

# Muscle Development

Muscle types – Skeletal, Cardiac, Smooth

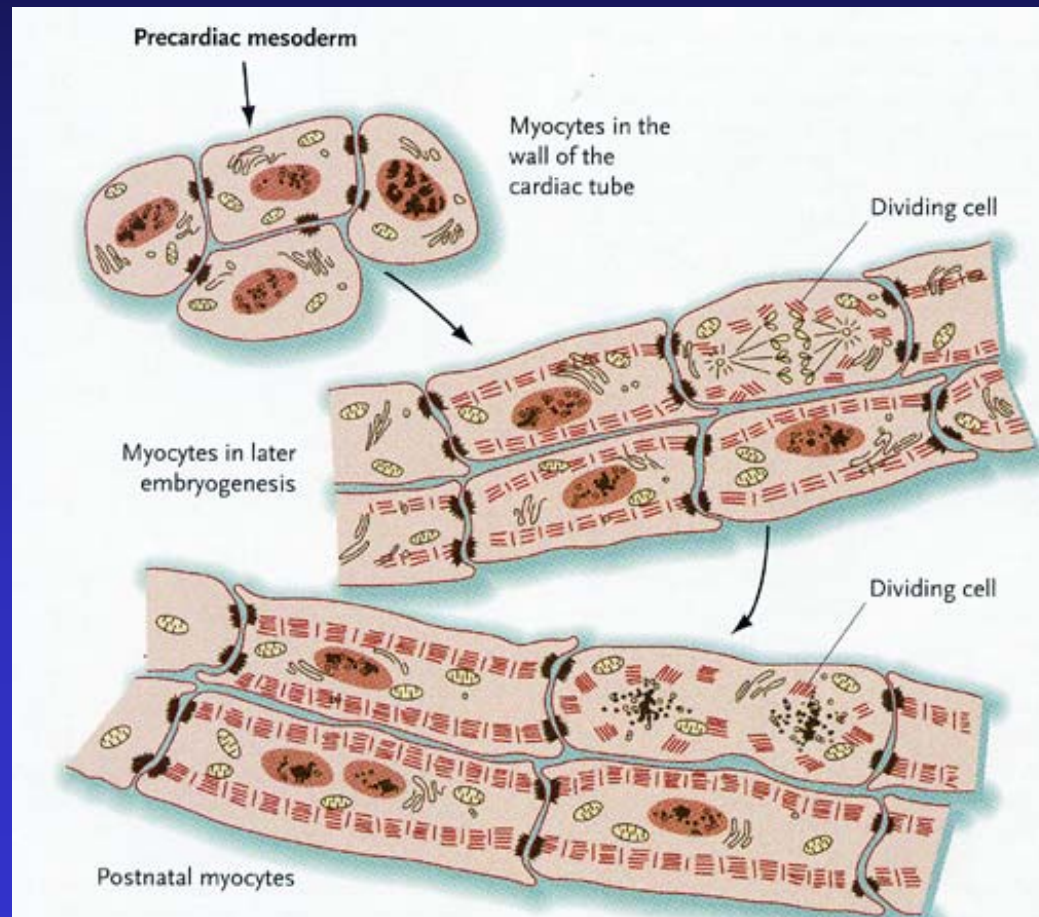
**Smooth muscle** : Derived from splanchnic mesoderm surrounding gut. Cellular elongation without cell fusion

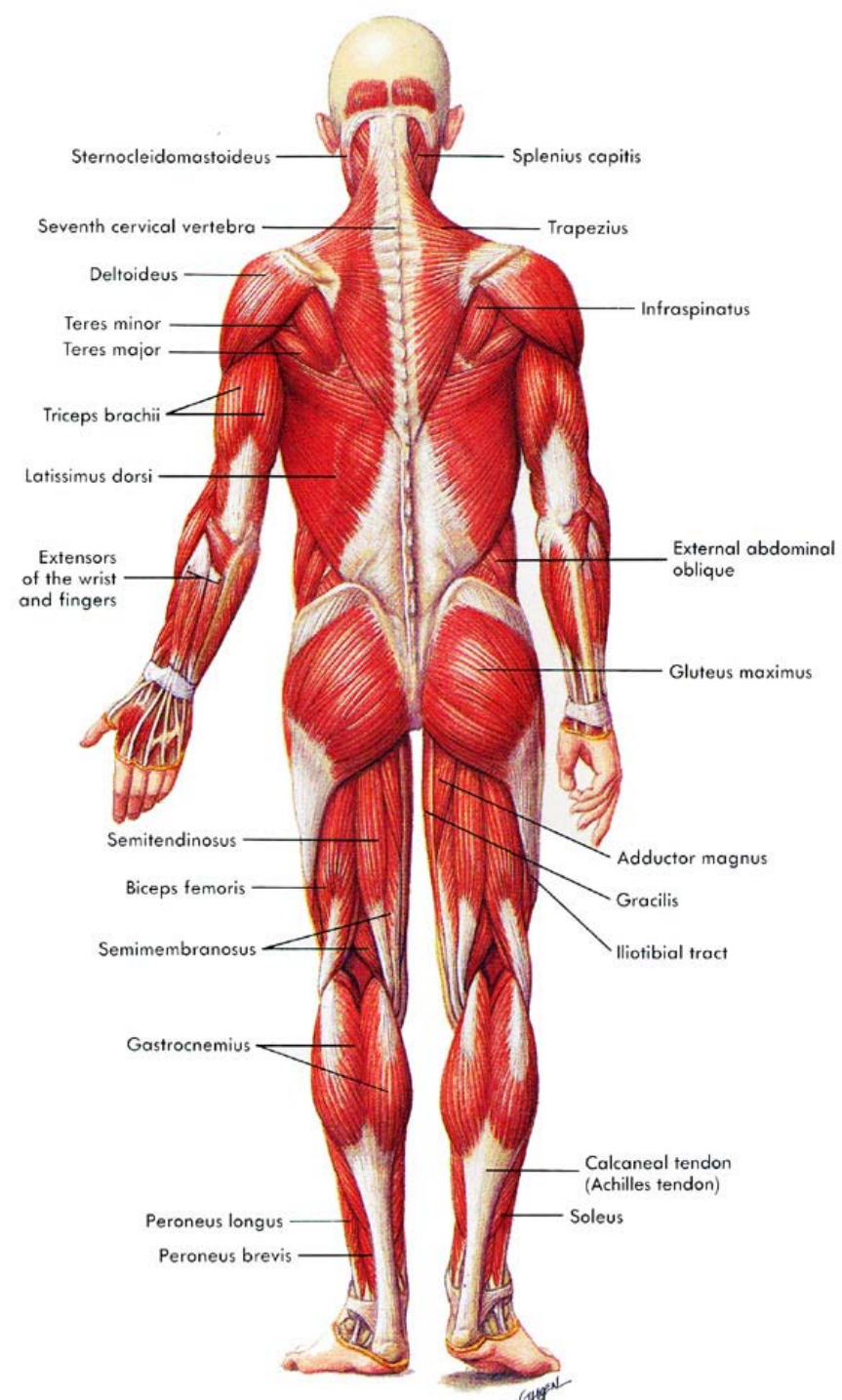
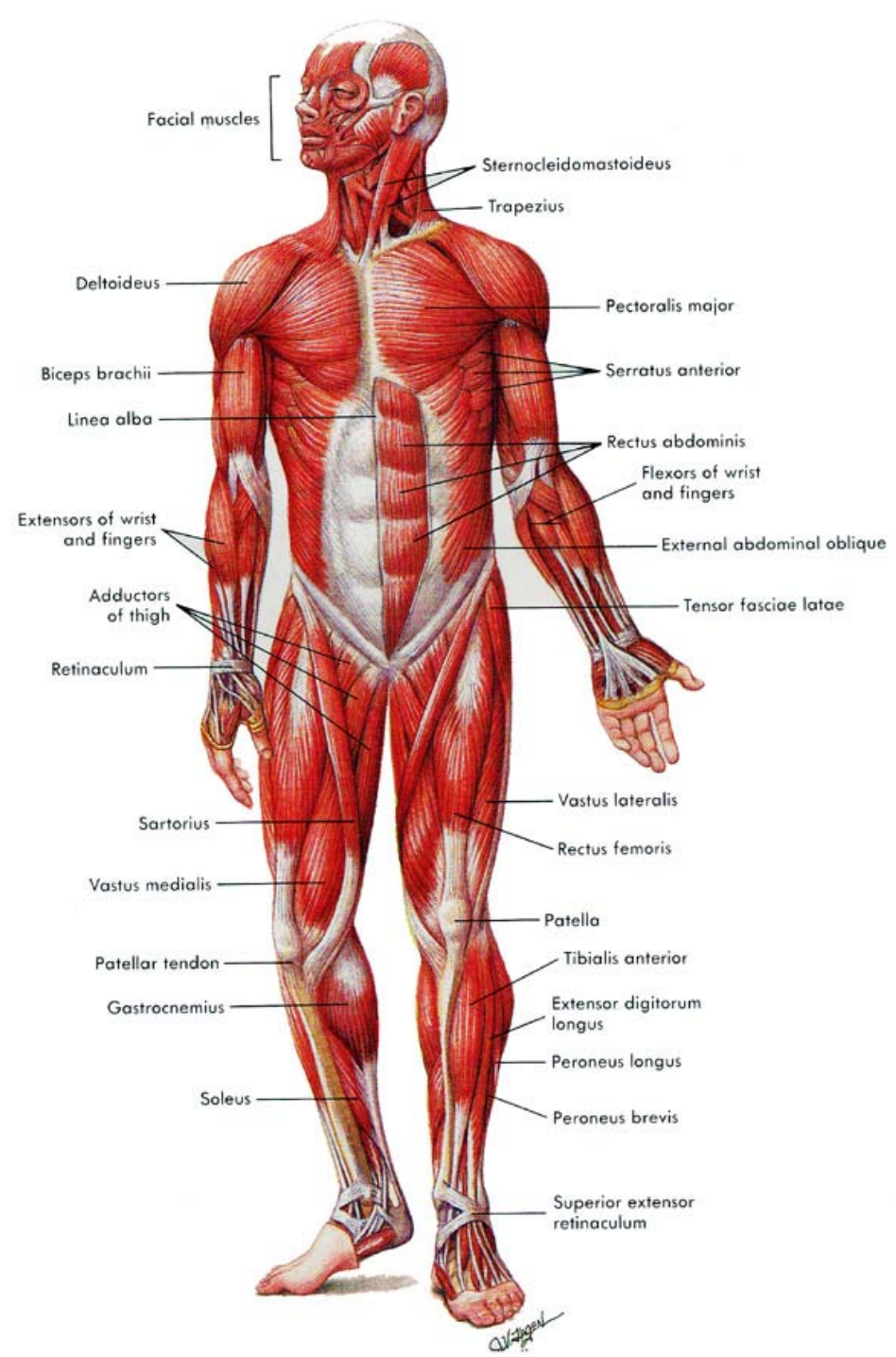
**Cardiac muscle**

Derived - splanchnic mesoderm

Myoblasts adhere but do not fuse

Form intercalated discs





# Skeletal Muscle

## Head region skeletal musculature

Derived from head mesenchyme

Migration from the cranial somitomeres

## Trunk region skeletal musculature

Myoblasts derived from somites

Migration - FGF controlled

Spindle shaped cells - line up and fuse

Multinucleated syncytium

Myofibrils with cross-striations - actin-myosin

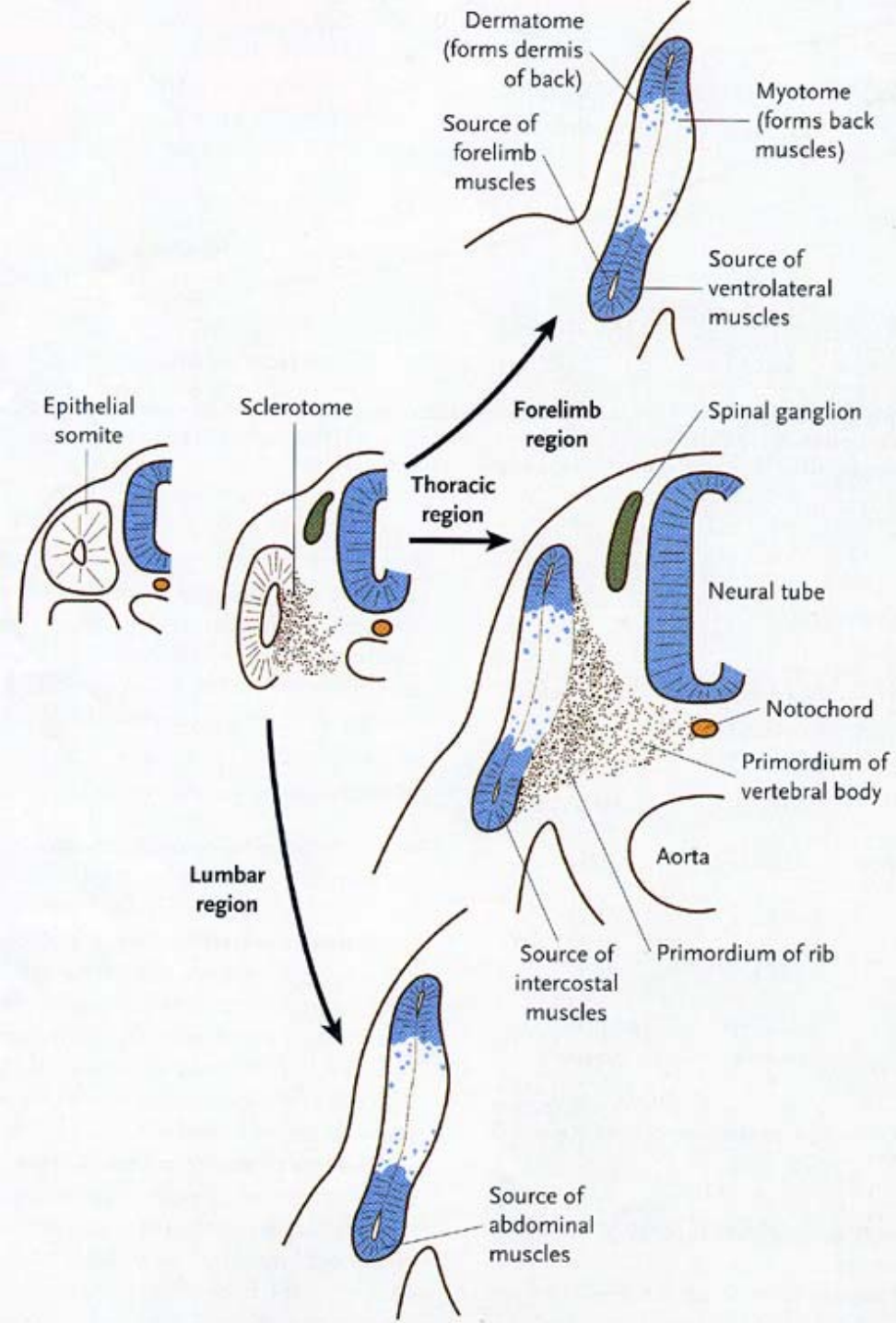
# Region-Specific myoblast behavior

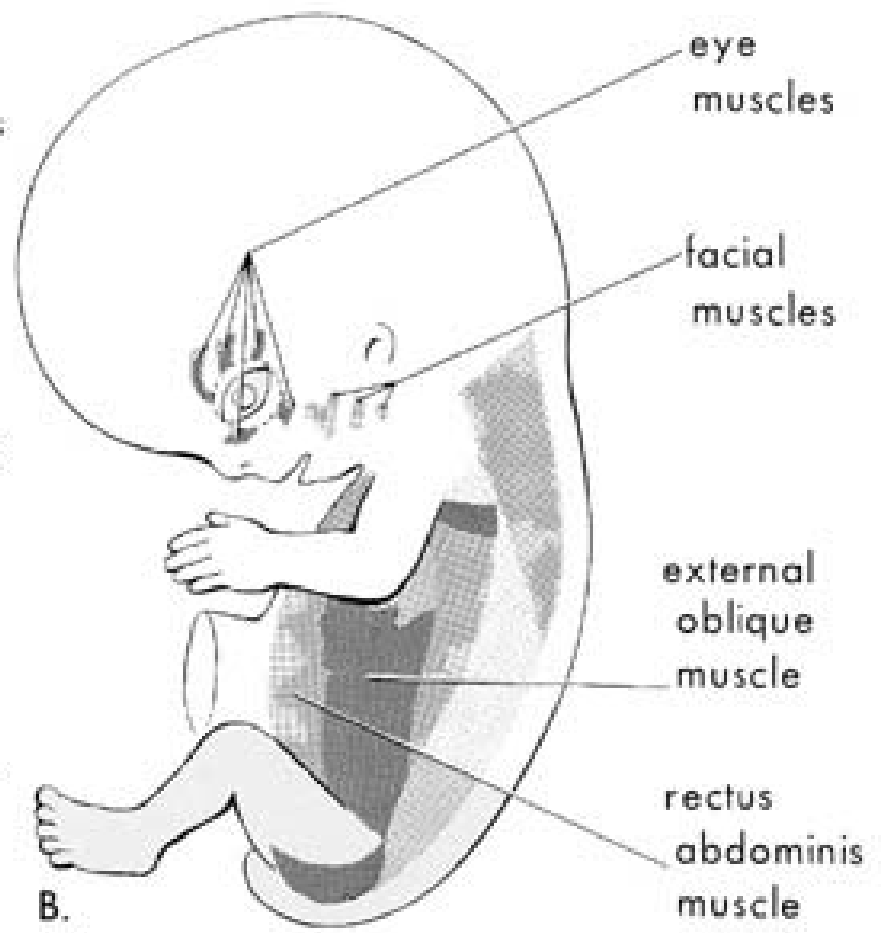
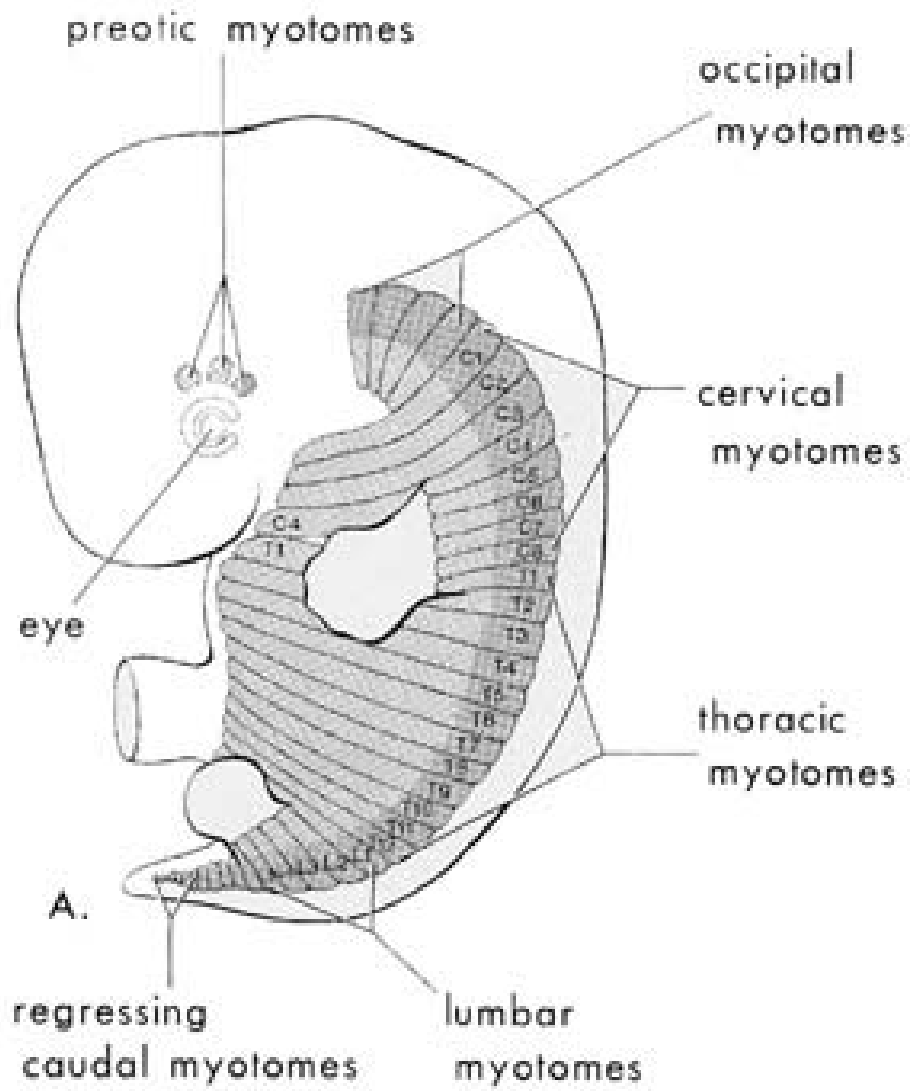
Limb Region – myoblast migration into limb primordia, Differentiation is delayed

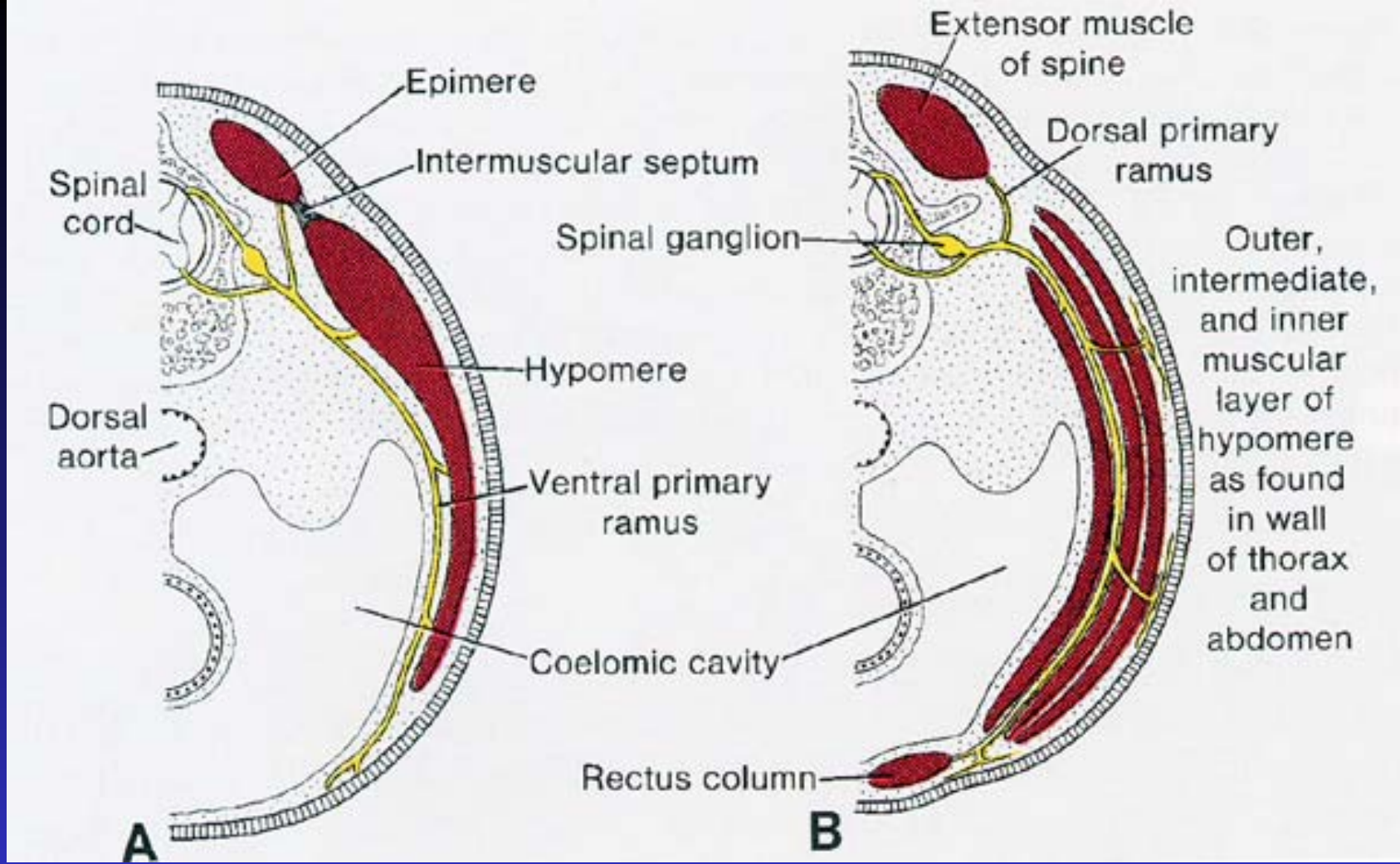
Thoracic Region – myotubes form at the somite – then invade the body wall to form the intercostal muscles

Lumbar Region – myoblast migrate to form the abdominal muscles

Myoblast behavior is controlled by their environment





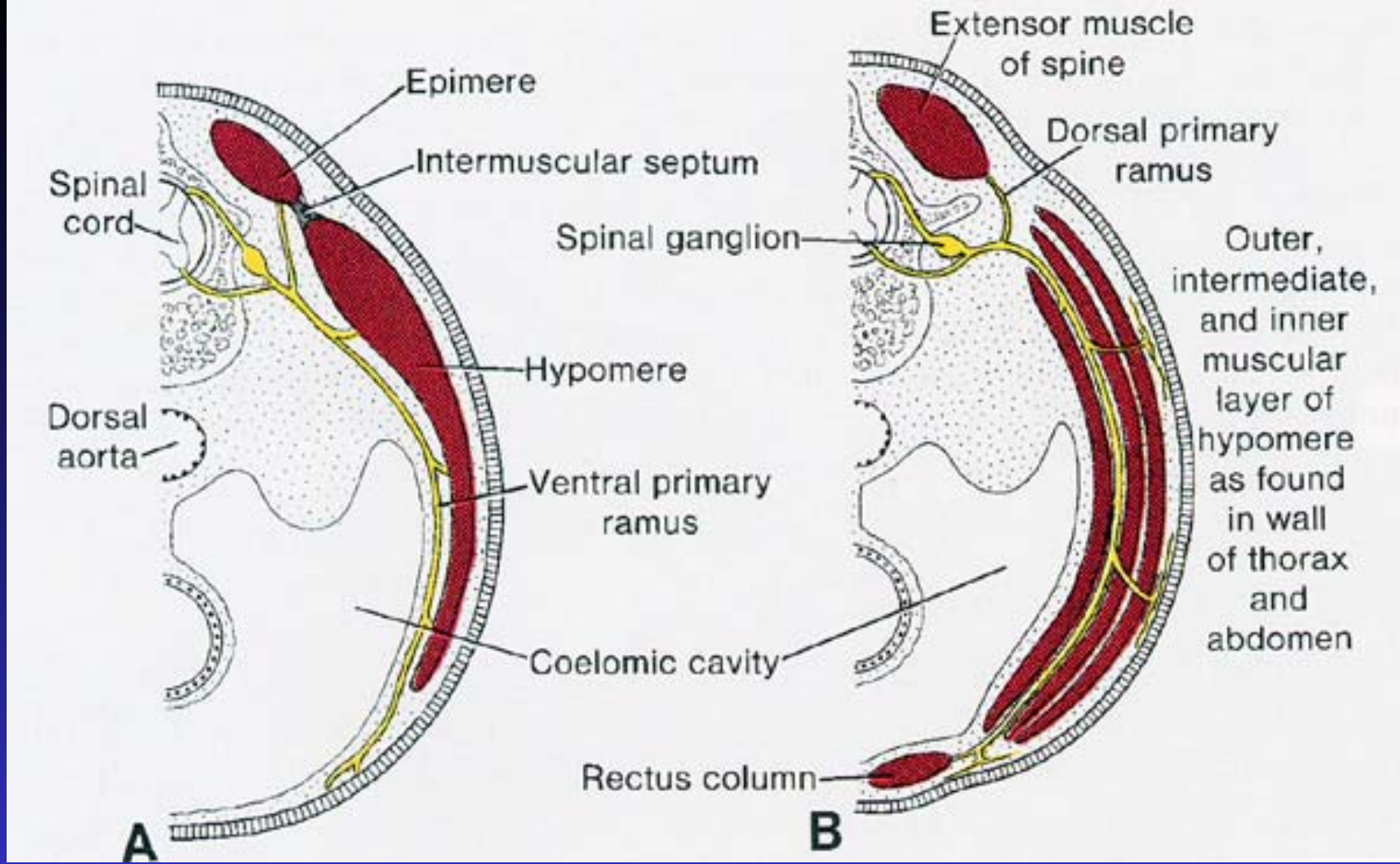


Myotome: two parts

Epimere → Dorsomedial → Extensors of Vertebral column

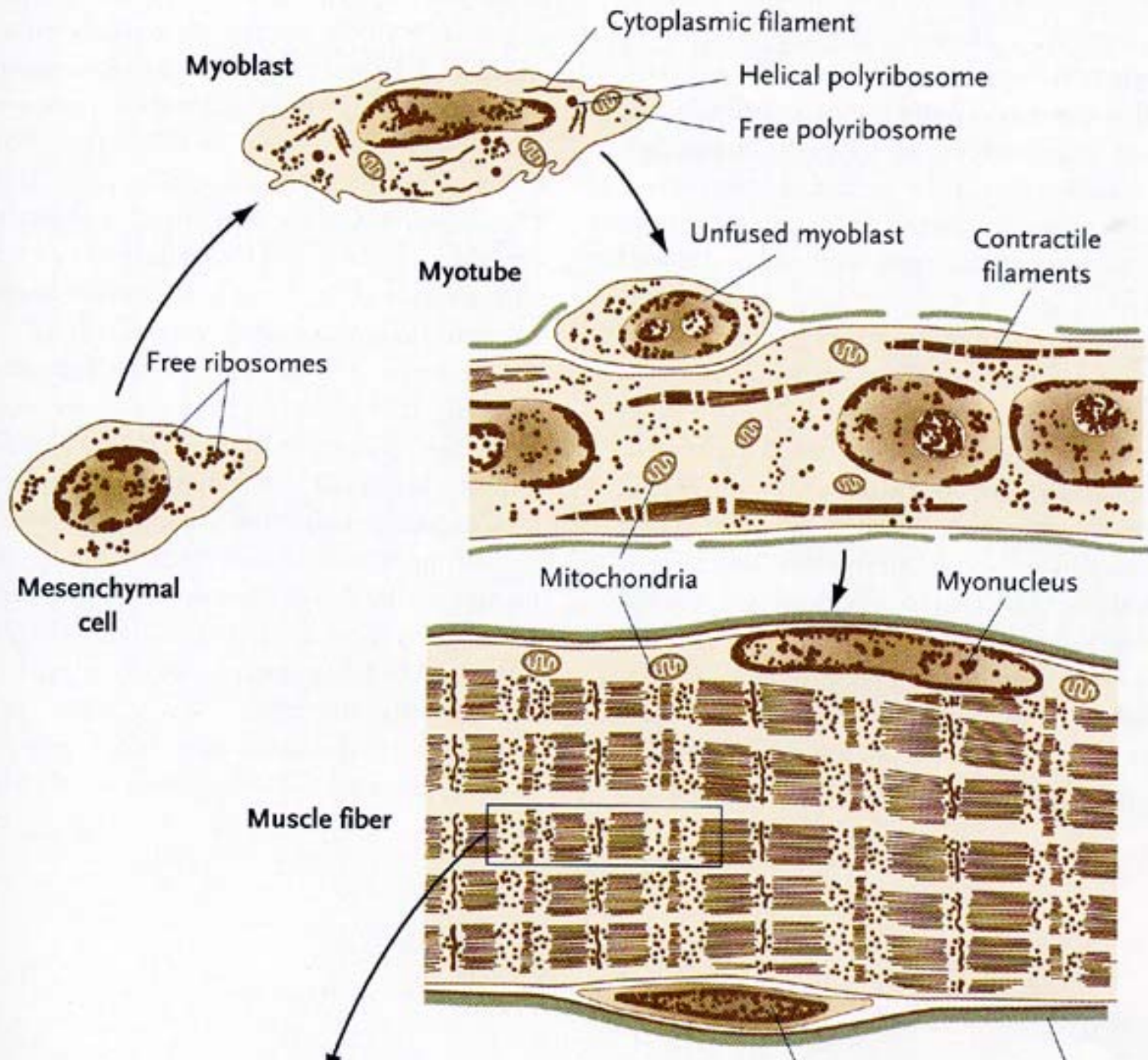
Hypomere → Ventrolateral → limb/body wall

Innervating nerves – Dorsal ramus; Ventral ramus

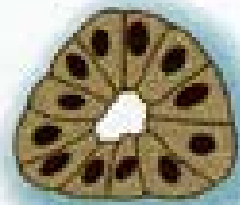


Thoracic level – 3 myogenic layers – external intercostal, internal intercostal, transversus abdominis muscles

Ribs maintain segmented musculature, elsewhere fusion → large muscle sheets







Somitic epithelium



Myogenic progenitor cells



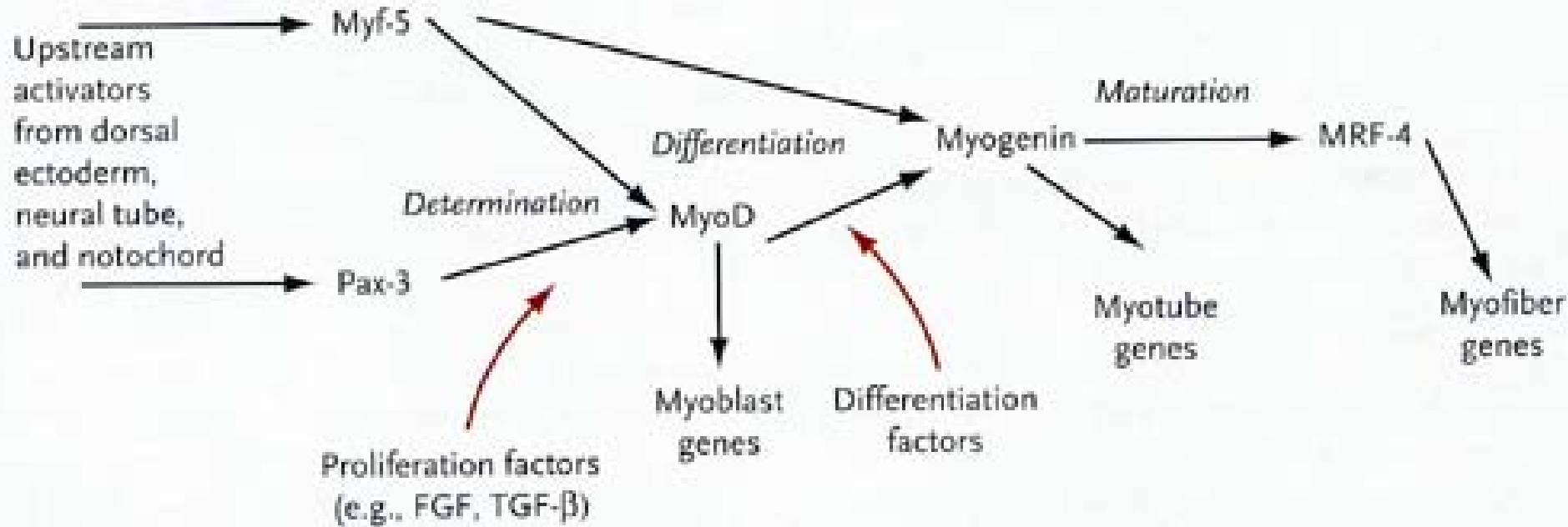
Myoblasts



Myotube



Myofiber



Determination of myoblast occurs very early  
 Key regulators – Myf-5, Pax3, MyoD