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# **PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION**

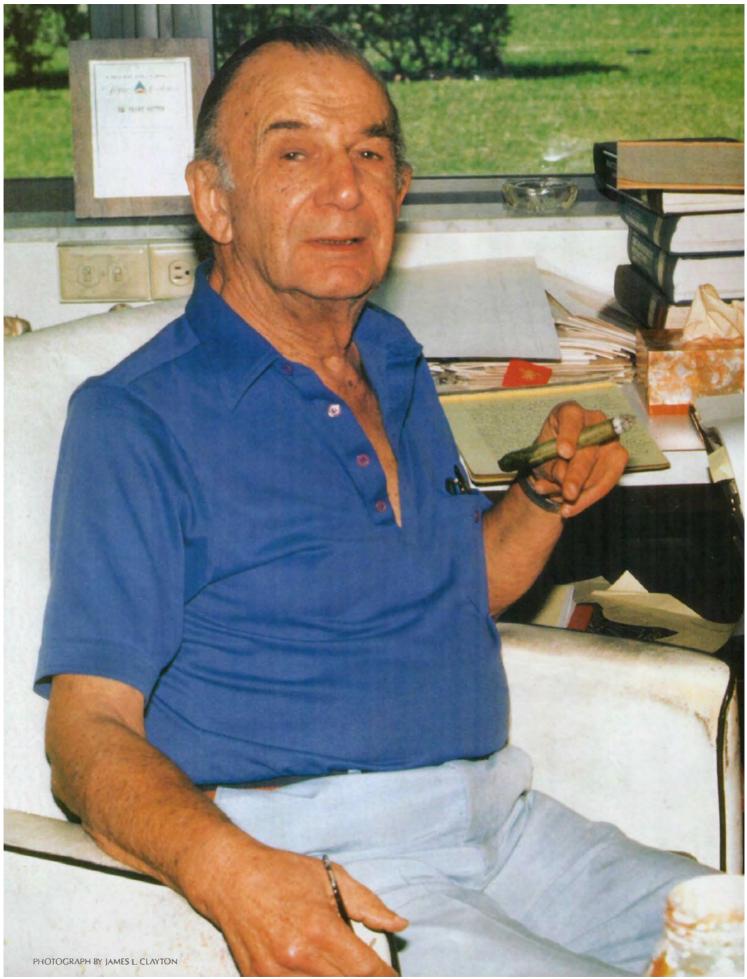
I have often said that my career as a medical artist for almost 50 years has been a sort of "command performance" in the sense that it has grown in response to the desires and requests of the medical profession. Over these many years, I have produced almost 4,000 illustrations, mostly for *The CIBA* (now *Netter*) *Collection of Medical Illustrations* but also for *Clinical Symposia*. These pictures have been concerned with the varied subdivisions of medical knowledge such as gross anatomy, histology, embryology, physiology, pathology, diagnostic modalities, surgical and therapeutic techniques and clinical manifestations of a multitude of diseases. As the years went by, however, there were more and more requests from physicians and students for me to produce an atlas purely of gross anatomy. Thus, this atlas has come about, not through any inspiration on my part but rather, like most of my previous works, as a fulfillment of the desires of the medical profession.

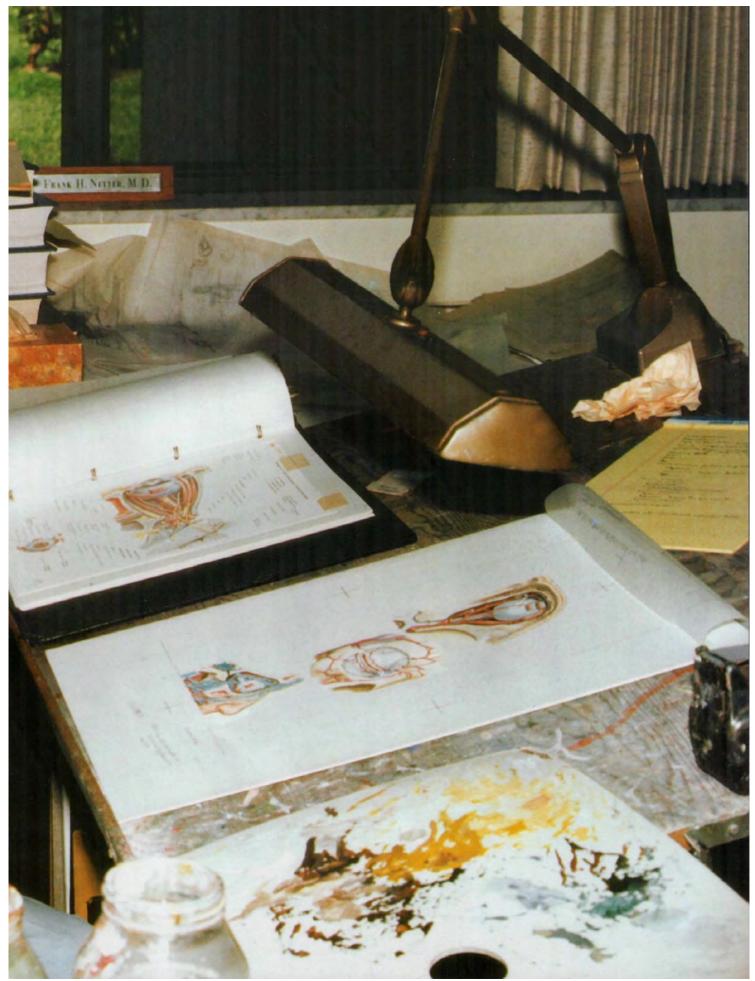
It involved going back over all the illustrations I had made over so many years, selecting those pertinent to gross anatomy, classifying them and organizing them by system and region, adapting them to page size and space and arranging them in logical sequence. Anatomy of course does not change, but our understanding of anatomy and its clinical significance does change, as do anatomical terminology and nomenclature. This therefore required much updating of many of the older pictures and even revision of a number of them in order to make them more pertinent to today's ever-expanding scope of medical and surgical practice. In addition, I found that there were gaps in the portrayal of medical knowledge as pictorialized in the illustrations I had previously done, and this necessitated my making a number of new pictures that are included in this volume.

In creating an atlas such as this, it is important to achieve a happy medium between complexity and simplification. If the pictures are too complex, they may be difficult and confusing to read; if oversimplified, they may not be adequately definitive or may even be misleading. I have therefore striven for a middle course of realism without the clutter of confusing minutiae. I hope that the students and members of the medical and allied professions will find the illustrations readily understandable, yet instructive and useful.

At one point, the publisher and I thought it might be nice to include a foreword by a truly outstanding and renowned anatomist, but there are so many in that category that we could not make a choice. We did think of men like Vesalius, Leonardo da Vinci, William Hunter and Henry Gray, who of course are unfortunately unavailable, but I do wonder what their comments might have been about this atlas.

> Frank H. Netter, M.D. (1906–1991)





# FOREWORD

"The release in 1989 of the first edition of Dr. Frank Netter's 'personal Sistine Chapel'—the Atlas of Human Anatomy—was a major event in the history of the teaching and learning of anatomy. Almost instantly, the Atlas of Human Anatomy became the top-selling anatomical atlas in the world and clearly became the students' choice universally." This quotation from the second edition of the Atlas of Human Anatomy still resonates today as the beautifully conceived and rendered artwork of Dr. Netter continues to capture the admiration of students and healthcare professionals.

The skillful editing and publishing teamwork of Novartis Medical Education, in consultation with many of the 20th century's outstanding anatomists and physicians, have made the first and second editions of the *Atlas* the standard against which all other atlases are compared. This third edition owes much to the Consulting Editors of the earlier editions, Drs. Sharon Colacino (Oberg) (first edition) and Arthur F. Dalley II (second edition), who shepherded their editions with great skill and uncompromising professionalism and thus made my task significantly easier. I am honored to serve as the Consulting Editor of the third edition and to continue the Netter tradition in partnership with Icon Learning Systems as the *Atlas of Human Anatomy* enters the new century.

Perceptive student and faculty response to the earlier editions prompted greater attention to several concepts that are critical to the anatomical basis of clinical practice. Notably, each regional section now begins with a surface anatomy plate, skillfully drawn by Carlos A.G. Machado, M.D. These surface anatomy plates remind us of the value of careful observation in clinical medicine and draw attention to surface features that portend the underlying anatomy.

We also have included a significant number of normal radiographic images in this edition, reflecting the importance of diagnostic imaging in clinical anatomy and medicine. These new images are not meant to be comprehensive of the radiographic knowledge available to today's clinicians, but rather are starting points for further exploration into the richness of anatomical detail that imaging can provide. I am grateful to Matthew Cham, M.D., and John Wandtke, M.D., of our Department of Radiology for selecting these images and permitting us to use them in this edition. We balanced the addition of new surface and radiographic anatomy plates largely by eliminating several plates that contributed little to the quality of the *Atlas*. Several plates from *The Netter* (formerly *CIBA*) *Collection of Medical Illustrations* were added and several plates were altered slightly to correct anatomical errors consistent with our current knowledge. In sum, the third edition has grown by 30 images. Finally, the References and the Index have been updated.

The anatomical terminology is consistent throughout the *Atlas* and conforms to the International Anatomical Terminology (*Terminologia Anatomica*) approved in 1998 by the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists. Common eponyms are retained parenthetically, and the leader lines and labels have been checked and, where necessary, corrected to ensure their accuracy. For reviewing this material I thank Wojciech Pawlina, M.D., Leonard J. Cleary, Ph.D., Daniel O. Graney, Ph.D., and Brian R. MacPherson, Ph.D. Their meticulous examination of each plate has greatly enhanced the accuracy of this atlas.

For the proofreading, editing and designing, I am indebted to Jennifer Surich, Erika Gehringer and Greg Otis at Icon Learning Systems; their keen eyesight, dedication and professionalism buoyed me when I began to drift. A special thank you is reserved for Paul Kelly, Executive Editor, who continues to listen patiently and is a true believer in the power of the visual image to teach.

To all students, past, present and future, the legacy of Dr. Netter's artwork lives in you; his unique ability to "clarify rather than intimidate" is his gift to you. I am both privileged and humbled to have the opportunity to carry forward this tradition of excellence and to contribute to your understanding of human anatomy.

Finally, to my wife, Paula, thank you for giving me the freedom to write and the support to sustain me—in those respects, this book was co-edited.

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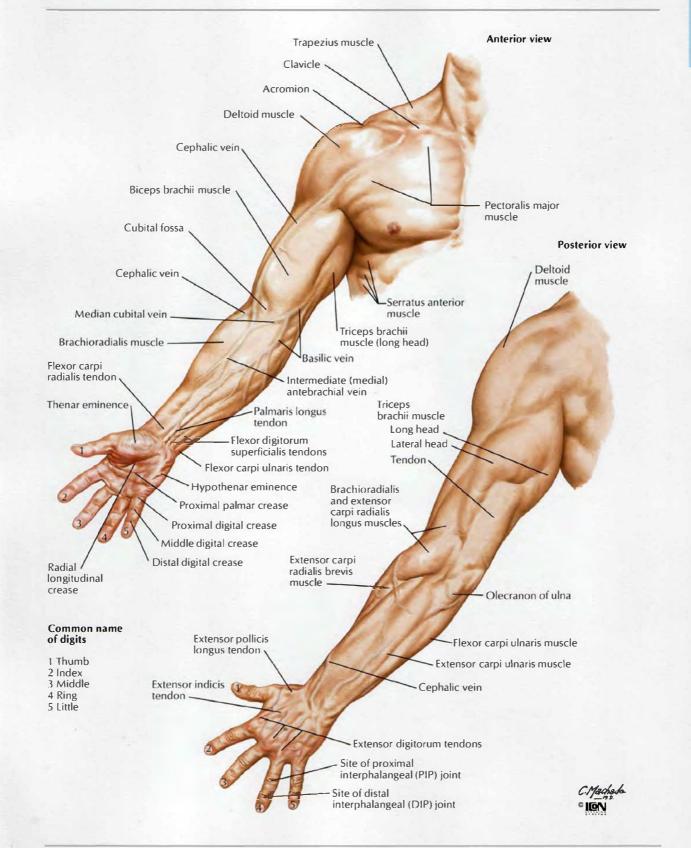
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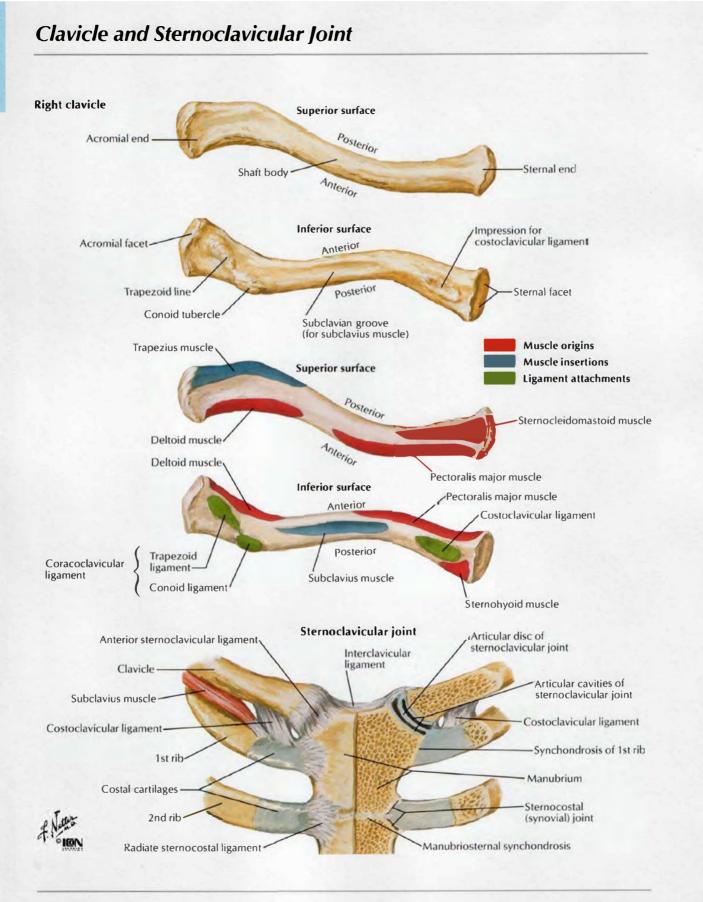
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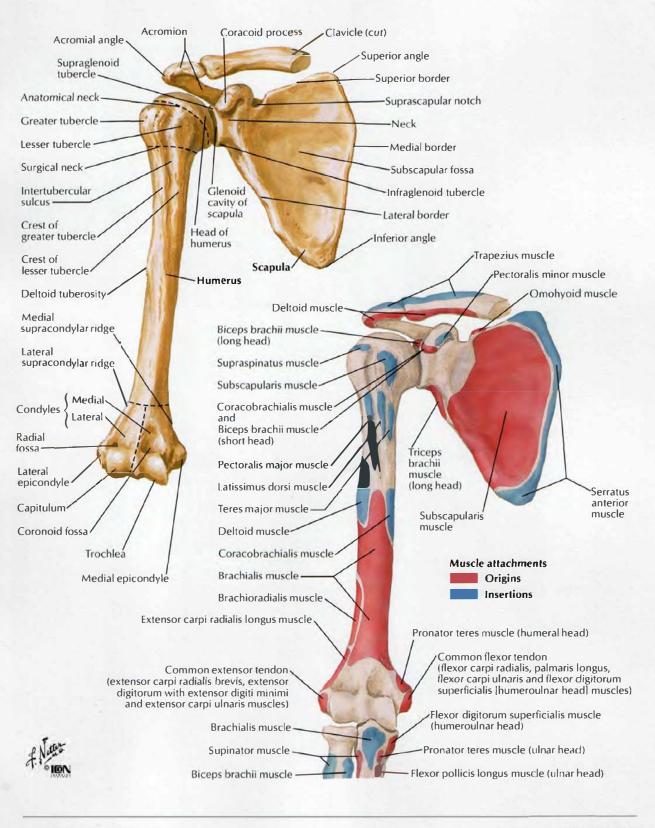
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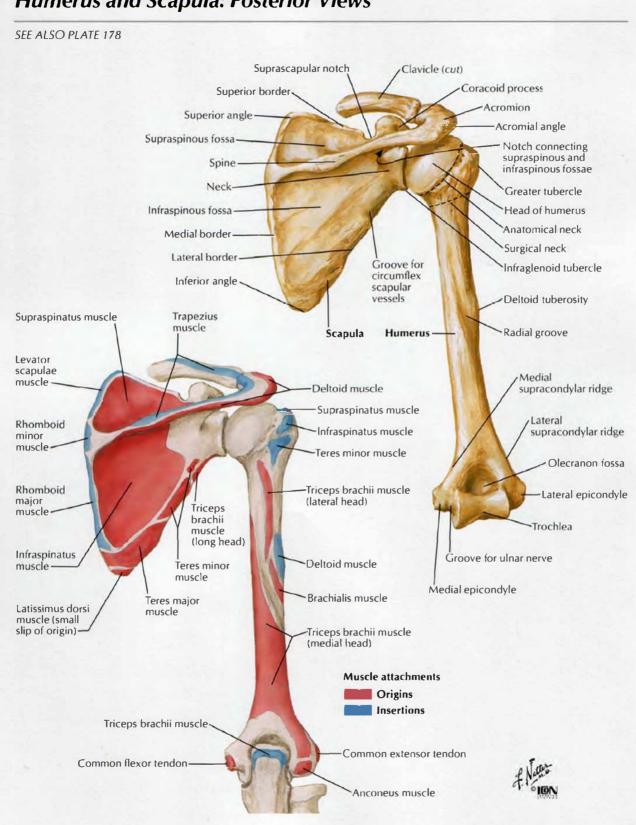
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#### Humerus and Scapula: Anterior Views

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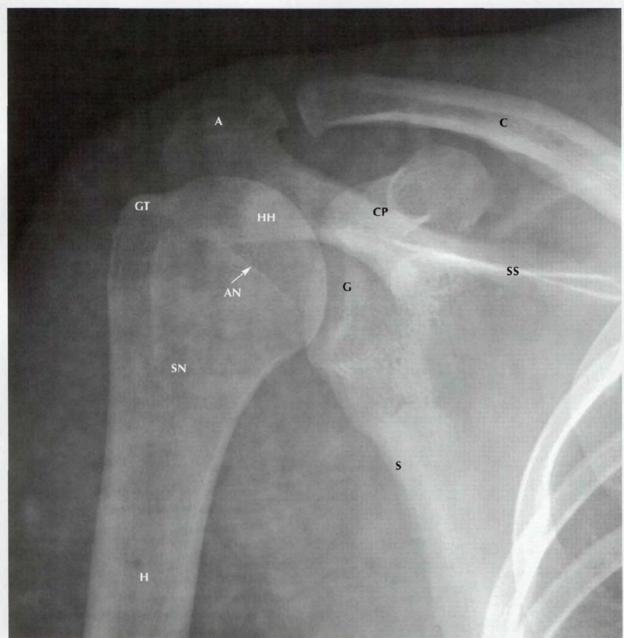


#### Humerus and Scapula: Posterior Views

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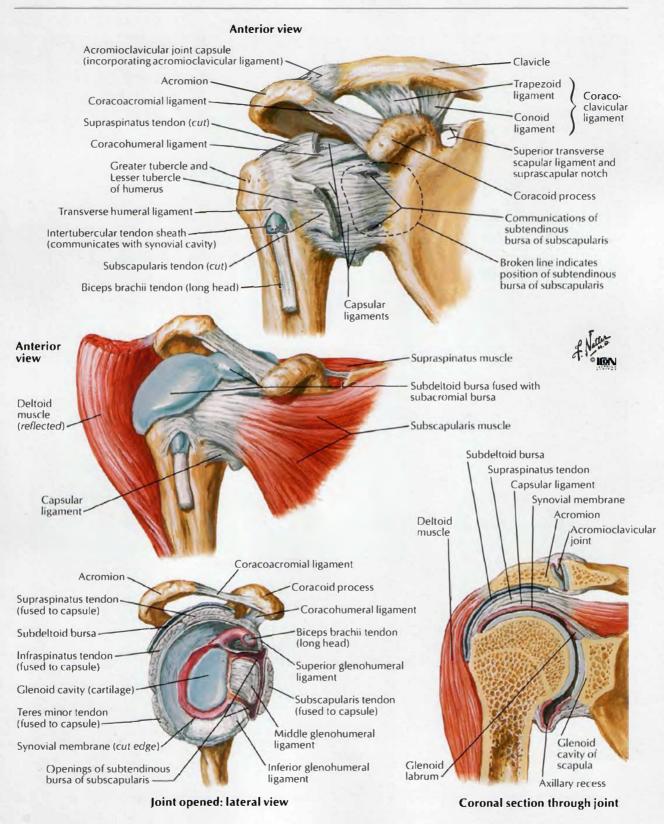
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- A Acromion
- AN Anatomical neck of humerus
- C Clavicle
- CP Coracoid process
- G Glenoid cavity of scapula
- GT Greater tubercle
- H Humerus
- HH Head of humerus
- S Scapula (lateral border)
- **SN** Surgical neck of humerus
- SS Spine of scapula

#### SHOULDER AND AXILLA

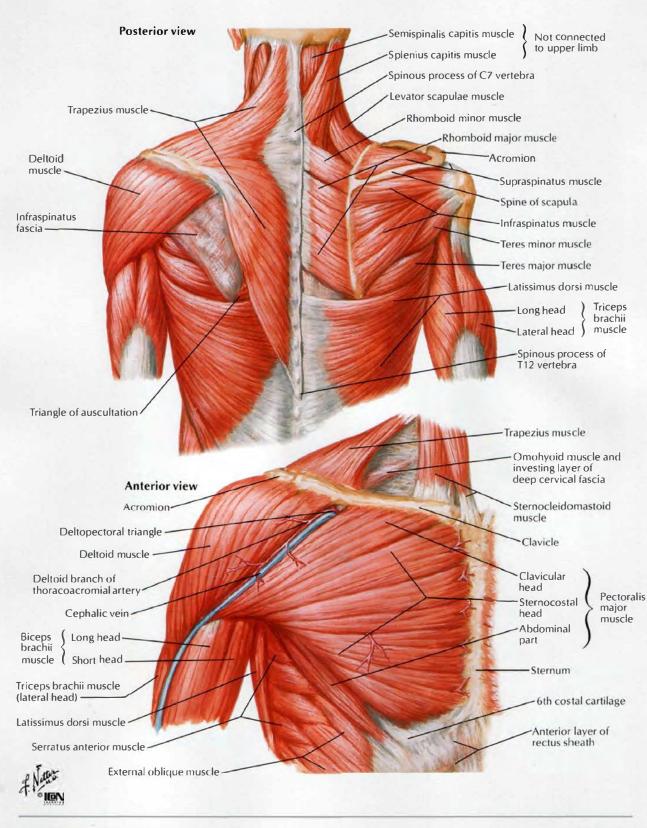
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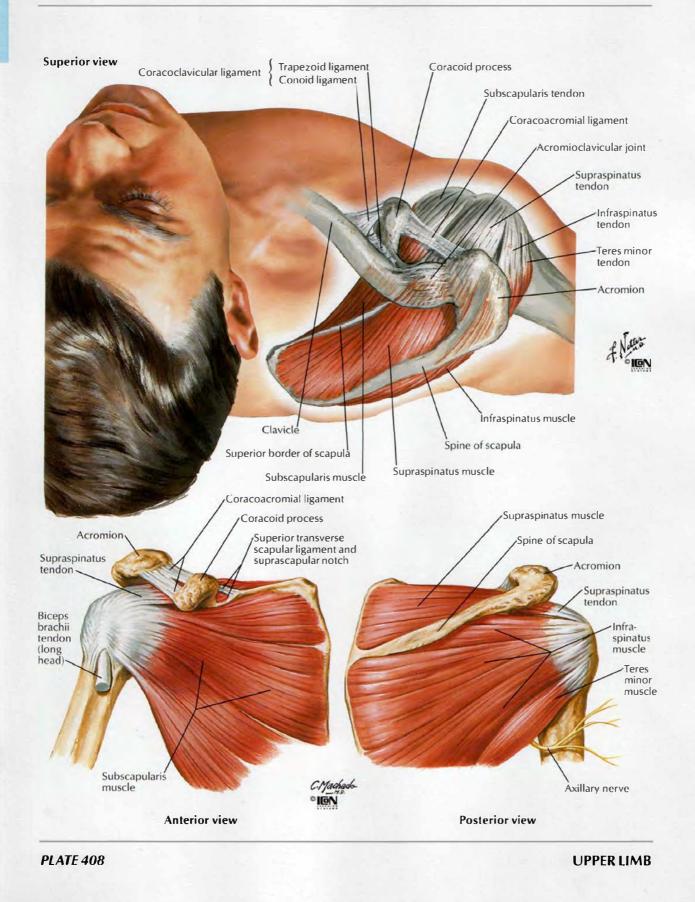
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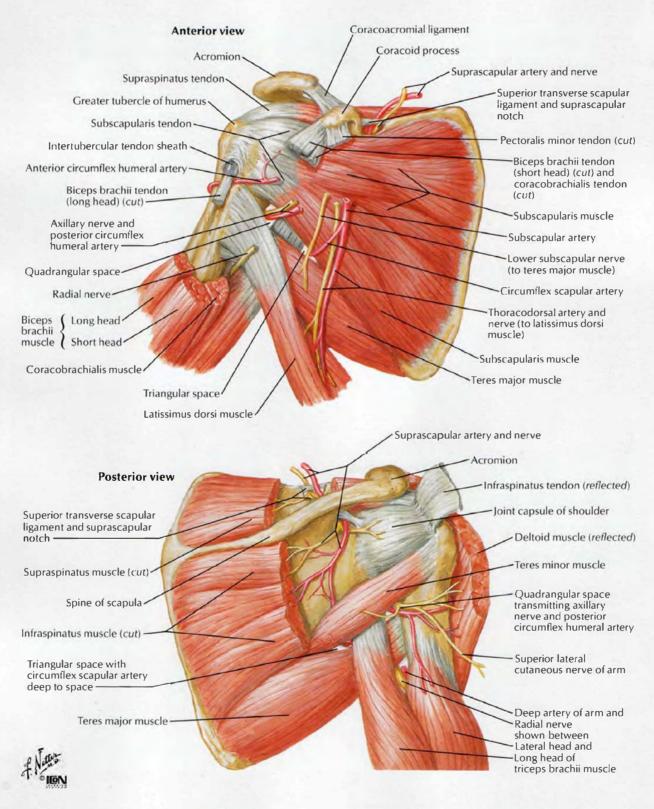
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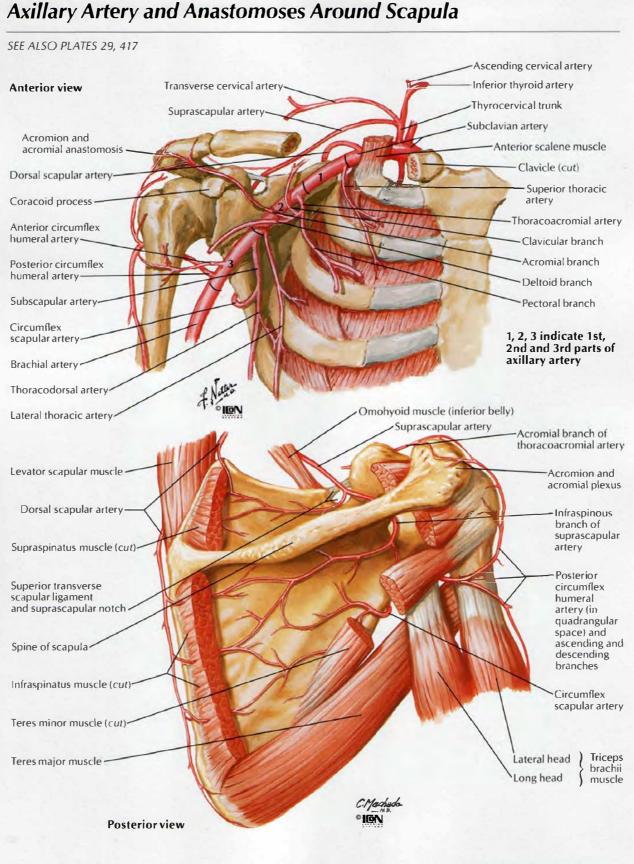


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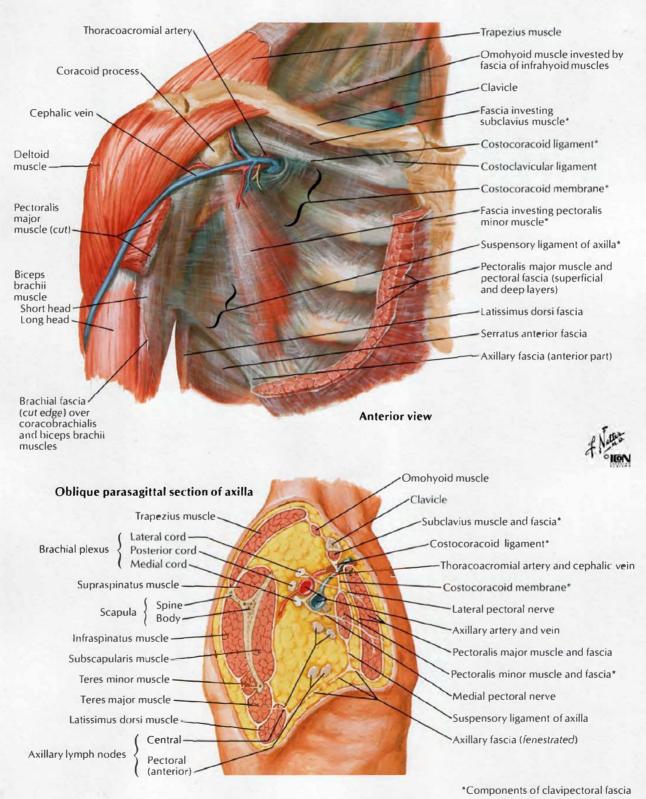
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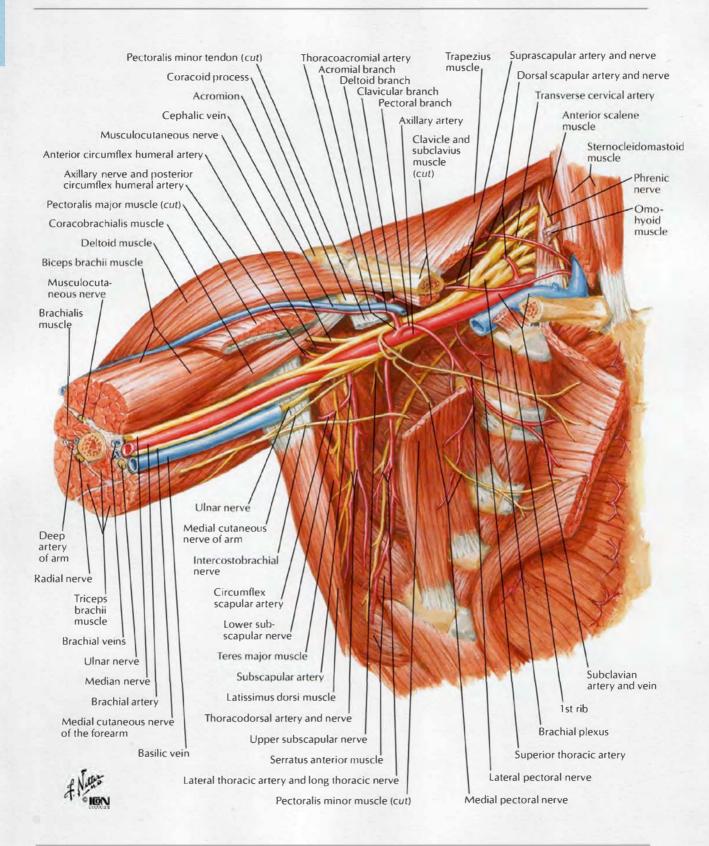
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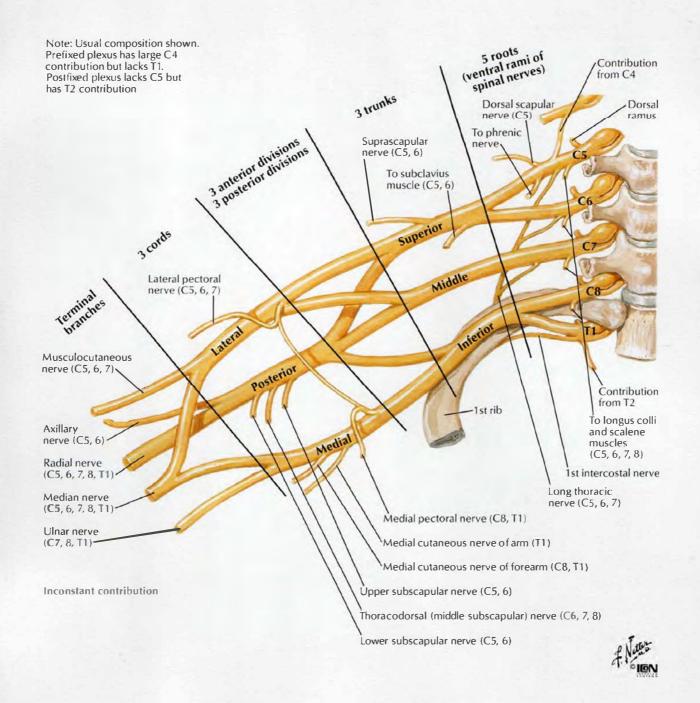
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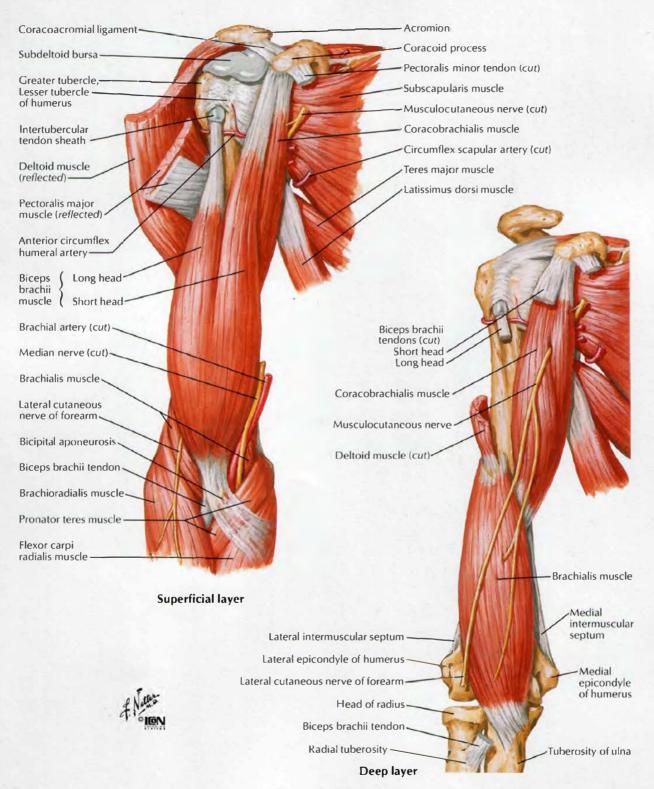
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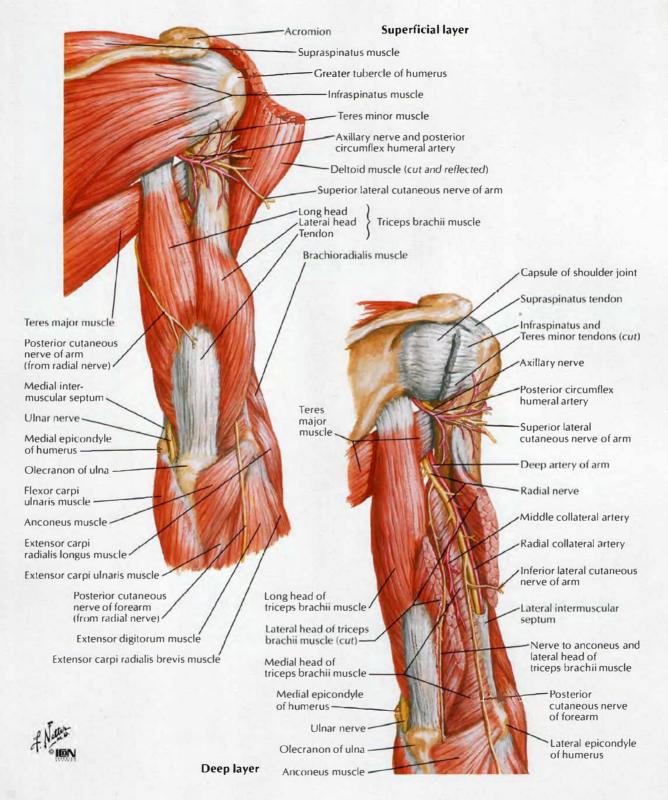
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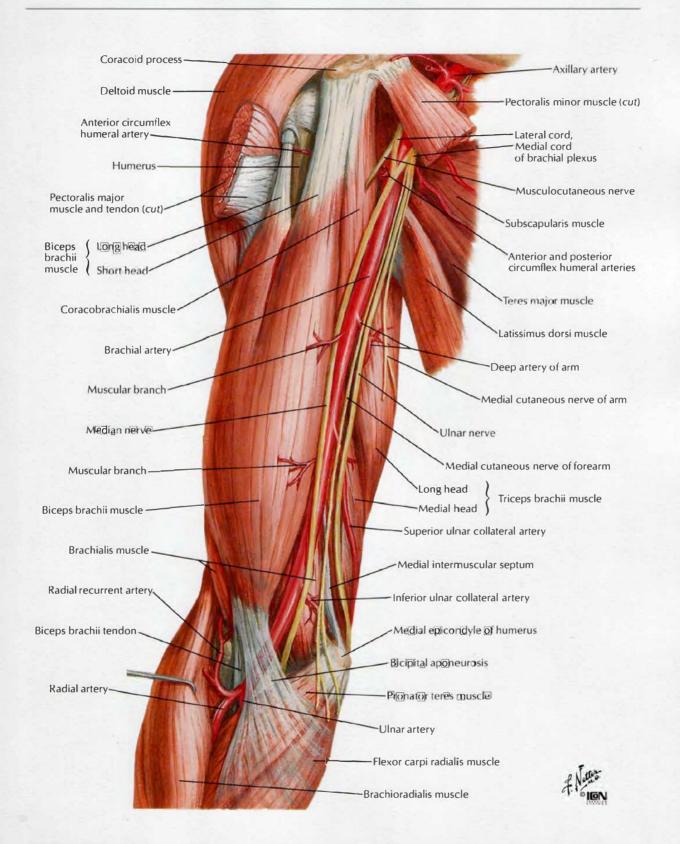
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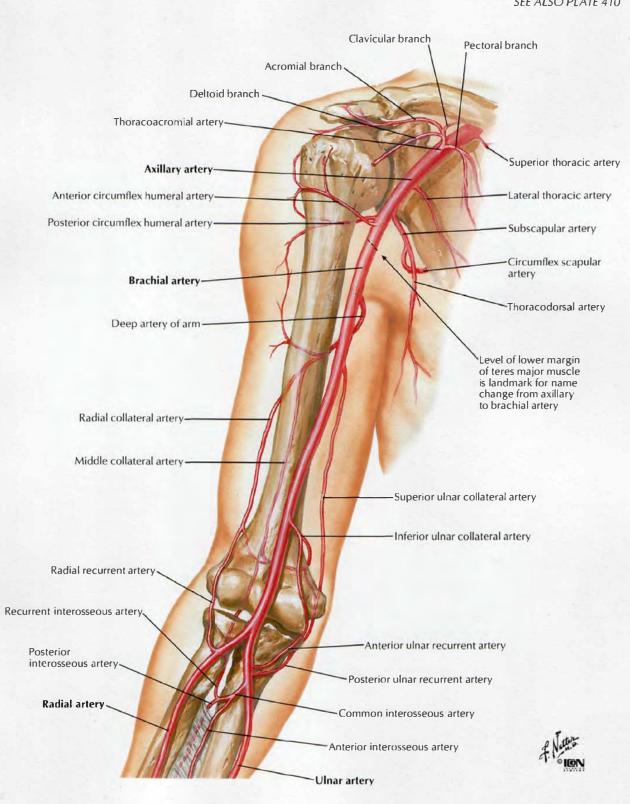
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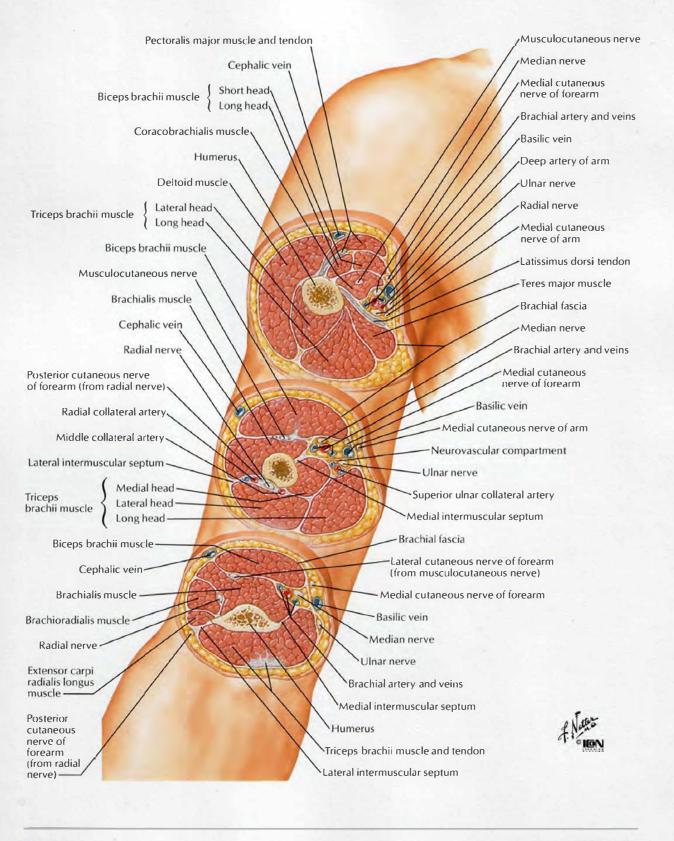




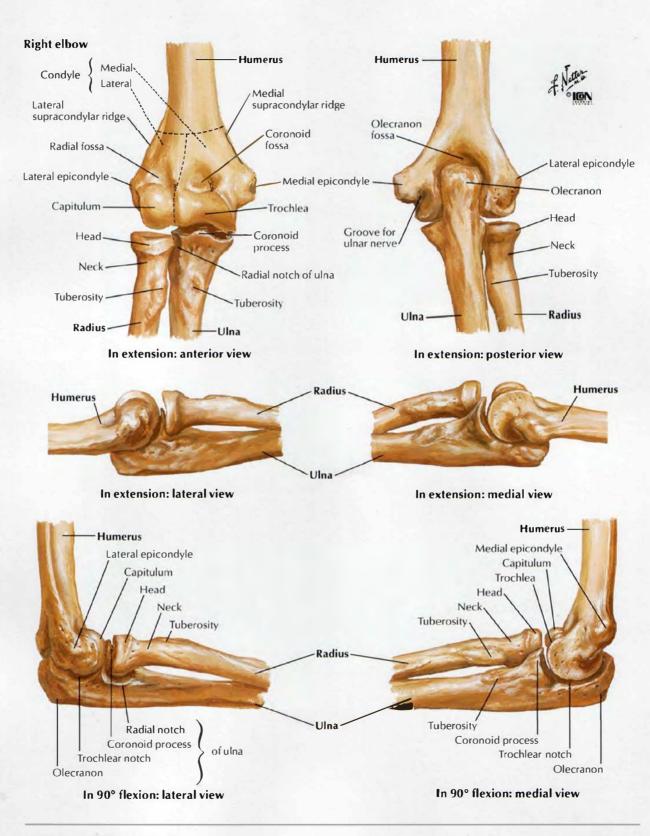
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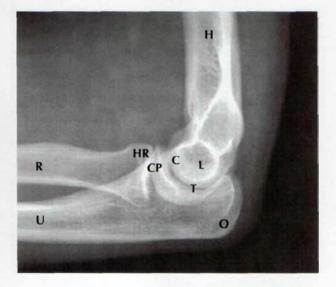
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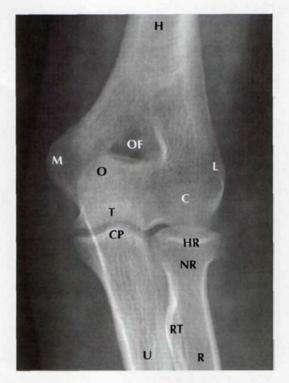


#### Lateral radiograph

- C Capitulum
- CP Coronoid process of ulna
- H Humerus
- HR Head of radius
- L Lateral epicondyle
- O Olecranon
- R Radius
- T Trochlear notch
- U Ulna

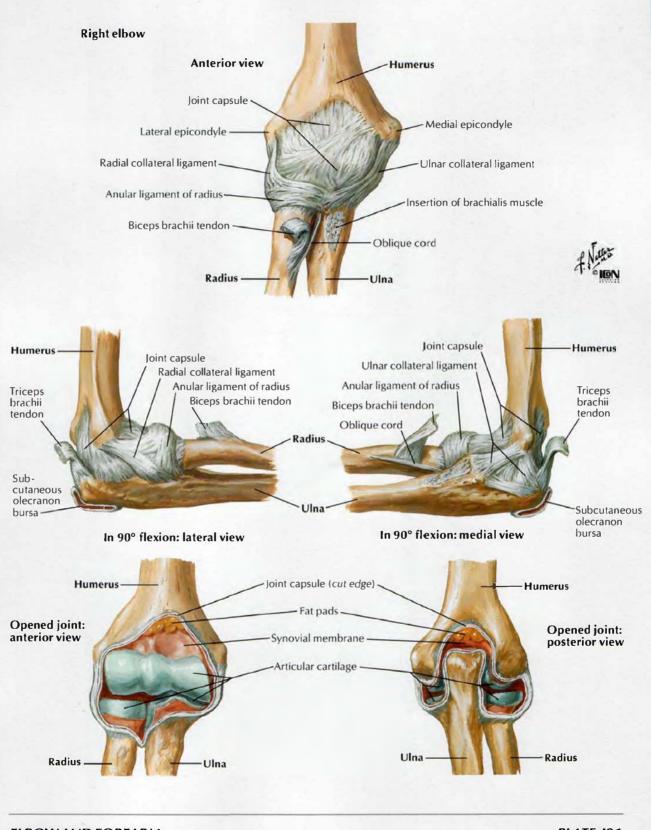
#### Anteroposterior radiograph

С	Capitulum
СР	Coronoid process of ulna
н	Humerus
HR	Head of radius
L	Lateral epicondyle
Μ	Medial of epicondyle
NR	Neck of radius
0	Olecranon
OF	Olecranon fossa
R	Radius
Т	Trochlea of humerus
RT	Radial tuberosity
U	Ulna



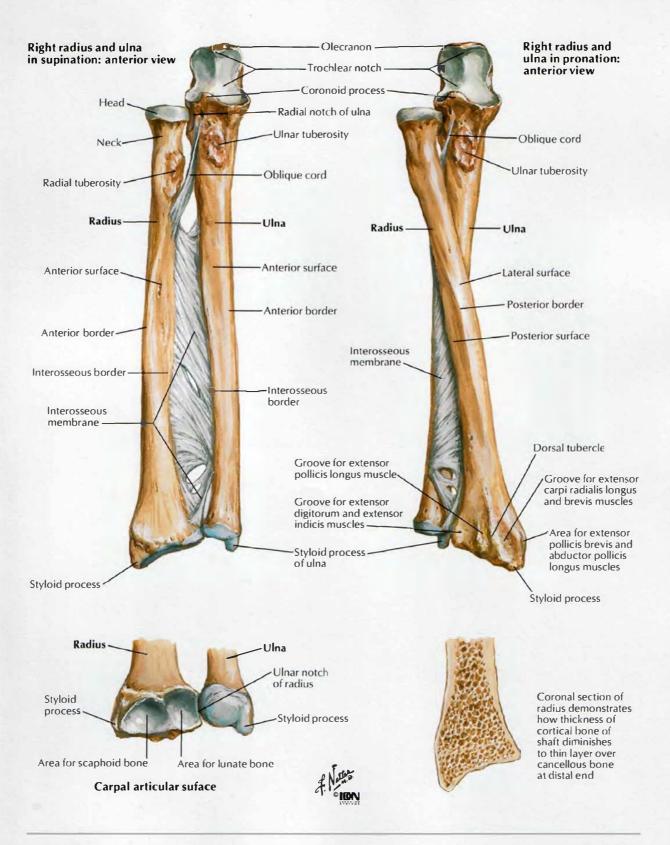
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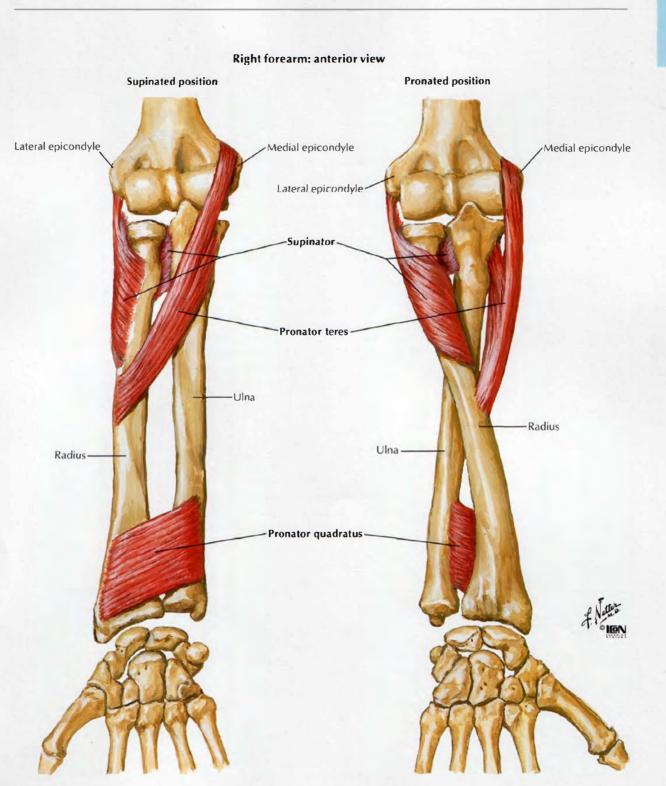


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#### **Bones of Forearm**

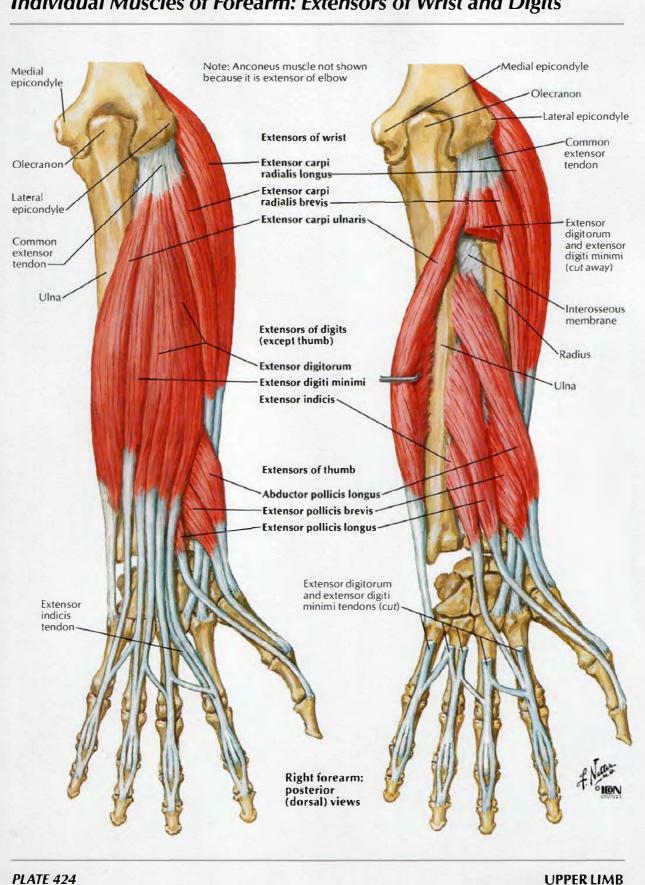


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# Individual Muscles of Forearm: Rotators of Radius

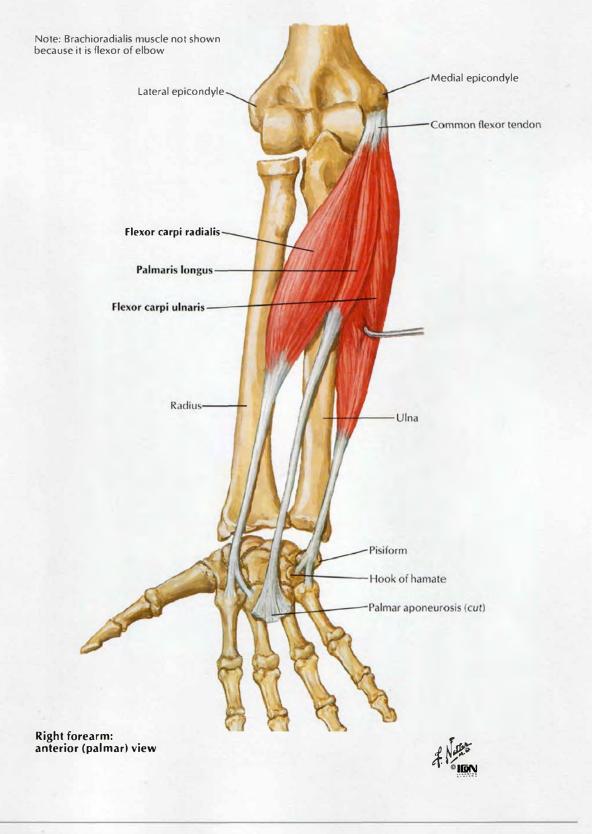
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## Individual Muscles of Forearm: Extensors of Wrist and Digits

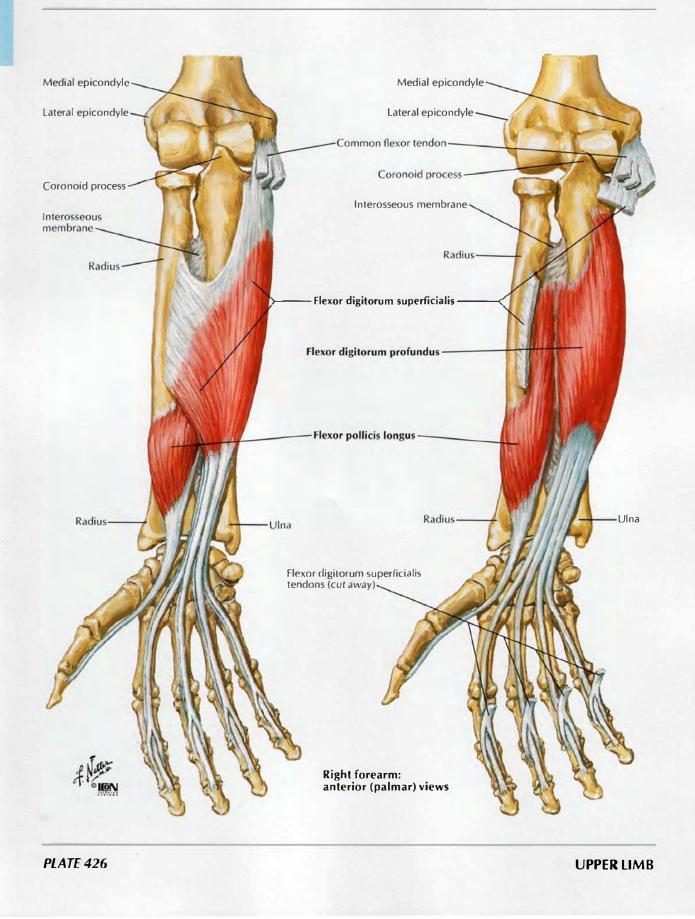
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# Individual Muscles of Forearm: Flexors of Wrist



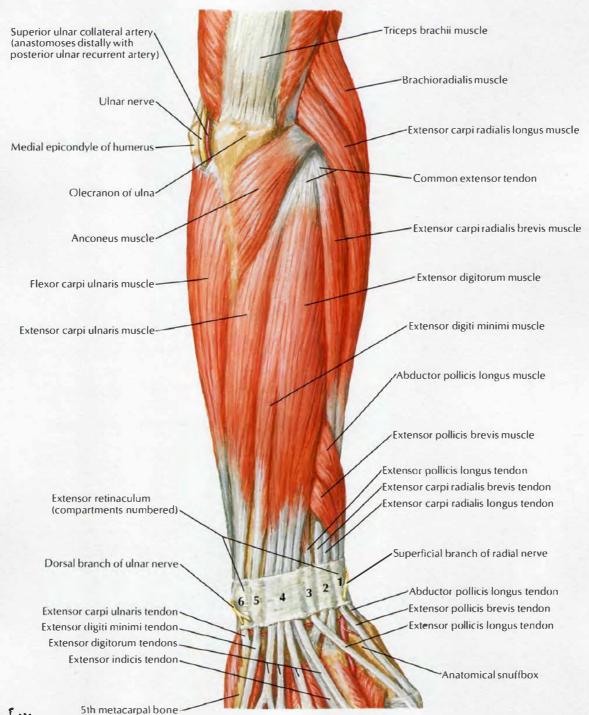
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# Individual Muscles of Forearm: Flexors of Digits



## Muscles of Forearm (Superficial Layer): Posterior View

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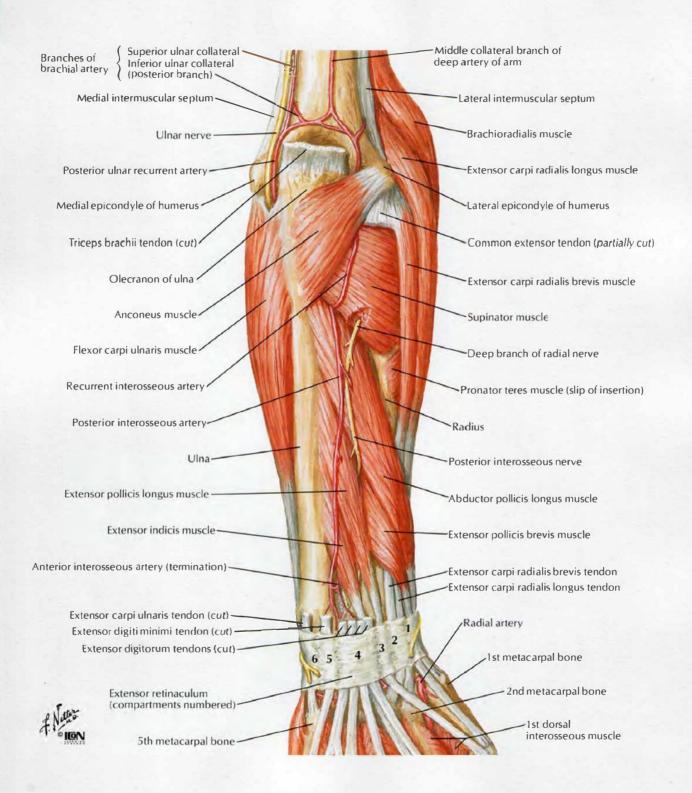




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# Muscles of Forearm (Deep Layer): Posterior View

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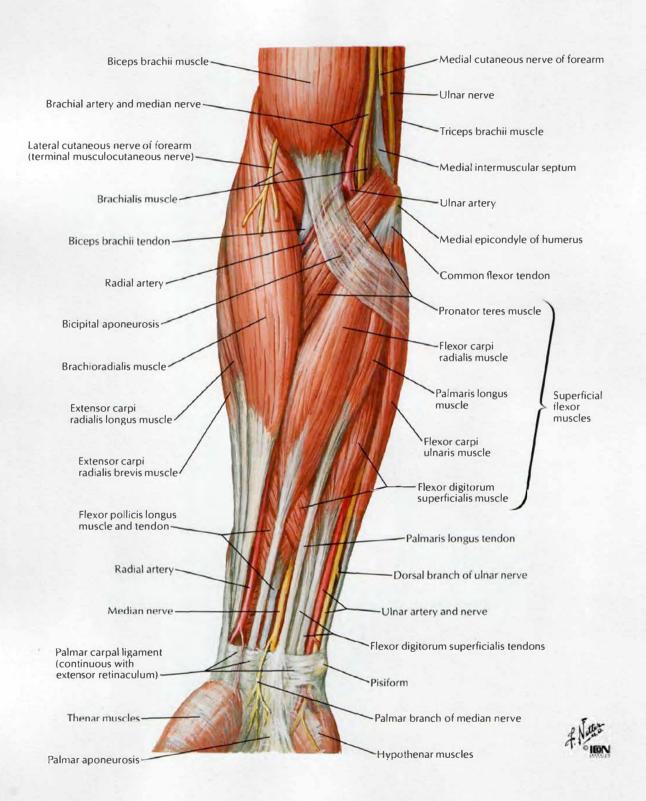


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# Muscles of Forearm (Superficial Layer): Anterior View

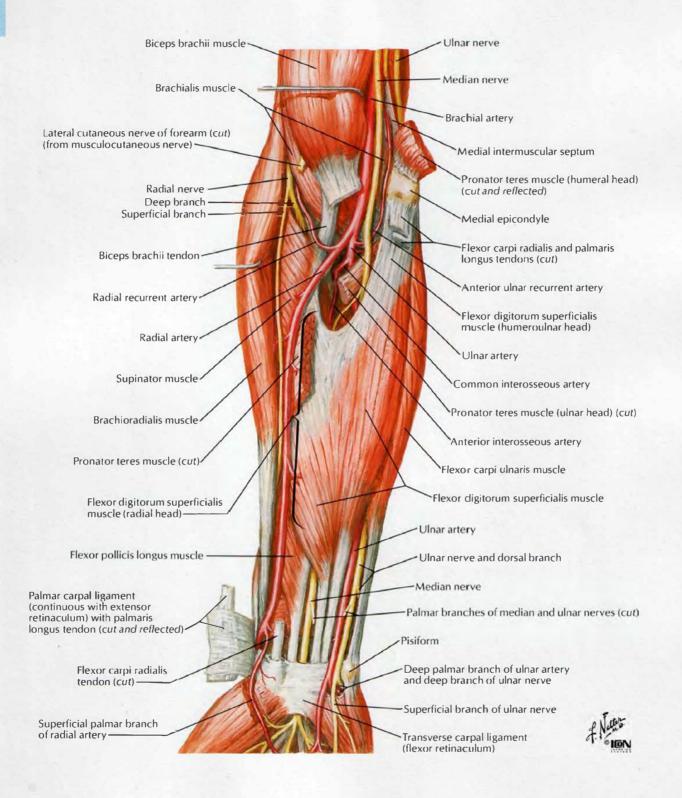
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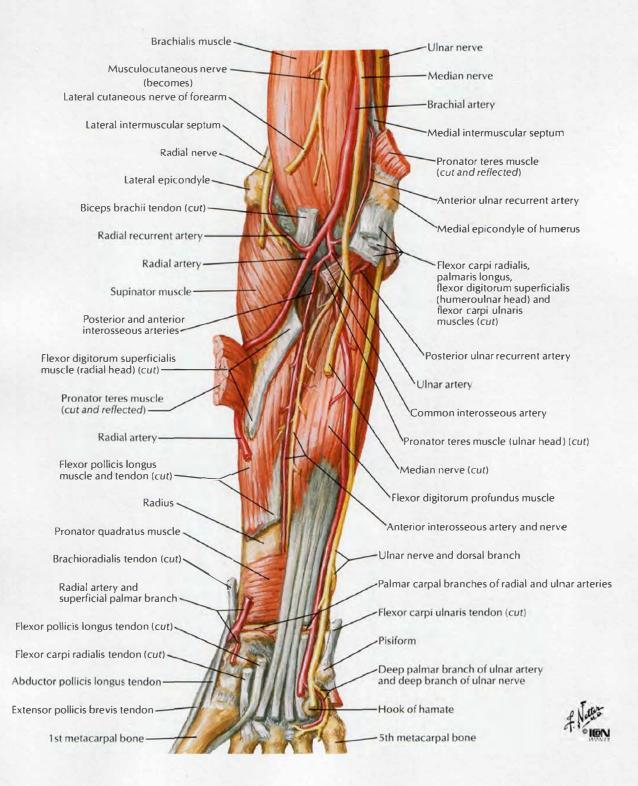
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## Muscles of Forearm (Deep Layer): Anterior View

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#### Forearm: Serial Cross Sections

Median antebrachial vein Pronator teres muscle Radial artery and superficial branch of radial nerve Radius Brachioradialis muscle Cephalic vein and lateral cutaneous nerve of forearm (from musculocutaneous nerve) Supinator muscle Deep branch of radial nerve Extensor carpi radialis longus muscle Extensor carpi radialis brevis muscle Extensor digitorum muscle Extensor digiti minimi muscle Extensor carpi ulnaris muscle Flexor carpi radialis muscle Brachioradialis muscle Radial artery and superficial branch of radial nerve Flexor pollicis longus muscle Extensor carpi radialis longus muscle and tendon Radius Extensor carpi radialis brevis muscle and tendon Abductor pollicis longus muscle-Extensor digitorum muscle Extensor digiti minimi muscle Extensor carpi ulnaris muscle Flexor carpi radialis tendon Radial artery Brachioradialis tendon Abductor pollicis longus tendon/ Superficial branch of radial nerve Extensor pollicis brevis tendon/ Extensor carpi radialis longus tendon-Extensor carpi radialis brevis tendon Flexor pollicis longus muscle Extensor pollicis longus tendon



Flexor digitorum superficialis muscle (radial head) Anterior branch of medial cutaneous nerve of forearm Flexor pollicis longus muscle Interosseous membrane Flexor carpi radialis muscle Ulnar artery and median nerve Palmaris longus muscle Flexor digitorum superficialis muscle (humeroulnar head) Common interosseous artery Ulnar nerve Flexor carpi ulnaris muscle Basilic vein Flexor digitorum profundus muscle Ulna and antebrachial fascia Anconeus muscle Posterior cutaneous nerve of forearm (from radial nerve) Palmaris longus muscle Flexor digitorum superficialis muscle Median nerve Ulnar artery and nerve Flexor carpi ulnaris muscle Anterior interosseous artery and nerve (from median nerve) Flexor digitorum profundus muscle Ulna and antebrachial fascia Interosseous membrane and extensor pollicis longus muscle Posterior interosseous artery and nerve (continuation of deep branch of radial nerve) Palmaris longus tendon Median nerve Flexor digitorum superficialis muscle and tendons Flexor carpi ulnaris muscle and tendon Ulnar artery and nerve Dorsal branch of ulnar nerve Flexor digitorum profundus muscle and tendons Antebrachial fascia Extensor carpi ulnaris tendon Pronator quadratus muscle and interosseous membrane Extensor indicis muscle and tendon

Extensor digiti minimi tendon Extensor digitorum tendons (common tendon

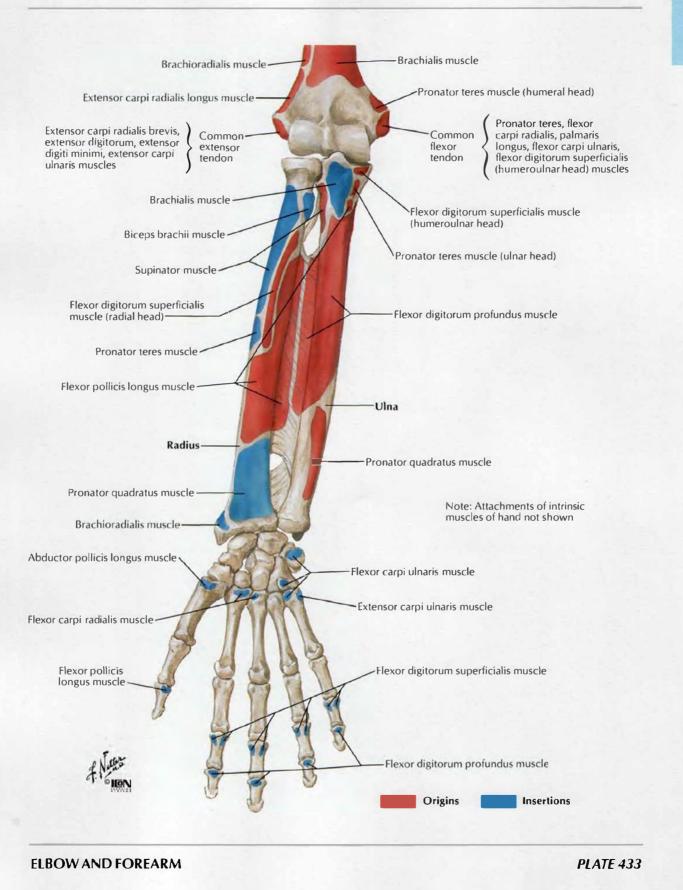
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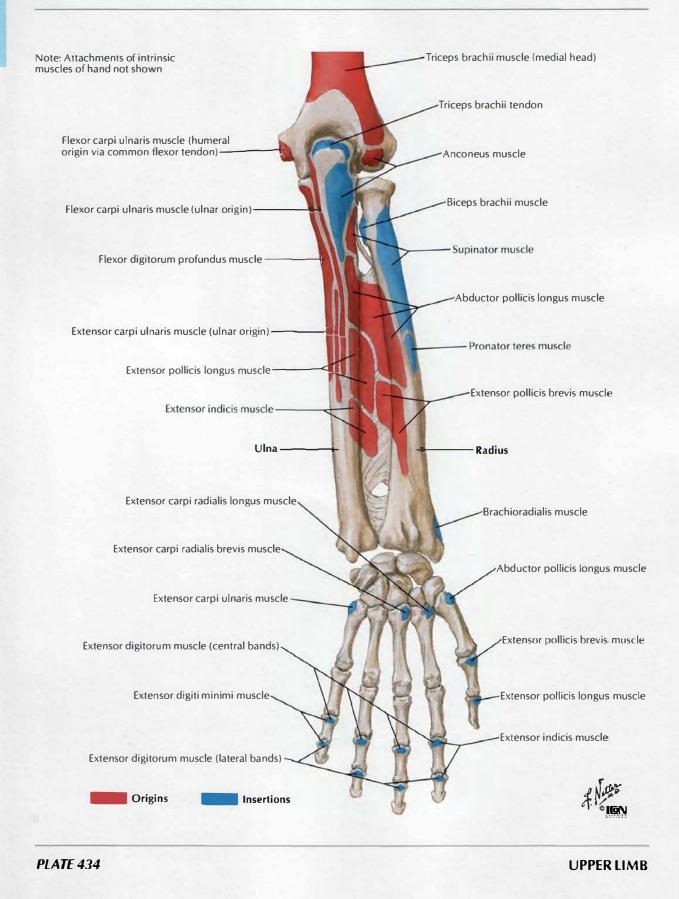
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Radius

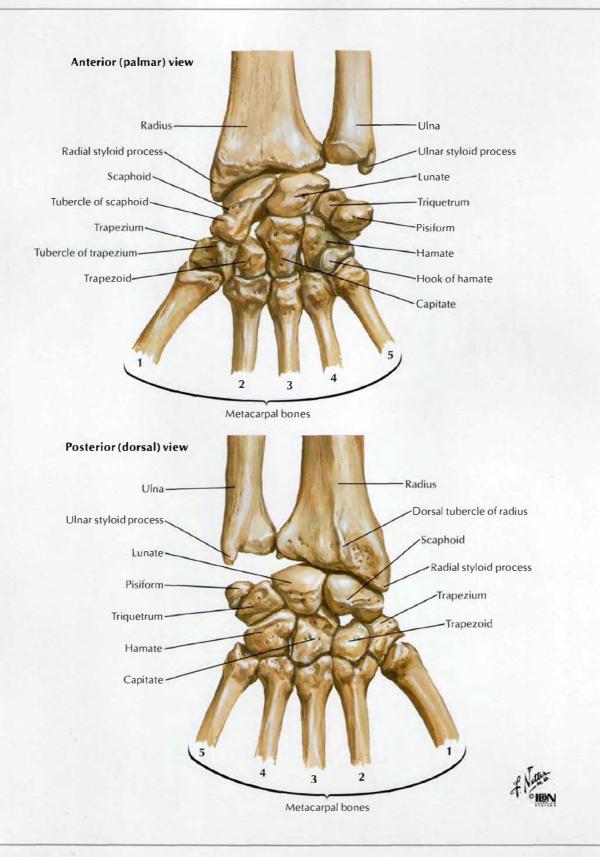
## Attachments of Muscles of Forearm: Anterior View



## Attachments of Muscles of Forearm: Posterior View

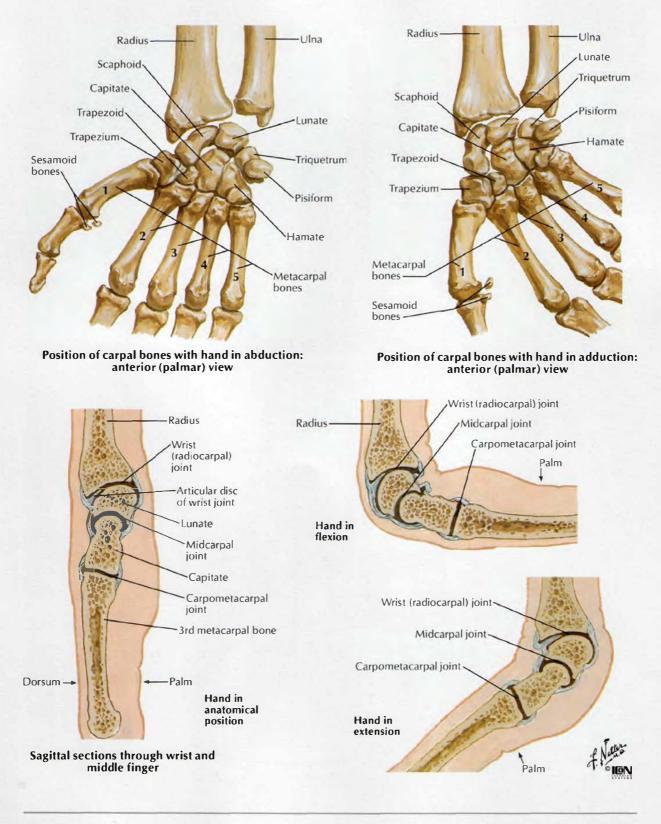


# **Carpal Bones**



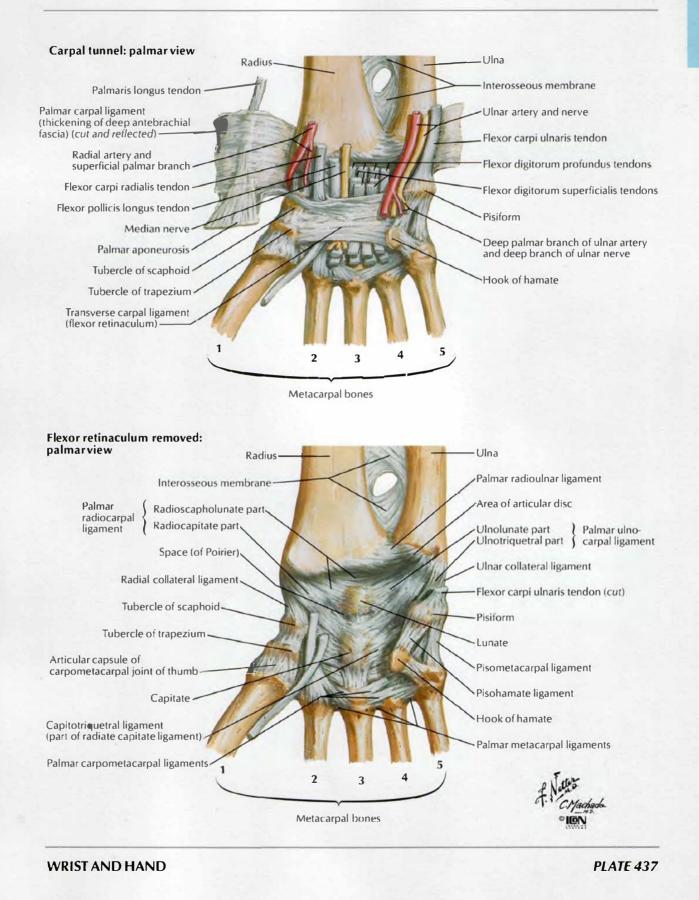
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#### **Movements of Wrist**

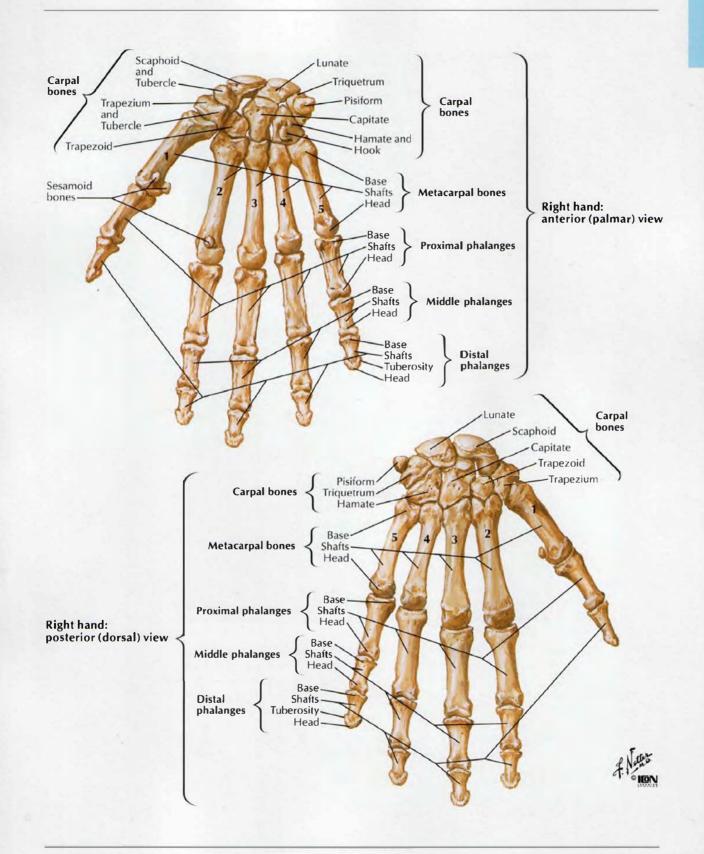


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## Ligaments of Wrist



# Bones of Wrist and Hand



WRIST AND HAND

# Wrist and Hand: Anteroposterior Radiograph

SEE ALSO PLATE 439



BM	Base	of	5th	metacarpal	
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BP Base of 4th proximal phalanx

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С
      Capitate
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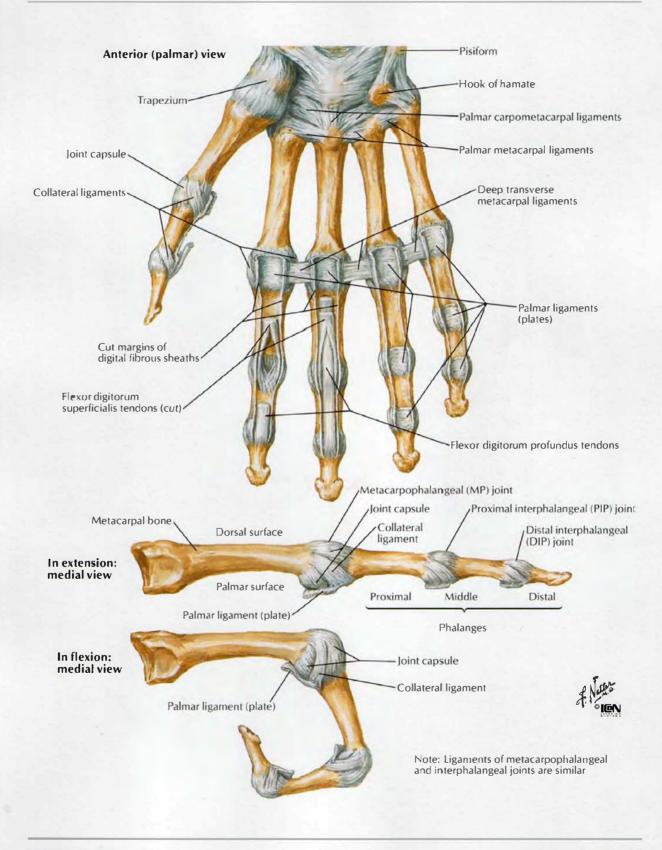
- DP Distal phalanx of thumb
- DPR Distal phalanx of ring finger
- н Hamate
- HH Hook of hamate
- HM Head of 5th metacarpal
- HP Head of proximal phalanx
- L Lunate
- Μ Metacarpal of index finger
- MP Middle phalanx of middle finger

- Pisiform Р
- Proximal phalanx of thumb PP
- PPI Proximal phalanx of index finger Radius
- R S Scaphoid
- SH
- Shaft of 5th metacarpal SP Styloid process of ulna
- SPR Styloid process of radius
- τ Triguetrum
- TP Trapezoid
- TZ Trapezium
- U Ulna

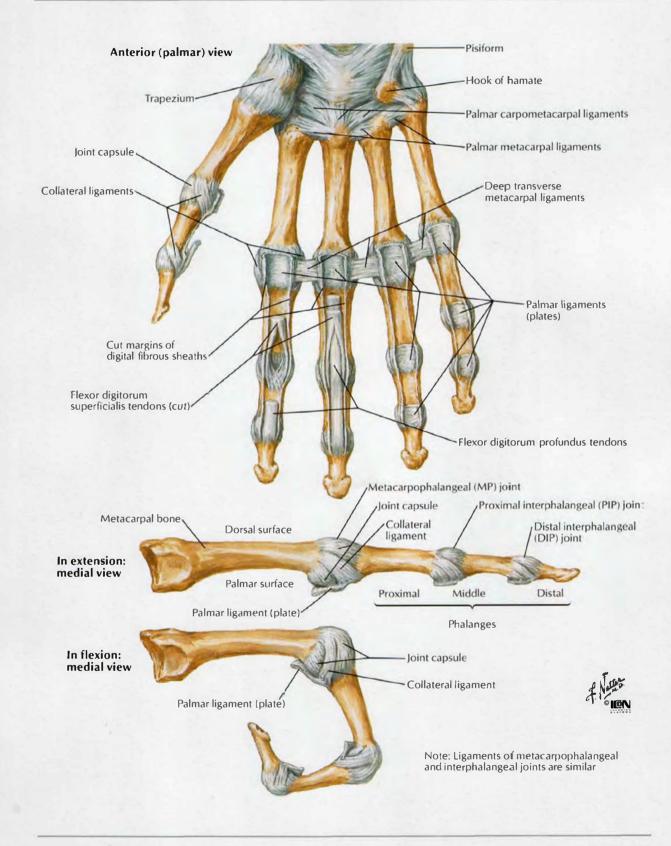
PLATE 440

**UPPER LIMB** 

# Metacarpophalangeal and Interphalangeal Ligaments

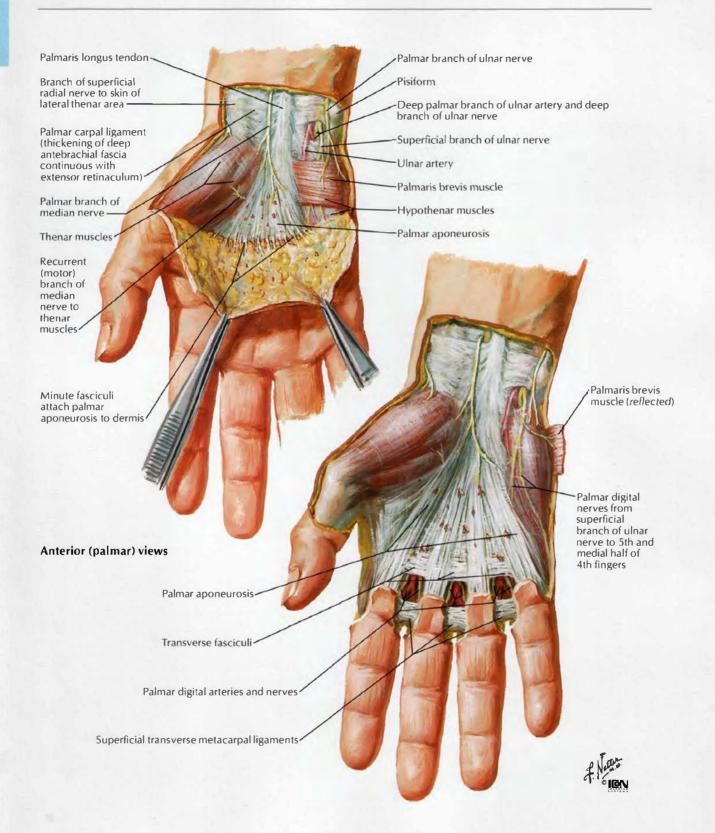


# Metacarpophalangeal and Interphalangeal Ligaments



WRIST AND HAND

# Wrist and Hand: Superficial Palmar Dissections



#### Wrist and Hand: Deeper Palmar Dissections

Radial artery and venae comitantes

Flexor carpi radialis tendon -Tendinous sheath of flexor pollicis longus (radial bursa)

Median nerve ----

Palmaris longus tendon and palmar carpal ligament

Transverse carpal ligament (flexor retinaculum)

Thenar muscles-

Proper palmar digital nerves of thumb

(Synovial) tendinous sheath of flexor pollicis longus (radial bursa)

Probe in 1st lumbrical fascial sheath

Common palmar digital artery

Proper palmar digital arteries

Septa from palmar aponeurosis forming canals/

Palmar aponeurosis (reflected)

#### Anterior (palmar) views

Proper palmar digital nerves of thumb

Fascia over adductor pollicis muscle

1st dorsal interosseous muscle-

Probe in dorsal extension of thenar space deep to adductor pollicis muscle -

Thenar space (deep to flexor tendons and 1st lumbrical muscle)

Septum separating thenar from midpalmar space

Common palmar digital artery



Proper palmar digital arteries and nerves

Anular and cruciform parts of fibrous sheath / over (synovial) flexor tendon sheaths

Ulnar artery with venae comitantes and ulnar nerve

Flexor carpi ulnaris tendon

- Common flexor sheath (ulnar bursa) containing superficialis and profundus flexor tendons Pisiform
- Deep palmar branch of ulnar artery and deep branch of ulnar nerve
- Superficial branch of ulnar nerve

Palmar digital nerves to 5th finger and medial half of 4th finger

-Median nerve

- Common flexor sheath (ulnar bursa)
- Superficial palmar arterial and venous arches
- -2nd, 3rd and 4th lumbrical muscles (in fascial sheaths)
- -(Synovial) flexor tendon sheaths of fingers

Superficial palmar branch of radial artery and recurrent branch of median nerve to thenar muscles

Ulnar artery and nerve

Common palmar digital branches of median nerve

Hypothenar muscles

Common flexor sheath (ulnar bursa)

5th finger (synovial) tendinous sheath

Probe in midpalmar space

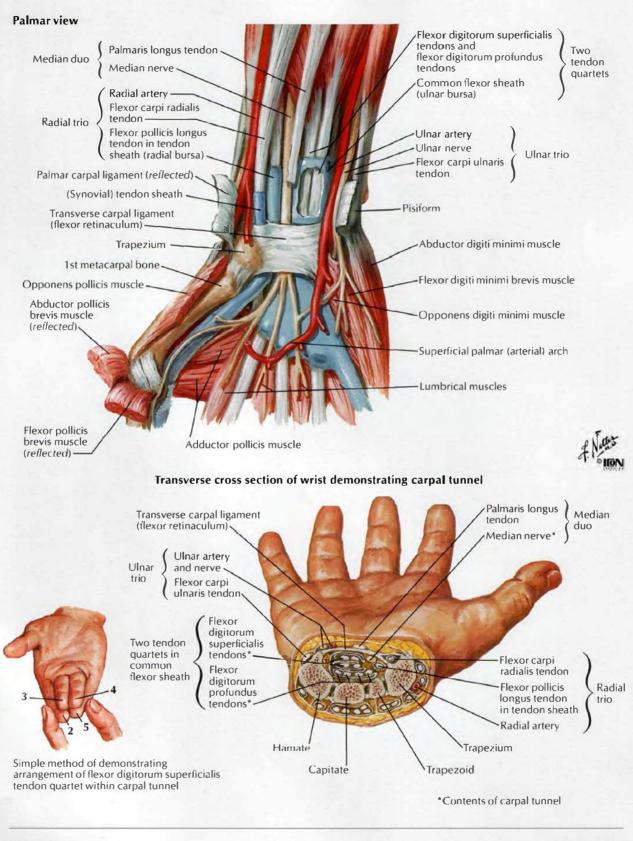
Midpalmar space (deep to flexor tendons and lumbrical muscles)

Insertion of flexor digitorum superficialis tendon

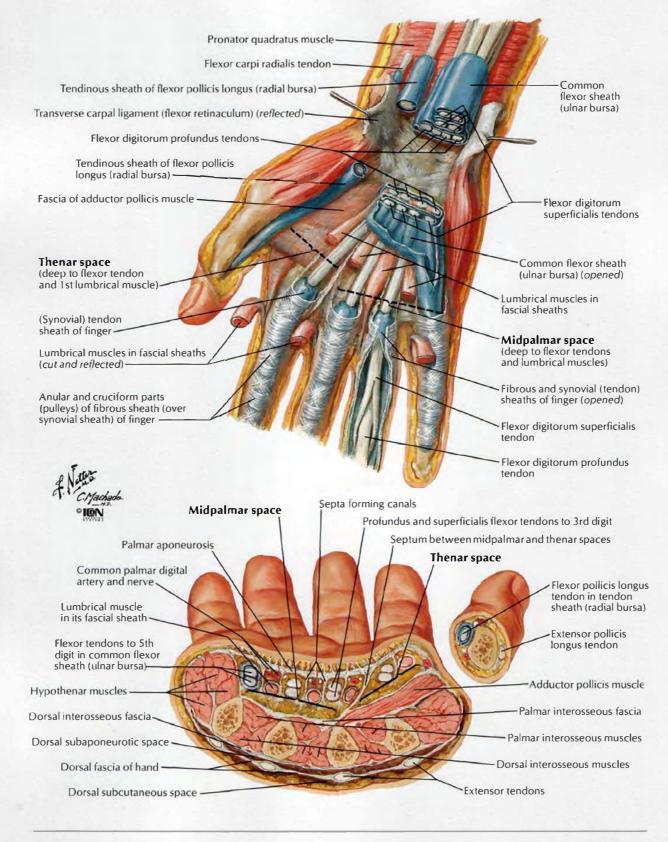
Insertion of flexor digitorum profundus tendon

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## Flexor Tendons, Arteries and Nerves at Wrist

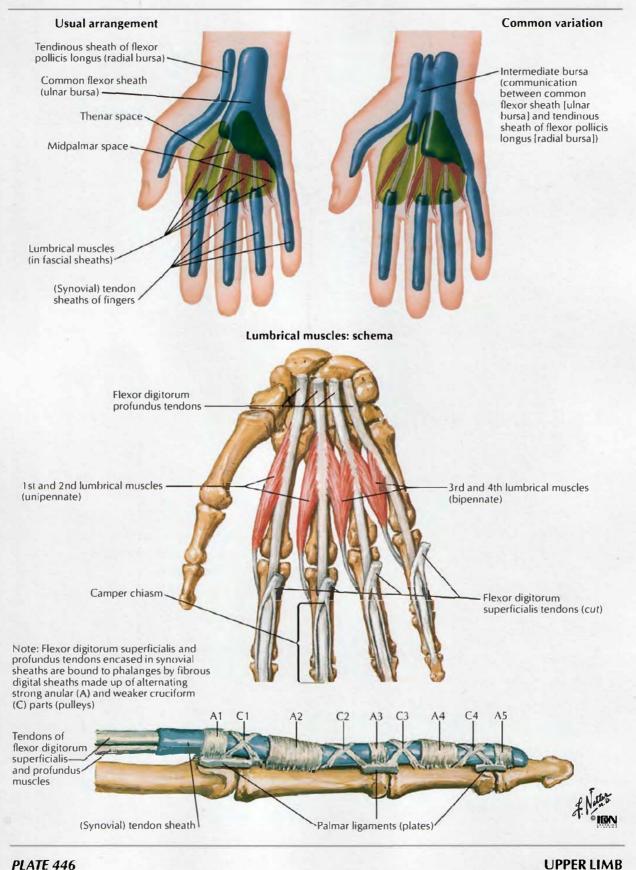


## Bursae, Spaces and Tendon Sheaths of Hand

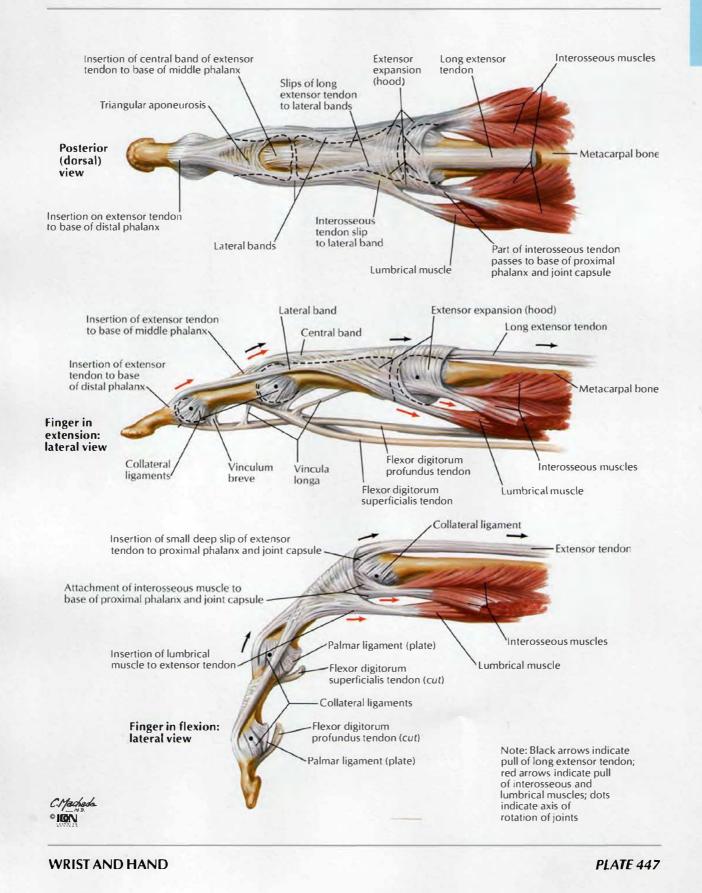


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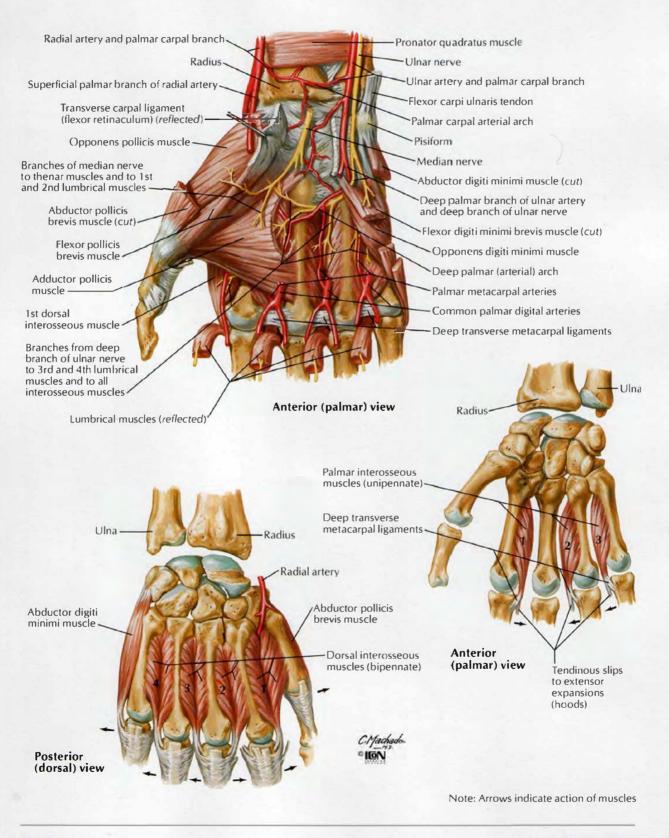
# Lumbrical Muscles and Bursae, Spaces and Sheaths: Schema



# Flexor and Extensor Tendons in Fingers



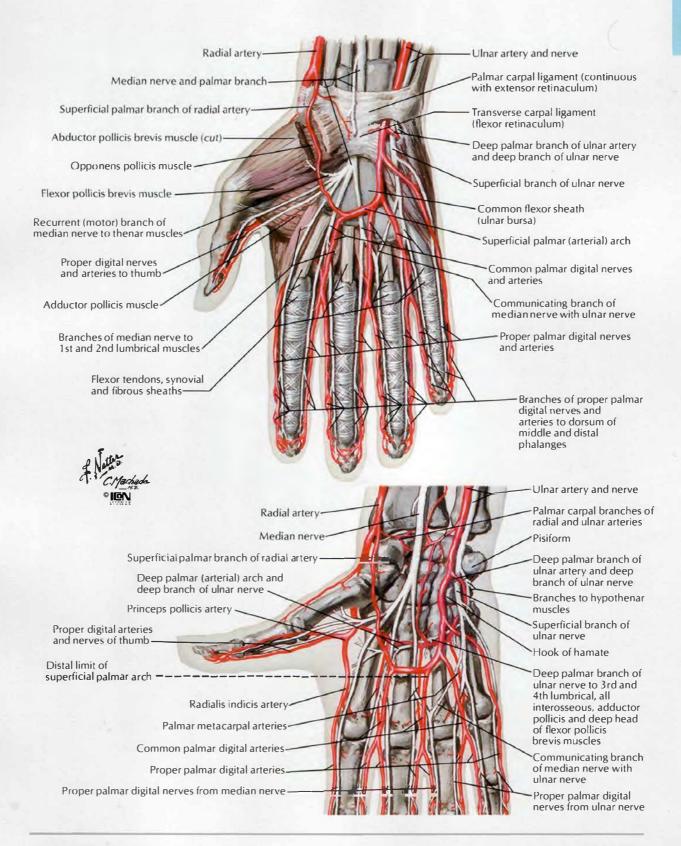
# Intrinsic Muscles of Hand



**PLATE 448** 

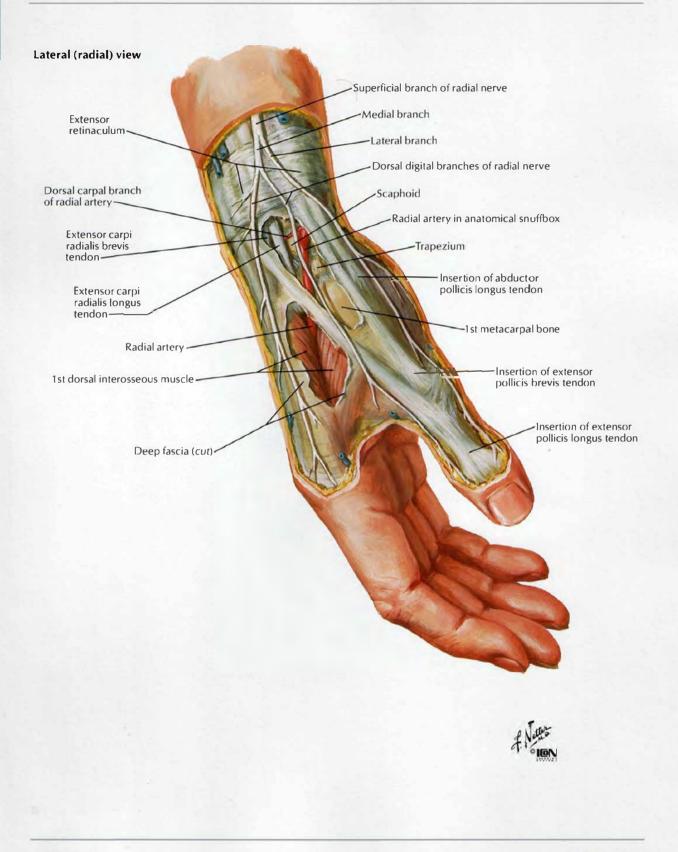
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#### Arteries and Nerves of Hand: Palmar Views

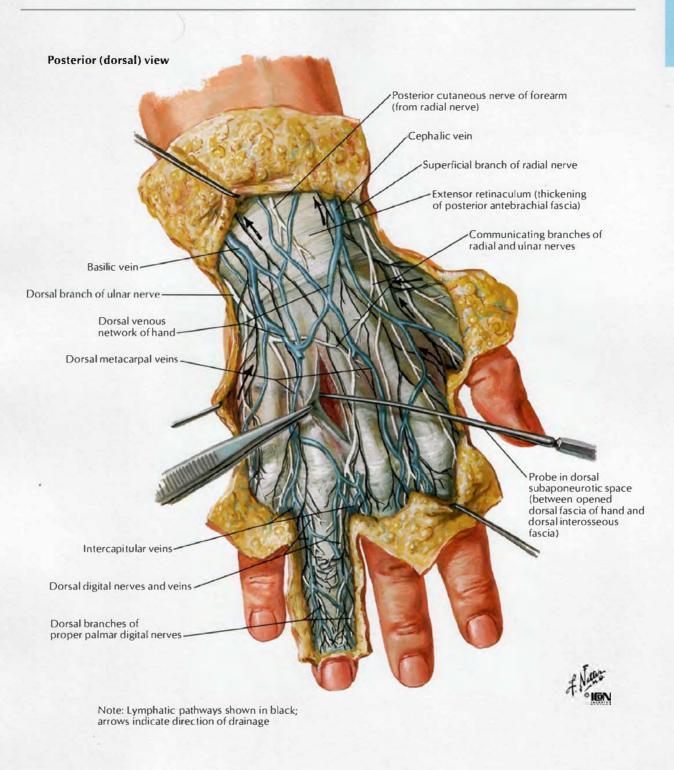


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# Wrist and Hand: Superficial Radial Dissection

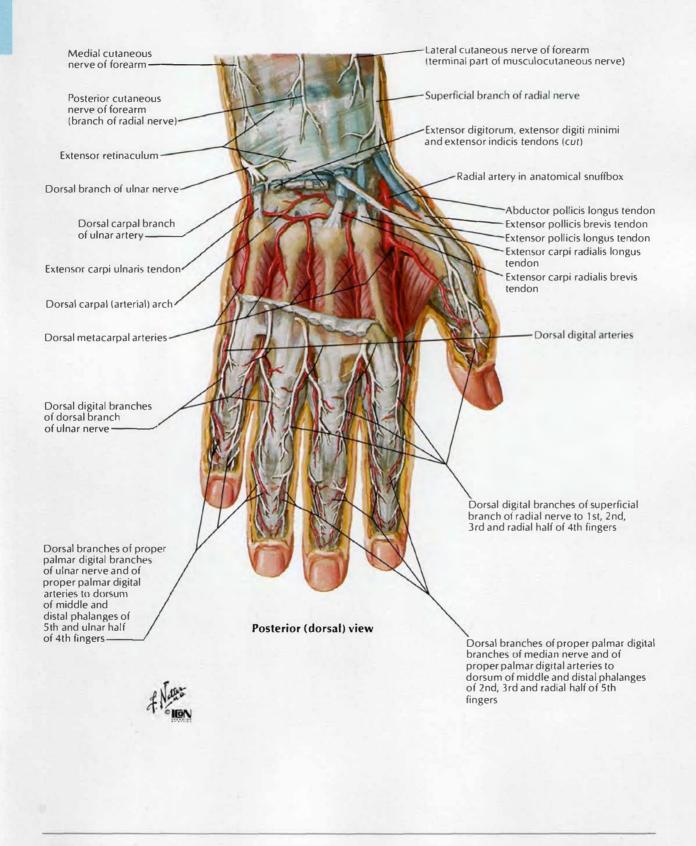


# Wrist and Hand: Superficial Dorsal Dissection



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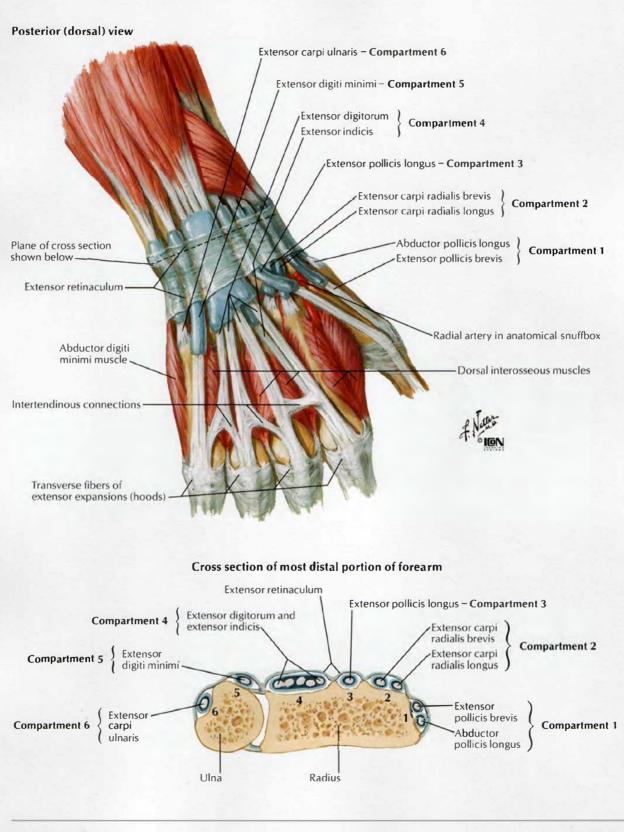
#### Wrist and Hand: Deep Dorsal Dissection



**PLATE 452** 

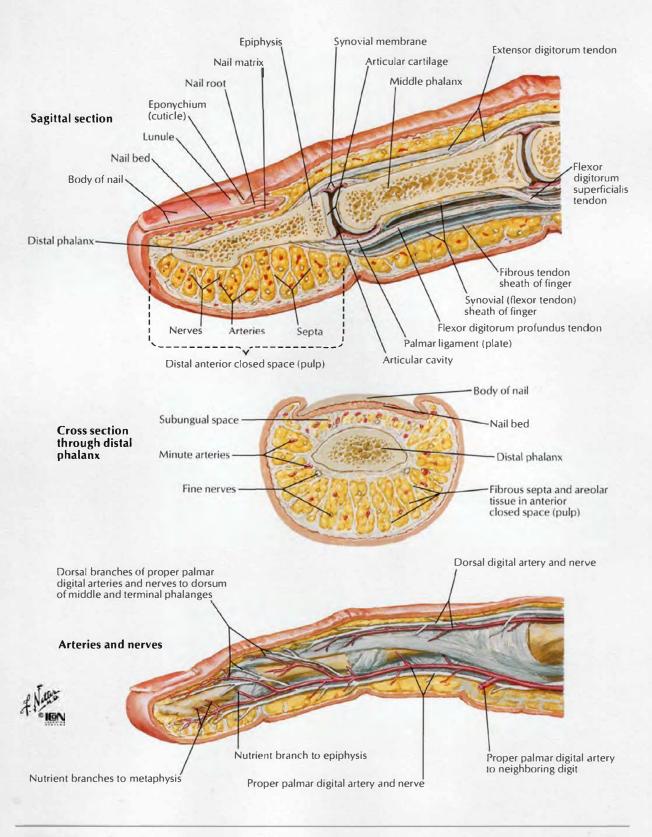
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#### Extensor Tendons at Wrist

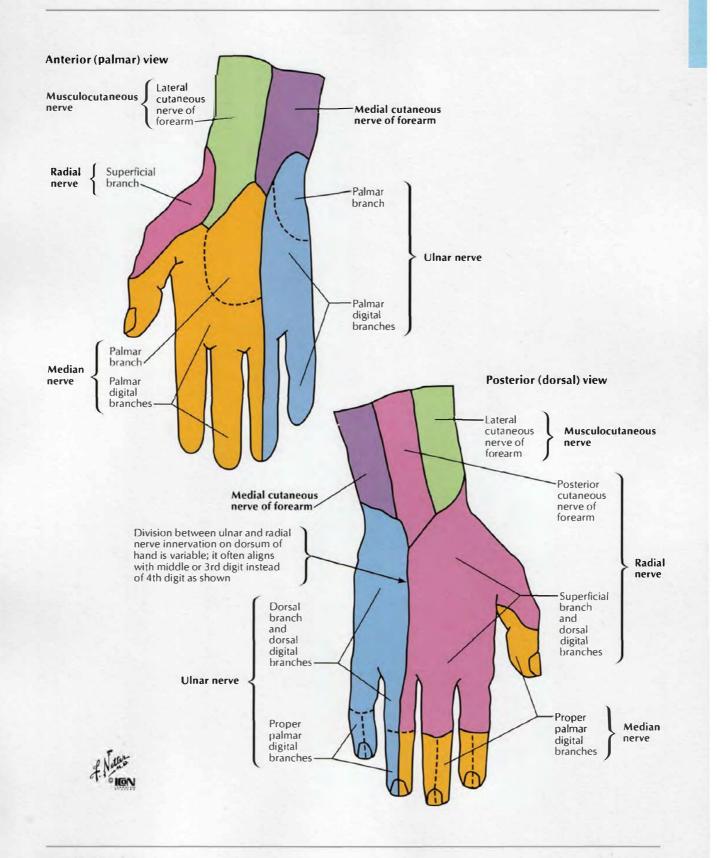


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#### **Fingers**

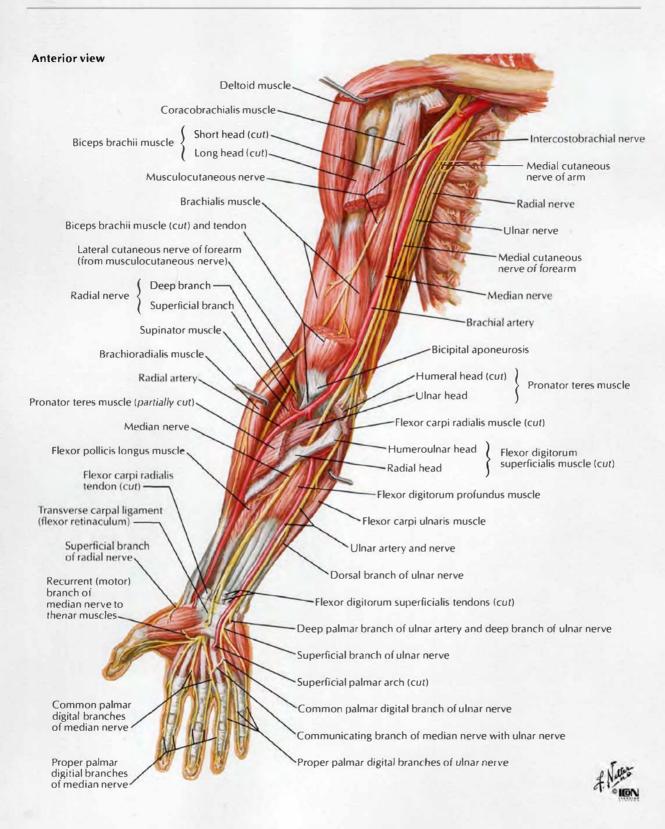


# Cutaneous Innervation of Wrist and Hand

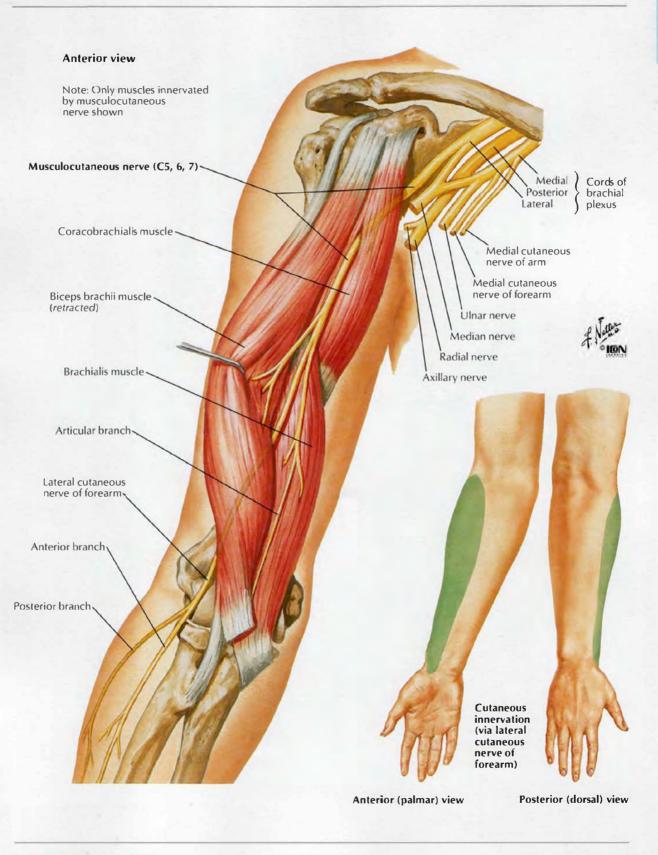


NEUROVASCULATURE

## Arteries and Nerves of Upper Limb



## Musculocutaneous Nerve



NEUROVASCULATURE

#### Median Nerve

#### Anterior view

Note: Only muscles innervated by median nerve shown

Musculocutaneous nerve

Median nerve (C5, 6, 7, 8, T1)

Pronator teres muscle (humeral head),

Articular branch

Flexor carpi radialis muscle

Palmaris longus muscle

Pronator teres muscle (ulnar head)

Flexor digitorum superficialis muscle (turned up)

Flexor digitorum profundus muscle (lateral part supplied by median lanterior interosseous) nerve; medial part supplied by ulnar nerve)

Anterior interosseous nerve

Flexor pollicis longus muscle

Pronator quadratus muscle

Abductor pollicis brevis

Palmar branch of median nerve

Thenar muscles Opponens pollicis – Superficial head of flexor pollicis brevis (deep head supplied by ulnar nerve)

1st and 2nd lumbrical muscles

Dorsal branches to dorsum of middle and distal phalanges Axillary nerve

Radial nerve

Ulnar nerve

Medial

F. Nation

Cords of

brachial

plexus

Cutaneous innervation

**Palmar view** 

Communicating branch of median nerve with ulnar nerve

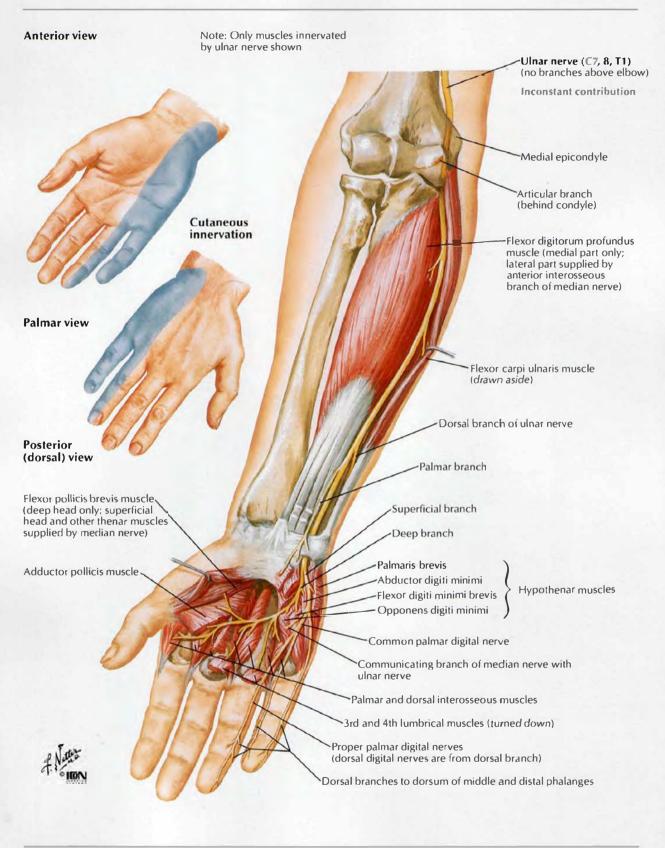
Common palmar digital nerves

Proper palmar digital nerves

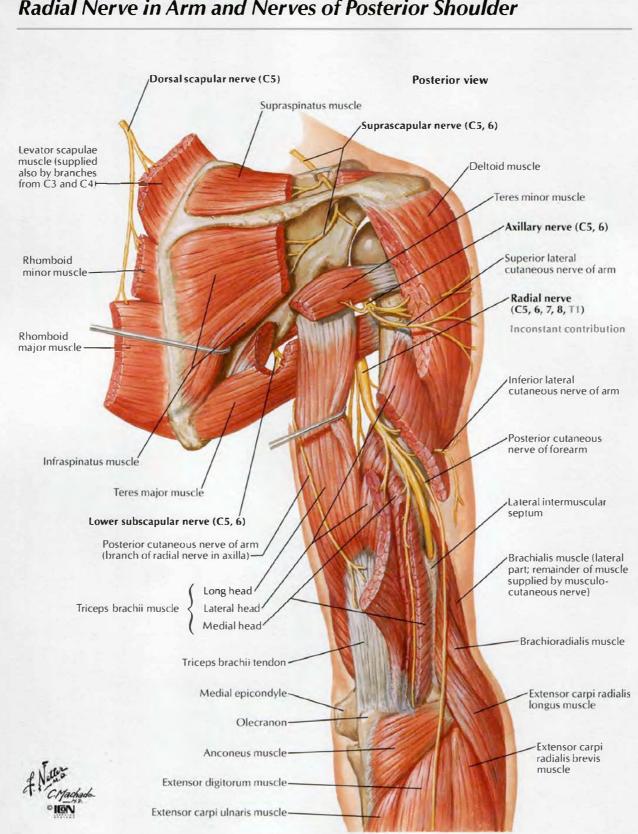
Posterior (dorsal) view

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## Ulnar Nerve



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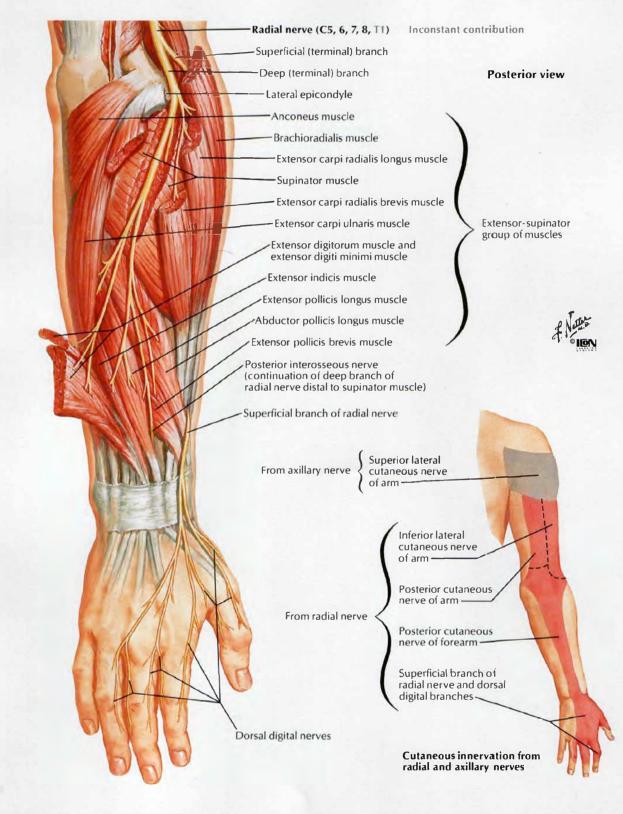
#### Radial Nerve in Arm and Nerves of Posterior Shoulder

**PLATE 460** 

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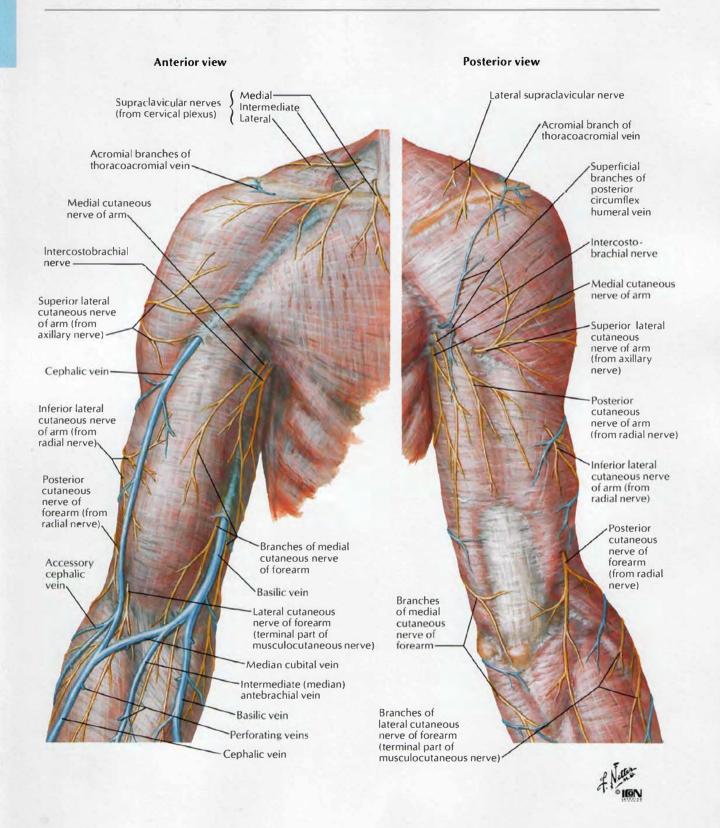
### Radial Nerve in Forearm

SEE ALSO PLATE 450



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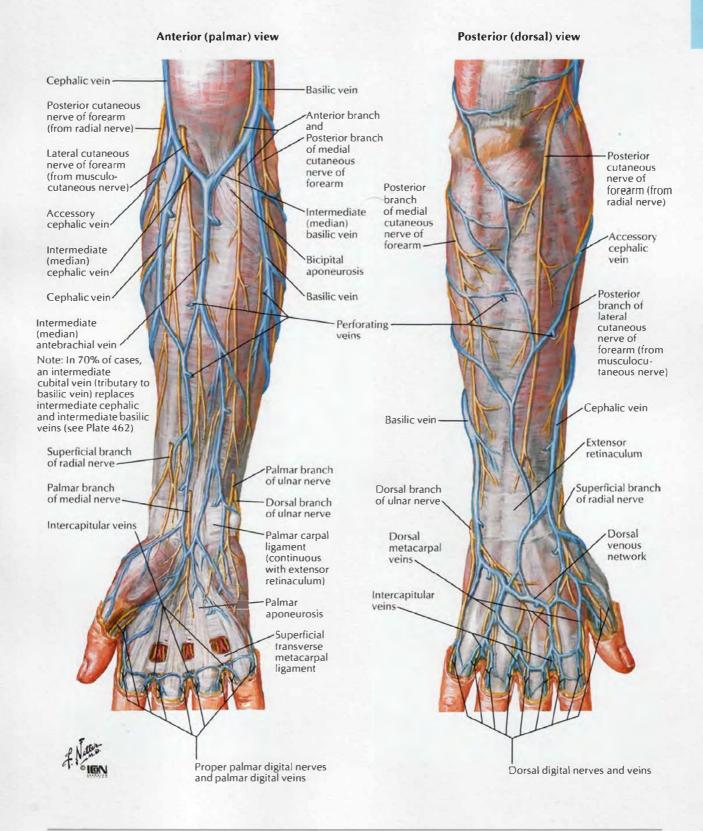
#### Cutaneous Nerves and Superficial Veins of Shoulder and Arm



**PLATE 462** 

**UPPER LIMB** 

# **Cutaneous Nerves and Superficial Veins of Forearm**



NEUROVASCULATURE

#### **Cutaneous Innervation of Upper Limb**

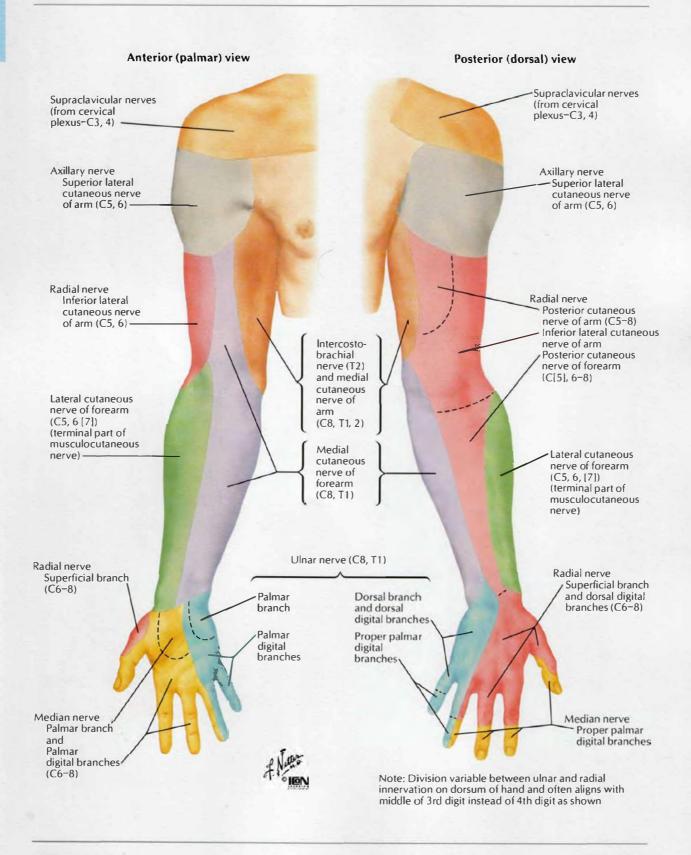
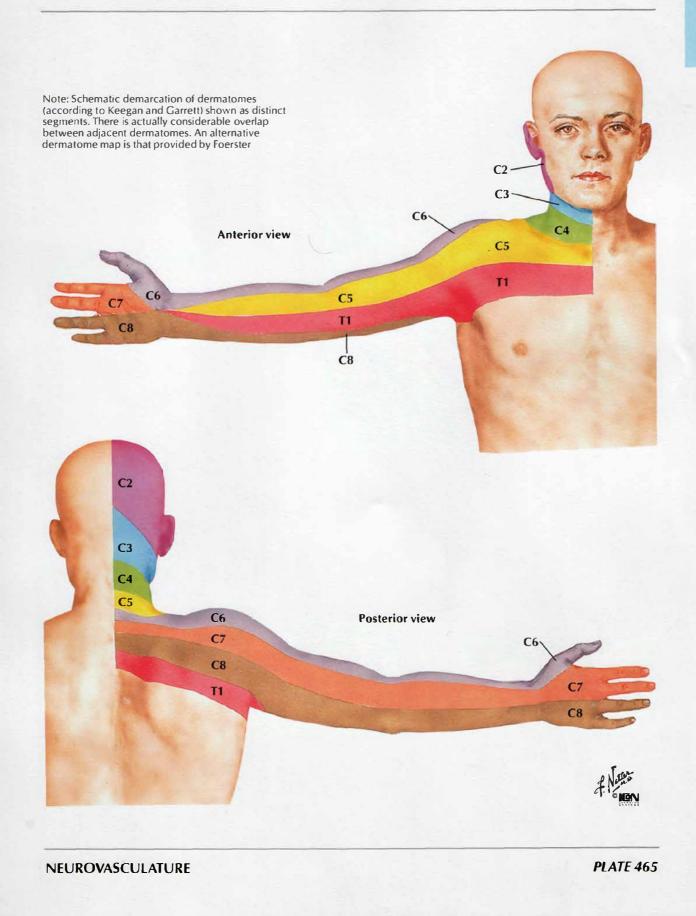


PLATE 464

**UPPER LIMB** 

# Dermatomes of Upper Limb



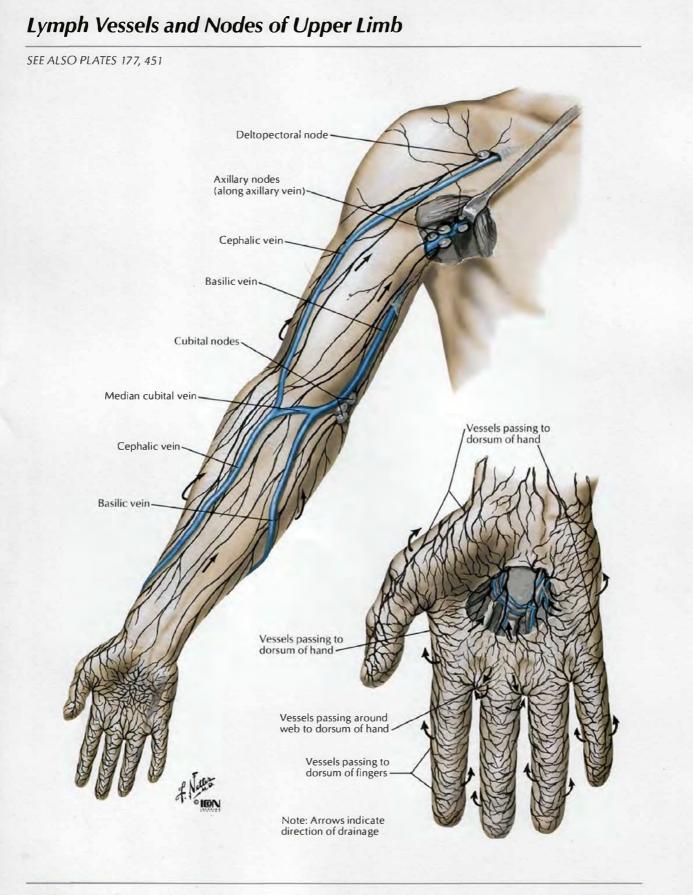


PLATE 466

**UPPER LIMB**