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# Thoracic wall - structure, blood supply and innervation

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# Thoracic borders

external -

**Upper:**

**jugular notch,**  
**clavicle, acromion**  
**scapulae, spine of C7 (vertebra**  
**prominens)**

**Lower:**

**xiphoid process,**  
**costal arches (right and left),**  
**Th12**

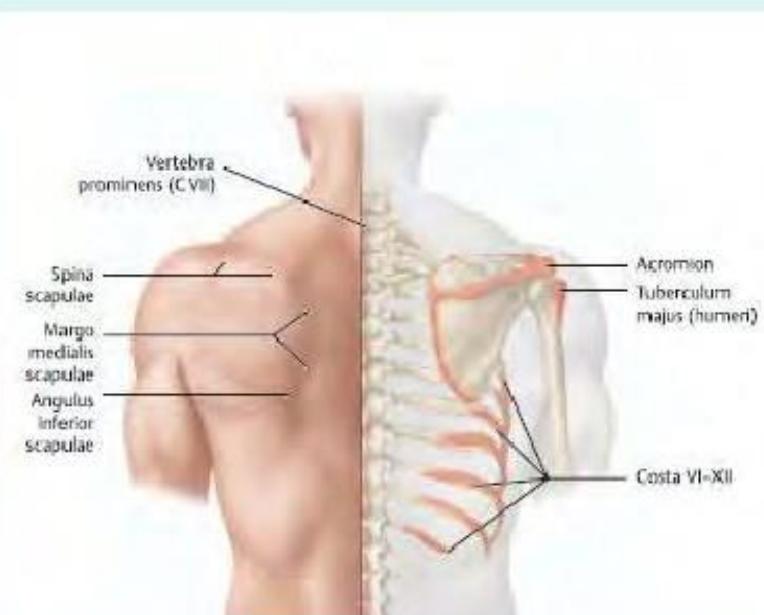
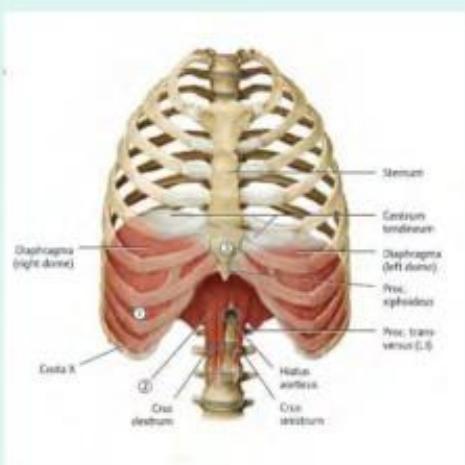
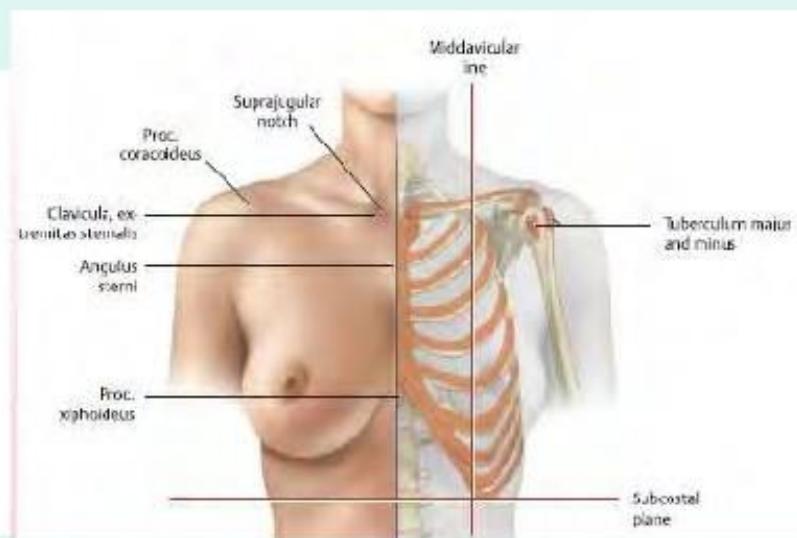
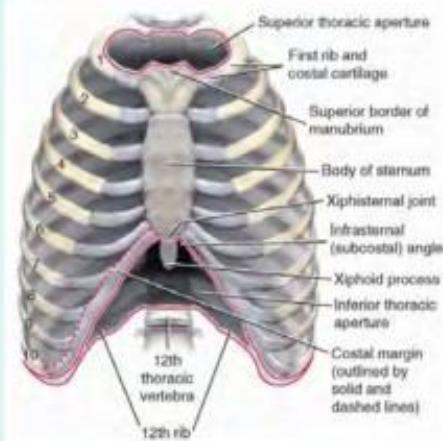
internal -

**Upper:**

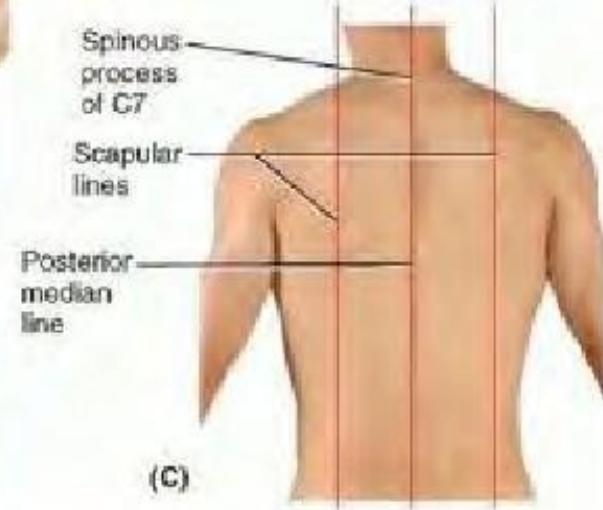
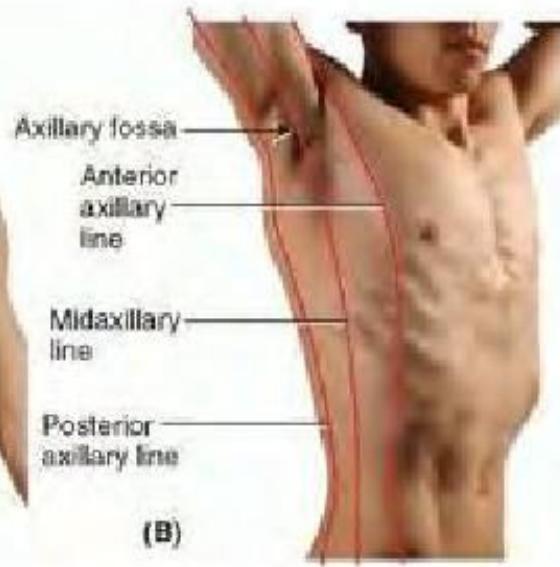
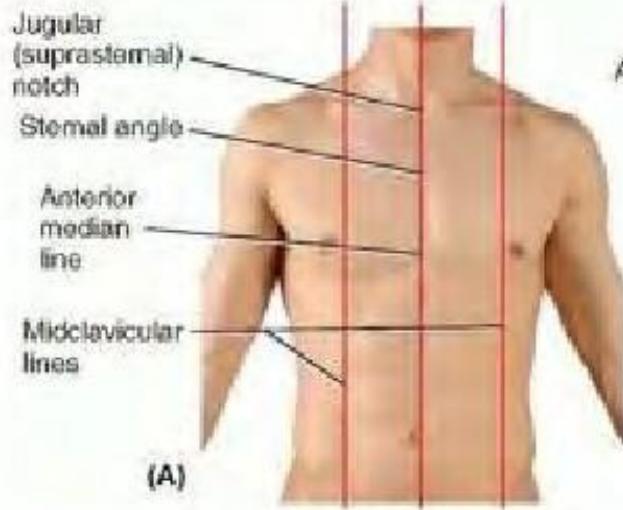
**superior thoracic aperture:**  
**jugular notch, 1. pair of ribs, Th1**

**Lower:**

**inferior thoracic aperture:**  
**diaphragm (right side - to 4. ICS**  
**left side - to 5. ICS)**



# Lines of orientation

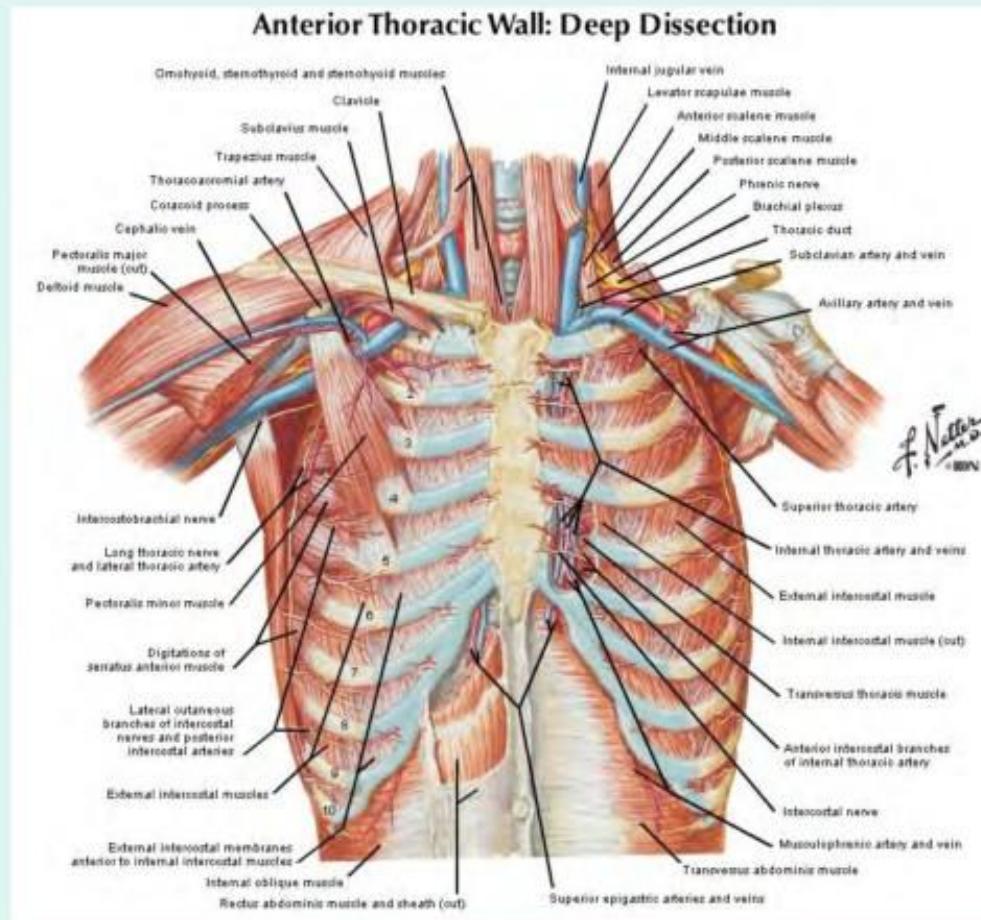


Anterior median line (midsternal)  
Sternal line  
Parasternal I.  
Midclavicular I.

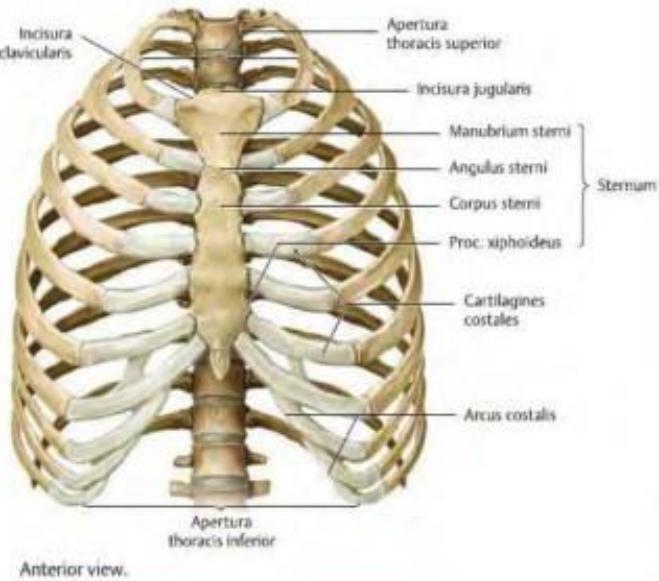
Anterior axillary I.  
Middle axillary I.  
Posterior axillary I.

Scapular I.  
Paravertebral I.  
Posterior median line

# Layers of thoracic wall



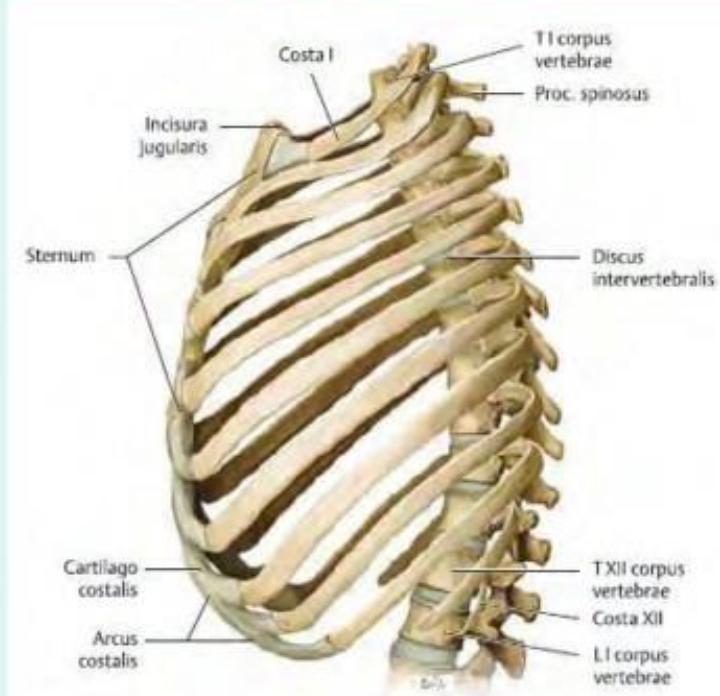
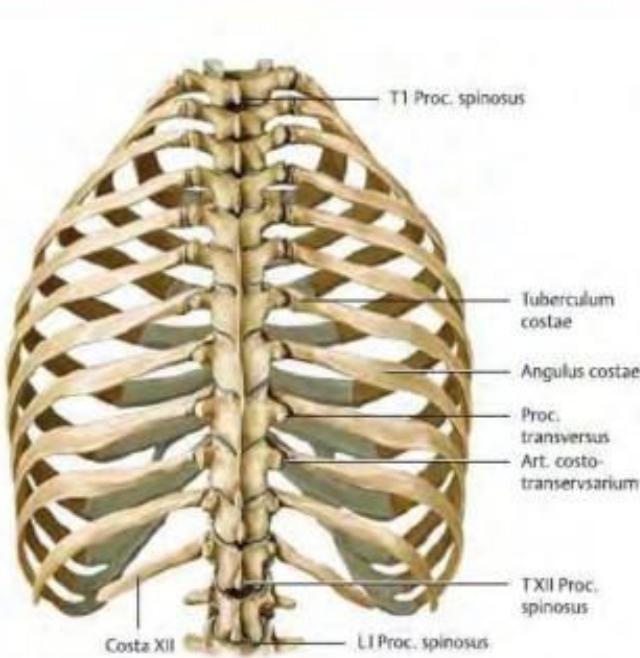
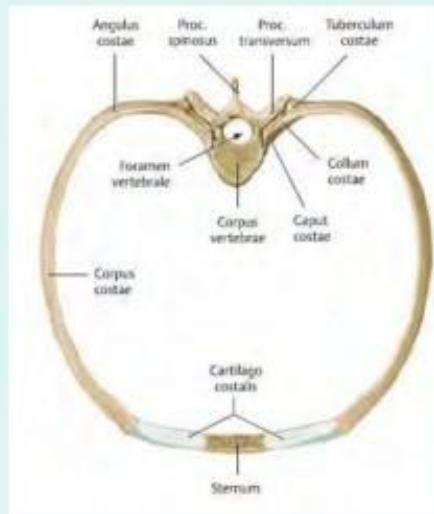
- ▶ **Deep layer** - osteothorax, muscles of proper thoracic wall + intrinsic muscles of the back, deep structures, endothoracic fascia
- ▶ **Middle layer** - thoracohumeral mm., spinohumeral mm., spinocostal mm., (fascie, vessels, nerves)
- ▶ **Superficial layer** - skin, subcutaneous tissue, superficial structures, mammary gland



## ► Deep layer

### Osteothorax

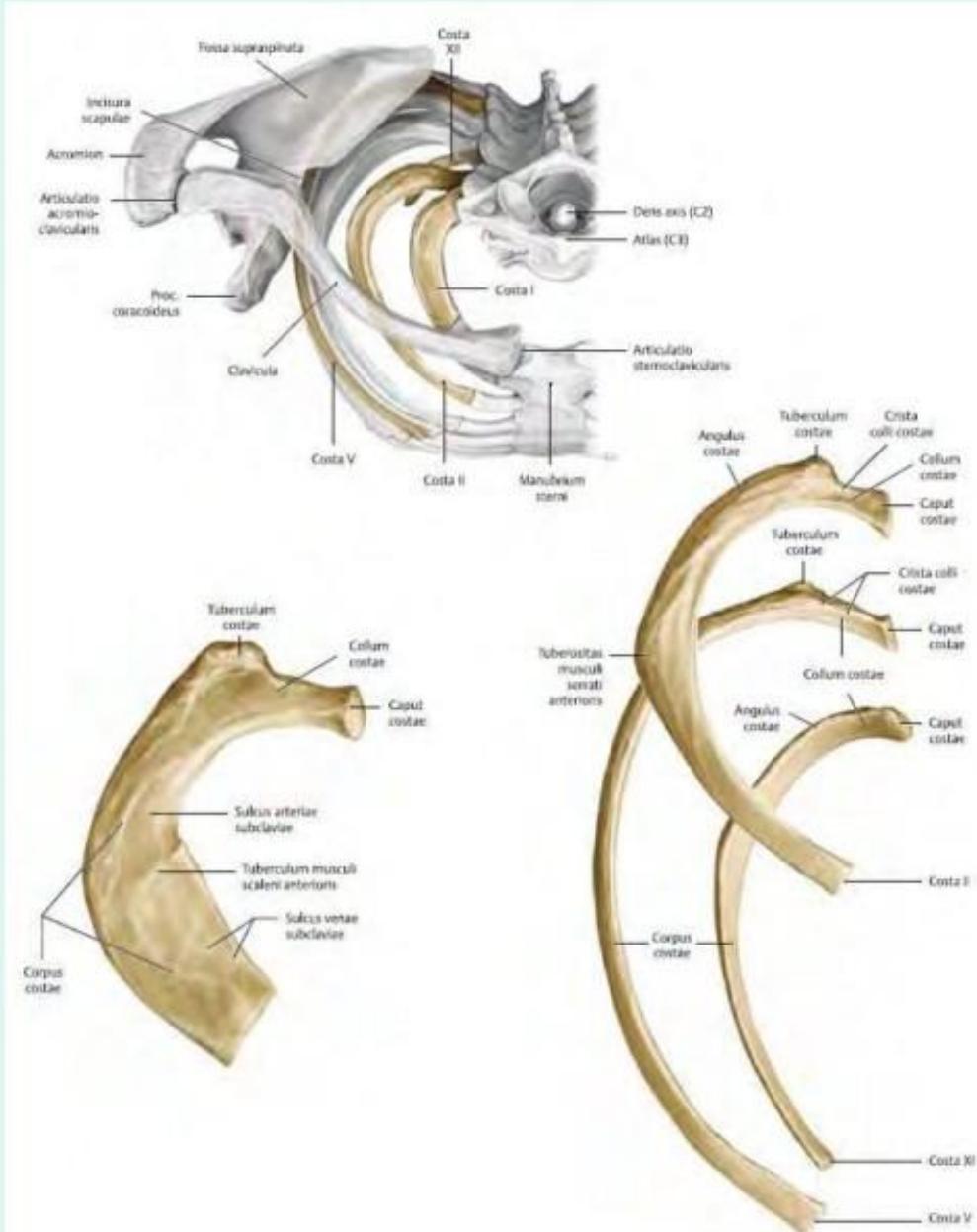
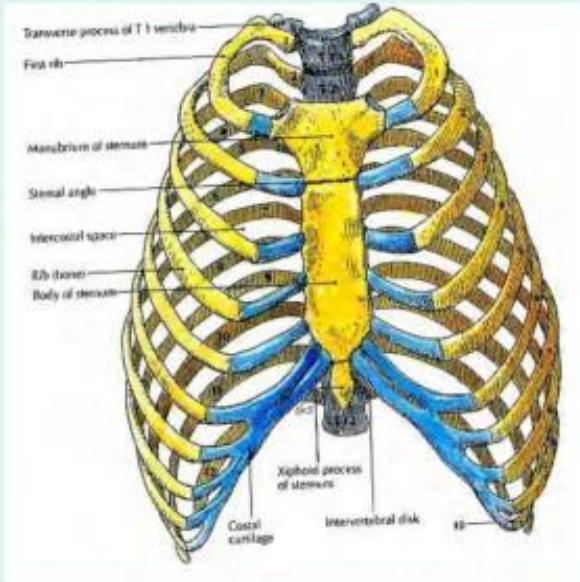
- ribs
- sternum
- thoracic vertebrae



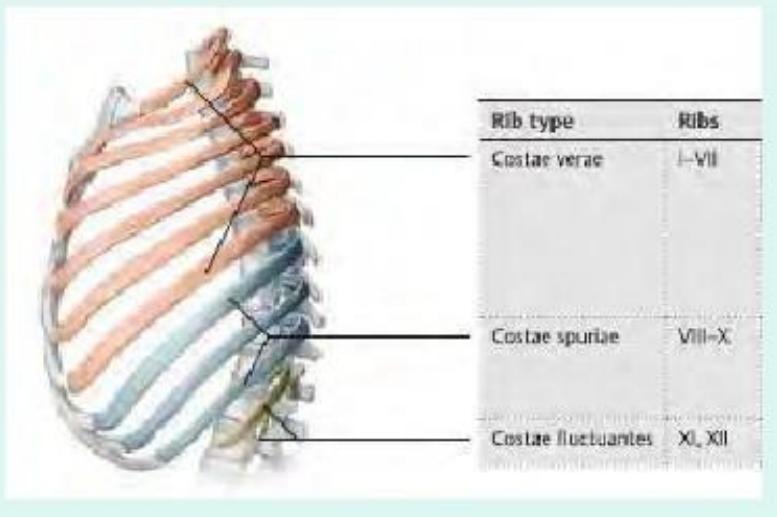
Left lateral view.

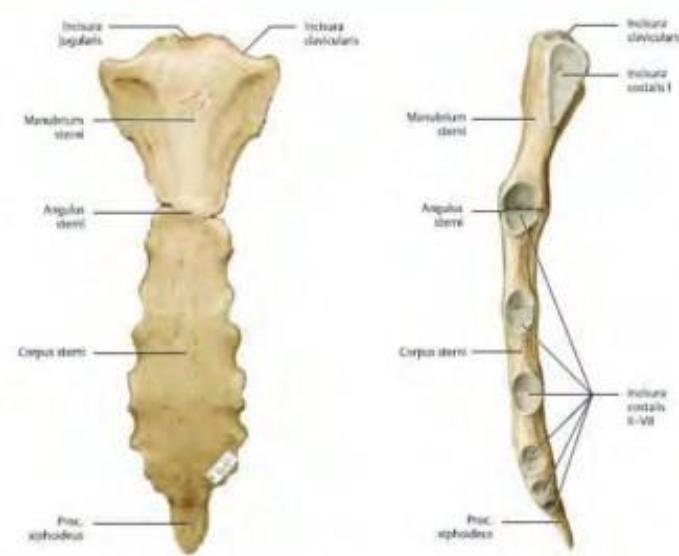
# Osteothorax

## Ribs



Types of ribs:

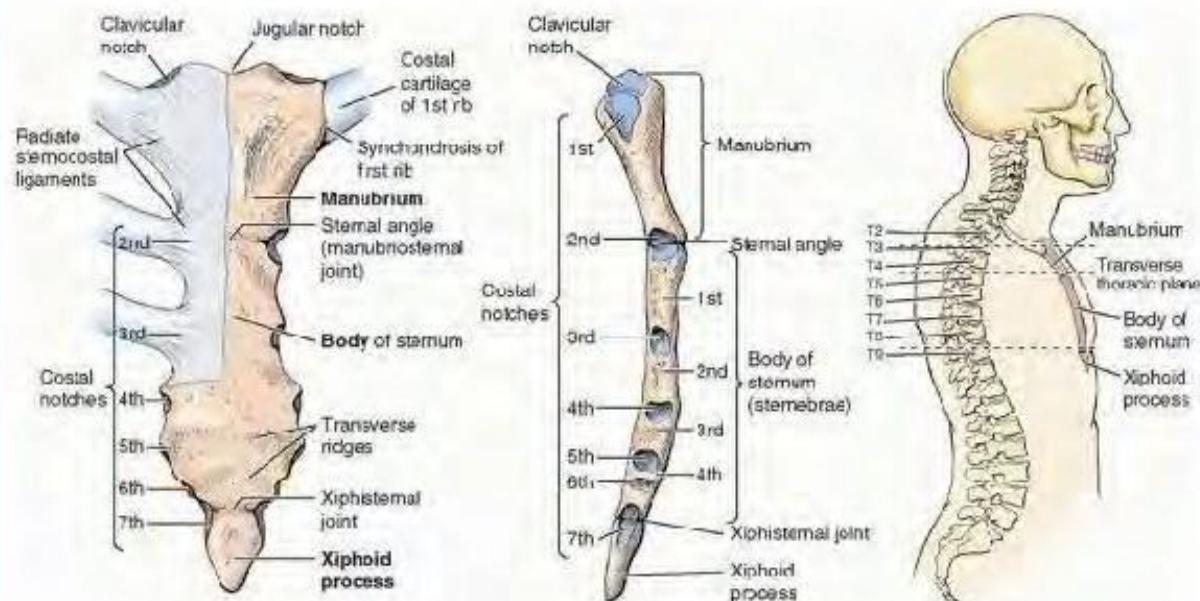
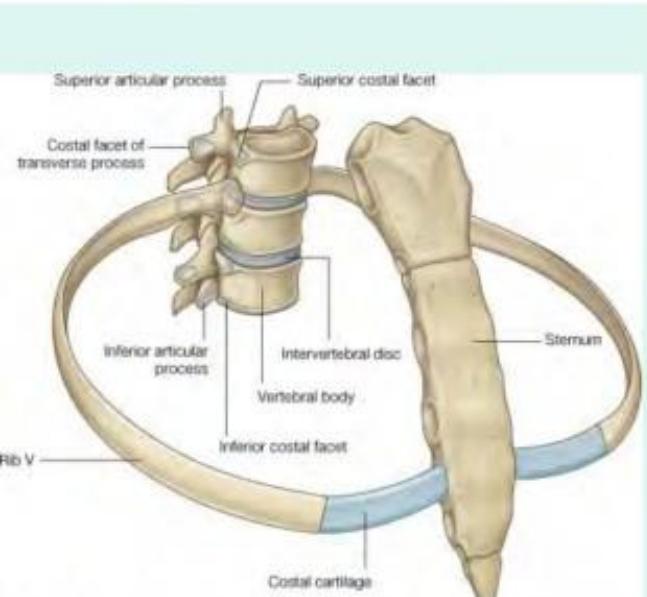




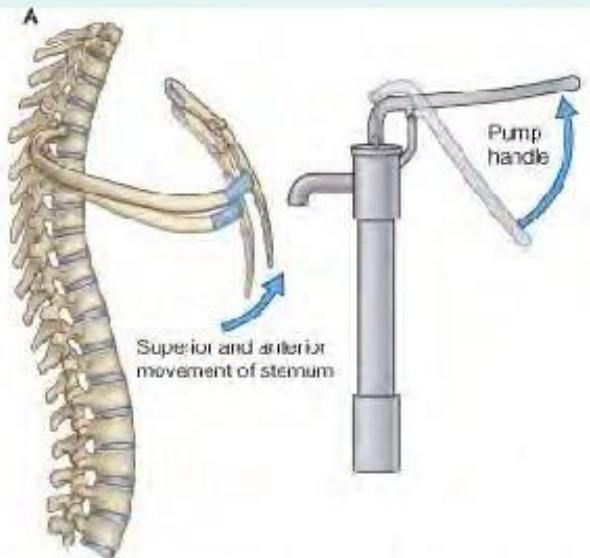
# Sternum

- manubrium of sternum
- body of sternum
- xiphoid process

- manubriosternal and xiphisternal synchondrosis(synostosis)



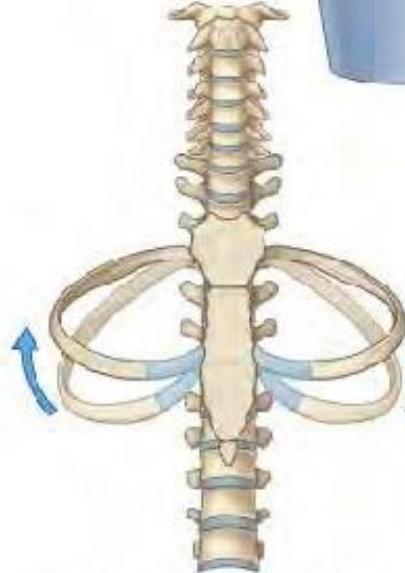
# Movement of the ribs and sternum during breathing



Superior and anterior movement of sternum



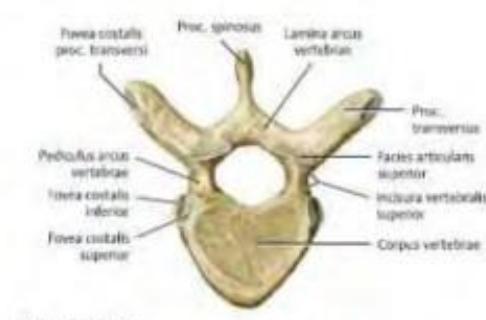
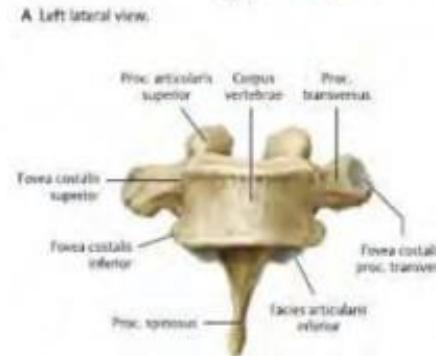
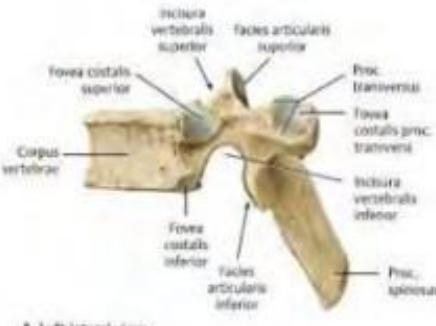
Bucket handle movement:



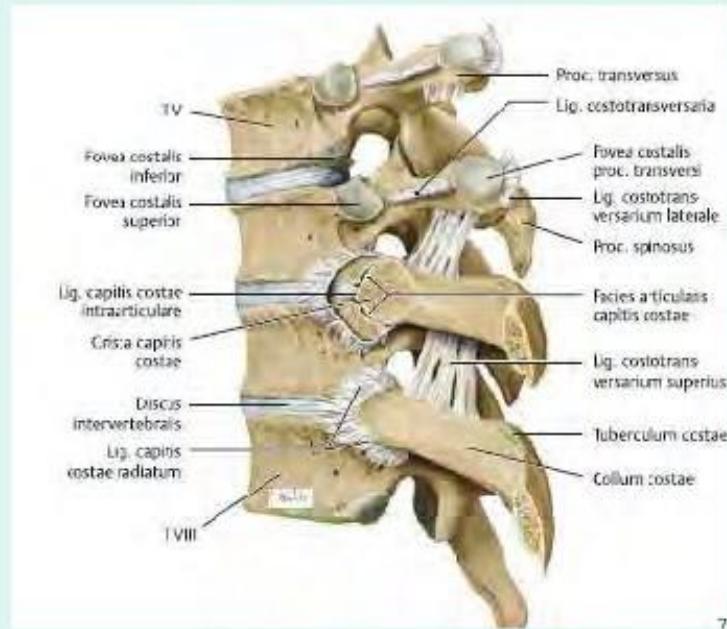
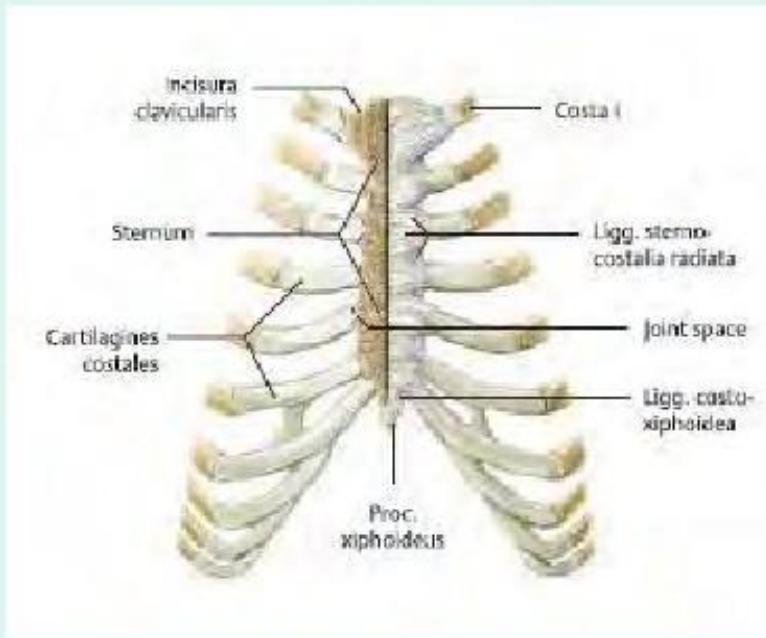
Elevation of lateral shaft of rib

# Thoracic vertebrae

- body
- arch  
(lamina+pedicles)
- spinous process
- transverse processes
- superior and inferior articular processes



# Joints of the ribs



7.

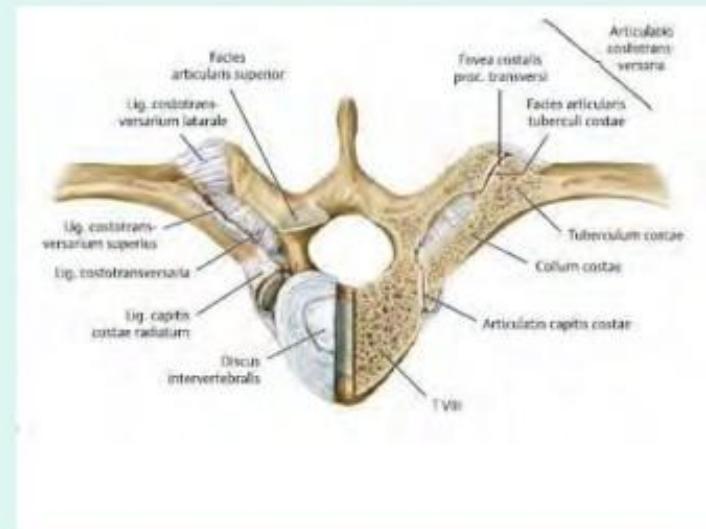
***anteriorly***

► sternocostal joints (2nd-5th ribs)

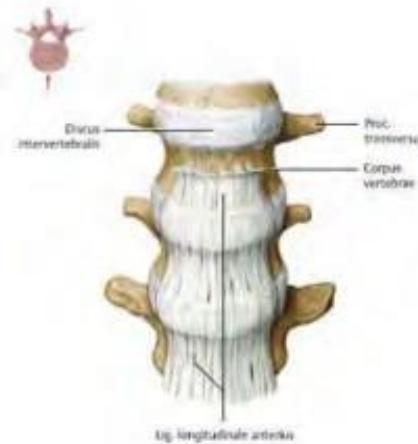
***posteriorly***

► costovertebral joints

- joints of the heads of the ribs
- costotransverse joints



# Ligaments of vertebral column



(Syndesmosis)

► *long ligaments:*

anterior et posterior longitudinal ligaments

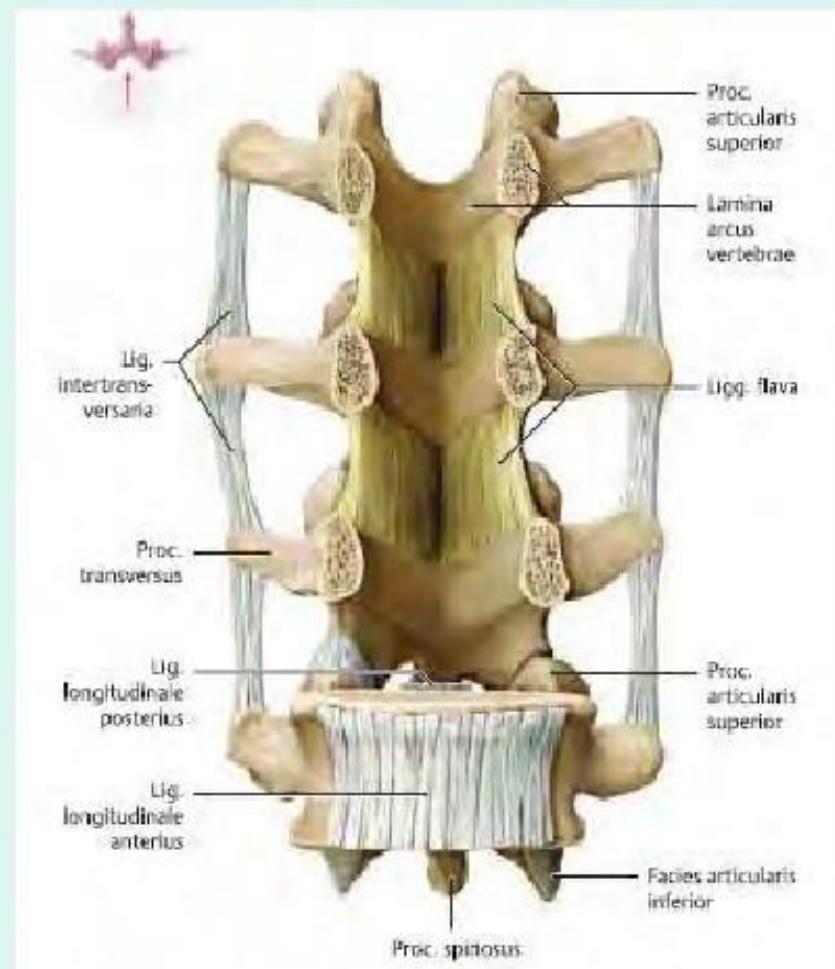
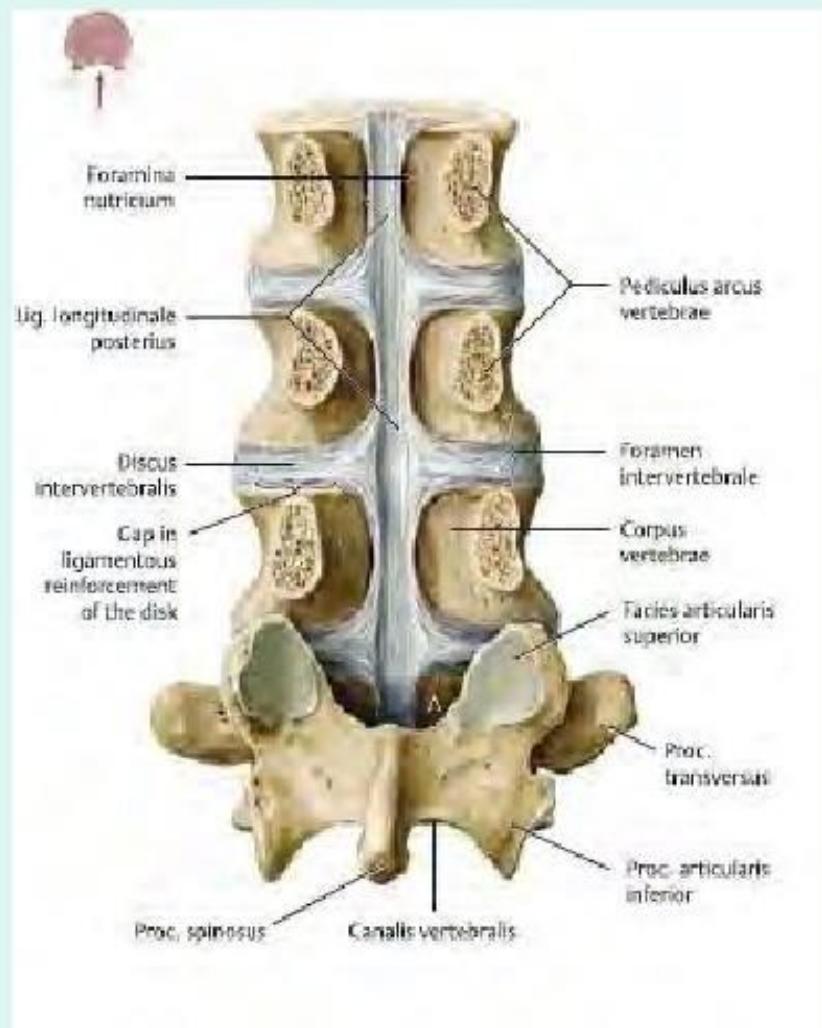
► *short ligaments:*

flava ligaments

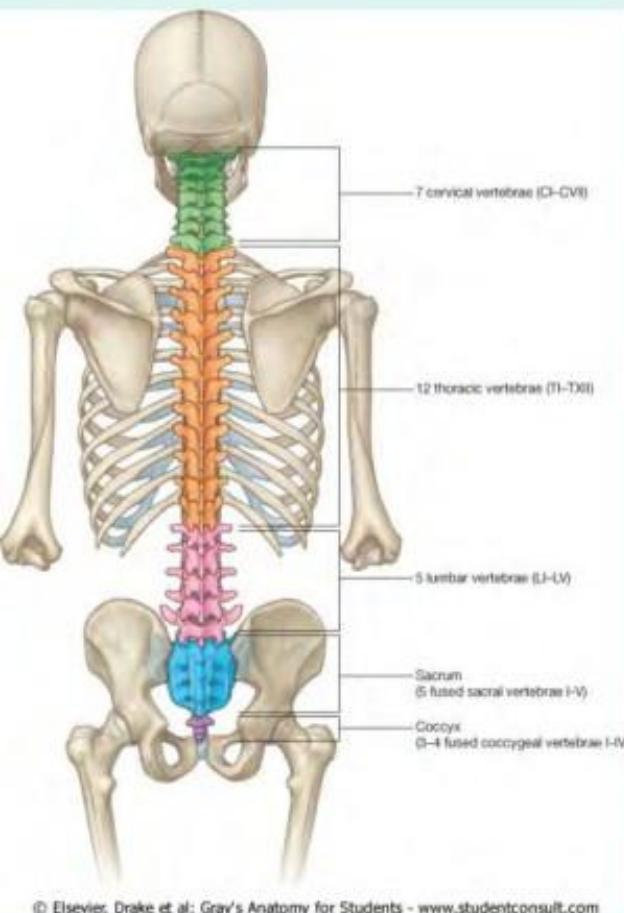
interspinous ligaments

intertransverse ligaments

# Ligaments of vertebral column



# Intervertebral disk (synchondrosis)



- number: 23

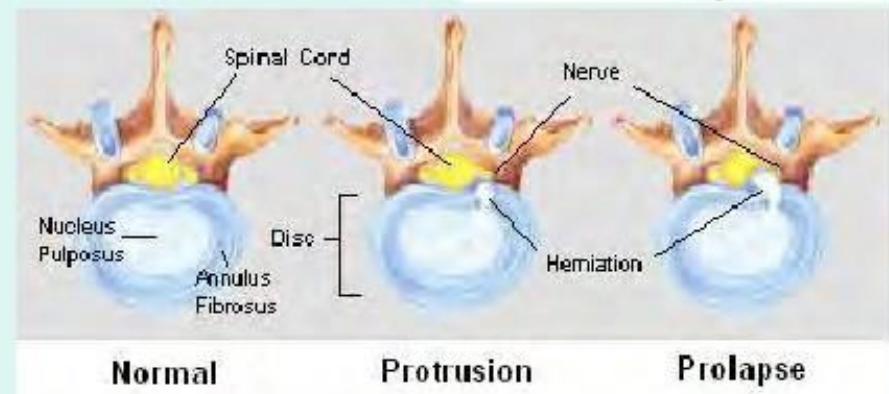
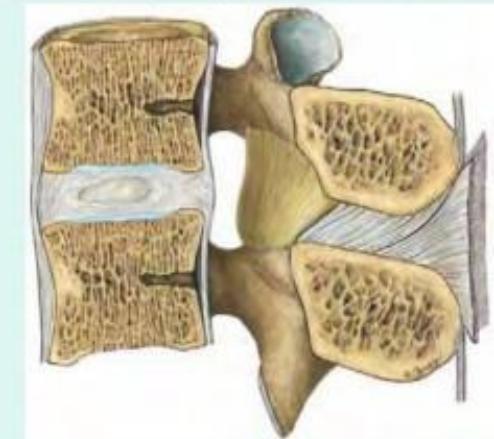
1st i.d.: C2-C3

last i.d.: L5-S1

- nucleus pulposus  
et annulus fibrosus



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# Os sacrum (synostosis)

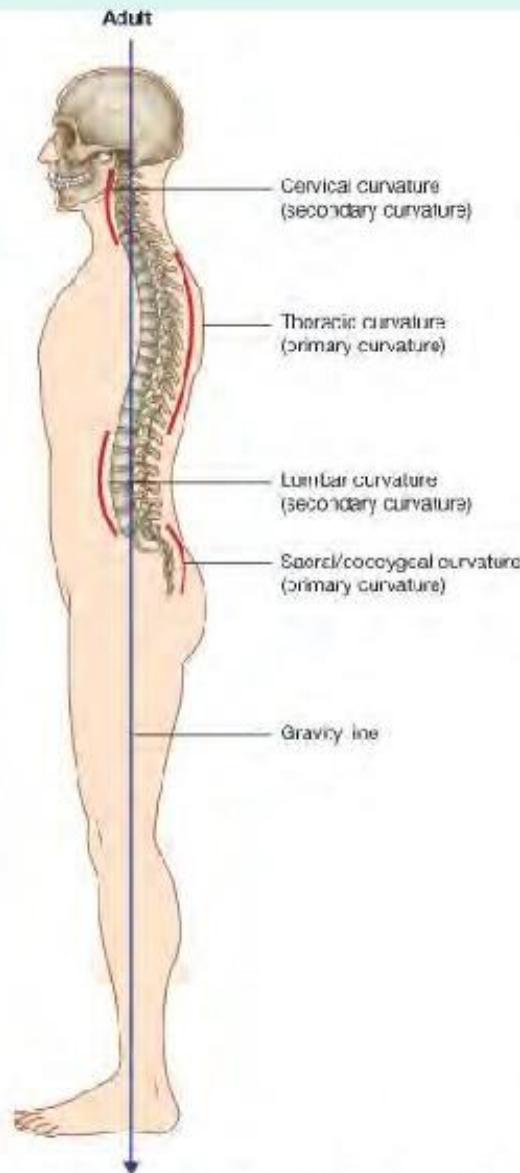


## Joints of vertebral column

- superior and inferior articular processes



# Curvatures of vertebral column



## -sagittal plane

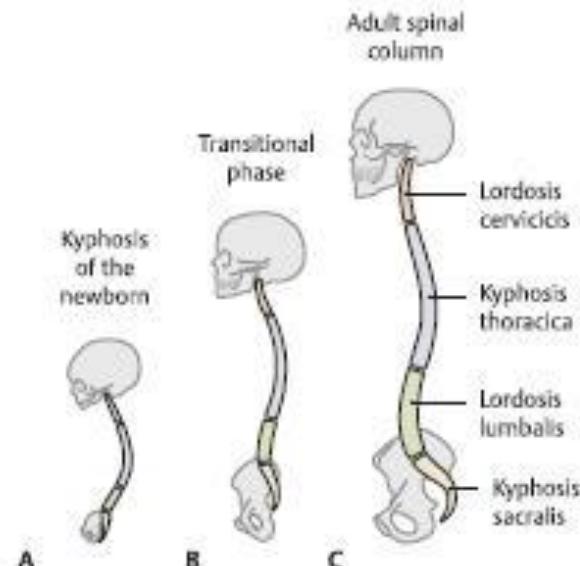
- **Lordoses** - cervical and lumbar
- **Kyfoses** - thoracic and sakral

## -frontal plane

- **Skoliosis**

### Spinal development

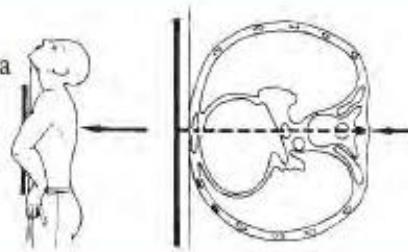
The characteristic curvatures of the adult spine appear over the course of postnatal development, being only partially present in a newborn. The newborn has a "kyphotic" spinal curvature (A); lumbar lordosis develops later and becomes stable at puberty (C).



# Radiograph of thorax (postero-anterior projection)



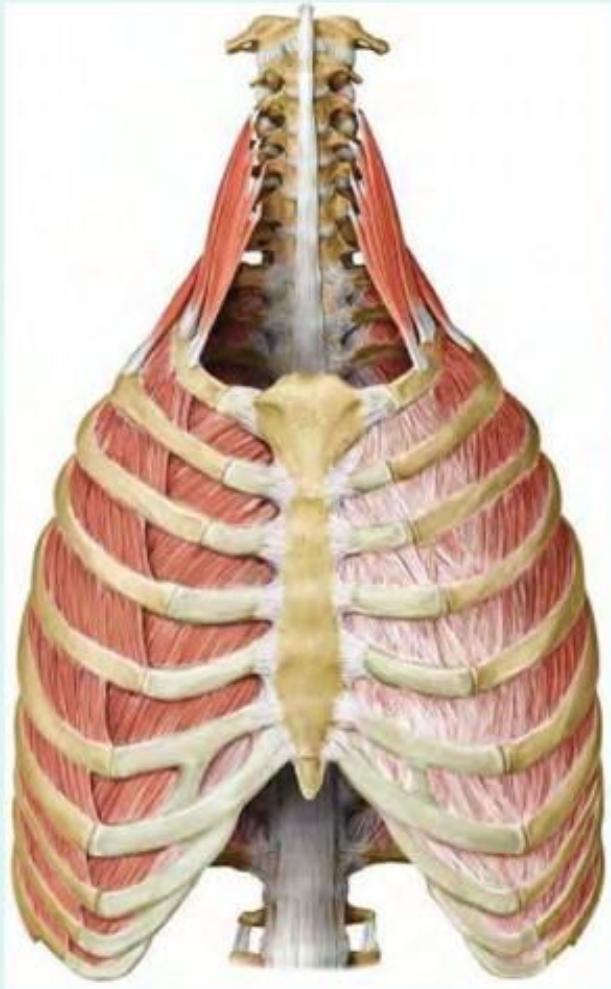
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|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Arch of aorta   | 5. Contour of left breast    | 9. Contour of right breast | 13. Superior vena cava       |
| 2. Pulmonary trunk | 6. Diaphragm                 | 10. Diaphragm              | 14. Medial border of scapula |
| 3. Left auricle    | 7. Air in fundus of stomach  | 11. Inferior vena cava     | 15. First rib                |
| 4. Left ventricle  | 8. Costodiaphragmatic recess | 12. Right atrium           | 16. Right clavicle           |



# Radiograph of vertebral column, thoracic part (antero-posterior projection)

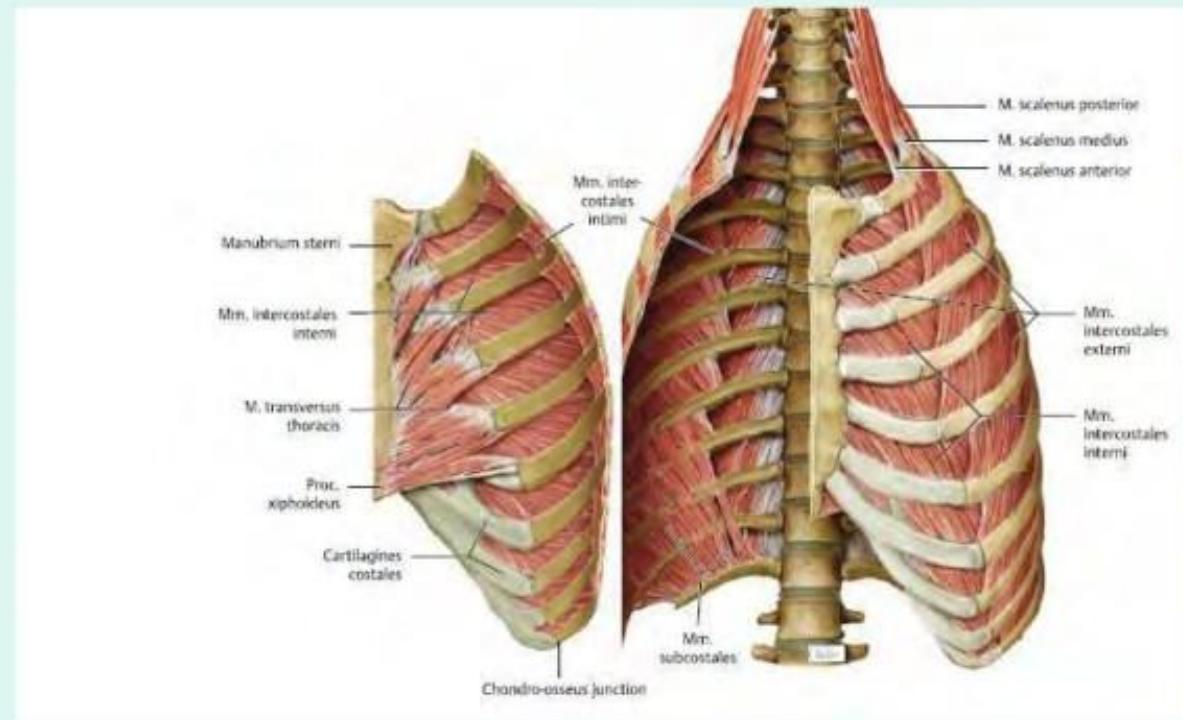
1. Neck of first rib
2. First rib
3. Spinous process
4. Inferior articular process
5. Superior articular process
6. Pedicle of vertebral arch
7. Twelfth thoracic vertebra
8. Twelfth rib
9. Diaphragm
10. Left contour of the heart
11. Clavicle
12. T1 vertebra





# ► Deep layer

## Mm. of the proper thoracic wall



1. intercostals external - inspiration
2. intercostals internal - expiration
3. intercostals intimi (innermost) - exp.
4. subcostals - exp.
5. transversus thoracis - exp.

Blood supply: post. intercostal aa. vv.,  
internal thoracic a.+v.,  
supreme intercostal a.+v.

Nerve supply: intercostal nn.

# ► Deep layer

## Intrinsic mm. of the back

**Erector spinae** - in the osteofibrous canal  
lateral to spinous processes

- in cervical region by lig. nuchae
- in lumbar region - is covered by thoracolumbar fascia
- in sacral region - starts by tendon

**Origin:** median sacral crest, spinous procc. of lumbar, 11. and 12. Th, supraspinal lig.

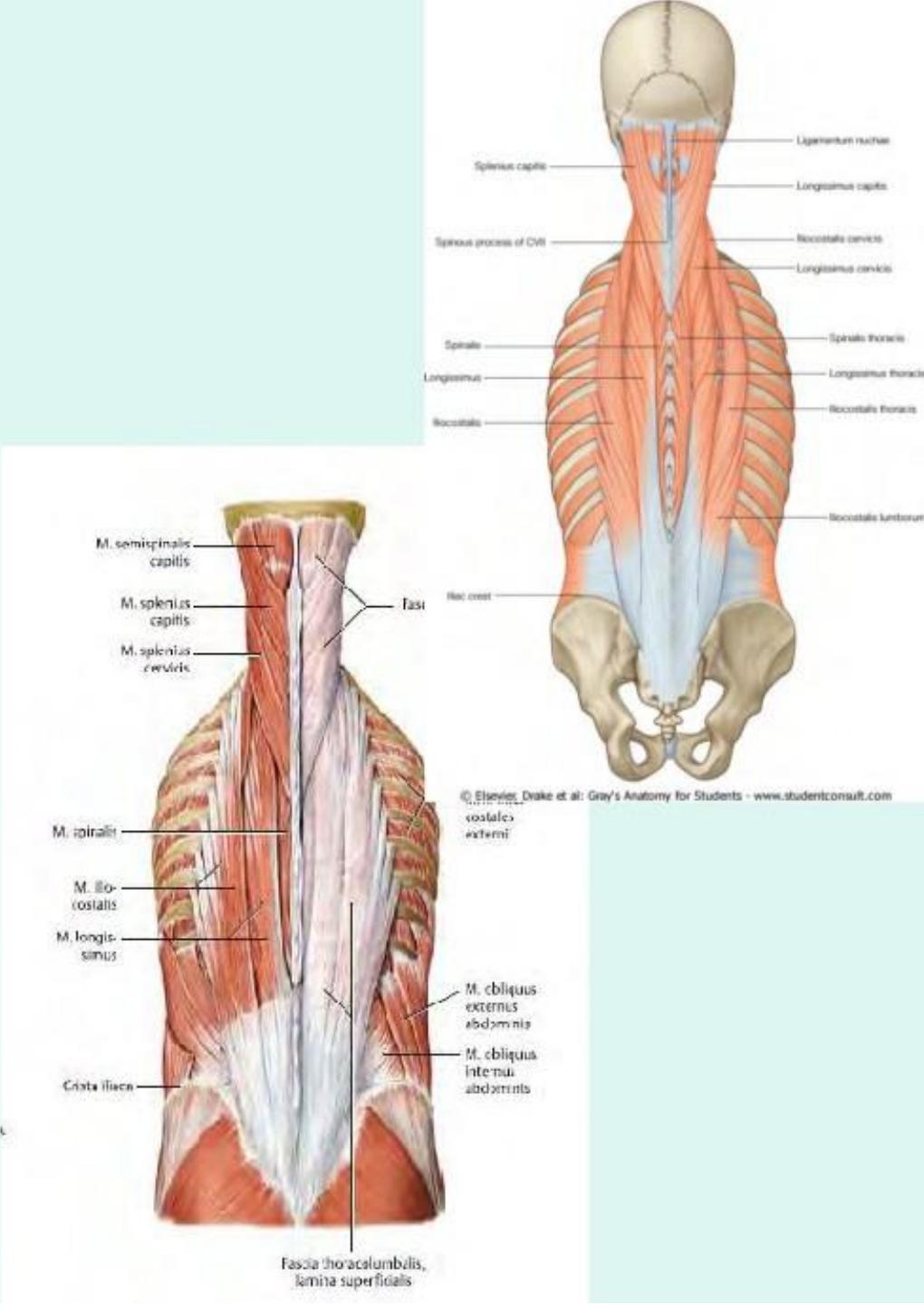
- divided into 2 tracts:

**Lateral tract** - **iliocostalis, longissimus**

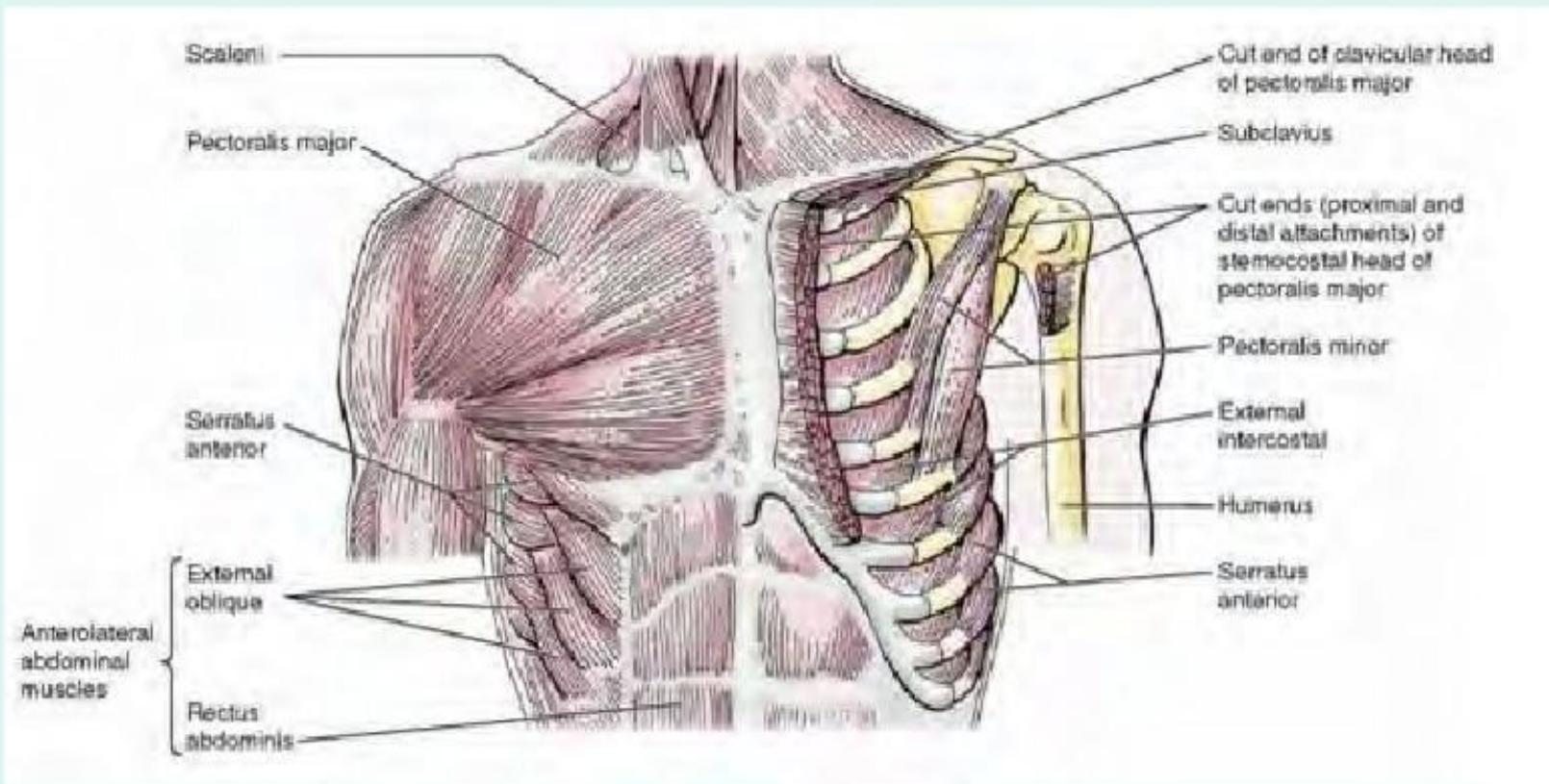
**Medial tract** - **spinalis**

**Innervation:**

- dorsal rr. of spinal nerves



## ► Middle layer (thoracohumeral muscles + mm. of the back)



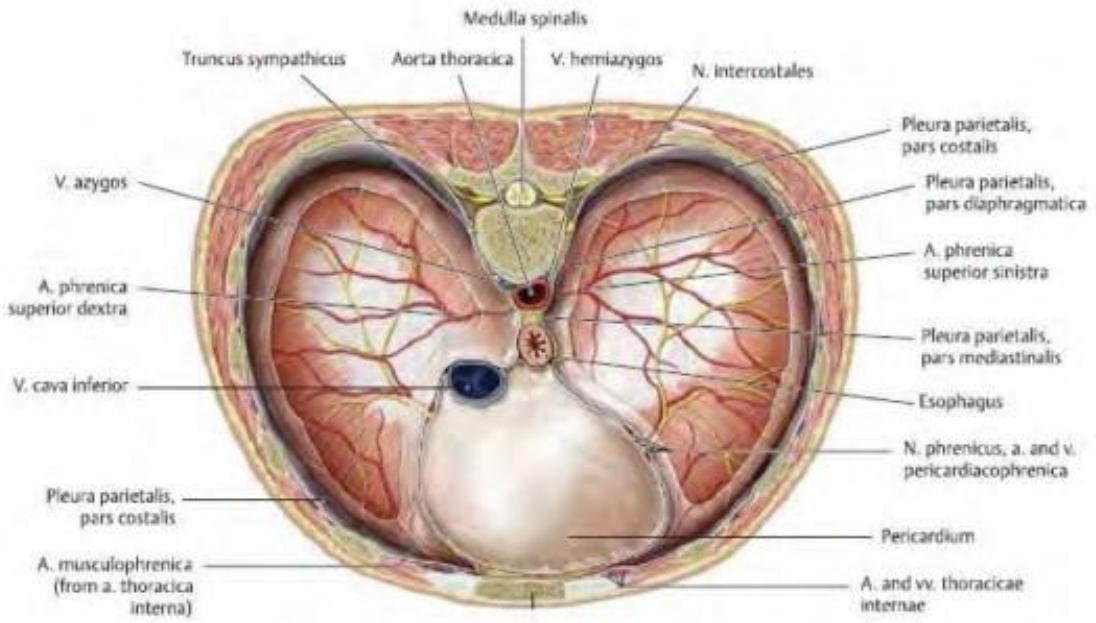
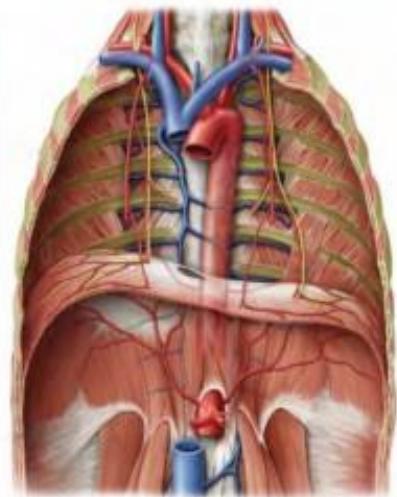
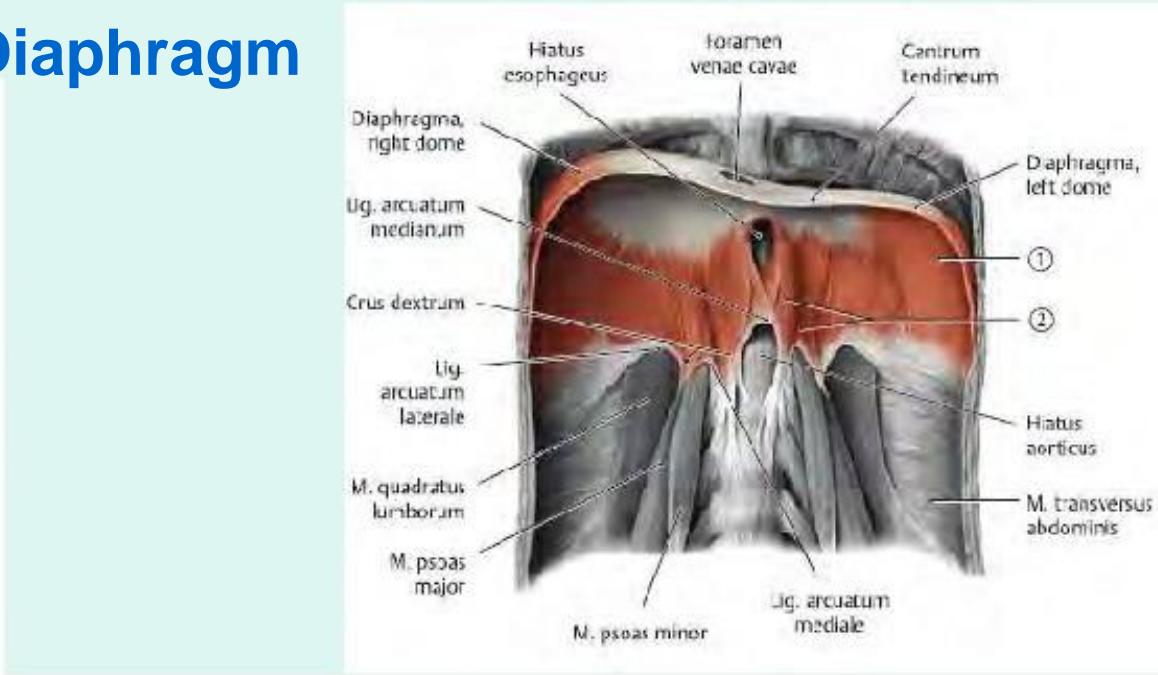
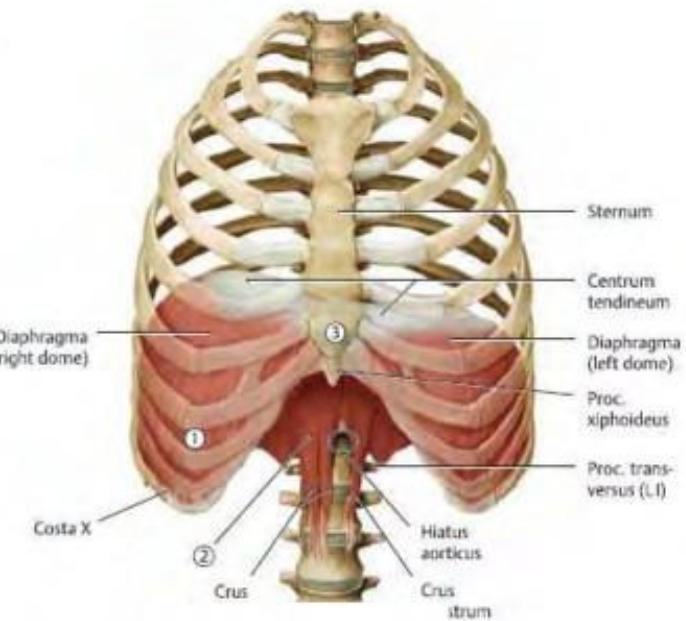
### Thoracohumeral muscles

1. pectoralis major - pectoral br. (from thoracoacromial a.), med.+later. pectoral nn. (brachial pl.)
2. pectoralis minor - #
3. serratus anterior - lateral thoracic a. (axillary a.), long thoracic n. (from brachial pl.)
4. subclavius - clavicular br. (a. thoracoacromialis), suclavius n. (brachial pl.)  
- help during inspiration

Pectoral fascia

Clavipectoral fascia - attaches to clavicle

# Diaphragm



# Mm. of the back

- 1st layer - spinohumeral muscles

## 1. Trapezius

**Origin:** spinous process of Th12-1, C7-1, nuchal lig., external occipital protuberance

**Insertion:** spine of scapula, acromion, clavicle

**Function:** turns, lifts up, adducts scapula to spine,

turns the head

**Innervation:** accessory n.

## 2. Latissimus dorsi

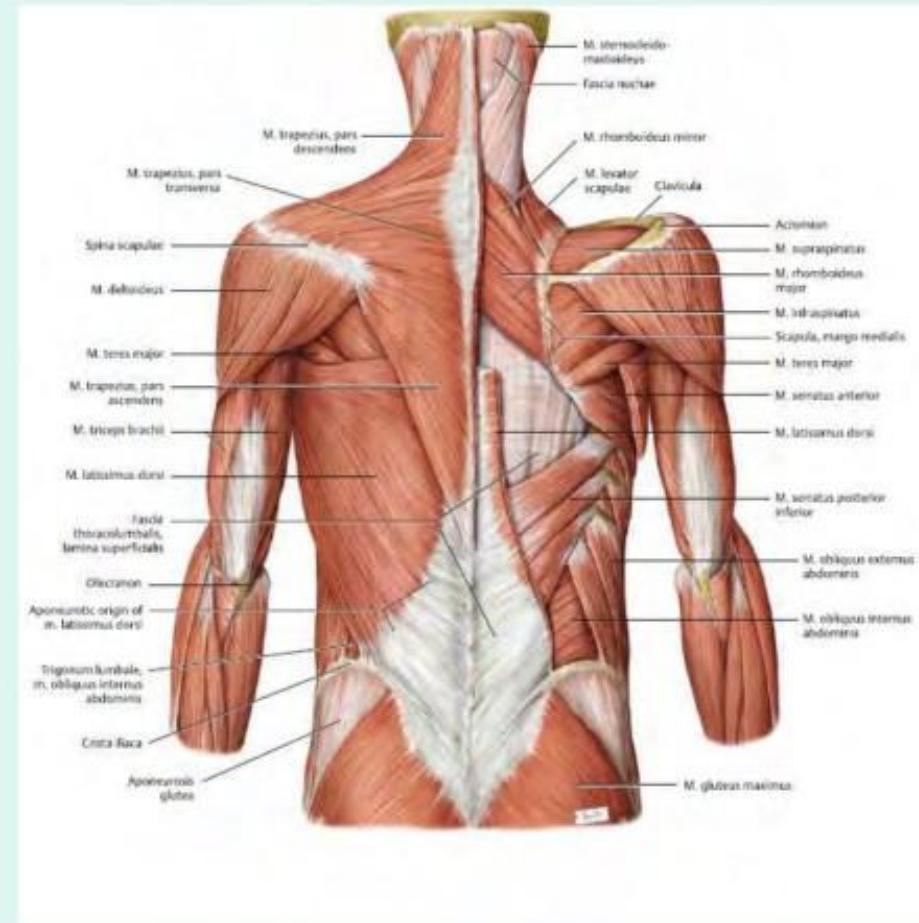
**Origin:** thoracolumbar fascia, spinous process of Th7-12, L1-5,

sacrum, lower ribs

**Insertion:** crest of lesser tubercle

**Function:** extension, internal rotation of humerus

**Innervation:** thoracodorsal n.



# Mm. of the back

- 2nd layer - spinohumeral muscles

## 1. Levator scapulae

**Origin:** transverse proc. C1-4

**Insertion:** sup. angle of scapula

## 2. Rhomboid minor

**Origin:** spinous proc. C6-7

**Insertion:** med. margin of scapula

## 3. Rhomboid major

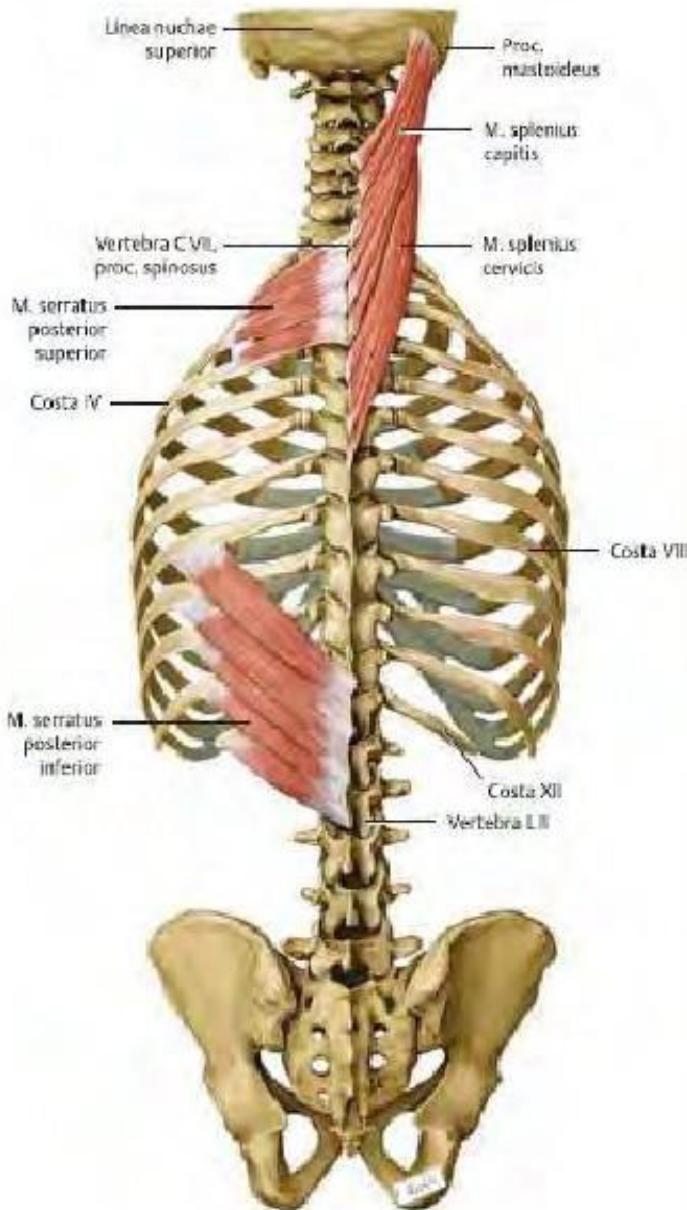
**Origin:** spinous proc. Th1-4

**Insertion:** medial margin of scapula

**Function:** lift up scapula

**Innervation:** dorsal scapular n.





# Mm. of the back

- 3rd layer - spinocostal mm.

## 1. Serratus posterior superior

### Function:

- pulls the ribs upward
- inspiration

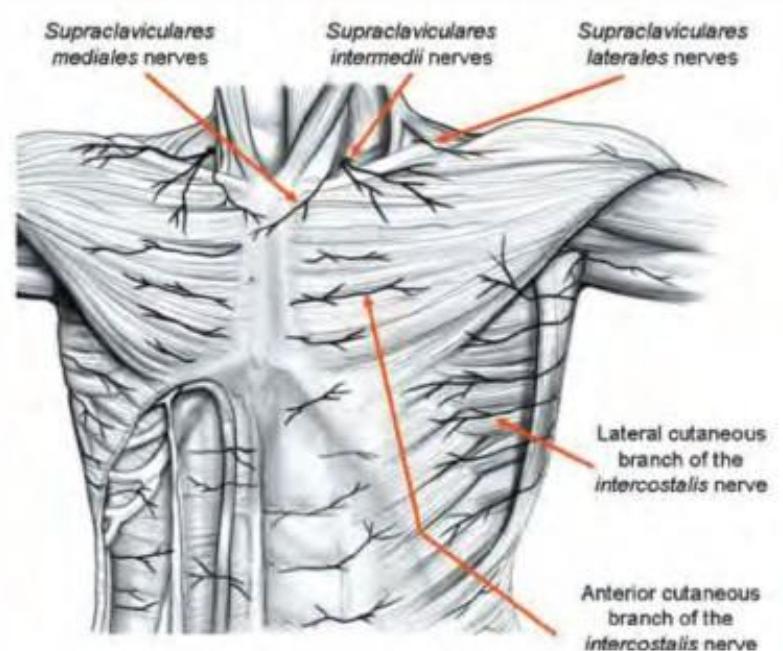
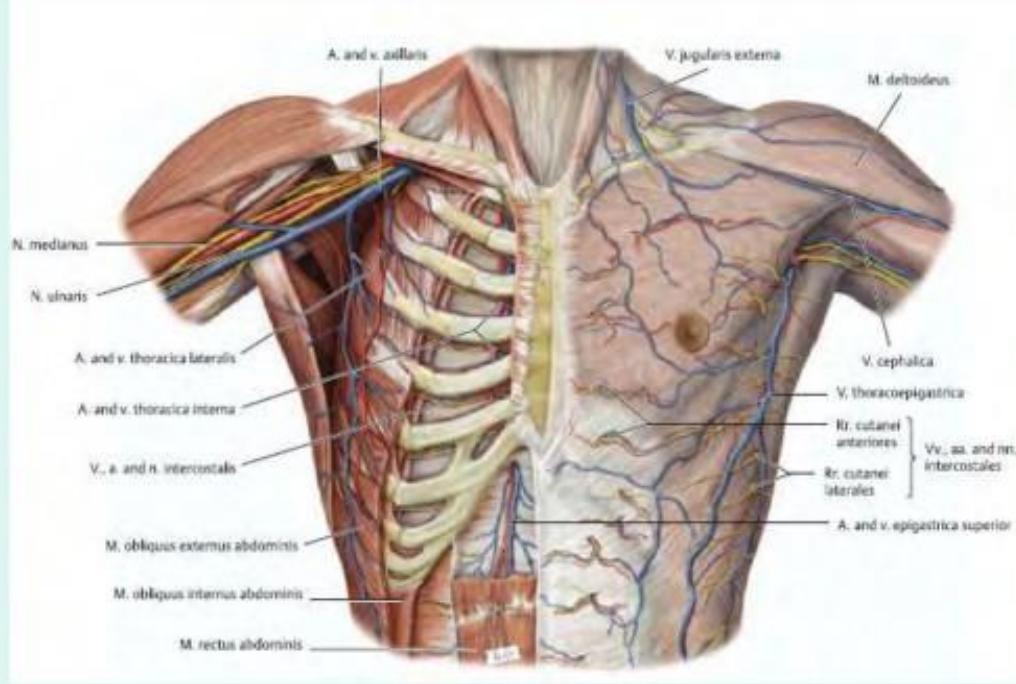
## 2. Serratus posterior inferior

### Function:

- pulls the ribs down
- expiration

Innervation: - Intercostal nn.

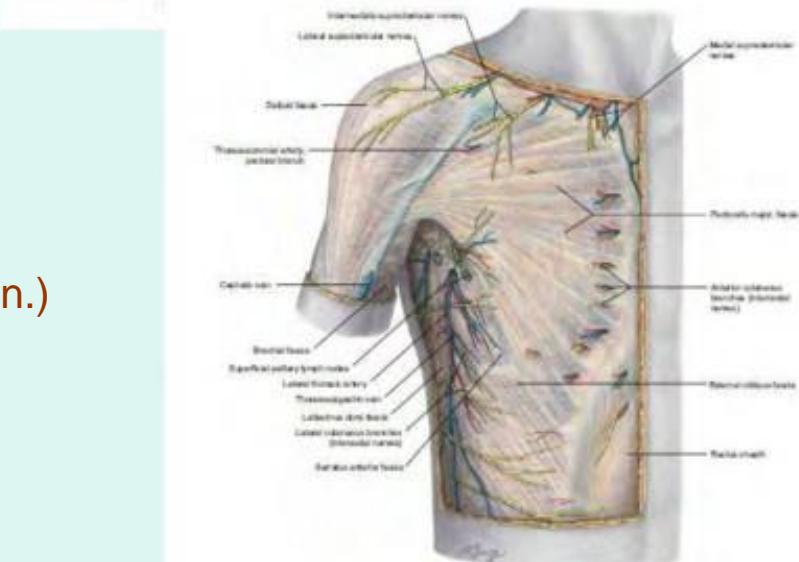
# 1. Superficial layer - structures



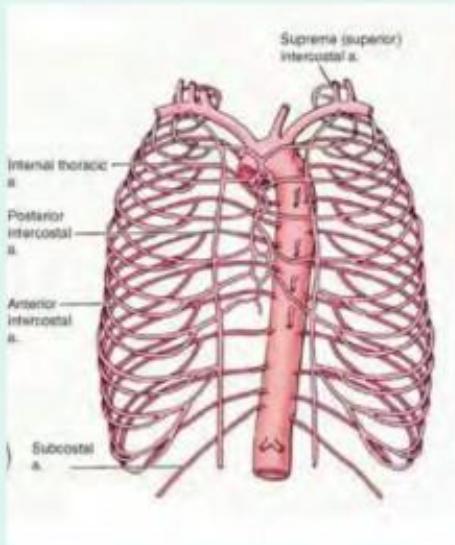
Blood vessels: perforating br. (internal thoracic a., v.)  
 lateral cutaneous br.(from post. intercostal aa.,vv.)  
 lateral thoracic a., v., thoracoepigastric vv.

Nerves: supraclavicular nn. (from cervical plexus)  
 lateral et anterior cutaneal br.(from intercostal nn.)  
 intercostobrachial nn. (connections)  
 long thoracic nerve (from brachial plexus)

Mammary gland



# Arteries of the thoracic wall



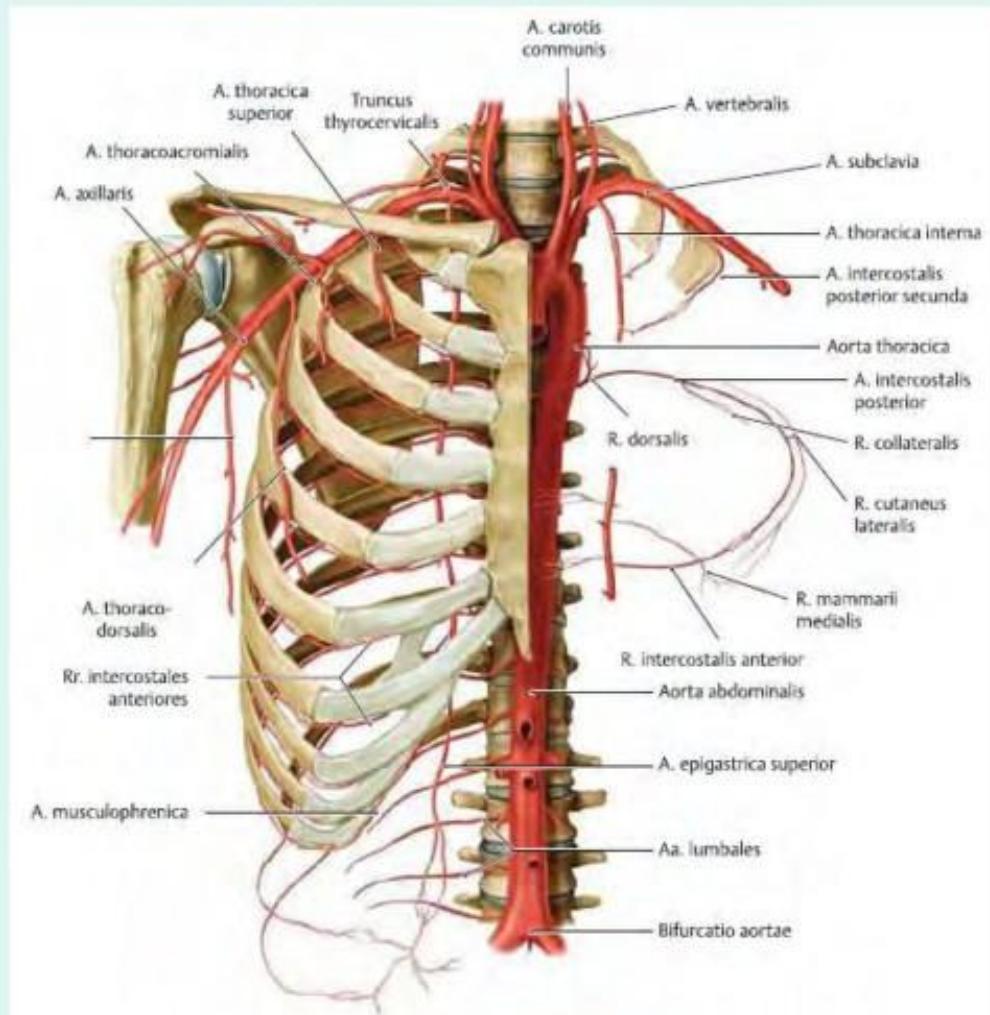
A. subclavia and a. axillaris	A. thoracica superior A. thoracica lateralis A. thoracoacromialis Aa. Intercostales posteriores (1st and 2nd; see p. 34)
Aorta thoracica	Aa. intercostales posteriores (3rd through 12th) Aa. intercostales anteriores
A. thoracica interna	A. musculophrenica A. epigastrica superior

Three sources:

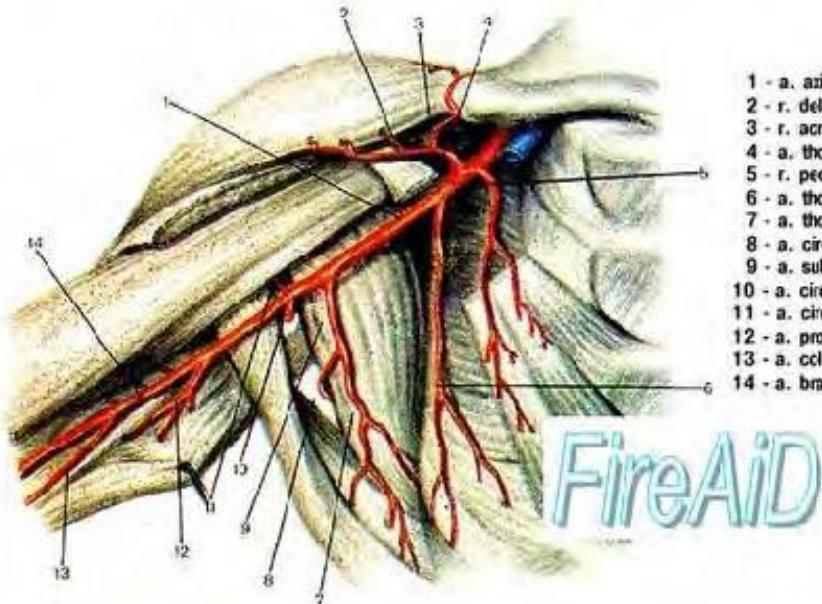
axillary artery

subclavian artery

thoracic aorta



# Arteries of the thoracic wall - continuation



## Axillary artery

Superior thoracic artery

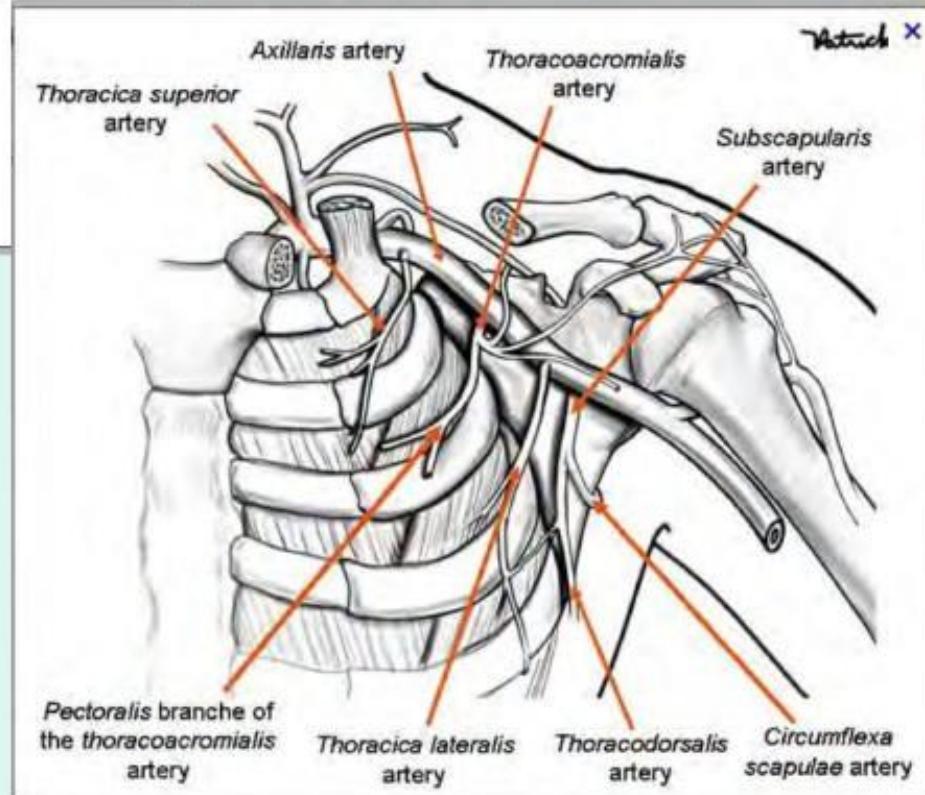
Thoracoacromial artery

Lateral thoracic artery

Subscapular artery

thoracodorsal artery

circumflex scapular artery



# Arteries of the thoracic wall -

(Arterial blood supply of ICS)

## Thoracic aorta

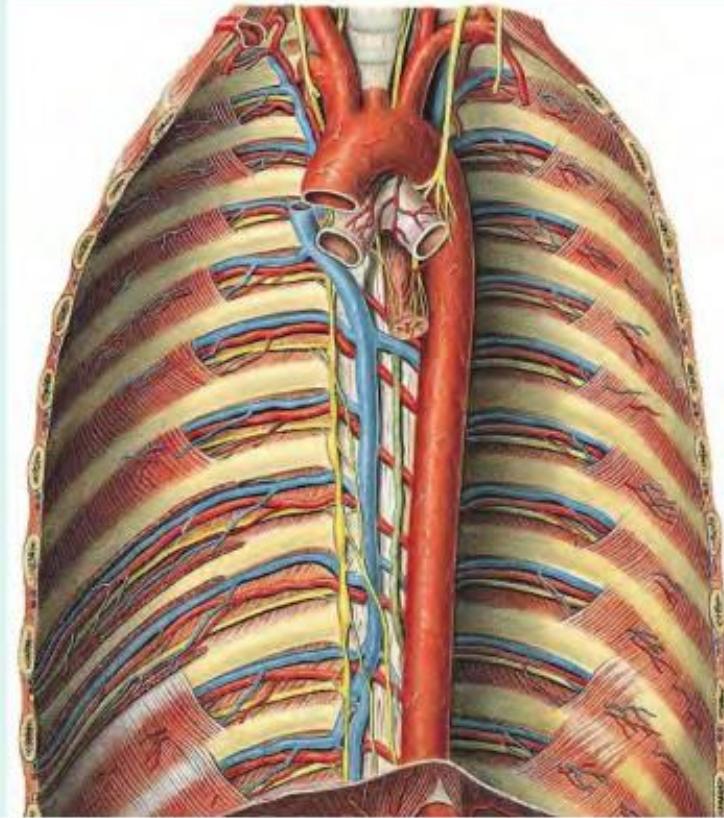
3.-12. posterior intercostal aa (aa.ICP), a.subcostal a.

## Subclavian artery

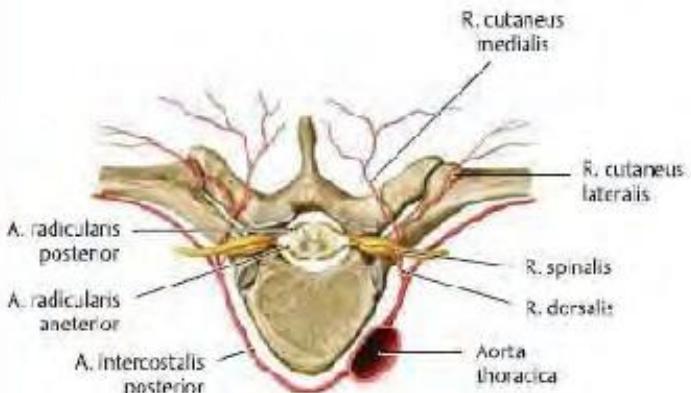
## costocervical trunk

supreme IC a.

1.-2. aa.ICP



► branches of posterior intercostal a.



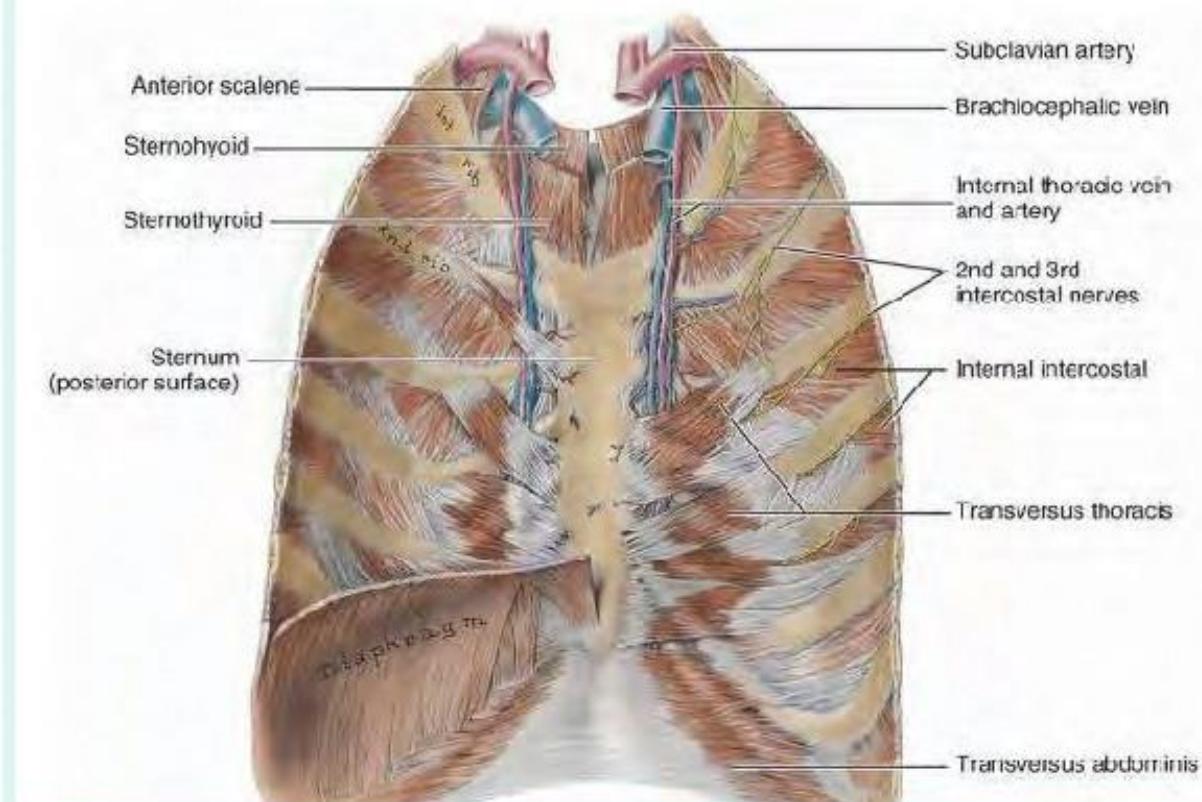
Aa. intercostales posteriores	Ramus dorsalis	Rami spinales	Spinal cord
	Ramus cutaneus medialis	Ramus cutaneus lateralis	Posterior thoracic wall
	Ramus collateralis		Lateral thoracic wall
	Ramus cutaneus lateralis*		Anterior thoracic wall

# Arteries of the thoracic wall

## Subclavian artery

internal thoracic a.

internal thoracic v.



# Veins of the thoracic wall

## Posterior wall:

azygos v.

hemiazygos v.

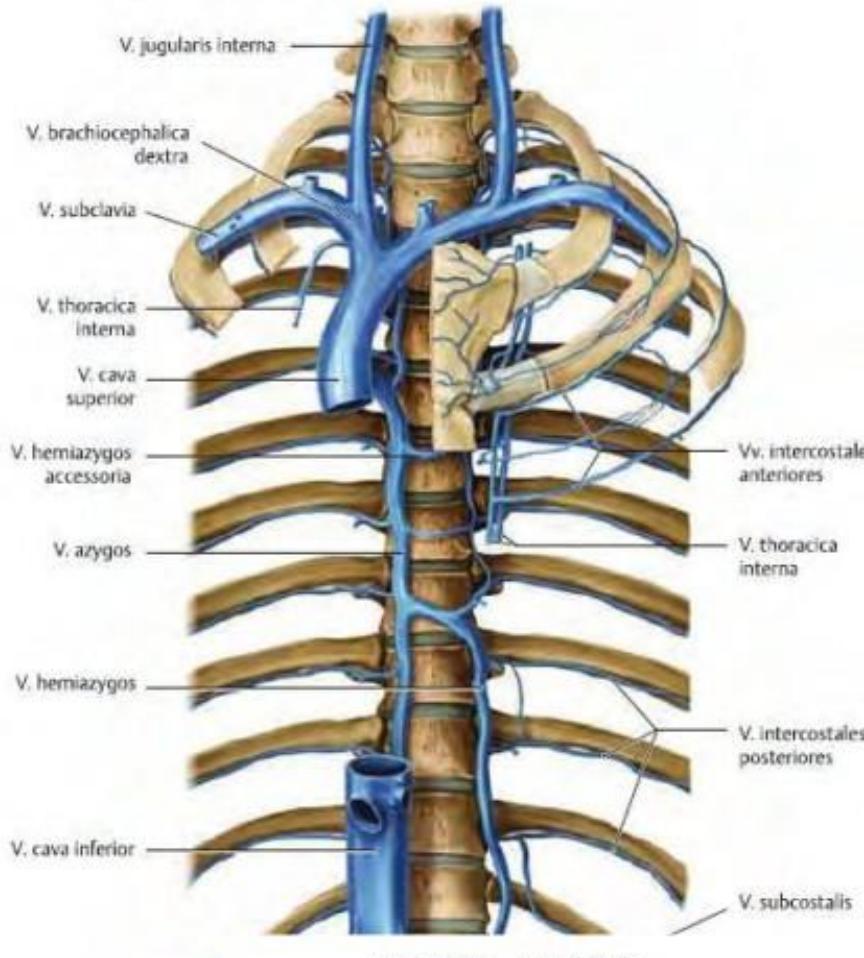
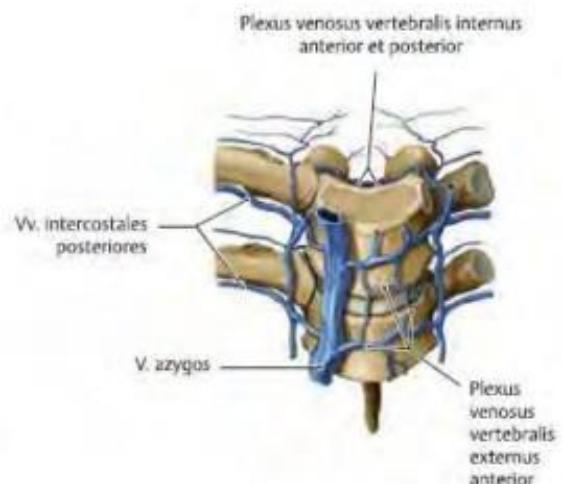
accessory hemiazygos v.

## Lateral wall:

thoracoacromial v.

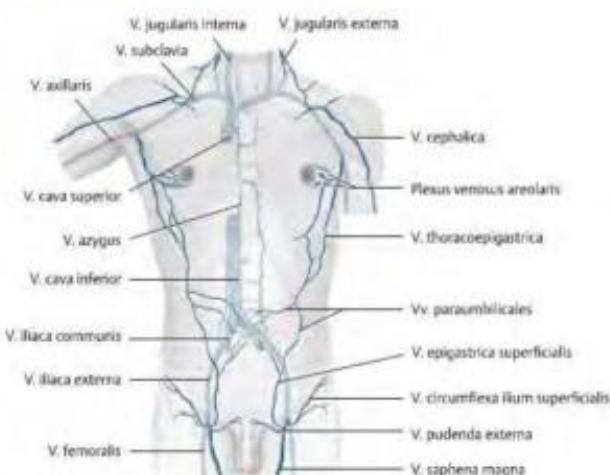
lateral thoracic v. ← thoracoepigastric v.

thoracodorsal v.

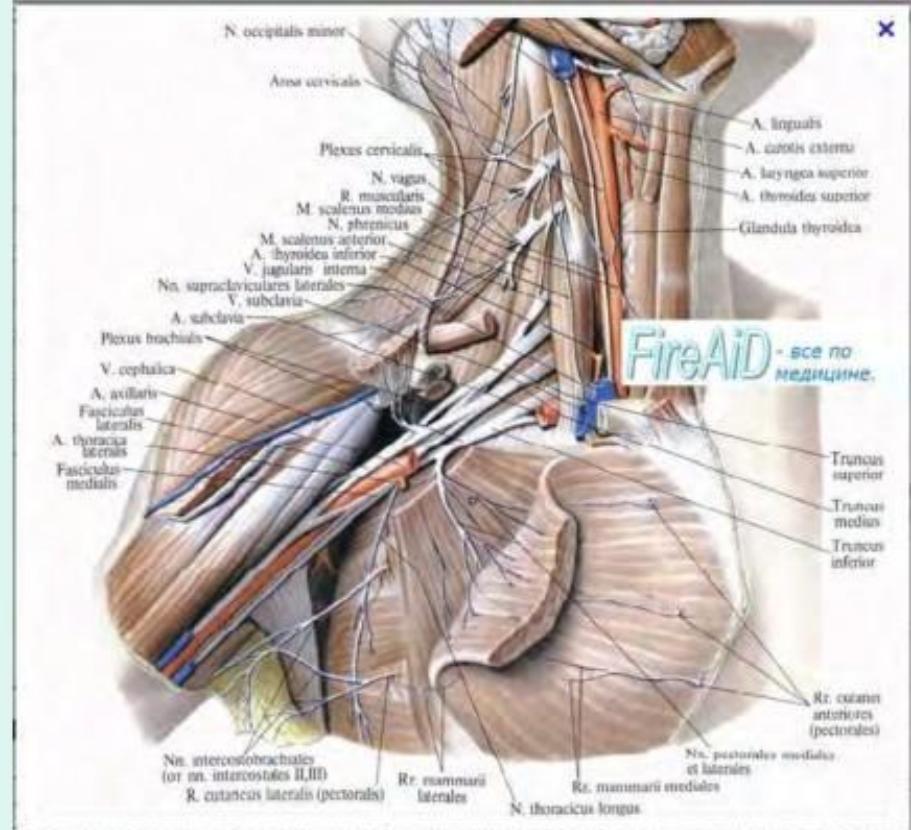
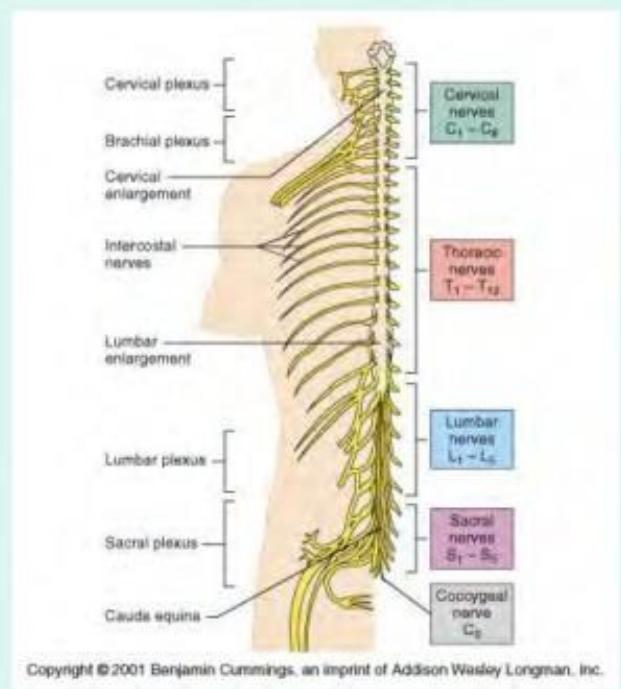


## Anterior wall:

internal thoracic vein



# Innervation of the thoracic wall



## Motor innervation:

intercostals nerves (12 pairs)

dorsal r. of spinal nerves

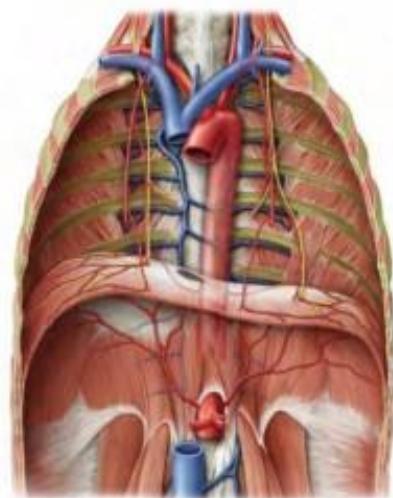
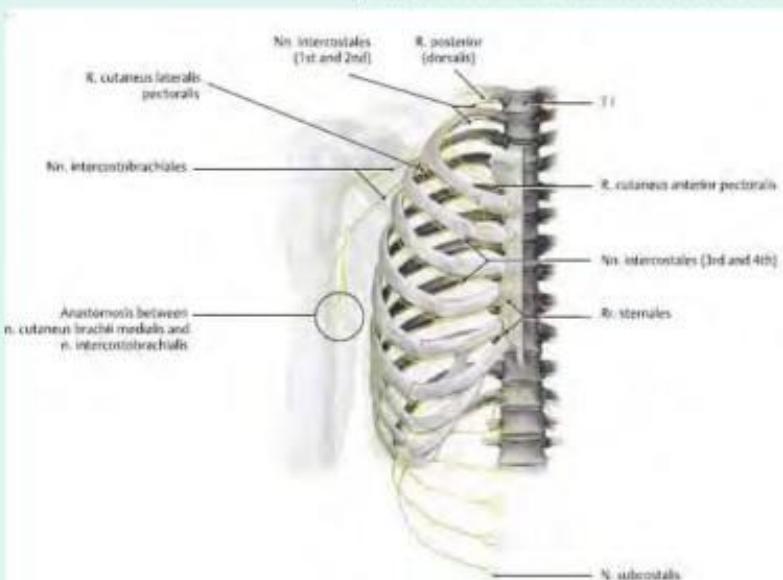
long thoracic nerve

thoracodorsal nerve

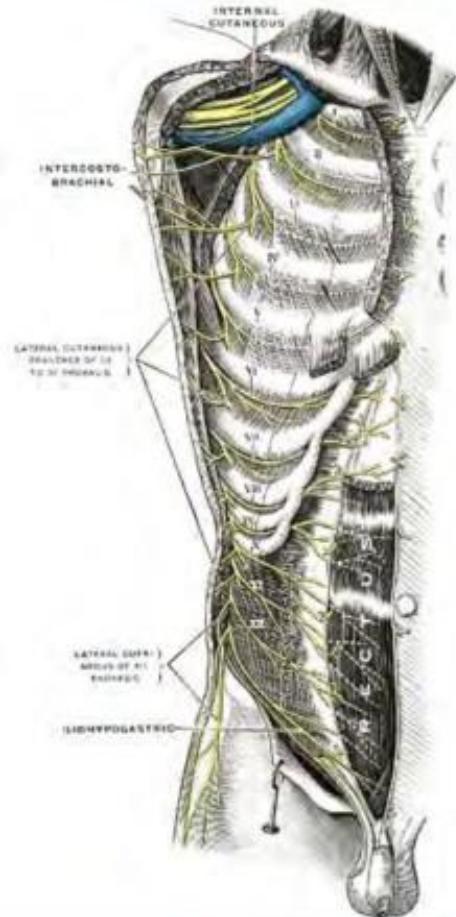
pectoral medial et lateral nerves

phrenic nerve

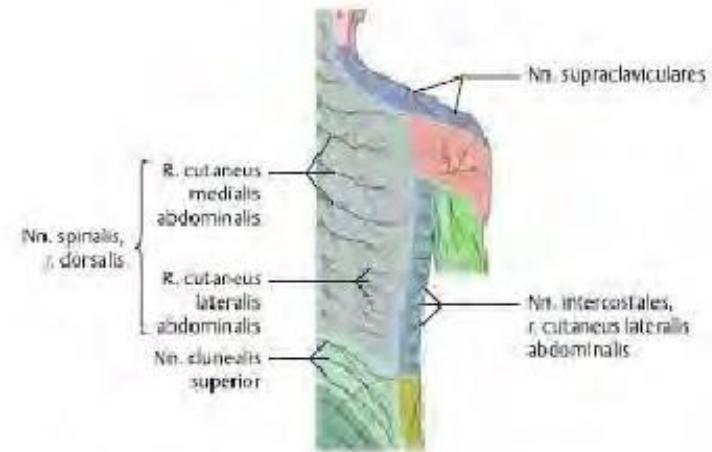
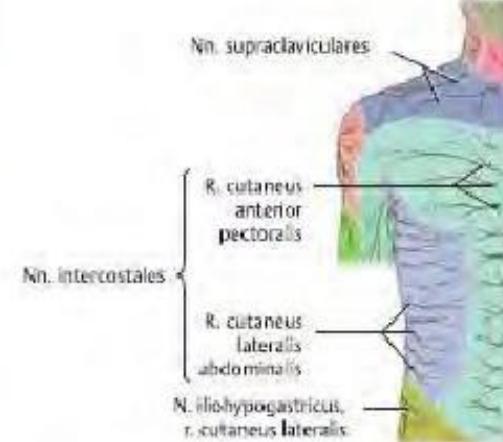
accessory nerve



# Innervation of the thoracic wall - continuation

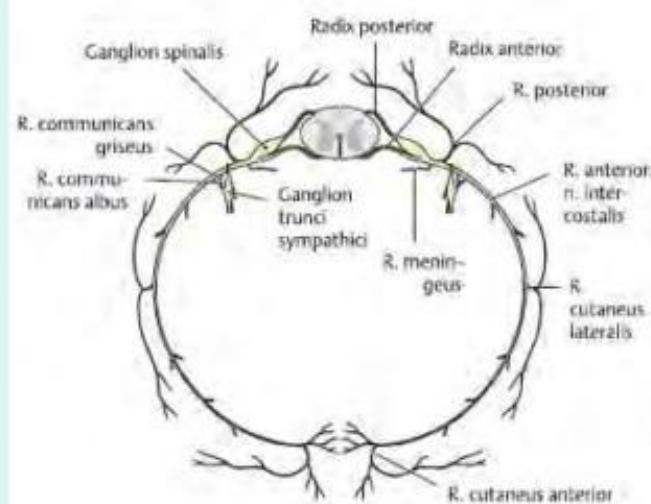


A. Anterior view.

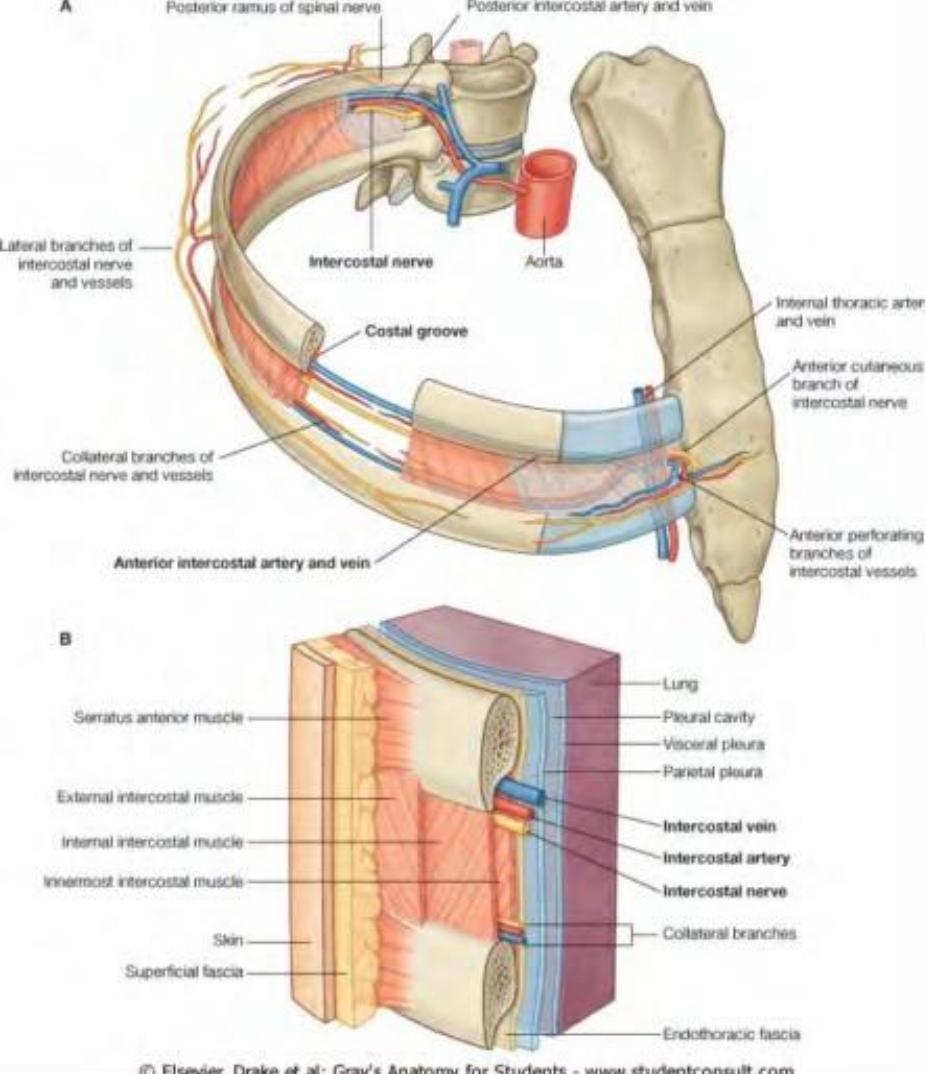


B. Posterior view.

**Sensory innervation:**  
intercostals nerves  
supraclavicular nerves  
intercostobrachial nerves

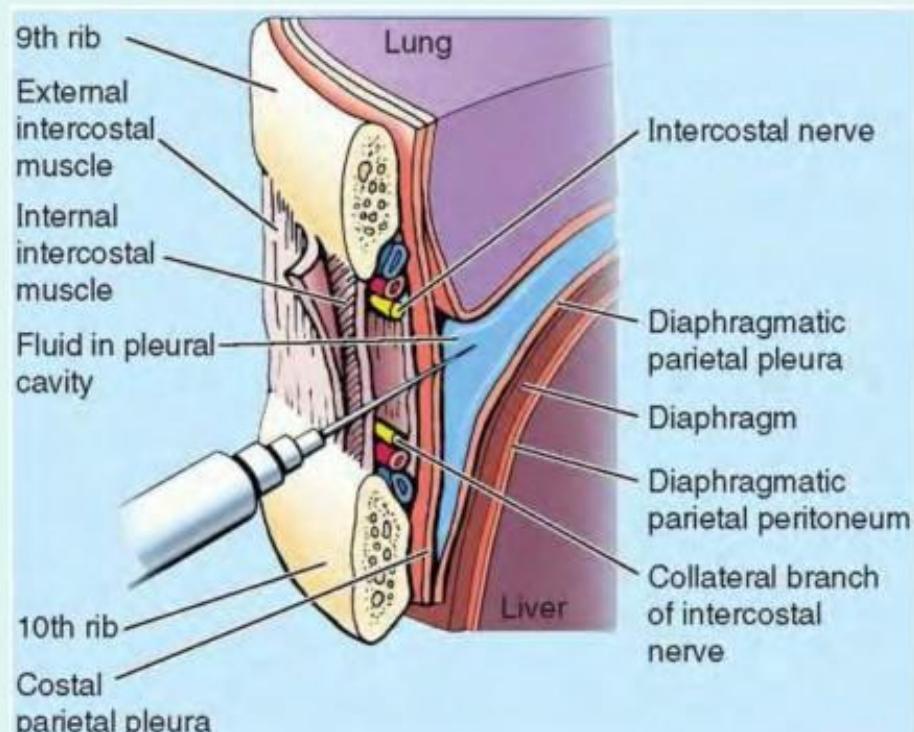


► branches of intercostal nerve



# Neurovascular bundle

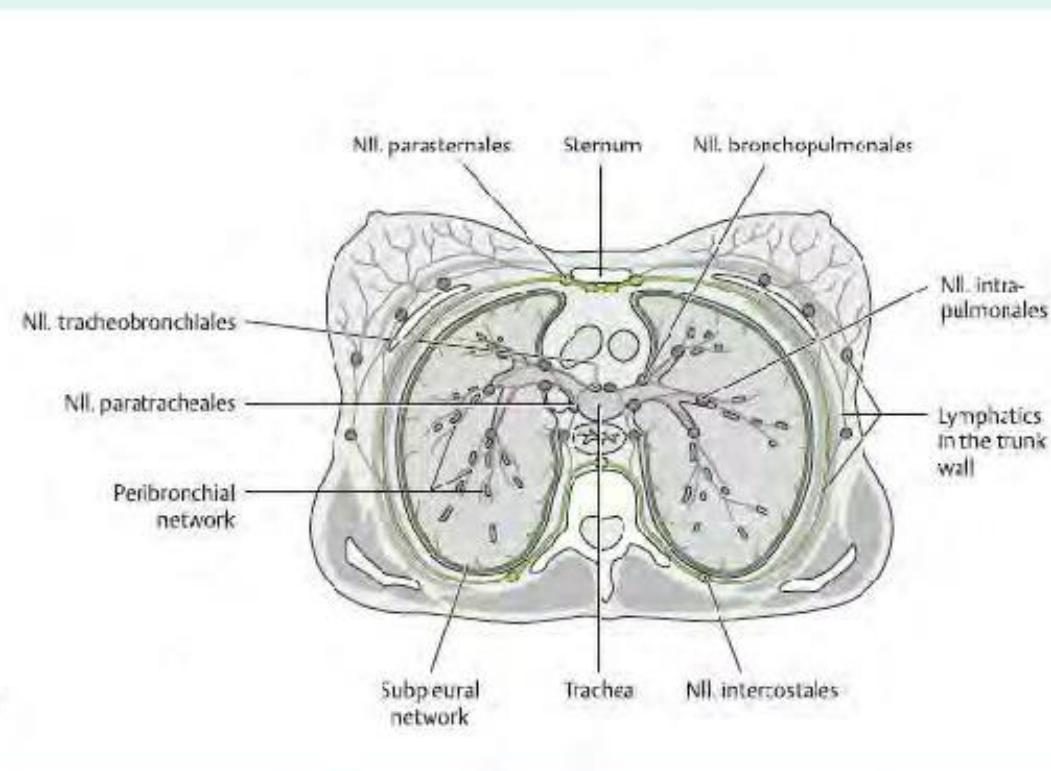
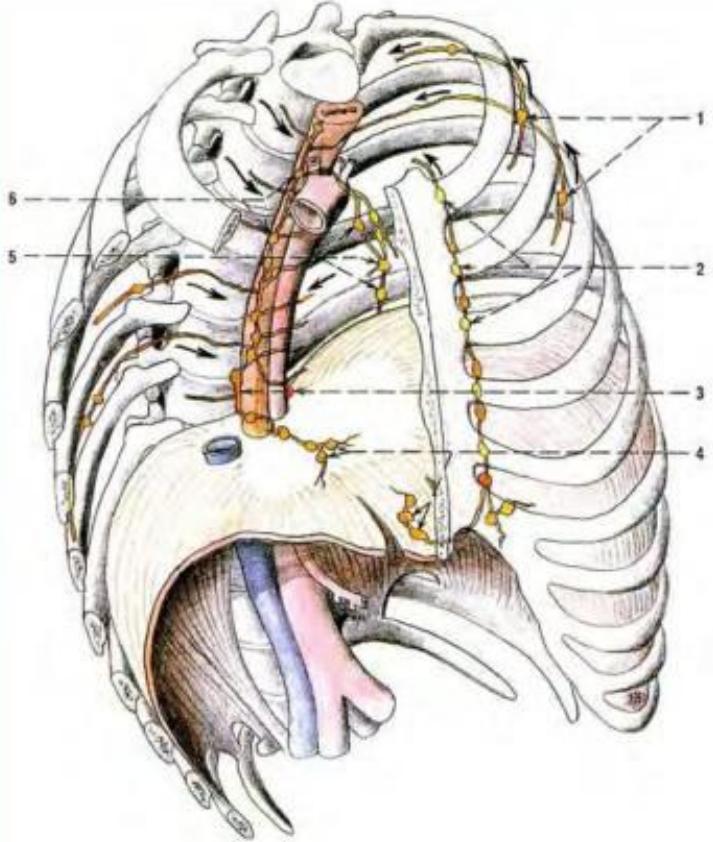
- VAN



3 parts in intercostal space: posterior intercostal **vein**, **artery** and intercostal **nerve** = **VAN**

1. Between endothoracic fascia and internal intercostal
2. Between internal intercostals mm. > separate innermost (intimi) intercostals
3. Between endothoracic fascia and internal intercostals

# Lymphatic drainage of thoracic wall

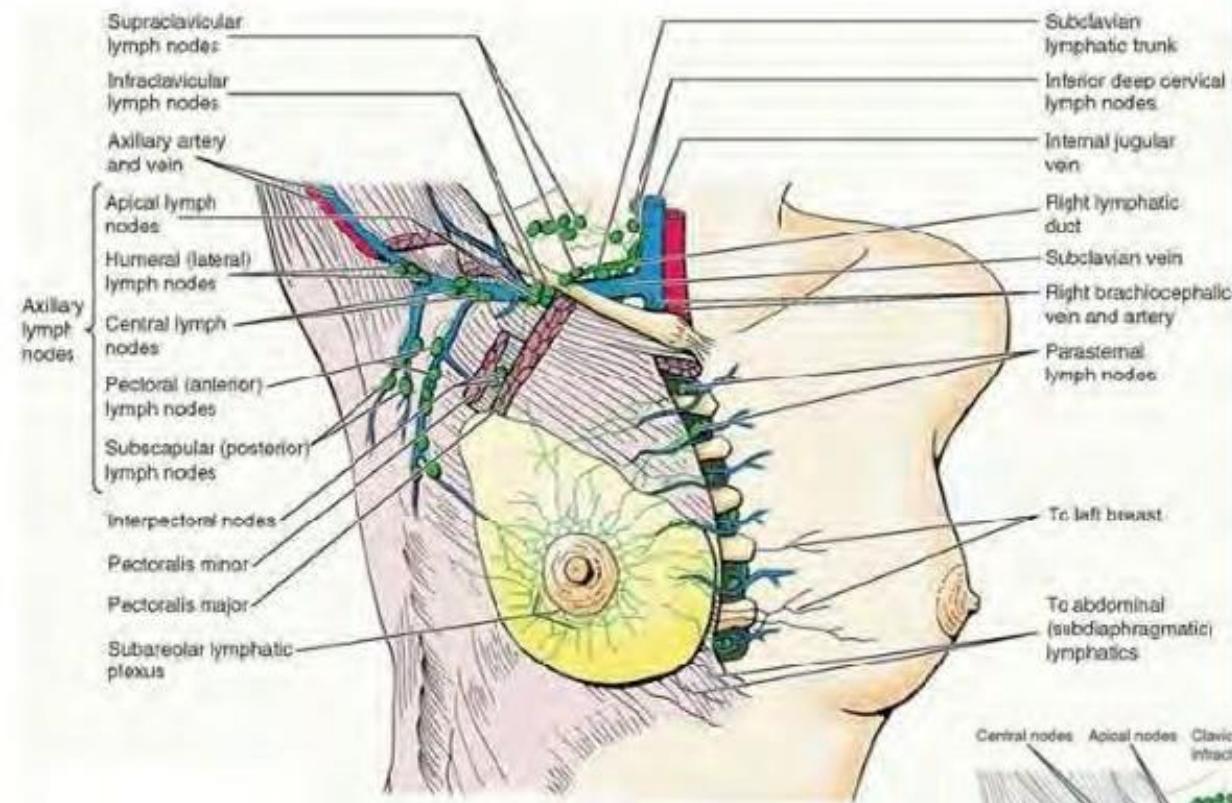


## Lymph nodes: visceral and parietal

### Parietal:

- **Parasternal l.n.** (from **mammary gland**, liver, diaphragm, pericardium, intercostal spaces)
- **Intercostal** (from intercostal spaces, deep muscles of the back, vertebral canal)
- **Prevertebral l. n.**
- **Phrenic** (from diaphragm, liver)
- **Axillary** (from **mammary gland**, thoracic wall, upper limb)

# Mammary gland - lymphatic drainage

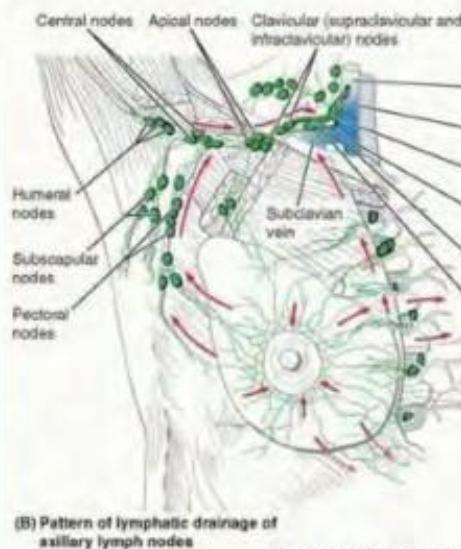


1. Axillary lymph nodes  
(interpectoral I.n. - Sorgius I.n.)

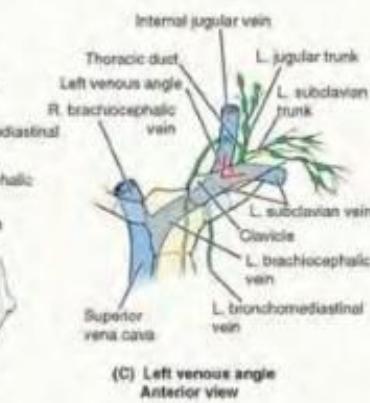
2. Parasternal I.n.

3. Supraclavicular I.n.

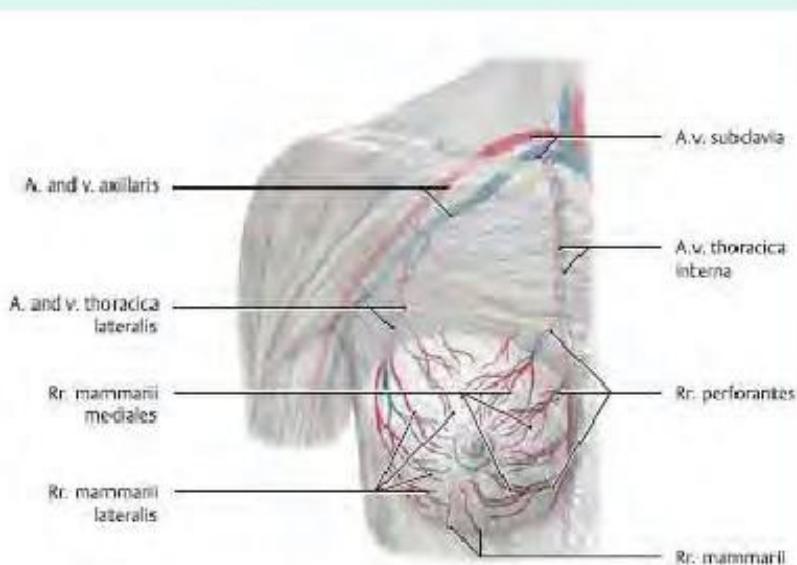
4. Superficial inguinal I.n.



Anterior (and slightly oblique) view

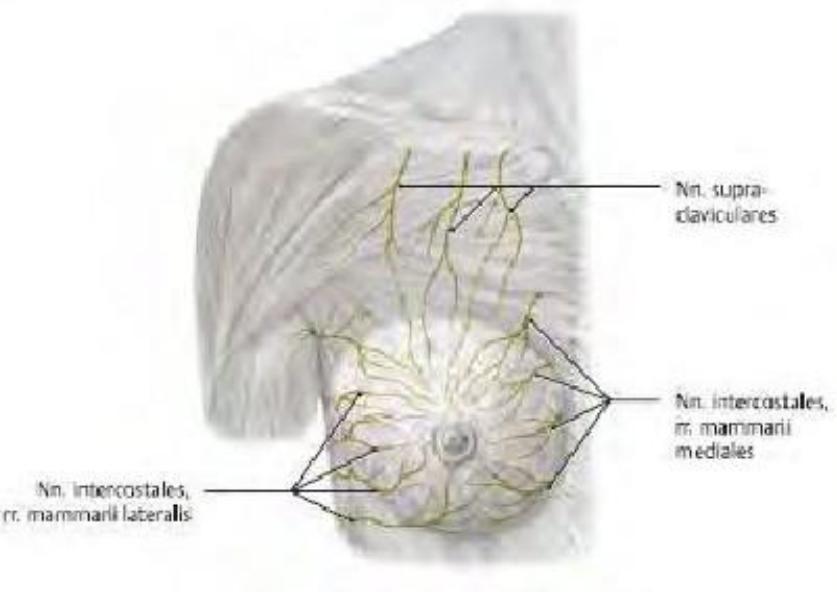


# Mammary gland - blood supply, innervation



## Blood supply:

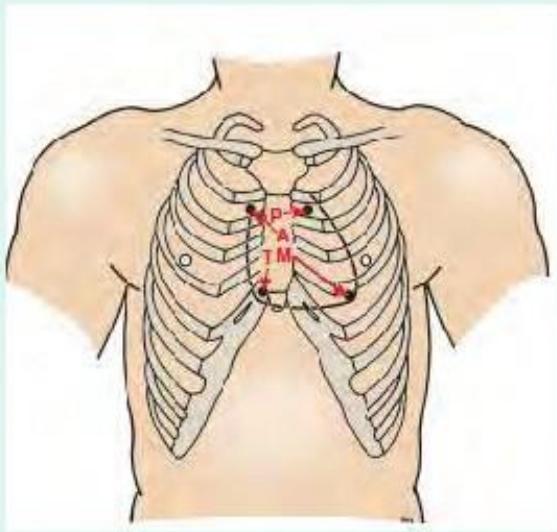
1. Thoracoacromial a. - pectoral br.
2. Lateral thoracic a. - lateral mammary br.
3. Internal thoracic a. - medial mammary br.  
(perforating br.)



## Nerve supply:

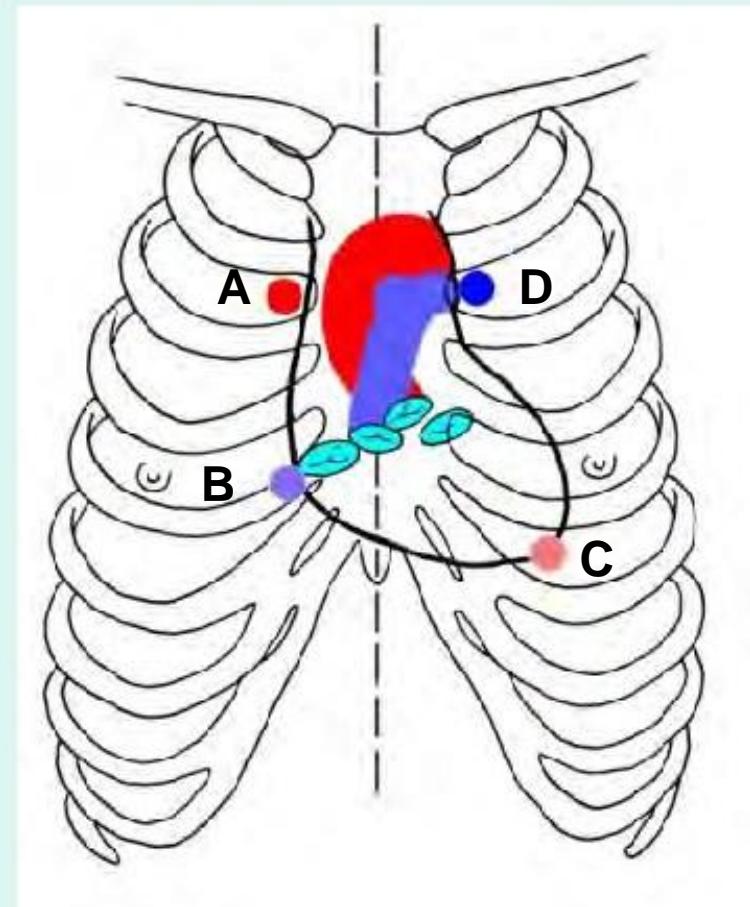
1. Lateral mammary br. (intercostal nn.)
2. Medial mammary br. (intercostal nn.)
3. Medial supraclavicular nn. (cervical pl.)

# Projection and auscultation of heart

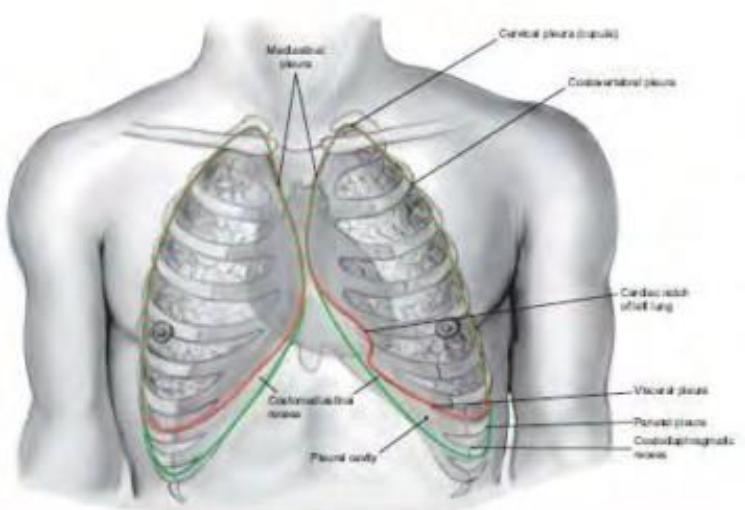


## Testute's points

- A. Right 2.ICS - 1cm from sternum - aortic valve
- B. Right 5. ICS next to sternum - tricuspid valve
- C. Left 5. ICS - 5cm from sternum - bicuspid valve
- D. Left 2. ICS - 2cm from sternum - valve of pulmonary trunk



# Projection of lungs, pleura



Lungs, pleura

Anterior border:

- major supraclavicular fossa, caudally to 2. pair of ribs, 2.-4. ribs - together, Right side- to 6. rib

Left-to 6.rib, curves laterally

Lower border:

Parasternal l. - cartilage of 6.rib

Midclavicular l. - 6. rib

Axillary l.- 8. rib

Scapular l.-10.rib

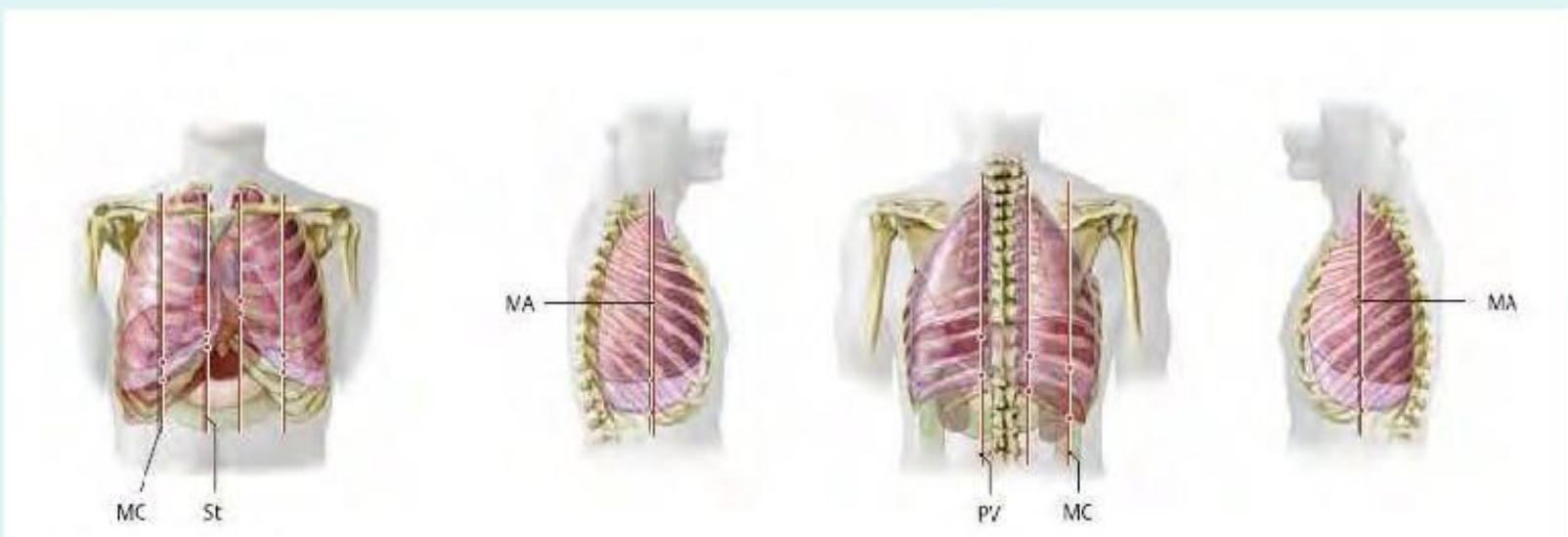
Posterior border:

In paravertebr.l. to apex of lung

Pleura: inferior - 1rib lower than lungs

Sup. interpl. area - thymic

Inf. interpl. area - pericardiac



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# Take home message

## Study!

- Bones (costae, sternum, vertebrae)
- Joints of ribs (sternocostal et vertebral art.)
- Continuous and discontinuous joints of vertebral column (ligaments, intervertebral disk, intervertebral art.)
- Mm. of the thorax ( mm. of proper thoracic wall+ thoracohumeral mm.)
- Mm. of the back (spinohumeral mm. + spinocostal mm. + deep mm. of the back)
- Arteries of thoracic wall (thoracic aorta, internal thoracic a., repeat branches of axillary a.)
- Veins of thoracic wall (internal thoracic v., lat. thoracic v., thoracoepigastric v., thoracoacromial v., azygos v., hemiazygos v., accessory hemiazygos v.)
- Lymph nodes of thoracic wall - parietal
- Innervation of thoracic wall (intercostal nn., repeat nerves of brachial plexus - supraclavicular part, supraclavicular nn.)
- Mammary gland

# Thank you for your attention

