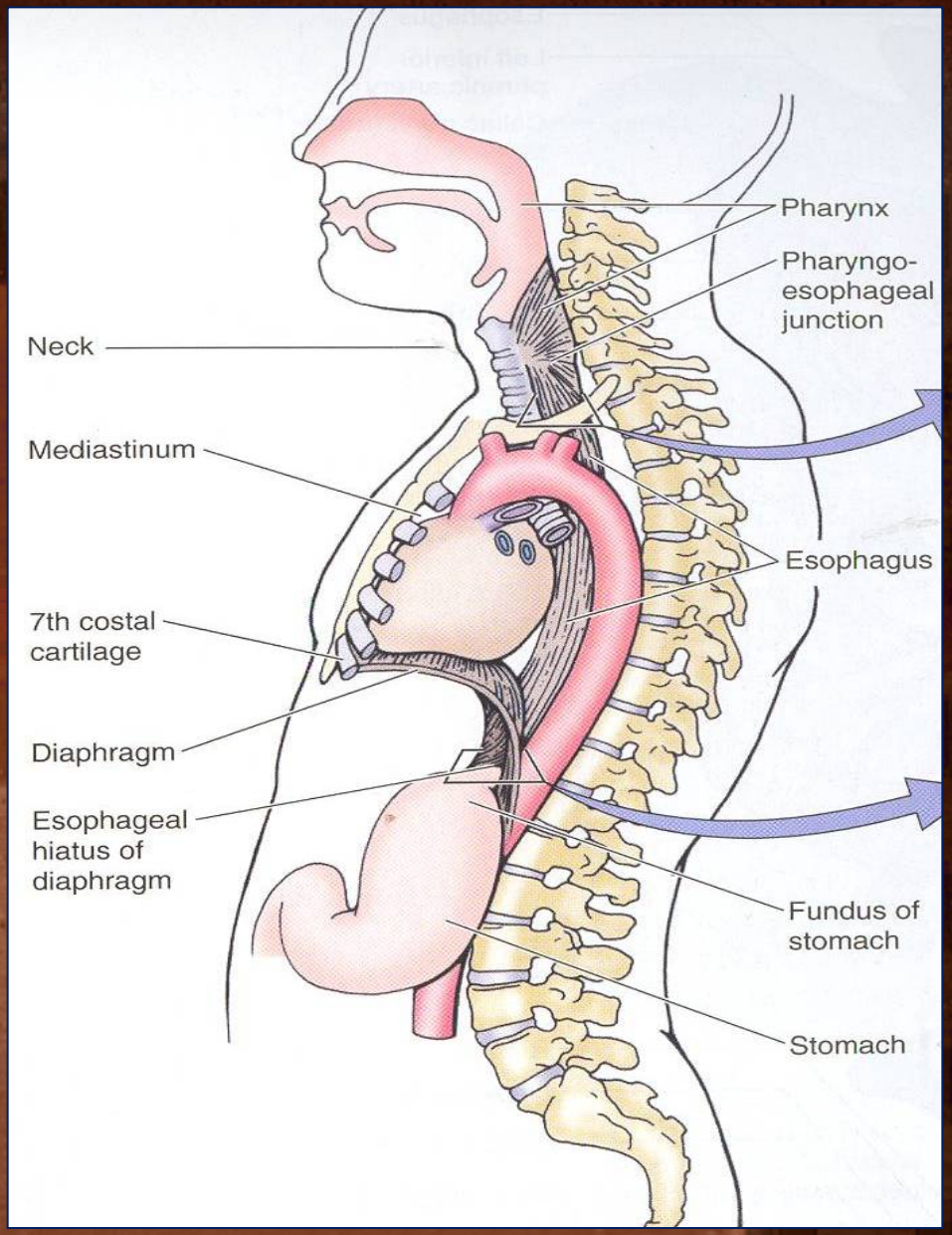
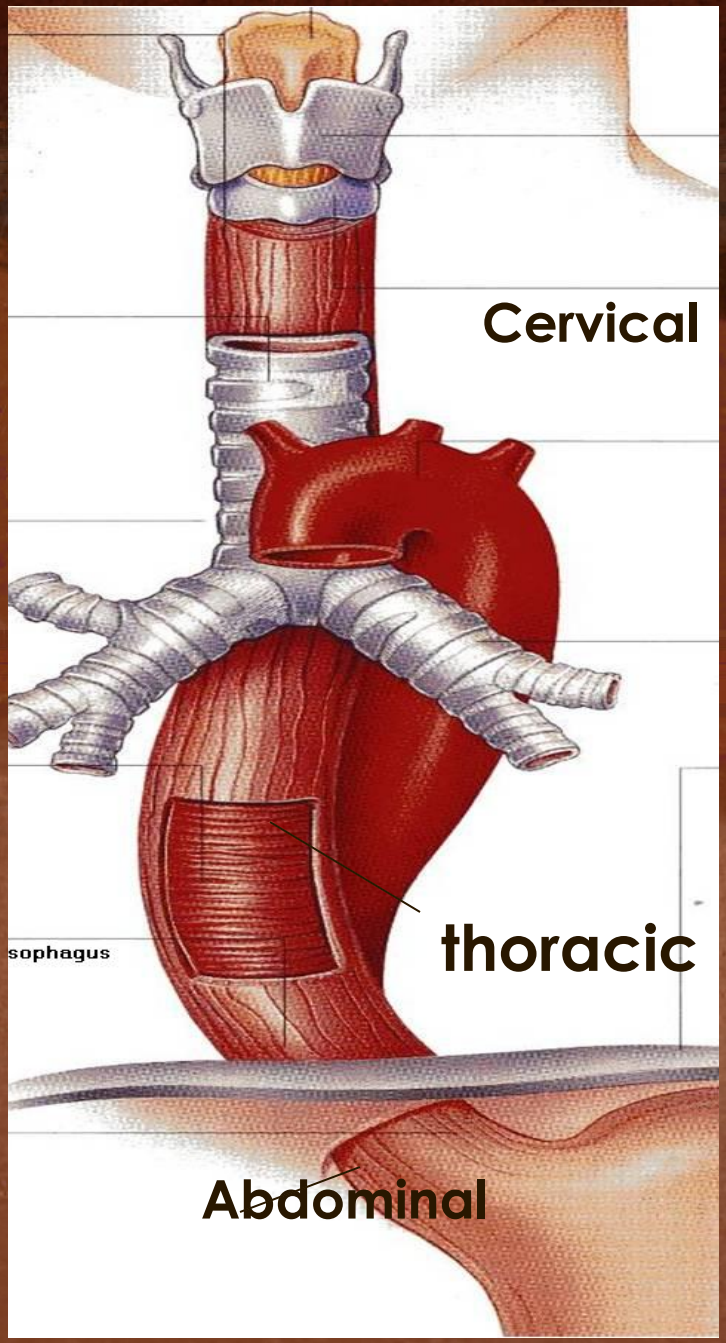
ESOPHAGUS AND STOMACH



OBJECTIVES

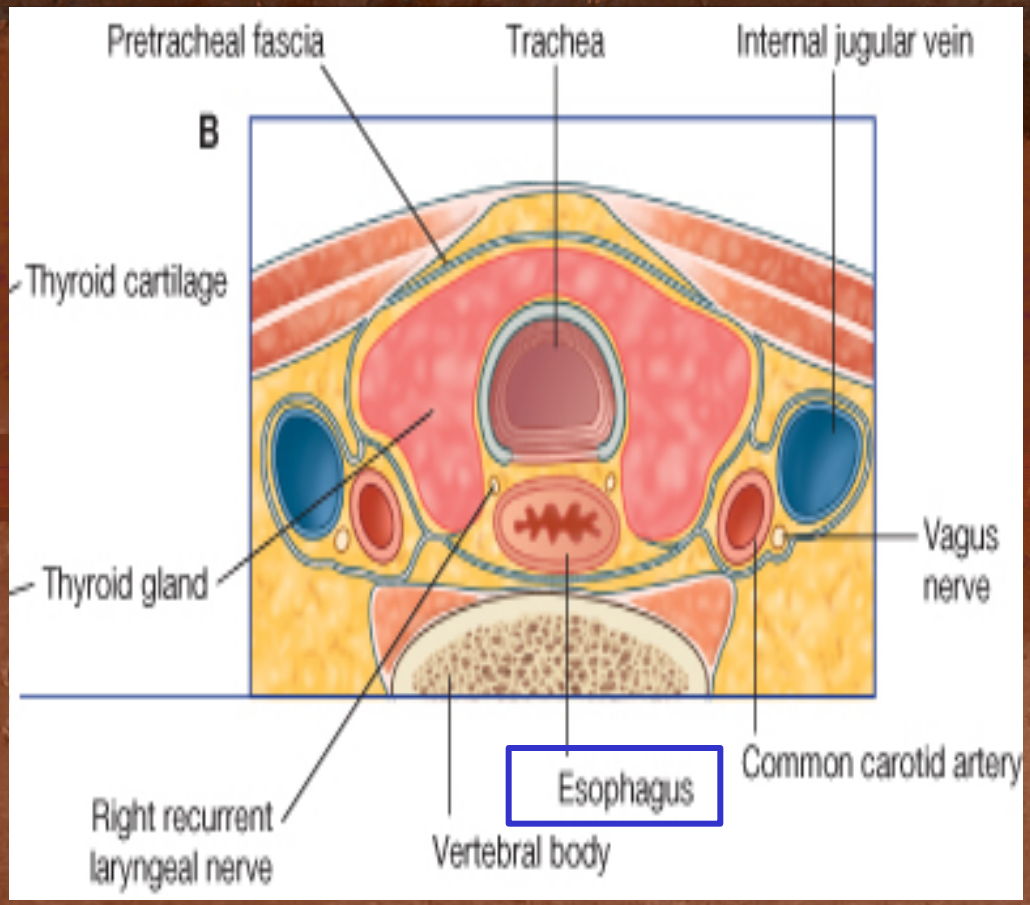
- **By the end of the lecture you should be able to**:
- Describe the anatomical view of the **esophagus;** extent, length, parts, strictures, relations, blood & nerve supply and lymphatic.
- Describe the anatomical view of the **stomach;** location, shape, parts, relations, blood & nerve supply and lymphatic.



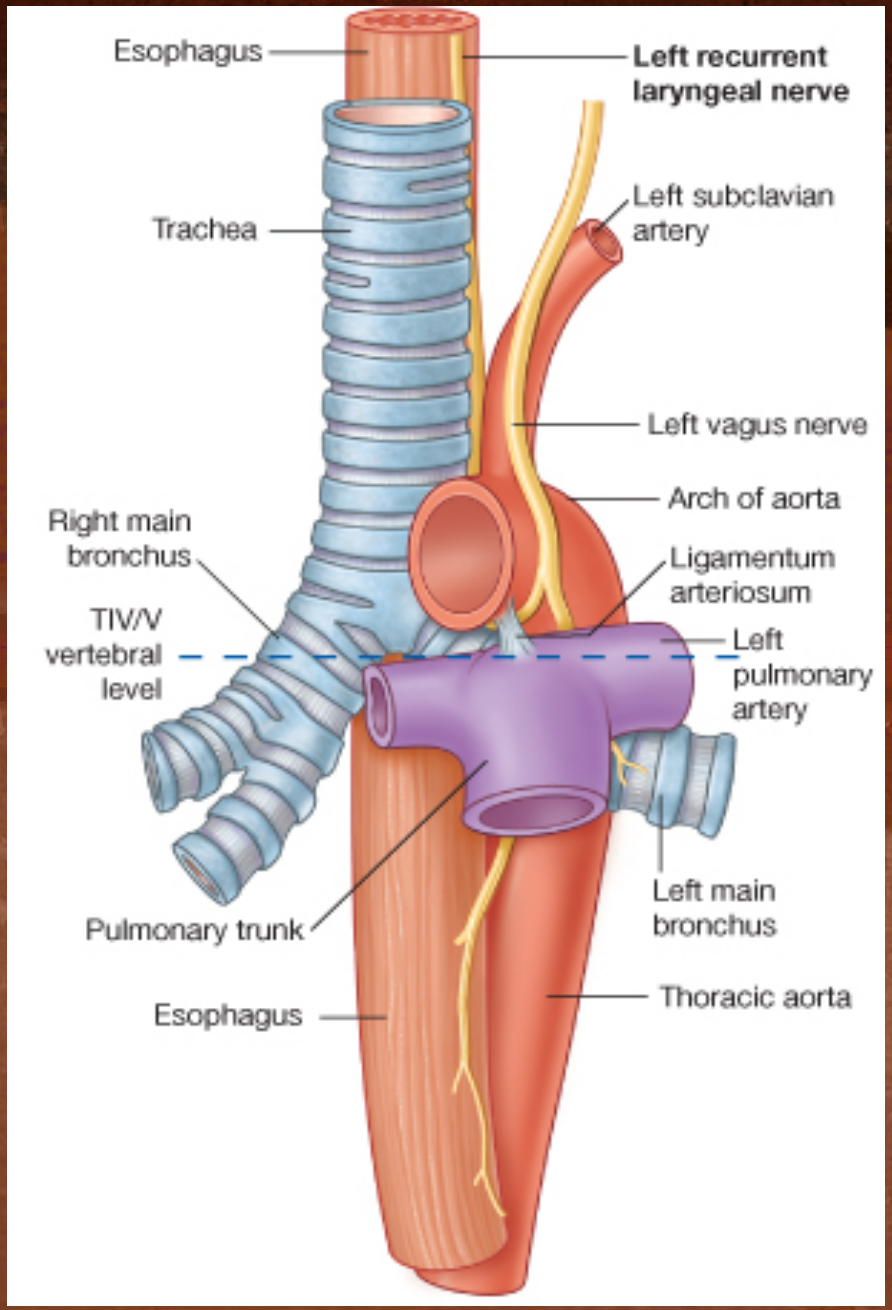
ESOPHAGUS

- It is a tubular structure about 25 cm long.
- It begins as the continuation of the pharynx at the level of the **6th** cervical vertebra.
- It pierces the diaphragm at the level of the **10th** thoracic vertebra to join the stomach.
- It terrminates at level of **11th** thoracic vertebra
- **It is formed of 3 parts:**
- Cervical
- Thoracic
- Abdominal

CERVICAL PART "RELATIONS"



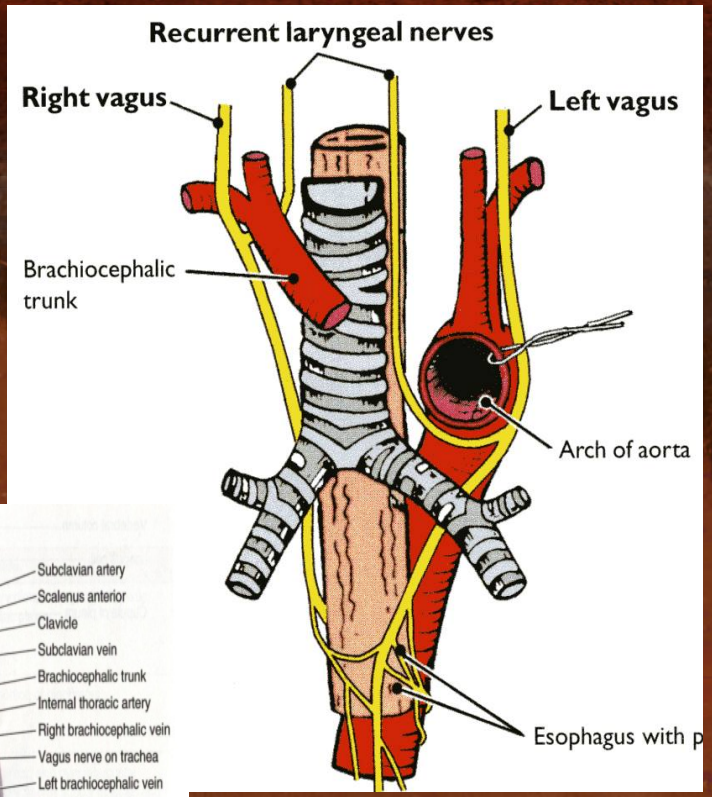
- **Posteriorly:**
- Vertebral column.
- **Laterally:**
- lobes of the thyroid gland.
- **Anteriorly:**
- Trachea and the recurrent laryngeal nerves.



THORACIC PART

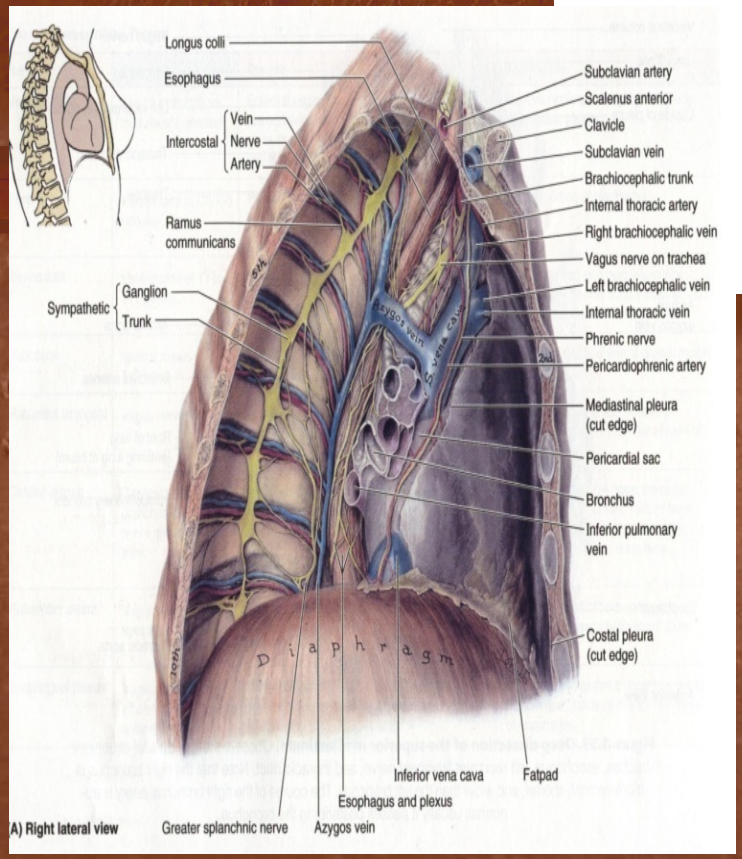
- In the thorax, it passes downward and to the **left** through superior & posterior mediastinum
- At the level of the **sternal angle**, the **aortic arch** pushes the esophagus again to **the midline**.

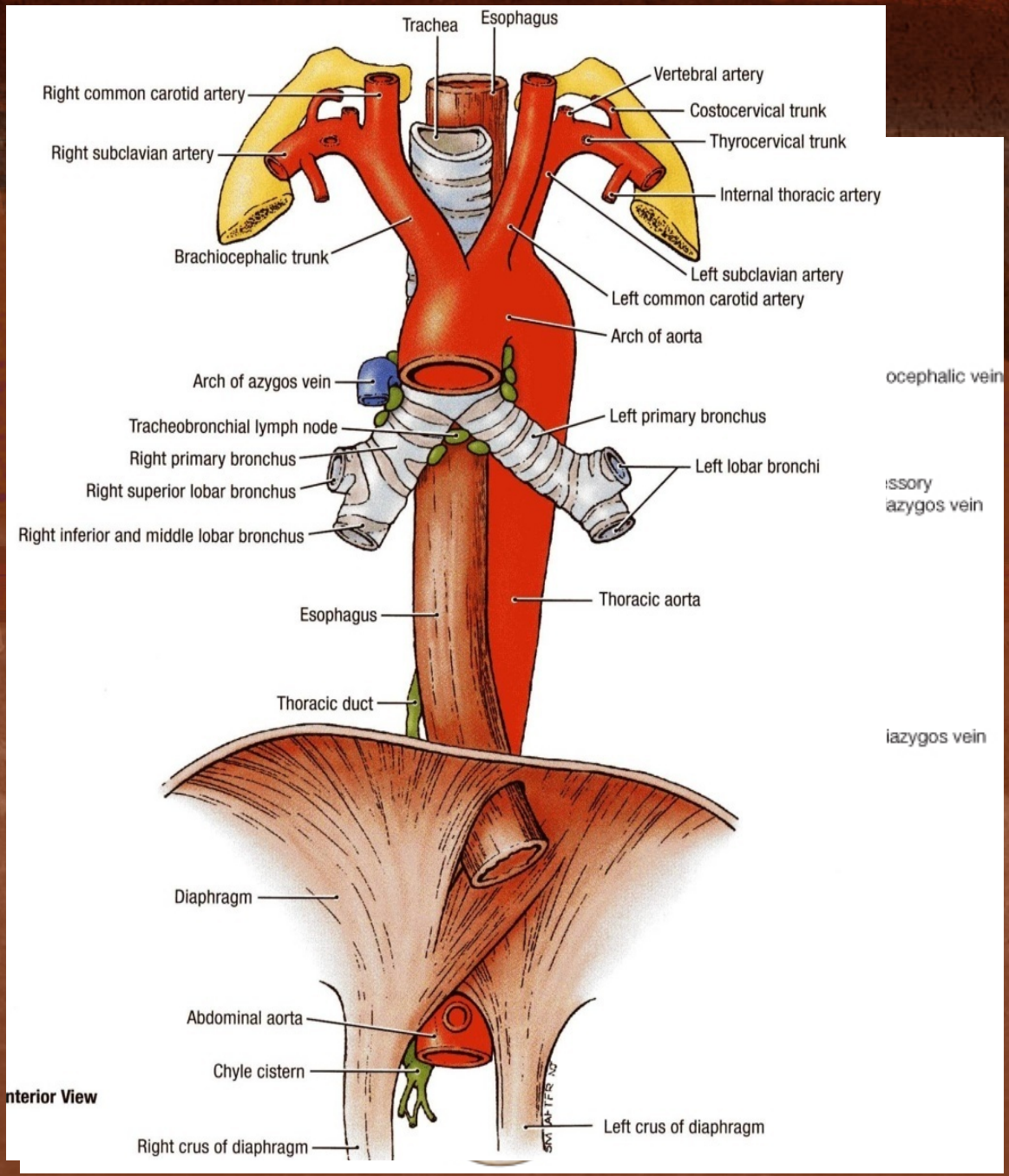
Thoracic part



ANTERIOR RELATIONS

- Trachea
- Left recurrent laryngeal nerve
- Left principal bronchus
- Pericardium
- Left atrium

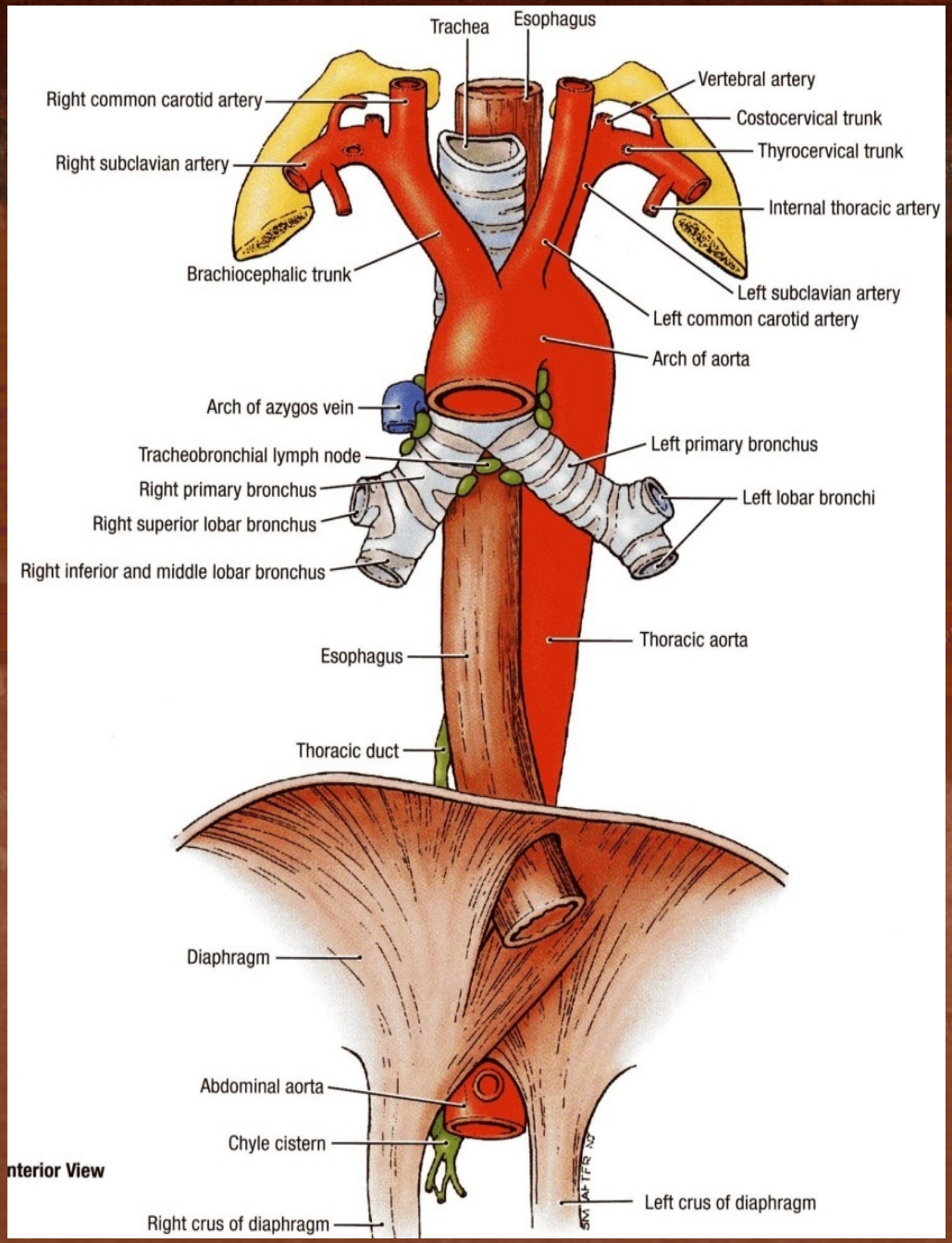




POSTERIOR RELATIONS

- Bodies of the thoracic vertebrae
- Thoracic duct
- Azygos vein
- Right posterior intercostal arteries
- Descending thoracic aorta (at the lower end)

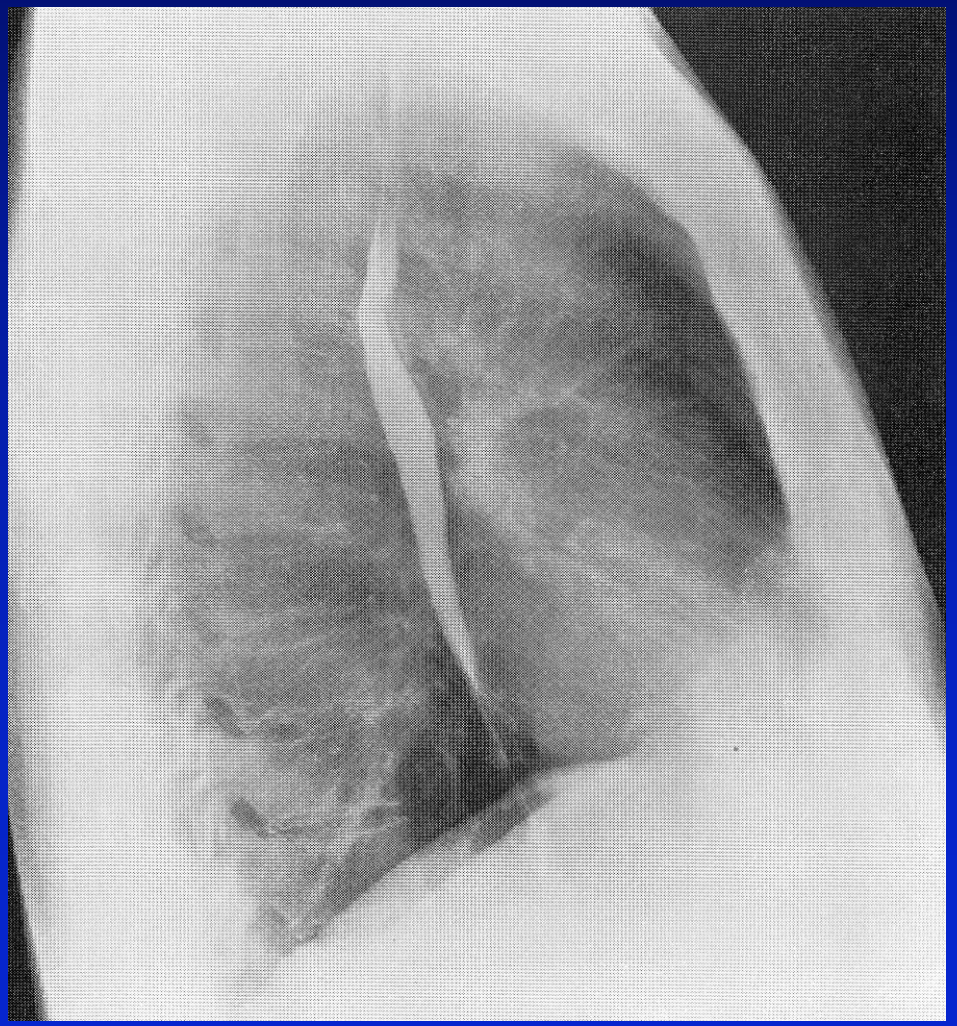
LATERAL RELATIONS

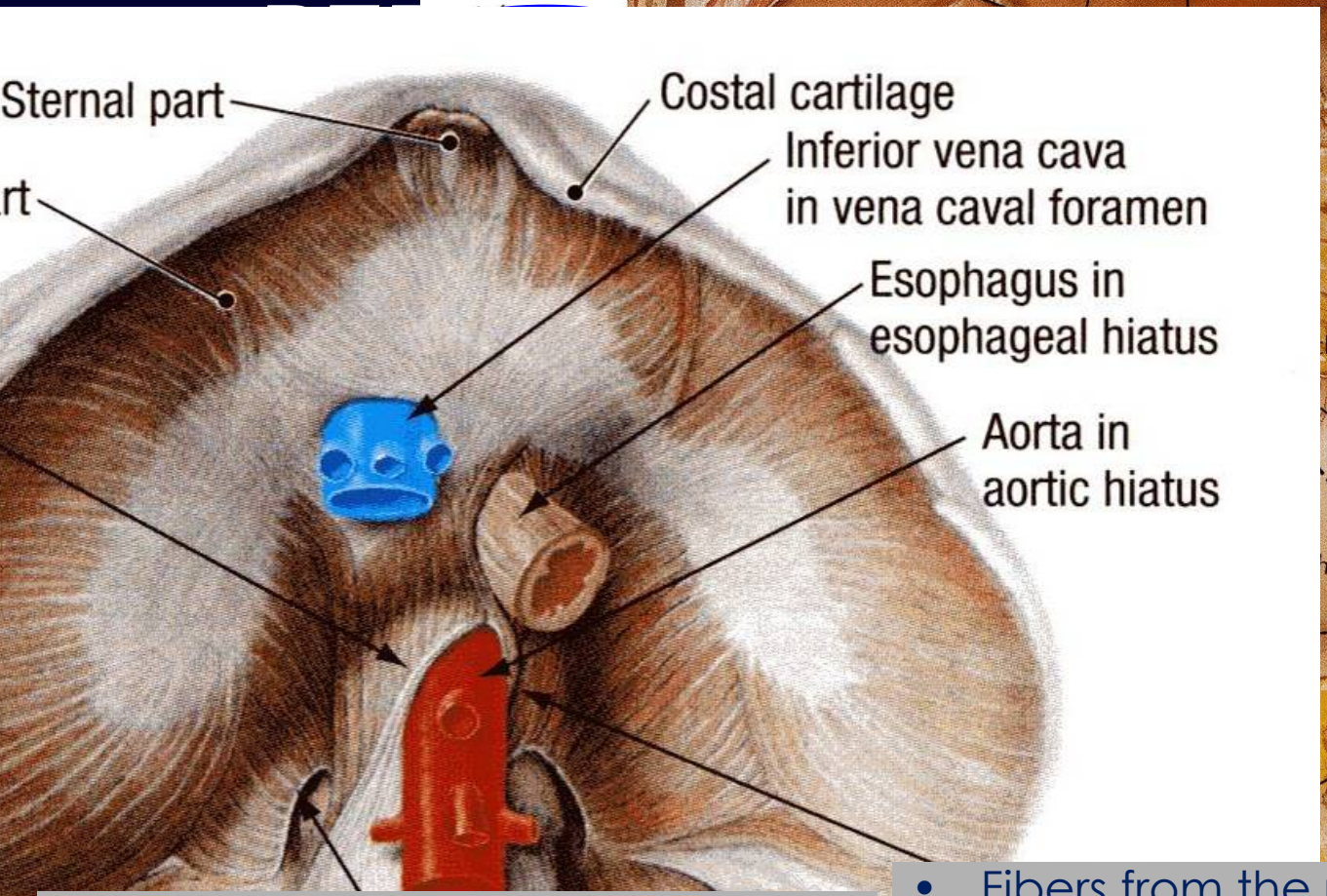


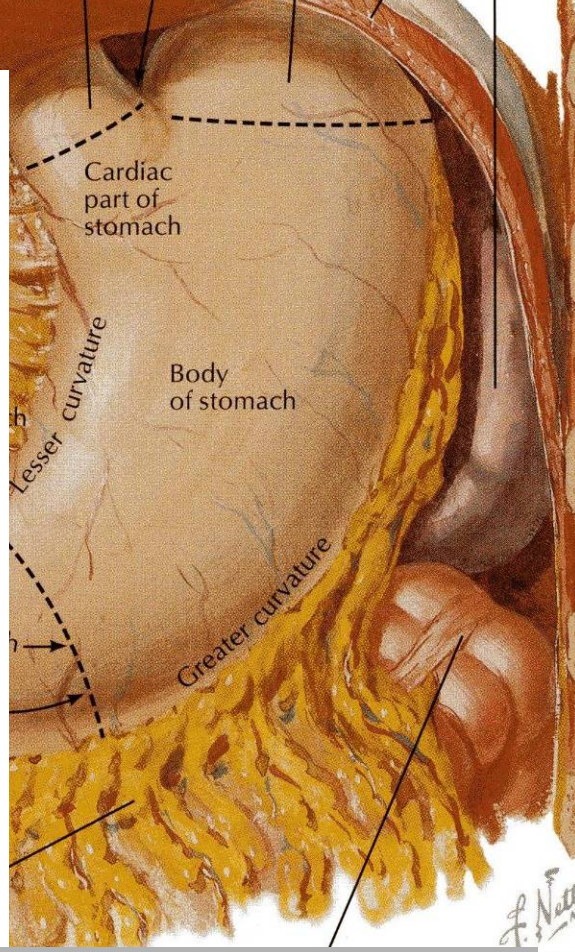
- **On the Right side:**
- Mediastinal pleura
- Terminal part of the azygos vein.
- **On the Left side:**
- Mediastinal pleura.
- Left subclavian artery.
- Aortic arch.
- Thoracic duct.

ESOPHAGUS AND LEFT ATRIUM OF THE HEART

- There is a close relationship between the left atrium of the heart and the esophagus.
- **What is the clinical application?**
- A *barium swallow* in the esophagus will help the physician to **assess the size of the left atrium (Dilation)** as in case of a heart failure.





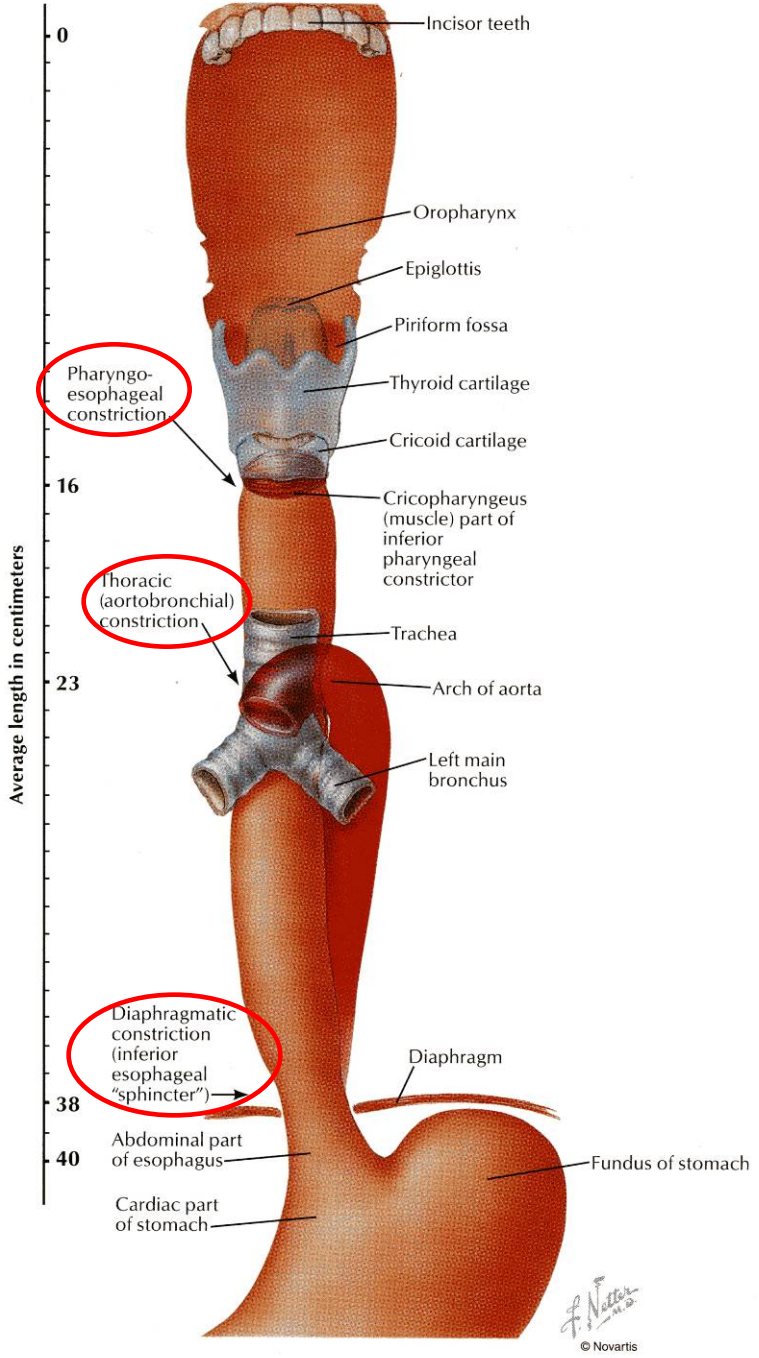


- In the abdomen, the esophagus descends for 1.3 cm and joins the stomach.
- Anteriorly, it is related to the **left lobe** of the liver.
- Posteriorly, it is related to the **left crus** of the diaphragm.

- Fibers from the right crus of the diaphragm form a **sling** around the esophagus.
- At the opening of the diaphragm, the esophagus is accompanied by:
  - The two vagi
  - **Branches of the left gastric vessels**
  - Lymphatic vessels.

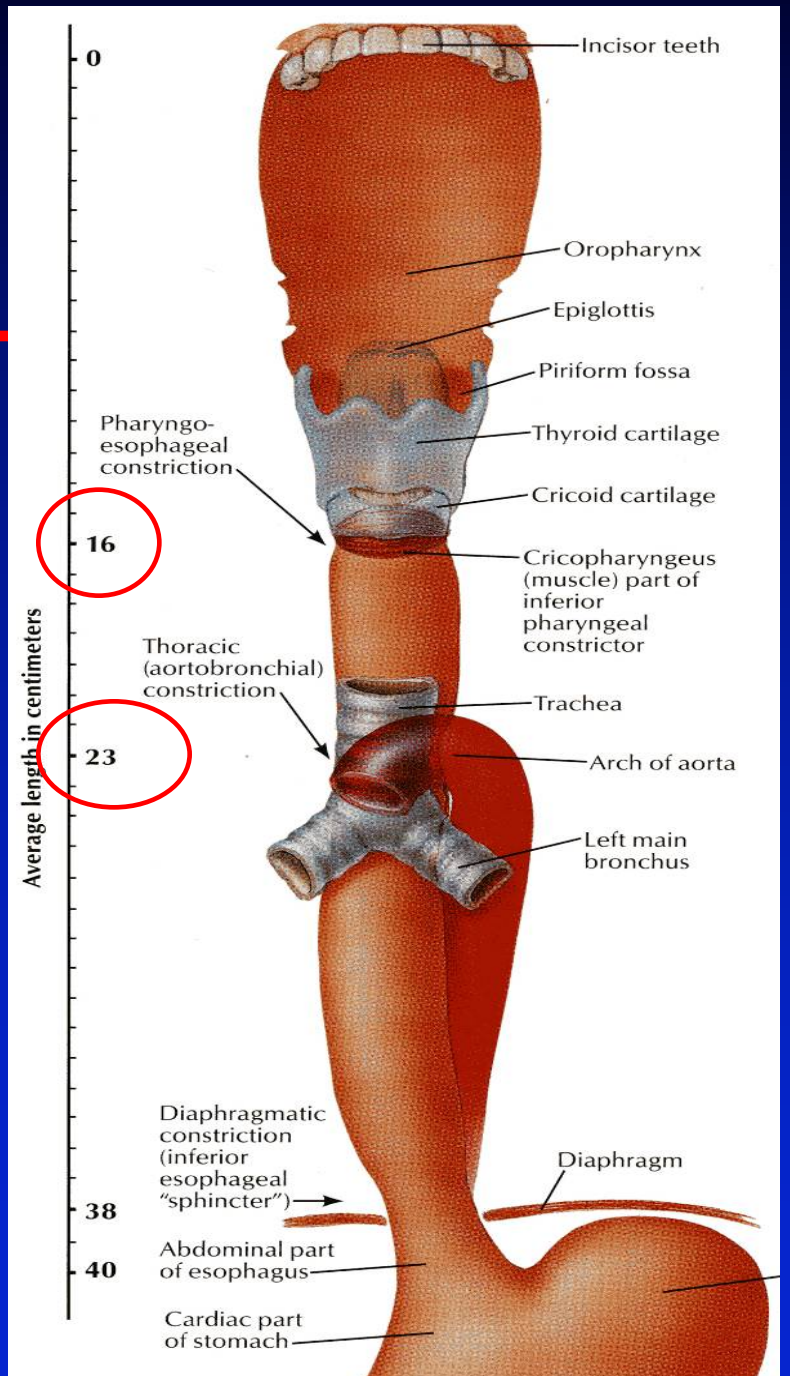
ESOPHAGEAL CONSTRICTIONS

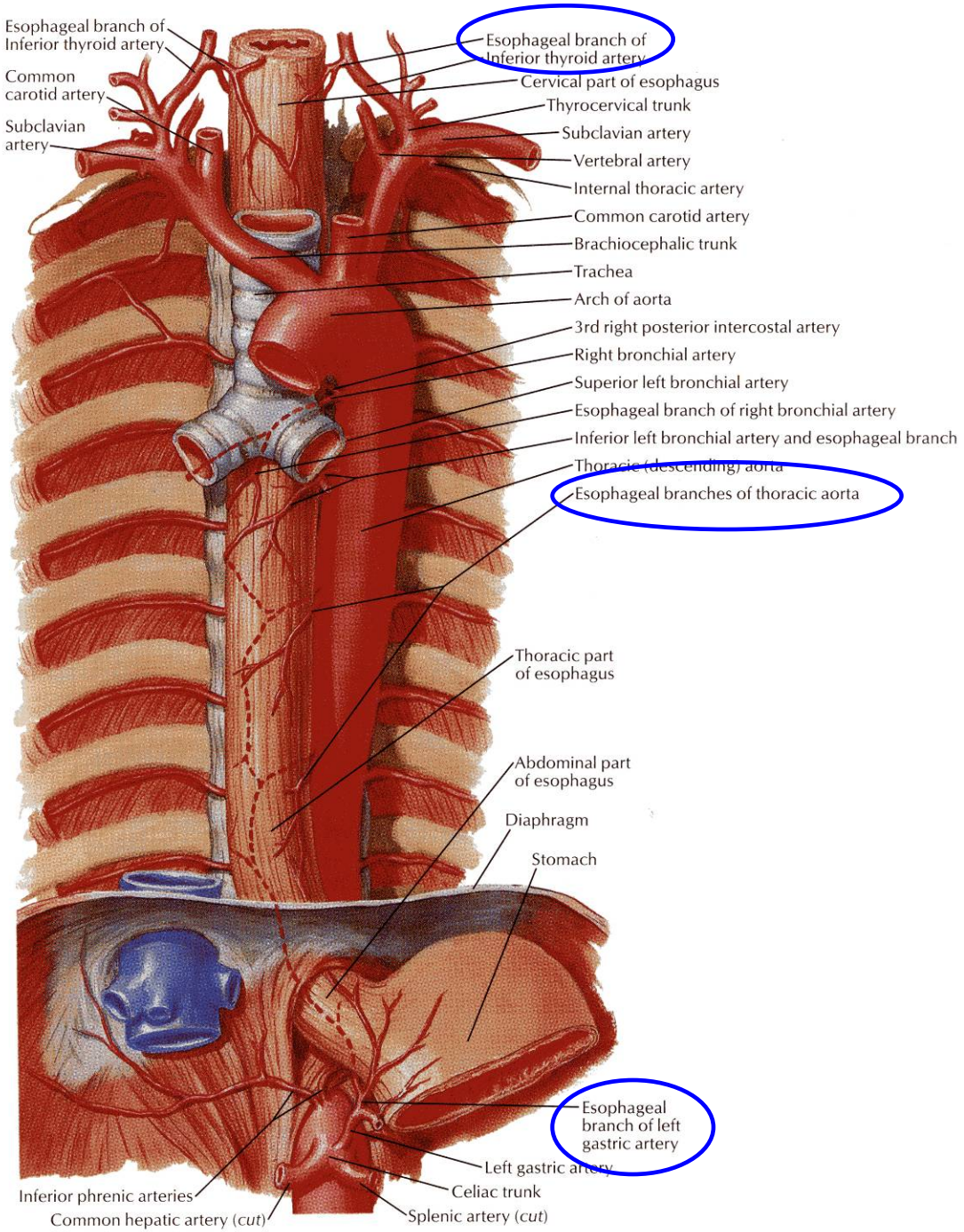
- The esophagus has <u>3</u> anatomic constrictions.
- The first is at the junction with the pharynx.
- The second is at the crossing with the aortic arch and the left main bronchus.
- The third is at the junction with the stomach.
- They have a considerable clinical importance.
- Why?



ESOPHAGEAL STRICTURES

1. They may cause difficulties in passing an *esophagoscope.*
2. In case of swallowing of caustic liquids (mostly in children), this is where the burning is the worst and **strictures** develop.
3. The esophageal strictures are a common place of the development of **esophageal carcinoma.**
4. *In this picture what is the importance of the scale?*

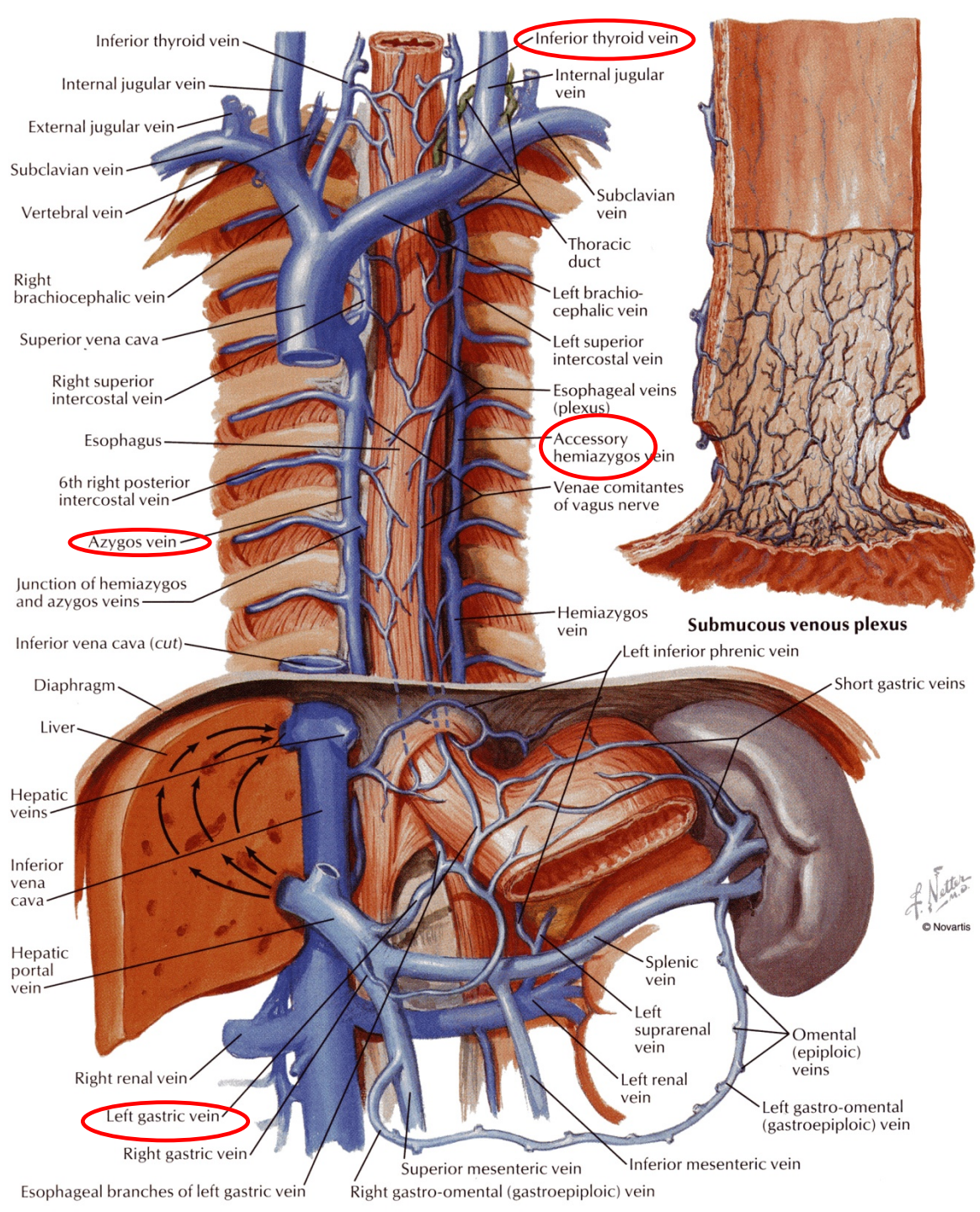




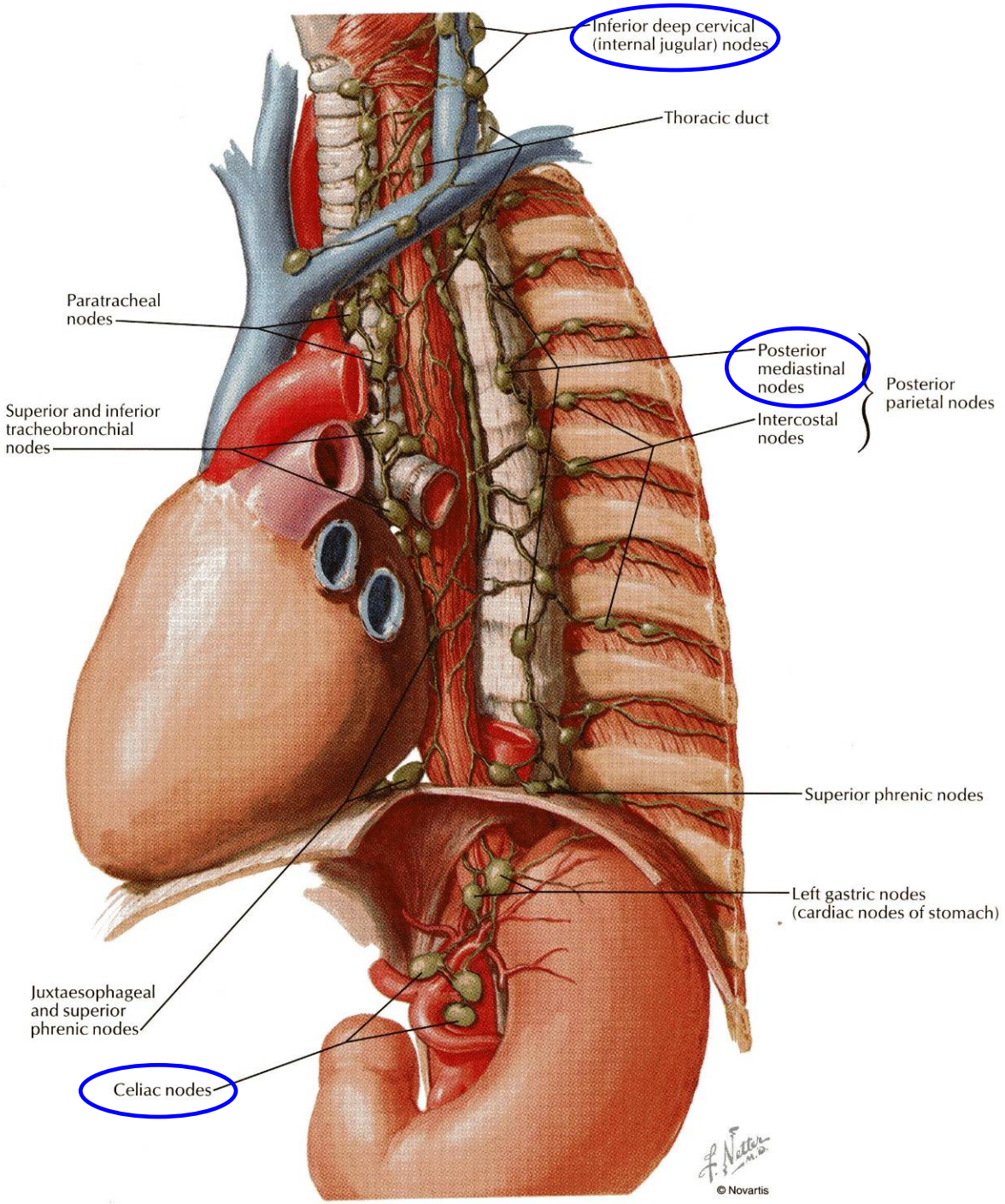
ARTERIAL SUPPLY

- Upper third is supplied by the **inferior thyroid artery**.
- The middle third by the **thoracic aorta**.
- The lower third by the **left gastric artery**.

VENOUS DRAINAGE

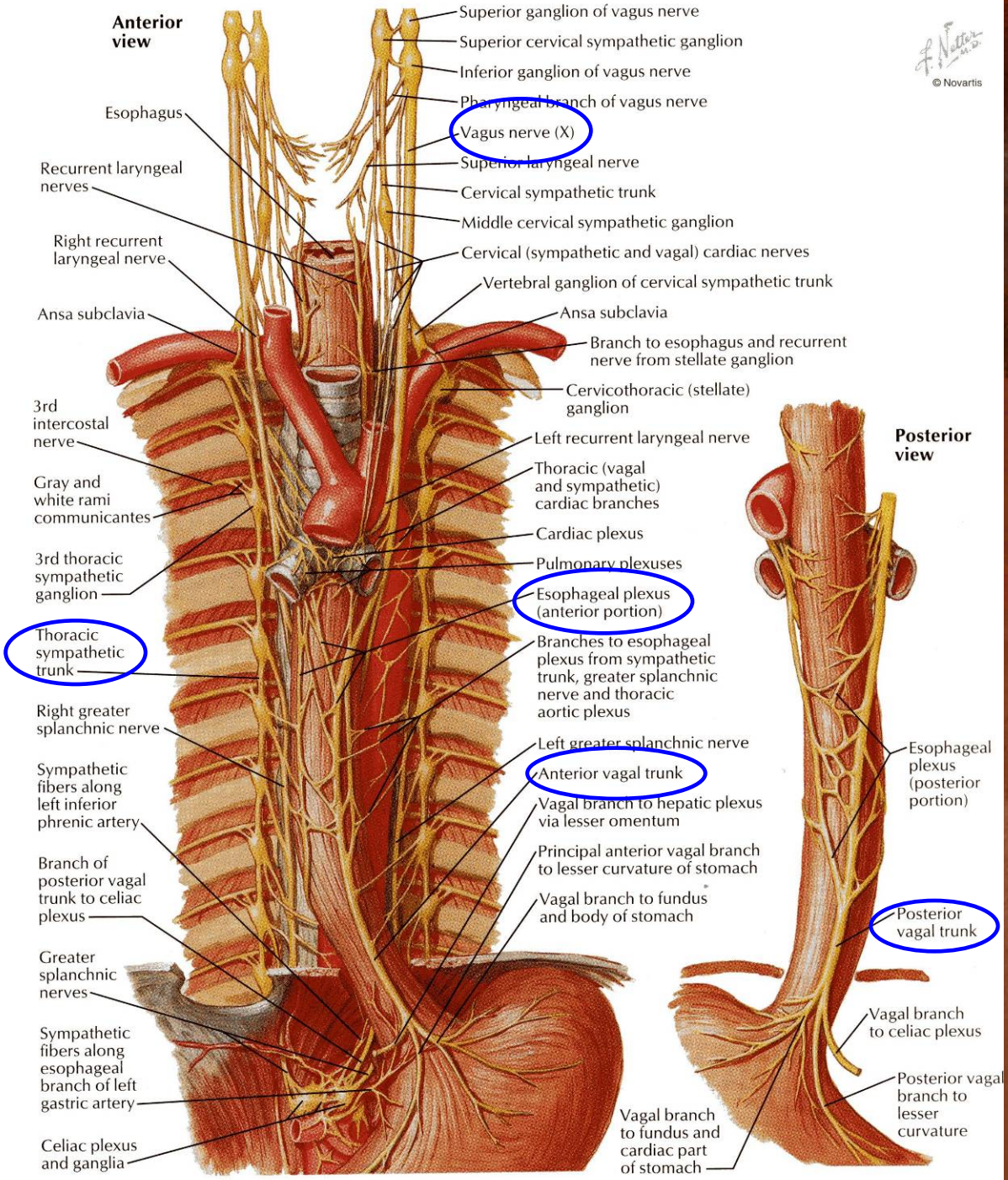


- The upper third drains in into the **inferior thyroid veins**.
- The middle third into the **azygos veins**.
- The lower third into the **left gastric vein**, which is a tributary of the portal vein.



LYMPH DRAINAGE

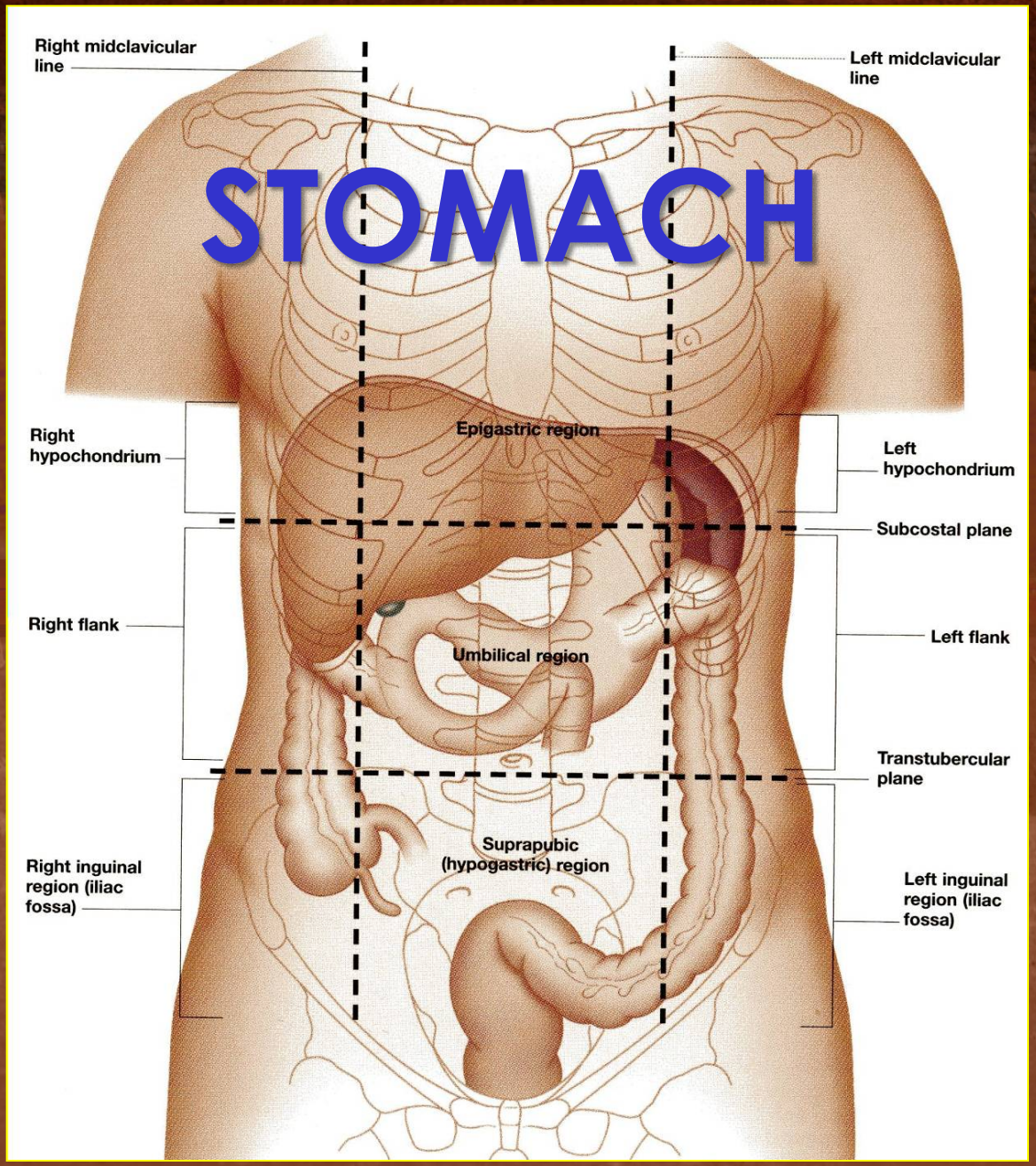
- The upper third is drained in the **deep cervical nodes**.
- The middle third is drained into the **superior** and **inferior mediastinal nodes**.
- The lower third is drained in the **celiac** lymph nodes in the abdomen.



NERVE SUPPLY

- It is supplied by sympathetic fibers from the **sympathetic trunks**.
- The parasympathetic supply comes form the **vagus nerves**.
- Inferior to the roots of the lungs, the vagus nerves join the sympathetic nerves to form the **esophageal plexus**.
- The ***left*** vagus lies **anterior** to the esophagus.
- The ***right*** vagus lies **posterior** to it.

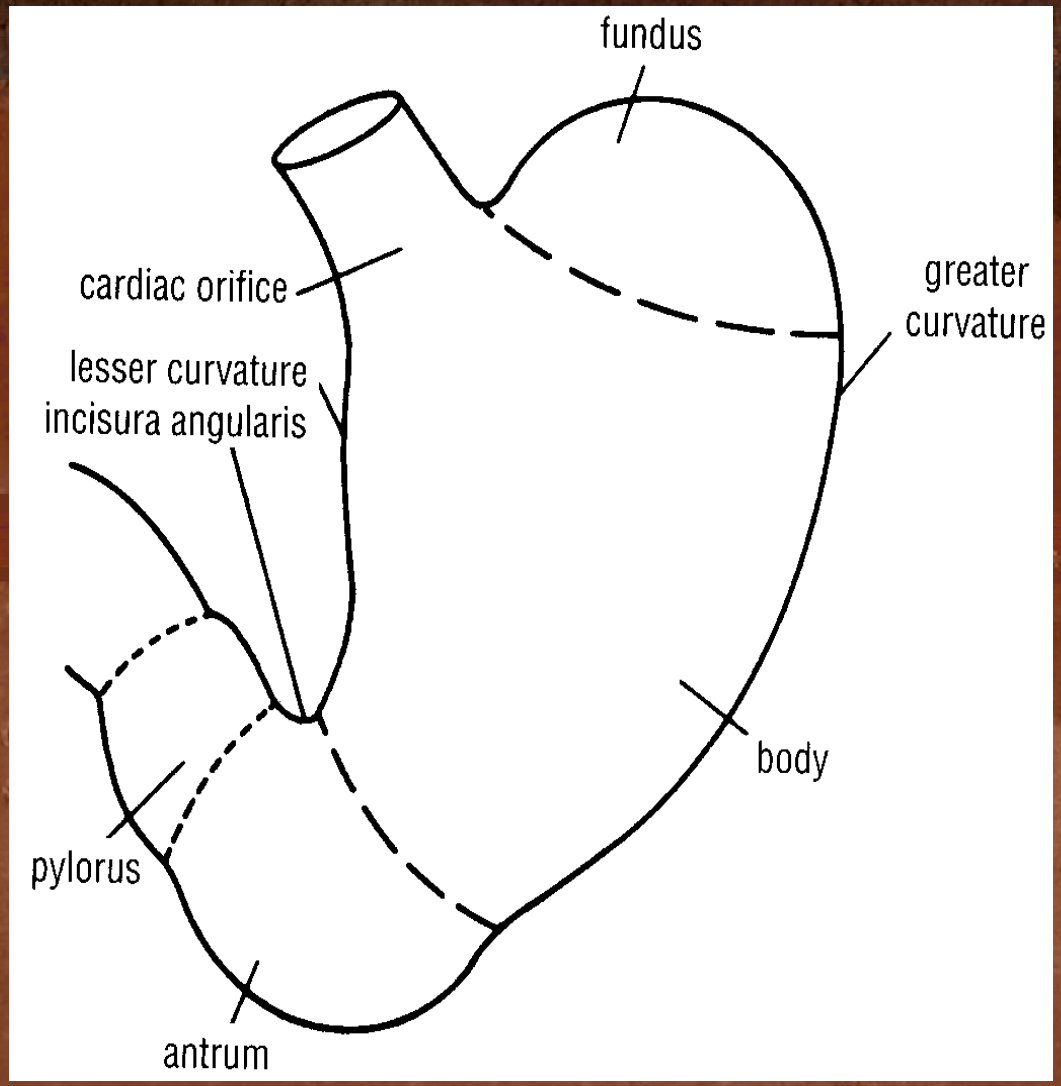
STOMACH



LOCATION

- The stomach is the most dilated part of the alimentary canal.
- It is located in the upper part of the abdomen.
- It extends from beneath the left costal region into the epigastric and umbilical regions.
- Much of the stomach is protected by the lower ribs.
- It is roughly **J-** shaped.

PARTS



2 Orifices:
- Cardiac orifice
- Pyloric orifice

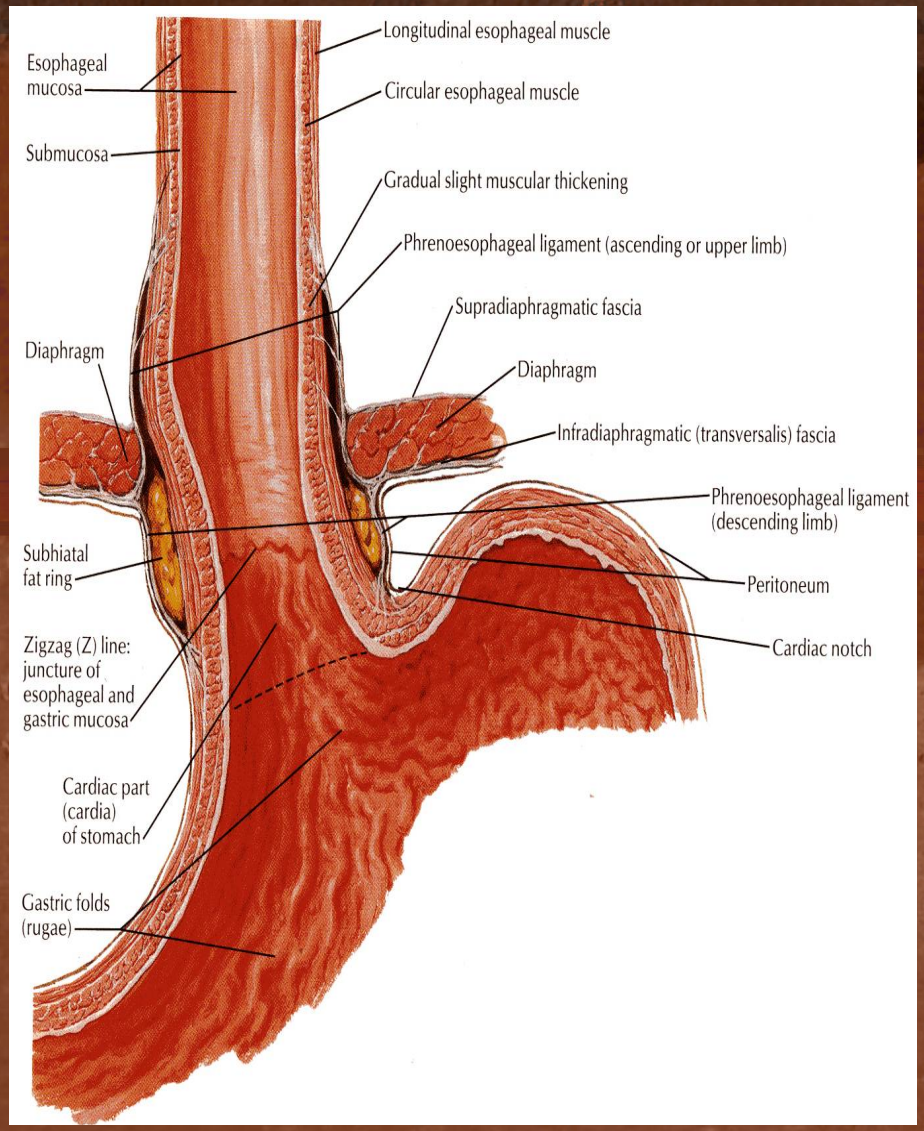
2 Borders:
- Greater curvature
- Lesser curvature

2 Surfaces:
- Anterior surface
- Posterior surface

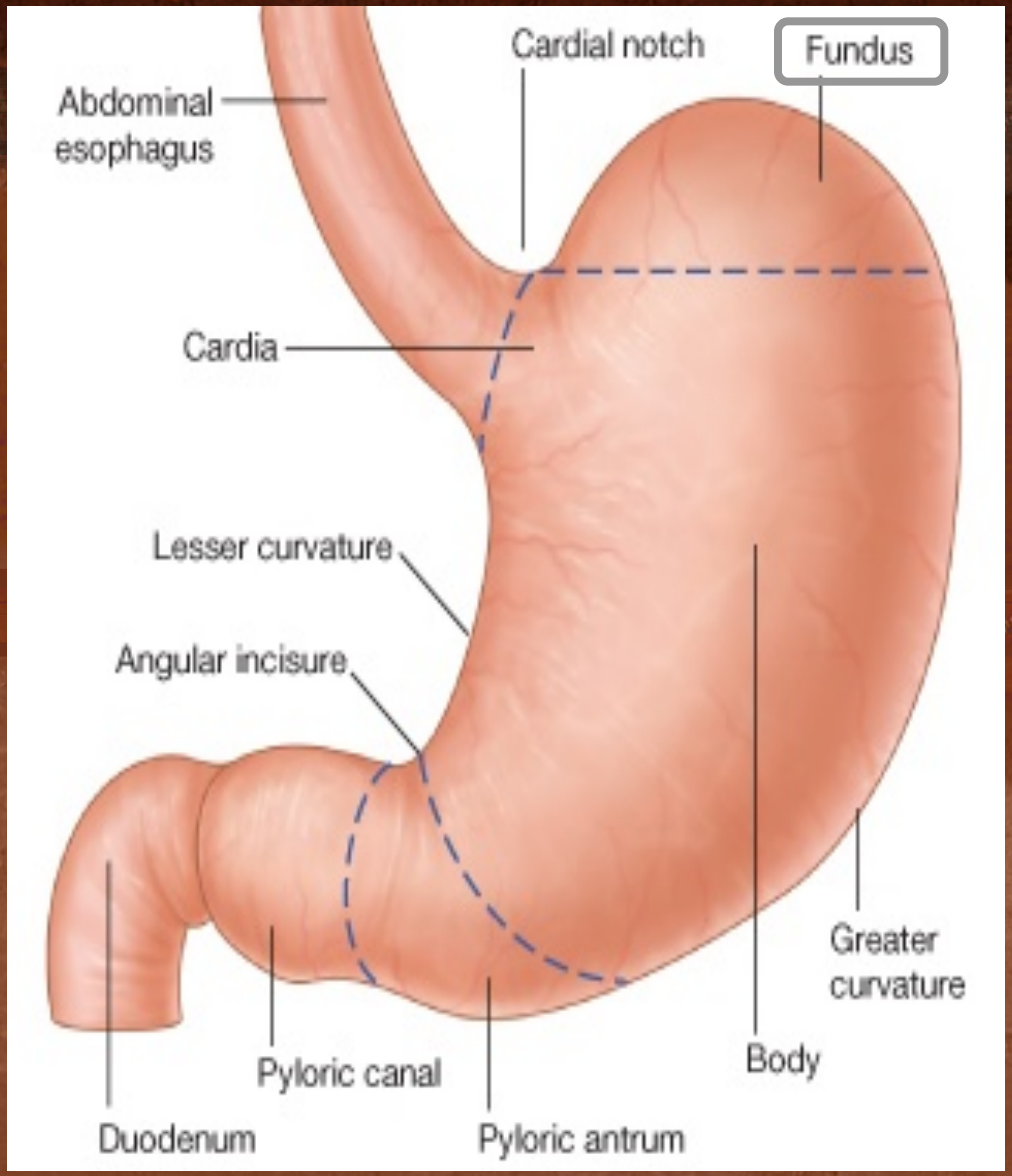
3 Parts:
- Fundus
- Body
- Pylorus:

The pylorus is formed of 3 parts
- Pyloric antrum
- Pyloric canal
- Pyloric sphincter

CARDIAC ORIFICE



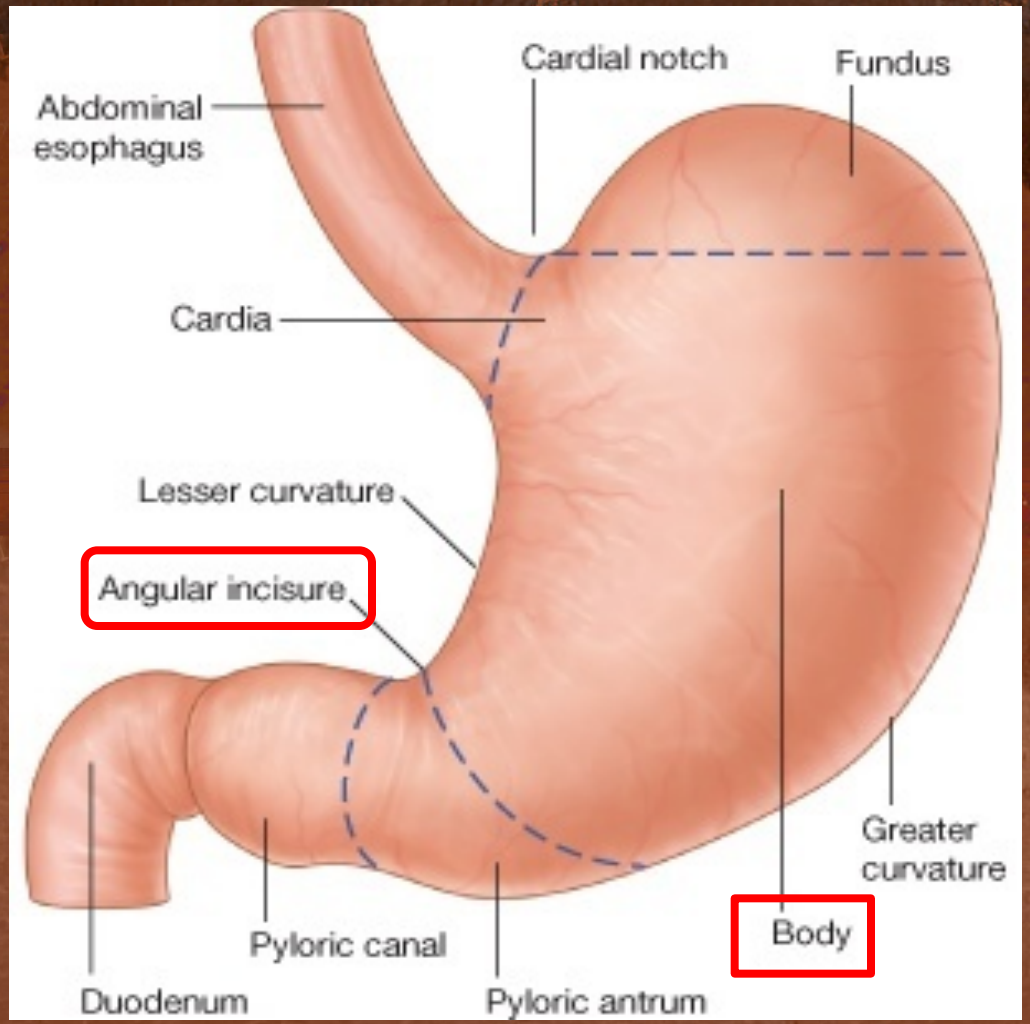
- It is the site of the **gastro- esophageal sphincter.**
- It is a physiological sphincter rather than an anatomical, sphincter.
- Consists of **circular layer** of smooth muscle (under vagal and hormonal control).
- lies opposite the **left seventh costal cartilage 2.5 cm**. from the sternum ,**(T10).**
- ***Function:***
- Prevents esophageal regurgitation (reflux)



FUNDUS

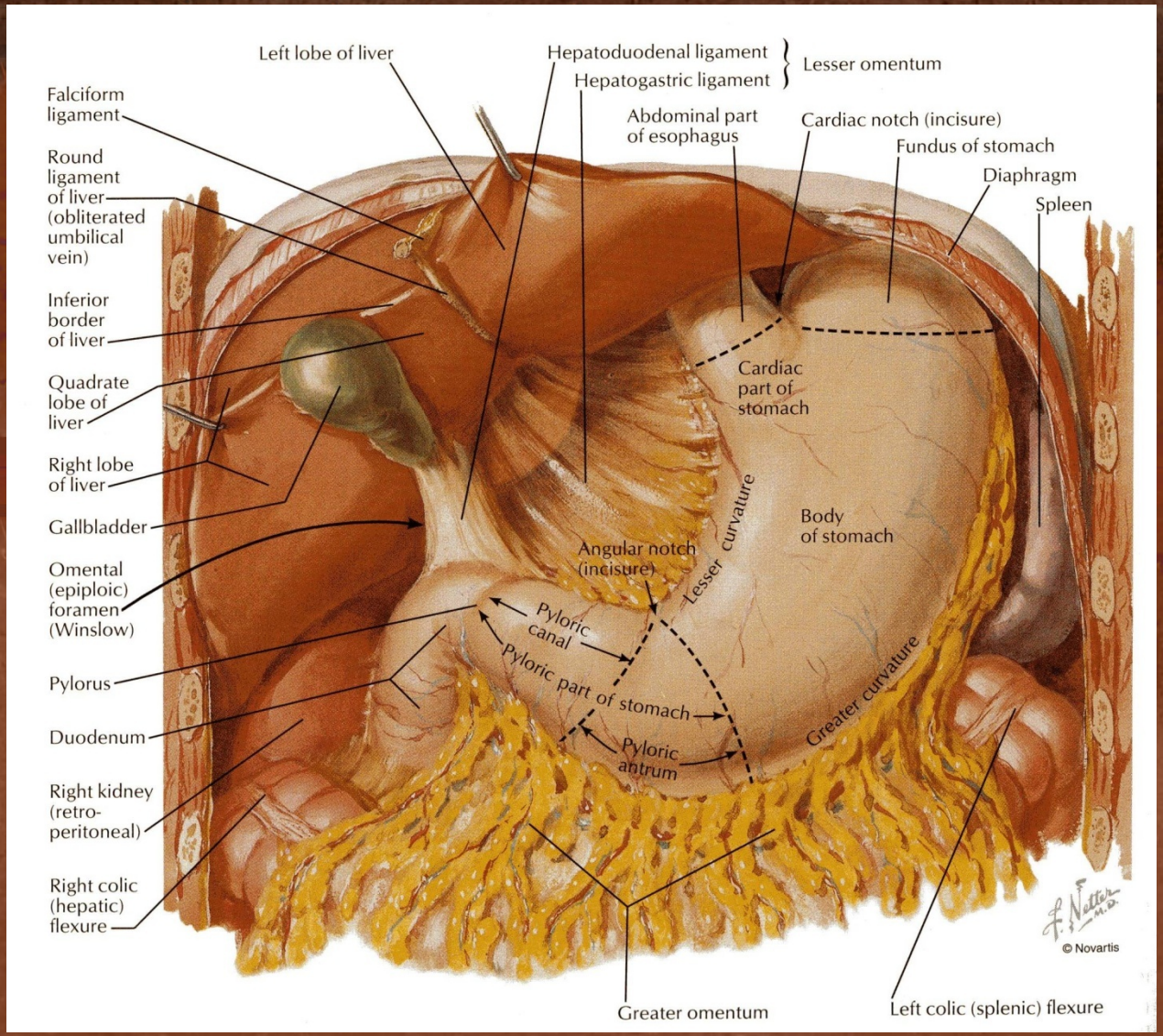
- Dome-shaped.
- Located to the left of the cardiac orifice.
- Usually full of gazes.
- **It reaches to the left fifth intercostal space a little below the apex of the heart.**

BODY



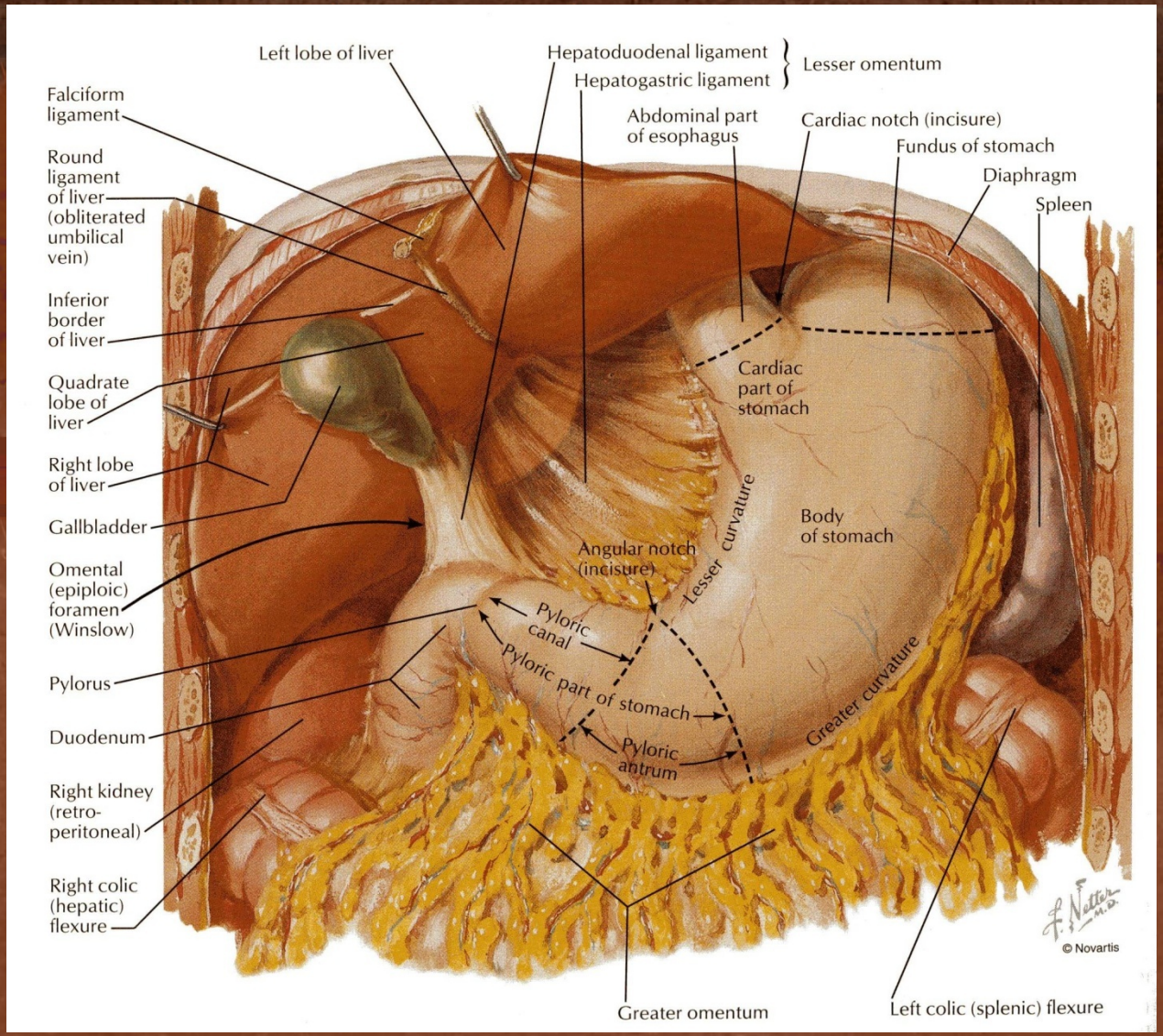
- Extends from:
  - The level of the fundus, to
  - The level of Incisura angularis.
- **Incisura angularis**:
- is a constant notch on the lesser curvature

LESSER CURVATURE



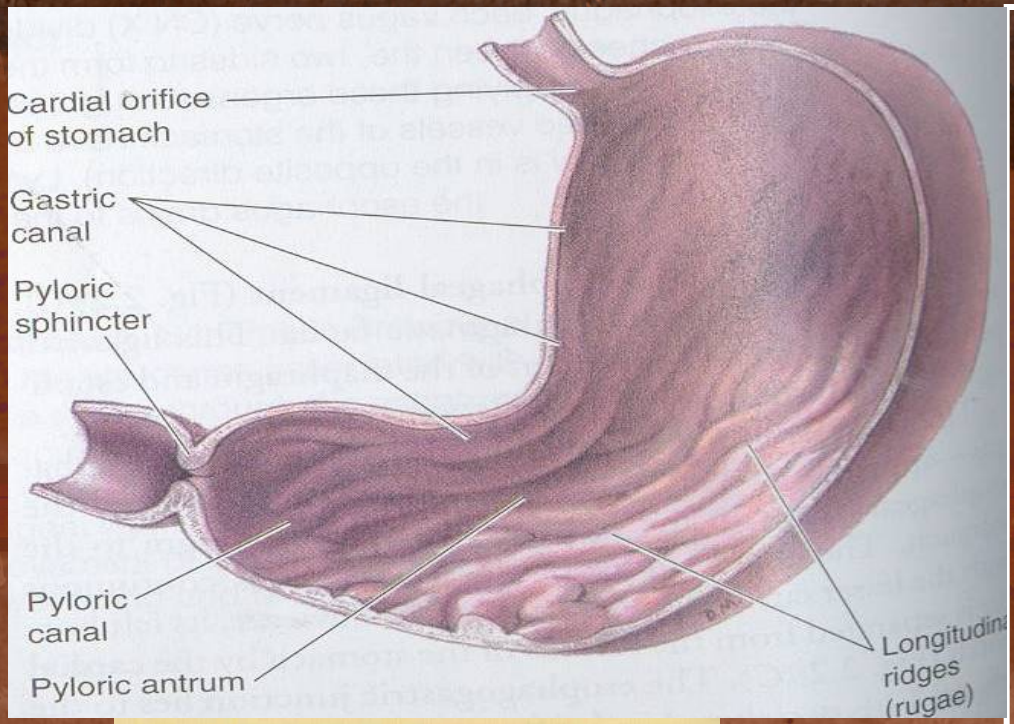
- Forms the right border of the stomach.
- Extends from the cardiac orifice to the pylorus.
- Attached to the liver by the **lesser omentum**, (gasrtohepatic ligament).

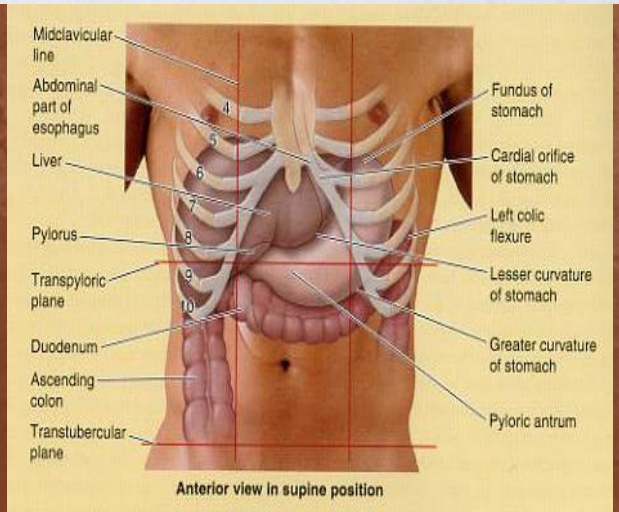
GREATER CURVATURE



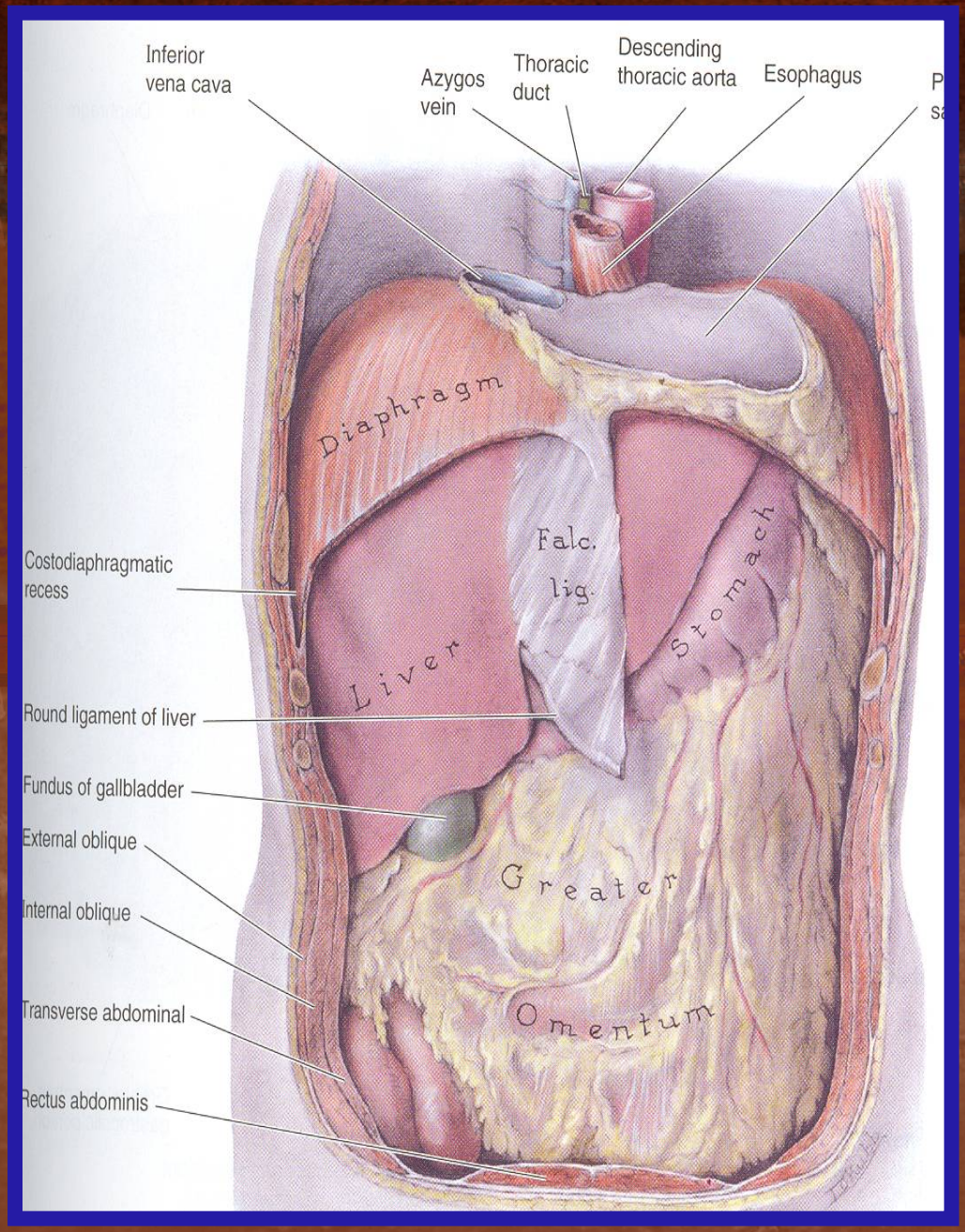
- Forms the left border of the stomach.
- Extends from the cardiac orifice to the pylorus.
- Its upper part is attached to the spleen by **gastrosplenic ligament**
- Its lower part is attached to the transverse colon by the **greater omentum**.

PYLORIC ANTRUM AND PYLORUS





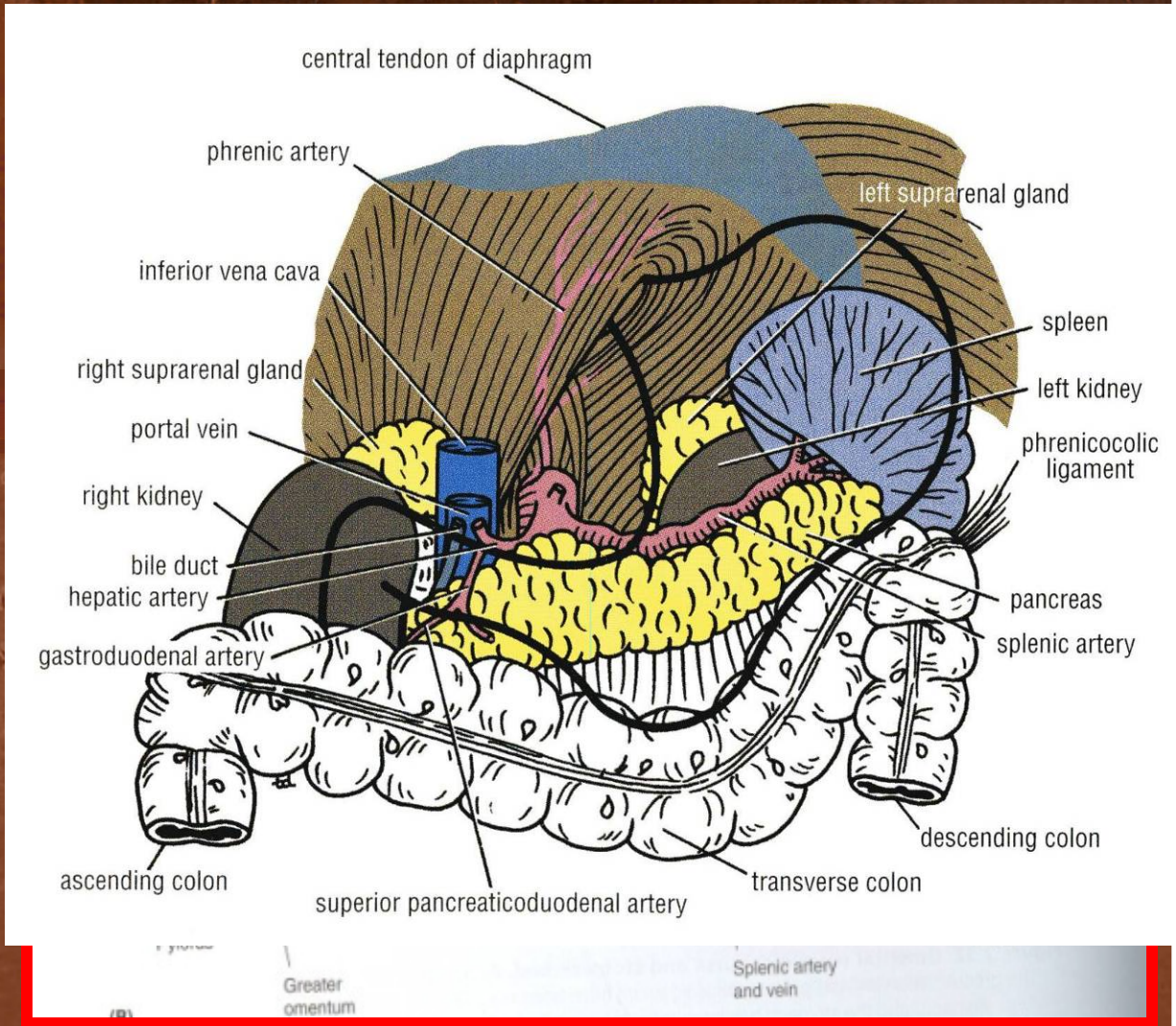
- The **pyloric antrum** extends from Incisura angularis to the pylorus.
- The **pylorus** is a tubular part of the stomach.
- It lies in the **transpyloric plane (L1) 1 cm**. to the **right of the middle line**, .
- It has a thick muscular end called **pyloric sphincter.**
- The cavity of the pylorus is the **pyloric canal**.



ANTERIOR RELATIONS

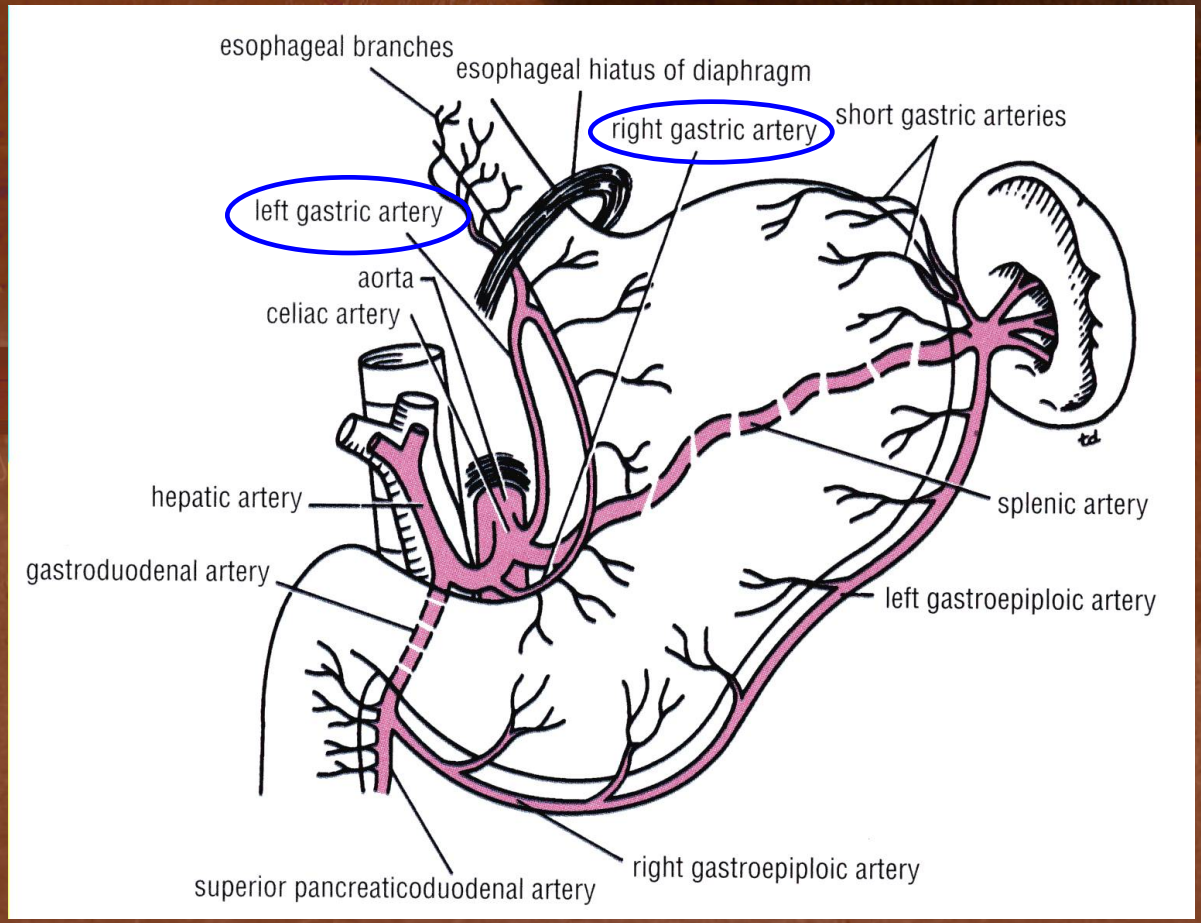
- Anterior abdominal wall.
- Left costal margin.
- Left pleura & lung.
- Diaphragm.
- Left lobe of the liver.

POSTERIOR RELATIONS



- Left crus of diaphragm.
- Left suprarenal gland.
- Part of left kidney
- Spleen.
- Splenic artery.
- Pancreas.
- Transverse mesocolon.
- Transverse colon.
- Lesser sac.
- All these structures form **the stomach bed.**
- All are separated from the stomach by peritoneum of lesser sac except the spleen by greater sac.

ARTERIES



- 5 arteries:
- 1- Left gastric artery:
- **It is a** branch of celiac artery.
  - Ascends along the lesser curvature.
- 2- Right gastric artery:

From the hepatic artery of celiac.

  - Runs to the left along the lesser curvature.

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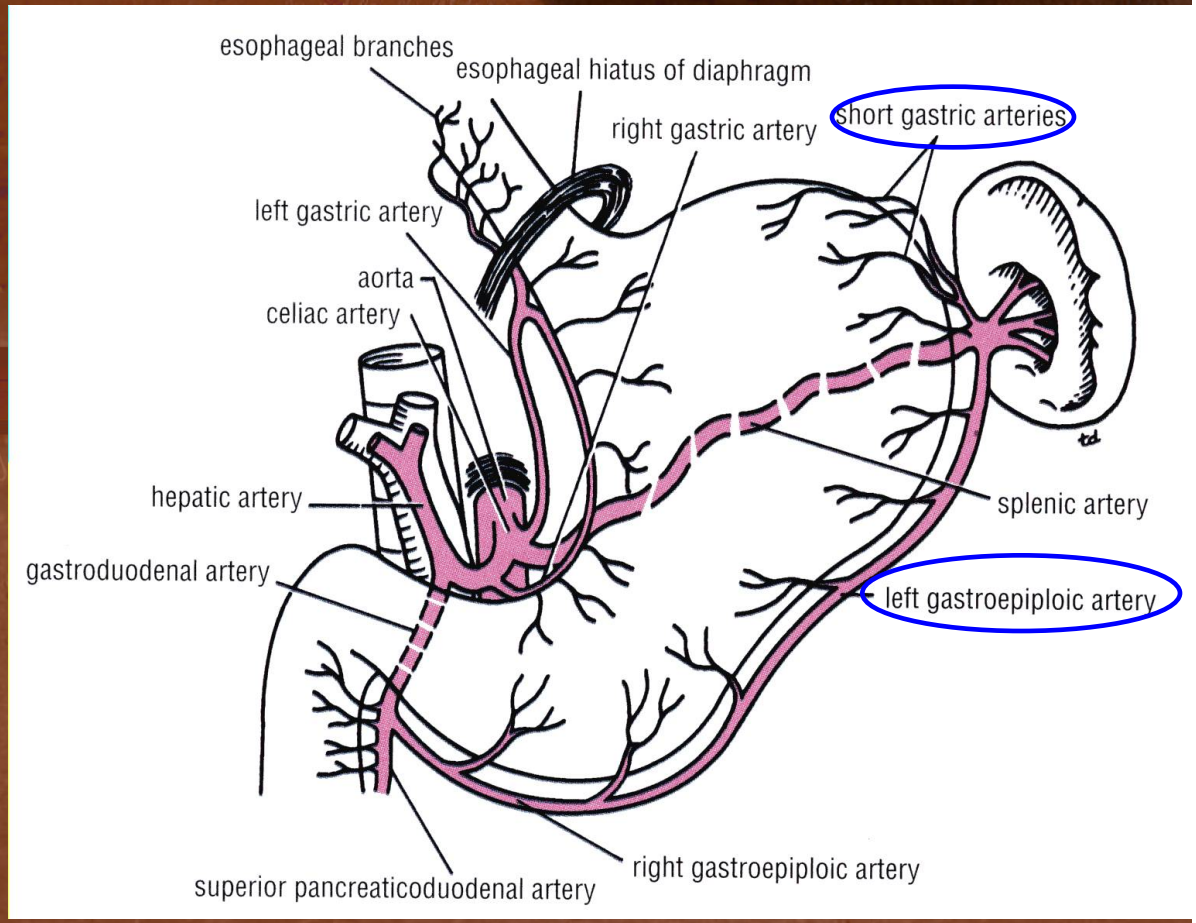
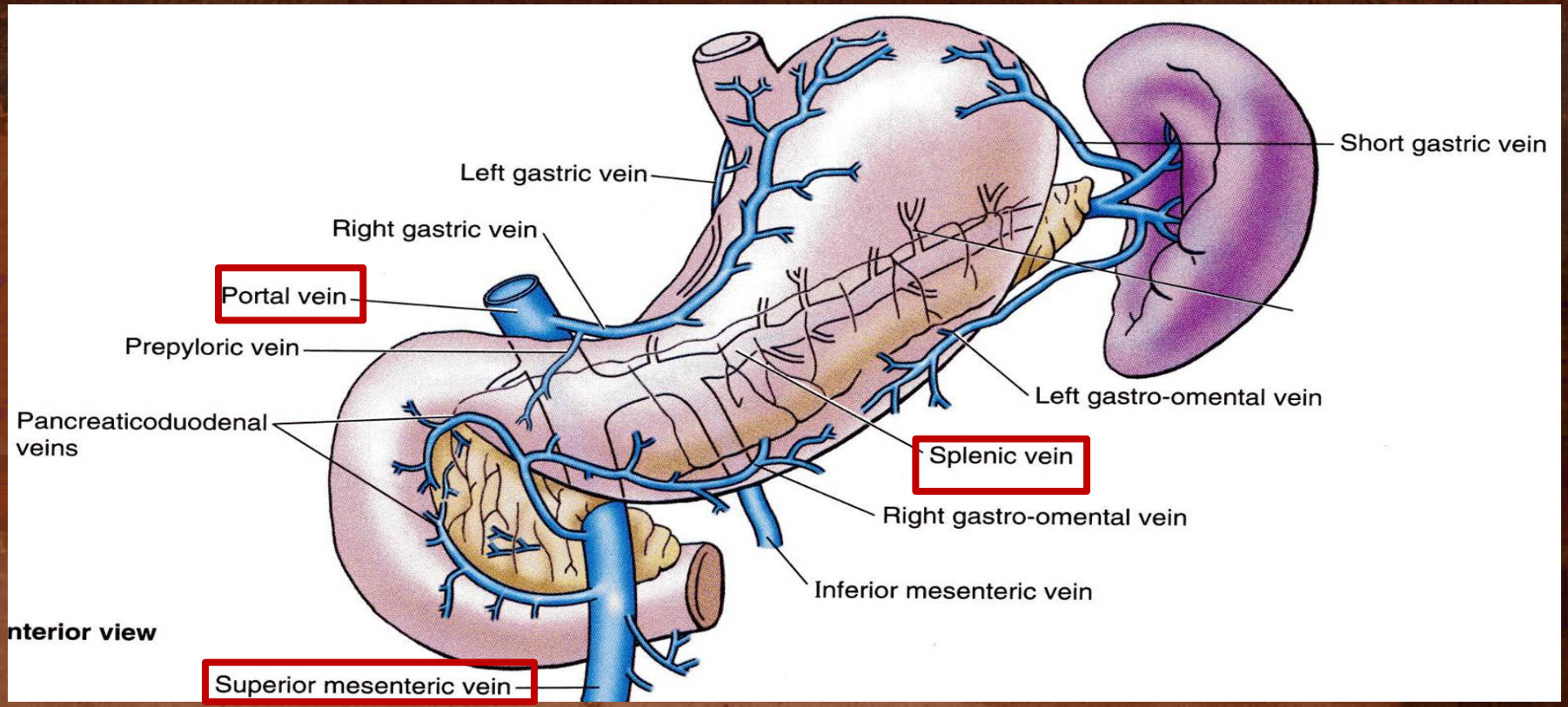


- 3- Short gastric arteries – arise from the splenic artery.
  - Pass in the **gastrosplenic ligament**.
- 4-Left gastroepiploic artery:

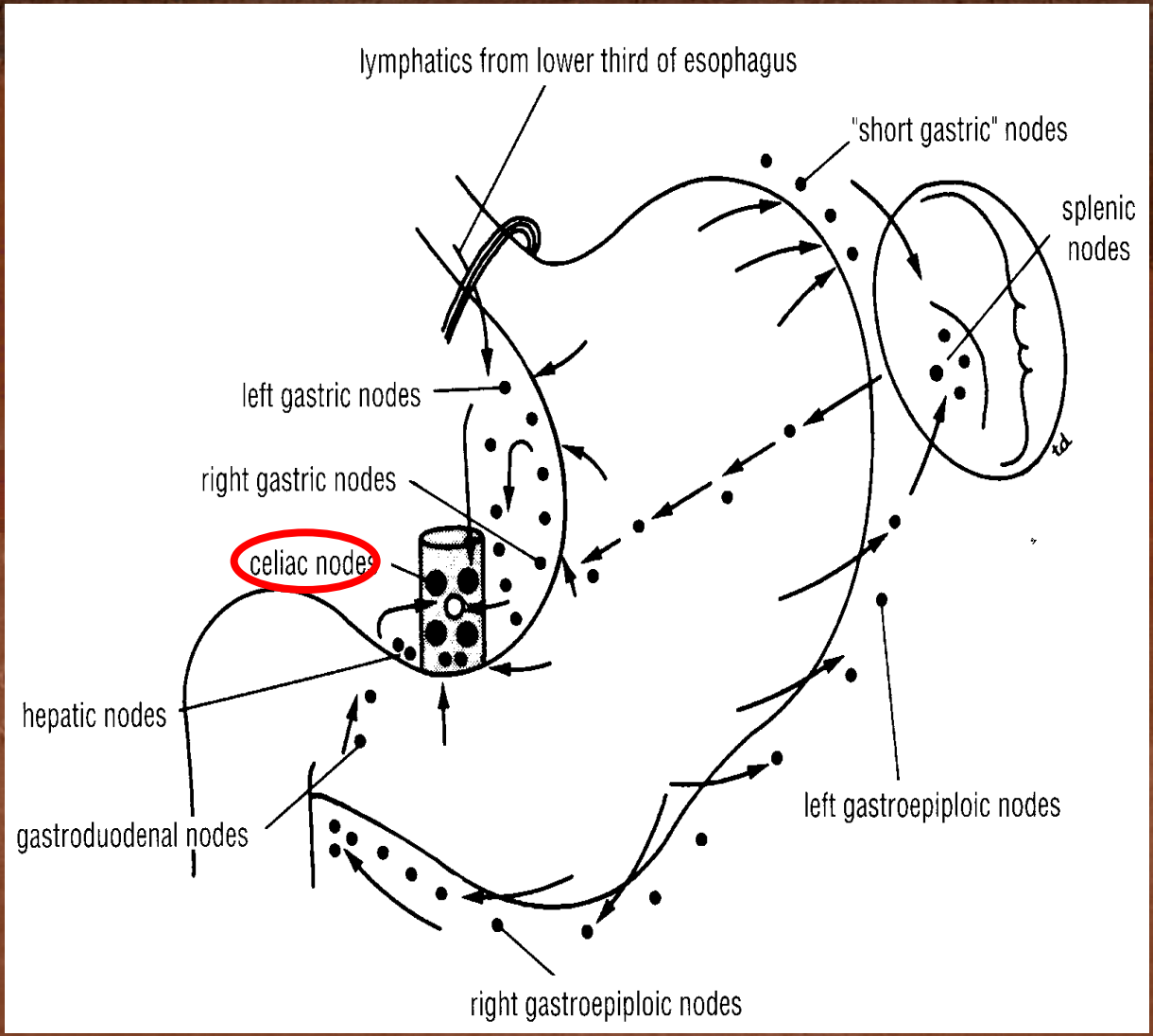
  from splenic artery
  - Pass in the **gastrosplenic ligament**.
- 5- Right gastroepiploic artery:
- from the gastroduodenal artery of hepatic .
  - Passes to the left along the greater curvature.

VEINS

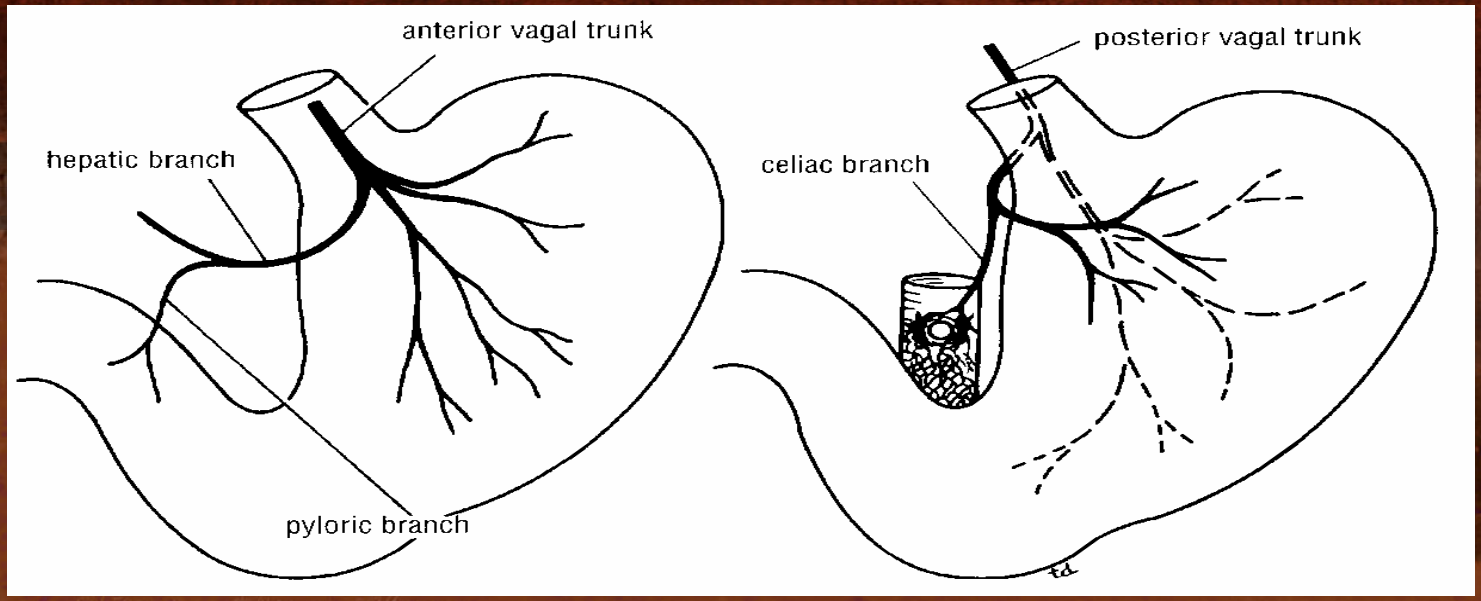


- All of them drain into the **portal circulation**.
- The **right** and **left gastric veins** drain **directly** in the **portal vein**.
- The **short gastric veins** and the **left gastroepiploic vein** join the **splenic vein.**
- The **right gastroepiploic vein** drain in the superior mesenteric vein.

LYMPH DRAINAGE



- The lymph vessels follow the arteries.
- They first drain to the:
  - **Left and right gastric nodes.**
  - **Left and right gastroepiploic nodes** and the
  - **Short gastric nodes.**
- Ultimately, all the lymph from the stomach is collected at the **celiac nodes.**



NERVE SUPPLY

- **Sympathetic fibers** are derived from the **celiac plexus**.
- **Parasympathetic fibers** from **both vagi.**
- **Anterior vagal trunk:**
  - Formed from the **left** vagus
  - Supply the **anterior** surface of the stomach
  - Gives off a **hepatic branch** and from it - a **branch to the pylorus.**
- **Posterior vagal trunk:**
  - Formed from the **right** vagus
  - Supply the **posterior** surface of the stomach
  - Gives off a large branch to the celiac and the superior mesenteric plexuses.