

***BONES OF THE  
UPPER and LOWER  
LIMBS***

# OBJECTIVES

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

**Classify the bones** of the three regions of the upper and lower limb.

**Memorize the main features of the**

- Bones of the **arm** (humerus), of the **thigh** (femur & patella)
- Bones of the **forearm** (radius & ulna ), of the **leg** (tibia & Fibula).
- Bones of the **hand** ( carpal, metacarpal, phalanges), of the **foot** (tarsals, metatarsals and phalanges)

**Recognize the side and position of each bone**

***The Bones of UL are:***

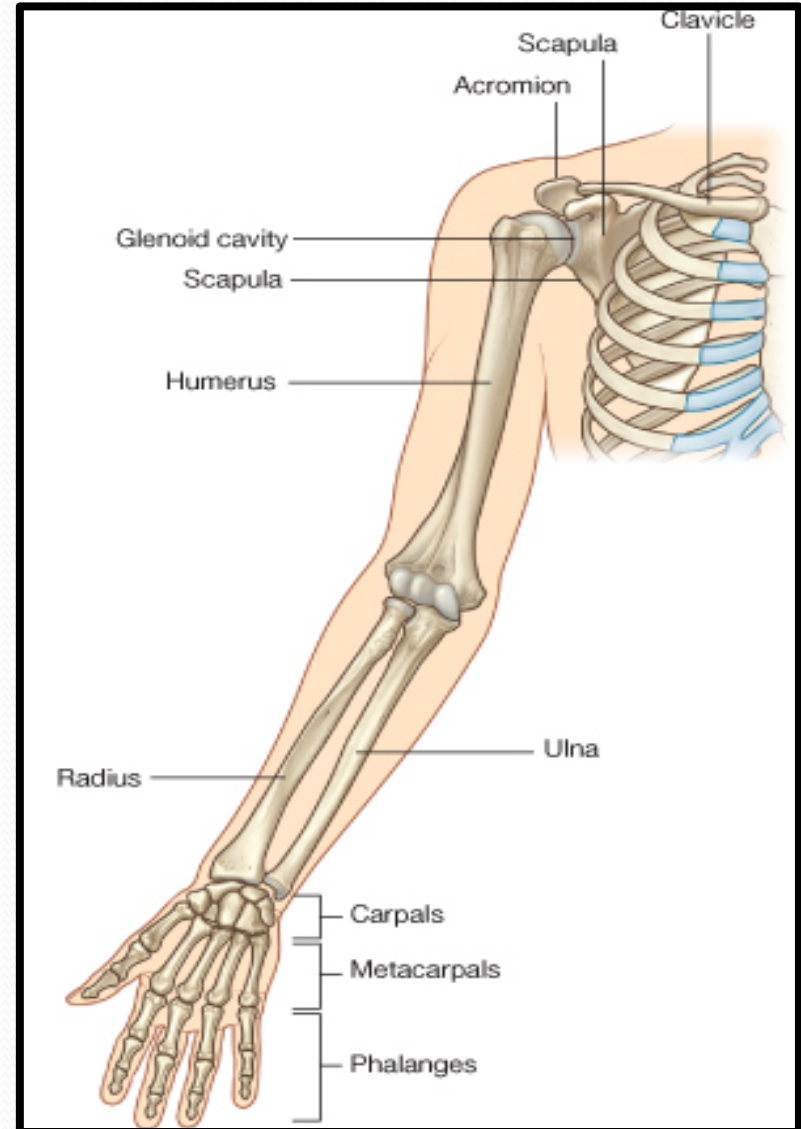
**Pectoral Girdle.**

**Arm : Humerus.**

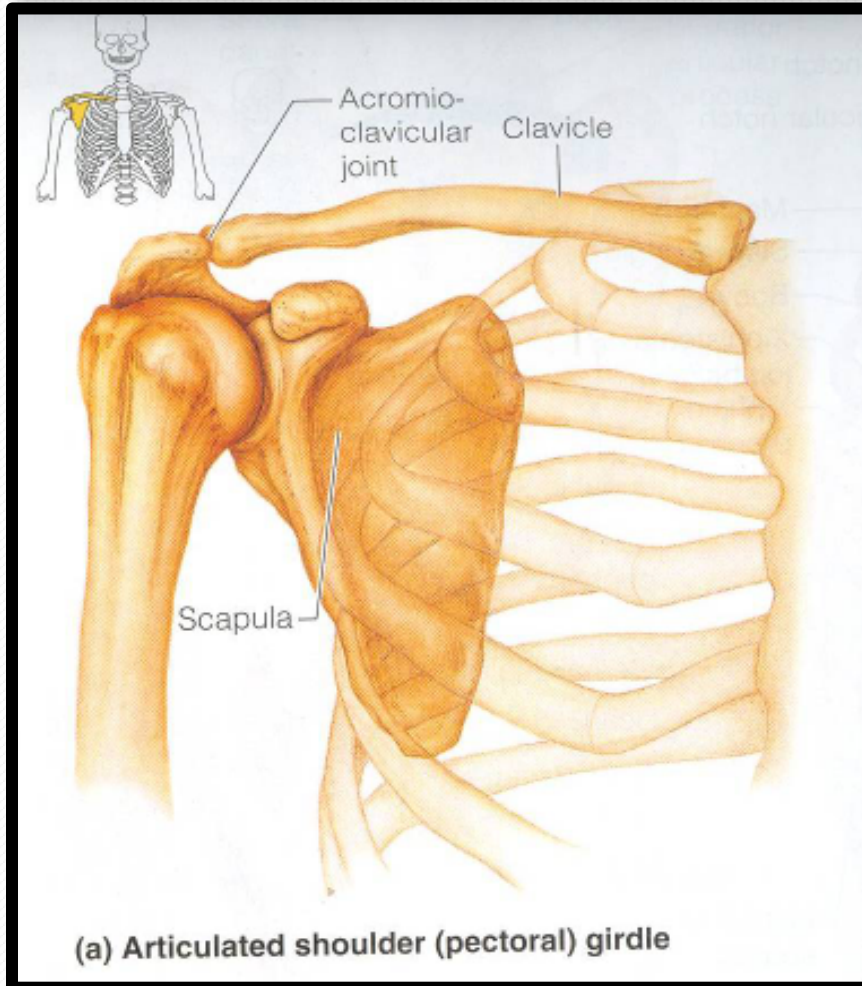
**Forearm : Radius &  
Ulna.**

**Wrist : Carpal bones**

**Hand: Metacarpals &  
Phalanges**

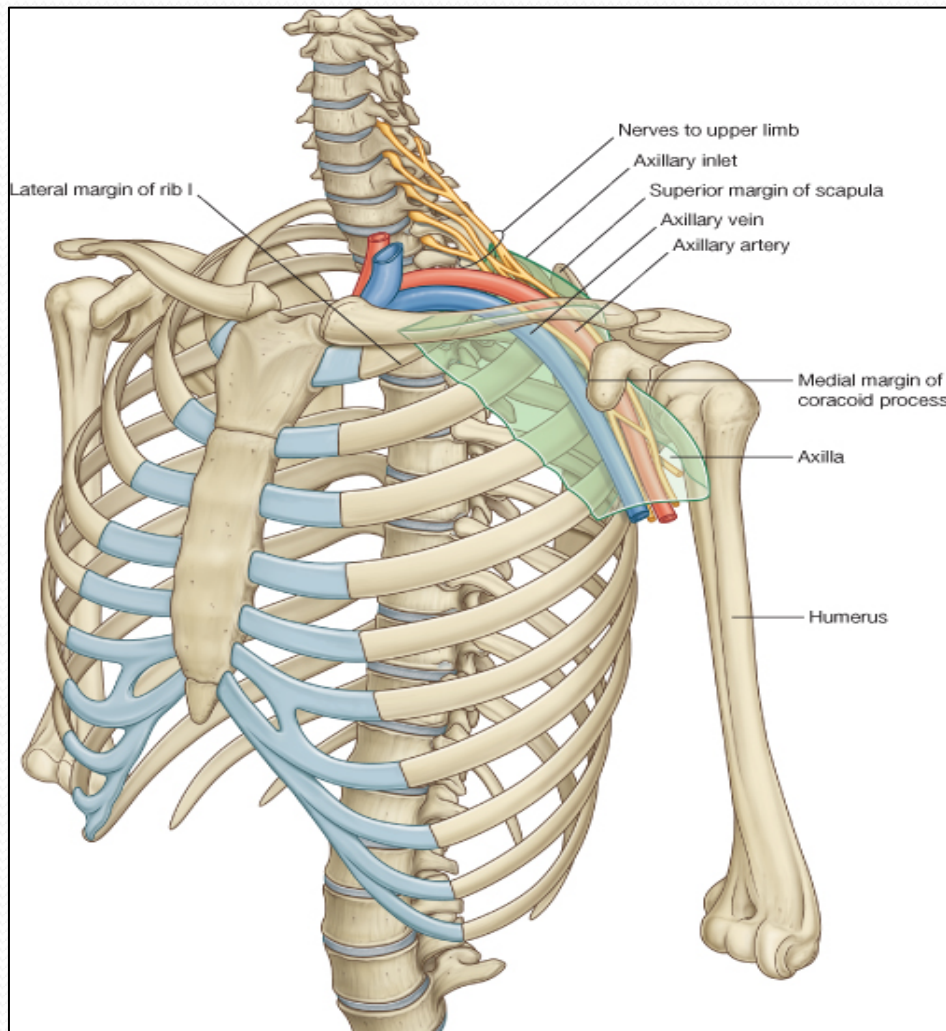


# Pectoral Girdle



- **Formed of Two Bones:**
- **Clavicle (anteriorly) and Scapula (posteriorly).**
- **It is very light and allows the upper limb to have exceptionally free movement.**

# Clavicle



- It is a doubly curved long bone lying horizontally across the root of the neck
- It is subcutaneous throughout its length.

**It has Two Ends:**

**Medial (Sternal) :** enlarged & triangular.

**Lateral (Acromial) :** flattened.

**Body (shaft):**

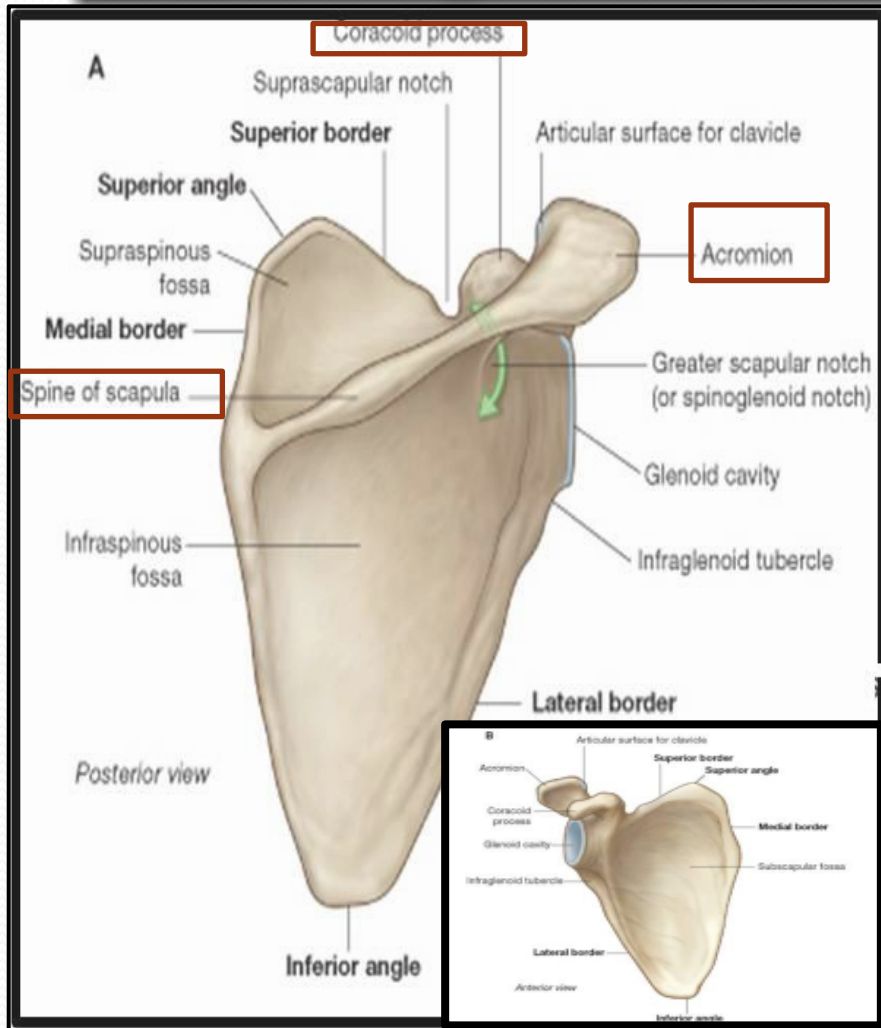
**Its medial 2/3** is convex forward.

**Its lateral 1/3** is concave forward.

**Surfaces: Superior :** smooth as it lies just deep to the skin.

**Inferior :** rough because strong ligaments bind it to the

# Scapula (Shoulder Blade)



It is a triangular **Flat** bone.

Extends between the **2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> ribs.**

It has :

**Three Processes:**

**(1)Spine, (2) Acromion, (3) Coracoid**

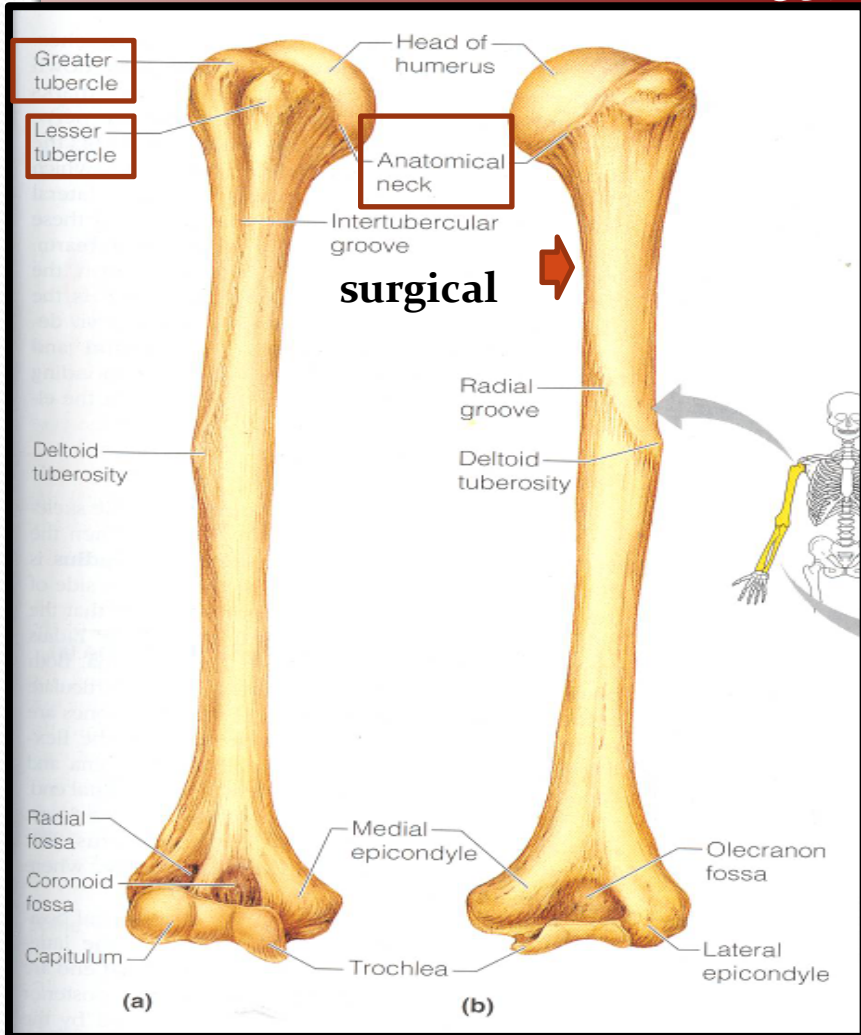
**Three Borders:** Superior, Medial (Vertebral) & Lateral (Axillary)

**Three Angles:** Superior, Lateral (forms the Glenoid cavity), Inferior.

**Two Surfaces:**

**Convex Posterior, Smaller Supraspinous Fossa (above the spine) and the larger**

# Humerus



**Typical Long bone.**

**Proximal End:** Head, Neck, Greater & Lesser Tubercles.

**Intertubercular Groove.**

**Anatomical neck:** formed by a groove separating the head from the tubercles.

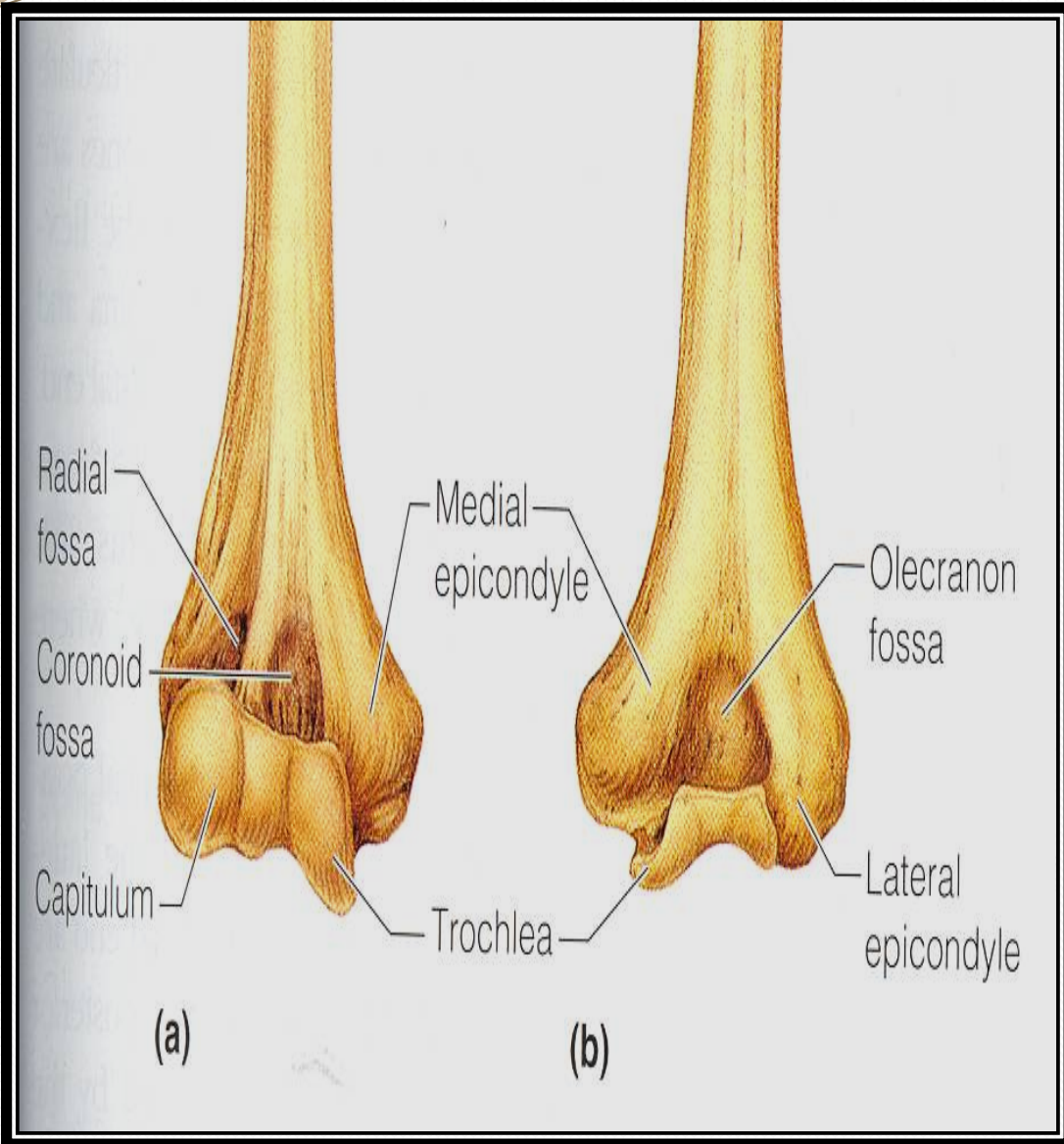
**Surgical Neck:** a narrow part distal to the tubercles.

**Shaft (Body):** Has two prominent features:

1. **Deltoid tuberosity:**

2. **Spiral (Radial) groove:**

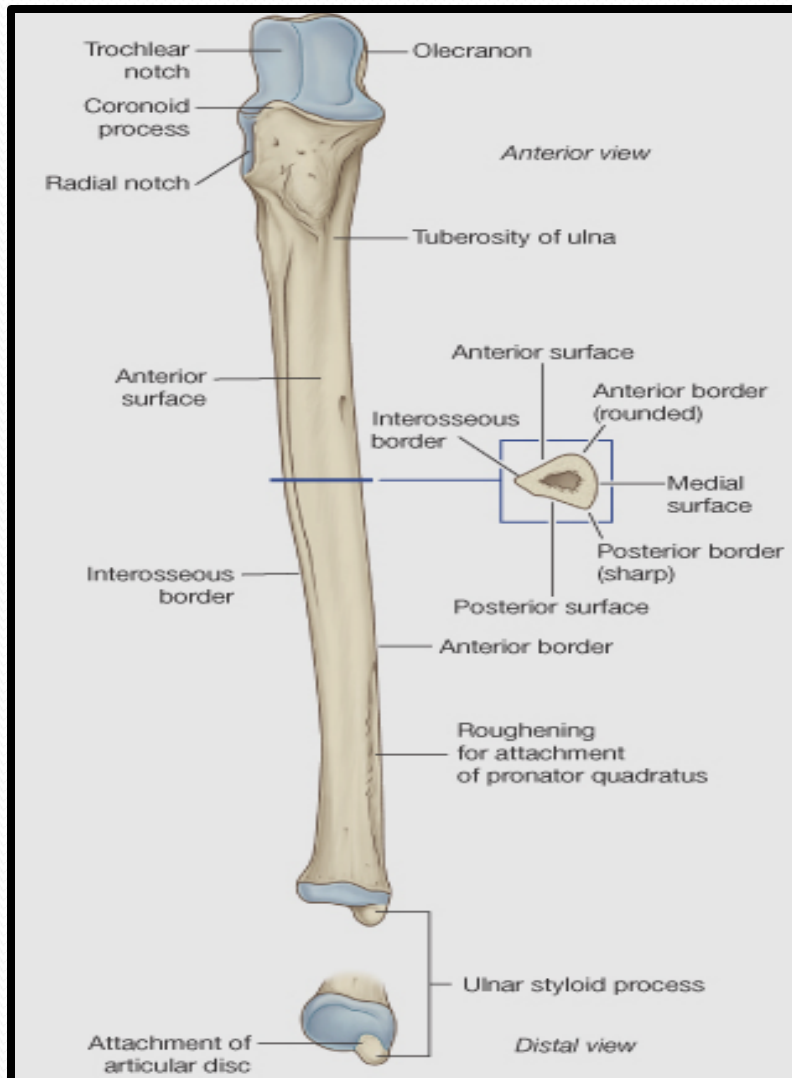
**Distal End:** Medial (can be felt) and Lateral Epicondyles.



- **Structures at Distal end:**
- **Anteriorly:**
- **Trochlea: (medial)** for articulation with the ulna
- **Capitulum: (lateral)** for articulation with the radius.
- **Coronoid fossa: above the trochlea.**
- **Radial fossa: above the capitulum.**
- **Posteriorly:**
- **Olecranon fossa: above the trochlea.**
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# Ulna



- It is the stabilizing bone of the forearm.

- It is the medial & longer of the two bones of the forearm.

- **Proximal End**

- **1. Olecranon Process :**

- **2. Coronoid Process :**

- **3. Tuberosity of Ulna :**

- **4. Trochlear Notch :**

- **5. Radial Notch :**

- **Shaft :**

- Thick & cylindrical superiorly but diminishes in diameter inferiorly

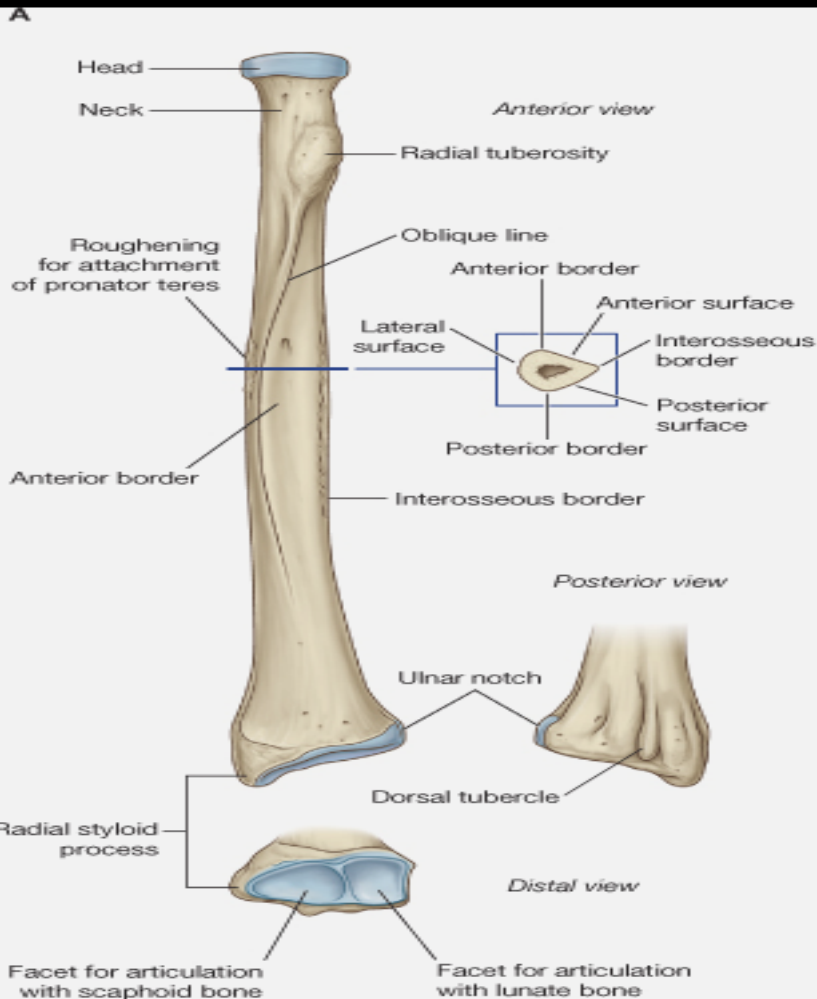
- It has Three Surfaces (Anterior, Medial & Posterior).

- Sharp Lateral Interosseous border.

- **Distal End:** Small rounded

- **1. Head:** lies distally at the wrist.

# Radius



- It is the shorter and lateral of the two forearm bones.

- **Proximal End:**

- 1. **Head:** small & circular

- Its upper surface is concave for articulation with the Capitulum.

- 2. **Neck.**

- 3. **Radial (Bicipital) Tuberosity :** medially directed and separates the proximal end from the body.

- **Shaft:**

- Has a lateral convexity.

- It gradually enlarges as it passes distally.

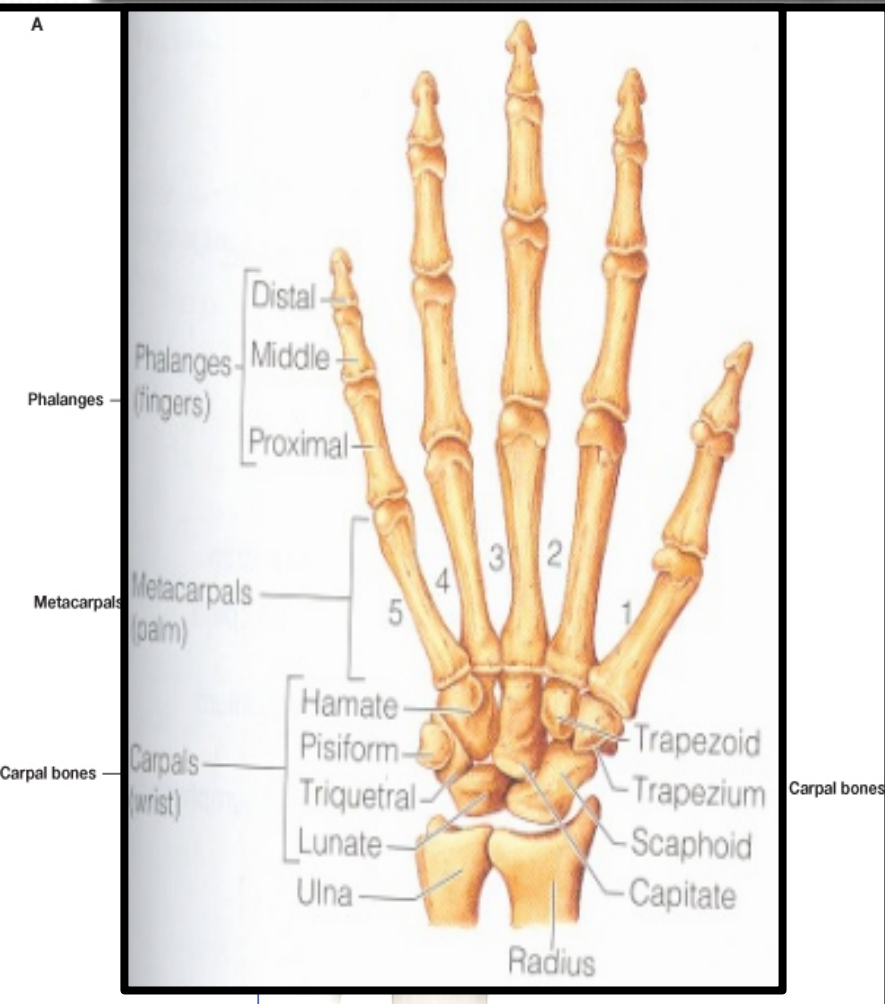
- **Distal (Lower) End:** It is rectangular

- 1. **Ulnar Notch :** a medial concavity to accommodate the head of the ulna.

- 2. **Radial Styloid process:** extends from the lateral aspect.

- 3. **Dorsal tubercle:** projects dorsally.

# Carpal Bones



- Composed of Eight short bones
- Proximal row (from lateral to medial):
  - Scaphoid, Lunate, Triquetrum & Pisiform bones.
- Distal row (from lateral to medial):
  - Trapezium, Trapezoid, Capitate & Hamate.
- Five Metacarpal bones, each has a Base, Shaft, and a Head.
- Each digit has Three Phalanges
- Except the Thumb which has only Two

***The Bones of LL are:***

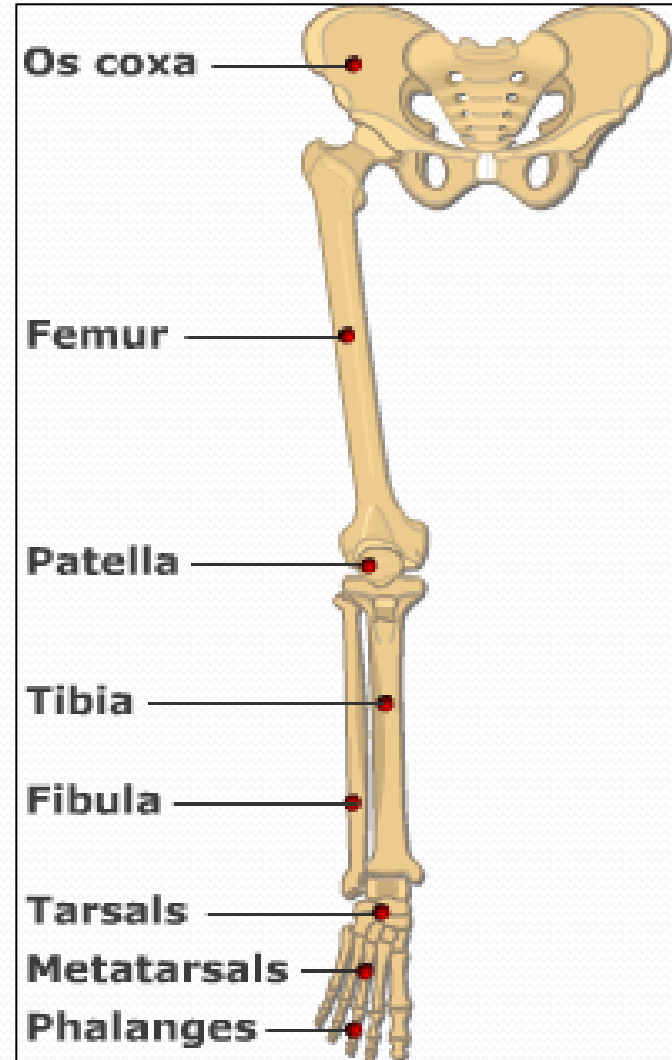
**Pelvic Girdle:** Hip bone  
& Sacrum

**Thigh:** Femur & Patella.

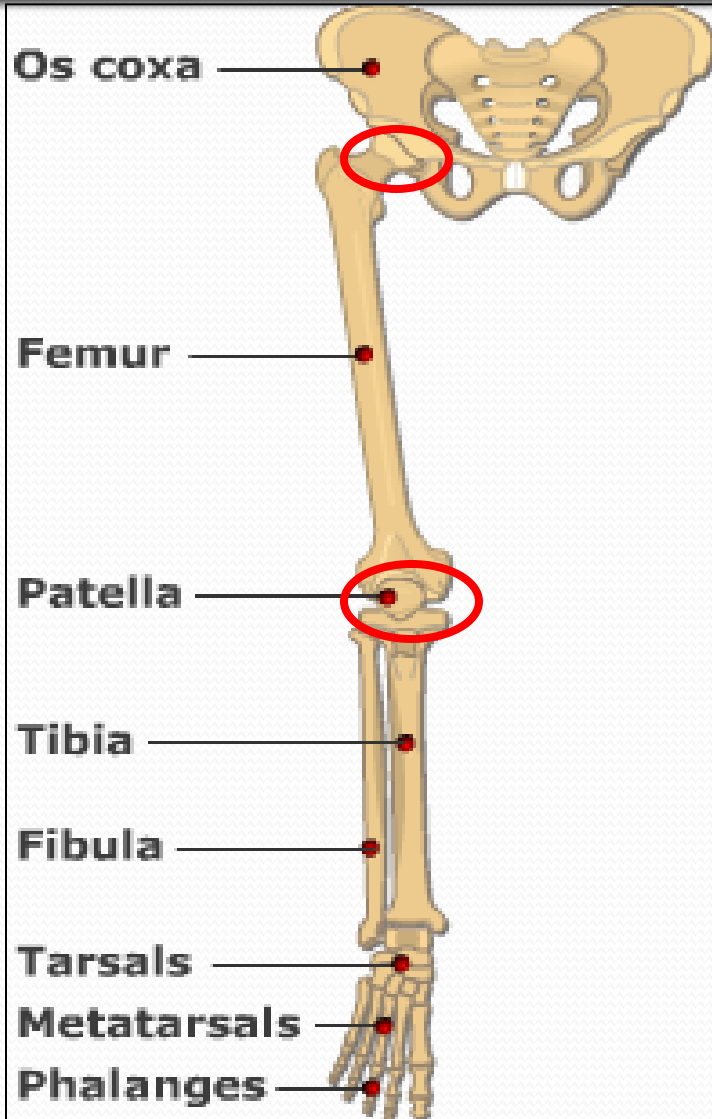
**Leg:** Tibia & Radius.

**Ankle:** Tarsal bones

**Foot :** Metatarsal &  
Phalanges.



# BONES OF THIGH (Femur and Patella)



## Femur:

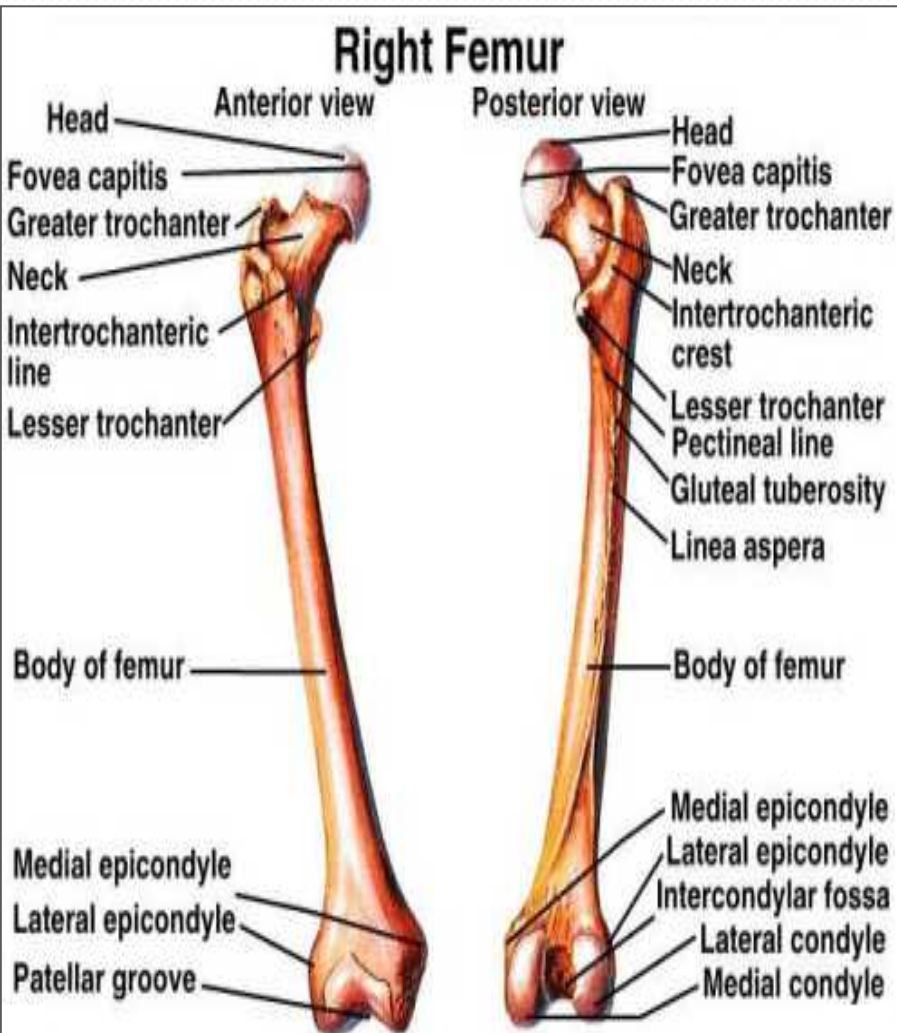
- Articulates above with acetabulum of hip bone to form the **hip joint**.
- Articulates below with tibia and patella to form the **knee joint**.

## Femur :

### Consists of :

- Upper end
- Shaft
- Lower end

# UPPER END OF FEMUR



## Head :

- It articulates with acetabulum of hip bone to form hip joint.

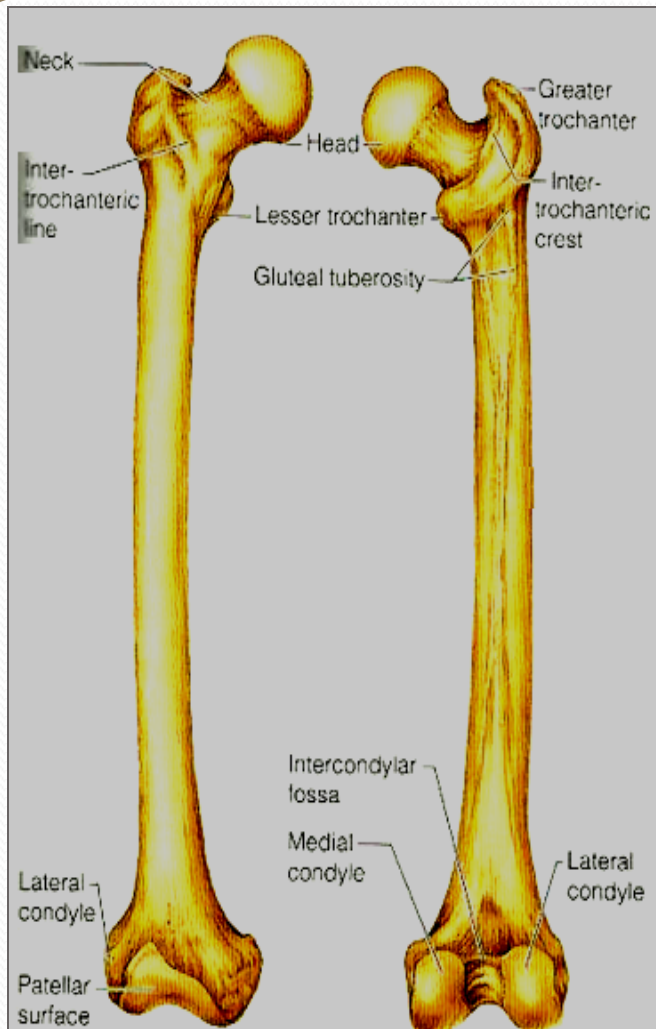
## Neck :

- It connects head to the shaft. **Greater & lesser trochanters :**

- **Anteriorly**, connecting the 2 trochanters, the **intertrochanteric line**, where the **iliofemoral ligament** is attached.

- **Posteriorly**, the **intertrochanteric crest**, on which is the **quadratus femoris muscle** (Quadratus femoris muscle).

# SHAFT OF FEMUR



Anterior view

Posterior view

**It has 3 surfaces**

Anterior

Medial

Lateral

**It has 3 borders**

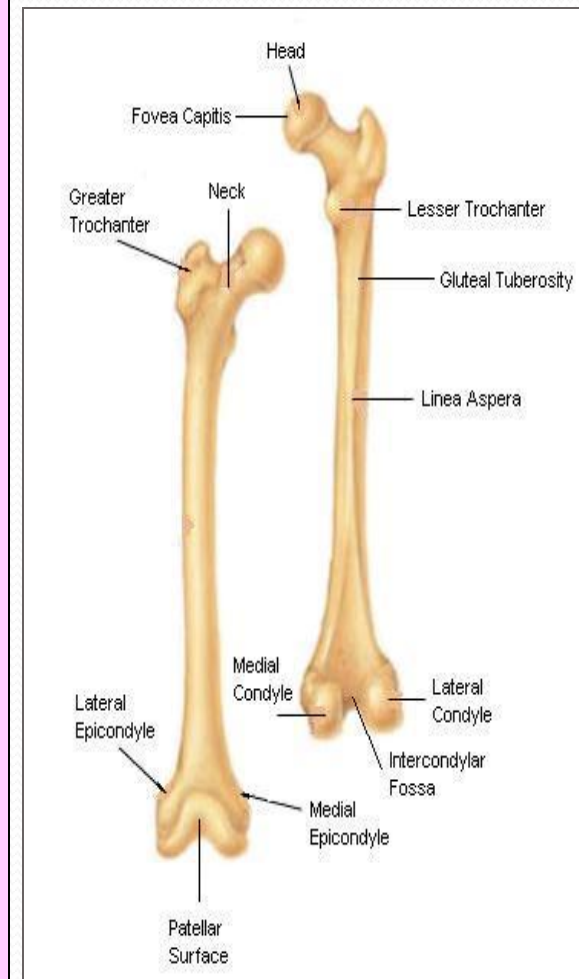
Two rounded

**medial** and **lateral**

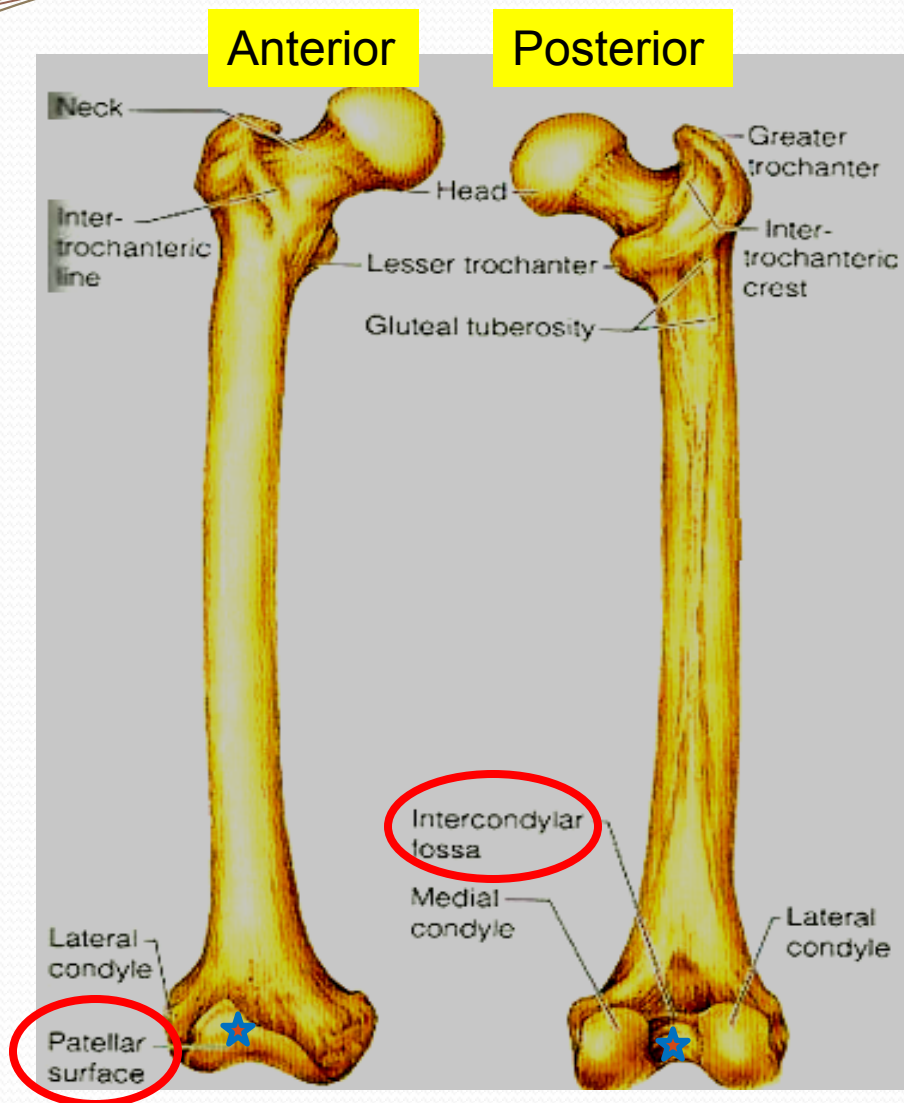
**One thick**

**posterior** border  
or ridge called

**linea aspera**



# LOWER END OF FEMUR



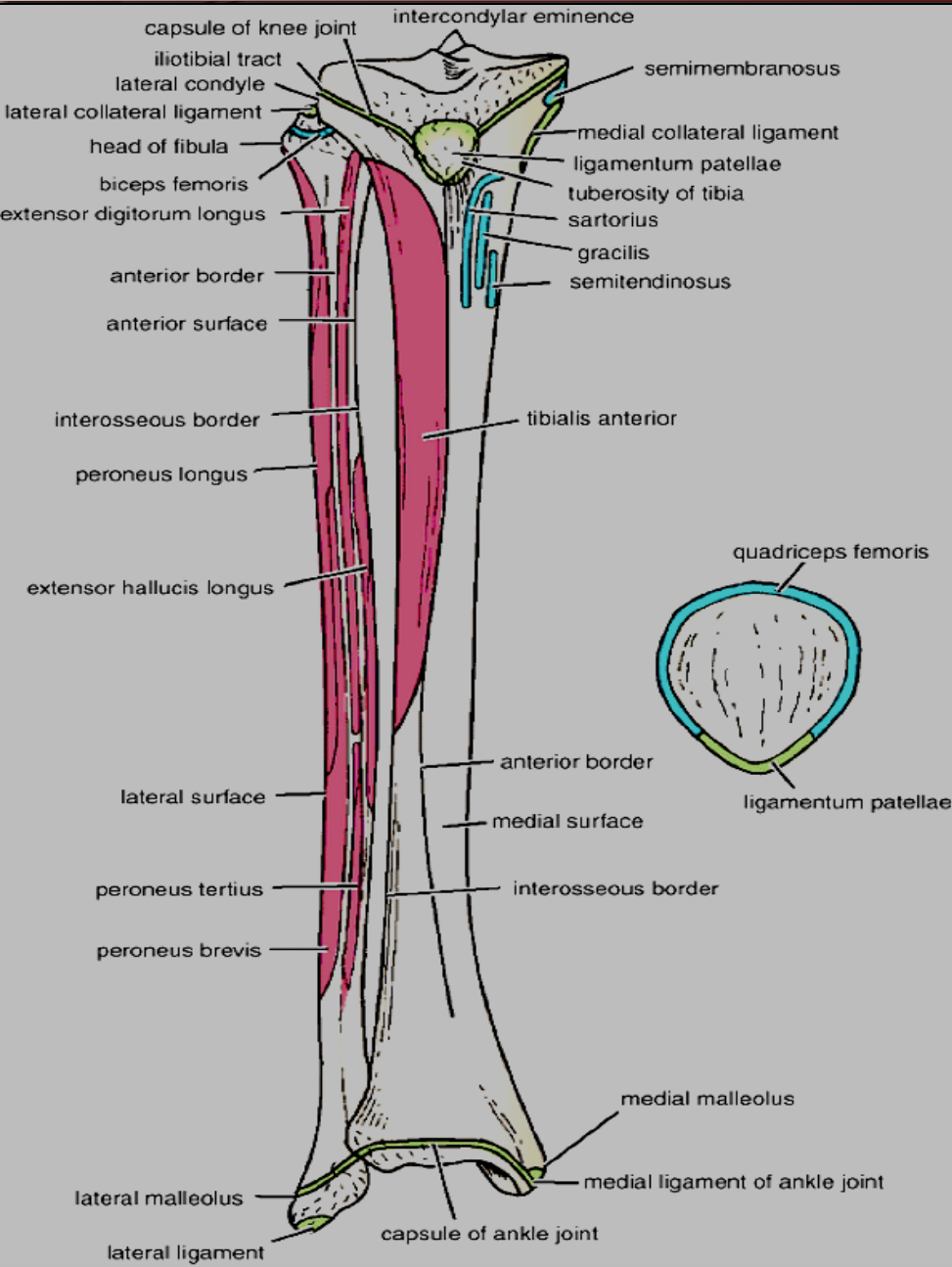
- Has lateral and medial condyles, separated anteriorly by articular patellar surface, and posteriorly by intercondylar notch or fossa.

- The 2 condyles take part in the knee joint.

- Above the condyles are the medial & lateral epicondyles.



# PATELLA



It is a largest sesamoid bone (lying inside the Quadriceps tendon in front of knee joint).

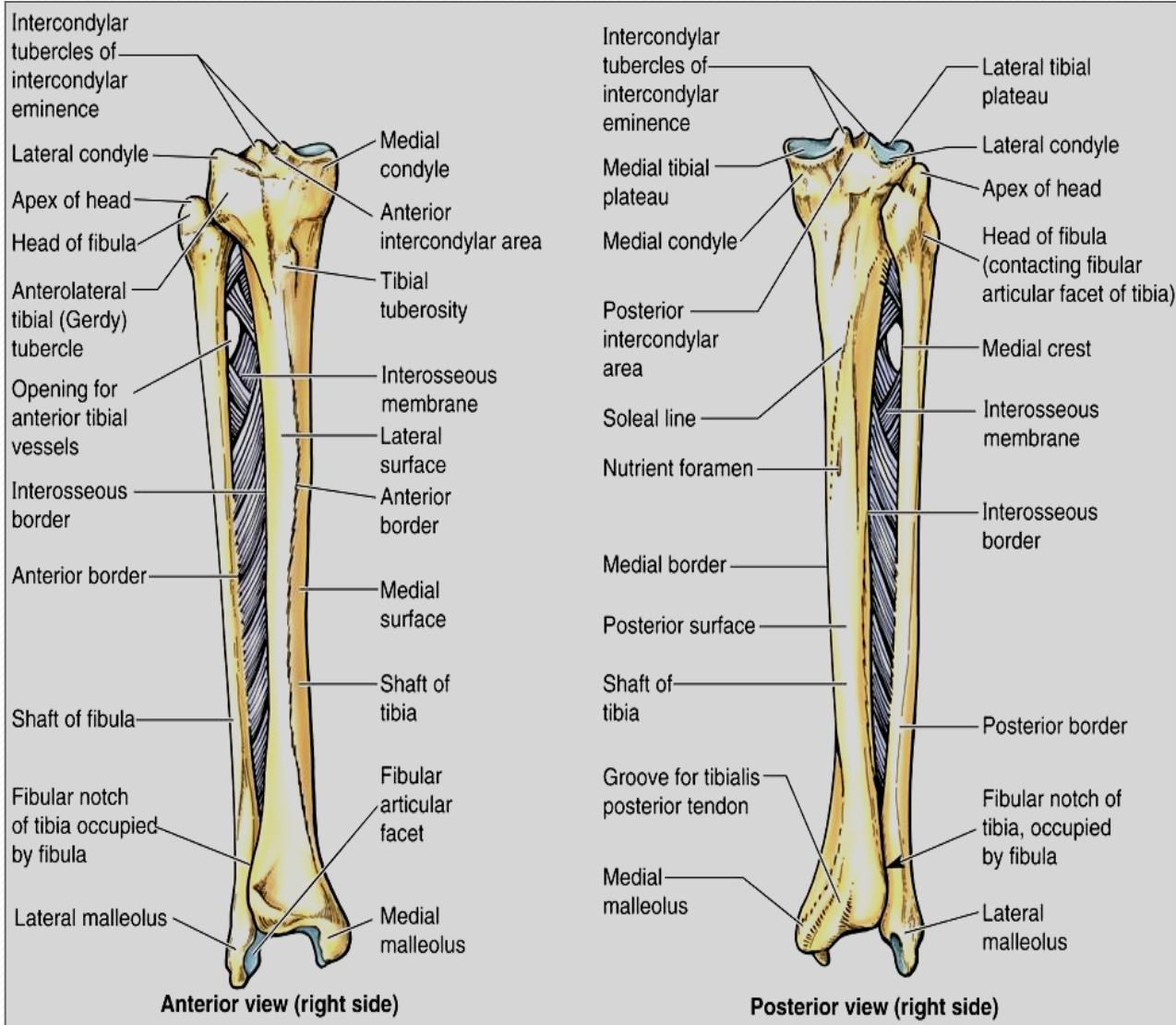
Its anterior surface is rough and **subcutaneous**.

Its posterior surface articulates with the condyles of the femur to form **knee joint**.

Its **apex** lies inferiorly and is connected to tuberosity of tibia by ligamentum patellae.

Its upper, lateral, and medial margins give attachment to Quadriceps femoris muscles.

# BONES OF LEG (TIBIA AND FIBULA)



## Tibia :

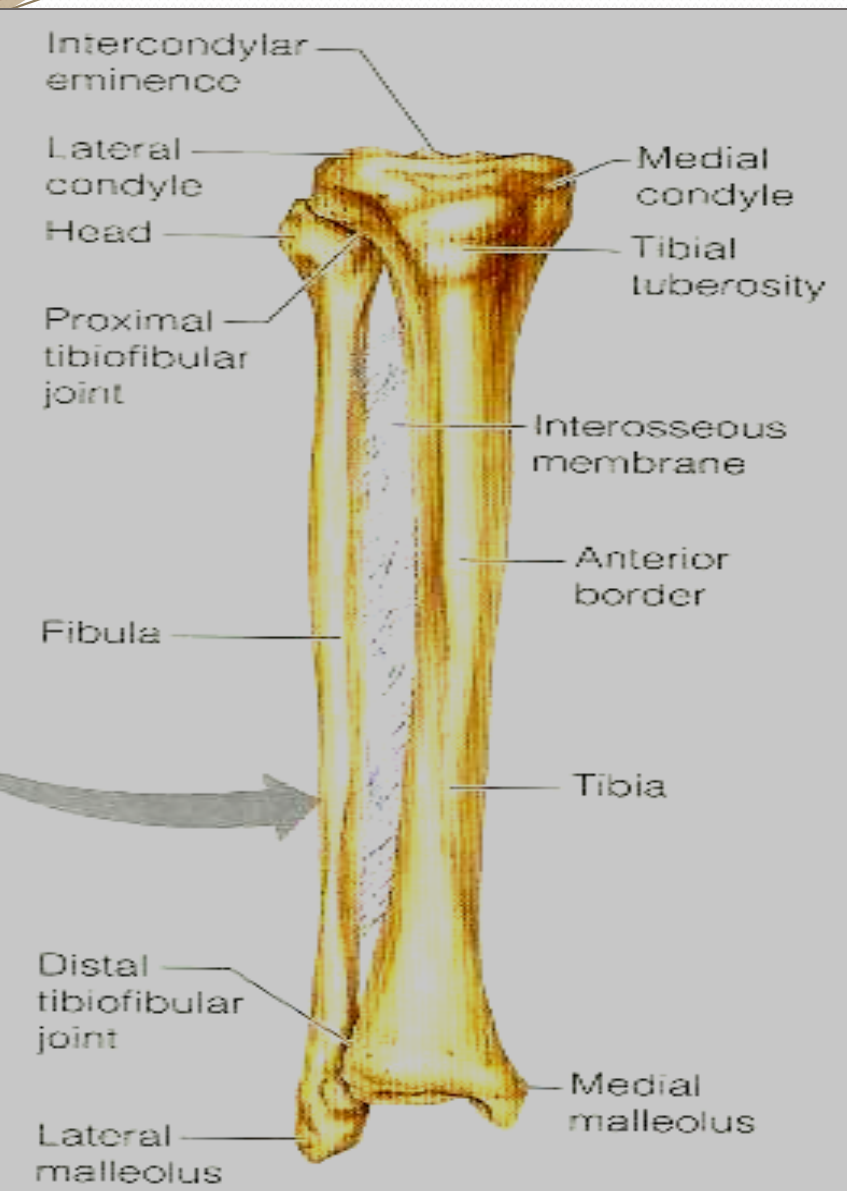
It is the medial bone of leg.

## Fibula :

It is the lateral bone of leg.

Each of them has upper end, shaft, and lower end.

# TIBIA



**Upper end has:**

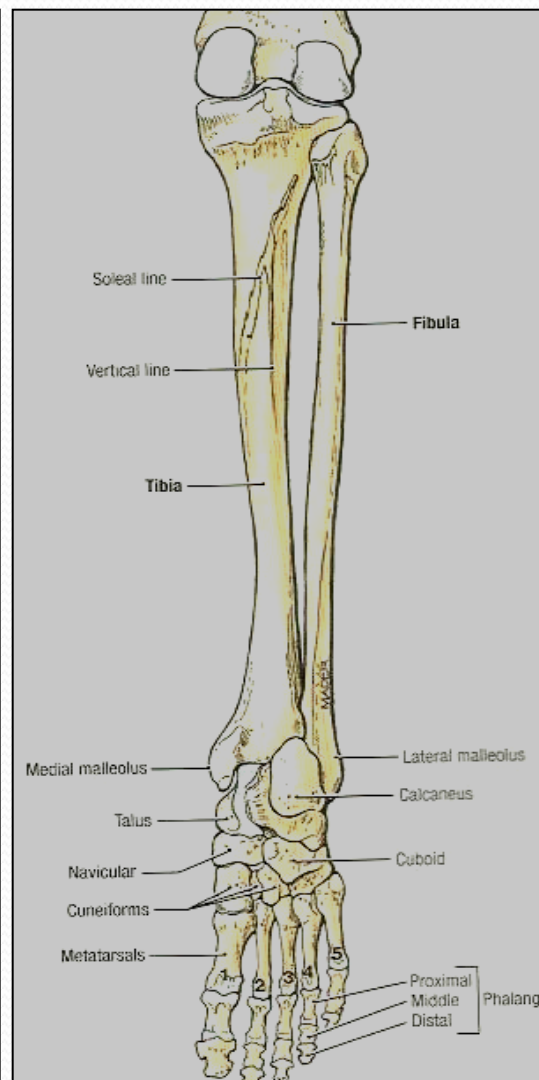
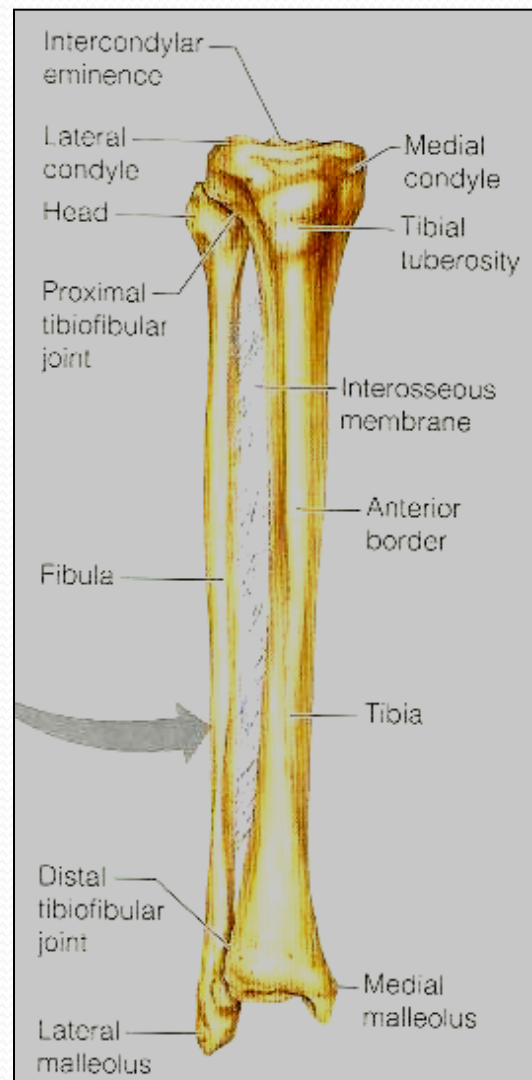
**2 tibial condyles:**

**Medial condyle :** is larger and articulates with medial condyle of femur. It has a **groove** on its posterior surface for **semimembranosus muscles**.

**Lateral condyle :** is smaller and articulates with lateral condyle of femur. It has **facet** on its lateral side for articulation with head of fibula to form **proximal tibio-fibular joint**.

**Intercondylar area :**  
is rough and has

# TIBIA



## Shaft has:

### Tibial tuberosity :

**Its upper smooth part gives attachment to ligamentum patellae.**

**Its lower rough part is subcutaneous.**

### 3 borders :

**Anterior border : sharp and subcutaneous.**

**Medial border.**

**Lateral border  
interosseous border.**

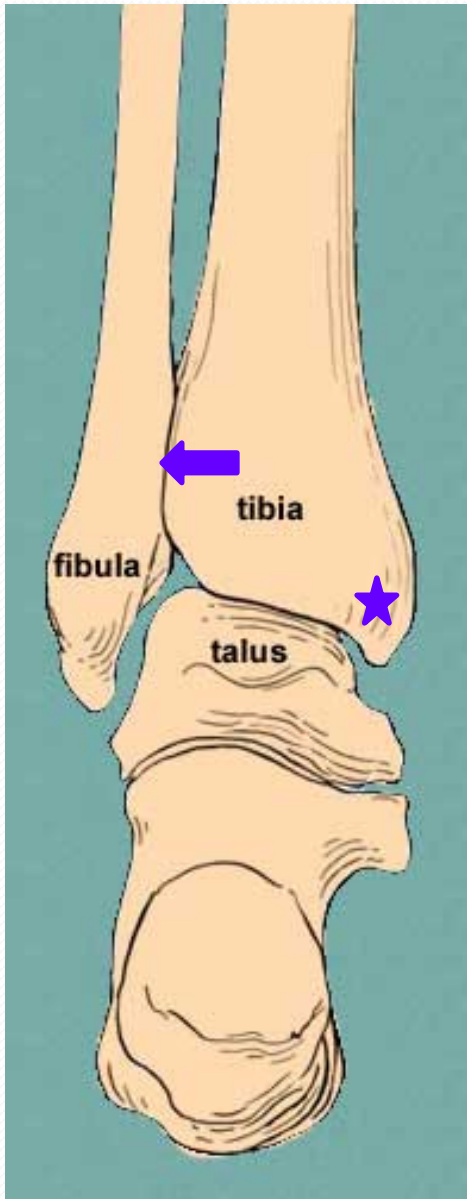
### 3 surfaces :

**Medial : subcutaneous.**

**Lateral**

**Posterior has oblique line,  
soleal line for attachment  
of soleus muscle**

# TIBIA



## Low end:

- Articulates with talus for formation of ankle joint.
- **Medial malleolus:** ★
  - Its medial surface is subcutaneous.
  - Its lateral surface articulate with talus.
- **Fibular notch:** lies on its lateral surface of lower end to form distal tibiofibular joint.

# FIBULA

## Fibula

### Upper end:

- fibular head
- neck of fibula

### Shaft:

- interosseous border

### Lower end:

- lateral malleolus



- It is the slender lateral bone of the leg.
- It takes no part in articulation of knee joint.

**Its upper end has:**

**Head :** articulates with lateral condyle of tibia.

**Styloid process.**

**Neck.**

**Shaft has:**

**4 borders :** its medial 'interosseous border gives attachment to interosseous membrane.

**4 surfaces.**

**Lower end forms:**

**Lateral malleolus:** is subcutaneous, Its medial surface is smooth for articulation with talus to form ankle joint.

# BONES OF FOOT

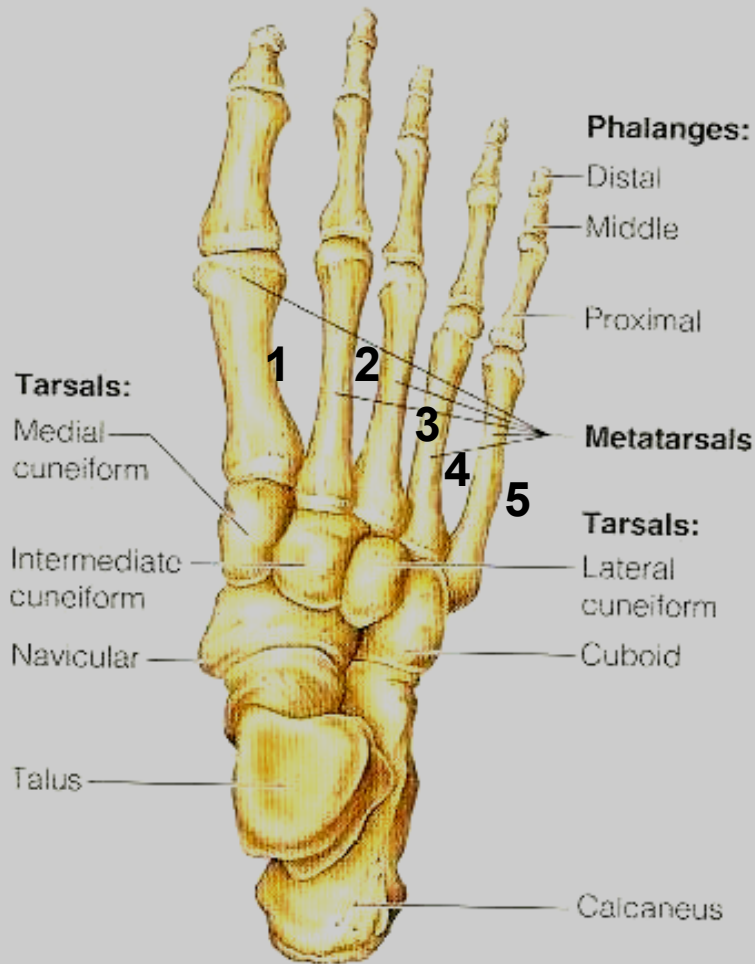


FIGURE 5.25 Bones of the right foot, superior view.

## 7 Tarsal bones:

1. Calcaneum.
2. Talus .
3. Navicular.
4. Cuboid.
5. 3 cuneiform bones.

**Only Talus** articulates with tibia & fibula at ankle joint.

**Calcaneum:** the largest bone of foot, forming the heel.

## 5 Metatarsal bones:

- They are numbered from medial (big toe) to lateral.
- 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsal bone is large and lies medially.
- Each metatarsal bone has a base (proximal), a shaft and a head (distal).

## 14 phalanges:

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



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