

Joints



Articulation

- The junction of two or more bones
- Security determined by:
 - Close fitting parts
 - Ligaments
 - Muscles crossing joints (muscle tone)



Functional Categories of Joints

- Based upon degree of movement
 - Synarthroses (-is) – immovable
 - Amphiarthroses (-is) – slightly movable
 - Diarthroses (-is) – freely movable



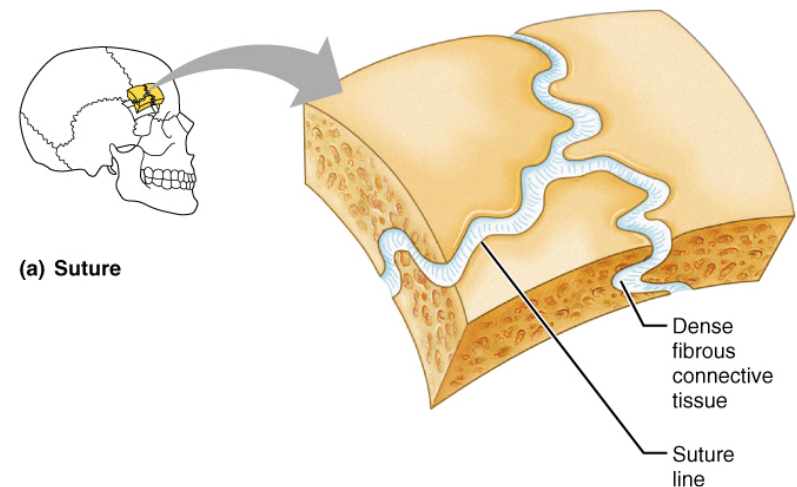
3 Major Structural Categories of Joints:

- **Fibrous joints** – bones held together by fibrous c.t.
 - No joint cavity
- **Cartilaginous joints** – bones united by cartilage
 - No joint cavity
- **Synovial joints** – possess synovial cavity
 - Diarthroses (freely movable)

Types of Fibrous Joints:

■ Sutures –synarthroses

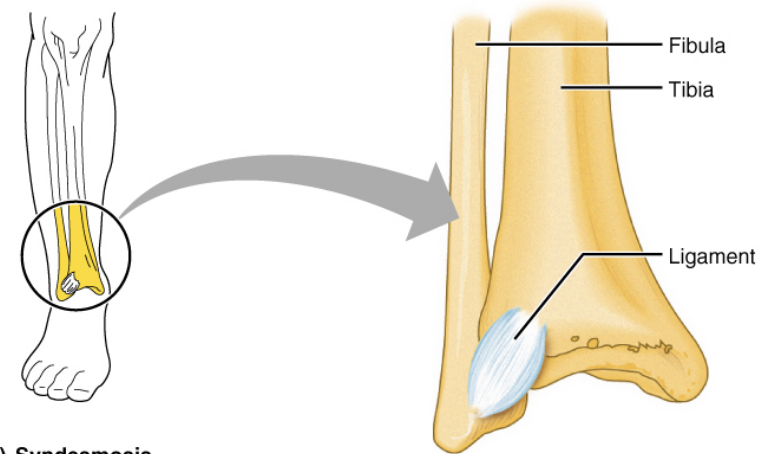
- Only in skull
- Minimum c.t.
- Some types:
 - Dentate –sagittal
 - Limbose – toothed & beveled (coronal)
 - Squamous –beveled , not toothed
 - Plane –flat parts



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Types of Fibrous Joints:

- Syndesmoses
 - Bones connected by ligament, cord or band of c.t.
 - Usually amphiarth.
 - Ex.: Distal ends of tibia & fibula
 - amphiarthrotic



(b) Syndesmosis

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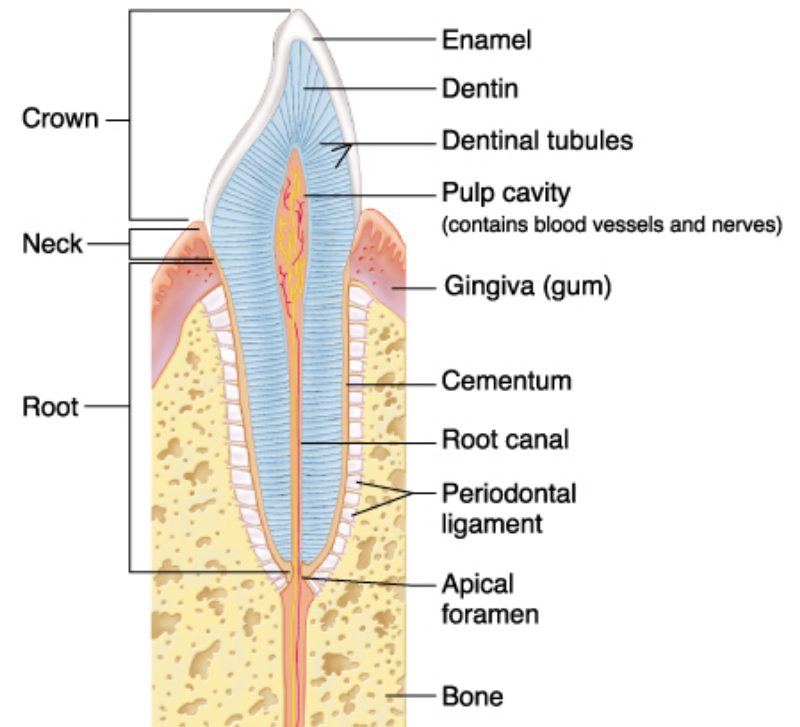


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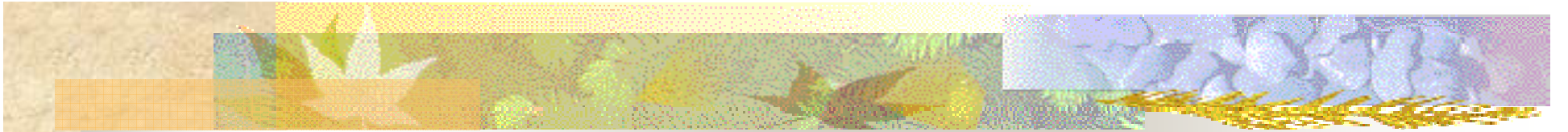
- Syndesmoses cont.'d
 - Ex.: between radius & ulna
(interosseous membrane)
 - More than just slight movement

Types of Fibrous Joints:

- Gomphosis (-es) – a peg in socket fibrous joint
 - Teeth in sockets
 - Periodontal ligament

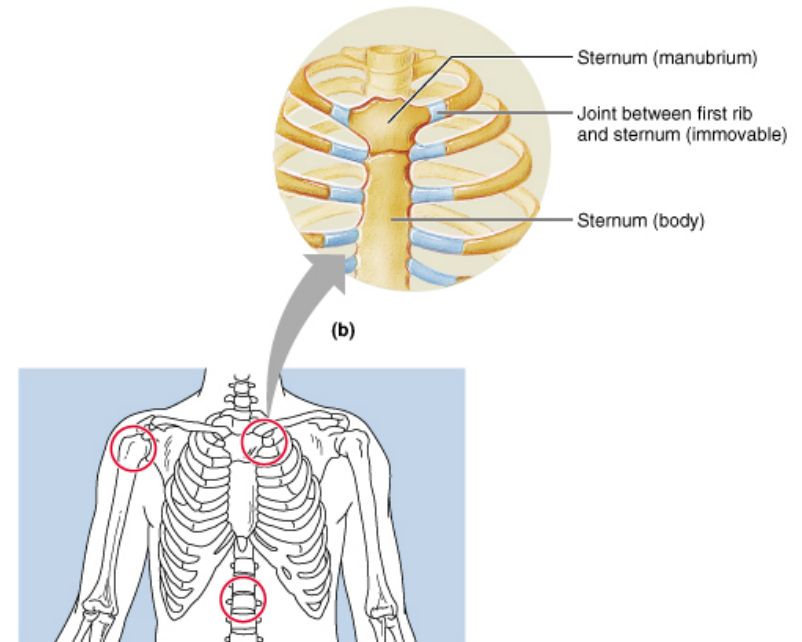


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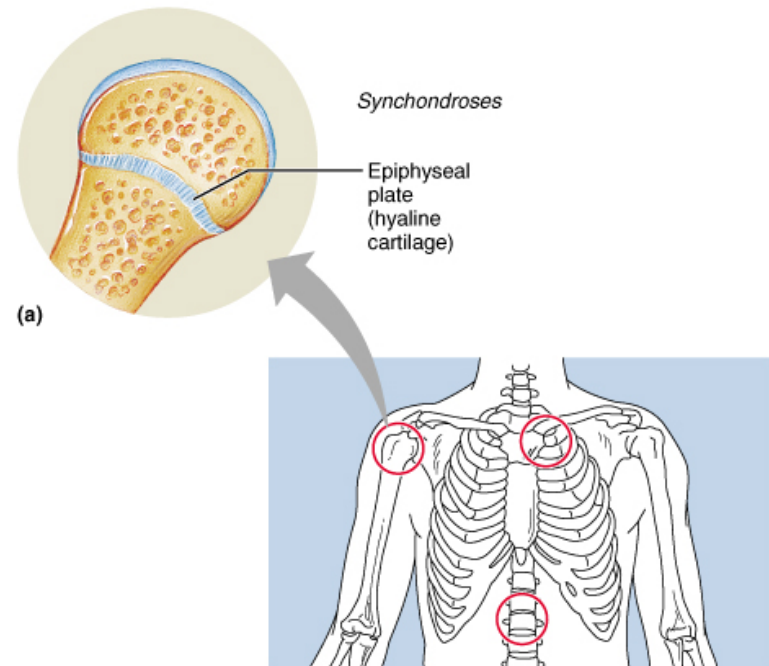
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 - Synarthrosis
 - Ex.: Costal cartilage



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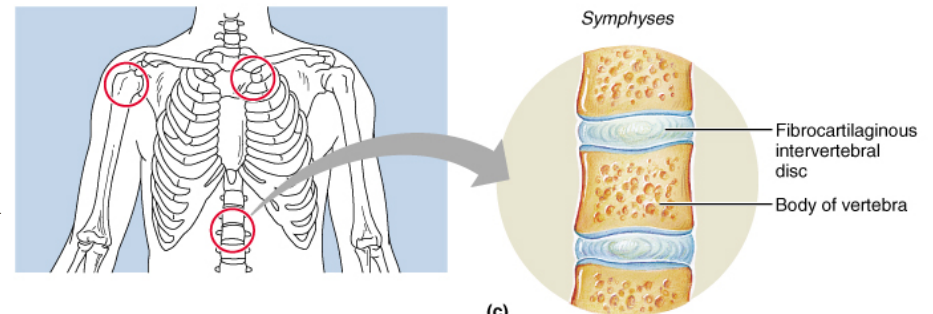
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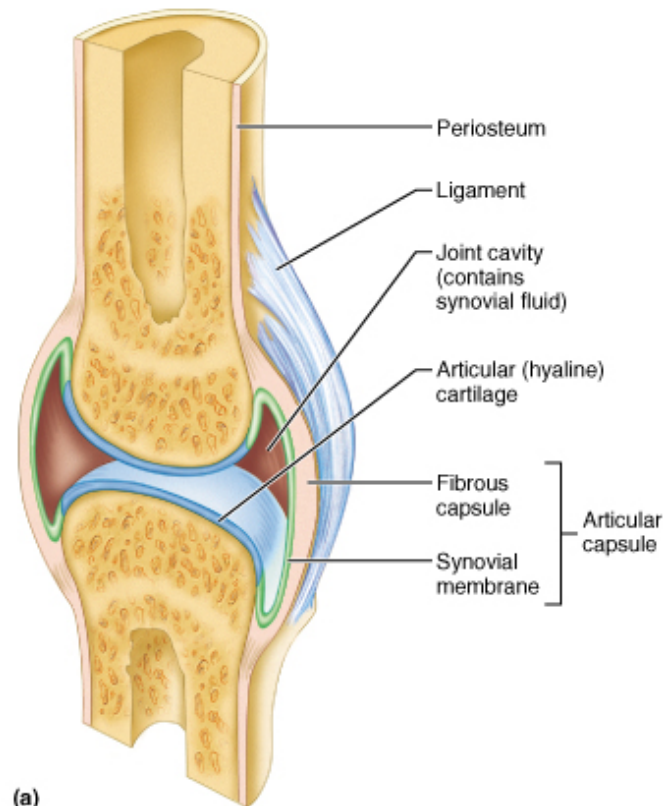
- Symphysis – bones joined by fibrocartilage
 - Amphiarthrosis
 - Ex.: Intervertebral disk
 - Ex.: Symphysis pubis



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Synovial Joints

- Possess a synovial cavity
- Synovial membrane lines cavity
 - Produces synovial fluid (~100 ml. total in adult)
 - Lubricates joint
 - A blood filtrate with hyaluronic acid

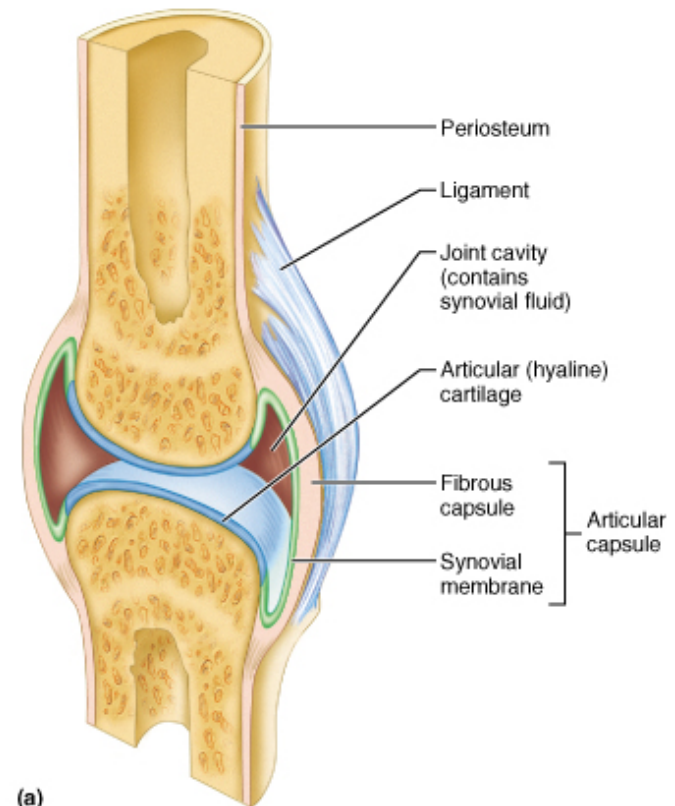


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Synovial Joints

- Articular cartilage
 - Not covered by synovial membrane
 - Hyaline cartilage
 - Absorbs compression
 - Nourished by synovial fluid



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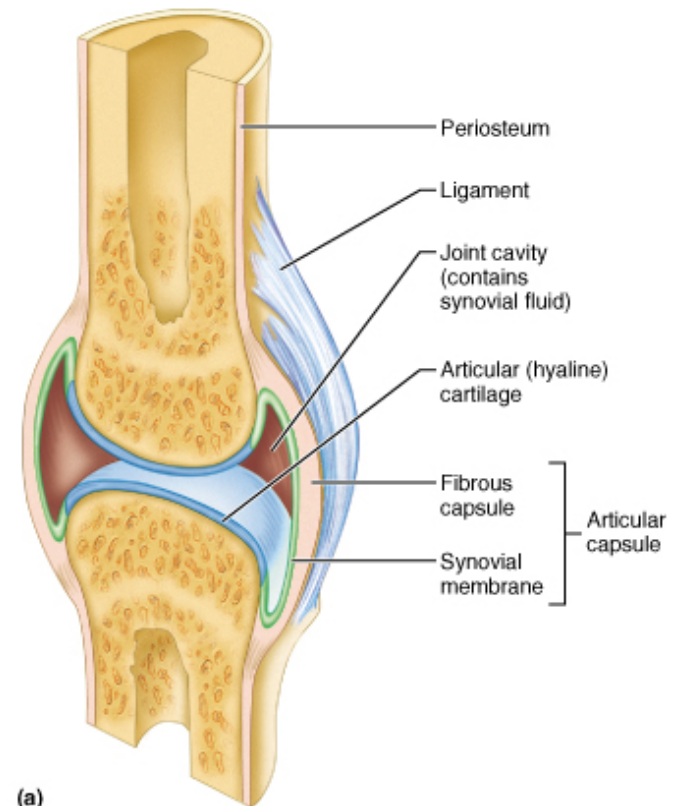
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Synovial Joints

■ Articular capsule

■ 2 layers:

- Inner synovial membrane
 - Loose c.t.
- Outer fibrous capsule
 - Dense Irreg. c.t.
 - Continuous with periosteum



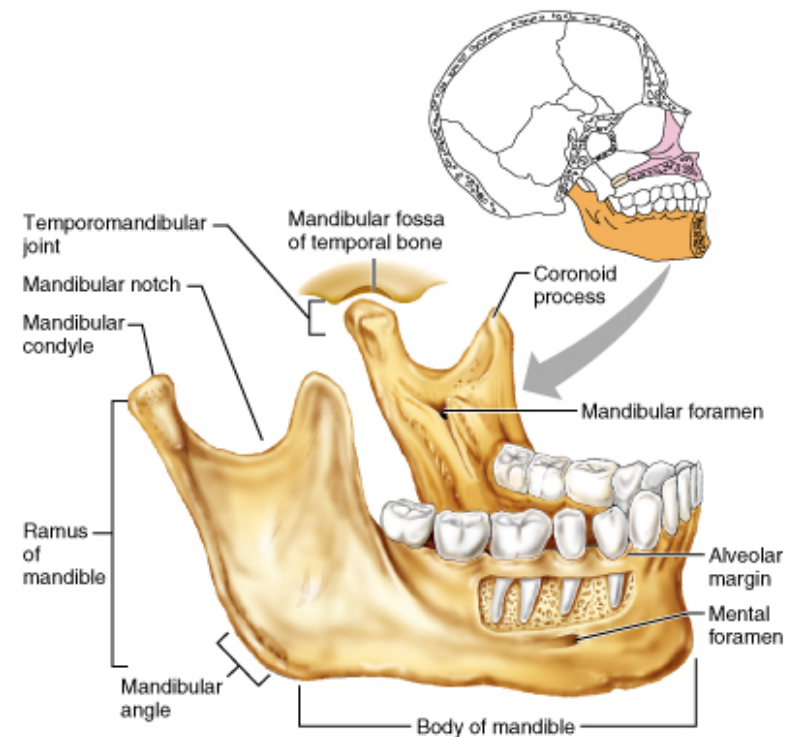
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Synovial Joints

■ Articular discs (menisci)

- Discs or wedges of fibrocartilage
- Ex.:
Temporomandibular joint



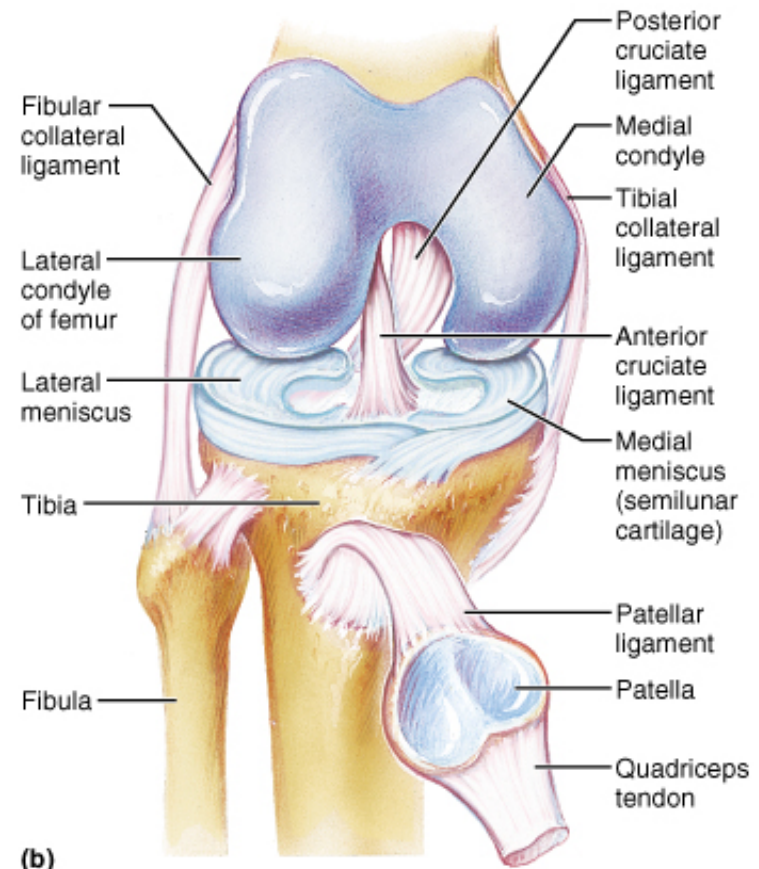
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Synovial Joints

■ Articular discs (menisci)

- Ex.: Knee joint
 - Lateral & medial menisci (-us)

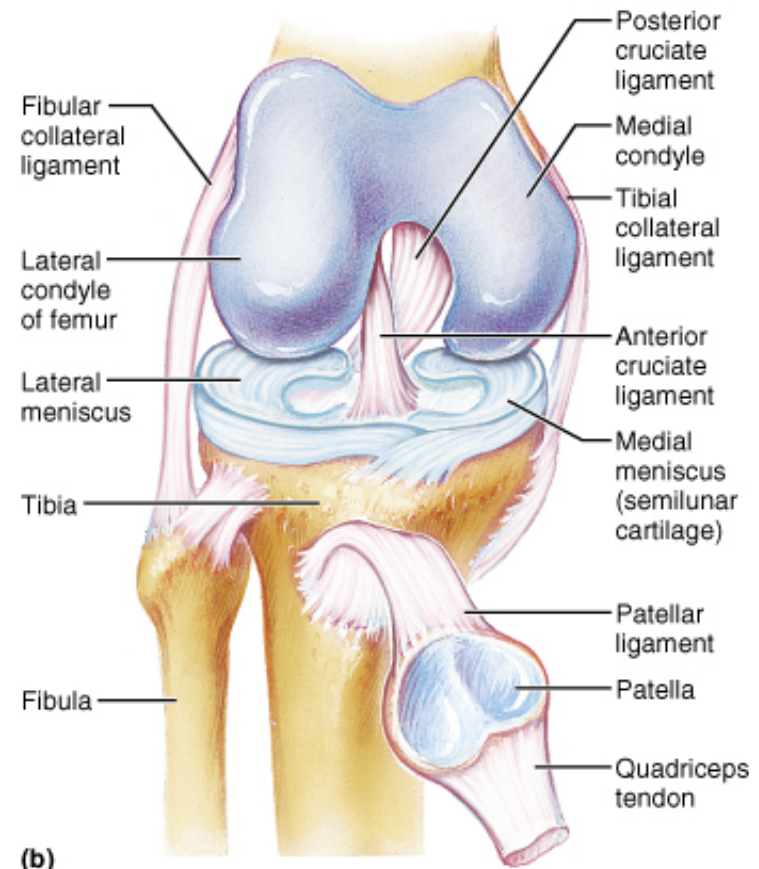


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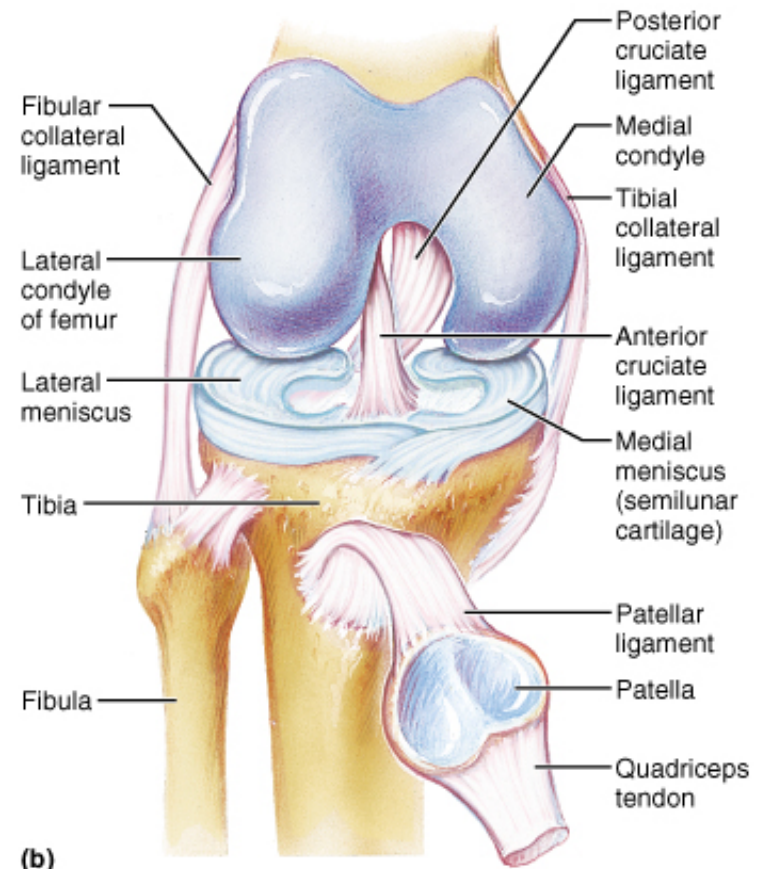


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Synovial Joints – Ligament

Types:

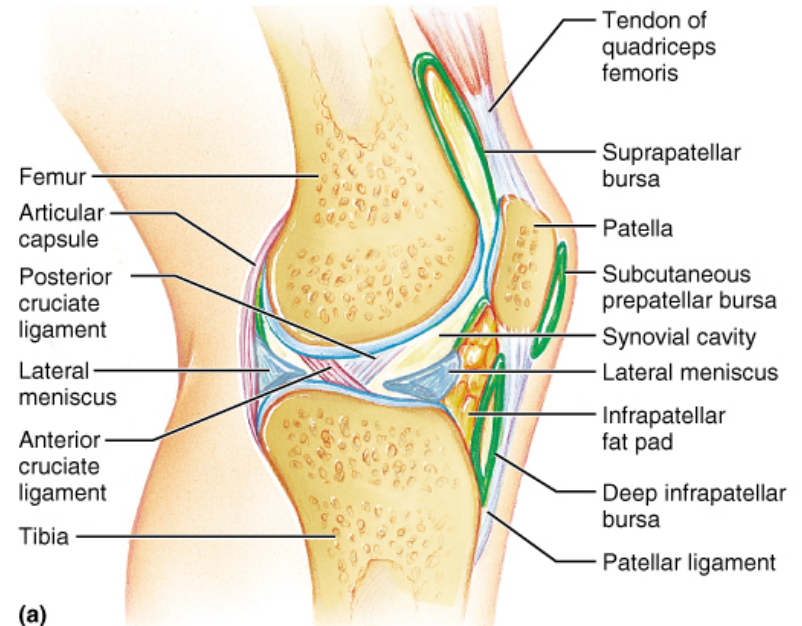
- Intrinsic (capsular) – thickened part of capsule
- Extracapsular – found outside the capsule
 - Collateral ligaments
- Intracapsular – within the capsule
 - Ant & post. cruciate



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Other Synovial Membrane Structures: The Bursa (-ae)

- Flattened synovial sacs
 - Fibrous sac lined with synov. membr.
 - Contains synovial fluid
 - Reduce friction & cushion
 - Some connect with synovial cavity

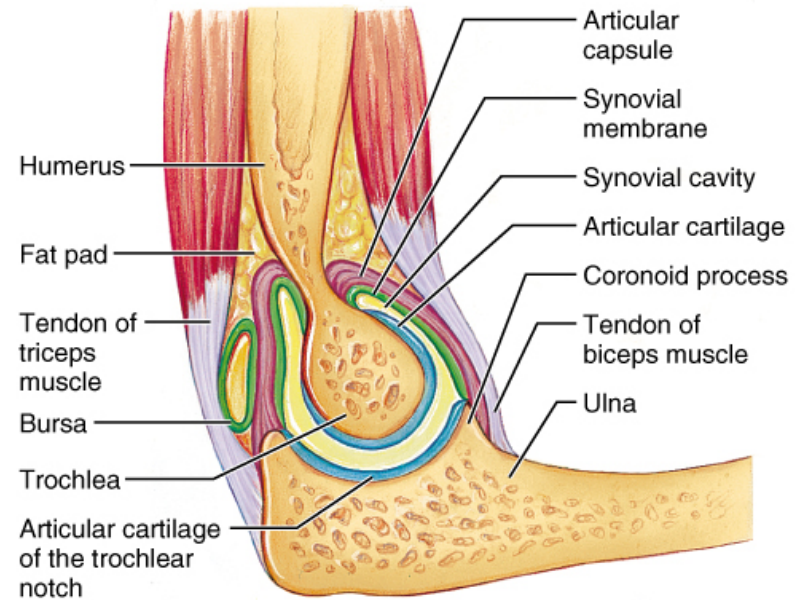


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Bursitis

- Inflammation of a bursa



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Bursitis

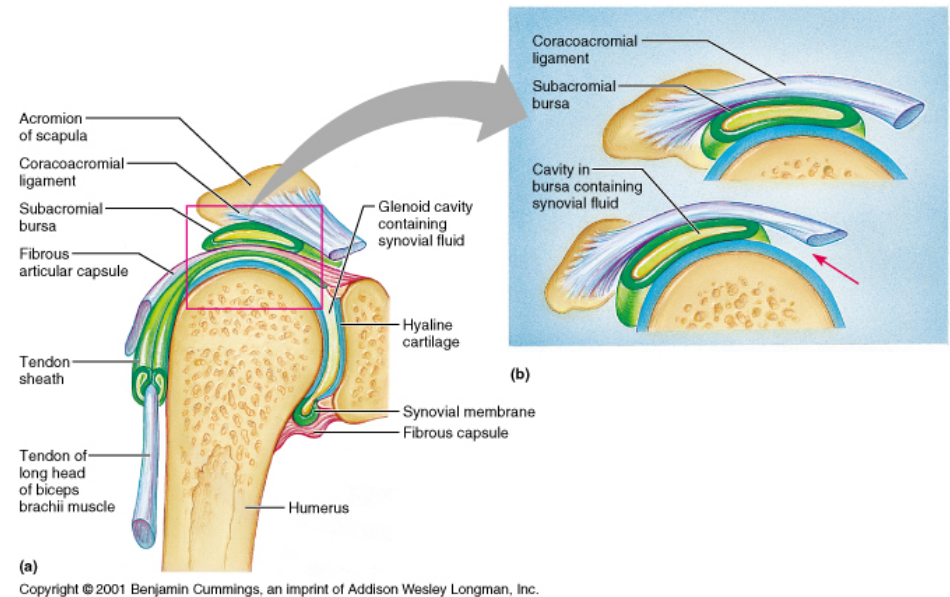
- Some causes:
 - Injury to joint
 - Rheumatoid arthritis (R.A.)
 - Gout
 - Infection

Other Synovial Membrane Structures: Tendon Sheath

- Synovial sacs wrapped around a tendon

Reduce friction between adjacent tendons

-Tendonitis





Range Of Movement At Synovial Joints

- **Nonaxial movement** – slipping movements only, no axis around which movement can occur
- **Uniaxial movement** – movement in one plane
- **Biaxial movement** – movement in 2 planes
- **Multiaxial movement** – in or around all 3 planes of movement



General Types of Movement at Synovial Joints:

- Gliding, Angular, Rotation, Special
 - **Gliding** – flat or nearly flat surface surface glides over similar surface
 - Intercarpal or intertarsal joints
 - **Angular** – Increase or decrease angle between two bones
 - **Flexion** vs. **extension**
 - Of head, knee, shoulder & **lateral flexion** of trunk
 - **Hyperextension** – backward beyond upright
 - Shoulder, hip

General Types of Movement At Synovial Joints:

- **Dorsiflexion** – lifting foot so that superior surface approaches shin
- **Plantarflexion** – opposite above, pointing the toes



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General Types of Movement At Synovial Joints:

- **Abduction** vs. **Adduction** – from or toward midline, respectively
- **Circumduction** – movement of limb describes cone in space
 - Shoulder & hip joint



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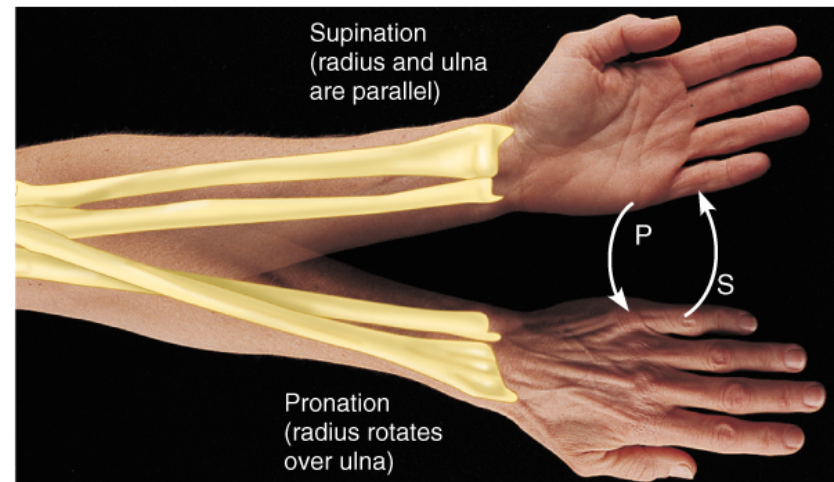
- **Rotation** – turning of bone along its long axis
 - Atlas on axis
 - **Medial rotation**
 - Ant. Surface moves toward midline
 - Femur, humerus
 - **Lateral rotation**
 - Opposite medial



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General Types of Movement At Synovial Joints

- **Special movements**
 - **Supination** – to palm forward position
 - **Pronation** – to palm posterior position
 - Radius & ulna cross
 - **Inversion** – plantar surface faces medially
 - **Eversion** – opposite above



(a) Supination (S) and pronation (P)

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General Types of Movement At Synovial Joints

- **Special movements**
 - **Protraction** – jaw juts out
 - **Retraction** – jaw back to normal position
 - **Elevation** – lifting body part superiorly
 - **Depression** – moving elevated part inferiorly
 - **Opposition** – joint between metacarpal and carpal (thumb to finger tip)

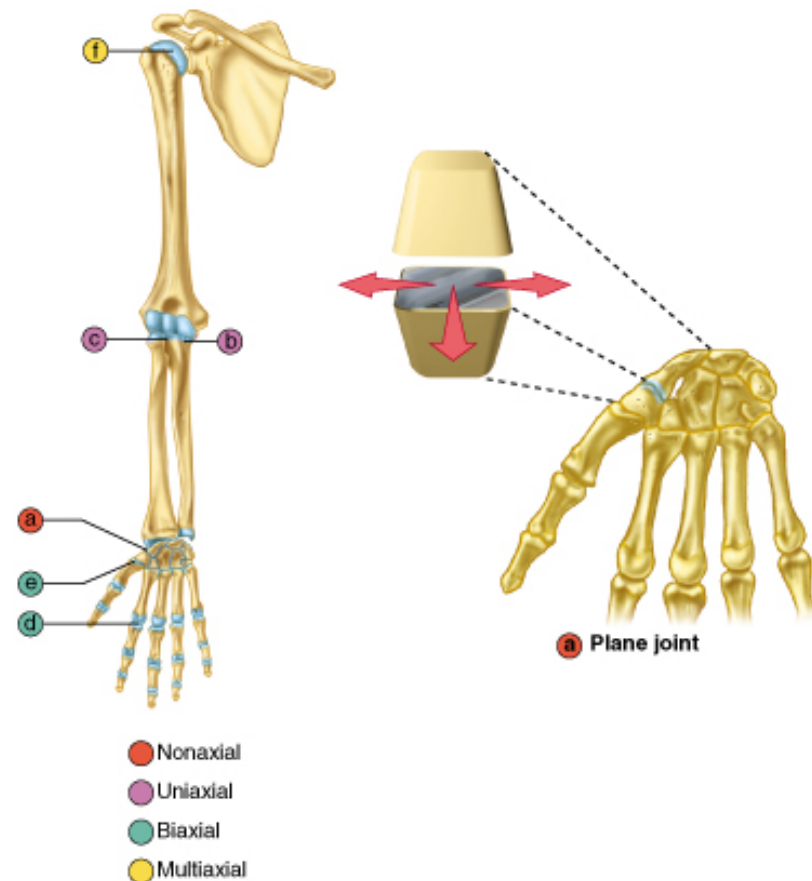


(c) Protraction and retraction

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Types of Synovial Joints – Based on Shape of Articular Surfaces:

- 1 **Plane joints** – essentially flat
 - Gliding, no rotation, nonaxial
 - Examples:
 - Intercarpal & intertarsal
 - Between vertebral articulations



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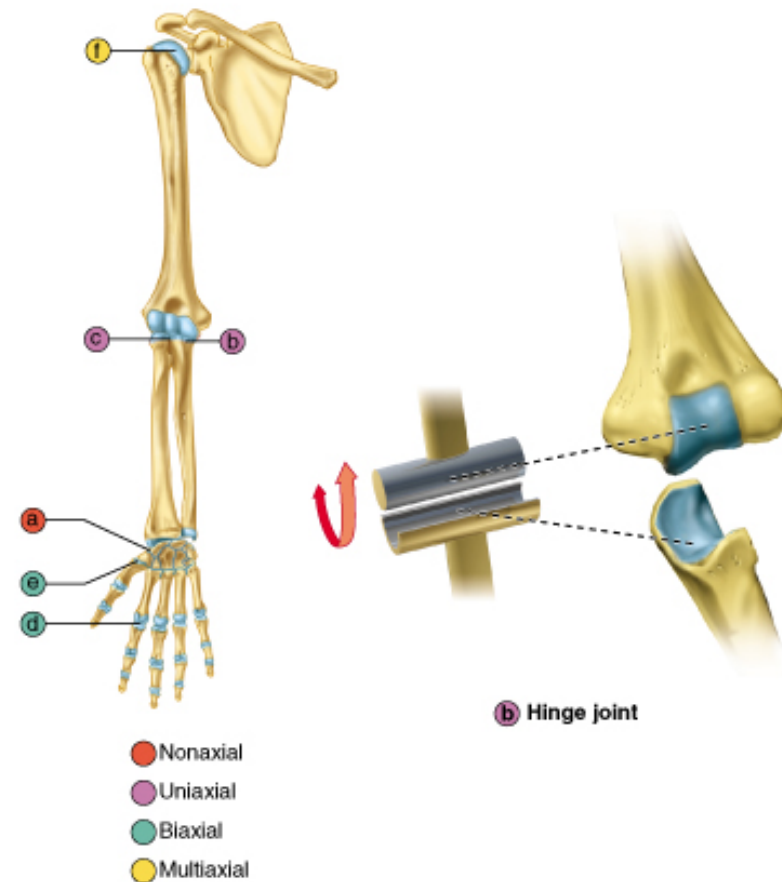
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- 2 Hinge joints – cylindrical projection fits trough-shaped surface

- Uniaxial

- Examples:

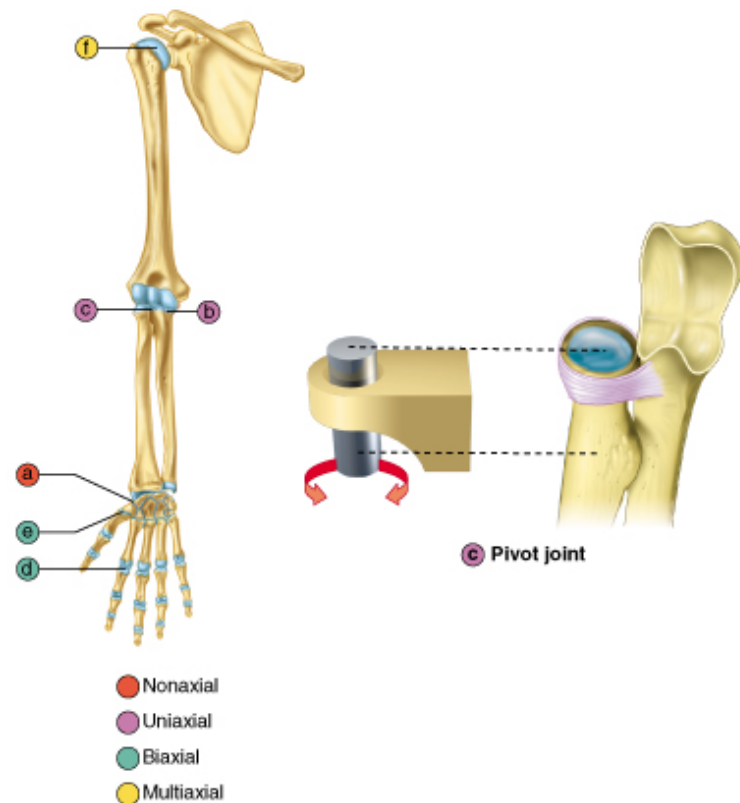
- Elbow
- Knee
- Interphalangeal



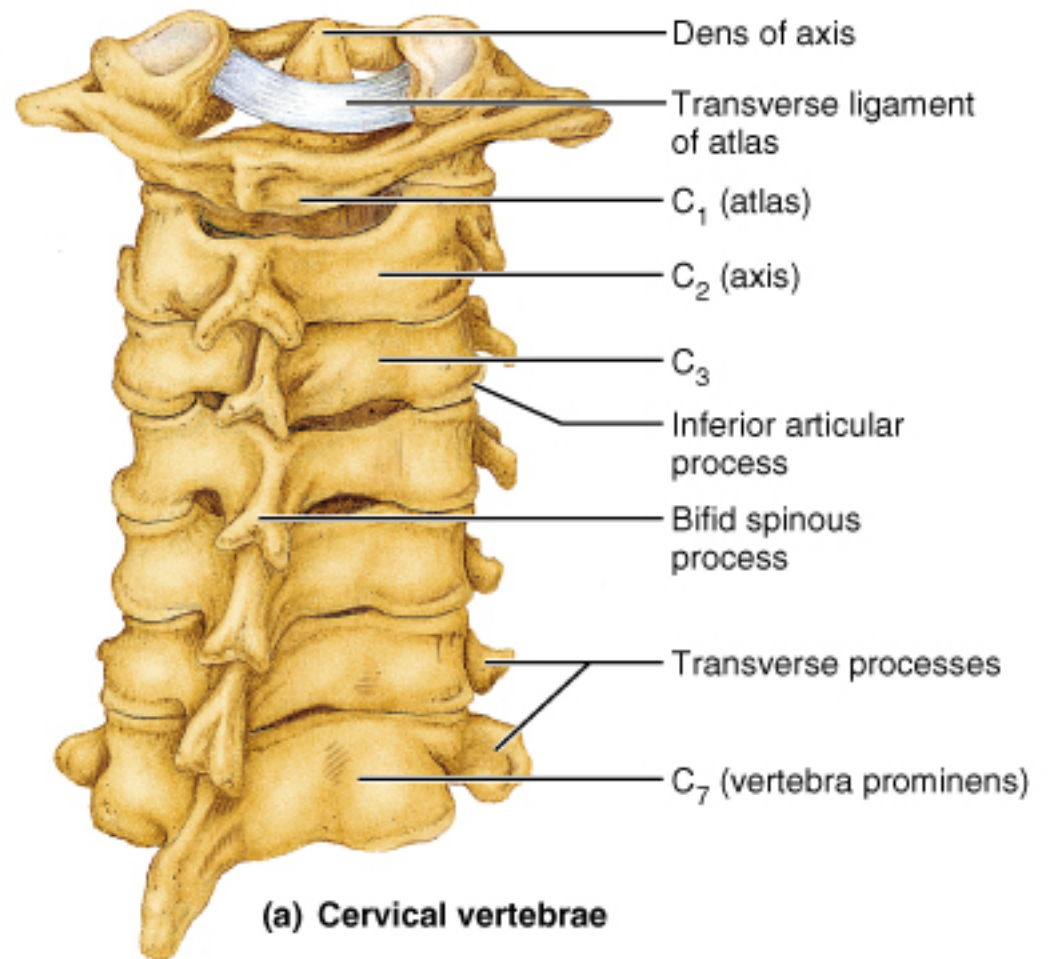
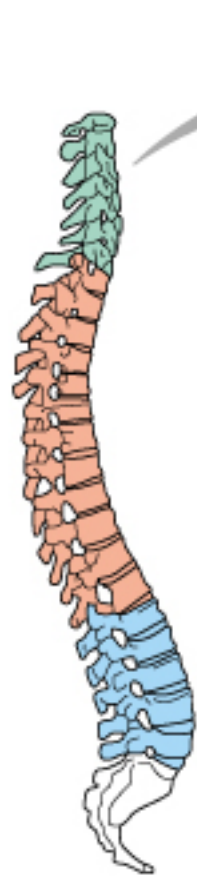
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Types of Synovial Joints – Based on Shape of Articular Surfaces:

- 3 Pivot joints – rounded end into “sleeve” or ring (bone or ligament)
 - Uniaxial rotation
 - Examples:
 - Prox. radioulnar jt.
 - Atlas (fovea dentis) & axis (dens)



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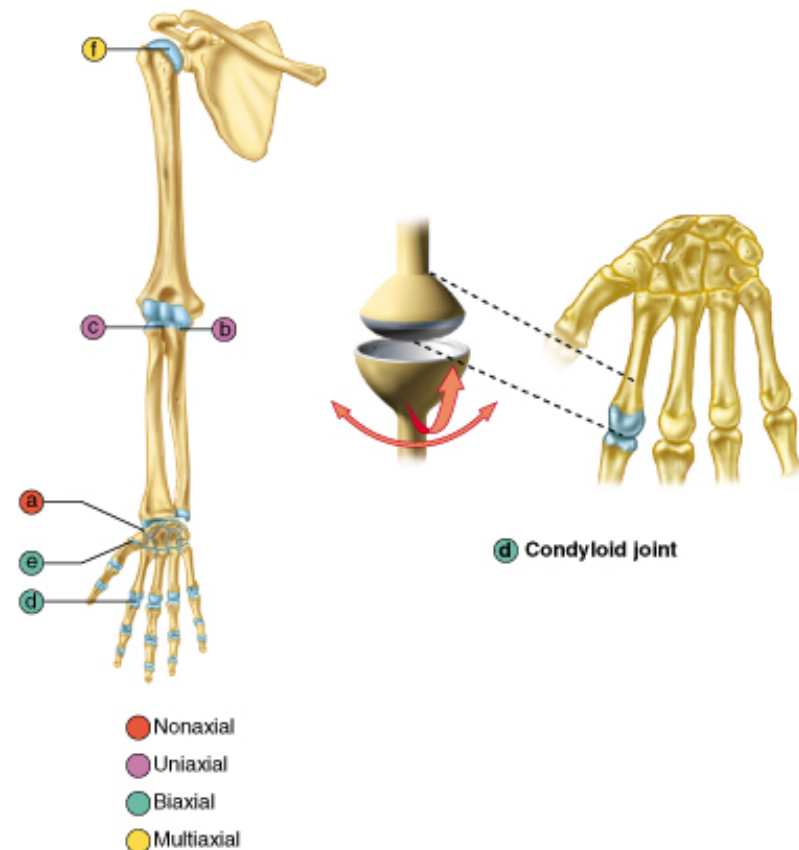


(a) Cervical vertebrae

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Types of Synovial Joints – Based on Shape of Articular Surfaces:

- **4 Condyloid joints** – two oval surface
 - Biaxial jt., flex.-ext., ab-.-adduction
 - Examples:
 - Metacarpalphalangeal jt.
 - Radiocarpal jts. (scaphoid with radius)



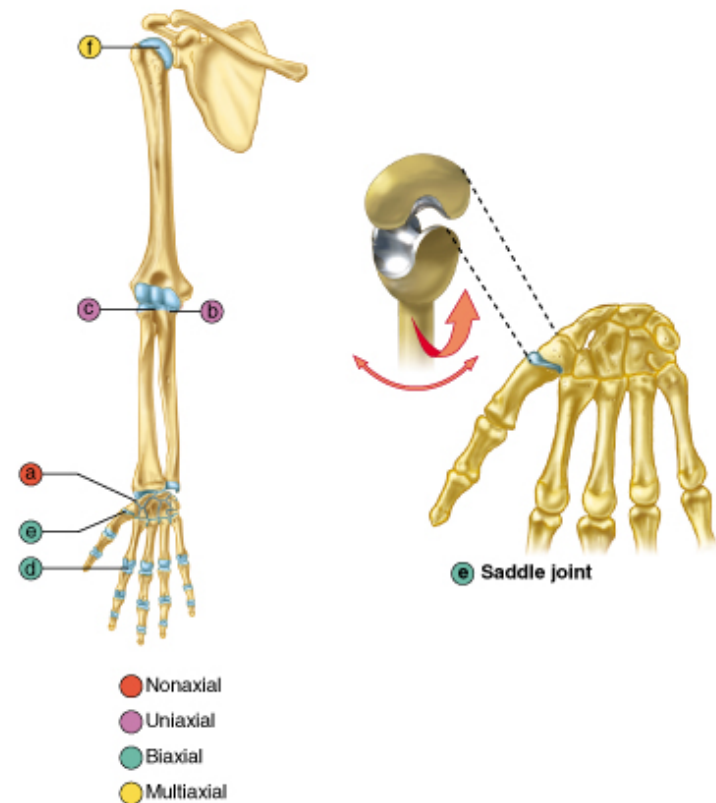
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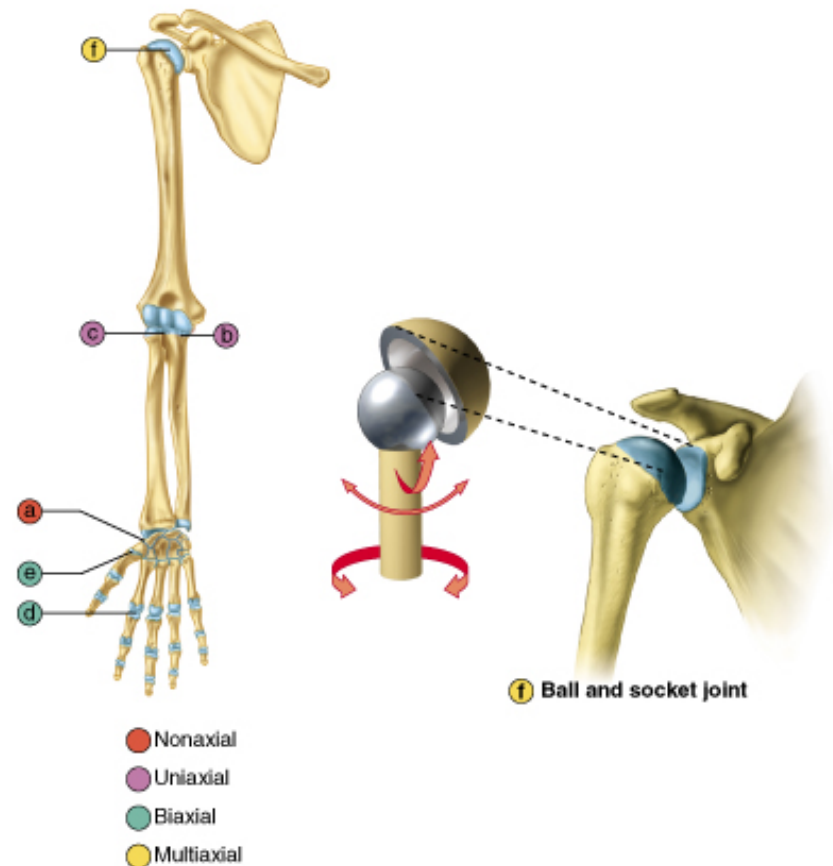
- **5 Saddle joints** – each articular surface with both concave & convex surfaces
 - Biaxial
 - Example:
 - Trapezium & 1st metacarpal
 - Twiddling of thumb



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Types of Synovial Joints – Based on Shape of Articular Surfaces:

- **6 Ball-and-socket jt.**
 - spherical or hemispherical head into cuplike socket
 - Multiaxial – in all axes and planes
 - All axes & planes, including rotation
 - Shoulder & hip jts.

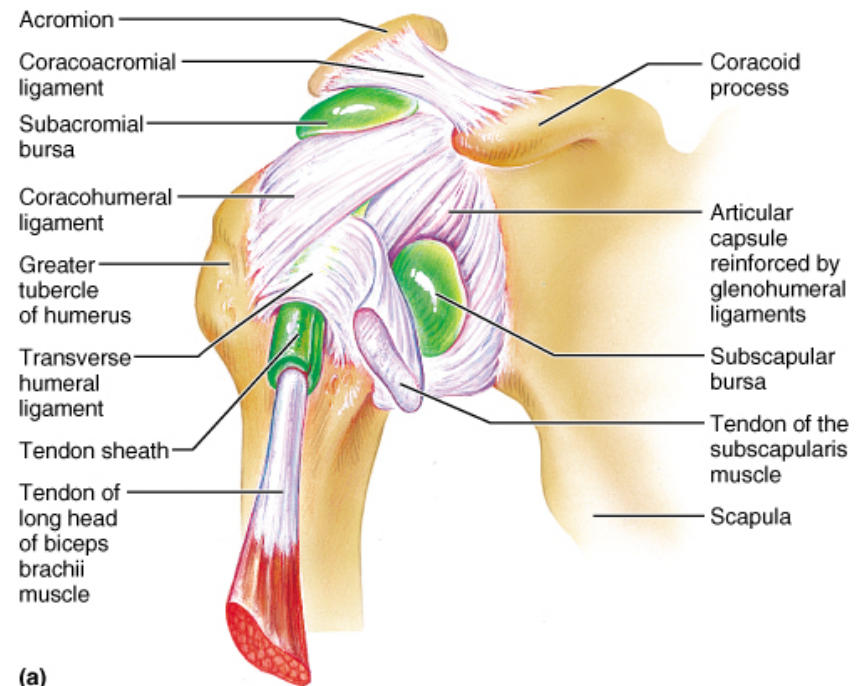


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Selected Synovial Joints – The Shoulder (glenohumeral)

- Most freely movable
- Ball-and socket
(head of humerus &
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- Features:

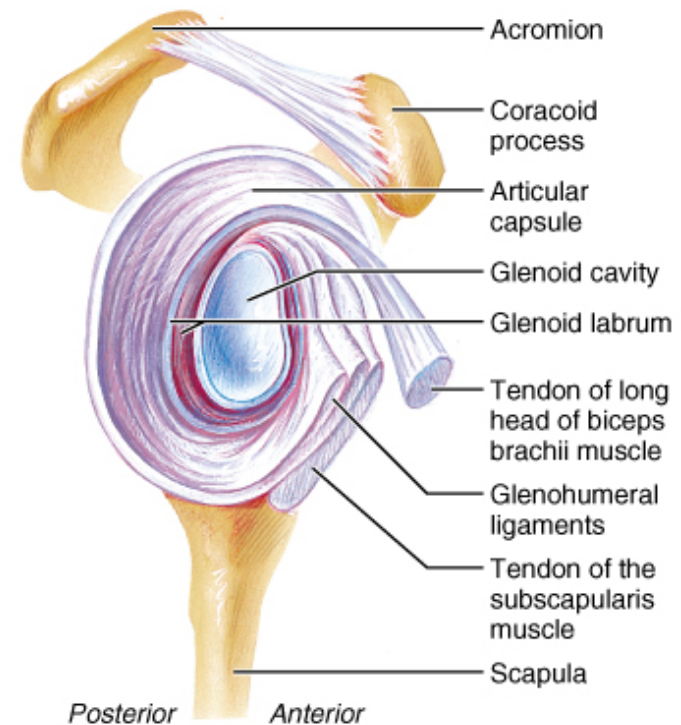
- **Glenoid labrum
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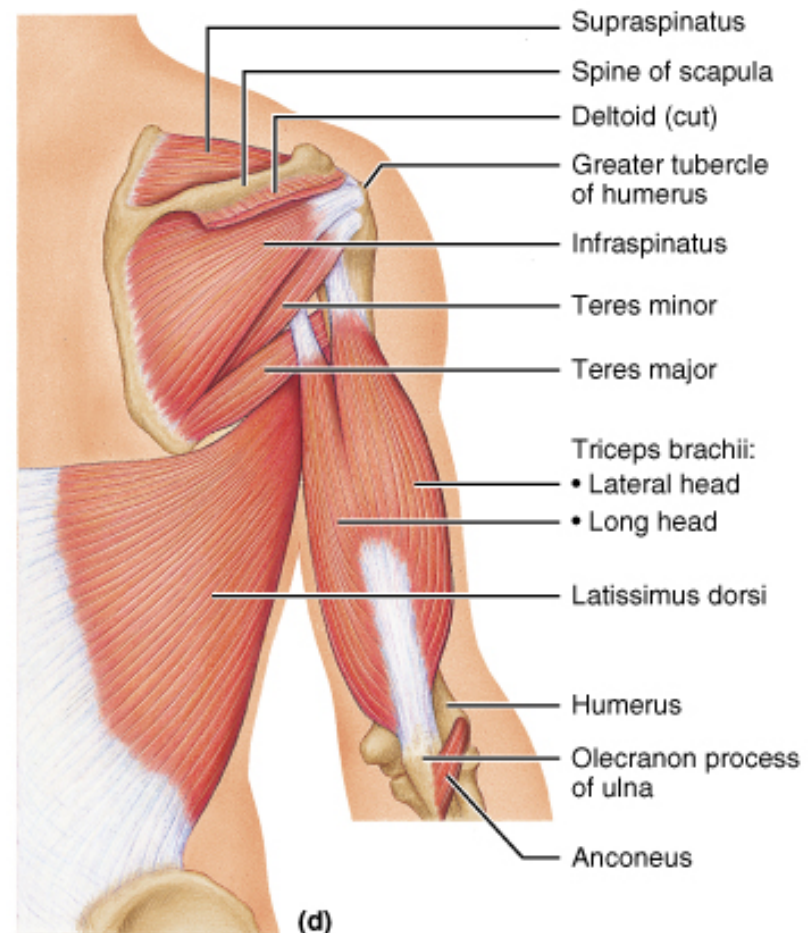
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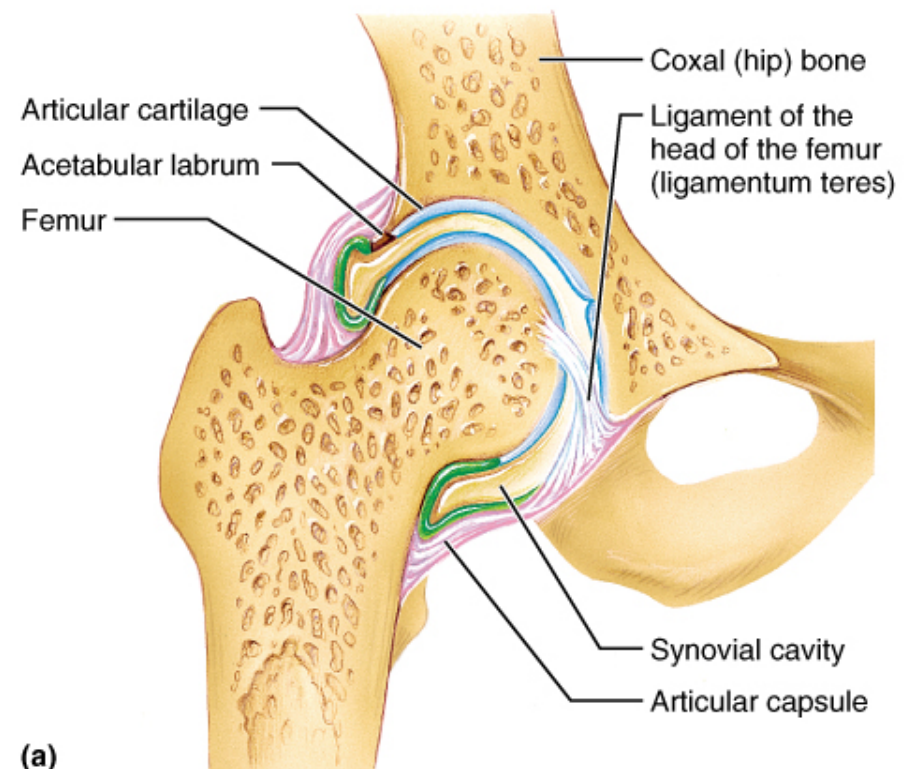
■ Rotator cuff – four muscles & their tendons:

- **Subscapularis**
- **Supraspinatus**
- **Infraspinatus**
- **Teres minor**



Selected Synovial Joints – The Hip (Coxal)

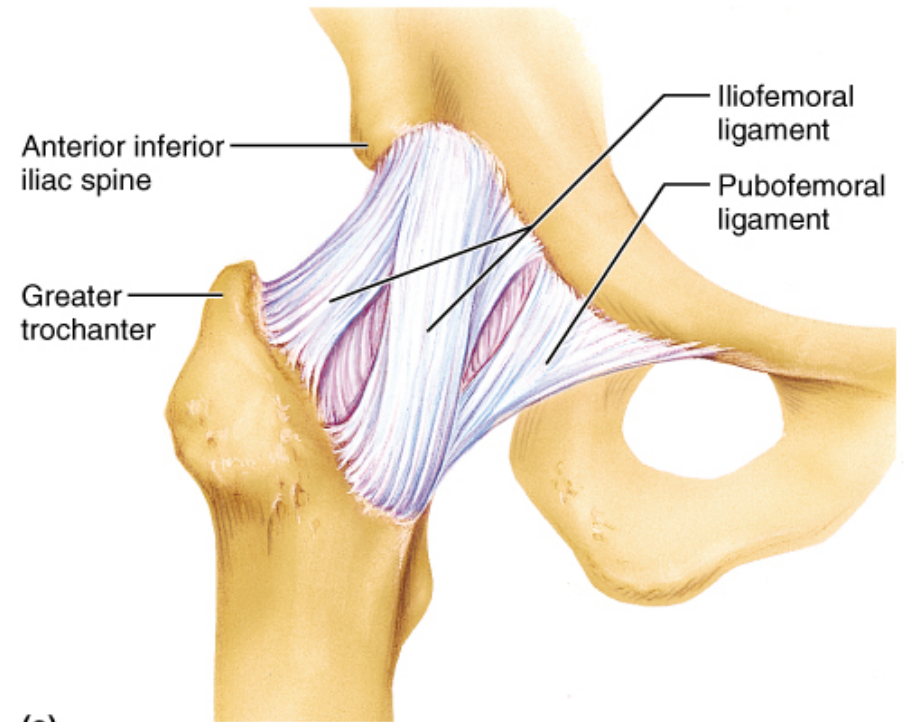
- Ball-and-socket
- Deep socket
 - Acetabular labrum of fibrocartilage
- Strong ligaments
 - Iliofemoral(V-shape)
 - Pupofemoral
 - Ischiofemoral



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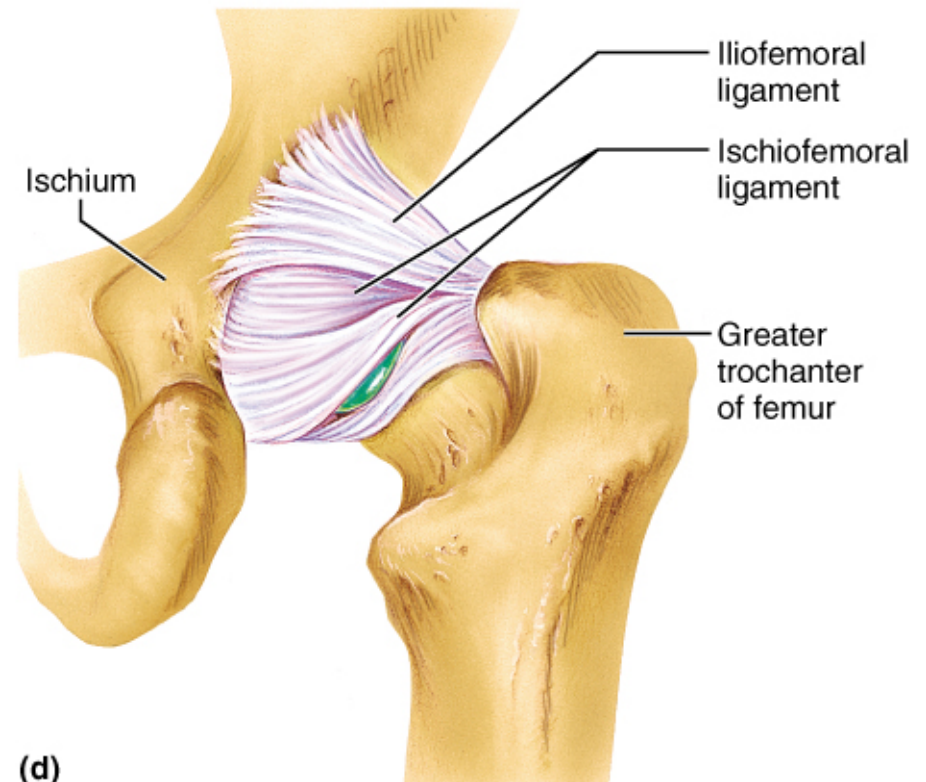


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Selected Synovial Joints – The Hip (Coxal)

- Ligamentum teres
 - Damage to artery → severe arthritis
- Rarely disarticulated

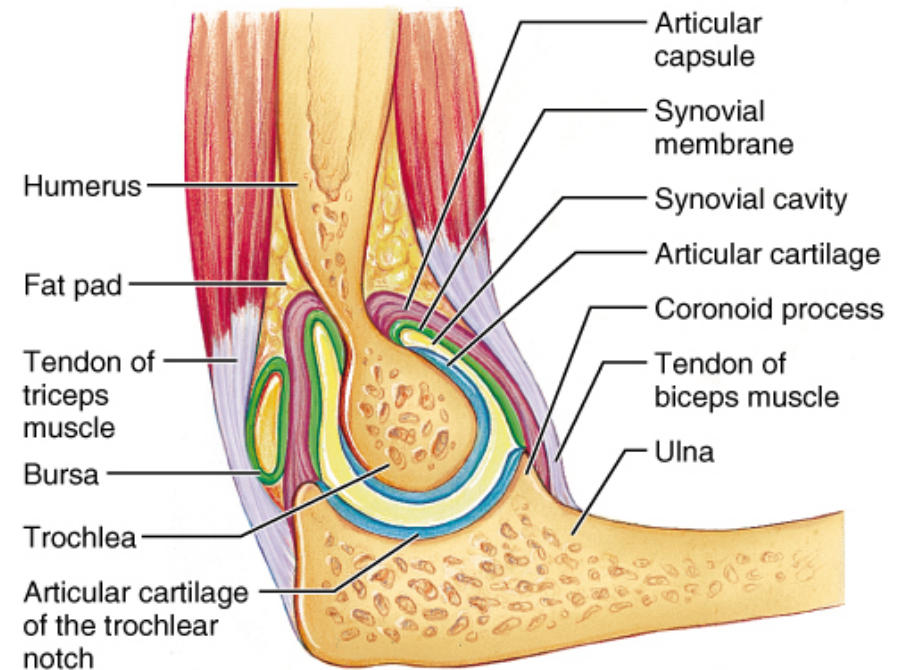


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Selected Synovial Joints – The Elbow

- Radius & ulna with condyles of humerus
 - Trochlea to trochlear notch
 - Annular ligament
 - Radial collateral(lat.)

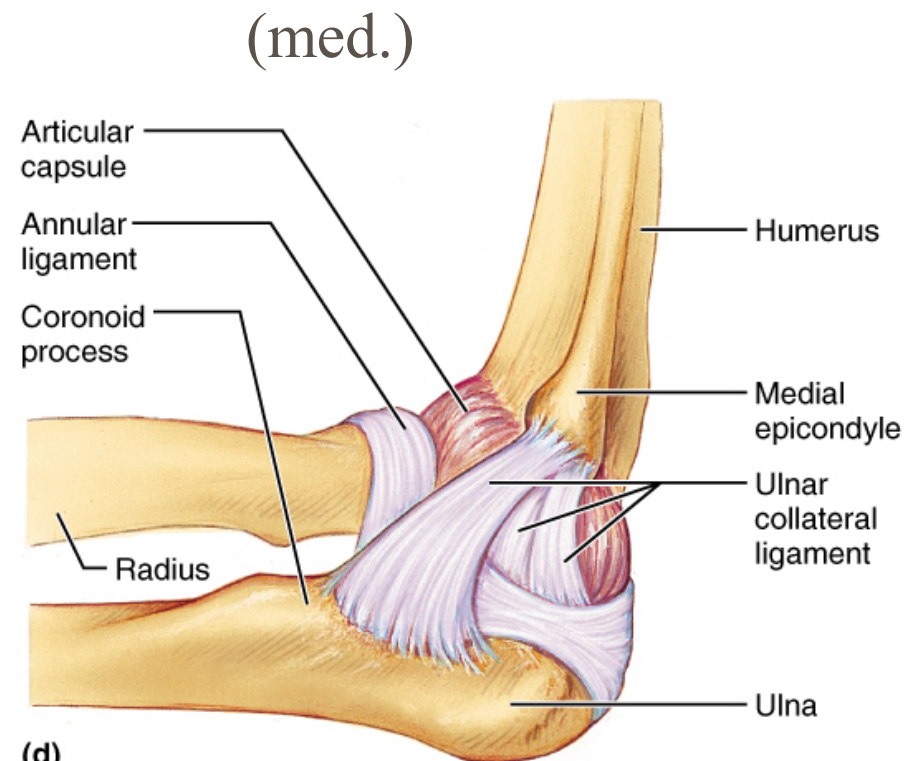


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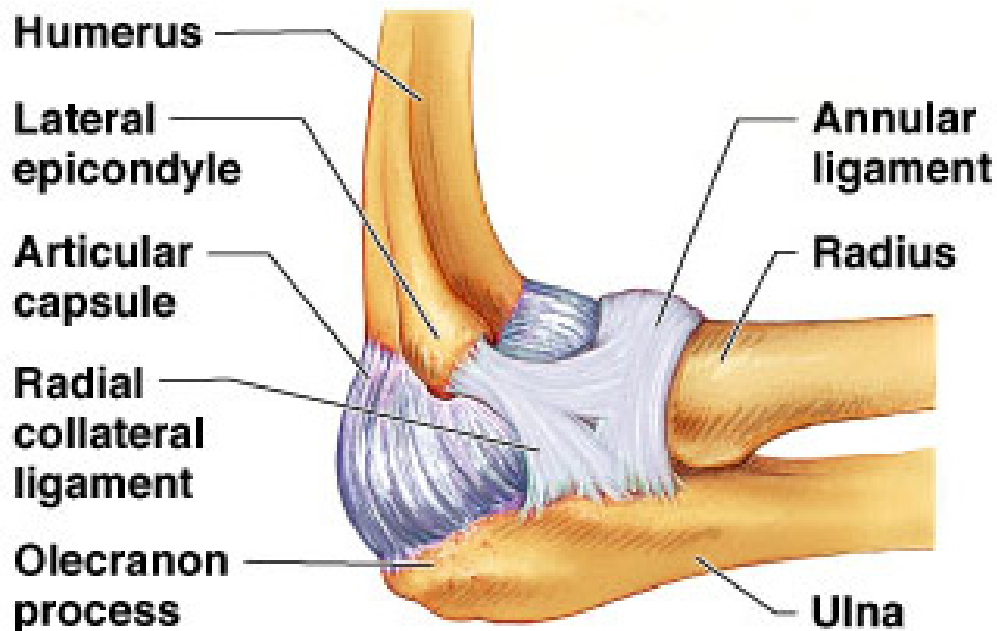
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 - Annular ligament
 - Ulnar collateral



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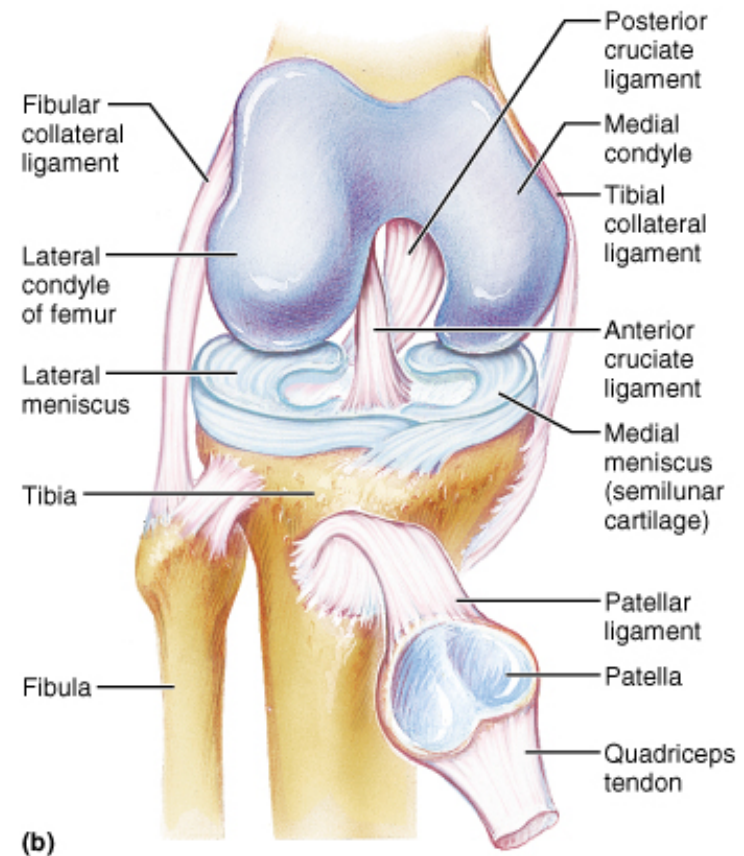
- Radial collateral (lat.)



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Selected Synovial Joints – The Knee

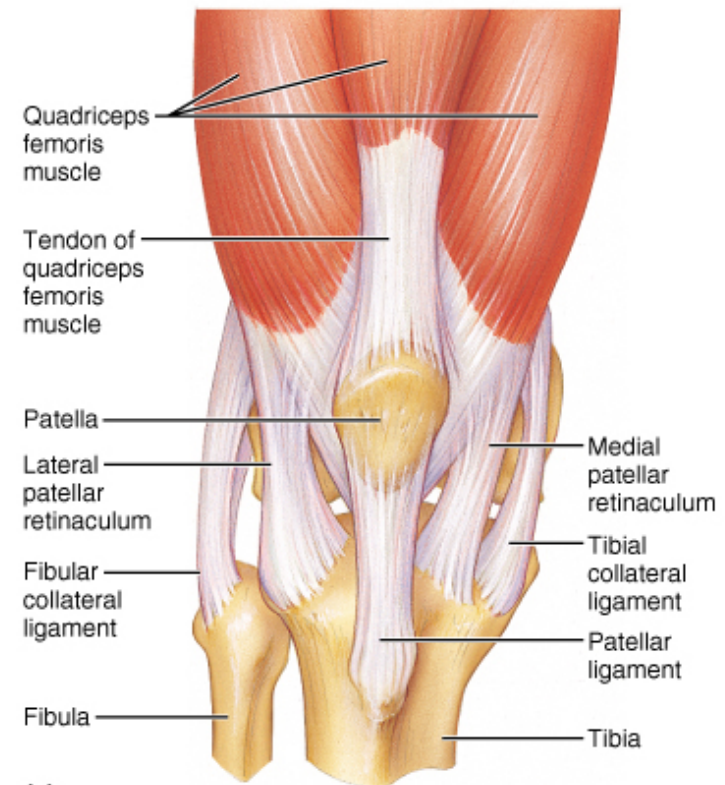
- Hinge
- Single jt. cav., 3 joints in one:
 - Femoropatellar
 - Lat. & medial tibiofemoral
 - Lat. & med. menisci
 - Help to prevent side-to-side rocking & absorb shock
 - Some rotation during partial flexion



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Selected Synovial Joints – The Knee

- 3 ligaments ant.
 - Patellar
 - Med. & lat. retinacula
- Quadriceps muscle
- Extracapsular lig.
 - Lat. & med. collateral ligaments

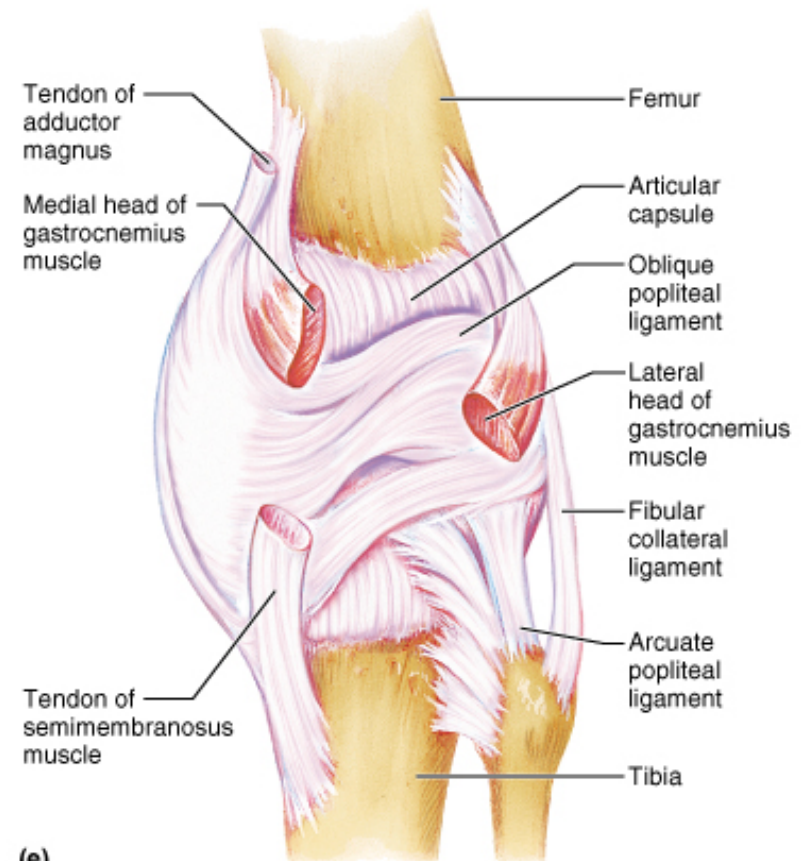


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- Oblique popliteal lig.
- Arcuate popliteal



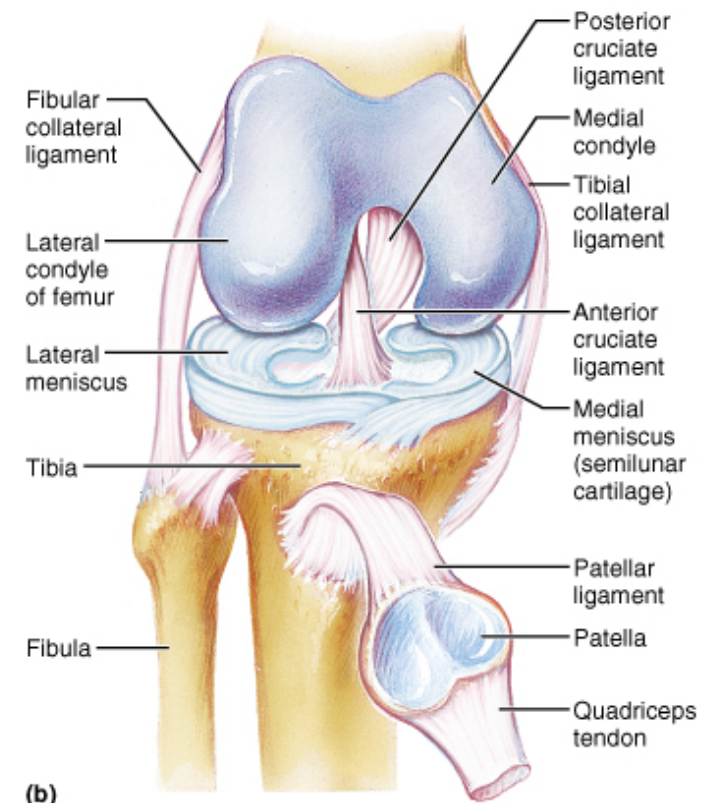
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Selected Synovial Joints – The Knee

■ Intracapsular ligaments:

- Named for tibial attachment site
 - Ant. cruciate (ACL)
 - Post. cruciate



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Selected Synovial Joints – The Knee

- Vulnerable to horizontal blows
 - Football injuries (lat. blows to extended knee)
 - Tear med. Collateral lig.
 - Crush med. Meniscus
 - Arthroscopic surgery
 - Tear ACL –poor healing
 - Grafting



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Joint Problems:

- **Sprain** – ligament stretched & torn
 - Ankle, knee & lumbar region common
 - Pain, swelling, skin discoloration
- **Dislocation** (luxation, separation) – loss of joint structure continuity
 - Most be reduced
- **Subluxation** – partial dislocation, less severe



Joint Problems

Arthritis

- 100+ different types
- An inflammatory disease of the joint/s
- Pain, stiffness & swelling
- **Acute bacterial arthritis (septic arthritis)**
 - Due to bacterial invasion
 - Synovial membrane thickens, decreased synovial fluid production, friction, pain
 - Antibiotic treatment



Joint Problems

Arthritis

- Osteoarthritis (OA) – chronic, pain, swelling, stiffness of weight bearing joints
 - Normal jt. Use → release of metalloproteinase → damaged cartilage → when damage exceeds repair → eroded articular cartilage
 - Overgrowth at bone margins (**spurs**)
 - Usually after age 40, normal aging change
 - Heberden's nodes – terminal phalangeal jts.
 - Women



Joint Problems

Arthritis

- Osteoarthritis (OA) or DJD Cont.'d
 - Long term twisting & enlargement of digits
 - Joint Replacement, anti-inflammatory agents
 - Ibuprofin and others – GI bleeding & cartilage destruction
 - Asprin, acetaminophen, magnetic therapy
 - SAM-e (S-adenysylmethionine) –1999
 - Antidepressant, builds up cartilage matrix, stems tide
 - St. John's wort (depression) ?, glucosamine ?



Joint Problems

Arthritis

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis** (RA) – an autoimmune c.t. disorder that affects skin, b.v., lungs, and joints
 - Rheumatoid factor (Ab) in blood
 - Early: synovitis with excess synovial fluid & inflammation
 - Later: pannus – synovial membrane thickening with erosion of articular cartilage



Joint Problems

Arthritis

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis** (RA) Cont.'d
 - Scar tissue formation connects bone ends
 - Ossification, with bone end fusion
 - Result: ankylosis (“stiff condition”) – bent, deformed fingers
 - Usually symmetrical (bilateral)
 - 3% women, 1% men
 - Treatment: rest, aspirin, steroids, prosthesis
 - Embrel- absorbs excess tumor necrosis factor (TNF) from immune cells that promotes tissue inflammation



Joint Problems

Arthritis

- **Gouty Arthritis** – error in purine (A, G) metabolism
 - Genetic, but more common in males
 - Increased **uric acid** production with crystal deposits in tissues
 - In joints, kidney, other soft tissues
 - Toes, instep, heels, ankles, knees, wrists
 - Intense pain & swelling, possible kidney stones



Joint Problems

Arthritis

- **Gouty Arthritis** , Cont.'d
 - Colchicine, allopurinol,, glucocorticoids
 - Avoid: alcohol & foods high in purines:
 - Liver, kidney, sardines, red meats, shell fish, spinach, beans, peas, nuts