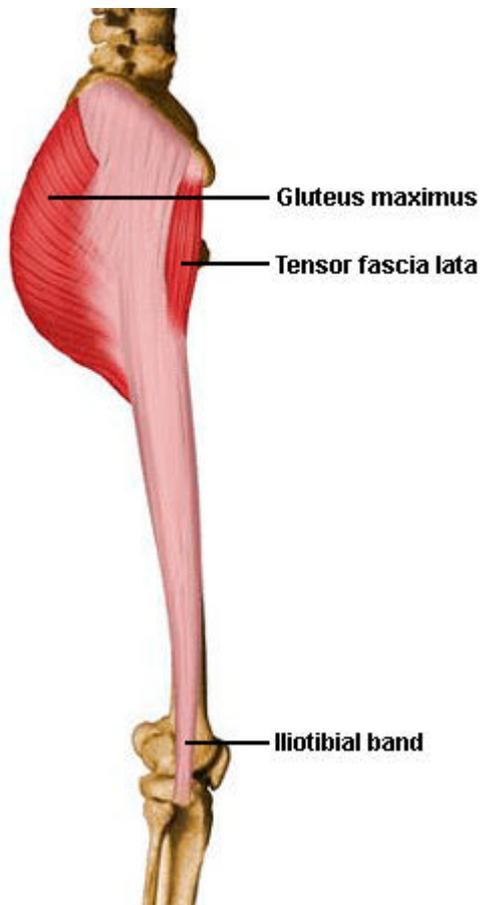


## Trunk Muscles



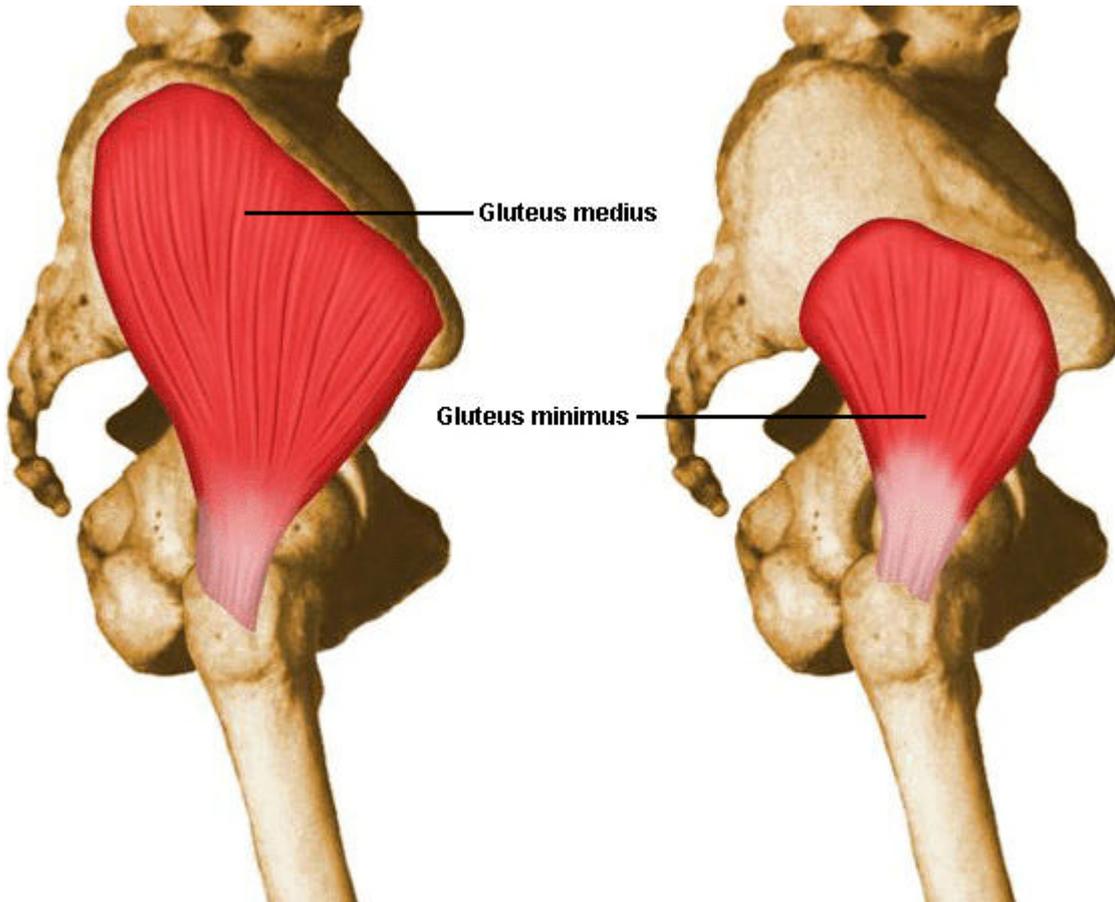
### *Gluteus maximus*

**Origin:** Iliac crest to the sacrum/coccyx

**Insertion:** Femur

**Action:** Retraction of the leg and lateral rotation of the leg

Fig.1 Gluteus maximus.



*Gluteus medius:*

Origin: Iliac cre  
 Insertion: Femu  
 (Great  
 Trochanter)  
 Action: Lateral  
 and medial  
 rotation and  
 abduction

*Gluteus minim*

Origin: Iliac cre  
 Insertion: Femu  
 (Great  
 Trochanter)  
 Action: Lateral  
 and medial  
 rotation and  
 abduction

Fig.2 Gluteus medius and Gluteus minimus.

*Erector spinae*

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Origin: Transverse processes on the vertebral column  
 Insertion: Transverse and spinous process on the  
 vertebral column  
 Action: Antagonists to the abdominal muscles.  
 Hyperextension and extension of the spine

Fig.3 Erector  
 spinae.



### *Trapezius*

**Origin:** Skull to the vertebral column  
**Insertion:** Scapula  
**Action:** Rotation of the scapula, retraction of the skull

### *Latissimus dorsi*

**Origin:** Vertebral column to the sacrum and ilium  
**Insertion:** Humerus  
**Action:** Adduction and some retraction

Fig.4 Trapezius and Latissimus dorsi.

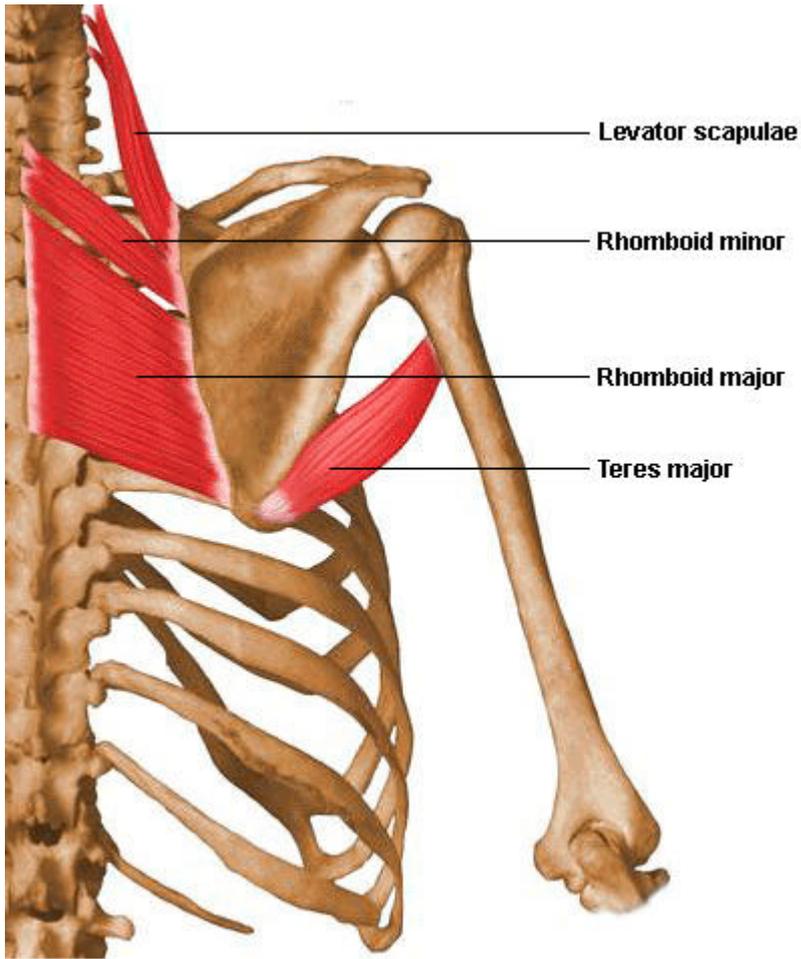


Fig.5 Rhomboids, Teres major and Levator scapulae.

*Rhomboids*

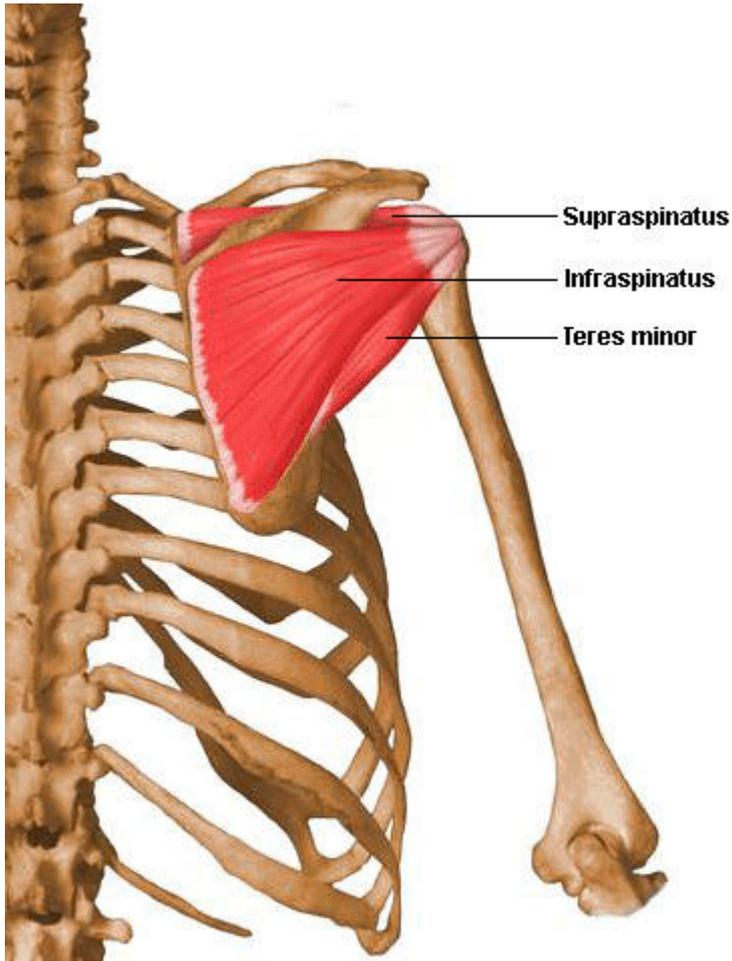
**Origin:** Vertebral column  
**Insertion:** Scapula  
**Action:** Rotation of the scapula

*Teres major*

**Origin:** Scapula  
**Insertion:** Humerus  
**Action:** Adduction of the arm

*Levator scapulae*

**Origin:** Cervical vertebral column  
**Insertion:** top of the scapula  
**Action:** Raises the scapula



### *Supraspinatus*

**Origin: Scapula**  
**Insertion: Humerus**  
**Action: Adduction of the arm, rotation**

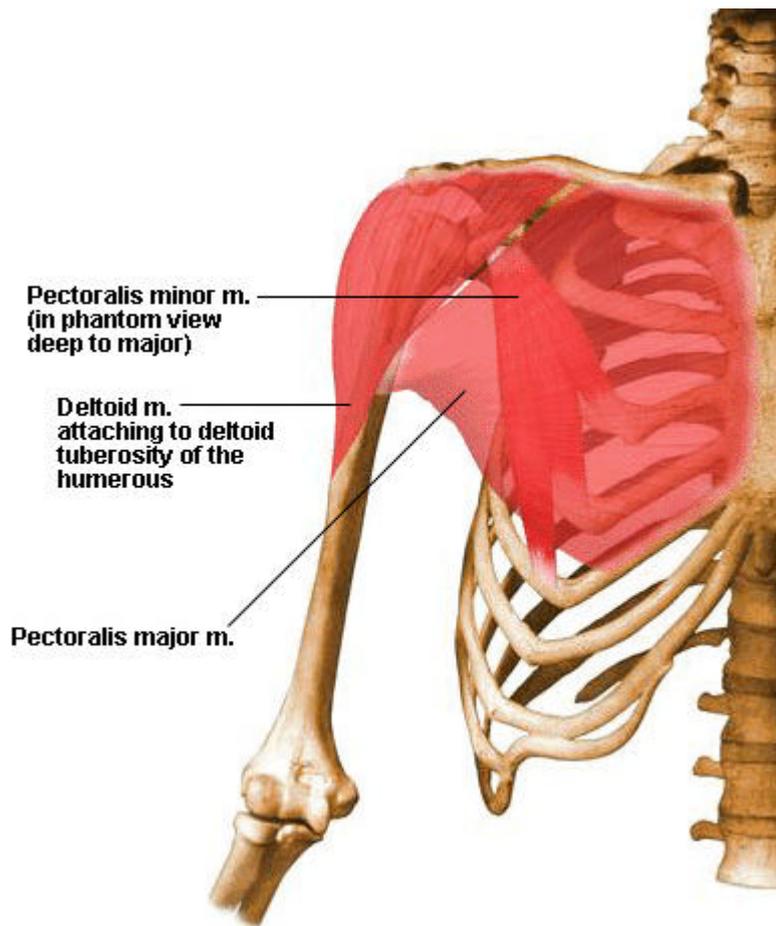
### *Infraspinatus*

**Origin: Scapula**  
**Insertion: Humerus**  
**Action: Adduction of the arm, rotation**

### *Teres minor*

**Origin: Scapula**  
**Insertion: Humerus**  
**Action: Adduction of the arm, rotation**

Fig.6 Supraspinatus, Infraspinatus and Teres minor.



### *Pectoralis major*

**Origin:** Sternum to  
the clavicle

**Insertion:** Humerus  
**Action:** Adduction

### *Deltoides*

**Origin:** Scapula  
and clavicle

**Insertion:** Humerus  
**Action:** Moves the  
arm; abduction,  
rotation and  
retraction

Fig.7 Pectoralis major and Deltoideus.

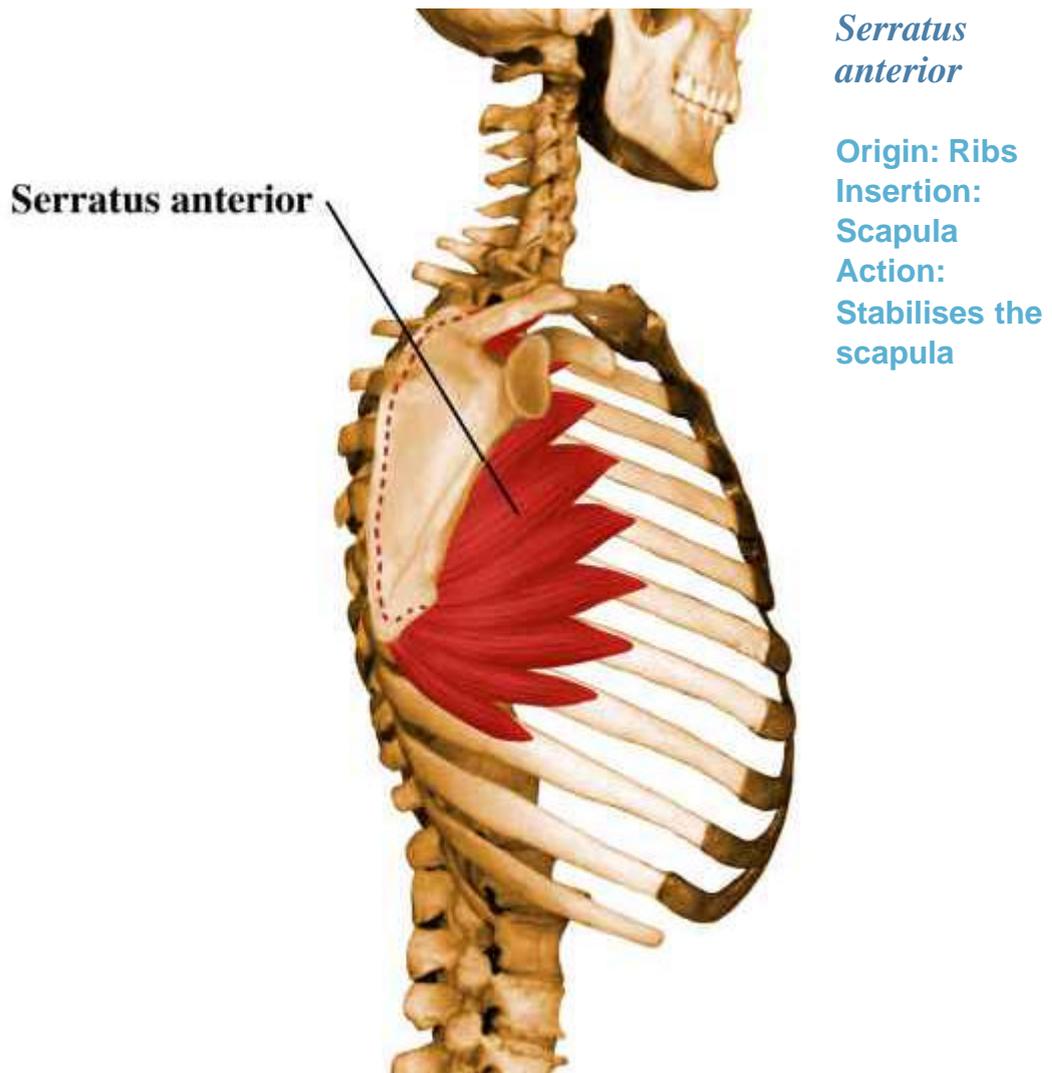


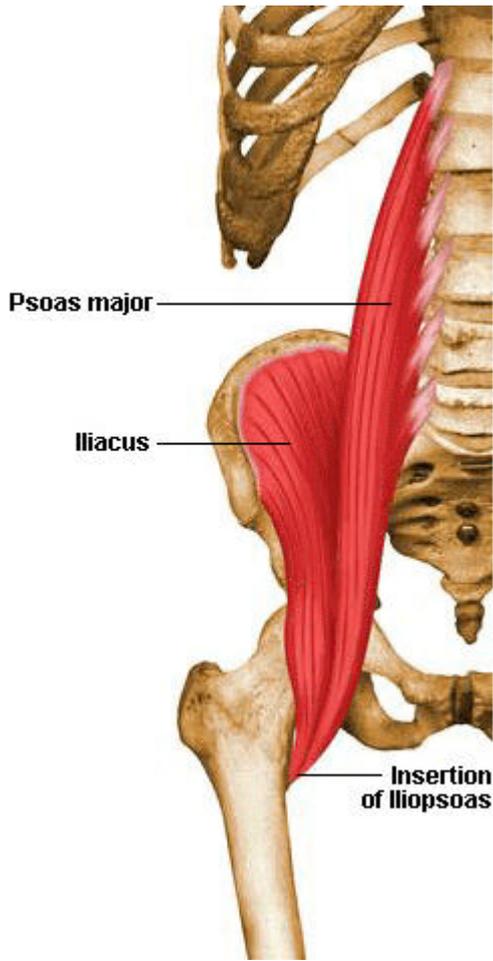
Fig.8 Serratus anterior.

### *Splenius capitus*

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Origin: Top of the vertebral column  
Insertion: Base of the skull  
Action: Hyper extend the vertebrae and lateral flexing

Fig.9 Splenius capitus.



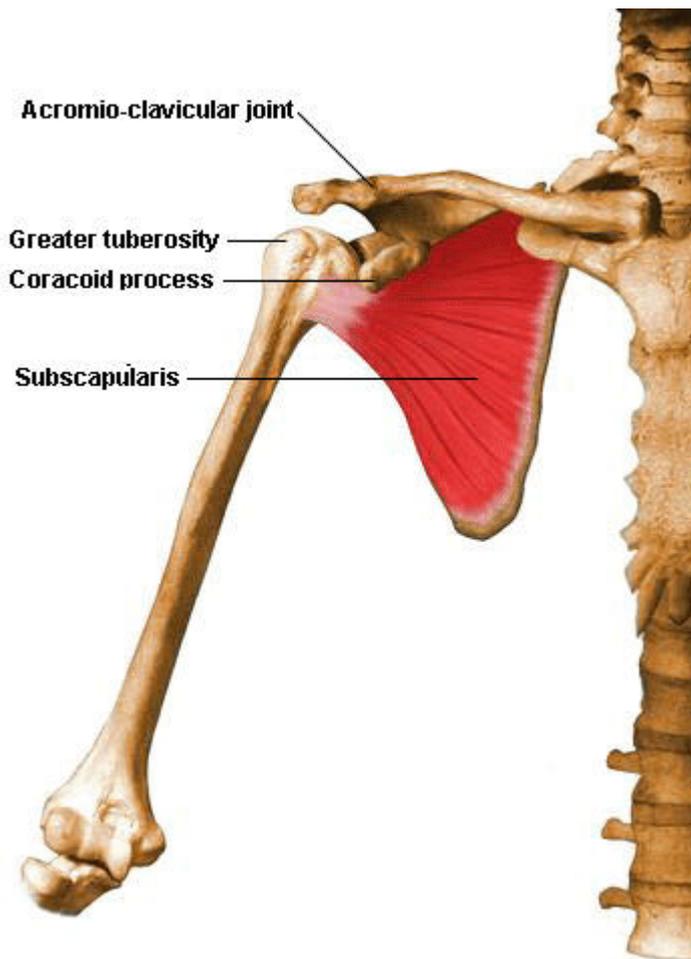
### *Psoas*

Origin: Base of the vertebral column  
Insertion: Top and medial of the femur  
Action: Hip flexor

### *Iliacus*

Origin: Iliac crest  
Insertion: Top and medial of the femur  
Action: Hip flexor

Fig.10 Psoas and Iliacus.



*Subscapularis*

**Origin:** Scapula  
**Insertion:** Humerus  
**Action:** Medial rotation and stabilises the shoulder

Fig.11 Subscapularis.

*Sternocleidomastoid*

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**Origin:**  
**Insertion:**  
**Action:**

Fig.12 Sternocleidomastoid.

*Abdominus rectus*

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**Origin:** Sternum  
**Insertion:** Pubis  
**Action:** Flexing lumbar vertebrae

Fig.13 Abdominus rectus.

### *Abdominus transversalis*

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**Origin: -**  
**Insertion: -**  
**Action: Supporting trunk muscles**

Fig.14 Abdominus transversalis.

### *Internal oblique*

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**Origin: Pelvic girdle**  
**Insertion: Linea alba**  
**Action: Twisting the trunk**

Fig.15 Internal oblique.

### *External oblique*

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**Origin: Ribs**  
**Insertion: Pelvic girdle (opposite side)**  
**Action: Twisting the trunk**

Fig.16 External oblique.