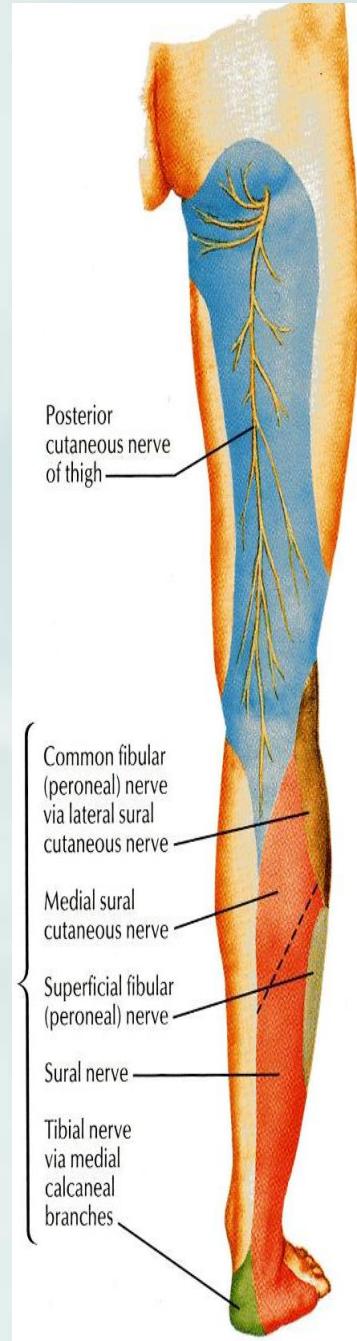
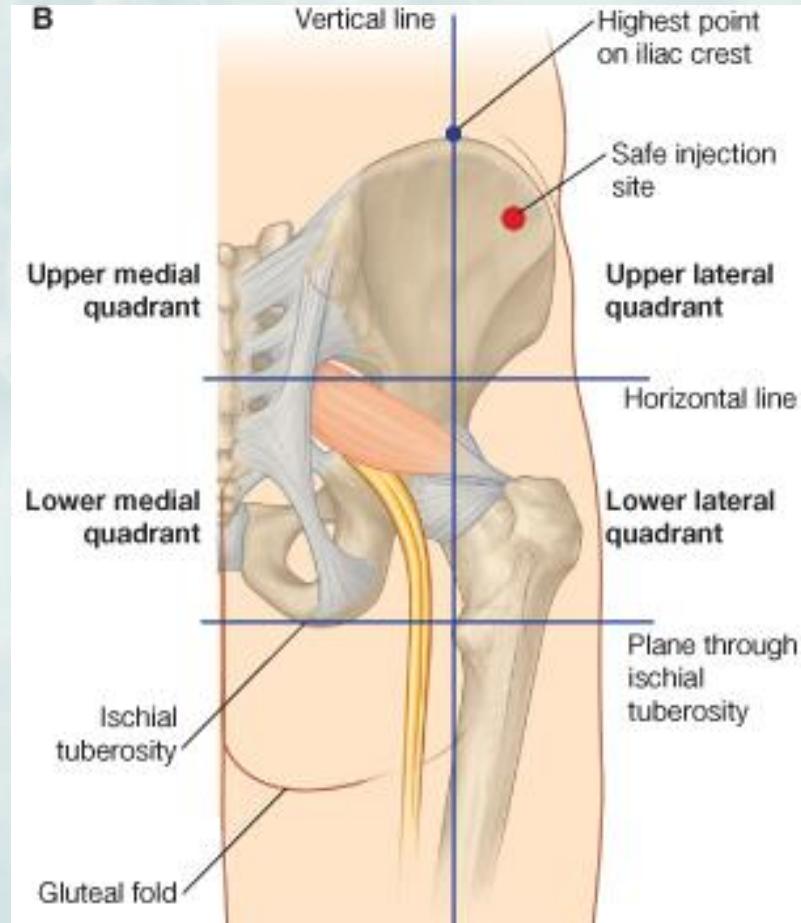


# GLUTEAL REGION & BACK OF THIGH



# **OBJECTIVES**

- ❖ By the end of this lecture, you should be able to identify:
- ❖ Contents of the gluteal region:
  - ❖ 3 Glutei muscles: Gluteus maximus, medius and minimus.
  - ❖ Other 5 Small muscles: Piriformis, Obturator internus, Superior gemellus, Inferior gemellus and Quadratus femoris.
- **Nerves & vessels.**
- ❖ Foramina: 1-Greater Sciatic Foramen.  
                          2-Lesser Sciatic Foramen.
- **Back of the thigh: Hamstring muscles.**

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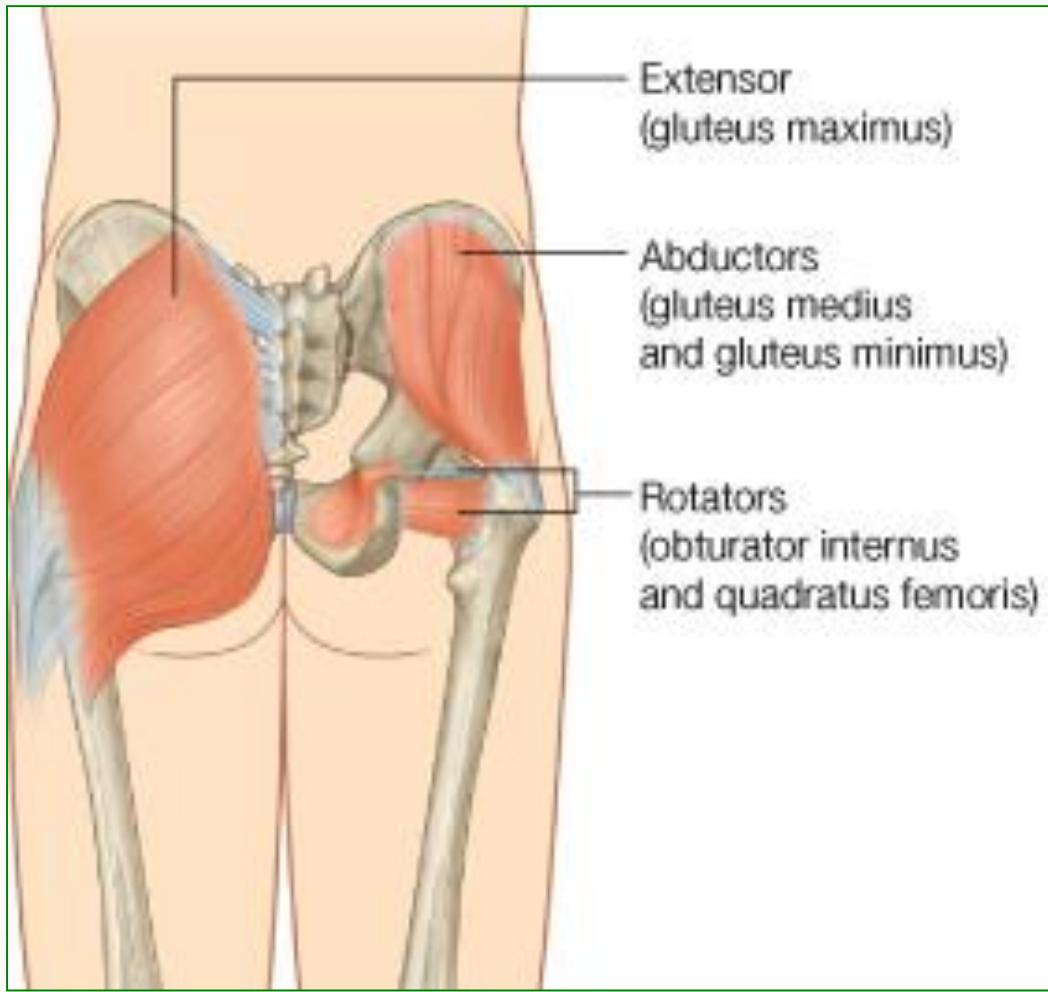
- **I - Muscles:**

**A- GLUTEI:**

1. Gluteus maximus.
2. Gluteus medius.
3. Gluteus minimus.

**B- GROUP OF SMALL MUSCLES:**

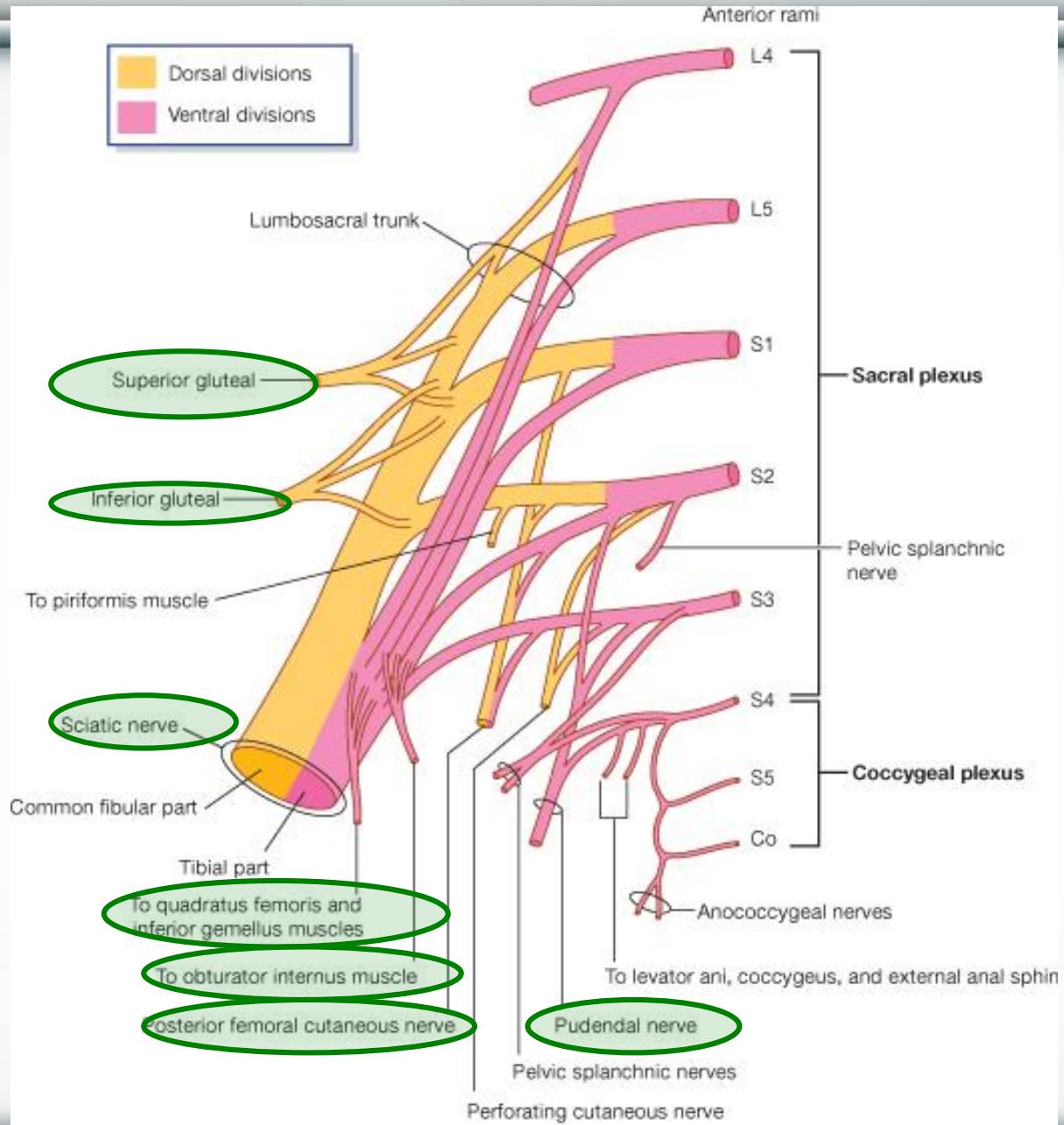
1. Piriformis.
2. Obturator internus.
3. Superior gemellus.
4. Inferior gemellus.
5. Quadratus femoris.



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**II – NERVES:**  
(all from sacral plexus):

1. Sciatic nerve.
2. Superior gluteal n.
3. Inferior gluteal n.
4. Posterior cutaneous nerve of thigh.
5. Nerve to obturator internus.
6. Nerve to quadratus femoris.
7. Pudendal nerve.

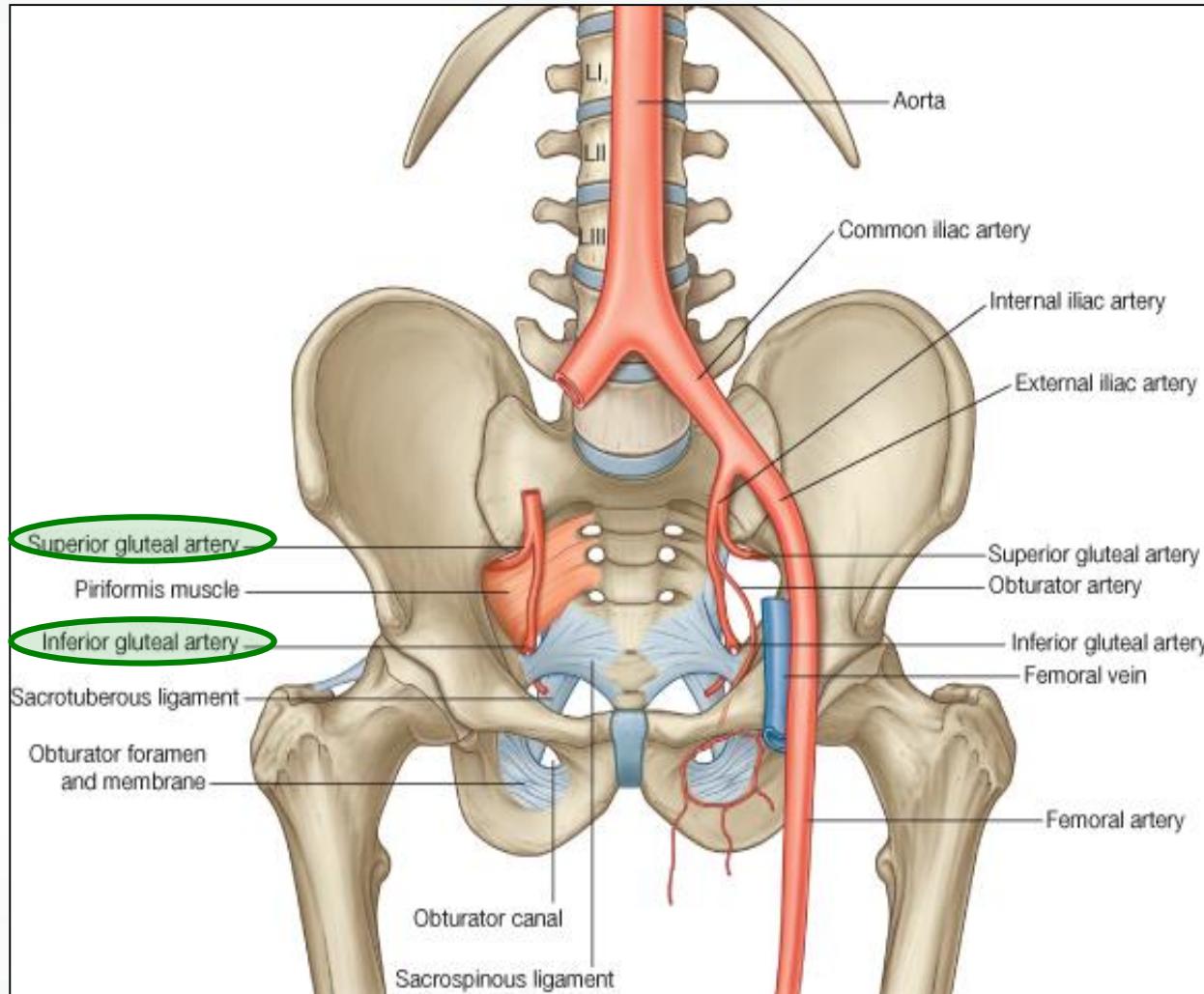


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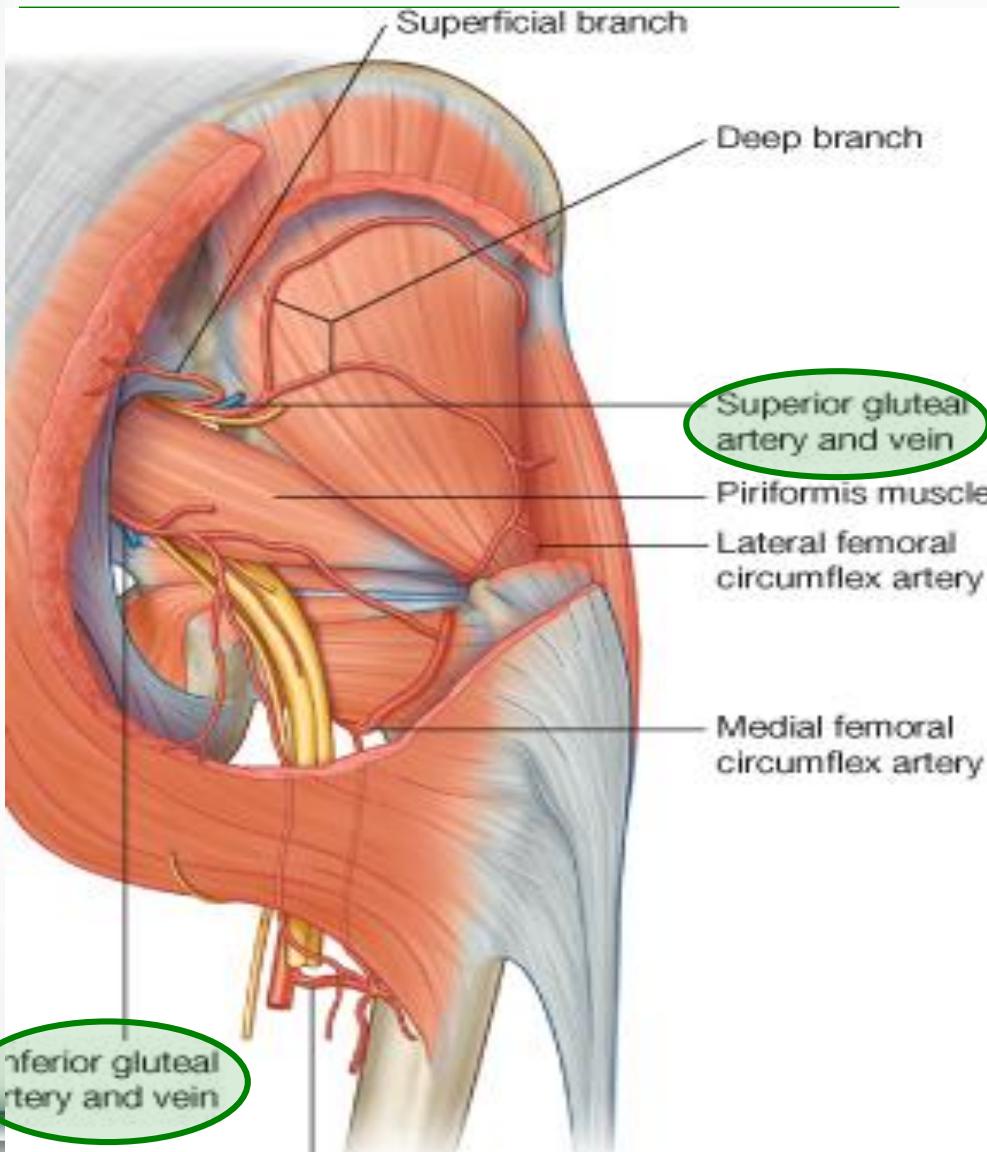
## **III - VESSELS:**

**(all from internal iliac vessels):**

- 1. Superior gluteal V.**
- 2. Inferior gluteal V.**
- 3. Internal pudendal vessels.**

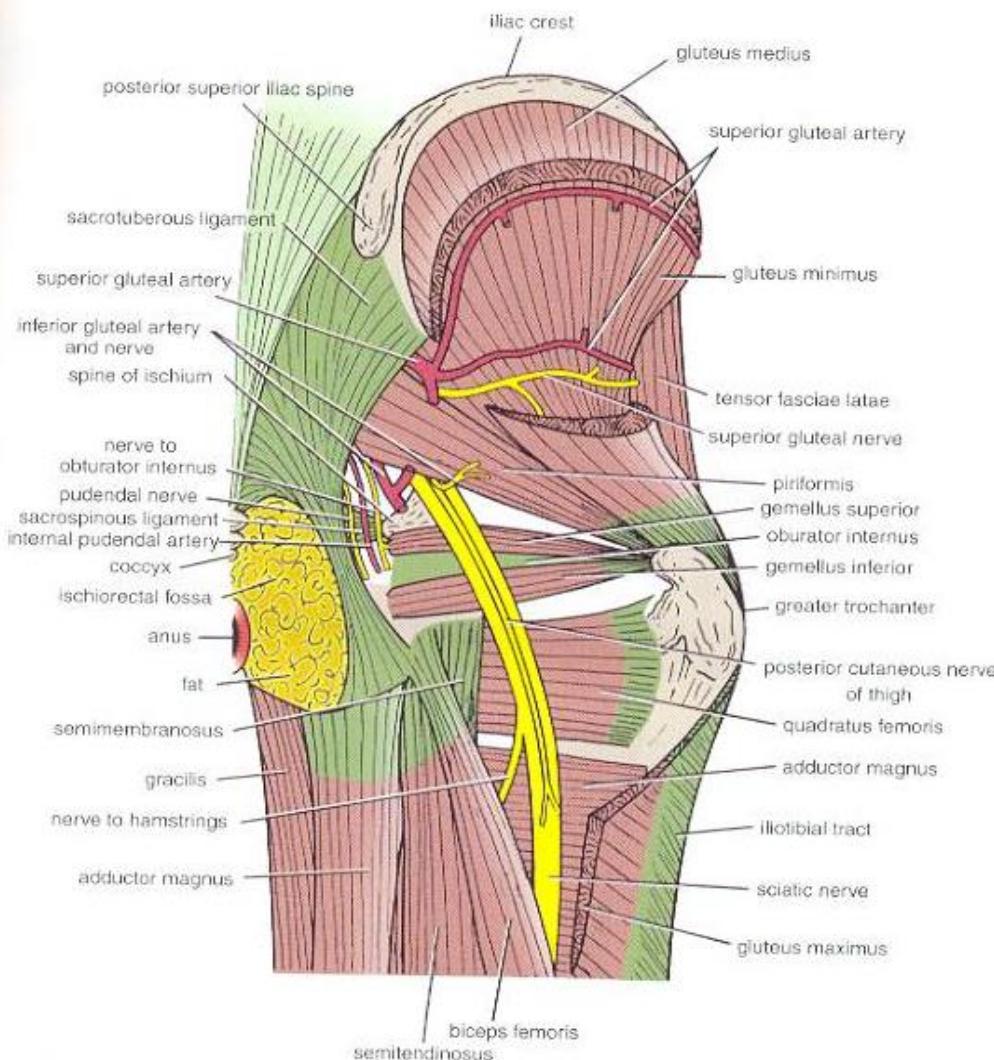


# Greater sciatic foramen



- Greater sciatic notch of hip bone is transformed into foramen by sacrotuberous & sacrospinous ligaments.
- Structures passing through Greater sciatic foramen :
- Piriformis muscle.
- Above piriformis:
- Superior gluteal nerves & vessels.
- Below piriformis:
- Inferior gluteal nerves & vessels.
- Sciatic nerve.
- Posterior cutaneous nerve of thigh.
- Nerve to quadratus femoris.
- Nerve to obturator internus.
- Pudendal N.
- Internal pudendal vessels.

# Lesser sciatic foramen



➤ Lesser sciatic notch of hip bone is transformed into foramen by Sacrotuberous & sacrospinous ligaments.

- *Structures passing through Lesser sciatic foramen :*

1. Tendon of obturator internus.
2. Nerve to obturator internus.
3. Pudendal nerve.
4. Internal pudendal vessels.

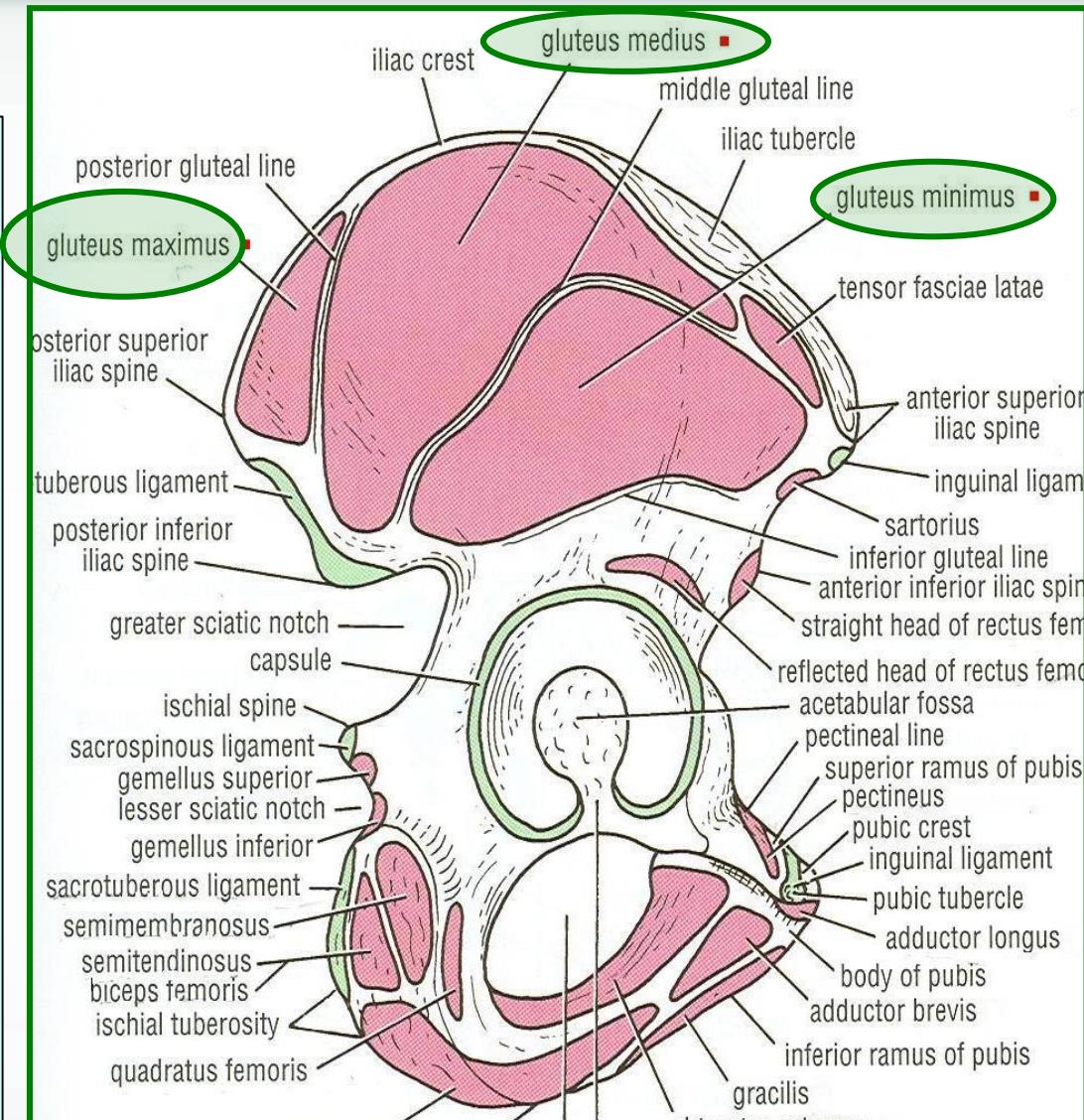
# Glutei Muscles

## • ORIGINS:

- Gluteus minimus:
- Anterior part of the gluteal surface of ilium
- Gluteus medium:
- Middle part of the gluteal surface of ilium.
- Gluteus maximus:
- Posterior part of the gluteal surface of ilium.

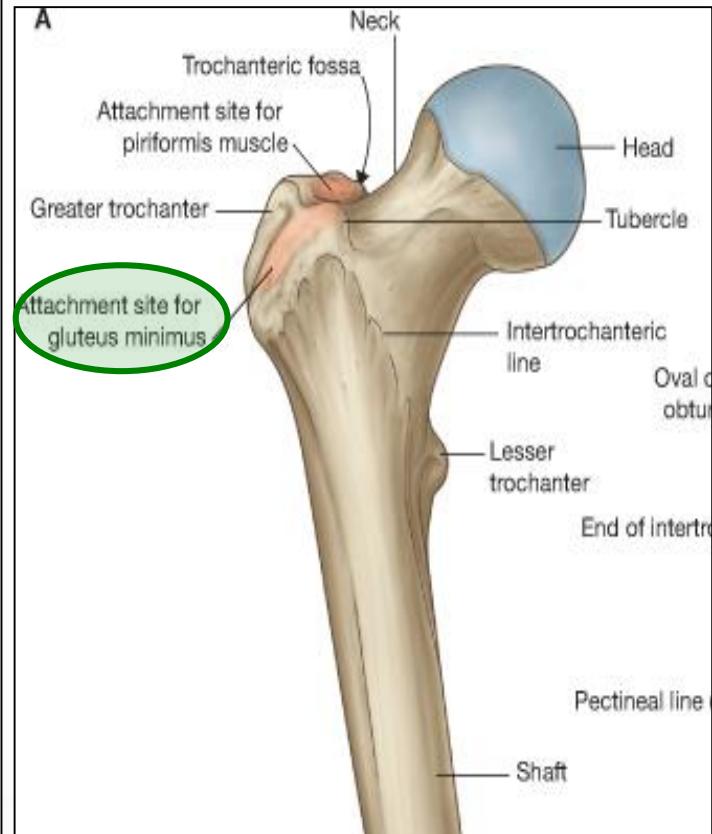
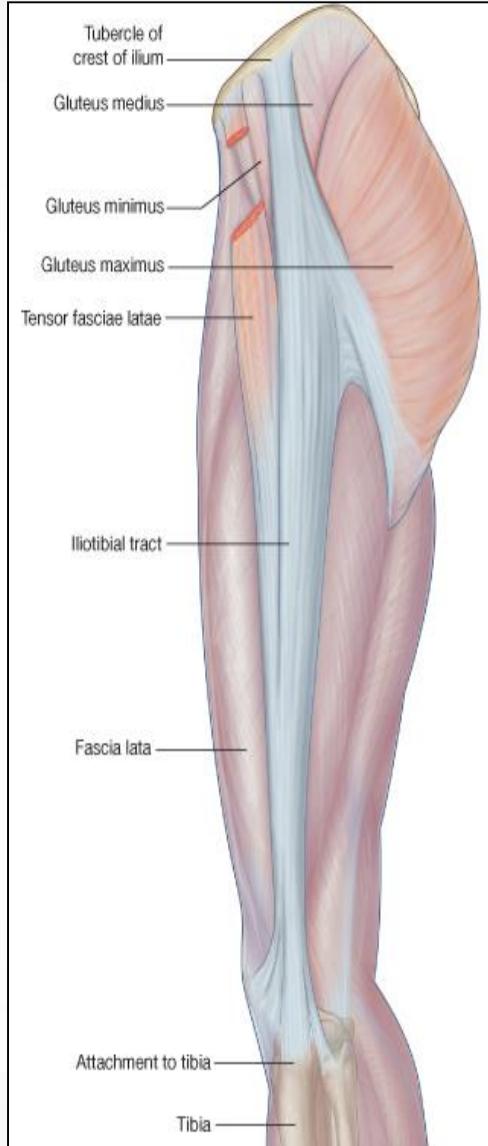
### Main origin of gluteus maximus:

Back of sacrum & coccyx & back of Sacrotuberous ligament.



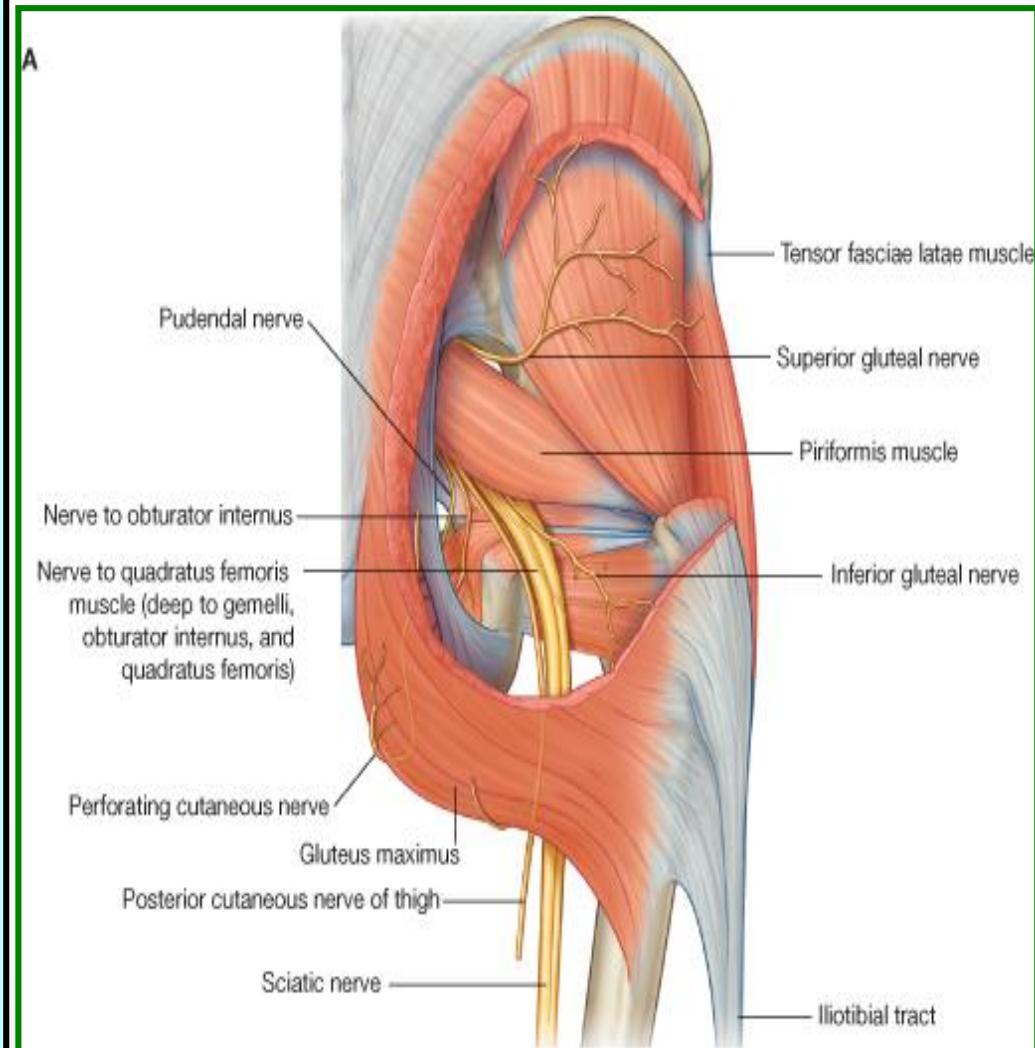
# Glutei

- **Insertion:**
- **Gluteus minimus:** anterior surface of the greater trochanter
- **Gluteus medius:** lateral surface of the greater trochanter
- **Gluteus maximus:**
  1. **Main insertion:** iliotibial tract
  2. **Other insertion:** gluteal tuberosity of the femur.



- **Gluteus medius & minimus:**
  - **Nerve supply:**
  - Superior gluteal nerve.
  - **Action:**
  - Abduction & Medial rotation of hip joint.
  - Also they prevent tilt of the pelvis on raising the other limb from ground.
- **Gluteus maximus:**
  - **Nerve supply:**
  - Inferior gluteal nerve.
  - **Action:**
  - Extension & lateral rotation of the hip joint.
  - Through its attachment to iliotibial tract, it stabilizes the femur on the tibia during standing.

## NERVE SUPPLY & ACTION



- **Obturator Internus:**

- **Origin:**

- Side wall of the pelvis.

- **Insertion:**

- Greater trochanter.

- **Nerve supply:**

- Nerve to obturator internus.

- **Superior & Inferior Gemelli:**

- **Origin:**

- Upper and lower part of lesser sciatic notch respectively.

- **Insertion:**

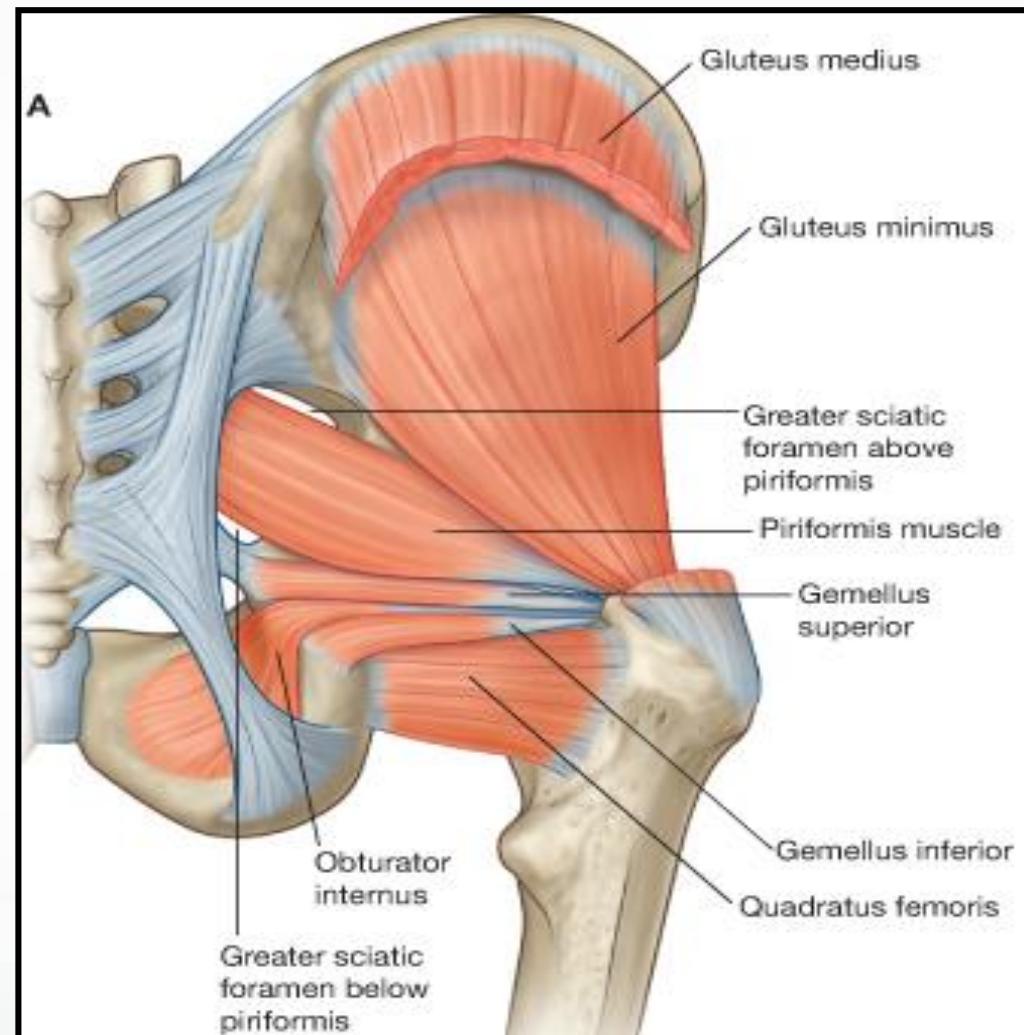
- Into tendon of obturator internus.

- **Nerve supply:**

- **Superior gemellus:** nerve to obturator internus.

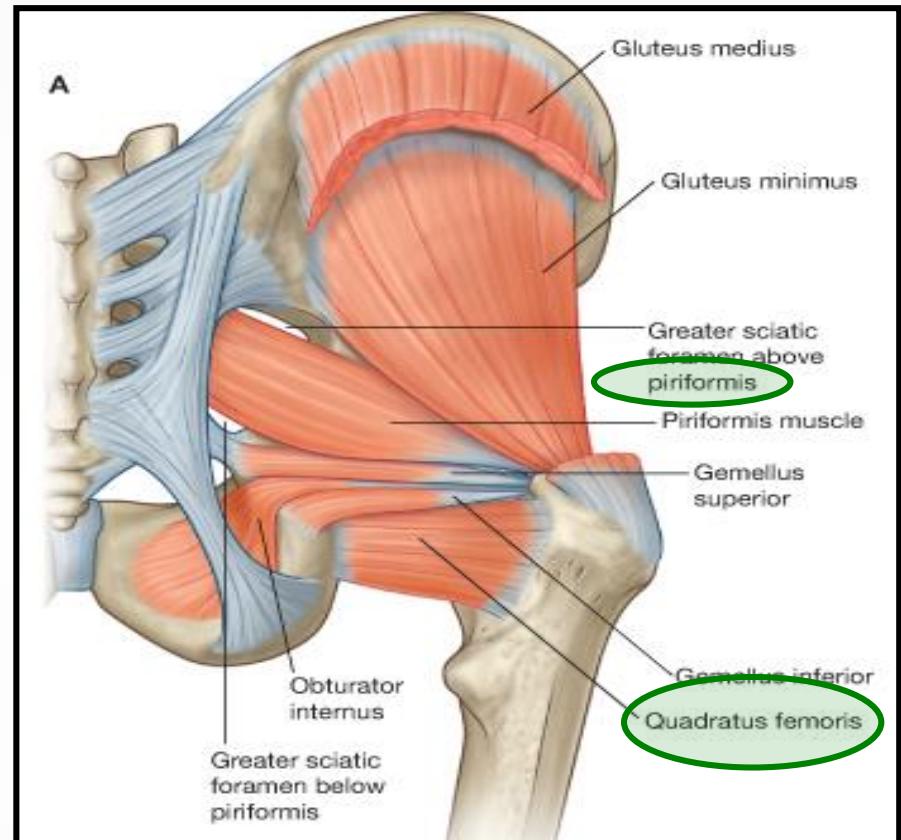
- **Inferior gemellus:** nerve to quadratus femoris.

## Small muscles



- **Piriformis:**
- **Origin:**
- Pelvic surface of middle 3 sacral vertebrae.
- **Insertion:**
- Greater trochanter.
- **Nerve supply:**
- Anterior rami of S1,2.
- **Quadratus femoris:**
- **Origin:**
- Ischial tuberosity.
- **Insertion:**
- Quadratus tubercle.
- **Nerve supply:**
- Nerve to quadratus femoris.

## Small muscles



**Action:** All have SIMILAR ACTION: Lateral rotation of the hip joint.  
**Control movement of the hip joint.**

## SUPERIOR GLUTEAL NERVE:

- **Course:**
- Passes through GSF, above piriformis.
- **Branches:**
  1. Muscular to gluteus medius, minimus & tensor fasciae lata muscle.
  2. Articular to hip joint.

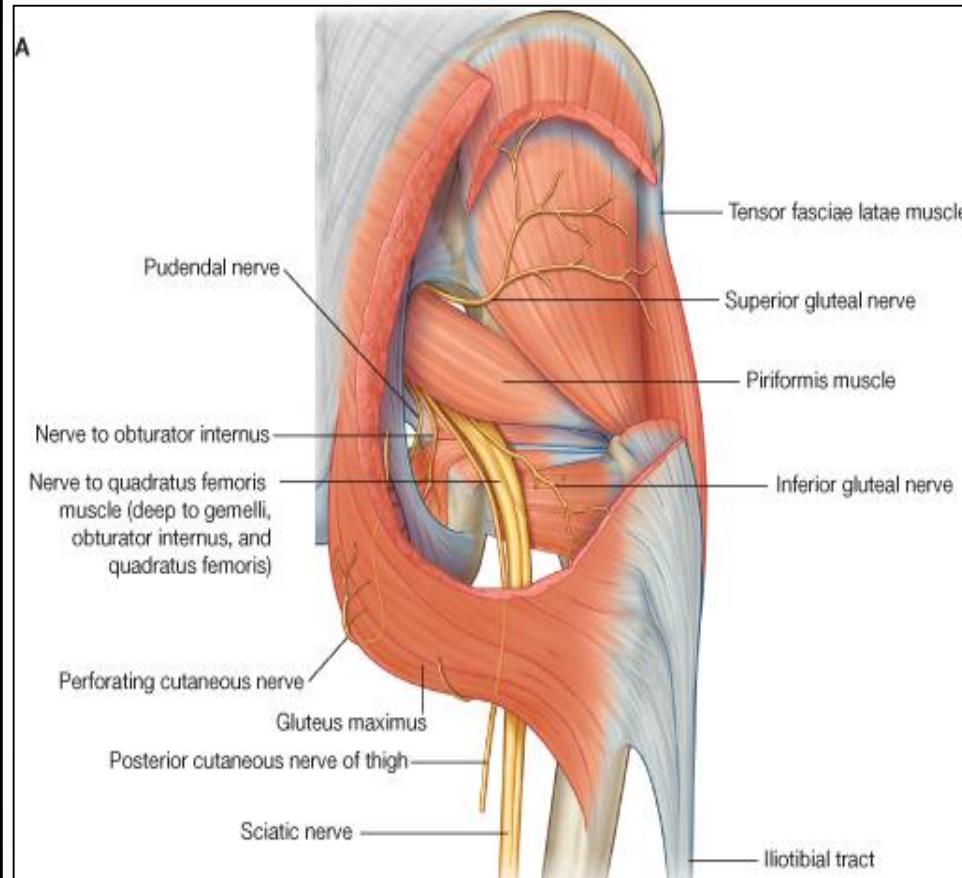
## INFERIOR GLUTEAL NERVE:

- **Course:**
- passes through GSF, below piriformis.
- **Branches:** Gluteus maximus.

## NERVE TO QUADRATUS FEMORIS:

- **Course:**
- passes through GSF, below piriformis.
- **Branches:**
  1. Muscular to quadratus femoris & inferior gemellus.
  2. Articular to hip joint.

# NERVES



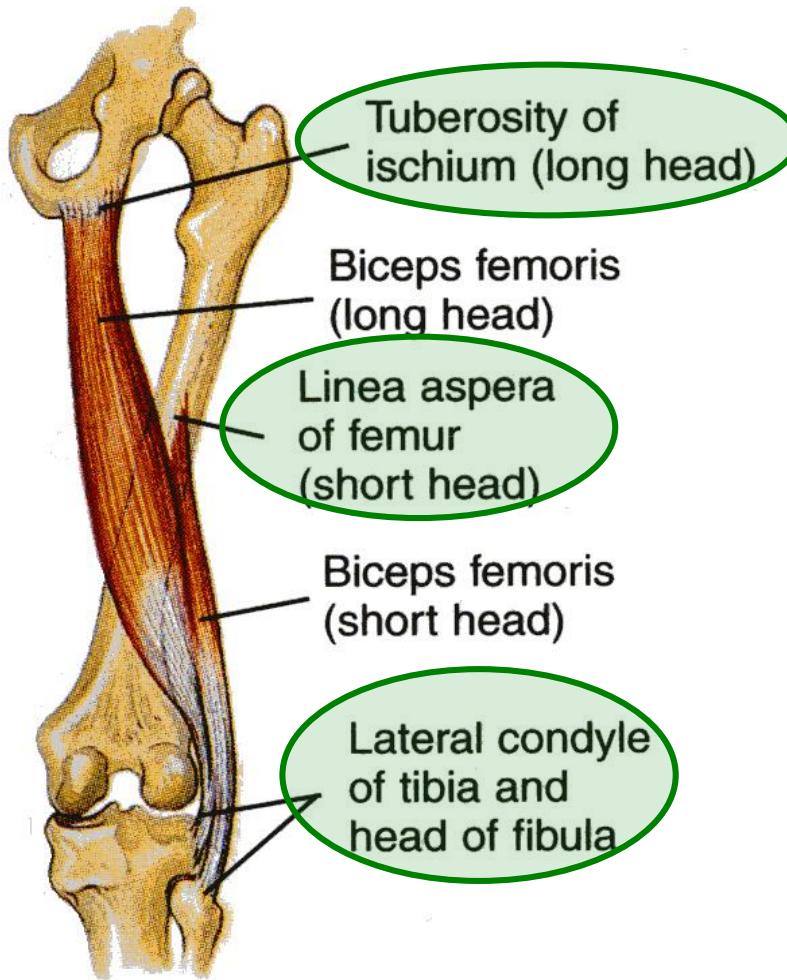
# POSTERIOR COMPARTMENT OF THE THIGH



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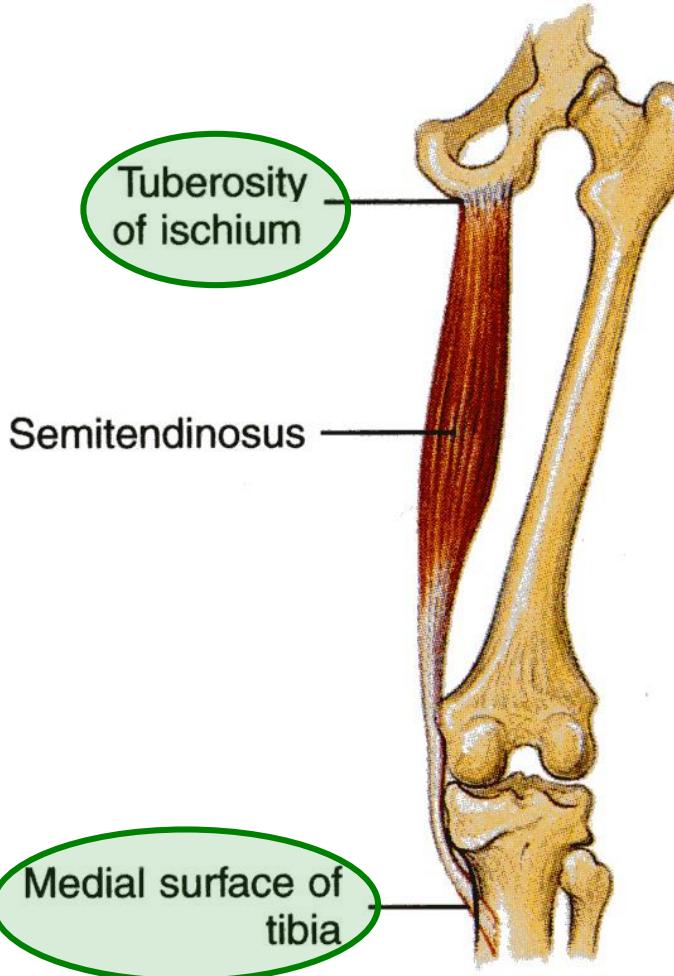
- **Muscles:**
- **Hamstring muscles:**
  - Biceps femoris.
  - Semitendinosus.
  - Semimembranosus.
  - Ischial part of adductor magnus.
- **Blood supply:**
  - Branches of the profunda femoris artery.
- **Nerve supply:**
  - Sciatic nerve.

# MUSCLES



- **Biceps Femoris,**
- **Origin:**
  - **Long head** from the *ischial tuberosity*.
  - **Short head** from *the linea aspera*
  - **Insertion:**
- **Head of the fibula.**
- **Nerve supply:**
- **Long head:** tibial part of the sciatic;
- **Short head:** common peroneal part of the sciatic.
- **Action**
- **Flexion of knee.**
- **Lateral rotation of flexed leg.**
- **Long head: extends the hip.**

# SEMITENDINOSUS

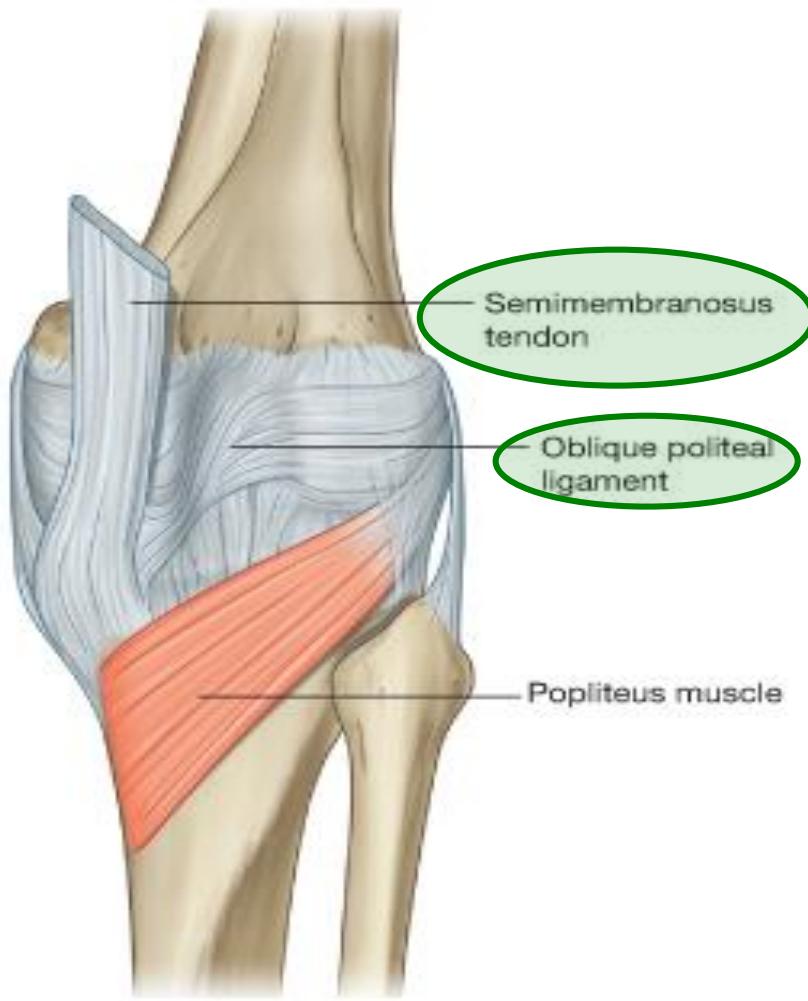


- **Origin:**
  - Ischial tuberosity.
- **Insertion:**
  - Upper part of the medial surface of the shaft of the tibia (**SGS**).

## Nerve supply:

- Tibial portion of the sciatic.
- ## Action
- Flexes and medially rotates the leg at the knee joint.
  - Extends the thigh at the hip joint.

# SEMIMEMBRANOSUS



- **Origin:**
  - Ischial tuberosity.
- **Insertion:**
  - Posterior surface of the medial condyle of the tibia.
  - It forms the **oblique popliteal ligament**, which reinforces the capsule on the back of the knee joint.

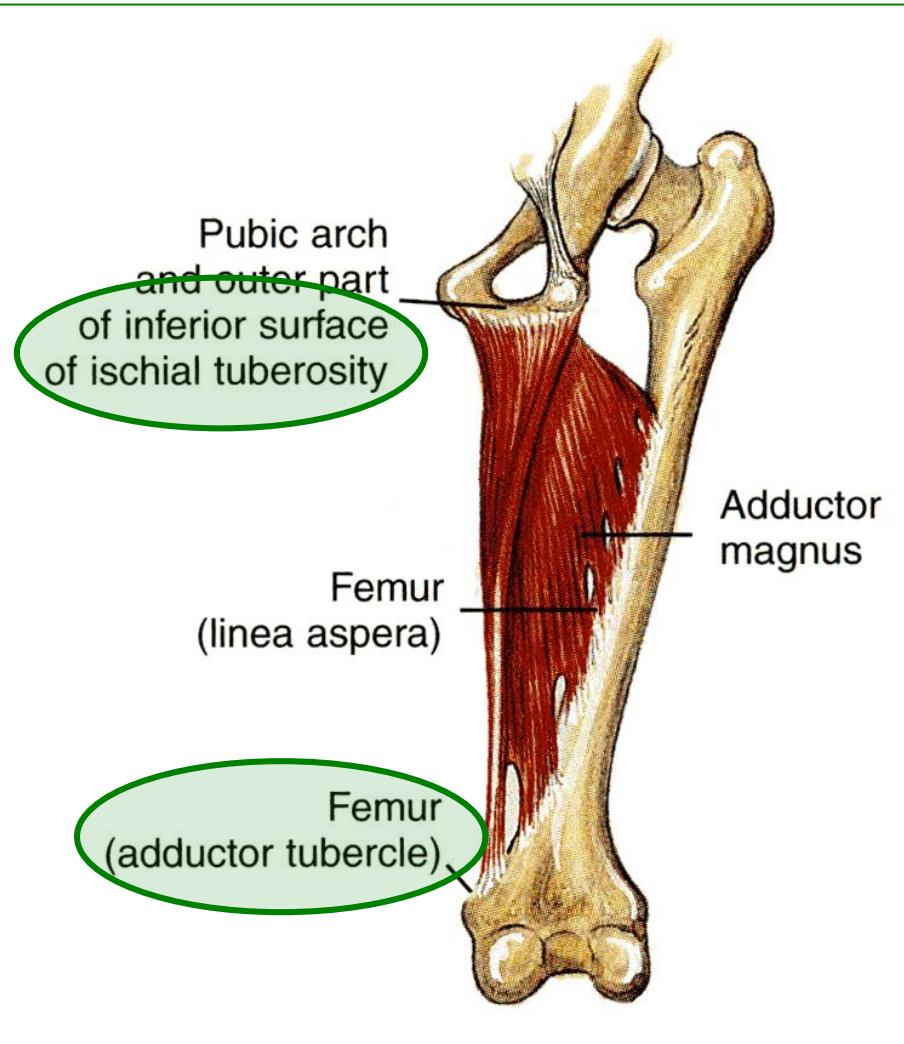
## Nerve supply

- Tibial part of the sciatic nerve.

## Action

- Flexes and medially rotates the leg at the knee joint;
- Extends the thigh at the hip.

# ADDUCTOR MAGNUS (HAMSTRING PART)



- **Origin:**
  - Ischial ramus and ischial tuberosity.
- **Insertion:**
  - Adductor tubercle of the medial condyle of the femur.
- **Nerve supply:**
  - Tibial portion of sciatic.
- **Action:**
  - Extends the thigh at the hip joint.



# NERVE SUPPLY

- **Sciatic Nerve**
- The **sciatic nerve**, is a branch of the sacral plexus (L4 and 5; S1, 2, and 3), leaves the gluteal region as it descends in the midline of the thigh.
- It lies on the posterior aspect of the adductor magnus.
- In the lower third of the thigh it ends by dividing into **tibial** and **common peroneal nerves**.