

Connective Tissue

| Type of Cell | Structure | Function | Cell | Location |
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| Loose Areolar Connective Tissue | Cells within a fine network of mostly collagen fibers | Support | Fibrocyte | Under Skin |
| Dense Regular Collagenous Connective Tissue | Matrix of collagen fibers running in somewhat the same direction | Strength in 1 Direction | Fibrocyte | Tendon |
| Dense Regular Elastic Connective Tissue | Matrix of regularly arranged collagen fibers and elastin fibers | Stretchy | Fibrocyte | Nucha (Neck) Ligaments |
| Dense Irregular Collagenous Connective Tissue | Matrix of collagen fibers that run in all different directions in alternating planes of fibers orientated in a somewhat single direction | Stretch in All Directions | Fibrocyte | Under Skin |
| Dense Irregular Elastic Connective Tissue | Matrix of bundles & sheets of collagenous & elastic fibers orientated in multiple directions | Recoil | Fibrocyte | Artery |
| Hyaline Cartilage | Collagen fibers are small & evenly distributed in the matrix; matrix appears transparent; chondrocytes are found in lacunae within firm but flexible matrix | Stiff | Chondrocyte | Nose |
| Fibrocartilage | Collagenous fibers similar to hyaline; fibers are more numerous than other cartilages; arranged in thick bundles | Pressure | Chondrocyte | Vertebral Disc |

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| Elastic Cartilage | Similar to hyaline but matrix also contains elastic fibers | Flexibility | Chondrocyte | Ear |
| Compact Bone | Hard, bony matrix predominates; many osteocytes are located in lacunae that are distributed in a circular fashion around the central canals | Hard | Osteocyte | Outside Bone |
| Cancellous (Spongy) Bone | Lattice-like network of scaffolding characterized by trabeculae with large spaces between them filled with hemopoietic tissue; osteocytes are within lacunae in the trabeculae | Scaffolding | Osteocyte | Inside Bone |
| Adipose | Little EM surrounding cells; adipocytes are so full of lipid that the cytoplasm is pushed to the periphery edge of the cell | Insulate | Adipocyte | Around Organs |
| Reticular | Fine network of reticular fibers irregularly arranged | Haemopoiesis | Reticulocyte | Spleen & Flat Bones |