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# Anato-Bee Gross Anatomy Atlas

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# Introduction to Anatomy

## Common Anatomical Terms:

- Anatomical position
- Axial/appendicular skeleton
- Superior/inferior
- Anterior/posterior
- Proximal/distal
- Medial/lateral
- Planes: sagittal, coronal, transverse
- Flexion/extension
- ABduction/ADduction

# Anatomical position

Different than the normal functional body position

Involves the body facing forward or in the prone (laying down face up) position with arms at the side and palms facing forward or up (thumbs pointed outwards).

The picture shows two testosterone-driven developed humans. The left one is in anatomical position. The right one is the Visible Human from VH Dissector that is *not* in anatomical position.



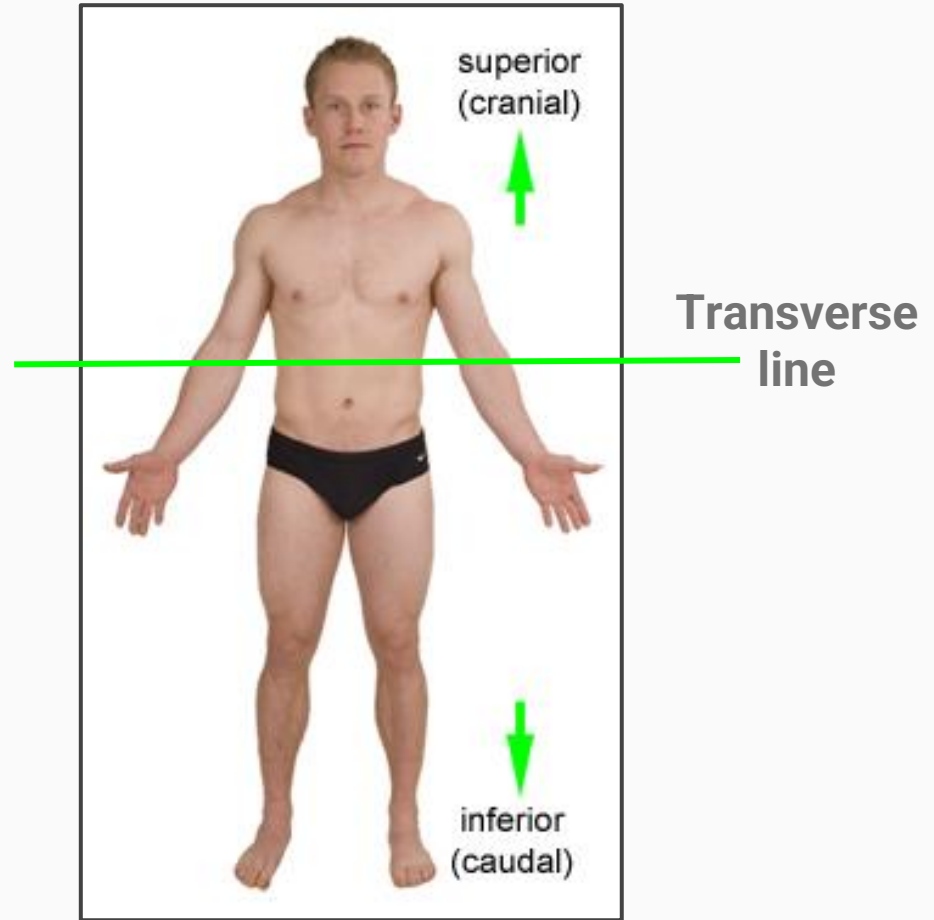


# Anatomical terms –

all terms reflect relative orientation while in anatomic position

Superior: referring to structures that are above a transverse line across the body (or another object)

Inferior: referring to structures that are below a transverse line across the body (or another object)

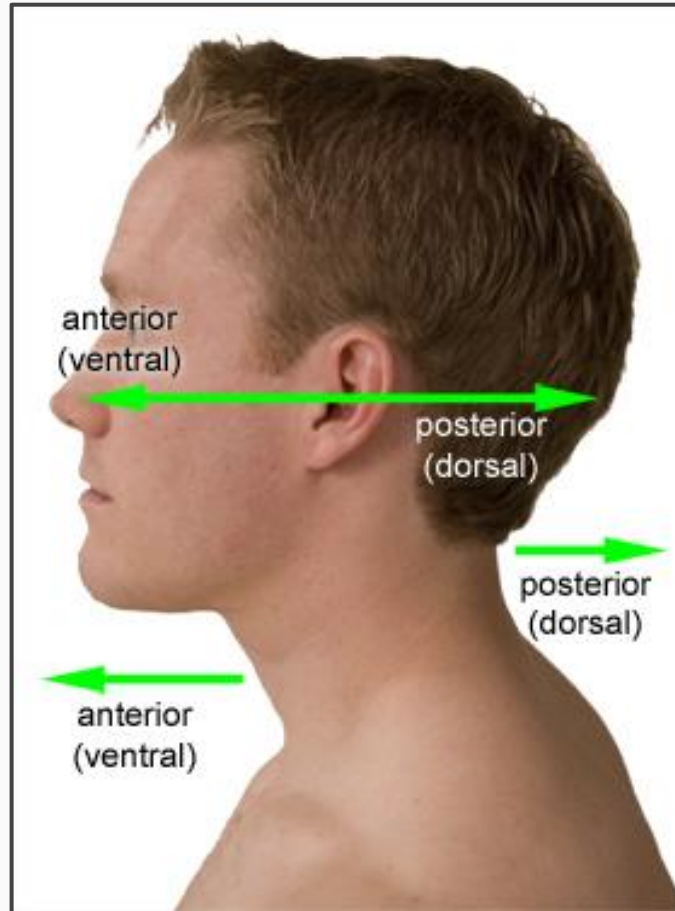


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Anterior: referring to structures that are facing towards or oriented to the front

Posterior: referring to structures that are facing towards or oriented to the back



# Anatomical terms –

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Proximal: referring to structures that closer to the center of the body

Distal: referring to structures that are further from the center of the body

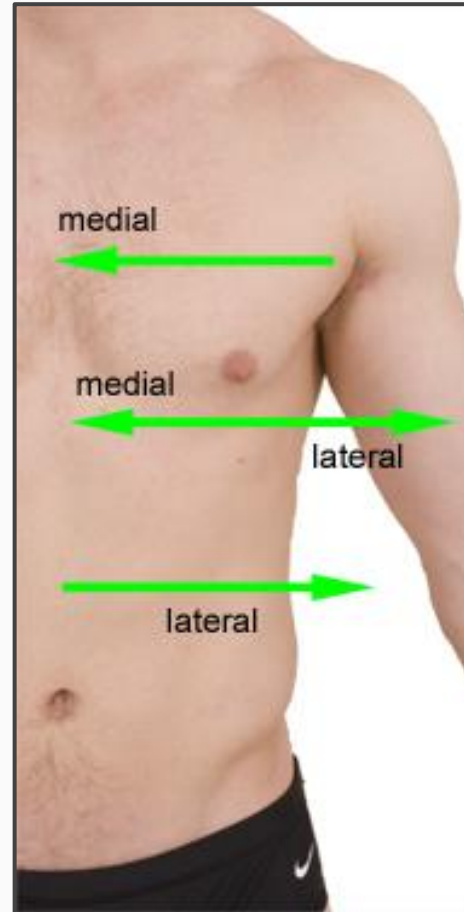


# Anatomical terms –

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Medial: referring to structures that are closer to the midline of the body

Lateral: referring to structures that are further from the midline of the body



# Anatomical planes

Orientation: anterolateral view

Sagittal plane: plane dividing the body into right and left parts

- Median plane is midsagittal plane and divides body into equal right and left halves



**Sagittal plane**



**Midsagittal (median) plane**

# Anatomical planes

Orientation: anterolateral view

Transverse plane: plane separating the body into superior and inferior sections



# Anatomical planes

Orientation: anterolateral view

Coronal plane: plane sectioning the body into anterior and posterior halves

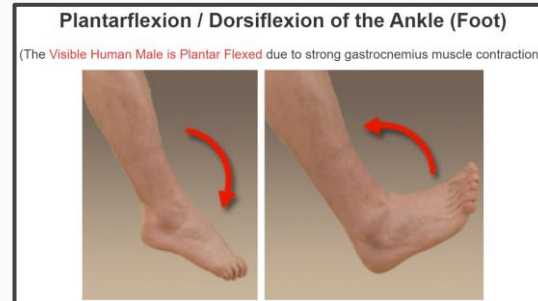
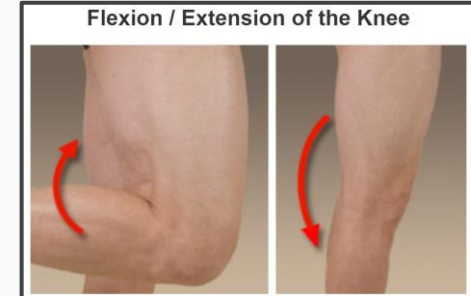
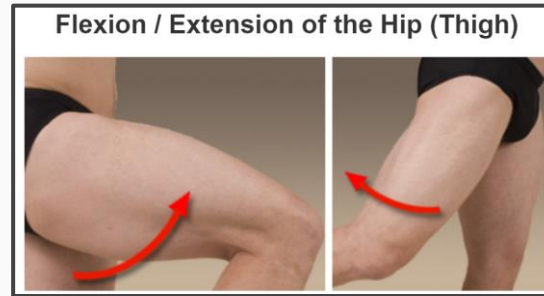
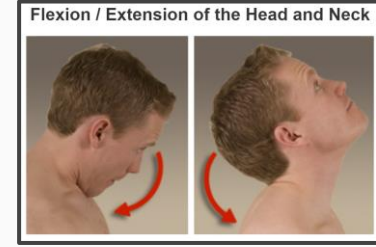
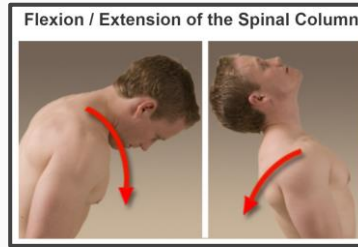


# Anatomical motions

Flexion/extension: movement in sagittal plane around a transverse axis of rotation

- Flexion may also be thought of as reducing the angle between two elements of a joint

Flexion is usually an anterior movement while extension is usually posterior



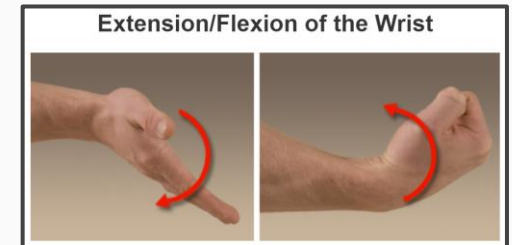
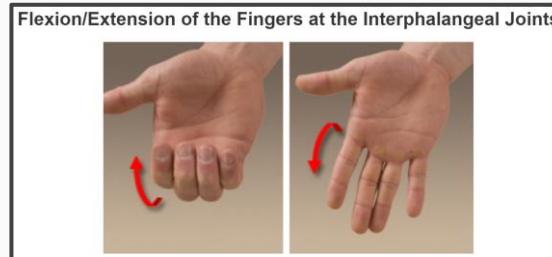
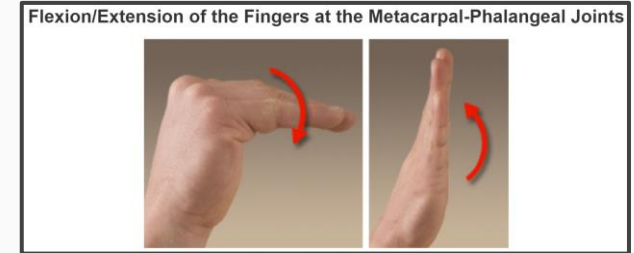
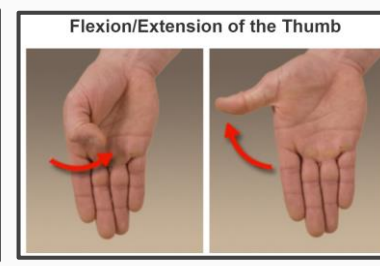
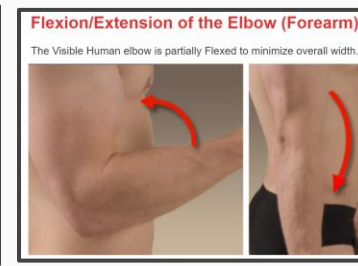
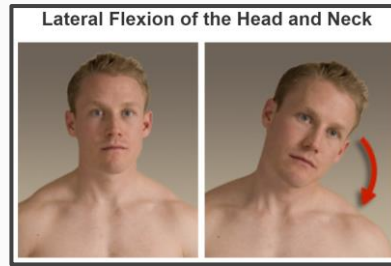


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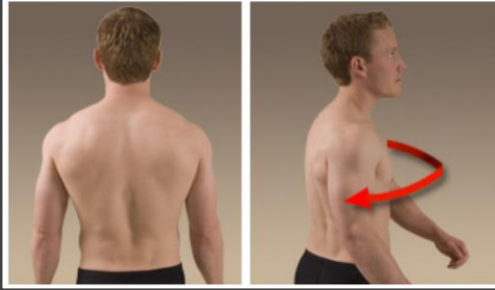
# Anatomical motions

ABduction: movement in coronal plane away from the midline of the body

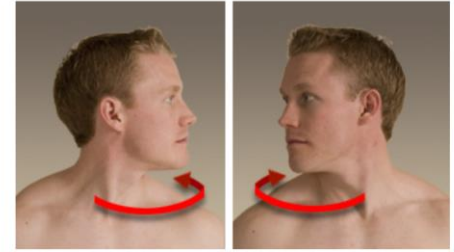
ADduction: movement in a coronal plane towards the midline of the body

Rotations: movements in the transverse plane around a vertical axis of rotation

Rotation of the Spinal Column



Ipsilateral / Contralateral Rotation of the Head and Neck



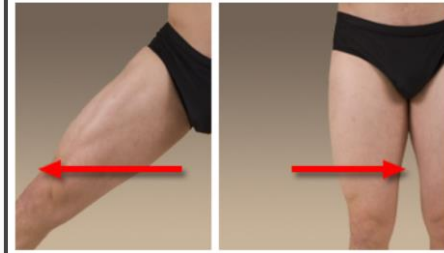
Lateral / Medial Rotation of the Hip (Thigh)



Adduction / Abduction of the Eye



Abduction / Adduction of the Hip (Thigh)



Abduction / Adduction of the Toes



# Anatomical motions

ABduction: movement in coronal plane away from the midline of the body

ADduction: movement in a coronal plane towards the midline of the body

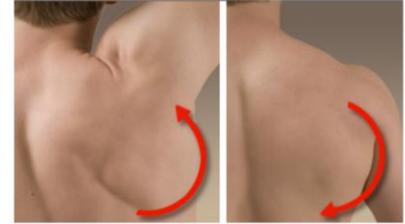
Rotations: movements in the transverse plane around a vertical axis of rotation

## Medial Rotation/Lateral Rotation of the Shoulder (Arm)

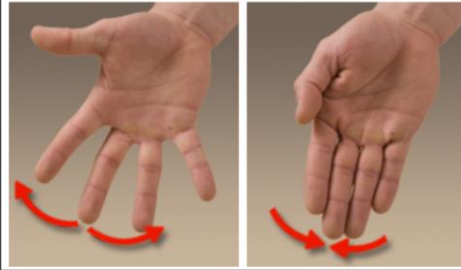
The Visible Human shoulders are Medially Rotated to minimize overall width.



## Lateral (Upward)/Medial (Downward) Rotation of the Scapula



## Abduction/Adduction of the Fingers

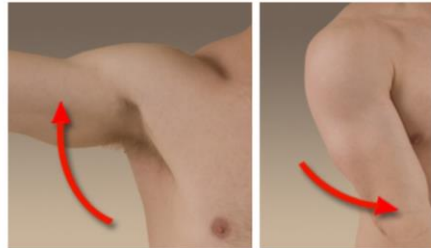


## Abduction/Adduction of the Thumb

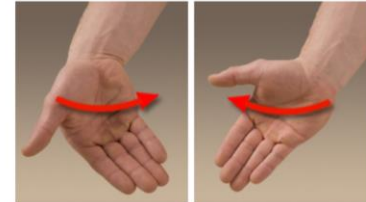


## Abduction/Adduction of the Shoulder (Arm)

The Visible Human shoulders are fully Adducted.



## Adduction (Ulnar Deviation)/Abduction (Radial Deviation) of the Wrist



# Skeletal System

# Skeletal System

**Axial skeleton:** skeletal components consisting of the cranium, vertebrae, thoracic cage, and sacrum

**Appendicular skeleton:** skeletal components consisting of the upper and lower limbs as well as the bones linking these appendages to the axial skeleton



**Axial (left) versus Appendicular (right)  
The specific skeletons are highlighted white**

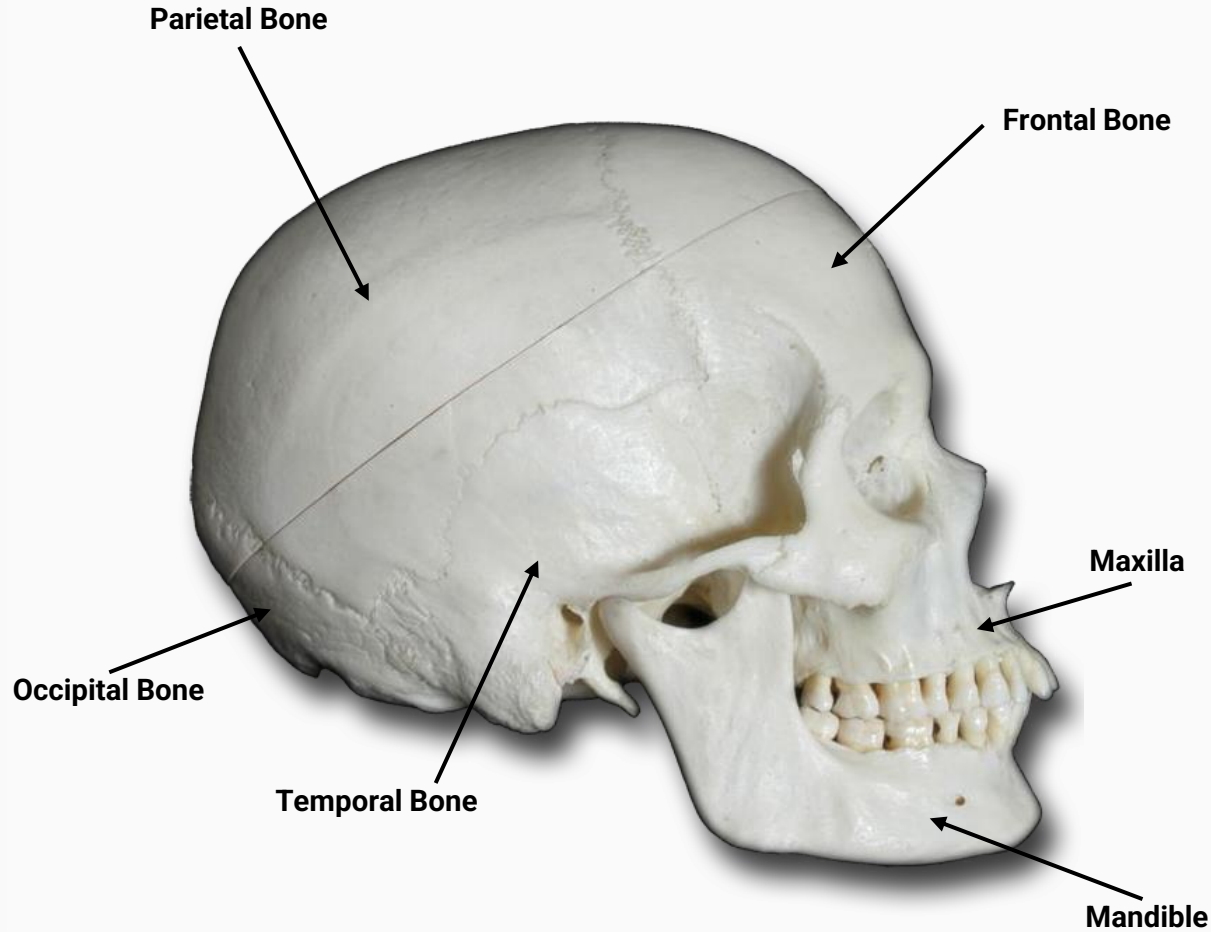
# Skeletal System: Axial Skeleton

## Key Points:

There are two major groups of bones in the skull; those of the **cranium** and those of the **face**

The cranium is composed of 4 bones; **frontal**, **parietal**, **temporal**, and **occipital** which function to protect the brain

Two important facial bones are the **mandible** and the **maxilla**



*Orientation: this is a right lateral view of the skull.*

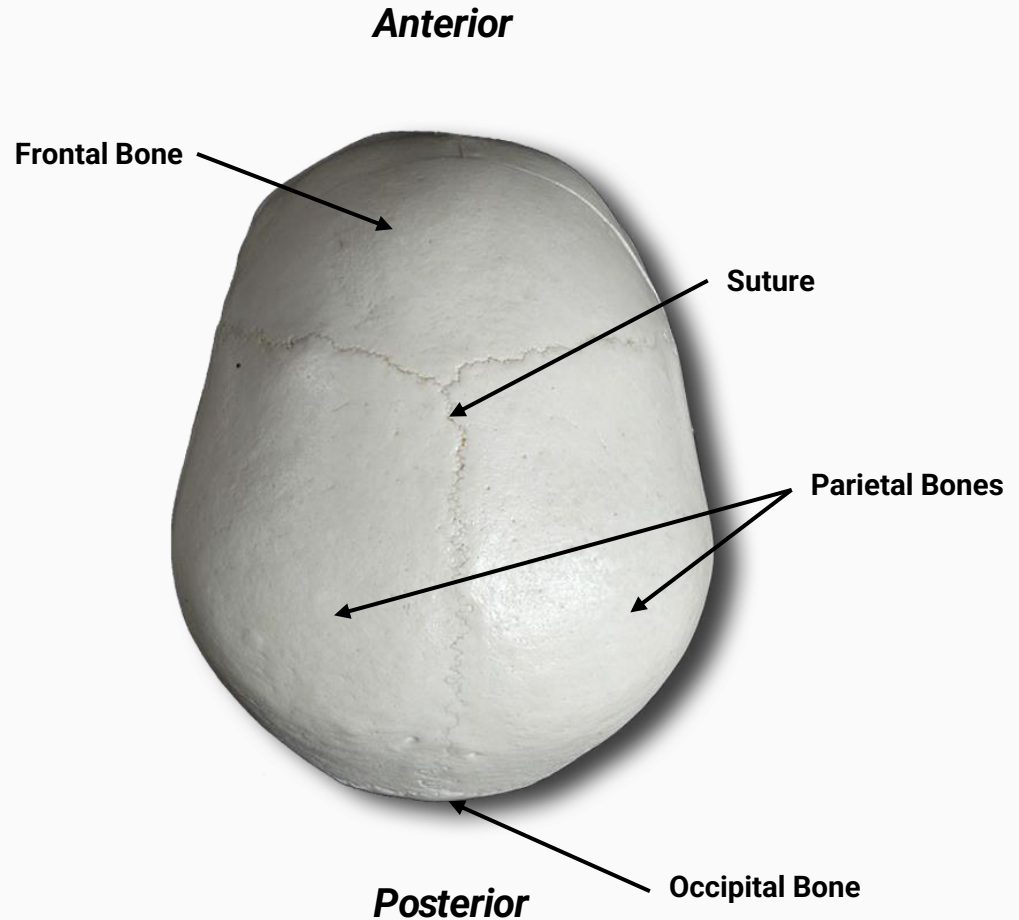
# Skeletal System: Axial Skeleton

## Key Points:

Note the **frontal** bone positioned anteriorly while the **occipital** bone lies posteriorly

Notice the two **parietal** bones that comprise the roof of the cranium.

The bones of the skull join at fibrous joints called **sutures**



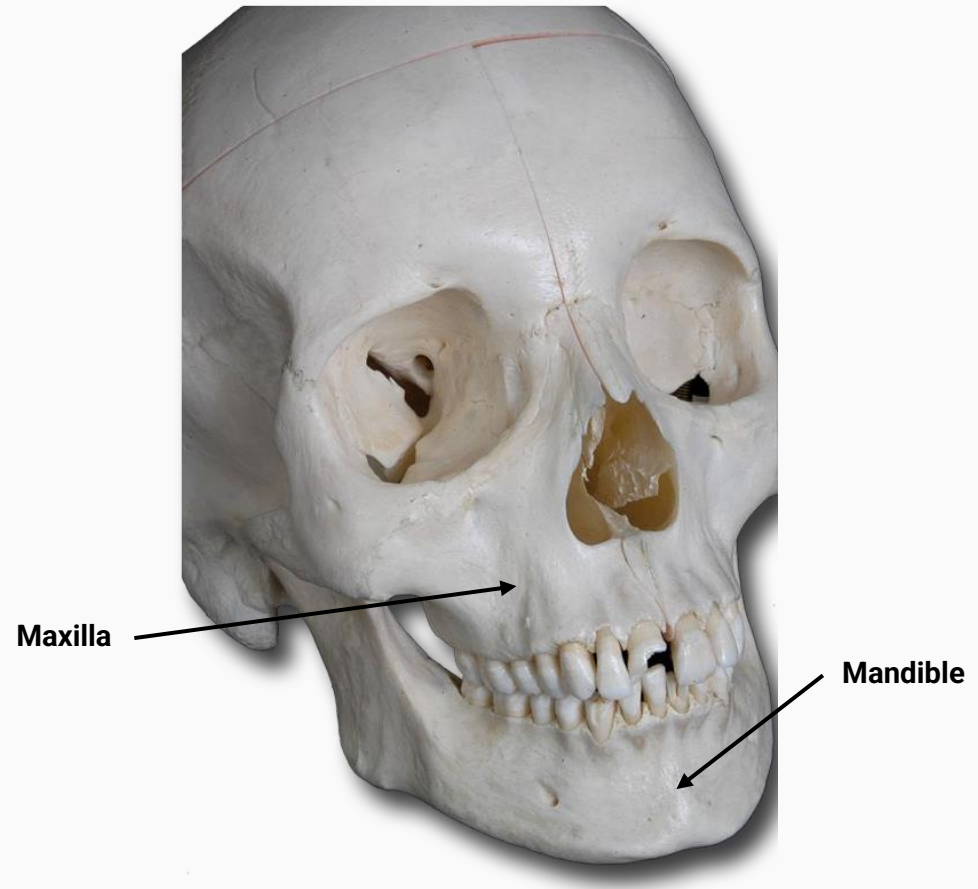
*Orientation: this is a superior view of the skull*

# Skeletal System: Axial Skeleton

## Key Points:

The **maxilla** comprises the part of the upper jaw and hard palate

The **mandible** forms the jaw and articulates with the cranium at the temporomandibular joint



*Orientation: this is an anterolateral view of the skull*



# Skeletal System: Axial Skeleton

## Key points:

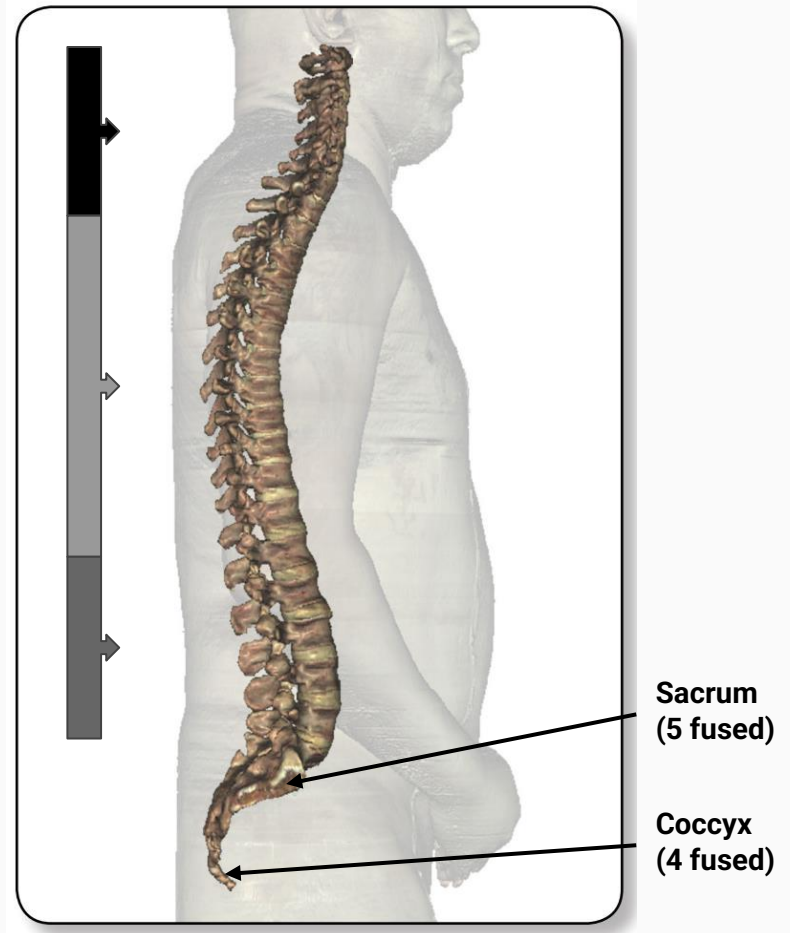
Examine the general organization of the **vertebral column** including the number of vertebrae at each level

The vertebral column has several important functions, including protection of the spinal cord which it encases, supporting the weight of the body and assist in both posture and movement

7 Cervical

12 Thoracic

5 Lumbar



*Orientation: this is a right lateral view of the vertebral column*

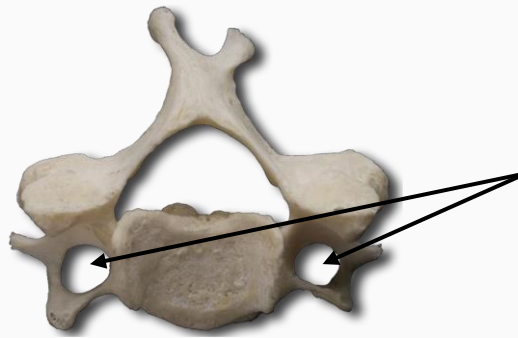
# Skeletal System: Vertebrae

## Orientation:

Posterior views of individual vertebrae.

## Key points:

All three sections, cervical, thoracic, and lumbar, have distinct features that correlate with their anatomical function.



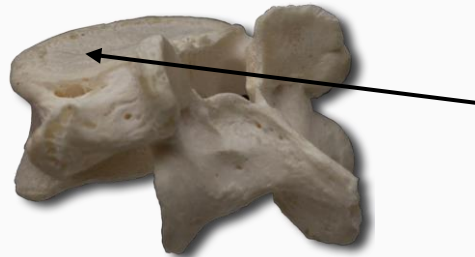
### Superior view of cervical vertebrae:

The intervertebral foramen is the distinguishing feature. The vertebral arteries and veins run through these foramen to supply the brain.<sup>2</sup>



### Left lateral view of thoracic vertebrae:

The costal facets where the ribs attach are the distinguishing features. The dashed lines in the image show the borders of the facets.<sup>2</sup>



### Posterolateral view of lumbar vertebrae:

The massive body is the distinguishing feature.<sup>2</sup>

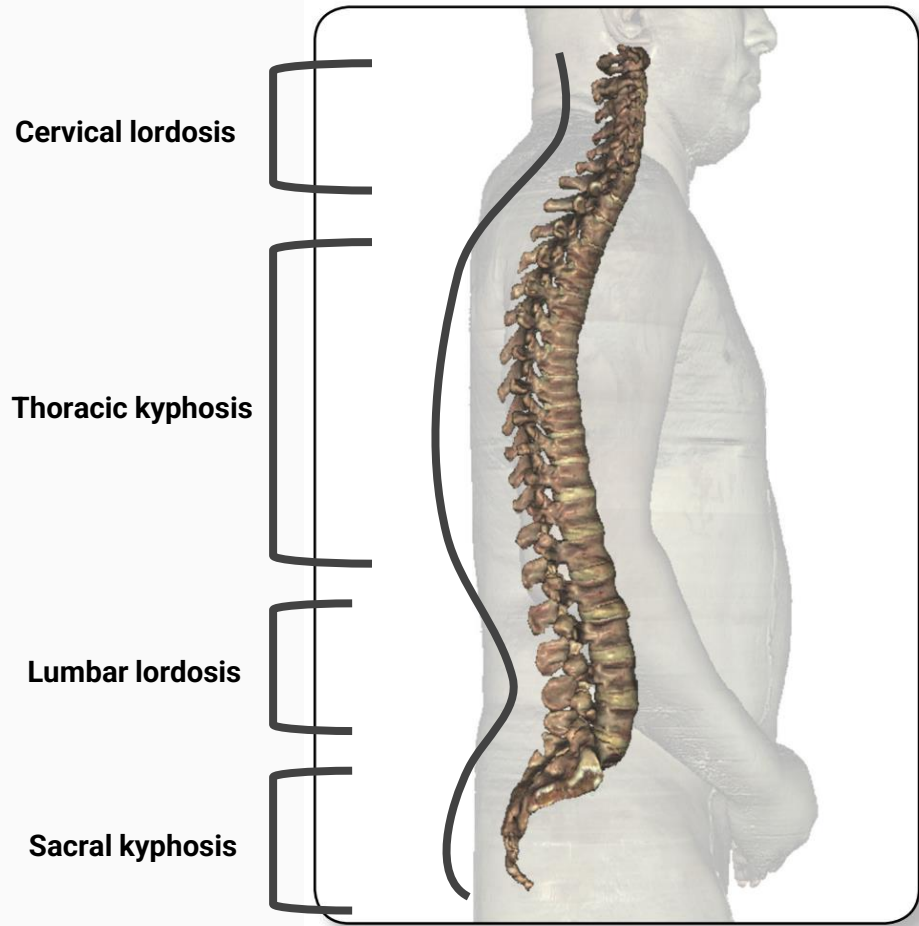
# Skeletal System: Axial Skeleton

## Key Points:

Observe the normal curvature of the spine.

**Lordosis**- anterior curvature of the spine that results in a concave shape (*normal in cervical and lumbar vertebrae*)

**Kyphosis**- posterior curvature of the spine that results in a convex shape (*normal in the thoracic and sacral regions*)



**Orientation: this is a right lateral view of the vertebral column**

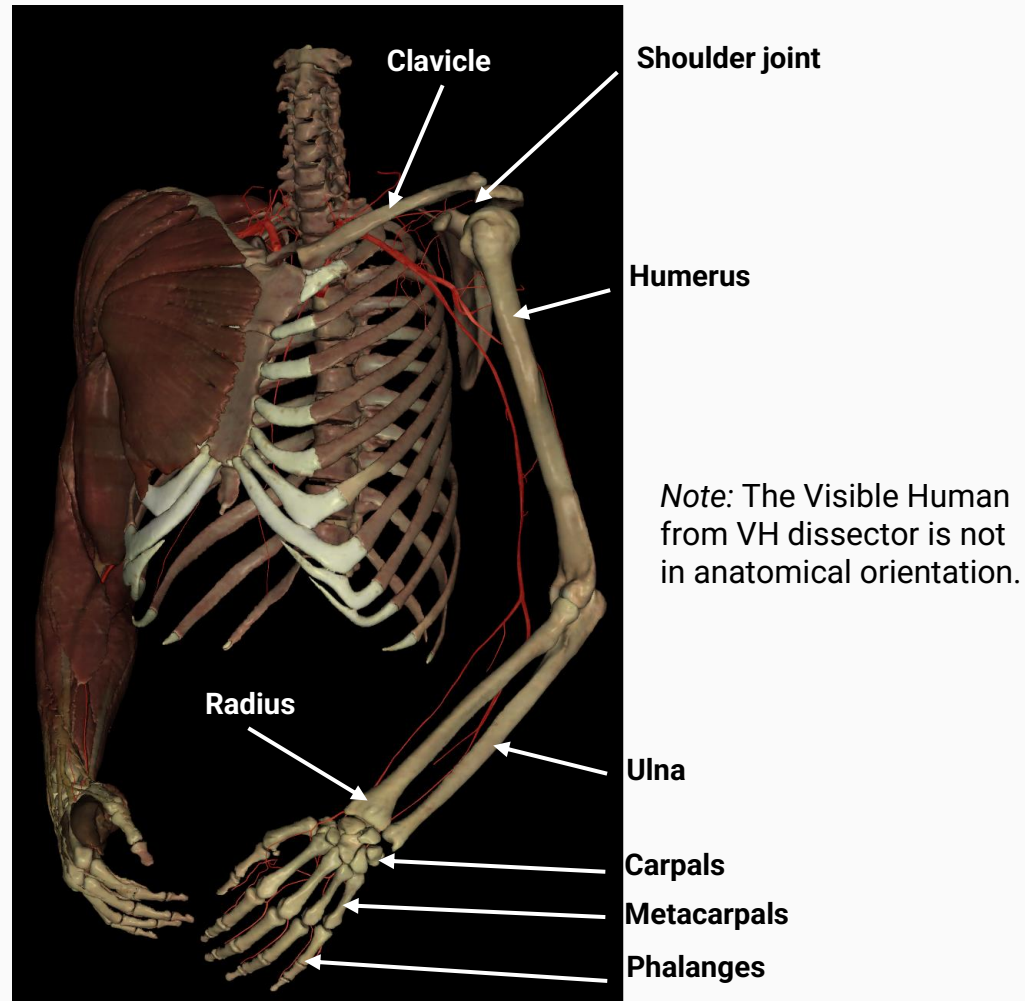
# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

Observe the general orientation  
of the upper limb from proximal  
→ distal

**Humerus**- single arm bone  
between the shoulder and  
elbow

**Radius**- lateral bone of forearm

**Ulna**- medial bone of forearm

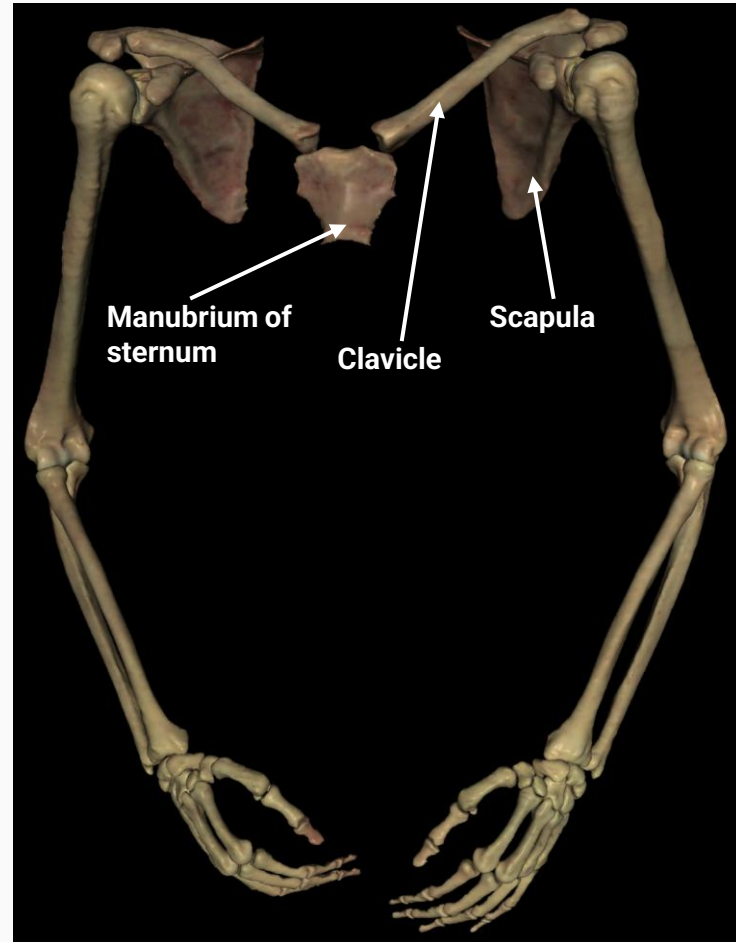


# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

## Key Points:

The **scapula** (shoulder blade) and the **clavicle** (collar bone) both play important roles in connecting the upper limb to the axial skeleton

Notice the **clavicle** connecting to the **sternum** at the midline via the sternoclavicular joint



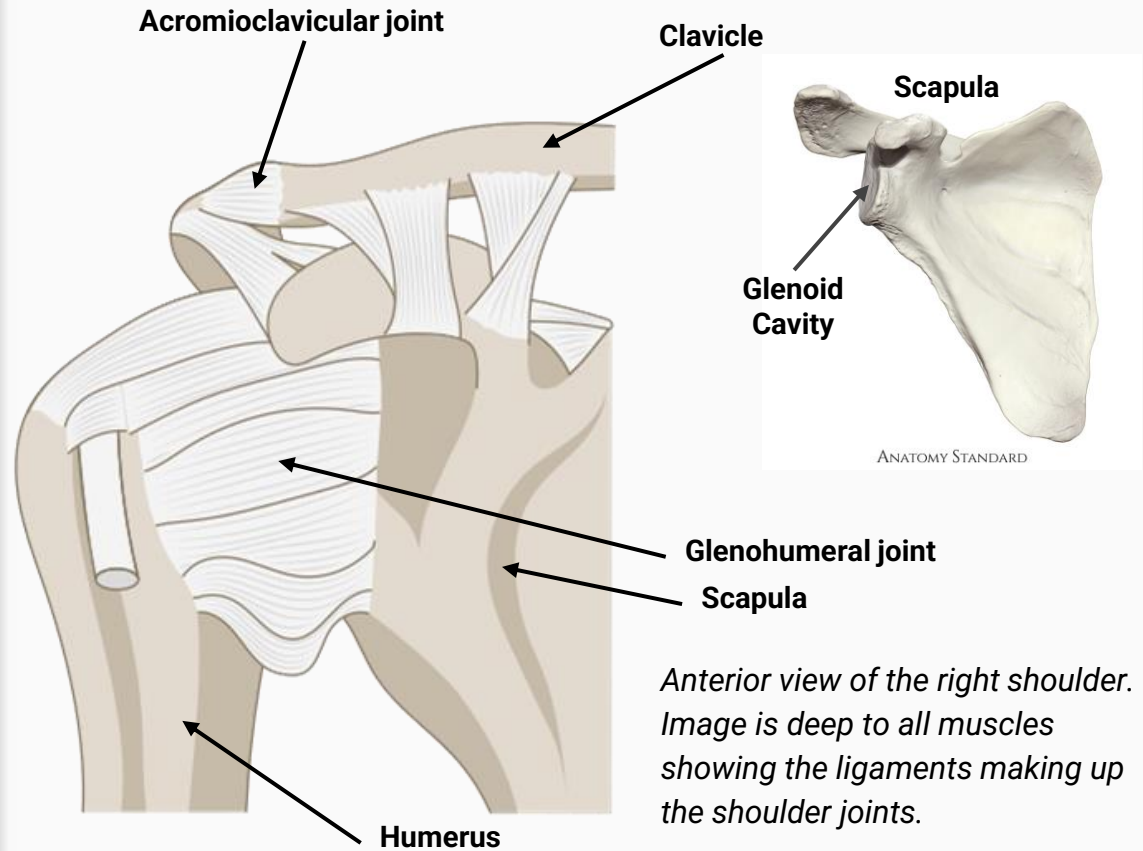
# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

## Key points:

Observe the **scapula** and **clavicle** meeting the **humerus** forming several joints:

**Glenohumeral joint**- main “ball and socket” joint formed by the head of the **humerus** and the glenoid cavity of the **scapula**

**Acromioclavicular Joint**- the lateral portion of the **clavicle** meets the **acromion** process (portion of the **scapula**)



*Anterior view of the right shoulder.  
Image is deep to all muscles  
showing the ligaments making up  
the shoulder joints.*

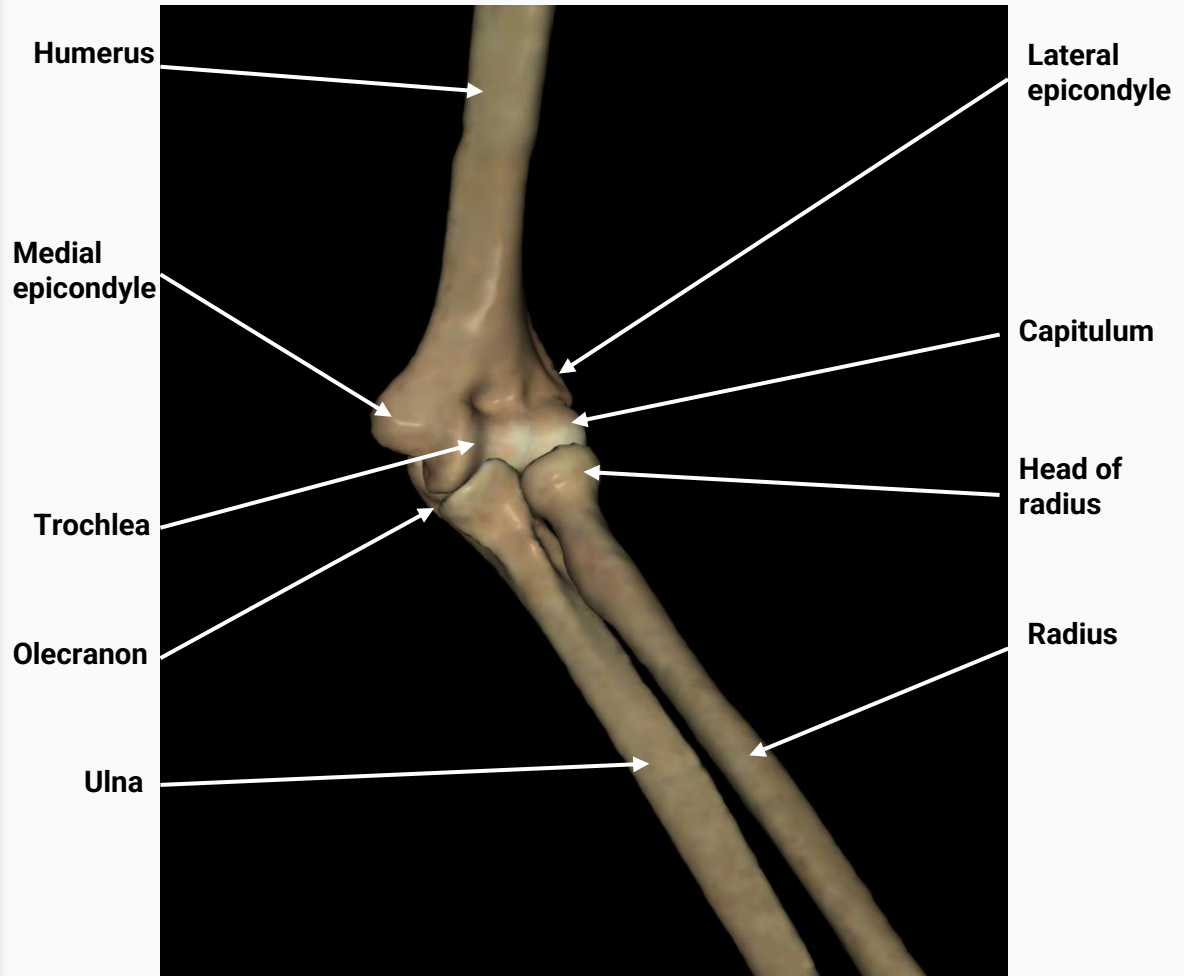
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# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

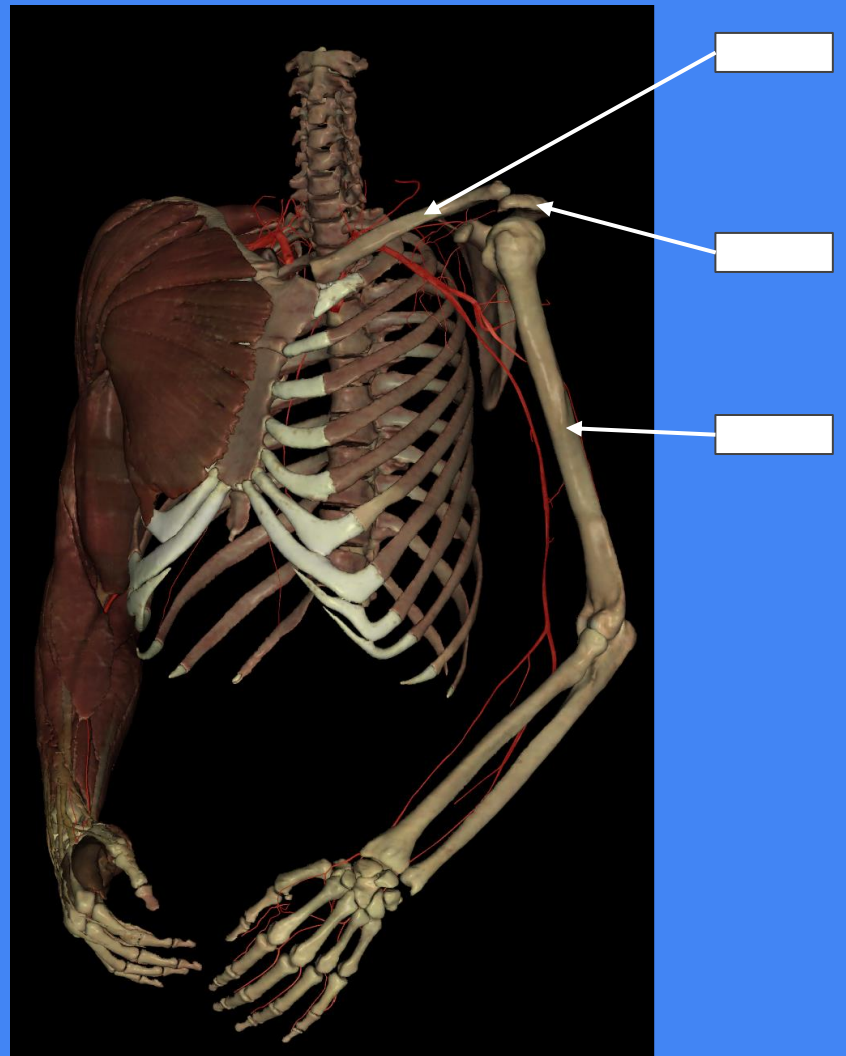
Notice the relationships of the  
elbow joint:

1. **Capitulum** of the humerus meets the **head of the radius**
2. **Trochlea** of the humerus meets the **olecranon** of the ulna.



# Practice

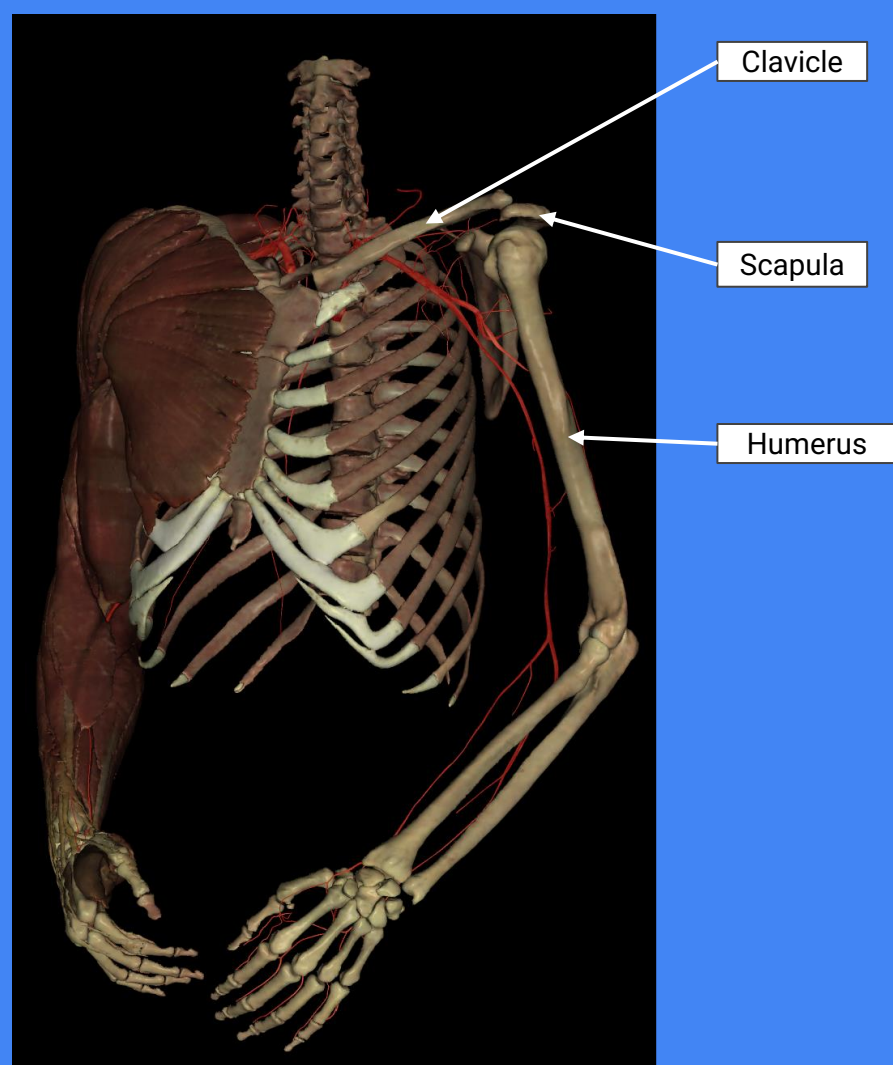
Can you identify these three bones?





# Practice

Answer Key:

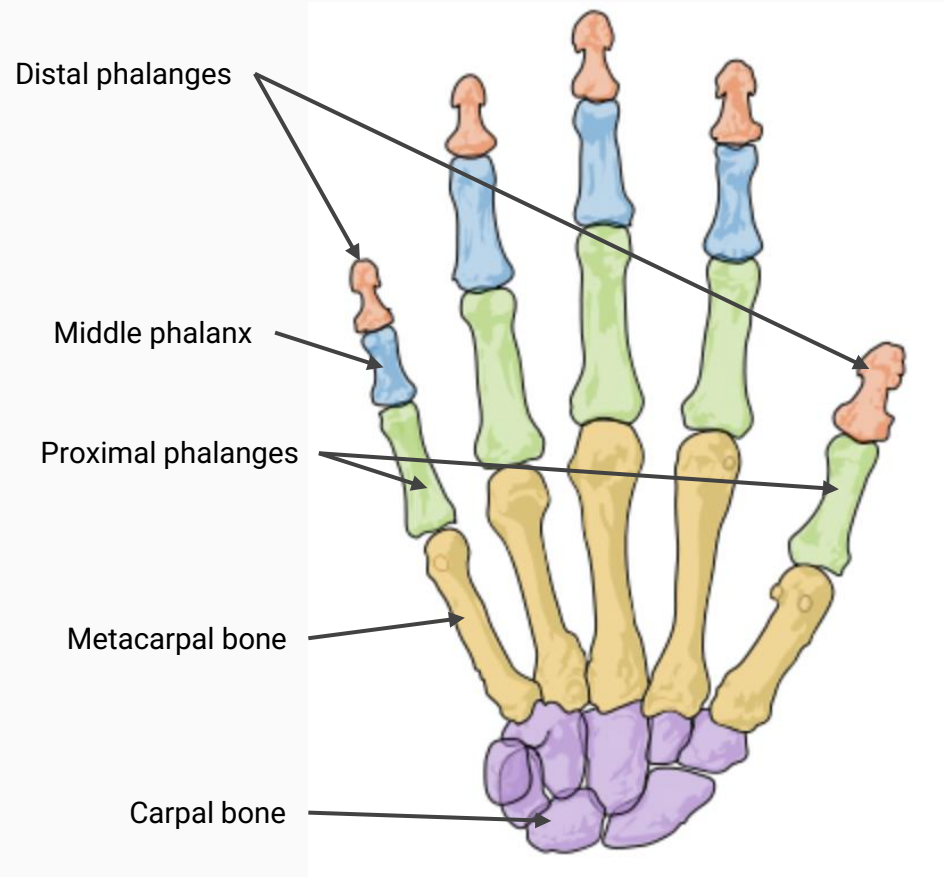


# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

**Carpals**- 8 wrist bones  
connecting the distal forearm  
with the metacarpals

**Metacarpals**- numbered 1-5  
lateral → medial

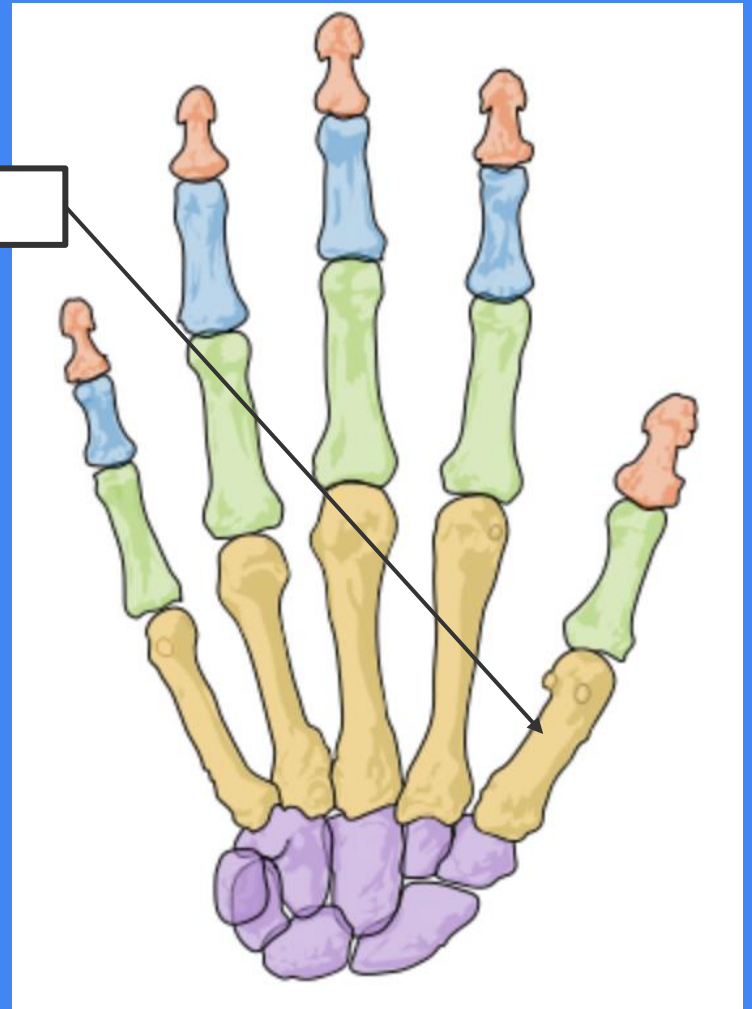
**Phalanges**- proximal, middle,  
distal bones of the fingers  
(notice the thumb only has  
proximal and distal phalanges)



**Note: the thumb is lateral when in anatomical position**

# Practice

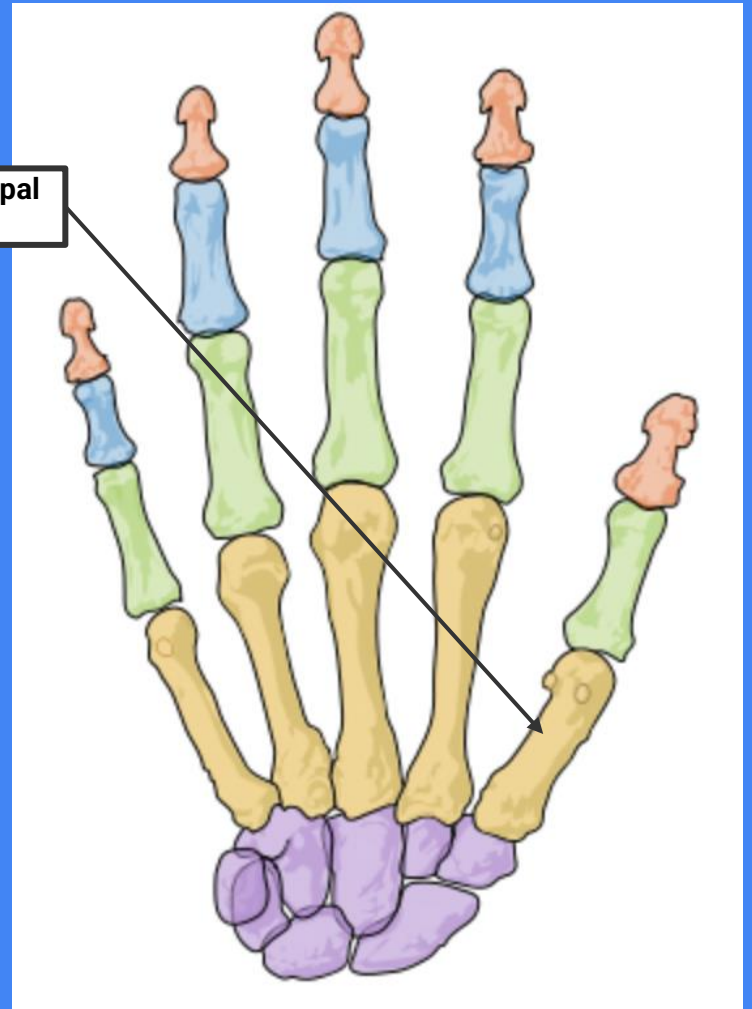
- 1) Practice numbering the digits 1-5
- 2) Identify the bone in the image



# Practice

- 1) The digits are numbered 1-5 lateral to medial starting with the thumb
- 2) First metacarpal bone

First metacarpal  
bone



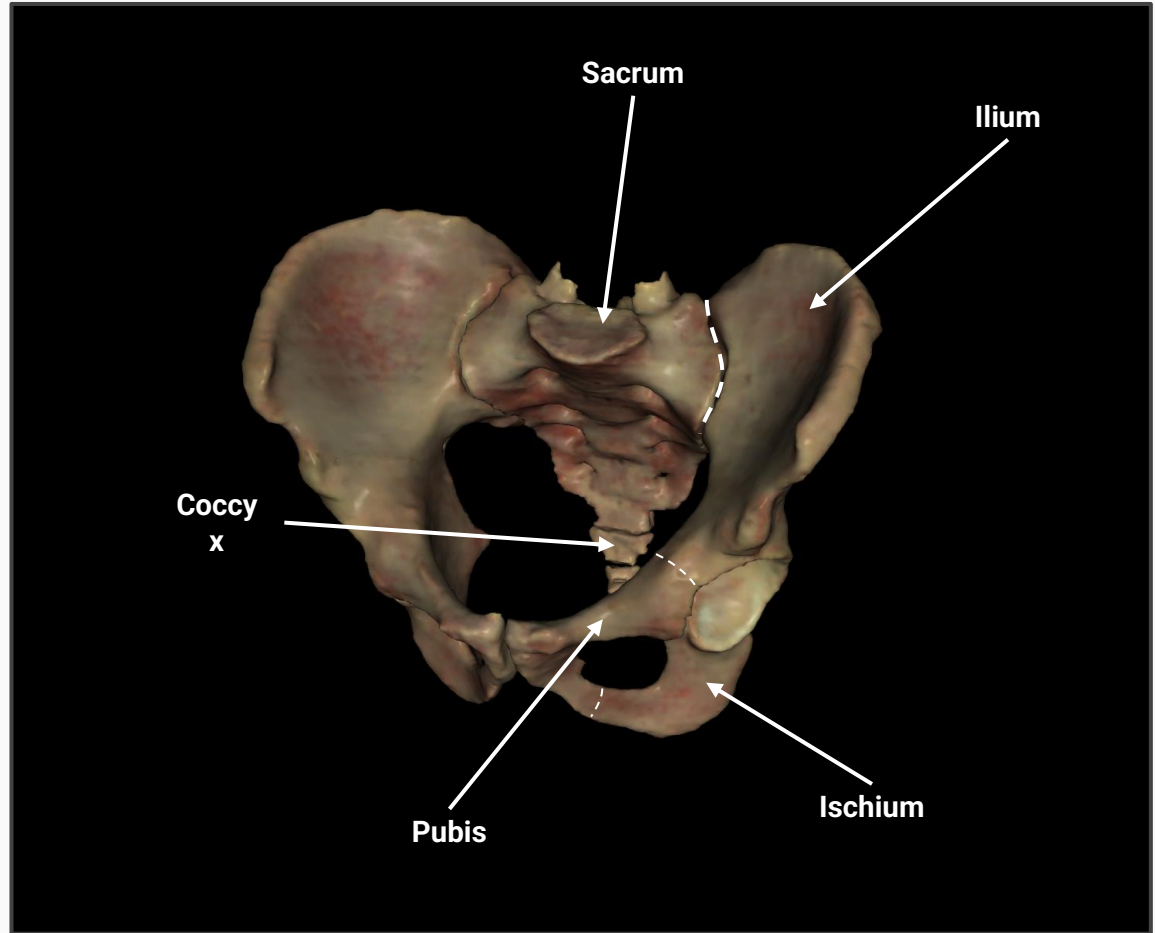
# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

Next explore the pelvis which serves as the transition between the axial and appendicular skeleton of the lower limb

## Major bones:

Ilium, ischium, pubis, sacrum, coccyx

The ilium, ischium, and pubis together are known as the os coxa.



*Orientation: this is an antero-supero-lateral view of the pelvis*

# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

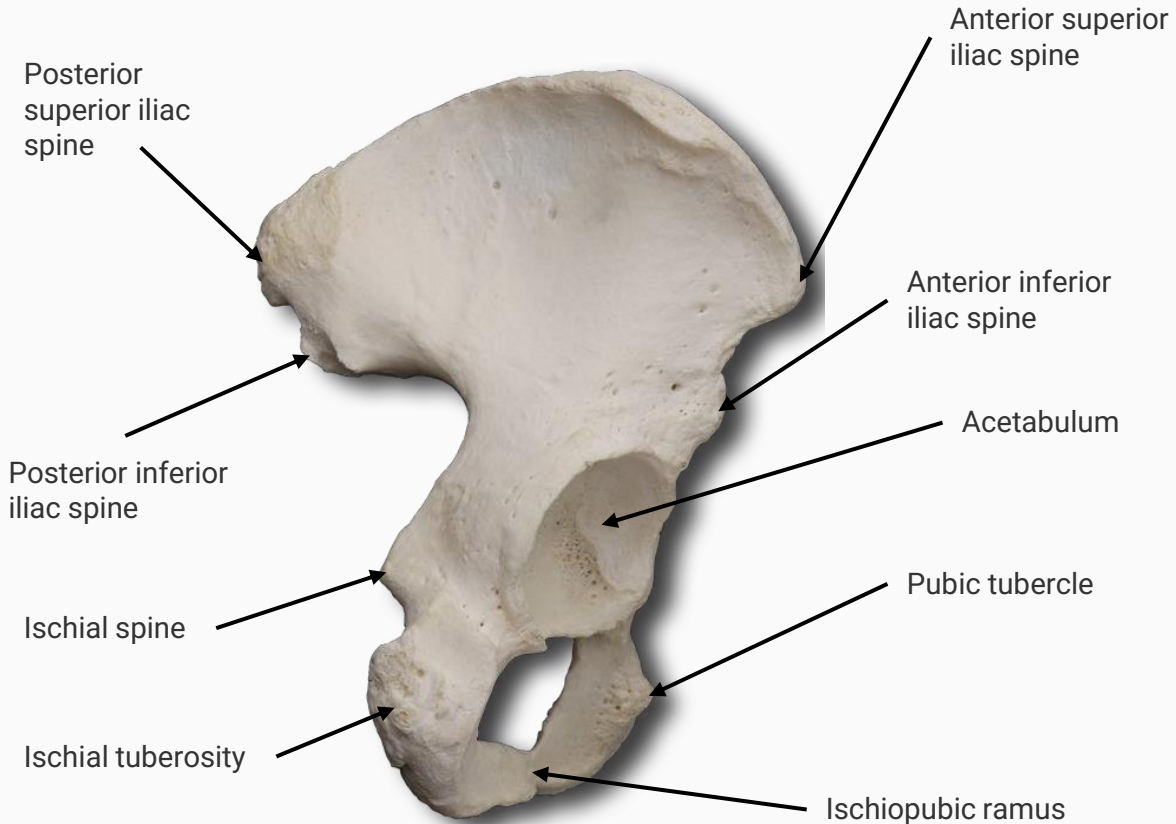
When examining the pelvic bones it is important to orient:

First, identify the **acetabulum**, which is the socket of the hip joint and therefore tells us we are on the lateral surface of the hip

Next, identify the **pubic tubercle** anteriorly

Therefore, we know we are looking at a postero-lateral view of the right hip using those two landmarks.

The various other labeled bony landmarks can be helpful in orienting you too. You will not be tested on them.

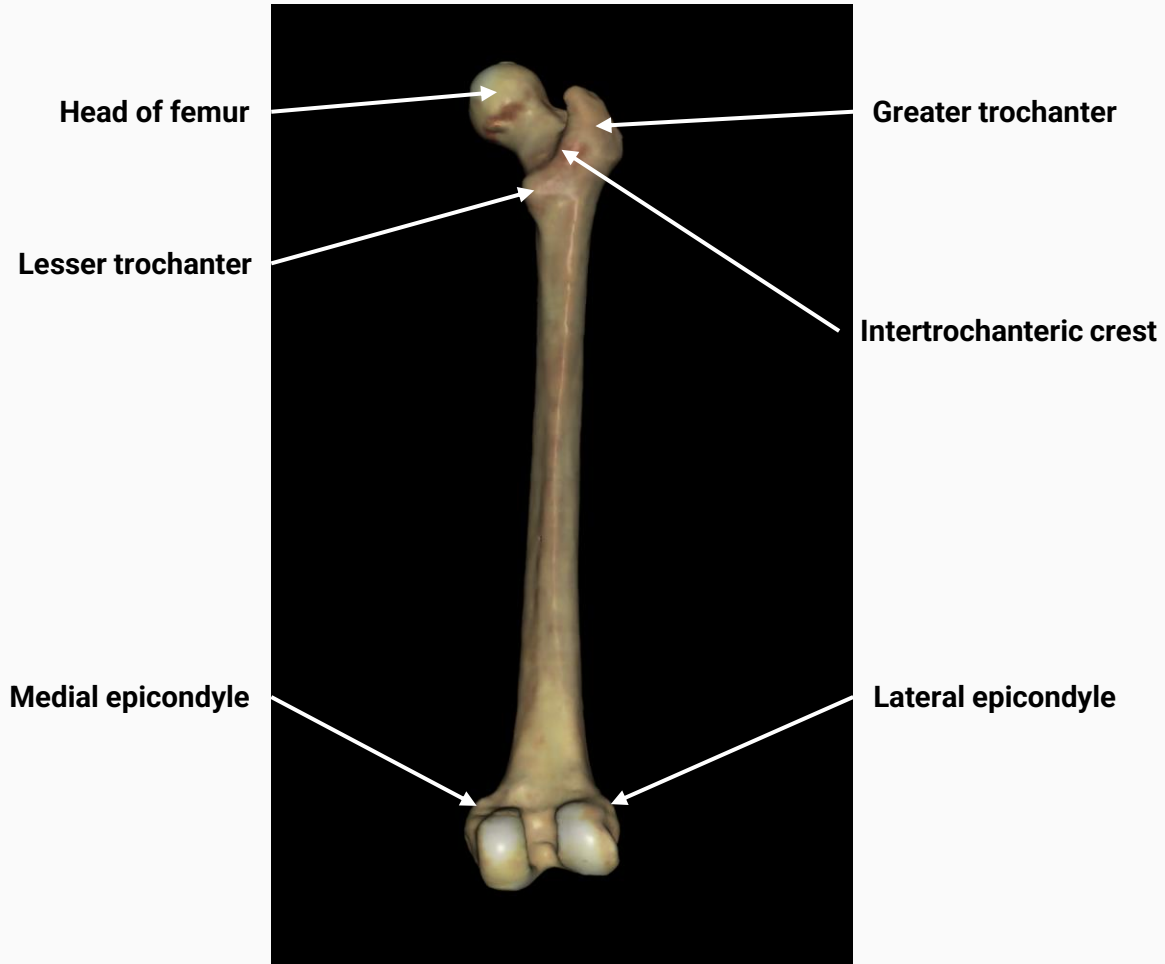


**Orientation: this is a postero-lateral view of the right hip**

# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

Moving distally from the hip, notice the head of the **femur** which articulates with the **acetabulum** of the hip

The femur is the strongest bone in the body and is the sole long bone of the proximal leg



*Orientation: this is an posterior view of the right femur*

# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

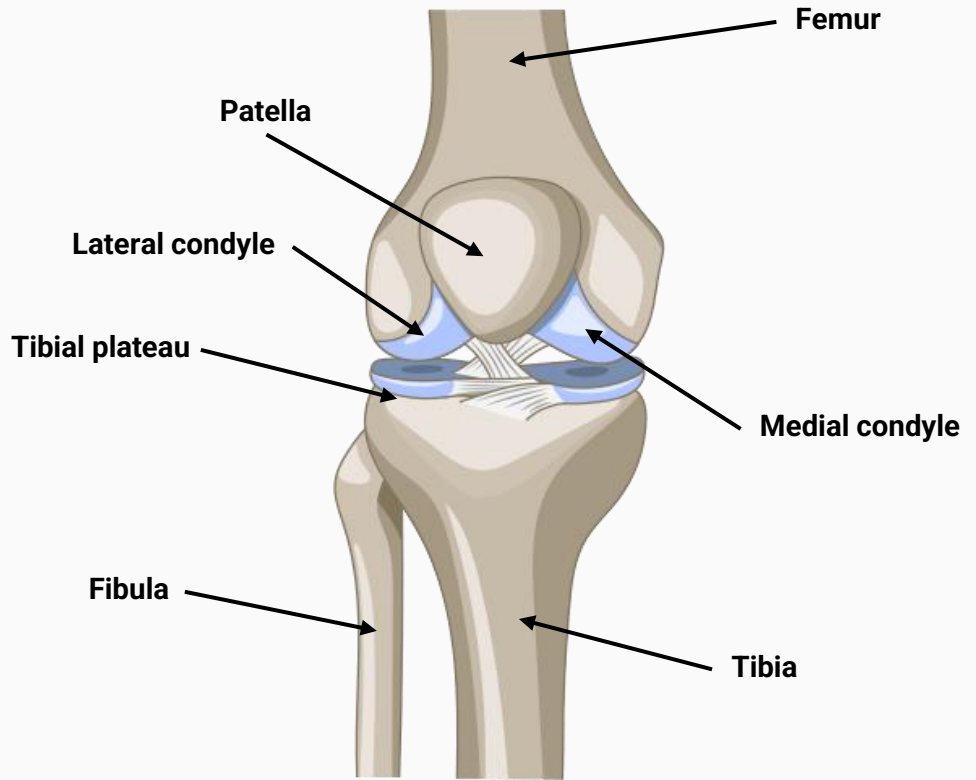
Moving distally, notice the medial and lateral **femoral condyles** articulating with the **tibial plateau** to make the knee joint

**Patella**- “kneecap” found anterior to the knee joint (not shown)

Two long bones make up the distal legs:

**Tibia**- found medially, contributes to the knee joint

**Fibula**- skinny, non weight-bearing bone found laterally

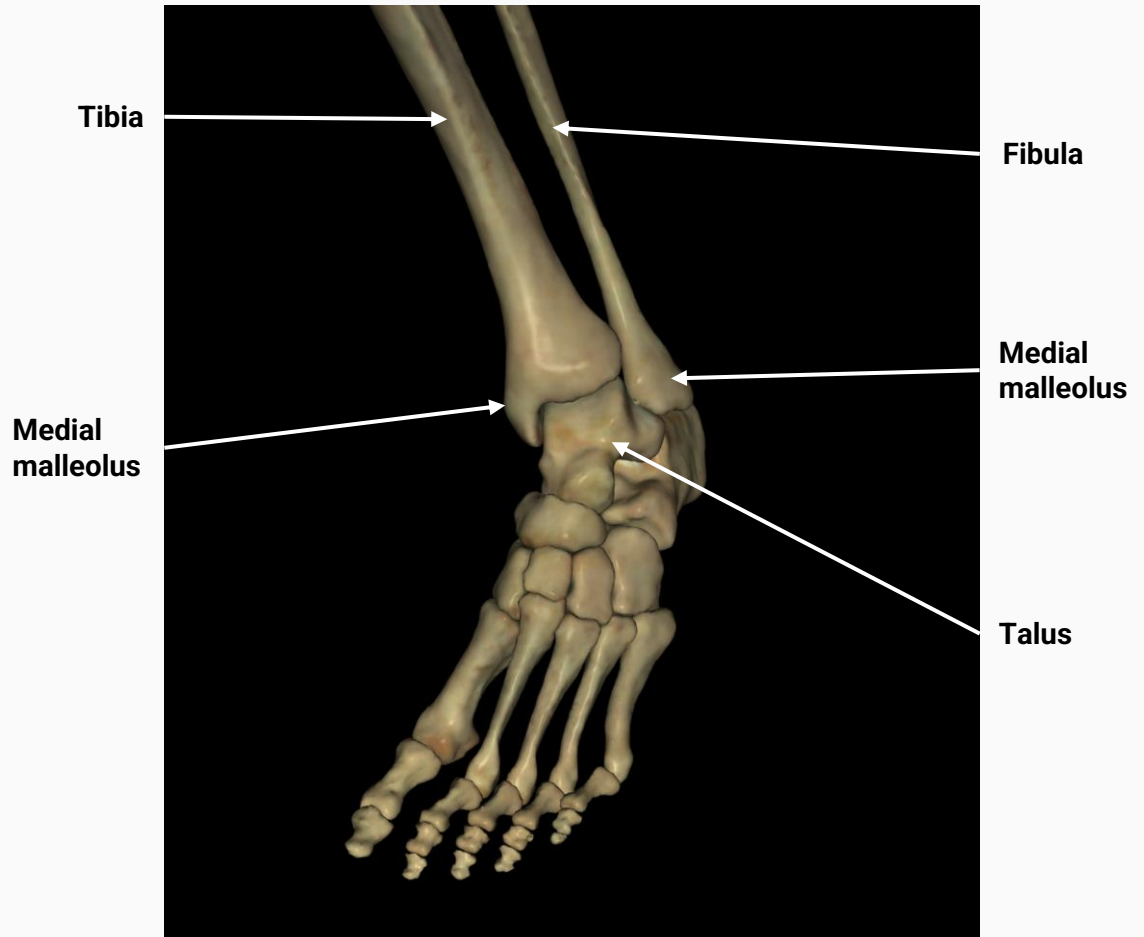


**Orientation: this is an anterior view of the right knee joint**



# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

At the distal leg, the tibia and fibula combine with the talus to create the ankle joint. The bony prominences of the fibula and tibia create the **medial** and **lateral malleoli**. When discussing the “ankle” in typical conversation, we are usually referring to these prominences.

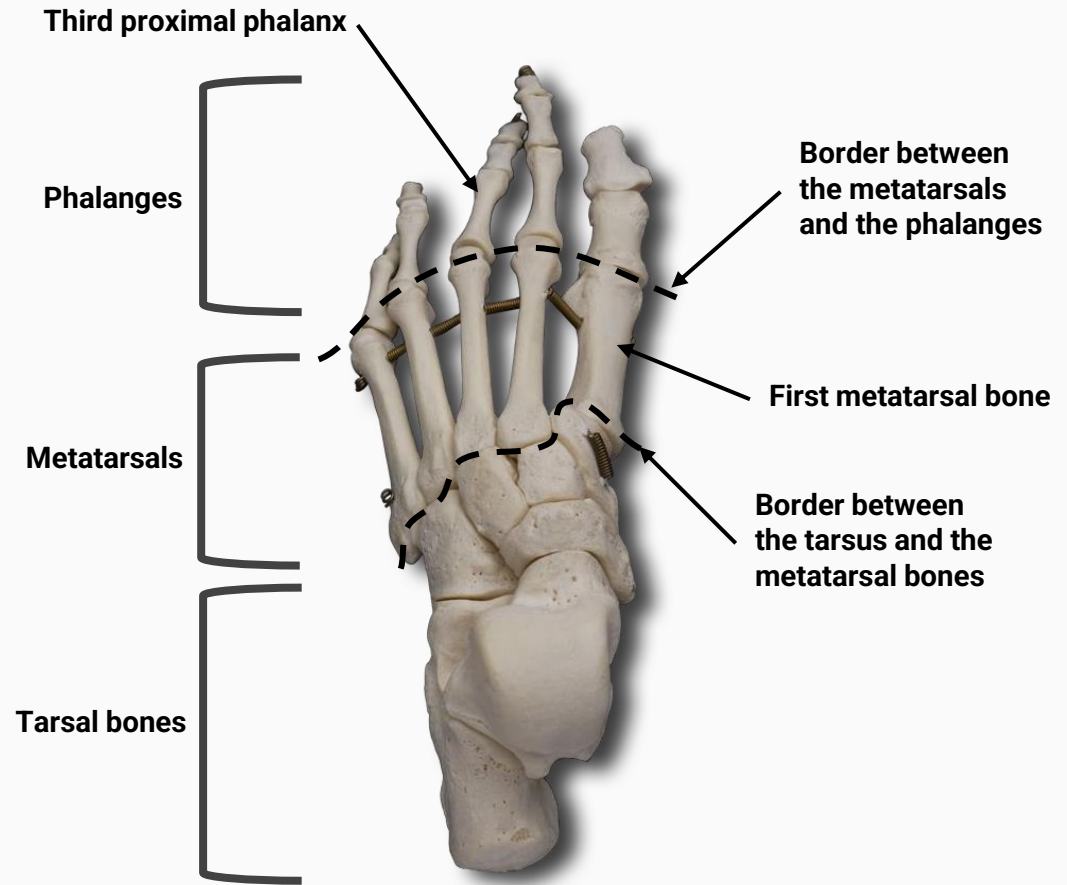


*Orientation: this is an anterior view of the left foot*

# Skeletal System: Appendicular Skeleton

The tarsus (proximal foot)-  
consists of 7 bones that  
articulate with the **metatarsals**  
distally.

Similar to the hand, there are  
three **phalanges** for digits 2-5  
and two **phalanges** for the first  
digit.



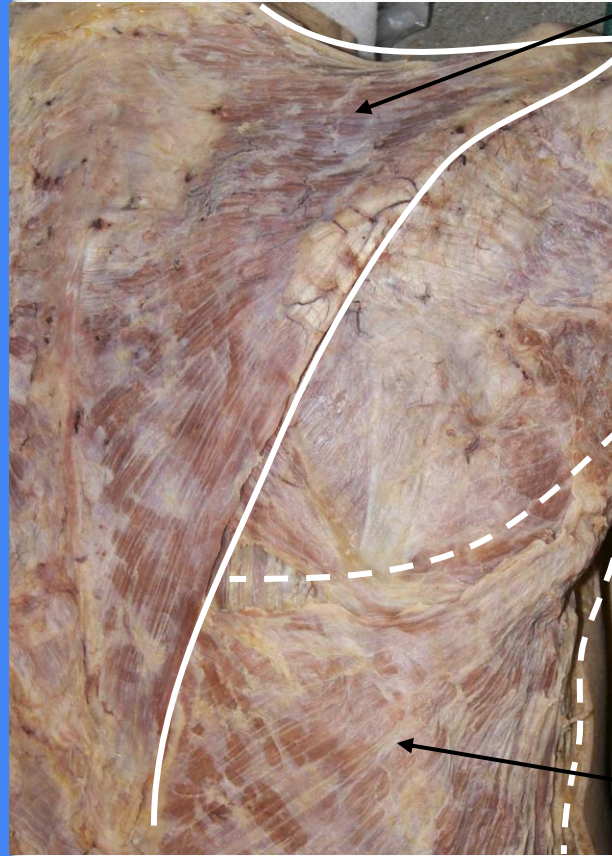
*Orientation: this is a dorsal view of the left foot*

# Muscular System

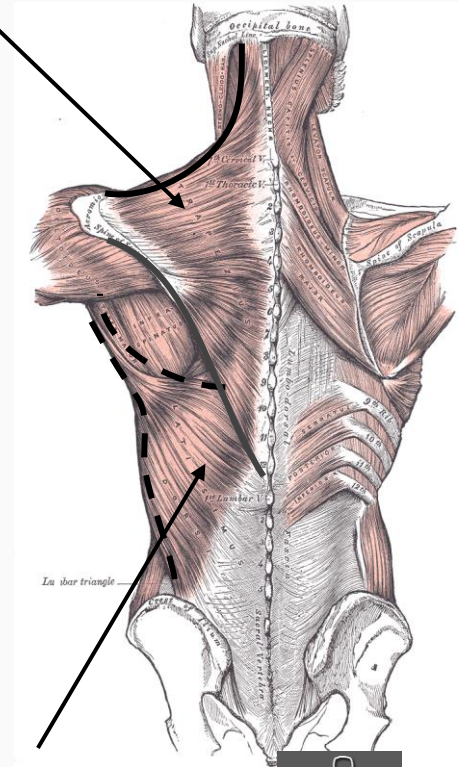
# Superficial Back Muscles

**Trapezius**- pair of triangular muscles with attachments superiorly on the occipital bone of the skull to the T12 vertebrae inferiorly and laterally over the spine of the scapula. Functions to stabilize and move the scapula

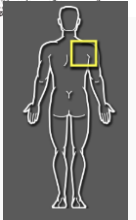
**Latissimus**- broad flat muscle occupies the dorsal inferior thorax. Functions to move the upper limb as it attaches on the humerus.



Trapezius



Latissimus Dorsi

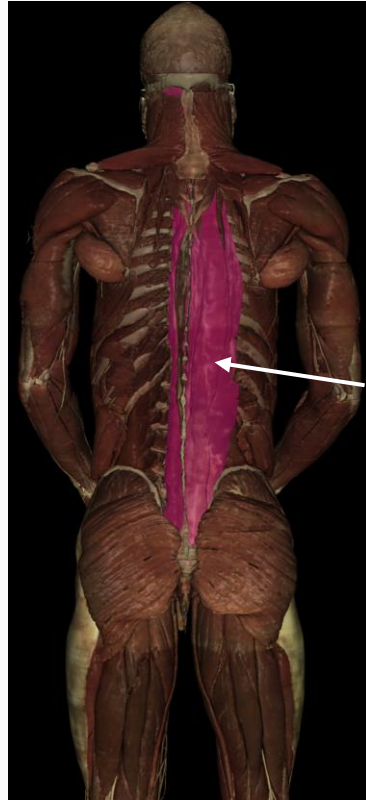


**Left image orientation: posterior right upper back**

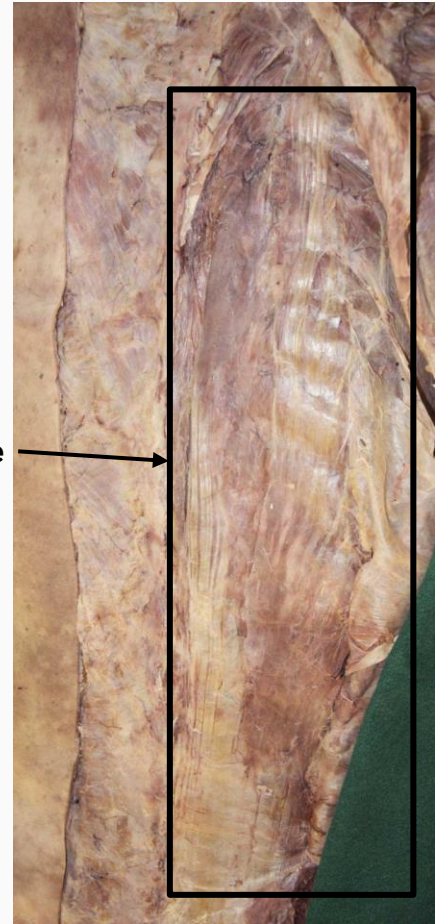
# Deep Back Muscles

**Erector spinae**- group of deep back muscles that function to extend and laterally rotate the spine

Note: in the image, the trapezius and latissimus dorsi (superficial back muscles) are reflected and are not seen



Erector spinae



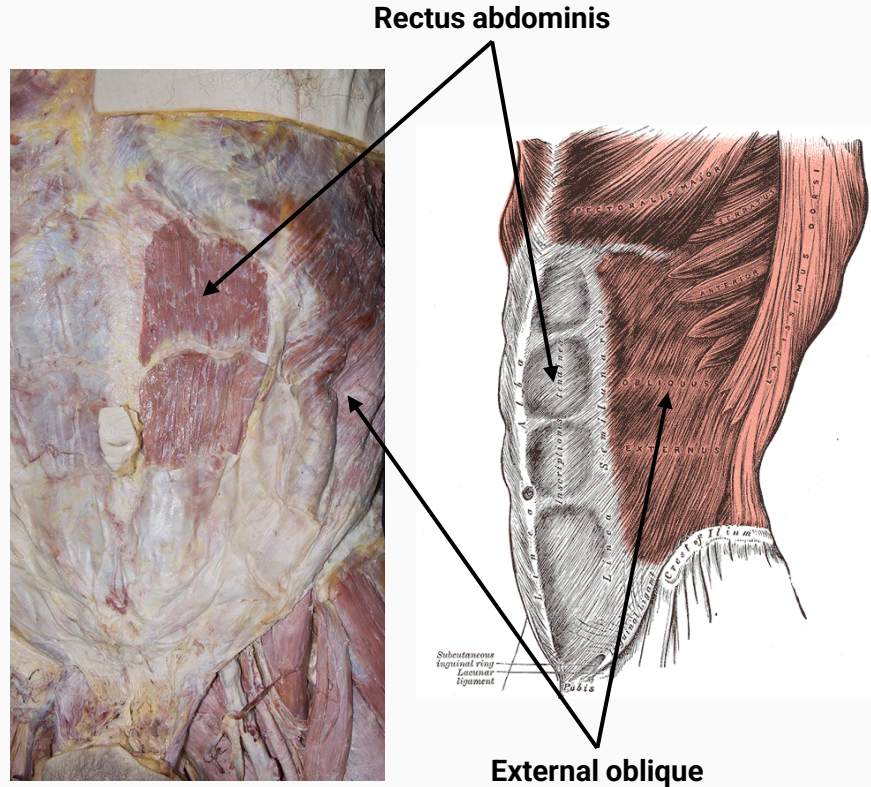
*Right image orientation: posterior deep middle/lower back*



# Abdominal Muscles

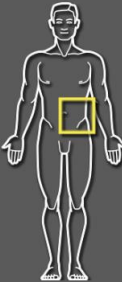
**Rectus abdominis**- main flexor of the trunk

**External oblique**- found lateral to the rectus abdominis covering the rib cage. Functions to twist and assist in flexion of the trunk.



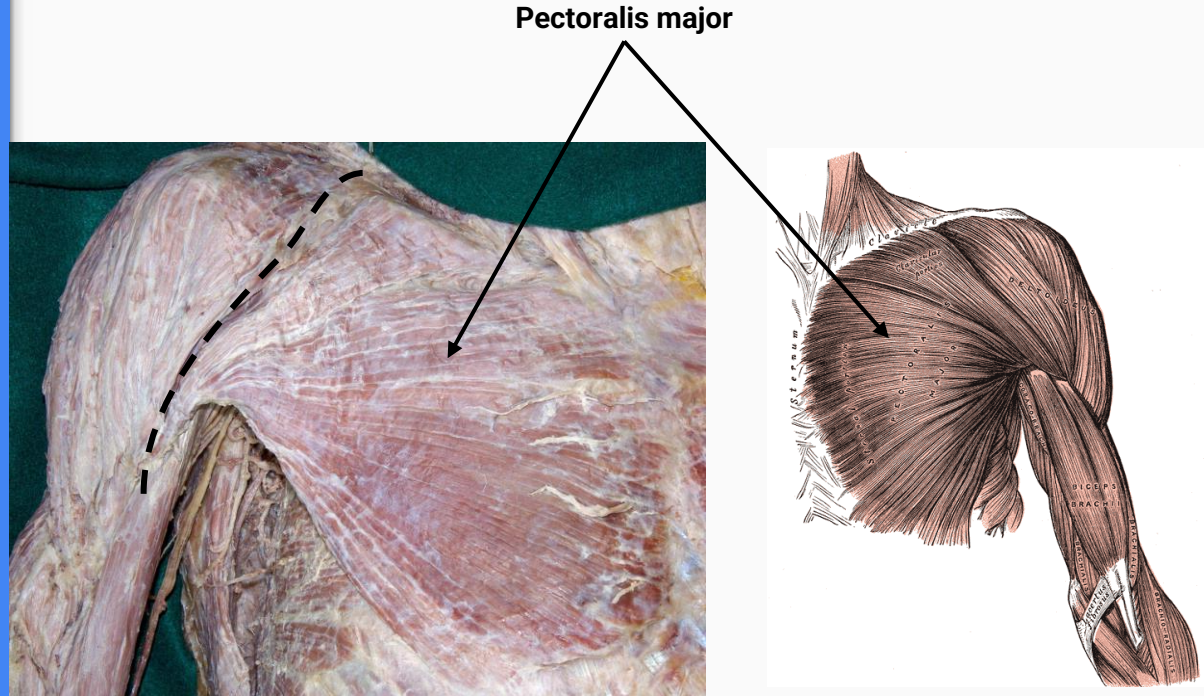
**Left image orientation: anterior view of abdomen**

**Right image orientation: left lateral view of abdomen**



# Pectoralis Major

**Pectoralis Major-** functions to flex, adduct and internally rotate the humerus. Has attachments on the humerus, clavicle, scapula



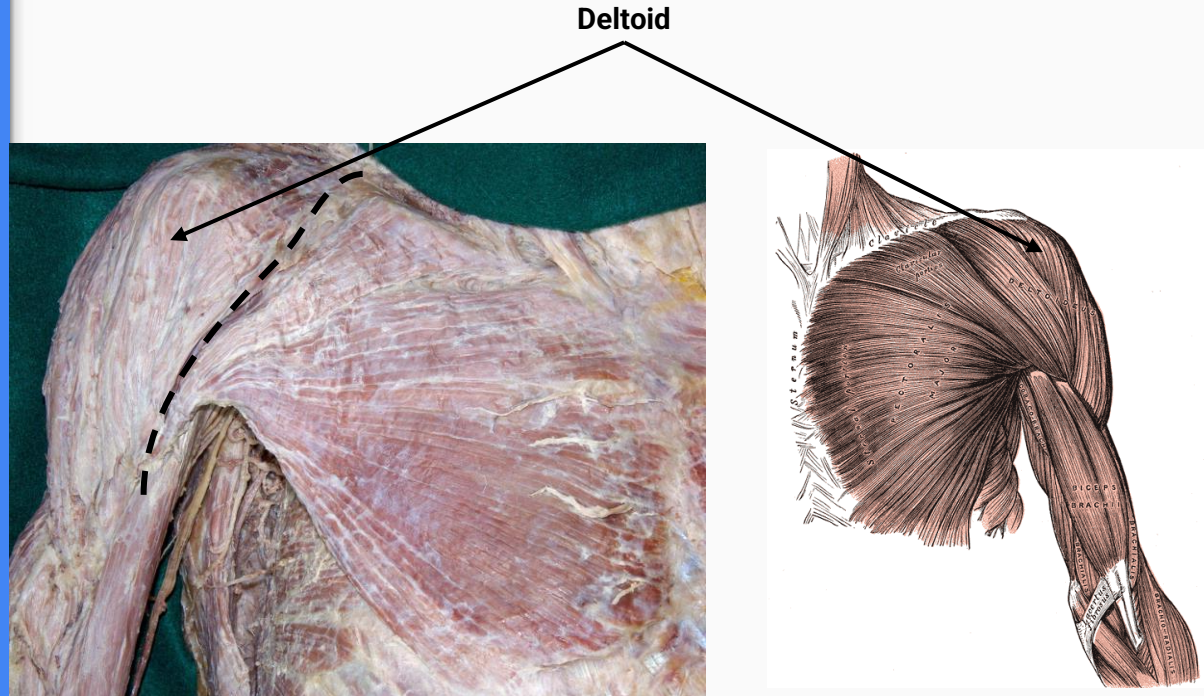
**Left image orientation: anterior view of right arm and chest**

**Right image orientation: anterior view of left arm and chest**

# Upper Limb & Shoulder Muscles

**Deltoid**- functions to stabilize the glenohumeral joint and is the main abductor of the upper limb.

Note: the deltopectoral groove separates the deltoid from the pectoralis major



**Left image orientation: anterior view of right arm and chest**

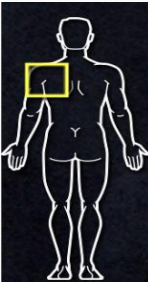
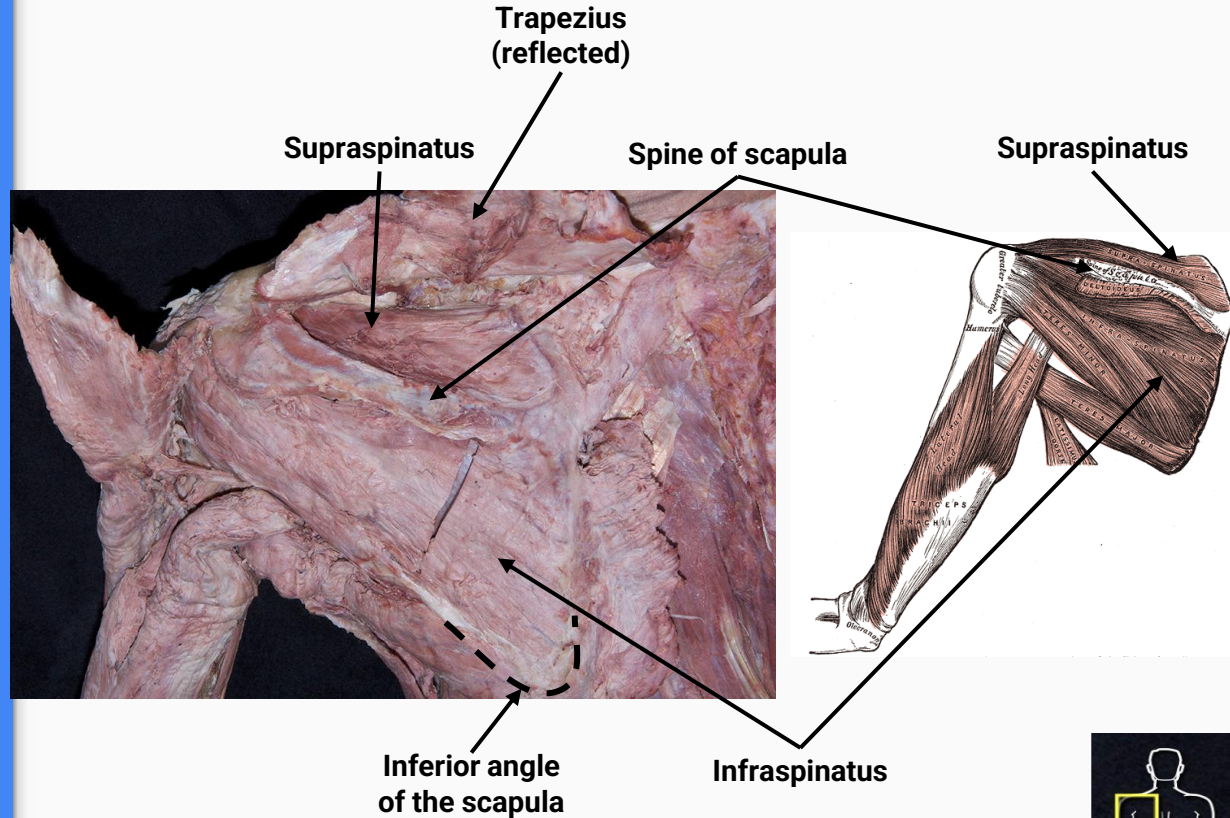
**Right image orientation: anterior view of left arm and chest**



# Upper Limb & Shoulder Muscles

The **spine of the scapula** (seen posteriorly) is used as a landmark..

Superior to the spine of the scapula lies the **supraspinatus** and below lies the **infraspinatus**. The supraspinatus muscle is normally covered by the trapezius muscle, however it is reflected in the image. Both muscles are members of the rotator cuff.

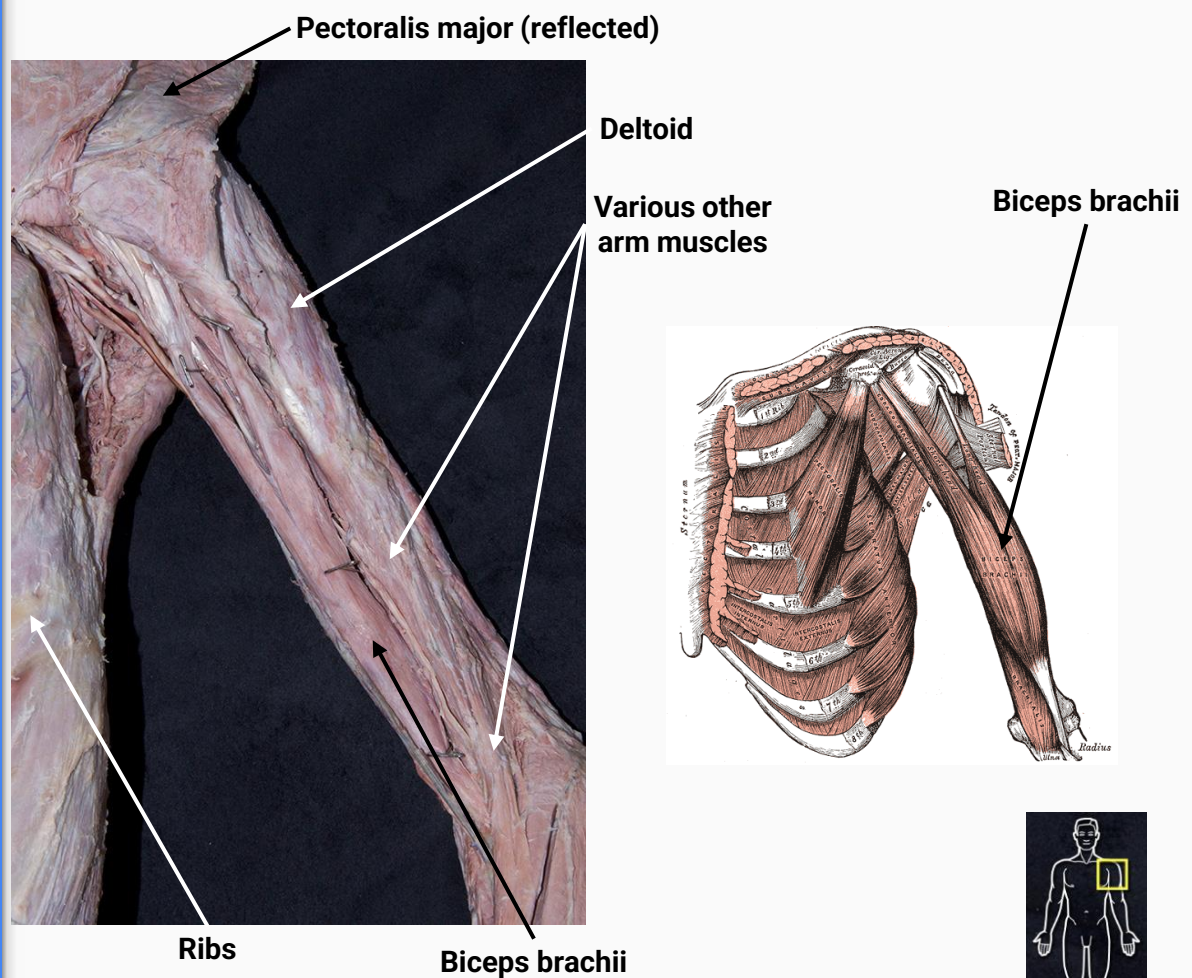


**Orientation: this is a posterior view of the left shoulder**

# Upper Limb & Shoulder Muscles

**Biceps Brachii**-two muscles on the anterior portion of the arm that function to flex and supinate (face one's palm towards the sky) the arm

Notice that these also have different proximal attachments

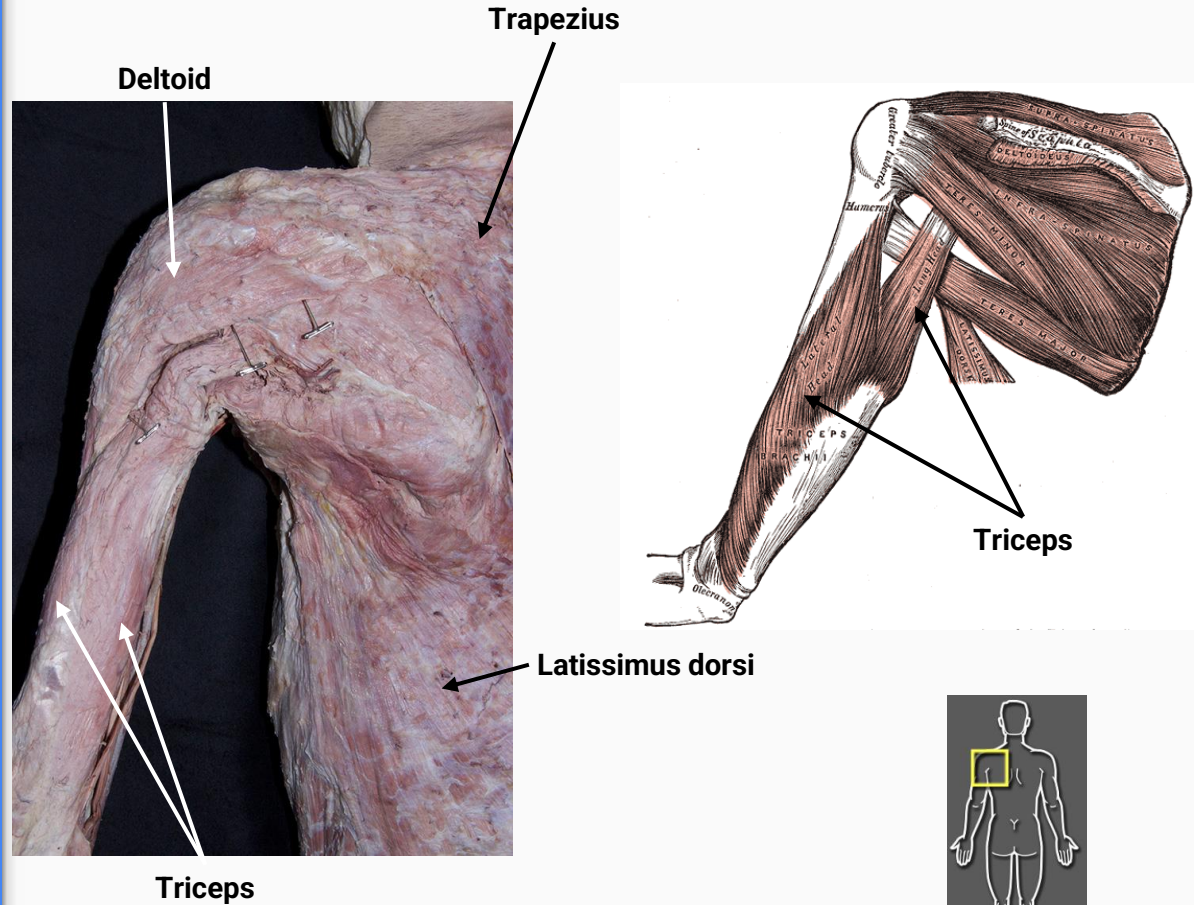


**Orientation: this is an anterior view of the left upper limb**

# Upper Limb & Shoulder Muscles

**Triceps Brachii**- a group of three thick muscles on the posterior part of the arm that function to extend the arm at the elbow.

Notice the different heads of the triceps attach at different locations proximally

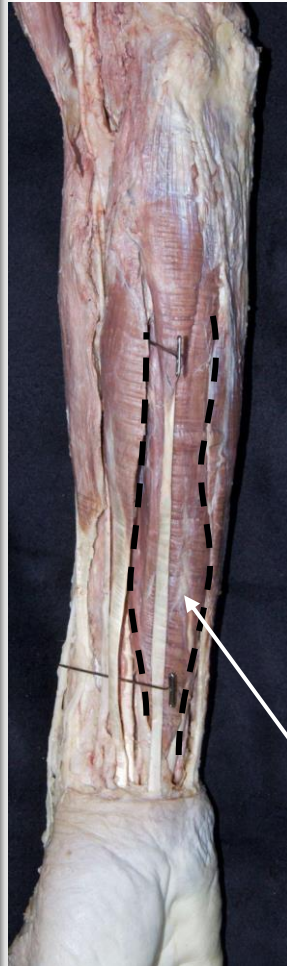


**Orientation: this is a posterior view of the left upper limb**

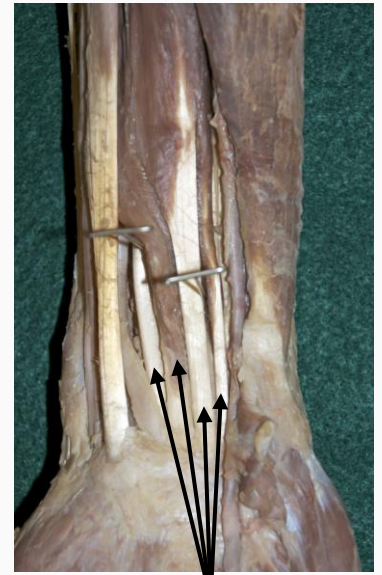
# Upper Limb & Shoulder Muscles

**Flexor digitorum superficialis**-  
flexor of the medial four digits.

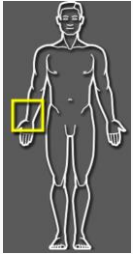
Its broad muscle belly lies in the second layer of forearm muscles and can be difficult to appreciate. However, it sends tendons to each of the medial four digits which can be easily seen distally as they approach the hand.



**Flexor digitorum superficialis**



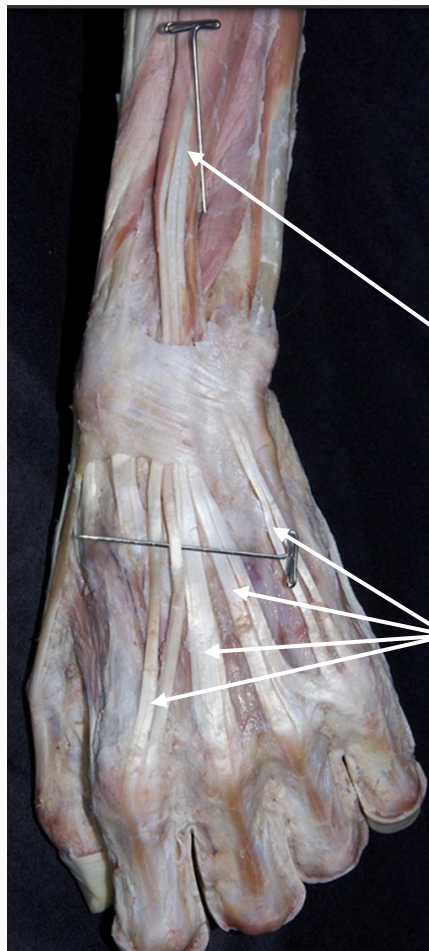
**Flexor digitorum superficialis**  
tendons to digits 2-5



**Orientation: anterior views of the right forearm**

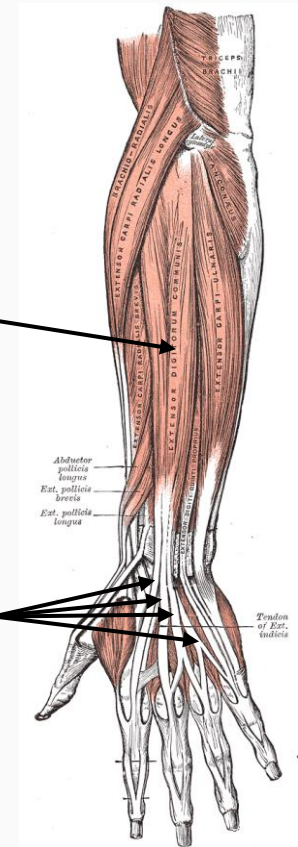
# Upper Limb & Shoulder Muscles

**Extensor digitorum**- located on the posterior forearm. Sends four tendons to the posterior phalanges to extend the medial 4 digits.



**Extensor digitorum**

**Tendons of extensor digitorum connecting to digits 2-5**



**Orientation: this is a posterior view of the left forearm and hand**

# Hip & Lower Limb

**Fascia lata-** fascia that covers the muscles of the thigh

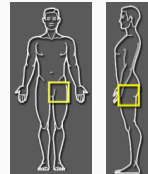
**Tensor fascia lata-** a muscle of the anterolateral thigh that lies within the iliotibial (IT) band.

The TFL muscle is difficult to appreciate in the image, however be able to recognize that the **IT band** as a thickening of the fascia lata on the lateral surface of the thigh and the TFL muscle lies within it.



**Left image: anterior view of left thigh**

**Middle/right images: lateral view of left thighs**

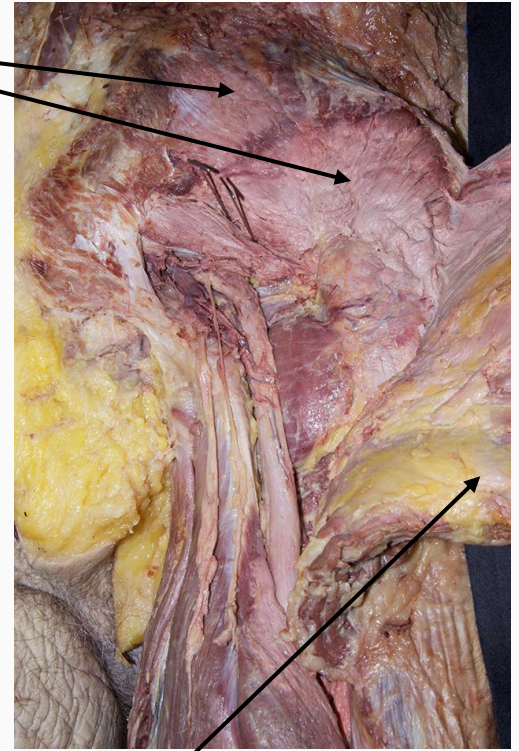
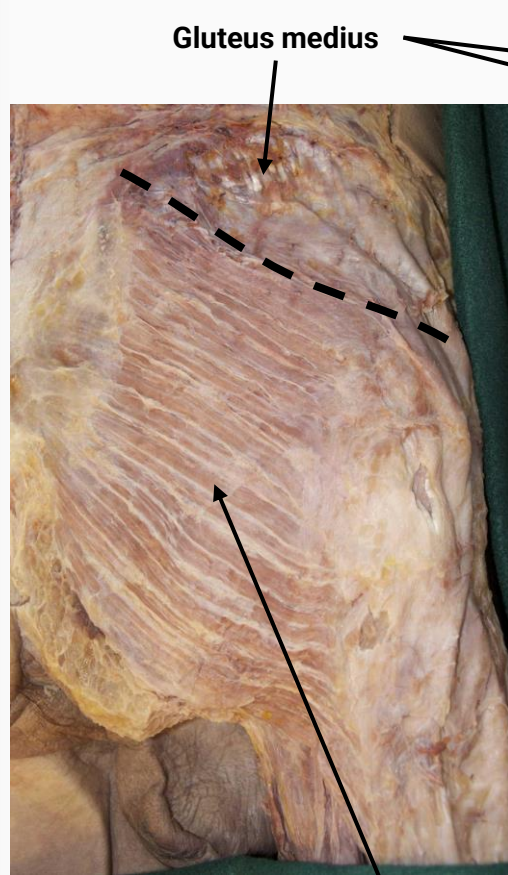


# Hip & Lower Limb

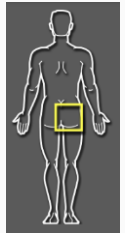
**Gluteus maximus**- extension and lateral rotation of the thigh at the hip joint. Attaches to the posterior iliac crest (of os coxae) and is continuous with the IT band laterally

**Gluteus medius**- lies deep to and slightly anterior to gluteus maximus; main action is abduction of the hip.

Note: Best observed with gluteus maximus reflected laterally however can still be appreciated without.



**Gluteus maximus (reflected laterally)**



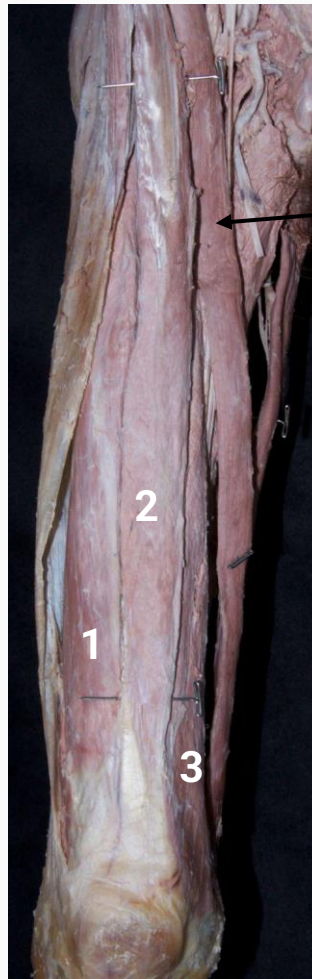
**Orientation: this is a right posterior view of the hip**

# Hip & Lower Limb

**Quadriceps**- group of four extensor muscles of the anterior thigh that function to extend the leg at the knee

Four named muscles: **vastus lateralis**, **rectus femoris**, **vastus medialis**, **vastus intermedius** (directly deep to rectus femoris and not visible in the images)

**Sartorius**- flexor, external rotator and adductor of the leg. Longest muscle in the body spanning both the hip and knee joints.

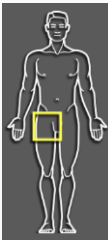
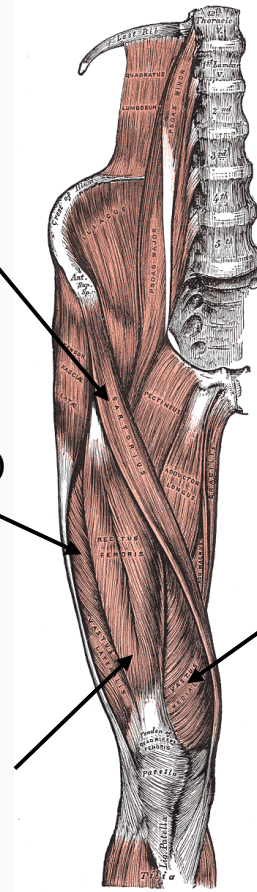


Sartorius

Vastus lateralis (1)

Rectus femoris (2)

Vastus medialis (3)



**Orientation: this is an anterior view of the right thigh**

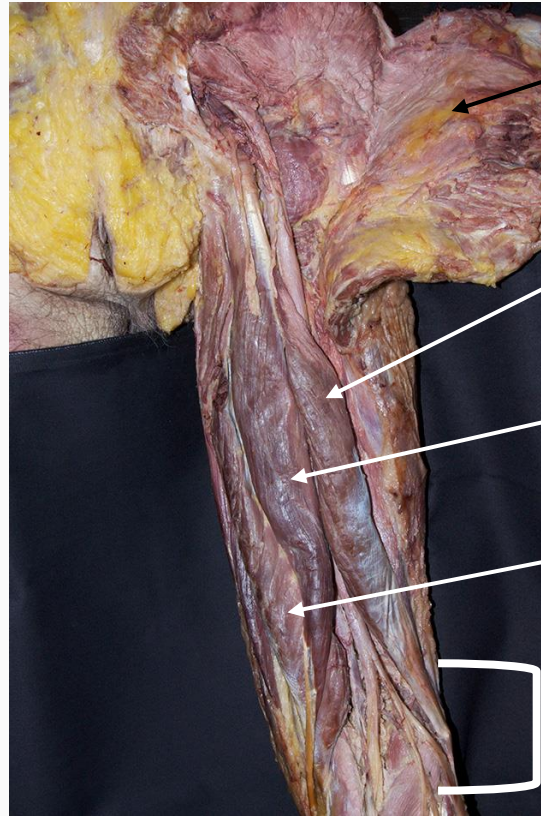


# Hip & Lower Limb

Hamstrings (from lateral to medial):

**Biceps femoris, semitendinosus, semimembranosus**

All function to flex the knee and extend the hip joint.



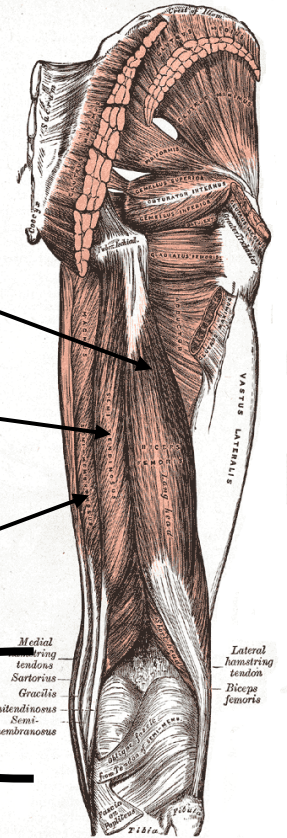
Gluteus maximus  
(reflected laterally)

Biceps femoris

Semitendinosus

Semimembranosus

Posterior side of  
knee joint

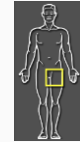
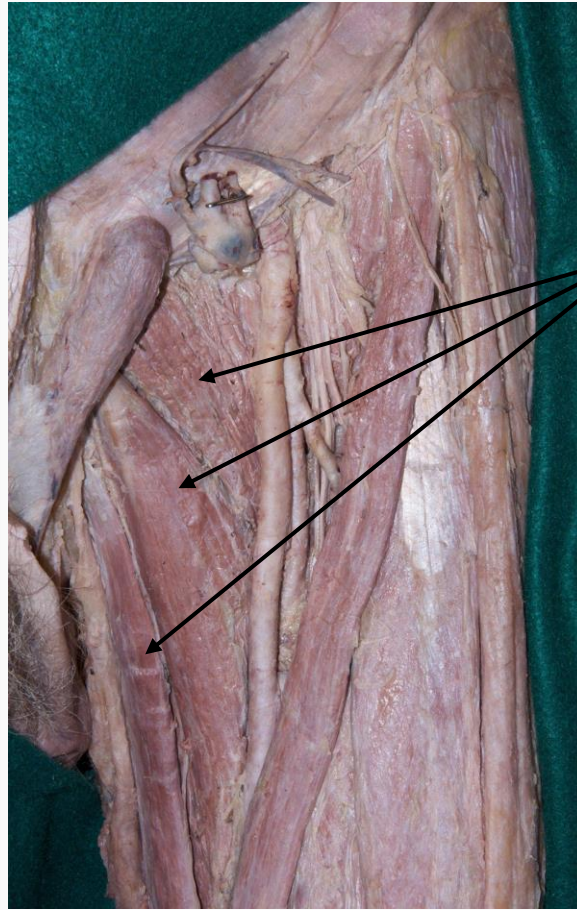


**Orientation: this is a right posterior view of the thigh**

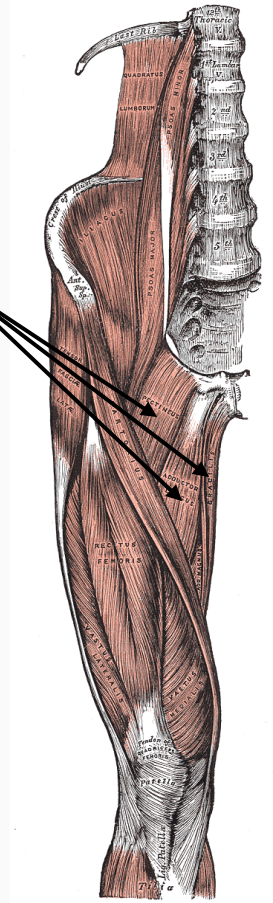
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# Hip & Lower Limb

**Adductor group-** group of muscles that go from the pelvis to the medial thigh and knee and function to adduct the leg



**Adductor muscles**

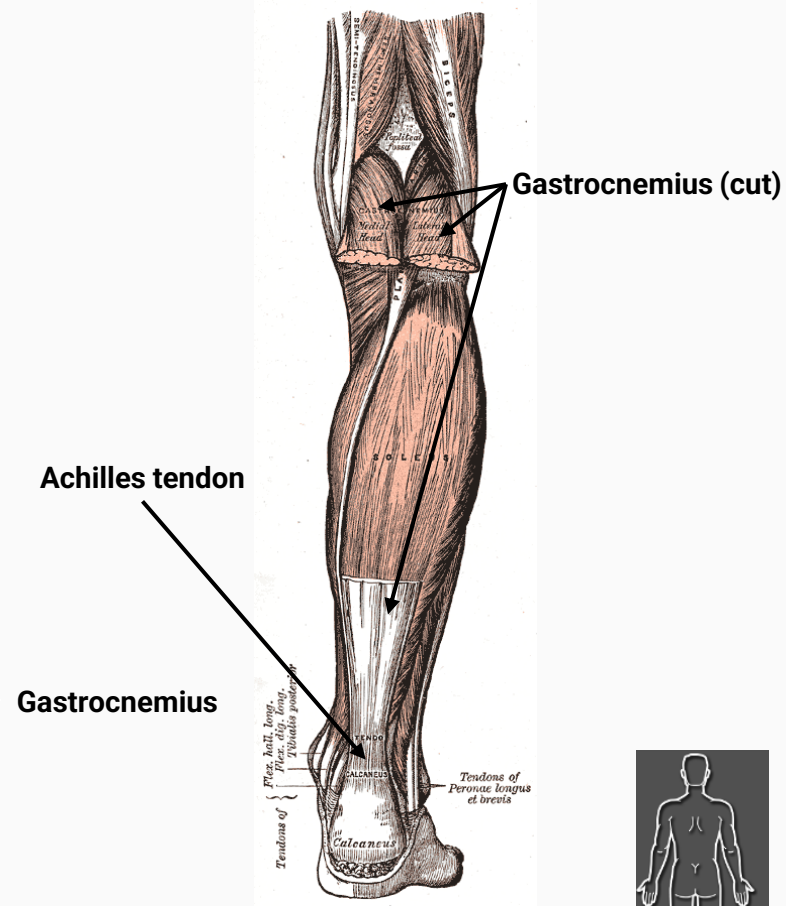


**Left image orientation: anterior view of left upper thigh**

**Right image orientation: anterior view of right upper thigh**

# Hip & Lower Limb

**Gastrocnemius**- two main calf muscles of the leg which function to plantar flex the foot and flex the knee. Share a common attachment distally via the achilles tendon.

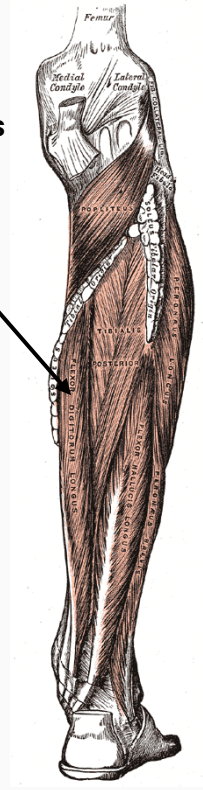
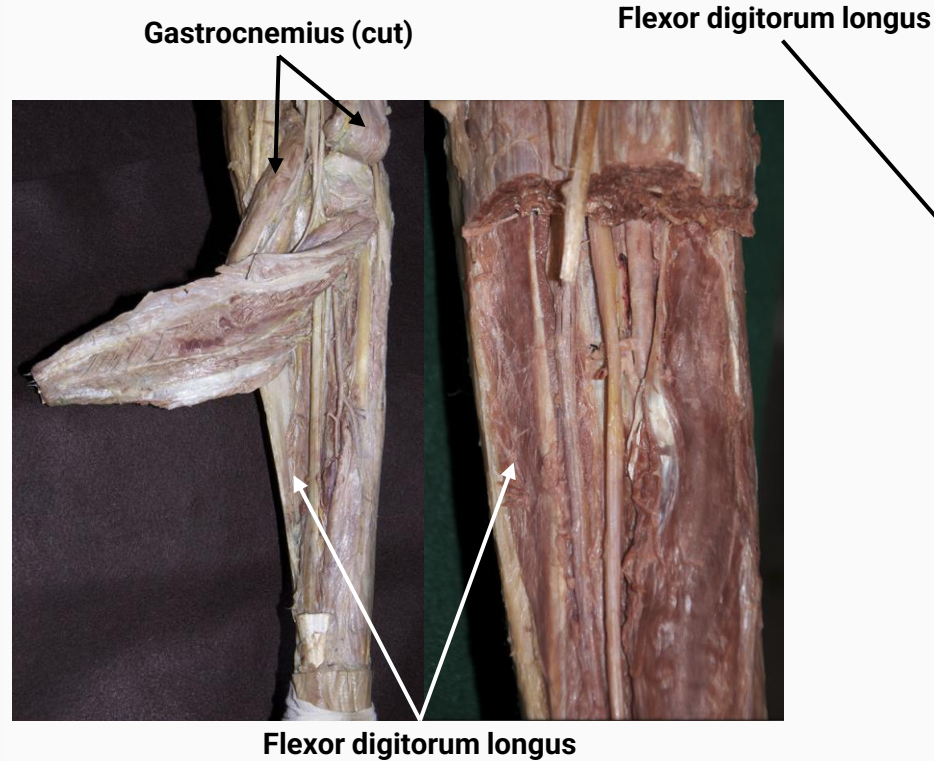


**Orientation: this is a posterior view of the right leg**

# Hip & Lower Limb

**Flexor digitorum longus**- deep muscle located on the medial portion of the lower limb; responsible for flexion of digits 2-5

Note- gastrocnemius and soleus (superficial calf muscles) are cut in these images



**Orientation: this is a posterior view of the right leg**

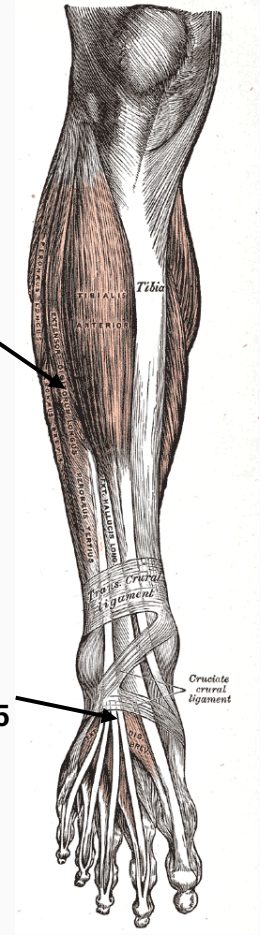
# Hip & Lower Limb

**Extensor digitorum longus-**  
muscle on the lateral lower  
limb that extends the lateral  
four digits



**Extensor digitorum longus**

**Extensor digitorum longus  
tendons connecting to digits 2-5**



**Left image orientation: this is an anterior view of the left leg and foot**

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# Nervous System

# Nervous System

## Overview:

- Central Nervous System (CNS)
  - Brain (cerebrum and cerebellum)
  - Spinal cord
- Peripheral Nervous System (PNS)
  - Sciatic nerve
  - Musculocutaneous nerve
  - Radial nerve
  - Median nerve
  - Ulnar nerve
  - Phrenic nerve
  - Sympathetic chain
  - Vagus nerve

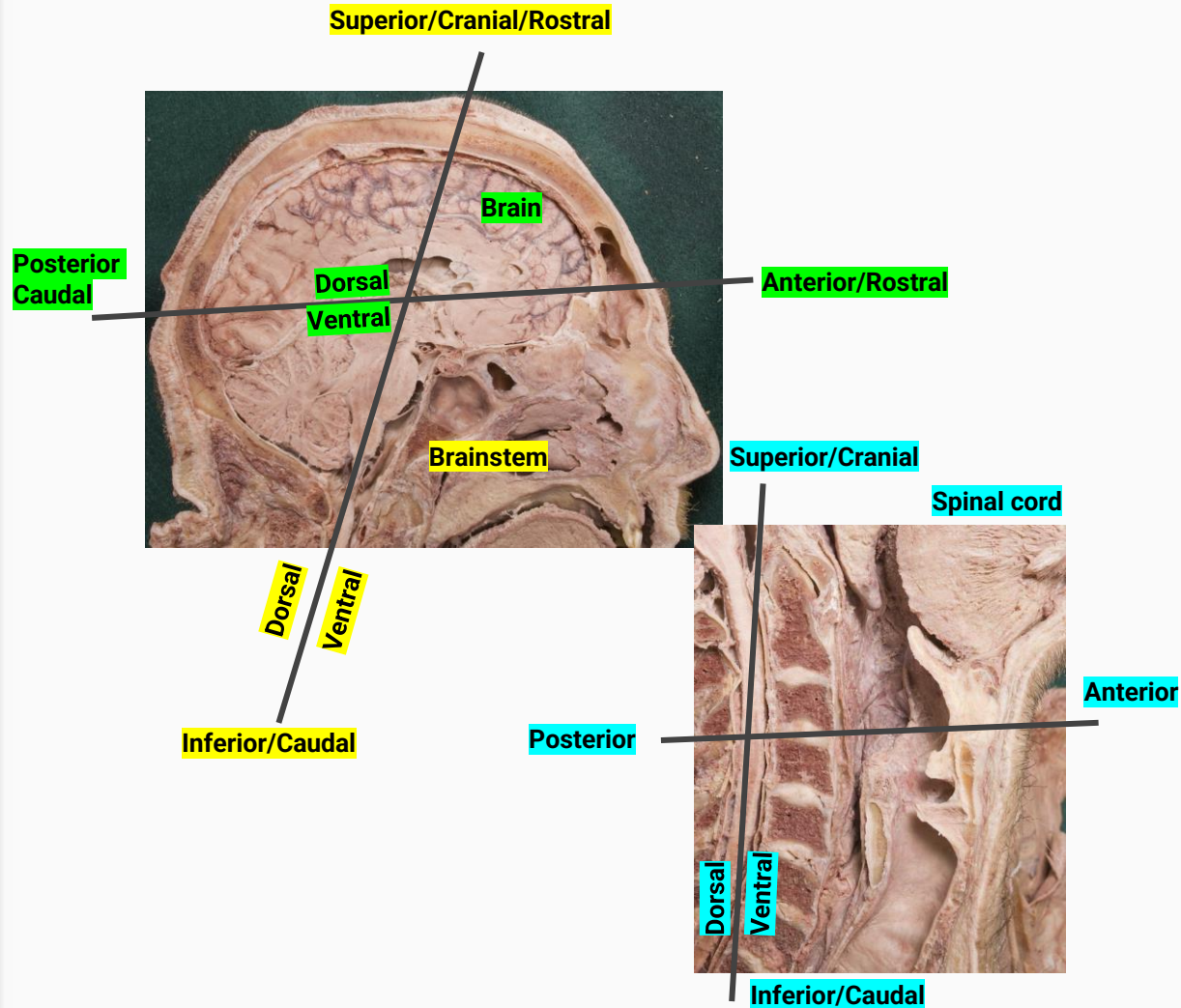
# Nervous system - Anatomical Orientation Changes

The anatomical terminology discussed earlier in this atlas applies to the CNS differently due to the way the brain and brainstem/spinal cord embryological development works. The long axis of the cerebrum is different than the long axis of the brainstem/spinal cord.

The meaning of the terms **dorsal/ventral** change depending on which axis you are looking at. However, the terms **anterior/posterior** and **superior/inferior** do **not** change.

Another term, **rostral**, is often used. It means "towards the beak" and regularly takes the place of anterior for the long axis of the cerebrum.

The **brain stem/spinal cord** share similar orienting terms with the rest of the body (ie. anterior, posterior, superior, inferior, proximal, distal, etc.)

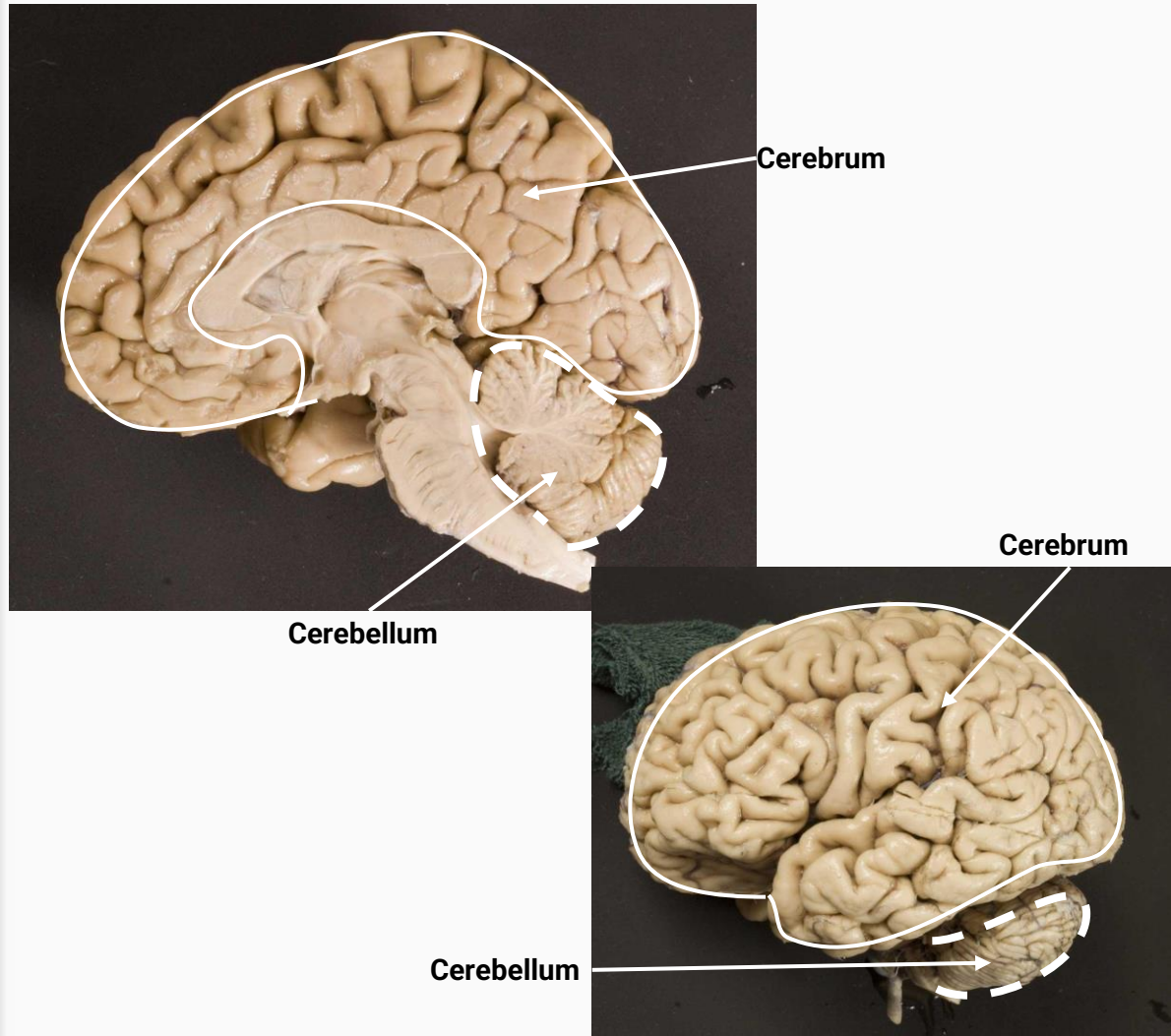




# Nervous system – CNS

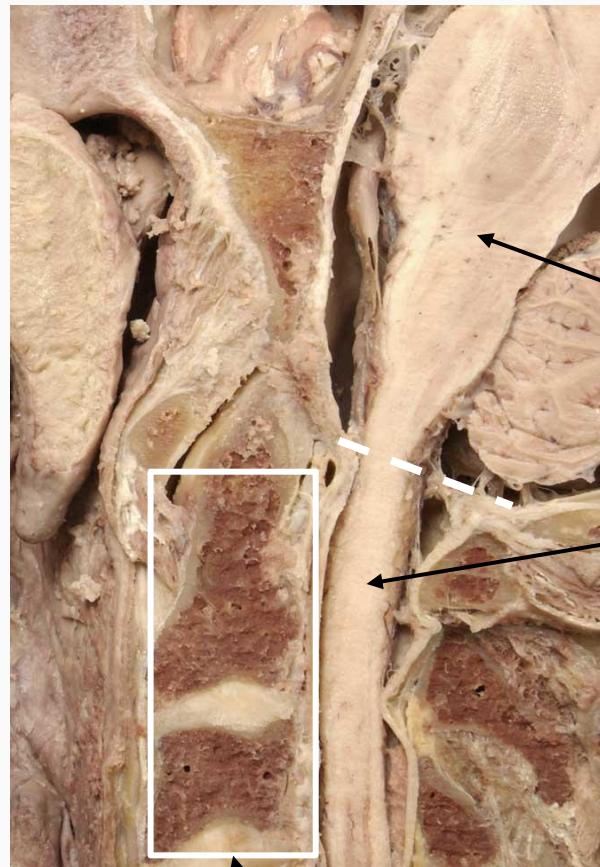
## Brain

- **Cerebrum:** situated superiorly and composed of multiple lobes contributing to bodily function
- **Cerebellum:** situated inferiorly and responsible for coordinating movement and primitive bodily functions



# Nervous system – CNS

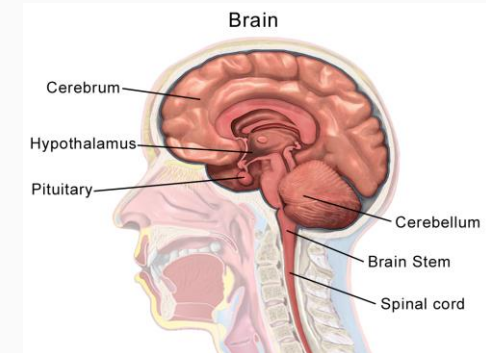
**Spinal cord:** descends from the brain to the lumbar vertebrae within the vertebral canal to carry nerves throughout the body



**Brainstem**

**Spinal cord**

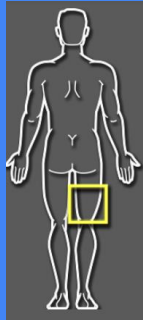
**Vertebral bodies**



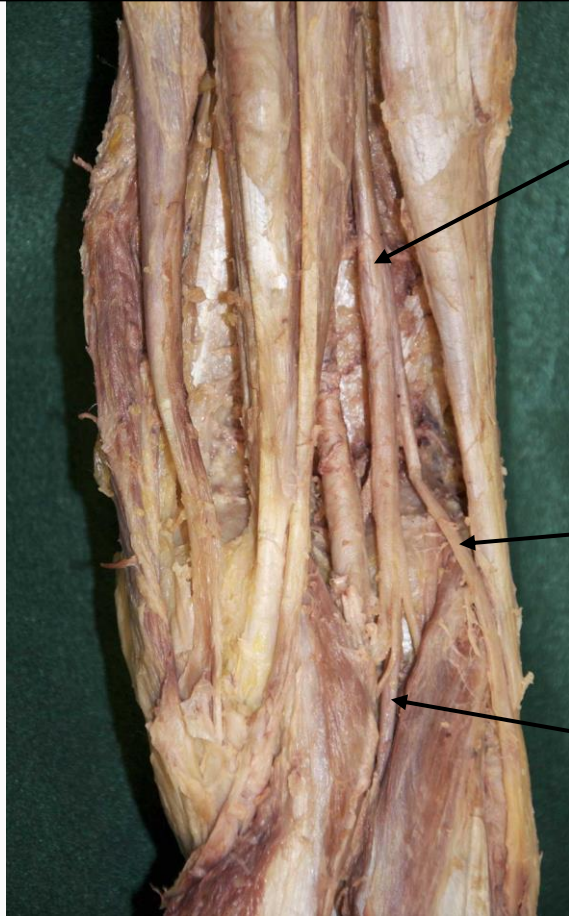
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# Nervous system – PNS

**Sciatic nerve:** the largest nerve in the body, made up of the tibial nerve and common fibular (peroneal) nerves that divide further down the leg



Medial      Left Leg      Lateral



Sciatic nerve

Common fibular nerve

Tibial nerve

# Nervous system – PNS

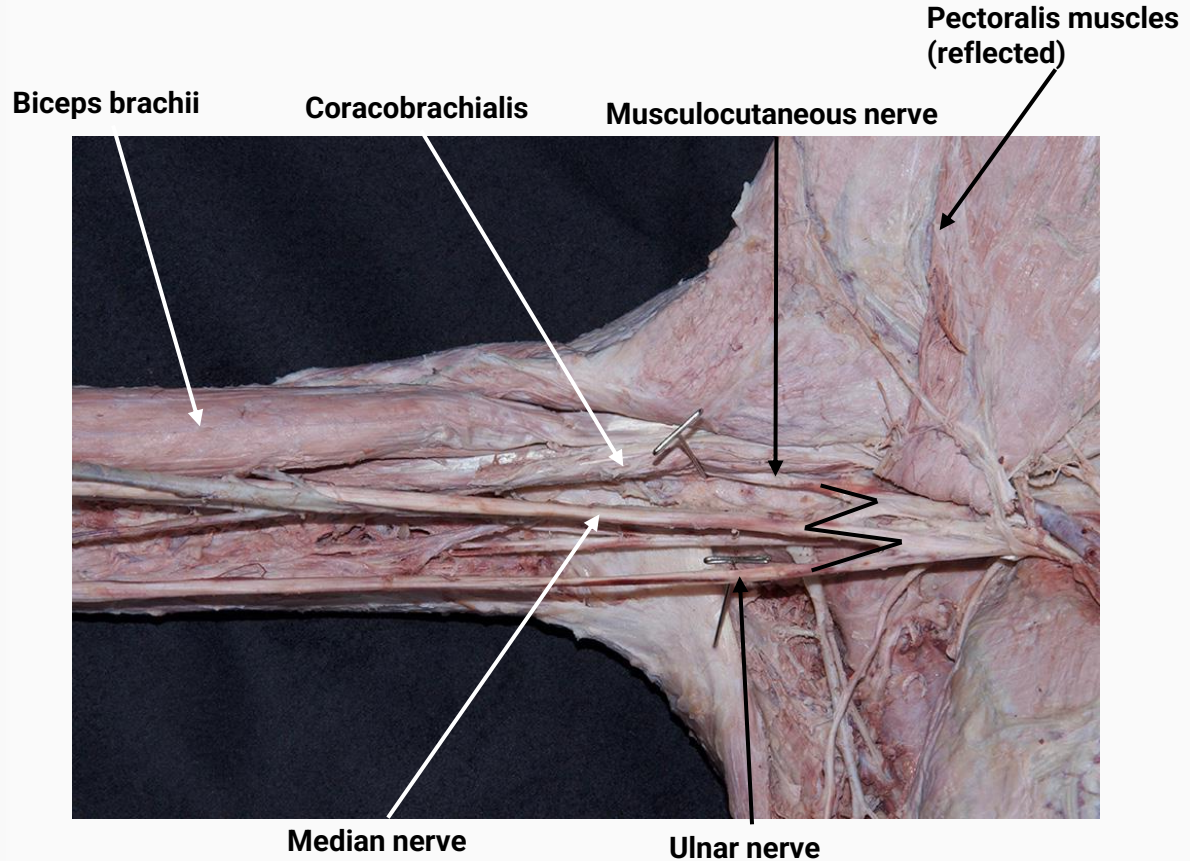
## Musculocutaneous nerve:

innervates anterior arm muscles  
and provides sensory innervation  
to lateral forearm

- The nerve is most easily  
identified where it pierces  
the coracobrachialis  
muscle



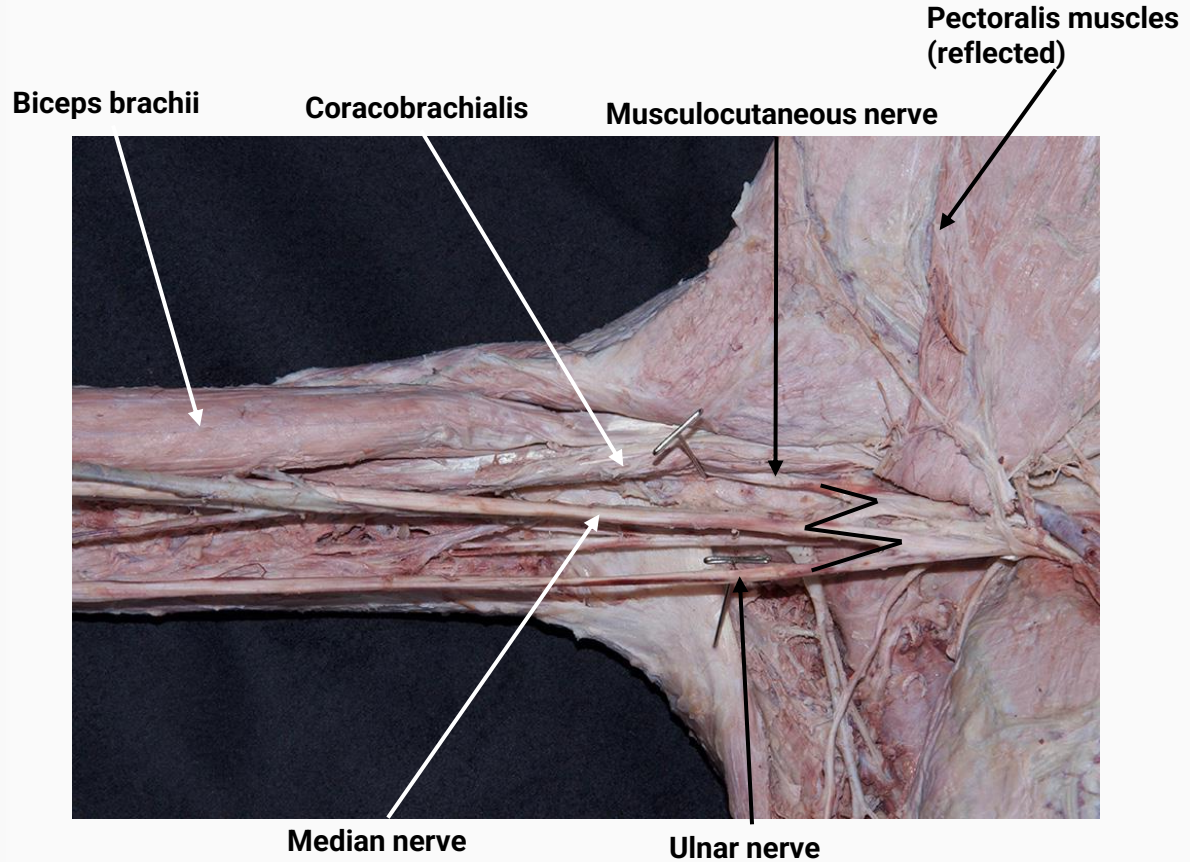
**Orientation: this is an  
anterior view of the right  
shoulder and arm (axilla)**



# Nervous system – PNS

**Median nerve:** innervates anterior forearm muscles and forms the middle of the “M” of the brachial plexus

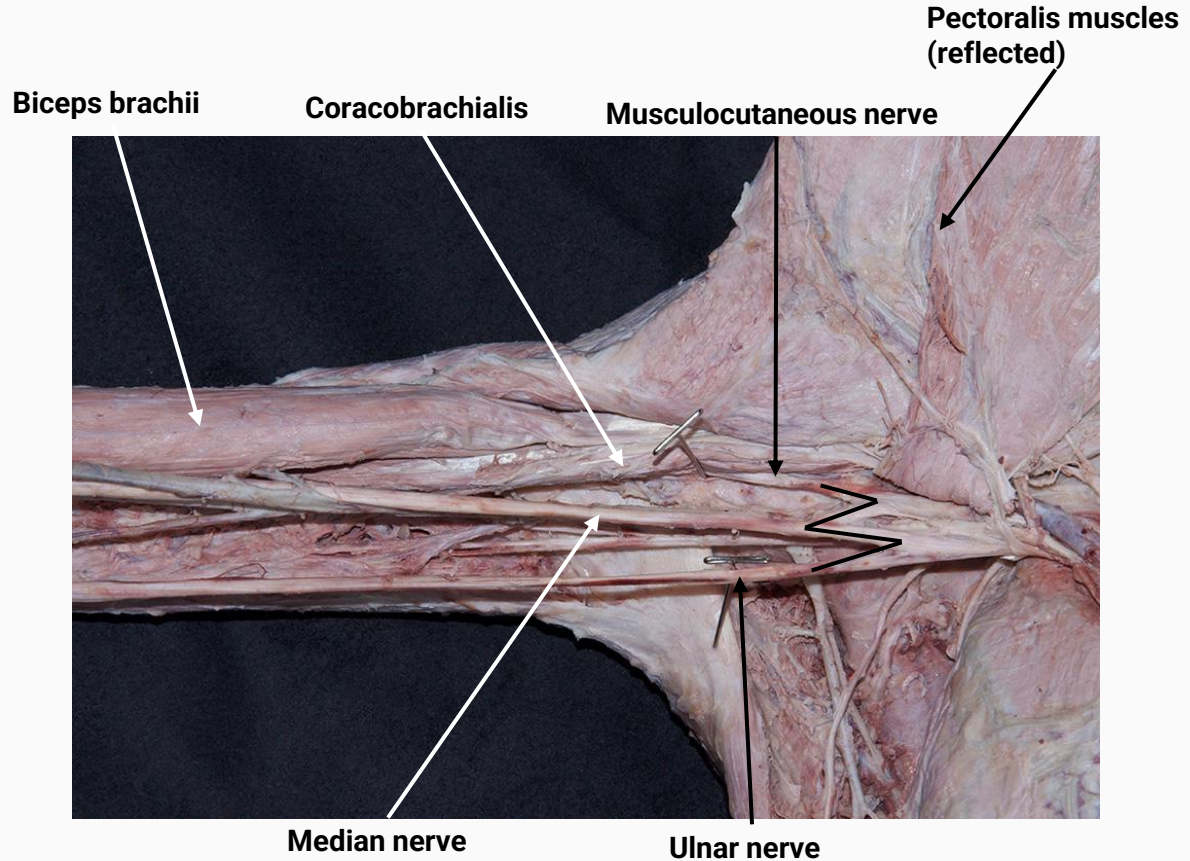
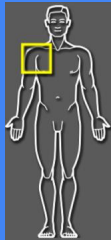
**Orientation:** this is an anterior view of the right shoulder and arm (axilla)



# Nervous system – PNS

**Ulnar nerve:** innervates intrinsic hand muscles and forms the most medial continuation of the “M” of the brachial plexus

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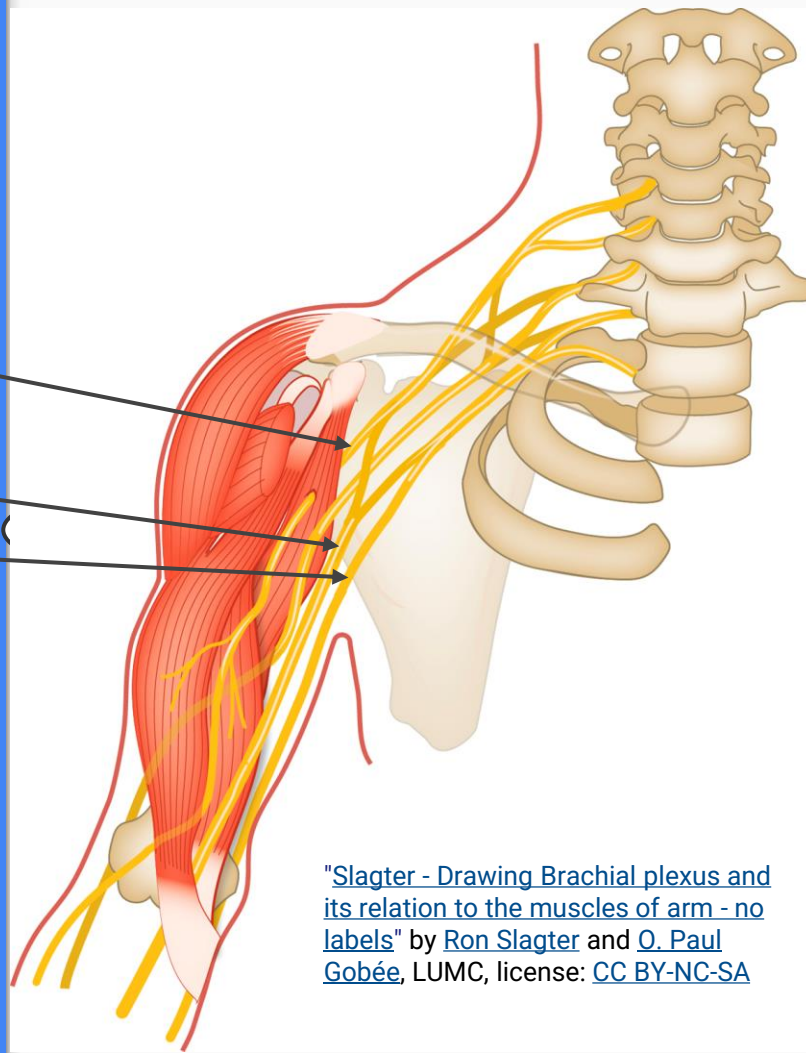


# Nervous system – PNS

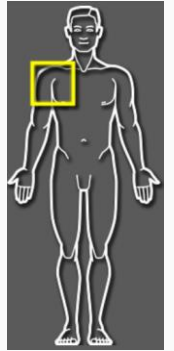
Musculocutaneous nerve

Median nerve

Ulnar nerve



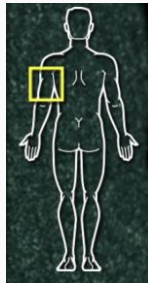
"Slagter - Drawing Brachial plexus and its relation to the muscles of arm - no labels" by [Ron Slagter](#) and [O. Paul Gobée](#), LUMC, license: [CC BY-NC-SA](#)



# Nervous system – PNS

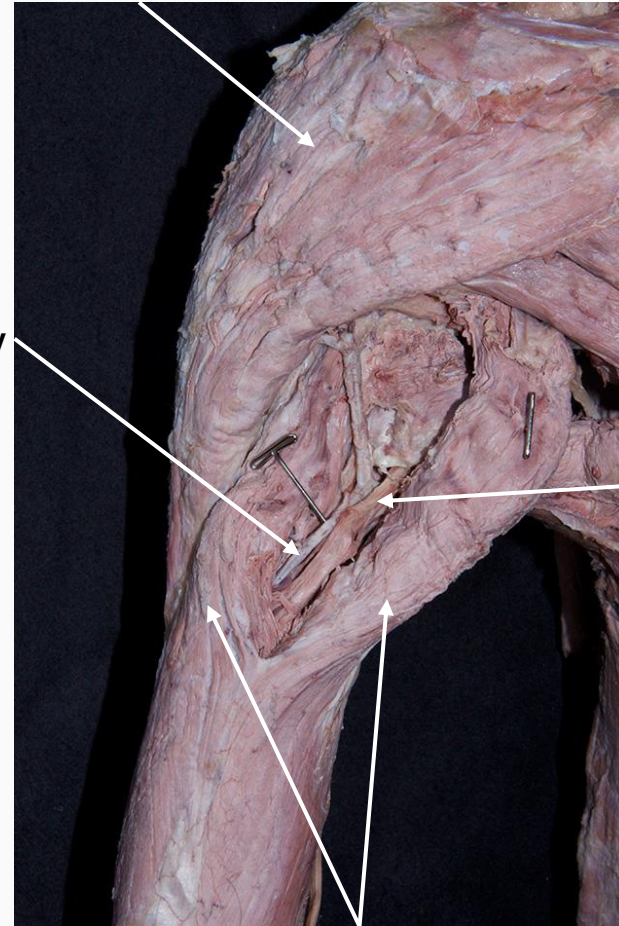
**Radial nerve:** innervates posterior arm muscles and provides sensory innervation to posterior arm/forearm/hand

- The nerve is most easily identified on the posterior arm running with the deep brachial artery



**Deep brachial artery**

**Deltoid**



**Radial nerve**

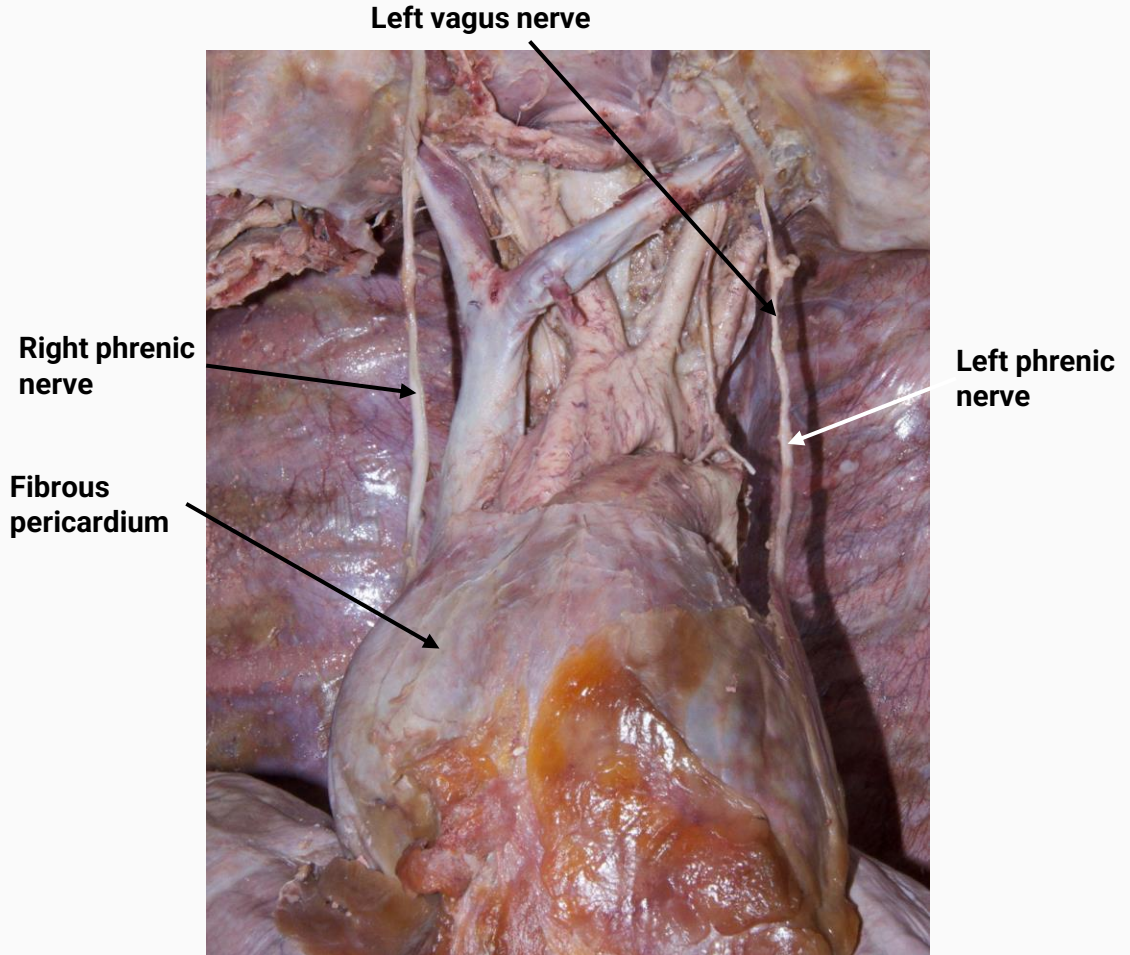
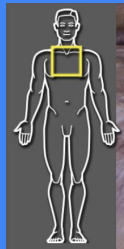
**Triceps brachii**



# Nervous system – PNS

**Phrenic nerve:** branch off C3/4/5 and responsible for innervating the diaphragm muscle for breathing

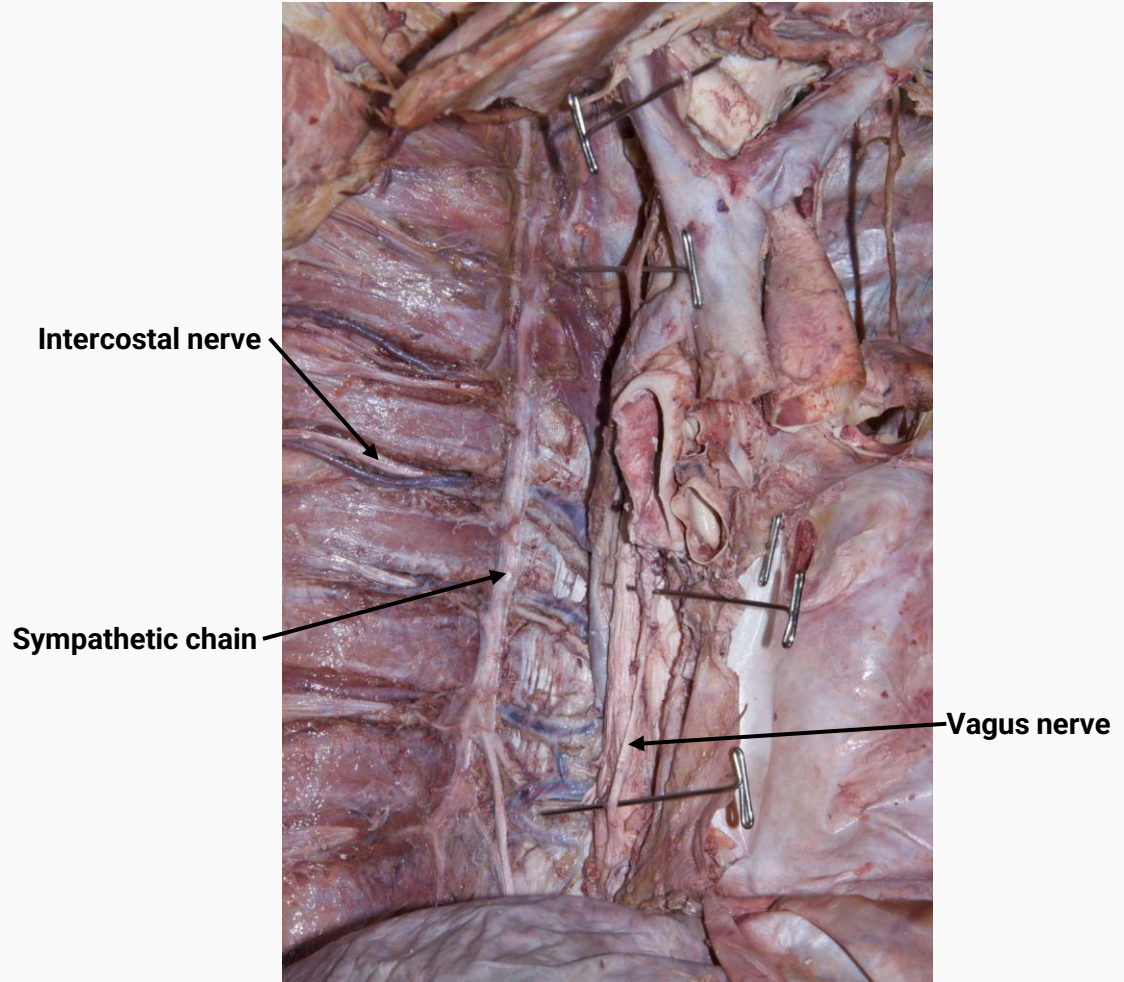
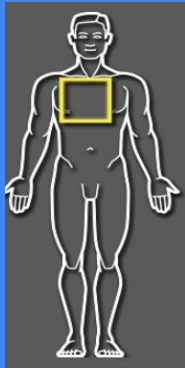
- With lungs removed, may be found draped over the fibrous pericardium of the heart



# Nervous system – PNS

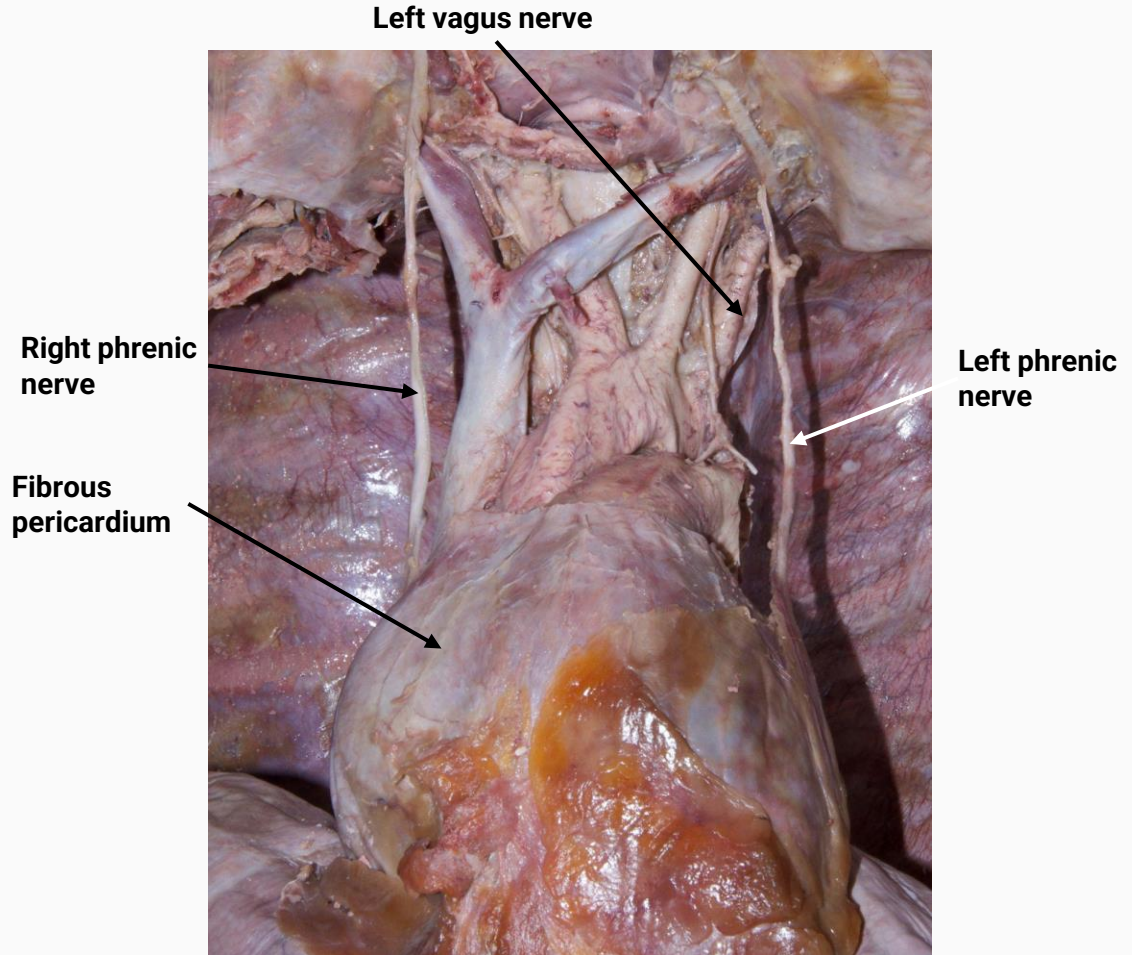
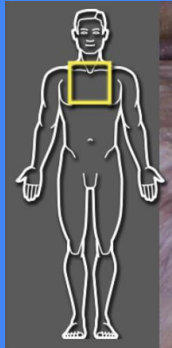
**Sympathetic chain:** chain of ganglions responsible for sympathetic “fight or flight” response in the thorax

- Runs from skull base to sacrum



# Nervous system – PNS

**Vagus nerve (CN X):** Cranial nerve X originates in the brainstem and continues down throughout the body to provide visceral innervation



# Cardiovascular System

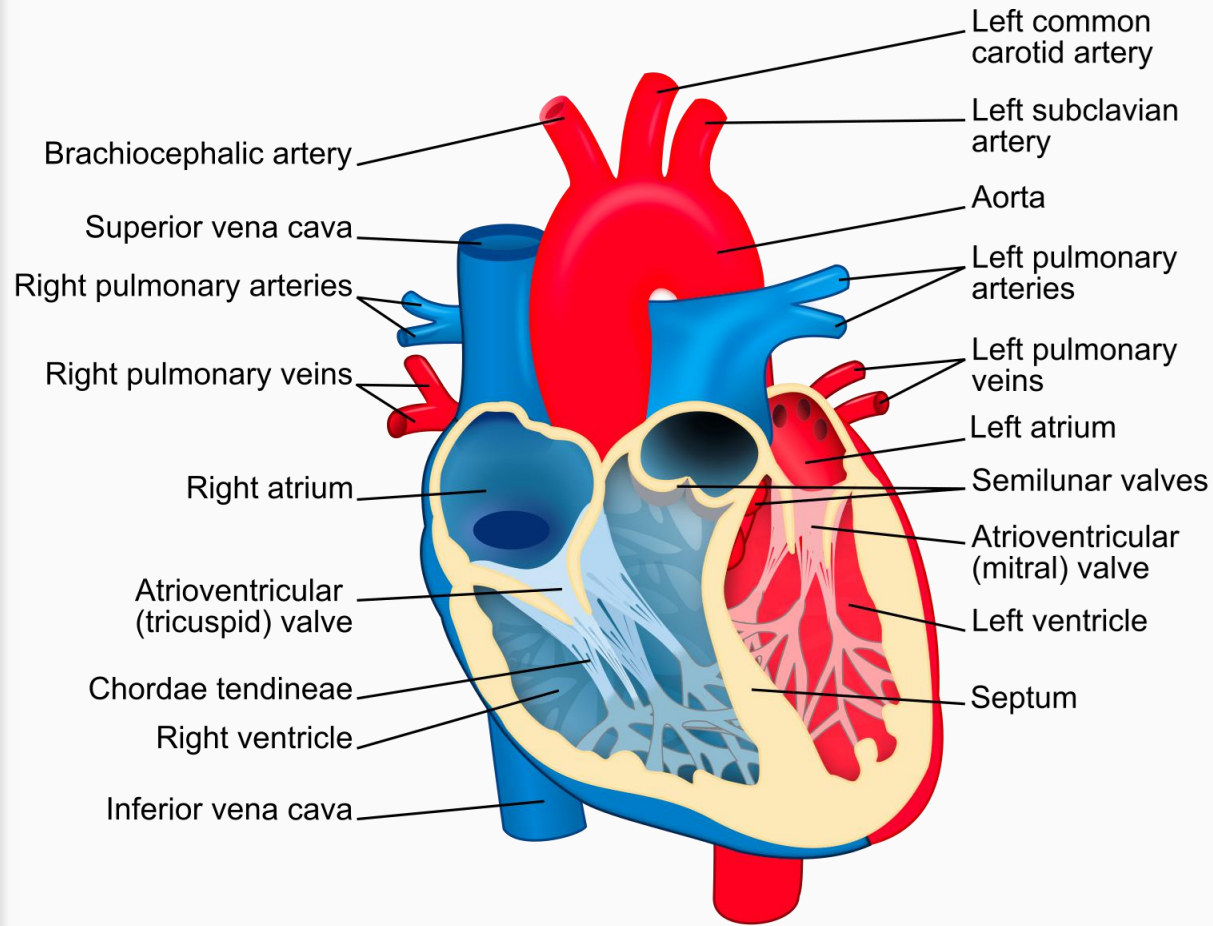
## Overview:

- Heart
  - Atria (Right and Left)
  - Ventricles (Right and Left)
- Arteries
  - Aorta
  - Common Carotid
  - Subclavian
  - Femoral

# Cardiovascular System – Heart

Use this image to orient yourself on the anatomy of the heart before looking at the donor images.

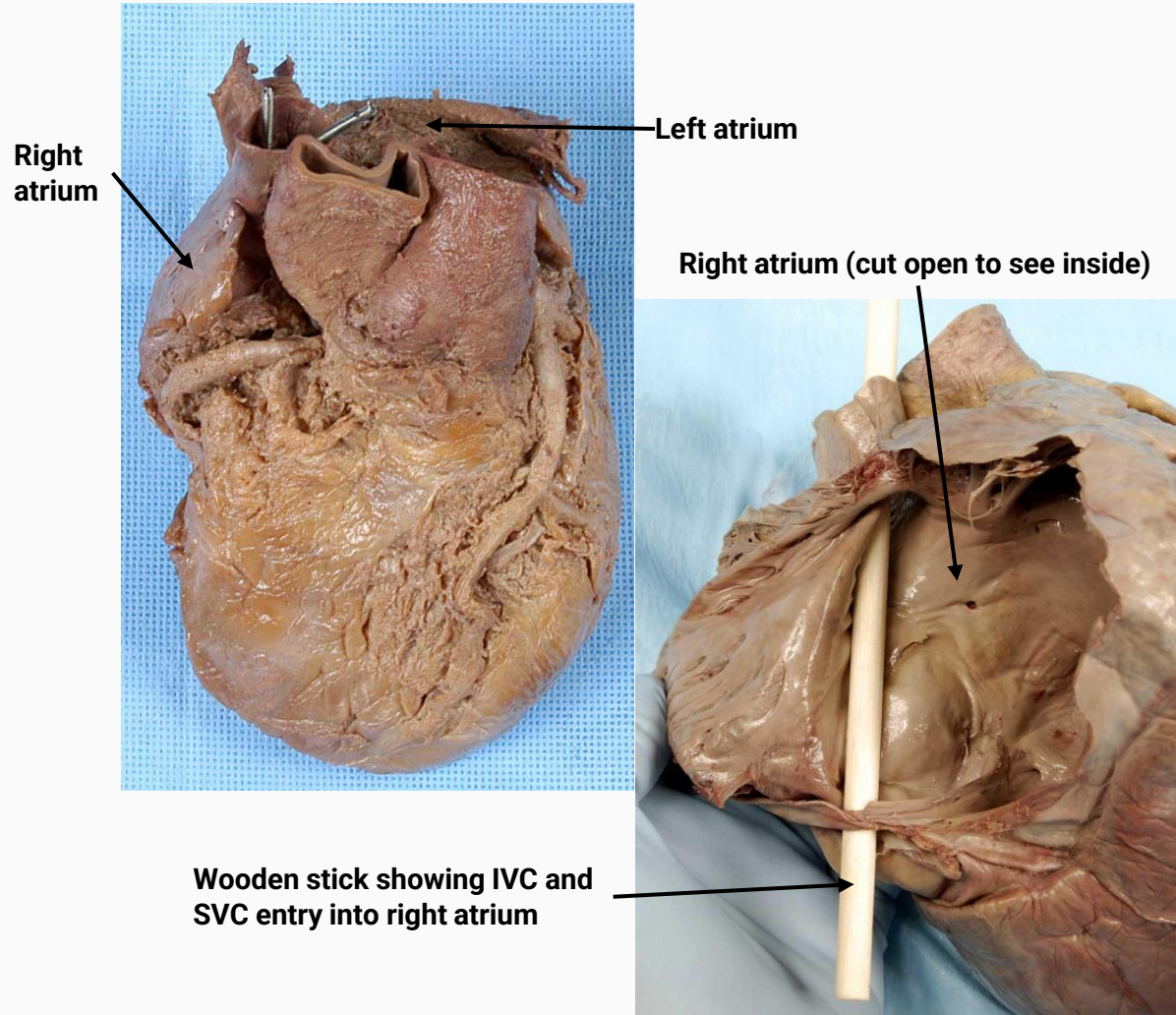
Note: Donor hearts do not look exactly like the diagrams. They come in many shapes and sizes.



# Cardiovascular System – Heart

**Right atrium:** receives deoxygenated blood from inferior vena cava (IVC) and superior vena cava (SVC) to begin cardiac circulation and pumps to right ventricle

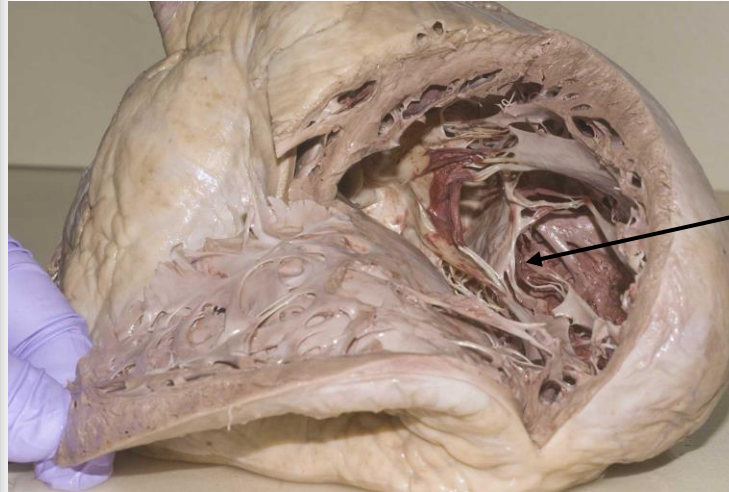
**Left atrium:** receives oxygenated blood from pulmonary vein and pumps to left ventricle



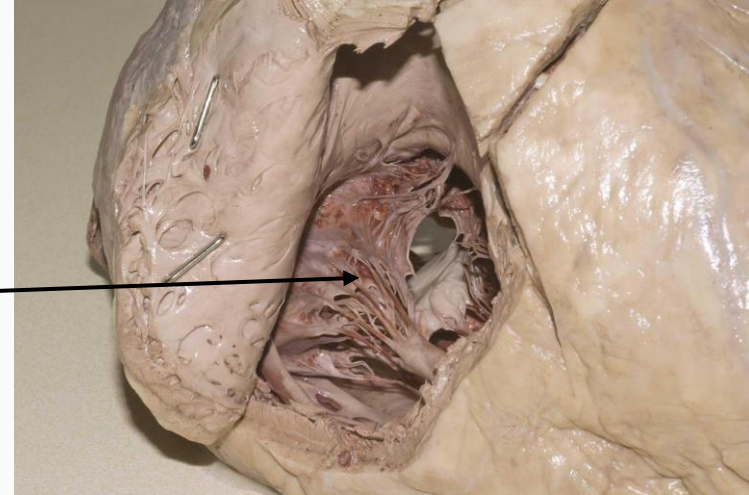
# Cardiovascular System – Heart

**Right Ventricle:** receives deoxygenated blood from right atrium and pumps blood through the pulmonary artery to the lungs

**Left Ventricle:** large muscular chamber receives oxygenated blood from left atrium and sends it systemically to the body



Left ventricle

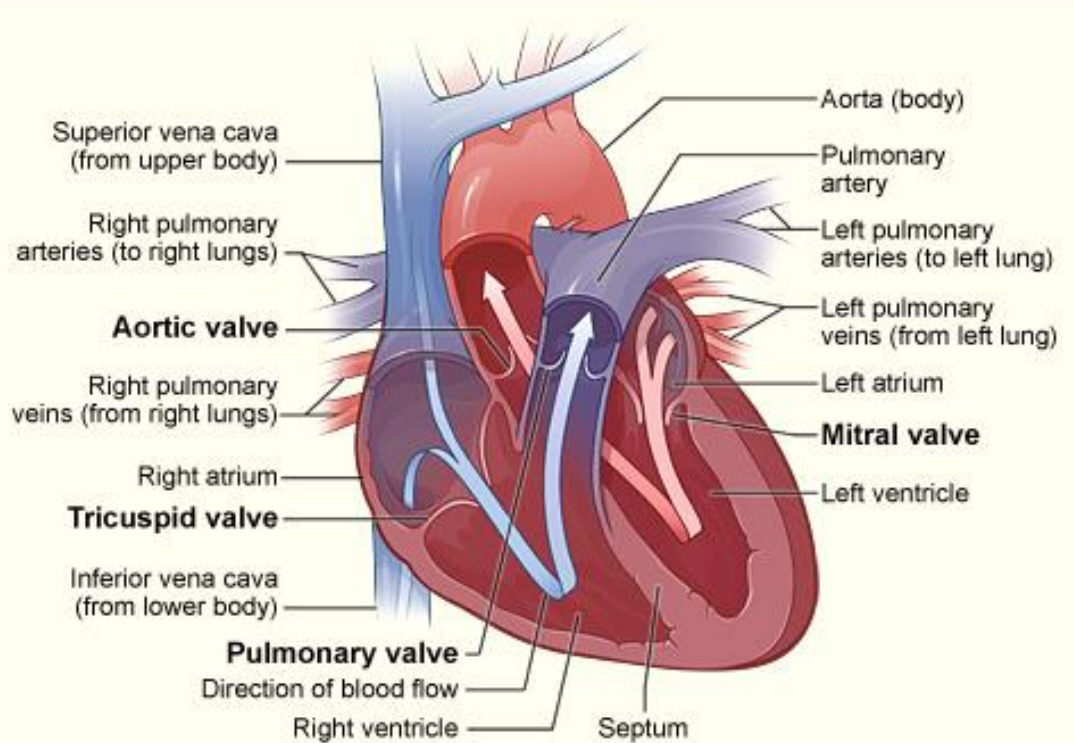


Right ventricle

# Cardiovascular System – Heart

## Putting it together:

IVC/SVC → Right atrium →  
Right ventricle → Pulmonary  
artery → Lungs →  
Pulmonary veins → Left  
atrium → Left ventricle →  
Aorta → Body

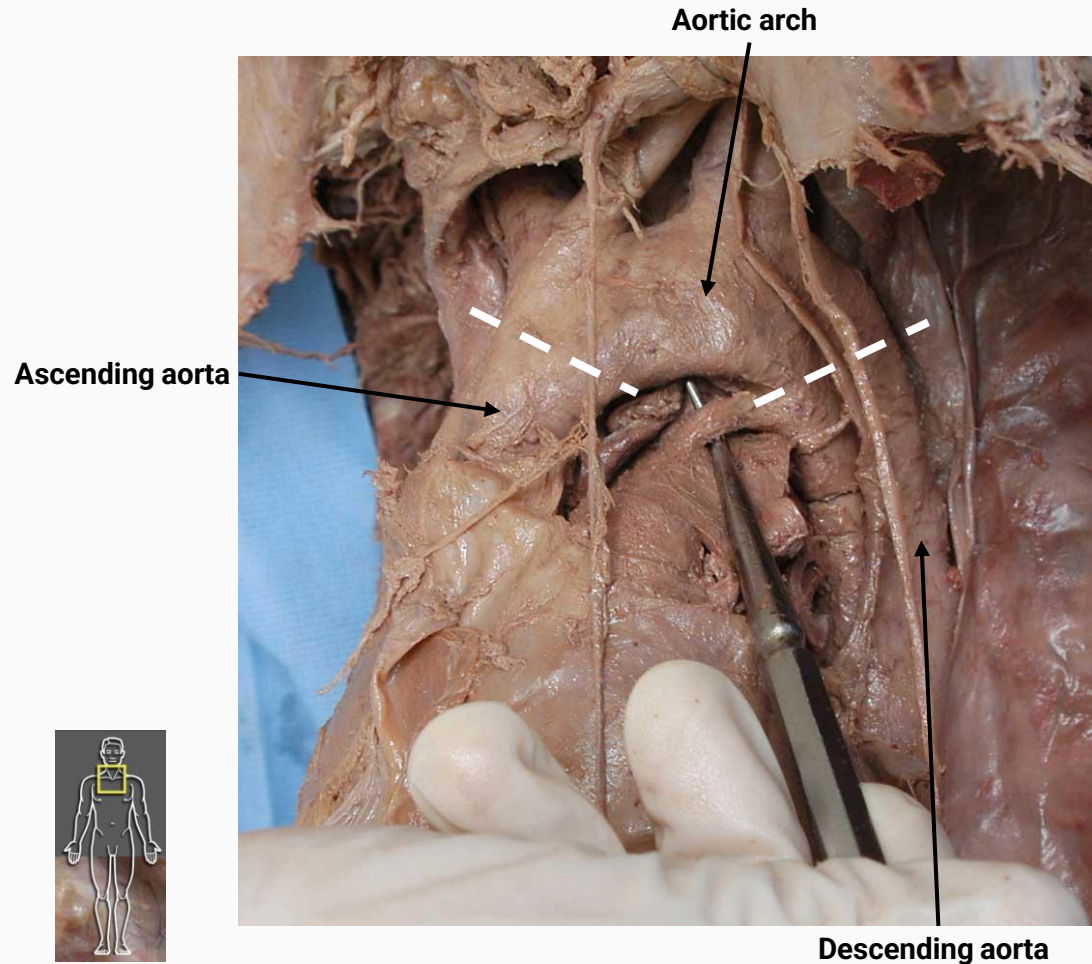




# Cardiovascular System – Arteries

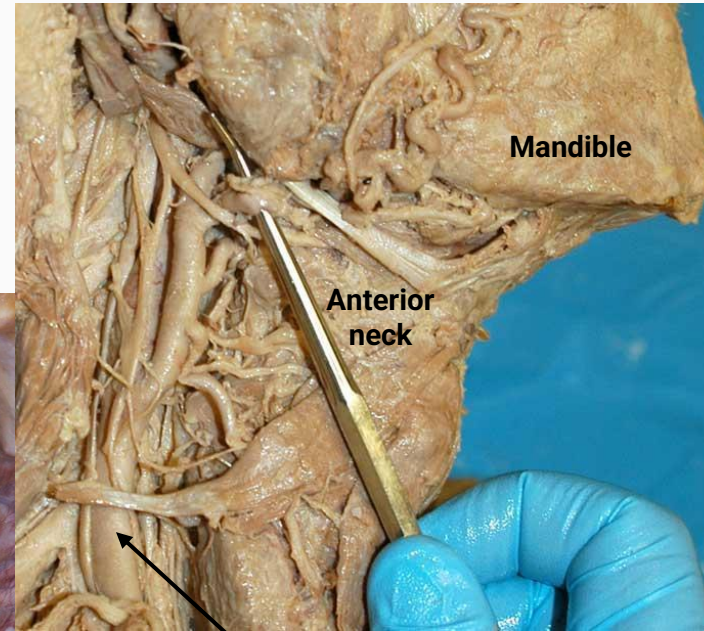
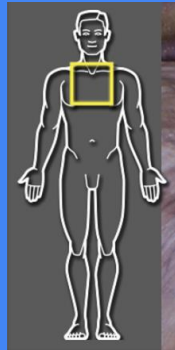
**Aorta:** largest artery in the body receiving oxygenated blood from the left ventricle to send throughout the body

- Ascending aorta: from heart to aortic arch
- Aortic arch: branch point for all blood going to upper limbs/head
- Descending aorta: descends through thorax to send blood to rest of body



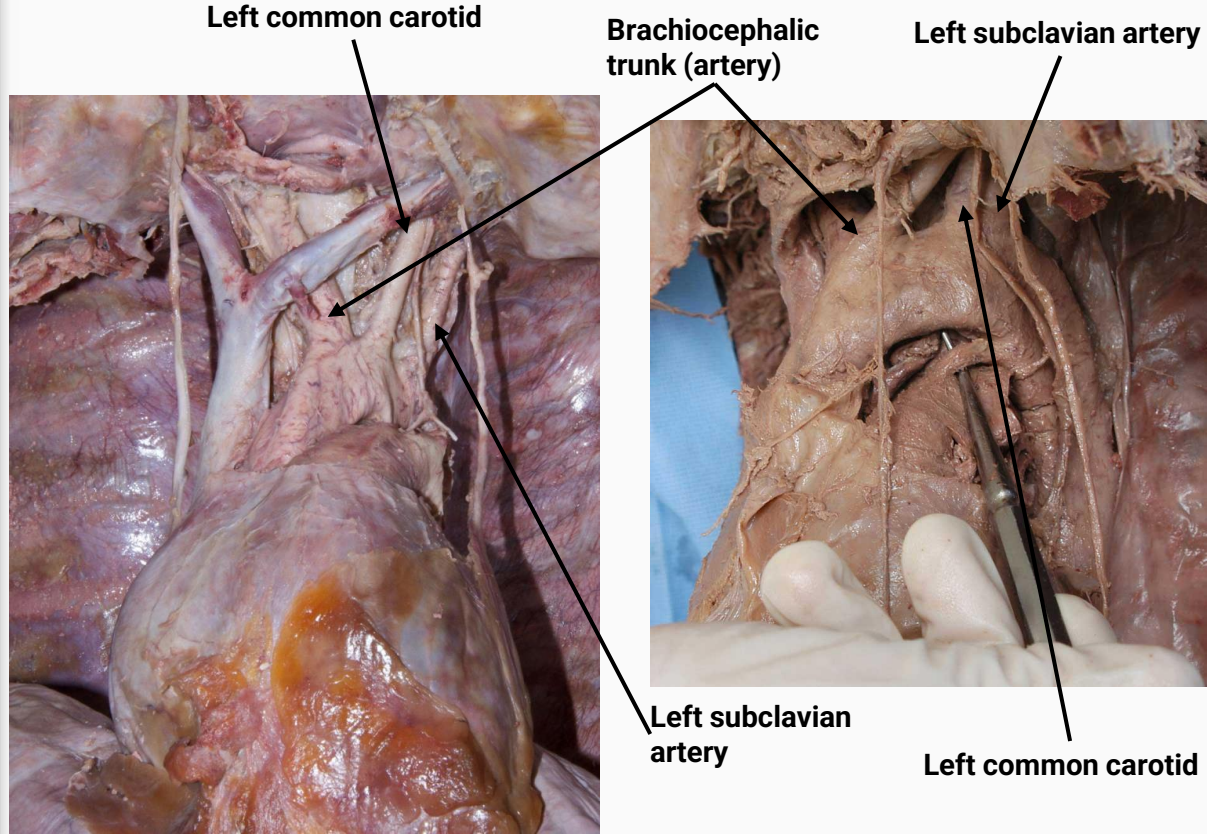
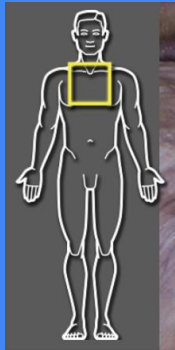
# Cardiovascular System – Arteries

**Common Carotid:** large arteries on both sides of the neck carrying oxygenated blood to the head/brain



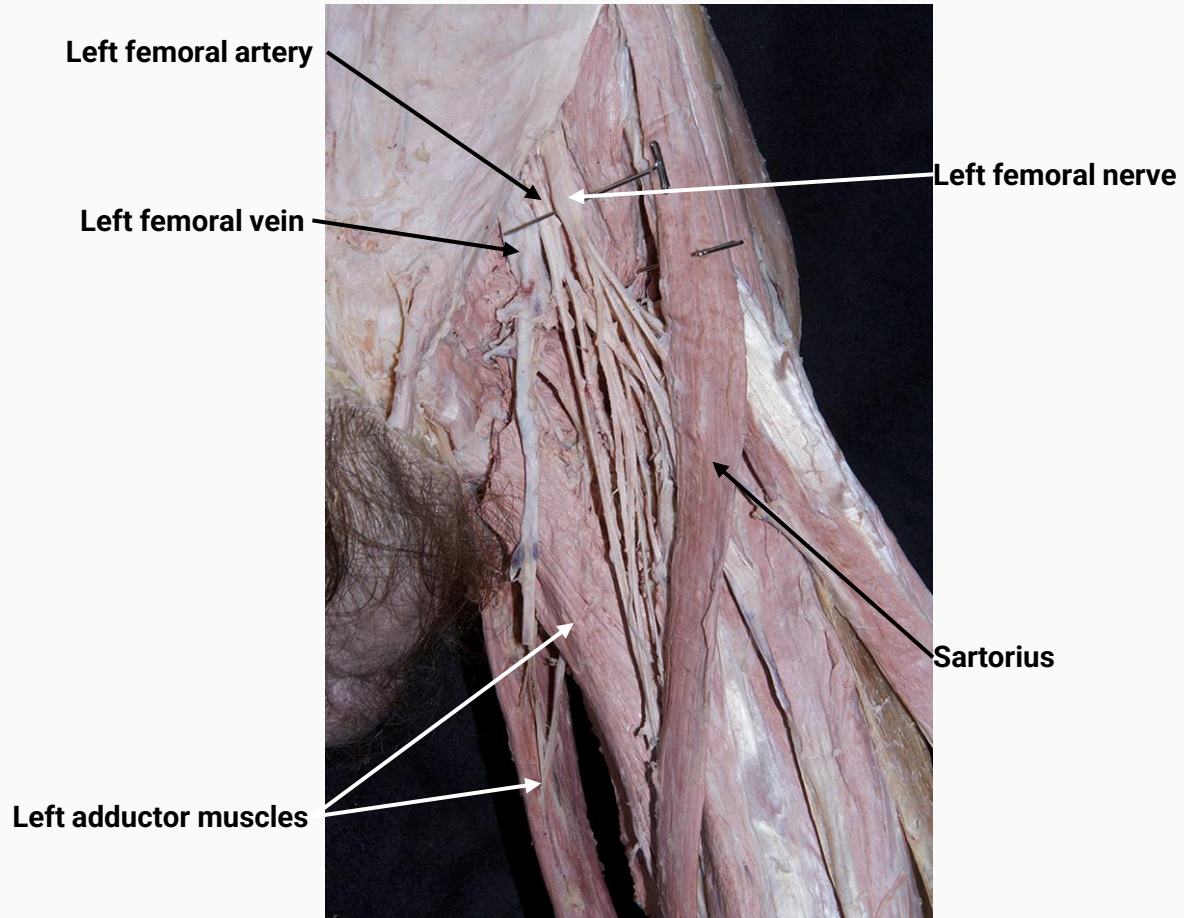
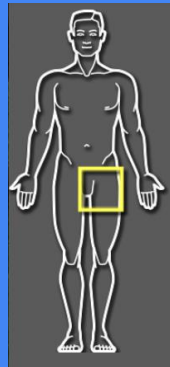
# Cardiovascular System – Arteries

**Subclavian artery:** large arteries on both sides of the body carrying oxygenated blood to the upper limb that branch directly or indirectly off of the aorta



# Cardiovascular System – Arteries

**Femoral artery:** large arteries on both sides of the body carrying oxygenated blood to the lower limb as continuations of the external iliac arteries



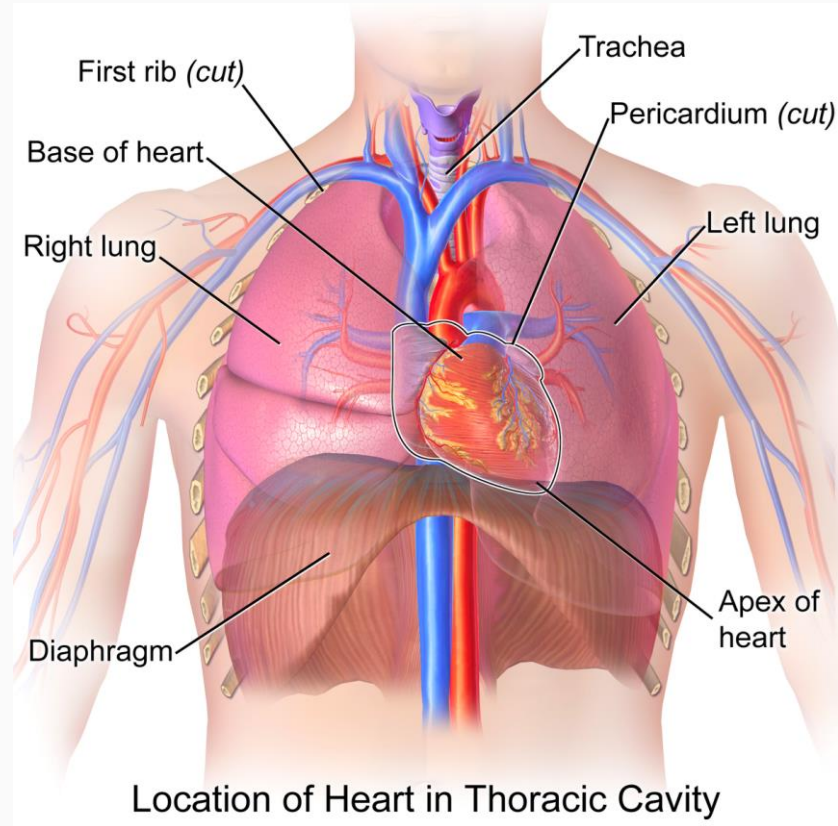
# Respiratory System

## Overview:

- Trachea
- Lungs
  - Left and Right

# Respiratory System – Trachea

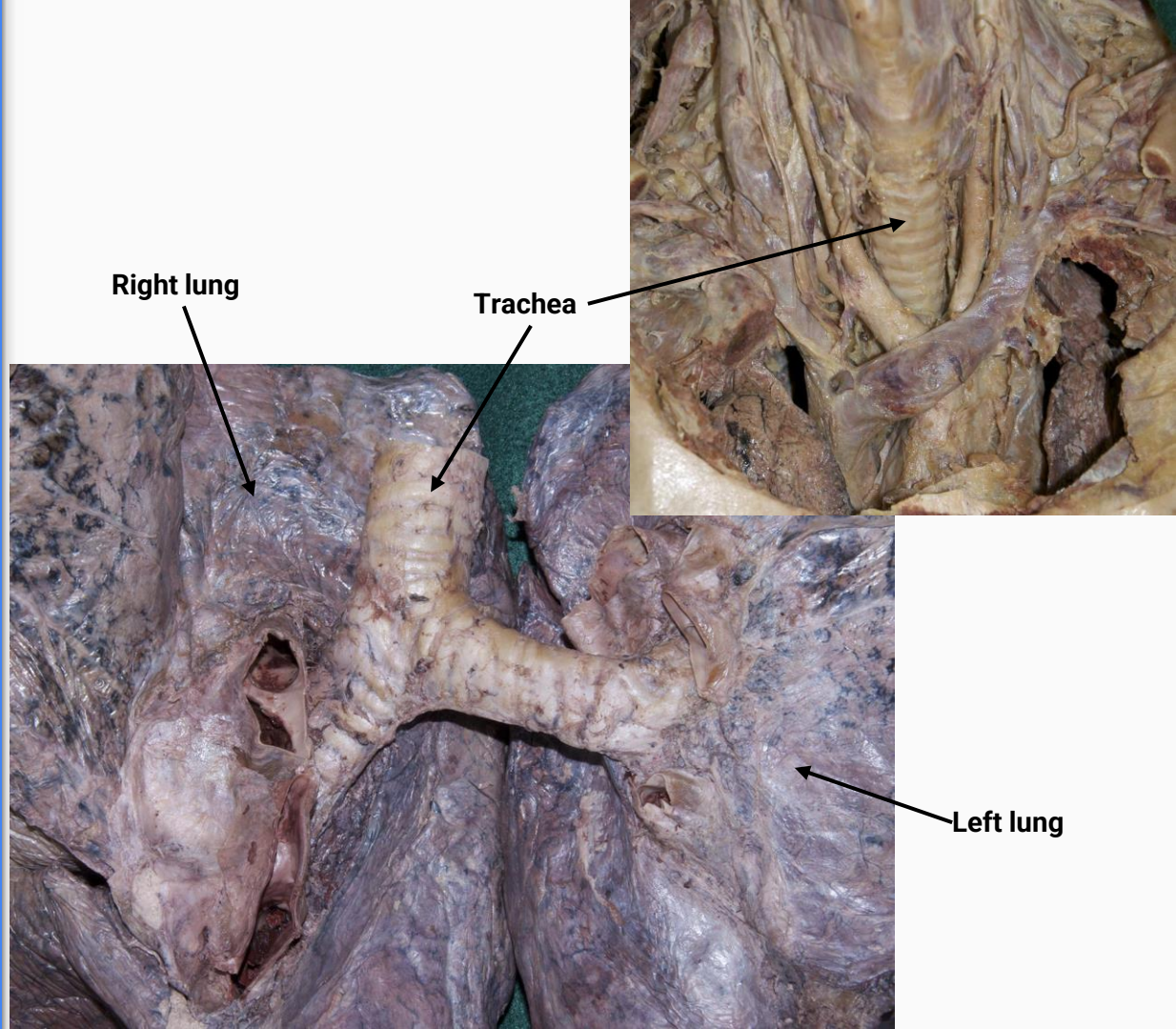
Use this image to orient yourself to the gross structure of the respiratory system



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# Respiratory System – Trachea

**Trachea:** Large airway made of cartilaginous “C” shaped rings transmitting air from the mouth to the lungs



Right lung

Trachea

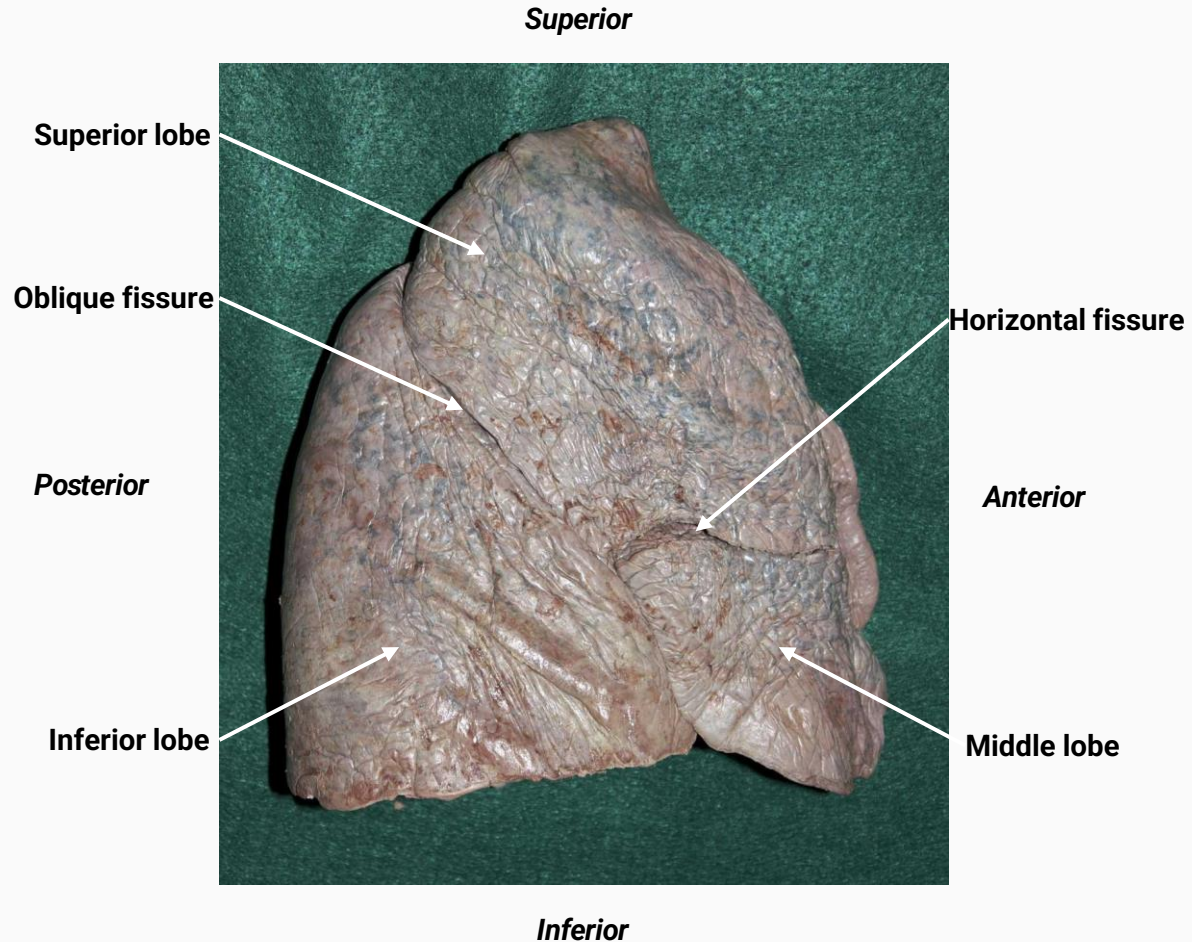
Left lung

# Respiratory System – Trachea

**Right lung:** seated on the right side of the thorax and protected by the ribs

- Right has 3 lobes divided by oblique and horizontal fissures

**Orientation:** this is a lateral view of the right lung



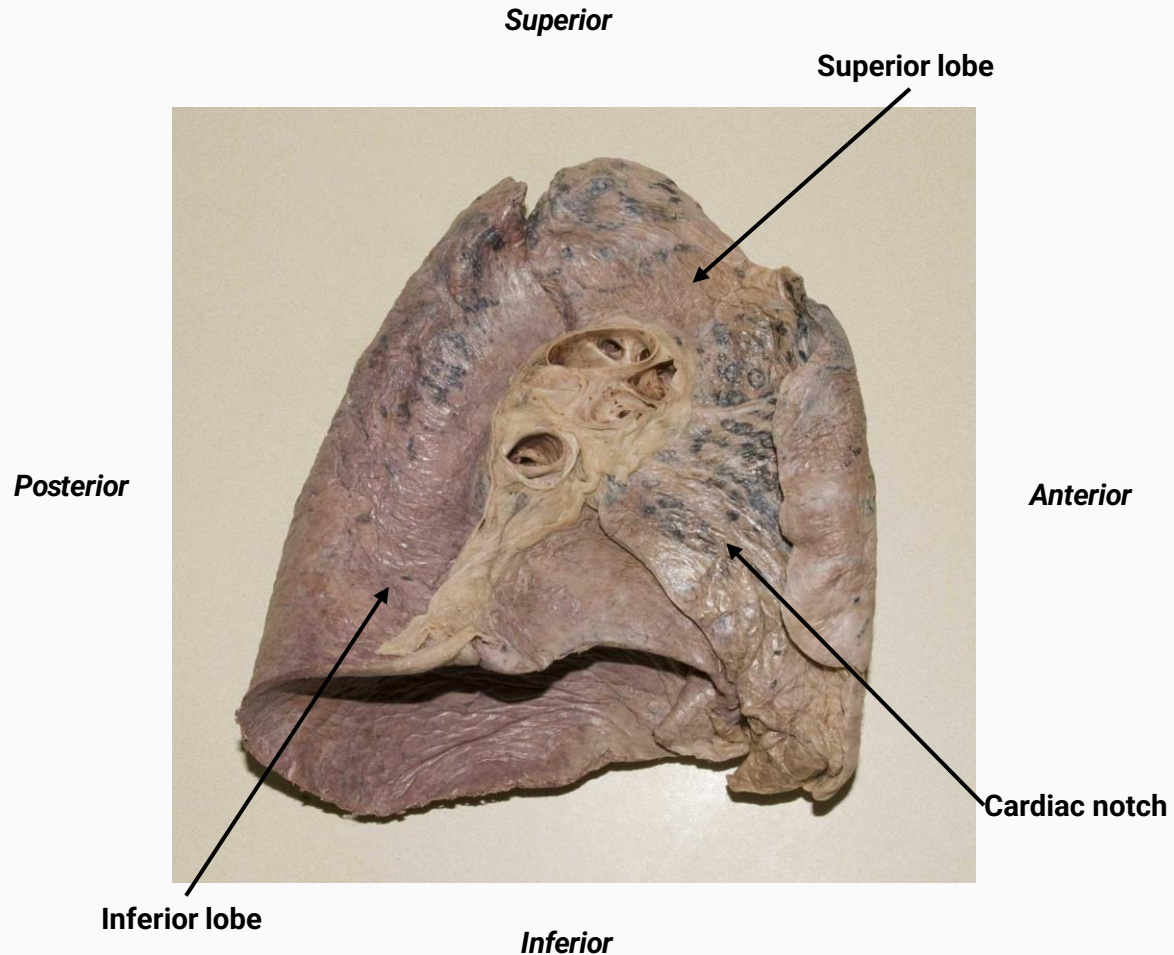


# Respiratory System – Trachea

**Left lung:** seated on the left side of the thorax, protected by the ribs, contains indentation (cardiac notch) where the heart lies

- Left has 2 lobes divided by oblique fissure

**Orientation:** this is a medial view of the left lung



# Digestive System

## Digestive organs:

- Esophagus
- Stomach
- Small Intestine
- Large Intestine
- Rectum

## Accessory digestive organs:

- Liver
- Pancreas

# Esophagus

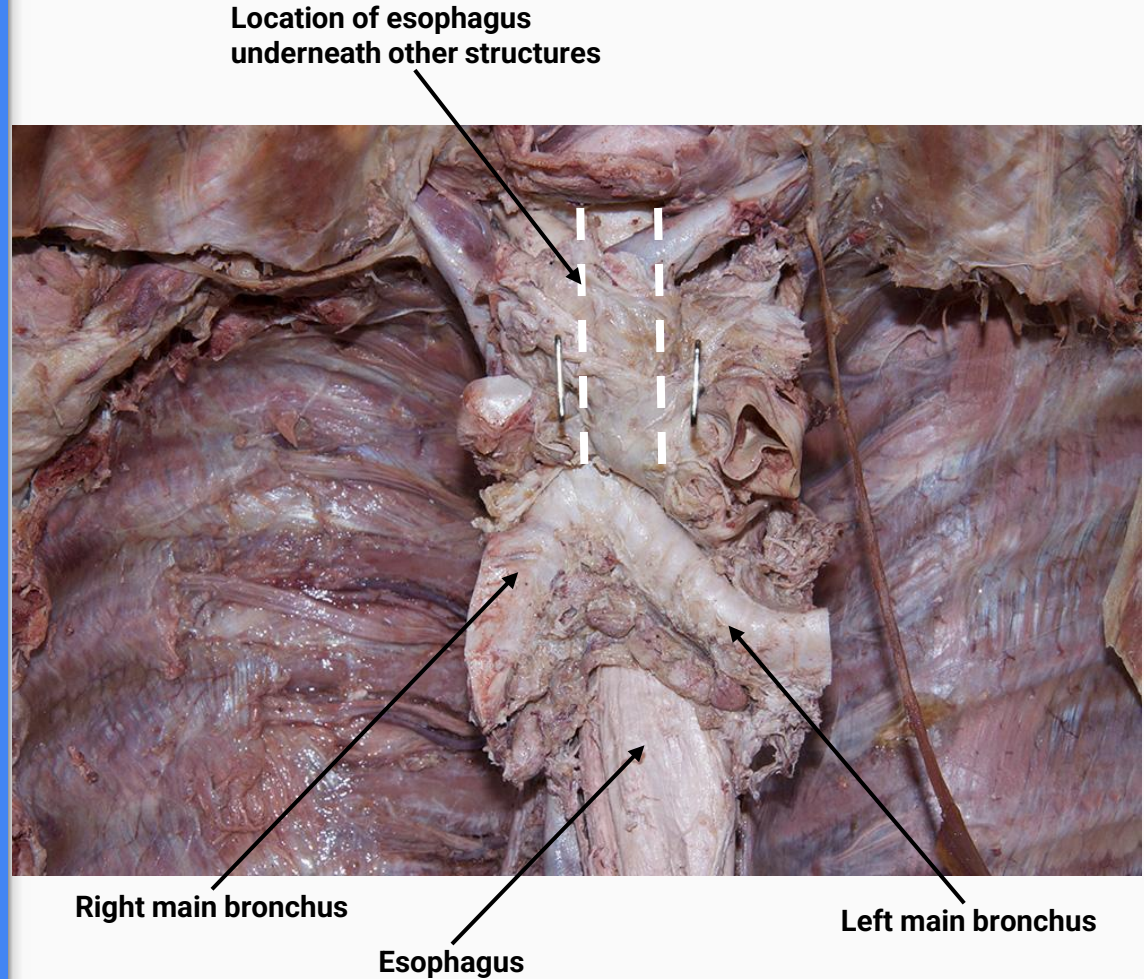
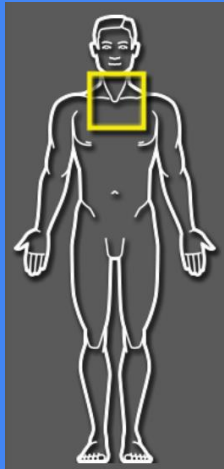
## Key points:

- The esophagus is positioned **posterior** to the trachea.
- The esophagus passes **posterior** to the left main bronchus.
- The esophagus is positioned **posterior** to the pericardial sac.
- Near the diaphragm, the esophagus is positioned **anterior** to the thoracic aorta.

# Esophagus

Orientation:

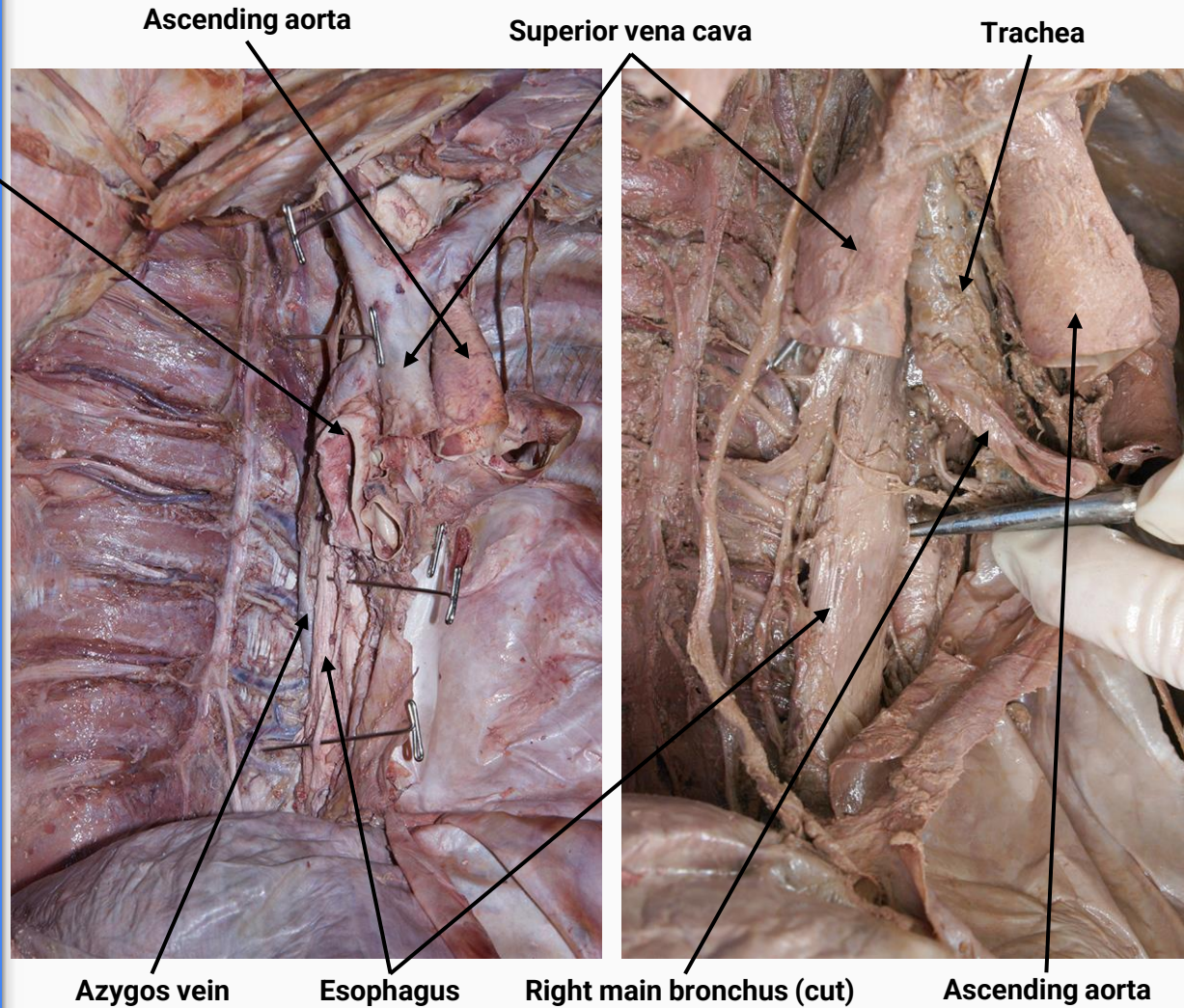
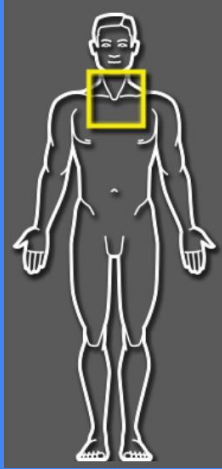
Anterior view of the thoracic cavity  
above the position of the heart



# Esophagus

Orientation:

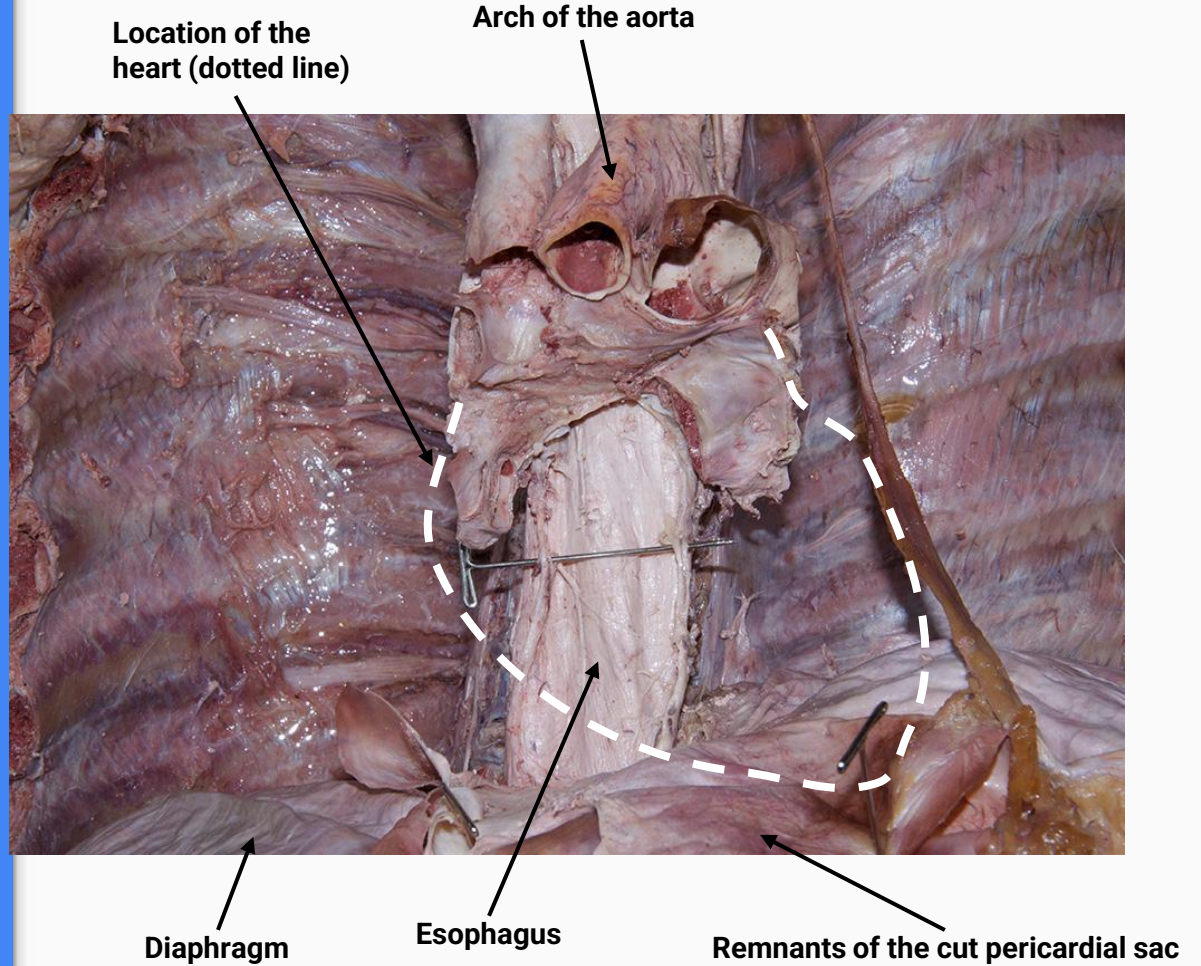
Right anterolateral view of the thoracic cavity



# Esophagus

## Orientation

Anterior view of the thoracic cavity looking at the esophagus directly behind where the heart would normally be located



# Esophagus

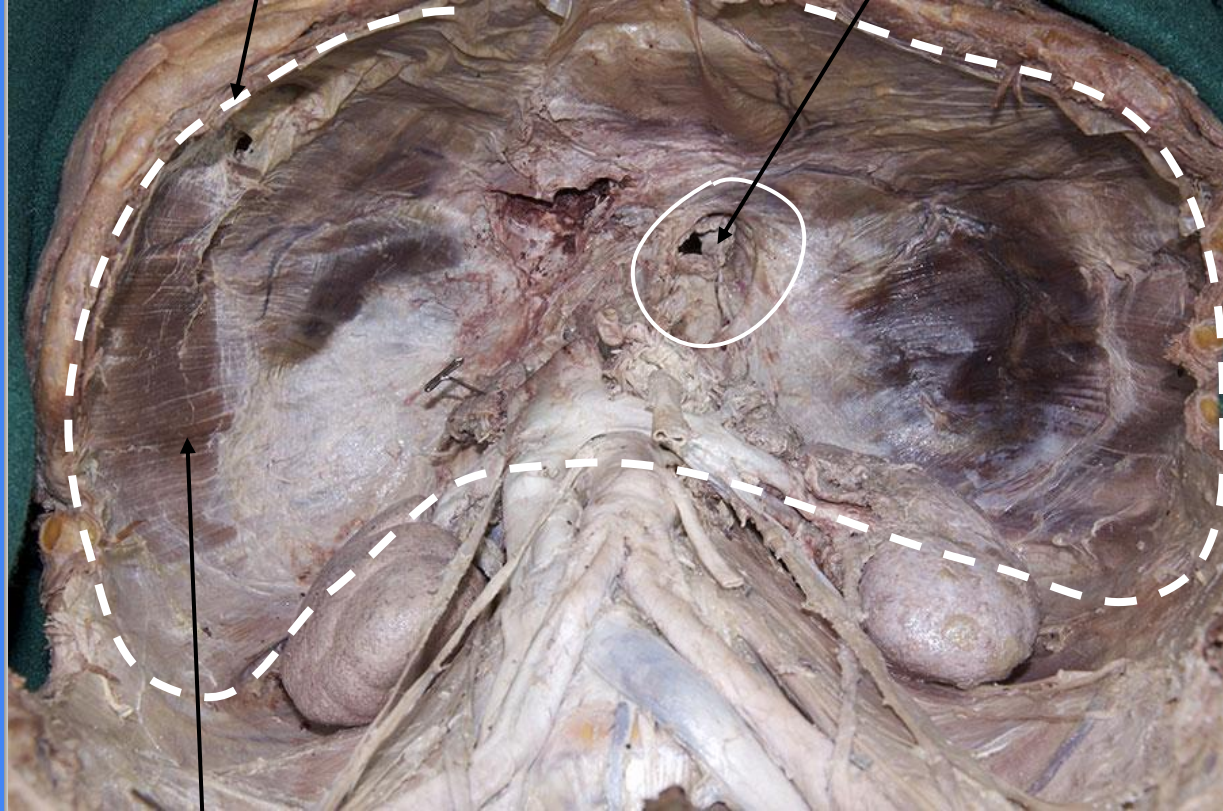
## Orientation

Inferior view of the diaphragm separating the thoracic cavity from the abdominal cavity. All abdominal organs for digestion have been removed.



Borders of diaphragm (approximated)

Opening in diaphragm for esophagus



Diaphragm

# Stomach

Key points:

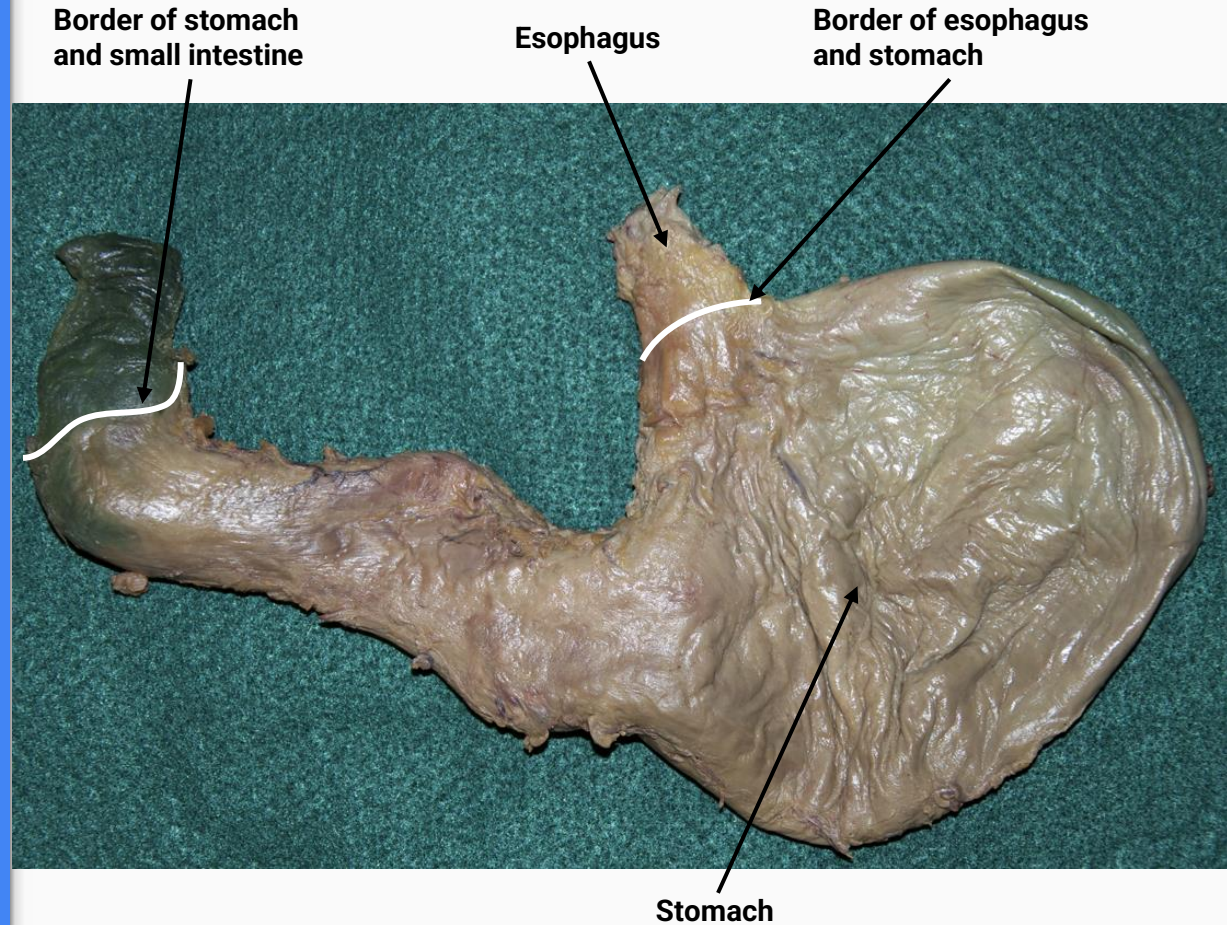
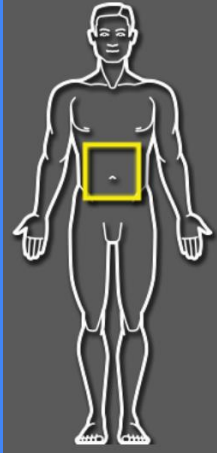
- After entering through an opening in the diaphragm, the esophagus **continues directly** into the **stomach**.
- The stomach **continues directly** as the **small intestine**.



# Stomach

Orientation:

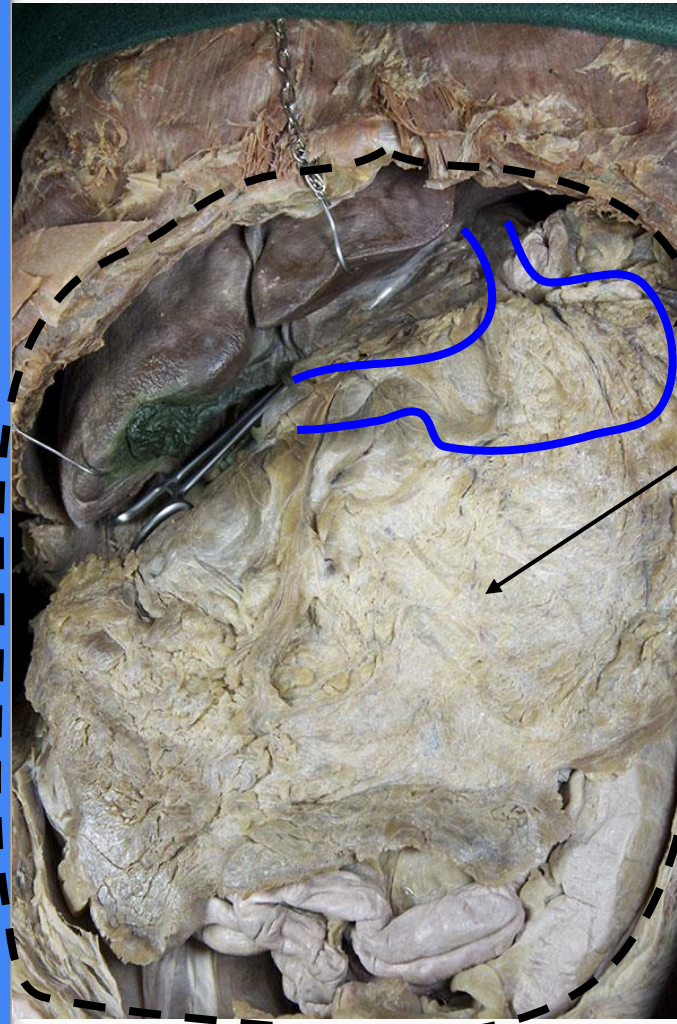
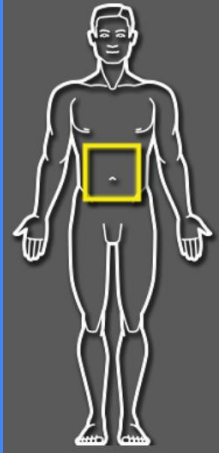
Anterior view of a stomach that has been removed from the donor



# Stomach

Orientation:

Anterior view of the peritoneal cavity without any dissection of the abdominal organs.



Approximate location of where stomach is located.

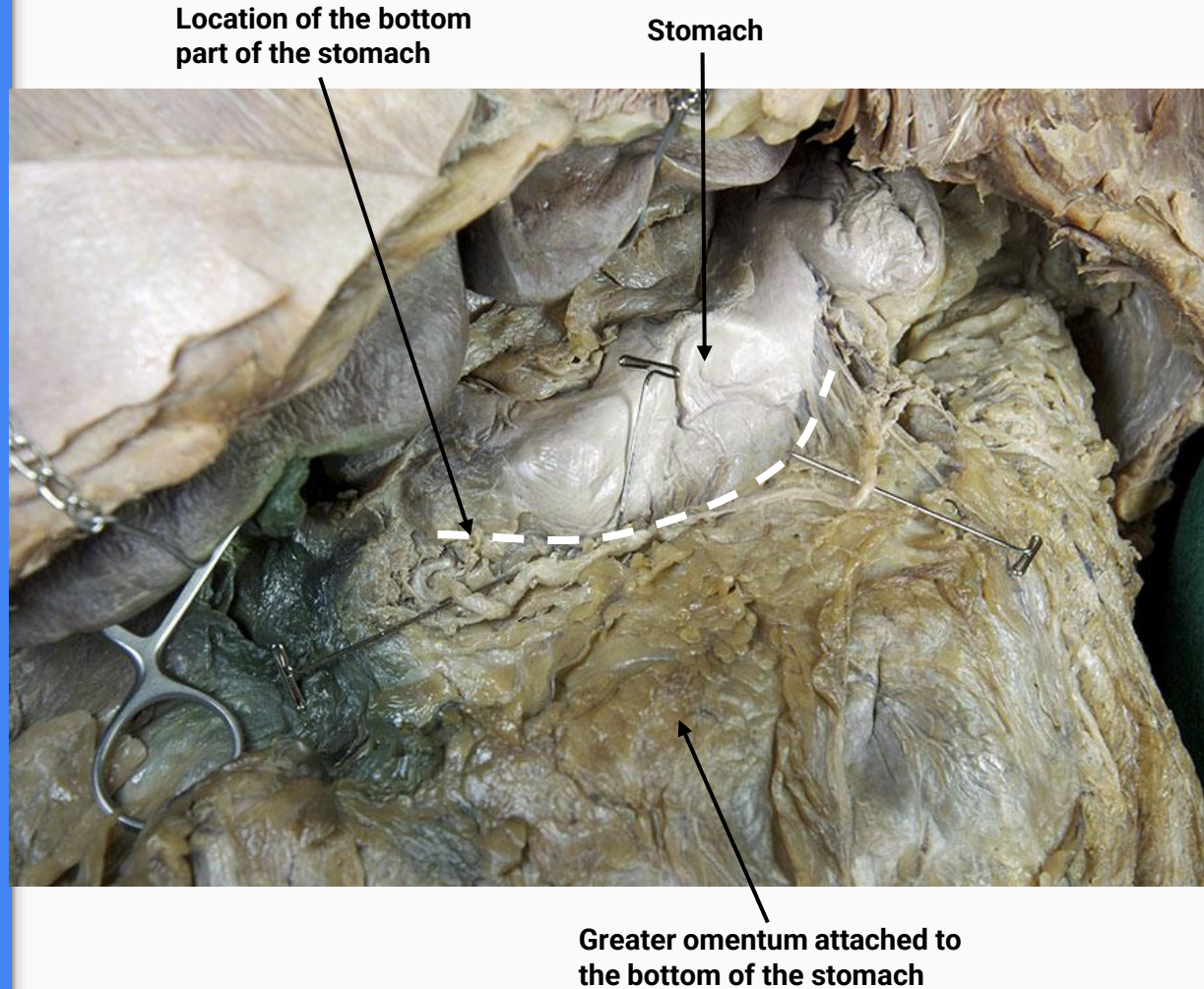
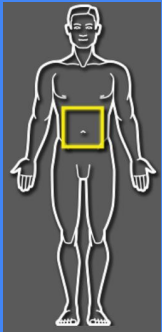
The bottom part of the stomach has peritoneal tissue attached to it called the greater omentum. This structure is obstructing our view of the stomach in this image.

Outline of peritoneal cavity

# Stomach

Orientation:

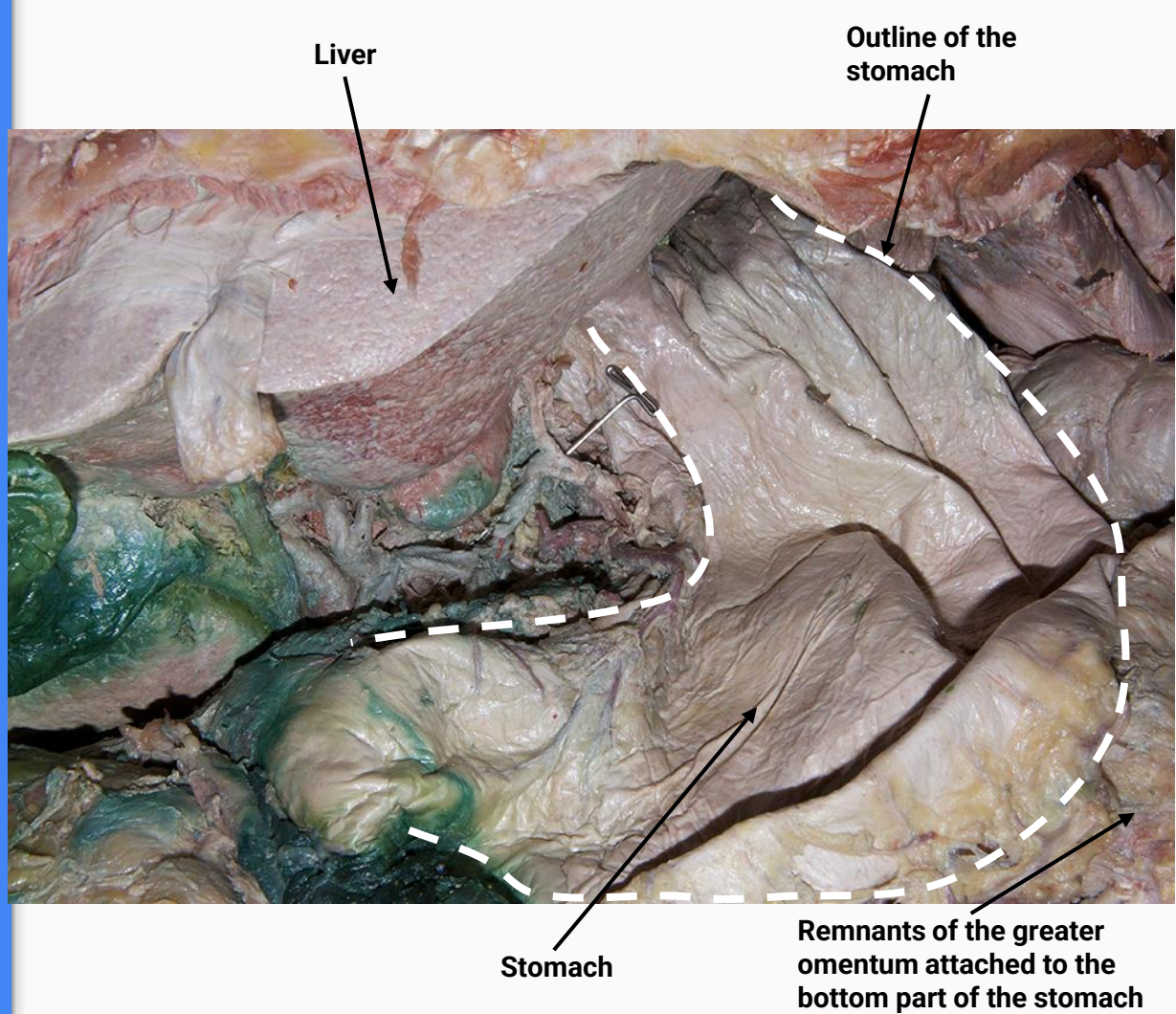
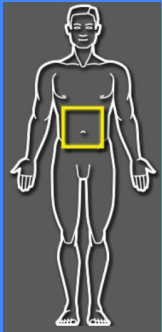
Anterior view of the peritoneal cavity that is zoomed in on the bottom part of the stomach. We can clearly see the top part of the greater omentum is attached to the bottom part of the stomach.



# Stomach

Orientation:

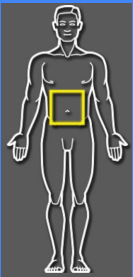
Anterior view of the stomach with the surrounding structures, such as the greater omentum, dissected off the stomach so that almost the entirety of the stomach is in view.



# Stomach

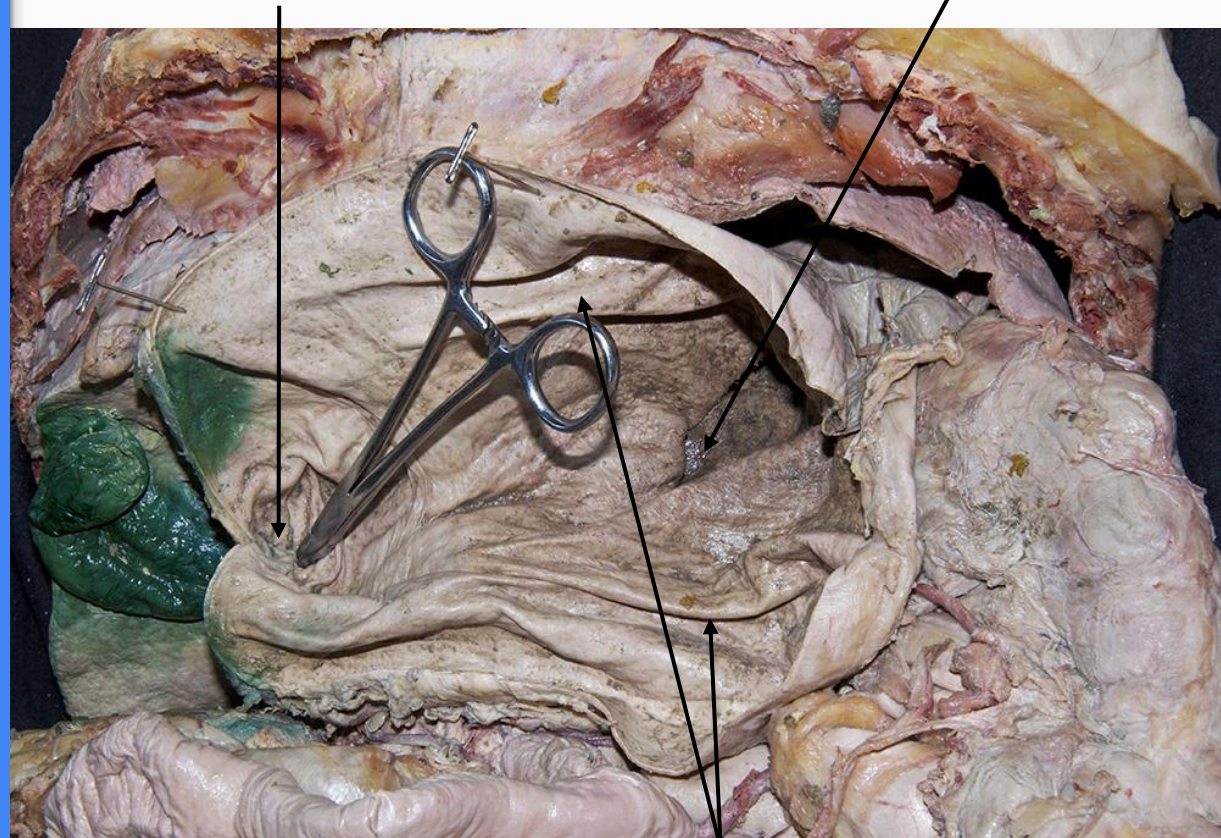
Orientation:

Anterior view of the inside of the stomach. The stomach has been cut along the bottom border, with the individual flaps being reflected upwards and downwards so that you can see inside the stomach.



This is the end of the stomach where it starts to become the small intestine.

Inside of the stomach



These folded parts on the inside of the stomach are known as "gastric folds."

# Small Intestine

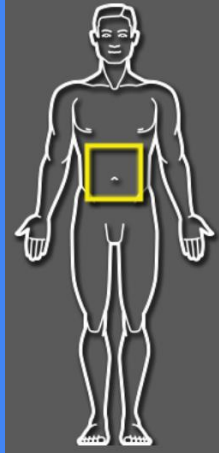
Key points:

- The end of the stomach directly continues as the **small intestine**.
- The small intestine is separated into **three parts** in the following order:
  - **Duodenum**
  - **Jejunum**
  - **Ileum**
- The **exact position** of the **three parts** of the small intestine are challenging to delineate and are not of any concern for this competition.
- The **large intestine** surrounds the small intestine.

# Small Intestine

Orientation:

Anterior view of the peritoneal cavity without any dissection of the abdominal organs.



Outline of where stomach is located but covered by greater omentum

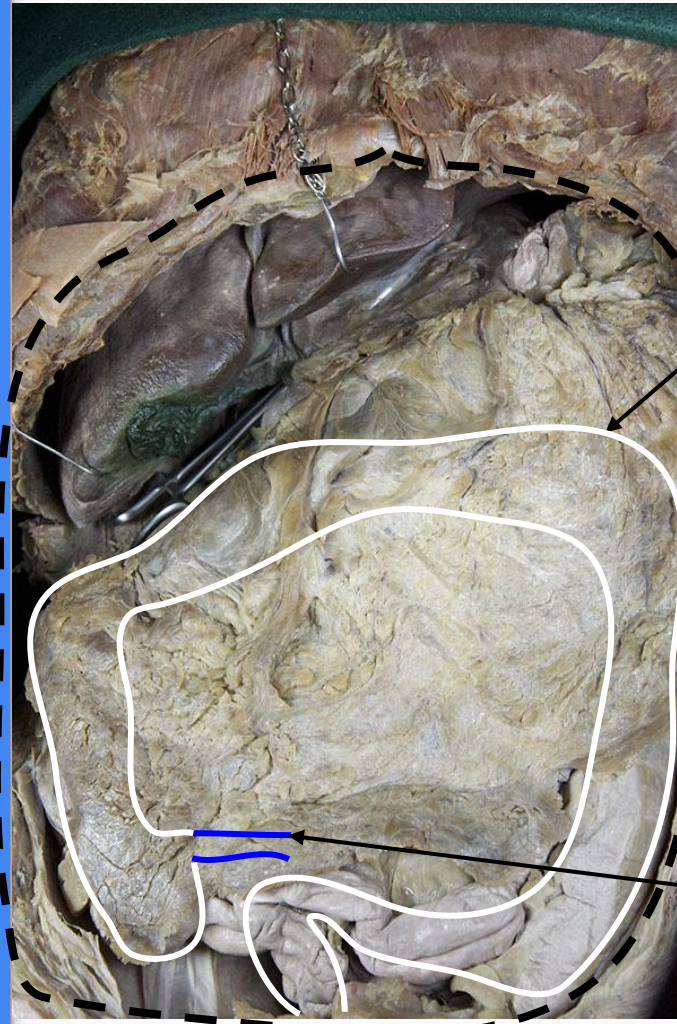
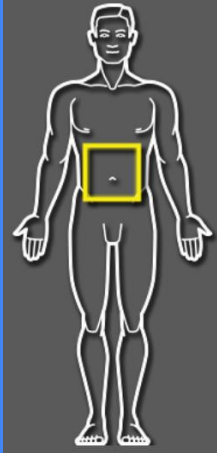
Outline of peritoneal cavity

Outline of where small intestine is located but covered by greater omentum

# Small Intestine

Orientation:

Anterior view of the peritoneal cavity without any dissection of the abdominal organs.



Outline of where the large intestine is located but is covered by greater omentum in this image. The large intestine completely surrounds the small intestine. In fact, the connection between the stomach and the small intestine goes underneath the large intestine to get to the center of the abdominal cavity. It is important to understand this relationship so that you can clearly distinguish the small intestine from the large intestine.

Outline of peritoneal cavity

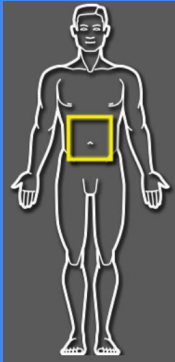
Outline of where small intestine ends and connects to the large intestine. Covered by greater omentum



# Small Intestine

Orientation:

Anterior view of the abdominal cavity with the greater omentum dissected away so that we can see the small intestine and the large intestine.



Large intestine



Outline of where the small intestine travels underneath the large intestine to connect to the stomach

Large intestine covering the start of the small intestine where it connects to the stomach

Small intestine

Border of small intestine and large intestine

# Large Intestine

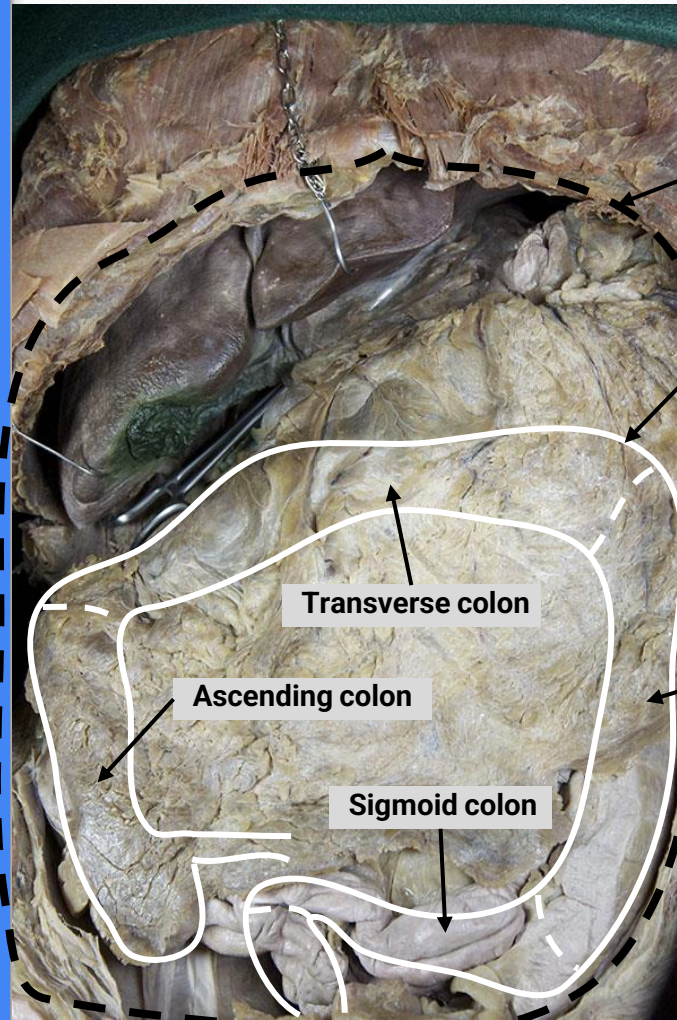
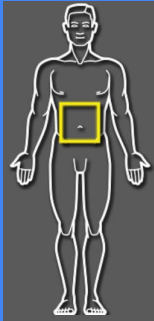
Key points:

- The **large intestine** is also known as the **colon**.
- The end of the small intestine directly continues as the **large intestine**.
- The large intestine is separated into **four parts** in the following order:
  - **Ascending colon**
  - **Transverse colon**
  - **Descending colon**
  - **Sigmoid colon**

# Large Intestine

Orientation:

Anterior view of the peritoneal cavity without any dissection of the abdominal organs. Labels are pointing to the position of the organ underneath the greater omentum.



Outline of peritoneal cavity

Outline of large intestine underneath the greater omentum

Transverse colon

Ascending colon

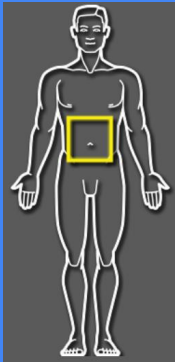
Sigmoid colon

Descending colon

# Large Intestine

Orientation:

Anterior view of the abdominal cavity with the greater omentum dissected away so that we can see the small intestine and the large intestine.



Outline of the borders of the ascending and transverse colon

Large intestine, specifically the transverse colon.

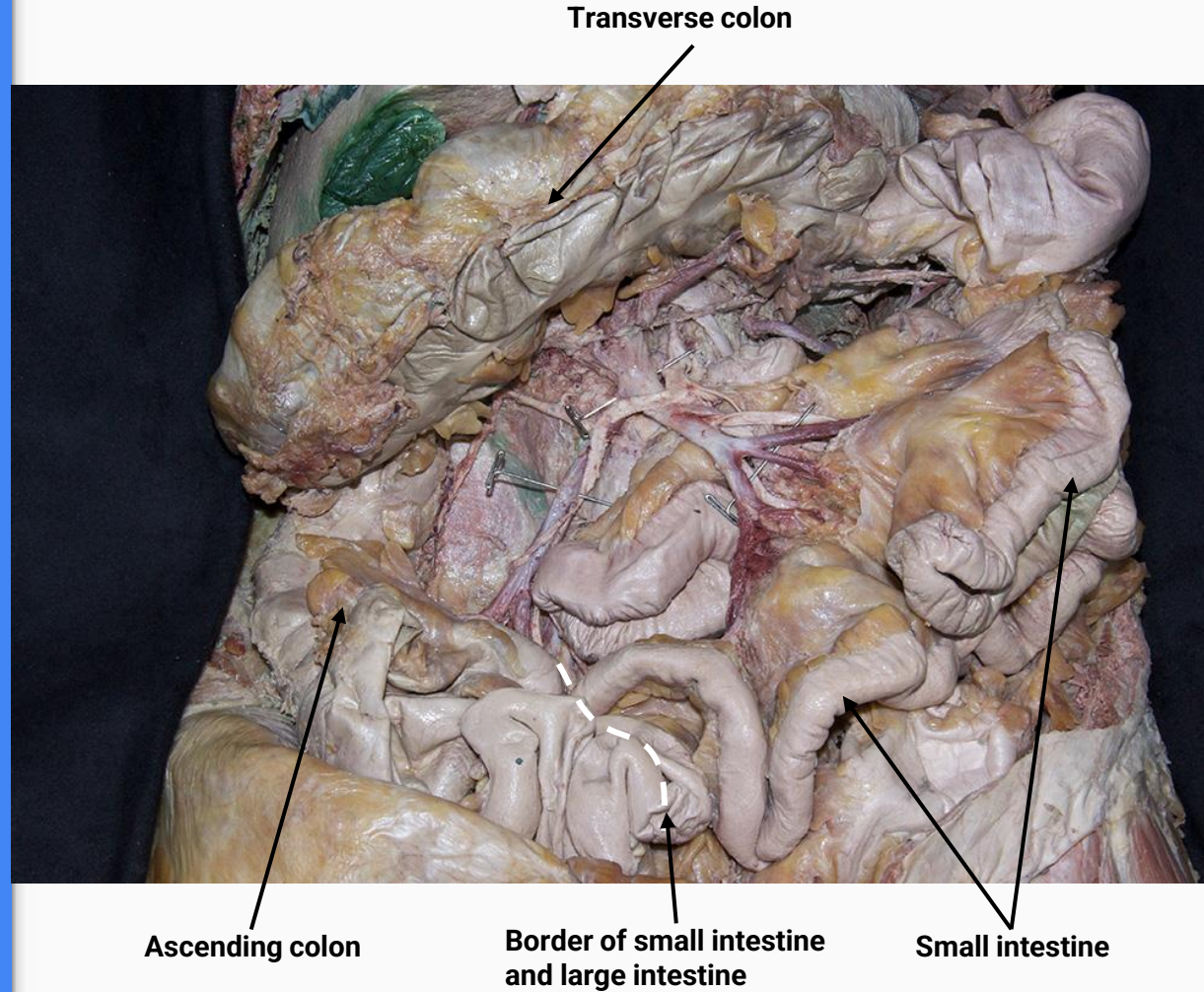
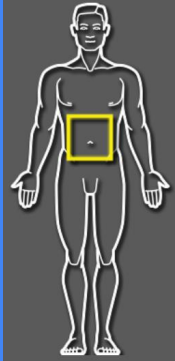
Small intestine

Border of small intestine and large intestine

# Large Intestine

Orientation:

Anterior view of the abdominal cavity with the small intestine pushed towards the donor's left side.



Transverse colon

Ascending colon

Border of small intestine  
and large intestine

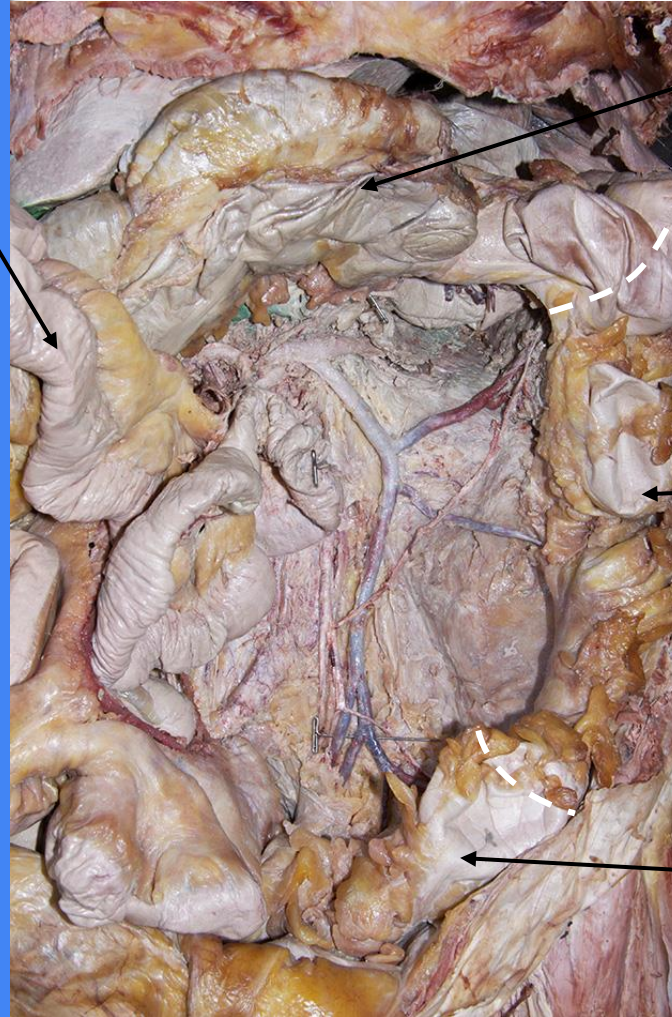
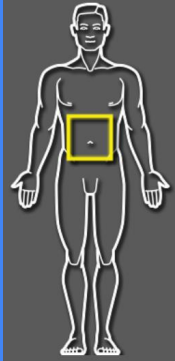
Small intestine

**Small intestine**

# Large Intestine

Orientation:

Anterior view of the abdominal cavity with the small intestine pushed toward the donor's right side.



**Transverse colon**

**Descending colon**

**Sigmoid colon**

# Rectum

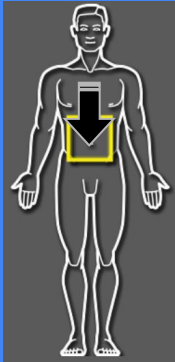
## Key points:

- The end of the large intestine, specifically the sigmoid colon, directly continues as the **rectum**.
- The rectum connects directly to the **anal canal** and **anus**, the locations where fecal matter exits the body.

# Rectum

Orientation:

Anterosuperior view of the end of the sigmoid colon continuing as the rectum down into the pelvic cavity.



Small intestine slightly pushed to the donor's right so that we can see the large intestine



Descending colon

Sigmoid colon curving into the rectum

Rectum deep in pelvic cavity



# Liver

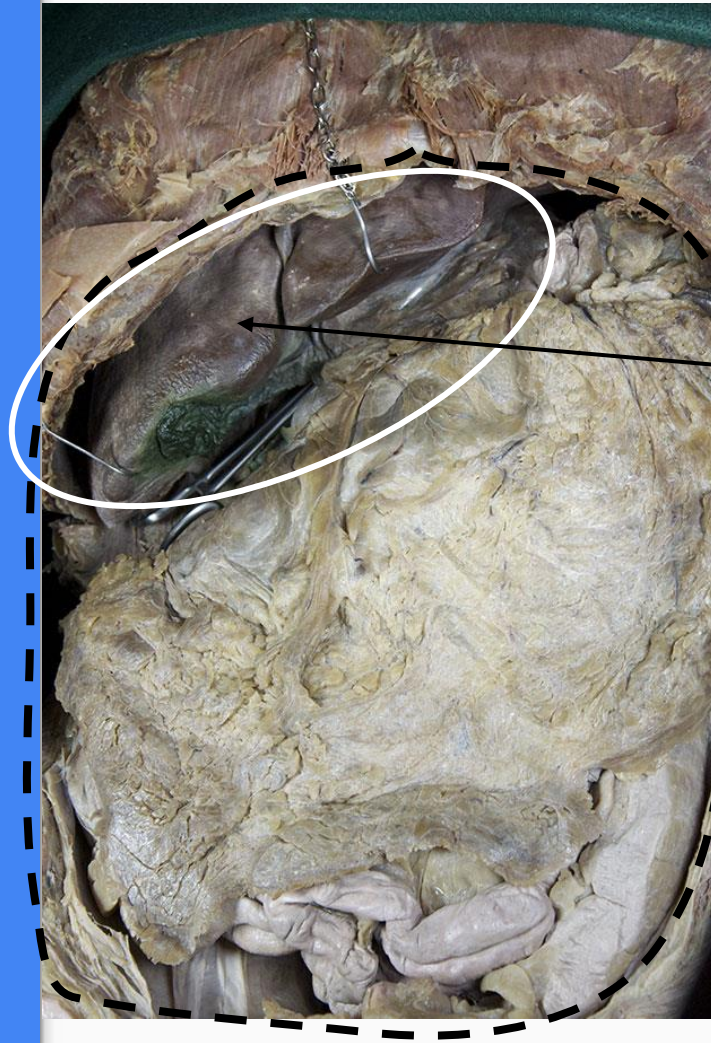
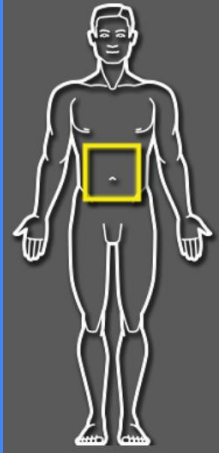
## Key points:

- The liver is located in the **right upper quadrant** inside the abdominal cavity.
- The liver **connects to the digestive system** via two ways:
  - **Bile duct**
  - **Portal vein system**
- The **bile duct** is a tube that allows the liver to put bile in the small intestine to help digest food.
- The **portal vein system** is made up of veins that connect the intestines and the liver. The blood traveling through these veins **carries absorbed nutrients from digested food** to the liver for processing, filtering, and storage.

# Liver

Orientation:

Anterior view of the peritoneal cavity without any dissection of the abdominal organs.



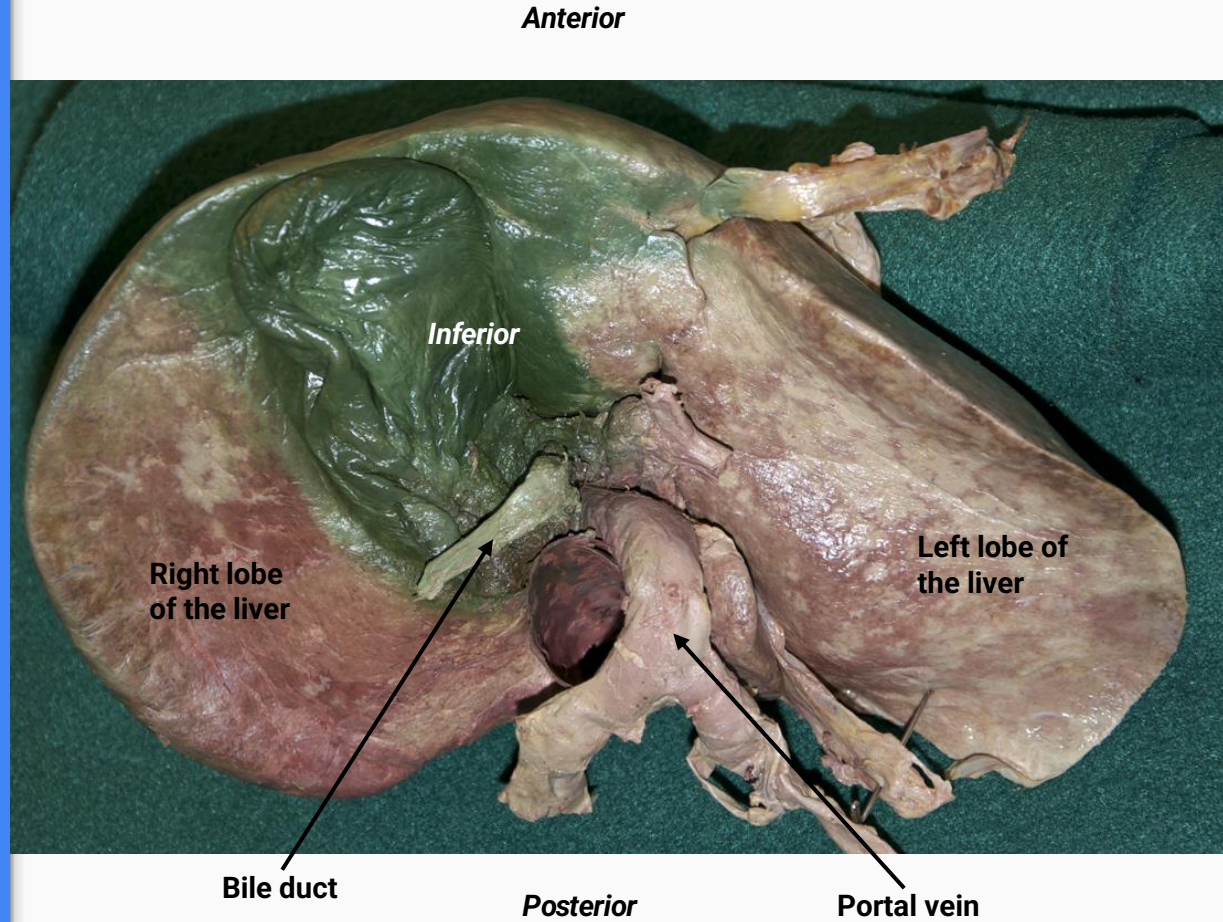
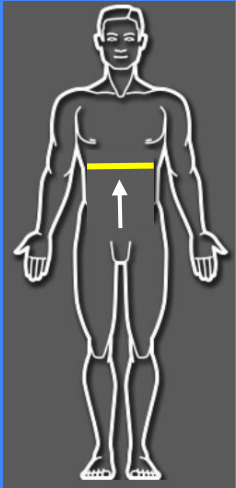
We have seen this view before when looking at the stomach and intestine. The liver was visible then. It is circled here now.

Outline of peritoneal cavity

# Liver

Orientation:

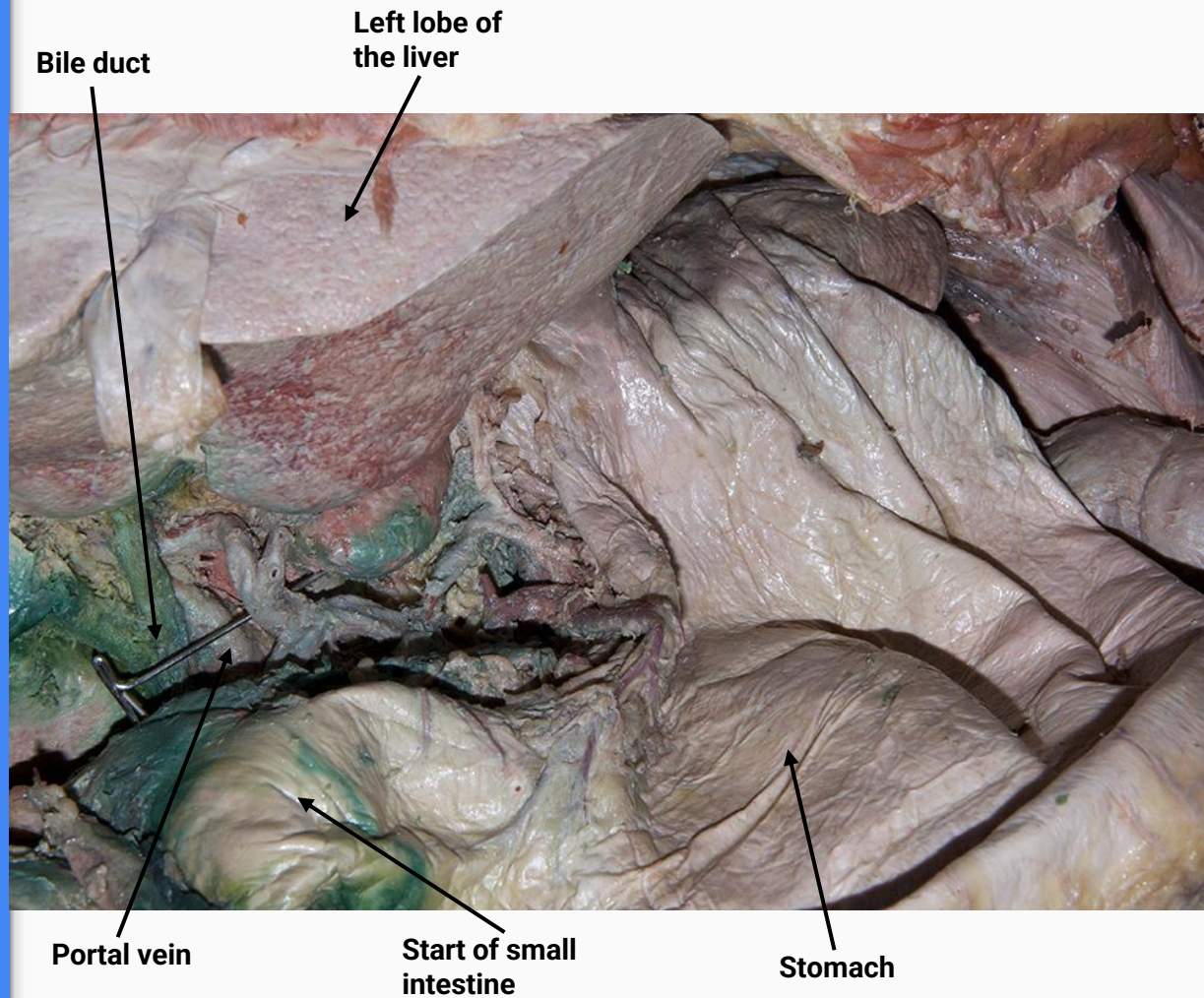
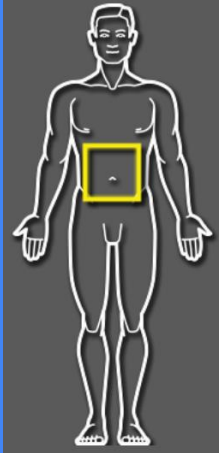
Inferior view of a liver that has been removed from the donor.



# Liver

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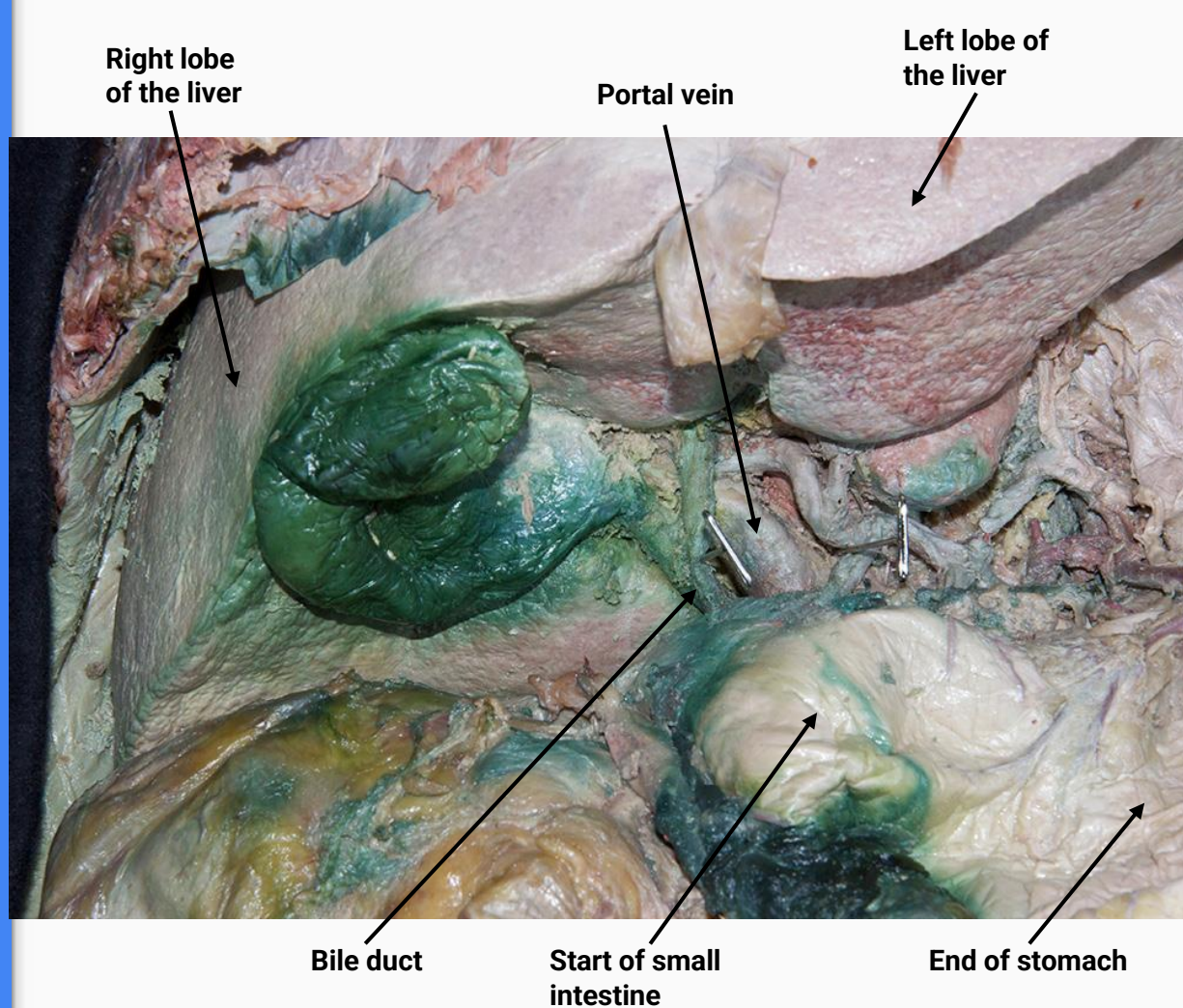
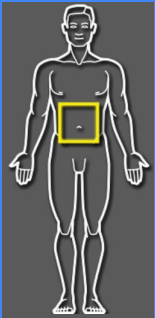
Anterior view of the abdominal cavity showcasing the stomach, liver, and start of the small intestine.



# Liver

Orientation:

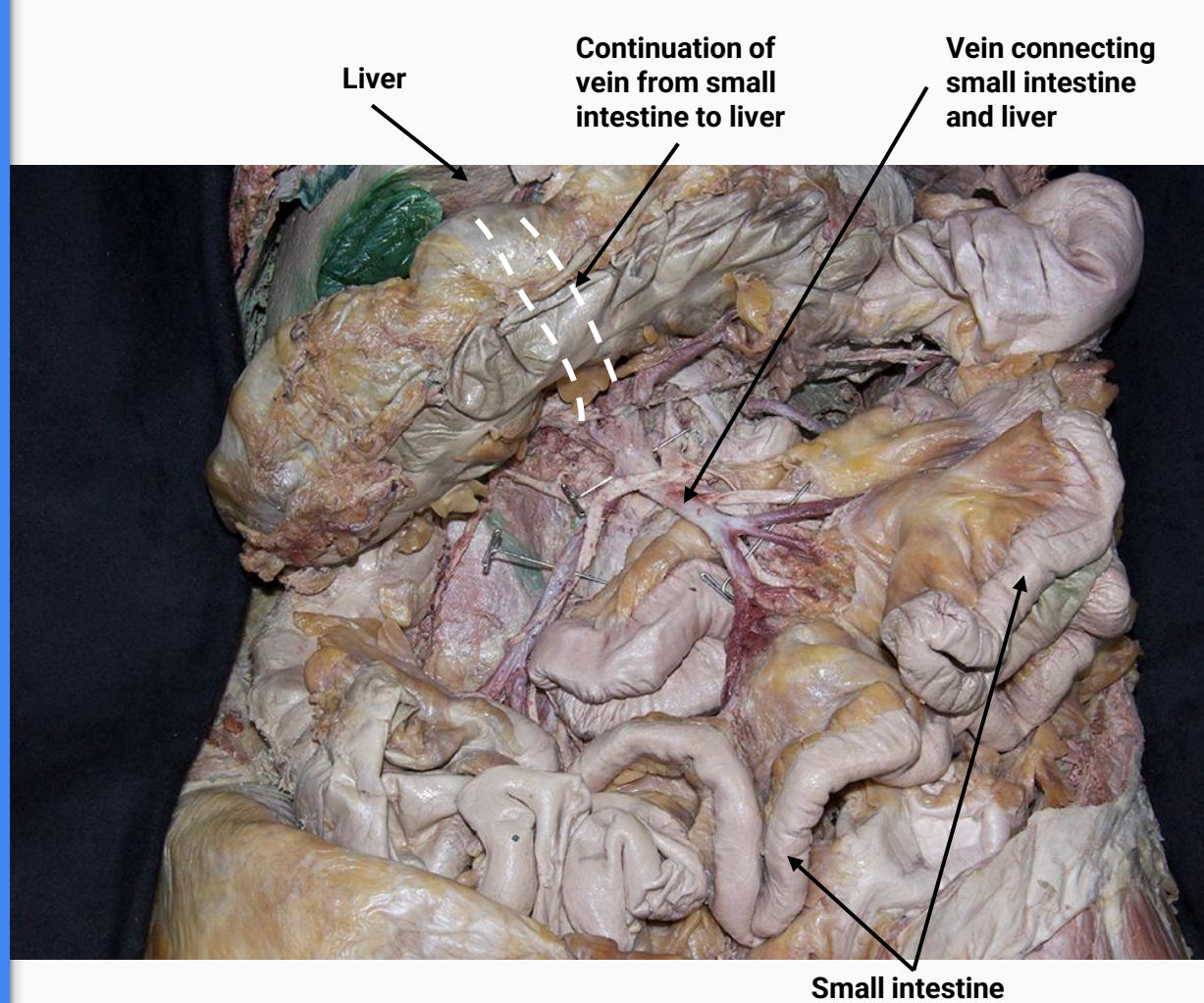
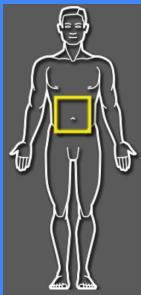
Anterior view of the abdominal cavity showcasing the stomach, liver, and start of the small intestine. This is similar to the previous image except the view is slightly shifted to the donor's right side.



# Liver

Orientation:

Anterior view of the abdominal cavity showcasing the veins that connect to the portal vein. This is an example of the connection between the small intestine and the liver. The large intestine has a similar connection to the liver.



Liver

Continuation of vein from small intestine to liver

Vein connecting small intestine and liver

Small intestine

# Pancreas

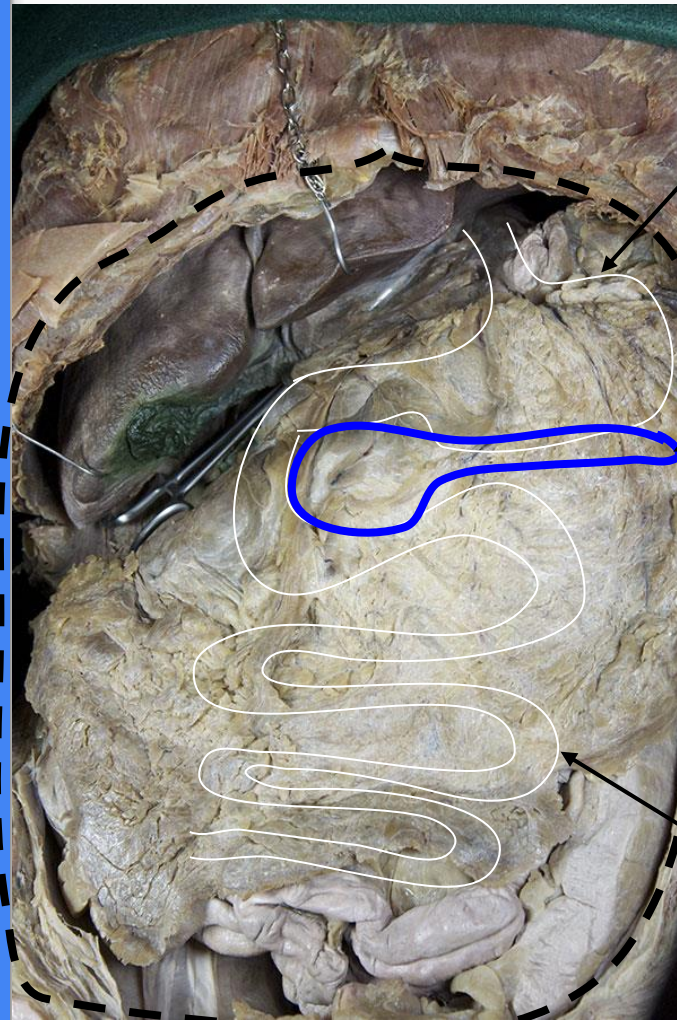
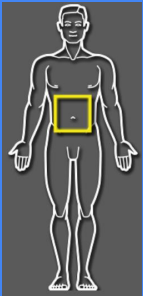
## Key points:

- The pancreas is located **below the stomach** and **posterior to the transverse colon**. It is tucked in a nook of the small intestine, specifically the first part of the small intestine.
- The actual pancreatic tissue is quite **friable** in a donor. It often looks **grainy** and like it could easily break apart into pieces.
- The pancreas **connects to the digestive system** via the **pancreatic duct**.
- The **pancreatic duct** allows the pancreas to secrete digestive enzymes into the small intestine to help digest food.

# Pancreas

## Orientation:

Anterior view of the peritoneal cavity without any dissection of the abdominal organs. We have seen this image before when looking at the small intestine section. This has been updated to show where the pancreas would be as well.



Outline of where stomach is located but covered by greater omentum

Outline of where the pancreas is located but covered by the greater omentum and transverse colon.

Outline of peritoneal cavity

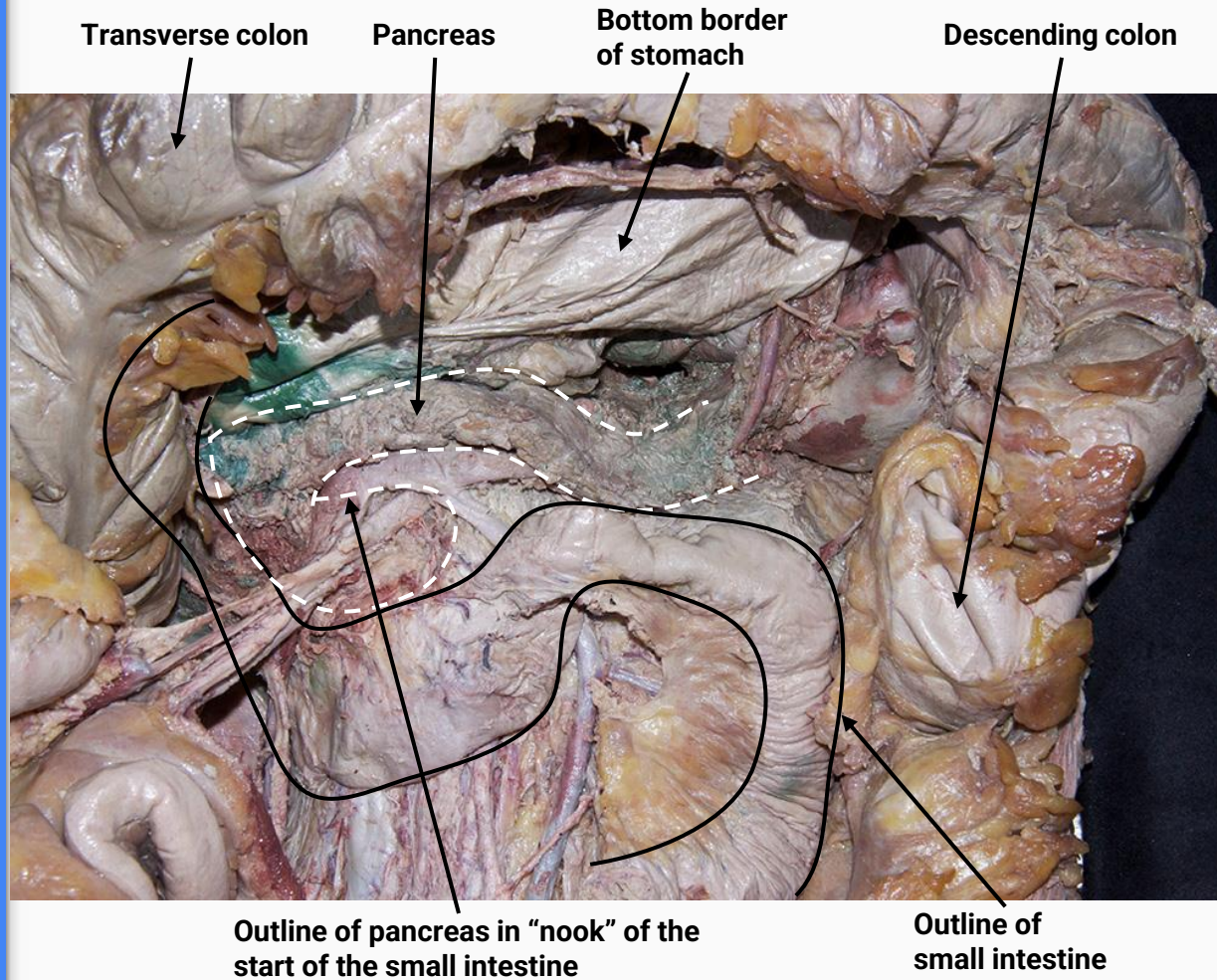
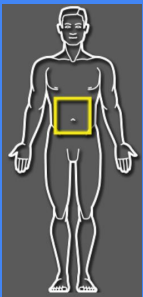
Outline of where small intestine is located but covered by greater omentum



# Pancreas

## Orientation:

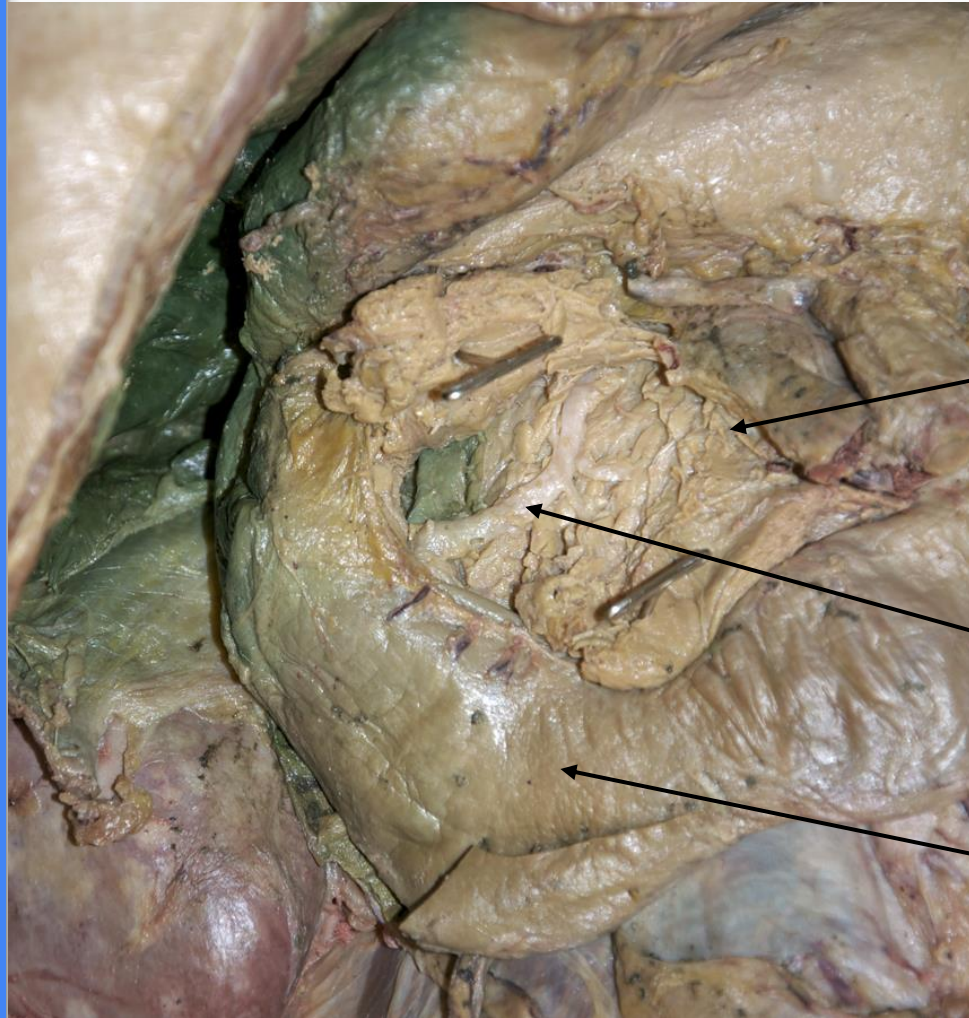
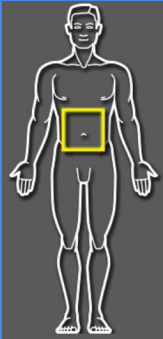
Anterior view of the abdominal cavity. The greater omentum has been dissected away. The transverse colon has been retracted upwards, and the small intestine has been retracted downwards and to the right. This allows us to see the pancreas.



# Pancreas

Orientation:

Anterior view of the pancreas in the “nook” of the start of the small intestine. This is a very zoomed in view so that we can see the pancreatic duct connected to the small intestine.



**Pancreas**

**Pancreatic duct  
connected to  
small intestine**

**Small intestine**

# Urinary & Reproductive Systems

## Urinary viscera:

- Kidneys
- Bladder

## Reproductive viscera

- Prostate
- Uterus

# Kidneys

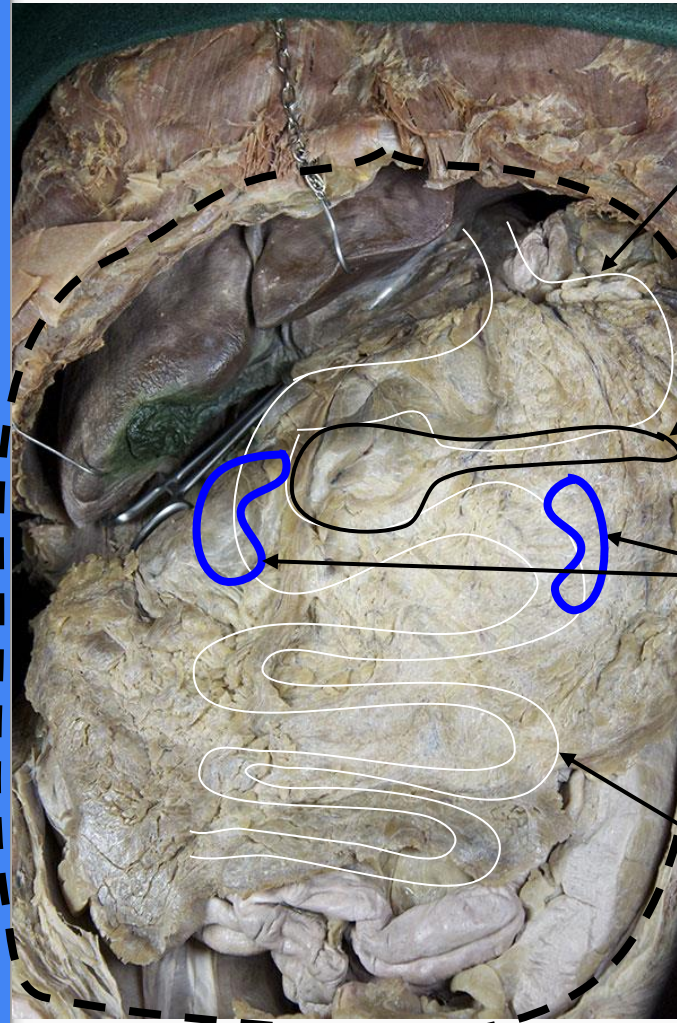
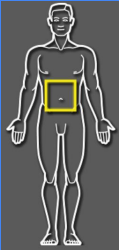
## Key points:

- The kidneys are part of the abdominal cavity, but they sit **behind (posterior)** all of the digestive system organs.
- Each kidney has its own **ureter** that drains urine to the **bladder**.
- Each kidney also has its own main **artery** and main **vein**. They are called the **renal artery** and **renal vein**.

# Kidneys

## Orientation:

Anterior view of the peritoneal cavity without any dissection of the abdominal organs. We have seen this image before when looking at the small intestine, stomach, and pancreas. This has been updated to show where the kidneys would be as well.



Outline of where stomach is located but covered by greater omentum

Outline of where the pancreas is located but covered by the greater omentum and transverse colon.

Outline of where the kidneys are approximately located behind all of the abdominal organs.

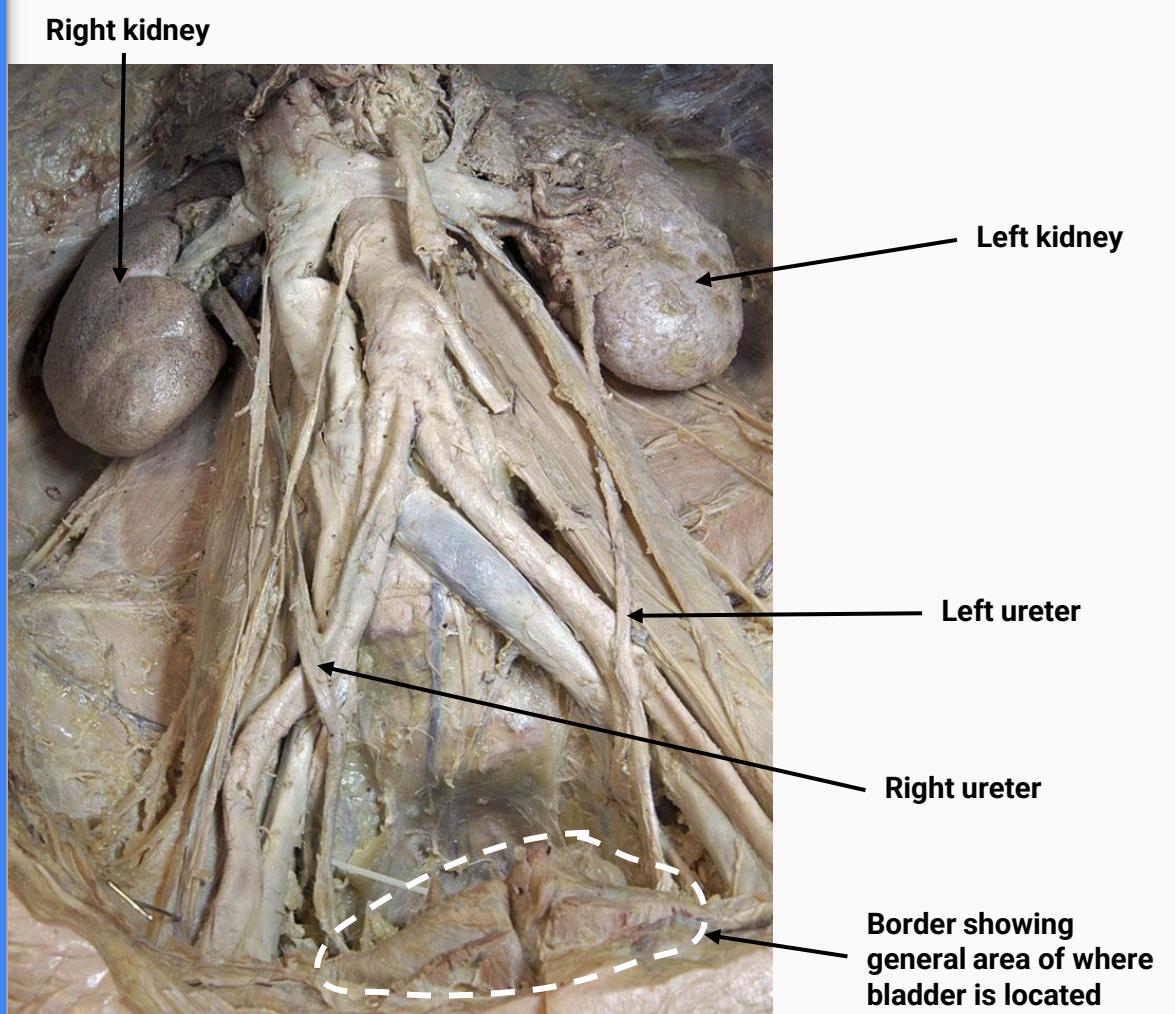
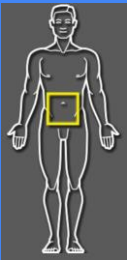
Outline of peritoneal cavity

Outline of where small intestine is located but covered by greater omentum

# Kidneys

## Orientation:

Anterior view of the lower portion of the abdominal cavity again with the digestive organs removed. We can clearly see the two kidneys and the ureters. The ureters travel down into the pelvic cavity where they drain urine into the bladder.



Right kidney

Left kidney

Left ureter

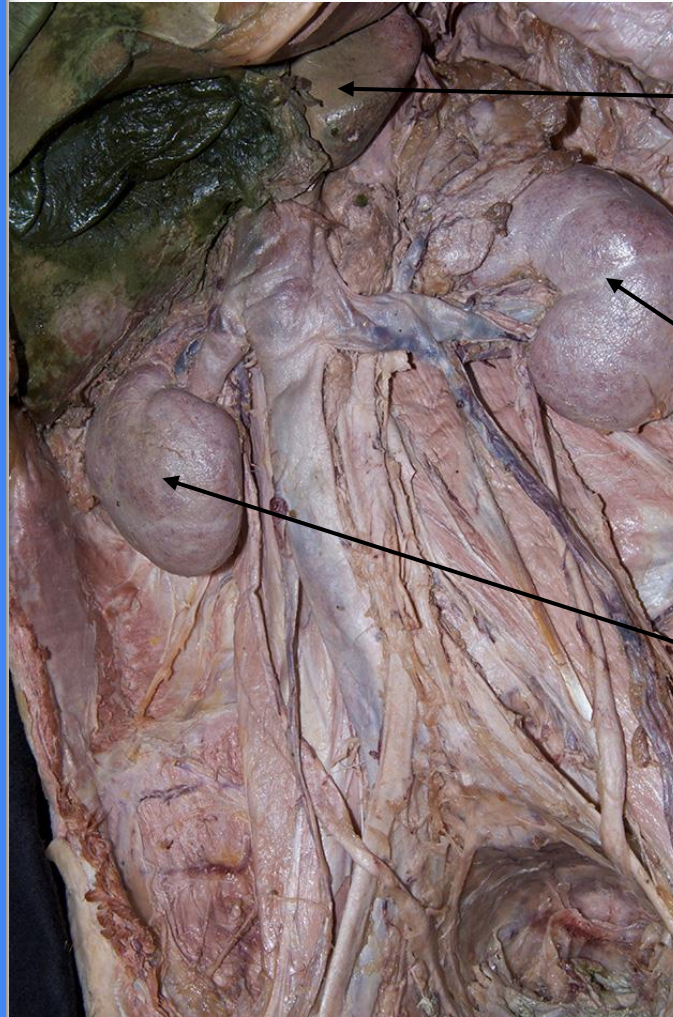
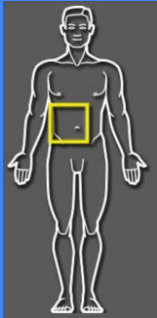
Right ureter

Border showing  
general area of where  
bladder is located

# Kidneys

Orientation:

Anterior view of the abdominal cavity without most of the digestive system organs in the donor (the liver was kept). The image is slightly shifted to the donor's right side, but we still can see both kidneys here.



Liver

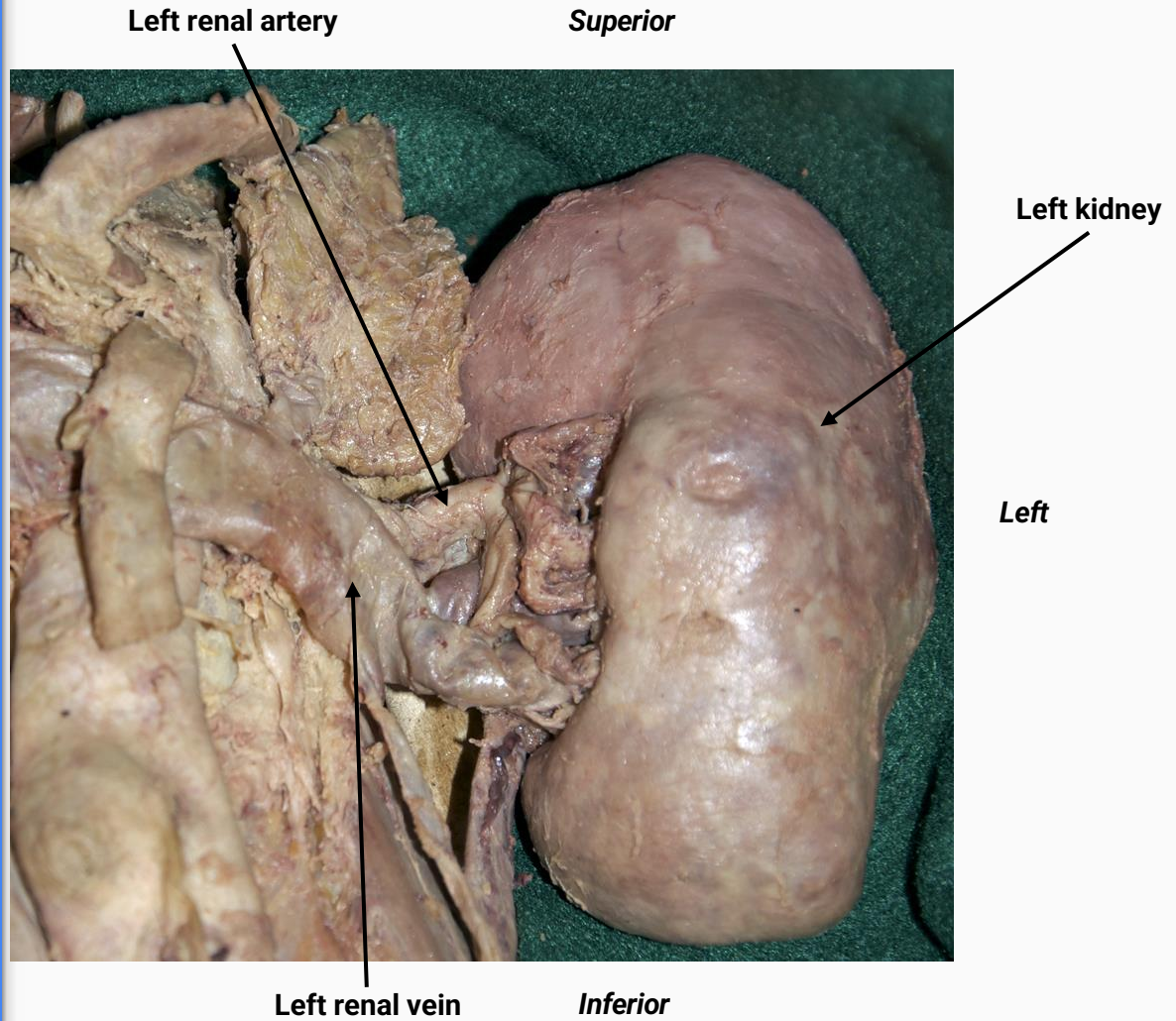
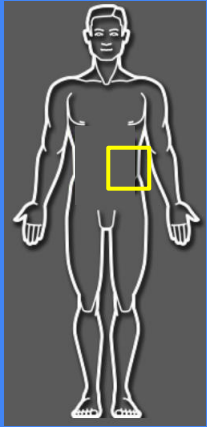
Left kidney

Right kidney

# Kidneys

Orientation:

Anterior view of the left kidney. We can clearly see the renal artery and renal vein for this kidney.



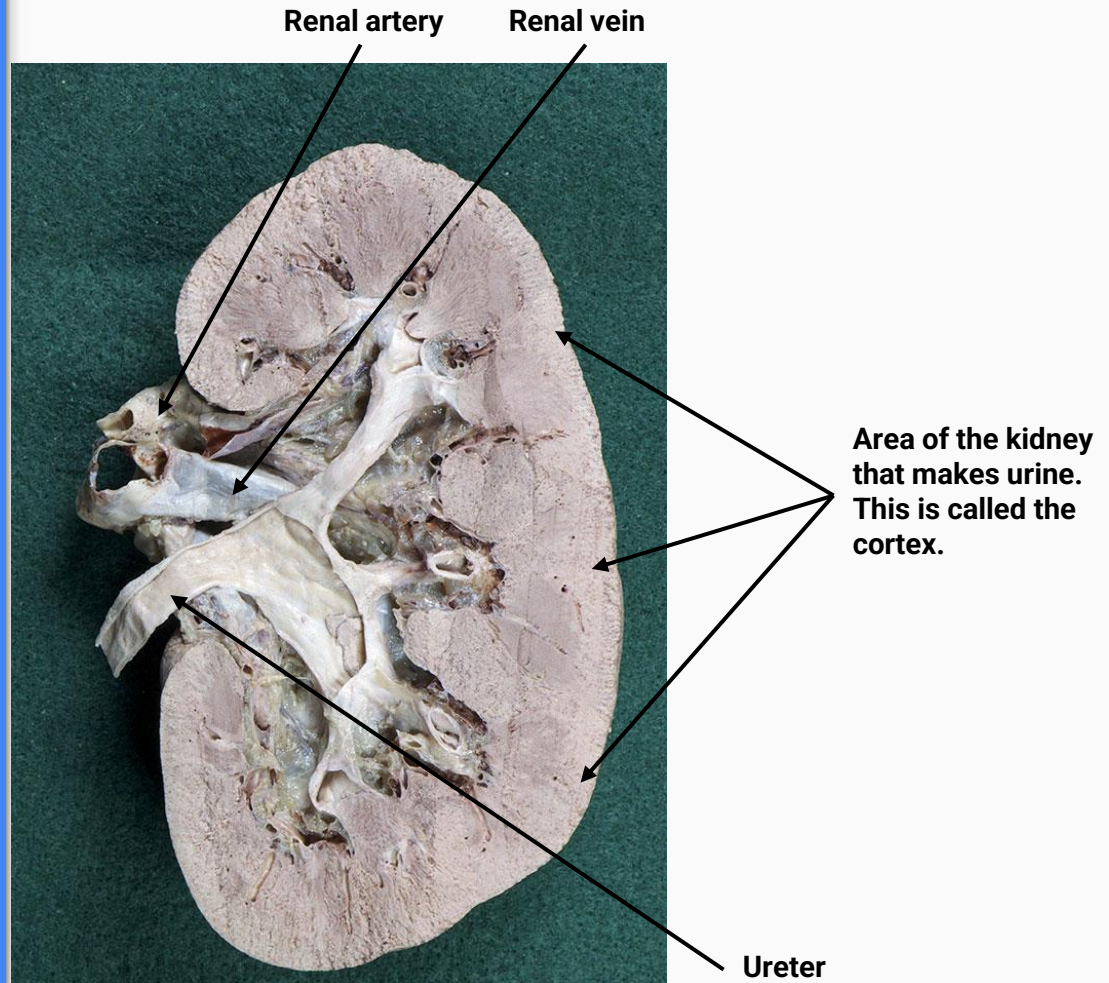


# Kidney

## Orientation:

This is a right kidney that has been cut in half lengthwise. Specifically, this is a *coronal* section/plane of the kidney.

This image shows a posterior view of the sliced kidney. We can clearly see the ureter and how it connects to multiple parts of the kidney that are producing urine.



# Bladder

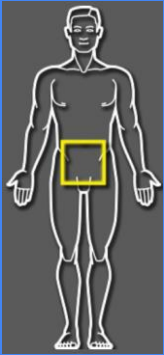
Key points:

- The bladder is part of the **pelvic cavity**.
- The bladder **stores urine** that was drained from the kidney via the ureters.

# Bladder

Orientation:

Anterior view of the lower part of the abdominal cavity with a slight superior view looking into the pelvic cavity.



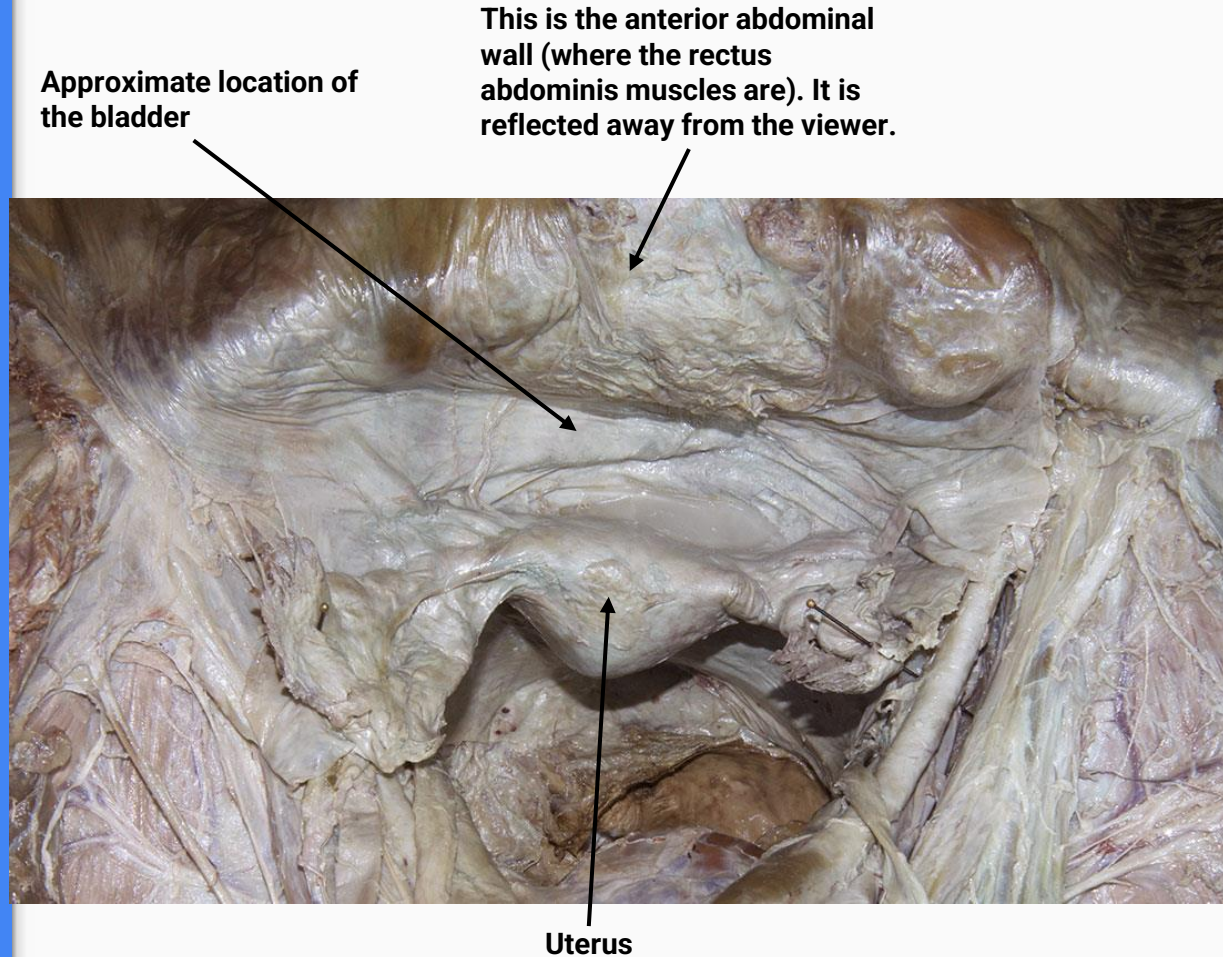
The arrows point to the general area where the bladder is located

This is the anterior abdominal wall (where the rectus abdominis muscles are). It is reflected towards the viewer.

# Bladder

## Orientation:

Superior view of the pelvic cavity in donor with estrogen-driven anatomy. The bladder is a challenging structure to see in this view because it is usually very flattened. It looks as if it is within the anterior abdominal wall, but it is in fact behind it. This can be more easily seen on a “hemisected” view shown later on.



# Bladder

Orientation:

Another example of a superior view of the pelvic cavity. This time the bladder has been dissected more to show the actual structure. You can clearly see it is separate from the anterior abdominal wall.



This is the anterior abdominal wall (where the rectus abdominis muscles are). It is reflected away from the viewer.

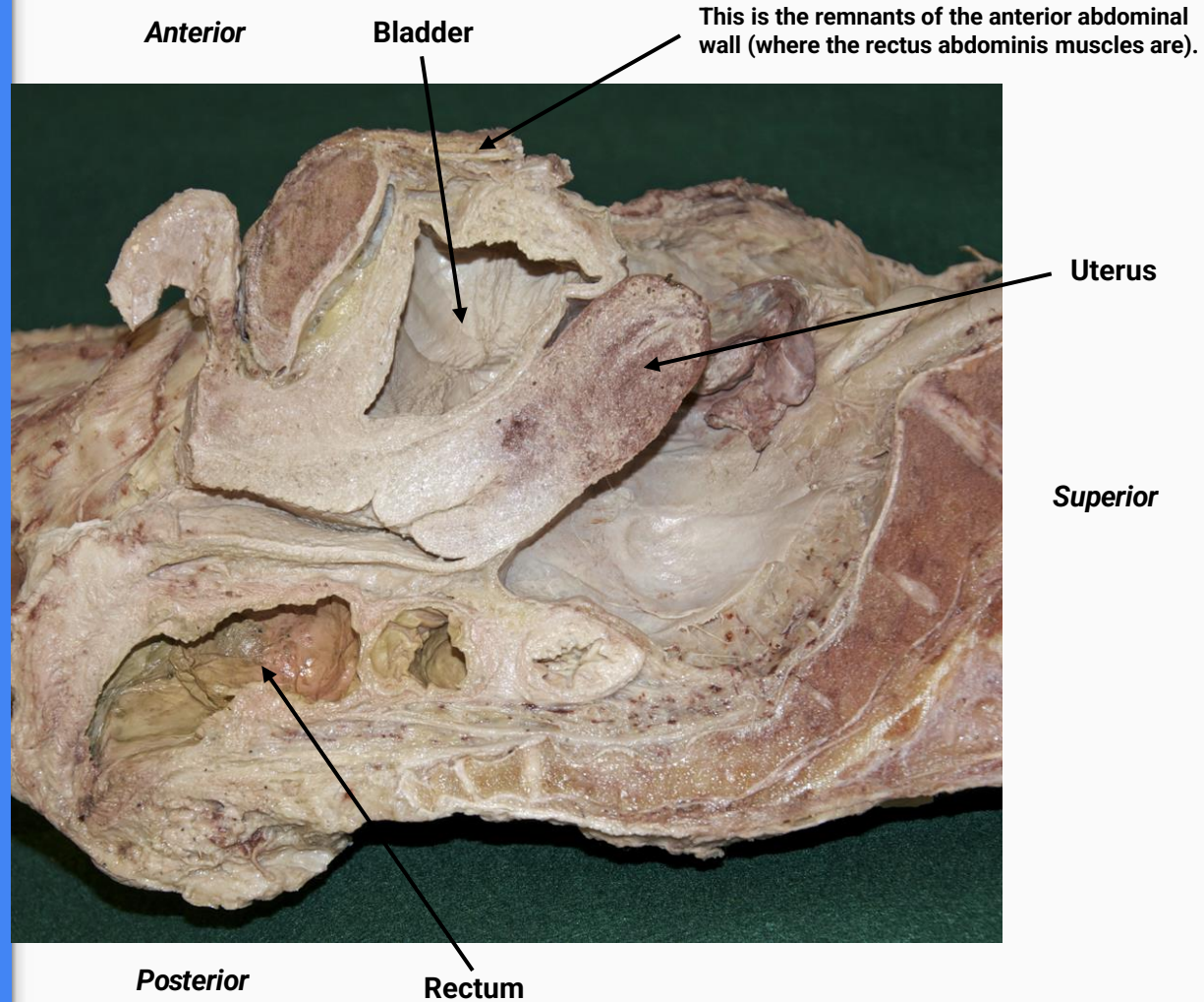


Bladder

# Bladder

## Orientation:

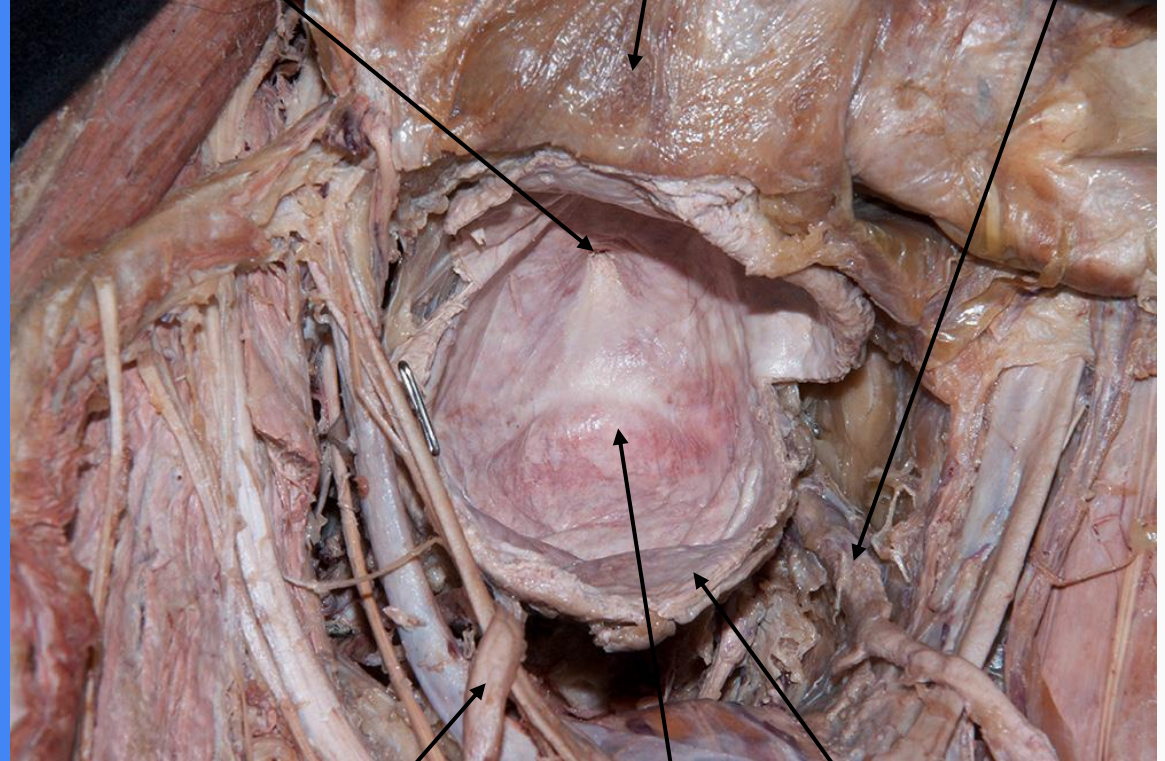
This is a view of a “hemisected” donor with estrogen-driven anatomy. “Hemisected” means the pelvis has been cut directly in half down the middle so that we can see all the organs and their locations a bit easier. In anatomical terms, this is a cut in the *median/midsagittal plane*. We are looking at the right half of the donor’s pelvic cavity.



# Bladder

Orientation:

Superior view of the pelvic cavity in donor with testosterone-driven anatomy. The top portion ("roof") of this bladder has been cut and reflected towards the viewer so that we can see inside the bladder.



Opening to the urethra

This is the anterior abdominal wall (where the rectus abdominis muscles are). It is reflected away from the viewer.

Right ureter

Left ureter

Bladder

Reflected portion of the bladder ("roof")

# Prostate

Key points:

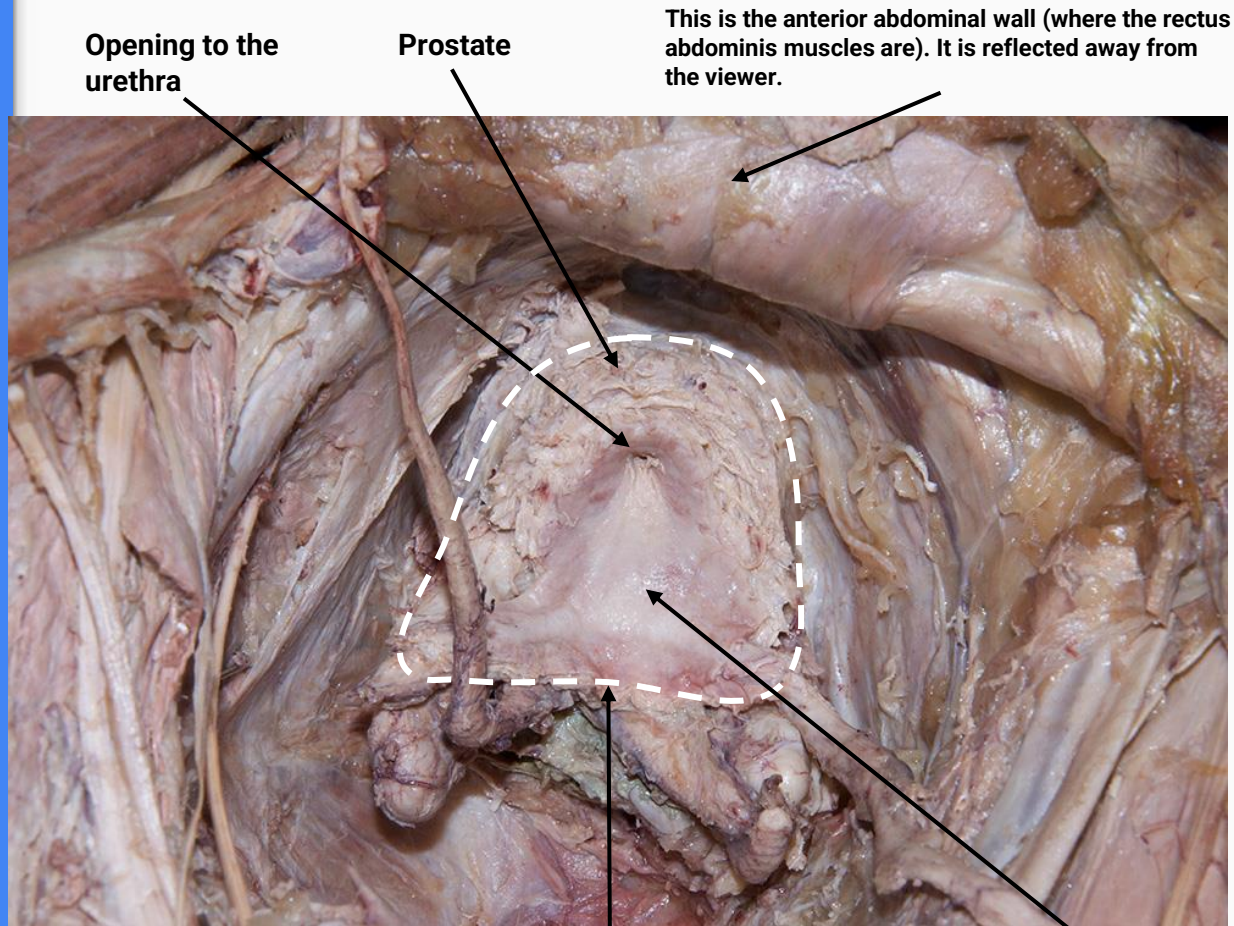
- The prostate is a structure that **only exists in humans with testosterone-driven anatomy**.
- The prostate is **directly below** the bladder.
- The prostate **wraps completely around** the urethra, the structure that allows urine to drain from the bladder out of the body.



# Prostate

Orientation:

Superior view of the pelvic cavity in donor with testosterone-driven anatomy. Most of the top portion ("roof") of this bladder has been dissected and removed (compared to the final bladder image in this atlas). This allows us to see the beginning of the prostate wrapping around the urethra.



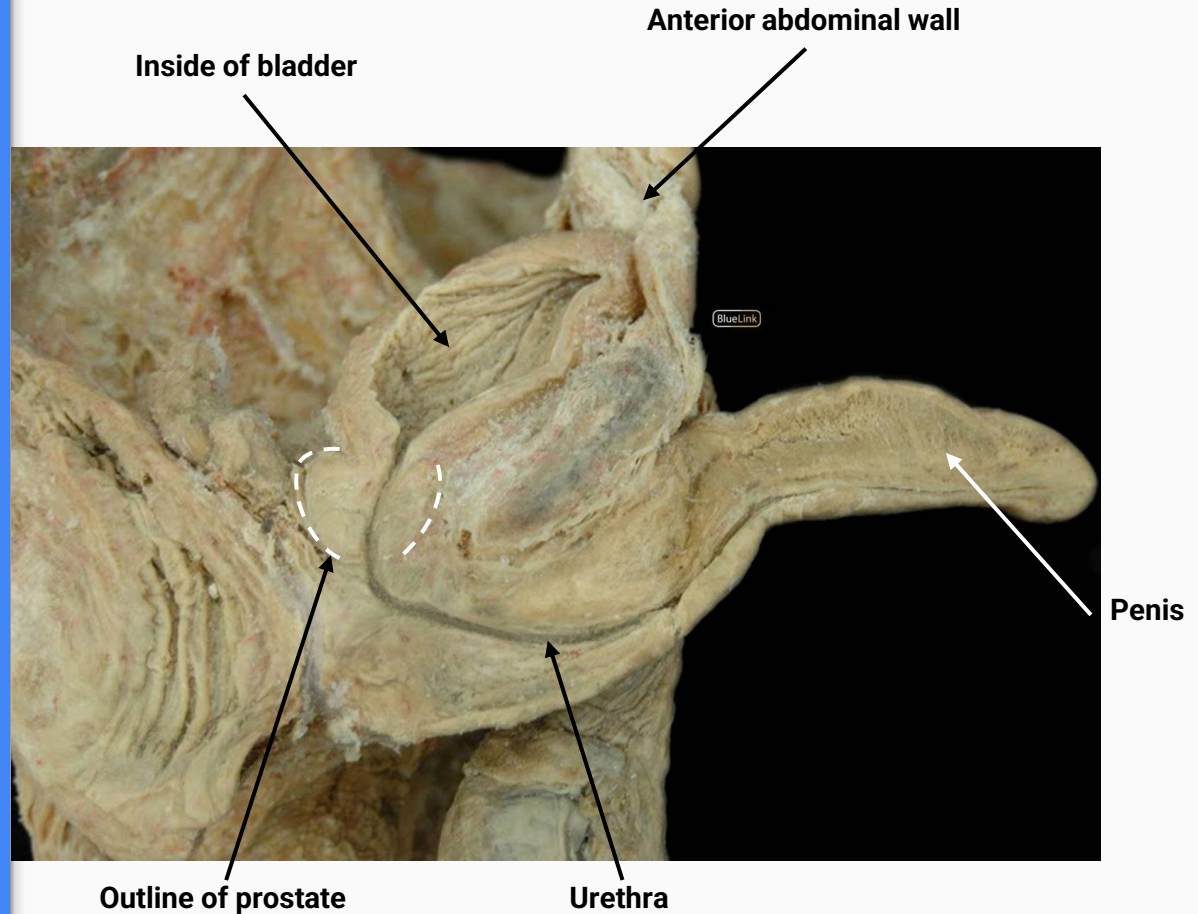
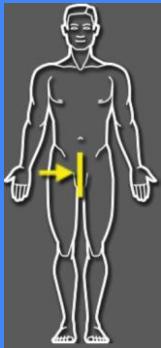
**Borders of the top part of the prostate at the bottom of the bladder**

**"Floor" of the bladder**

# Prostate

Orientation:

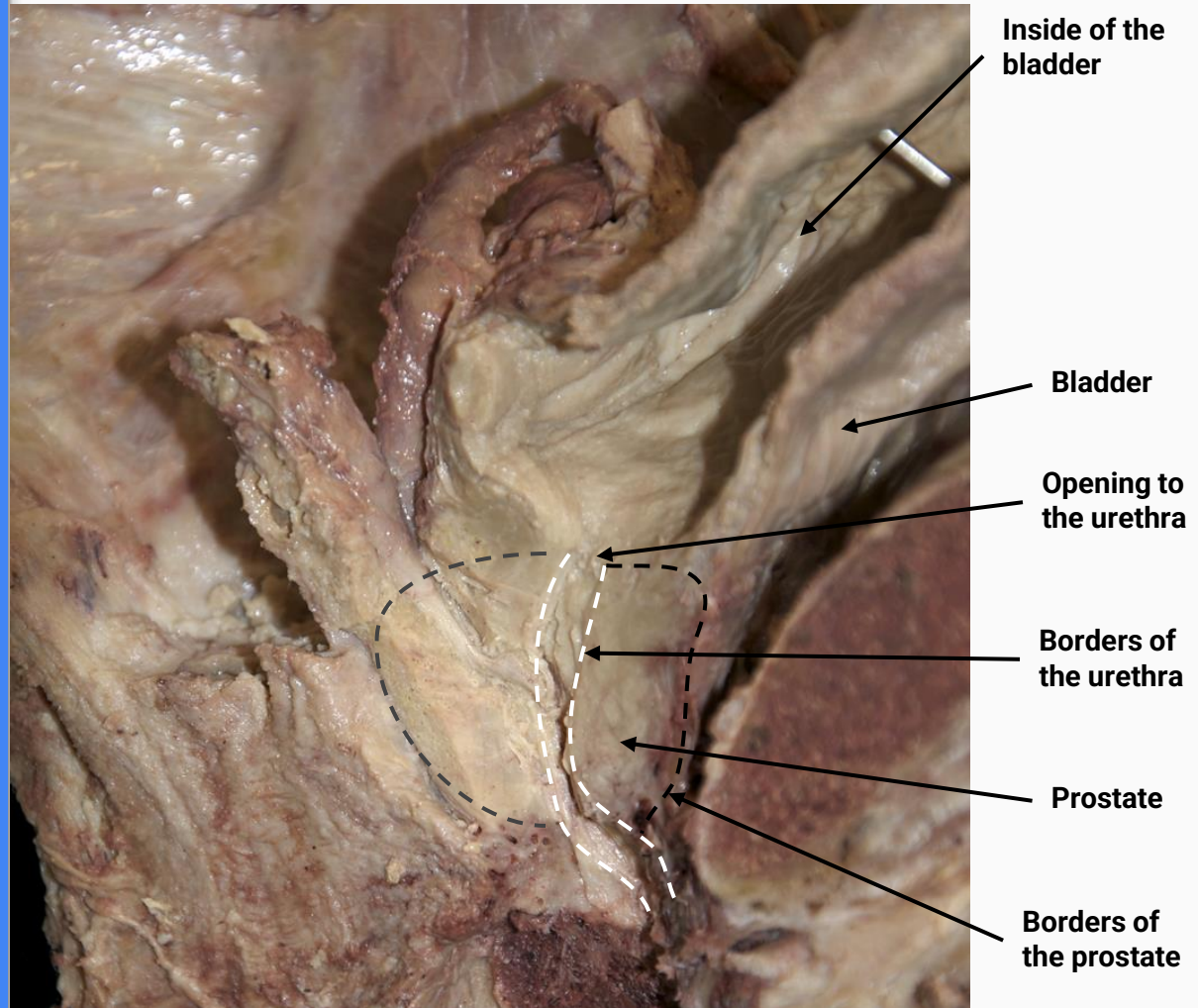
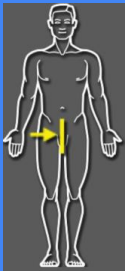
Median/midsagittal hemisection of donor with testosterone-driven anatomy. We are looking at the left half of the donor's pelvic cavity.



# Prostate

Orientation:

Median/midsagittal hemisection of donor with testosterone-driven anatomy. We are looking at the left half of the donor's pelvic cavity. This picture is quite zoomed in to where we just see the prostate, bladder, and urethra.



# Uterus

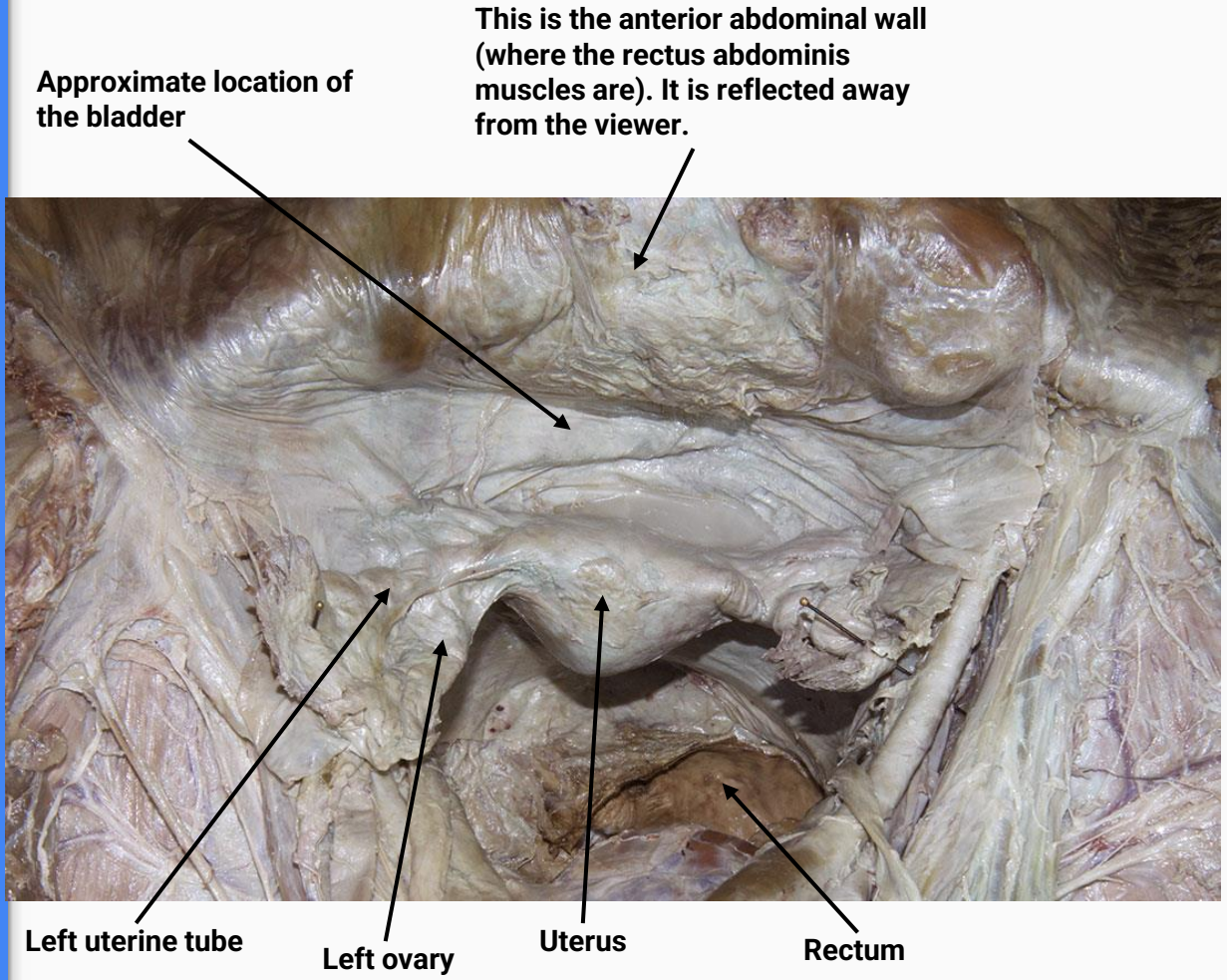
## Key points:

- The uterus is a structure that **only exists in humans with estrogen-driven anatomy**.
- The uterus is located within the **pelvic cavity**.
- The uterus is **directly behind (posterior)** to the bladder.
- The uterus is **directly in front of (anterior)** to the rectum.
- The uterus is the **location at which a fetus grows**.
- The uterus **directly connects** to the **vagina** via the **cervix**.

# Uterus

Orientation:

Superior view of the pelvic cavity in donor with estrogen-driven anatomy. The uterus is the bulbous structure in between the bladder and the rectum. It is “suspended” in the pelvic cavity. You can also see the uterine tube and the ovaries attaching to the uterus. These are a bit challenging to discern because they are covered by other tissue.

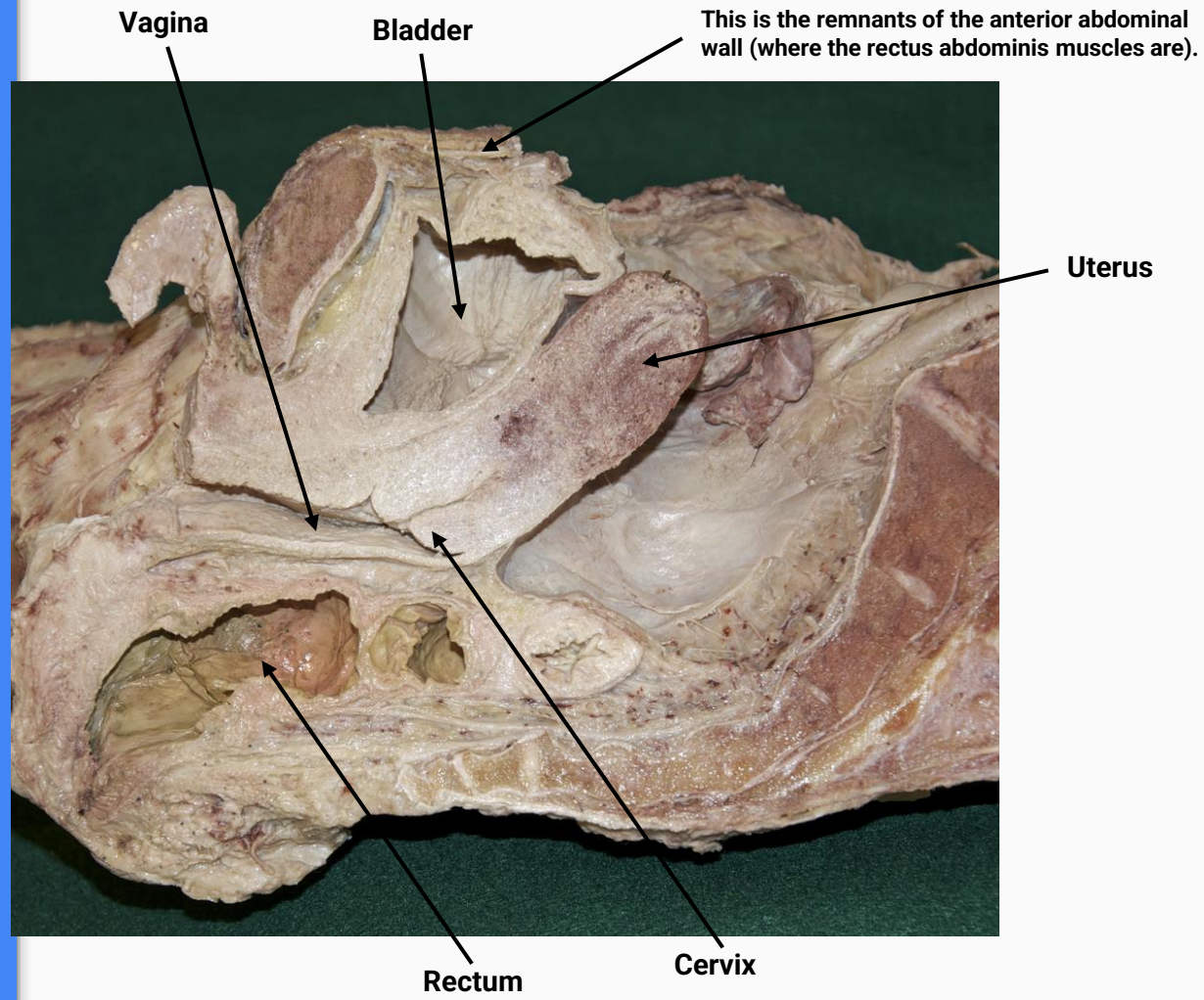
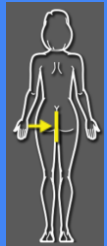


Left uterine tube      Left ovary      Uterus      Rectum

# Uterus

## Orientation:

This is a view of a “hemisected” donor with estrogen-driven anatomy. We are looking at the right half of the donor’s pelvic cavity. You can clearly see the uterus is behind (posterior) the bladder and in front of (anterior) the rectum. We can also see the uterus directly connecting to the vagina.



# Immune & Endocrine Systems

- Spleen
- Thyroid gland
- Adrenal glands

# Spleen

## Key points:

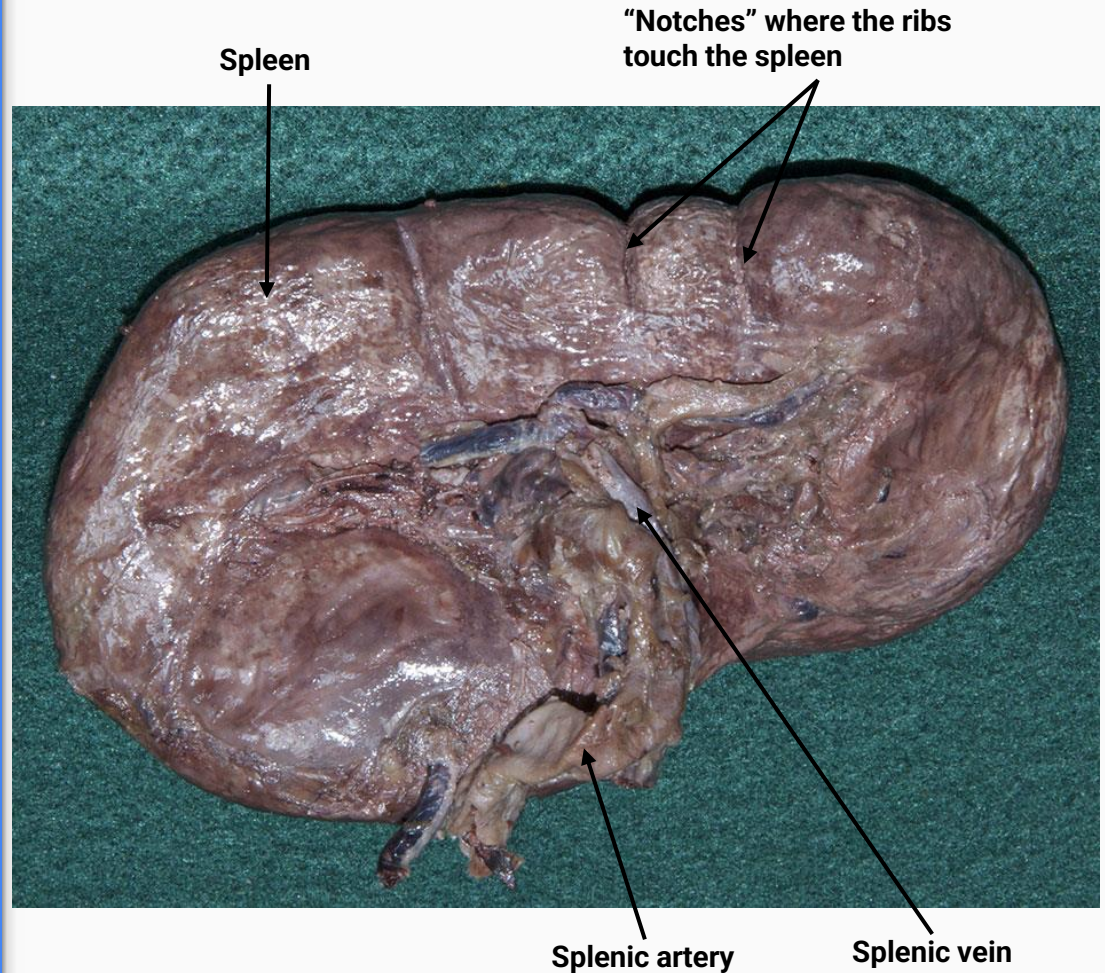
- The spleen is located in the **abdominal cavity** in the **left upper quadrant**. It is sort of hidden (protected) by the lower ribs.
- The spleen is directly to the **left** of the end of the pancreas (known as the tail of the pancreas).
- The spleen is slightly **below and to the left** of the stomach.
- The spleen is directly next to the location where the **transverse colon** becomes the **descending colon**.
- The spleen has a main artery and main vein called the **splenic artery** and **splenic vein**.
- Humans normally only have **one** spleen.



# Spleen

## Orientation:

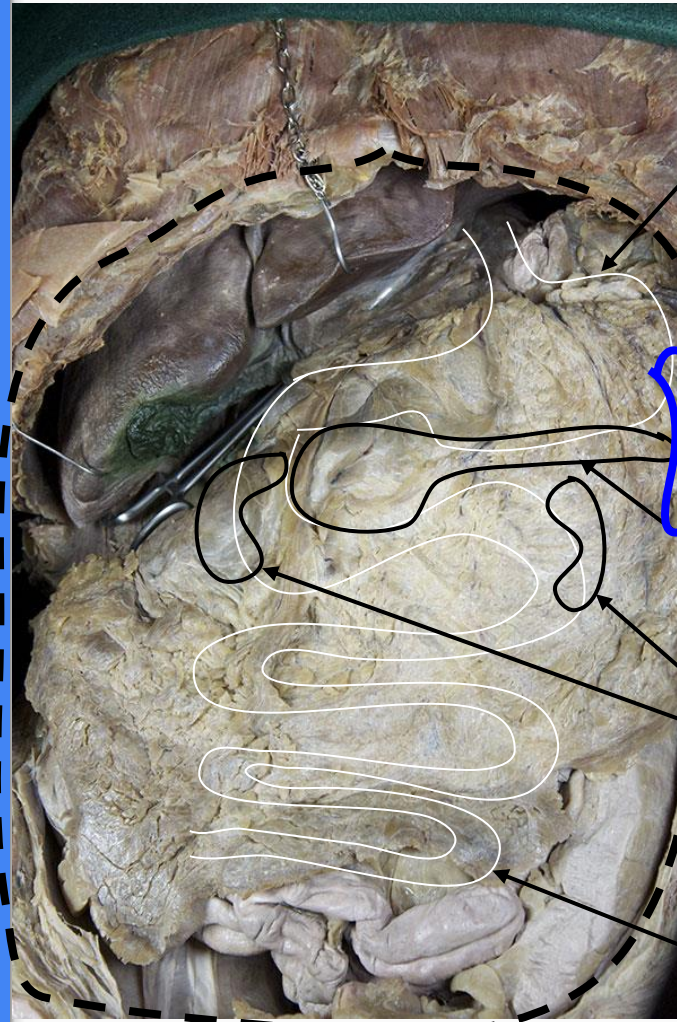
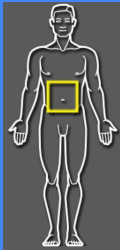
This is a spleen that has been removed from the donor. The top portion where there are “notches” is where the ribs touch the spleen. We can also see the splenic artery and splenic vein in this view. Lastly, the spleen can sometimes be confused for the kidney. They typically have different colors; the spleen is more red/purple.



# Spleen

## Orientation:

Anterior view of the peritoneal cavity without any dissection of the abdominal organs. We have seen this image before when looking at the small intestine, stomach, and pancreas. This has been updated to show where the spleen would be as well.



Outline of where stomach is located but covered by greater omentum

Outline of where the spleen is approximately located. Note that the image of the donor is slightly cut off here.

Outline of where the pancreas is located but covered by the greater omentum and transverse colon.

Outline of where the kidneys are approximately located behind all of the abdominal organs.

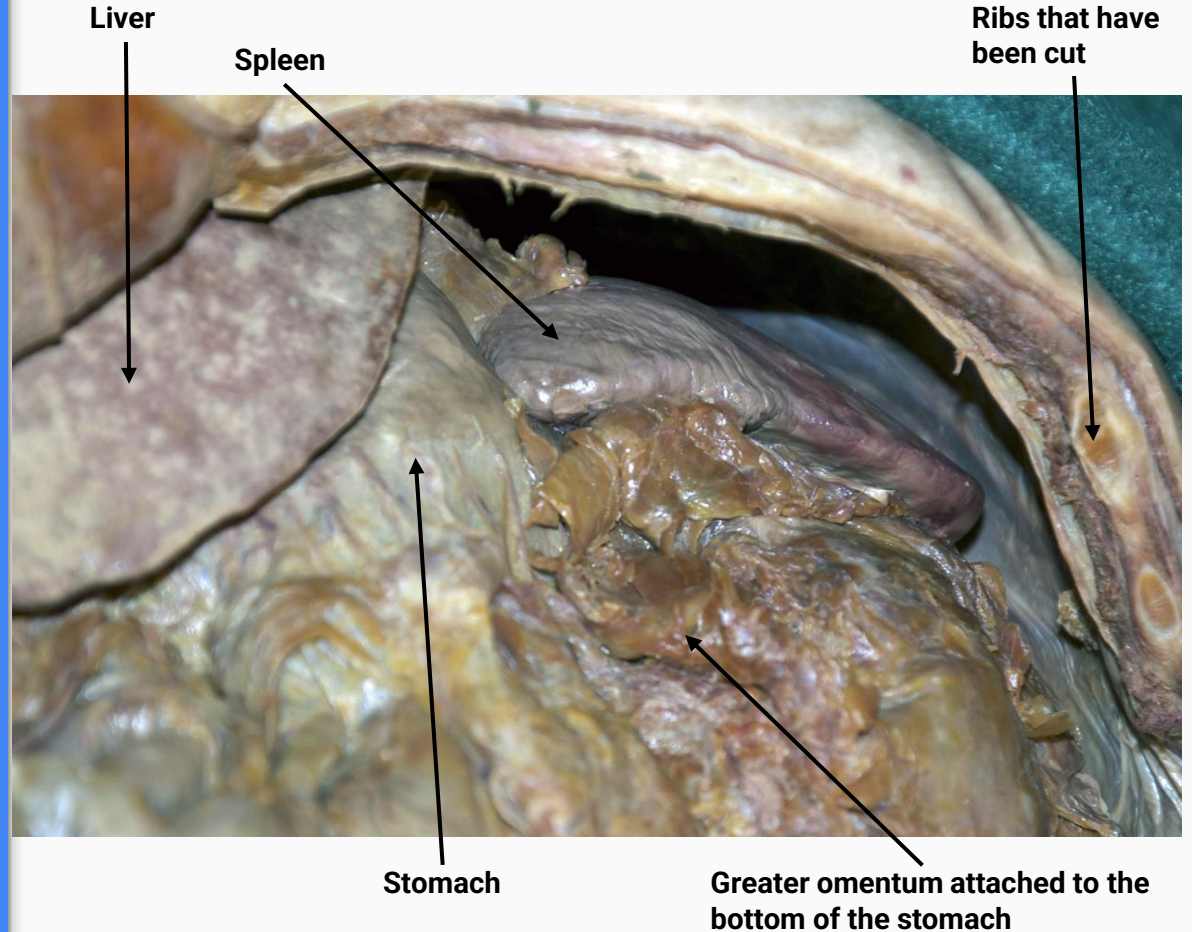
Outline of peritoneal cavity

Outline of where small intestine is located but covered by greater omentum

# Spleen

Orientation:

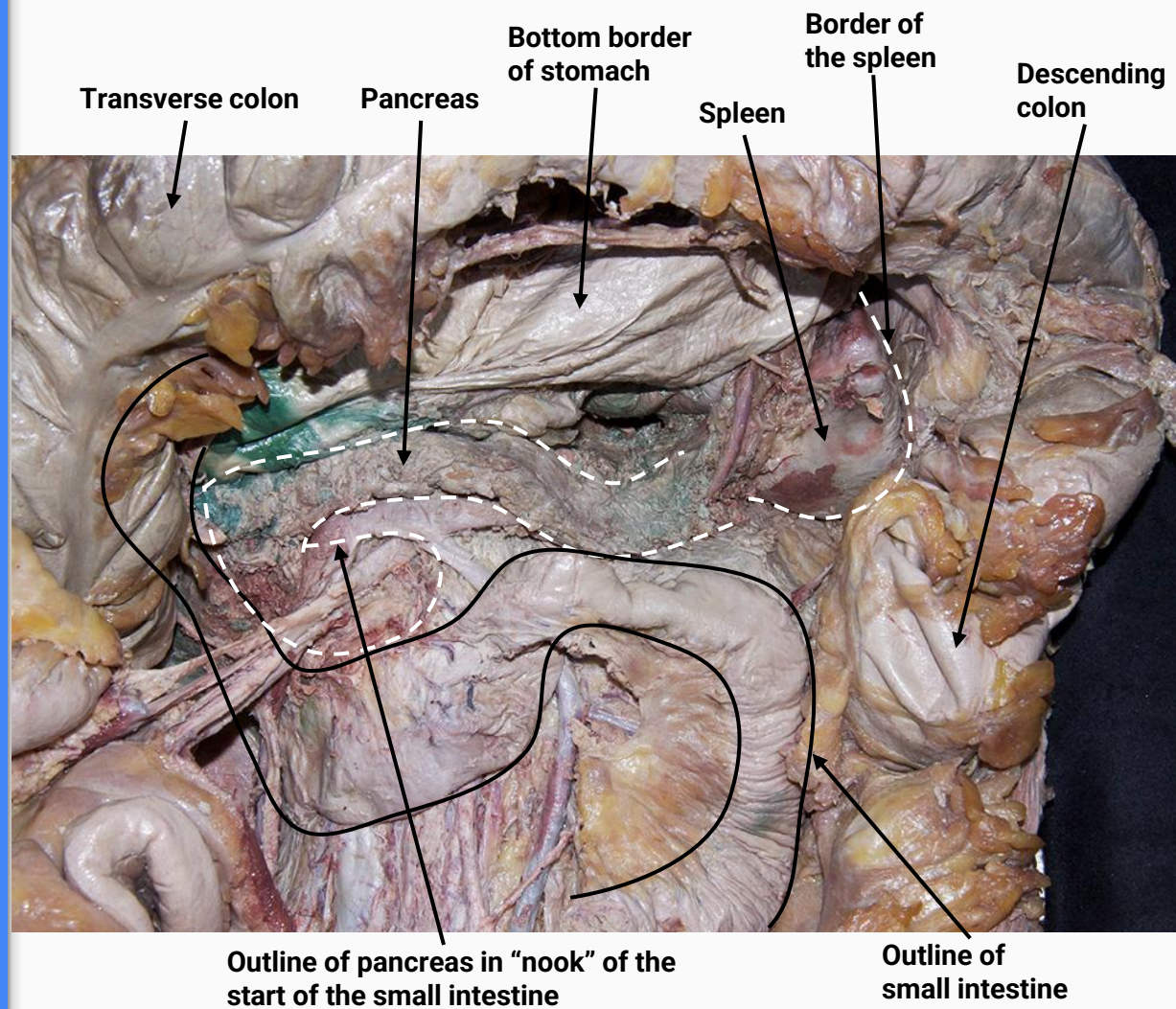
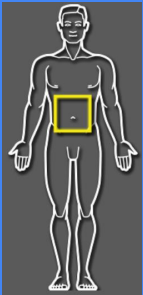
This is another interesting view of the spleen. It is sort of like a “hemisected” view of the left side of the abdominal cavity. This image gives a good example of how the spleen sits underneath the ribs. Note that it appears that it isn’t touching the ribs. This may be due to the view of the picture or just due to the fact that it is not from an alive person.



# Spleen

## Orientation:

Anterior view of the abdominal cavity. The greater omentum has been dissected away. The transverse colon has been retracted upwards, and the small intestine has been retracted downwards and to the right. This allows us to see the pancreas and the spleen.



# Thyroid gland

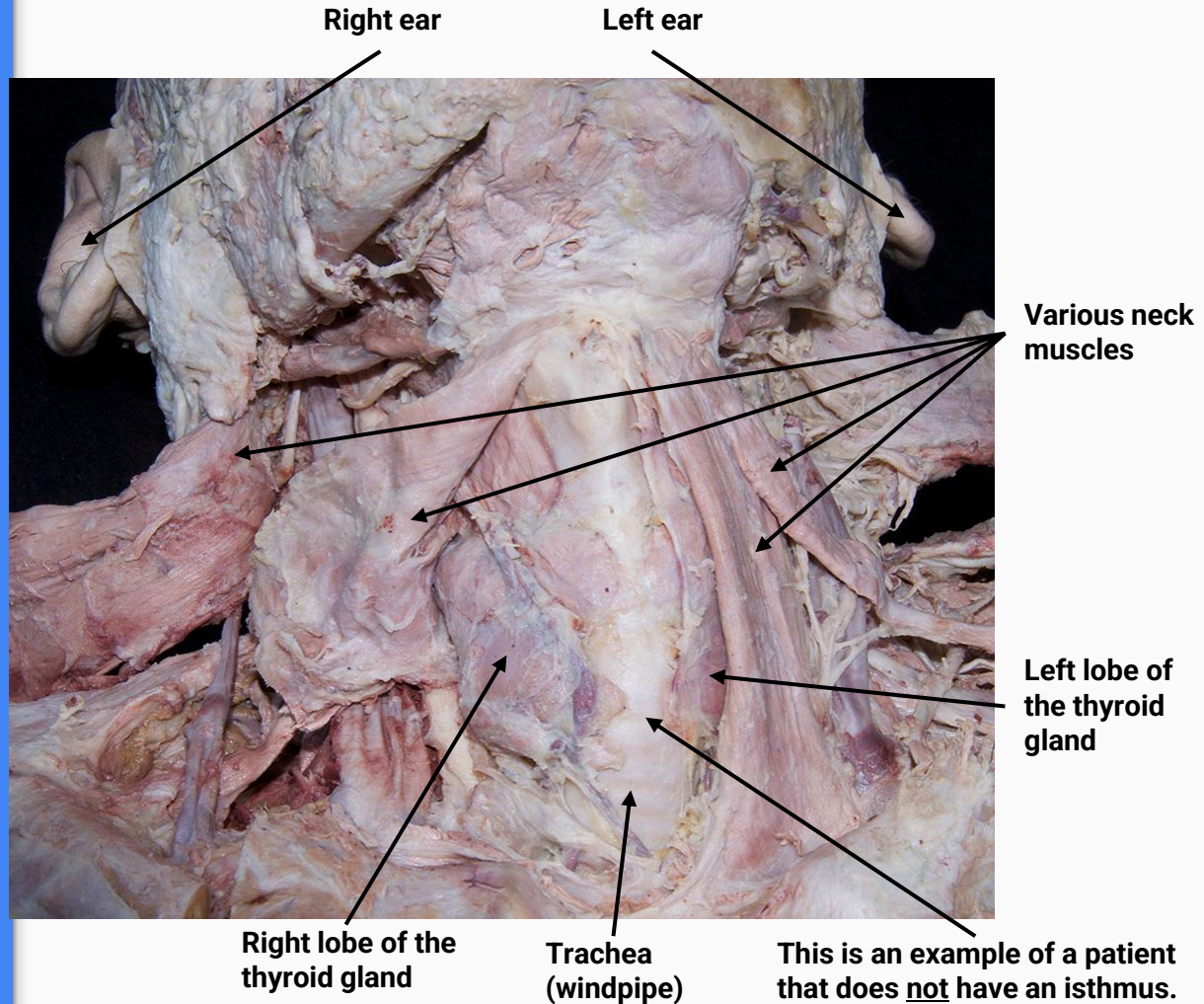
## Key points:

- The thyroid gland is located in the **neck**.
- The thyroid gland has **two lobes**, one on each side of the trachea, and a portion that connects the two lobes called the **isthmus**.
- The **isthmus** portion is positioned **directly in front of (anterior)** to the trachea.
- The **lobes** are positioned **directly on the left and the right (lateral)** to the trachea.
- About **50% of people** have an additional lobe that comes **directly off the isthmus** called the **pyramidal lobe**.<sup>3</sup>
- Some people have no **isthmus** and **two completely separate lobes**.<sup>3</sup>

# Thyroid

Orientation:

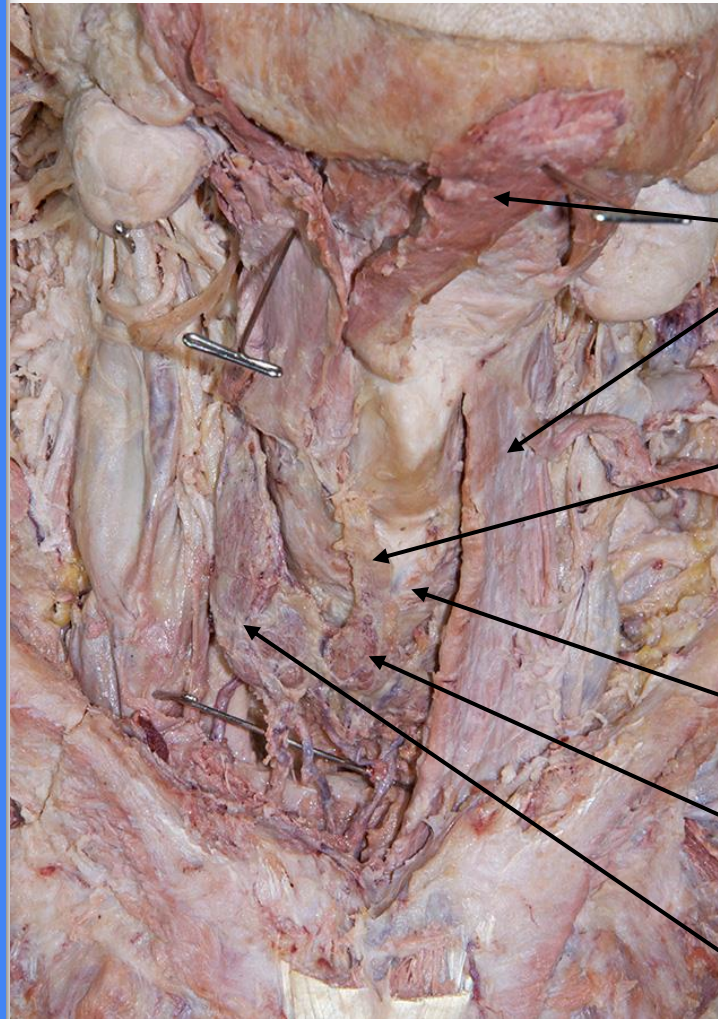
Anterior view of the neck. This picture shows a deep dissection all the way down to the location of the thyroid and trachea. Various neck muscles are visible but will not be covered.



# Thyroid

Orientation:

Anterior view of the neck. Again, this is a deep dissection all the way down to the thyroid and trachea.



Various neck muscles

This patient is one of the 50% that has a pyramidal lobe

Trachea (windpipe)

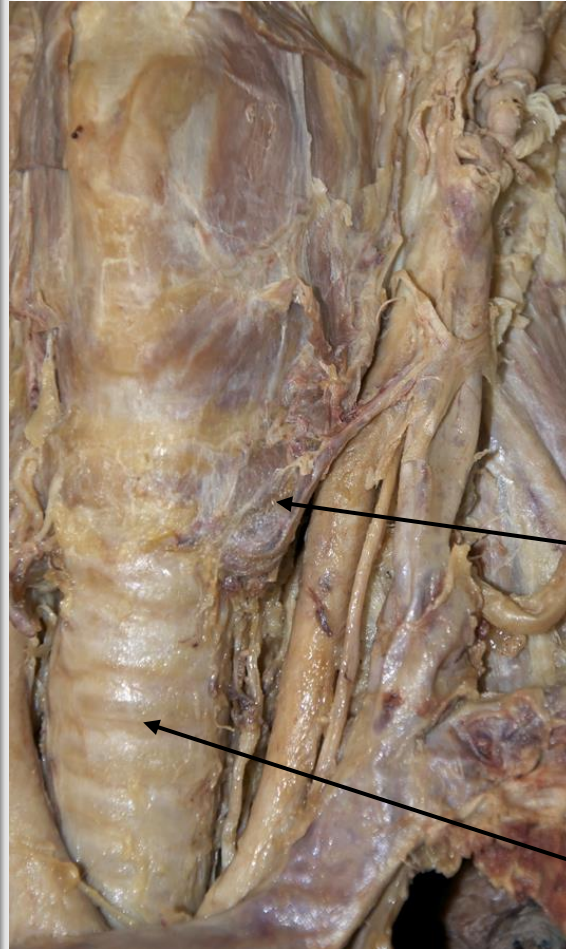
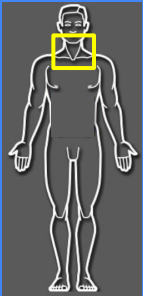
Isthmus of the thyroid gland

Right lobe of the thyroid gland

# Thyroid

## Orientation:

Anterior view of the neck. Again, this is a deep dissection all the way down to the thyroid and trachea. The view is slightly to the donor's left side of the neck. We only see the left lobe of the thyroid gland. This patient also doesn't have an isthmus or pyramidal lobe.



**Left lobe of the  
thyroid gland**

**Trachea  
(windpipe)**



# Adrenal glands

## Key points:

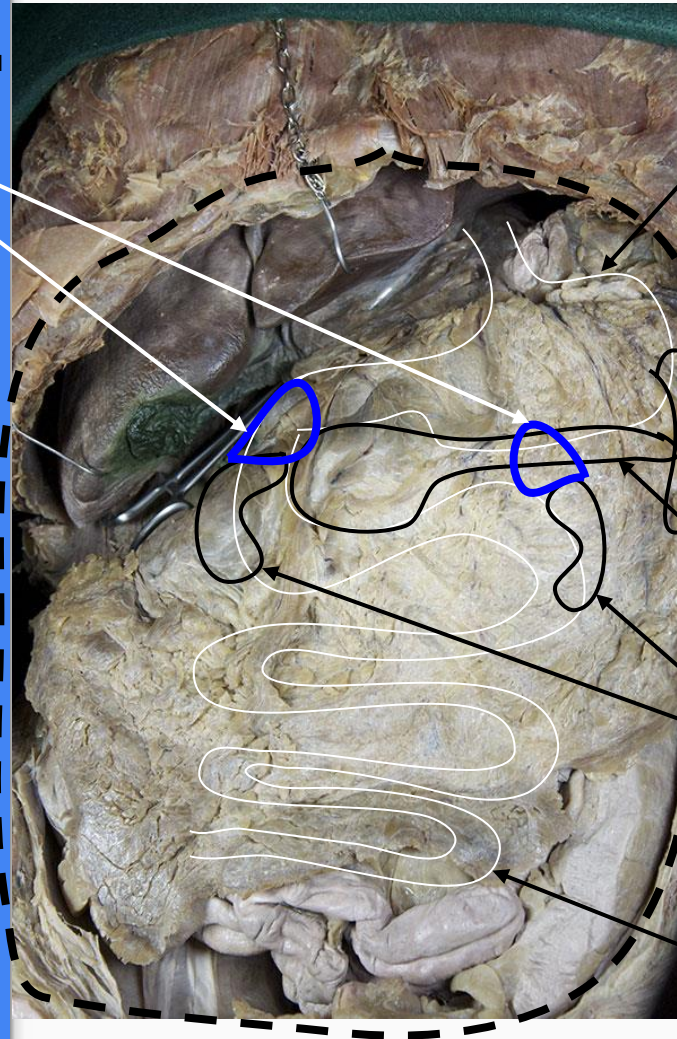
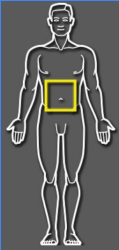
- The **right adrenal gland** is positioned **directly on top of (superior)** to the **right kidney**.
- The **left adrenal gland** is positioned **directly on top of the left kidney** but slightly closer to the **midline of the body (superior-medial)** than the **right adrenal gland**.
- The adrenal glands are shaped somewhat like a rounded **triangular prism**.
- Another name for the **adrenal glands** is the **suprarenal glands**. The prefix **supra-** essentially means “on top of,” which makes sense for this organ name considering the location **on top of the kidneys**.

Outline of where the adrenal glands are approximately located behind all of the abdominal organs.

# Adrenal glands

Orientation:

Anterior view of the peritoneal cavity without any dissection of the abdominal organs. We have seen this image before when looking at the small intestine, stomach, spleen, pancreas, and kidneys. This has been updated to show where the adrenal glands would be as well.



Outline of where stomach is located but covered by greater omentum

Outline of where the spleen is approximately located. Note that the image of the donor is slightly cut off here.

Outline of where the pancreas is located but covered by the greater omentum and transverse colon.

Outline of where the kidneys are approximately located behind all of the abdominal organs.

Outline of peritoneal cavity

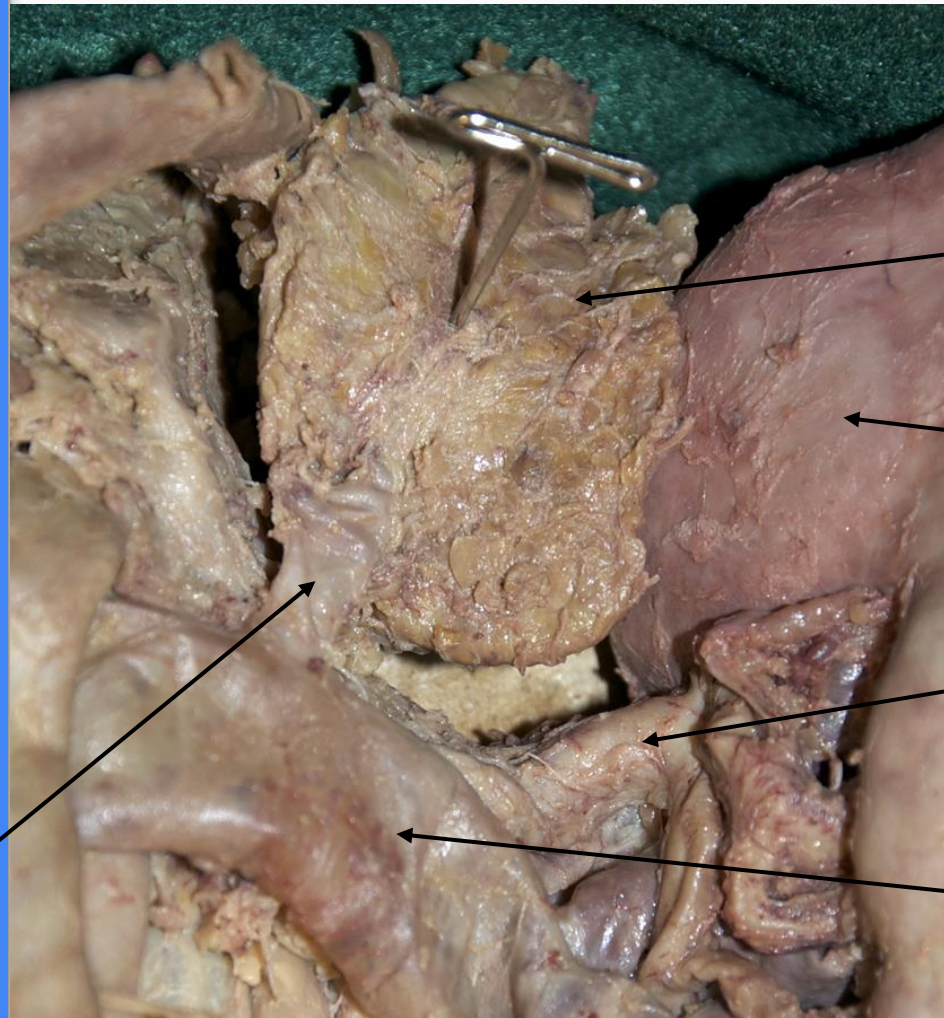
Outline of where small intestine is located but covered by greater omentum

# Adrenal glands

Orientation:

Close up view of the bottom (inferior) part of the left adrenal gland. It has been dissected off the top part of the left kidney. The adrenal glands look like fatty (adipose) tissue.

**Left adrenal vein  
shown draining  
directly into the  
left renal vein**



**Left adrenal gland**

**Left kidney**

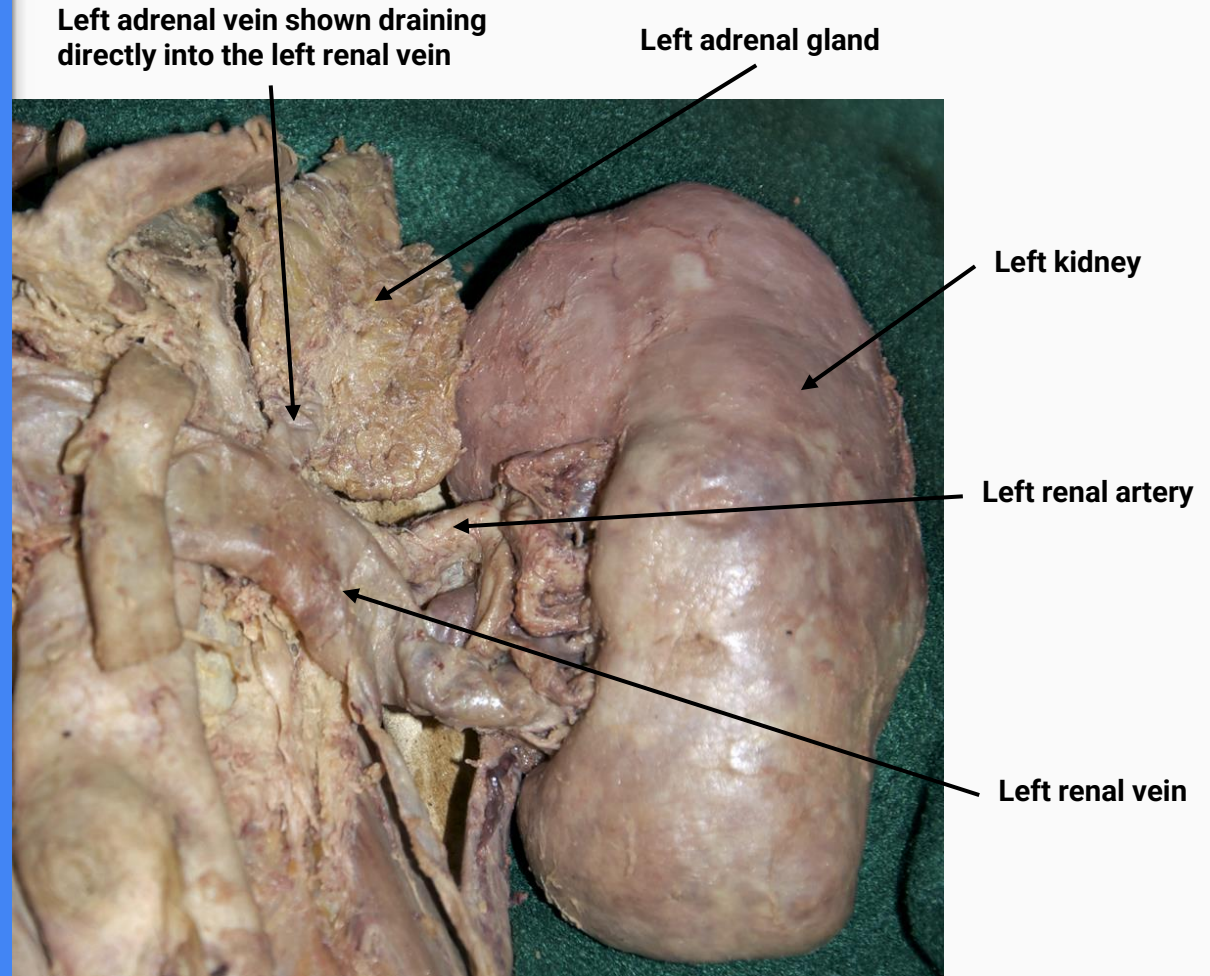
**Left renal artery**

**Left renal vein**

# Adrenal glands

Orientation:

Another view of the left adrenal gland but slightly zoomed out to show the difference in size between it and the left kidney.

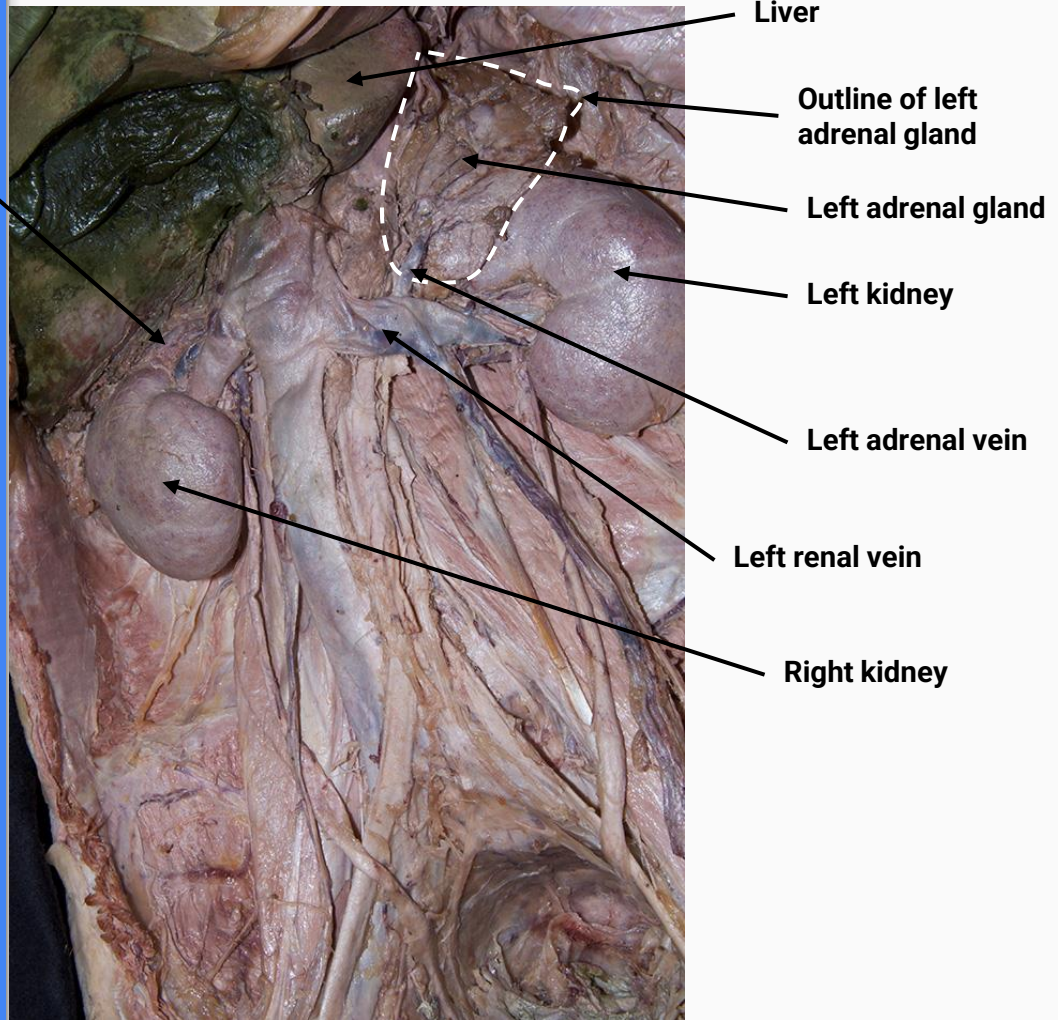
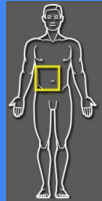


Right adrenal gland  
(hard to see)

# Adrenal glands

Orientation:

Anterior view of the abdominal cavity without most of the digestive system organs in the donor (the liver was kept). The image is slightly shifted to the donor's right side. The adrenal glands can be seen on top of the kidneys. The left adrenal gland is much more visible than the right adrenal gland.



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