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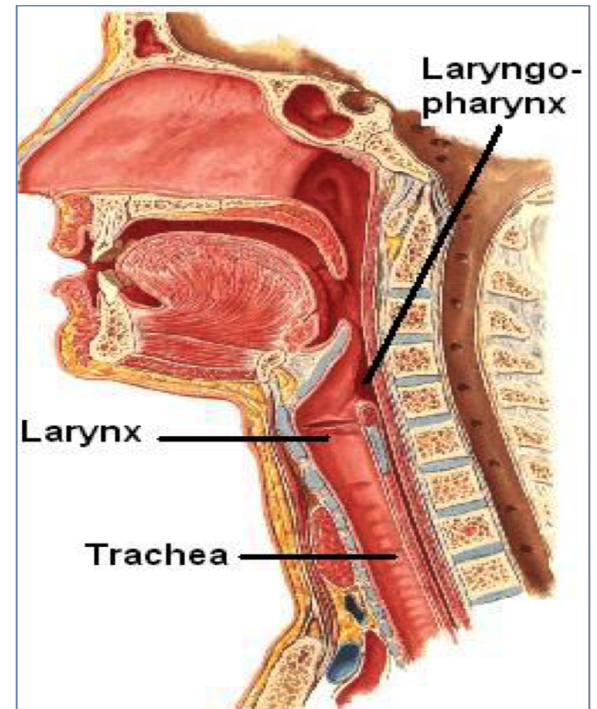
Larynx, Trachea, & Bronchi

Objectives

- Describe the Extent, structure and functions of the **larynx**.
- Describe the Extent, structure and functions of the **trachea**.
- Describe the **bronchi** and branching of the **bronchial tree**.
- Describe the functions of **bronchi and their divisions**.

Larynx

- The larynx is the part of the respiratory tract which contains the vocal cords.
- In adult it is **2-inch-long** tube.
- It opens above into the **laryngeal part of the pharynx**.
- Below, it is continuous with the **trachea**
- The larynx has functions in:**
 - **Respiration** (breathing).
 - **Phonation** (voice production).
 - **Deglutition** (swallowing).



Relations

- The larynx is related to major **critical** structures in the neck.

•Arteries:

- Carotid arteries:** (common, external and internal).

- Thyroid arteries:** (superior & inferior thyroid arteries).

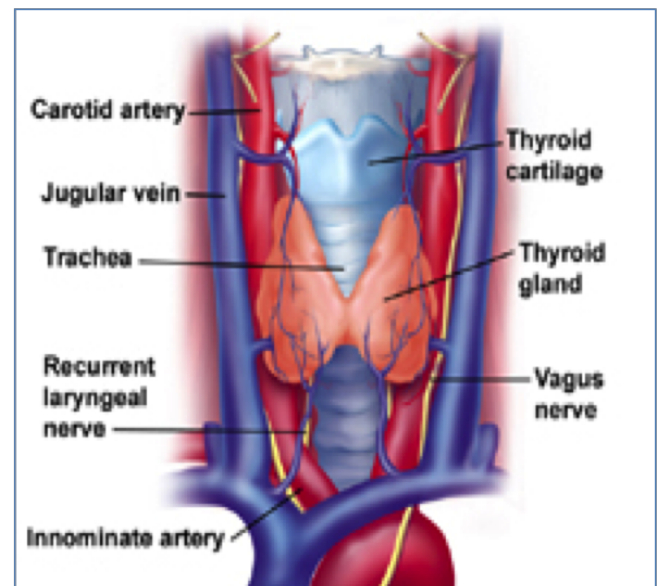
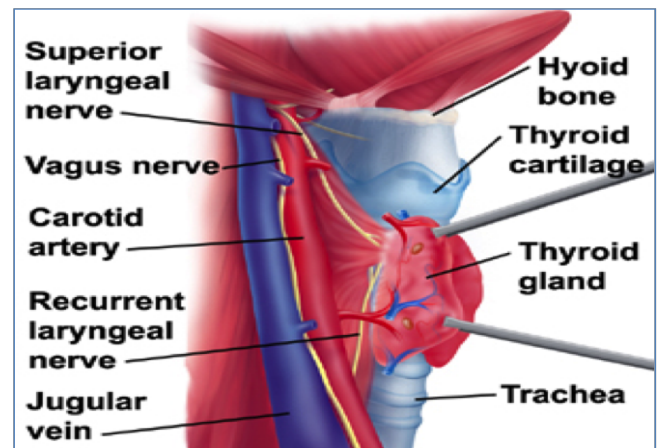
•Veins:

- Jugular veins, (external & internal)

•Nerves:

- Laryngeal nerves:** (Superior laryngeal & recurrent laryngeal).

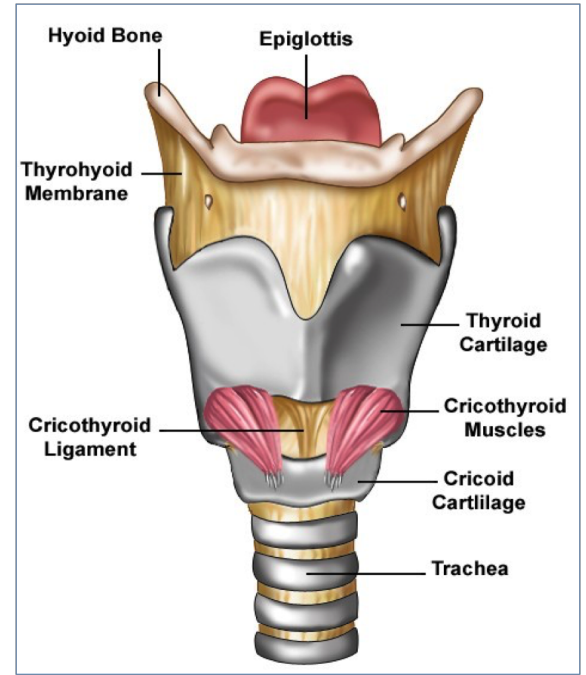
- vagus nerve.



Structure

•The larynx consists of four basic components:

- 1- Cartilaginous skeleton.
- 2- Membranes and ligaments.
- 3- Muscles (Intrinsic & extrinsic muscles).
- 4- Mucosal lining.



The Cartilages

•The cartilaginous skeleton is composed of:

1. Thyroid
2. Cricoid 3 Single
3. Epiglottis

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4. Arytenoid
 5. Corniculate 3 Paired
 6. Cuneiform

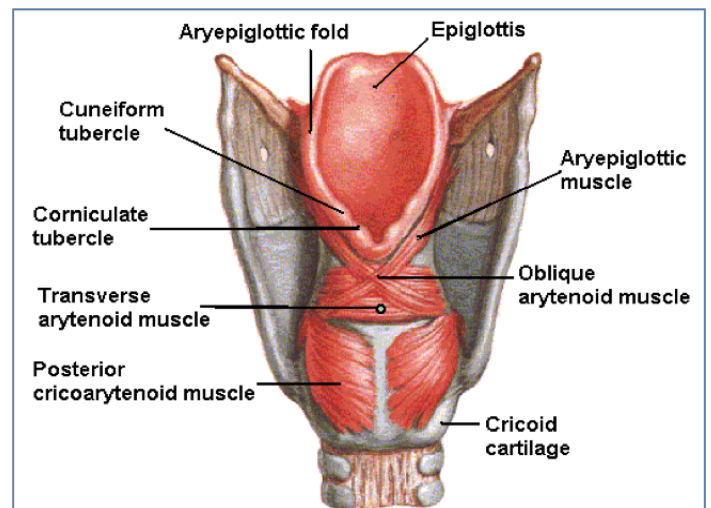
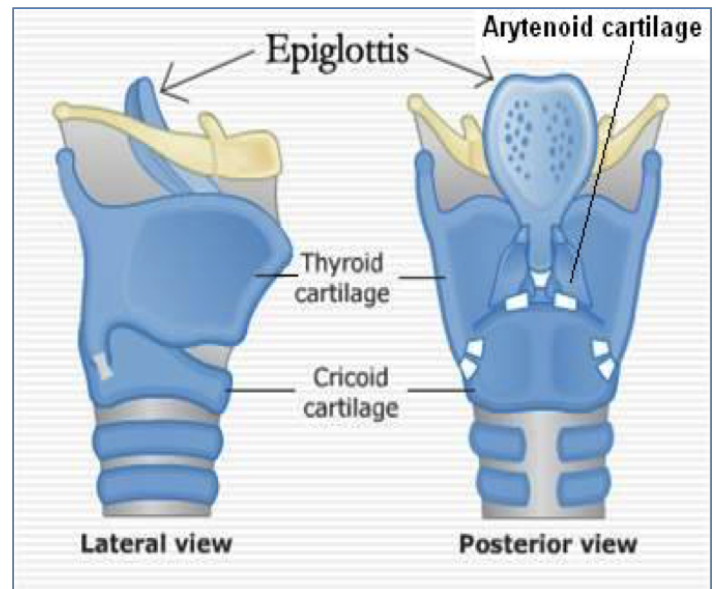
•All the cartilages, are **hyaline** except the **epiglottis** which is

Elastic cartilage.

•The cartilages are:

-Connected by **joints**,
membranes & **ligaments**.

-Moved by **muscles**.

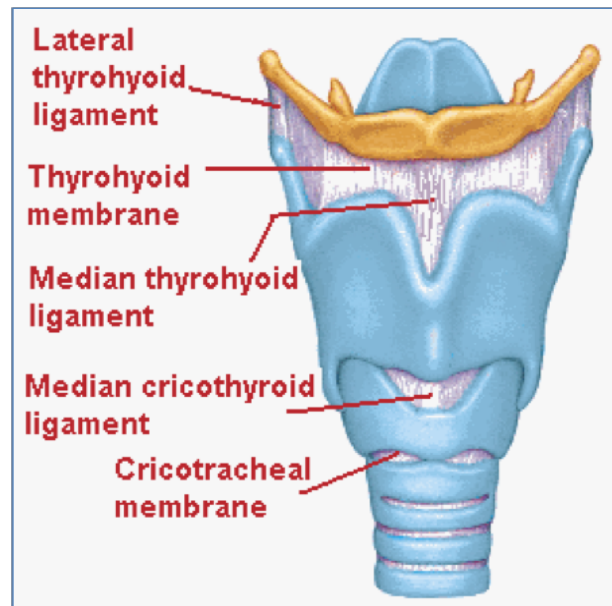




MEMBRANES & LIGAMENTS:

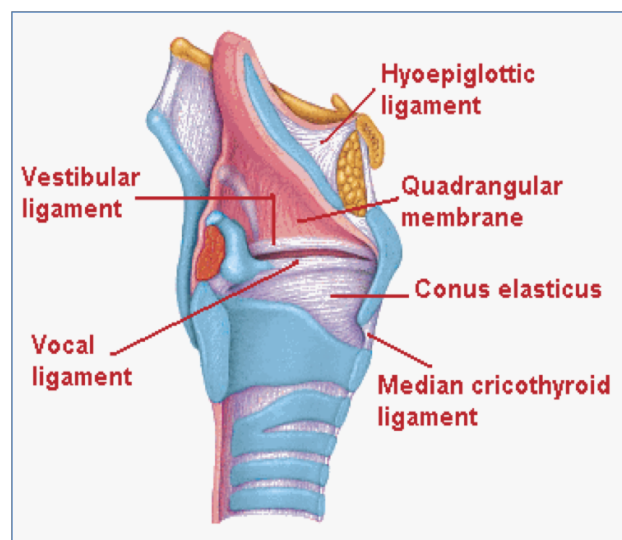
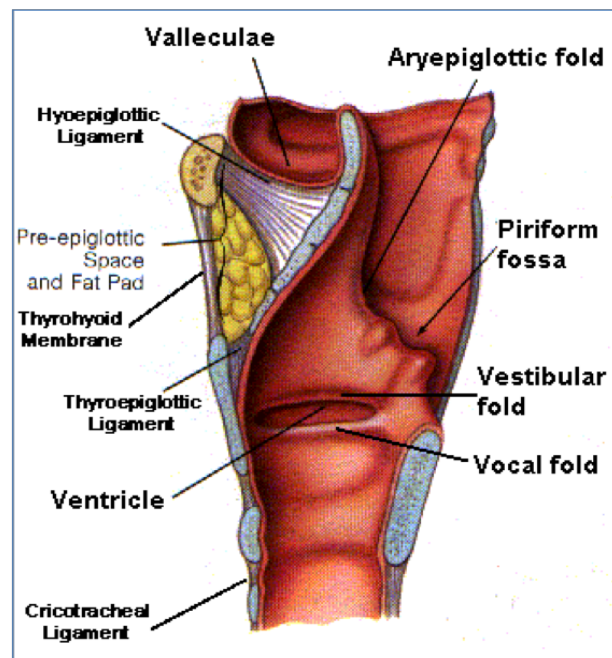
- Thyrohyoid membrane.
- Cricothyroid membrane.
- Cricotracheal membrane
- Hyoepiglottic ligament.**
- Thyroepiglottic ligament**

The **thyrohyoid membrane** is thickened in the median plane to form **median thyrohyoid ligament** and on both sides to form **lateral thyrohyoid ligaments**.



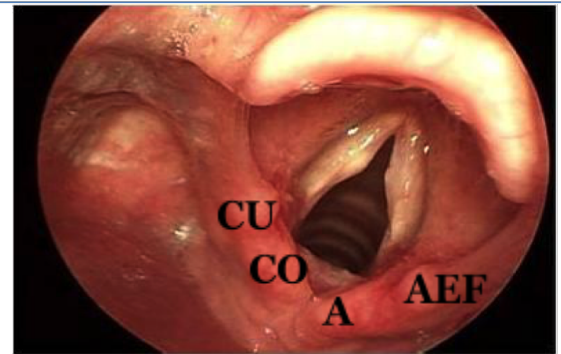
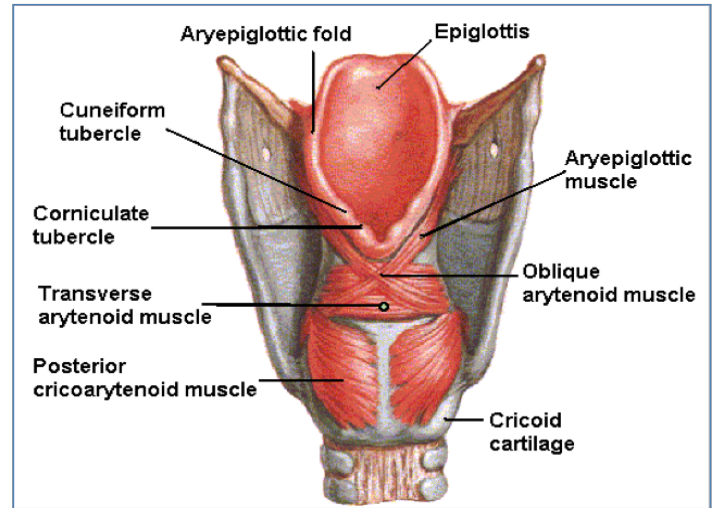
Quadrangular membrane:

- Or **aryepiglottic membrane**,
- It extends between the arytenoid and epiglottis.
- Its **lower free margin forms the vestibular ligament** which forms the **vestibular fold**.
- Cricothyroid membrane (conus elasticus):**
- Its lower margin is attached to the upper border of cricoid cartilage.
- Upper free margin forms Vocal ligament**



Laryngeal Inlet

- It is the upper opening of the larynx.
- It faces upward and backward and opens into the laryngeal part of the pharynx, (**laryngopharynx**).
- Bounded by:
 - **Anteriorly**: by the **upper margin of epiglottis (E)**
 - **Posteriorly & below** by **arytenoid cartilages (A)**
 - **Laterally** by the **Aryepiglottic folds (AEF)**



Laryngeal Cavity

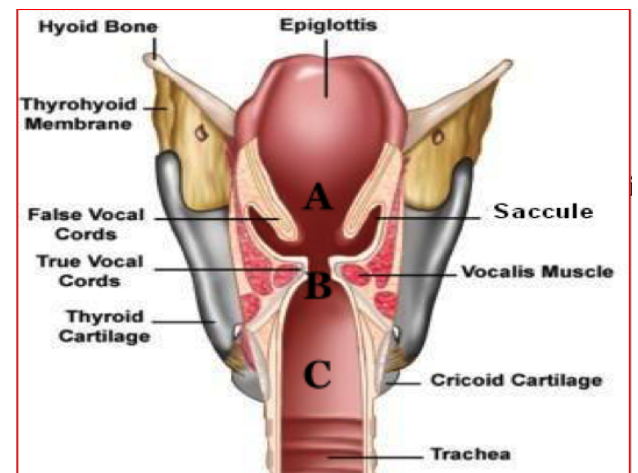
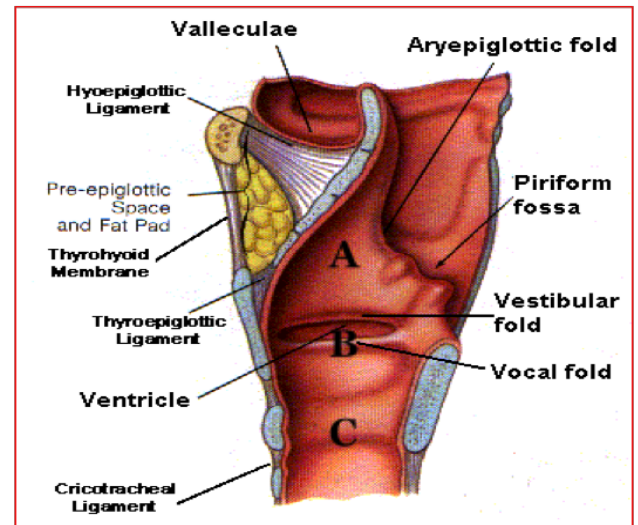
- Extends from **laryngeal inlet** to **lower border of the cricoid cartilage**
- Narrow in the region of the vestibular folds (**rima vestibuli**)
- Narrowest in the region of the vocal folds (**rima glottidis**)
- Divided into **three parts**:

A. Supraglottic part or vestibule: it is the part above the vestibular folds.

B. Ventricle: it is the part between the vestibular folds & the vocal folds.

C. Infraglottic part, the part below the vocal folds.

NB. The ventricle has an upward invagination called **saccul**e which is rich in goblet cells.



Mucous Membrane

- The cavity is lined with **ciliated columnar epithelium** except the surface of the vocal cords.
- The surface of **vocal folds**, is covered with **stratified squamous epithelium** because of exposure to continuous trauma during phonation.
- It contains many **mucous glands**, more numerous in the region of the saccule (for lubrication of vocal folds).

Muscles

Laryngeal muscles are

divided into two groups:

- Extrinsic muscles:** subdivided into two groups:
- Elevators** of the larynx.
- Depressors** of the larynx.
- Intrinsic muscles:** subdivided into two groups:
- Muscles **controlling the laryngeal inlet**.
- Muscles **controlling the movements of the vocal cords**.

Extrinsic muscles of Larynx

Elevators of the Larynx

•**A- The Suprahyoid Muscles:** (MSGD)

1. Mylohyoid.
2. Stylohyoid.
3. Geniohyoid.
4. Digastric.

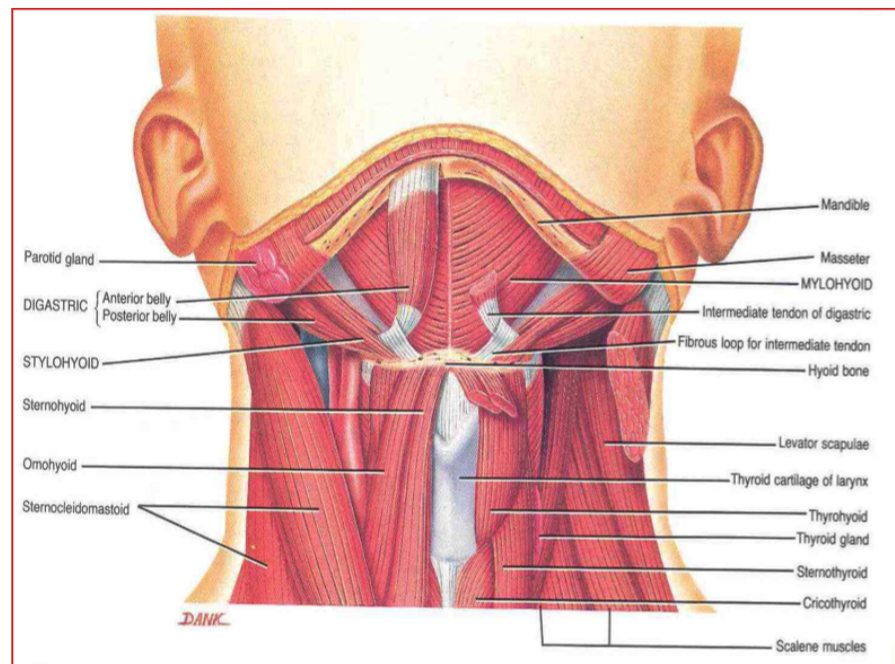
•**B- The Longitudinal Muscles of the Pharynx:**

- Stylopharyngeus.
- Salpingopharyngeus.
- Palatopharyngeus.

Depressors of the Larynx

•**The Infrahyoid Muscles:**

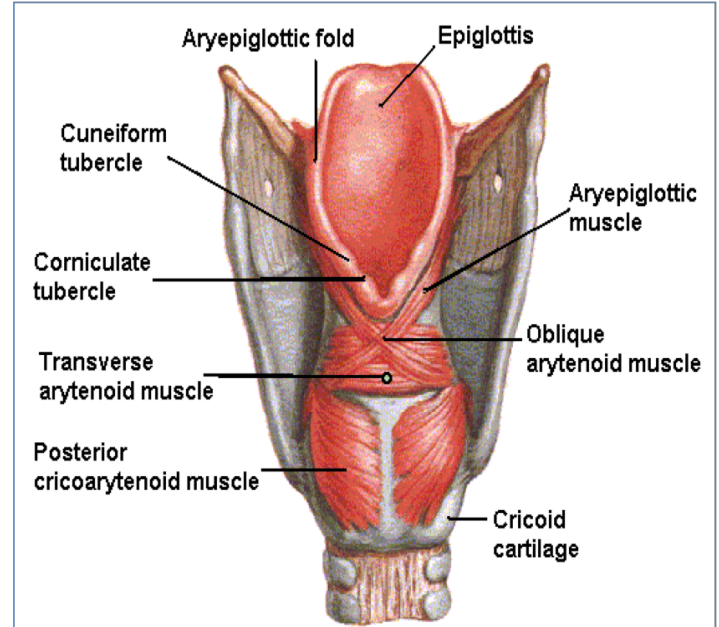
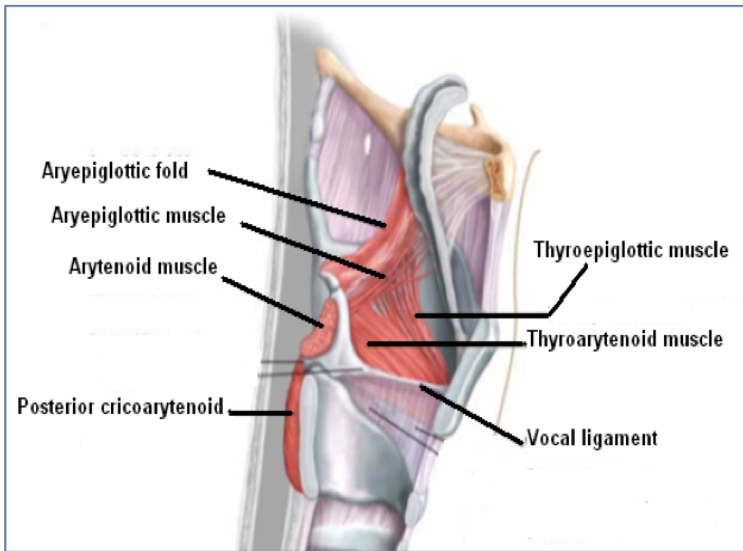
- Sternohyoid.
- Sternothyroid.
- Omohyoid.



Intrinsic muscles of Larynx

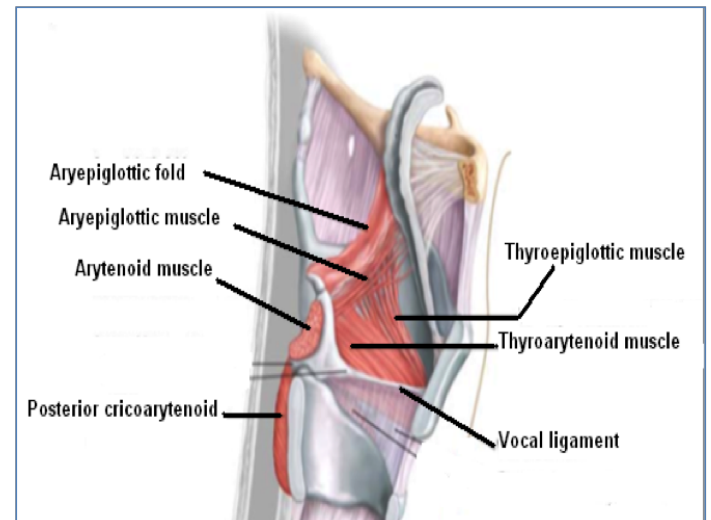
Muscles Controlling the Laryngeal Inlet

- Oblique arytenoid.
- Aryepiglottic muscle.



•**Muscle decreasing the Length & Tension of Vocal Cords (relax vocal cords).**

•**Thyroarytenoid (vocalis).**



•**Muscle increasing the Length & Tension of Vocal Cords.**

•**Cricothyroid.**

•NB. It is the **only intrinsic** muscle which **found outside the larynx.**



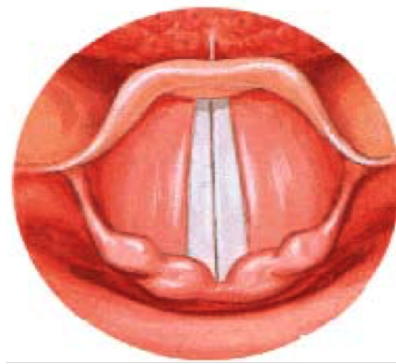
Movements of the Vocal Cords

Adductors

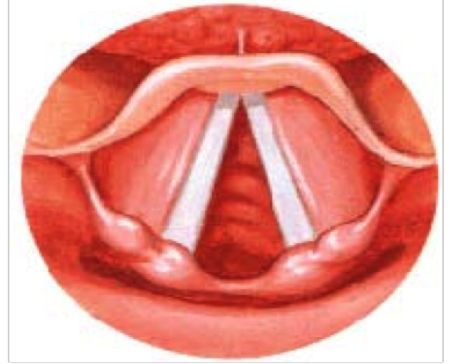
- Lateral cricoarytenoid.
- Transverse arytenoid.

Abductor

- Posterior cricoarytenoid.



Adduction



Abduction

Blood Supply

Arteries:

Upper half: Superior laryngeal artery, branch of superior thyroid artery.

Lower half: Inferior laryngeal artery, branch of inferior thyroid artery.

Veins:

Accompany the corresponding arteries.

Lymphatics:

The lymph vessels drain into the **deep cervical lymph nodes.**

Nerve Supply (very important)

Sensory

Above the vocal cords: Internal laryngeal nerve, branch of the superior laryngeal of the vagus nerve.

Below the vocal cords: Recurrent laryngeal nerve, of the vagus nerve.

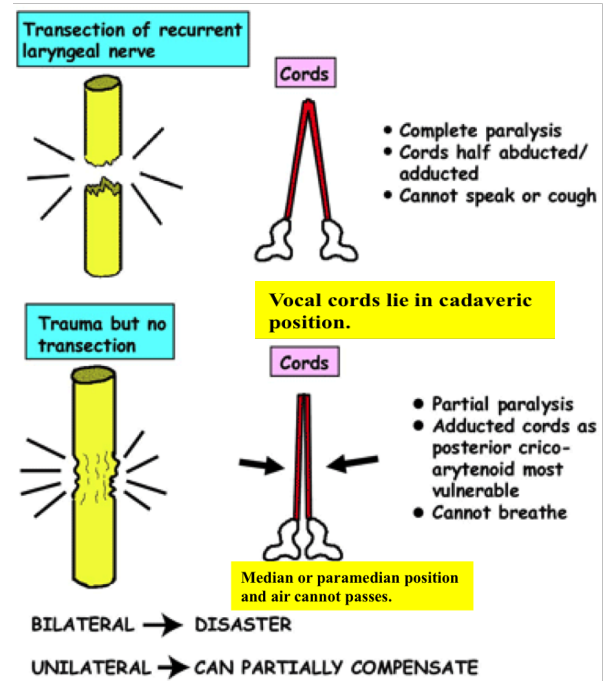
Motor

All intrinsic muscles, **are** supplied by the recurrent laryngeal nerve **except the cricothyroid.**

The **cricothyroid** is supplied by the external laryngeal nerve of superior laryngeal of vagus.

SEMON'S LAW OR DAMAGE OF THE recurrent LARYNGEAL Nerve

Semon's Law indicates the different effect between damage (surgical trauma) and transection of the recurrent laryngeal nerve due to surgery in region of the neck (e.g. thyroidectomy or parathyroidectomy).



TRACHEA (windpipe)

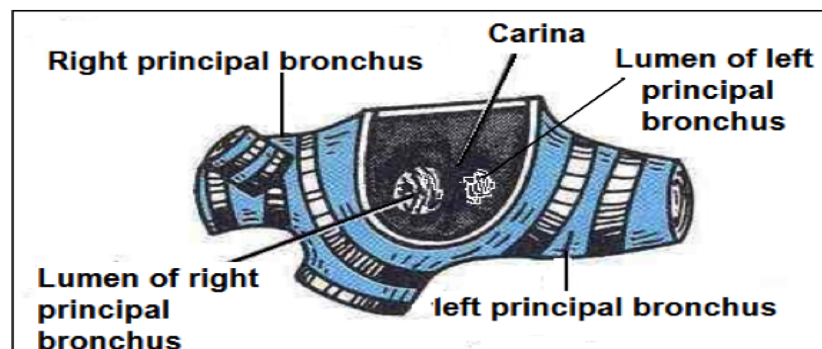
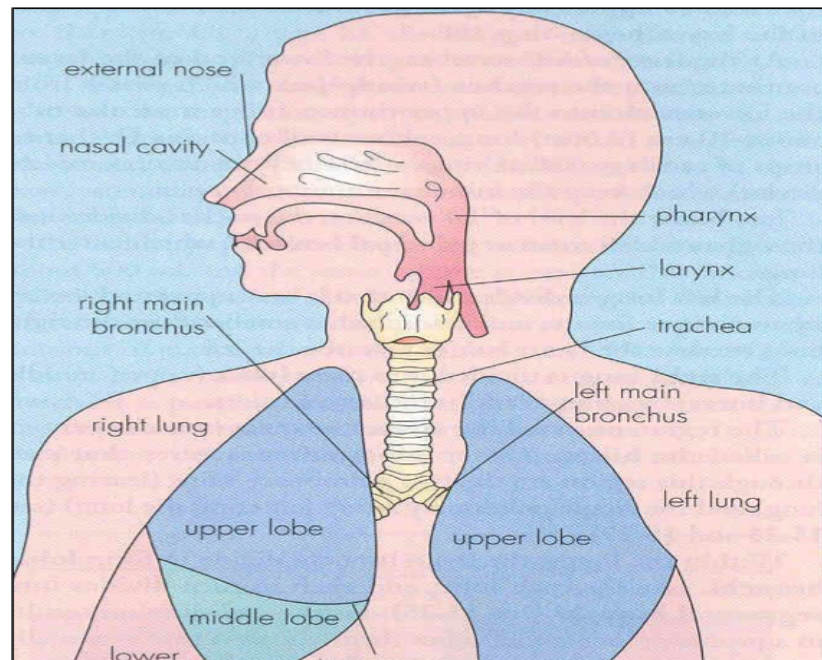
• Mobile, fibrocartilaginous tube, **5** inches long, 1 inch in diameter

• **Begins:** In the neck below the **cricoid cartilage** of the larynx (**C6**).

• **Ends:** In the thorax at the **level of sternal angle** (lower border of **T4**), by dividing into **right and left principal (main, primary) bronchi**.

• The ridge at the bifurcation from inside is called **carina**.

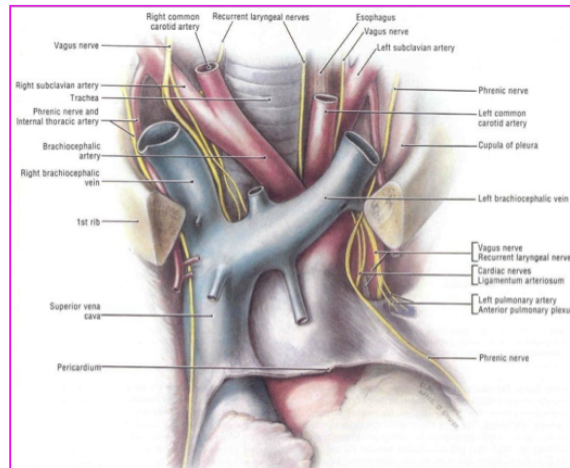
• It is **the most sensitive part** of the respiratory tract and is associated with the **cough reflex**.



Relations in the Superior Mediastinum

Anterior

- Sternum.
- Thymus, (remains of thymus gland).
- Left brachiocephalic vein.
- Arch of aorta.
- Origin of:
- Brachiocephalic artery.
- left common carotid artery.

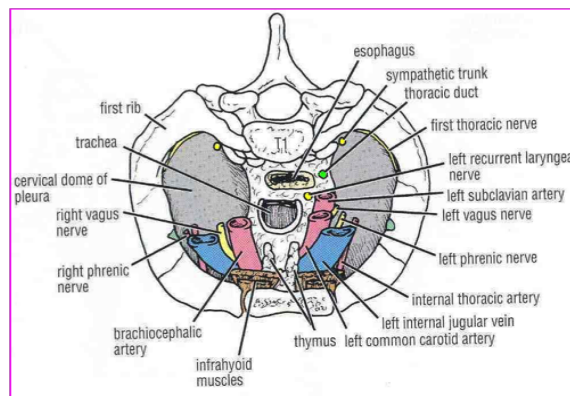


Left side

- Arch of aorta.
- Left common carotid artery.
- left subclavian artery.
- Left vagus nerve.
- Left phrenic nerve.
- Pleura.

Posterior

- Esophagus.
- Left recurrent laryngeal nerve.



Right side

- Azygos vein
- Right vagus nerve.
- Pleura

Nerve Supply

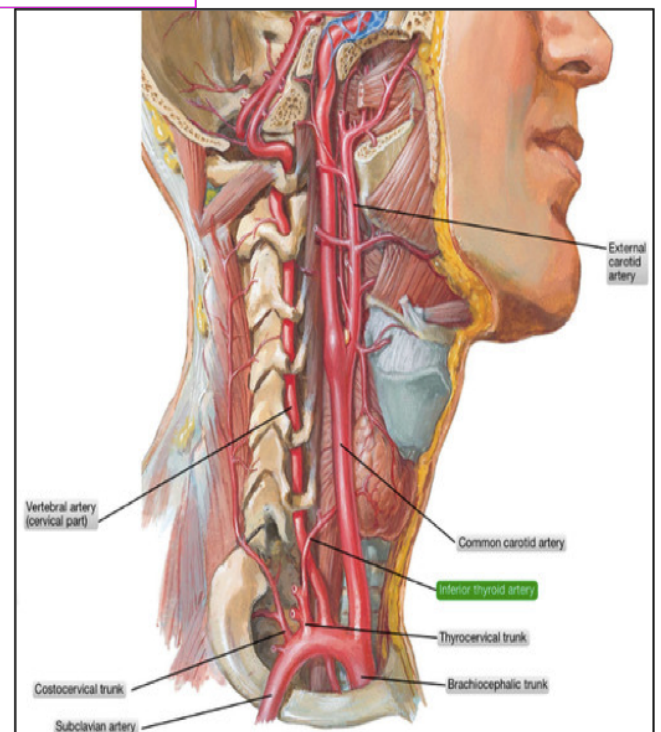
- Branches of the **vagus nerve** and **recurrent laryngeal nerve** give **sensory** fibers to supply the mucous membrane.
- Branches from the **sympathetic trunks** supply the **trachealis muscle** and the **blood vessels**.

Blood Supply

- Arteries:** Branches from the **inferior thyroid** and **bronchial arteries**
- Veins:** Drain to **inferior thyroid veins**.

Lymphatic Drainage

- Into the **pretracheal** and **paratracheal** lymph nodes.

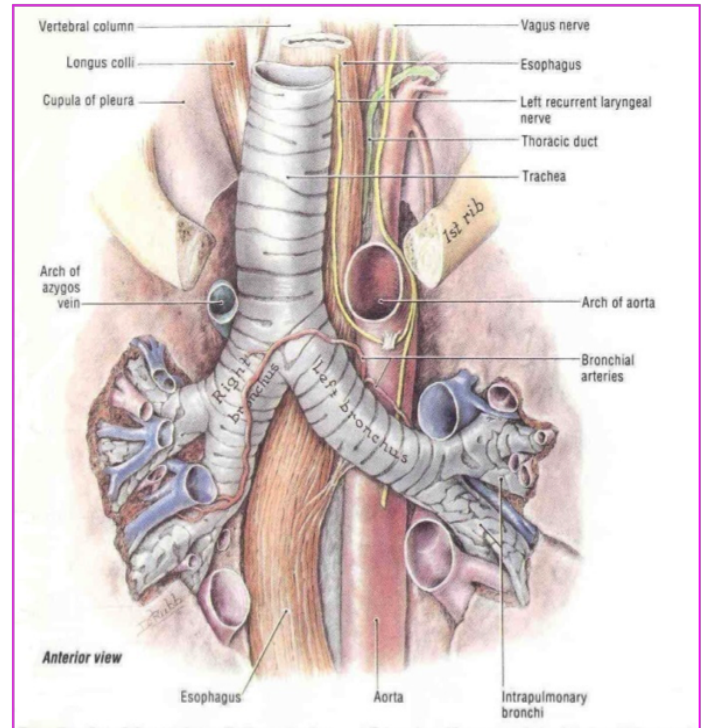


Right Principal Bronchus

- About **one inch** long.
- **Wider, shorter** and **more vertical** than the left.
- Gives **superior lobar bronchus** before entering the hilum of the right lung.
- On entering the hilum it divides into **middle** and **inferior lobar bronchi**.

Left Principal Bronchus

- About **two inches** long.
- **Narrower, longer** and **more horizontal** than the right.
- Passes to the left below the aortic arch and in front of esophagus.
- On entering the hilum of the left lung it divides into **superior** and **inferior lobar bronchi**.



Bronchial Divisions

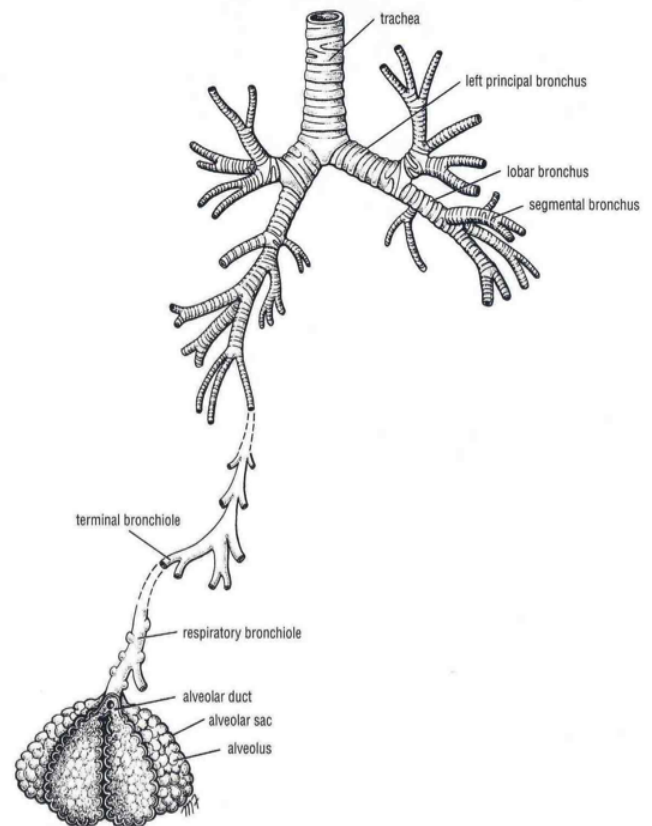
- Within the lung each bronchus divides and redivides into number of branches that **can be divided into two groups:**

Conduction zone branches

1. **Primary (main) bronchi.**
2. **Secondary (lobar) bronchi.**
3. **Tertiary (segmental) bronchi.** (supply the bronchopulmonary segment).
4. **Smaller bronchi.**
5. **Bronchioles.**
6. **Terminal bronchioles.**

Respiratory zone branches

1. **Respiratory bronchioles.**
2. **Alveolar ducts.**
3. **Alveolar sacs.**
4. **Alveoli.**





1- The thyroid cartilage in male is :

- A- wide
- B- narrow
- C- short
- D- long

2- Which of the following muscles controlling the laryngeal inlet :

- A- sternohyoid
- B- stylohyoid
- C- transverse arytenoid
- D- oblique arytenoid

3- According semon's law, the result of trauma in recurrent laryngeal nerve can be :

- A- can not speak
- B- cords are abducted
- C- cords half adducted and other half abducted
- D- can not breath

4- The trachea is open posteriorly because it gives space to :

- A- lungs
- B- left recurrent laryngeal nerve
- C- Esophagus
- D- jugular vein

5- The most sensitive part of respiratory tract associated with cough reflex is:

- A- bronchioles
- B- bronchi
- C- carina
- D- alveoli

1-B , 2-D , 3-D , 4-C , 5-C

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