

Development of Nose and Paranasal Sinuses

Frontonasal Process

- The upper part forms the frontal bone.
- The lower part forms the nasal process.

At the **4th** week, two nasal placodes (two **ectodermal** swellings) develop in the lower border of the nasal process. Two nasal pits (nostrils) appear in the nasal placodes, dividing the nasal process into:

- Two lateral nasal processes → form the **ala of the nose**.
- Two medial nasal processes → unite with each other in the **midline** forming the **median nasal process**.

Structures Derived from the Median Nasal Process

1. Part of the **nasal septum**.
2. **Philtrum** (middle part) of the upper lip.
3. **Premaxilla** (upper jaw that carries the **4 incisor teeth**).
4. **Primary palate**.

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Formation of Nasal and Oral Cavities

- At first, the **primitive nasal cavity** is continuous with the mouth cavity.
- Later, the nasal cavity is separated from the mouth cavity **by the secondary palate**, forming the **definitive nasal cavity**.
- The definitive nasal cavity is divided into two cavities by the nasal septum.
- **Nasal conchae (turbinates)** develop as bony projections from the **lateral** wall of the nose.

Development of Paranasal Sinuses

- Develop as outpouchings from the mucous membrane of the **lateral** wall of the nose.
- They extend into the **maxilla**, **ethmoid**, **frontal**, and **sphenoid** bones during childhood and early adult life.

Congenital Anomalies of the Nose

- **Arhinia**: due to bilateral absence of nasal placodes. *nasal aplasia*
- **Half nose**: due to unilateral absence of nasal placode.
- **Polyrhinia**: due to duplication of the median nasal process.
- **Oblique facial cleft**: due to failure of fusion of the **maxillary process** with the **lateral nasal process**.

Development of Larynx, Trachea, Bronchi, and Lungs

Formation of Tracheoesophageal Septum

- The tracheoesophageal folds **approximate and fuse** with each other, forming the tracheoesophageal septum.
- This septum divides the tube into:
- **Ventral part**: **respiratory diverticulum (laryngotracheal tube)**.
- **Dorsal part**: **foregut, pharynx, and esophagus**.

Development of the Larynx

- **Mucosa**: from the **cranial part** of the laryngotracheal tube.
- **Cartilages** and **muscles**: from the **mesoderm** of the **4th and 6th** pharyngeal arches.

Development of the Trachea

- **Mucosa**: from the **caudal part** of the laryngotracheal tube.
- **Cartilages**: from the **mesoderm** around the laryngotracheal tube.

Development of the **Bronchi**

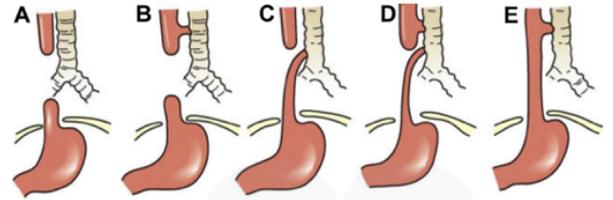
- **The lower end** of the laryngotracheal tube divides into two bronchial buds, forming the **right and left bronchi**.
- **Cartilages**: from the **mesoderm** around the buds.

Congenital Anomalies of the **Tracheoesophageal Septum**

An abnormal opening between the esophagus and trachea is caused by **failure of complete closure** of the tracheoesophageal septum.

Types of Fistula:

1. **Proximal part of esophagus ends** as a blind sac, **distal part continues with trachea**. (Most common type)
2. **Proximal part of esophagus continues** with trachea, **distal part ends as a blind sac**.
3. **Proximal and distal parts** of esophagus continue with trachea separately.
4. **Proximal and distal parts** continue with trachea by a single tube (**fistula**).



Development of the Lungs

- Each bronchus divides repeatedly forming bronchioles and alveoli.
- **Blood capillaries** and **connective tissue** develop from the **mesoderm**.
- **No** mature alveoli before birth.
- Alveoli are lined by:
 - **Type I pneumocytes**: for gas exchange.
 - **Type II pneumocytes**: secrete surfactant to lower surface tension.
- **Macrophages**: for the immune system.
- **Epithelial barrier cells**.
- The amount of **surfactant increases** especially during the **first two weeks after birth**.
- The fluid in the alveoli is absorbed, and alveoli expand with air after birth.

Congenital Anomalies of the Lungs

- **Agenesis of one or both lungs**: due to **failure of bronchial buds to develop** (rare).
- **Abnormal number** of lung lobes: due to **abnormal division of bronchial buds**.
- Congenital **cysts** of the lung: **single or multiple** → **honeycomb** appearance in X-ray.
- **Congenital collapse of the lung (Respiratory Distress Syndrome of the neonate)**:
 - Due to **absence of surfactant**.
 - One of the common causes of **death in premature infants**.



Development of Ribs

Two processes grow **laterally** from each vertebra:

1. **Transverse (posterior) process**
2. **Costal (anterior) process**

Fate of the **Costal Process**:

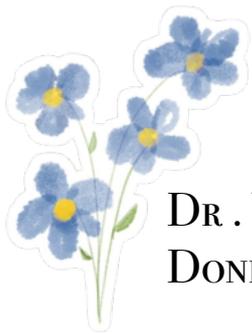
- **Cervical region**: fuses with the transverse process around the vertebral vessel → **forms foramen transversarium** in each cervical vertebra.
- **Thoracic region**: elongates to form the ribs and their cartilages.
- **Lumbar and sacral vertebrae**: fuses with the transverse process.

Cervical Rib

- Continuation of the **costal process** of the **7th cervical vertebra (C7)**.
- Found in approximately **0.5% to 1%** of the population.
- Most people are **asymptomatic**.

Possible Effects:

1. **Pressure on subclavian artery** → **ischemia of upper limb**.
2. **Stretch on lower trunk of brachial plexus** → **Klumpke's paralysis**:
 - **Tingling and numbness** along the **ulnar border** of **forearm and hand**.
 - **Wasting of small hand muscles**, inability to perform **fine movements**.



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