

← Three types

- Skeletal
- Cardiac
- Smooth

Function

- Excitability- respond to stimulus
- Contractibility- shorten and exert tension
- Extensibility- can contract even when stretched
- Elasticity- rebound length

← Skeletal Muscle

- Produces movement
- Maintains posture and position
- Supports soft tissues
- Guards orifices
- Maintain body temperature

← Organization

- The organ
- Groups of fibers within a muscle- fascicles
- Inside the fascicles are the muscle fibers (or cells)
- Organ → fascicle → fiber → myofibrils → myofilaments

Connective Tissue layers

- Epimysium- outer layer covers the whole muscle organ
- Perimysium- covers the fascicle and blood vessels and nerves
- Endomysium- surrounds the muscle fibers/cells
- Contain the muscle and have the nerves and arteries within them
- Converge to form tendons (muscle to bone attachment)
 - Flattened is an aponeuroses
 - Interwoven into periosteum and bone

← Features of skeletal muscles

- Large cylindrical muscle fibers
- Multinucleated
- Striated
- Voluntary
- Satellite cells help in repair- limited but possible
- Sarcolemma is the membrane
- Sarcolemma is the cytoplasm

← A muscle fiber

- Myofibrils in sarcolemma (all red dots)
- Blue nuclei (multi)
- An abundance of mitochondria
- Membrane= sarcolemma

- Invagination of sarcolemma is **transverse tubules** which carry electrical impulses (nerve impulses)
- Inside myofibrils are myofilaments
- Myofibrils surrounded by sarcoplasmic reticulum
 - Internal membrane system
- one myofibril is as long as fiber and is attached to sarcolemma
- cisterna- swollen parts of reticulum near t-tubules
- ← Myofilaments
 - Sacromere- one unit in a myofilament
 - Goes from z line to z line
 - Thin filament- actin (red lines)
 - Have active site on them
 - Thick filament- myosin (purple lines)
 - Has a tail and head
 - Moveable head
 - A band- band where thick filaments reach (only thick)
 - Bumps on a band- heads of myosin
 - M line- the middle where actin and myosin meet in the sacromere
 - I band= thin filaments
 - Z line- boundaries of the sacromere
 - Cross bridges= head of myosin
- ← Sliding filament theory