



# ANATOMY TEAM

LECTURE (1)  
LOWER LIMB

## OBJECTIVES

- *At the end of the lecture the students should be able to:*

- **Classify the bones of the three regions of the lower limb (thigh, leg and foot).**
- **Memorize the main features of the**
  - **Bones of the thigh (femur & patella)**
  - **Bones of the leg (tibia & Fibula).**
  - **Bones of the foot (tarsals, metatarsals and phalanges)**
- **Recognize the side of the bone**

# Bones of Lower limb

## Anatomy Team 432

تنويه : هذا الملف لا يعتبر مرجع أساسي للمذاكرة وإنما هو للمراجعة فقط ، المرجع الاساسي هو السلايد ولا يوجد أي اختلاف بين سلايد الاولاد والبنات.

### Some important notes:

- Bones of the lower limb can be generally memorized through this mnemonic:  
“Help Five Police To Find Ten Missing Prisoners”  
(Hip, Femur, Patella, Tibia, Fibula, Tarsals, Metatarsals, Phalanges)
- Phalanges are type of **long bone**.
- Classification of bone is according to the **shape, ossification, structure and development of the bone**. There is no classification according to the length of the bone.
- Long bone consist of **two ends** and **shaft** (body), it may or may not have a medullary cavity.
- Femur is the **first bone** of the lower limb.
- Femur articulate below with **tibia and patella** to form **knee joint**
- Hip bone contain three part that are **ilium , pubic and ischium**.
- Head of the femur is always toward **medial site**.
- **Obturator artery** and ligament of head of femur exist **inside of the fovea capitis** .
- In femur the shaft anteriorly is **smooth** and rounded. And posteriorly **rough** .
- Note that the **lateral surface** of the **medial malleolus** of the tibia articulates with the talus while the **medial surface** of the **lateral malleolus** of the fibula articulates with talus, forming the ankle joint.
- Sesamoid bone are small bones in our body and they are placed inside tendons
- Patella is the largest sesamoid bone (lying inside the Quadriceps tendon in front of knee joint).
- Fibula **does not** take part in knee joint . It makes proximal and distal tibiofibular joint .

- Always remember fibu**LA** is **LA**teral.

**Calcaneum**= sound like call-caneum .

**Talus** = sound like tell-us .

**Navicular** = from nave .

**Cuneiform** = similar to uniform ( Q- ni-form)

**Navicular articulates with talus.**

**While cuboid articulates with calcaneus.**

**Great toe = polus/holus.**

- The tarsals and carpals are the **only short bones** in our body .
- There are **30 short bone** in our body , 14 ( tarsal ) bones in the lower limb and 16 ( carpal ) bones in the upper limb.
- You can memorize the tarsal bones using this mnemonic:

The Circus Needs More Interesting Little Clowns.

- **T**: Talus
- **C**: Calcaneus
- **N**: Navicular
- **M**: Medial cuneiform
- **I**: Intermediate cuneiform
- **L**: Lateral cuneiform
- **C**: Cuboid

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Patella → صابونة الركبة

Eminence → يعني نتوء

\*anything that articulate is smooth

## Summary is very important part of the lecture:

- **Skeleton of lower limb consists of:**
- **Femur:** is the bone of thigh.
- **Tibia:** is the medial bone of the leg.
- **Fibula:** is the lateral bone of leg.
- **Skeleton of foot :**
- **Tarsal bones** (7 in number), calcaneum is the largest bone forming the heel.
- **Metatarsal bones** (5 in number).
- **Phalanges** (14 in number).

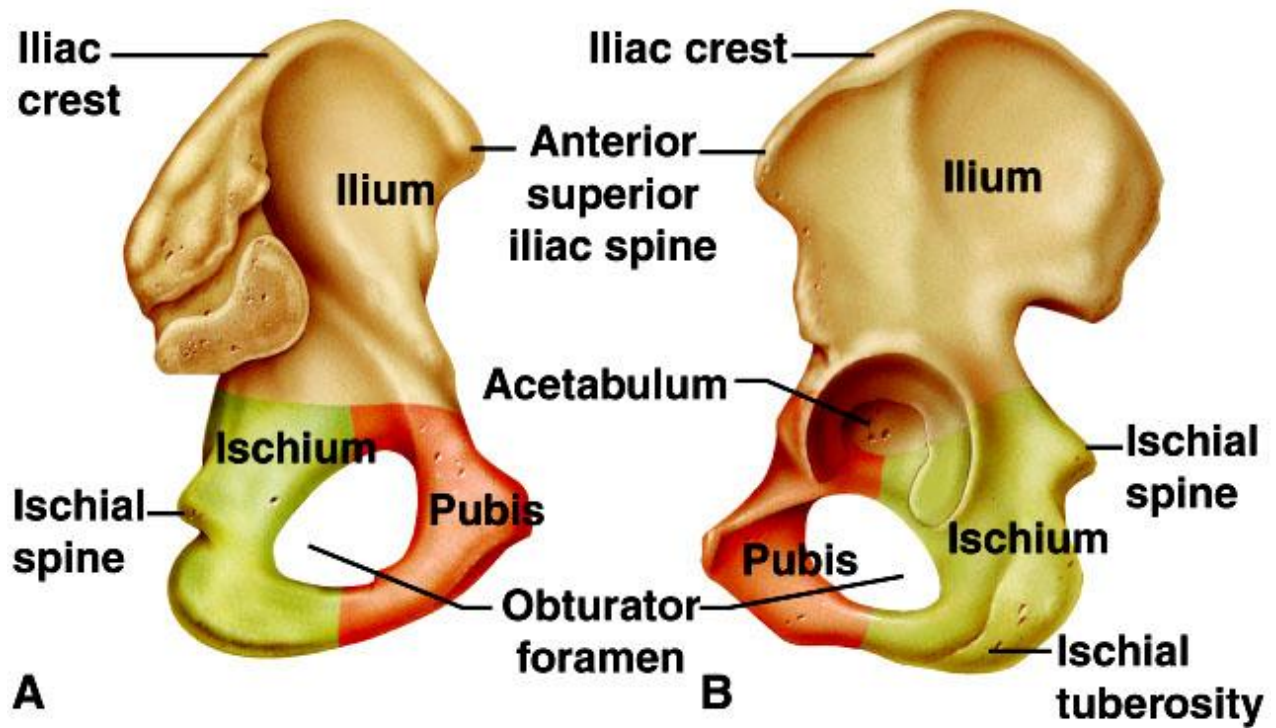
The **subcutaneous parts of bones in the lower limb are:**

- Patella.
- Anterior border of the tibia
- Tibial tuberosity.
- Medial malleolus of tibia.
- Lateral malleolus of fibula.
- **The foot is a complex structure. There are 26 bones in each foot alone. The foot is also well muscled and is supported by ligaments and tissue known as fascia. Support is of prime importance in the foot, as it bears the weight of the body and must adopt different configurations to permit locomotion.**

**For knowledge:**

The three part of hip bone are shown in the figure:

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## Quick Review:

-Which part of the hip bone articulates "superior" with femur?

Femur articulates above with acetabulum of hip bone to form hip joint

-femur consists of :

Upper end

Shaft (body)

Lower end

- What is the name of the depression in the center of the head of femur? What is its function?

Fovea capitis and it is for the attachment of ligament of the head.

- What artery passes long ligaments to supply the head of femur?

Obturator artery

- Which part of the femur connects head to the shaft?

Neck

- What connects the greater and lesser trochanters anteriorly?

The inter-trochanteric line.

- What connects the greater and lesser trochanters posteriorly?

The inter-trochantric crest.

- How many surfaces and borders does the shaft of femur have?

Mention it?

Three surfaces (medial, lateral, anterior)

Three borders (medial, lateral) → rounded &

( posterior) → thick or rigid called linea aspera

- Where is the gluteal tuberosity located?
- Below the **greater** trochanter in the posteriorly part of the shaft of femur and it for attachment of gluteus Maximus muscle.
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- What we called the Triangular area in the femur and where it located?  
It is the popliteal surface and it lies at the lower end of shaft.
- Where are the medial, lateral and epicondyles?  
Above the condyles in the lower ends of femur.
- Lateral and medial condyles, separated by what?  
**Anteriorly** by articular patellar surface and **posteriorly** by intercondylar notch or fossa.
- What is the notch?  
an indentation on an edge or surface
- What is the fossa?  
A hollow place.
- Under which type do we classify patella?  
sesamoid bone.
- Which part of patella articulates with the condyles of the femur to form knee joint?  
Posterior surface.
- Its upper, lateral, and medial margins give attachment to  
Quadriceps femoris muscles.



- **Which form proximal tibio-fibular joint?**  
The articulation of the facet on the lateral side of the lateral condyle in upper ends of tibia with the head of fibula.
- **Which form distal tibio-fibular joint?**
- **Fibular notch in lower end of tibia**
- **Where are Medial and lateral malleolus?**  
Medial malleolus → Lower end of Tibia  
Lateral malleolus → Lower end of Fibula
- **Upper end in fibula contains?**
- **Head ,Styloid process → " head** ال جزء بارز في ال **and neck**
- **What is the largest bone of the foot?**
- **Calcaneum→ forming the heal**
- **Which of bones the lower limb articulate to form the ankle joint?**  
Talus + Tibia and Fibula.
- **What is the proximal and distal of metatarsal?**  
Proximal (**base**)  
Distal (**head**)

**How many phalanges do toes have?**

2 phalanges for big toe (proximal & distal) and 3 phalanges for each of the lateral 4 toes (proximal, middle & distal).

**You**  **:**

- **Clear explanation and useful distinguishing features of bones of the lowers limb (material that includes our lecture starts from 1:54)**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOaN5jmdOFw>
- **Lower Limb Marking quiz (quiz yourself!)**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4yGLX6WB68>
- **Pictures of the bones**  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/24717730@N06/page6/>

## Quiz:

1- We find fovea capitis in :

- A- Neck of upper limb
- B- Head of femur
- C- Head of tibia
- D- On tarsal

2- The position where the inter-trochanteric line attached with iliofemoral ligament is:

- A- Anterior
- B- Posterior
- C- Inferior
- D- Superior

3- inter-trochanteric crest has:

- A- Posterior, quadrate tubercle
- B- Anterior, quadrate tubercle
- C- Inferior, quadrate tubercle
- D- Superior, quadrate tubercle

4- Linea aspera:

- A- ridge, surface, Anterior
- B- soft, surface, Anterior
- C- ridge, border, Posterior
- D- soft, border, Posterior

**5- condyles take part in:**

- A- proximal tibio-fibular joint
- B- Distal tibio-fibular joint
- C- Hip joint
- D- Knee joint

**6- Margins of patella give attachment to:**

- A- Quadriceps femoris muscles.
- B- Biceps femoris muscles.
- C- Triceps femoris muscles.
- D- None of them

**7- apex of patella lies:**

- A- Anterior and connected to tuberosity of tibia
- B- Inferior and connected to tuberosity of tibia
- C- Anterior and connected to tuberosity of fibula
- D- Posterior and connected to tuberosity of tibia

**8- Medial bone of the leg:**

- A- Femur
- B- Fibula
- C- Tibia
- D- Both fibula and tibia

**9- groove on its posterior surface for:**

- A- Subcutaneous
- B- Interosseous
- C- ligamentum patellae
- D- semimembranosus

**10- soleal line:**

- A- Posterior, Surface, Tibia
- B- Posterior, Border, Tibia
- C- Anterior, Border, Tibia
- D- Anterior, Surface, Tibia

**11- Metatarsal numbered from:**

- A- Lateral to medial
- B- Medial to lateral
- C- Tall to short
- D- Short to short

**12- The patella :**

- A- Lies on the back of the knee joint.
- B- Has apex lying superiorly.
- C- Has smooth articulating anterior surface.
- D- Gives attachment to quadriceps femoris muscles.

**13- Which one of the foot bones contributes in the ankle joint:**

- A- Calcaneum.
- B- Talus.
- C- Cuboid.
- D- Navicular.

**14- The tarsal bones of foot consists of :**

- A- 5 bones.
- B- 7bones.
- C- 9 bones.
- D- 10 bones.

**15- Which one of the following bones forms the heel of foot:**

**A- Talus.**

**B- Calcaneum.**

**C- Cuboid.**

**E- Navicular.**

**16- The lateral bone of the leg is :**

**a. Femur.**

**b. Humerus.**

**c. Tibia.**

**d. Fibula.**

**17- Which one of the following bones is the largest bone in the foot:**

**A- Cuboid.**

**B- Cuneiform.**

**C- Navicular.**

**D- Calcaneum.**

<b>N.Q</b>	<b>ANSWER</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>D</b>

**GOOD LUCK :)**