

Accessory Organs

Accessory organs - not part of the digestive tract. (Food does not travel through these organs!)

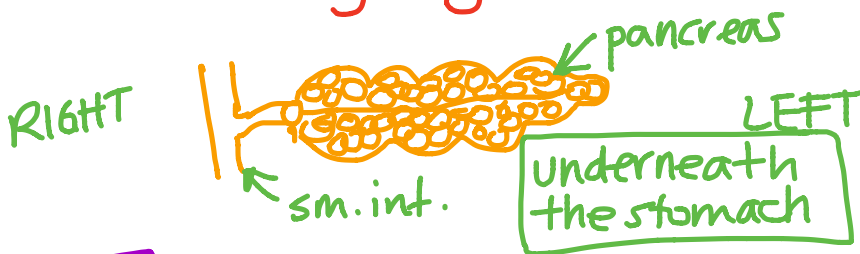
* they do help digest food by sending secretions (enzymes) to the dig. tract.

SALIVARY GLANDS - send secretions to the mouth.

* Digestion begins in the mouth!

PANCREAS - connected to the small intestine by the Pancreatic Duct. (Duct = tube)

* Makes insulin, which regulates the amount of sugar (glucose) in the blood.



* Cannot live w/o your pancreas!

LIVER - the largest internal organ. Can lose 3/4 of it, and still live!

* Secretes BILE into the sm. intestine, which travels through the Bile Duct.

BILE → helps to breakdown (EMULSIFY) lipids (fats).

* Liver has MANY other functions!!

GALL BLADDER - small balloon like organ underneath the liver.

* Stores the bile made by the liver.

* BILE is greenish in color!

