



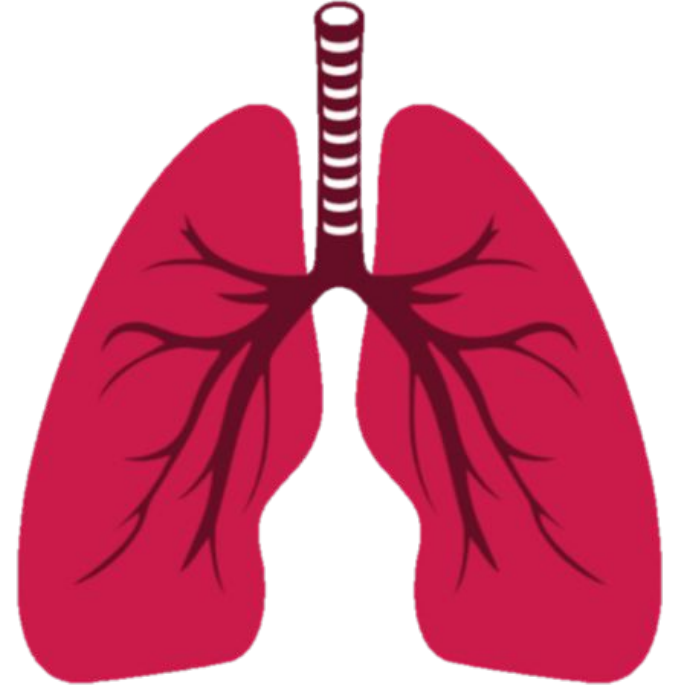
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Muscles involved in respiration

Respiratory block-Anatomy-Lecture 1

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Objectives

- Describe the components of the thoracic cage and their articulations.
- Describe in brief the respiratory movements.
- List the muscles involved in inspiration and in expiration.
- Describe the attachments of each muscle to the thoracic cage and its nerve supply.
- Describe the origin, insertion, nerve supply of diaphragm.

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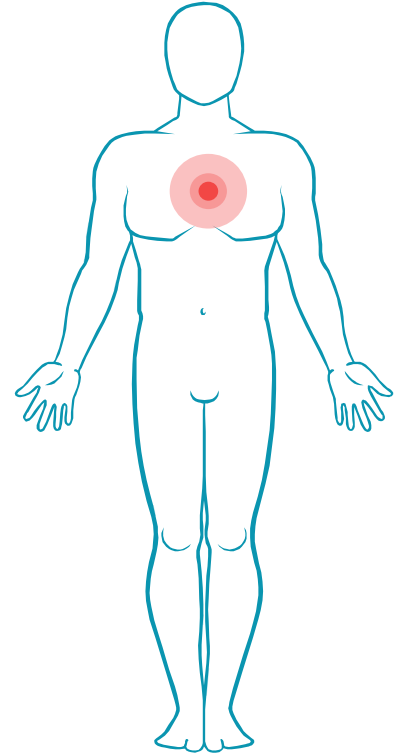
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Thoracic cage :

- ❖ Conical in shape
- ❖ Has 2 apertures (**openings**):
 1. **Superior** (thoracic outlet): **narrow, open, continuous with neck obliquely placed facing upward and forward**

Bounded by:

- Superior border of the manubrium anteriorly
- Medial borders of first rib laterally
- First thoracic vertebrae posteriorly

2. **Inferior**: **wide, closed** by diaphragm

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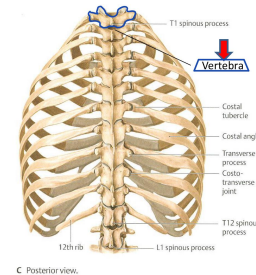
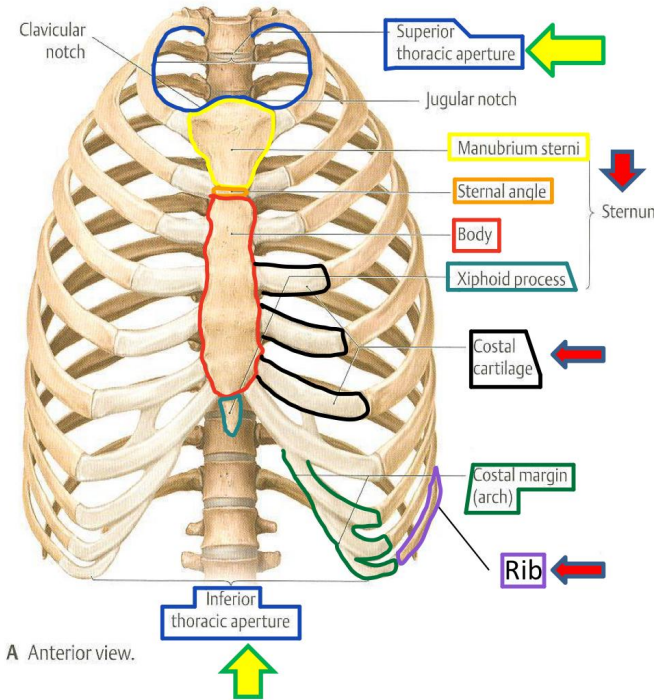
- Xiphisternal joint: anteriorly
- Curving costal margin laterally
- Twelve thoracic vertebrae: posteriorly

- ❖ Formed by:

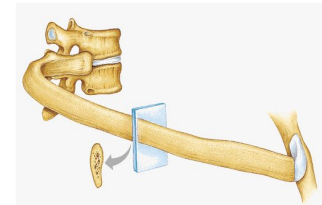
1- Sternum & costal cartilages: **anteriorly**

2- Twelve pairs of ribs: **laterally**

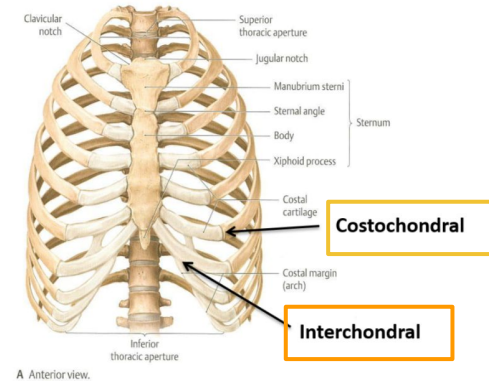
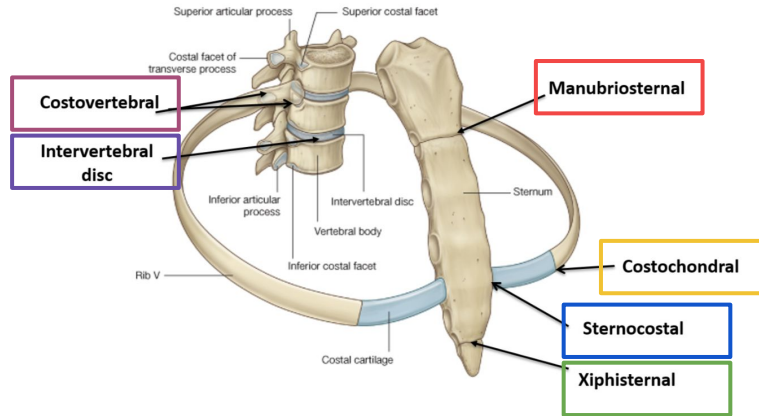
3- Twelve thoracic vertebrae: **posteriorly**



Note : the lower border of the rib is sharp.



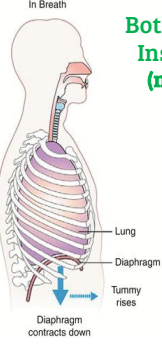
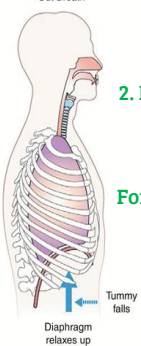
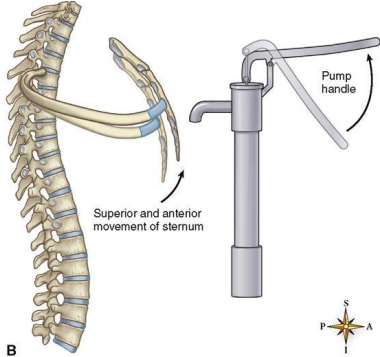
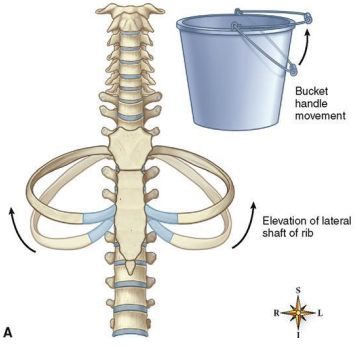
Articulations



- **Intervertebral discs***= Between two vertebrae (**Secondary cartilaginous**)
- **Costovertebral joints**= Between ribs and thoracic vertebrae (**Plane synovial**)
 - **Note** : each Rib articulates with two vertebrae.
- **Costochondral joints**= Between ribs and their costal cartilages (**Primary cartilaginous**)
- **Interchondral joints***= Between costal cartilages of 6th -10th ribs (**Primary cartilaginous**)
- **Sternocostal joints**= Between costal cartilages and sternum
 - **1st** costal cartilage (**Primary cartilaginous**)
 - From **2nd** to **7th** (**Plane synovial**)
- **Manubriosternal joint***= Between manubrium and body of sternum (**Secondary cartilaginous**)
- **Xiphisternal joint***= Between body of the sternum and xiphoid process (**Secondary cartilaginous**)

Respiratory Movements :Movements of DIAPHRAGM and RIBS

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DIAPHRAGM		RIBS	
Inspiration (in breath)	Expiration (out breath)	Pump handle movement	Bucket handle movement
<p>Contraction, descent (down) Of diaphragm</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Increase of vertical diameter of thoracic cavity</p>	<p>Relaxation, ascent (up)</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Decrease of vertical diameter of thoracic cavity</p>	<p>Elevation of ribs</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Increase in antero-posterior diameter of thoracic cavity</p>	<p>Elevation of ribs</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Increase in lateral diameter of thoracic cavity</p>
<p>In Breath</p>  <p>Both Normal and forced Inspiration are active (needs muscles action)</p>	<p>Out Breath</p>  <p>Normal Expiration is Passive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elastic recoil of lung 2. Relaxation of diaphragm & external intercostal (No muscles action) <p>Forced Expiration is active (needs muscles action)</p>	 <p>Superior and anterior movement of sternum</p> <p>Pump handle</p>	 <p>Bucket handle movement</p> <p>Elevation of lateral shaft of rib</p>

Inspiratory Muscles

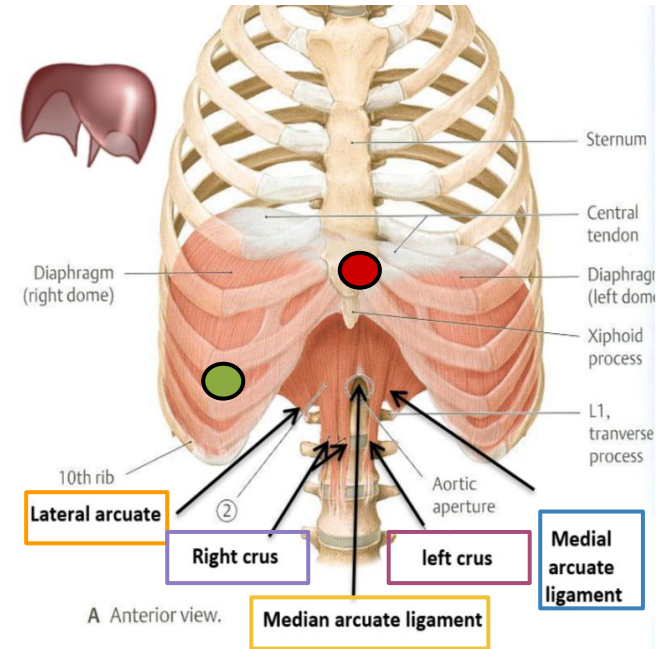
1. **Active in** both **normal** and **forced** inspiration = **Diaphragm** and **External intercostal muscles**
2. **Active Only** in **forced** inspiration (Accessory muscles) such as : **Scalene muscles** and **Pectoralis major**

DIAPHRAGM:

A musculotendinous partition between thoracic & abdominal cavity.
It is Convex toward thoracic & concave toward abdominal cavity.
(most important muscle)

Origin :

- 1- **Costal**: Lower 6 ribs and their costal cartilages
- 2- **Vertebral**: upper 3 lumbar vertebrae by
 - **Right crus** (attached to the upper **three** lumbar vertebrae)
Right crus is stronger and bigger because liver is immediately below it
 - **left crus** (attached to the upper **two** lumbar vertebrae)
 - **And 5 ligaments :**
 - 2x Medial arcuate**: connects each crus to 1st lumbar vertebra
 - 2x Lateral arcuate**: connects 1st lumbar vertebra to last rib
 - Median arcuate**: connects right & left crus
- 3- **Sternal**: Posterior surface of xiphoid process



Inspiratory Muscles

DIAPHRAGM: cont

Insertion :

Fibers converge to join the **central tendon**
(lies at the level of xiphisternal joint, at 9th thoracic Vertebra)

Nerve supply:

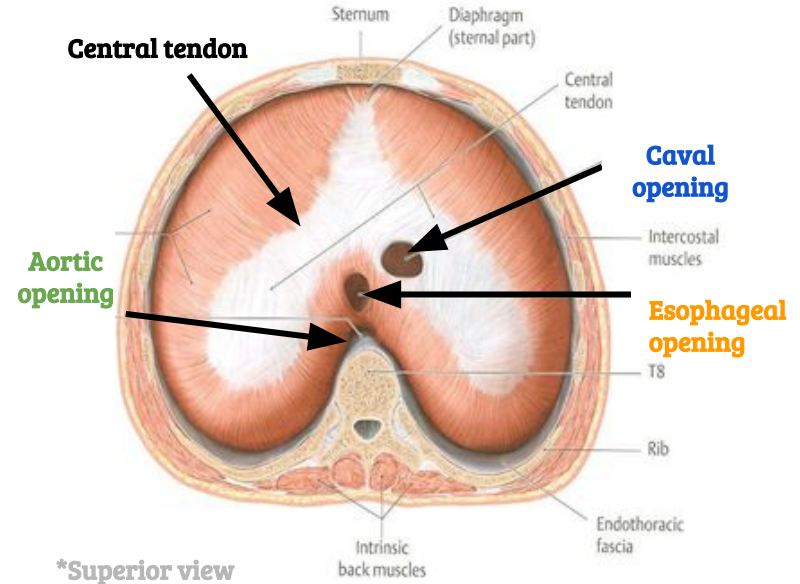
phrenic nerve (C3,4,5), penetrates diaphragm & innervates it from abdominal surface

Why the cervical spines?

Because first it forms near the neck then it goes down as the embryo develops (folding of embryo)

Action :

contraction of the diaphragm
Lead to increase of vertical diameter of thoracic cavity
(this action is essential for normal breathing)



*Superior view

Openings of diaphragm (apertures) :

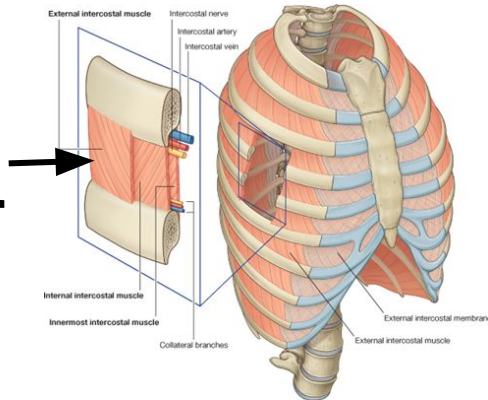
- **Caval apertures** , at level of **T8**
- **Esophageal apertures** , at level of **T10**
- **Aortic apertures** , at level of **T12**

Inspiratory Muscles

External intercostal muscles (Rib elevators)

Attachments	from lower border of rib above to upper border of rib below
Direction of fibers	downward & medially(forward)
Action	rib elevators
Nerve supply	intercostal nerves

EXTERNAL INTERCOSTAL



Muscle	Scalene muscles	Pectoralis major
Origin	Cervical vertebrae	clavicle + sternum + costal cartilages
Insertion	1st rib (scalenus anterior and medius) 2nd rib (scalenus posterior)	Bicipital groove of humerus
Action	Elevate 1st & 2nd ribs	increases antero-posterior diameter of thoracic cavity, when arm is fixed
Picture		

Expiratory muscles

Two groups: A- Ribs depressors B- Anterior abdominal wall muscles
 → **All** expiratory muscles **act only** during **forced** expiration

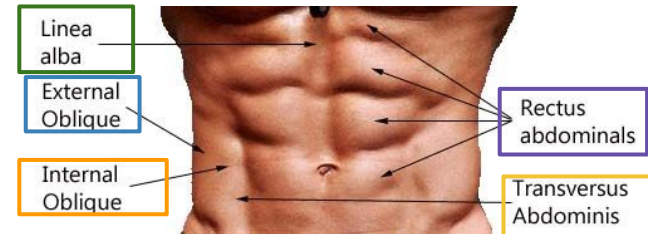
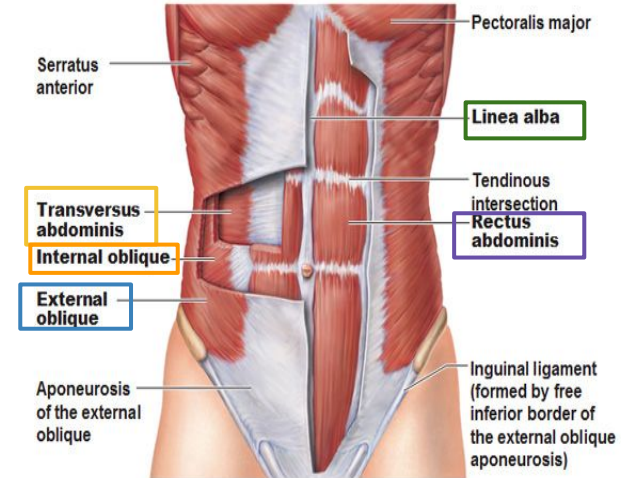
First : Ribs depressors				
Muscle	Internal intercostal	Innermost intercostal	Subcostal	Transversus thoracis
Direction	backward & laterally		-	-
Nerve	Intercostal nerves (ventral rami of T1-T11)			
Action	depression of the ribs			
Picture	<p>Vein, artery, nerve (VAN) Lies in between of internal & innermost intercostal</p> <p>External intercostal</p> <p>Internal intercostal</p> <p>Innermost intercostal</p> <p>Subcostal muscles</p> <p>Transversus thoracis muscle</p>			

Expiratory muscles

Second : Anterior abdominal wall muscles

- ❖ It is formed of 3 layers of muscles of fibers running in different directions **(to increase strength of anterior abdominal wall)**
- ❖ The 3 muscles form a sheath in which a fourth muscle lies **(rectus abdominis)**
- ❖ Muscles are attached to: sternum, costal cartilages and ribs + hip bones
- ❖ The aponeurosis of the 3 muscles on both sides fuse in the midline to form **linea alba** **(it is meeting of 3 aponeurosis in both sides, extending from the xiphoid process to symphysis pubis)**

Muscle	External oblique	Internal oblique	Rectus abdominis	Transversus abdominis
Direction	Downward & medially	Upward & medially	Vertical	Transverse
Nerve	lower 5 intercostal nerves (T7-T11), subcostal nerve (T12) and first lumbar nerve.			
Action	(during forced expiration): Compression of abdominal viscera to help in ascent of diaphragm			



MCQs

Question 1: What happens in bucket handle movement of the ribs ?

- A. Increase in antero-posterior diameter of thoracic cavity.
- B. Increase in lateral diameter of thoracic cavity.
- C. decrease in antero-posterior diameter of thoracic cavity.
- D. decrease in lateral diameter of thoracic cavity.

Question 2: Inspiratory Muscles that are involved in elevation of all ribs ?

- A. Diaphragm.
- B. Scalene muscles.
- C. External intercostal muscles.
- D. Internal intercostal muscles.

Question 3: What is the origin of scalene muscles ?

- A. 1st rib.
- B. Sternum.
- C. Thoracic vertebrae.
- D. Cervical vertebrae.

Question 4: intercostal nerves arise from ?

- A. ventral plexuses of T1-T11
- B. ventral rami of T1-T12
- C. ventral horn of T1-T12
- D. ventral rami of T1-T11

Question 5: What is the action of pectoralis major in inspiratory ?

- A. Increase in antero-posterior diameter of thoracic cavity.
- B. Decrease in antero-posterior diameter of thoracic cavity.
- C. Increase lateral diameter of of thoracic cavity.
- D. Decrease lateral diameter of of thoracic cavity.

Question 6: Which one of the following is correct about normal inspiration ?

- A. Does not need muscle action.
- B. Passive.
- C. Active
- D. can be both active or passive

SAQs

Question 1: Name all muscles that are involved in normal inspiration ?

Diaphragm and External intercostal muscles

Question 2: Name 3 joints found in the thoracic cage that is considered

primary cartilaginous joints :

Costochondral joints

Interchondral joints

Sternocostal joints for 1st costal cartilage

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