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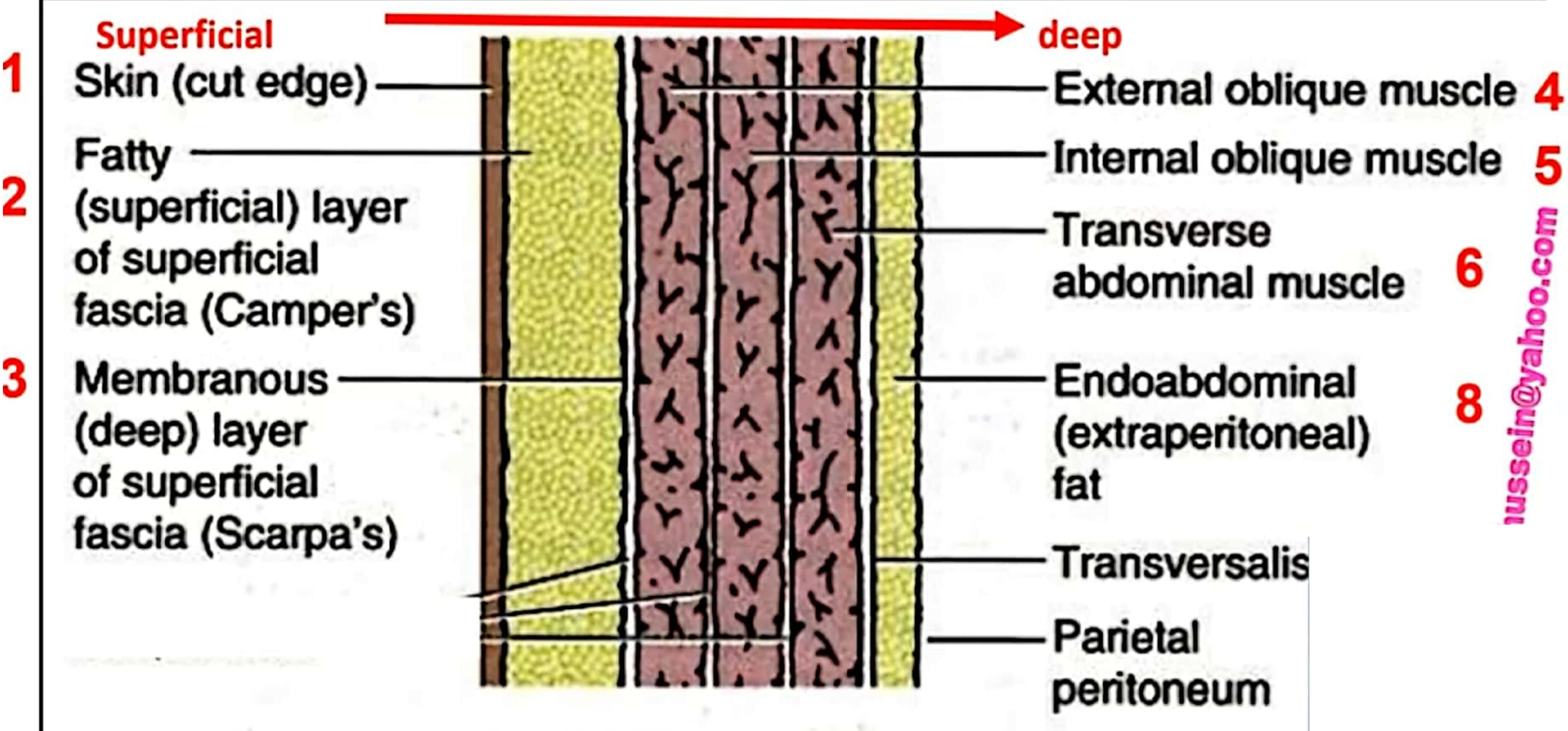
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**Anterior abdominal
wall**

Layers of the anterior abdominal wall



Umbilicus

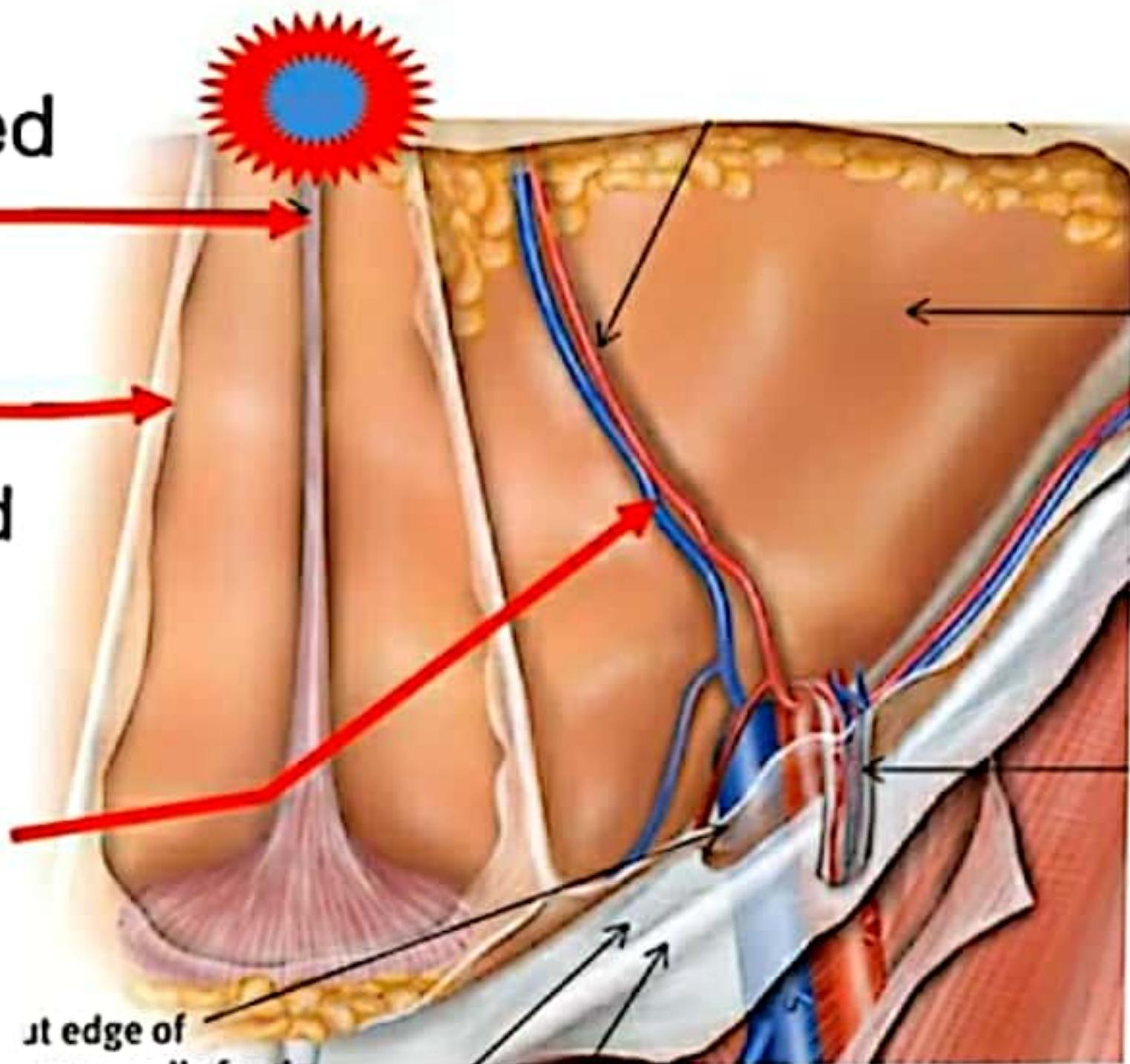
- It is a depressed wrinkled scar formed by the separation of the umbilical cord.
- **Position**, in the linea alba.
- **Nerve supply T 10**

Ligamentum teres of liver
obliterated left umbilical vein

Median umbilical ligament obliterated urachus

Medial umbilical ligaments obliterated
2 umbilical arteries

Lateral umbilical ligaments on the inferior epigastric vessels



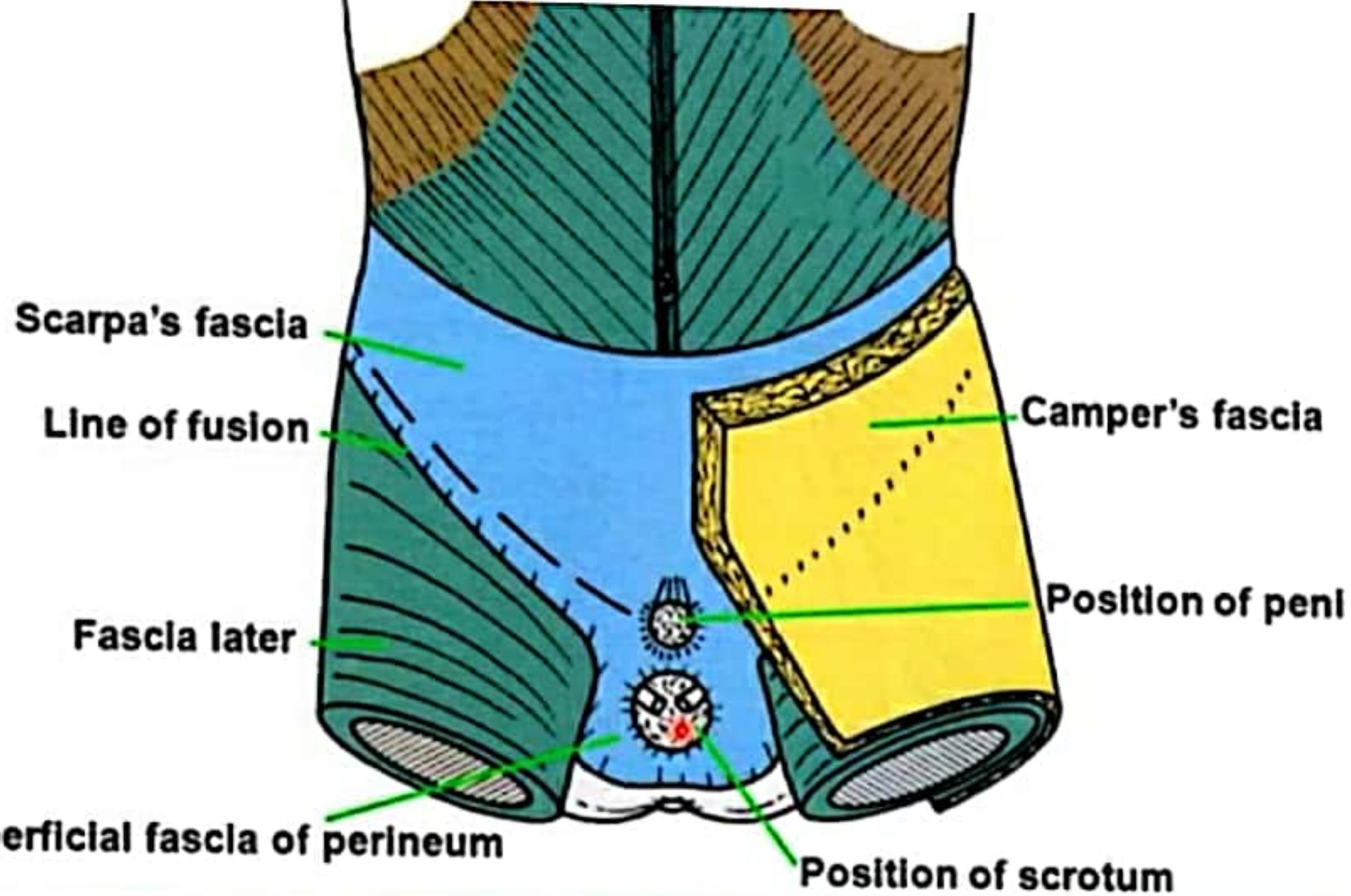
❖ Superficial fascia

Below umbilicus, it is differentiated into;

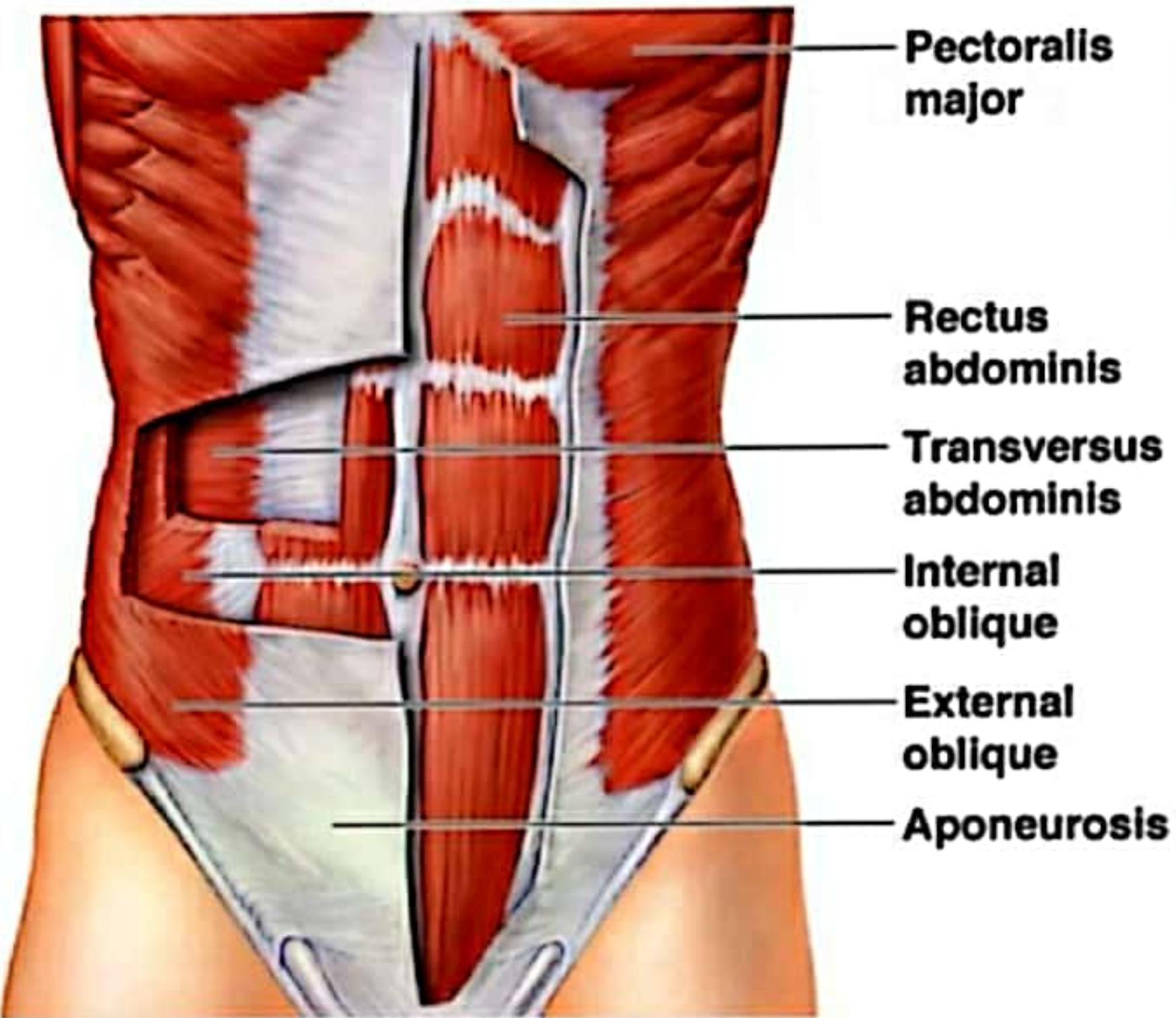
- 1- **Superficial fatty layer** (Camper's fascia) continuous with superficial fascia of thigh.
- 2- **Deep membranous layer** (Scarpa's fascia) fuses with deep fascia of thigh along a horizontal line **below** inguinal ligament.

- **In male:** continuous over dorsum of **penis** and scrotum.
- **In female,** continuous into the **labia majora**.

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❖ **No fatty layer in the penis and scrotum,**
It is replaced by **dartos muscle** that responsible for wrinkling of scrotum to maintain correct spermatogenesis, it is innervated by **sym** genital branch of genitofemoral nerve



Pectoralis
major

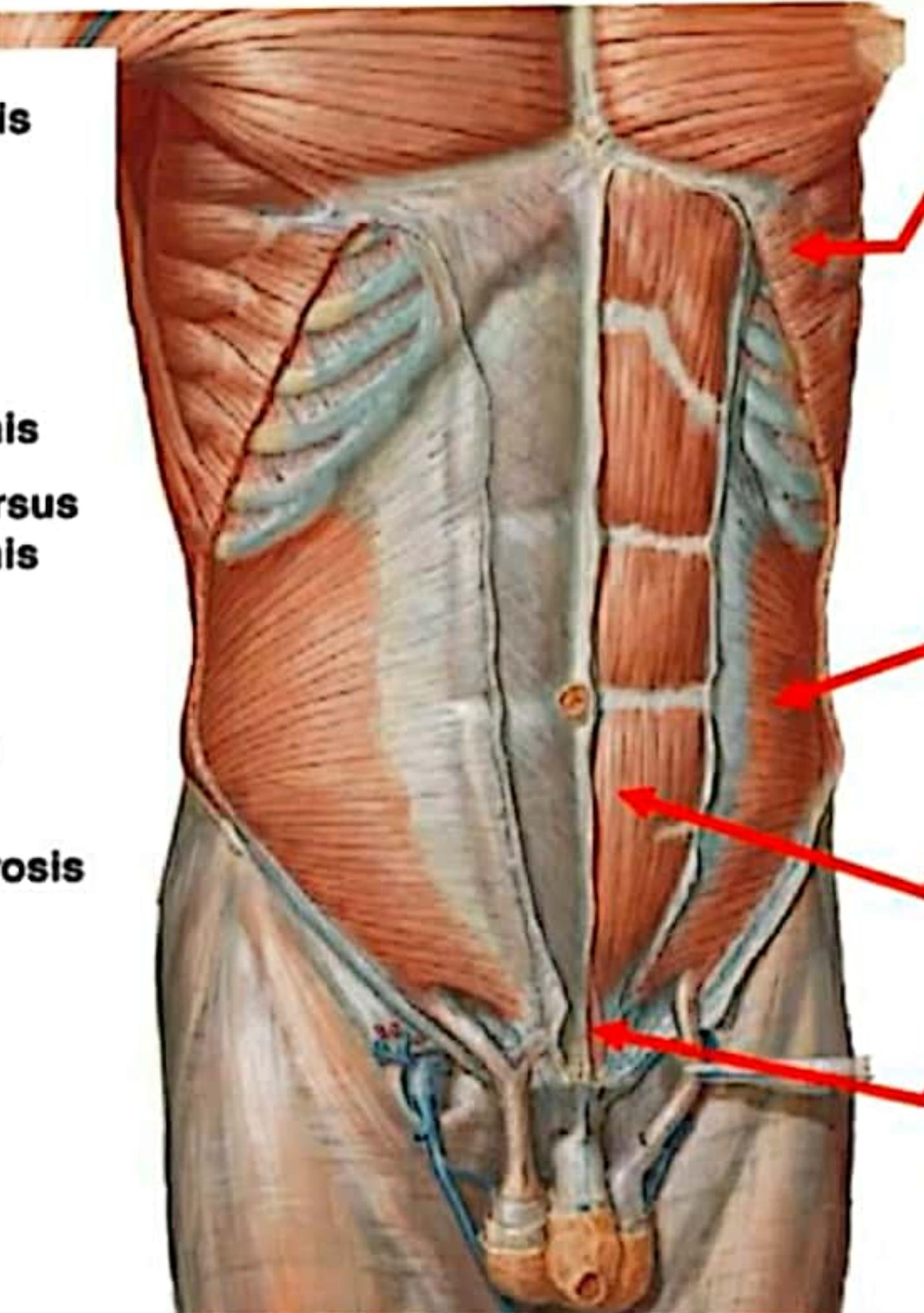
Rectus
abdominis

Transversus
abdominis

Internal
oblique

External
oblique

Aponeurosis



External
abdominal
oblique

Internal
abdominal
oblique

Rectus
abdominus

Pyramidalis

❖ External abdominal oblique

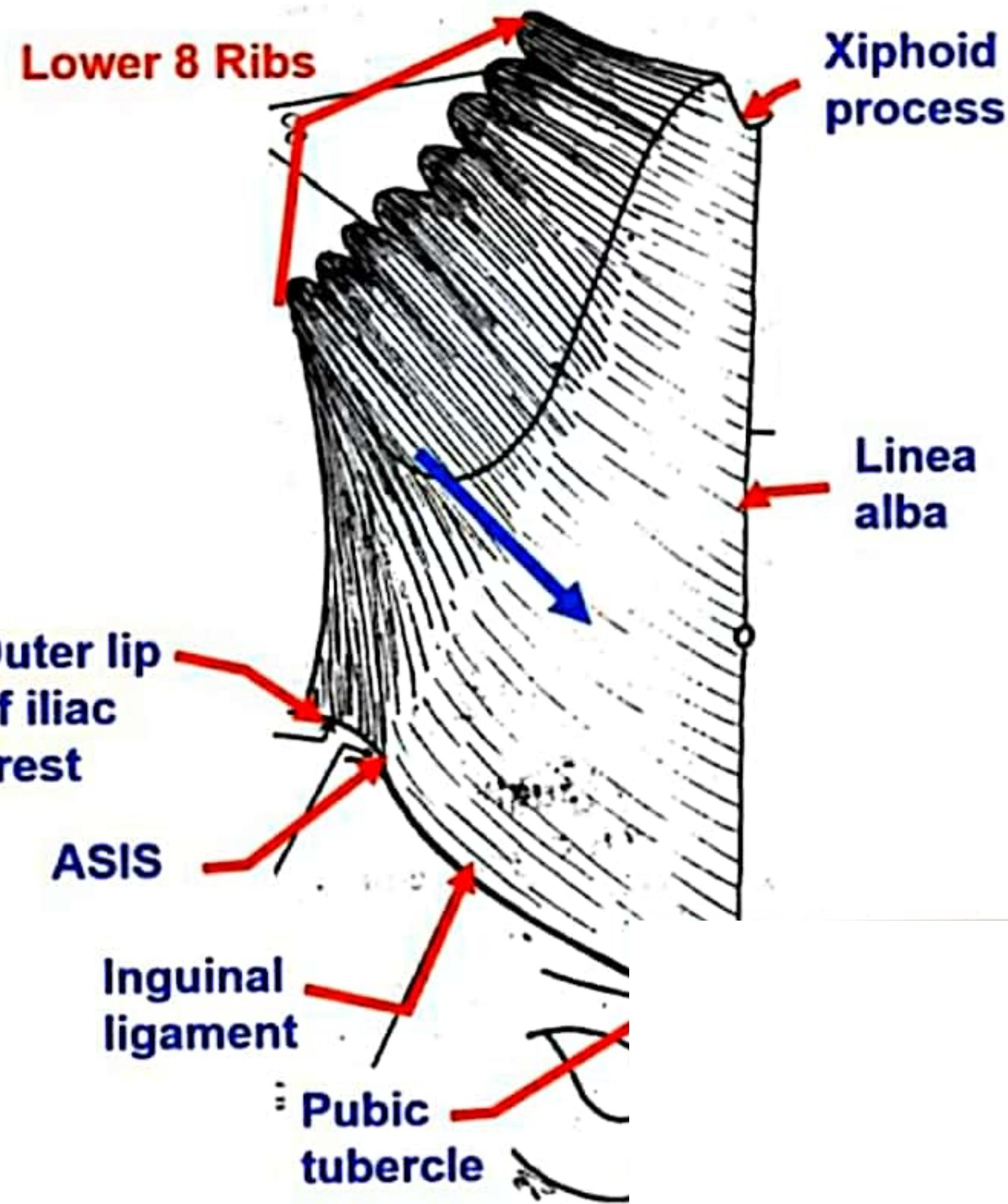
** Origin, by fleshy digitations from lower 8 ribs.

- The upper interdigitate with serratus anterior while the lower interdigitate with latissimus dorsi

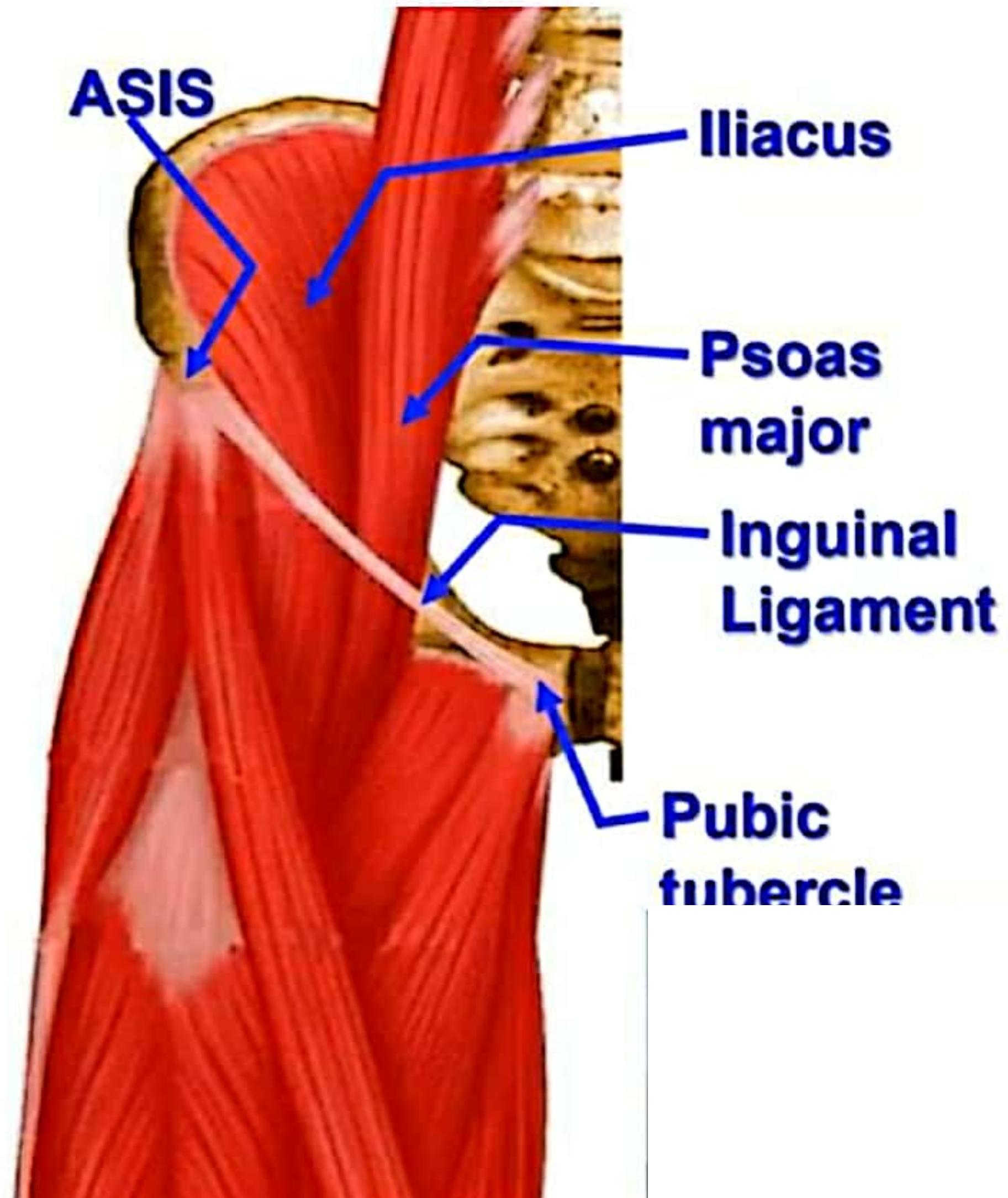
** Insertion;

- 1) Xiphoid process.
- 2) Linea Alba
- 3) Pubic crest.
- 4) Pubic tubercle.
- 5) Anterior superior iliac spine
- 6) Anterior 1/2 of outer lip of iliac crest.

** Direction of fibers, downward, forward and medially.



- **Inguinal (Poupart's) Ligament**
- This is the lower border of the external abdominal oblique aponeurosis.
- The muscle folded upward backwards upon itself.
- It is convex downward due to traction by the deep fascia.
- **Attachments,**
 - **Medially:** pubic tubercle.
 - **Laterally:** anterior superior iliac spine.



**** Midpoint of inguinal ligament:**

midway between anterior superior iliac spine and pubic tubercle.

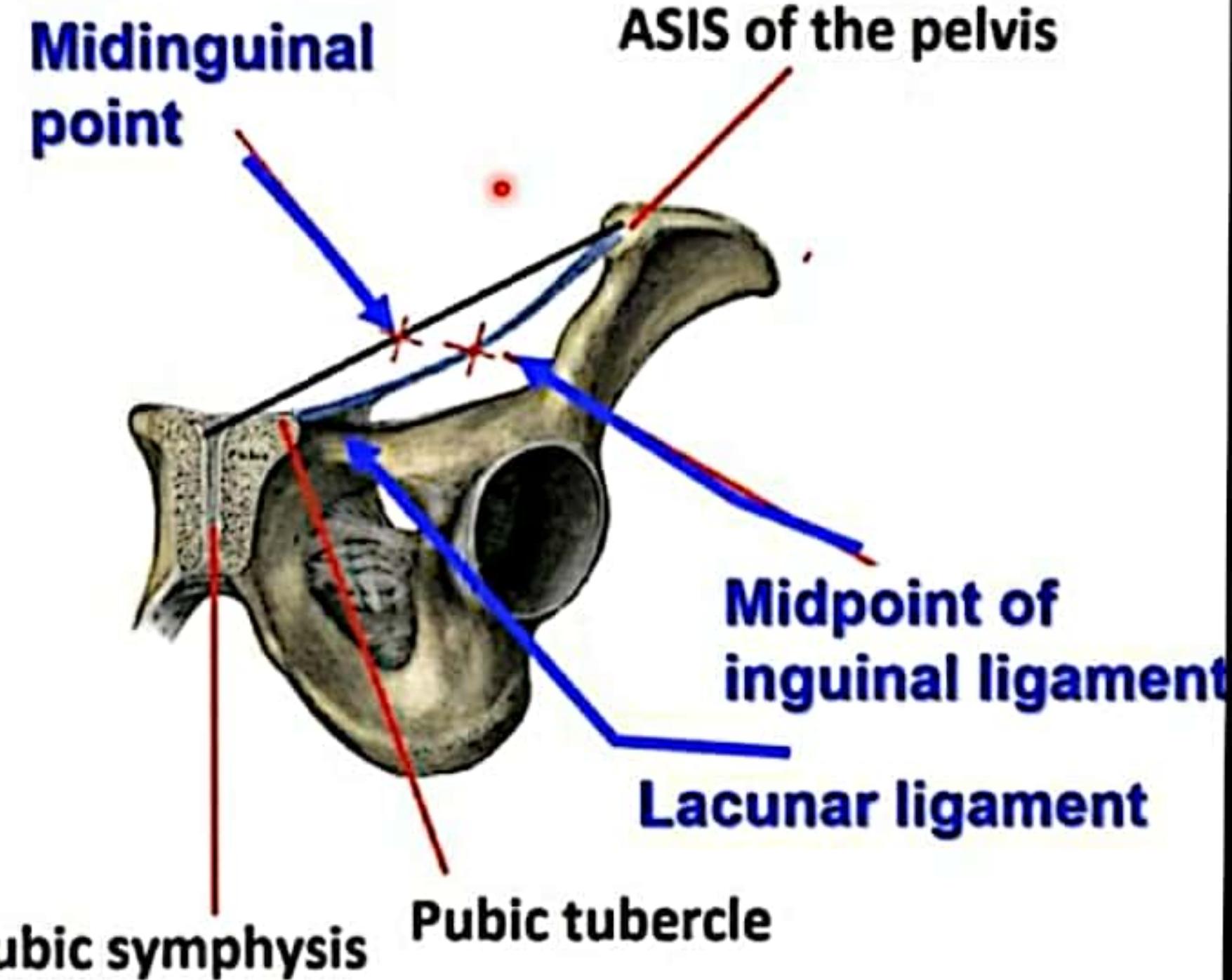
N.B: we detect **pubic tubercle** by adducting the thigh against resistance and follow tendon of adductor longus muscle.

**** Midinguinal point:** midway between anterior superior iliac spine and symphysis pubis.

- **Lacunar ligament**, triangular medial part of the inguinal ligament.

- a- **Apex** attached to the pubic tubercle.

- b- **Base** is a sharp free and forms **medial boundary of the femoral ring**



❖ **Internal abdominal oblique muscle**

** **Origin;** a linear origin from the

1) Lateral 2/3 of the upper surface of the inguinal ligament.

2) Anterior 2/3 of the intermediate line of the iliac crest.

3) Thoraco-lumbar fascia.

** **Insertion;** into the

1) Lower 6 costal cartilage.

2) Xiphoid process.

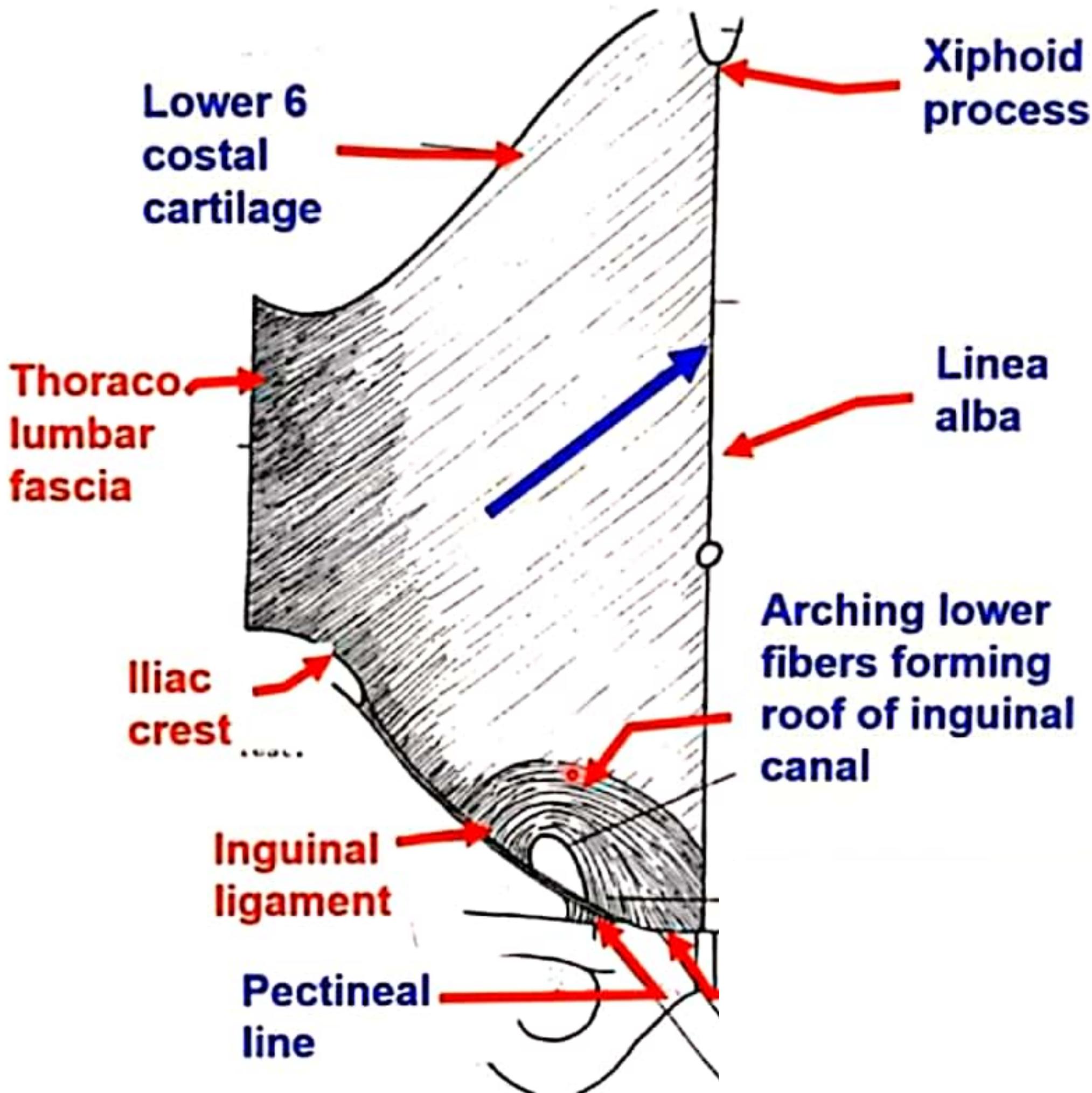
3) Linea Alba.

4) Pubic crest.

5) Pectineal line.

** **Direction of the fibers;** upward, forward and medially.

- The lower fibers arch to form the roof of the **inguinal canal**.

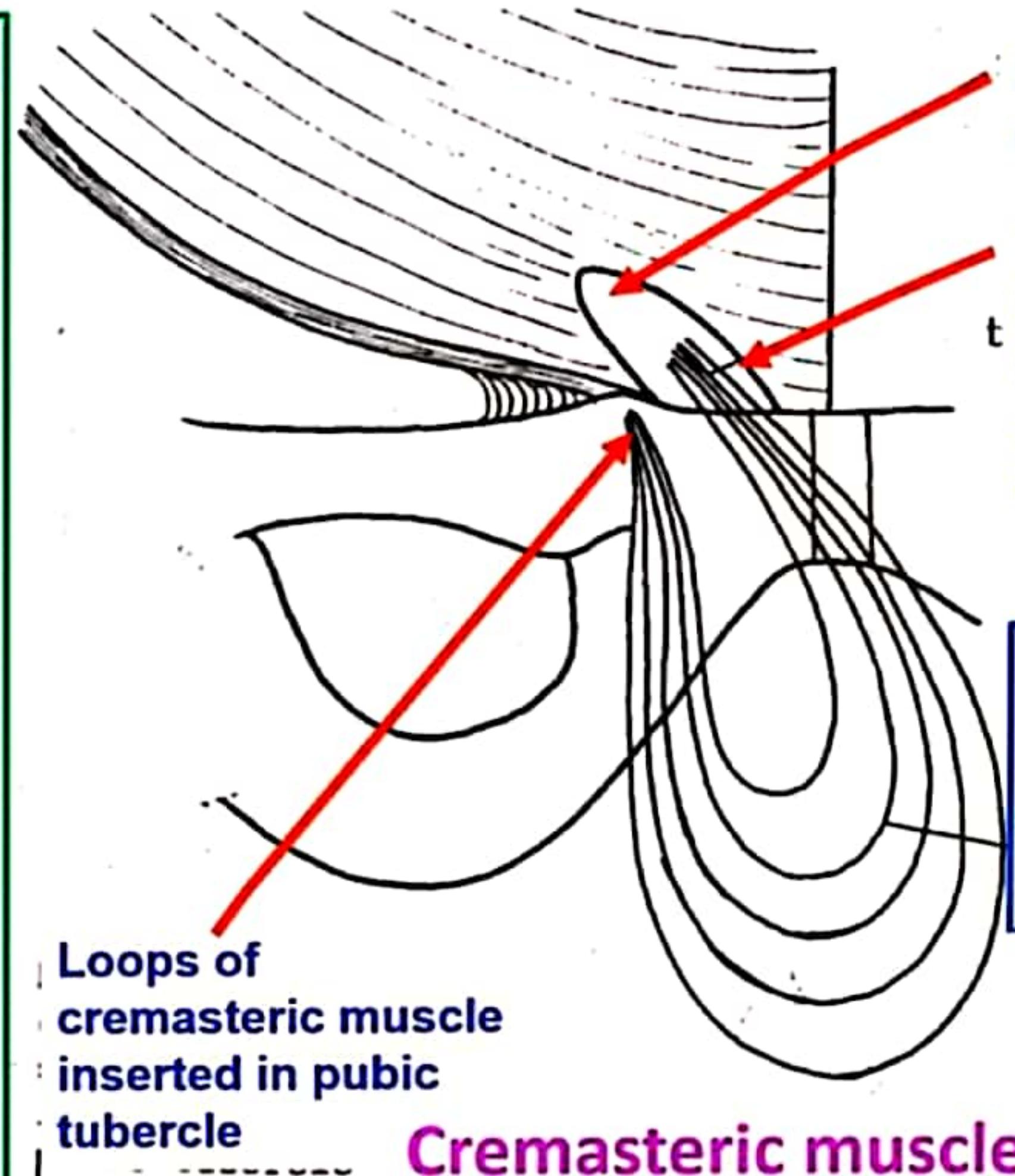


** Nerve supply; genital branch of genitofemoral nerve.

** Action; raises testes to bring them closer to warmer groin region acting in environment with a colder temperature Involuntary but can also be contracted voluntarily

** Cremasteric reflex;

- Scratching of upper part of medial side of thigh (femoral branch of genitofemoral N) leads to upward retraction of the testis.



Superficial inguinal ring
Loop of cremasteric muscle takes origin from internal oblique inside inguinal canal

Cremasteric muscle is well developed in male but in female is smaller and found in the round ligament of uterus

❖ **Transversus abdominus muscle**

** **Origin;** a linear origin from the

- 1) Lateral 1/3 of the upper surface of inguinal ligament.
- 2) Anterior 2/3 of the inner lip of the iliac crest.
- 3) Thoraco-lumbar fascia.
- 4) Lower 6 costal cartilages.

** **Insertion;** into the

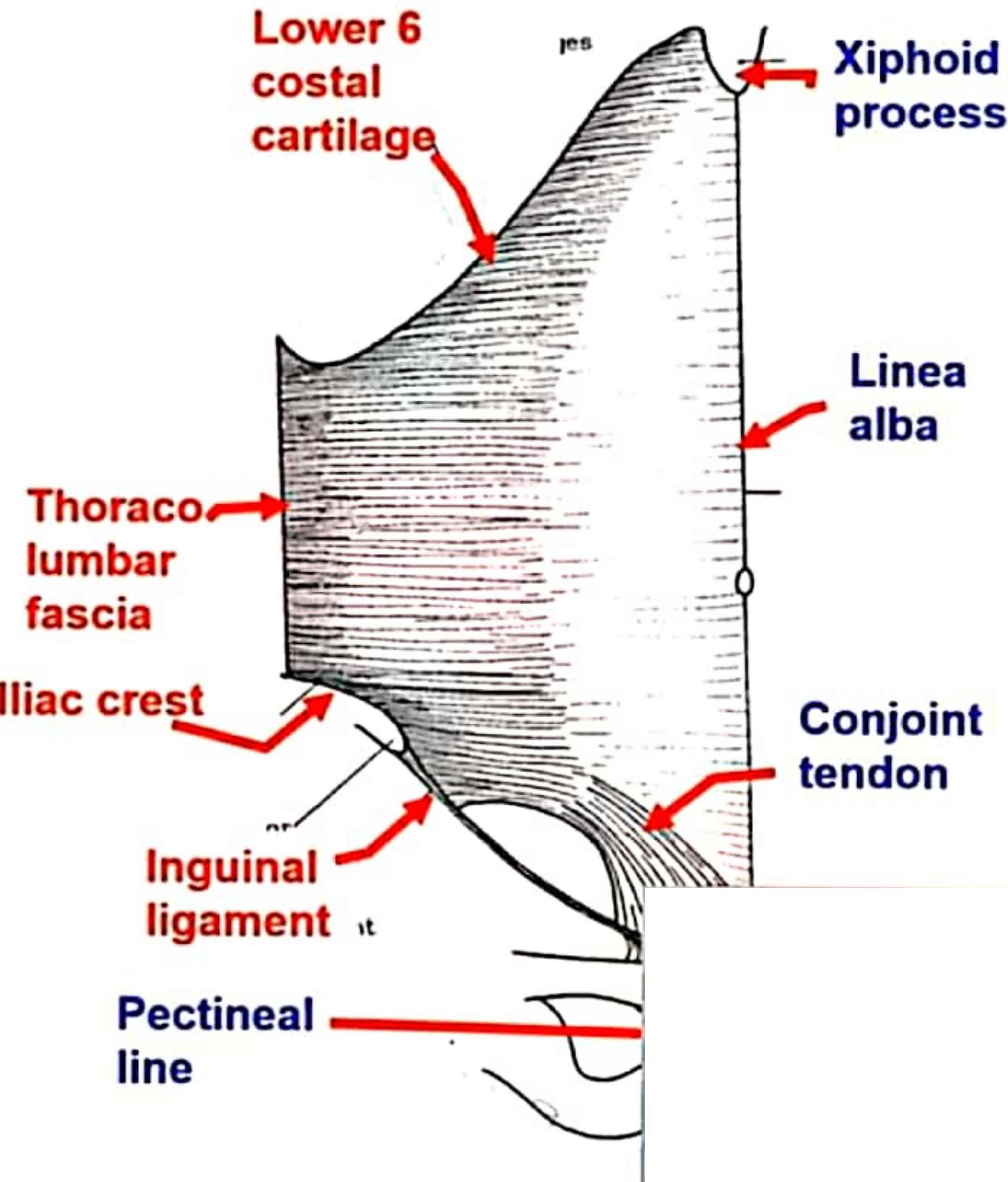
- 1) Xiphoid process. 2) Linea alba.
- 3) Pubic crest. 4) Pectineal line.

** **Direction of fibers;** horizontal direction.

** **Conjoint Tendon (falx inguinalis);**

- It is formed by the fusion of the lower arched fibers of the internal oblique and transversus abdominus.

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**** Nerve supply;**

- Lower 5 intercostal and subcostal nerves, Iliohypogastric and ilioinguinal nerves.

**** Actions**

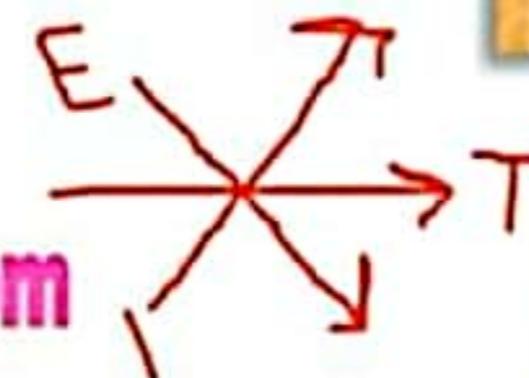
- 1- **Protection** of the abdominal viscera against external trauma.
- 2- **Increase** intra-abdominal pressure during defecation, vomiting, labor.
- 3- **Keep** abdominal viscera in position.
- 4- **Forced expiration** as in cough.



**intercostal
nerve**

**Ilioinguinal
nerve**

Ilio

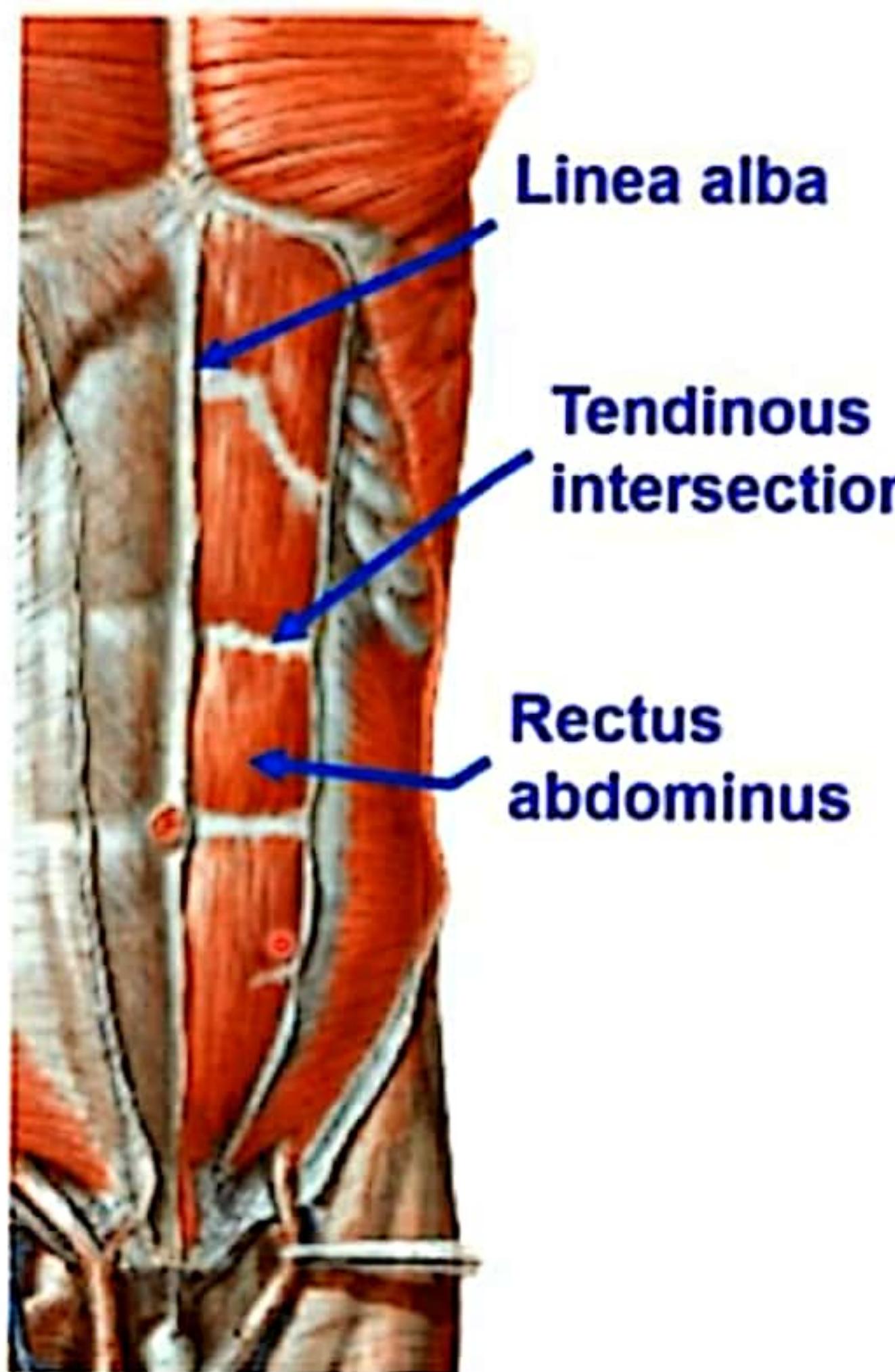


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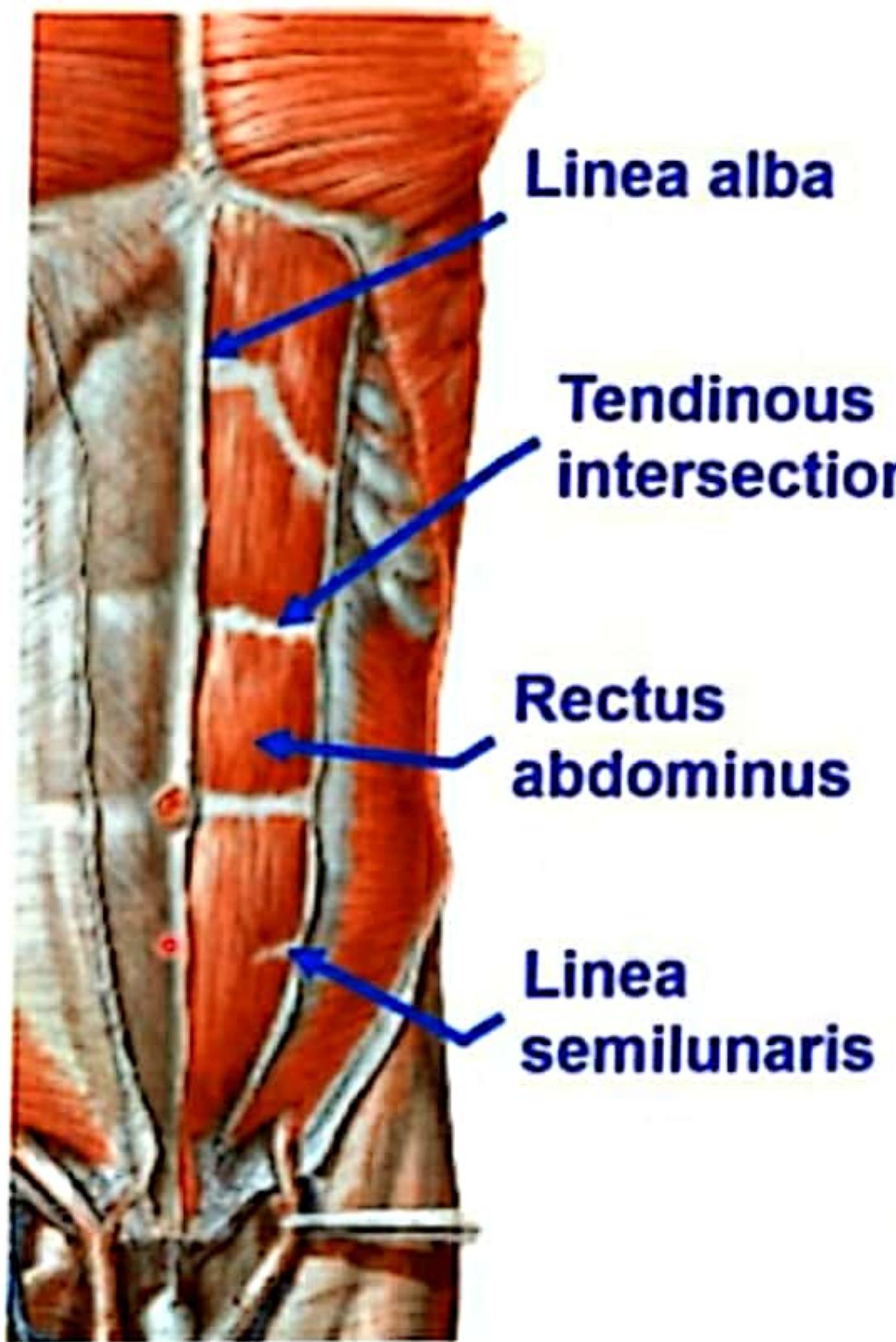


Rectus abdominus
muscles

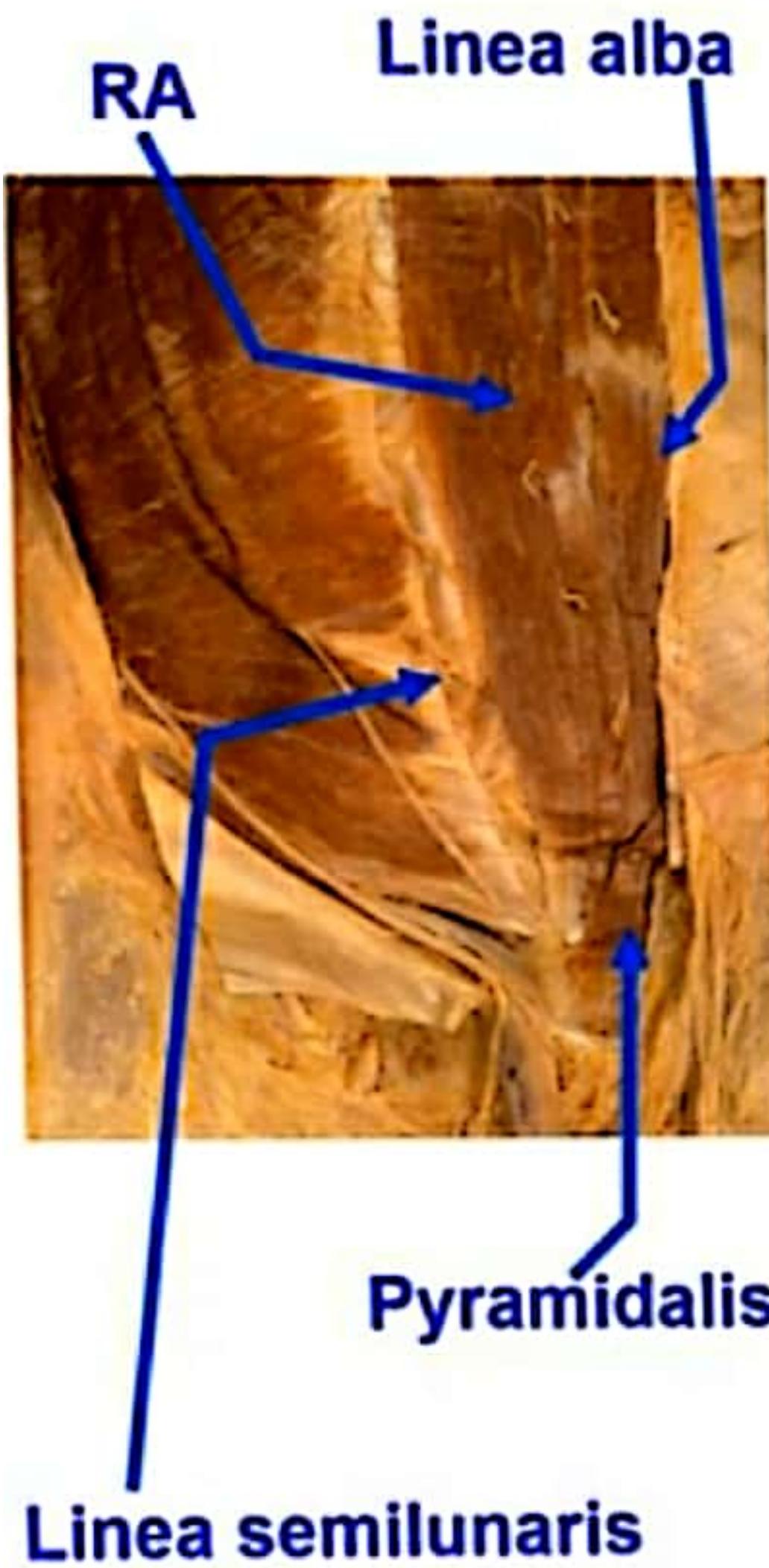


- **Rectus Abdominus**

- **Origin:** pubic crest and pubic tubercle
- **Insertion:** 5,6 and 7 costal cartilages and xiphoid process
- **Nerve supply:** lower 5 intercostal and subcostal nerves
- **Actions;** Flexion of the trunk
- **Tendinous intersections**
 - Transverse tendinous bands in the muscle at;
 - a- Tip of the xiphoid process.
 - b- Midway between umbilicus and xiphoid process.
 - c- At the umbilicus.
 - d- Midway between umbilicus and symphysis pubis.
 - They are seen **only on anterior surface**
- **The tendinous intersection** limit fluid beneath the anterior rectus sheath, prevent rupture, and aid in the biomechanics of



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- **Pyramidalis muscle**

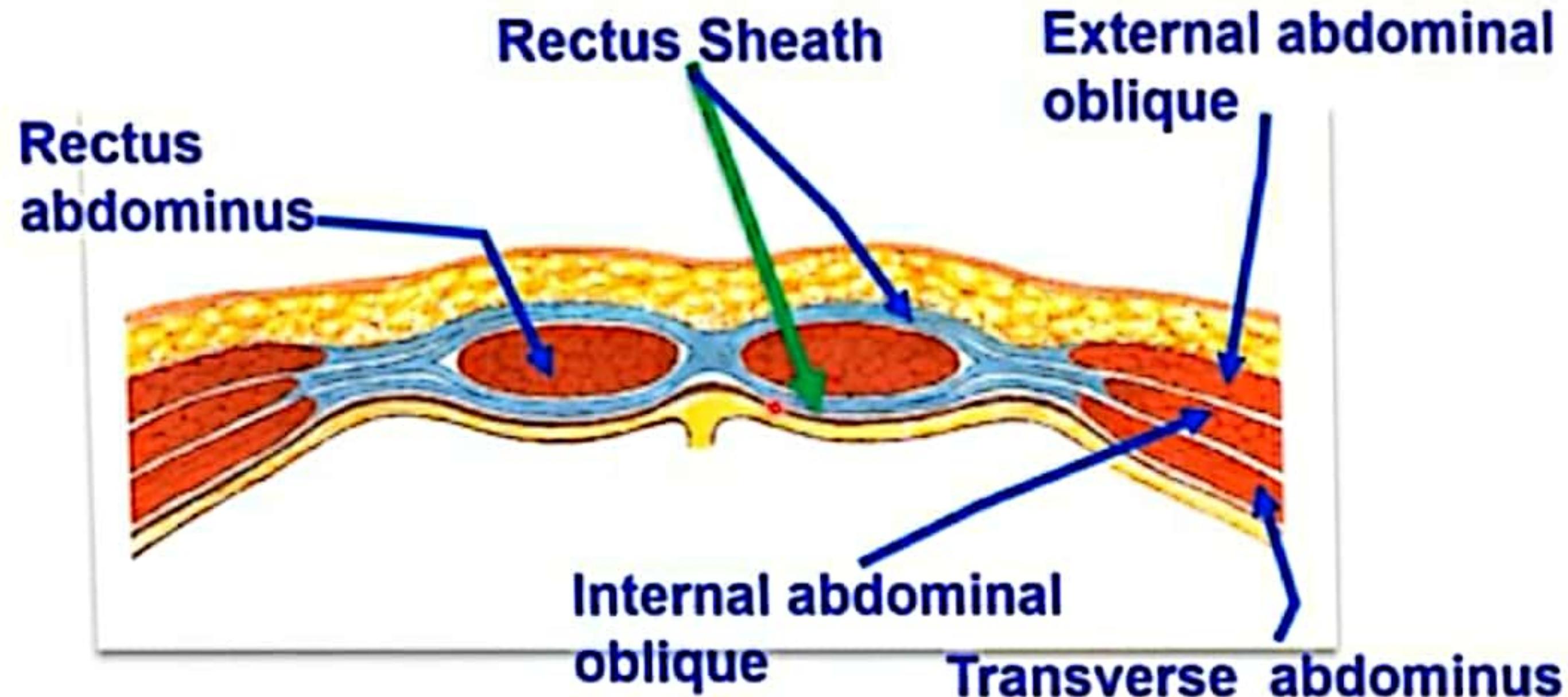
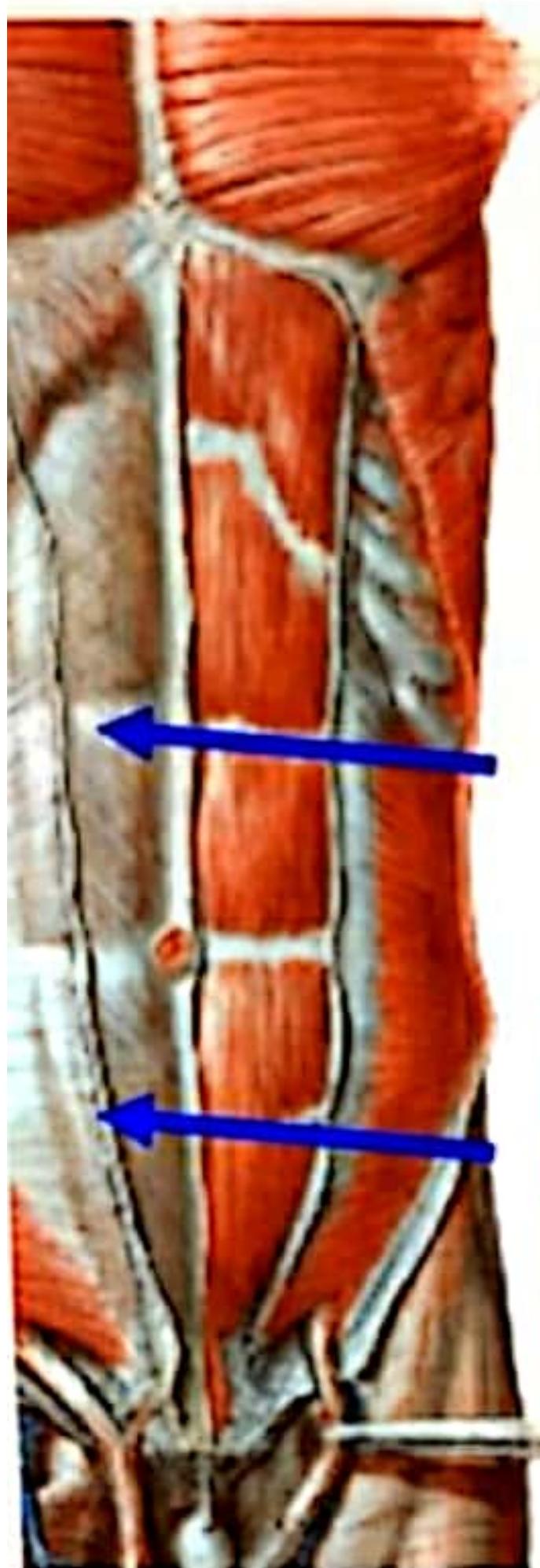
- This is a small triangular muscle inside the rectus sheath and in front of the rectus abdominus muscle.
- It may be absent.
- **Origin**; from the pubic crest.
- **Insertion**; into the linea Alba.
- **Action**: It tenses the linea alba
- **Nerve supply**: subcostal nerve
- It is used to determine midline and location of the linea alba during caesarean section
- **Linea Alba (bloodless)** strong tendinous band in middle extending from xiphoid process to the symphysis pubis
- **Linea semilunaris**; shallow curved groove on the outer border of rectus abdominus.



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Rectus Sheath

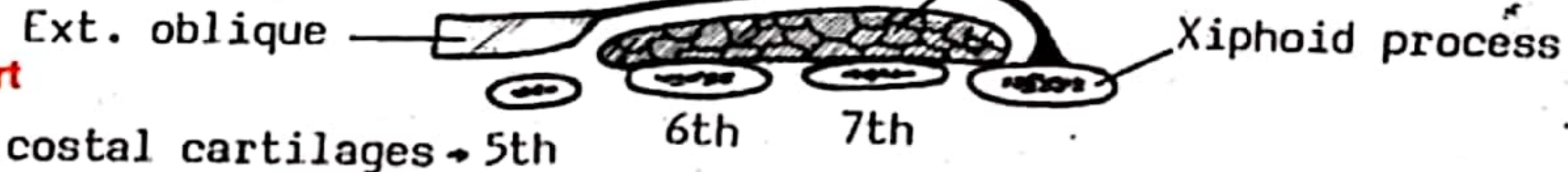
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- This is a sheath surrounding the rectus abdominus muscle.
- **Formation of the rectus sheath**
 - The walls are divided into 3 parts (upper, middle and lower) by 2
 - a- At the level of the costal margin.
 - b- Midway between the umbilicus and symphysis pubis.

Rectus sheath

T.S. upper part



T.S. middle part



T.S. lower part



- **Rectus sheath**

1- Upper part;

- a- **Anterior wall** is formed by aponeurosis of the external abdominal oblique muscle.
- b- **Posterior wall** is formed by the 5th, 6th, and 7th costal cartilages.

2- Middle part;

- a- **Anterior wall** is formed by:
 - 1- Aponeurosis of the external abdominal oblique muscle.
 - 2- Anterior lamina of the internal abdominal oblique muscle.

- b- **Posterior wall** is formed by:
 - 1- Posterior lamina of the internal abdominal oblique muscle.
 - 2- Aponeurosis of the transverse abdominus muscle.

- The posterior wall has an arched lower border called arcuate line, site of entry of inferior epigastric artery to sheath.

3- Lower part;

- a- **Anterior wall** is formed by the aponeurosis of:

- 1) External abdominal oblique.
- 2) Internal abdominal oblique.
- 3) Transversus abdominus muscles.

- b- **Posterior wall** is formed only by the fascia transversalis.

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- **Contents of the rectus sheath**

A- Muscles; 1- Rectus abdominus.

2- Pyramidalis.

B- Vessels; 1- Superior epigastric vessels.

2- Inferior epigastric vessels.

C- Nerves; 1- Lower 5 intercostal nerves.

2- Subcostal nerve.

D- Lymphatic vessels and lymph nodes.

- **** Function of the rectus sheath:**

1. It supports and maintains strength of the anterior abdominal wall.

2. It checks bowing of the muscles during contraction.

- **N.B: Weakness of muscles of anterior abdominal wall leading to Paraumbilical hernia between the medial borders of the 2 recti muscles**

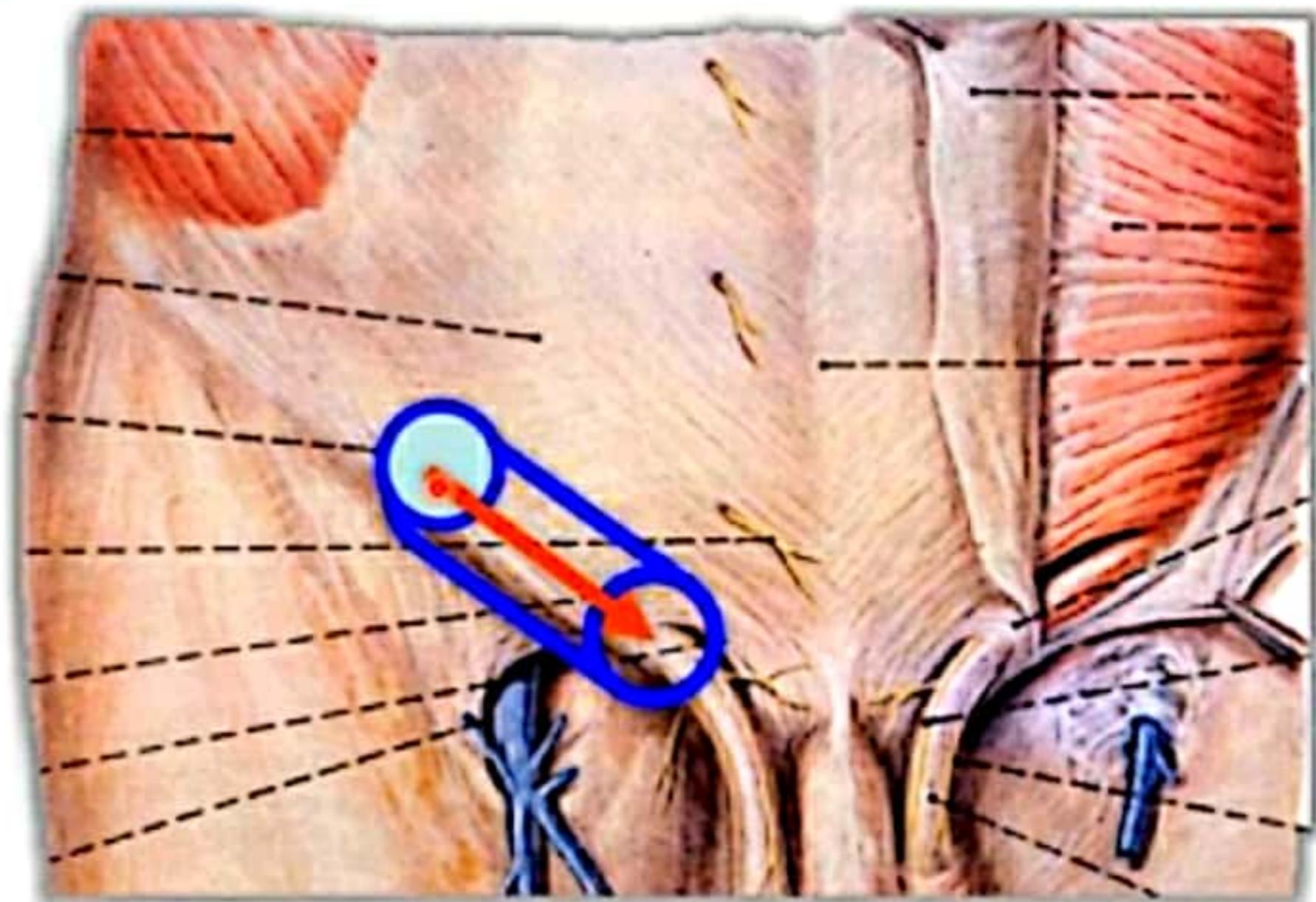
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Inguinal canal



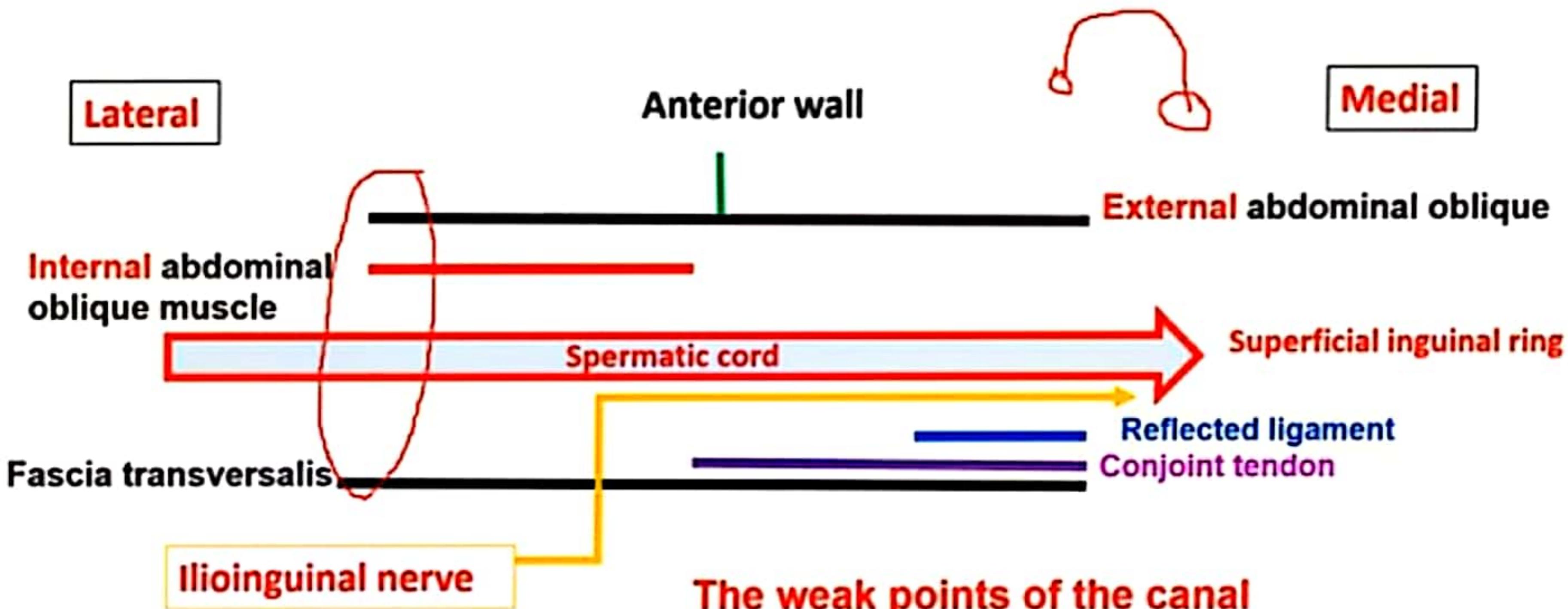
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- **Definition;** It is an oblique intermuscular passage in the lower part of the anterior abdominal wall.
- **Site;** above the medial 1/2 of the inguinal ligament.
- **Length,** about 4 cm long
- **Direction;** downward, forward and medially with the direction of external abdominal oblique muscle.



- **Beginning:** Deep inguinal ring, in the fascia transversalis 1/2 inch above the midinguinal point.
- **End:** Superficial inguinal ring, in aponeurosis of the external oblique just above and lateral to the pubic tubercle.

• Boundaries of the inguinal canal



The weak points of the canal

- 1- The medial part of the anterior wall.
- 2- The lateral part of the posterior wall.
- 3- The cavity of the canal itself.

**** Boundaries of the inguinal canal**

1- Anterior wall is formed by

- a- Aponeurosis of **external abdominal oblique** along **whole length** of the canal.
- b- **Internal abdominal oblique muscle** along the **lateral half** of the canal.

2- Posterior wall: is formed by:

- a- **Fascia transversalis** along the **whole length** of the canal.
- b- **Conjoint tendon** along the **medial half** of the canal.
- c- **Reflected ligament** along the **medial fourth** of the canal.

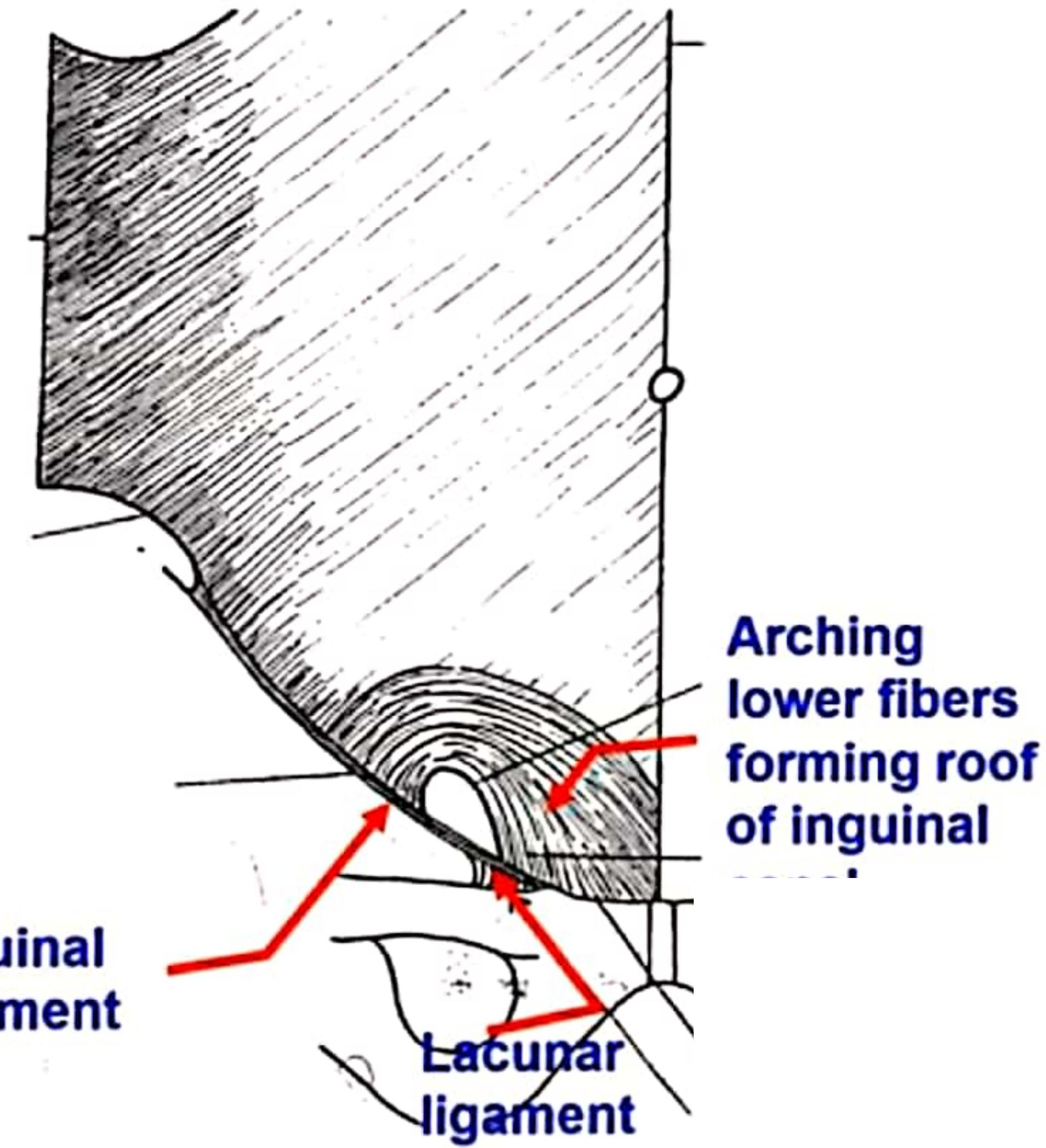
**** Contents of the canal**

- a- **In the male**, 1) Spermatic cord and its covering. 2) Ilioinguinal nerve.
- b- **In the Female**, 1) Round ligament of the uterus. 2) Ilioinguinal nerve.

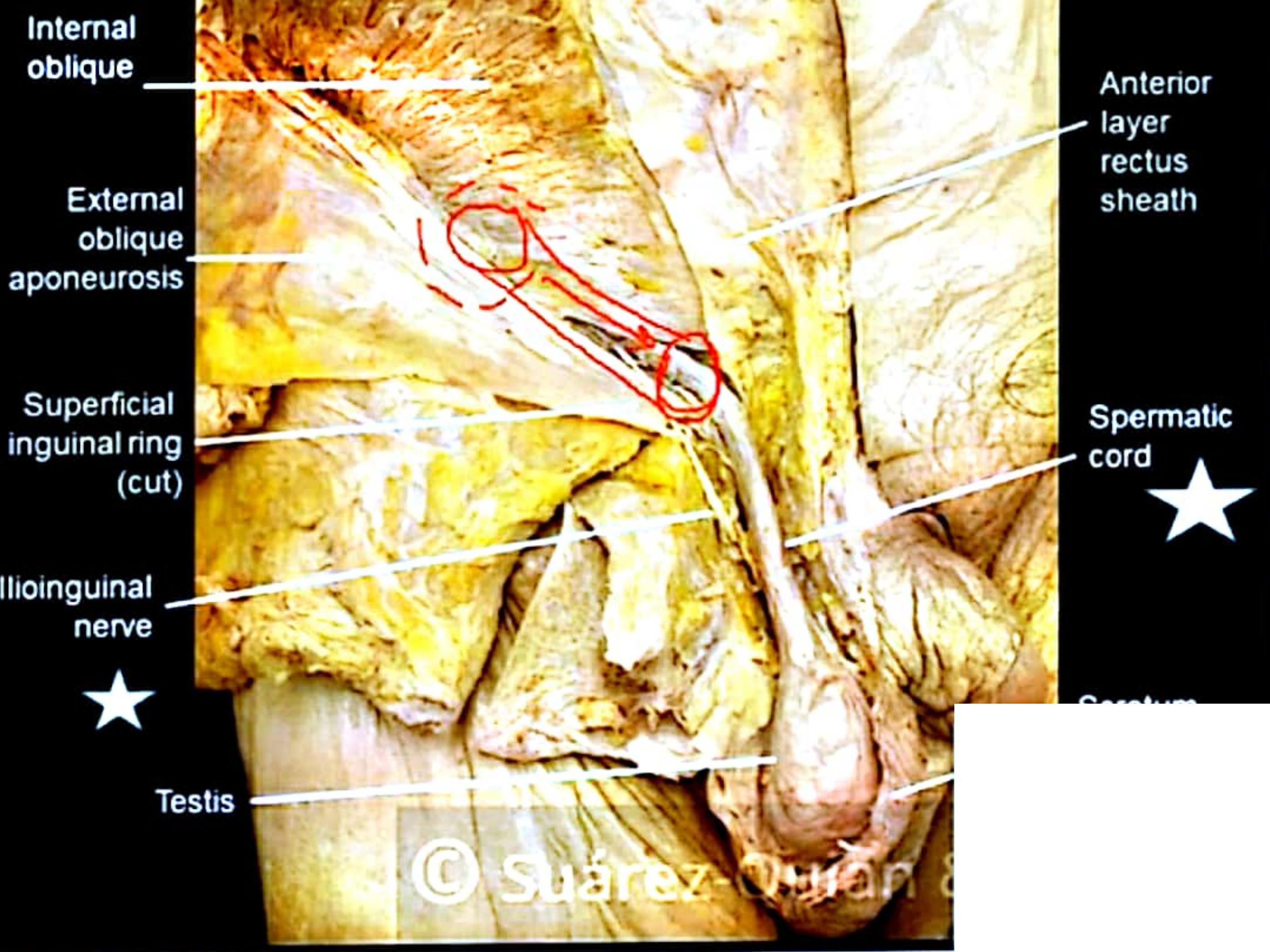
N.B; The ilioinguinal nerve pierces the posterior wall of the canal.



- **Roof:** lower arched fibers of the internal abdominal oblique muscle.
- **Floor:** is formed by
 - a. Inguinal ligament.
 - b. Lacunar ligament along the medial part.



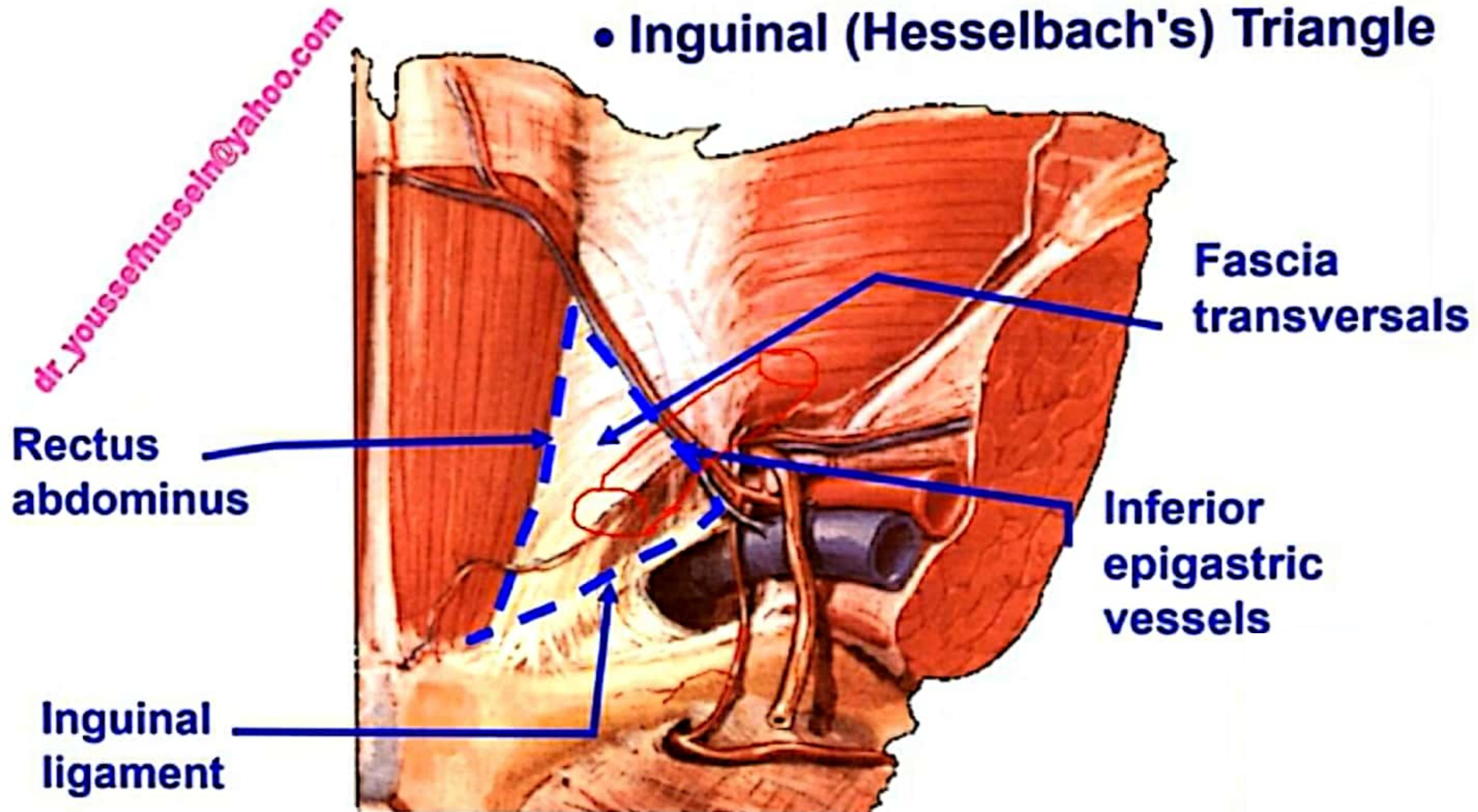
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Compensatory mechanisms of the inguinal canal

- 1- **Superficial ring** is supported **posteriorly** by the conjoint tendon and reflected ligament.
 - 2- **Deep ring** is supported **anteriorly** by the internal oblique muscle. 
 - 3- **Shutter mechanism**, contraction of lower arched fibers of internal oblique and transverse abdominus approximates the **roof** to the **floor** to close the canal.
 - 4- **Ball valve mechanism**, contraction of the **cremasteric muscle** helps spermatic cord to plug and close the canal.
 - 5- **Flap valve mechanism**, increase of intra-abdominal pressure the **posterior** wall to the **anterior** wall.
- **Surgical importance;** The deep ring is a site of **indirect inguinal hernia**

• Inguinal (Hesselbach's) Triangle



- **Inguinal (Hassel Bach's) Triangle**

**** Site**, the inner aspect of lower part of anterior abdominal wall

**** Boundaries**

1- Medially, lateral border of the rectus abdominis muscle.

2- Laterally, inferior epigastric artery.

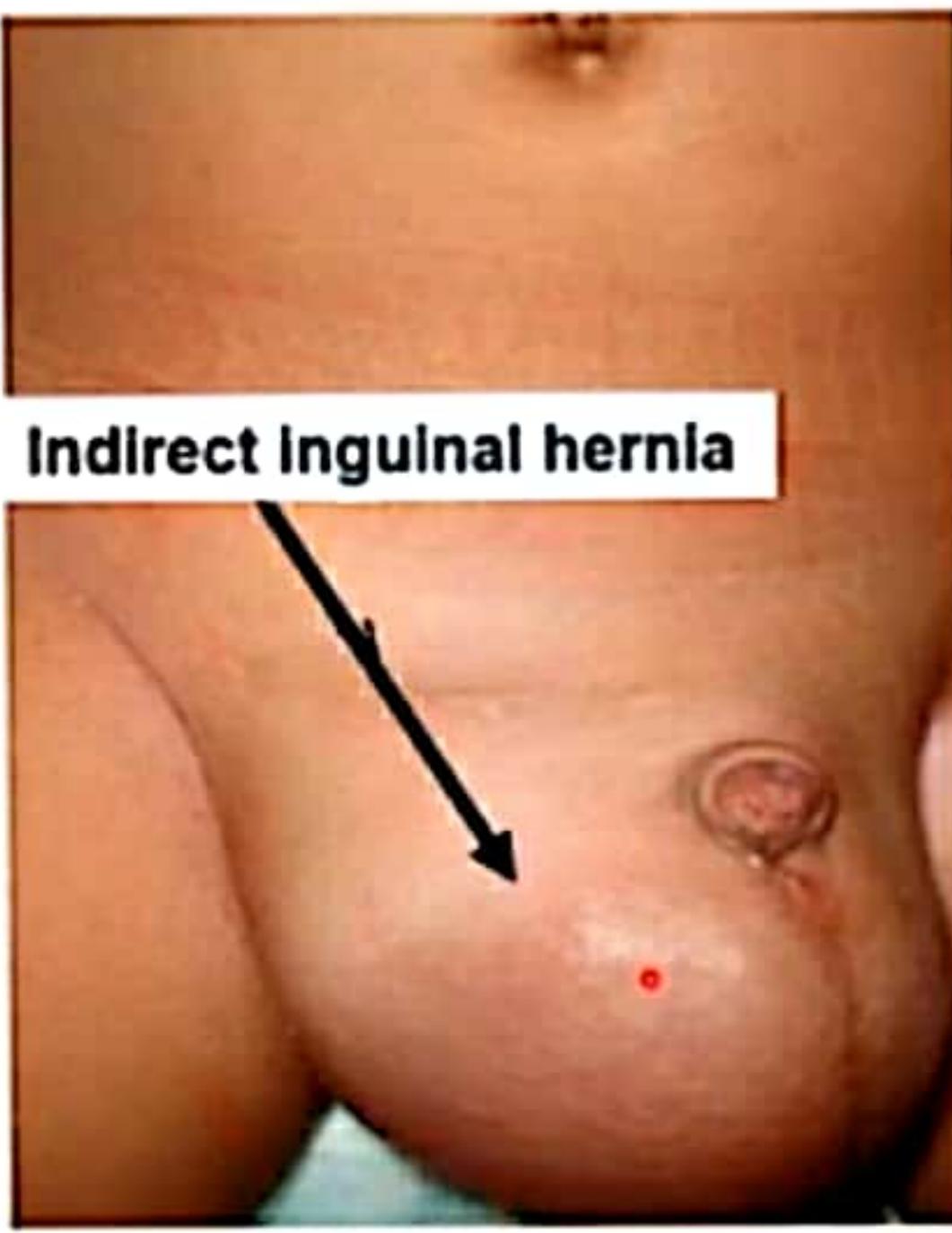
3- Inferiorly, inguinal ligament.

4- The floor, fascia transversalis.

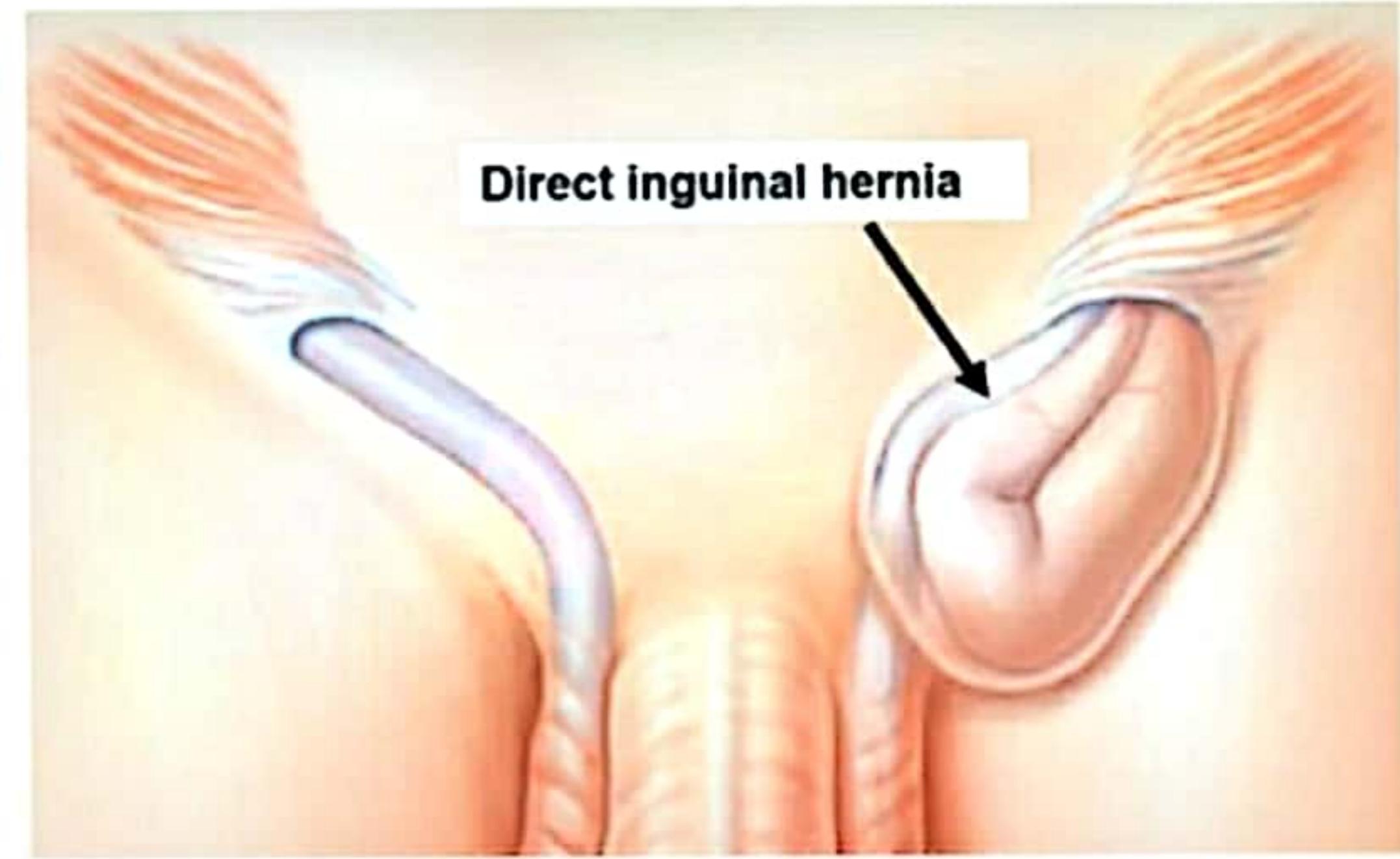
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**** Subdivisions**, it is divided into medial and lateral parts by medial umbilical ligament.

**** Clinical importance**, It is the site of direct inguinal her

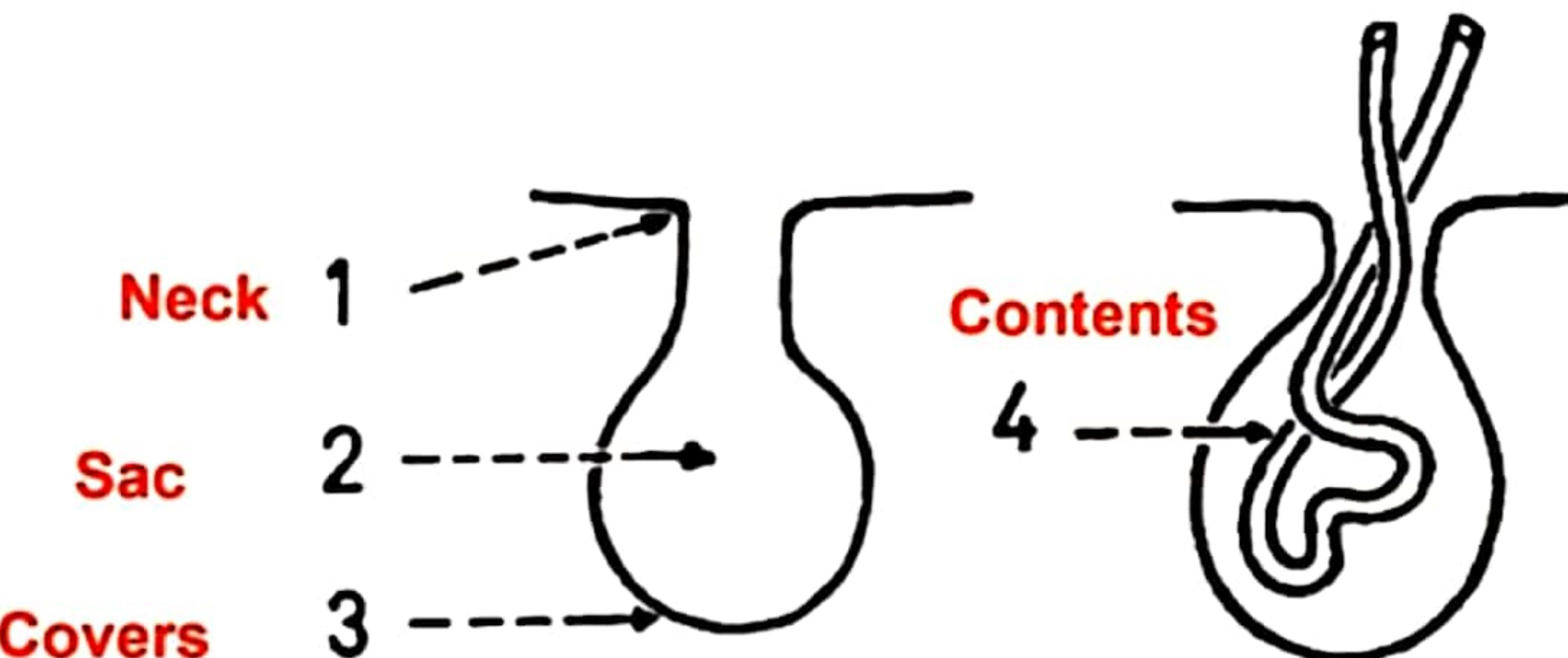


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- **Definition:** protrusion of peritoneum and small intestine through
- Deep inguinal ring (**indirect, oblique inguinal hernia**)
- Inguinal triangle (**direct inguinal hernia**).

Anatomy of hernia



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❖ Differences between indirect and direct inguinal hernia

	Indirect (Oblique) hernia	Direct hernia
1- Frequency	More frequent	Less frequent
2- Age	Infant (congenital)	Old age (acquired)
3- Size	Large	Small
4- Shape	Elongated	Globular
5- Exit and passage	Deep inguinal ring → inguinal canal → superficial ring → scrotum.	Inguinal triangle → inguinal canal → superficial ring. Do not reach the scrotum.
6- Line of descend	Downward, forward & medially through inguinal canal	Forward through the inguinal triangle.

❖ Differences between indirect and direct inguinal hernia

	Indirect (Oblique) hernia	Direct hernia
7- Neck	<u>Lateral</u> to inferior epigastric vessels	<u>Medial</u> to inferior epigastric vessels
8- Relation to spermatic cord	In front	Behind
9- Complications	Common	Less common
10- Deep ring test	Positive	Negative

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Deep ring test

- If you reduce the hernia and close the **deep inguinal ring (1/2 inch above the midinguinal point)** by the thumb and then ask the patient cough to increase intraabdominal pressure
 - a- **Positive in indirect (oblique) inguinal hernia:** the hernia **cannot bulge** out.
 - b- **Negative in direct inguinal hernia :** the hernia **bulges** out medial to your thumb through the superficial ring in the inguinal triangle.

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