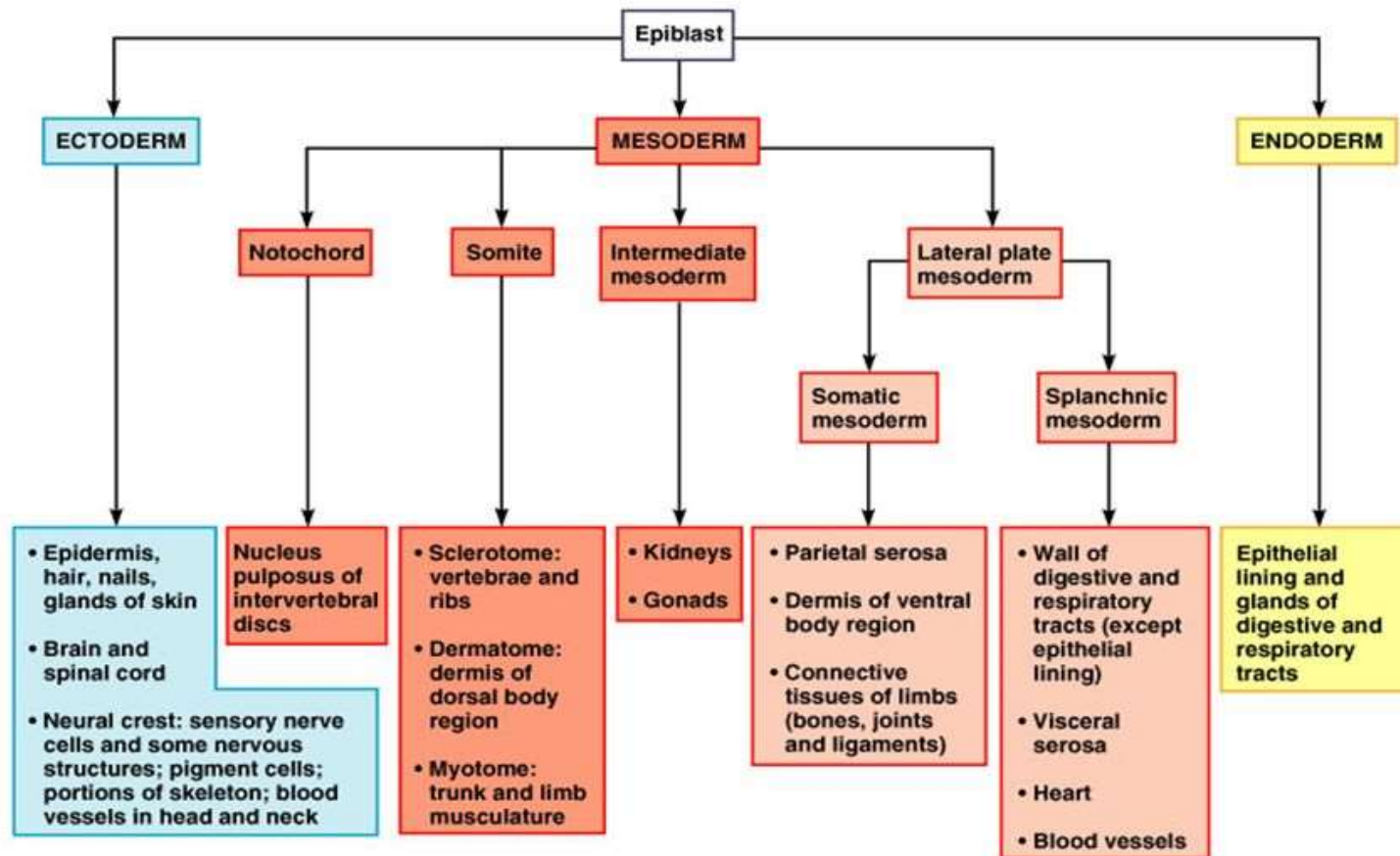
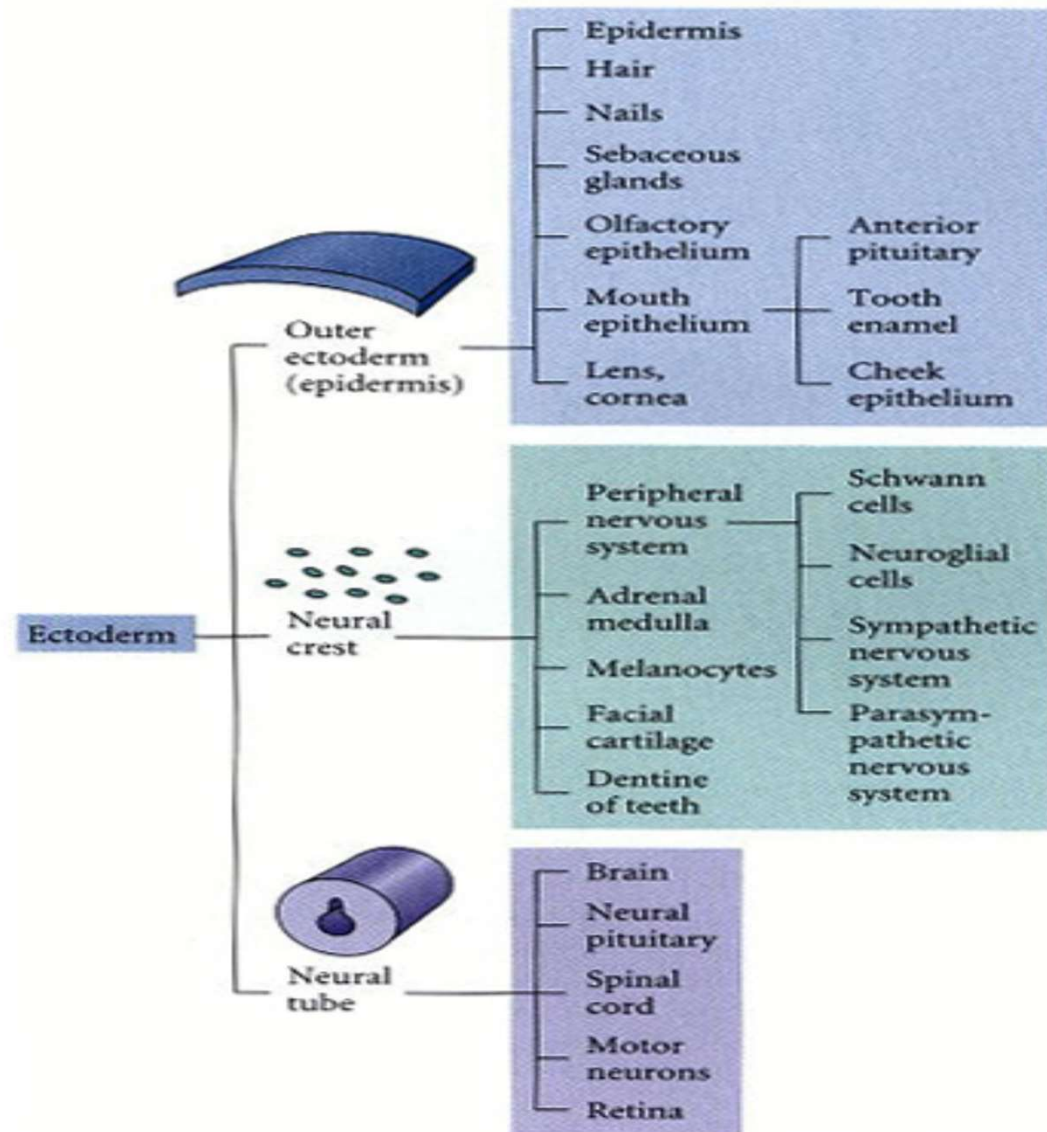


GERM LAYERS: FATE MAP

Major derivatives of the embryonic germ layers



Ectoderm

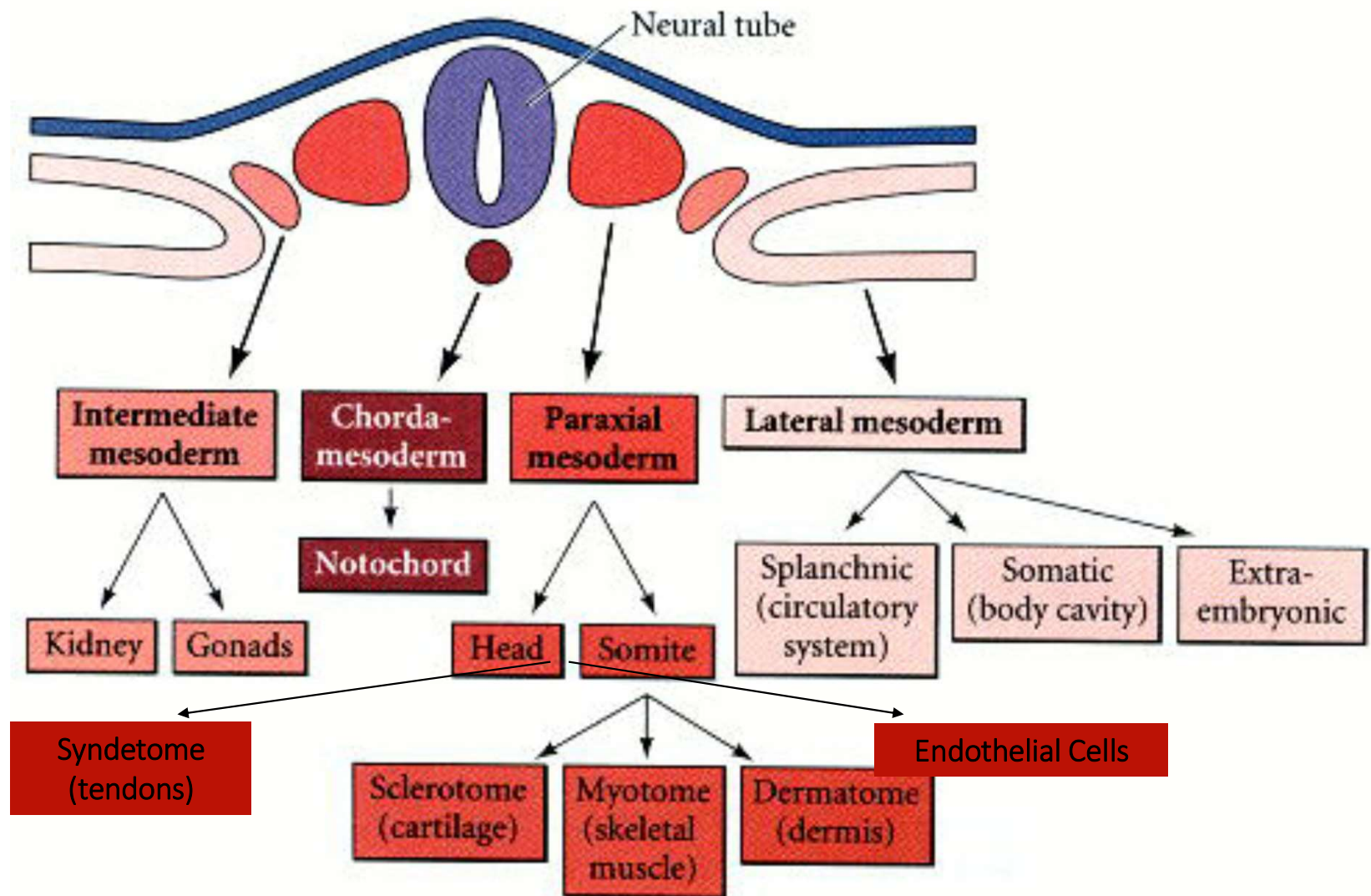


Neural Crest and its Derivatives

The neural crest cells migrate extensively to generate a prodigious number of differentiated cell types. These cell types include

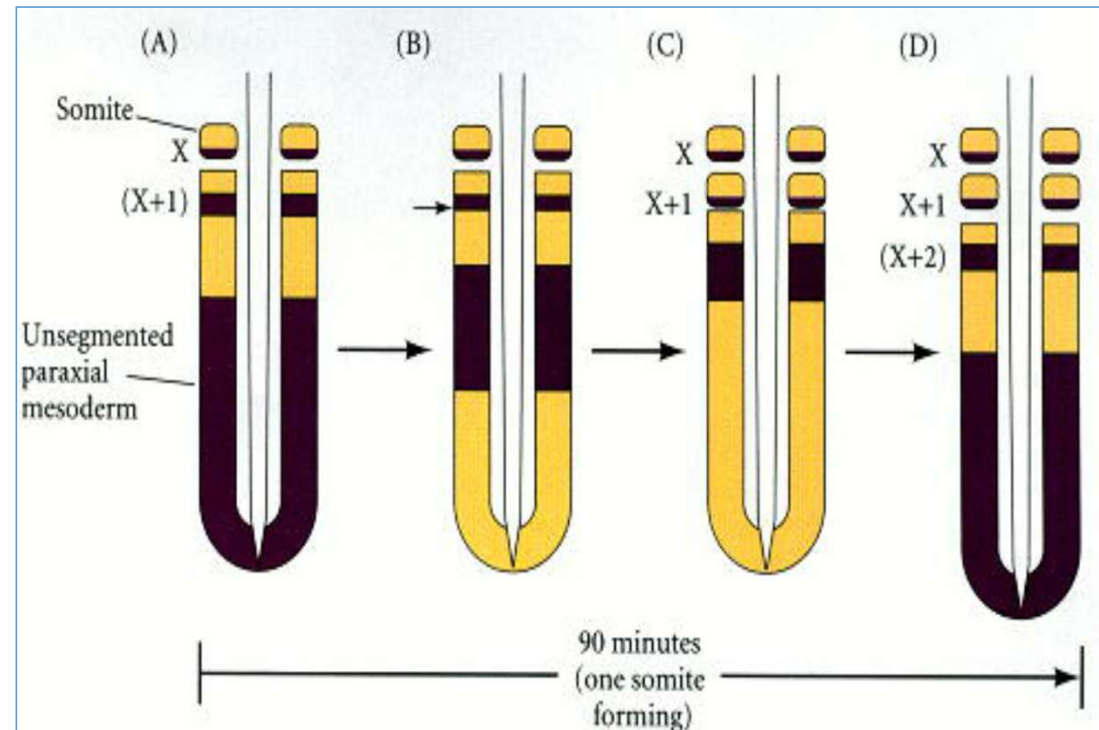
- (1) the neurons and glial cells of the sensory, sympathetic, and parasympathetic nervous systems,
- (2) the epinephrine-producing (medulla) cells of the adrenal gland
- (3) the pigment-containing cells of the epidermis
- (4) many of the skeletal and connective tissue components of the head

MESODERM



Somites form

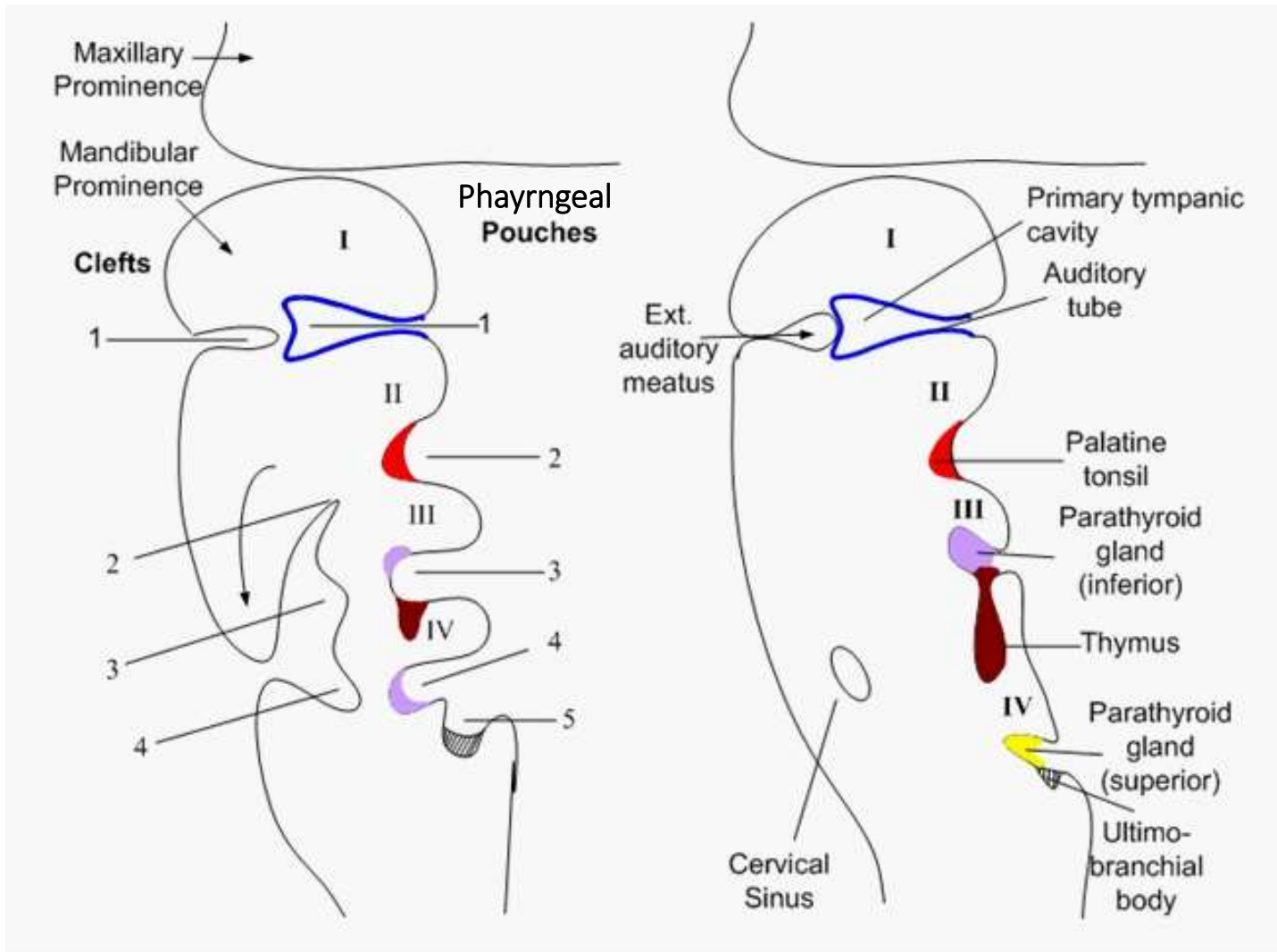
- (1) the cartilage of the vertebrae and ribs**
- (2) the muscles of the rib cage, limbs, and back**
- (3) the dermis of the dorsal skin.**



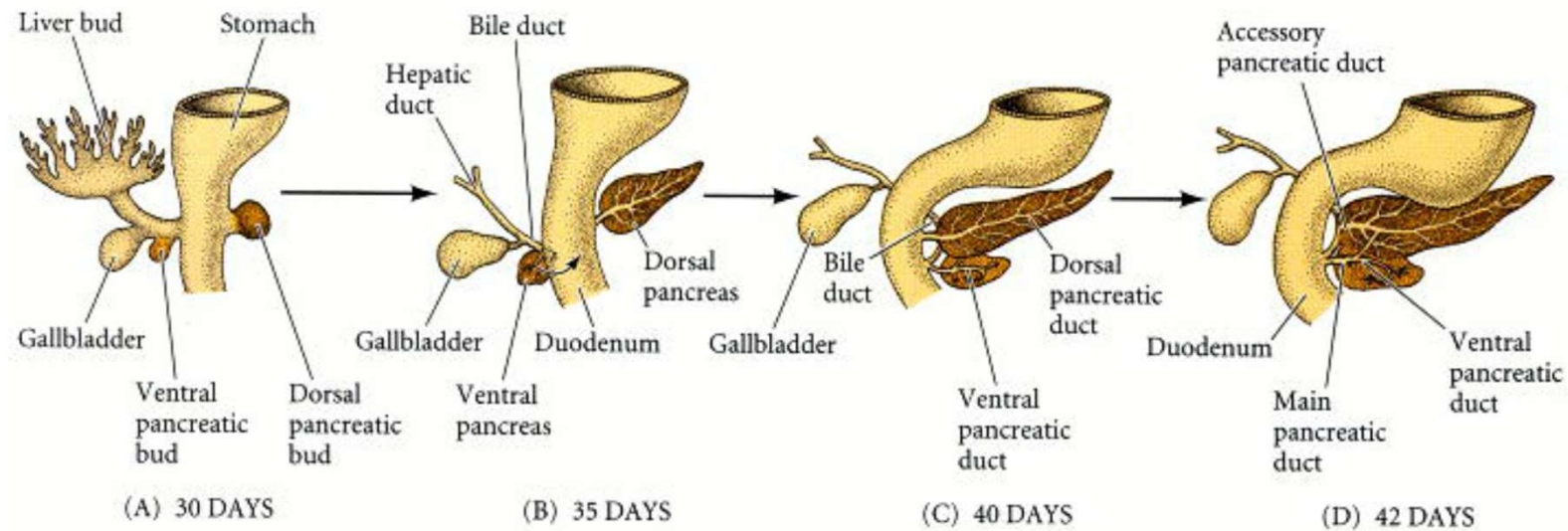
Although all the somites look identical, they will form different structures at different positions along the anterior-posterior axis.

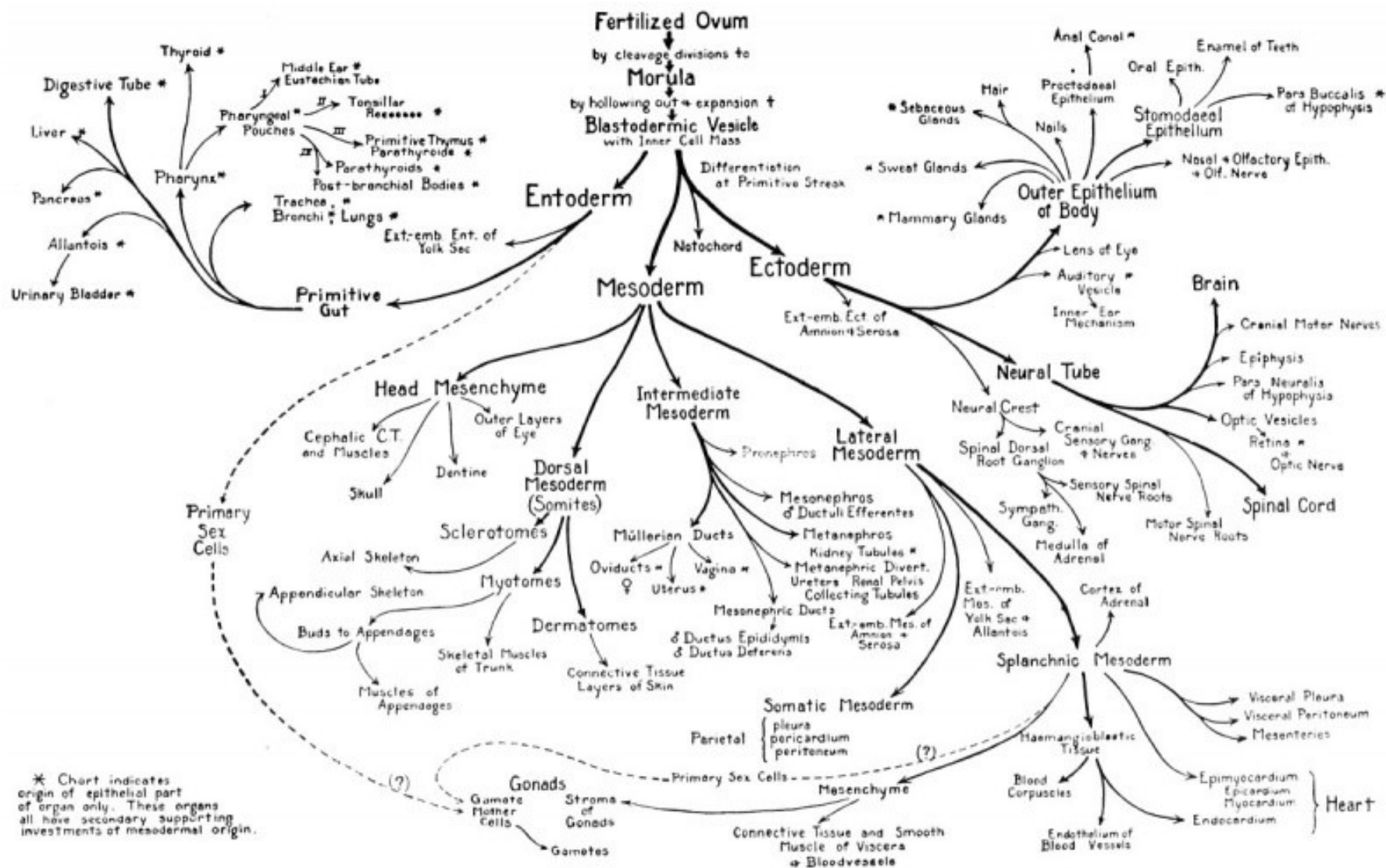
For instance, the ribs are derived from only by the somites forming the thoracic vertebrae.

ENDODERM



Development of Pancreas, Liver and Gall Bladder





Germ Layer Origins Flowchart
(Slightly modified, from Carlson, B.M. 1999. Human Embryology & Developmental Biology)

