

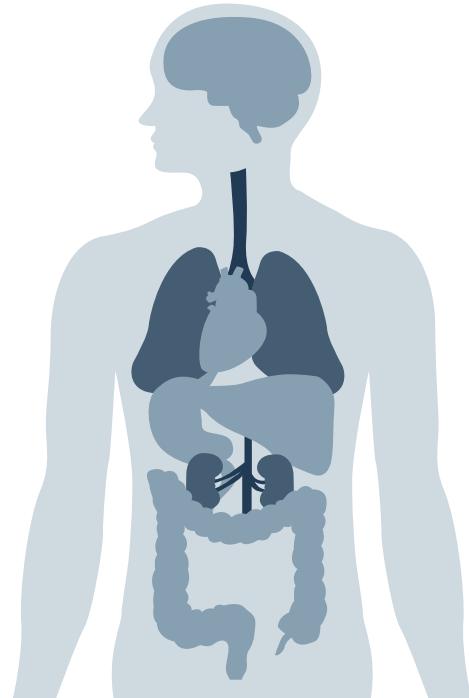
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# POSITION

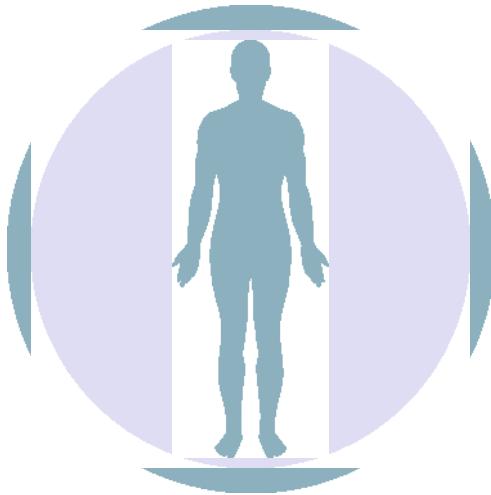
*Expressing Position in  
Medical Terminology*

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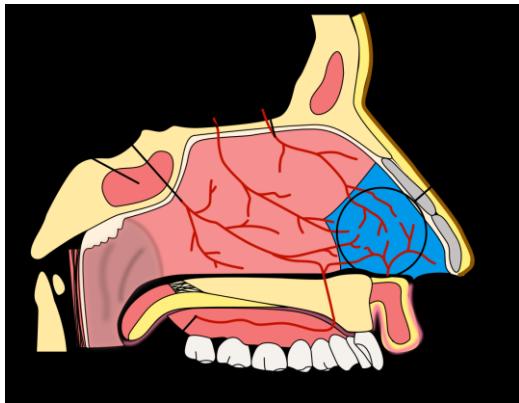
## EXPRESSING POSITION

- A) PREPOSITIONS
- B) COMPARATIVE FORMS
- C) ADJECTIVES
- D) COMPOUNDS
- E) PREFIXES

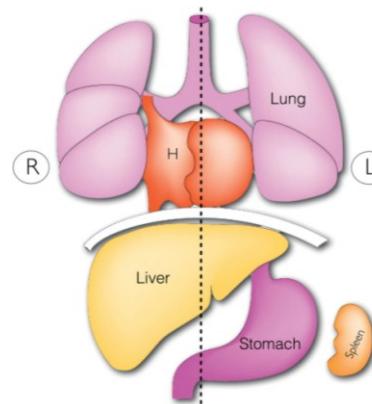
# GENERAL TERMS

Locus, i, m. / Situs, us, m. = greek prefix topo- = place

> Locus is a more concrete, specific term while situs is a more abstract term with a broader sense



**locus kiesselbach:**  
is a region in  
the  
anteroinferior  
part of  
the nasal  
septum



**situs solitus:**  
refers to the  
normal  
position of the  
thoracic and  
abdominal  
organs

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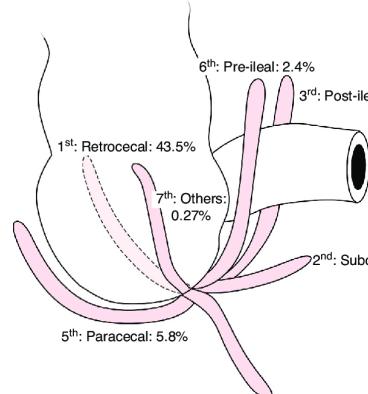
# GENERAL TERMS

Commonly used in:

- **In situ** *in the (mentioned) place*
- **Loco typico** *in the typical place*
- **Loco cicatricis** *in the place of the scar*
  - i. **cicatrix, icis, f.** = scar
- **Eodem loco** *in the same place*



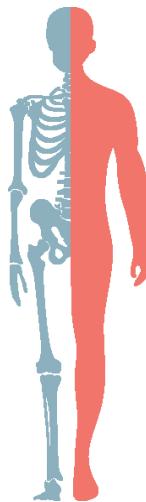
**Localis, e  
anaesthesia localis**



**positio, onis, f.  
Positio retrocaecalis**

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# LATERAL POSITION



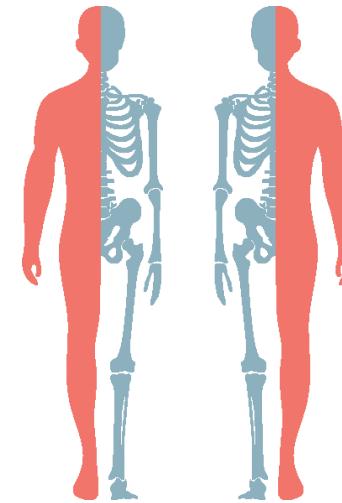
*lateris dextri* (l.dx.)

= on the right side,  
the right one



*lateris sinistri* (l.sin.)

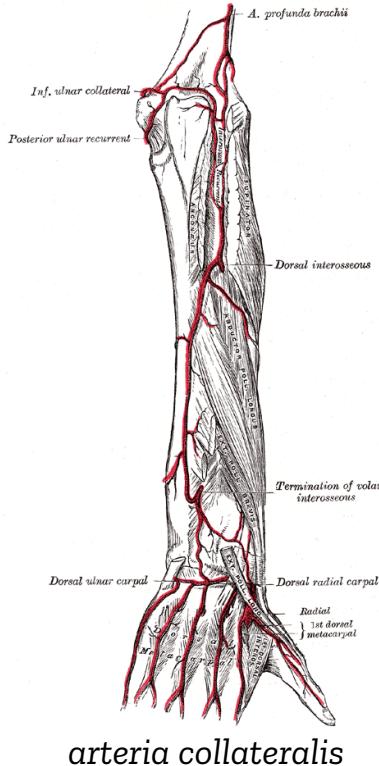
= on the left side, the  
left one



*lateris utriusque* (l. utr.)

= on both sides, both

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# Lateral Position

- later- \*(prefix) = related to side e.g., lateropositio uteri /bi/lateralis, e = /bi/lateral e.g., decubitus bilaterales

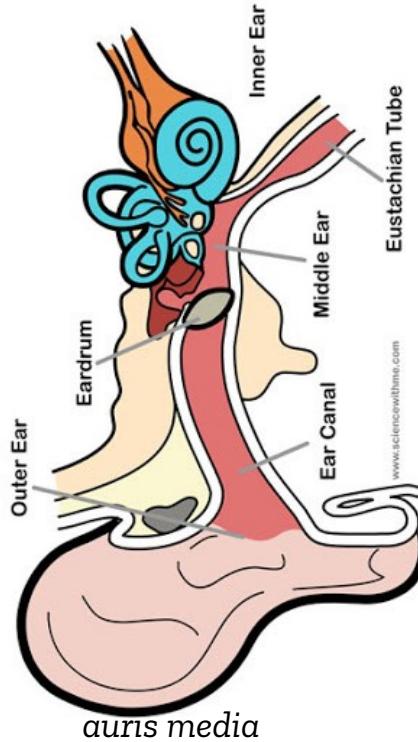
collateralis, e = located on the same side e.g., arteria collateralis

sinistro-/dextropositio = reversal of an organ to the left/right  
e.g. dextropositio cordis

marginalis, e = marginal e.g., gingivitis marginalis

acralis, e = referring to extremities e.g., cyanosis acralis

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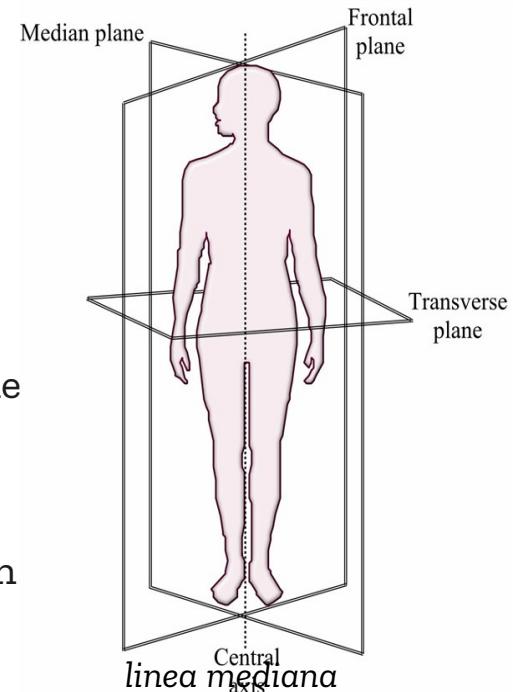


# Medial Position

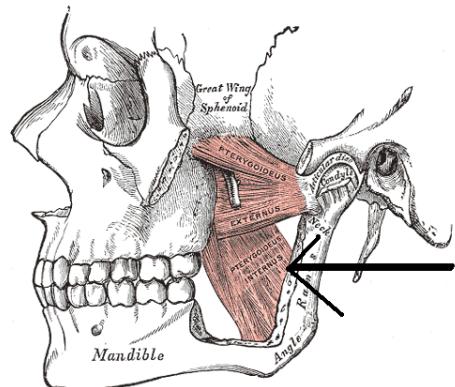
medius, a, um

medianus, a, um = exactly in the  
middle

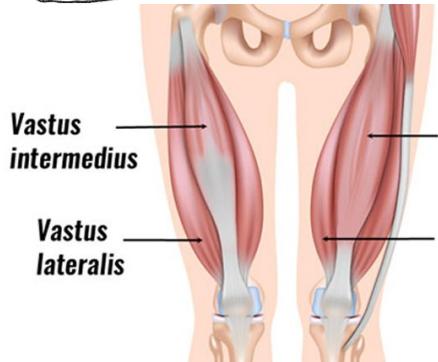
medialis, e versus lateralis, e  
intermedius, a, um = in between  
two other structures



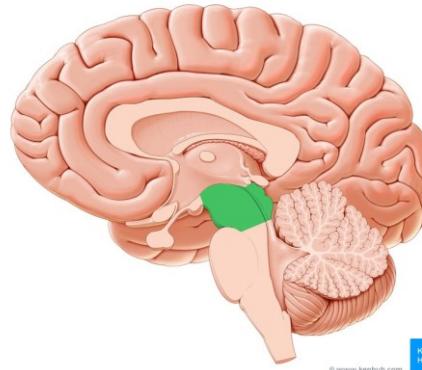
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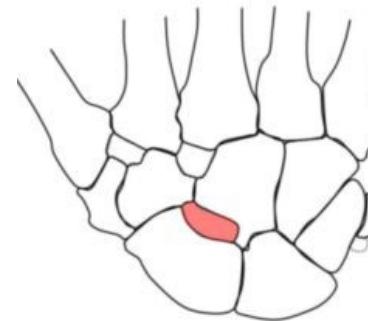
**medialis, e**  
Musculus  
pterygoideus  
medialis



**intermedius, a, um**  
Musculus  
vastus  
intermedius



**mes-o- (prefix)**  
*mesencephalon*



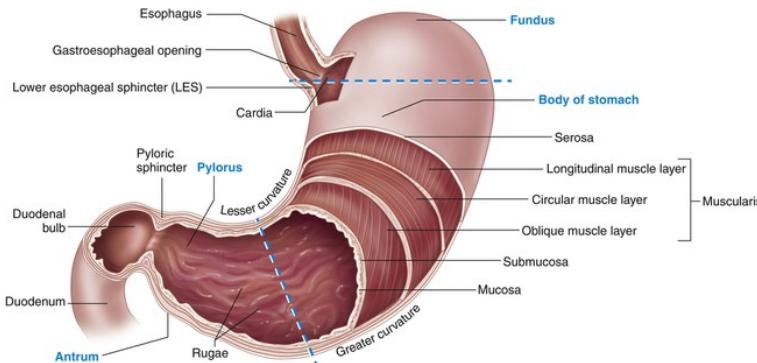
Hand, rechts – Ansicht von oben, akzessorische Handwurzelknochen

**centralis, e**  
Os centrale carpi

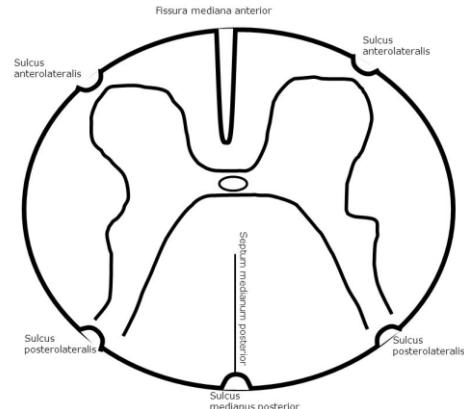
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# ANTERIOR POSITION / before something

anterior, ius  
(comparative form)  
e.g. *paries anterior gastris*

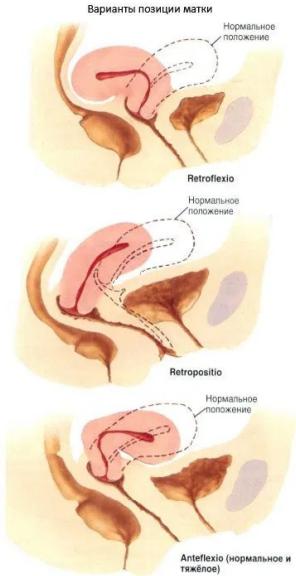


antero- before, earlier, front  
(prefix)  
e.g. *funiculus anterolateralis*



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Ante- = before or in front of e.g. *antepositio uteri*



Prae- = before or in front of  
Synonym of 'pre'  
e.g. *transfusio praeoperativa*



Pro- = before or in front of  
e.g. *progeria adulorum; prognathia*



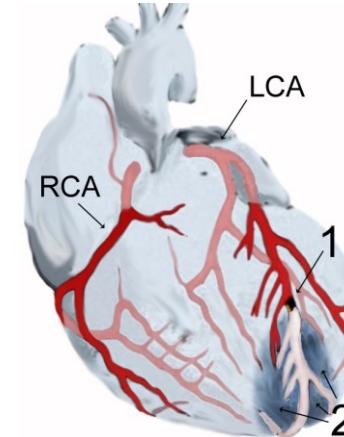
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# POSTERIOR POSITION / after something

posterior, ius  
(comparative form)  
e.g. *processus posterior tali*

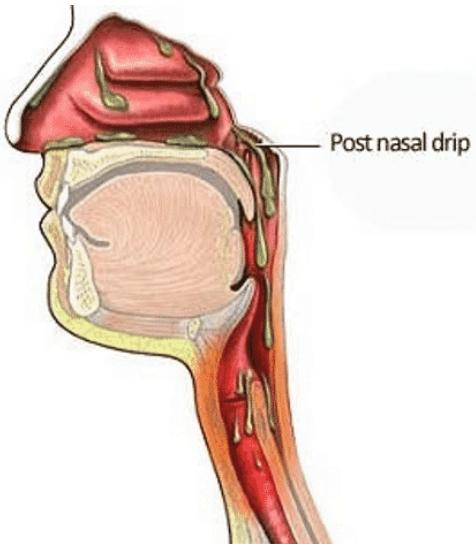


postero- *behind*  
(prefix)  
e.g. *infarctus posterolateralis*

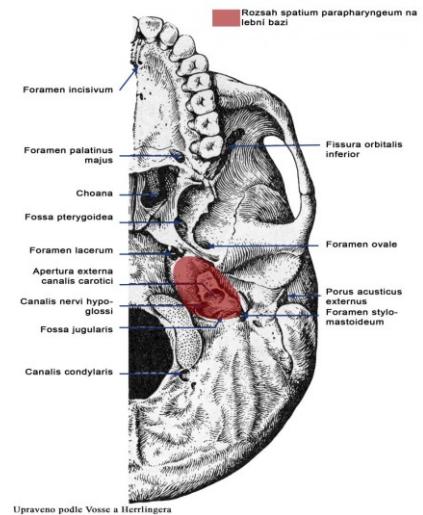


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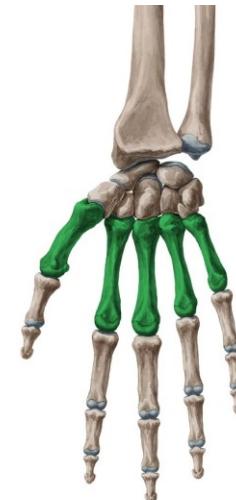
Post – (L.) - after,  
behind or later  
e.g. *regio postnasalis*



Retro – (L.) – behind,  
backwards  
e.g. *spatium retropharyngeum*



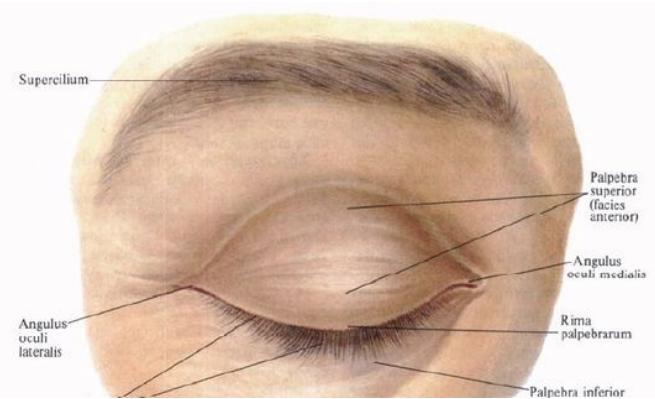
Meta – (L.) – after, beyond  
e.g. *ossa metacarpalia*



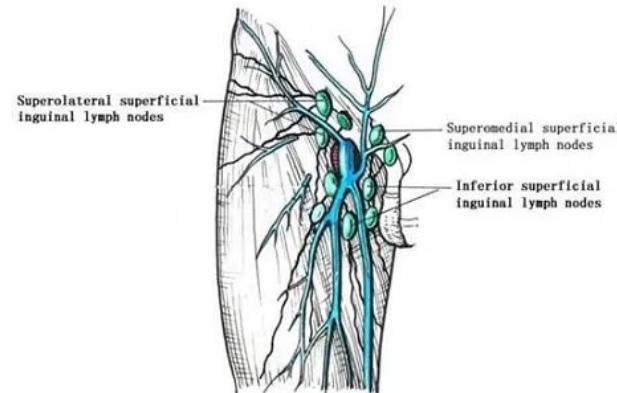
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# SUPERIOR POSITION

superior, ius  
(comparative form)  
e.g. *palpebra superior*

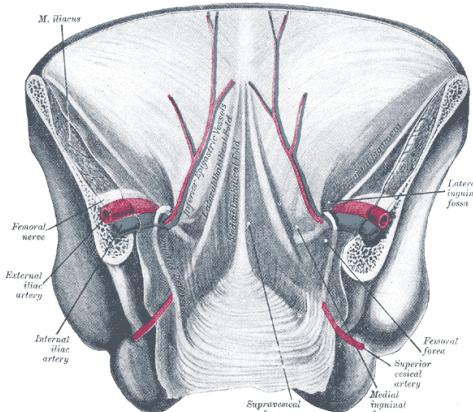


supero- above, over, beyond  
(prefix)  
e.g. *nodi lymphatici inguinale superficiales superomediales*

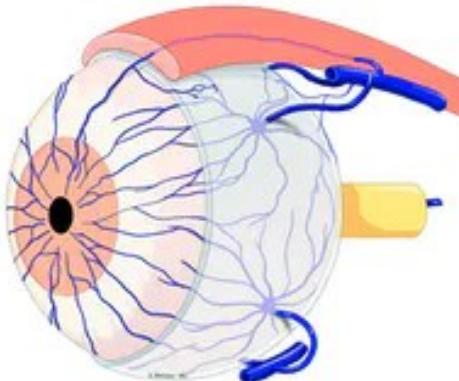


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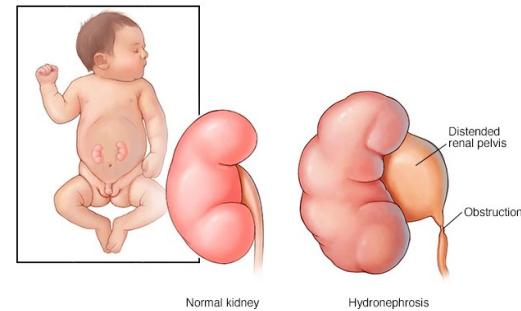
Supra- / Super- (prefix)  
over/ on the surface of  
e.g. *fossa supravesicalis*



Epi- (prefix) on the surface of  
e.g. *venae episclerales*



Hyper- (prefix) over,  
above, excessive  
e.g., *hypernephritis*

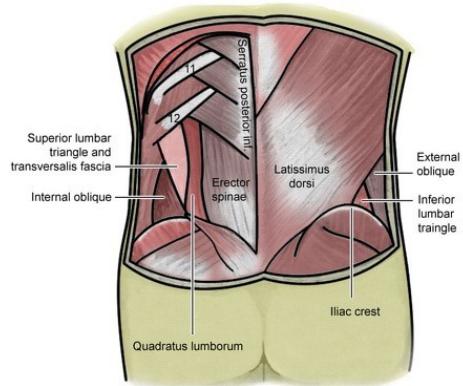


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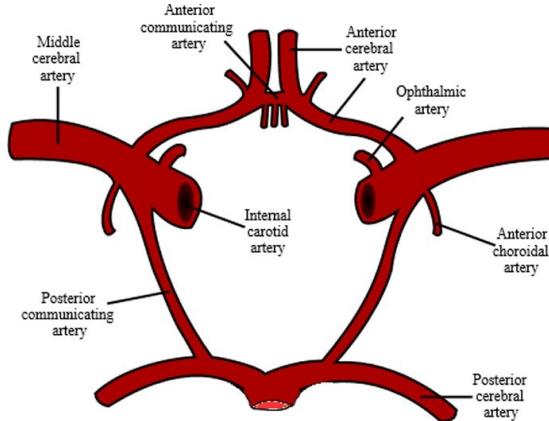
# INFERIOR POSITION

inferior, ius  
(comparative form)  
e.g. *trigonum lumbale inferius*



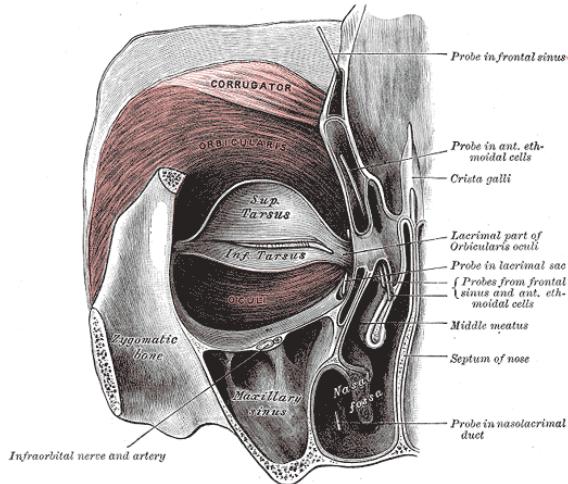
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infero- lower, inferior  
(prefix)  
e.g. *infarctus inferoposterior*

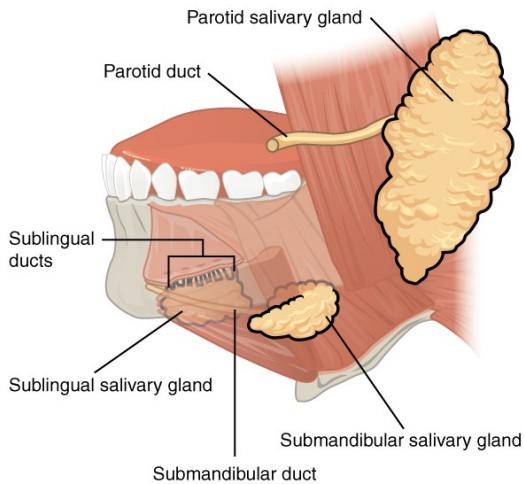


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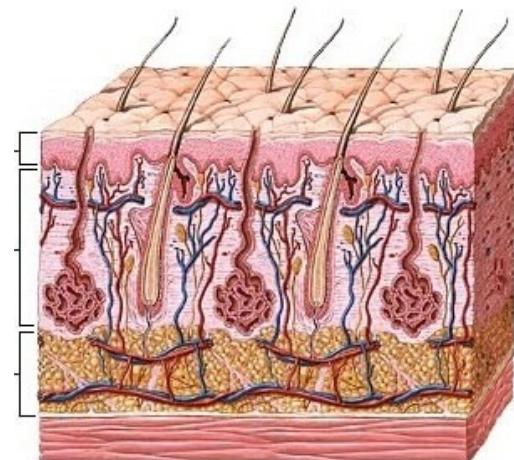
Infra (prefix) below/  
beneath location  
e.g. *nervus infraorbitalis*



Sub- (prefix) under, below  
e.g. *ductus sublingualis major*



Hypo- (prefix) below  
normal (rarely for  
location)  
e.g., *hypodermis*



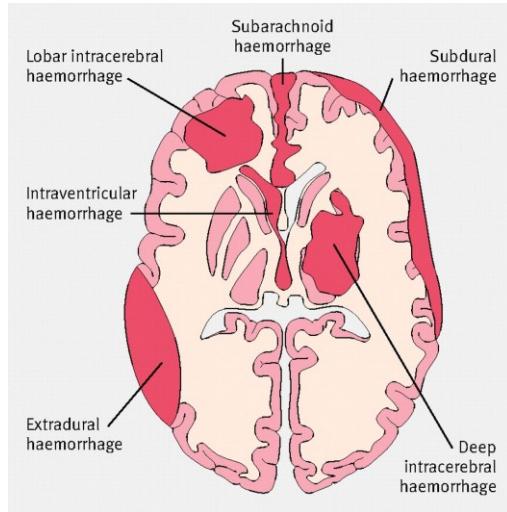
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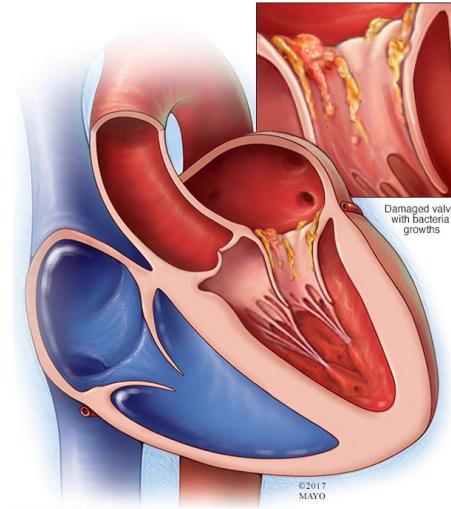
Internus, a, um -  
internal, deep, inward  
e.g. *auris interna*



Intra- (prefix) between, within  
e.g. *haemorrhagia intracranialis*



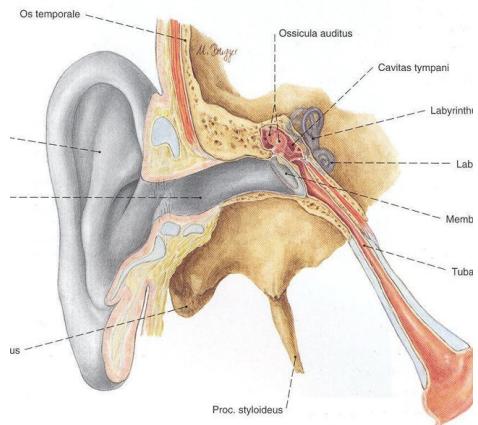
Endo- (prefix)  
inside, within  
e.g. *endocarditis*



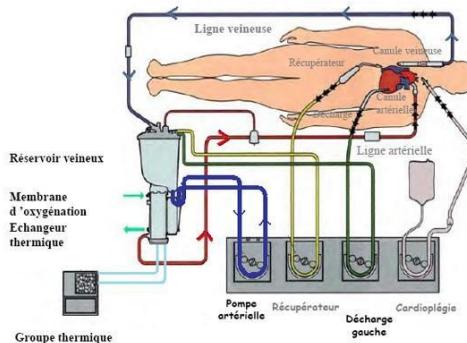
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# EXTERNAL POSITION

Externus, a, um  
outward, external  
e.g. meatus acusticus  
externus



Extra- (prefix)  
Outside, beyond  
e.g. circulatio  
extracorporalis



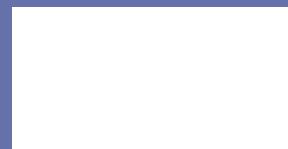
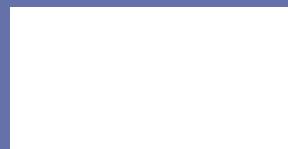
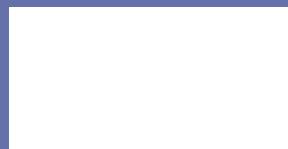
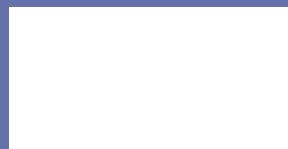
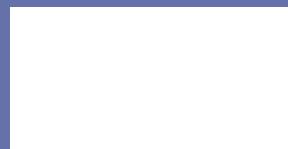
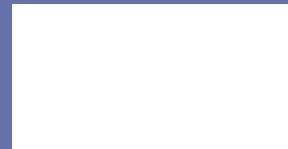
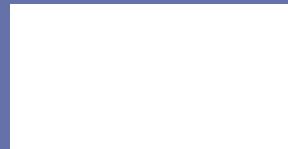
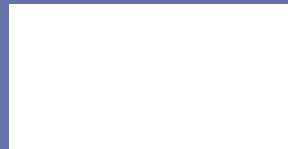
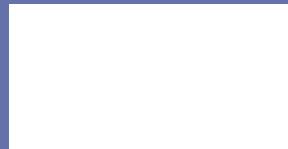
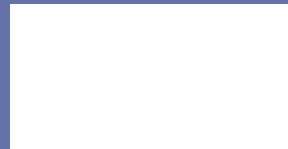
Ecto-/exo- (prefix)  
Outermost, external  
e.g. ectoparasitus; neurosis  
exogenes

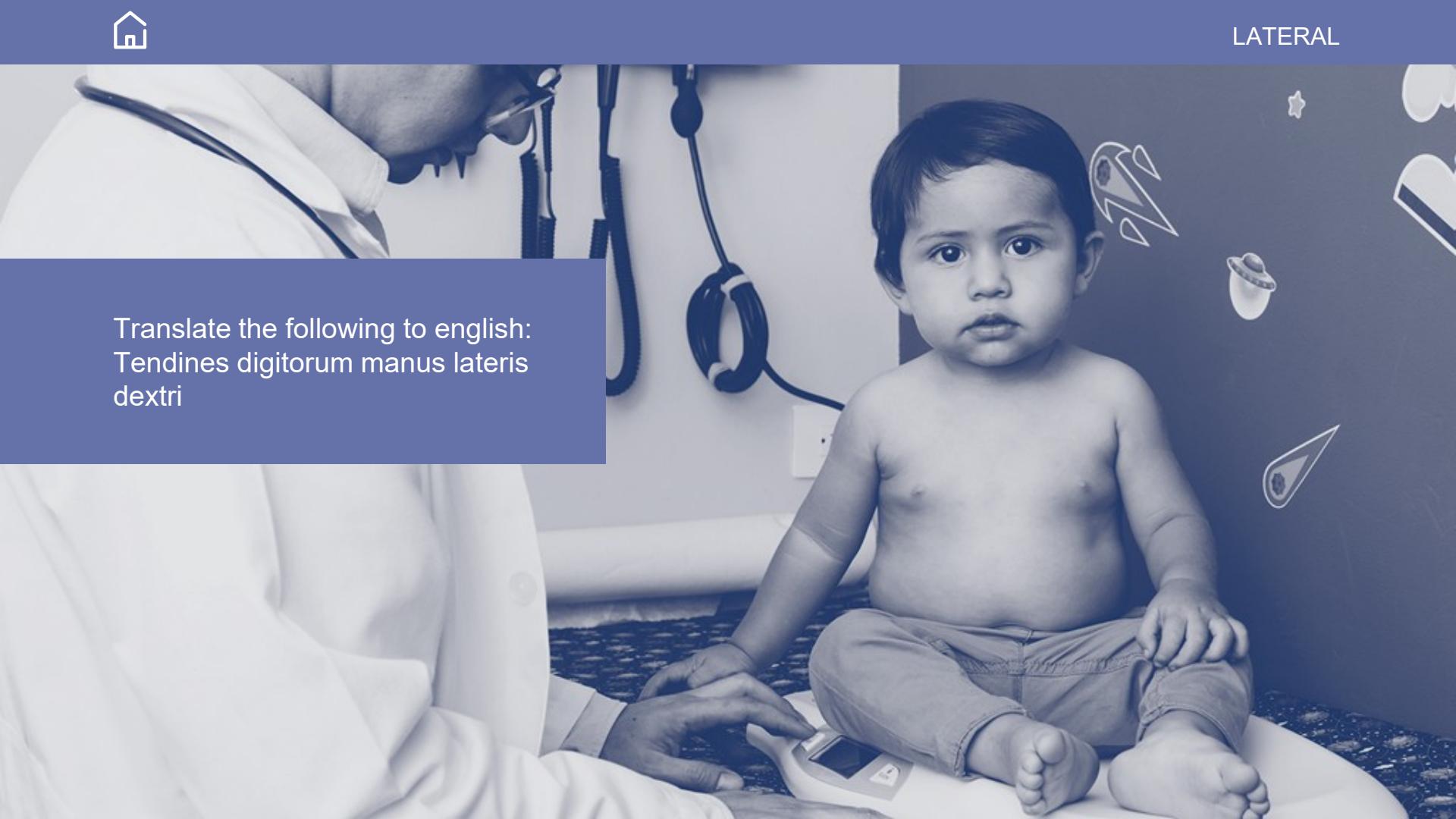




# MEDICAL JEOPARDY

Expressing Position In Medical Terminology





Translate the following to english:  
Tendines digitorum manus lateris  
dextri





Fill in the blank:

----- post resectionem  
pulmonis lateris dextri propeter  
metastases

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Fill in the blank:

----- post resectionem  
pulmonis lateris dextri propter  
metastases

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Status post resectionem pulmonis lateris dextri propter metastases



Translate the following to Latin:  
Trochlea of the middle phalanx



Answer:  
*Trochlea phalangis mediae*



Name three adjectives of the 3rd declension that has two gender forms and describes position

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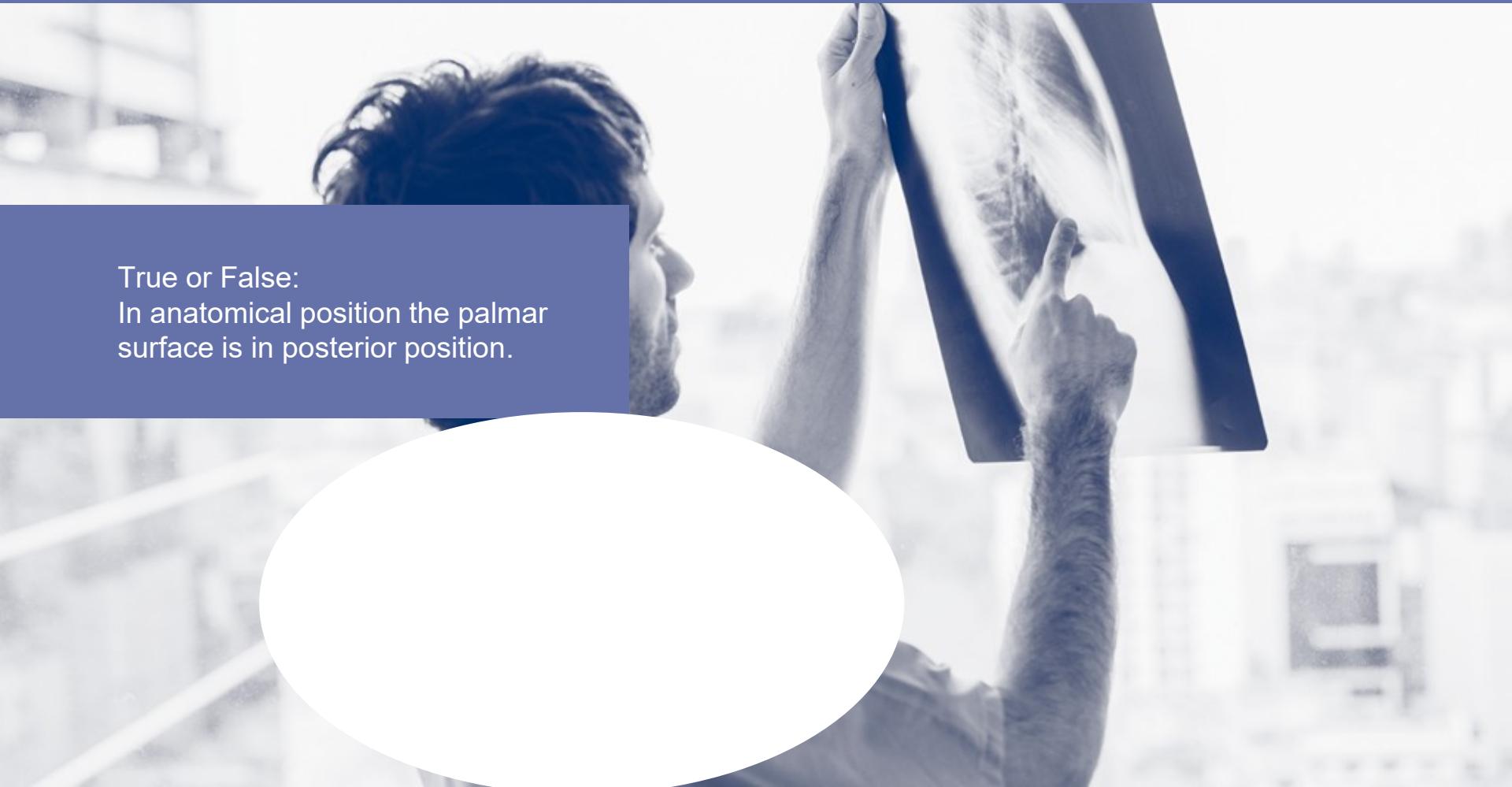
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Centralis, e  
Localis, e  
Medialis, e



True or False:  
In anatomical position the palmar surface is in posterior position.





Answer:  
False





RANDOM



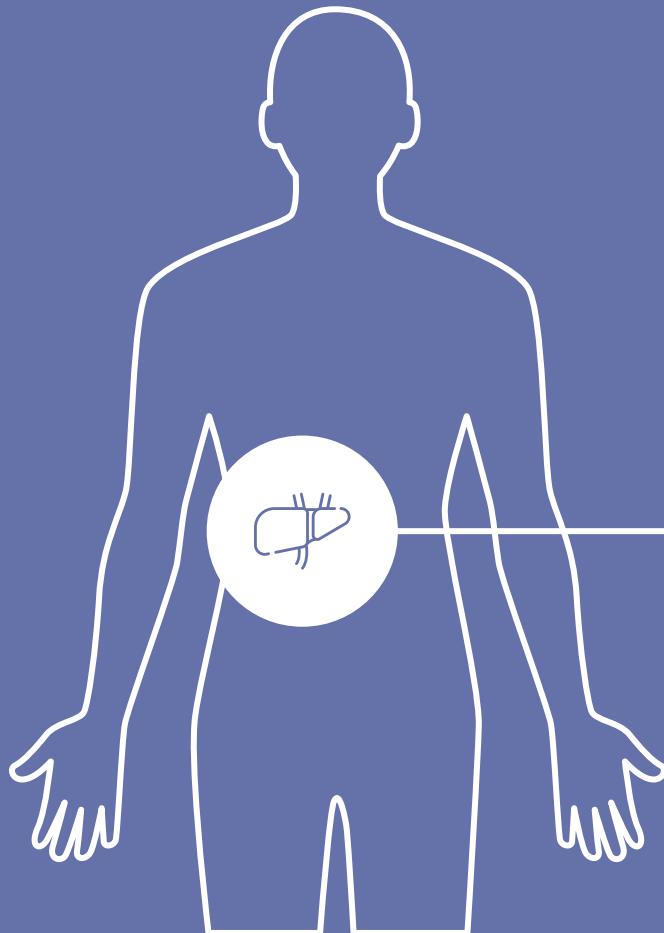
Translate the following to English:  
Venae superficiales membra  
superioris



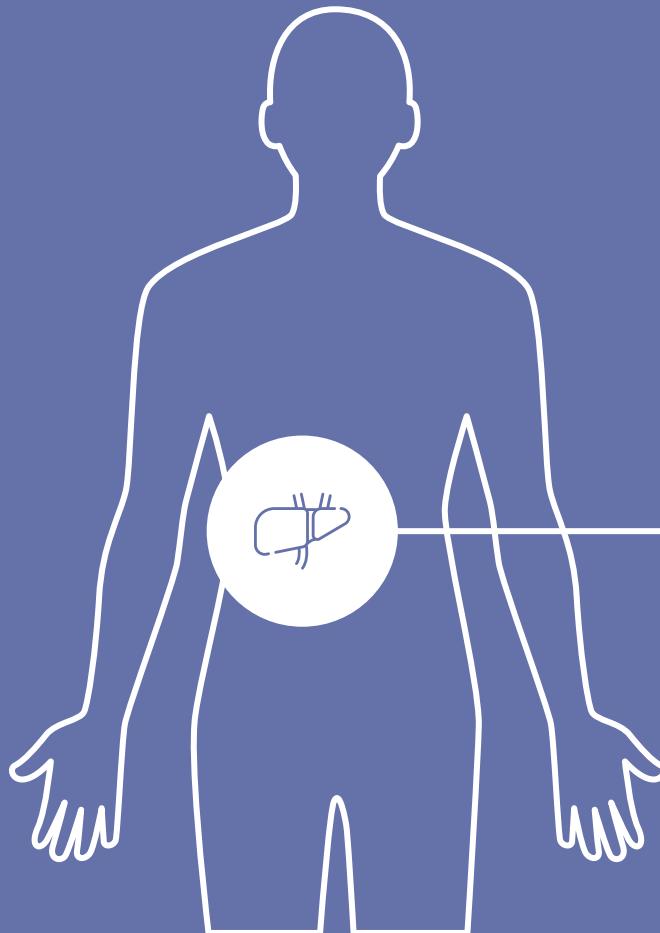
RANDOM



Superficial veins of upper limb



Last week recap:  
Form the comparative and  
superlative of the following prefix:  
**supra-**



Comparitive: superior, ius  
Superlative: supremus, a, um



*anterior, ius*

Fill in the blank with the word given:  
peritoneum parietale -----





peritoneum parietale anterius





Translate the following to latin:  
posterior deep temporal artery

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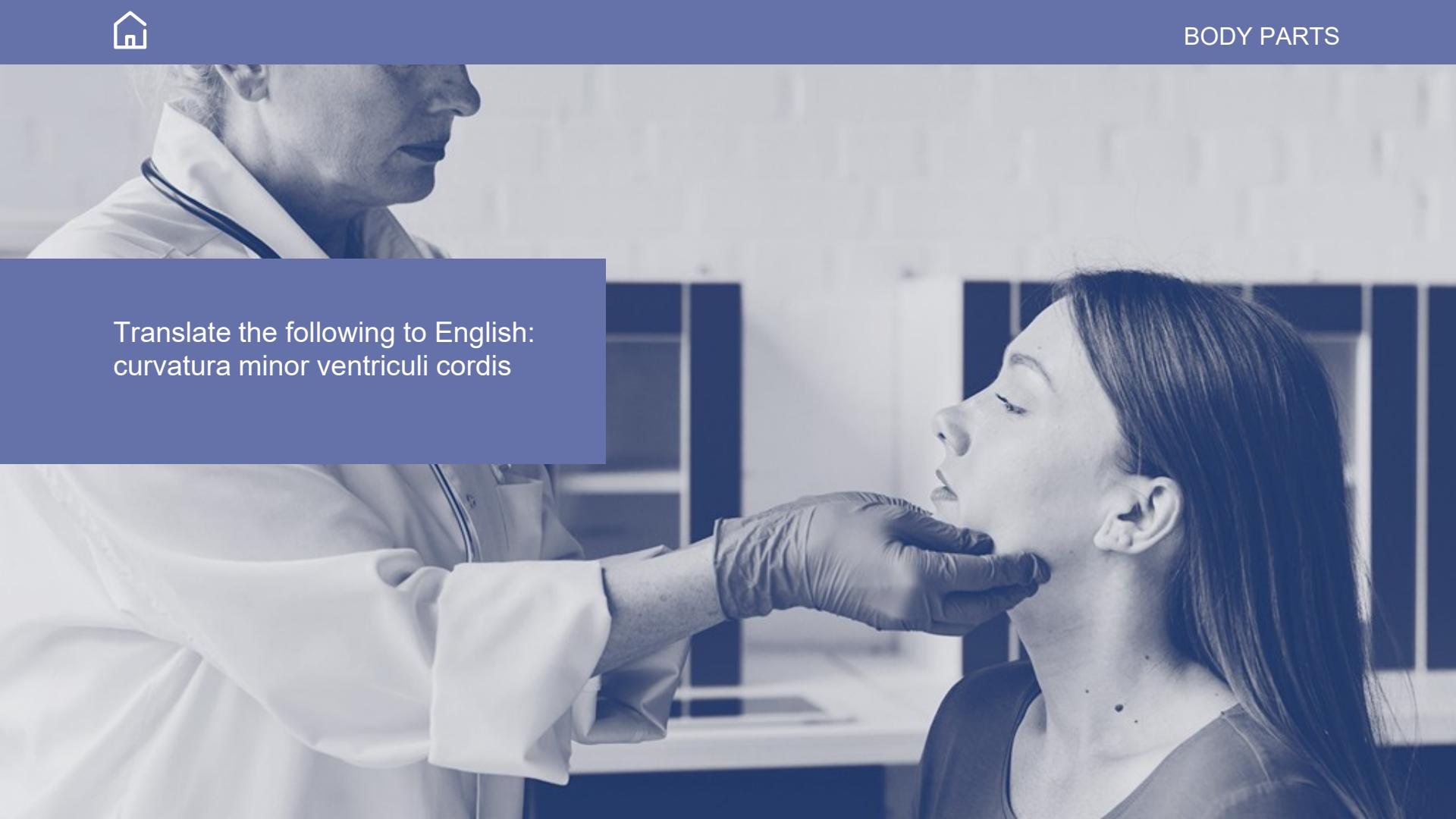


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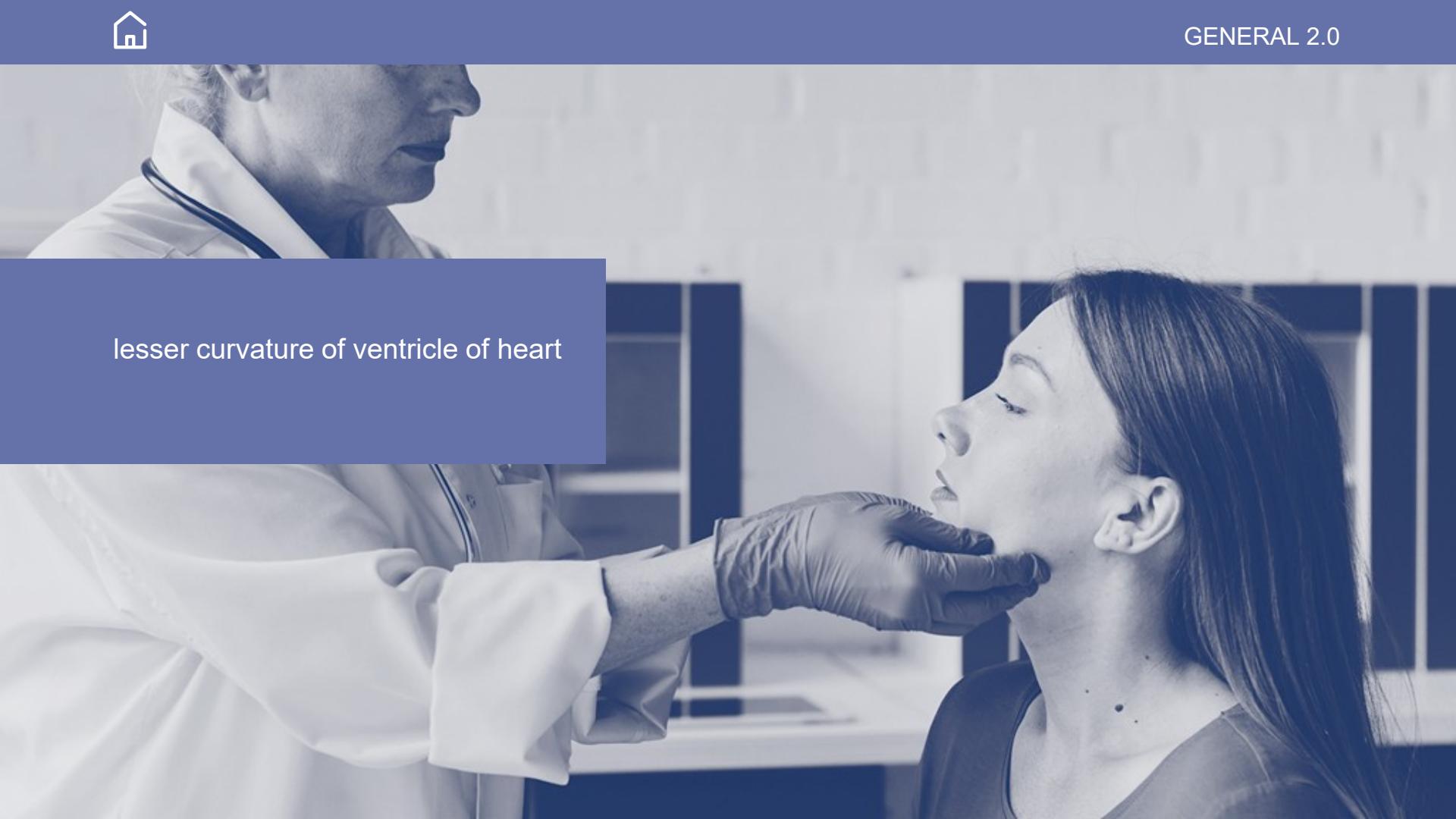
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arteria temporalis profunda  
posterior





Translate the following to English:  
curvatura minor ventriculi cordis



lesser curvature of ventricle of heart

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