

Muscles of Upper Limb

I) Muscles connecting upper limb to axial steleton

1) Muscles of Pectoral Region : include pectoralis major , pectoralis minor & subclavius.

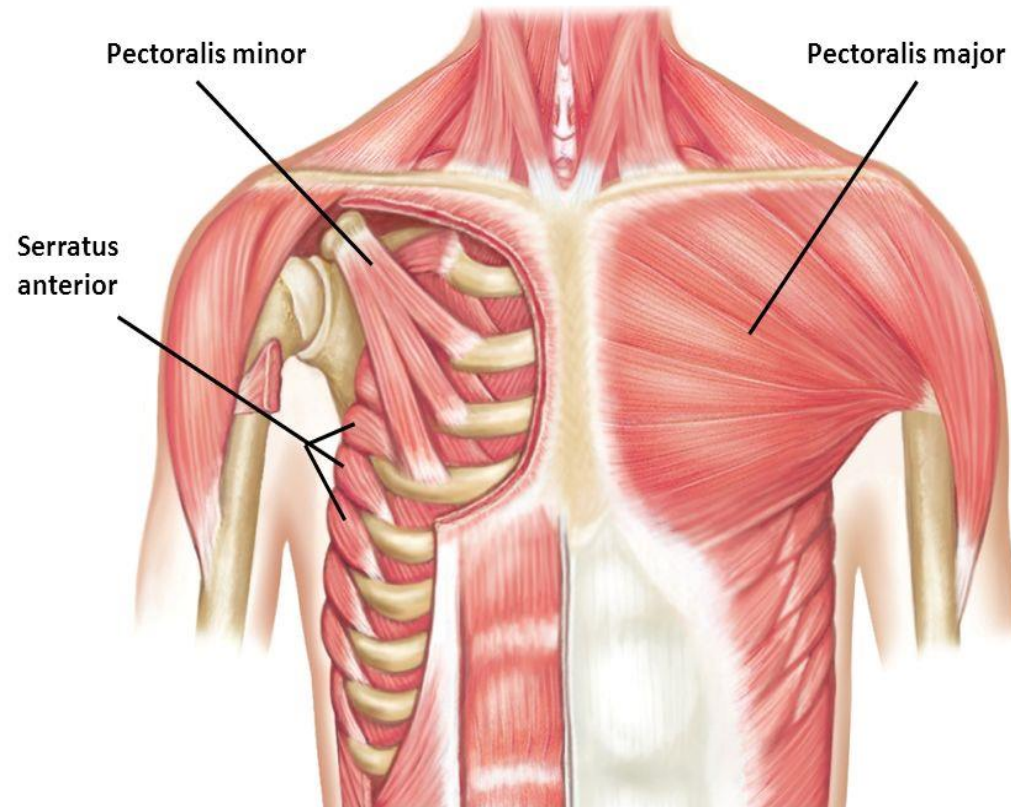
2) Muscles connecting upper limb to thoracic wall: include pectoral muscles & serratus anterior.

3) Muscles connecting upper limb to vertebral column (Muscles of the back).

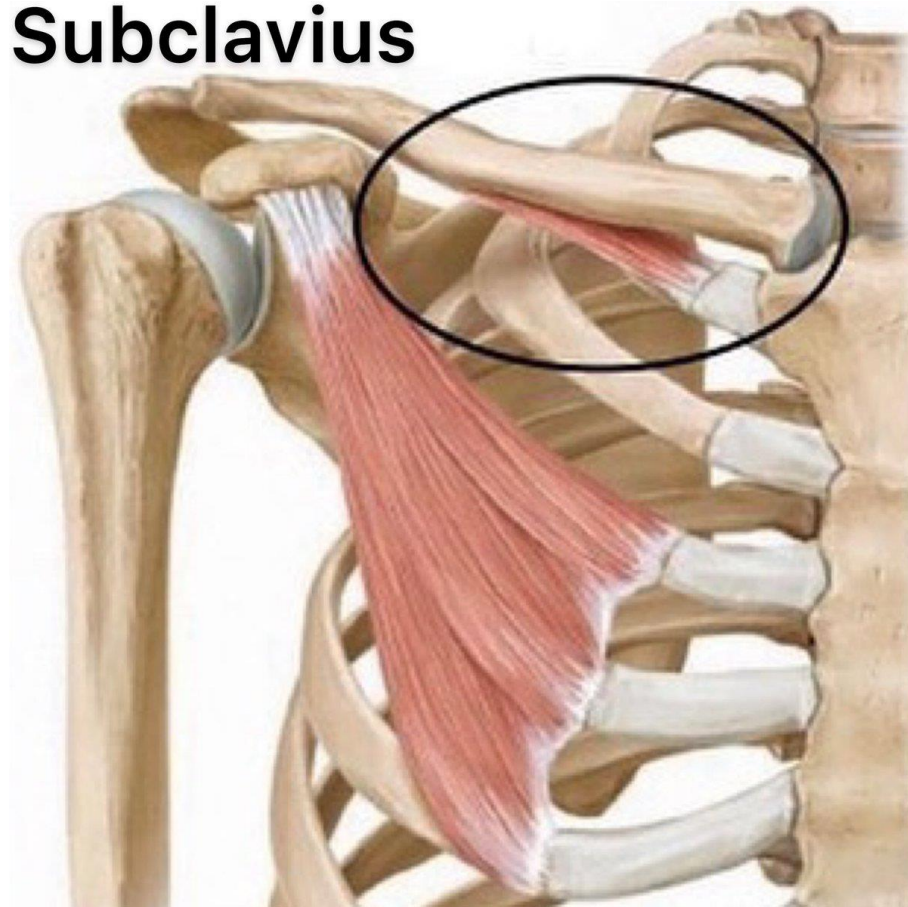
1) Muscles of Pectoral Region

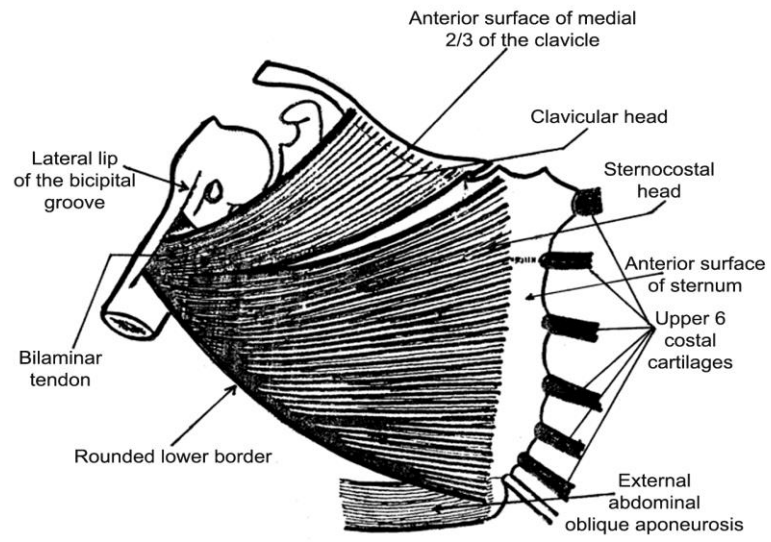
	Origin	Insertion	Nerve supply	Action
1. Pectoralis major	<p>a) Clavicular head: front of medial ½ of clavicle.</p> <p>b) Sterno-Costal head: front of sternum, upper 6 costal cartilages and external abdominal oblique aponeurosis .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By U shaped bilaminar tendon into lateral lip of bicipital groove . (TLP) • The anterior lamina is formed by clavicular head . • The poserior lamina is formed by Sterno-Costal head . • The 2 laminae are continuous at the lower border of the muscle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lateral and medial pectoral nerves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adduction and medial rotation of arm. • Clavicular head :Flexion of arm . • Sternocostal head :Extend flexed arm→. play important role in swimming , rowing & climbing. • Accessory muscle of respiration.
2. Pectoralis minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outer surface of 3,4,5 ribs <p>* N.B: 1. It is deep to perctoralis major</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper surface & medial border of coracoid process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medial Pectoral nerve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protraction of scapula by pulling it anterior and inferior. • Depression of shoulder . • Accessory muscle of respiration.

3. Subclavius	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper surface of 1st. costo-chondral junction . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groove on the inferior surface of middle 1/3 of clavicle . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nerve to subclavius . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depress & Prevent excessive upward movement of the clavicle .
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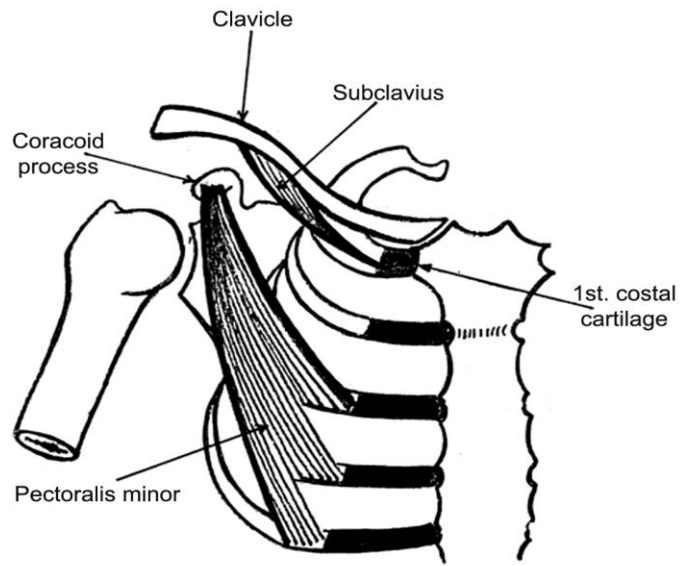
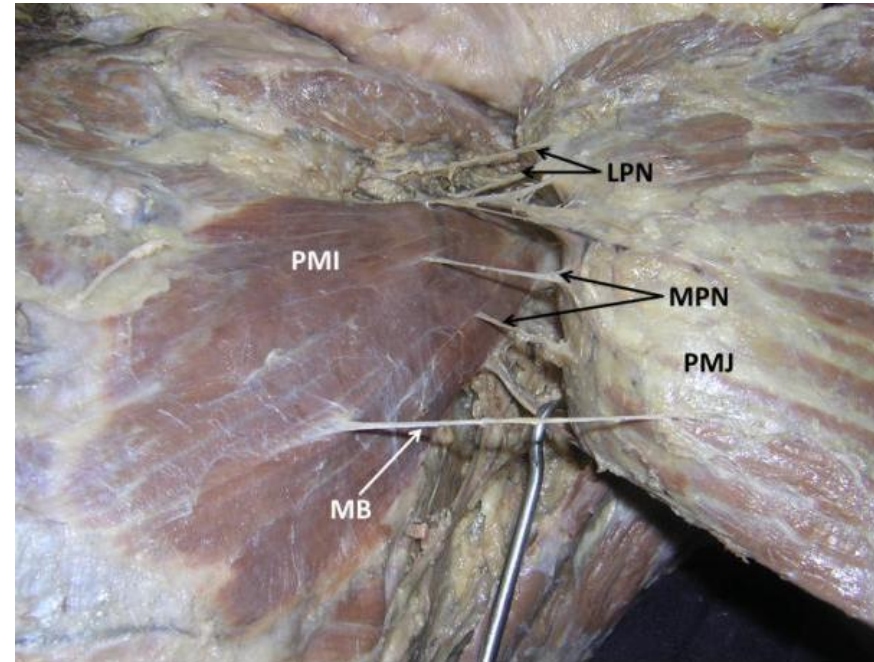


Subclavius



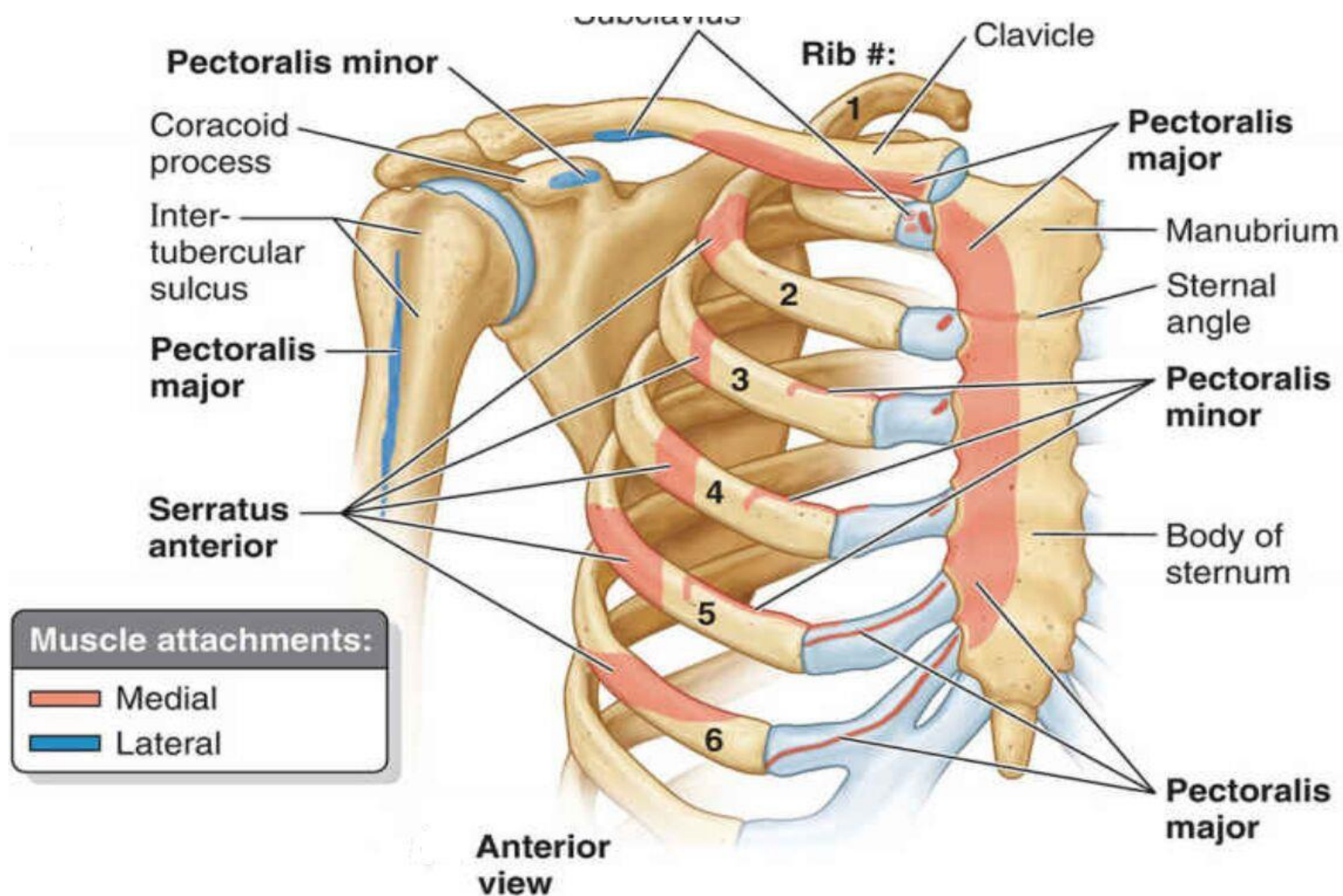


Pectoralis major muscle



Pectoralis minor and subclavius muscles

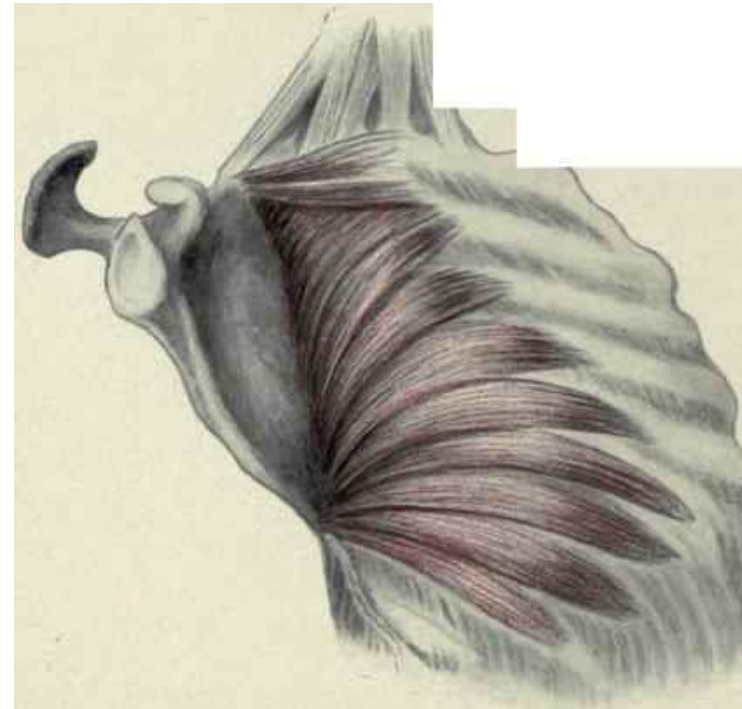
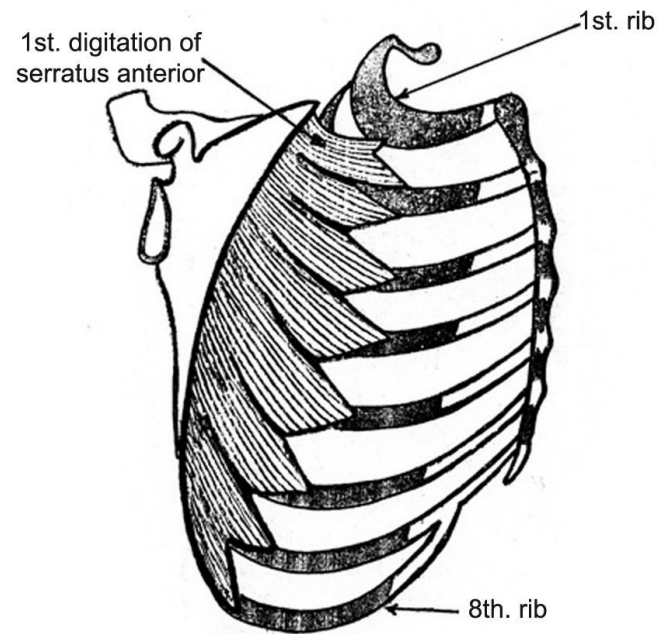




2) Muscles connecting upper limb to thoracic wall

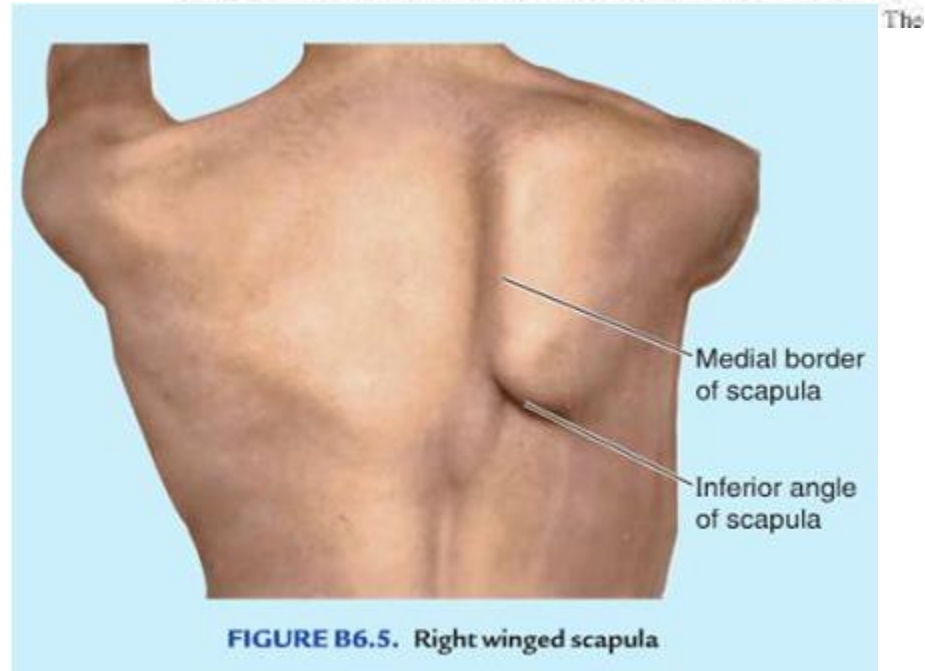
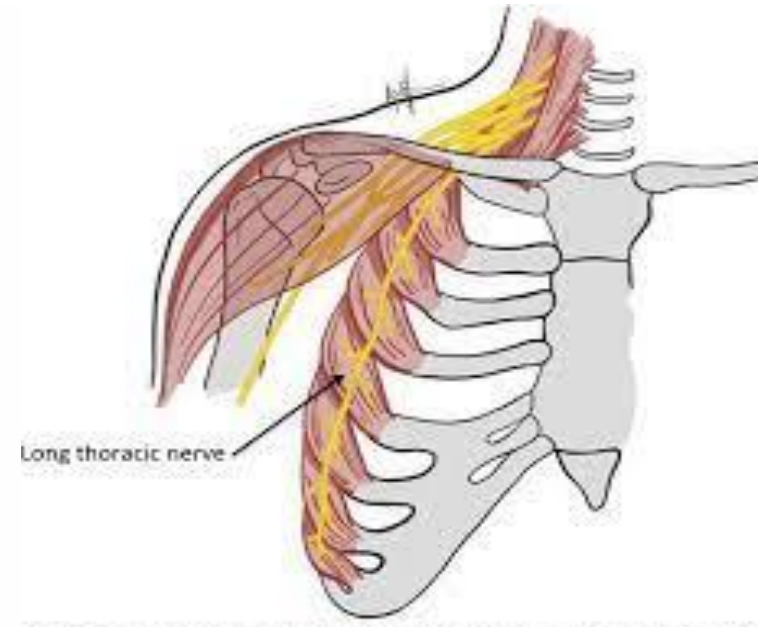
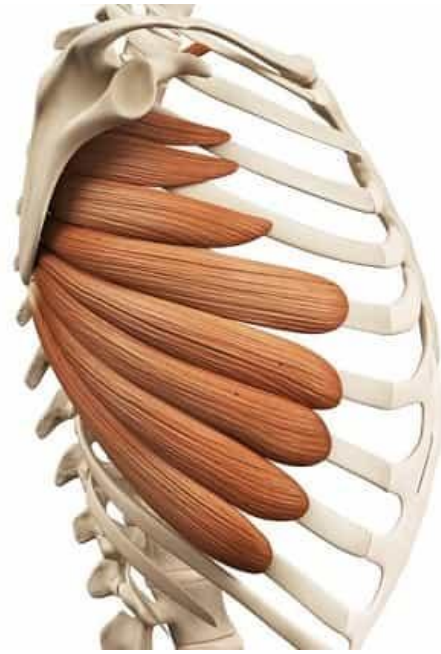
* These muscles include pectoral muscles and serratus anterior

	Origin	Insertion	Nerve supply	Action
Serratus Anterior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lateral part of outer surface of upper 8 ribs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anterior surface of medial border of scapula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long thoracic nerve (nerve to serratus anterior) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the scapula in contact with the chest wall (its paralysis leading to winging of scapula) Protraction of scapula . Rotates the glenoid cavity upwards during abduction of shoulder joint.



Serratus anterior muscle

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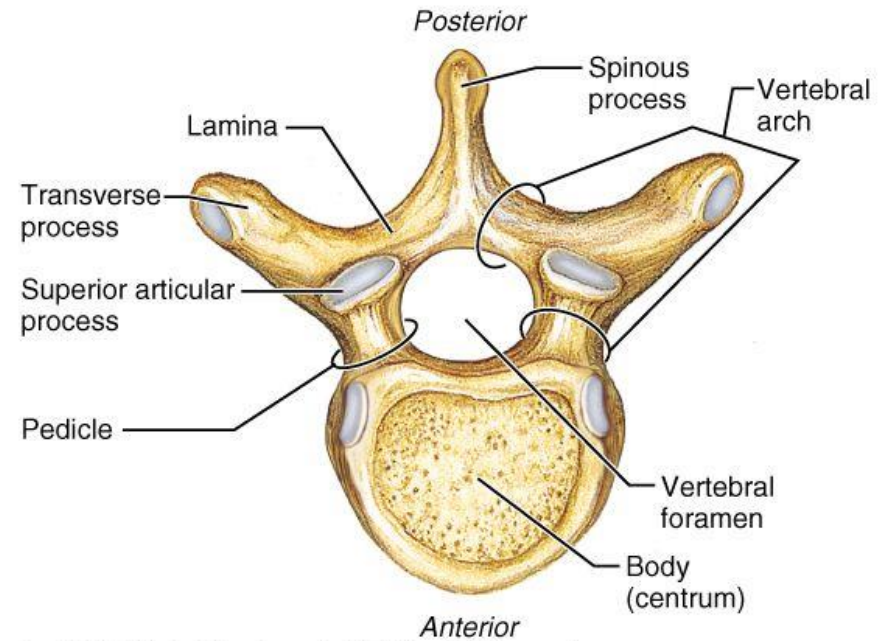
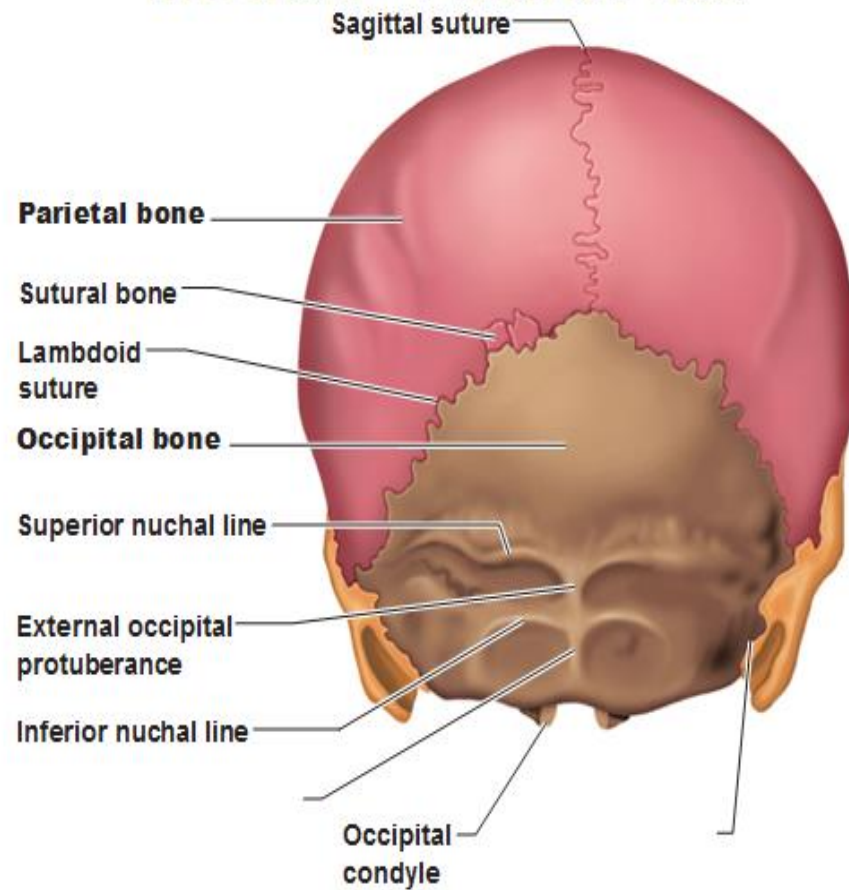
3) Muscles Connecting Upper Limb to the vertebral Column

* These are part of muscle of back of trunk and include **superficial layer** (trapezius & latissimus dorsi) and **deep layer** (levator scapulae , rhomboids minor & major).

Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve Supply	Action
1. Trapezius • The 2 muscles form trapezium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medial 1/3 of superior nuchal line. • External occipital protuberance. • Ligamentum nuchae • Spine of C7. • Spines & supra-spinous ligaments of all thoracic vertebrae 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper fibers : Posterior border of lateral 1/3 of clavicle. • Middle fibers : Medial border of acromion process & the upper lip of crest of spine of scapula • Lower fibers: Tubercle of crest of spine of scapula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spinal accessory nerve. • Nerves C3&4 . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain level & elevation of shoulder by upper fibres → their paralysis → shoulder drop . • Retraction of the scapula by middle fibers. • Rotation of glenoid cavity upwards during abduction of shoulder by upper & lower fibres.
2. Latissimus dorsi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posterior 1/3 outer lip of iliac crest • Spines of lower 6 thoracic vertebrae. • Thoraco-lumbar fascia • Lower 4 ribs. • Dorsal surface of inferior angle of scapula 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor of bicipital groove. • Remember TLP (Muscles inserted in bicipital groove from medial to lateral) • It has triple relation to teres major forming posterior fold of axilla . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nerve to latissimus dorsi (thoraco-dorsal nerve) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adduction, extension and medial rotation of shoulder (play an important role in swimming & rowing). • Pull the trunk upwards as is climbing. • Accessory muscle of respiration .
3. Levator scapulae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transverse processes of upper 4 cervical vertebrae . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medial border of scapula above the root of spine of scapula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C3&4 nerves. • Dorsal scapular nerve (C5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevate the scapula . • Rotate the scapula so that the glenoid cavity looks downwards.
4. Rhomboid minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower part of ligamentum nuchae , spine of C7 & T1 . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medial border of scapula opposite the root of spine of scapula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorsal scapular nerve (C5) which is also called nerve to rhomboids . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotate the scapula so that the glenoid cavity looks downwards. • Retraction of the scapula .
. Rhomboid major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spines & supra-spinous ligaments from T2 to T5 vertebrae . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medial border of scapula from below the root of spine of scapula to its inferior angle. 		

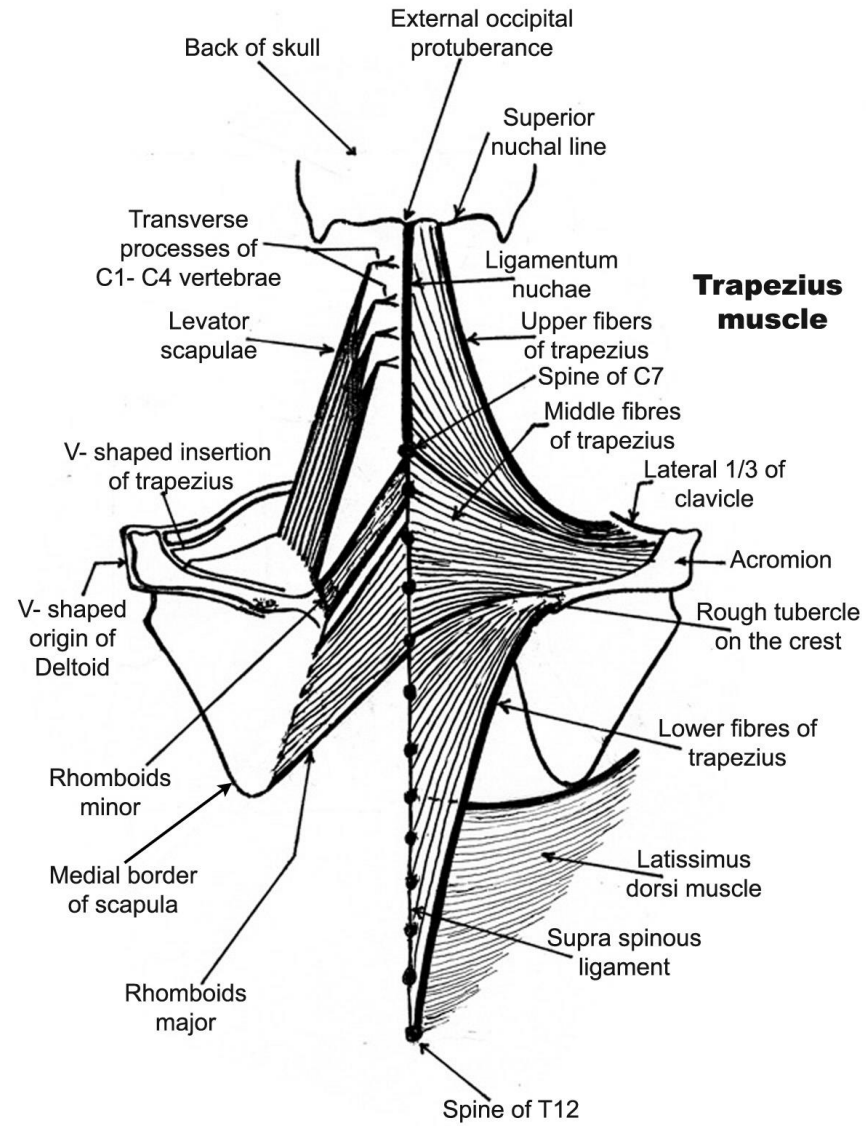


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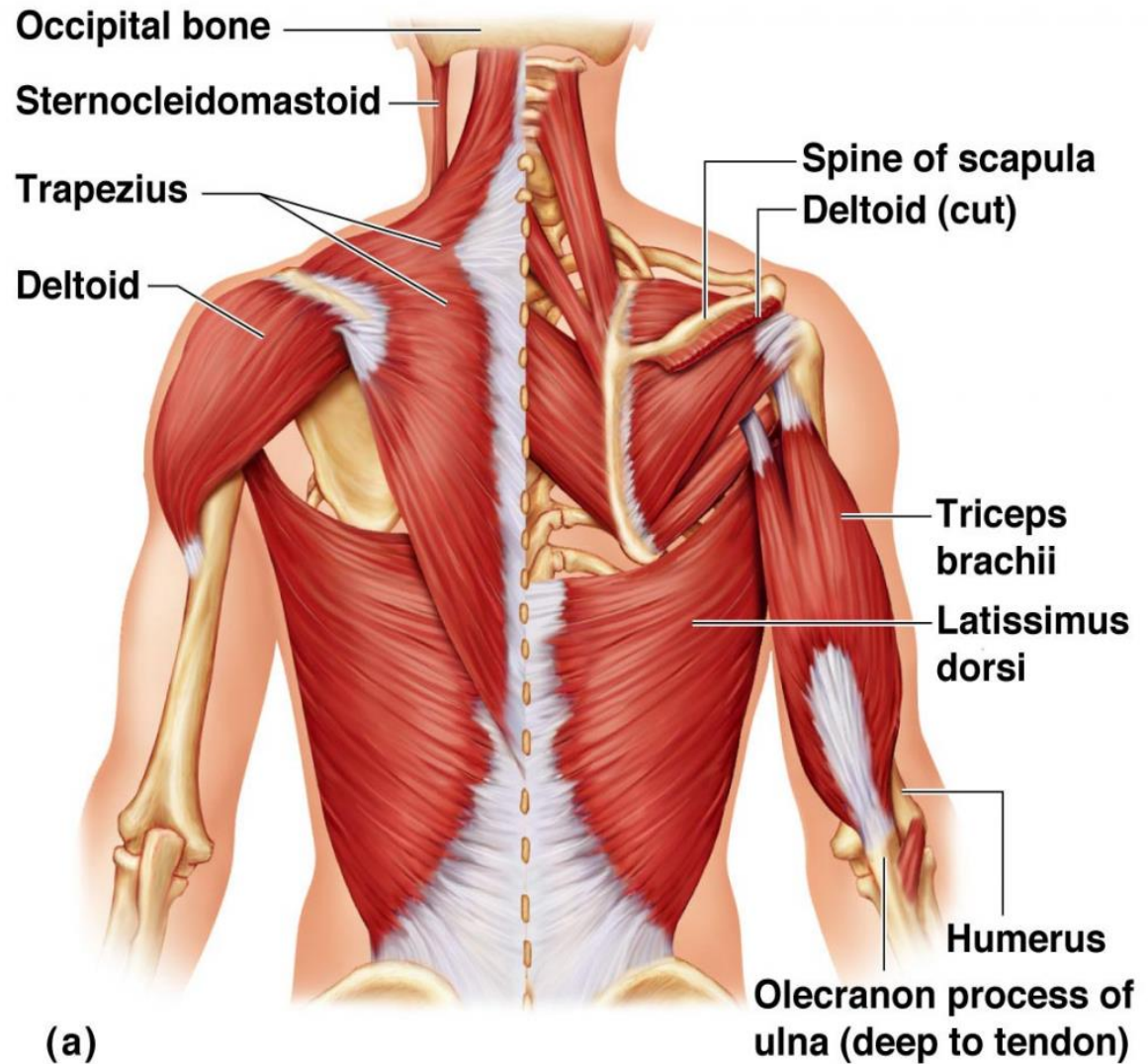


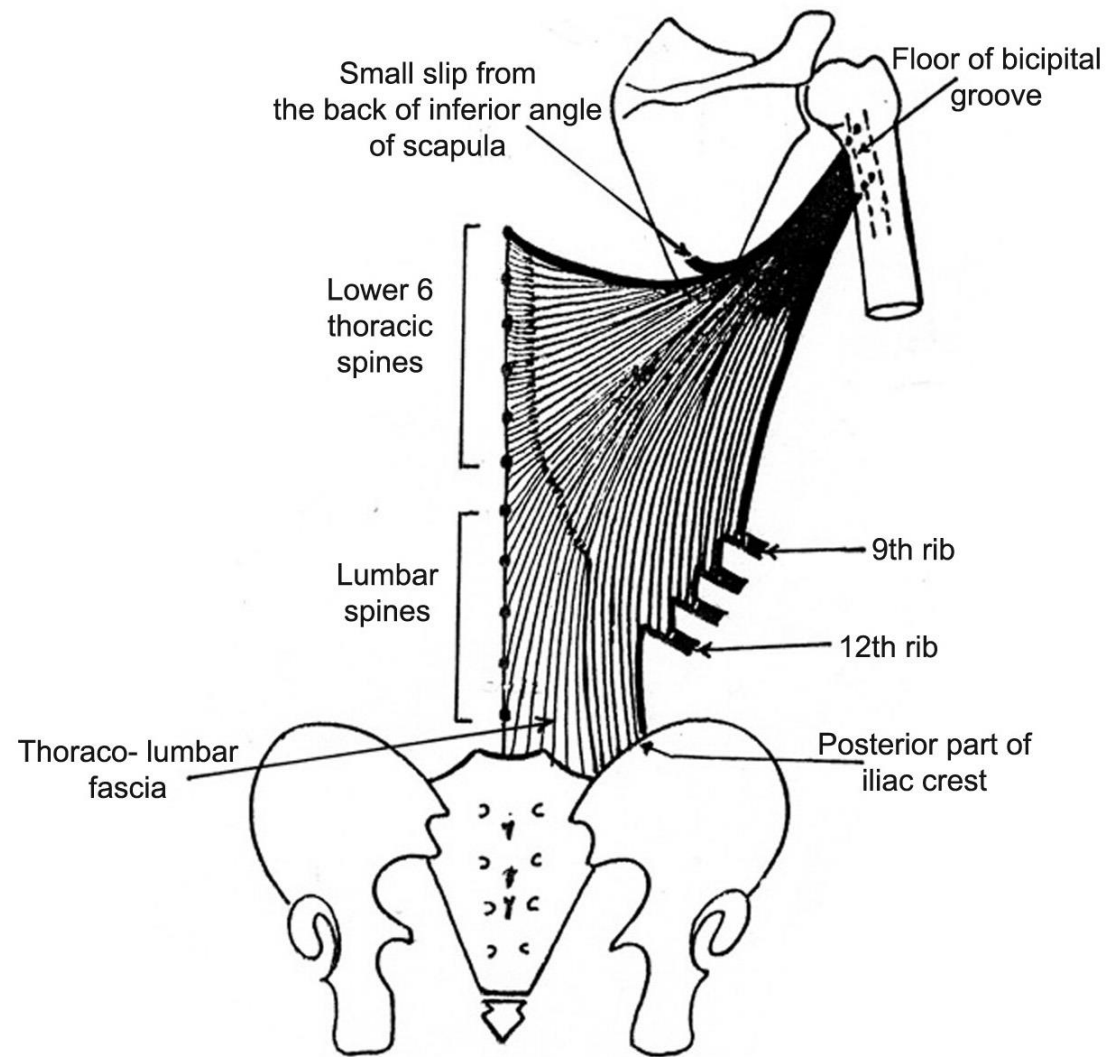
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Vertebra



Muscles of the back



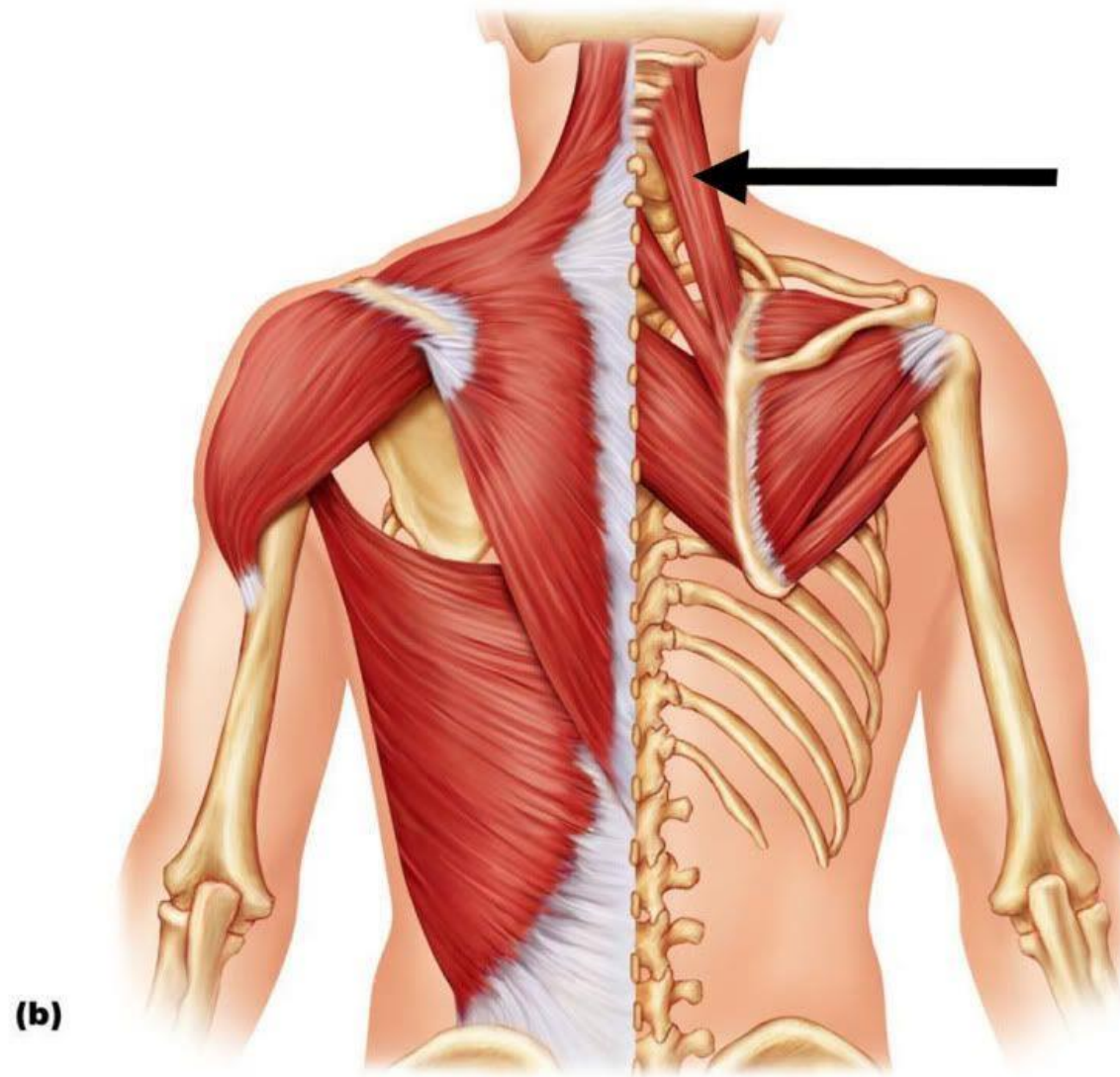


**Latissimus dorsi muscle
(posterior view)**

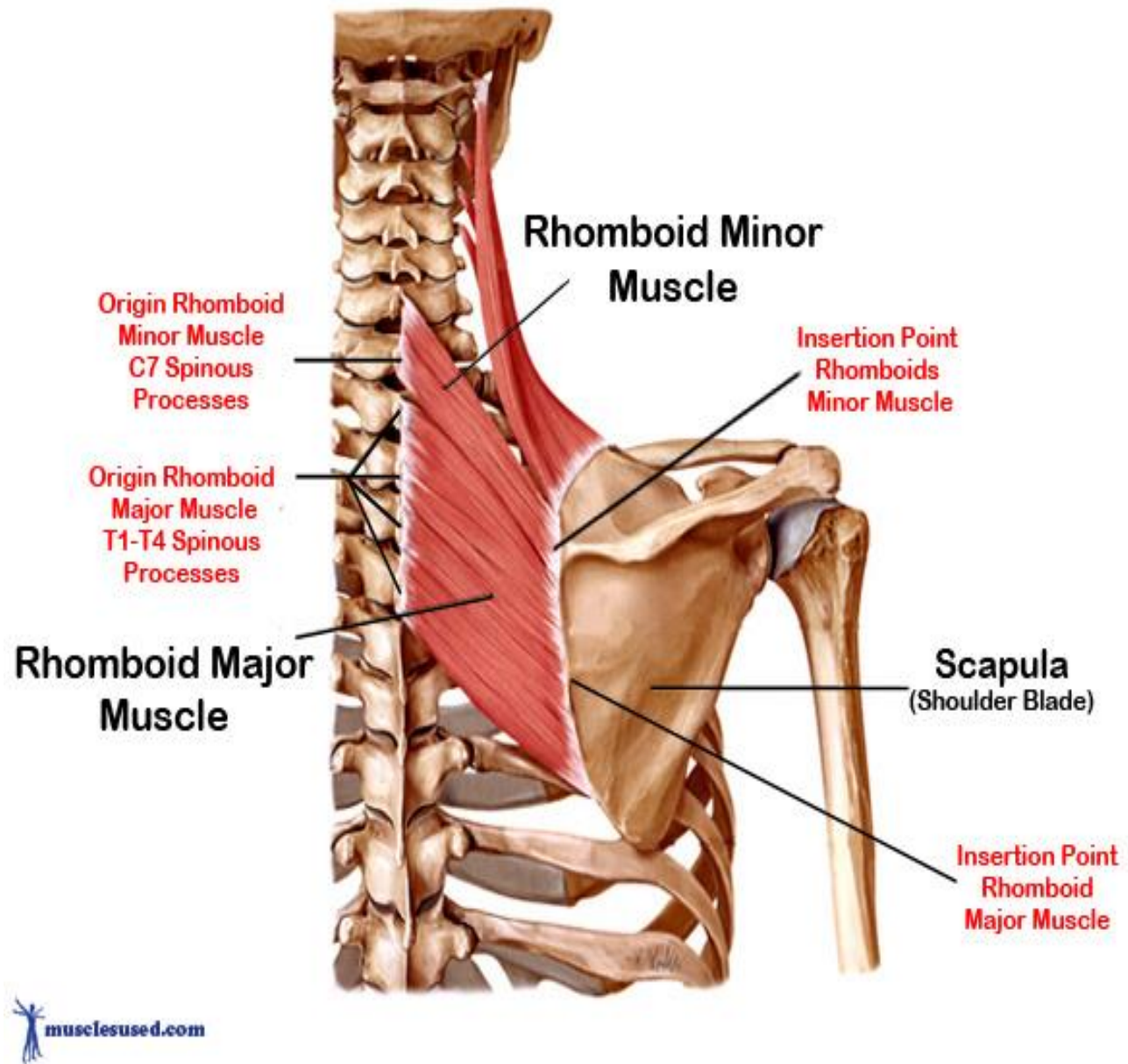


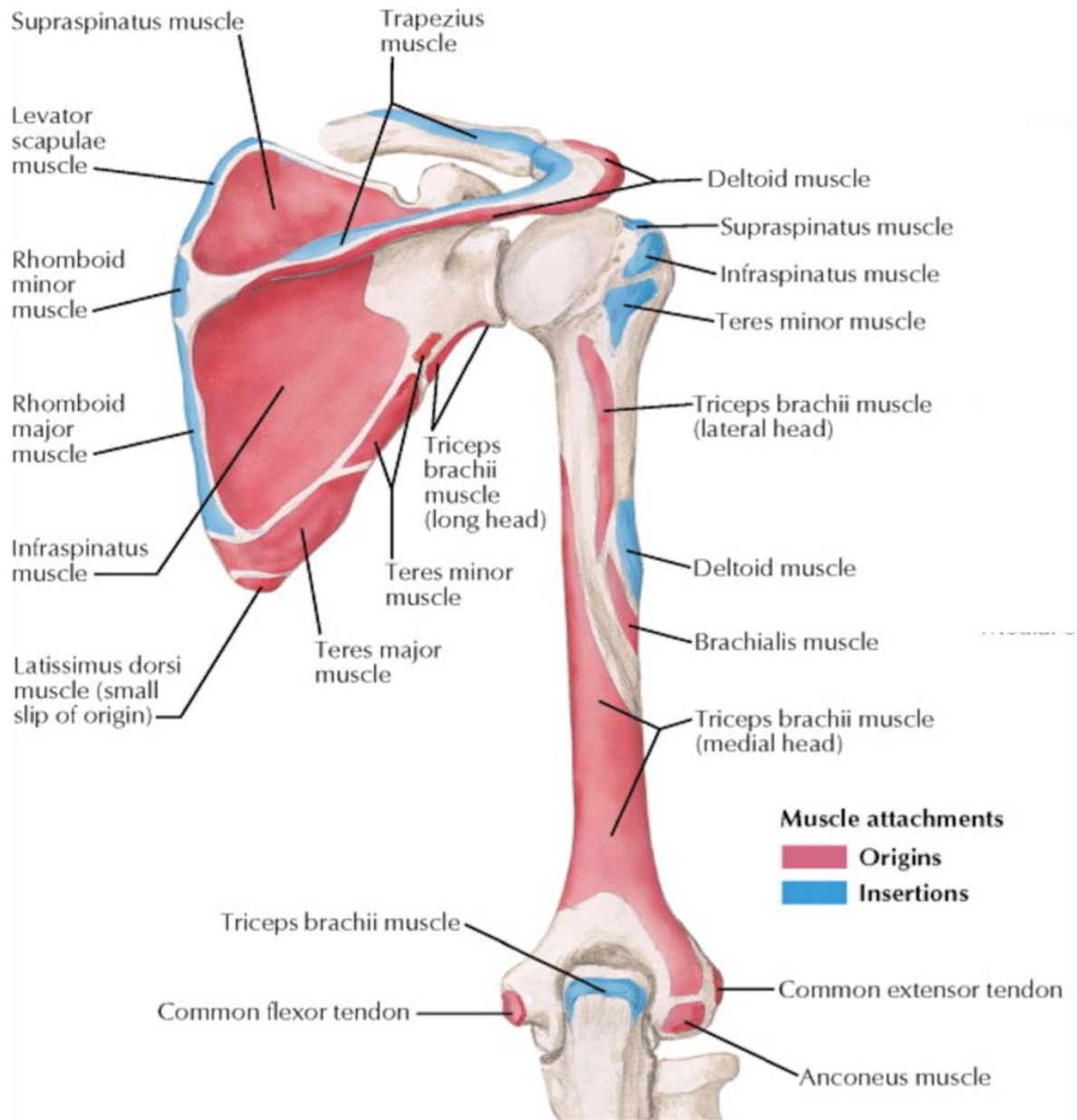
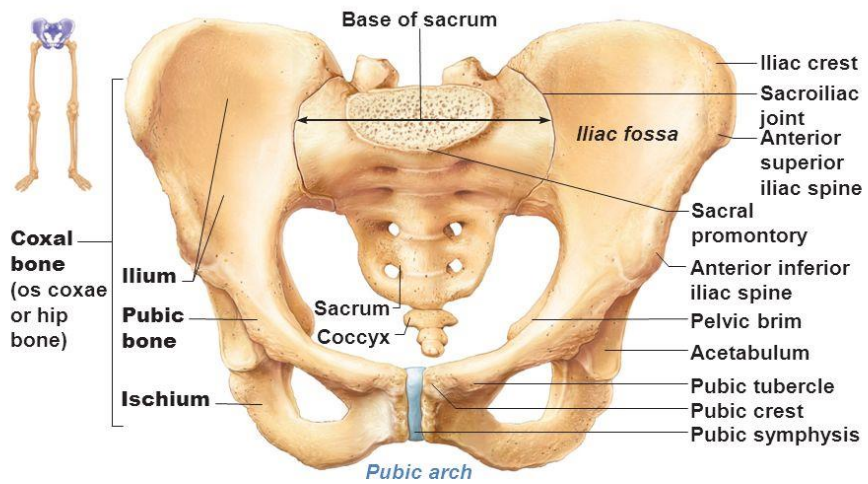
N.B: Triangle of auscultation : Between lower part of lateral border of trapezius , medial border of scapula and upper border of latissimus dorsi and its floor is rhomboid major .Breath sound in this triangle is clearly auscultated .
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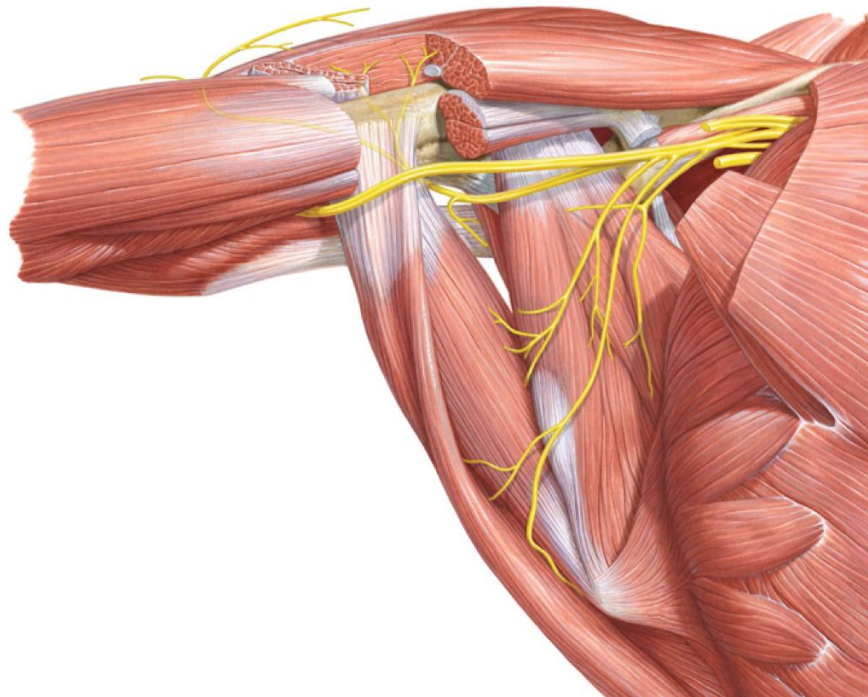
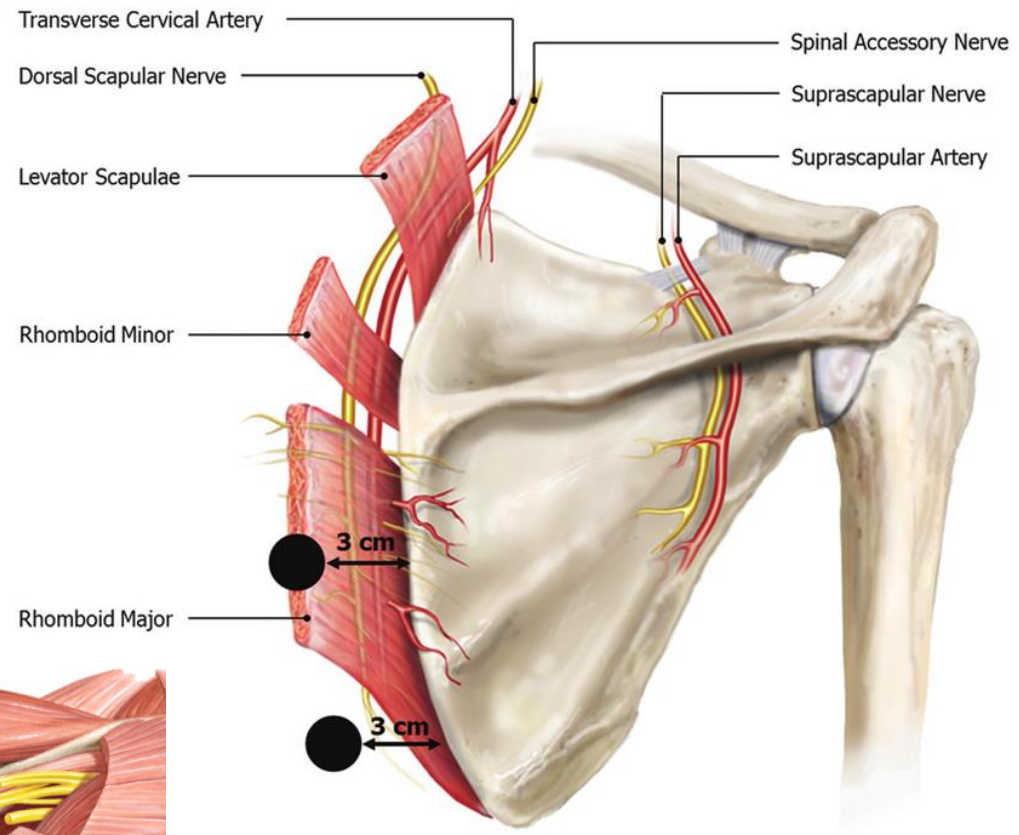
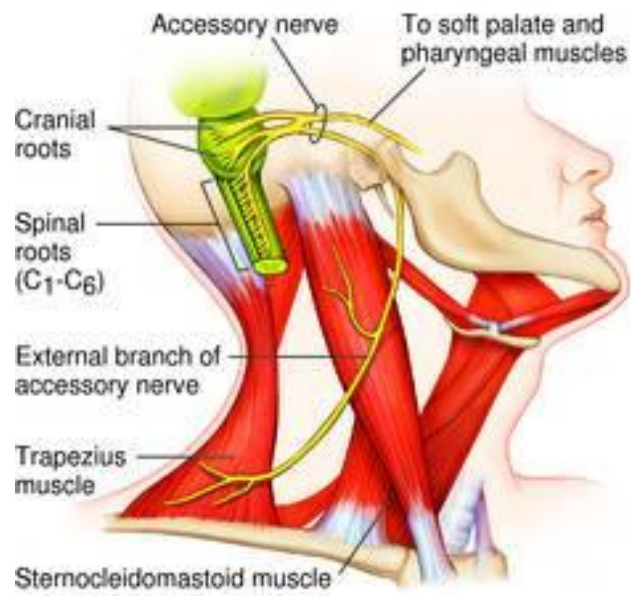
Muscles of Back



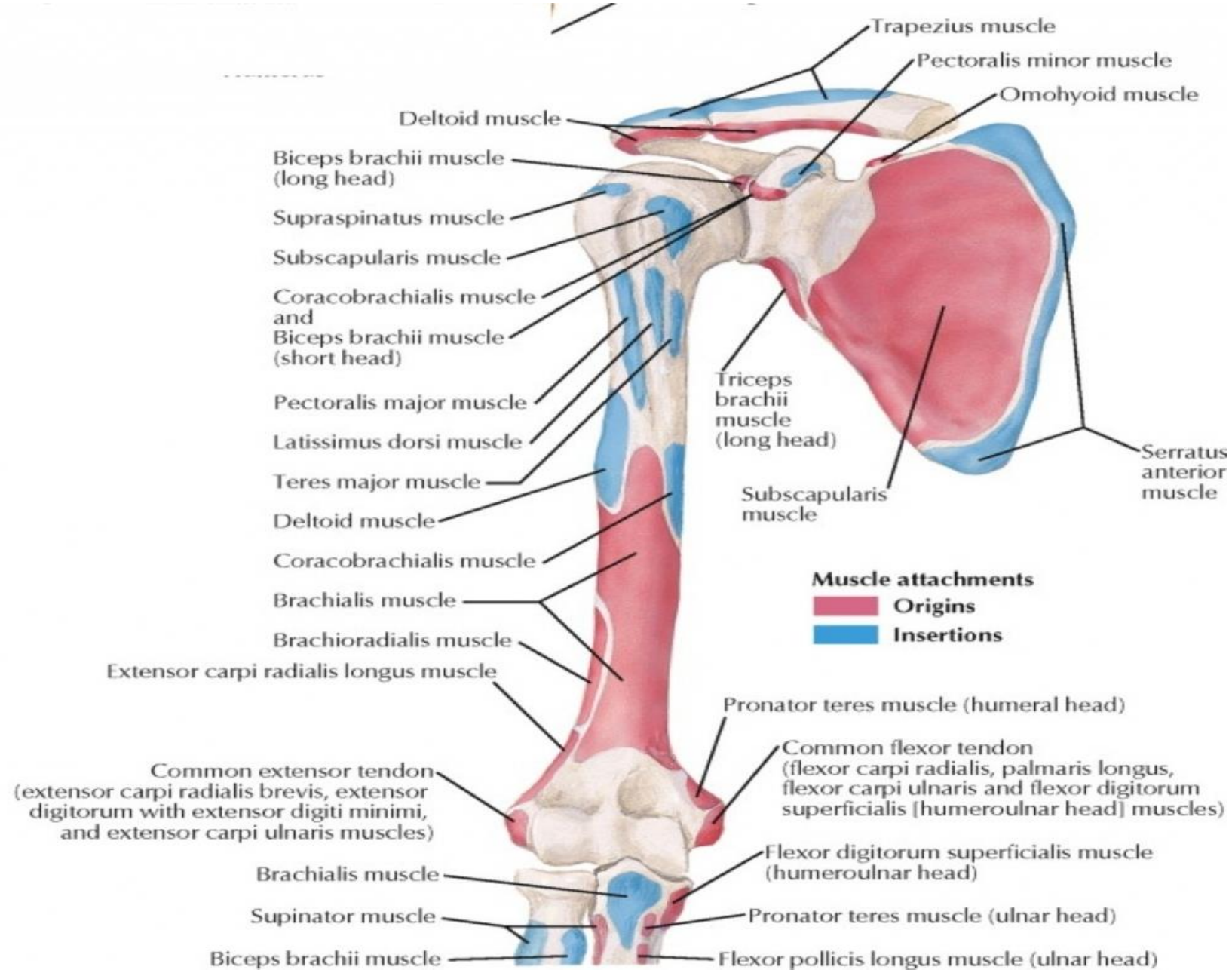
Levator scapulae & Rhomboids







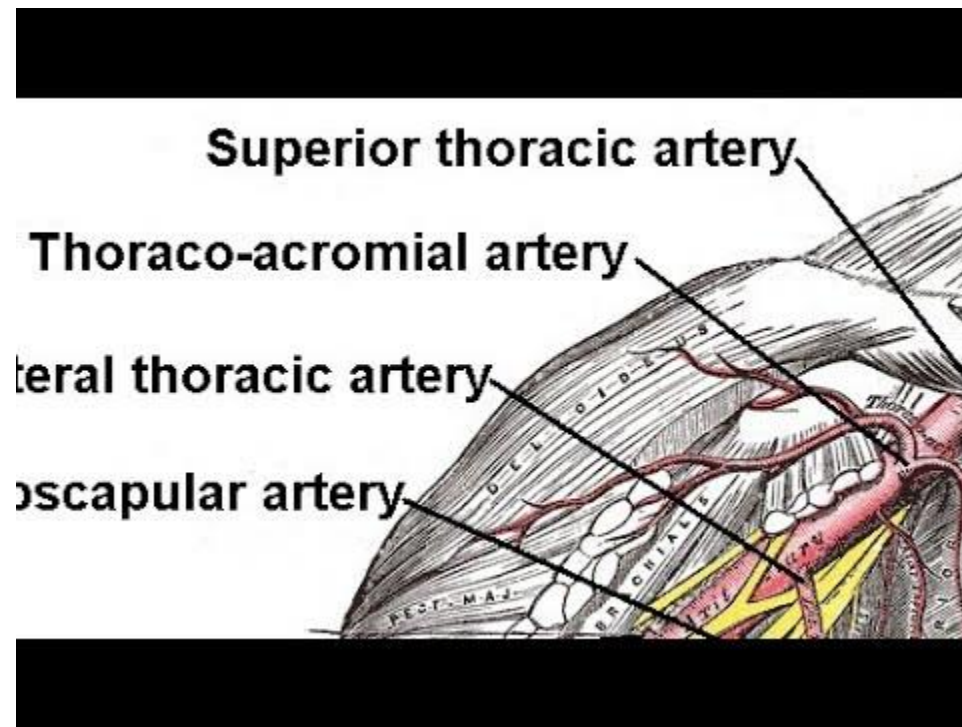
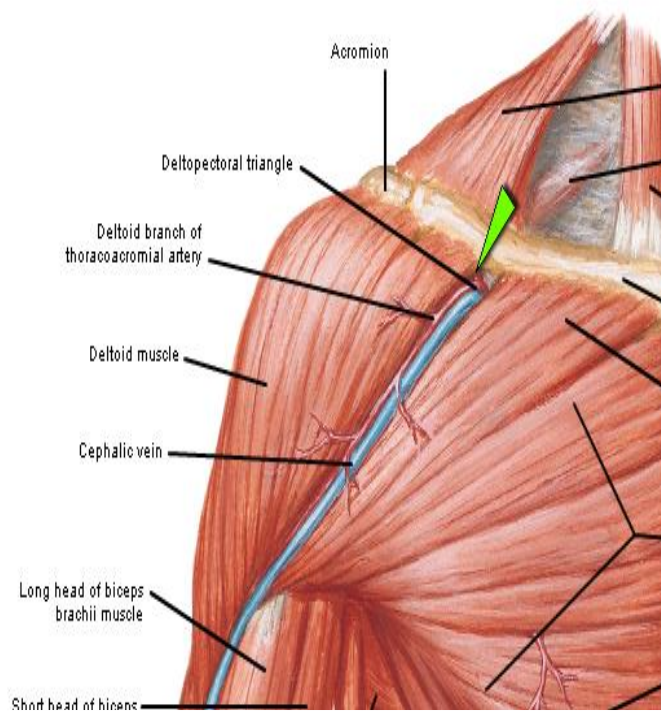
Nerve Supply of Muscles of Back

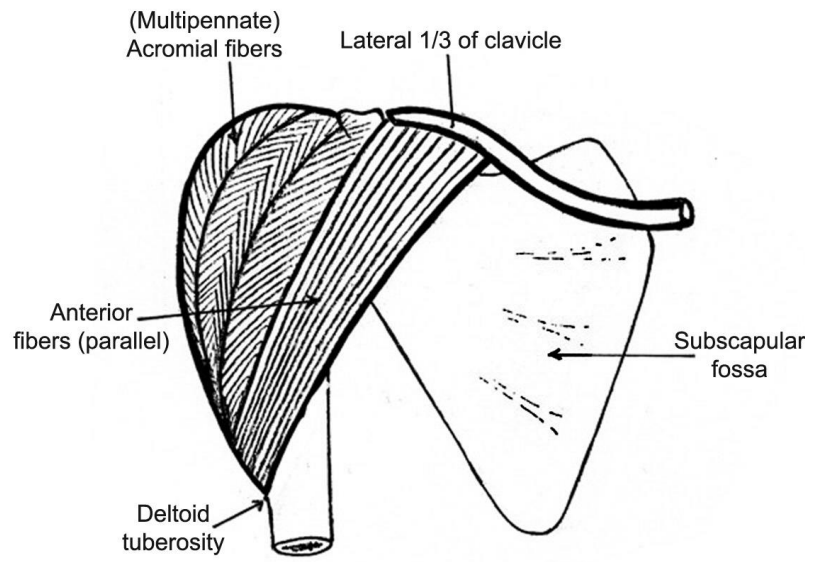


II) Muscles of Scapular region

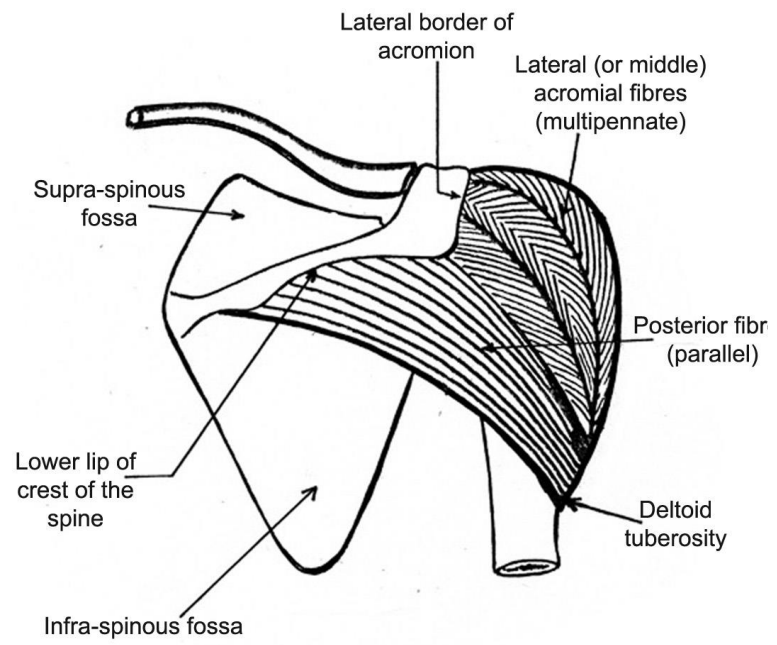
Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve Supply	Action
1- Deltoid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anterior fibers :Anterior border of lateral 1/3 of clavicle . • Middle fibers :Lateral border of acromion process. • Posterior fibers :Lower border of crest of spine of scapula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deltoid tuberosity of humerus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Circumflex (axillary) nerve • Injury of axillary nerve leading to flat shoulder & loss of abduction of shoulder (15 -90 degree) . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Anterior fibres : flexion & medial rotation of shoulder. b) Posterior fibres: extension & lateral rotation of shoulder. c) Middle fibres: Abduction of shoulder (15 -90 degree)
<p>* Relations of deltoid :</p> <p>I) Delto-pectoral groove: related to upper part of cephalic vein , deltopectoral lymph nodes & deltoid branch of thoraco-acromial vessels .</p> <p>II) Deep relations : It envelop the anterior , lateral and posterior aspect of shoulder joint therefore it is related to the followings :</p> <p>1) Bones : Upper end of humerus & coracoids process. 2) Coraco-acromial ligament 3) Subacromial bursa & capsule of shoulder joint,</p> <p>4) Muscles :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tendons inserted in upper part of humerus (subscapularis , supra-spinatus, infra-spinatus , teres minor) • Muscles attached to coracoids process (coracobrachialis , short head of biceps and pectoralis minor). • 2 heads of biceps (long & short) & 2 heads of triceps (long and lateral). <p>5) Vessels and nerves around surgical neck of humerus (circumflex nerve & circumflex humeral vessels)</p>				
2- Subscapularis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medial 2/3 of Subscapular fossa . * N.B. Anterior surface of this muscle is related to subscapular vesseles , nerves & lymph nodes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesser tubercle of humerus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper and lower subscapular nerves . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adduction and medial rotation of shoulder.
3- supraspinatus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medial 2/3 of Supraspinous fossa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper facat of greater tubercle of humerus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suprascapular nerve . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiation of abduction of shoulder (0 – 15 degree).
4- Infraspinatus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medial 2/3 of Infraspinous fossa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle facet of greater tubercle. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adduction & Lateral rotation of shoulder.

5- Teres minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper 2/3 of dorsal surface of lateral border of scapula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest facet of the greater tubercleosity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circumflex (axillary) nerve . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adduction & lateral rotation of shoulder.
<p>* Subscapularis , supraspinatus , Infraspinatus & Teres minor : Tendons of these muscles blends with the capsule of the shoulder joint , steady the head of the humerus inside the glenoid cavity and called the rotator cuff muscles .</p>				
6- Ters major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorsal surface of inferior angle and adjoining part of lower 1/3 of lateral border of scapula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medial lip of bicipital groove (TLP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower subscapular nerve . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adduction , extension and medial rotation of shoulder (play an important role in swimming like latissimus dorsi) .

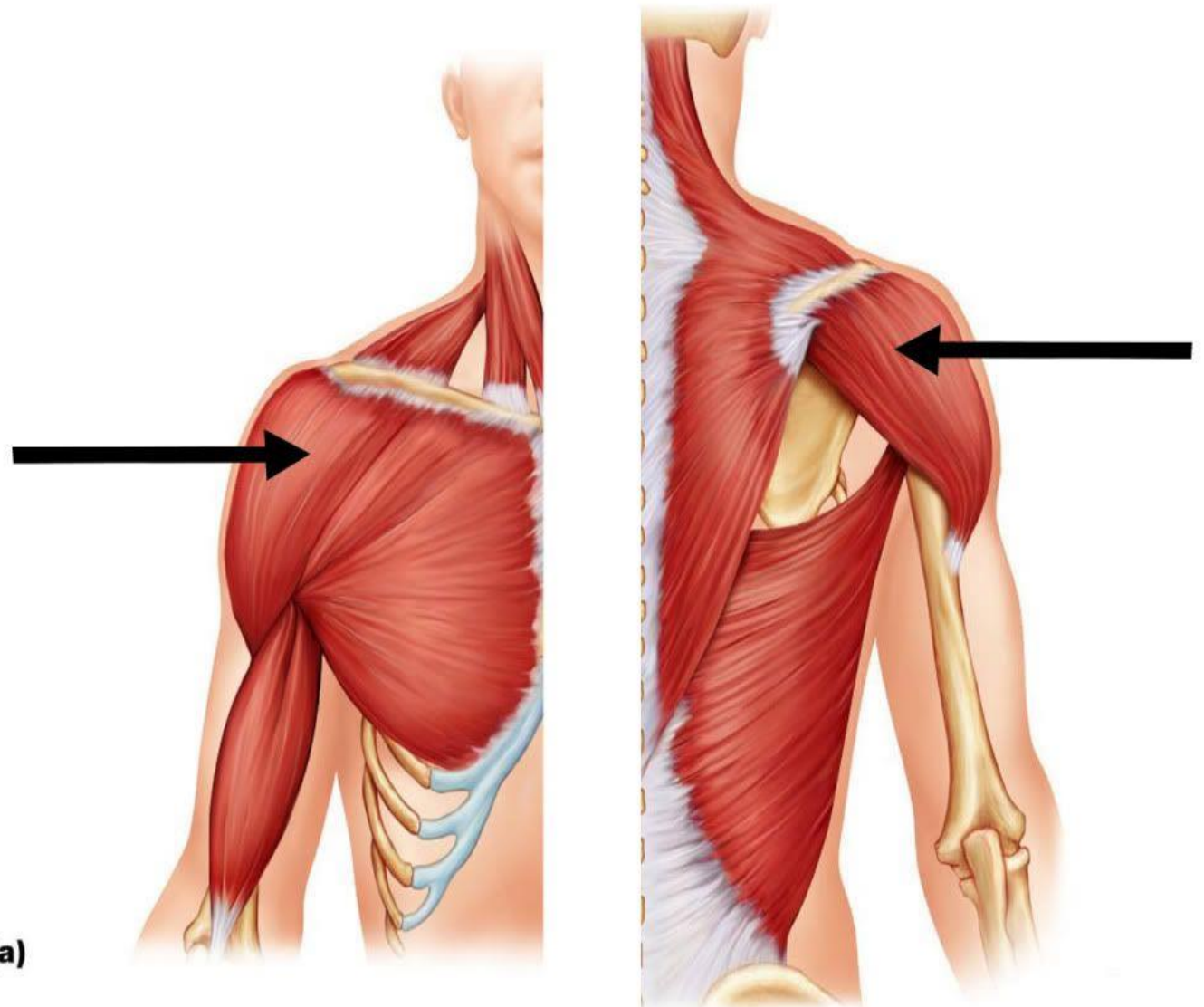




Deltoid Muscle (Anterior view)



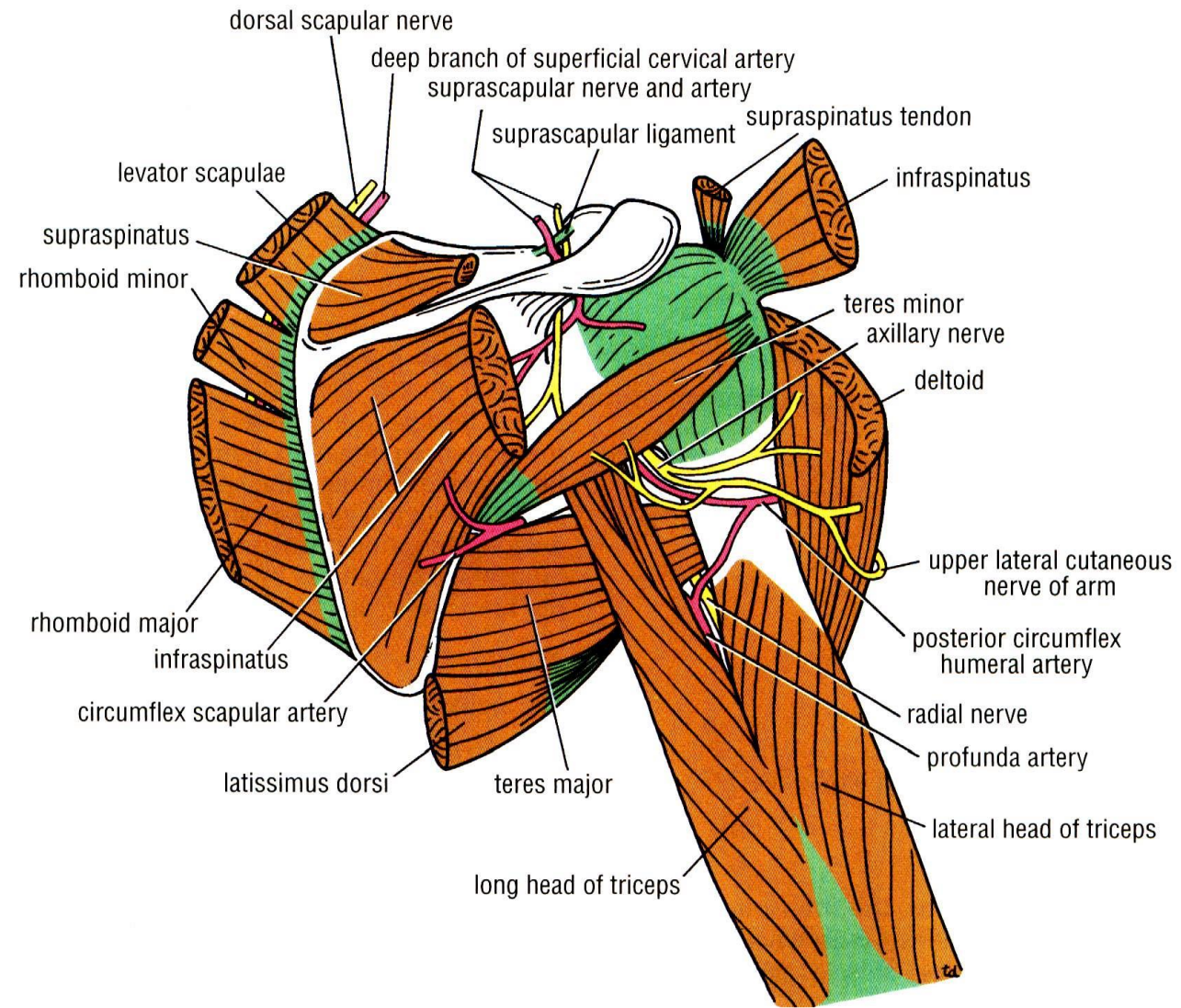
DELTOID MUSCLE (Posterior view)

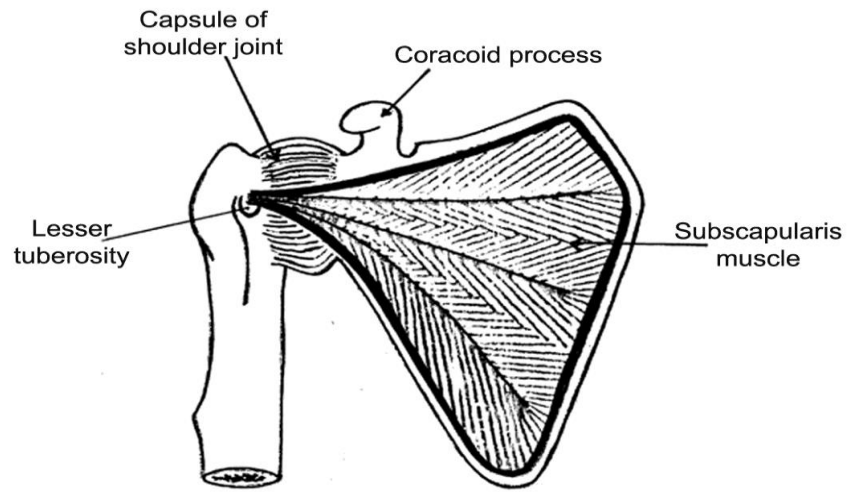


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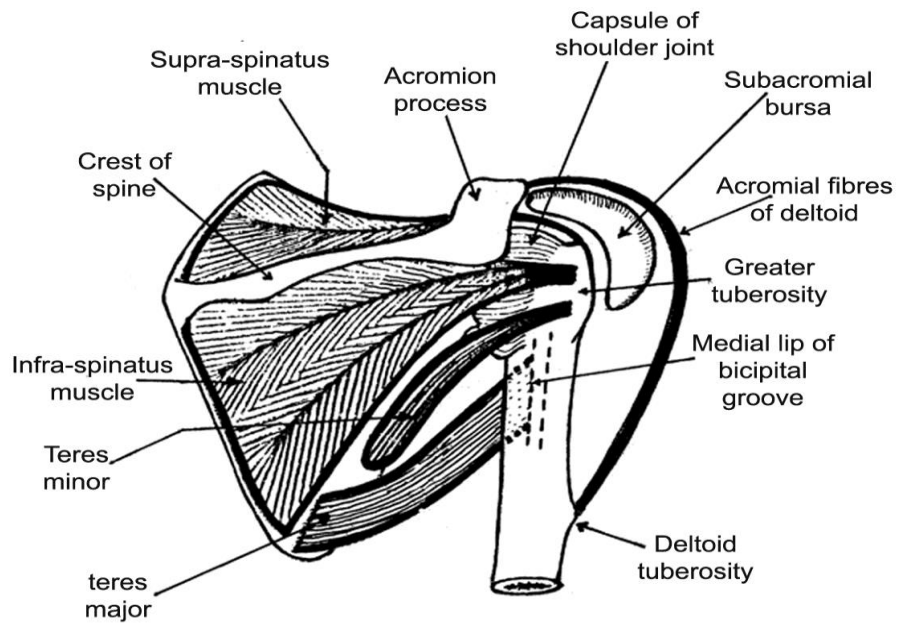
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Deep relations of deltoid (Post. view)





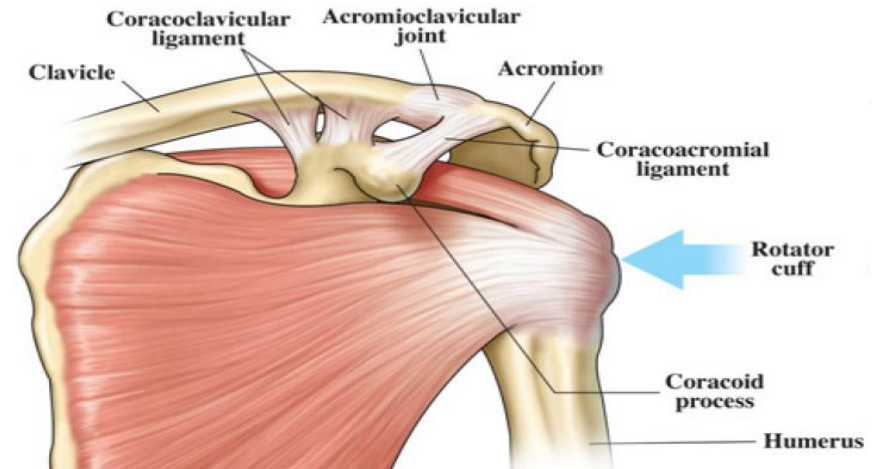
*** Anterior view subscapularis**



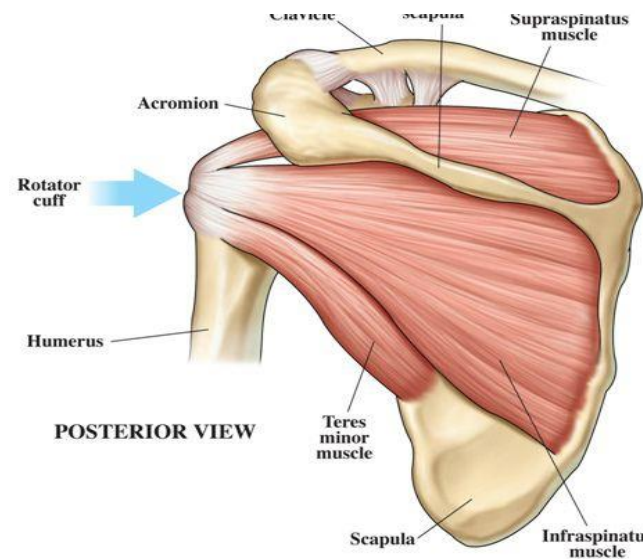
*** Posterior view**

Muscles of scapular (shoulder) region

NORMAL SHOULDER ANATOMY

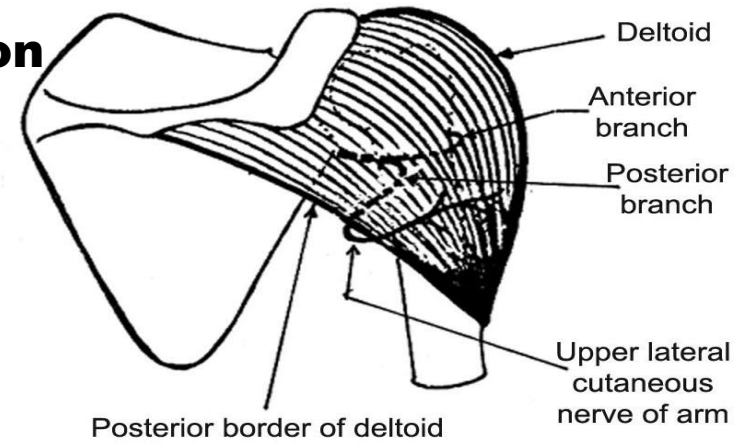


ANTERIOR VIEW

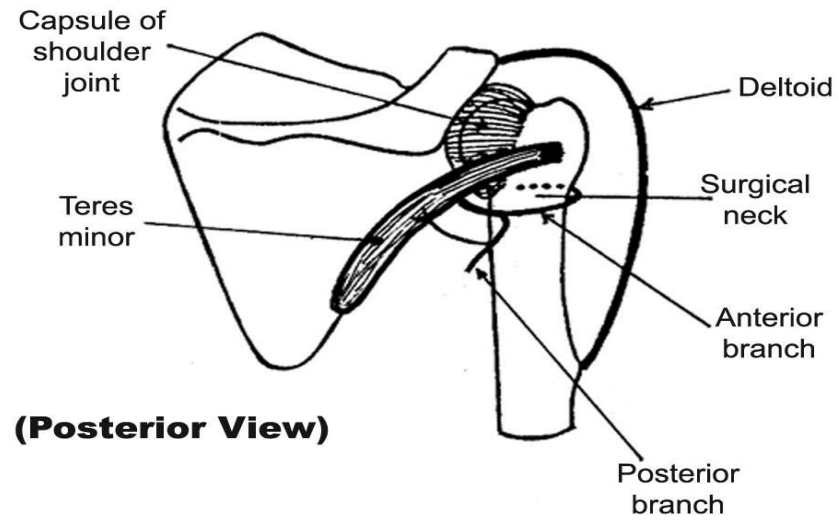


POSTERIOR VIEW

Nerve Supply of Muscles of Scapular Region

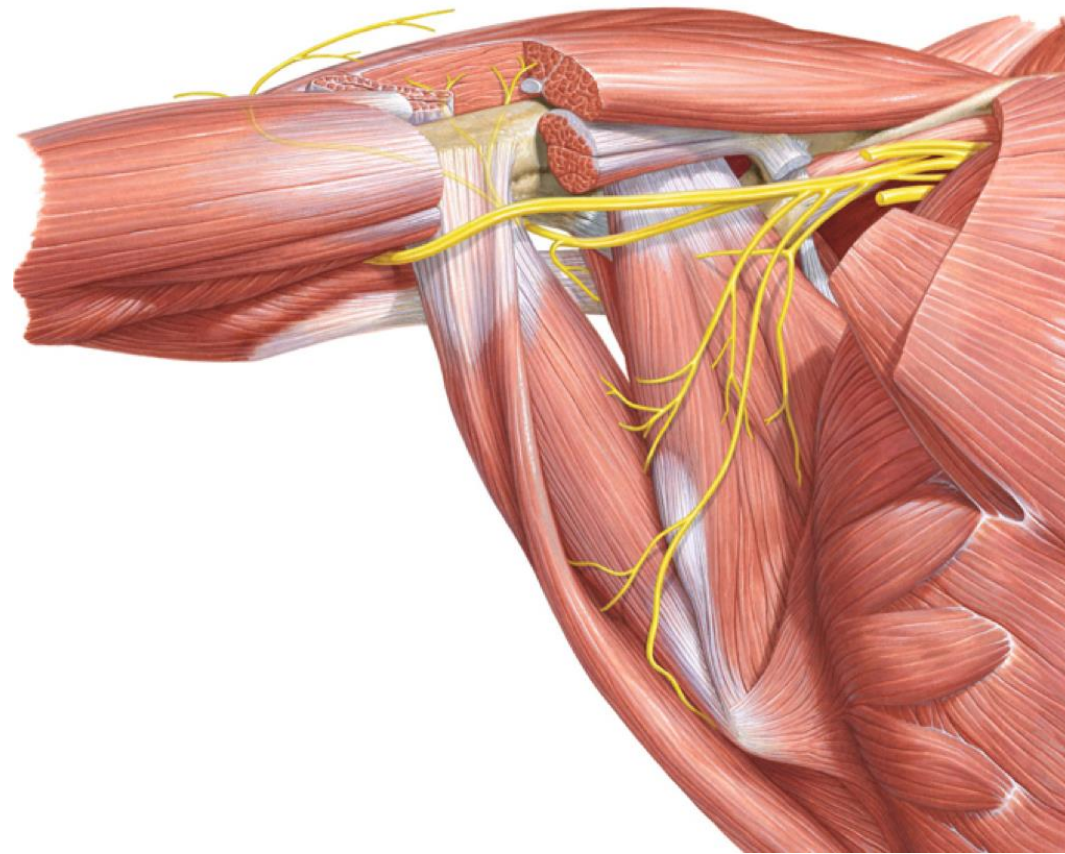
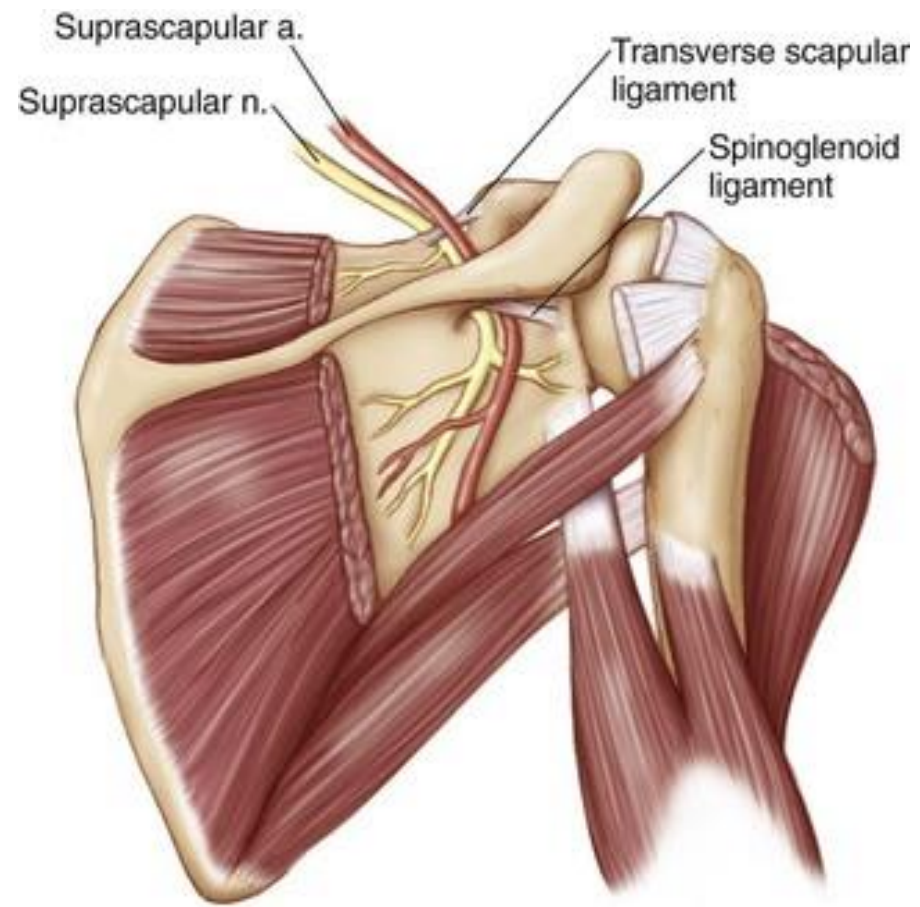


(Posterior view)



(Posterior View)

AXILLARY (CIRCUMFLEX) NERVE (end)

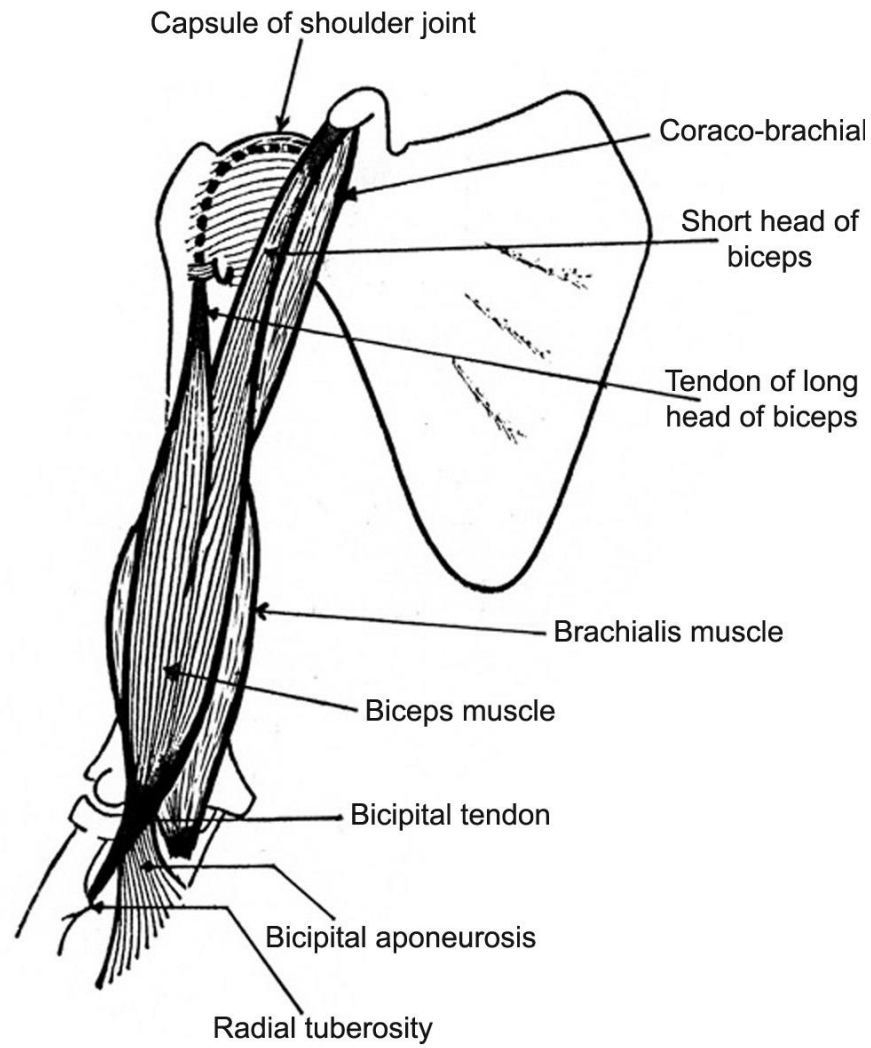


III) Muscles of front of Arm

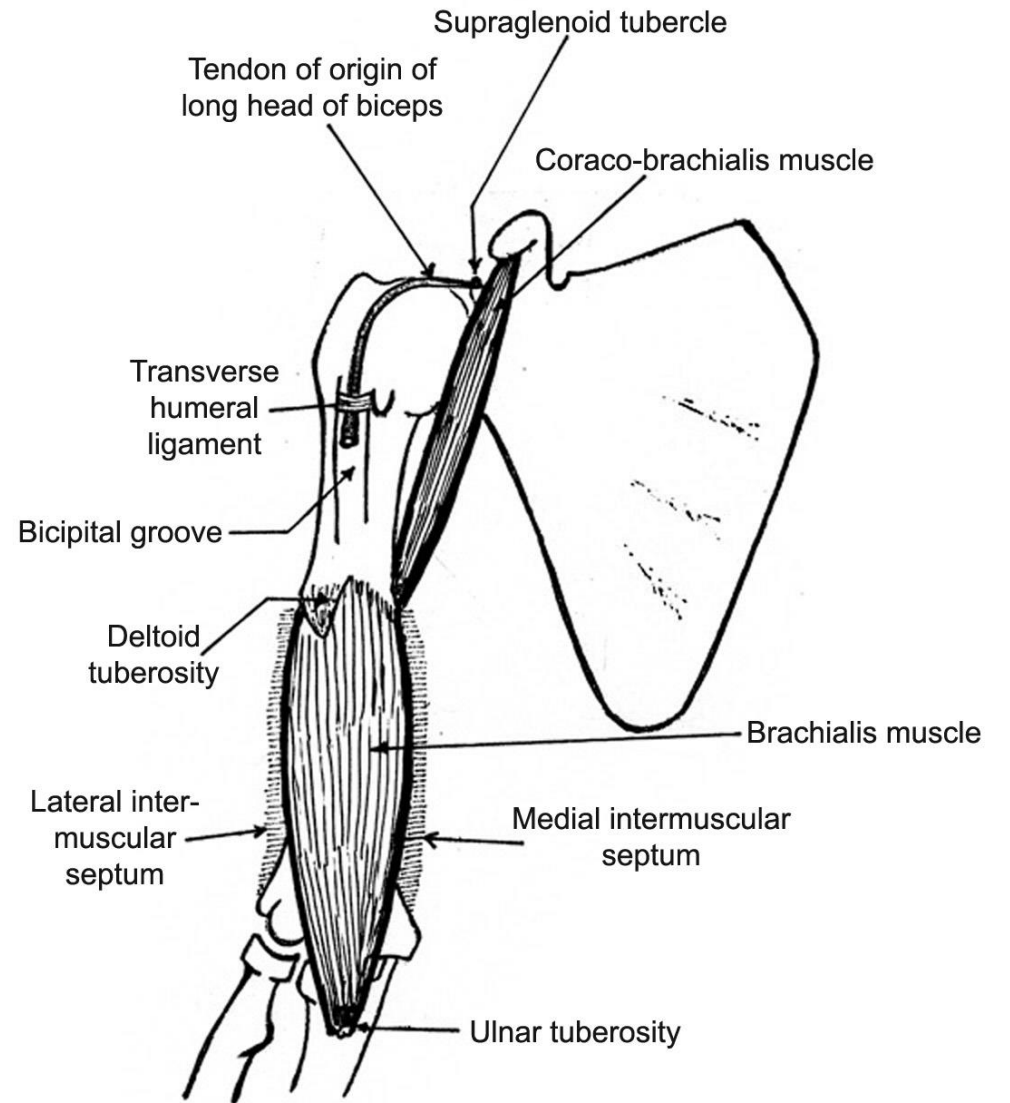
Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve supply	Action.
1-Biceps Brachii	<p>a. Long head: arises from the supraglenoid tubercle, runs in the shoulder joint (intra-capsular extra-synovial) and leave the joint by passing in the bicipital groove behind transverse humeral ligament.</p> <p>b. Short head: arises from tip of coracoid process with coracobrachialis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By rounded tendons into posterior part of radial tuberosity. • By bicipital aponeurosis into deep fascia of upper part of medial side of forearm. This aponeurosis separate median cubital vein from brachial artery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All muscles of front of arm are supplied by musculocutaneous nerve except lateral part of brachialis which is supplied by radial nerve i.e brachialis has double nerve supply. • Musculo-cutaneous nerve pierces the coracobrachialis then runs between biceps and brachialis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexion of forearm. • Supination of flexed pronated forearm at radioulnar joints. • Short head: Weak flexor of shoulder. • Long head: Support head of humerus from above.
2-Coracobrachialis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tip of Coracoid process (with short head of biceps) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle of medial border of humerus 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexion & adduction of shoulder.
3- Brachialis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower 1/2 of anterior surface of shaft of humerus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulnar tuberosity. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main flexor of elbow.

IV) Muscles of Back of Arm

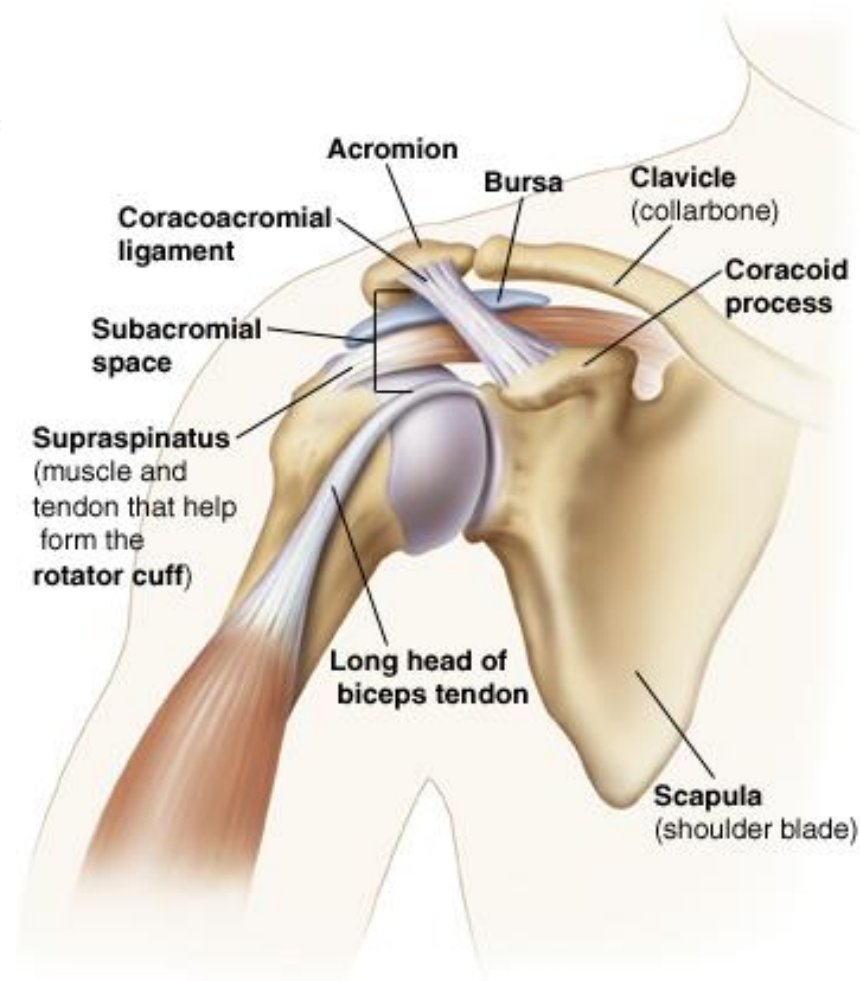
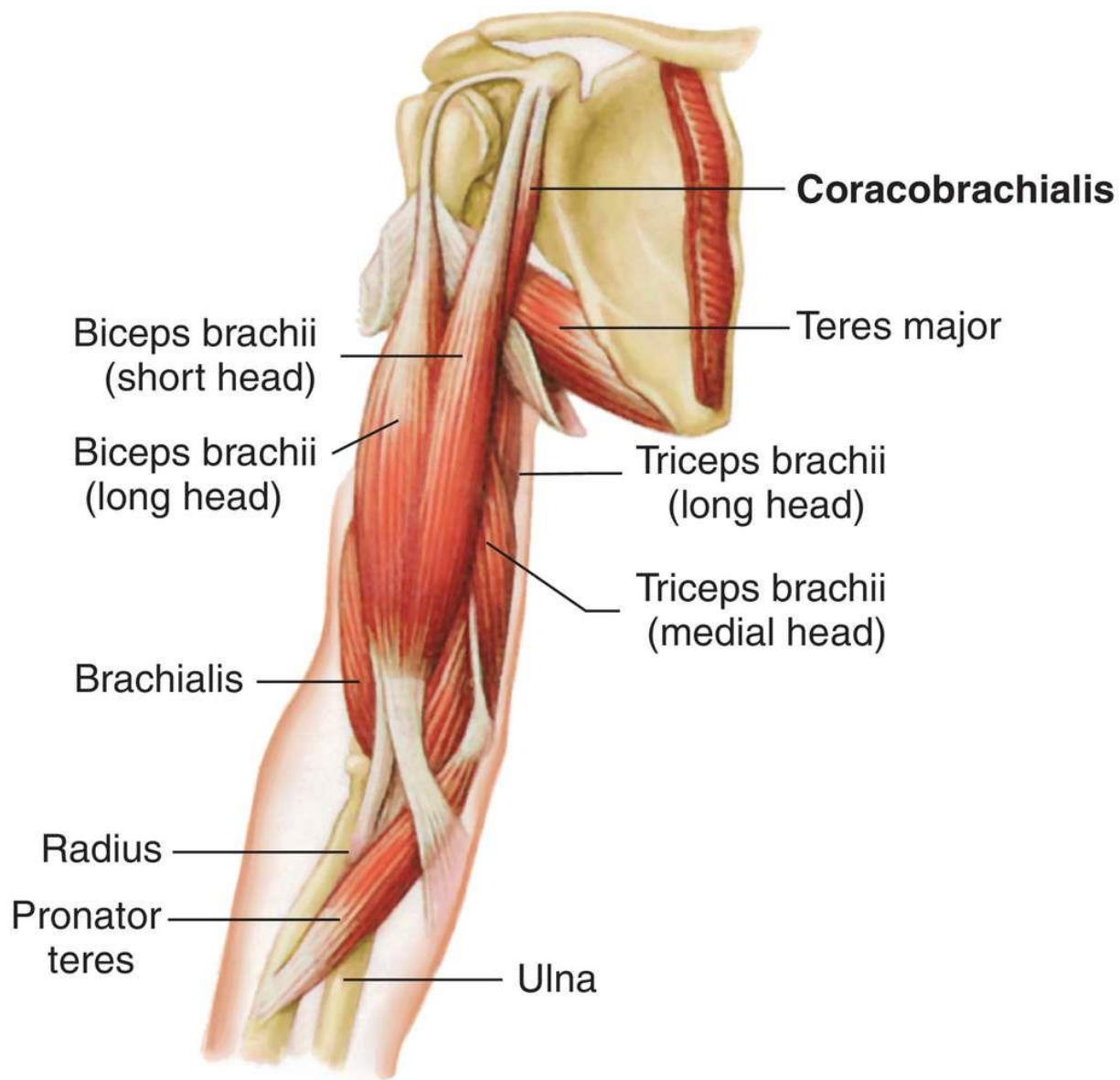
Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve supply	Action.
Triceps Brachii	<p>a. Long head: infra-glenoid tubercle (extra-capsular)</p> <p>b. Lateral head: Back of shaft of humerus above spiral groove.</p> <p>c. Medial head: Back of shaft of humerus below spiral groove.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior surface of olecranon process of ulna • Articularis cubiti are few fibers inserted in the fibrous capsule of elbow joint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radial nerve (long head is supplied in axilla while lateral & medial heads are supplied in spiral groove). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main extensor of elbow. • Articularis cubiti draw up the posterior part of the capsule of elbow during extension.

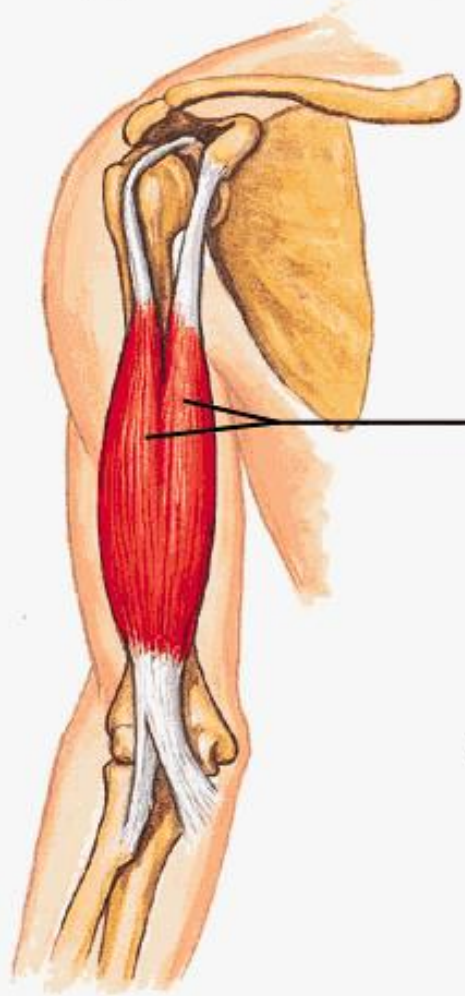


Anterior compartment of Arm (superficial layer)



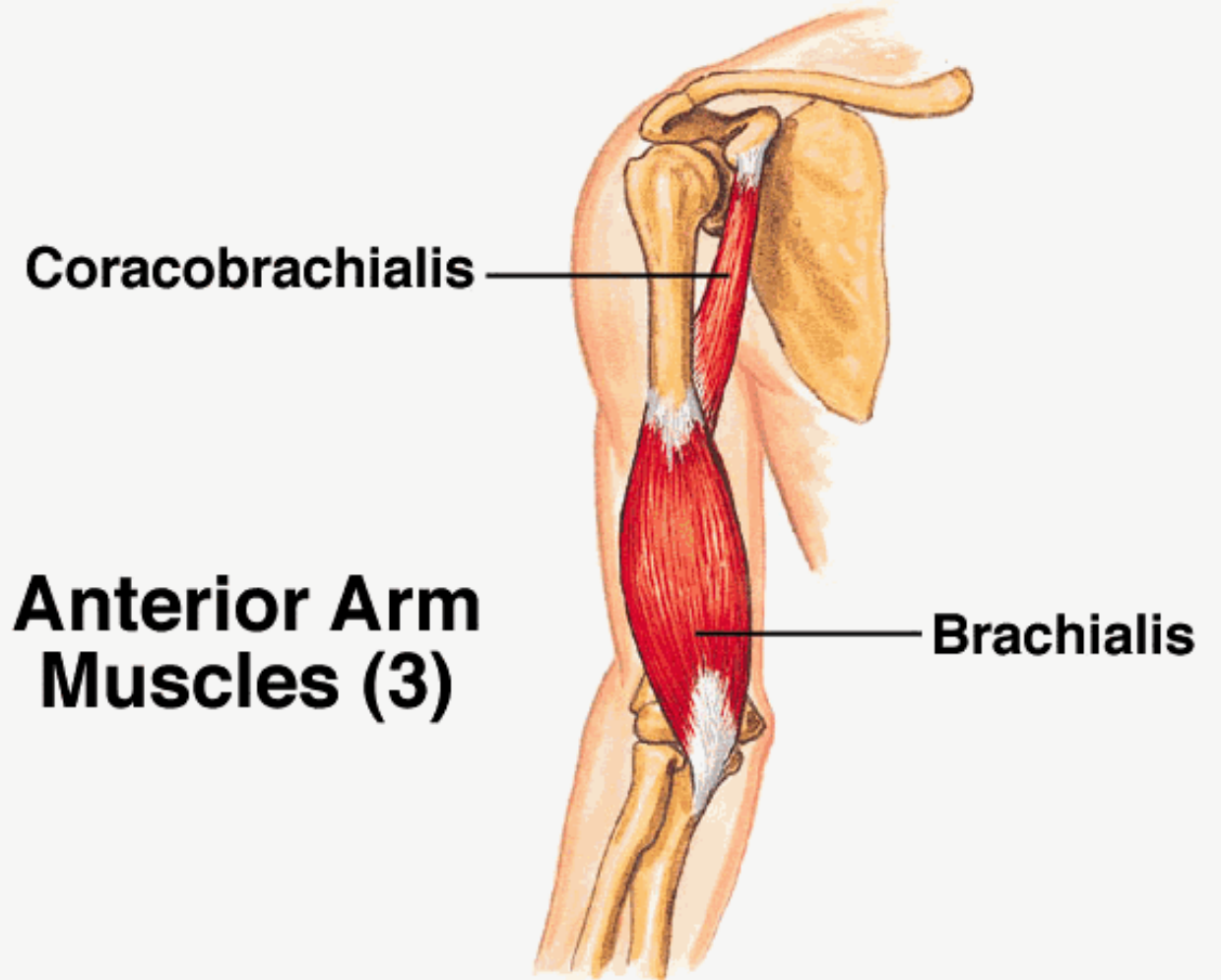
*** Anterior compartment of arm (deep layer)**





**Biceps brachii
(short and
long heads)**

Anterior Arm Muscles (1)



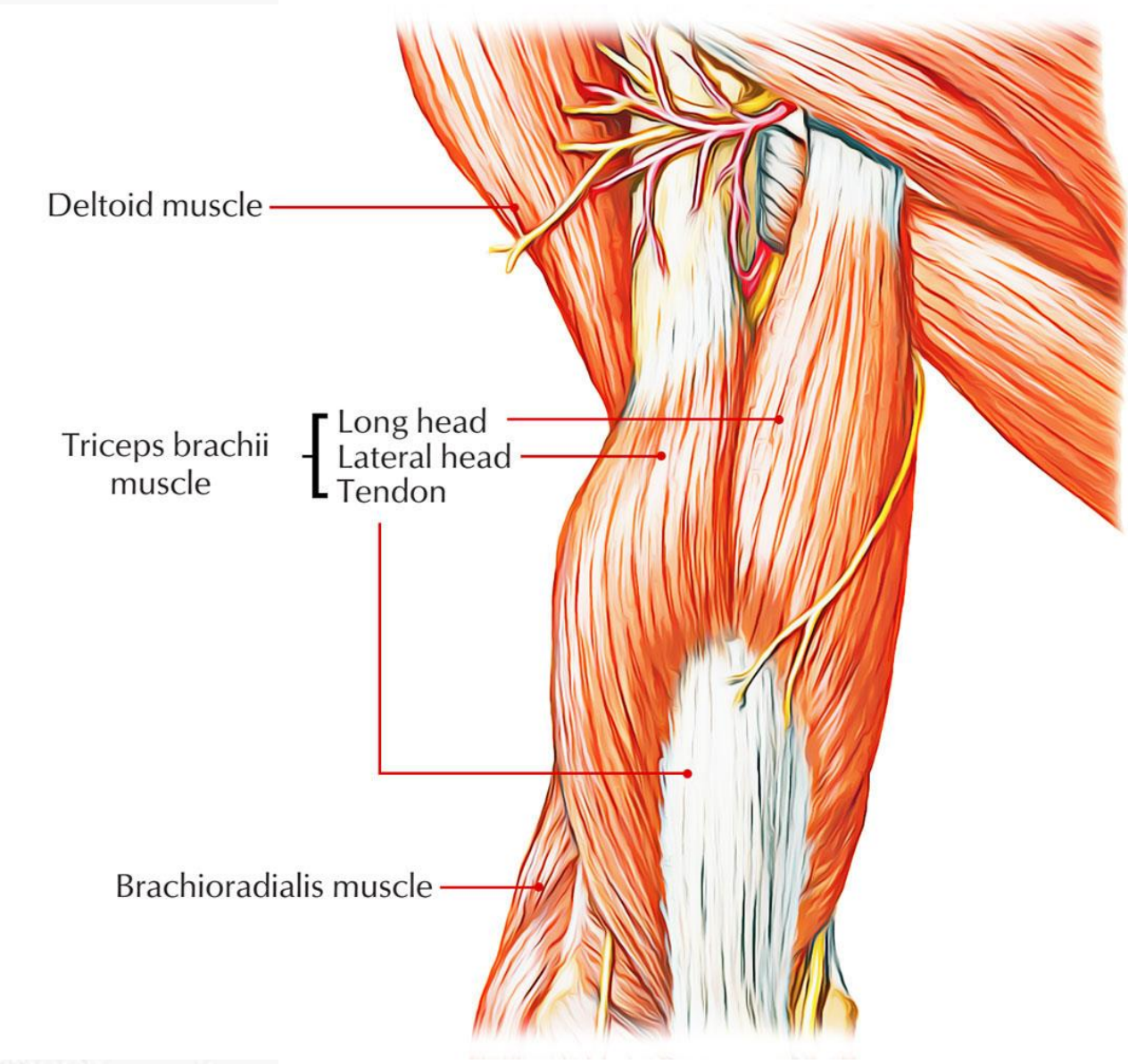
Coracobrachialis

Anterior Arm Muscles (3)

Brachialis



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Deltoid muscle

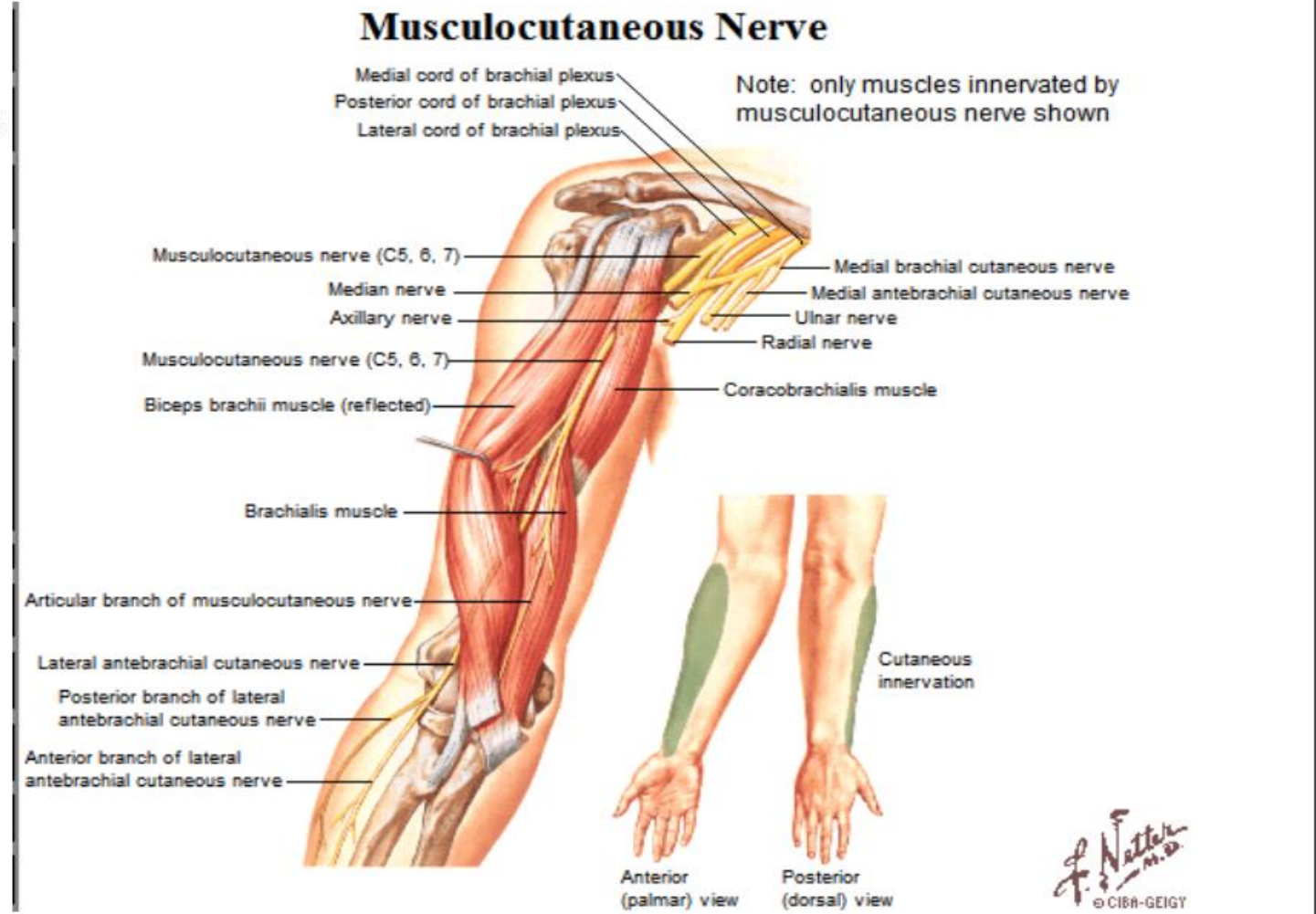
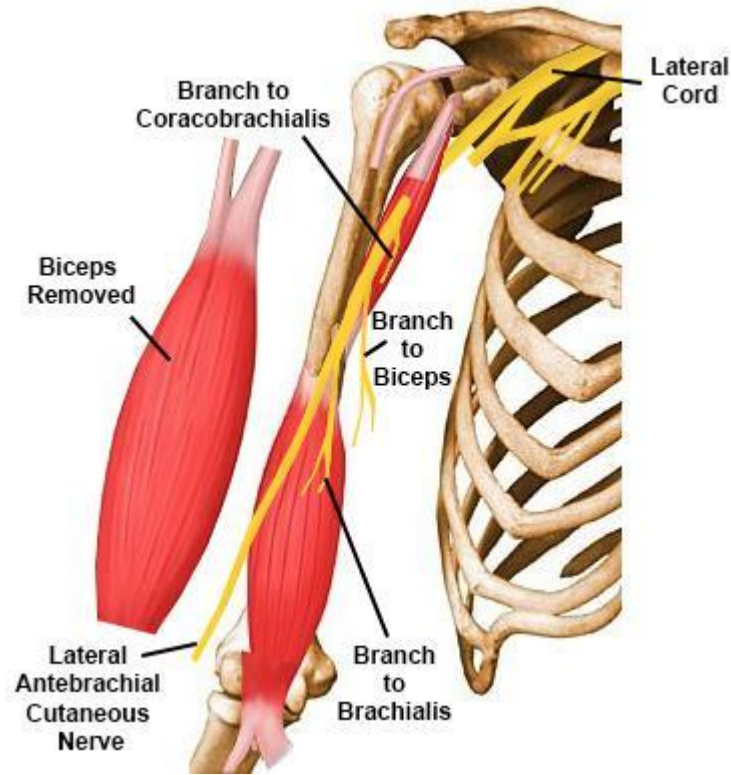
Triceps brachii muscle

Long head
Lateral head
Tendon

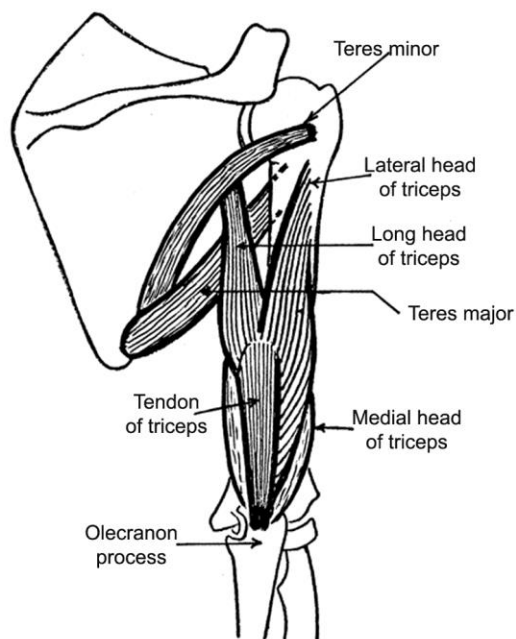
Brachioradialis muscle

Nerve Supply of Muscles of Front of Arm

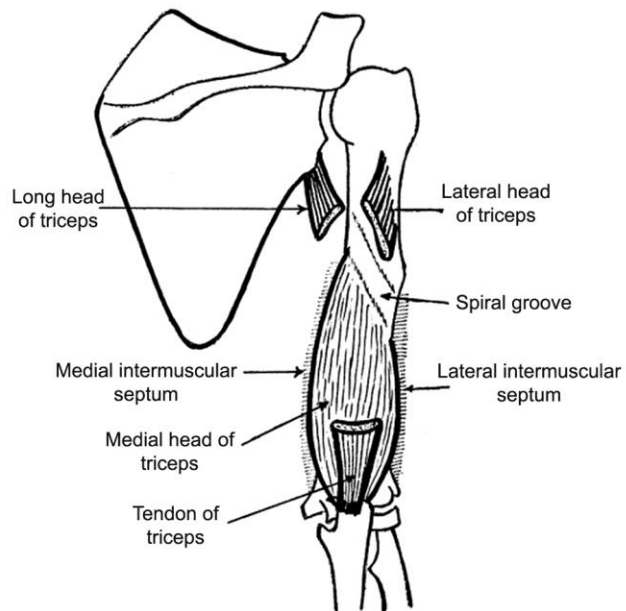
(Musculo-cutaneous Nerve)



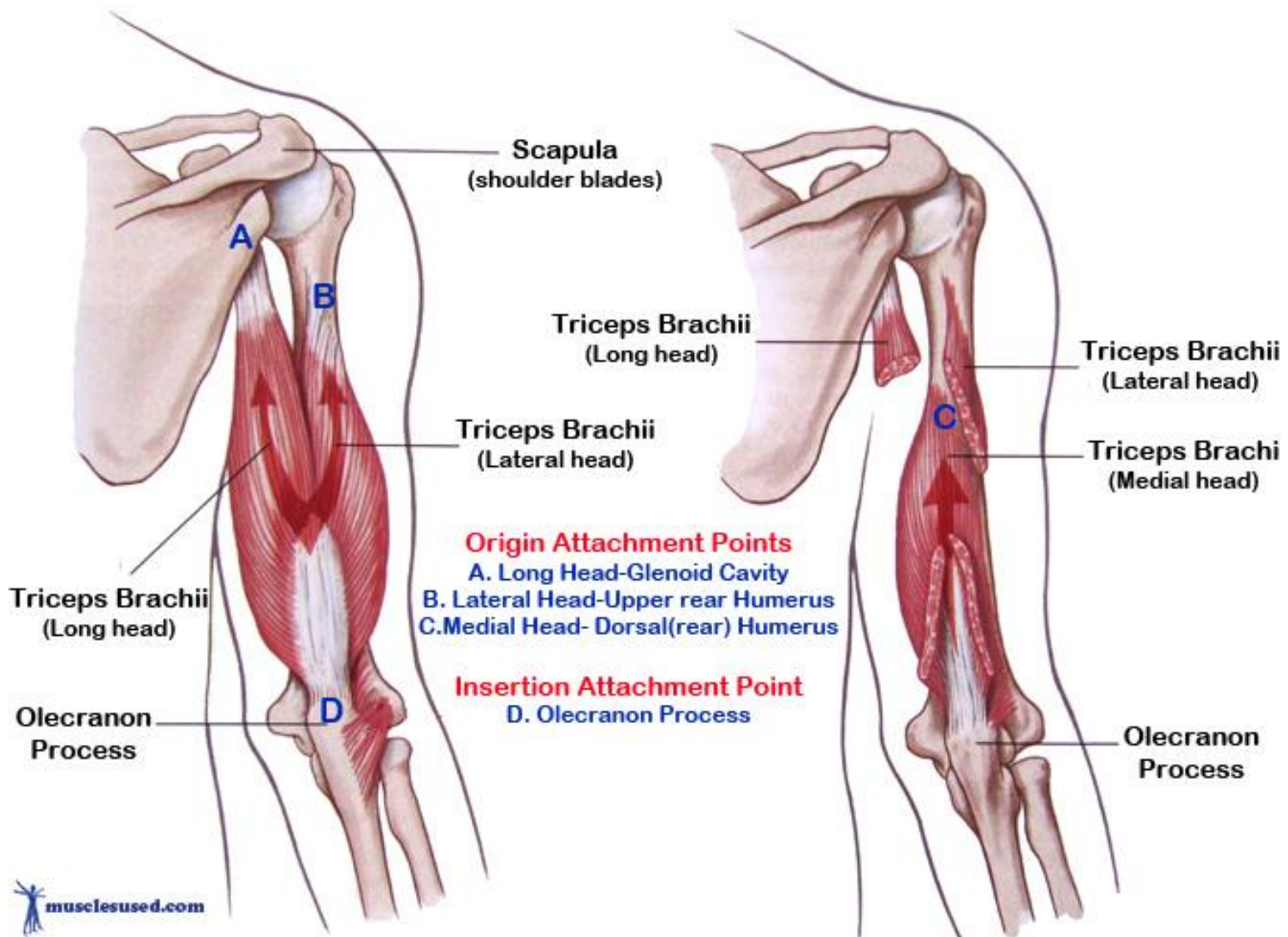
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Posterior compartment of arm (superficial layer)



*** Posterior compartment of arm (deep layer)**



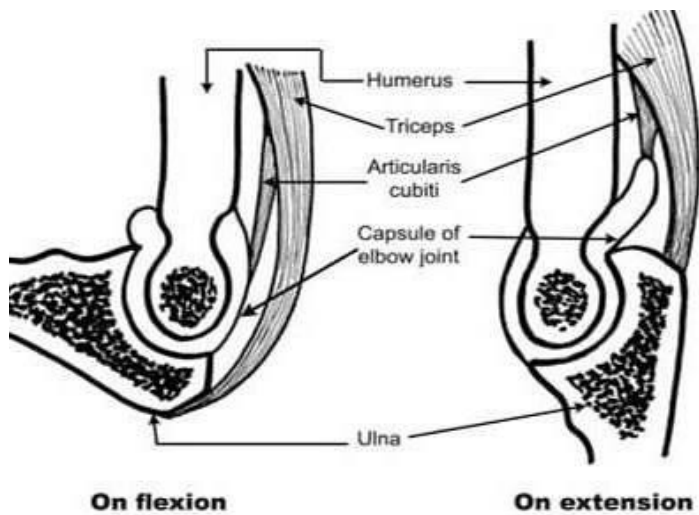
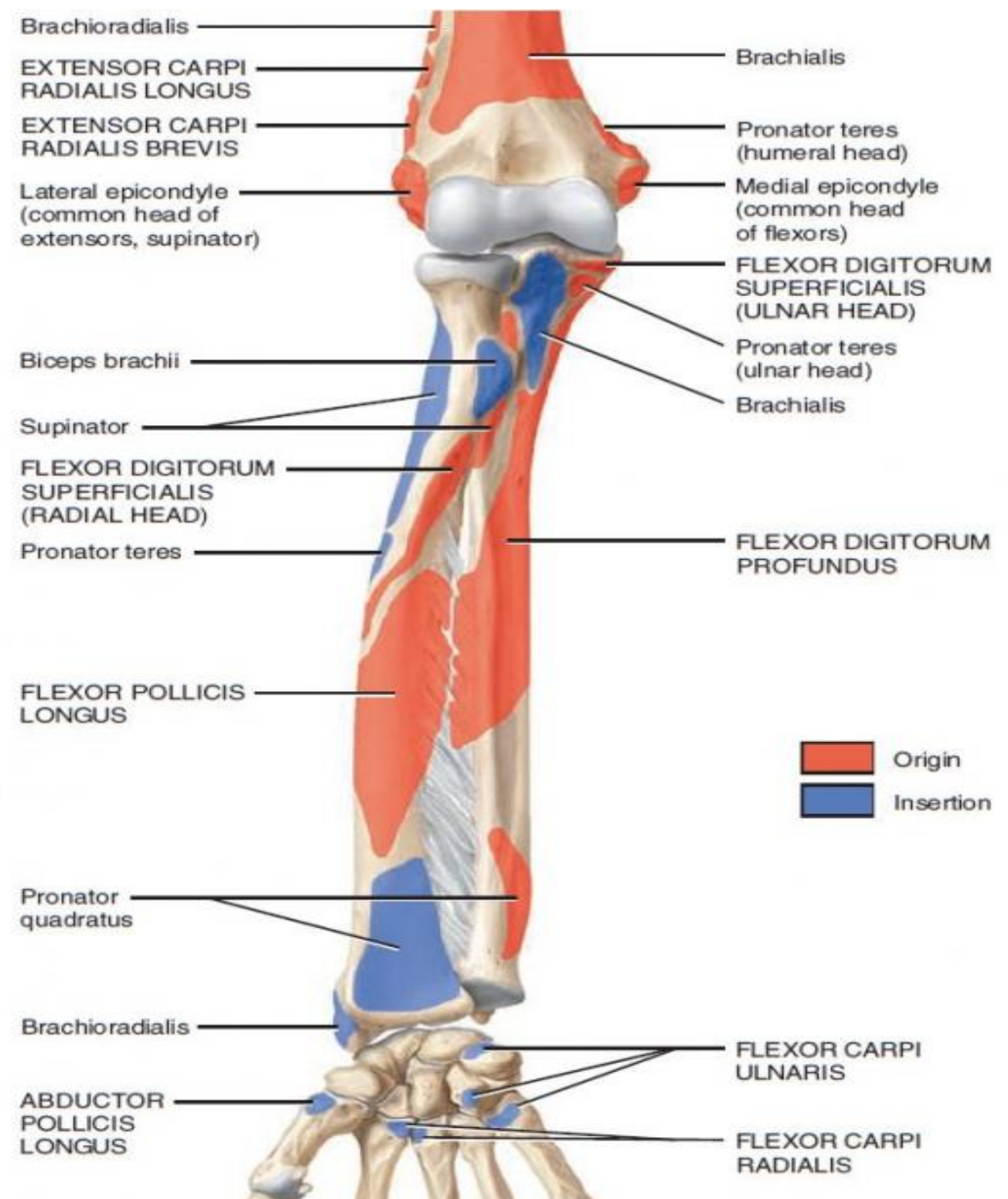
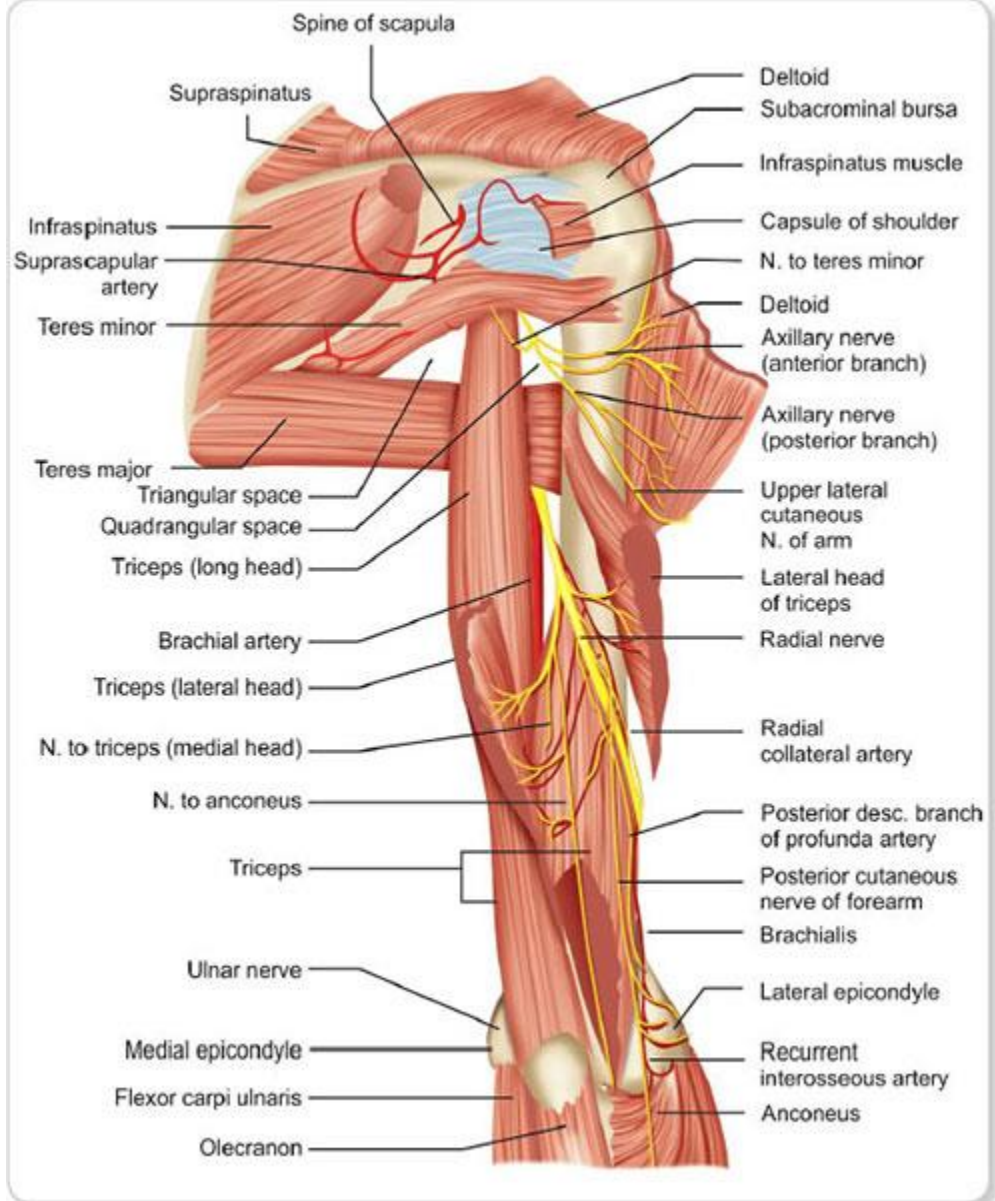
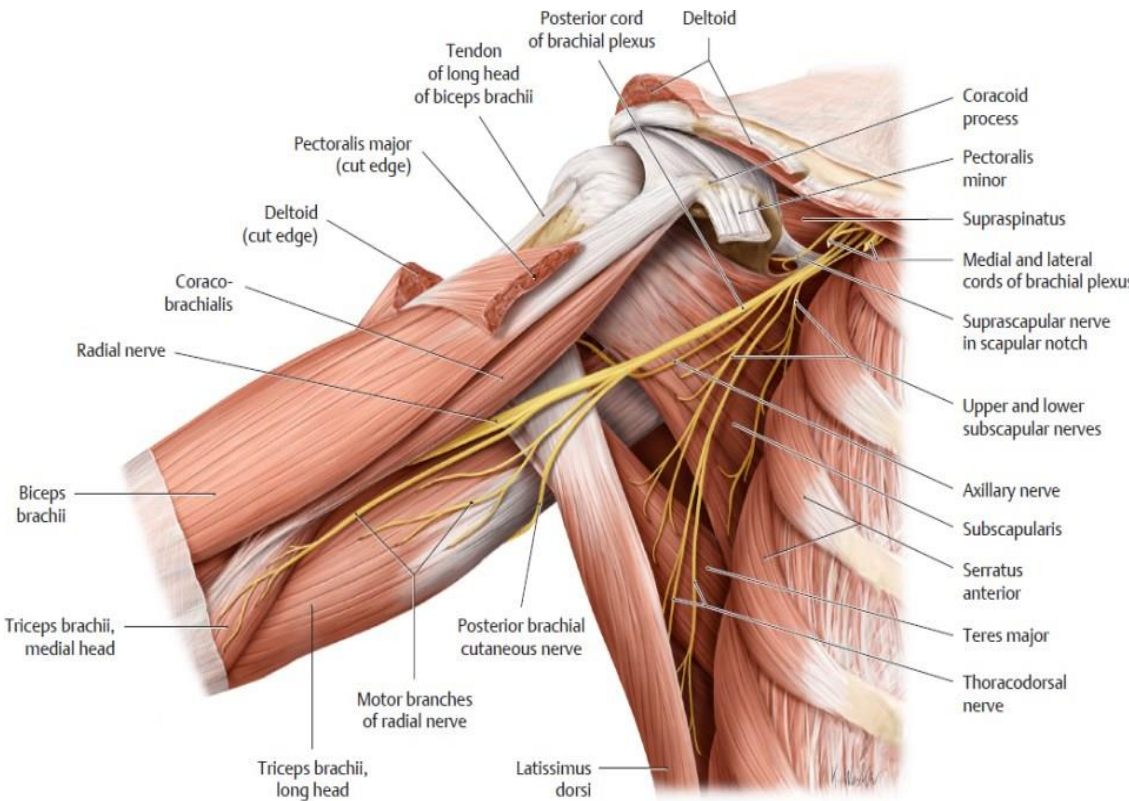


Fig. 72: Articularis cubiti muscle (Sagittal section at elbow)



Nerve Supply of the Triceps



Quadrangular and Triangular Spaces

★ The **long head of triceps** descends **between** teres minor and teres major dividing the space related to these two muscles into 3 spaces:

A. Quadrangular space (laterally): Is bounded:

1. **Above:** By teres minor (seen from behind) and subscapularis (seen from in front).
2. **Below:** By teres major.
3. **Medially:** By long head of triceps.
4. **Laterally:** By surgical neck of humerus.

* **It Transmits:** Posterior circumflex humeral vessels and axillary (circumflex) nerve.

B. upper Triangular space (Medially): Is bounded:

1. **Above:** By teres minor (seen from behind) and subscapularis (seen from in front).
2. **Below:** By teres major.
3. **Laterally:** By long head of triceps.

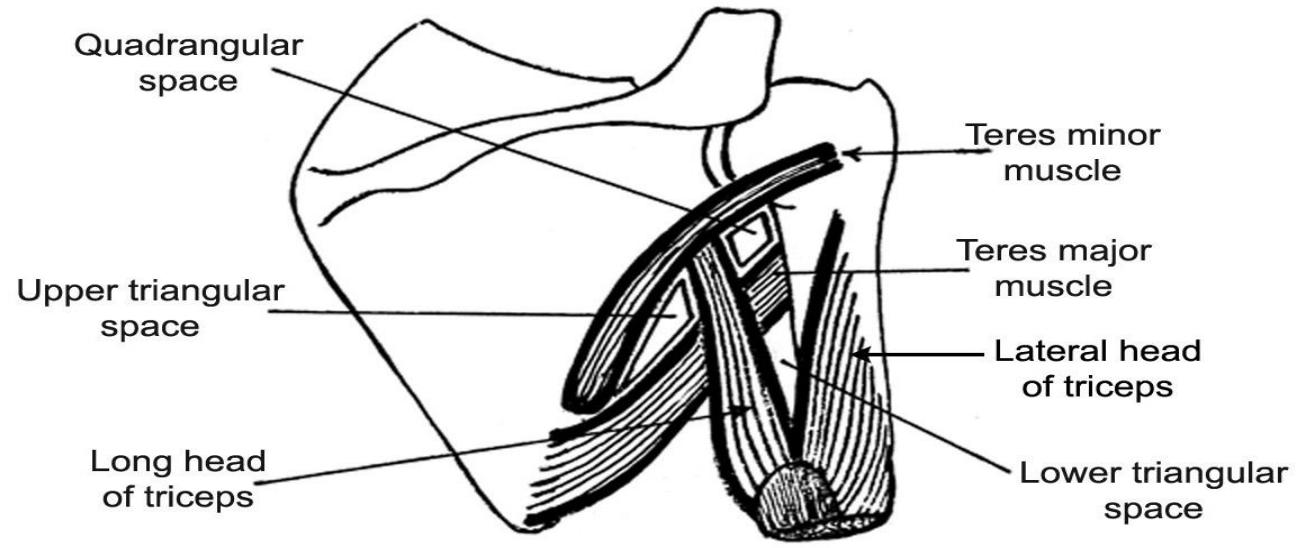
* **It transmits:** Circumflex scapular artery.

★ **Both** quadrangular and upper triangular spaces lie **in the posterior wall** of the axilla and **connect** the axilla with the back of the shoulder region.

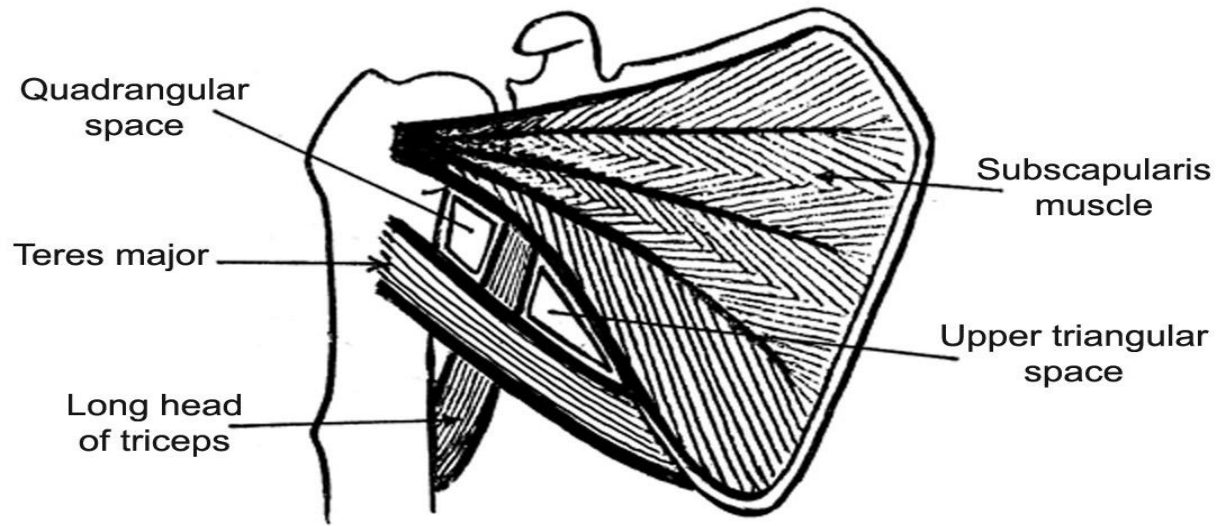
C. Lower triangular space is bounded:

1. **Above** by: Teres major.
2. **Medially** by: Long head of triceps.
3. **Laterally** by: Lateral head of triceps.

* It **contains** radial nerve and profunda brachii vessels.

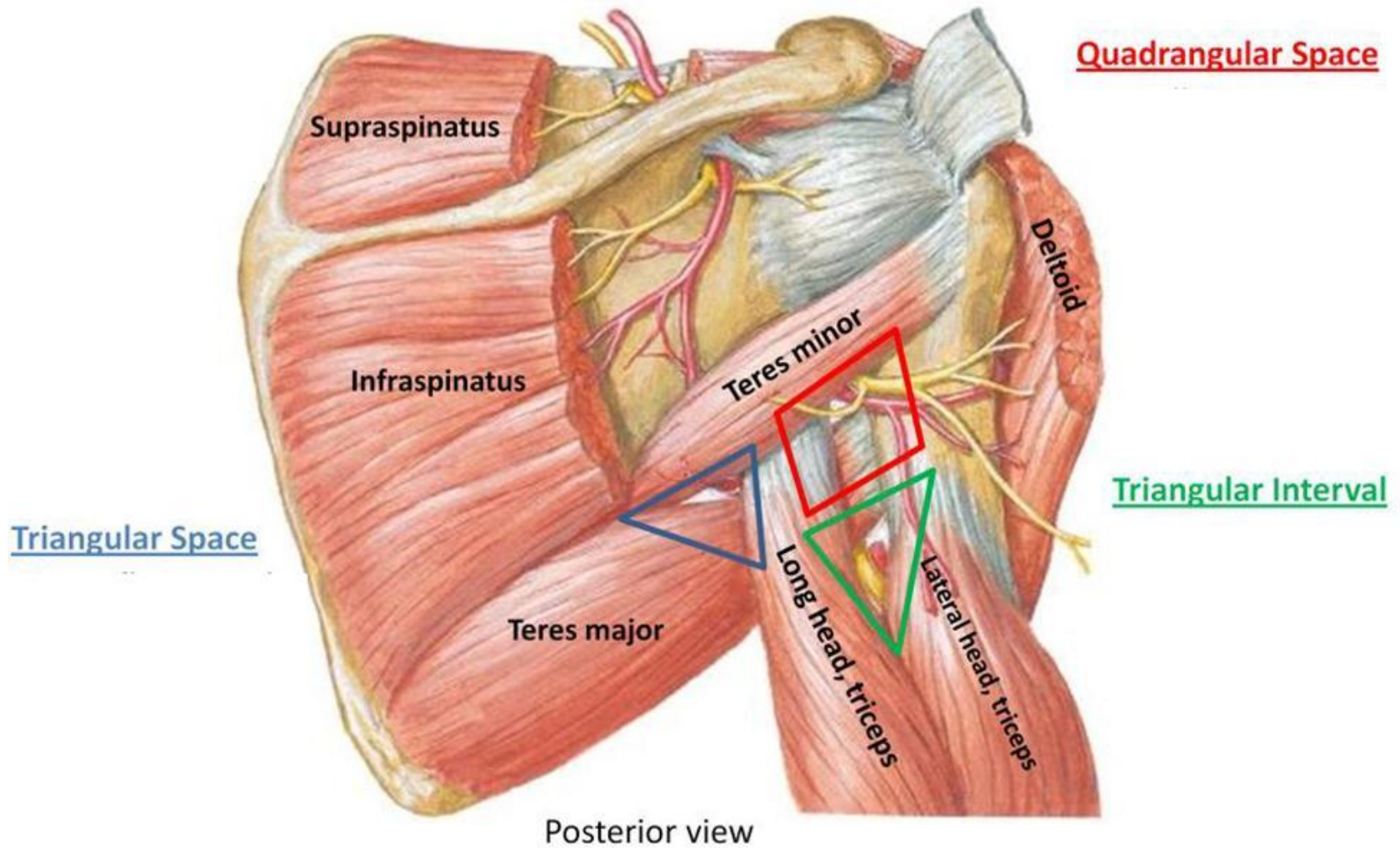


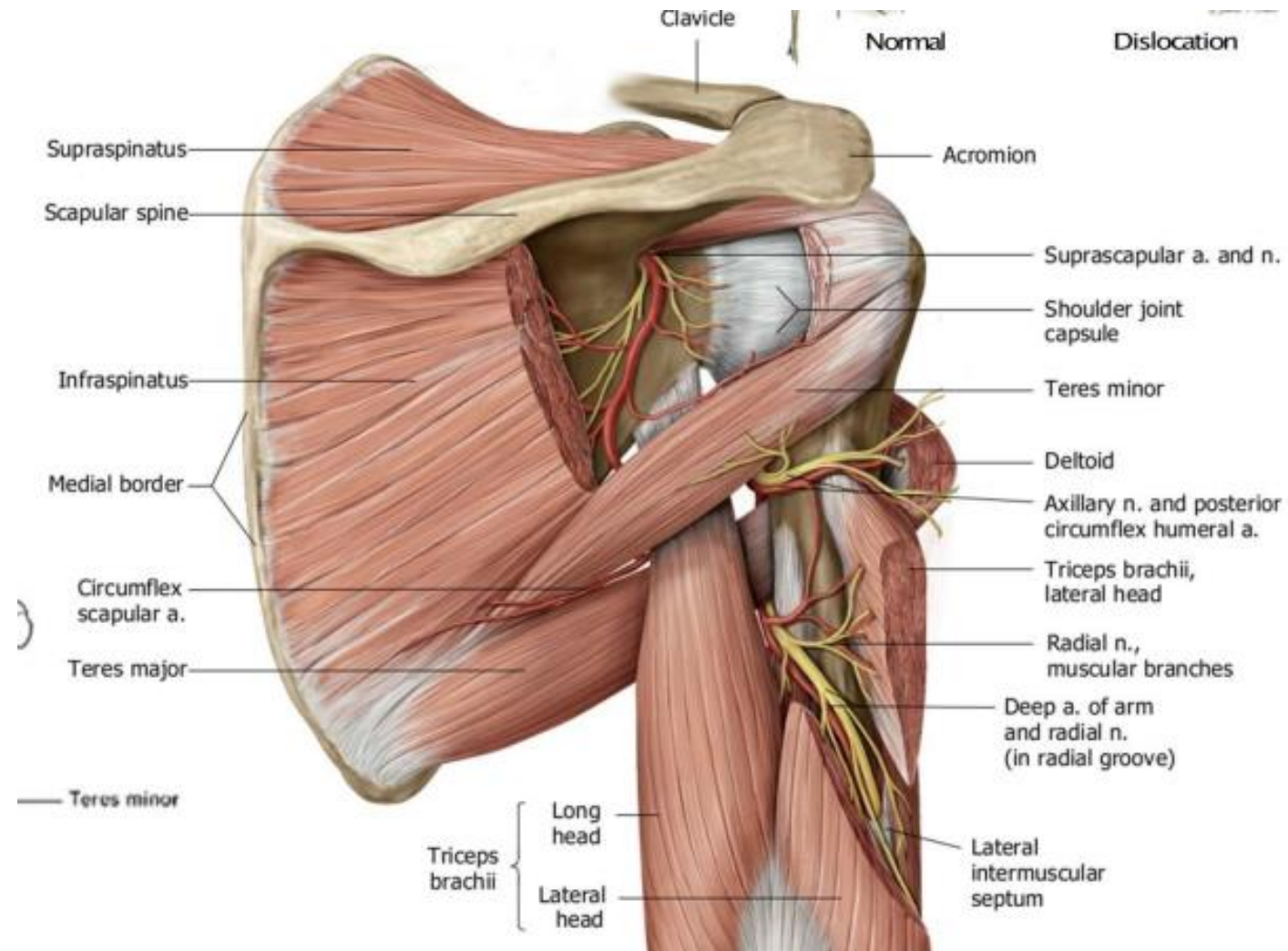
*** Posterior view**

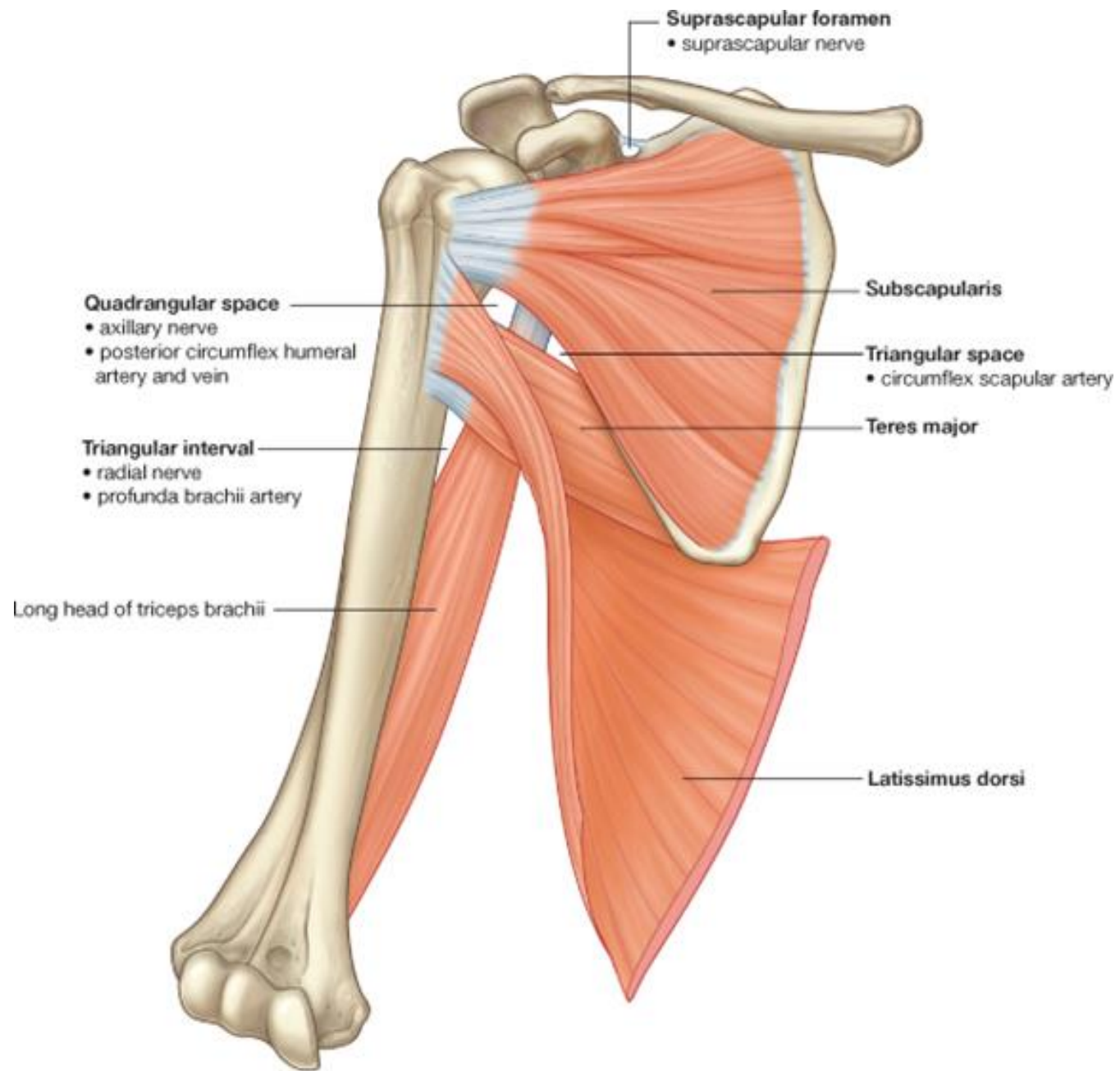


Anterior view

Quadriangular and triangular spaces





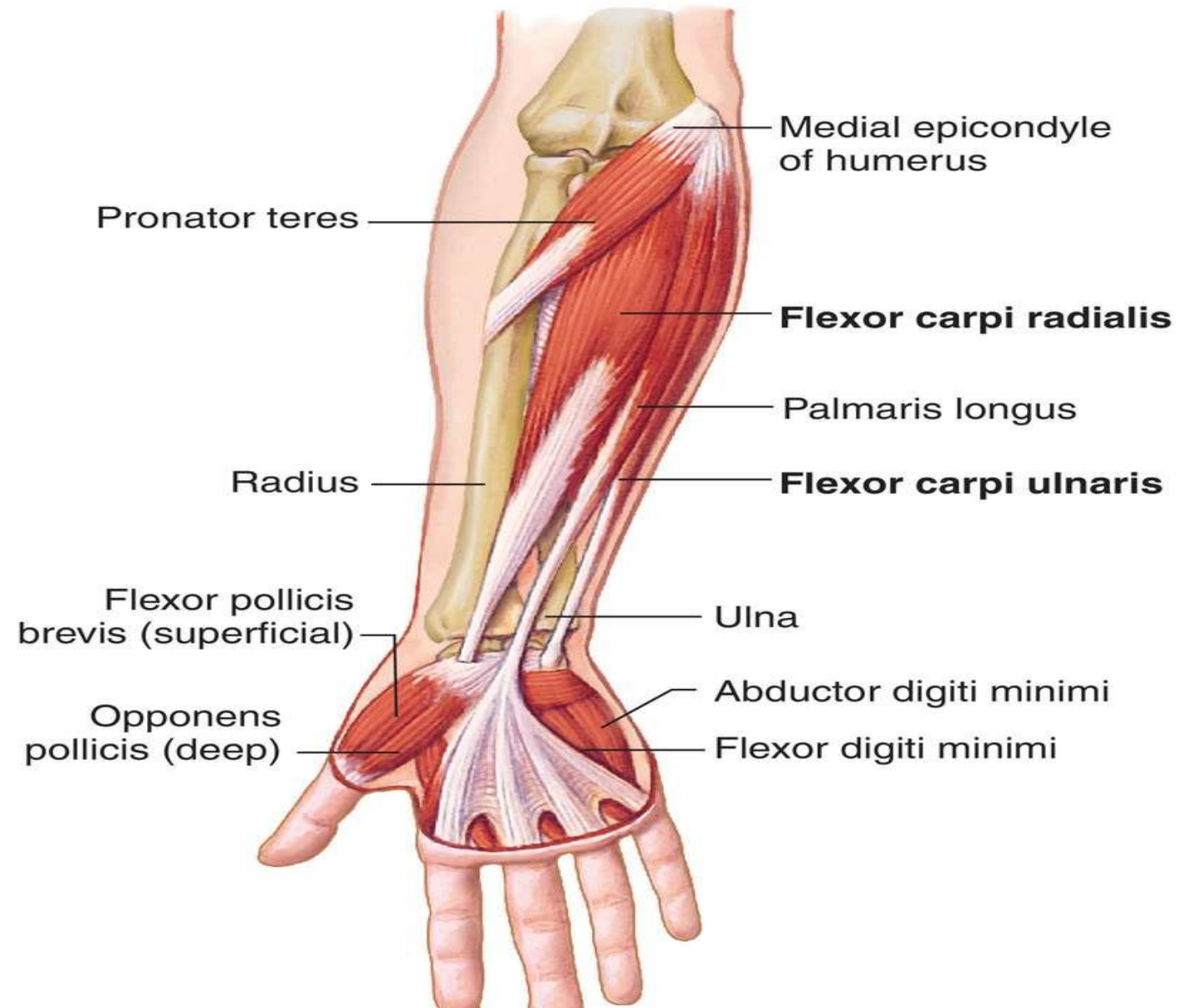


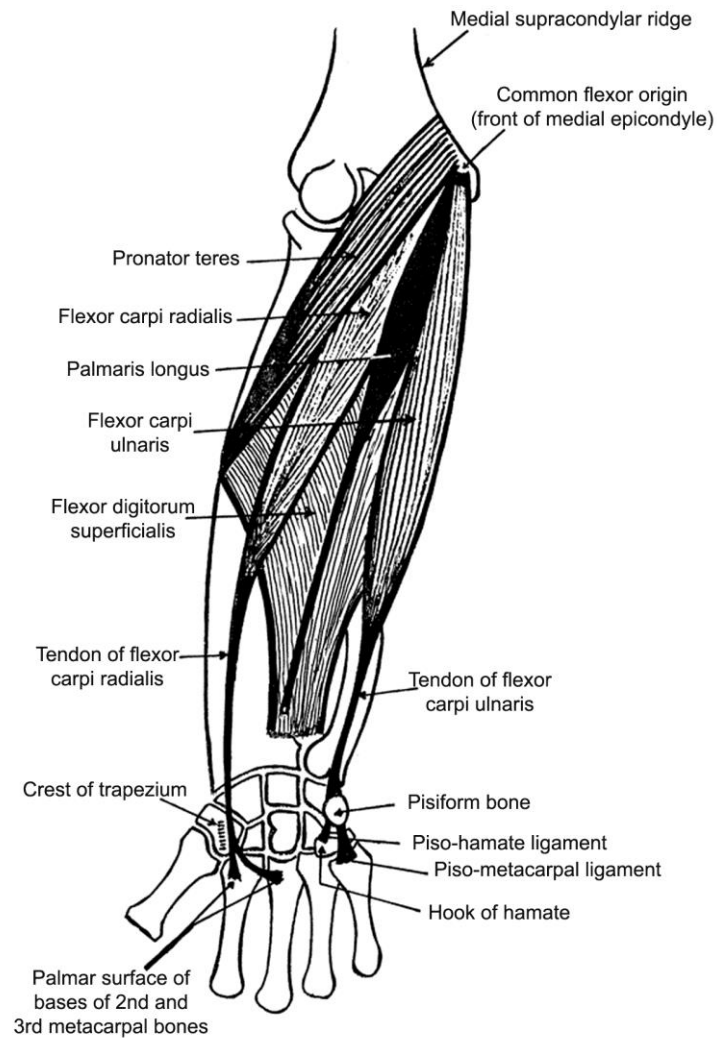
V) Superficial Group of Muscles of Front of Forearm

- All muscles arise from the front of medial epicondyl of humerus (Common flexor origin i.e. C.F.O.)
- All muscles arise by 2 heads except flexor carpi radialis and palmaris longus.
- All muscles are supplied by median nerve except flexor carpi ulnaris which is supplied by ulnar nerve .
- Common action : weak flexors of elbow & flexion of wrist (except pronator teres).•The muscles are arranged from lateral to medial as follows:

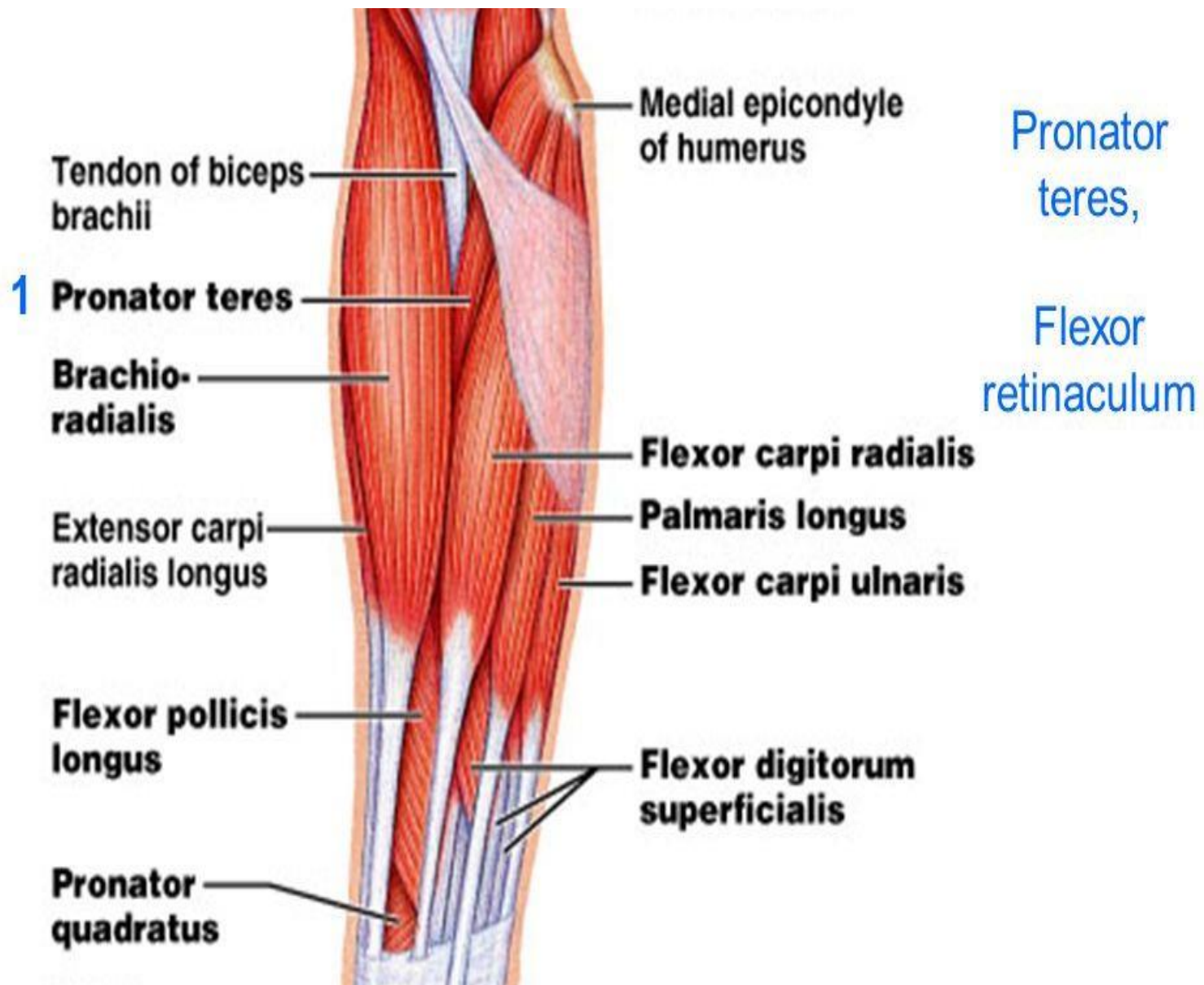
Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Action.
1- Pronator teres	a) Humeral (superficial) head: from lower part of medial supracondylar ridg & C.F.O. b) Ulnar (deep) head: medial side of coronoid process of ulna.	• Rough area in the middle of lateral surface of radius (Pronator tuberosity).	• Pronation of forearm at radioulnar joints (main action) . • Weak Flexor of elbow.
* Relations : 1)Median nerve enters the forearm between the 2 heads of pronator teres while ulnar artery pass deep to the 2 heads . 2) Radial artery & superficial radial nerve cross over its insertion 3) It form the medial boundary of cubital fossa .			
2- Flexor carpi radialis	• C.F.O.	• Base of 2 nd & 3 rd metacarpal bones.	• Common action. • Abduction (Radial deviation) of hand.
3- Palmaris longus	• C.F.O , may be abscent. It has a long tendon	• Apex of palmar aponeurosis .	• Common action .
4- Flexor digitorum superficialis	a) Humero-ulnar head: C.F.O. & medial side of coronoid process. b) Radial head: anterior oblique line of radius i.e. it has 2 heads arising from 3 bones.	• Into sides of the shaft of middle phalanges of medial 4 fingers.	• Common action . • Flexion of metacarpophalangeal & proximal interphalangeal joints of medial 4 fingers.
* Relations: 1) It is deep to Flexor carpi radialis & Palmaris longus 2) The 4 tendons passing through carpal tunnel deep to flexor retinaculum . 3) Median nerve runs deep to the muscle in the forearm then it lies lateral to the tendons in the carpal tunnel. 4) Radial artery and superficial radial nerve pass superficial to the origin of radial head. 5) In the hand: The superficial palmar arch & palmar aponeurosis are superficial to the tendons of the muscle.			

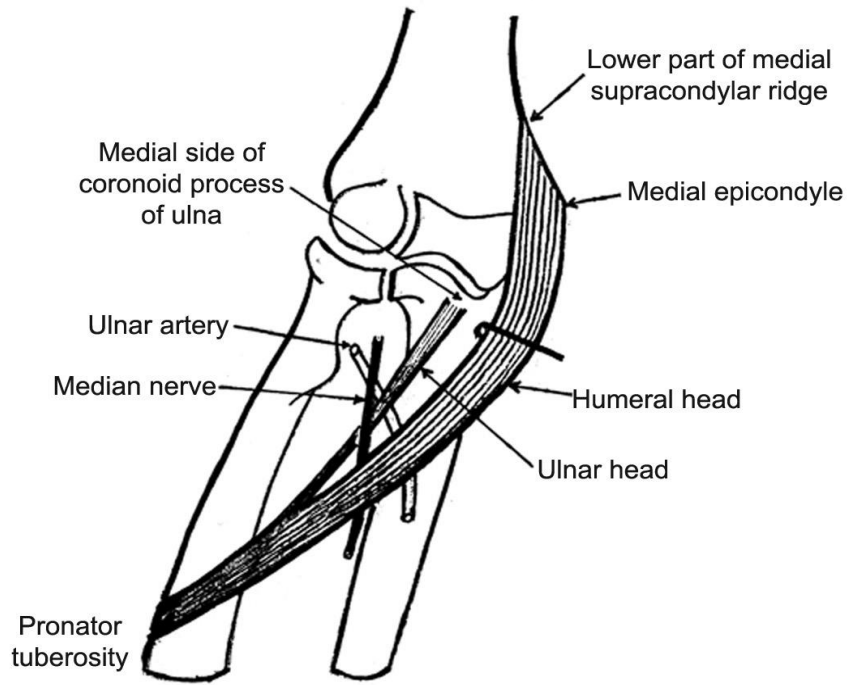
5- Flexor carpi ulnaris	a) Humoral head: C.F.O. b) Ulnar head : From medial border of olecranon & upper 2/3 of posterior border of ulna	• Pisiform bone & base. of 5th metacarpal bone	• Common action . • Adduction (ulnar deviation) of the hand .
* Ulnar nerve and artery is deep to the muscle in the upper 2/3 of forearm then lateral to the tendon of the muscle in the lower 1/3 of forearm .			



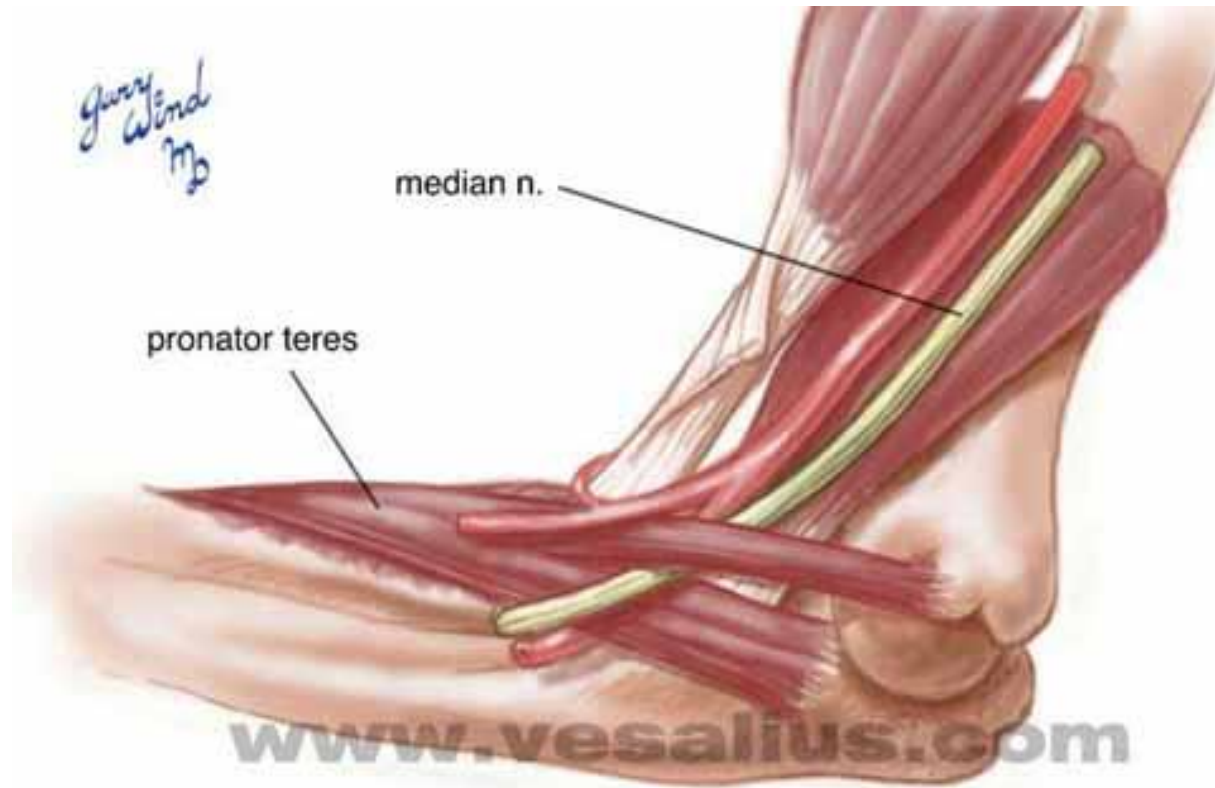


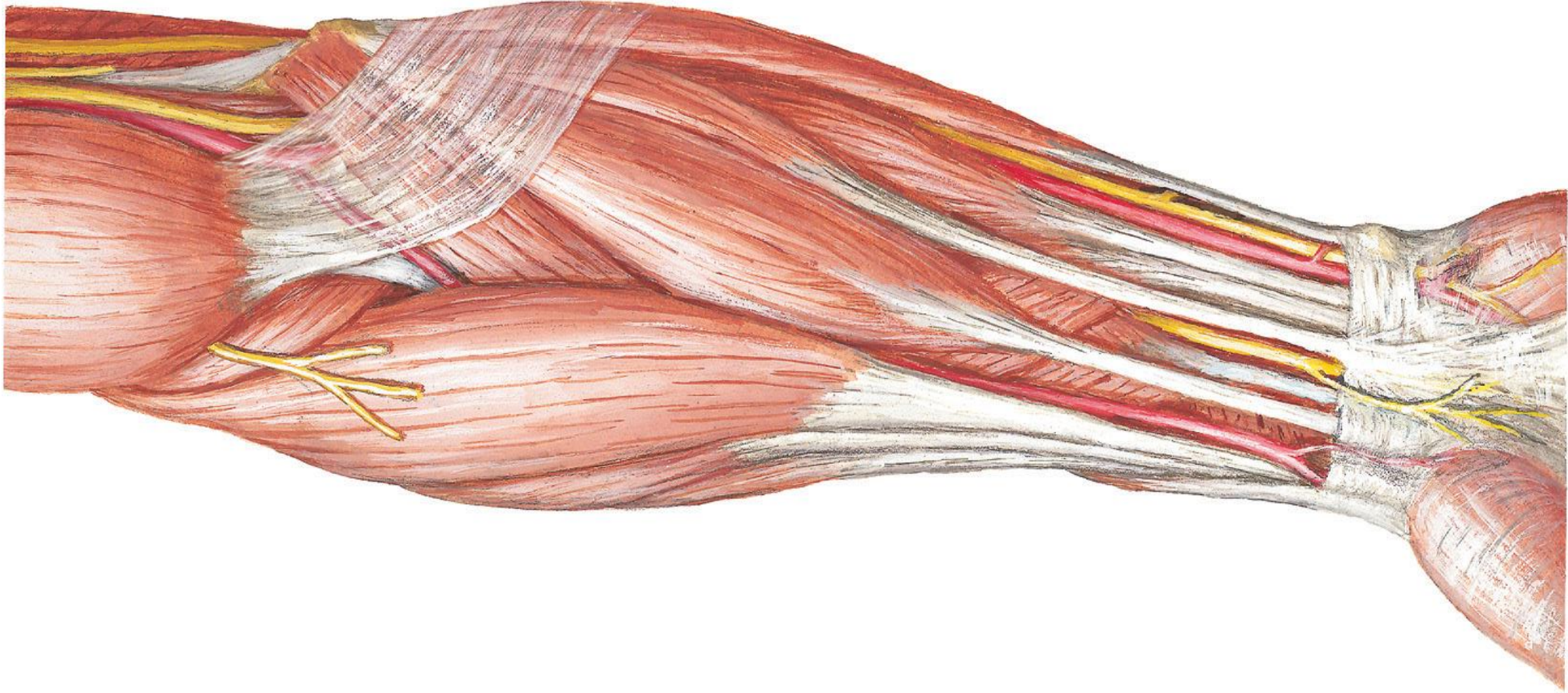
**Muscles of front of forearm (superficial group)
(superficial flexors)**

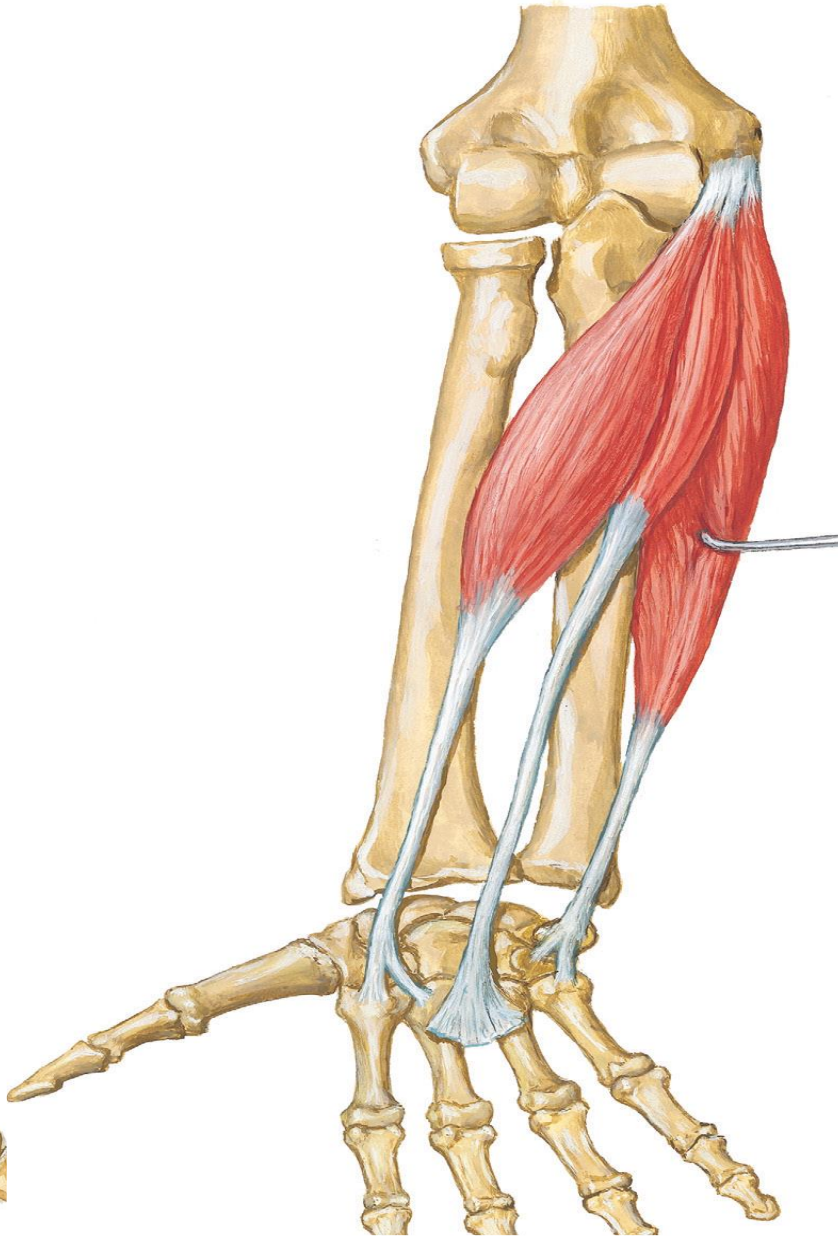




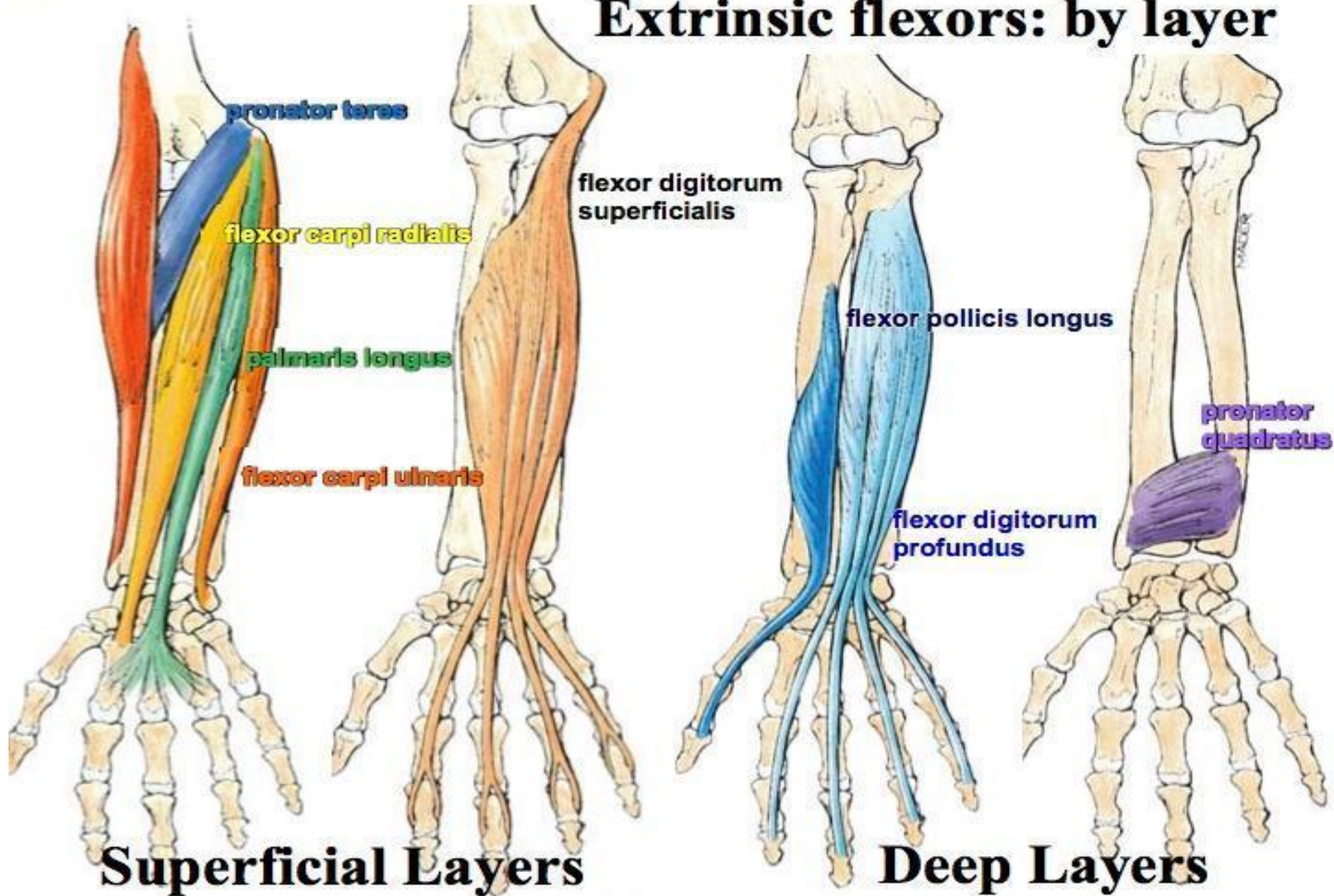
Pronator teres muscle and its relations



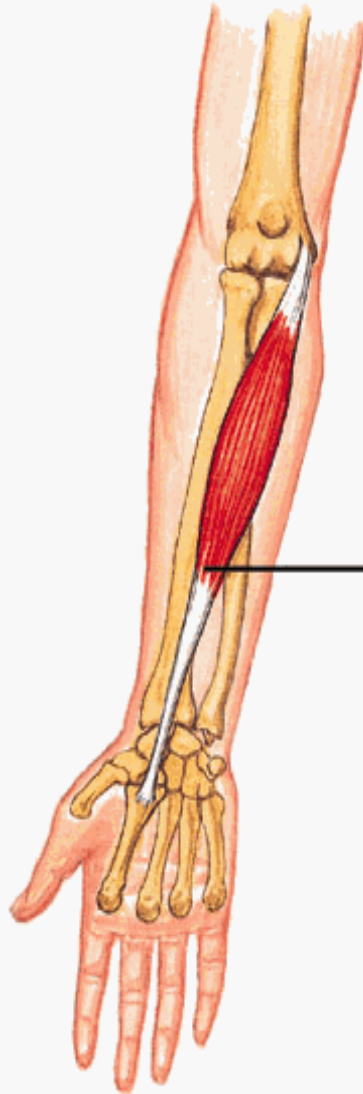




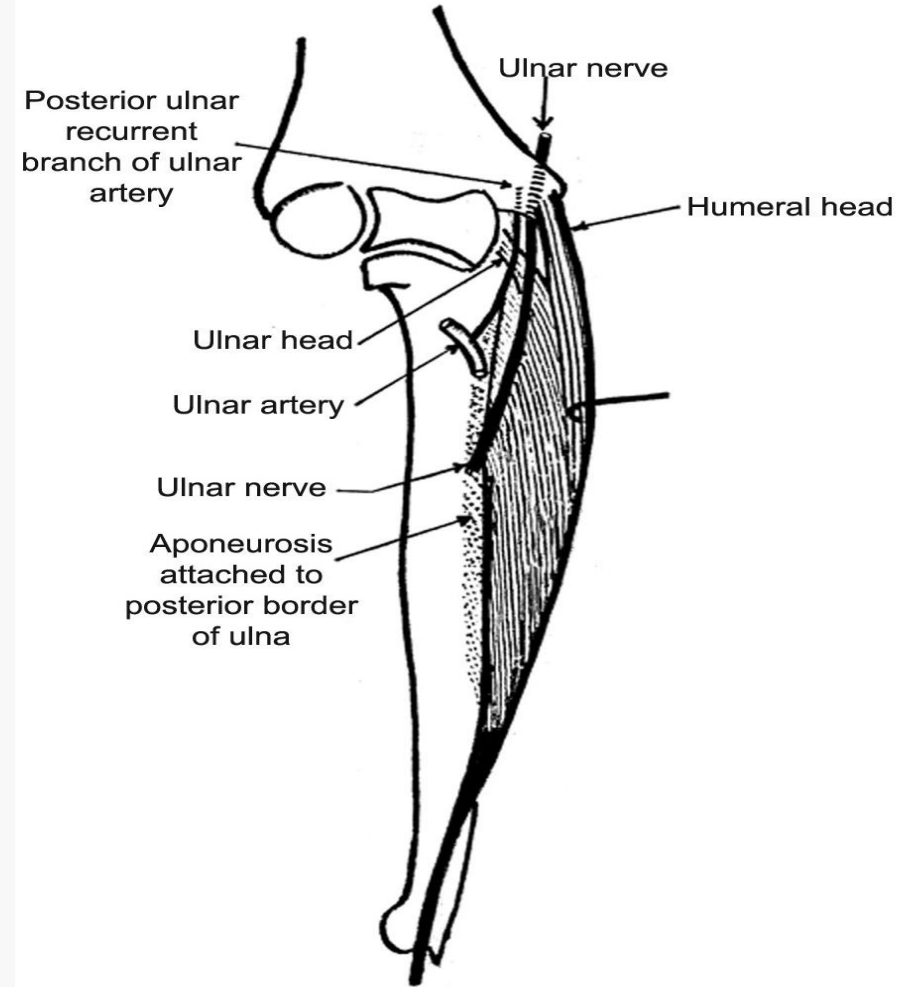
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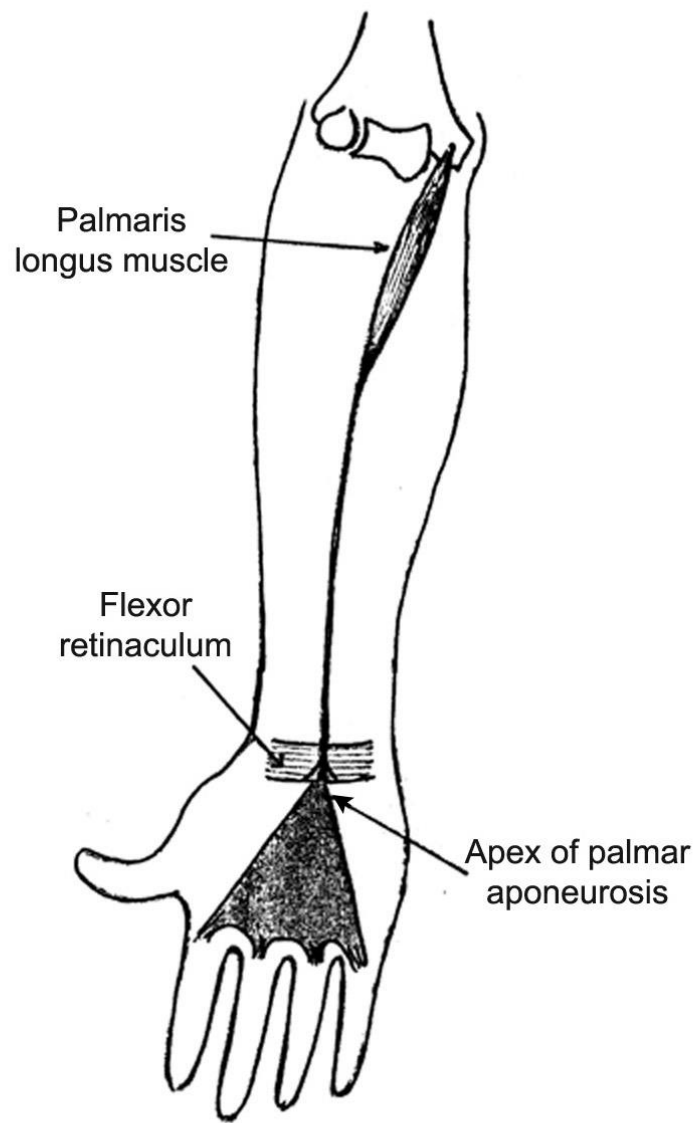
Anterior Forearm Muscles (4)



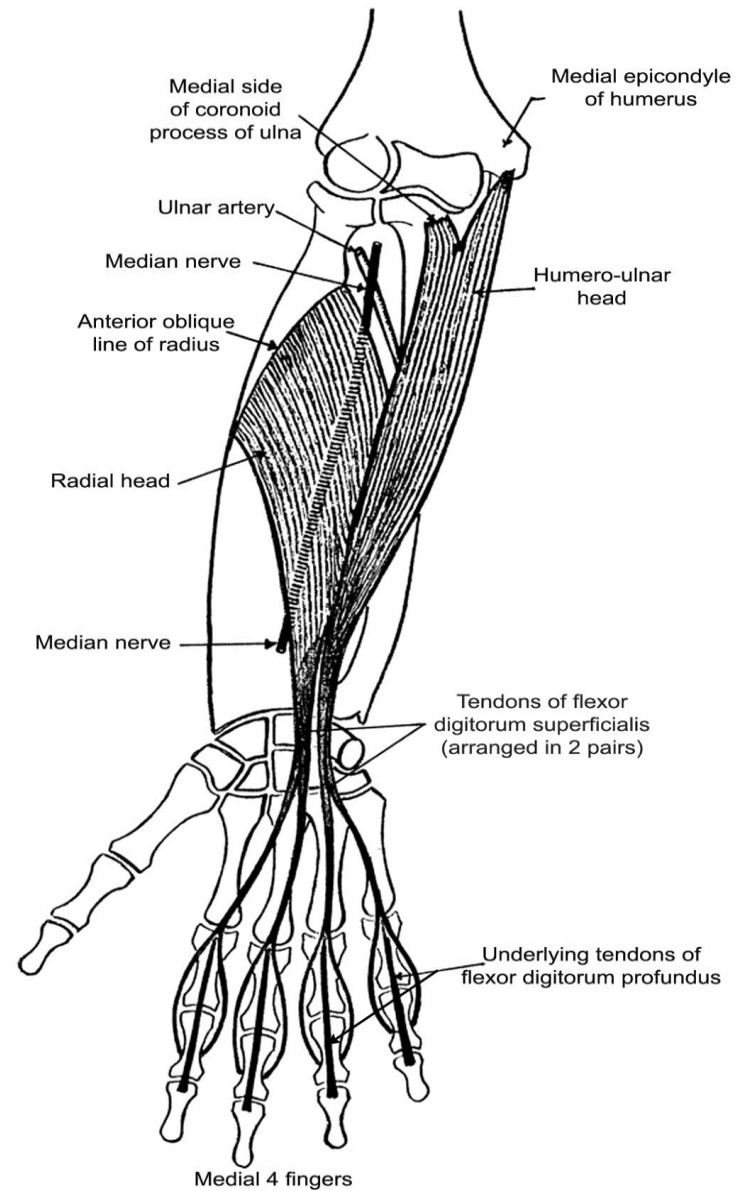
Flexor carpi radialis



Flexor carpi ulnaris muscle and its relations

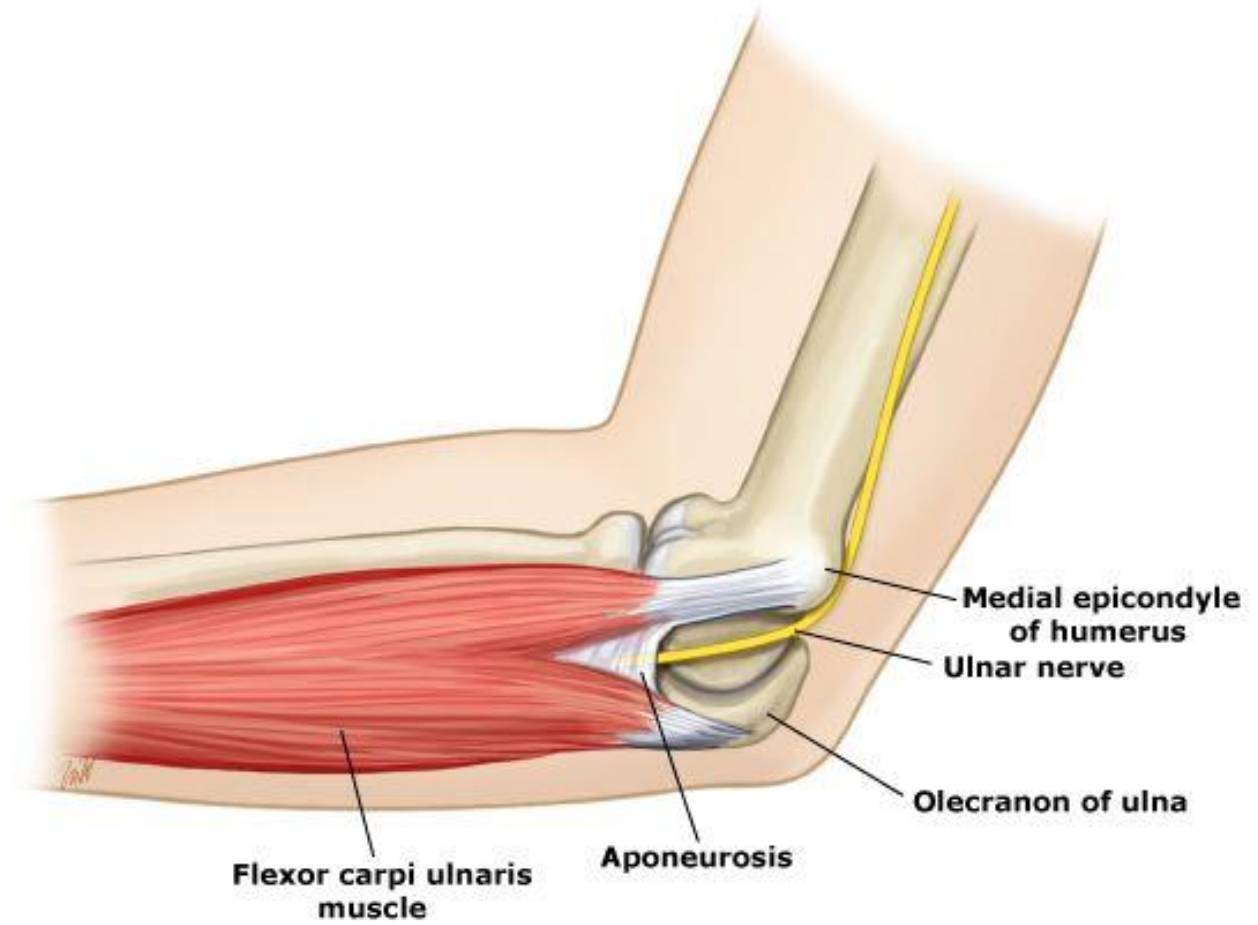
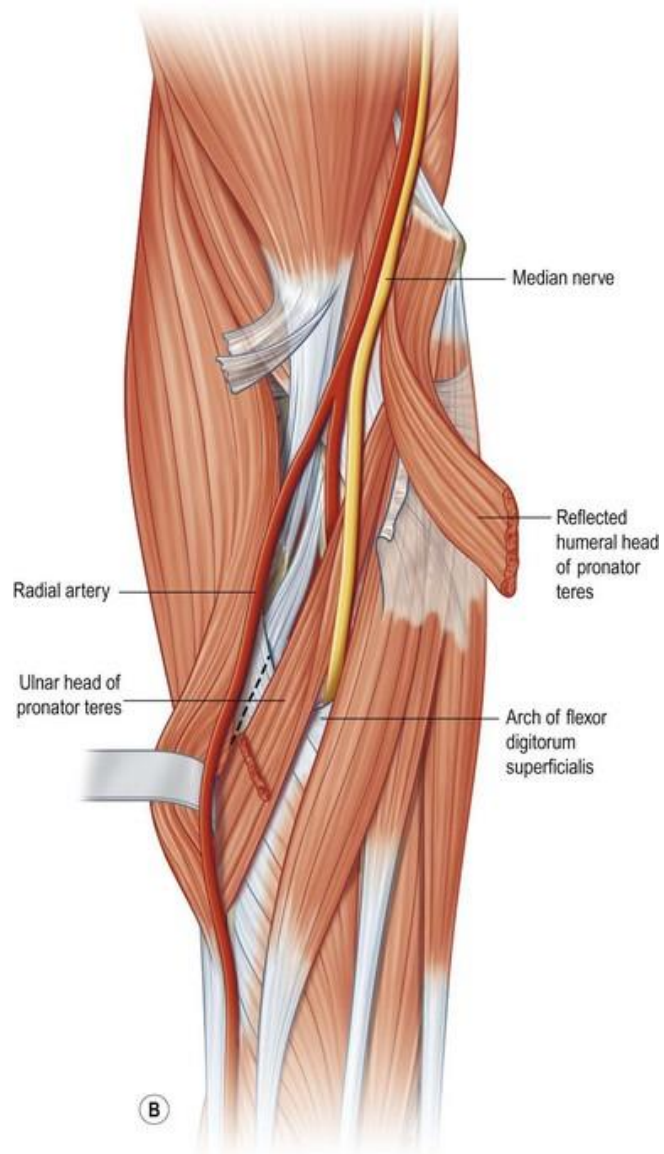


Palmaris longus muscle

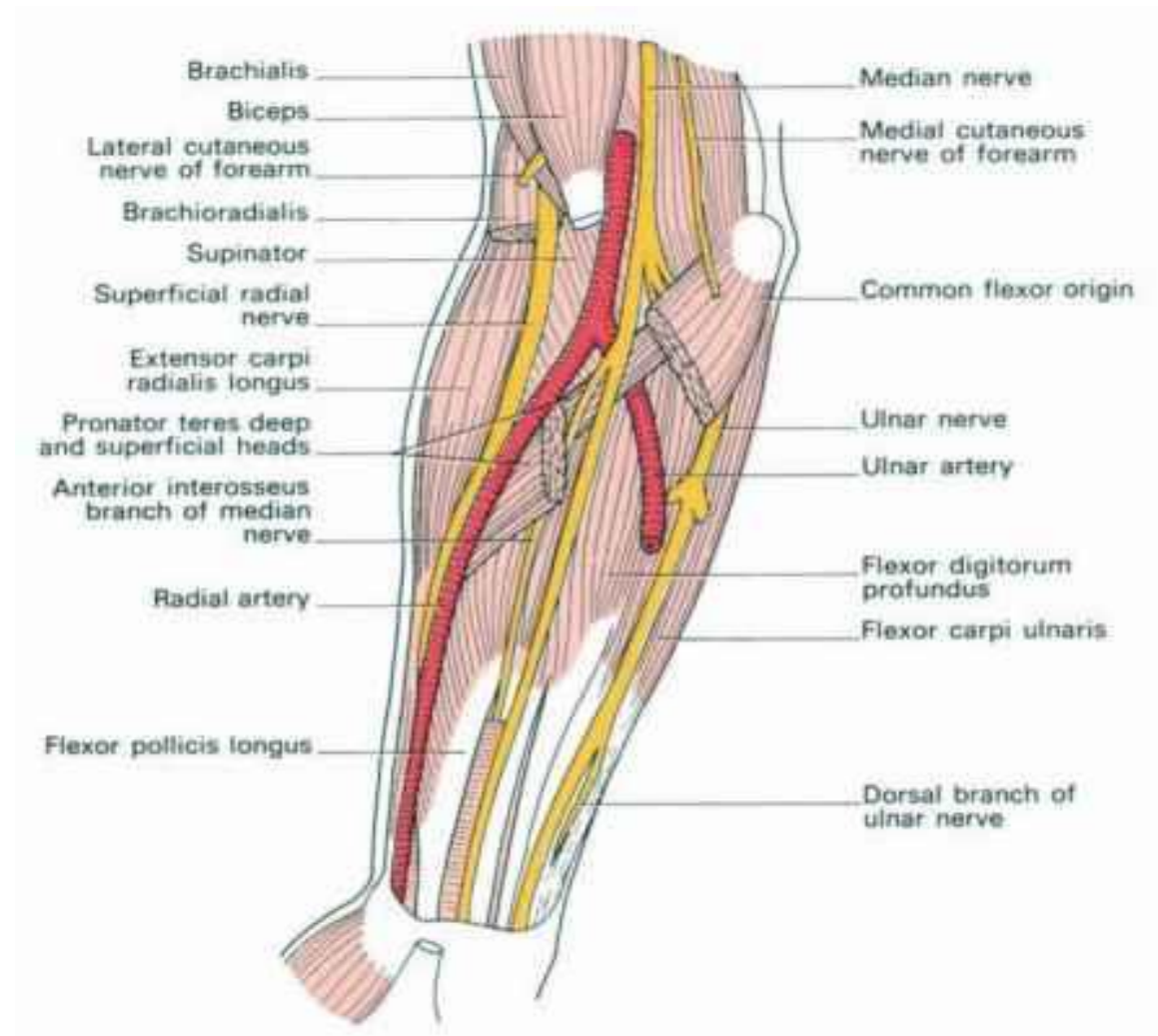
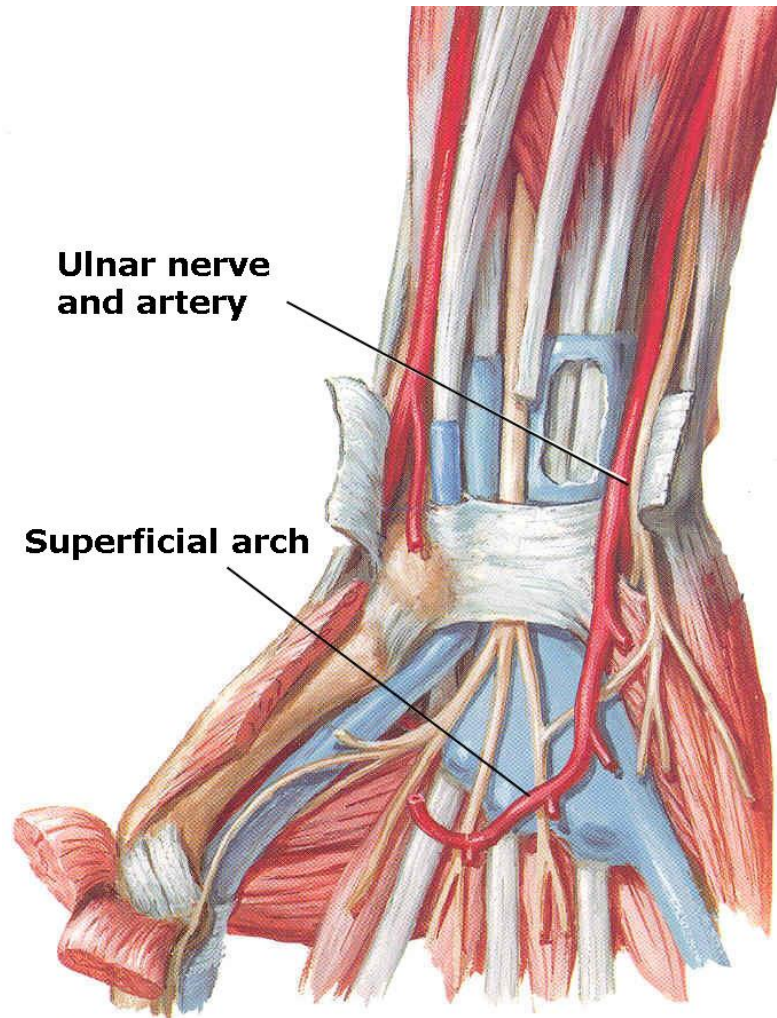


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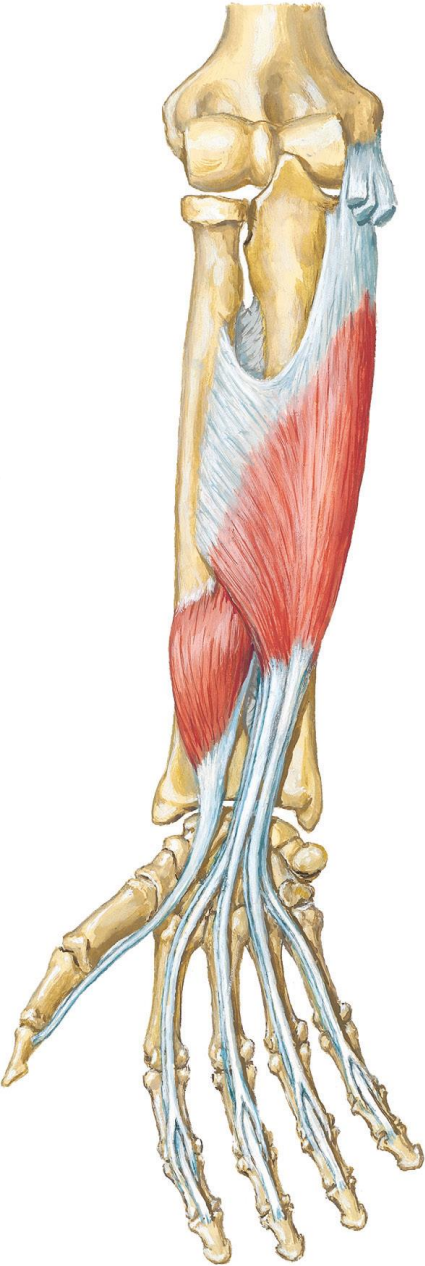
Nerve Supply of Superficial Group of Front of Forearm



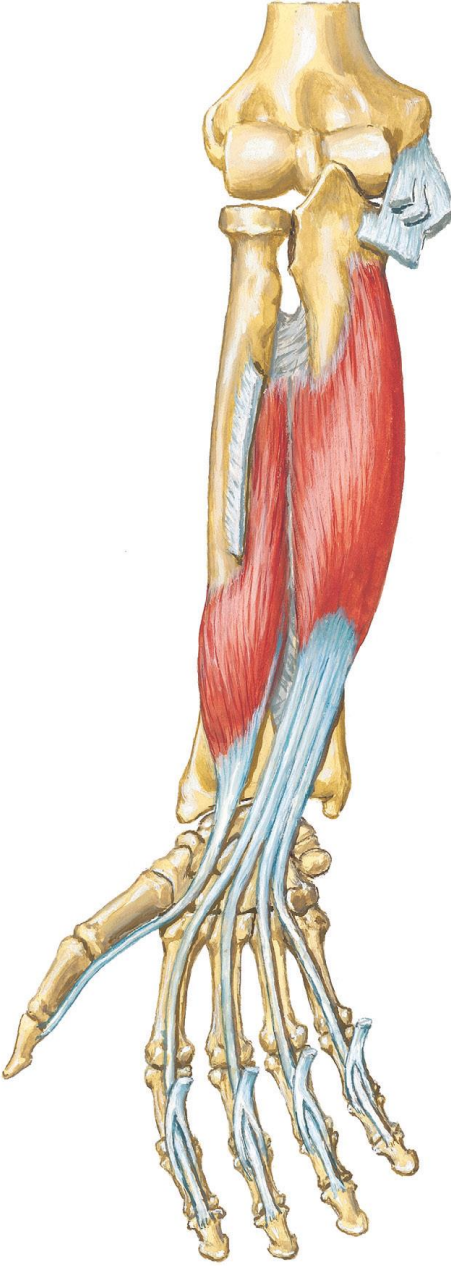
Nerves and Arteries in Front of Forearm



Flexor Digitorum Superficialis



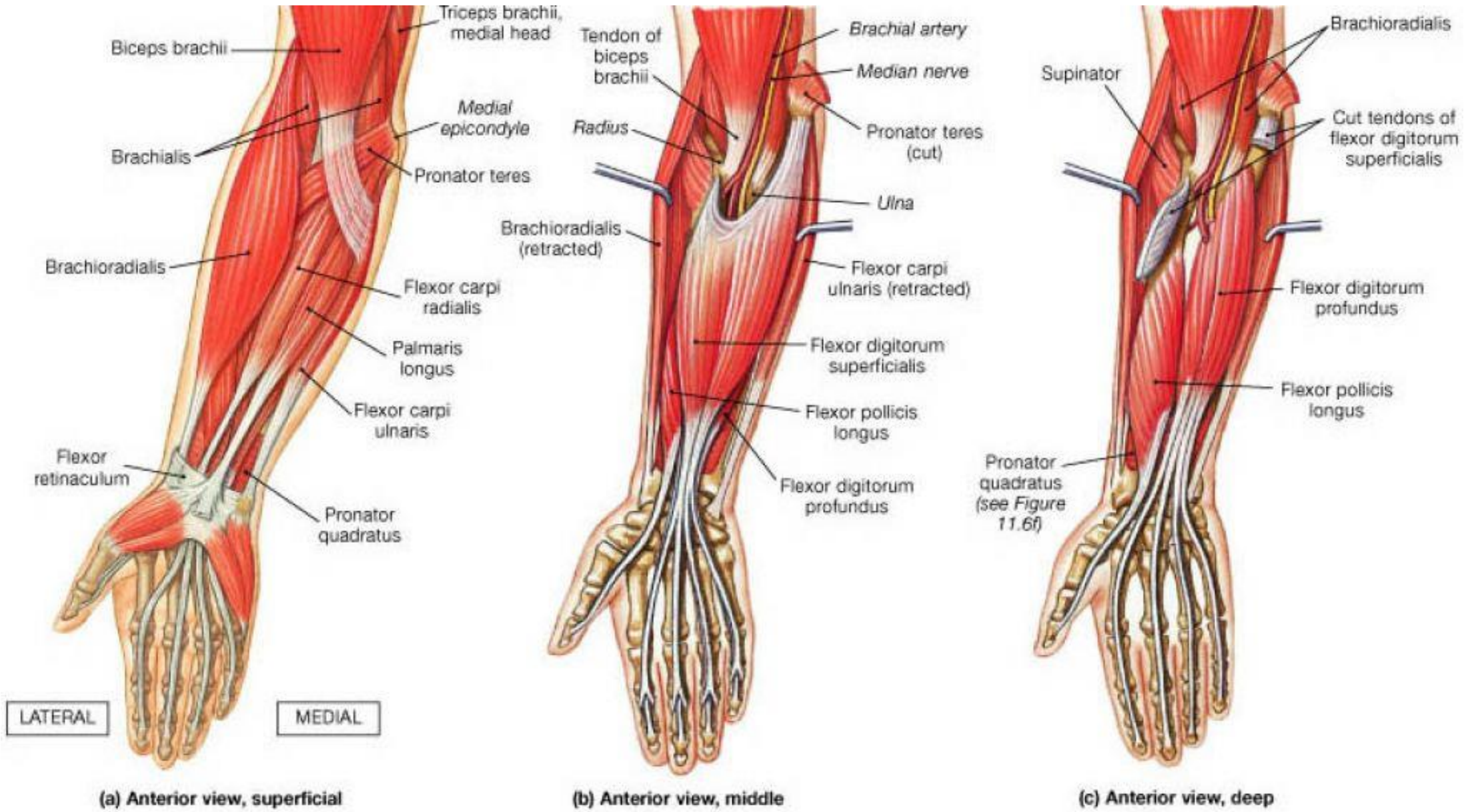
Deep Group of Muscles of Front Of Forearm .

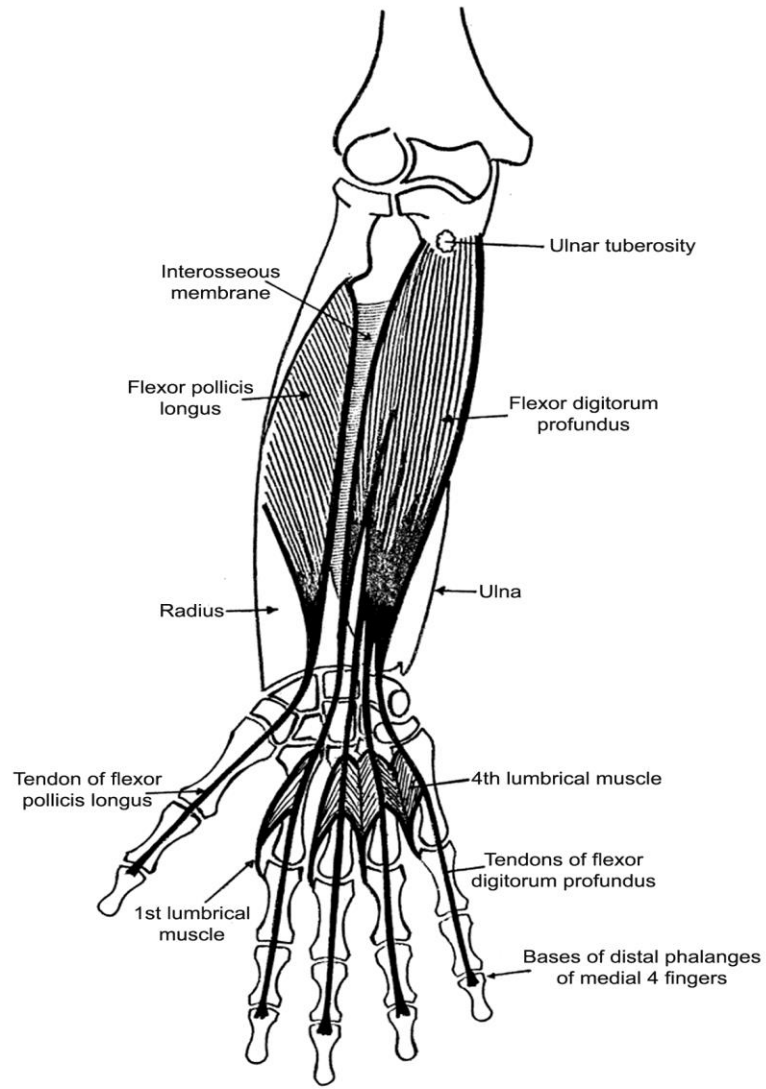


VI) Deep Group of Muscles of Front of Forearm

- **Common origin :** interosseous membrane and upper 2/3 of corresponding bone (except pronator quadrates)
- **All muscles are supplied by anterior interosseous nerve (branch of median nerve) except medial 1/2 of Flexor digitorum profundus which is supplied by Ulnar nerve.**
- **Common action :** Flexion of wrist and all joints of fingers related(except pronator quadrates) .

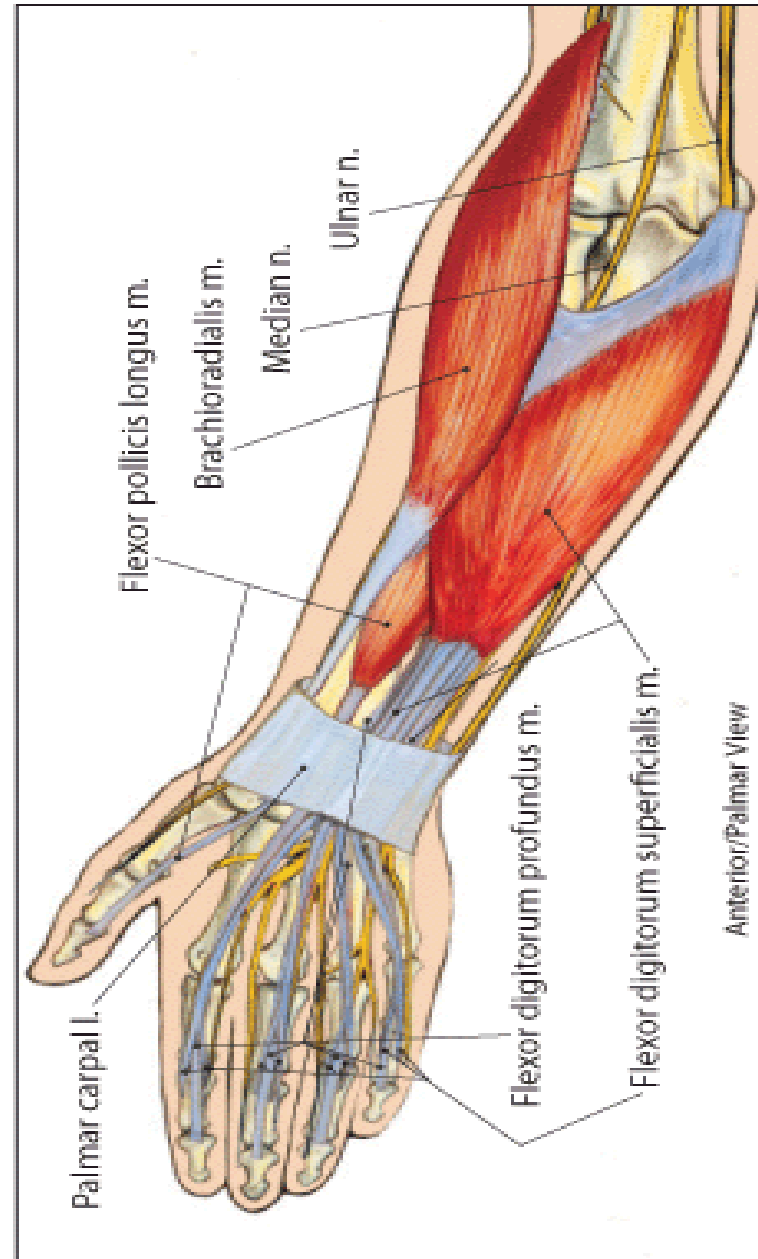
	Origin	Insertion	Action.
1- Flexor digitorum profundus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper 2/3 of anterior & medial surface of shaft of ulna & interosseous membrane. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 4 tendons into base of terminal phalanges of medial 4 fingers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexion of wrist & all joints of medial 4 fingers.
<p>* Relations :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Median nerve pass anterior to flexor digitorum profundus and deep to flexor digitorum superficialis . • Ulnar nerve and artery pass anterior to medial part of flexor digitorum profundus and deep to flexor carpi ulnaris . • Anterior interosseous nerve and artery pass anterior to interosseus membrane between flexor digitorum profundus and flexor pollicis longus. • The 4 tendons of flexor digitorum profundus pass in the carpal tunnel deep to the tendons of flexor digitorum superficialis. • Each tendon of flexor digitorum profundus gives origin to a lumbaricle muscle . 			
2- Flexor pollicis longus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper 2/3 of anterior surface of shaft of radius & interosseous membrane . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its tendon pass deep to flexor retinaculum the curves lateral , medial to muscles of thenar muscles . • Base of terminal phalanx of thumb. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexion of wrist & all joints of thumb.
3- Pronator quadratus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower 1/4 of front of ulna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower 1/4 of front of radius 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pronation at radioulnar joints . • Bind radius to ulna .



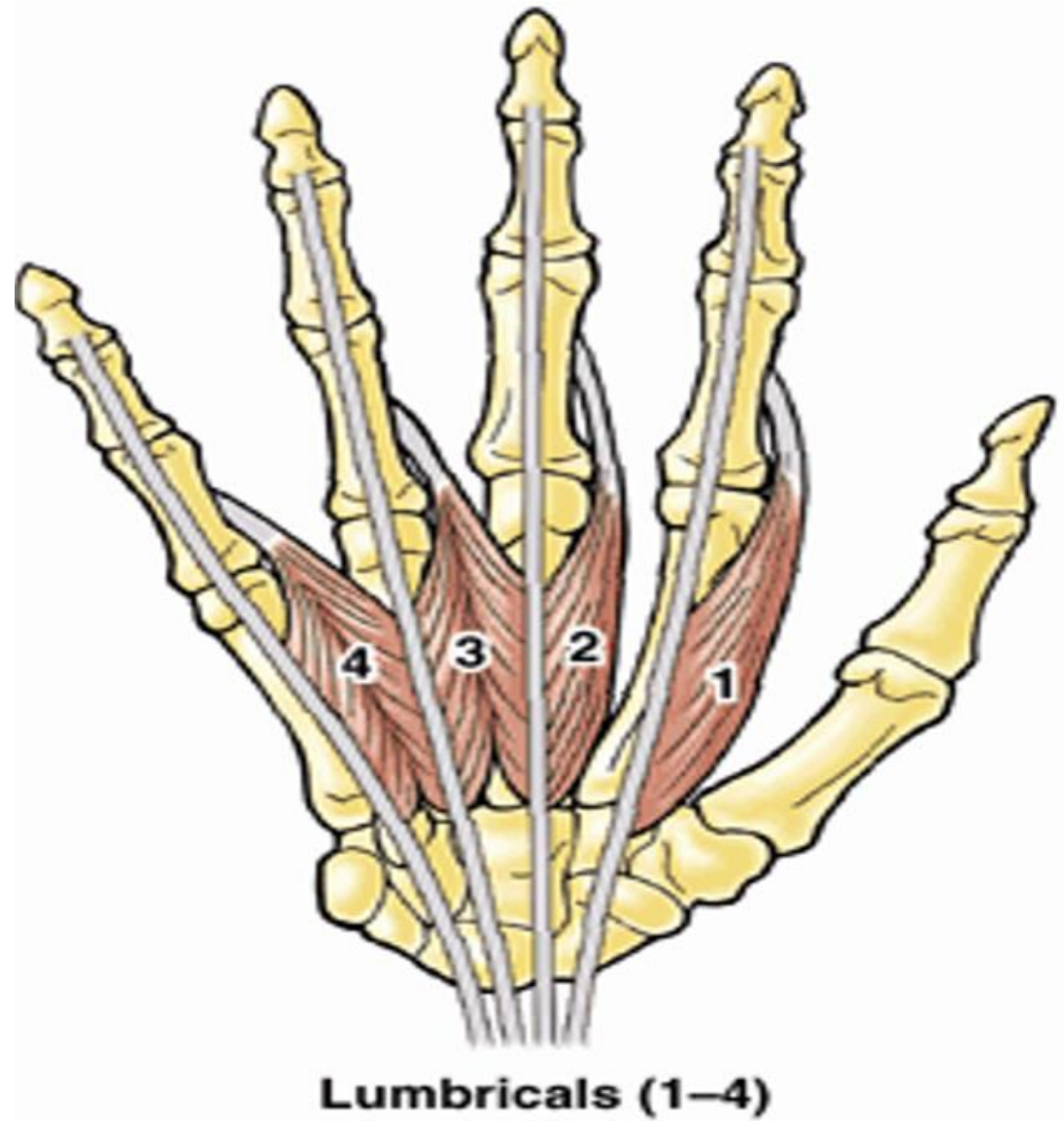
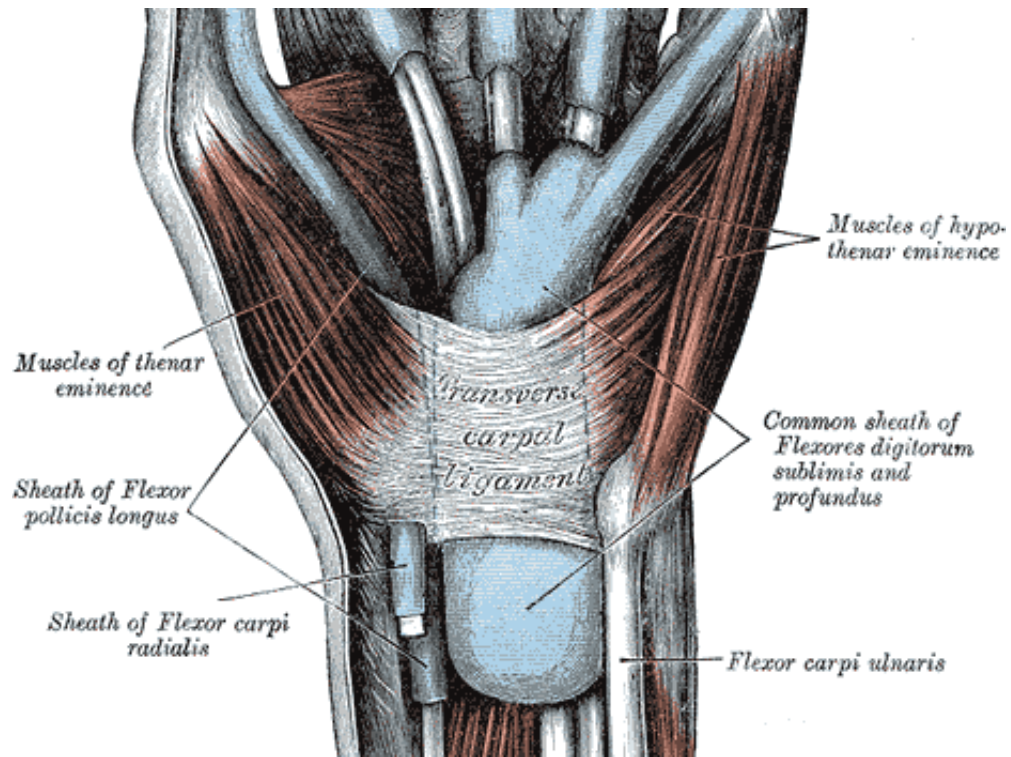


Deep group of muscles of front of forearm (deep flexors)

Flexors of the Forearm



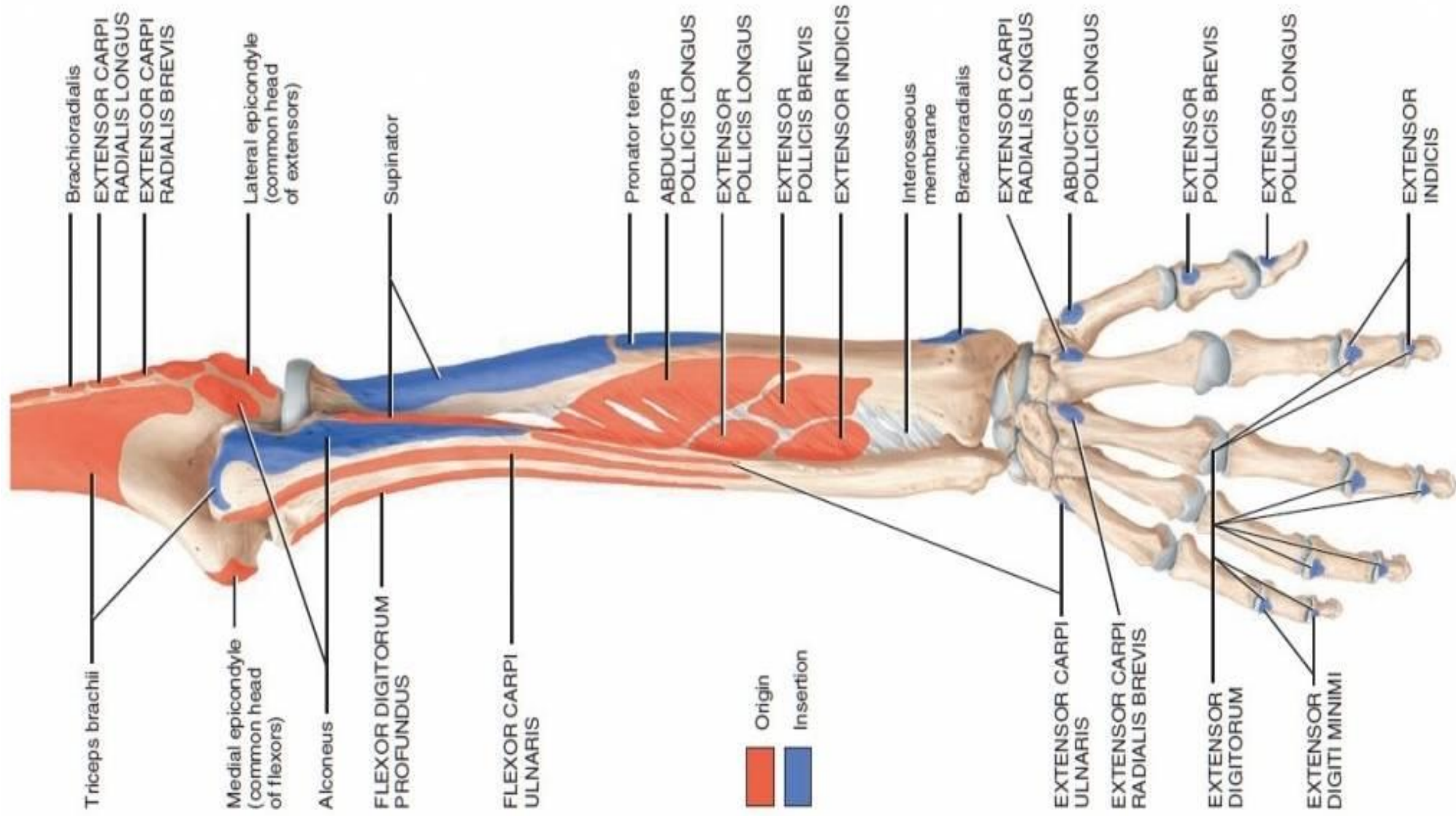
Tendons of Flexor Digitorum Profundus and Flexor Pollicis Longus in the Hand

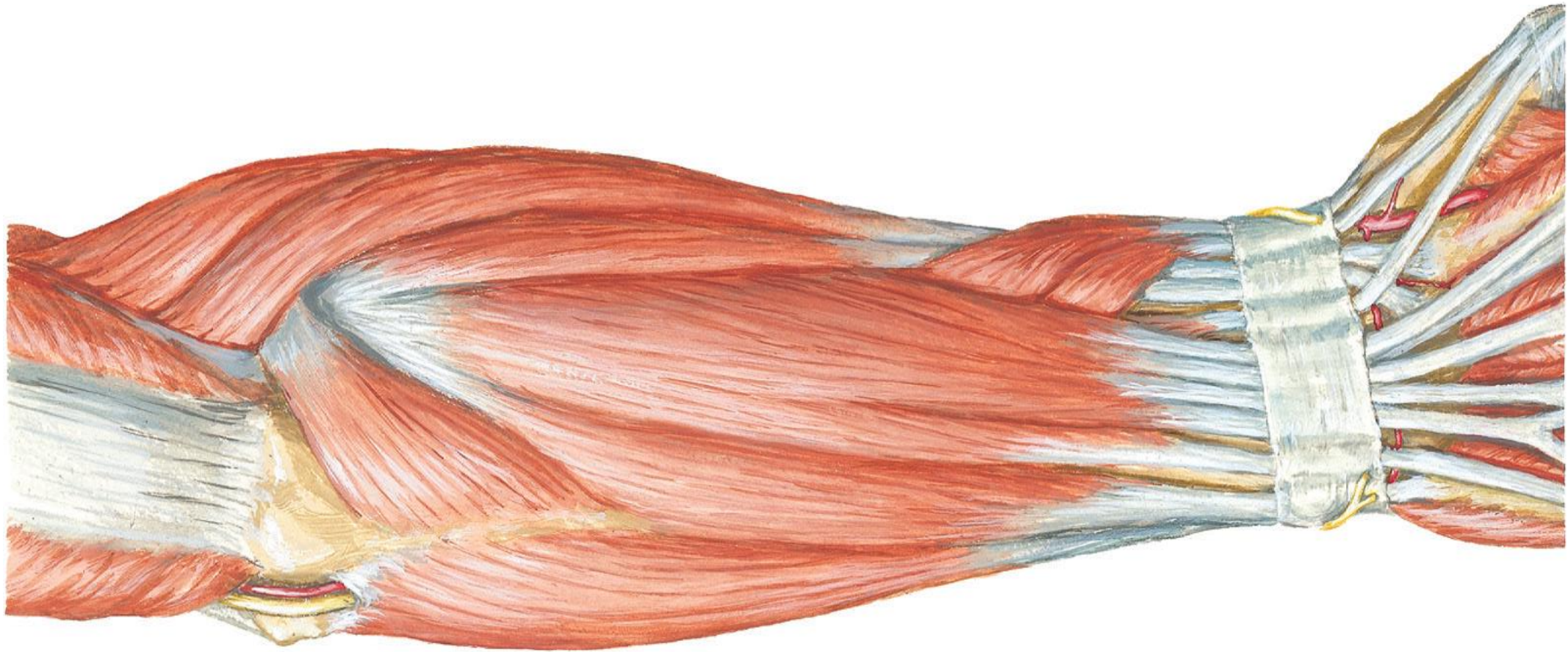


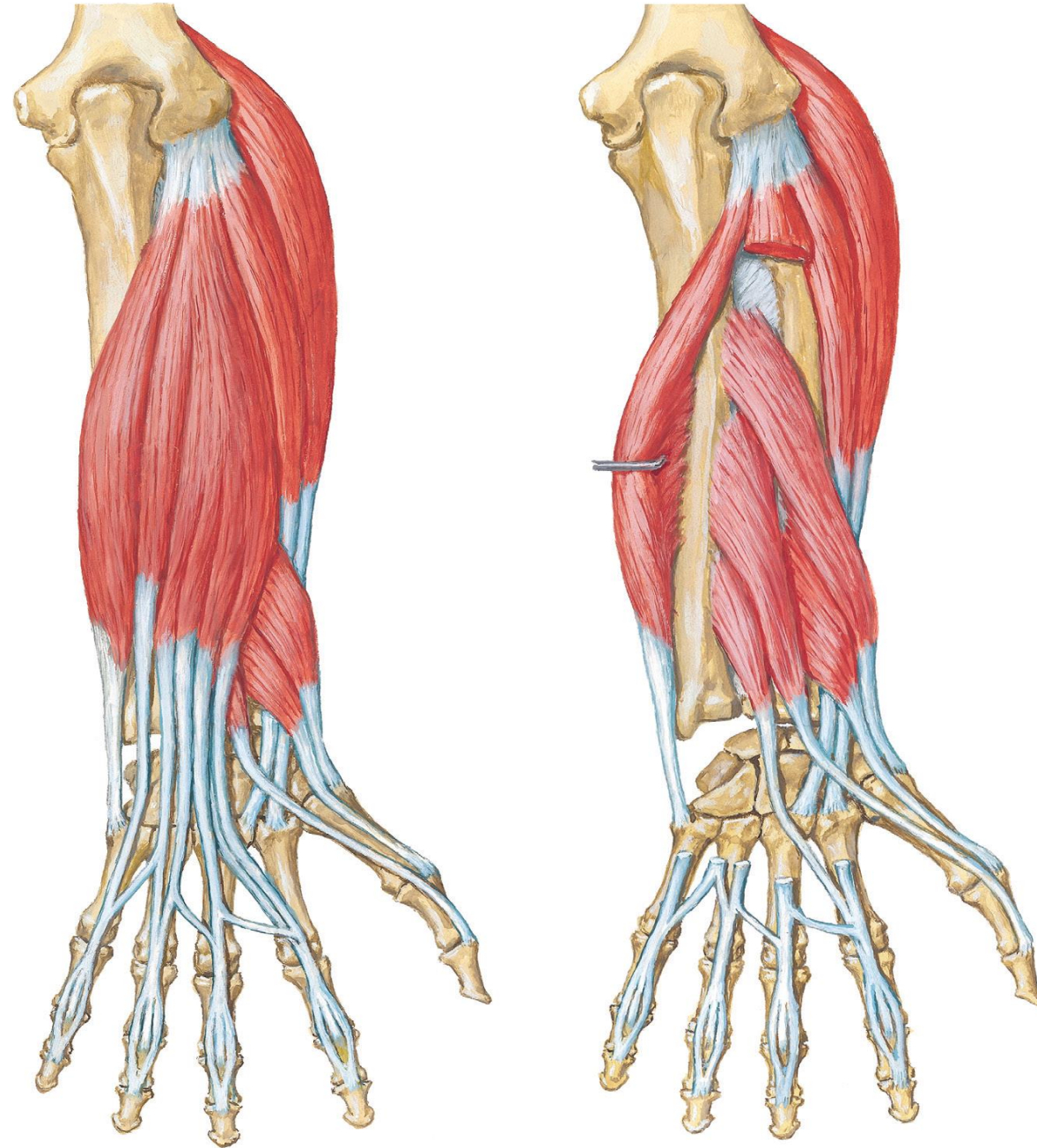
VII) Superficial Group of Muscles of Back of Forearm

- Most of these muscles arises from the front of lateral epicondyle of the humerus i.e. common extensor origin (C.E.O) except muscles number 1,2,7.
- All these muscles are supplied by posterior interosseous nerve (a branch of radial nerve) except muscles number 1,2&7 which are supplied by radial nerve.
- Common action : Extension of wrist (except muscles number 1 & 7)
- Extensor carpi radialis longus & brevis and extensor carpi ulnaris are the main extensor of wrist .
- These muscles are arranged from lateral to medial as follows:

Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Action
1- Brachioradialis.	• Upper 2/3 of lateral supracondylar ridge	• Lateral surface of radius above the styloid process .	• Put forearm in midprone position . • Flexion of elbow in the midprone position.
• In the arm it overlap radial nerve and in the forearm it overlap superficial radial nerve & radial artery .			
2- Extensor carpi radialis longus	• Lower 1/3 of lateral supracondylar ridge	• Dorsal surface of base of 2 nd. metacarpal bone	• Common action +radial deviation (abduction) of wrist.
3- Extensor carpi radialis brevis.	• C.E.O.	• Dorsal surface of base of 3 rd. metacarpal bone	• As muscle number 2.
4- Extensor digitorum.	• C.E.O.	• By 4 tendons join extensor expansion which attached to base of middle & distal phalanges of medial 4 fingers.	• Common action + extension of metacarpophalangeal and interphalangeal joints of medial 4 fingers .
5- Extensor digiti minimi.	• C.E.O.	• Join extensor expansion of little finger which attached to base of middle & distal phalanges of little finger .	• Common action + Extensor of metacarpophalangeal and and interphalangeal joints of little finger.
6. Extensor carpi ulnaris.	• C.E.O.	• Base of 5 th. metacarpal bone	• Common action + ulnar deviation (adduction) of the wrist.
7. Anconeus	• It arises Separately from lateral epicondyle .	• Lateral aspect of back of olecranon	• Assists triceps in extension of elbow .







Superficial group of muscles of back of forearm (superficial extensors)

*** Medial group**

- Anconeus muscle
- Extensor carpi ulnaris and its aponeurosis
- Extensor digiti minimi
- Extensor digitorum
- Anatomical snuff-box
- Base of 5th metacarpal bone

*** Lateral group**

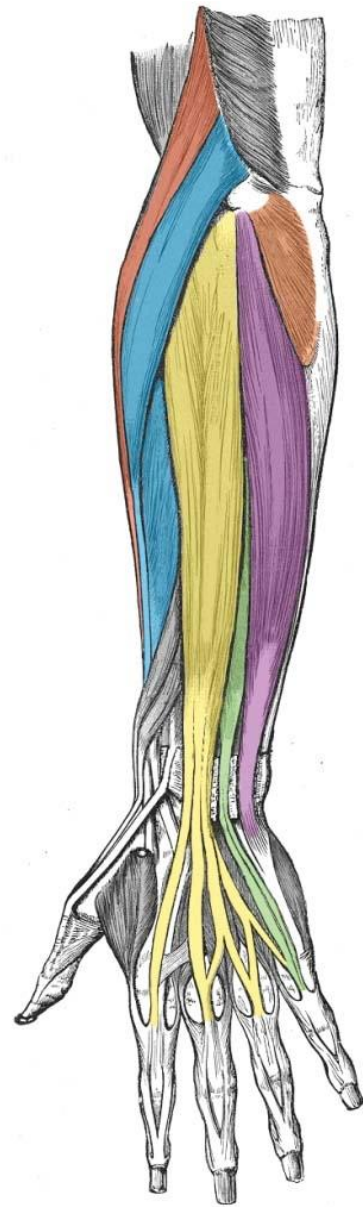
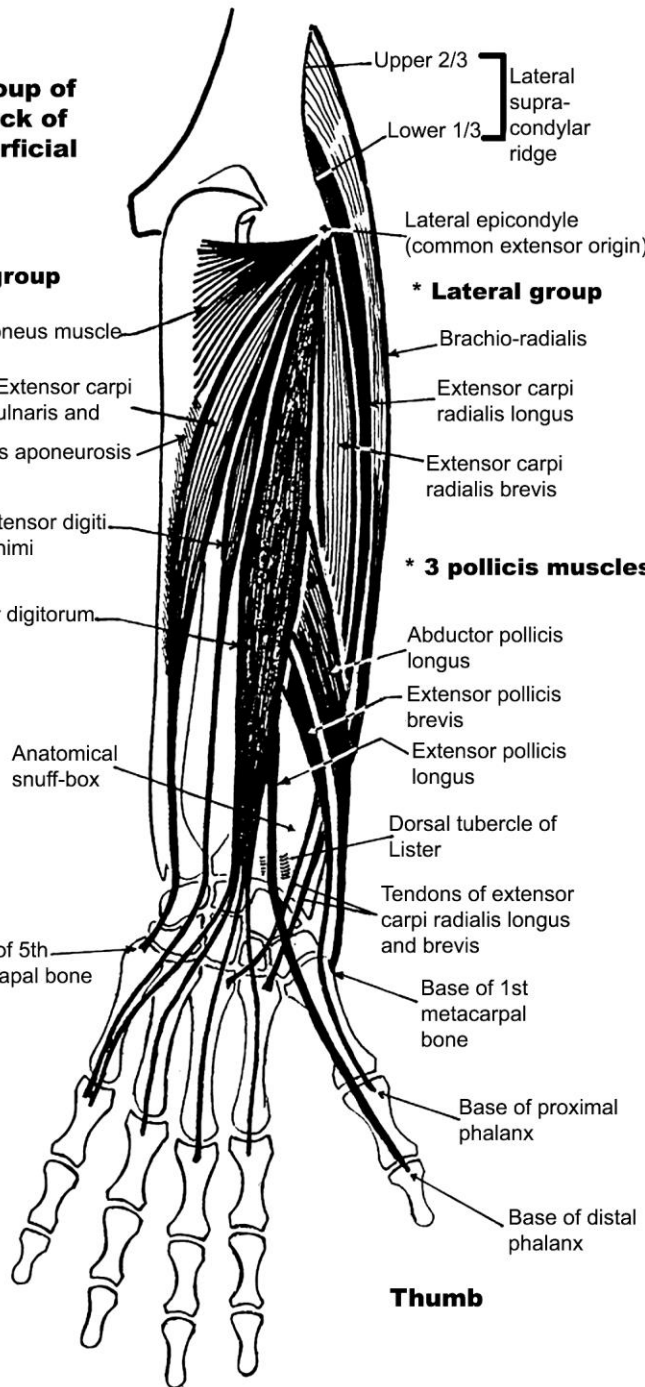
- Brachio-radialis
- Extensor carpi radialis longus
- Extensor carpi radialis brevis







*** 3 pollicis muscles**

- Abductor pollicis longus
- Extensor pollicis brevis
- Extensor pollicis longus

- Dorsal tubercle of Lister
- Tendons of extensor carpi radialis longus and brevis
- Base of 1st metacarpal bone
- Base of proximal phalanx
- Base of distal phalanx

Thumb

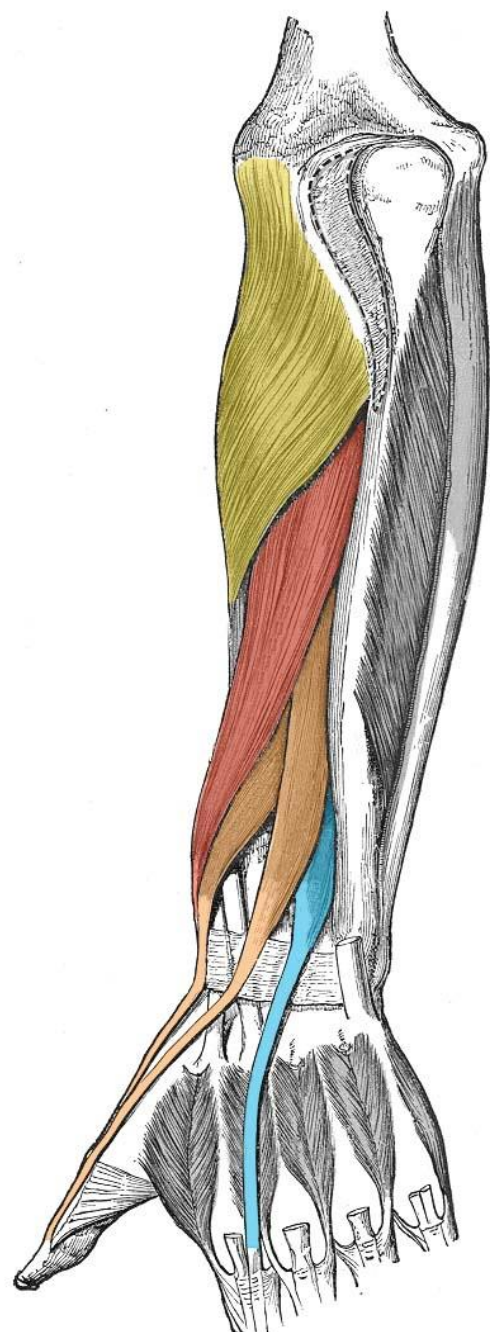
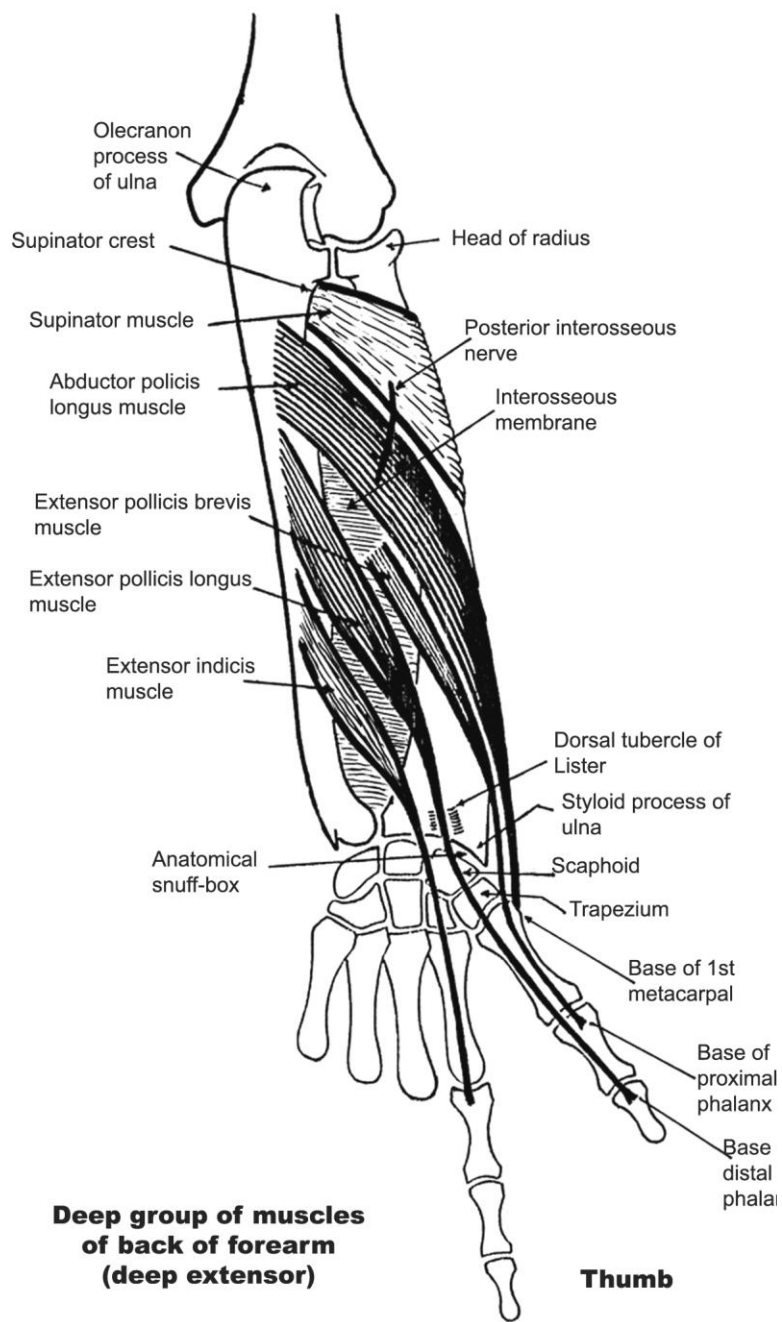






	Brachioradialis
	Extensor carpi radialis longus and brevis
	Extensor digitorum
	Extensor digit minimi
	Extensor carpi ulnaris
	Anconeus

VIII) Deep Group of Muscles of Back of Forearm

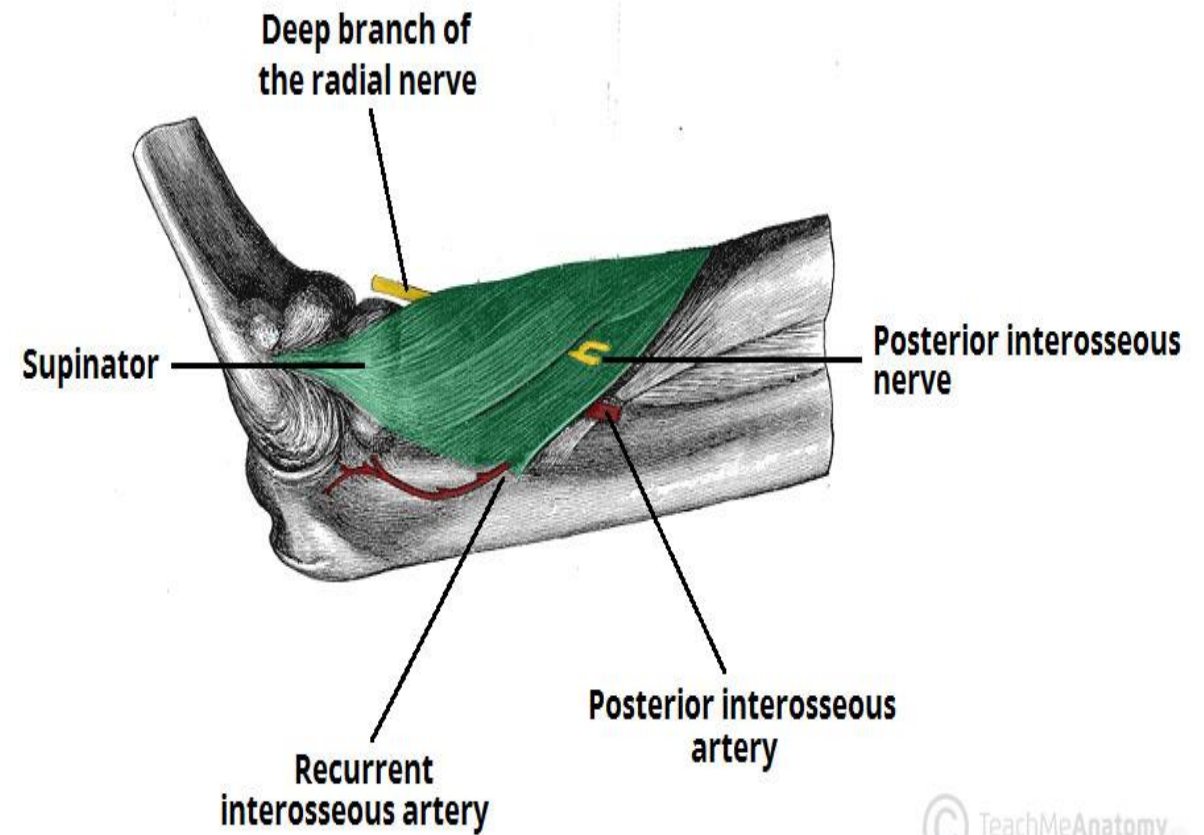
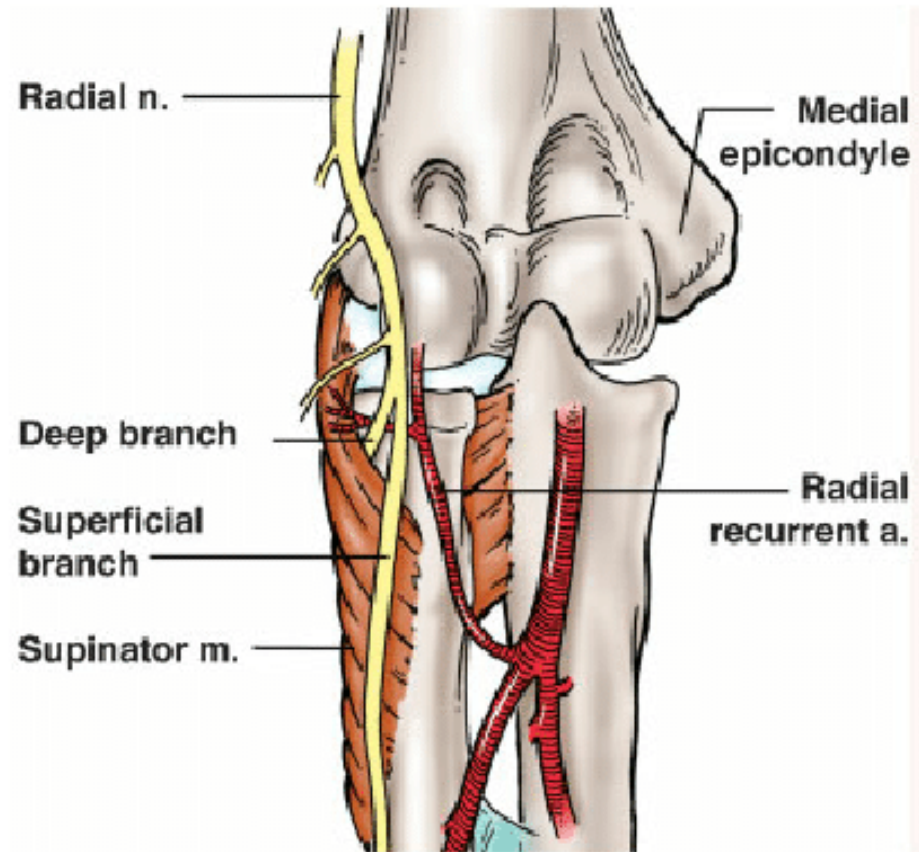
- All these muscles are supplied by posterior interosseous nerve (branch of radial nerve) .
- All arises from back of interosseous membrane and back of shaft of radius or back of shaft of ulna (except supinator) .
- These muscles are arranged from above downwards as follows :

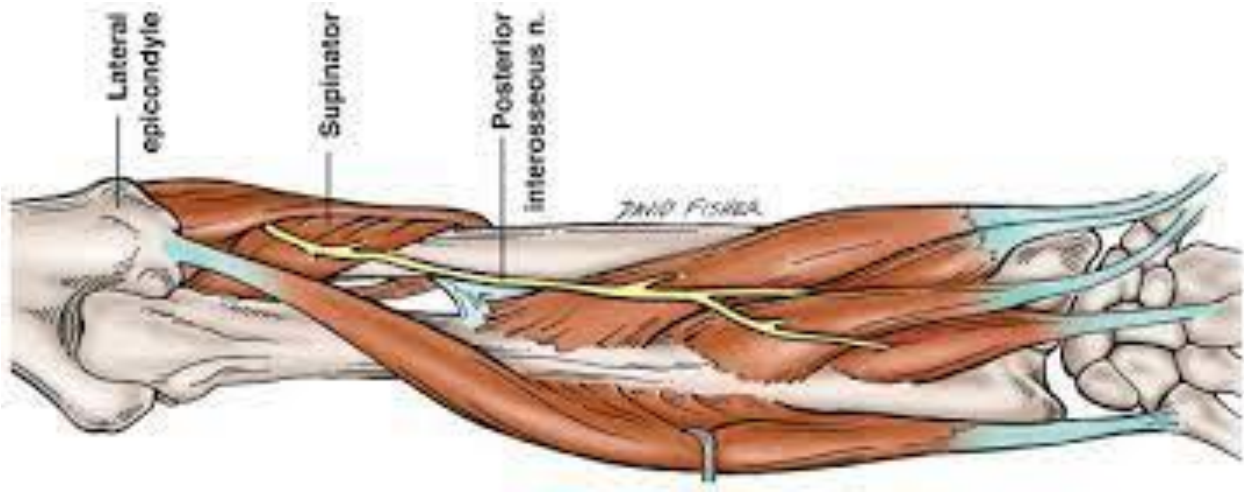
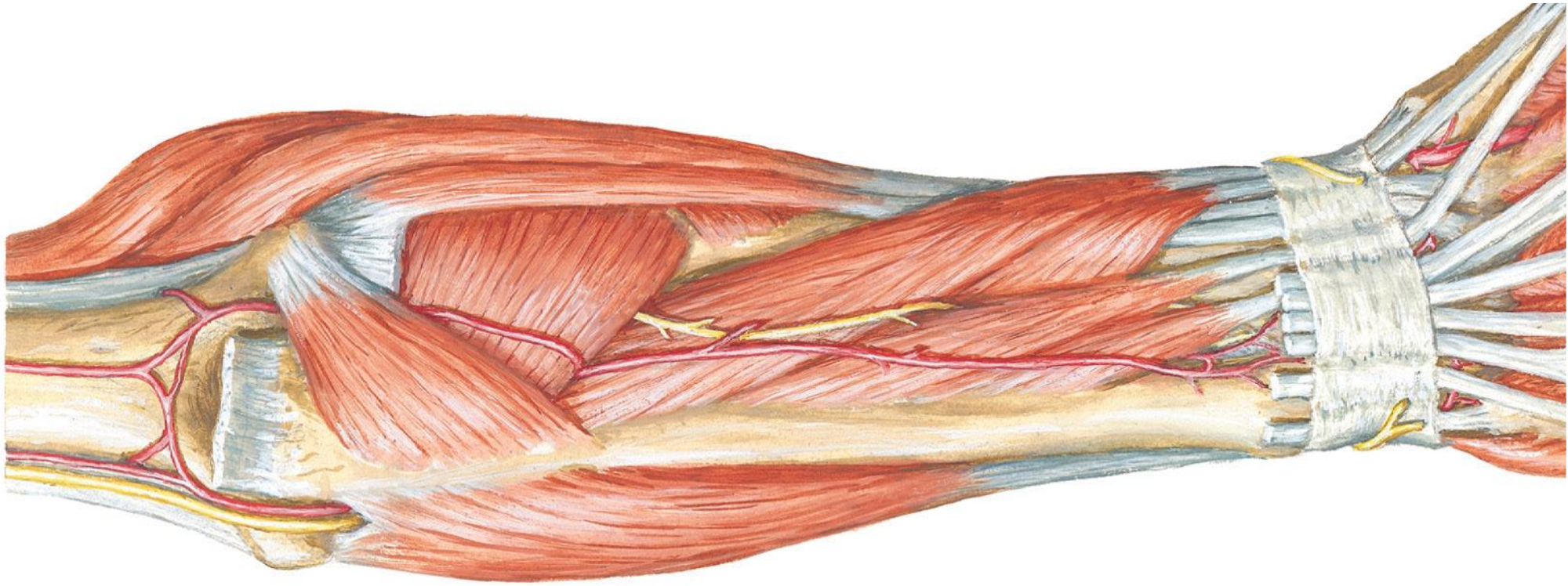
Muscles	Origin	Insertion	Action.
1- Supinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superficial part : from lateral epicondyle and radial collateral ligament of elbow joint. • Deep part : from supinator fossa & supinator crest of ulna. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anterior, lateral & posterior surface of upper 1/3 of radius above anterior and posterior oblique lines of radius and above insertion of pronator teres . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supination of forearm at radio-ulnar joints.
* Relations : The posterior interosseous nerve pierce the muscle in the floor of cubital fossa , winds inside the muscle around the radius inside the muscle & dividing the muscle into superficial and deep parts , then appears in the back of forearm just above the lower border of the muscle .			
2- Abductor pollicis longus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posterior surface of radius , ulna & interosseous membrane. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its tendon accompanies the tendon of muscle number 3 to insert into base of 1st . metacarpal bone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abduction of carpo-metacarpal joint of thumb .
3- Extensor pollicis brevis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posterior surface of radius & interosseous membrane. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base of proximal phalanx of thumb. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of proximal phalanx of thumb.
4- Extensor pollicis longus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posterior surface of ulna & interosseous membrane. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base of terminal phalanx of thumb. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of all joints of thumb.
5- Extensor indicis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posterior surface of ulna & interosseous membrane.. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint extensor expansion of index finger. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of all joints of index finger.

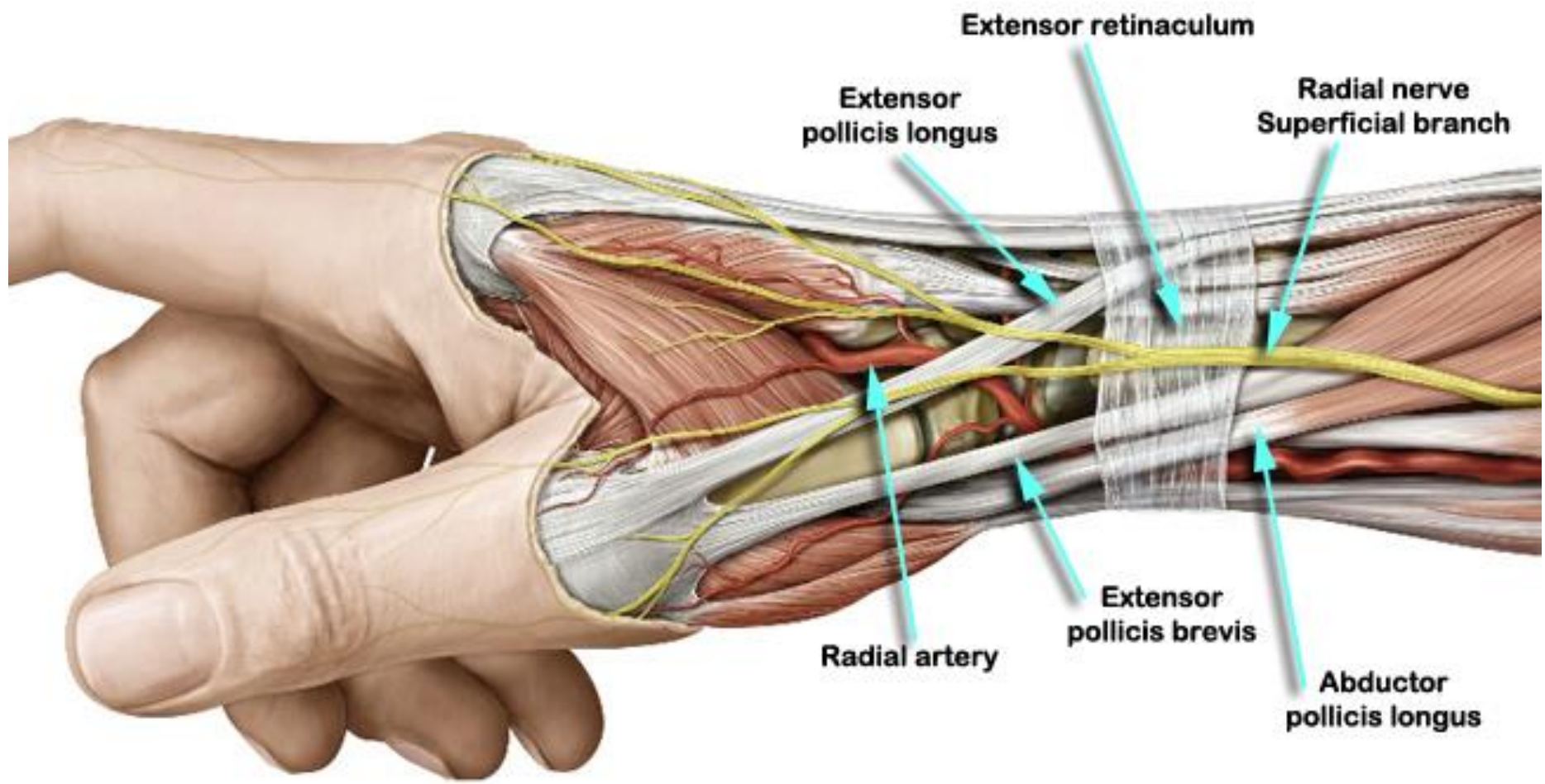


	Supinator
	Abductor pollicis longus
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	Extensor indicis

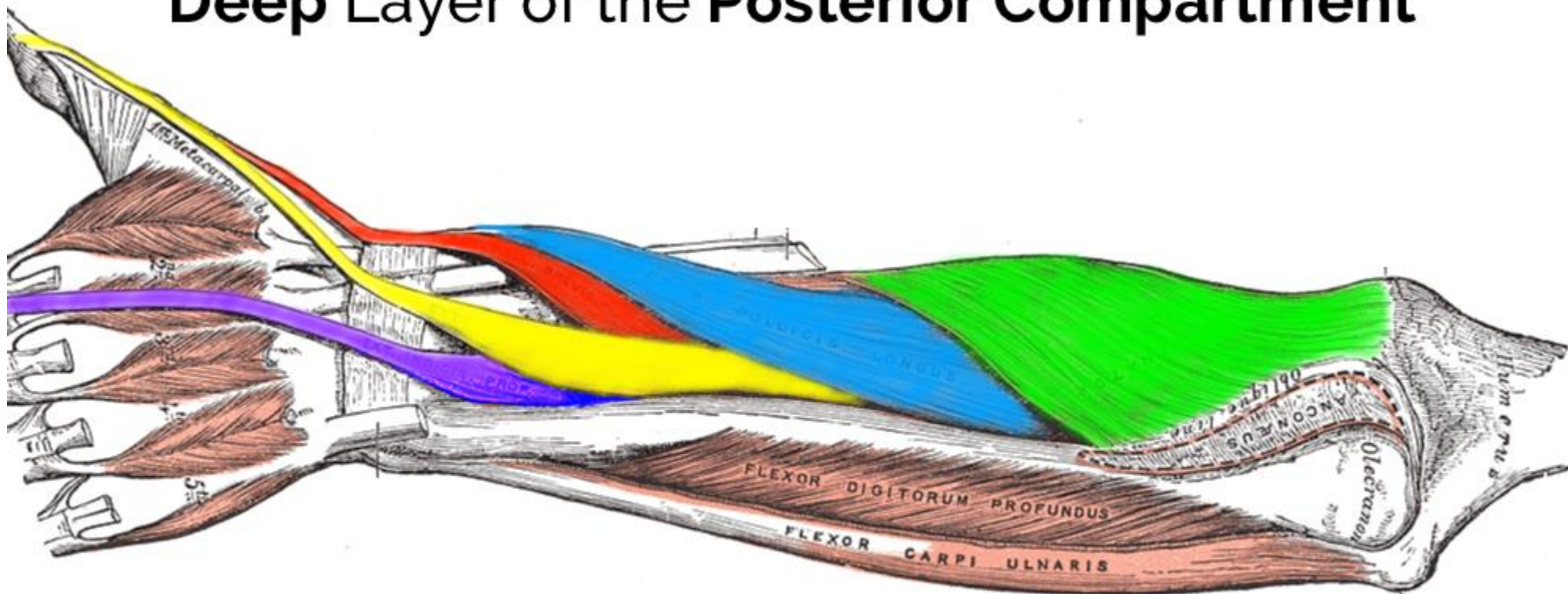
Supinator & Posterior interosseous nerve







Deep Layer of the Posterior Compartment



● Supinator

● Extensor pollicis brevis

● Extensor indicis

● Abductor pollicis longus

● Extensor pollicis longus

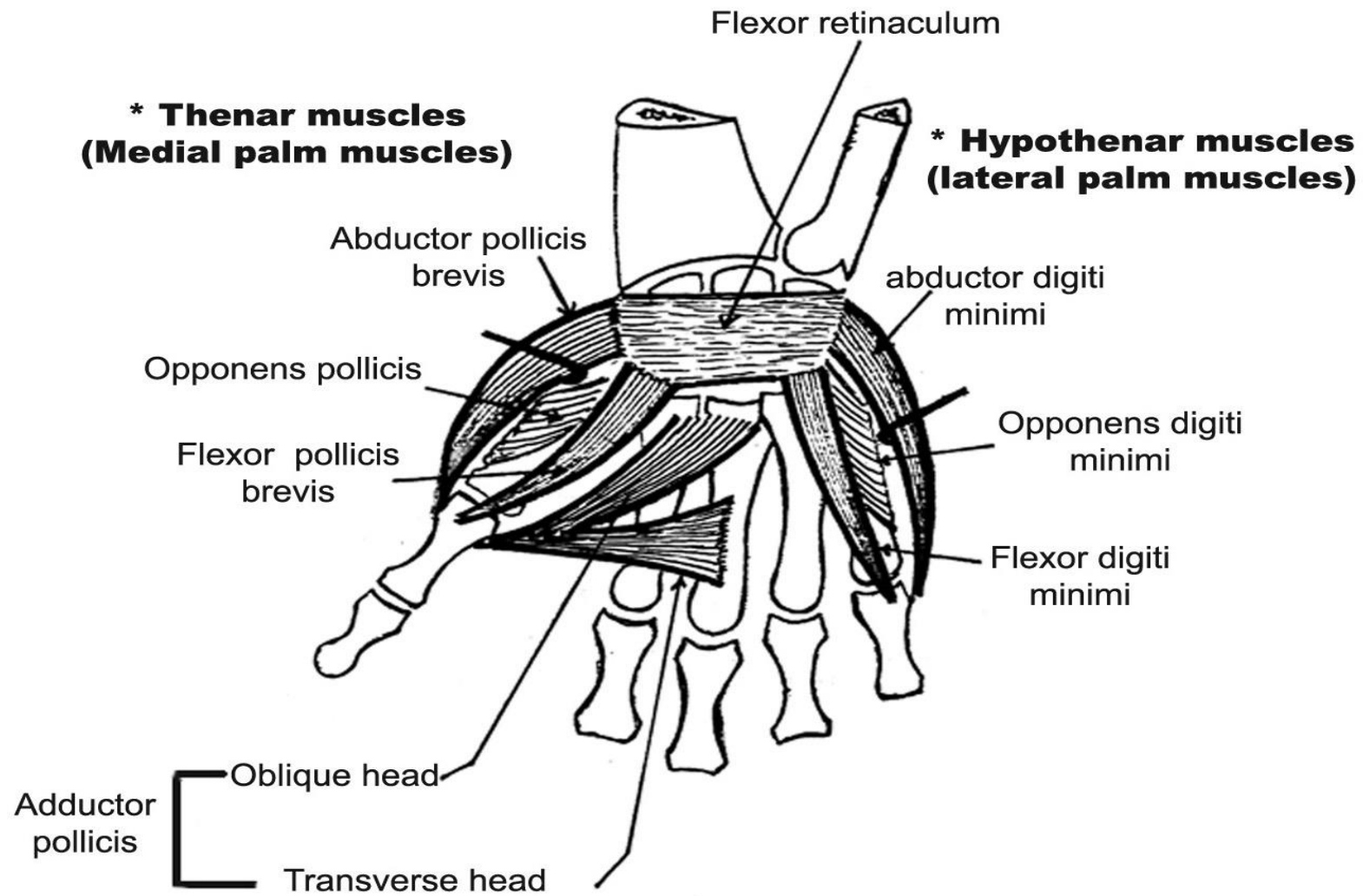
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Muscles of the Hand

I) Lateral Muscles of the Palm

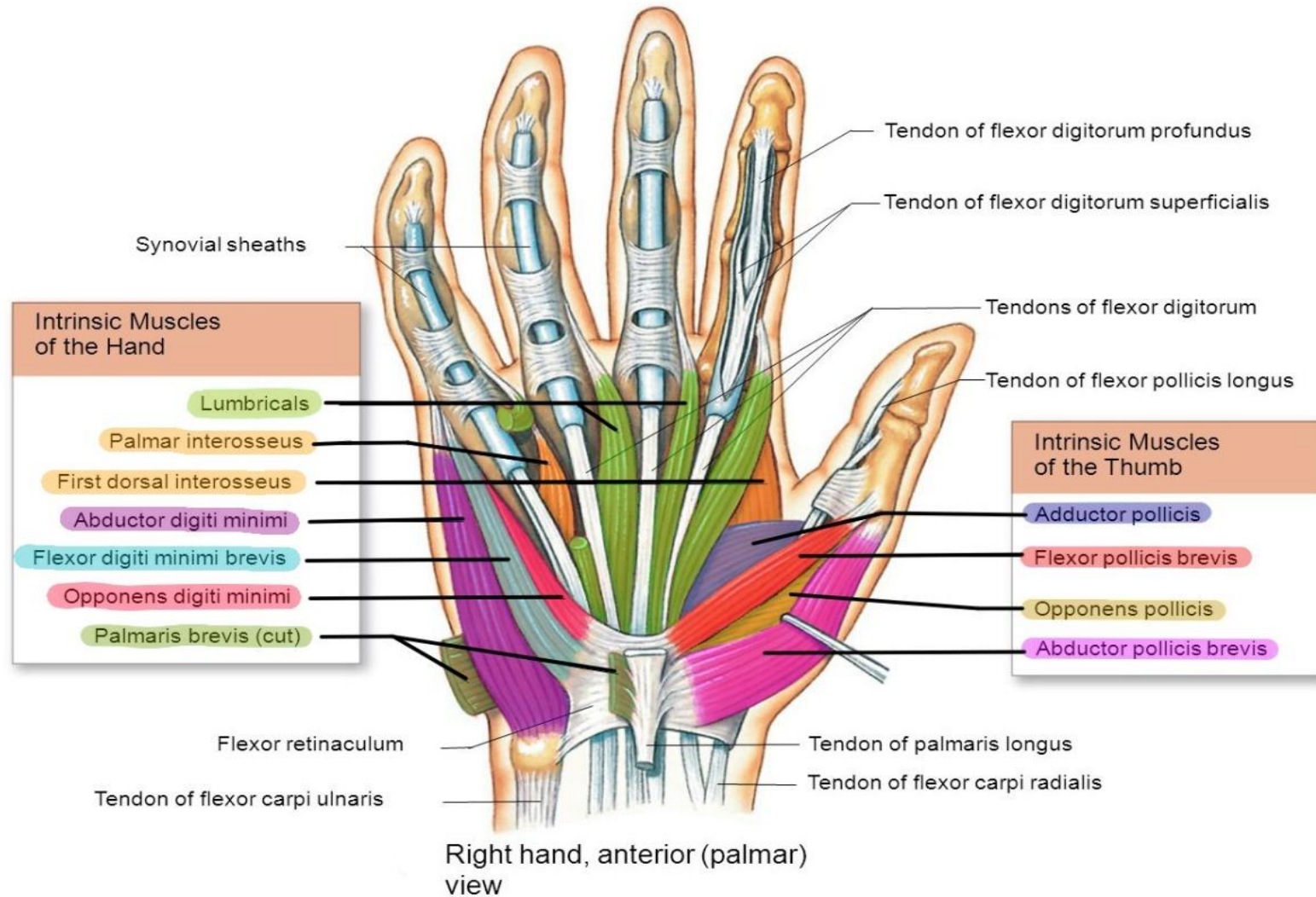
- These muscles include muscles of thenar eminence (Abductor pollicis brevis , Flexor pollicis brevis & Opponens pollices) and adductor pollices .
- Common origin of thenar muscles are lateral part of flexor retinaculum, scaphoid & trapezium.
- All these muscles are inserted in proximal phalanx of thumb except opponens pollices .
- All are supplied by median nerve except adductor pollices which is supplied by ulnar nerve .

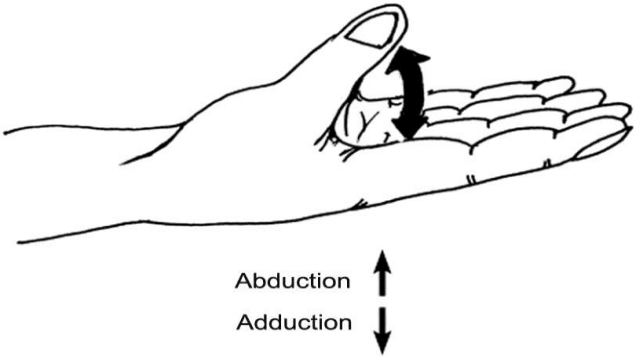
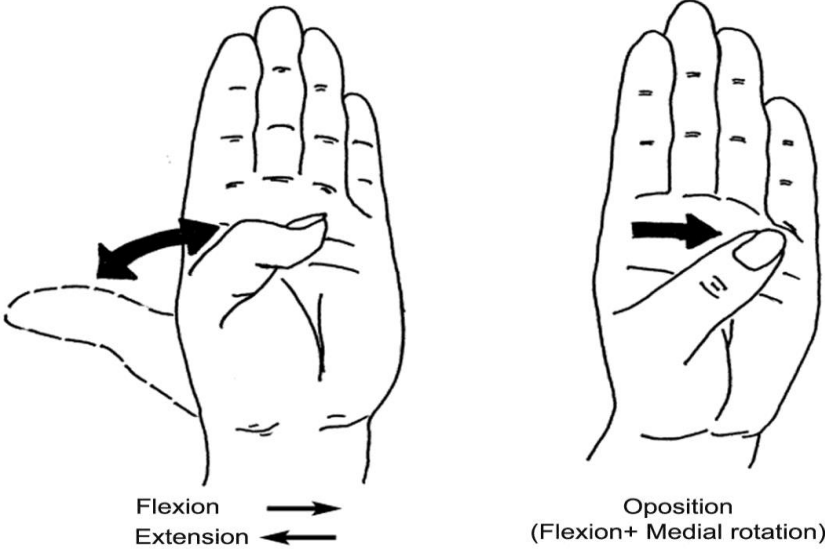
Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Action.
1- Abductor pollicis brevis (Superficial & lateral)	• Common origin	• Common insertion	• Abduction of carpo-metacarpal joint of the thumb.
2- Flexor pollicis brevis (Superficial & medial)	• Common origin	• Common insertion	• Flexion of carpo-metacarpal & metacarpo-phalangeal joint of the thumb.
3- Opponens pollices (deep to No. 1 & 2)	• Common origin	• 1 st. metacarpal bone.	• Opposition of of the thumb against other finger at the carpo-metacarpal joint of the thumb.
4- Adductor pollices. (Medial to muscles of thenar eminence)	• It has 2 heads: a) Transverse head: from front of shaft of 3rd . metacarpal bone. b) Oblique head: from base of 2nd. & 3 rd. metacarpal bone.	• Common insertion	• Adduction of thumb at the carpo-metacarpal joint .



MUSCLES OF THE HAND

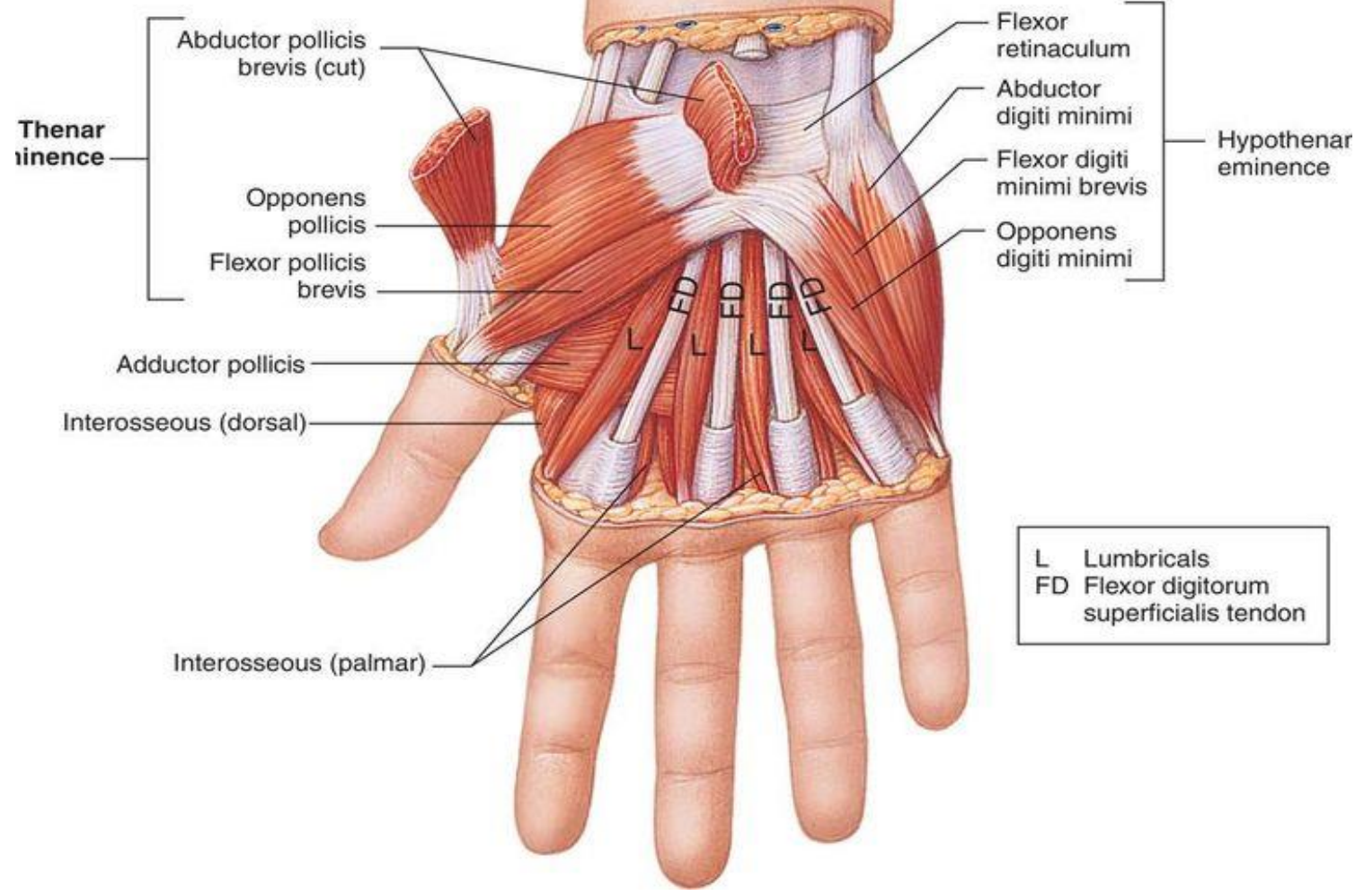
Intrinsic Muscles of the Hand





MOVEMENTS OF THUMB

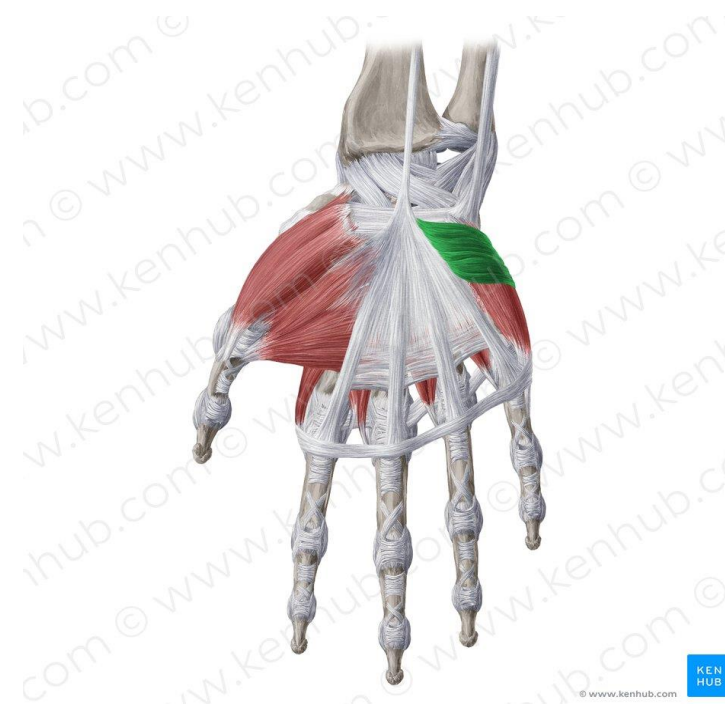
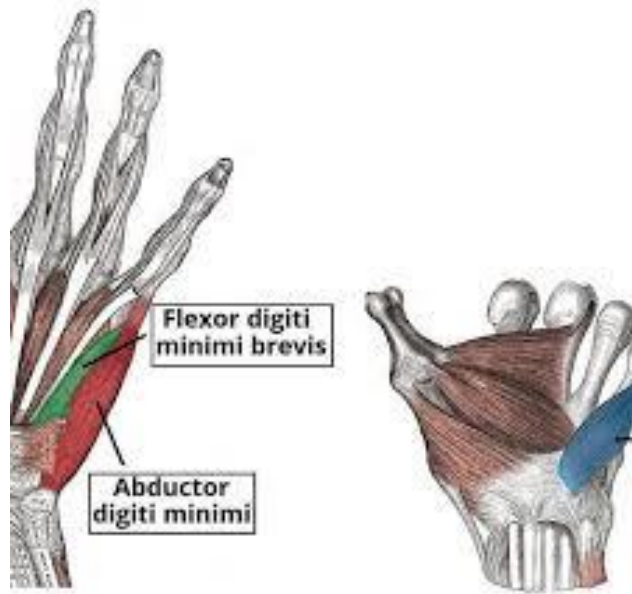
Thenar Muscles of the Hand



II) Medial Muscles of the palm

- **Common origin:** Medial part of flexor retiaculum & pisiform bone & hook of hamate.
- **All are muscles of little fingers .**
- **Common insertion :** all inserted in the medial side of the base of proximal phalanx of little finger (except opponens digiti minim) .
- **All muscles are supplied by ulnar nerve .**

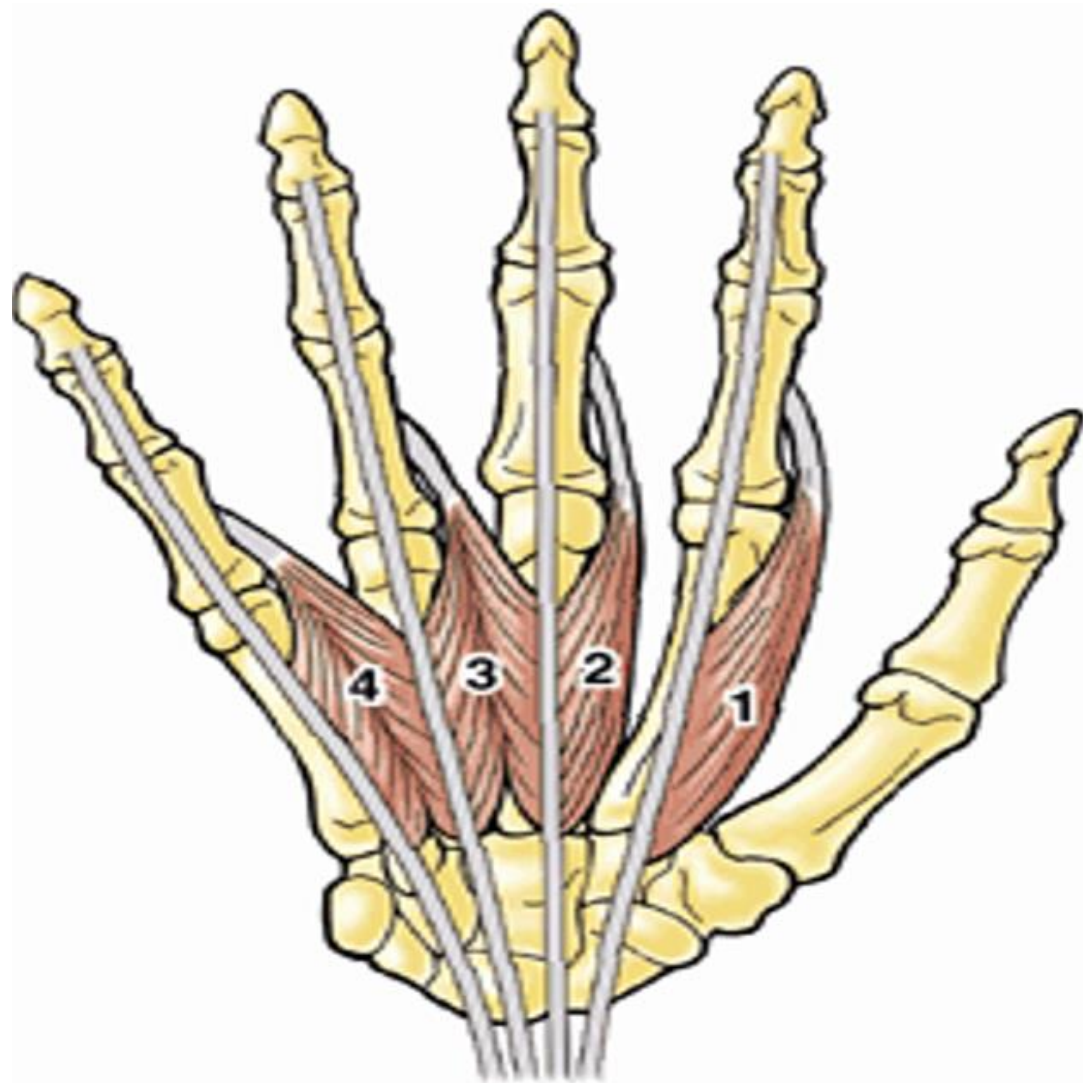
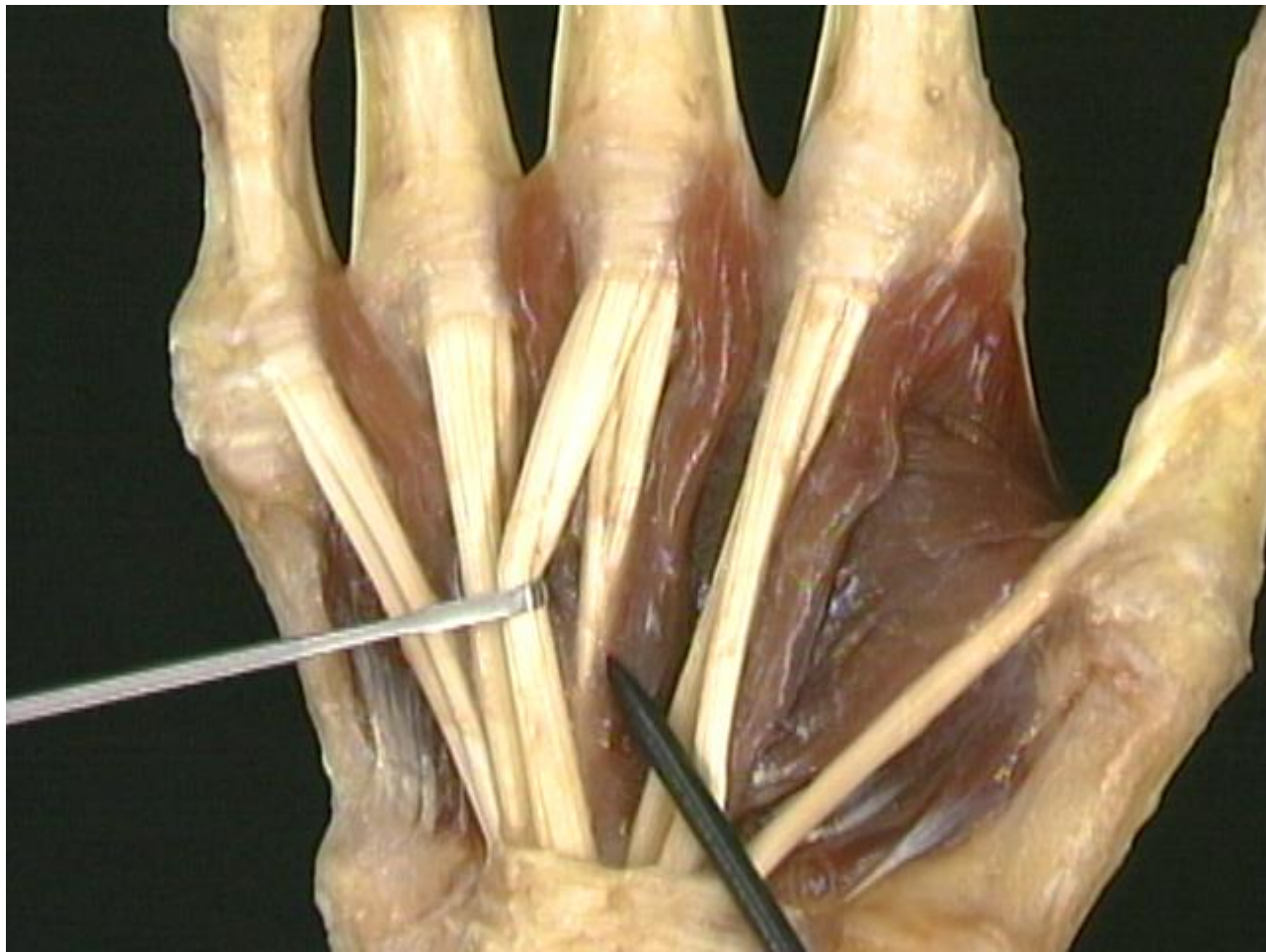
Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Action
1- Abductor digiti minimi	• Common origin	• Common insertion	• Abduction of little finger .
2- Flexor digiti minimi	• Common origin	• Common insertion	• Flexion of proximal phalanx of little finger.
3- Opponens digiti minim	• Common origin	• Medial surface of the shaft of 5 th metacarpal bone	• Opponens little finger against thumb.
4- Palmaris brevis .	• Medial border of palmar aponeurosis	• Skin of medial side of the palm .	• Deepen the hollow of palm of hand .



III) Intermediate Muscles of the Palm

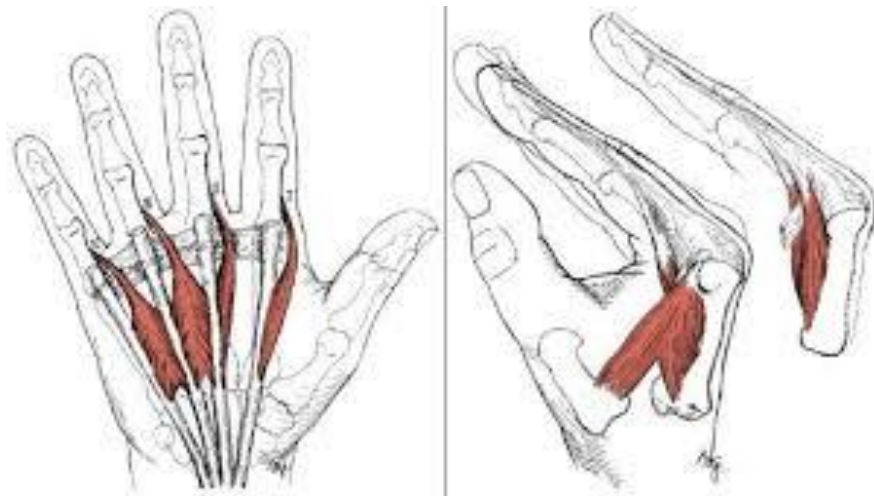
- All muscles are supplied by ulnar nerve except lateral 2 lumbricals are supplied by median nerve .
- Common insertion : Extensor expansion of medial 4 fingers then extend to the back of terminal phalanges of medial 4 fingers .
- Common action: put the hand in writing position (flexion of metacarpo-phalangeal joint & extension of interphalangeal joints of medial 4 fingers)

	Origin	Insertion	Action
1. 4 Lumbricals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tendons of flexor digitorum profundus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tendons pass backwards along lateral side of M/P joints to reach the common insertion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common action i.e writing position .
2. 4 Palmar interossei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each has one head arise from palmar surface of 1,2,4,5 metacarpal bones. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st muscle inserted in medial side of base of proximal phalanx of the thumb. • 2nd muscle pass medial while 3rd & 4th muscles pass lateral to M/P of corresponding fingers to reach the common insertion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common action i.e writing position. • Adduction of all fingers towards the center of middle finger .
3. 4 dorsal interossei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each muscle has 2 heads arises from sides of the related metacarpal bones . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st & 2nd muscle pass lateral while 3rd & 4th muscles pass medial to M/P of corresponding fingers to reach the common insertion. • N.B: The middle finger receive the 2nd & 3rd muscle . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common action i.e writing position. • Dorsal interossei :abduction of middle 3 fingers from the center of middle finge.

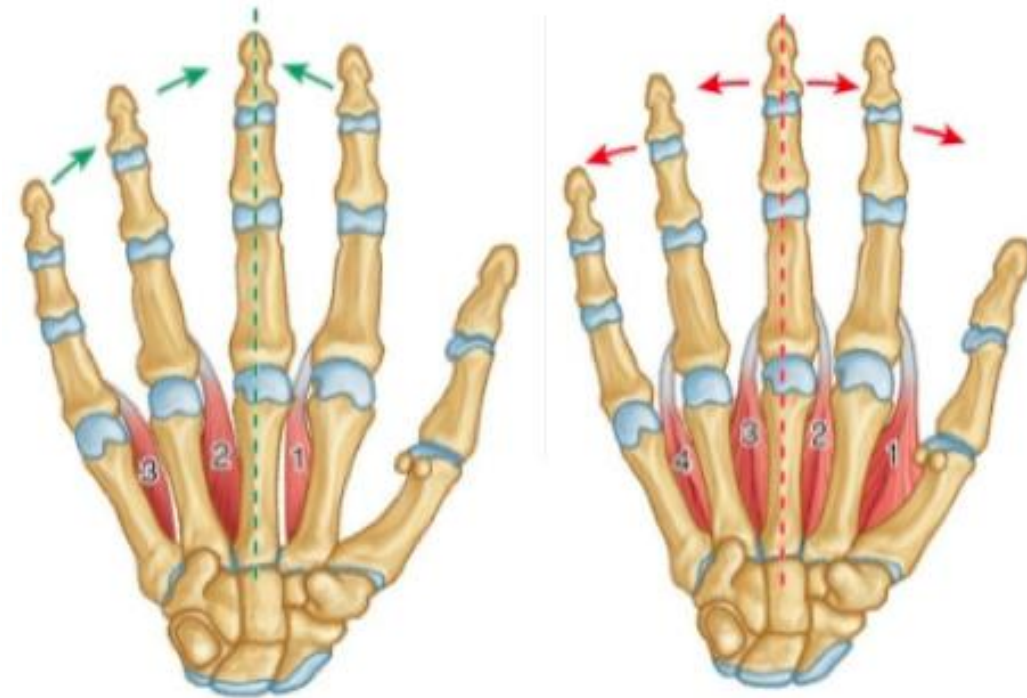


Lumbricals (1-4)

Action of intermediate muscles of palm

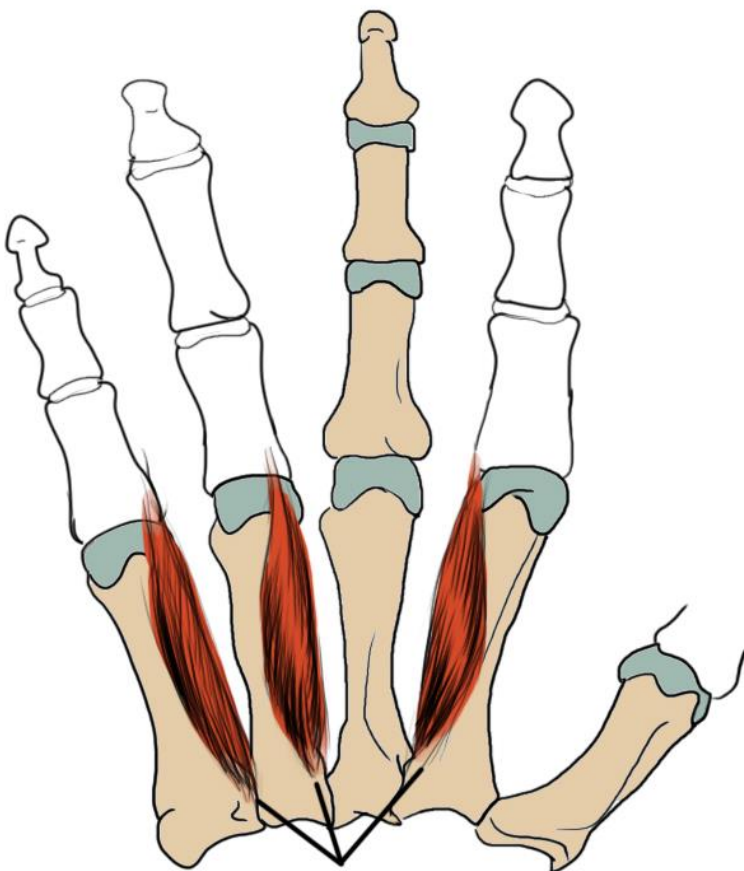


Common Action



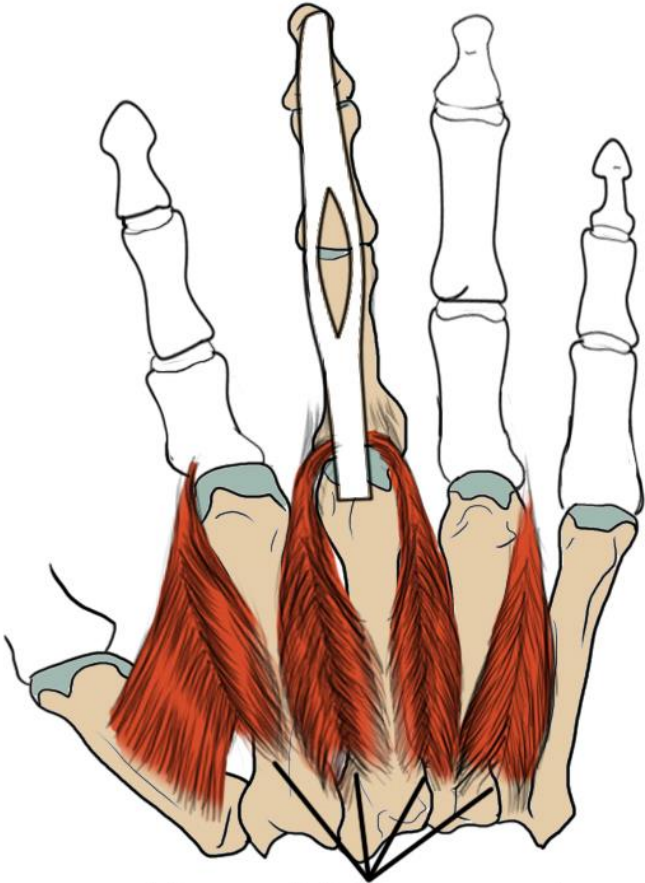
Action of interossei

Interossei of the Hand



Palmar interossei

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Dorsal interossei

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