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Preface

This book is a study guide and reference for the anatomy and actions of human skeletal muscles. It is designed for use by students of anatomy, physical education, and health-related fields. It also serves as a compact reference for the practicing professional.

The first chapter presents photographic illustrations of the major features of the skeleton. These photos have been selectively enhanced and combined to emphasize important features. They are thus a hybrid between drawings and unretouched photographs. The philosophy embraced is that the teacher function as a lens to focus attention on selected facts and observations. A master numbering system is used so that each structure is labeled with the same number in all drawings.

The second chapter describes through illustration and description the various movements of the body.

In chapters 3 through 9, the origin, insertion, action, and innervation of the skeletal muscles are described, and each muscle is presented on a separate page with a line drawing.

The spinal cord levels of the nerve fibers that innervate each muscle are included in parentheses after the name of each nerve.

Labeled drawings of major muscle groups are presented throughout chapters 3 through 9. Notes and relationships among muscles have been included on many pages.

The drawings include the following important features:

1. Bones and cartilage containing muscle attachments are shaded.
2. Adjacent structures are shown.
3. Muscle fibers are drawn by direction.
4. Muscle fibers are shown on the undersurface of bone and cartilage as dashed lines.
5. Tendons and aponeuroses are shown.
6. Labeled muscle groups are included.

These features aid in visual orientation and understanding of the action of the muscles. We have noticed that many students find it useful to color the illustrations.

Notes have been included on many pages to show how muscles are used. Relationships among many of the muscles have also been indicated where appropriate.

Some users of previous editions have advised that some of the smaller muscles should be enlarged and shown with less skeletal background. We have purposely standardized the skeletal views to allow an appreciation of the relative sizes and positions of the muscles. Skeletal muscles, at the gross level, are relatively simple anatomical structures, so very little additional information would be included by enlargement, and many comparative relationships would be lost.

Our primary objective is to describe the muscles moving the skeleton, therefore we have not included the muscles of the peritoneum, eye, tympanic cavity, tongue, larynx, pharynx, or palate.

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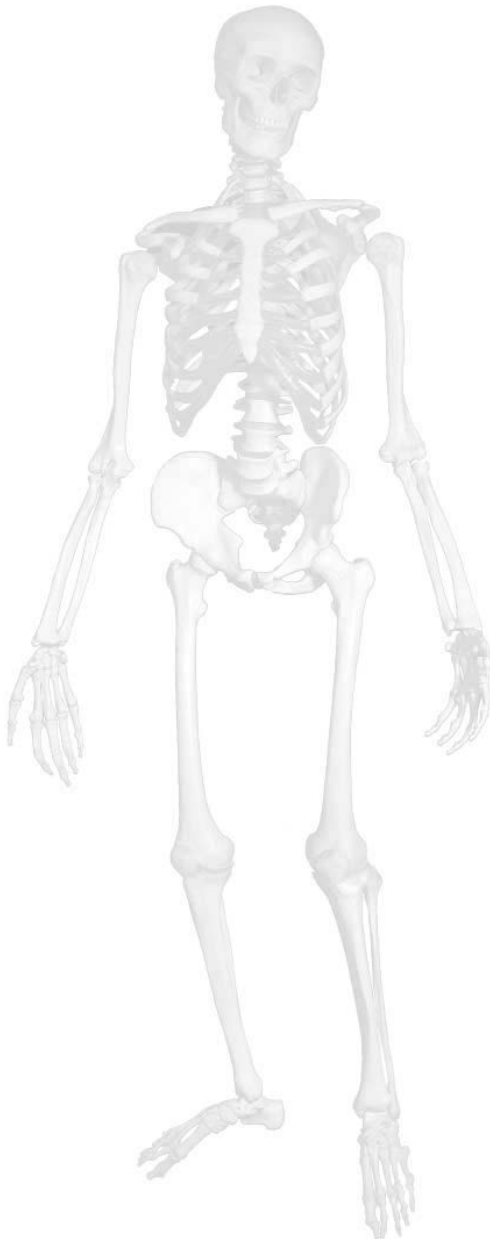
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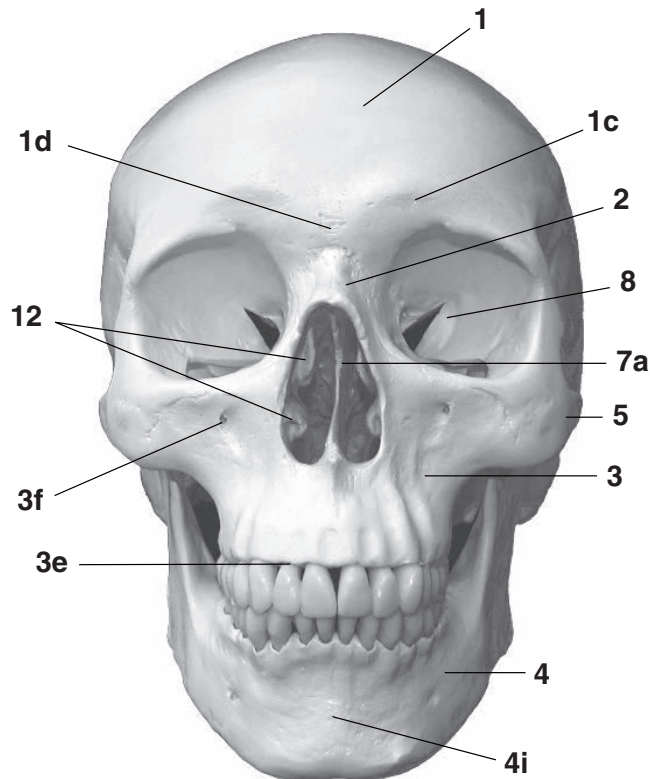
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The Skeleton



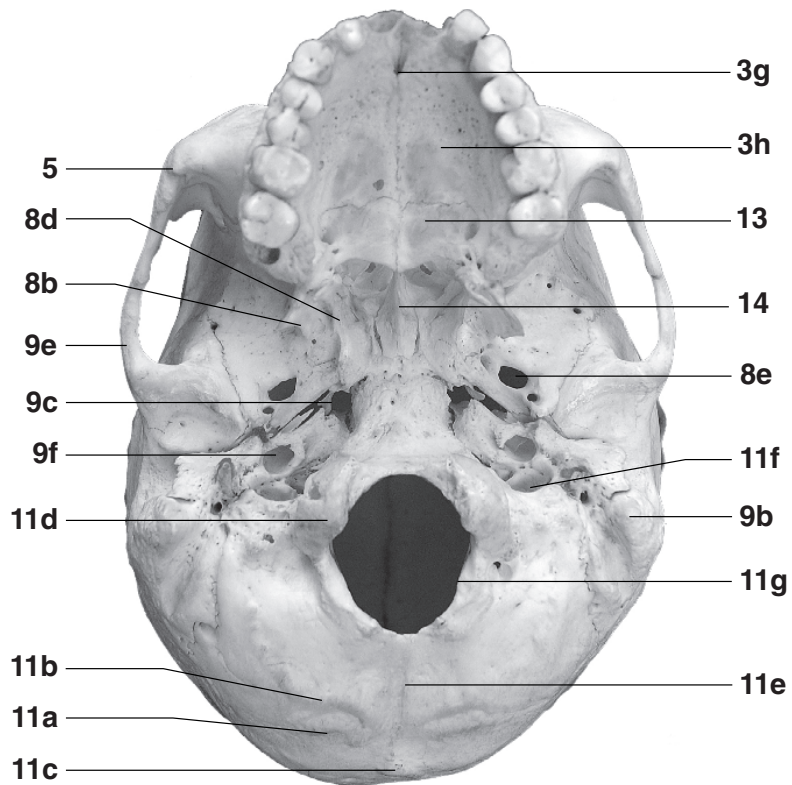
2 CHAPTER ONE

SKULL—ANTERIOR VIEW

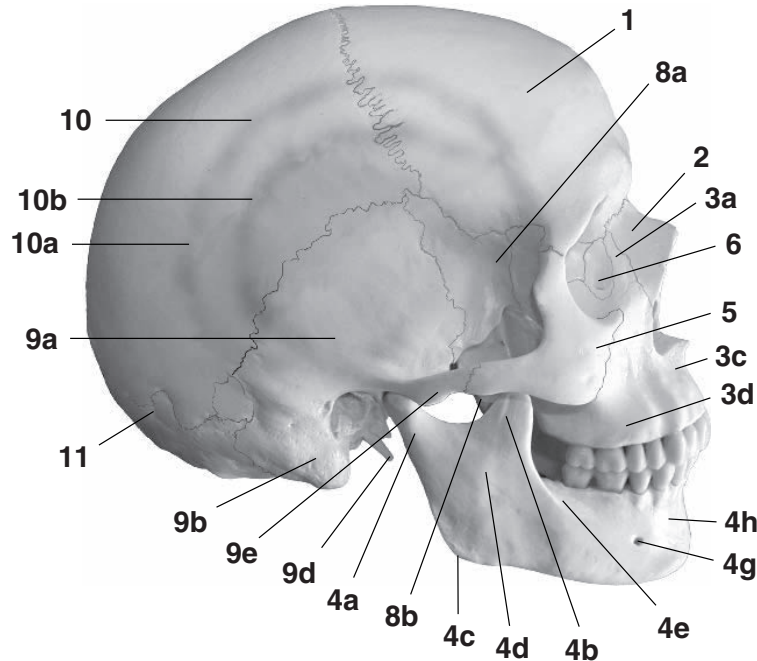


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|---|---|
| 1. Frontal bone | 8d. Medial pterygoid plate |
| 1c. Superciliary arch | 8e. Foramen ovale |
| 1d. Glabella | 9b-f. Temporal bone |
| 2. Nasal bone | 9b. Mastoid process (temporal bone) |
| 3e-h. Maxilla | 9c. Foramen lacerum |
| 3e. Alveolar border | 9e. Zygomatic process (temporal bone) |
| 3f. Infraorbital foramen | 9f. Carotid canal |
| 3g. Incisive foramen | 11a. Superior nuchal line (occipital bone) |
| 3h. Palatine process | 11b. Inferior nuchal line (occipital bone) |
| 4. Mandible | 11c. External occipital protuberance (occipital bone) |
| 4i. Symphysis | 11d. Occipital condyle (occipital bone) |
| 5. Zygomatic bone | 11e. External occipital crest (occipital bone) |
| 7a. Perpendicular plate of ethmoid bone | 11f. Jugular foramen |
| 8. Sphenoid | 11g. Foramen magnum |
| 8b. Lateral pterygoid plate | 12. Turbinates |
| | 13. Palatine bone |
| | 14. Vomer |

SKULL—INFERIOR (BASAL) VIEW



SKULL—LATERAL VIEW



- 1. Frontal bone
- 2. Nasal bone
- 3a-d. Maxilla
 - 3a. Frontal process
 - 3c. Incisive process
 - 3d. Canine fossa
- 4a-h. Mandible
 - 4a. Neck of condyle
 - 4b. Coronoid process
 - 4c. Angle
 - 4d. Ramus
 - 4e. Oblique line
 - 4g. Mental foramen
 - 4h. Incisive fossa
- 5. Zygomatic bone
- 6. Lacrimal bone
- 8a. Greater wing of sphenoid bone
- 8b. Lateral pterygoid plate of sphenoid bone

- 9a-e. Temporal bone
 - 9a. Temporal fossa (squamous part of temporal bone)
 - 9b. Mastoid process
 - 9d. Styloid process
 - 9e. Zygomatic process
- 10. Parietal bone
 - 10a. Superior temporal line
 - 10b. Inferior temporal line
- 11. Occipital bone

Note: The zygomatic arch is formed by the zygomatic process of the temporal bone meeting the zygomatic bone.

VERTEBRAL COLUMN—LATERAL VIEW

C1-7. Cervical vertebrae

C1. Atlas

C2. Axis

C7. Seventh cervical vertebra

T1-12. Thoracic vertebrae

T1. First thoracic vertebra

T12. Twelfth thoracic vertebra

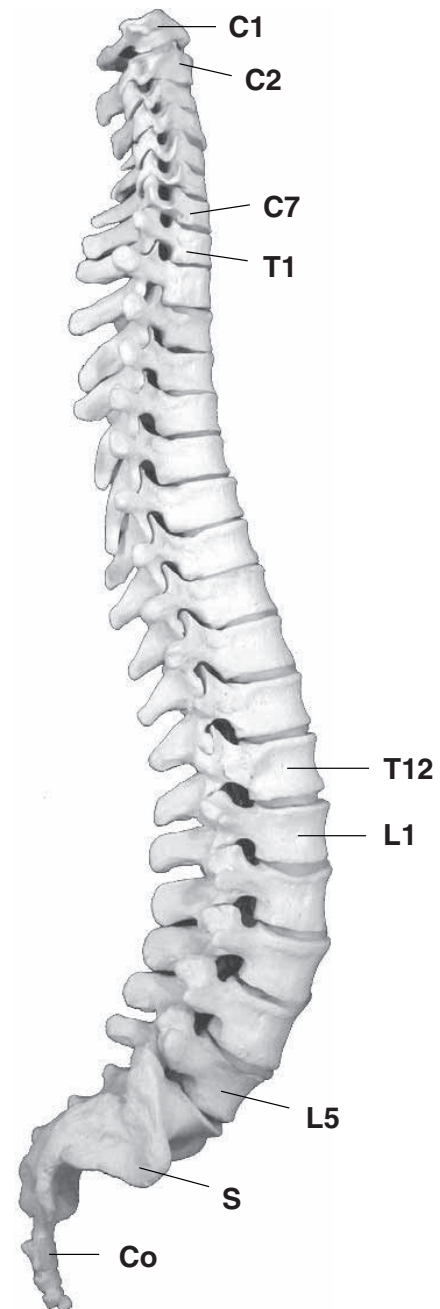
L1-5. Lumbar vertebrae

L1. First lumbar vertebra

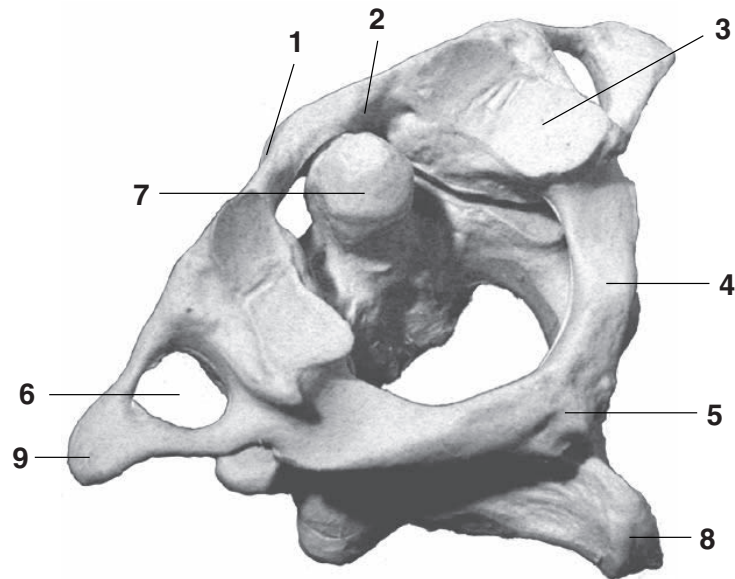
L5. Fifth lumbar vertebra

S. Sacrum

Co. Coccyx



ATLAS AND AXIS

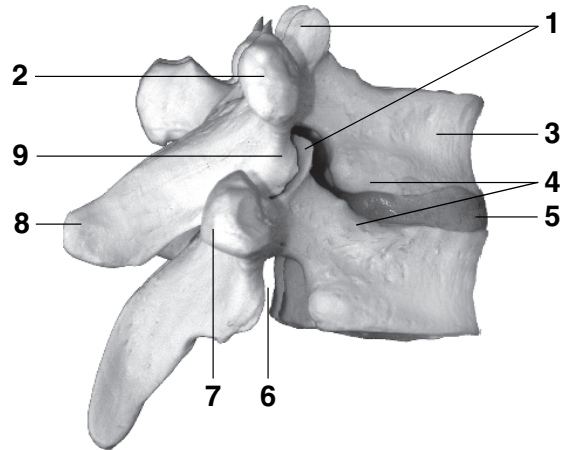
**Atlas**

1. Anterior tubercle
2. Anterior arch
3. Superior articular facet
4. Posterior arch
5. Posterior tubercle
6. Transverse foramen

Axis

7. Dens (odontoid process)
8. Spinous process
9. Transverse process

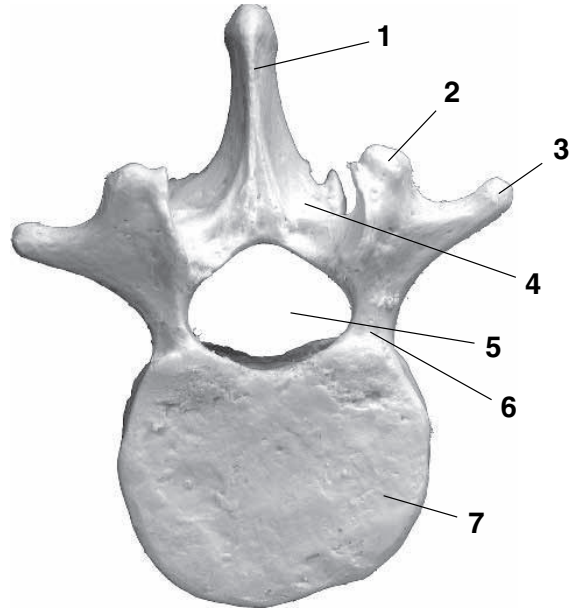
THORACIC VERTEBRAE—LATERAL VIEW



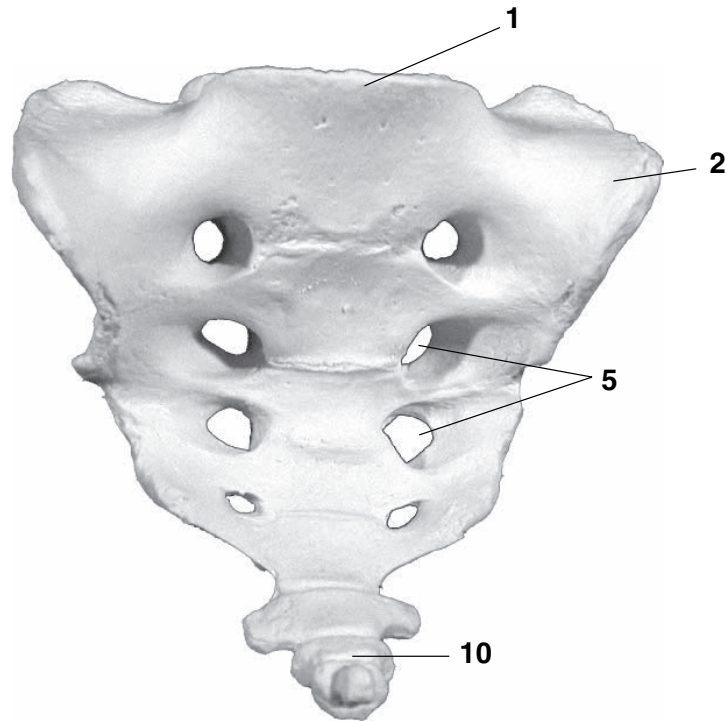
1. Superior articular process
2. Transverse process
3. Body
4. Demifacets (for ribs)
5. Disk
6. Inferior vertebral notch
7. Facet (for rib tubercle)
8. Spinous process
9. Inferior articular process

LUMBAR VERTEBRA—SUPERIOR VIEW

1. Spinous process
2. Mammillary process
3. Transverse process
4. Lamina
5. Vertebral foramen
6. Pedicle
7. Body (centrum)

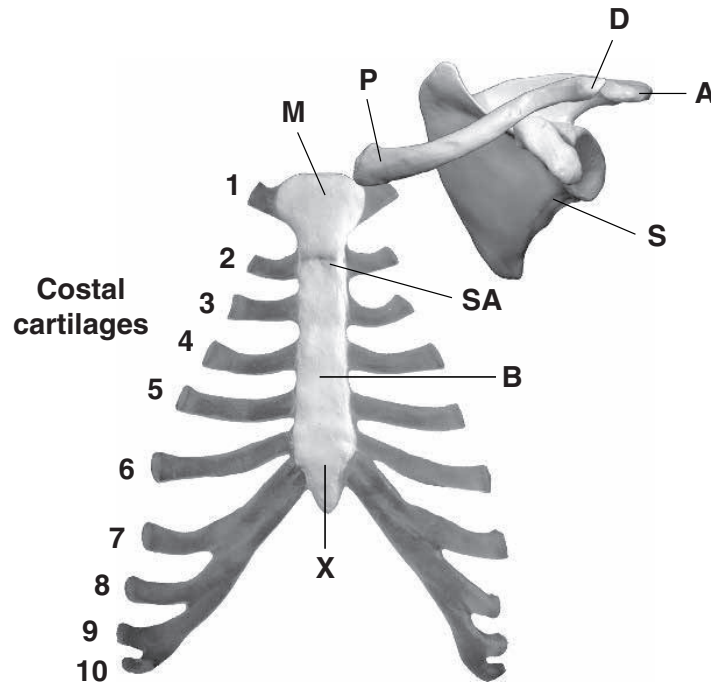


SACRUM—PELVIC VIEW



1. Promontory
2. Ala
5. Sacral foramina
10. Coccyx

STERNUM AND CLAVICLE WITH SCAPULA



Clavicle

P = proximal end (sternal)

D = distal end (acromial or lateral)

Scapula (S)

A = acromion

Sternum

M = manubrium

SA = sternal angle

B = body

X = xiphoid process

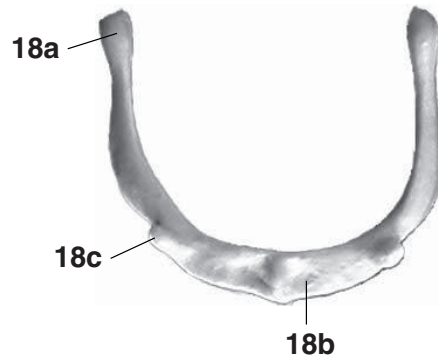
The proximal (sternal) end of the clavicle forms the sternoclavicular joint with the manubrium of the sternum.

The distal (scapular) end forms the acromioclavicular joint with the acromion of the scapula. This is the only bony articulation of the upper limb with the torso.

The second rib cartilage articulates at the sternal angle between the manubrium and the body of the sternum.

The cartilages of ribs 7-10 are fused to form the costal arch.

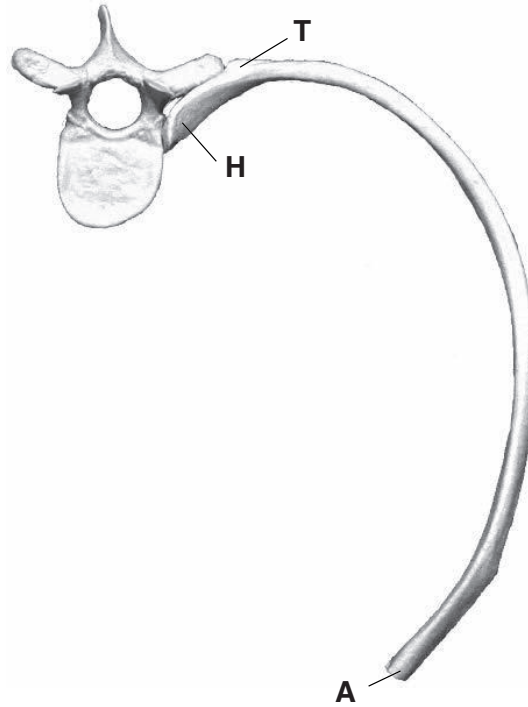
HYOID BONE—SUPERIOR VIEW



- 18a-c.** Hyoid bone
18a. Greater horn
18b. Body
18c. Lesser horn

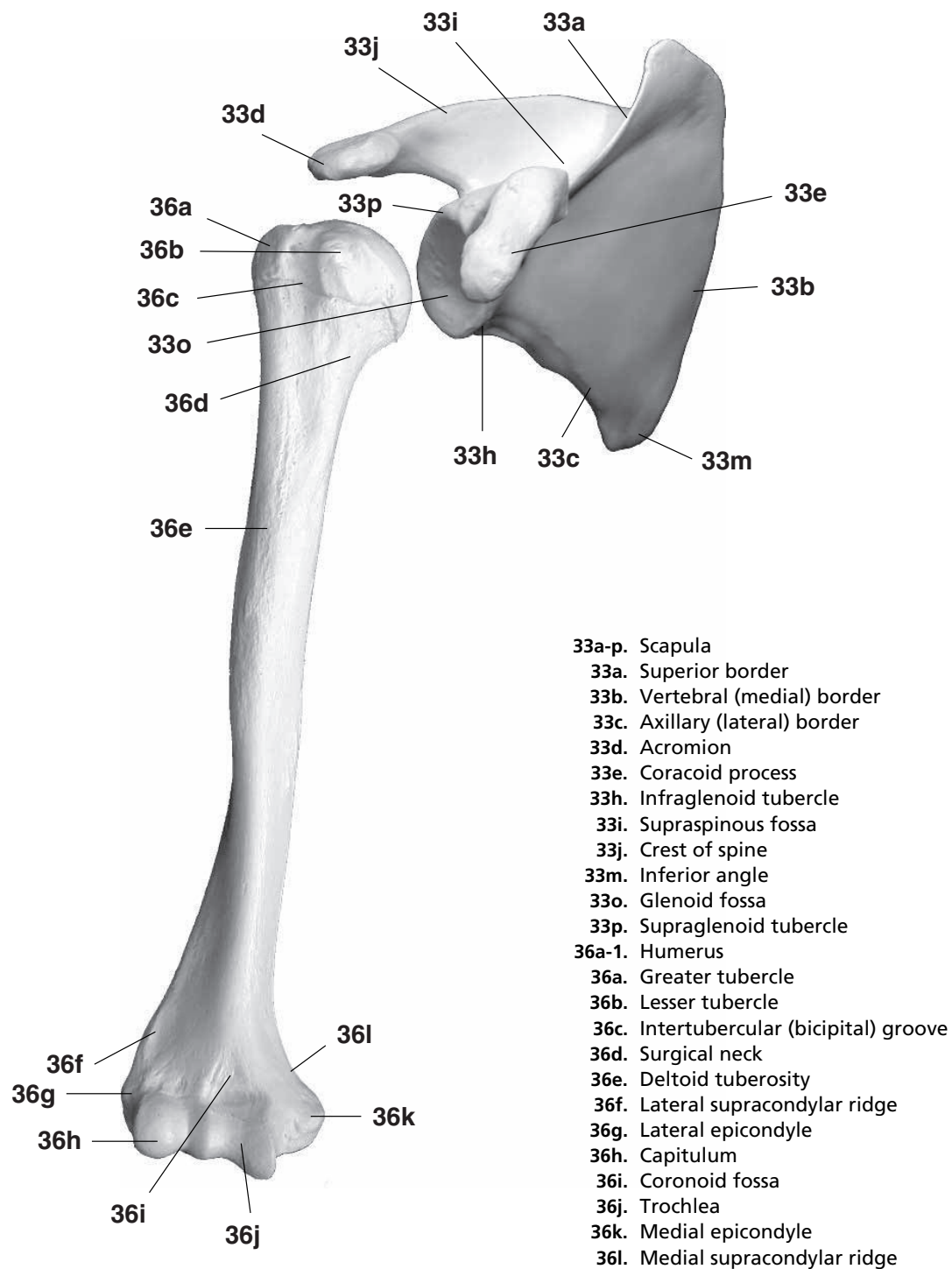
The greater horn of the hyoid bone attaches to the styloid processes of the temporal bones by the styloid ligaments. It attaches to the thyroid cartilage by the thyrohyoid ligament and supports the upper respiratory tract.

RIB ARTICULATIONS



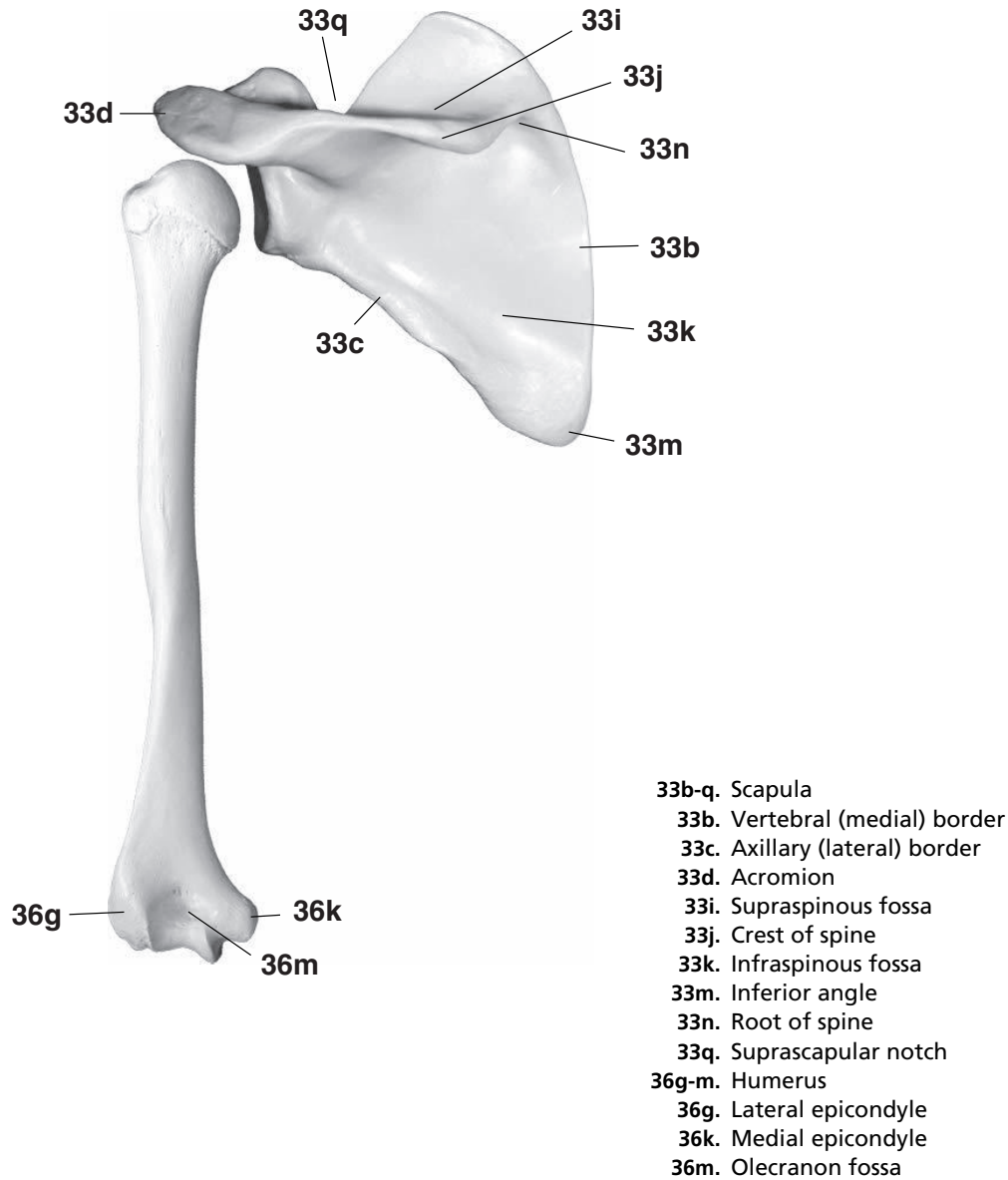
The head (H) of a rib articulates with the demifacets of two adjacent vertebrae. The tubercle (T) joins the facet of the transverse process of the upper vertebra. The anterior end (A) meets the costal cartilage, which then joins the sternum.

SCAPULA AND HUMERUS—ANTERIOR VIEW

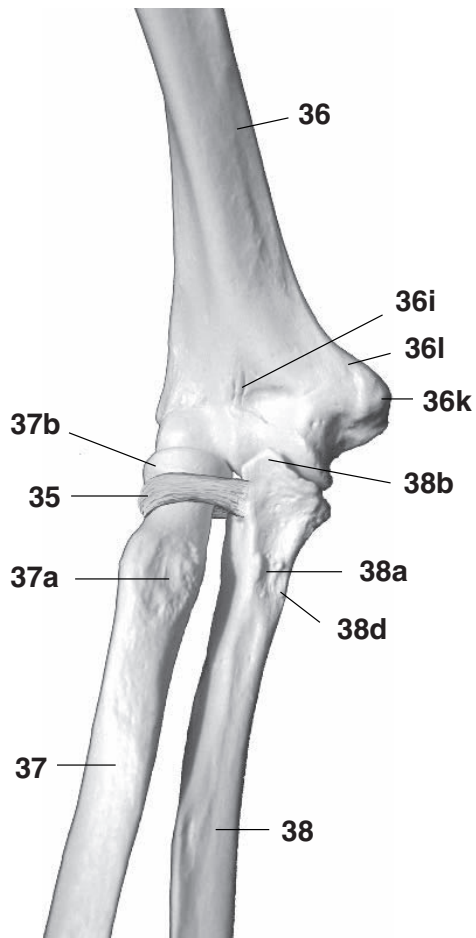


- 33a-p. Scapula
- 33a. Superior border
- 33b. Vertebral (medial) border
- 33c. Axillary (lateral) border
- 33d. Acromion
- 33e. Coracoid process
- 33h. Infraglenoid tubercle
- 33i. Supraspinous fossa
- 33j. Crest of spine
- 33m. Inferior angle
- 33o. Glenoid fossa
- 33p. Supraglenoid tubercle
- 36a-1. Humerus
- 36a. Greater tubercle
- 36b. Lesser tubercle
- 36c. Intertubercular (bicipital) groove
- 36d. Surgical neck
- 36e. Deltoid tuberosity
- 36f. Lateral supracondylar ridge
- 36g. Lateral epicondyle
- 36h. Capitulum
- 36i. Coronoid fossa
- 36j. Trochlea
- 36k. Medial epicondyle
- 36l. Medial supracondylar ridge

SCAPULA AND HUMERUS—POSTERIOR VIEW

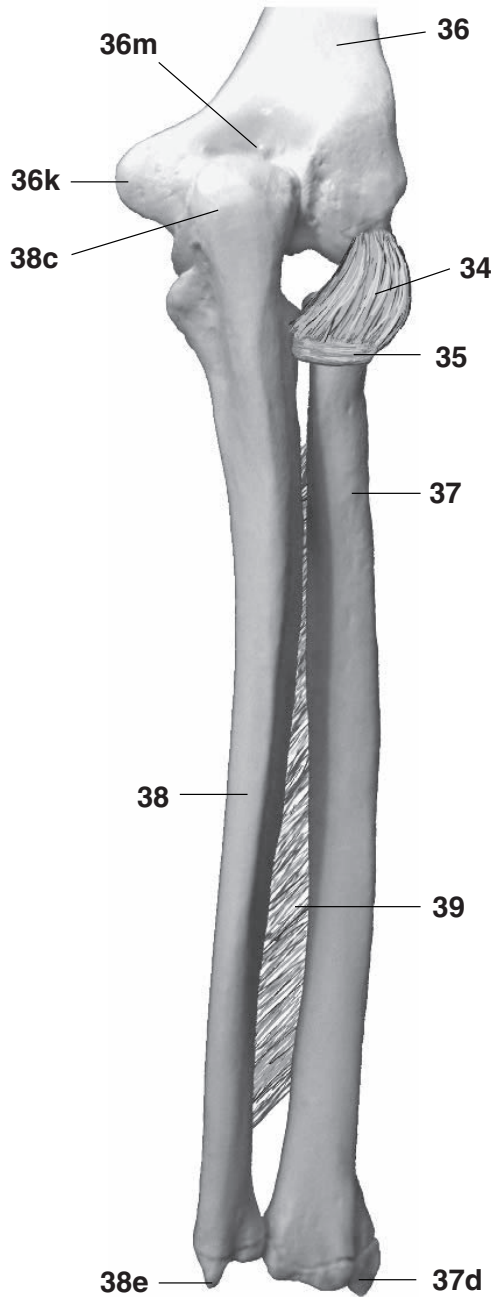


ELBOW—ANTERIOR VIEW



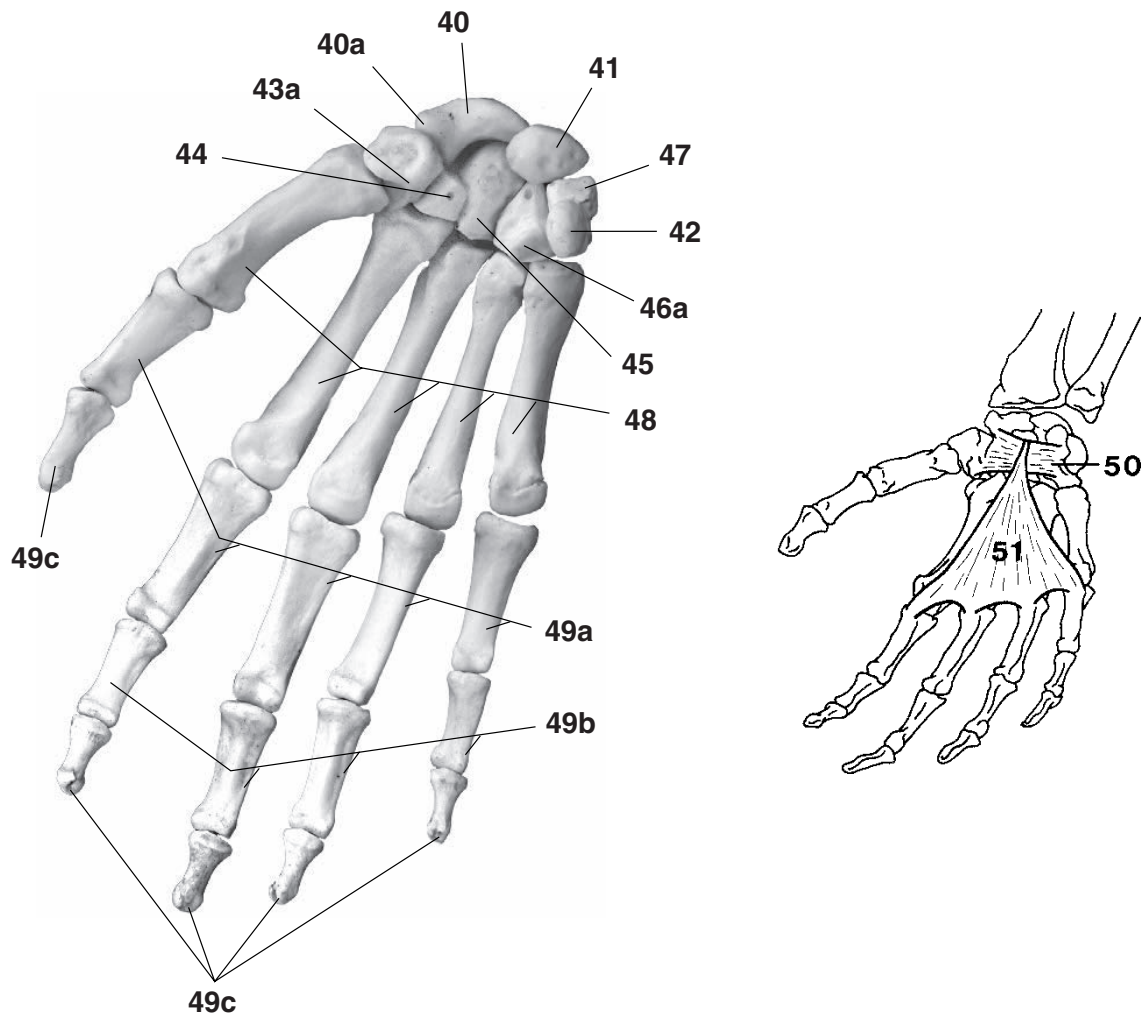
- 35. Annular ligament
- 36i-l. Humerus
- 36i. Coronoid fossa
- 36k. Medial epicondyle
- 36l. Medial supracondylar ridge
- 37a, b. Radius
- 37a. Radial tuberosity
- 37b. Head of radius
- 38a-d. Ulna
- 38a. Ulnar tuberosity
- 38b. Coronoid process
- 38d. Supinator crest

FOREARM—POSTERIOR VIEW



- 34. Radial (lateral) collateral ligament
- 35. Annular ligament
- 36k-m. Humerus
- 36k. Medial epicondyle
- 36m. Olecranon fossa
- 37. Radius
- 37d. Styloid process of radius
- 38c-e. Ulna
- 38c. Olecranon
- 38e. Styloid process
- 39. Interosseous membrane

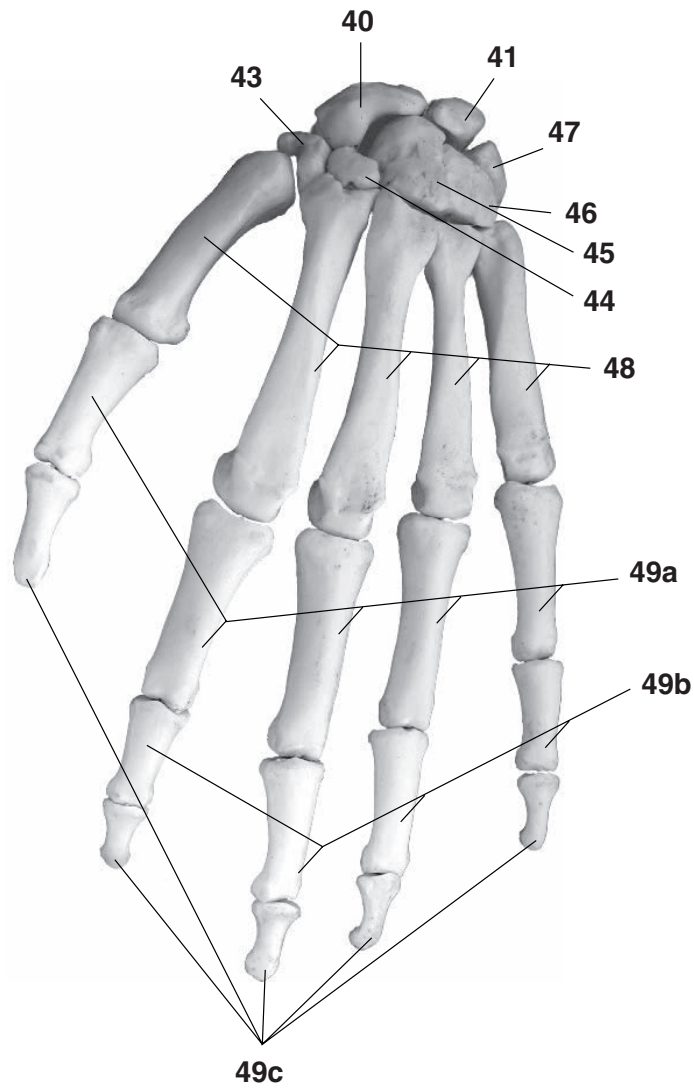
HAND—PALMAR VIEW



- 40. Scaphoid
- 40a. Tubercle of scaphoid
- 41. Lunate
- 42. Pisiform
- 43a. Tubercle of trapezium
- 44. Trapezoid
- 45. Capitate
- 46a. Hook of hamate
- 47. Triquetrum
- 48. Metacarpals

- 49a. Proximal (first) phalanges
- 49b. Middle (second) phalanges
- 49c. Distal (third) phalanges
- 50. Flexor retinaculum
- 51. Palmar aponeurosis

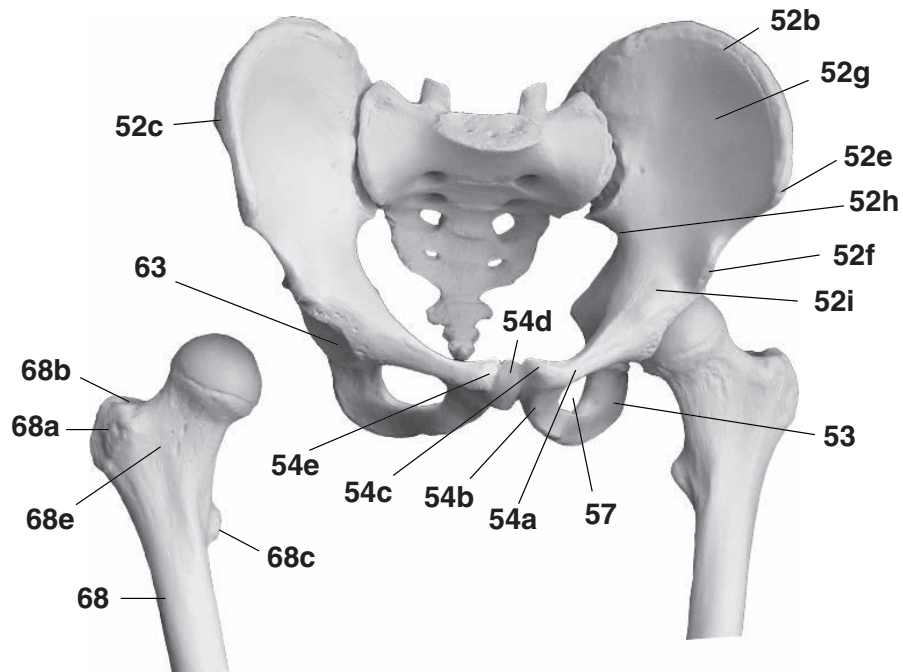
HAND—DORSAL VIEW



- 40. Scaphoid
- 41. Lunate
- 43. Trapezium
- 44. Trapezoid
- 45. Capitate
- 46. Hamate
- 47. Triquetrum
- 48. Metacarpals

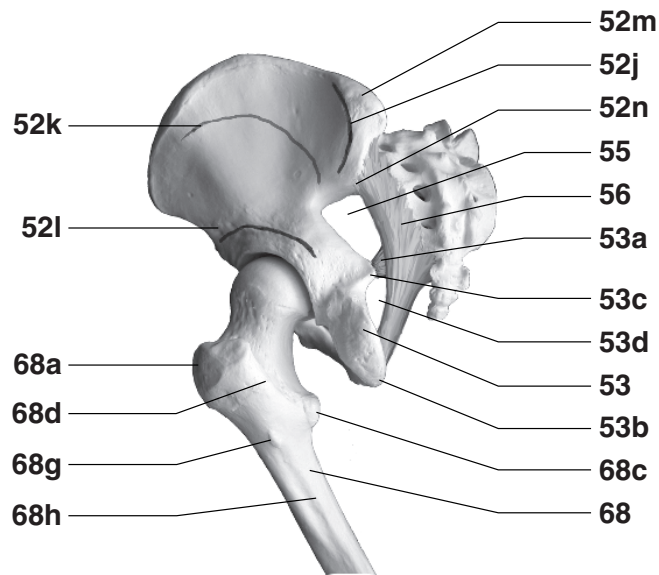
- 49a. Proximal (first) phalanges
- 49b. Middle (second) phalanges
- 49c. Distal (third) phalanges

PELVIS—ANTERIOR VIEW



- 52b-i. Ilium
 - 52b. Iliac crest
 - 52c. Iliac tubercle
 - 52e. Anterior superior iliac spine
 - 52f. Anterior inferior iliac spine
 - 52g. Iliac fossa
 - 52h. Arcuate line
 - 52i. Iliopectineal eminence
- 53. Ischium
- 54a-e. Pubis
 - 54a. Superior ramus
 - 54b. Inferior ramus
 - 54c. Pubic crest
 - 54d. Pubic symphysis
 - 54e. Pubic tubercle
- 57. Obturator foramen
- 63. Acetabulum
- 68a-e. Femur
 - 68a. Greater trochanter
 - 68b. Trochanteric fossa
 - 68c. Lesser trochanter
 - 68e. Intertrochanteric line

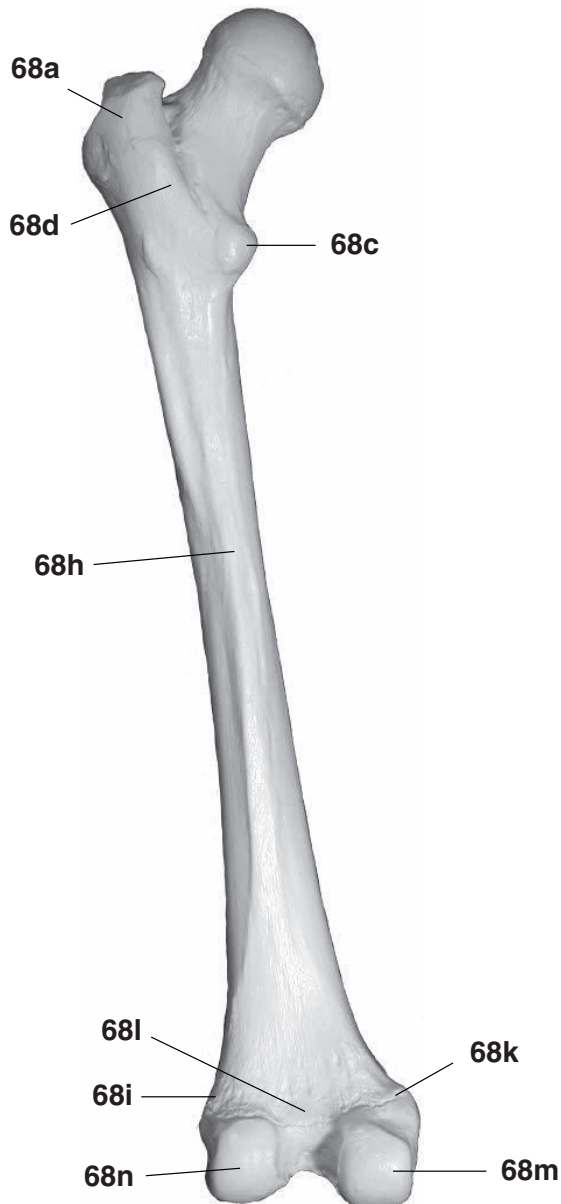
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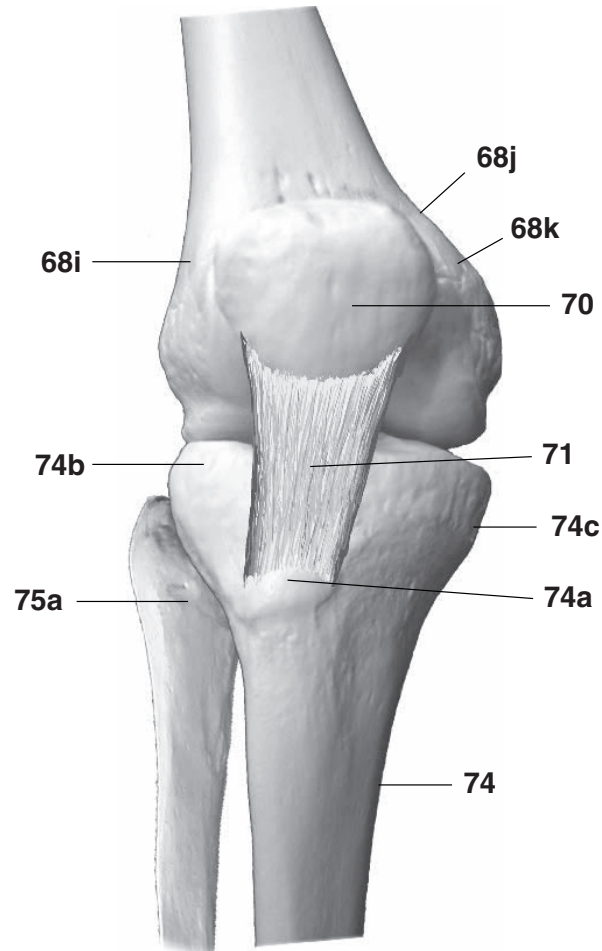
- 52j-n. Ilium
 - 52j. Posterior gluteal line
 - 52k. Middle gluteal line
 - 52l. Inferior gluteal line
- 52m. Posterior superior iliac spine
- 52n. Posterior inferior iliac spine
- 53a-d. Ischium
 - 53a. Sacrospinous ligament
 - 53b. Ischial tuberosity
 - 53c. Ischial spine
 - 53d. Lesser sciatic notch (lesser sciatic foramen)*
 - 55. Greater sciatic notch (greater sciatic foramen)*
 - 56. Sacrotuberous ligament
- 68a-h. Femur
 - 68a. Greater trochanter
 - 68c. Lesser trochanter
 - 68d. Intertrochanteric crest
 - 68g. Gluteal tuberosity
 - 68h. Linea aspera

*Note: These bony notches are converted to foramina by the two ligaments.

FEMUR—POSTERIOR VIEW

**68a-n.** Femur**68a.** Greater trochanter**68c.** Lesser trochanter**68d.** Intertrochanteric crest**68h.** Linea aspera**68i.** Lateral supracondylar ridge**68k.** Adductor tubercle**68l.** Popliteal surface**68m.** Medial condyle**68n.** Lateral condyle

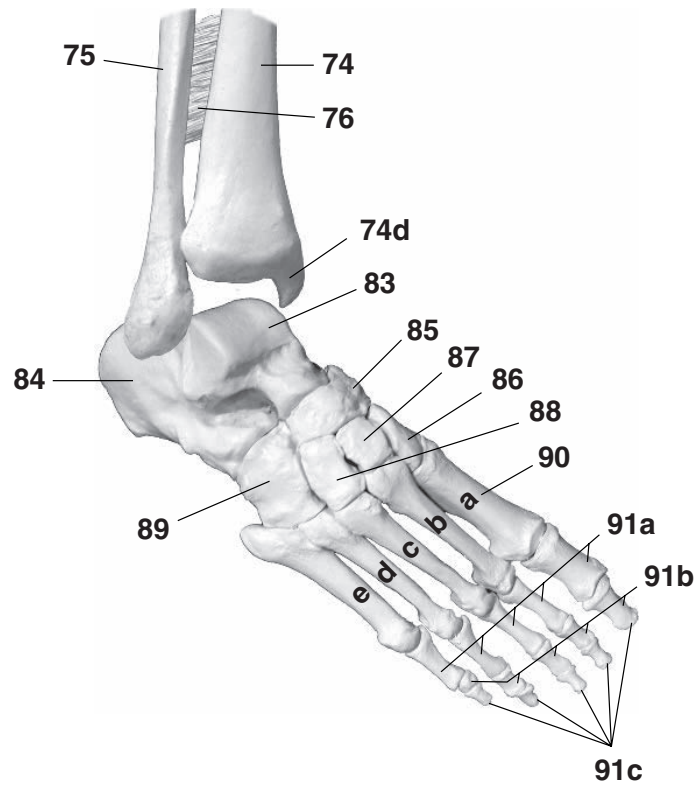
KNEE—ANTERIOR VIEW



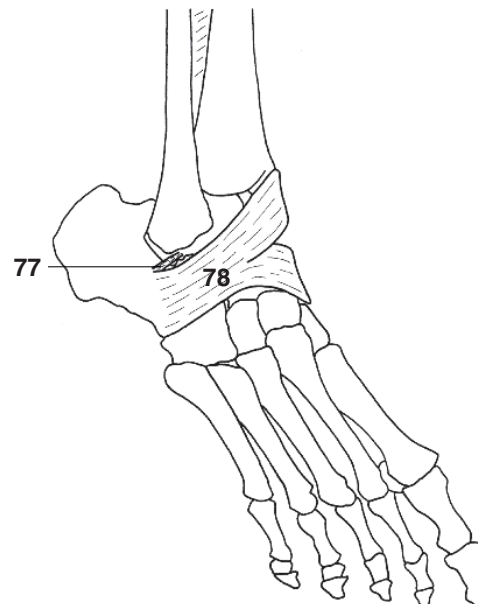
- 68i-k. Femur
- 68i. Lateral supracondylar ridge
- 68j. Medial supracondylar ridge
- 68k. Adductor tubercle
- 70. Patella
- 71. Patellar ligament
- 74a-c. Tibia
- 74a. Tibial tuberosity
- 74b. Lateral condyle
- 74c. Medial condyle
- 75a. Head of fibula

Note: The quadriceps tendon continues through the patella and becomes the patellar ligament.

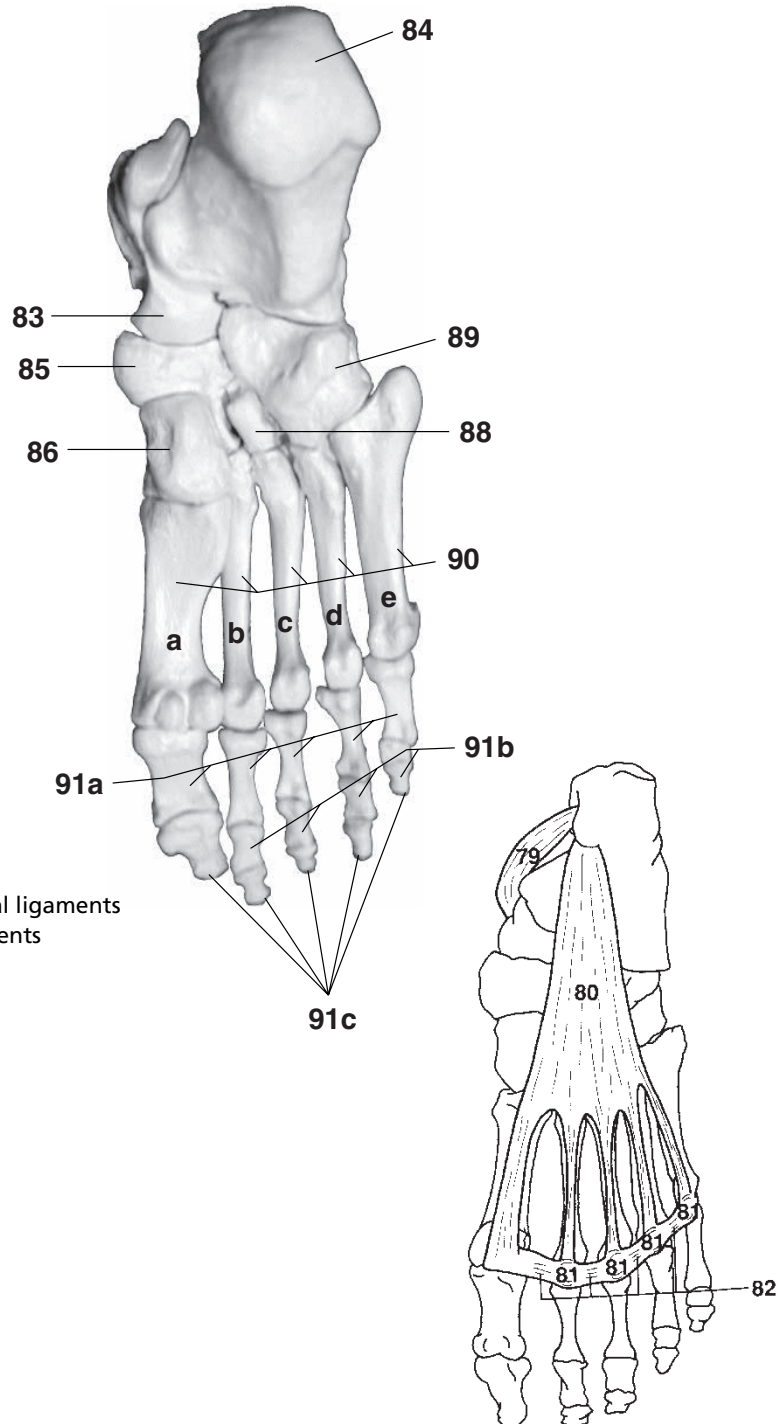
ANKLE AND FOOT—ANTEROLATERAL VIEW



- 74. Tibia
- 74d. Medial malleolus of tibia
- 75. Fibula
- 76. Interosseous membrane
- 77. Lateral talocalcaneal ligament
- 78. Inferior extensor retinaculum
- 83. Talus
- 84. Calcaneus
- 85. Navicular
- 86. Medial cuneiform
- 87. Intermediate cuneiform
- 88. Lateral cuneiform
- 89. Cuboid
- 90a-e. Metatarsal bones
- 90a. First metatarsal
- 90b. Second metatarsal
- 90c. Third metatarsal
- 90d. Fourth metatarsal
- 90e. Fifth metatarsal
- 91a. Proximal phalanges
- 91b. Middle phalanges
- 91c. Distal phalanges

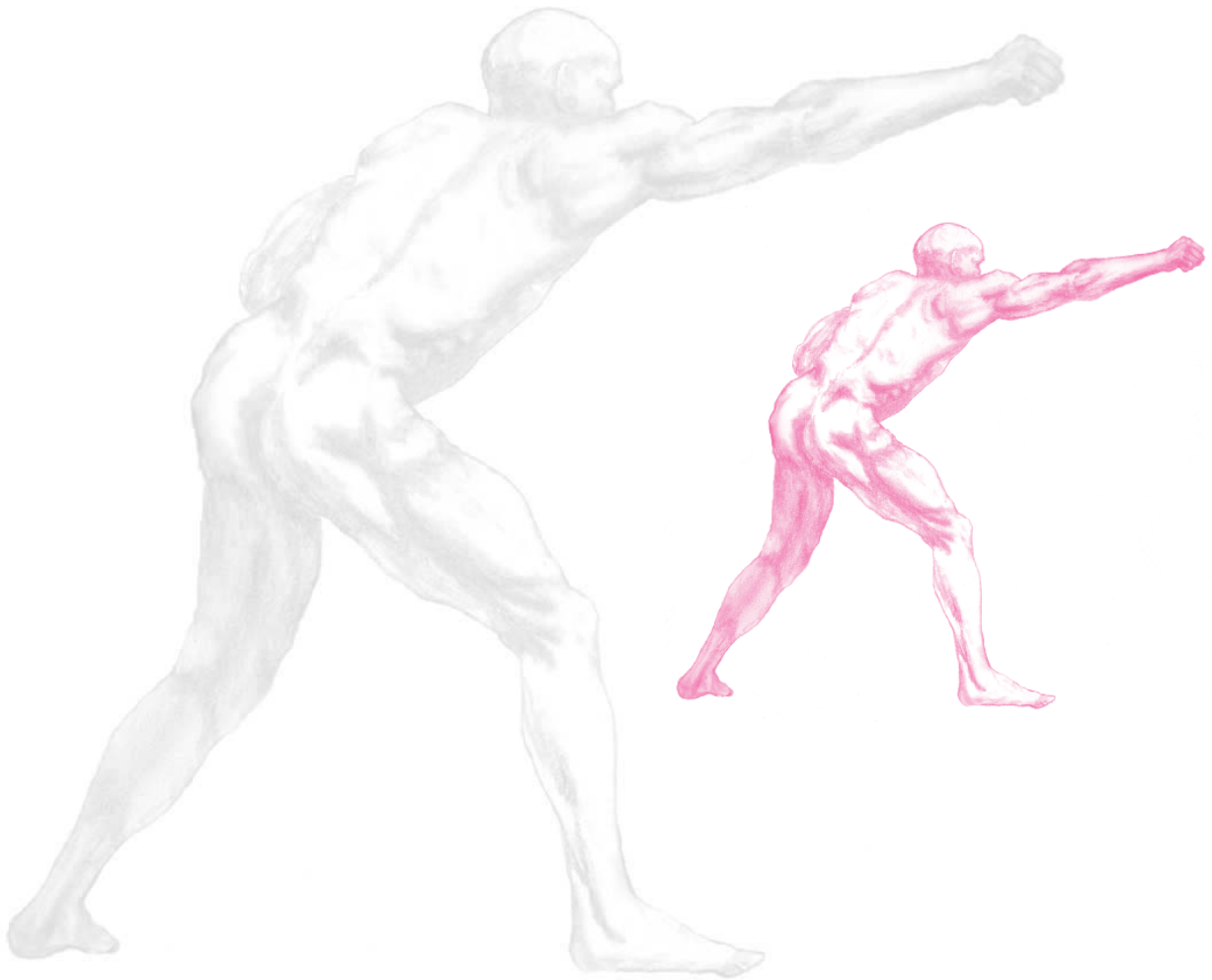


FOOT—PLANTAR VIEW



C H A P T E R T W O

Movements of the Body



Anatomical position—A subject in the anatomical position is standing erect with the head, eyes, and toes facing forward and the arms hanging straight at the sides with the palms of the hands facing forward.

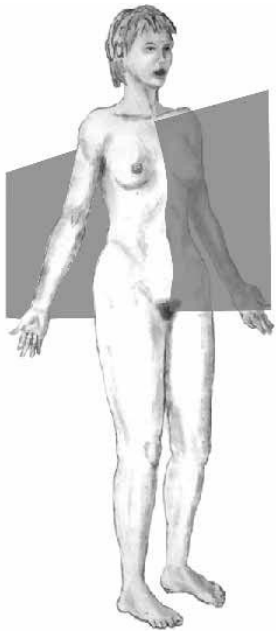


FIGURE 2.1
Median or midsagittal plane—Passes vertically through the body from anterior (front) to posterior (back). It divides the body into right and left sides. Other sagittal planes are parallel to this plane.

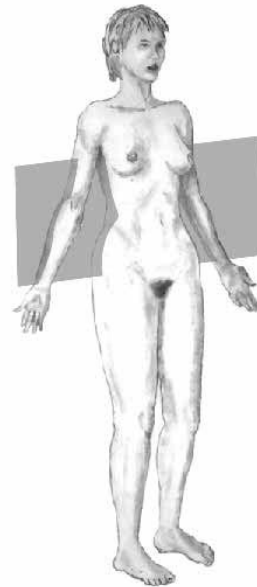


FIGURE 2.2
Coronal (frontal) planes—Pass vertically through the body from side to side. They divide the body from front to back.

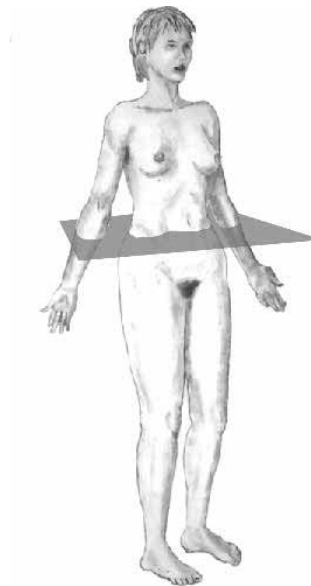


FIGURE 2.3
Transverse planes (cross sections)—Pass horizontally through the body parallel to the ground.

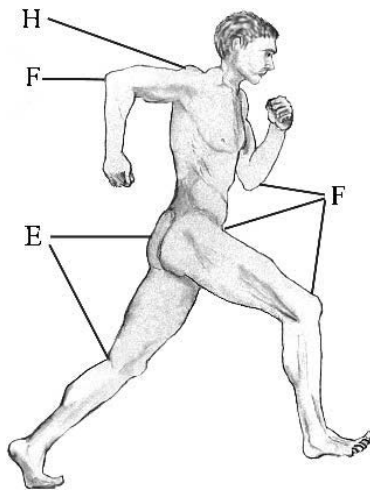


FIGURE 2.4

Flexion-extension—Starting from the anatomical position, movement is anterior or posterior in a sagittal plane. In the hinge joints *flexion* results in a decrease in the angle made by the bones in the joint, and *extension* brings the bones toward a 180° angle. Hyperextension is permitted in the shoulder, wrist, and vertebrae where movement continues posterior to anatomical position. In the knee, hip, and elbow, hyperextension is prevented by bone structure or ligaments.



FIGURE 2.5

Lateral flexion—The torso (or head) bends laterally in the coronal plane.

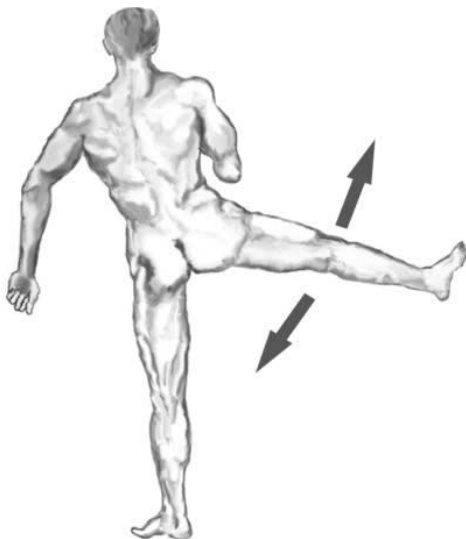


FIGURE 2.6

Abduction—The right leg moves laterally in the coronal plane. Adduction—The leg is returned medially in the coronal plane.

Note: If the foot is fixed, this motion results in tilting the pelvis upward on the opposite side.



FIGURE 2.7

Medial rotation—The anterior of the arm (or thigh) is moved toward the median plane.

Lateral rotation—The anterior of the arm (or thigh) is moved away from the median plane.

MOVEMENTS OF THE SCAPULA

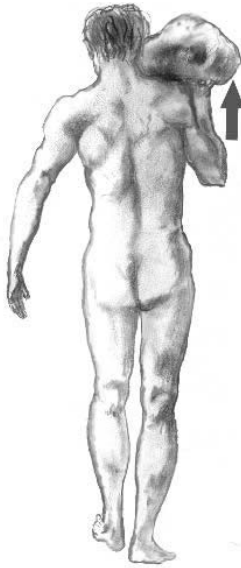


FIGURE 2.8
Elevation—The right scapula of this figure is drawn superiorly against the resistance of the rock.

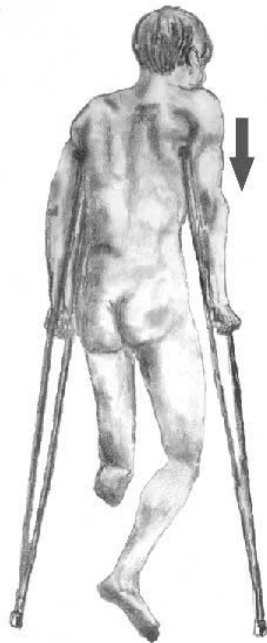


FIGURE 2.9
Depression—The right scapula of this figure is pushing the arm inferiorly.

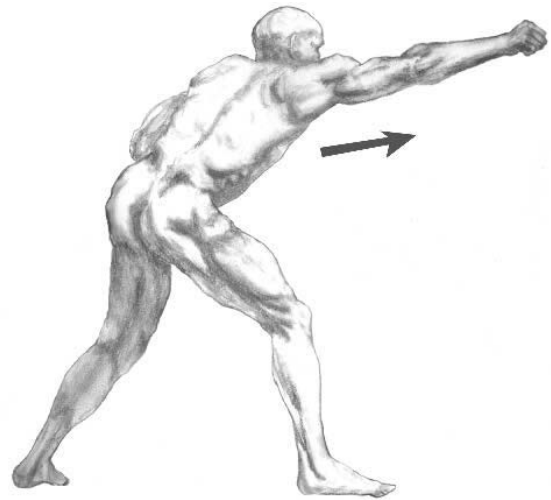


FIGURE 2.10
Protraction—The scapula pushes the arm forward in a sagittal plane.

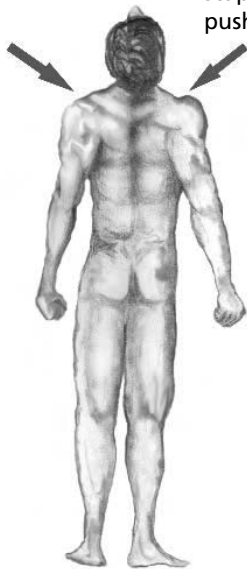


FIGURE 2.11
Retraction—The scapula is pulled back from protraction in a sagittal plane. The scapula slides around the ribs toward the median plane, so it becomes adduction.

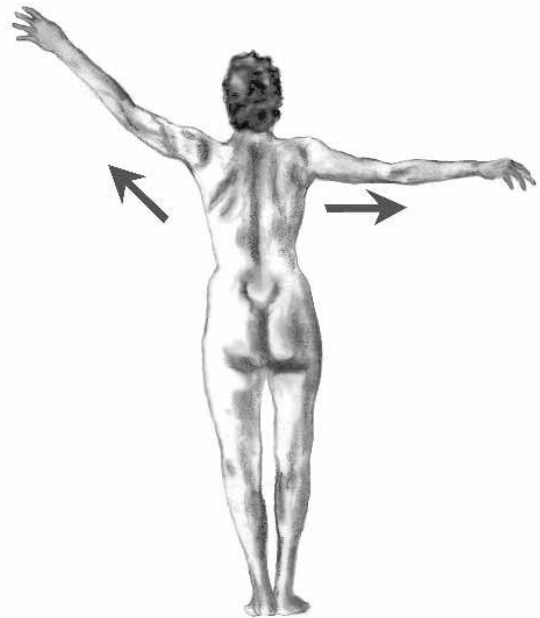


FIGURE 2.12
Rotation—For abduction of the arm to continue above the height of the shoulder, the scapula must rotate on its axis so that the glenoid fossa turns upward.

MOVEMENTS OF THE HAND AND FOREARM



FIGURE 2.13

Pronation—The forearm is rotated away from the anatomical position so that the palm turns medially, then posteriorly. If the forearm is flexed at the elbow, then the palm turns inferiorly.

Supination—The forearm is rotated so that the palm turns anteriorly (or superiorly if the forearm is flexed). Also see figure 2.19.

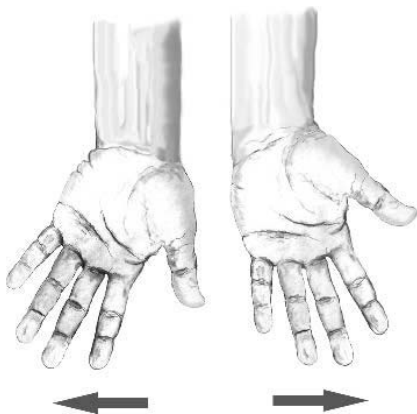


FIGURE 2.15

Radial deviation (abduction)—The hand, at the wrist, is moved laterally toward the radius. In anatomical position this moves the hand away from the body in the coronal plane.

Ulnar deviation (adduction)—The hand, at the wrist, is moved medially toward the ulna.

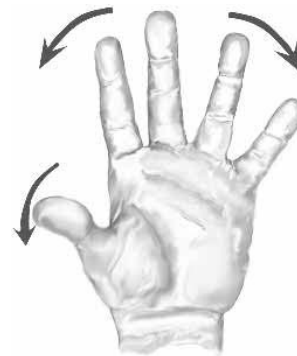


FIGURE 2.14

Abduction—The fingers are moved away from the midline of the hand.



FIGURE 2.16

Adduction—The fingers are moved toward the midline of the hand.

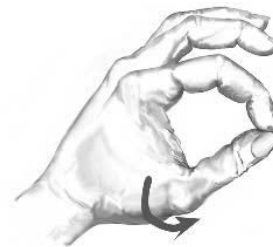


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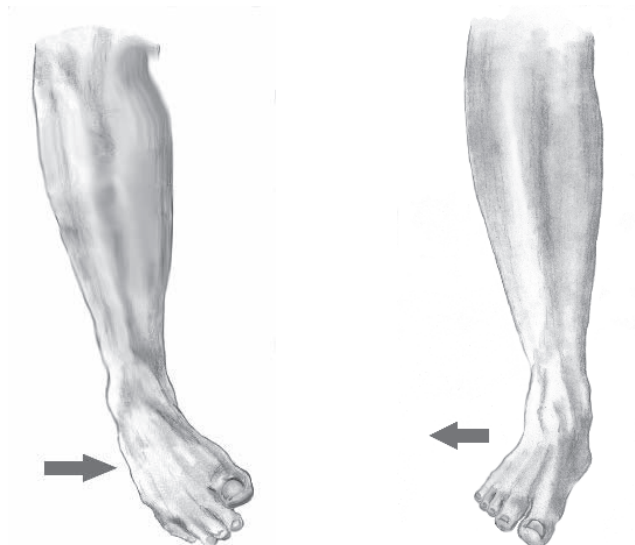
Opposition—The saddle joint between the trapezium and first metacarpal allows the thumb to turn so its anterior surface can touch the anterior surfaces of the four fingers when they are partially flexed.

MOVEMENTS OF THE FOOT

**FIGURE 2.18**

Dorsiflexion—Elevating the foot, decreasing the angle between the foot and the leg.

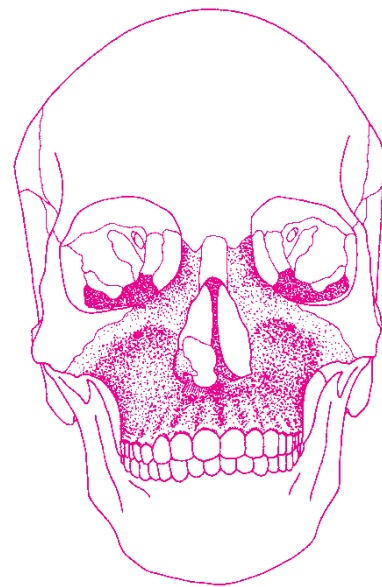
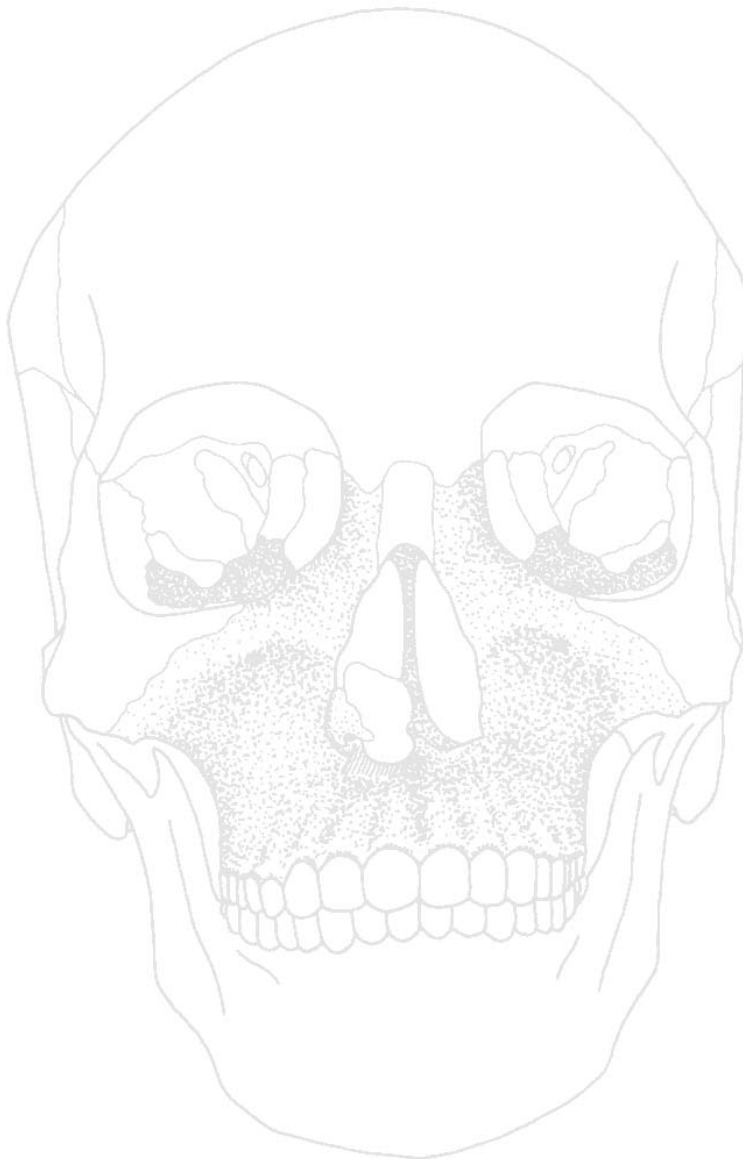
Plantar flexion—Depressing the foot, increasing the angle between the foot and the leg.

**FIGURE 2.19**

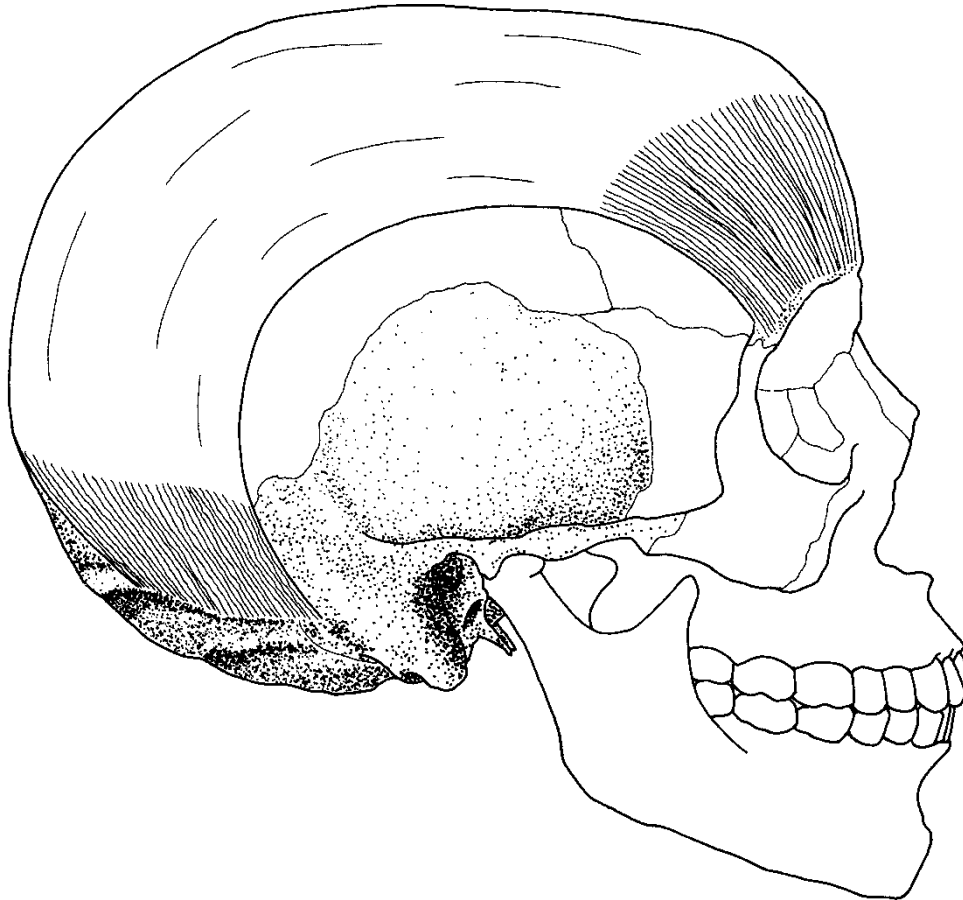
Inversion-eversion—During *inversion* the sole of the foot turns medially, and during *eversion* it returns or turns slightly laterally. Most of this movement is permitted by the gliding of the intertarsal and tarsometatarsal joints but because the articulating surface of the talus is narrower posteriorly, it permits some lateral movement when the ankle is plantar flexed.

C H A P T E R T H R E E

Muscles of the Face and Head



EPICRANIUS



Skull—lateral view

Occipital belly (*occipitalis*)■ **Origin**

Lateral two-thirds of superior nuchal line of occipital bone, mastoid process of temporal bone

■ **Insertion**

Galea aponeurotica (an intermediate tendon leading to frontal belly)

■ **Action**

Draws back scalp, aids frontal belly to wrinkle forehead and raise eyebrows

■ **Nerve**

Posterior auricular branch of facial nerve

Frontal belly (*frontalis*)■ **Origin**

Galea aponeurotica

■ **Insertion**

Fascia of facial muscles and skin above nose and eyes

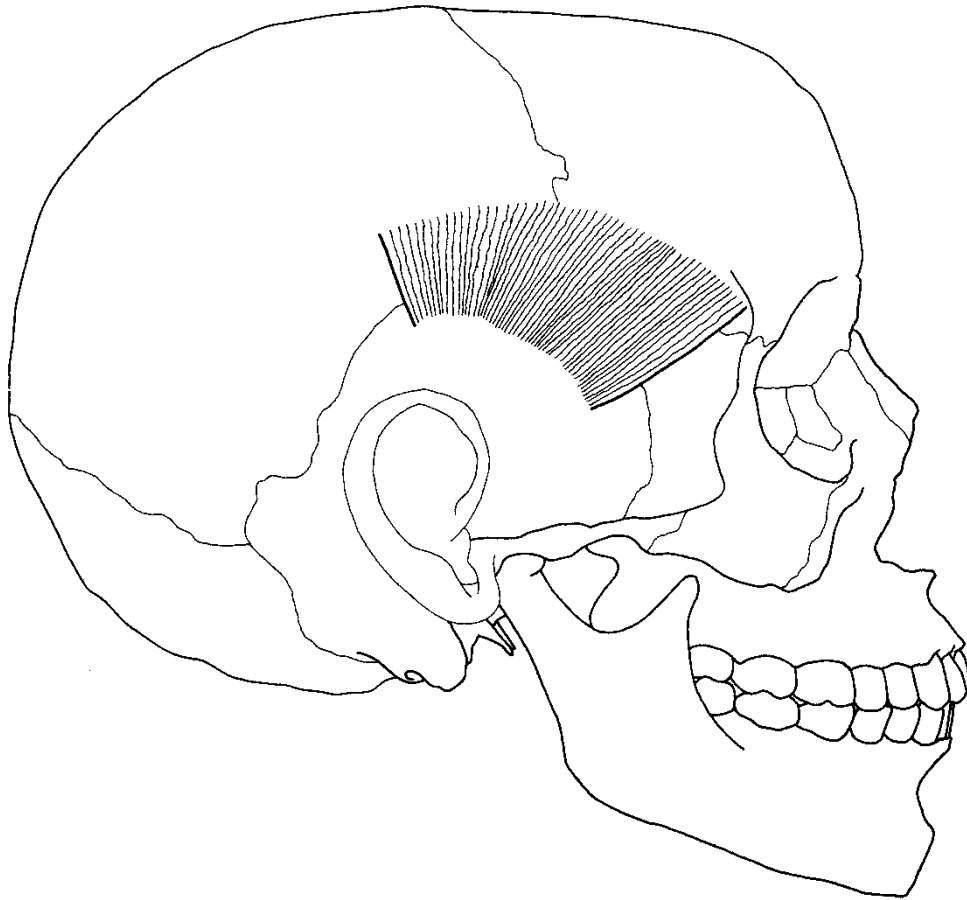
■ **Action**

Draws back scalp, wrinkles forehead, raises eyebrows

■ **Nerve**

Temporal branches of facial nerve

TEMPOROPARIETALIS



Skull—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Fascia over ear

■ **Insertion**

Lateral border of galea aponeurotica

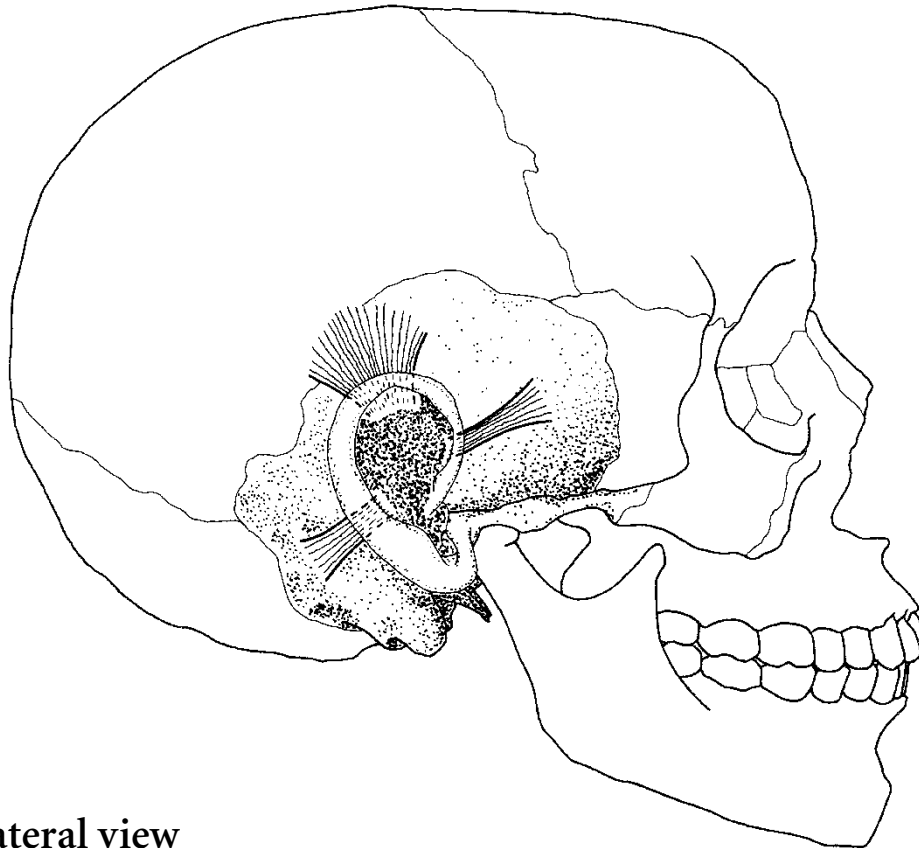
■ **Action**

Raises ears, tightens scalp

■ **Nerve**

Temporal branch of facial nerve

AURICULARIS ANTERIOR, SUPERIOR, POSTERIOR



Skull—lateral view

Auricularis anterior■ **Origin**

Fascia in temporal region

■ **Insertion**

Anterior to helix of ear

■ **Action**

Draws ear forward in some individuals, moves scalp*

■ **Nerve**

Temporal branch of facial nerve

Auricularis superior■ **Origin**

Fascia in temporal region

■ **Insertion**

Superior part of ear

■ **Action**

Draws ear upward in some individuals, moves scalp*

■ **Nerve**

Temporal branch of facial nerve

Auricularis posterior■ **Origin**

Mastoid area of temporal bone

■ **Insertion**

Posterior part of ear

■ **Action**

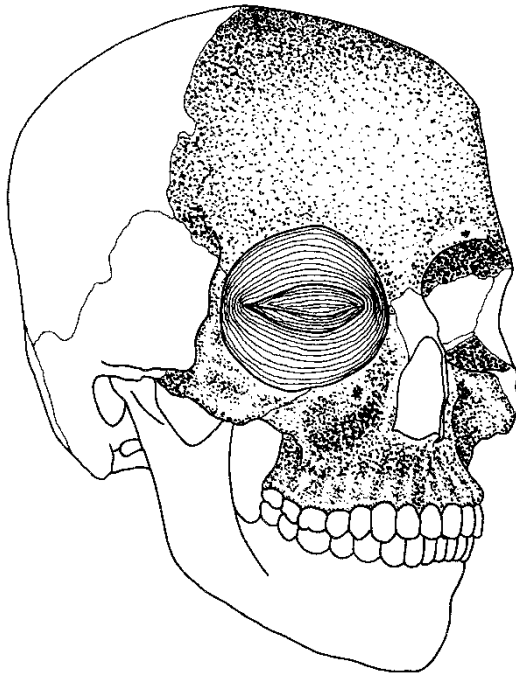
Draws ear upward in some individuals*

■ **Nerve**

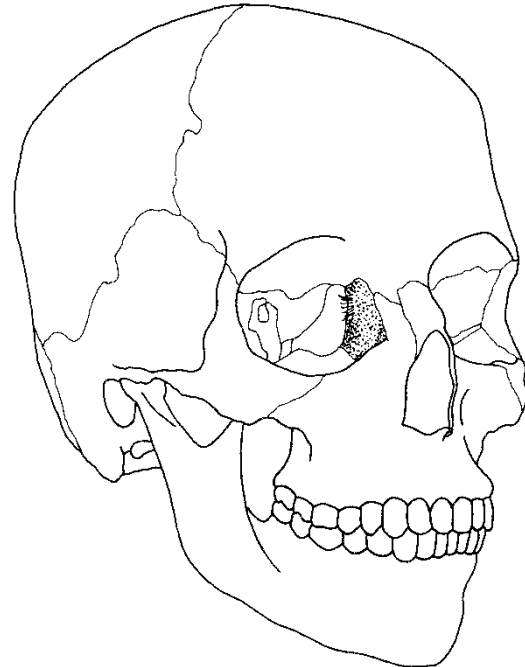
Posterior auricular branch of facial nerve

*This muscle is nonfunctional in most people.

ORBICULARIS OCULI



ORBITAL AND PALPEBRAL PARTS



LACRIMAL PART

Skull—three-quarter anterior view

Orbital part

■ **Origin**

Frontal bone, maxilla (medial margin of orbit)

■ **Insertion**

Continues around orbit and returns to origin

■ **Action**

Strong closure of eyelids

■ **Nerve**

Temporal and zygomatic branches of facial nerve

Palpebral part (*in eyelids*)

■ **Origin**

Medial palpebral ligament

■ **Insertion**

Lateral palpebral ligament into zygomatic bone

■ **Action**

Gentle closure of eyelids

■ **Nerve**

Temporal and zygomatic branches of facial nerve

Lacrimal part (*behind medial palpebral ligament and lacrimal sac*)

■ **Origin**

Lacrimal bone

■ **Insertion**

Lateral palpebral raphe

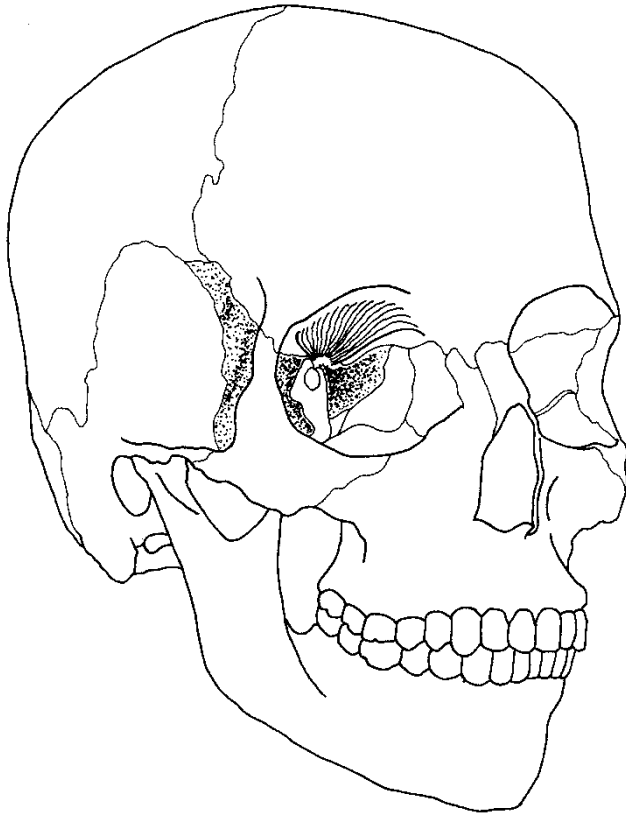
■ **Action**

Draws lacrimal canals onto surface of eye

■ **Nerve**

Temporal and zygomatic branches of facial nerve

LEVATOR PALPEBRAE SUPERIORIS



Skull—three-quarter anterior
view

■ **Origin**

Inferior surface of lesser wing of sphenoid

■ **Insertion**

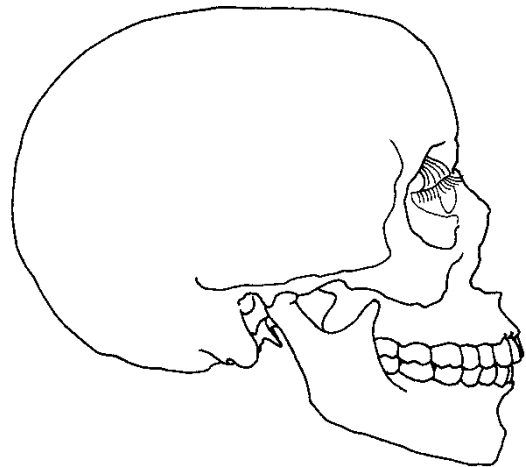
Skin of upper eyelid

■ **Action**

Raises upper eyelid

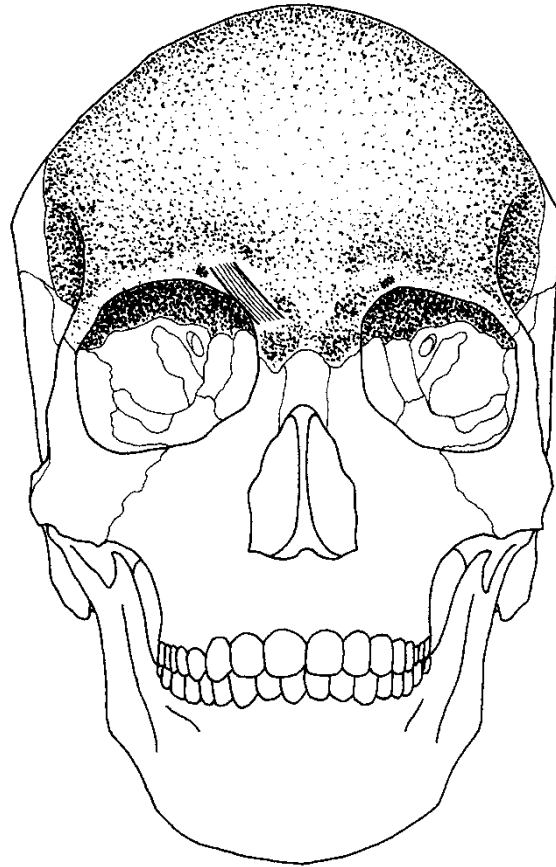
■ **Nerve**

Oculomotor nerve



Skull—lateral view

CORRUGATOR SUPERCILII



Skull—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Medial end of superciliary arch

■ **Insertion**

Deep surface of skin under medial portion of eyebrows

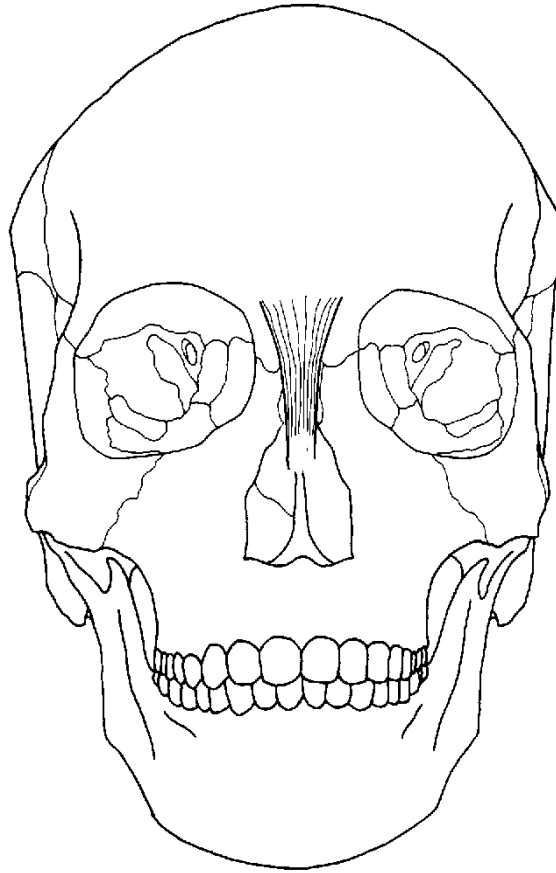
■ **Action**

Draws eyebrows downward and medially

■ **Nerve**

Temporal branch of facial nerve

PROCERUS



Skull—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Fascia over nasal bone and lateral nasal cartilage

■ **Insertion**

Skin between eyebrows

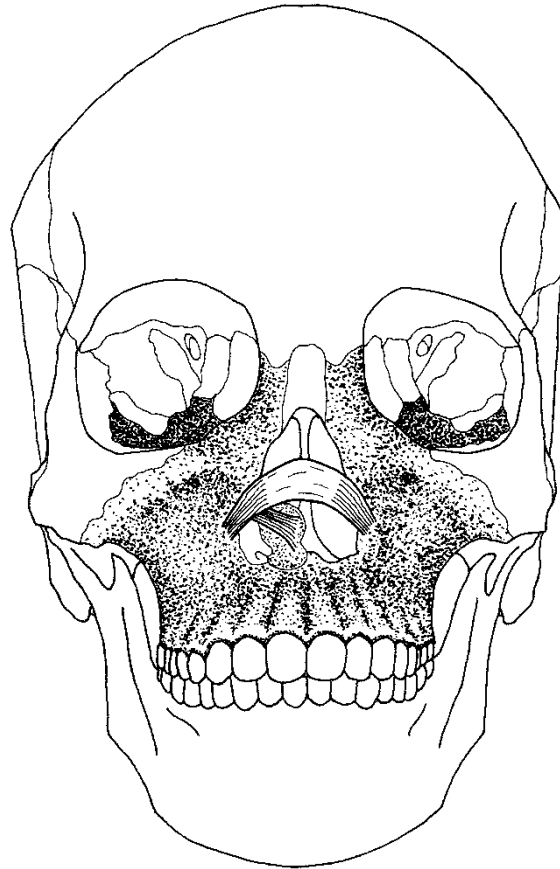
■ **Action**

Draws down medial part of eyebrows, wrinkles nose

■ **Nerve**

Buccal branches of facial nerve

NASALIS



Skull—anterior view

Transverse part

■ **Origin**

Middle of maxilla

■ **Insertion**

Muscle of opposite side over bridge of nose

Alar part

■ **Origin**

Greater alar cartilage, skin on nose

■ **Insertion**

Skin at point of nose

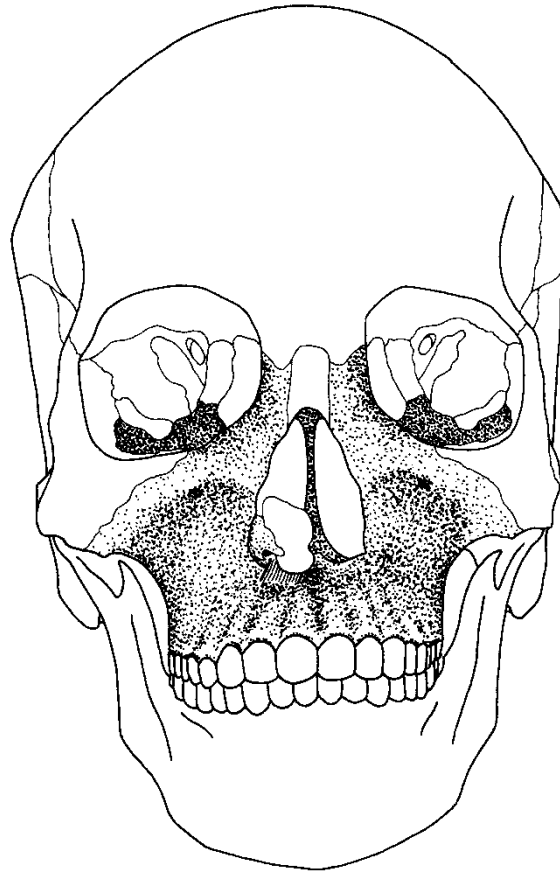
■ **Action**

Both parts maintain opening of external nares during forceful inspiration

■ **Nerve**

Buccal branches of facial nerve

DEPRESSOR SEPTI



Skull—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Incisive fossa of maxilla

■ **Insertion**

Nasal septum and ala

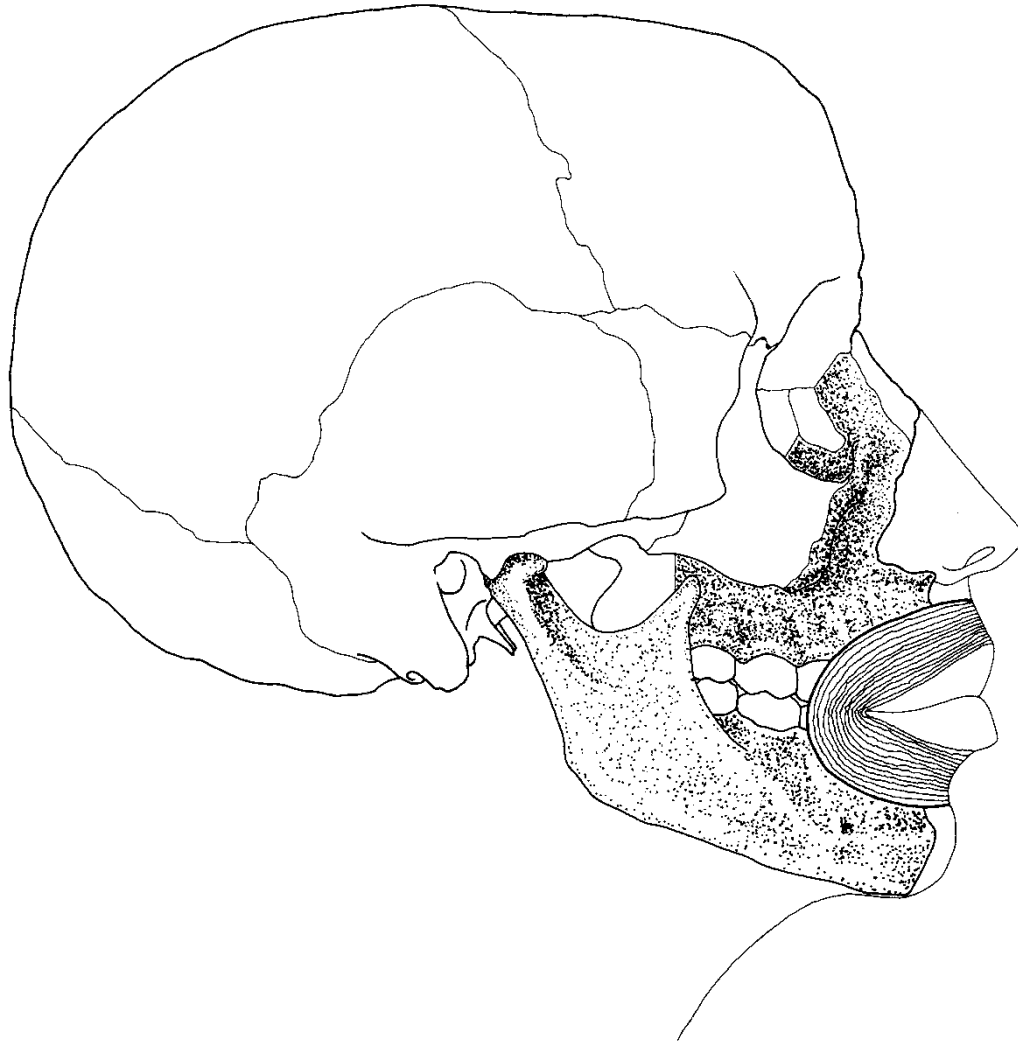
■ **Action**

Constricts nares

■ **Nerve**

Buccal branches of facial nerve

ORBICULARIS ORIS



Skull—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Lateral band—alveolar border of maxilla

Medial band—septum of nose

Inferior portion—lateral to midline of mandible

■ **Insertion**

Becomes continuous with other muscles at angle of mouth

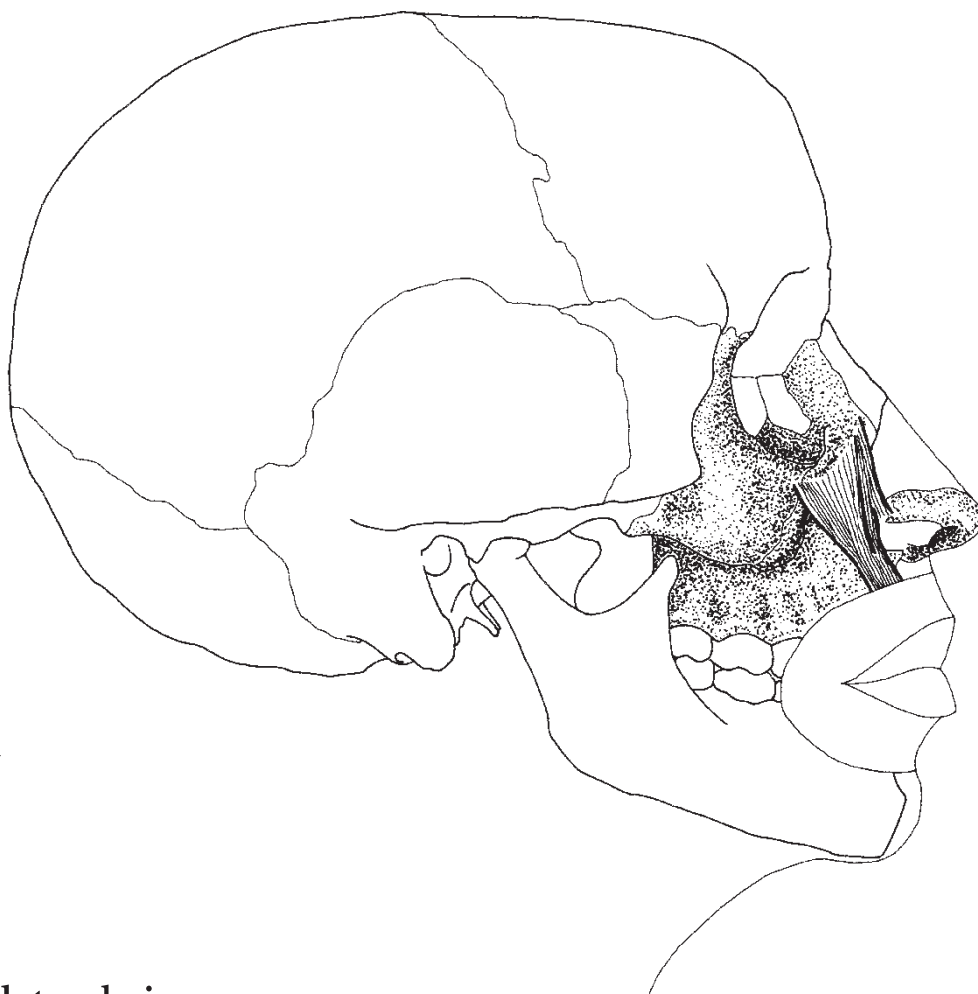
■ **Action**

Closure and protrusion of lips

■ **Nerve**

Buccal and mandibular branches of facial nerve

LEVATOR LABII SUPERIORIS



Skull—lateral view

Angular head (*aleque nasi*)■ **Origin**

Frontal process of maxilla and zygomatic bone

■ **Insertion**

Greater alar cartilage and skin of nose, upper lip

■ **Action**

Elevates upper lip, dilates nares, forms nasolabial furrow

■ **Nerve**

Buccal branches of facial nerve

Infraorbital head

■ **Origin**

Infraorbital margin of maxilla

■ **Insertion**

Skin of lateral half of upper lip

■ **Action**

Elevates upper lip, forms nasolabial furrow

■ **Nerve**

Buccal branches of facial nerve

Note: The angular head is frequently referred to as a separate muscle, levator labii superioris aleque nasi.

LEVATOR ANGULI ORIS



Skull—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Canine fossa of maxilla

■ **Insertion**

Angle of mouth

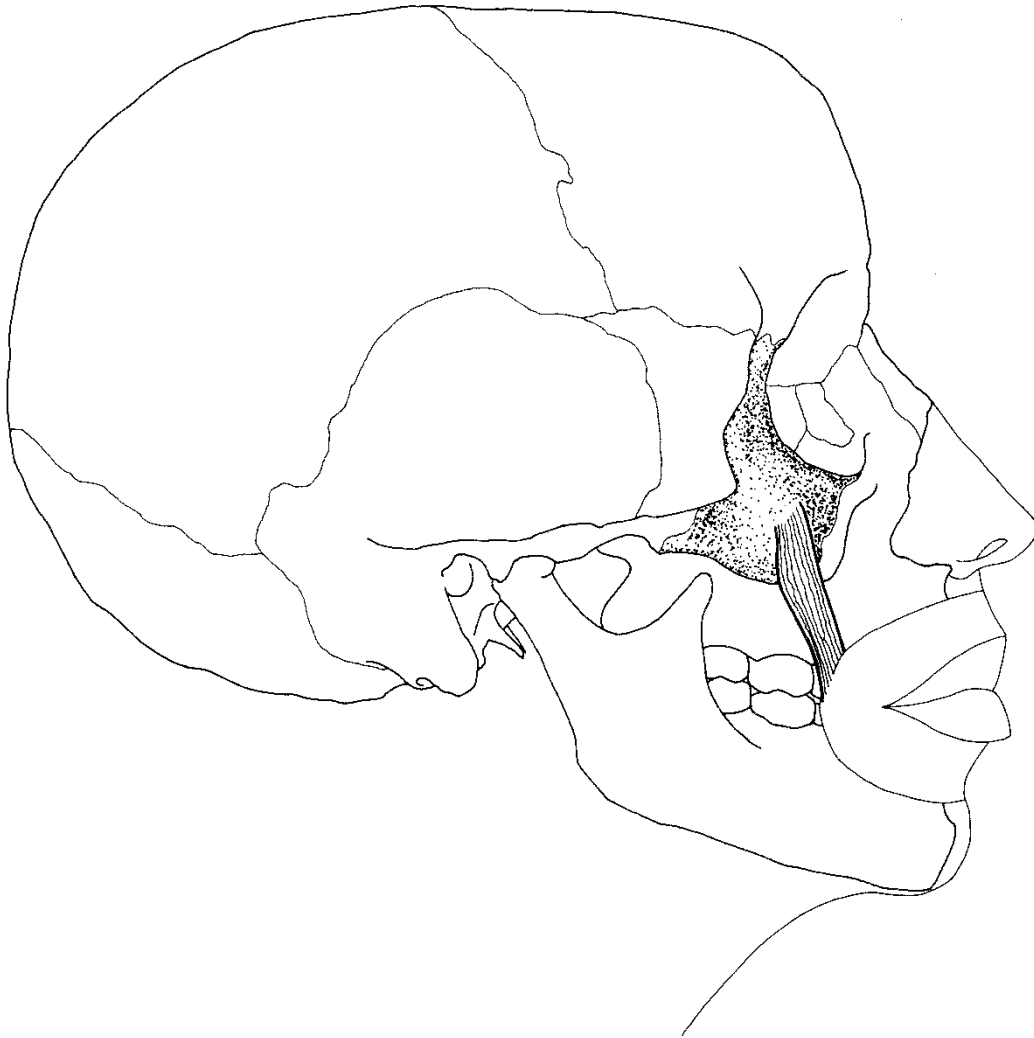
■ **Action**

Elevates corner (angle) of mouth

■ **Nerve**

Buccal branches of facial nerve

ZYGOMATICUS MAJOR



Skull—lateral view

■ Origin

Zygomatic bone

■ Insertion

Angle of mouth

■ Action

Draws angle of mouth upward and backward (laughing)

■ Nerve

Buccal branches of facial nerve

ZYGOMATICUS MINOR



Skull—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Zygomatic bone

■ **Insertion**

Upper lip lateral to levator labii superioris

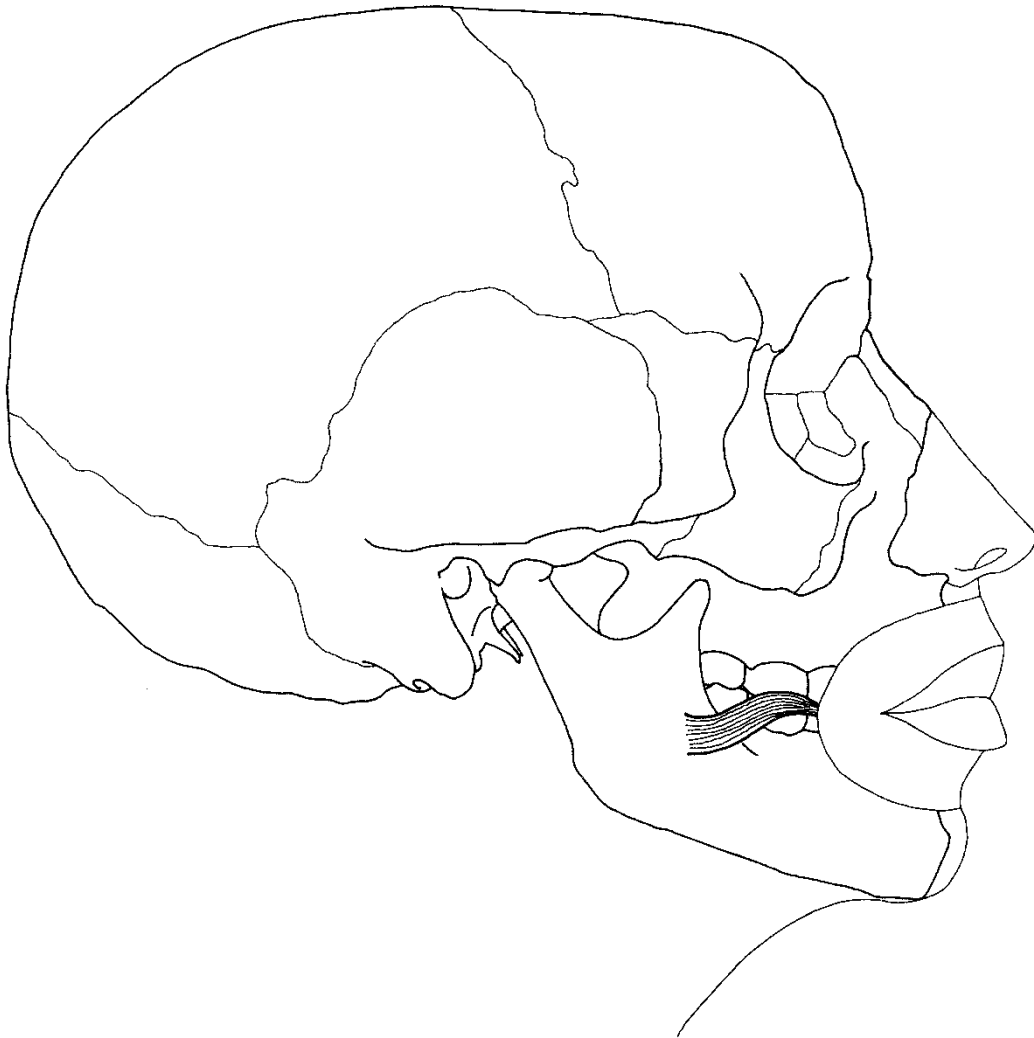
■ **Action**

Forms nasolabial furrow

■ **Nerve**

Buccal branches of facial nerve

RISORIUS



Skull—lateral view

■ Origin

Fascia over masseter

■ Insertion

Skin at angle of mouth

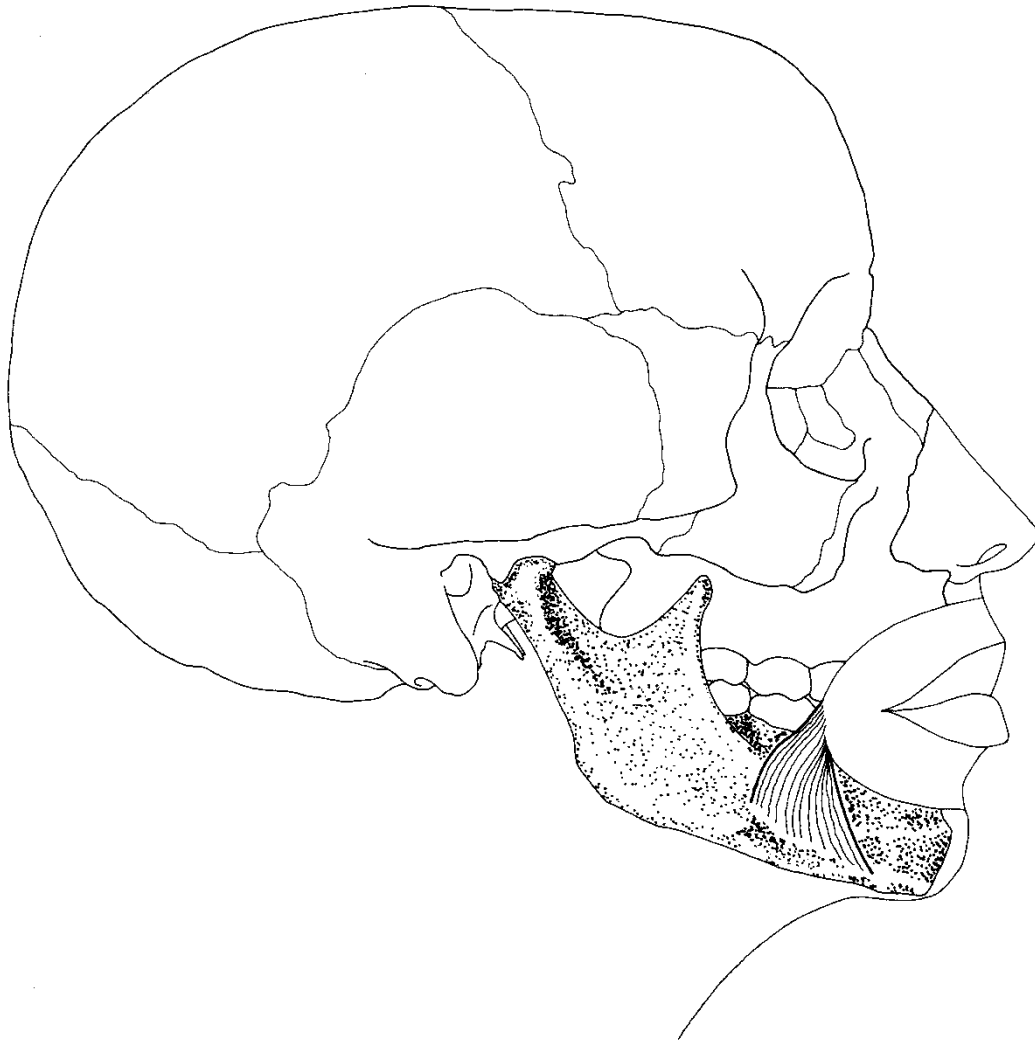
■ Action

Retracts angle of mouth, as in grinning

■ Nerve

Buccal branches of facial nerve

DEPRESSOR LABII INFERIORIS



Skull—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Mandible, between symphysis and mental foramen

■ **Insertion**

Skin of lower lip

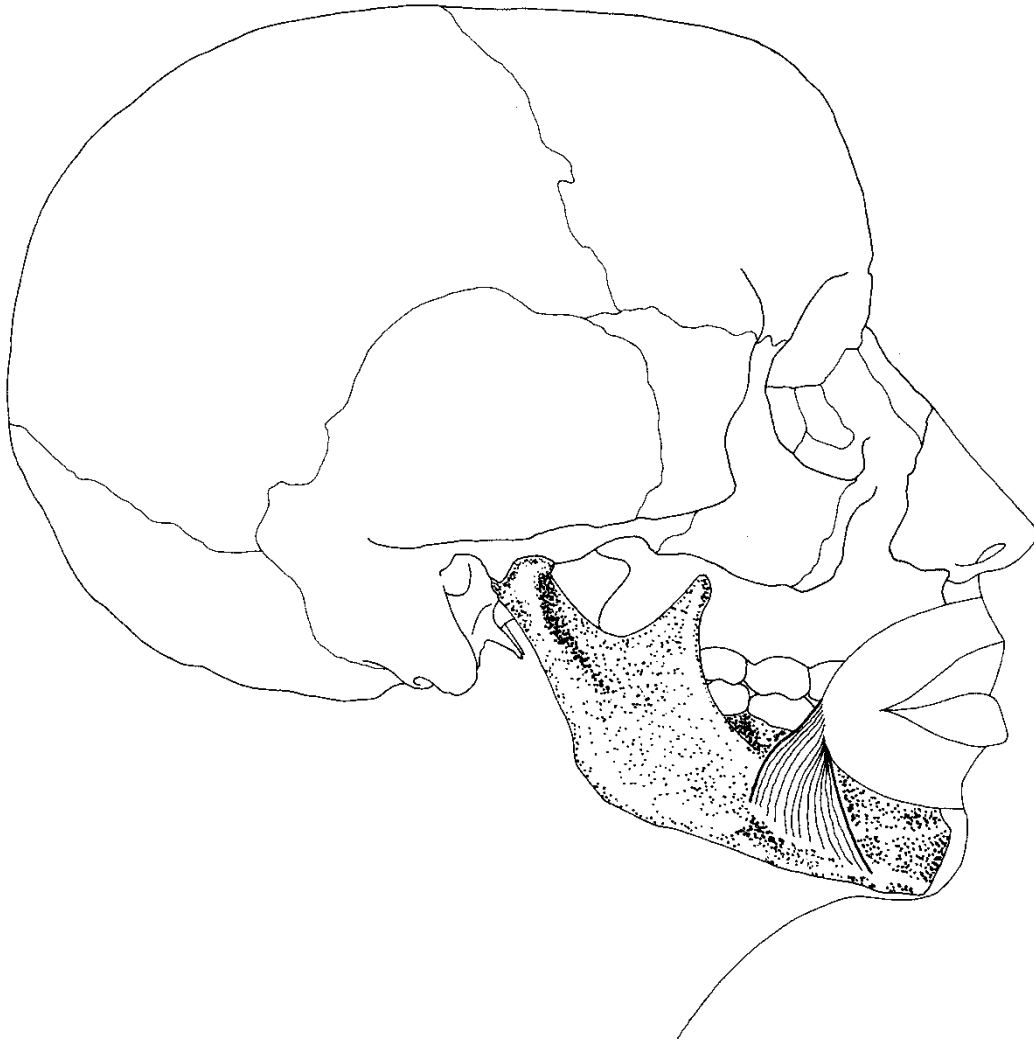
■ **Action**

Draws lower lip downward and laterally

■ **Nerve**

Mandibular branch of facial nerve

DEPRESSOR ANGULI ORIS



Skull—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Oblique line of the mandible

■ **Insertion**

Angle of the mouth

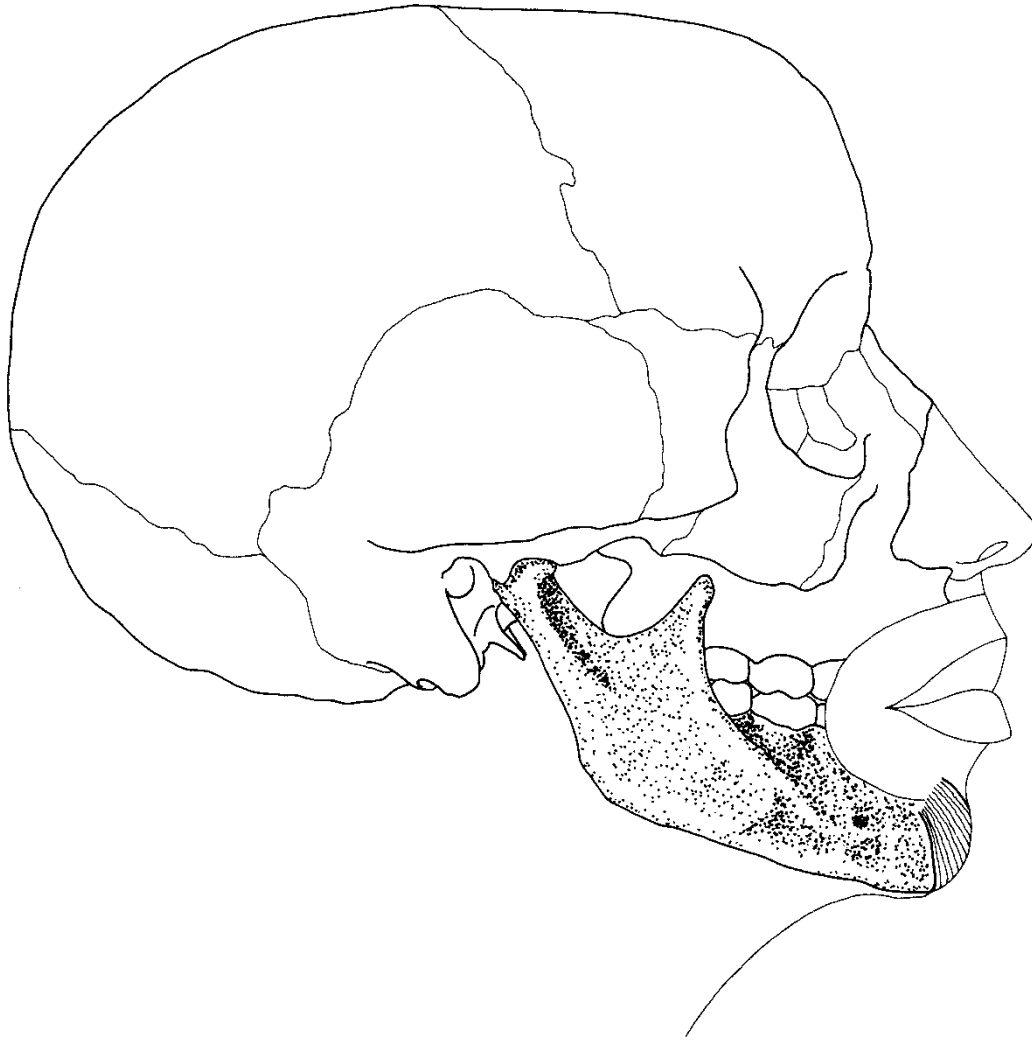
■ **Action**

Depresses angle of mouth, as in frowning

■ **Nerve**

Mandibular branch of facial nerve

MENTALIS



Skull—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Incisive fossa of mandible

■ **Insertion**

Skin of chin

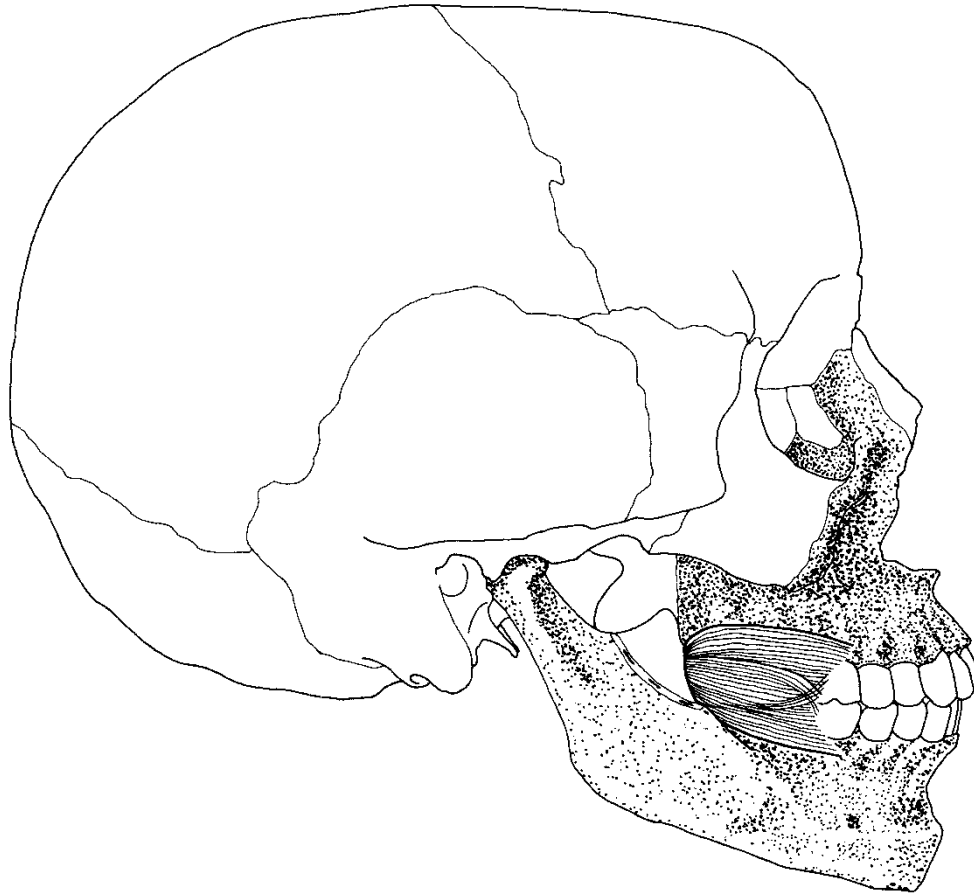
■ **Action**

Raises and protrudes lower lip, wrinkles skin of chin

■ **Nerve**

Mandibular branch of facial nerve

BUCCINATOR



Skull—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Outer surface of alveolar processes of maxilla and mandible over molars and along pterygomandibular raphe

■ **Insertion**

Deep part of muscles of lips

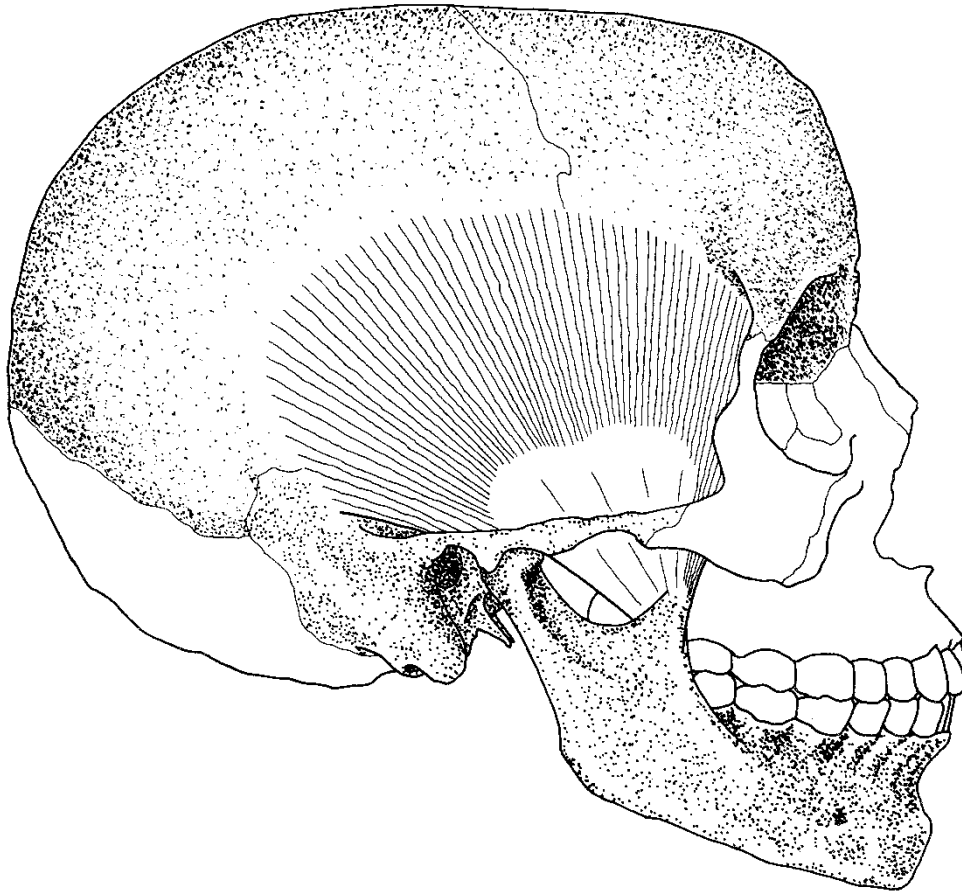
■ **Action**

Compresses cheek

■ **Nerve**

Buccal branches of facial nerve

TEMPORALIS



Skull—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Temporal fossa including frontal, parietal, and temporal bones

■ **Insertion**

Coronoid process and anterior border of ramus of mandible

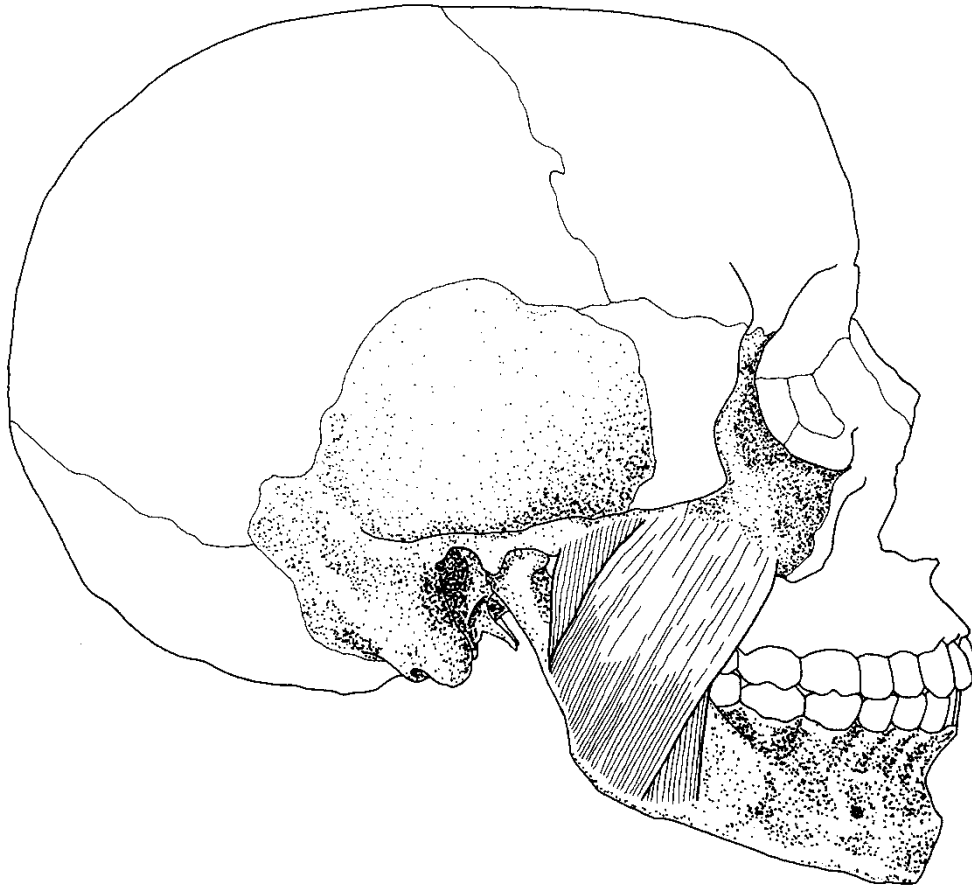
■ **Action**

Elevates, retracts mandible (rotation at temporo-mandibular joint) closing mouth, biting

■ **Nerve**

Mandibular division of trigeminal nerve

MASSETER



Skull—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Zygomatic process of maxilla, medial and inferior surfaces of zygomatic arch

■ **Insertion**

Angle and ramus of mandible, lateral surface of coronoid process of mandible

■ **Action**

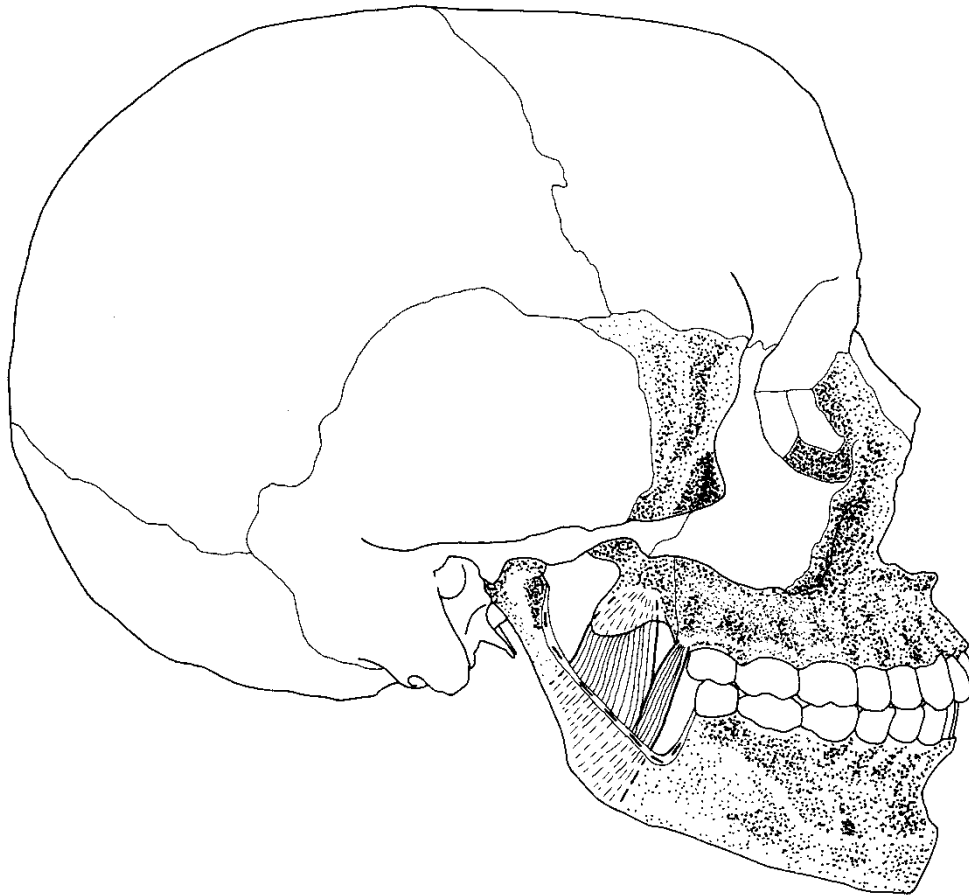
Elevates mandible (rotation at temporomandibular joint) closing mouth, biting

■ **Nerve**

Mandibular division of trigeminal nerve

Note: Superficial fibers slightly protract jaw (see lateral pterygoid).

MEDIAL PTERYGOID (*Pterygoideus Medialis*)



Skull—lateral view

(Part of mandible cut away)

■ **Origin**

Medial surface of lateral pterygoid plate of sphenoid bone, palatine bone, and tuberosity of maxilla

■ **Insertion**

Medial surface of ramus and angle of mandible

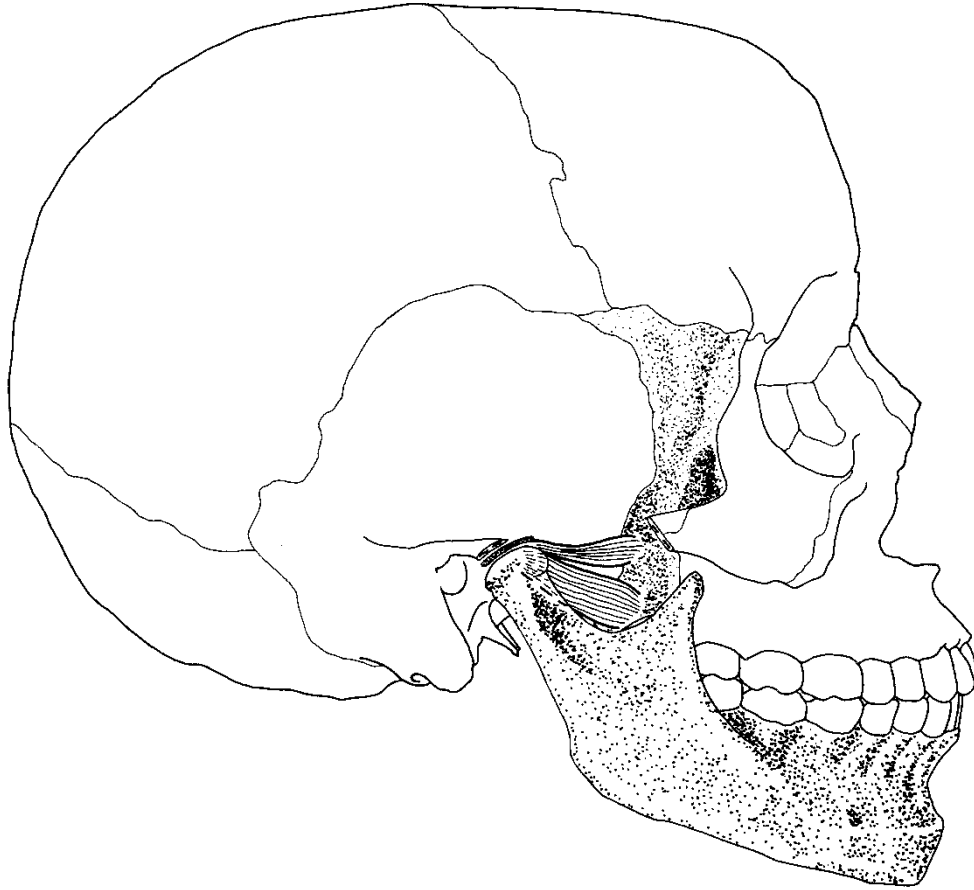
■ **Action**

Elevates mandible, assists in protruding mandible

■ **Nerve**

Mandibular division of trigeminal nerve

LATERAL PTERYGOID (*Pterygoideus Lateralis*)



Skull—lateral view

■ Origin

Superior head—lateral surface of greater wing of sphenoid

Inferior head—lateral surface of lateral pterygoid plate

■ Insertion

Condyle of mandible, temporomandibular joint

■ Action

Opens jaw, protrudes mandible, moves mandible laterally for grinding teeth

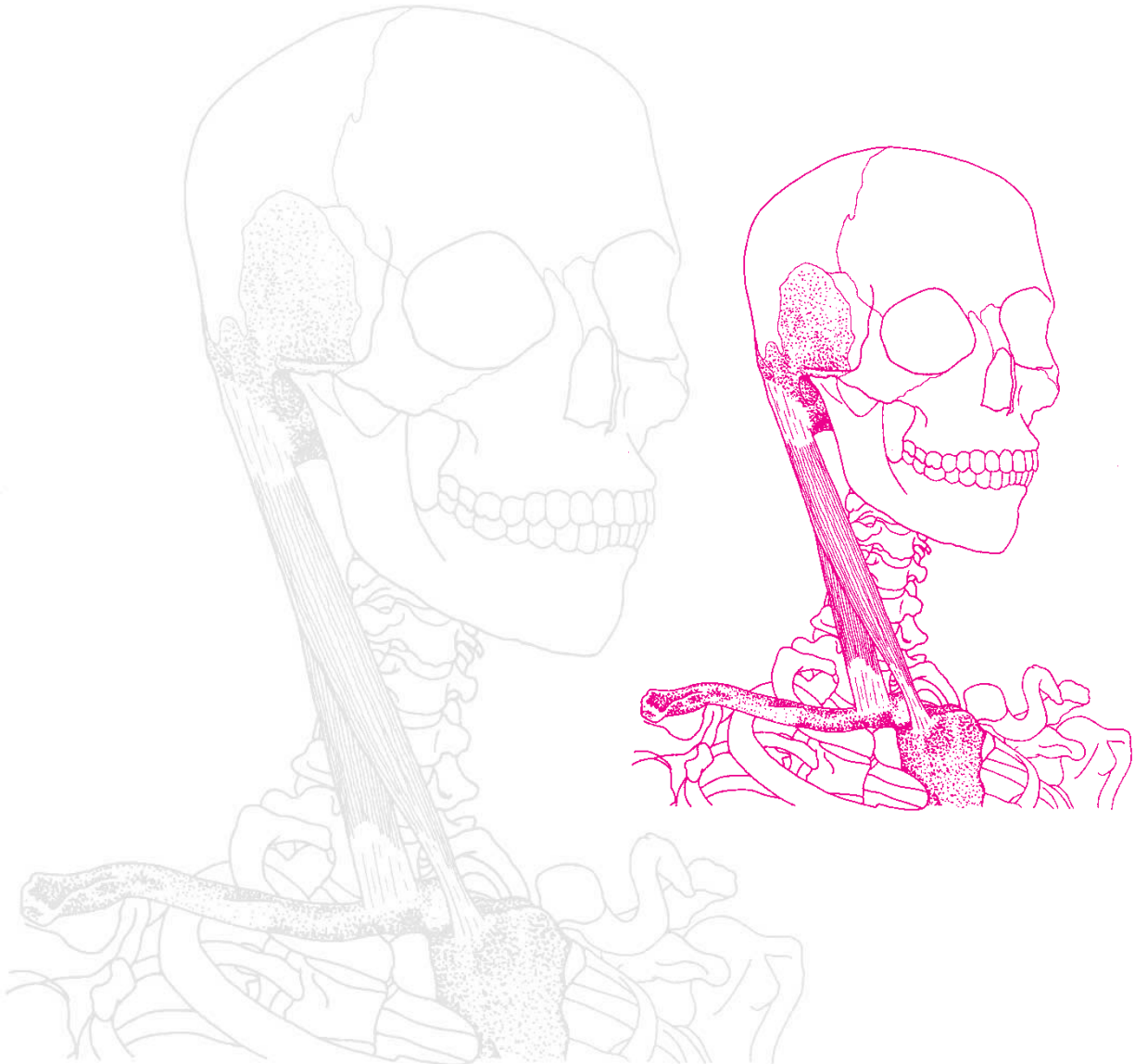
■ Nerve

Mandibular division of trigeminal nerve

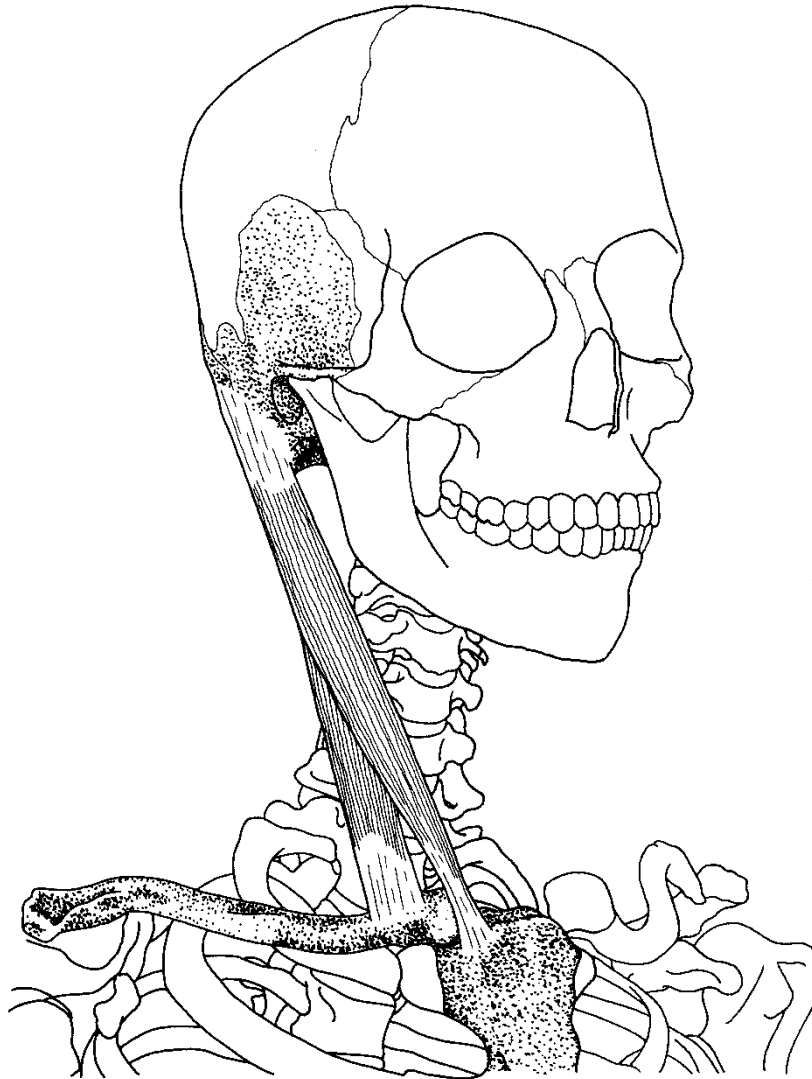
Note: This sideward movement, aided by superficial fibers of masseter, causes chewing movements.

C H A P T E R F O U R

Muscles of the Neck



STERNOCLEIDOMASTOID



Three-quarter frontal view

■ Origin

Sternal head—manubrium of sternum

Clavicular head—medial part of clavicle

■ Insertion

Mastoid process of temporal bone, lateral half of superior nuchal line of occipital bone

■ Action

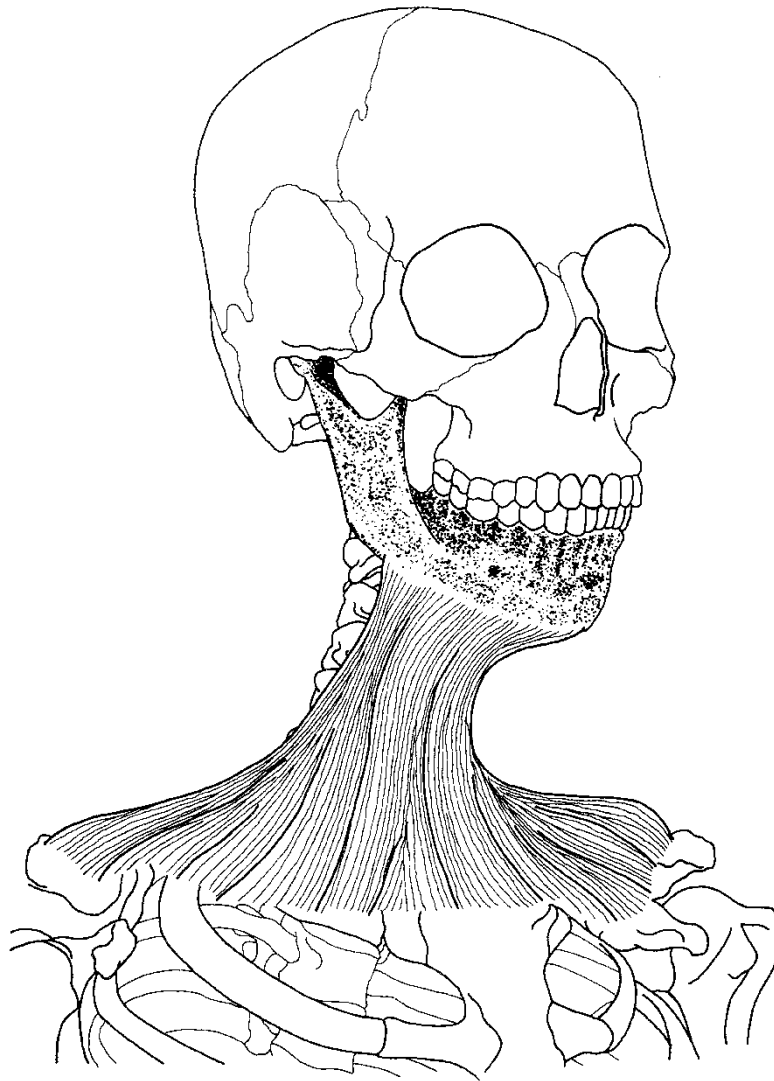
Unilateral—bends neck laterally, rotates head to opposite side

Bilateral—flexes neck, draws head ventrally and elevates chin, draws sternum superiorly in deep inspiration

■ Nerve

Spinal part of accessory nerve (C2, C3)

PLATYSMA



Three-quarter frontal view

■ **Origin**

Subcutaneous fascia of upper one-fourth of chest just below the clavicle

■ **Insertion**

Subcutaneous fascia and muscles of chin and jaw, mandible

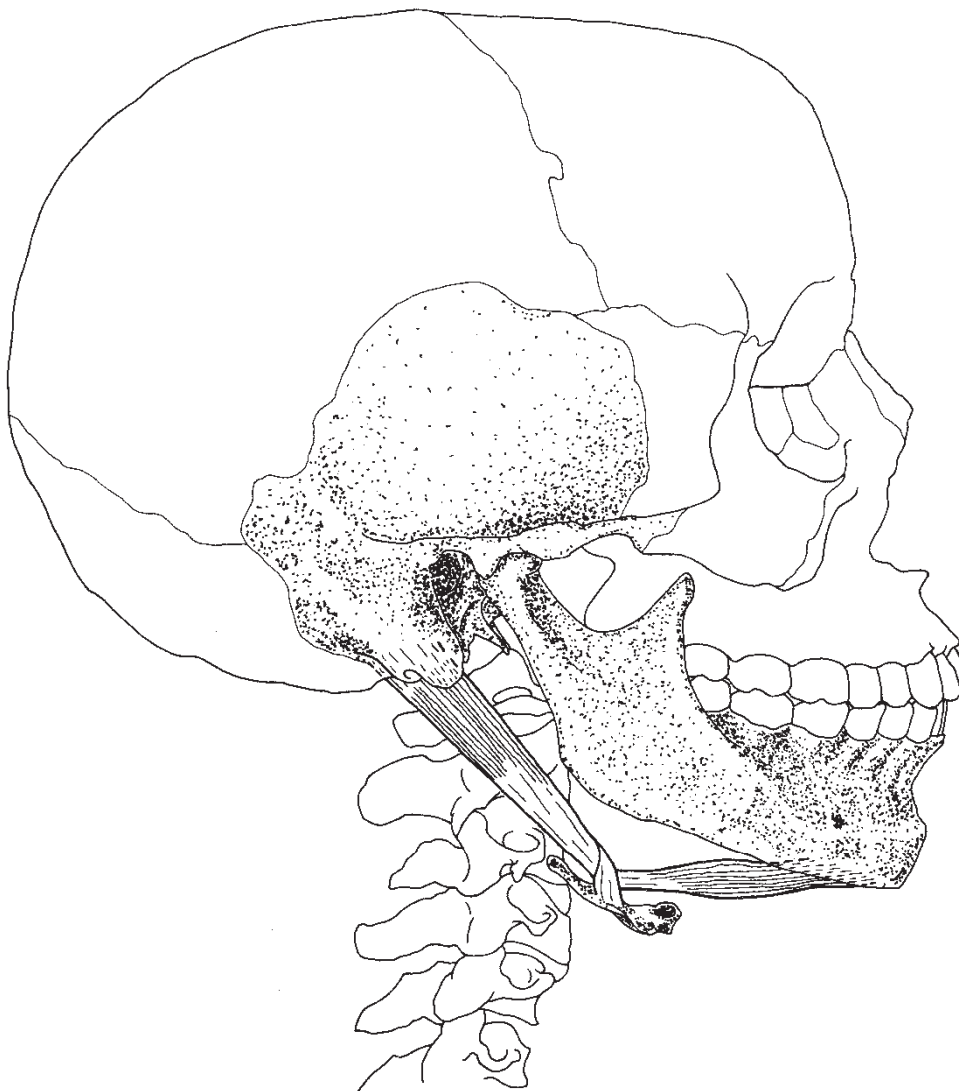
■ **Action**

Depresses and draws lower lip laterally, draws up skin of chest, depresses mandible

■ **Nerve**

Cervical branch of facial nerve

DIGASTRICUS



Lateral view

■ **Origin**

Posterior belly—mastoid notch of temporal bone

Anterior belly—inner side of inferior border of mandible near symphysis

■ **Insertion**

Intermediate tendon attached to hyoid bone

■ **Action**

Raises hyoid bone, depresses mandible, moves hyoid forward or backward

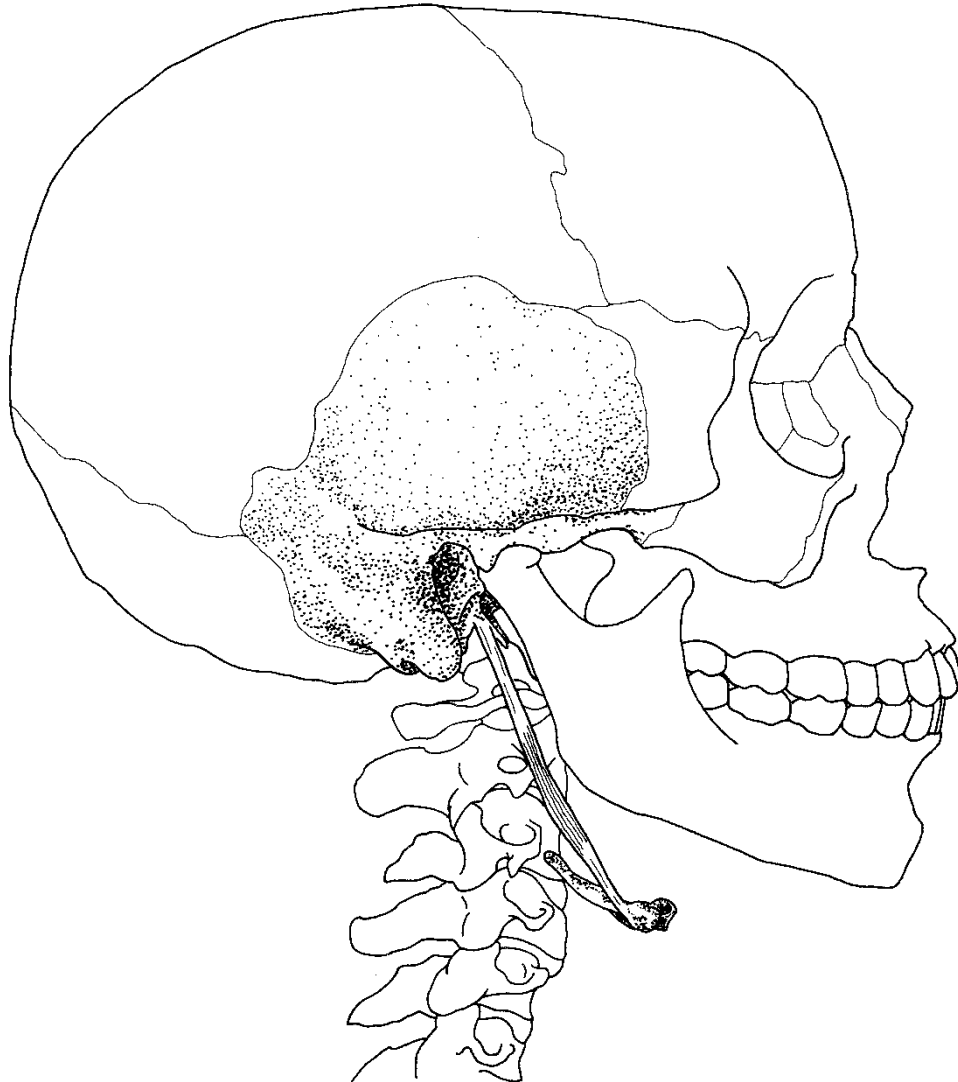
■ **Nerve**

Posterior belly—facial nerve

Anterior belly—mandibular division of trigeminal

Note: The two bellies are joined at an intermediate tendon by a fibrous loop at the side of the body and the greater horn of the hyoid bone.

STYLOHYOID



Lateral view

■ **Origin**

Styloid process of temporal bone

■ **Insertion**

Hyoid bone

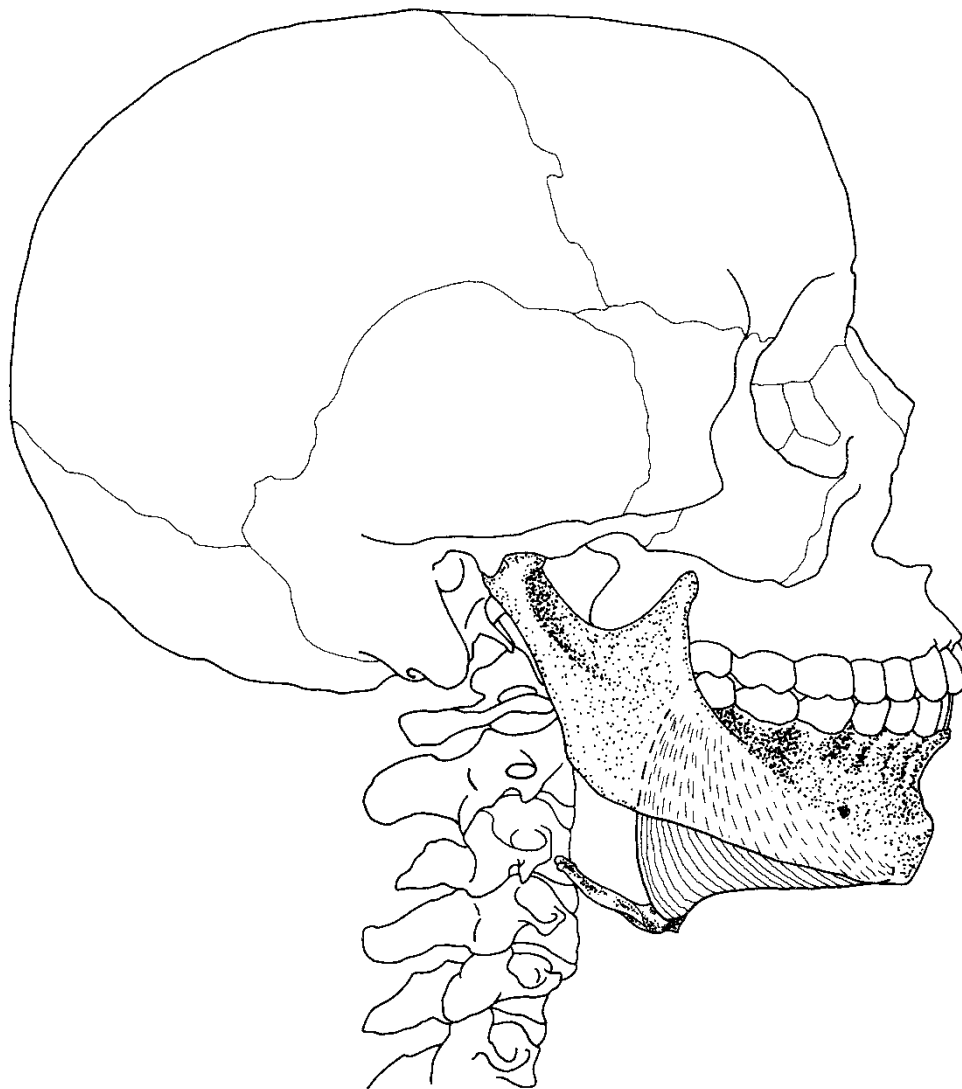
■ **Action**

Elevates and draws hyoid bone posteriorly, elevates tongue

■ **Nerve**

Facial nerve

MYLOHYOID



Lateral view

■ Origin

Inside surface of mandible from symphysis to molars (mylohyoid line)

■ Insertion

Hyoid bone

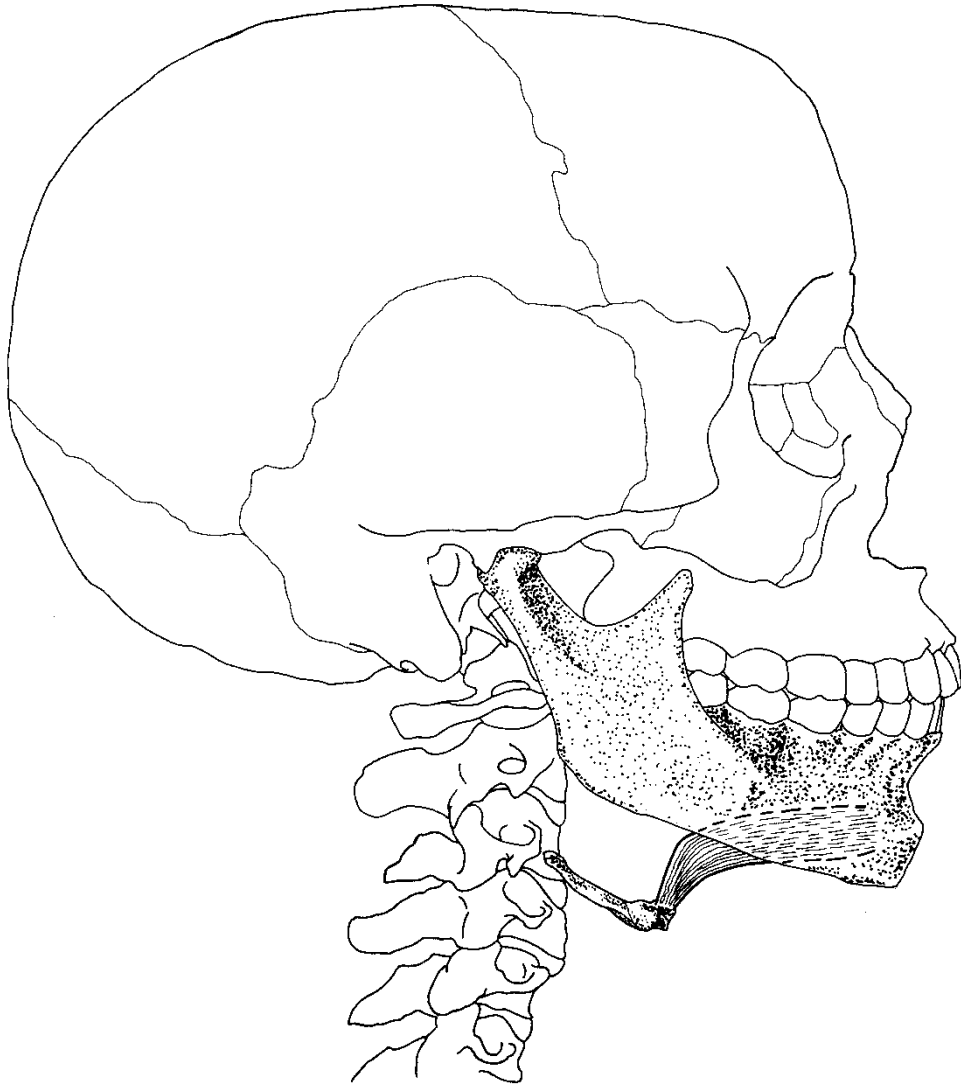
■ Action

Elevates hyoid bone, raises floor of mouth and tongue

■ Nerve

Mandibular division of trigeminal nerve

GENIOHYOID



Lateral view

■ **Origin**

Inferior mental spine on interior medial surface of mandible

■ **Insertion**

Body of hyoid bone

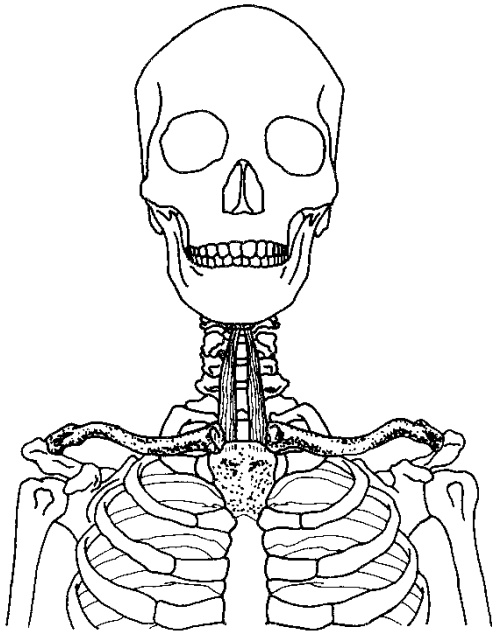
■ **Action**

Protrudes hyoid bone and tongue

■ **Nerve**

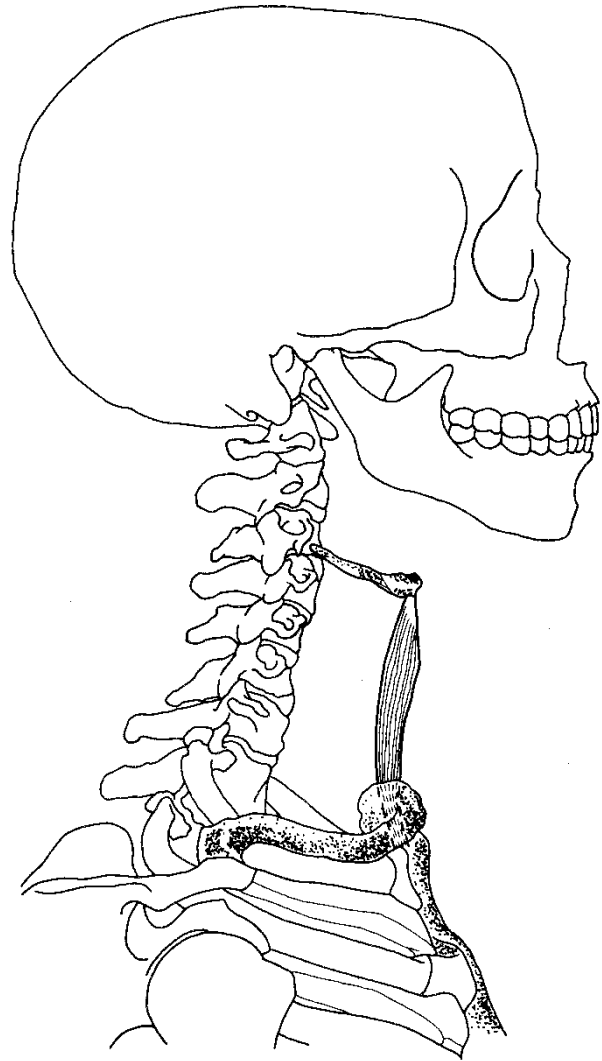
Branch of C1 through hypoglossal nerve

STERNOHYOID



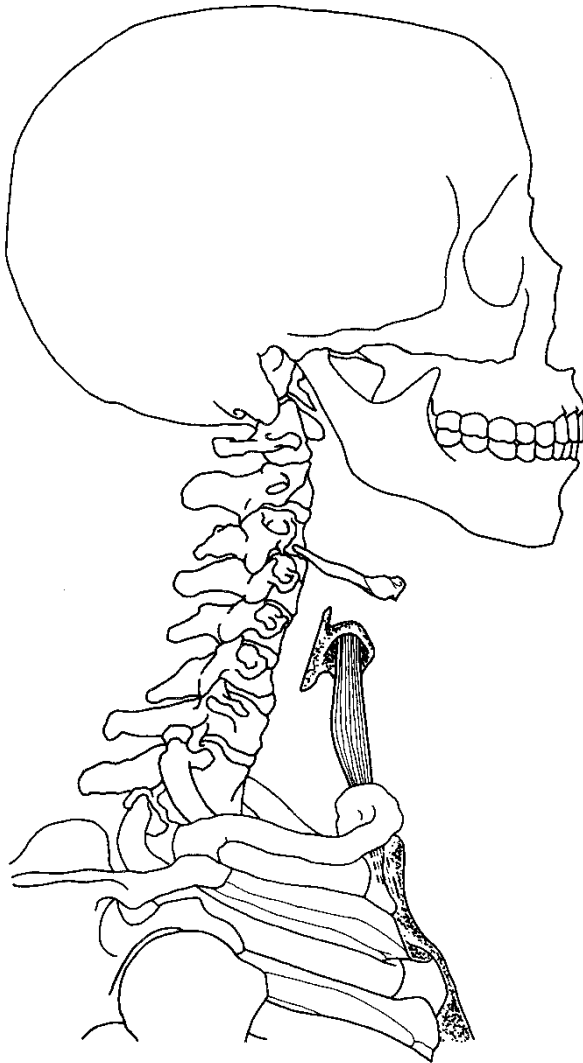
Frontal view

- **Origin**
Medial end of clavicle, manubrium of sternum
- **Insertion**
Body of hyoid bone
- **Action**
Depresses hyoid bone
- **Nerve**
Ansa cervicalis (C1–C3)

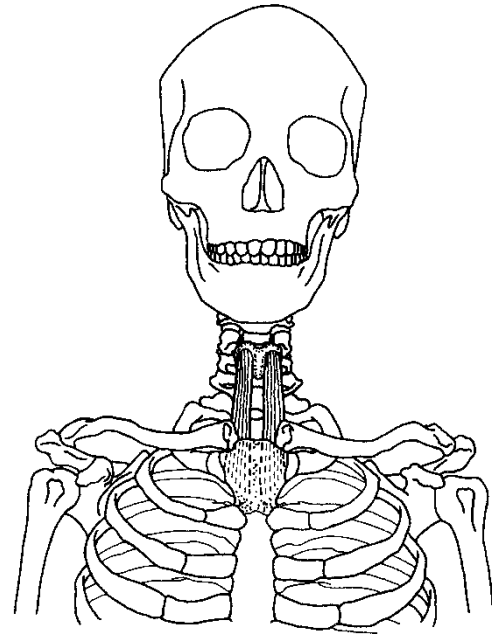


Lateral view

STERNOTHYROID



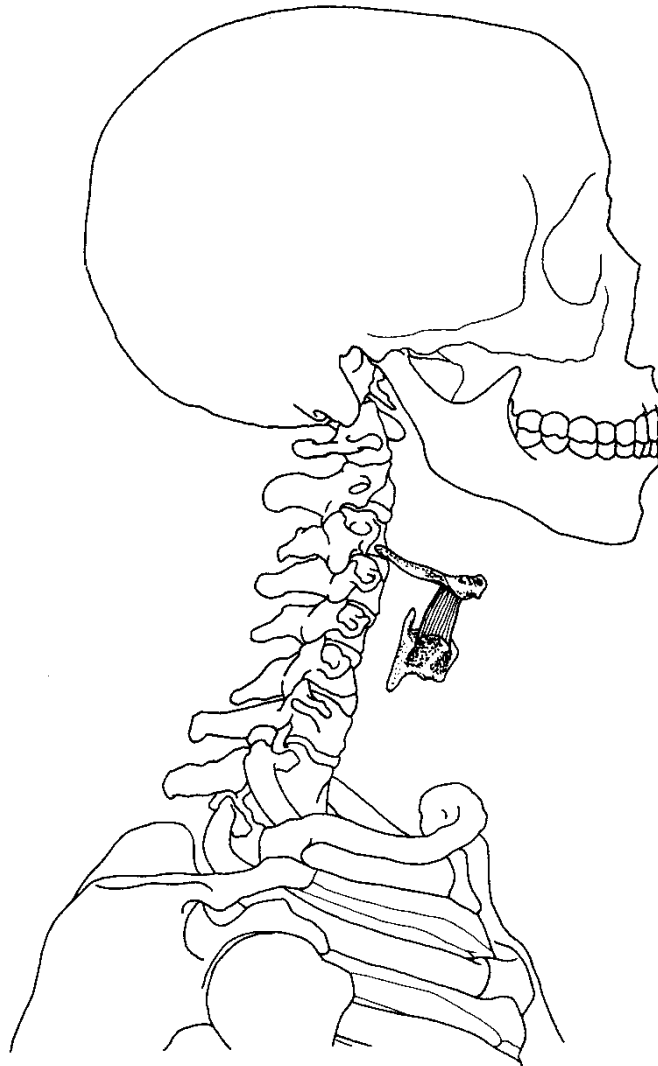
Lateral view



Frontal view

- **Origin**
Dorsal surface of manubrium of sternum
- **Insertion**
Lamina of thyroid cartilage
- **Action**
Depresses thyroid cartilage
- **Nerve**
Ansa cervicalis (C1–C3)

THYROHYOID



Lateral view

■ **Origin**

Lamina of thyroid cartilage

■ **Insertion**

Inferior border of body and greater horn of hyoid bone

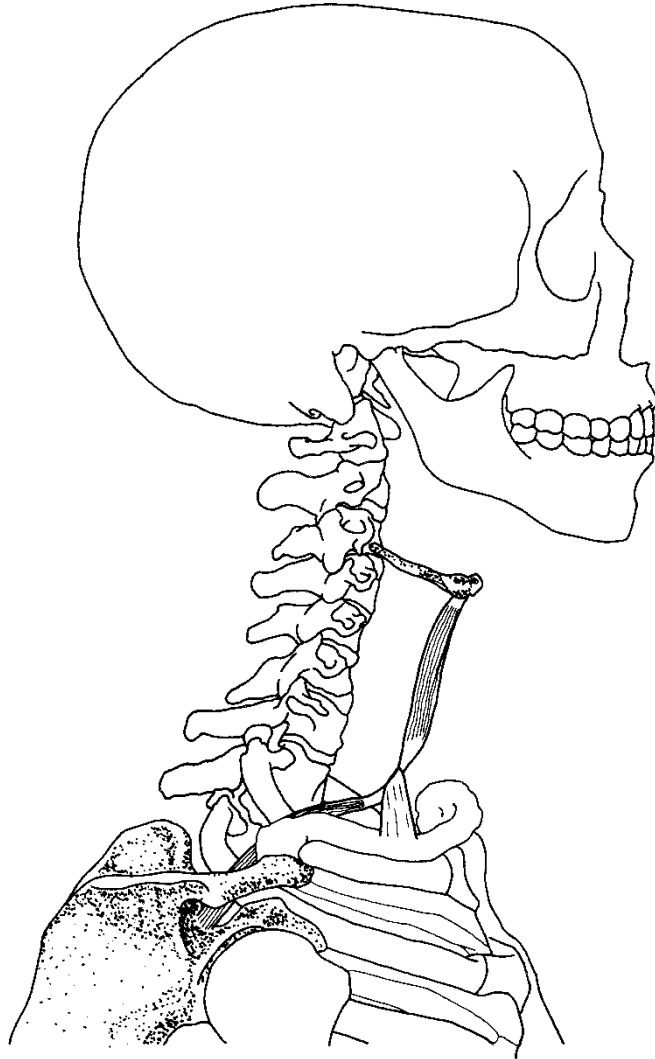
■ **Action**

Depresses hyoid or raises thyroid

■ **Nerve**

C1 through hypoglossal nerve

OMOHYOID



Lateral view

■ **Origin**

Superior border of scapula

■ **Insertion**

Inferior belly—bound to clavicle by central tendon

Superior belly—continues to body of hyoid bone

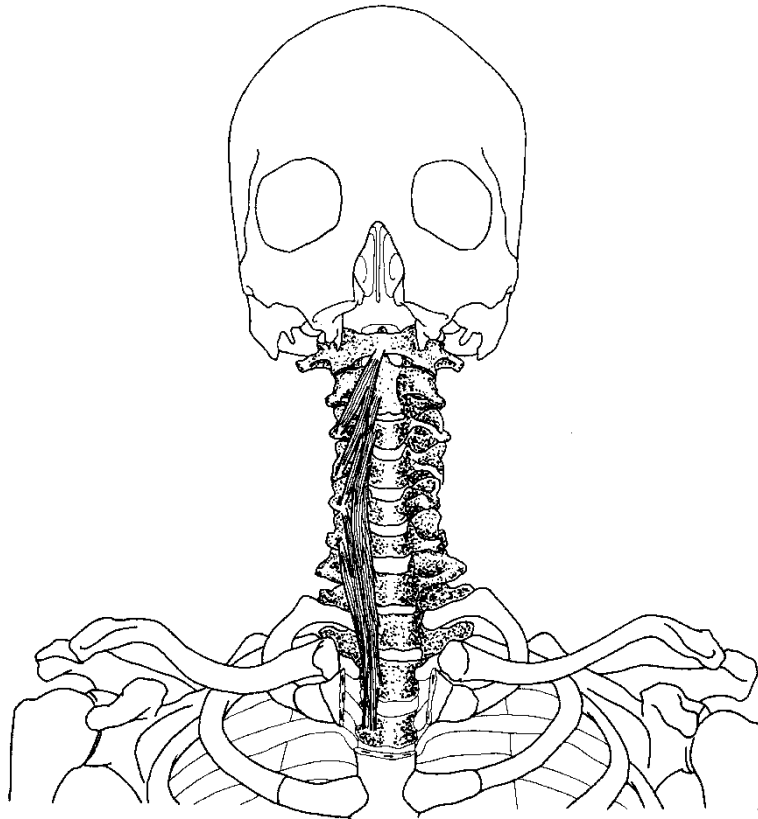
■ **Action**

Depresses hyoid bone

■ **Nerve**

Ansa cervicalis (C2, C3)

LONGUS COLLI



Frontal view

(Mandible and part of maxilla removed)

Superior oblique part

■ **Origin**

Transverse processes of third, fourth, and fifth cervical vertebrae

■ **Insertion**

Anterior arch of atlas

Inferior oblique part

■ **Origin**

Anterior surface of bodies of first two or three thoracic vertebrae

■ **Insertion**

Transverse processes of fifth and sixth cervical vertebrae

Vertical part

■ **Origin**

Anterior surfaces of bodies of upper three thoracic and lower three cervical vertebrae

■ **Insertion**

Anterior surfaces of the second, third, and fourth cervical vertebrae

■ **Action**

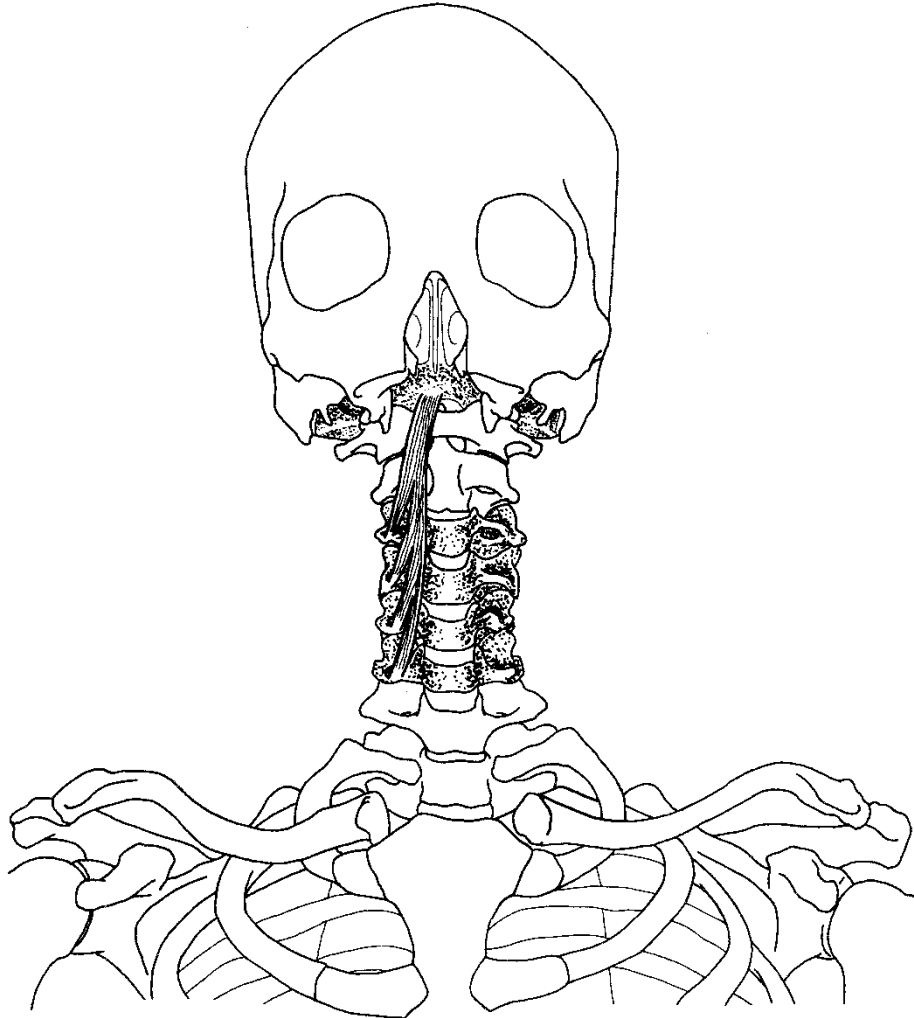
All three parts flex cervical vertebrae

■ **Nerve**

C2–C7

Note: Cervical hyperextension injuries (whiplash) may strain these muscles and/or sprain the anterior ligaments of vertebrae.

LONGUS CAPITIS



Frontal view

(Mandible and part of maxilla removed)

■ **Origin**

Anterior tubercles of transverse processes of third through sixth cervical vertebrae

■ **Insertion**

Occipital bone anterior to foramen magnum

■ **Action**

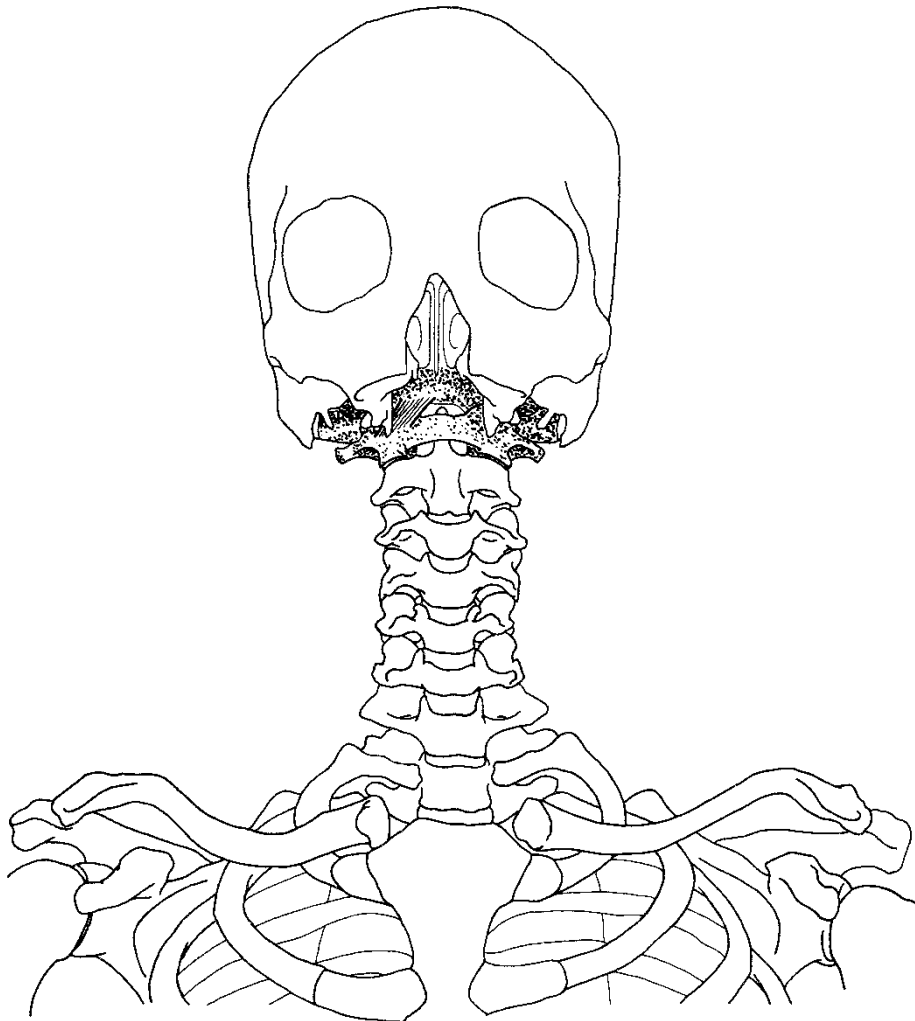
Acting together (bilaterally)—flex head

Acting on one side only—rotate head

■ **Nerve**

C1–C3

RECTUS CAPITIS ANTERIOR



Frontal view

(Mandible and part of maxilla removed)

■ **Origin**

Anterior base of transverse process of atlas

■ **Insertion**

Occipital bone anterior to foramen magnum

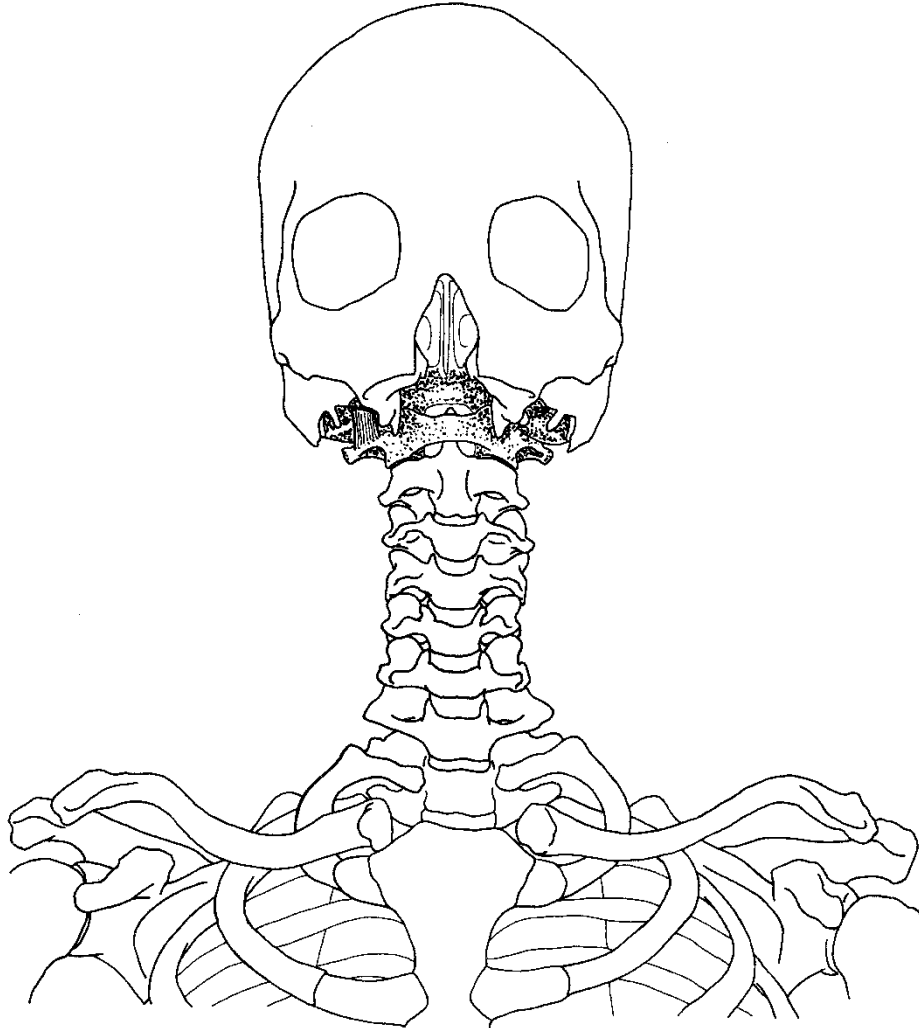
■ **Action**

Flexes head

■ **Nerve**

C1, C2

RECTUS CAPITIS LATERALIS



Frontal view

(Mandible and part of maxilla removed)

■ **Origin**

Transverse process of atlas

■ **Insertion**

Jugular process of occipital bone

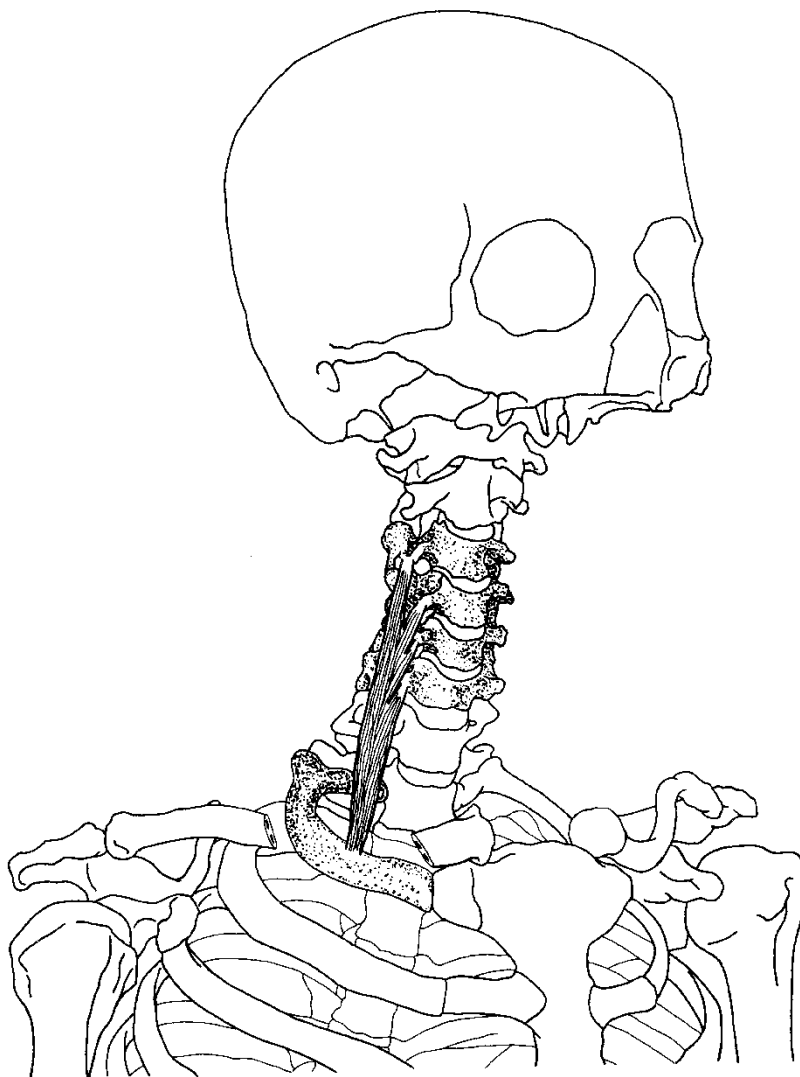
■ **Action**

Bends head laterally

■ **Nerve**

C1, C2

SCALENUS ANTERIOR

**Three-quarter frontal view***(Mandible and part of maxilla removed)***■ Origin**

Transverse processes of third through sixth cervical vertebrae

■ Insertion

Inner border of first rib (scalene tubercle)

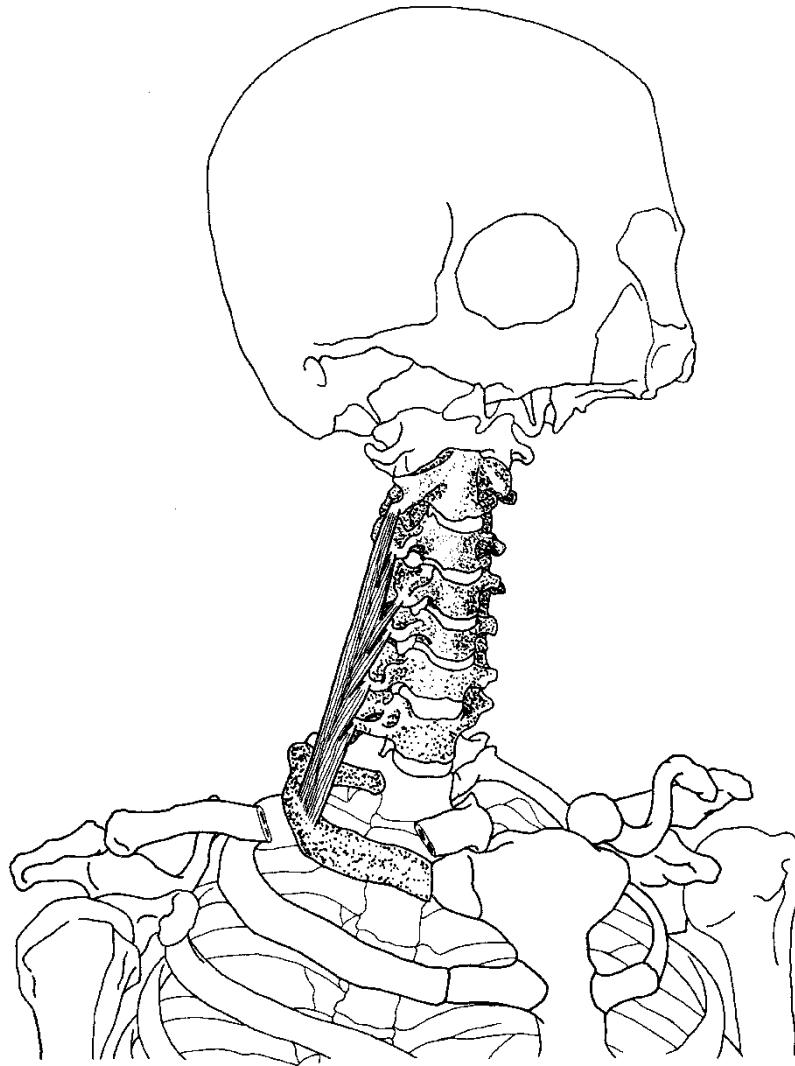
■ Action

Raises first rib (respiratory inspiration); acting together, they flex neck; acting on one side, they laterally flex, rotate neck

■ Nerve

Ventral rami of cervical nerves (C4–C6)

SCALENUS MEDIUS



Three-quarter frontal view

(Mandible and part of maxilla removed)

■ **Origin**

Transverse processes of lower six cervical vertebrae (C2–C7)

■ **Insertion**

Upper surface of first rib

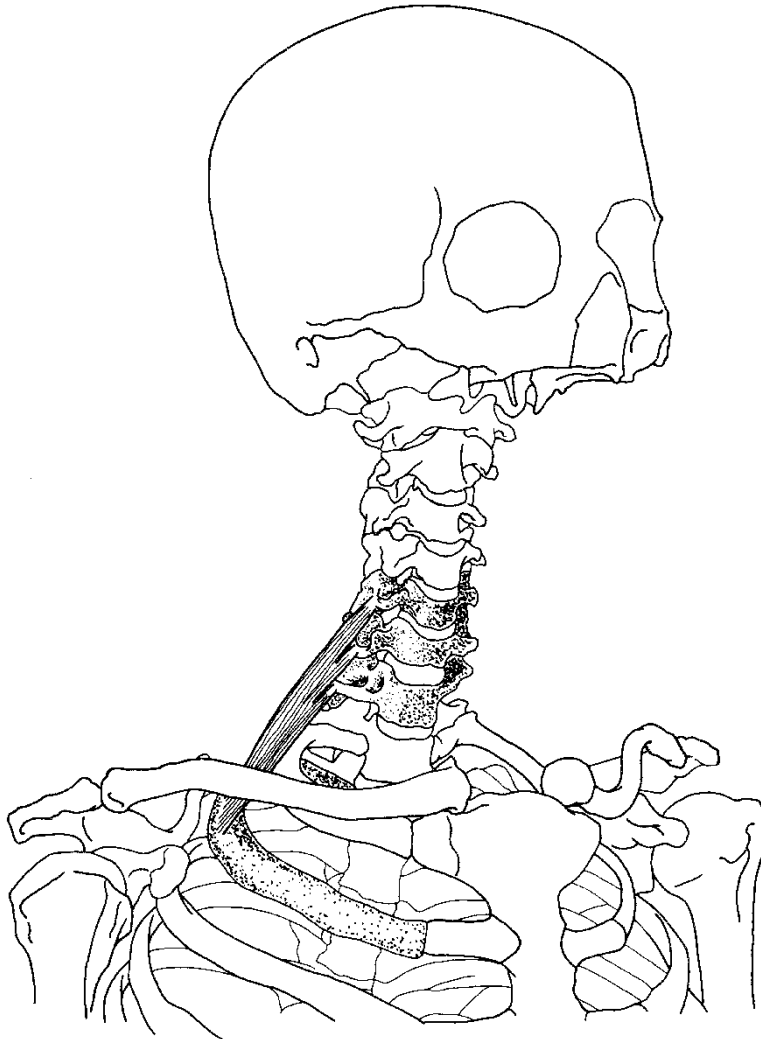
■ **Action**

Raises first rib (respiratory inspiration); acting together, they flex neck; acting on one side, they laterally flex, rotate neck

■ **Nerve**

Ventral rami of cervical nerves (C3–C8)

SCALENUS POSTERIOR

**Three-quarter frontal view***(Mandible and part of maxilla removed)***■ Origin**

Transverse processes of lower two or three cervical vertebrae (C5–C7)

■ Insertion

Outer surface of second rib

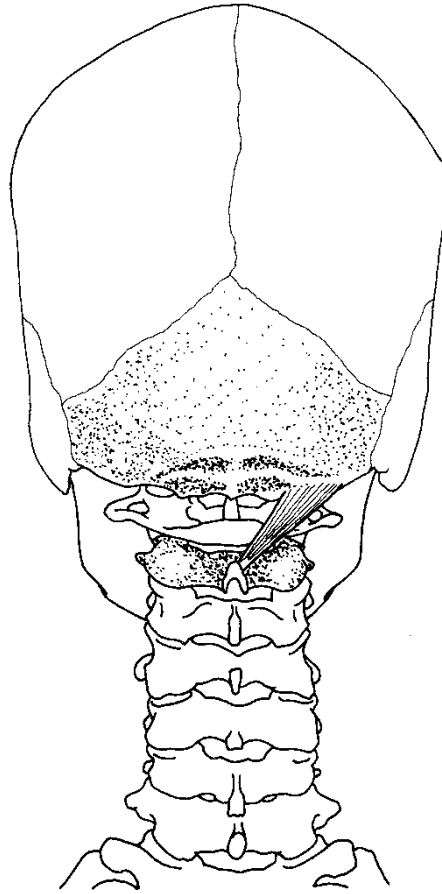
■ Action

Raises second rib (respiratory inspiration); acting together, they flex neck; acting on one side, they laterally flex, rotate neck

■ Nerve

Ventral rami of lower three cervical nerves

RECTUS CAPITIS POSTERIOR MAJOR



Posterior skull and cervical vertebrae

■ **Origin**

Spinous process of axis

■ **Insertion**

Lateral portion of inferior nuchal line of occipital bone

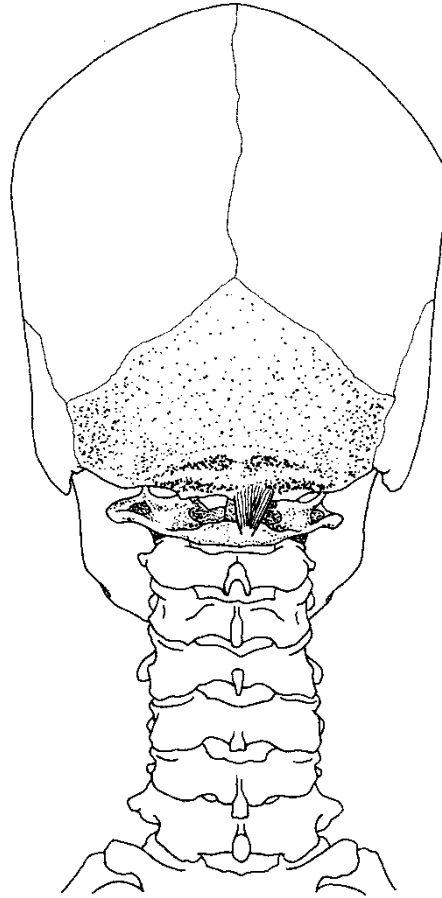
■ **Action**

Extends and rotates head

■ **Nerve**

Suboccipital nerve

RECTUS CAPITIS POSTERIOR MINOR



Posterior skull and cervical vertebrae

■ Origin

Posterior arch of atlas

■ Insertion

Medial portion of inferior nuchal line of occipital bone

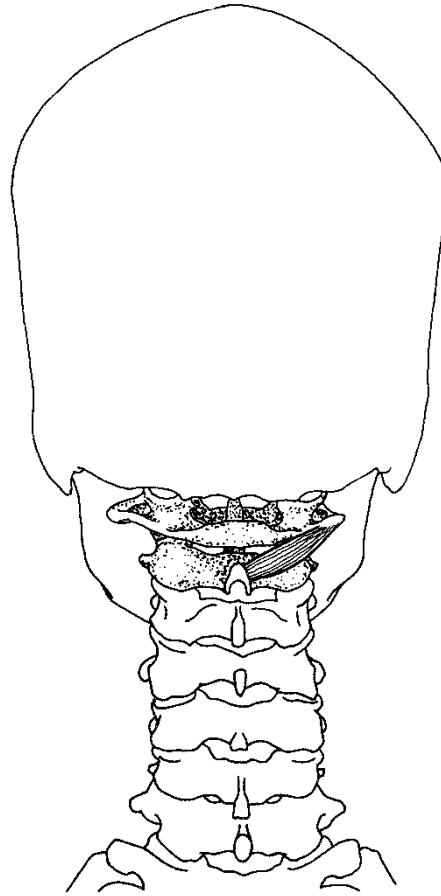
■ Action

Extends head

■ Nerve

Suboccipital nerve

OBLIQUUS CAPITIS INFERIOR



Posterior skull and cervical vertebrae

■ **Origin**

Spinous process of axis

■ **Insertion**

Transverse process of atlas

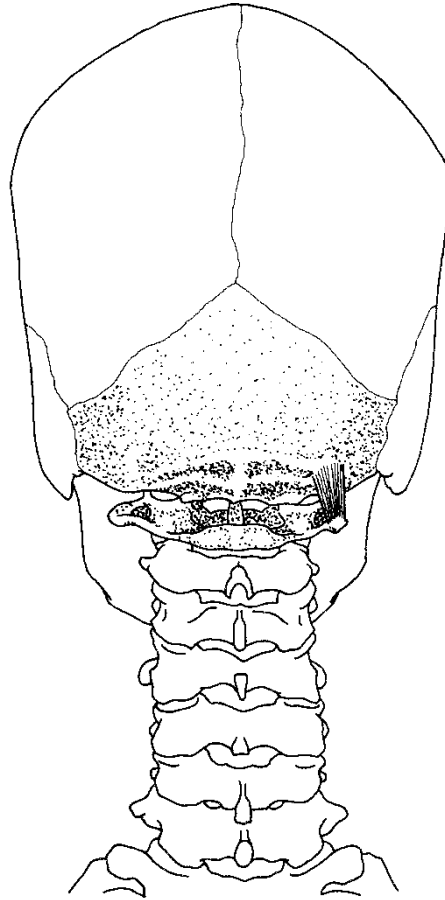
■ **Action**

Rotates atlas

■ **Nerve**

Suboccipital nerve

OBLIQUUS CAPITIS SUPERIOR



Posterior skull and cervical vertebrae

■ **Origin**

Transverse process of atlas

■ **Insertion**

Occipital bone between inferior and superior nuchal lines

■ **Action**

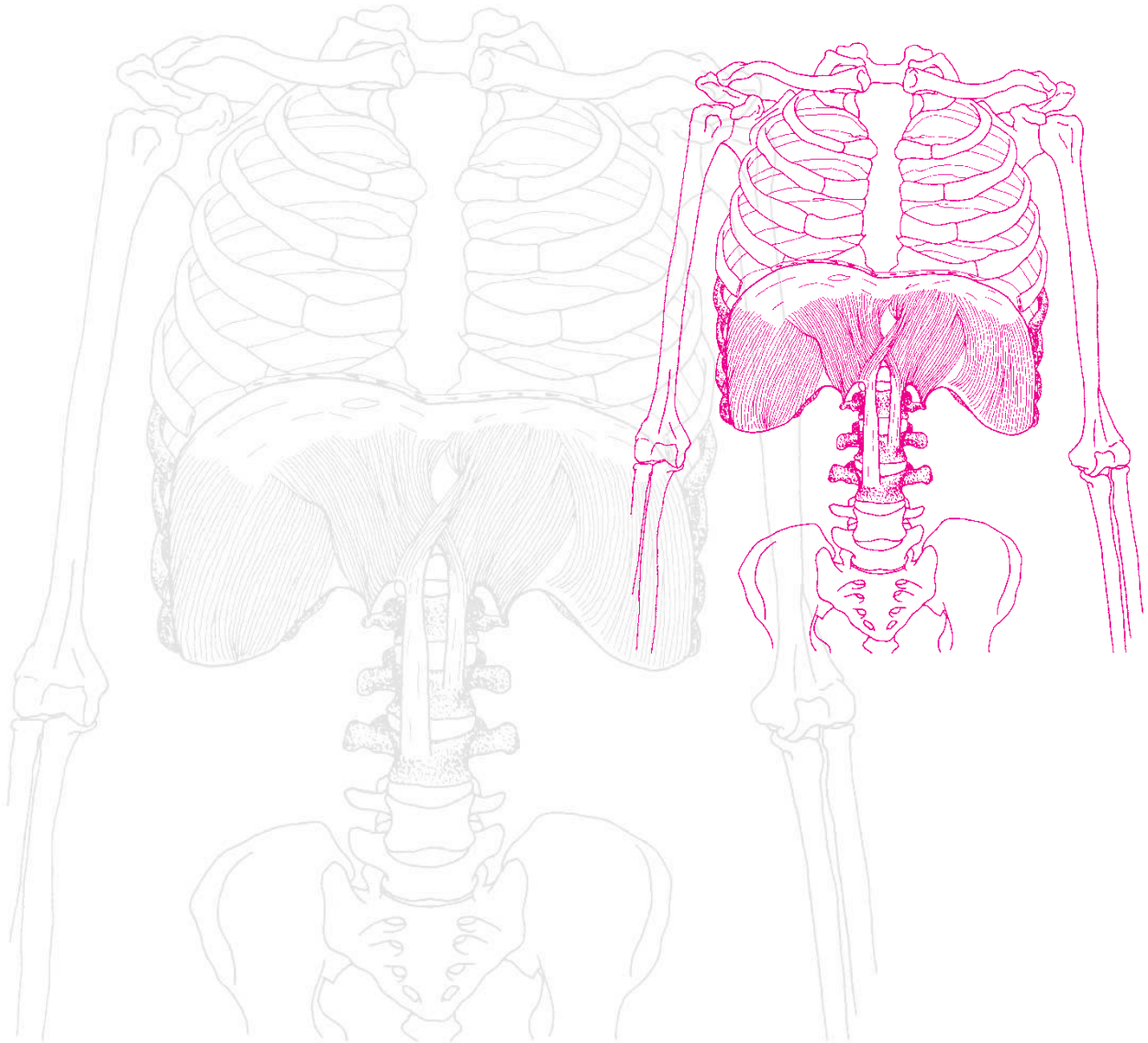
Extends head and flexes head laterally to the same side (ipsilaterally)

■ **Nerve**

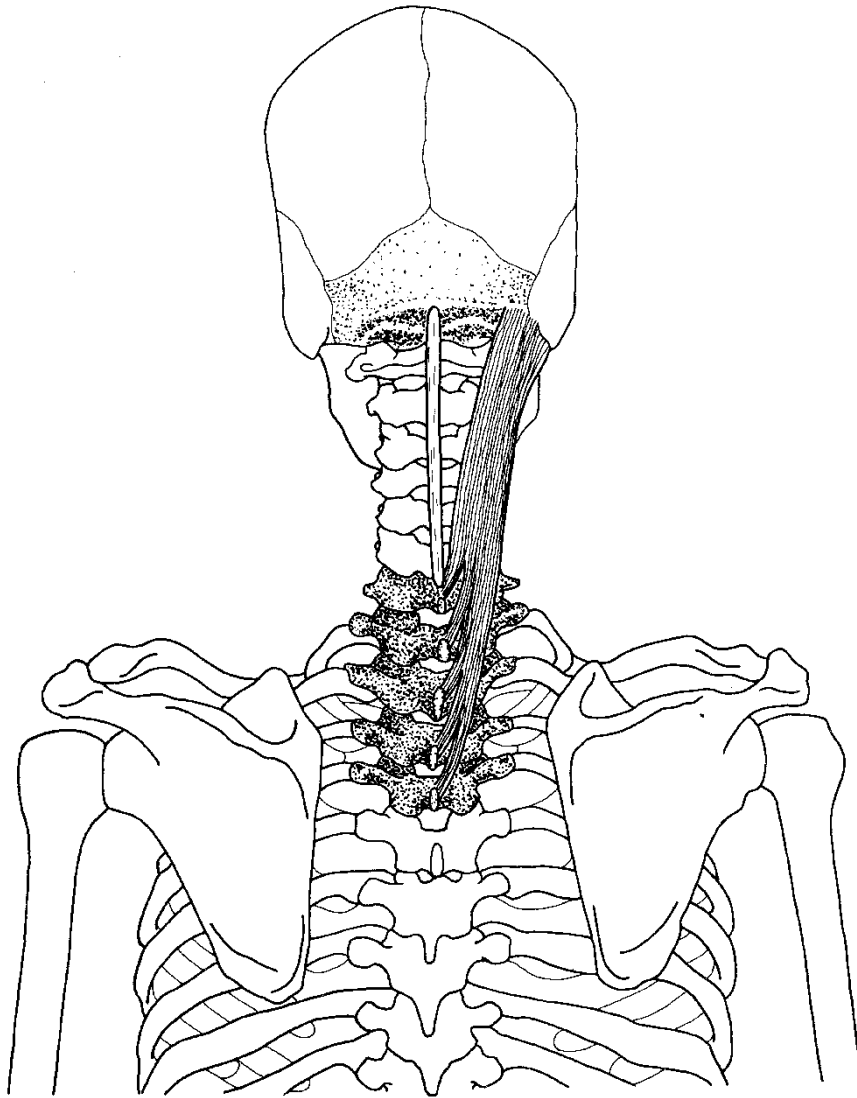
Suboccipital nerve

C H A P T E R F I V E

Muscles of the Trunk



SPLЕНИUS CAPITIS



Posterior skull, neck, and back

■ Origin

Lower part of ligamentum nuchae, spinous processes of seventh cervical vertebra (C7) and upper three or four thoracic vertebrae (T1–T4)

■ Insertion

Mastoid process of temporal bone and lateral part of superior nuchal line

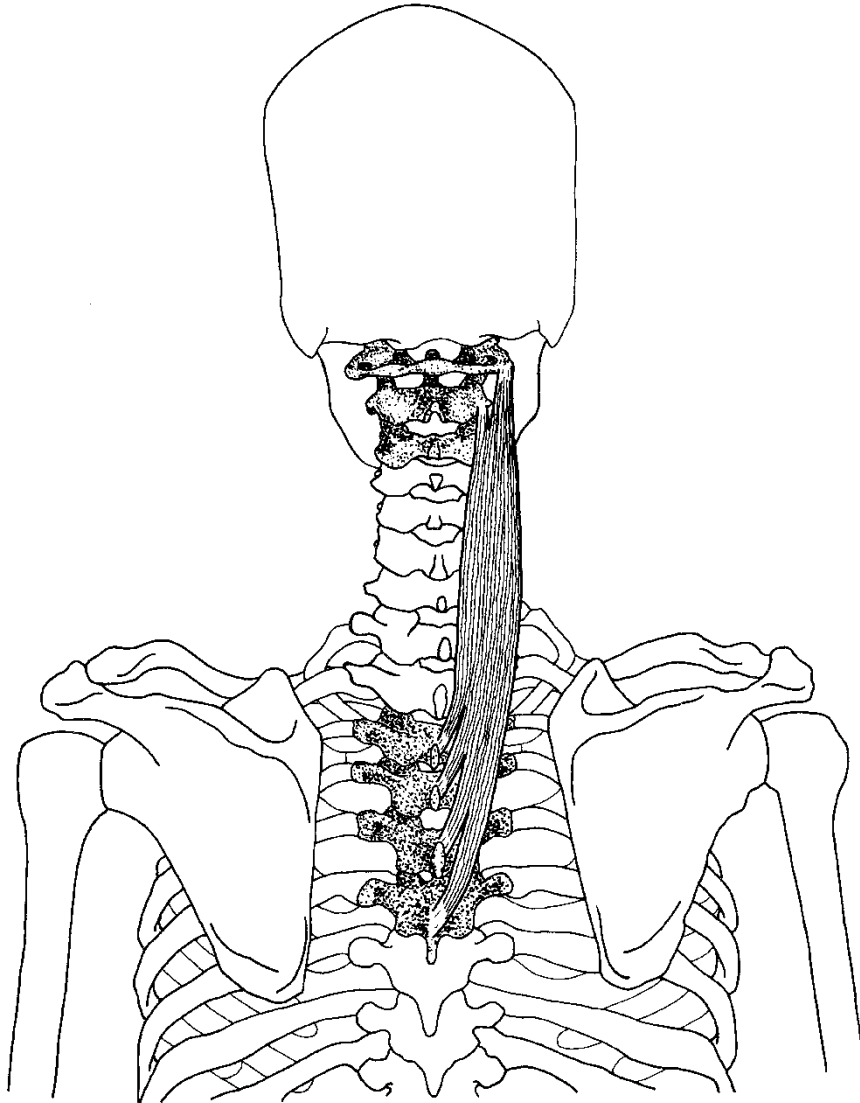
■ Action

Acting together, they extend, hyperextend head, neck; acting on one side, they laterally flex, rotate head, neck

■ Nerve

Lateral branches of dorsal primary divisions of middle and lower cervical nerves

SPLЕНИUS CERVICIS



Posterior skull, neck, and back

■ **Origin**

Spinous processes of third through sixth thoracic vertebrae (T3–T6)

■ **Insertion**

Transverse processes of upper two or three cervical vertebrae (C1–C3)

■ **Action**

Acting together, they extend, hyperextend head, neck; acting on one side, they laterally flex, rotate head, neck

■ **Nerve**

Lateral branches of dorsal primary divisions of middle and lower cervical nerves

ERECTOR SPINAE

Iliocostalis cervicis

■ **Origin**

Angles of third through sixth ribs

■ **Insertion**

Transverse processes of fourth, fifth, and sixth cervical vertebrae

■ **Action**

Extension, lateral flexion of vertebral column

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary divisions of spinal nerves

Iliocostalis thoracis

■ **Origin**

Angles of lower six ribs medial to iliocostalis lumborum

■ **Insertion**

Angles of upper six ribs and transverse process of seventh cervical vertebra

■ **Action**

Extension, lateral flexion of vertebral column, rotates ribs for forceful inspiration

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary divisions of spinal nerves

Iliocostalis lumborum

■ **Origin**

Medial and lateral sacral crests and medial part of iliac crests

■ **Insertion**

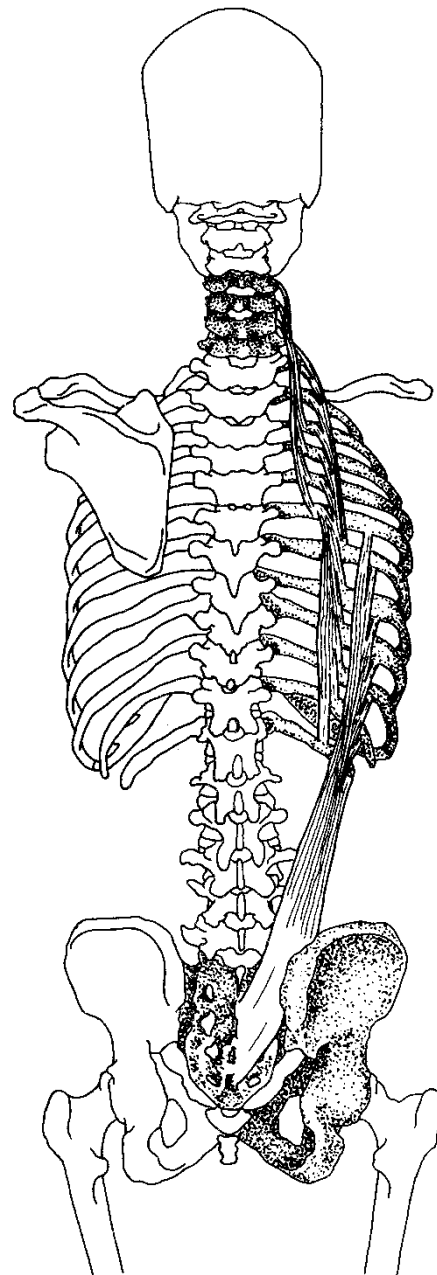
Angles of lower six ribs

■ **Action**

Extension, lateral flexion of vertebral column, rotates ribs for forceful inspiration

■ **Nerve**

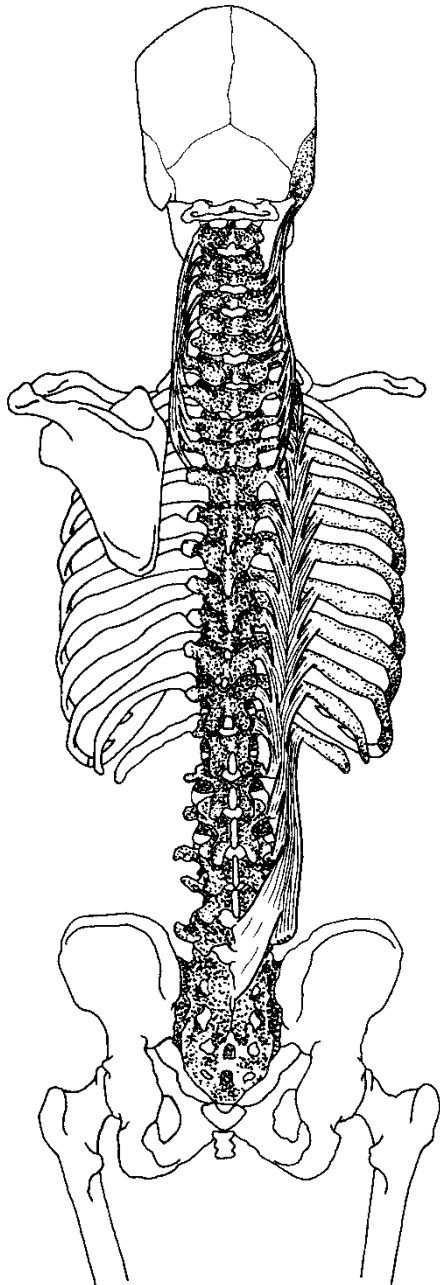
Dorsal primary divisions of spinal nerves



Trunk—dorsal view

Note: The erector spinae (sacrospinalis) is a complex of three sets of muscles: iliocostalis, longissimus, and spinalis. The origin of this group is the medial and lateral sacral crests, the medial part of iliac crests, and the spinous processes and supraspinal ligament of lumbar and eleventh and twelfth thoracic vertebrae.

ERECTOR SPINAE



Trunk—dorsal view

Longissimus capitis

■ **Origin**

Transverse processes of upper five thoracic vertebrae (T1–T5), articular processes of lower three cervical vertebrae (C5–C7)

■ **Insertion**

Posterior part of mastoid process of temporal bone

■ **Action**

Extends and rotates head

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary divisions of middle and lower cervical nerves

Longissimus cervicis

■ **Origin**

Transverse processes of upper four or five thoracic vertebrae (T1–T5)

■ **Insertion**

Transverse processes of second through sixth cervical vertebrae (C2–C6)

■ **Action**

Extension, lateral flexion of vertebral column

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary divisions of spinal nerves

Longissimus thoracis

■ **Origin**

Medial and lateral sacral crests, spinous processes and supraspinal ligament of lumbar and eleventh and twelfth thoracic vertebrae, and medial part of iliac crests

■ **Insertion**

Transverse processes of all thoracic vertebrae, between tubercles and angles of lower nine or ten ribs

■ **Action**

Extension, lateral flexion of vertebral column, rotates ribs for forceful inspiration

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary divisions of spinal nerves

ERECTOR SPINAE

Spinalis capitis

(*Medial part of semispinalis capitis*)

Spinalis cervicis

■ **Origin**

Ligamentum nuchae, spinous process of seventh cervical vertebra

■ **Insertion**

Spinous process of axis

■ **Action**

Extends vertebral column

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary divisions of spinal nerves

Spinalis thoracis

■ **Origin**

Spinous processes of lower two thoracic (T11, T12) and upper two lumbar (L1, L2) vertebrae

■ **Insertion**

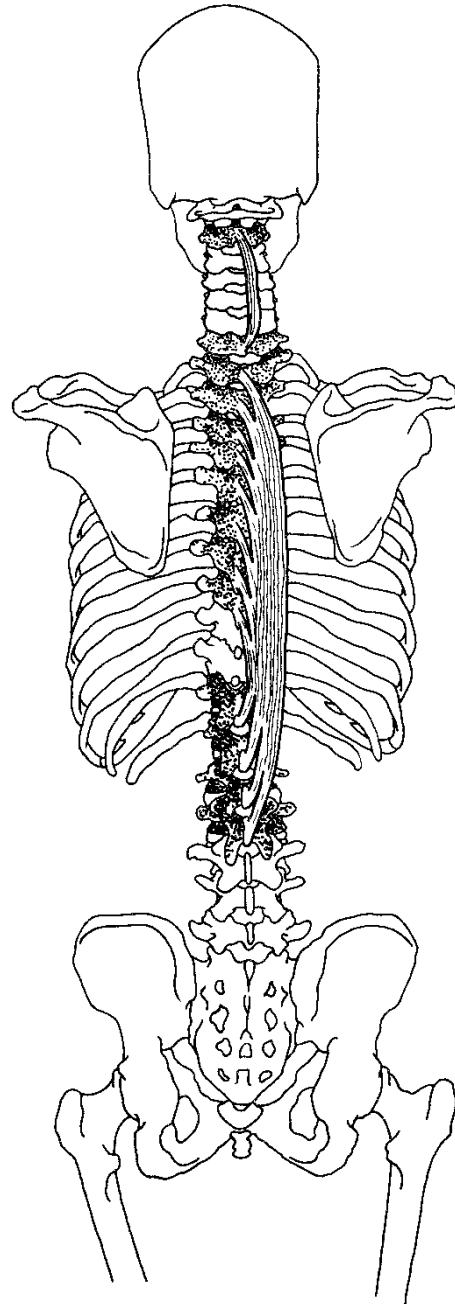
Spinous processes of upper thoracic vertebrae (T1–T8)

■ **Action**

Extends vertebral column

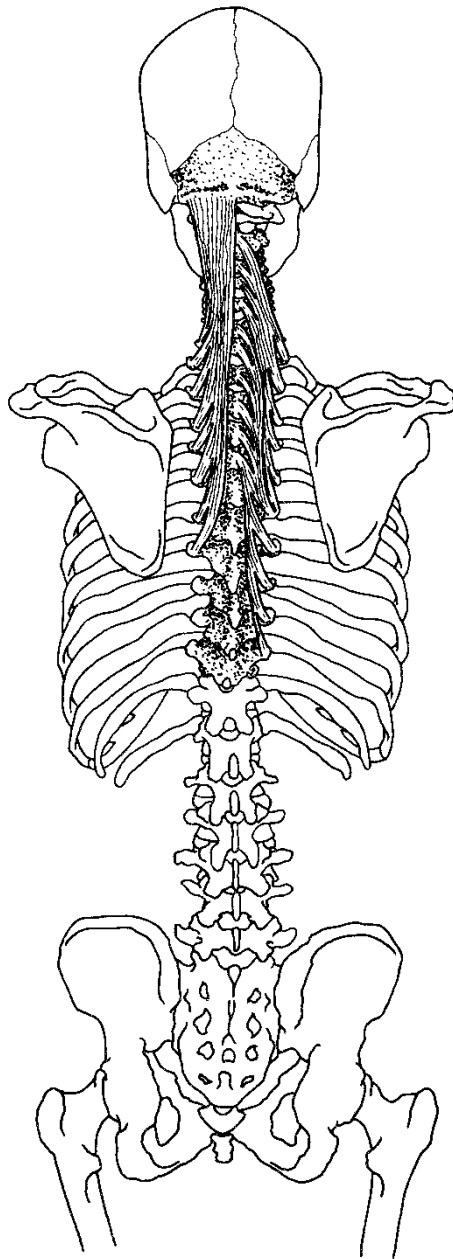
■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary divisions of spinal nerves



Trunk—dorsal view

TRANSVERSOSPINALIS



Trunk—dorsal view

Semispinalis capitis

(Medial part is spinalis capitis)

■ **Origin**

Articular processes of cervical vertebrae C4–C6 and transverse processes of C7 and upper six or seven thoracic vertebrae (T1–T7)

■ **Insertion**

Between superior and inferior nuchal lines of occipital bone

■ **Action**

Extends and rotates head

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary divisions of spinal nerves

Semispinalis cervicis

■ **Origin**

Transverse processes of upper five or six thoracic vertebrae (T1–T6)

■ **Insertion**

Spinous processes of second to fifth cervical vertebrae (C2–C5)

■ **Action**

Extends and rotates vertebral column

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary divisions of spinal nerves

Semispinalis thoracis

■ **Origin**

Transverse processes of the sixth through tenth thoracic vertebrae (T6–T10)

■ **Insertion**

Spinous processes of the lower two cervical (C6, C7) and upper four thoracic (T1–T4) vertebrae

■ **Action**

Extends and rotates vertebral column

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary divisions of spinal nerves

Note: The transversospinalis is composed of groups of small muscles generally extending upward from transverse processes to spinous processes of higher vertebrae. They are deep to erector spinae. They include semispinalis, multifidi, and rotatores.

MULTIFIDIS*

Trunk—dorsal view

■ Origin

Sacral region—along sacral foramina up to posterior superior iliac spine

Lumbar region—mammillary processes[†] of vertebrae

Thoracic region—transverse processes

Cervical region—articular processes of lower four vertebrae (C4–C7)

■ Insertion

Spinous process two to four vertebrae superior to origin

■ Action

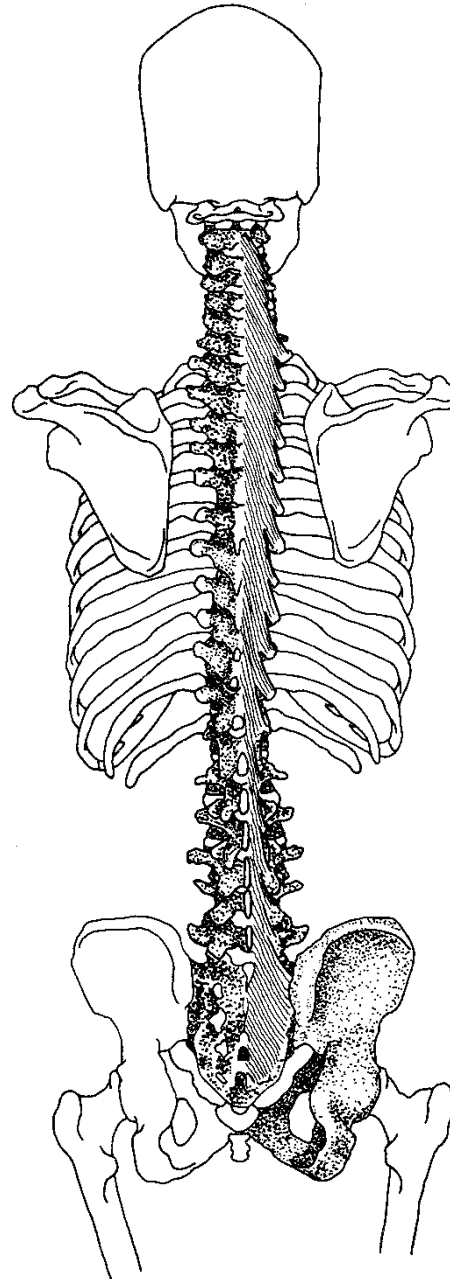
Extend and rotate vertebral column

■ Nerve

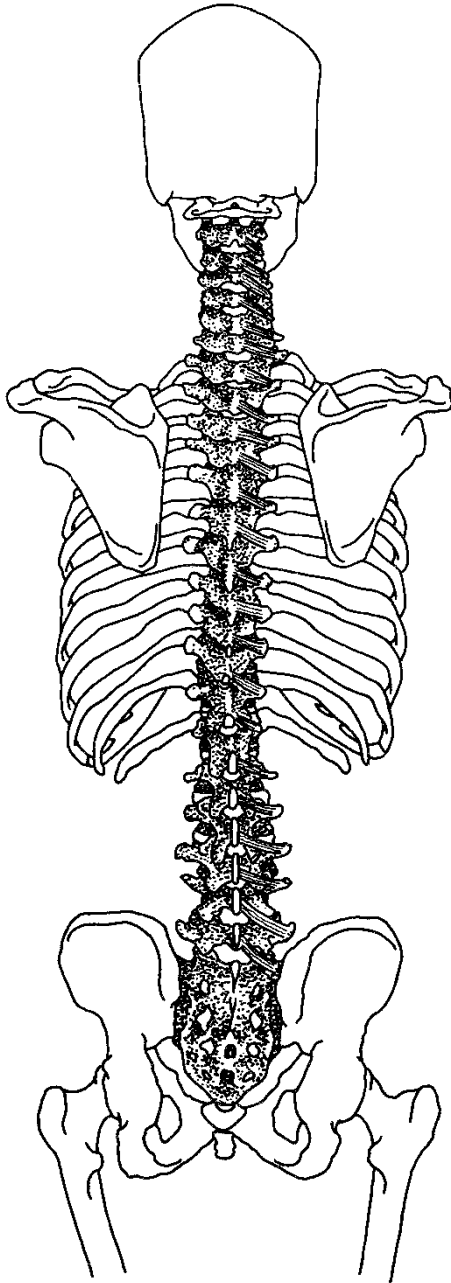
Dorsal primary division of spinal nerves

*Part of transversospinalis.

†Posterior border of superior articular process.



ROTATORES*



Trunk—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Transverse process of each vertebra

■ **Insertion**

Base of spinous process of next vertebra above

■ **Action**

Extend and rotate vertebral column

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal primary division of spinal nerves

*Part of transversospinalis.

INTERSPINALES *(Paired on either side of interspinal ligament)*

Trunk—dorsal view

■ Origin

Cervical region—spinous processes of third to seventh cervical vertebrae (C3–C7)

Thoracic region—spinous processes of first to third (T1–T3) and eleventh and twelfth thoracic vertebrae (T11, T12)

Lumbar region—spinous processes of second to fifth lumbar vertebrae (L2–L5)

■ Insertion

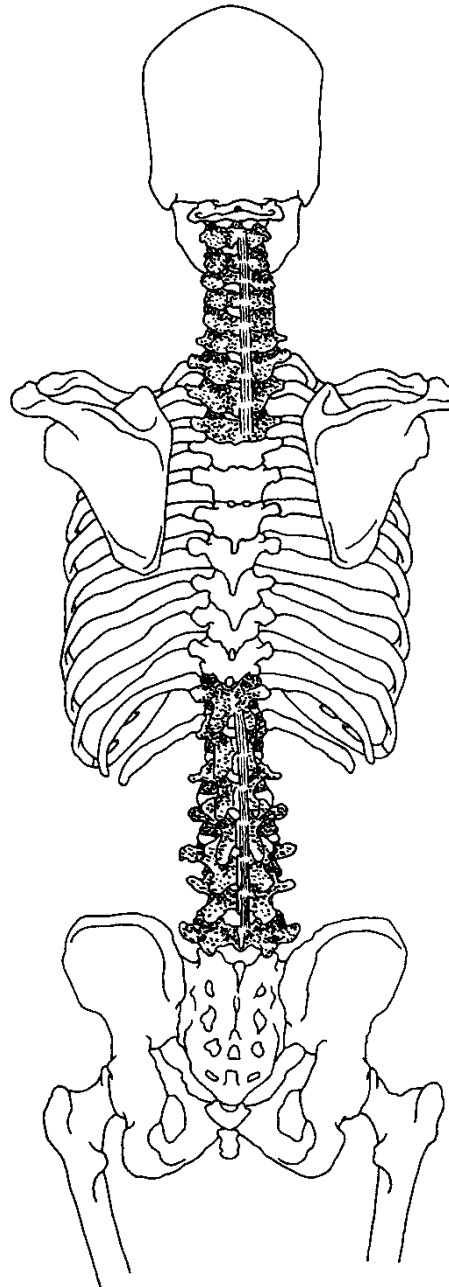
Spinous process of next vertebra superior to origin

■ Action

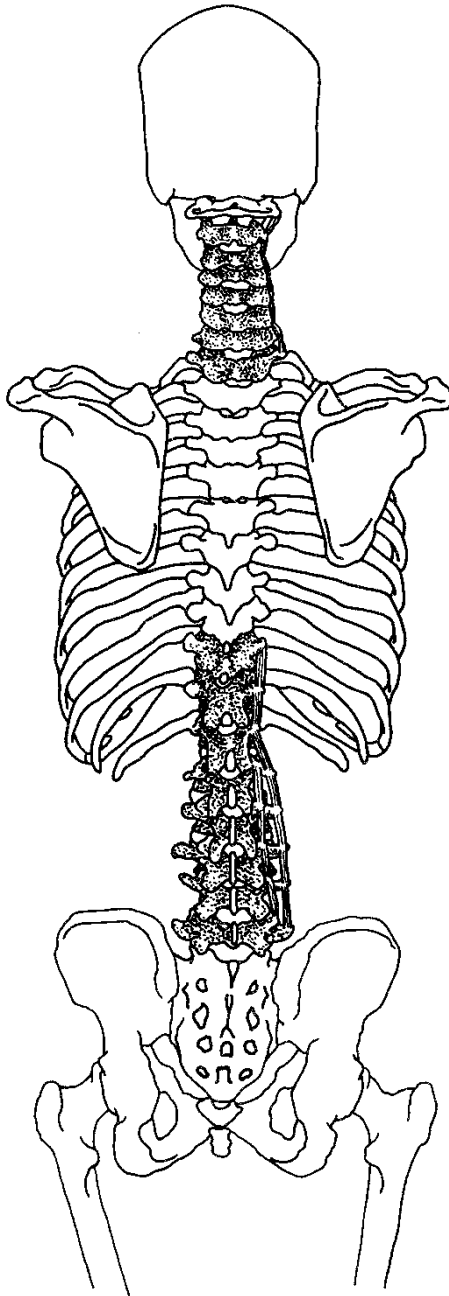
Extend vertebral column

■ Nerve

Dorsal primary division of spinal nerves



INTERTRANSVERSARI



Trunk—dorsal view

Cervical region

Intertransversarii anteriores

- **Origin** Anterior tubercle of transverse processes of vertebrae from first thoracic to axis
- **Insertion** Anterior tubercle of next superior vertebra
- **Action** Lateral flexion of vertebral column
- **Nerve** Ventral primary division of spinal nerves

Intertransversarii posteriores

- **Origin** Posterior tubercle of transverse processes of vertebrae from first thoracic to axis
- **Insertion** Posterior tubercle of next superior vertebra

Thoracic region

- **Origin** Transverse processes of first lumbar to eleventh thoracic vertebrae
- **Insertion** Transverse processes of next superior vertebra

Lumbar region

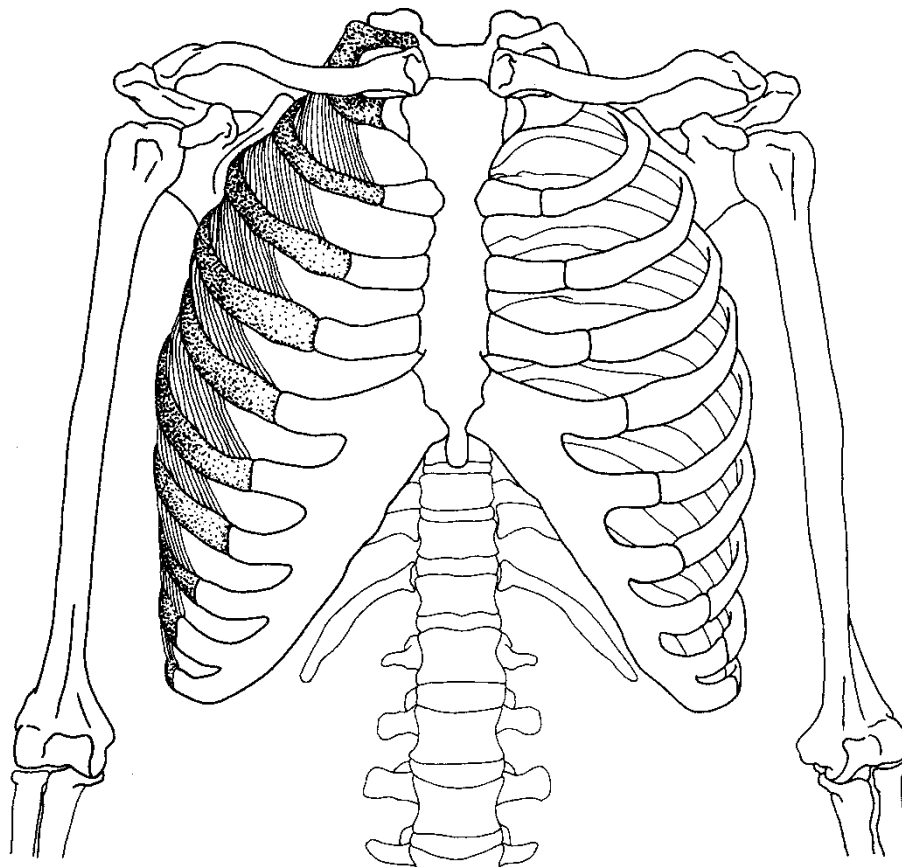
Intertransversarii laterales

- **Origin** Transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae
- **Insertion** Transverse process of next superior vertebra
- **Action** Lateral flexion of vertebral column
- **Nerve** Ventral primary division of spinal nerves

Intertransversarii mediales

- **Origin** Mammillary process* of each lumbar vertebra
- **Insertion** Accessory process of the next superior lumbar vertebra
- **Action** Lateral flexion of vertebral column
- **Nerve** Dorsal primary division of spinal nerves

*Posterior border of superior articular process.

EXTERNAL INTERCOSTALS (*Intercostales Externi*)**Trunk—anterior view****■ Origin**

Lower margin of upper eleven ribs

■ Insertion

Superior border of rib below (each muscle fiber runs obliquely and inserts toward the costal cartilage)

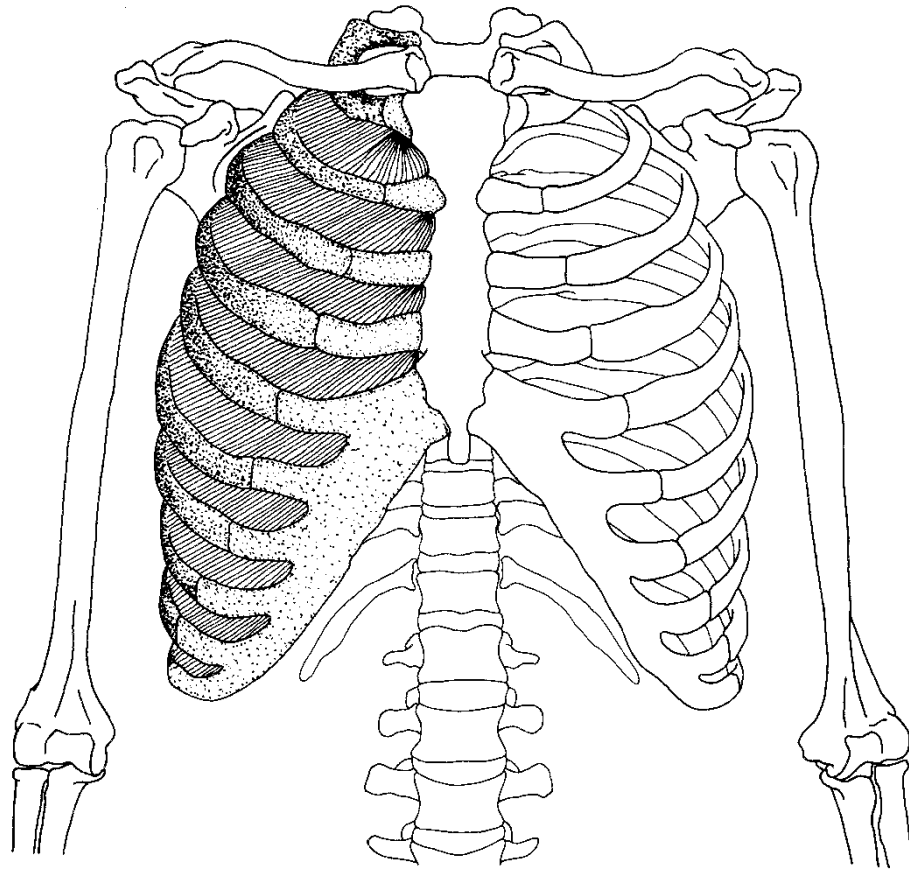
■ Action

Draw ventral part of ribs upward, increasing the volume of the thoracic cavity for inspiration

■ Nerve

Intercostal nerves

INTERNAL INTERCOSTALS (*Intercostales Interni*)



Trunk—anterior view

■ **Origin**

From the cartilages to the angles of the upper eleven ribs

■ **Insertion**

Superior border of the rib below (each muscle fiber runs obliquely and inserts away from the costal cartilage)

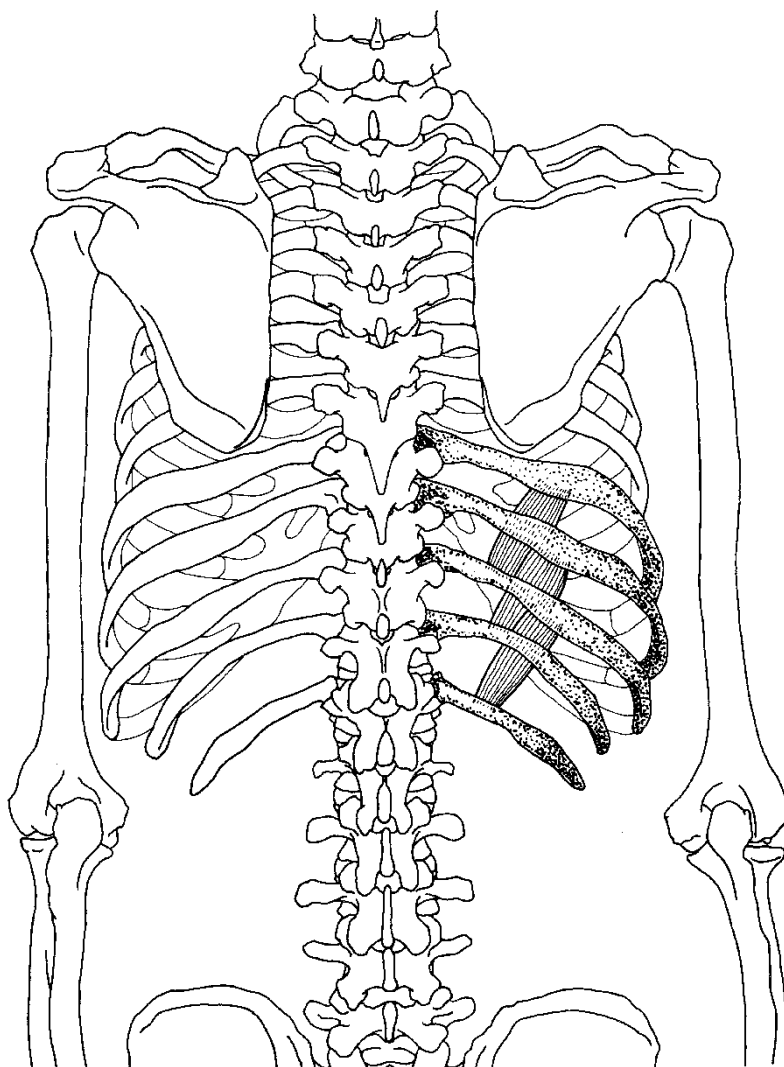
■ **Action**

Draw ventral part of ribs downward, decreasing the volume of the thoracic cavity for expiration

■ **Nerve**

Intercostal nerves

SUBCOSTALS (*Subcostales*)



Trunk—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Inner surface of each rib near its angle

■ **Insertion**

Medially on the inner surface of second or third rib below

■ **Action**

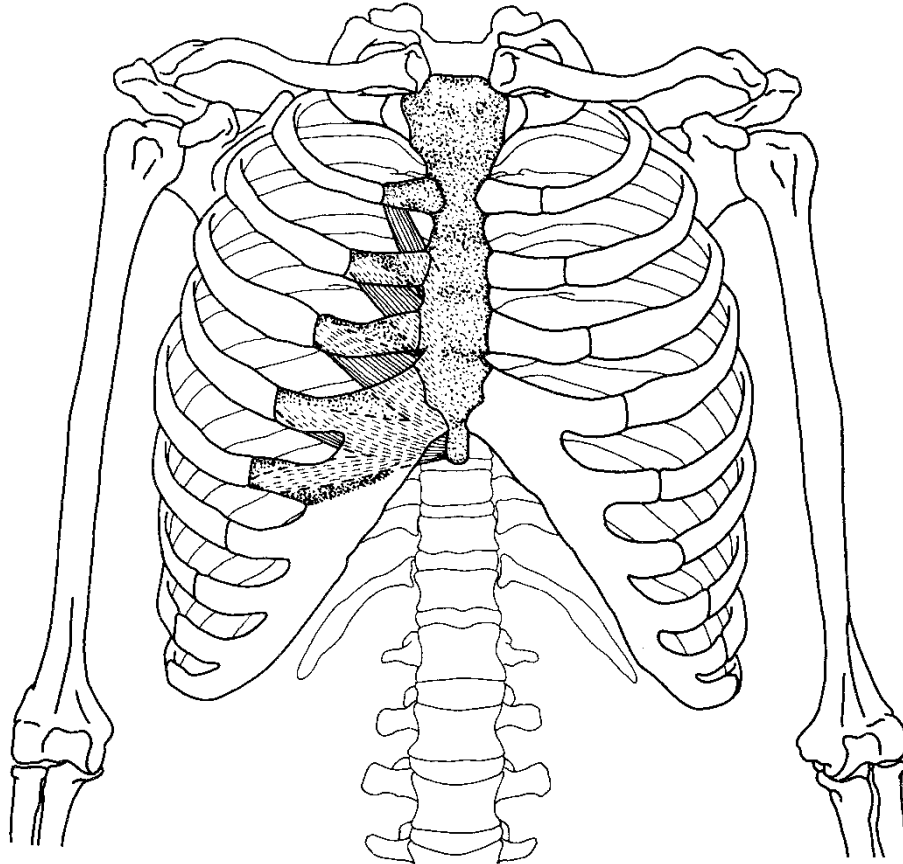
Draw ventral part of ribs downward, decreasing the volume of the thoracic cavity for forceful expiration

■ **Nerve**

Intercostal nerves

Note: These muscles are deep to the internal intercostals. They continue distally between single ribs, where they are known as innermost intercostal muscles.

TRANSVERSUS THORACIS



Trunk—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Inner surface of lower portion of sternum and adjacent costal cartilages

■ **Insertion**

Inner surfaces of costal cartilages of the second through sixth ribs

■ **Action**

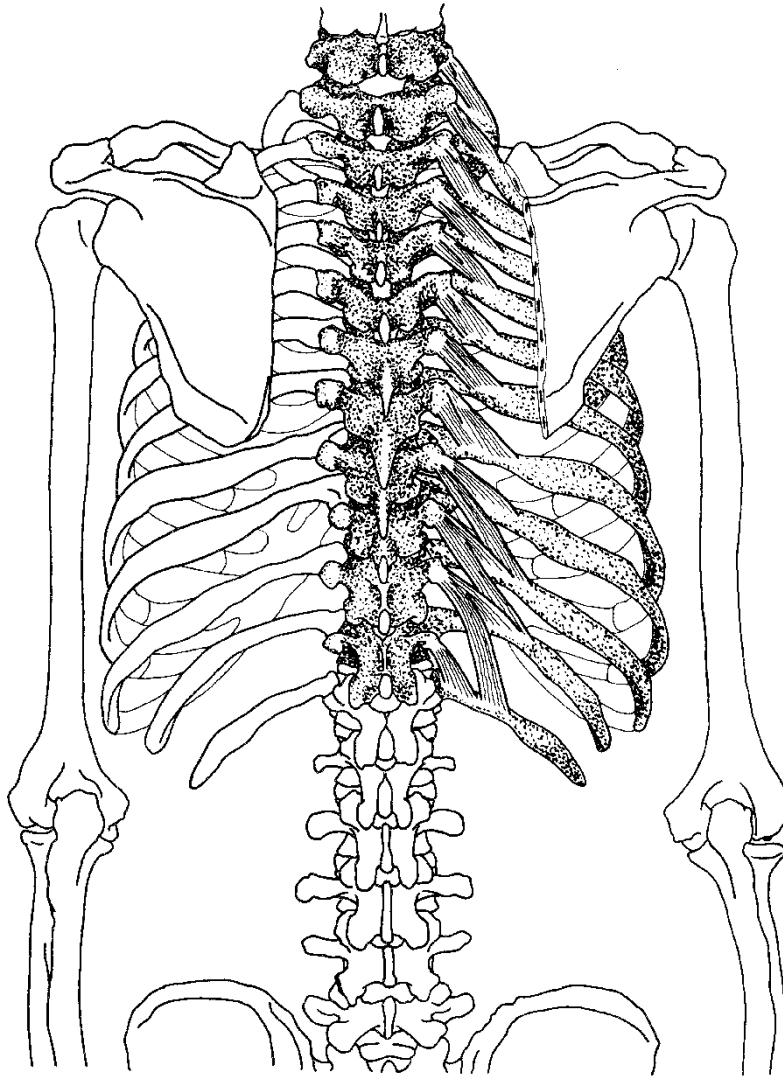
Draws ventral part of ribs downward, decreasing the volume of the thoracic cavity for forceful expiration

■ **Nerve**

Intercostal nerves

Note: These muscles are deep to the internal intercostal muscles.

LEVATORES COSTARUM



Trunk—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Transverse processes of the seventh cervical and the upper eleven thoracic vertebrae

■ **Insertion**

Laterally to outer surface of next lower rib (lower muscles may cross over one rib)

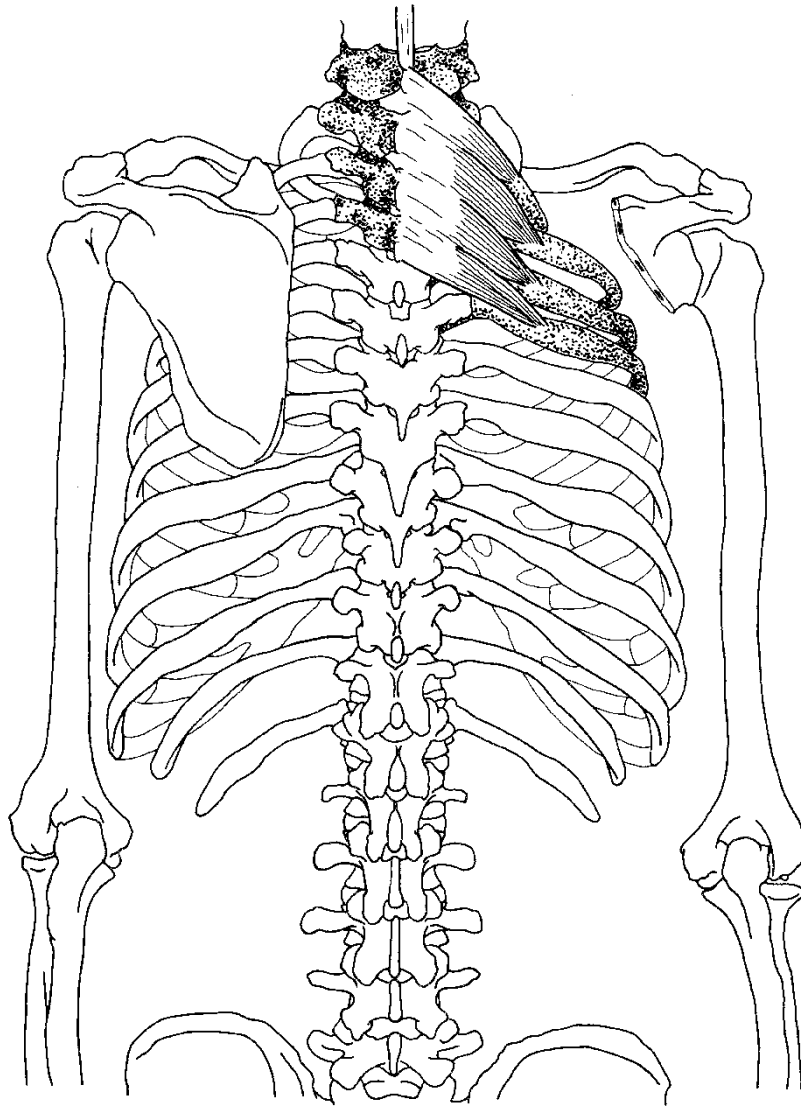
■ **Action**

Raises ribs; extends, laterally flexes, and rotates vertebral column

■ **Nerve**

Intercostal nerves

SERRATUS POSTERIOR SUPERIOR



Trunk—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Ligamentum nuchae, spinous processes of seventh cervical and first few thoracic vertebrae

■ **Insertion**

Upper borders of the second through fifth ribs lateral to their angles

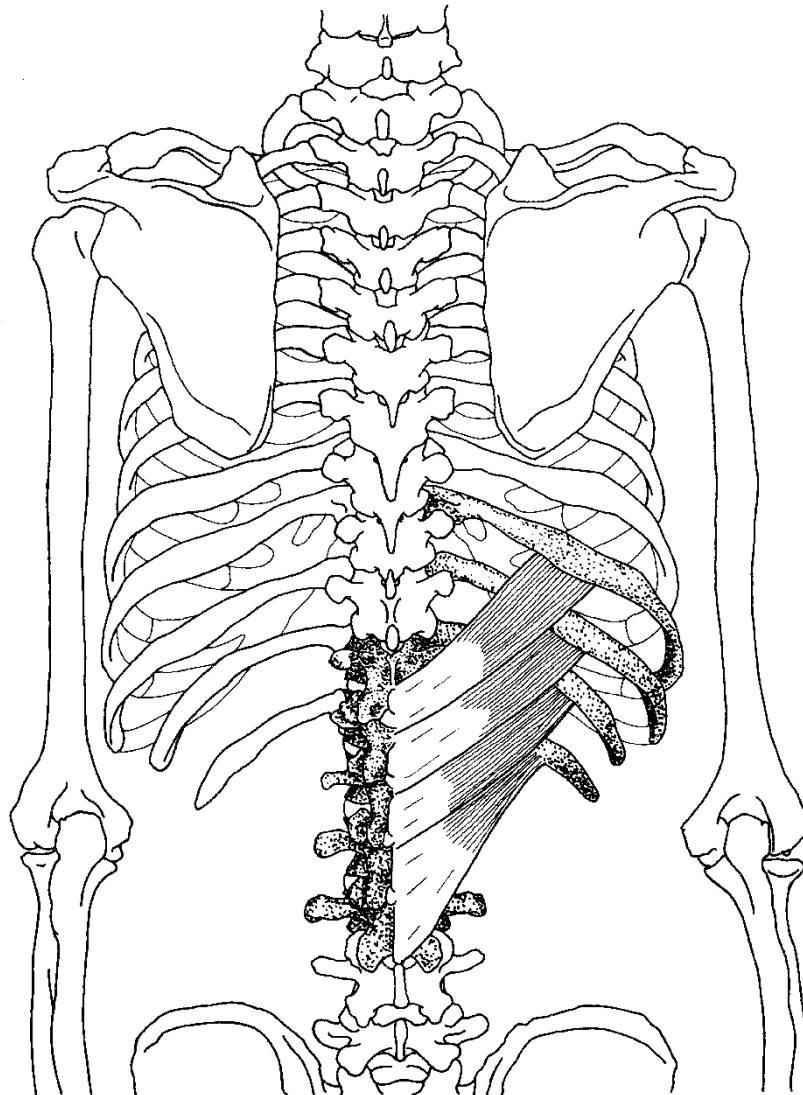
■ **Action**

Raises ribs in inspiration

■ **Nerve**

T1–T4

SERRATUS POSTERIOR INFERIOR



Trunk—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Spinous processes of the lower two thoracic and the upper two or three lumbar vertebrae

■ **Insertion**

Lower borders of bottom four ribs

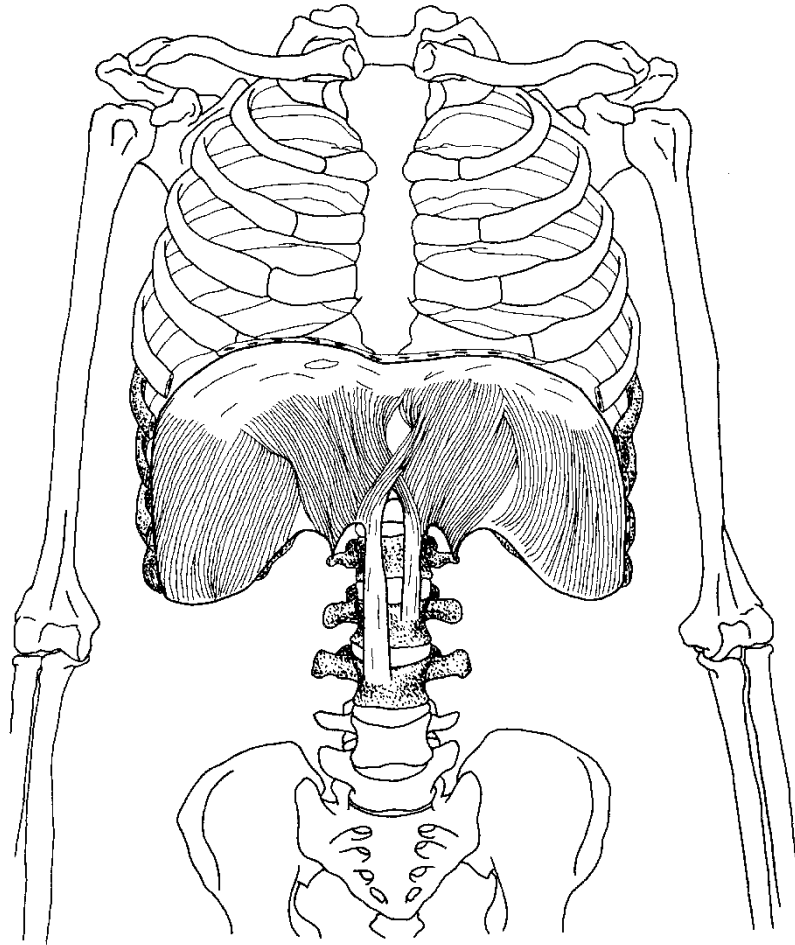
■ **Action**

Pulls ribs down, resisting pull of diaphragm

■ **Nerve**

T9–T12

DIAPHRAGM



Trunk—anterior view

(Lower costal cartilages removed)

■ Origin

Sternal part—inner part of xiphoid process

Costal part—inner surfaces of lower six ribs and their cartilages

Lumbar part—upper two or three lumbar vertebrae and lateral and medial lumbocostal arches*

■ Insertion

Fibers converge and meet on a central tendon

■ Action

Draws central tendon inferiorly, for inspiration

■ Nerve

Phrenic nerve (C3–C5)

Note: This muscle inserts upon itself. Its action is to change the volume of the thoracic and abdominal cavities.

*These tendinous structures, also known as the medial and lateral arcuate ligaments, allow the diaphragm to bridge the upper parts of the psoas major and quadratus lumborum muscles.

EXTERNAL OBLIQUE (*Obliquus Externus Abdominis*)



Trunk—lateral view

■ Origin

Lower eight ribs

■ Insertion

Anterior part of iliac crest, abdominal aponeurosis (rectus sheath) to linea alba

■ Action

Compresses abdominal contents, laterally flexes and rotates vertebral column

■ Nerve

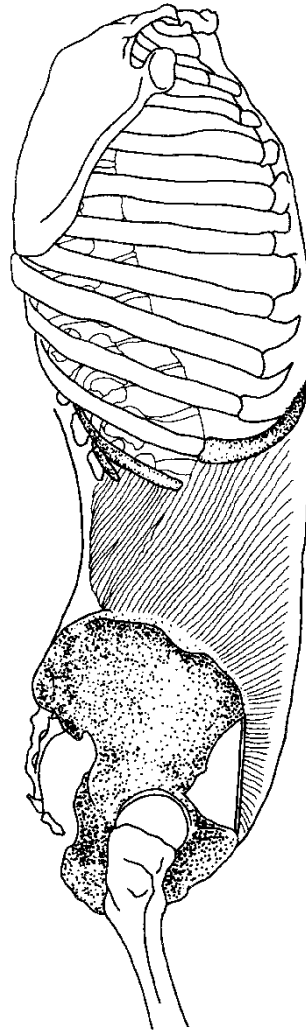
Eighth to twelfth intercostal, iliohypogastric, ilioinguinal nerves

■ Relationship

Most superficial of the three lateral abdominal muscles

Note: Important in forced expiration, coughing, sneezing.

INTERNAL OBLIQUE (*Obliquus Internus Abdominis*)



Trunk—lateral view

■ Origin

Lateral half of inguinal ligament, iliac crest, thoracolumbar fascia

■ Insertion

Cartilage of bottom three or four ribs, abdominal aponeurosis (rectus sheath) to linea alba

■ Action

Compresses abdominal contents, laterally flexes and rotates vertebral column

■ Nerve

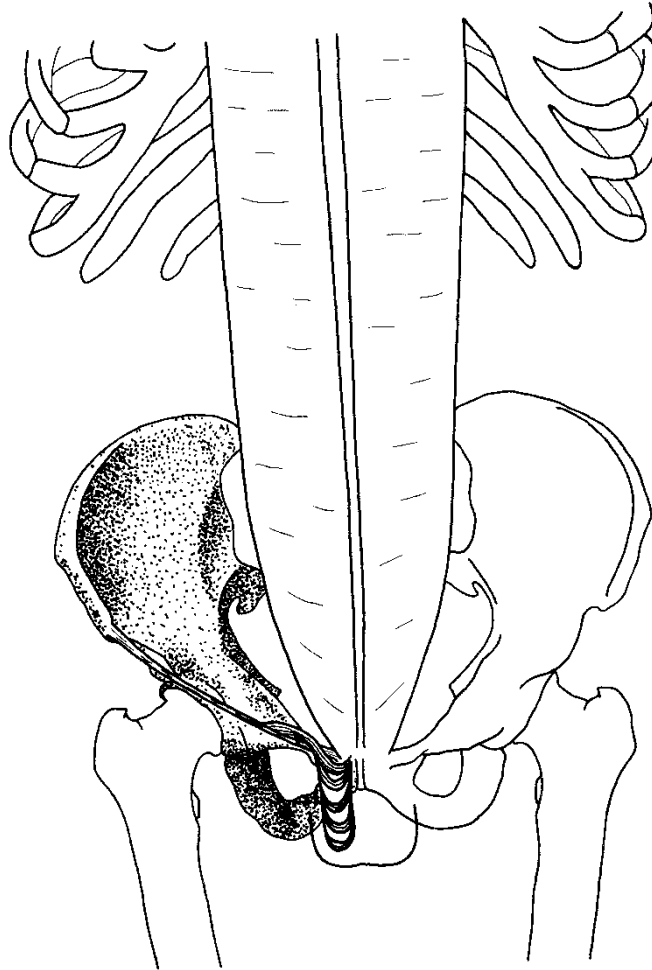
Eighth to twelfth intercostal, iliohypogastric, ilioinguinal nerves

■ Relationship

Middle layer of the three lateral abdominal muscles

Note: Important in forced expiration, coughing, sneezing.

CREMASTER



Trunk—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Inguinal ligament

■ **Insertion**

Pubic tubercle, crest of pubis, sheath of rectus abdominis

■ **Action**

Pulls testes toward body

■ **Nerve**

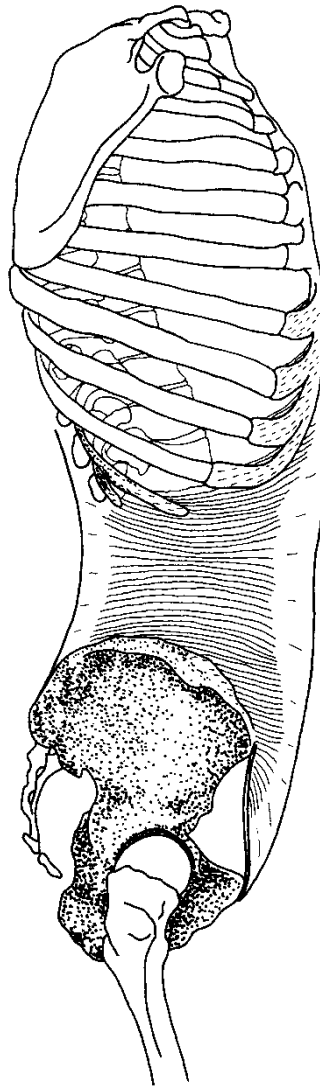
Genital branch of genitofemoral nerve

■ **Relationship**

This muscle is continuous with the internal abdominal oblique.

Note: The cremaster regulates the temperature of the testes, important for spermatogenesis.

TRANSVERSE ABDOMINAL (*Transversus Abdominis*)



Trunk—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Lateral part of inguinal ligament, iliac crest, thoracolumbar fascia, cartilage of lower six ribs

■ **Insertion**

Abdominal aponeurosis (rectus sheath) to linea alba

■ **Action**

Compresses abdomen

■ **Nerve**

Seventh to twelfth intercostal, iliohypogastric, ilioinguinal nerves

■ **Relationship**

Deepest of the three lateral abdominal muscles

Note: Important in forced expiration, coughing, sneezing.

RECTUS ABDOMINIS*

Trunk—anterior view

■ Origin

Crest of pubis, pubic symphysis

■ Insertion

Cartilage of fifth, sixth, and seventh ribs, xiphoid process

■ Action

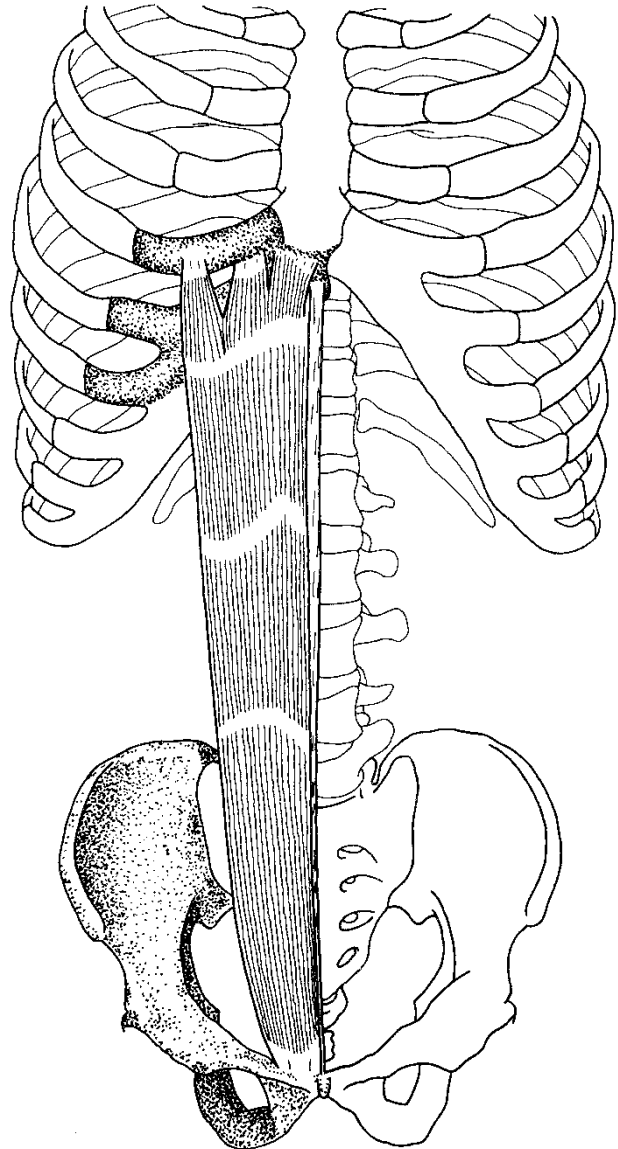
Flexes vertebral column, compresses abdomen

■ Nerve

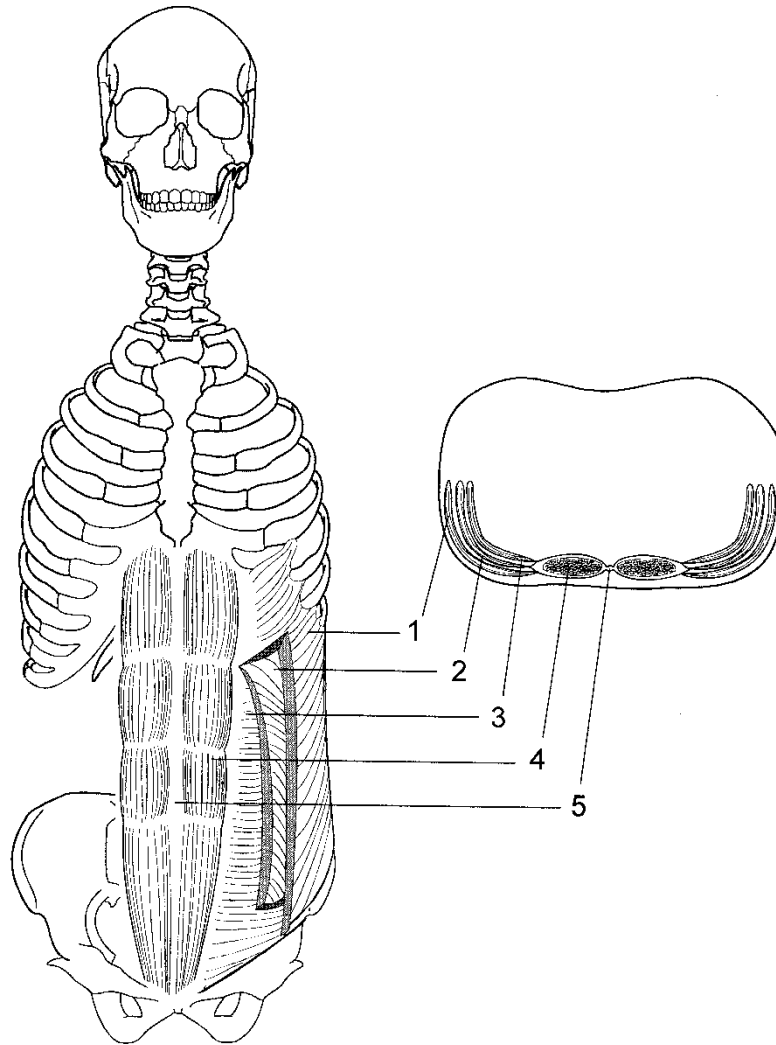
Seventh through twelfth intercostal nerves

*Tendinous bands divide each rectus into three or four bellies. Each rectus is sheathed in aponeurotic fibers from the lateral abdominal muscles. These fibers meet centrally to form the linea alba.

Note: The pyramidalis is a small, unimportant muscle that extends from the ventral surface of the pubis to the lower part of the linea alba. It is frequently absent.



ABDOMINAL MUSCLES



Trunk—anterior and cross-sectional views

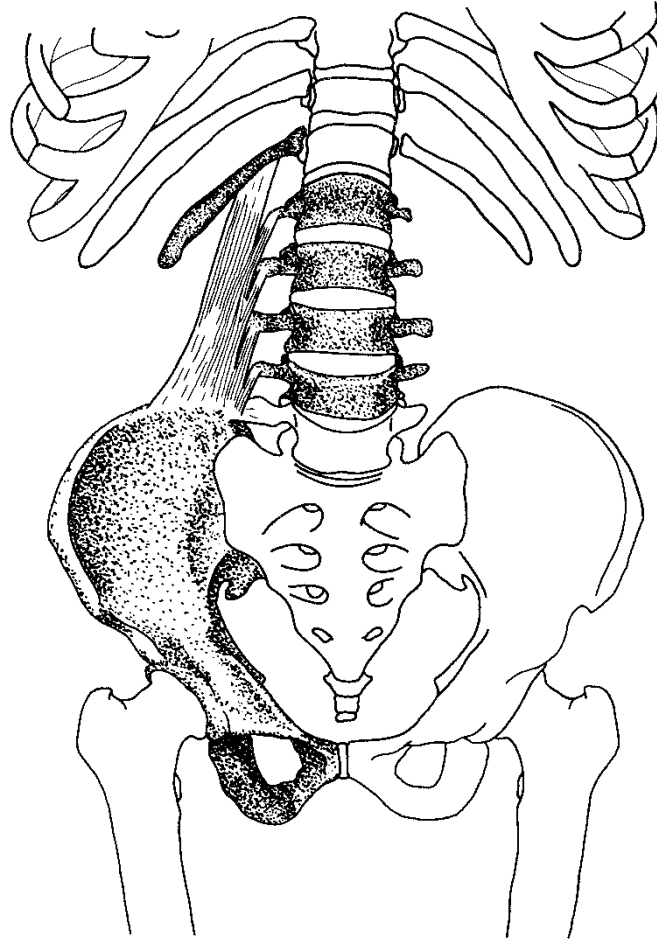
1. External oblique
2. Internal oblique
3. Transverse abdominal

4. Rectus abdominis
5. Linea alba

Note: The aponeuroses (broad, flat tendons) of the three lateral abdominal muscles join to form the fascial sheath surrounding the rectus abdominis.

The rectus abdominis is separated into four bellies by tendinous sheaths.

QUADRATUS LUMBORUM



Lower trunk—anterior view

■ Origin

Iliolumbar ligament, iliac crest

■ Insertion

Twelfth rib, transverse processes of upper four lumbar vertebrae

■ Action

Laterally flexes vertebral column, fixes ribs for forced expiration

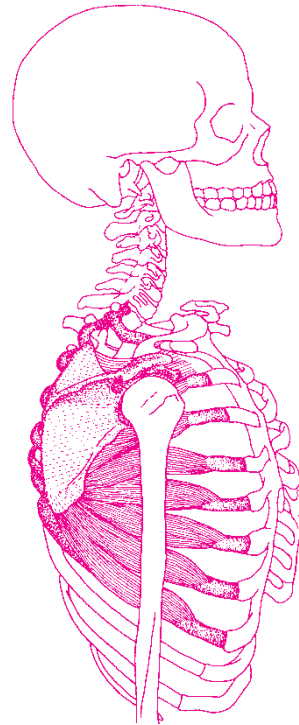
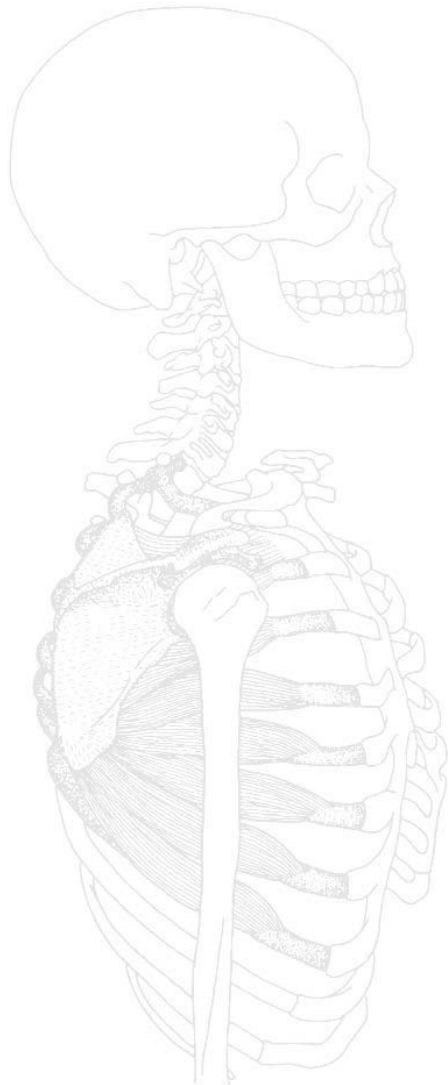
■ Nerve

T12, L1

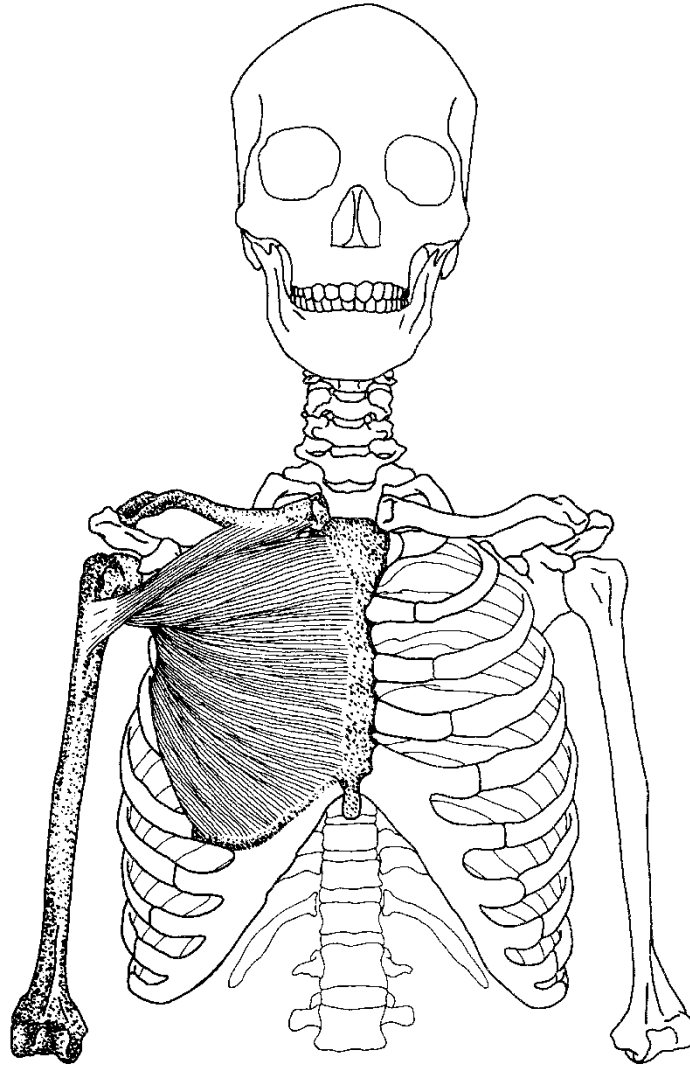
Note: Fixation of the ribs may provide a stable attachment of the diaphragm for voice control in singers.

C H A P T E R S I X

Muscles of the Shoulder and Arm



PECTORALIS MAJOR



Anterior view

■ **Origin**

Clavicular part—medial half of the clavicle

Sternocostal part—sternum, upper six costal cartilages, aponeurosis of external oblique

■ **Insertion**

Lateral lip of intertubercular (bicipital) groove of humerus, crest below greater tubercle of the humerus

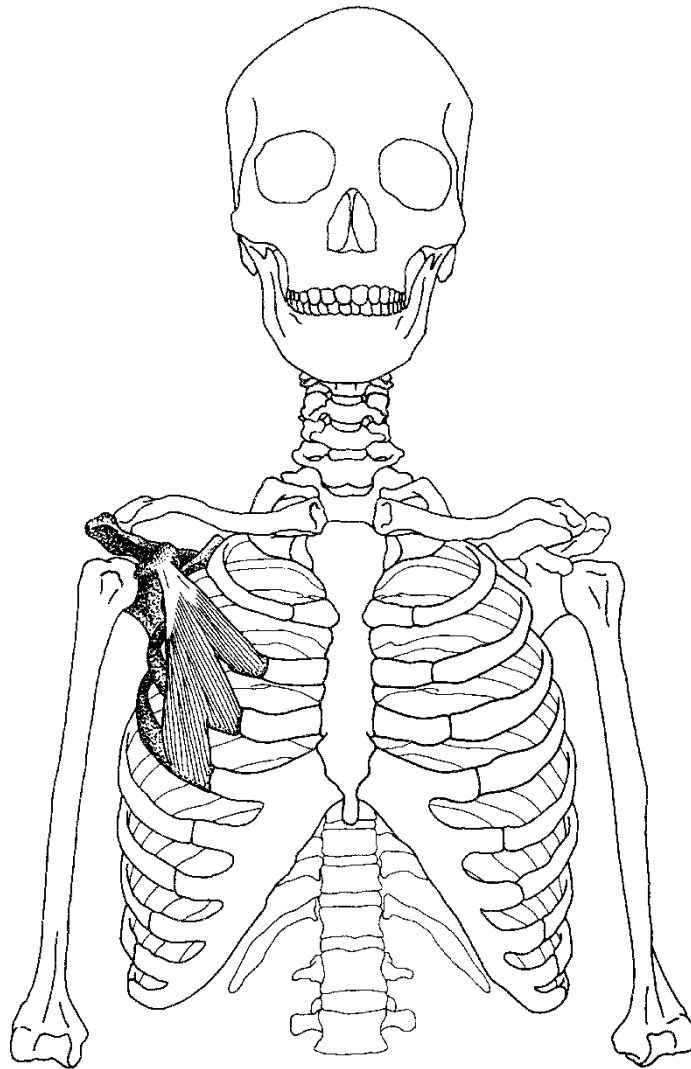
■ **Action**

Both parts adduct, medially rotate arm; clavicular part flexes arm from full extension; sternocostal part extends the flexed arm

■ **Nerve**

Medial and lateral pectoral nerves (C5–C8, T1)

PECTORALIS MINOR



Anterior view

■ **Origin**

External surfaces of the third, fourth, and fifth ribs

■ **Insertion**

Coracoid process of the scapula

■ **Action**

Draws scapula forward and downward, raises ribs* in forced inspiration

■ **Nerve**

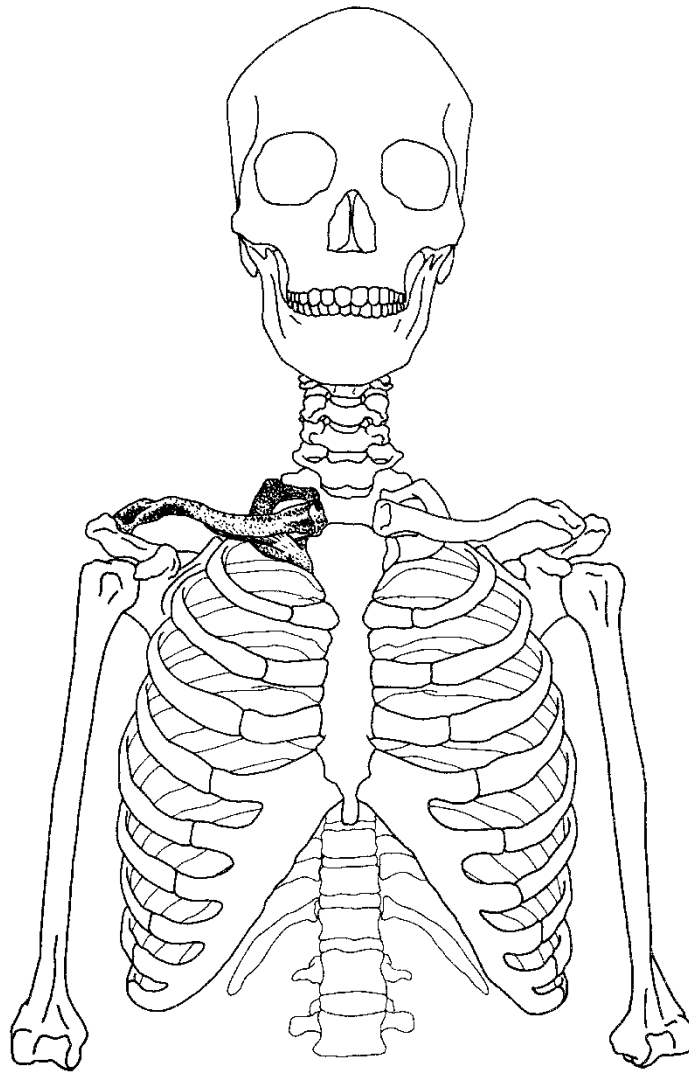
Medial pectoral nerve (C8, T1)

■ **Relationship**

Deep to pectoralis major; medial pectoral nerve pierces this muscle

*Raising the ribs requires stabilization of the scapula by the rhomboids and trapezius.

SUBCLAVIUS



Anterior view

■ **Origin**

Junction of the first rib with its costal cartilage

■ **Insertion**

Groove on the inferior (lower) surface of the clavicle

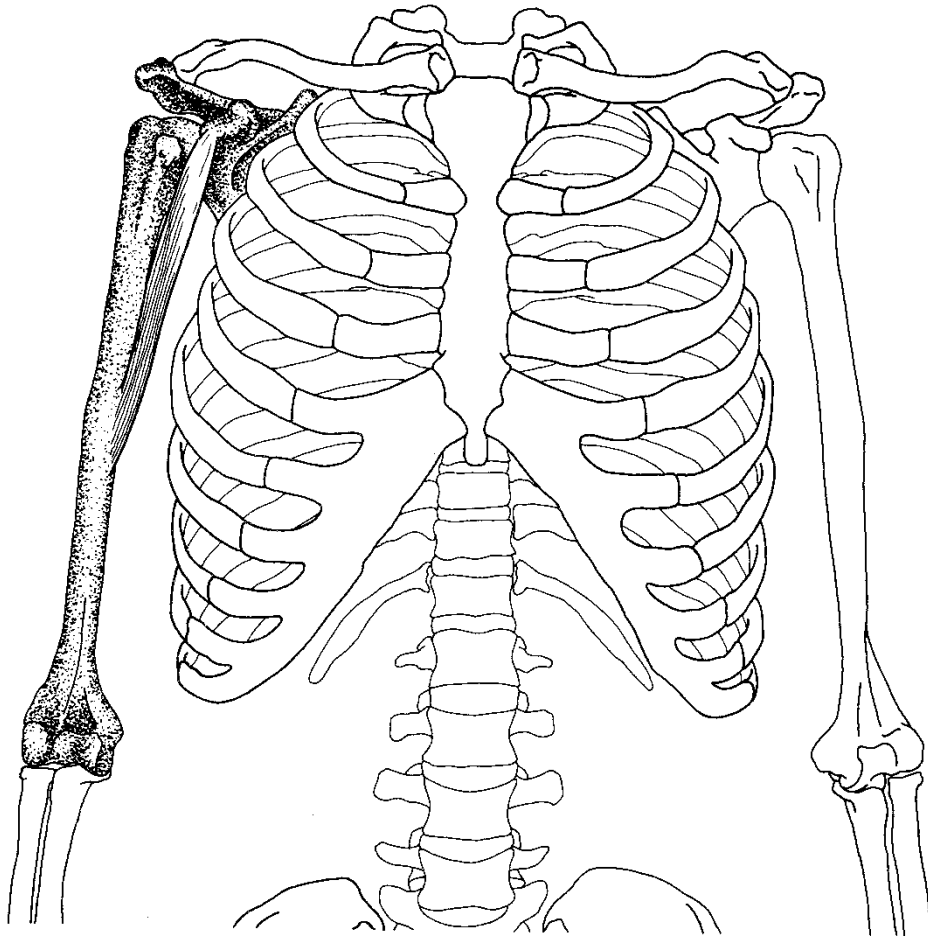
■ **Action**

Steadies clavicle during movements of the shoulder girdle

■ **Nerve**

Nerve to the subclavius from upper trunk of brachial plexus (C5, C6)

CORACOBRACHIALIS



Anterior view

■ **Origin**

Tip (apex) of the coracoid process of scapula

■ **Insertion**

Middle third of the medial surface and border of the humerus

■ **Action**

Weakly adducts arm (flexion unsubstantiated), aids in stabilizing humerus

■ **Nerve**

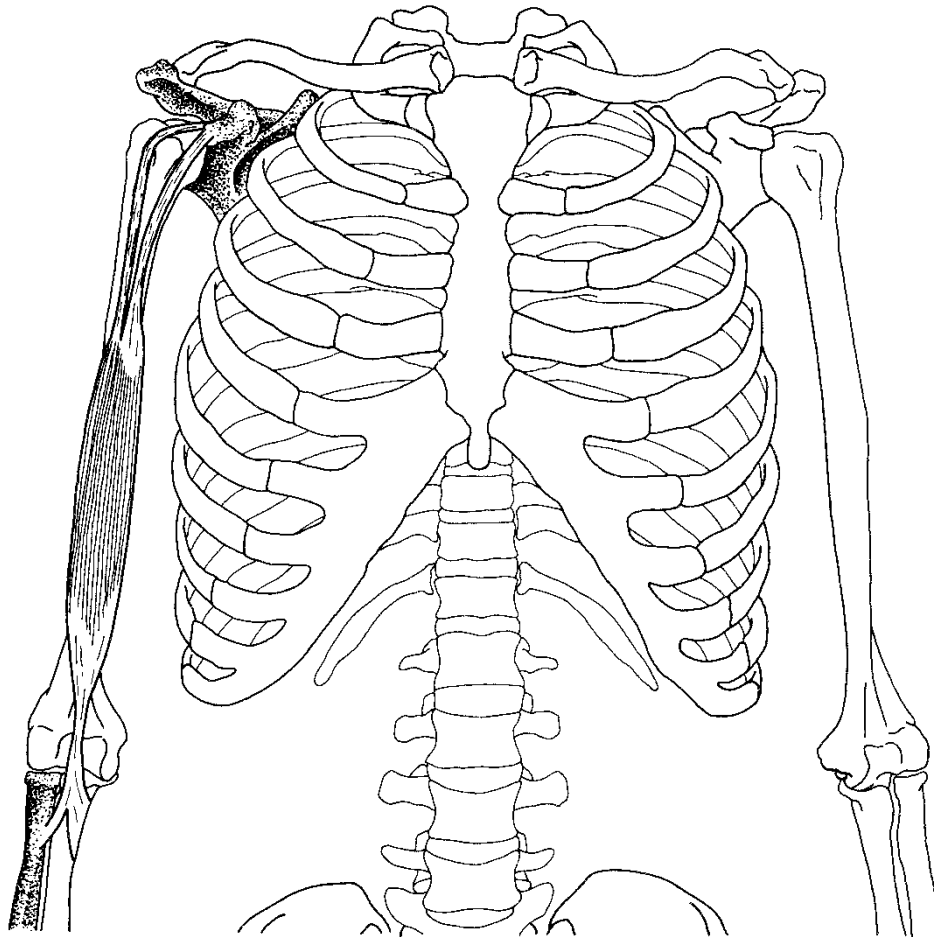
Musculocutaneous nerve (C6, C7)

■ **Relationship**

Deep to short head of biceps

Note: The musculocutaneous nerve usually pierces this muscle.

BICEPS BRACHII



Anterior view

■ **Origin**

Long head—supraglenoid tubercle of scapula

Short head—coracoid process of scapula

■ **Insertion**

Tuberosity of radius, bicipital aponeurosis into deep fascia on medial part of forearm

■ **Action**

Supinates forearm, flexes forearm, weakly flexes arm at shoulder

■ **Nerve**

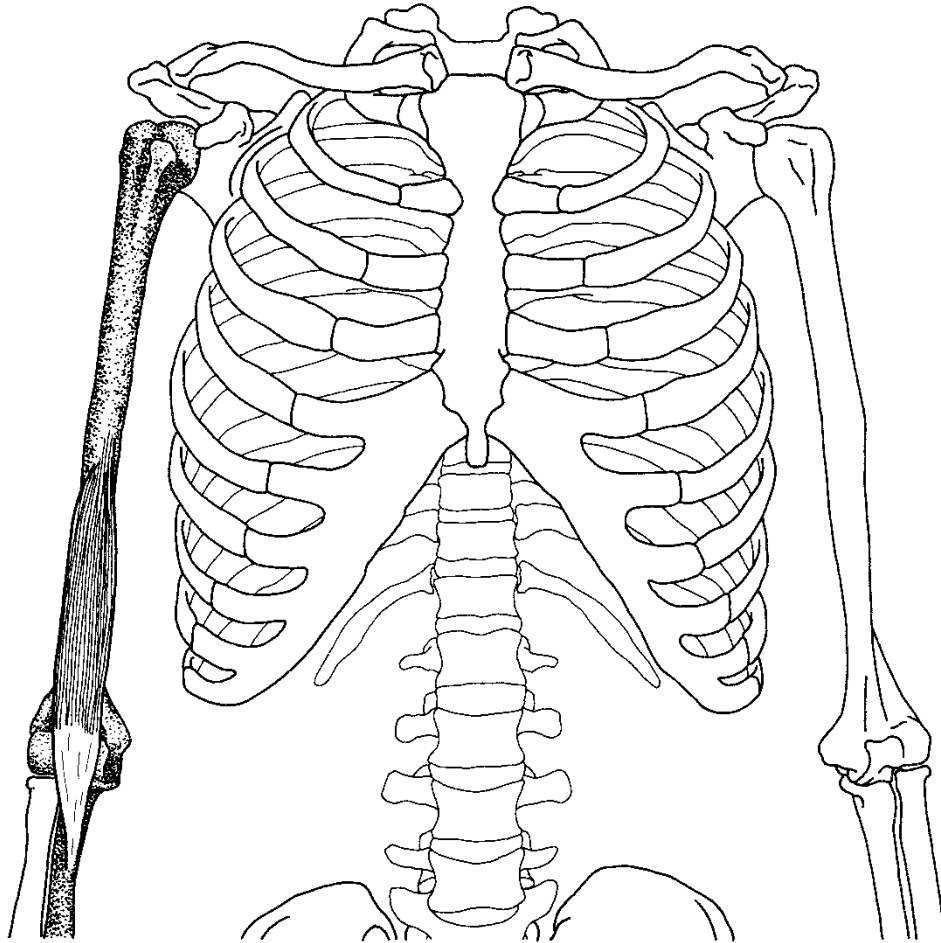
Musculocutaneous nerve (C5, C6)

■ **Relationship**

Long head passes through intertubercular (bicipital) groove, then inside glenohumeral joint capsule

Note: As a two joint muscle, its contribution to shoulder flexion mainly occurs when both joints are extended.

BRACHIALIS



Anterior view

■ **Origin**

Anterior of lower half of humerus

■ **Insertion**

Coronoid process of ulna, tuberosity of ulna

■ **Action**

Flexes forearm

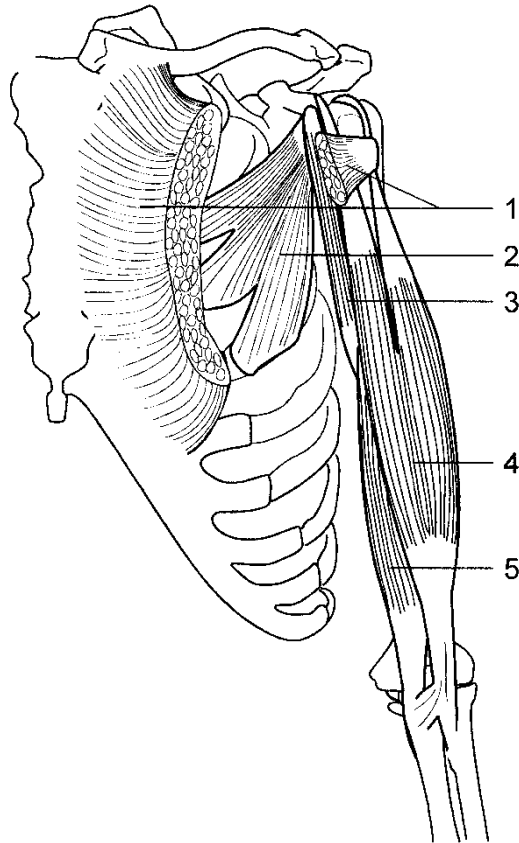
■ **Nerve**

Musculocutaneous nerve (C5, C6)

■ **Relationship**

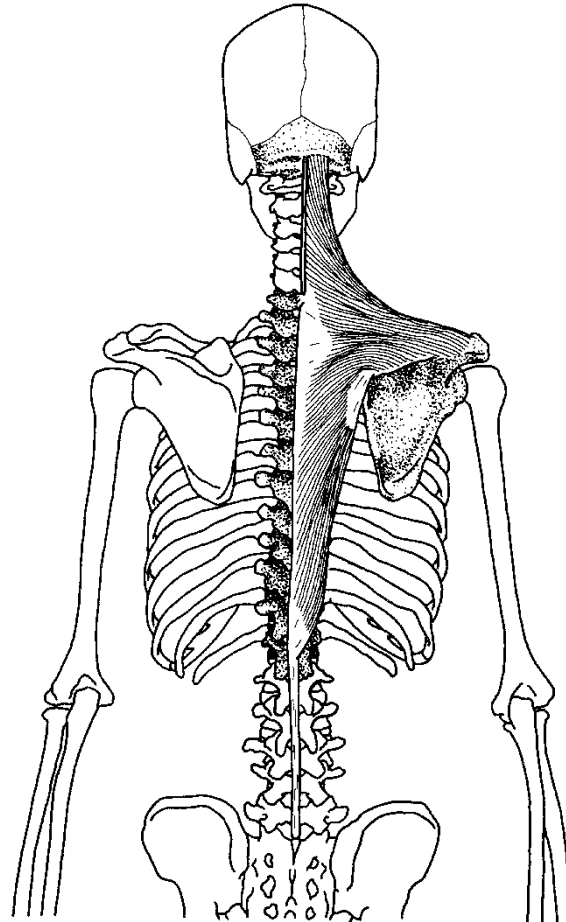
Deep to biceps brachii

MUSCLES OF THE ANTERIOR CHEST AND ARM

**Shoulder—anterior view**

1. Pectoralis major (cut)
2. Pectoralis minor
3. Coracobrachialis
4. Biceps brachii
5. Brachialis

TRAPEZIUS



Posterior view

■ Origin

Medial third of superior nuchal line, external occipital protuberance, ligamentum nuchae, spinous processes and supraspinous ligaments of seventh cervical and all thoracic vertebrae

■ Insertion

Upper part—lateral third of clavicle

Middle part—acromion and spine of scapula

Lower part—medial portion of spine of scapula (tubercle)

■ Action

Upper part elevates scapula*, middle part retracts (adducts) scapula, lower part depresses scapula, upper and lower parts together rotate scapula (important in elevating arm)

■ Nerve

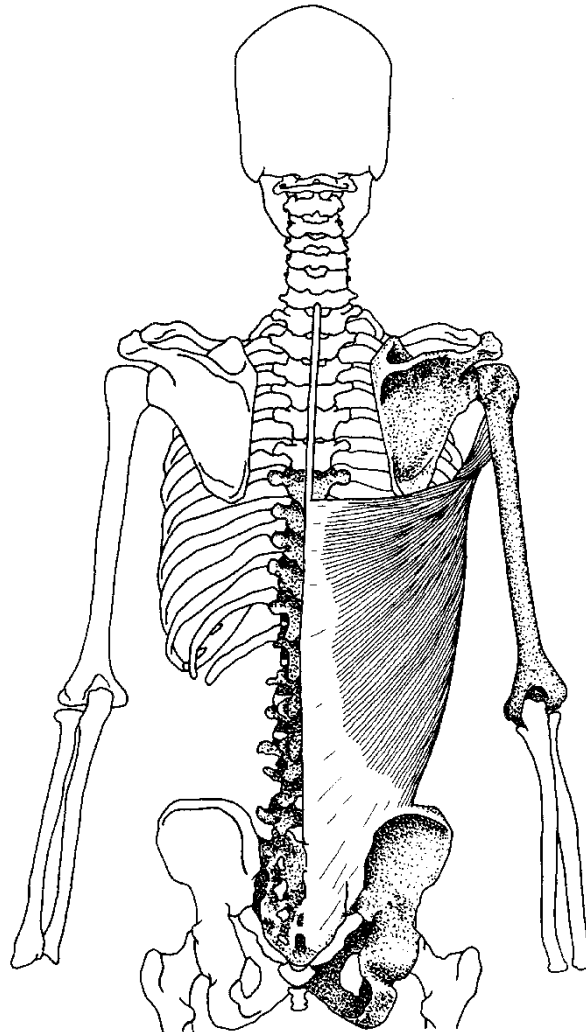
Accessory (eleventh cranial), C3, C4

■ Relationship

Most superficial muscle of back

*Upper part stabilizes scapula against downward rotation, as when weight is carried in the hand.

LATISSIMUS DORSI



Posterior view

■ **Origin**

Spinous processes of lower six thoracic vertebrae, spinous processes of all lumbar and sacral vertebrae (through thoracolumbar fascia), supraspinal ligament and iliac crest, outer surfaces of lower three or four ribs, inferior angle of scapula

■ **Insertion**

Bottom of intertubercular (bicipital) groove

■ **Action**

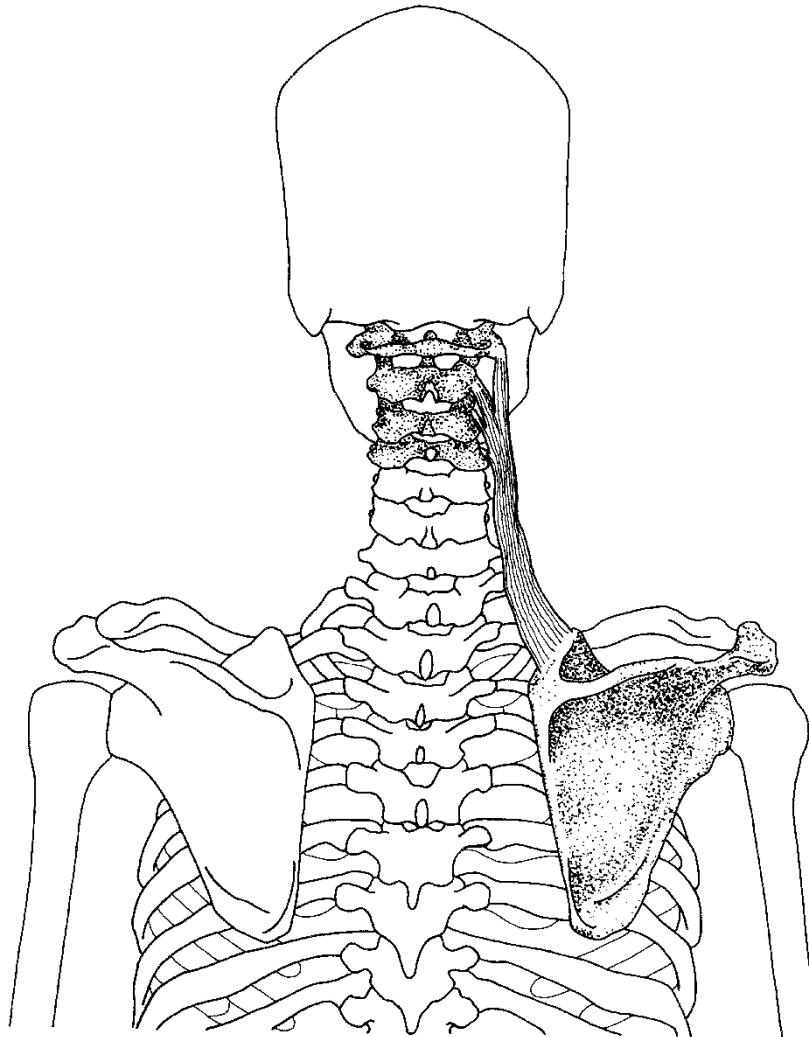
Extends, adducts, and medially rotates the arm; draws the shoulder downward and backward; keeps inferior angle of scapula against the chest wall; accessory muscle of respiration

■ **Nerve**

Thoracodorsal nerve (C6–C8)

Note: This muscle is used for the crawl (freestyle) stroke in swimming.

LEVATOR SCAPULAE



Posterior view

■ **Origin**

Posterior tubercles of the transverse processes of the first four cervical vertebrae

■ **Insertion**

Vertebral (medial) border of the scapula at and above the spine

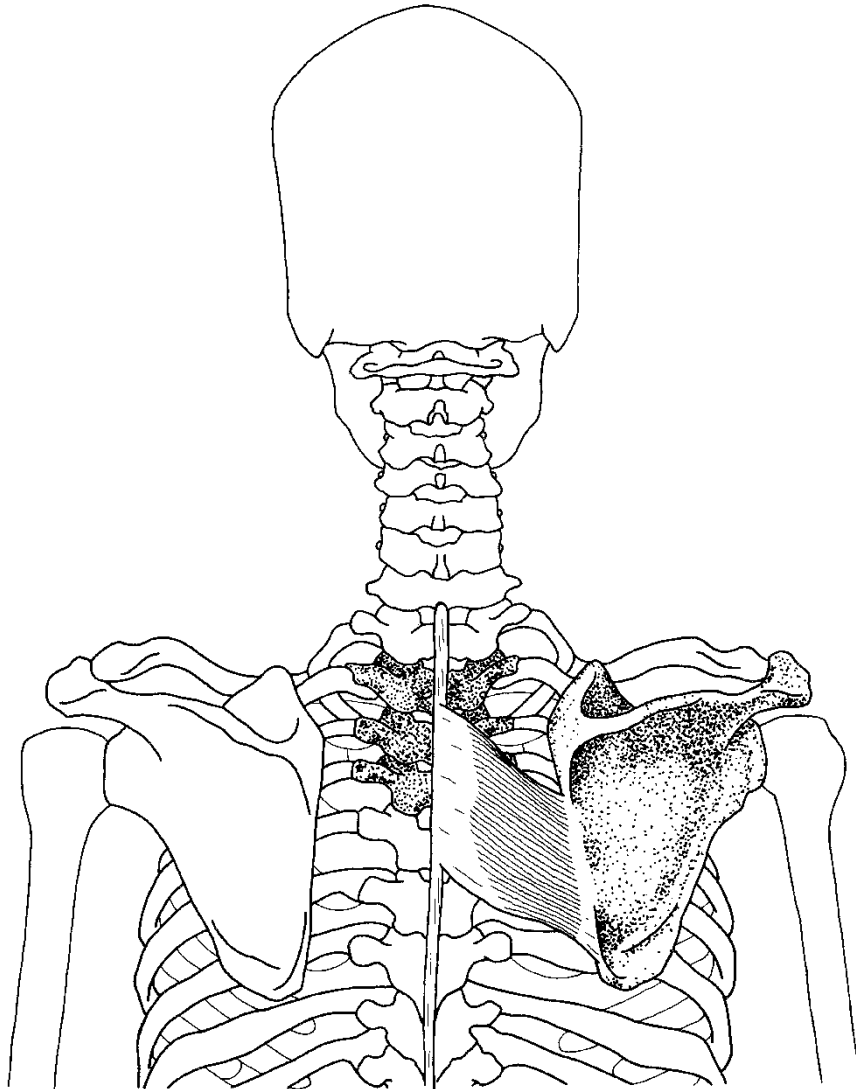
■ **Action**

Elevates medial border of scapula to lower the lateral angle, acts with trapezius and rhomboids to pull scapula medially and upward, bends neck laterally

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal scapular nerve (C5)

RHOMBOID MAJOR



Posterior view

■ Origin

Spines of the second to fifth thoracic vertebrae, supraspinous ligament

■ Insertion

Medial border of the scapula below the spine

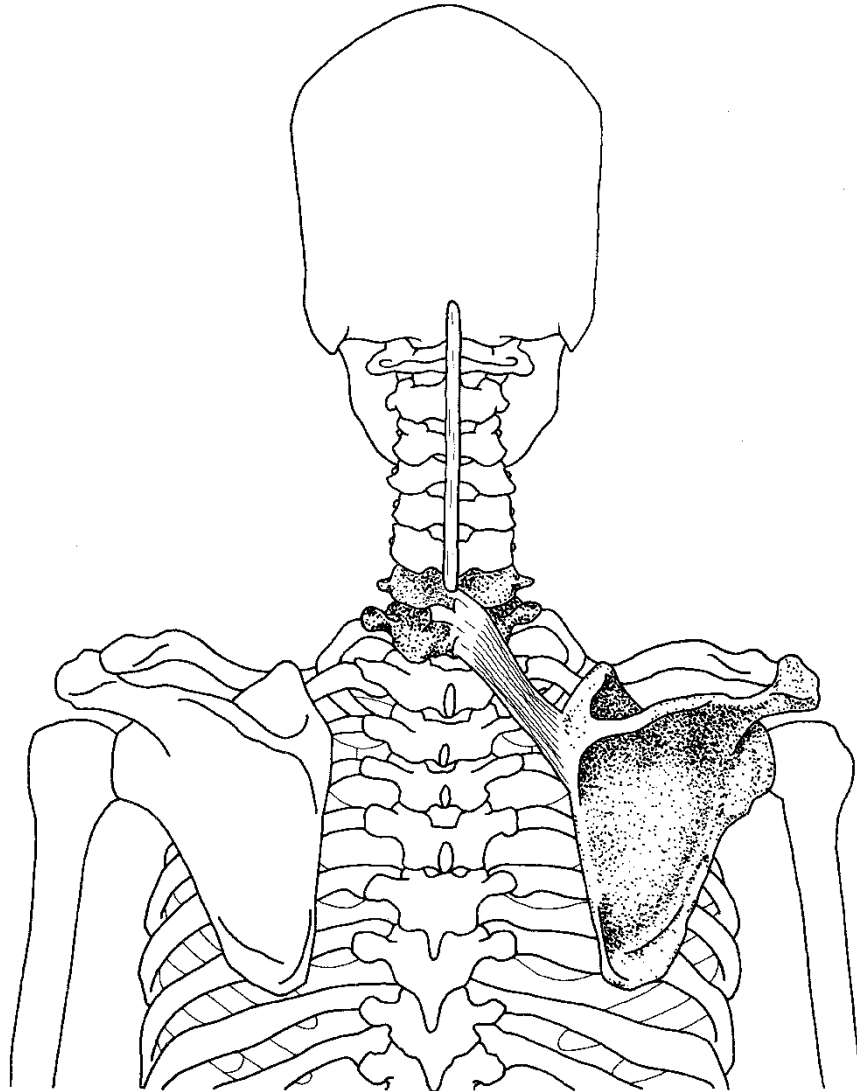
■ Action

Retracts and stabilizes scapula, elevates the medial border of the scapula causing downward rotation, assists in adduction of arm

■ Nerve

Dorsal scapular nerve (C5)

RHOMBOID MINOR



Posterior view

■ **Origin**

Spines of the seventh cervical and first thoracic vertebrae, lower part of the ligamentum nuchae

■ **Insertion**

Medial border of the scapula at the root of the spine

■ **Action**

Retracts and stabilizes scapula, elevates the medial border of the scapula, rotates the scapula to depress the lateral angle (assists in adduction of arm)

■ **Nerve**

Dorsal scapular nerve (C5)

SERRATUS ANTERIOR

Lateral view

■ Origin

Outer surfaces and superior borders of first eight or nine ribs, and fascia covering first intercostal space

■ Insertion

Anterior surface (costal surface) of the medial border of the scapula

■ Action

Rotates scapula for abduction and flexion of arm, protracts scapula

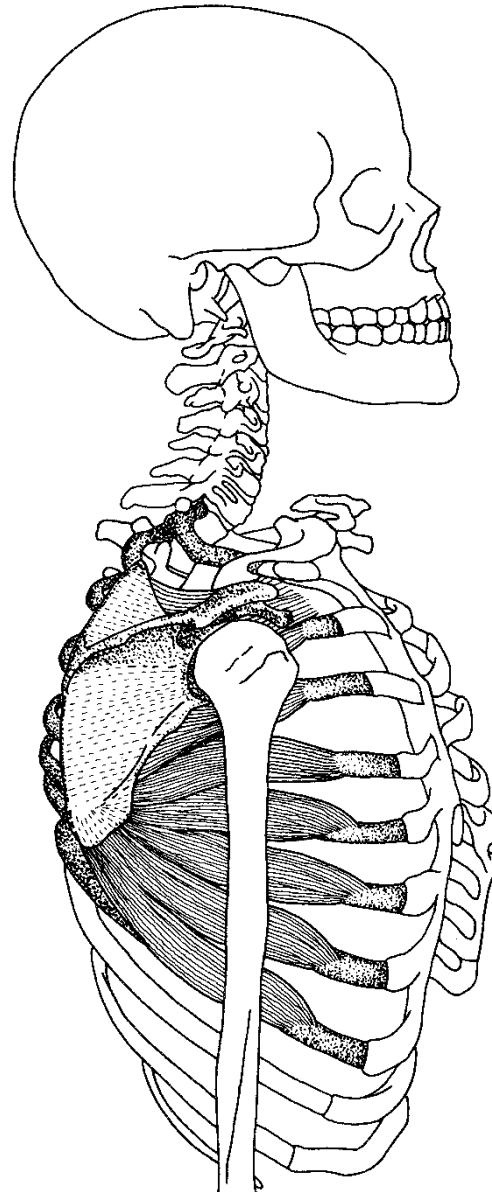
■ Nerve

Long thoracic nerve (C5–C7)

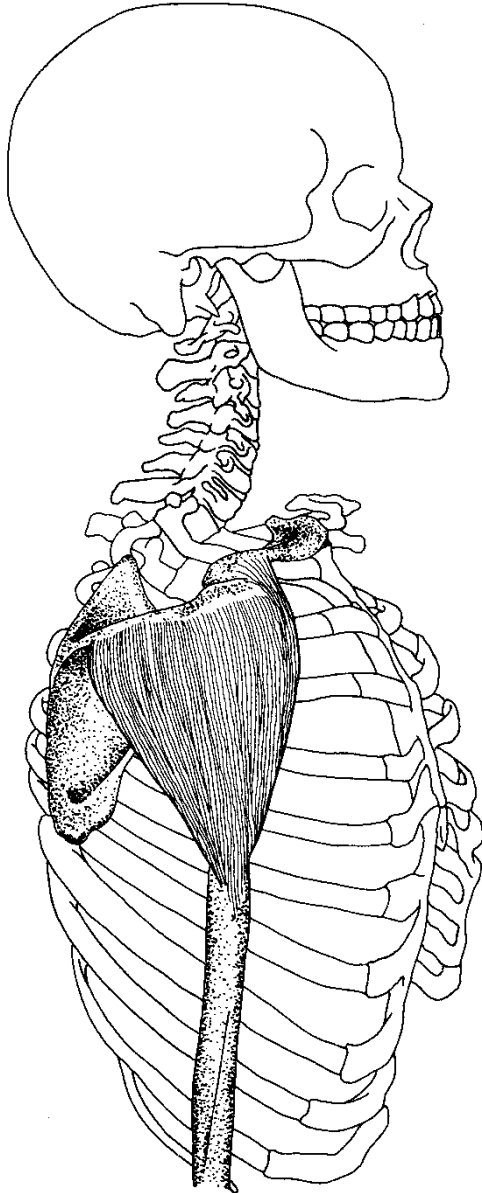
■ Relationships

Serratus anterior and rhomboids both insert on the medial border of scapula; they are antagonists causing protraction and retraction; long thoracic nerve lies on the superficial surface of this muscle

Note: When the arm is fixed, this muscle can assist in rib movement for ventilation.



DELTOID



Lateral view

■ **Origin**

Anterior portion—anterior border and superior surface of the lateral third of the clavicle

Middle portion—lateral border of the acromion process

Posterior portion—lower border of the crest of the spine of the scapula

■ **Insertion**

Deltoid tuberosity, on the middle of the lateral surface of the shaft of the humerus

■ **Action**

Anterior portion—flexes and medially rotates arm

Middle portion—abducts arm

Posterior portion—extends and laterally rotates arm

■ **Nerve**

Axillary nerve (C5, C6)

SUPRASPINATUS (*Rotator Cuff**)

Lateral view

■ Origin

Supraspinous fossa of scapula

■ Insertion

Upper part of the greater tuberosity of the humerus,
capsule of the shoulder joint

■ Action

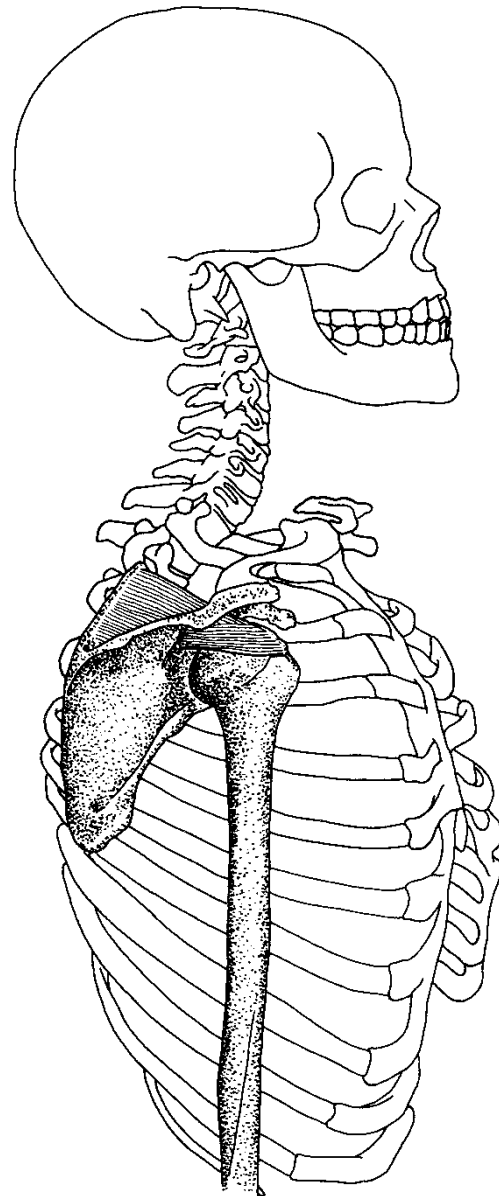
Aids deltoid in abduction of arm; draws humerus toward
glenoid fossa, preventing deltoid from forcing humerus
up against acromion

■ Nerve

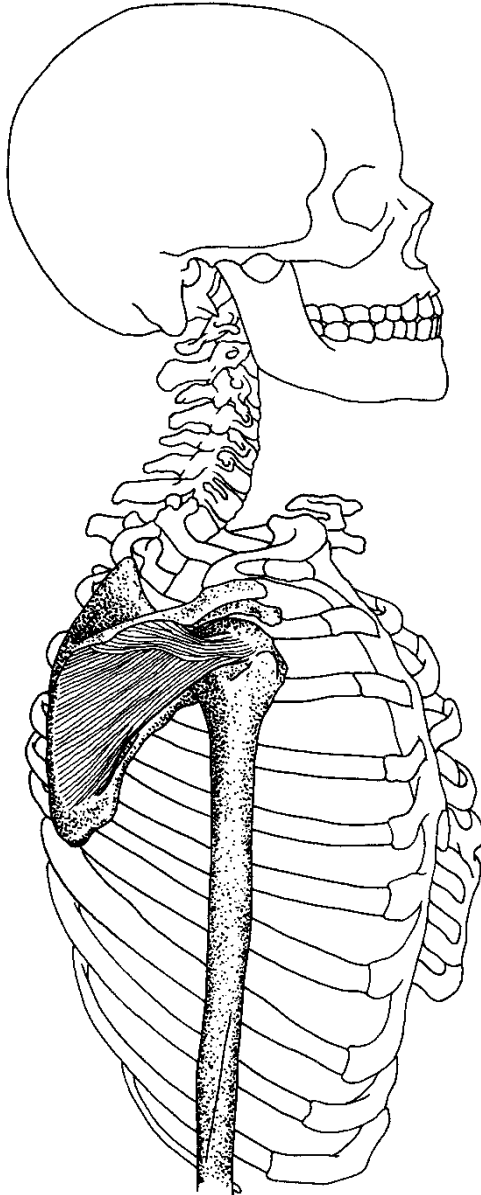
Suprascapular nerve (C5)

*Supraspinatus, infraspinatus, teres minor, and subscapularis
together are called the rotator cuff.

Note: The joint capsule and its ligaments cannot provide necessary
support because of the great range of motion between the
humerus and scapula. The rotator cuff muscles prevent dislocation
of the humerus throughout most of the arm's range of motion.



INFRASPINATUS (*Rotator Cuff*)



Lateral view

■ **Origin**

Infraspinous fossa of the scapula

■ **Insertion**

Middle facet of the greater tuberosity of the humerus, capsule of the shoulder joint

■ **Action**

Draws humerus toward glenoid fossa, thus resisting posterior dislocation of arm, as in crawling; laterally rotates; aids in stabilization of humerus during abduction

■ **Nerve**

Suprascapular nerve (C5, C6)

TERES MINOR (*Rotator Cuff*)

Lateral view

■ Origin

Upper two-thirds of the dorsal surface of the axillary border of the scapula

■ Insertion

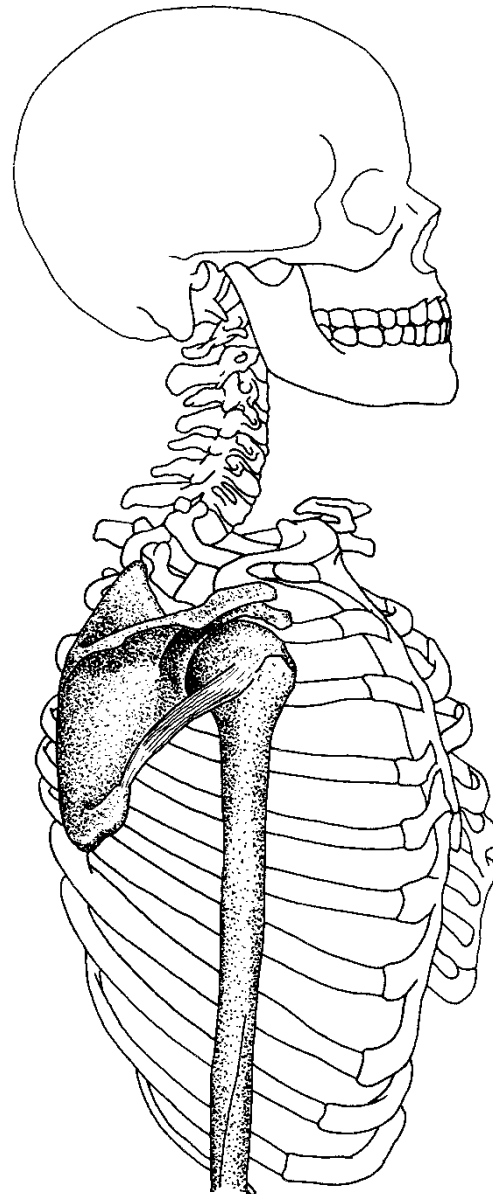
The capsule of the shoulder joint, the lower facet of the greater tuberosity of the humerus

■ Action

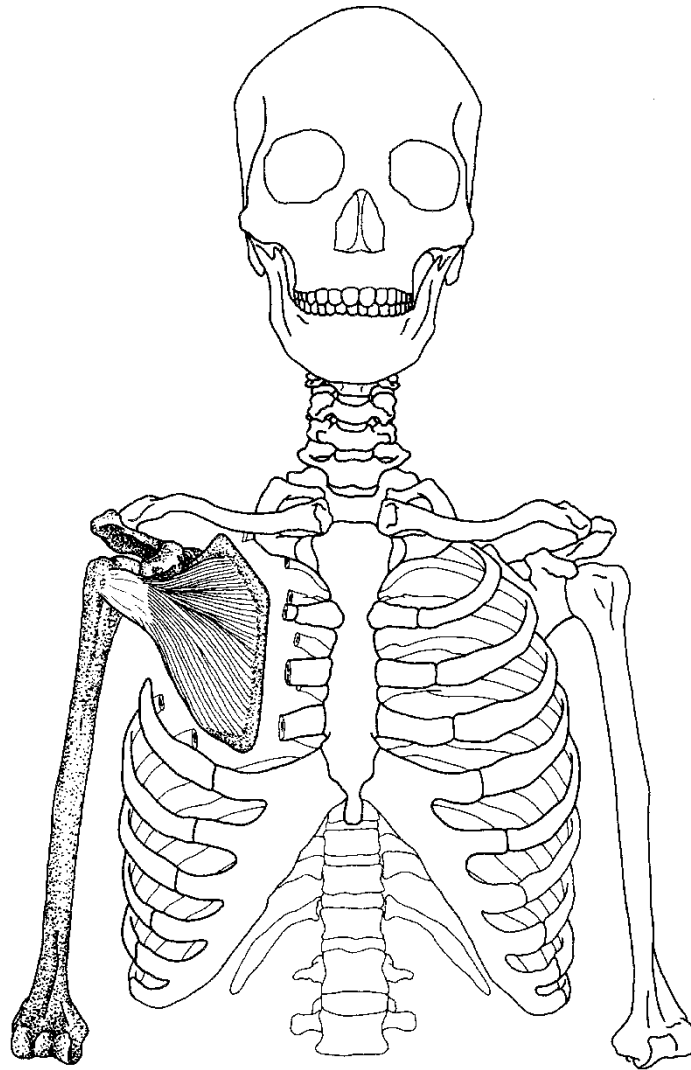
Laterally rotates arm, weakly adducts arm, draws humerus toward glenoid fossa

■ Nerve

Axillary nerve (C5)



SUBSCAPULARIS (*Rotator Cuff*)



Anterior view

(Upper ribs cut away)

■ **Origin**

Subscapular fossa on the anterior surface of scapula

■ **Insertion**

Lesser tuberosity (tubercle) of the humerus, ventral part of the capsule of the shoulder joint

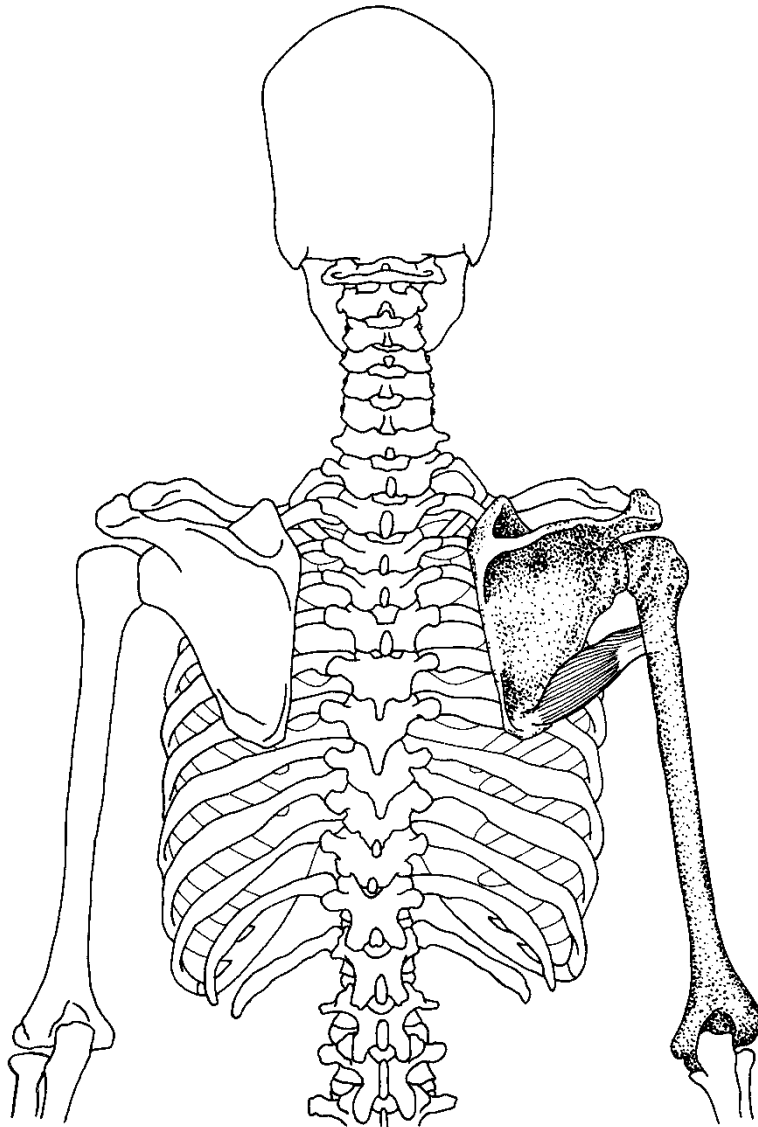
■ **Action**

Medially rotates arm, stabilizes glenohumeral joint

■ **Nerve**

Upper and lower subscapular nerves (C5, C6)

TERES MAJOR



Posterior view

■ Origin

Lower third of the posterior surface of the lateral border of the scapula, near the inferior angle

■ Insertion

Medial lip of the intertubercular (bicipital) groove of the humerus

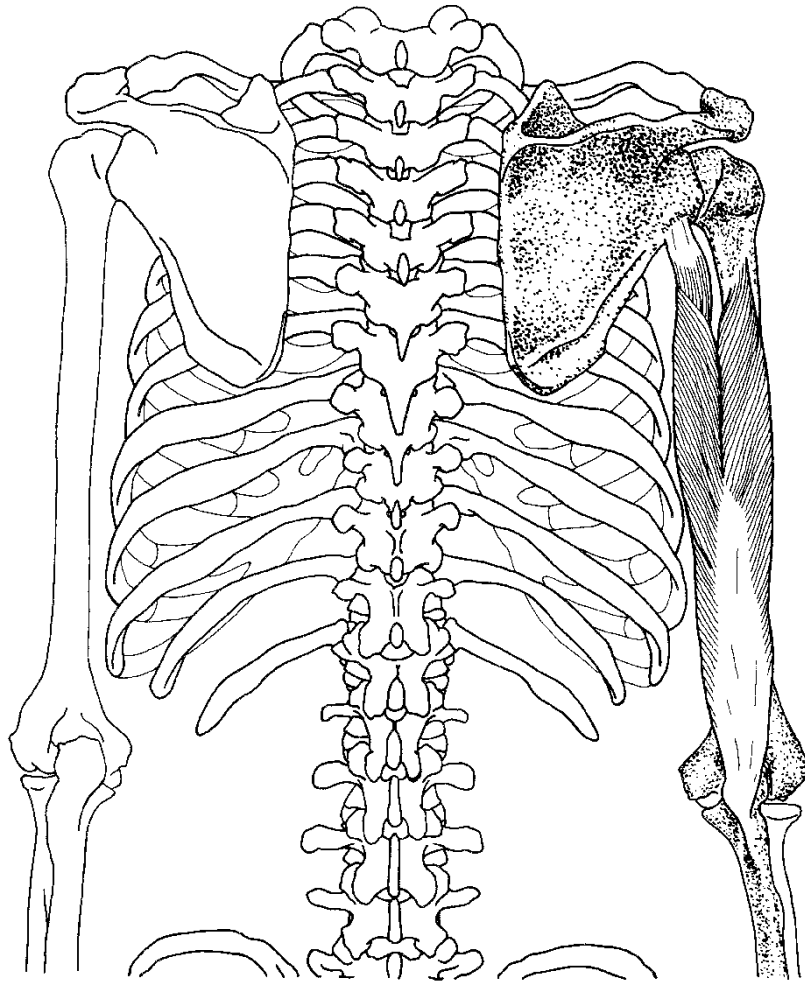
■ Action

Medially rotates arm, adducts arm, extends arm

■ Nerve

Lower subscapular nerve (C5, C6)

TRICEPS BRACHII



Posterior view

■ **Origin**

Long head—infraglenoid tubercle of the scapula

Lateral head—upper half of the posterior surface of the shaft of the humerus

Medial head—posterior surface of the lower half of the shaft of the humerus

■ **Insertion**

Posterior part of olecranon process of the ulna

■ **Action**

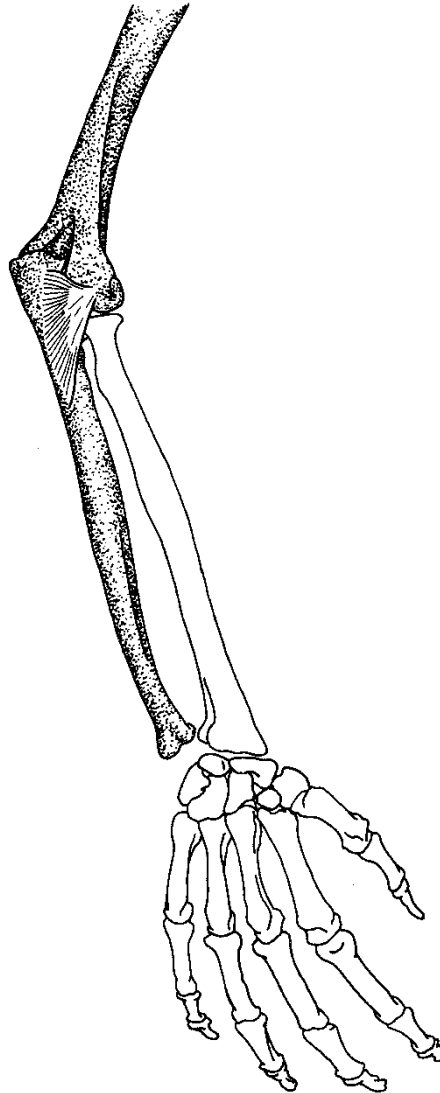
Extends forearm, long head aids in adduction if arm is abducted

■ **Nerve**

Radial nerve (C7, C8)

Note: The radial nerve comes from the axilla (armpit) and passes along the humerus between the medial and lateral heads. It can be compressed against the humerus, so it is one of the most commonly injured peripheral nerves.

ANCONEUS



Posterior view of arm

■ Origin

Posterior part of lateral epicondyle of the humerus

■ Insertion

Lateral surface of the olecranon process and posterior surface of ulna

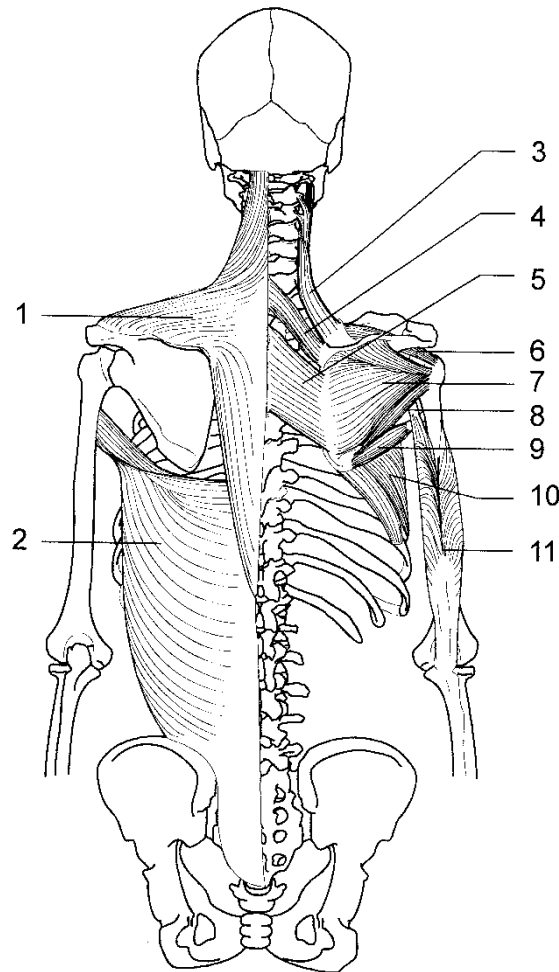
■ Action

Extends forearm (assists triceps)

■ Nerve

Radial nerve (C7, C8)

POSTERIOR BACK, SHOULDER, AND ARM MUSCLES



Trunk—posterior view

Superficial layer

1. Trapezius
2. Latissimus dorsi

Deep layer

3. Levator scapulae
4. Rhomboid minor
5. Rhomboid major

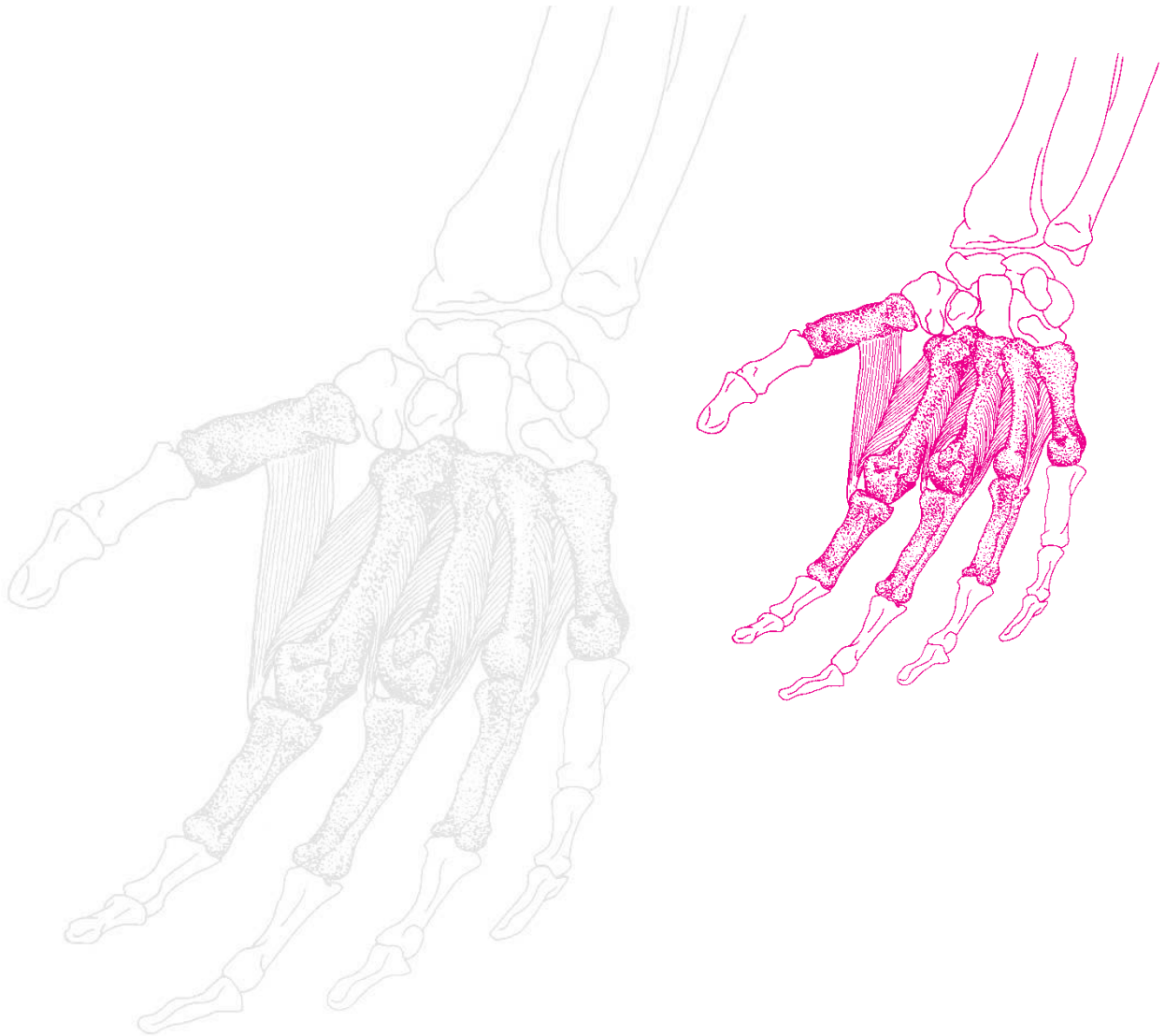
6. Supraspinatus (rotator cuff)
7. Infraspinatus (rotator cuff)
8. Teres minor (rotator cuff)
9. Teres major
10. Serratus anterior

Posterior arm

11. Triceps brachii

C H A P T E R S E V E N

Muscles of the Forearm and Hand



PRONATOR TERES (*Superficial Group*)

Forearm—anterior view

■ Origin

Humeral head—medial supracondylar ridge and medial epicondyle of the humerus

Ulnar head—medial border of the coronoid process of the ulna

■ Insertion

Middle of lateral surface of the radius (pronator tuberosity)

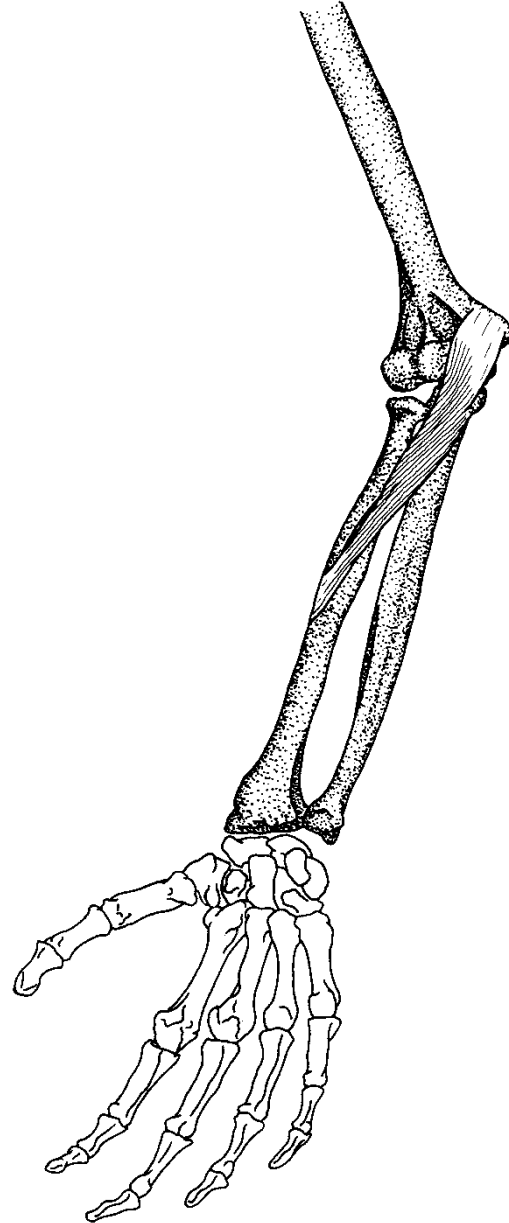
■ Action

Pronates and flexes forearm

■ Nerve

Median nerve (C6, C7)

Note: The median nerve passes between the humeral and ulnar heads of this muscle.



FLEXOR CARPI RADIALIS (*Superficial Group*)

Forearm—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Medial epicondyle of the humerus through the common tendon

■ **Insertion**

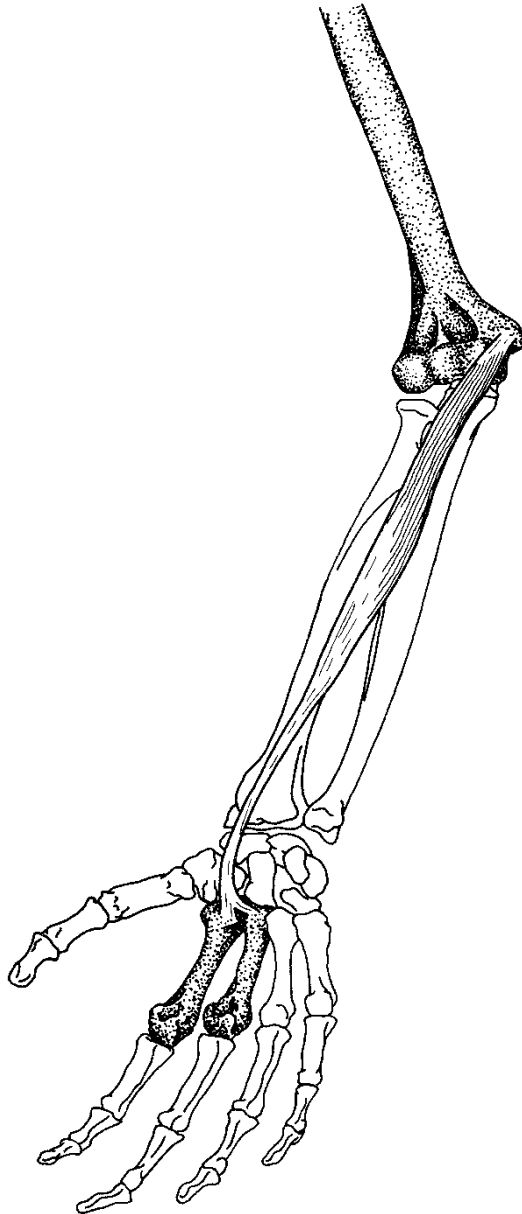
Front of the bases of the second and third metacarpal bones

■ **Action**

Flexes hand, synergist in abduction with extensor carpi radialis longus and brevis

■ **Nerve**

Median nerve (C6, C7)



PALMARIS LONGUS (*Superficial Group*)

Forearm—anterior view

■ Origin

Medial epicondyle of the humerus through the common tendon

■ Insertion

Front (central part) of the flexor retinaculum and apex of the palmar aponeurosis

■ Action

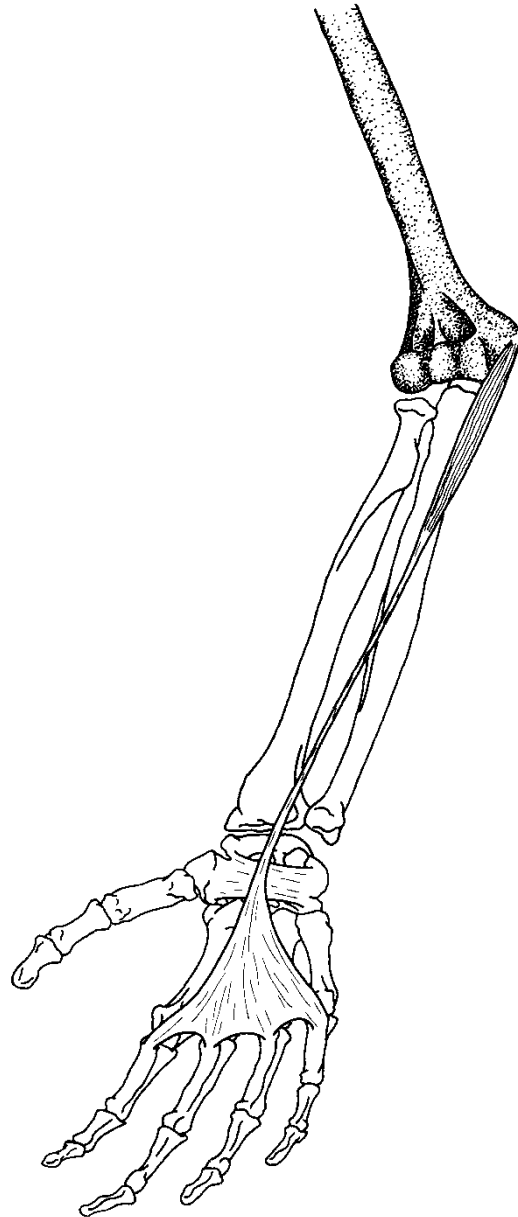
Flexes the hand

■ Nerve

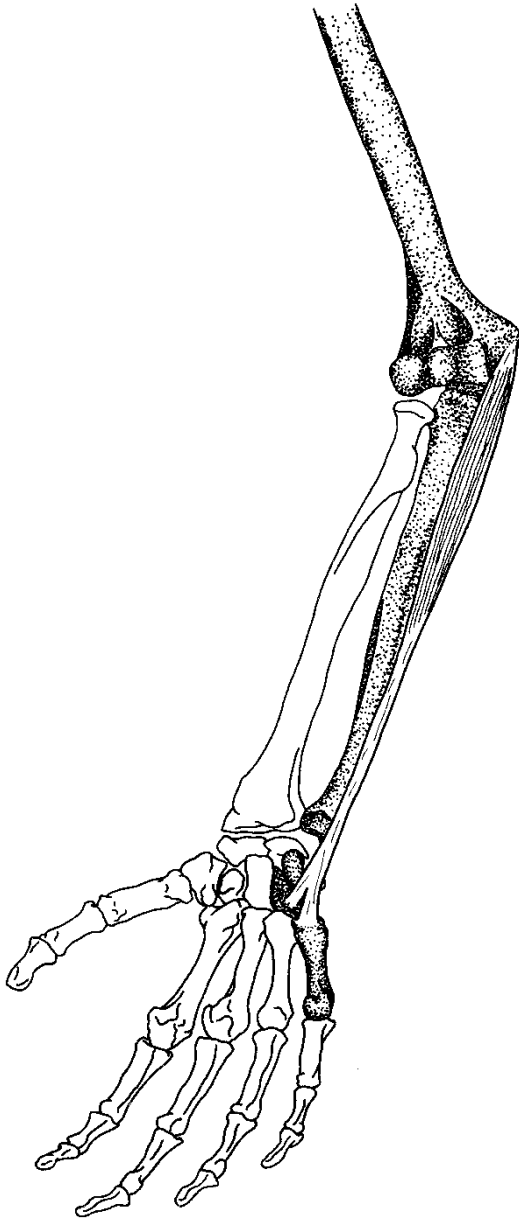
Median nerve (C6, C7)

Note: This muscle is absent in about 14% of limbs.

Reference: Agur, Amr: *Grant's Atlas of Anatomy*, 9th ed. Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, 1991.



FLEXOR CARPI ULNARIS (*Superficial Group*)



Forearm—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Humeral head—medial epicondyle of the humerus through the common tendon

Ulnar head—medial margin of olecranon process of ulna, dorsal border of shaft of the ulna

■ **Insertion**

Pisiform bone, hook of the hamate, and base of the fifth metacarpal bone

■ **Action**

Flexes hand, synergist in adduction of hand with extensor carpi ulnaris

■ **Nerve**

Ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

SUPERFICIAL MUSCLES OF THE FOREARM

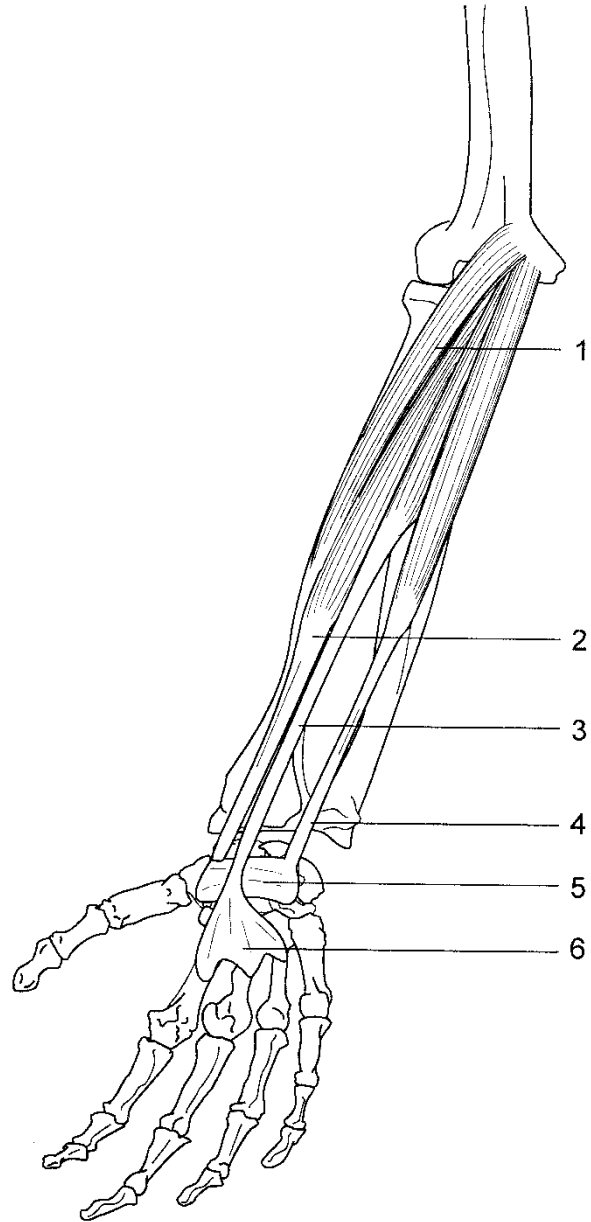
Forearm—anterior view

Muscles

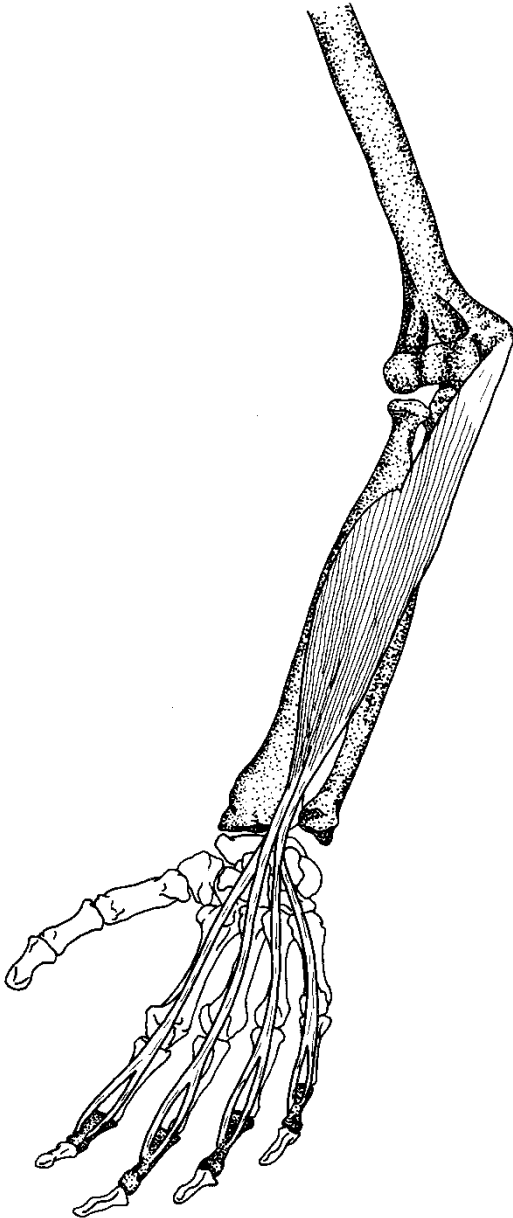
1. Pronator teres
2. Flexor carpi radialis
3. Palmaris longus
4. Flexor carpi ulnaris

Associated structures

5. Flexor retinaculum
6. Palmar aponeurosis



FLEXOR DIGITORUM SUPERFICIALIS



Forearm—anterior view

■ Origin

Humeroulnar head—medial epicondyle of the humerus through common tendon*, medial margin of the coronoid process of ulna

Radial head—anterior surface of shaft of radius

■ Insertion

Four tendons divide into two slips each; slips insert into the sides (margins of the anterior surfaces) of the middle phalanges of four fingers

■ Action

Flexes the middle phalanges of the fingers

■ Nerve

Median nerve (C7, C8, T1)

■ Relationship

Deep to superficial flexors

*See superficial flexors.

Note: The tendons of flexor digitorum superficialis split and attach to the middle phalanx. The tendons of flexor digitorum profundus pass through this split and continue to the distal phalanx.

FLEXOR DIGITORUM PROFUNDUS

Forearm—anterior view

■ Origin

Upper three-fourths of anterior and medial surfaces of shaft of ulna and medial side of the coronoid process, interosseous membrane

■ Insertion

Front of base of distal phalanges

■ Action

Flexes distal phalanges

■ Nerve

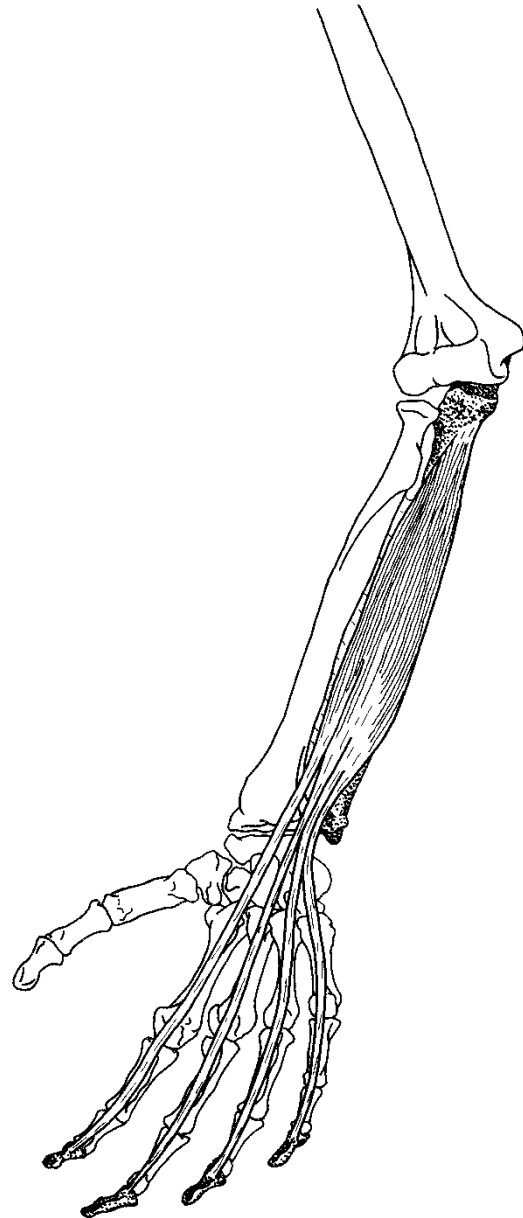
Ulnar nerve supplies the medial half of the muscle (going to the fourth and fifth fingers)

Anterior interosseous branch of median nerve supplies lateral half (going to index and middle fingers) (C8, T1)

■ Relationship

Deep to flexor digitorum superficialis

Note: Flexor digitorum muscles, flexor pollicis longus, and the median nerve pass under the flexor retinaculum (p. 134) in the wrist. When irritated, the synovial sheaths of these muscles can compress the median nerve, causing the sensory and motor deficits known as carpal tunnel syndrome.



FLEXOR POLLICIS LONGUS

Forearm—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Middle of anterior surface of shaft of radius, interosseous membrane, medial epicondyle of humerus, and often coronoid process of ulna

■ **Insertion**

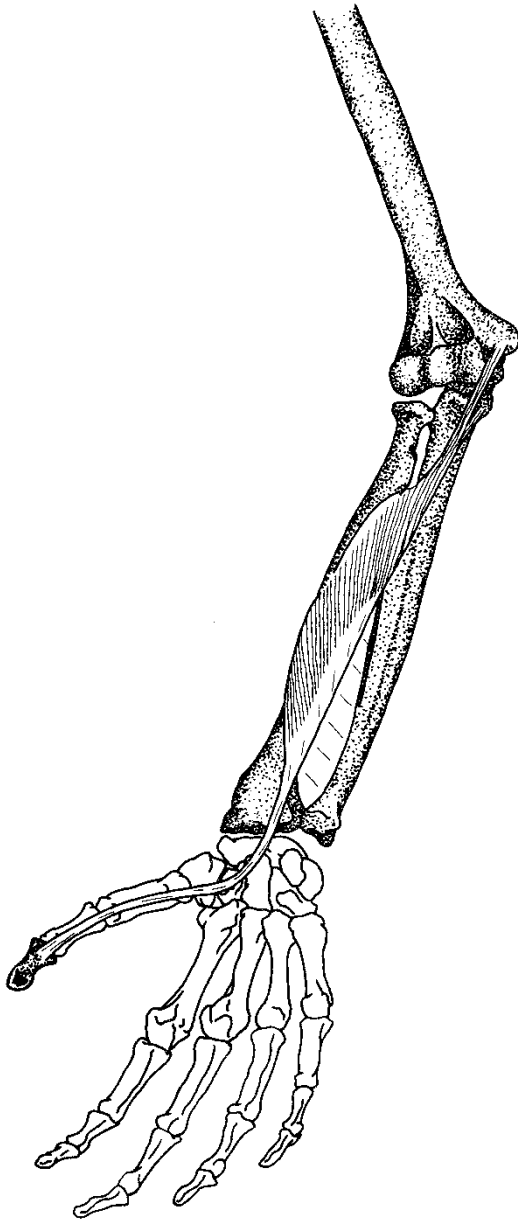
Palmar aspect of base of the distal phalanx of thumb

■ **Action**

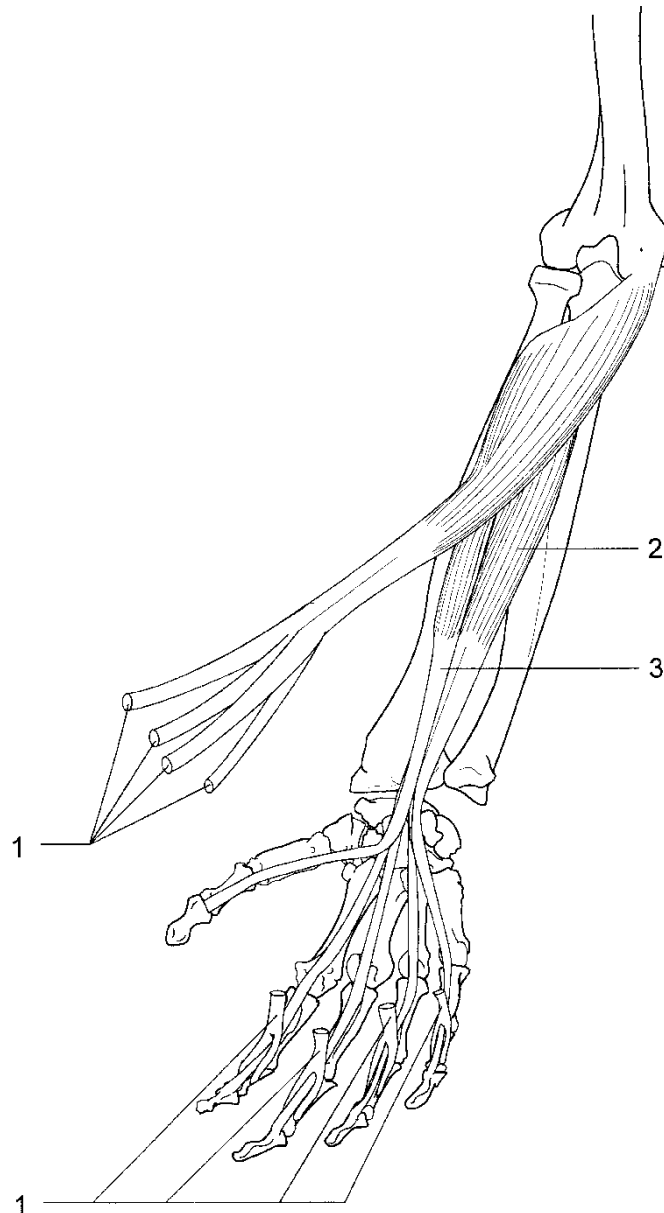
Flexes the thumb

■ **Nerve**

Anterior interosseous branch of median nerve (C8, T1)



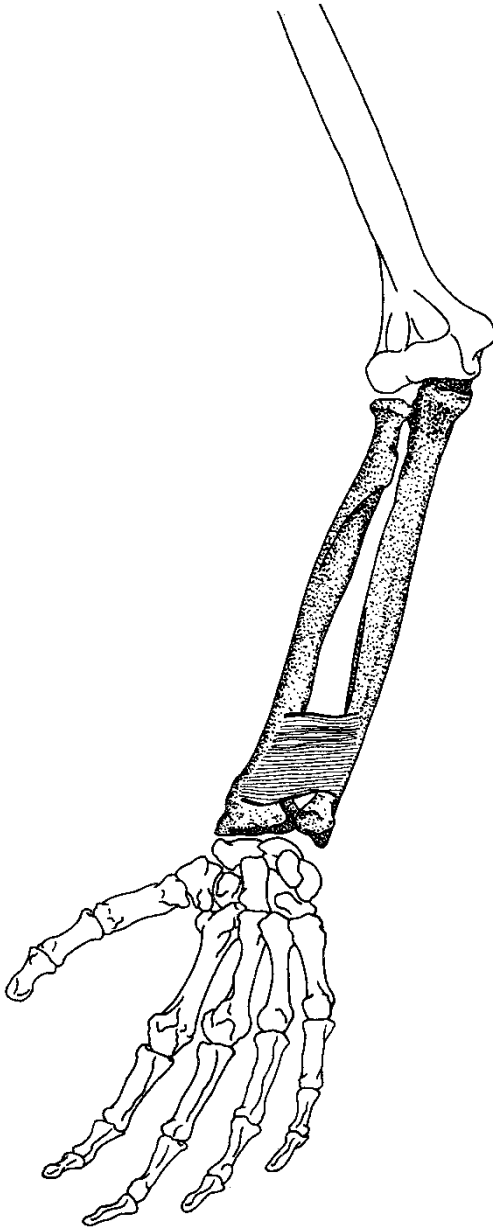
FLEXORS OF THE FINGERS



Forearm—anterior view

1. Flexor digitorum superficialis (cut)
2. Flexor digitorum profundus
3. Flexor pollicis longus

PRONATOR QUADRATUS



Forearm—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Anterior surface of distal part of shaft of ulna

■ **Insertion**

Lower portion of anterior surface of shaft of radius,
distal part of lateral border of radius

■ **Action**

Pronates forearm and hand

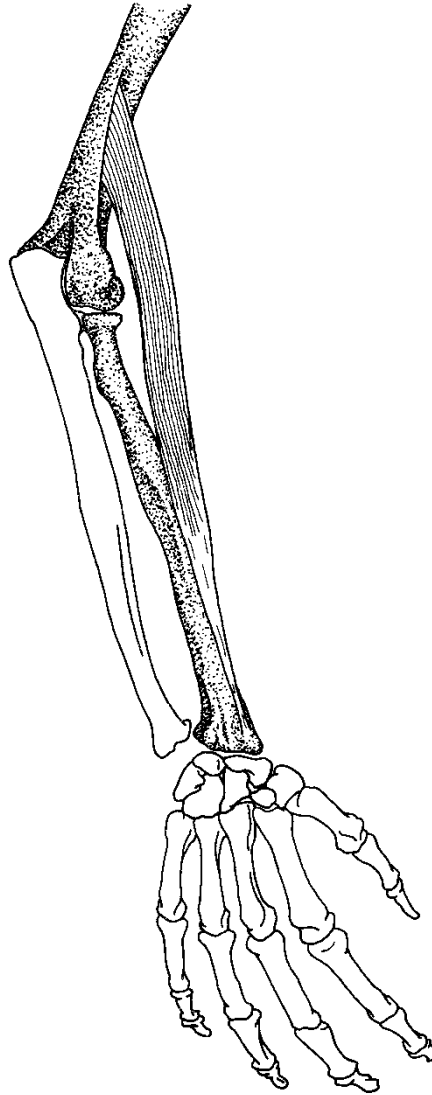
■ **Nerve**

Anterior interosseous branch of median nerve (C8, T1)

■ **Relationship**

Deepest forearm muscle

BRACHIORADIALIS



Forearm—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Upper two-thirds of lateral supracondylar ridge of humerus

■ **Insertion**

Base of styloid process and lateral surface of radius

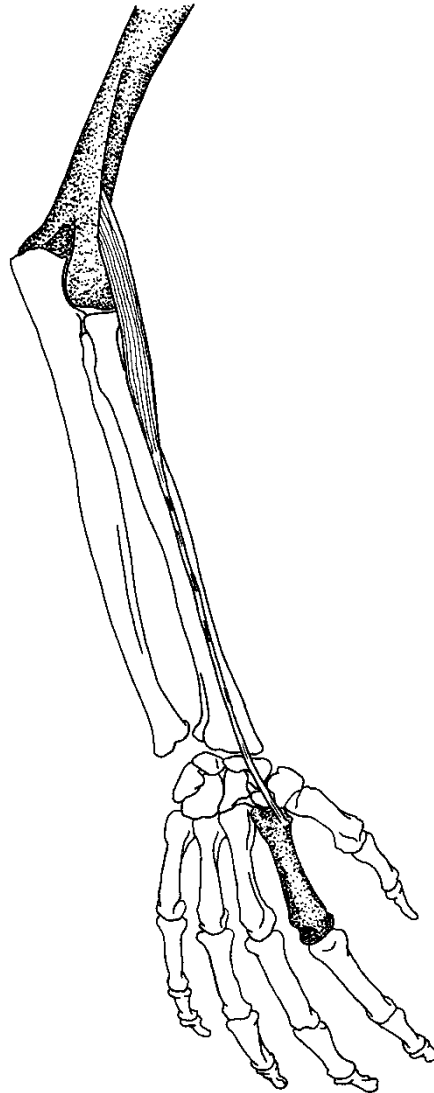
■ **Action**

Flexes forearm

■ **Nerve**

Radial nerve (C5, C6)

EXTENSOR CARPI RADIALIS LONGUS



Forearm—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Lower third of lateral supracondylar ridge of humerus

■ **Insertion**

Dorsal surface of the base of the second metacarpal bone

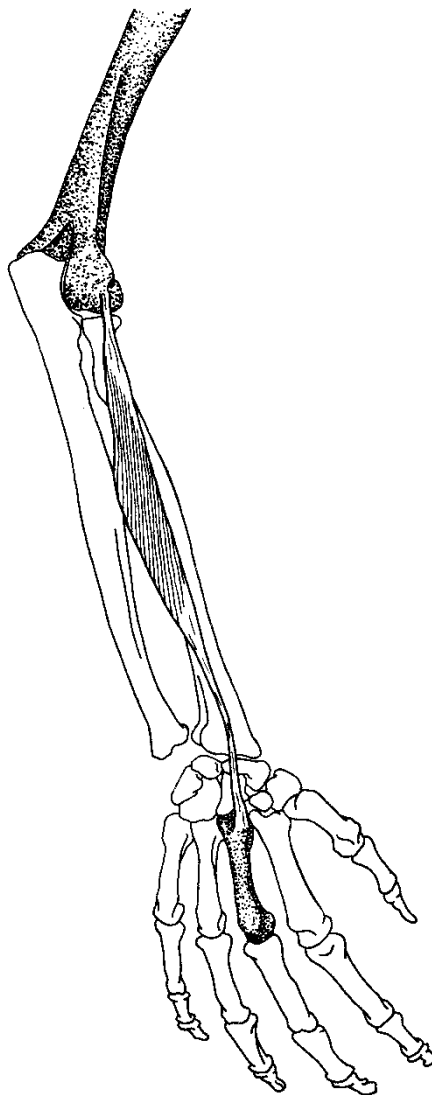
■ **Action**

Extends hand, synergist in abduction of hand with flexor carpi radialis

■ **Nerve**

Radial nerve (C6, C7)

EXTENSOR CARPI RADIALIS BREVIS



Forearm—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Lateral epicondyle of humerus

■ **Insertion**

Dorsal surface of third metacarpal bone

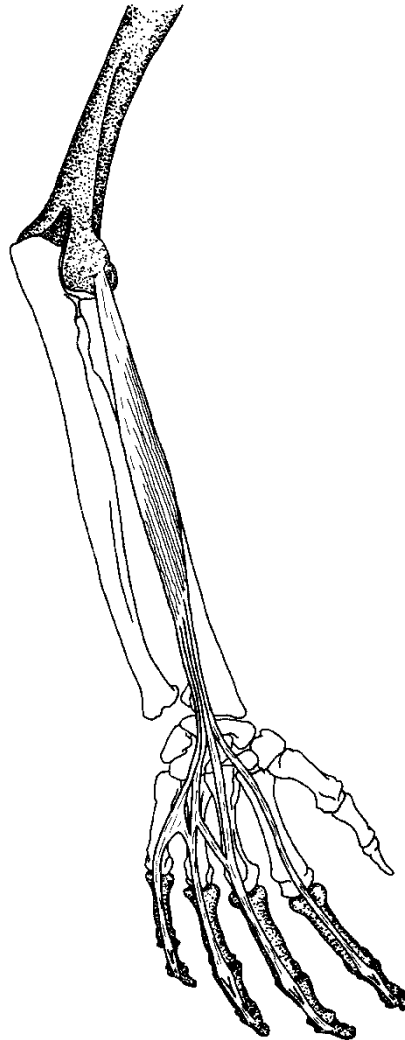
■ **Action**

Extends hand, synergist in abduction of hand with flexor carpi radialis

■ **Nerve**

Radial nerve (C7, C8)

EXTENSOR DIGITORUM



Forearm and hand—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Common tendon attached to lateral epicondyle of humerus

■ **Insertion**

Lateral and dorsal surfaces of all the phalanges of the four fingers

■ **Action**

Extends the fingers and wrist

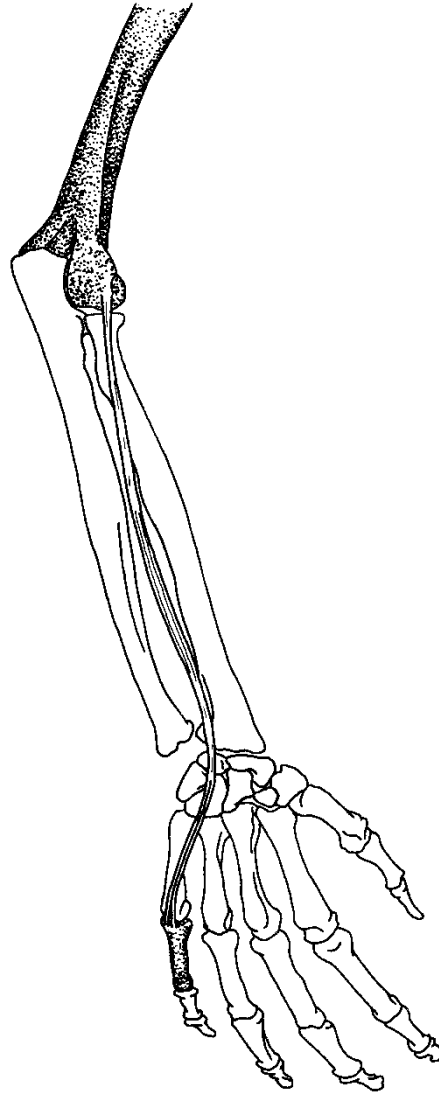
■ **Nerve**

Deep branch of radial nerve (C7, C8)

■ **Relationship**

Tends to hyperextend the metacarpophalangeal joint causing “claw hand”; its action is balanced by the lumbricales and interossei

EXTENSOR DIGITI MINIMI



Forearm and hand—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Common tendon attached to lateral epicondyle of humerus

■ **Insertion**

Dorsal surface of base of first phalanx of fifth finger

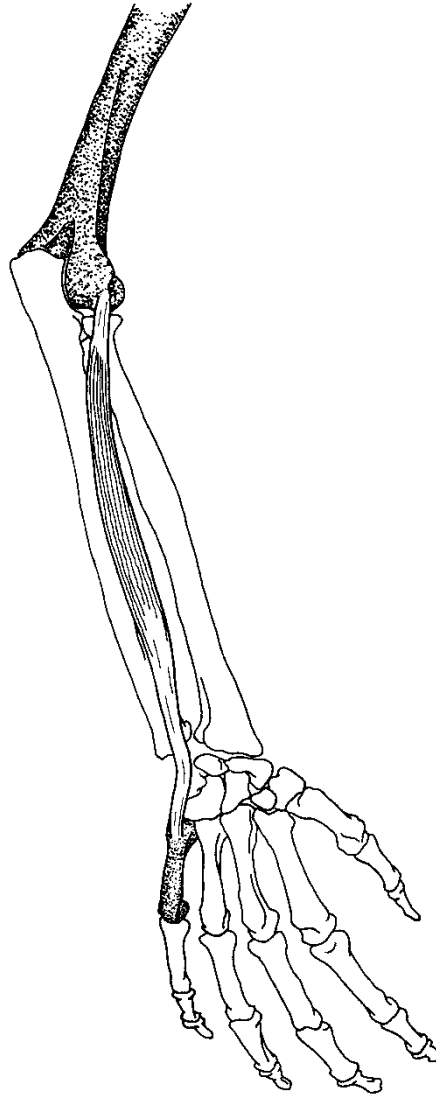
■ **Action**

Extends fifth finger

■ **Nerve**

Radial nerve (C7, C8)

EXTENSOR CARPI ULNARIS



Forearm and hand—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Common tendon attached to lateral epicondyle of humerus

■ **Insertion**

Dorsal surface of base of fifth metacarpal bone

■ **Action**

Extends hand, synergist in adduction of hand with flexor carpi ulnaris

■ **Nerve**

Radial nerve (C7, C8)

SUPINATOR

Forearm and hand—anterior view

■ Origin

Lateral epicondyle of humerus, lateral ligament (radial collateral) of elbow, annular ligament of superior radioulnar joint, supinator crest of ulna

■ Insertion

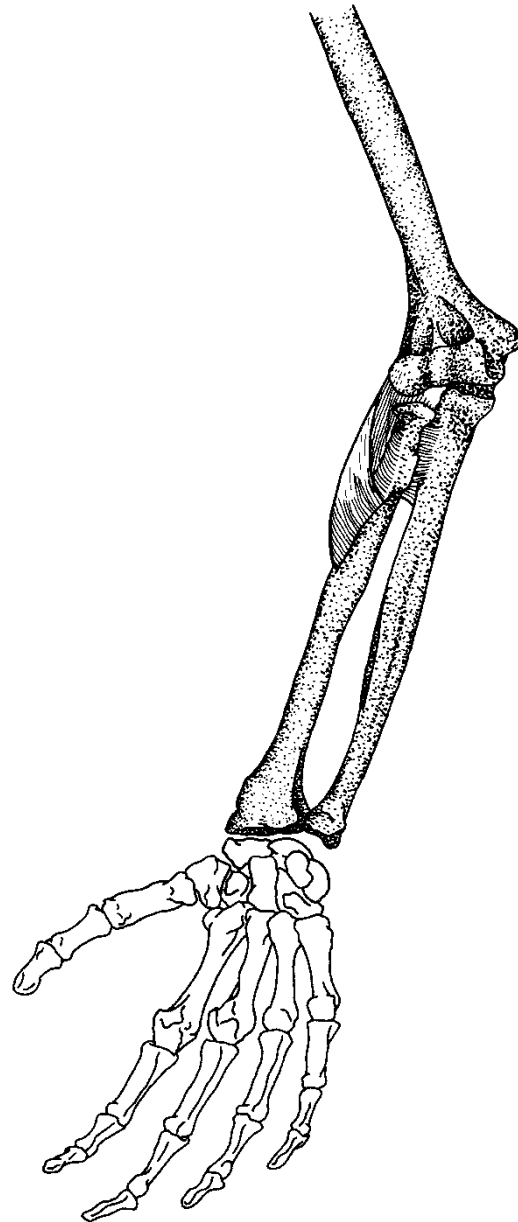
Dorsal and lateral surfaces of upper third of radius

■ Action

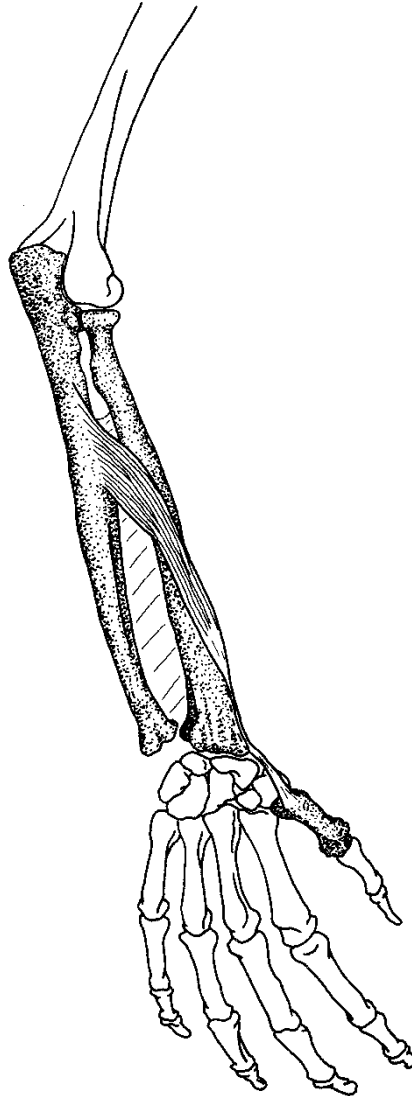
Supinates forearm

■ Nerve

Radial nerve (C5, C6)



ABDUCTOR POLLICIS LONGUS



Forearm and hand—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Posterior (dorsal) surface of shaft of radius, ulna, interosseous membrane

■ **Insertion**

Dorsal surface of base of first metacarpal bone

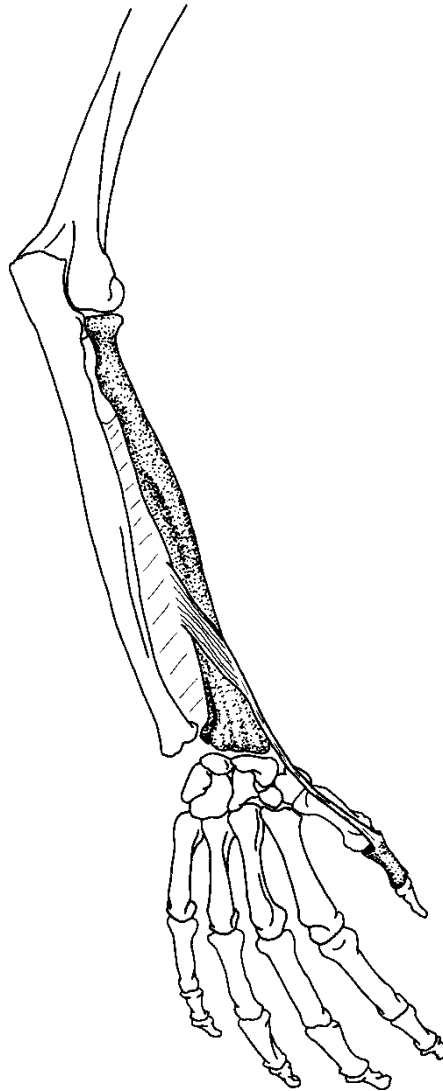
■ **Action**

Abducts, laterally rotates, and extends thumb; abducts wrist

■ **Nerve**

Radial nerve (C7, C8)

EXTENSOR POLLICIS BREVIS



Forearm and hand—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Dorsal surface of radius, adjacent part of interosseous membrane

■ **Insertion**

Base of proximal phalanx of thumb

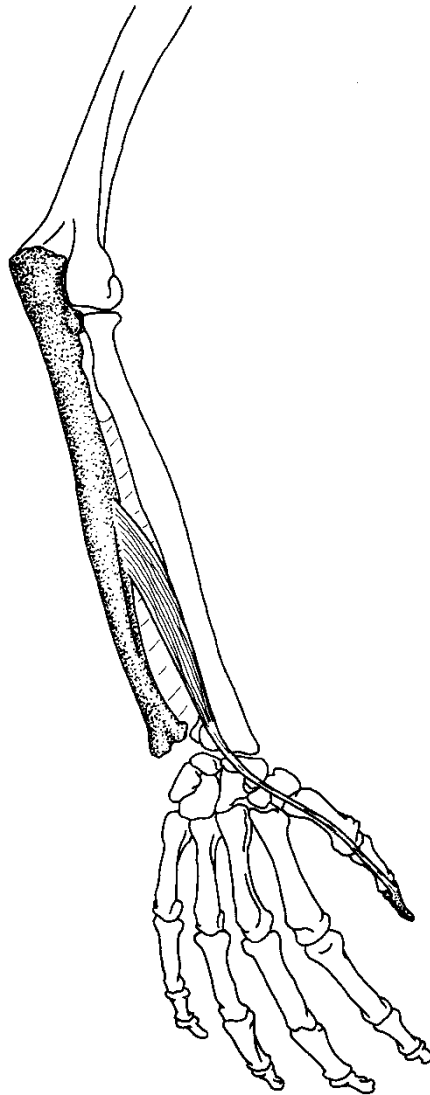
■ **Action**

Extends thumb, abducts hand

■ **Nerve**

Radial nerve (C7, C8)

EXTENSOR POLLICIS LONGUS



Forearm and hand—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Middle third of dorsal surface of ulna, interosseous membrane

■ **Insertion**

Base of distal phalanx of thumb

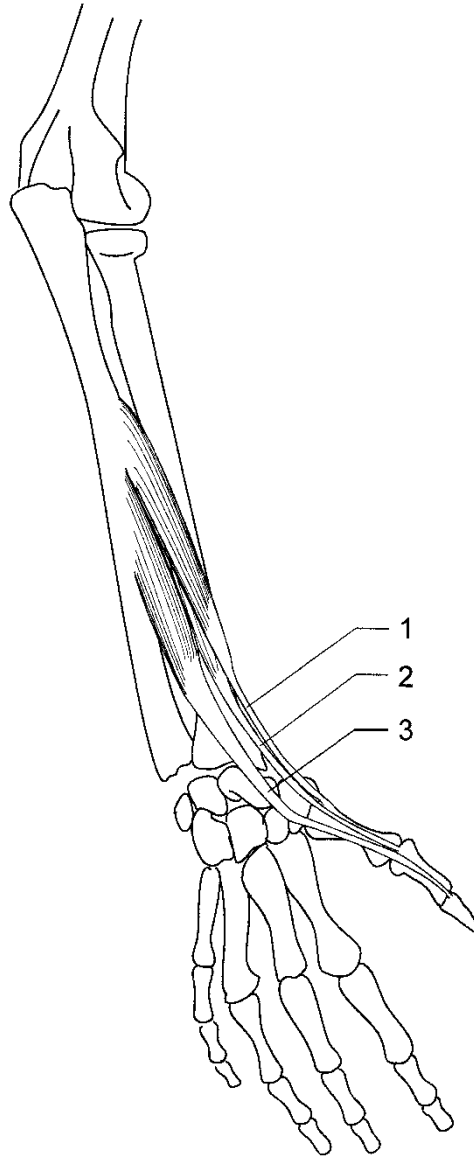
■ **Action**

Extends thumb

■ **Nerve**

Radial nerve (C7, C8)

EXTENSORS OF THE THUMB

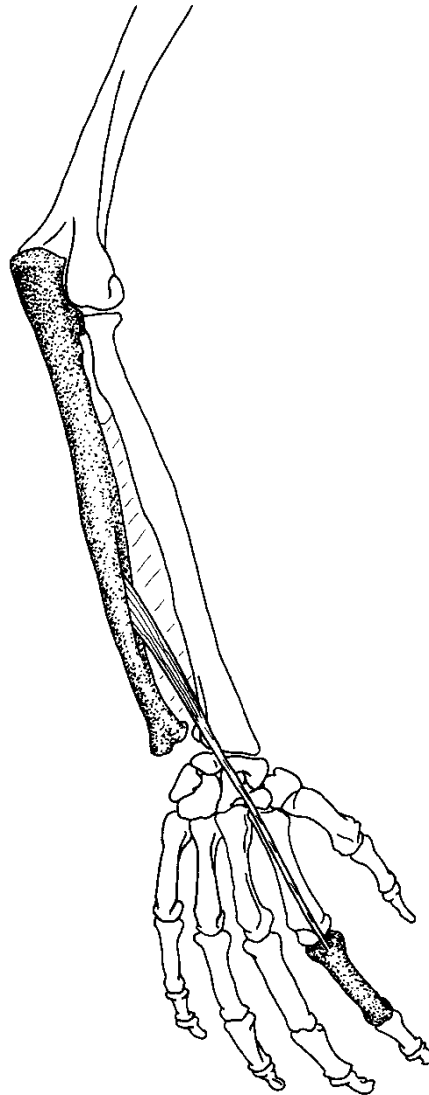


Forearm—posterior view

1. Abductor pollicis longus
2. Extensor pollicis brevis
3. Extensor pollicis longus

Note: Beginning at the styloid process of the radius, the tendons of the extensor pollicis longus (medially) and the extensor pollicis brevis (laterally) form a hollow depression known as the anatomical snuff box.

EXTENSOR INDICIS



Forearm and hand—dorsal view

■ **Origin**

Posterior surface of ulna and adjacent part of interosseous membrane

■ **Insertion**

Extensor expansion on dorsal surface of proximal phalanx of index finger

■ **Action**

Extends index finger

■ **Nerve**

Radial nerve (C7, C8)

PALMARIS BREVIS



Hand—palmar view

■ Origin

Flexor retinaculum, palmar aponeurosis

■ Insertion

Skin of the palm

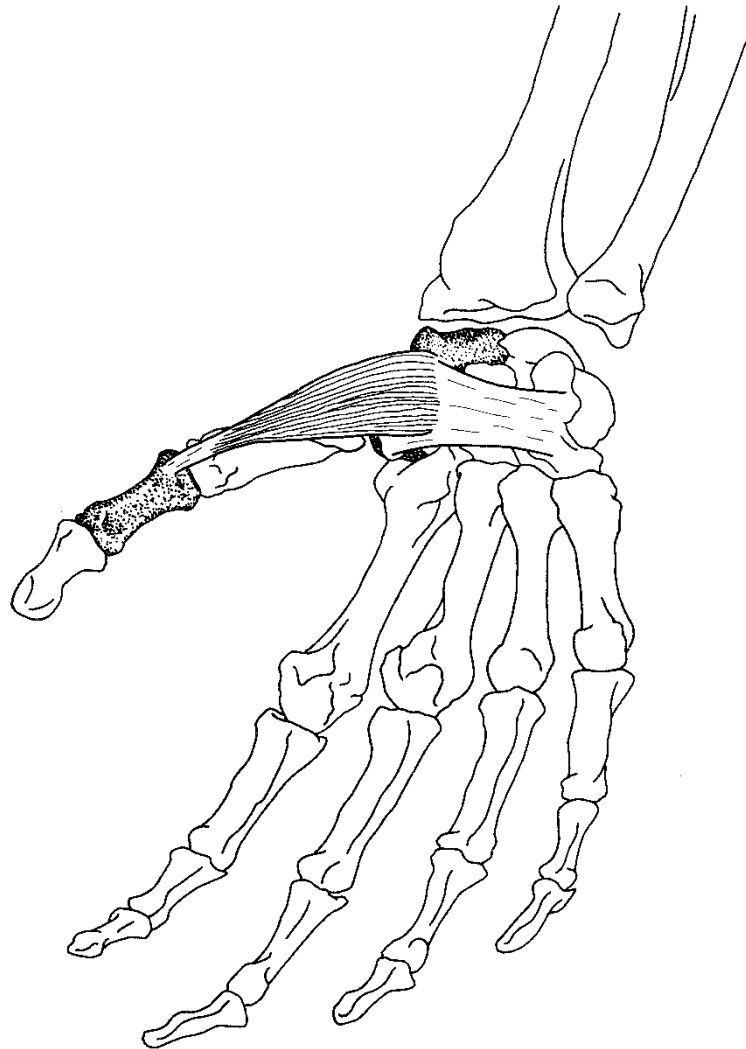
■ Action

Corrugates lateral skin of palm

■ Nerve

Ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

ABDUCTOR POLLICIS BREVIS (*Thenar Eminence*)



Hand—palmar view

■ **Origin**

Tubercle of scaphoid, tubercle of trapezium, flexor retinaculum

■ **Insertion**

Base of proximal phalanx of thumb

■ **Action**

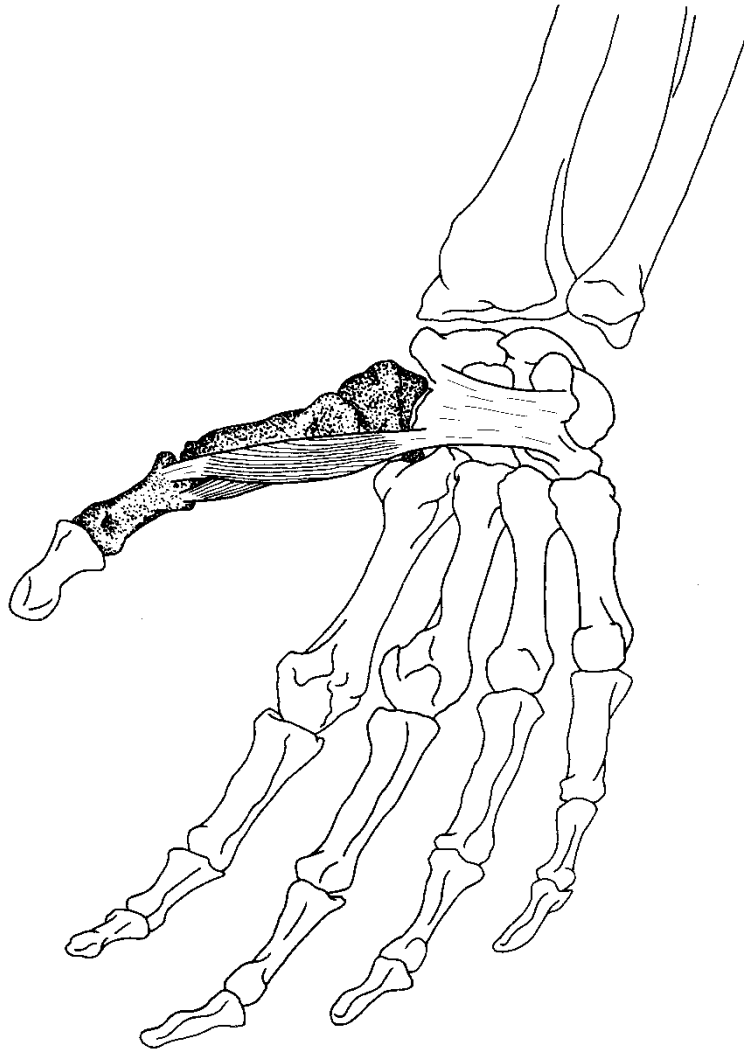
Abducts thumb and moves it anteriorly, acts together with other muscles of thenar eminence to oppose thumb to other fingers

■ **Nerve**

Median (C8, T1)

Note: The abductor pollicis brevis, flexor pollicis brevis, and opponens pollicis form the thenar eminence at the base of the thumb.

FLEXOR POLLICIS BREVIS (*Thenar Eminence*)



Hand—palmar view

■ Origin

Flexor retinaculum and trapezium, and first metacarpal bone

■ Insertion

Base of proximal phalanx of thumb

■ Action

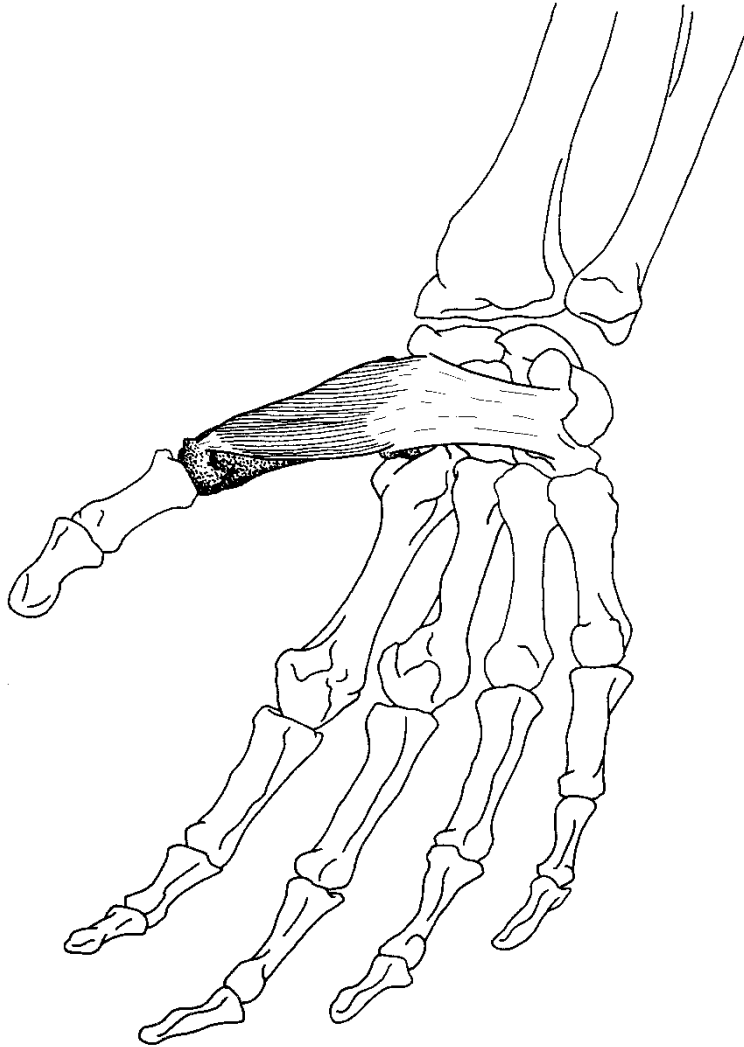
Flexes metacarpophalangeal joint of thumb, assists in abduction and rotation of thumb, acts together with other muscles of thenar eminence to oppose thumb to other fingers

■ Nerve

Lateral portion—median nerve (C8, T1)

Medial portion—ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

OPPONENS POLLICIS (*Thenar Eminence*)



Hand—palmar view

■ **Origin**

Flexor retinaculum, tubercle of trapezium

■ **Insertion**

Lateral border of first metacarpal bone

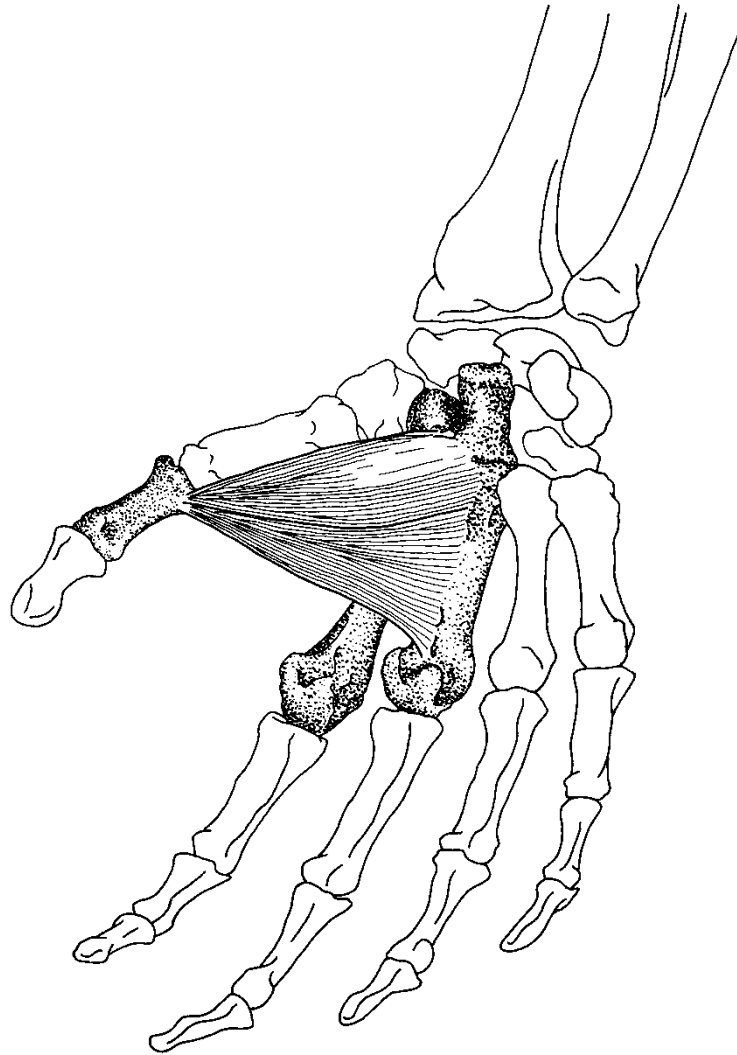
■ **Action**

Rotates thumb into opposition with fingers, acts together with other muscles of thenar eminence to oppose thumb to other fingers

■ **Nerve**

Median nerve (C8, T1)

ADDUCTOR POLLICIS



Hand—palmar view

■ Origin

Oblique head—anterior surfaces of second and third metacarpals, capitate, trapezoid

Transverse head—anterior surface of third metacarpal bone

■ Insertion

Medial side of base of proximal phalanx of thumb

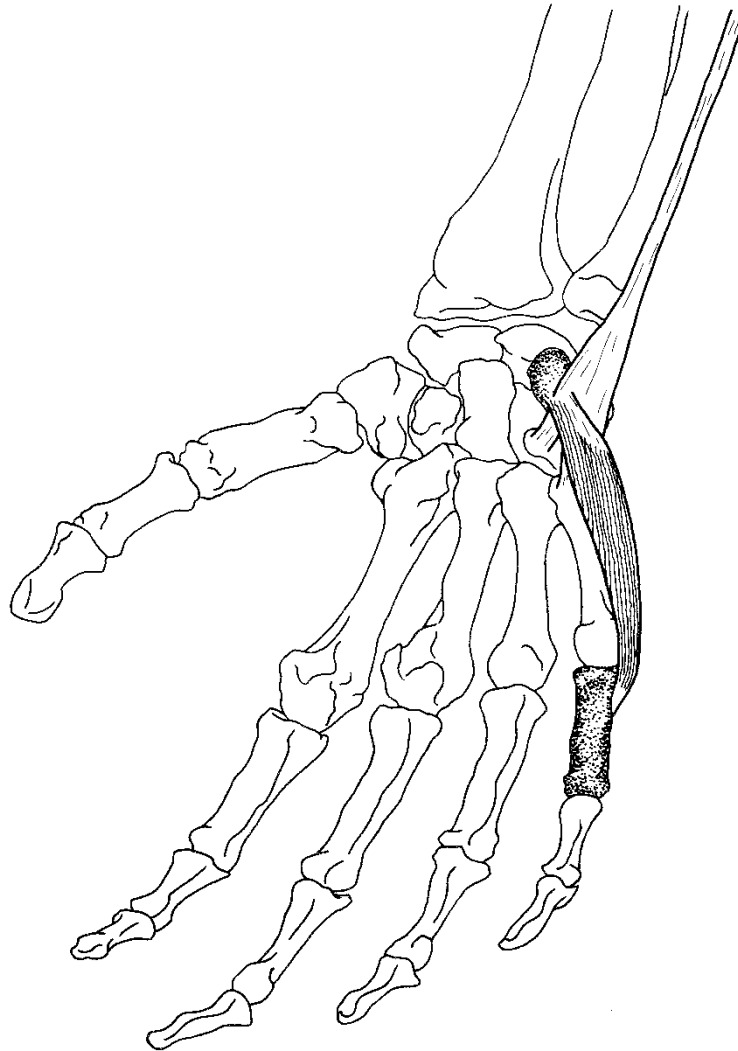
■ Action

Adducts thumb

■ Nerve

Ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

ABDUCTOR DIGITI MINIMI (*Hypothenar Eminence*)



Hand—palmar view

■ **Origin**

Pisiform bone, tendon of flexor carpi ulnaris

■ **Insertion**

Medial side of base of proximal phalanx of fifth finger

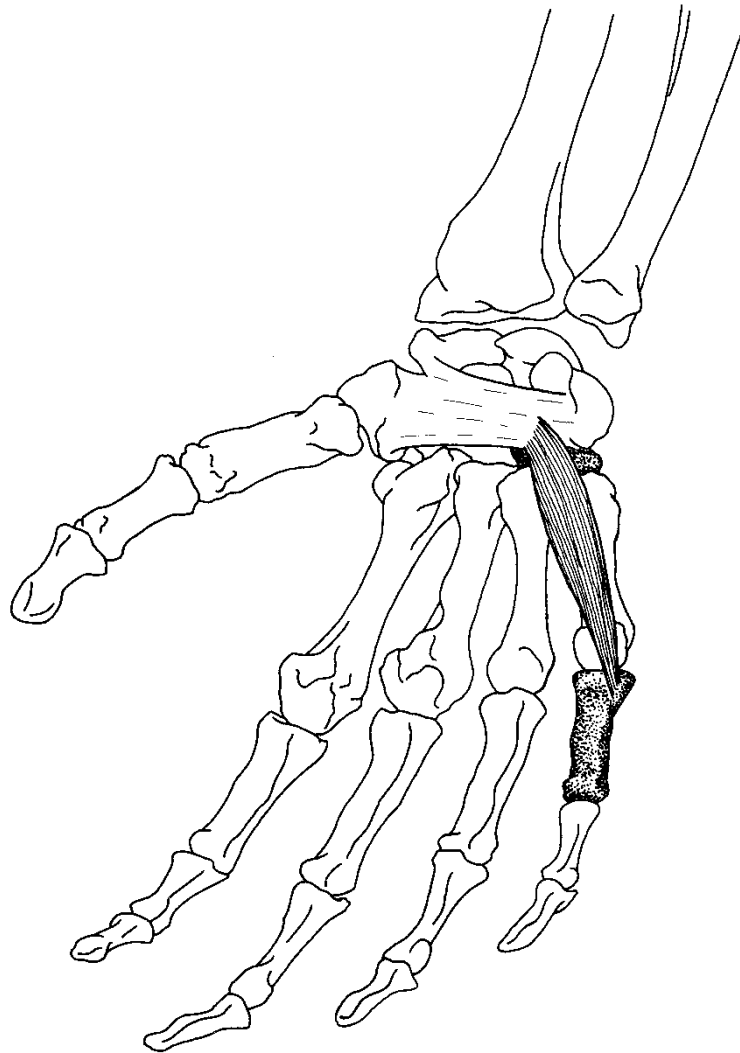
■ **Action**

Abducts fifth finger

■ **Nerve**

Ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

Note: The hypothenar eminence is less prominent than the thenar eminence, and the fifth finger obviously cannot oppose the other digits.

FLEXOR DIGITI MINIMI BREVIS (*Hypothenar Eminence*)**Hand—palmar view****■ Origin**

Anterior surface of flexor retinaculum, hook of hamate

■ Insertion

Medial side of base of proximal phalanx of fifth finger

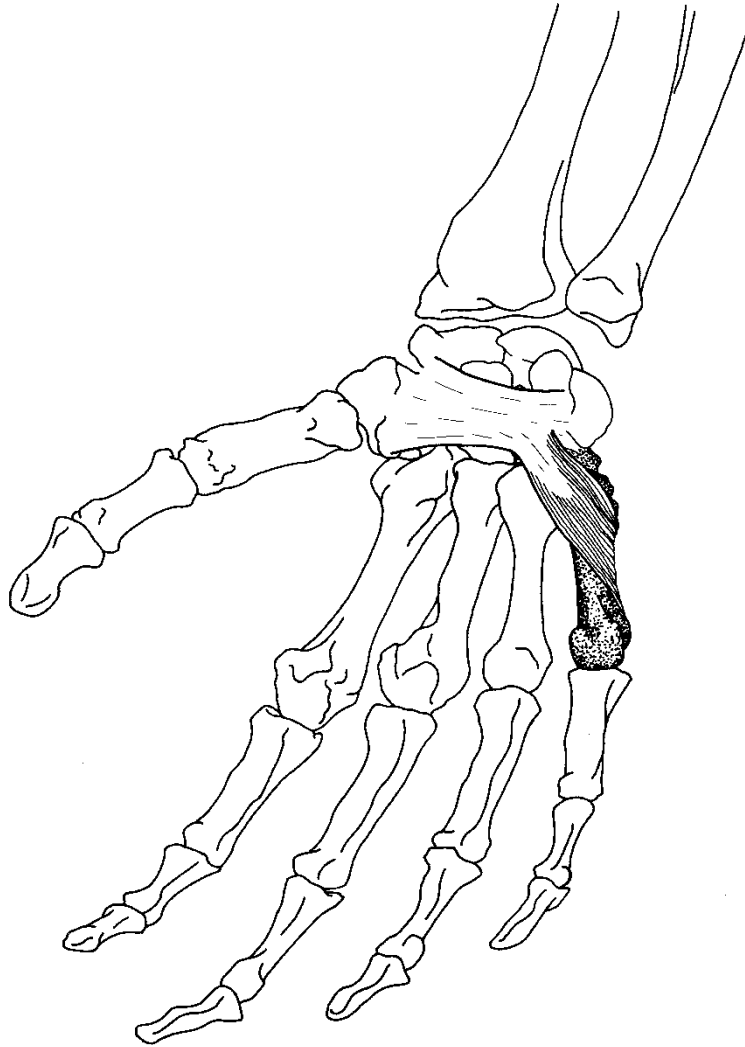
■ Action

Flexes fifth finger at metacarpophalangeal joint

■ Nerve

Ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

OPPONENS DIGITI MINIMI (*Hypothenar Eminence*)



Hand—palmar view

■ **Origin**

Anterior surface of flexor retinaculum, hook of hamate

■ **Insertion**

Whole length of medial border of fifth metacarpal bone

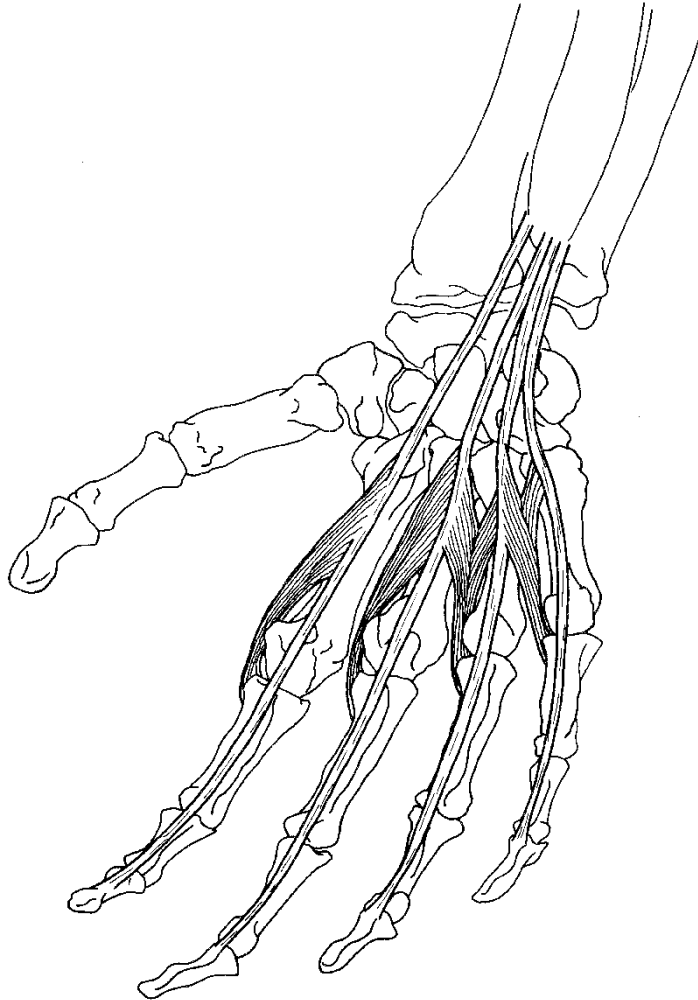
■ **Action**

Rotates fifth metacarpal bone, draws fifth metacarpal bone forward, assists flexor digiti minimi brevis in flexing carpometacarpal joint of fifth finger

■ **Nerve**

Ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

LUMBRICALES* (*Four Muscles*)



Hand—palmar view

■ Origin

Tendons of flexor digitorum profundus in palm

■ Insertion

Lateral side of corresponding tendon of extensor digitorum on fingers

■ Action

Extend fingers at interphalangeal joints, weakly flex fingers at metacarpophalangeal joints

■ Nerve

Lateral lumbricals (first and second)—median nerve (C8, T1)

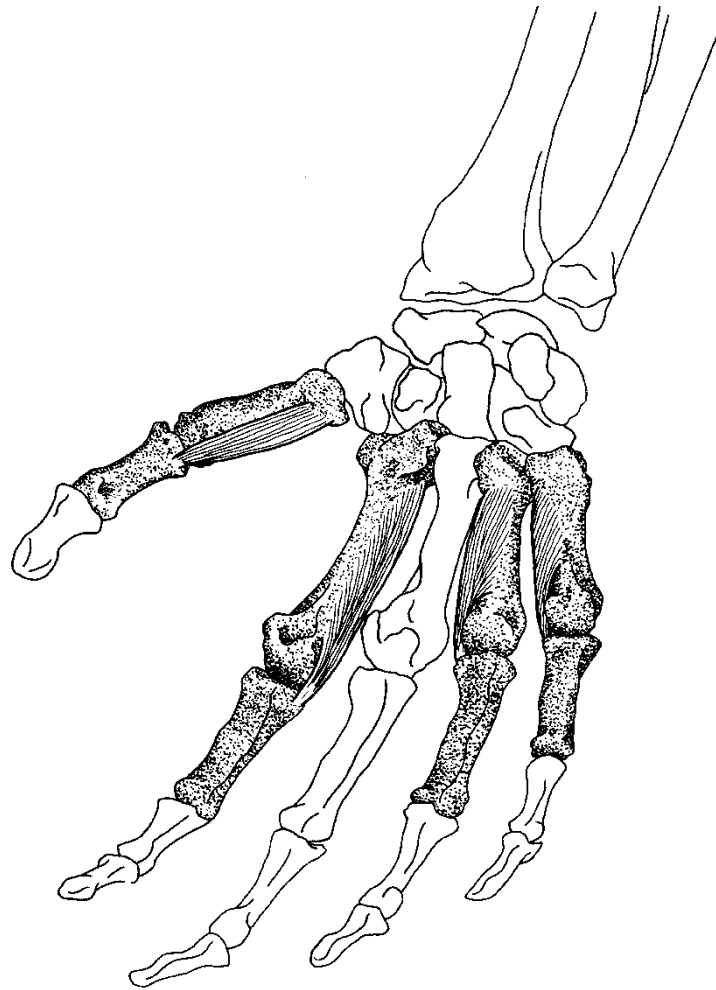
Medial lumbricals (third and fourth)—ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

■ Relationship

Assist extensor digitorum communis in extending fingers without hyperextension at the metacarpophalangeal joints

*Associated with the tendons of flexor digitorum profundus.

PALMAR INTEROSSEI



Hand—palmar view

■ Origin

First—medial side of base of first metacarpal bone

Second, third, and fourth—anterior surfaces of second, fourth, and fifth metacarpal bones

■ Insertion

First—medial side of base of proximal phalanx of thumb

Second—medial side of base of proximal phalanx of index finger

Third and fourth—lateral side of proximal phalanges of ring finger and fifth finger

■ Action

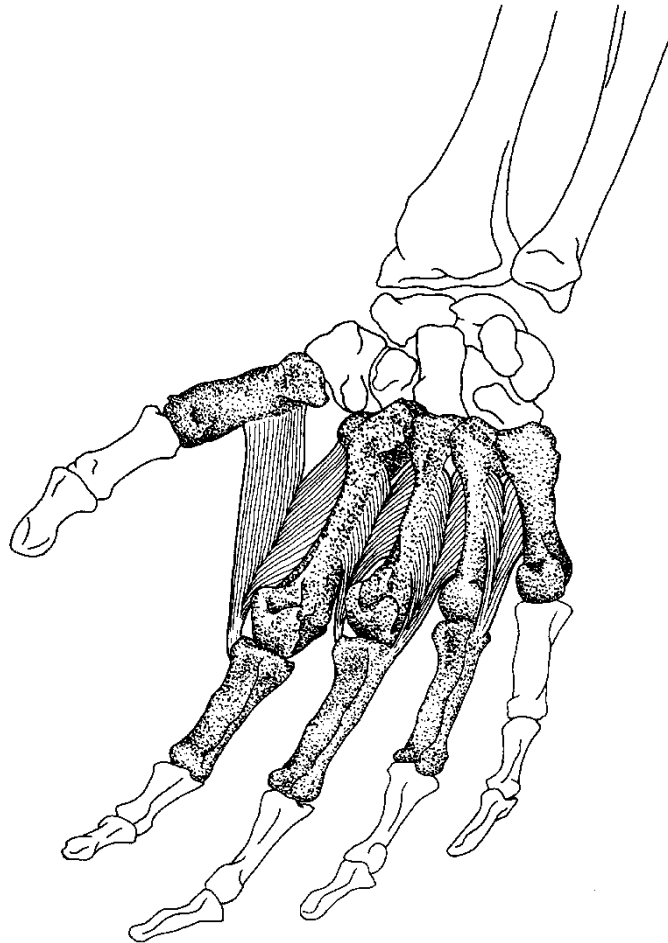
Adduct fingers toward center of third finger at metacarpophalangeal joints, assist in flexion of fingers at metacarpophalangeal joints

■ Nerve

Ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

Note: The palmar interosseus of the thumb is called the palmar interosseus of Henle. Most anatomists claim that it is usually absent while some argue for its common occurrence.

DORSAL INTEROSSEI



Hand—palmar view

■ **Origin**

By two heads from adjacent sides of first and second, second and third, third and fourth, and fourth and fifth metacarpal bones

■ **Insertion**

First—lateral side of base of proximal phalanx of index finger

Second—lateral side of base of proximal phalanx of middle finger

Third—medial side of base of proximal phalanx of middle finger

Fourth—medial side of base of proximal phalanx of ring finger

■ **Action**

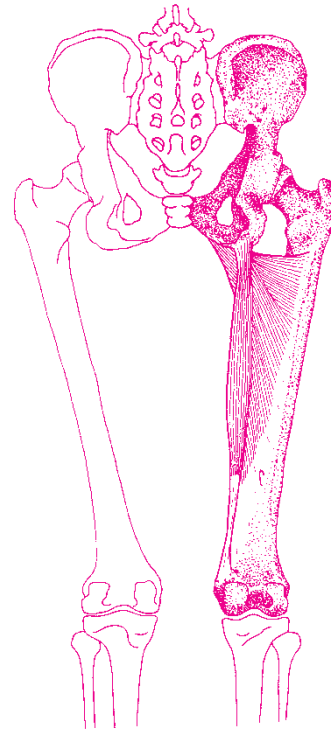
Abduct fingers away from center of third finger at metacarpophalangeal joints, assist in flexion of fingers at metacarpophalangeal joints

■ **Nerve**

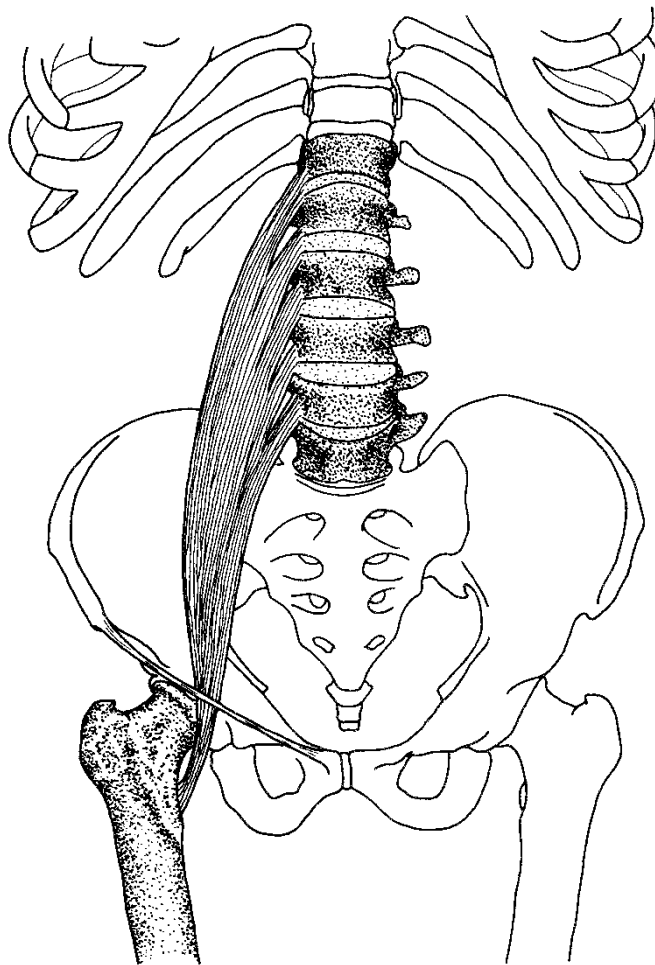
Ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

C H A P T E R E I G H T

Muscles of the Hip and Thigh



PSOAS MAJOR *(Part of Iliopsoas)*



Lumbar region, hip, and thigh—anterior view

■ Origin

Bases of transverse processes of all lumbar vertebrae, bodies of twelfth thoracic and all lumbar vertebrae, intervertebral disks above each lumbar vertebra

■ Insertion

Lesser trochanter of femur

■ Action

Flexes thigh*, flexes vertebral column

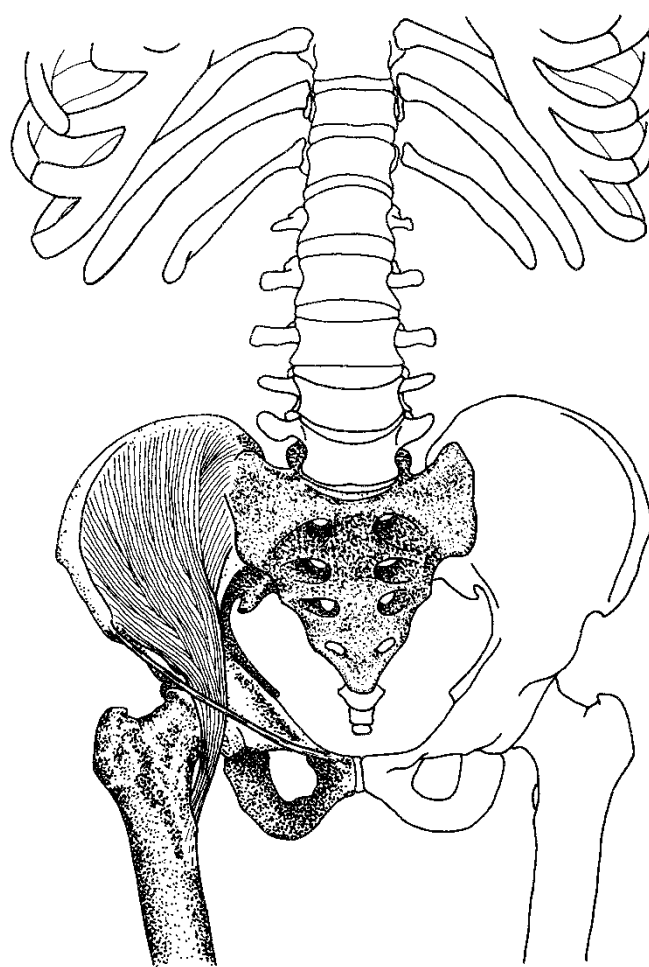
■ Nerve

Branches from lumbar plexus (L2, L3) and sometimes L1 or L4

Note: Some upper fibers insert onto the hip bone from the arcuate line to the iliopectineal eminence to form the *psaos minor*. This muscle has little function and is frequently absent.

*See note on p. 188.

ILIACUS *(Part of Iliopsoas)*



Lumbar region, hip, and thigh—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Upper two-thirds of iliac fossa, ala of sacrum and adjacent ligaments, anterior inferior iliac spine

■ **Insertion**

Onto tendon of psoas major, which continues into lesser trochanter of femur (together the two muscles form the iliopsoas)

■ **Action**

Flexes thigh*

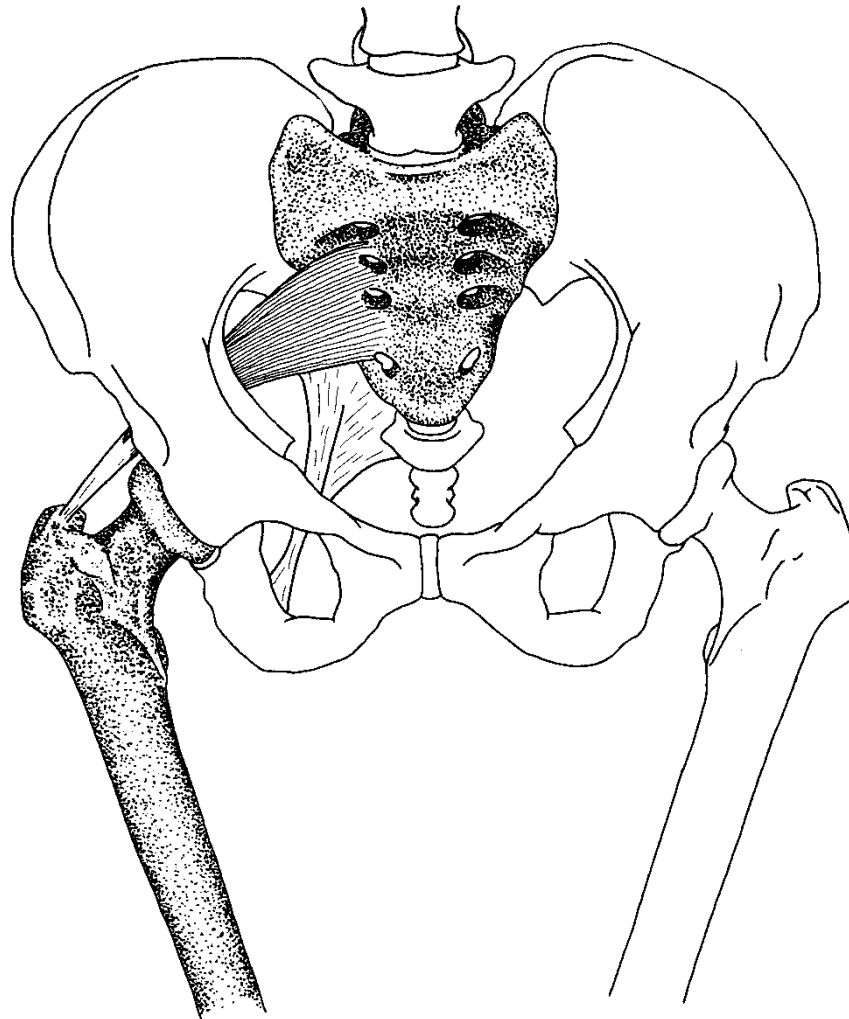
■ **Nerve**

Femoral nerve (L2, L3)

Note: The iliacus brings swinging leg forward in walking or running.

*See note on p. 188.

PIRIFORMIS



Hip and thigh—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Internal surface of sacrum, sacrotuberous ligament

■ **Insertion**

Upper border of greater trochanter

■ **Action**

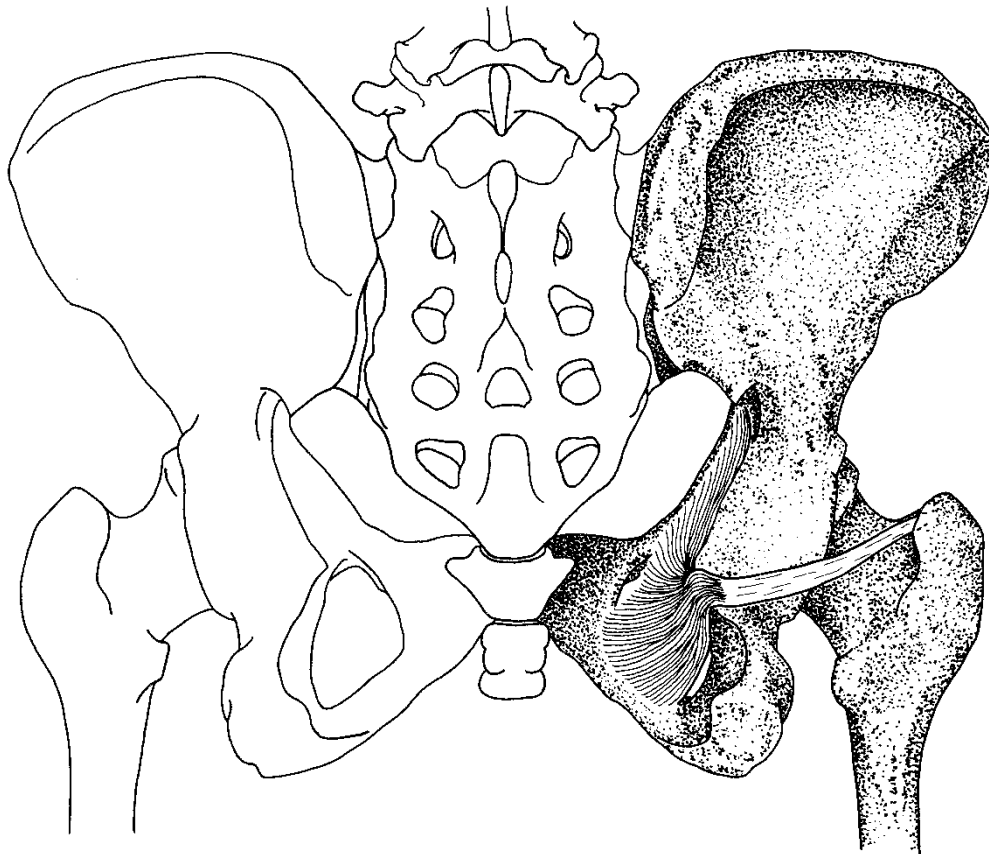
Laterally rotates thigh, abducts thigh

■ **Nerve**

Anterior rami of first and second sacral nerves

Note: The common peroneal part of the sciatic nerve may emerge through the belly of the piriformis instead of below its inferior border along with the tibial part.

OBTURATOR INTERNUS



Hip—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Pelvic surface of obturator membrane and surrounding bones (ilium, ischium, pubis)

■ **Insertion**

Common tendon with superior and inferior gemelli to medial surface of upper border of greater trochanter

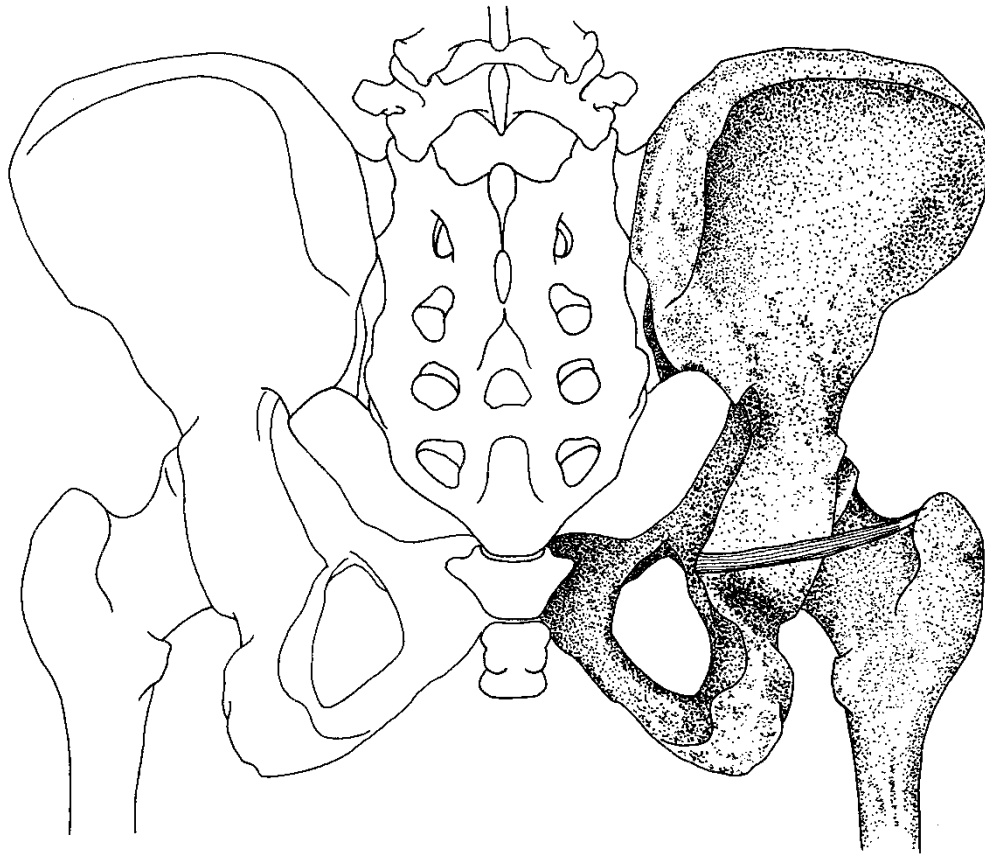
■ **Action**

Laterally rotates thigh

■ **Nerve**

Nerve from sacral plexus (L5, S1)

GEMELLUS SUPERIOR

**Hip—posterior view****■ Origin**

Spine of ischium

■ Insertion

With tendon of obturator internus into medial surface of upper border of greater trochanter

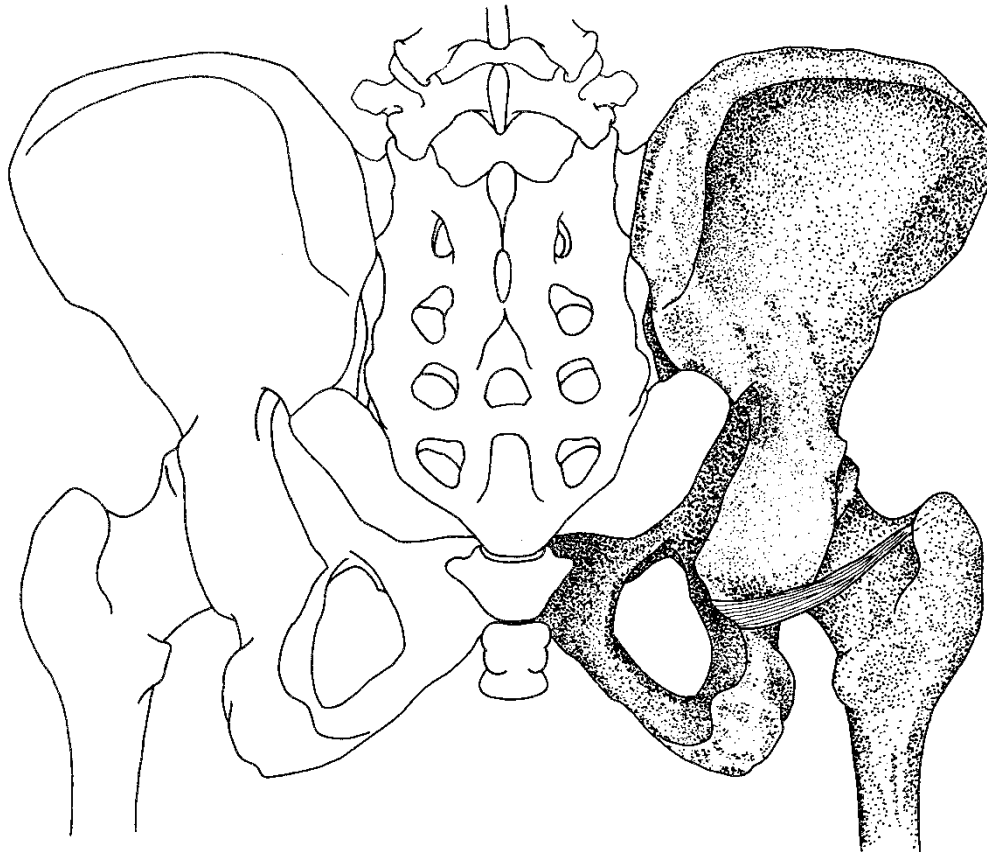
■ Action

Laterally rotates thigh

■ Nerve

Branch of nerve to obturator internus from sacral plexus (L5, S1)

GEMELLUS INFERIOR



Hip—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Upper margin of ischial tuberosity

■ **Insertion**

With tendon of obturator internus into medial surface of upper border of greater trochanter

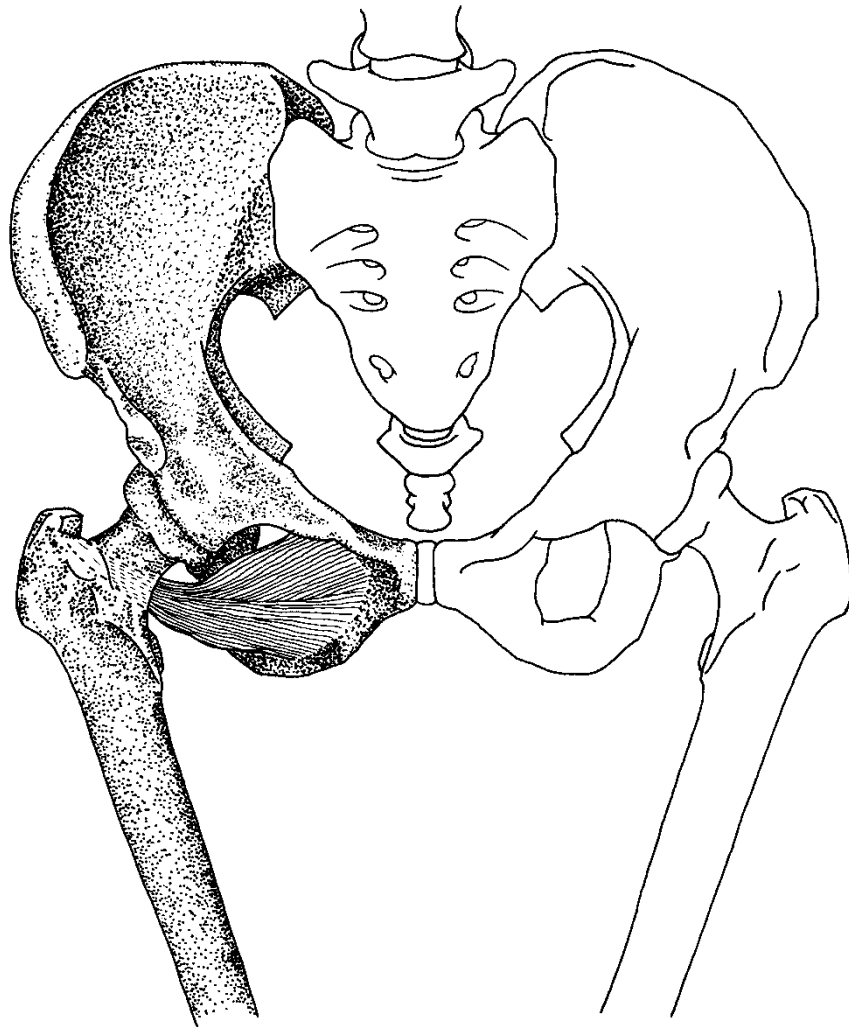
■ **Action**

Laterally rotates thigh

■ **Nerve**

Branch of nerve to quadratus femoris from sacral plexus

OBTURATOR EXTERNUS



Hip and thigh—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Outer surface of superior and inferior rami of pubis and ramus of ischium surrounding obturator foramen

■ **Insertion**

Trochanteric fossa of femur

■ **Action**

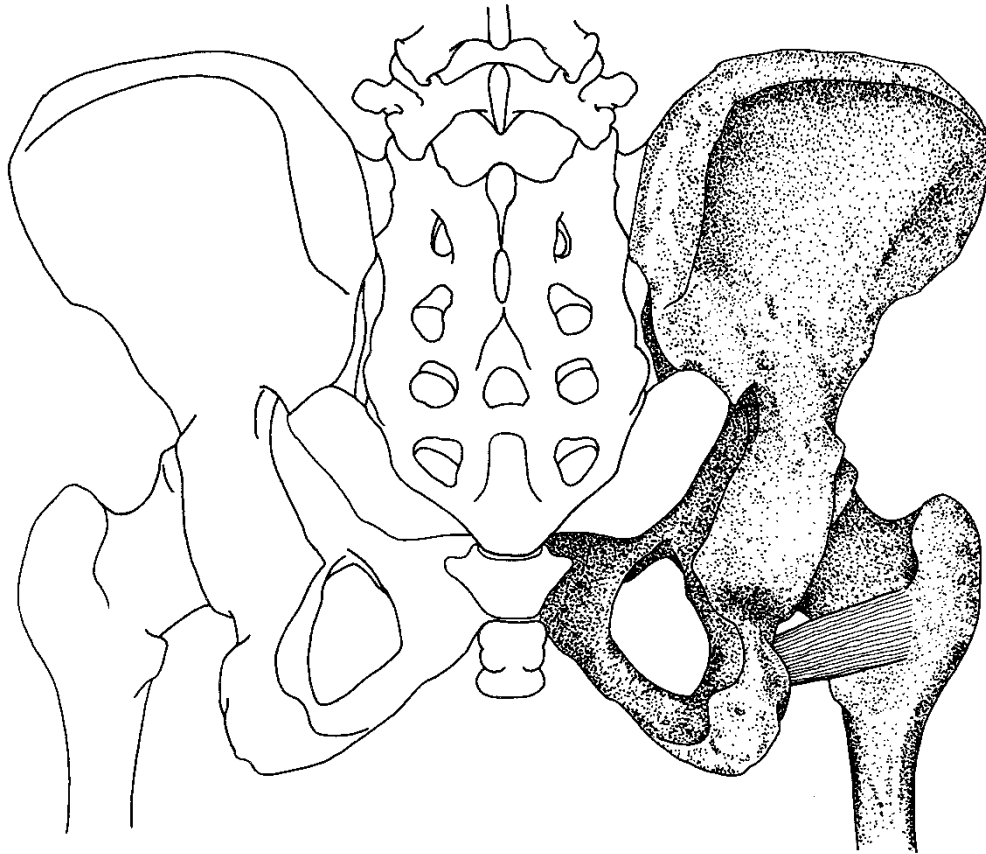
Laterally rotates thigh

■ **Nerve**

Obturator nerve (L3, L4)

Note: Part of this muscle can be seen posteriorly by separating the gemellus inferior and quadratus femoris. It is deep within this cleft.

QUADRATUS FEMORIS



Hip and thigh—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Lateral border of ischial tuberosity

■ **Insertion**

Below intertrochanteric crest (quadrate line)

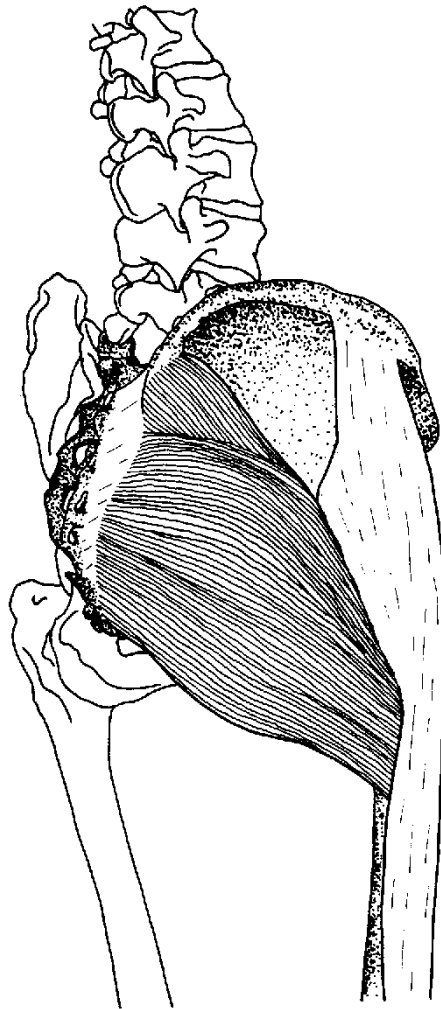
■ **Action**

Laterally rotates thigh

■ **Nerve**

Branch from sacral plexus (L5, S1)

GLUTEUS MAXIMUS



Hip and thigh—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Outer surface of ilium behind posterior gluteal line, adjacent posterior surface of sacrum and coccyx, sacrotuberous ligament, aponeurosis of erector spinae (sacrospinalis)

■ **Insertion**

Iliotibial tract of fascia lata, gluteal tuberosity of femur

■ **Action**

Upper part—abducts, laterally rotates thigh

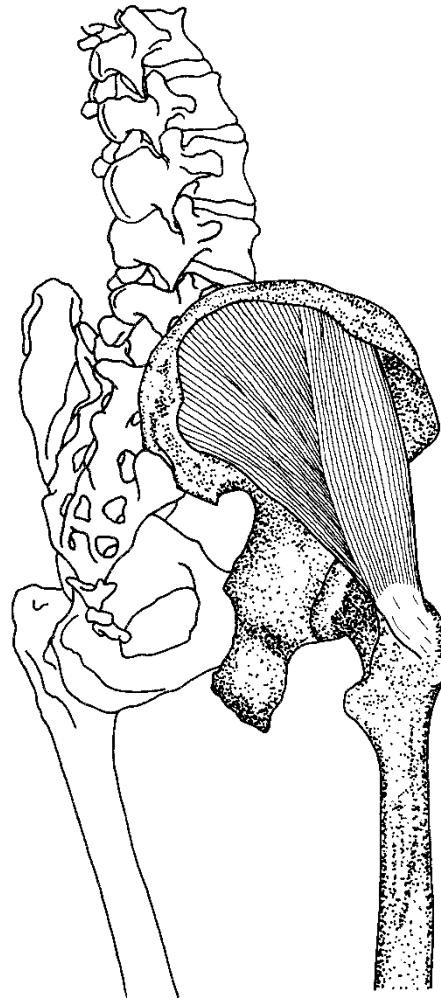
Lower part—extends, laterally rotates thigh, extends trunk, assists in adduction of thigh

■ **Nerve**

Inferior gluteal nerve (L5, S1, S2)

Note: This is not a postural muscle; it is not used in walking but only in forceful extension, as in running, climbing, or rising from a seated position.

GLUTEUS MEDIUS



Hip and thigh—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Outer surface of ilium inferior to iliac crest

■ **Insertion**

Lateral surface of greater trochanter

■ **Action**

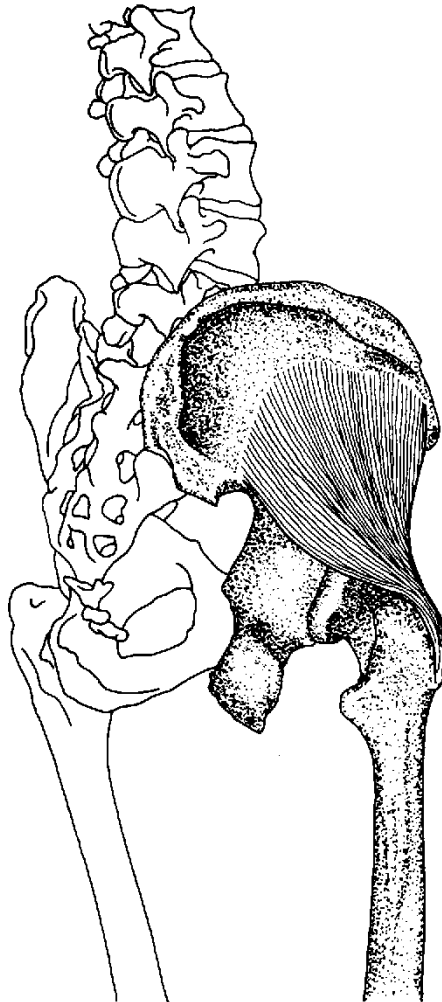
Abducts femur and rotates thigh medially

■ **Nerve**

Superior gluteal nerve (L4, L5, S1)

Note: In locomotion, this muscle (along with the gluteus minimus) prevents the pelvis from dropping (adduction of thigh) toward the opposite swinging leg.

GLUTEUS MINIMUS



Hip and thigh—lateral view

■ **Origin**

Outer surface of ilium between middle (anterior) and inferior gluteal lines

■ **Insertion**

Anterior surface of greater trochanter

■ **Action**

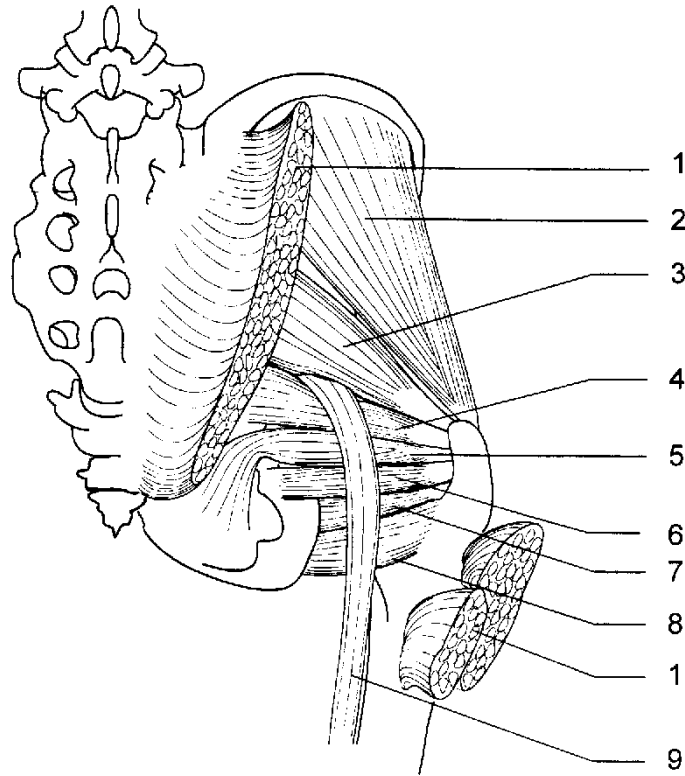
Abducts femur, rotates thigh medially

■ **Nerve**

Superior gluteal nerve (L4, L5, S1)

See note on p. 173.

MUSCLES OF THE HIP



Hip—posterior view

1. Gluteus maximus (cut)
2. Gluteus medius
3. Piriformis
4. Gemellus superior
5. Obturator internus
6. Gemellus inferior
7. Obturator externus
8. Quadratus femoris
9. Sciatic nerve

Note: Gemellus inferior and quadratus femoris have been shown separated to expose the deeply placed obturator externus.

TENSOR FASCIAE LATAE

Hip and thigh—lateral view

■ Origin

Outer edge of iliac crest between anterior superior iliac spine and iliac tubercle

■ Insertion

Iliotibial tract on upper part of thigh

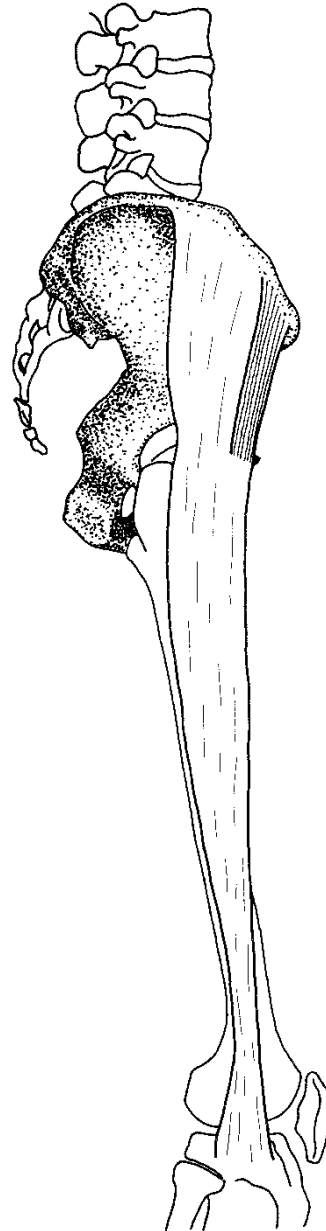
■ Action

Flexes, abducts thigh

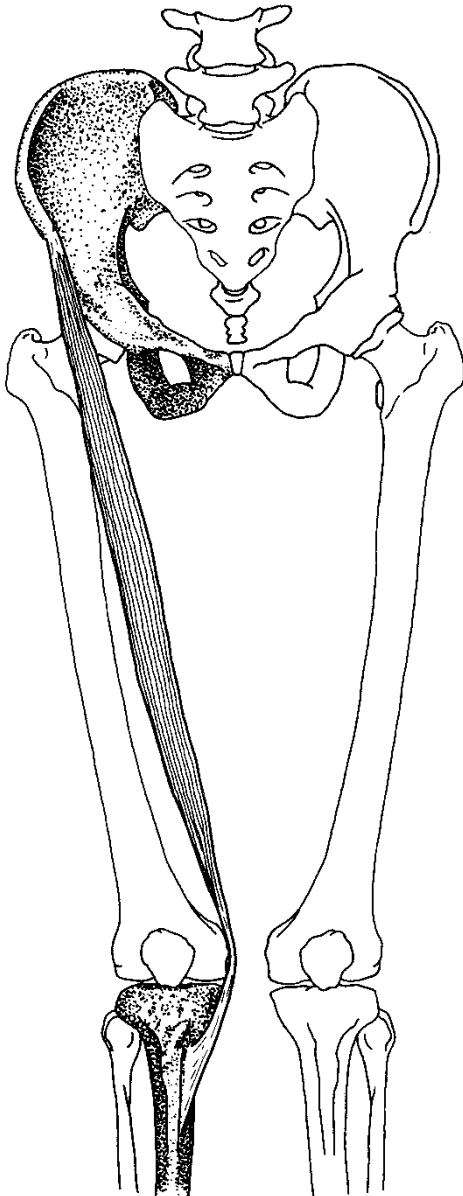
■ Nerve

Superior gluteal nerve (L4, L5, S1)

Note: This muscle, along with gluteus maximus, draws the fascia lata upward, stabilizing the knee.



SARTORIUS



Hip, thigh, and leg—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Anterior superior iliac spine and area immediately below it

■ **Insertion**

Upper part of medial surface of shaft of tibia

■ **Action**

Flexes, abducts, and laterally rotates thigh, flexes and slightly medially rotates leg at knee joint after flexion

■ **Nerve**

Femoral nerve (L2, L3)

■ **Relationship**

Insertions of sartorius, gracilis, and semitendinosus fuse on the medial tibia; these tendons, called the pes anserinus (goose foot), give medial support to the knee

Note: This muscle is used to bring swinging leg forward in walking and running.

RECTUS FEMORIS *(One of Quadriceps Femoris)*

Hip, thigh, and leg—anterior view

■ Origin

Anterior head—anterior inferior iliac spine

Posterior head—ilium above acetabulum

■ Insertion

Patella, then by patellar ligament to tuberosity of the tibia

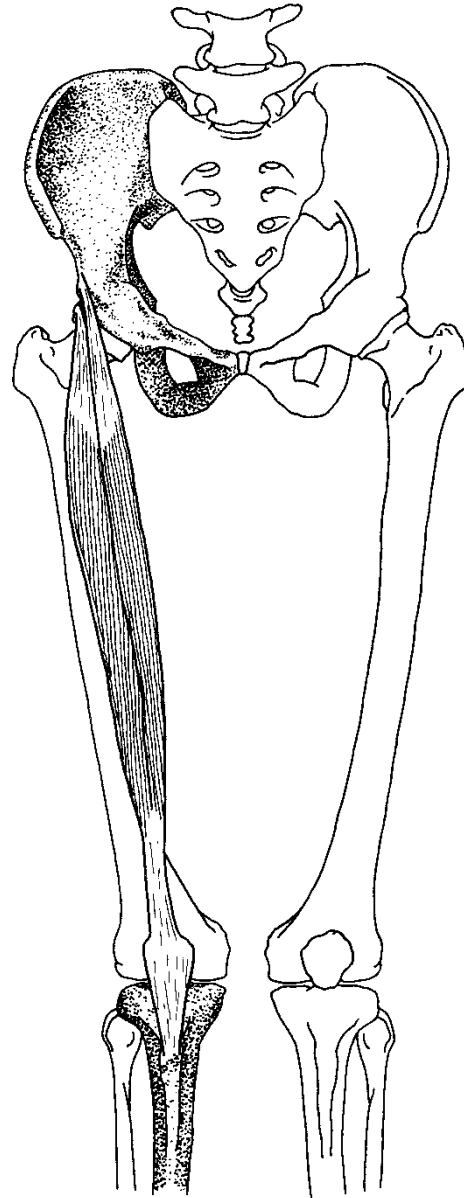
■ Action

Extends leg at knee joint, flexes thigh

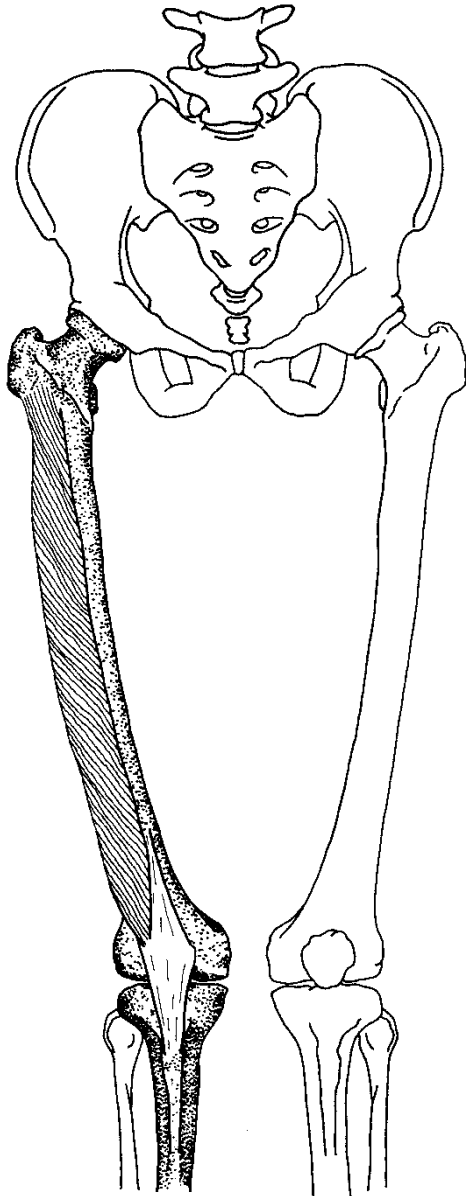
■ Nerve

Femoral nerve (L2–L4)

Note: This muscle is used when thigh flexion and leg extension are needed together, such as in kicking a football. In walking, the quadriceps prevent the knee from flexing during heel strike and early support phase.



VASTUS LATERALIS *(One of Quadriceps Femoris)*



Hip, thigh, and leg—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Intertrochanteric line, inferior border of greater trochanter, gluteal tuberosity, lateral lip of linea aspera of femur

■ **Insertion**

Lateral margin of patella, then by patellar ligament to tuberosity of tibia

■ **Action**

Extends leg

■ **Nerve**

Femoral nerve (L2–L4)

VASTUS MEDIALIS (One of Quadriceps Femoris)

Hip, thigh, and leg—anterior view

■ Origin

Intertrochanteric line, medial lip of linea aspera of femur, medial intermuscular septum of adductor magnus and adductor longus, medial supracondylar ridge

■ Insertion

Medial border of the patella, then by patellar ligament into tibial tuberosity, medial condyle of tibia

■ Action

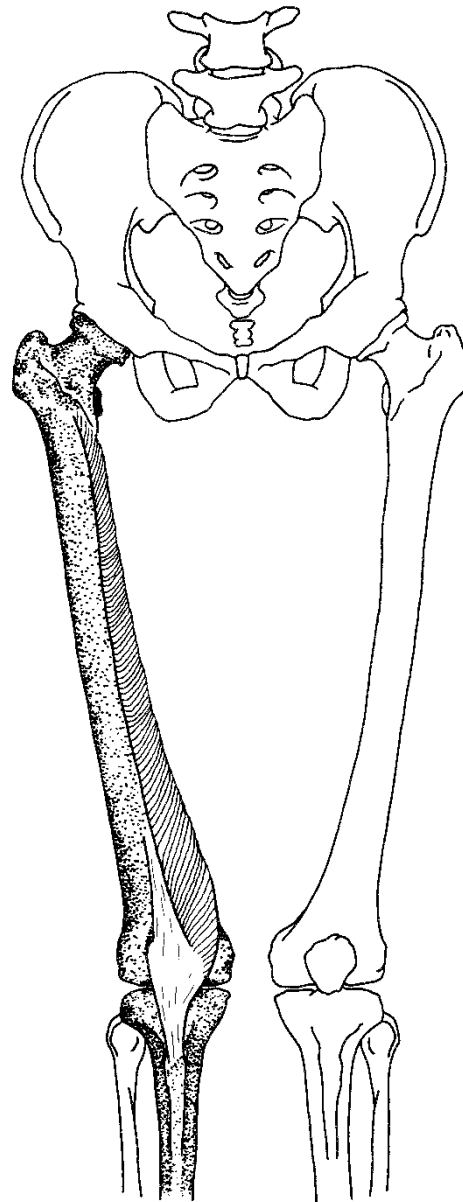
Extends leg, draws patella medially

■ Nerve

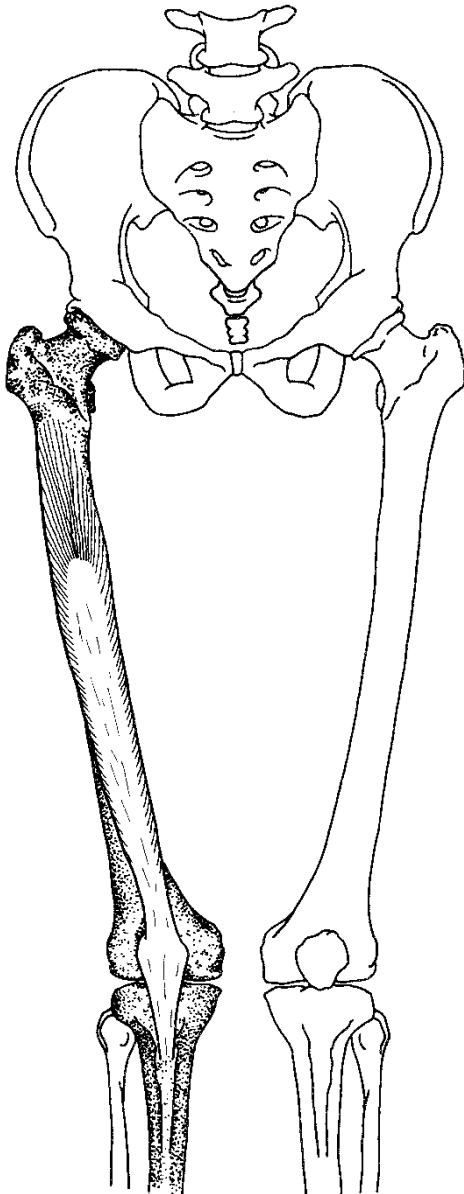
Femoral nerve (L2–L4)

Note: Although they are not anatomically separate¹, the lower portion of the vastus medialis is referred to as the vastus medialis obliquus (VMO). Its action is to stabilize the patella and prevent its lateral dislocation.

¹Noric, M. M., Mitchell, J., de Klerk, D. (1997) A comparison of the proximal and distal parts of the vastus medialis muscle. *Australian Journal of Physiotherapy*, 43(4):277–281.



VASTUS INTERMEDIUS (*One of Quadriceps Femoris*)



Hip, thigh, and leg—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Anterior and lateral surfaces of upper two-thirds of femur, lateral intermuscular septum, linea aspera, lateral supracondylar ridge

■ **Insertion**

Deep aspect of quadriceps tendon, then through patella to tibial tuberosity

■ **Action**

Extends leg

■ **Nerve**

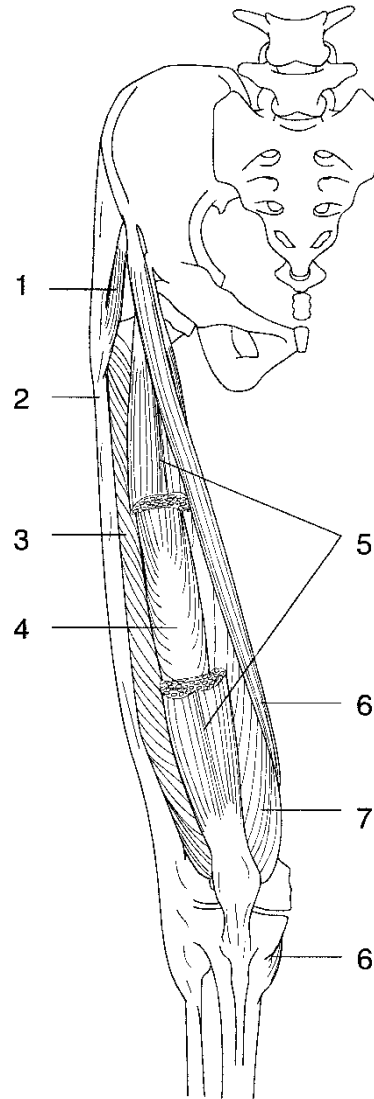
Femoral nerve (L2–L4)

Note: A few bundles of fibers from this muscle insert onto the upper part of the joint capsule of the knee. They probably draw the capsule superiorly during extension of the leg, preventing it from binding in the joint. They are called *articularis genus*.

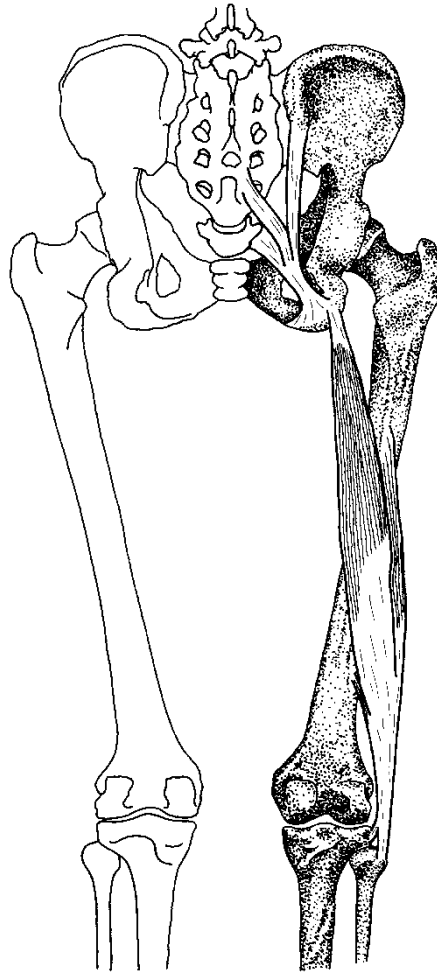
MUSCLES OF THE ANTERIOR THIGH

Hip and thigh—anterior view

1. Tensor fasciae latae
2. Iliotibial tract
3. Vastus lateralis (quadriceps femoris)
4. Vastus intermedius (quadriceps femoris)
5. Rectus femoris (cut) (quadriceps femoris)
6. Sartorius
7. Vastus medialis (quadriceps femoris)



BICEPS FEMORIS (Part of Hamstrings)



Hip and thigh—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Long head—ischial tuberosity, sacrotuberous ligament

Short head—linea aspera, lateral supracondylar ridge,
lateral intermuscular septum

■ **Insertion**

Lateral side of head of fibula and lateral condyle of tibia

■ **Action**

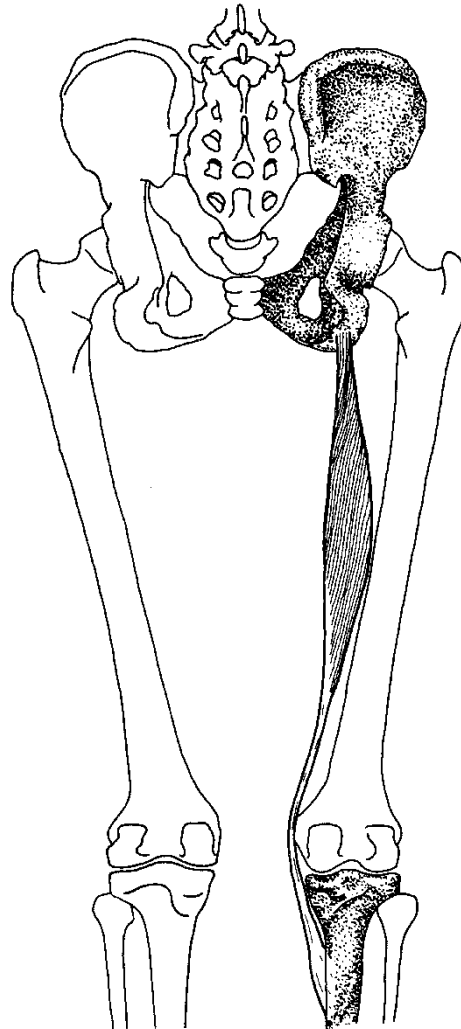
Flexes leg, long head also extends thigh

■ **Nerve**

Long head—tibial part of sciatic nerve (S1–S3)

Short head—common peroneal part of sciatic nerve
(L5, S1, S2)

Note: During walking or running, the hamstrings are used to slow down the leg at the end of its swing and prevent the trunk from flexing at the hip. They are susceptible to being strained by resisting the momentum of these body parts.

SEMITENDINOSUS (*Part of Hamstrings*)**Hip and thigh—posterior view****■ Origin**

Ischial tuberosity

■ Insertion

Medial surface of shaft of tibia

■ Action

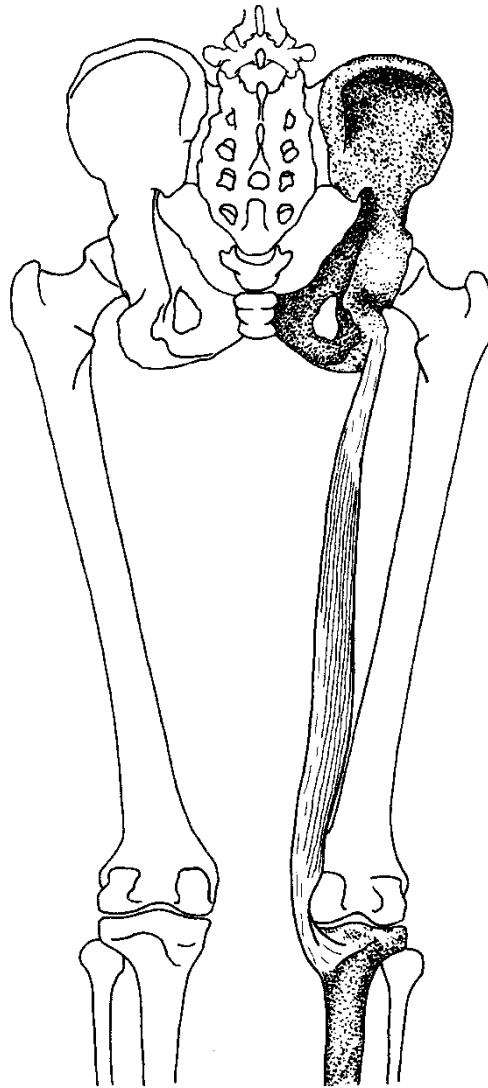
Flexes and slightly medially rotates leg; after flexion, extends thigh

■ Nerve

Tibial portion of sciatic nerve (L5, S1, S2)

See note on p. 183 and Relationship section on p. 177.

SEMIMEMBRANOSUS *(Part of Hamstrings)*



Hip and thigh—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Ischial tuberosity

■ **Insertion**

Posterior part of medial condyle of tibia

■ **Action**

Flexes and slightly medially rotates leg; after flexion, extends thigh

■ **Nerve**

Tibial portion of sciatic nerve (L5, S1, S2)

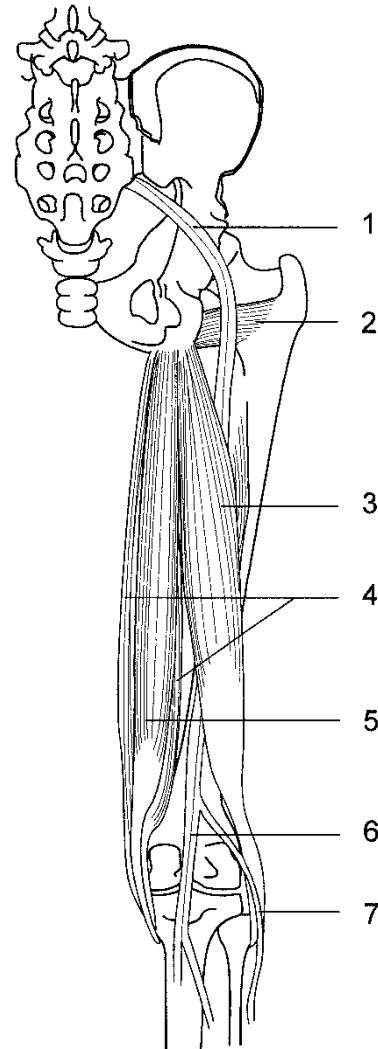
See note on p. 183.

HAMSTRING MUSCLES

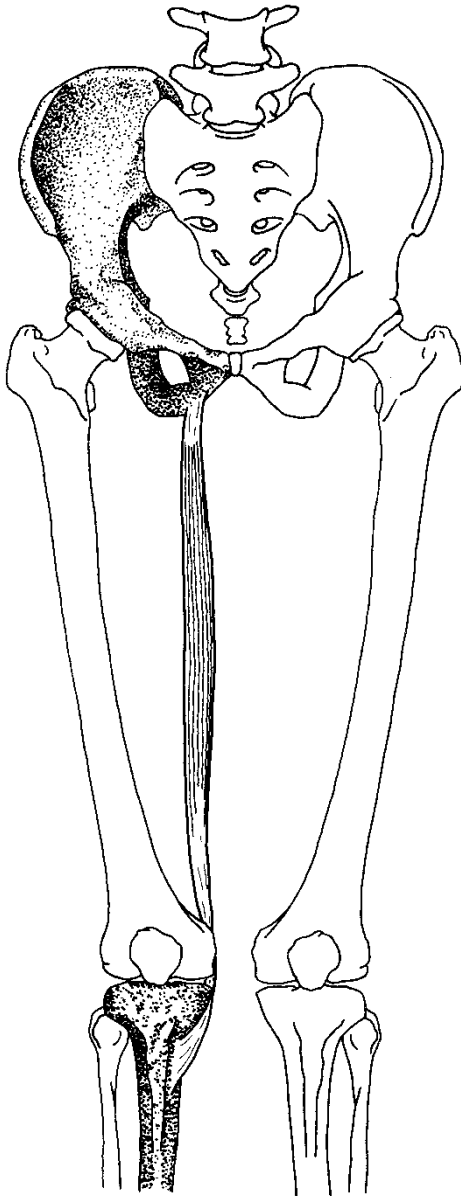
Hip and thigh—posterior view

1. Sciatic nerve
2. Quadratus femoris
3. Biceps femoris
4. Semimembranosus
5. Semitendinosus
6. Tibial nerve
7. Common peroneal nerve

Note: The common peroneal nerve is exposed to compression and damage as it passes over the head of the fibula. The quadratus femoris, a lateral rotator, is included for reference.



GRACILIS



Hip and thigh—anterior view

■ **Origin**

Lower margin of body and inferior ramus of pubis

■ **Insertion**

Upper part of medial surface of shaft of tibia

■ **Action**

Adducts thigh at hip joint and flexes leg, with leg flexed, assists in medial rotation

■ **Nerve**

Obturator nerve (L2–L4)

See Relationship section on p. 177.

PECTINEUS

Hip and thigh—anterior view

■ Origin

Pectineal line on superior ramus of pubis

■ Insertion

From lesser trochanter to linea aspera of femur

■ Action

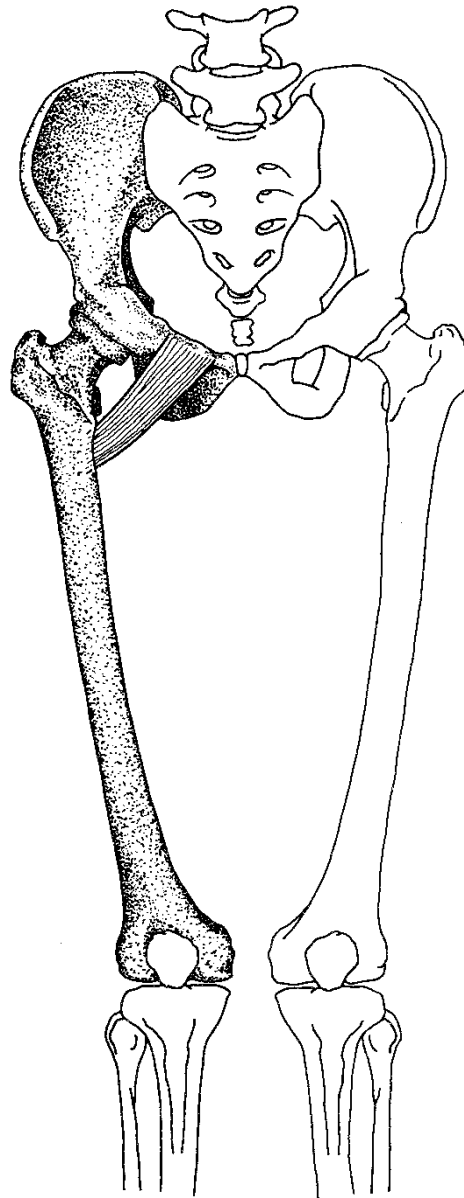
Flexes thigh, assists in adduction when hip is flexed

■ Nerve

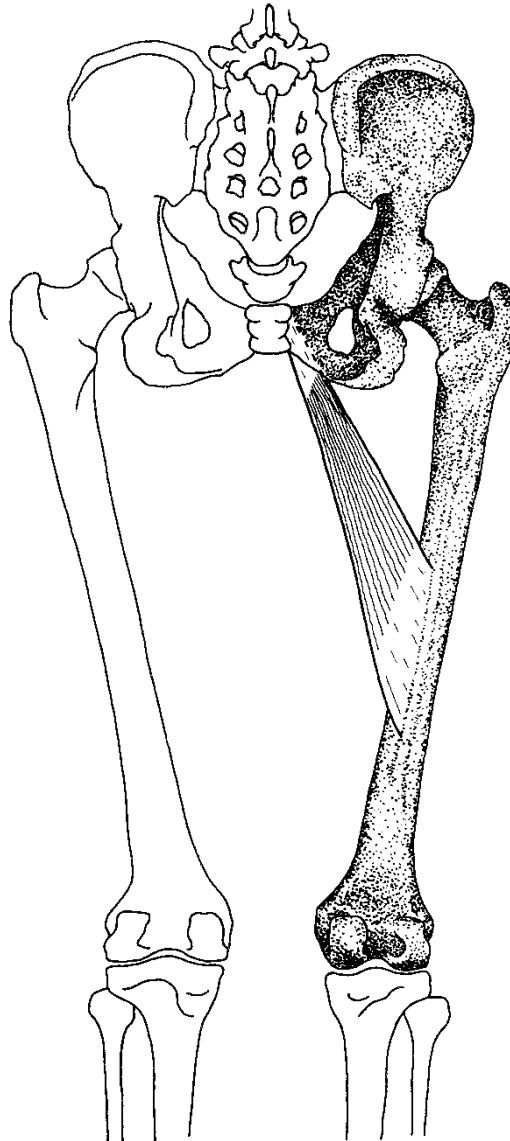
Femoral nerve (L2, L3), (sometimes a branch of obturator nerve)

Note: The rotational component of thigh muscle action depends upon the starting position of the hip joint. The pectineus, adductor longus, adductor brevis, and psoas major probably assist in medial rotation when the thigh is in anatomical position but may shift to assisting in lateral rotation as the thigh flexes and abducts.

The iliacus and adductor tubercle part of adductor magnus probably assist in medial rotation throughout the range of motion of the hip joint while the linea aspera part of the adductor magnus may be a slight lateral rotator.



ADDUCTOR LONGUS



Hip and thigh—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Anterior of body of pubis

■ **Insertion**

Medial lip of linea aspera

■ **Action**

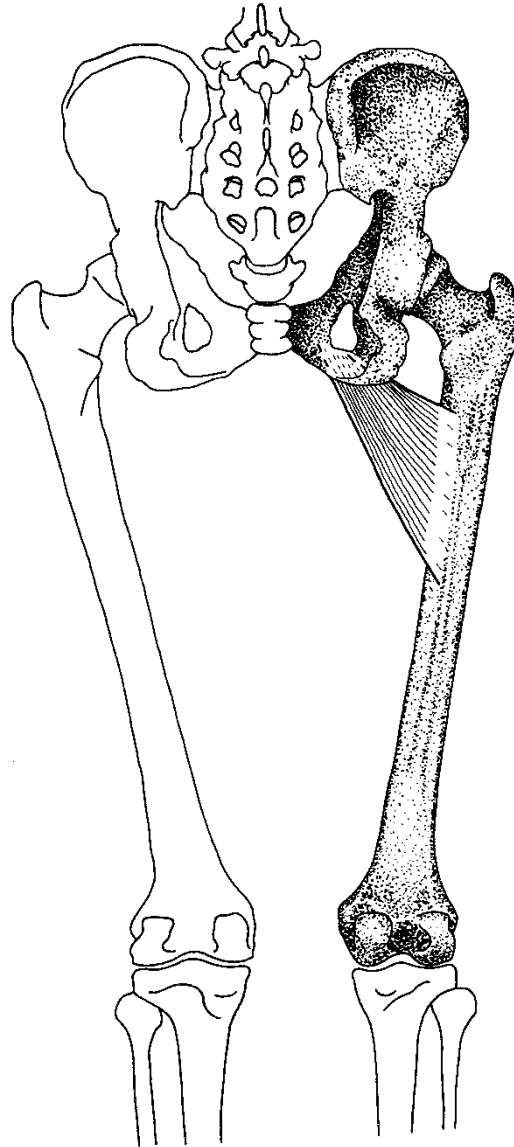
Adducts, flexes thigh, assists in medial rotation*

■ **Nerve**

Obturator nerve (L2–L4)

*See note on p. 188.

ADDUCTOR BREVIS



Hip and thigh—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Outer surface of inferior ramus of pubis

■ **Insertion**

From below lesser trochanter to linea aspera and into proximal part of linea aspera

■ **Action**

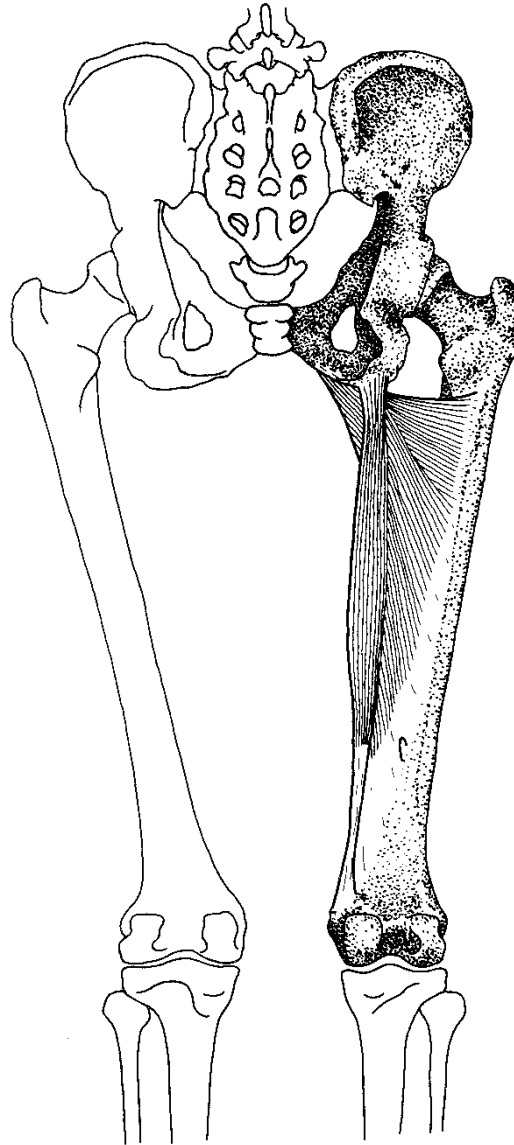
Adducts thigh, assists in flexion, medial rotation*

■ **Nerve**

Obturator nerve (L2–L4)

*See note on p. 188.

ADDUCTOR MAGNUS



Hip and thigh—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Inferior ramus of pubis, ramus and lower part of tuberosity of ischium

■ **Insertion**

Linea aspera, adductor tubercle of femur

■ **Action**

Adducts, extends thigh, lower portion (adductor tubercle insertion) assists in medial rotation*

■ **Nerve**

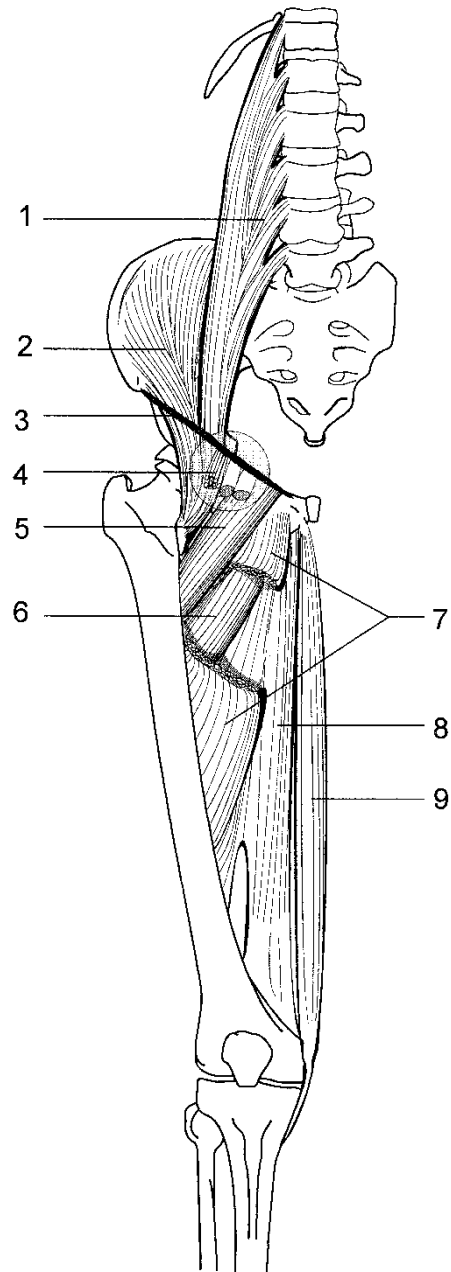
Obturator nerve (L2–L4), sciatic nerve

*See note on p. 188.

HIP FLEXORS AND ADDUCTORS

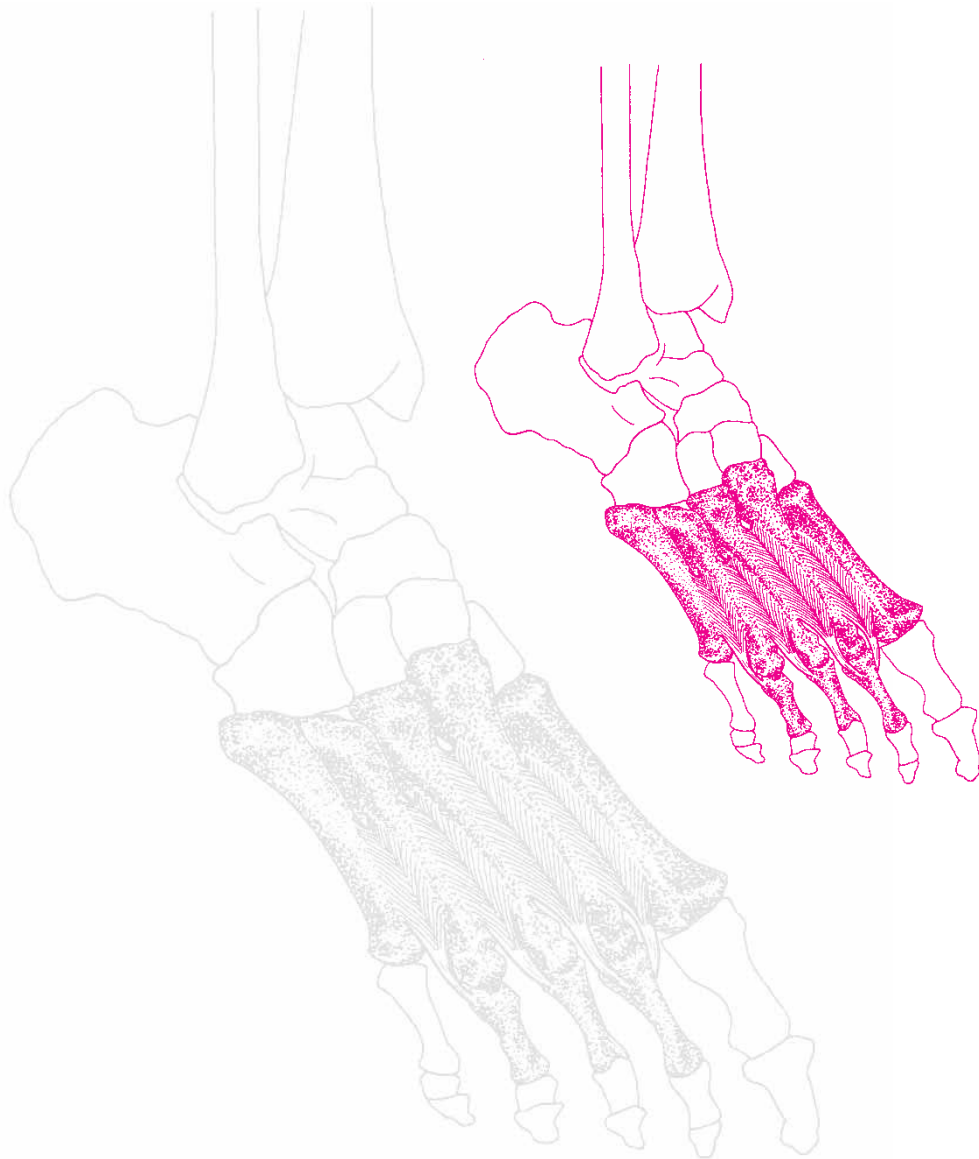
Hip and thigh—anterior view

1. Psoas major
2. Iliacus
3. Inguinal ligament
4. Femoral nerve, vein, artery
5. Pectineus
6. Adductor brevis
7. Adductor longus (cut)
8. Adductor magnus
9. Gracilis



C H A P T E R N I N E

Muscles of the Leg and Foot



TIBIALIS ANTERIOR

Leg—anterolateral view

■ Origin

Lateral condyle of tibia, upper half of lateral surface of tibia, interosseous membrane

■ Insertion

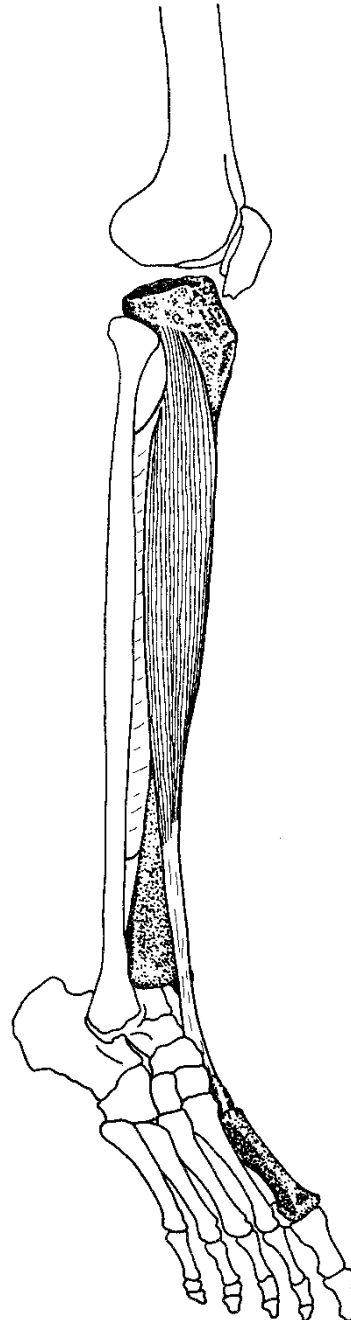
Medial side and plantar surface of medial cuneiform bone, base of first metatarsal bone

■ Action

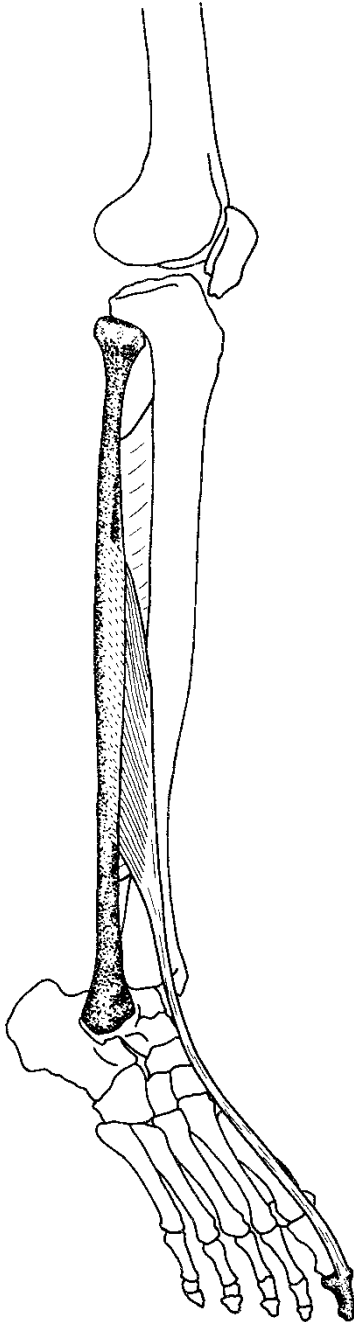
Dorsiflexes foot, inverts (supinates) foot

■ Nerve

Deep peroneal nerve (L4, L5, S1)



EXTENSOR HALLUCIS LONGUS



Leg—anterolateral view

■ **Origin**

Middle half of anterior surface of fibula and interosseous membrane

■ **Insertion**

Base of distal phalanx of great toe

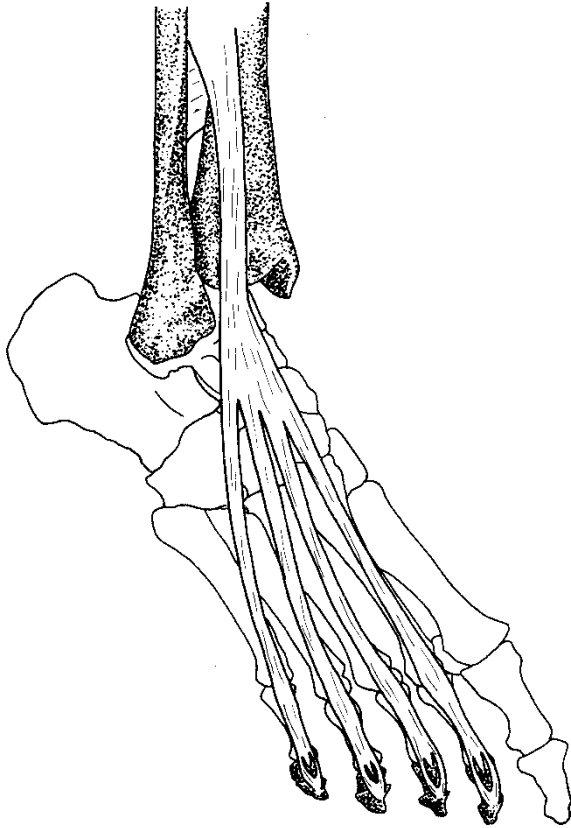
■ **Action**

Extends, hyperextends great toe, dorsiflexes and inverts (supinates) foot

■ **Nerve**

Deep peroneal nerve (L4, L5, S1)

EXTENSOR DIGITORUM LONGUS



Foot—anterolateral view

■ **Origin**

Upper two-thirds of anterior surface of fibula, interosseous membrane, lateral condyle of tibia

■ **Insertion**

Along dorsal surface of four lateral toes, and then to bases of middle and distal phalanges

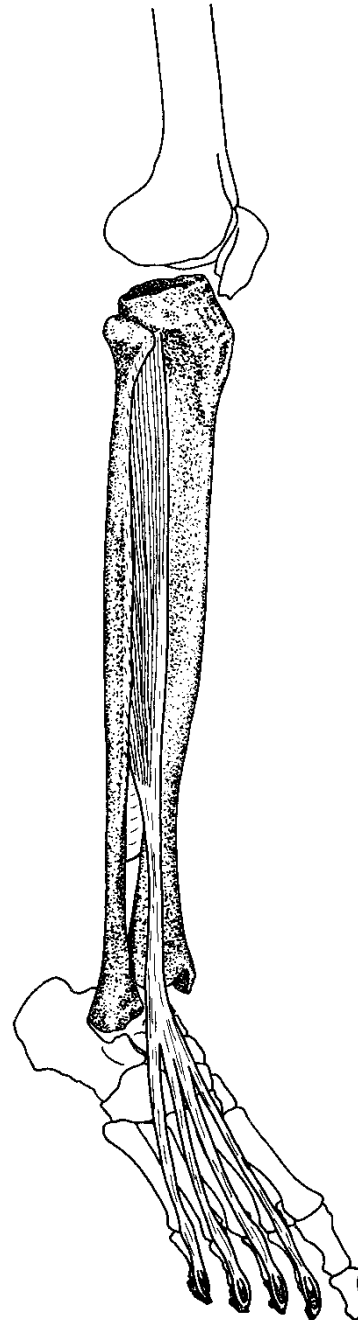
■ **Action**

Extends toes, dorsiflexes foot, everts foot

■ **Nerve**

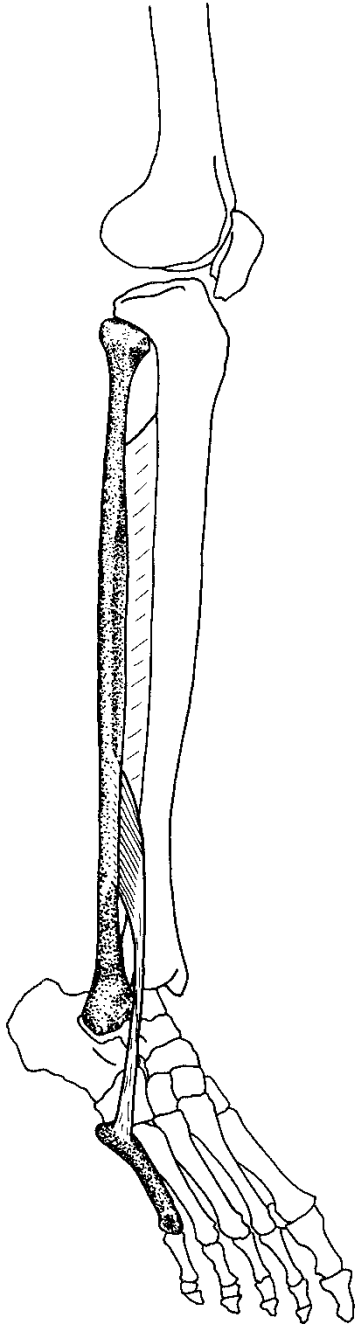
Deep peroneal nerve (L4, L5, S1)

Note: The lower lateral part of this muscle makes a separate insertion onto the dorsal surface of the fifth metatarsal and is called *peroneus tertius*.



Leg—anterolateral view

FIBULARIS TERTIUS (*Peroneus Tertius*)



Leg—anterolateral view

■ **Origin**

Lower third of anterior surface of fibula and interosseous membrane

■ **Insertion**

Dorsal surface of base of fifth metatarsal bone

■ **Action**

Dorsiflexes and everts foot

■ **Nerve**

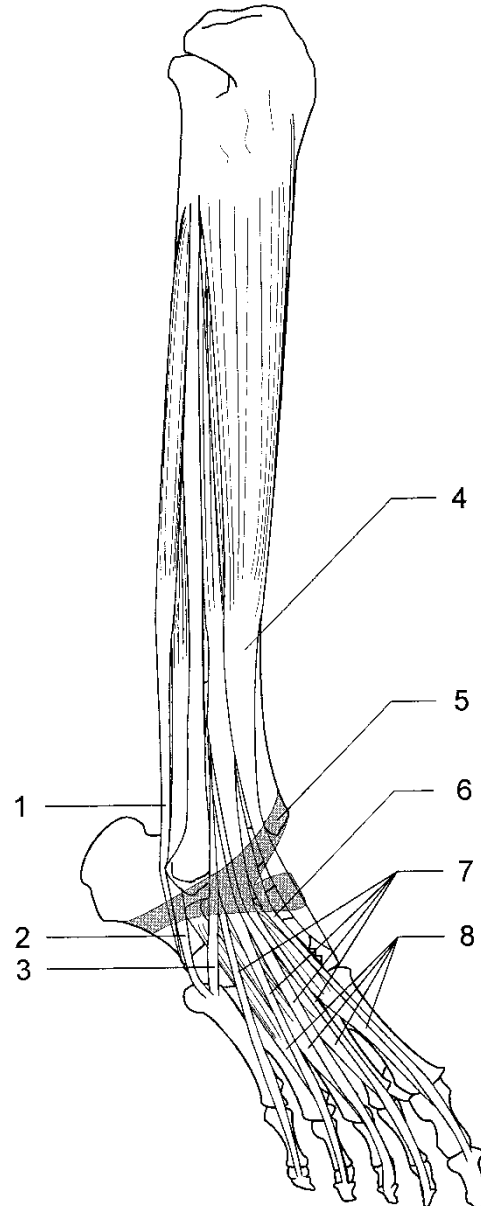
Deep peroneal nerve (L4, L5, S1)

Note: This muscle is not present in all individuals. It may be described as the fifth tendon of extensor digitorum longus.

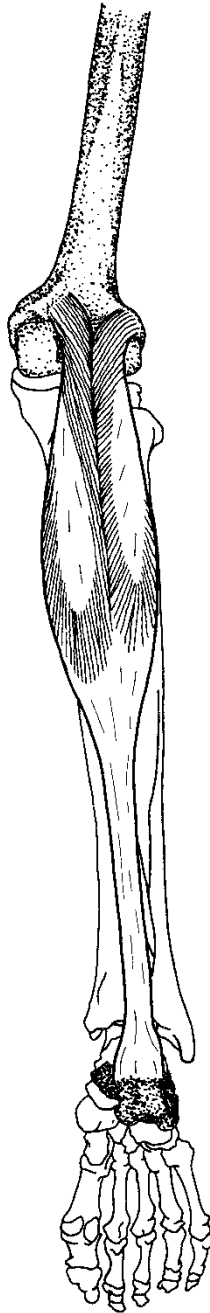
ANTERIOR AND LATERAL LEG MUSCLES

Leg—anterolateral view

1. Fibularis longus
2. Fibularis brevis
3. Fibularis tertius
4. Tibialis anterior
5. Extensor retinaculum
6. Extensor hallucis longus
7. Extensor digitorum longus
8. Extensor digitorum brevis



GASTROCNEMIUS *(Part of Triceps Surae)*



Leg—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Lateral head—lateral condyle and posterior surface of femur

Medial head—popliteal surface of femur above medial condyle

■ **Insertion**

Posterior surface of the calcaneus

■ **Action**

Plantar flexes foot, flexes leg when foot is dorsiflexed and knee is extended

■ **Nerve**

Tibial nerve (S1, S2)

SOLEUS (*Part of Triceps Surae*)

Leg—posterior view

■ Origin

Posterior surface of the tibia (soleal line), upper third of posterior surface of fibula, fibrous arch between tibia and fibula

■ Insertion

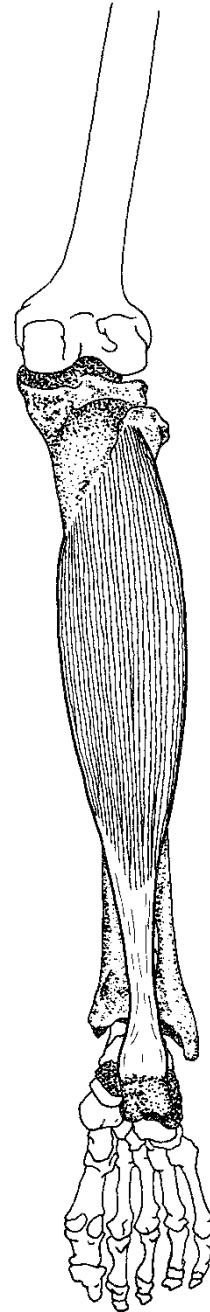
Posterior surface of the calcaneus

■ Action

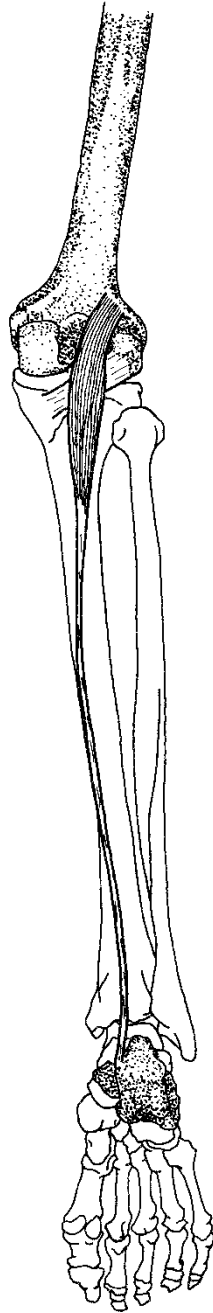
Plantar flexes foot

■ Nerve

Tibial nerve (S1, S2)



PLANTARIS



Leg—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Lateral supracondylar ridge of femur, oblique popliteal ligament

■ **Insertion**

Posterior surface of the calcaneus

■ **Action**

Plantar flexes foot, flexes leg

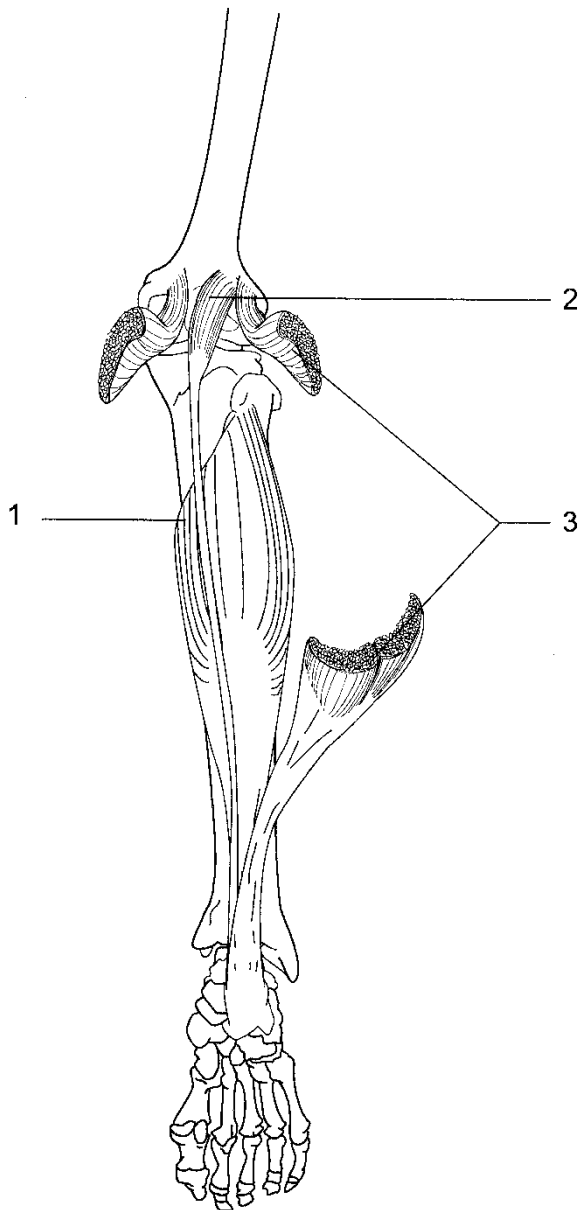
■ **Nerve**

Tibial nerve (S1, S2)

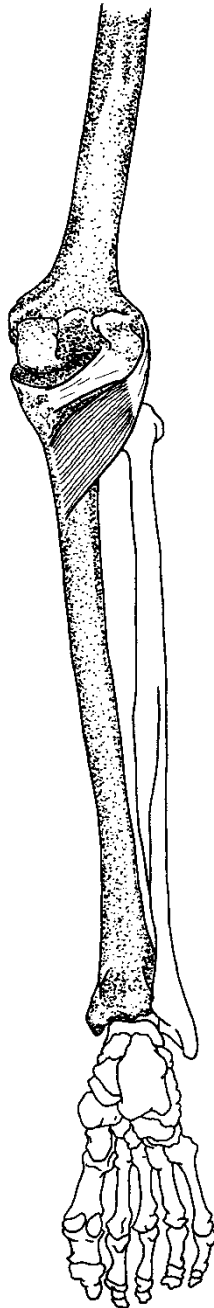
MUSCLES OF THE CALF

Leg—posterior view

1. Soleus
2. Plantaris
3. Gastrocnemius (cut)



POPLITEUS



Leg—posterior view

■ **Origin**

Lateral surface of lateral condyle of femur

■ **Insertion**

Upper part of posterior surface of tibia

■ **Action**

Rotates leg medially, flexes leg

■ **Nerve**

Tibial nerve (L4, L5, S1)

Note: Stern contends that this muscle stabilizes the knee by preventing lateral rotation of the tibia during medial rotation of the thigh while the foot is planted. Knee stabilization allows standing without undue fatigue to the quadriceps.

Reference: Stern, J. T. *Essentials of Gross Anatomy*, F. A. Davis Company, Philadelphia, 1988.

FLEXOR HALLUCIS LONGUS

Leg—posterior view

■ Origin

Lower two-thirds of posterior surface of shaft of fibula, posterior intermuscular septum, interosseous membrane

■ Insertion

Base of distal phalanx of great toe

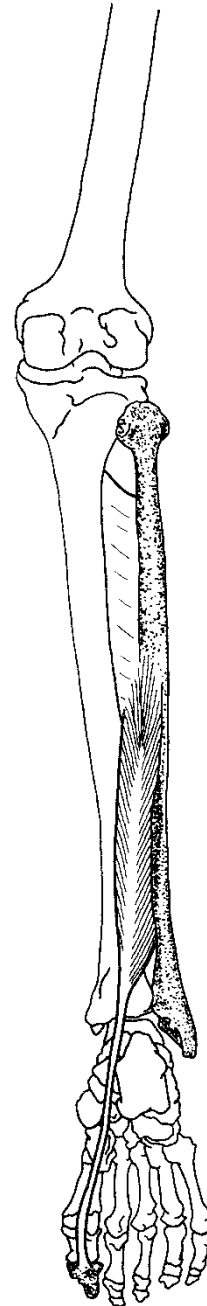
■ Action

Flexes distal phalanx of great toe, assists in plantar flexing foot, inverts foot

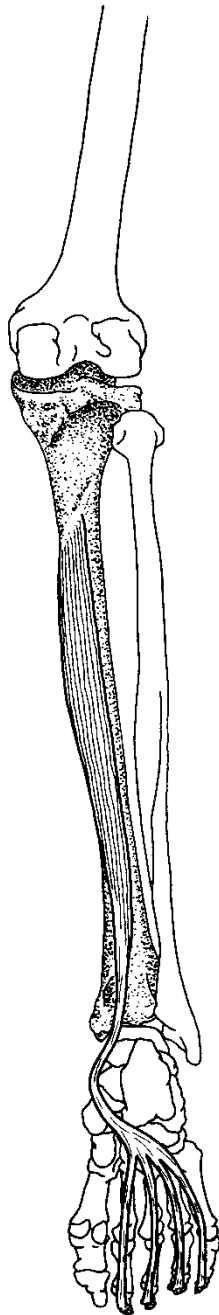
■ Nerve

Tibial nerve (L5, S1, S2)

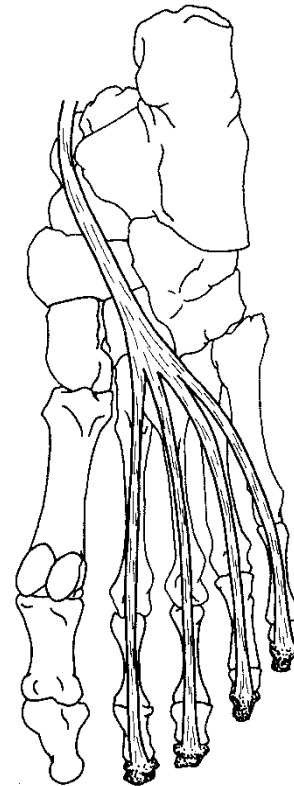
Note: This muscle is important in pushing off the surface in walking, running, jumping.



FLEXOR DIGITORUM LONGUS



Leg—posterior view



Foot—plantar view

■ **Origin**

Medial part of posterior surface of tibia

■ **Insertion**

Bases of distal phalanges of second, third, fourth, and fifth toes

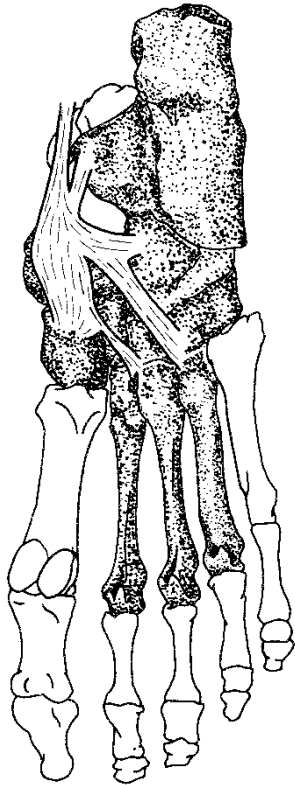
■ **Action**

Flexes distal phalanges of lateral four toes, assists in plantar flexing foot, inverts foot

■ **Nerve**

Tibial nerve (L5, S1)

TIBIALIS POSTERIOR



Foot—plantar view

■ Origin

Lateral part of posterior surface of tibia, interosseous membrane, proximal half of posterior surface of fibula

■ Insertion

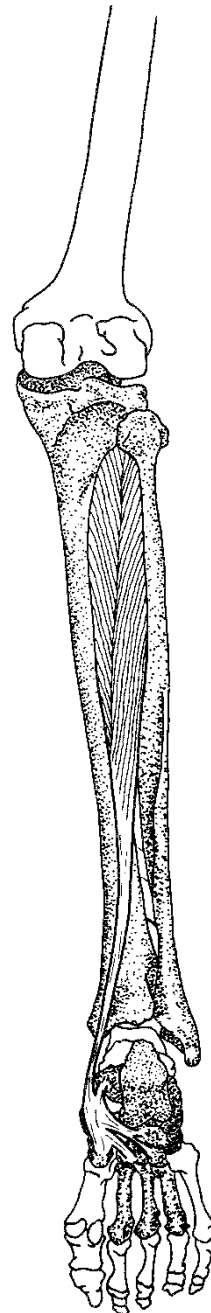
Tuberosity of navicular bone, cuboid, cuneiforms, second, third, and fourth metatarsals, sustentaculum tali of calcaneus

■ Action

Plantar flexes, inverts foot

■ Nerve

Tibial nerve (L5, S1)



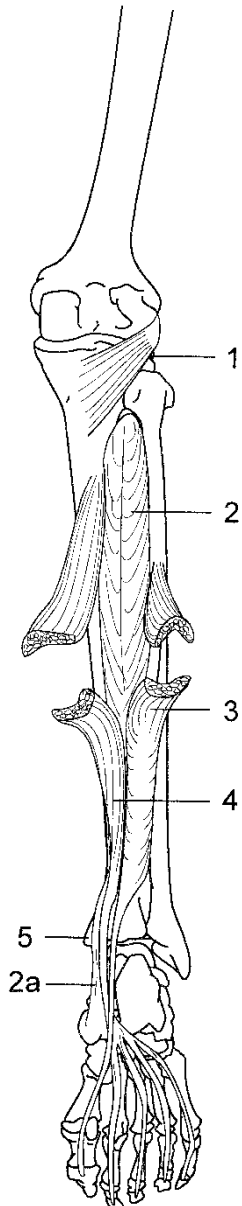
Leg—posterior view

DEEP POSTERIOR LEG MUSCLES

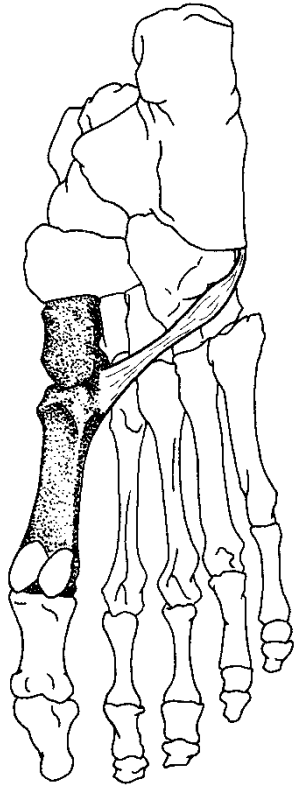
Leg—posterior view

1. Popliteus
2. Tibialis posterior
- 2a. Tendon of tibialis posterior
3. Flexor hallucis longus (cut)
4. Flexor digitorum longus (cut)
5. Medial malleolus

Note: The order of the three tendons, from anterior to posterior, passing posterior to the medial malleolus can be remembered by the following mnemonic: Tom (tibialis posterior), Dick (flexor digitorum), Harry (flexor hallucis longus).



FIBULARIS LONGUS (*Peroneus Longus*)



Foot—plantar view

■ **Origin**

Upper two-thirds of lateral surface of fibula

■ **Insertion**

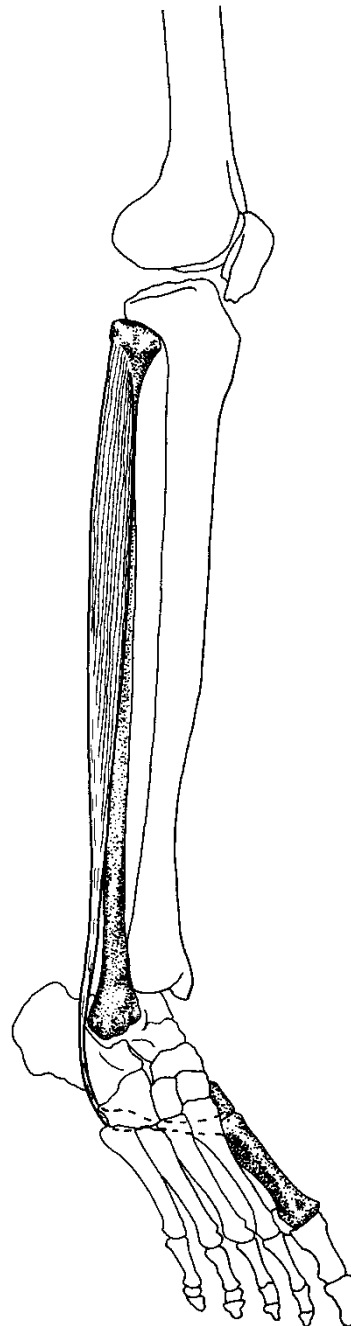
Lateral side of medial cuneiform, base of first metatarsal

■ **Action**

Plantar flexes, everts foot

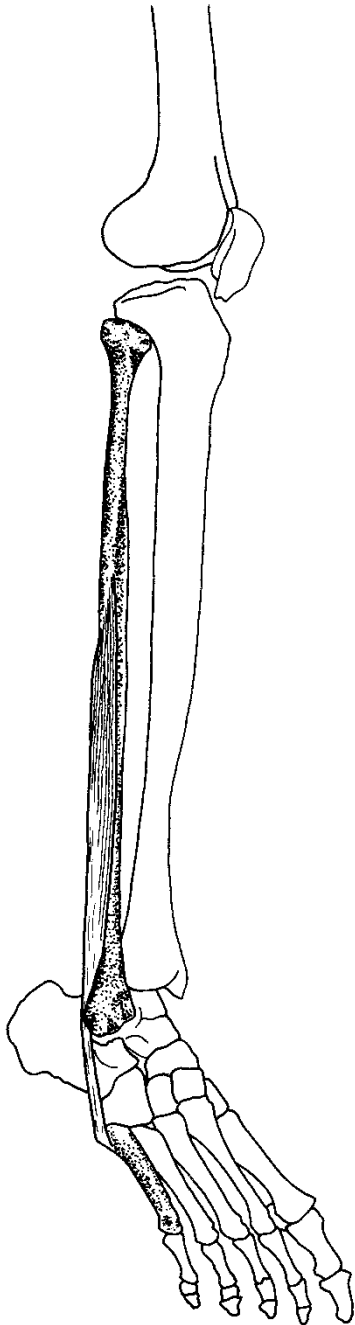
■ **Nerve**

Superficial peroneal nerve (L4, L5, S1)



Leg—anterolateral view

FIBULARIS BREVIS (*Peroneus Brevis*)



Leg—anterolateral view

■ **Origin**

Lower two-thirds of lateral surface of fibula

■ **Insertion**

Lateral side of base of fifth metatarsal bone

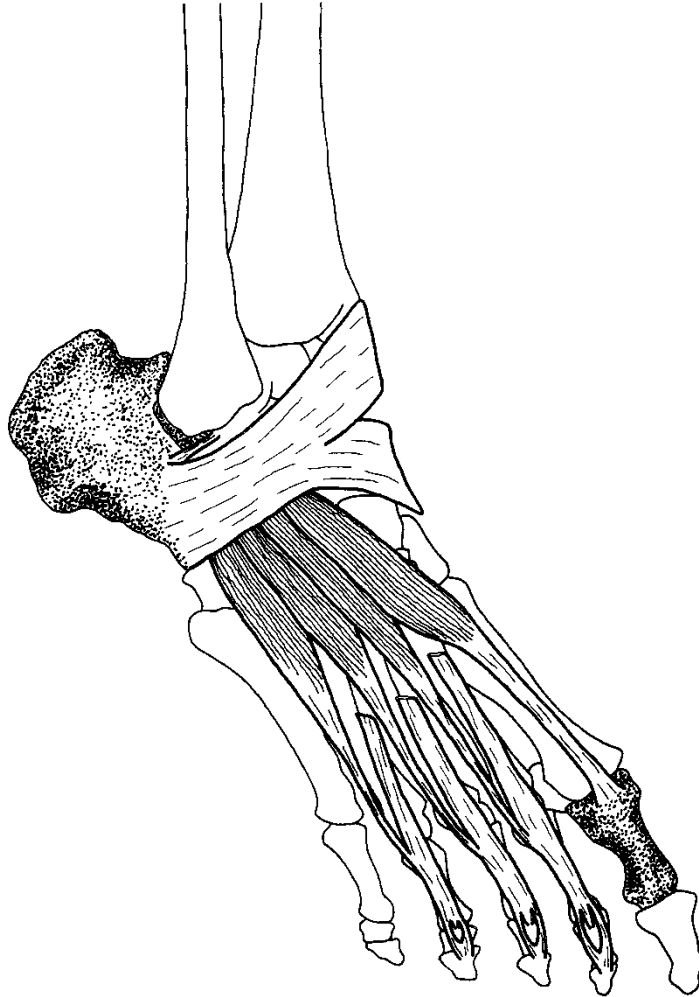
■ **Action**

Everts, plantar flexes foot

■ **Nerve**

Superficial peroneal nerve (L5, S1, S2)

EXTENSOR DIGITORUM BREVIS



Foot—anterolateral view

■ **Origin**

Anterior and lateral surfaces of calcaneus, lateral talocalcaneal ligament, inferior extensor retinaculum

■ **Insertion**

Into base of proximal phalanx of great toe; into lateral sides of tendons of extensor digitorum longus of second, third, and fourth toes

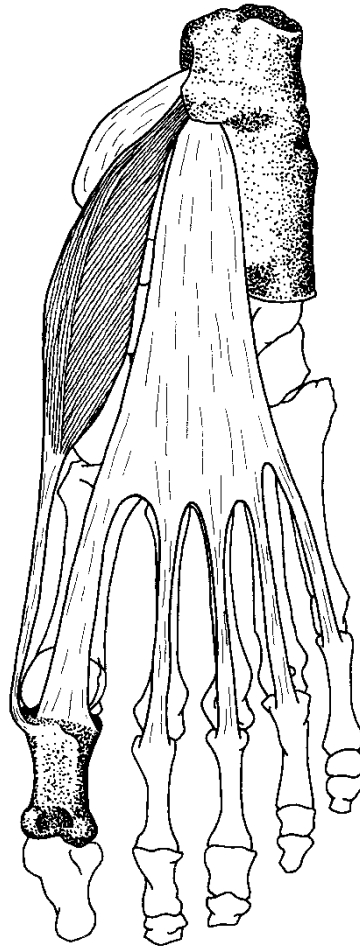
■ **Action**

Extends the four toes

■ **Nerve**

Deep peroneal nerve (S1, S2)

ABDUCTOR HALLUCIS (*First Layer*)



Foot—plantar view

■ **Origin**

Tuberosity of calcaneus, flexor retinaculum, plantar aponeurosis

■ **Insertion**

Medial side of base of proximal phalanx of great toe

■ **Action**

Stabilizes great toe (with adductor hallucis)

■ **Nerve**

Medial plantar nerve (L4, L5)

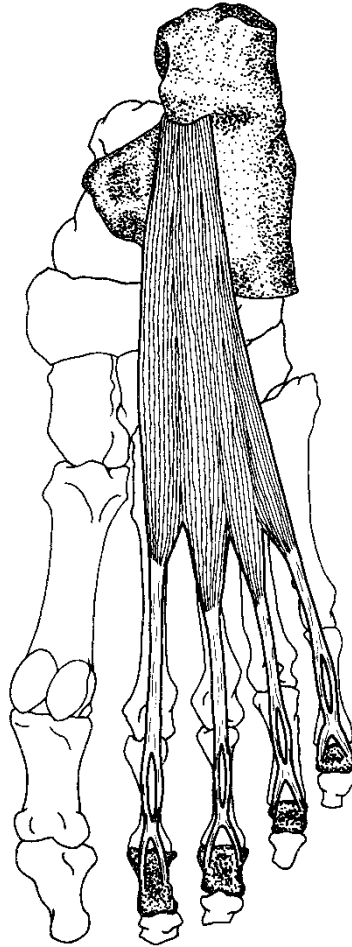
Note: The muscles of the sole of the foot can be divided into four layers (from superficial to deep):

First layer—abductor hallucis, flexor digitorum brevis, abductor digiti minimi

Second layer—quadratus plantae, lumbricales (tendons of flexor hallucis longus and flexor digitorum longus pass through this layer)

Third layer—flexor hallucis brevis, adductor hallucis, flexor digiti minimi brevis

Fourth layer—interossei (tendons of tibialis posterior and peroneus longus pass through this layer)

FLEXOR DIGITORUM BREVIS (*First Layer*)**Foot—plantar view****■ Origin**

Tuberosity of calcaneus, plantar aponeurosis

■ Insertion

Sides of middle phalanges of second to fifth toes

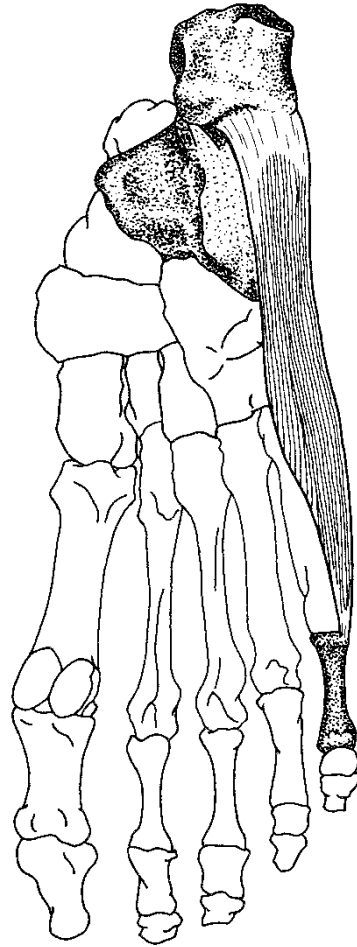
■ Action

Flexes proximal phalanges and extends distal phalanges of second through fifth toes

■ Nerve

Medial plantar nerve (L4, L5)

ABDUCTOR DIGITI MINIMI (*First Layer*)



Foot—plantar view

■ **Origin**

Tuberosity of calcaneus, plantar aponeurosis

■ **Insertion**

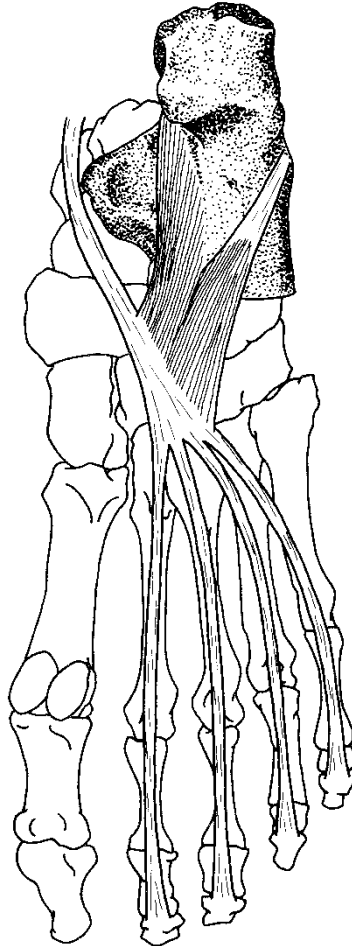
Lateral side of proximal phalanx of fifth toe

■ **Action**

Abducts fifth toe

■ **Nerve**

Lateral plantar nerve (S1, S2)

QUADRATUS PLANTAE (*Second Layer*)**Foot—plantar view****■ Origin**

Medial head—medial surface of calcaneus

Lateral head—lateral border of inferior surface of calcaneus

■ Insertion

Lateral margin of tendon of flexor digitorum longus

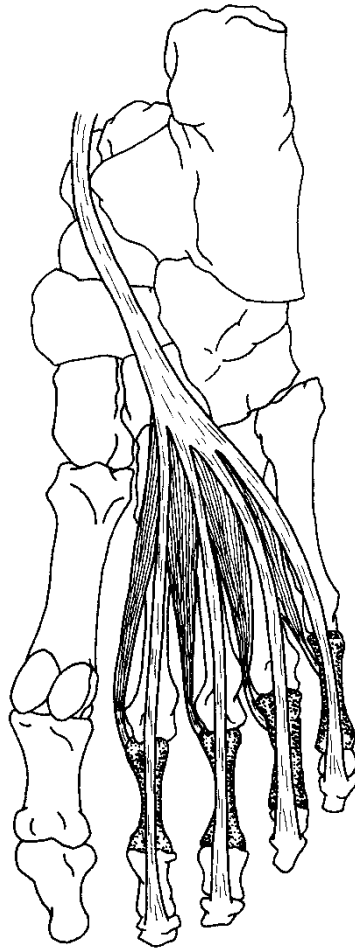
■ Action

Flexes terminal phalanges of second through fifth toes

■ Nerve

Lateral plantar nerve (S1, S2)

LUMBRICALS *(Second Layer)*



Foot—plantar view

■ **Origin**

Tendons of flexor digitorum longus

■ **Insertion**

Dorsal surfaces of proximal phalanges

■ **Action**

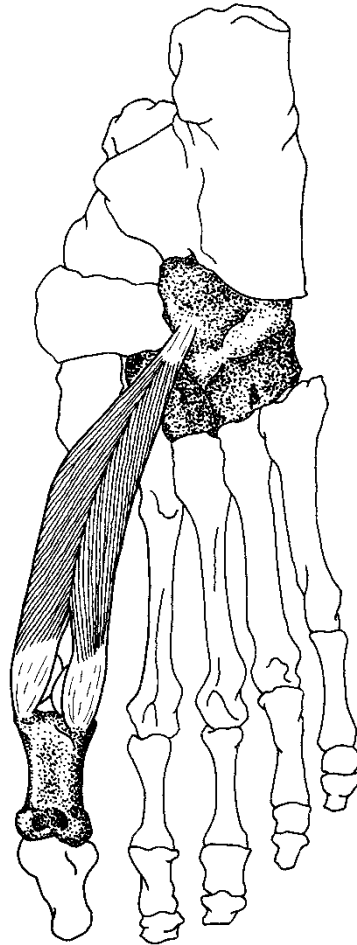
Flex proximal phalanges of second through fifth toes

■ **Nerve**

First lumbricalis—medial plantar nerve (L4, L5)

Second through fifth lumbricales—lateral plantar nerve (S1, S2)

FLEXOR HALLUCIS BREVIS *(Third Layer)*



Foot—plantar view

■ Origin

Cuboid bone, lateral cuneiform bone

■ Insertion

Medial part—medial side of base of proximal phalanx of great toe

Lateral part—lateral side of base of proximal phalanx of great toe

■ Action

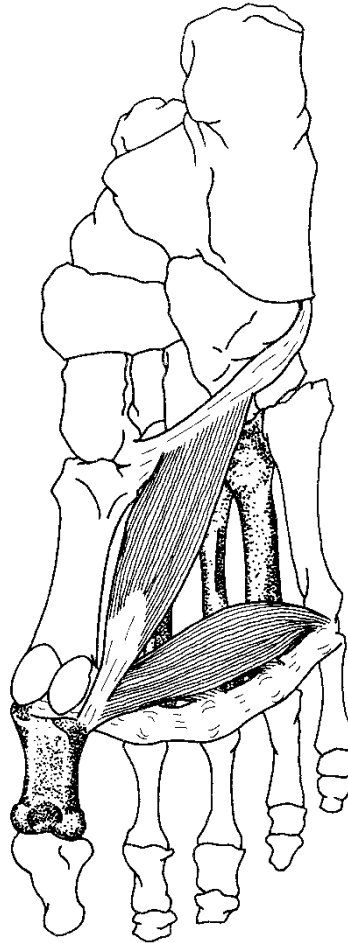
Flexes proximal phalanx of great toe

■ Nerve

Medial plantar nerve (L4, L5, S1)

Note: The tendons of insertion contain sesamoid bones.

ADDUCTOR HALLUCIS (*Third Layer*)



Foot—plantar view

■ **Origin**

Oblique head—second, third, and fourth metatarsal bones, and sheath of peroneus longus tendon

Transverse head—plantar metatarsophalangeal ligaments of third, fourth, and fifth toes, and transverse metatarsal ligaments

■ **Insertion**

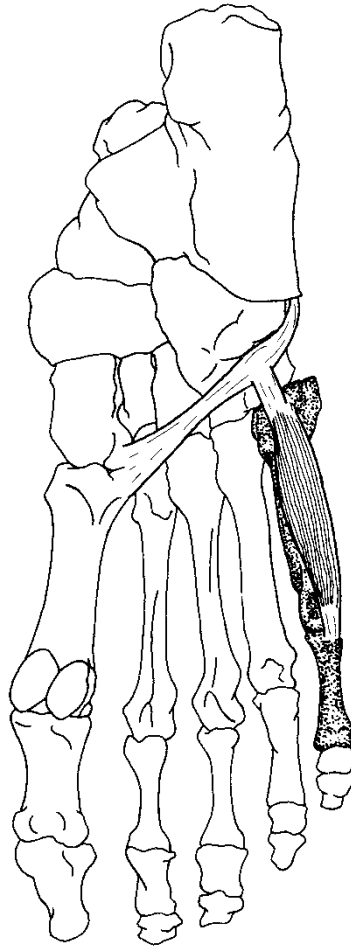
Lateral side of base of proximal phalanx of great toe

■ **Action**

Stabilizes great toe (with abductor hallucis)

■ **Nerve**

Lateral plantar nerve (S1, S2)

FLEXOR DIGITI MINIMI BREVIS (*Third Layer*)**Foot—plantar view****■ Origin**

Base of fifth metatarsal, sheath of peroneus longus tendon

■ Insertion

Lateral side of base of proximal phalanx of fifth toe

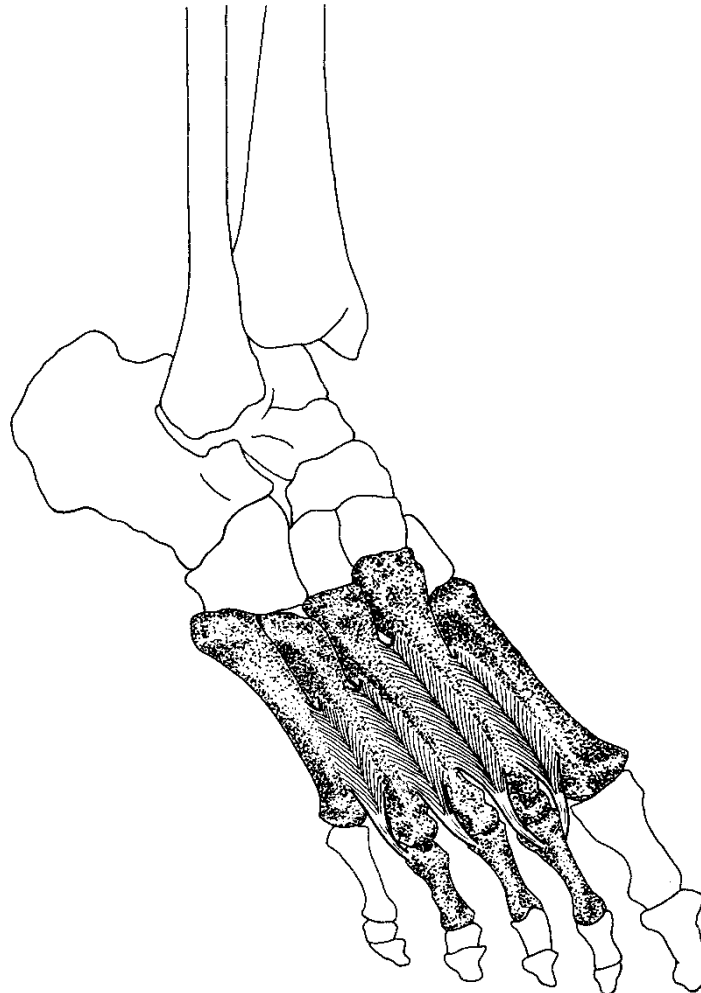
■ Action

Flexes proximal phalanx of fifth toe

■ Nerve

Lateral plantar nerve (S1, S2)

DORSAL INTEROSSEI *(Fourth Layer; Four Muscles)*



Foot—anterolateral view

■ **Origin**

Adjacent sides of metatarsal bones

■ **Insertion**

Bases of proximal phalanges

First—medial side of proximal phalanx of second toe

Second, third, fourth—lateral sides of proximal phalanges of second, third, and fourth toes

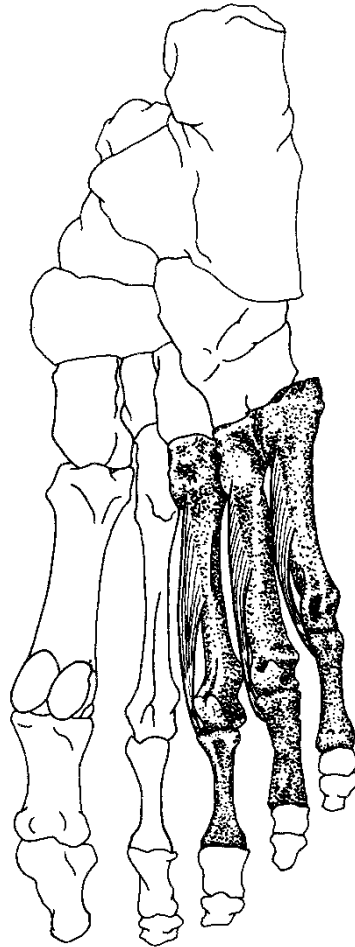
■ **Action**

Abduct toes, flex proximal phalanges

■ **Nerve**

Lateral plantar nerve (S1, S2)

PLANTAR INTEROSSEI *(Fourth Layer; Three Muscles)*



Foot—plantar view

■ **Origin**

Bases and medial sides of third, fourth, and fifth metatarsal bones

■ **Insertion**

Medial sides of bases of proximal phalanges of same toes

■ **Action**

Adduct toes, flex proximal phalanges

■ **Nerve**

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