

# HUMAN ANATOMY

## THE MUSCULAR SYSTEM

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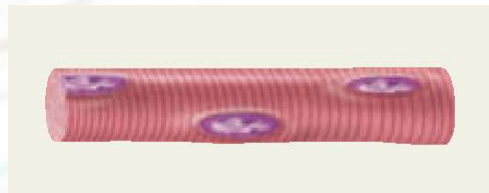
Most skeletal muscles move the bones of the **skeleton**.

Skeletal muscle tissue is **striated**: Alternating light and dark protein bands (striations)

Skeletal muscle tissue works mainly in a **voluntary** manner. Its activity can be **consciously** controlled by Neurons.

Most skeletal muscles also are controlled **subconsciously** to some extent.

You do not need to consciously think about contracting the skeletal muscles that maintain your posture or stabilize body positions.



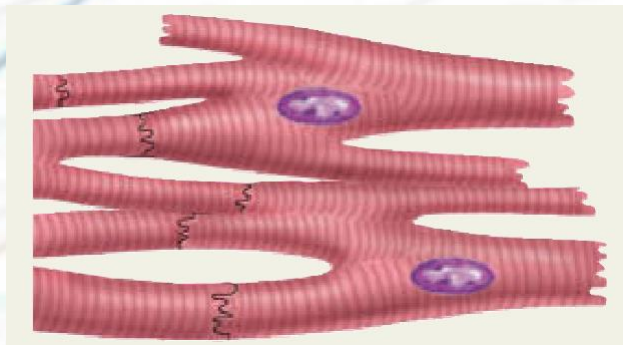
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### Cardiac muscle tissue

Only the heart contains cardiac muscle tissue, which forms most of the **heart wall**.

Cardiac muscle is also striated, but its action is **involuntary**.

The alternating contraction and relaxation of the heart is **not consciously** controlled.



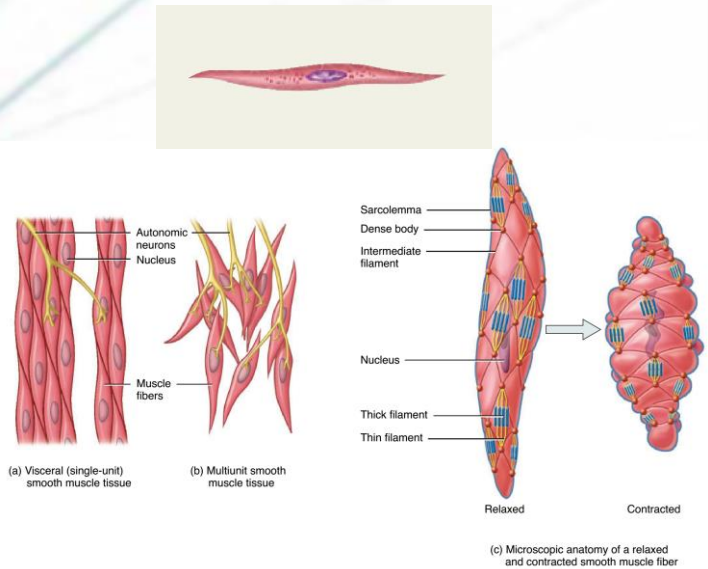
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### Smooth muscle tissue

It is located in the walls of hollow **internal** structures, such as blood vessels, airways, and most organs in the abdominopelvic cavity. It is also found in the skin, attached to hair follicles.

Under a microscope, this tissue lacks the striations of skeletal and cardiac muscle tissue. For this reason, it looks nonstriated, which is why it is referred to as smooth.

The action of smooth muscle is usually involuntary and some smooth muscle tissue has autorhythmicity.



## Functions of Muscular Tissue

Through sustained contraction or alternating contraction and relaxation, muscular tissue has four key functions:

1. Producing body movements.
2. Stabilizing body positions.
3. Storing and moving substances within the body.
4. Generating heat.



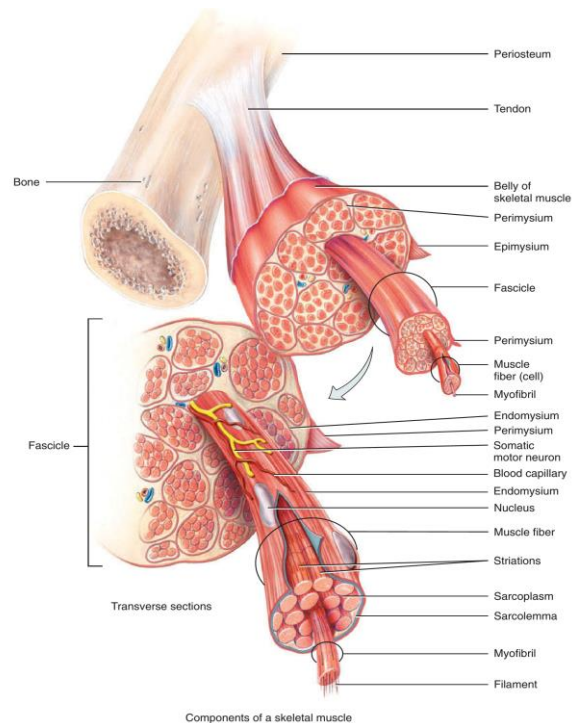
## Properties of Muscular Tissue

Muscular tissue has four special properties that enable it to function and contribute to homeostasis:

1. Electrical excitability
2. Contractility
3. Extensibility
4. Elasticity

## Skeletal Muscle Tissue

Each of your skeletal muscles is a separate organ composed of hundreds to thousands of cells, which are called muscle fibers because of their elongated shapes. Thus, muscle cell and muscle fiber are two terms for the same structure. Skeletal muscle also contains connective tissues surrounding muscle fibers and whole muscles, and blood vessels and nerves.



## Skeletal Muscle Tissue

**Connective tissue** surrounds and protects muscular tissue.

The subcutaneous layer or hypodermis, which separates muscle from skin, is composed of **areolar connective tissue** and **adipose** tissue.

It provides a pathway for nerves, blood vessels, and lymphatic vessels to enter and exit muscles.

**Fascia** is a dense sheet or broad band of irregular connective tissue that lines the body wall and limbs and supports and surrounds muscles and other organs of the body.

As you will see, fascia holds muscles with similar functions together.

Fascia allows free movement of muscles; carries nerves, blood vessels, and lymphatic vessels; and fills spaces between muscles.

## Skeletal Muscle Tissue

Three layers of connective tissue extend from the fascia to protect and strengthen skeletal muscle

- **Epimysium** (epi-upon) is the outer layer, encircling the entire muscle. It consists of dense irregular connective tissue.
- **Perimysium** (peri-around) is also a layer of dense irregular connective tissue, but it surrounds groups of 10 to 100 or more muscle fibers, separating them into bundles called **fascicles**.

Many fascicles are large enough to be seen with the naked eye.

They give a cut of meat its characteristic “grain”; if you tear a piece of meat, it rips apart along the fascicles.

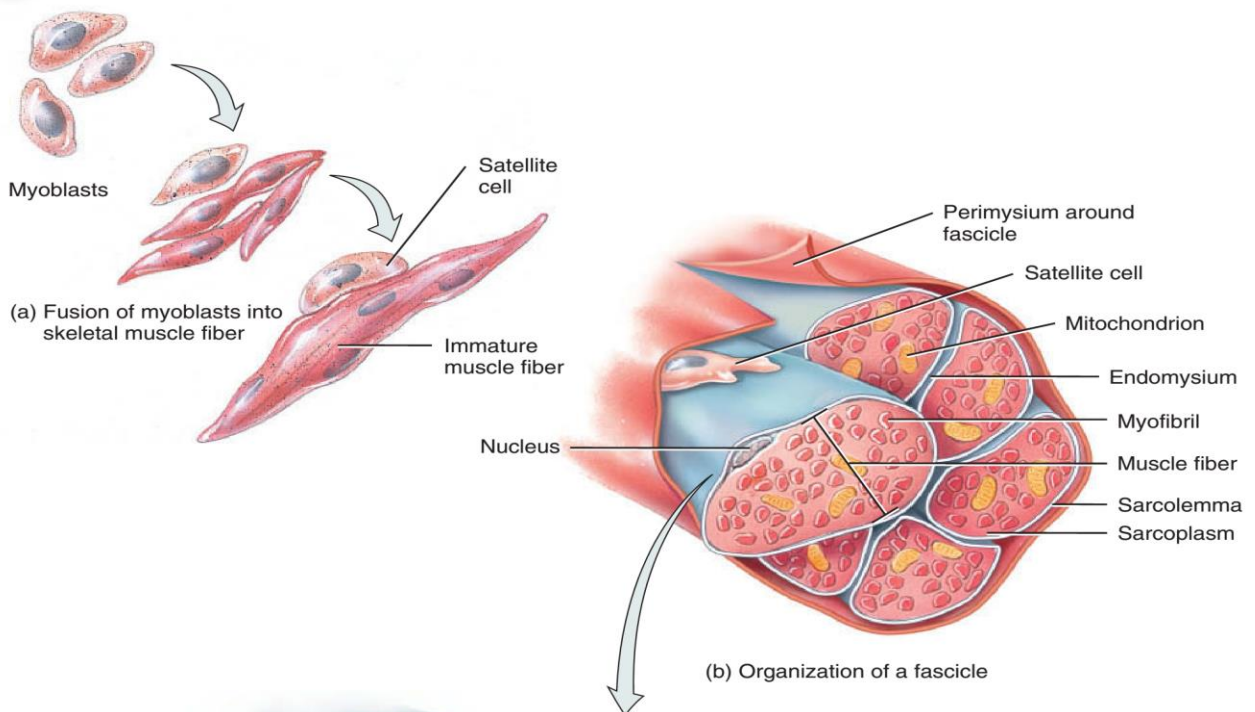
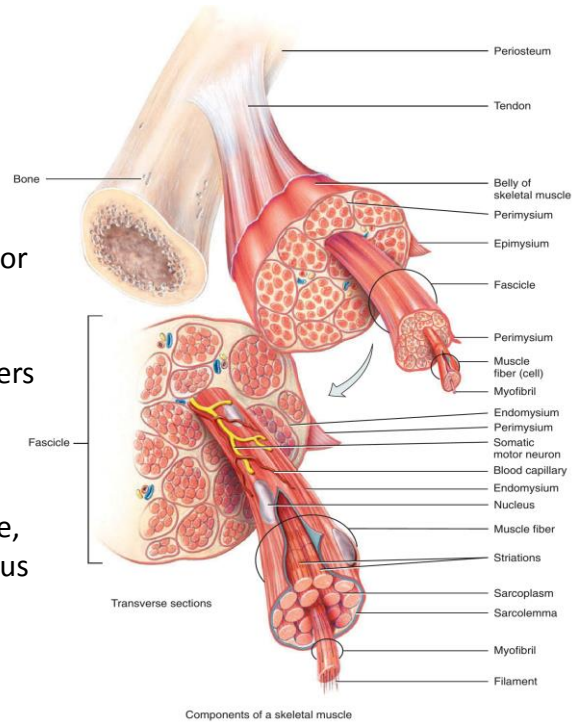
- **Endomysium** (endo-within) penetrates the interior of each fascicle and separates individual muscle fibers from one another. The endomysium is mostly reticular fibers.

## Skeletal Muscle Tissue

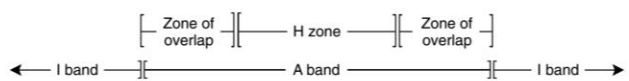
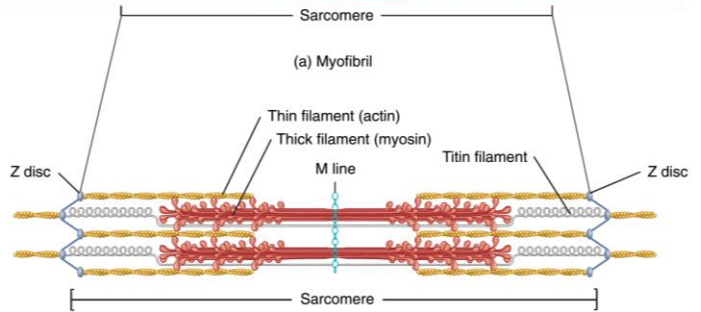
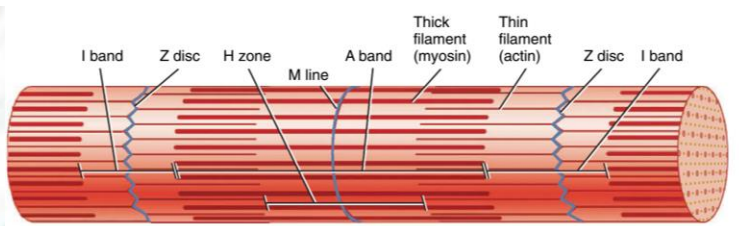
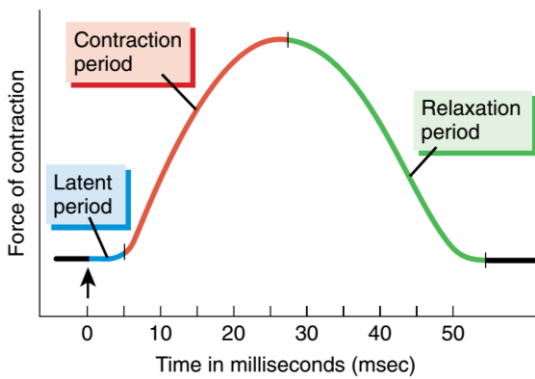
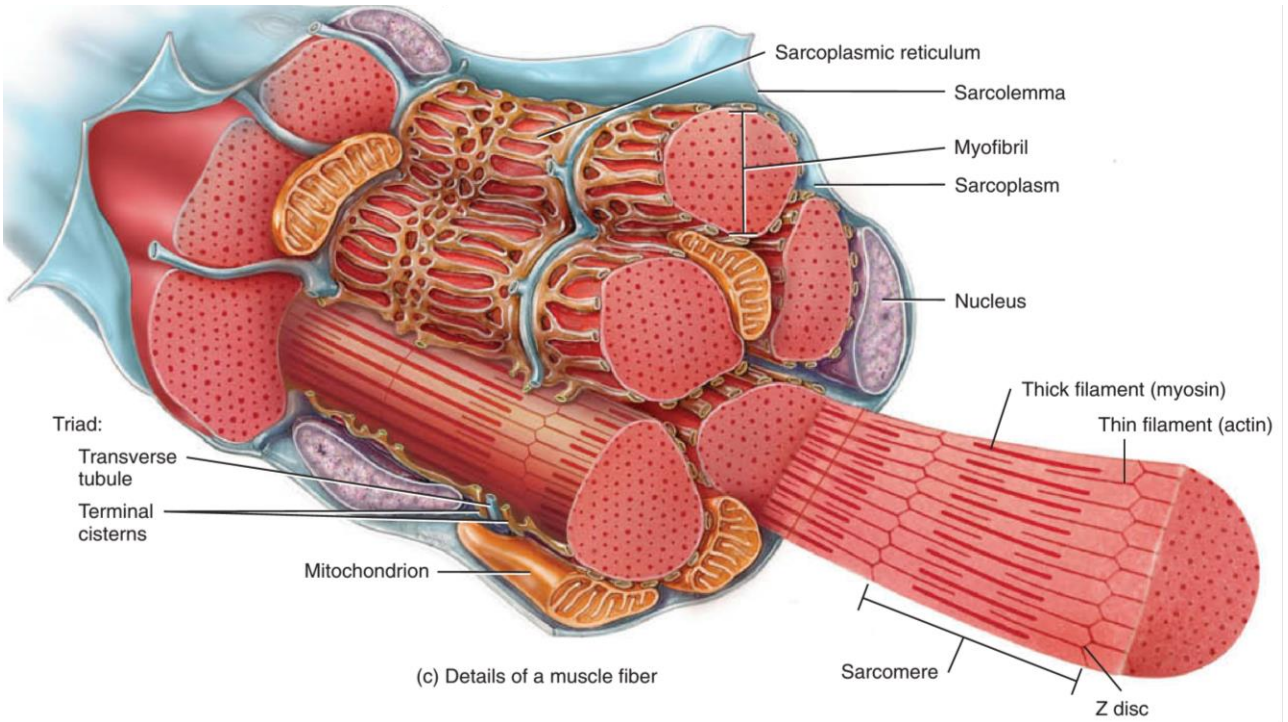
The epimysium, perimysium, and endomysium are all continuous with the connective tissue that attaches skeletal muscle to other structures, such as bone or another muscle.

For example, all three connective tissue layers may extend beyond the muscle fibers to form a ropelike tendon that attaches a muscle to the periosteum of a bone.

An example is the calcaneal (Achilles) tendon of the gastrocnemius (calf) muscle, which attaches the muscle to the calcaneus (heel bone)

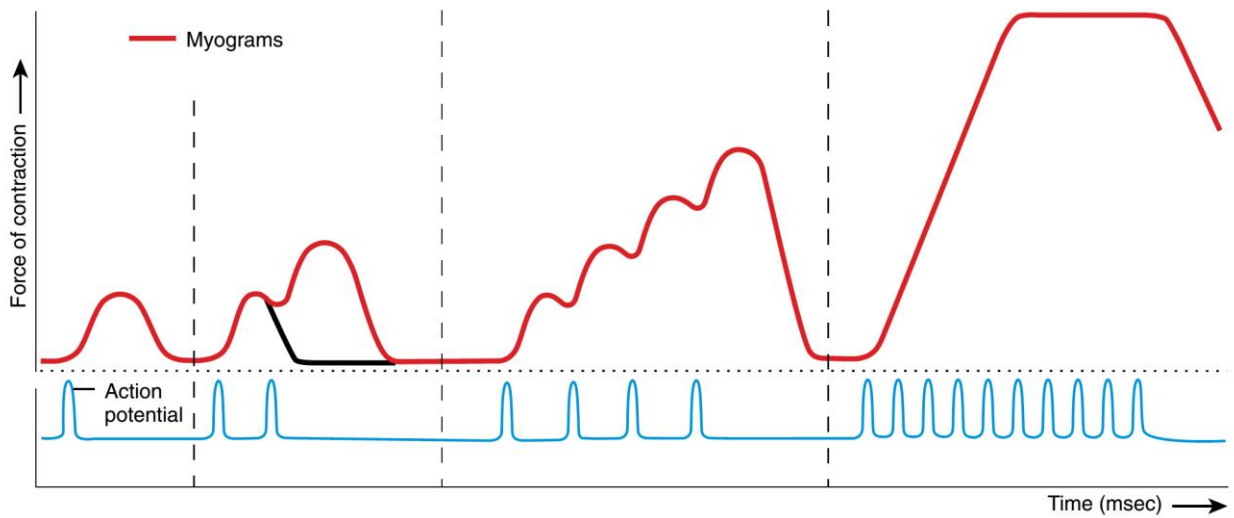






(b) Details of filaments and Z discs





(a) Single twitch

(b) Wave summation

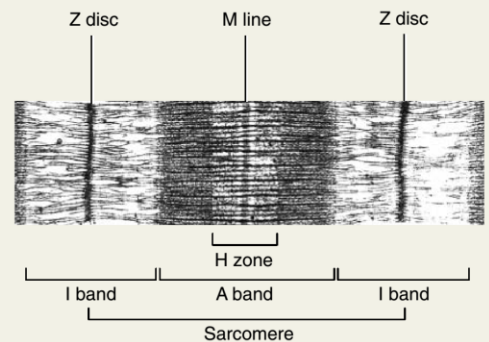
(c) Unfused tetanus

(d) Fused tetanus

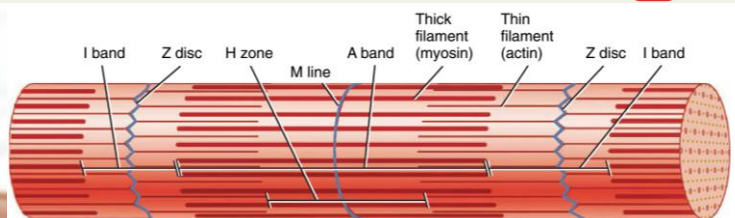


## Components of a Sarcomere

COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Z discs</b>	Narrow, plate-shaped regions of dense material that separate one sarcomere from the next.
<b>A band</b>	Dark, middle part of sarcomere that extends entire length of thick filaments and includes those parts of thin filaments that overlap thick filaments.
<b>I band</b>	Lighter, less dense area of sarcomere that contains remainder of thin filaments but no thick filaments. A Z disc passes through center of each I band.
<b>H zone</b>	Narrow region in center of each A band that contains thick filaments but no thin filaments.
<b>M line</b>	Region in center of H zone that contains proteins that hold thick filaments together at center of sarcomere.



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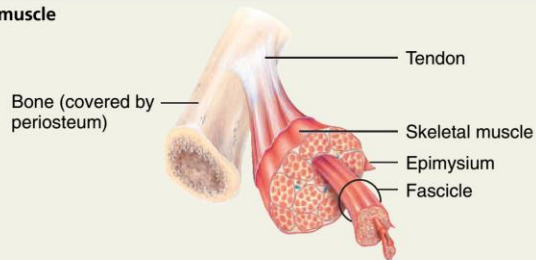


## Levels of Organization within a Skeletal Muscle

### LEVEL

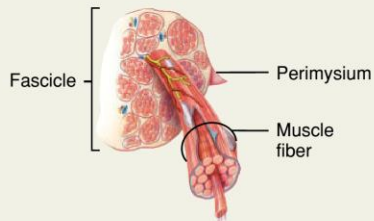
### DESCRIPTION

#### Skeletal muscle



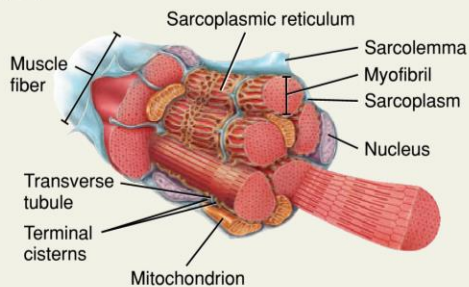
Organ made up of fascicles that contain muscle fibers (cells), blood vessels, and nerves; wrapped in epimysium.

#### Fascicle



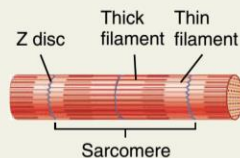
Bundle of muscle fibers wrapped in perimysium.

#### Muscle fiber (cell)



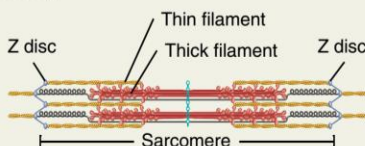
Long cylindrical cell covered by endomysium and sarcolemma; contains sarcoplasm, myofibrils, many peripherally located nuclei, mitochondria, transverse tubules, sarcoplasmic reticulum, and terminal cisterns. The fiber has a striated appearance.

#### Myofibril

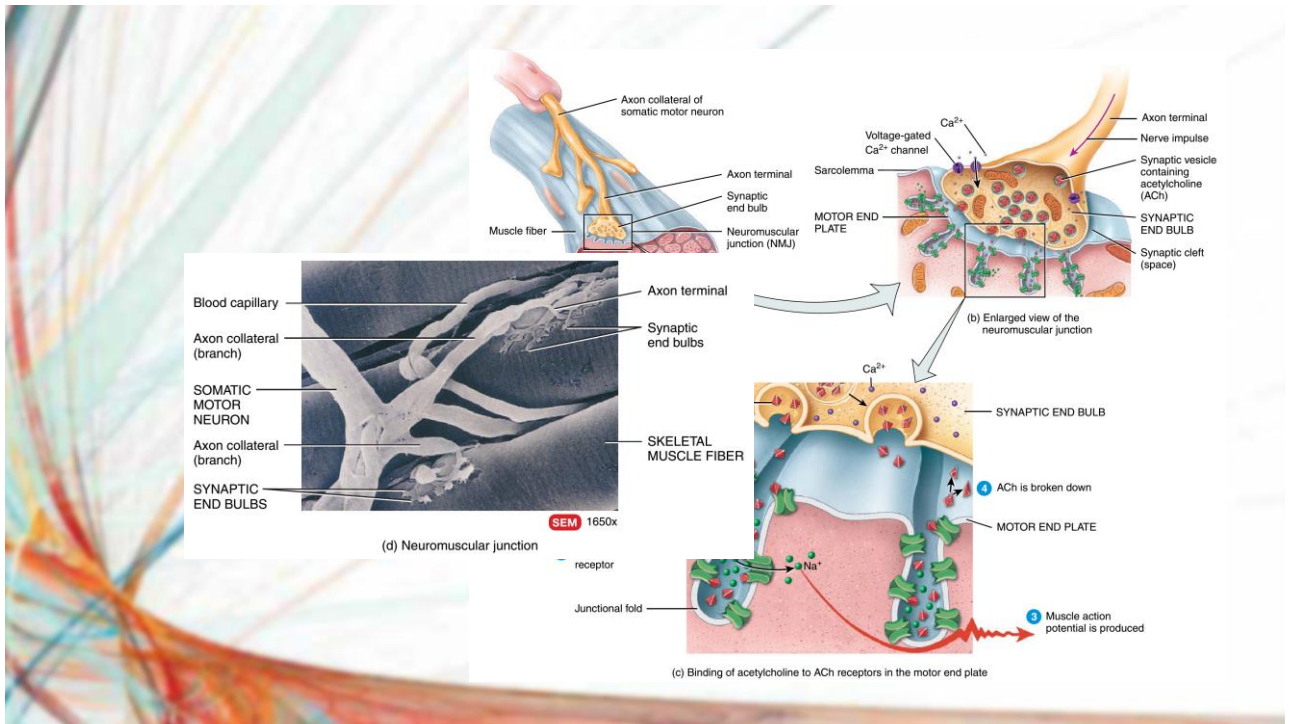


Threadlike contractile elements within sarcoplasm of muscle fiber that extend entire length of fiber; composed of filaments.

#### Filaments (myofilaments)



Contractile proteins within myofibrils that are of two types: thick filaments composed of myosin and thin filaments composed of actin, tropomyosin, and troponin; sliding of thin filaments past thick filaments produces muscle shortening.



## Cardiac Muscle Tissue

The principal tissue in the heart wall is cardiac muscle tissue. Between the layers of cardiac muscle fibers, the contractile cells of the heart, are sheets of connective tissue that contain blood vessels, nerves, and the conduction system of the heart. Cardiac muscle fibers have the same arrangement of **actin** and **myosin** and the same bands, zones, and Z discs as skeletal muscle fibers.

## Smooth Muscle Tissue

Like cardiac muscle tissue, smooth muscle tissue is usually activated **involuntarily**. Of the two types of smooth muscle tissue, the more common type is **visceral (single-unit) smooth muscle tissue**.

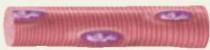
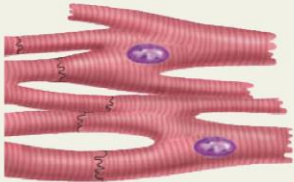

It is found in the **skin** and in **tubular arrangements** that form part of the walls of small arteries and veins and of hollow organs such as the stomach, intestines, uterus, and urinary bladder.

Like cardiac muscle, visceral smooth muscle is **autorhythmic**.

The second type of smooth muscle tissue, **multiunit smooth muscle tissue**.

Multiunit smooth muscle tissue is found in the **walls of large arteries**, in **airways** to the lungs, in the **arrector pili muscles** that attach to hair follicles, in the **muscles of the iris** that adjust pupil diameter, and in the **ciliary body** that adjusts focus of the lens in the eye.

### Summary of the Major Features of the Three Types of Muscular Tissue

CHARACTERISTIC	SKELETAL MUSCLE	CARDIAC MUSCLE	SMOOTH MUSCLE
<b>Microscopic appearance and features</b>	Long cylindrical fiber with many peripherally located nuclei; unbranched; striated.	Branched cylindrical fiber with one centrally located nucleus; intercalated discs join neighboring fibers; striated.	Fiber thickest in middle, tapered at each end, and with one centrally positioned nucleus; not striated.
			
<b>Location</b>	Most commonly attached by tendons to bones.	Heart.	Walls of hollow viscera, airways, blood vessels, iris and ciliary body of eye, arrector pili muscles of hair follicles.
<b>Fiber diameter</b>	Very large (10–100 $\mu\text{m}$ ).	Large (10–20 $\mu\text{m}$ ).	Small (3–8 $\mu\text{m}$ ).
<b>Connective tissue components</b>	Endomysium, perimysium, and epimysium.	Endomysium and perimysium.	Endomysium.
<b>Fiber length</b>	Very large (100 $\mu\text{m}$ –30 cm = 12 in.).	Large (50–100 $\mu\text{m}$ ).	Intermediate (30–200 $\mu\text{m}$ ).
<b>Contractile proteins organized into sarcomeres</b>	Yes.	Yes.	No.
<b>Sarcoplasmic reticulum</b>	Abundant.	Some.	Very little.



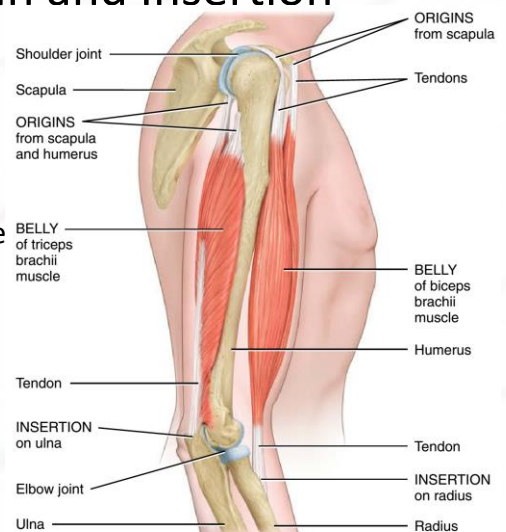
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CHARACTERISTIC	SKELETAL MUSCLE	CARDIAC MUSCLE	SMOOTH MUSCLE
Transverse tubules present	Yes, aligned with each A-I band junction.	Yes, aligned with each Z disc.	No.
Junctions between fibers	None.	Intercalated discs contain gap junctions and desmosomes.	Gap junctions in visceral smooth muscle; none in multiunit smooth muscle.
Autorhythmicity	No.	Yes.	Yes, in visceral smooth muscle.
Source of Ca <sup>2+</sup> for contraction	Sarcoplasmic reticulum.	Sarcoplasmic reticulum and interstitial fluid.	Sarcoplasmic reticulum and interstitial fluid.
Regulator proteins for contraction	Troponin and tropomyosin.	Troponin and tropomyosin.	Calmodulin and myosin light chain kinase.
Speed of contraction	Fast.	Moderate.	Slow.
Nervous control	Voluntary (somatic nervous system).	Involuntary (autonomic nervous system).	Involuntary (autonomic nervous system).
Contraction regulation	Acetylcholine released by somatic motor neurons.	Acetylcholine and norepinephrine released by autonomic motor neurons; several hormones.	Acetylcholine and norepinephrine released by autonomic motor neurons; several hormones; local chemical changes; stretching.
Capacity for regeneration	Limited, via satellite cells.	Limited, under certain conditions.	Considerable (compared with other muscle tissues, but limited compared with epithelium), via pericytes.

## Muscle Attachment Sites: Origin and Insertion

The attachment of a muscle's tendon to the stationary bone is called the **origin**;  
 The attachment of the muscle's other tendon to the movable bone is called the **insertion**  
 A good analogy is a spring on a door. In this example, the part of the spring attached to the frame is the origin; the part attached to the door represents the insertion.

Muscles are attached to bones by tendons at their **origins** and **insertions**.  
 Skeletal muscles produce movements by **pulling** on bones.



(a) Origin and insertion of a skeletal muscle

## Coordination among Muscles

Movements often are the result of several skeletal muscles acting as a group.

Most skeletal muscles are arranged in opposing (antagonistic) pairs at joints—that is, flexors–extensors, abductors– adductors, and so on.

Within opposing pairs, one muscle, called the **prime mover** or **agonist** (=leader), contracts to cause an action while the other muscle, the antagonist (anti- =against), stretches and yields to the effects of the prime mover. In the process of flexing the forearm at the elbow, for instance, the biceps brachii is the prime mover, and the triceps brachii is the antagonist.

The **antagonist** and **prime mover** are usually located on opposite sides of the bone or joint, as is the case in this example.

With an opposing pair of muscles, the roles of the prime mover and antagonist can switch for different movements.

For example, while extending the forearm at the elbow against resistance, the triceps brachii becomes the prime mover, and the biceps brachii is the antagonist.

If a prime mover and its antagonist contract at the same time with equal force, there will be no movement.

## Skeletal Muscles Naming

The names of most of the skeletal muscles contain combinations of the word roots of their distinctive features.

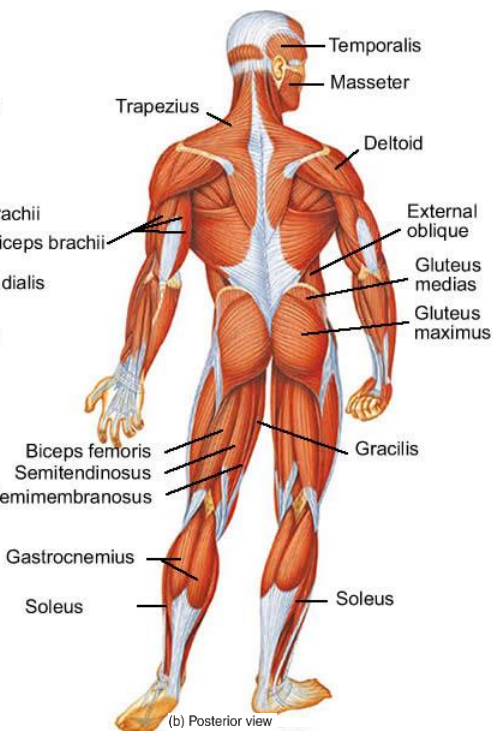
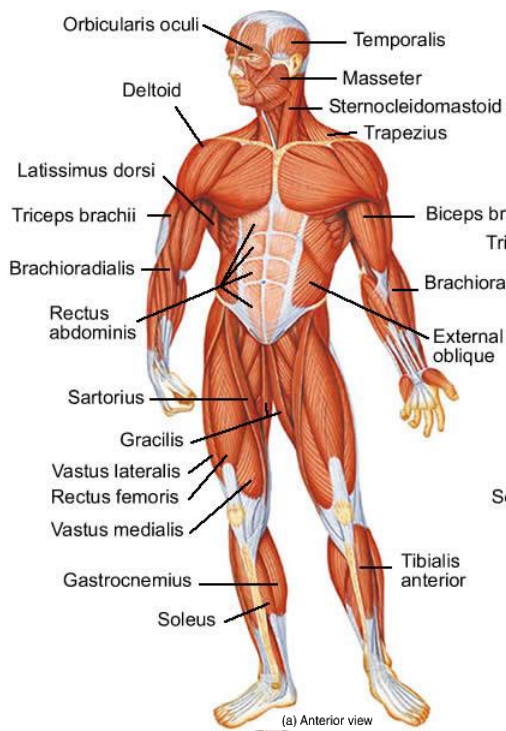
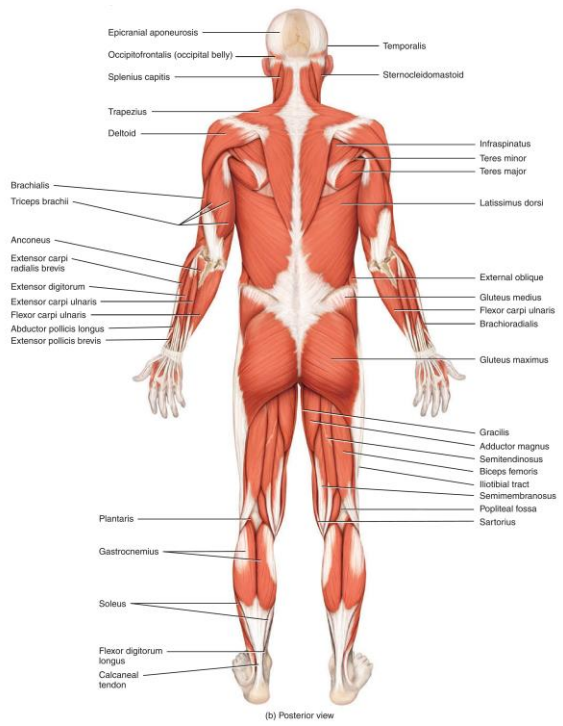
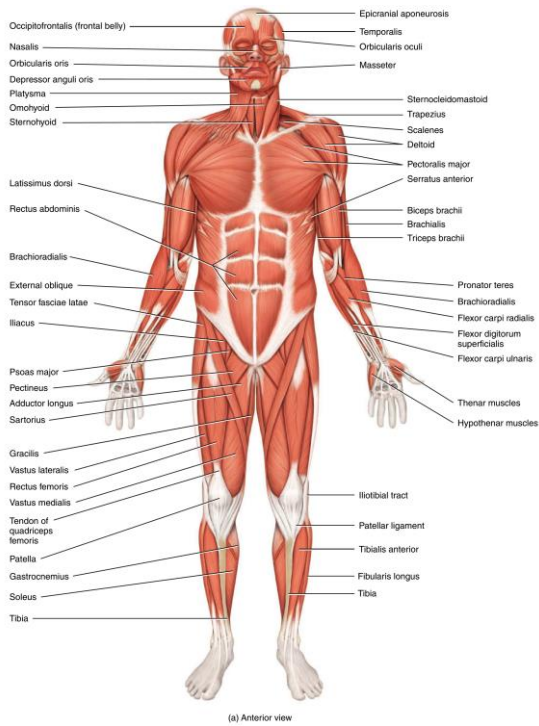
This works two ways.

You can learn the names of muscles by remembering the terms that refer to muscle features, such as

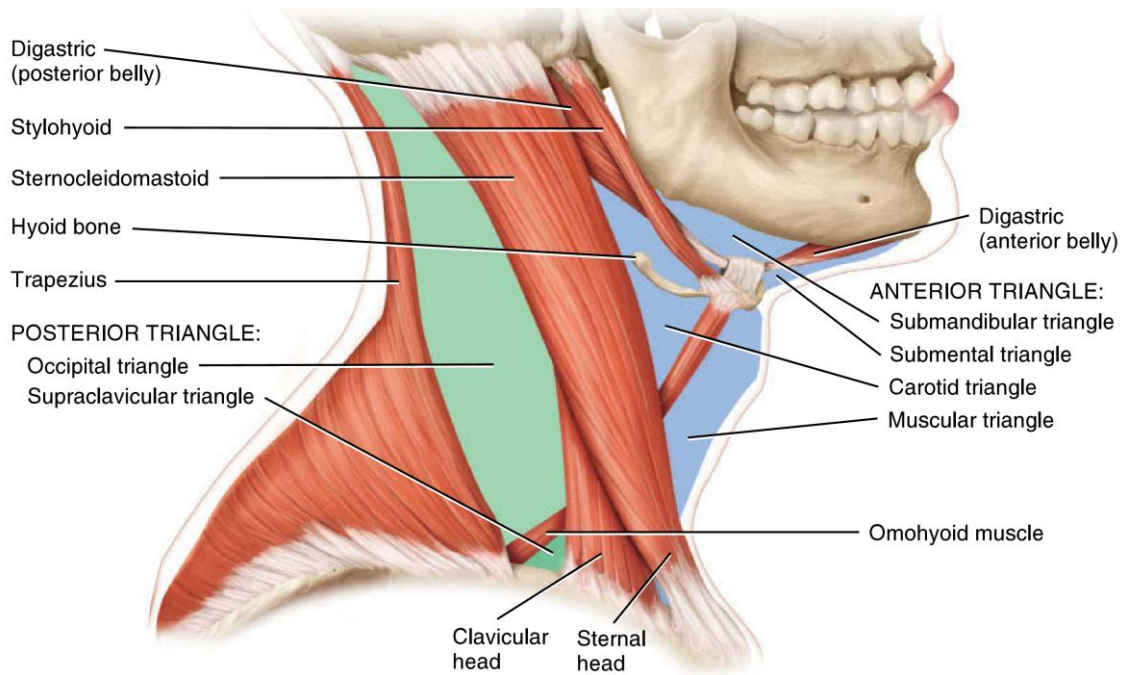
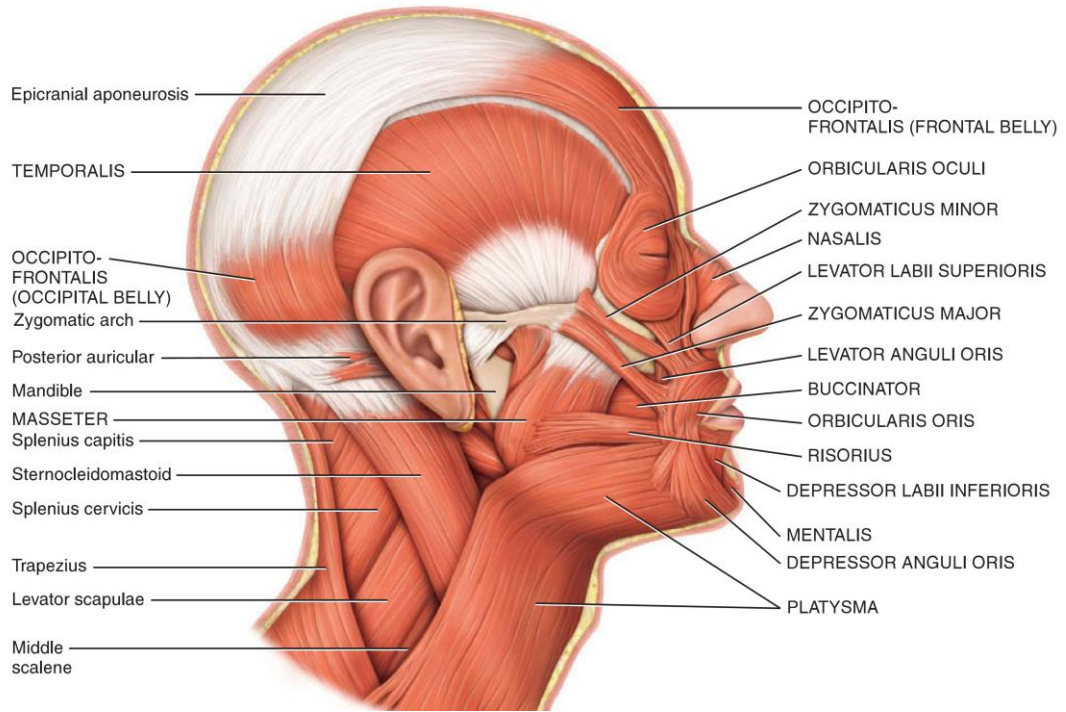
- the pattern of the muscle's fascicles;
- the size,
- shape,
- action,
- number of origins, and
- location of the muscle; and
- the sites of origin and insertion of the muscle.

Knowing the names of a muscle will then give you clues about its features.

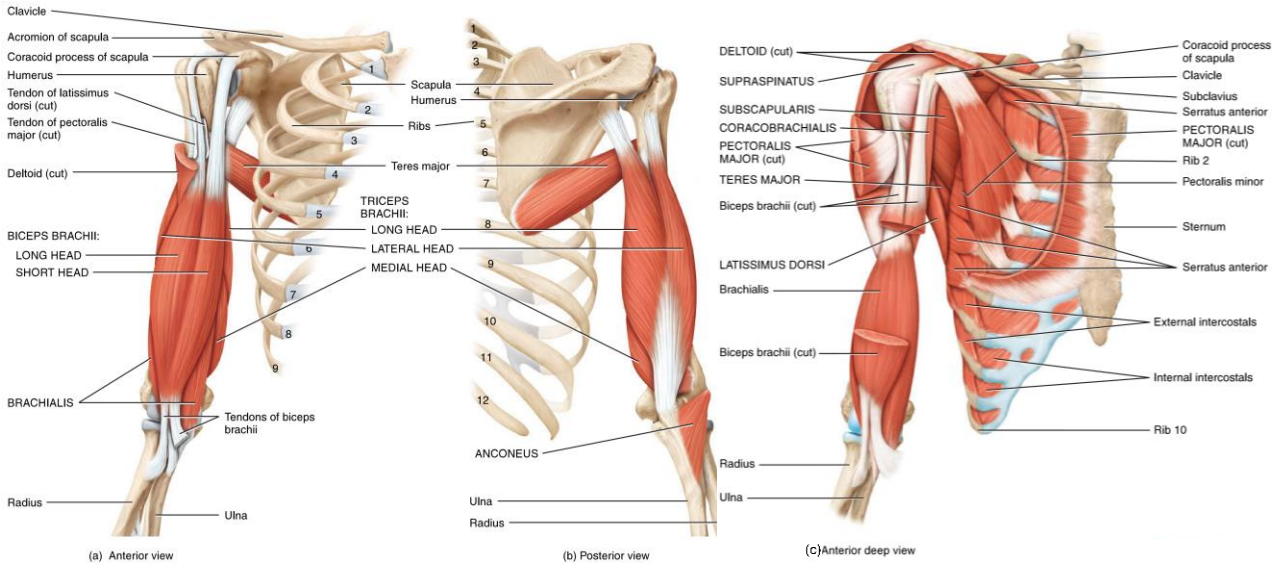
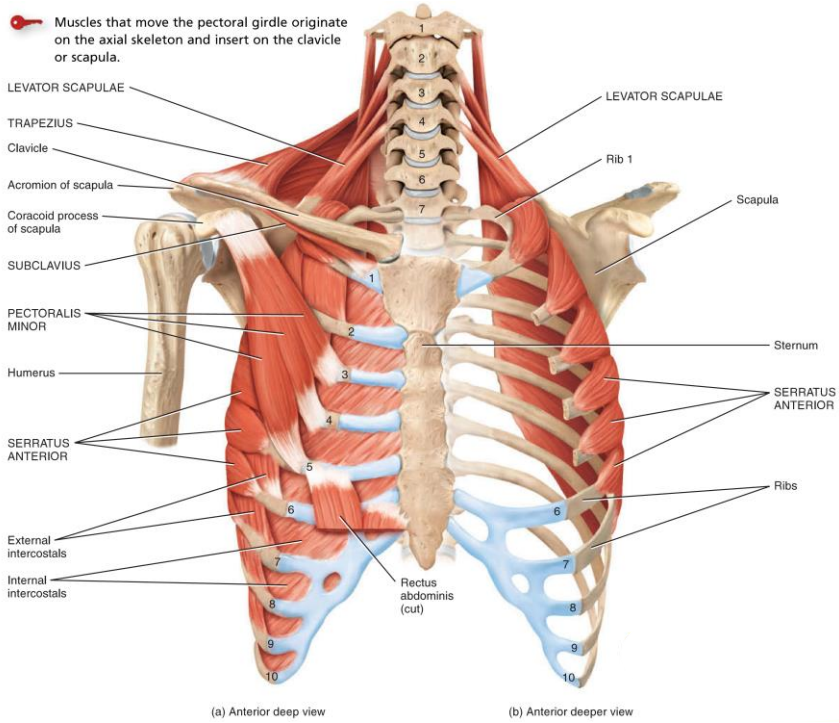
NAME	MEANING	EXAMPLE
<b>DIRECTION: Orientation of muscle fascicles relative to the body's midline</b>		
Rectus	Parallel to midline	Rectus abdominis
Transverse	Perpendicular to midline	Transversus abdominis
Oblique	Diagonal to midline	External oblique
<b>SIZE: Relative size of the muscle</b>		
Maximus	Largest	Gluteus maximus
Minimus	Smallest	Gluteus minimus
Longus	Long	Adductor longus
Brevis	Short	Adductor brevis
Latissimus	Widest	Latissimus dorsi
Longissimus	Longest	Longissimus capitis
Magnus	Large	Adductor magnus
Major	Larger	Pectoralis major
Minor	Smaller	Pectoralis minor
Vastus	Huge	Vastus lateralis
<b>SHAPE: Relative shape of the muscle</b>		
Deltoid	Triangular	Deltoid
Trapezius	Trapezoid	Trapezius
Serratus	Saw-toothed	Serratus anterior
Rhomboid	Diamond-shaped	Rhomboid major
Orbicularis	Circular	Orbicularis oculi
Pectinate	Comblike	Pectineus
Piriformis	Pear-shaped	Piriformis
Platys	Flat	Platysma
Quadratus	Square, four-sided	Quadratus femoris
Gracilis	Slender	Gracilis
<b>ACTION: Principal action of the muscle</b>		
Flexor	Decreases joint angle	Flexor carpi radialis
Extensor	Increases joint angle	Extensor carpi ulnaris
Abductor	Moves bone away from midline	Abductor pollicis longus
Adductor	Moves bone closer to midline	Adductor longus
Levator	Raises or elevates body part	Levator scapulae
Depressor	Lowers or depresses body part	Depressor labii inferioris
Supinator	Turns palm anteriorly	Supinator
Pronator	Turns palm posteriorly	Pronator teres
Sphincter	Decreases size of an opening	External anal sphincter
Tensor	Makes body part rigid	Tensor fasciae latae
Rotator	Rotates bone around longitudinal axis	Rotatore
<b>NUMBER OF ORIGINS: Number of tendons of origin</b>		
Biceps	Two origins	Biceps brachii
Triceps	Three origins	Triceps brachii
Quadriceps	Four origins	Quadriceps femoris
<b>LOCATION: Structure near which a muscle is found</b>		
<i>Example:</i> Temporalis, muscle near temporal bone.		
<b>ORIGIN AND INSERTION: Sites where muscle originates and inserts</b>		
<i>Example:</i> Sternocleidomastoid, originating on sternum and clavicle and inserting on mastoid process of temporal bone.		

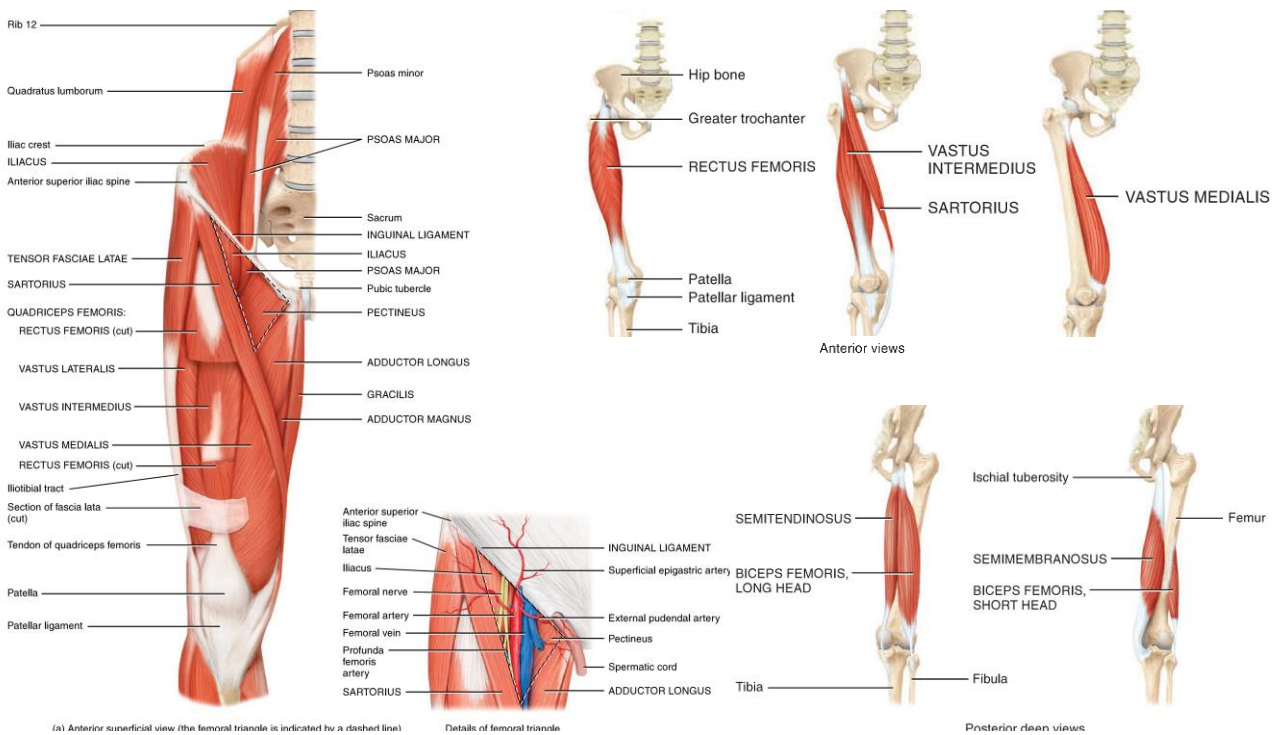
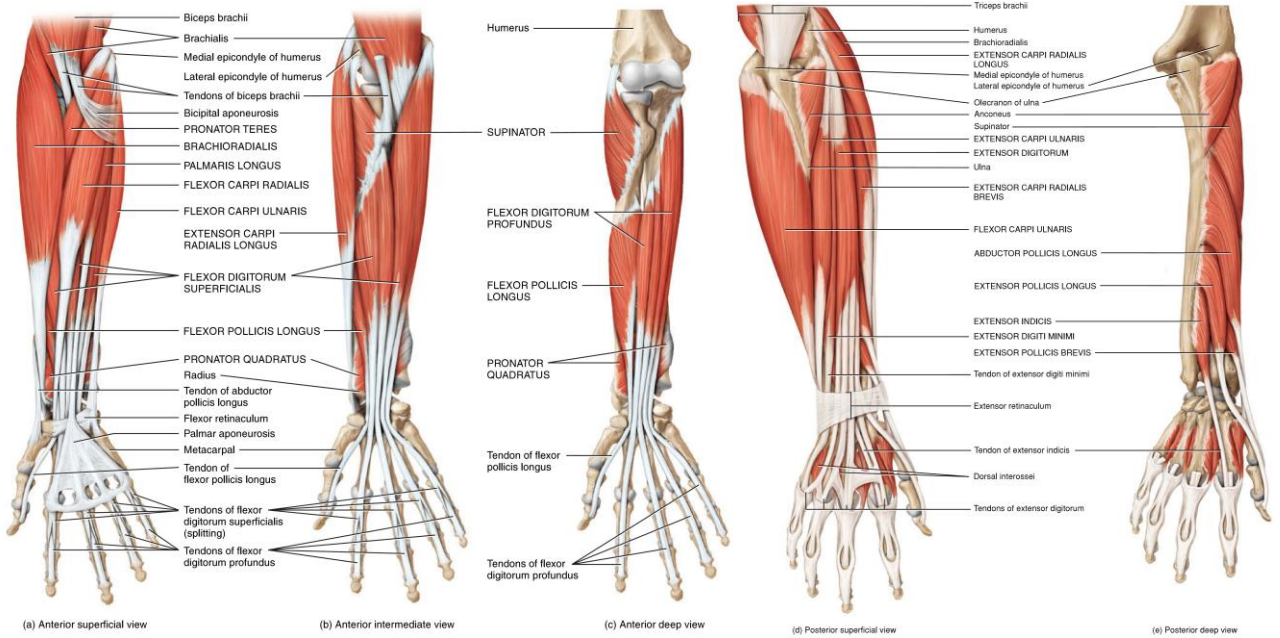




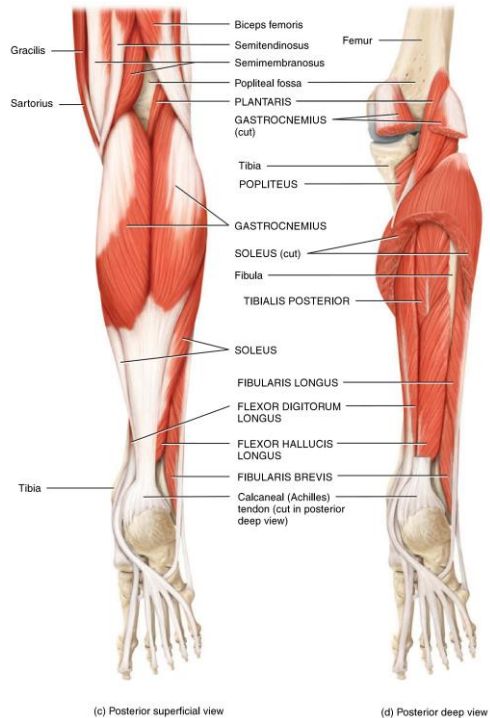
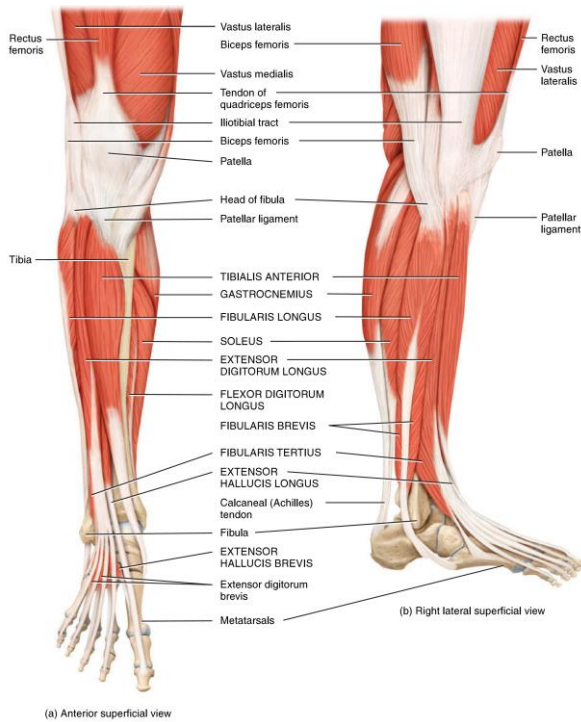


(c) Right lateral view of triangles of neck









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