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The gastrointestinal tract is such a complicated and little-researched part of the human body that it is amazing anything ever goes right. On HEALTHLINE, here's Dr. Kenton Sanders of the University of Nevada School of Medicine:

"The gastrointestinal tract is a tube which moves food from the mouth to the anus of an animal. A long time ago, in evolution, we were just gastrointestinal tracts, so the GI system became very complicated. It contained most of the cell types that are present in the body today. There are tissues that absorb and secrete; there are vascular tissues; there's muscular tissue; and there is brain tissue to control all the other types of cells. To understand such a complicated system and how all of these cell types can interact, we must conduct research at the cellular and sub-cellular level. Currently, such research is being conducted so that we can better understand such aggravating problems as swallowing disorders and diarrhea."

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