

"Derivatives of Endodermal Germ Layer"

» Gastrointestinal Tract Derivation

- Main organ system from endodermal germ layer is GIT
 - Covers ventral embryo surface
 - Forms roof of yolk sac

» Embryonic Development

- Brain vesicles growth leads to embryo curving into amniotic cavity
- Neural tube elongation causes embryo to curve into fetal position
 - Head, tail regions move ventrally
- Lateral body wall folds form, move ventrally to close ventral body wall
- Amnion pulled down, embryo within amniotic cavity
- Ventral body wall closes, except umbilical region

» Formation of Gut Tube

- Cephalocaudal growth, closure of lateral body wall folds
- Larger portion of endodermal germ layer incorporated into embryo to form gut tube
 - Divided into foregut, midgut, hindgut

» Midgut Connection with Yolk Sac

- Communicates via vitelline (yolk sac) duct
- Duct initially wide, becomes narrow, longer with embryo growth

» Foregut and Hindgut Boundaries

- Foregut bounded by oropharyngeal membrane
- Hindgut bounded by cloacal membrane

» Incorporation of Allantois

- Partial incorporation into embryo, forming cloaca
- Distal portion remains in connecting stalk
- By fifth week restricted to umbilical region

» Role of Yolk Sac

- Nutritive organ in early development
 - Contributes initial blood cells
- Provides germ cells migrating to gonads

» Endodermal Germ Layer Development

- Forms epithelial lining of:

- Respiratory tract
- Urinary bladder
 - Urethra
- Tympanic cavity
- Auditory tube

- Forms parenchyma of:

- Thyroid
- Parathyroid
 - Liver
- Pancreas