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## Chapter 7 The Muscular System



# INTRODUCTION

- A. Muscular tissue enables the body and its parts to move
  - 1. Three types of muscle tissue exist in body
  - 2. Movement caused by muscle cells (called *fibers*): shortening or contracting
  - 3. Muscle movement occurs when chemical energy (obtained from food) is converted into mechanical energy

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- A. Types of muscle tissue (Figure 7-1)
  - 1. Skeletal muscle—also called *striated* or *voluntary muscle* 
    - Microscope reveals crosswise stripes or striations
    - Contractions can be voluntarily controlled



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- A. Types of muscle tissue (cont.)
  - 2. Cardiac muscle—composes bulk of heart
    - Cardiac muscle fibers are branched
    - Has dark bands called intercalated disks
    - Cardiac muscle fiber interconnections allow heart to contract efficiently as a unit



# MUSCLE TISSUE (cont.)

- A. Types of muscle tissue (cont.)
  - 3. Nonstriated muscle, or involuntary muscle also called *smooth* or *visceral muscle* 
    - Lacks cross stripes or striations when seen under a microscope; appears smooth
    - Found in walls of hollow structures, such as digestive tract, blood vessels, etc.
    - Contractions not under voluntary control



# MUSCLE TISSUE (cont.)

B. Function—all muscle fibers specialize in contraction (shortening)





- A. Muscle organs—mainly striated muscle fibers and connective tissue
  - Connective tissue forms "wrappers" around each muscle fiber, around <u>fascicles</u> (groups) of muscle fibers, and around the entire muscle; <u>fascia</u> surrounds muscle organs and nearby structures



- A. Muscle organs— (Con't)
  - 2. Most skeletal muscles extend from one bone across a joint to another

bone.



- A. Muscle organs— (Con't)
  - 3. Regions of a skeletal muscle (Figure 7-2)
    - a. Origin—attachment to the bone that remains relatively stationary or fixed when movement at the joint occurs
    - b. Insertion—point of attachment to the bone that moves when a muscle contracts
    - C. Body—main part of the muscle



- A. Muscle organs— (Con't)
  - 4. Muscles attach to bone by tendons—
    - strong cords

       or sheets of fibrous
       connective tissue that
       extend
       from the muscle organ
    - some tendons enclosed in synovial-lined tubes (tendon sheaths) and are lubricated by synovial fluid



- A. Muscle organs— (Con't)
  - 5. Bursae—
    - small synovial-lined sacs containing a small amount of synovial fluid
    - located between some tendons and underlying bones



- B. Microscopic structure and function (Figure 7-3)
  - Consist of elongated <u>contractile cells</u>, or muscle fibers;
  - Connective tissue holds muscle fibers in <u>parallel</u> <u>groupings</u>



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    - a. Sarcomeres separated from each other by dark bands called *Z lines*
    - b. Sliding filament model explains mechanism of contraction
      - Thick and thin myofilaments slide past each other to contract
      - Contraction requires calcium and energyrich ATP molecules (Figure 7-4)



Sarcomore

Maximally contracted

#### 1

A nerve impulse travels to a muscle fiber through a motor neuron, triggering an electrical impulse that travels along the muscle fiber membrane.

#### 2

The impulse triggers the release of calcium ions (Ca<sup>++</sup>) from the endoplasmic reticulum and into the cytoplasm.

#### 3

The Ca<sup>++</sup> ions bind to thin filaments and permit actin to react with myosin. Myosin heads form ratcheting cross-bridges with actin, which pull the thin filaments toward the middle of the sarcomere—thus producing a contraction.



#### (a) Skeletal muscle





### (c) Myofibril

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### **Mechanism of Contraction**

Relaxed





(b)  $Ca^{2^+}$  ions released from the sarcoplasmic reticulum



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### **Excitation/Contraction Coupling**



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