## RESPIRATORY SYSTEM ANATOMY



## Organization and Functions of the Respiratory System

Structural classifications:

- upper respiratory tract
- Iower respiratory tract.
- Functional classifications:
  - Conducting portion: transports air.
    - Nose
    - nasal cavity
    - Pharynx
    - Larynx
    - Trachea
    - progressively smaller airways, from the primary bronchi to the bronchioles

## Organization and Functions of the Respiratory System

- Functional classifications: continued
  - Conducting portion: transports air.
  - Respiratory portion: carries out gas exchange.
    - respiratory bronchioles
    - alveolar ducts
    - air sacs called alveoli
- Upper respiratory tract is all conducting
- Lower respiratory tract has both conducting and respiratory portions





## **Respiratory System Functions**

- Breathing (pulmonary ventilation):
  - consists of two cyclic phases:
    - inhalation, also called inspiration
    - exhalation, also called expiration
  - Inhalation draws gases into the lungs.
  - Exhalation forces gases out of the lungs.
- Gas exchange: O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>
  - External respiration
    - External environment and blood
  - Internal respiration
    - Blood and cells

## **Respiratory System Functions**

#### Gas conditioning:

- Warmed
- Humidified
- Cleaned of particulates
- Sound production:
  - Movement of air over true vocal cords
  - Also involves nose, paranasal sinuses, teeth, lips and tongue
- Olfaction:
  - Olfactory epithelium over superior nasal conchae

#### Defense:

Course hairs, mucus, lymphoid tissue

## **Upper Respiratory Tract**

- Composed of
  - the nose
  - the nasal cavity
  - the paranasal sinuses
  - the pharynx (throat)
  - and associated structures.
- All part of the conducting portion of the respiratory system.

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## **Paranasal Sinuses**

- Paranasal sinuses:
  - In four skull bones
  - paired air spaces
  - decrease skull bone weight
- Named for the bones in which they are housed.
  - frontal
  - ethmoidal
  - sphenoidal
  - maxillary
- Communicate with the nasal cavity by ducts.
- Covered with the same pseudostratified ciliated columnar epithelium as the nasal cavity.





## Pharynx

- Common to both the respiratory and digestive systems.
- Commonly called the throat.
- Funnel-shaped
  - slightly wider superiorly and narrower inferiorly.
- Originates posterior to the nasal and oral cavities
- Extends inferiorly near the level of the bifurcation of the larynx and esophagus.
- Common pathway for both air and food.





#### (b) Regions of pharynx

## Pharynx

- Walls:
  - lined by a mucosa
  - contain skeletal muscles primarily used for swallowing.
- Flexible lateral walls
  - distensible
  - to force swallowed food into the esophagus.
- Partitioned into three adjoining regions:
  - nasopharynx
  - oropharynx
  - laryngopharynx

## Lower Respiratory Tract

- Conducting portion
  - Larynx
  - Trachea
  - Bronchi
  - bronchioles and their associated structures
- Respiratory portion of the respiratory system
  - respiratory bronchioles
  - alveolar ducts
  - alveoli

#### Larynx

- Short, somewhat cylindrical airway
- Location:
  - bounded posteriorly by the laryngopharynx,
  - inferiorly by the trachea.
- Prevents swallowed materials from entering the lower respiratory tract.
- Conducts air into the lower respiratory tract.
- Produces sounds.





(a) Cartilages and ligaments



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(b) Laryngoscope view



### Trachea

- A flexible, slightly rigid tubular organ
  - often referred to as the "windpipe."
- Extends through the mediastinum
  - immediately anterior to the esophagus
  - inferior to the larynx
  - superior to the primary bronchi of the lungs.
- Anterior and lateral walls of the trachea are supported by 18 to 22 C-shaped tracheal cartilages.
  - cartilage rings reinforce and provide some rigidity to the tracheal wall to ensure that the trachea remains open (patent) at all times
  - cartilage rings are connected by elastic sheets called anular ligaments



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(a) Anterior view

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#### Trachea

- At the level of the sternal angle, the trachea bifurcates into two smaller tubes, called the right and left primary bronchi.
- Each primary bronchus projects laterally toward each lung.
- The most inferior tracheal cartilage separates the primary bronchi at their origin and forms an internal ridge called the carina.

#### Carotid artery-

Jugular vein -

Trachea

Recurrent laryngeal nerve -----

Innominate artery -

Thyroid cartilage

- Thyroid gland

Vagus



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#### Anteriorly: The sternum, the thymus, the left brachiocephalic

vein, the origins of the brachiocephalic and

 left common carotid arteries, and the arch of the aorta

# Posteriorly: The esophagus and the left recurrent laryngeal nerve (Fig. 3.6A

## Right side: The azygos vein, the right vagus nerve, and

- the pleura
- Left side: The arch of the aorta, the left common
- carotid and left subclavian arteries, the left vagus and
- Ieft phrenic nerves, and the pleura







#### Anatomy of the Trachea with Proper Tracheostomy Placement

Anatomy from the Front

Anatomy from the Side

Proper Tracheostomy Placement



## **Bronchial Tree**

- A highly branched system
  - air-conducting passages
  - originate from the left and right primary bronchi.
- Progressively branch into narrower tubes as they diverge throughout the lungs before terminating in terminal bronchioles.
- Primary bronchi
  - Incomplete rings of hyaline cartilage ensure that they remain open.
  - Right primary bronchus
    - shorter, wider, and more vertically oriented than the left primary bronchus.
  - Foreign particles are more likely to lodge in the right primary bronchus.

## **Bronchial Tree**

- Primary bronchi
  - enter the hilum of each lung
  - Also entering hilum:
    - pulmonary vessels
    - lymphatic vessels
    - nerves.
- Secondary bronchi (or lobar bronchi)
  - Branch of primary bronchus
  - left lung:
    - two lobes
    - two secondary bronchi
  - right lung
    - three lobes
    - three secondary bronchi.
- Tertiary bronchi (or segmental bronchi)
  - Branch of secondary bronchi
  - left lung is supplied by 8 to 10 tertiary bronchi.
  - right lung is supplied by 10 tertiary bronchi
  - supply a part of the lung called a bronchopulmonary segment.



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#### thyroid gland

tracheal rings 🗲

hyoid bone

#### thyroid cartilage

#### cricoid cartilage

#### trachea

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#### bronchi


#### left upper lobe

#### left lower lobe

# Respiratory Bronchioles, Alveolar Ducts, and Alveoli

- Contain small saccular outpocketings called alveoli.
- An alveolus is about 0.25 to 0.5 millimeter in diameter.
- Its thin wall is specialized to promote diffusion of gases between the alveolus and the blood in the pulmonary capillaries.
- Gas exchange can take place in the respiratory bronchioles and alveolar ducts as well as in the lungs, which contain approximately 300–400 million alveoli.
- The spongy nature of the lung is due to the packing of millions of alveoli together.



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# Pleura and Pleural Cavities

- The outer surface of each lung and the adjacent internal thoracic wall are lined by a serous membrane called pleura, which is formed from simple squamous epithelium.
- The outer surface of each lung is tightly covered by the visceral pleura, while the internal thoracic walls, the lateral surfaces of the mediastinum, and the superior surface of the diaphragm are lined by the parietal pleura.
- The parietal and visceral pleural layers are continuous at the hilum of each lung.

# Pleura and Pleural Cavities

- The outer surface of each lung is tightly covered by the visceral pleura, while the internal thoracic walls, the lateral surfaces of the mediastinum, and the superior surface of the diaphragm are lined by the parietal pleura.
- The potential space between these serous membrane layers is a pleural cavity.
- The pleural membranes produce a thin, serous fluid that circulates in the pleural cavity and acts as a lubricant, ensuring minimal friction during breathing.

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## **Parietal Pleura Divisions**

- Costal pleura lines the ribs.
- Diaphragmatic pleura covers the diaphragm.
- Mediastinal pleura lies against the mediastinum.
- Cervical pleura extends above the level of the first rib.

#### **Pleural Reflections**

- Costodiaphragmatic recess (space): Space where costal and diaphragmatic pleura meet.
- Costomediastinal recess (space): Space where mediastinal and costal pleura meet.
- Pulmonary ligament:

Transition between visceral and parietal pleura at root of the lung.



#### **Pleural Lines of Reflection**

• Cervical dome of pleura:

Level with neck of the first rib.

Anteriorly, 1.5-2.5 cm above the sternal end of the clavicle.

Anterior margin extends obliquely behind the sternoclavicular joint.

At sternal angle, the pleura is at the median line and two sides stay in contact until the fourth costal cartilage.

## **Pleural Lines of Reflection**

- Right side:
  - Leaves sternum at 6<sup>th</sup> costal cartilage.
  - At 8<sup>th</sup> costal cartilage at midclavicular line.
  - At 10<sup>th</sup> rib at axillary line.
  - At 11<sup>th</sup> rib at scapular line.
  - Extends to level of body of T12 and then ascends.



## **Pleural Lines of Reflection**

- Left side:
  - Leaves sternum at IC space 5.
  - 1.5 cm from sternal margin at 6<sup>th</sup> costal cartilage.
  - Follows same landmarks as right side from this point.



# Gross Anatomy of the Lungs

- Each lung has a conical shape.
- Its wide, concave base rests upon the muscular diaphragm.
- Its relatively blunt superior region, called the apex or (cupola), projects superiorly to a point that is slightly superior and posterior to the clavicle.
- Both lungs are bordered by the thoracic wall anteriorly, laterally, and posteriorly, and supported by the rib cage.
- Toward the midline, the lungs are separated from each other by the mediastinum.
- The relatively broad, rounded surface in contact with the thoracic wall is called the costal surface of the lung.



# **Right Lung Projections**

- Follows rib 1 to sternoclavicular joint.
- Located at median plane at sternal angle.
- Extends along median plane from 2<sup>nd</sup> costal cartilage to 4<sup>th</sup> costal cartilage.
- Leaves sternum at 6<sup>th</sup> costal cartilage.
- At 6<sup>th</sup> rib at midclavicular line.

# **Right Lung Projections**

- At 8<sup>th</sup> rib at axillary line.
- At 10<sup>th</sup> rib at scapular line.
- Ends opposite T10.

# Left Lung Projections

 Same as right lung except: Cardiac notch begins at 4<sup>th</sup> costal cartilage.

#### Horizontal at parasternal line.

Medial to costochondral junction at 6<sup>th</sup> cartilage.

# Right Lung Morphology

Oblique fissure :

Separates superior and inferior lobes. Begins at base of scapular spine. At 5-6<sup>th</sup> rib at midaxillary line. Ends at 6<sup>th</sup> costochondral junction.

# Right Lung Morphology

Horizontal fissure :

Separates superior and middle lobes. Begins at axillary line. Follows rib 4.

# Left Lung Morphology

 Oblique fissure: Same as for right lung.
No horizontal fissure.



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## **3 Important Points**

- 1. Left Lung no middle lobe
- 2. Anterior chest contains upper & middle lobes with very little lower lobe
- Posterior chest has almost all lower lobe. Rt middle lobe does not project into the posterior chest



(a) Lateral views



b) mediai views



Right medial view

Left medial view









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Trachea - Intrasegmental part Intrasegmental part -- Intersegmental part Tracheal bifurcation -Apicoposterior vein intersegmental part -Intralobar part -Left superior pulmonary vein Apical vein; Apical branch -Infralobar part -Anterior vein; Anterior Posterior vein: Posterior -Intrasegmental part Intrasegmental part -Intersegmental part Intersegmental part-Anterior vein; Anterior -Lingular vein; Lingular Intrasegmental part -Intrasegmental part Right superior pulmonary Left inferior pulmonary vein ven Intersegmental part-Lateral part Superior vein; Superior. Middle lobe vein; Middle - Superior part of lingular lobe branch - Inferior part of lingular vein Superior branch Medial part - Intersegmental part Right inferior pulmonary - Intersegmental part vein Superior basal vein - Anterior basal vein intrasegmental part -- Superior basal vein Anterior basal vein; Anterior basal branch - Intrasegmental part Intersegmental part -- Common basal win Common basal vein -- Infector bagal velocito 5 2010 ilustrations: Allafecier basal vein

The diaphragm It is a <u>muscular</u> and tendinous septum that separates the thoracic cavity from the abdominal cavity. It is the primary muscle of respiration. Shape of the diaphragm :it is dome shaped, consists of a peripheral muscular part, and a centrally tendon part.

## Shape of Diaphragm

- \* It curves up into right & left domes ,or cupolae.
- \* The right dome reaches as high as the <u>upper border of 5<sup>th</sup> rib</u> (due to upward bulge of right lobe of liver) and the left dome at lower border of 5<sup>th</sup> rib. The central tendon lies at level of <u>xiphisternal joint.</u>

## Shape of Diaphragm :





Figure Lateral view of the thorax showing the relationship of the surface markings to the vertebral als.

It is bounded anteriorly by xiphisternal junction (9<sup>th</sup> Th.V.).

Laterally by ribs & costal cartilages.
Posteriorly by 12<sup>th</sup> thoracic vertebra.

## Origin:

- Sternal origin : by 2-slips from <u>back of</u> <u>xiphoid process.</u>
- 2. Costal origin : by 6-slips from inner surfaces of <u>lower 6 ribs & their costal</u> <u>cartilages.</u>
- 3. Vertebral origin : from the lumbar vertebrae by 2-crura (right &left) <u>.</u> <u>3-arcuate ligaments</u> (med.,/lat./,and median ).

#### Vertebral origin (2-crura)



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**Right crus** : from the sides of upper 3-lumbar vertebrae & intervertebral discs. Some fibres surround the esophageal orifice in a sling like loop, it acts as a sphincter to the lower end of esophagus.

Left crus : from sides of the <u>upper 2-lumbar</u> vertebrae & intervertebral discs.

## Vertebral origin (3-arcuate ligaments)



Median arcuate lig.: it connects the fibrous medial borders of the 2crura ,and crosses over the aorta.

## Vertebral origin (3-arcuate ligaments)



Lateral arcuate lig. : it is the thickened upper margin of fascia covering the anterior surface of quadratus lumborum muscle, it extends from the tip of transverse process of 1<sup>st</sup> L.V. to the lower border of 12<sup>th</sup> rib.

## Vertebral origin (3-arcuate ligaments)



➢Medial arcuate lig.: it is the thickened upper margin of fascia covering ant.surface of psoas muscle, it extends from side of body of L2.vertebra to the tip of transverse process of 1<sup>st</sup> L.V.

### Insertion of diaphragm



Figure 2 Diaphragm as seen from below. The anterior portion of the right side has been remove the sternal, costal, and vertebral origins of the muscle and the important structures that r : hrough it.

 $\triangleright$ Into the centeral tendon (lies at the level of xiphisternal joint), which is partially fused with the inferior surface of the fibrous pericardium and supports the heart.

## Main Openings in the diaphragm :

#### **There are 3 main openings**

- 1. Aortic: at T12,- --- aorta, thoracic duct, azygos V.
- 2. Esophageal : at T10, -- esophagus, 2 vagi, esophageal branches of left gastric vessels.
- 3. Caval : at T8 in the central tendon , --- I.V.C. , right phrenic.

## • Action • It is the primary Ms.of respiration,

on contraction, the diaphragm pulls down its centeral tendon & increases the vertical diameter of the thorax during inspiration.

## **Openings of Diaphragm**





## Nerve supply :

#### 1. Motor supply :

**Phrenic nerve (C3 ,4 ,5 )only.** it pierces the diaphragm & ramifies on its inferior surface.

#### 2. <u>Sensory supply :</u>

- \* Lower 6 intercostal nerves...to periphery of <u>diaphragm</u>
- Also, Phrenic Nerve... to parietal <u>pleura</u> & <u>pericardium</u> covering the <u>central part.</u>



esophagus).

## Other Clinical Notes : Hiccup

- It is involuntary spasmodic contraction of diaphragm, accompanied by approximation of vocal folds & closure of glottis of larynx.
- it is common in normal individuals after eating or drinking as a result of gastric irritation of vagus nerve endings.
- It may be due to pleurisy ,peritonitis ,or pericarditis.

#### **Referred Pain to the Sholder :**

> The sensory innervation of the central part of diaphragm is the phrenic N(C3,4,5). > The sensory nerve supply to skin over the shoulder is the supraclavicular nerve(C3,4). > So, pain due to irritation of pleura or pericardium covering the central part of diaphragm may be referred to the shoulder.

### **Paralysis of Diaphragm :**

- > As a result of injury of the phrenic nerve in the neck.
- As a result of stab wound to the chest ,It leads to inspiratory defects.

## **Quiet Inspiration :**

- I<sup>st</sup> rib is fixed by scaleni muscles ,the intercostal Ms.elevate the other ribs upward towards 1<sup>st</sup> rib (A).
- The diaphragm descends, and the liver provides the platform that enables the diaphragm to assist the intercostal Ms.in raising the lower ribs (fig.C).
- So,increase the capacity & volum of thoracic cavity leads to decrease the pressure in thorax & lungs than in the atmospheric pressure, which sucks air into the lungs till becomes equal each other.

It is an active process.

### **Quiet Expiration :**

- It is a passive process due to elastic recoil of lungs and relaxation of intercostal Ms.& diaphragm. So, the ribs depressed and the diaphragm elevated to its normal position.
- So, the lungs become recoil & reduced in size ,so the pressure is increased inside the lungs enough to flow out of air outside till the pressure equal to the atmospheric pressure.

# Thoracic Wall Dimensional Changes During Respiration

- Lateral dimensional changes occur with rib movements.
- Elevation of the ribs increases the lateral dimensions of the thoracic cavity, while depression of the ribs decreases the lateral dimensions of the thoracic cavity.

## Muscles that Move the Ribs

- The scalenes help increase thoracic cavity dimensions by elevating the first and second ribs during forced inhalation.
- The ribs elevate upon contraction of the external intercostals, thereby increasing the transverse dimensions of the thoracic cavity during inhalation.
- Contraction of the internal intercostals depresses the ribs, but this only occurs during forced exhalation.
- Normal exhalation requires no active muscular effort.
- A small transversus thoracis extends across the inner surface of the thoracic cage and attaches to ribs 2–6. It helps depress the ribs.

## Muscles that Move the Ribs

- Two posterior thorax muscles also assist with respiration. These muscles are located deep to the trapezius and latissimus dorsi, but superficial to the erector spinae muscles.
- The serratus posterior superior elevates ribs 2–5 during inhalation, and the serratus posterior inferior depresses ribs 8– 12 during exhalation.
- In addition, some accessory muscles assist with respiratory activities.
- The pectoralis minor, serratus anterior, and sternocleidomastoid help with forced inhalation, while the abdominal muscles (external and internal obliques, transversus abdominis, and rectus abdominis) assist in active exhalation.












Diaphragm contracts; vertical dimensions of thoracic cavity increase.



Ribs elevated and thoracic cavity widens.



Ribs depressed and thoracic cavity narrows.



Inferior portion of sternum moves anteriorly.

Inferior portion of sternum moves posteriorly.