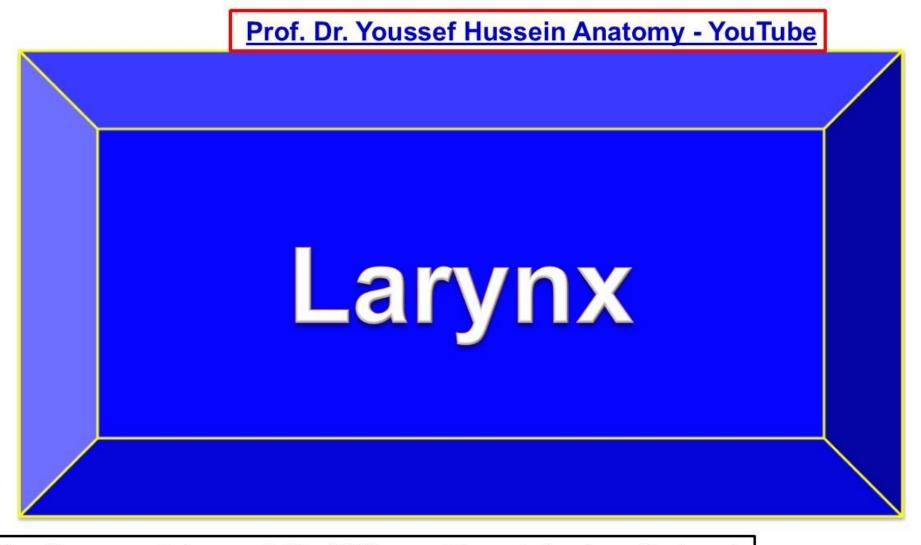


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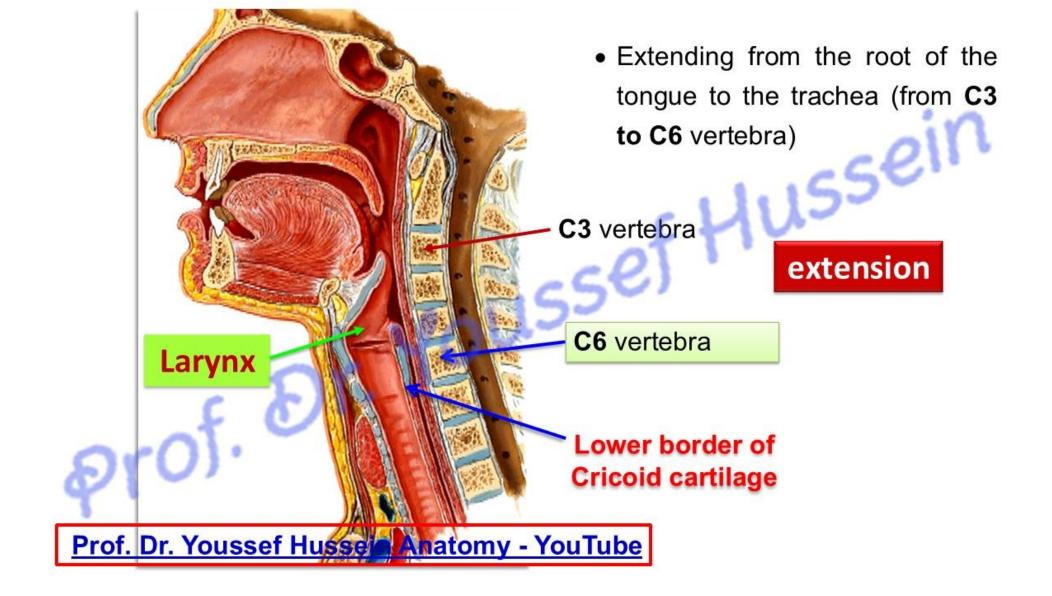
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Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

- Cartilages of the larynx
- Synovial joints of the larynx
- Membranes and ligaments of the larynx
- Cavity of the larynx
- Intrinsic muscles of the larynx
- Nerve supply of the larynx
- Clinical notes of the larynx



- The larynx is organ of voice and forms an important part of the respiratory tract
- It is formed number of cartilages which are articulated by synovial joints and connected together by ligaments and membranes and moved by number of muscles.



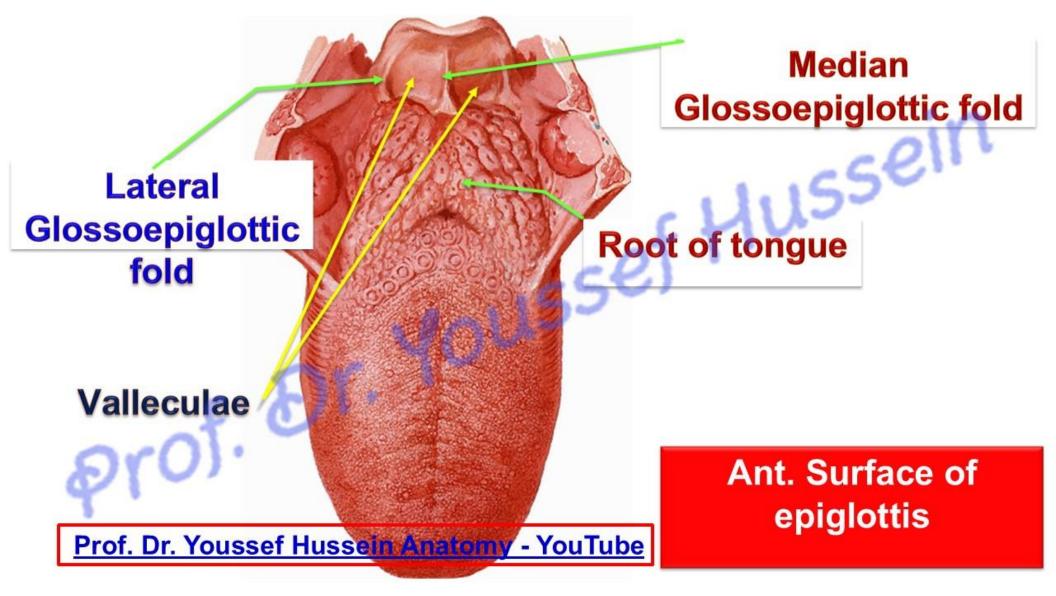
Cartilages 3 single **Epiglottis Thyroid cartilage** (Adam's apple). **Cricoid** cartilage Prof. Dr. Youssef Hussein Anatomy - YouTube

3 paired

Cuneiform cartilage

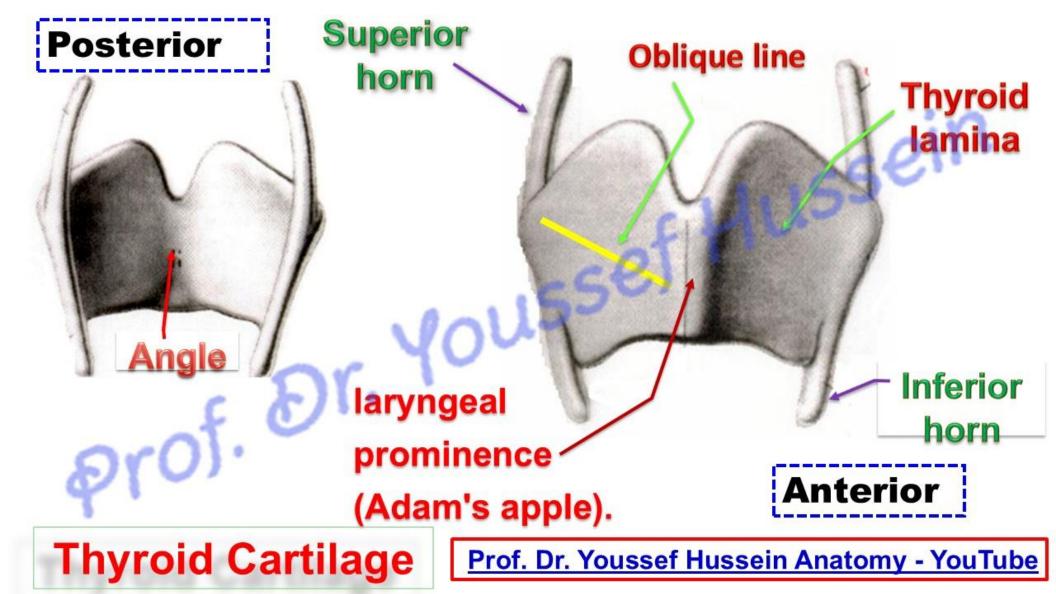
Corniculate cartilage

Arytenoid cartilage



اللهاة Epiglottis

- •It is a leaf-like lamella of elastic cartilage.
- •It projects upwards behind the tongue.
- •Its upper end is wide and free.
- •Its lower end is narrow and fixed to the inner aspect of the thyroid prominence.
- Posterior surface of the epiglottis is smooth.
- Anterior surface, is connected to the root of the tongue by:
- A median fold called median glossoepiglotic fold.
- On each side by a lateral glossoepiglotic folds.
- The depression between median and lateral folds is called vallecula أخدود. It is an important landmark during oral intubation of the trachea, hold small pools of saliva to prevent initiation of the swallowing reflex.



الدرقي (the largest one) الدرقي

- It is formed of 2 quadrilateral laminae which are separated posteriorly but united anteriorly to form the laryngeal prominence (Adam's apple).
- It is more prominent in in male (90 degree) than females (120 degree).
- The posterior border of each lamina has 2 horns:
- a) Superior Horn: attached to the hyoid bone by the lateral thyrohyoid ligament.
- b) Inferior horn: articulates with cricoid cartilage.

signet-ring shaped



Broad posterior lamina

Narrow anterior arch

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Cricoid cartilage

Arytenoid cartilage

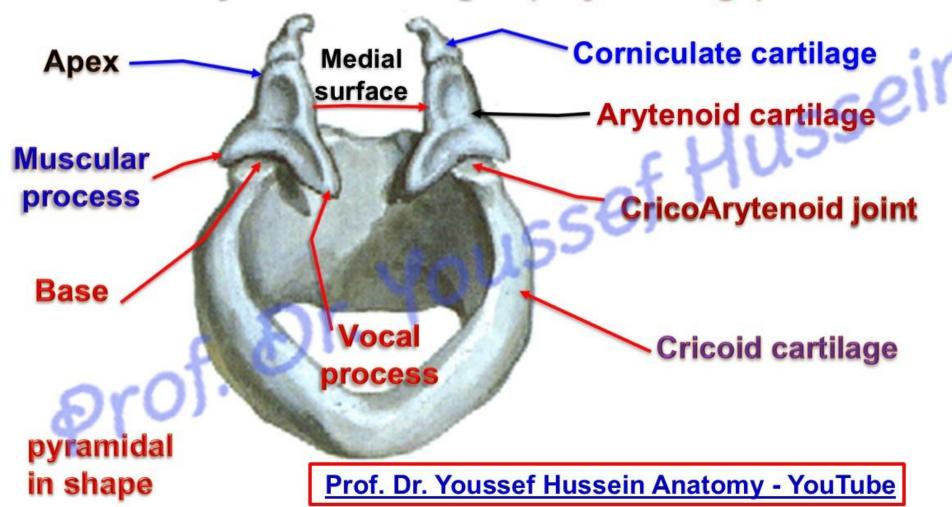
Is the only complete cartilaginous ring in the whole of air passage

Inferior horn of thyroid cartilage

• Cricoid cartilage حلقي

- It is ring-shaped having a broad lamina posteriorly and a narrow arch anteriorly.
- It lies opposite the 6th cervical vertebrae.
- It articulates with
- a- Posteriorly: upper border of the lamina articulates with two arytenoids cartilages (cricoarytenoid joint).
- b- The anterolateral aspect of the arch articulates with the inferior horn of the thyroid cartilage (cricothyroid joint).

Arytenoid cartilages (Key cartilage)



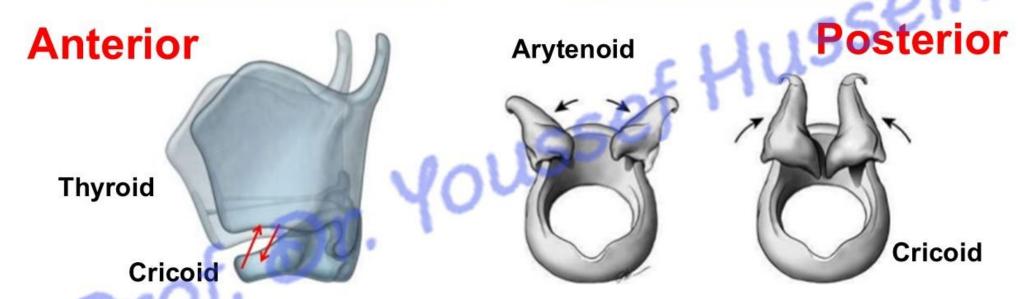
Arytenoid cartilages (Key cartilage of the larynx)

- Each one is pyramidal in shape having:
- 1) Apex (above): related to corniculate cartilage.
- 2) Base (below): articulates with cricoid cartilage
 - * Two processes project from the base;
 - a- Vocal process direct gives attachment to the vocal fold.
 - b- Muscular process gives attachment for the muscles.
 - Corniculate cartilages
 - Each one lying at the apex of the arytenoid cartilage.
 - Cuniform cartilages
 - Small cartilage nodule lying in aryepiglottic fold.

Synovial Joints of larynx

Crico-thyroid Joint

Crico-arytenoid Joint

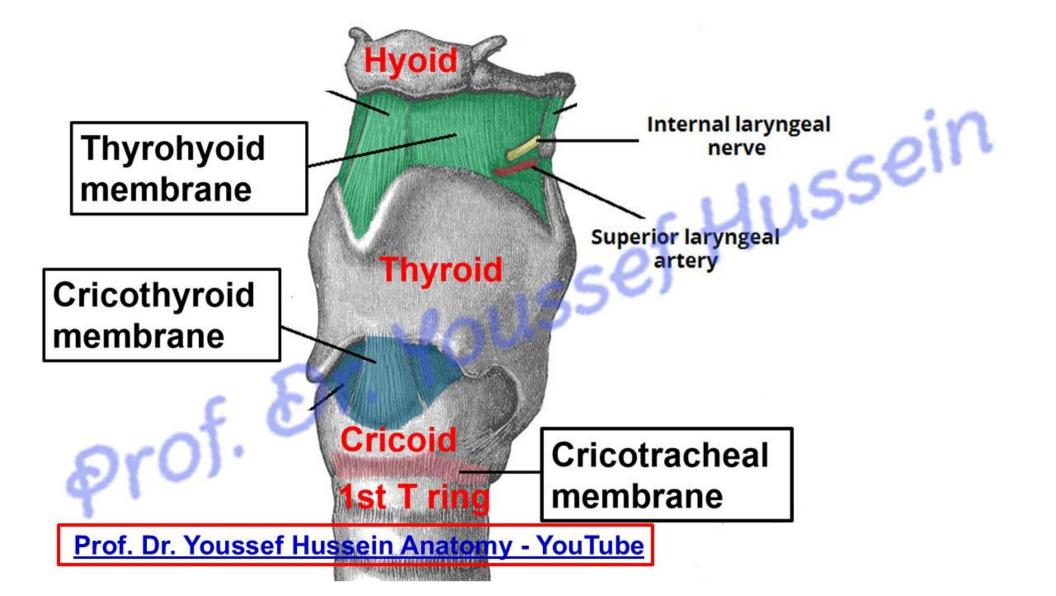


Forward and Backward of thyroid cartilage

Abduction and Adduction of vocal cord

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Membranes and ligaments of the larynx

- Thyrohyoid membrane:
- Attachment;
 - a- From the upper border of the thyroid cartilage.
 - b- To the hyoid bone.
- The membrane pierced by: internal laryngeal nerve and superior laryngeal artery.
- Cricotracheal membrane from the cricoid cartilage to the first ring of the trachea.

Conus elasticus

Vocal fold
True vocal cord

Vocal process of Arytenoid cartilage

Cricoid arch

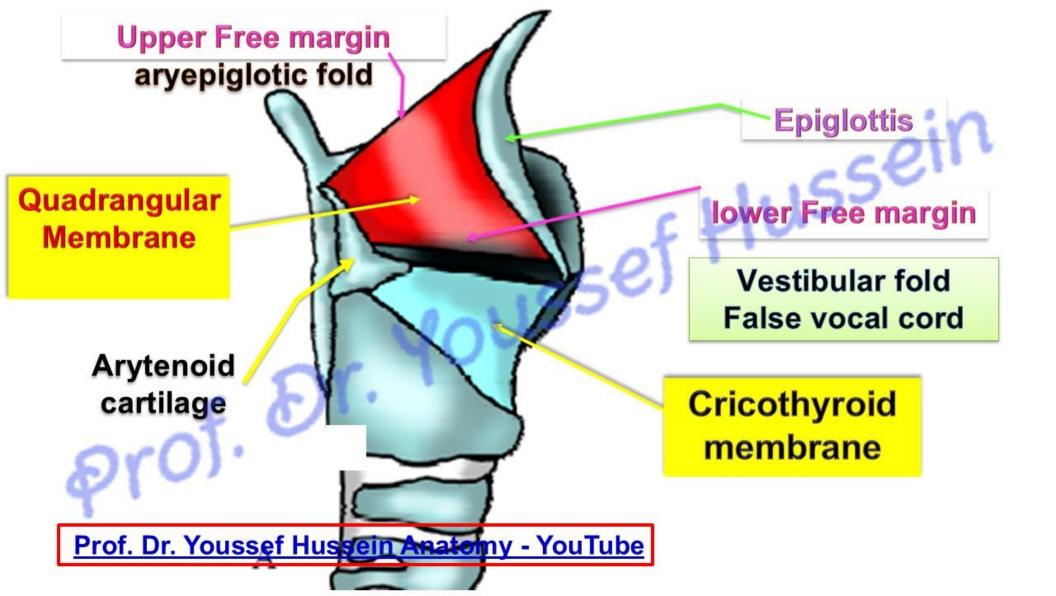
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Cricothyroid membrane

Upper free margin

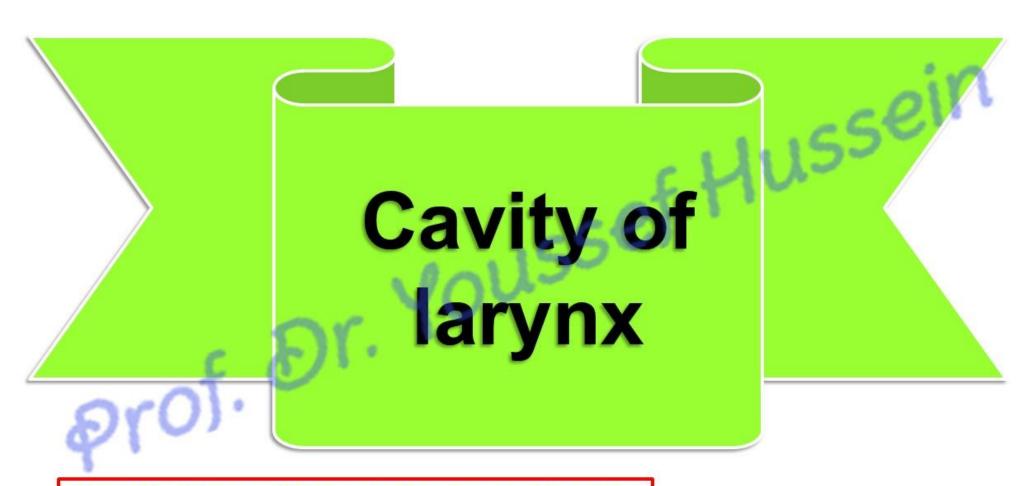
Thyroid angle

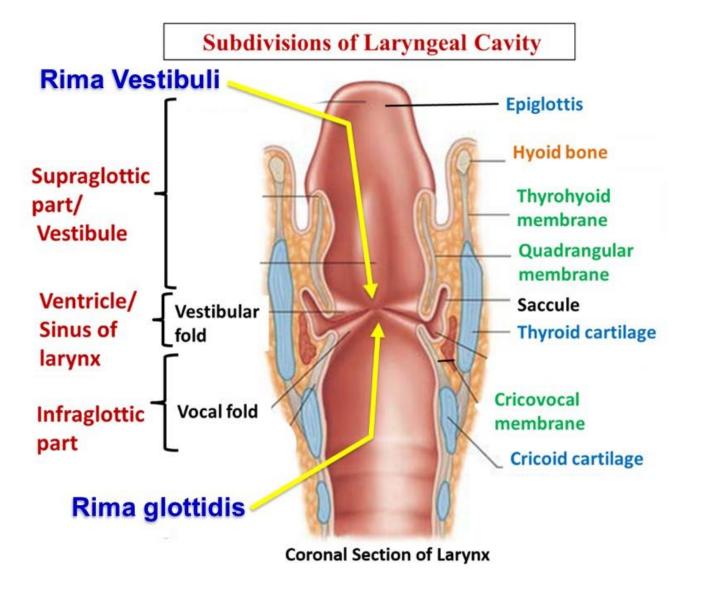
Cricothyroid membrane

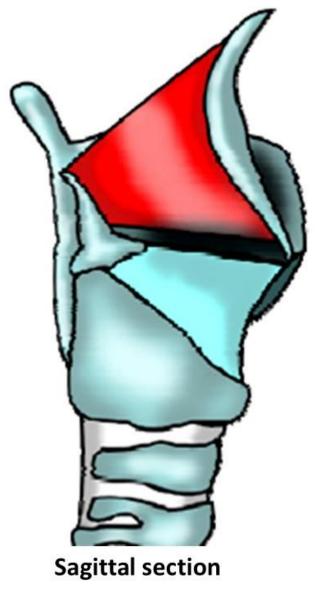


Membranes and ligaments of the larynx

- ➤ Cricothyroid membrane and ligaments (conus elasticus):
- From upper border of cricoid cartilage to lower border of thyroid cartilage.
 - The upper free border of the lateral cricothyroid membrane (Vocal fold or true vocal cord) extends between inner surface of angle of thyroid cartilage (anterior) and vocal process of arytenoid cartilage (posterior).
- ➤ Quadrangular membrane:
- Extends from epiglottis (anterior) & arytenoid cartilages (posterior).
 - a-Upper free border (aryepiglotic fold) and forms the laryngeal inlet.
 - b- Lower free border forms the vestibular fold (false vocal cord).







CAVITY OF THE LARYNX

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- Each side wall presents a pair of folds of mucous membrane.
- A- Upper folds called **vestibular folds** (false vocal cords)
- B- Lower folds called **vocal folds** (true vocal cords)
 - It is divided into 3 Compartments:
- 1. Vestibule (upper): above the vestibular folds.
- 2.Sinus or Ventricle (middle): between them.
- Saccules, one on each side, a pouch extends up from the anterior part of the sinus, between vestibular fold and thyroid cartilage
- 3. Infraglottic part: (lower) below the vocal folds.
- (1) Rima vestibuli: is the space between the 2 vestibular folds.
- (2) Rima glottidis: is the space between the 2 vocal folds.
- It is the narrowest part of the laryngeal cavity. It is more wide in male (about 23 mm)

than female (17 mm). Prof. Dr. Youssef Hussein Anatomy - YouTube



Muscles Controls the inlet of larynx

(act as sphincter of the inlet)

Oblique arytenoid muscle From muscular process of one arytenoids cartilage to apex of opposite one.

Oblique Arytenoid muscle

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Aryepiglottic muscle From arytenoids

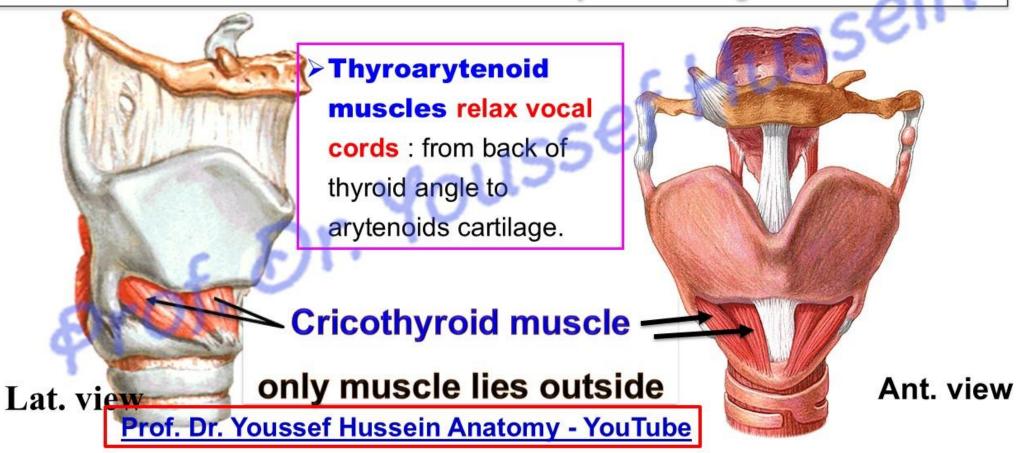
cartilage

to epiglottis

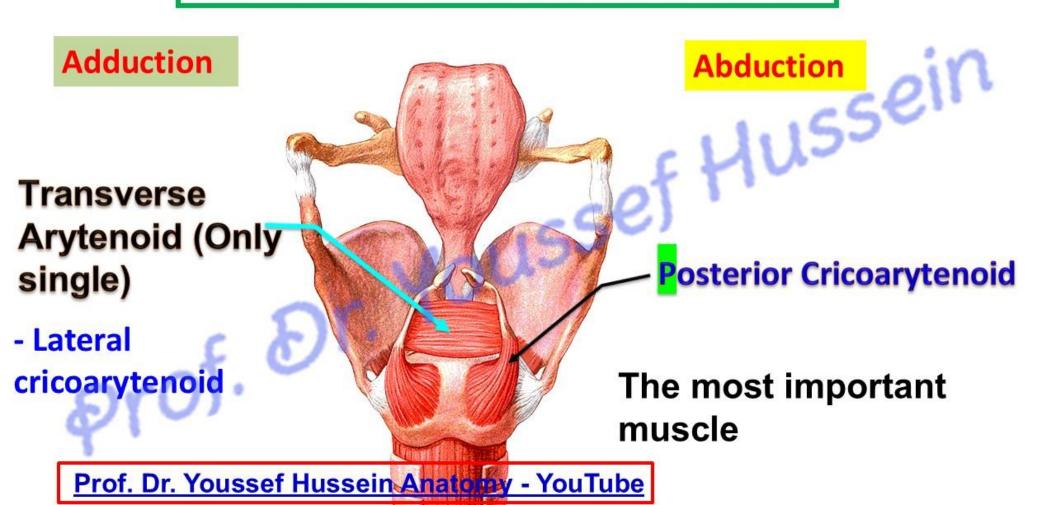
Aryepiglottic muscle

Muscles which stretch the vocal cords

Cricothyroid muscle: From the arch of cricoid cartilage to the inferior horn and lamina of the thyroid cartilage



Muscles abduct and adduct the vocal cord



Muscles which abduct the vocal cords

- * The posterior cricoarytenoid
- Origin from the posterior surface of the cricoid cartilage.
- Insertion into the muscular process of the arytenoid cartilage.
- Action; It is the most important muscle in the larynx and perhaps in the whole body, since it is the only abductor of the vocal fold (open the rima glottidis).
 - Muscles which adduct vocal cords
- (1) The lateral cricoarytenoids muscles:
- Origin from the upper border of the arch of cricoid cartilage.
- Insertion into the muscular process of the arytenoid cartilage.
 - (2) The transverse arytenoid muscle (only single).
- Origin from the posterior surface of arytenoids cartilage.
- Insertion into the posterior surface of arytenoids cartilage of the opposite side.

Epiglottis

Posterior View

Aryepiglottic fold

Corniculate cartilage

Oblique arytenoid muscle

Transverse arytenoid muscle

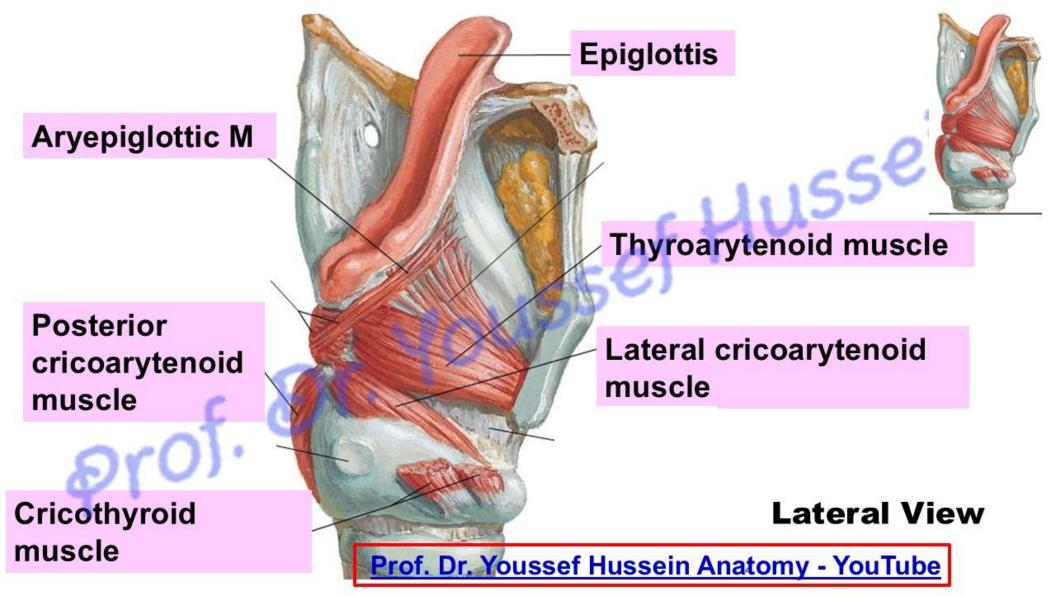
Cricoid cartilage

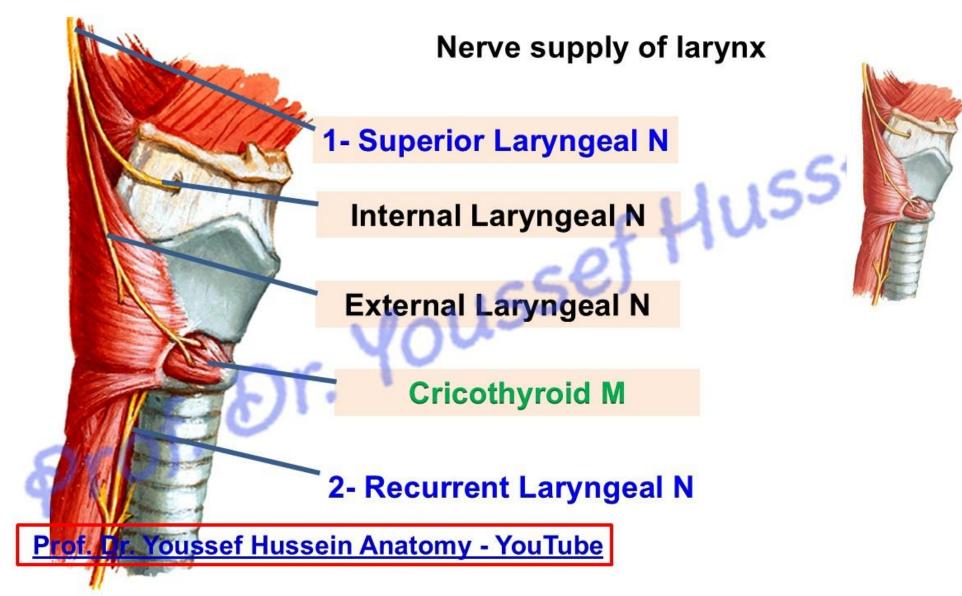
Cuneiform cartilage

Aryepiglottic muscle

Posterior cricoarytenoid muscle







NERVE SUPPLY OF THE LARYNX

(1) Motor supply

- All the intrinsic laryngeal muscles are supplied by recurrent laryngeal nerves
 except cricothyroid muscle is supplied by external laryngeal nerve.
- (2) Sensory supply to the mucous membrane :
 - a- Internal laryngeal nerve above the vocal cords.
 - b- Recurrent laryngeal nerve below the vocal cords.
- Left recurrent laryngeal nerve hooks around ligamentum arteriosum (longer than right)
- Right hooks around the 1st part of subclavian artery

Blood supply

- 1-Superior laryngeal A from superior thyroid A (ECA)
- 2- Inferior laryngeal A from inferior thyroid A (subclavian A)

Paralysis of the laryngeal nerves

1- Paralysis of the external laryngeal nerve

- The nerve is closely related to superior thyroid artery, So it is liable to injury during thyroidectomy leading to paralysis of cricothyroid muscle (legate artery at upper pole of the gland)
- a- Unilateral injury leading to hoarsens of voice.
- b- Bilateral injury; leading to loss of voice (aphonia)

2- Paralysis of the recurrent laryngeal nerve

- The nerve is closely related to inferior thyroid artery, So it is liable to injury during thyroidectomy (legate the artery away from the gland).
- **a- Unilateral Injury:** vocal fold midway between abduction and adduction, speech is not greatly affected because the other fold compensates and move to the affected fold).
- b- Bilateral Injury: Both folds in the midway leading to dyspnea (suffocation due to narrowing of rima glottidis), stridor and snoring.

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