


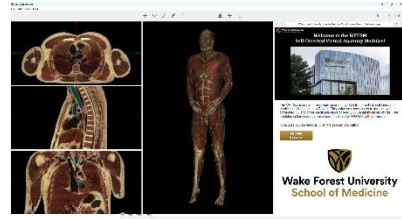
# VHD Jumpstart: Introduction to the Thorax

Non-Touch Version



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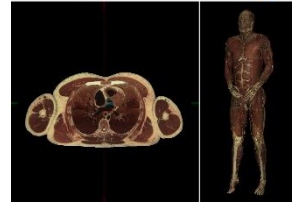
## 1 Start by setting the screen view

- Hide the Lessons Pane to focus on the cross sections and 3D model.
- De-select the “Lessons”  view icon.

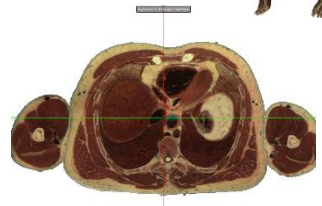


## 2 Set a cross-section of the thorax


- Double-click on the transverse cross-section to enlarge it.
- Add a Transverse cross-section to the 3D model.
- Click the “Cross-Section” tool  and select “Visible” and “Color” under the Transverse cross-section. Click the Cross-Section icon or one of the main panels to close the window.
- Place the cursor in the transverse cross-section pane and use the up or down arrow keys to scroll through the cross-sections. Scroll to the middle of the chest.
- Explore the anatomy of the thorax by selecting the “Highlight” tool  and moving your mouse over the cross-section. (Note: structures are identified at the top of the cross-section area. To see the cross-section numbers, click on View menu, and select “Show Cross Section Numbers”.)



Scroll cross-sections by holding Ctrl (PC) or Options (Mac) and using the mouse scroll.






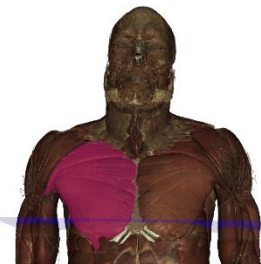
## 3 Magnify the 3D model pane

- Zoom in to the 3D model by placing the cursor in the 3D model pane and using the scroll wheel on the mouse.
- Select the “Move” tool  and drag the 3D model with your mouse to reposition it.



## 4 Find and highlight the P. major muscle


- Open the Anatomy glossary window by selecting the Anatomy icon .
- Make sure you are under the “Index” list .
- Enter “Pectoralis major” into the search box.
- Select the “Highlight” icon  next to “Pectoralis major – Right” to add and highlight this muscle. (The cross-sections are in standard radiologic orientation, so the right p. major is highlighted on the left side.)

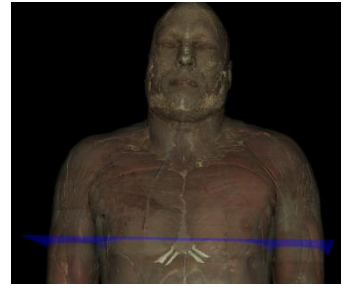


**What are four other muscles that contribute to the thoracic wall?** Explore the models.









## 5 Adjust the skin to see surface anatomy

- Tap the “Adjustment” icon  to reveal the skin tool.
- Slide the bar to the right or left to change the opacity of the skin.
- Before proceeding, remove the skin from the 3D model (slide the bar to the left).




## 6 Isolate the Phrenic Nerves by simplifying the 3D model

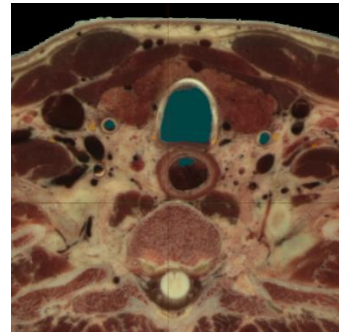
- Clear the 3D model by tapping the “Hide All” icon at the top of the Anatomy glossary. .
- Next, tap the “Systems” icon  on the left side of the Anatomy glossary to open the Systems list.
- Add the full skeletal system to the 3D model by tapping the “Visible” icon  to the left of “Skeletal System”. Tap the Anatomy icon  to close the Anatomy window.
- Dissect the bones of the sternum and costal cartilages using the “Dissect” tool .
- Then, expand “Nervous System” > “Peripheral Nervous System” > “Spinal Nerves”.
- Expand “Cervical Plexus – Left” and “Cervical Plexus – Right”.
- Add and highlight left and right “Phrenic Nerve” using the “Highlight” icon .







Scroll cross-sections by holding Ctrl (PC) or Options (Mac) and using the mouse scroll.

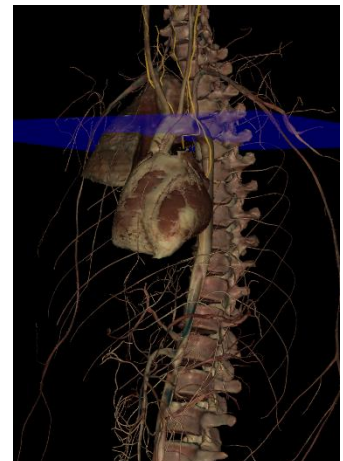
## 7 Follow the Phrenic and Vagus Nerves





- Scroll through the transverse cross-section to view the first rib.
- Find and highlight  the “Vagus Nerve” (Hint: use the search box in the index list).
- Locate the phrenic and vagus nerves in the cross-section.
- Zoom in and center the cross-section to get a closer look at the nerves.
- Follow the nerves inferiorly by scrolling (arrows or Ctrl(PC)/Options(Mac) keys + mouse scroll) through the cross-section.

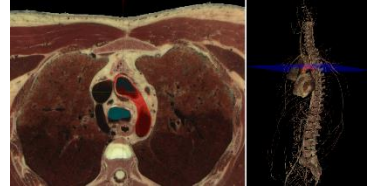


## 8 Visualize a more complex structure, the Aortic Arch

- Clear the 3D model .
- Confirm you are on the “Systems” list , then click “Collapse”  in the top right corner of the Anatomy glossary.
- Expand “Skeletal System” > “Axial Skeleton” and add  “Vertebral Column”





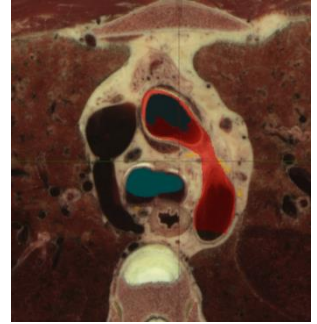
- Next, expand “**Cardiovascular System**” and add  “**Heart**”.
- Tap the “**Rotate**” icon , then rotate the 3D model to a posterolateral view.
- Scroll through the cross-section to view the aorta where it exits the heart.
- Manually highlight  the “**Ascending Aorta**”.
- Scroll through the cross-section to follow the ascending aorta superiorly until it begins to arch.
- Manually highlight  the “**Aortic Arch**”.



**List the three branches of the aortic arch.** Visually trace the aorta superiorly to identify the branches. Remember to use the highlight function and hover over the cross-section!



## 9 Revisit the Vagus Nerve

- Open the “**Systems**” list  and expand “**Nervous System**” > “**Peripheral Nervous System**” > “**Cranial Nerves**”.
- Highlight the left and right “**Vagus Nerve [X]**” .
- Scroll through the cross-section, locate the left vagus nerve and follow it inferiorly as it passes the aortic arch.



**What branch of the vagus nerve loops inferior to the aortic arch?** Examine the cross-sectional anatomy.

## 10 Free Exploration

- Practice using these tools (and exploring other options) to examine additional thoracic structures of interest.
- Click the “**Cross-Section**” tool  and select “**Visible**” and “**Anatomy**” under the Sagittal cross-section. Click the Cross-Section icon or one of the main panels to close the window.
- When finished, click the home button  on the top right corner to return the main VHD window.
- Select “**View**” > “**Restore Factory View**” to reset the models.



One of my favorite tools is to use an anatomic cross-section superimposed on a 3D model. Try it!