

# Respiratory System

Exchange O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> between atmosphere and blood

## 1) Conducting passages

Nose/ nasal cavities

Pharynx

Larynx

Trachea

Bronchi (within lungs)

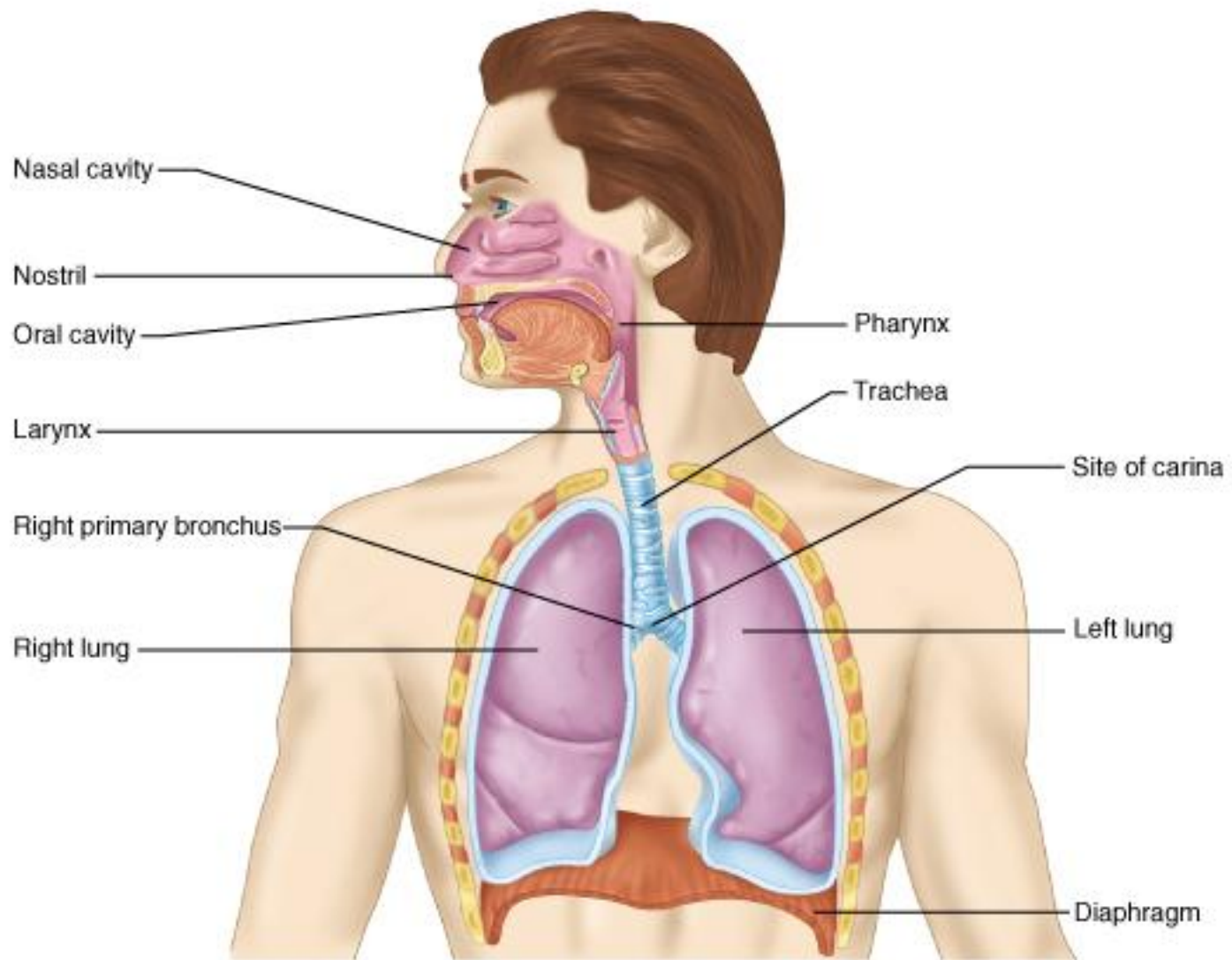
Bronchioles (within lungs)

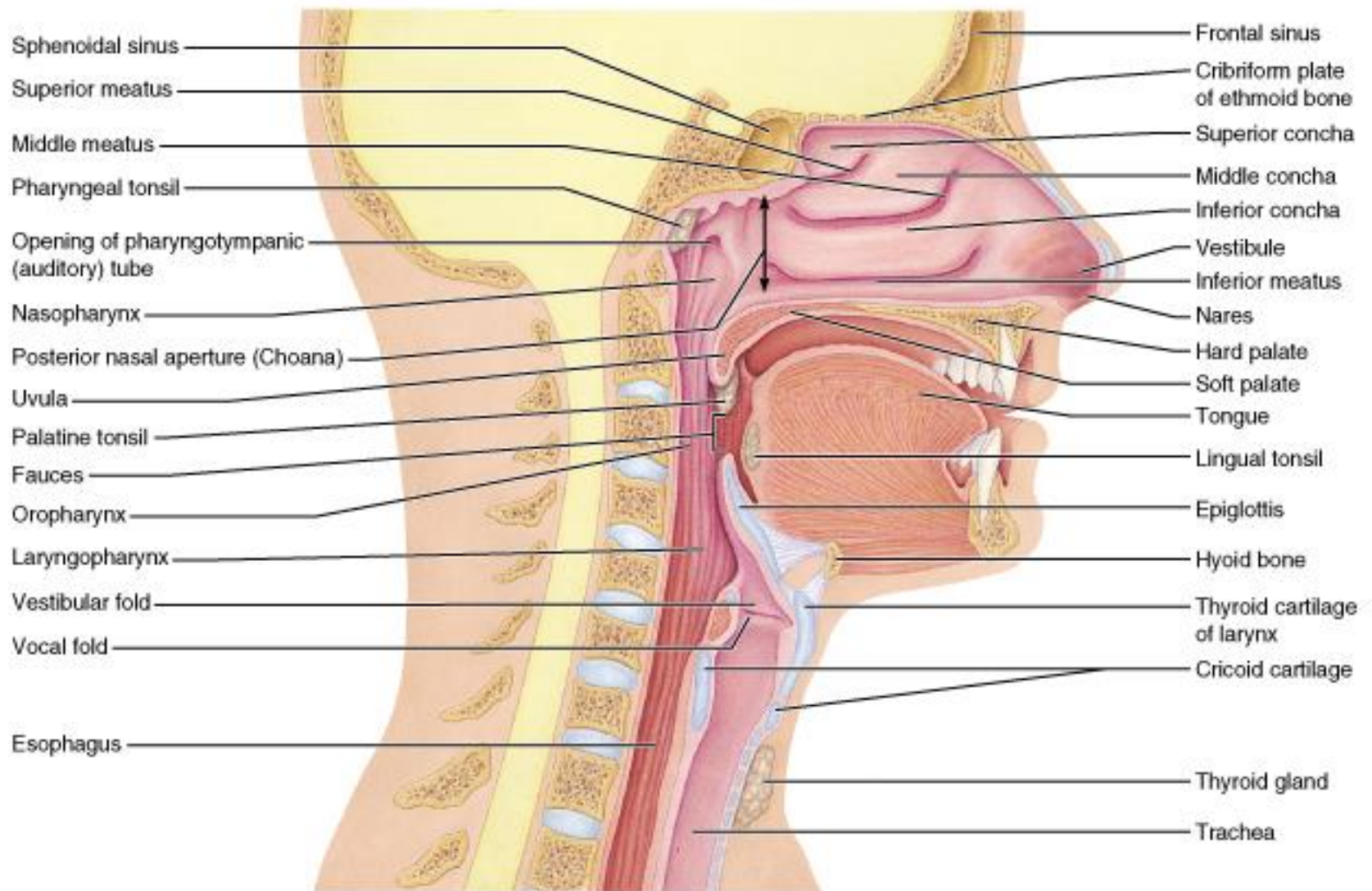
## 2) Respiratory passages (within lungs)

Respiratory bronchioles

Alveolar ducts, sacs

Alveoli

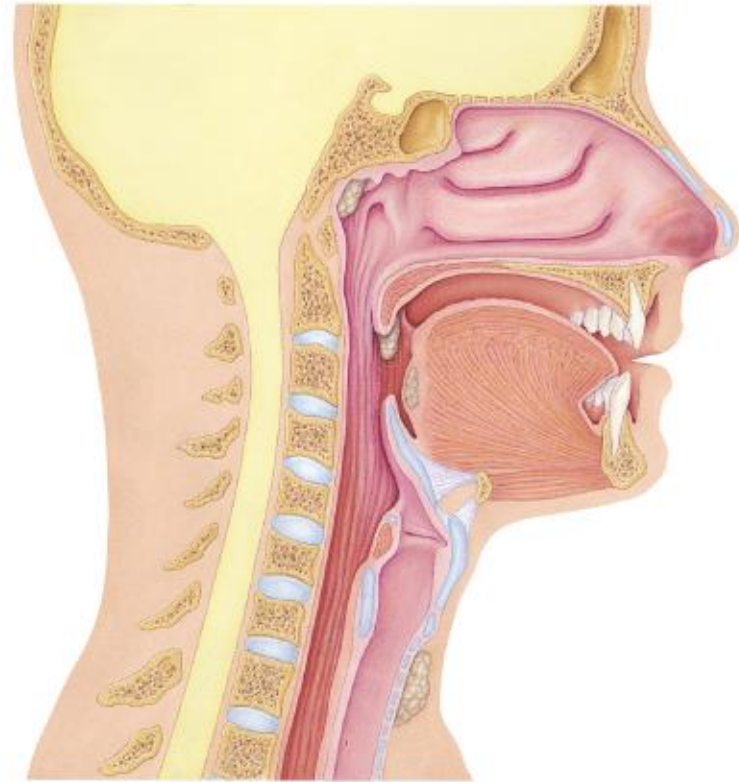




# Nose – Nasal Cavities

## Function

- 1) Cleanse
- 2) Warm
- 3) Humidify air
- 4) Olfaction



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# Structure

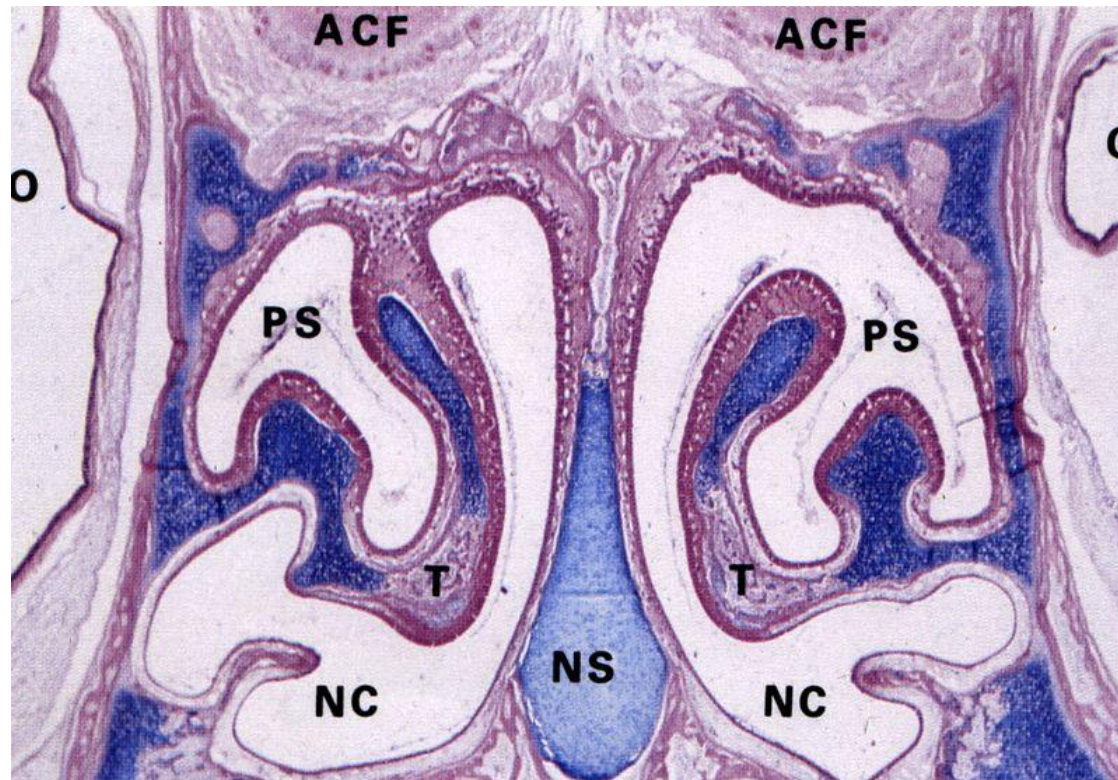
Bone

Cartilage

**Mucous membrane = mucosa**

1) Epithelium

2) Underlying connective tissue

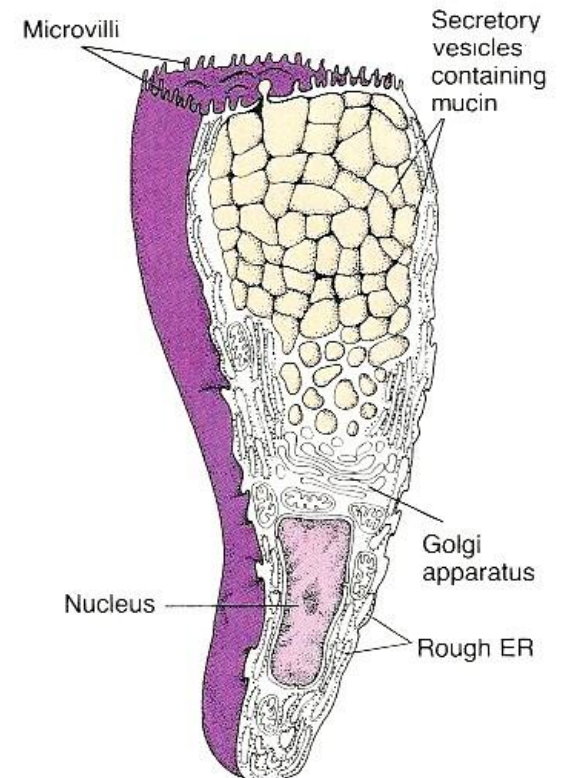


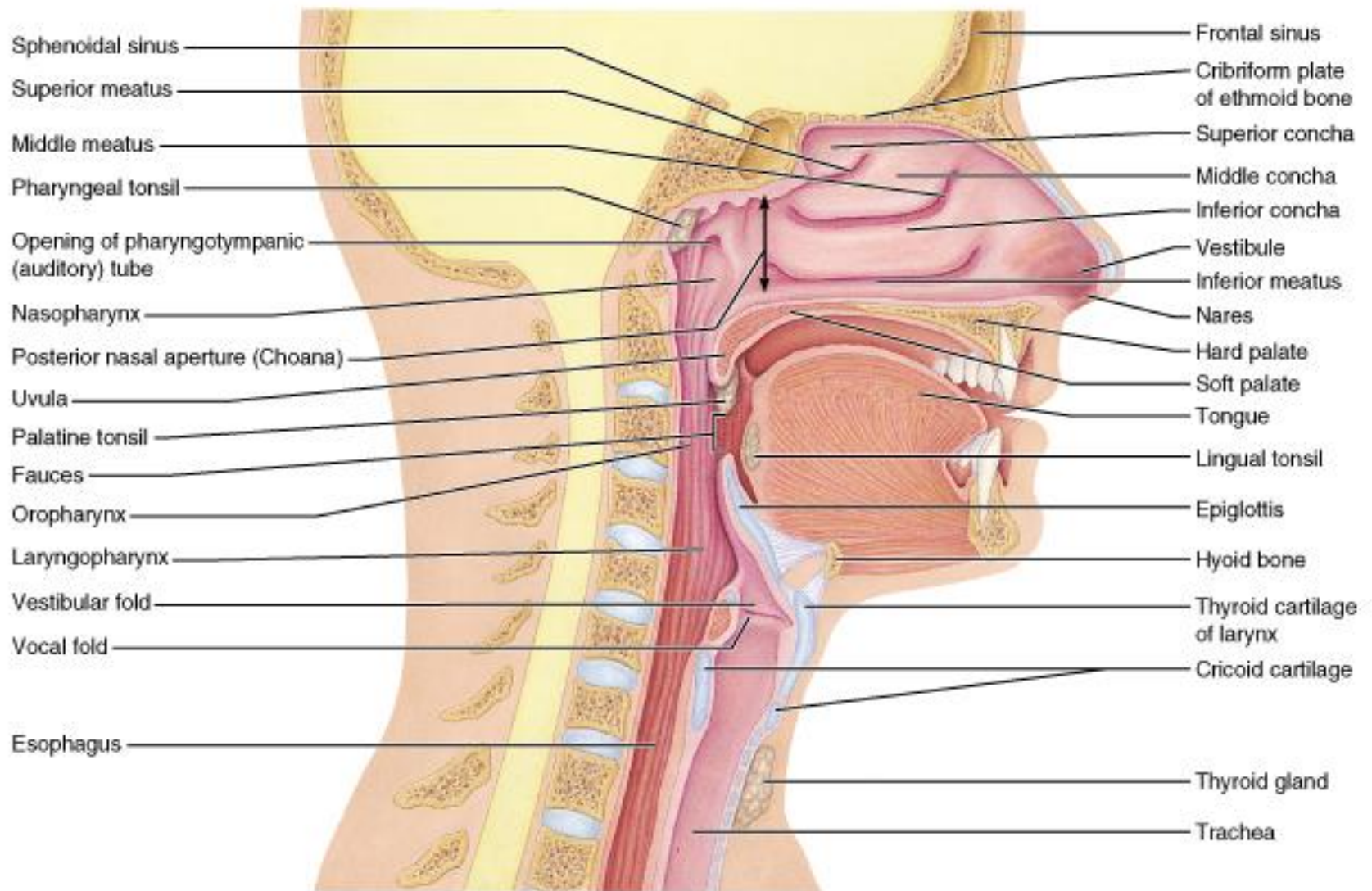
# Mucous membrane = mucosa

## 1) Epithelium

### Pseudostratified columnar epithelium with cilia and goblet cells

Goblet cells are mucus secreting cells shaped like goblets due to apical region filled with mucus





# Pharynx

Lacks anterior wall; opens to nose, mouth, and larynx anteriorly

- 1) Nasal (naso-)pharynx
- 2) Oral (oro-)pharynx
- 3) Laryngeal (laryngo-)pharynx (hypopharynx)

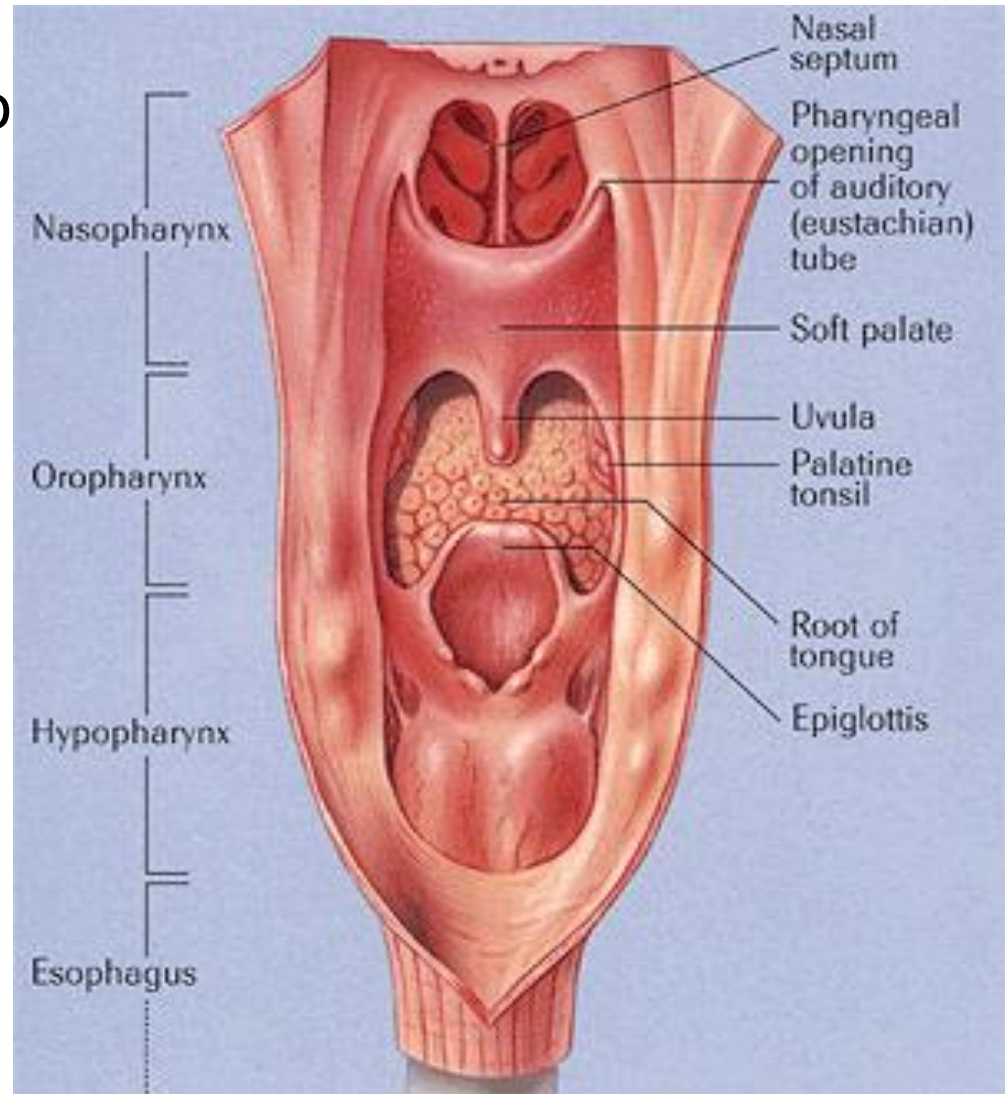
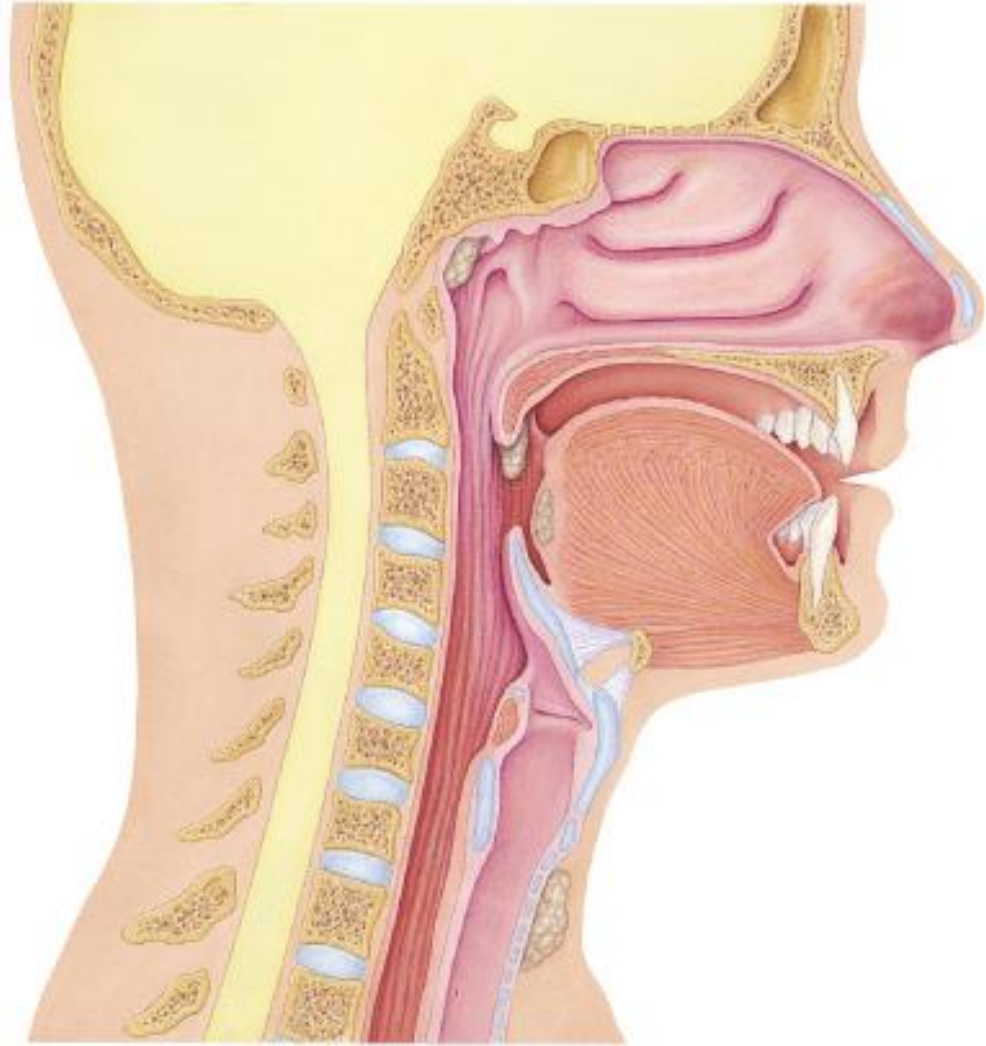


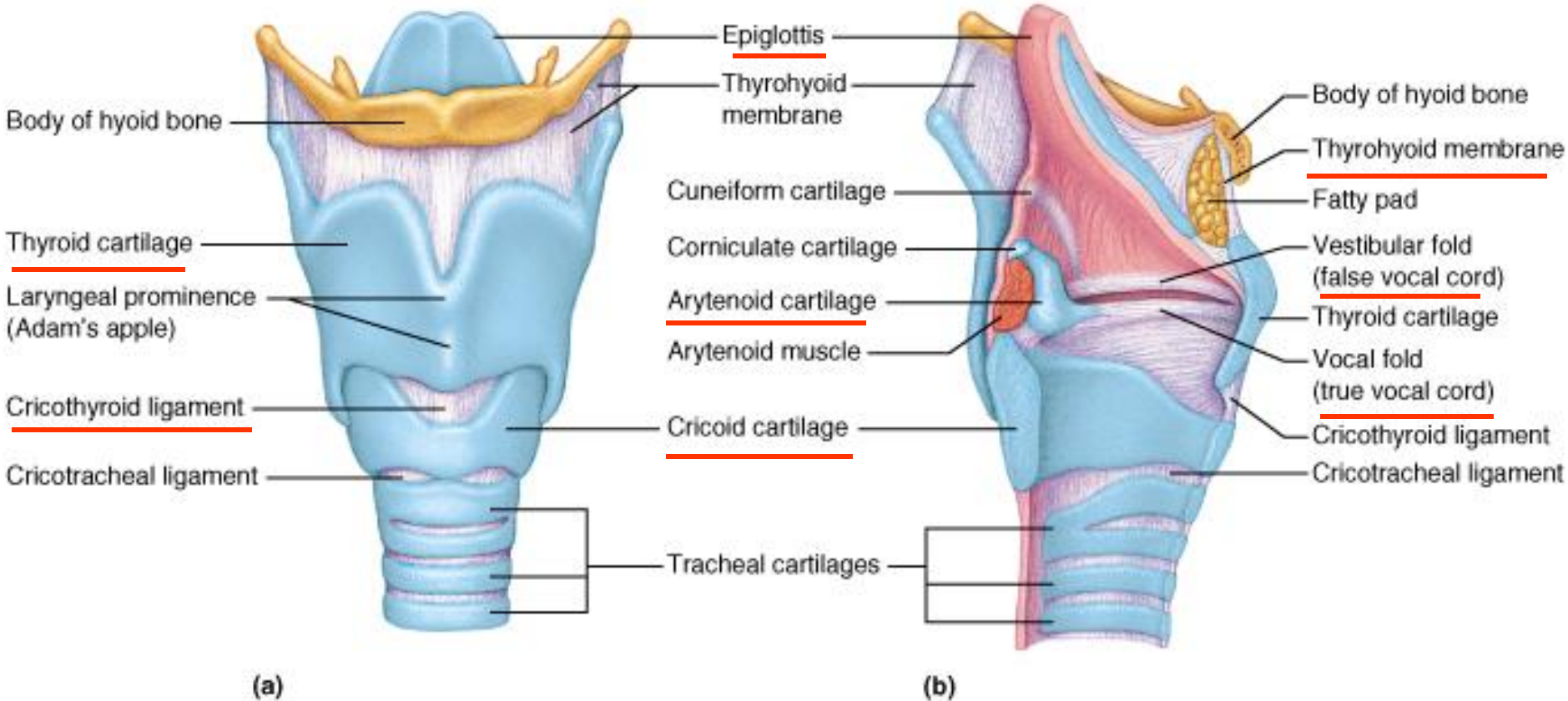
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# Larynx: Skeleton





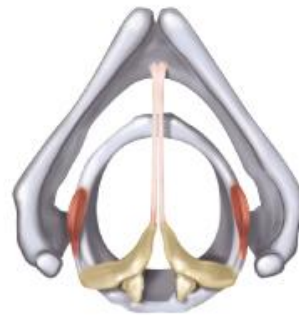
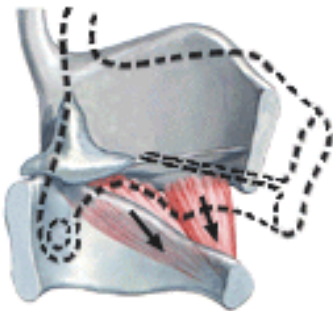
# Major Movements of Larynx

## 1) Thyroid cartilage hinges on cricoid cartilage

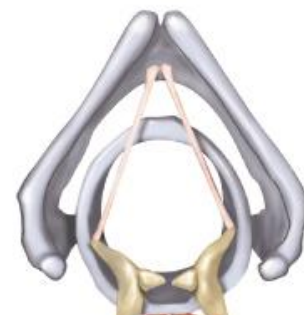
Tenses or loosens the vocal cords

## 2) Arytenoid cartilages pivot on cricoid cartilage

Open and close the glottis (space between the vocal cords)



(a)



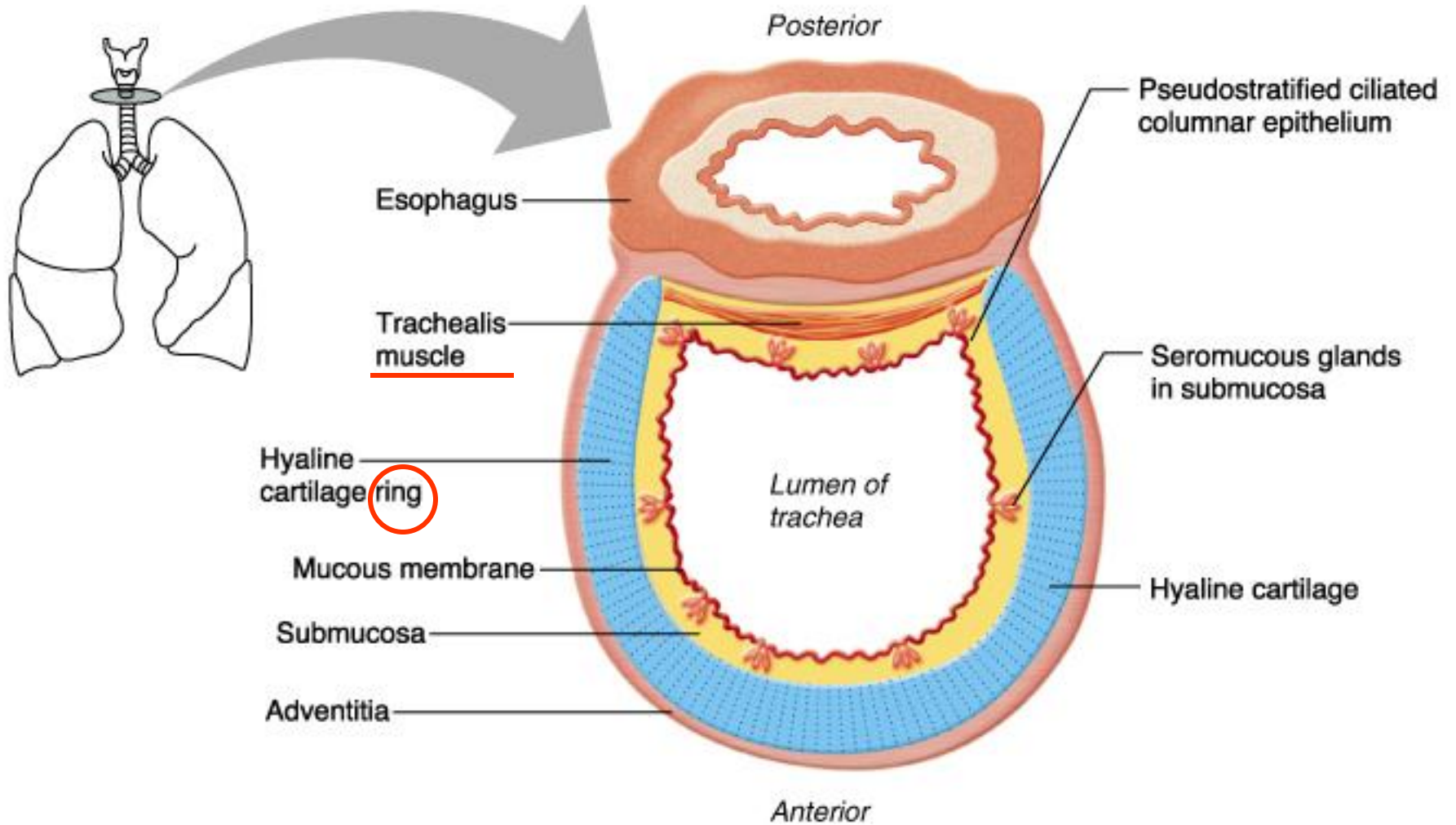
(c)



(b)



(d)



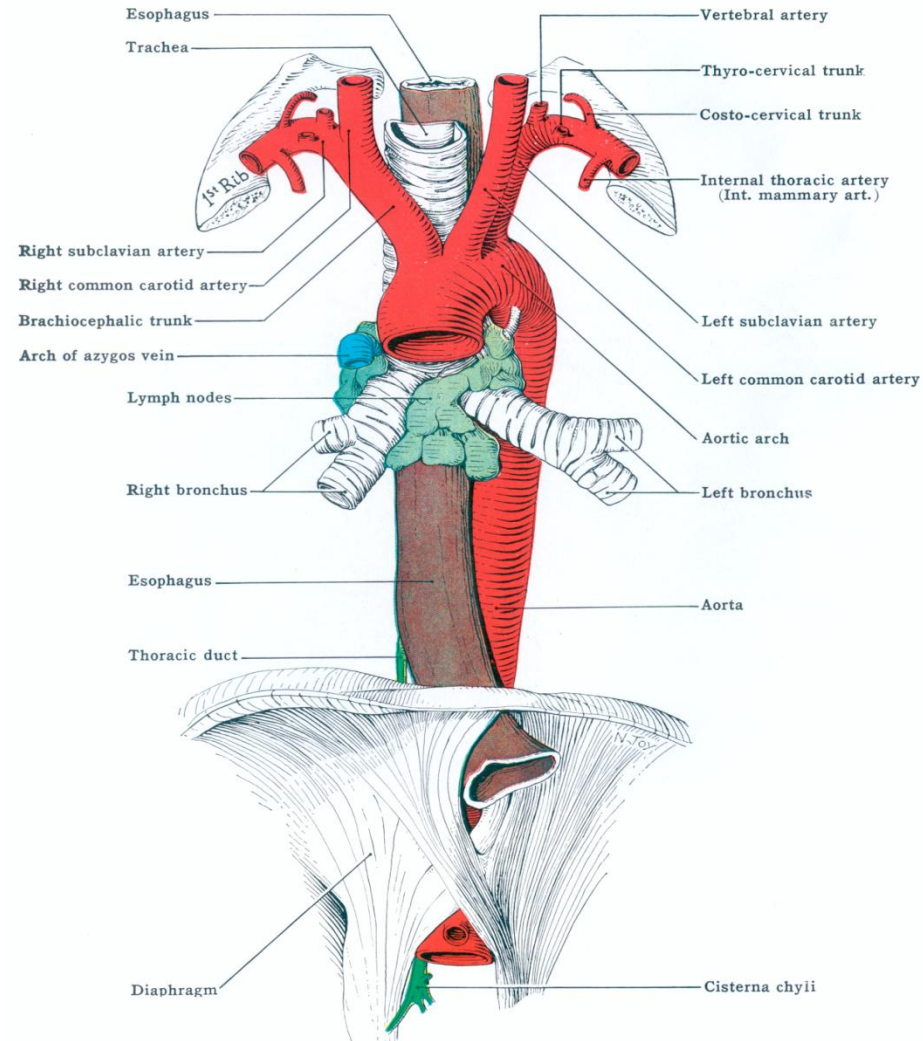
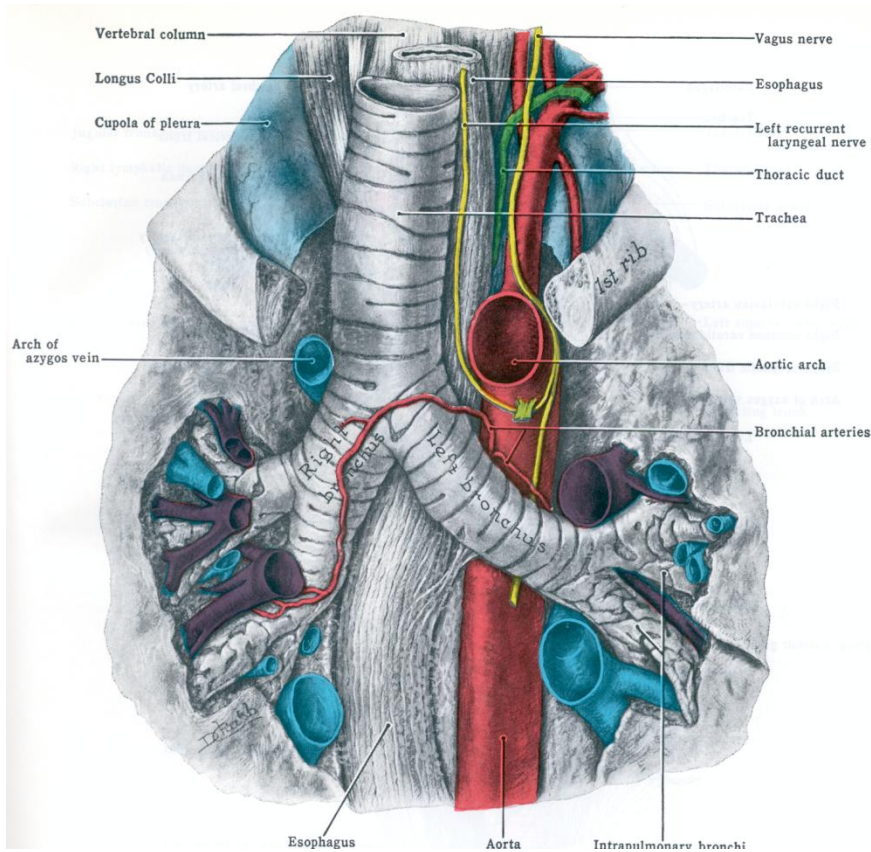
(a)

# Trachea

10 to 12 cm (4-5")

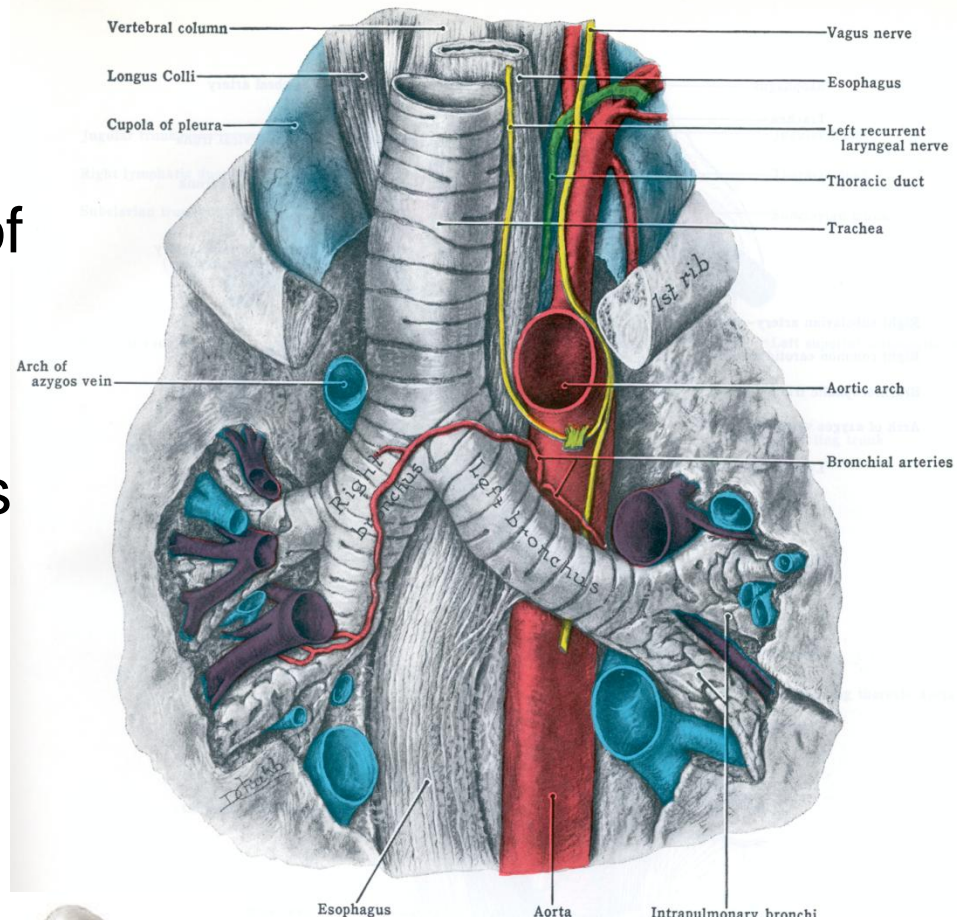
C6 to T4

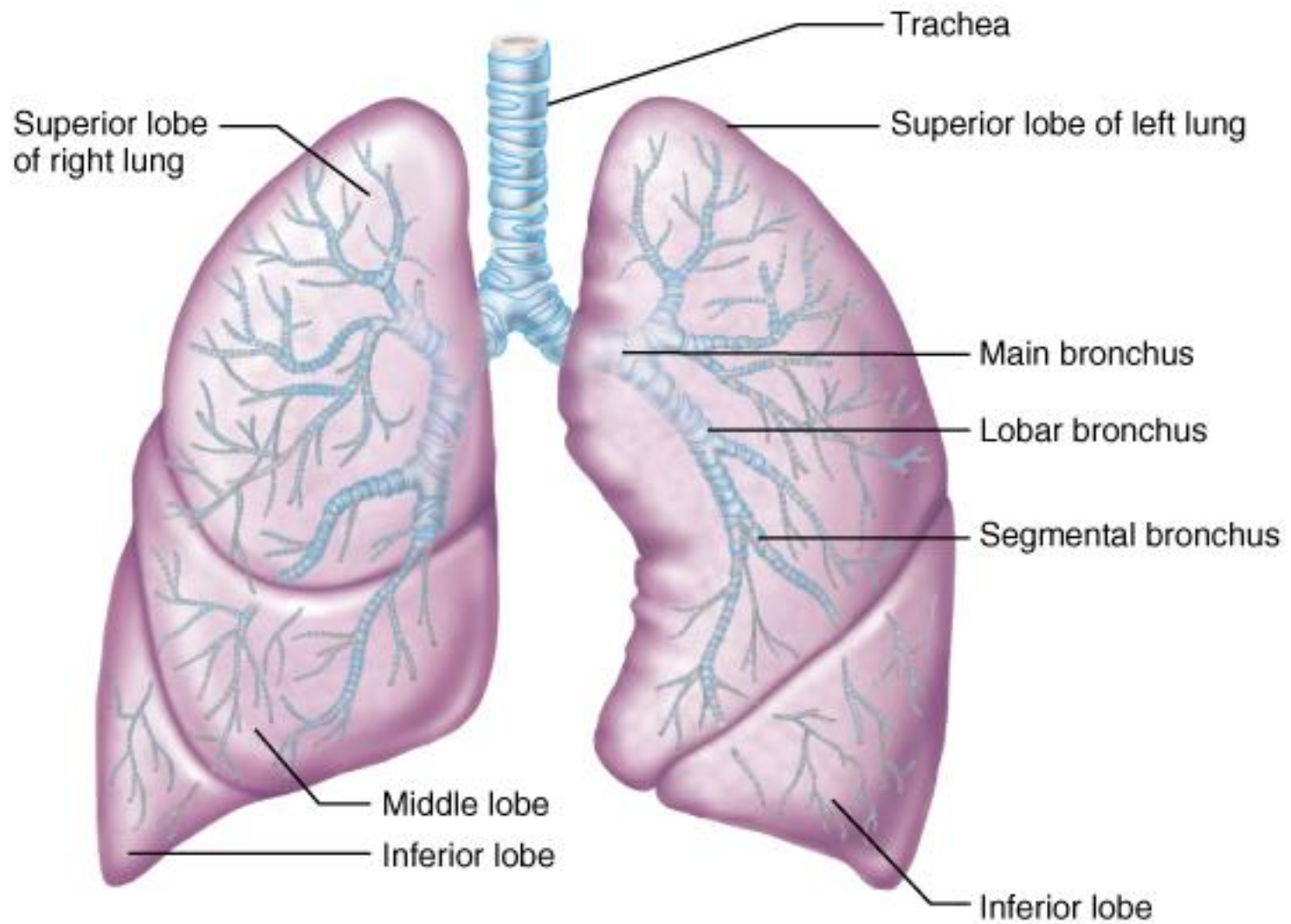
2 to 2 ½ cm diameter



# Primary Bronchi

- 1) Right bronchus is shorter  
Trachea is slightly to right of aorta
- 2) Right bronchus is wider  
Right lung is larger (heart is on the left)
- 3) Right bronchus has more direct path (more vertical)







# 1) Primary bronchi

Trachea bifurcates to 2;  
Right and left

One / lung

Branch into:

# 2) Secondary (lobar) bronchi

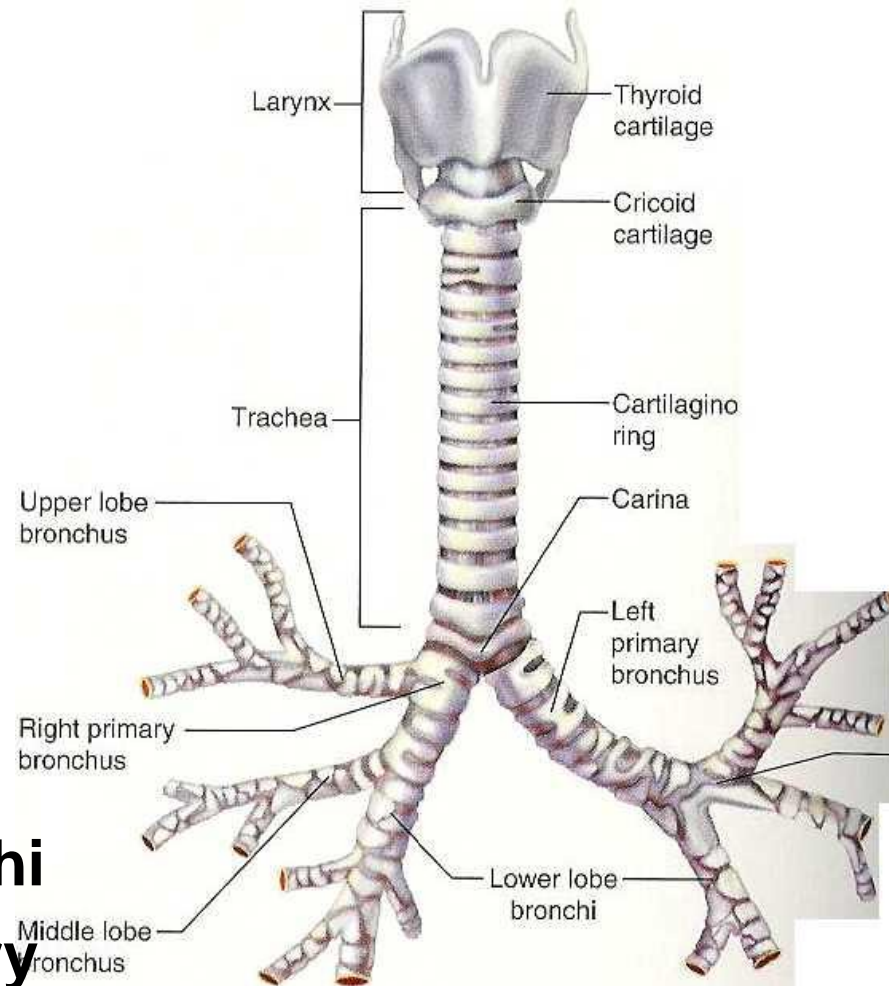
One / **lobe** of lung

3 on right, 2 on left

Branch into:

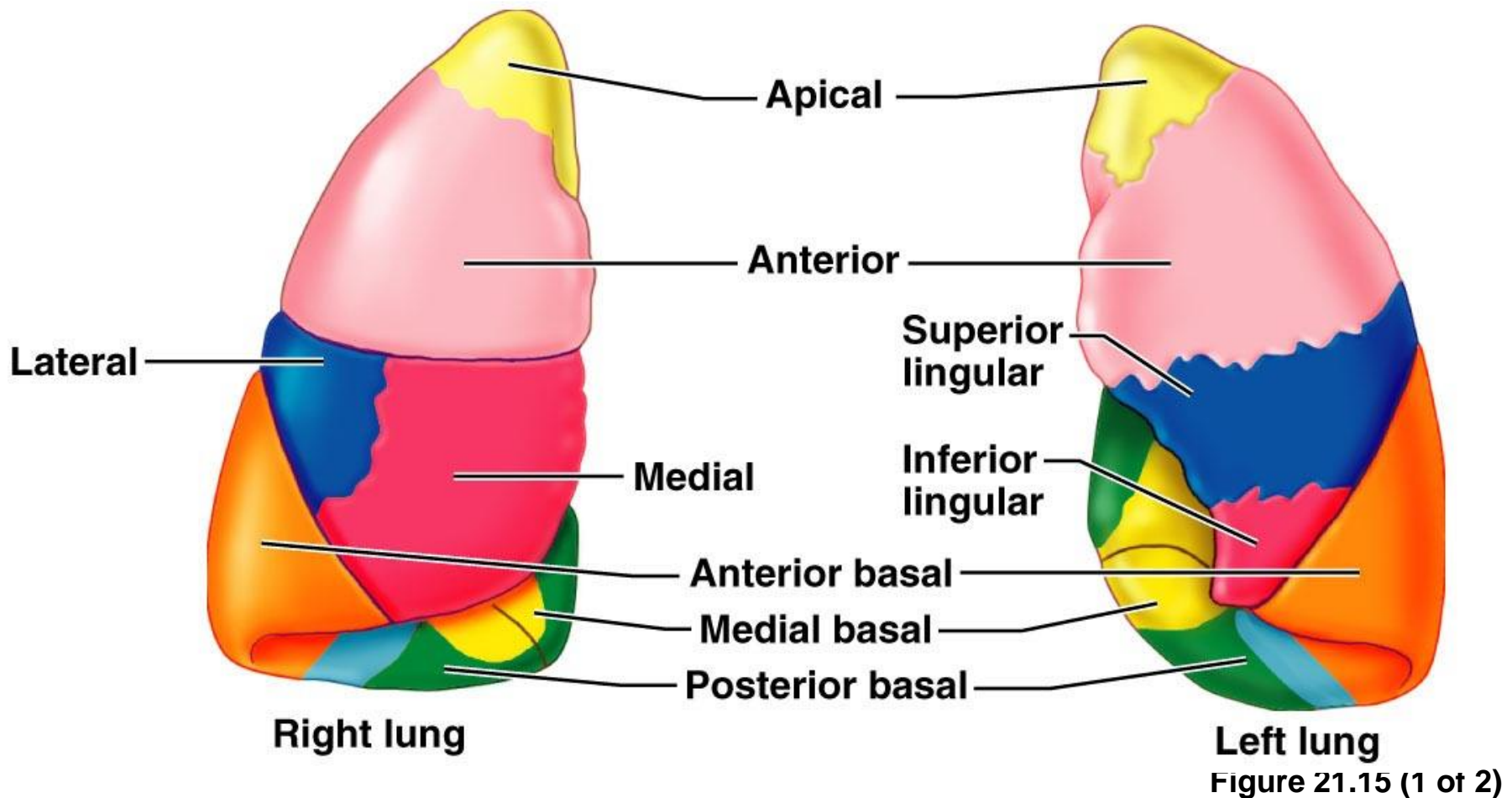
# 3) Tertiary (segmental) bronchi

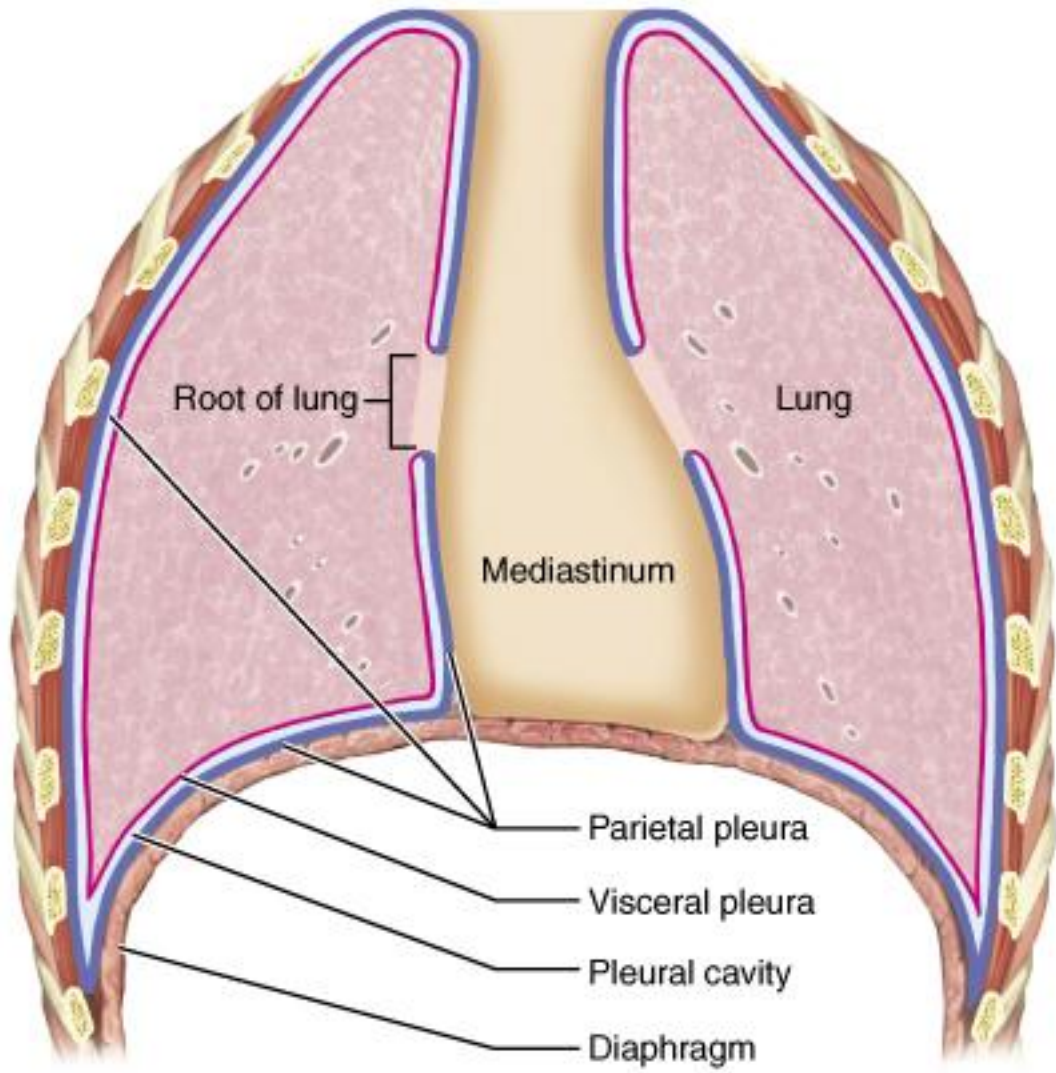
One / **bronchopulmonary**  
segments



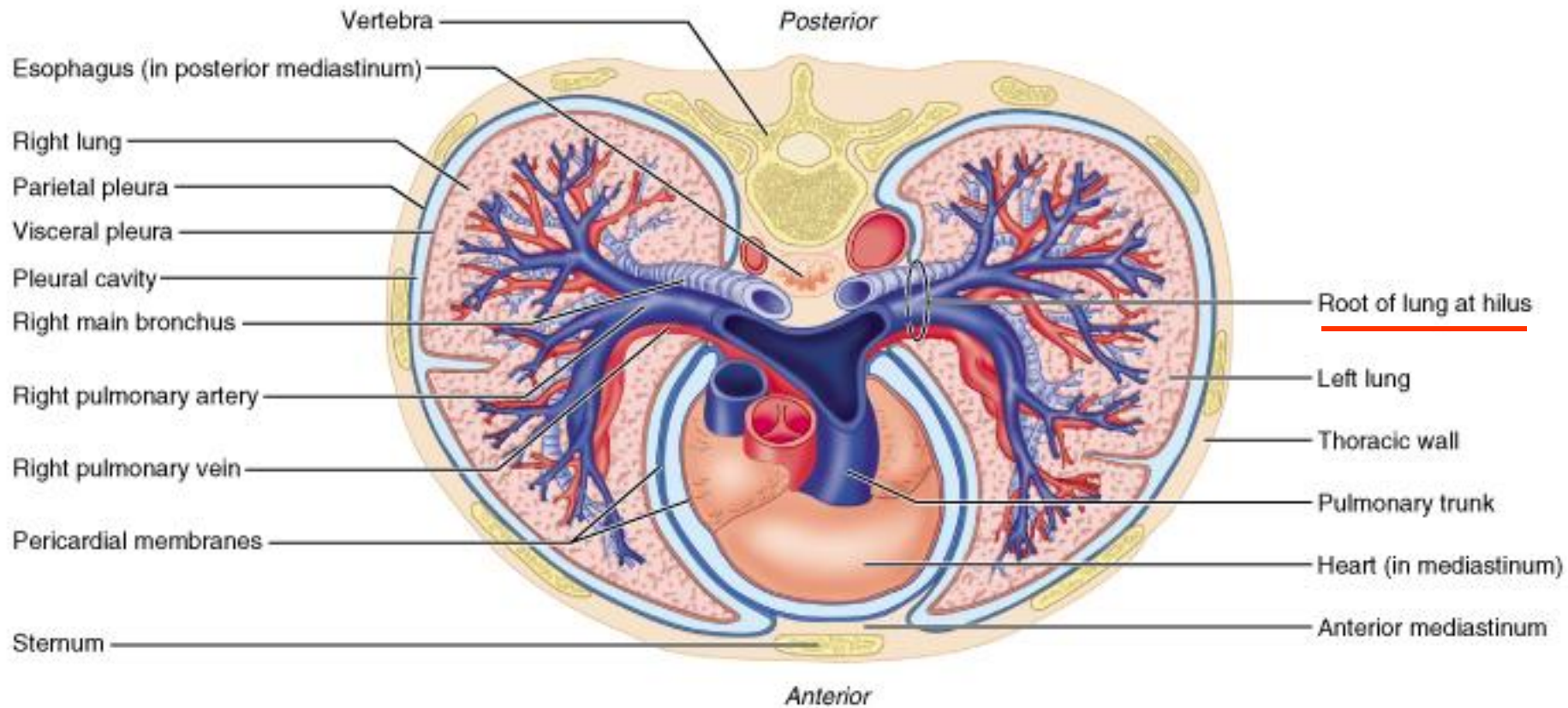
# Bronchopulmonary Segments

Lung bronchopulmonary segments (anterior view)



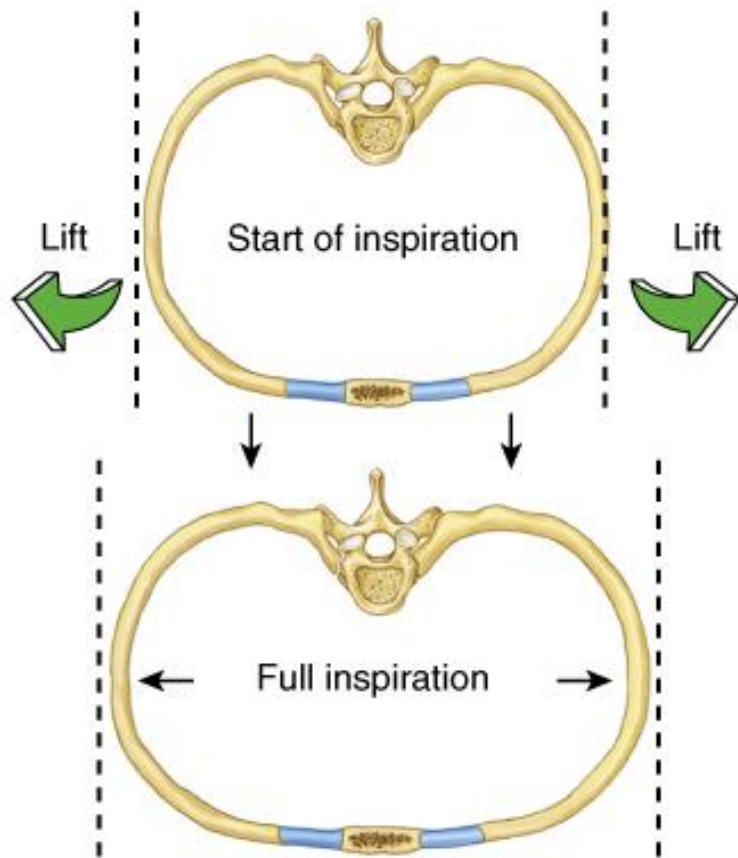


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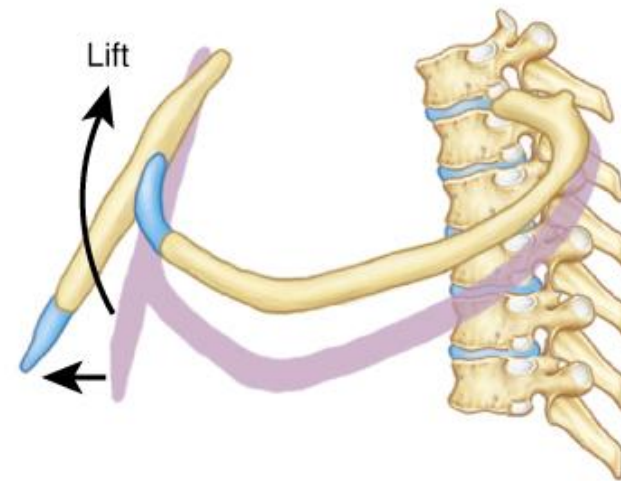
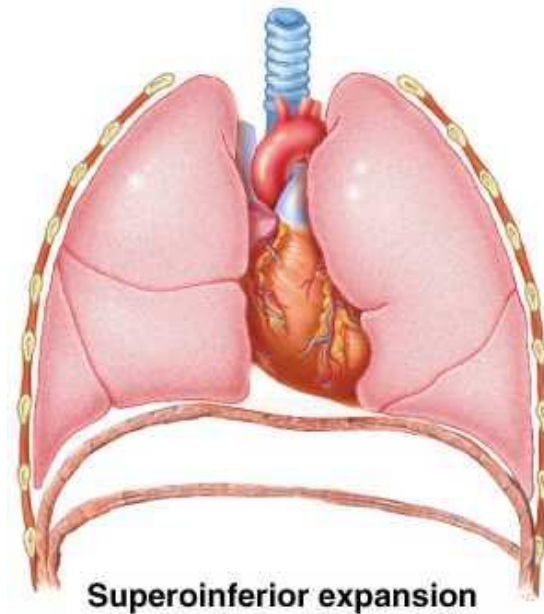
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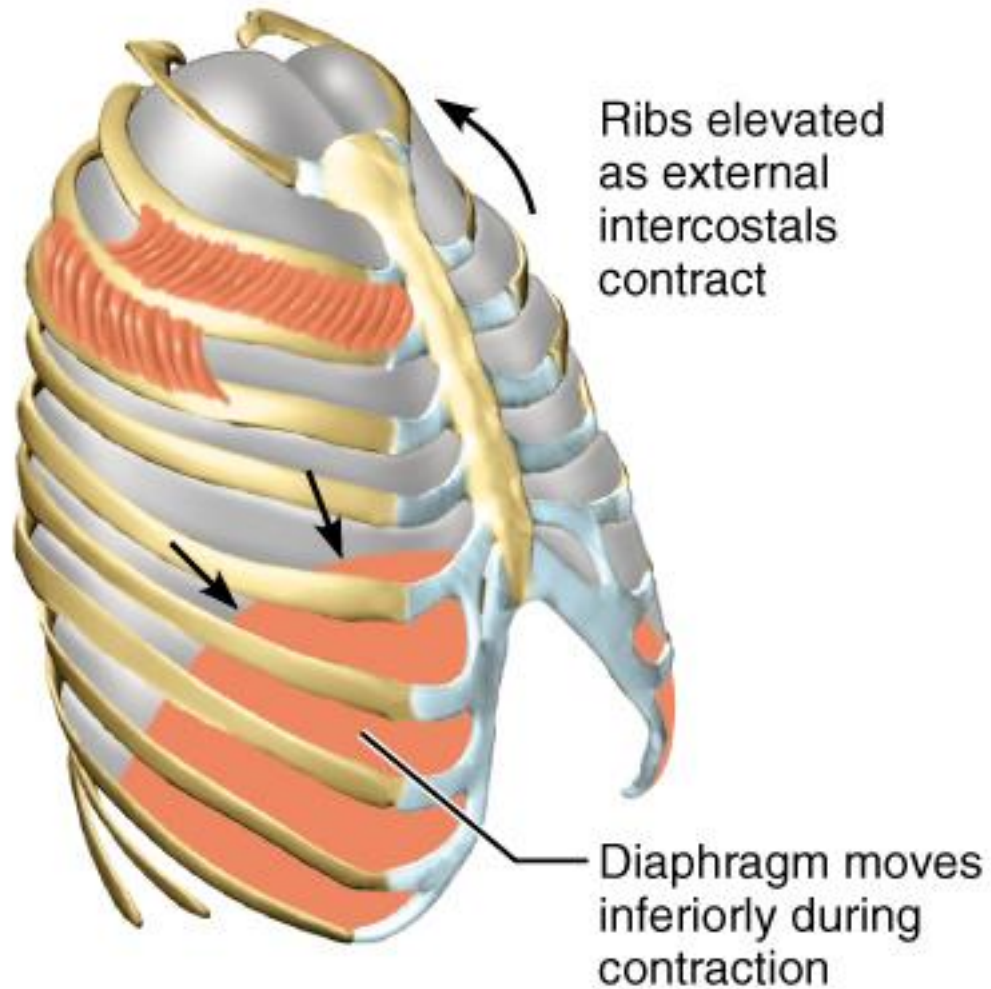
**(b) Lateral expansion**

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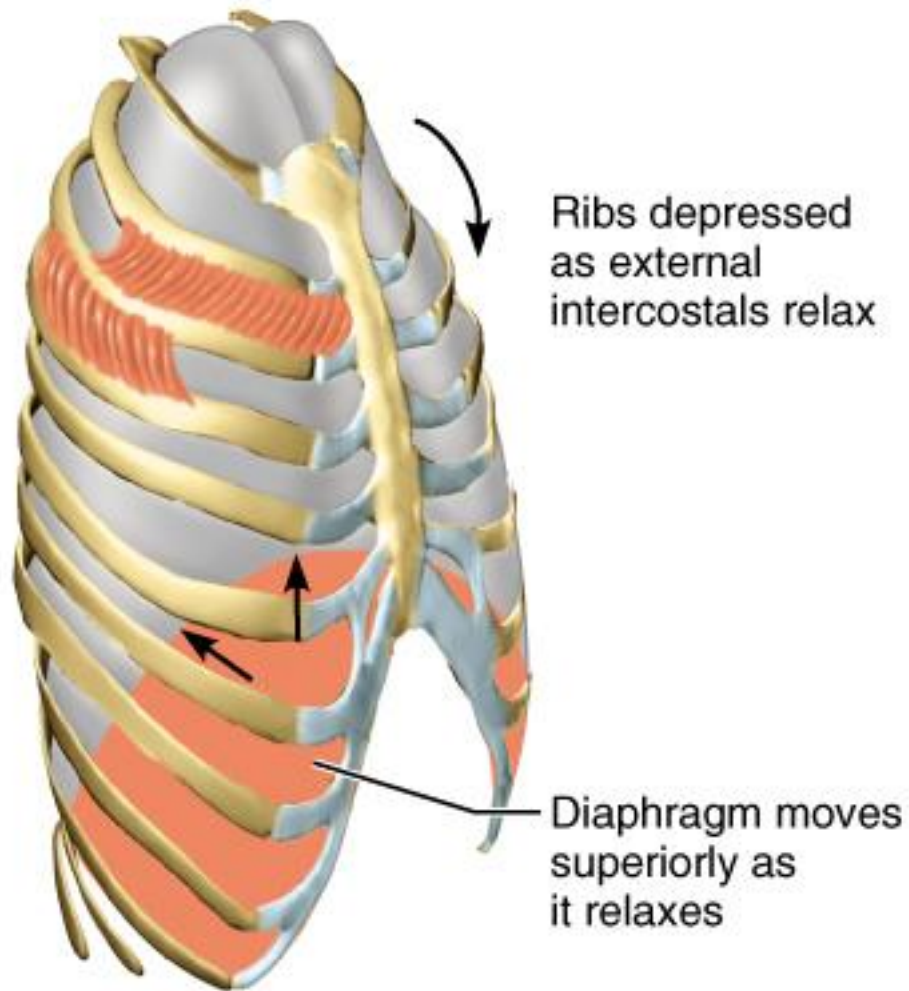
**(c) Anteroposterior expansion**

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### (d) Inspiration

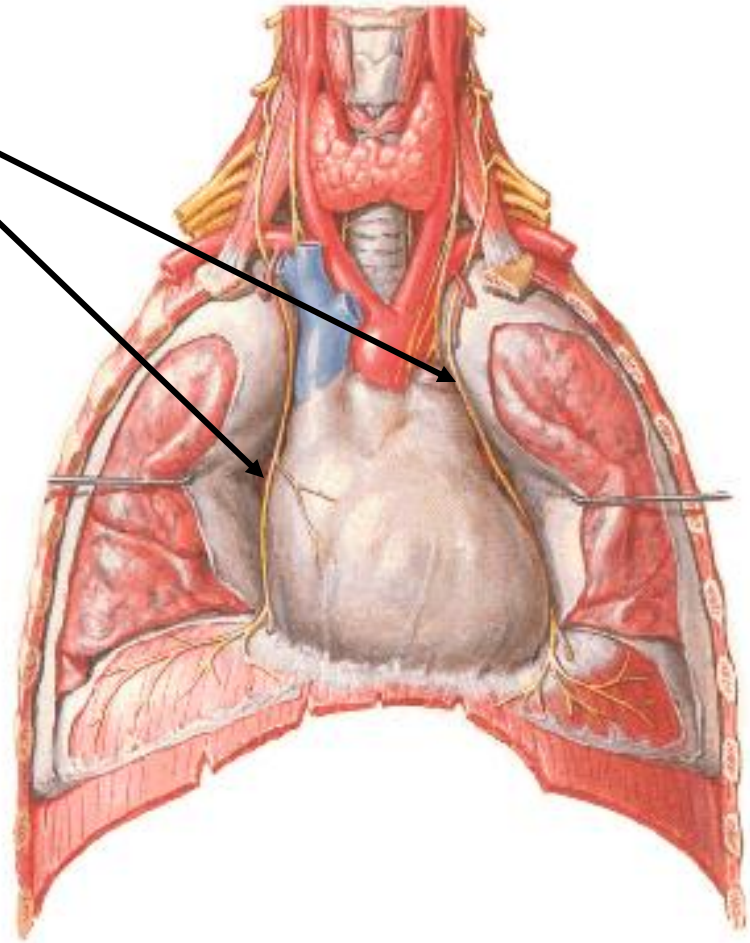
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## Expiration

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Phrenic nerve (C3,4,5)  
from cervical plexus  
innervates diaphragm





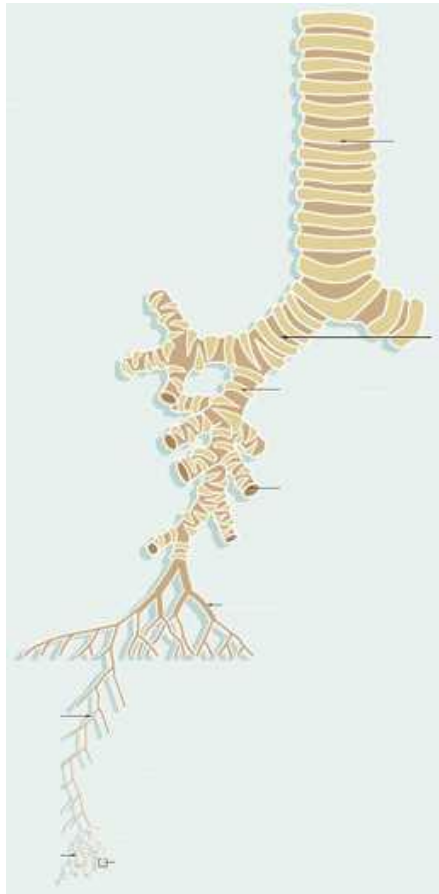
# 1) **Extrapulmonary bronchi**

Same structure as trachea

# 2) **Intrapulmonary bronchi**

Cartilage in spirals and plaques

Layer of smooth muscle internal to cartilage



# Layers of bronchial wall

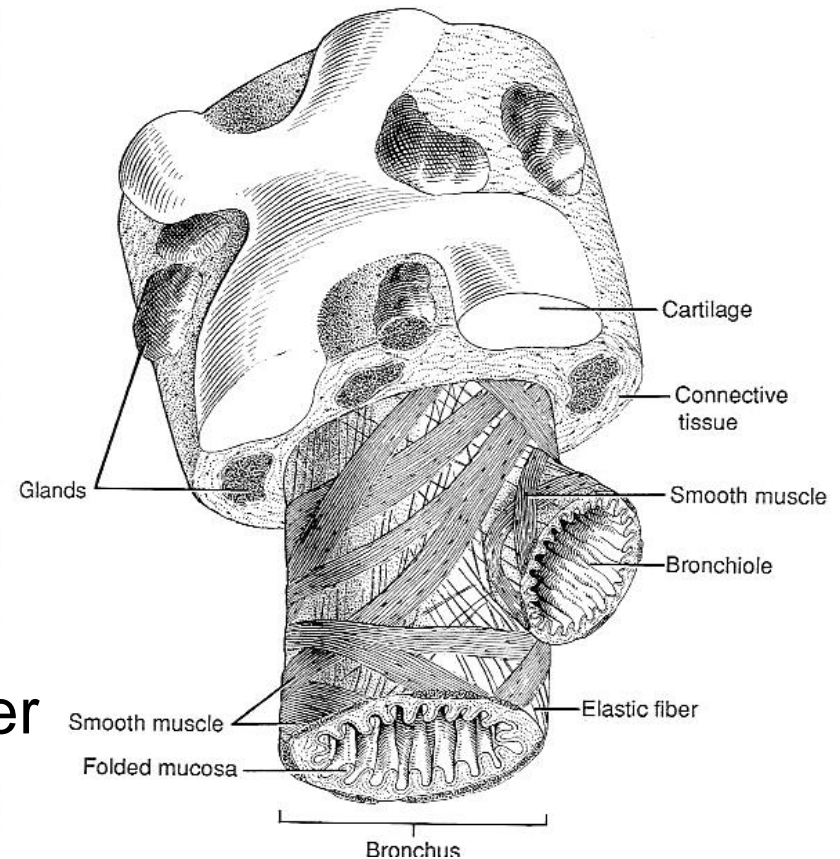
- 1) Mucosa – same
- 2) Layer of smooth muscle
- 3) Submucosa – CT
- 4) Cartilage in plaques
- 5) Elastic fibers in submucosa

Bronchi get progressively smaller

As decrease size of bronchi >

- 1) Increase in smooth muscle
- 2) Decrease in cartilage

When cartilage gone = bronchiole



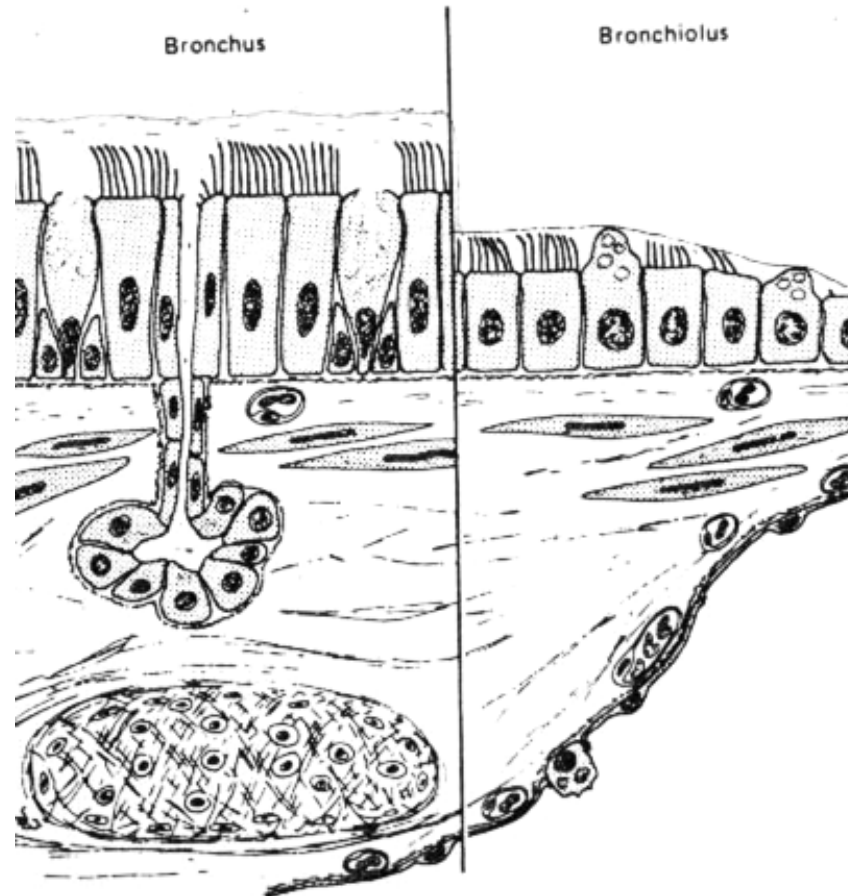
# Bronchioles

No cartilage

Complete ring of smooth muscle, also elastic fibers

Epithelium = simple columnar > simple cuboidal, no goblet cells

Smallest = **Terminal bronchioles**



# Respiratory Passages

## Respiratory bronchioles

Alveoli along wall

## Alveolar ducts

Alveoli increase in density until solid wall of alveoli

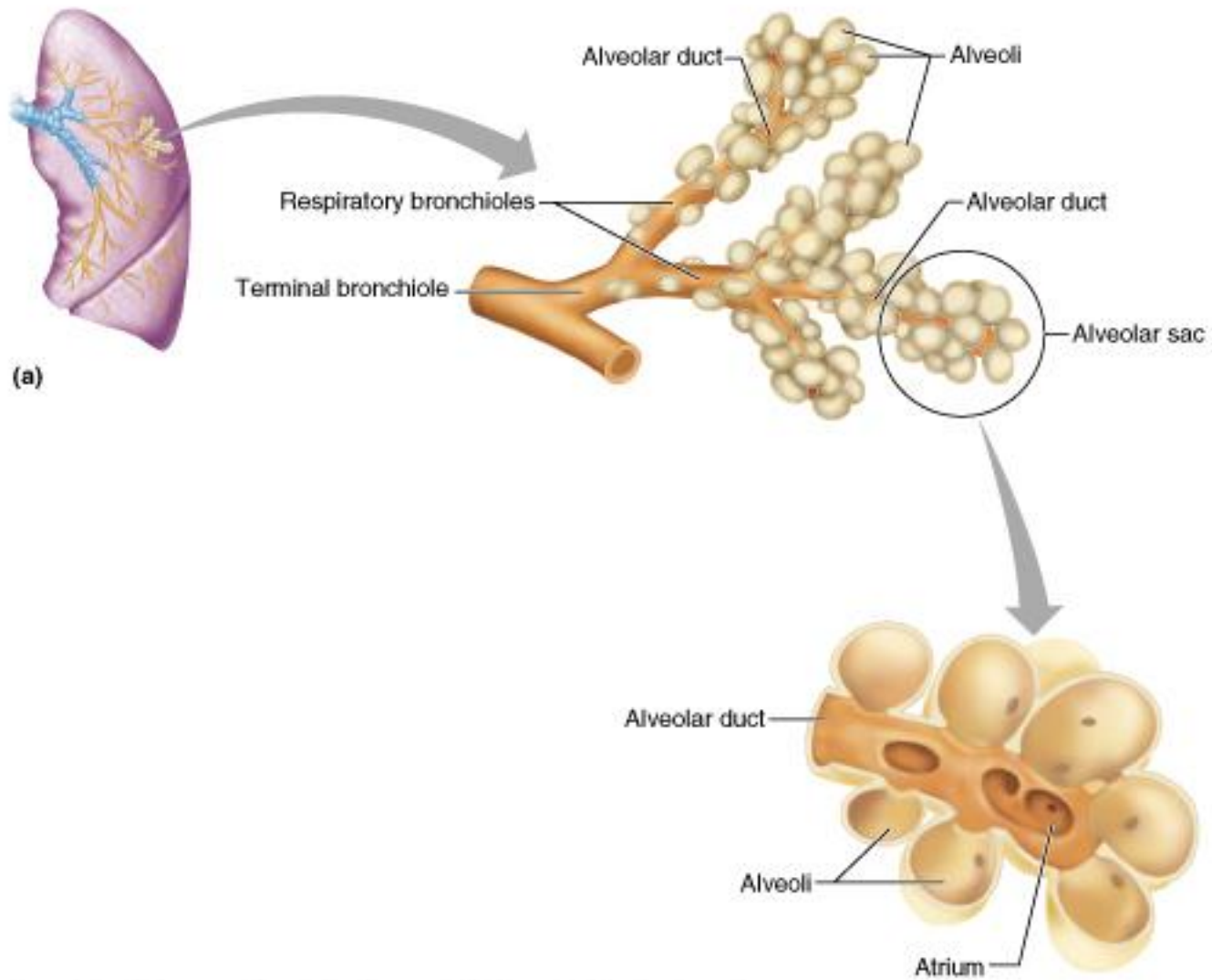
## Alveolar sac

Blind end of passages

Totally lined by alveoli



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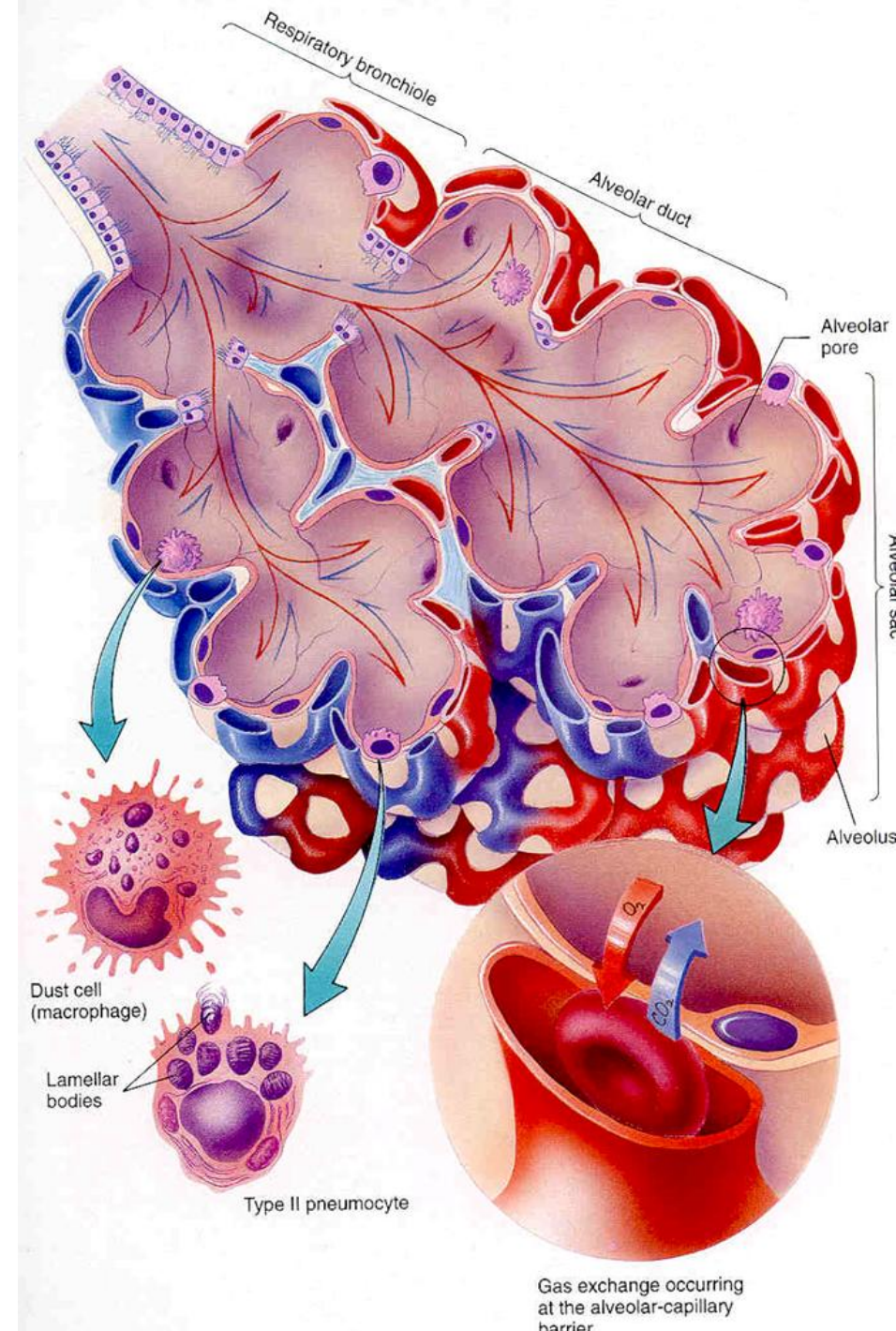
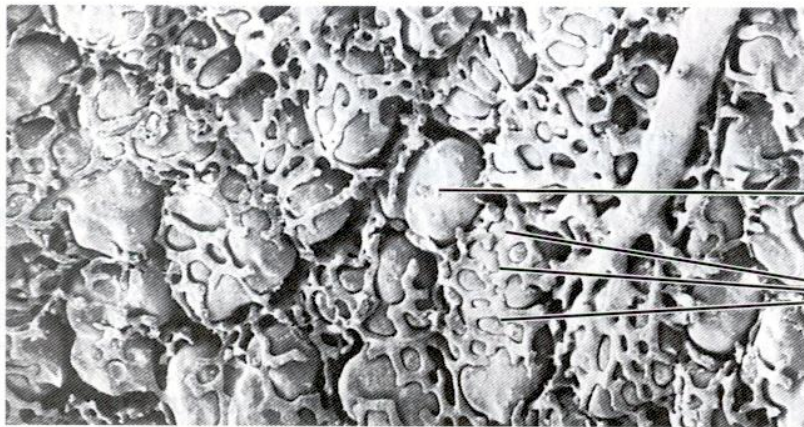
# Alveolus

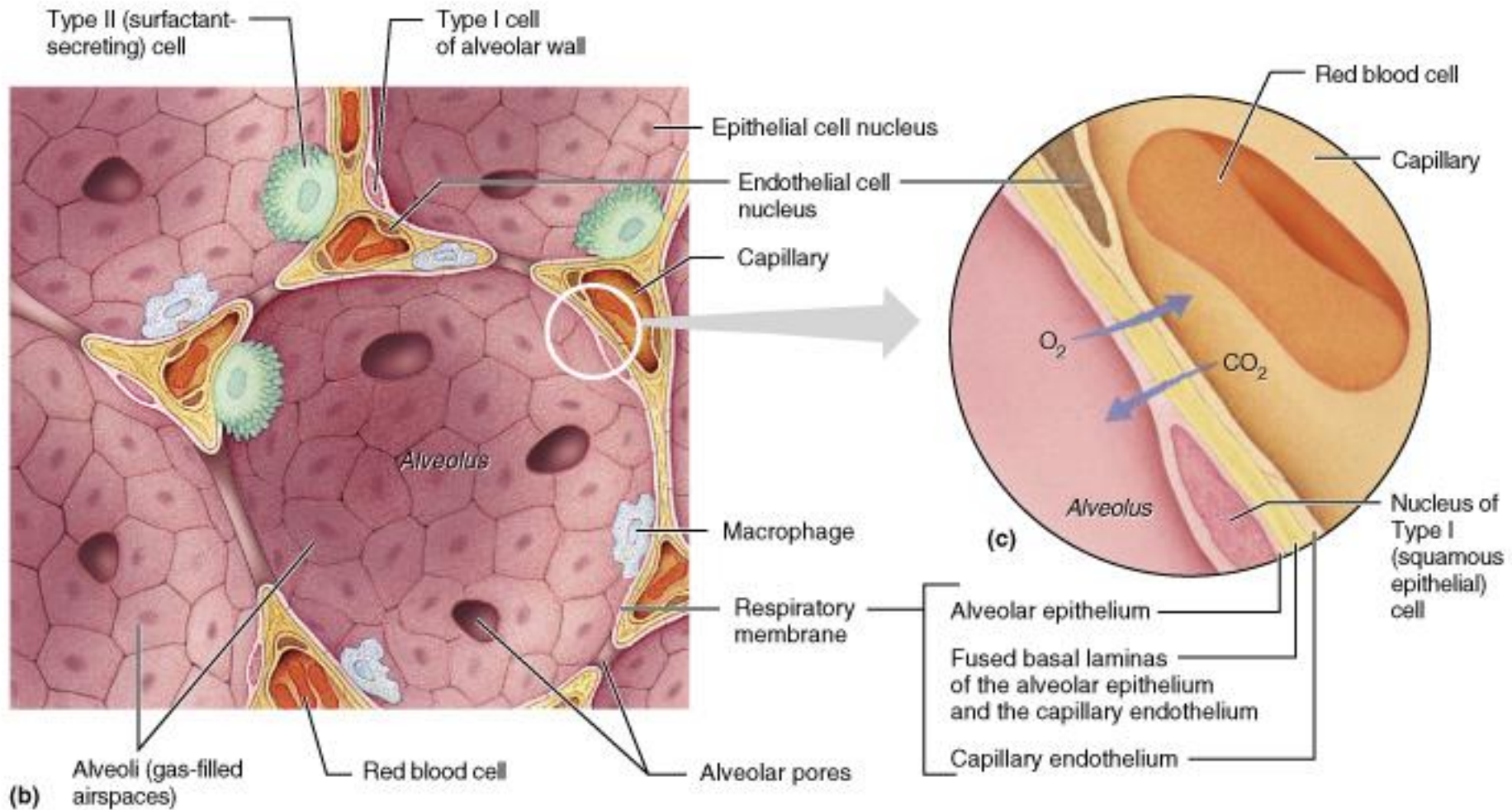
300 million alveoli

70 to 80 square meters of surface area

Thin walled sacs (<1 micron)

Back to back with capillary network



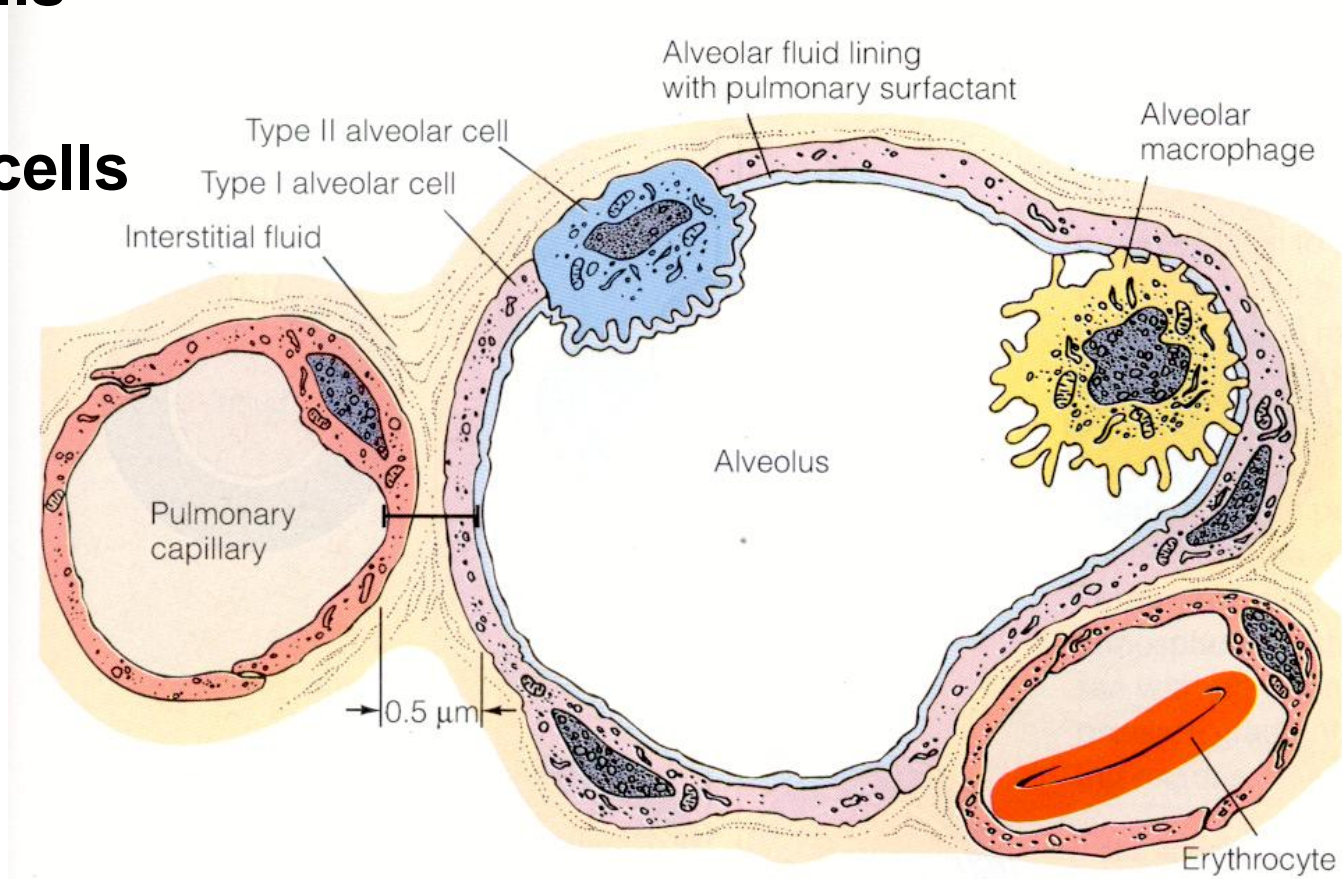


# Alveolar wall

1) Type I pulmonary epithelial cells

2) Type II pulmonary cell = great alveolar cells = septal cells

## Dust cells

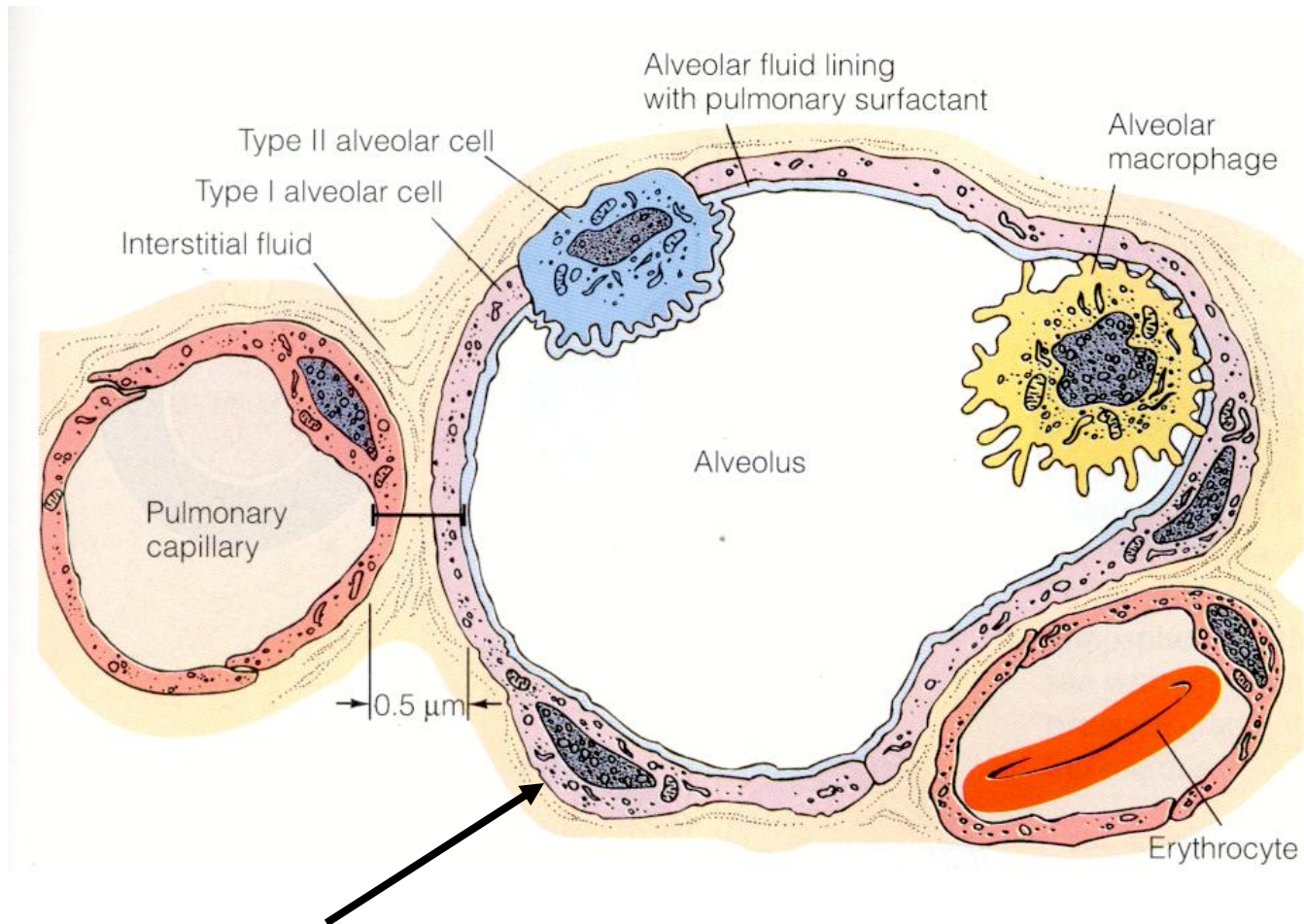




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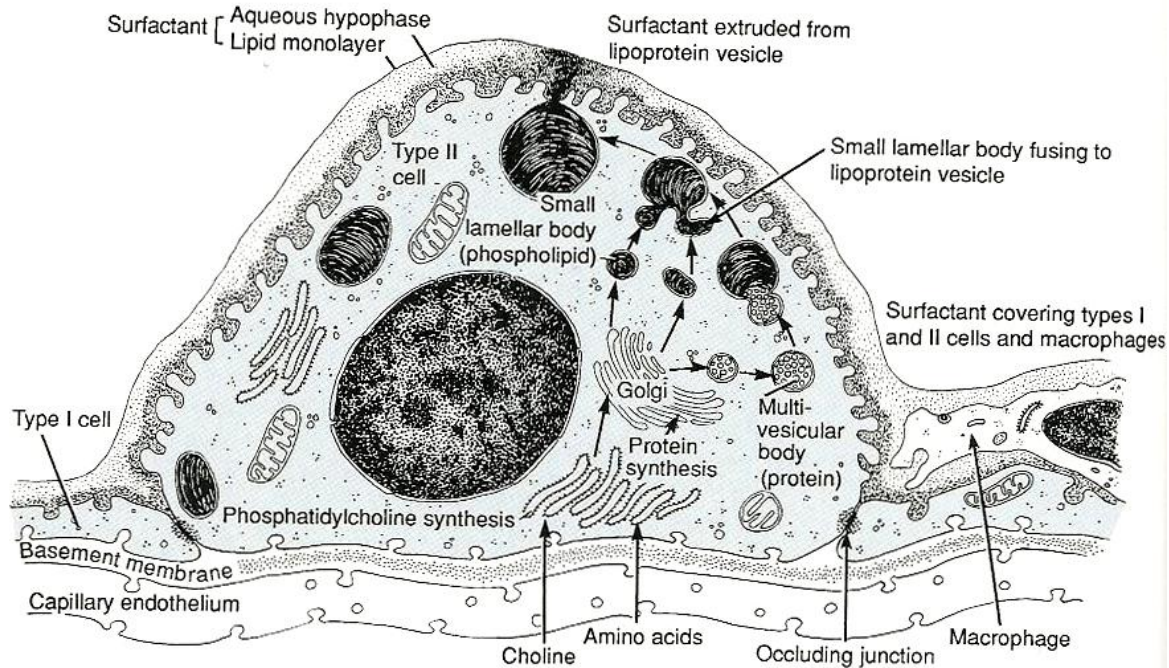
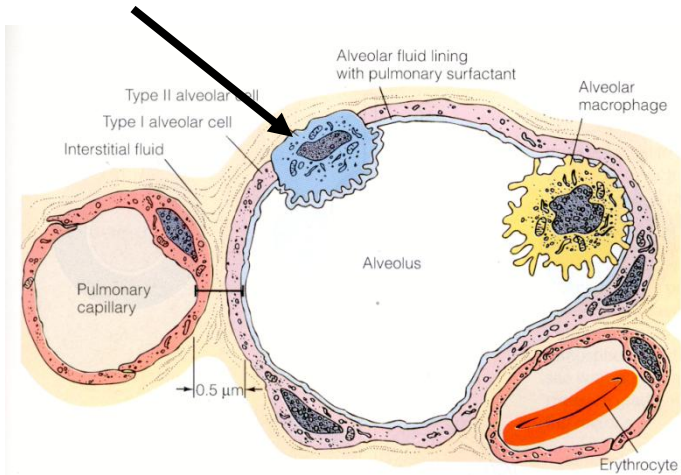
Simple squamous epithelial cells



# Alveolar wall

2) Type II pulmonary cell =  
great alveolar cells =  
septal cells

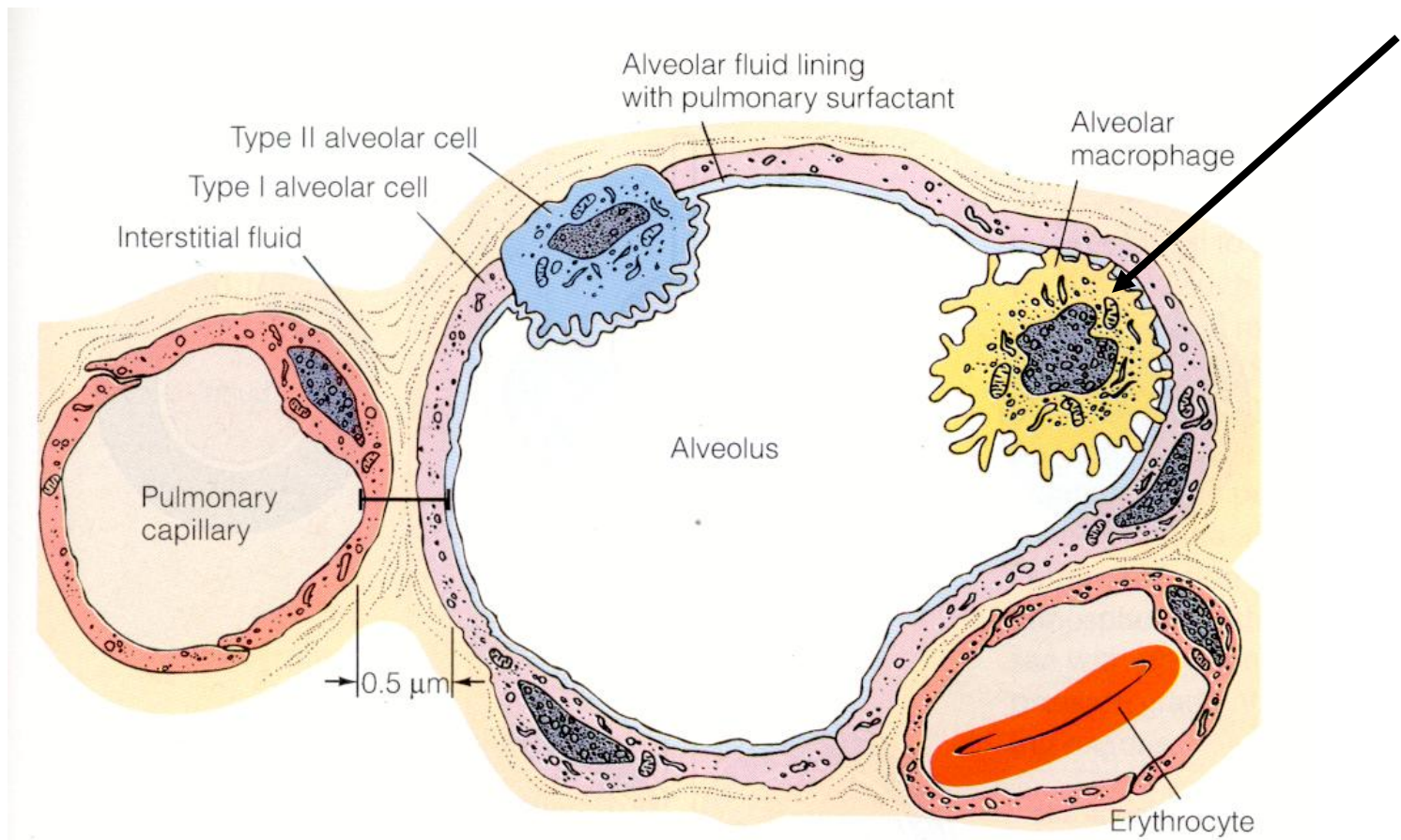
Produce **surfactant** –  
decreases surface tension  
to ease work of distending  
lungs



# Alveolar wall

## 3) Dust cells (does not form wall)

Wandering macrophages, within lumen



# Diffusion barrier (.5 micron)

- 1) Pulmonary cell
- 2) Basement membrane
- 3) Endothelial cells of capillary

