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The Neck

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Cervical Fascia

Superficial cervical fascia

This is a thin layer of subcutaneous connective tissue that contains platysma muscle **Platysma muscle**

Origin : Skin and Deep fascia over pectoralis major and deltoid

Insertion : Body of mandible

Nerve supply : Cervical branch of Facial nerve

Action : Depresses mandible and angle of mouth

Know Nerve supply and action only







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- Paralysis of the platysma, resulting from injury to the cervical branch of the facial nerve causes the skin to fall away from the neck in slack folds
- When suturing wounds of the neck, surgeons carefully suture the skin and edges of the platysma. If this is not done, the skin wound will be pulled in different directions by the contracting platysma muscle, and an ugly scar may develop





https://www.linkedin.com/posts/md-abubakar-health-edu-org_paralysis-treatment-management-activity-7187118363637071872--rTC/

The Deep Cervical Fascia

It is condensed to form four defined layers :

A. Investing layer (fascia coll):

It surrounds the neck like a collar, *deep* to the skin, superficial fascia and platysma.

Attachment

- **1. Posteriorly :** Ligamentum nuchae and Spine of C7 vertebra.
- 2. Anteriorly : Symphysis menti of the mandible and hyoid bone.
- **3. Superiorly :** External occipital protuberance ,Superior nucheal line ,Mastoid process and Base of the mandible.
- 4. Inferiorly : Spine of scapula ,Acromion process ,Clavicle , Manubrium sterni

Contents : The fascia split to include the following structures

- Trapezius and sternocleidomastoid
- Parotid and submandibular glands









Anteriorly









B. Prevertebral fascia:

It forms a tubular sheath for the vertebral column and the muscles

It lies in front of the prevertebral muscles, *posterior* to the visceral compartment of the neck.

It forms the axillary sheath around the axillary vessels and brachial plexuses.

<u>C. Pretracheal fascia:</u>

It lies deep to the infrahyoid muscles anterior to the viscera of the neck.

Superiorly : is attached to hyoid bone, oblique line of thyroid cartilage and cricoid cartilage

It encloses the thyroid gland.

Thyroid gland move with deglutition as the gland is attached to larynx by the pretracheal fascia.

Watch this video

https://youtube.com/shorts/Oi-6iRg6NPo?feature=shared









D. Carotid sheath

It is a tubular fascial sheath on either side of the neck that extends from the cranial base to

the root of the neck.

Contents:

- 1. Common carotid artery
- 2. Internal carotid artery
- 3. Internal jugular vein
- 4. Vagus nerve

Inferiorly, the carotid sheath and pretracheal fascia communicate freely with the

mediastinum of the thorax

Superiorly communicate with the cranial cavity

Those communications with the mediastinum and cranial cavity represent potential pathways

for the spread of infection and extravasated blood.







Muscles of the neck









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Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve Supply	Action		
Mylohyoid	Mylohyoid line of body of mandible	Body of hyoid bone		L Flowston broad bone		
Anterior belly of Digastric	Digastric fossa of the mandible	Intermediate tendon is held	Nerve to mylohyoid (Mandibular N)	If Hyoid bone is fixed		
Posterior belly of Digastric	Mastoid process	to hyoid bone	Facial nerve	2-Depress mandible		
Stylohyoid	Styloid process	Body of hyoid bone				
Geniohyoid	Inferior genial tubercle of mandible		lst cervical nerve <u>Through</u> Hypoglossal nerve			

Infrahyoid Muscles







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Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve Supply	Action
S ternohyoid	Manubrium s terni	Body of hyoid bone		Depresses <u>hyoid</u> <u>bone</u>
S ternothyroid	Manubrium sterni	Oblique line of thyroid cartilage	Ansa cervicalis; C1,2, and 3	Depresses <u>larynx</u>
Omohyoid Inferior belly	Upper margin of scapula	Intermediate tendon is held to clavicle		Depresses <u>hyoid</u> <u>bone</u>
Omohyoid Superior belly	Lower border of body of hyoid bone			
Thyrohyoid	Oblique line of thyroid cartilage	Body of hyoid bone	<u>lst cervical</u> <u>nerve</u>	







Sternocleidomastoid

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Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve Supply	Action		
Platysma	Deep fascia over pectoralis major and deltoid	Body of mandible and angle of mouth	Cervical branch of Facial nerve	Depresses mandible and angle of mouth		
Sternocleidomastoid	 Manubrium sterni medial third of clavicle 	 Mastoid process Lateral 1/3 of superior nuchal line 	-Motor by Spinal part of accessory nerve	-Right & left flex neck -one muscle rotates face to opposite side		
Splenius Capitis	 ligamentum nuchae C7-T3/4 spines 	 Mastoid process superior nuchal line 	Dorsal Rami of cervical nerves (C2-C3)	-Right & left muscles extend the neck -Turns the face to the same side		

Action of Sternomastoid







Flex neck

Torticollis

Abnormal twisting of the neck with painful spasms of the neck muscles









Scalene Muscles

There are three scalene muscles (Scalenus anterior, Scalenus medius, Scalenus Posterior)

1.Scalenus anterior muscle:

Origin : anterior tubercles of transverse process of C 3-6.

Insertion: scalene tubercle on inner border of 1st rib.

Nerve supply: anterior rami of C 4,5,6

Action:

- Bilateral contraction ,neck flexion
- Unilateral contraction , neck lateral flexion (ipsilateral),
- Elevate 1st rib.

Main relations :

- a) Anteriorly: phrenic nerve , internal jugular vein, subclavian vein
- **b) Posteriorly:** Roots of brachial plexus, 2nd part of subclavian artery & scalenus medius.
- c) Medially: 1st part of subclavian artery and its branches ,
- **d)** Laterally: Trunks of brachial plexus, 3rd part of subclavian artery.





