

Relations of Axillary Artery

| | 1st part | 2nd part | 3rd part |
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| Anterior | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clavicular head of pectoralis major, • Subclavius • clavi-pectoral fascia. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pectoralis minor • pectoralis major . | <p>-Upper ½: Pectoralis major & medial root of median nerve crossing from medial to lateral.</p> <p>-Lower ½ : Superficial covered only by skin & fascia therefore its pulsation is easily felt.</p> |
| Posterior | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serratus anterior • Nerve to serratus anterior (long thoracic nerve) . • Medial cord of brachial plexus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posterior cords of brachial plexus • Subscapularis muscle. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper ½: Axillary nerve & subscapularis muscle. • Lower ½ : Radial nerve & posterior fold of the axilla (teres major and latissimus dorsi muscles). |
| Medial | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axillary vein. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medial cord of brachial plexus • Axillary vein . | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulnar nerve & medial cutaneous nerve of forearm separating the artery from axillary vein . |
| Lateral | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lateral & posterior cords of brachial plexus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lateral cords of brachial plexus • Coracobrachialis muscle . | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musculo-cutaneous , lateral root of median nerve, trunk of median nerve. • Coracobrachialis muscle . |

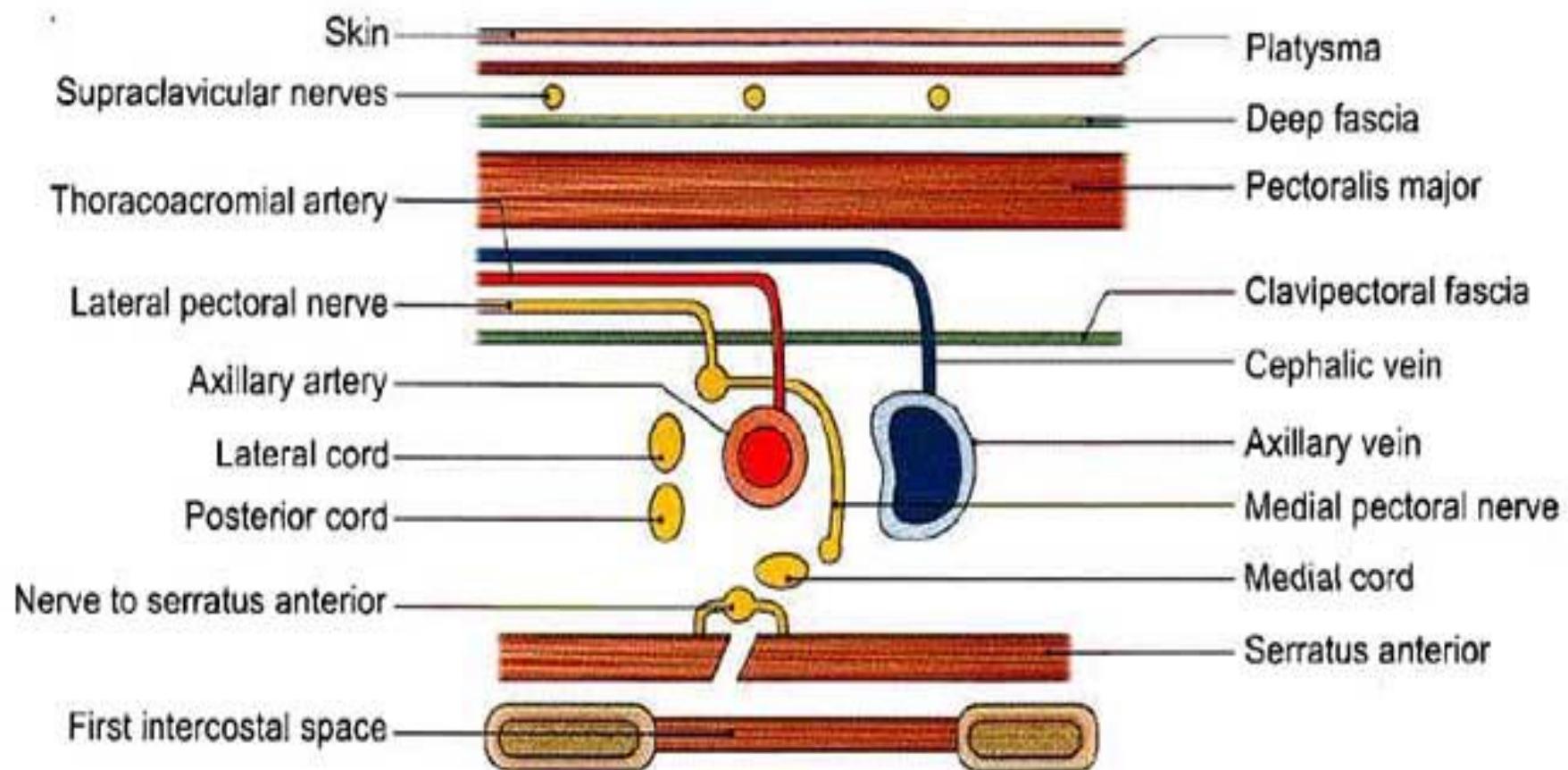


Fig. 4.7a: Relations of first part of axillary artery

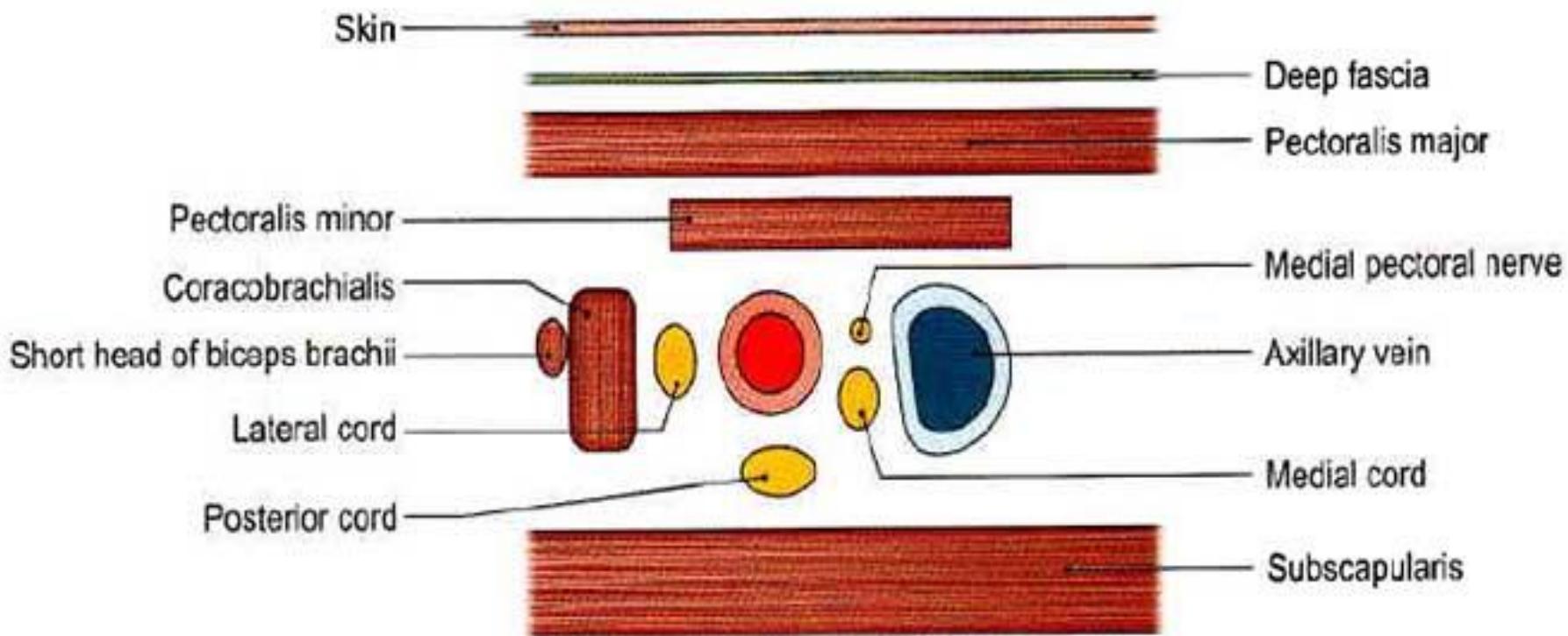


Fig. 4.7b: Relations of second part of axillary artery

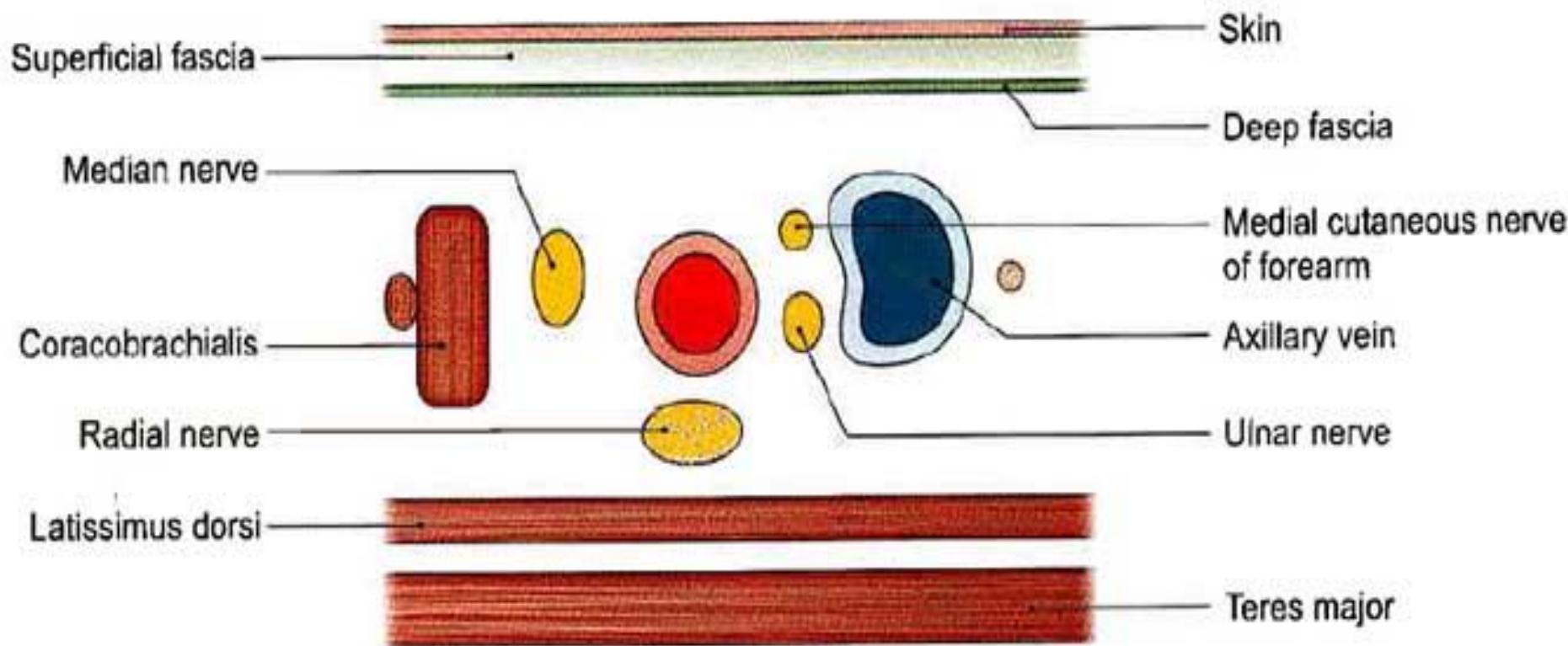


Fig. 4.7d: Relations of third part of axillary artery (lower part)