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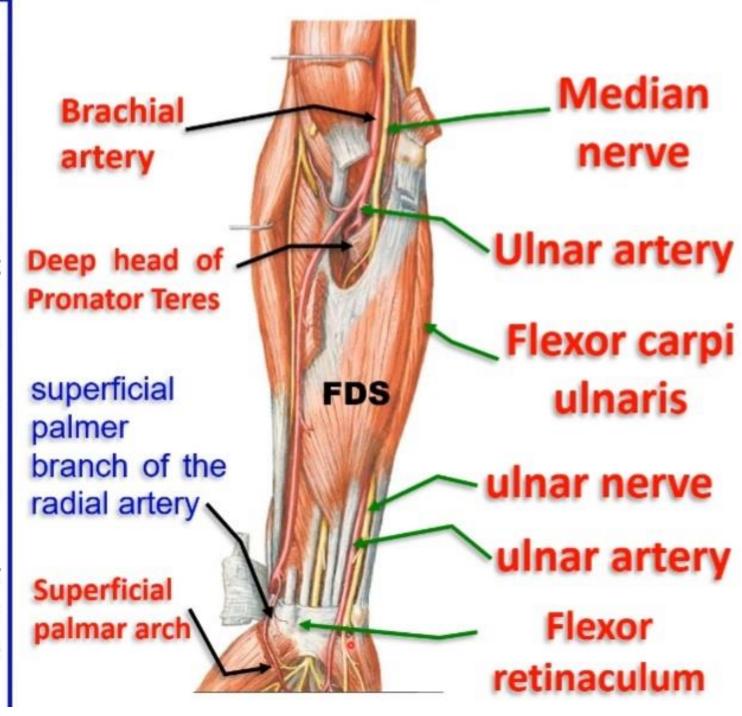


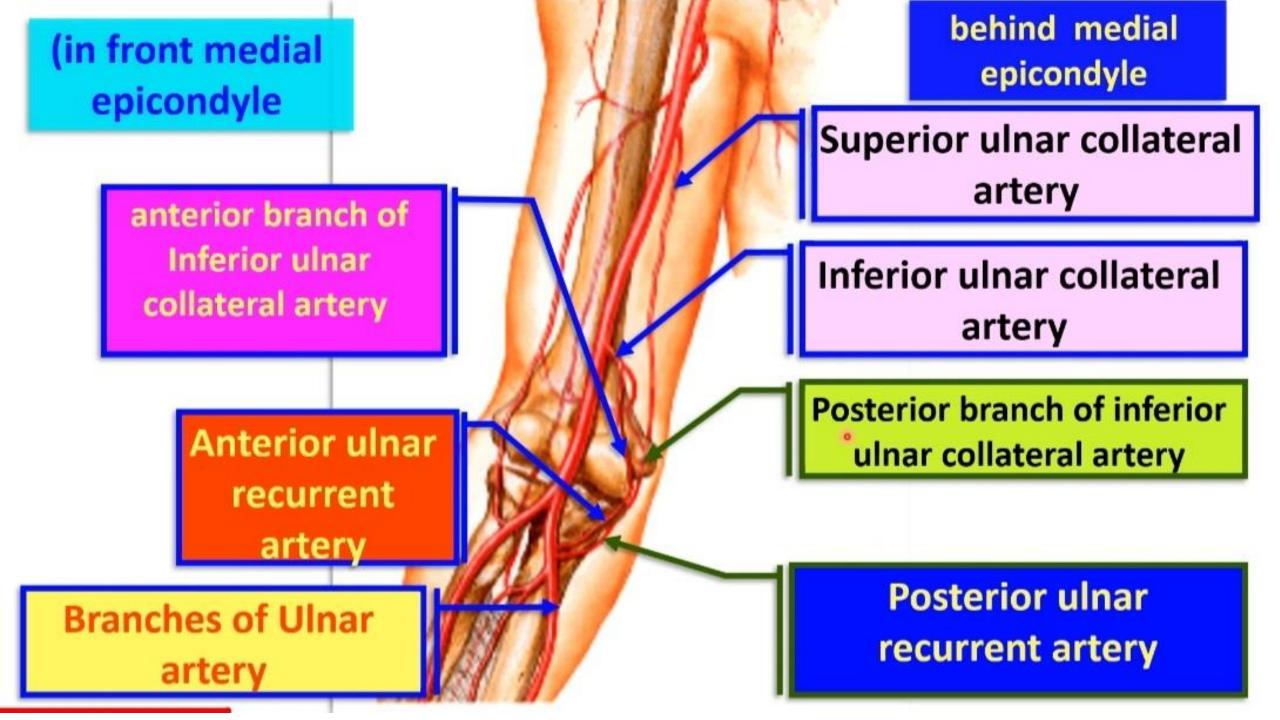
#### Ulnar Artery

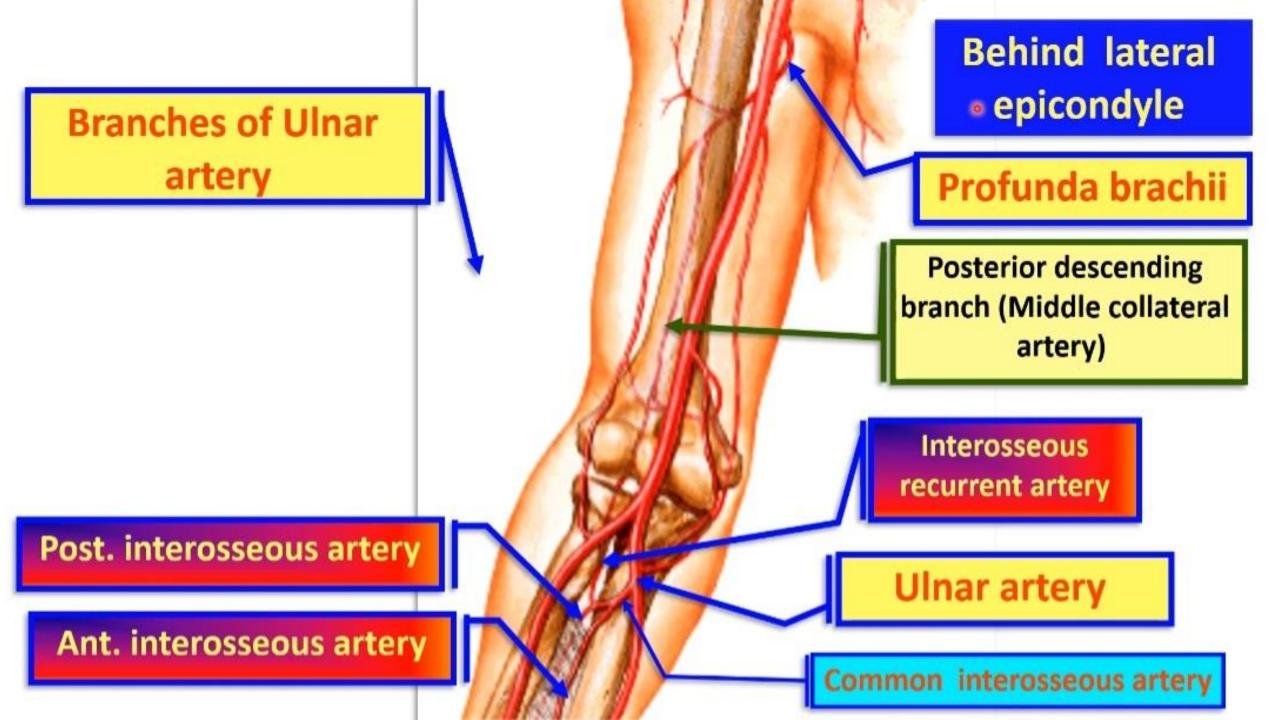
\*\* Beginning: the larger of two terminal branches of brachial artery in the cubital fossa at the level of the neck of radius.

#### \*\* Course:

- It descends medially deep to the deep head of pronator teres that separates it from the median nerve.
- It descends vertically deep to Flexor carpi ulnaris and lateral to ulnar nerve.
- Above wrist joint: between Flexor carpi ulnaris and flexor digitorum superficialis, covered by skin, superficial fascia, deep fascia (dangerous position). FDP (post)
- It enters the hand superficial to flexor retinaculum and anastomosis with superficial palmer branch of radial artery to form superficial palmar arch.







#### \*\* Branches of ulnar artery in the Forearm

- I- Anterior ulnar recurrent artery anastomoses with the anterior branch of the inferior ulnar collateral artery in front of the medial epicondyle.
- 2- Posterior ulnar recurrent artery anastomoses with the superior ulnar collateral and posterior branch of the Inferior ulnar collateral arteries behind the medial epicondyle.
- 3- Common interosseous artery passes to upper border of the interosseous membrane where it divided into:

#### a) Anterior Interosseous artery

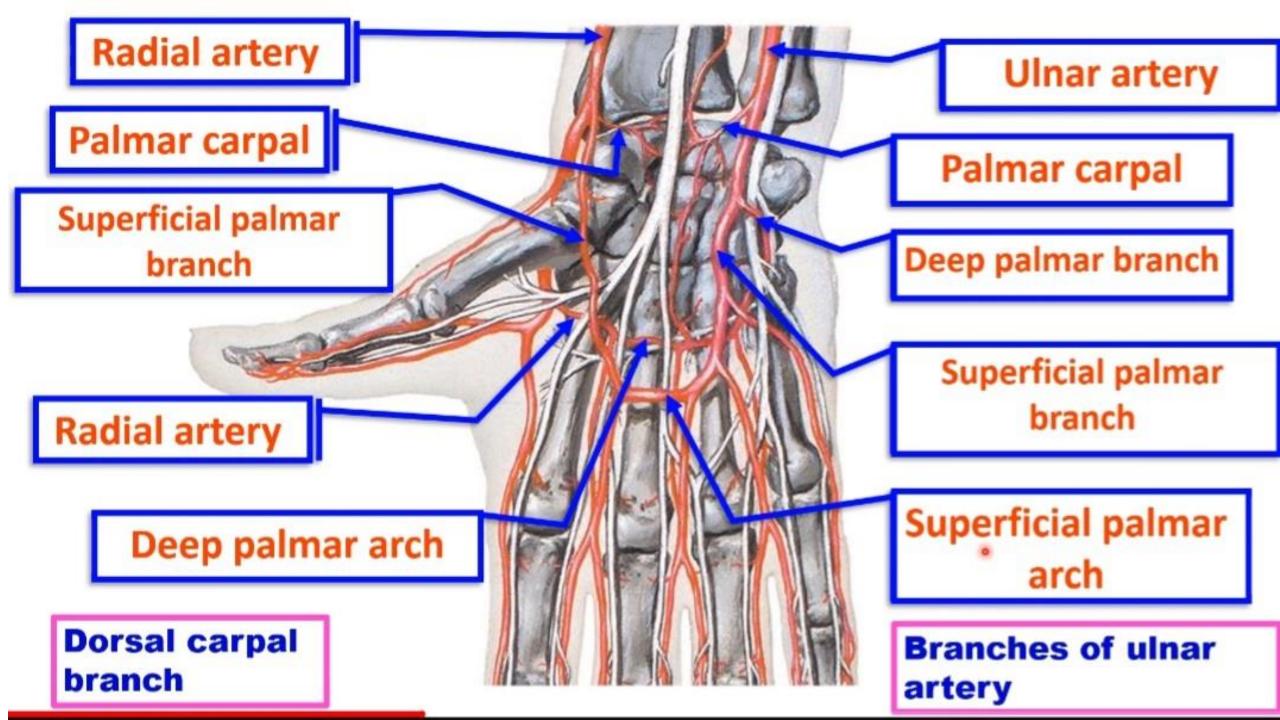
- \*\* It descends on the **front** of the interosseous membrane
- At the upper border of the pronator quadratus, it **pierces** the interosseous membrane to reach the back of the forearm. The artery passes deep to the extensor retinaculum in **the 4**th **compartment**.
- It ends in the dorsal carpal arch.

#### \*\* Branches

- 1- Median artery passes with the median nerve.
- 2- Nutrient arteries of the radius and ulna (To the elbow I go from the knee I escape).
- 3- Muscular branches.

#### b) Posterior Interosseous artery

\*\* it gives Interosseous recurrent artery anastomose with the posterior descending branch of the profunda brachii artery behind the lateral epicondyle.

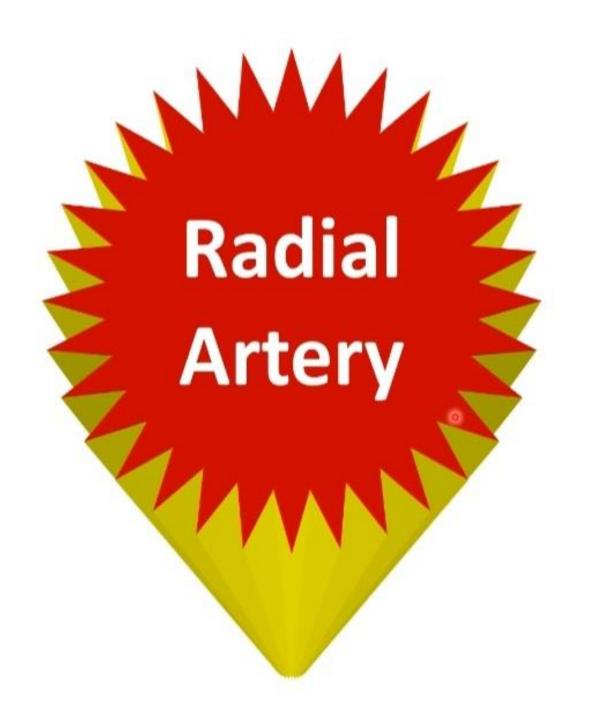


# \*\* Branches of ulnar artery in the Forearm

- 4- Muscular branches.
- 5- Palmer carpal branch anastomoses with the palmar carpal branch of the radial artery to form the palmar carpal arch.
- 6- Dorsal carpal branch anastomose with the dorsal carpal branch of the radial artery to form the dorsal carpal arch.

#### \*\* Branches in the hand

- a- Deep palmar branch: anastomosis with the radial artery to form the deep palmar arch.
- b- Superficial palmar branch anastomosis with the superficial palmer branch of the radial artery to form the superficial palmar arch.

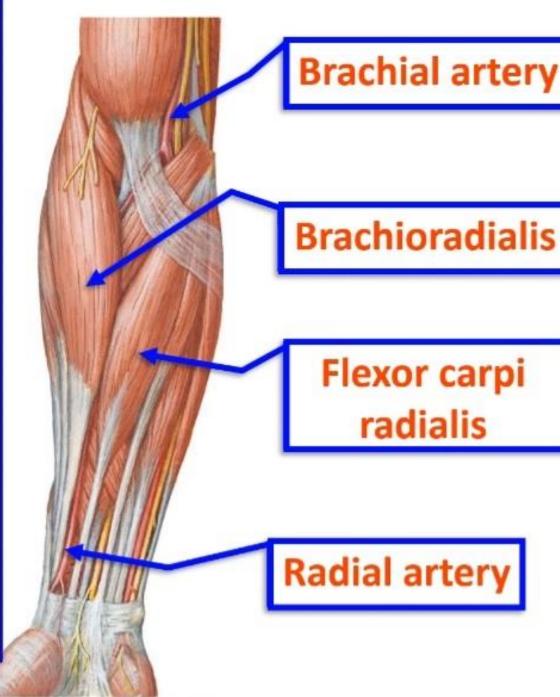


# Radial Artery of the forearm

\*\* Begin: one of the two terminal branches of the brachial artery in the cubital fossa at the level of the neck of the radius.

\*\* End; in the palm of the hand as deep palmer arch.

- Course: It passes deep to brachioradialis muscle with the radial nerve
- In the lower one third, it descends on the distal end of the radius between brachioradialis muscle (laterally) and flexor carpi radialis (medially) and covered only by skin, superficial fascia and deep fascia (where you can feel arterial pulsation).

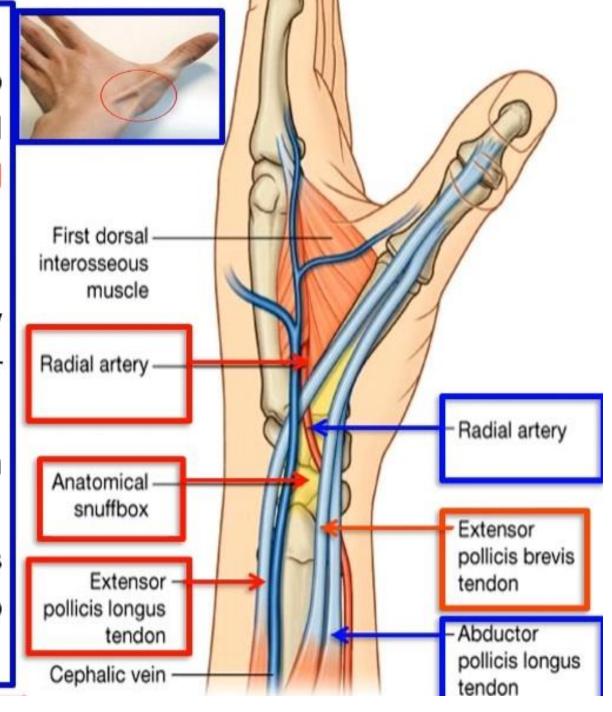


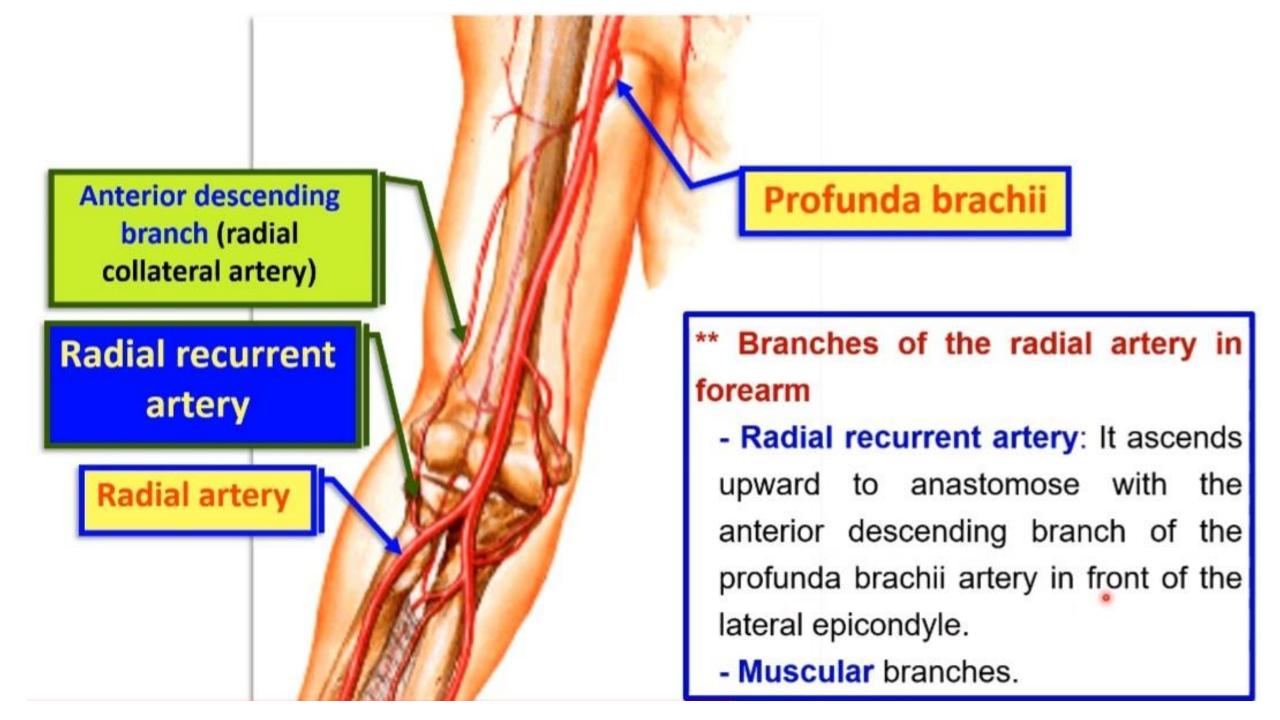
- The radial pulse is the most commonly used one for feeling and counting the arterial pulsations.
- Pulsations of the radial artery are easily palpated when the artery is compressed by the tips of the fingers against the distal end of the radius (Bone).

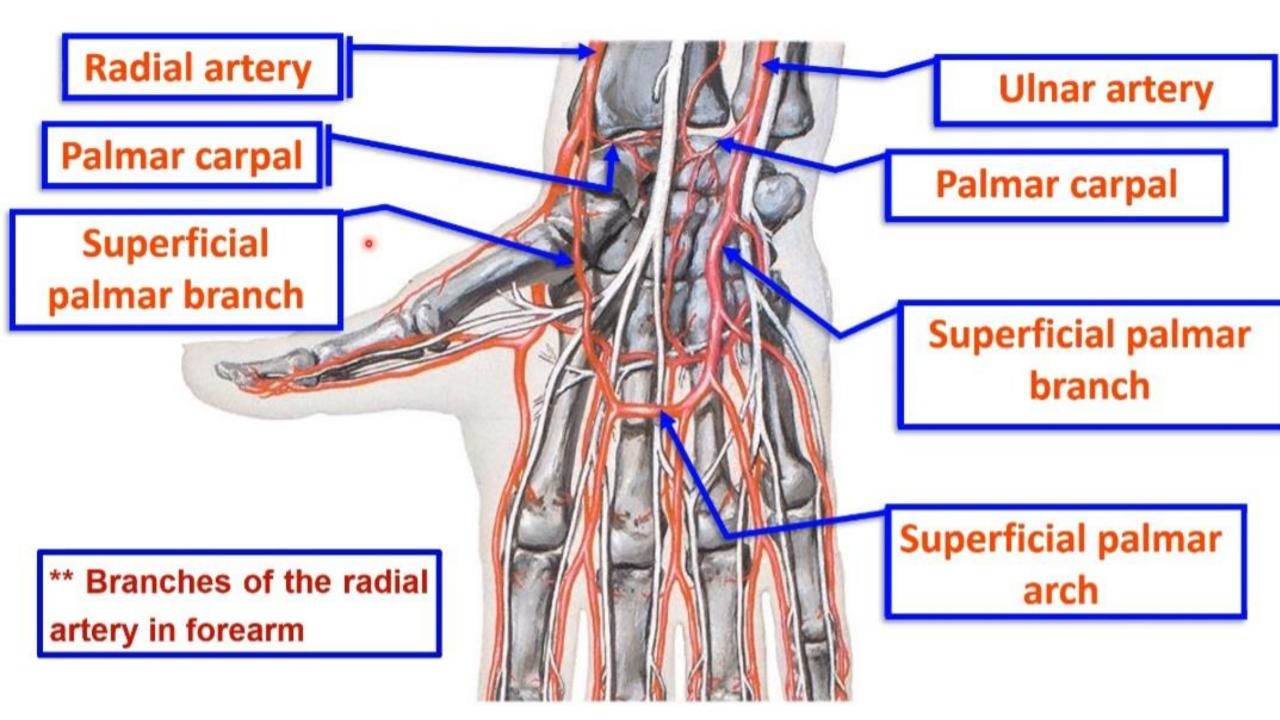


# Radial Artery in the hand

- It turns backwards and laterally deep to tendons of abductor pollicis longus and extensor pollicis brevis to reach anatomical snuff-box.
- In box, it is covered by skin and fascia.
- It leaves anatomical snuff-box by passing deep to the tendon of extensor pollicis longus.
- It reaches the **palm of the hand** through the first interosseous space.
- Then, it passes medially to anastomosis with the deep branch of the ulnar artery to form the deep palmar arch.

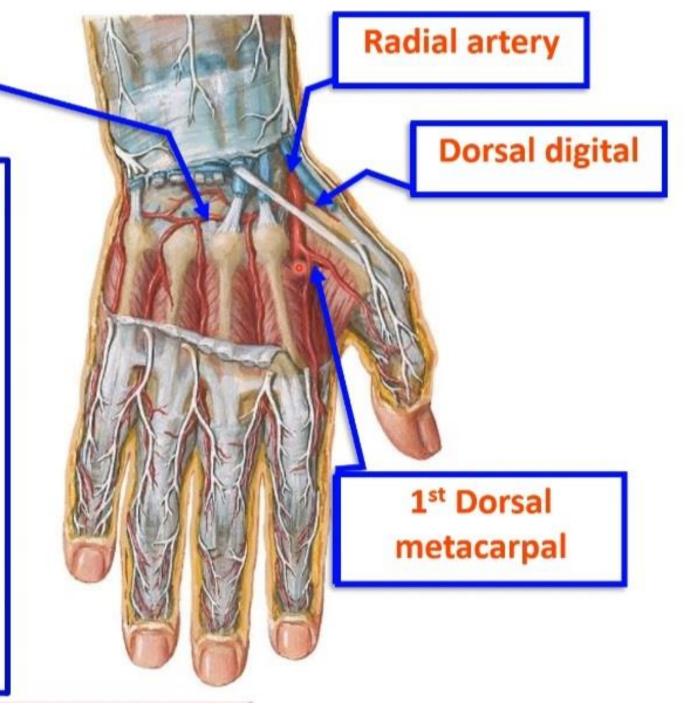




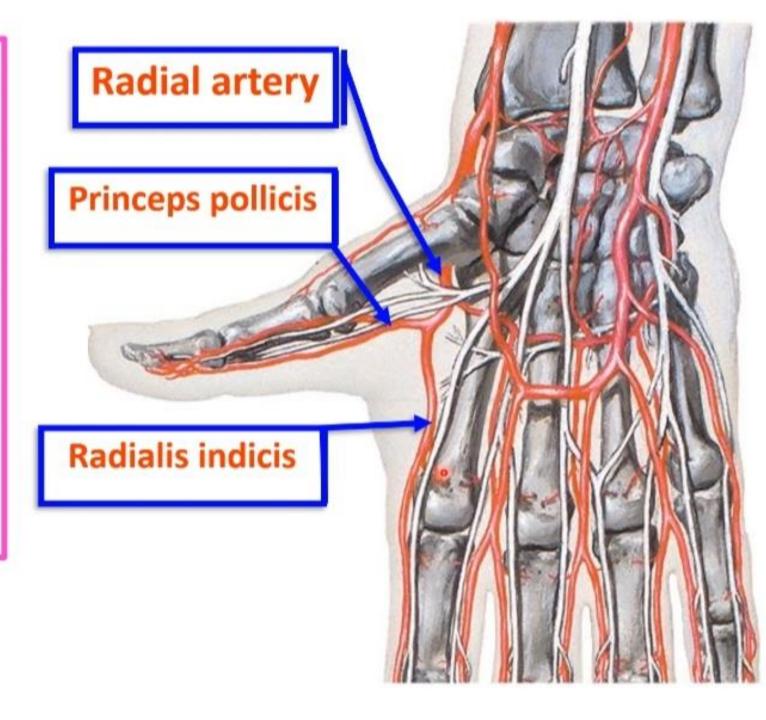


# Dorsal carpal arch

- Branches of radial artery in the dorsum of the hand:
  - 1- Dorsal carpal branch: anastomoses with the dorsal carpal branch of the ulnar artery to form the dorsal carpal arch.
  - 2- Dorsal digital branch to the lateral side of the thumb.
  - 3- First dorsal metacarpal artery to the adjacent sides of the thumb and index.



- Branches of radial artery in Palm of the hand:
  - 1- Princeps pollicis artery to the palmar aspect of the thumb.
  - 2- Radialis indicis artery: to the radial side of the index finger.



# **Branches of radial artery**

#### Branches of ulnar artery

#### A- in the forearm

- 1- Radial recurrent artery
- 2- Palmar carpal branch,

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- 3- Superficial palmar branch
- B- in the dorsum of the hand
- 1- Dorsal carpal branch -
- 2- Dorsal digital branch
- 3- First dorsal metacarpal artery
- C- in the palm of the hand
- 1- Princeps pollicis artery
- 2- Radialis indicis artery
- D- End of the radial artery

- A- in the forearm
- I- Anterior ulnar recurrent artery
- 2- Posterior ulnar recurrent artery
- 3- Common interosseous artery
- 5- Palmer carpal branch
- 6- Dorsal carpal branch

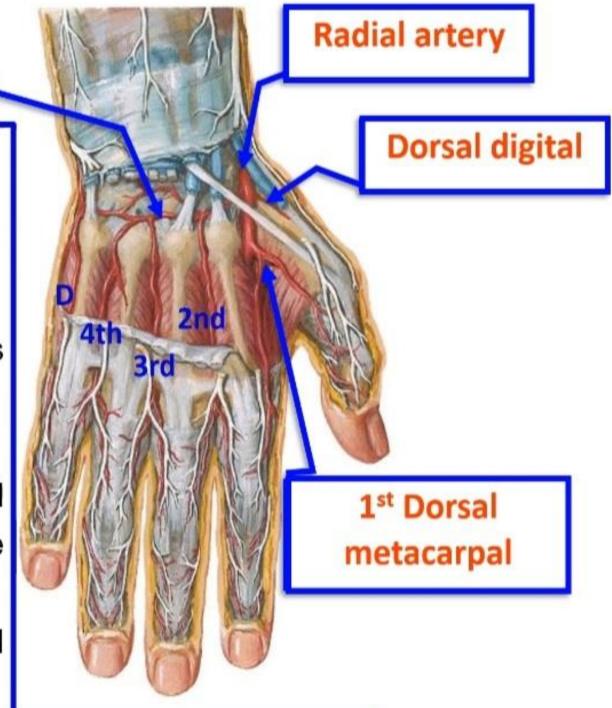
- B- in the palm of the hand
- 1- Superficial branch
- 2-Deep branch



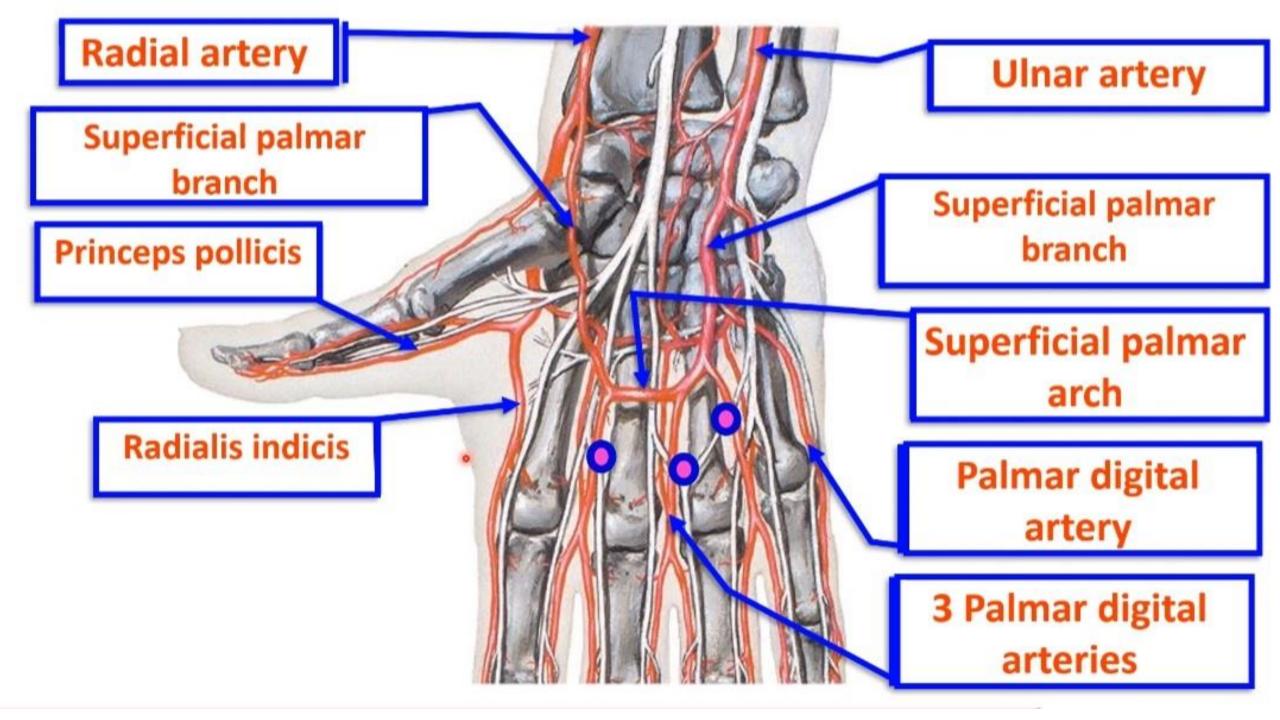
# Dorsal carpal arch

### Dorsal Carpal Arch

- \* **Formation**; union of:
- 1- Dorsal carpal branch of radial artery.
- 2- Dorsal carpal branch of ulnar artery.
- 3- Termination of anterior interosseous artery.
- \* Branches
- 1- 2nd, 3rd and 4th dorsal metacarpal arteries to the adjacent sides of the medial 4 fingers.
- 2- Dorsal digital artery for the medial side of little finger.







# Superficial palmar arch

- \*\* Site: superficial to the flexor tendons.
- It is **distal** to the deep palmar arch.

#### \*\* Formation;

- 1. Superficial terminal branch of the ulnar artery (mainly).
- 2. Superficial palmar branch of the radial artery.

#### \*\* Branches:

- 1- 3 Palmar digital arteries for the adjacent sides of medial 4 fingers
- 2- Palmar digital artery for the medial side of the little finger.
- Pulp Spaces are fibrofatty compartments on the palmar surface of the distal phalanges distal to the insertion of the flexor tendons. They contain ramification of the digital arteries (artery of pulp). Infection of the pulp space is painful.
  Obstruction of these arteries leading to necrosis.





### Deep palmar arch

- \*\* Site; deep to the flexor tendons and fumbrical muscles.
- \*\* Formation;
  - 1- The continuation of the radial artery (mainly).
  - 2- The deep terminal branch of the ulnar artery.

#### \*\* Branches

- 1-3 palmar metacarpal arteries join palmar digital arteries of superficial palmar arch.
- 2- 3 Perforating branches: pass through the 2nd, 3rd and 4th interosseous spaces to join the 2nd, 3rd and 4th dorsal metacarpal arteries of dorsal carpal arch.
- 3- Recurrent branches to join the palmar carpal arch.
- In cases of **hemorrhage** of the hand press the radial artery against lower end of the radius to identify the source of bleeding;
- a- If it becomes weak, the source of bleeding is the deep palmar arch.
- b- If not changed, the source of bleeding is the superficial palmar arch.

