### **Skinfold Sites**

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Triceps	Chest
<ul> <li>Vertical fold</li> <li>Posterior midline of the upper arm</li> <li>Halfway between the acromion (shoulder) and olecranon processes (elbow)</li> <li>Arm held freely to the side of the body</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Diagonal fold</li> <li>Men: one-half the distance between the anterior axillary line (crease of the underarm) and the nipple</li> <li>Women: one-third of the distance between the anterior axillary line and the nipple</li> </ul>

# Subscapular Vertical or Horizontal fold Midaxillary line at the level of the xiphoid process of the sternum Subscapular Diagonal fold 1 to 2 cm below the inferior angle of the scapula

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### Suprailiac

- Diagonal fold
- Anterior axillary line (modern technique)
  - o immediately superior to the iliac crest
  - o in line with the natural angle of the iliac crest taken
- Mid-axillary line (traditional technique)
  - Superior to the iliac crest





- Vertical (modern technique)
  - o 2 cm or 1" to the right side of the umbilicus
- Horizontal fold (traditional)
  - o 2 cm to the right side of the umbilicus

## Thigh

- Vertical fold
- Anterior midline of the thigh
- Midway between the proximal border of the patella (upper knee) and the inguinal crease (hip)

### **Other Sites**

### **Biceps**

- Vertical fold
- Anterior aspect of the arm over the belly of the biceps muscle
- 1 cm above the level used to mark the triceps site

### Calf

- Vertical fold
- maximum circumference of calf on the midline of medial border

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