



# Anatomy I Lab. 3/part2

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**“Thorax of the human body”**

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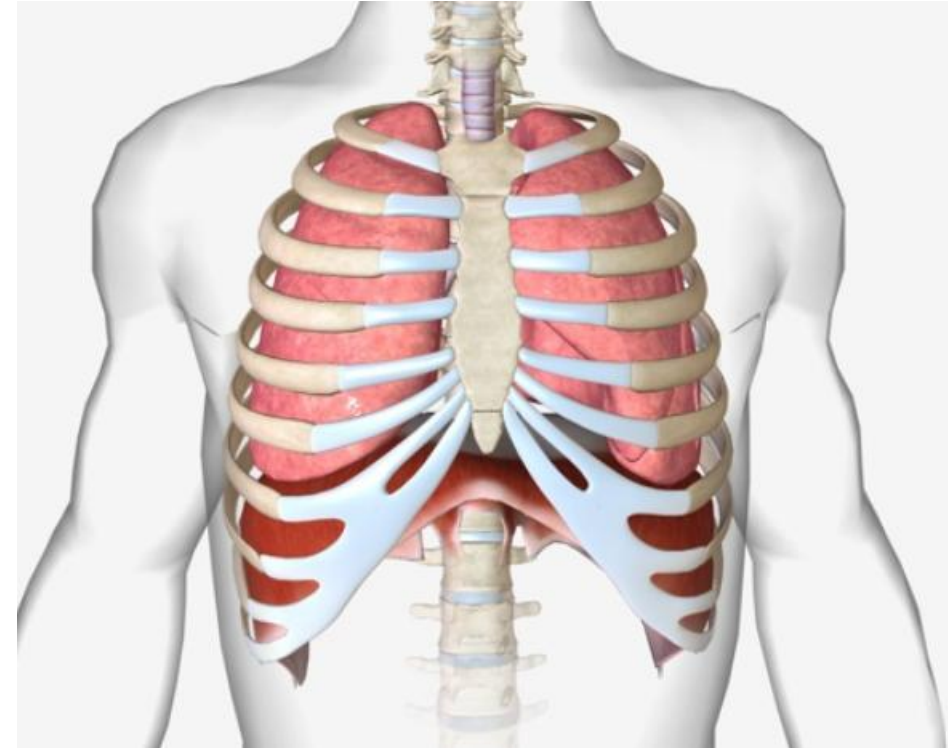
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## The thorax

The chest, properly called the thorax, is the superior part of the trunk located between the neck and abdomen. It consists of several components:

- Thoracic wall
- Several cavities
- Neurovasculature and lymphatics
- Internal organs
- Breasts



# Thoracic wall

## Skeleton:

sternum, twelve pairs of ribs, twelve thoracic vertebrae

## Joints:

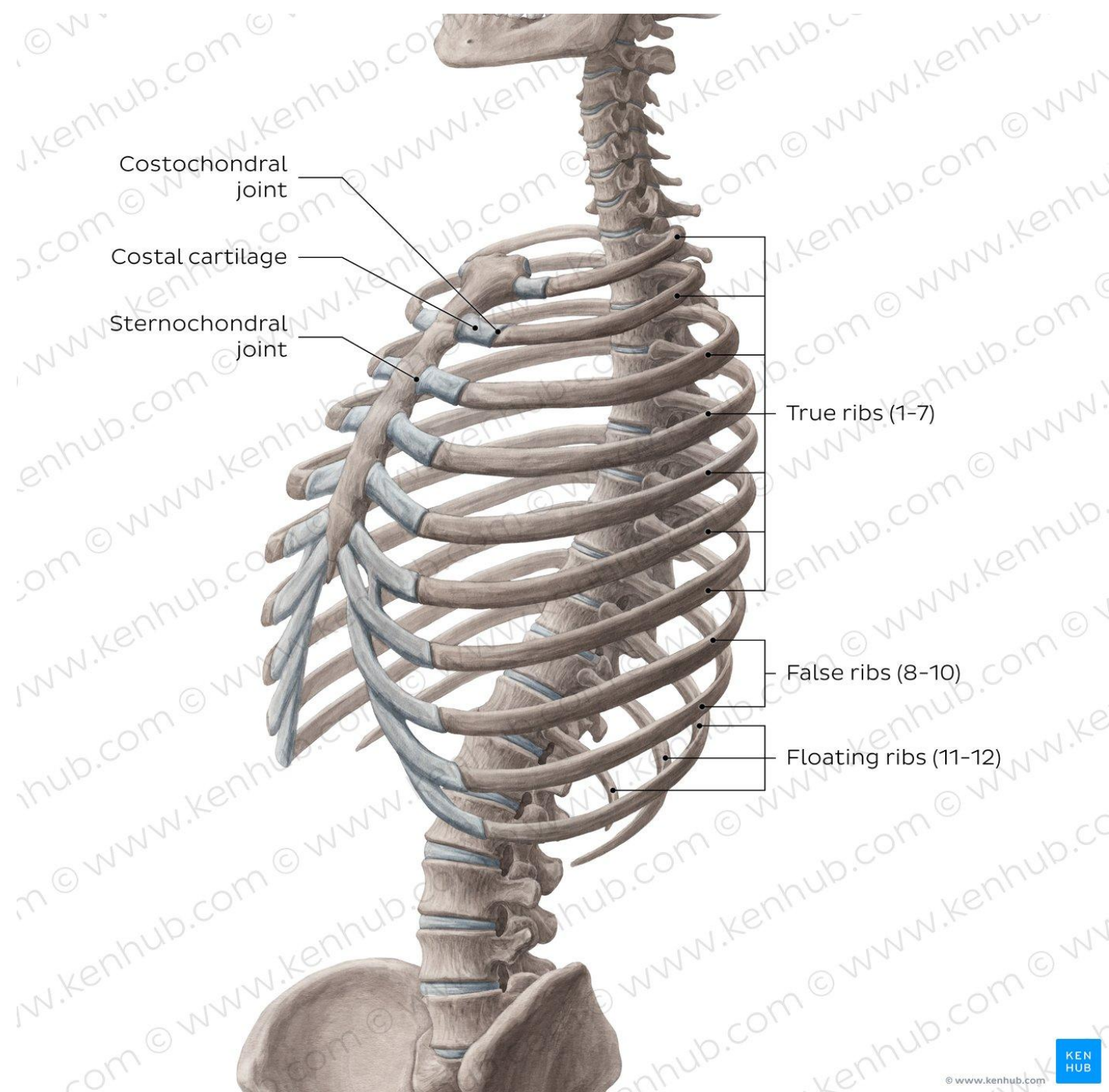
intervertebral discs, costovertebral, joint of head of rib, sternocostal, sternoclavicular, costochondral, interchondral joints

## Intercostal spaces:

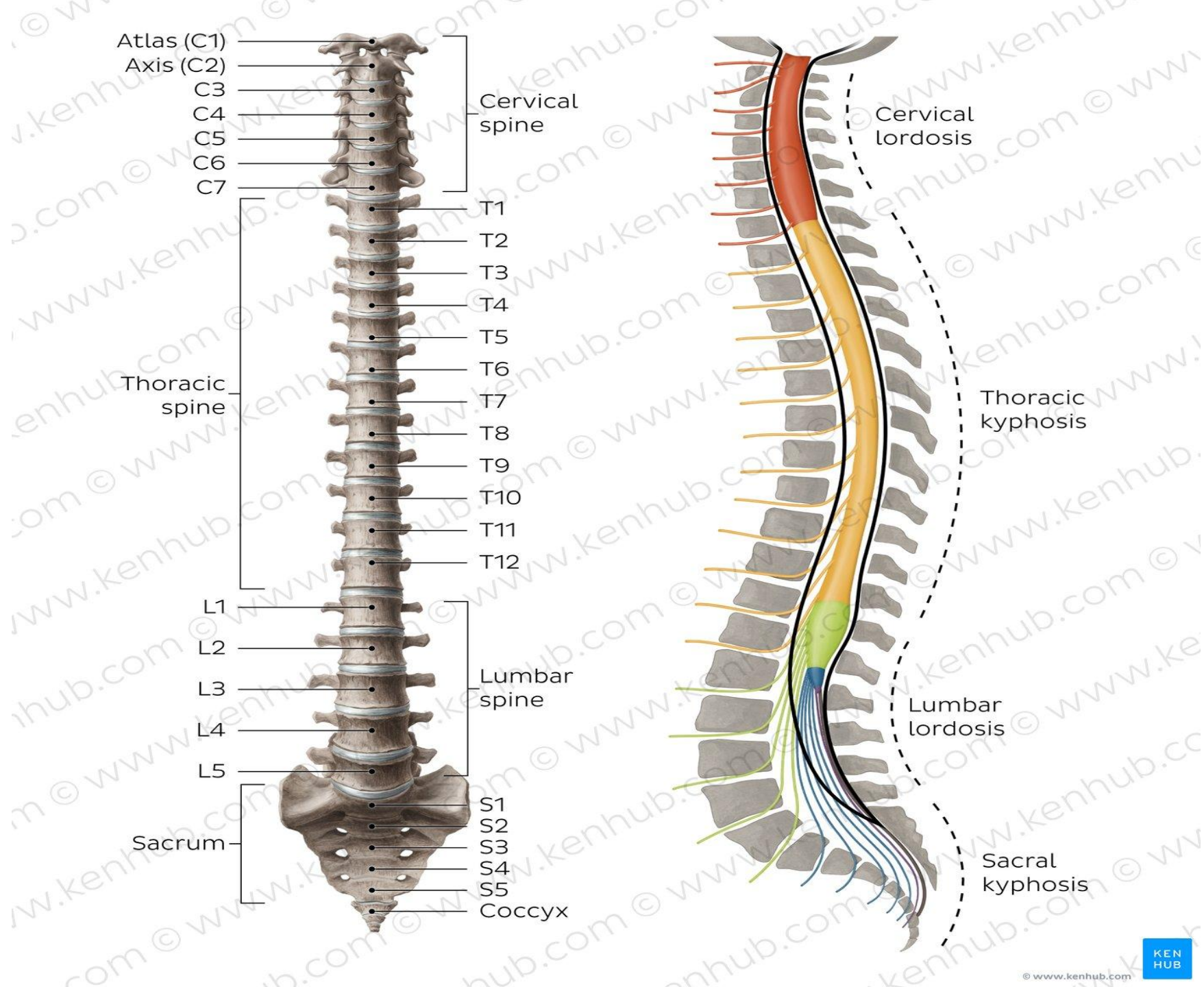
intercostal vein, artery, nerve

## Muscles:

Intercostal muscles (external, internal, innermost), transversus thoracis, subcostals, levatores costarum, serratus posterior superior, and serratus posterior inferior muscles







# The thoracic cavity

The thoracic cavity is a space in your chest that contains organs, blood vessels, nerves, and other important body structures. It's divided into three main parts: the right pleural cavity, the left pleural cavity, and the mediastinum.

What organs are in the thoracic cavity?

Your thoracic cavity contains five organs:

Esophagus (food tube).

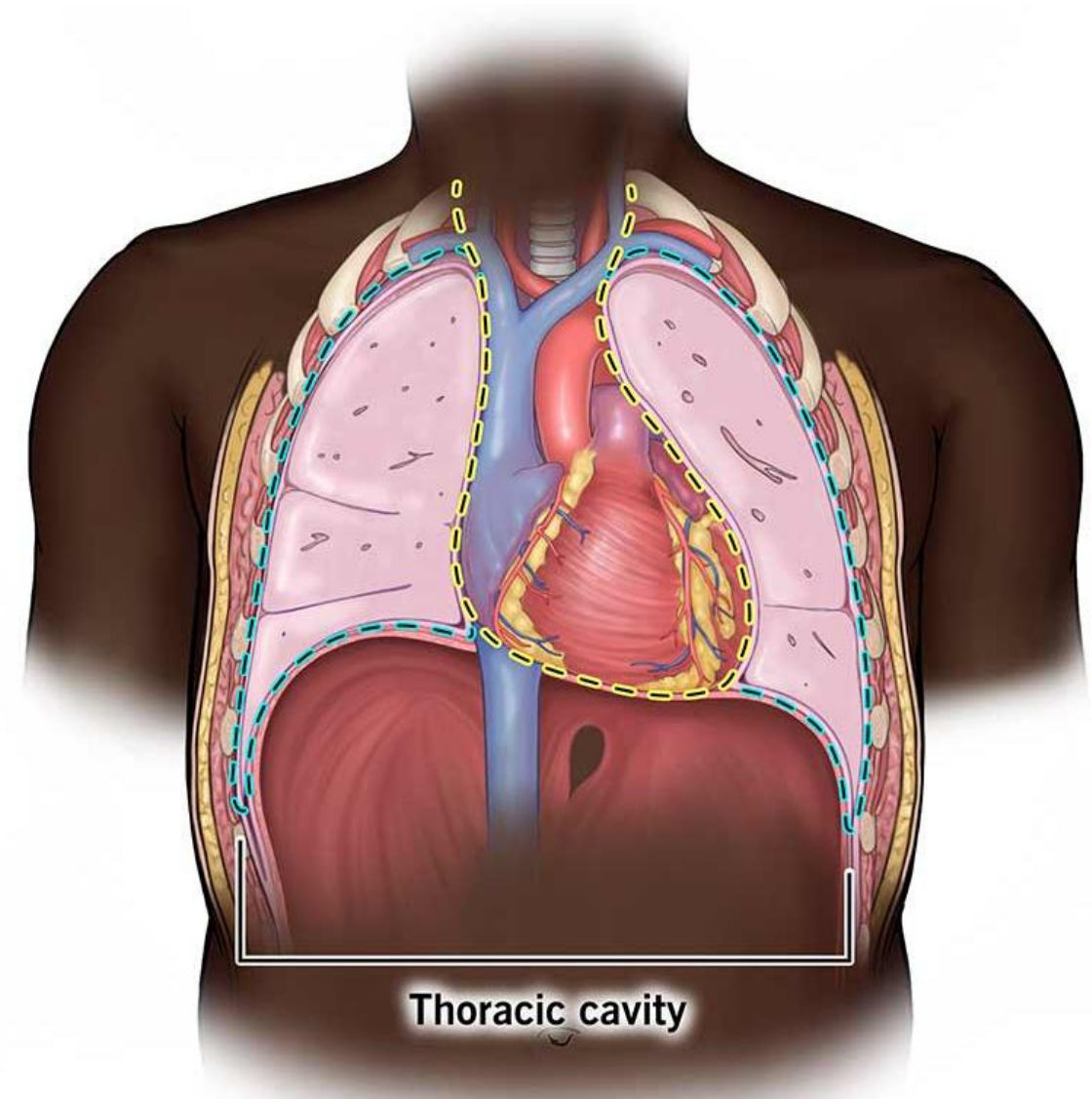
Heart.

Lungs.

Thymus.

Trachea (windpipe).

The mediastinum is located centrally and bordered by two pleural cavities laterally.



Mediastinum      Pleural cavities

## The pleura

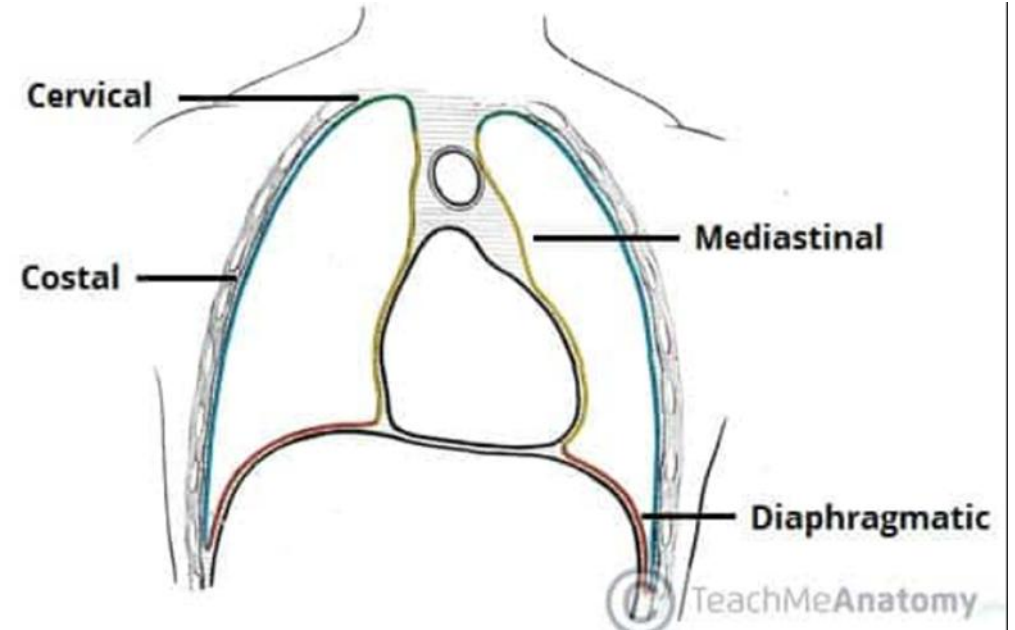
can be divided into two parts:

Visceral pleura – covers the lungs.

Parietal pleura – covers the internal surface of the thoracic cavity.

### Parietal Pleura

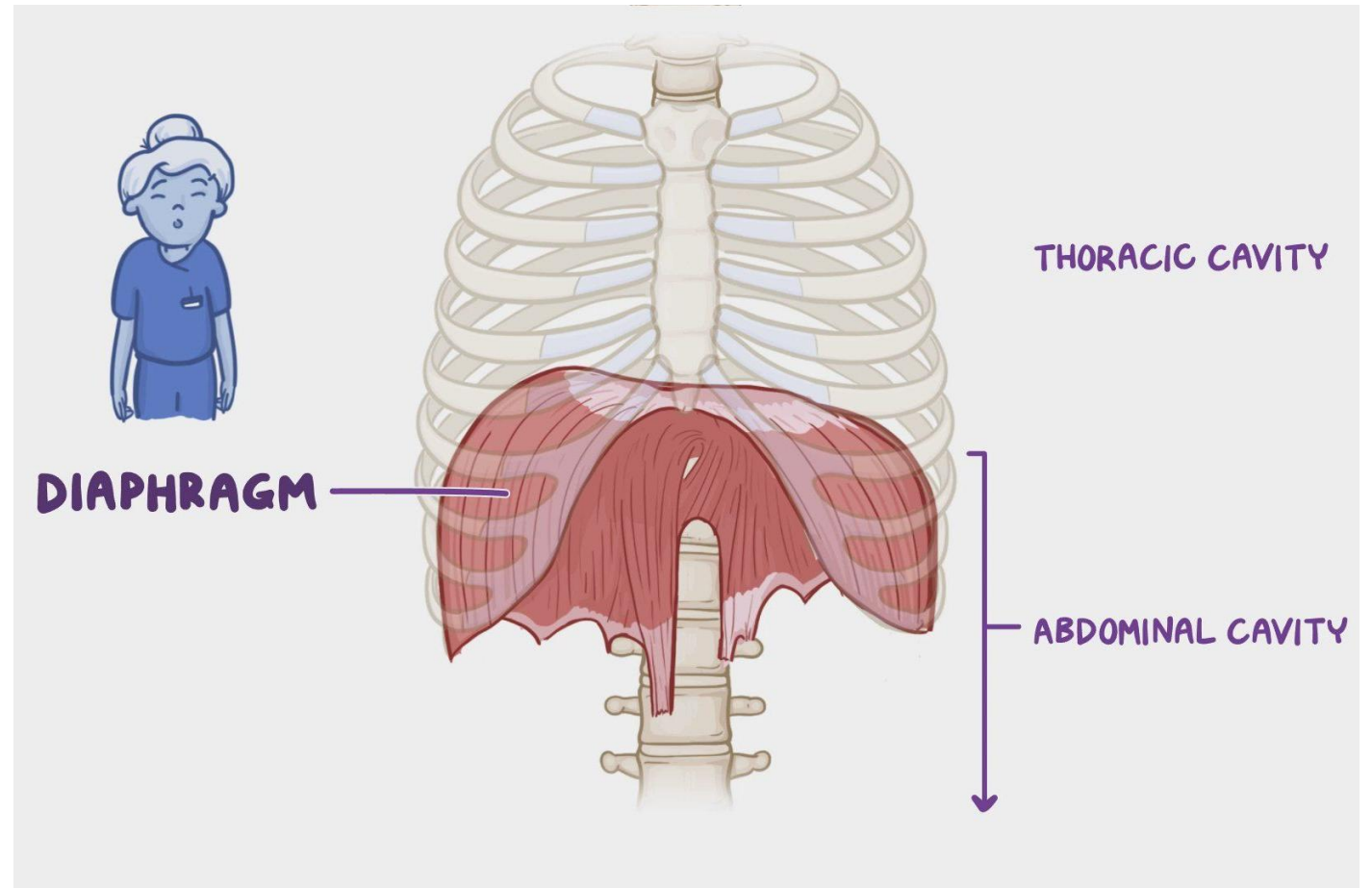
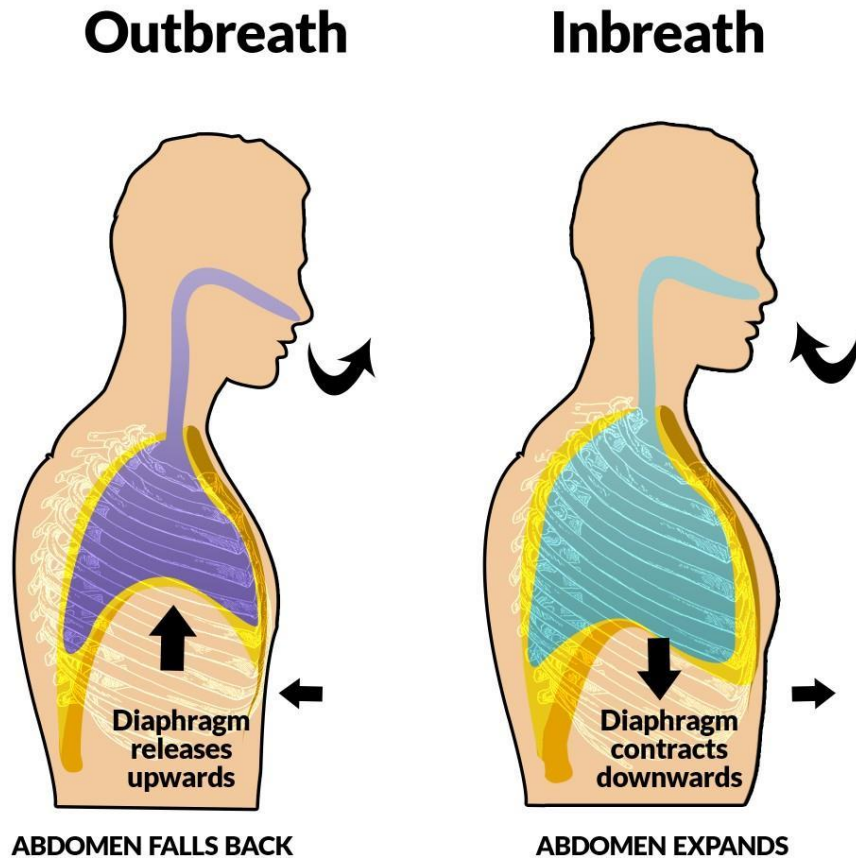
The parietal pleura covers the internal surface of the thoracic cavity. It is thicker than the visceral pleura and can be subdivided according to the part of the body that it contacts.





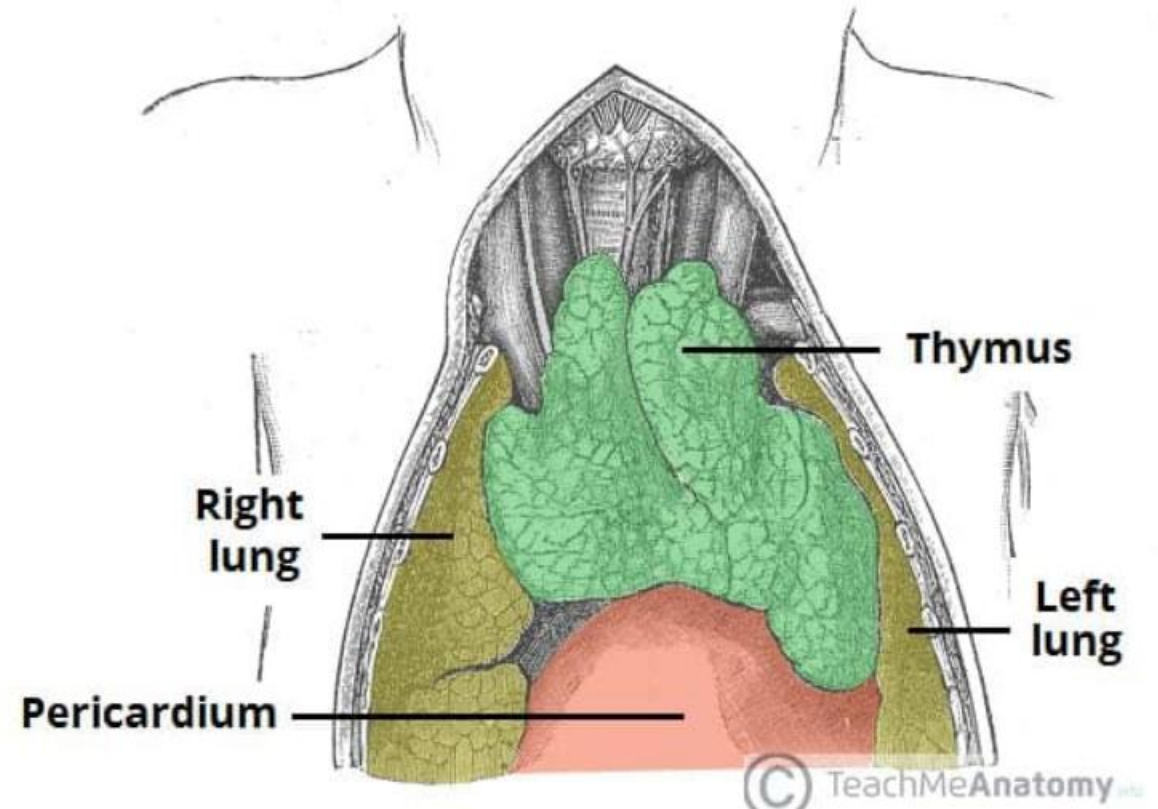
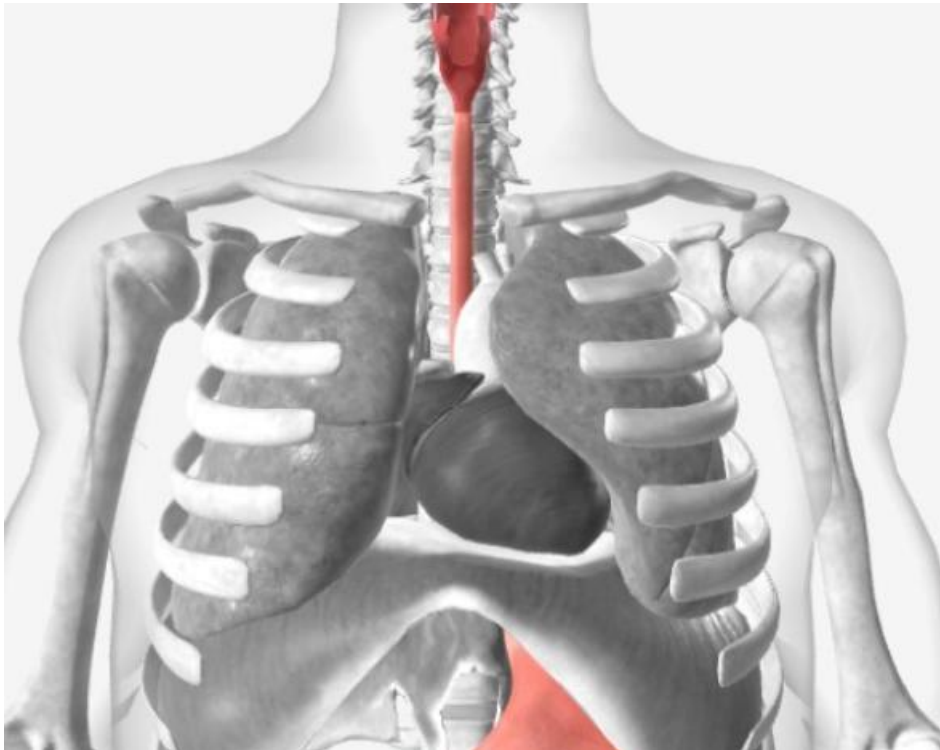
## The diaphragm

It is a **large, dome-shaped muscle** (convex upward toward the thorax) that plays a **major role in breathing**. It separates the **thoracic cavity (chest)** from the **abdominal cavity**.



## Organs

1. The Thymus Gland
2. Heart,
3. lungs,
4. trachea,
5. esophagus



The **thymus gland** is a primary lymphoid organ located in the upper anterior part of the thoracic cavity, just behind the sternum and in front of the heart.

The **esophagus** is a muscular tube that connects the pharynx (throat) to the stomach

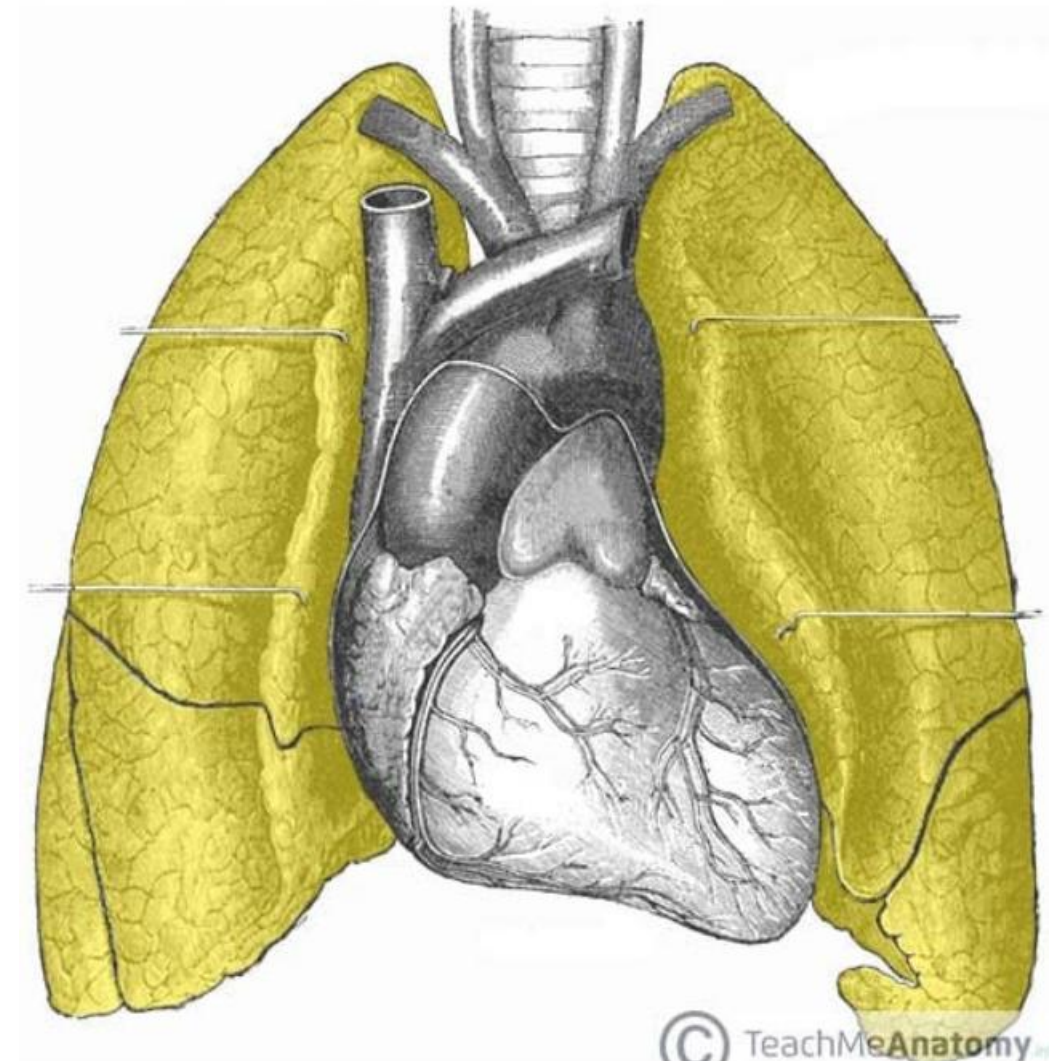


## lungs

The lungs are a pair of spongy, air-filled organs located in the thoracic cavity on either side of the mediastinum. They are the main organs of respiration, responsible for gas exchange — taking in oxygen ( $O_2$ ) and expelling carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ).

Right lung: larger, 3 lobes.

Left lung: smaller, 2 lobes (because of the heart's position)



## trachea

The **trachea** is a **flexible tube** that connects the **larynx (voice box)** to the **bronchi** of the lungs. It allows air to pass in and out of the lungs during breathing.

