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## Muscle Tissue

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# 10-1 An Introduction to Muscle Tissue

- Learning Outcomes
  - **10-1** Specify the functions of skeletal muscle tissue.
  - **10-2** Describe the organization of muscle at the tissue level.
  - **10-3** Explain the characteristics of skeletal muscle fibers, and identify the structural components of a sarcomere.
  - **10-4** Identify the components of the neuromuscular junction, and summarize the events involved in the neural control of skeletal muscle contraction and relaxation.

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- Learning Outcomes
  - **10-8** Identify the structural and functional differences between skeletal muscle fibers and cardiac muscle cells.
  - **10-9** Identify the structural and functional differences between skeletal muscle fibers and smooth muscle cells, and discuss the roles of smooth muscle tissue in systems throughout the body.

# An Introduction to Muscle Tissue

- What are some functions of skeletal muscle tissue?
  - Think, pair, share!

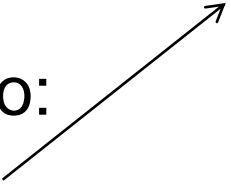
# An Introduction to Muscle Tissue

- Muscle Tissue

- A primary tissue type, divided into:

- **Skeletal** muscle tissue (striated, voluntary)
- **Cardiac muscle tissue** (striated, involuntary)
- **Smooth** muscle tissue (non-striated, involuntary)

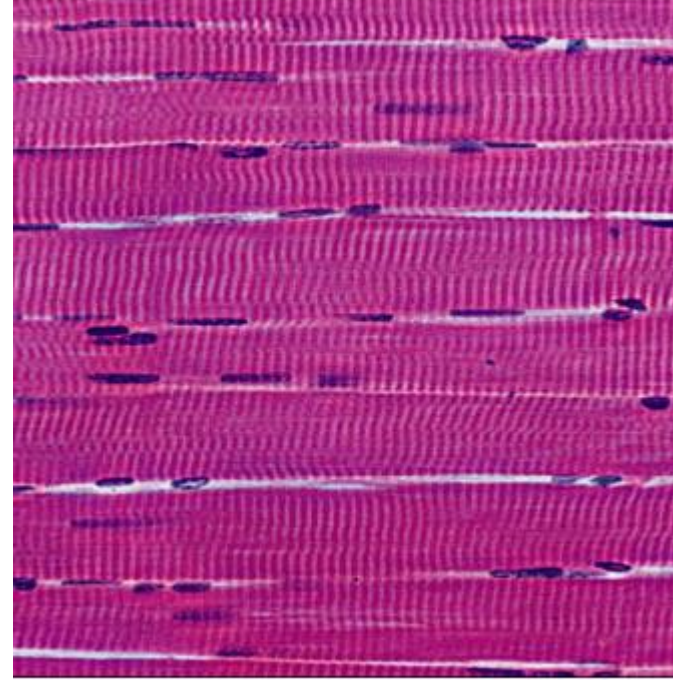
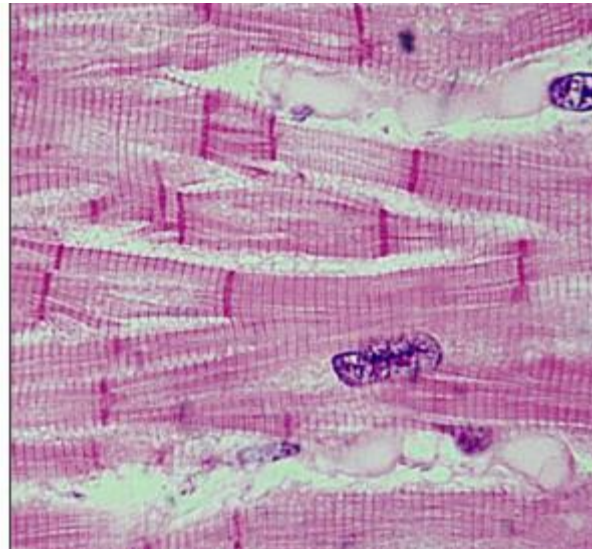
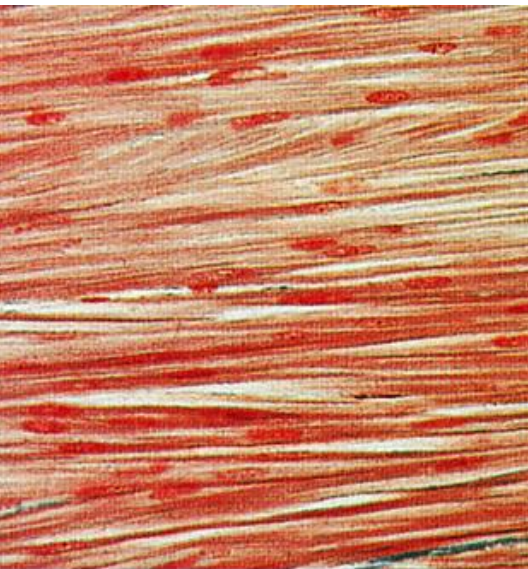
Define  
striated and  
voluntary.



Divided based on:

- how the contractile machinery is organized
- how the nervous system figures in its control.

# Skeletal, Cardiac, or Smooth?



Where are these tissues normally found?

- Skeletal Muscle

- voluntary, striated muscle attached to one or more bones, long, threadlike cells – muscle fibers
  - **voluntary** – conscious control over skeletal muscles
  - **striations** - alternating light and dark transverse bands , results from an overlapping of internal contractile proteins
  - contains **multiple nuclei** adjacent to plasma membrane

# 10-1 Functions of Skeletal Muscle Tissue

- Six **Functions** of Skeletal Muscle Tissue
  1. Produce skeletal movement
  2. Maintain posture and body position
  3. Support soft tissues
  4. Guard entrances and exits
  5. Maintain body temperature
  6. Store nutrient reserves



# 10-2 Organization of Muscle

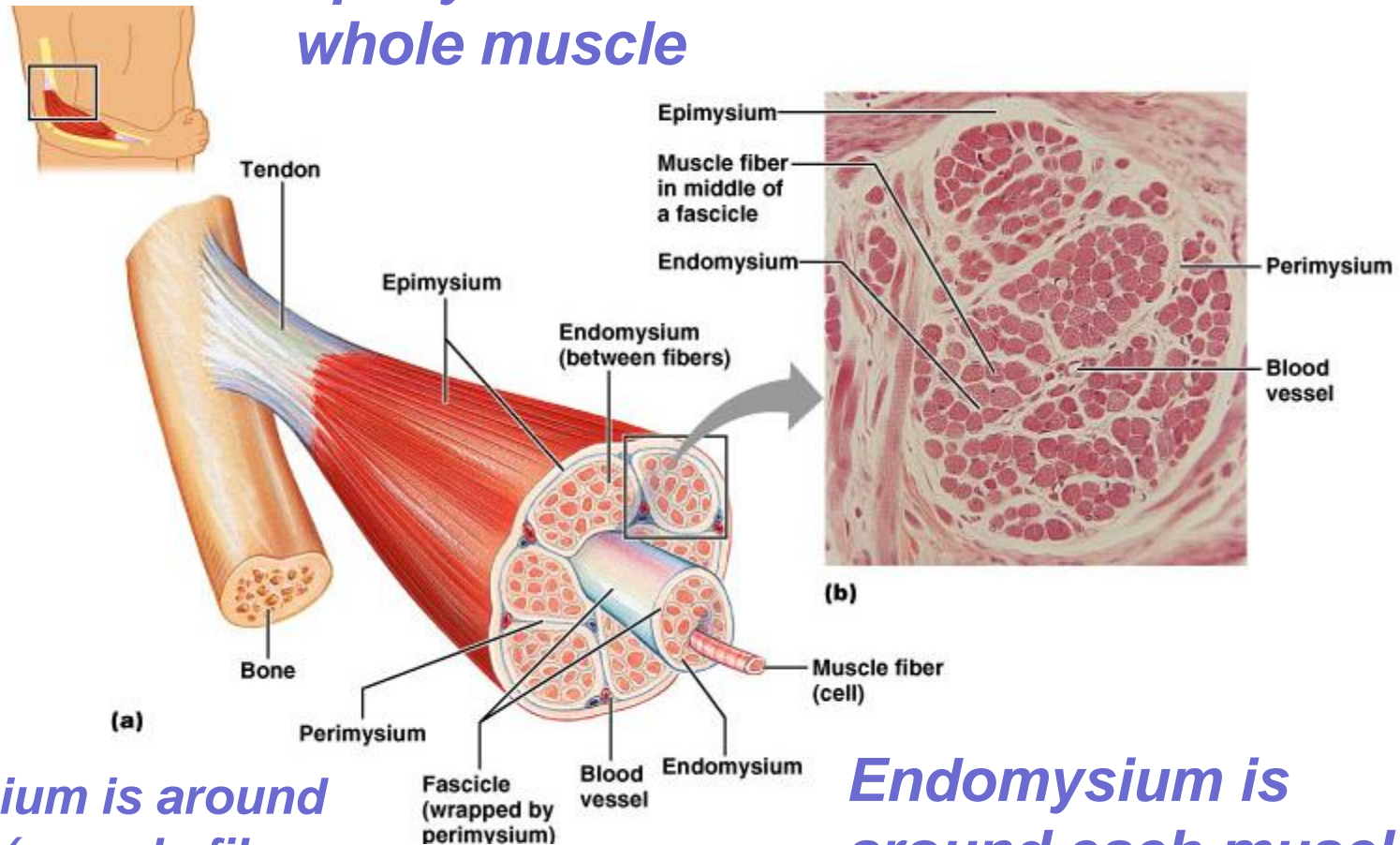
- Skeletal Muscle
  - **Connective tissues**
  - Nerves
  - Blood vessels
  - Muscle tissue (muscle cells or fibers)

# 10-2 Organization of Muscle

- Organization of Connective Tissues
  - Muscles have three layers of connective tissues
    1. Epimysium
    2. Perimysium
    3. Endomysium

# Connective Tissue of Muscle

*Epimysium: surrounds whole muscle*



*Perimysium is around fascicle (muscle fiber bundles)*

*Endomysium is around each muscle fiber*

- **Epimysium**
  - Exterior collagen layer
  - Connected to deep fascia
  - Separates muscle from surrounding tissues

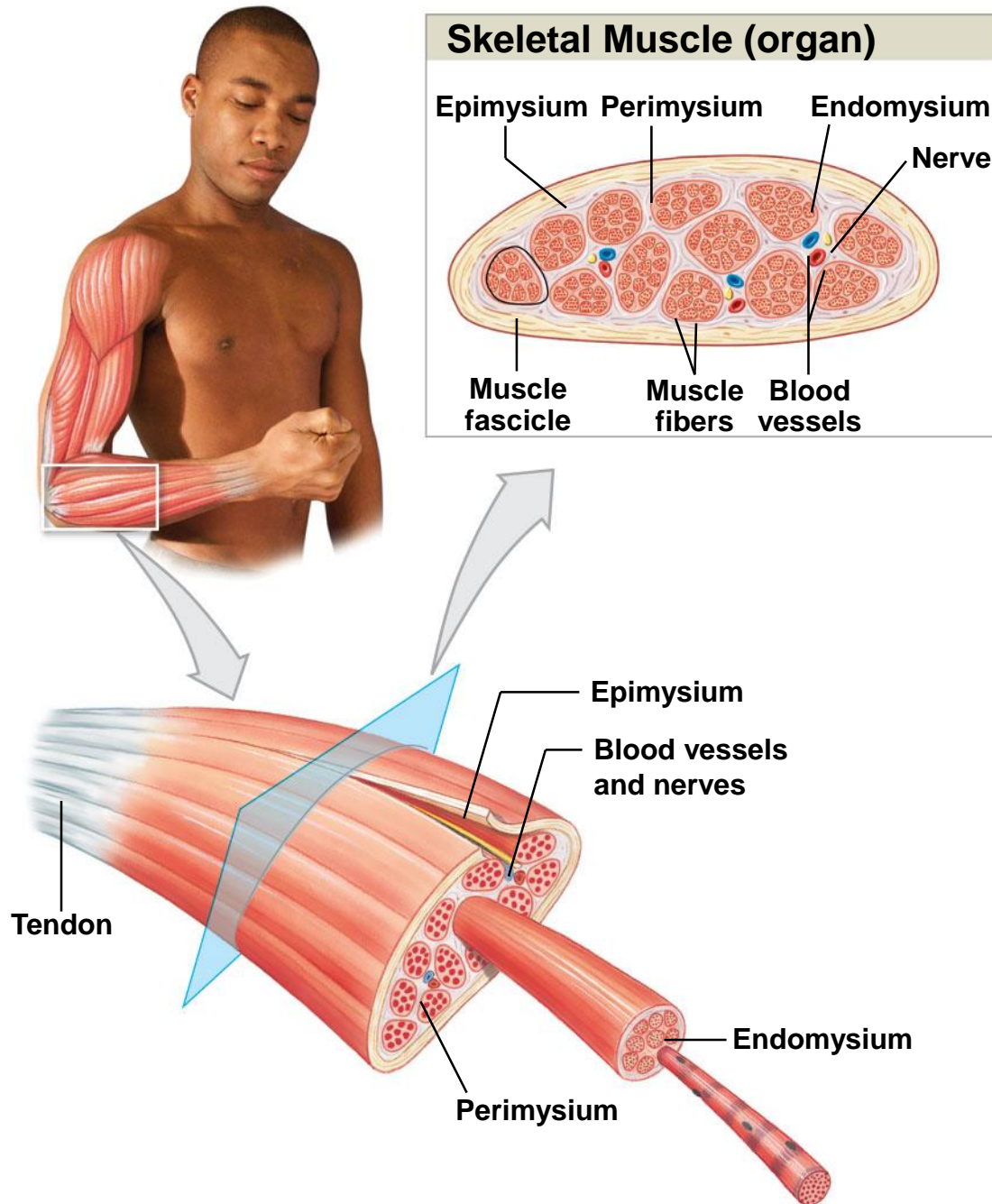
- **Perimysium**

- Surrounds muscle fiber bundles (fascicles)
- Contains blood vessel and nerve supply to fascicles

- **Endomysium**

- Surrounds individual muscle cells (muscle fibers)
- Contains capillaries and nerve fibers contacting muscle cells
- Contains cells that repair damage

**Figure 10-1 The Organization of Skeletal Muscles**



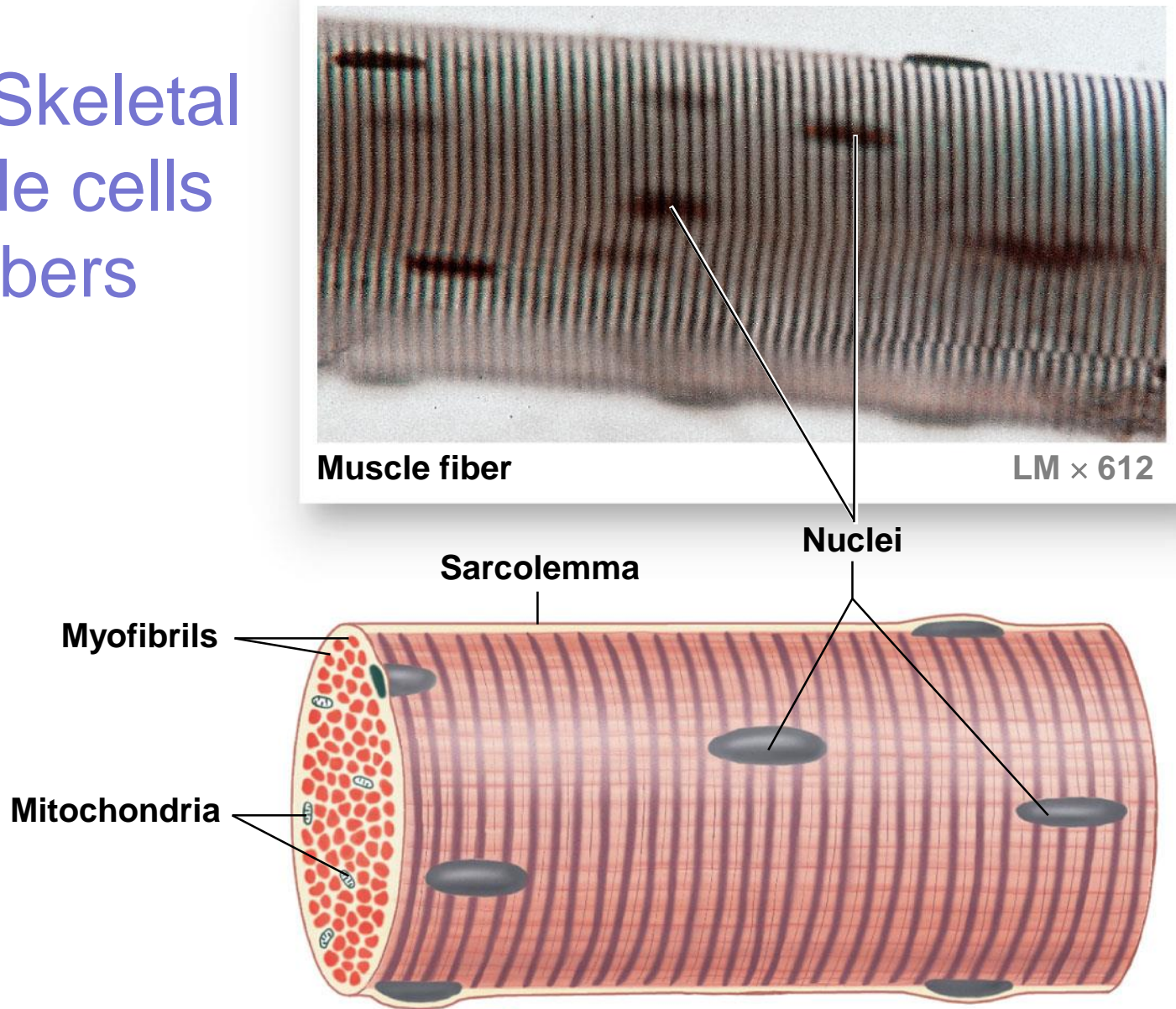
- Organization of Connective Tissues
  - Muscle Attachments
    - Endomysium, perimysium, and epimysium come together:
      - At ends of muscles
      - To form connective tissue attachment to bone matrix
      - I.e., **tendon** (bundle) or **aponeurosis** (sheet)



# 10-2 Blood Vessels and Nerves

- **Blood Vessels and Nerves**
  - Muscles have extensive vascular systems that:
    - Supply large amounts of oxygen
    - Supply nutrients
    - Carry away wastes
  - Skeletal muscles are voluntary muscles, controlled by nerves of the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord)

## 10-3 Skeletal Muscle cells and fibers



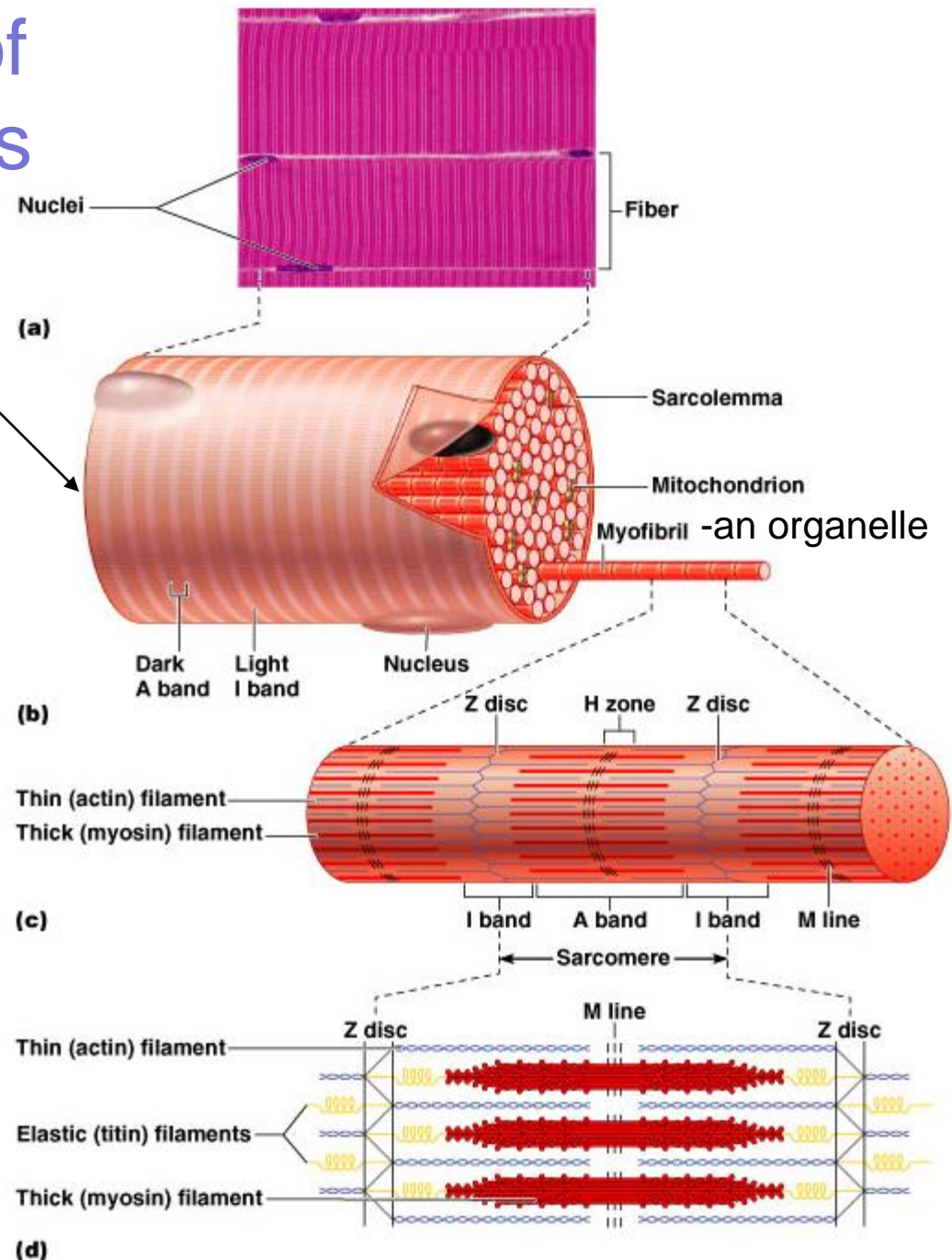
**b** A diagrammatic view and a micrograph of one muscle fiber.

# Muscle Fibers

- **sarcolemma** – plasma membrane of a muscle fiber
- **sarcoplasm** – cytoplasm of a muscle fiber
- **mitochondria** – packed in spaces between myofibrils
- **sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR)** - smooth ER that forms a network around each myofibril – **calcium reservoir**
- The repeating unit of a skeletal muscle fiber is the sarcomere

# 10-3 Characteristics of Skeletal Muscle Fibers

- **Fibers** (each is one cell) have striations
- **Myofibrils** are organelles of the cell: these are made up of **myofilaments**
- **Sarcomere**
  - Basic unit of contraction
  - **Myofibrils** are long rows of repeating sarcomeres
  - Boundaries: **Z discs** (or lines)

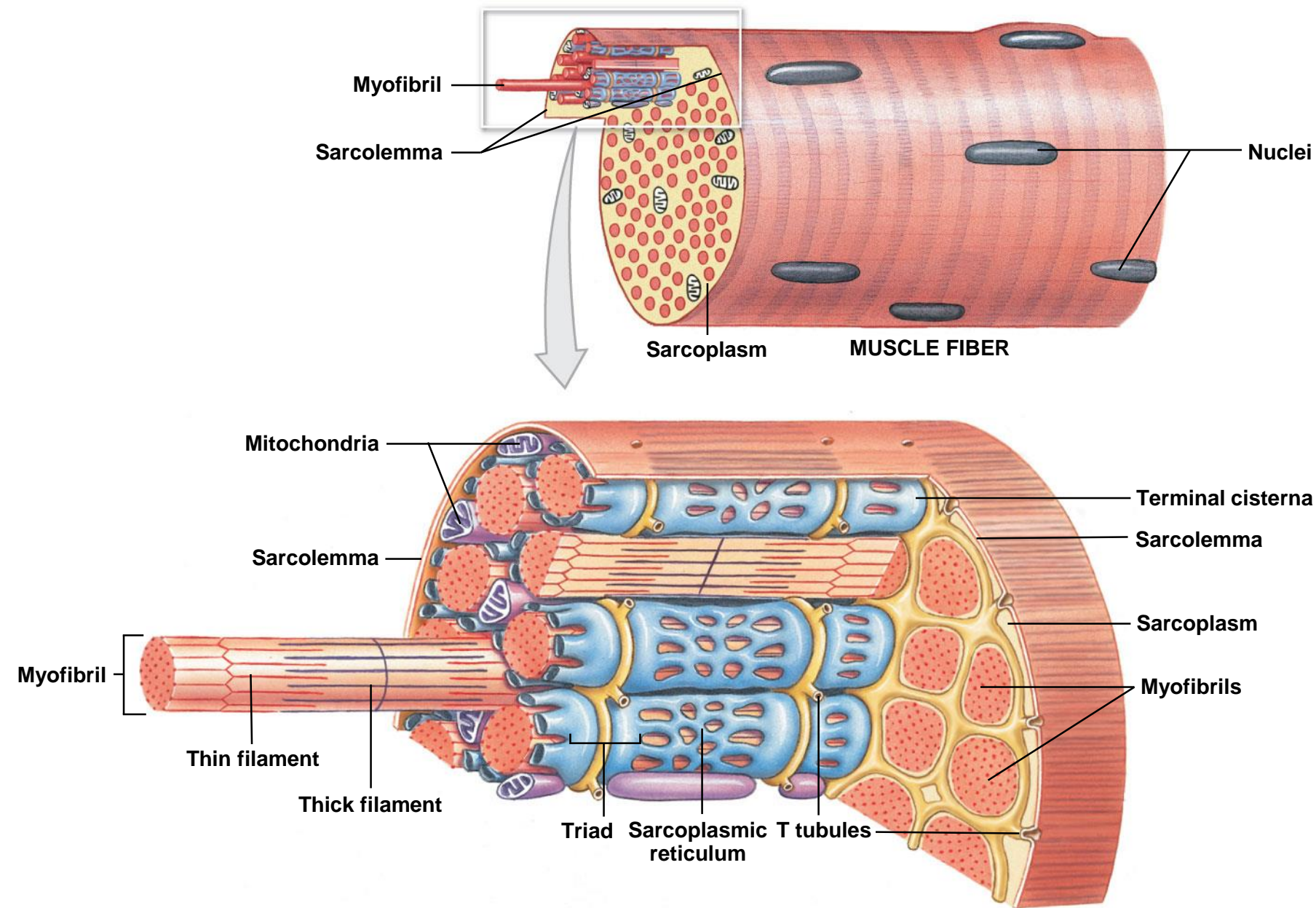


# 10-3 Characteristics of Skeletal Muscle Fibers

- **Myofibrils**
  - Lengthwise subdivisions within muscle fiber
  - Made up of bundles of protein filaments (**myofilaments**)
  - Myofilaments are responsible for muscle contraction
  - Types of myofilaments:
    - **Thin filaments**
      - Made of the protein actin
    - **Thick filaments**
      - Made of the protein myosin



Figure 10-3 The Structure of a Skeletal Muscle Fiber



# 10-3 Structural Components of a Sarcomere

- Sarcomeres
  - The contractile units of muscle
  - Structural units of myofibrils
  - Form visible patterns within myofibrils
  - A striped or striated pattern within myofibrils
    - Alternating dark, thick filaments (**A bands**) and light, thin filaments (**I bands**)

# 10-3 Structural Components of a Sarcomere

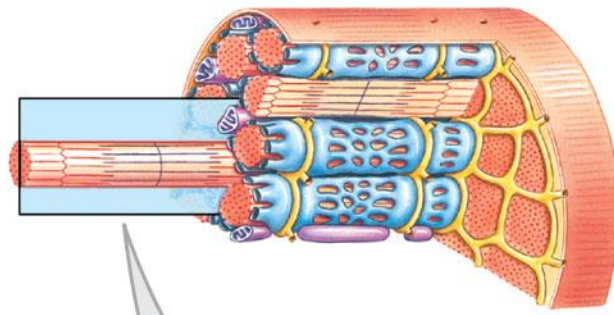
- Sarcomeres
  - The A Band
    - **M line**
      - The center of the A band
      - At midline of sarcomere
    - **The H Band**
      - The area around the M line
      - Has thick filaments but no thin filaments
    - **Zone of overlap**
      - The densest, darkest area on a light micrograph
      - Where thick and thin filaments overlap



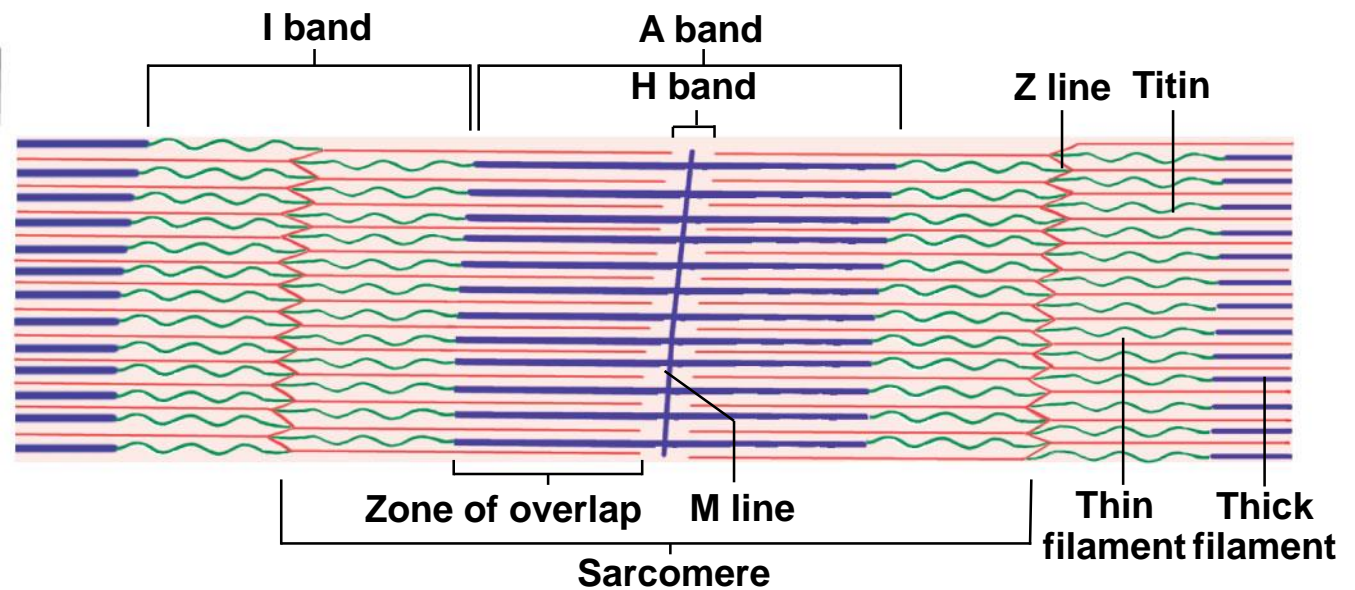
# 10-3 Structural Components of a Sarcomere

- Sarcomeres
  - The I Band
    - **Z lines**
      - The centers of the I bands
      - At two ends of sarcomere
    - **Titin**
      - Are strands of protein
      - Reach from tips of thick filaments to the Z line
      - Stabilize the filaments

**Figure 10-4a Sarcomere Structure, Part I**



**a** A longitudinal section of a sarcomere, showing bands



**b** A corresponding view of a sarcomere in a myofibril from a muscle fiber in the gastrocnemius muscle of the calf

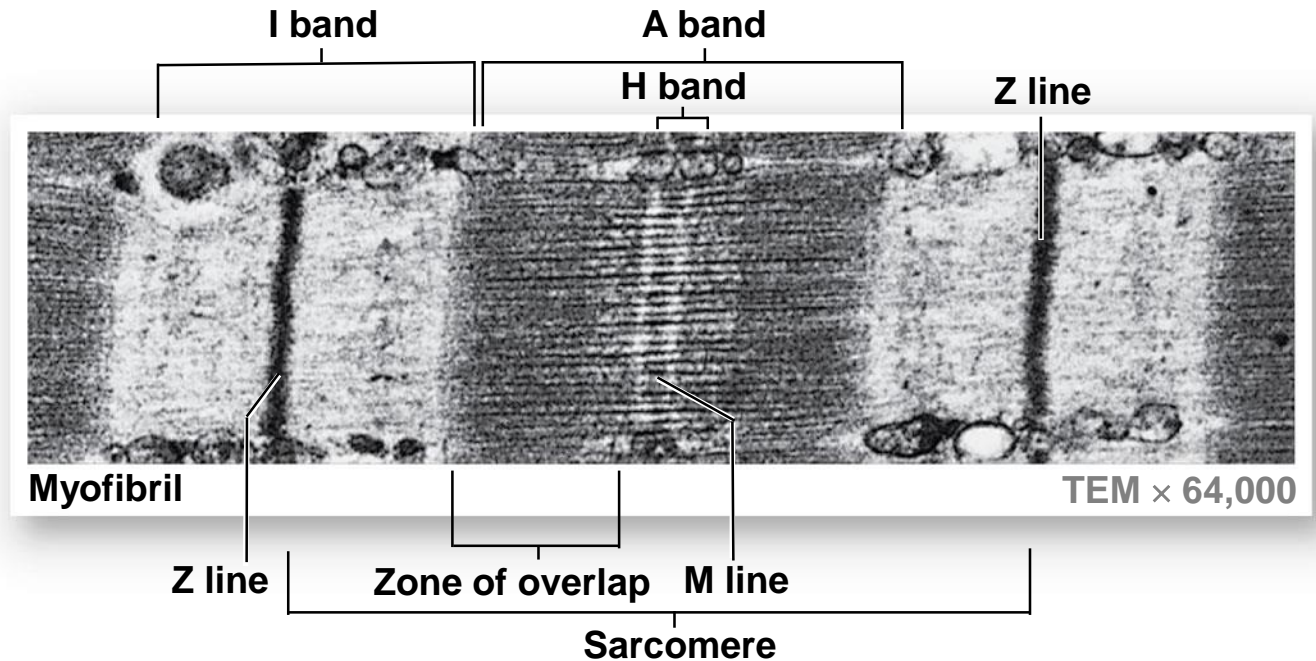
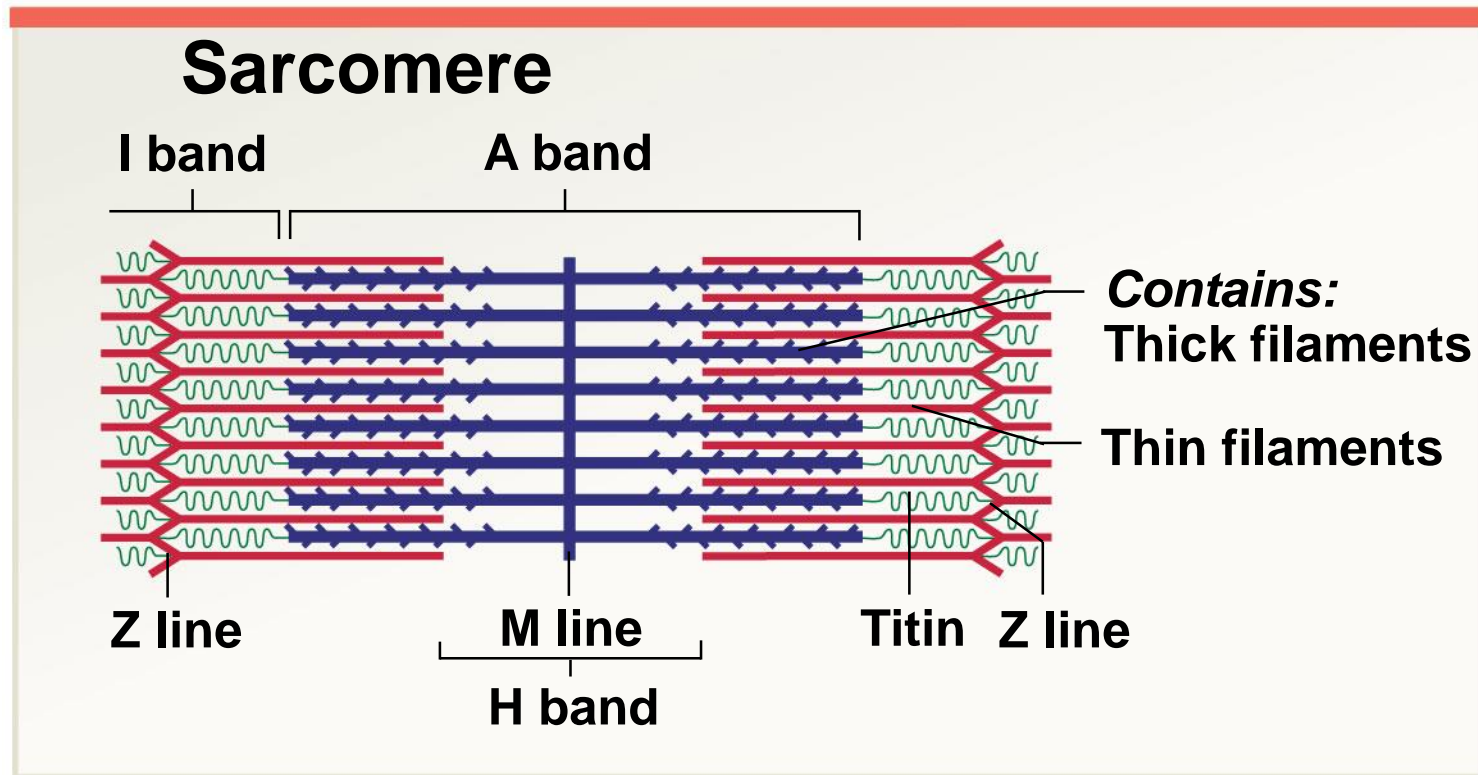


Figure 10-6 Levels of Functional Organization in a Skeletal Muscle



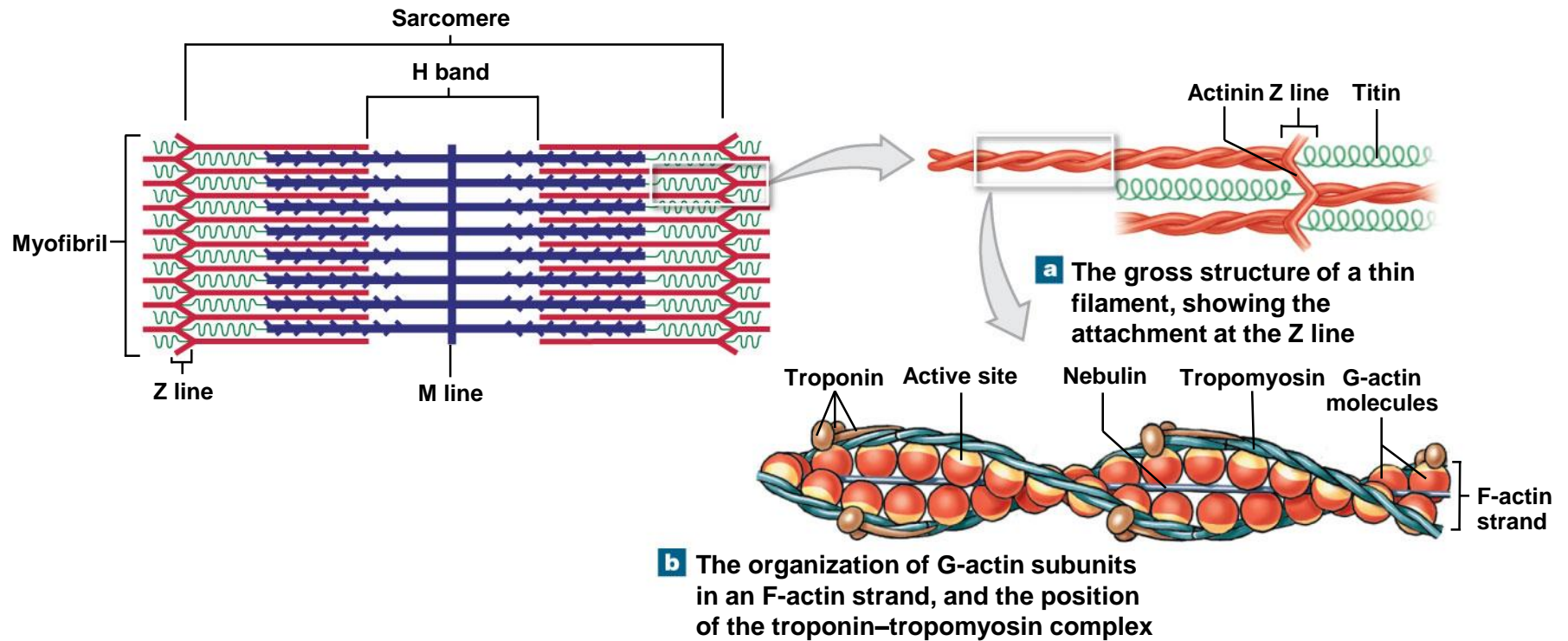
# 10-3 Structural Components of a Sarcomere

- Thin Filaments
  - **F-actin (filamentous actin)**
    - Is two twisted rows of globular G-actin
    - The active sites on G-actin strands bind to myosin
  - **Nebulin**
    - Holds F-actin strands together

# 10-3 Structural Components of a Sarcomere

- Thin Filaments
  - **Tropomyosin**
    - Is a double strand
    - Prevents actin–myosin interaction
  - **Troponin**
    - A globular protein
    - Binds tropomyosin to G-actin
    - Controlled by  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

**Figure 10-7ab Thick and Thin Filaments**



# 10-4 Skeletal Muscle Contraction

- The **Contraction Cycle**
  1. Contraction Cycle Begins
  2. Active-Site Exposure
  3. Cross-Bridge Formation
  4. Myosin Head Pivoting
  5. Cross-Bridge Detachment
  6. Myosin Reactivation

**PLAY**

A&P FLIX The Cross Bridge Cycle



## In other words...

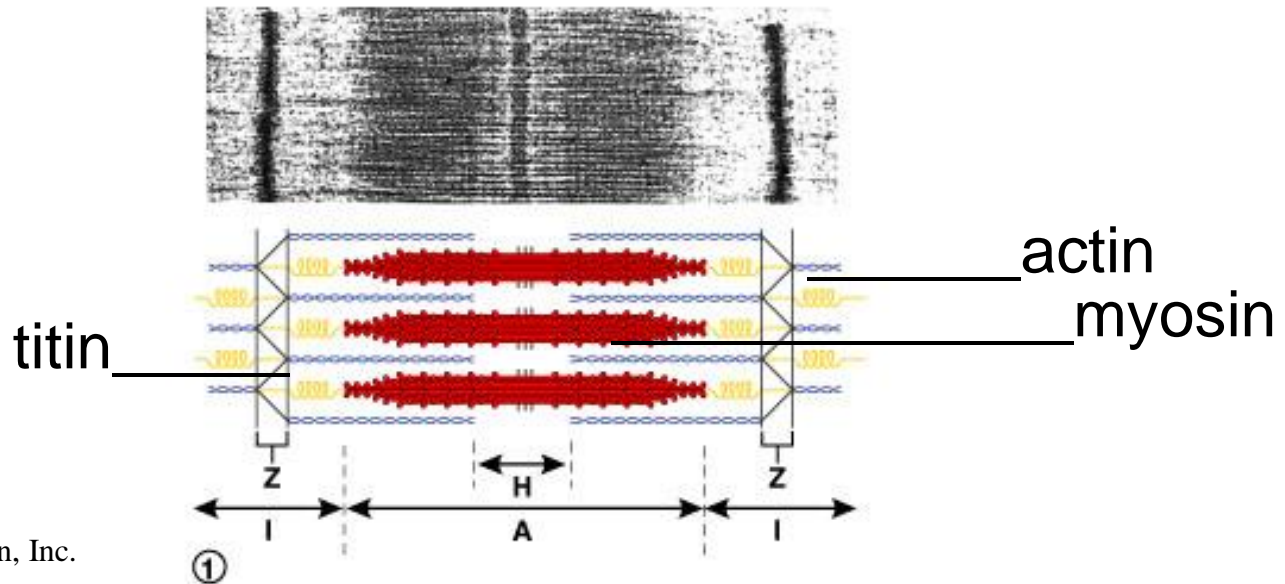
- Myosin heads sticking off the thick filaments use ATP to pull the actin filaments toward the middle of the A band, shortening the sarcomeres and thus pulling on an external load.

# 10-3 Structural Components of a Sarcomere

- Sliding Filaments and Muscle Contraction
  - **Sliding filament theory**
    - Thin filaments of sarcomere slide toward M line, alongside thick filaments
    - The width of A zone stays the same
    - Z lines move closer together

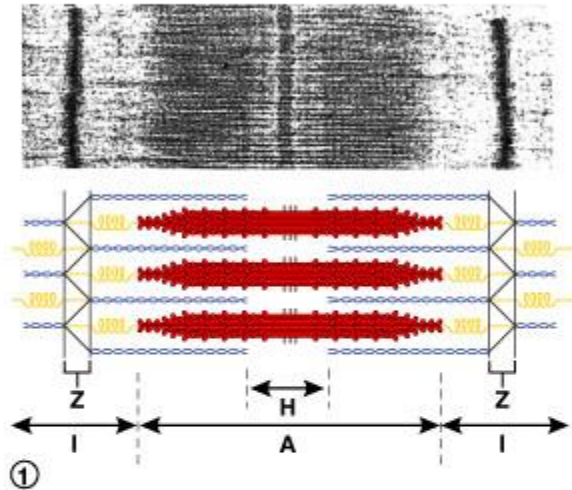
# Myofibrils

- Made of three types of ***filaments*** (or ***myofilaments***):
  - Thick (***myosin***)
  - Thin (***actin***)
  - Elastic (***titin***)

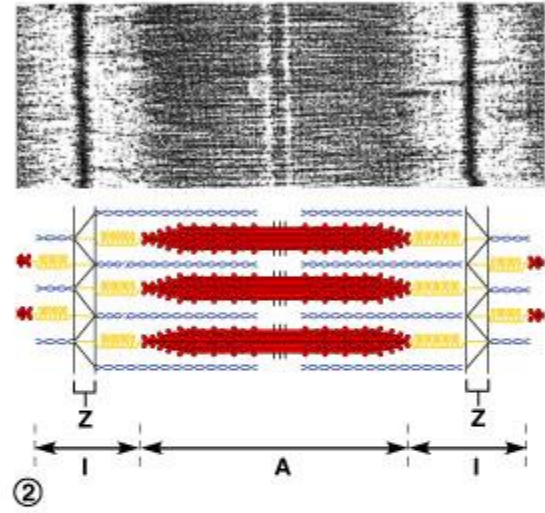


# Sliding Filament Model

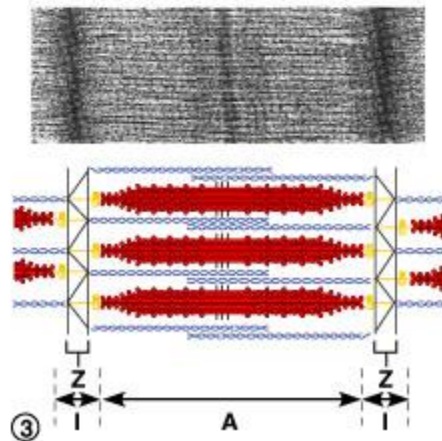
\_\_relaxed sarcomere\_\_



\_\_partly contracted\_\_



fully contracted

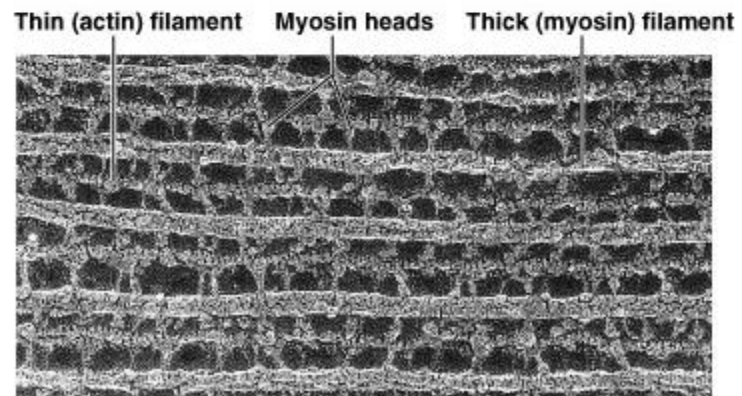
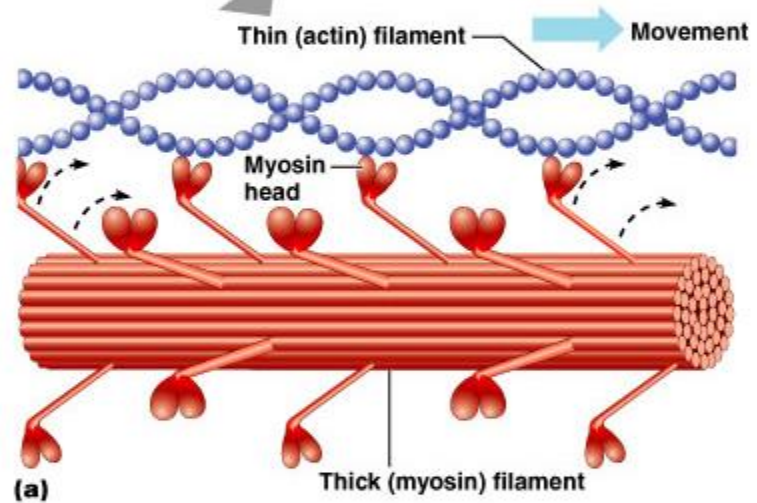
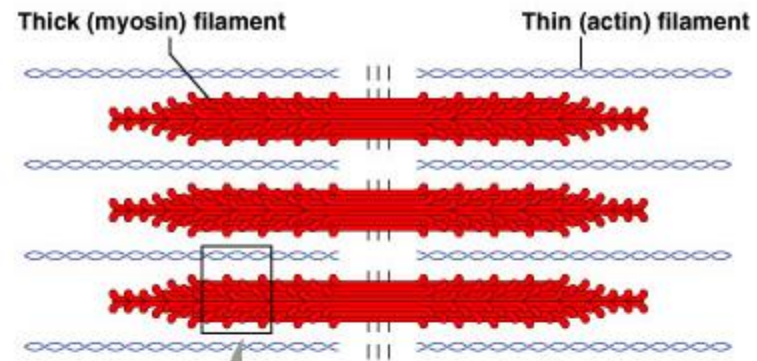


Sarcomere shortens because actin pulled towards its middle by myosin cross bridges

“A” band constant because it is caused by myosin, which doesn’t change length

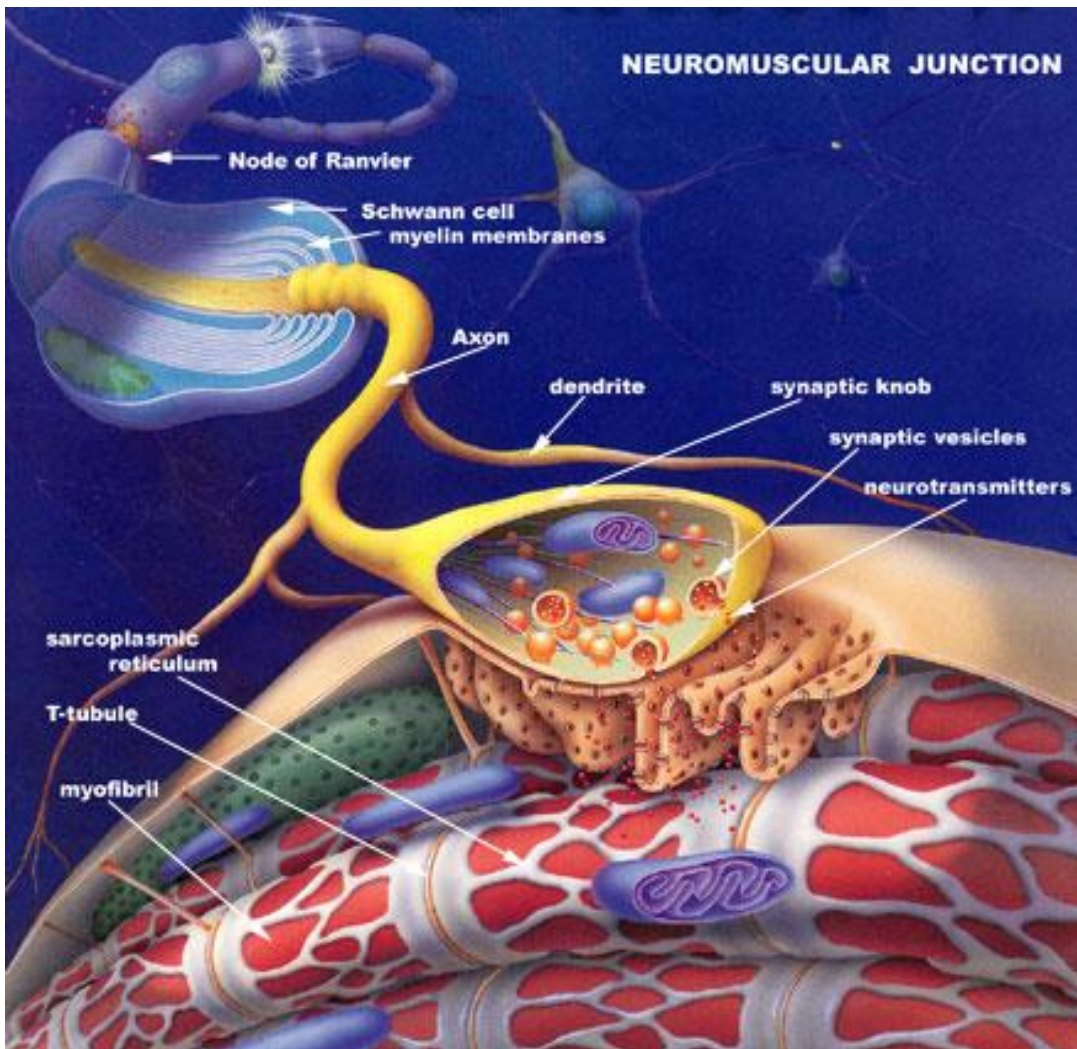
Titin resists overstretching

## Another view





# Neuromuscular Junction



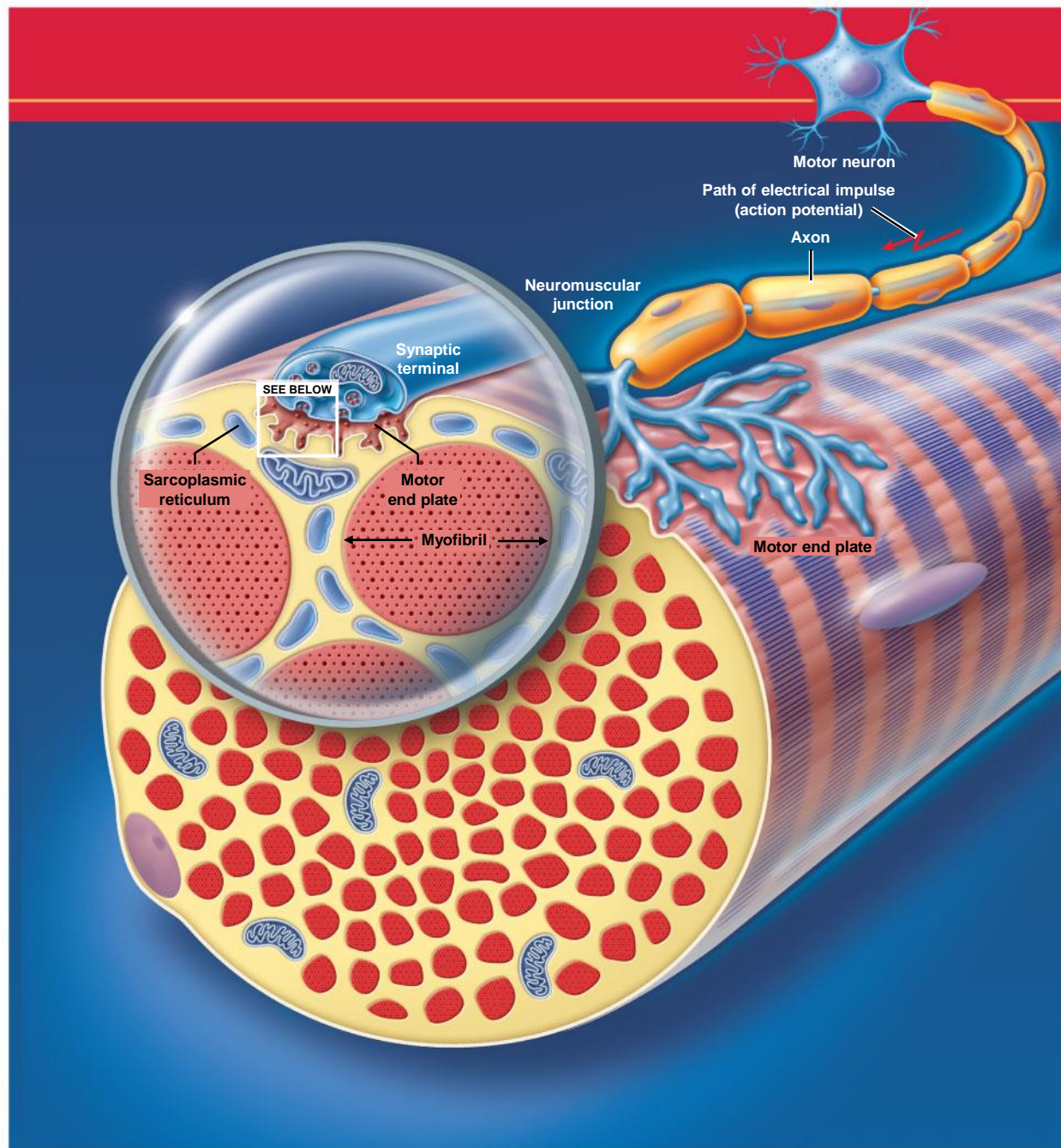
**Motor neurons** innervate muscle fibers

**Motor end plate** is where they meet  
**Neurotransmitters** are released by nerve signal: this initiates calcium ion release and muscle contraction

**Motor Unit:** a motor neuron and all the muscle fibers it innervates (these all contract together)

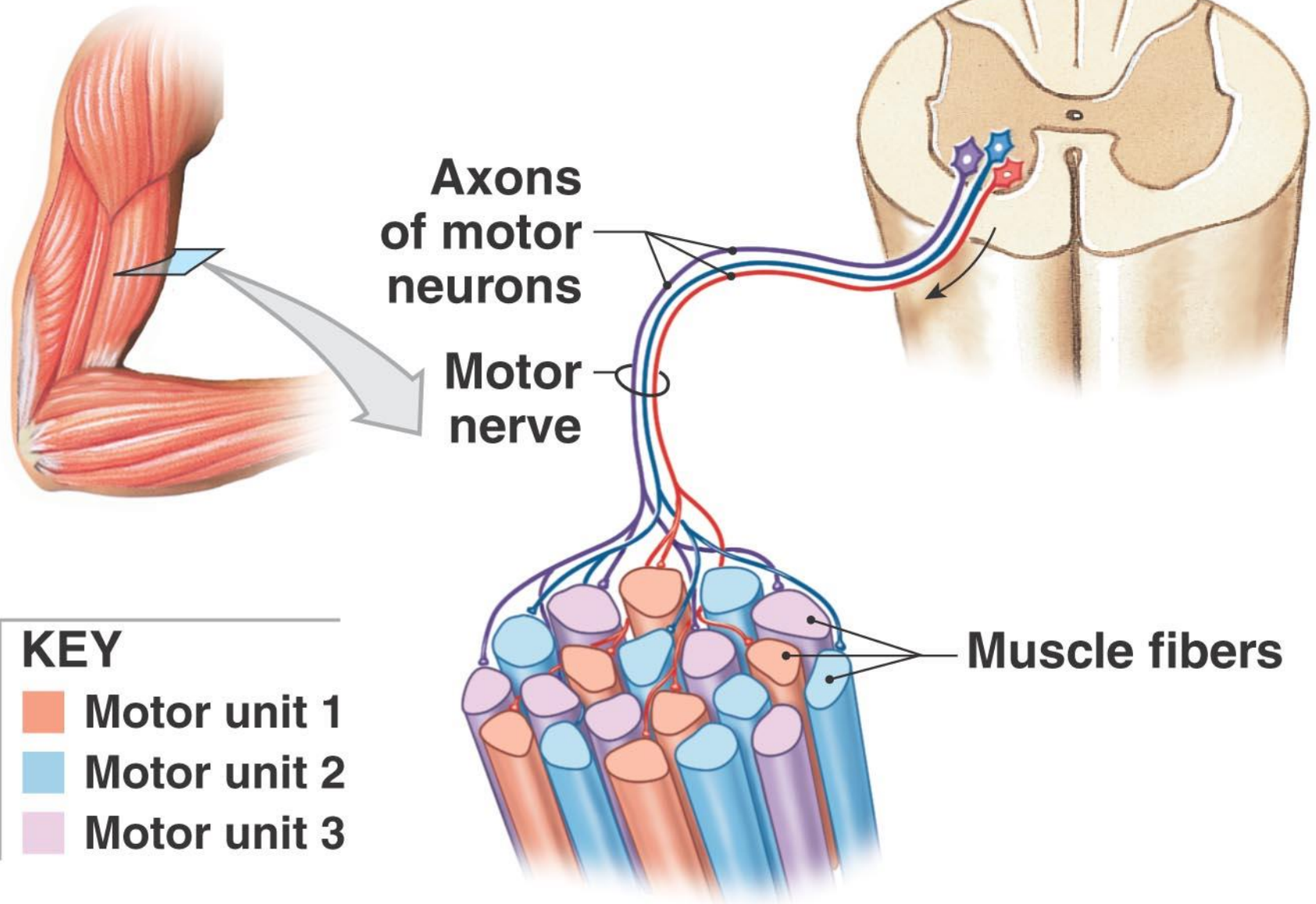
- Average is 150, but range is four to several hundred muscle fibers in a motor unit
- The finer the movement, the fewer muscle fibers /motor unit
- The fibers are spread throughout the muscle, so stimulation of a single motor unit causes a weak contraction of the entire muscle

**Figure 10-11 Skeletal Muscle Innervation**





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# 10-4 Skeletal Muscle Contraction and Relaxation

- Summary
  - Skeletal muscle fibers shorten as thin filaments slide between thick filaments
  - Free  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  in the sarcoplasm triggers contraction
  - SR releases  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  when a motor neuron stimulates the muscle fiber
  - Contraction is an active process
  - Relaxation and return to resting length are passive

# 10-5 Tension Production and Contraction Types

- Tension Production by Muscles Fibers
  - As a whole, a muscle fiber is either contracted or relaxed
  - Depends on:
    - The number of pivoting cross-bridges
    - The fiber's resting length at the time of stimulation
    - The frequency of stimulation

# 10-6 Energy to Power Contractions

- ATP Provides Energy For Muscle Contraction
  - Sustained muscle contraction uses a lot of ATP energy
  - Muscles store enough energy to start contraction
  - Muscle fibers must manufacture more ATP as needed

How does Rigor mortis relate to ATP depletion during death?

# 10-6 Energy to Power Contractions

- Energy Use and the Level of Muscular Activity
  - Skeletal muscles at rest metabolize fatty acids and store glycogen
  - During light activity, muscles generate ATP through the breakdown of carbohydrates, lipids, or amino acids
  - At peak activity, energy is provided by certain reactions that generate **lactic acid** as a byproduct

# 10-6 Energy to Power Contractions

- Muscle Fatigue
  - When muscles can no longer perform a required activity, they are **fatigued**
- Results of Muscle Fatigue
  - Depletion of metabolic reserves
  - Damage to sarcolemma and sarcoplasmic reticulum
  - Low pH (lactic acid) ←
  - Muscle exhaustion and pain

Why do we get sore muscles after a hard work out?

# 10-6 Energy to Power Contractions

- The **Recovery Period**
  - The time required after exertion for muscles to return to normal
  - Oxygen becomes available
  - Mitochondrial activity resumes

# 10-6 Energy to Power Contractions

- Heat Production and Loss
  - Active muscles produce heat
  - Up to 70% of muscle energy can be lost as heat, raising body temperature

# 10-7 Types of Muscles Fibers and Endurance

- Muscle Performance
  - **Force**
    - The maximum amount of tension produced
  - **Endurance**
    - The amount of time an activity can be sustained
- Force and endurance depend on:
  - The types of muscle fibers
  - Physical conditioning



# 10-7 Types of Muscles Fibers and Endurance

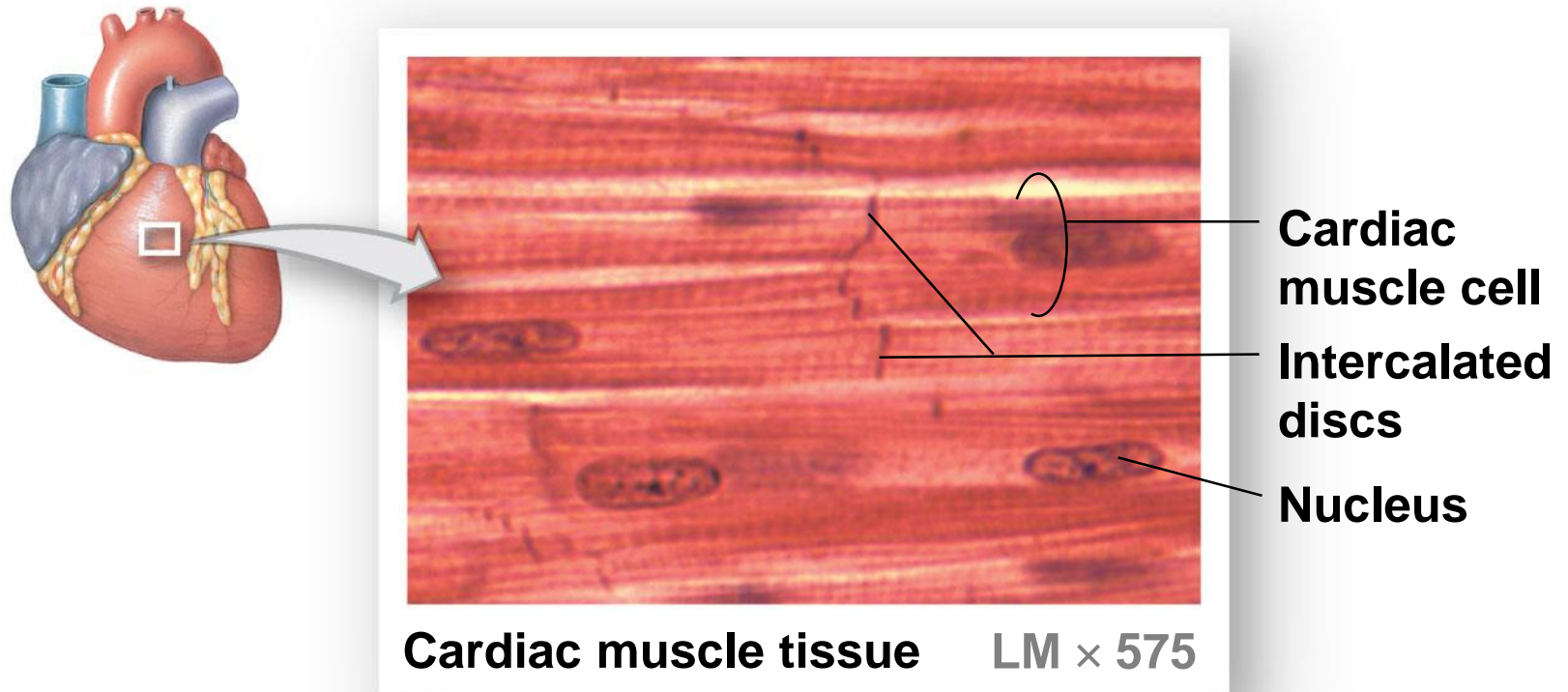
- Muscle **Hypertrophy**
  - Muscle growth from heavy training
    - Increases diameter of muscle fibers
    - Increases number of myofibrils
    - Increases mitochondria, glycogen reserves
- Muscle **Atrophy**
  - Lack of muscle activity
    - Reduces muscle size, tone, and power

# 10-7 Types of Muscles Fibers and Endurance

- Importance of Exercise
  - What you don't use, you lose
  - Muscle tone indicates base activity in motor units of skeletal muscles
  - Muscles become flaccid when inactive for days or weeks
  - Muscle fibers break down proteins, become smaller and weaker
  - With prolonged inactivity, fibrous tissue may replace muscle fibers

# 10-8 Cardiac Muscle Tissue

- Cardiac Muscle Tissue
  - limited to the heart
  - **myocytes** or **cardiocytes** are much shorter, branched, and notched at ends
  - contain **one centrally located nucleus** surrounded by light staining glycogen
  - **intercalated discs** join cardiocytes end to end
  - provide electrical and mechanical connection
  - **striated**, and **involuntary** (not under conscious control)

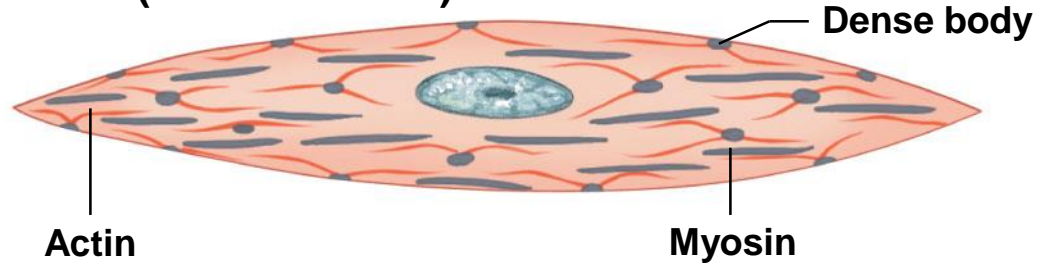


**a** A light micrograph of cardiac muscle tissue.

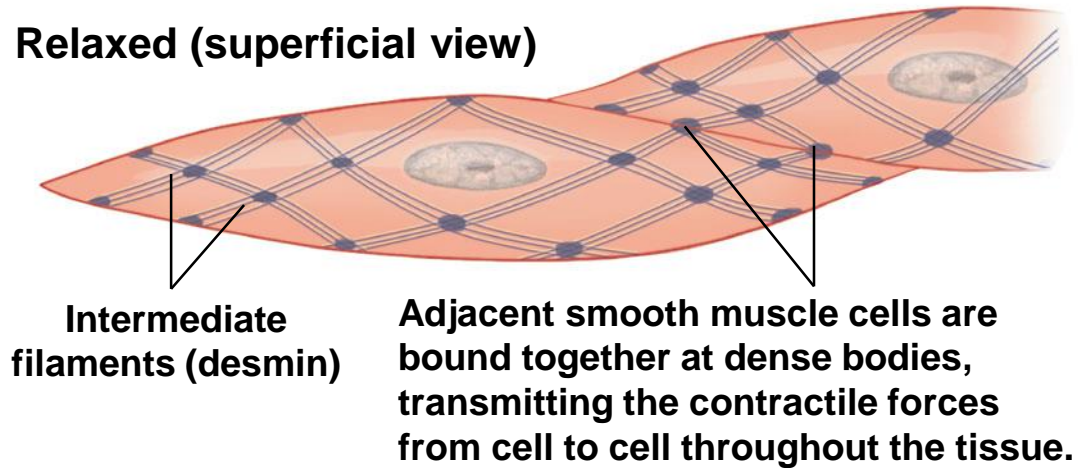
# 10-9 Smooth Muscle Tissue

- Smooth Muscle in Body Systems
  - Forms around other tissues
    - **lacks striations** and is **involuntary**
    - **visceral muscle** – forms layers of digestive, respiratory, and urinary tract: blood vessels, uterus and other viscera
    - propels contents through an organ, regulates diameter of blood vessels

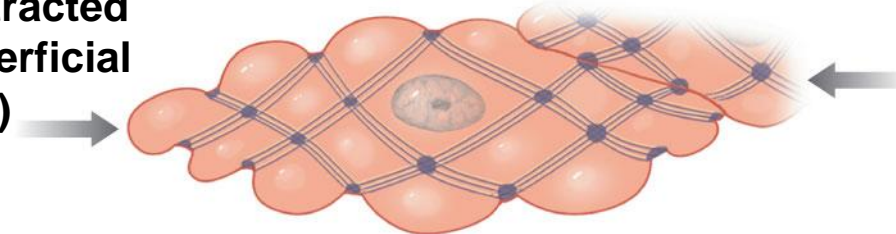
**Relaxed (sectional view)**



**Relaxed (superficial view)**



**Contracted (superficial view)**



**b** A single relaxed smooth muscle cell is spindle shaped and has no striations. Note the changes in cell shape as contraction occurs.