

SHOULDER GIRDLE (SCAPULA AND CLAVICLE BONES)

RADIOLOGICAL FEATURES OF CLAVICLE AND SCAPULA

Ossification centers

Shoulder the joint between the <u>arm</u>, or forelimb, and the trunk, together with the <u>adjacent tissue</u>, particularly the tissue over the <u>shoulder blade</u>, or <u>scapula</u>.

The shoulder, or <u>pectoral, girdle</u> is composed of the <u>clavicles(collar</u> <u>bone)</u> and the <mark>scapulae</mark> (shoulder blades).

In humans the clavicles join the <u>sternum</u> (breastbone) medially and the scapulae laterally; the scapulae, are joined to the trunk only by muscles.

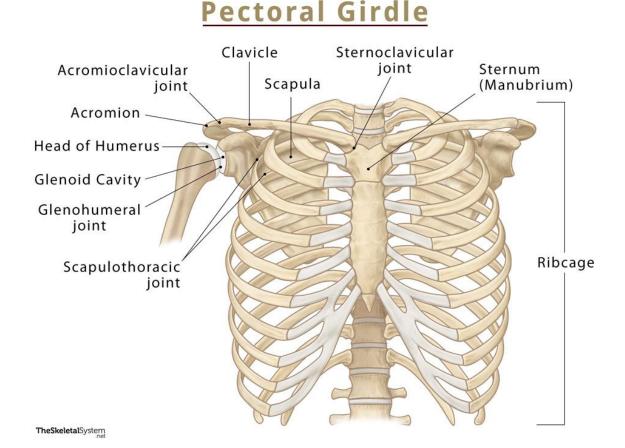
the <u>humerus</u> (upper arm bone)

The major joint of the shoulder is the <u>glenohumeral joint</u>, a <u>ball-and-socket joint</u> in which the humerus is recessed into the scapula(in glenoid fossa or cavity)

the bony structure on either side of the body that connects the <u>arm</u> to the upper portion of the <u>axial skeleton</u>, being composed of the <u>clavicle</u> (collarbone) and the <u>scapula</u> (shoulder blade).

The pectoral girdle is part of the appendicular <u>skeleton</u>, which also includes the <u>pelvic girdle</u> and the <u>bones</u> of the limbs, hands, and feet

The scapula is a thin, <u>flat triangular-shaped bone</u> placed on the postero-lateral aspect of the <u>thoracic</u> cage. It has 2 surfaces, 3 borders, 3 angles and 3 processes^[1].



The major movements at the glenohumeral joint are:

- Abduction: upward lateral movement of humerus out to the side, away from the body
- Adduction: downward movement of humerus medially toward the body from abduction
- Flexion: the movement of humerus straight anteriorly
- Extension: the movement of humerus straight posteriorly
- External rotation: the movement of humerus laterally around its long axis away from the midline
- Internal rotation: the movement of humerus medially around its long axis toward the midline
- Horizontal adduction (transverse flexion): the movement of the humerus in a horizontal or transverse plane toward and across the chest
- Horizontal abduction (transverse extension): the movement of the humerus in a horizontal or transverse plane away from the chest

<u>Function of shoulder girdle or pectoral girdle</u>

pectoral girdles are responsible for

1- providing structural support to the shoulder region on the left and right side of the body.

2- They allow for a large range of motion,

3- connecting muscles necessary for shoulder and arm movement.

<u>Clavicle</u>

The clavicle is a sigmoid-shaped(S shaped) long bone with a convex surface along its medial end when observed from cephalad position.

It serves as a connection between the axial and appendicular skeleton in conjunction with the scapula, and each of these structures forms the pectoral girdle

The clavicles of the pectoral girdle are S-shaped bones that extend horizontally from either side of the anterior base of the neck.

On their medial (central) ends, they <u>articulate</u> with, and are supported by, the manubrium, the roughly trapezoidal portion of the <u>sternum</u> (breastbone).

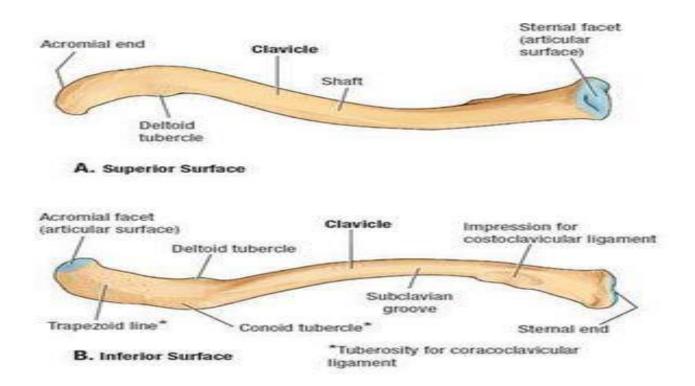
At this articulation, known as the sternoclavicular joint,

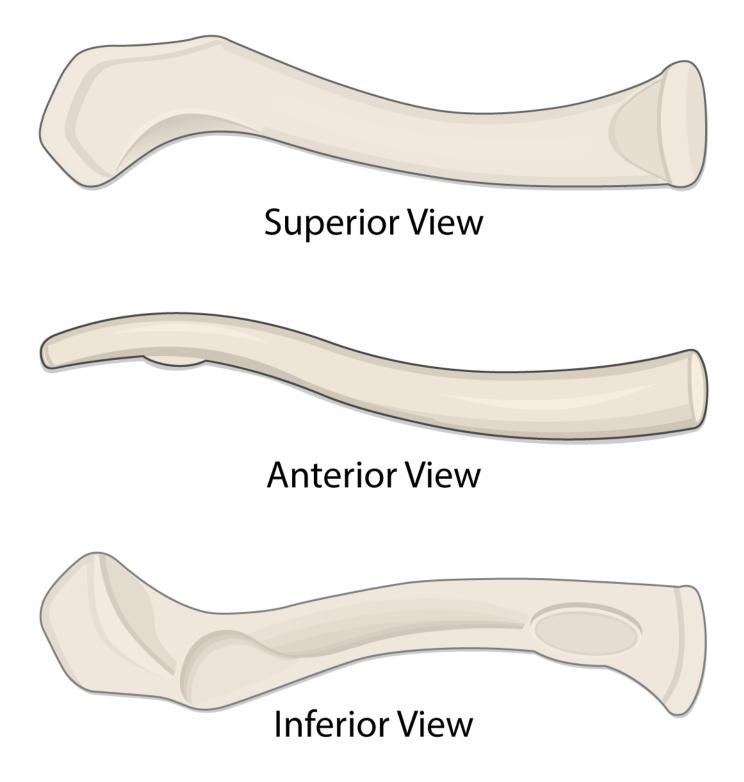
the costoclavicular <u>ligament</u> forms an attachment between the clavicle and the first <u>rib</u>.

At their lateral (outer) ends, the clavicles articulate with the acromion, or outer edge of the scapula. This articulation, known as the acromioclavicular joint, its function

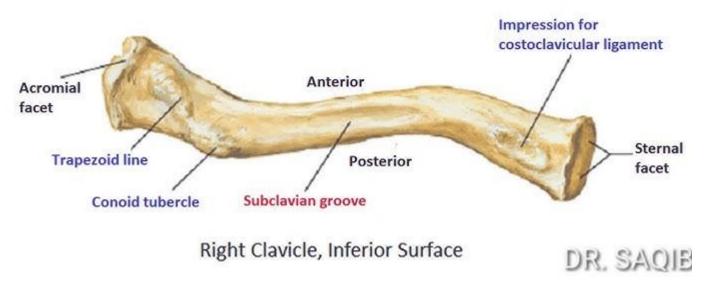
1-it creates a protective space for underlying <u>blood</u> <u>vessels</u> and <u>nerves</u>

2-serves as a site of attachment for the <u>pectoralis major</u> <u>muscle</u> of the chest





CLAVICLE ANATOMY



<u>Scapula</u>

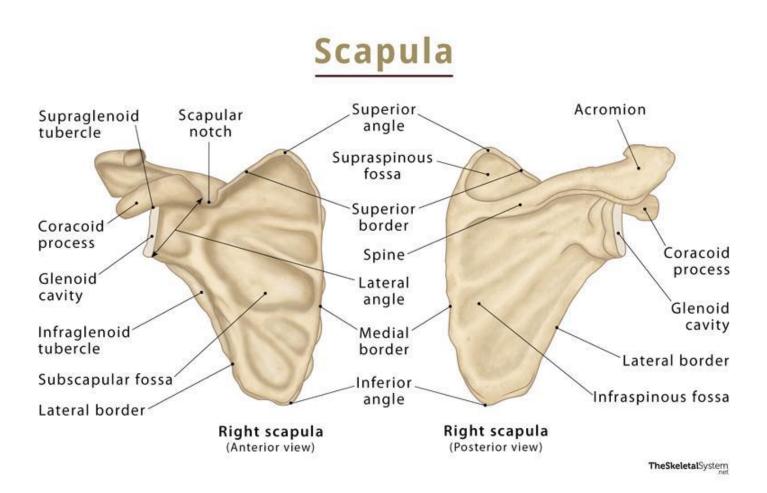
The scapulae are flat triangular bones marked by a ridge that runs across the posterior surface.

The glenoid cavity, a shallow depression at the lateral apex of each scapula, <u>articulates</u> with the head of the <u>humerus</u> (the upper arm bone) to form the shoulder joint.

Overhanging the glenoid cavity is a projection known as the coracoid process.

1- The scapulae function in upper extremity movements, allowing for the full range of motions of the arms.

2- They also serve as protective shields for the posterior side of the <u>lungs</u> and <u>rib cage</u>.



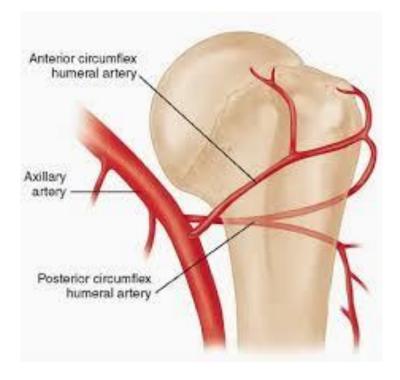
Blood supply to shoulder girdle

The axillary artery is the major blood vessel in the shoulder, with many of its branches supplying the area.

These branches include

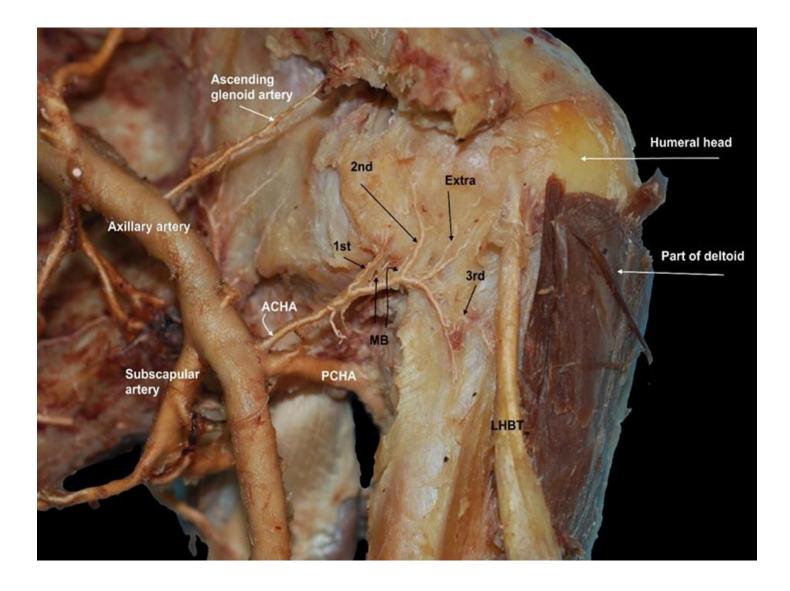
1-the superior thoracic artery

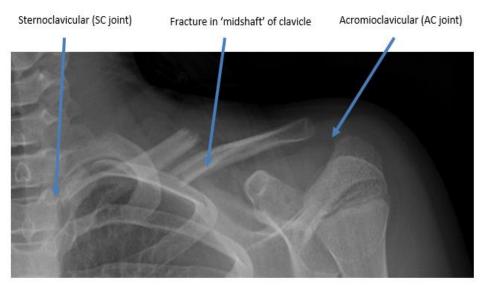
- 2- thoracoacromial artery
- 3- lateral thoracic artery
- 4-subscapular artery
- 5-anterior humeral circumflex artery
- 6- posterior humeral circumflex artery.



<u>Nerve supply</u>

- 1-suprascapular
- 2- lateral pectoral
- 3-axillary nerves



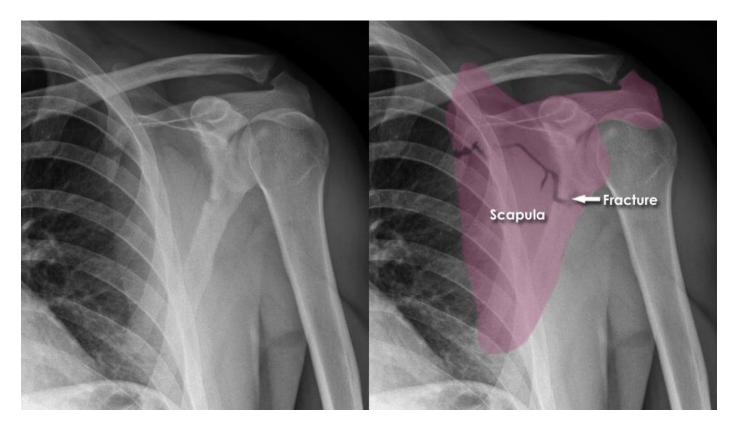
















Ossification centers of the clavicle

- lateral end: 5 weeks in utero
- medial end: 15 years

Ossification centers of the scapula

- body: 8 weeks in utero
- coracoid process (two centers): 12-18 months
- glenoid: 10-11 years
- inferior angle: 14-20 years (puberty)
- acromion (three centers): 14-20 years (puberty)
- medial border: 14-20 years (puberty)

