


HIP BONE (COXAL BONE)

Overview

The hip bone (coxal bone) forms the pelvic girdle along with:

- Sacrum
- Coccyx

 Each hip bone is formed by fusion of 3 bones:

 Ilium + Ischium + Pubis → Fuse at acetabulum →
Form hip bone

Parts of Hip Bone

Bone	Position	Contribution
Ilium	Superior	Forms upper part
Ischium	Posteroinferior	Forms lower back part
Pubis	Anteroinferior	Forms anterior part

Acetabulum

 Formation: Formed by all three bones

Features

Feature	Description
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Lunate surface	Articular (horseshoe-shaped)
Acetabular fossa	Non-articular center
Acetabular notch	Inferior gap

★ Exam Pearl: Weight-bearing = lunate surface

 ILIUM

 Parts

- Body → forms acetabulum
- Ala (wing) → expanded upper part

📍 Important Landmarks

▲ Iliac Crest

- Extends from ASIS → PSIS

◆ Spines

Spine	Location
ASIS	Anterior superior
AIIS	Below ASIS
PSIS	Posterior superior
PIIS	Below PSIS

★ Exam Pearl: ASIS = landmark for inguinal ligament

🧩 Surfaces

◆ Lateral Surface

- Gluteal lines (muscle attachments)
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◆ Medial Surface

Feature	Function
Iliac fossa	Iliacus origin
Arcuate line	Pelvic brim

Auricular surface	Articulates with sacrum
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 ISCHIUM

 Parts

- Body
 - Ramus
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 Key Features

Feature	Description
Ischial tuberosity ★	Weight-bearing (sitting)

Ischial spine	Ligament attachment
Greater sciatic notch	Above spine
Lesser sciatic notch	Below spine

 Flowchart: Notches → Foramina

Greater sciatic notch

- Ligaments → Greater sciatic foramen

Lesser sciatic notch

- Ligaments → Lesser sciatic foramen
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 Exam Pearl: Ischial tuberosity = "sitting bone"

PUBIS

Parts

Part	Contribution
Body	Pubic symphysis
Superior ramus	Acetabulum
Inferior ramus	Obturator foramen

Important Features

Feature	Description
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Pubic crest	Thickened ridge
Pubic tubercle ★	Attachment of inguinal ligament
Pecten pubis	Pectineal line

★ Exam Pearl: Pubic tubercle = key surgical landmark

● Obturator Foramen

✚ Features

- Large opening between pubis & ischium
- Closed by obturator membrane

Function

- Reduces weight
 - Transmits obturator nerve & vessels
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Ossification of Hip Bone

Centers

Flowchart

Primary centers (3)

→ Ilium

→ Ischium

→ Pubis

Secondary centers (5)

→ Iliac crest

→ AIIS

→ Ischial tuberosity

→ Pubis

→ Acetabulum

★ Exam Pearl: Fusion occurs at Y-shaped triradiate cartilage

⚠ Clinical Correlation: Pelvic Fractures

🧠 Mechanism

Trauma

- Direct (RTA )
 - Indirect (fall on feet)
 - Fracture at weak points
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Common Sites

- Pubic rami
 - Acetabulum
 - Sacroiliac joint
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Complications

Pelvic fracture → Soft tissue injury → Damage to →

Bladder  + Urethra

★ Exam Pearl: Always check urinary symptoms in pelvic trauma

🎯 Summary

🧠 Must-Know Points

- Hip bone = ilium + ischium + pubis
 - Acetabulum = hip joint socket
 - Ischial tuberosity = weight-bearing
 - Pubic tubercle = inguinal landmark
 - Obturator foramen = largest foramen
 - Triradiate cartilage = fusion site
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🦴 HIP BONE MUSCLE ATTACHMENTS

OVERVIEW

The hip bone (os coxae) provides attachment to:

- Trunk muscles
- Lower limb muscles
- Pelvic floor muscles

👉 Think of it as a “central anchor” connecting upper body + lower limb.

DIVISION-WISE MUSCLE ATTACHMENTS

1. ILIUM — Muscle Attachments

◆ External Surface (Gluteal Surface)

Gluteal Line	Muscle Attached	Function
Posterior gluteal line	Gluteus maximus	Powerful hip extension
Between posterior & anterior lines	Gluteus medius	Abduction + pelvic stability
Between anterior & inferior lines	Gluteus minimus	Abduction + medial rotation



Exam Tip: These 3 muscles are arranged in layers (Maximus on top → Medius → Minimus).

◆ Internal Surface (Iliac Fossa)

Muscle	Function

Iliacus	Hip flexion (part of iliopsoas)
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◆ Iliac Crest Attachments

Region	Muscles
Outer lip	External oblique
Intermediate	Internal oblique
Inner lip	Transversus abdominis



Mnemonic:

"T-I-E" → Inside → Outside → Transversus → Internal
 → External

◆ Key Landmarks

Landmark	Attachment
ASIS	Sartorius, Inguinal ligament
AIIS	Rectus femoris (straight head)
Iliac tubercle	Tensor fascia lata

■ 2. ISCHIUM — Muscle Attachments

◆ Ischial Tuberosity

👉 Known as "Sitting bone"

Muscle Group	Muscles

Hamstrings	Semitendinosus, Semimembranosus, Long head of biceps femoris
Others	Adductor magnus (hamstring part), Quadratus femoris

◆ Ischial Spine

- Muscle/Ligament -
Superior gemellus
Sacrospinous ligament

◆ Around Lesser Sciatic Notch

Structure	Function
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Obturator internus tendon	Lateral rotation of thigh
Inferior gemellus	Assists obturator internus

3. PUBIS — Muscle Attachments

◆ Body of Pubis

Muscle	Function
Rectus abdominis	Flexes trunk
Pyramidalis	Tenses linea alba

◆ Superior Pubic Ramus

Muscle	Function
Pectineus	Hip adduction + flexion

◆ Inferior Pubic Ramus

Muscle Group	Muscles
Adductors	Adductor longus, brevis
Medial thigh	Gracilis

 IMPORTANT LIGAMENTOUS ATTACHMENTS

Ligament	Attachment
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Sacrospinous	Sacrum → Ischial spine
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Inguinal ligament	ASIS → Pubic tubercle

FUNCTIONAL FLOWCHART (Integration)

Hip bone acts as a functional hub:

Trunk muscles attach → Stabilize pelvis



Pelvic muscles attach → Support pelvic organs



Lower limb muscles attach → Produce movement



Combined action → Walking, standing, posture 


CLINICAL CORRELATIONS

1. ASIS — Important Landmark

- Used to palpate femoral artery
- Used to measure true limb length

True limb length: ASIS → Medial malleolus

2. Ischial Tuberosity Injuries

- Seen in hamstring avulsion injuries
 - Common in athletes 
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3. Gluteal Muscle Weakness

Gluteus medius/minimus weakness



Pelvic instability



Positive Trendelenburg sign 

4. Sciatic Foramina Formation

Greater sciatic notch + sacrospinous ligament +
sacrospinous ligament




Greater sciatic foramen

Lesser sciatic notch + same ligaments



Lesser sciatic foramen

SUMMARY

- Ilium → Gluteal + abdominal muscles
 - Ischium → Hamstrings + rotators
 - Pubis → Adductors + abdominal muscles
 - ASIS & ischial tuberosity = clinical hotspots 
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