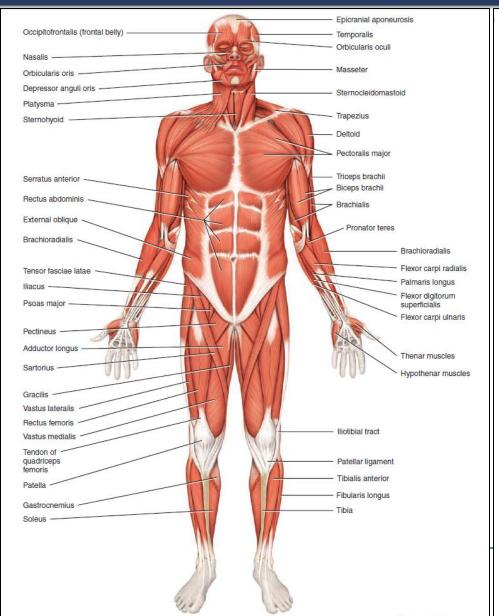
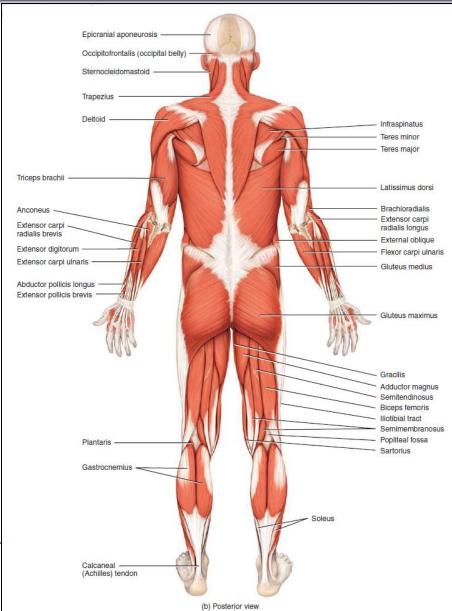
# The Muscular System





# Respiratory Muscles Of The Thorax

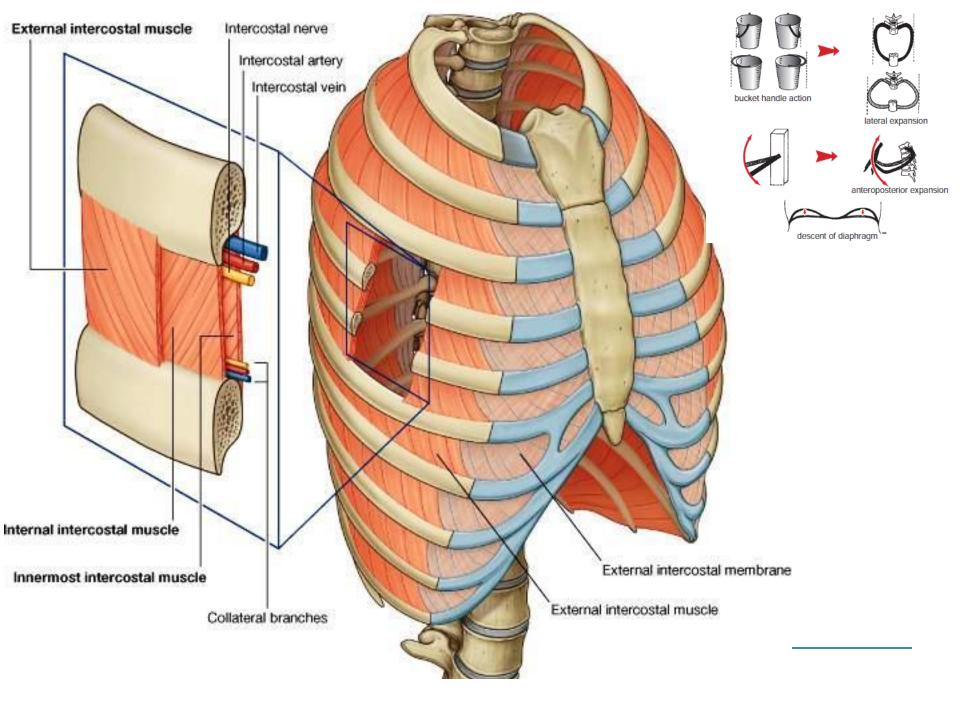
Respiratory muscles alter the size of the thoracic cavity which affects the pressure in the lungs, and that determines whether we inhale or exhale.

### Intercostal muscles arranged in three layers: the

- 1. External intercostal muscle
- 2. Internal intercostal muscle
- 3. Innermost intercostal muscle.

# Accessory muscles useful in forced breathing:

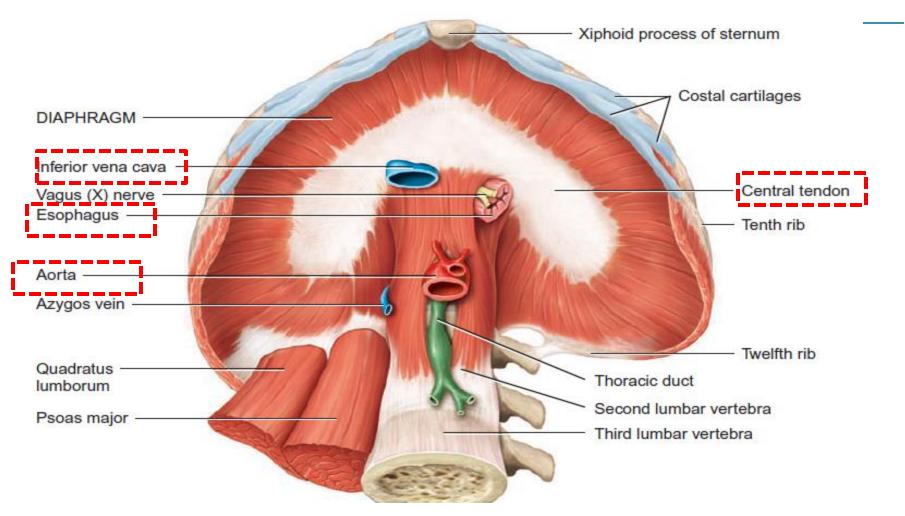
- 1. SCM (Sternocleidomastoid muscle)
- 2. Scaleni muscles



# The Diaphragm

#### The diaphragm is the most important muscle of respiration

Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve	Action
Diaphrag	1) Sternal part:    Xiphoid    process 2) Costal part:    Lower 6    costal    cartilages and    adjacent ribs 3) Vertebral    part: Upper 3    lumbar    vertebrae and    their discs	All muscle fibers converge to be inserted into a centrally located tendon	Phrenic	Contraction of the diaphragm increases vertical diameter of thoracic cage causing inhalation. Its relaxation leads to exhalation.



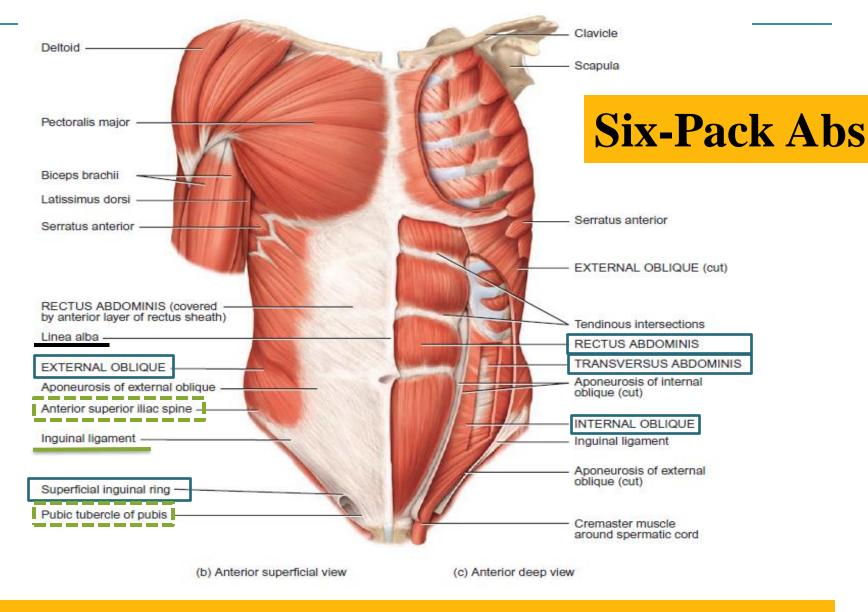
# Three major openings

- Caval opening (inferior vena cava) <u>T8</u>
- Esophageal hiatus <u>T10</u>
- Aortic hiatus <u>T12</u>

## **Anterior Abdominal Wall Muscles**

- The anterolateral abdominal wall includes:
- 1. External oblique muscle
- 2. Internal oblique muscle
- 3. Transversus abdominis muscle
- 4. Rectus abdominis muscle
- The aponeuroses of #1+2+3 form the rectus sheaths.
- Rectus sheath encloses #4 right and left Rectus abdomins
- Linea alba: a median connective tissue band of the <u>rectus sheath</u> extending from the xiphoid process to the pubic symphysis.
- **Inguinal ligament:** Thick ligament formed of the aponeurosis of the external oblique extend from

Anterior superior iliac spine Pubic tubercle



Superficial inguinal ring, the outer opening of the inguinal canal an inguinal hernia

#### **Actions:**

- 1. They retain the organs within the abdominal cavity.
- 2. The oblique muscles laterally flex and rotate the trunk.
- 3. The rectus abdominis flexes the lumbar vertebrae.
- 4. By contracting simultaneously with the diaphragm, they increase intra-abdominal pressure and help in micturition, defecation, vomiting, and labor.
- 5. They may contract at the end of expiration, pushing the relaxed diaphragm further upwards into the thorax (forced exhalation).

