



Digestive system



Functions of the digestive system

- Digestion-mechanical and chemical breakdown of material
- Motility-movement of material from the oral cavity to the anus-swallowing / peristalsis
- Secretion-exocrine release of enzymes into the lumen of the digestive tract for chemical digestion
- Absorption-movement of material from the lumen into the blood stream

- Alimentary canal or GI-tract- a continuous tube
 - about 30 feet in length
 - oral cavity→esophagus→stomach→small intestines→large int.→ rectum
- Accessory organs- digestive organs outside of canal
 - communicate with GI tract via ducts
 - salivary glands, pancreas, liver, gallbladder, teeth, tongue

Gastrointestinal tract-

- Four layers:
- Superficial
- Tunica mucosa
- Tunica submucosa
- Tunica muscularis externa
- Tunica serosa-visceral peritoneum muco
- Deep



muscularis externa



(a) Histological organization of the digestive tract

- Tunica mucosa-mucus membrane= moist epithelial tissue (different types) + loose connective tissue
 - Folding increases surface area
- Tunica submucosa-areolar connective tissue usually contains glands
- Tunica muscularis externa -2 or 3 layers of smooth muscle (3 in stomach only)
- Tunica serosa-connective tissue serous membrane NOT in esophagus/rectum-adventitia

Smooth muscle

- No sarcomere arrangement, No striations
- Many have no efferent innervation
- Gap junctions, Arranged in sheets
- Ability to stretch
- Two forms of contraction
 - Peristalsis
 - segmentation



Peristalsis

Net movement of material towards the rectum

Segmentation

No net movement of material, mixing and churning

Enteric nervous system-nerves network that control digestive reflexes





(a) Peristalsis









(b) Segmentation

Visceral/parietal peritoneum in-folding that suspend organs

- Falciform ligament
 - connect liver to diaphragm and anterior wall
- Greater omentum
 - fold laying over-top of the large intestines
 - connected the greater curvature of the stomach to the transverse colon
 - it is filled with fat globules and lymph nodules
- lesser omentum
 - from liver to lesser curvature of stomach
- mesentery proper
 - stomach & sm. intestines to posterior abdominal wall
- mesocolon
 - suspends Ig. intestines from posterior abdominal wall



(c) Mesentery attachments, anterior view

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25.1 Digestive tract & accessory organs

ORAL CAVITY, TEETH, TONGUE

Mechanical processing, moistening, mixing with salivary secretions

LIVER

Secretion of bile (important for lipid digestion), storage of nutrients, many other vital functions

GALLBLADDER

Storage and concentration of bile

LARGE INTESTINE

Dehydration and compaction of undigestible materials in preparation for elimination

SALIVARY GLANDS

Secretion of lubricating fluid containing enzymes that break down carbohydrates

PHARYNX

Pharyngeal muscles propel materials into the esophagus

ESOPHAGUS

Transport of materials to the stomach

STOMACH

Chemical breakdown of materials via acid and enzymes; mechanical processing through muscular contractions

PANCREAS

Exocrine cells secrete buffers and digestive enzymes; endocrine cells secrete hormones

SMALL INTESTINE

Enzymatic digestion and absorption of water, organic substrates, vitamins, and ions

Salivary glands

- Slightly different secretions
- Stimulated by parasympathetic
- Release enzymes
- Lubrication oral cavity
- Submandibular S.G.-release majority of saliva, 70%

Fig Dentin of teeth is 25.7 similar to the inorganic portion of bone

Only example of gomphosis joint

Incisors-clipping/cutting

Canines-tearing/slashing

Premolars- mashing/grinding ...

Molars mashing/grinding



(c) Adult teeth, upper and lower jaws

- 20 Deciduous teeth-baby teeth
- Permanent dentition-32 adult teeth (molars)
- Wisdom teeth-posterior molars

BUCCAL PHASE Hard palate Soft palate -Tongue Bolus Epiglottis Esophagus, Trachea (a) (b) Epiglottis PHARYNGEAL PHASE closes over larynx (c) (d) ESOPHAGEAL PHASE Peristalsis (1) (e) Esophagus Thoracic cavity Diaphragm Stomach

(g)

(h)

Voluntary control

esophagus

- Tunica muscularis-superior 1/3 skeletal muscle
- No serosa instead adventitia
- About 1 ft long



Mucous layer protects epithelia of stomach from stomach acids



Small intestines

- 90 percent of nutrient absorption (most in jejunum)
- Contains plicae, villi, microvilli to increase surface area
- Releases hormones CCK & secretin
- Lacteal absorption of lipids
- mucus and buffers (neutralize acid chyme)



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valves

- Valves regulate passage of material from segment to segment
- pharynx/esophagus
- Esophagus/stomach-cardiac sphincter
- Stomach/small intestines-pyloric sphincter
- Small/large intestines-iliocecal valve
- Anus/environment

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- Metabolic regulation
 - absorbed nutrients are further metabolized in the liver
 - Toxins brake down
 - Fat soluble vitamins stored in liver
- Hematological regulation
 - Liver receives 25% of blood from aorta
 - breakdown of old/damaged blood cells
 - Makes plasma proteins
- Synthesis of bile/bile salts
 - Bile-pH buffer neutralize stomach acid
 - Bile salts-aids in break down of lipids



With continued exposure to ethanol, sections of the liver will die, as evidenced by these micronodules.





(b) Hepatopancreatic sphincter





Majority of pancreas has digestive (exocrine) function Releases pancreatic juice to the duodenum via pancreatic duct Majority of chemical digestion



ne and endocrine cells (LM x 120)









- Break
- Histology

 <u>http://www.barixclinics.com/how_it_works/</u> <u>animated_surgery.jsp</u> Food Pyramid

- <- point of release enzyme name (what it metabolizes) = organ secreting enzymes
- Oral cavity <-Amylase (carbohydrates), Lipase (lipids) = Salivary Glands
- Oropharynx
- Laryngopharynx
- Esophagus
 - Stomach <-Pepsinogen (proteins) = Chief Cells, HCL = Parietal Cells
 - Duodenum <-Pancreatic Juice (lipids, carbos, proteins) = Pancreas,
 - Jejunum Brush-border Enzymes (lipids, carbos, proteins) = Absorptive Cells
 - Bile (emulsification of lipid) = Liver & Gallbladder
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- Ascending Colon
- Transverse Colon
- Descending Colon
- Sigmoid Colon
- Rectum
- Anus
- Inside the stomach:
- Pepsinogen (inactive precursor) + HCL = Pepsin (active form, degrades proteins)
- Pancreatic Juice, Brush-border Enzymes, & Bile are released into the duodenum.





Central vein Sinusoid hepatic plate

Pancreatic acini





(a) Oral cavity, sagittal section



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(a) Lateral view with left mandibular body and ramus removed



(a) Tooth, sectional view



(b) Adult upper and lower teeth



(a) Stomach, anterior view







(d) Posterior (visceral) surface