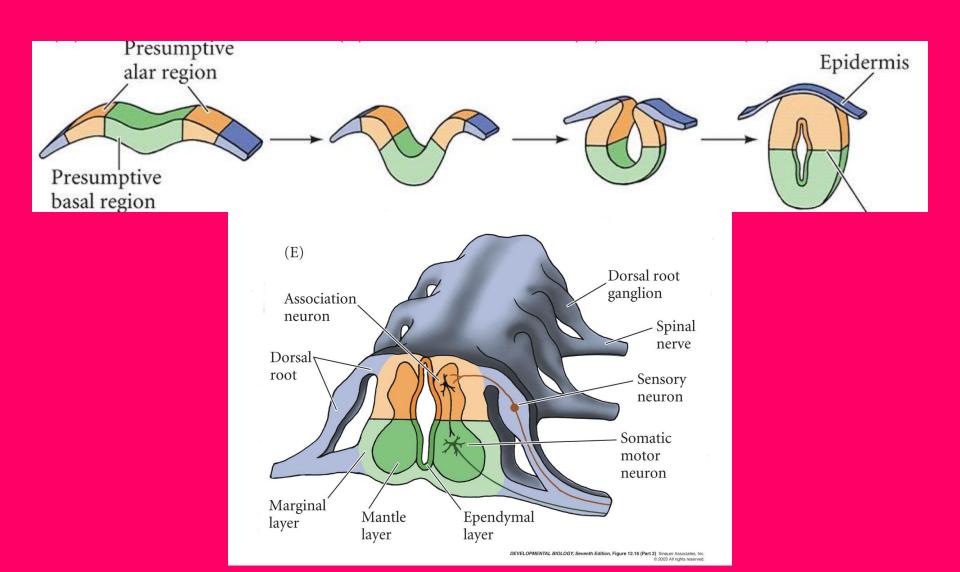
# Spinal Cord Development



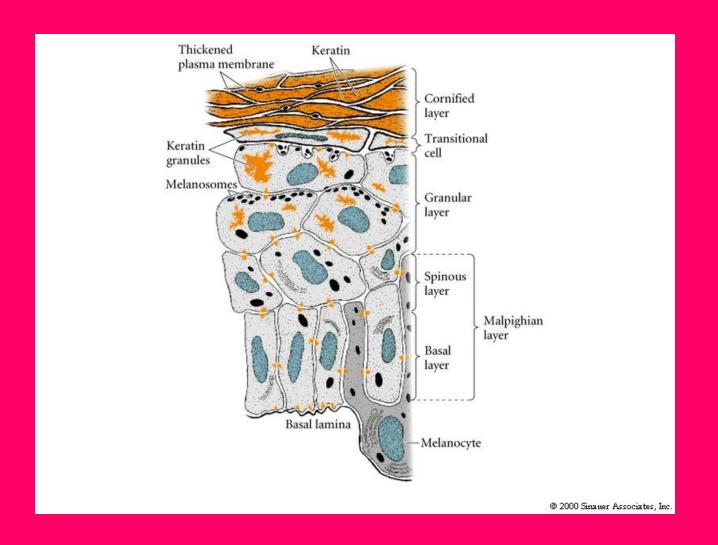
## Nervous System of Trunk

- Voluntary (somatic) nervous system
  - mixed nerves
    - motor neurons from ventral root of spinal cord to organ
    - sensory neurons from neural crest grow short processes into spinal cord (dorsal root)

## Nervous System of Trunk

- Autonomic nervous system
  - efferent neurons to:
    - cardiac and smooth muscle
    - digestive and sweat glands
    - some endocrine glands
  - includes sympathetic and parasympathetic
  - at least 2 efferent neurons
    - 1 with body in spinal cord or brain
    - connects to 2nd or 3rd to organ (from neural crest)

## Section Through Epidermis



## **Epidermis**

- Outer covering of embryo
- Basal layer → epidermis proper
  - --> spinous layer → granular layer → keratinocytes → cornified layer
  - neural crest cells make pigment and transfer to karatinocytes
- Division regulated by TGF-α and KGF (FGF-7)

## **Epidermis-Dermis Interactions**

- Epidermis makes sweat glands, and hair, scales, feathers
- Basal cells of epidermis aggregate
- Mesoderm fibroblasts surround
- Stimulate epidermal cells to divide, differentiate, make keratinaceous structures

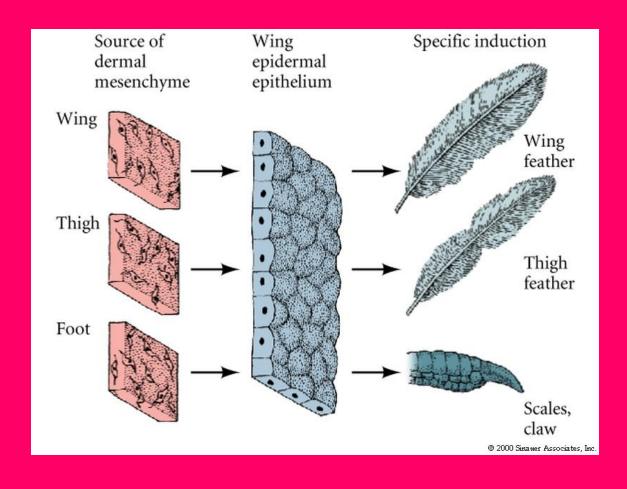
#### Induction of Epidermal Structures

- Embryonic chick
  - dorsal skin + dorsal dermis → feathers
  - ventral skin + ventral dermis no feathers
  - ventral skin + dorsal dermis → feathers
  - dorsal skin + ventral dermis → no feathers
- So dermis controls whether feathers form from epidermis
  - induction

## Specificity of Dermis

- Control of type of derivative
  - wing epidermis + wing dermis → long feathers
  - wing epidermis + thigh dermis → short feathers
  - wing epidermis + lower leg dermis → scales
- Heterologous combinations
  - chick cornea epidermis (normally induced by lens
  - plus mouse back mesoderm (what do you get??)
- Feathers! (not cornea, not hair)

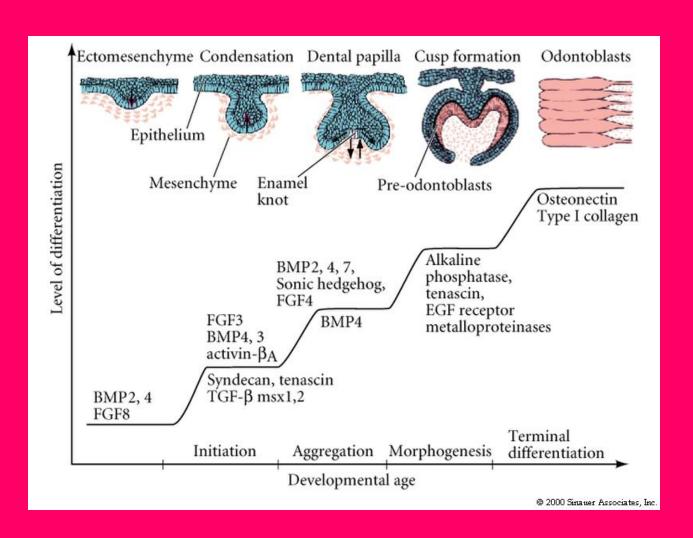
# Specificity of Induction



# The Fur Bearing Trout Fact or Fiction???



#### Tooth Formation



## **Epidermis-Dermis Interactions**

- Tooth Formation
  - enamel epithelium
  - dental mesenchyme (papilla)
    - type of mesenchyme determines tooth shape
      - e.g. molar, canine, incisor
- Experiment
  - combine foot epidermis + dental mesenchyme
  - what do you get?
- Teeth!