

# Ch 6 The Muscular System Notes

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**Muscular System:** consists of skeletal muscles and their connective tissue attachments

**organ-** skeletal muscle

consists of hundreds of muscle fibers (cells) bound tog. by connective tissue

**cell-** muscle fibers- elongated cells

largest (compared to smooth muscle)

primary function is contraction: ability to shorten dep. on myofilaments

muscle prefixes "myo" - muscle

"mys" - muscle

"sarco" - flesh



## 3 Muscle Types (p 178-181)

### 1. **Skeletal Muscle-** skeletal, striated, & voluntary

referred to as the human body's "muscular system"

location: attach to bones or indirectly to other connective tissues or cartilage

attach via tendons or aponeuroses

exception: some facial muscles attach to soft tissues (oth. muscles or skin)

function: create movement of bones or facial skin via contractions

contraction 1. regulation: voluntary

subject to conscious control via nervous system

only muscle type that is voluntary

2. speed: rapidly w/ great force

tire easily

must rest after activity

3. no rhythmic contractions

morphology: single cell

elongated cylindrical shape

**myofiber** (cell):

**sarcolemma-** muscle cell membrane

**myofibrils-** contractile organelles found in cytoplasm of muscle cells

long tube-like

have light and dark bands along length

many aligned perfectly w/ in sarcolemma

giving a striated appearance to cell

**multinucleated-** nuclei and cytoplasm pushed to edge of sarcolemma by numerous myofibrils

**sarcoplasmic reticulum-** ER of cell

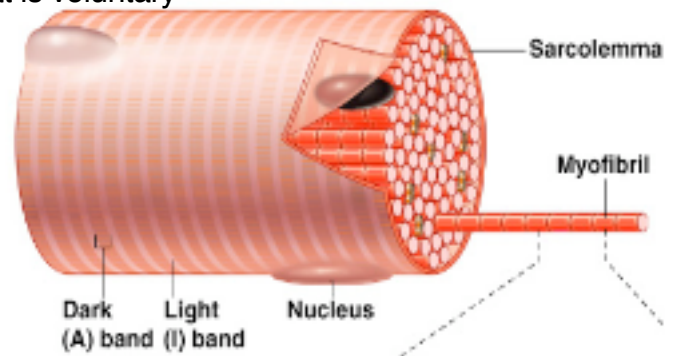
stores calcium (for contraction)

striated- banded appearance due to alignment of bands on myofibrils

myofibril bands created by arrangement of myofilaments within myofibril

**myofilaments-** filaments composing the myofibrils

two types: actin & myosin

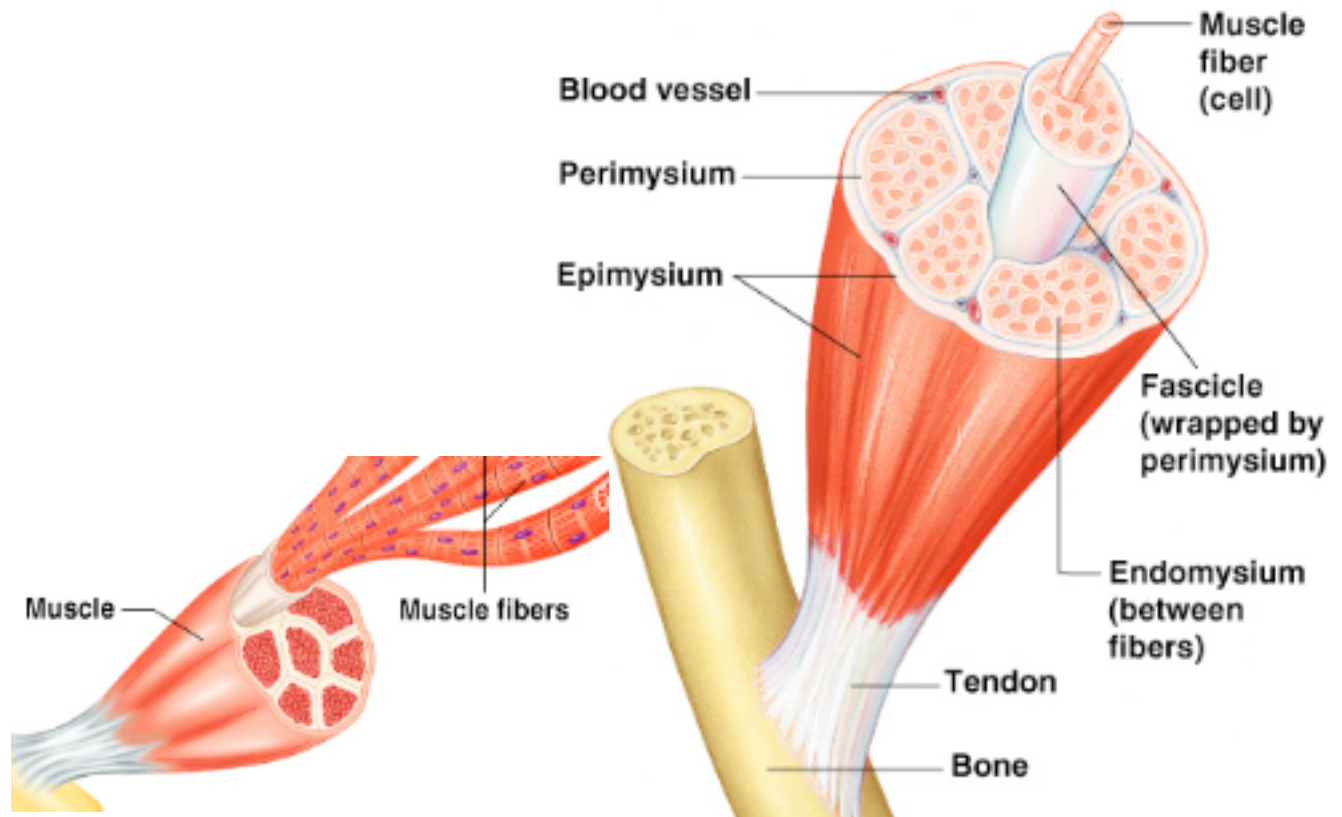


**connective tissue coverings of skeletal muscle**

**endomysium**- thin connective tissue covering muscle cell (fiber)

**perimysium**- coarser fibrous membrane covering bundles of muscle fibers  
creating a **fascicle**- bundle of muscle fibers bound tog. by connective tissue

**epimysium**- tough fibrous connective tissue surrounding many fascicles  
creating a skeletal muscle  
outer covering of entire skeletal muscle  
blend into strong, cordlike tendons or into sheetlike aponeurosis



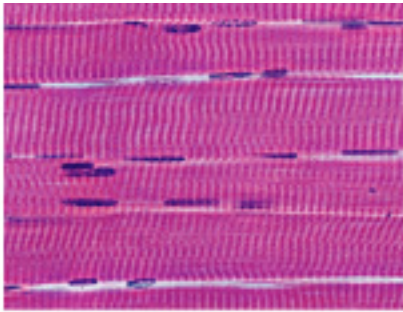
**tendon**- cord of dense fibrous tissue attaching a muscle to a bone

**aponeuroses**- fibrous or membranous sheet connecting a muscle & the part it moves

**fascia**- layers of fibrous tissue covering and separating muscles

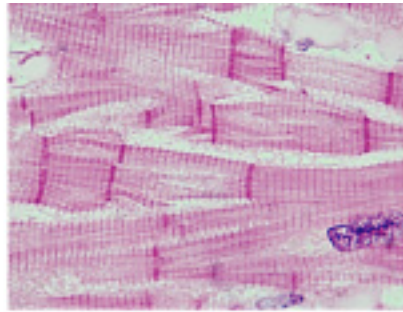
- tendon f'ns:
1. provide durability & conserve space
  2. tough collagenic fibers, can cross rough bony projections (would tear muscle)
  3. have small size, therefore more tendons than fleshy muscles can passover a joint

**3 types of muscle cells:**  
**Skeletal**



Single, very long, cylindrical, multinucleate cells with very obvious striations

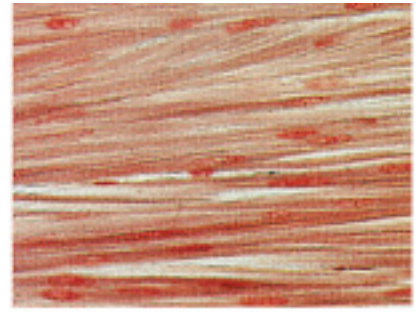
**Cardiac**



Branching chains of cells; uninucleate, striations; intercalated discs

**Smooth**

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Single, fusiform, uninucleate; no striations

**Smooth Muscle-** visceral, nonstriated, & involuntary

location: walls of hollow visceral organs

stomach, urinary bladder, respiratory passages

function: create movement of substances through a tract or pathway

contraction 1. regulation: involuntary

control via nervous system  
 endocrine system (hormones)  
 chemicals  
 mechanical stretching

2. speed: very slow & sustained  
 does not tire easily

3. rhythmic contractions in some

morphology: single cell  
 fusiform shape (spindle shaped)  
 nonstriated  
 uninucleated



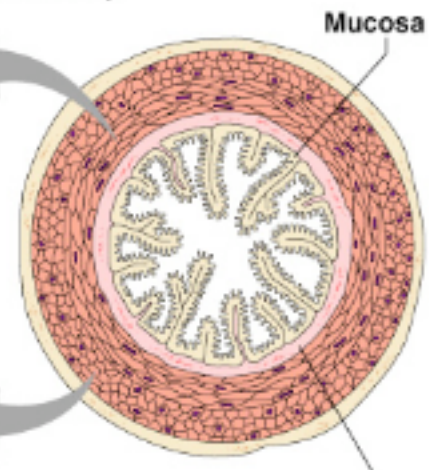
arranged in sheets or layers  
 1. runs circularly  
 2. runs longitudinally

-layers alternatively contract & relax  
 -changing shape & size of organ  
 -moving substances through tract

Circular layer of smooth muscle  
 (longitudinal view of cells)



Longitudinal layer of smooth muscle  
 (cross-sectional view of cells)



Mucosa

Submucosa

**Cardiac Muscle-** cardiac, striated, & involuntary

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location: walls of the heart

function: force movement of blood through heart chambers to arteries

contraction 1. regulation: involuntary

control via heart “pacemaker” (for rhythmic contraction)  
nervous system (for increased # of contractions for short period)  
endocrine system (hormones)

2. speed: slow  
does not tire easily

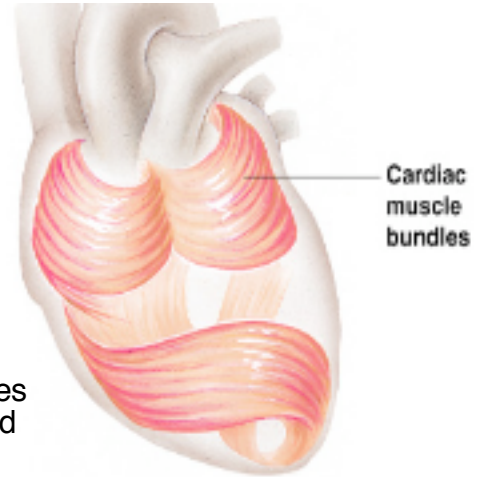
3. rhythmic contractions

morphology: branching chains of cells

striated  
uninucleated

fibers cushioned with soft connective tissue  
fibers arranged in spiral or figure 8 shaped bundles  
enables heart activity to be closely coordinated

branching cells joined by **intercalated discs**



**Muscle Functions** (pp 181-182)

**1. producing movement-** result of contraction

skeletal muscles: enable quick response to changes in environment  
enable expression of emotions (facial & neck muscles)

smooth muscles: force substances to move thru visceral tracts

cardiac muscles: circulate blood & maintain blood pressure

**2. maintaining posture-** via skeletal muscles

overcoming gravity effects while sitting or standing

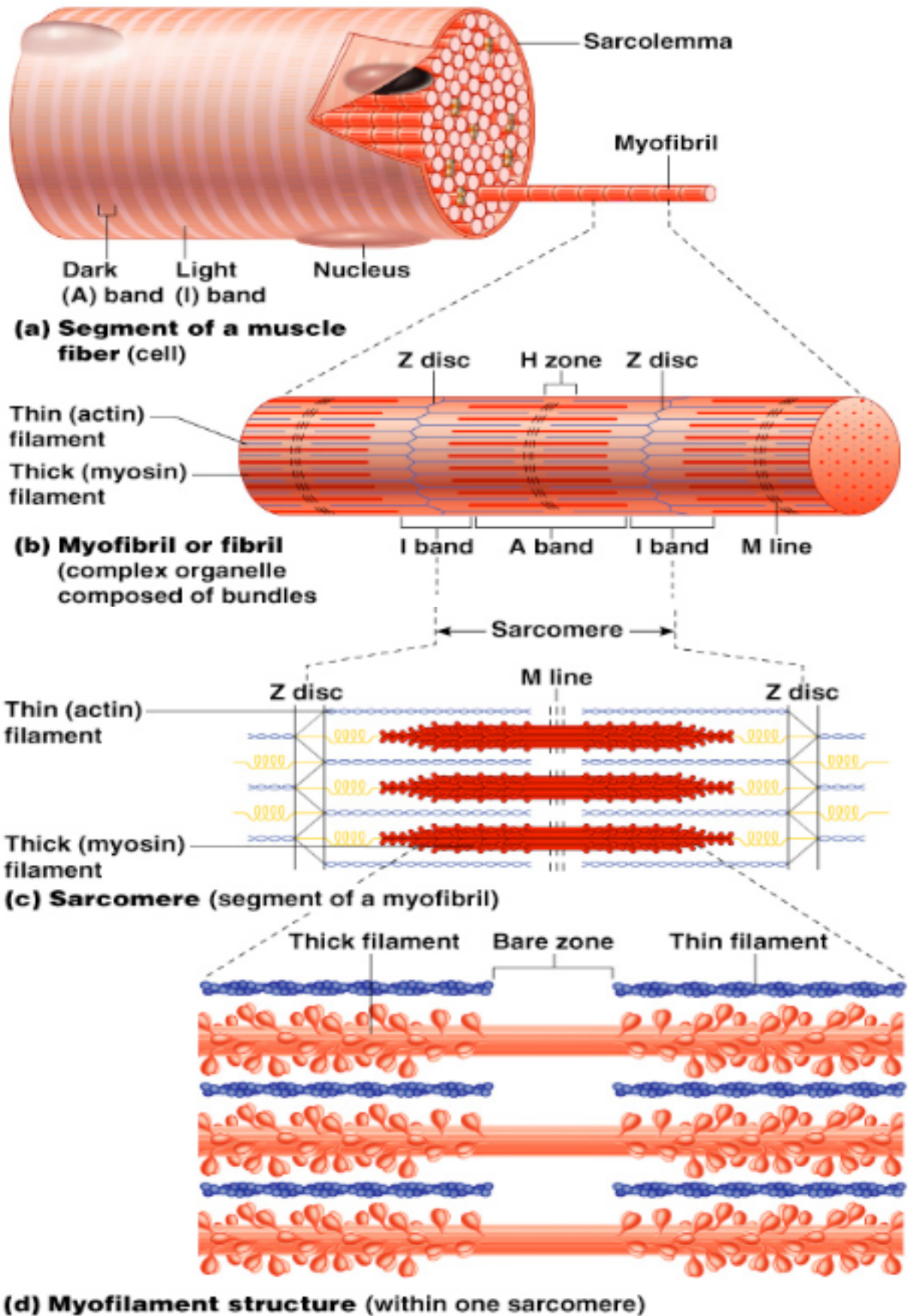
**3. stabilizing joints-** pull of skeletal muscles on bones

tendons important in reinforcing & stabilizing joints too

**4. generating heat-** by-product of muscle activity

75% of ATP energy creates heat (only 25% used to contract muscle)





**Muscle Fiber (cell)** <--- bundles of **Myofibrils** <--- bundles of **Myofilaments** (actin & myosin)

**Sarcolemma**- muscle cell membrane  
encloses many myofibrils, many nuclei, sarcoplasmic reticulum, mitochondria etc.

**Myofibrils**- contractile organelles found in cytoplasm of muscle cells

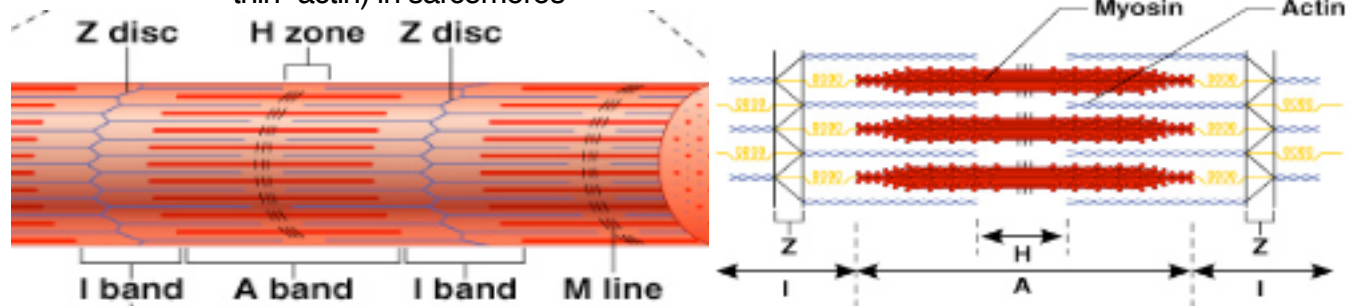
long tube-like

have light and dark bands along length

-striations created by perfectly aligned myofibrils w/ in sarcolemma

consists of chains of **sarcomeres**- tiny contractile units consisting of actin & myosin

banding pattern: light & dark bands created by the arrangement of myofilaments (thick- myosin & thin- actin) in sarcomeres



**Light (I) Bands**- contain - only actin filaments (thin filament)

-parts of two adjacent sarcomeres

**Z disk** - a darker area in middle of **I band** (a midline interruption)

- connection of actin filaments (thin filaments)

**Dark (A) Bands**- consists of actin & myosin filaments

myosin filaments extend the entire length of A band

has a lighter central area, **H zone** (bcs no actin filaments located here)

**H zone** has a central line called **M line**

**M line**- protein rods connecting myosin filaments

**Myofilaments**- protein strands

2 types: **myosin filament**- thick protein filament

middle is smooth

ends contain numerous **myosin heads**

**actin filament**- thin protein filament

anchored to the **Z disc** in **I Band**

don't overlap ends of myosin fibers

don't extend into middle of **A band (H zone)**

**Cross Bridges** formed when the myosin heads link to the actin filaments (at myosin binding sites)

**Sarcoplasmic Reticulum (SR)**- smooth endoplasmic reticulum that surrounds every myofibril  
f'n: stores calcium needed for contraction (filament sliding)

## Skeletal Muscle Activity (pp 184-192)

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**irritability**- the ability to receive and respond to a stimulus

**contractility**- the ability to shorten (forcibly) when an adequate stimulus is received

## Stimulation and contraction of Single Skeletal Muscle Cells (pp 184-187)

one motor neuron (nerve cell) may stimulate a few muscle cells or hundreds of muscle cells

### 1. Nerve stimulus & the action potential

**motor unit**- a motor neuron and all the muscle cells it stimulates

**axon**- long threadlike extension of the neuron

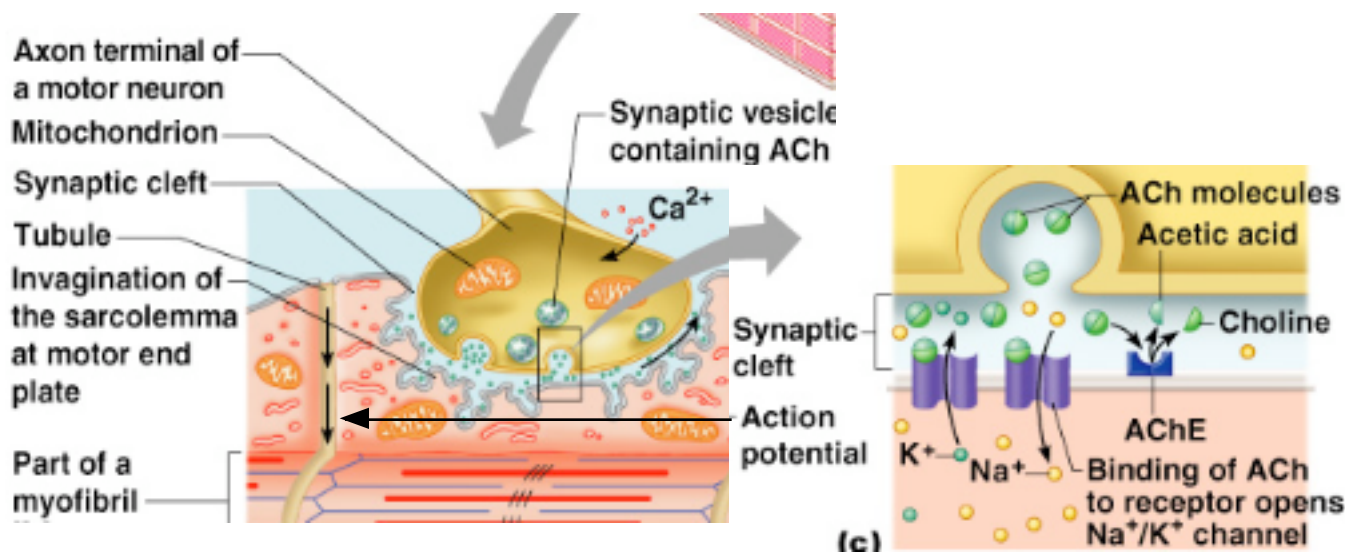
**axon terminal**- end of neuron that branches into numerous ends  
form neuromuscular junction with muscle cell

**neuromuscular junction**- junction @ motor neuron's axonal ending & sarcolemma of muscle cell

**synaptic cleft**- gap b/w axon terminal of motor neuron and muscle cell sarcolemma  
filled w/ interstitial fluid

**neurotransmitter**- chemical subst. released by neuron when nerve impulse reaches axonal ends  
**acetylcholine in skeletal muscle**

1. Acetylcholine is released into the neuromuscular junction by axonal terminal
2. Acetylcholine diffuses across the neuromuscular junction & binds to receptors on the sarcolemma
3. Depolarization occurs, and the action potential is generated (see next page)
4. Action potential, carried deep into cell, causes sarcoplasmic reticulum to release calcium ions
5. Calcium ion concentration @ myofilaments increases; myofilaments slide past one another, and muscle cell shortens
6. As calcium is actively reabsorbed into the sarcoplasmic reticulum, its concentration at the myofilaments decreases
7. The muscle cell relaxes and lengthens



## Stimulation & contraction of Single Skeletal Muscle Cells

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### 2. Mechanism of muscle contraction: the sliding filament theory

#### Depolarization of Muscle Cell-

nerve stimulus-----> changes in sarcolemma permeability----> enables change in concentrations of sodium & potassium ions----> wh/ generates an electrical current- **action potential**----> wh/ travels over entire surface of sarcolemma----> action potential carried deep into cell----> causes sarcoplasmic reticulum to release calcium ions----> calcium ions enable myosin heads to form cross bridges with actin filaments----> initiating filament sliding

when action potential ends----> calcium ions are immediately reabsorbed into sarcoplasmic reticulum---->muscle cell relaxes back to its original length

#### Action Potential Generation:

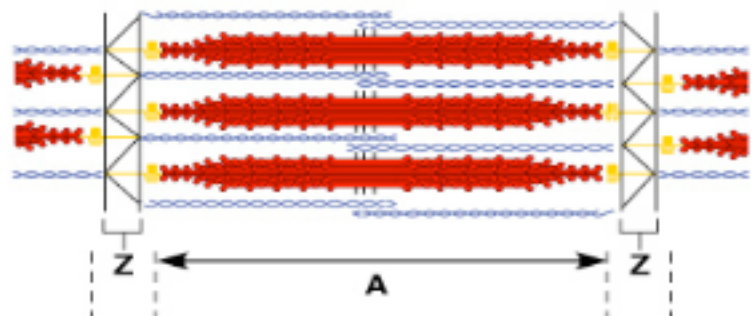
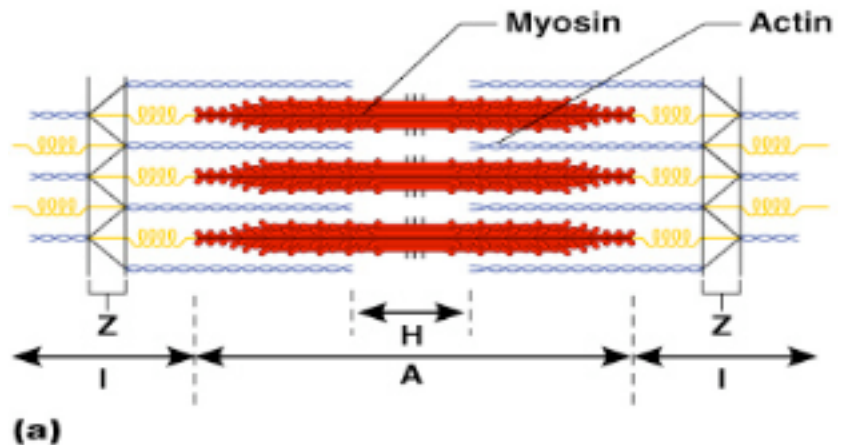
**Resting:** greater conc. of sodium ions outside                      inside is more negative than outside  
                  greater conc. of potassium ions inside

**Stimulus:** sarcolemma permeability changes

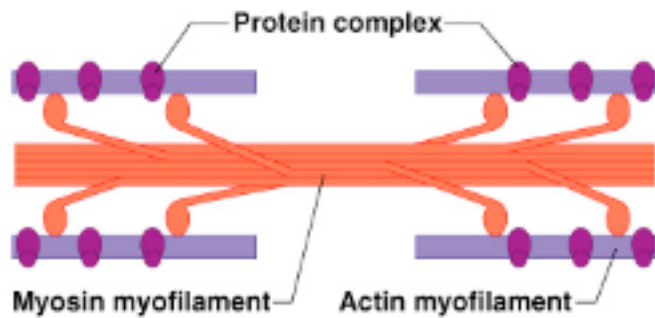
**Depolarization:** sodium diffuses into cell changing polarity of membrane (outside more negative)  
                          inside more positively charged than outside----> creates electrical current

**Repolarization:** potassium diffuses out of cell to restore the electrical conditions of membrane

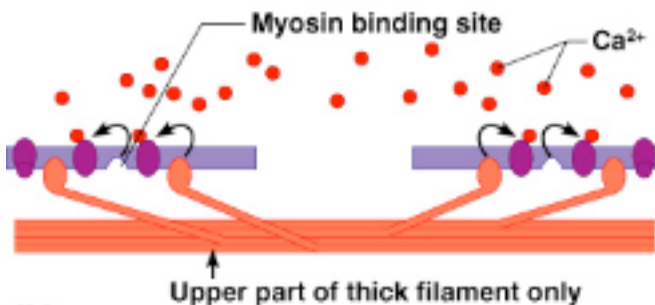
**Sodium-Potassium pump-** uses ATP to restore resting state conc. of sodium & potassium ions  
--pumps excess sodium ions out of cell  
--brings potassium ions back into cell



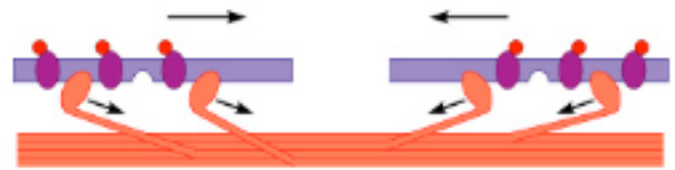




**(a)**  
 In a relaxed muscle cell, the regulatory proteins forming part of the actin myofilaments prevent myosin binding (see **a**). When an action potential sweeps along its sarcolemma and a muscle cell is excited, calcium ions ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ) are released from intracellular storage areas (the sacs of the sarcoplasmic reticulum).



**(b)**  
 The flood of calcium acts as the final trigger for contraction, because as calcium binds to the regulatory proteins on the actin filaments, they change both their shape and their position on the thin filaments. This action exposes myosin binding sites on the actin, to which the myosin heads can attach (see **b**), and the myosin heads immediately begin seeking out binding sites.



**(c)**  
 Free myosin has a unique property: Its heads are “cocked,” much like a set mousetrap. The physical attachment of myosin to actin “springs the trap,” causing the myosin heads to snap (pivot) toward the center of the sarcomere. Since the actin and myosin are still firmly bound to each other when this happens, the thin filaments are slightly pulled toward the center of the sarcomere (see **c**). ATP provides the energy needed to release and recock each myosin head so that it is ready to take another “step” and attach to a binding site farther along the thin filament. This “walking” of the myosin cross bridges or heads along the thin filaments during muscle shortening is much like a centipede’s gait. Some myosin heads (“legs”) are always in contact with actin (“the ground”), so that the thin filaments cannot slide backward as this cycle is repeated again and again during contraction. Notice that the myofilaments themselves do not shorten during contraction; they simply slide past each other. When the action potential ends and calcium ions are reabsorbed into the SR storage areas, the regulatory proteins resume their original shape and position, and again block myosin binding to the thin filaments. Since myosin now has nothing to attach to, the muscle cell relaxes and settles back to its original length.

**B. Contraction of a skeletal muscle as a whole** (pp 187-192)

**graded responses**

**muscle response to increasing rapid stimulation**

**muscle twitches**

**complete tetanus- fused** continuous contraction that shows no evidence of relaxation

**incomplete tetanus- unfused**

strong contraction: many motor units are stimulated at a rapid rate

weak but smooth muscle contraction: fewer motor units are stimulated at a rapid rate

**providing energy for muscle contraction**

**1. direct phosphorylation of ADP by creatine phosphate**(found in muscle cells lasts~20sec.)

**2. aerobic respiration** (makes more ATP but is slower than anaerobic respiration & needs  $\text{O}_2$ )

**3. anaerobic glycolysis & lactic acid formation** (makes 5% as much ATP but is faster)

**muscle fatigue and oxygen debt**

**fatigue-** when a muscle is being stimulated but is not able to contract due to oxygen debt from prolonged muscle activity

oxygen debt: ...anaerobic respiration---> build up of lactic acid (muscle pain & poor contractions)

recovery from oxygen debt: breath rapidly and deeply

**types of muscle contractions**

**isotonic-** “same tone”  
myofilaments slide past each other  
muscle contracts and shortens

**isometric-** “same length”  
myofilaments trying to slide past each other but can not slide past each other  
tension in the muscle keeps increasing  
“contraction without muscle shortening”

eg: pushing on a wall or immovable object

**muscle tone**-state of continuous partial contractions

even when muscle is relaxed...some of its fibers are contracting  
result of different motor units along muscle are stimulated in a systematic way  
keeps muscle firm, healthy, and ready for use  
cannot be consciously controlled

Loss of muscle tone: if motor neuron is damaged (no more stimulation of muscle)

- muscle becomes 1. paralyzed
- 2. flaccid- soft and flabby
- 3. atrophied- wastes away

**effect of exercise on muscles**

increases muscle size, strength, and endurance

**aerobic exercise- (endurance)**

- results in 1. stronger, more flexible muscles (does not increase size)
- 2. muscles with greater resistance to fatigue

bcs- increased blood supply to muscle (more oxygen)  
muscle cells form more mitochondria (site of respiration) & store more O<sub>2</sub>

- other benefits:
- 1. improves overall body metabolism
  - 2. improves digestion & elimination
  - 3. enhances neuromuscular coordination
  - 4. strengthens skeleton
  - 5. increase heart size....increase blood volume pumped  
fat cleared from blood vessel walls
  - 6. lungs become more efficient

**resistant exercise- (isometric)** muscles working against an immovable object (or nearly so)  
key: forcing muscles to contract with as much force as possible

increase in muscle size...bcs enlargement of muscle cells...bcs increase # of filaments

## **Muscle Movements, Types, and Names** (pp 192-200)

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over 600 muscles in body

### **a muscle can only pull**

tendons attach muscle to bone & make them work like levers

the joint acts as the fulcrum & muscles provide the force to move the lever

### **Five Golden Rules of Muscle Activity**

**1. cross at least one joint-** with a few exceptions

**2. bulk of muscle lies proximal to joint crossed**

**3. at least two attachments**

**origin-** attachment of a muscle that remains relatively fixed during muscular contraction

**insertion-** the movable attachment of a muscle

as muscle contracts: the insertion area is pulled towards the origin

**4. can only pull- never push**

**5. insertion moves toward origin during contraction**

### **Interactions of Skeletal Muscles in the body** (p 196)

most muscles act in pairs (together or against each other)

**prime mover- (agonist)** muscle whose contractions are primarily responsible for a particular movement

**antagonists-** muscles that act in opposition to an agonist or prime mover

never completely relaxed, its function is to provide control and damping of movement by maintaining tone against the agonist/ prime mover

when movement reverses: the names switch

example: flexing elbow: biceps brachii is the prime mover (agonist)

triceps brachii is the antagonist

extending elbow: triceps brachii is the prime mover

biceps brachii is the antagonists

**synergists-** muscles cooperating w/ other muscle (s) to 1. produce a desired movement  
2. reduce undesired movement

synergists have the same function

this movement can be different from that performed when the muscles work independently

example: the sternocleidomastoid muscles each rotate the head in a different direction, but as synergists they flex the neck (working together)

\*help stabilize joints to make a more precise movement possible

example: synergists stabilize the wrist as clench fingers so only the fingers move not the wrist

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**fixators-** muscles acting to immobilize a joint or a bone  
fixes the origin of a muscle so that muscle action can be exerted at the insertion

example: fixators act as postural muscles to keep the spine erect & the leg and vertebral column extended when standing

rhomboids & levator scapulae keep the scapula from moving during actions such as lifting w/ the arms

## **Types of Body Movements** (pp 192-196)

### **1. flexion-** movement in the anterior-posterior plane (sagittal plane)

decreases the angle or distance between two bones or parts of body

brings 2 bones closer together

typical in hinge & ball-and-socket joints

eg: bending knee, elbow, or forward at the hip

bringing head toward the chest (flexing the intervertebral jts of neck)

### **2. extension-** movement in the anterior- posterior plane (sagittal plane)

increases the angle or distance between two bones or parts of body

reverses movement of flexion

eg. straightening the knee or elbow

hyperextension- increasing angle beyond 180°

continuation of mvmt past the anatomical position

can cause injury

eg: tip head or torso posteriorly pointing chin to ceiling

### **3. rotation-** turning the body or a limb around the longitudinal axis

common in ball-and-socket joints

eg. rotating the arm to screw in a light bulb

rotating the atlas around the dens of axis (shaking head “no”)

### **4. abduction-** movement away from the center of body; midline

fanning movement of the fingers or toes (when they are spread apart)

movement of the appendicular skeleton

### **5. adduction-** movement toward the midline of the body

opposite of abduction

movement of the appendicular skeleton



6. **circumduction**- a special type of angular motion  
combination of flexion, extension, abduction, and adduction  
typical of ball-and-socket joint (shoulder)  
proximal end of limb is stationary and its distal end moves in a circle  
limb as a whole outlines a cone
  
7. **dorsiflexion and plantar flexion**- movements of the foot  
dorsiflexion- movement of ankle while elevating the sole  
superior surface moves towards shin (tibia)  
“digging in heels”  
(corresponds to extension of the hand at the wrist)  
  
plantar flexion- extending the ankle and elevating the heel  
depressing the foot, pointing the toes  
“standing on tip toes”  
(corresponds to flexion of the hand at the wrist)
  
8. **inversion and eversion**- movements of the foot  
inversion- turn sole medially  
  
eversion- turn sole laterally
  
9. **supination and pronation**- movements of the radius and ulna  
supination- forearm rotates laterally ...palm faces anteriorly (radius uncrossed)  
  
pronation- forearm rotates medially ...palm faces posteriorly (radius crossed)  
rotation of the distal end of the radius across the  
anterior surface of the ulna
  
10. **opposition**- movement of the thumb at saddle joint b/w metacarpal 1 & carpals  
thumb touching the tips of the other fingers of same hand  
enables thumb to grasp and hold an object
  
11. **elevation and depression**- occurs when structure moves in a superior or inferior direction  
mandible is depressed when mouth is opened  
mandible is elevated when mouth is closed  
raising or lowering scapula (“shrugging shoulders”)
  
12. **protraction and retraction**-  
protraction- moving part of body anteriorly in the horizontal plane  
eg: jutting face or jaw forward “hunching shoulders”  
  
retraction- moving part of body posteriorly in horizontal plane  
eg: moving jaw towards spine “squaring shoulders”

## **Naming Skeletal Muscles** (pp 196 and 198)

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names describe a feature of muscle, often several criteria are combined into one name

### **direction relative to body axis of muscle fibers**

anterior- front

posterior- back

inferioris- inferior

superioris- superior

externus- superficial

internus- deep, internal

intrinsic- inside

extrinsic- outside

lateralis- lateral

medialis/medius- medial

profundus- deep

superficialis- superficial

circularis- circular

oblique- at an angle

transverse- across

rectus- straight, parallel

### **location of the muscle**

abdominus- abdomen

anconeus- elbow

brachialis- brachium

capitis- head

carpi- wrist

cervicis- neck

nasalis- nose

coccygeus- coccyx

costalis- ribs

cutaneous- skin

femoris- femur

genio- chin

glosso/ glossal- tongue

hallucis- great toe

ilio- ilium

inguinal- groin

lumborum- lumbar region

tibialis- tibia

oculo- eye

oris- mouth

palpebrae- eyelid

pollicis- thumb

psoas- loin

radialis- radius

scapularis- scapula

temporalis- temples

cleido/ clavus- clavicle

ulnaris- ulna

uro- urinary

thoracis- thoracic region

popliteus- behind the knee

### **number of origins**

biceps- two heads

triceps- three heads

quadriceps- four heads

### **body location of the muscle's origin and insertion**

brachii- arm

gluteus- buttocks

infra- below

lateralis- lateral

pectoralis- chest

sub- underneath

supra- above

## **Naming Muscles**

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### **action of the muscle**

abduction- moves away from the midline

adduction- moves closer to the midline

depressor

extension- increases the angle of a joint

flexion- decreases the angle of a joint

levator

pronation- turns the palm of the hand down

rotation- moves bone around its longitudinal axis

supination- turns the palm of the hand up

tensor

dorsiflexion- elevates the foot

plantar flexion- lowers the foot, pointing the toes

masseter- chewing

### **shape, size, & color of the muscle**

alba- white

brevis- short

deltoid- triangle

gracilis- slender

lata- wide

latissimus- widest

longus- long

magnus- larger

major- larger

maximus- largest

minimus- smallest

minor- smaller

orbicularis- circle

pectinate- comblike

piriformis- pear-shaped

platys- flat

pyramidal- pyramid

rhomboideus- rhomboid

serratus- serrated

splenius- bandage

teres- long & round

trapezius- trapezoid

vastus- huge or great

### **Arrangement of Fascicles** ( pp 199-200)

a fascicle is a bundle of muscle fibers enclosed by perimysium

fascicle arrangement varies...creating muscles w/ different structures and functional properties

**circular**- fascicles arranged in concentric rings

surrounds external body openings ....closed by contracting circular muscles  
“sphincters”

**convergent**- fascicles converge toward a single insertion tendon

muscle appears triangular or fan-shaped

**parallel**-fascicles run parallel to the long axis of the muscles

strap-like appearance

**fusiform**- modified parallel arrangement

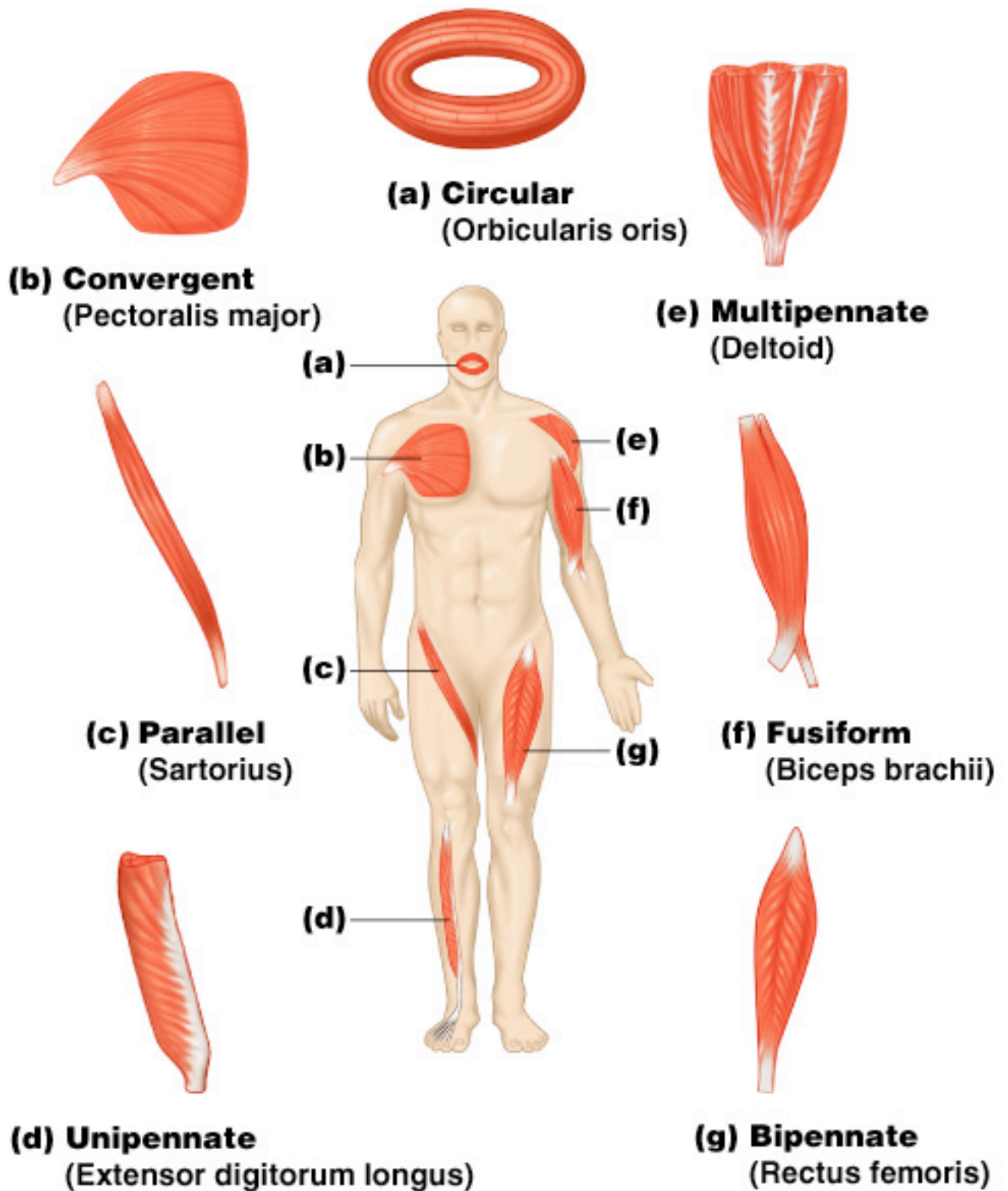
spindle-shaped muscles w/ expanded midsection

**pennate**- feather pattern; fascicles are short & attached obliquely (on a slant) to a central tendon

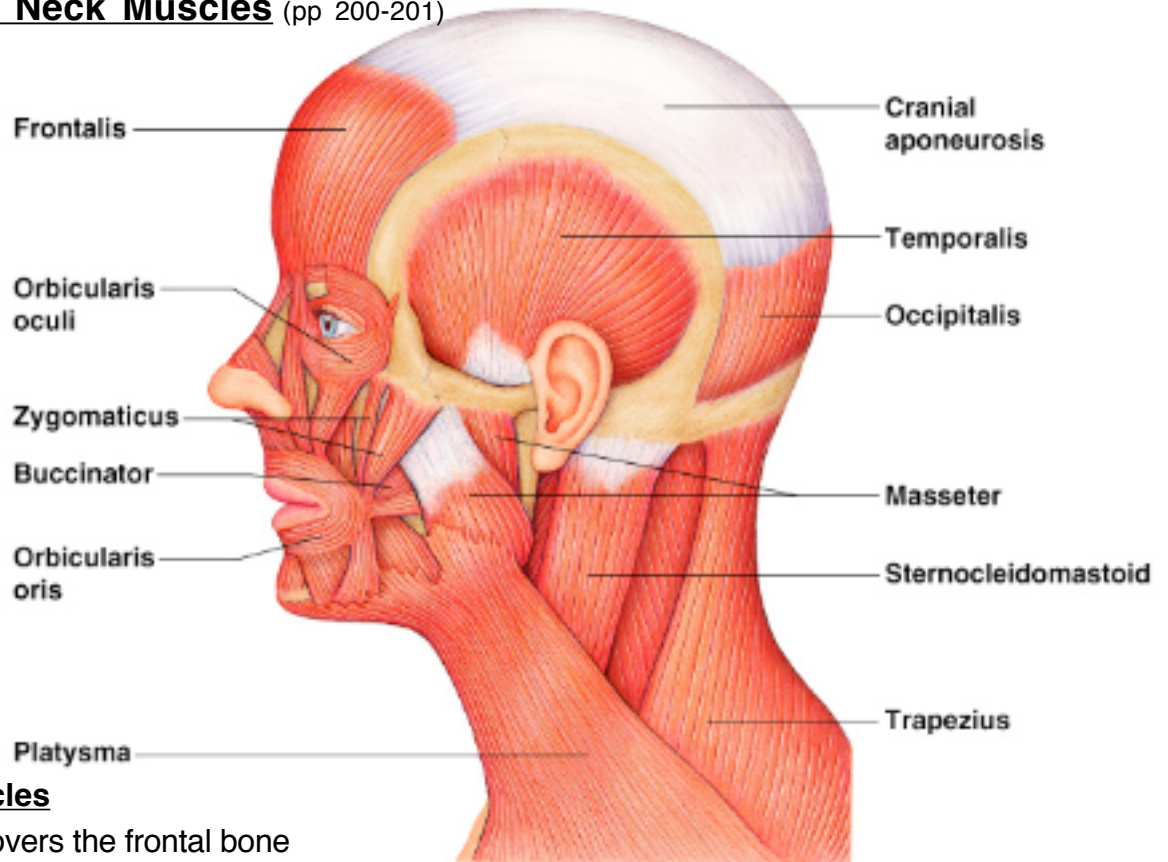
**unipennate**- fascicles insert into only one side of the tendon

**bipennate**- fascicles insert into opposite sides of the tendon

**multipennate**- fascicles insert into many different sides of the tendon







**Facial Muscles**

**Frontalis**- covers the frontal bone  
origin- cranial aponeurosis  
insertion- skin of eyebrows  
action- raises eyebrows  
wrinkles forehead; forms the horizontal frown crease on the forehead

**Orbicularis Oculi**- fibers run in circles around eyes  
origin- frontal bone & maxilla inserts to medial side of orbit (tissue around eye)  
action- closes eye; squinting, blinking, & winking the eyes

**Orbicularis Oris**- circular muscles of lips  
origin- maxilla & mandible  
insertion- skin & muscle around lips  
action- closes, compresses & protrudes lips “kissing muscle”

**Buccinator**- flattens the cheek  
origin- maxillary & mandible  
insertion- orbicularis oris  
action- flattens & sucks in the cheek “whistling & sucking”  
holds the food between the teeth during chewing

**Zygomaticus**- “smiling” muscle  
origin- zygomatic bone  
insertion- skin & muscles at corner of mouth  
action- raises the corners of the mouth upward

## Chewing Muscles

**Buccinator**- holds food b/ w teeth during chewing .....considered a “chewing” & facial muscle

**Masseter**- prime mover of jaw closure

origin- zygomatic process of temporal bone & maxilla

insertion- mandible

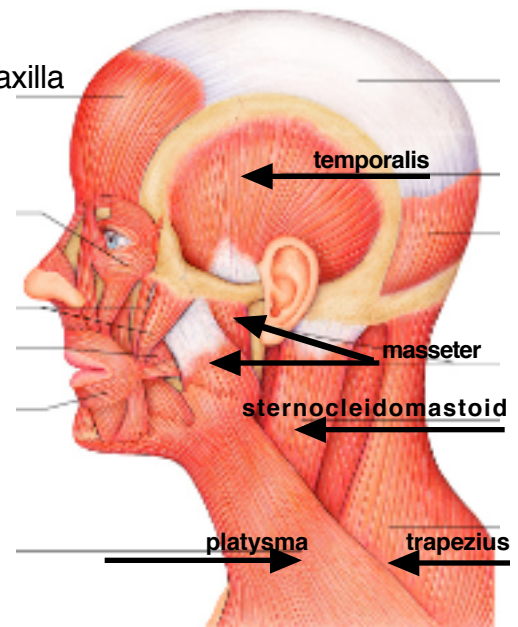
action- closes jaw by elevating the mandible

**Temporalis**- fan shaped muscle covering temporal bone

origin- temporal lines of skull

insertion- coronoid process of mandible

action- synergist to masseter in closing the jaw



**Neck Muscles**: move head& shoulder girdle, small and strap-like

**Platysma**-single sheetlike muscle that covers ant. lat. neck

origin- cartilage of 2nd rib to acromion of scapula

insertion- mandible & skin of cheek

action- pull corners of mouth inferiorly (downward sag of mouth)

tenses skin of neck & depresses mandible

**Sternocleidomastoid**- paired muscles (one on each side of the neck)

“prayer muscle”

two headed (sternum & clavicle)

origin- sternum & clavicle

insertion- mastoid process of temporal bone

action- prime mover of head flexion (when the 2 pairs contract together)

single muscle contraction: head is rotated toward opposite side

**Trapezius**- most superficial posterior neck muscle

origin- occipital bone, spinous processes of cervical & throacic vertebra

insertion- acromion & spine of scapula and clavicle

action- depends on active region and state of other muscles

\*extends neck and head

antagonist of sternocleidomastoids

\* may elevate, adduct, depress, or rotated scapula

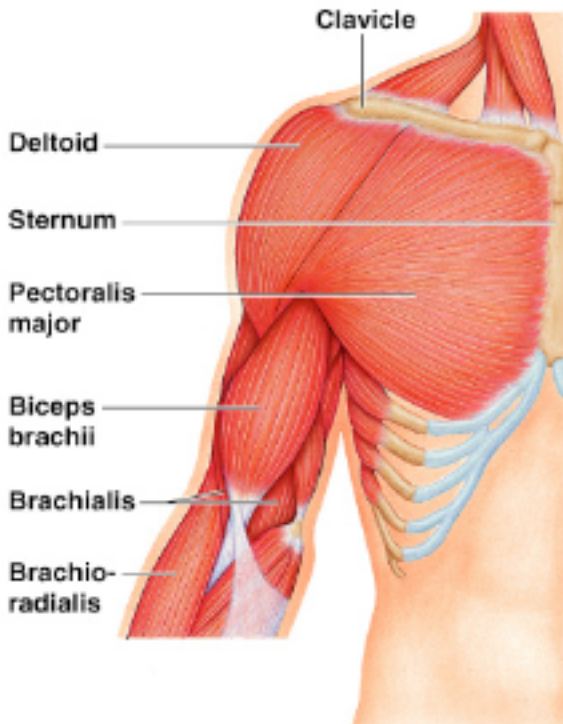
\* elevate clavicle

\* hyperextend neck to “look at the sky”

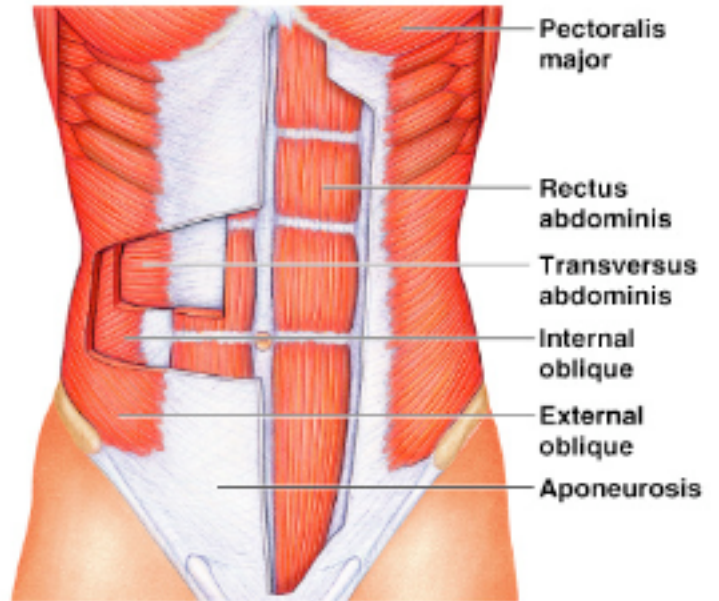
\* elevate &/ or pull back shoulder “shrugging”

## Anterior Trunk Muscles (pp 201-203)

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1. move the vertebral column (post. antigravity)
2. move ribs, head, and arms (anterior thorax muscles)
3. move vertebral column & form abdominal body wall muscle



**Pectoralis Major-** anterior large fan-shaped muscle covering the upper chest, forms ant. axilla wall

origin- sternum, clavicle, 1-6 ribs

insertion- proximal end of humerus (greater tubercle)

action- adducts, flexes & medial rotation of humerus at shoulder joint

\*prime mover for shoulder flexion and adduction

**Intercostal Muscles-** deep muscles found between the ribs

origin- inferior border of rib & costal cartilage

insertion- superior border of rib & costal cartilage

action- \*external intercostals----elevates rib cage during inspiration

\*internal intercostals-----depress rib cage during expiration

**Diaphragm-** “breathing muscle”

origin- sternum (xiphoid process), last 6 costal cartilages, ant. surfaces of lumbar vert.

insertion- central tendon

action- flattens to enlarge chest cavity for inhalation

**Muscles of the Abdominal Girdle-** reinforce body trunk (protecting abdominal viscera)

fibers of each muscle pair run in a different direction

**Rectus Abdominis-** paired strap-like muscles, most superficial abdominal muscle

enclosed in aponeurosis

name means “straight muscle of the abdomen”



origin- pubis of coxal bone

insertion- sternum (xiphoid process) & 5th to 7th costal cartilage

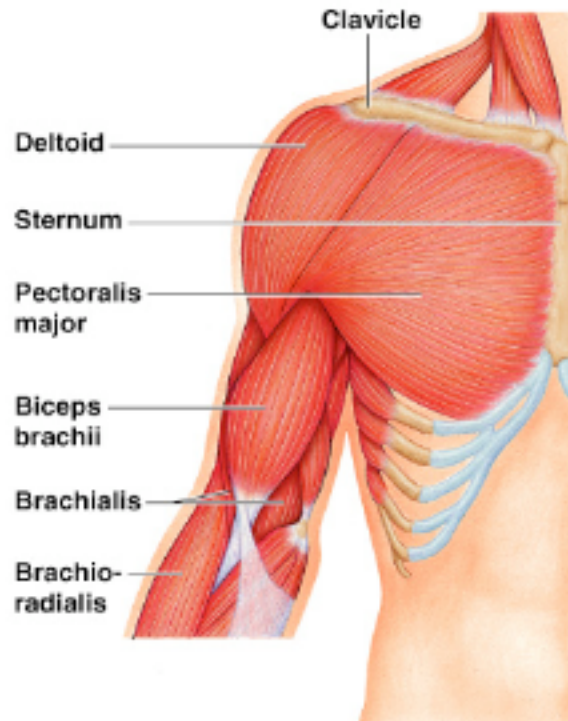
action- flex vertebral column

depresses ribs for forced breathing

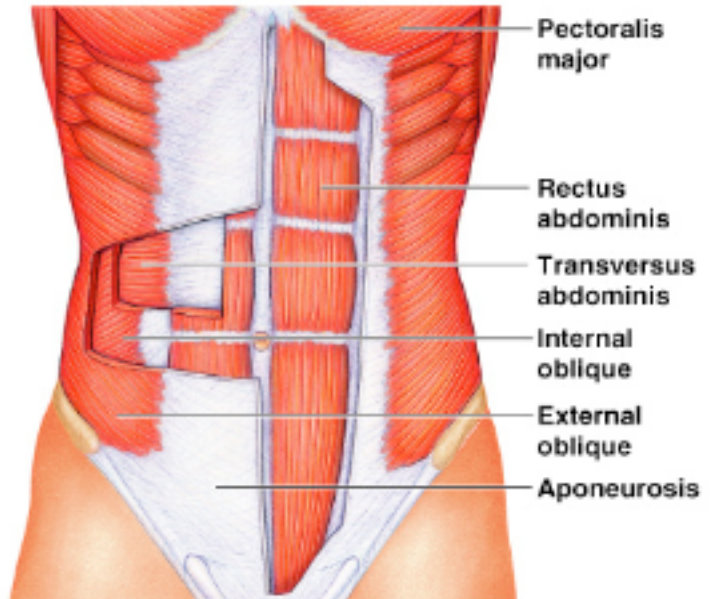
compress abdominal contents during defecation & childbirth

## Muscles of the Abdominal Girdle (ant. trunk muscles)

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great strength: layering & fibers running in diff. directions reinforces body trunk



**Rectus Abdominis-** paired strap-like muscles, most superficial abdominal muscle enclosed in aponeurosis “straight muscle of the abdomen”

action- flex vertebral column

depresses ribs for forced breathing

compress abdominal contents (defecation & childbirth)



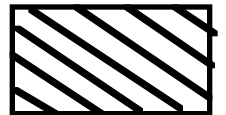
**External Oblique-** part of abdominal girdle forms the external lateral walls of the abdomen oblique.....at a slant

origin- lower 8 ribs

insertion- iliac crest of coxal bone & linea alba

action- flex vertebral column

rotate vertebral column & trunk, bending it laterally too  
compresses abdomen



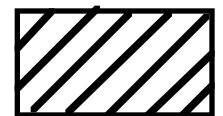
**Internal Oblique-** part of abdominal girdle paired muscles deep to external obliques fibers run at a right angle to external oblique

origin- iliac crest

insertion- last 3 ribs, sternum (xiphoid), & linea alba

action- flex vertebral column

rotate vertebral column & trunk, bending it laterally too  
compresses abdomen



**Transversus Abdominis-** deepest muscle of abdomen wall fibers run horizontally across abdomen

origin- cartilage of lower ribs and iliac crest

insertion- linea alba, & pubis

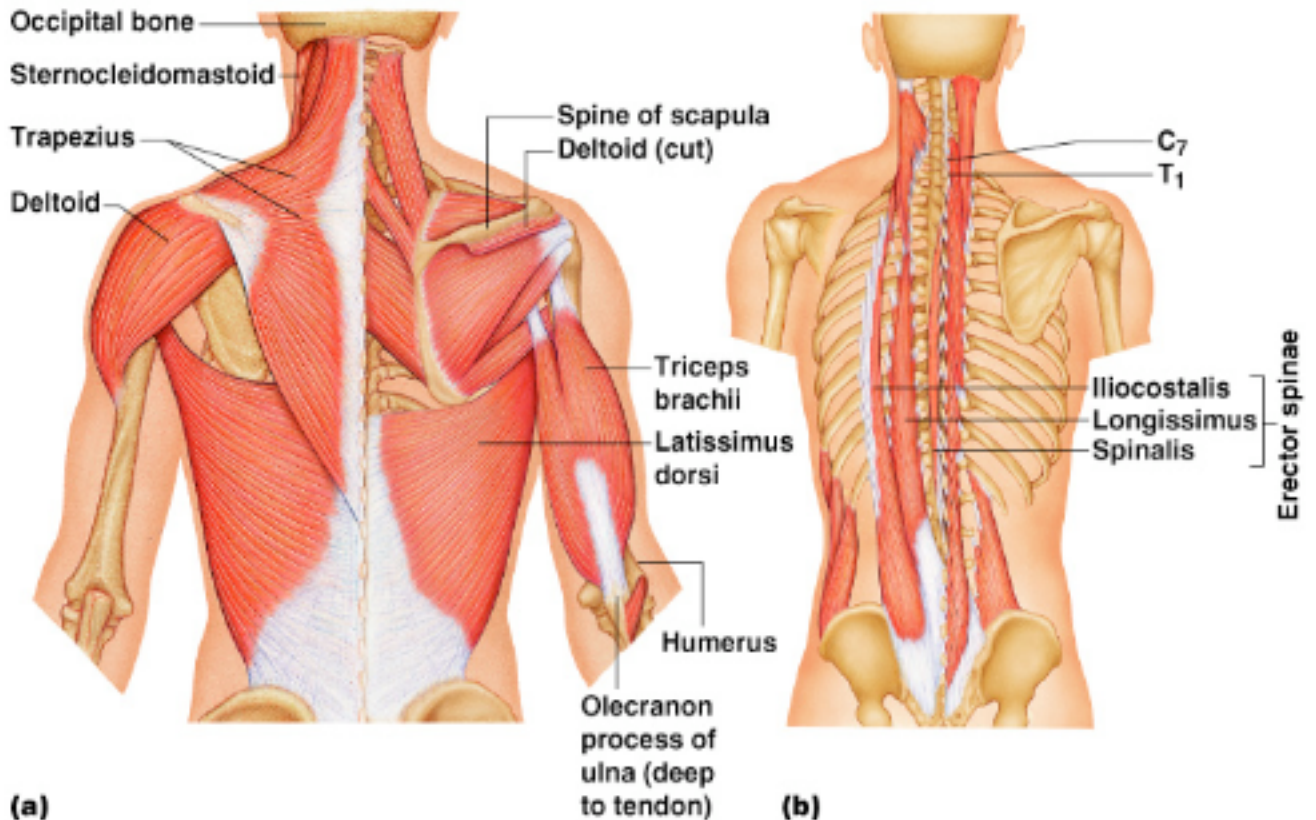
action- compresses abdomen (contents)





## Posterior Muscles

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**Trapezius-** most superficial muscles of posterior neck & upper trunk

origin- occipital bone, spinous processes of cervical & thoracic vertebra

insertion- acromion & spine of scapula and clavicle

action- depends on active region and state of other muscles

\*extends neck and head

antagonist of sternocleidomastoids

\* may elevate, adduct, depress, or rotate scapula

\* elevate clavicle

\* hyperextend neck to “look at the sky”

\* elevate &/ or pull back shoulder “shrugging”

**Latissimus Dorsi-** large, flat muscle pair that covers the lower back

origin- last 6 thoracic vertebrae, all lumbar vertebrae, sacrum, iliac crest

insertion- proximal end of humerus

action- extends and adducts humerus “power stroke brings down arm”

**Erector Spinae-** composite muscle group spans entire length of vertebral column  
consists of 3 deep muscle columns: longissimus, iliocostalis, & spinalis

origin- iliac crests, ribs 3-12, & vertebrae

insertion- ribs, thoracic and cervical vertebrae

action- extends back (powerful) prime mover of back extension  
provides resistance controlling bending over at the waist

## Posterior Muscles

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**Deltoid**- fleshy, triangular-shaped muscles of shoulders  
give rounded shape of shoulder....site of IM injections  
origin- scapular spine & clavicle  
insertion- proximal humerus (deltoid tuberosity)  
action- prime movers of arm abduction “abducts humerus”  
raise arm overhead  
antagonist of latissimus dorsi

### Muscles of the Upper Limb 3 groups:

#### 1. muscles of shoulder jt & humerus causing arm mvmt

pectoralis major      latissimus dorsi      deltoid

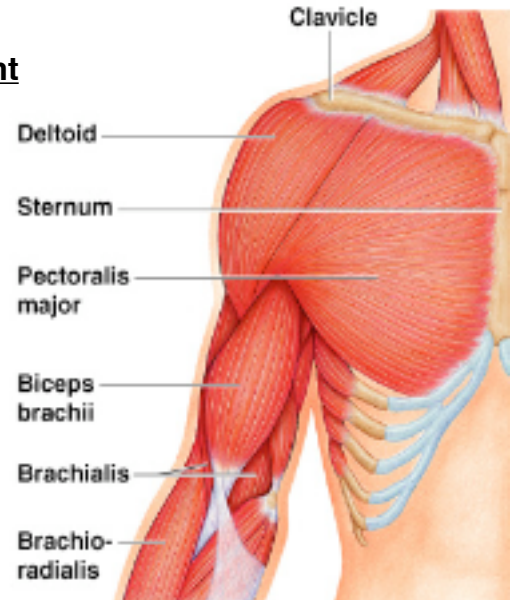
#### 2. muscles causing movement at elbow jt

enclose humerus & insert onto forearm bones

biceps brachii      brachialis  
brachioradialis      triceps brachii

#### 3. muscles of forearm causing hand mvmt

insert on hand bones causing their mvmt  
numerous thin, spindle shaped muscles



### Muscles of Humerus acting on Forearm

all anterior arm muscles cause elbow flexion

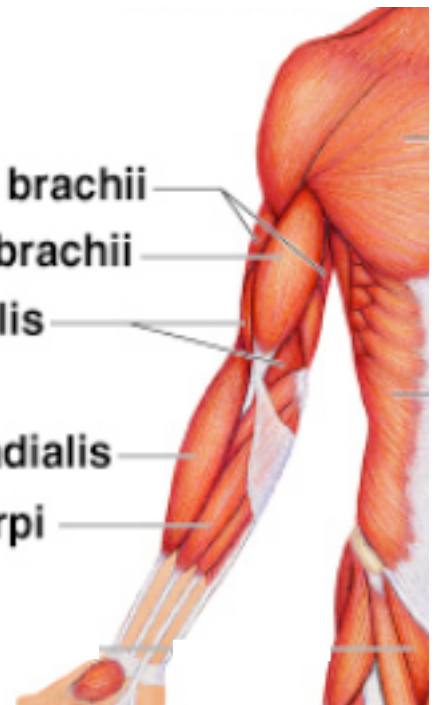
#### Elbow Flexors

**Biceps Brachii**- originates by 2 heads from shoulder  
origin- scapula of shoulder girdle  
insertion- proximal radius  
action- flexes elbow (forearm)  
supinates forearm

**Brachialis**- lies deep to biceps  
origin- distal humerus  
insertion- proximal ulna  
action- flexes elbow

**Brachioradialis**- fairly weak muscle, mostly in forearm  
origin- humerus  
insertion- radius (distal forearm)  
action- flexes (elbow) forearm

**Triceps brachii**  
**Biceps brachii**  
**Brachialis**  
**Brachioradialis**  
**Flexor carpi radialis**



## Muscles of Humerus acting on Forearm

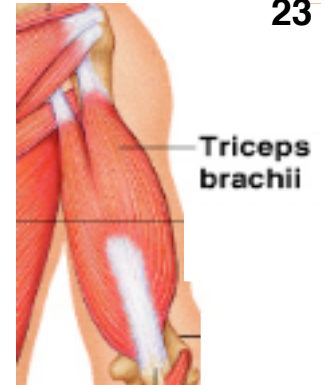
### Elbow Extensor:

**Triceps Brachii**- only muscle fleshing out posterior humerus  
three heads arise from shoulder girdle  
extends forearm

origin- shoulder girdle (scapula) & proximal humerus

insertion- olecranon process of ulna

action- extends elbow prime mover of elbow extension  
antagonist of biceps brachii



## Muscles of Forearm Causing Hand Movement

insert on hand bones causing their mvmt  
numerous thin, spindle shaped muscles

### Wrist Flexors:

#### **Flexor Carpi Radialis**

origin- distal humerus

insertion- 2nd & 3rd metacarpals

action- flexes wrist  
adducts hand

#### **Flexor Carpi Ulnaris**

origin- distal humerus & post. ulna

insertion- carpals & 5th metacarpal

action- flexes wrist  
adducts hand

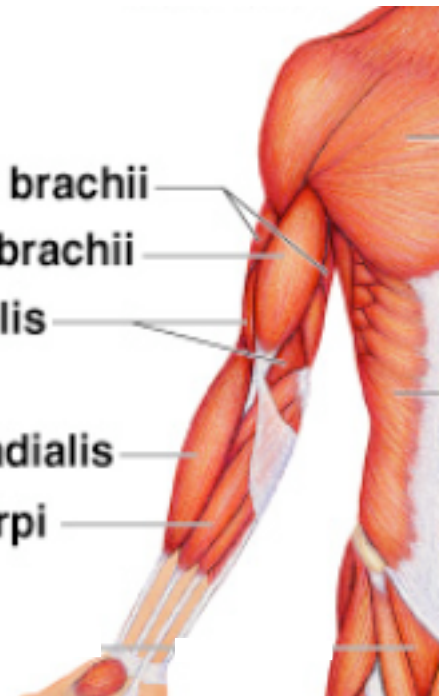
Triceps brachii

Biceps brachii

Brachialis

Brachioradialis

Flexor carpi  
radialis



### Wrist Extensors

#### **Extensor Carpi Radialis**

origin- humerus

insertion- 2nd & 3rd metacarpal

action- extends wrist  
abducts hand

#### **Extensor Carpi Ulnaris**

origin- humerus & ulna

insertion- 5th metacarpal

action- extends wrist  
abducts hand

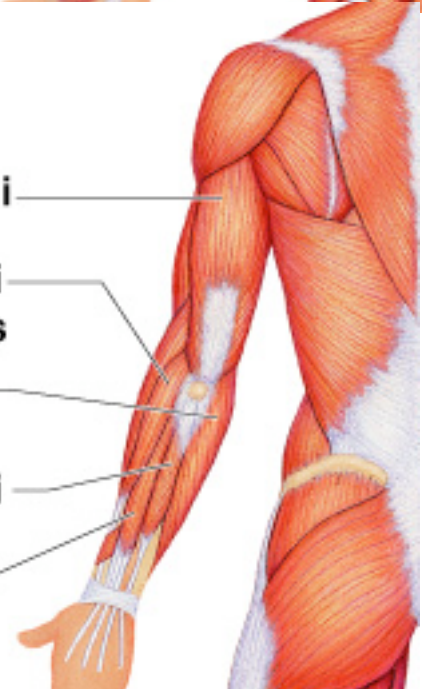
Triceps brachii

Extensor carpi  
radialis longus

Flexor carpi  
ulnaris

Extensor carpi  
ulnaris

Extensor  
digitorum



## Muscles of Forearm causing hand movement

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### **Flexor Digitorum**

origin- humerus, ulna

insertion- middle phalanges of 2nd to 5th fingers

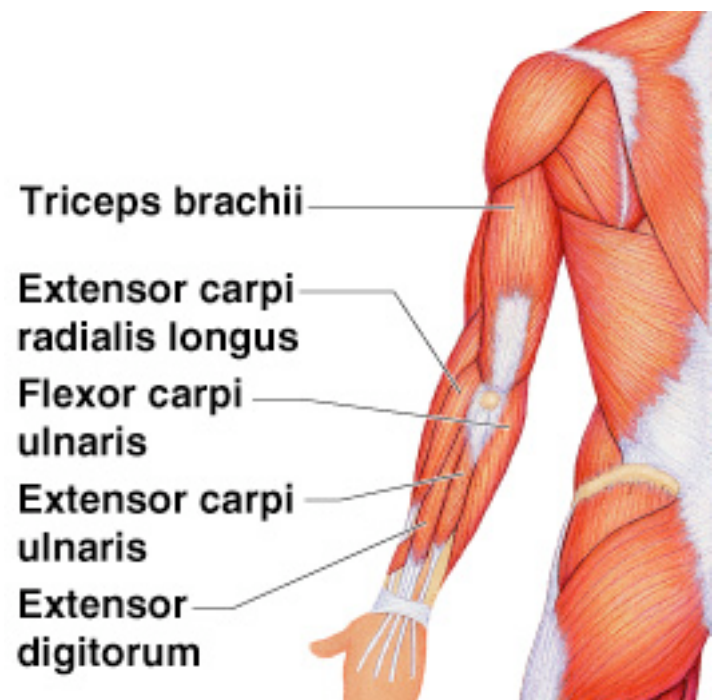
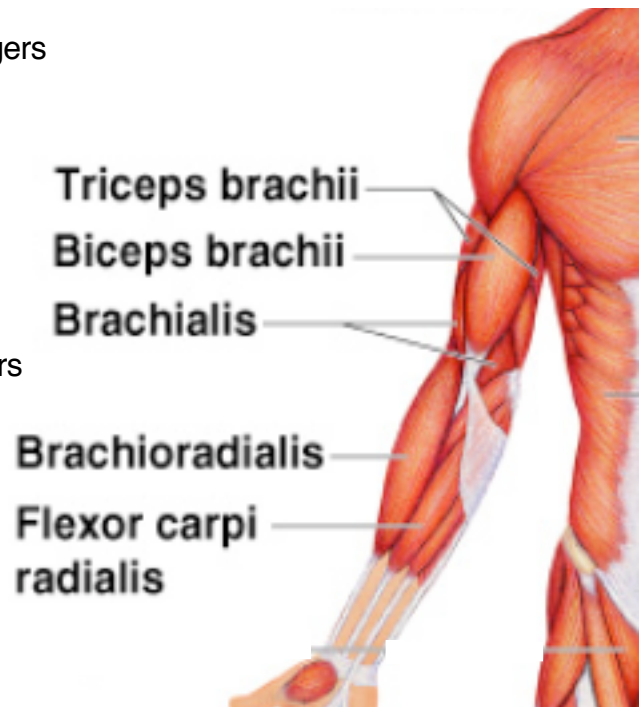
action- flexes wrist  
flexes fingers

### **Extensor Digitorum**

origin- humerus

insertion- distal phalanges of 2nd to 5th fingers

action- extend wrist  
extends fingers





## **Muscles of the Lower Limb** (pp 204-208)

largest and strongest muscles of body  
pelvic girdle made of strong bones  
no need for muscular stabilization like pectoral  
cause movement of hip, knee, & foot  
walking and balancing body

## **Muscles Causing Movement of Hip Joint**

**Gluteus Maximus-** superficial muscle of hip  
forms most of buttock  
IM injection site

origin- sacrum and iliac

insertion- proximal femur (gluteal tuberosity)

action- lateral rotation of femur at hip jt.  
powerful hip extensor  
climbing stairs & jumping  
increases angle/ dist. b/ w femur & hip

**Gluteus Medius-** runs beneath gluteus maximus  
smaller hip muscle  
IM injection site

origin- ilium (lateral surface)

insertion- proximal femur  
(greater trochanter)

action- abducts thigh (hip abductor)  
steadies pelvis during walking

**Iliopsoas-** fused 2 muscles  
(iliacus & psoas major)  
deep in pelvis

origin- ilium & lumbar vertebra

insertion- femur (lesser trochanter)

action- flexes hip  
flexes lumbar spine

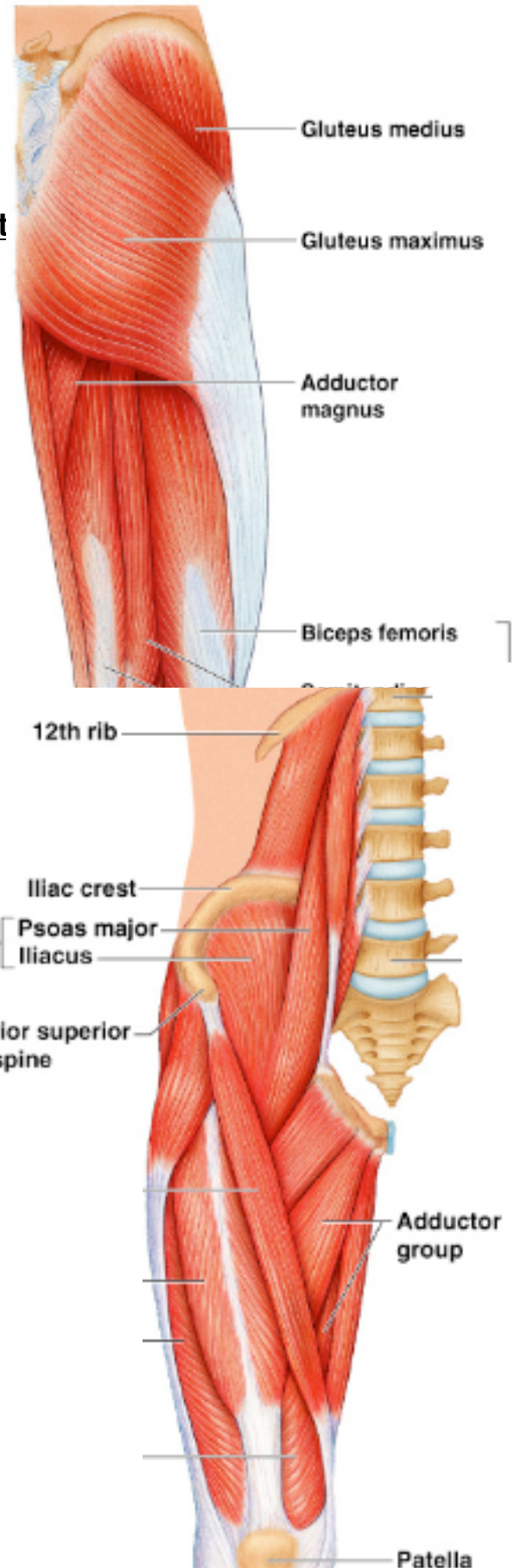
**Adductor Group-** muscles of medial thigh

origin- pelvis

insertion- proximal femur

action- adduct or press thighs together  
move legs toward body midline

**adductor brevis**  
**adductor longus**  
**adductor magnus**  
**pectineus**  
**gracilis**





## Muscles Causing Movement at Knee Joint

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**Hamstring group**- muscle mass of post. thigh  
consists of 3 muscles

origin- ischial tuberosity

insertion- proximal tibia

head of fibula for biceps femoris

action- flexes knee (flexing lower leg)  
extends hip (extends femur)  
adducts hip

**Biceps Femoris**- flexes knee  
extends & adducts hip

**Semimembranosus**- flexes knee  
extends, adducts, rotates hip

**Semitendinosus**- flexes knee  
extends, adducts, rotates hip

**Sartorius**- thin, strap-like weak thigh flexor  
most superficial muscle of thigh  
runs obliquely across thigh (ant to medial)

origin- ant. iliac crest

insertion- medial tibia

action- flexes knee  
flexes & laterally rotates hip  
synergist to crossing legs "tailor muscle"

**Quadriceps Group**-consists of 4 muscles  
fleshy anterior thigh  
\*extends knee (lower leg)  
flexes femur

**Rectus Femoris**

origin-pelvis ( ilium )

insertion- tibia (tibial tuberosity  
via patellar ligament)

action- extends knee  
flexes hip on thigh

**Vastus Muscles**- 3 muscles

**vastus lateralis**

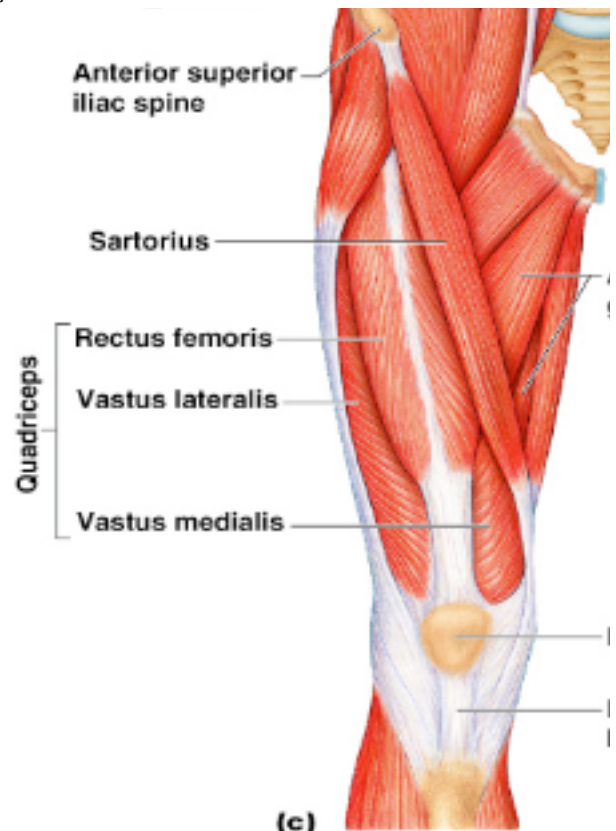
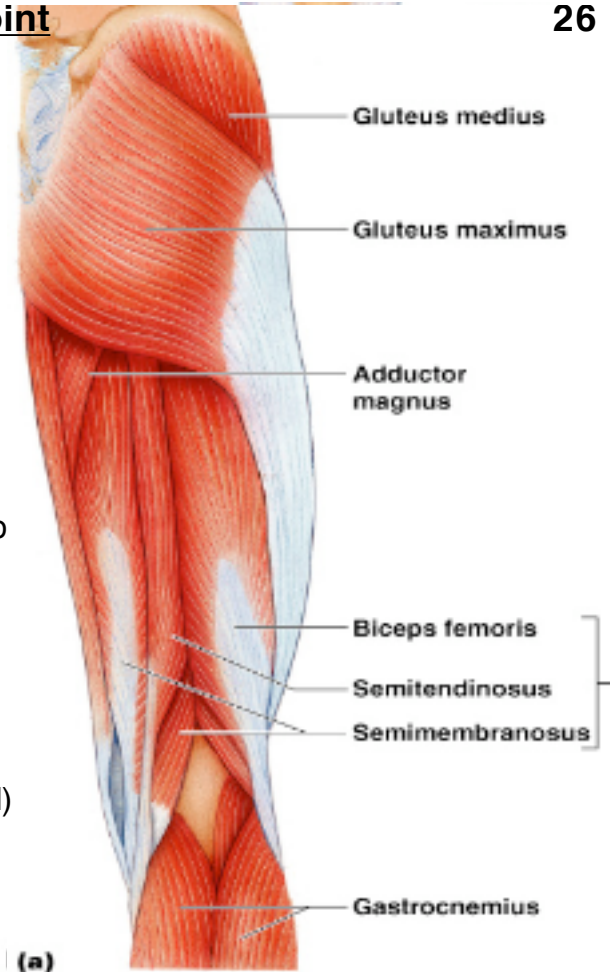
**vastus medialis**

**vastus intermdius**

origin- femur

insertion-tibia (tibial tuberosity  
via patellar ligament)

action- extends knee



## Muscles Causing Movement at Ankle & Foot

**Tibialis anterior**- superficial muscle of anterior leg

origin- tibia

insertion- 1st tarsal & 1st metatarsal

action- dorsiflexes foot  
inverts foot

**Extensor Digitorum Longus**- lateral to tibialis anterior

origin- proximal tibia & fibula

insertion- superior surfaces of phalanges, toes # 2-5

action- extends toes  
dorsiflexes foot

**Fibularis Muscles**- 3 muscles (longus, brevis, & tertius) lateral part of leg

origin- fibula

insertion- metatarsals

action- plantar flexes foot  
everts foot

## Muscles Causing Movement at Ankle & Foot

**Gastrocnemius**- 2 headed muscle; forms posterior calf; “toe dancers muscle”

origin- distal femur ( each head attaches to each side of femur)

insertion- calcaneus (heel tarsal) via Achilles tendon

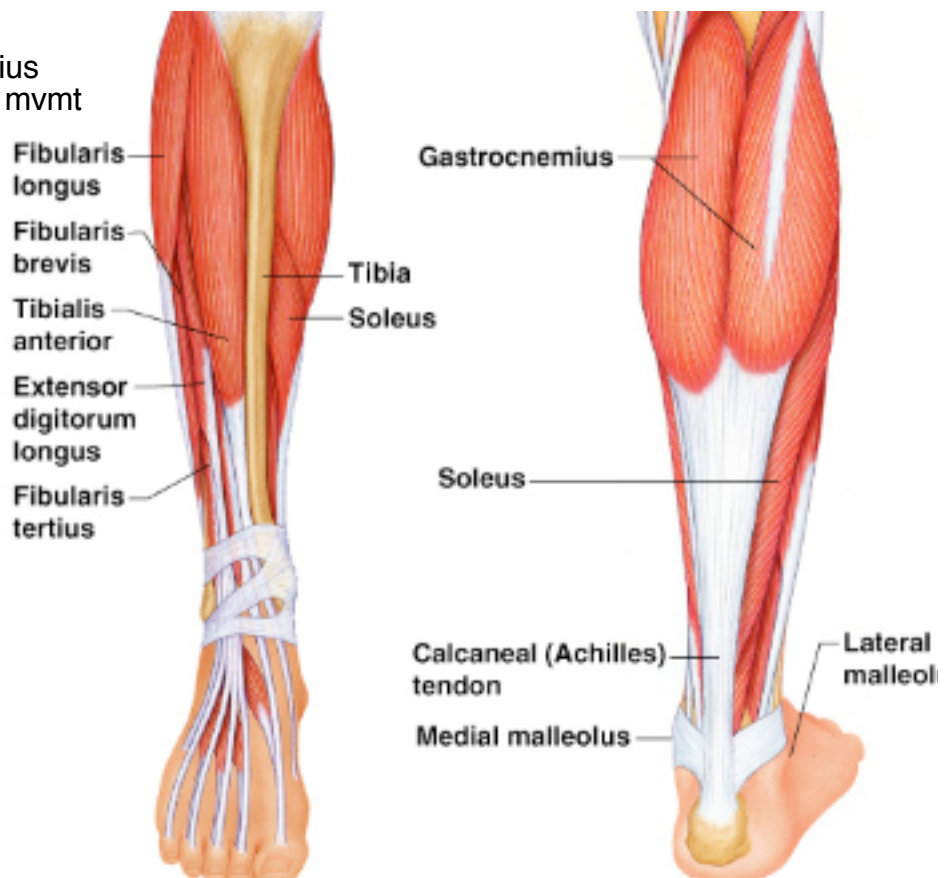
action- plantar flexes foot (points toe)  
flexes knee

**Soleus**- deep to gastrocnemius  
does not effect knee mvmt  
no femur insertion

origin- tibia & fibula

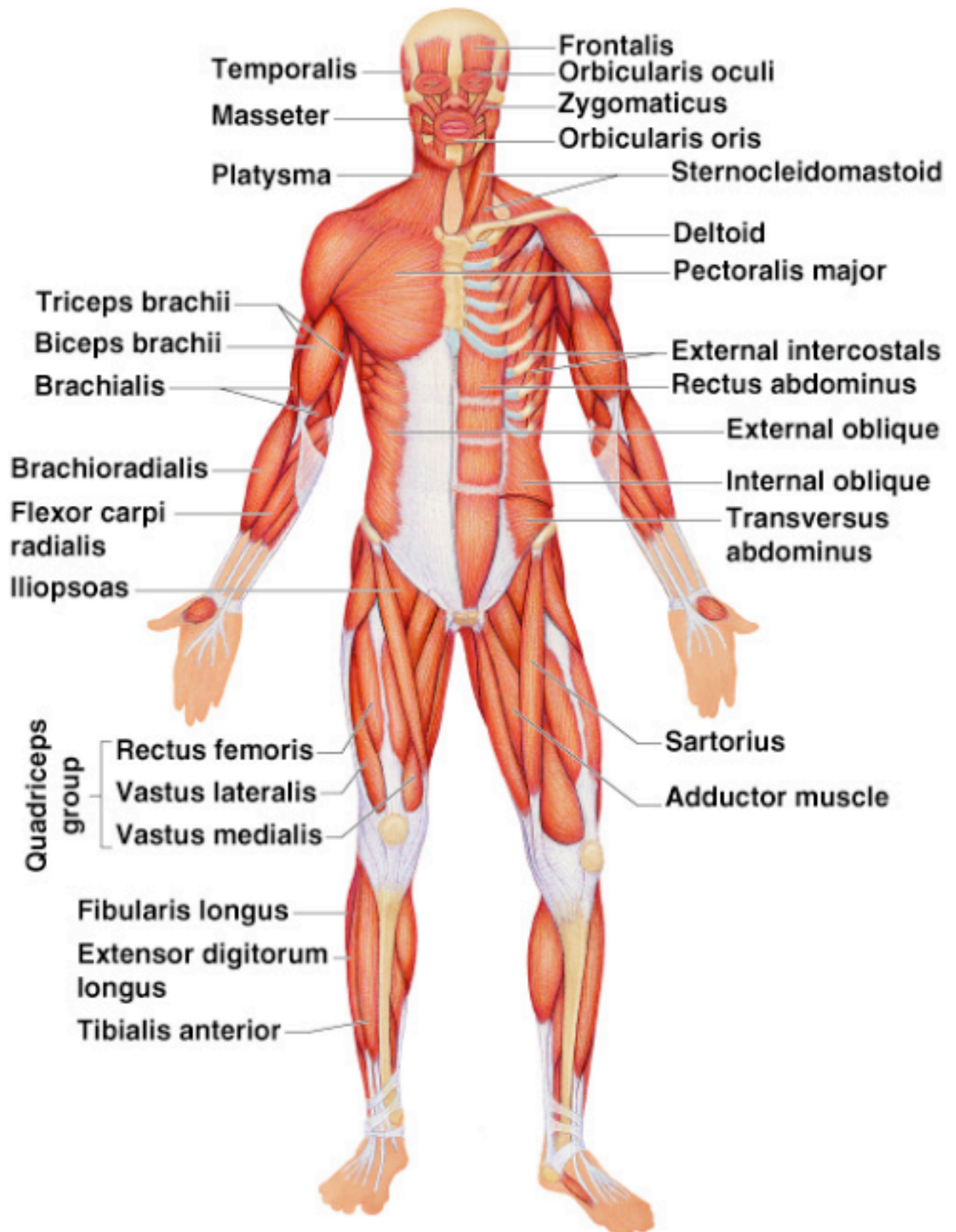
insertion- calcaneus

action- plantar flexes foot



## Anterior superficial Muscles

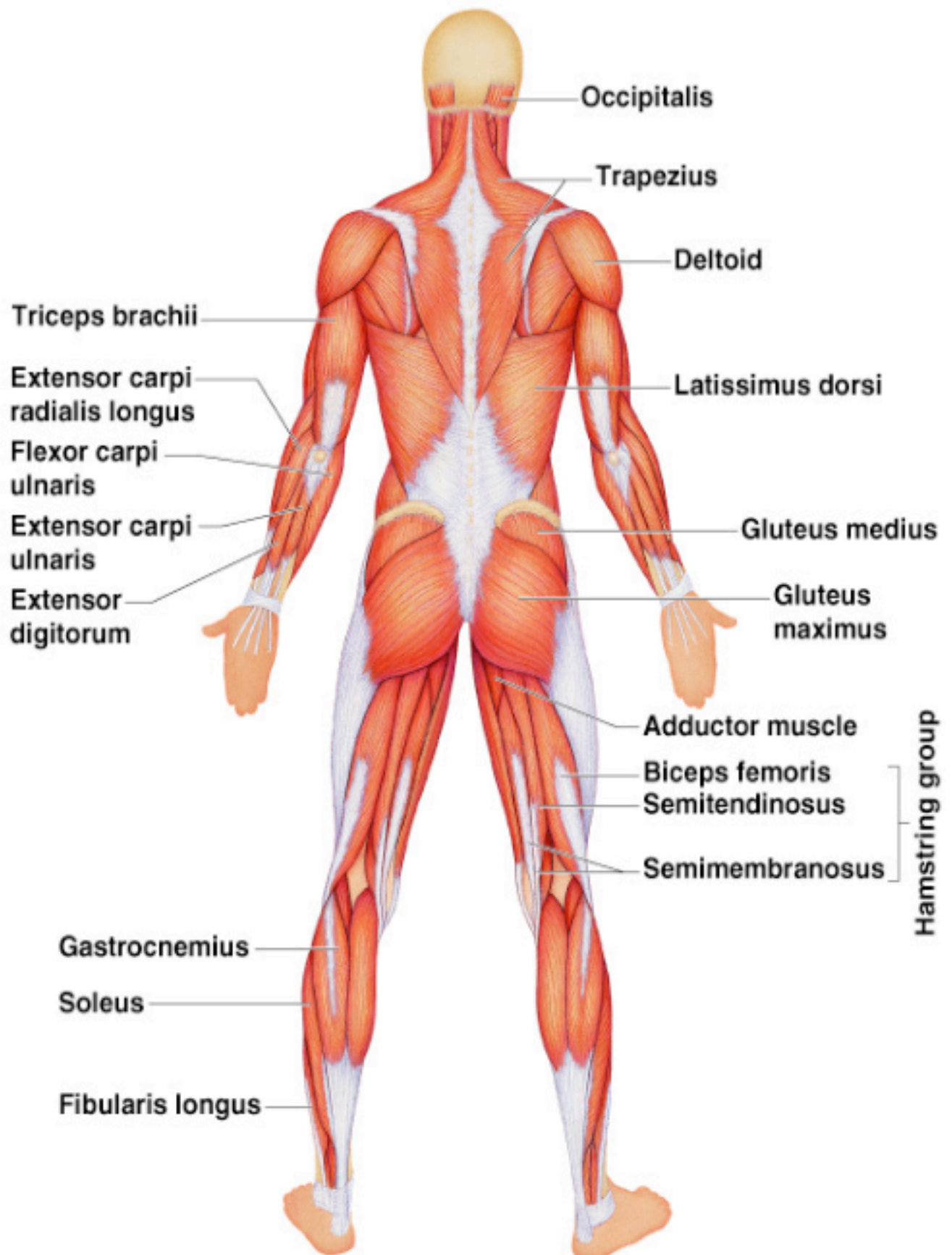
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## Posterior Superficial Muscles

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## **Embryonic Development**

### **1. Maturation of Muscle Control**

**cephalic to caudal direction**

**proximal to distal direction-** gross motor skills first  
fine motor skills last

### **2. Aging Effects**

**hypertrophy-** increase in connective tissue

**atrophy-** decrease in muscle tissue

muscles become stringier, more sinewy

decrease muscle strength

## **Homeostatic Imbalances**

### **1. Muscular Dystrophy**

### **2. Myasthenia Gravis**



# Homeostatic Relationships Between the Muscular System and Other Body Systems

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