

Clinical intergration: Fracture of clavicle, under developed or abscence of clavicle (cleidocranial dystosis)

Anterior surface

- It is convex.
- Attachments: It gives origin to clavicular head of pectoralis major muscle (Fig. 2.3).

Posterior surface

- It is smooth, concave backward.
- *Attachments*: Near medial end, the posterior surface gives origin to *sternohyoid* muscle.
- *Relations*

Formation of brachiocephalic vein: Behind the medial end and posterior surface of medial two-thirds of clavicle, the internal jugular vein joins the subclavian vein to form brachiocephalic vein.

Brachial plexus and subclavian artery: Posterior surface of medial two-thirds is related to trunks of brachial plexus and third part of subclavian artery.

Superior surface

- It is rough in its medial part, whereas smooth in its lateral part.
- *Attachment*: It gives origin to clavicular head of *sternocleidomastoid* muscle (*Note*: Sternal head arises from the anterior surface of manubrium) (Fig. 2.4).

Inferior surface

- Inferior surface of clavicle has the following features:
 - Rough oval impression at medial end of the surface.
 - Longitudinal *subclavian groove* on lateral part of the surface.
 - Nutrient foramen at the lateral end of subclavian groove. Nutrient foramen transmits a branch of suprascapular artery. Nutrient foramen is directed away from sternal end.
- Attachments
 - *Costoclavicular ligament*: It extends from rough oval impression at the medial end of interior surface to the first costal cartilage and the first rib (Fig. 2.4).
 - *Subclavius* muscle is inserted into the subclavian groove.



- Fig. 2.4: Costoclavicular and interclavicular ligaments
- *Clavipectoral fascia* is attached to the margins of subclavian groove.

Lateral one-third of clavicle

• Lateral one-third of clavicle is flat and has superior and inferior surfaces, and anterior and posterior borders.

Anterior border

- It is rough and concave forward. It may show a small deltoid tubercle.
- *Attachment*: It gives origin to *deltoid* muscle.

Posterior border

- It is convex backward and thick.
- *Attachment*: It gives insertion to *trapezius* muscle.

Superior surface

• It is rough anteriorly and posteriorly and its middle smooth part is subcutaneous.

Inferior surface

• It shows conoid tubercle and trapezoid ridge.

• Attachments

- Coracoclavicular ligaments: It has two parts (Fig. 2.5):
- 1. Conoid part attached to conoid tubercle
- 2. Trapezoid part attached to trapezoid ridge





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- *Infraspinatus* muscle originates from infraspinous fossa and lower surface of spine.
- *Trapezius* muscle inserts on the upper lip of crest of the spine.
- *Deltoid* muscle originates from the lower lip of crest of the spine.

Acromion process

- Acromion process (acromion) is unexpended plate that projects laterally from the spine.
- Acromion has tip, lateral and medial borders, superior and inferior surfaces.
- Lateral border is continuous with the lower lip of the spine of scapula.
- Medial border of acromion has a facet for articulation with lateral end of clavicle.
- Medial border is continuous with the upper lip of the spine of scapula.
- Superior surface of acromion is rough and is subcutaneous.
- Inferior surface of acromion is smooth.

Attachments^{Viva}

- *Trapezius* inserts on medial border of acromion.
- Intermediate fibers of *deltoid* originate from the lateral border of acromion.
- *Coracoacromial ligament* extends between tip of acromion and coracoid process. They all together form coracoacromial arch.
- *Capsule of acromioclavicular joint* is attached to the margin of articular facet.

Some Interesting Facts

• Acromial angle: It lies at the junction of lateral border of acromion and lower lip of the crest of spine. Acromial angle forms a palpable subcutaneous bony prominence.

Coracoid process

- Coracoid process arises from the upper part of head of scapula.
- Coracoid process has two parts:
 - Ascending part broad and stout. It has anterior smooth and posterior rough surfaces.
 - Horizontal part projects forward. It has lateral and medial borders, upper and lower surfaces, and a tip.

Attachments^{Viva, NEXT}

1, 2. *Short head of biceps brachii* and *coracobrachialis* originate from the tip of coracoid process.

- 3. *Pectoralis minor* inserts on the medial border of horizontal part of coracoid process.
- 4. *Coracoclavicular ligament*: It has two parts: *Conoid part* is attached at the junction ascending and horizontal parts.

Trapezoid part is attached to ridge on the superior surface of horizontal part of coracoid process.

- 5. *Coracoacromial ligament* is attached to the lateral border of horizontal part.
- 6. *Coracohumeral ligament* is attached to the root of coracoid process.

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Some Interesting Facts

- *Atavistic epiphysis*: Coracoid process in reptiles is a separate bone but in human, it is a part of scapula. Thus, coracoid process represents atavistic epiphysis (phylogenetically independent bone).^{MCQ, Viva}
- *Palpation of tip of coracoid process*: It can be felt through the skin, about 2.5 cm below the clavicle (at the junction of later one-fifth and medial four-fifths at the lateral border of infraclavicular fossa).
- Infraclavicular part of brachial plexus lies medial and inferior to the coracoid process.

Ossification

- Scapula ossifies from eight centers as follows (Fig. 2.13):
- One primary center for body appears in 8th week of intrauterine life.
- Seven secondary centers:
 - Two for coracoid process
 - Two for acromion
 - One for medial border
 - One for inferior angle
 - One for glenoid cavity (lower margin)
- First secondary center appears for coracoid process in first year of life. All other secondary centers appear at puberty.



Fig. 2.13: Ossification of scapula (right scapula, posterior view on the left and right lateral view on the right, Primary center – violet color, secondary centers – orange color).

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• *Posterior oblique line* is the upper oblique part of the posterior border that runs obliquely downward and laterally.

Medial (interosseous) border

- Medial border is the sharpest border of radius.
- It begins from posteroinferior part of radial tuberosity.
- In its lower part, the medial border bifurcates to enclose a *triangular area* just above the ulnar notch of radius. [*Previous concept*: This small triangular area may be considered as medial surface of radius.]
- Attachments
 - Interosseous membrane is attached to the lower threefourths of interosseous border and to the posterior border of the above-mentioned triangular area.
 - *Pronator quadratus* inserts on the lower-fourth of the anterior surface and triangular area on the medial side of the lower end of radius.

Surfaces

• Radius has three surfaces: Anterior, posterior, and lateral.

Anterior surface

- It lies between anterior and interosseous borders.
- It is narrow above and broader below.
- It is concave anteriorly.
- *Nutrient foramen* is present in the upper part of anterior surface. It is directed upward, as the lower end of radius is growing end. *Viva*
- Nutrient artery of the radius is the branch of anterior interosseous artery.^{MCQ}
- Attachments
 - *Flexor pollicis longus* originates from upper twothirds of anterior surface of radial shaft.
 - *Pronator quadratus* inserts on the lower-fourth of anterior surface and a small triangular area on the medial side of radius.

Posterior surface

- It lies between posterior and interosseous borders.
- Attachments
 - *Abductor pollicis longus* and *extensor pollicis brevis* originate from the posterior surface of radius.

Lateral surface

- It lies between anterior and posterior borders.
- It is convex laterally. A rough oblique ridge is present in the middle of the posterior surface and marks the maximum convexity of the bone.
- Lateral surface is wider above and is continuous with the neck.
- Attachments
 - *Pronator teres* inserts in the middle of the lateral surface.
 - *Supinator* inserts on the upper part of the lateral surface.

Lower End

- Lower end of radius is broad and expanded.
- It has 5 surfaces: Anterior, posterior, medial, lateral, and inferior.

Anterior surface of lower end

- It has a thick ridge that separates the anterior surface of shaft of radius from inferior surface of lower end of radius.
- Attachments
 - *Palmar radiocarpal ligament* is attached to the ridge-like anterior surface of lower end.

Posterior surface of lower end

It is broad and has grooves and tubercle.

Dorsal tubercle of Lister: It is small pointed tubercle on the posterior surface of radius.^{Viva}

Grooves: Posterior surface shows four shallow grooves.

- Relations of grooves^{Viva, NEXT}
 - 1. Lateral most groove through the groove on the posterior surface of styloid process, the tendons of abductor pollicis longus and extensor pollicis brevis are passing.^{NEXT}
 - 2. Second groove (between Lister's tubercle and styloid process) gives passage the extensor carpi radialis longus and extensor carpi radialis brevis tendon.^{NEXT}
 - 3. Oblique groove (medial to Lister's tubercle) gives passage to extensor pollicis longus tendon. *Viva*, *NEXT*
 - 4. Fourth groove (on the medial side of oblique groove) gives passage to extensor digitorum, extensor indicis, posterior interosseous nerve, and anterior interosseous artery.

Medial surface of lower end

- It has *ulnar notch* for head of ulna to form inferior *radioulnar joint*.
- Smooth ridge that separates ulnar notch from inferior surface gives attachment to base of *triangular articular disc* of inferior radioulnar joint.

Lateral surface of lower end

- Lateral surface of the lower end forms *styloid process*.
- It projects downward beyond the rest of the bone.
- Lateral surface of styloid process has groove that gives passage to tendons of abductor pollicis longus and extensor pollicis brevis.^{Viva} Radial artery lies medial to the styloid process of radius.^{NEXT}
- Attachments
 - Brachioradialis inserts at the base of styloid process.^{NEXT}
 - *Radial collateral ligament* is attached to the tip of styloid process.

Inferior surface of lower end (Fig. 4.7)

- It is concave and triangular.
- It is covered by articular cartilage and participate in wrist joint.^{NEXT}



Triquetrum

Lunate

Scaphoid

Scaphoid Lunate Triquetrum

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