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2nd Lab: Larynx and vocal cords

• Larynx

-From the middle of C3 to the lower border of C6

1. Cartilage

3 single and 3 pairs

A. Single:

- 1. Epiglottis
 - Leaf-shaped





Outer surface has oral epithelium (stratified squamous non-keratinized) Inner surface has respiratory epithelium (pseudostratified ciliated columnar with goblet cells)

- 2. Cricoid
 - signet ring shaped
 - Most inferior cartilage





• You should know the parts of cricoid cartilage:



- The esophagus is attached to the ridge.
- Depressions are for attachment of the posterior crico-arytenoid muscles.
- Has two articular facets on each side
- One facet is on the sloping superolateral surface and articulates with the base of an arytenoid cartilage.
- The other facet is on the lateral surface near its base and is for articulation with the inferior horn of the thyroid cartilage

3. Thyroid

-The largest one



You should know the parts of thyroid cartilage :



- The medial surface of the **inferior horn** has a facet for articulation with the **cricoid cartilage.**
- The superior horn is connected by a ligament to the posterior end of the greater horn of the hyoid bone.
- The **oblique line** is a site of attachment for the **extrinsic muscles** of the larynx (sternothyroid, thyrohyoid, and inferior constrictor).

B- Paired:

- 1. Arytenoid
 - Pyramid shaped



• You should know the parts of arytenoid cartilage:



- Vocal process where the vocal ligament is attached
- Muscular process for attachment of the posterior and lateral crico-arytenoid muscles.

2. Corniculate

Conical cartilages



3. Cuneiform



- Suspended in Quadrangular membrane (aryepiglottic fold)
- Lie anterior to the corniculate cartilages

2- Ligaments

- A. The Extrinsic ligaments :
- 1. Cricotracheal ligament
- 2. The hyo-epiglottic ligament
- 3. Thyrohyoid ligament and membrane
 - The posterior borders of the thyrohyoid membrane are thickened to form the **lateral thyrohyoid ligaments**.
 - Also, thickened anteriorly in the midline to form the **median thyrohyoid ligament**.
- Triticeal cartilage in each side



- An aperture in the lateral part of the **thyrohyoid membrane** on each side is for:
 - 1- The superior laryngeal arteries
 - 2- Internal laryngeal nerves
 - 3- Lymphatics





B. the Intrinsic ligaments (membranes) :

1. Cricothyroid ligament or cricovoacl ligament (conus elasticus)

Upper free margin attaches:

• Anteriorly to the **thyroid cartilage**.

• Posteriorly to the **vocal processes** of the arytenoid cartilages.

• The free margin is thickened to form the **vocal ligament**

- Median cricothyroid ligament
- 2. Quadrangular membrane
 - Free lower margin is thickened to form the vestibular ligament under the vestibular fold (false 'vocal cord')

2-Muscles

• The Intrinsic muscles







Cricothyroid ligame







Muscle	Origin & Insertion	Action	Nerve supply
Cricothyroid muscle	 The oblique part runs in a posterior direction from the arch of the cricoid to the inferior horn of the thyroid cartilage. The straight part runs more vertically from the arch of the cricoid to the posteroinferior margin of the thyroid lamina. 	Tenses vocal cords	External laryngeal nerve
Posterior crico- arytenoid muscle	The fibers of each muscle originate from the Back of cricoid cartilage to the muscular processes of the arytenoid cartilage	Abducts the vocal cords	Recurrent laryngeal nerve
Lateral crico-arytenoid muscle	Originates from the Upper border of cricoid cartilage and insert on the muscular process of the arytenoid	Adducts the vocal cords	Recurrent laryngeal nerve
Transverse arytenoid	Originates from Back and medial surface of arytenoid cartilage and insert in the Back and medial surface of opposite arytenoid cartilage	Closes posterior part of rima glottidis	Recurrent laryngeal nerve
Thyroarytenoid (vocalis)	From the Inner surface of thyroid cartilage to the Arytenoid cartilage	Relaxes true vocal cords	Recurrent laryngeal nerve

Oblique arytenoid	From the Muscular process of arytenoid cartilage to the Apex of opposite arytenoid cartilage	Narrows the laryngeal inlet	Recurrent laryngeal nerve
Thyroepiglottic (aryepiglottic muscles)	From the Medial surface of thyroid cartilage to the Lateral margin of epiglottis and aryepiglottic fold	Widens the laryngeal inlet	Recurrent laryngeal nerve

- The extrinsic muscles :
 - A. Elevators of the larynx:
 - 1. Digastric muscle
 - 2. Stylohyoid
 - 3. Myelohyoid
 - 4. Geniohyoid
 - B. Depressors of the larynx:
 - 1. Sternothyroid
 - 2. Sternohyoid
 - 3. Omohyoid



• Vocal cords:





	True vocal cord	False vocal cord			
Ligaments	Vocal ligament ,from the upper free edge of conus elasticus (cricothyroid membrane)	Vestibular ligament ,from the lower free edge of quadrangular membrane			
Mucous membrane	stratified squamous non- keratinized	pseudostratified ciliated columnar with goblet cells			
Blood vessels and lymphatics	No White color	Yes Red color			
Submucosa	No	Yes			
Movable	Yes	No			
Other info	It extends by vocalis muscle	Superior and lateral to the vocal cord			
Picture					
True Vocal Cords (= "Folds" or "Ligaments") Anterior Thyroid cartilage Cricoid cartilage Vocal ligaments of true vocal cords Arytenoid cartilage Corniculate cartilage					
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• Blood supply:

-The superior laryngeal artery originates from the superior thyroid branch of the external carotid artery.

-The **inferior laryngeal artery** originates from the **inferior thyroid** branch of the **thyrocervical trunk** of the **subclavian artery**.



• Venous drainage:

-Superior Laryngeal vein \longrightarrow Superior Thyroid vein \longrightarrow Internal Jugular vein -Inferior Laryngeal vein \longrightarrow Inferior Thyroid vein \longrightarrow Left Brachiocephalic vein



• Nerve supply:

-The nerve supply of the larynx:

- 1. Superior laryngeal nerves.
- 2. Recurrent laryngeal nerves.

Motor innervation : recurrent laryngeal nerve expect cricothyroid muscle , it innervated by external laryngeal nerve.

Sensory innervation: above the true vocal cord \rightarrow internal laryngeal nerve below the true vocal cord \rightarrow recurrent laryngeal nerve

- The Superior Laryngeal Nerve is accompanied by the Superior Thyroid Artery.
- The recurrent laryngeal nerve is accompanied by the inferior thyroid artery.
- Section of the Recurrent laryngeal nerve:
 - 1- Unilateral complete section: Speech not greatly affected
 - 2- Bilateral complete section: Breathing is impaired since the rima glottis is partially close and speech is lost.
 - 3- Unilateral partial section : Hoarseness of the voice
- 4- Bilateral partial section:
 -Acute breathlessness (Dyspnea) and stridor follow
 -Lead to suffocation so tracheostmy is necessary





Other pictures from Doctor's slides :









