

Classification des artères

■ ARTERIES

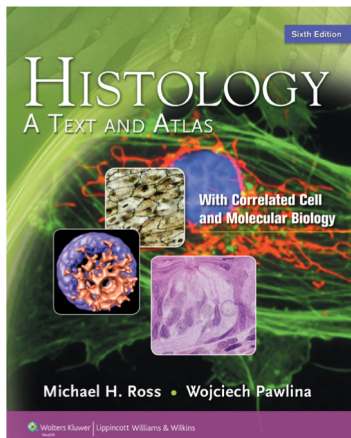
Traditionally, arteries are classified into three types on the basis of size and the **characteristics of the tunica media**.

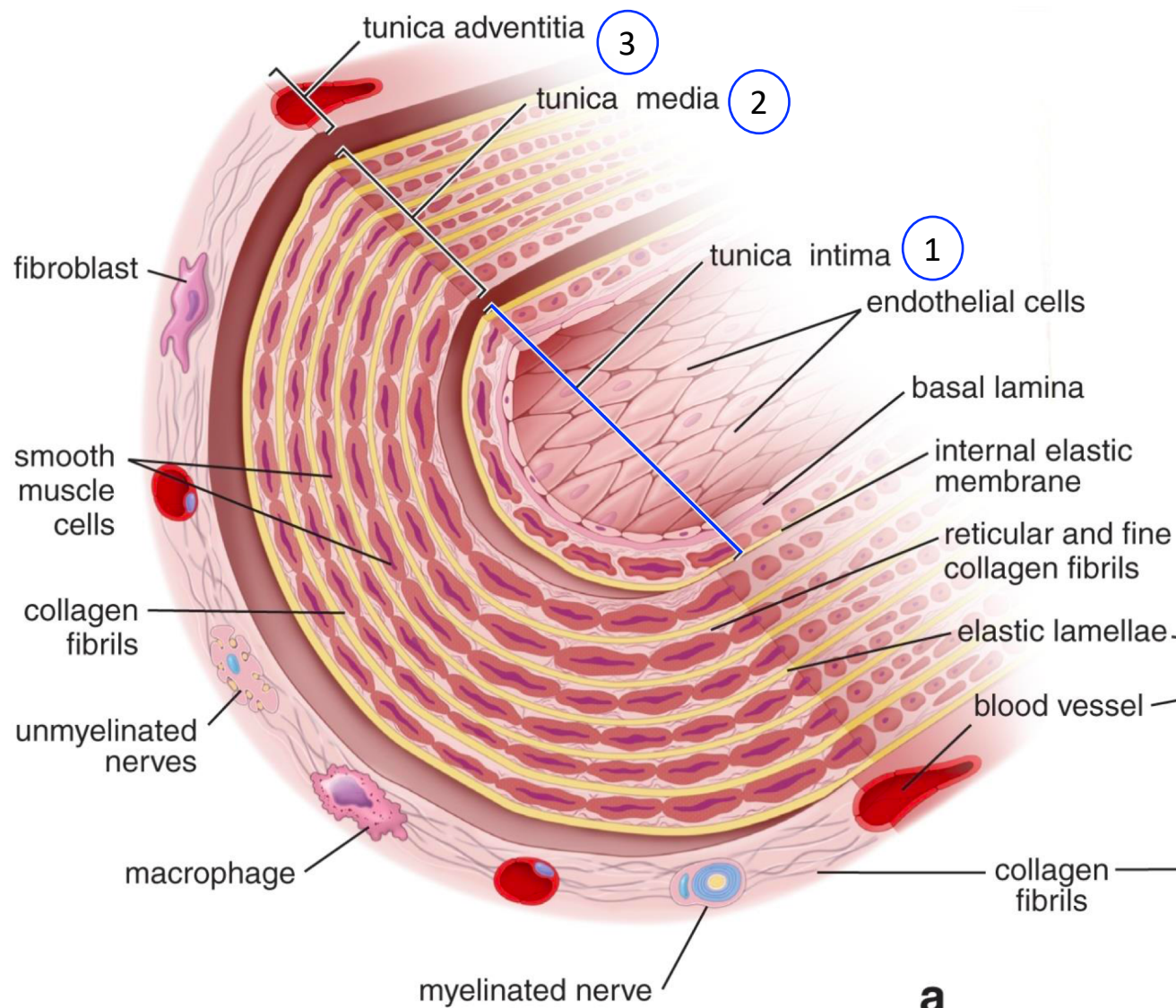
- **Large arteries** or **elastic arteries** such as the **aorta** and pulmonary arteries convey blood from the heart to the systemic and pulmonary circulations, respectively (see Fig. 13.2). Their main branches—the brachiocephalic trunk, common carotid, subclavian, and common iliac arteries—are also classified as elastic arteries.
- **Medium arteries** or **muscular arteries** (most of the “named” arteries of the body) cannot be sharply distinguished from elastic arteries. Some of these arteries are difficult to classify because they have features that are intermediate between the two types.
- **Small arteries** and **arterioles** are distinguished from one another by the number of smooth muscle layers in the tunica media. By definition, arterioles have only one or two layers, and small arteries may have as many as eight layers of smooth muscle in their tunica media.

Artères élastiques

Artères musculaires

Artères de
petite taille





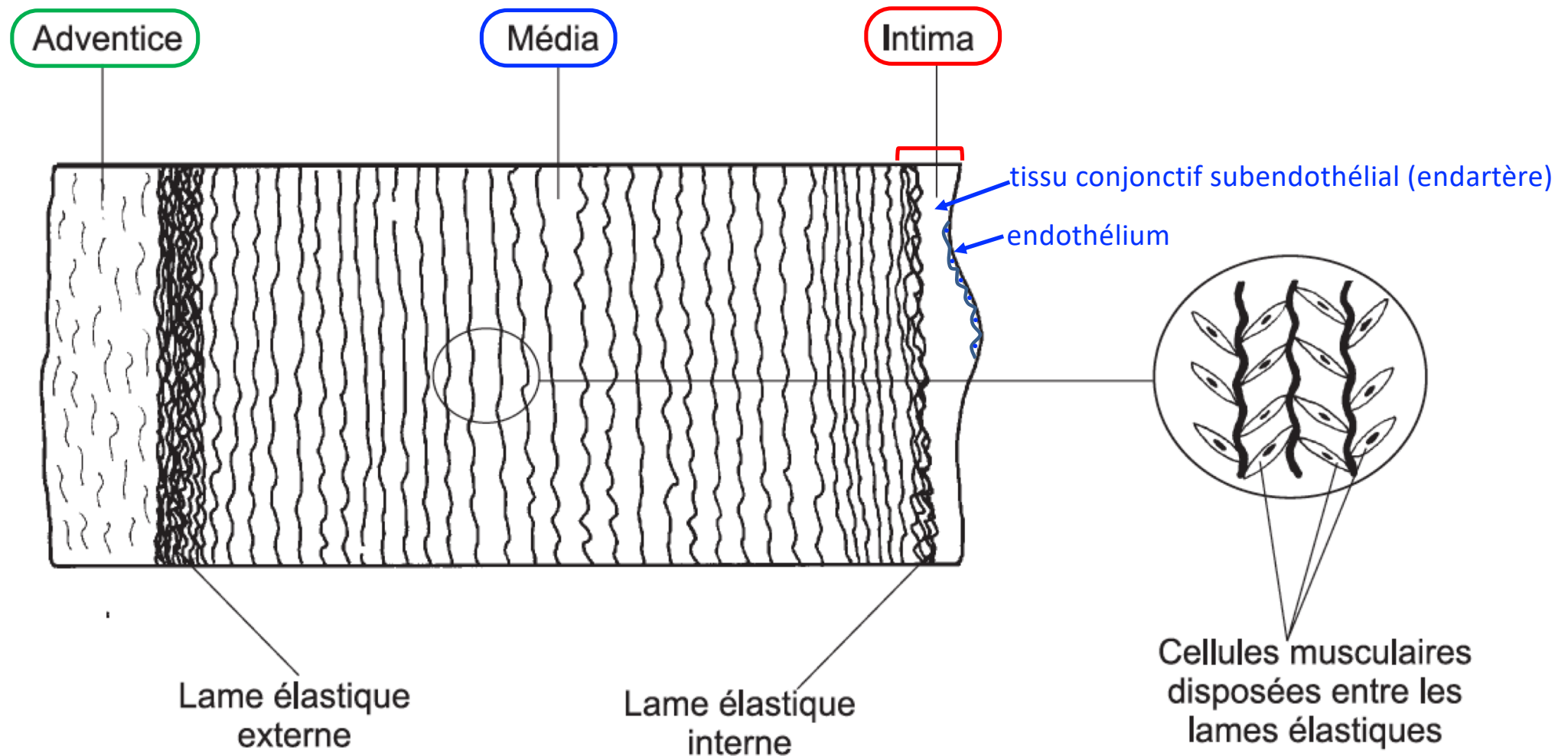
ELASTIC ARTERY



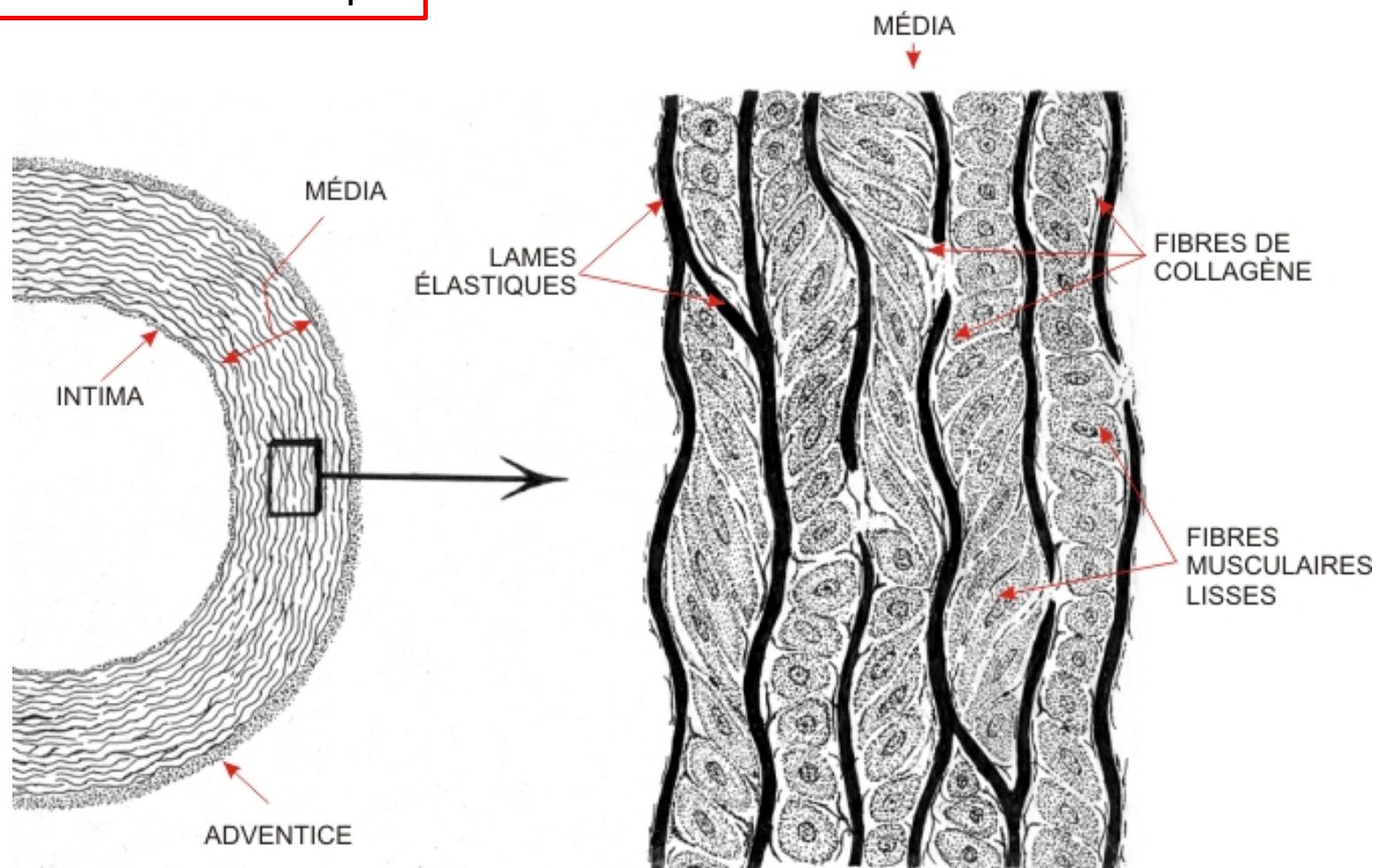
Aorte humaine

x 48

**Figure 2: Représentation schématique d'une artère élastique
(coupe longitudinale)**



Aorte : artère élastique



L'animation décrivant l'aorte est à voir absolument.

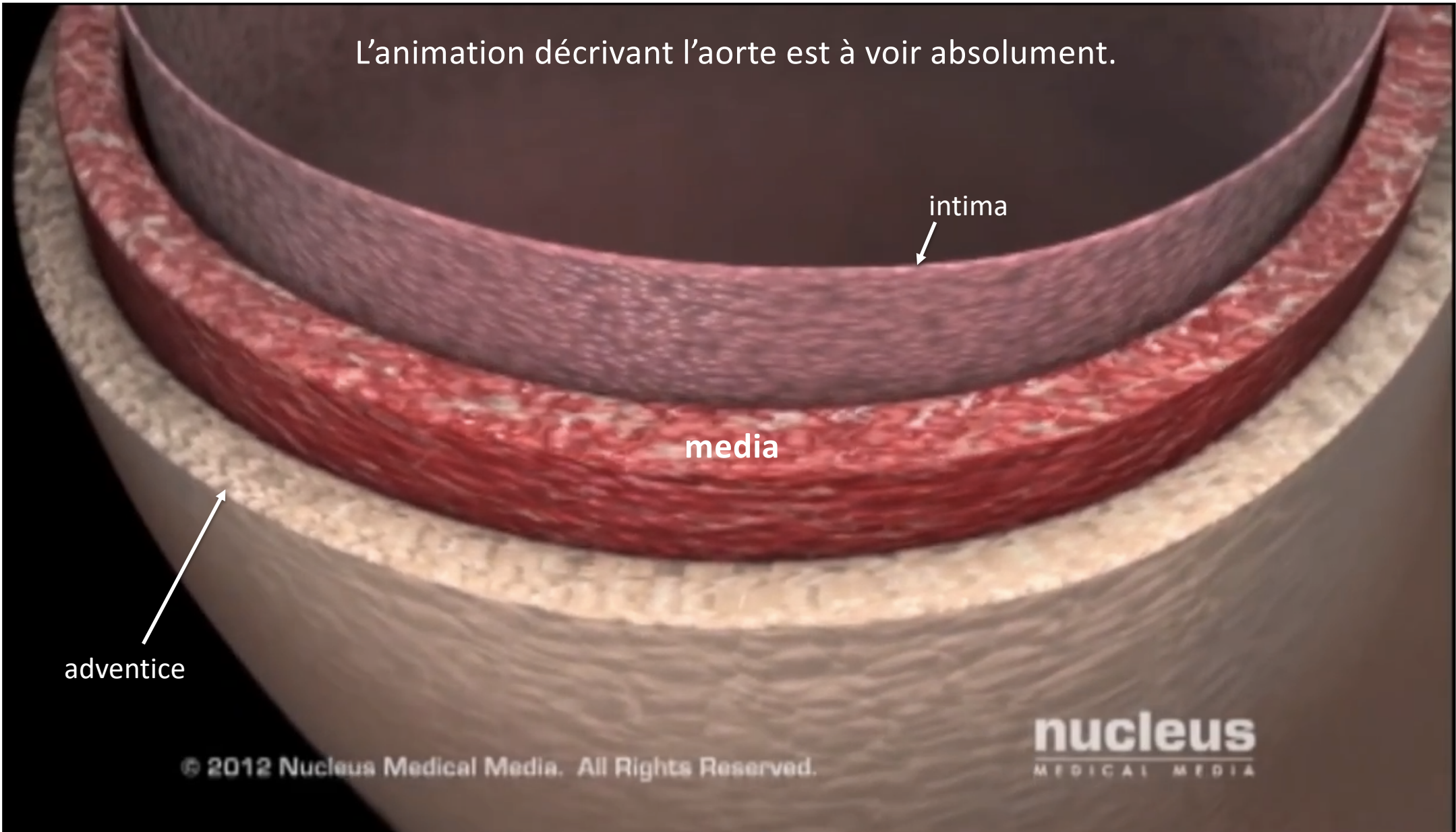
intima

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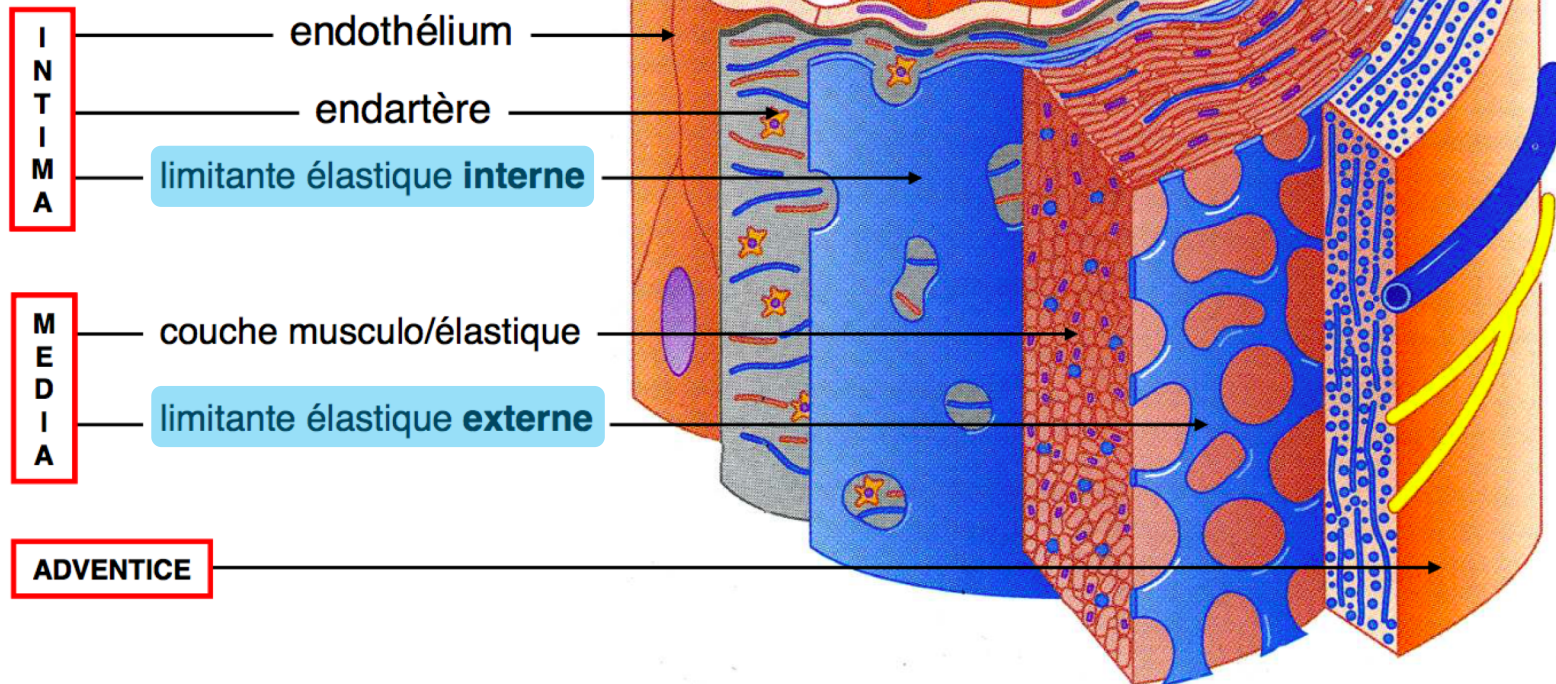


III. LES ARTERES

STRUCTURE GENERALE DE LA PAROI ARTERIELLE

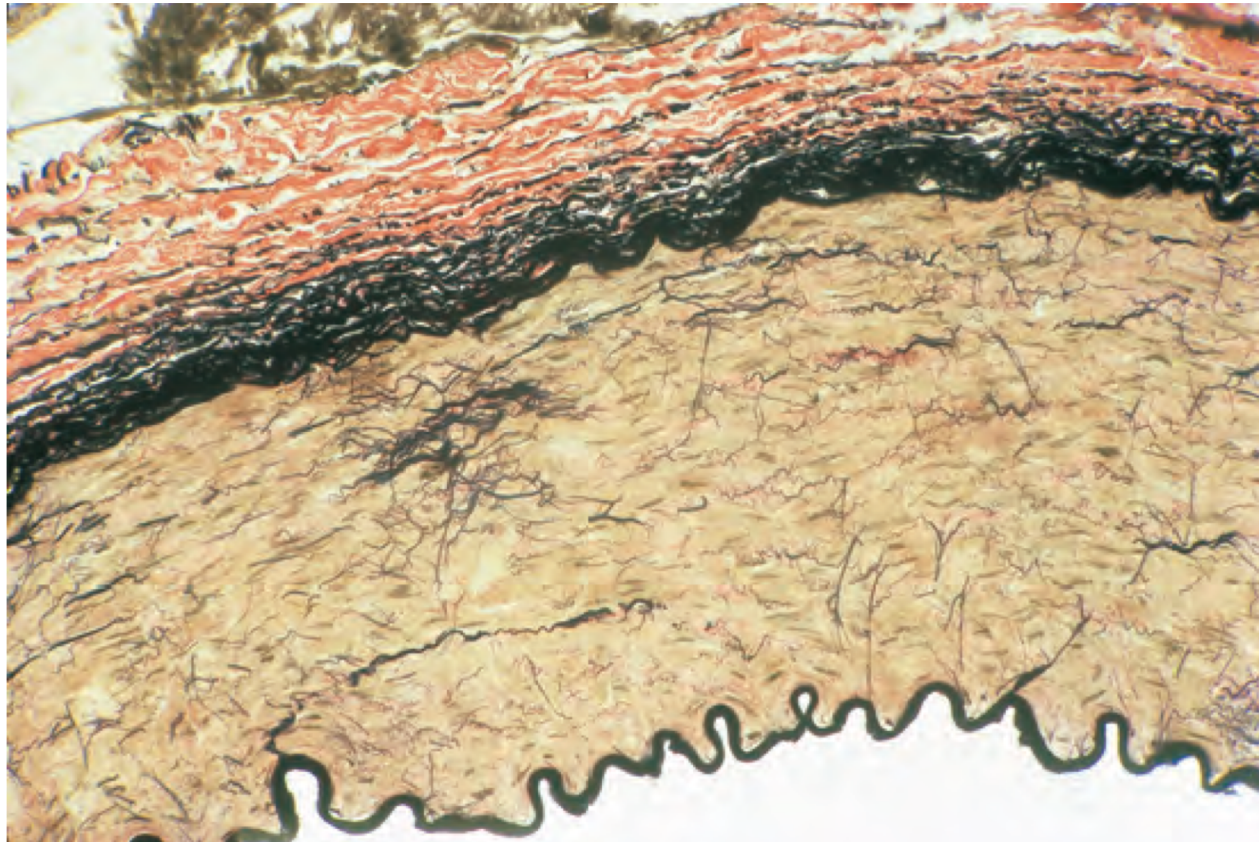


3 tuniques (couches) :



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Artère musculaire



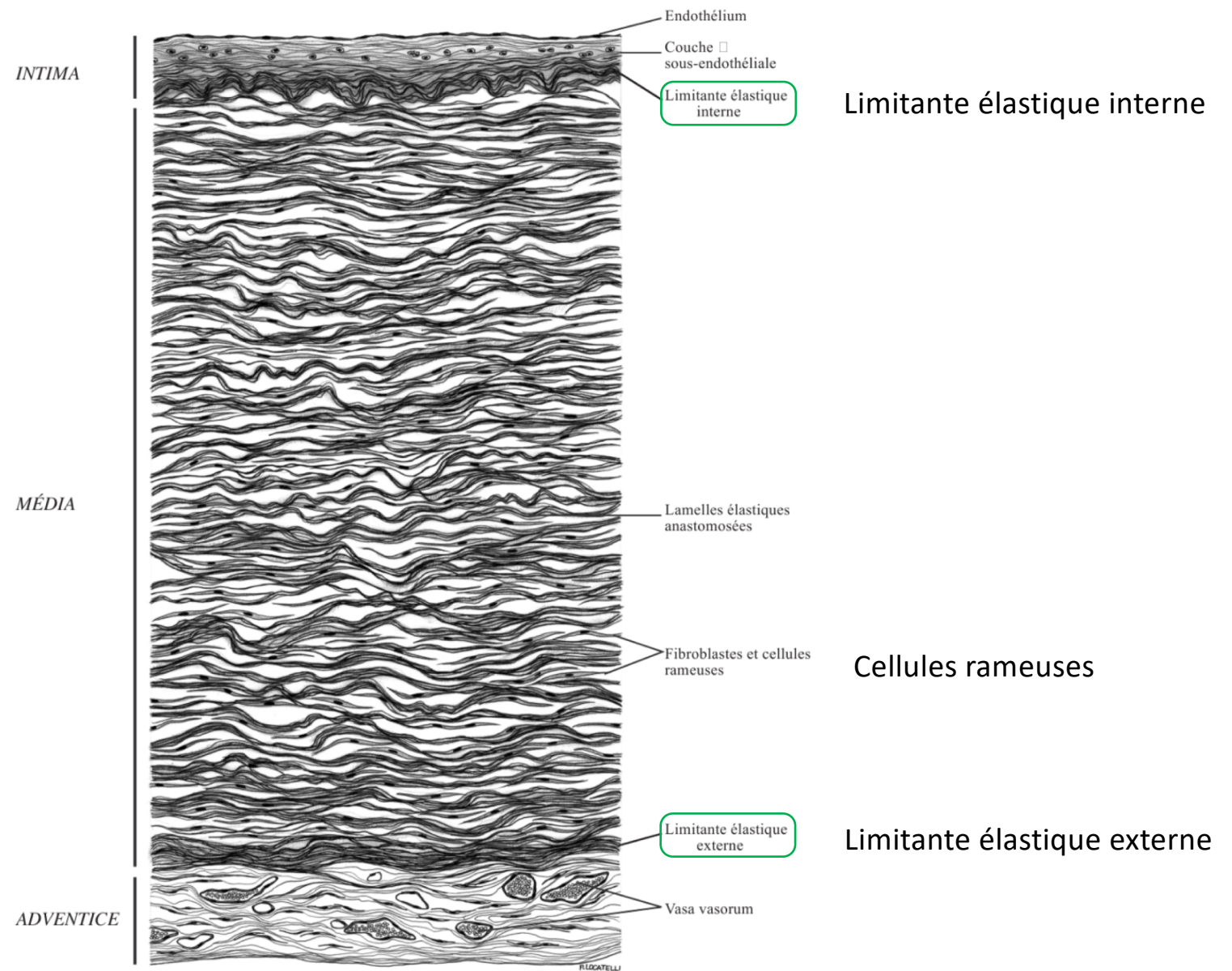
Lame élastique externe

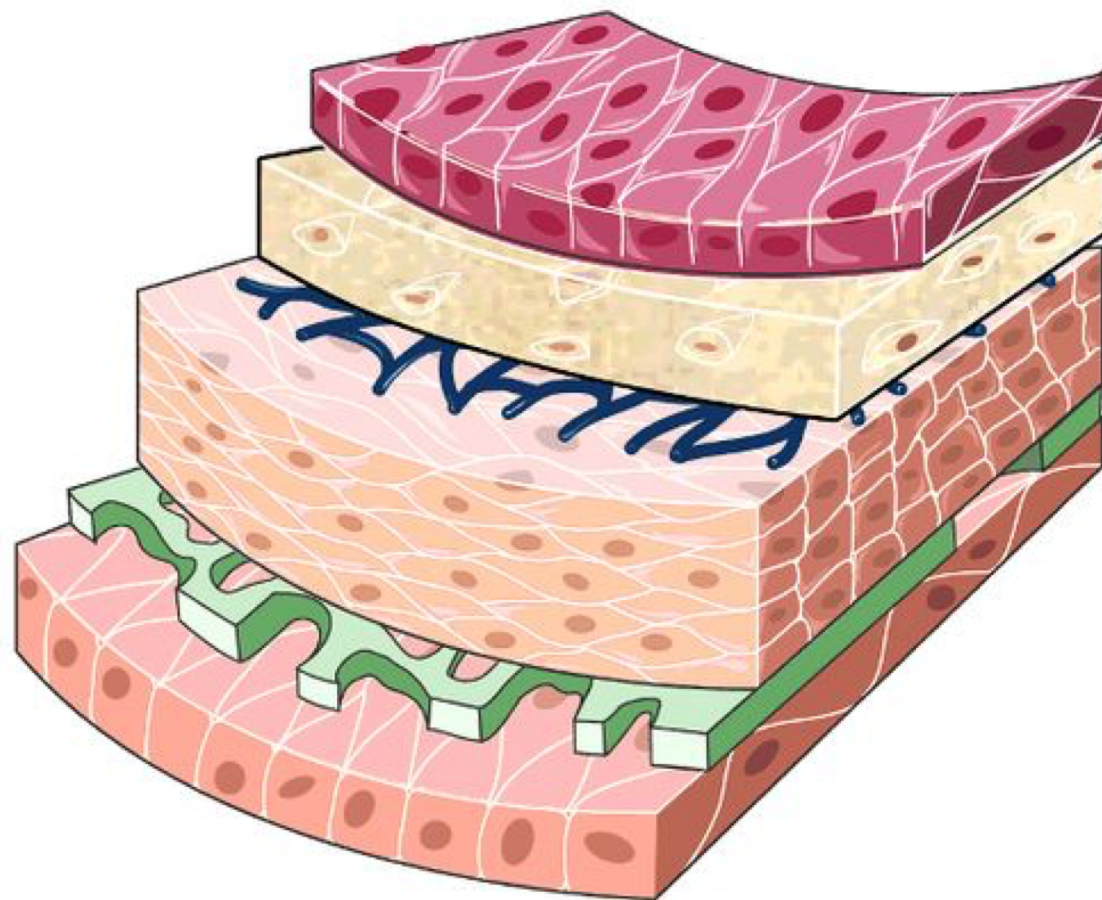
Muscle lisse

Lame élastique interne

Part of a cross-section of a muscular artery stained with the [Verhoeff-van Gieson stain](#).

Both the internal and external elastic laminae are very prominent, and very fine elastic fibers (black) can be seen in the yellow muscular tunica media. The collagen fibers of the tunica adventitia are stained red.



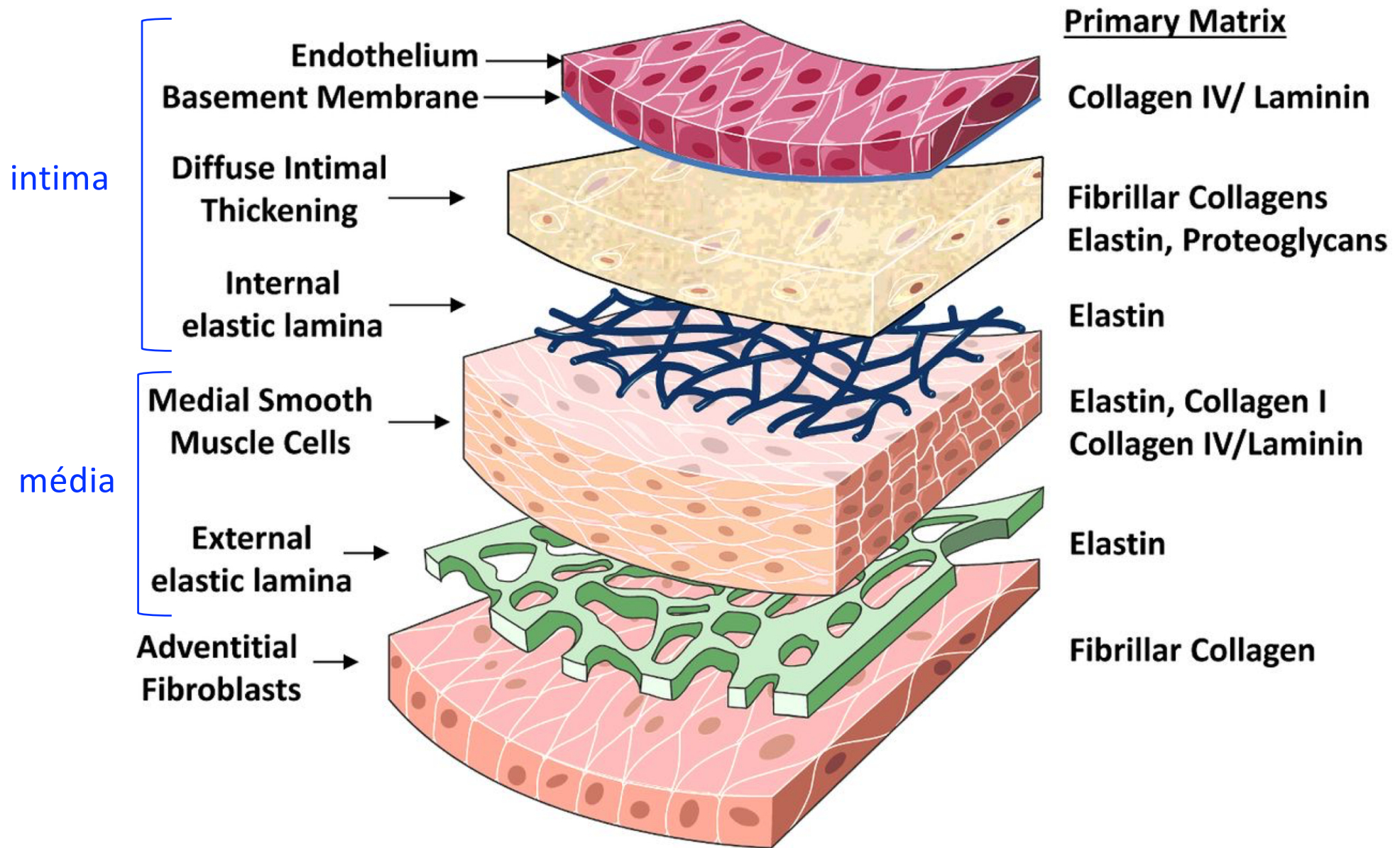


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- endothélium
- lame basale
- T.C. subendothélial
- lame élastique interne

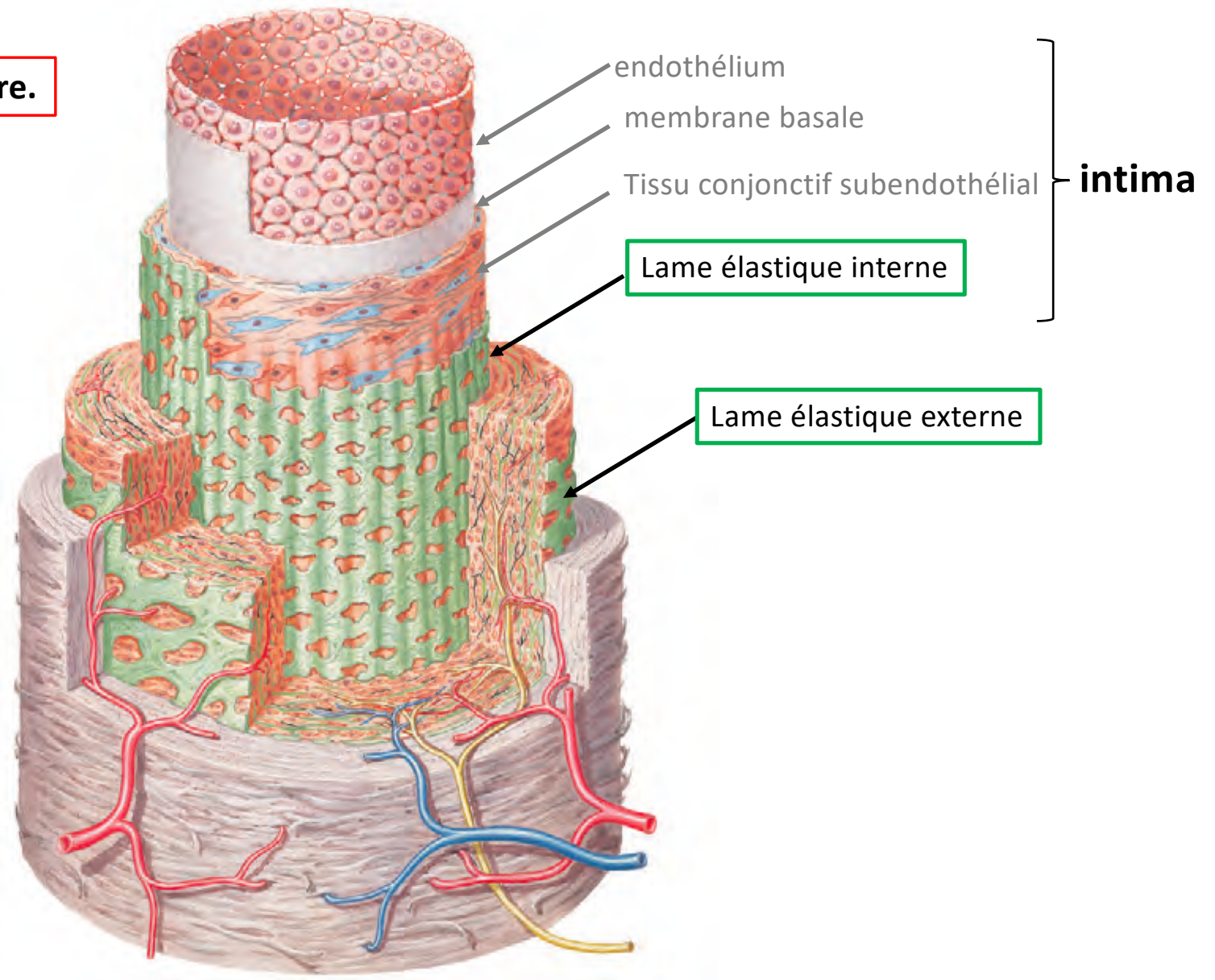
Media

Adventitia



Structure d'une artère coronaire.

Artère musculaire

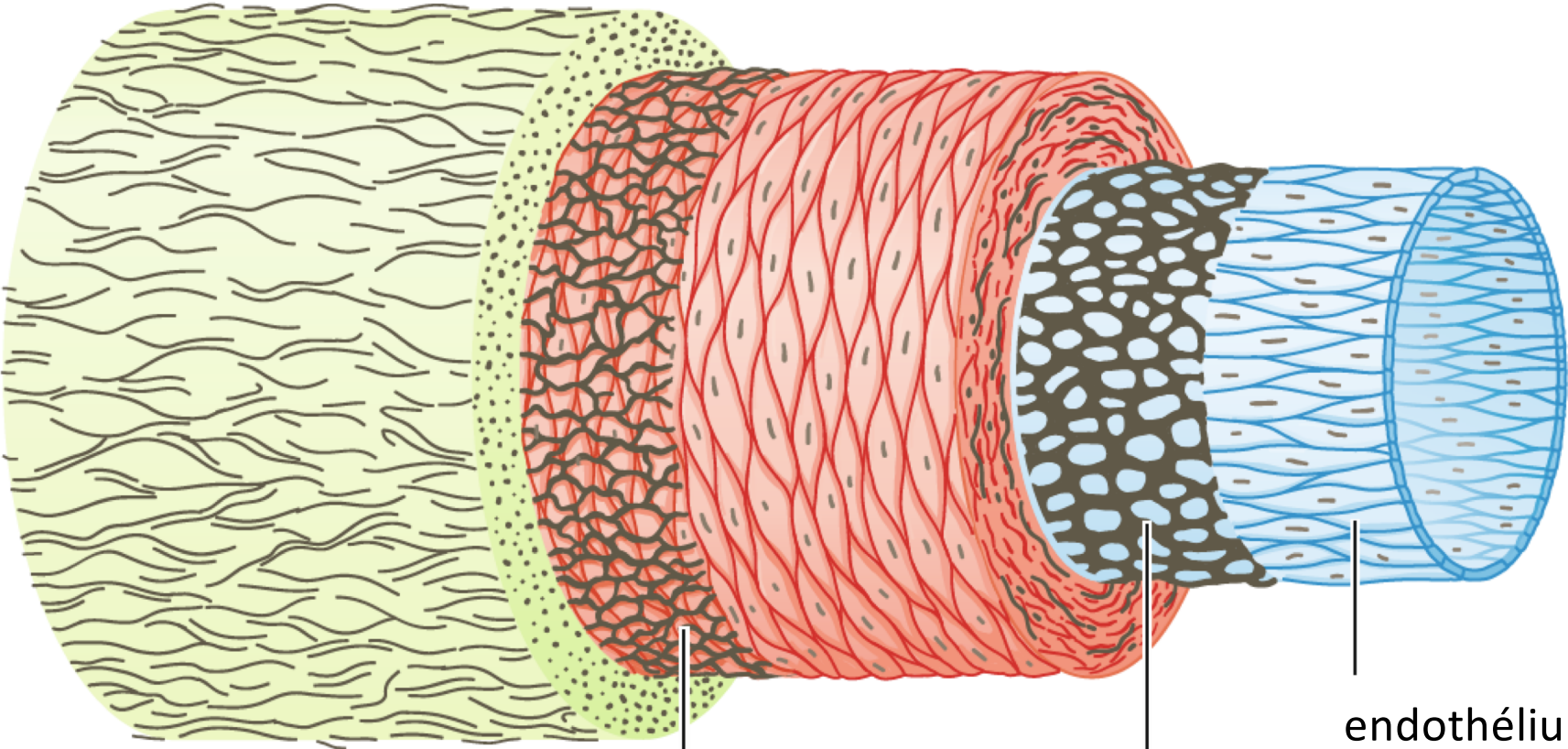


Artère musculaire

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Media

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Limitante élastique externe

Limitante élastique interne

endothélium