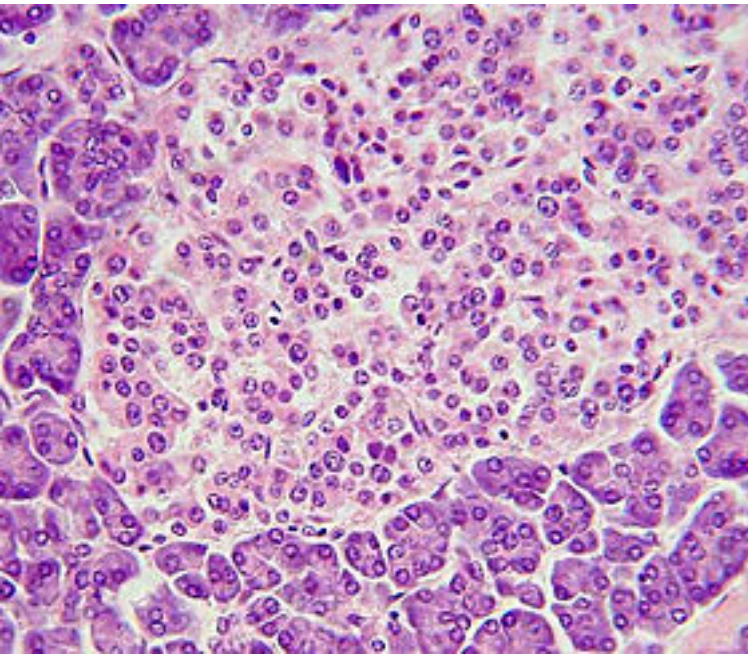




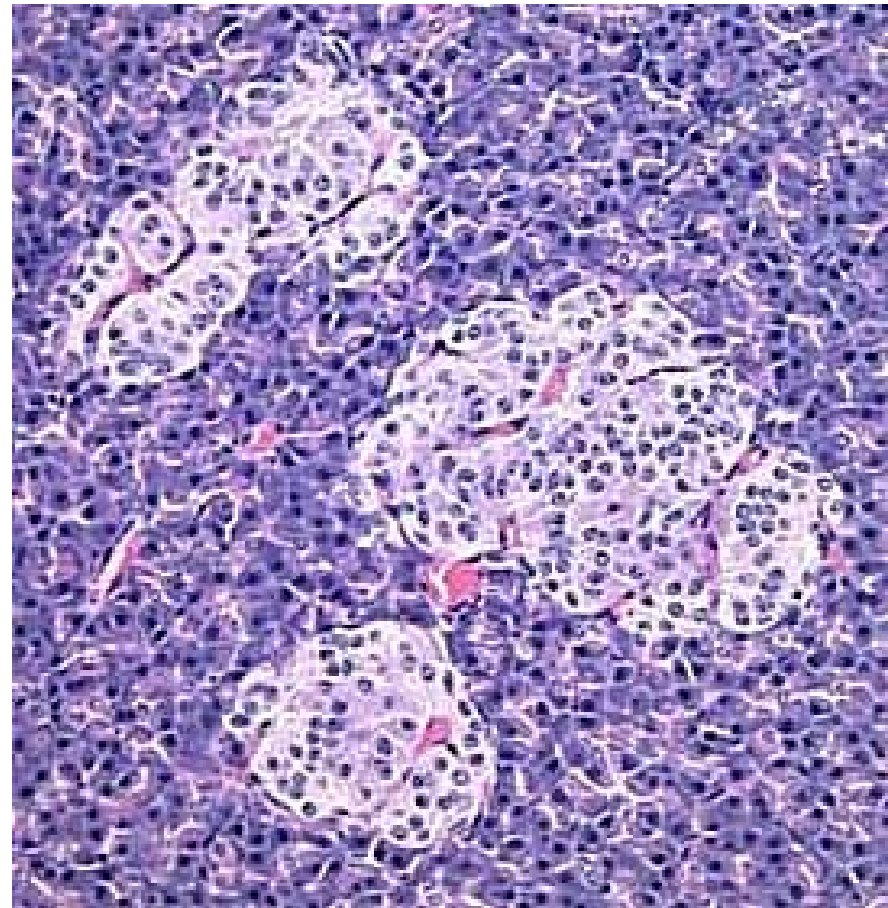
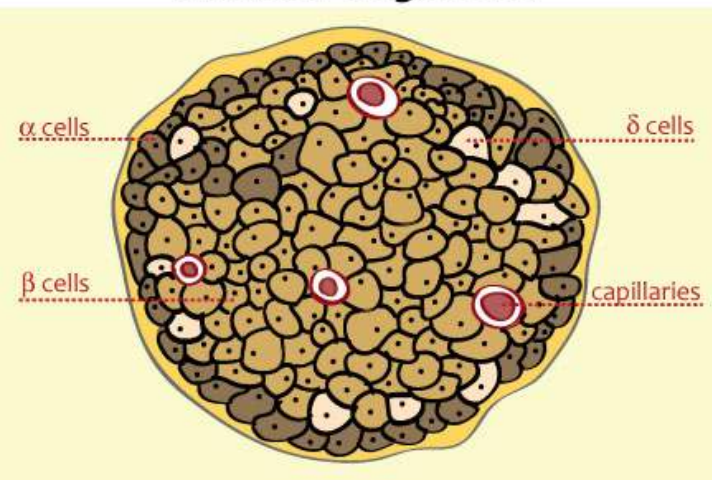
Homeostasis, injury, pregnancy,
obesity, insulin resistance



Extreme β -cell loss

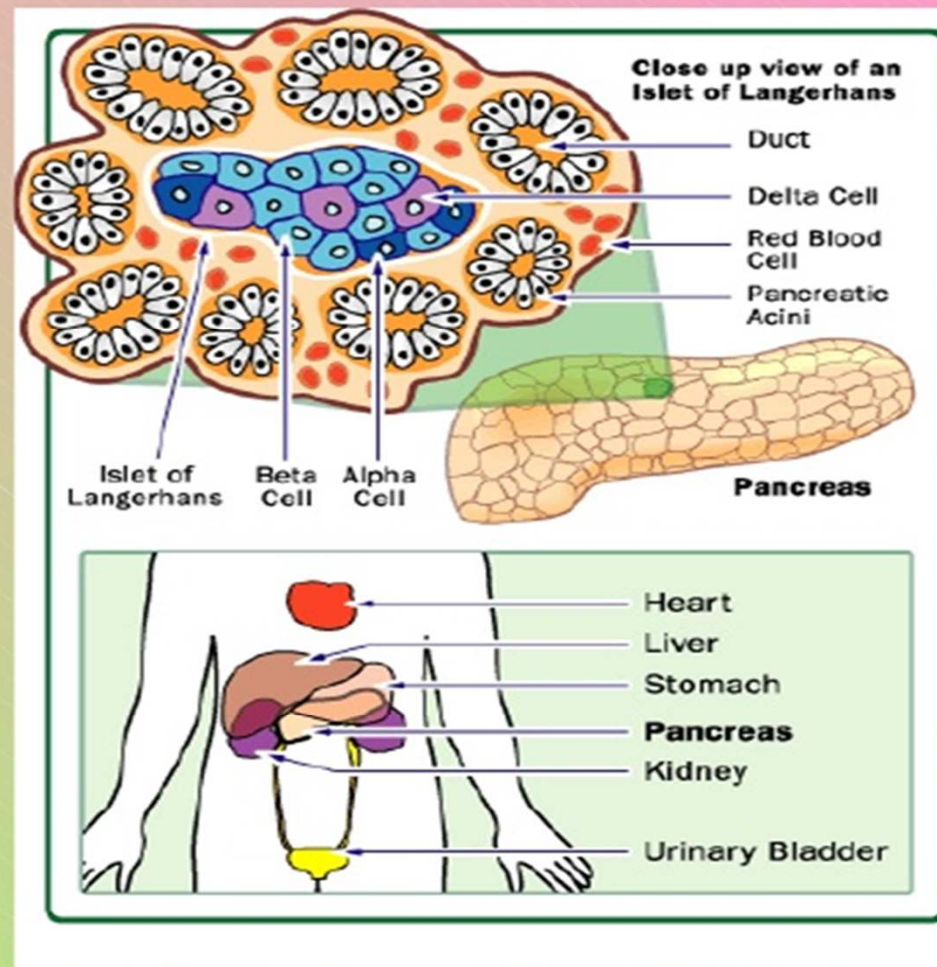


Islets of Langerhans



The islets are composed of:

- **A or α cells** (~20%), located at the periphery of the islet and secrete **glucagon**
- **B or β cells** (~75%), generally located at the center of the islet and secrete **insulin**
- **D or δ cells** (~5%), located around the periphery and release **somatostatin**, a paracrine inhibitor of both insulin and glucagon secretion
- **F cells** (<2%) produce **pancreatic polypeptide**



Endocrine Cells (Islets of Langerhans)

The endocrine portion of the pancreas consists of clusters of cells known as the islets of Langerhans. These cells secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate blood sugar levels.

1. Alpha Cells (A Cells)

1. **Location:** Predominantly located at the periphery of the islets.
2. **Function:** Secrete glucagon, a hormone that raises blood glucose levels by promoting glycogen breakdown in the liver and glucose release into the bloodstream.

2. Beta Cells (B Cells)

1. **Location:** Centrally located within the islets.
2. **Function:** Produce and secrete insulin, a hormone that lowers blood glucose levels by facilitating cellular uptake of glucose and promoting glycogen storage in the liver.

3. Delta Cells (D Cells)

1. **Location:** Scattered throughout the islets.
2. **Function:** Secrete somatostatin, which inhibits the release of both glucagon and insulin, as well as other gastrointestinal hormones. It helps regulate the balance between these hormones.

4. PP Cells (F Cells or Pancreatic Polypeptide Cells)

1. **Location:** Found mainly in the periphery of the islets.
2. **Function:** Secrete pancreatic polypeptide, which regulates the exocrine function of the pancreas and affects gastric motility and appetite.

Epsilon Cells

- Location:** Scattered within the islets, less abundant.

- Function:** Produce ghrelin, a hormone that stimulates appetite and plays a role in energy balance.

Exocrine Cells

The exocrine portion of the pancreas is responsible for producing digestive enzymes and bicarbonate, which are released into the duodenum to aid in digestion.

1. Acinar Cells

- 1. Location:** Form clusters called acini within the pancreas.
- 2. Function:** Produce and secrete digestive enzymes, including:
 - 1. Amylase:** Breaks down carbohydrates into simple sugars.
 - 2. Lipase:** Breaks down fats into fatty acids and glycerol.
 - 3. Proteases:** Break down proteins into peptides and amino acids (e.g., trypsinogen, chymotrypsinogen, and procarboxypeptidase).

2. Centroacinar Cells

- 1. Location:** Located at the center of the acini, where they transition into the ductal cells.
- 2. Function:** Contribute to the secretion of a bicarbonate-rich fluid that neutralizes stomach acid in the duodenum.

3. Ductal Cells

- 1. Location:** Line the ducts that transport pancreatic secretions to the duodenum.
- 2. Function:** Secrete bicarbonate and water, which help neutralize the acidic chyme from the stomach and create an optimal pH for the action of digestive enzymes.

Summary

•Endocrine Cells (Islets of Langerhans):

- **Alpha Cells:** Secrete glucagon to raise blood glucose.
- **Beta Cells:** Secrete insulin to lower blood glucose.
- **Delta Cells:** Secrete somatostatin to regulate other endocrine cells.
- **PP Cells:** Secrete pancreatic polypeptide to regulate exocrine function.
- **Epsilon Cells:** Secrete ghrelin to stimulate appetite.

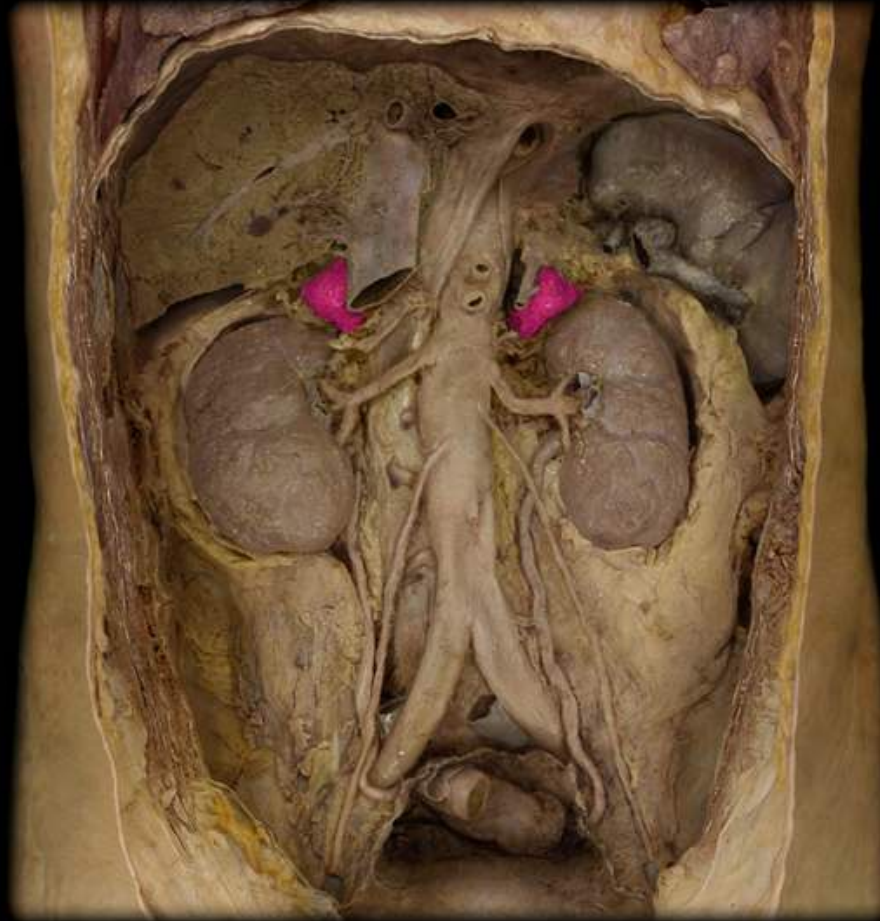
•Exocrine Cells:

- **Acinar Cells:** Produce digestive enzymes.
- **Centroacinar Cells:** Contribute to bicarbonate secretion.
- **Ductal Cells:** Transport and secrete bicarbonate and water.



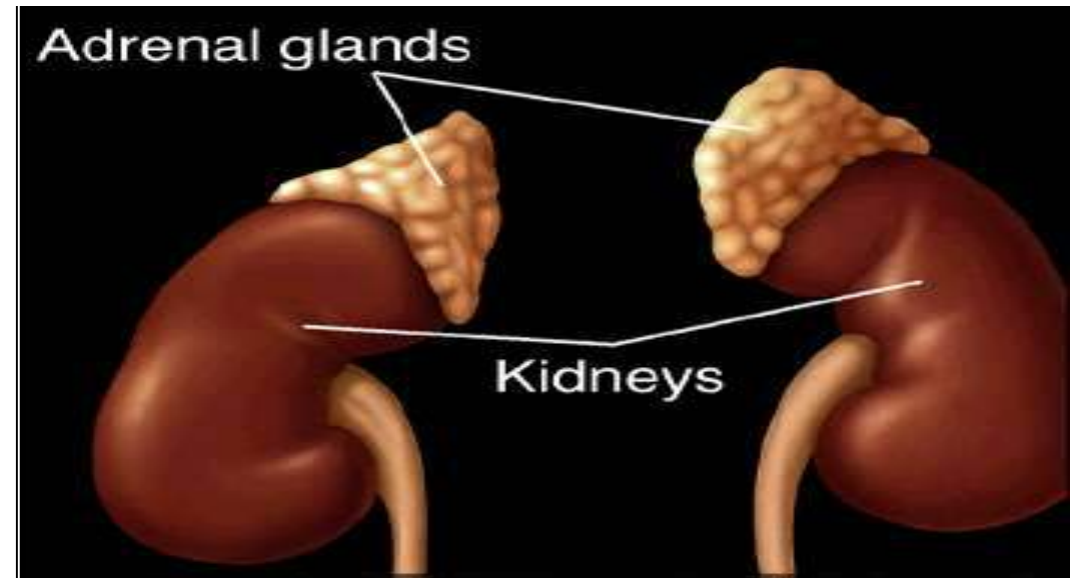
Adrenal glands

Adrenal (Suprarenal) Glands

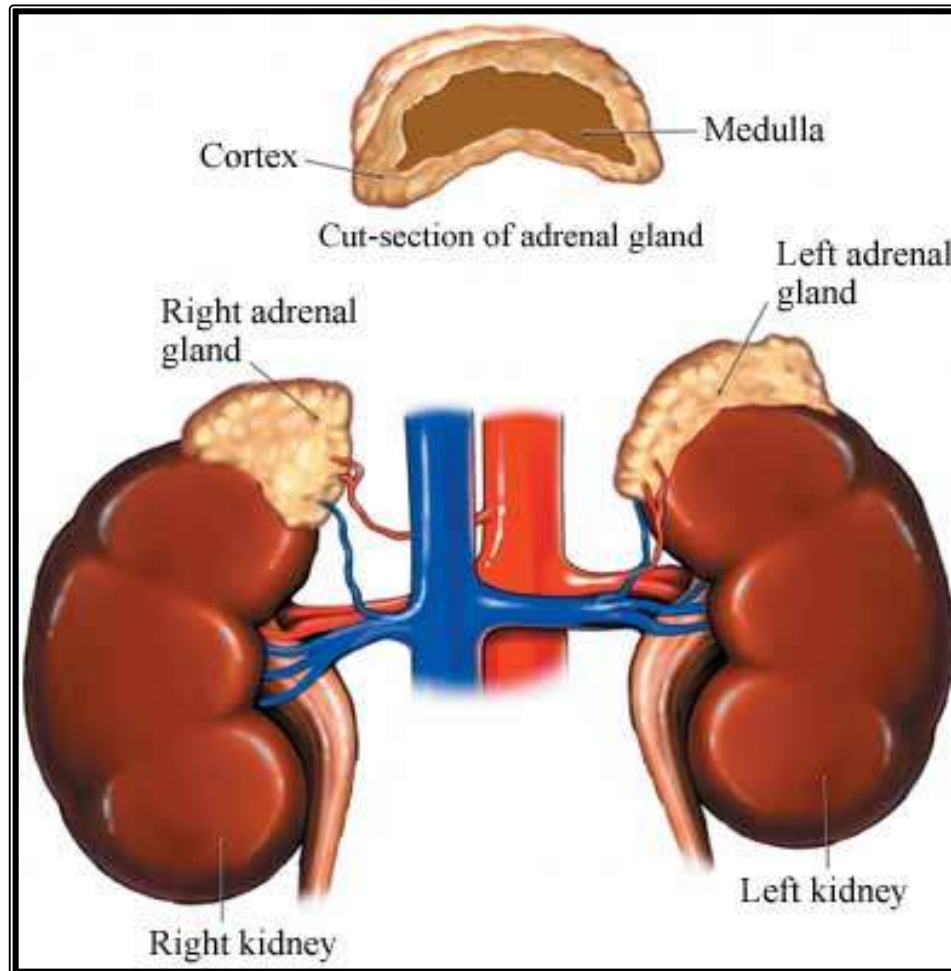


Introduction

- Among most important and vital endocrine organ
- Small bilateral yellowish retroperitoneal organ
- Lies just above kidney in gerota's fascia



Anatomy

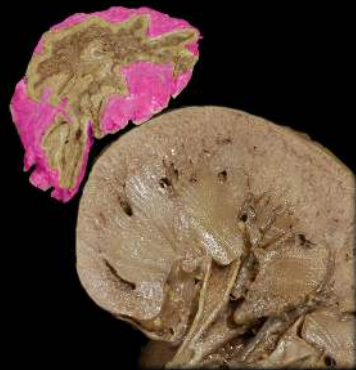


Adrenal (Suprarenal) Glands



Adrenal (Suprarenal) Glands

Cortex & Medulla



capsule

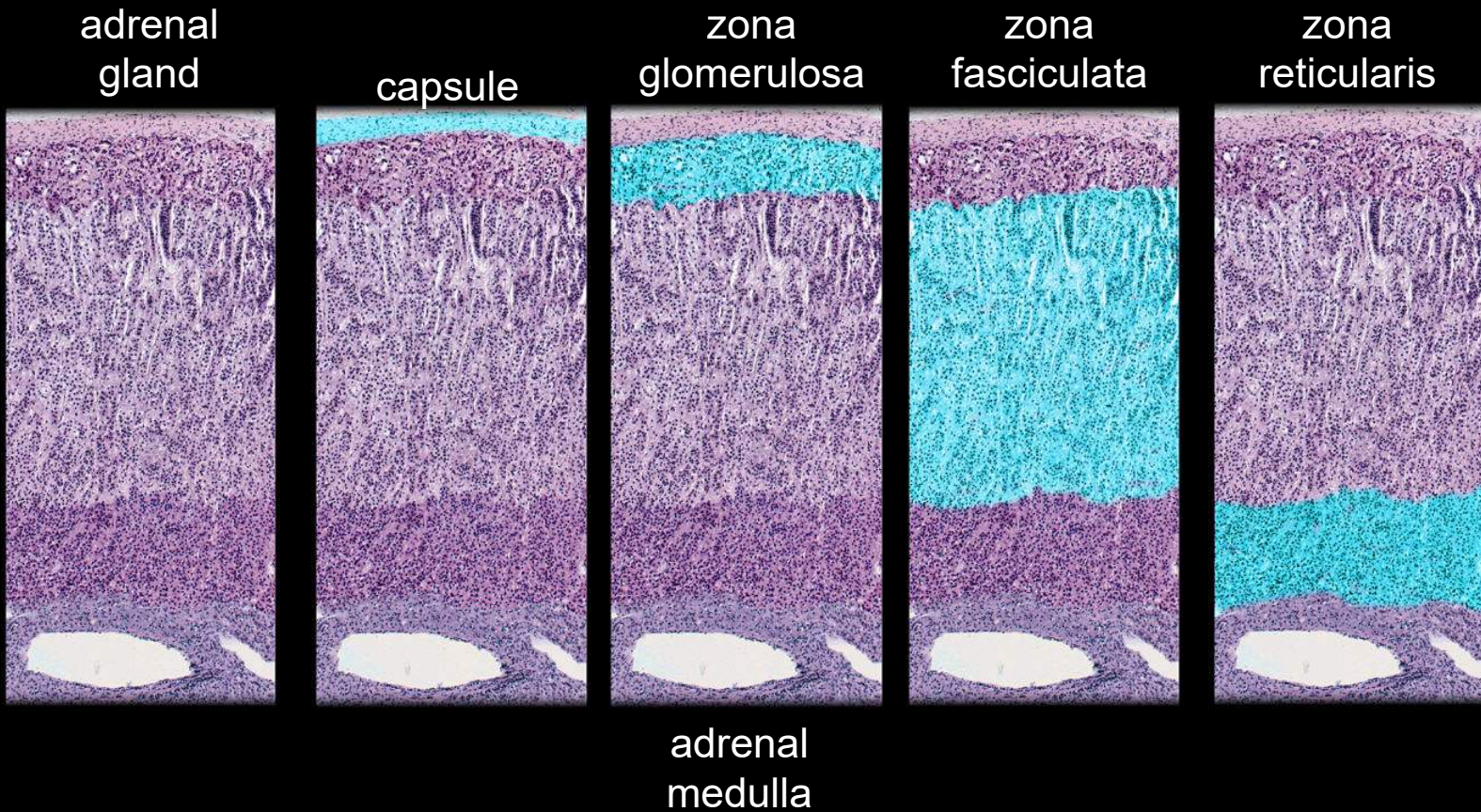


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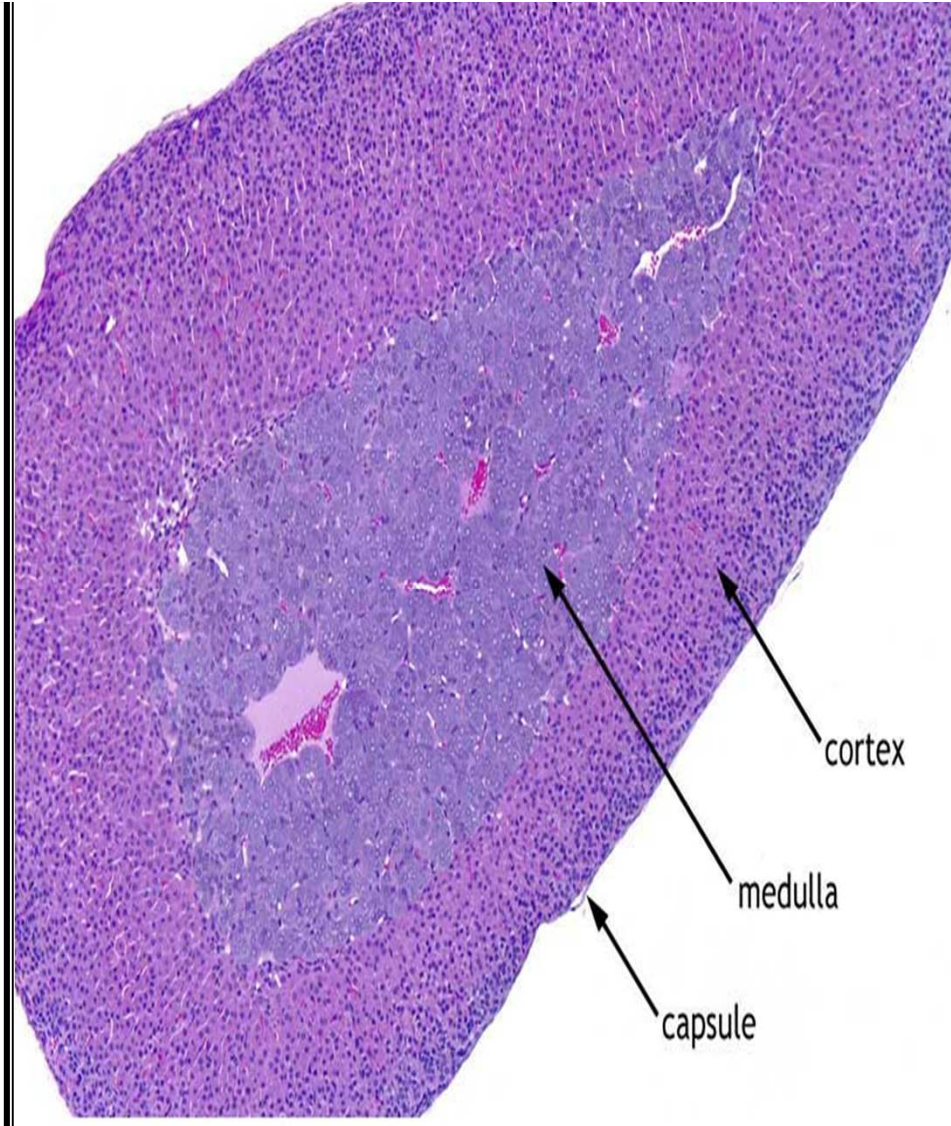
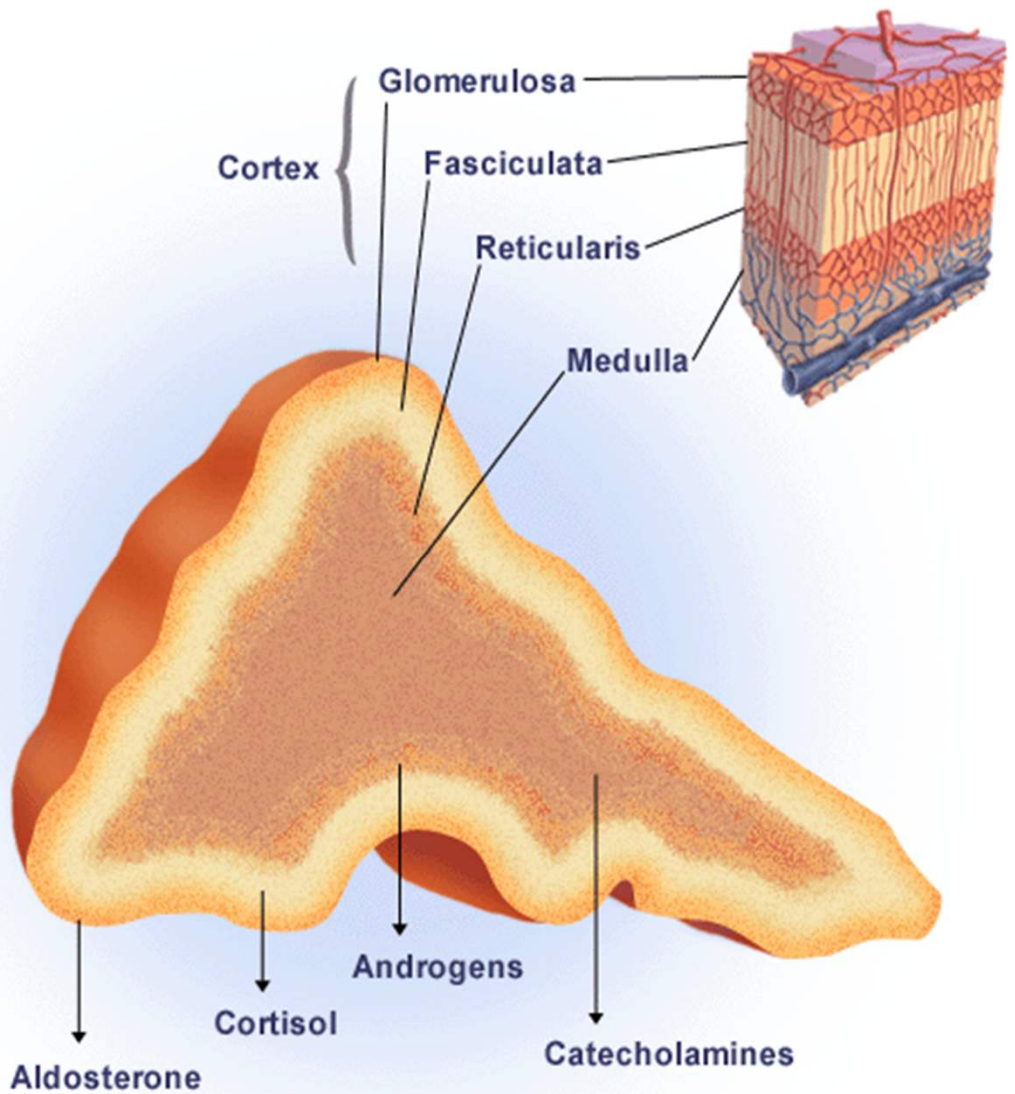


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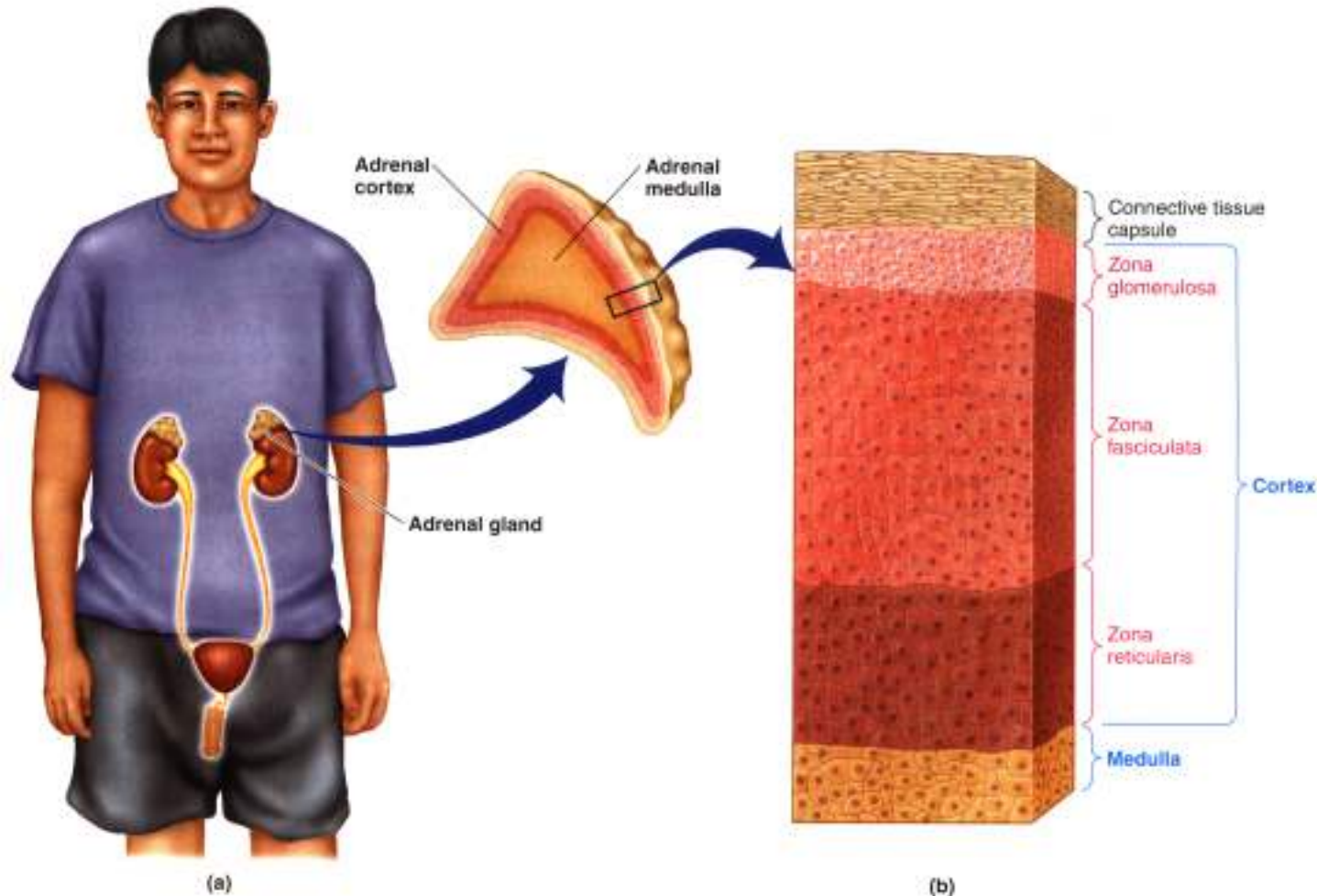
Adrenal Histology







Adrenal Histology

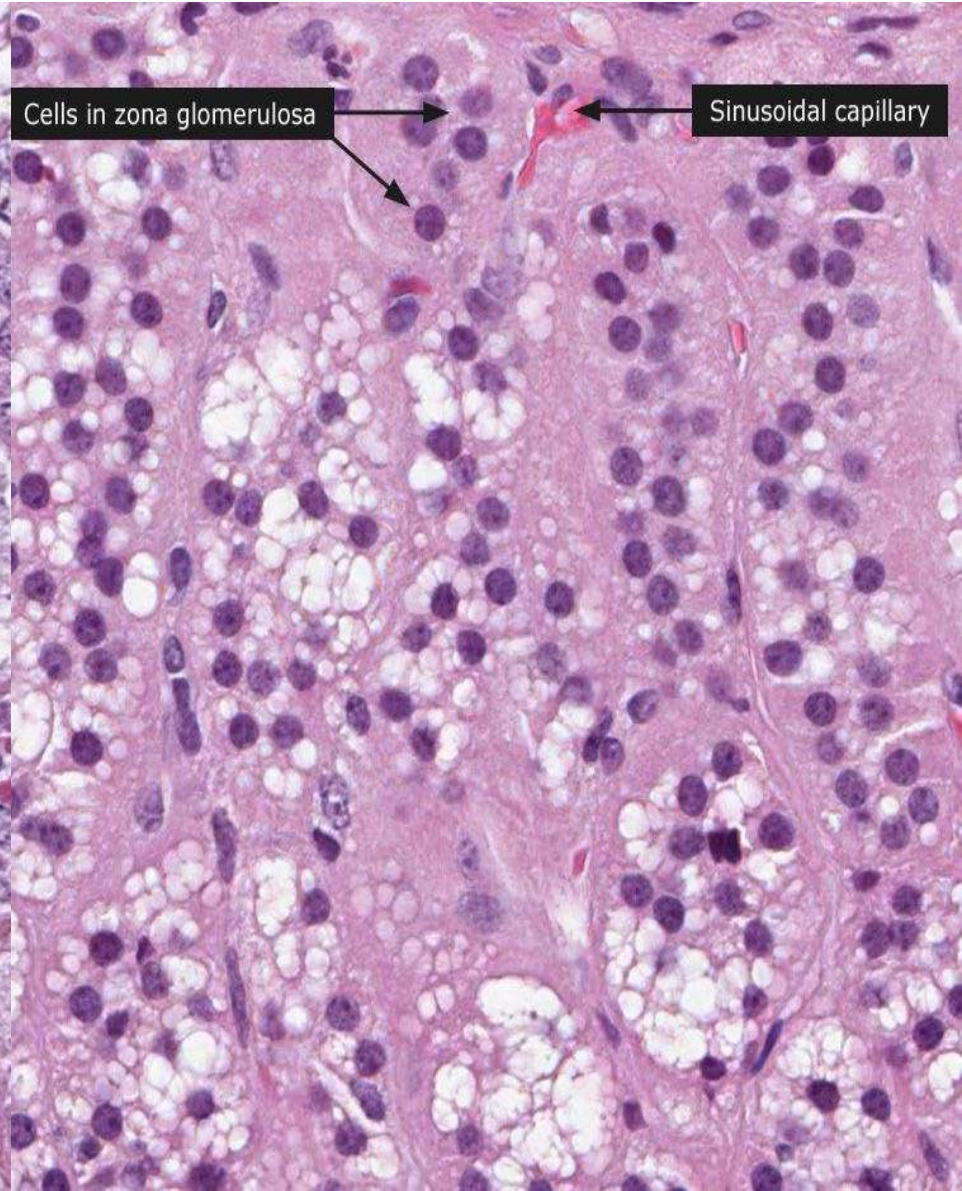
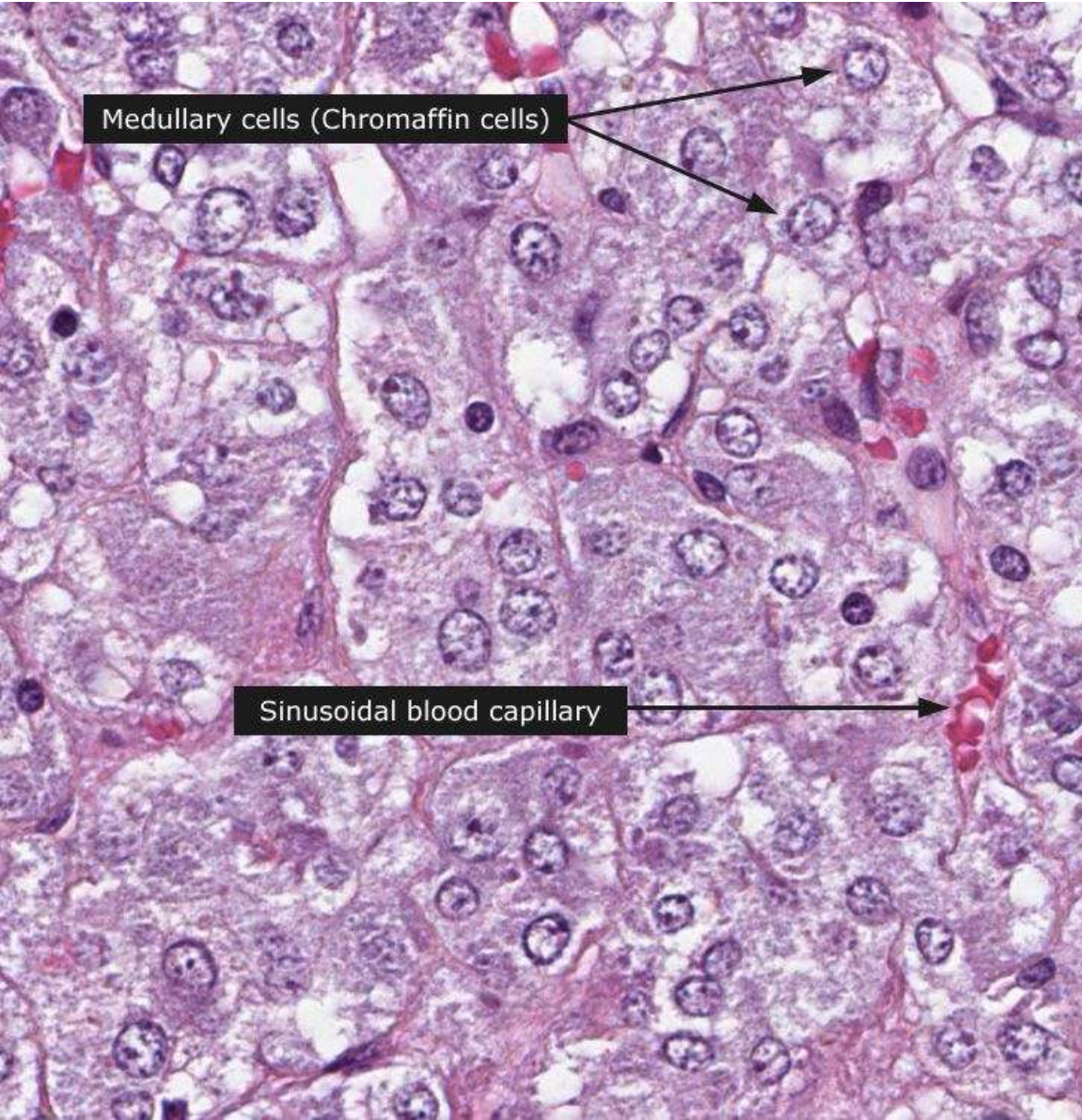


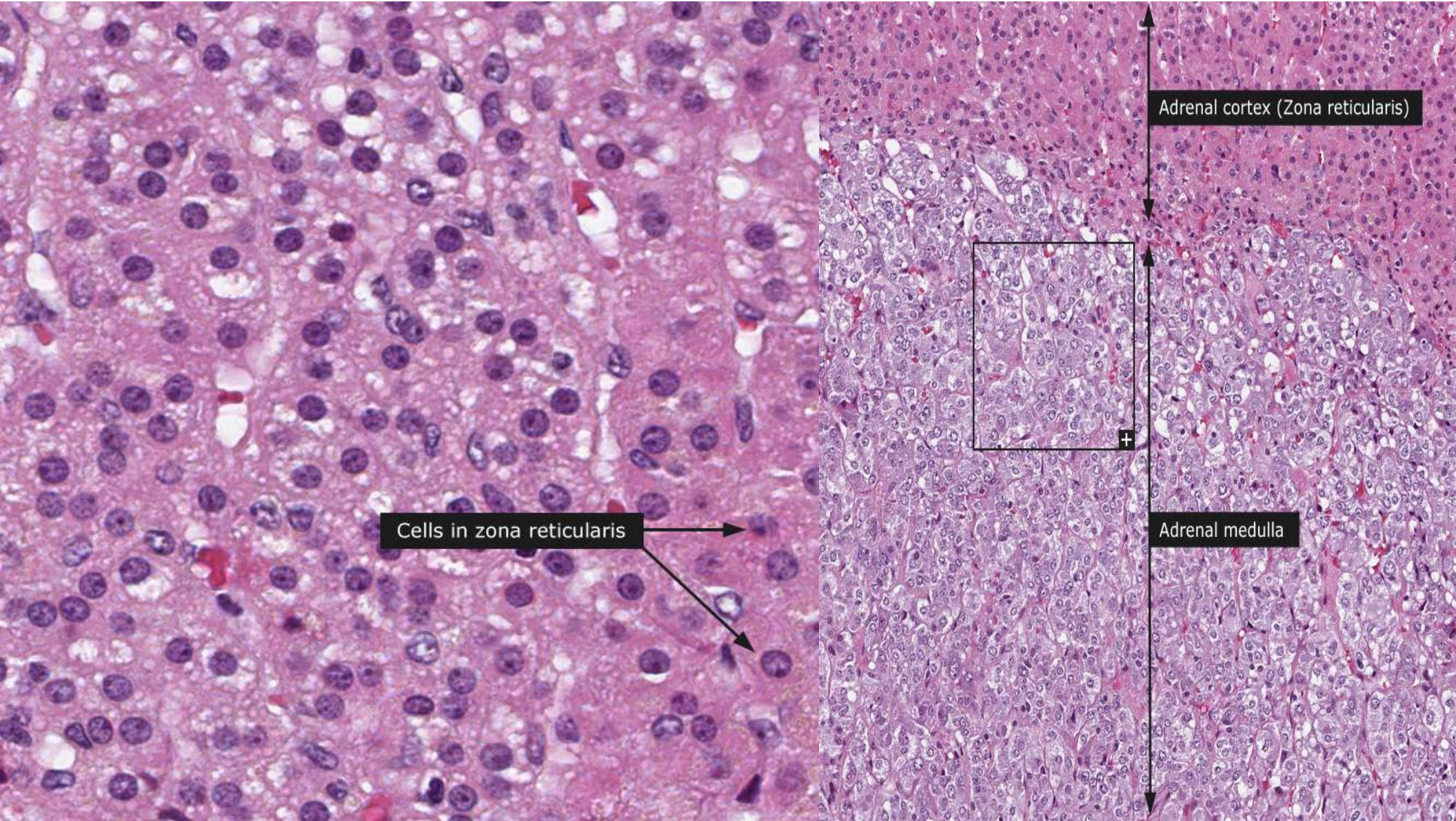
The **adrenal cortex** is partitioned into three concentric zones of steroid-synthesizing cells - glomerulosa, fasciculata and reticularis.

Although the boundaries between these zones are somewhat indistinct, each has a characteristic arrangement of cells.

The **medulla** is populated with large columnar cells **called chromaffin cells**, which synthesize and secrete catecholamines. **Ganglion cells** are also observed, but infrequently.

Blood from throughout the adrenal gland collects into large medullary veins to exit the gland.

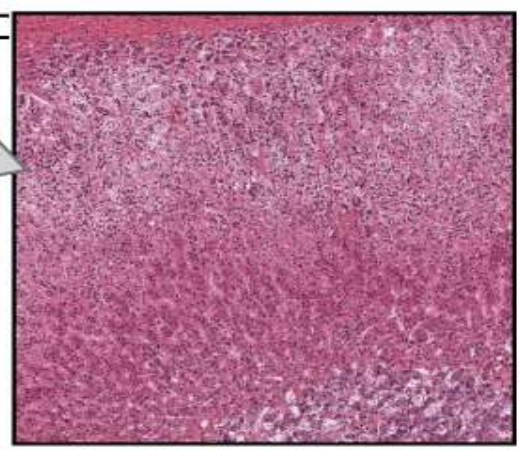
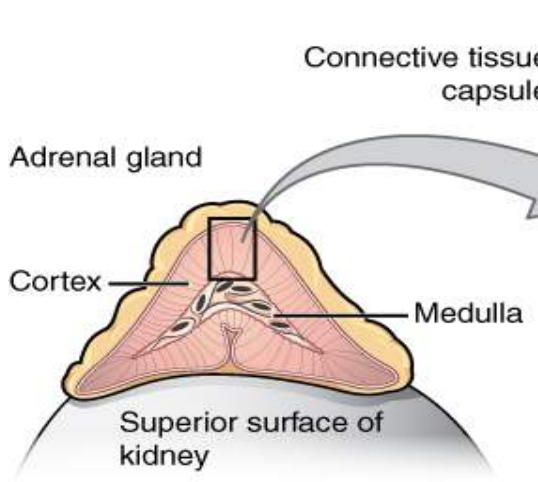




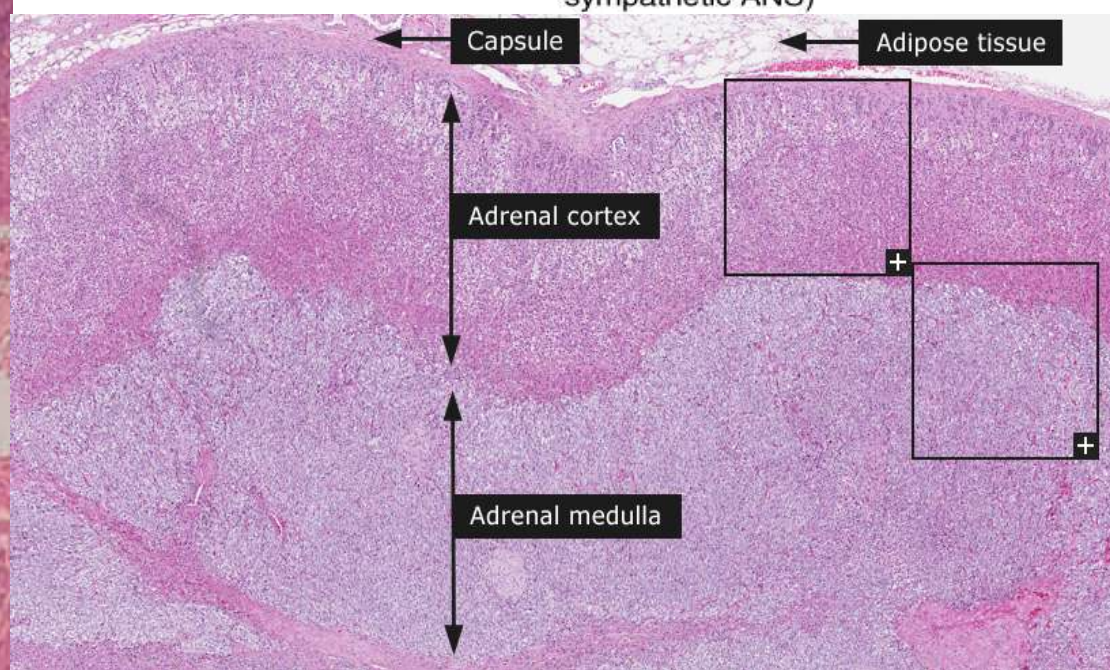
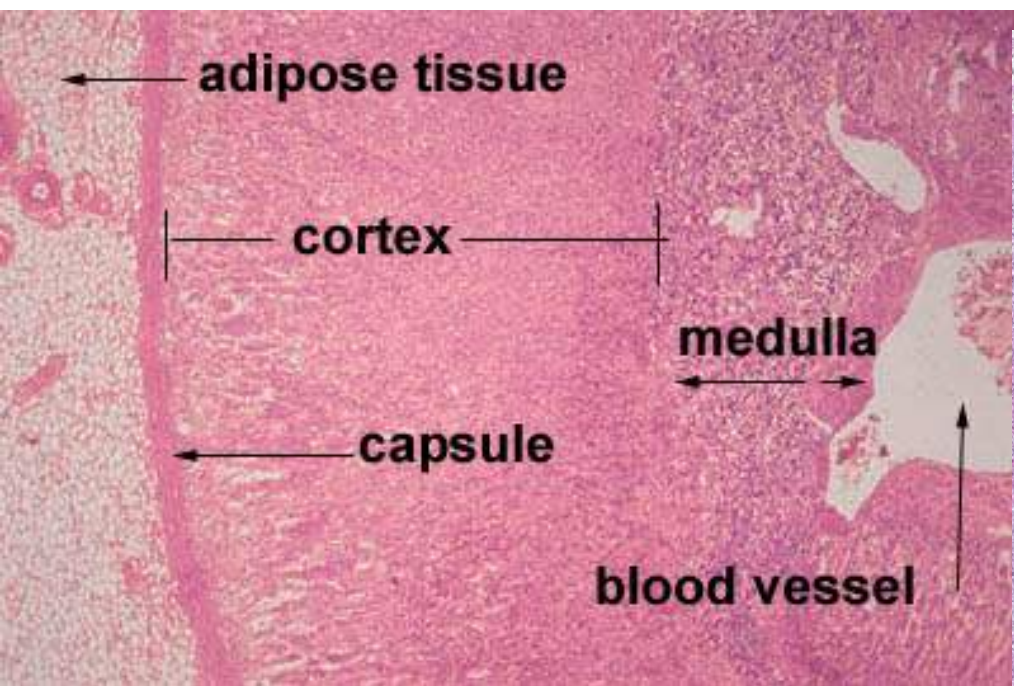
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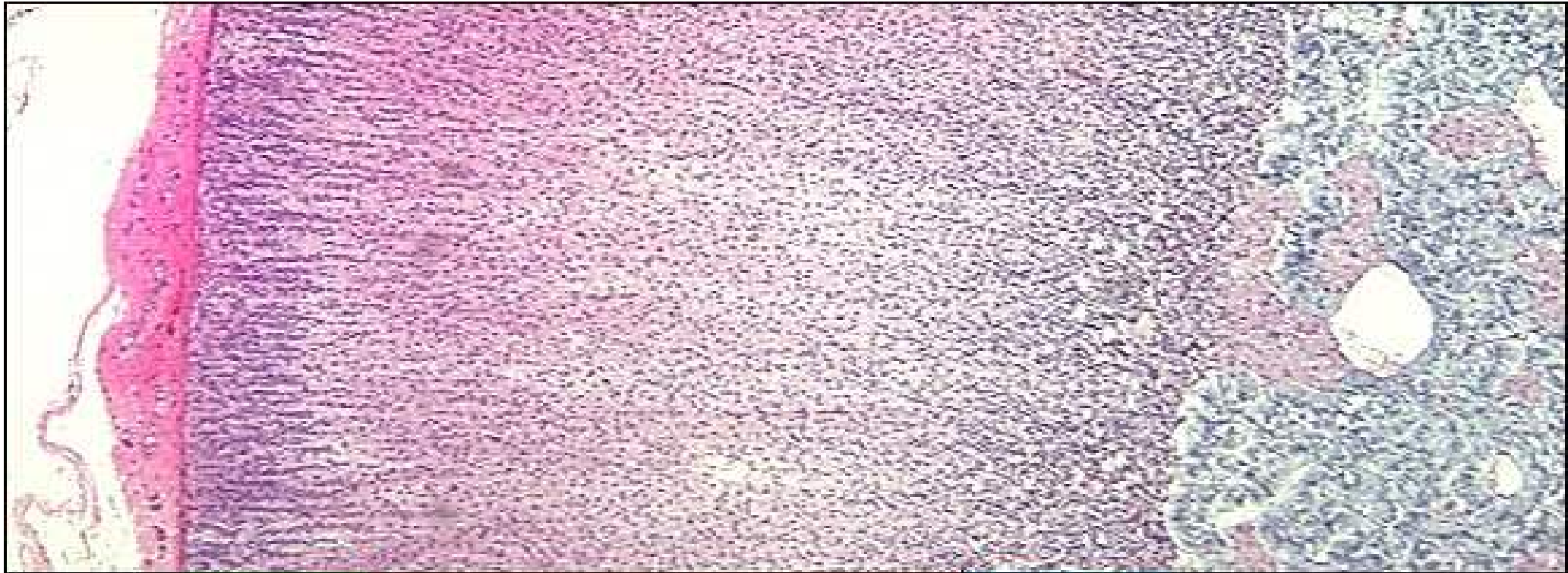
Adrenal cortex (Zona reticularis)

Adrenal medulla



Tissue area	Hormones released	Examples
Zona glomerulosa (adrenal cortex)	Mineralcorticoids (regulate mineral balance)	Aldosterone
Zona fasciculata (adrenal cortex)	Glucocorticoids (regulate glucose metabolism)	Cortisol Corticosterone Cortisone
Zona reticularis (adrenal cortex)	Androgens (stimulate masculinization)	Dehydroepiandrosterone
Adrenal medulla	Stress hormones (stimulate sympathetic ANS)	Epinephrine Norepinephrine





capsule	glomerulosa	fasiculata	reticularis	Medulla
	Cortex			
Cortex	zona glomerulosa		mineralocorticoids (aldosterone)	
	zona fasciculata		glucocorticoids (cortisol)	
	zona reticularis		sex steroids (androgens)	
Medulla				catecholamines (epinephrine and norepinephrine)

Adrenal Cortex Cells

•Zona Glomerulosa

•Cell Type: Glomerulosa cells

•Function: Produce mineralocorticoids, primarily aldosterone, which regulates sodium and potassium balance and helps control blood pressure.

•Hormone Regulation: Aldosterone secretion is primarily regulated by the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS) and potassium levels in the blood.

•Zona Fasciculata

•Cell Type: Fasciculata cells

•Function: Produce glucocorticoids, mainly cortisol, which helps regulate metabolism, the immune response, and stress responses.

•Hormone Regulation: Cortisol secretion is controlled by the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis, specifically by the secretion of adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) from the anterior pituitary.

•Zona Reticularis

•Cell Type: Reticularis cells

•Function: Produce androgens, such as dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) and androstenedione, which are precursors to sex hormones (testosterone and estrogen).

•Hormone Regulation: Androgen production is also influenced by ACTH and other factors, though to a lesser extent than glucocorticoids.

Adrenal Medulla Cells

The adrenal medulla is the inner part of the adrenal gland and functions as part of the sympathetic nervous system.

1. Chromaffin Cells

1. **Cell Type:** **Chromaffin cells (also called pheochromocytes)**
2. **Function:** **Produce catecholamines, including epinephrine (adrenaline) and norepinephrine (noradrenaline), which prepare the body for a "fight-or-flight" response by increasing heart rate, blood pressure, blood glucose levels, and blood flow to muscles.**
3. **Hormone Regulation:** Catecholamine release is primarily regulated by direct stimulation from the sympathetic nervous system.

Summary of Adrenal Gland Cells and Their Functions

•Adrenal Cortex:

- **Zona Glomerulosa (Glomerulosa Cells):**
Produces aldosterone, regulating sodium and potassium balance and blood pressure.
- **Zona Fasciculata (Fasciculata Cells):**
Produces cortisol, regulating metabolism, immune response, and stress response.
- **Zona Reticularis (Reticularis Cells):** Produces androgens, serving as precursors to sex hormones.

•Adrenal Medulla:

- **Chromaffin Cells (Pheochromocytes):**
Produce catecholamines (epinephrine and norepinephrine), preparing the body for "fight-or-flight" responses.

Hormone Functions

1.Mineralocorticoids (Aldosterone)

1. **Function:** Regulates electrolyte and fluid balance by promoting sodium retention and potassium excretion by the kidneys.
2. **Effects:** Increases blood volume and blood pressure.

2.Glucocorticoids (Cortisol)

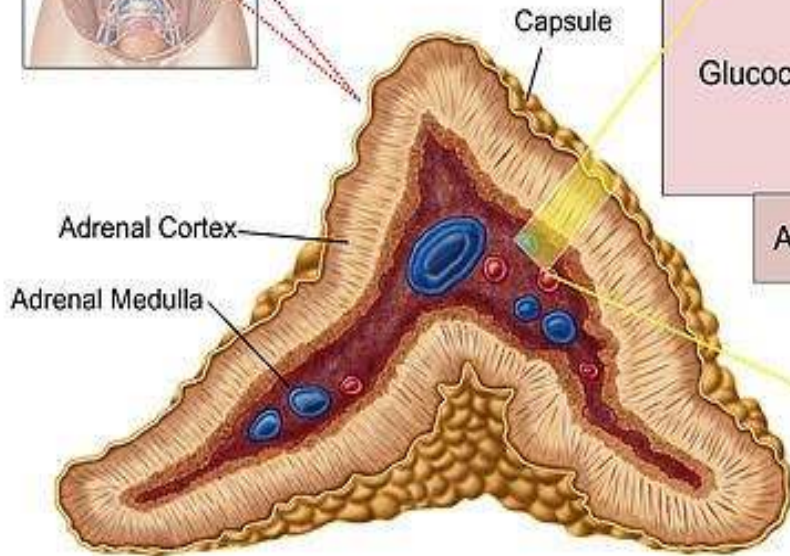
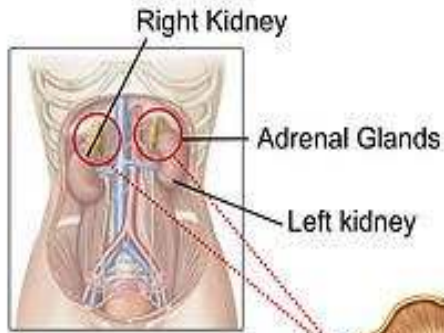
1. **Function:** Regulates metabolism by increasing blood glucose levels, modulates the immune response, and helps the body respond to stress.
2. **Effects:** Increases glucose production, suppresses inflammation, and supports stress responses.

3.Androgens (DHEA, Androstenedione)

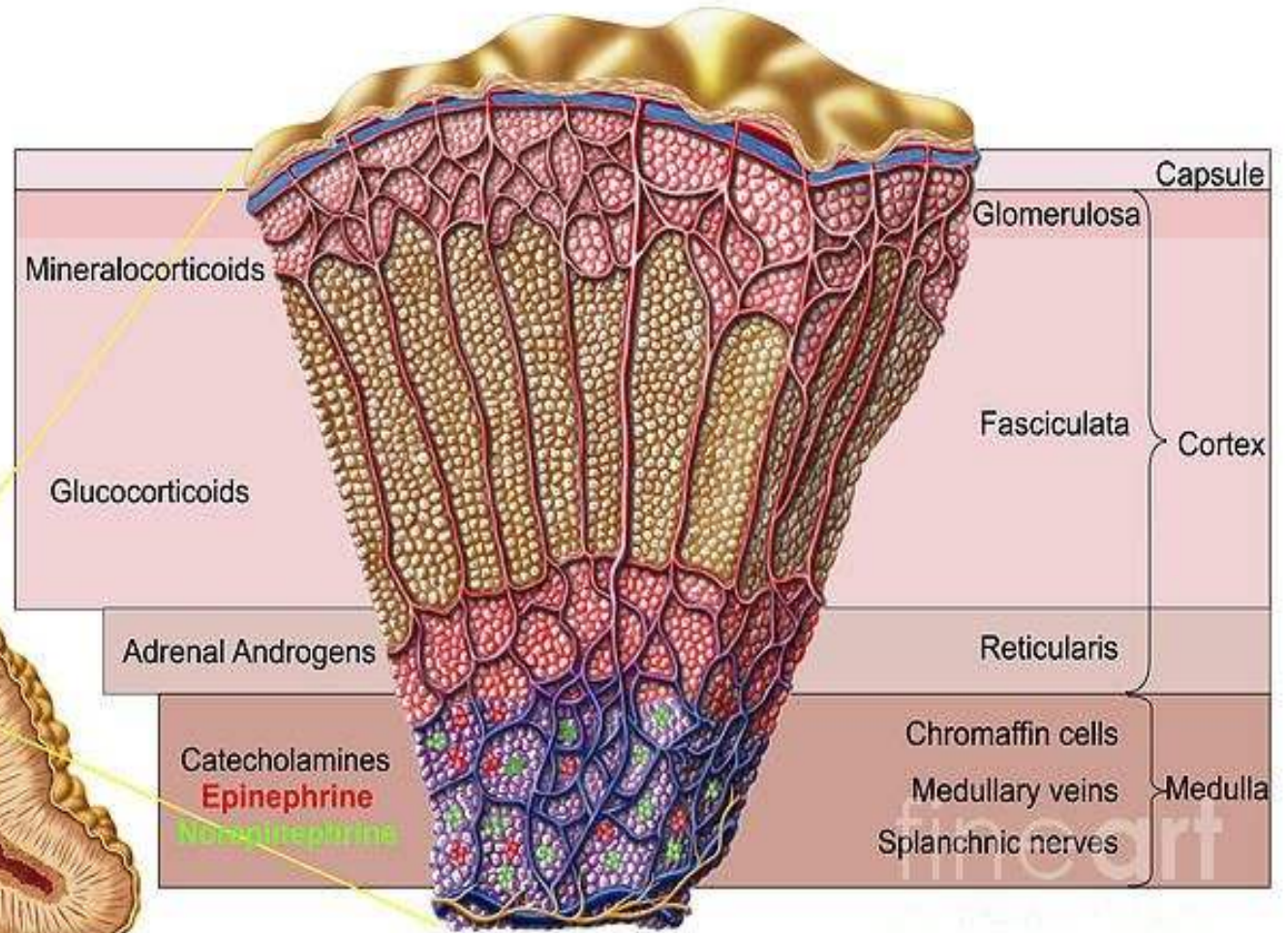
1. **Function:** Serve as precursors for the synthesis of testosterone and estrogen.
2. **Effects:** Contribute to the development of secondary sexual characteristics and support reproductive function.

4.Catecholamines (Epinephrine, Norepinephrine)

1. **Function:** Prepare the body for rapid action by increasing heart rate, blood pressure, and blood glucose levels.
2. **Effects:** Enhance physical performance, focus, and energy during stressful situations.



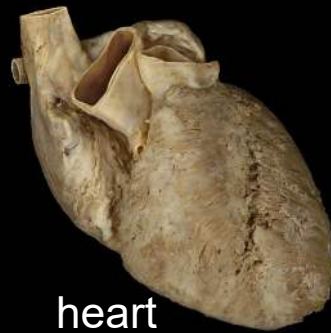
Transverse Section



Microscopic Section

Other Organs with Endocrine Function

ANP



heart



skin

calcitriol

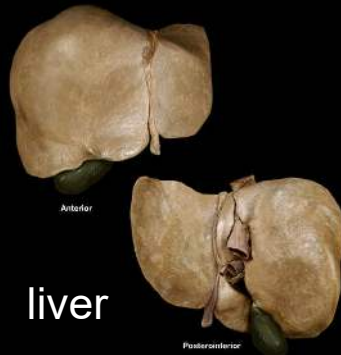
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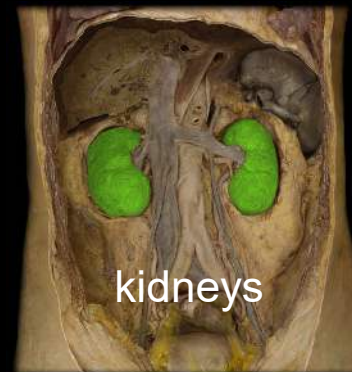
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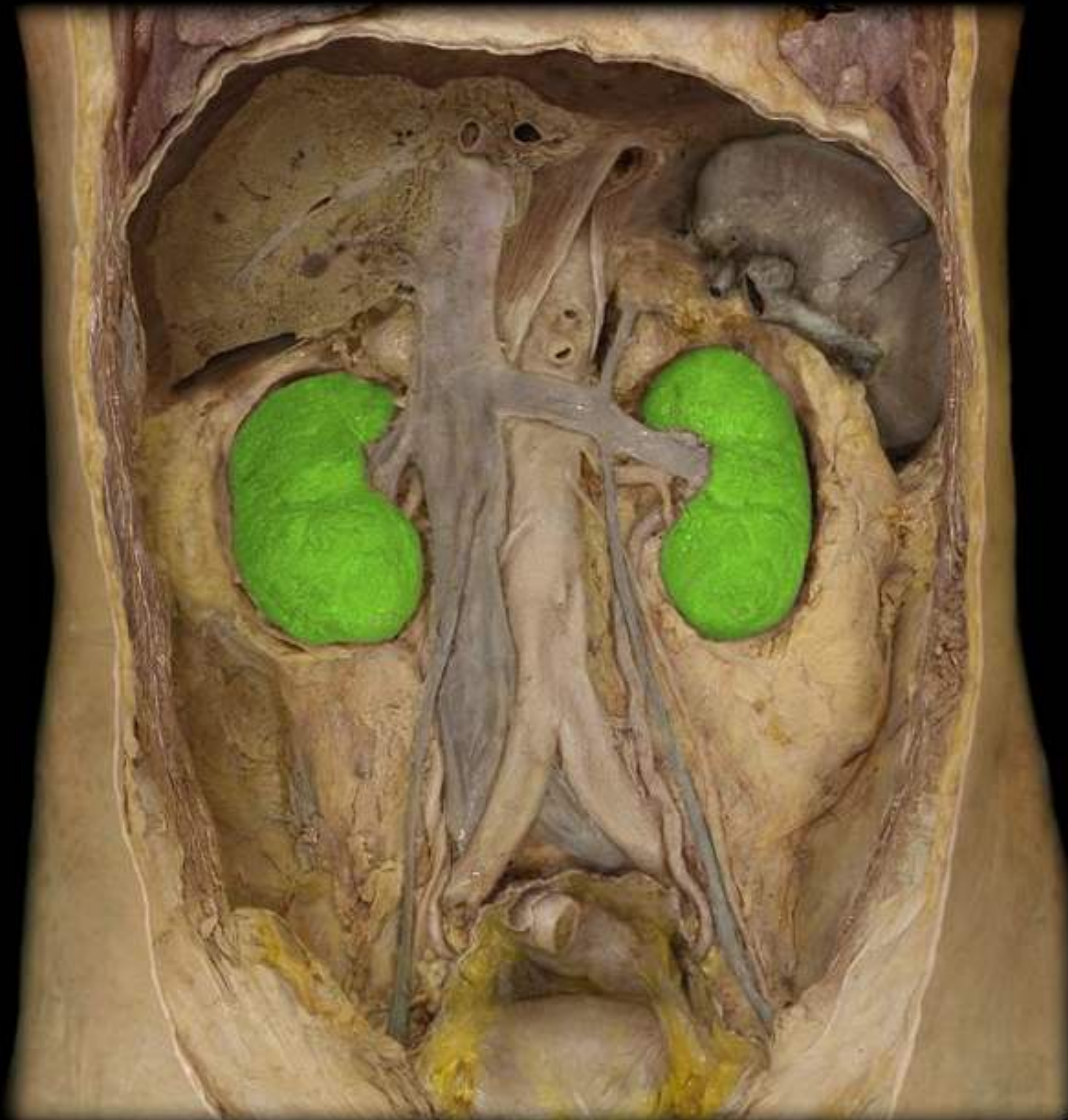
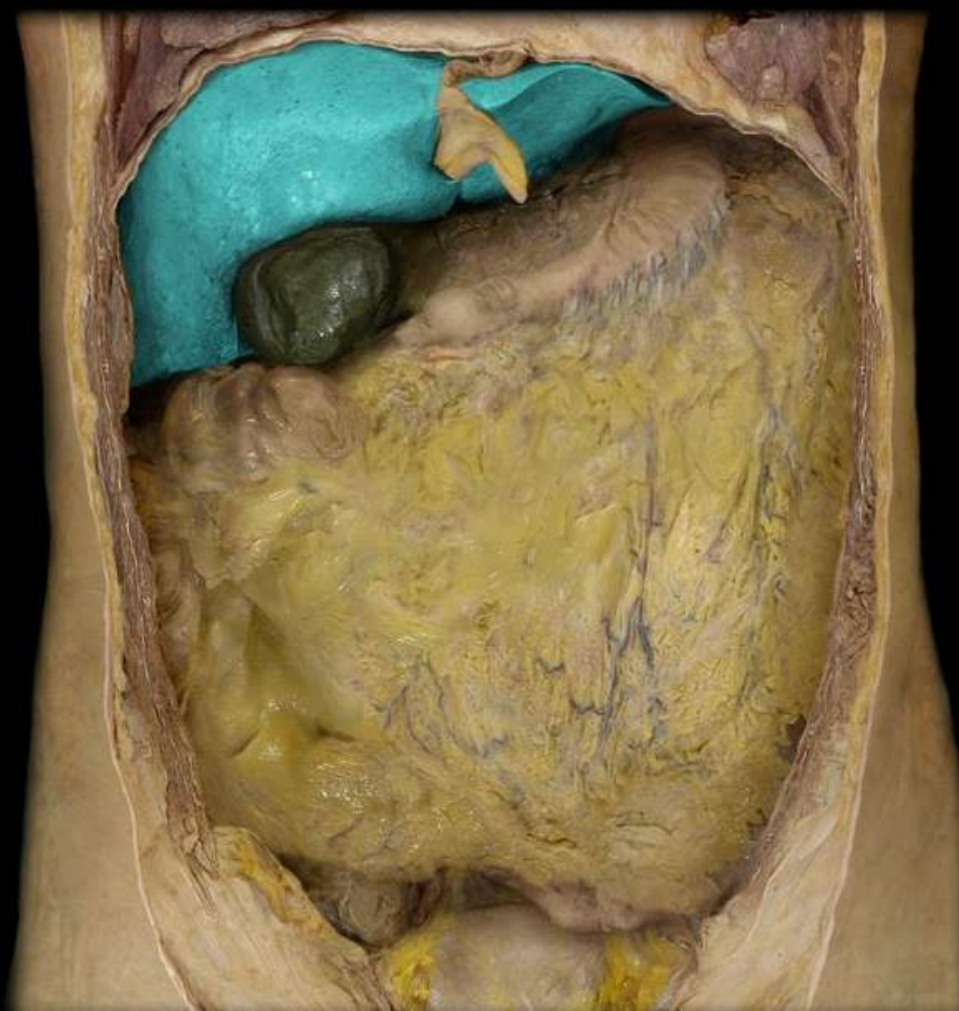
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Other Organs with Endocrine Function

stomach and intestines

enteric hormones





Hormone Clearance



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