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Cell shape	One layer: simple epithelial tissues	More than one layer: stratified epithelial tissues	
	Diffusion and filtration Secretion in serous membranes	Protection	
	Secretion and absorption; ciliated types propel mucus or reproductive cells	Protection; these tissue types are rare in humans	
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Transitional	No simple transitional epithelium exists	Protection; stretching to accommodate distension of urinary structures	





































