

# Sensory epithelium

The sensory epithelium represents a specialized form of epithelium that is able to *react to stimuli from the external environment*. It occurs as *squamous epithelium* in two forms.

## Primary sensory epithelium

It originates from **neuroectoderm**. It is characterized by the presence of both types of nerve processes - **dendrites** and **axon**. The *olfactory epithelium*, *retina* is of neuroectoderm origin.

## Secondary sensory epithelium

They differ in their origins. It comes directly from the germ sheet - **ectoderm**. *It does not contain a conducting process (axon)*. Such an epithelium is capable of responding to a stimulus, but without the presence of a nerve fiber the signal could not be further sent to higher centers; eg *taste cup*.

## Links

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