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Table 5.1 Su	mmary of Cutaneous Glands		
	ECCRINE SWEAT GLANDS	APOCRINE SWEAT GLANDS	SEBACEOUS GLANDS
Functions	Temperature control	May act as sexual scent glands	Lubricate skin and hair
	Some antibacterial properties		 Help prevent water loss
			Antibacterial properties
Type of Secretion	Hypotonic filtrate of blood plasma	Filtrate of blood plasma with added proteins and fatty substances	Sebum (an oily secretion)
Method of Secretion	Merocrine (exocytosis)	Merocrine (exocytosis)	Holocrine
ecretion xits Duct At	Skin surface	Usually upper part of hair follicle, rarely, skin surface	Usually upper part of hair follicle; sometimes, skin surface
ody Location	Everywhere, but especially palms, soles, forehead	Mostly axillary and anogenital regions	Everywhere except palms and soles

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Sebaceous Glands

The **sebaceous glands** (se-ba'shus, "greasy"), or *oil glands* (Figure 5.9a), are simple branched alveolar glands that are found all over the body except in the thick skin of the palms and soles. They are small on the body trunk and limbs, but quite large on the face, neck, and upper chest. These glands secrete an oily substance called **sebum** (se'bum). The central cells of the alveoli accumulate oily lipids until they become so engorged that they burst, so functionally these glands are *holocrine glands* (p. 156). The accumulated lipids and cell fragments constitute sebum.

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