Integumentary System
Study Guide, Chapter 5

Part I. Clinical Applications

1. Mrs. Ibanez volunteered to help at a hospital for children with cancer. When she first entered the cancer ward, she was upset by the fact that most of the children had no hair. What is the explanation for their baldness?

2. A new mother brings her infant to the clinic, worried about a yellowish, scummy deposit that has built up on the baby’s scalp. What is this condition called, and is it serious?

3. Bed ridden patients in hospitals are generally rotated every 2 hours to prevent decubitus ulcers or "bedsores". What is a bedsore and why is this effective?

4. Eric and his wife are of northern European descent. Eric is a proud new father who was in the delivery room during his daughter’s birth. He tells you that when she was born, her skin was purple and covered with a cream-cheese-like substance. Shortly after birth, her skin tuned pink. Can you explain his observations?

5. After studying the skin in anatomy class, Alex grabbed the large "love handles" at his waist and said, “I have too thick hypodermis, but that’s okay because this layer performs some valuable functions!” What are the functions of the hypodermis?
6. A man had his finger caught in a machine at the factory. The damage was less serious than expected, but nonetheless, the entire nail was torn from his right index finger. The parts lost were the body, root, bed, matrix, and cuticle of the nail. First, define each of these parts. Then, tell if this nail is likely to grow back.

7. Mrs. Gaucher received second-degree burns on her abdomen when she dropped a kettle of boiling water. She asked the clinical physician (worriedly) if she would have to have a skin graft. What do you think she told her?

8. What two factors in the treatment of critical third-degree burn patients are absolutely essential?

9. Rebecca and her friend are at a New Year’s Eve party and decide to step outside to smoke. The temperature is below freezing and they are not wearing jackets. Rebecca tells her friend that you don’t need coats because they are drinking alcoholic beverages, which will keep them warm enough. You have learned that alcohol dilates the blood vessels in the skin. Do you think Rebecca and her friend have chosen an effective way to control their body temperature? Why or why not?

10. A hypodermic needle is used to introduce drugs into the loose connective tissue of the hypodermis. Beginning on the surface of the skin in the region of the thigh, list, in order, the layers of the tissue the needle would penetrate to reach the hypodermis.
11. Two teenagers are discussing their problems with acne. One says to the other, “Sure wish I could get rid of these whiteheads.” The other replies, “At least you don’t have blackheads like I do.” What is the difference between a “whitehead” and a “blackhead”?

12. Even though the skin is water resistant, it is not waterproof. When the skin is immersed in water, osmotic forces may move water in or out of the epithelium. Long-term exposure to seawater endangers survivors of a shipwreck by accelerating dehydration. How and why does this occur?

13. Tretinoin (Retin-A) has been called the anti-aging cream. Since it is applied topically, how does it affect the skin?

14. Why do calluses form on the palms of the hands when doing manual labor?

15. People always say, “It’s not the heat; it’s the humidity,” when complaining about summer weather. Why do you think people feel hotter when it’s 95 degrees Fahrenheit and 95% humidity than when it’s 95 degrees and 30% humidity?
The skin protects the body by providing three types of barriers. Classify each of the protective factors listed below as an example of a chemical barrier (C), a biological barrier (B), or a mechanical (physical) barrier (M).

1. Langerhans' cells and macrophages
2. Intact epidermis
3. Bactericidal secretions
4. Keratin
5. Melanin
6. Acid mantle

Basic Structure of the Skin

Figure 4–2 depicts a longitudinal section of the skin. Label the skin structures and areas indicated by leader lines and brackets on the figure. Select different colors for the structures below and color the coding circles and the corresponding structures on the figure.

- Arrector pili muscle
- Adipose tissue
- Hair follicle
- Nerve fibers
- Sweat (sudoriferous) gland
- Sebaceous gland

Structure of Skin Choices:
- Adipose tissue
- Arrector pili
- Dermis
- Eccrine sweat gland
- Epidermis
- Hair follicle
- Hair papilla
- Hair shaft
- Hypodermis (subcutaneous tissue or superficial fascia)
- Nerve fibers
- Sebaceous gland
- Stratum basale
- Stratum corneum
Using the key choices, choose all responses that apply to the following descriptions. Enter the appropriate letter(s) or term(s) in the answer blanks.

**Key Choices**
- Stratum basale
- Stratum corneum
- Stratum granulosum
- Stratum lucidum
- Stratum spinosum
- Papillary layer
- Reticular layer
- Epidermis as a whole
- Dermis as a whole

20. Translucent cells, containing keratin or **eleidin**
21. Strata containing all or mostly dead cells
22. Dermis layer responsible for fingerprints
23. Vascular region
24. Epidermal region involved in rapid cell division; most inferior epidermal layer
25. Scalelike cells full of keratin that constantly flake off
26. Site of elastic and collagen fibers
27. Site of melanin formation
28. Major skin area from which the derivatives (hair, nails) arise
29. Epidermal layer containing the oldest cells
30. When tanned becomes leather

This exercise examines the relative importance of three pigments in determining skin color. Indicate which pigment is identified by the following descriptions by inserting the appropriate answer from the key choices in the answer blanks.

**Key Choices**
- Carotene
- Hemoglobin
- Melanin

31. Most responsible for the skin color of dark-skinned people
32. Provides an orange cast to the skin
33. Provides a natural sunscreen **redish** *(Has greatest effect on Caucasians)*
34. Most responsible for the skin color of Caucasians
35. Phagocytized by keratinocytes
36. Found within red blood cells in the blood vessels
Complete the following statements in the blanks provided.

1. Radiation from the skin surface and evaporation of sweat are two ways in which the skin helps to get rid of body (1).

2. Fat in the (2) tissue layer beneath the dermis helps to insulate the body.

3. A vitamin that is manufactured in the skin is (3).

4. Wrinkling of the skin is caused by loss of the (4) of the skin.

5. A decubitus ulcer results when skin cells are deprived of (5).

6. (6) is a bluish cast of the skin resulting from inadequate oxygenation of the blood.

Using the key choices, complete the following statements. Insert the appropriate term(s) in the answer blanks.

**Key Choices**

- Arrector pili
- Cutaneous receptors
- Hair
- Hair follicle(s)
- Sebaceous glands
- Sweat gland (eccrine)
- Sweat gland (apocrine)

7. A blackhead is an accumulation of oily material produced by ___.

8. Tiny muscles attached to hair follicles that pull the hair upright during fright or cold are called ___.

9. The most numerous variety of perspiration gland is the ___.

10. A sheath formed of both epithelial and connective tissues is the ___.

11. A less numerous variety of perspiration gland is the ___. Its secretion (often milky in appearance) contains proteins and other substances that favor bacterial growth.

12. ___ is found everywhere on the body except the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, and lips, and it primarily consists of dead keratinized cells.

**Cutaneous receptors**

13. ___ are specialized nerve endings that respond to temperature and touch, for example.

14. ___ become more active at puberty.

15. Part of the heat-liberating apparatus of the body is the ___.

This section reviews the severity of burns. Using the key choices, select the correct burn type for each of the following descriptions. Enter the correct answers in the answer blanks.

**Key Choices**

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<td>19. Epidermal damage, redness, and some pain (usually brief)</td>
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<td>21. Regeneration impossible; requires grafting</td>
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<td>22. Pain is absent because nerve endings in the area are destroyed</td>
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23. What is the importance of the vernix caseosa

Fill in the type of skin cancer that matches each of the following descriptions:

24. Epithelial cells, not in contact with the basement membrane, develop lesions; metastasize

25. Cells of the lowest level of the epidermis invade the dermis and hypodermis; exposed areas develop ulcer; slow to metastasize

26. Rare but often deadly cancer of pigment-producing cells

27. What does ABCD mean in reference to examination of pigmented areas?

Select the best answers:

28. Which is not part of the skin?
   A. Epidermis  C. Dermis
   B. Hypodermis  D. Superficial fascia

29. Which of the following is not a tissue type found in the skin?
   A. Stratified squamous epithelium
   B. Loose connective tissue
   C. Dense irregular connective tissue
   D. Ciliated columnar epithelium
   E. Vascular tissue

30. Epidermal cells that aid in the immune response include:
   A. Merkel cells  C. melanocytes
   B. Langerhans' cells  D. spinosum cells

31. Which epidermal layer has the highest concentration of Langerhans' cells and has numerous desmosomes and thick bundles of keratin filaments?
   A. Stratum corneum
   B. Stratum lucidum
   C. Stratum granulosum
   D. Stratum spinosum
32. Some infants are born with a fuzzy skin; this is due to:
   A. vellus hairs    C. lanugo
   B. terminal hairs  D. hirsutism

33. The reticular layer of the dermis is most important in providing:
   A. strength and elasticity to the skin
   B. toughness to the skin
   C. insulation to prevent heat loss
   D. the dermal papilla, which produce fingerprints

34. A burn patient reports that the burns on her hands and face are not painful, but she has blisters on her neck and forearms and the skin on her arms is very red. This burn would be classified as:
   A. first-degree only
   B. second-degree only
   C. third-degree only
   D. critical

35. Fingerprints are caused by:
   A. the genetically determined arrangement of dermal papillae
   B. the conspicuous epidermal ridges
   C. the sweat pores
   D. all of these

36. Match names of epidermal strata with correct descriptions. Choose from answers in the box.

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36. Clear stratum present only in thick skin.
37. Structum consisting of one single layer of cuboidal or columnar cells; new cells form here.
38. Most superficial layer of skin; consists of many layers of flat, dead cells; excessive shedding of cells in this layer of the scalp

39. Cells in this stratum secrete a lipid waterproofing sealant.
40. Cells in this region exhibit spiny projections.

41. Describe the dermis in this exercise.

The dermis is located (deep? superficial?) to the epidermis and consists of (epithelial? connective?) tissue. The upper portion of the dermis projects into epidermal regions by fingerlike extensions known as dermal _________. Meissner’s corpuscles here are sensitive to (pressure? touch?). Free nerve endings within papillae are sensitive to _________.

42. Deeper regions of the dermis are composed of (loose? dense?) connective tissue strengthened by _________. and _________ fibers. Extreme stretching of these fibers (as in pregnancy or obesity) leads to formation of stretch marks or _________.

43. Explain what accounts for different skin colors—Name the three pigments:

1. _________  2. _________  3. _________

44. Dark skin is due primarily to the presence of the pigment ________, which is in greatest abundance in the (dermis? epidermis?). In the inherited condition called ________, this pigment is absent in hair, skin, and eyes.

45. Carotene contributes a _________________ color to skin.

46. List two possible causes of the condition known as pallor.

47. Jaundiced skin has a more (blue? red? yellow?) hue, often due to _______________ problems. Cyanotic skin appears more (blue? red? yellow?) due to lack of oxygen and excessive carbon dioxide in the blood vessels of the skin.
Check your understanding of skin glands by stating whether the following descriptions refer to sebaceous, sudoriferous, or ceruminous glands.

4. Sweat glands: ____________________________
4. Glands leading directly to hair follicle; secrete sebum, which keeps hair and skin from drying out:

50. Line the outer ear canal; secrete earwax: ____________________________

51. When enlarged, they form blackheads, pimples, or boils: ____________________________

52. Their principal functions are to regulate body temperature and to eliminate wastes: ____________________________

53. Eccrine versions of these glands are most prominent on forehead, palms, and soles, whereas apocrine types are found in armpits, groin, breasts, and in bearded areas of males. ____________________________

54. Look at one of your own nails:
free edge, nail body, lunula, and cuticle.

55. Are nails formed of cells (Yes? No?) Do nails contain keratin? (Yes? No?) What type of tissue forms nails? (Dermis? Epidermis?)

56. How is the function of the nail matrix similar to that of the matrix of a hair?

57. Why does the nail body appear pink, yet the lunula and free edge appear white?

58. “Goose bumps” occur as a result of:
A. Contraction of arrector pili muscles
B. Secretion of sebum
C. Contraction of elastic fibers in the bulb of the hair follicle
D. Contraction of papillae

59. Select the one false statement about the stratum basale.
A. It is the one layer of cells that can undergo cell division.
B. It consists of a single layer of squamous epithelial cells.
C. It does normally contain keratinocytes.
D. It is the deepest layer of the epidermis.

60. Arrange the answers in correct sequence.

61. From most superficial to deepest:
A. Stratum lucidum
B. Stratum corneum
C. Stratum basale

62. Select the one false statement.
A. Epidermis is composed of epithelium.
B. Dermis is composed of connective tissue.
C. White hair can be due to presence of air bubbles in the hair.
D. Carotene is a pigment that gives red color to skin.

63. The medical specialty that deals with diagnosis and treatment of skin disorders is:
A. Oncology
B. Myology
C. Cytology
D. Dermatology

64. Select the cell that functions in immunity:
A. Merkel cell
B. Langerhans cell
C. Melanocyte
D. Keratinocyte

65. From most superficial to deepest:
A. Solar keratosis
B. Basal cell carcinoma
C. Squamous cell carcinoma
D. Malignant melanoma
E. None of the above are correct

accounts for over 75% of all skin cancers.
Which of the following is properly matched?
A. sudoriferous—oil
B. sebaceous—sweat
C. sudoriferous—keratin
D. sebaceous—oil
E. none are properly matched

If you were dissecting the palm of a hand, the third layer of the epidermis you would cut is the stratum
A. spinosum
B. granulosum
C. corneum

The stratum corneum consists of
A. mitotically active cells
B. cells that produce melanin
C. dead cells
D. cells containing adipose tissue
E. fiber-producing cells

Match the following epidermal layers to their description.

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This layer of the epidermis contains 8–10 rows of polyhedral keratinocytes that fit closely together.

This layer consists of 25–30 rows of flat, dead keratinocytes completely filled with keratin.

Found only in the thick skin of the palms and soles and is absent in thin skin.

Consists of 3–5 rows of flattened keratinocytes that contain darkly staining granules of a substance called keratohyalin.

This single layer of cuboidal to columnar keratinocytes contains stem cells, which are capable of continued cell division. Melanocytes, Langerhans cells, and Merkel cells are scattered here.

Complete the following questions pertaining to the anatomy of the hair.

Surrounding the root is the _________________, which is made up of an external root sheath and internal root sheath of epithelium.

The _________________ of the hair is the outermost layer, consisting of a single layer of thin, flat, scalelike cells.

The _________________ is the superficial portion, which projects from the surface of the skin.

Composed of two or three rows of polyhedral cells containing pigment granules and air spaces, this portion is the _________________.

The _________________ forms the major part of the shaft and consists of elongated cells, which contain pigment granules in dark hair.

The onion-shaped structure at the base of each follicle is the _________________.

The ________________ contains many blood vessels and provides nourishment for the growing hair.
Using the terms below, complete the following statements.

- apocrine
- cyanosis
- connective
- melanocyte
- eccrine glands
- reticular layer
- Langerhans cells
- sebaceous glands
- stratum corneum
- stratum lucidum
- follicle
- accessory
- stratum lucidum
- keloid
- eponychium
- vellus
- hirsutism
- melanin
- iron
- MSH
- increatory system
- Merkel cells

1. _________ structures of the integumentary system include hair, nails, and multicellular exocrine glands.

2. The first line of defense against an often hostile environment is the _________.

3. In areas where the skin is thick, such as the palms of the hands and the soles of the feet, the cells are flattened, densely packed, and filled with eleidin. This layer is called the _________.

4. Keratin, a fibrous protein, would be found primarily in the _________.

5. Mobile macrophages that are a part of the immune system and found scattered among the deeper cells of the epidermis are called _________.

6. The peptide secreted by the pituitary gland which increases the rate of melanin synthesis is _________.

7. The pigment which absorbs ultraviolet radiation before it can damage mitochondrial DNA is _________.

8. The type of tissue which comprises most of the dermis is _________.

9. The subcutaneous layer, or hypodermis, is extensively interwoven with the connective tissue fibers of the _________ of the skin.

10. The fine "peach fuzz" hairs found over much of the body surface are called _________.

11. Hair follicles are often associated with _________.

12. Hair develops from a group of epidermal cells at the base of a tube-like depression called a(n) _________.

13. The secretion which lubricates and inhibits the growth of bacteria on the skin is called _________.

14. The glands in the skin which become active when the body temperature rises above normal are the _________.

15. The sweat glands that communicate with hair follicles are called _________.

16. If the body temperature drops below normal, heat is conserved by a(n) _________ in the diameter of dermal blood vessels.

17. The stratum corneum that covers the exposed nail closest to the root is the _________.

18. During a sustained reduction in circulatory supply, the skin takes on a bluish coloration called _________.

19. Growth of hair on women in patterns usually characteristic of men is called _________.

20. The dendrites of sensory neurons and specialized touch receptor cells provide information about objects touching the skin. These specialized cells are called _________.

21. A thick, flattened mass of scar tissue that begins at the injury site and grows into the surrounding tissue is called the _________.

22. Ceruminous glands are modified sweat glands located in the:

a. reticular layer of the dermis
b. stratum spinosum of the epidermis
c. nasal passageways
d. external auditory canal
MATCHING:

Match the terms in column B with the terms in column A. Use letters for answers in the spaces provided.

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Nail Structure

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36 (underneath)
37 (underneath)
38 Lateral Nail Groove
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Check your understanding of skin glands. You may use an answer more than once.

- 47. These glands are distributed in the axilla, pubic region, and pigmented areas of the breast.
- 48. The scientific name for a sweat gland.
- 49. With few exceptions, these glands are associated with hair follicles.
- 50. These are modified sudoriferous glands present in the external auditory canal.
- 51. Secrete an oily substance.
- 52. They are distributed throughout the skin except for such places as the margins of the lips, nail beds, glans penis, and eardrum.
- 53. The enlargement of this gland leads to the formation of blackheads, pimples, and boils.
**BODY TREK:**

Using the terms below, fill in the blanks to complete the trek through the integument.

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The body trek begins as the micro-robot is placed on the nail plate of the thumbnail, a(n) \( \text{(1)} \) _______ part of the integument. Looking over the free edge of the nail, Robo observes a thickened stratum corneum, the \( \text{(2)} \) ___________. Turning around and advancing toward the proximal end of the nail plate, a pale crescent known as the \( \text{(3)} \) ___________ comes into view. This area serves as the “entrance” to a part of the stratum corneum which is folded and extends over the exposed nail nearest the root, forming the \( \text{(4)} \) ___________, or eponychium. Robo expresses confusion as the message relayed to Mission Control says, “I thought I would be trekking on a living surface, but I sense nothing but layers of dead, flattened cells.” A chemical analysis confirms the presence of a fibrous protein called \( \text{(5)} \) ___________, which makes the cells durable and water resistant and allows them to exist for about two weeks until they are shed or washed away. Robo treks along the “dead” surface until it arrives at the palm of the hand, a “thick” area of the skin. The robot’s descent is carefully controlled because of the presence of a “glassy” \( \text{(6)} \) ___________, a clear layer of flattened, densely packed cells filled with \( \text{(7)} \) ___________, a protein derived from \( \text{(8)} \) ___________, which is produced in great quantities in the “grainy” layers below, the \( \text{(9)} \) ___________. Below these strata the layers are several cells thick and bound together by \( \text{(10)} \) ___________. Some of the cells act as if they are in the process of dividing. Due to the arrangement and activity of these cells, Robo confirms that its location is the \( \text{(11)} \) ___________.

The deeper Robo probes, the more lively the activity becomes. In the deepest stratum of the epidermis, the dominant cell population consists of \( \text{(12)} \) ___________, which are actively involved in the process of \( \text{(13)} \) ___________. The deeper layers of the epidermis that Robo has trekked through form \( \text{(14)} \) ___________, which extend into the dermis, increasing the area of contact between the two regions and providing a route for the trek into the dermis. The dermis consists of a \( \text{(15)} \) ___________ layer of loose connective tissue, and the first appearance of capillaries and nerves is evident. The region derives its name from nipple-shaped mounds called \( \text{(16)} \) ___________, which project between the epidermal ridges. Probing deeper, Robo senses an area of dense, irregular connective tissue, bundles of collagen fibers, lymphatics, fat cells, muscle cells, and accessory sweat and \( \text{(17)} \) ___________ glands. These structures give rise to a layer known as the \( \text{(18)} \) ___________. The \( \text{(19)} \) ___________ provides strength, and scattered \( \text{(20)} \) ___________ fibers give the dermis the ability to stretch and contract during normal movements. The fibers of the deepest dermal layer are continuous with a subcutaneous layer, the \( \text{(21)} \) ___________, an area of loose connective tissue and an abundance of fat cells. Sensory receptors in the dermal and deep epidermal layers interfere with Robo’s movements and the search for an exit is imminent. Mission Control instructs Robo to find a hair follicle on the dorsal side of the hand, mount the hair shaft, and proceed to the distal end of the hair where the robot is removed and re-energized for the next trek.

**Dermis; answer (T) true or (F) false to the following questions.**

22. _____ The cells associated with the dermis include the fibroblast, macrophage, and chondrocyte.

23. _____ The dermis is very thick on the palms and soles.

24. _____ There are relatively few blood vessels, nerves, and glands embedded in the dermis.

25. _____ The outer region of the dermis is called the papillary region.

26. _____ Corpuscles of touch are often found within the dermal papillae.

27. _____ The reticular layer consists of dense, irregular connective tissue containing collagen and elastic fibers.

28. _____ Lamellated corpuscles are sensitive to light touch.

29. _____ Striae are the red lines that occur with stretching.
Sagging and wrinkling of the integument occurs from:
   a. the decline of germinative cell activity in the epidermis
   b. a decrease in the elastic fiber network of the dermis
   c. a decrease in vitamin D production
   d. deactivation of sweat glands

The layers of the epidermis, beginning with the deepest layer and proceeding outwardly, include the stratum:
   a. corneum, granulosum, spinosum, germinativum
   b. granulosum, spinosum, germinativum, corneum
   c. spinosum, germinativum, corneum, granulosum
   d. germinativum, spinosum, granulosum, corneum

The layers of the epidermis where mitotic divisions occur are:
   a. germinativum and spinosum
   b. corneum and germinativum
   c. spinosum and corneum
   d. mitosis occurs in all the layers

For a cell to move from the stratum germinativum to the stratum corneum, it takes approximately:
   a. 6 weeks
   b. 7 days
   c. 1 month
   d. 14 days

Epidermal cells in the strata spinosum and germinativum function as a chemical factory in that they can convert:
   a. steroid precursors to vitamin D when exposed to sunlight
   b. eleidin to keratin
   c. keratoxylin to eleidin
   d. a and c

Differences in skin color between individuals and races reflect distinct:
   a. numbers of melanocytes
   b. melanocyte distribution patterns
   c. levels of melanin synthesis
   d. U.V. responses and nuclear activity

The reason the subcutaneous layer is useful for subcutaneous injection by hypodermic needle is that it has a:
   a. large number of sensory receptors
   b. large number of lamellated corpuscles
   c. limited number of capillaries and no vital organs
   d. all of the above

When the body temperature becomes abnormally high, thermoregulatory homeostasis is maintained by:
   a. an increase in sweat gland activity and blood flow to the skin
   b. a decrease in blood flow to the skin and sweat gland activity
   c. an increase in blood flow to the skin and a decrease in sweat gland activity
   d. an increase in sweat gland activity and a decrease in blood flow to the skin