Receptors in epithelium

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Location</u>
Free nerve endings	 Simplest receptors Widely distributed Unmyelinated sensory nerve fibers 	Receptors for pain & temperature	 Epidermis of skin Corneal Conjuntiva Oral cavity
<u>Root</u> <u>hair</u> plexus		1. Mechanoreceptors for touch sensation. 2. Sends and receives nerve impulses to and from the brain when hair moves	Form basket - like structure <u>around</u> the base of hair follicles.
Merkel Tactile disc	In association with Merkel cells (modified epithelial cells). The Afferent fibers lose its Myelin, penetrates the basement membrane & terminate as a disc (cup)around Merkel cells	 Mechanoreceptors detect touch & pressure. Tactile discrimination Sophisticated sensory tasks 	Present in epidermis (superficial) of the skin of soles, palms and fingers.
Neuro epithelium endings			1. Taste buds / tongue 2. Olfactory epithelium / nose 3. Organ of Corti /ear 4. Macula utriculi, macula sacculi & crista ampullaris for equilibrium/ ear 5. Photoreceptors / retina

Nerve endings in connective tissue

	Location and function	Shape and structure
Meissner's corpuscles	Located in the dermal papillae (deep) of skin that is especially sensitive as tips of fingers (Hairless skin). Detect light touch (mechanoreceptors)	1. Oval shape, encapsulated. 2. Formed of transversely arranged modified Schwan cell cells. 3. Collagenous fibers anchor the corpuscle to the dermo-epidermal junction. 4. The afferent axon enter the corpuscle after losing its myelin & spiral up until it ends at upper end of the corpuscle.
Ruffini Corpuscles	Found <u>deep in the</u> <u>dermis of skin</u> <u>especially in the sole.</u> <u>Detect pressure</u> <u>(mechanoreceptors)</u>	Fusiform encapsulated. Inside the capsule there is a fluid & collagenous fibers. The aff nerve fiber lose its myelin penetrates the sides of the corpuscle & breaks up into fine branches
Krause end bulbs	1. Found deep in the dermis of the skin. Detect touch/cold (mechano/thermo receptors)	Rounded, encapsulated. The aff. nerve fiber penetrate the corpuscles after losing its myelin and terminate with coiled ends
Pacinian corpuscles	 Deep in dermis Periosteum of bone, joint capsule. C.T. of some organs as pancreas. Detect deep touch (mechanoreceptors) High frequency vibration Pressure 	Large oval encapsulated. It is formed of 20-50 thin, concentric lamellae of flat Schwan -like cells separated by narrow spaces filled with gel-like material. The aff. nerve fiber Lose its myelin Enter the corpuscle at one pole to end in small expansions.

Corpuscle resemble sliced onion in L. section

4. One of the proprioceptors

Nerve endings in connective tissue

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Golgi Tendon organ (tendon spindle)	Found in tendons near the insertion of the ms fibers. They detect tensions within tendons When muscle contract proprioceptors)	Sensory nerve penetrates the capsule of the tendon spindle to end around the collagen bundles of the tendon.

- All the followings are neuroepithelial sensory receptors EXCEPT?
- a- Taste buds
- b-Organ of Corti
- c- Macula utriculi
- d-Christa ampullaris
- e- Muscle spindle
 - ---specialized receptors that are sensitive to stretch and are located within the skeletal muscle?
- a- Meissner's corpuscles
- b- Tendon spindle
- c- Muscle spindle
- d-Free nerve endings
- e-Pacinian corpuscles