## Mechanisms of development: epithelial origami





#### Ten basic mechanisms of animal morphogenesis:





H. sapiens 4-day blastula



### Short and fat to long and thin:



#### Corella inflata



# Convergent extension works by some boundaries shrinking while others expand:



#### Making tubes:





Pic: Davies Mechanisms of Morphogenesis

Orthogonal invagination of the neural tube





Pic: Davies Mechanisms of Morphogenesis



#### The need for fusion:



Three ways of fuding (wound healing, tube connection, palate fusion)







normal













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#### Branching



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#### The branching tip



#### The mammary gland: lots of branched tubules



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Other mechanisms of morphogenesis: orientated mitosis



Endometrial thickening in rat:



Other mechanisms of morphogenesis: elective cell death



#### Hands:

#### Chicken hindlimb







A is a normal chick: b has had Gremlin applied, which has reduced elective cell death:



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#### Summary of the main points of these lectures:

Seen anatomically, morphogenesis of mouse and man follows a set sequence of rather complicated morphogenetic events (lecture 1)

Seen mechanistically, these complicated events rest on a set of about a dozen "simple" events such as cell migration (lecture 2), epithelial folding (lecture 3), cell condensation (not covered much in these lectures) etc.

These 3<sup>rd</sup> year lectures are designed to make you familiar with the way that basic morphogenetic mechanisms are combined to make anatomy, and how this can go wrong.

If you do 4<sup>th</sup> year Dev Biol, you will learn how the mechanisms are controlled at a molecular level and the principles by which action of 'dumb' molecules results in 'intelligent' constructive behaviour, on which our development rests (this is a core course of DevBiol4, lasting the whole of semester 1, taught entirely by me).