# Surface Anatomy & Surface Landmarks

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# ANATOMY

- The study of structure of the body that can be seen without using a microscope.
- o Anatomy forms the basis for the practice of medicine.
- Types of anatomy
- Microscopic anatomy –
- ➤ Cytology internal structure of cells
- ➤ Histology study of tissues (groups of cells)
- Gross anatomy
- ➤ Surface anatomy
- ➤ Regional anatomy
- ➤ Systemic anatomy

## Gross anatomy

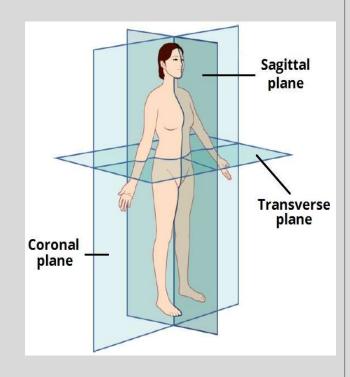
- Surface anatomy-anatomy that we can see at the surface of the body (everyday life)
- Regional anatomy-complete anatomy (internal) of a specific region of the body (learning every blood vessel, muscle, bones, etc. in the arm
- Systemic anatomy- the body is divided into 11 organ systems.

# ANATOMICAL PLANES

**Sagittal plane** – a vertical line which divides the body into a left section and a right section.

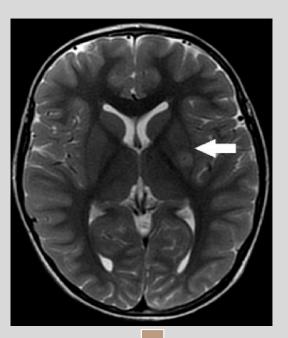
**Coronal plane** – a vertical line which divides the body into a front (anterior) section and back (posterior) section.

**Transverse plane** – a horizontal line which divides the body into an upper (superior) section and a lower (inferior) section.



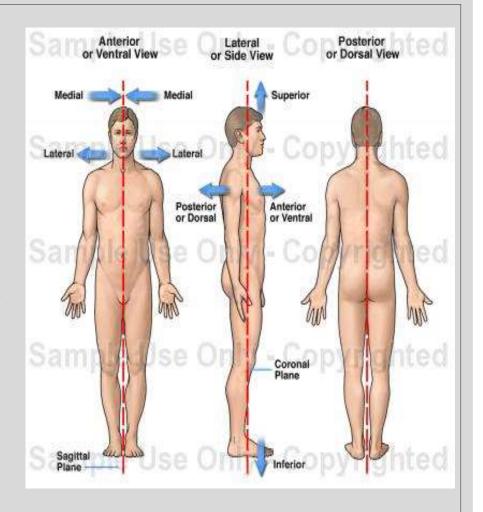


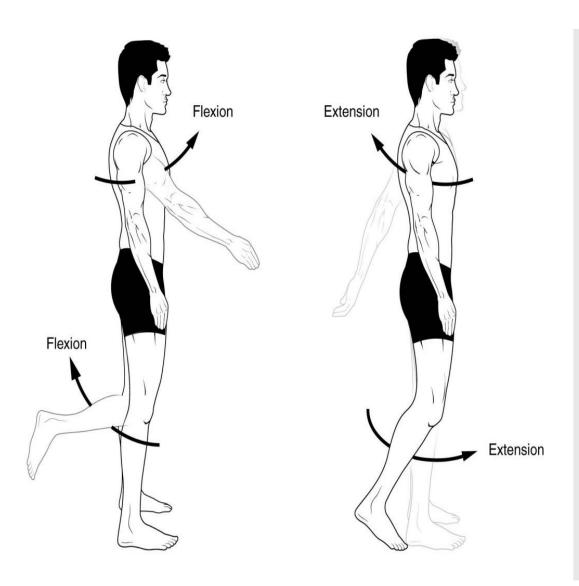




#### DIRECTIONAL TERMS

- ☐ Anterior -In front of or front
- ☐ Posterior-In behind of or behind
- ☐ Ventral -Towards the front of the body
- ☐ Dorsal -Towards the back of the body
- ☐ **Distal** -Away or farthest away from the trunk or the point of origin of the body part
- ☐ **Proximal**-Closer or towards the trunk or the point of origin of the body part
- ☐ **Median** Midline of the body
- ☐ Medial-Towards the median
- ☐ Lateral-Away from median
- ☐ Superior-Towards the top of the head
- ☐ Inferior-Towards the feet





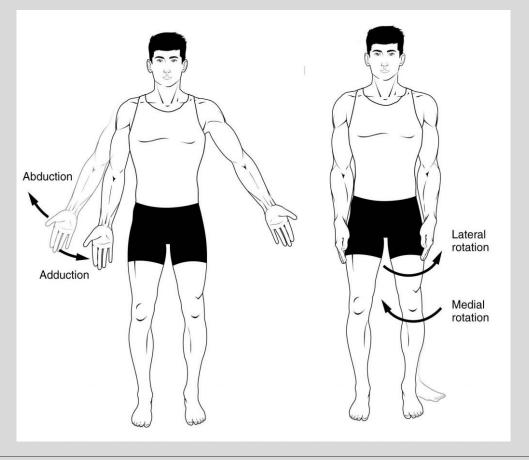
# Anatomical Terms of Movement

#### Flexion and Extension

- Flexion and extension are movements that occur in the sagittal plane.
- **Flexion** refers to a movement that decreases the angle between two body parts.
- Extension refers to a movement that increases the angle between two body parts.

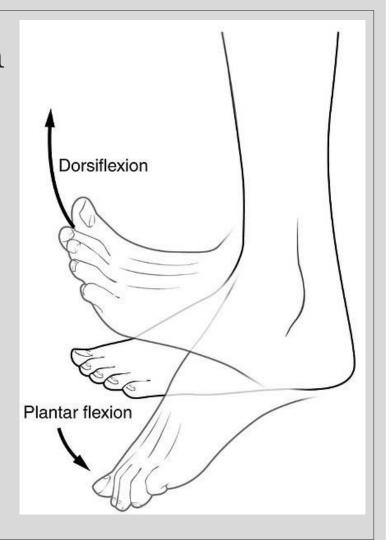
## Abduction and Adduction

- Abduction and adduction are two terms that are used to describe movements towards or away from the midline of the body.
- **Abduction** is a movement away from the midline.
- Adduction is a movement towards the midline.



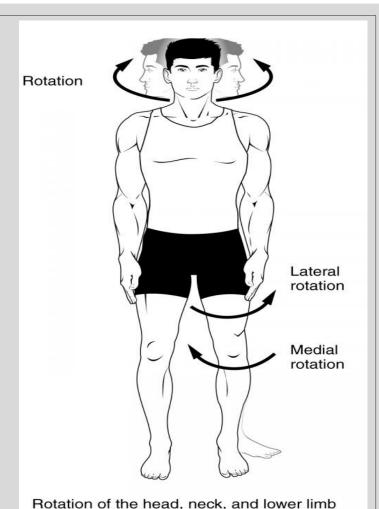
# Dorsiflexion and Plantarflexion

- Dorsiflexion and plantarflexion are terms used to describe movements at the ankle.
- Dorsiflexion refers to flexion at the ankle, so that the foot points more superiorly.
- Plantarflexion refers extension at the ankle, so that the foot points inferiorly.



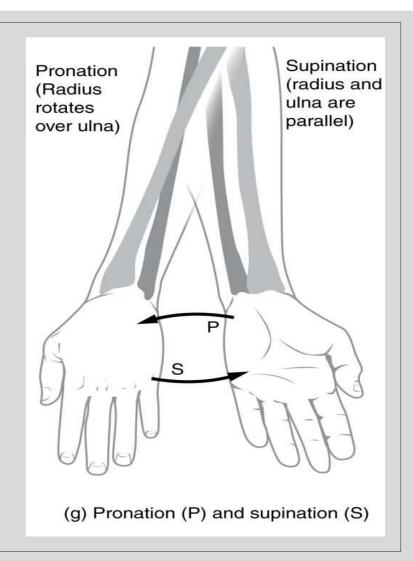
# Internal and external rotation (medial and lateral rotation)

- Rotation refers to movements made about the longitudinal axis and in the transverse plane.
- Internal rotation is rotating a joint towards the midline.
- external rotation is rotating a joint away from the midline.



# Pronation and supination

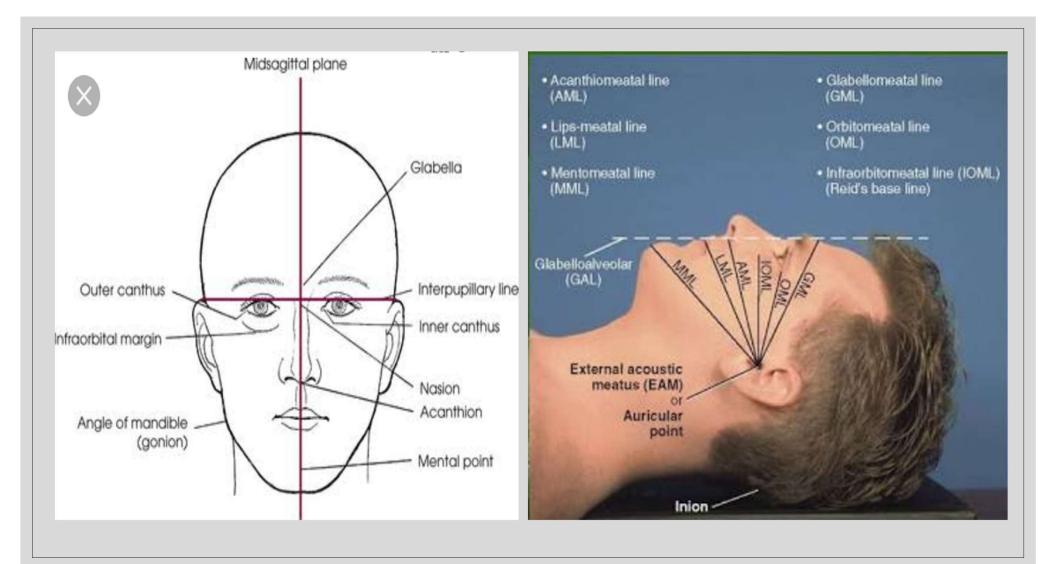
- Pronation and supination occur at pivot joints.
- The most important example of this is the radiohumeral joint and the union of the radius and ulna through the interosseous membrane.
- To remember pronation, think of lying prone (on your belly). Thus, pronation of the radiohumeral joint refers to the palm of the hand facing the ground.
- To remember supination, think of holding a bowl of soup. You hold a bowl of soup with your palms facing up – this is the position of supination.



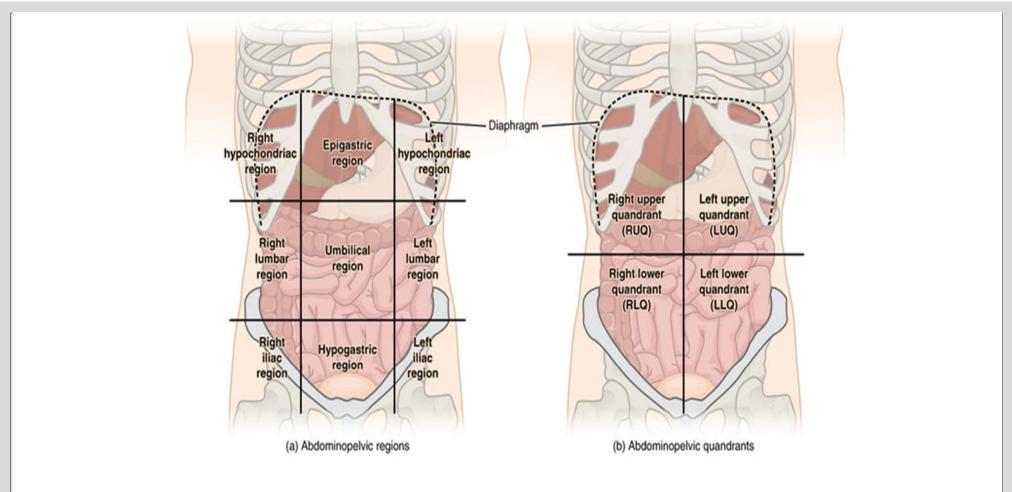
# RADIOGRAPHIC LANDMARKS.

- 1. Nasion: a point between both eyes, where root of the nose starts.
- 2. Glabella: A point in sagittal plane in midline, the point superior to the nasal bones, between the supraorbital ridges..
- 3. External canthus: the outer most point of lateral aspect of eyes.
- 4. External auditory meatus: the bony ring of external ear in temporal bone.
- 5.vertex: the highest point on cranial vault.
- 6. Submental: the region below the mandible.

- 7. Angle of mandible: the part of body of mandible, which turns upwards to join the temporal bone.
- 8. Median sagittal plane (MSP): The plane of skull cutting through its center, in its longitudinal plane.
- 9. Inter-pupillary line (IPL): the line joining pupils of both eyes. This is also known as inter orbital line.
- 10 Radiographic base line(RBL): the line joining External canthus of each eye to respective external auditory meatus. This is also known as orbito meatal line.



- The abdominopelvic cavity can be subdivided into four quadrants and nine areas.
- The quadrants are labeled by location: the **right upper**, **right lower**, **left upper**, **and left lower** quadrants.
- The nine regions are smaller than the four abdominopelvic quadrants and include the right hypochondriac, right lumbar, right iliac, epigastric, umbilical, hypogastric, left hypochondriac, left lumbar, and left iliac divisions.
- The **perineum** is sometimes considered to be the tenth division.
- The purpose of the abdominal divisions is to describe regional anatomy in the abdomen, and to help clinicians determine which organ and tissues are involved in a disease based on which regions experience pain.
- The nine divisions of the abdominopelvic region are smaller than the four quadrants, allowing for a more detailed discussion



Abdominal nine divisions (a) and quadrant regions (b): The abdomen is subdivided into four quadrants and nine areas.

#### The left hypochondriac region contains: □the stomach □the top of the left lobe of the liver ☐ the left kidney ☐the spleen ☐ the tail of the pancreas □parts of the small intestine ☐ the transverse colon □the descending colon. The right hypochondriac region contains: □the liver ☐the gallbladder ☐ the small intestine ☐the ascending colon ☐ the transverse colon ☐ the right kidney

