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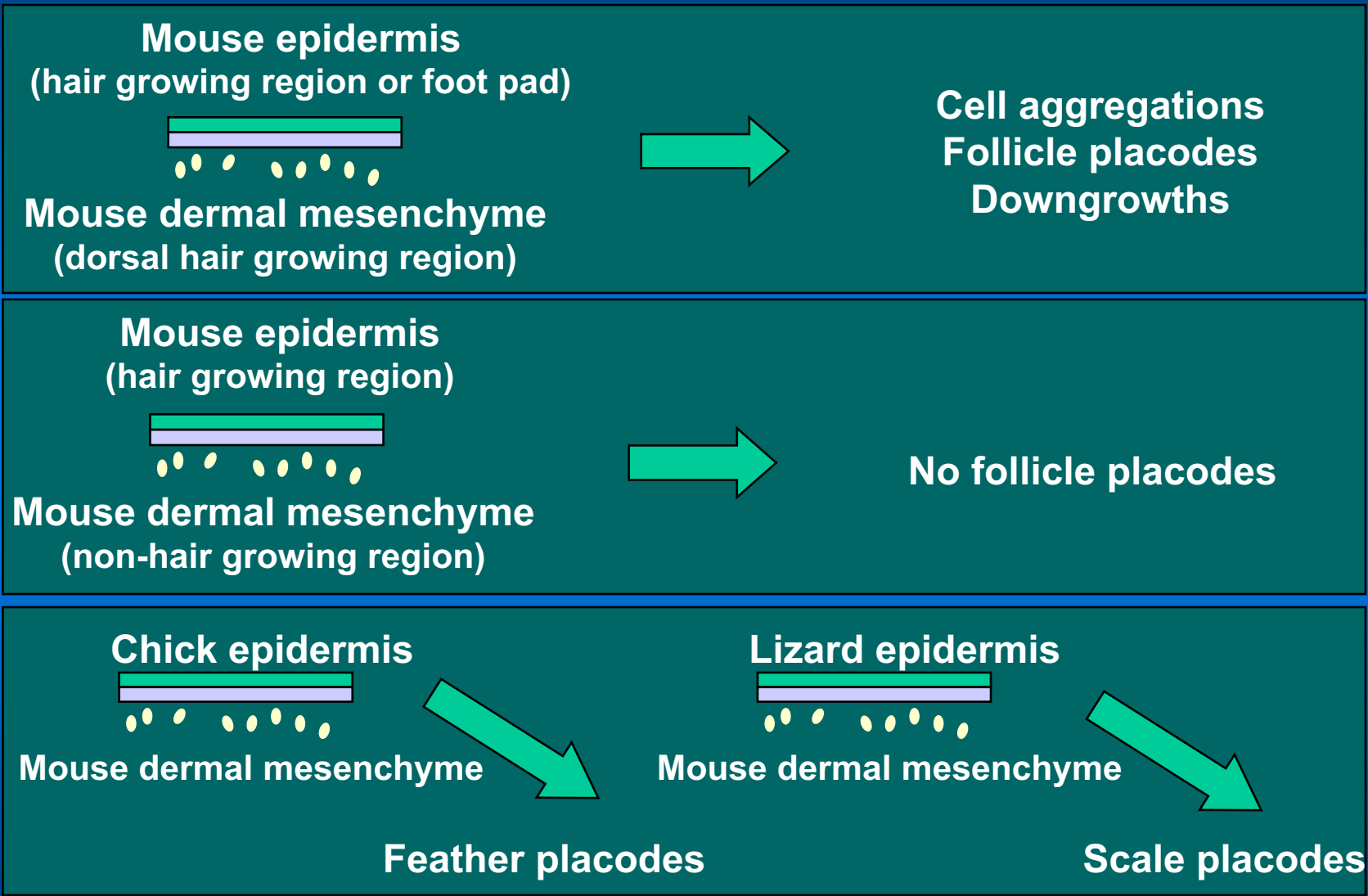
# Epithelial-mesenchymal Interactions in the Developing Follicle

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# Skin recombination experiments

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# Later stage recombination experiments

- Only mouse dermal cells will respond to form a mouse plug
- Once the plug is formed, the dermal papilla is required to stimulate the hair matrix cells to divide rapidly

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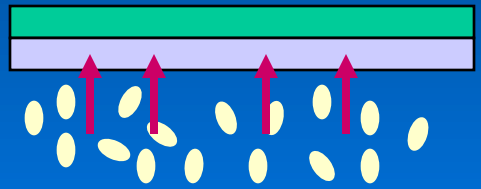
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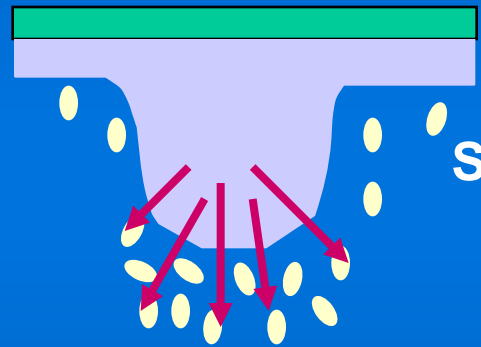


# Tissue interactions in the hair follicle bud

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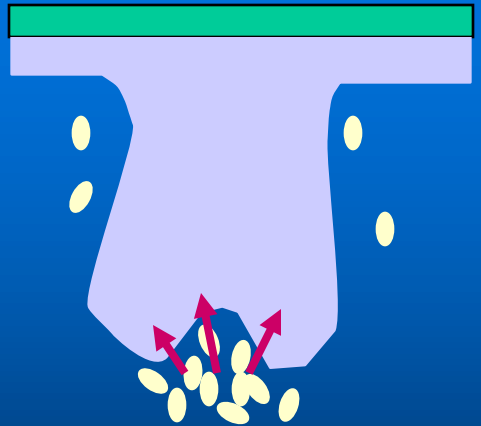


First dermal message  
“Make an appendage”



Epidermal message

Second dermal message  
“Make a follicle”





# Epithelial-mesenchymal messages

- There are messages present in the skin
  - they are ordered and pass back and forth between the epidermis and dermis
- The messages become more specific as development progresses
- These messages are the basis of the epidermal-mesenchymal (E-M) interactions.

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