



### Neurulation

- is the process whereby the neural plate forms the neural tube.
- By the end of the third week, **the**
- lateral edges of the neural plate become
- elevated to form neural folds,
- Neural groove .

# Neurulation



- Neural folds approach each other
- & fuse .
- Fusion begins in the cervical region proceeds cranially and caudally
- Neural tube

Open Cephalic and caudal ends of the neural tube Anterior (cranial) ) neuropores, Posterior (caudal) neuropores,

- Closure of cranial neuropore day 25,
- Posterior neuropore closes at day 28,

- Neurulation is then complete,
- A closed tubular structure with a narrow caudal portion, the spinal cord,
- Broader cephalic portion characterized by a number of dilations, the brain vesicles





19 days





19 days



20 days



## **Neural Crest Cells**

 Leaves the neuroectoderm by active migration and displacement to enter the underlying mesoderm.

- Crest cells migrate along
- (1) A dorsal pathway through the dermis, where they will enter the ectoderm to form
  Melanocytes in the skin and hair follicles,
- (2) A ventral pathway through the anterior half of each somite to become Sensory ganglia, Sympathetic and Enteric neurons, Schwann cells, and Adrenal medulla.

- Neural crest cells migrate from cranial neural folds
- These cells contribute to the
- Craniofacial skeleton,
- Cranial ganglia,
- Glial cells,
- Melanocytes,





Ectodermal germ layer gives rise to organs and structures that maintain contact with the outside world:

- **Central nervous system;**
- Peripheral nervous system;
- Sensory epithelium of the ear, nose, and eye; and
- Epidermis, including the hair and nails.
- In addition, it gives rise to:

Subcutaneous glands, The mammary glands The pituitary gland And enamel of the teeth. Connective tissue and bones of the face and skull

Cranial nerve ganglia

Cells of the thyroid gland

Conotruncal septum in the heart

Odontoblasts

Dermis in face and neck

Spinal (dorsal root) ganglia

Sympathetic chain and preaortic ganglia

Parasympathetic ganglia of the gastrointestinal tract

#### Adrenal medulla

Schwann cells

Glial cells

Meninges (forebrain)

Melanocytes

## **Neural Tube Defects**







Figure 6.7 (Continued) B.C. Spina bifida. Most cases of spina bifida occur in the lumbosacral region (C). Seventy

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(Commueu) B,C. Spina bifida. Most cases of spina bifida occur in the lumbosacral region (C). Seventy percent of all of these NTDs can be prevented by the vitamin folic acid.

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## MAJOR DERIVATIVES OF THE ECTODERM GERM LAYER



Epidermis

Hair

#### MESODERM

- Notochord
- Skeletal system
- Muscularsystem
- Muscular layer of stomach, intestine, etc.
- Excretory system
- Circulatory and lymphatic systems
- Reproductive system (except germ cells)
- Dermis of skin
- Lining of body cavity
- Adrenal cortex

#### ENDODERM

- Epithelial lining of digestive tract
- Epithelial lining of respiratory system
- Lining of urethra, urinary bladder, and reproductive system
- Liver
- Pancreas
- Thymus
- Thyroid and parathyroid glands







# DERIVATIVES OF THE MESODERMAL GERM LAYER

Form a thin sheet of loosely woven tissue on

each side of the midline .

## Paraxial mesoderm .

Laterally, the mesoderm called the lateral plate.

#### **Divided into two layers:**

Somatic or parietal mesoderm layer,

Splanchnic or visceral mesoderm layer .

Intermediate mesoderm connects paraxial and lateral plate mesoderm

**Paraxial Mesoderm** 

In third week form segments, called somitomeres, Proceeds cephalocaudally.

- From the occipital region caudally, somitomeres further organize into somites.
- The first pair of somites arises in the occipital region of the embryo at approximately the 20th day.
- From here, new somites appear in craniocaudal





## THANKS