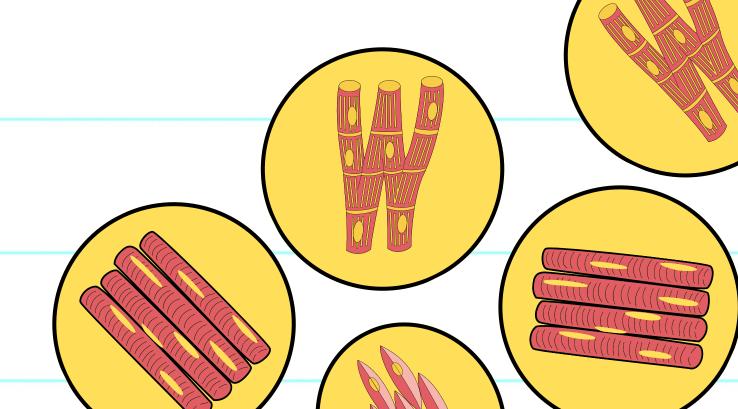


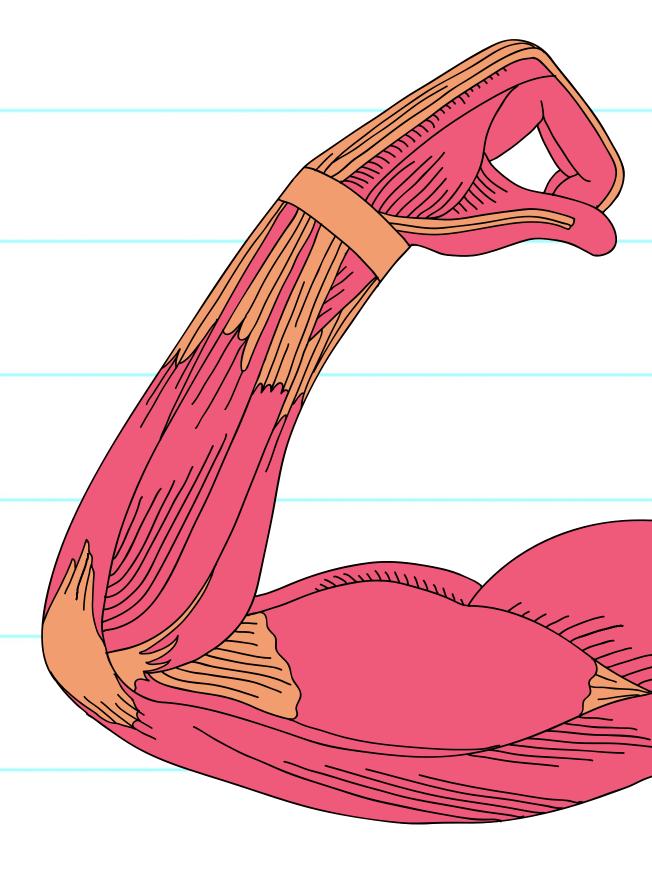
## MUSCULAR SYSTEM

OVERVIEW



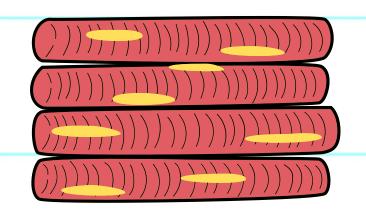
### LEARNING OBJECTIVE

- Identify the three main types of muscle tissue.
- Identify the functions of the muscular system.

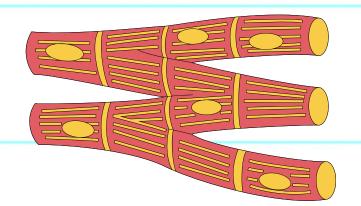


### TYPES OF MUSCLES

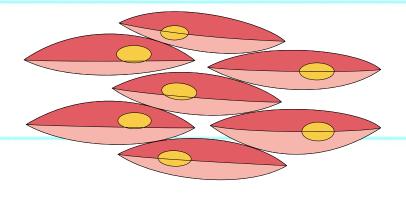
The muscular system is a complex network of tissues responsible for movement, stability, and various bodily functions. It consists of three main types of muscle tissue.



**Skeletal Muscles** 



**Cardiac Muscles** 



**Smooth Muscles** 

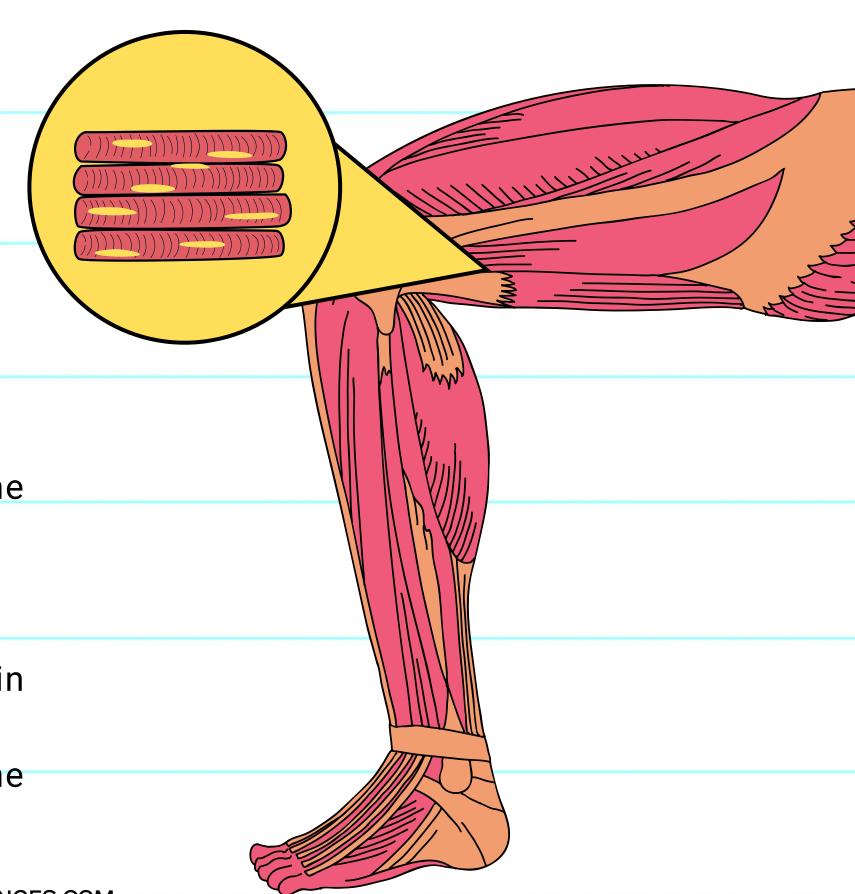
### SKELETAL MUSCLES

**Structure**: Skeletal muscles consist of elongated, cylindrical fibers that are multinucleated and display a striped appearance known as striations. These muscles are connected to bones through tendons.

**Control:** These muscles are under voluntary control, meaning that movements are consciously regulated by the nervous system.

**Function:** Skeletal muscles play a crucial role in body movements like walking, lifting, and maintaining posture. Additionally, they produce heat when contracting, aiding in regulating body temperature.

**Examples**: Some examples of skeletal muscles include the biceps brachii, quadriceps, and pectoralis major.



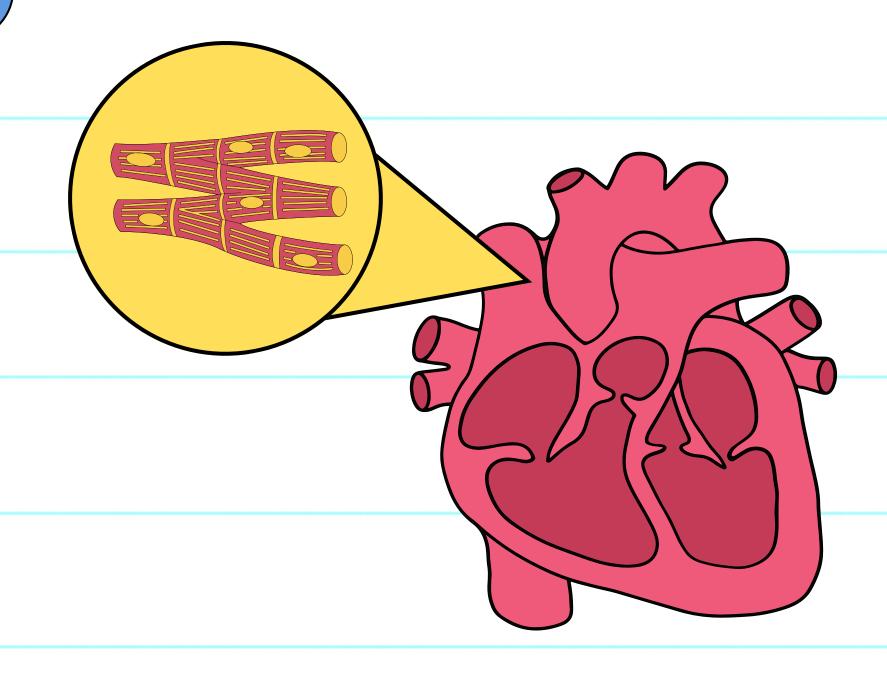
### CARDIAC MUSCLE

**Structure:** Cardiac muscle fibers are striated, branched, and interconnected by intercalated discs which facilitate synchronized contraction. They are usually mononucleated.

**Control:** Involuntary control, regulated by the autonomic nervous system and hormones.

**Function:** Pumps blood throughout the body by contracting the heart.

**Location:** Found exclusively in the walls of the heart.

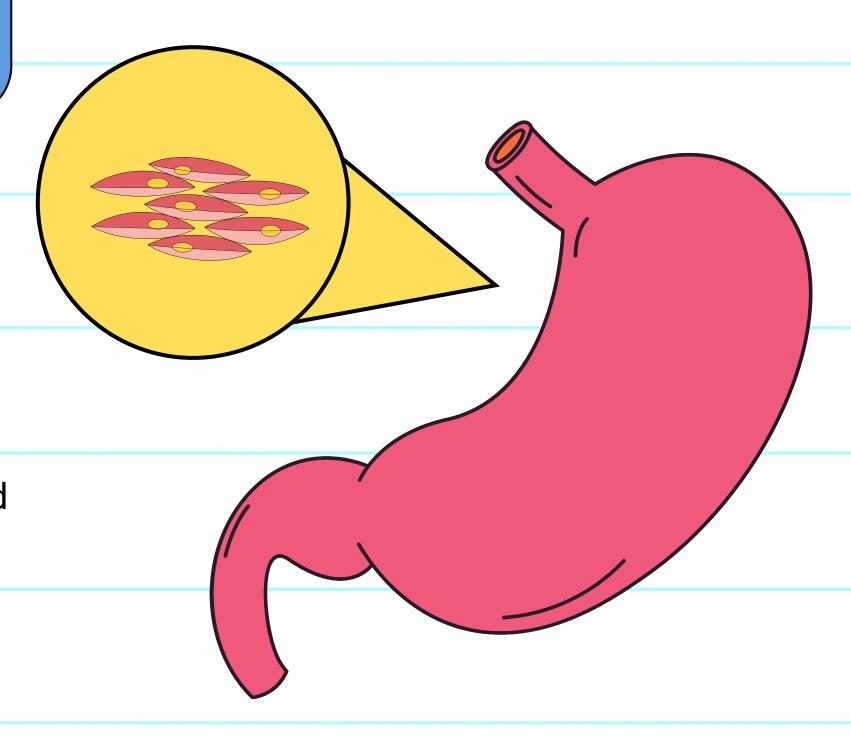


### SMOOTH MUSCLES

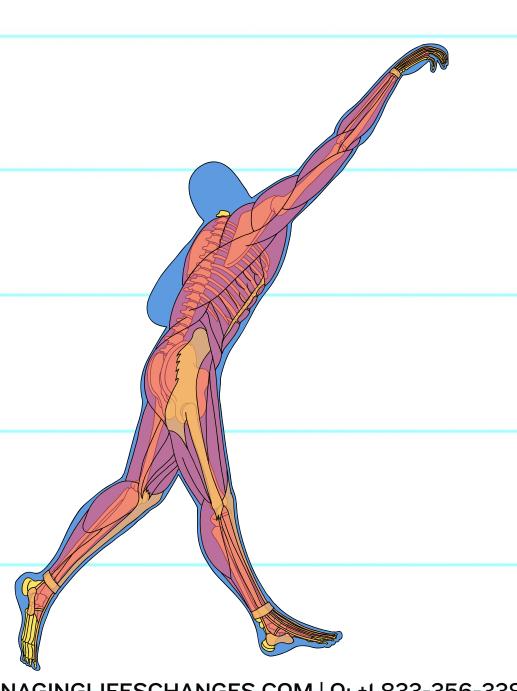
**Structure:** Smooth muscle fibers are non-striated, spindle-shaped, and contain a single nucleus. **Control:** Involuntary control, regulated by the autonomic nervous system, hormones, and local factors.

**Function:** Moves substances through the body's internal passageways, regulates the diameter of blood vessels, and controls the contraction of organs such as the stomach, intestines, and bladder.

**Examples**: Muscles in the walls of the digestive tract, blood vessels, and urinary bladder.



### FUNCTIONS OF THE MUSCULAR SYSTEM



#### Movement

Skeletal muscles collaborate with the skeletal system to generate voluntary movements.

#### **Posture and Stability**

Muscles aid in sustaining posture and stabilizing joints.

#### **Digestion**

Smooth muscles in the digestive tract facilitate the movement of food through the digestive system

#### **Heat Production**

Muscle contractions generate heat, crucial for regulating body temperature

#### Respiration

The diaphragm and intercostal muscles are pivotal for breathing.

#### Circulation

Cardiac muscles propel blood, while smooth muscles in blood vessels regulate blood flow and pressure.

### HOW DO MUSCLES WORK?

#### **Excitement**

Signals from your brain prompt muscle activation.



#### **Action**

Muscles respond by contracting upon receiving the signals.



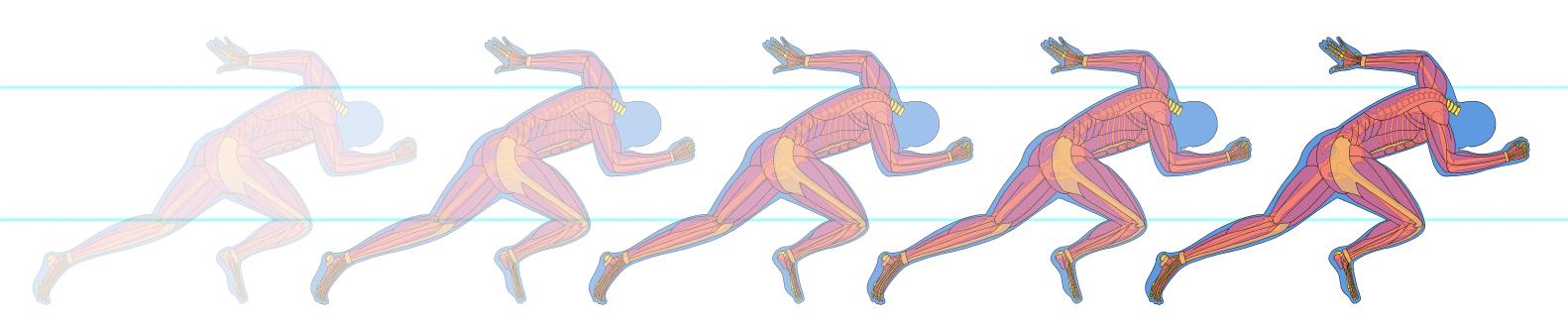
#### Movement

The contraction of muscles applies force on bones, leading to movement.



#### Relaxation

Following contraction, muscles relax to prepare for the next action.



### MUSCLE ANATOMY

#### **Muscle Fiber**

The basic unit of a muscle, a single cell containing multiple nuclei.

#### **Epimysium**

The outer layer of connective tissue surrounding the entire muscle

#### **Fascicle**

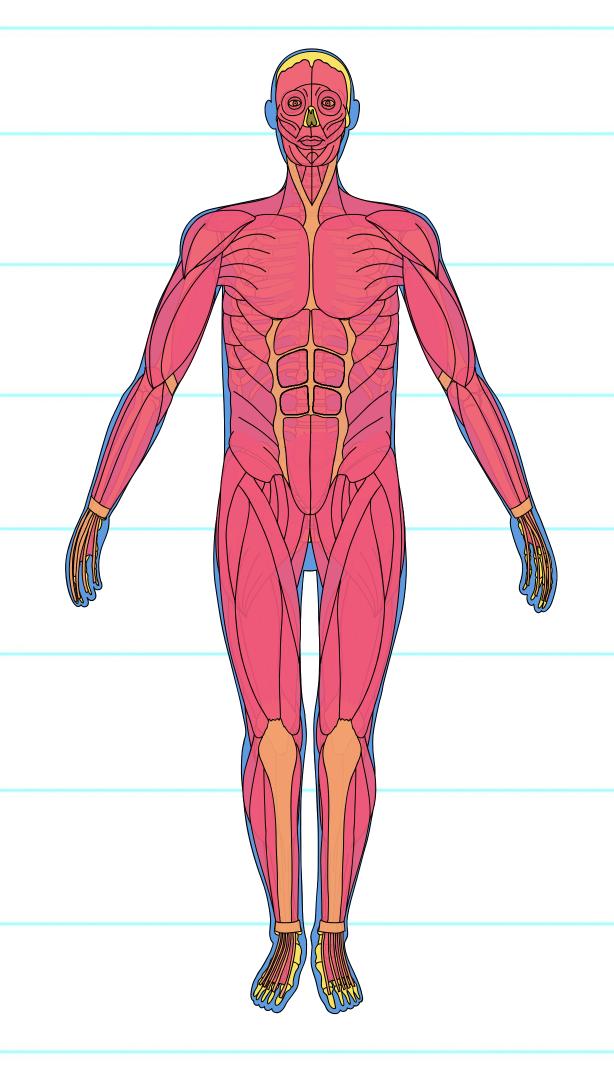
A bundle of muscle fibers.

#### Perimysium

The connective tissue surrounding each fascicle.

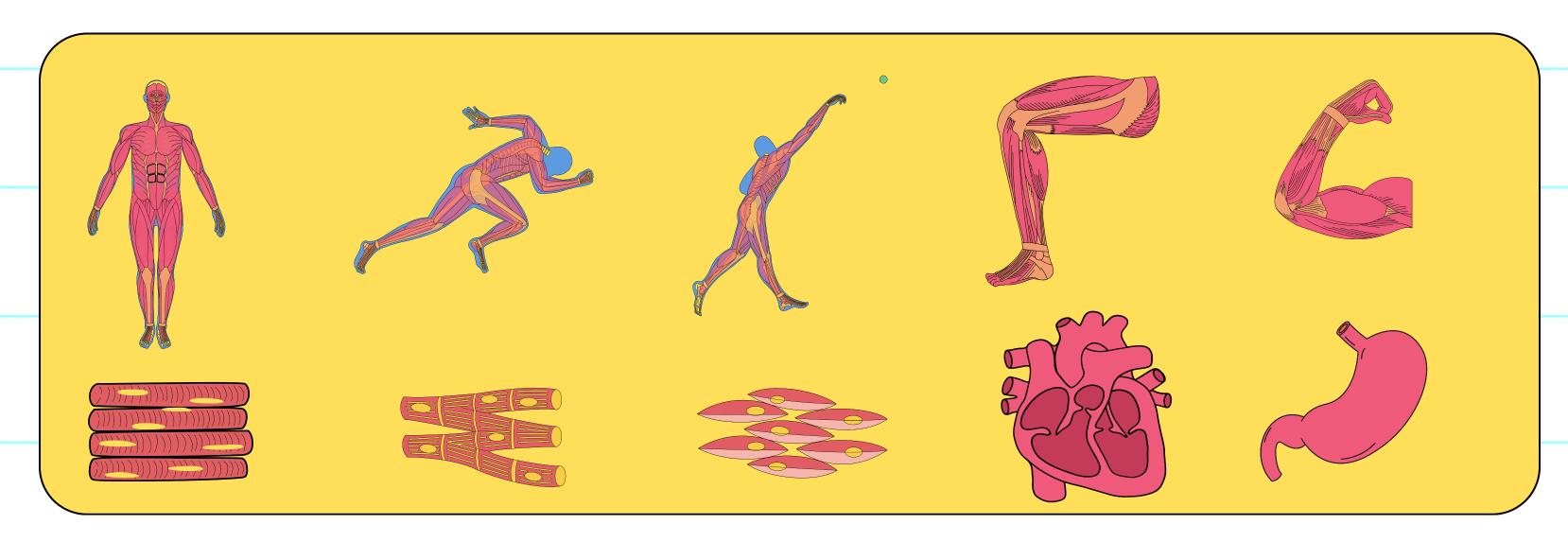
#### **Endomysium**

The connective tissue surrounding each muscle fiber.



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