

Subcutaneous tissue

The subcutaneous tissue (from Latin subcutaneous, meaning “beneath the skin”), also called the hypodermis, hypoderm (from Greek, meaning “beneath the skin”), subcutis, or superficial fascia, is the lowermost layer of the integumentary system.

The types of cells found in the hypodermis are fibroblasts, adipose cells, and macrophages. The hypodermis is derived from the mesoderm, but unlike the dermis, it is not derived from the dermatome region of the mesoderm.

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