



# SHOULDER & PECTORAL REGIONS

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# Learning Outcome

At the end of this lecture, you should be able to:

- a) Describe the **attachments**, **actions** and **innervations** of **muscles** of shoulder and pectoral regions
- b) Describe the **rotator cuff muscles** and their **functions**
- c) Describe the **spaces** at the posterior scapular region
- d) Describe the **applied anatomy** of the shoulder and pectoral regions

# Outline

- a) Clavicle
- b) Scapula

## **2. Muscles:**

- a) Axioappendicular muscles
- b) Scapulohumeral muscles

## **3. Rotator cuff**

## **4. Posterior scapular spaces**

## **5. Clinical correlations**

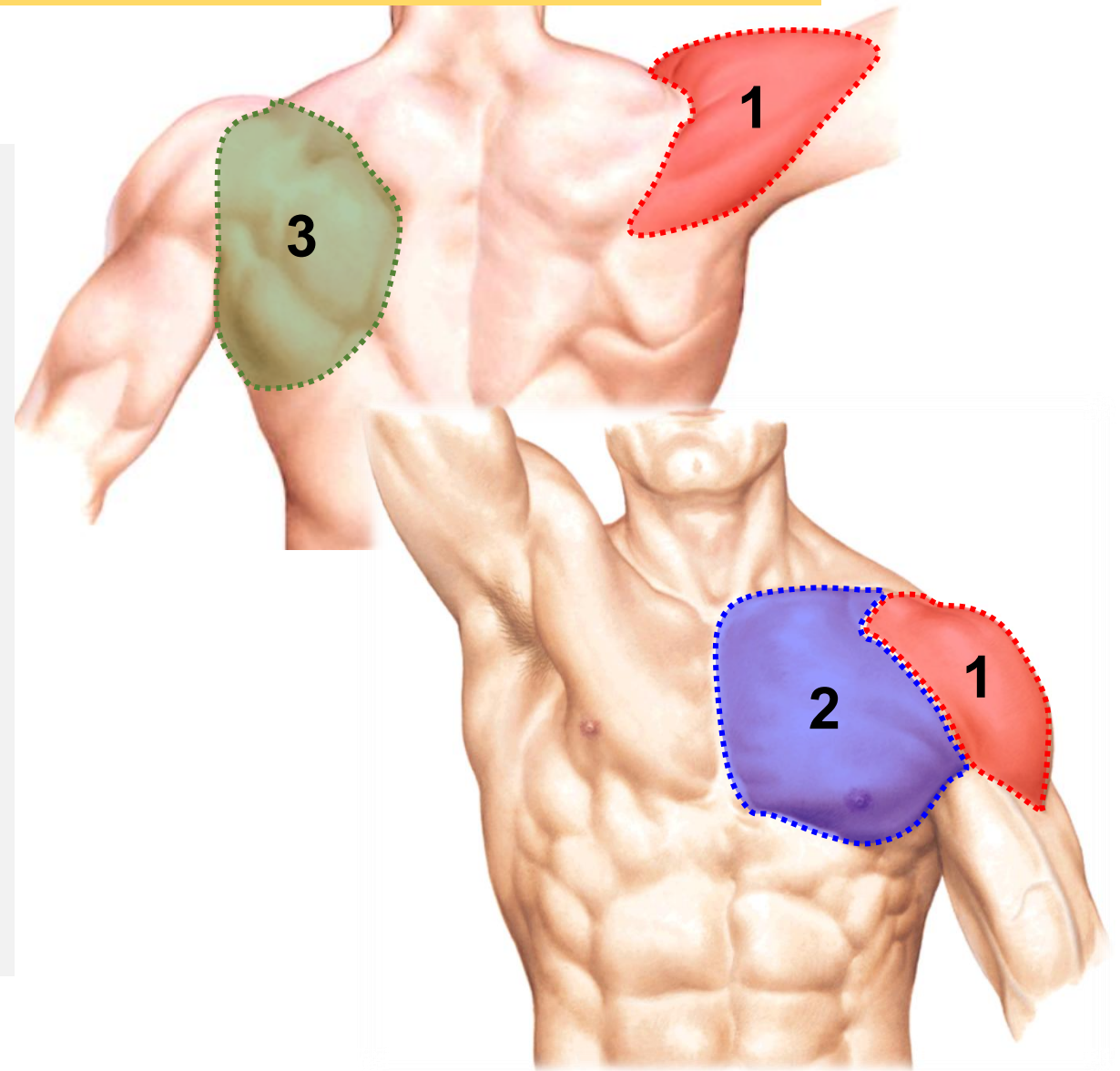
# Introduction to Upper Limb

Upper limb (UL) consists of 4 parts:

- Shoulder – attachment site of UL to the trunk
- Arm/ upper arm
- Forearm
- Hand

Shoulder region consists of:

1. **Deltoid** region
2. **Pectoral** region
3. **Scapular** region





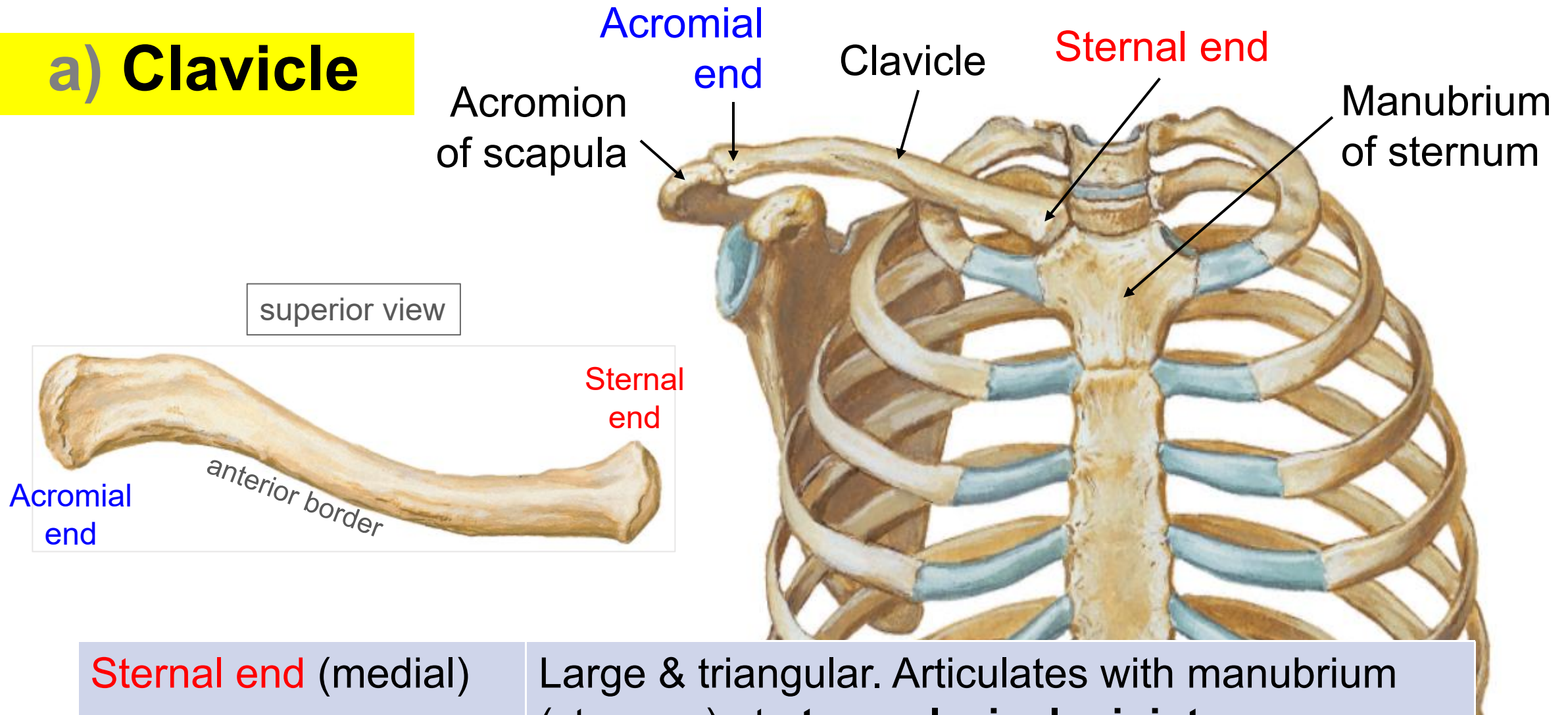
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# Bones in Shoulder and Pectoral Regions

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- a) Clavicle
- b) Scapula

## a) Clavicle



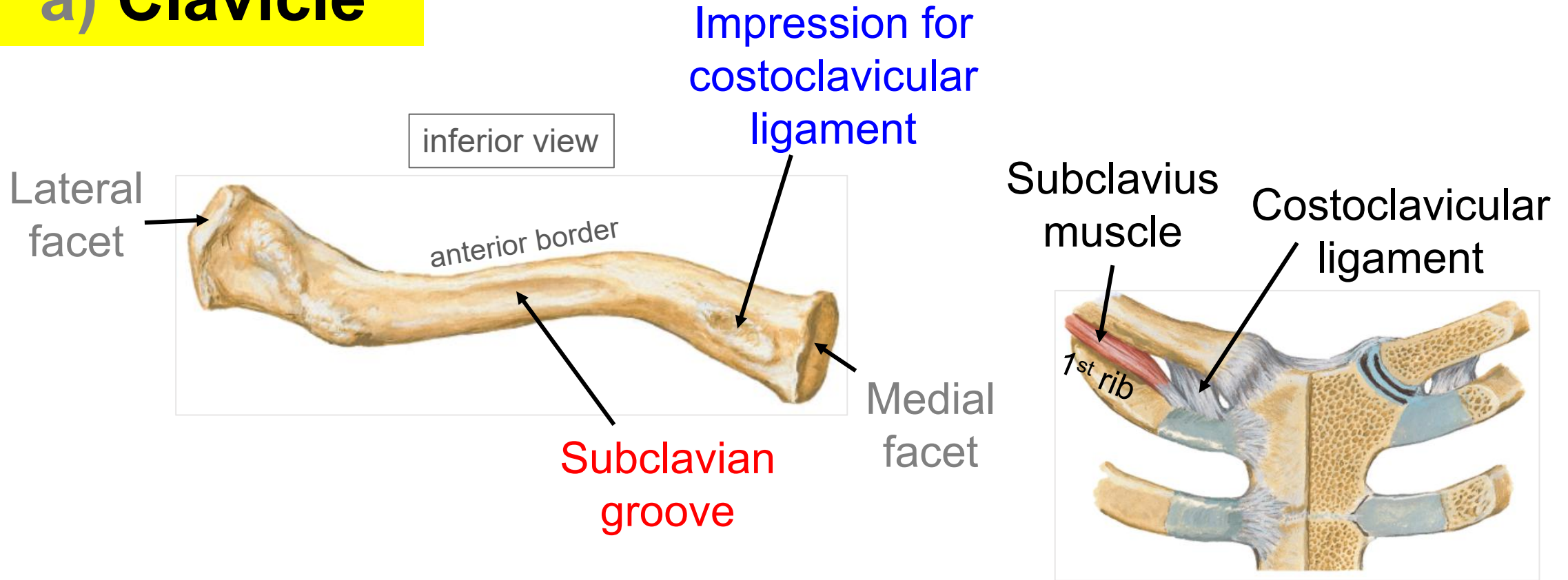
**Sternal end** (medial)

Large & triangular. Articulates with manubrium (sternum) at **sternoclavicular joint**

**Acromial end**  
(lateral)

Flat. Articulates with acromion (scapula) at **acromioclavicular joint**

## a) Clavicle



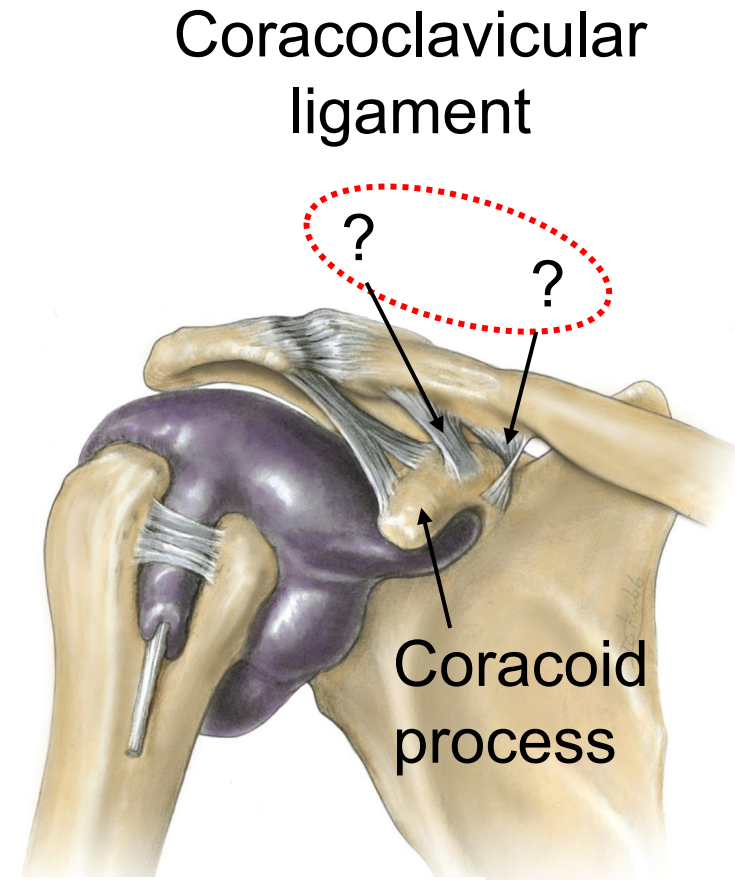
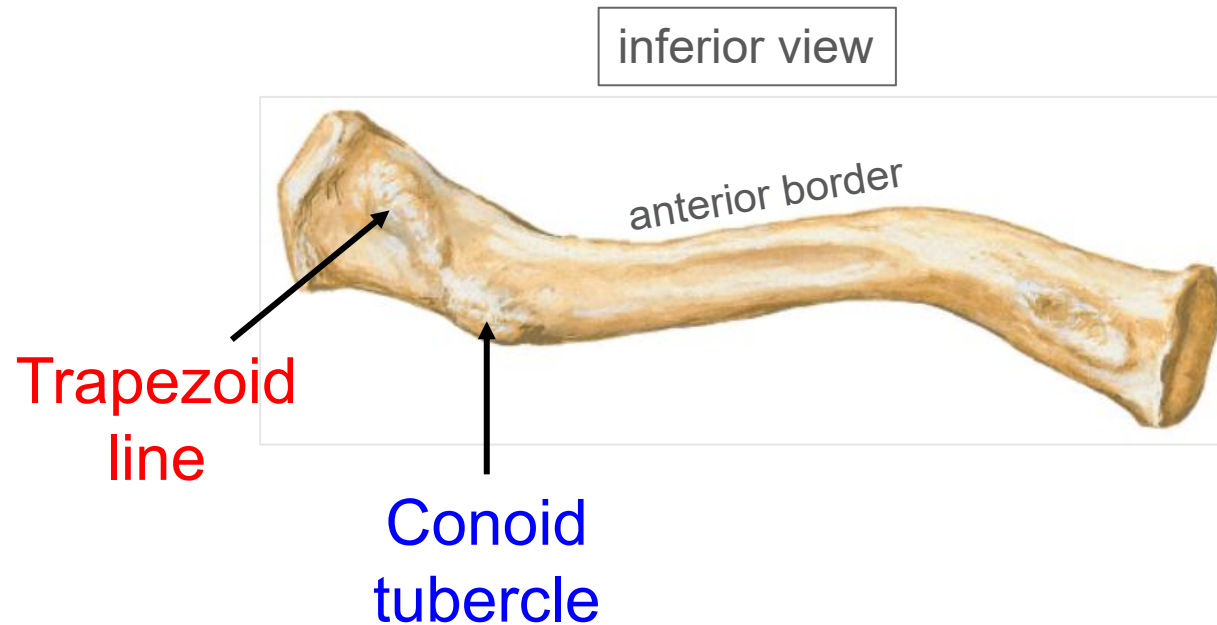
Impression for  
costoclavicular  
ligament

Attachment site of costoclavicular ligament  
(binds 1st rib & costal cartilage to clavicle)

Subclavian groove

Attachment site (distal) of subclavius muscle

## a) Clavicle



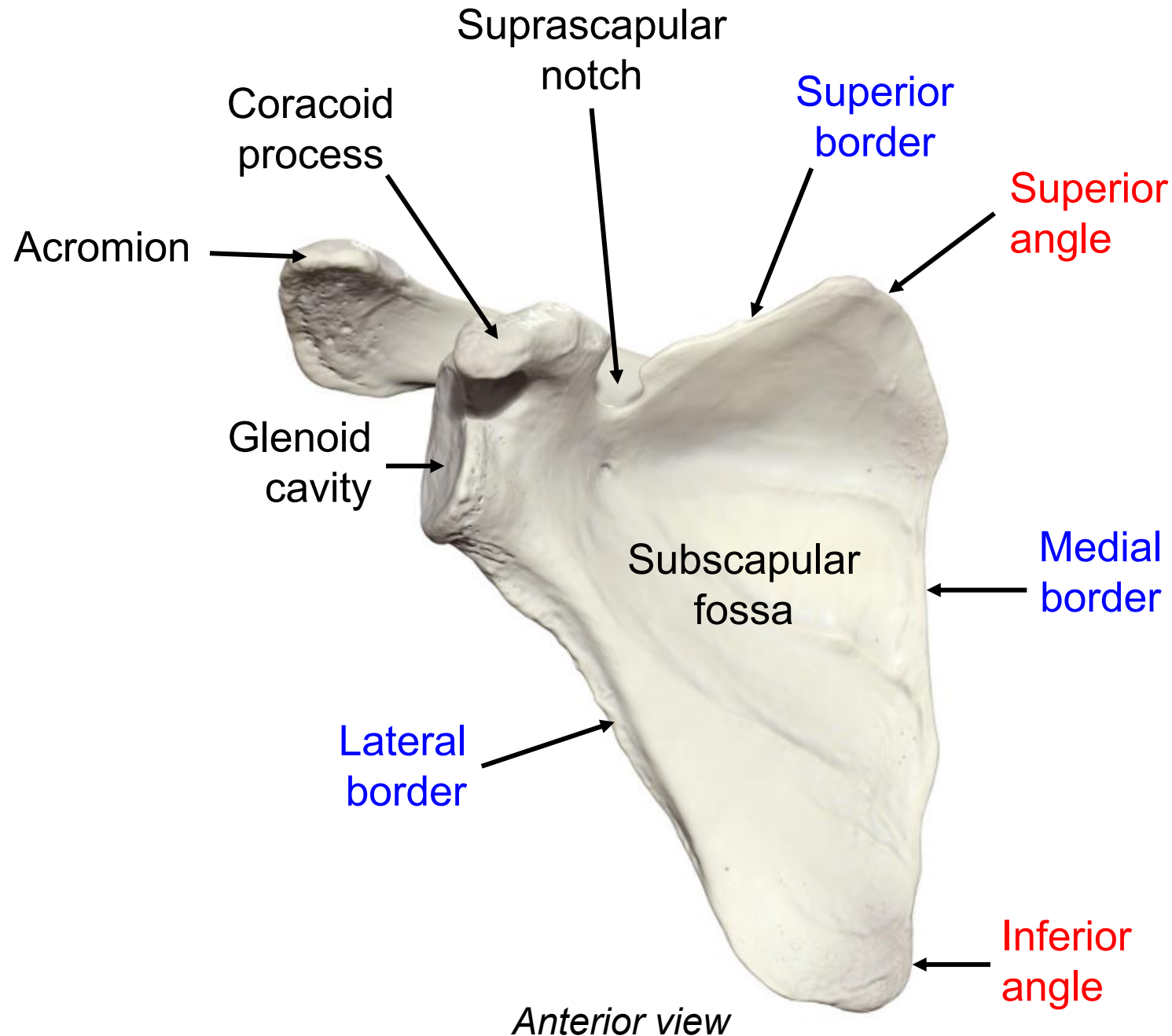
Conoid tubercle

Site of attachment of conoid ligament  
(**medial** part of coracoclavicular ligament)

Trapezoid line/ridge

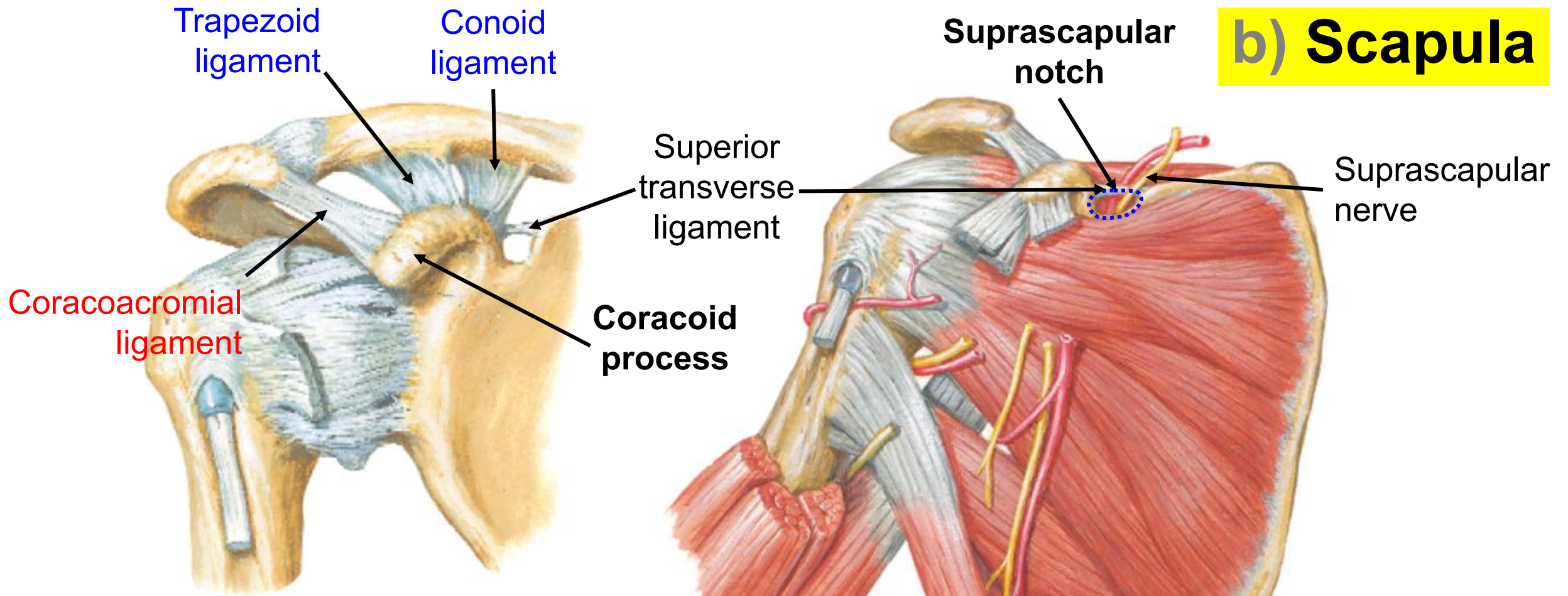
Attachment site for trapezoid ligament  
(**lateral** part of coracoclavicular ligament)

## b) Scapula



- Also known as **shoulder blade**
- Overlying 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> ribs
- Anterior surface = **costal surface**

## b) Scapula



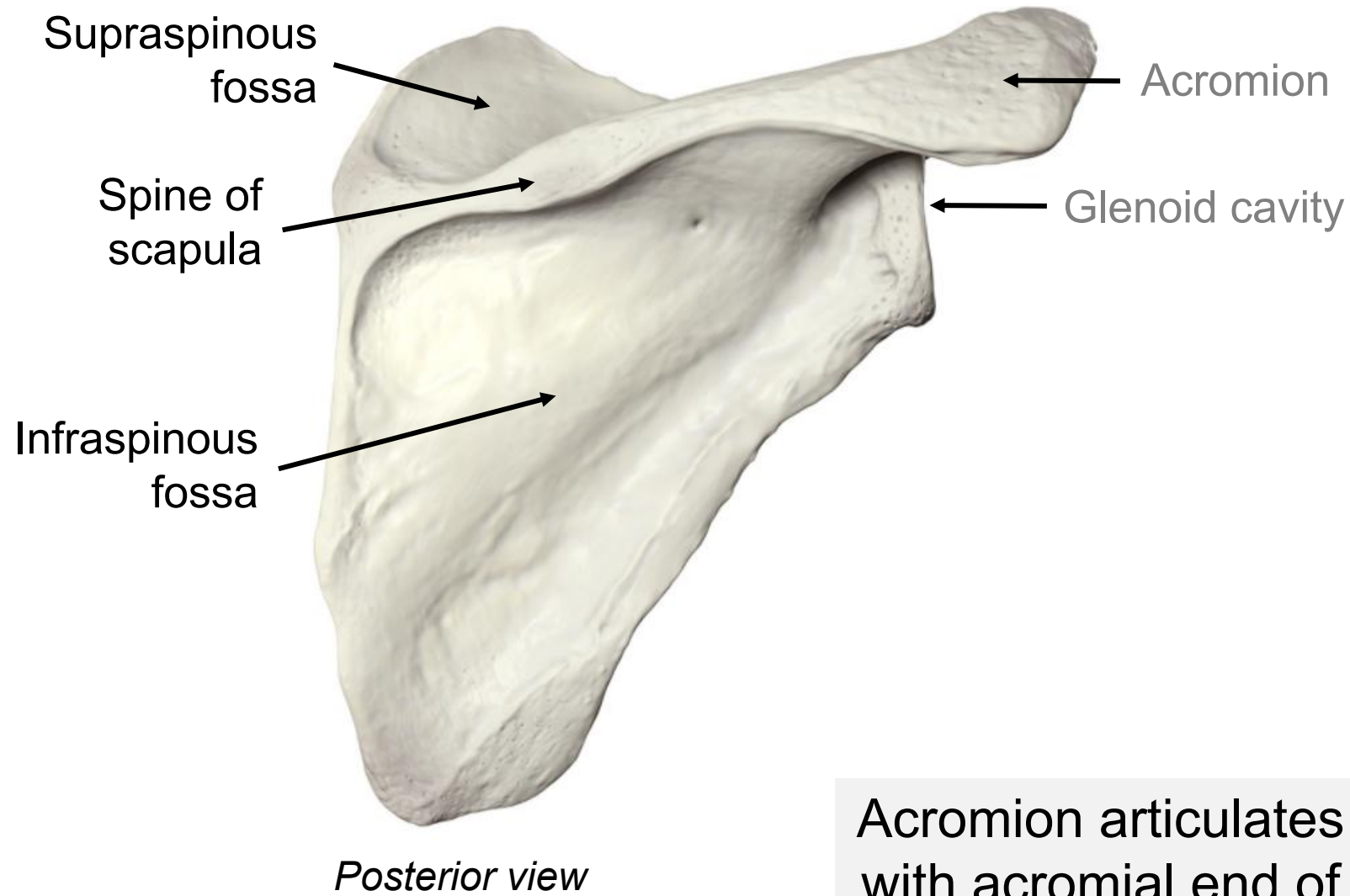
Coracoid process

- Attachment of coracoclavicular ligament
- Attachment of coracoacromial ligament

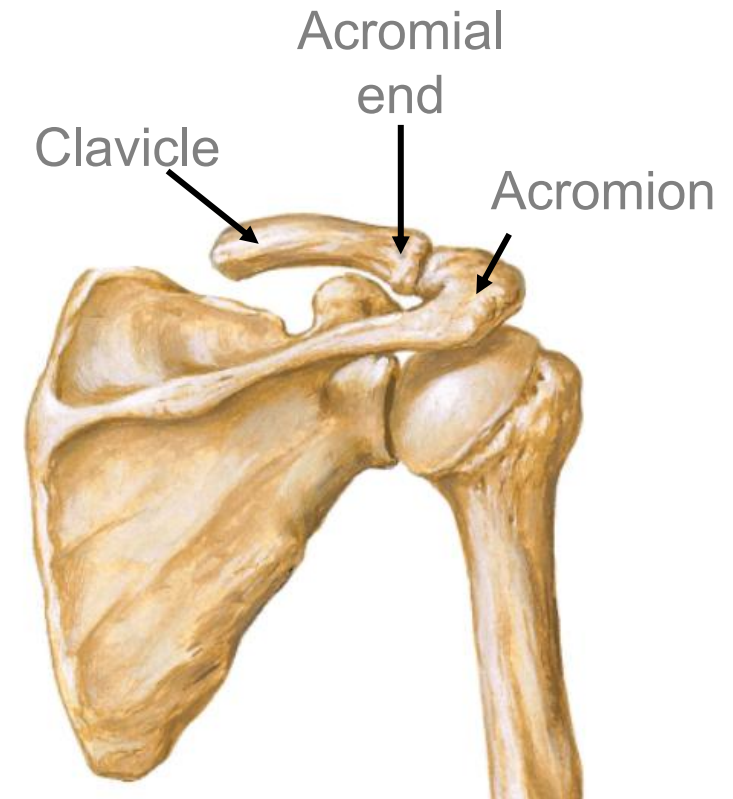
Suprascapular notch

- Bridged by superior transverse scapular ligament
- **Suprascapular nerve** passes through it

## b) Scapula

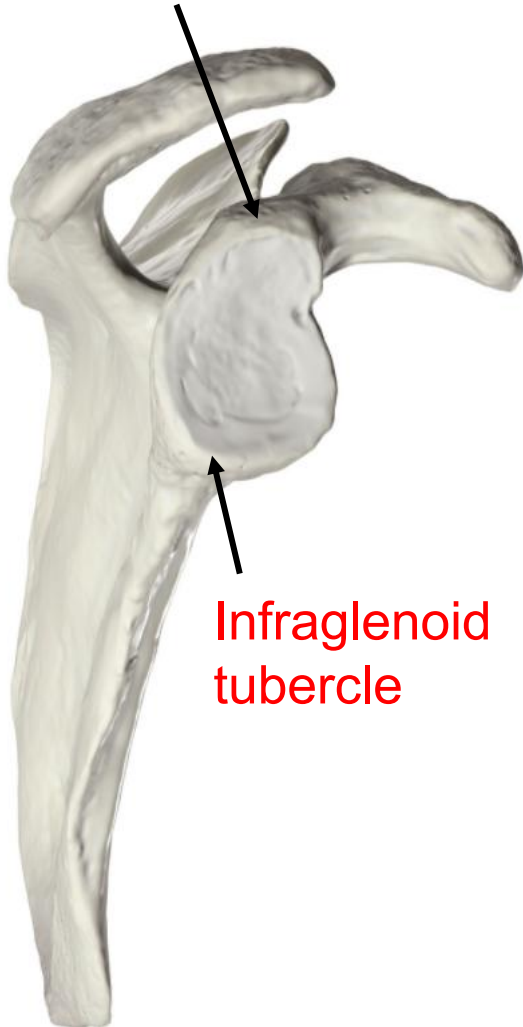


Acromion articulates with acromial end of clavicle



## b) Scapula

Supraglenoid  
tubercle



Infraglenoid  
tubercle

*Lateral view*

**Glenoid  
cavity**

Articulates with head of humerus  
at shoulder (glenohumeral) joint

Supraglenoid  
tubercle

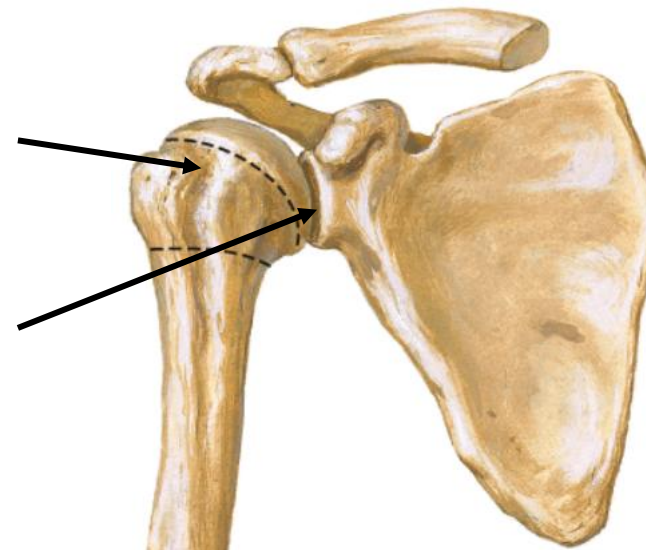
Attachment site of long head of  
biceps brachii

Infraglenoid  
tubercle

Attachment site of long head of  
triceps brachii

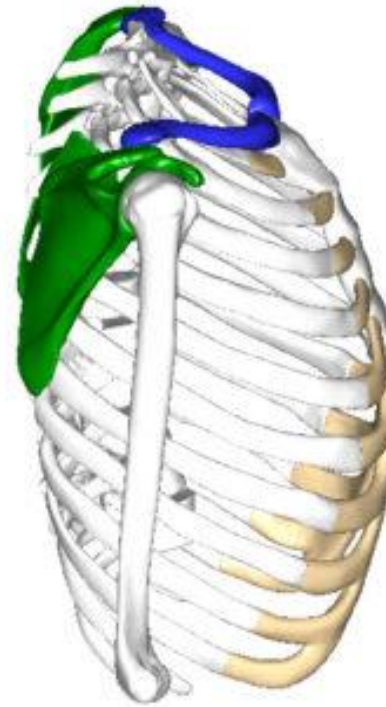
Humerus

**Glenoid  
cavity**

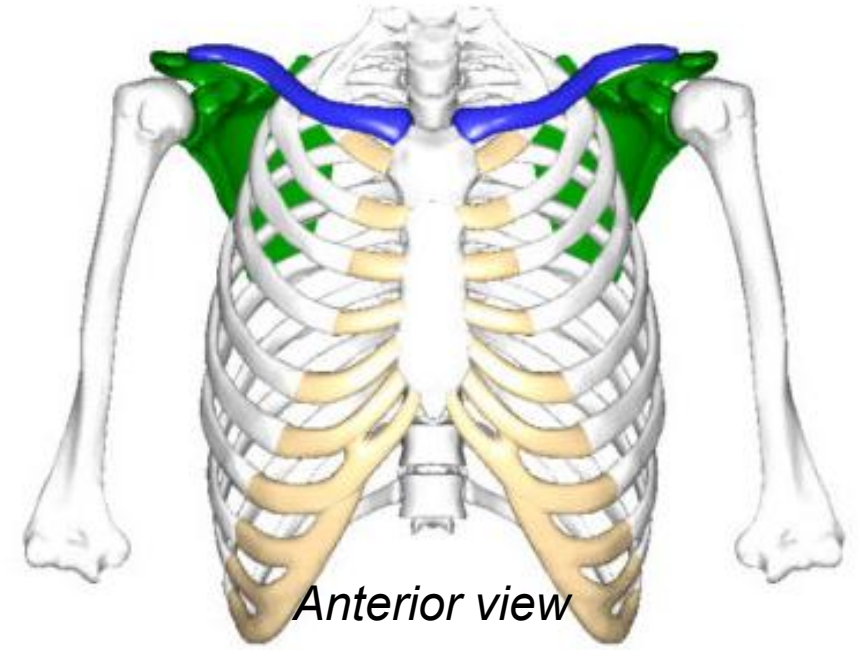


# Pectoral (Shoulder) Girdle

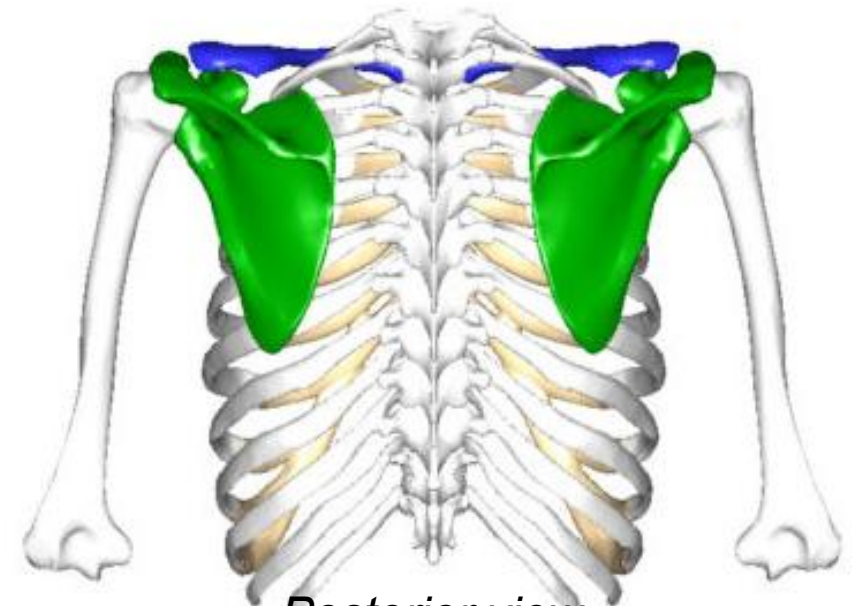
- Consists of:
  - 2 scapulae
  - 2 clavicles
- Connects UL to axial skeleton
- Forms a bony ring incomplete posteriorly. Completed anteriorly by sternum
- Pectoral girdle is connected to axial skeleton only anteriorly via sternum at sternoclavicular joint



*Lateral view*



*Anterior view*

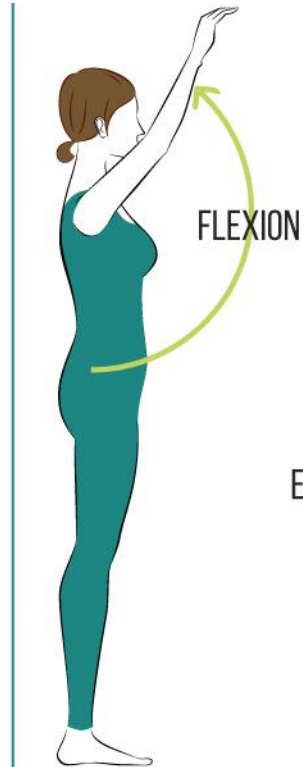


*Posterior view*

Clavicle  
Scapula

# Movements at shoulder joint

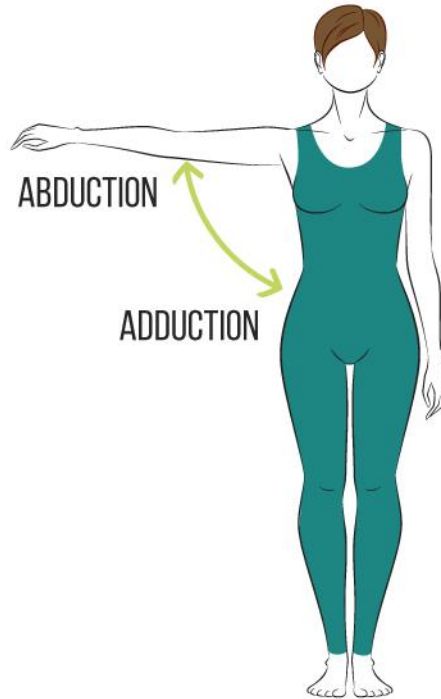
*Supraspinatus* (<15)  
*Mid deltoid* (15-90)  
*Trapezius* (>90)  
*Serratus anterior* (>90)



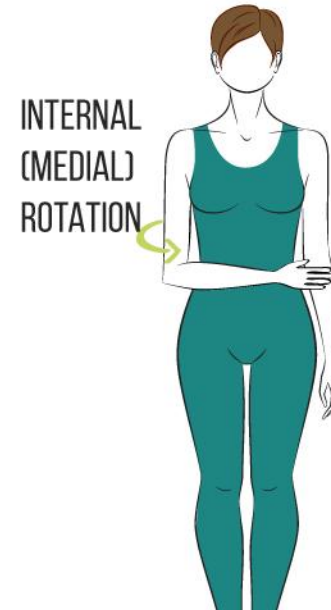
*Pectoralis major*  
*Anterior deltoid*  
*Coracobrachialis*



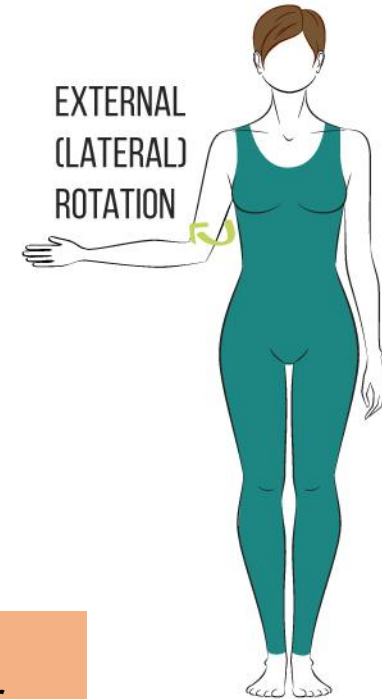
*Posterior deltoid*  
*Latissimus dorsi*  
*Teres major*



*Pectoralis major*  
*Latissimus dorsi*  
*Teres major*



*Subscapularis*  
*Pectoralis major*  
*Latissimus dorsi*  
*Teres major*  
*Anterior deltoid*

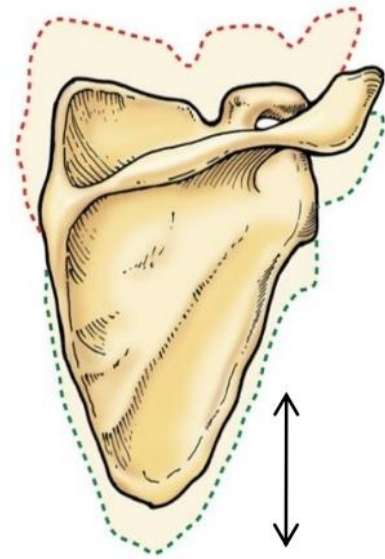


*Infraspinatus*  
*Teres minor*

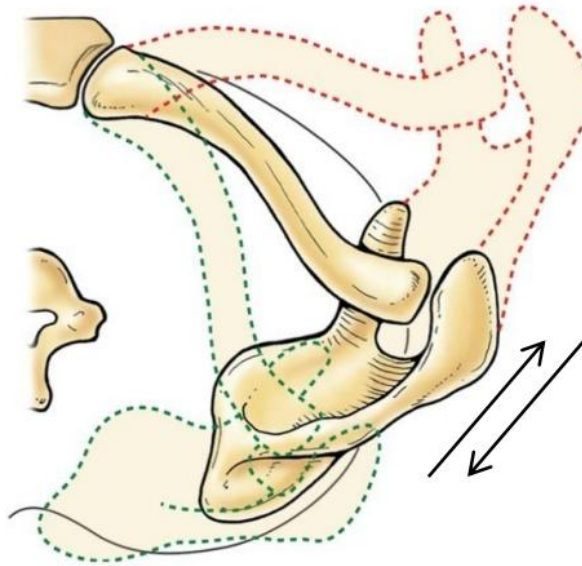
# Movements of scapula

*Trapezius  
(descending  
part)*

*Gravity*



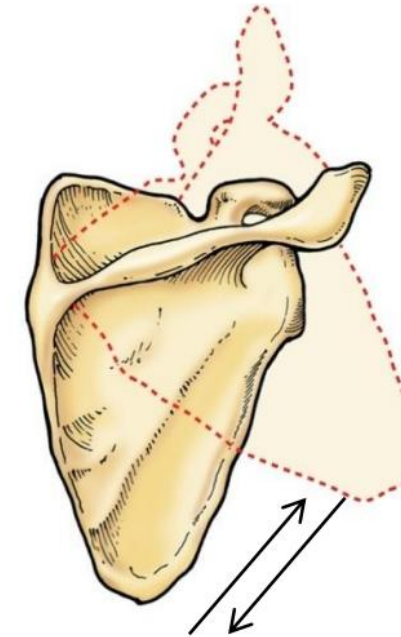
**Elevation  
Depression**



**Protraction  
Retraction**

*Serratus  
anterior*

*Trapezius  
(middle part)*



**Upward &  
Downward  
Rotation**

*Trapezius  
(descending  
part) &  
Serratus  
anterior*

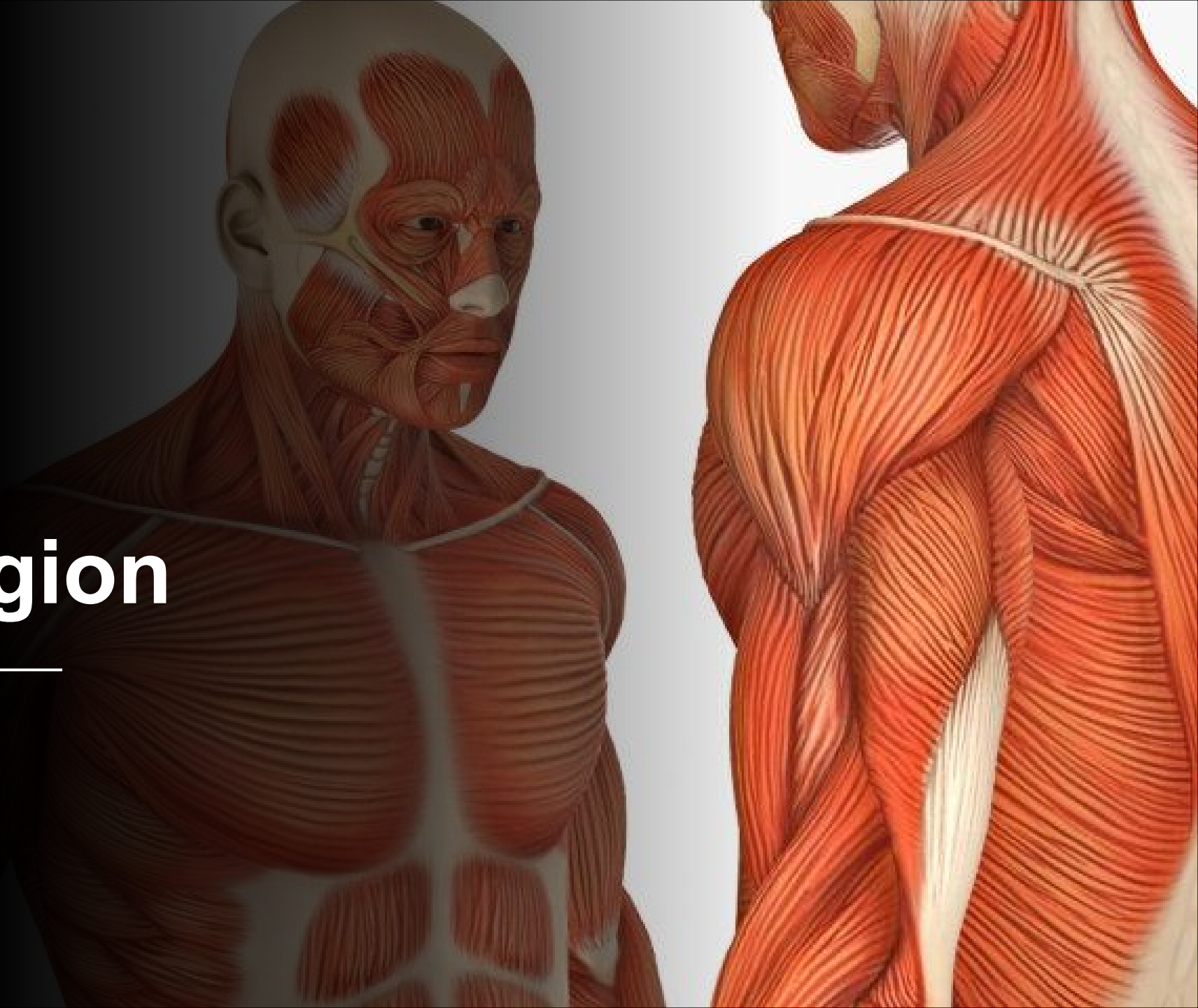
*Latissimus  
dorsi*



2.

# Muscles in Shoulder & Pectoral Region

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## **Classification: by layer**

## **Muscles in shoulder & pectoral regions**

### **Superficial muscles**

1. Deltoid
2. Pectoralis major
3. Trapezius
4. Latissimus dorsi

### **Deep muscles**

1. Pectoralis minor
2. Subclavius
3. Serratus anterior
4. Levator Scapulae
5. Rhomboid major
6. Rhomboid minor
7. Supraspinatus
8. Infraspinatus
9. Teres major
10. Teres minor
11. Subscapularis

**Classification:  
by region**

**Muscles in shoulder  
& pectoral regions**

**Anterior  
axioappendicular  
muscles**

1. Pectoralis major
2. Pectoralis minor
3. Subclavius
4. Serratus anterior

**Posterior  
axioappendicular  
muscles**

*Superficial*

5. Trapezius
6. Latissimus dorsi

*Deep*

7. Levator scapulae
8. Rhomboid major
9. Rhomboid minor

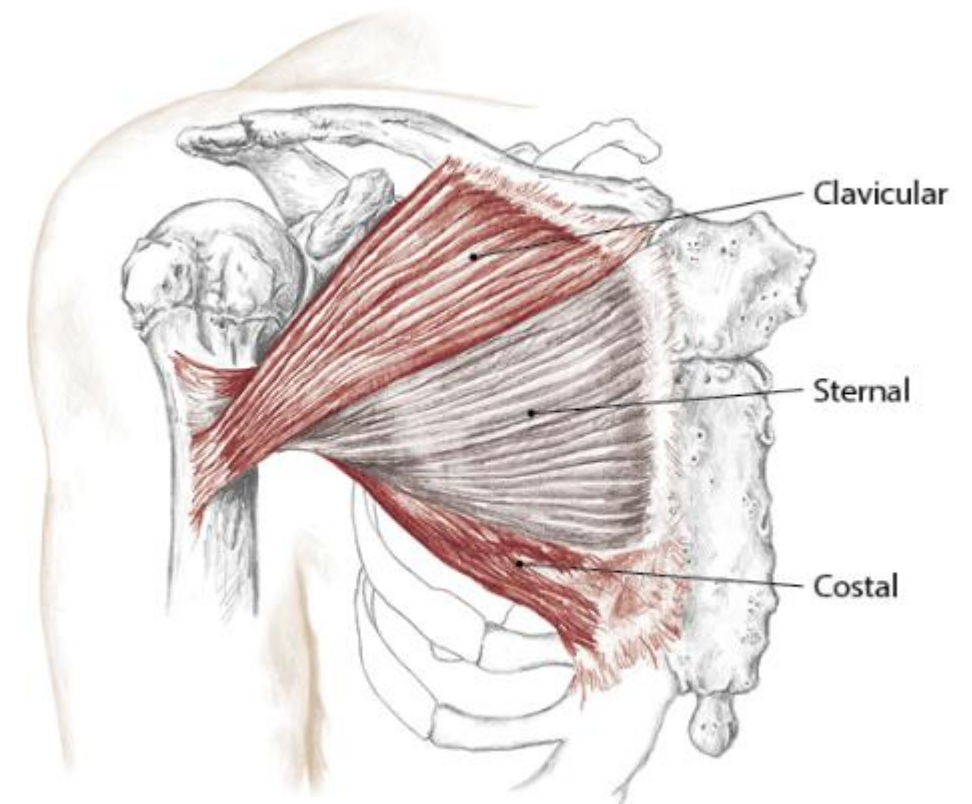
**Scapulohumeral  
muscles**

10. Deltoid
11. Teres major
12. Teres minor
13. Supraspinatus
14. Infraspinatus
15. Subscapularis

# (1) Pectoralis major

|        |                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PA     | <u>Clavicular head</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Medial ½ of clavicle (anterior surface)</li></ul>                                |
|        | <u>Sternocostal head</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sternum (anterior surface)</li><li>- Costal cartilage (superior six)</li></ul> |
| DA     | Lateral lip of intertubercular groove (humerus)                                                                                                 |
| Nerve  | Lateral & medial pectoral n.                                                                                                                    |
| Action | Flexion, <b>ADD</b> uction & medial rotation                                                                                                    |

- Large, fan-like
- Covers superior part of thorax



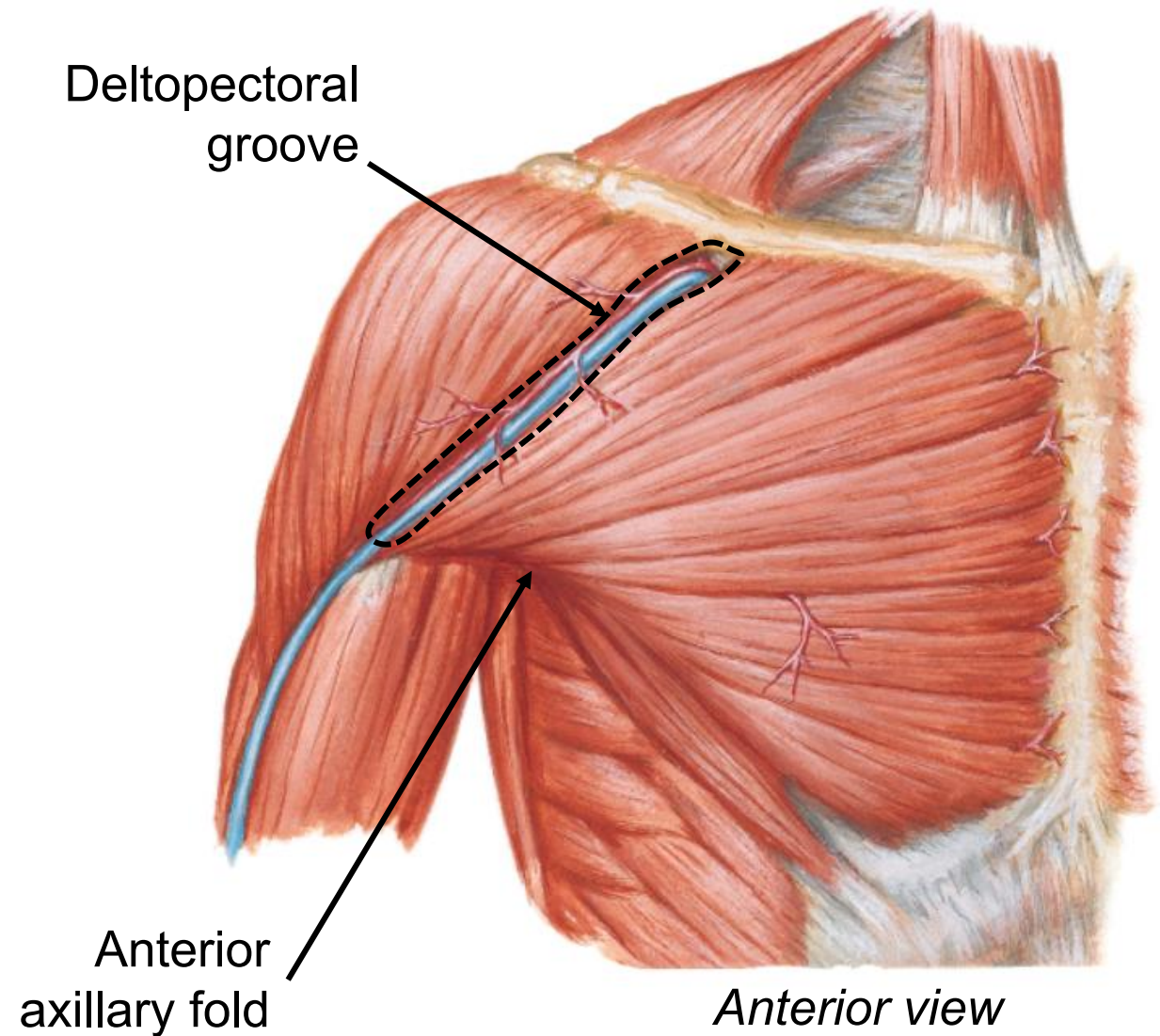
*Anterior view*

## **Deltopectoral groove:**

- **Cephalic vein** runs through
- Deltoid and pectoralis major diverge slightly away superiorly, forming *deltopectoral triangle*

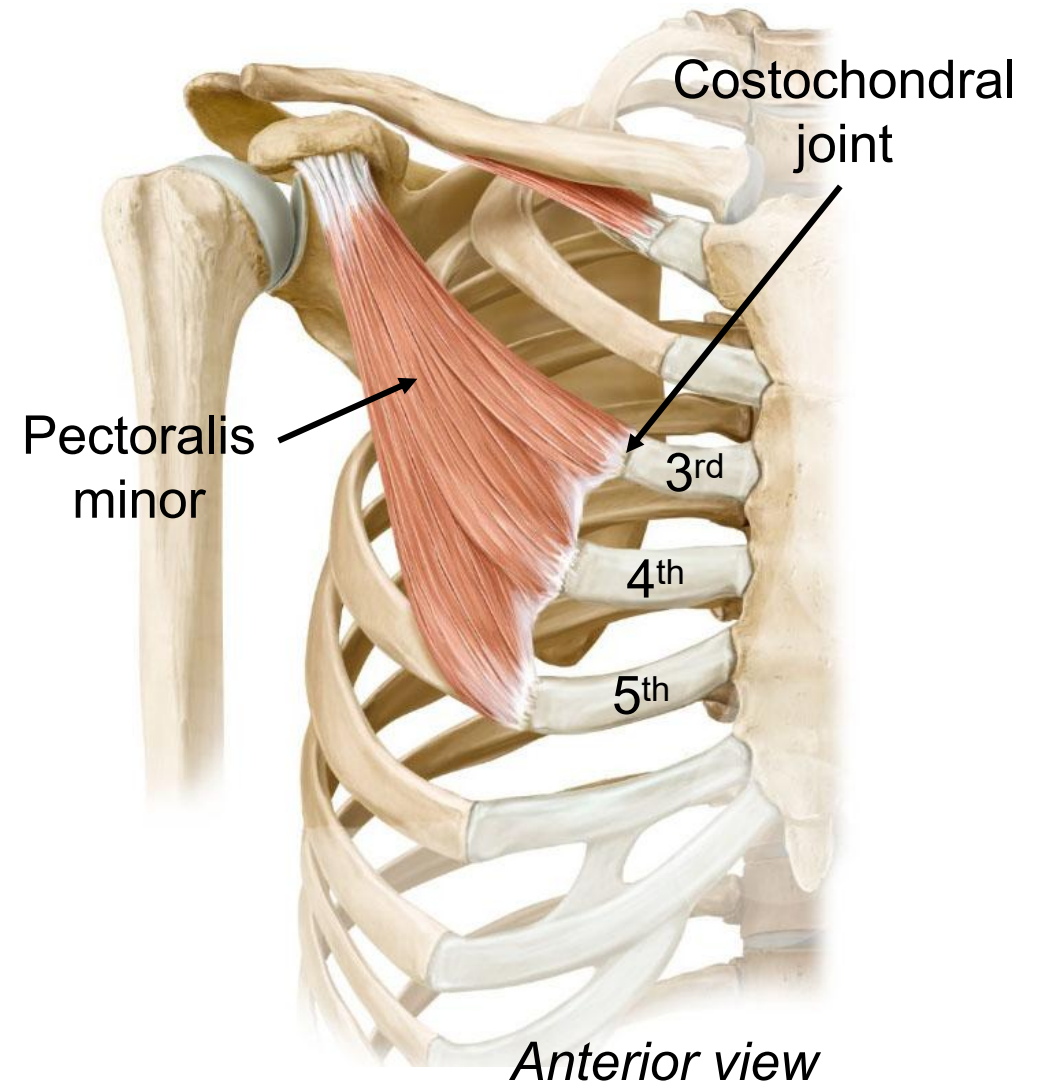
## **Anterior axillary fold:**

- Inferior border of pectoralis major

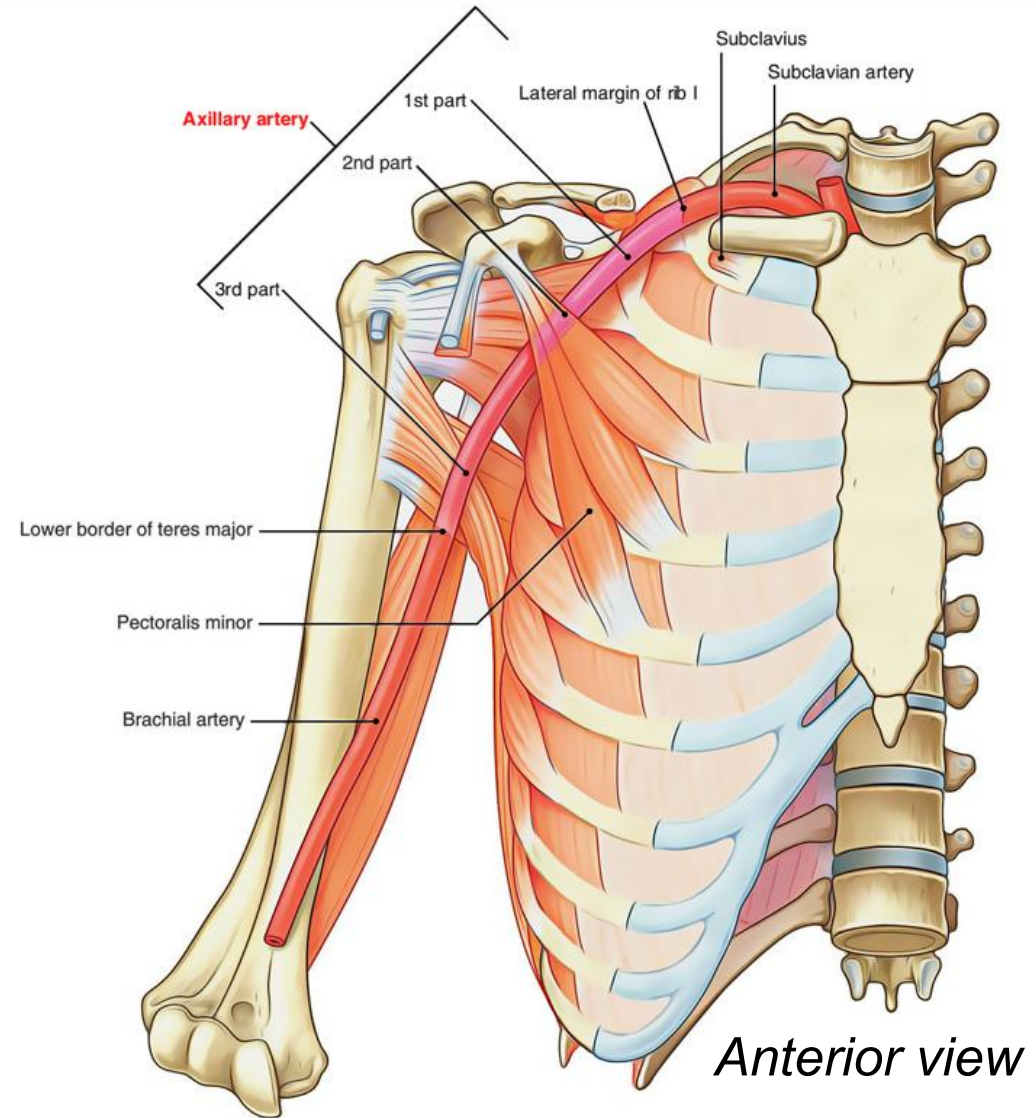


## (2) Pectoralis minor

|               |                                                                      |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PA</b>     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> ribs<br>(near costochondral joint) |
| <b>DA</b>     | Coracoid process of scapula                                          |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Medial pectoral n.                                                   |
| <b>Action</b> | Stabilizes scapula, assists<br>ribs elevation                        |

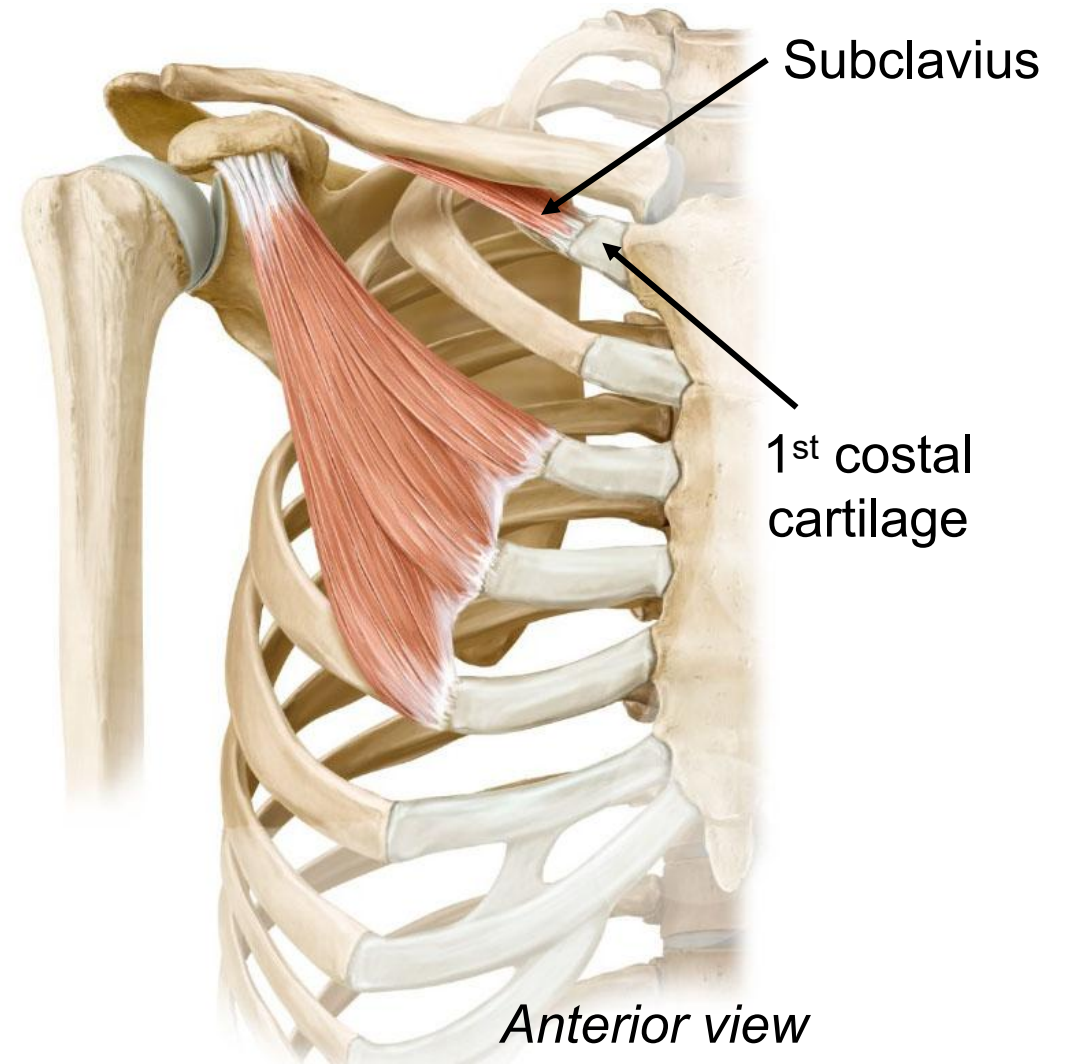


- An **important landmark** for structures in axilla.
- It is used as a landmark for **dividing** the **axillary artery** into 3 parts.



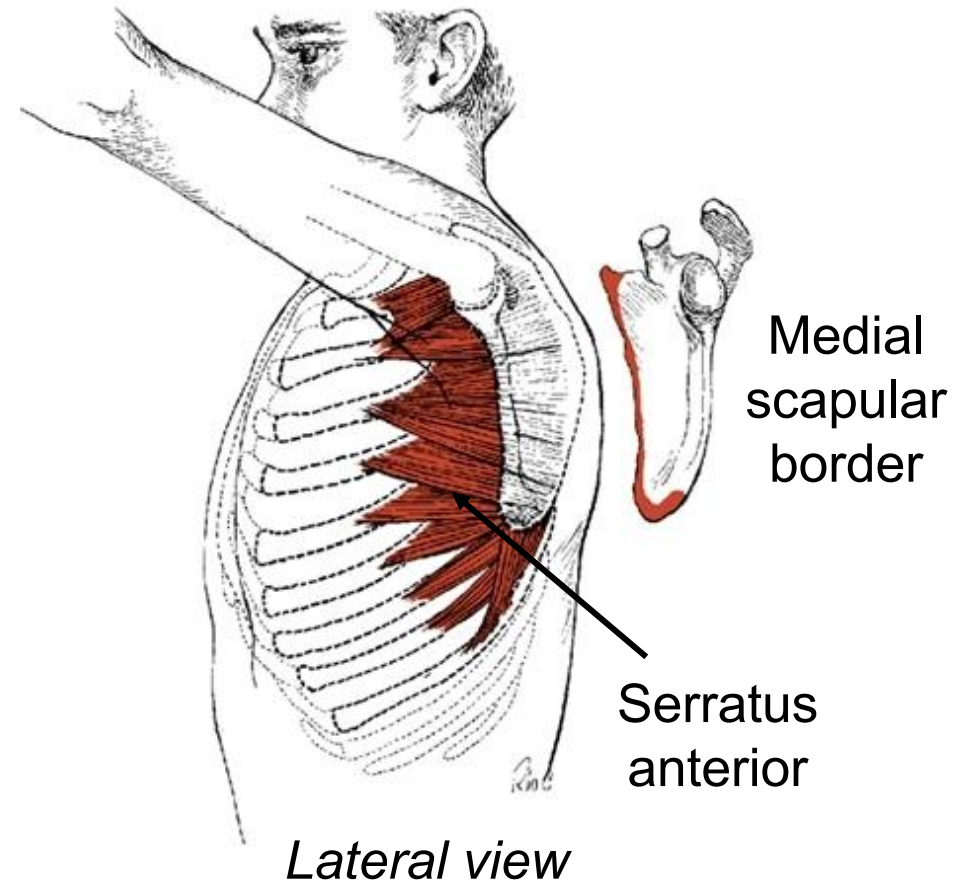
### (3) Subclavius

|               |                                                           |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PA</b>     | 1 <sup>st</sup> rib<br>(near costochondral joint)         |
| <b>DA</b>     | Middle 3 <sup>rd</sup> of clavicle<br>(subclavian groove) |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Nerve to subclavius                                       |
| <b>Action</b> | Stabilizes clavicle                                       |



## (4) Serratus anterior

|               |                                                       |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PA</b>     | 1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ribs (lateral part) |
| <b>DA</b>     | Medial border of scapula (anterior surface)           |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Long thoracic n.                                      |
| <b>Action</b> | Protracts & rotates scapula                           |



**Classification:  
by region**

**Muscles in shoulder  
& pectoral regions**

**Anterior  
axioappendicular  
muscles**

1. Pectoralis major
2. Pectoralis minor
3. Subclavius
4. Serratus anterior

**Posterior  
axioappendicular  
muscles**

*Superficial*

5. Trapezius
6. Latissimus dorsi

*Deep*

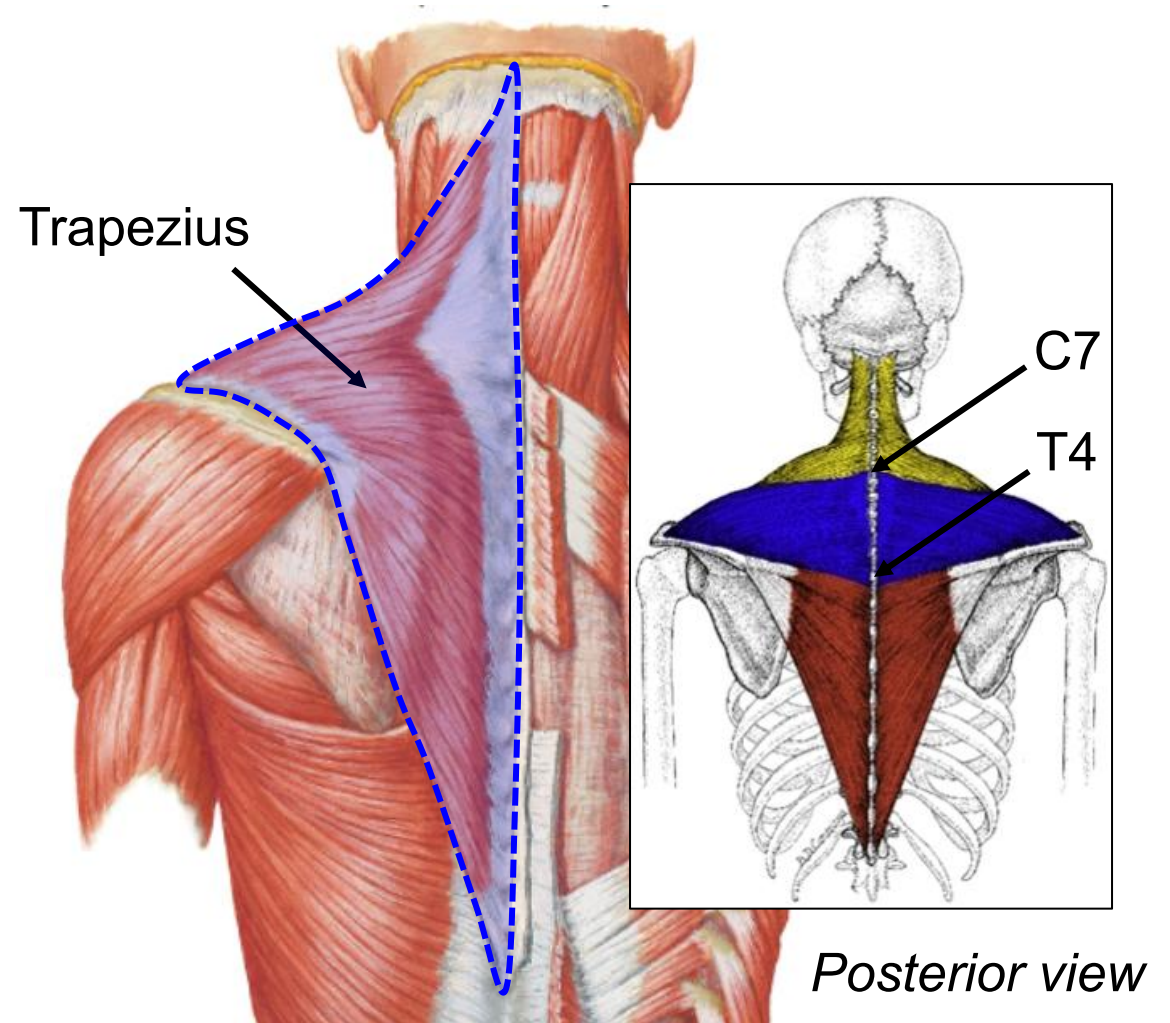
7. Levator scapulae
8. Rhomboid major
9. Rhomboid minor

**Scapulohumeral  
muscles**

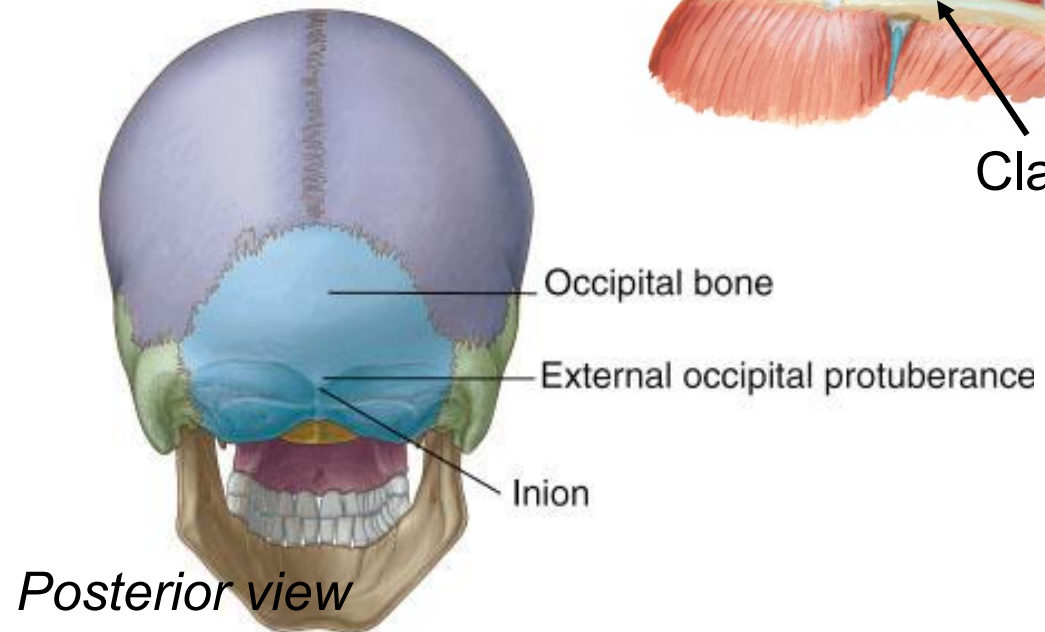
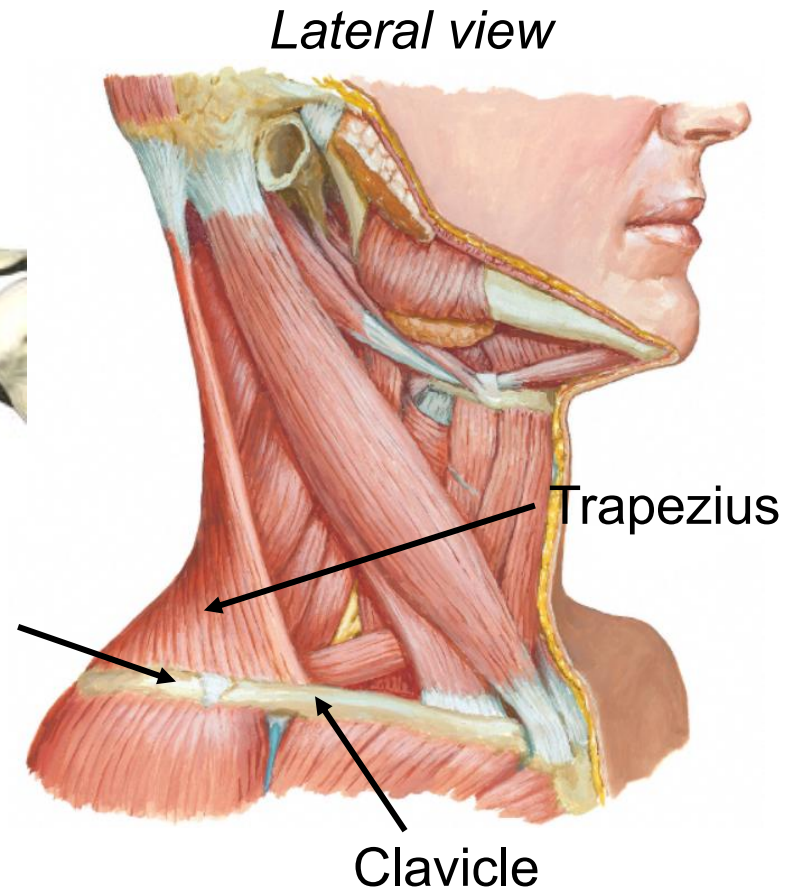
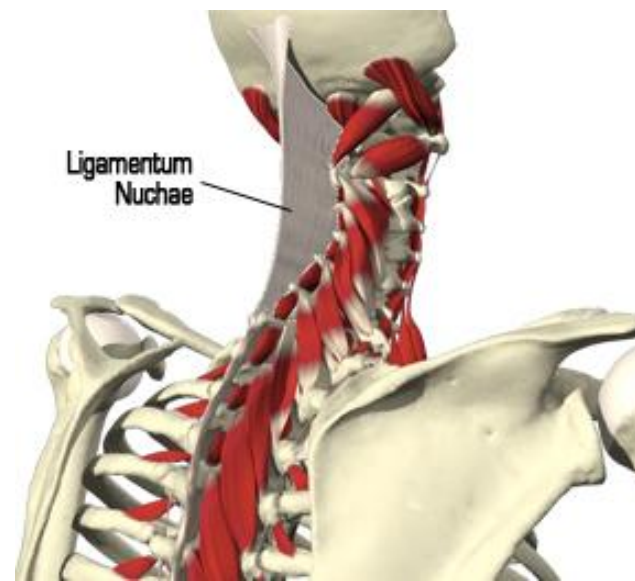
10. Deltoid
11. Teres major
12. Teres minor
13. Supraspinatus
14. Infraspinatus
15. Subscapularis

## (5) Trapezius (superficial layer)

- Large & triangular
- Covers posterior aspect of neck & superior part of trunk
- Has **3 part**:
  - **Descending** (superior)
  - **Middle**
  - **Ascending** (inferior)
- Attaches pectoral girdle to cranium & vertebral column

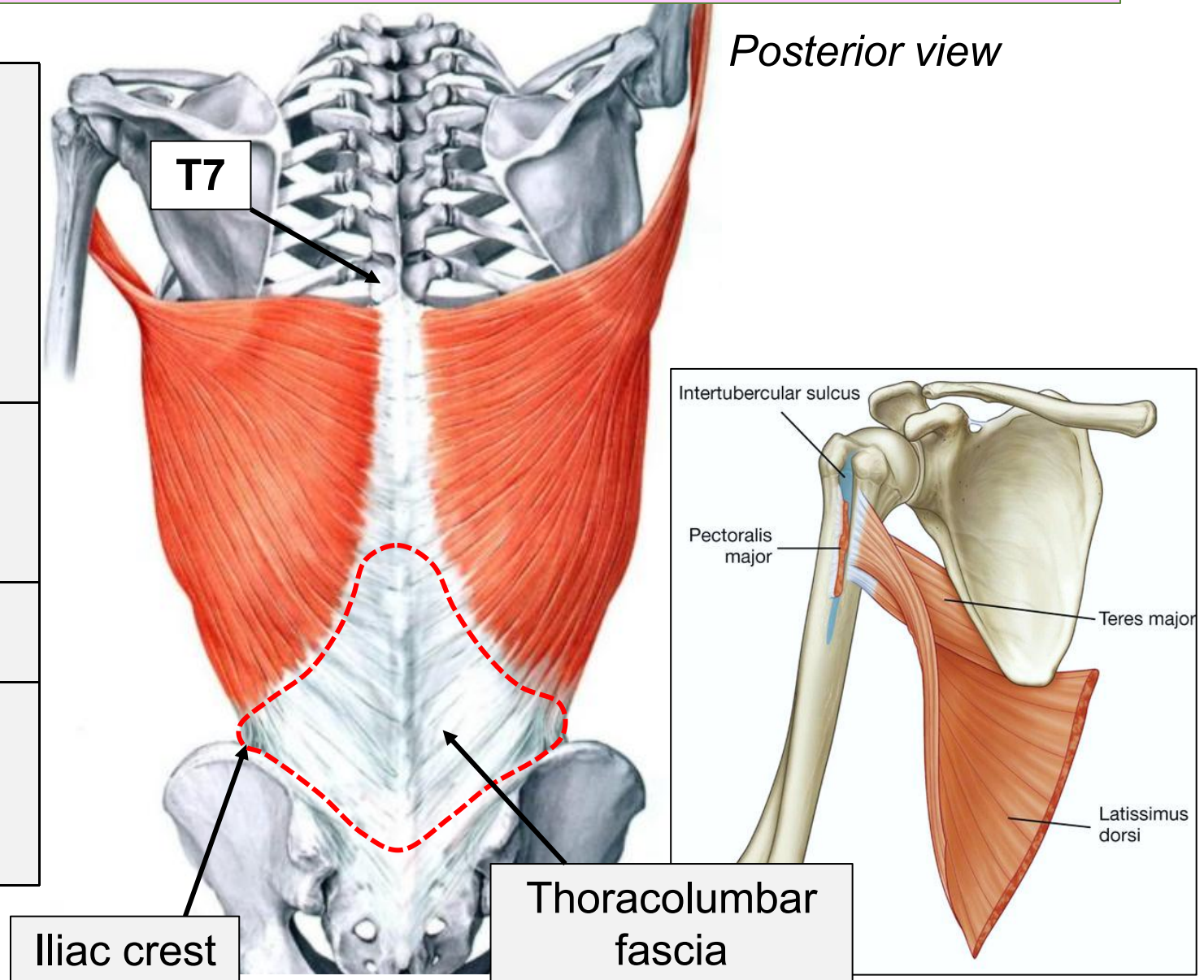


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| <b>PA</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External occipital protuberance</li> <li>• Ligamentum nuchae</li> <li>• C7 – T12 spinous processes</li> </ul> |
| <b>DA</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lateral 3<sup>rd</sup> clavicle</li> <li>• Acromion &amp; spine of scapula</li> </ul>                         |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Spinal accessory n. (CNXI)                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Action</b> | <p><b>Descending part:</b> elevate scapula</p> <p><b>Middle part:</b> retract scapula</p> <p><b>Ascending part:</b> depress scapula</p>                |

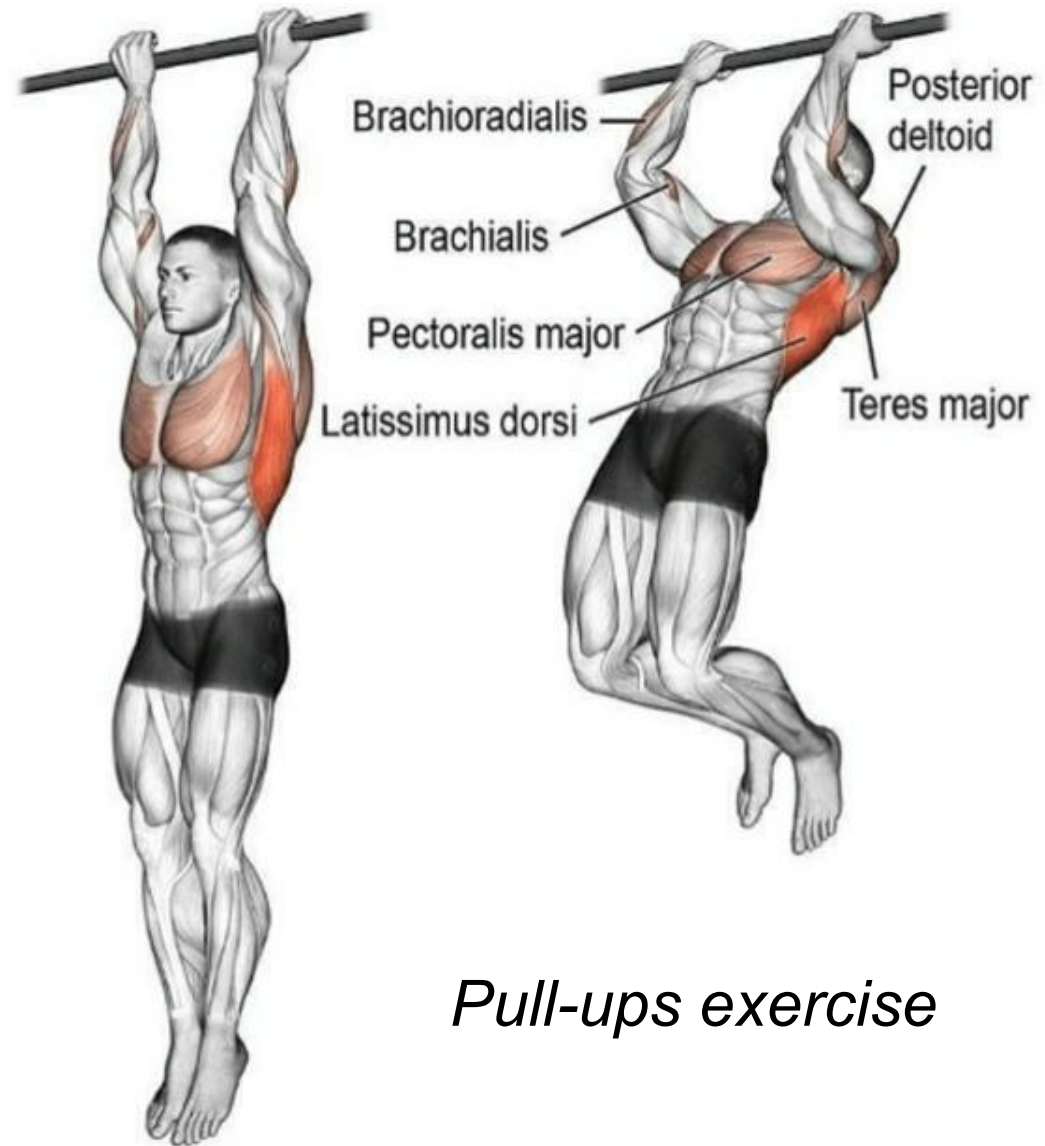


## (6) Latissimus dorsi (superficial layer)

|               |                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PA</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T7-T12 vertebrae (spinous process)</li> <li>Thoracolumbar fascia</li> <li>Iliac crest</li> </ul> |
| <b>DA</b>     | Floor of intertubercular groove (humerus)                                                                                               |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Thoracodorsal n.                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Action</b> | Extension, <b>ADD</b> uction, medial rotation of humerus                                                                                |



**Latissimus dorsi** works best with the **pectoralis major** and some other muscles as powerful **ADD**uctor of humerus at glenohumeral joint

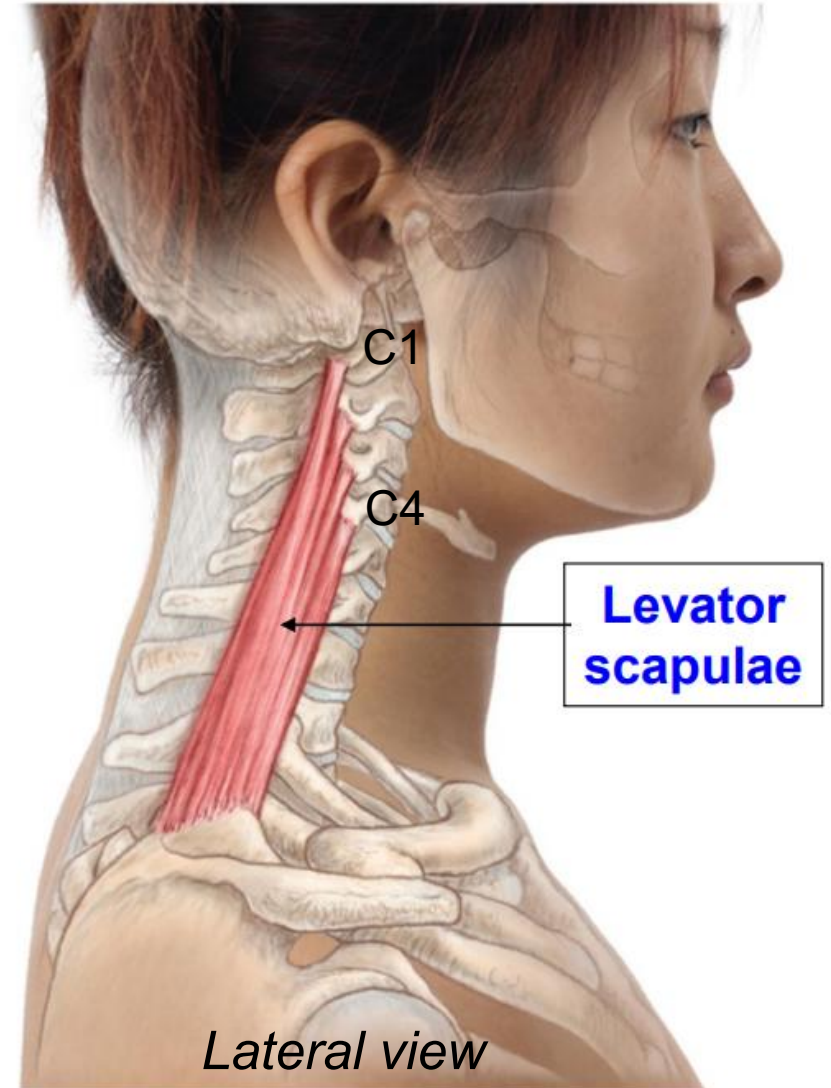


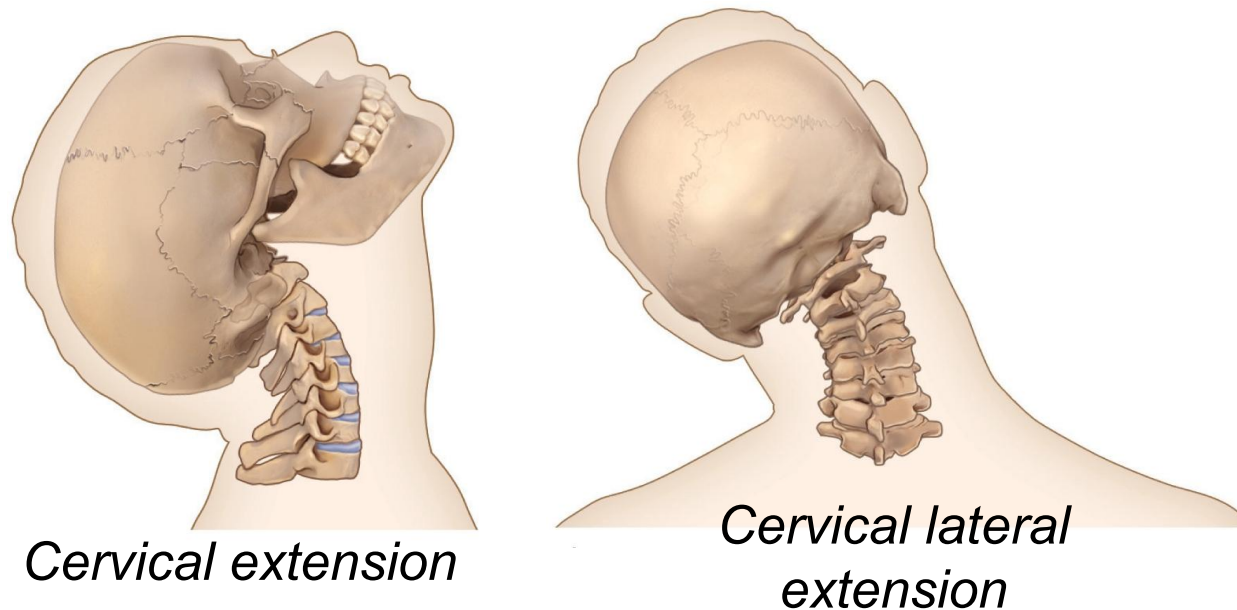
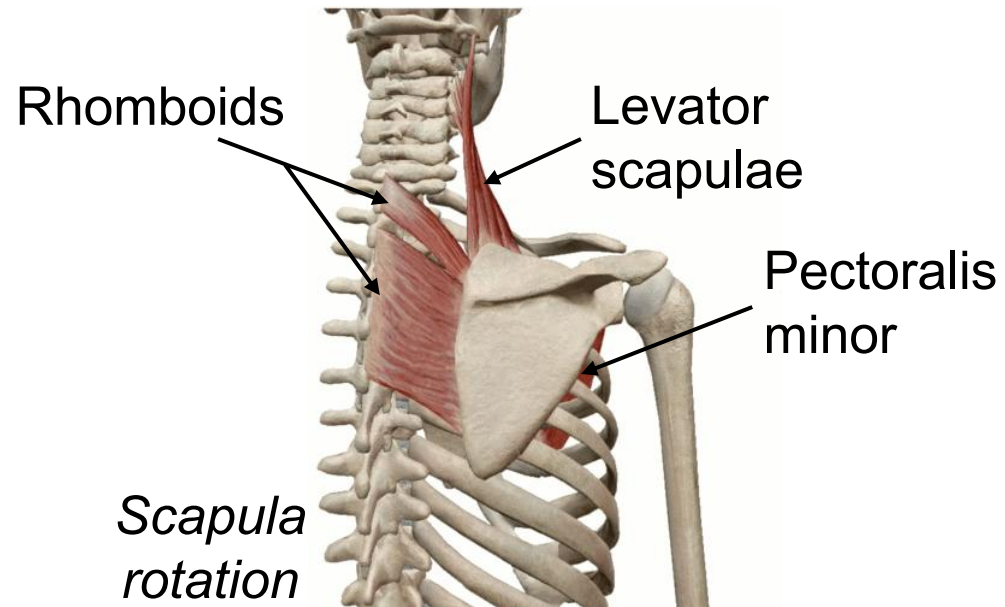
*Pull-ups exercise*

## (7) Levator scapulae (deep layer)

- Strap-like, lies deep to sternocleidomastoid muscle
- Covers superior part of thorax

|               |                                                                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PA</b>     | Transverse processes of C1-C4 vertebrae                                               |
| <b>DA</b>     | Medial border of scapula, superior to root of scapula spine (close to superior angle) |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Dorsal scapula n.<br>Cervical n.                                                      |
| <b>Action</b> | Elevates scapula                                                                      |





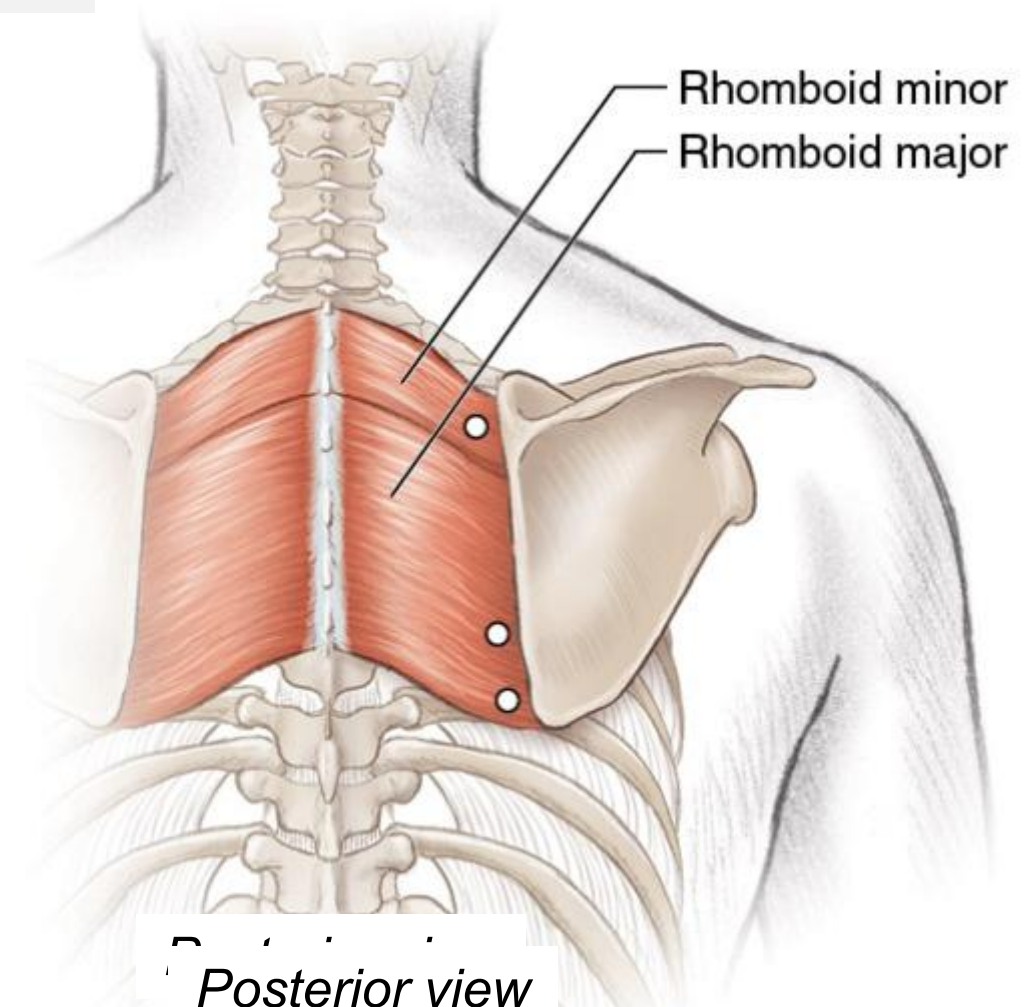
### Other actions of levators:

- Levator scapulae + rhomboids + pectoralis minor → rotates scapula, depressing glenoid cavity
- Bilateral levators + trapezius → neck extension
- Unilateral levators → lateral flexion on neck

## (8&9) Rhomboid major & minor (deep layer)

- Located deep to the trapezius
- Rhomboid minor is superior to rhomboid major

|        | Rh. Minor                                                     | Rh. Major               |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| PA     | Spinous processes C7-T1                                       | Spinous processes T2-T5 |
| DA     | Medial border of scapula                                      |                         |
| Nerve  | Dorsal scapular n.                                            |                         |
| Action | Retract scapula<br>Rotate (glenoid cavity inferiorly) scapula |                         |



## Classification: by region

# Muscles in shoulder & pectoral regions

## Anterior axioappendicular muscles

1. Pectoralis major
2. Pectoralis minor
3. Subclavius
4. Serratus anterior

## Posterior axioappendicular muscles

### Superficial

5. Trapezius
6. Latissimus dorsi

### Deep

7. Levator scapulae
8. Rhomboid major
9. Rhomboid minor

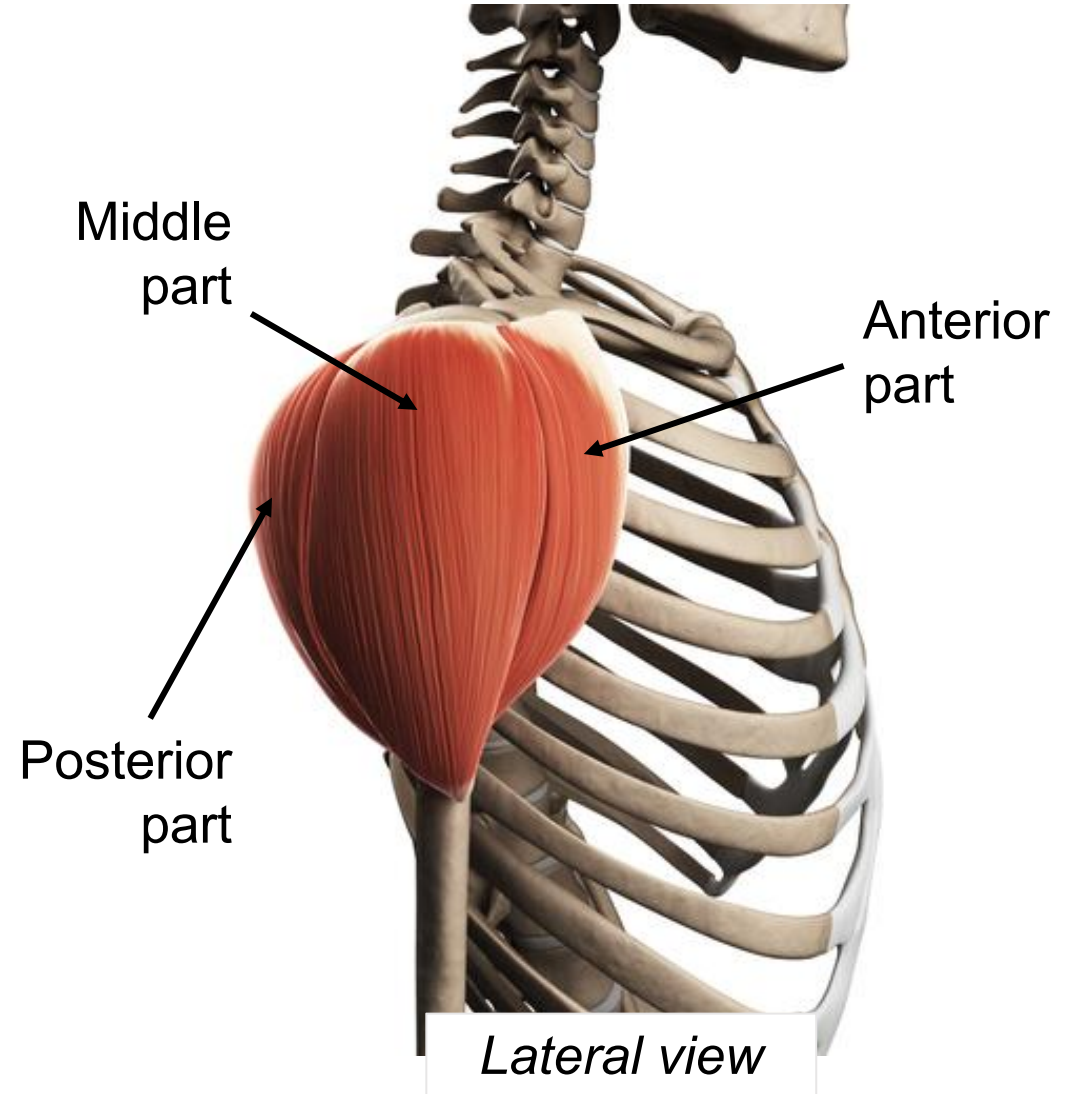
## Scapulohumeral muscles

10. Deltoid
11. Teres major
12. **Teres minor\***
13. **Supraspinatus\***
14. **Infraspinatus\***
15. **Subscapularis\***

(Rotator cuff muscles\*)

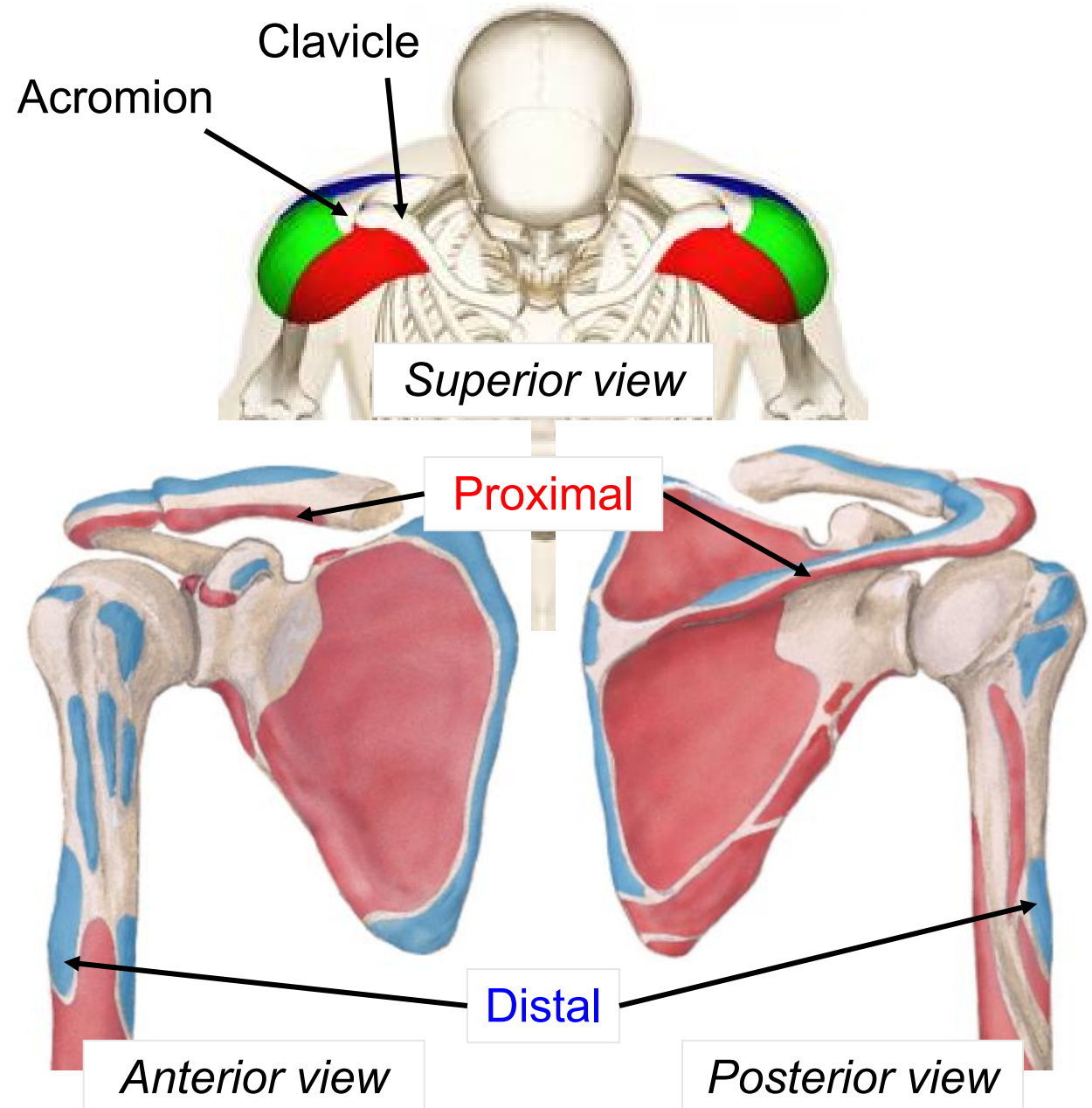
## (10) Deltoid

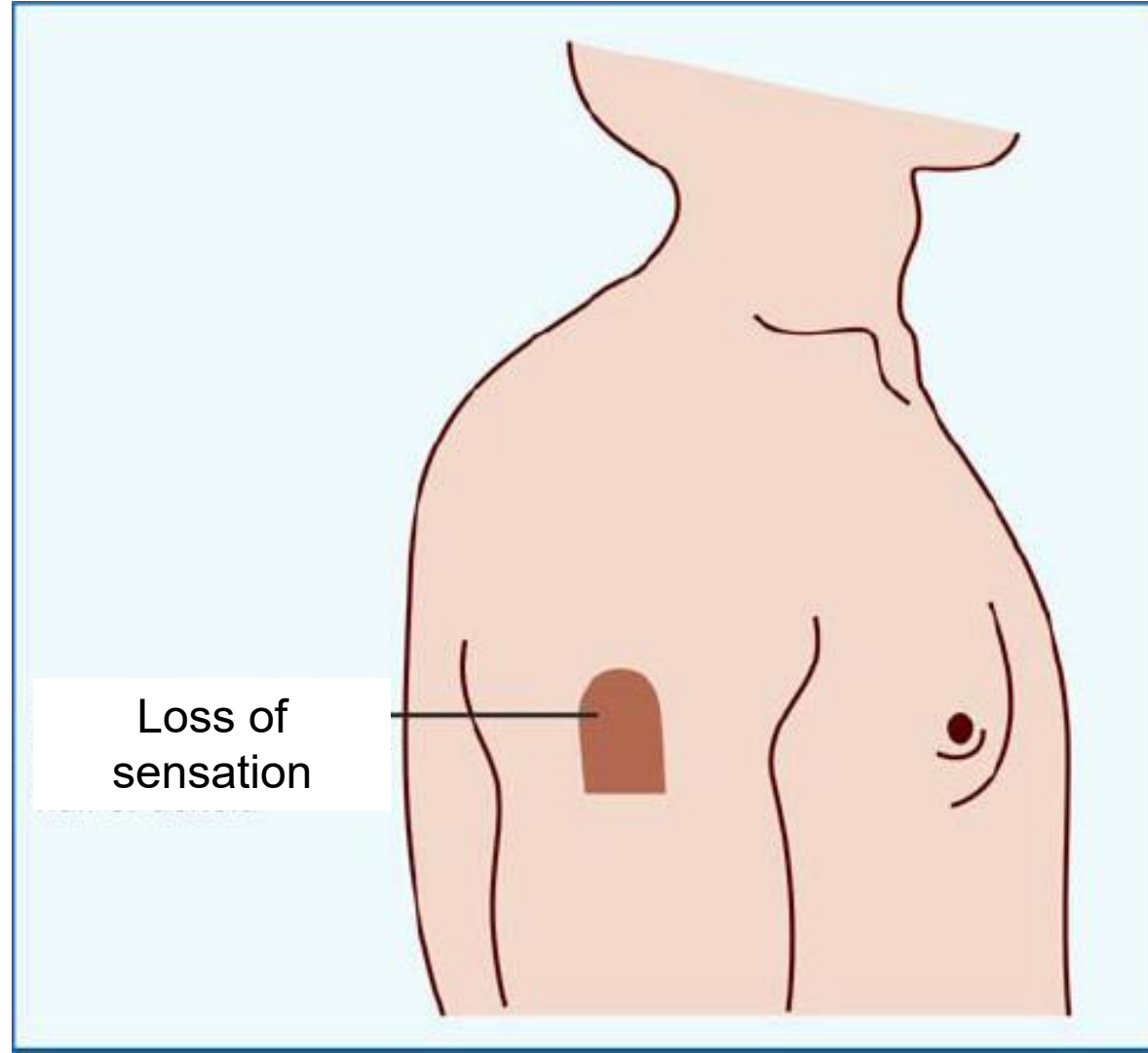
- Thick, powerful, coarse-textured
- Forming **shoulder contour**
- **Inverted delta (Greek letter)**
- Has 3 parts:
  - i. Anterior (unipennate)
  - ii. Middle (bipennate)
  - iii. Posterior (unipennate)
- All parts may act simultaneously



# Deltoid

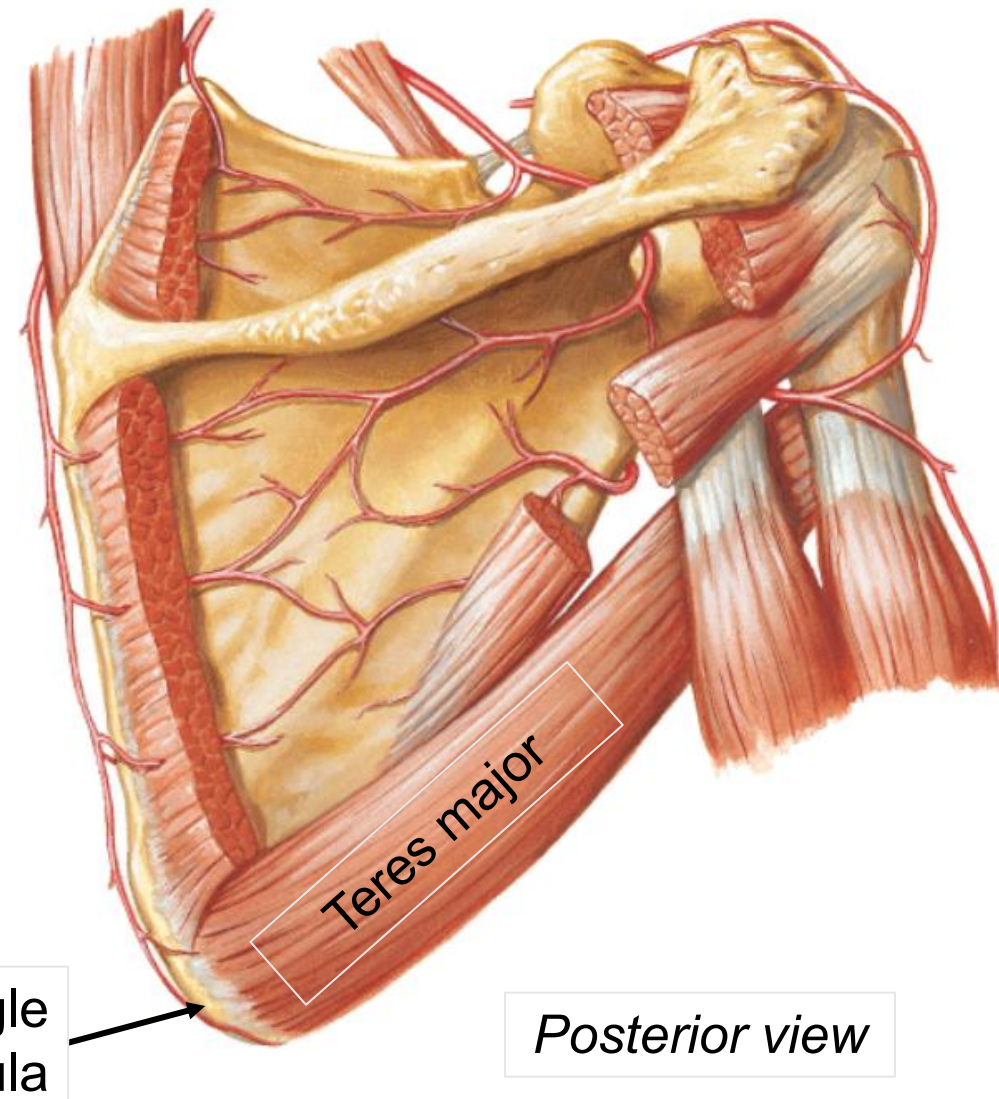
|               |                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>PA</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lateral clavicle</li><li>• Acromion</li><li>• Spine of scapula</li></ul>        |
| <b>DA</b>     | Deltoid tuberosity (humerus)                                                                                            |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Axillary n.                                                                                                             |
| <b>Action</b> | Anterior: flexion & medial rotation (arm)<br>Middle: <b>ABD</b> uction<br>Posterior: extension & lateral rotation (arm) |

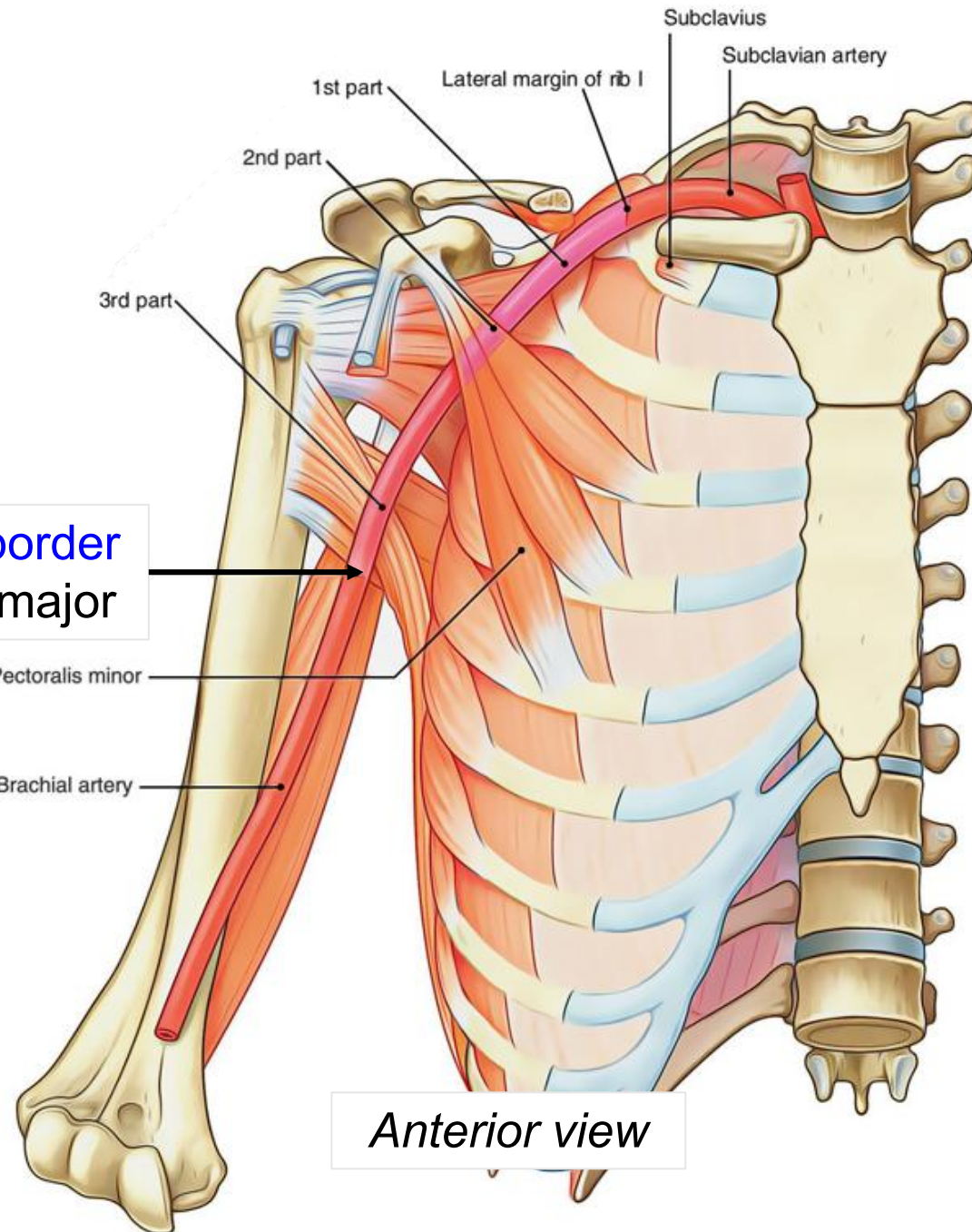




## (11) Teres major

|               |                                                      |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PA</b>     | Inferior angle (scapula)                             |
| <b>DA</b>     | Medial lip of<br>intertubercular groove<br>(humerus) |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Lower subscapular n.                                 |
| <b>Action</b> | <b>ADD</b> uction & medial<br>rotation (arm)         |





## Significance of teres major

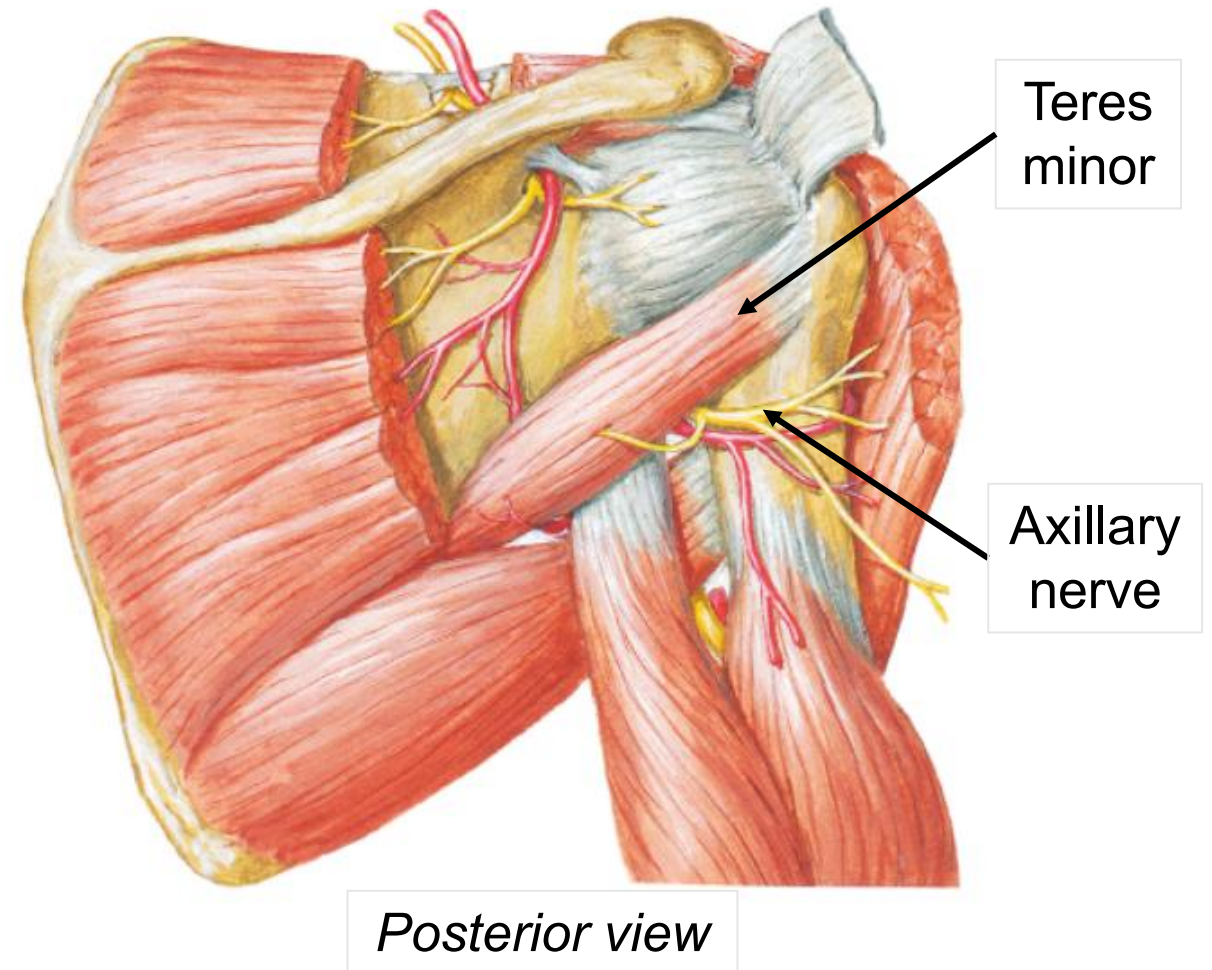
Gives a landmark for axillary artery

**Axillary artery** changes its name to **brachial artery** passing the **inferior border** of teres minor

## (12) Teres minor

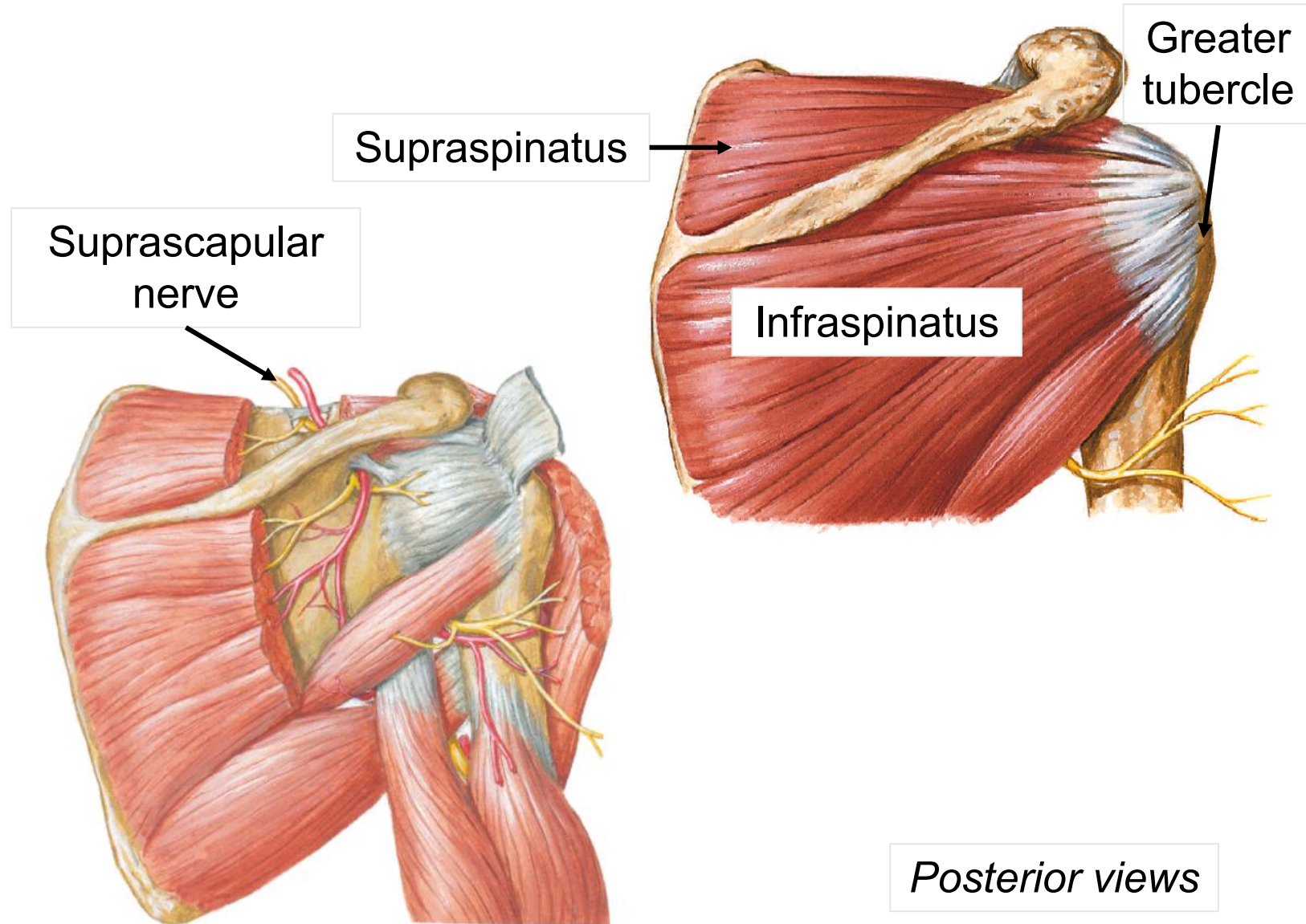
Located deep to the deltoid

|               |                                                       |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PA</b>     | Lateral border of scapula                             |
| <b>DA</b>     | Greater tubercle (humerus)                            |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Axillary n.                                           |
| <b>Action</b> | Lateral rotation & assists in <b>ADD</b> uction (arm) |



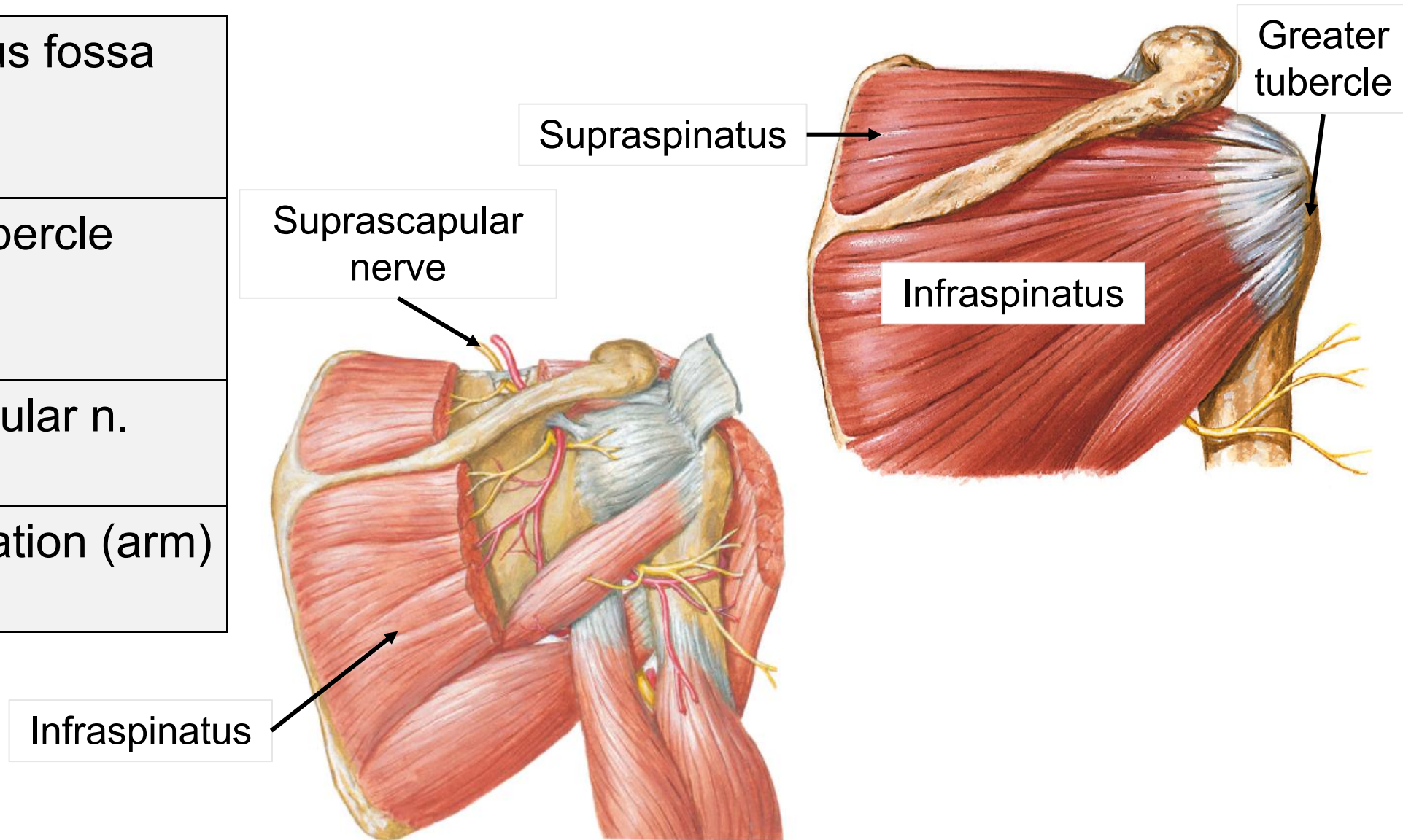
# (13) Supraspinatus

|               |                                                         |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PA</b>     | Supraspinous fossa (scapula)                            |
| <b>DA</b>     | Greater tubercle (humerus)                              |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Suprascapular n.                                        |
| <b>Action</b> | Initiates & assists deltoid in <b>ABD</b> uction of arm |



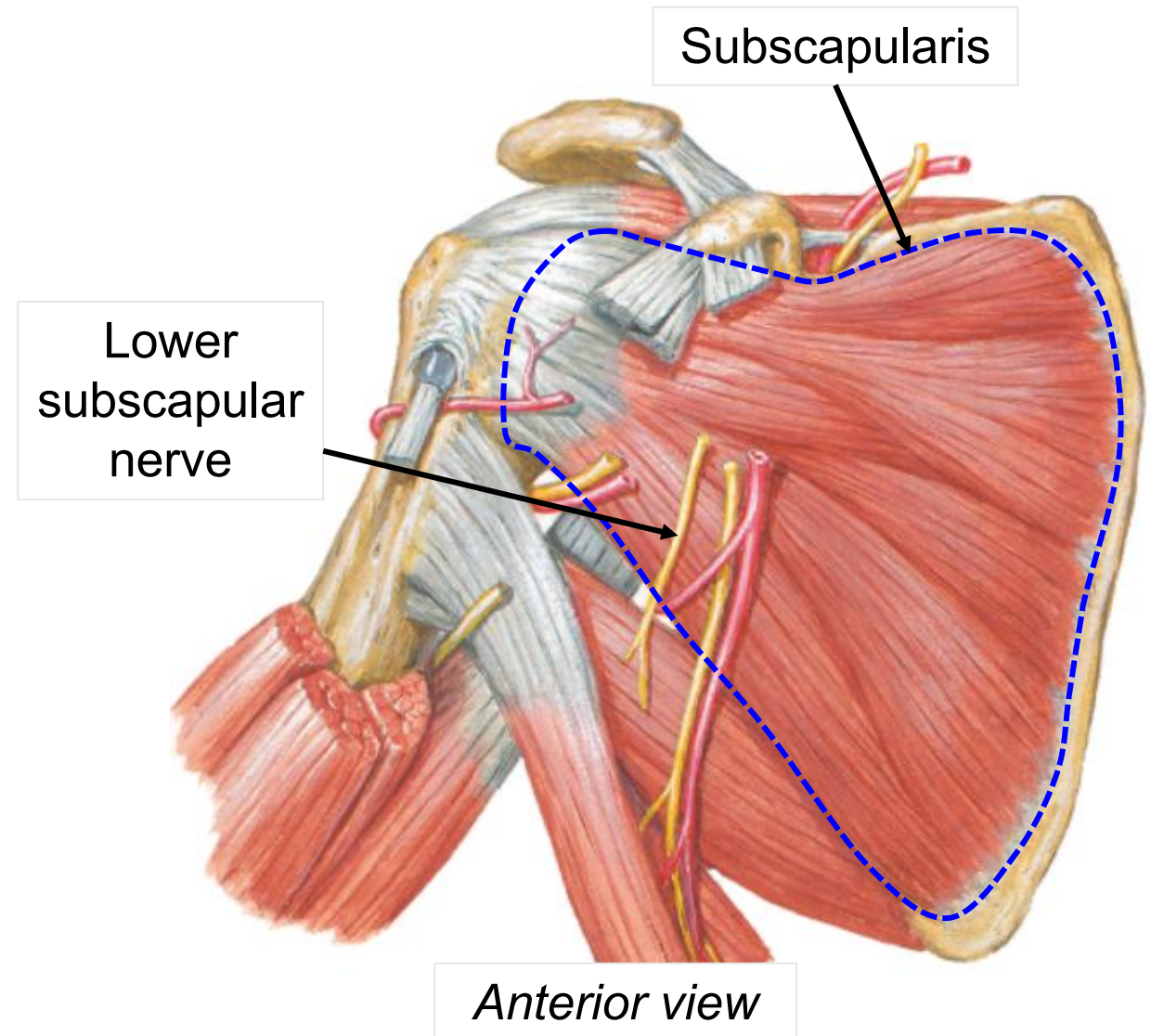
## (14) Infraspinatus

|               |                              |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| <b>PA</b>     | Infraspinous fossa (scapula) |
| <b>DA</b>     | Greater tubercle (humerus)   |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Suprascapular n.             |
| <b>Action</b> | Lateral rotation (arm)       |



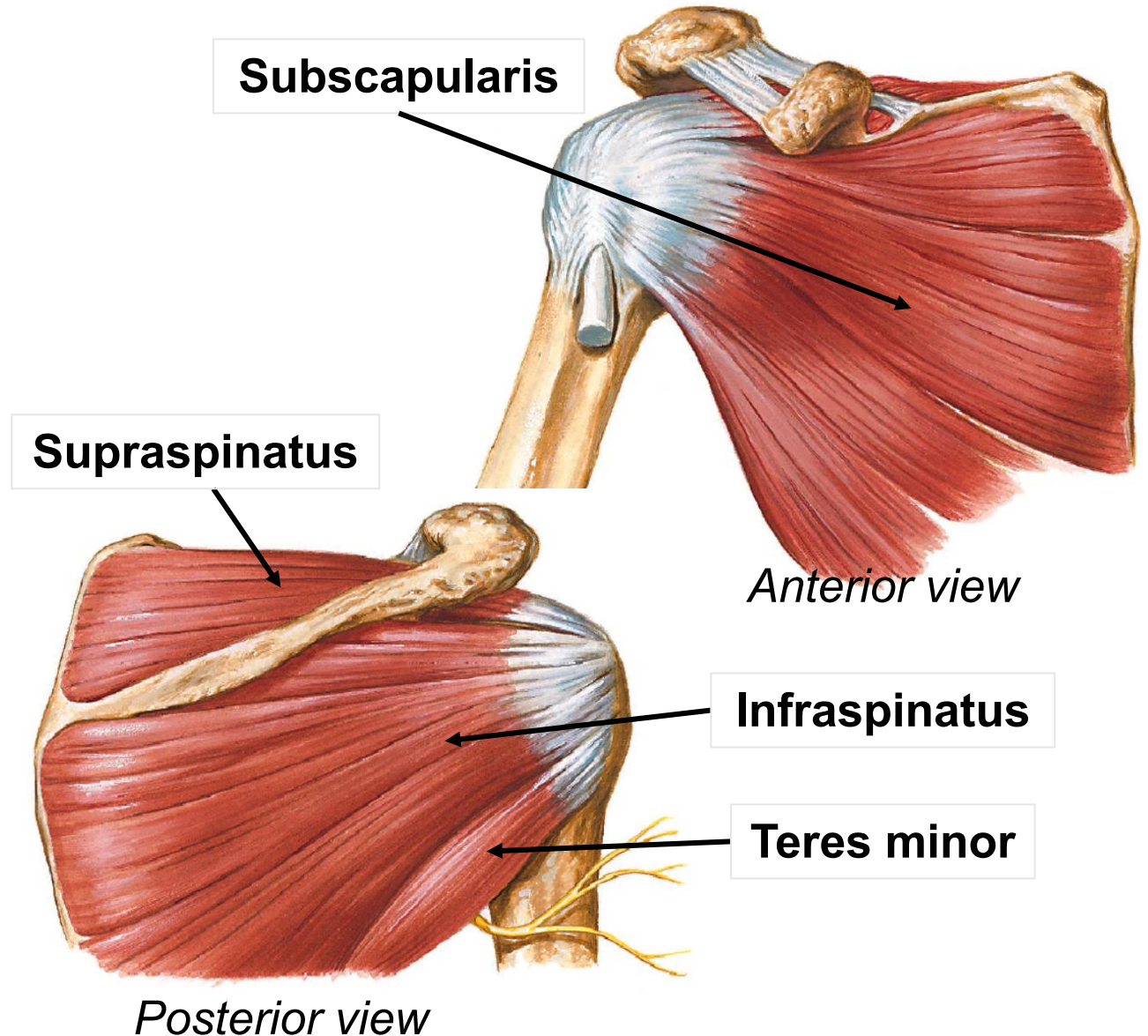
## (15) Subscapularis

|               |                              |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| <b>PA</b>     | Subscapular fossa (scapula)  |
| <b>DA</b>     | Lesser tubercle (humerus)    |
| <b>Nerve</b>  | Upper & lower subscapular n. |
| <b>Action</b> | Medial rotation (arm)        |



# Rotator cuff muscles

- A musculotendinous cuff around the **glenohumeral** joint
- Formed by 4 of the scapulohumeral muscles (**SITS**):
  - S**upraspinatus
  - I**nfraspinatus
  - T**eres minor
  - S**ubscapularis
- All are rotators of the shoulder joint **except** supraspinatus – initiates & assists deltoid (<15°)



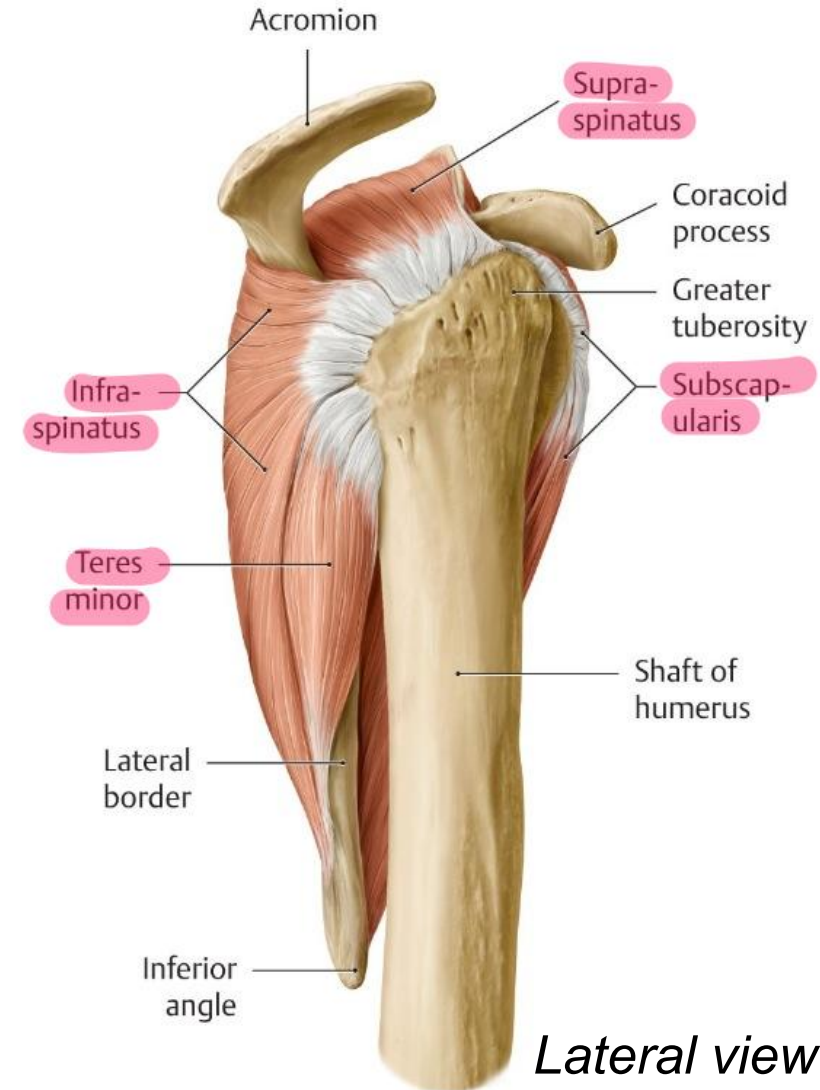
# Characteristics of rotator cuff muscles (4S)

## Sits on tubercles

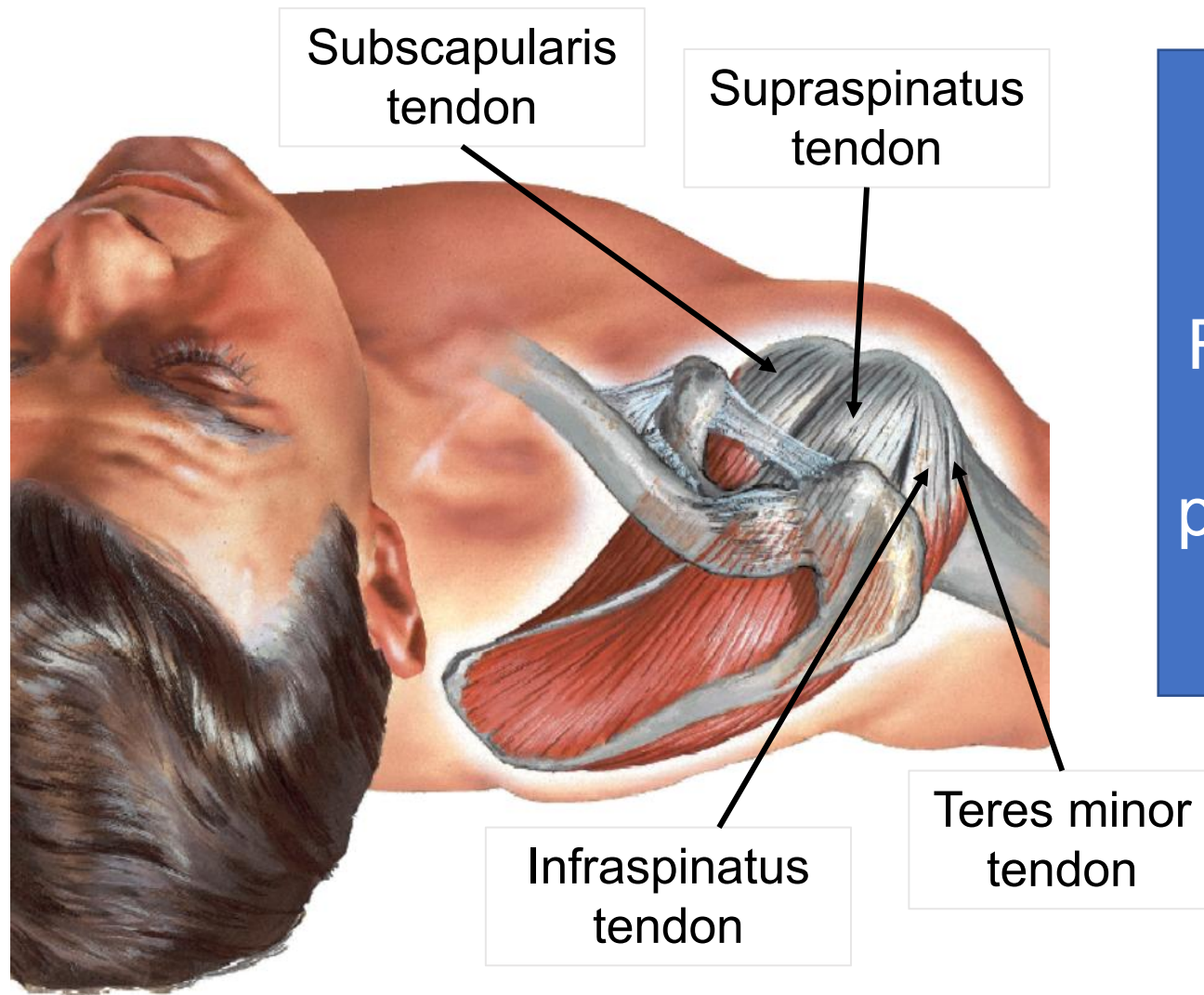
Distal attachment – tubercles of humerus

## Stabilizes head of humerus

Tonic contraction of these muscles holds the head of the humerus in the small glenoid cavity of scapula during arm movements.



# Characteristics of rotator cuff muscles (4S)



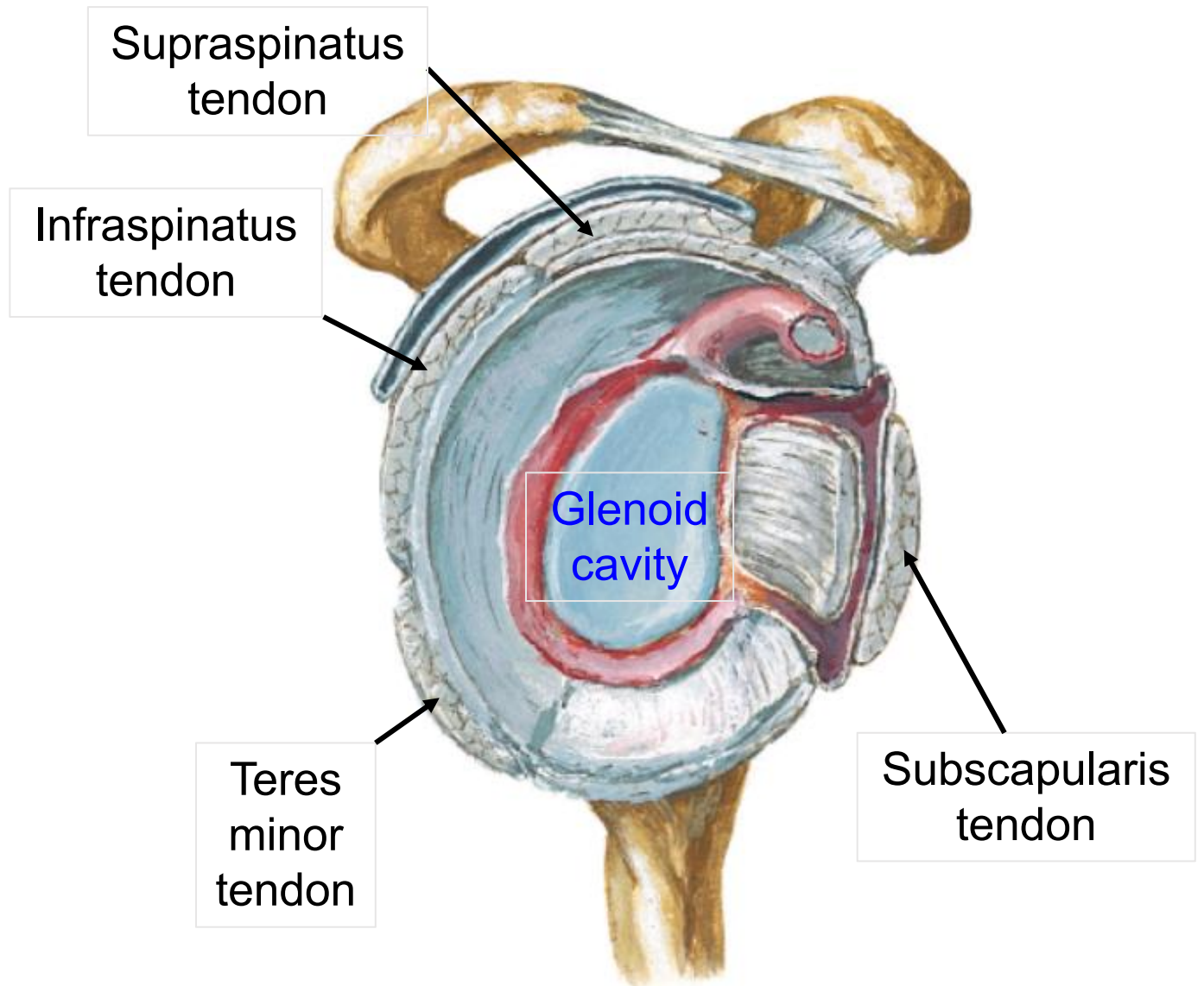
*Superior view*

**Sticks to capsule of shoulder joint**

Rotator cuff tendons blends with the joint capsule – provide protection & stability to the shoulder joint

# Characteristics of rotator cuff muscles (4S)

**Strengthens the  
shoulder joint**  
(EXCEPT inferiorly)



# SUMMARY

## Muscles in shoulder & pectoral regions

### Anterior axioappendicular muscles

1. Pectoralis major
2. Pectoralis minor
3. Subclavius
4. Serratus anterior

### Posterior axioappendicular muscles

#### Superficial

5. Trapezius
6. Latissimus dorsi

#### Deep

7. Levator scapulae
8. Rhomboid major
9. Rhomboid minor

### Scapulohumeral muscles

10. Deltoid
11. Teres major
12. **Teres minor\***
13. **Supraspinatus\***
14. **Infraspinatus\***
15. **Subscapularis\***

(Rotator cuff muscles\*)

# SUMMARY

## Rotator cuff muscles

| Muscle        | PA                        | DA                                 | Nerve                               | Action                             |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Supraspinatus | Supraspinous fossa        | <b>Greater</b> tubercle of humerus | <b>Suprascapular n.</b>             | Initiates <b>ABD</b> uction of arm |
| Infraspinatus | Infraspinous fossa        |                                    |                                     | <b>Lateral</b> rotation of arm     |
| Teres minor   | Lateral border of scapula |                                    | Axillary n.                         |                                    |
| Subscapularis | Subscapular fossa         | <b>Lesser</b> tubercle of humerus  | Upper & lower <b>subscapular n.</b> | <b>Medial</b> rotation of arm      |

# SUMMARY

|   | Movement          | Muscles                                                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | <b>ABD</b> uction | Deltoid (middle fibres)<br>Supraspinatus                        |
| 2 | <b>ADD</b> uction | Latissimus dorsi<br>Pectoralis major                            |
| 3 | Flexion           | Pectoralis major (clavicular part)<br>Deltoid (anterior fibres) |
| 4 | Extension         | Teres major<br>Deltoid (posterior fibres)                       |
| 5 | Medial rotation   | Subscapularis                                                   |
| 6 | Lateral rotation  | Infraspinatus                                                   |

The background of the slide is a photograph of a person's back and neck, showing the scapular region. The person's head is turned slightly to the right, and their arms are raised, which helps in visualizing the scapular spaces. The skin is light-toned, and the spine is visible down the center of the back.

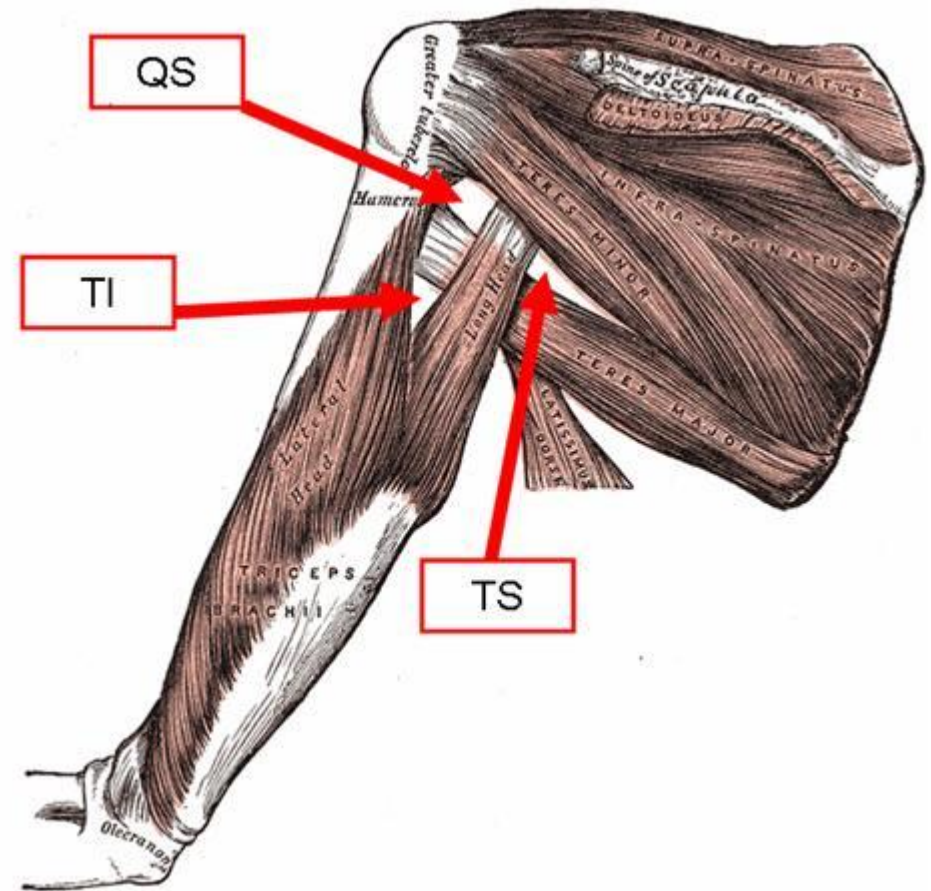
# 3. Posterior scapular spaces

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- Quadrangular space
- Triangular space

# Posterior scapular spaces

- Provides **passageway** for **nerves** & **vessels** passing from the **axilla** to the **posterior scapular region**
- Bounded by the **scapulohumeral muscles** and **humerus**
- **3 spaces:**
  - i. Quadrangular space
  - ii. Upper/medial triangular space
  - iii. Lower/lateral triangular space



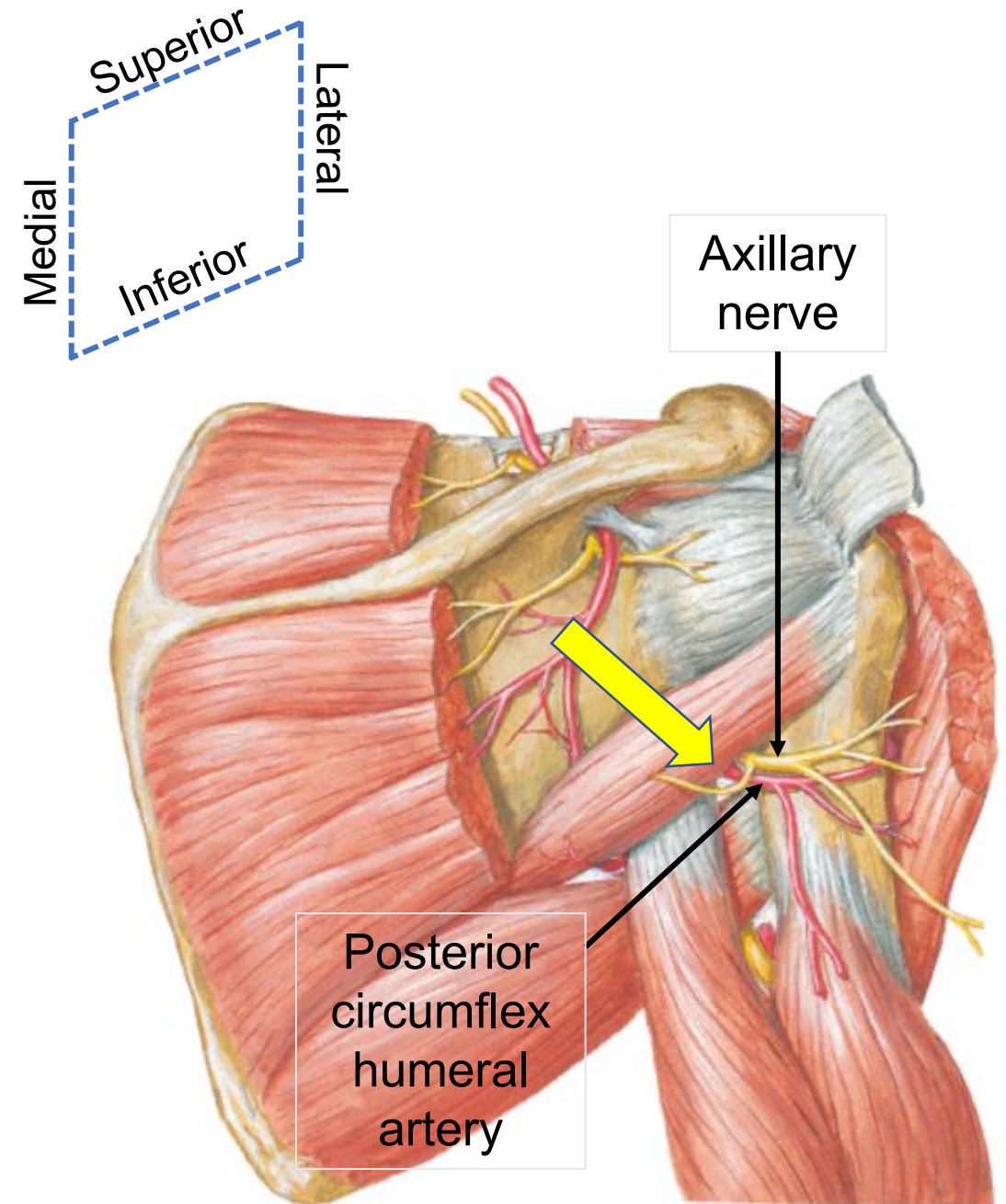
## i. Quadrangular space

### Boundaries:

- Superiorly : Subscapularis, teres minor
- Inferiorly: Teres major
- Medially: Long head of triceps
- Laterally: Surgical neck of humerus

### Structures passing through it:

- Axillary nerve
- Posterior circumflex humeral artery



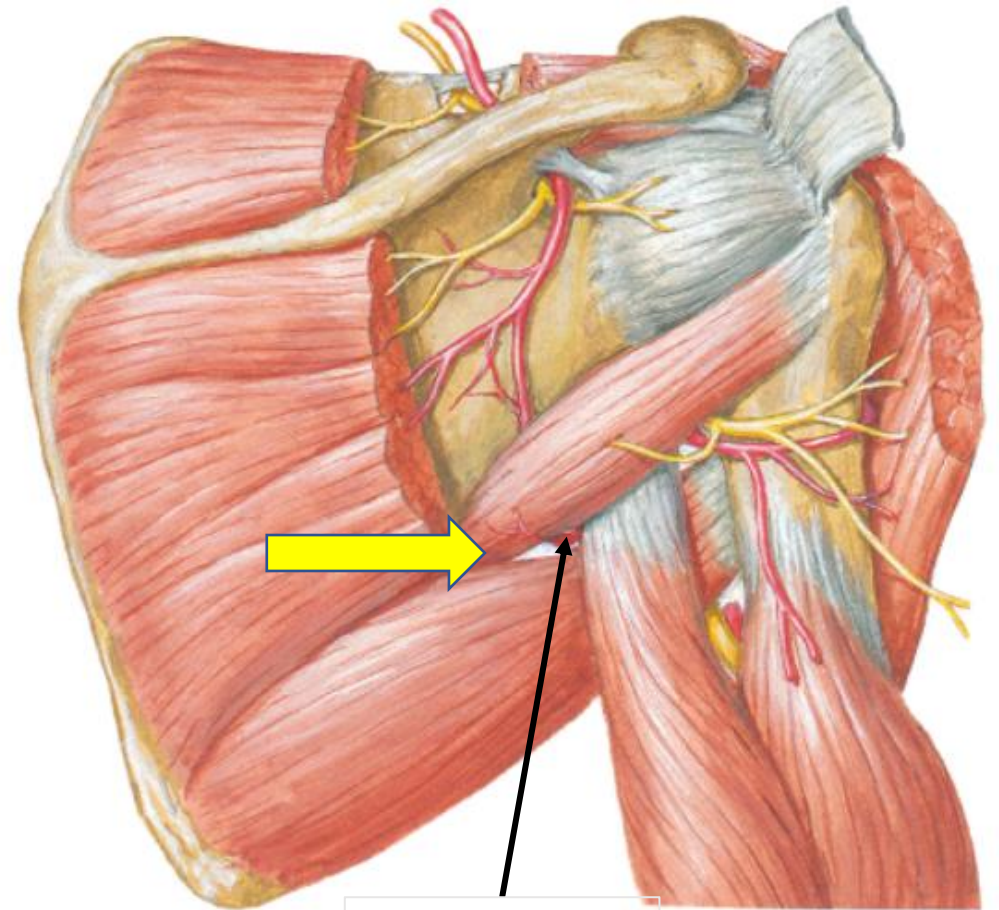
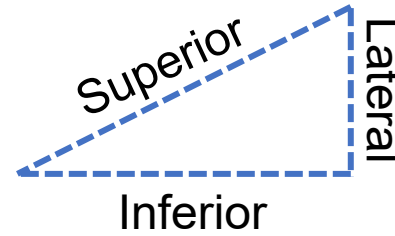
## ii. Upper triangular space

### Boundaries:

- Superiorly : Teres minor
- Inferiorly: Teres major
- Laterally: Long head of triceps

### Structures passing through it:

- Circumflex scapular artery



Circumflex  
scapular  
artery

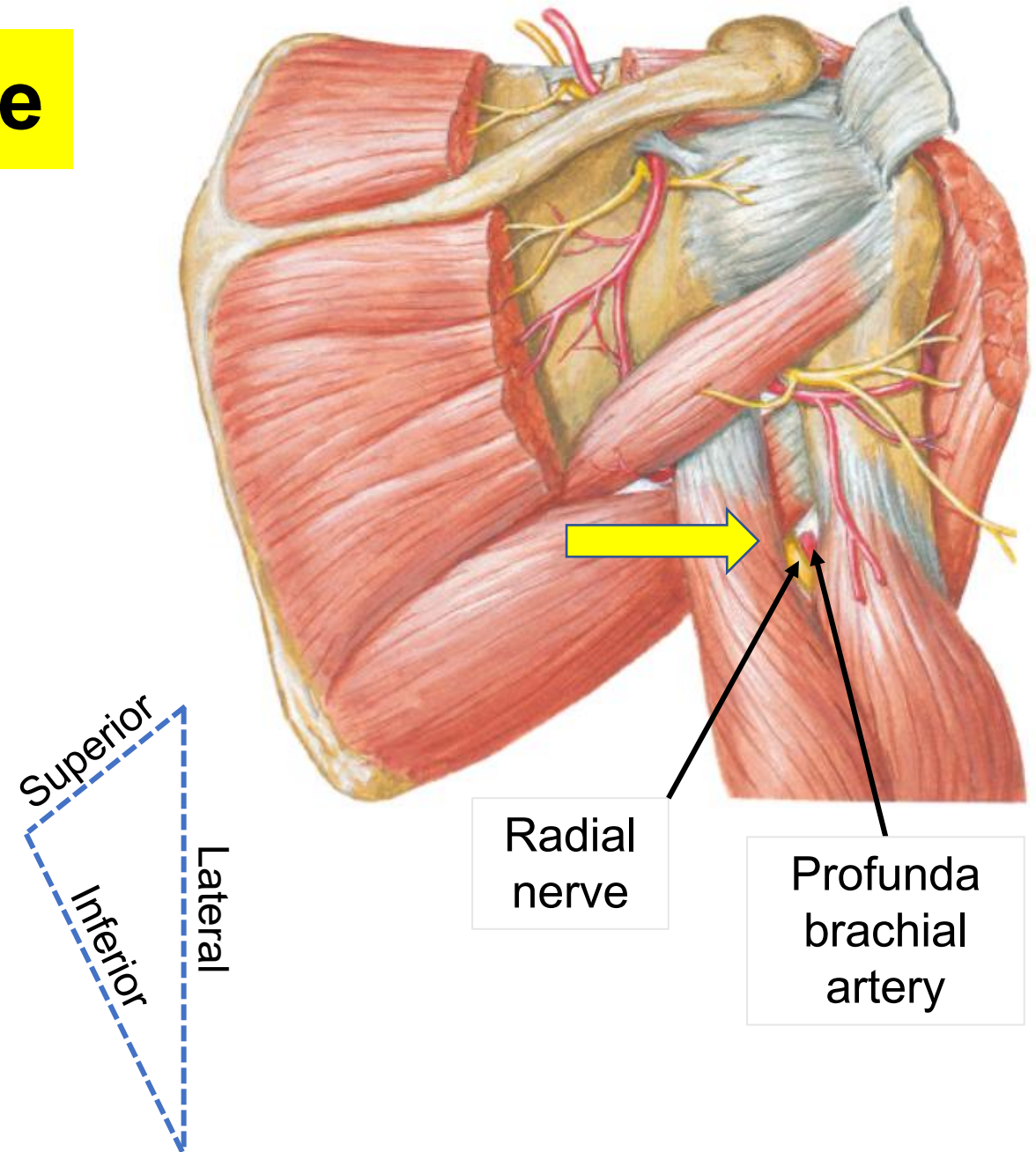
## ii. Upper triangular space

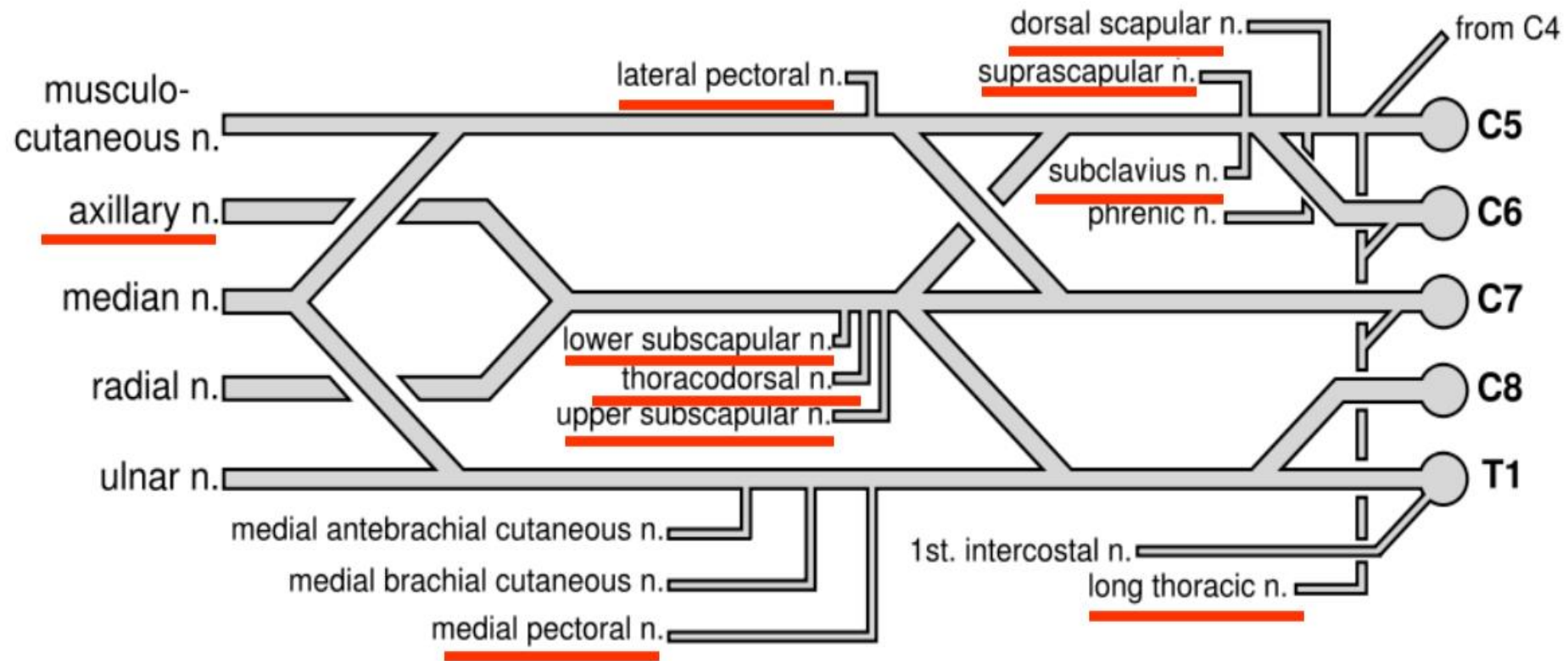
### Boundaries:

- Superiorly : Teres major
- Medially: Long head of triceps
- Laterally: Shaft of humerus

### Structures passing through it:

- Radial nerve
- Profunda brachial artery





**Brachial plexus**

## 4. Clinical correlations

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- Paralysis of serratus anterior
- Deltoid atrophy



# Muscle actions

**What rotation action is his shoulder performing as he continues to hit the shuttlecock?**



Internal rotation



External rotation

**What rotation action is  
his shoulder performing  
as he continues to  
throw the ball?**



Internal rotation



**What is the muscle action of his right shoulder?**



Flexion



**What rotation action is his shoulder performing as he continues to swim?**

Circumduction



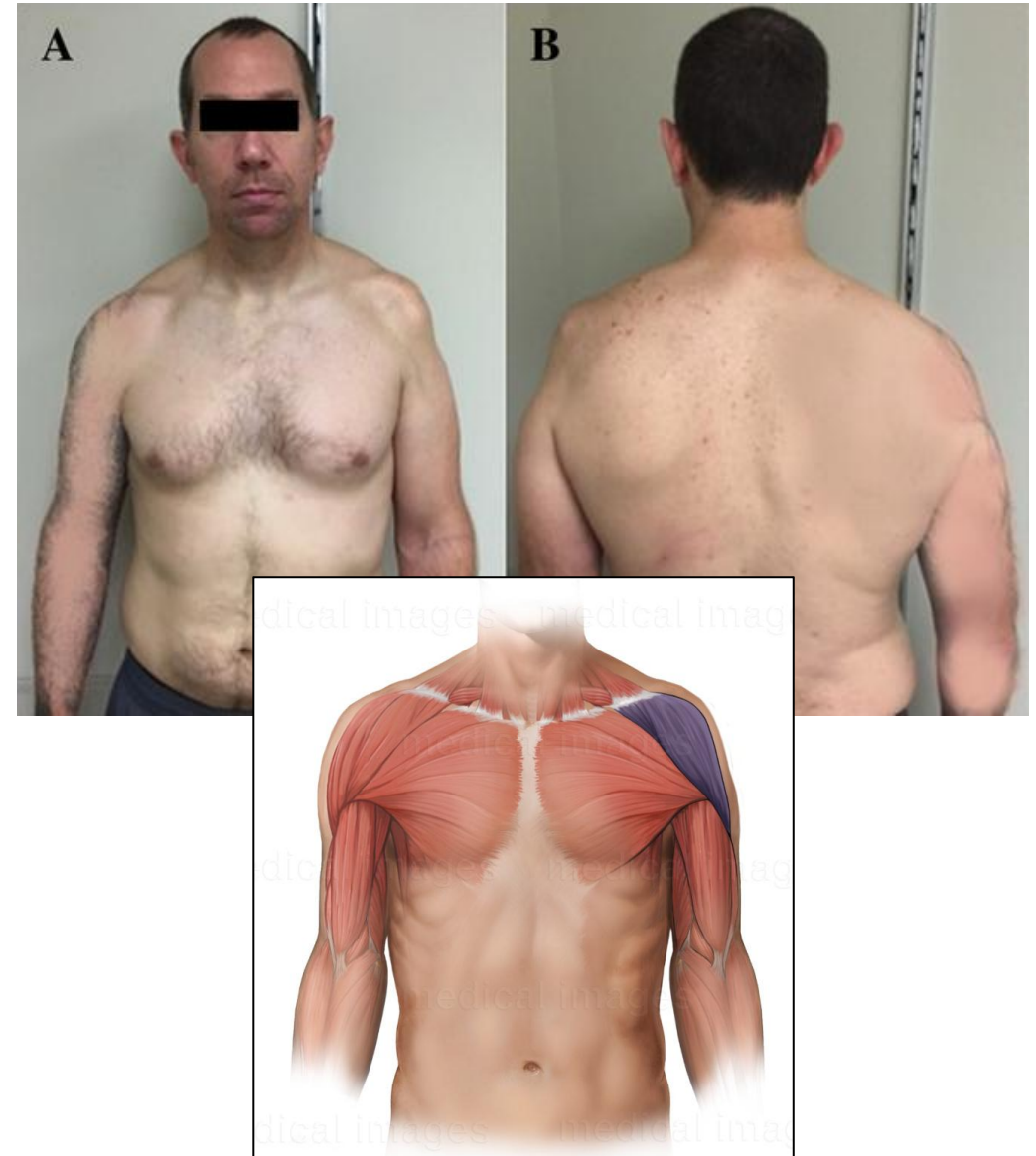
# Deltoid atrophy

**Definition:** **muscle wasting** that results in a smaller, weaker muscle

**Causes:** sport injury, fracture of surgical neck of humerus

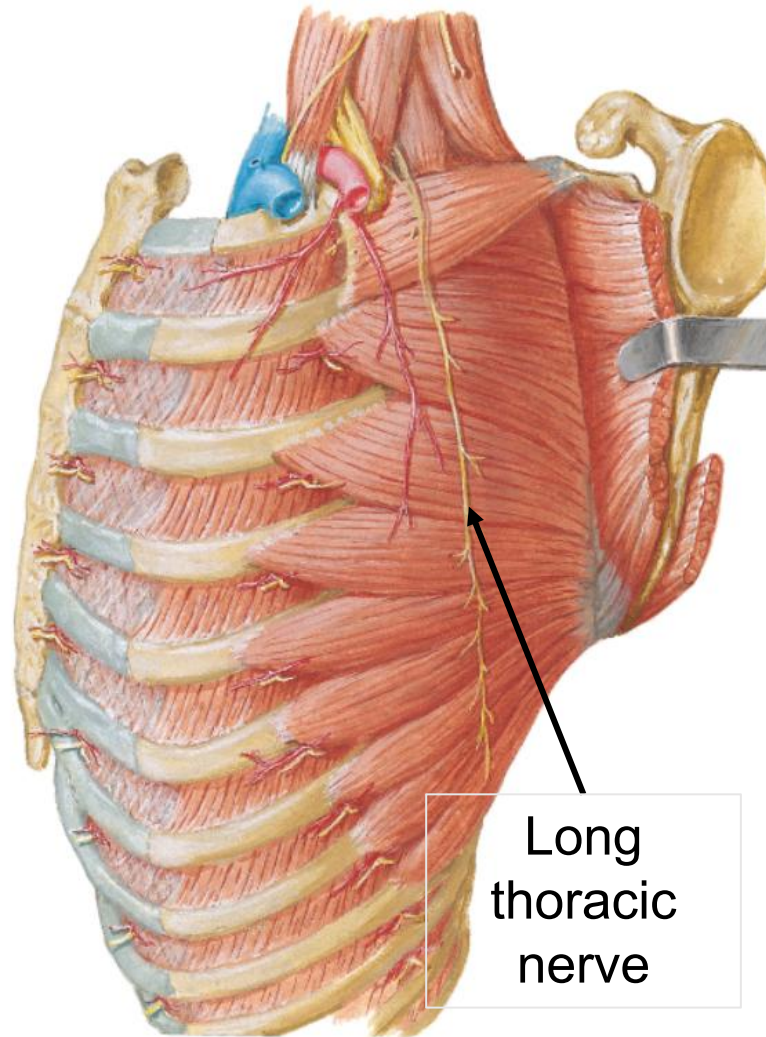
**Condition:**

- Injury during sport/fall/MVA
- Acute onset of intense pain with resolution in 1–2 wks followed by weakness and **atrophy** of the arm/shoulder girdle muscles
- **Sensory loss** in the **axillary nerve** distribution (shoulder contour area)



# Paralysis of serratus anterior

- Deformity known as **winged scapula** (*scapula alata*)
- Due to injury to **long thoracic nerve**
- Long thoracic nerve are vulnerable when the upper limbs are elevated **eg**: in a knife fight
- The **medial border of scapula** moves posteriorly away from thoracic wall when upper limb is pressed against a wall



# Axillary nerve injury



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