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Respiratory System

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Division of respiratory system

- Upper respiratory tract:
 - external nose
 - nasal cavity & paranasal sinuses
 - pharynx
- Lower respiratory tract:
 - larynx
 - trachea (windpipe)
 - bronchi (down to respiratory bronchioli)
 - lungs
- Significance: ENT vs. pneumology URTI vs. pneumonia







Nasal passages and paranasal sinuses

Nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses

- Common colds are common
- Spatial relationships (syntopies) are important for spread of infection
- Complications: meningitis, teeth, orbit, mediootitis, mastoiditis, sinusitis...

Nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses

- Why do we have them (other than to keep ENT doctors in business)
- Maxillary, frontal, sphenoidal, ethmoidal
- Surface projections, visible and X-ray examination sinusitis



Surface projection of pasanasal sinuses



Lateral X-ray



Frontal X-ray



Frontal CT



Horizontal CT



Postnatal growth of paranasal sinuses (pneumatization)



Histology of airways



Taken from and see more in: Junquiera's Histology!

The Pharynx - crossing of breathing and swallowing pathways





Laryngeal cartilages

Thyroid cartilage – left + right lamina, superior + inferior notch, superior + inferior horn, oblique line, cricoid articular surface Cricoid cartilage - arch, lamina, arytenoid + cricoid articular surface Arytenoid cartilage - base, apex, muscular + vocal process, cricoid articular surface,

Epiglottis, Cuneiform + Corniculate + Triticeal cartilages

The Larynx - muscles







Anterior

posterior

lateral

The Larynx - development



The Larynx - sagittal view







The Larynx - vocal cord movements

anterior



posterior







The Larynx - frontal view





The Larynx - examination (laryngoscopy)



indirect

direct







The Trachea - cross section



Histology of the Trachea

- Epithelium (cylindricalwith cilia and goblet cells)
- Connective tissue
- Glands in lamina propria
- Hyaline cartilage covered
- by perichondrium
- Smooth (trachealis) muscle



The trachea and segmental bronchi





Coniotomy and tracheotomy





Coniotomy and tracheotomy

coniotomy

Superior tracheotomy Inferior tracheotomy



Syntopy of the cervical part of trachea



Blood supply

- Nasal cavity ethmoidal and sphenopalatine artery
- Larynx -superior and inferior laryngeal artery
- Trachea branches from thyroid arteries or thoracic aorta

Innervation

- Nasal cavity I, V1, V2; parasympathetic fibers from VII
- Larynx -superior and recurrent laryngeal nerve (from X)
- Trachea X, cervical sympathetics

Lymphatic drainage





The Lungs & Pleura - projections




Borders of Lungs & Pleura



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The Lungs & Pleura - projections



Pleural recesses

- Costodiphragmatic recess accumulation of fluids
- recessus phrenicomediastinalis
- recessus costomediastinalis.

The Pleural Cavity





Pneumothorax

- Penetration of the pleural cavity equalizes pressure
- This results in the collapse of the affected lung
- Could be classified as open, closed, or tension
- Treatment is by drainage that facilitates air resorption











Syntopies of the trachea and main bronchi



The bronchopulnonary segments





Histology of the Bronchi

- Epithelium (cylindricalwith cilia and goblet cells)
- Connective tissue
- Glands in lamina propria
- Hyaline cartilage
- (discontinuous)
- Smooth muscle





Bronchography



Blood supply & innervation

- Pulmonary artery and branches functional
- Rr. bronchiales from thoracic aorta or intercostal arteries nutritive
- Pulmonary vein, anastomoses
- Parasympathetic: left and right vagus
- Sympathetic: inferior and middle cervical ganglia, rami from the first four thoracic ganglia; almost no pain (only parietal pleura via intercostal nerves)

Lymphatic drainage



Lymphatic drainage







Right Lung

Superior lobe: (1) apical, (2) posterior, (3) anterior

Middle lobe: (4) lateral, (5) medial

Inferior lobe: (6) superior (apical), (7) medial basal, (8) anterior basal, (9) lateral basal,(10) posterior basal



Left Lung

Superior lobe: (1) apical, (2) posterior, (3) anterior, (4) superior lingular, (5) inferior lingular

Inferior lobe: (6) superior (apical), (7) medial basal, (8) anterior basal, (9) lateral basal, (10) posterior basal

The Bronchioli

No cartilage, just smooth muscle => bronchocostriction in

asthma!











The Lung Lobes - projections



Terminal bronchioli and Clara cells



Histology of lung tissue - respiratory bronchioli, alveolar ducts, alveoli









Branching ~23 bifurcations, 300-400 mil alveoli surface area: 40-80 sq. m., air-blood barrier 0.2-0.5 μm



Alveolar wall: Capillaries, type I & II alveolar cells, macrophages

The muscles of respiration





Diaphragma (C3-C5) Intercostal mm. - bucket handle action Accessory respiratory muscles



Mechanism of breathing

Piston &
& syringe





Respiratory movements of the diaphragm

Abdominal press

- Simultaneous contraction of diaphragm and abdominal muscles
- Increased abdominal pressure useful during miction, defecation, parturition
- If the pelvic diaphragm is contracted as well, supports the lumbar spine (muscular corset)



Pleural cavity Parietal pleura

Costal part Mediastinal part Diaphragmatic part Pleural cupula (dome) Pleural recesses: costodiaphragmatic costomediastinal phrenicomediastinal **Pulmonary lig.** bronchopericardial membrane **Mediastinum**

Superior, Inferior – anterior, middle, posterior



The Pleura

Lined by mesothelium (M) secreting pleural fluid (WHY this is NOT an epithelium?)

The connective tissue is rich in both collagen and elastic fibers and contains both blood vessels (V) and lymphatics (L).





Mediastinum interpleural space) superius, inferius – anterius, medium, posterius




Mediastinum

Space in thorax between the left and right pleural cavities, filled by vessels, organs, fatty tissue

Borders:

- cranial apertura thoracis superior
- caudal diaphragm
- ventral sternum and ribs
- dorsal vertebral column



Posterior mediastinum

esophagus n. vagus dexter et sinister (plexus oesophageus) n. vagus dx. Aortic arch (end) v. azygos bronchus aorta thoracica principalis dx. větve arteria pulmonalis dx ductus thoracicus lymfatické uzliny v hilu plicním vv. pulmonales dx v. azygos n. phrenicus dx. v hemiazygos et hemiazygos accessoria truncus sympaticus dexter et sinister Lymph nodes

Anterior mediastinum

Anterior superior mediastinum

- thymus
- Venous layer vv.
 brachiocephalicae, v. cava sup plexus thyroideus impar
- Arterial layer aortic arch and its branches
- Trachea, bronchi, recurrent laryngeal nerve
- Anterior inferiror (middle) mediastinum
- Heart in pericardium -
- n. phrenicus



What is that?



What is that?



The thymus

- Lympho-epithelial organ
- Primary lymphatic organ
- Left and right lobe
- Lobules, cortex & medulla
- (accessory lobules)
- Fibrous capsule
- Proportionally large at birth (12-14g)
- With ageing undergoes involution and replacement by fatty tissue
- Residues still discernible at the old age (watch out during dissections when opening the chest cavity!)





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Located in the superior mediastinum behind the sternum 30-40 g



- Involution after puberty
- Replaced by fat after 50 years
- *Possible site of thymoma (cancer from white blood cells)*



Development of thymus

- w ventral process of the 3rd branchial pouch
- w mediocaudal descensusw endodermal proliferation
- w stem cell colonization in the 10th week /lymphocytes derived from blood island, liver, bone marow
- w ingrowth of the mesenchymal septa (fibrous tissue)



Parathyroid tissue in the mediastinum can be everywhere thymus could be including mediastinal fat

Residual thymus tissue after standard thymectomy, based upon 50 clinico-anatomical studies











THORACIC AORTA





SUPERIOR VENA CAVA

- Formed by the confluence of the brachiocephalic veins
- tributaries:
 - v. thyroidea inf.
 - v. vertebralis
 - v. intercostalis suprema, intercosalis sup. sin.
- v. azygos
- v. thoracica interna
- Visceral branches of the mediastinal organs







Cranial tributaries of the superior vena cava

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