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**CHAPTER 10**  
**Muscular Tissue**

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**Introduction**

The purpose of the chapter is to:

1. Learn about the structure and function of the 3 types of muscular tissue
2. Examine the events at the neuromuscular junction
3. Describe energy use in muscle cells
4. Understand how muscle tension is controlled

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**3 Types of Muscular Tissue**

1. Skeletal muscle
2. Cardiac muscle
3. Smooth muscle

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### 3 Types of Muscle

#### Anatomy Overview:

- [The Muscular System: Skeletal, Cardiac, and Smooth Muscle](#)

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### Three Types of Muscular Tissue

	Location	Function	Appearance	Control
<b>Skeletal</b> <small>[Insert skeletal muscle image from Table 10.5, pg 521]</small>	skeleton	move bones	multi-nucleated & striated	voluntary
<b>Cardiac</b> <small>[Insert cardiac muscle image from Table 10.5, pg 521]</small>	heart	pump blood	one nucleus, striated, & intercalated discs	involuntary
<b>Visceral (smooth muscle)</b> <small>[Insert smooth muscle image from Table 10.5, pg 521]</small>	various organs, example: GI tract	various functions, example: peristalsis	one nucleus & no striations	involuntary

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### More About Skeletal Muscle Tissue

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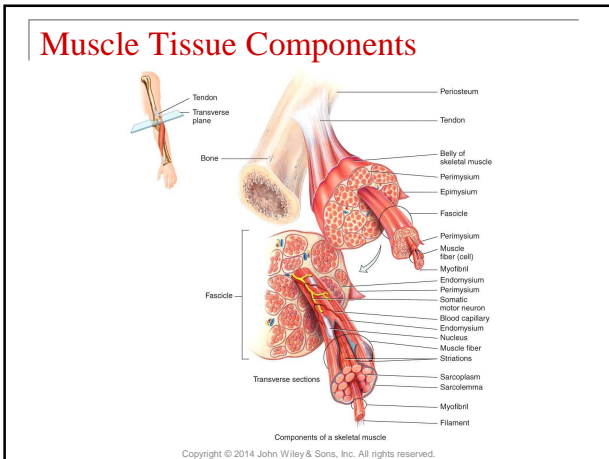
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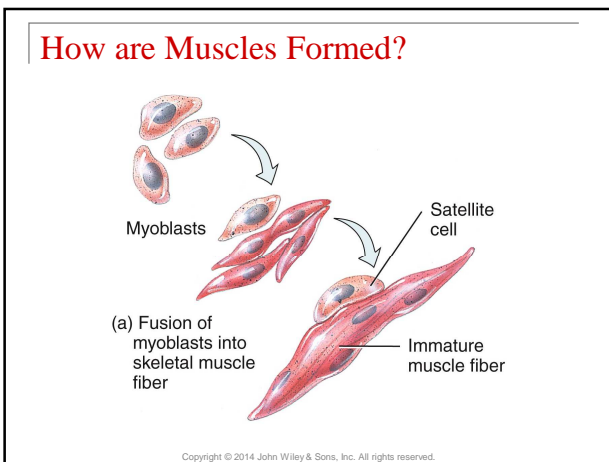
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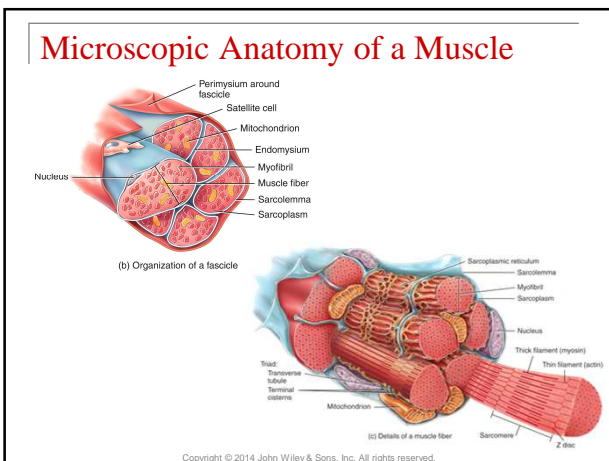
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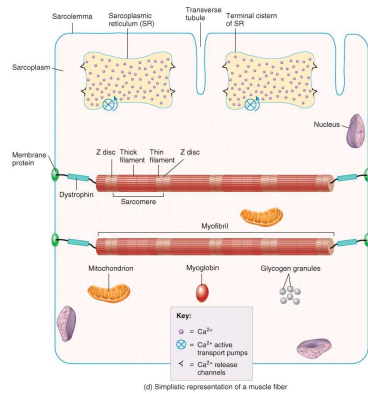
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## Microscopic Anatomy of a Muscle



(b) Schematic representation of a muscle fiber  
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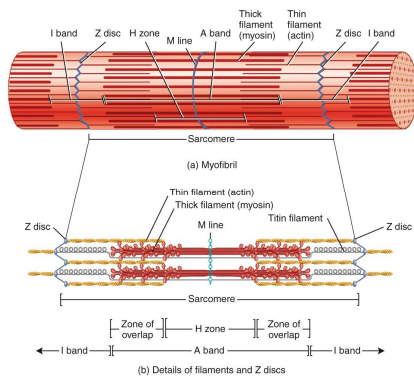
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## The Arrangement of a Sarcomere



(b) Details of filaments and Z discs  
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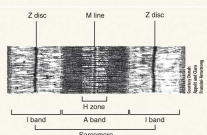
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## Components of a Sarcomere

TABLE 10.1 Components of a Sarcomere	
COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION
Z discs	Narrow, plate-shaped regions of dense material that separate one sarcomere from the next.
A band	Dark, middle part of sarcomere that extends entire length of thick filaments and includes those parts of thin filaments that overlap thick filaments.
I band	Lighter, less dense area of sarcomere that contains remainder of thin filaments but no thick filaments. A Z disc passes through center of each I band.
H zone	Narrow region in center of each A band that contains thick filaments but no thin filaments.
M line	Region in center of H zone that contains proteins that hold thick filaments together at center of sarcomere.



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### Muscle Proteins

<b>Contractile</b>	<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>Structural</b>
Myosin	Troponin	Titin
Actin	Tropomyosin	Nebulin
		Alpha-actin
		Myomesin
		Dystrophin

(a) A thick filament and a myosin molecule  
 (b) Portion of a thin filament

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### The Sliding Filament Mechanism

- Myosin pulls on actin, causing the thin filament to slide inward
- Consequently, Z discs move toward each other and the sarcomere shortens
- Thanks to the structural proteins, there is a transmission of force throughout the entire muscle, resulting in whole muscle contraction

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### Sliding Filament Mechanism

Note the changes in the I band and H zone as the muscle contracts

(a) Relaxed muscle  
 (b) Partially contracted muscle  
 (c) Maximally contracted muscle

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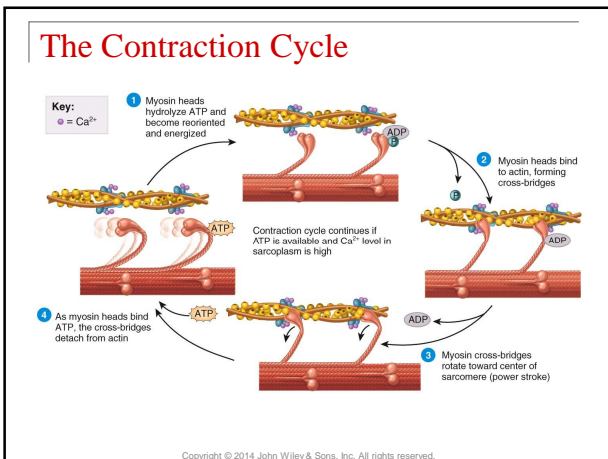
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### The Contraction Cycle

#### Interactions Animation:

- Contraction of Skeletal Muscle Cells

The neuromuscular junction, parts of a muscle fiber, and the contraction cycle

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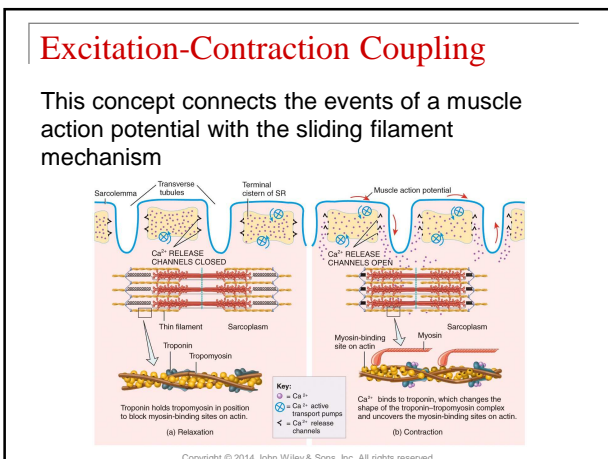
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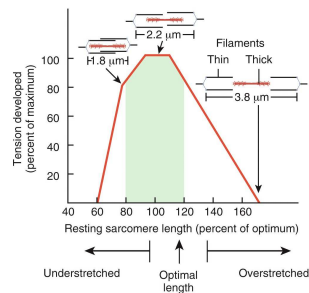
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## Length-Tension Relationship

The force of a muscle contraction depends on the length of the sarcomeres prior to the contraction



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## The Neuromuscular Junction (NMJ)

The events at the NMJ produce a muscle action potential

- Voltage-gated calcium channels open resulting in an influx of calcium. This causes exocytosis of neurotransmitter (NT) into the synaptic cleft. NT binds to ligand-gated  $\text{Na}^+$  channels on the motor endplate which cause an influx of  $\text{Na}^+$  into the muscle. This depolarizes it and results in  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  release from the SR
- NT gets broken down

Without this series of events, muscle contraction would not be possible

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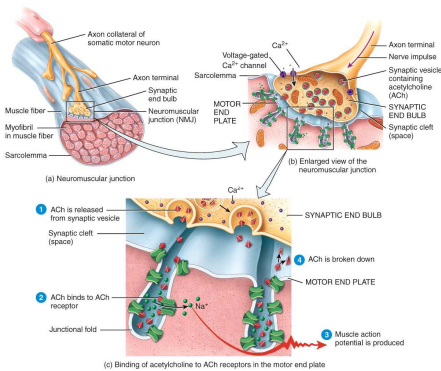
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## The Neuromuscular Junction



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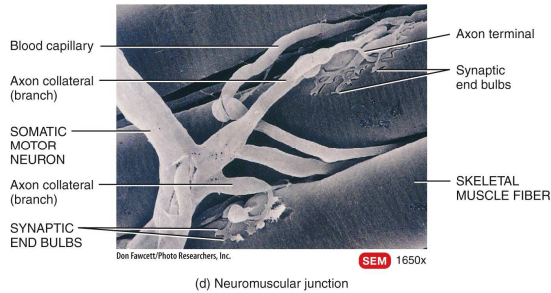
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## The Neuromuscular Junction



(d) Neuromuscular junction

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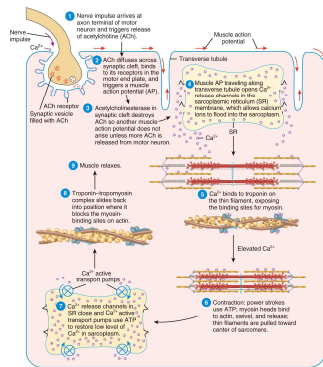
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## The Neuromuscular Junction



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## Events at the NMJ

### Interactions Animation:

- [Neuromuscular Junctions](#)

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## Muscle Metabolism

How do muscles derive the ATP necessary to power the contraction cycle?

- Creatine phosphate
- Anaerobic glycolysis
- Cellular respiration

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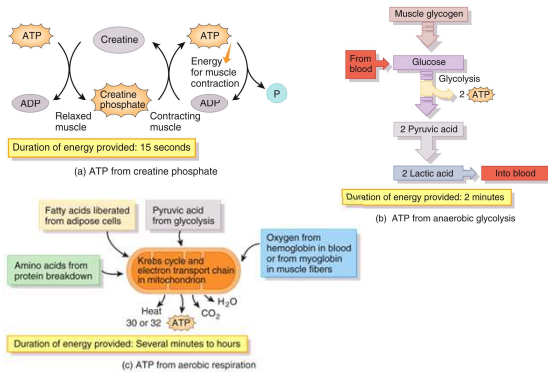
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## Production of ATP in Skeletal Muscle



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## Energy Sources and Fatigue

Interactions Animation:

- [Muscle Metabolism](#)

Role of ATP in Muscle Movement and Fatigue

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### Muscle Fatigue

The inability to maintain force of contraction after prolonged activity

Due to:

- Inadequate release of  $Ca^{2+}$  from SR
- Depletion of CP, oxygen, and nutrients
- Build up of lactic acid and ADP
- Insufficient release of ACh at NMJ

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### Oxygen Consumption After Exercise

Why do you continue to breathe heavily for a period of time after stopping exercise?

Oxygen debt

- Replenish CP stores
- Convert lactate into pyruvate
- Reload  $O_2$  onto myoglobin

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### Control of Muscle Tension

A motor unit consists of a somatic motor neuron and the muscle fibers it innervates

- The strength of a contraction depends on how many motor units are activated

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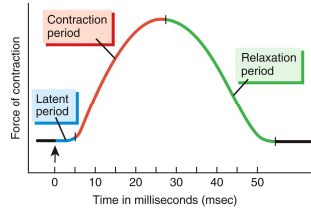
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## Twitch Contraction

The brief contraction of all muscle fibers in a motor unit in response to a single action potential

- Latent period
- Contraction period
- Relaxation period
- Refractory period



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## Frequency of Stimulation

Wave summation occurs when a second action potential triggers muscle contraction before the first contraction has finished

- Results in a stronger contraction

Unfused tetanus

Fused tetanus

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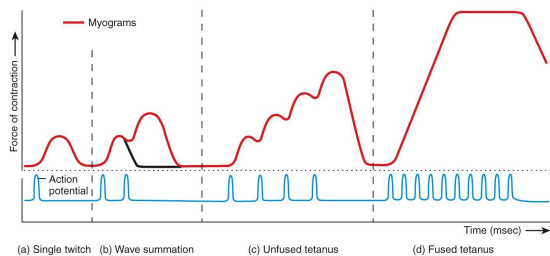
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## Myograms



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### Motor Unit Recruitment

Motor units recruitment is the process in which the number of active motor units increases

- Weakest motor units are recruited first followed by stronger motor units
- Motor units contract alternately to sustain contractions for longer periods of time

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### Factors That Influence Tension

Interactions Animation:

- [Control of Muscle Tension](#)

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### Muscle Tone

Even when at rest, a skeletal muscle exhibits a small amount of tension, called tone

- Due to weak, involuntary contraction of motor units

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### Isotonic vs. Isometric Contractions

Isotonic – tension is constant while muscle length changes

- Concentric
- Eccentric

Isometric – muscle contracts but does not change length

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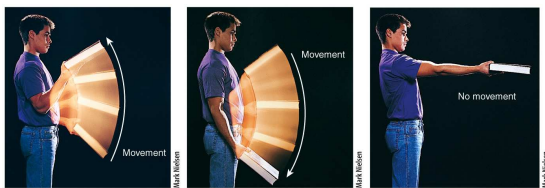
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### Isotonic vs. Isometric Contractions



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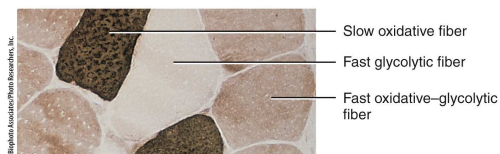
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### Skeletal Muscle Fiber Types

- Slow oxidative
- Fast oxidative glycolytic
- Fast glycolytic



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Transverse section of three types of skeletal muscle fibers

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## Exercise and Skeletal Muscle Tissue

- Stretching
- Strength Training

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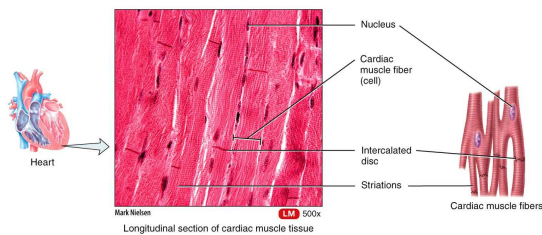
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## Cardiac Muscle

Cardiac muscle has the same arrangement as skeletal muscle, but also has intercalated discs



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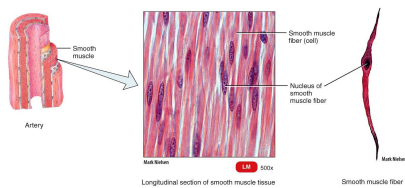
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## Smooth Muscle

- Smooth muscle contractions start more slowly and last longer than skeletal and cardiac muscle contractions
- Smooth muscle can shorten and stretch to a greater extent



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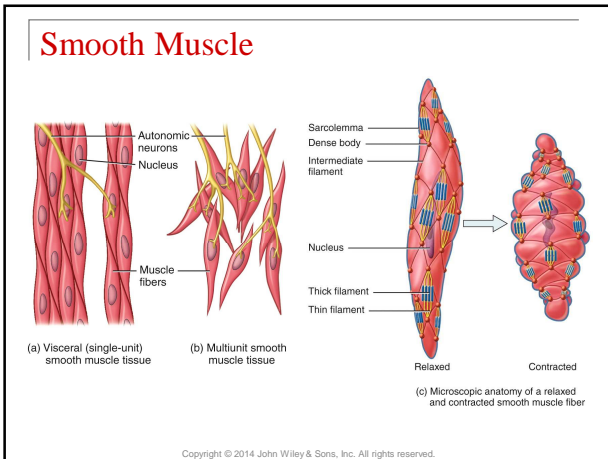
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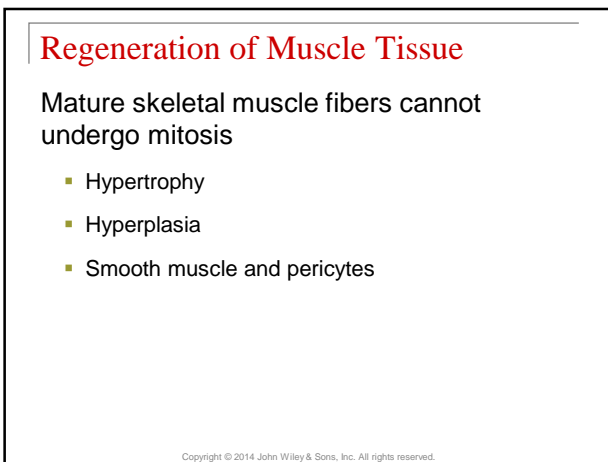
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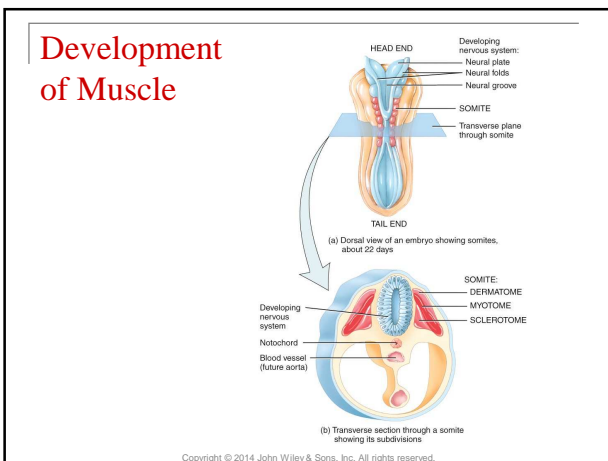
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### Aging and Muscle Tissue

Between 30–50 years of age, about 10% of our muscle tissue is replaced by fibrous connective tissue and adipose tissue. Between 50–80 years of age another 40% of our muscle tissue is replaced. Consequences are:

- Muscle strength and flexibility decreases
- Reflexes slow
- Slow oxidative fiber numbers increase

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