THE THORAX





The thorax :

 It's region of body between the neck superiorly & abdomen inferiorly separated by the diaphragm.

 The walls of thorax called Thoracic cage formed by : Vertebral column behind Ribs & intercostal spaces on either side Sternum & costal cartilages in front

 Thoracic cage protects lungs & heart & affords attachment for muscles of thorax ,upper limb , abdomen & back .

 Thoracic cavity divided into a median partition called the mediastinum & the laterally placed pleurae & lungs.















Flat bone lies in the midline of anterior chest wall divided into three parts :

Manubrium sterni
 Body of the sternum
 Xiphoid process

Sternal angle (angle of Louis) : articulation of manubrium with body of sternum (T4).

Suprasternal notch : superior margin of manubrium sterni { easily felt between prominent medial ends of clavicles in the midline }.





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Twelve pairs of ribs
 All attached posteriorly to the thoracic vertebrae .

> Upper seven pairs attached anteriorly to the sternum by their costal cartilages.

> The 11th. & 12th. Pairs have no anterior attachment & called *Floating ribs*.









Openings of the Thorax

(1) Thoracic Outlet (thoracic inlet) : an opening communicates thoracic cavity with root of the neck.

Important vessels & nerves emerge from thorax to enter the neck & upper limbs :
 *Cervical dome of pleura on It. side of body
 *Brachial plexus
 *Subclavian vessels

(2) Esophageal Opening (T10): large opening closed by the diaphragm communicates thoracic cavity with abdomen, it passes:
 * Esophagus

* Large vessels & nerves (pierce the diaphragm) { Lt. Vagus N. }

Thoracic Outlet Syndrome with Resection of the First Rib and Scalene Muscles









ANTERIOR NEW OF LEFT SHOULDER RECEIPT







TRACHEA

- It's a mobile tube about (13 cm) long & (2.5 cm) in diameter.
- It has fibroelastic *wall* with patent lumen kept by an embedded series of U-shaped bars of *hyaline cartilage*.
- It extends from lower border of cricoid cartilage in the neck (opposite body of C6) to the level of sternal angle in thorax (lower border of T4).
- Trachea divides into Rt. & Lt. principal (main) bronchi
- The bifurcation is called the Carina.





Anatomy of the Respiratory System





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Principal (main) Bronchi

The right principal bronchus :

- It's wider , shorter,& more vertical .
- It gives off the *superior lobar bronchus*.
 It enters the hilum of Rt. Lung & divides into a *middle* & *inferior lobar bronchus*.

The left principal bronchus :

It's narrower ,longer,& more horizontal .
 It enters the hilum of Lt. lung & divides into a *superior* & *inferior lobar bronchus*





* LUNGS

- The Rt. & Lt. lungs are soft, spongy & very elastic.
- They lie one on each side of the mediastinum separated from each other by the heart, great vessels & other mediastinal structures.

Each lung covered with visceral pleura & suspended free in it's own pleural cavity, attached to medias. Only by it's root.



Structure of the Lungs

Each lung is conical in shape, it has:

- Apex , which projects upward into the neck about (2.5 cm) above the clavicle .
- **Base** , concave sits on the diaphragm .
- Costal surface, convex corresponds to concave chest wall.
- Mediastinal surface, concave molded to pericardium & other mediastinal structures.
- Hilum, a depression at about the middle of mediastinal surface in which the bronchi, vessels & nerves that form the root enter & leave the lung.
- Anterior border , thin & overlaps the heart [on Lt. lung cardiac notch is found]

Lobes and Fissures

Right lung:
 It's slightly larger than Lt. lung .
 It's divided by oblique & horizontal fissures into three lobes :
 Upper lobe
 Middle lobe
 Lower lobe

Left lung:
 It's divided by oblique fissure into two lobes : * Upper lobe
 Lower lobe



PLEURAE

Each pleura has two parts :

- A- Parietal layer
- B- Visceral layer
- Parietal layer :
- It lines the thoracic wall, covers thoracic surface of diaphragm & lateral aspect of mediastinum.
- It extends into the root of neck to line the undersurface of suprapleural membrane at thoracic outlet.

Visceral layer:

Completely covers the outer surfaces of lungs & extends into depths of the interlobar fissures.



The two layers of pleura :

- Become continuous with one another by a *cuff of pleura* surrounds the structures entering & leaving the lung at it's hilum.
- They are separated from one another by a slitlike space called pleural cavity (pleural space).
- Pleural cavity contains small amount of tissue fluid called pleural fluid, as thin film covers the surfaces of pleura & permits movement of it's two layers on each other with minimum of friction.







Body Cavities





Ventral Body Cavity Membranes

- Parietal serosa covering the body walls
 Visceral serosa covering the
 - internal organs
- Serous fluid separates the serosae



