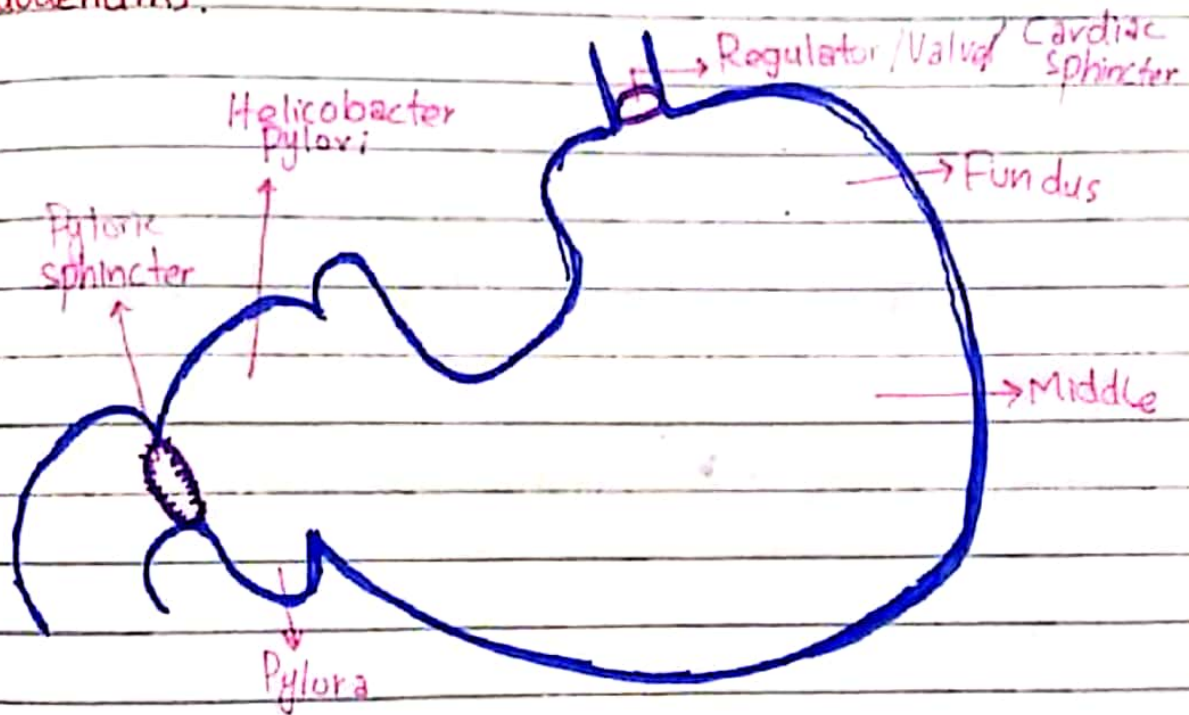


STOMACH

Stomach is elastic muscular thick walled, wide bag. It is shaped like the letter 'j'. It is situated in the middle of the chest, behind the liver, between the esophagus and the first section of small intestine (the duodenum).



STOMACH'S WALL ANATOMY

Stomach is composed of following layers:

1. SEROUS LAYER / Serosa

The outermost layer is serous layer made of connective tissues.

2. MUSCULATURE LAYER / Smooth muscle

Second is musculature layer which

is composed of three types of muscles from outside to inside i.e longitudinal muscles, circular muscles and oblique muscles.

3. MIDDLE LAYER / SUB-MUCOSA

The middle layer is composed of mucous and protein i.e heteropolypeptide known as sub-mucosa.

4. MUCOSA

The innermost layer is mucosa which is made up of epithelium and mucus facing towards the lumen and highly folded known as gastric rugae. Gastric glands are found in stomach walls while gastric pits are located in mucosa.

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