

# Major Veins of the body

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Cardiovascular block-Anatomy-Lecture 4



# Objectives

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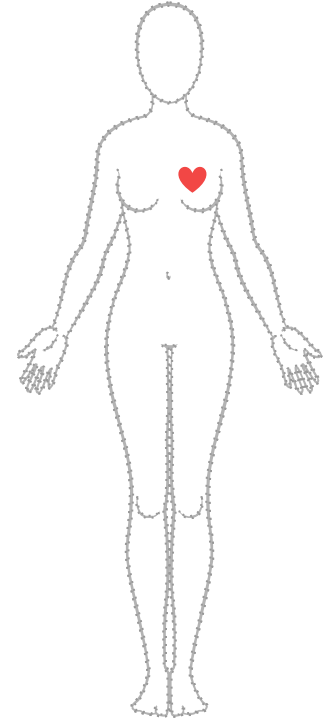
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**At the end of the lecture, the student should be able to:**

- Define the veins, and understand the general principle of the venous system.
- Describe the superior & inferior Vena Cava and their tributaries.
- List major veins and their tributaries in the body.
- Describe the Portal Vein.
- Describe the Portocaval Anastomosis.



# Veins

- Veins are blood vessels that bring blood back to the heart.
- All veins carry deoxygenated blood with the **exception** of the **pulmonary veins** (open in the left atrium) and **umbilical vein** (during fetal development).

## Location

- **Superficial** veins: close to the surface of the body. **NO** corresponding arteries
- **Deep** veins: found deeper in the body **With** corresponding arteries

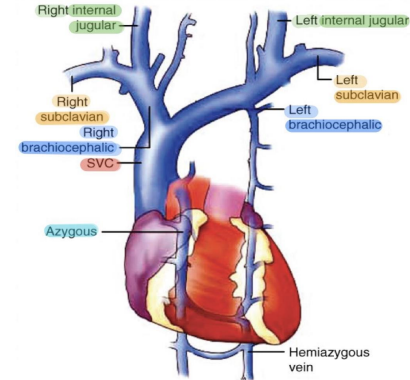
Vein can be classified in 2 ways based on

## Circulation

- Veins of the systemic circulation: **Superior** and **Inferior** vena cava with their tributaries
- Veins of the portal circulation: **Portal vein**

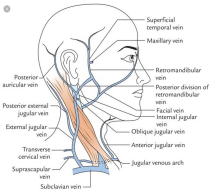
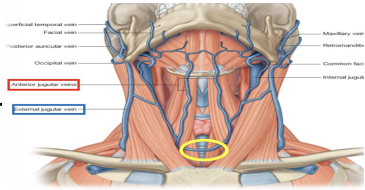
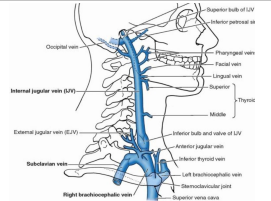
# Superior vena cava

- The superior vena cava is above the heart
  - Formed by the union of the right and left **Brachiocephalic veins**.
    - **Brachiocephalic** veins are formed by the union of **internal jugular** and **subclavian veins**.
  - It Passes **downward** and enter the right atrium.
  - Receives **azygos vein** on the posterior aspect just before it enters the heart.
- ☐ **Drains venous blood from :**
1. Head & neck : it divided to **superficial** and **deep**
  2. Thoracic wall
  3. Upper limbs: it divided to **superficial** and **deep**



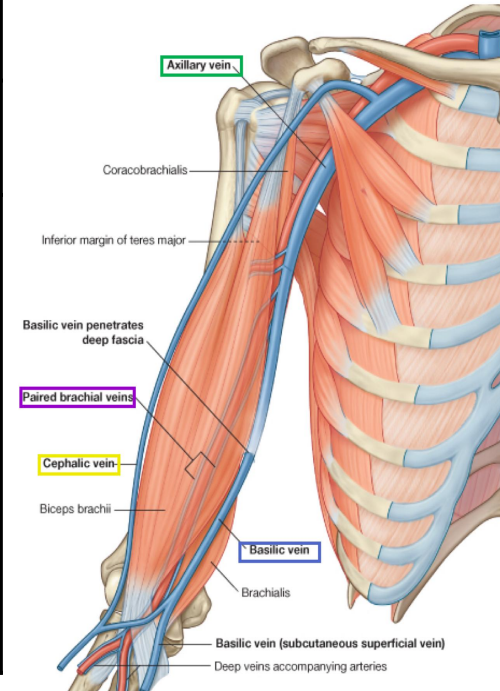
# Head and neck

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Superficial veins		Deep vein
<p><b>External jugular vein</b></p> <p>Lies superficial to the sternomastoid muscle and It passes down the neck and it is the only tributary of the subclavian vein.</p>	<p><b>Anterior Jugular Vein</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It descends close to the median line of the neck, medial to the sternomastoid.</li> <li>- At the lower part of the neck, it passes laterally <b>beneath</b> sternomastoid muscle to drain into the external jugular vein.</li> <li>- Just above the sternum the two anterior jugular veins communicate by a transverse vein to form the <b>jugular arch</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Internal Jugular Vein</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It descends in the neck along with the internal and common carotid arteries and vagus nerve, within the <b>carotid sheath</b>.</li> <li>- Joins the subclavian vein to form the <b>brachiocephalic vein</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Begins</b> just behind the angle of mandible by <b>union</b> of <b>posterior auricular vein</b> with the <b>posterior division of retromandibular vein</b>.</p>	<p>- It begins in the upper part of the neck by the union of the <b>submental veins</b>.</p>	<p><b>Tributaries :</b></p> <p>1-Superior thyroid 2-Lingual. 3-Facial 4-Pharyngeal. 5-Occipital veins. 6-Dural venous sinuses (inferior petrosal sinus).</p>
<p><b>- It drains blood from:</b></p> <p>1- Outside of the skull</p> <p>2- Deep parts of the face</p> 		<p><b>-Drains blood from:</b></p> <p>1) the brain</p> <p>2)face</p> <p>3) head &amp; neck</p> 

# Veins Of Upper Limbs

Superficial veins		Deep vein	
<b>Cephalic Vein</b>	<b>Basilic Vein</b>	<b>Venae Comitantes</b>	<b>Axillary Vein</b>
<p>-Ascends in the superficial fascia on the lateral side of the biceps</p> <p>- It drains into the <b>Axillary vein.</b></p>	<p>-Ascends in the superficial fascia on the medial side of the biceps.</p> <p>-Halfway up the arm, it pierces the <b>deep fascia</b></p> <p>-At the lower border of the <b>teres major</b> it joins the <b>venae comitantes</b> of the brachial artery to form the <b>Axillary vein.</b></p>	<p>Which accompany all the large arteries and are usually in pairs.</p>	<p><b>Formed</b> by the union of <b>basilic vein</b> and the <b>venae comitantes</b> (brachial veins) of the brachial artery.</p> <p>Finally drain into the subclavian vein.</p>



# Inferior vena cava

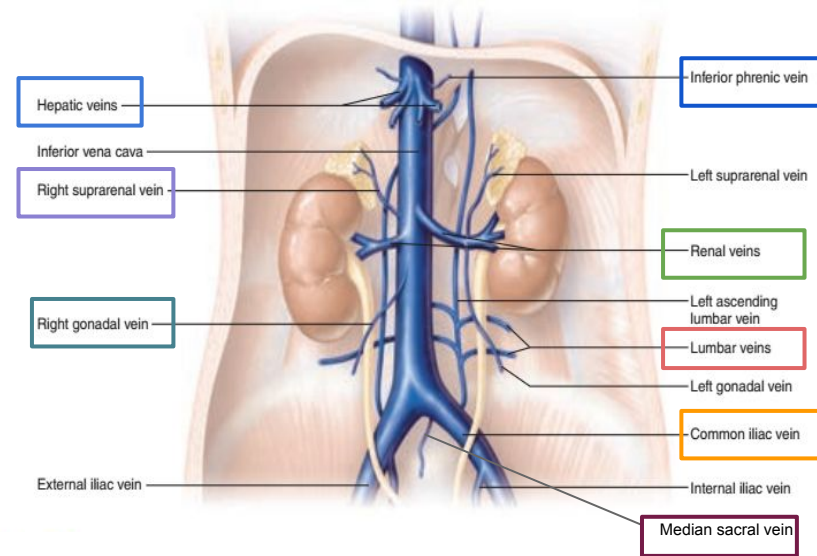
- Drains most of the blood from the body below the diaphragm to the **right atrium**. Formed by the union of the **2 common iliac** veins behind the right common iliac artery at the level of the **(L5)**.
- Ascends on the right side of aorta. —————> **Pierces** the central tendon of diaphragm at the level **(T8)**.

Note : opening of the diaphragm : I ate ten eggs at twelve  
I (IVC) ate (8) ten (10) eggs (esophagus) at (aorta) twelve (12).

## Tributaries of Inferior Vena Cava:

( from above to below)

- **Paired inferior phrenic veins.**
- **Hepatic veins**
- **Right suprarenal vein.**  
→ the left vein drains into the left renal vein
- **Paired renal veins**
- **Right gonadal vein**  
→ the left vein drains into the left renal vein
- **Four paired lumbar veins**
- **Two common iliac veins**
- **Median sacral vein**



# Veins Of Lower Limbs: **divided to superficial and deep**

1. **Superficial Veins:** Form a network in the subcutaneous tissue .

- Pattern is variable
- They are the tributaries of the : > Great (long) saphenous vein > Small (short) saphenous vein

## Great Saphenous Vein

### Beginning

from the **medial end** of the **dorsal venous arch** of the foot

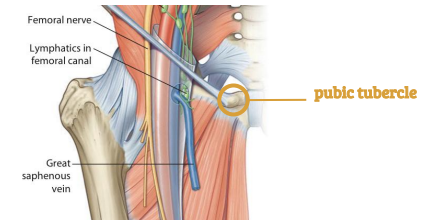
It is The **longest** vein

### Course

- Passes upward **in front** of the **medial malleolus** with the **saphenous nerve**.
- Then it ascends in accompany with the **saphenous nerve** in the superficial fascia over the medial side of the leg.
- Ascends obliquely upwards, and lies behind the **medial border** of the patella
- Passes behind the knee and curves forward around the medial side of the thigh.

### Termination

Hooks through the lower part of the **saphenous opening** in the **deep fascia** to join the **femoral vein** about 1.5 inch (4 cm) below and lateral to the **pubic tubercle**.



- It is connected to the **small saphenous vein** by **one or two** branches that pass behind the knee.
- It's connected to the **deep veins** by **numerous perforating veins**
- The perforating veins have valves which allow blood flow from **superficial to deep veins**.
- It is clinically significant in **coronary bypass surgery** and in **intravenous delivery of fluids** due to other venous collapse.
- used in venous grafting and saphenous vein cutdown may be necessary for inserting the needle or cannula **(take care of the saphenous nerve)**



# Veins Of Lower Limbs

## Small Saphenous Vein

### Beginning

from the **lateral end** of the **dorsal venous arch** of the foot.

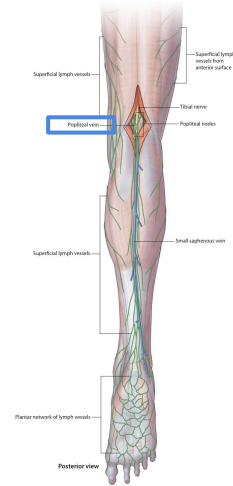
- Has numerous valves along its course.
- Anastomoses freely with great saphenous vein.

### Course

- Ascends **behind** the **lateral malleolus** in company with the **sural nerve**.
- Follows the lateral border of the **tendocalcaneus** and then runs up to the back of the leg.
- Pierces the deep fascia in the lower part of the **popliteal fossa**

### Termination

Drains into the **popliteal vein**.



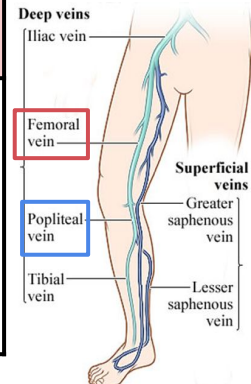
## 2. Deep veins: venae comitantes

accompany all the **large arteries**, usually in pairs.

### Course

- Venae comitantes unite to form the **popliteal vein**
- which continues as the **femoral vein**.

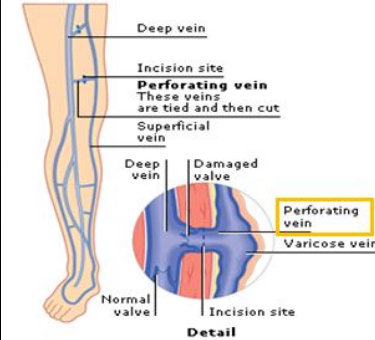
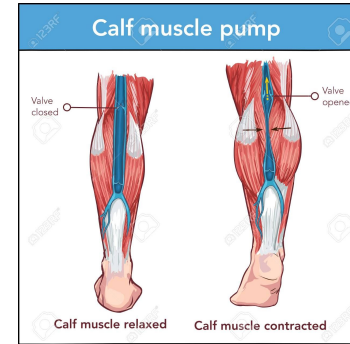
**Deep veins** receive blood from **superficial veins** through **perforating veins**.





# Mechanism Of Venous Return From Lower Limb (For Your Information)

- Much of the saphenous blood passes from superficial to deep veins through the **perforating veins**
- The blood is pumped upwards in the deep veins by the contraction of the calf muscles (**calf pump**).
- This action of calf pump is assisted by the **tight sleeve of deep fascia** surrounding these muscles.



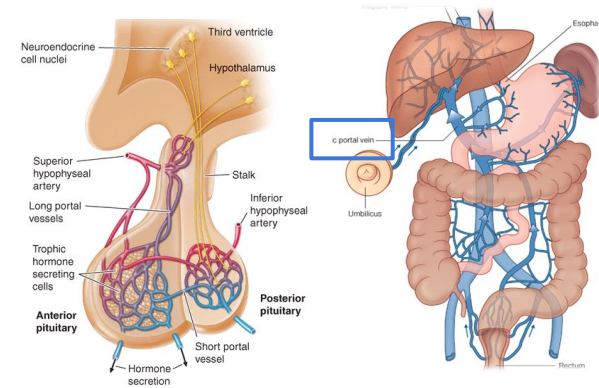
## Varicose Veins

- If the valves in the **perforating veins** become incompetent, the **direction** of blood flow is **reversed** and the veins become **varicose**.
- Most common in **posterior & medial** parts of the lower limb, particularly in **old people**.



# Portal Circulation

- A **portal venous system** is a **series** of veins or venules that **directly connect two capillary beds** (of arteriole & venule)
- Examples of such systems include
  1. **hepatic portal vein**
  2. **hypophyseal portal system.**

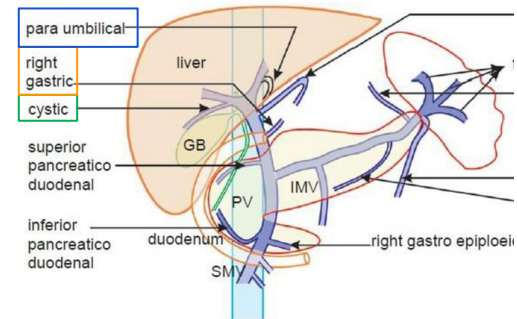


## Hepatic Portal Vein:

- Drains blood from the **GIT** and **spleen** to the liver.
- It is formed by the **union** of the **superior mesenteric and splenic veins** behind the neck of pancreas.
- Immediately before reaching the liver, the portal vein divides into right and left that enter the liver.

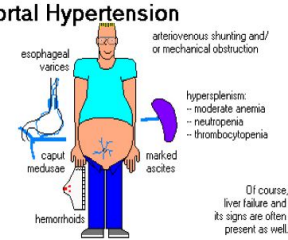
### Tributaries: (4)

- Right and Left **Gastric veins.**
- **Cystic vein** from the gallbladder joins its right branch.
- **Para-umbilical** veins that drain veins from anterior abdominal wall to the hepatic portal vein.



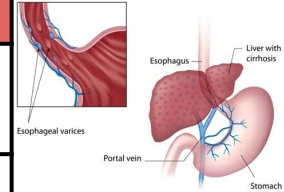
# Portocaval Anastomosis

- A portacaval anastomosis (also known as **portal systemic anastomosis**) is a specific type of anastomosis that occurs between the **veins of portal circulation** and those of **systemic circulation (IVC)**.
- The anastomotic channels become **dilated** (varicosed) in case of **portal hypertension**.

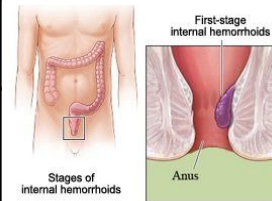


Site	Portal Vein	Systemic Vein	Associated condition
<b>Lower end of esophagus</b>	Left gastric vein	Esophageal branch of azygos vein	<b>Esophageal Varices</b>
<b>Lower part of rectum</b>	Superior rectal vein	Middle and inferior rectal veins	<b>Hemorrhoids</b>
<b>Paraumbilical region</b>	Paraumbilical veins	Superficial epigastric vein	<b>Caput Medusae</b>
<b>Retroperitoneal</b>	Colic veins	Veins of the posterior abdominal wall (retroperitoneal veins)	
<b>Patent ductus venosus (intrahepatic portosystemic shunt)</b>	Umbilical vein and portal vein	Inferior Vena Cava	
<b>Bare area of liver</b>	There is some anastomosis between portal venous channels in the liver and azygous system of veins above the diaphragm.		

## Esophageal Varices



## Hemorrhoids



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# MCQs

**Question 1:** Which of the following veins is the only tributary of the subclavian vein?

- A. External jugular vein
- B. Internal jugular vein
- C. Anterior jugular vein
- D. Occipital vein

**Question 2:** which of the following is a tributary for the internal jugular vein?

- A. anterior jugular vein
- B. Transverse cervical vein
- C. Facial vein
- D. Suprascapular vein

**Question 3:** Which one of the following nerves accompany the great saphenous vein in the medial side of the leg ?

- A. Sural nerve
- B. Sciatic nerve
- C. Saphenous nerve
- D. Tibial nerve

**Question 4:** Which one of the following veins can be used in coronary artery bypass ?

- A. Small saphenous vein
- B. Hepatic vein
- C. Renal vein
- D. Great saphenous vein

**Question 5:** The anastomotic channels of portocaval become dilated (varicosed) in case of?

- A. Portal hypotension
- B. Portal hypertension
- C. None of them
- D. Both a,b

**Question 6:** The following anatomical structures are penetrated by a needle intravenous to deliver fluids when other vein collapse?

- A. Small saphenous vein
- B. Great saphenous vein
- C. Femoral vein
- D. Both a,b

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