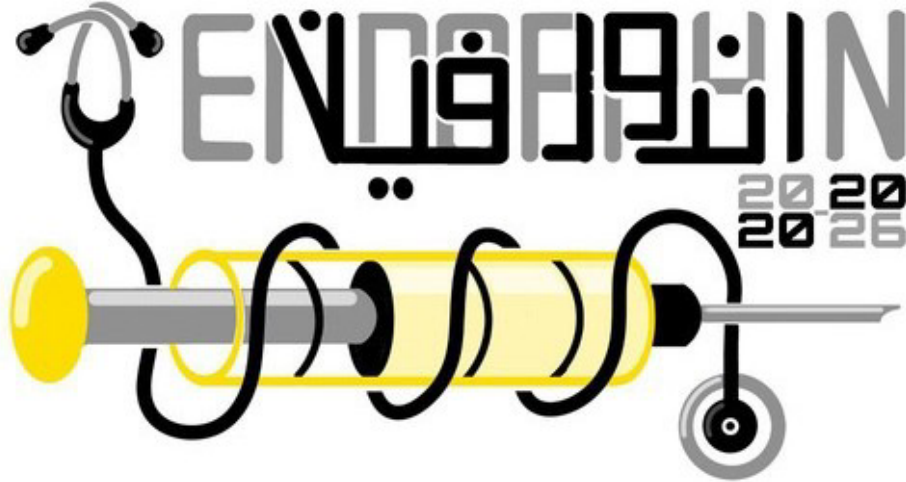


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Body Cavities, Mesenteries & Diaphragm

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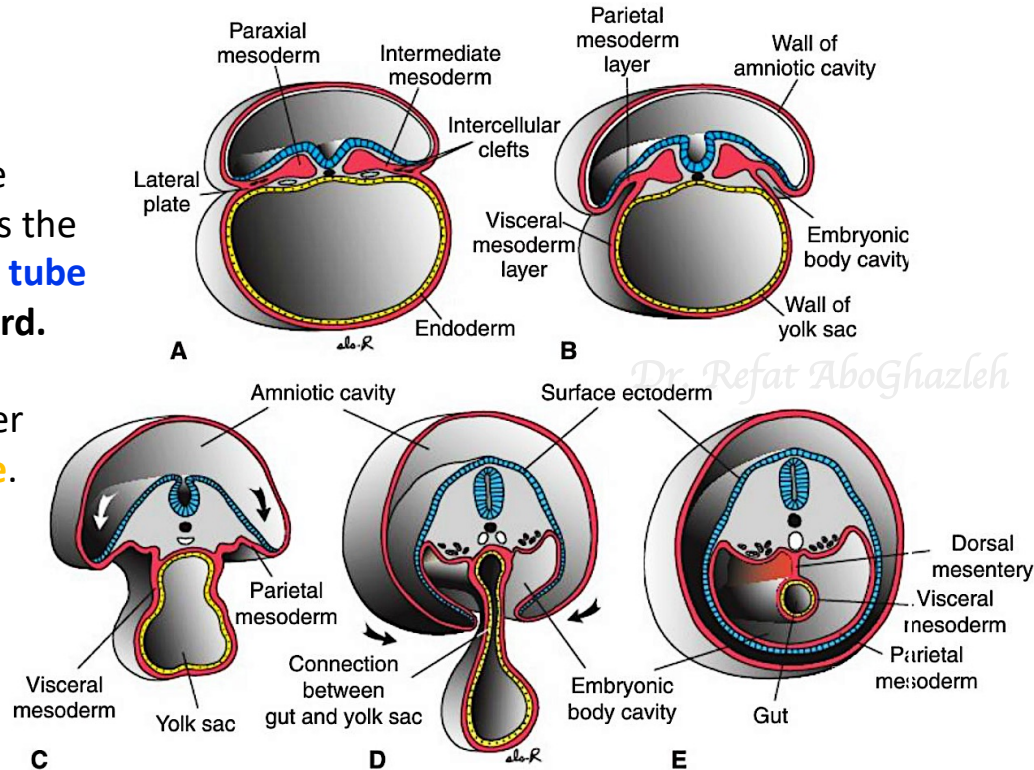
A tube on top of a tube !!

During 3rd - 4th wks:

□ The top layer (**ectoderm**) of the trilaminar embryonic disc forms the **neural plate** that rolls up into a **tube** to form the **brain and spinal cord**.

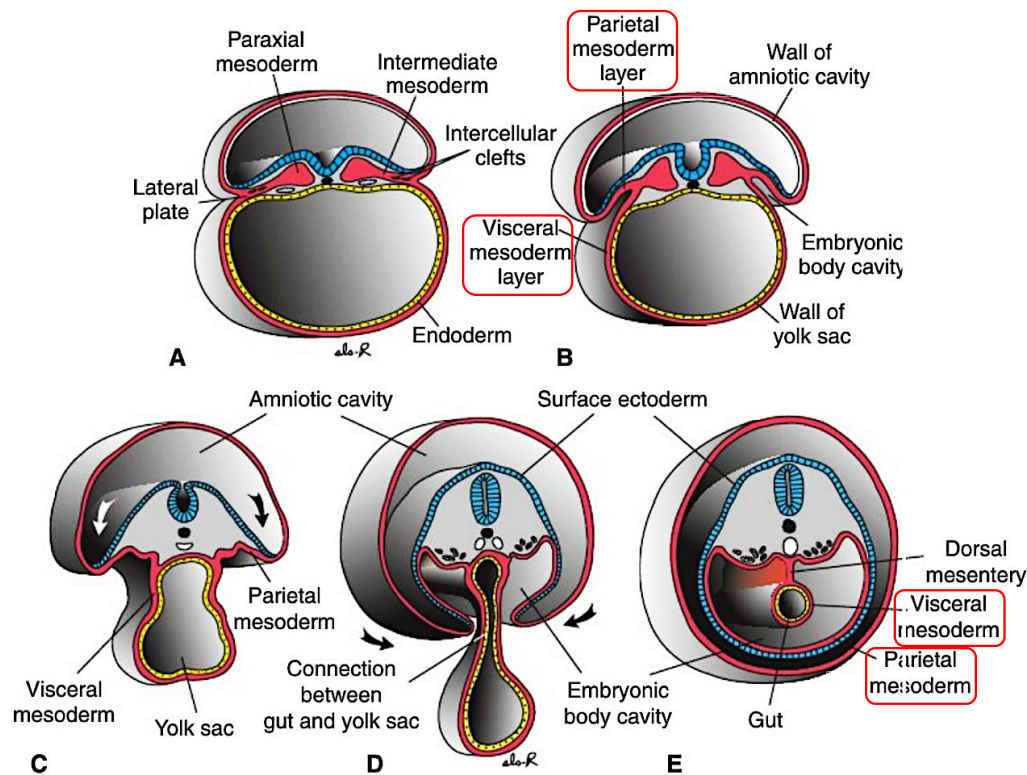
□ Simultaneously, the ventral layer (**endoderm**) forms the **gut tube**.

“Thus, the neural tube dorsally and the gut tube ventrally”.



A tube on top of a tube !!

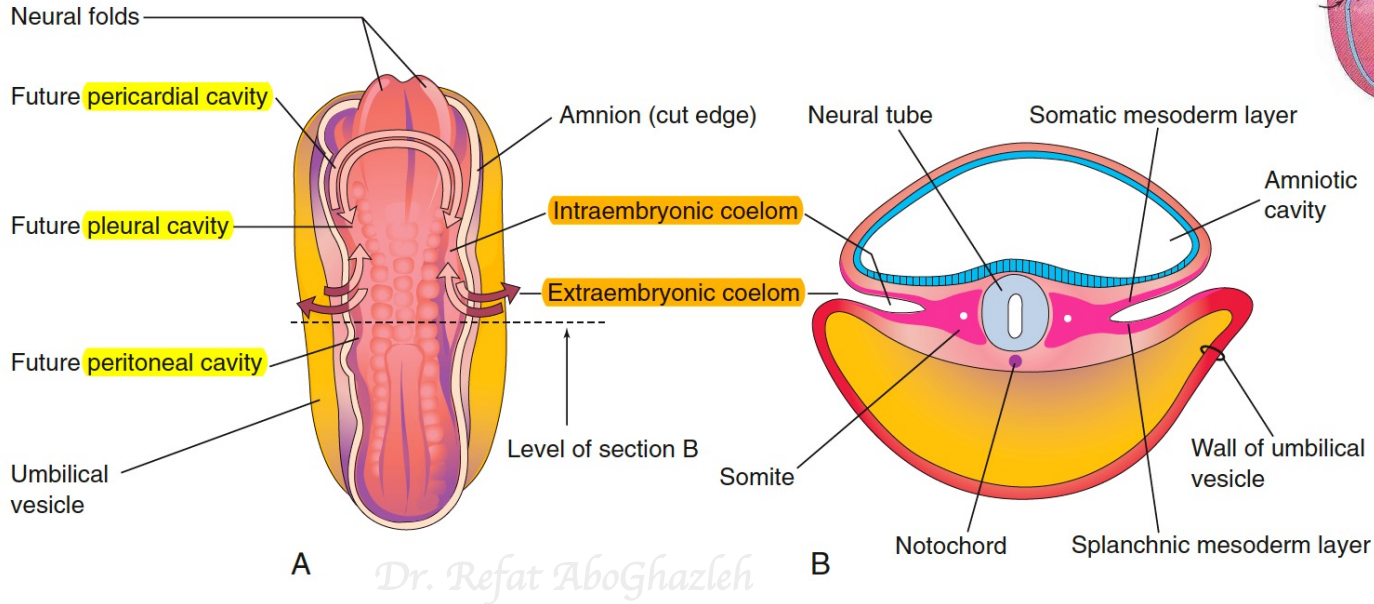
The middle layer (**mesoderm**) holds the two tubes together and the lateral plate component of this mesoderm layer also splits into **visceral (splanchnic)** and **parietal (somatic)** layers.



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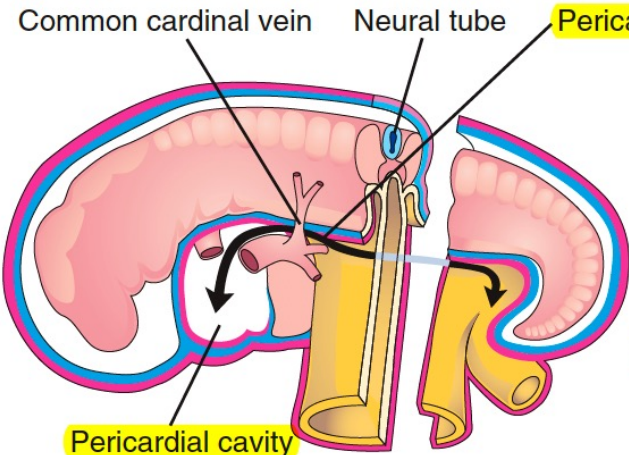
- The **visceral layer** rolls ventrally and connected to the **gut tube**.
- The **parietal layer**, together with the overlying ectoderm, **forms the lateral body wall folds**, which *meet ventrally* in the midline to *close the ventral body wall*.
- The space between visceral and parietal layers of lateral plate mesoderm is the **primitive body cavity**, which at this early stage is a continuous cavity, because it has not yet been subdivided into the pericardial, pleural, and abdominopelvic regions.

Intraembryonic Coelom

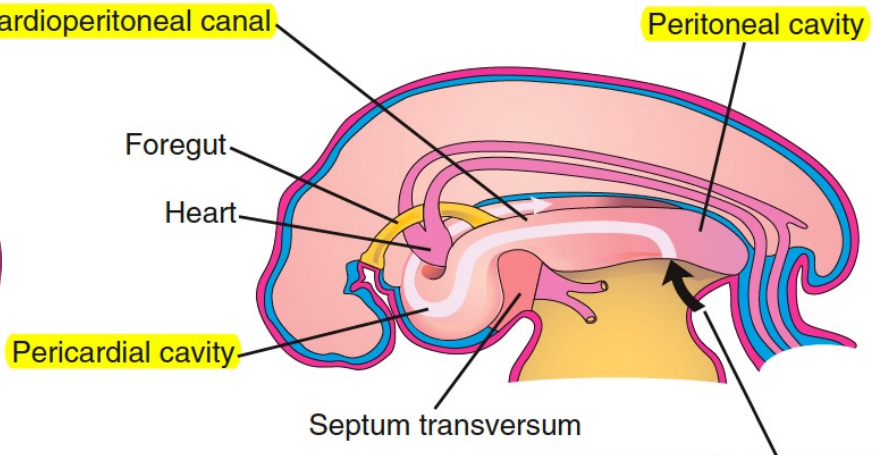


- The primordium of the **embryonic body cavity**.
- Appears as a horseshoe-shaped cavity in the **cardiogenic area** and **lateral mesoderm** by the **4th week**.
- The **bend** in this cavity indicates the future **pericardial cavity** & the limbs indicate the future **pleural** and **peritoneal** cavities.
- The distal part of each limb opens laterally into **extra-embryonic coelom (EEC)**.

- During **cranial folding** of embryo, the **pericardial cavity** becomes **ventral to** the foregut.
- The **pericardioperitoneal canals**:
 - Pass on each side of the foregut (future esophagus)
 - Lie dorsal to septum transversum
 - Open into the **peritoneal cavity**



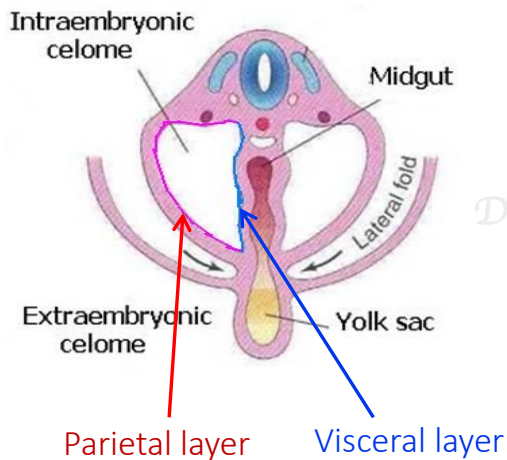
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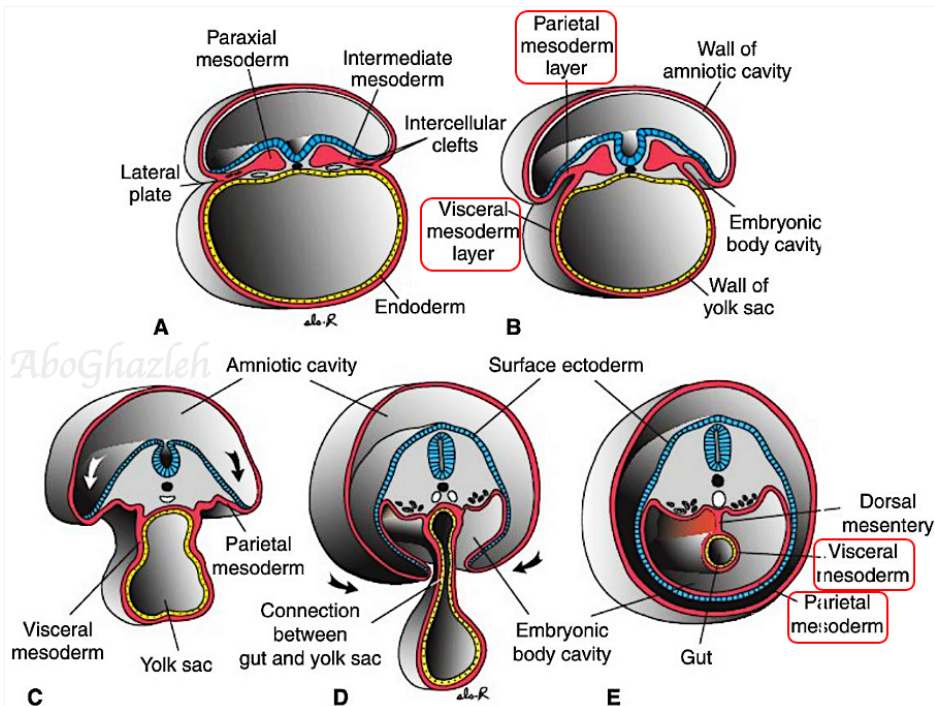
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- During **horizontal folding**, the limbs of the coelom are brought together on the ventral aspect of the embryo.
- The coelom is lined by **mesothelium** derived from the **somatic mesoderm** (parietal layer) and the **splanchnic mesoderm** (visceral layer).
- The peritoneal cavity loses its connection with the extraembryonic coelom during the **10th week**.

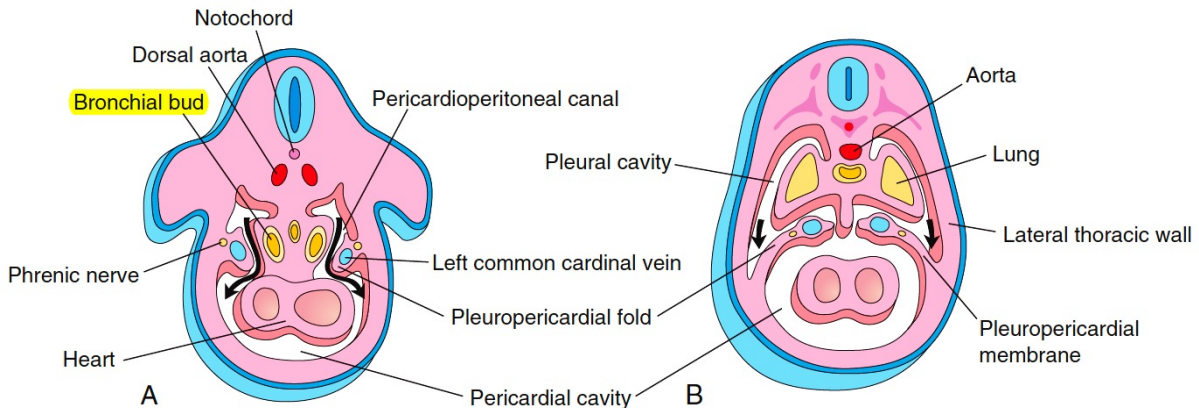
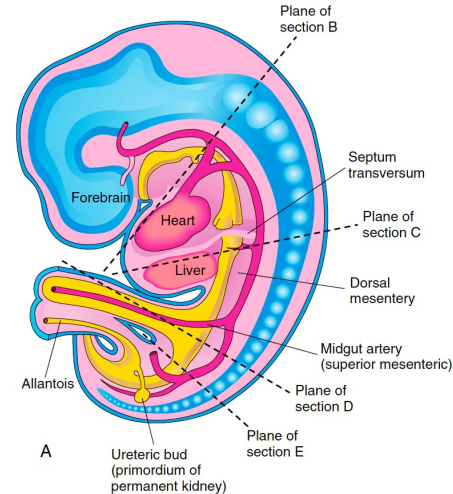


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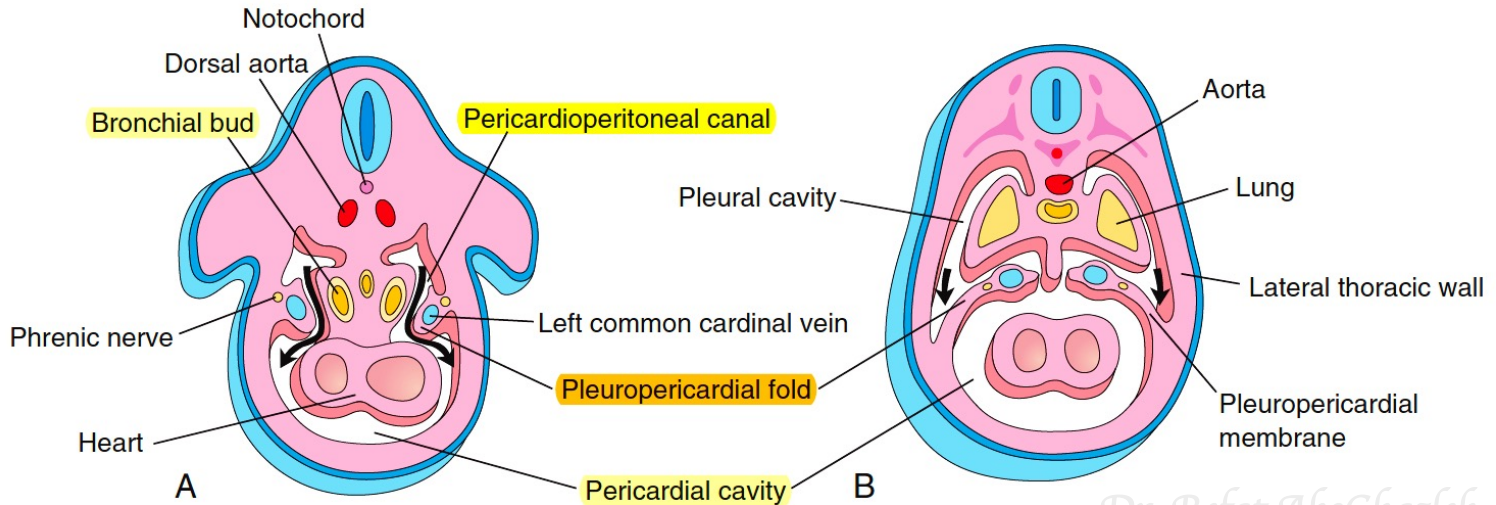


Division of Embryonic Body Cavity

- Partitions form in each **pericardioperitoneal canal**, separating the **pericardial cavity** from the pleural cavities, and the pleural cavities from **peritoneal cavity**.
- As the **bronchial buds** grow into the pericardioperitoneal canals, a pair of membranous ridges is produced in the lateral wall of each canal:
 - Pleuropericardial folds** superior to the developing lungs.
 - Pleuroperitoneal folds** inferior to the developing lungs.



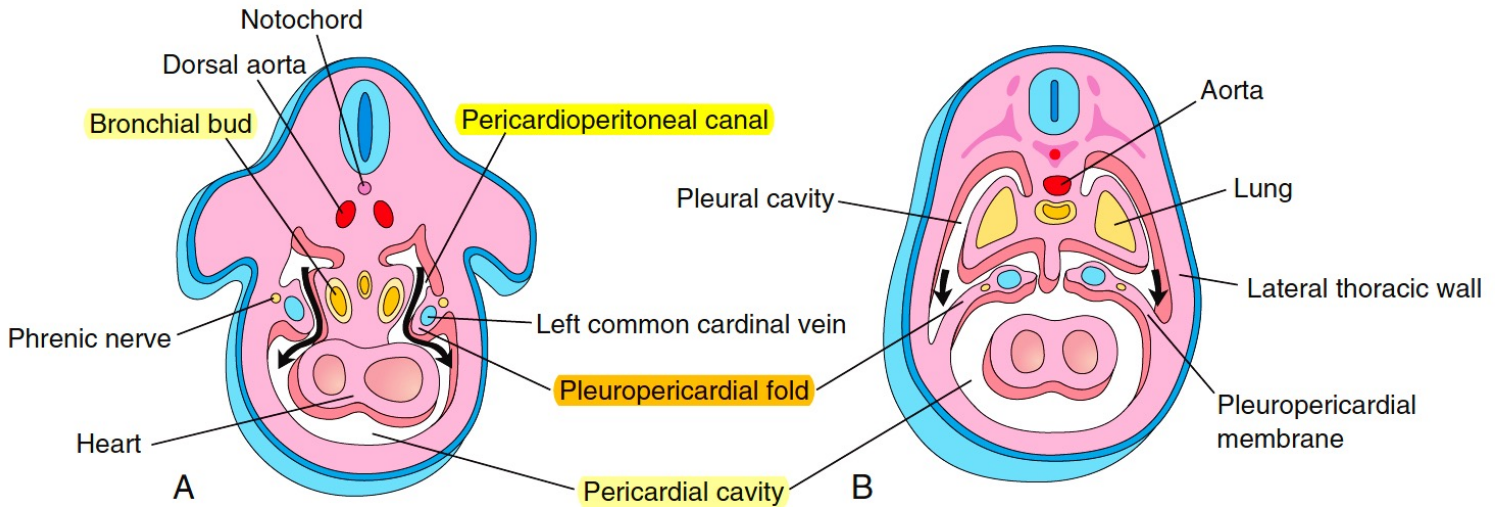
Pleuropericardial Membranes



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- As the **pleuropericardial folds** enlarge, they form partitions that **separate** the **pericardial cavity** from the **pleural cavities**.
- The **bronchial buds** grow laterally from the caudal end of the trachea into the **pericardioperitoneal canals** (future pleural cavities).
- As the pleural cavities expand ventrally, they grow into the body wall in the angle between the body wall and a ridge raised by the **common cardinal vein** and the **phrenic nerve**.

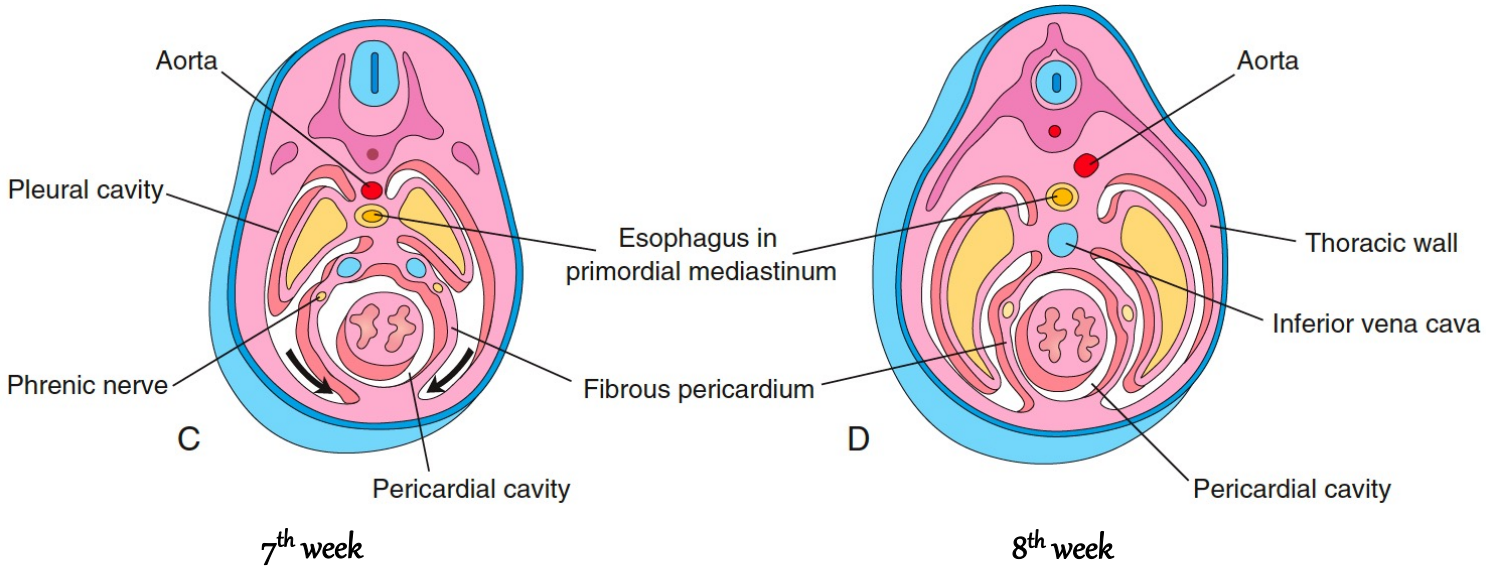
- The expansion of the pleural cavities results in splitting the mesenchyme into:
 - An **outer layer** that forms the **thoracic wall**.
 - An **inner layer** that forms the **pleuropericardial membrane (becomes the fibrous pericardium)**.



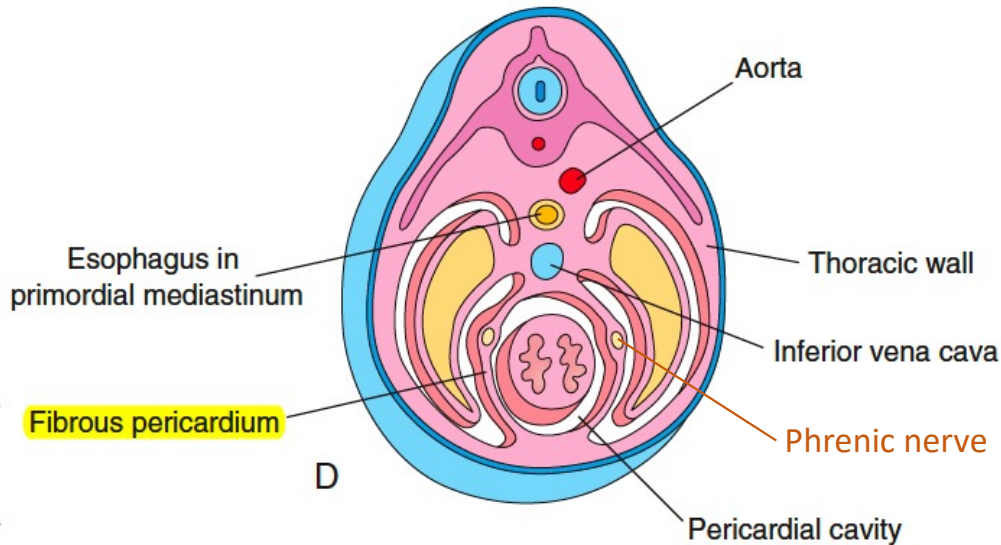
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The **pleuropericardial membranes** project into the cranial end of the **pericardioperitoneal canals**.

- With the growth & descent of the heart and expansion of the pleural cavities, the pleuropericardial membranes **expand & move medially**.



By **7th week**, the membranes fuse with the mesenchyme ventral to the esophagus forming the **primordial mediastinum**, thus, closing the pleuropericardial openings.

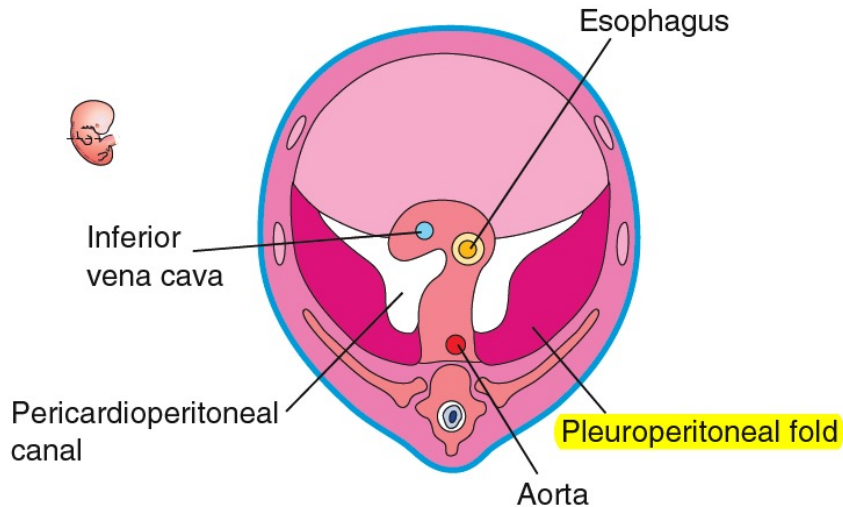


The fused **pleuropericardial membranes** form the ***fibrous pericardium***.

(Note the position of **phrenic nerve** in the fibrous pericardium).

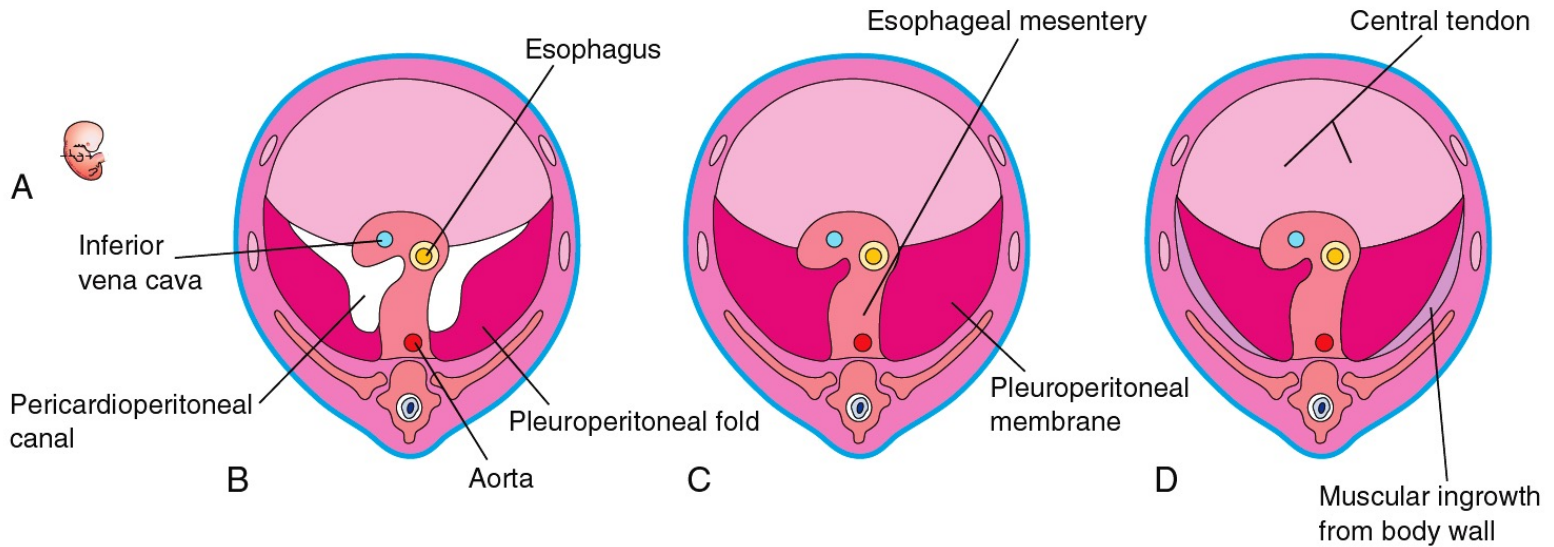
Pleuroperitoneal Membranes

- Develop from the **pleuroperitoneal folds** that are attached dorsolaterally to the abdominal wall and their free edges project into the caudal end of the **pericardioperitoneal canals**.



- As the developing lung enlarges cranially and liver expands caudally, these folds become more prominent and gradually become membranous.
- Are soon invaded by the myoblasts (primitive muscle cells).

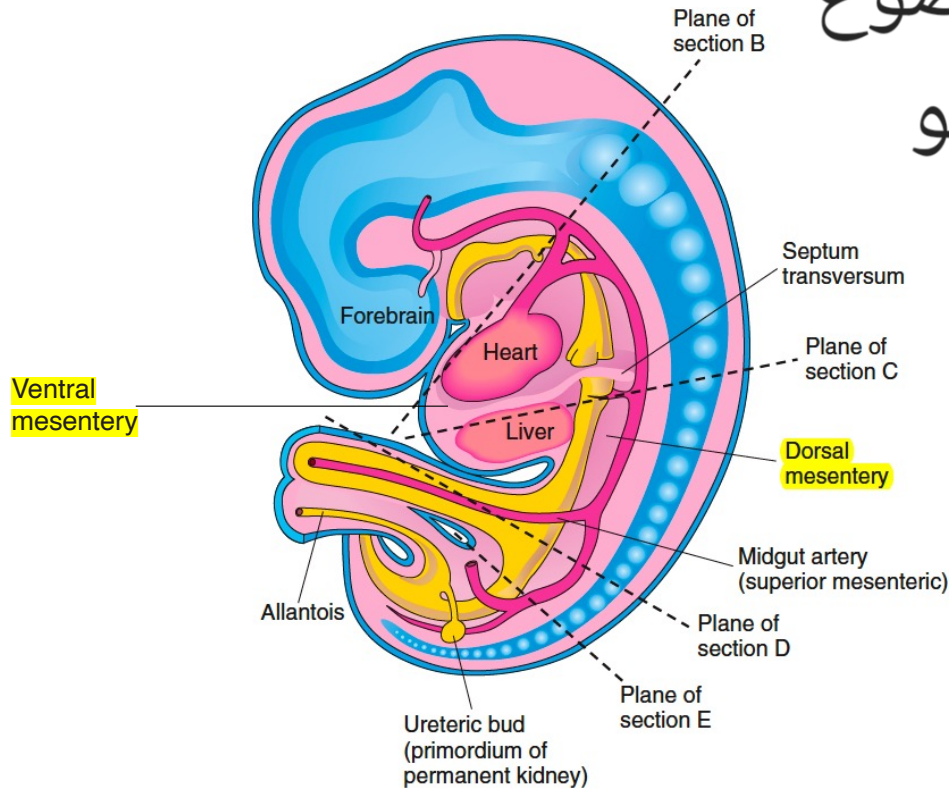
- During 6th week, the **pleuroperitoneal membranes** extend ventromedially and fuse with the **dorsal mesentery of the esophagus** and the **septum transversum**.



This results in **closure of** the **pericardioperitoneal openings**.
The right opening closes slightly earlier than the left.

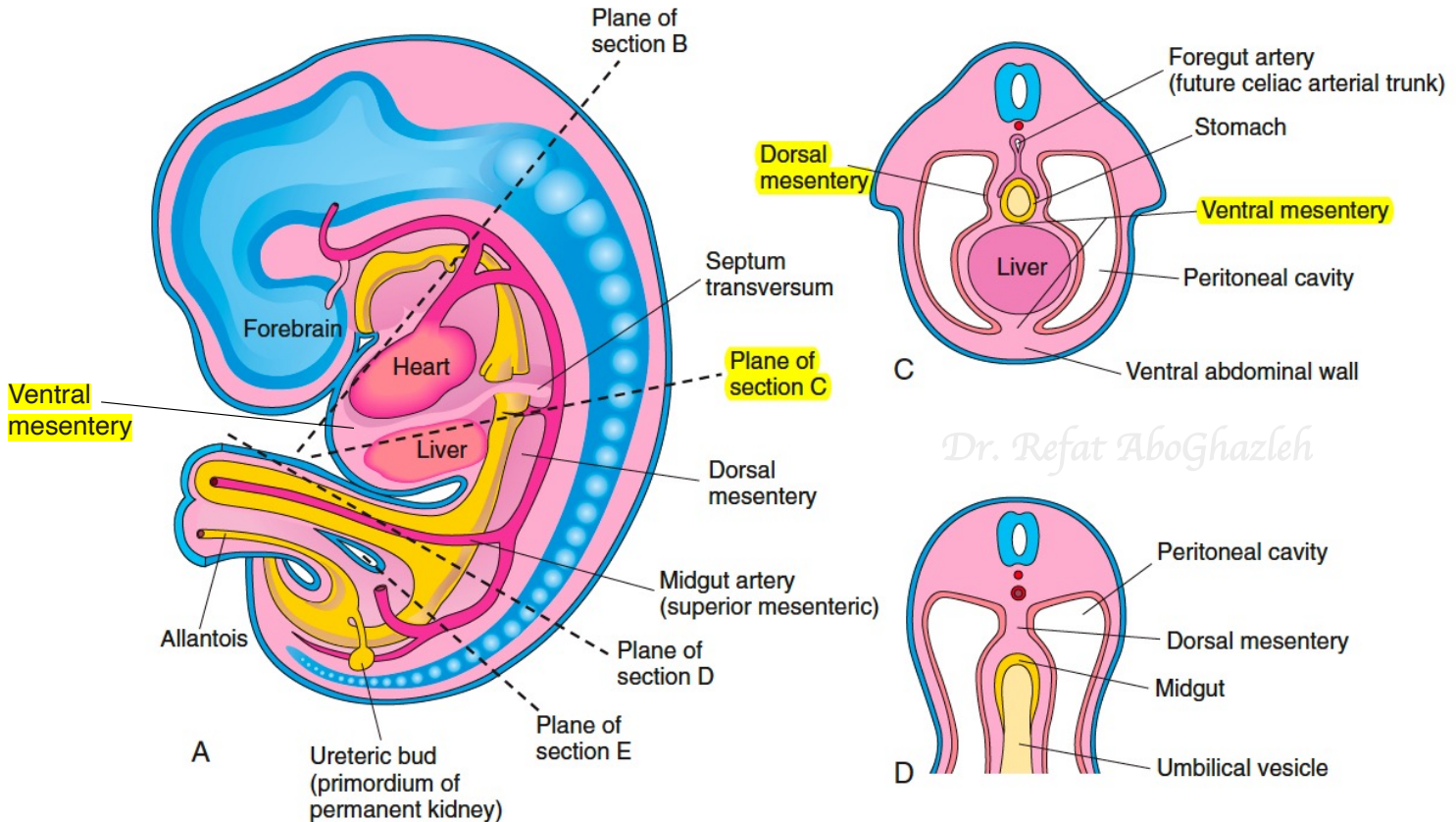
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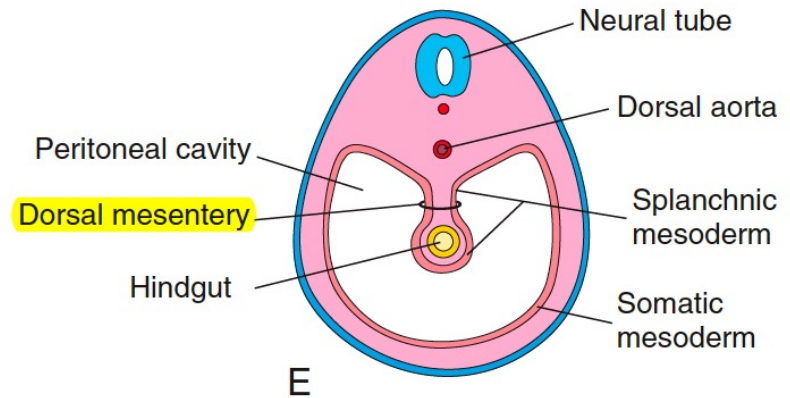
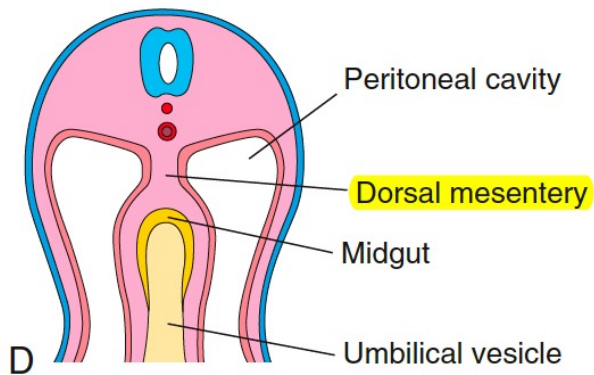


After embryonic folding

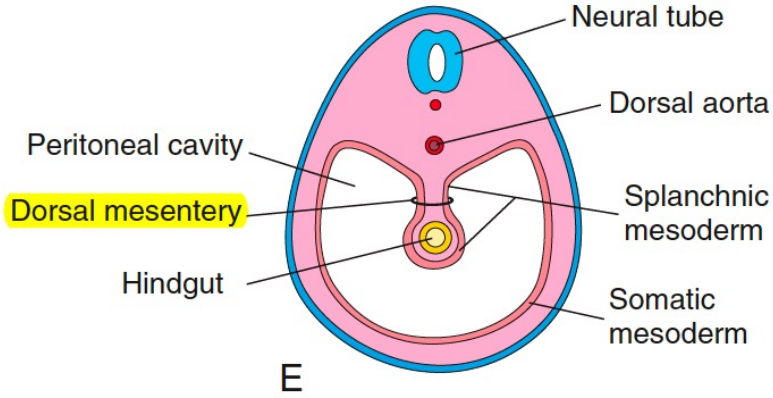
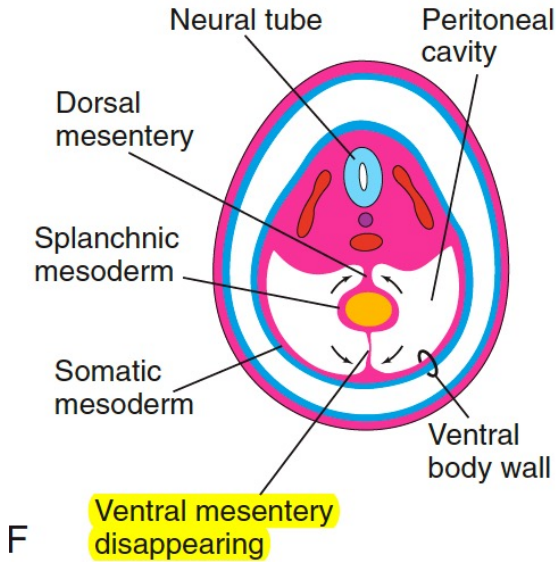
- The **caudal part of the foregut** is connected to the anterior and posterior abdominal walls by the **ventral & dorsal mesentery** respectively.



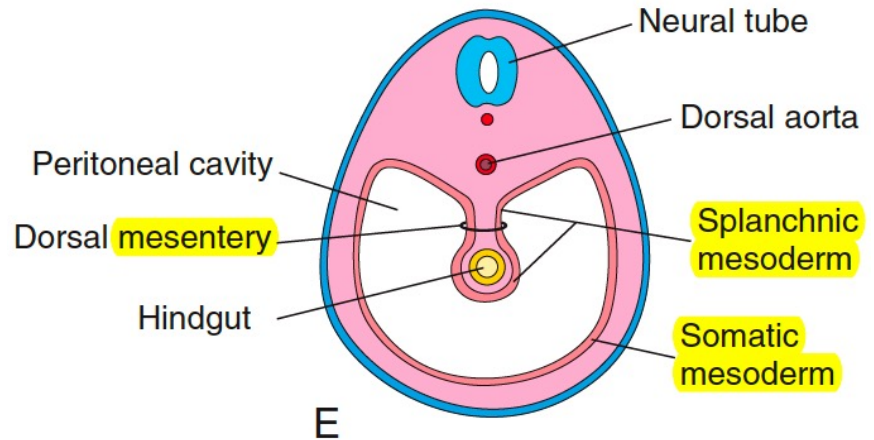
- The **midgut** and the **hindgut** are suspended in the peritoneal cavity from the posterior abdominal wall by the **dorsal mesentery**.



- The **ventral mesentery degenerates** in the region of the future peritoneal cavity, extending from the heart to the pelvic region.



What is a mesentery?



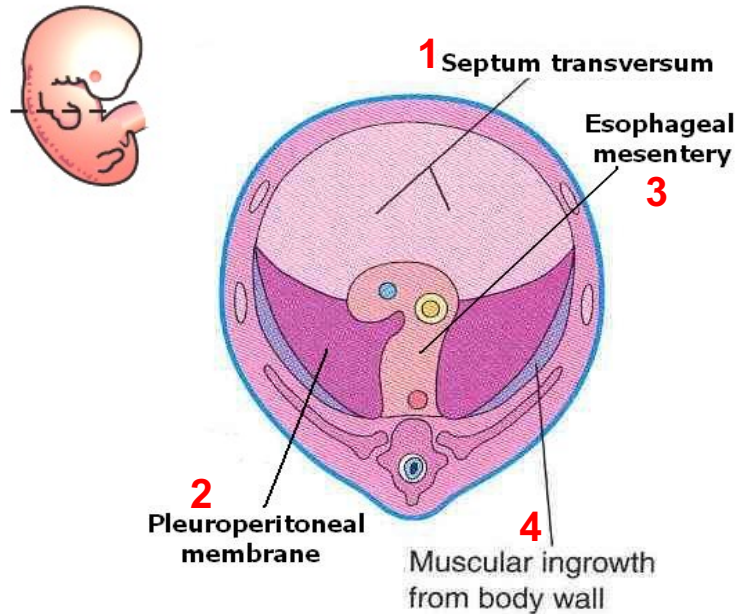
- **Double layer of peritoneum** enclosing a mass of mesoderm.
- Connects the organ to the body wall
- Carries **vessels, nerves & lymphatics** for the organ.
- Is the site where the **visceral (Splanchnic) peritoneum** continues as **parietal (Somatic) peritoneum**

Development of Diaphragm

❑ The diaphragm develops from four embryonic components:

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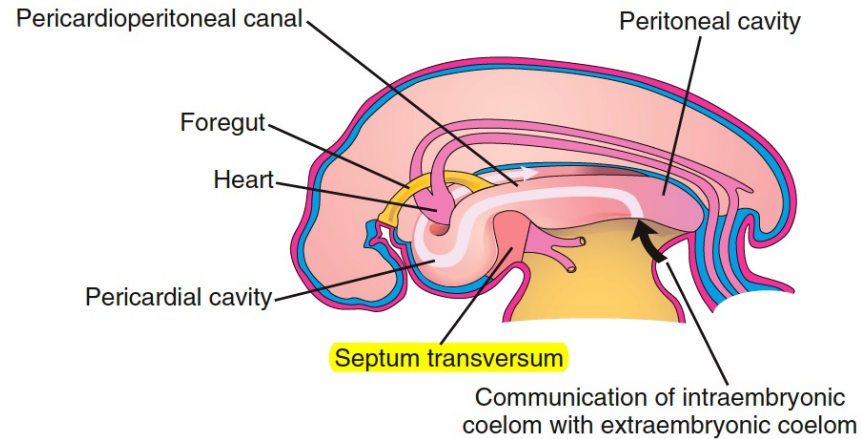
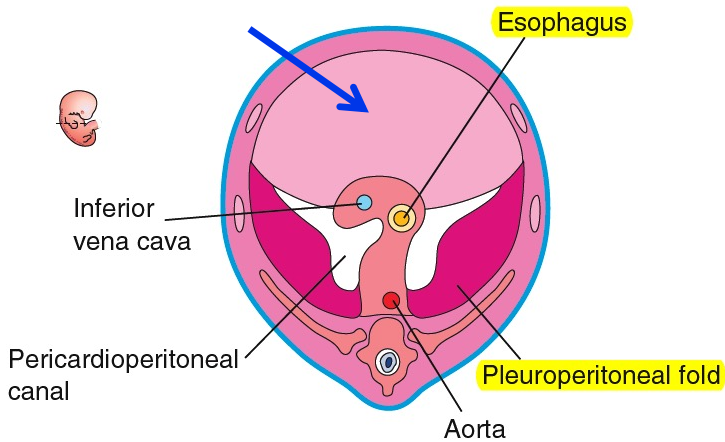
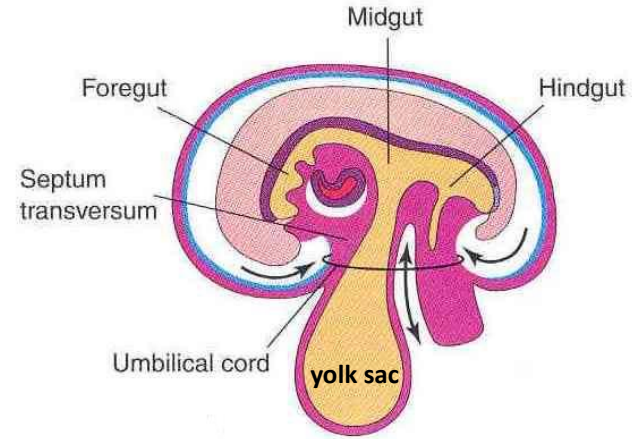
1. Septum transversum
2. Pleuroperitoneal membranes
3. Dorsal mesentery of esophagus
4. Muscular ingrowth from lateral body walls



Transverse section of a 12-week embryo

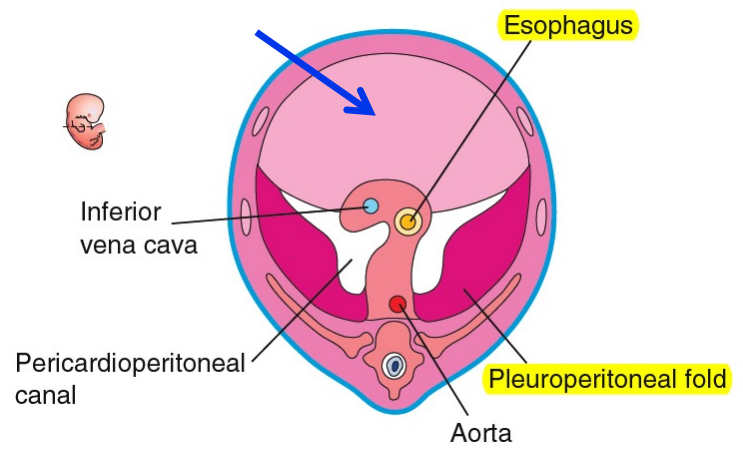
Septum Transversum

- A **mesodermal** tissue
- **Located:**
 - Between the **pericardial cavity** and the **yolk sac**.
 - Ventral to the **foregut** and the **pleuroperitoneal membrane**
- Grows dorsally from the ventrolateral body wall.

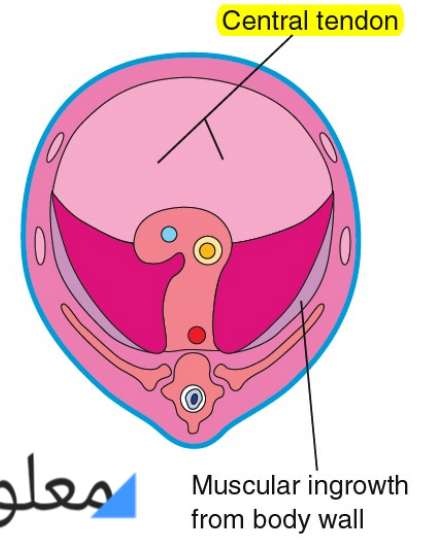


Communication of intraembryonic coelom with extraembryonic coelom

- Forms an incomplete partition between the thoracic cavity and the abdominal cavity.
- Expands and fuses with the **pleuroperitoneal membranes** and the mesenchyme ventral to the esophagus.



Septum transversum is the primordium of the **central tendon of the diaphragm**.

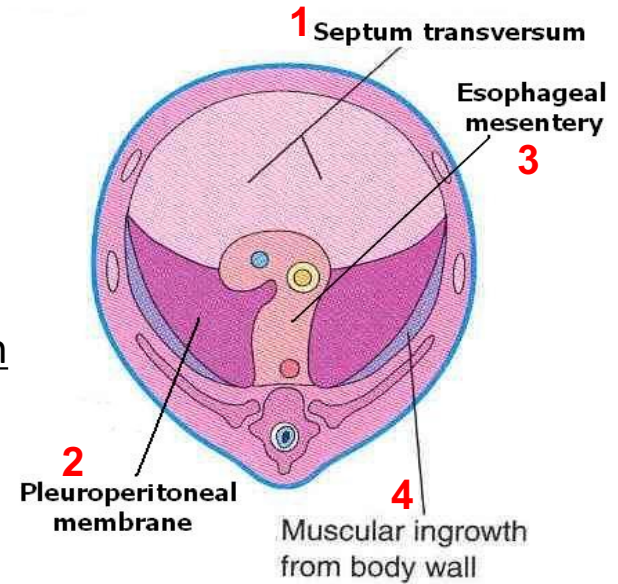


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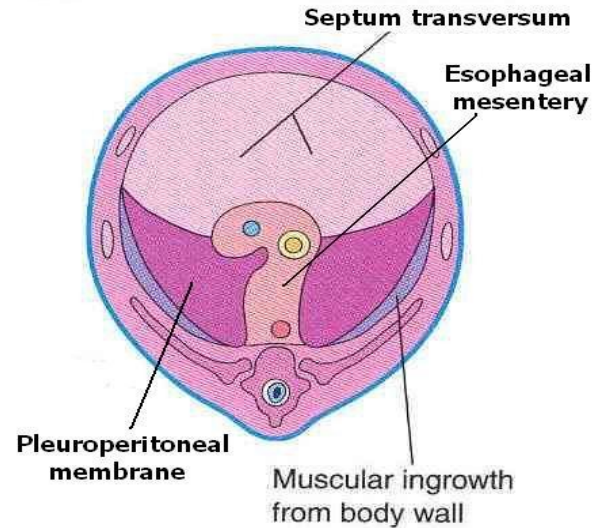
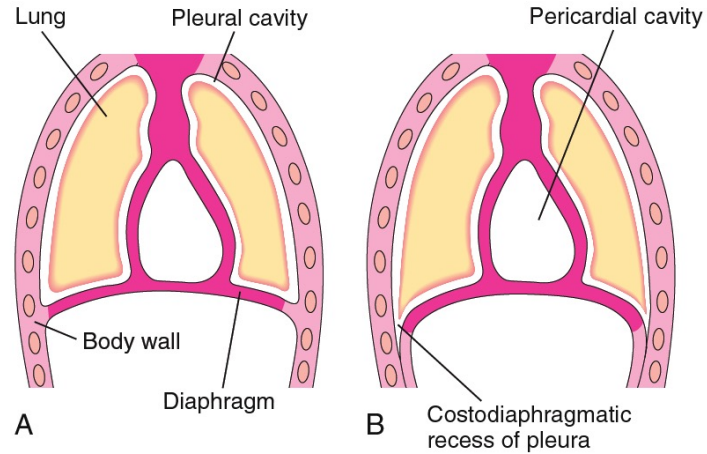
- During **6th week**, the three basic components:

- 1. Septum transversum**
- 2. Pleuroperitoneal membranes**
- 3. Mesentery of esophagus**

Fuse with each other and form a complete partition between the **thoracic** and **abdominal cavities**



- During **9th – 12th weeks** the lungs and pleural cavities enlarge, burrowing into the body wall, splitting it into:
 - **External layer** that becomes part of the body wall.
 - **Internal layer** that contributes muscles to peripheral portions of diaphragm, external to the parts derived from the pleuroperitoneal membranes.

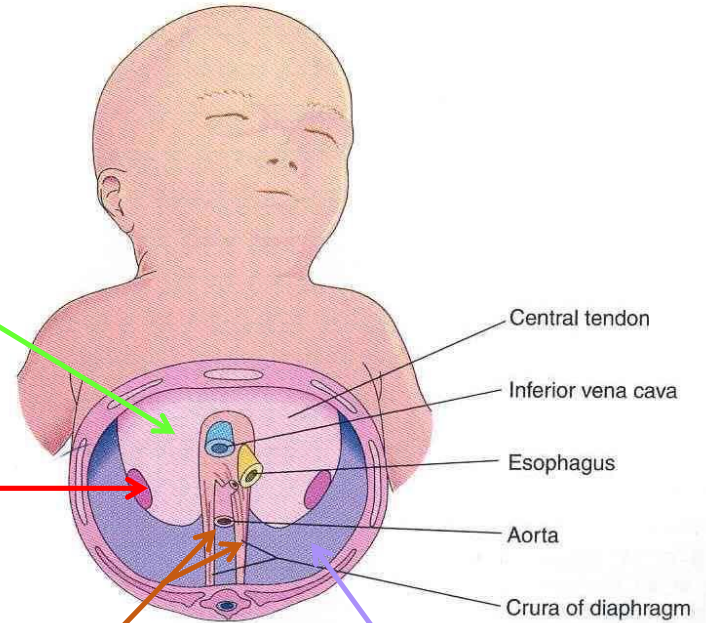


Septum transversum:
Central tendon

Pleuroperitoneal membranes: form large portion of fetal diaphragm but represent a smaller portion in infants.

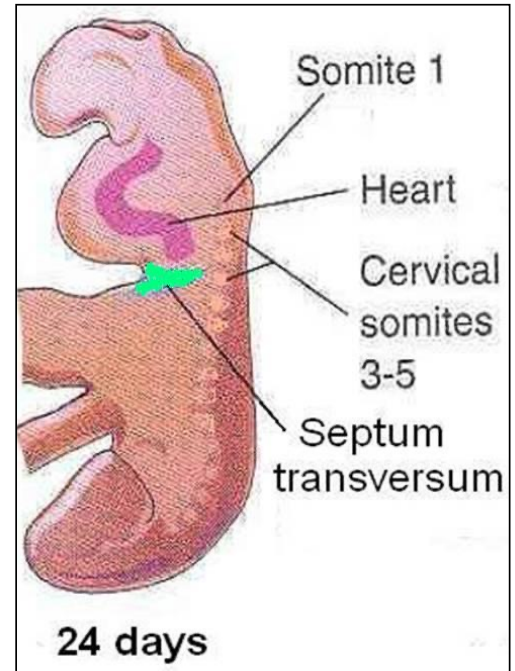
Dorsal mesentery of esophagus: Crura

Body wall: peripheral muscular part



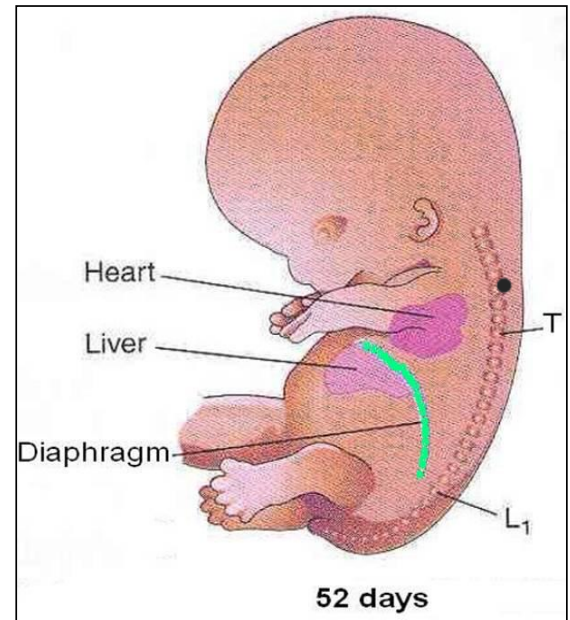
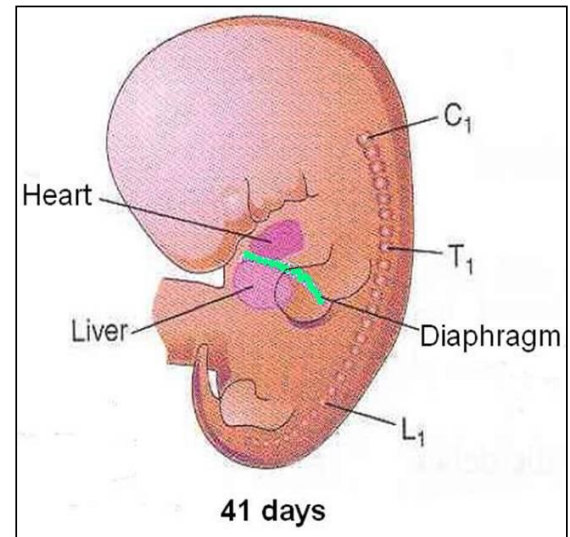
Positional Changes & Innervation of Diaphragm

- During the **4th week**, the **septum transversum** lies opposite the **3rd – 5th cervical somites**.
- During **5th week**, myoblasts from these somites move to the developing diaphragm bringing their **nerve fibers** with them (**phrenic nerve**).
- Thus, because the the diaphragm development originated in the cervical region, it is innervated by **phrenic nerve C3-5**.

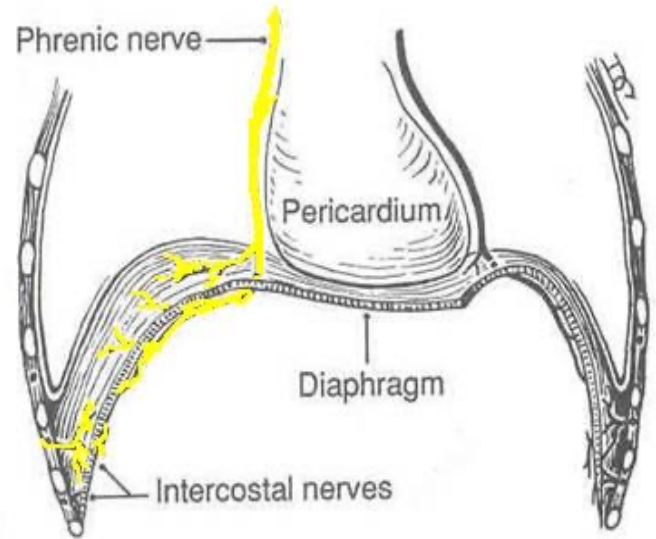


- Rapid growth of the body of embryo results in further descent of diaphragm
- By the **6th week**, the **diaphragm** lies at the level of the **thoracic somites**.
- By the end of **8th week** the dorsal end of **diaphragm** lies at the level of **first lumbar vertebra**.

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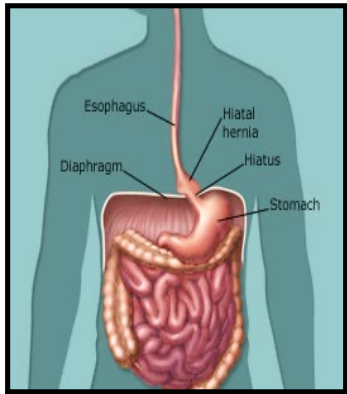
- When the **4 parts** of the diaphragm fuse, the mesenchymal cells from the septum transversum extend into the other three parts, change into myoblasts, and give rise to the muscles of the diaphragm. Thus, **phrenic nerve** supplies all the muscles of diaphragm



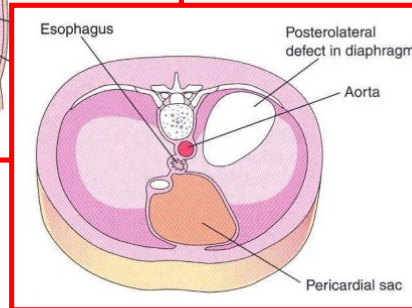
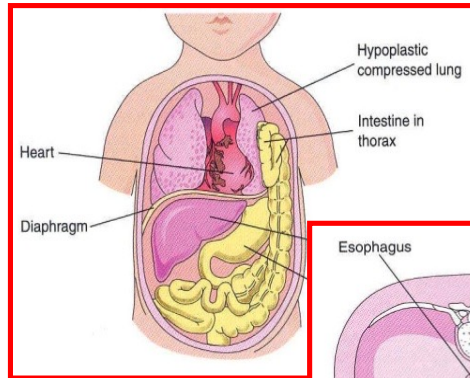
The **phrenic nerve** also supplies sensory fibers to diaphragm **except** in the **peripheral region** which is derived from the body wall and brings its nerve supply (**lower intercostal nerves**) with it.

Congenital Anomalies

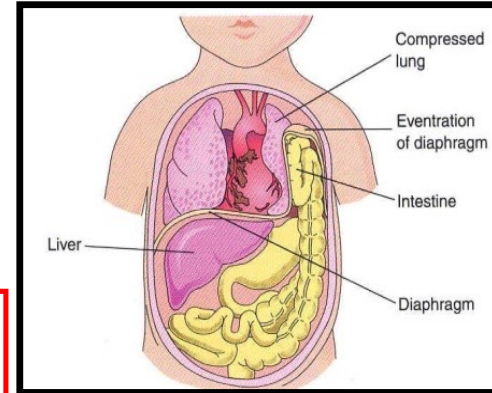
Congenital hiatal hernia:
because of large esophageal hiatus



Congenital diaphragmatic hernia:
Commonly through a posterolateral defect in diaphragm. Mostly on left side. Left lung shows hypoplasia



Eventration of diaphragm:
because of defective musculature



Thank You



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