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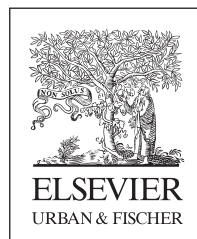
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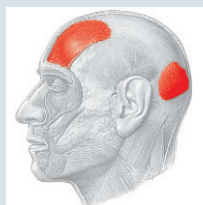
1 Facial muscles (→ Figs. 8.63–8.65, 11.2, 11.13)

The mimic muscles only partially originate from defined bony structures but all insert in the skin.

a Forehead, vertex, temple**Occipitofrontalis**

Facial nerve [VII]

Occipitofrontalis and temporoparietalis are collectively named epicranium.



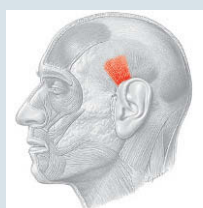
O: **frontal belly:** skin of the forehead
occipital belly: highest nuchal line

I: epicranial aponeurosis

F: forehead
frontal belly: wrinkling of the forehead (expression of surprise)
occipital belly: smoothens wrinkles of the forehead

Temporoparietalis

Facial nerve [VII]



O: skin of the temple, temporal fascia

I: epicranial aponeurosis

F: moves the skin of the head downwards

b Auricle**Auricularis anterior**

Facial nerve [VII]



O: temporal fascia

I: anterior to the auricle

F: moves the auricle in a superior and anterior direction

Auricularis superior

Facial nerve [VII]



O: epicranial aponeurosis

I: superior to the auricle

F: moves the auricle in a superior and posterior direction

Auricularis posterior

Facial nerve [VII]



O: mastoid process

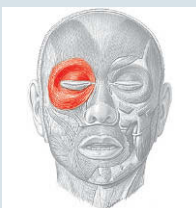
I: posterior to the auricle

F: moves the auricle in a posterior direction

1 Facial muscles (continued)

c Palpebral fissure

Orbicularis oculi (surrounds the orbital opening like a sphincter)
Facial nerve [VII]

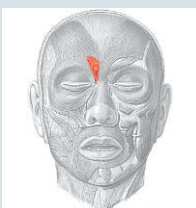


O: orbital part: nasal part of the frontal bone, frontal process of the maxilla, lacrimal bone, medial palpebral ligament
palpebral part: medial palpebral ligament, lacrimal sac
lacrimal part: posterior lacrimal crest of the lacrimal bone, lacrimal sac

I: orbital part: lateral palpebral ligament
palpebral part: lateral palpebral ligament
lacrimal part: lacrimal duct, palpebral fissure

F: closes the eyelids, compresses the lacrimal sac

Depressor supercilii (separation of the orbital part of the orbicularis oculi)
Facial nerve [VII]



O: nasal part of the frontal bone, dorsum of the nose

I: medial third of the skin of the eyebrow

F: depresses the skin of the eyebrow

Corrugator supercilii
Facial nerve [VII]

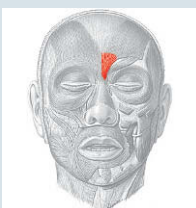


O: nasal part of the frontal bone

I: middle third of the skin of the eyebrow

F: pulls the skin of the forehead and eyebrows towards the root of the nose, creates a vertical fold above the root of the nose (anger, thinking)

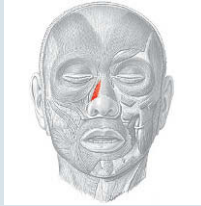
Procerus
Facial nerve [VII]



O: nasal bone

I: skin of the glabella

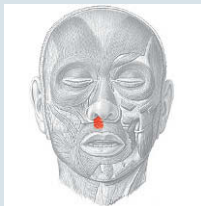
F: horizontal folds on the dorsum of the nose (wrinkling of the nose)

1 Facial muscles (continued)**d Nose****Nasalis***Facial nerve [VII]*

O: alar part: maxilla at the level of the lateral incisor
transverse part: maxilla at the level of the canine

I: alar part: nasal wing, rim of the nasal opening
transverse part: tendinous plate of the dorsum of the nose

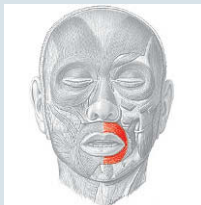
F: moves the nasal wings and the nose
alar part: dilates the nasal opening
transverse part: narrows the nasal opening

Depressor septi nasi*Facial nerve [VII]*

O: maxilla at the level of the medial incisor

I: septal nasal cartilage

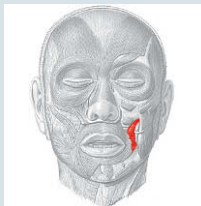
F: moves the nose downwards

e Mouth**Orbicularis oris***Facial nerve [VII]*

O: marginal part and labial part: lateral of the angle of mouth

I: skin of the lip

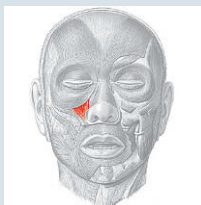
F: closes lips, pursing lips

Buccinator*Facial nerve [VII]*

O: maxilla, pterygomandibular raphe, mandible

I: angle of mouth

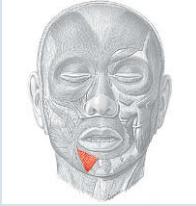
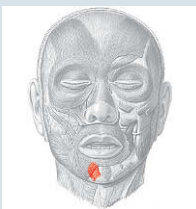
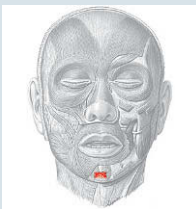
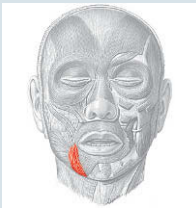
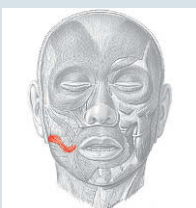
F: puts tension on the lips, increases pressure within the mouth cavity, e.g. during blowing and chewing

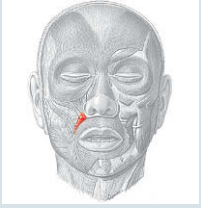
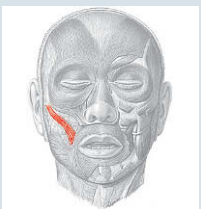
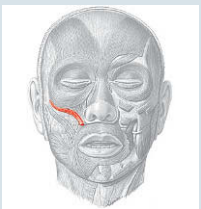
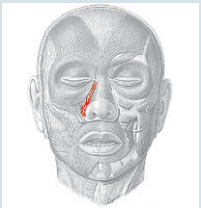
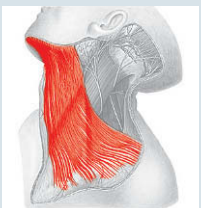
Levator labii superioris*Facial nerve [VII]*

O: maxilla superior to the infra-orbital foramen

I: upper lip

F: pulls the upper lip sideways and upwards

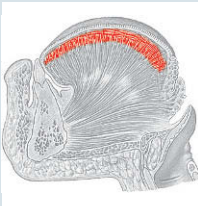
1 Facial muscles (continued)**Depressor labii inferioris***Facial nerve [VII]***O:** mandible inferior to the mental foramen**I:** lower lip**F:** pulls the lower lip sideways and downwards**Mentalis***Facial nerve [VII]***O:** mandible, at the level of the lower lateral incisor**I:** skin of the chin**F:** creates the groove of the chin, everts and protrudes the lower lip (together with the orbicularis oris; to pout or pull a face)**Transversus menti***Facial nerve [VII]***O:** transverse separation from the mentalis**I:** skin of the mental protuberance**F:** moves the skin of the chin**Depressor anguli oris***Facial nerve [VII]***O:** lower margin of the mandible**I:** angle of mouth**F:** moves the angle of the mouth downwards**Risorius***Facial nerve [VII]***O:** parotid fascia, masseteric fascia**I:** angle of mouth**F:** broadens the mouth (grin), creates dimples

1 Facial muscles (continued)**Levator anguli oris**
Facial nerve [VII]**O:** canine fossa of the maxilla**I:** angle of mouth**F:** pulls the angle of the mouth to the medial side and upwards**Zygomaticus major**
Facial nerve [VII]**O:** zygomatic bone**I:** angle of mouth**F:** pulls the angle of the mouth to the lateral side and upwards**Zygomaticus minor**
Facial nerve [VII]**O:** zygomatic bone**I:** angle of mouth**F:** pulls the angle of the mouth to the lateral side and upwards**Levator labii superioris alaeque nasi**
Facial nerve [VII]**O:** frontal process of the maxilla
(medial orbital wall)**I:** nasal wing, upper lip**F:** lifts the lips and the nasal wing**f Neck** (→ Fig. 11.2)**Platysma**
Facial nerve [VII]**O:** base of mandible, parotid fascia**I:** skin below the clavicle, pectoral fascia**F:** tenses the skin of the neck, generates longitudinal folds

2 Muscles of the tongue (→ Figs. 8.139, 8.141, 8.147–8.150)

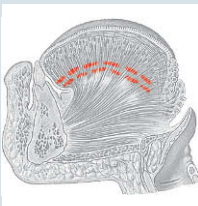
a Intrinsic muscles of the tongue

Superior longitudinal muscle
Hypoglossal nerve [XII]



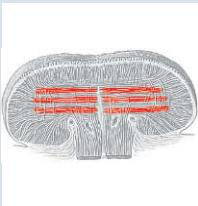
O: root of tongue **I:** apex of tongue **F:** shortens and broadens the tongue, elevates the tip of the tongue

Inferior longitudinal muscle
Hypoglossal nerve [XII]



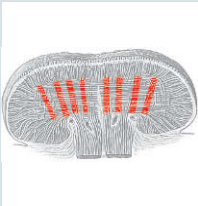
O: root of tongue **I:** apex of tongue **F:** shortens and broadens the tongue, depresses the tip of the tongue

Transverse muscle
Hypoglossal nerve [XII]



O: lateral margin of the tongue, lingual septum **I:** lateral margin of the tongue, lingual aponeurosis **F:** narrows the tongue and, in association with the vertical muscle, extends the tongue

Vertical muscle
Hypoglossal nerve [XII]

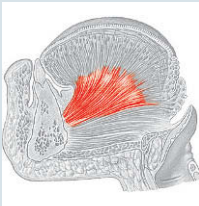


O: root of tongue **I:** lingual aponeurosis **F:** broadens the tongue

2 Muscles of the tongue (continued)

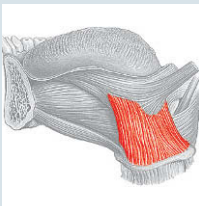
b Extrinsic muscles of the tongue

Genioglossus
Hypoglossal nerve [XII]



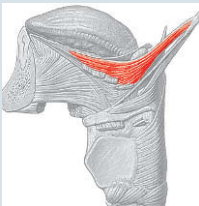
O: mental spine of the mandible **I:** lingual aponeurosis **F:** moves the tongue in an anterior and inferior direction

Hyoglossus
Hypoglossal nerve [XII]

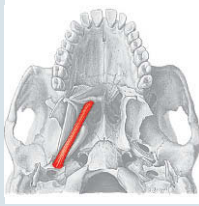
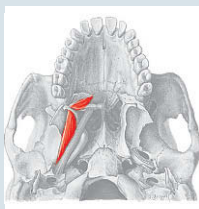
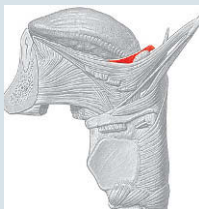


O: greater horn and body of hyoid bone **I:** lingual aponeurosis **F:** moves the tongue in a posterior and inferior direction

Styloglossus
Hypoglossal nerve [XII]



O: styloid process of the temporal bone **I:** lingual aponeurosis **F:** moves the tongue in a posterior and superior direction

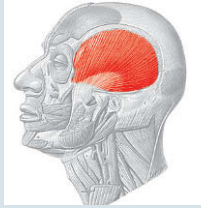
3 Muscles of the palate (→ Fig. 8.133)**Levator veli palatini***Pharyngeal branches of the glossopharyngeal nerve [IX] and the vagus nerve [X] (= pharyngeal plexus)***O:** inferior surface of the petrous part of the temporal bone, cartilage of auditory tube**I:** palatine aponeurosis**F:** elevates the soft palate, widens the lumen of the auditory tube**Tensor veli palatini** (is looped around the pterygoid hamulus which acts as a hypomochlion)*Nerve to tensor veli palatini of the mandibular nerve [V/3]***O:** scaphoid fossa at the pterygoid process, membranous part and cartilage of the auditory tube**I:** palatine aponeurosis**F:** tenses the soft palate and widens the lumen of the auditory tube**Palatoglossus***Glossopharyngeal nerve [IX]***O:** palatine aponeurosis**I:** projects into the intrinsic muscles of the tongue**F:** depresses the soft palate, simultaneously elevates the root of the tongue and thereby narrows the isthmus of fauces**Musculus uvulae** (unpaired muscle)*Pharyngeal branches of the glossopharyngeal nerve [IX] and the vagus nerve [X] (= pharyngeal plexus)***O:** palatine aponeurosis**I:** stroma of the uvula**F:** shortens the uvula, thereby thickening it

4 Masticatory muscles (→ Figs. 8.62, 8.64–8.67, 8.69)

The masseter is easily palpated through the skin along its course from the mandibular angle to the zygomatic arch. When clenching the teeth the belly of the temporalis becomes noticeable at the temple. The medial pterygoid is located at the inside of the mandible. The lateral pterygoid projects from the temporomandibular joint anteriorly.

Temporalis

Deep temporal nerves (mandibular nerve [V/3])



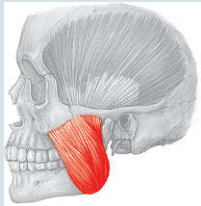
O: temporal bone inferior to the inferior temporal line, deep lamina of the temporal fascia

I: coronoid process of the mandible

F: closes the jaw (strongest masticatory muscle)
anterior portion: pulls the mandible forward (= protrusion)
posterior portion: pulls the mandible backward (= retrusion)

Masseter

Masseteric nerve (mandibular nerve [V/3])



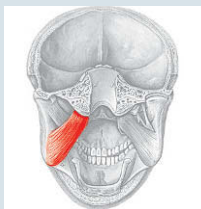
O: superficial part: inferior margin of the zygomatic arch
deep part: inner surface of the zygomatic arch

I: superficial part: angle of mandible (masseteric tuberosity)
deep part: inferior margin of the mandible

F: closes the jaw
superficial part: pulls the mandible forward (= protrusion)

Medial pterygoid

Nerve to medial pterygoid (mandibular nerve [V/3])



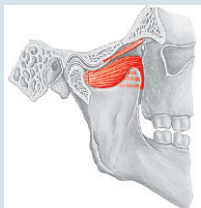
O: pterygoid fossa

I: inferior margin of the mandible (pterygoid tuberosity)

F: closes the jaw, pulls the mandible forward (= protrusion)

Lateral pterygoid

Nerve to lateral pterygoid (mandibular nerve [V/3])



O: upper head: infratemporal crest of the sphenoid
lower head: lateral plate of the pterygoid process

I: upper head: disc and capsule of the temporomandibular joint
lower head: condylar process of mandible (pterygoid fovea)

F: upper head: initiates jaw opening by pulling the articular disc forward
lower head: pulls the mandible forward (= protrusion)
unilateral action: contralateral excursion

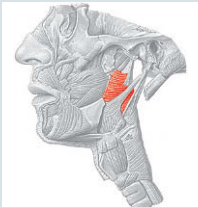
5 Muscles of the pharynx (→ Figs. 8.150, 11.12, 11.13, 11.21)

The pharyngeal muscles are divided into constrictor muscles (superior, middle, and inferior constrictor) and levator muscles (stylopharyngeus, salpingopharyngeus, and palatopharyngeus).

a Pharyngeal constrictor muscles

Superior constrictor

Pharyngeal branches of the glossopharyngeal nerve [IX] (= pharyngeal plexus)



O: pterygopharyngeal part: medial lamina of the pterygoid process, pterygoid hamulus

buccopharyngeal part: pterygo-mandibular raphe

mylopharyngeal part: mylohyoid line of the mandible

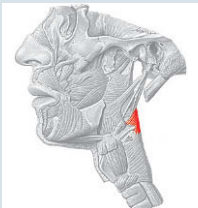
glossopharyngeal part: transverse muscle

I: pharyngobasilar membrane, pharyngeal raphe

F: narrows the pharyngeal space (PASSAVANT's ridge), separates the epipharynx from the mesopharynx

Middle constrictor

Pharyngeal branches of the glossopharyngeal nerve [IX] and the vagus nerve [X] (= pharyngeal plexus)



O: chondropharyngeal part: lesser horn of hyoid bone

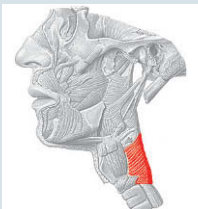
ceratopharyngeal part: greater horn of hyoid bone

I: pharyngeal raphe

F: narrows the pharyngeal space from behind, promotes wave-like downward contractions to support the transport of ingested food into the esophagus (peristalsis)

Inferior constrictor

Pharyngeal branches of the vagus nerve [X] (= pharyngeal plexus)



O: thyropharyngeal part: thyroid cartilage

cricopharyngeal part: lateral side of the cricoid cartilage

I: pharyngeal raphe

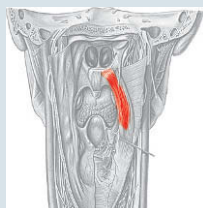
F: closes the laryngeal inlet by elevating the larynx, narrows the pharyngeal space from behind, promotes wave-like downward contractions to support the transport of ingested food into the esophagus (peristalsis)

5 Muscles of the pharynx (continued)

b Pharyngeal levator muscles

Palatopharyngeus (functionally also belonging to the palatine muscles)

Pharyngeal branches of the glossopharyngeal nerve [IX] (= pharyngeal plexus)



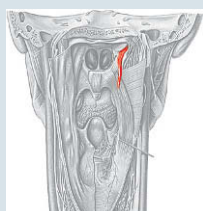
O: palatine aponeurosis

I: thyroid cartilage, projects into the lateral and posterior wall of the pharynx

F: narrows the isthmus of fauces, depresses the soft palate, elevates the pharyngeal wall towards the soft palate

Salpingopharyngeus

Pharyngeal branches of the glossopharyngeal nerve [IX] (= pharyngeal plexus)



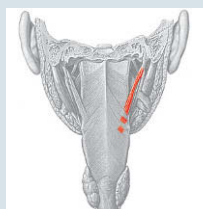
O: cartilage of tube

I: projects into the lateral wall of the pharynx

F: elevates the pharynx

Stylopharyngeus

Stylopharyngeal branch of the glossopharyngeal nerve [IX]



O: styloid process of the temporal bone

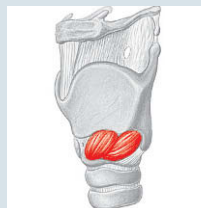
I: thyroid cartilage, projects into the lateral wall of the pharynx

F: elevates the pharynx

6 Muscles of the larynx (→ Figs. 11.34, 11.36, 11.39)

Cricothyroid (straight part: superficial, oblique part: deep)

External branch of the superior laryngeal nerve of the vagus nerve [X]



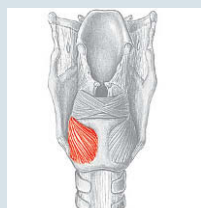
O: external surface of the arch of cricoid cartilage

I: inferior rim of the lamina of the thyroid cartilage

F: puts tension on the vocal ligaments by tilting the cricoid cartilage (strongest tensor muscle of the vocal ligaments)

Posterior crico-arytenoid

Recurrent laryngeal nerve of the vagus nerve [X]



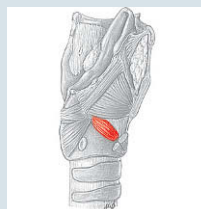
O: posterior lamina of the cricoid cartilage

I: muscular process of the arytenoid cartilage

F: widens the glottis by lateral movement of the vocal process of the arytenoid cartilage and lateral tilt of the arytenoid cartilage

Lateral crico-arytenoid

Recurrent laryngeal nerve of the vagus nerve [X]



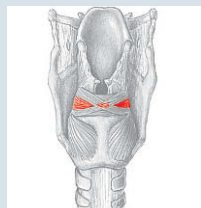
O: lateral upper rim of the arch of the cricoid cartilage

I: muscular process of the arytenoid cartilage

F: closes the intermembranous part of the glottis by inward rotation of the arytenoid cartilage

Transverse arytenoid

Recurrent laryngeal nerve of the vagus nerve [X]



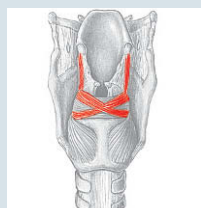
O: lateral rim and posterior surface of the arytenoid cartilage

I: lateral rim and posterior surface of the opposite arytenoid cartilage

F: closes the intercartilaginous part of the glottis by converging both arytenoid cartilages

Oblique arytenoid

Recurrent laryngeal nerve of the vagus nerve [X]



O: base of the posterior surface of the arytenoid cartilage
ary-epiglottic part: tip of the arytenoid cartilage

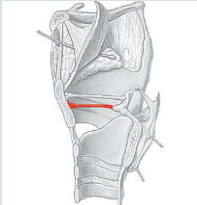
I: tip of the arytenoid cartilage
ary-epiglottic part: lateral rim of the epiglottic cartilage

F: pulls the arytenoid cartilage medially and, thus, narrows the intercartilaginous part of the glottis, narrows the entrance to the larynx

6 Muscles of the larynx (continued)

Vocalis

Recurrent laryngeal nerve of the vagus nerve [X]



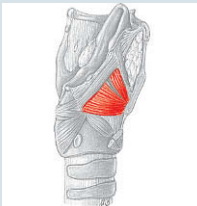
O: inner side of the thyroid cartilage

I: vocal process of the arytenoid cartilage lateral of the vocal ligaments

F: closes the glottis completely, responsible for the fine-tuning of the tension in the vocal ligaments

Thyroarytenoid

Recurrent laryngeal nerve of the vagus nerve [X]



O: inner surface of the lamina of the thyroid cartilage

I: muscular process and anterior surface of the arytenoid cartilage
thyro-epiglottic part: lateral rim of the epiglottic cartilage

F: narrows the intermembranous part of the glottis
thyro-epiglottic part: narrows the entrance to the larynx

7 Branches and innervation areas of the cervical plexus (→ Figs. 11.61, 11. 62, 11.65–11.69)

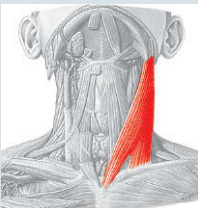
	motor function	sensory function
(Deep) Ansa cervicalis superior root (= anterior root) inferior root (= posterior root)	infrahyoid muscles	
Muscular branches	longus colli, longus capitis, rectus capitis anterior and lateralis, intertransversarii anteriores cervicis, trapezius, levator scapulae, scalene muscles, geniohyoid	
Branches of the punctum nervosum (ERB's point) great auricular nerve		skin of the upper neck region, at the man- dibular angle, anterior and posterior to the auricle, the major part of the auricle
transverse cervical nerve		skin in the upper anterior neck region
lesser occipital nerve		skin in the occipital region
medial, intermediate, and lateral supraclavicular nerves		skin in a stripe inferior to the clavicle
Phrenic nerve	diaphragm	parietal pleura, pericardium, peritoneum

8 Lateral muscles of the neck (→ Figs. 11.3, 11.5)

The sternocleidomastoid derives from the same primordium as the trapezius (same innervation). The sternocleidomastoid has its origin at the mastoid process and courses to the anteromedial side in an oblique downward direction. It is integrated in the superficial lamina of the cervical fascia.

Sternocleidomastoid

Accessory nerve [XI]; cervical plexus



O: sternal head: ventral aspect of
the sternum
clavicular head: sternal third of the
clavicle

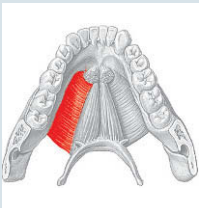
I: mastoid process, lateral superior
nuchal line

F: unilaterally active: turns the head to
the contralateral side and bends the
head to the same side,
bilaterally active: erects the head,
bends the cervical vertebral column,
auxiliary breathing muscle when the
head is in a fixed position

9 Suprahyoid muscles (→ Figs. 8.145–8.148, 11.3, 11.5)

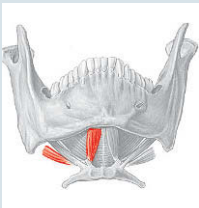
The suprahyoid muscles create the floor of the oral cavity and are counteracting the infrahyoid muscles. The anterior belly of the digastric lies superficially. Shaped as a broad muscular plate, the mylohyoid forms the floor of the oral cavity. On its inner aspect lies the round-shaped geniohyoid. The posterior belly of the digastric and the stylohyoid position dorsally.

Mylohyoid (Together, the right and left parts of the muscle form a muscular plate that provides the caudal seal of the oral cavity.)
Nerve to mylohyoid (mandibular nerve [V/3])



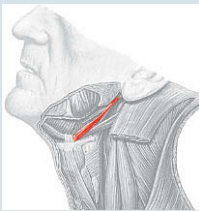
- O:** mylohyoid line of the mandible
- I:** mylohyoid raphe, body of hyoid bone
- F:** lifts the floor of the oral cavity (opens mouth), depresses the mandible, lifts the hyoid bone during swallowing

Digastric (Posterior belly and anterior belly are connected by an intermediate round tendon, which is fixed at the lesser horn of the hyoid bone.)
Anterior belly: nerve to mylohyoid (mandibular nerve [V/3])
Posterior belly: digastric branch (facial nerve [VII])



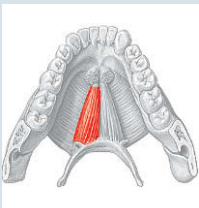
- O:** mastoid notch of the temporal bone
- I:** digastric fossa of the mandible
- F:** supports the mylohyoid

Stylohyoid
Stylohyoid branch (facial nerve [VII])



- O:** styloid process of the temporal bone
- I:** body of hyoid bone with two muscular bundles which encompass the intermediate tendon of the digastric
- F:** lifts the hyoid bone during swallowing

Geniohyoid (The right and left parts of the muscle lie close to each other – only separated by a thin septum of connective tissue.)
Ventral branches of C1–C2



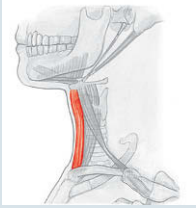
- O:** mental spine of the mandible
- I:** body of hyoid bone
- F:** supports the mylohyoid

10 Infrahyoid muscles (→ Figs. 11.3, 11.5)

The infrahyoid muscles are counteracting the suprahyoid muscles. Located beneath the superficial sternohyoid are the sternothyroid and the thyrohyoid. The omohyoid is positioned farthest to the lateral side.

Sternohyoid

Ansa cervicalis (cervical plexus)



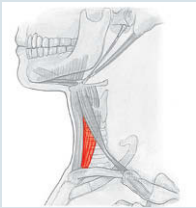
O: inner surface of the manubrium of sternum

I: body of hyoid bone

F: pulls the hyoid bone caudally

Sternothyroid

Ansa cervicalis (cervical plexus)



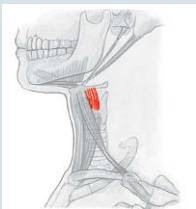
O: inner surface of the manubrium of sternum

I: oblique line of the lamina of the thyroid cartilage

F: pulls the larynx caudally

Thyrohyoid

Ansa cervicalis (cervical plexus)



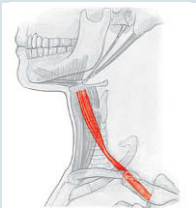
O: outer surface of the lamina of the thyroid cartilage

I: body of hyoid bone

F: approximates the hyoid bone and the larynx nearer to each other

Omohyoid (Inferior belly and superior belly are connected by an intermediate tendon which is attached to the carotid sheath.)

Ansa cervicalis (cervical plexus)



O: inferior belly: superior border of the scapula

I: superior belly: body of hyoid bone

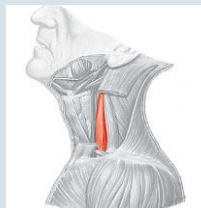
F: stretches the fascia of the neck since the intermediate tendon is attached to the carotid sheath, prevents the lumen of the internal jugular vein from collapsing, pulls the hyoid bone caudally

11 Scalene muscles (→ Figs. 2.89, 11.3, 11.5, 11.6)

The three scalene muscles, scalenus anterior, scalenus medius, and scalenus posterior course to the upper ribs and form a triangular muscular plate at the lateral aspect of the cervical vertebral column. The brachial plexus and the subclavian artery pass through the scalene triangle delineated by the scalenus anterior and scalenus medius.

Scalenus anterior

Direct branches of the cervical plexus and brachial plexus



O: anterior tubercles of the transverse processes of the 3rd–6th cervical vertebrae

I: scalene tubercle of rib I

F: vertebral column: bends the cervical part of the vertebral column sideways
thorax: lifts rib I and thus the thorax (breathing muscle: inspiration)

Scalenus medius

Direct branches of the cervical plexus and brachial plexus



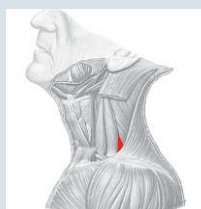
O: tubercles of the transverse processes of the 3rd–7th cervical vertebrae

I: rib I posterior to the groove for subclavian artery

F: vertebral column: bends the cervical part of the vertebral column sideways
thorax: lifts rib I and thus the thorax (breathing muscle: inspiration)

Scalenus posterior

Direct branches of the cervical plexus and brachial plexus



O: posterior tubercles of the transverse processes of the 5th–6th cervical vertebrae

I: rib II

F: vertebral column: bends the cervical part of the vertebral column sideways
thorax: lifts rib II and thus the thorax (breathing muscle: inspiration)

12 Prevertebral muscles (→ Figs. 2.89, 11.6)

The prevertebral muscles are located to the right and left sides of the vertebral bodies of the cervical and upper thoracic vertebral column and are covered by the prevertebral lamina of the cervical fascia. The rectus capitis anterior and rectus capitis lateralis connect the anterior and lateral parts of the atlas and axis.

Rectus capitis anterior and rectus capitis lateralis

Direct branches of the cervical plexus



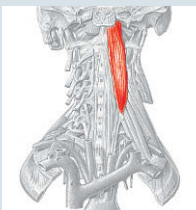
O: transverse process and lateral mass of the atlas

I: basilar part of the occipital bone

F: bend the head to the ventrolateral side, turn the head to the ipsilateral side

Longus capitis

Direct branches of the cervical plexus



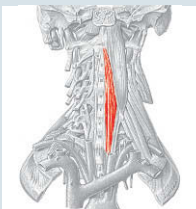
O: anterior tubercles of the transverse processes of the 3rd–6th cervical vertebrae

I: basilar part of the occipital bone

F: bends the head ventrally, turns the head to the ipsilateral side

Longus colli

Direct branches of the cervical plexus



O: body of the 5th cervical to 3rd thoracic vertebrae, anterior tubercles of the transverse processes of the 2nd–5th cervical vertebrae

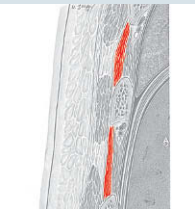
I: transverse processes of the 5th–6th cervical vertebrae, body of the 2nd–4th cervical vertebrae, anterior tubercle of the atlas

F: bends the head ventrally, turns the head to the ipsilateral side

13 Muscles of the thoracic wall (→ Figs. 2.87–2.93)

The pectoralis major shapes the surface relief of the anterior upper thoracic wall. Beneath this muscle lies the pectoralis minor. These two muscles, together with the subclavius, belong to the group of ventral muscles of the shoulder girdle (→ Table 24). The external intercostal muscle and internal intercostal muscle fill the intercostal spaces. The subcostales and the transversus thoracis position on the inner side of the thoracic wall.

External intercostal muscle
Intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves)



O: inferior costal rim from the tubercle to the bone-cartilage line of the ribs **I:** superior rim of the next deeper rib **F:** lifts the ribs, inspiration

Internal intercostal muscle (The innermost intercostal muscle is delineated on its inner side by the posterior intercostal vessels and the intercostal nerve.)
Intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves)



O: superior costal rim ventral to the costal angle **I:** inferior rim of the next higher rib **F:** depresses the ribs, expiration

Subcostales (inconsistent muscle)
Intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves)

O: superior rim of the lower ribs between tubercle and angle of rib **I:** inferior rim of the lower ribs, skipping one rib **F:** depresses the ribs, expiration

Transversus thoracis
Intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves)



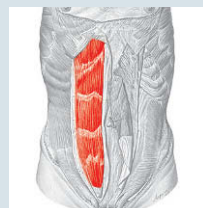
O: dorsally at the body of sternum and xiphoid process **I:** costal cartilage of ribs II–VI **F:** braces the thoracic wall, expiration

14 Ventral muscles of the abdominal wall (→ Figs. 2.91–2.93, 2.98)

The muscles of the anterior abdominal wall, the rectus abdominis and the pyramidalis, are located within the rectus sheath.

Rectus abdominis

Intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves)



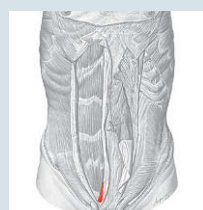
O: outer surface of the costal cartilage of ribs V–VII, costoxiphoid ligaments

I: pubic symphysis

F: bends the torso, abdominal press, expiration (diaphragmatic/abdominal breathing type)

Pyramidalis (inconsistent muscle)

Caudal intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves)



O: pubic symphysis ventral to the rectus abdominis

I: linea alba

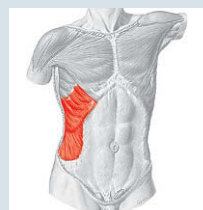
F: "tenses" the linea alba

15 Lateral muscles of the abdominal wall (→ Figs. 2.85–2.87, 2.91–2.93, 2.96, 2.98, 2.99)

The external oblique, the internal oblique, and the transversus abdominis are collectively named the lateral muscles of the abdominal wall. Their tendinous plates form the rectus sheath. In men and women, the cremaster separates from the internal oblique and the transversus.

External oblique

Caudal intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves)



O: outer surface of ribs V–XII

I: outer lip of the iliac crest, inguinal ligament, participates in the formation of the anterior lamina of the rectus sheath

F: unilaterally active: rotates the thorax to the contralateral side, bends the vertebral column to the ipsilateral side;
bilaterally active: bends the torso, abdominal press, expiration (diaphragmatic breathing type)

Internal oblique

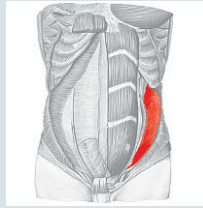
Caudal intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves); iliohypogastric nerve; ilioinguinal nerve (lumbar plexus)



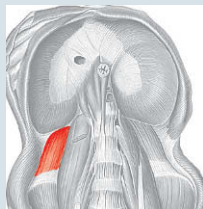
O: thoracolumbar fascia (deep layer), intermediate zone of the iliac crest, inguinal ligament

I: inferior rim of the costal cartilage of ribs IX–XII, contributes to the anterior and posterior laminae of the rectus sheath above the arcuate line, below thereof all tendinous fibers project into the anterior lamina

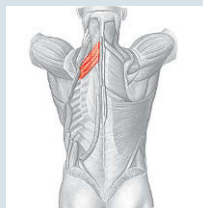
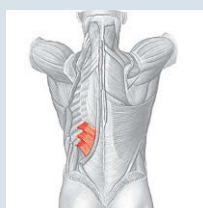
F: unilaterally active: rotates the thorax to the ipsilateral side, bends the vertebral column to the ipsilateral side;
bilaterally active: bends the torso, abdominal press, expiration (diaphragmatic breathing type)

15 Lateral muscles of the abdominal wall (continued)**Transversus abdominis***Caudal intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves); iliohypogastric nerve; ilioinguinal nerve (lumbar plexus); genitofemoral nerve***O:** inner surface of the costal cartilage of ribs VII–XII, thoracolumbar fascia (deep layer), inner lip of the iliac crest, inguinal ligament**I:** contributes to the posterior lamina of the rectus sheath above the arcuate line, below thereof it contributes to the formation of the anterior lamina**F:** abdominal press, expiration (diaphragmatic breathing type)**Cremaster***Genitofemoral nerve***O:** separation of the internal oblique and the transversus abdominis**I:** surrounds the spermatic cord, in women the round ligament of uterus**F:** lifts the testis**16 Dorsal muscles of the abdominal wall (→ Figs. 2.96, 2.99)**

The quadratus lumborum forms the muscular basis of the posterior abdominal wall. Medially thereof follows the psoas major.

Quadratus lumborum*Caudal intercostal nerves; muscular branches (lumbar plexus)***O:** inner lip of the iliac crest**I:** rib XII, costal process of the 4th–1st lumbar vertebrae**F:** bends the vertebral column to the ipsilateral side**17 Spinocostal muscles (→ Fig. 2.75)**

The spinocostal muscles, serratus posterior superior, and serratus posterior inferior, are thin muscles of minor functional relevance and are located on top of the autochthonous muscles of the back.

Serratus posterior superior*Cranial intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves)***O:** spinous process of the 6th, 7th cervical vertebrae and the 1st, 2nd thoracic vertebrae**I:** ribs II–V lateral to the angle of rib**F:** elevates the ribs, inspiration**Serratus posterior inferior***Caudal intercostal nerves (thoracic nerves)***O:** spinous process of the 11th, 12th thoracic vertebrae and the 1st, 2nd lumbar vertebrae**I:** caudal margin of ribs IX–XII**F:** depresses ribs IX–XII, as an antagonist to the diaphragm also active during forced inspiration

18 Autochthonous muscles of the back (→ Figs. 2.76–2.79, 2.81–2.84, 2.96)

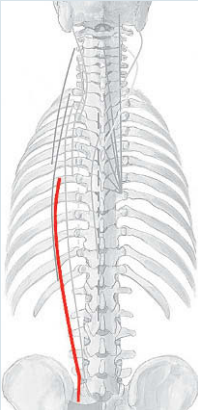
I Lateral tract

The lateral tract of the autochthonous muscles of the back covers the medial tract in the cervical and lumbar regions. Hence, it is also referred to as the superficial part of the autochthonous muscles of the back. The iliocostalis, the longissimus, and the intertransversarii constitute the group of straight muscles. Diverging cranially in an oblique angle (spinotransversal) are the splenius muscles. The levatores costarum course in an oblique laterocaudal direction to the ribs.

a) Sacrospinal system

Iliocostalis lumborum

Posterior branches of the lumbar nerves



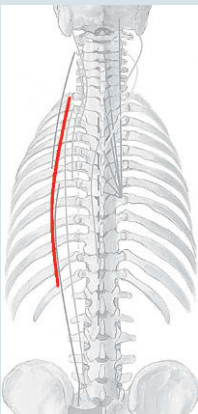
O: together with the longissimus thoracis from: spinous processes of the lumbar vertebrae, dorsal surface of the sacrum, dorsal third of the iliac crest, thoracolumbar fascia

I: angle of ribs XII–V

F: unilaterally active: lateroflexion; bilaterally active: extension

Iliocostalis thoracis

Posterior branches of the thoracic nerves



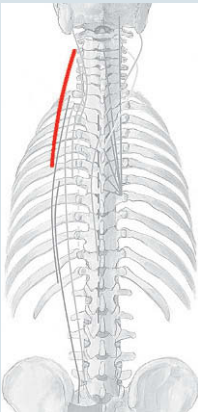
O: ribs XII–VII medial to the costal angle

I: angle of ribs (VI) VII–I

F: unilaterally active: lateroflexion; bilaterally active: extension

Iliocostalis cervicis

Posterior branches of the cervical nerves



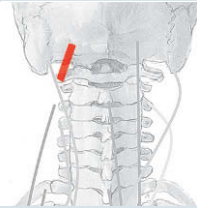
O: ribs VII–(IV) III medial to the costal angle

I: posterior tubercle of the transverse process of the 6th–(4th) 3rd cervical vertebrae

F: unilaterally active: lateroflexion; bilaterally active: extension

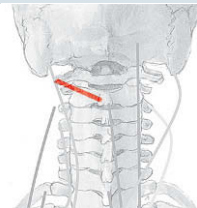
18 Autochthonous muscles of the back (continued)

Obliquus capitis superior
Suboccipital nerve (dorsal branch of the cervical nerve [C1])



- O:** transverse process of the atlas
- I:** lateral third of the inferior nuchal line
- F:** unilaterally active: bends the head to the ipsilateral side; bilaterally active: involved in the fine-tuned positioning and kinematics of the head joints, extension

Obliquus capitis inferior
Suboccipital nerve (dorsal branch of the cervical nerve [C1])



- O:** spinous process of the axis
- I:** transverse process of the atlas
- F:** unilaterally active: bends the head to the ipsilateral side; bilaterally active: involved in the fine-tuned positioning and kinematics of the head joints, extension

