

EMG Practicum 1: Electrode location and placement

Objectives

Learning to

- Find the correct muscles
- Find the correct electrode location on the muscle
- Prepare the skin
- Place the electrodes correctly

How?

- In groups of 3 to 4 persons. One person is the subject, the others perform the electrode placement
- Follow the guidelines on the next pages for 11 muscles
- To find anatomical landmarks/ muscles use an atlas of anatomy or other resources
- If you are finished with one subject, do the same for another subject

Action list

In groups:

- Put the subject in a good position to be able to find the correct muscle
- The electrode location is described as a point on a line between 2 anatomical landmarks
 - o Locate the position of the anatomical landmarks and mark these positions
 - o Locate the position of electrode placement and mark this position
 - § Somewhere on the line between the 2 landmarks
 - § According to the guidelines mentioned on the next pages
- Shave the skin if necessary
- Clean the skin with alcohol

All:

- Discussing the procedure
- Check some of the signals

1. Biceps Bracchi

Anatomy	
Subdivision	Short and Long head
Function	Elbow flexion
Placement	
Start position	Flexed elbow at a right angle, dorsal side of forearm in a horizontal downward position
Location	Line <i>medial acromion – fossa cubit</i> , at 1/3 from <i>fossa cubit</i> (elbow pit)
Orientation	Parallel to line <i>acromion – fossa cubit</i>
Test	Flex the elbow, while applying pressure to the forearm in the direction of extension



2. Triceps Bracchi (long head)

Anatomy	
Subdivision	Long head
Function	Elbow extension, adduction, shoulder extension
Placement	
Start position	Shoulder at 90° abduction with arm 90° flexed, palm of the hand pointing downward
Location	At 50% of line <i>posterior crista of acromion – olecranon</i> , 2 fingers medial to this line
Orientation	Parallel to line <i>posterior crista of acromion – olecranon</i>
Test	Extend the elbow while applying pressure to the forearm in the direction of flexion



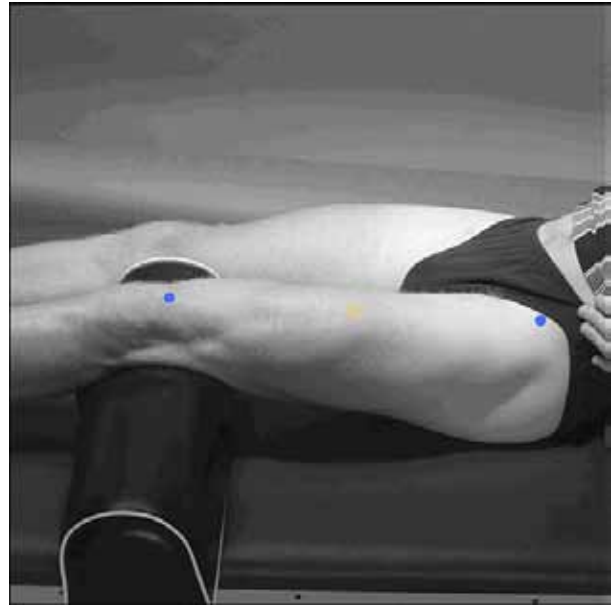
3. Triceps Bracchi (lateral head)

Anatomy	
Subdivision	Lateral head
Function	Elbow extension
Placement	
Start position	Shoulder at 90° abduction with arm 90° flexed, palm of the hand pointing downward
Location	At 50% of line <i>posterior crista of acromion – olecranon</i> , 2 finger lateral to this line
Orientation	Parallel to line <i>posterior crista of acromion – olecranon</i>
Test	Extend the elbow while applying pressure to the forearm in the direction of flexion



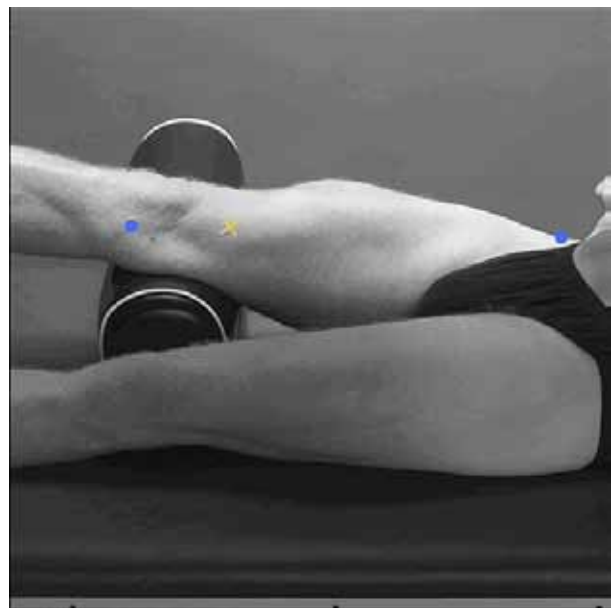
4. Rectus Femoris

Anatomy	
Subdivision	
Function	Extension of the knee joint and flexion of the hip joint
Placement	
Start position	Sitting on table, knees in slight flexion, upper body slightly bend backward
Location	At 50% of line <i>anterior spina iliaca superior - superior part of patella</i>
Orientation	Parallel to line <i>anterior spina iliaca superior - superior part of patella</i>
Test	Extend knee while pressing against the leg above the ankle in the direction of flexion



5. Vastus Medialis

Anatomy	
Subdivision	
Function	Extension of knee joint
Placement	
Start position	Sitting on table, knees in slight flexion, upper body slightly bend backward
Location	At 80% of line <i>anterior spina iliaca superior - anterior border of the medial ligament</i>
Orientation	Almost perpendicular to line <i>anterior spina iliaca superior - anterior border of the medial ligament</i>
Test	Extend knee while pressing against the leg above the ankle in the direction of flexion



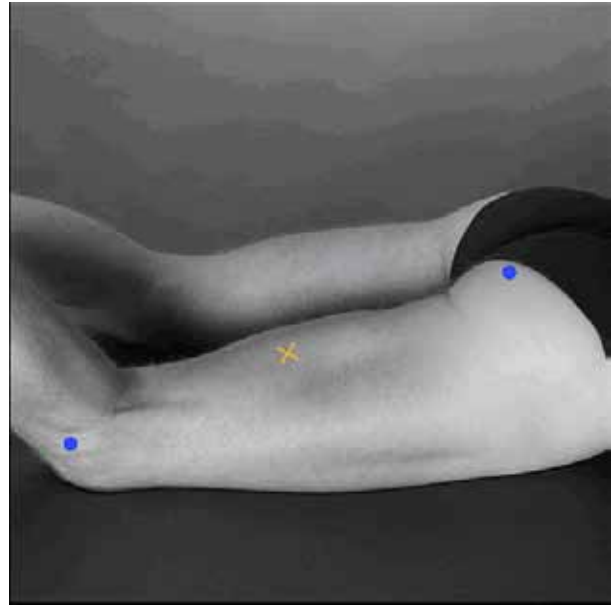
6. Vastus Lateralis

Anatomy	
Subdivision	
Function	Extension of knee joint
Placement	
Start position	Sitting on table, knees in slight flexion, upper body slightly bend backward
Location	At 2/3 of line <i>anterior spina iliaca superior - lateral side of patella</i>
Orientation	In the direction of muscle fiber
Test	Extend knee while pressing against the leg above the ankle in the direction of flexion



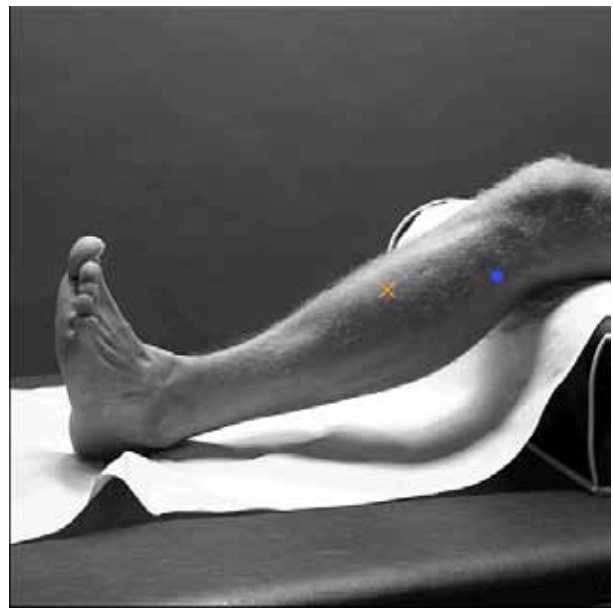
7. Biceps Femoris

Anatomy	
Subdivision	Long head (LH) and short head
Function	Flexion and lateral rotation of knee joint. LH also extends lateral rotation of hip joint
Placement	
Start position	Lying on belly, thigh down on table, knees flexed, thigh in slight lateral rotation, leg in slight lateral rotation with respect to the thigh
Location	At 50% of line <i>ischial tuberosity – lateral epicondyle of the tibia</i>
Orientation	Parallel to line <i>ischial tuberosity – lateral epicondyle of the tibia</i>
Test	Press against the leg proximal to the ankle in the direction of knee extension



8. Tibialis Anterior

Anatomy	
Subdivision	
Function	Dorsiflexion of ankle joint, inversion of foot
Placement	
Start position	Supine or sitting
Location	At 1/3 of line <i>tip of fibula – tip of medial malleolus</i>
Orientation	Parallel to line <i>tip of fibula – tip of medial malleolus</i>
Test	Support leg just above ankle joint with ankle joint in dorsiflexion and the foot in inversion without extension of big toe. Apply pressure against medial side, dorsal surface of foot in direction of plantar flexion of ankle joint and eversion of foot.



9. Soleus

Anatomy	
Subdivision	
Function	Plantar flexion of ankle joint
Placement	
Start position	Sitting with knee approx. 90° flexed and heel/foot on the floor
Location	At 2/3 of line <i>medial condylis of femur – medial malleolus</i>
Orientation	Parallel to line <i>medial condylis – medial malleolus</i>
Test	Put hand on the knee and push knee down while asking subject to lift heel from floor



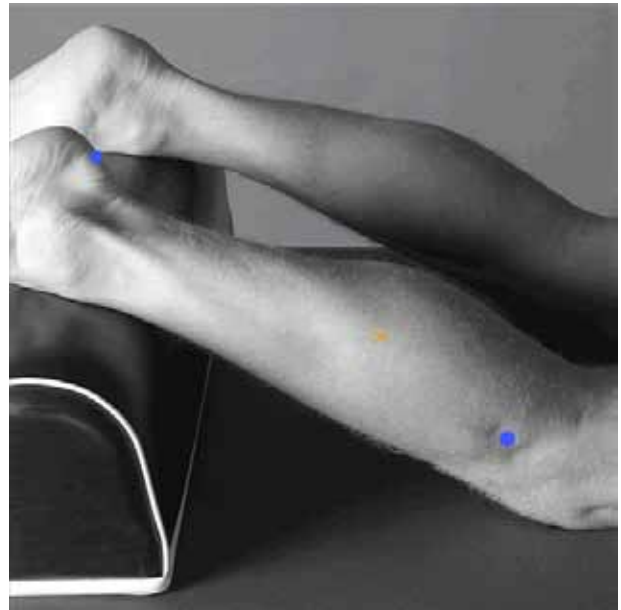
10. Gastrocnemius Medialis

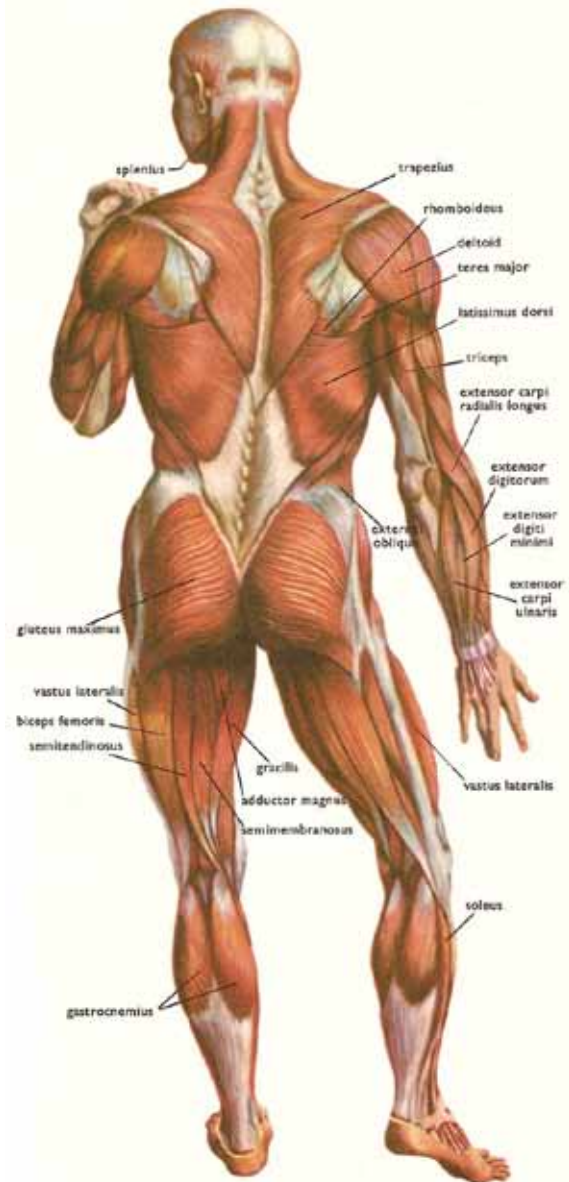
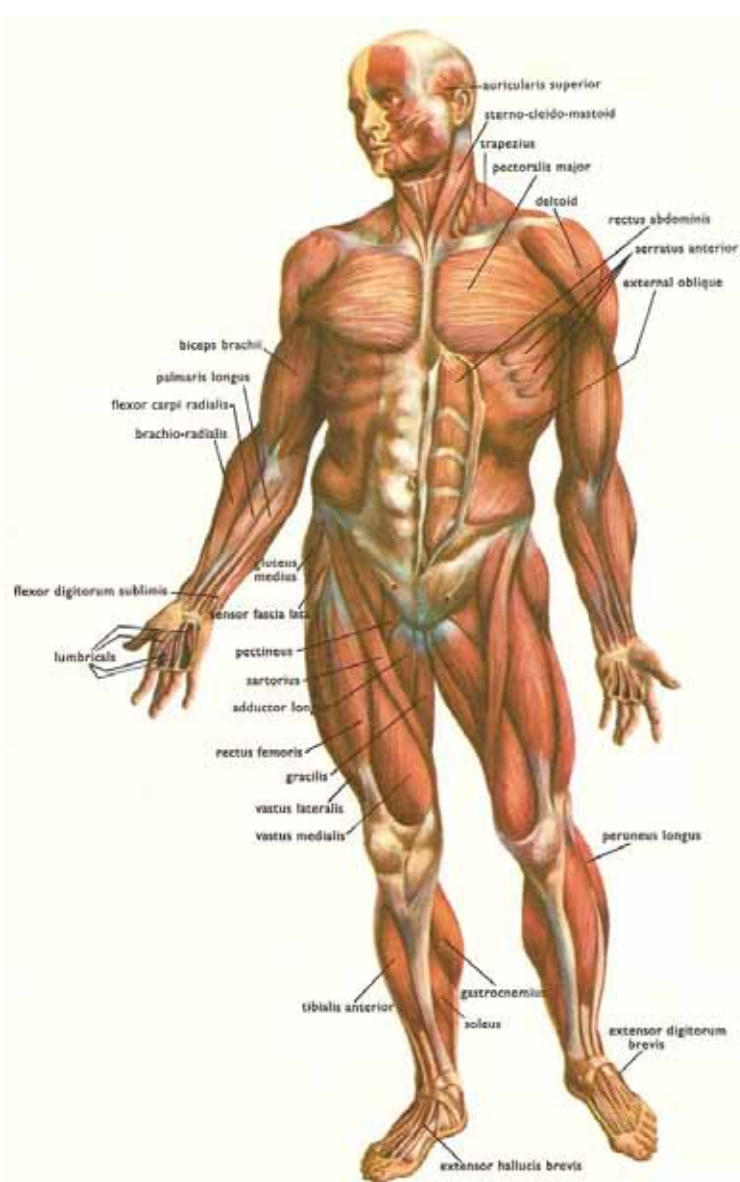
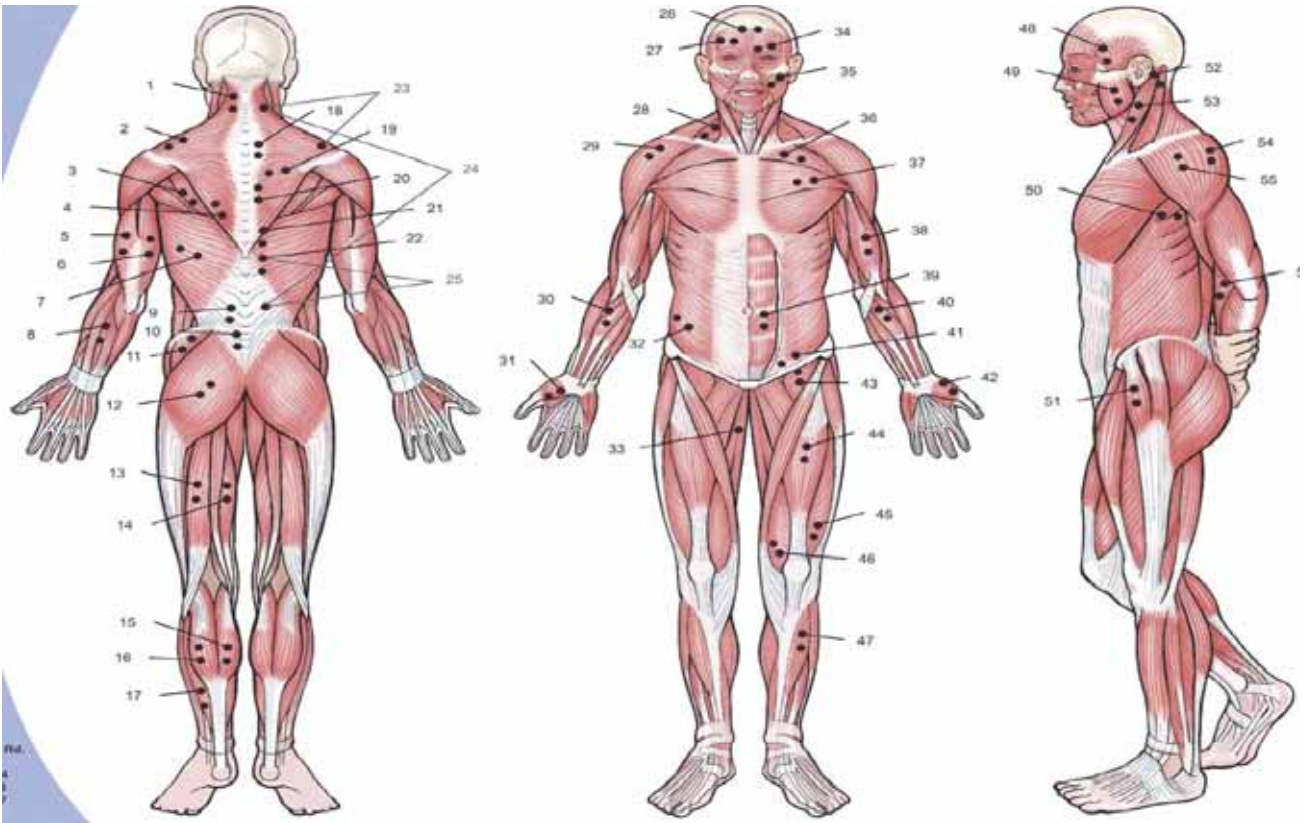
Anatomy	
Subdivision	Medialis
Function	Flexion of ankle joint, flexion knee joint
Placement	
Start position	Lying on belly, knee extended, foot projecting over end of table
Location	At most prominent bulge of muscle
Orientation	Parallel to the lower leg
Test	Plantar flexion of foot with emphasis on pulling heel upward more than pushing forefoot down. Apply pressure against the forefoot as well as calcaneus



11. Gastrocnemius Lateralis

Anatomy	
Subdivision	Lateralis
Function	Flexion of ankle joint, flexion of knee joint
Placement	
Start position	Lying on belly, knee extended, foot projecting over end of table
Location	At 1/3 of line head of fibula – heel
Orientation	Parallel to line head of fibula – heel
Test	Plantar flexion of foot with emphasis on pulling heel upward more than pushing forefoot down. Apply pressure against the forefoot as well as calcaneus





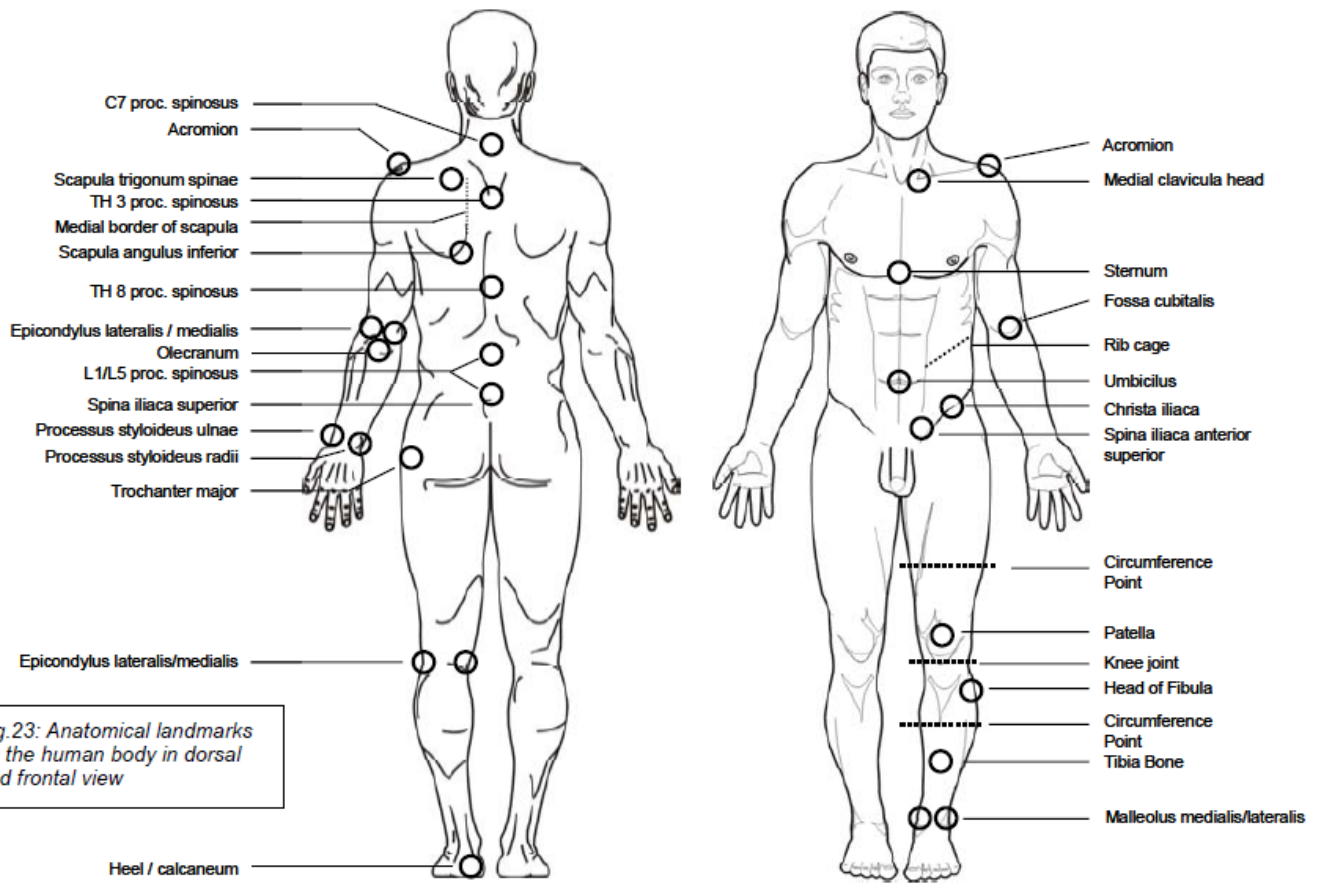
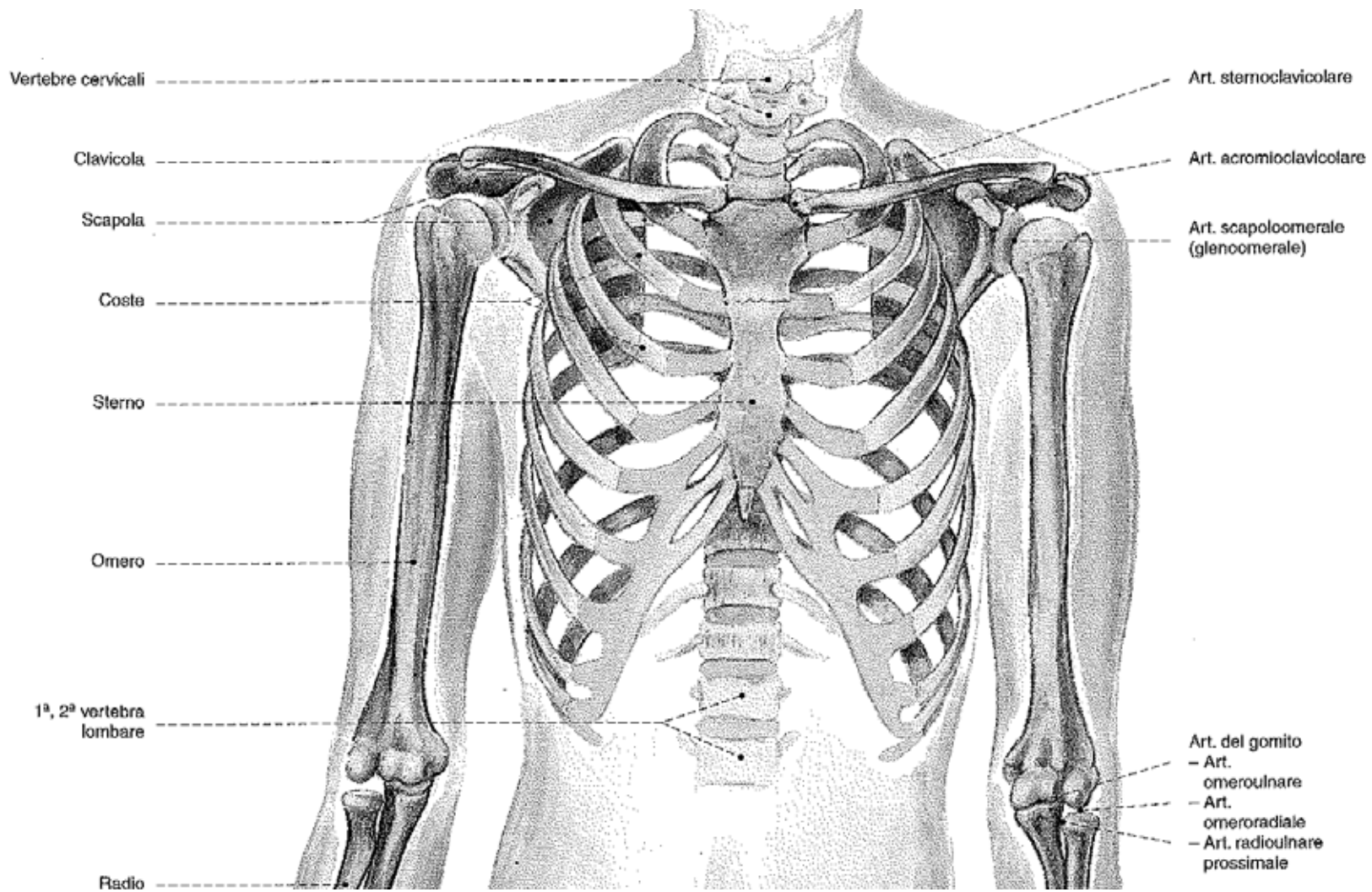
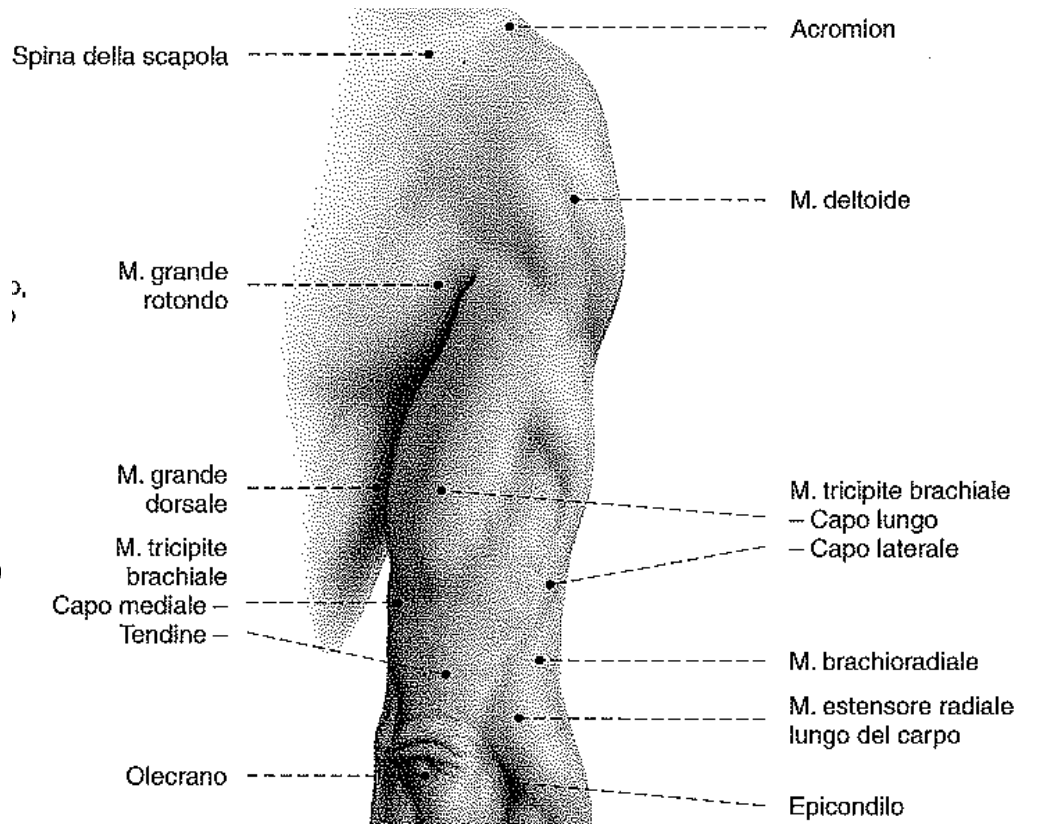
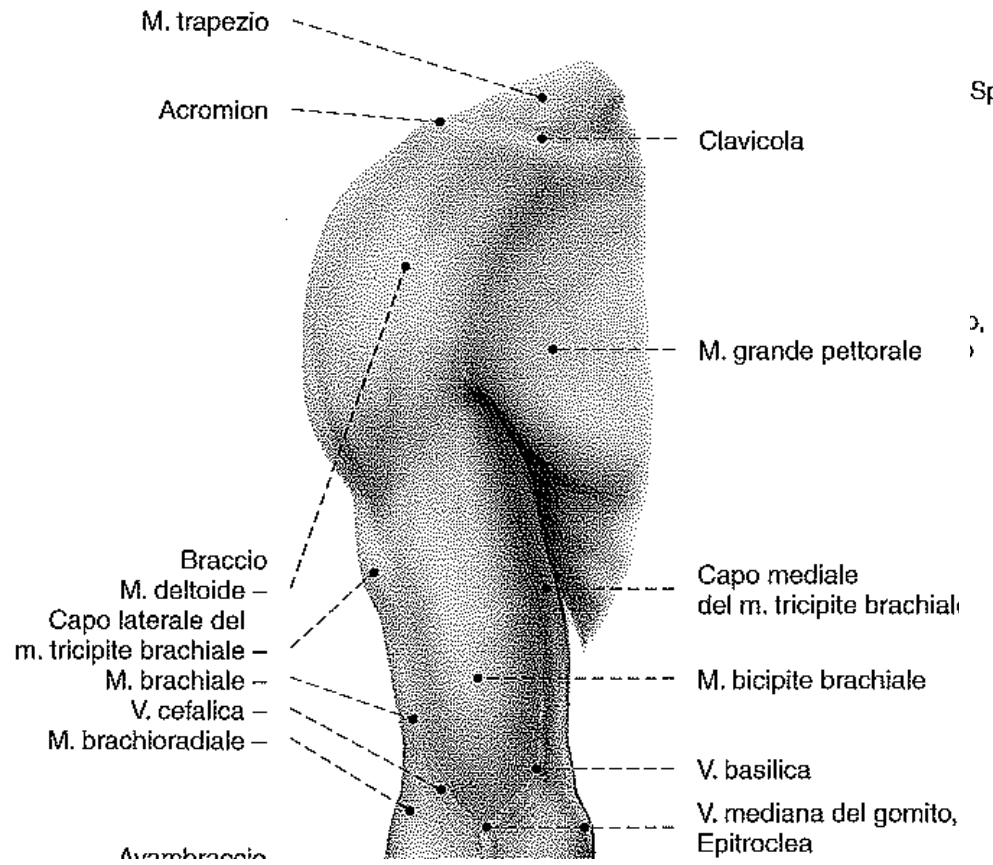
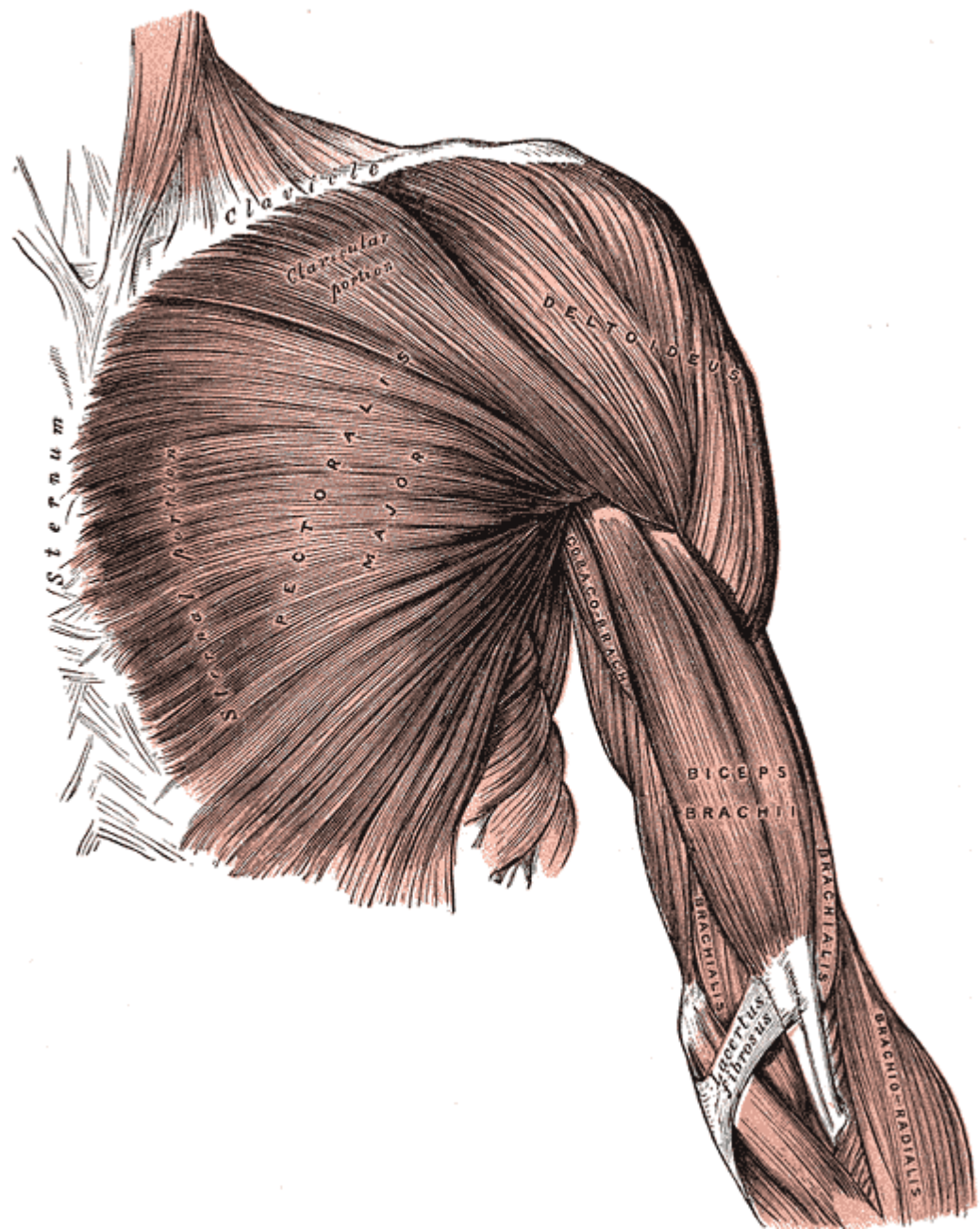
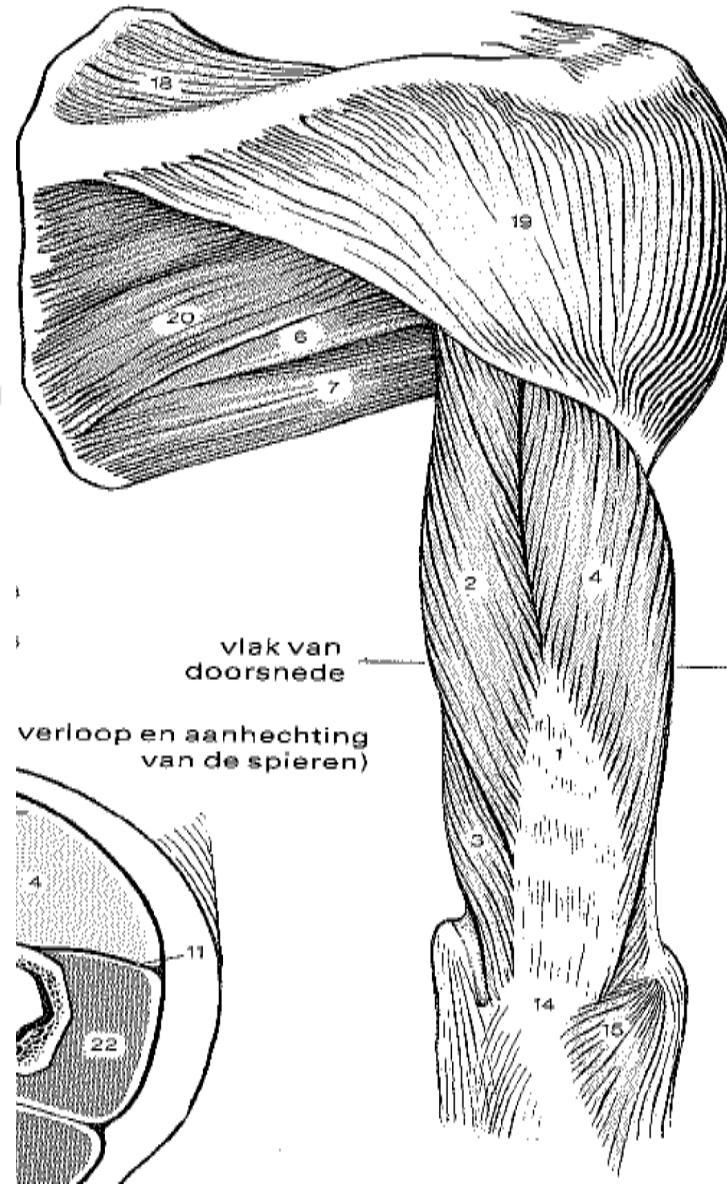
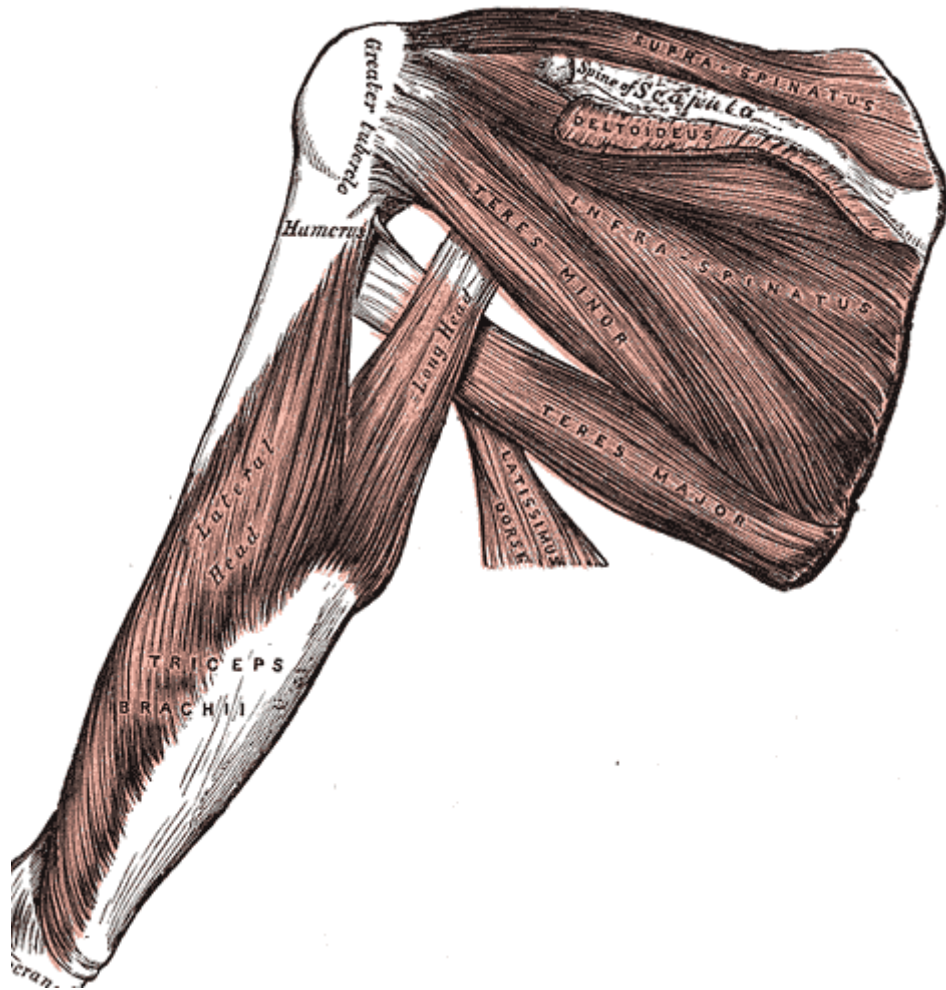


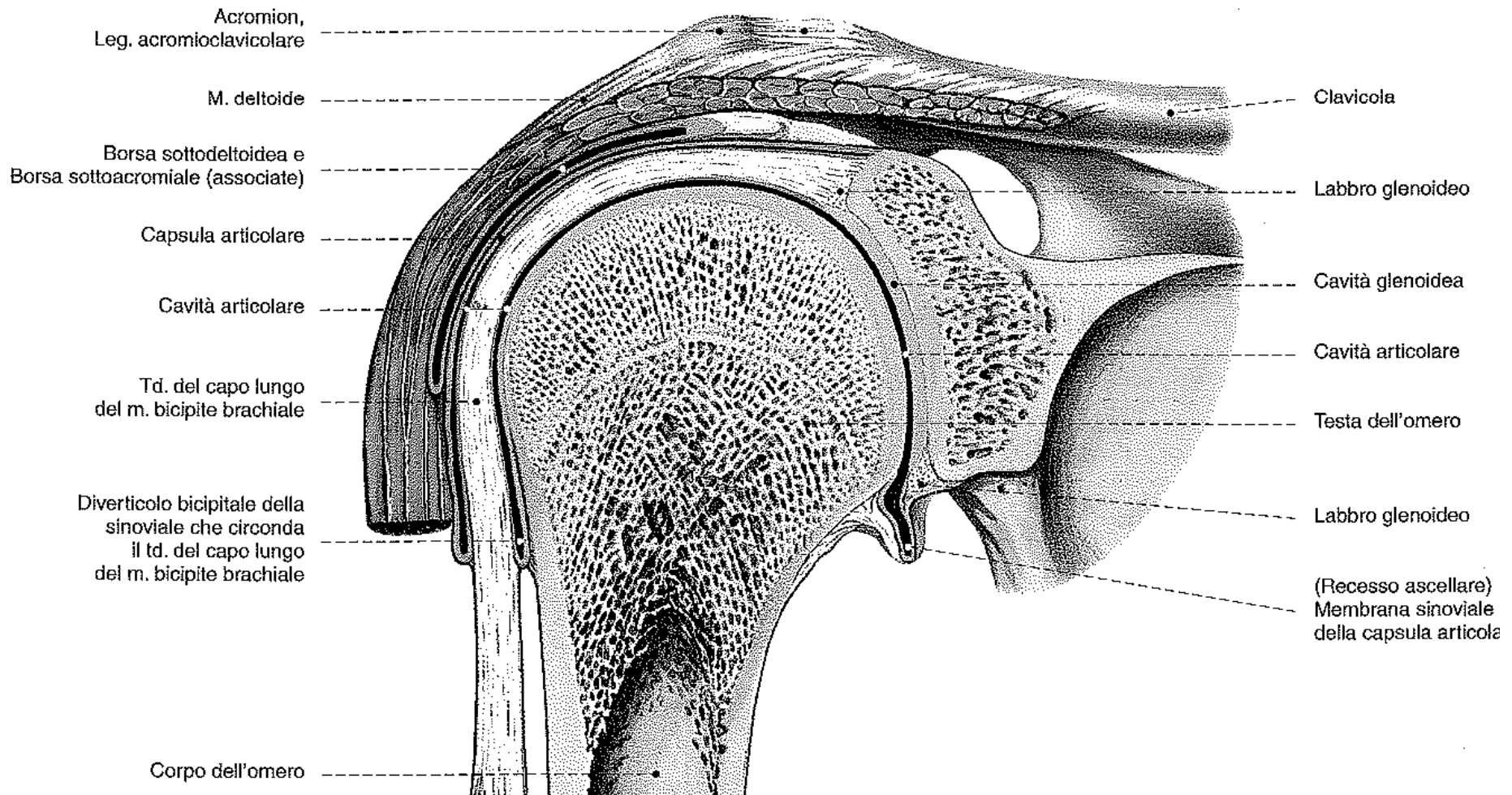
Fig.23: Anatomical landmarks on the human body in dorsal and frontal view











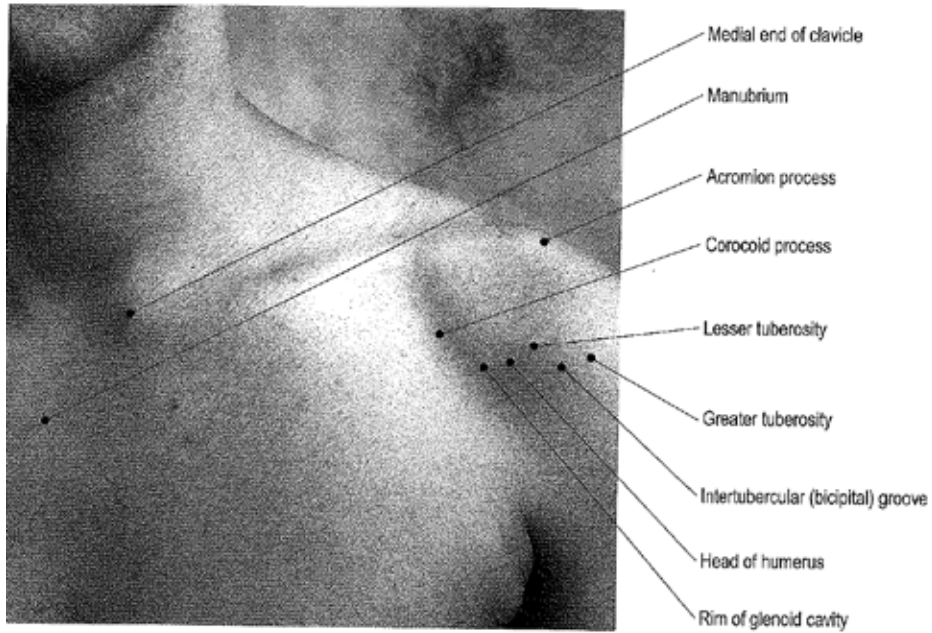


Fig. 2.1 (a)
The left shoulder (anterior view)

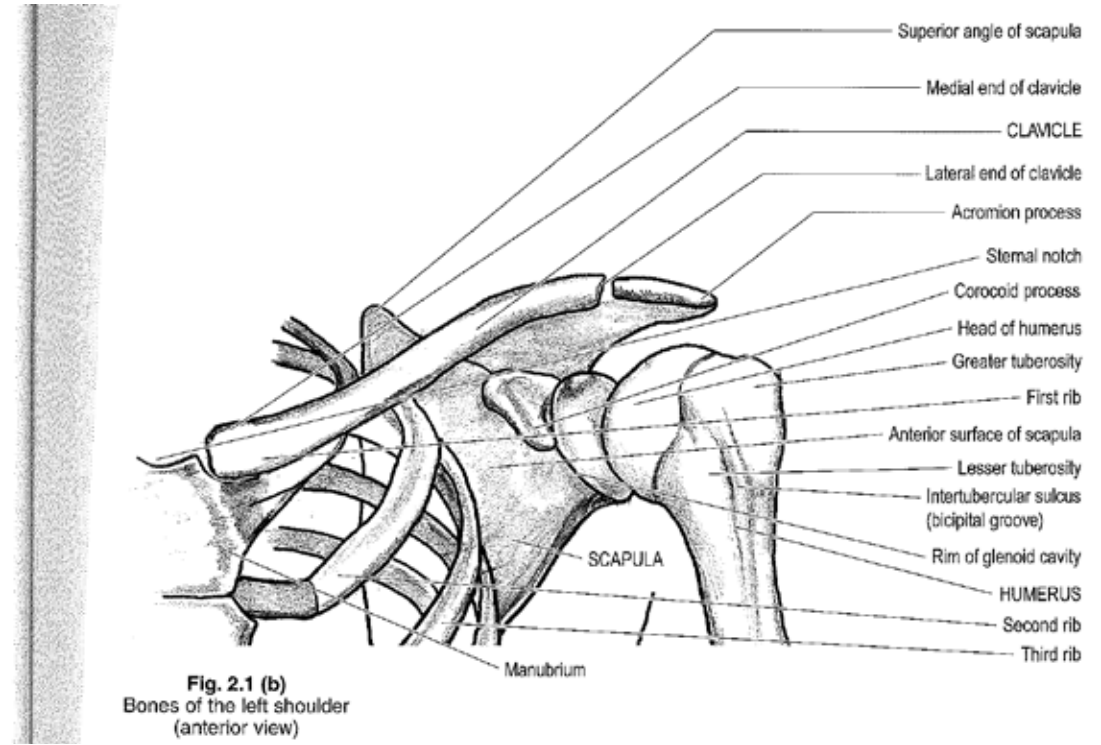
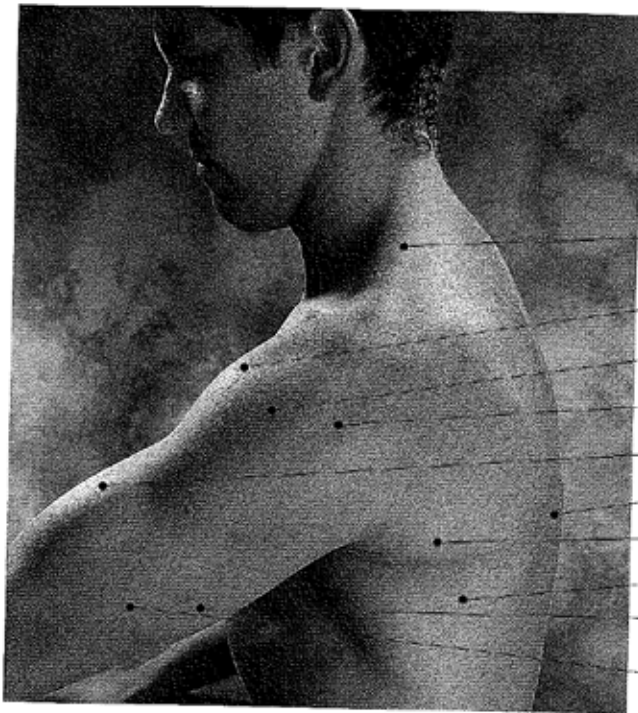
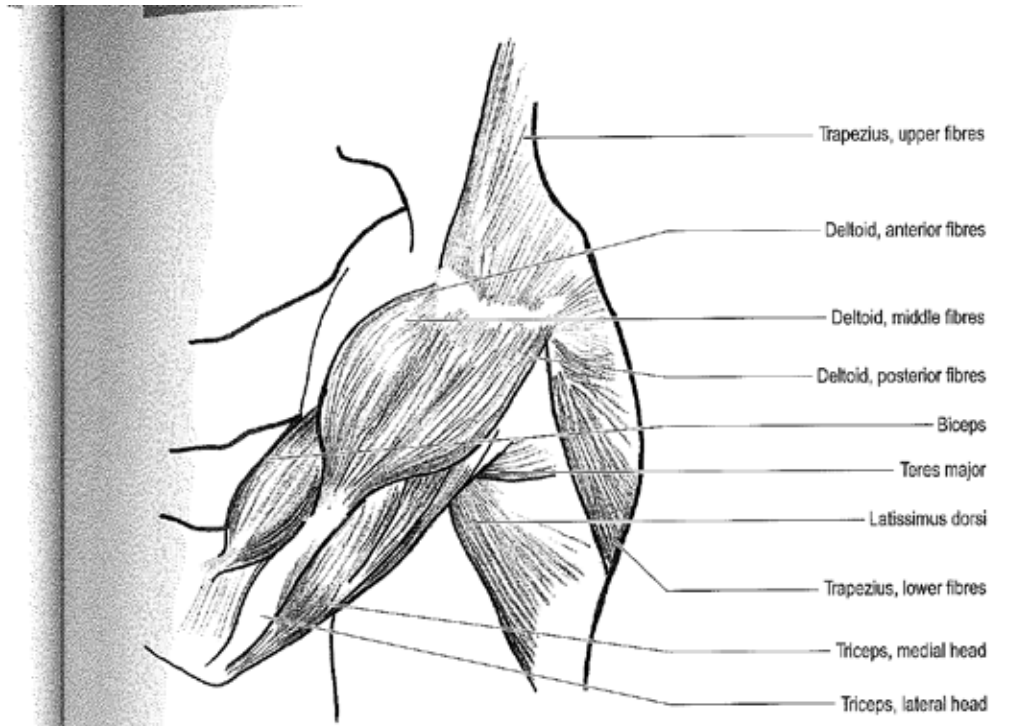


Fig. 2.1 (b)
Bones of the left shoulder (anterior view)



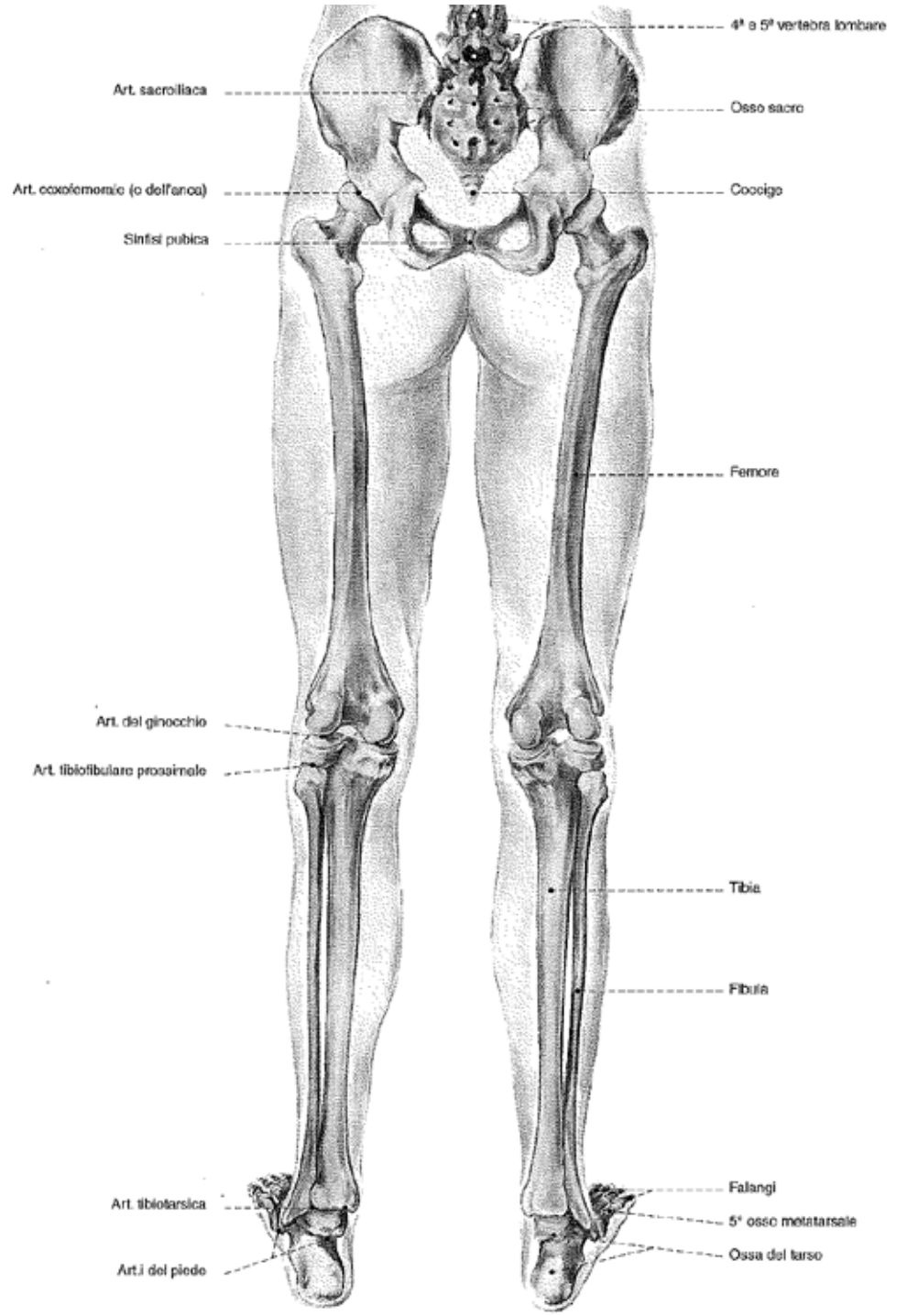
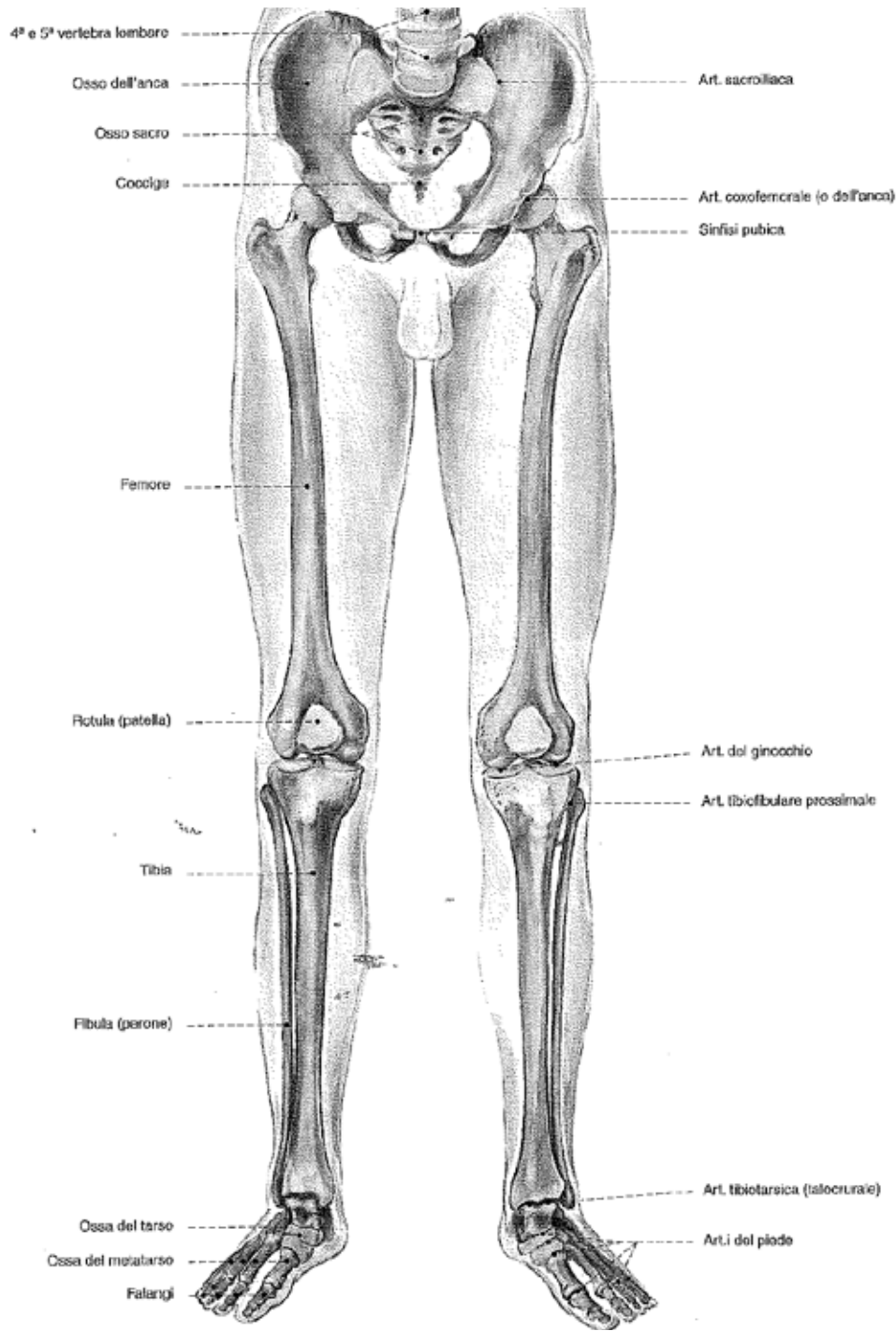
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- Deltoid, anterior fibres
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- Biceps
- Trapezius, lower fibres
- Teres major
- Latissimus dorsi
- Triceps, medial head
- Triceps, lateral head

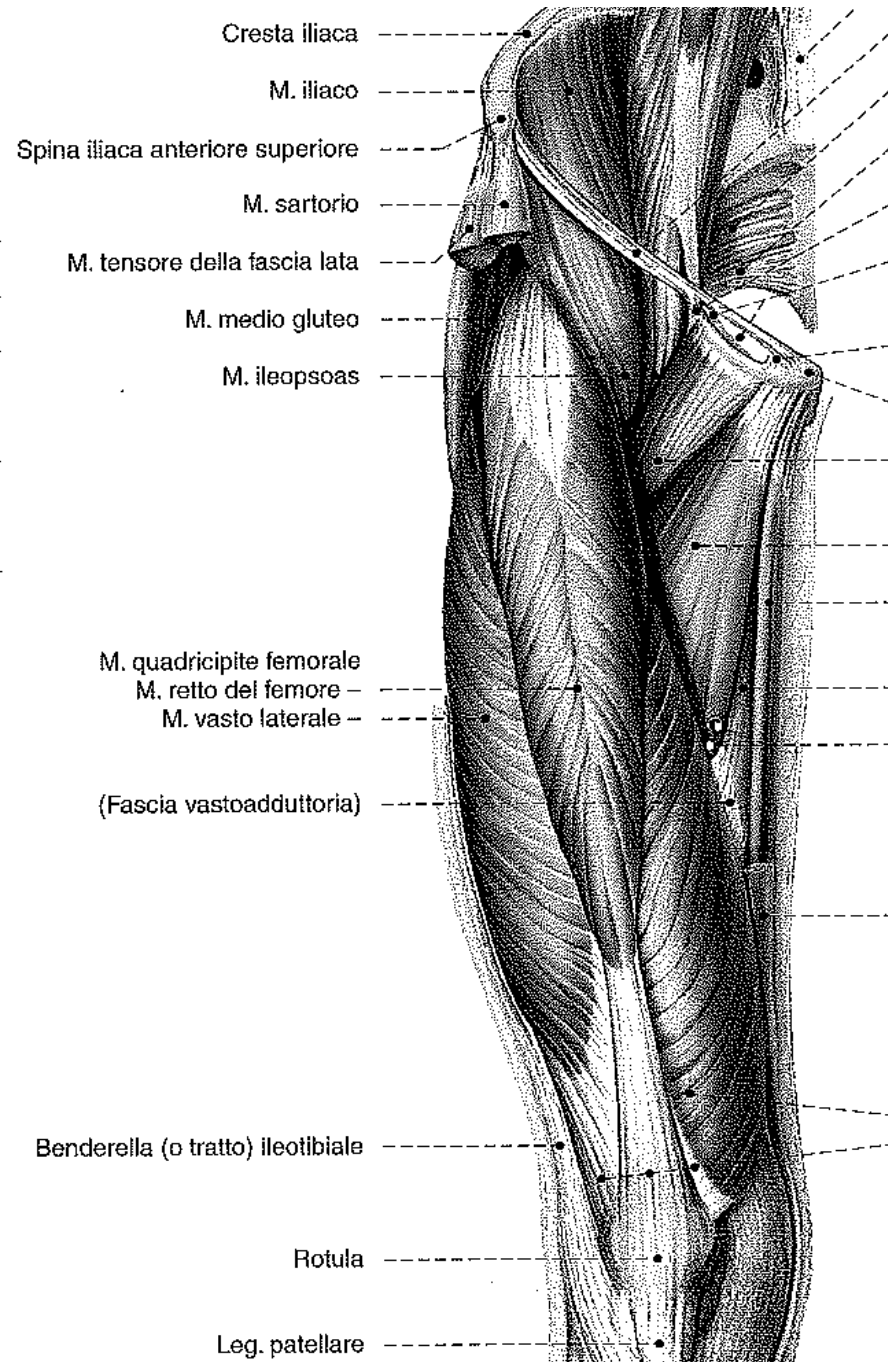
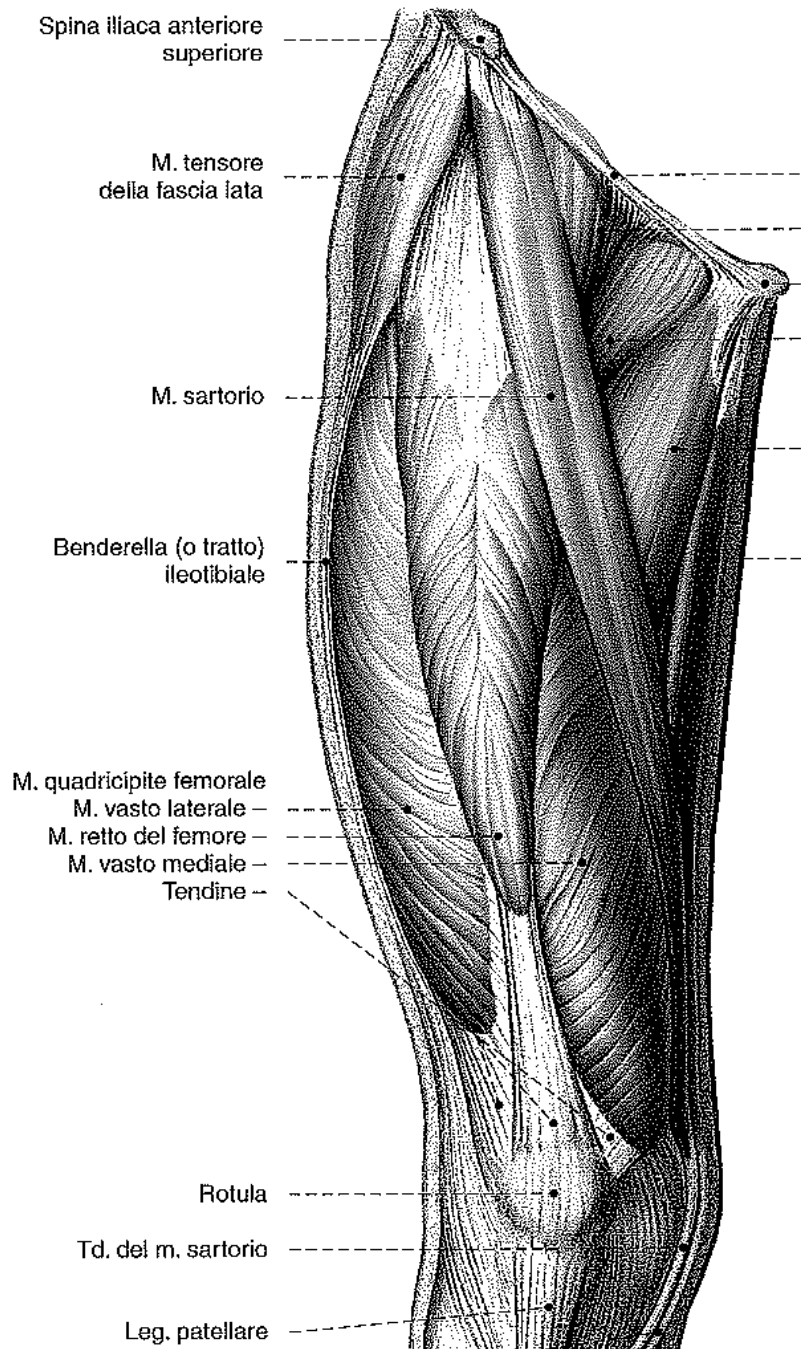
Fig. 2.17 (a)
Muscles that move the arm and forearm (lateral view of left arm)

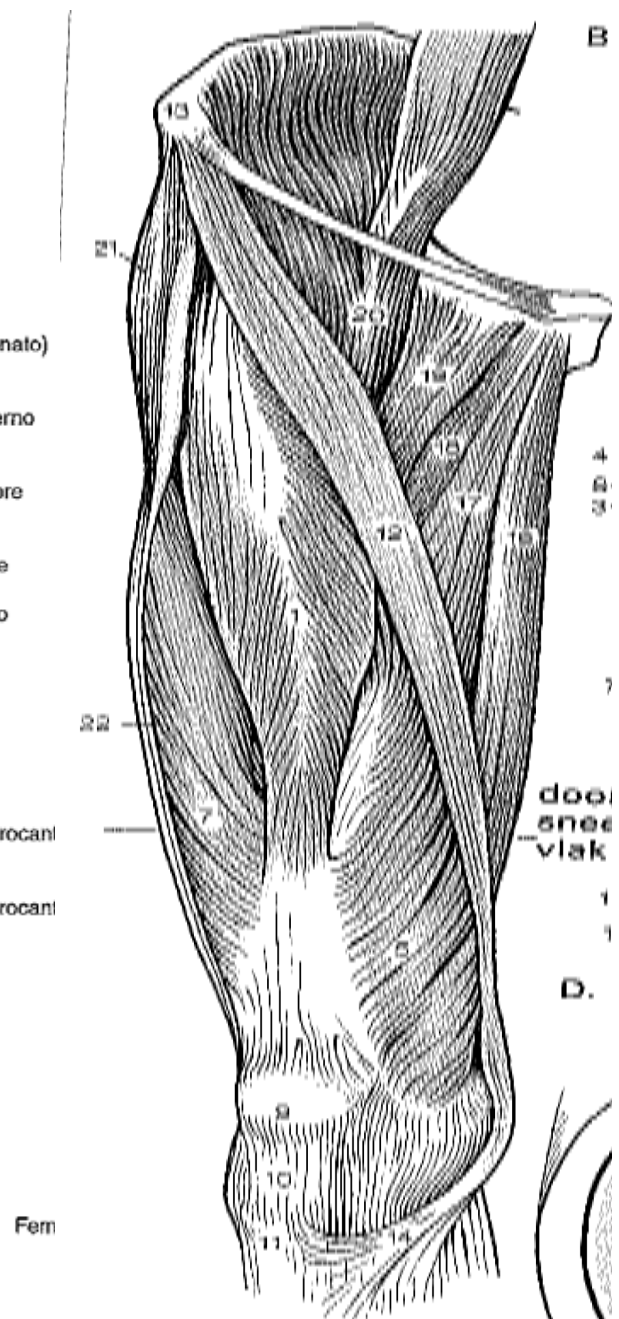
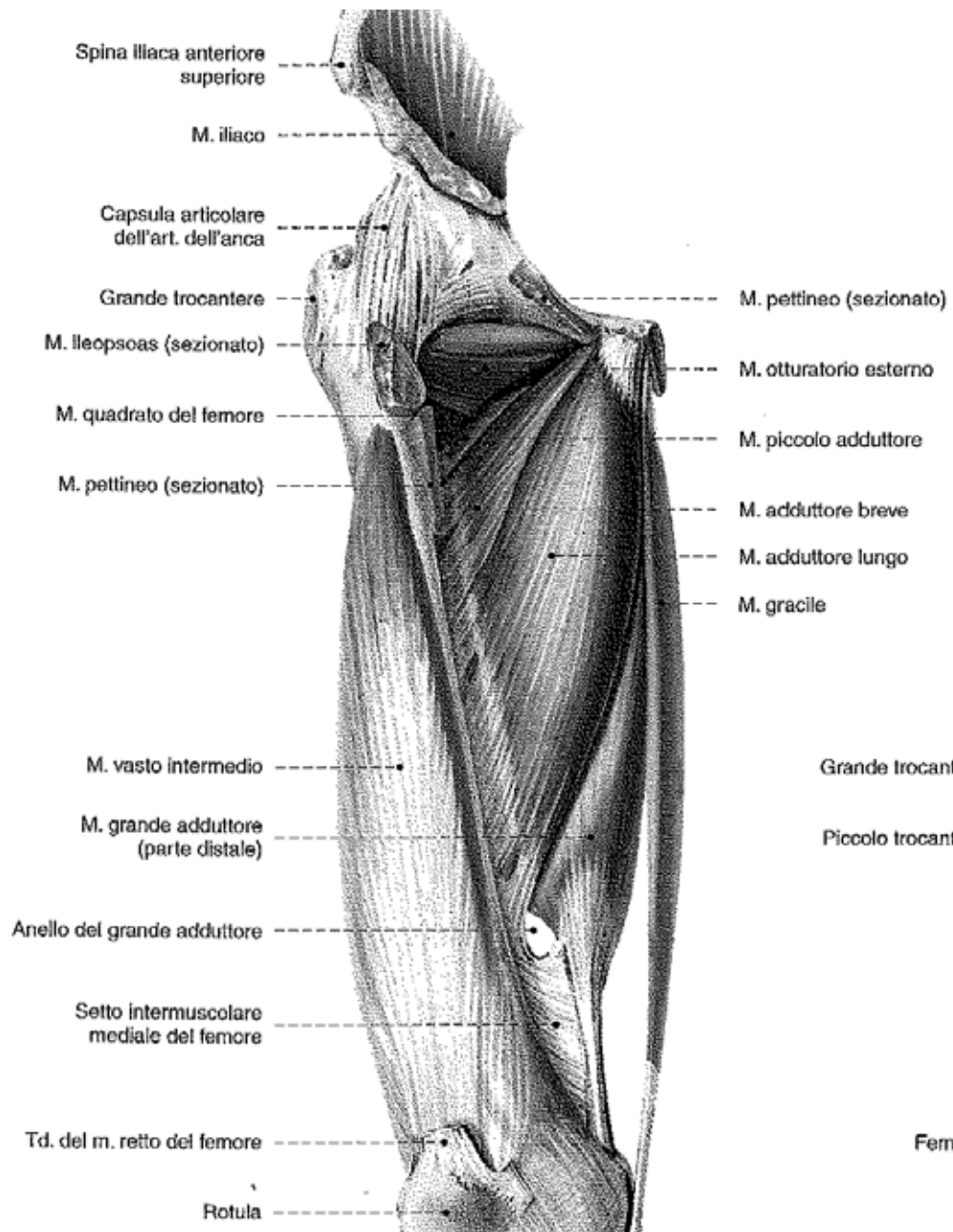


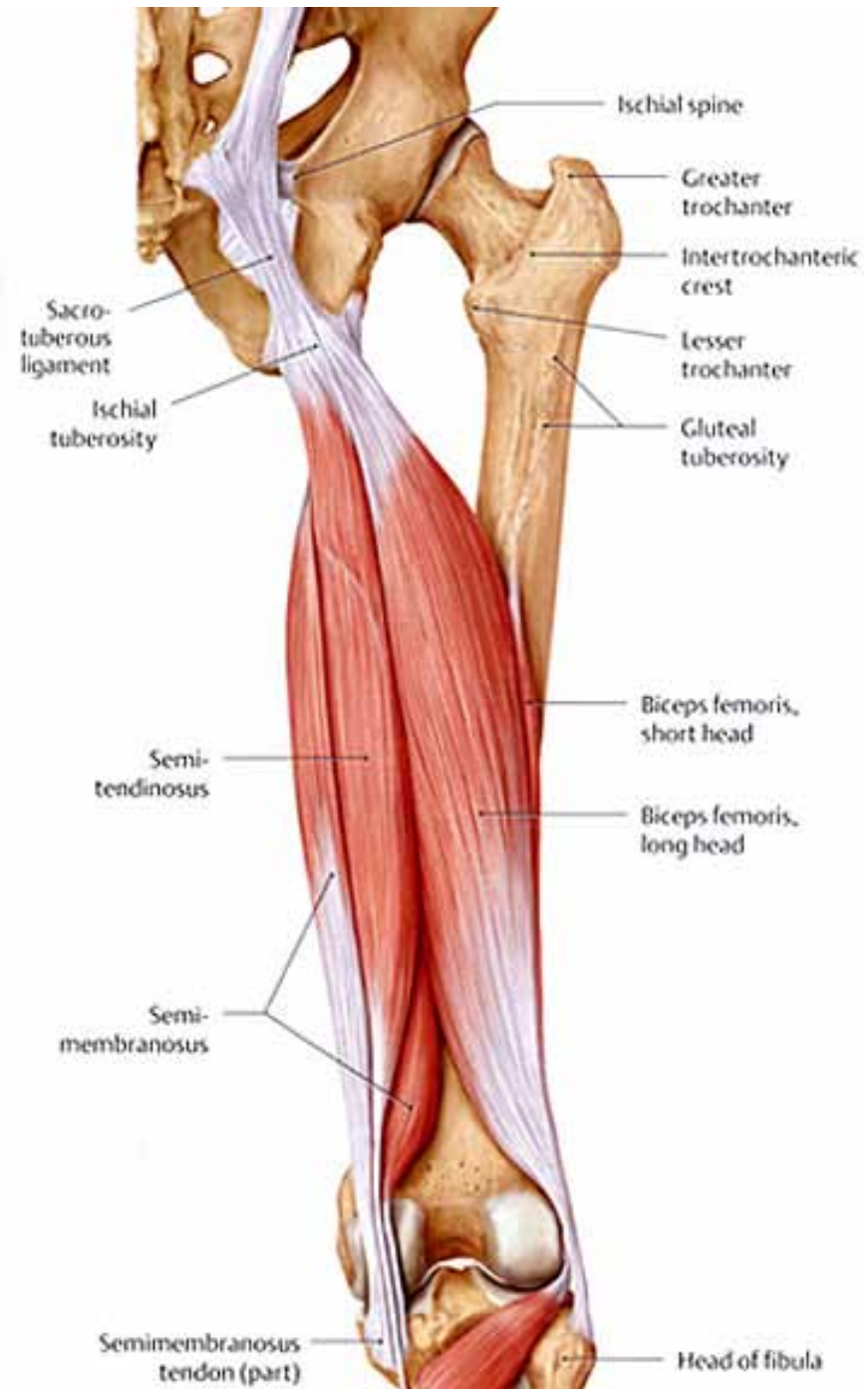
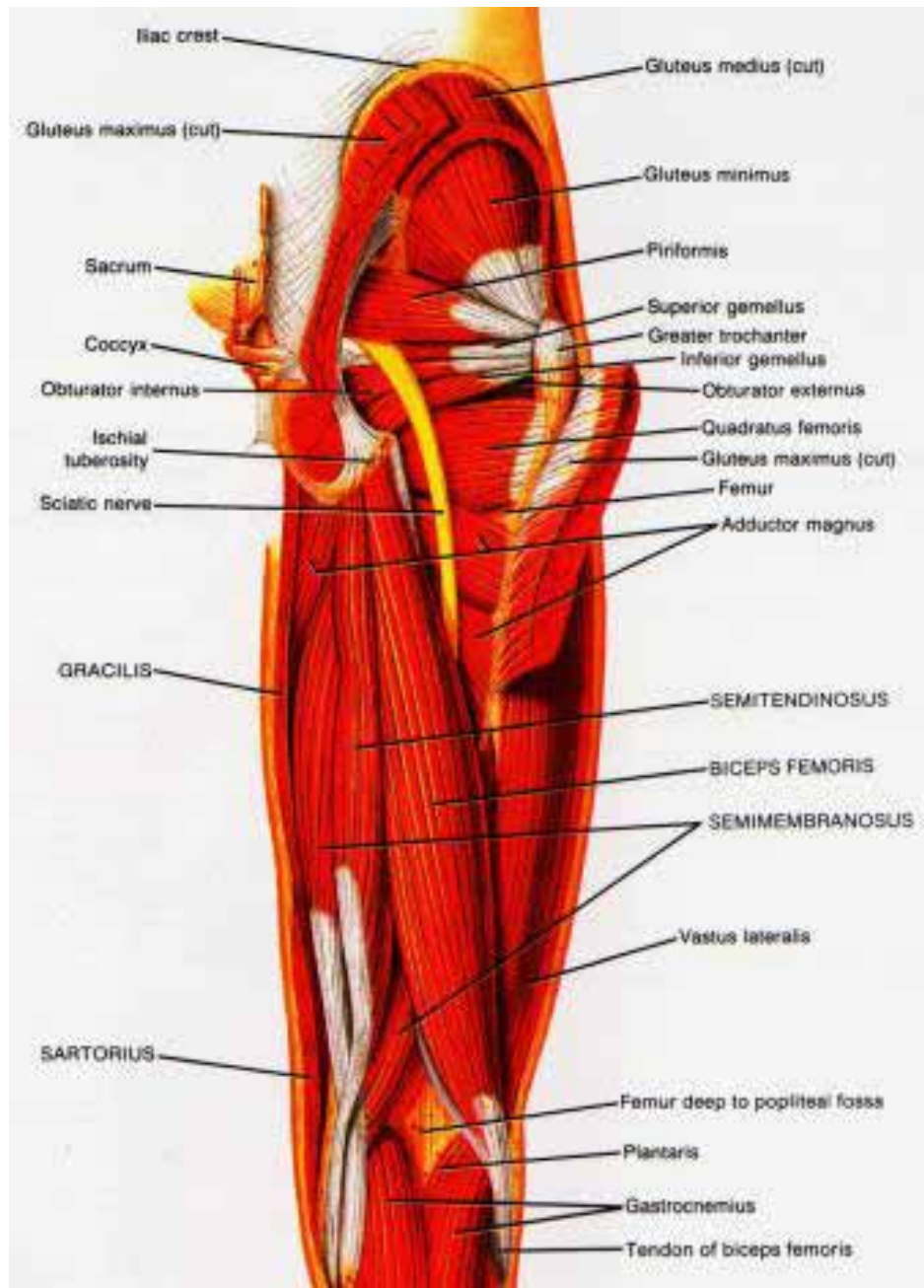
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Fig. 2.17 (b)
Muscles that move the arm and forearm (lateral view of left arm)









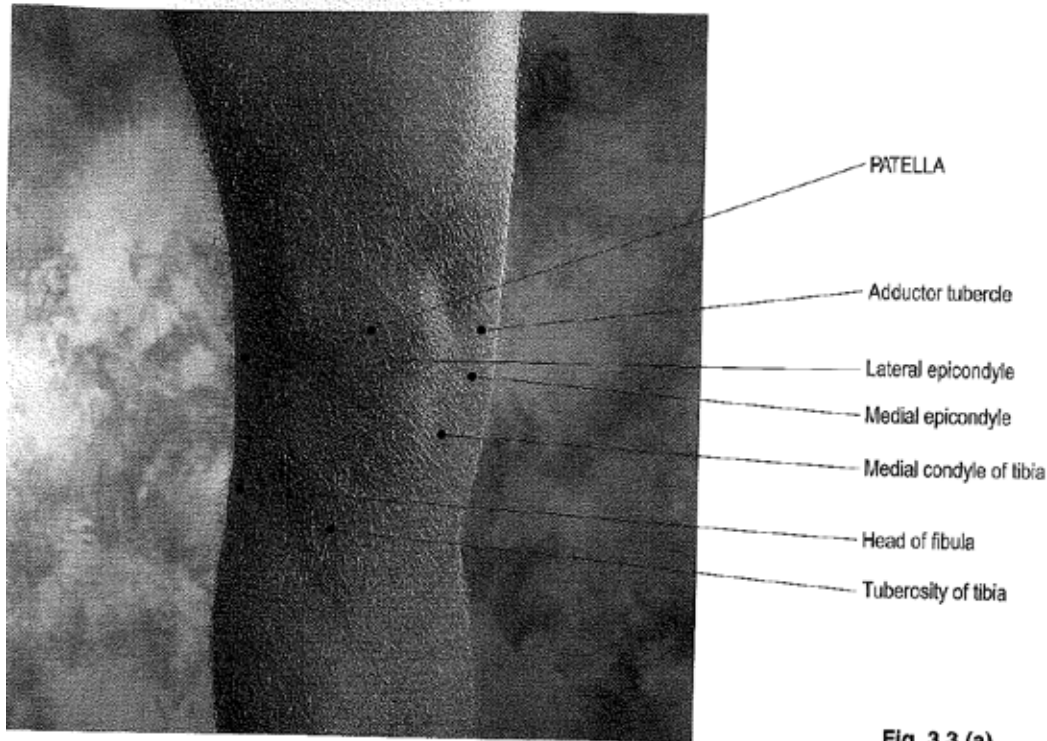


Fig. 3.3 (a)
The right knee region (anterior aspect)

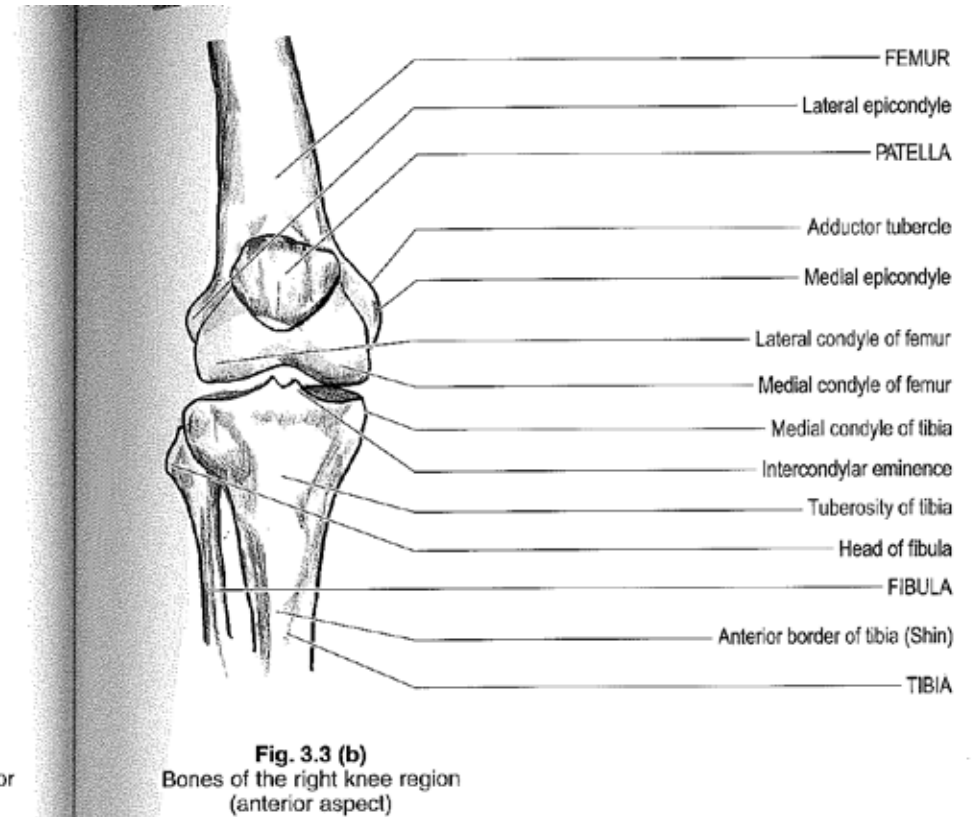
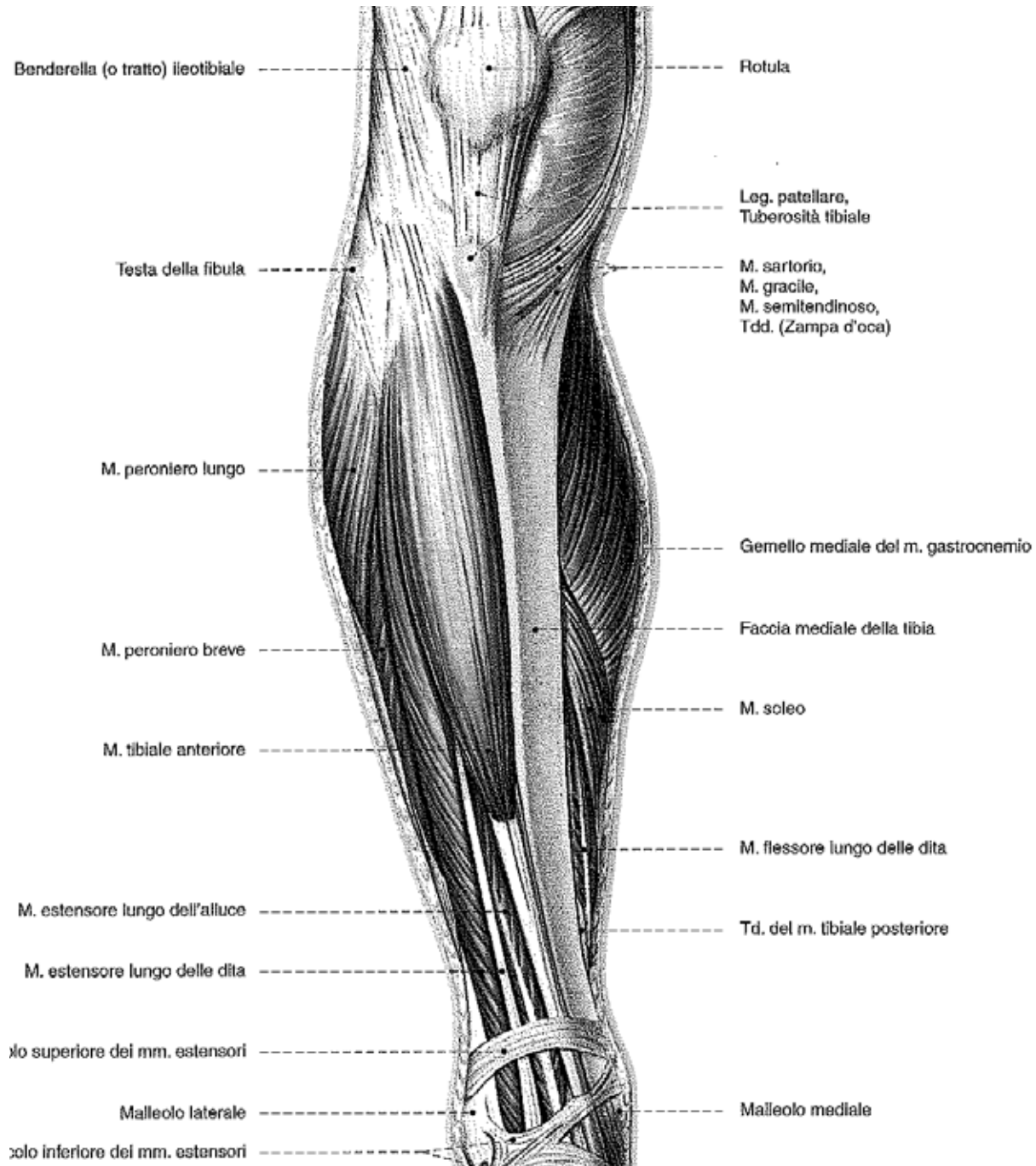
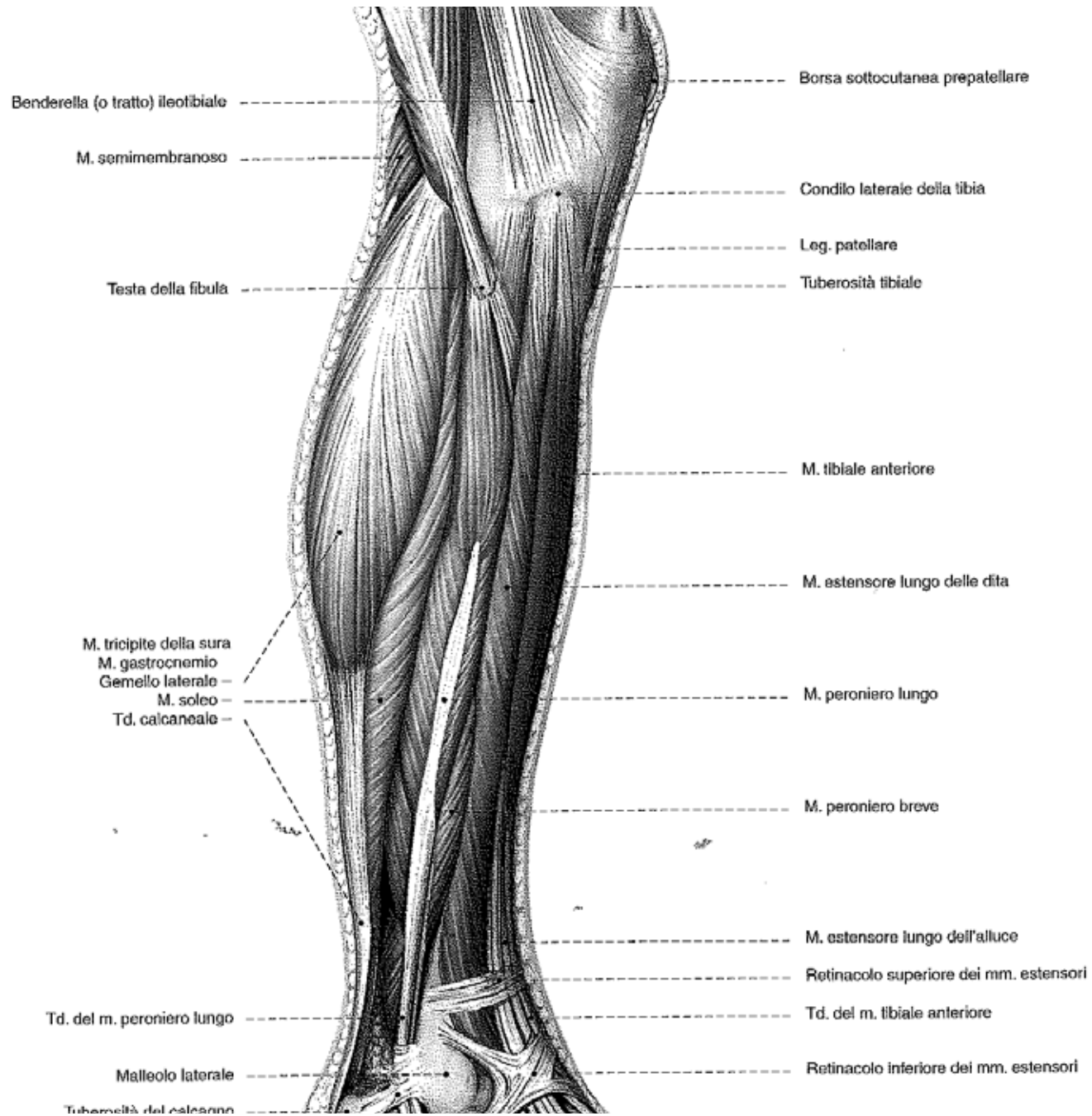
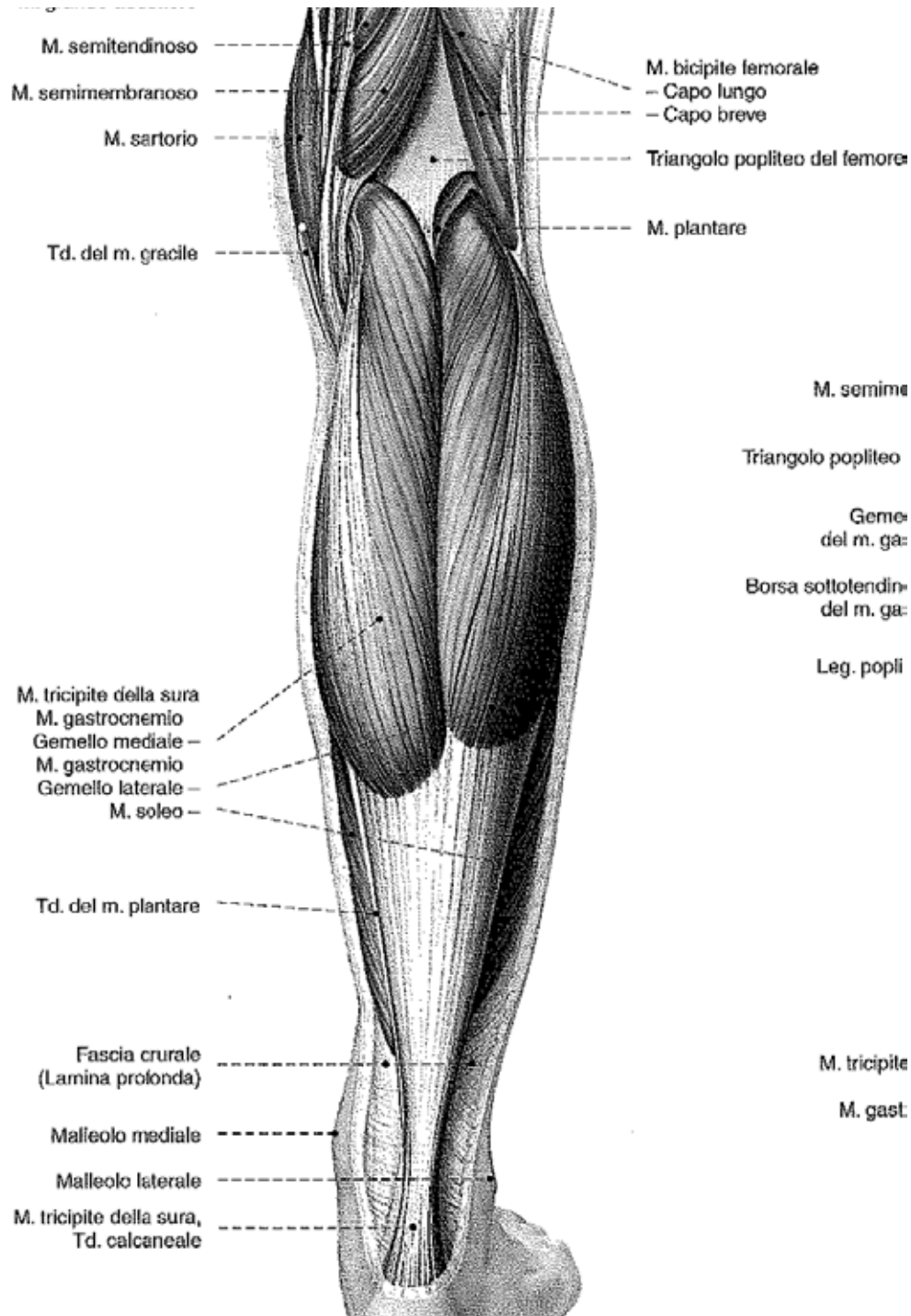


Fig. 3.3 (b)
Bones of the right knee region (anterior aspect)







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