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# Muscles of the Back

Lecture 6



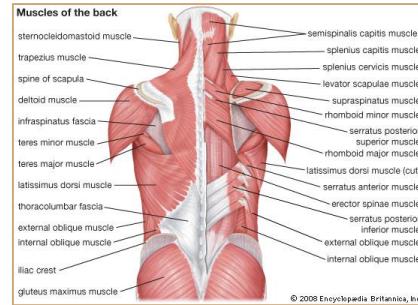
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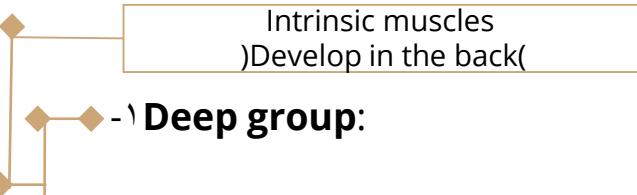
# Objectives

- Distinguish between the different groups of back muscles.
  - Compare between groups of back muscles as regard their nerve supply and action.
  - List the back muscles of each group.
  - Describe the attachments of each muscle of the superficial group, as well as, its nerve supply and action.
  - Describe the triangles of back and their clinical significance.
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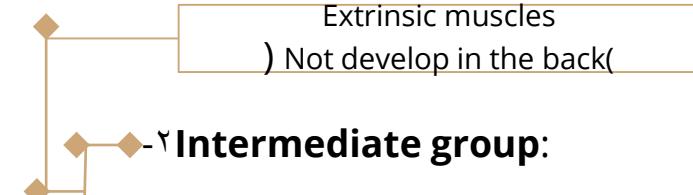
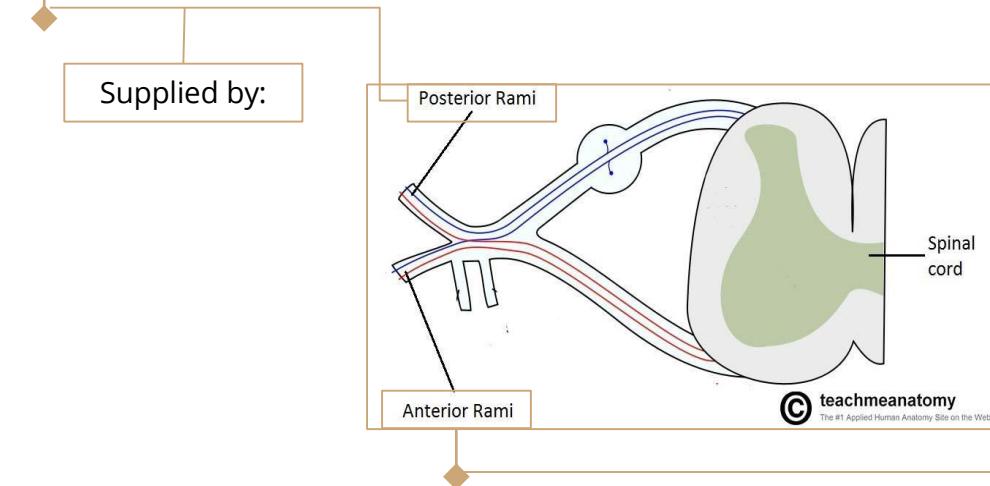


# Back Muscles

They organized into 3 groups:

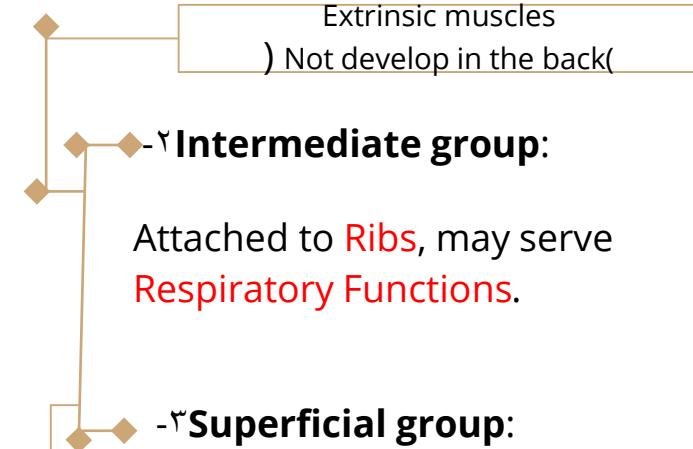


Attached to & move **vertebral column & head.**



Attached to **Ribs**, may serve **Respiratory Functions.**

Supplied by:



Attached to & involved movements of **Upper limb.**

# - ١ Deep Group of Back Muscles

- They Extend from **Sacrum to the base of the Skull**
- Action:

Extensors and Rotators of head and vertebral column. So, it is a set of muscles that straighten and rotate the back.  
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- Their **Tone\*** is responsible for maintenance of normal curvature of vertebral column\*\*.

The **largest muscle** of this group is "**Erector Spinae**" which is formed of ٣ vertical columns (Arranged from lateral to medial as):

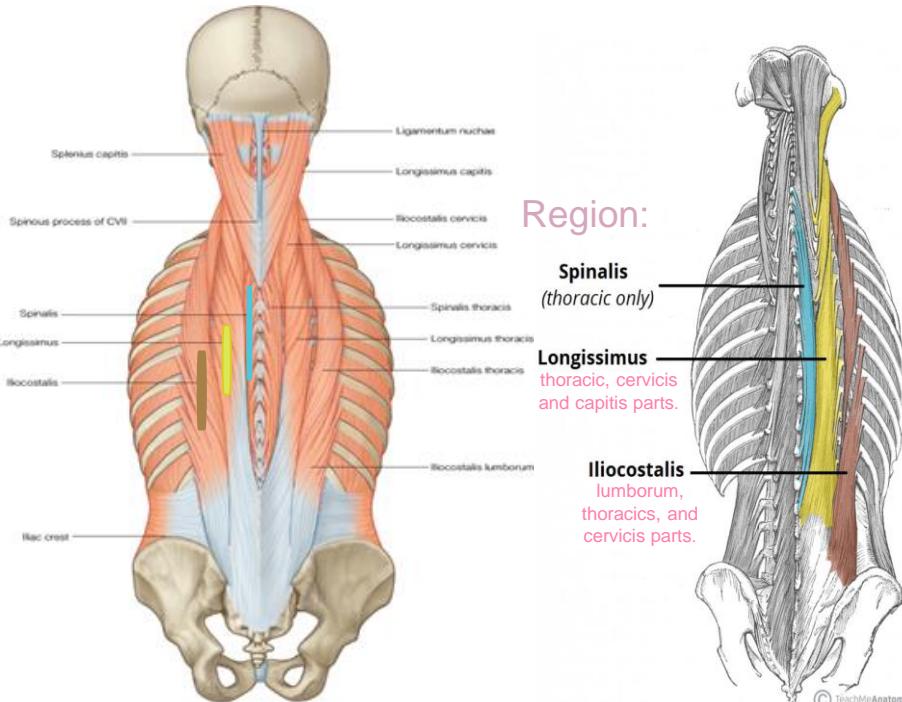
I Love Spaghetti Muscles =) (from lateral to medial(

- **Iliocostalis** Ilio=ilium costa=from rib.
- **Longissimus**= اسمك طويـل + تتطـق على وزن كريـسمـس (: ) Long issimus
- **Spinalis** The nearest Muscle to the spinal cord.
- )Note the length and attachment of the muscle fibers.(

\*أثناء استرخاء العضلة تكون فيه كمية قليلة من ال fibers تكون في حالة انقباض هذا المقصود بال tone.

\*\*الانقباض الجزئي المستمر والسلبي للعضلة أثناء استرخائها هو المسؤول عن المحافظة على التقوس الطبيعي للعمود الفقري.

Deep muscles group is formed of three muscle layers: Deep, Intermediate and Superficial i.e. Erector Spinae (which we are studying now).





# - ۲ Intermediate Group of Back Muscles

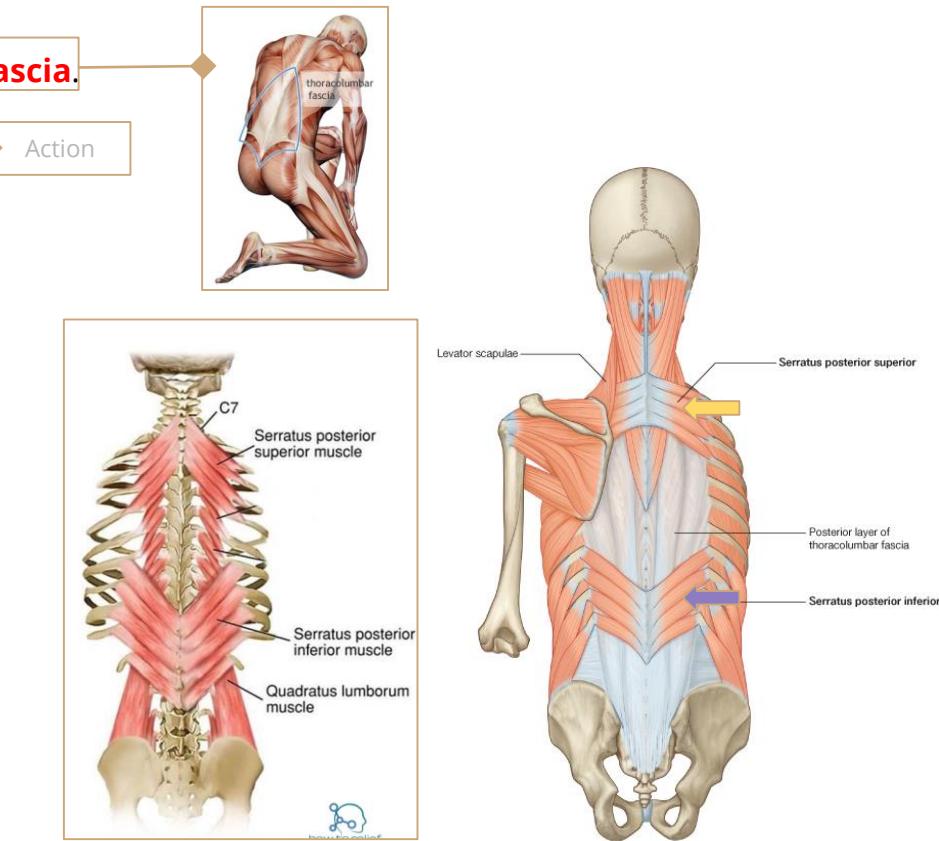
- It is separated from the deep group by **Thoracolumbar Fascia**.
- It includes two muscles :
  - **Serratus posterior superior** (rotavele bir)
    - contributes in deep inspiration.
    - Originate in: C<sub>0</sub>-T<sub>12</sub>:ni tresnl .T<sub>1</sub>-T<sub>12</sub> Ribs.
  - **Serratus posterior inferior** (rosserped bir)
    - contributes in forced expiration.\*
    - Originate in: T<sub>1</sub>-T<sub>12</sub> Ribs
- **Nerve supply:**
  - Anterior rami of **Thoracic spinal nerves**.

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\*In case of asthma or excessive exercise

Fascia: is a band or sheet of connective tissue, primarily collagen, beneath the skin that attaches, stabilizes, encloses, and separates muscles and other internal organs

اسمها Serratus لأنها مأخذ شكل المنشار و مأخذة شكل المنشار لأن ال insertion في ال Ribs.



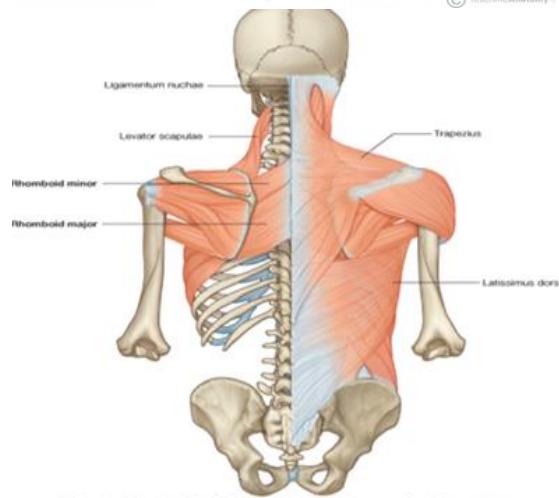
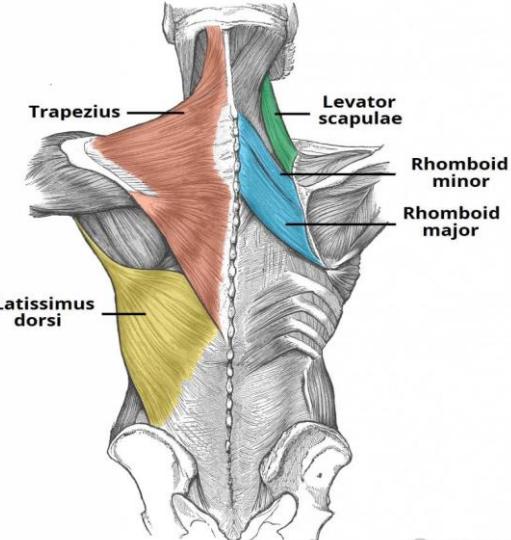
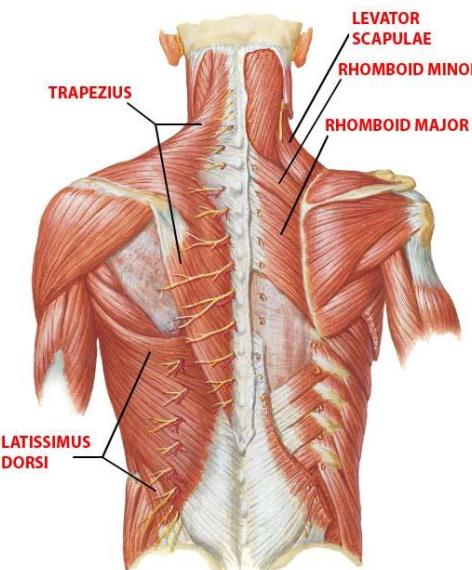
# Superficial Group of Back Muscles

Includes TWO sets of muscles:

- Muscles connecting **Vertebral Column** to **Scapula** (move scapula through shoulder girdle joints):
  - A. **Trapezius**
  - B. **Levator scapulae**
  - C. **Rhomboid minor**
  - D. **Rhomboid major**
- Muscles connecting **Vertebral Column** to **Humerus** (move humerus through shoulder joint):
  - **Latissimus dorsi**

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#Levator# = Rhomboid رافعة الشكل = معيني



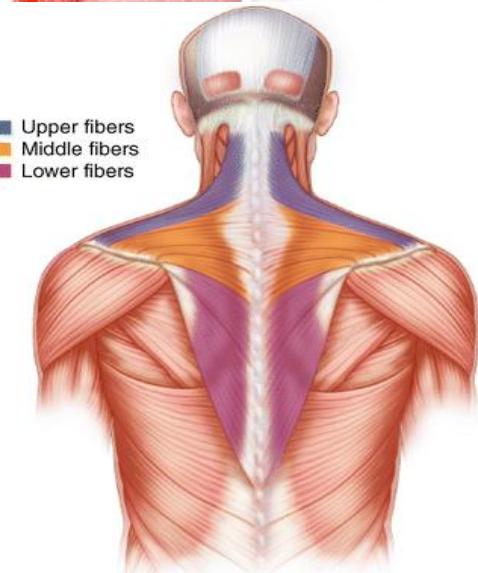
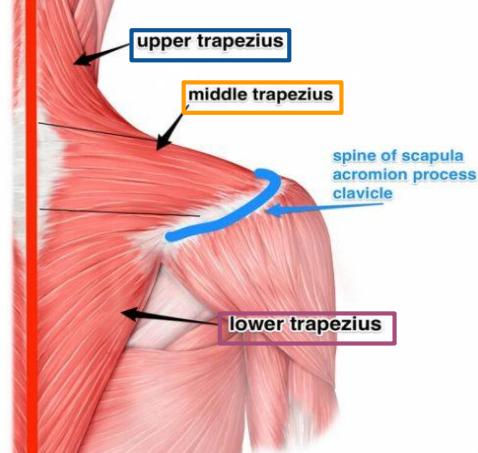
# A. TRAPEZIUS



- **Origin:**
  - Spines of Cervical & Thoracic Vertebrae (T1-T12)
- **Insertion:**
  - Lateral 1/3 of Clavicle + Acromion & Spine of Scapula.
- **Action:**
  - Rotation of scapula during **abduction** of humerus above horizontal ( $90^\circ$ )
- **Upper fibers:**
  - Elevate scapula.
- **Middle fibers:**
  - Retract scapula.
- **Lower fibers:**
  - Depress scapula.
- **Nerve supply:**
  - Spinal part of **accessory** (11th cranial) nerve.
  - The only cranial nerve in the upper limb.

Combination of these muscles allow the rotation of Scapula.

- **Elevate:** يرفع
- **Retract:** يسحب أو ينكمن
- **Depress:** يخفض



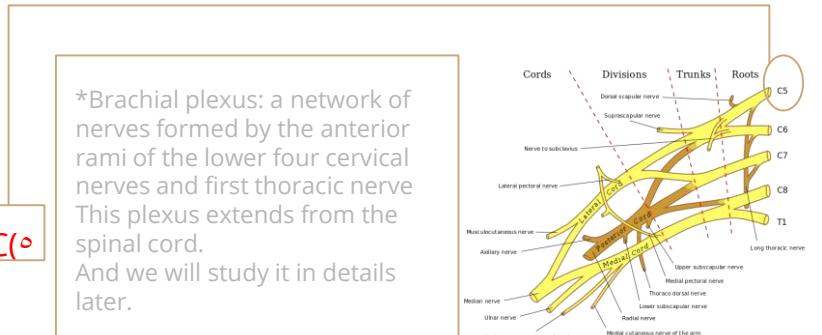
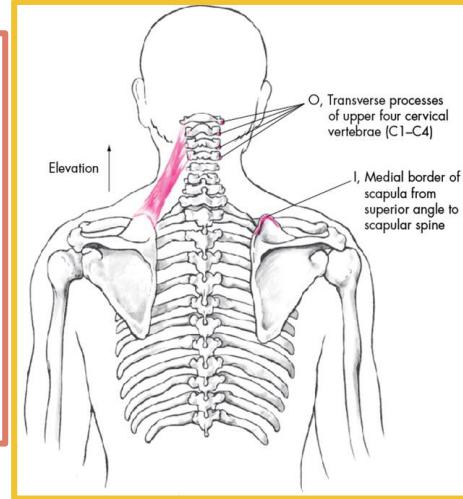
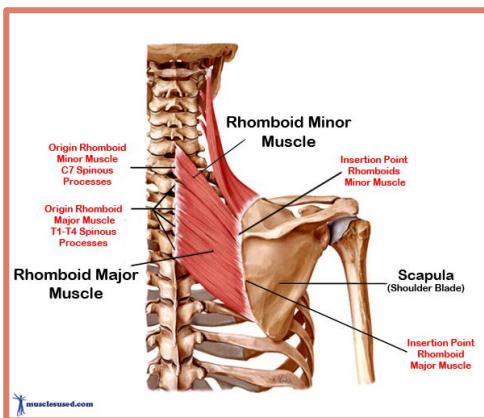
# B,C,D. Levator Scapulae, Rhomboid Major & Minor

- **Origin:**
  - **Levator Scapulae:**
    - Cervical transverse processes .(C1-C7)
  - **Rhomboid Major & Minor:**
    - Thoracic spines .(T1-T12)

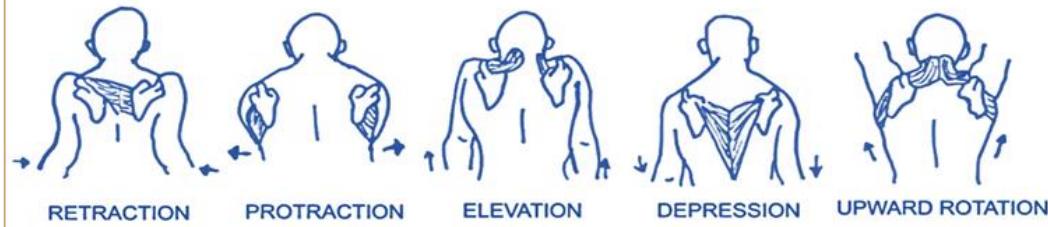
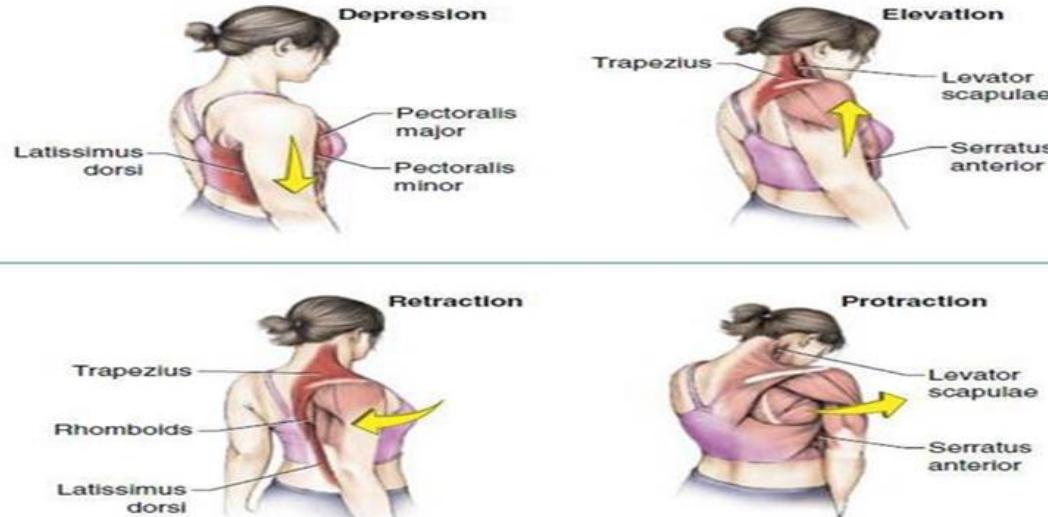
- **Insertion:**
  - medial border of Scapula
    - Rhomboid Major: Below the spine.
    - Rhomboid Minor: Opposite to the spine.
    - Levator Scapulae: Above the spine.

- **Actions:**
  - **Levator scapulae:**
    - Elevates scapula.
  - **Rhomboid Major & Minor:**
    - Retract scapula. )Have the same function as the middle fibers of Trapezius(

- **Nerve supply :**
  - Dorsal scapular nerve From root of brachial plexus\* (C5-C7)



## Addition

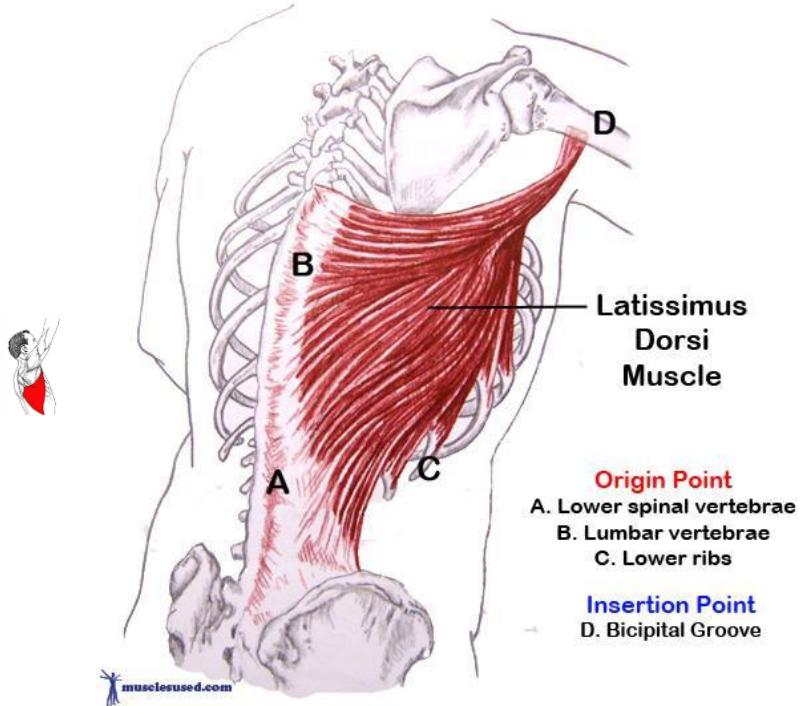


# Latissimus Dorsi



- **Origin:**
    - Spines of Thoracic & Lumbar vertebrae (T to Upper back of Sacrum, Iliac crest and four lower Ribs).
  - **Insertion:**
    - Bicipital (Intertubercular) groove of Humerus.\*
  - **Actions:**
    - Extension, Adduction & Medial Rotation of Humerus (arm, shoulder joint). It is called the climbing muscle.
  - **Nerve supply :**
    - Thoracodorsal nerve, from dorsal rami of T<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>2</sub>, and C<sub>7</sub>

\*Bicipital groove of Humerus has medial and lateral Prominences (lips) which other muscles attach to it, while this muscle attaches inside the groove between the lips (floor of bicipital groove).



# Very Important!!!

## Muscular triangles of back

### Auscultatory Triangle

#### Boundaries:

- Latissimus dorsi.
- Trapezius.
- medial border of Scapula.

### Lumbar Triangle Yellow triangle of petit(

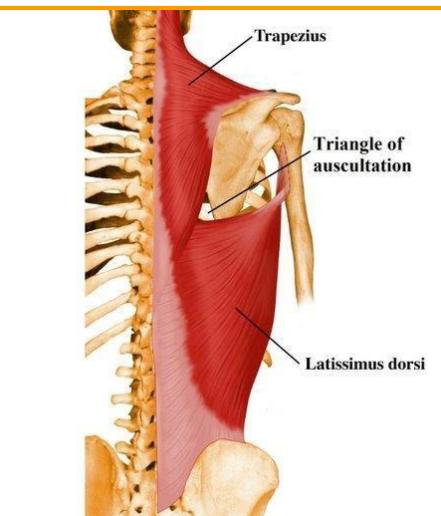
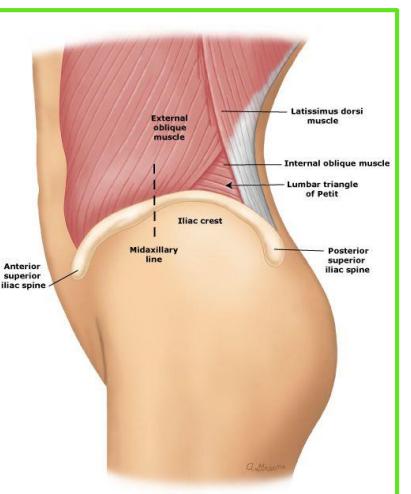
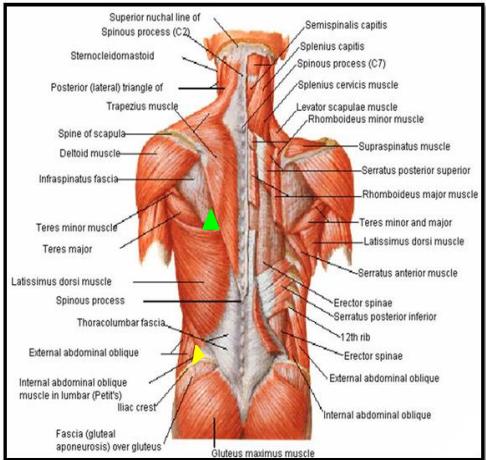
#### Boundaries :

- Latissimus dorsi.
- Posterior border of **External Oblique** muscle of the abdomen.
- **Iliac crest .**

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Lumbar Hernia



## Summary of Superficial muscles

		Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Action	Nerve supply	
SUPERFICIAL GROUP OF BACK MUSCLES	Muscles connecting vertebral column to scapula (move scapula through shoulder girdle joints)	Trapezius	Spines of cervical & Thoracic vertebrae	lateral 1/3 of clavicle + acromion & spine of scapula.	rotation of scapula during abduction of humerus above horizontal. 1. Upper fibers: elevate scapula. 2. Middle fibers: retract scapula 3. Lower fibers: depress scapula.	Spinal part of accessory (11th cranial) nerve	
		Levator scapulae	cervical transverse processes	medial border of scapula	elevates scapula	dorsal scapular nerve (from root of brachial plexus 'C5')	
		Rhomboide minor	thoracic spines	medial border of scapula	retract scapula.	dorsal scapular nerve (from root of brachial plexus 'C5')	
		Rhomboide major	thoracic spines	medial border of scapula	retract scapula.	dorsal scapular nerve (from root of brachial plexus 'C5')	
	Muscle connecting vertebral column to humerus (move humerus through shoulder joint)	Latissimus dorsi (climbing muscle)	spines of thoracic & lumbar vertebrae	bicipital groove of humerus	extension, adduction & medial rotation of humerus (arm, shoulder joint).	thoracodorsal nerve. (C6,7,8) From posterior cord of brachial plexus	

# Summary

group	Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Innervation	Function
Deep	The largest muscle of this group is "Erector Spinae" formed of 3 vertical columns ( <i>from lateral to medial</i> ). <u>Iliocostalis</u> , Longissimus , Spinalis.	Sacrum	Skull	Posterior Rami of spinal nerves	straighten and rotate the back. extensors and rotators of head & vertebral column
Intermediate	Serratus posterior superior	—	—	<b>anterior rami</b> of thoracic spinal nerves.	<u>deep inspiration</u> . forced <b>expiration</b>
	Serratus posterior inferior	—	—		
Superficial Muscles connecting vertebral column to Scapula	Trapezius	Spines of Cervical and Thoracic Vertebrae	lateral 1/3 of clavicle + acromion & spine of scapula.	<b>11th cranial nerve (accessory)</b>	Upper fibers: elevate scapula Middle: retract scapula Lower: depress scapula
	Levator Scapulae	Cervical transverse process	<b>Medial border of scapula</b>	<b>Root of brachial plexus C5</b>	Elevate scapula
	Rhomboid Major	Thoracic spines	<b>Medial border of scapula</b>	<b>Root of brachial plexus C5</b>	Retract Scapula
	Rhomboid Minor	Thoracic Spines	<b>Medial border of scapula</b>	<b>Root of brachial plexus C5</b>	Retract scapula
	Latissimus Dorsi	Spines of Thoracic and Lumbar Vertebrae	<u>Bicipital</u> groove of the humerus	Thoracodorsal nerve C6,7,8	Extension, adduction, and medial rotation of humerus"climbing"

# MCQ:

- Which one of the following is the largest muscle of deep muscles of back group ?

- A- Trapezius.
- B- Serratus posterior superior.
- C- Erector spinae.
- D- Latissimus Dorsi.

- Which nerve supplies the intermediate group of back muscles ?

- A- Anterior rami of thoracic spinal nerves
- B- Posterior rami of thoracic spinal nerves .
- C- Dorsal scapular nerve
- D- Thoracodorsal nerve.

- Muscles that attached to & move vertebral column & head?

- A- Deep muscles.
- C- Intermediate group.

## Flash cards test(

- the Pus may merge from?

- A- Auscultatory triangle.
- C- Petit triangle.
- B- Lumbar triangle.
- D- C&B.

- Which nerve supplies the trapezius muscle?

- A- Dorsal scapular nerve.
- B- 1<sup>st</sup> Cranial nerve .
- C- 11<sup>th</sup> Cranial nerve.
- D -Posterior rami of spinal cord.

- What s the function of upper fiber of trapezius?

- A-Depress scapula.
- B- Elevate scapula.
- C- Retract scapula.
- D- Rotate scapula.

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