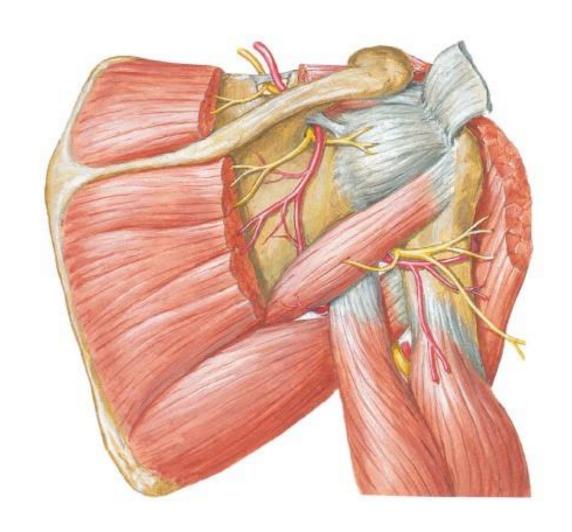
# AXILLARY N., AXILLARY ART. SHOULDER JOINT



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# AXILLARY NERVE

Origin from post. cord of brachial plexus

Root value C5, 6 nerves

#### Course & relations

-leaves axilla with post. circumflex humeral vessels through quadrangular space

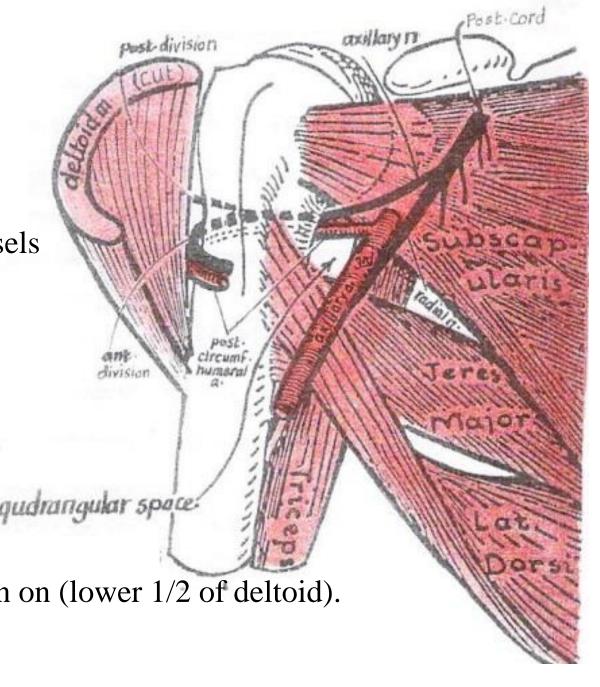
- -turns behind the surgical neck of humerus
- Ends deep to deltoid

#### Branches

1-muscular: deltoid & teres minor.

2-articular: shoulder joint

3-cutaneous: upper lateral cut. n. of arm:- To skin on (lower 1/2 of deltoid).



# AXILLARY NERVE

## Injury

Cause fracture surgical neck of humerus.

Or dislocation of the shoulder.

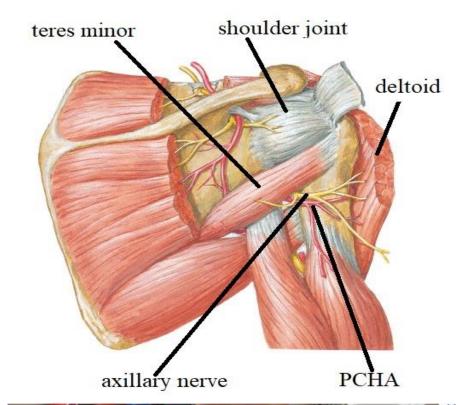
## Effect

## A-paralysis of:

1-deltoid: - leading to loss of abduction from 15 – 90 flattening of shoulder

## 2-teres minor

B-loss of sensation on (lower 1/2 of deltoid).





# AXILLARY ARTERY

Beginning at outer border of 1st rib axis as continuation of subclavian artery

#### Course

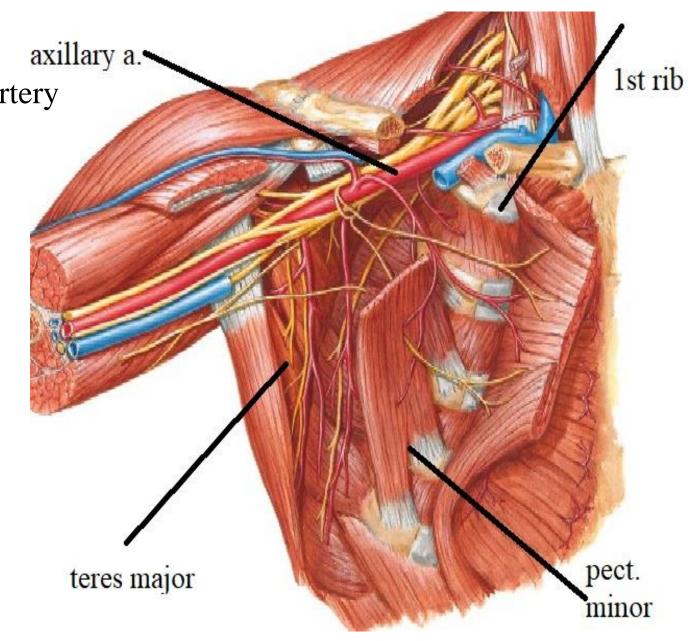
- -Enters the axilla through its apex
- -Crossed by pectoralis minor which divides it into 3 parts.

1st part: above pectoralis minor

2nd ,, : deep to ,, ,,

3rd ,, : below ,, ,,

End: - at lower border of teres major to become brachial artery



# AXILLARY ARTERY

Relation to the brachial plexus

1st part

posteriorly:- medial cord of the brachial plexus

laterally:- lateral & posterior cords

2<sup>nd</sup> part

posteriorly:- posterior cord of the brachial plexus

laterally:- lateral cord

medially:- medial cord

3<sup>rd</sup> part

posteriorly:- radial & axillary nerve

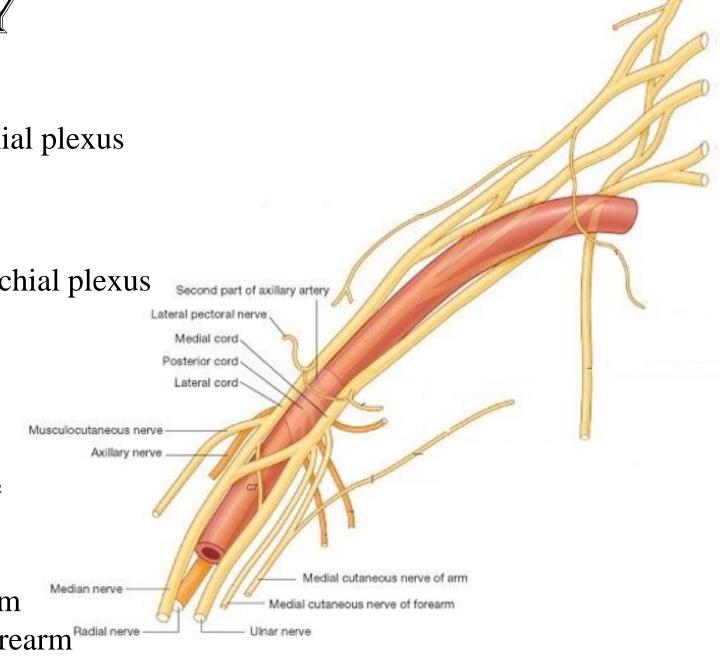
laterally:- musculocutaneous nerve

& median nerve

medially:- ulnar nerve,

medial cutaneous nerve of arm

medial cutaneous nerve of forearm Radial nerve



## AXILLARY ARTERY

## Branches

1<sup>st</sup> part: 1-superior thoracic art.:supply the medial wall of axilla

2<sup>nd</sup> part: 2-acromiothoracic:pierce clavipectoral fascia then give 4 branches: a, p, c, d deltoid clavicular acromial pectoral

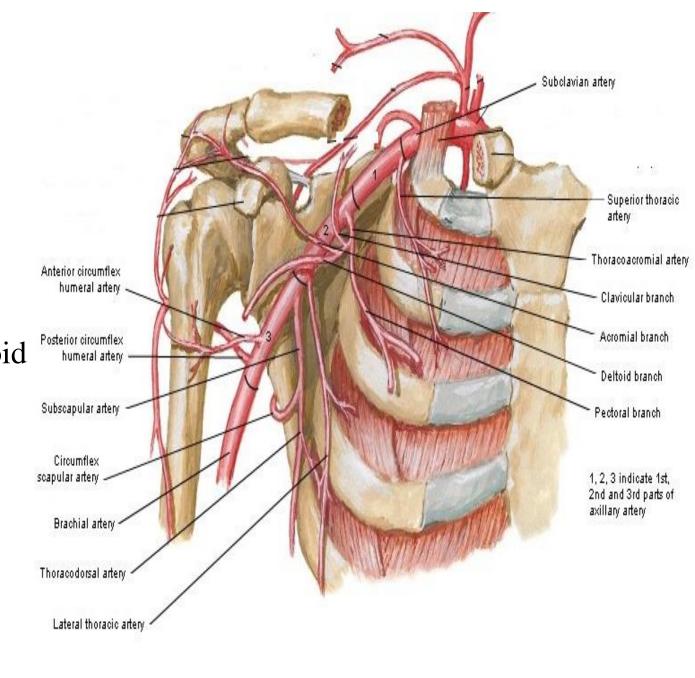
3-lateral thoracic:

3rd part: 4-ant. circumflex humeral art.

5-post. circumflex humeral art.

6- subscapular art.: largest branch

It gives circumflex scapular artery then the art. continues as thoracodorsal art. (which accompany the thoracodorsal nerve)



Type: Synovial

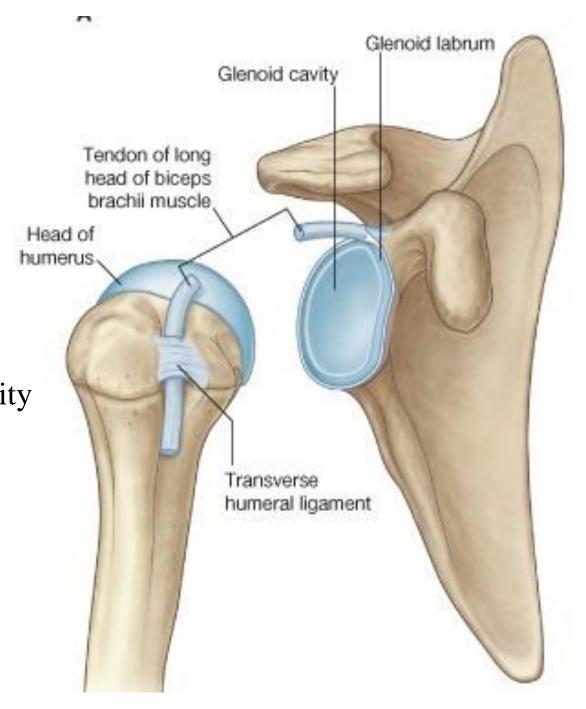
Variety: ball & socket

Articular surface:

1-Head of humerus

2-Glenoid cavity of scapula

The glenoid cavity is deepened by a lip of fibro-cartilaginous (labrum glenoidal) that is attached to the margins of the glenoid cavity



## Capsule:

- -lax
- -Attachment

Medially

to the margins of the glenoid cavity outside the glenoid labrum. Supraglenoid tubercle is inside the capsule while infraglenoid tubercle is outside it

Laterally

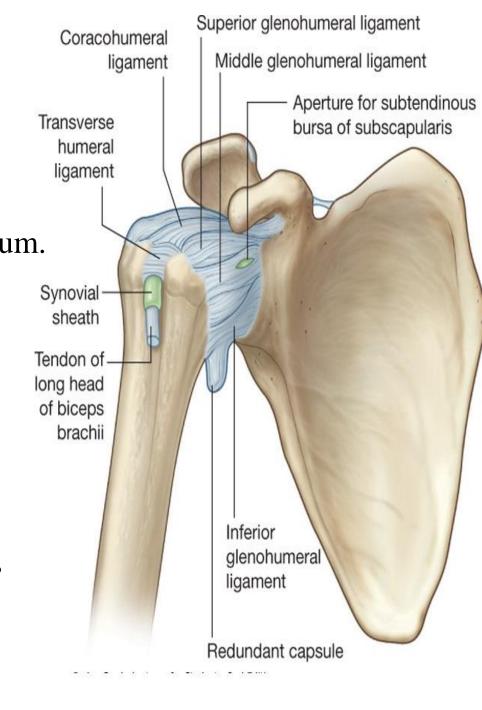
to the anatomical neck of the humerus except inferiorly it is extended till the surgical neck

## Synovial membrane

- -It lines the capsule
- -It forms synovial sheath around the long head of the biceps Openings of the capsule

humeral ligament

Anterior opening connecting with subscapularis bursa lateral opening for passage of the long head of biceps



Ligaments of the shoulder joints

1- Coraco-humeral ligament:

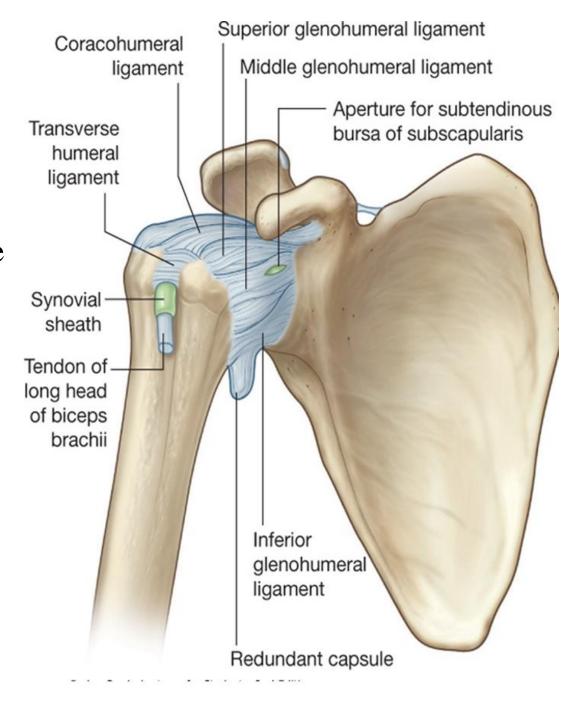
form root of coracoid process to greater tubercle

2- Transverse humeral ligament:

attached to margins of upper part of bicipital groove converting it into tunnel for Long head of biceps

3- 3 glenohumeral ligaments:

False ligaments (Thickenings of the Capsule ) superior – middle – inferior



#### Relations

Anteriorly: subscapularis

Superiorly: supraspinatus

Posteriorly: infraspinatus, and teres minor

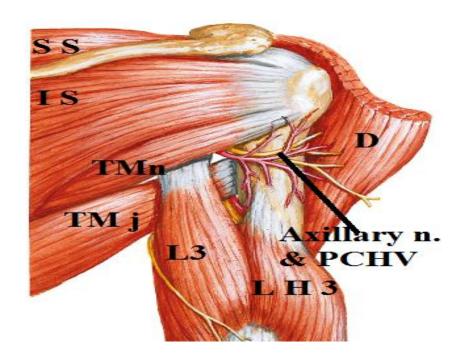
Inferiorly: Long head of triceps, axillary nerve and posterior circumflex humeral vessels.

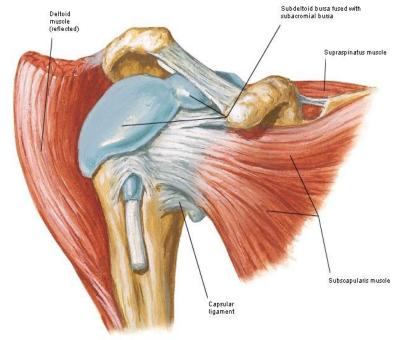
Bursae related to the joint Subscapularis bursa

It communicates with the joint cavity

## Subacromial bursa

() the coracoacromial arch above, and supraspinatus tendon and capsule below It is the largest synovial bursa in the body It does not communicate with the joint cavity Infraspinatus bursa





## Stability of shoulder joint: -

The shoulder joint is an unstable joint for the following factors

- 1- shallow glenoid cavity in relation to the head of humerus
- 2- lax capsule
- 3- week ligaments

## Factors trying to give some stability

- 1- Labrum glenoidal increases the depth of the cavity
- 2- Rotator cuff muscles adherent to the capsule
- 3- Long head of biceps passes above the head of humerus so it prevents its upward dislocation
- 4- Coracoacromial arch prevents the upward dislocation of the head of humerus
- N.B.:-the inferior aspect not supported by muscles. So dislocation of the shoulder joint is almost inferiorly

#### **MOVEMENTS**

Medial rotation by the 3 muscles inserted into bicipital groove ??

Lateral rotation: by infraspinatus and teres minor.

Adduction: by all of the above

#### Abduction:

a- From 0 to 15 by supraspinatus muscle

b- From 15 to 90 by the middle fibers of the deltoid

c- More than 90 by the lower 5 digitations of serratus anterior and trapezius muscle.

Flexion:- Anterior fibers of the deltoid and Pectoralis major

Extension:- Posterior fibers of the deltoid, teres major and latissimus dorsi.

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