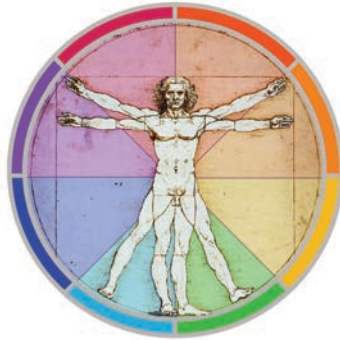


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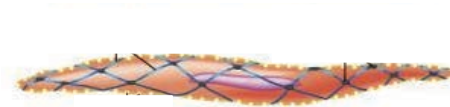
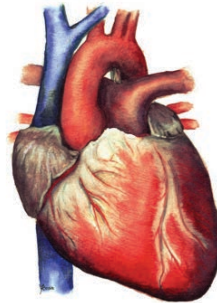
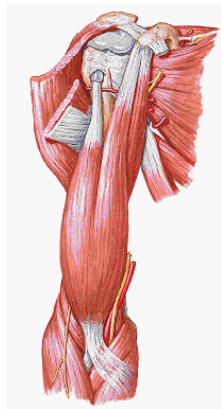
Physiological  
Principles of Human Movement and Sensation

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# Lecture 27 – Cardiac and Smooth Muscle: Comparison of Functional Differences

## Topics of Today's Lecture

- Structural and functional differences between  
skeletal, cardiac and smooth muscle

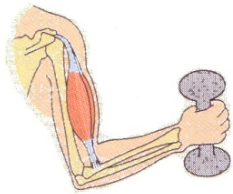


# Structure and Function of Muscle

Structure determines Function

Function defines Structure

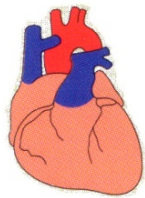
Skeletal



Posture, Movement,  
Heat

On-demand  
Individual - specific

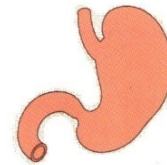
Cardiac



Pumping blood

Continuous  
All at once  
Build pressure

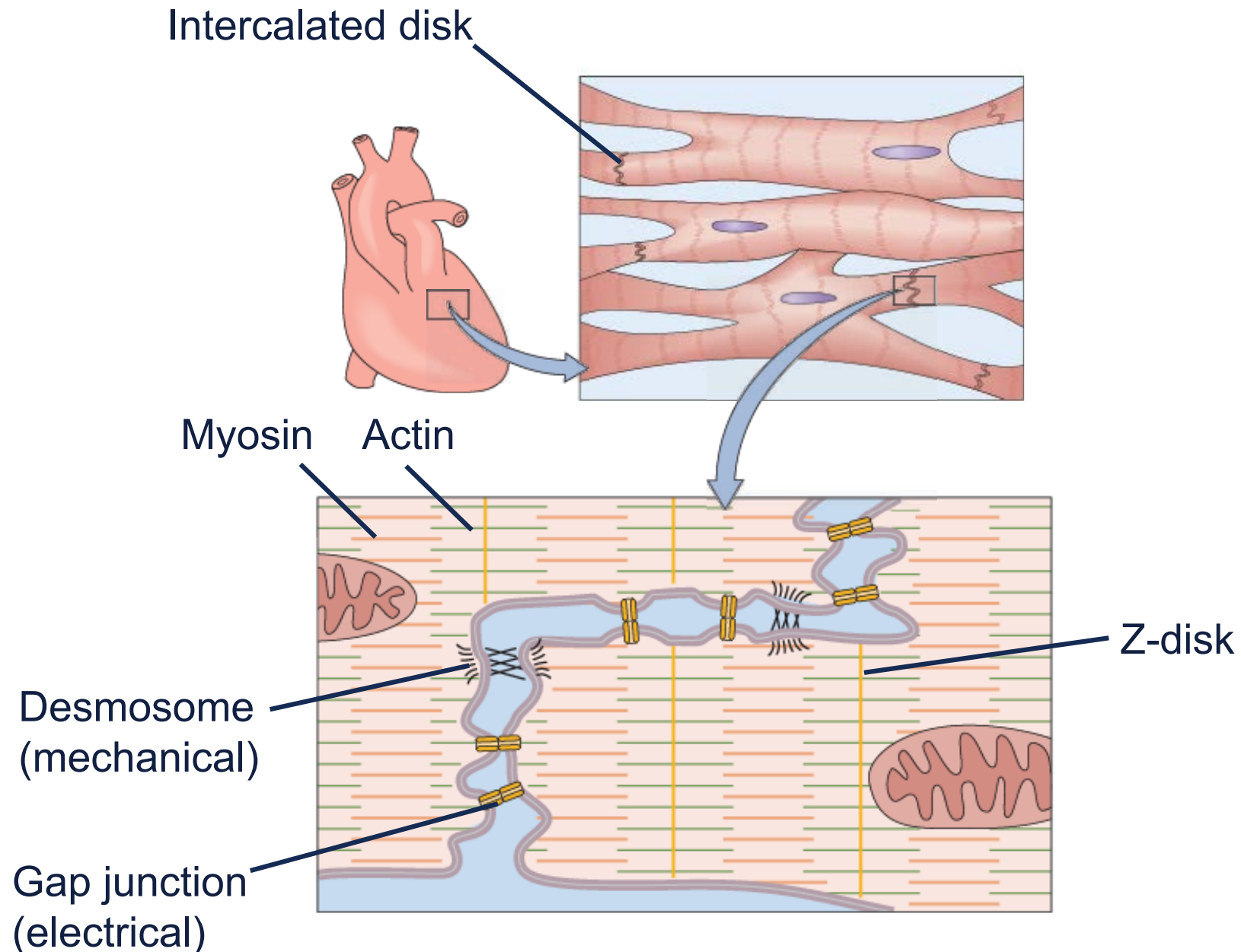
Smooth



Movement of contents of  
viscera - specific functions

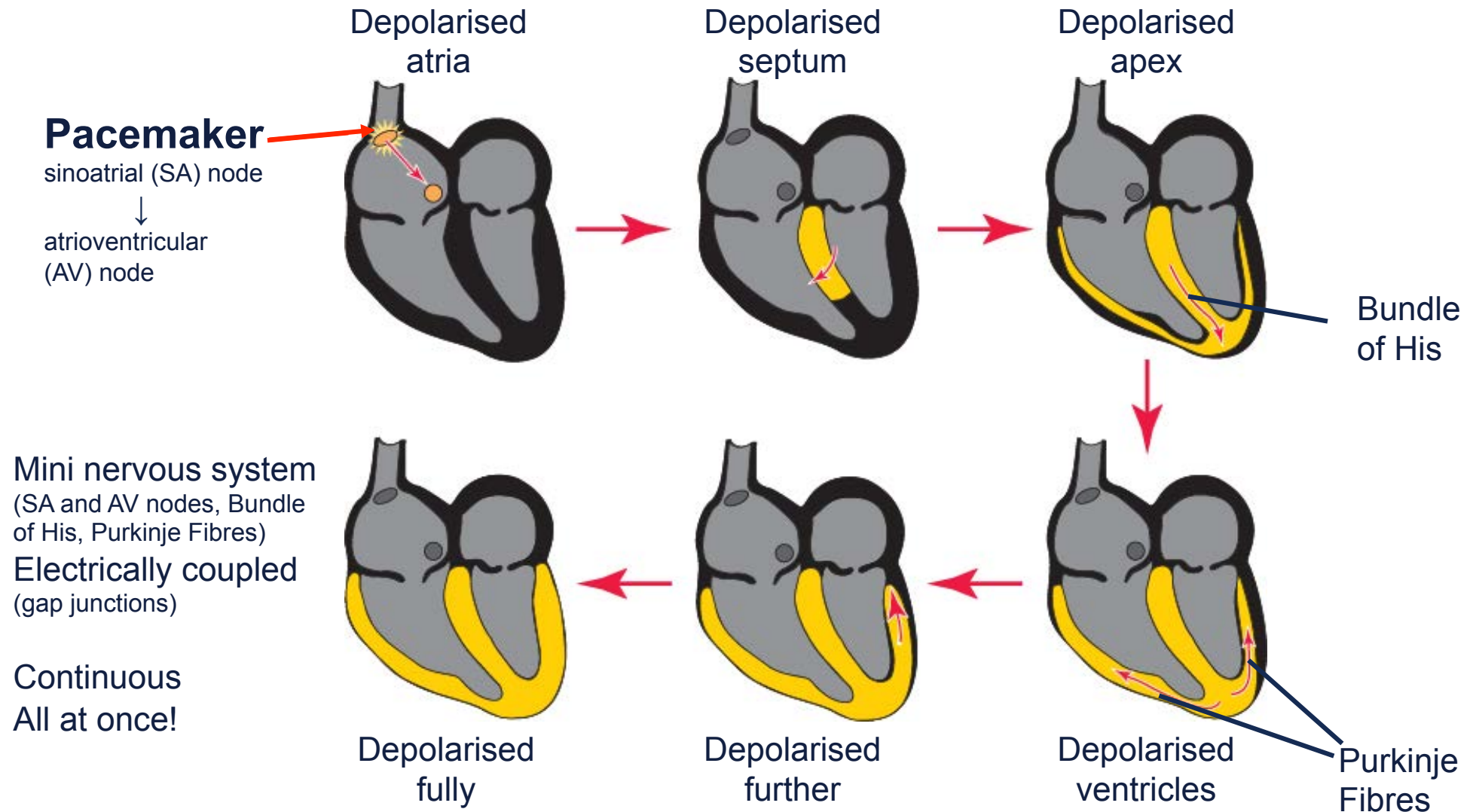
Sheets - peristaltic movement  
Individual - specific

# Cardiac muscle: Structure and Function



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# Co-ordinated contraction of the heart





# Smooth Muscle: Structure and Function

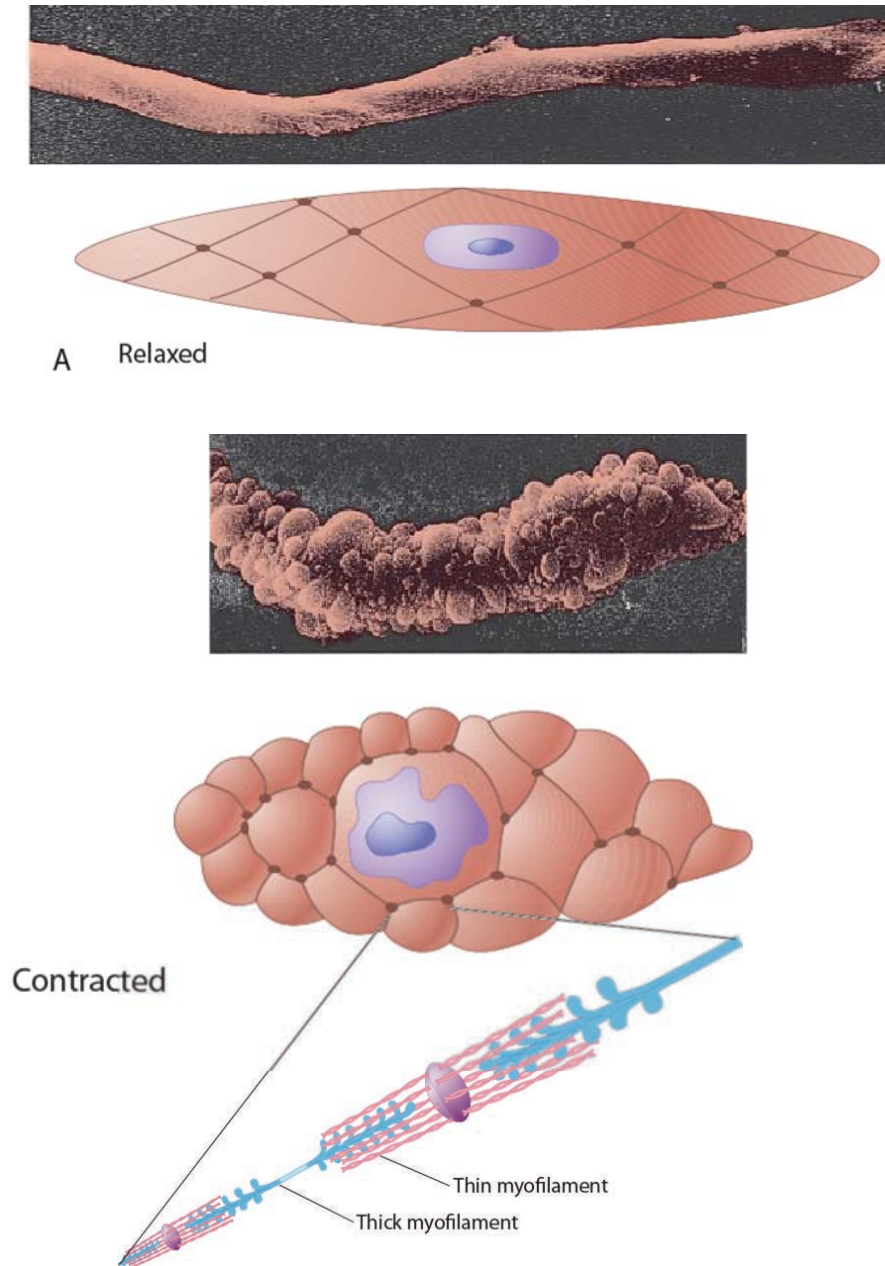
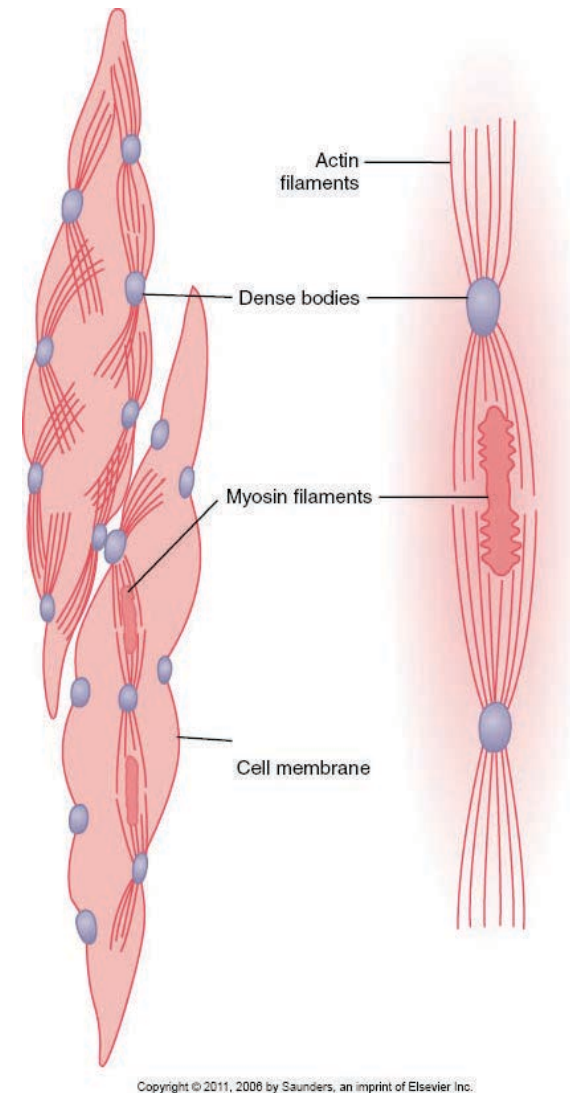


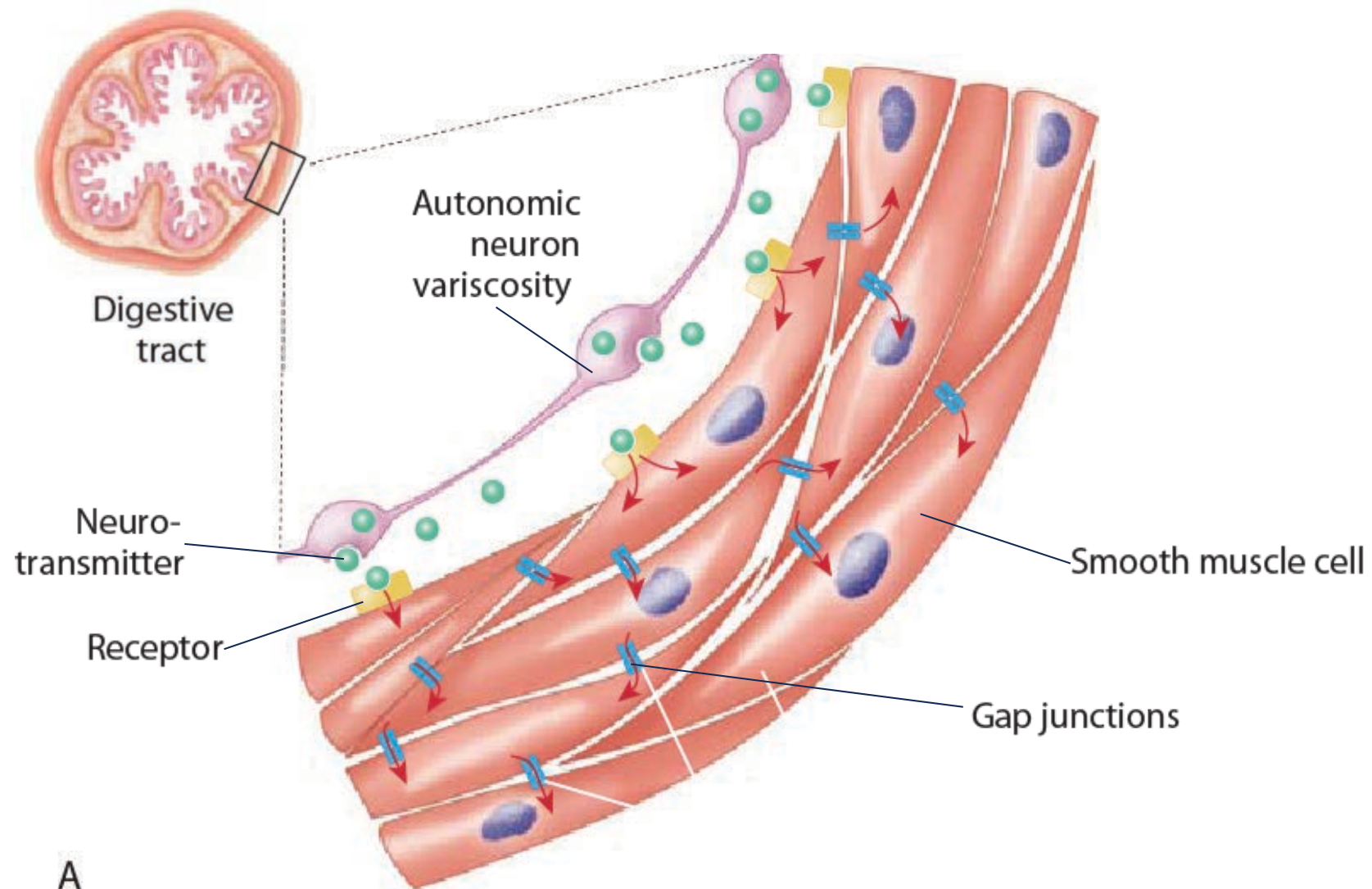
Figure 12-30. Patton & Thibodeau. Anatomy & Physiology (8<sup>th</sup> ed)



Large length changes (e.g. bladder)  
Sustained tension (e.g. sphincters)

Figure 8.2 Guyton and Hall: Medical Physiology, 12th Edition

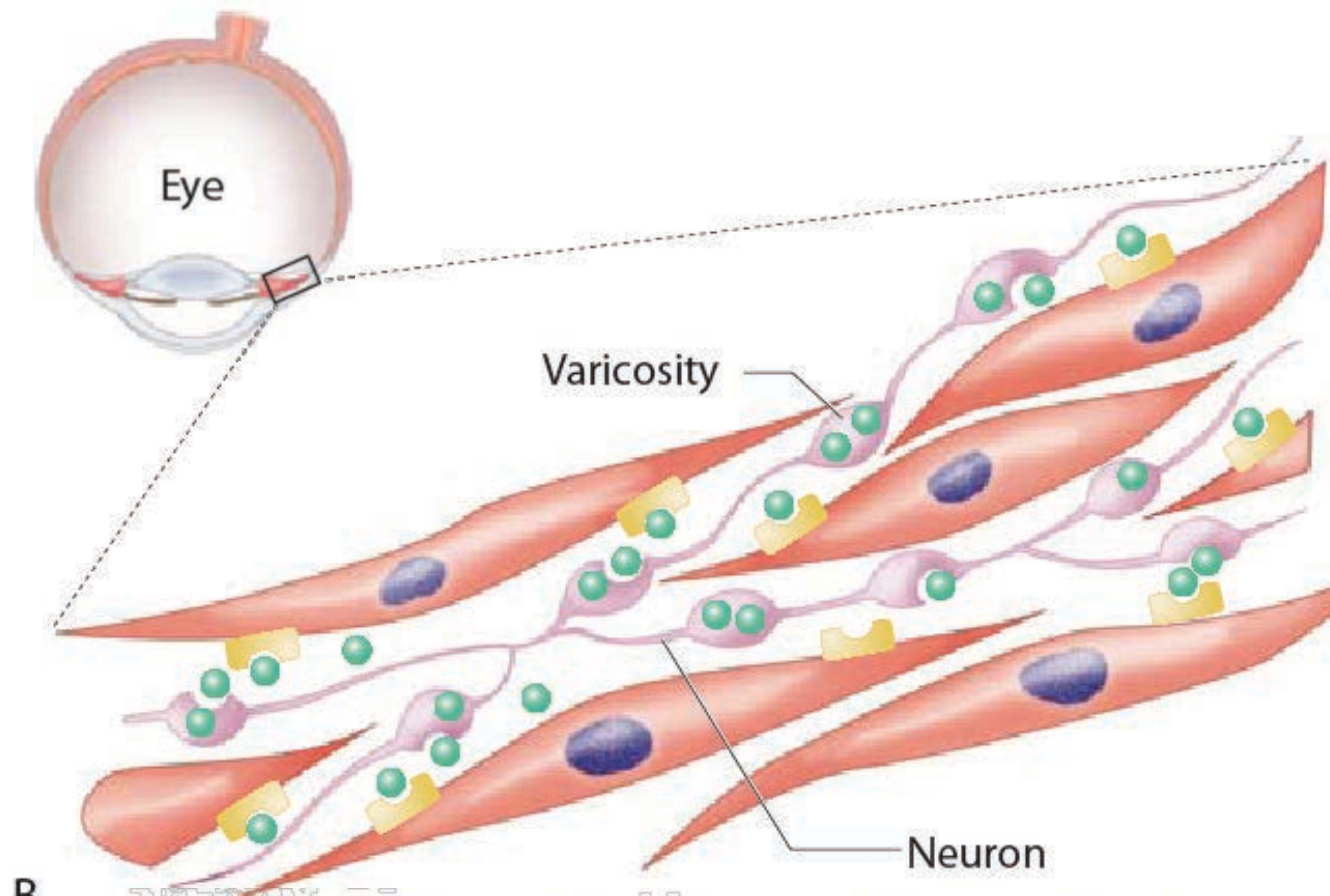
# Single-unit Smooth Muscle



- Gap junctions allow spread of excitation between cells

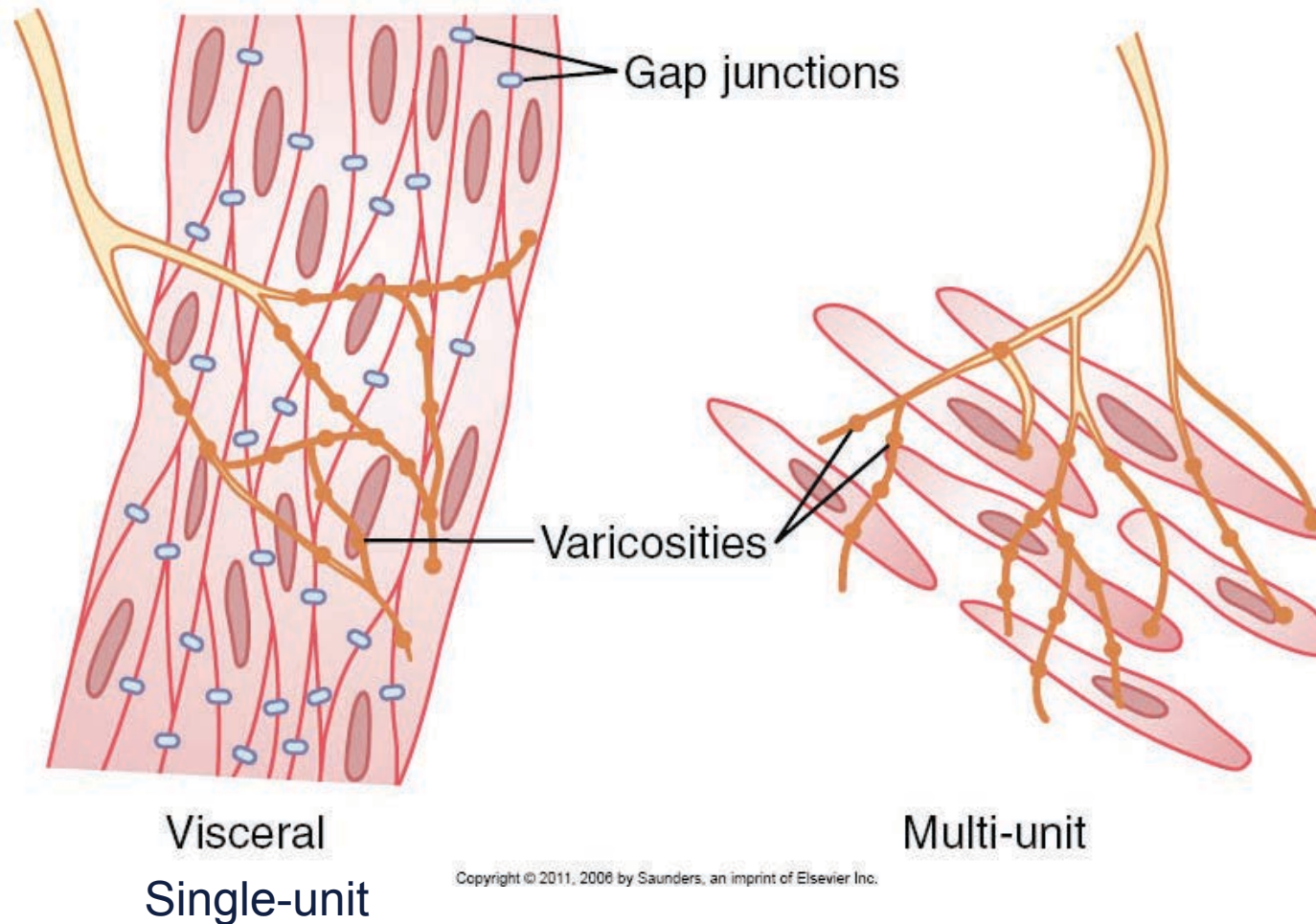


# Multi-unit Smooth Muscle



- Absence of gap junctions allows for fine control of individual smooth muscle cells

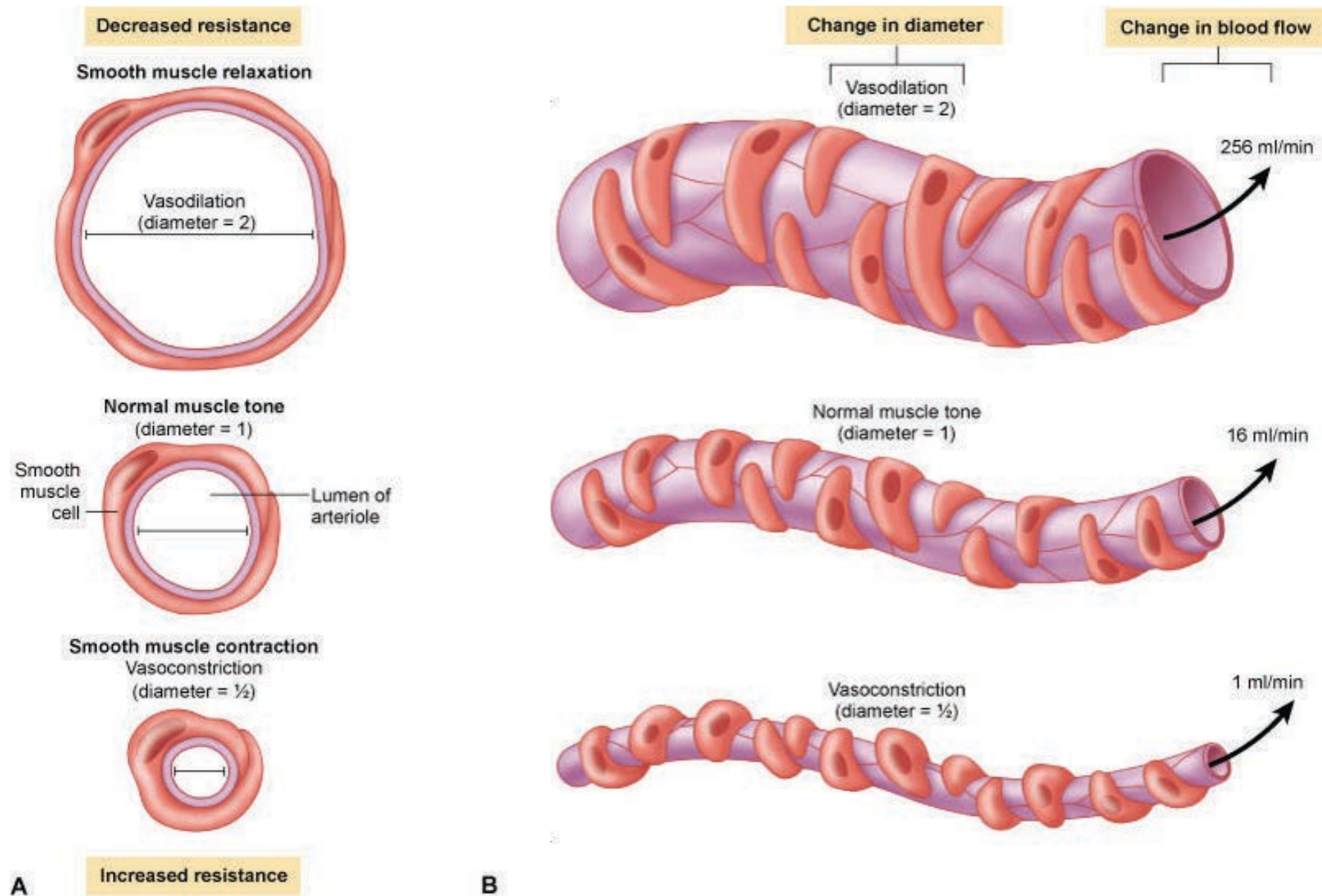
# Single-unit vs. Multi-unit



Digestive, urinary and reproductive tracts

Pili muscles skin, eye muscles;  
Blood vessels (sheets)

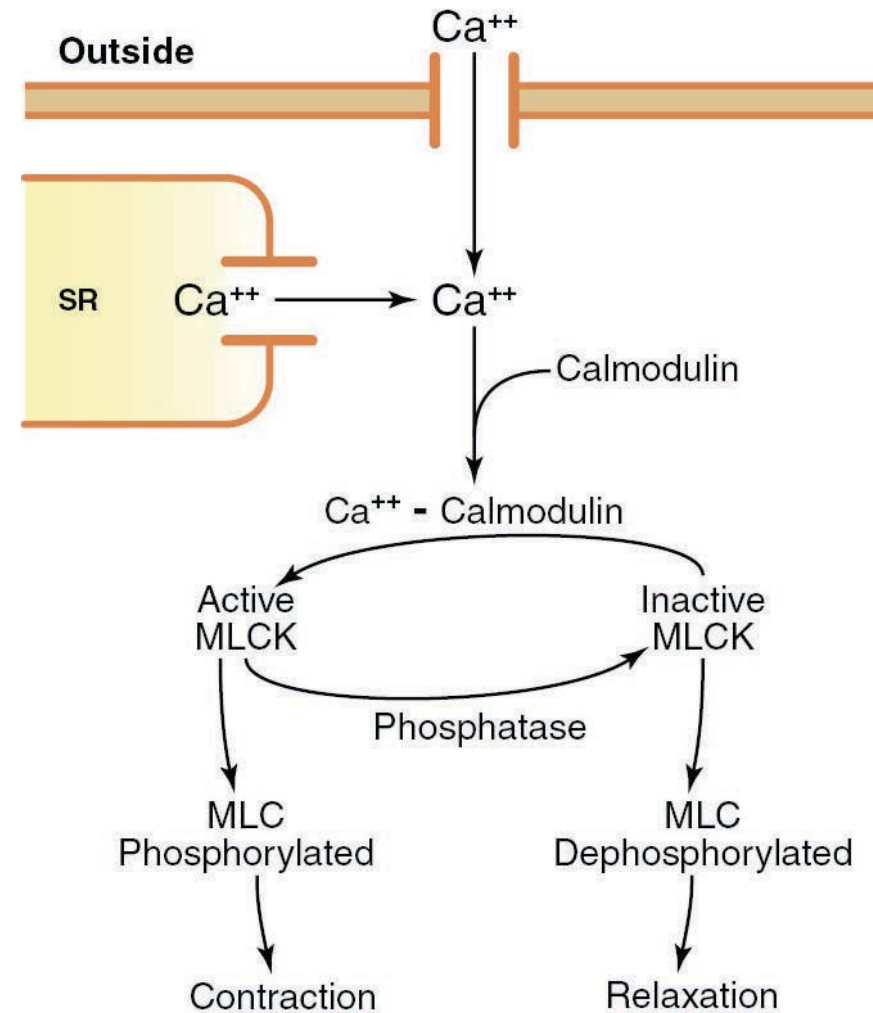
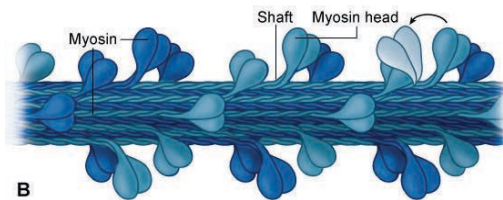
# Smooth Muscle: Function



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# Smooth Muscle: Excitation-Contraction

- Action potential or hormones provide  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  rise
- $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  binds to calmodulin
- Ca-calmodulin complex activates MLCK (myosin light chain kinase)
- MLCK activates MLC (myosin light chain) which activates the crossbridge



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- **Myosin filament regulated**

# Question?

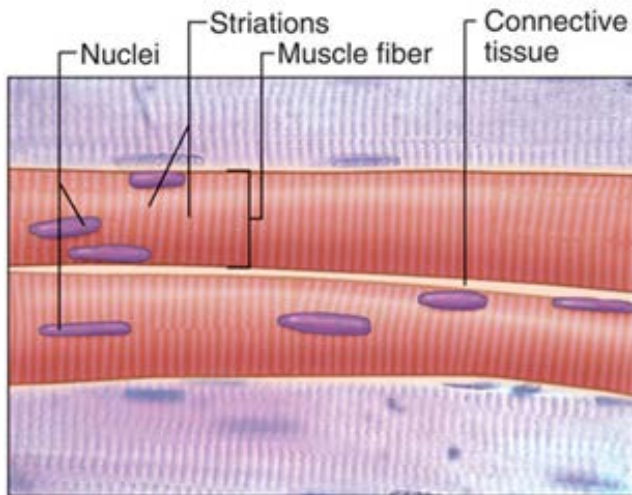
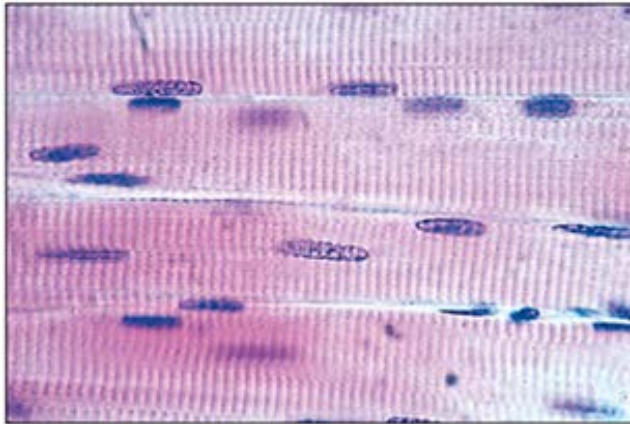
Single-Unit Smooth Muscle cells contain:

- A) Gap Junctions
- B) Striations
- C) Are individually controlled by neurons
- D) Answers A and C are correct
- E) Answers A, B and C are correct

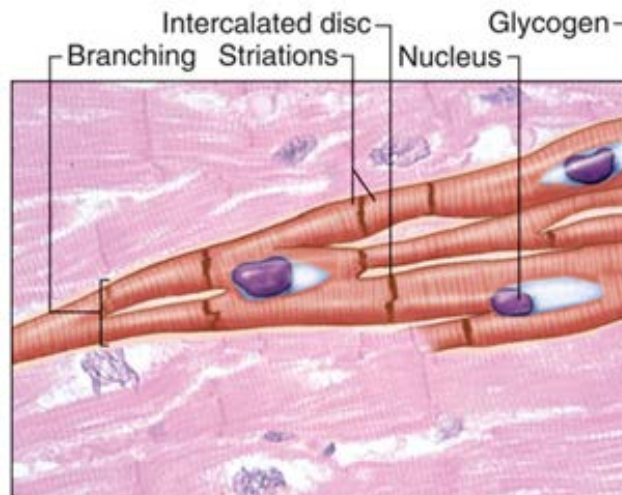
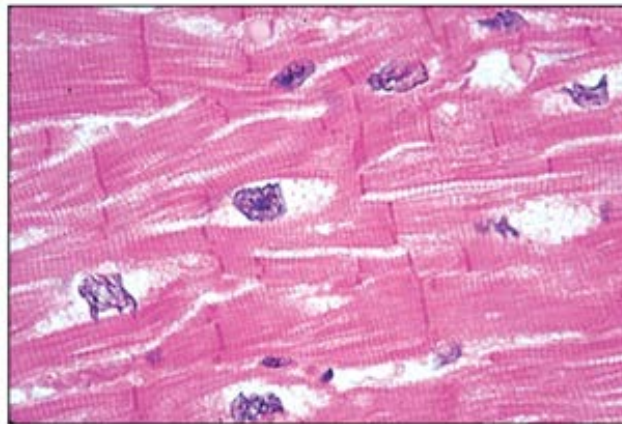


# Structure and function: Muscle Cells

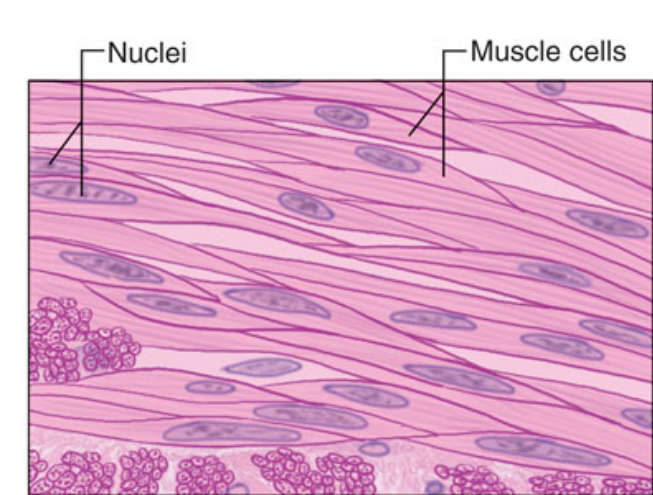
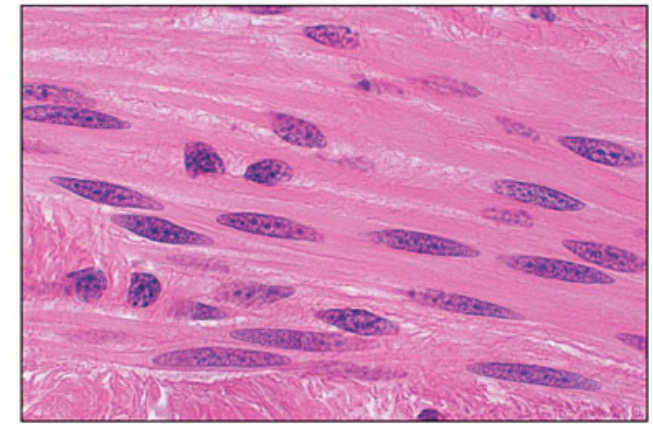
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(a) Skeletal muscle



(b) Cardiac muscle



(c) Smooth muscle

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Vander's Human Physiology (11<sup>th</sup> ed.) Figure 9.01 p255

## Skeletal

Long, cylindrical,  
multinucleate cells

## Cardiac

Mononucleate  
branching cells

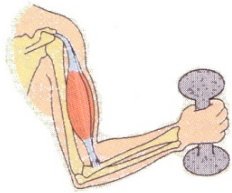
## Smooth

Mononucleate  
spindle-shaped cells

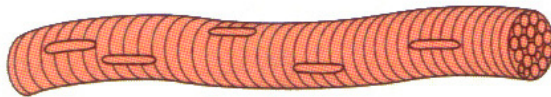


# Structure and function: Amplitude Direction of Force

## Striated = sarcomeres



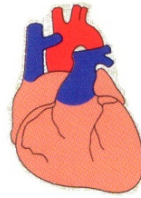
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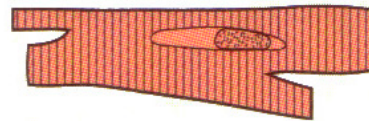
**Present**

Actin and myosin  
organised along an axis  
therefore stronger force  
along the axis

Thin filament regulated  
Calcium - troponin

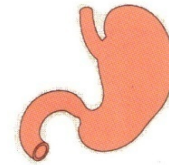


**Cardiac**

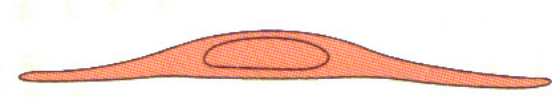


**Present**

As for skeletal muscle



**Smooth**



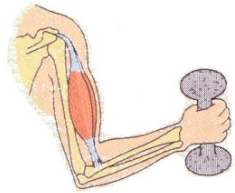
**Absent**

Actin and myosin arranged in  
various directions so exert weaker  
force, but in many directions

Thick filament regulated  
Calcium-calmodulin - MLCK - MLC

# Structure and function: Excitation

## Action potential spread from cell to cell?



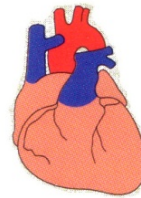
**Skeletal**



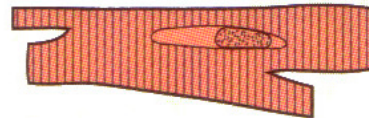
**No**

Organised into motor units

T-tubuli



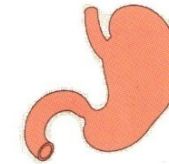
**Cardiac**



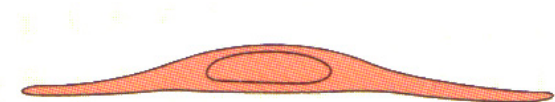
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Via gap junctions  
Syncytium

T-tubuli



**Smooth**

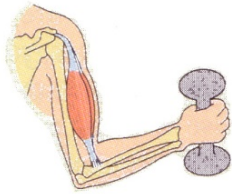


**Yes/No**

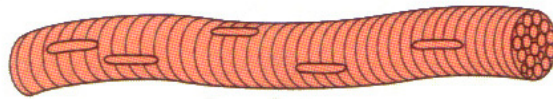
Via gap junctions  
Only in single-unit  
smooth muscle

No T-tubuli

# Structure and function: Control



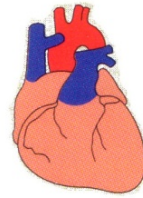
**Skeletal**



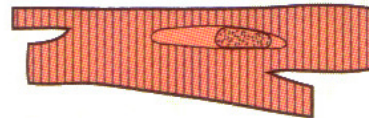
## **Voluntary**

Each cell has one synapse  
(neuromuscular junction)

Organised into motor units



**Cardiac**

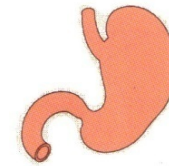


## **Involuntary**

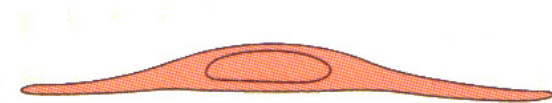
No discrete synapses

“Spontaneous”  
depolarisations initiated  
by pacemaker cells  
Self-exciting (HUBS 192)

Modified by autonomic  
nervous system and  
hormonal input



**Smooth**



## **Involuntary**

No discrete synapses

Can be spontaneous  
(pacemaker) or initiated by  
nerve input

# Structure and function: Speed of Contraction

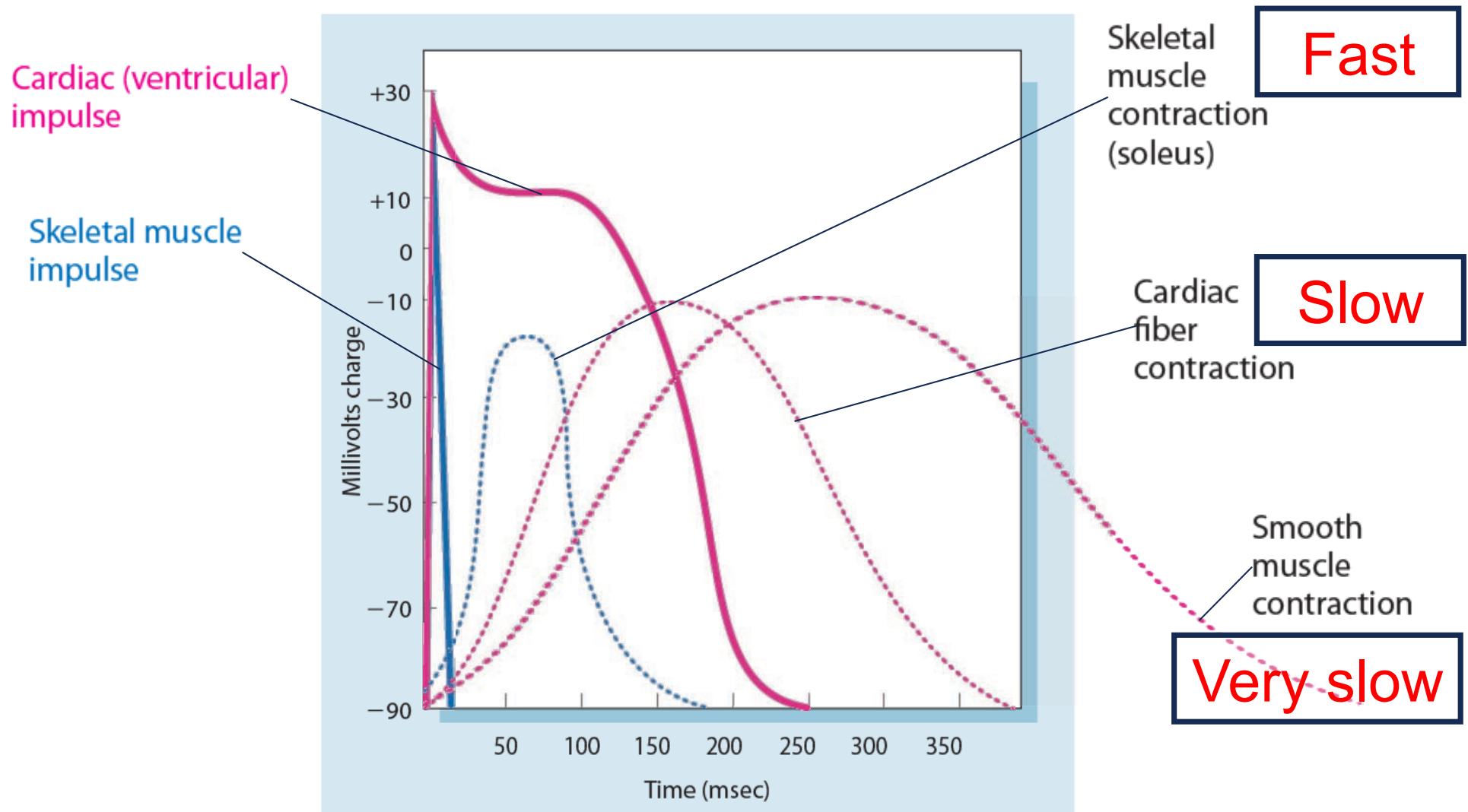


Figure 11-29. Patton & Thibodeau. Anatomy & Physiology (7<sup>th</sup> ed) Elsevier, 2010

# Lab 4 - Sensory and Motor Physiology

## (S & MP) 24-April until 5<sup>th</sup> of May



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- Explore how brain interprets our experience in the external environment using a binary system of action potentials (AP).
  - *How do we detect touch, pressure, temperature, and shapes?*
  - *Let alone sight, smells, hearing etc.*
- External electrical stimulation of the ulnar nerve
  - *Watch your hand twitch uncontrollably*
  - *Feel some odd sensations!*
  - *Measure speed of AP conduction (summation of twitches)*
- Measuring an electromyogram (EMG)
  - *Analyse the electrical activity in the biceps brachii muscle*
- **Please wear a T-shirt or clothing where you can access the skin at your elbow**
- No labs on Anzac day (25<sup>th</sup> April) – if your lab is normally on Tuesday of week A, you have been restreamed automatically.
  - Tuesday morning → Friday morning of week B.
  - Tuesday afternoon → Friday afternoon of week A.
  - Tuesday evening → Monday evening of week A.
- Contact HUBS office if you have any issues.

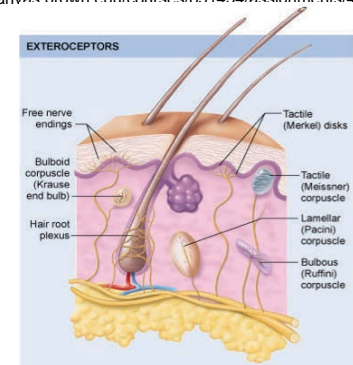
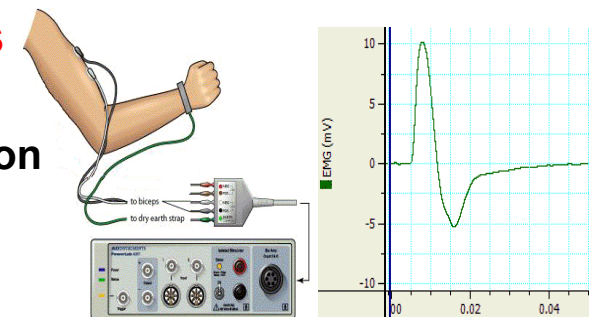


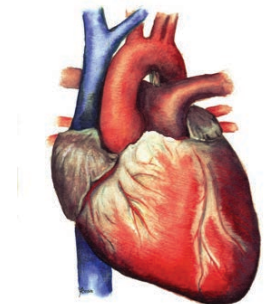
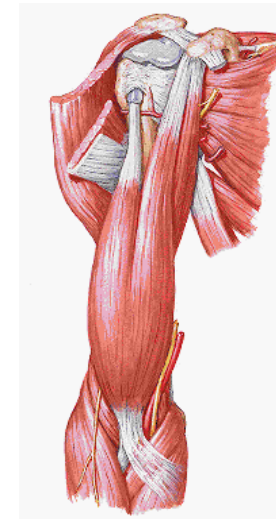
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# Lecture 25 – 27 overview - summary

1. Why do we need muscle?
2. The structure of skeletal muscle  
*(The Motor Unit, NMJ)*
3. Mechanism of Contraction of Skeletal Muscle  
*(Excitation – Contraction – Relaxation)*
4. Energy Sources for Contraction of Skeletal Muscle  
*(ATP, CP, anaerobic, aerobic)*
5. Twitch and Tetanus  
*(Treppe, summation)*
6. Skeletal Muscle Fibre Types  
*(Fast / white / myosin II vs. Slow / red / myosin I - Exercise & Fatigue)*
7. Structural/Functional differences: Skeletal, Cardiac and Smooth muscle



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