5 layers of the thoracic wall
• Skin
Superficial fascia (surface fat)
Glandular tissue of the chest is within superficial fascia.
Muscles (Serratus, Pectoralis major, Latissimus dorsi)
<ul> <li>Serratus anterior (rib - medial scapula), connect scapula to ribs, lift the rib</li> </ul>
Pectoralis major (sternum - humerus), connect upper arm to sternum
○ Latissimus dorsi (vertebrae - humerus), connect arm to the spine
○ Scalenes (cervical spine to first rib), elevates the first rib
○ Sternocleidomastoid muscle (manubrium - clavicle - temporal/occipital), lift the chest wall when breathing.
Ribs and intercostal muscle
Parietal and Visceral pleura
Breasts: 50% glandular tissue in non-lactating women 67% in lactating women
Cooper's ligament provides structural suppport.
Drained by lymph vessels, to auxillary nodes, other breasts and deep thoracic nodes.
Thoracic cage
• Clavicles
• 12 pairs of ribs
○ 1-7 true ribs joined by synovial joints separately to the sternum
○ 8-10 are false ribs joined to the sternum via a shared cartilage tissue with 7th rib
○ 11&12 are free-floating ribs without attaching to the sternum
• Sternum (Manubrium, body and xyphoid) body and xyphoid joined by cartilogenious joint, allow flexion during inspiration.
Between ribs are intercostal muscles:
External intercostal: Lateral to medial from top to bottom, become membranous anteriorly
Internal intercostal: medial to lateral from top to bottom, become membreanous posteriorly
Innermost intercostal, connect between ribs, not a continuous layer
Below each rib is the VAN (vein, artery, nerves): Runs between inner intercostal & innermost intercostal
<ul> <li>Veins join the azygous vein right of the descending aorta, which goes up to join the superior vena cava.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Hemiazygous vein left of the descending aorta, joins the azygous vein at T8 level</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Intercostal artery branch from aorta, branch into posterior (back&amp;side) and anterior(inner wall &amp; organs), form</li> </ul>
anastomosis with anterior thoracic arteries branchin from subclavian artery.
Nerves: spinal nerve form posterior and anterior rami, innervate back / side, front, parietal pleura
Diaphragm:
Phrenic nerve: enter thorax originate from C3-C5, down the thorax in front the hilum (root of branching)
Run besides the pericardium, sensory innervation to the heart
Motor innervation to all of the diaphragm, sensory innervation to central part
Peripheral diaphragm sensory innervated by intercostal nerves.

Diaphragm structure: Dome shaped skeletal muscle
○ Central tendon
Muscular crura from lumbar segment
Posterior lower edge joins to arcuate ligament
Costal slip joins laterally to the ribs
○ Sternal slip joins anteriorly to the sternum
Openings in the diaphragm:
○ T8 central tendon: Inferior Vena Cava, right phrenic nerve
○ T10 diaphragmatic crura: oesophagus, vagus nerves
○ T12 between lumbar crura: Aorta, azygous vein, thoracic duct.
o Diaphragmatic crura seprately innervted, relax when vomiting or swallowing, innervated by a separate phrenic
nerve.
Stomach push through diaphragmatic crura - Hiatus Hernia
Intestines push through diaphragmatic crura during development - fetal diaphragmatic hernia
Diaphragm development:
Septum transversum between heart and liver - fibrous tissue form central tendon (Ventral)
<ul> <li>Pleuroperitoneal fold (pleura in thorax, peritoneum in abdomen) close in joins the septum transversum (lateral)</li> </ul>
oesophageal mesentery joins dorsally
<ul> <li>Myotome from cervical somites migrate down to septum transversum and pleuroperitoneal fold, brings phrenic</li> </ul>
nerve with it.
5 layers of thorax
5 important muscles
Breast
Thoracic cage top to bottom
Intercostal bundle
Diaphragm, structure, innervation, supply
Diaphragm opening
Diaphragm development