ARTICULATIONS OF UPPER EXTREMITY

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Articulations of the Pectoral Girdle

Sternoclavicular Joint (saddle)

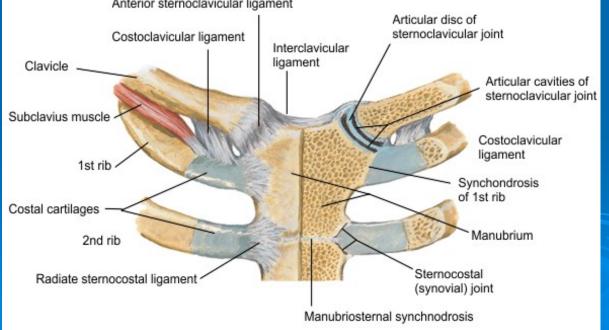
- sternal end of the clavicle articulates with manubrium
- joint cavity is divided into two compartments by articular disc
- anterior and posterior sternoclavicular ligaments
- interclavicular ligament
- costoclavicular ligament

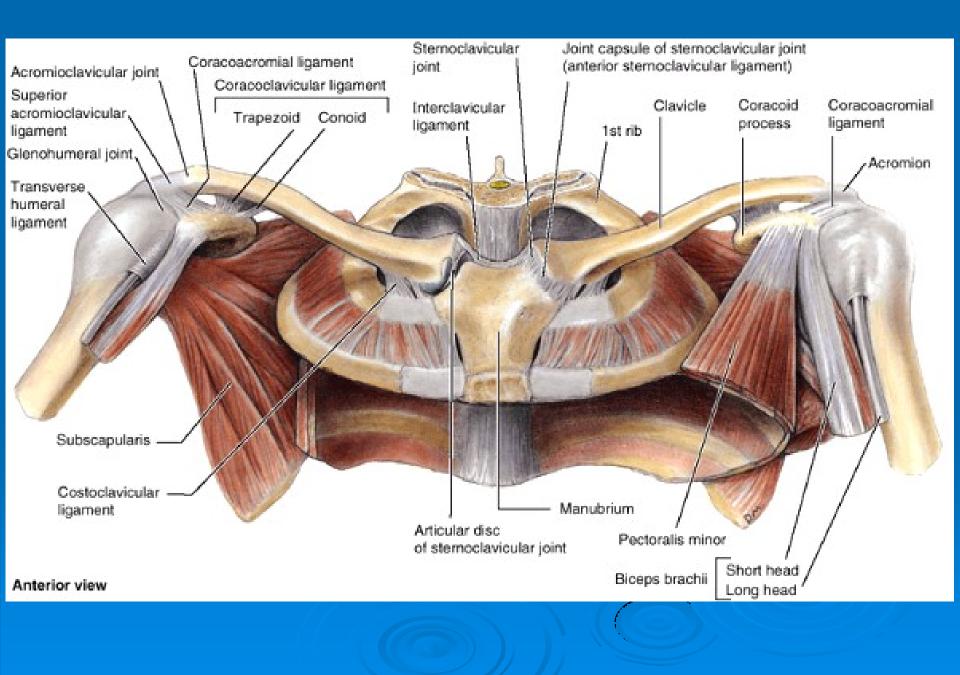
Acromioclavicular Joint (plane)

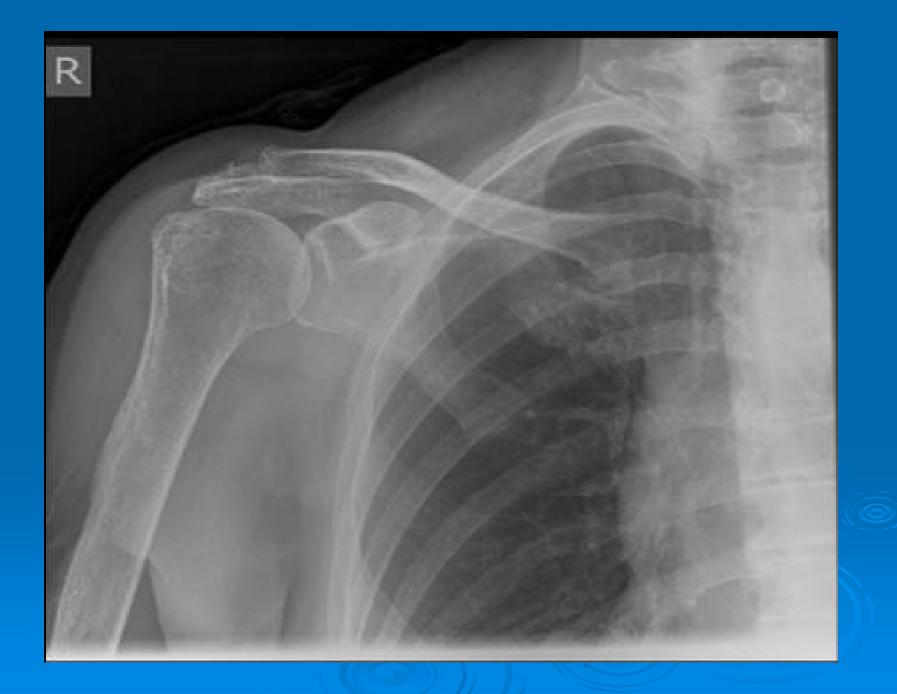
- acromial end of the clavicle + acromion of the scapula
- acromioclavicular ligament
- coracoclavicular ligament
- coracoacromial ligament

Scapulothoracic "Joint"

- moveable muscular anchorage of the scapula on the thoracic cage → increased range of movements of the upper limb
- movements elevation, depression, protraction, retraction and rotation

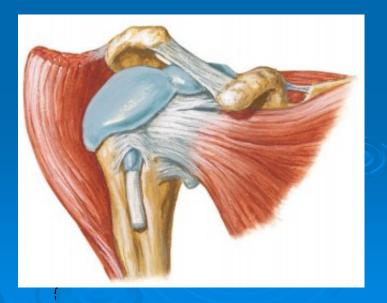


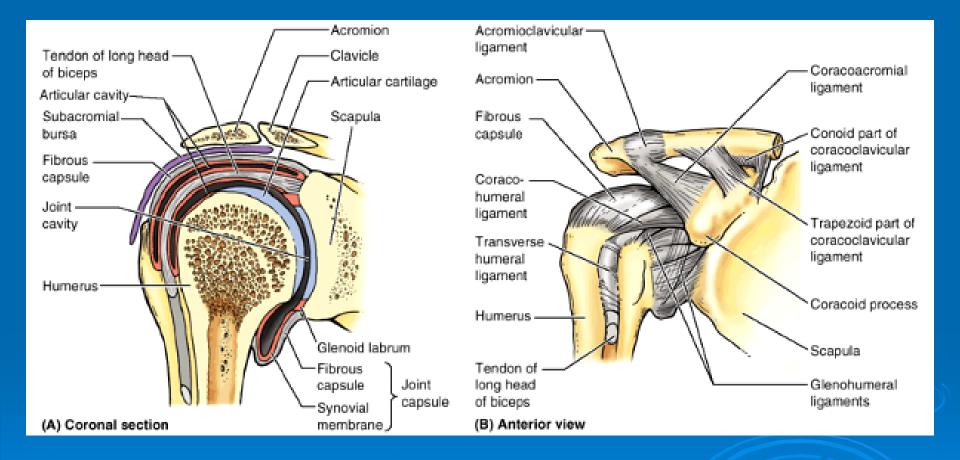


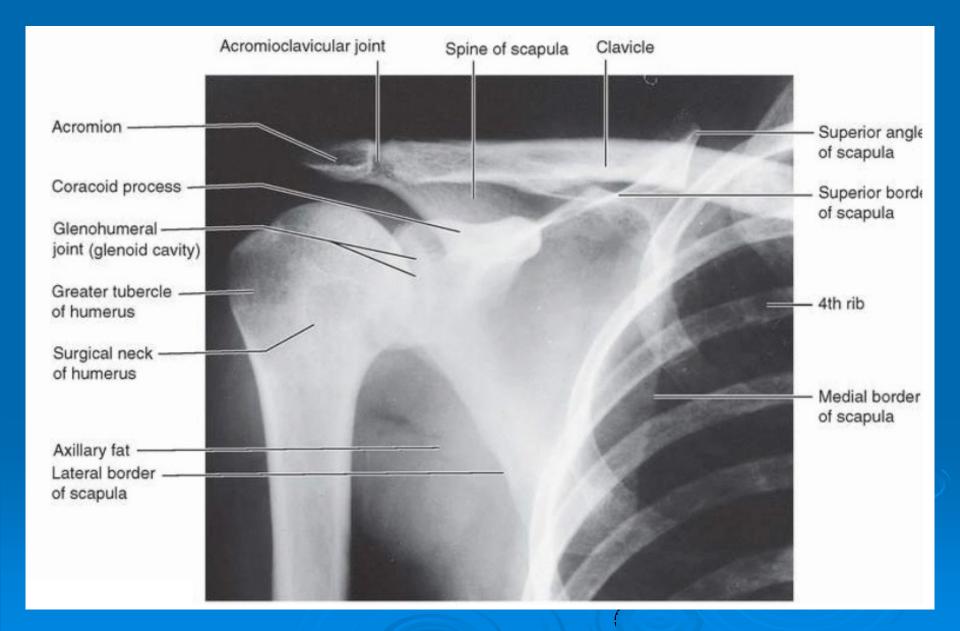


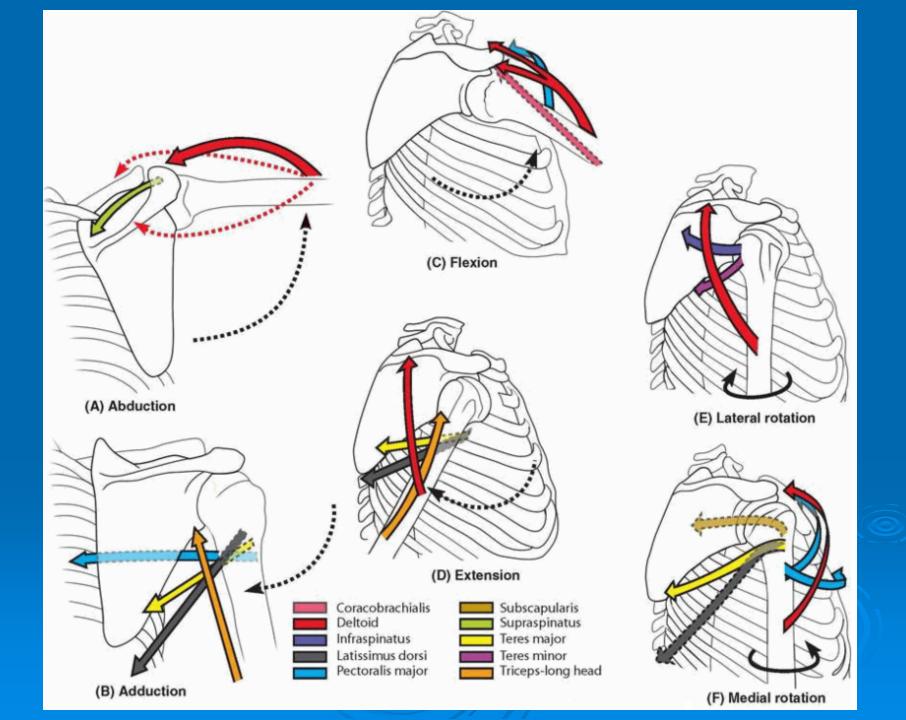
Glenohumeral Joint

- Ball-and-socket type of joint → wide range of movement (its mobility makes the joint relatively unstable)
- humeral head articulates with the relatively shallow glenoid cavity of the scapula – deepened by the ring-like fibrocartilaginous glenoid labrum
- glenohumeral ligaments
- coracohumeral ligament
- tendon of the long head of the biceps
- subscapular bursa









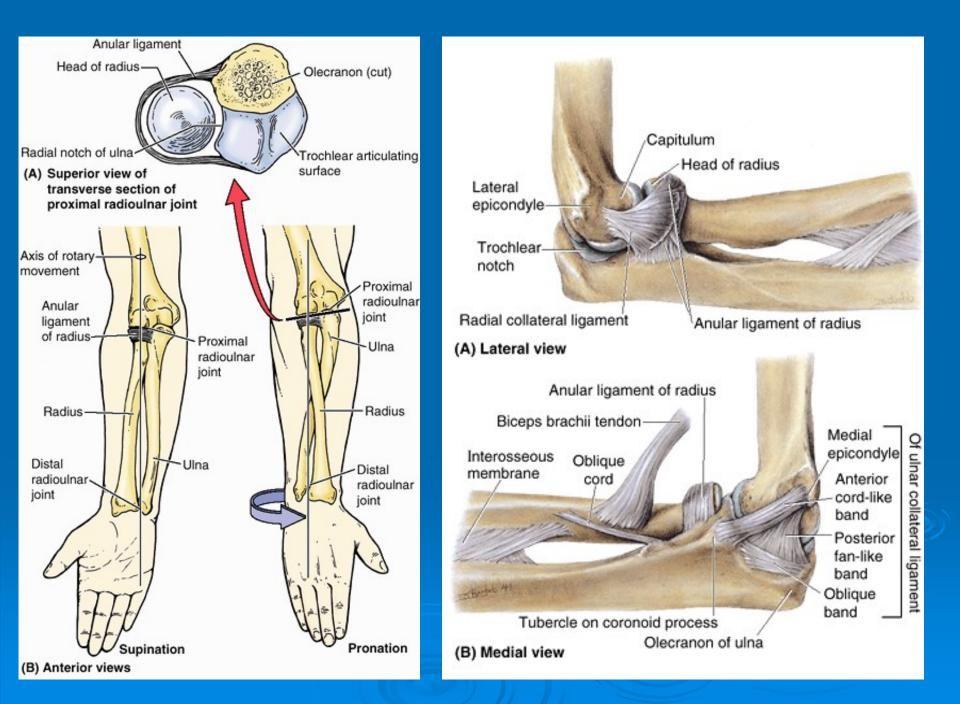
Articulations of the Forearm

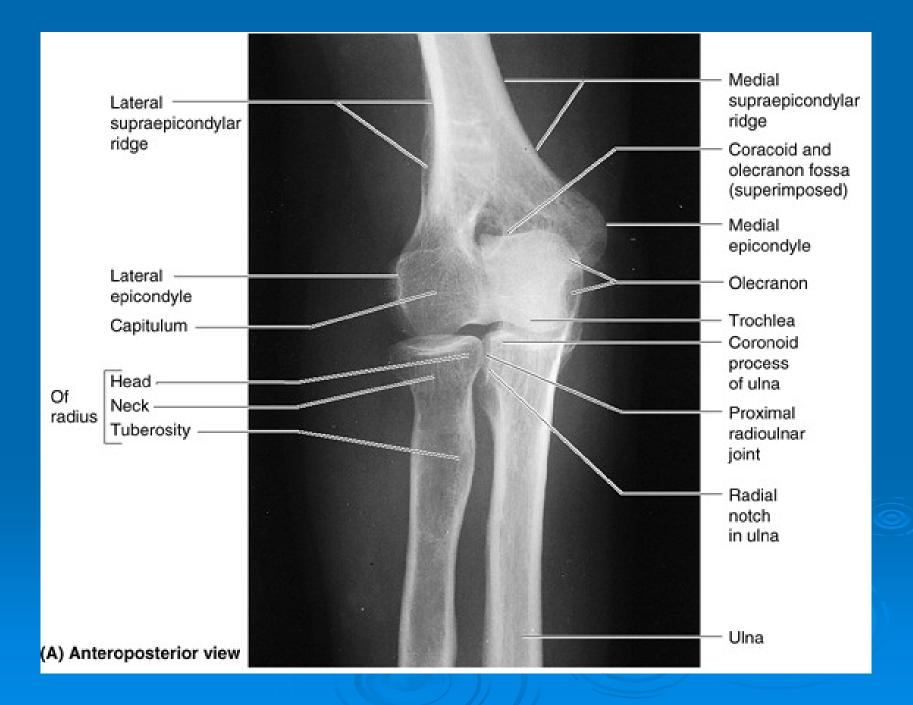
Elbow Joint (hinge)

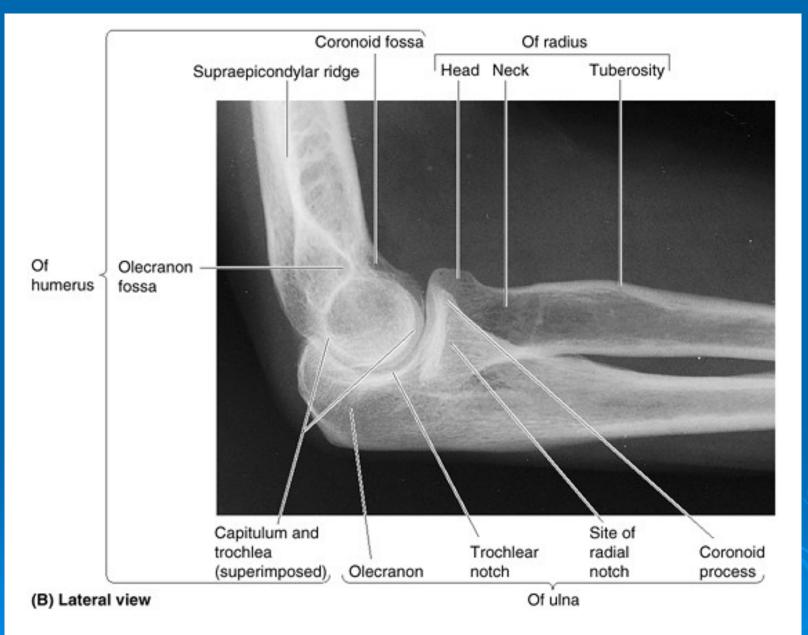
- the spool-shaped trochlea and spheroidal capitulum of the humer humerus articulate with the trochlear notch of the ulna and the slightly concave superior aspect of the head of the radius
 → humeroulnar and humeroradial articulations
- radial collateral ligament
- ulnar collateral ligament
- movements flexion and extension

Proximal Radioulnar Joint (pivot)

- head of the radius articulates with the radial notch of the ulna
- anular ligament of the radius hold the radial head in position
- movements supination and pronation



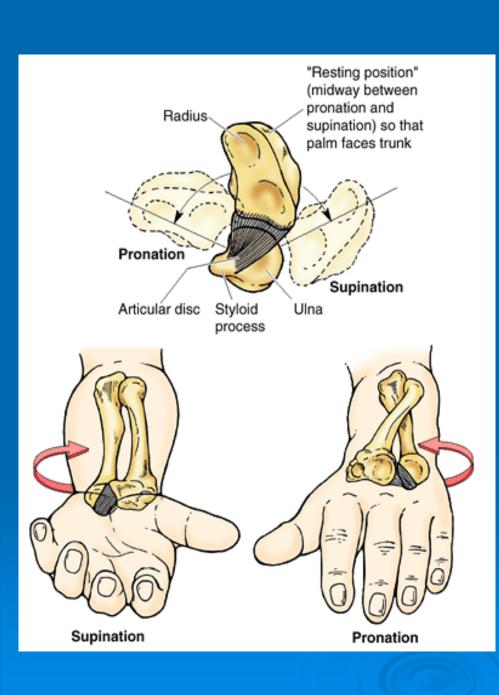


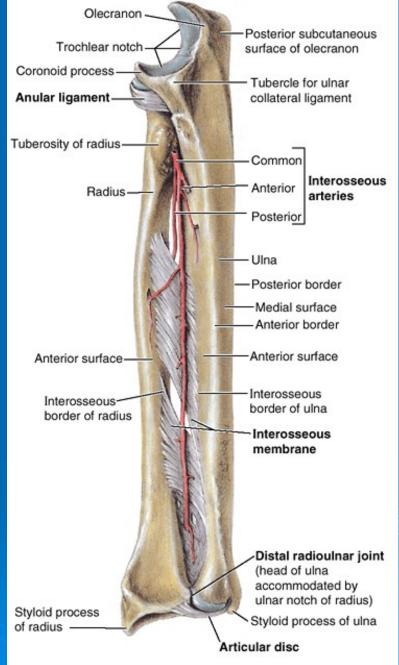


Distal Radioulnar Joint (pivot)

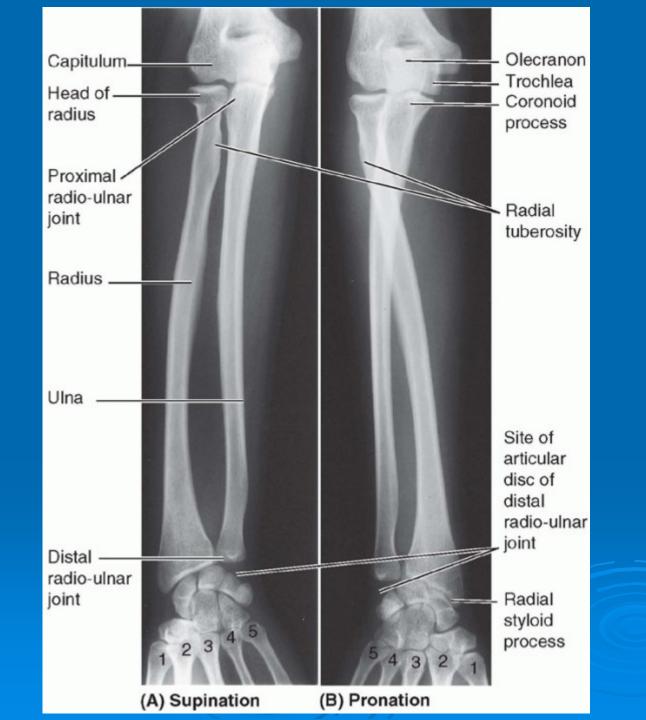
- head of the ulna articulates with the ulnar notch on the medial side of the distal end of the radius
- articular disc binds the ends of the ulna and radius together
- movements supination and pronation

Interosseous membrane





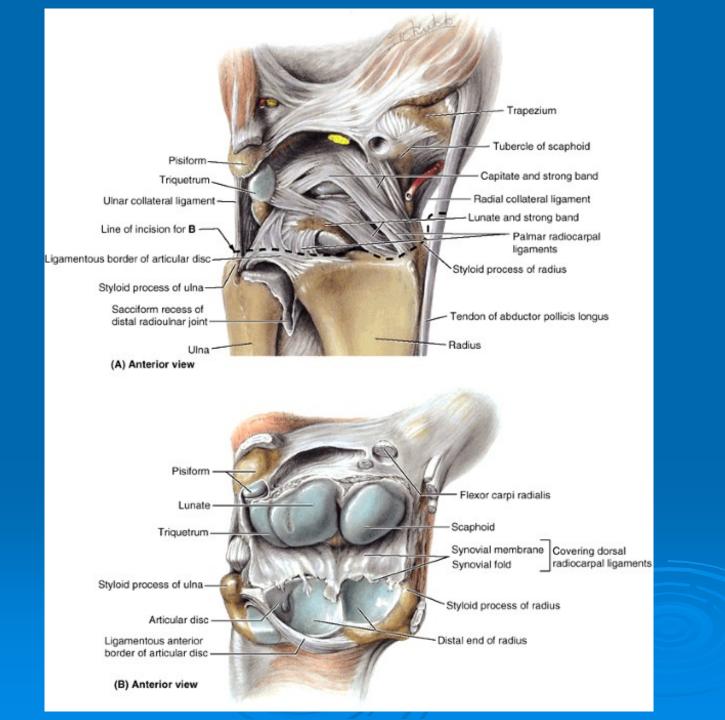
Medial view with radius in "resting (midprone) position" (midway between pronation and supination) so that the palm is directed toward the body

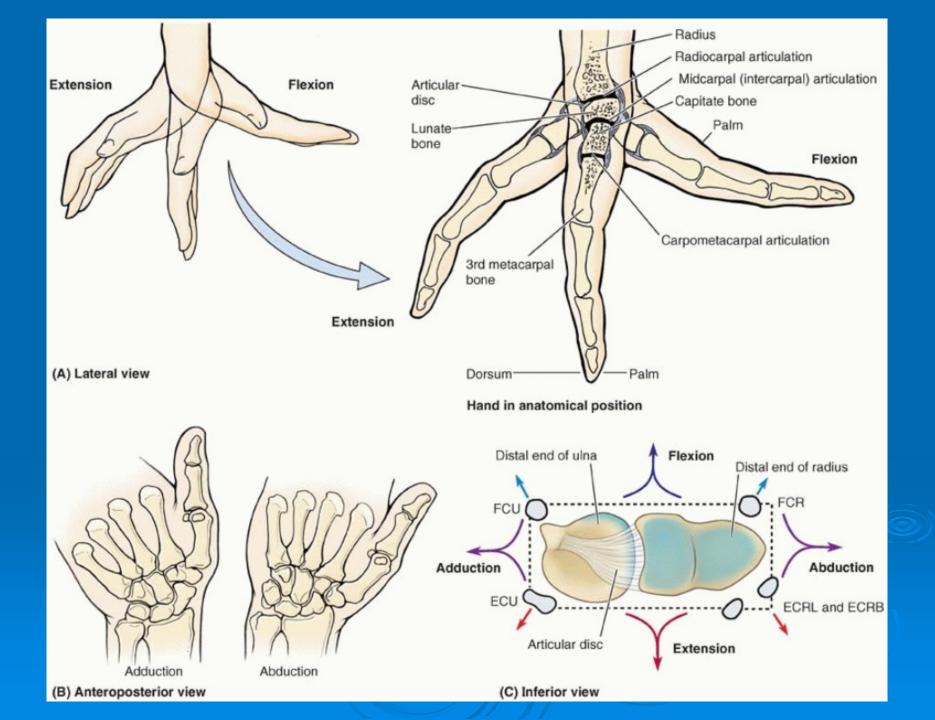


Wrist Joint and Intercarpal Articulations

Radiocarpal Joint (condyloid/ellipsoid)

- distal end of the radius and the articular disc of the distal radioulnar joint articulate with the proximal row of the carpal bones except for the pisiform and ulna (doesn't participate)
- dorsal radiocarpal ligaments
- palmar radiocarpal ligaments
- ulnar collateral ligament
- radial collateral ligament
- movements flexion, extension, abduction, adduction and circumduction





Intercarpal Joints (plane)

interconnecting the carpal bones



- joints between the carpal bones of the distal row
- the midcarpal joint between the proximal and distal rows
- continuous, common articular cavity is formed by intercarpal and carpometacarpal joints (except the thumb)
- movements proximal row being more mobile than the distal row



Carpometacarpal and Intermetacarpal Joints (plane)

- the distal surfaces of the carpals of the distal row articulate with the bases of the metacarpals
- intermetacarpal joints occur between the radial and the ulnar aspects of the bases of the metacarpals
- palmar and dorsal carpometacarpal ligaments
- palmar and dorsal intermetacarpal ligaments
- superficial and deep transverse ligaments
- movements of the thumbs flexion, extension, adduction, abduction, circumduction, restricted axial rotation and partially opposition/reposition
- movements of the 4th and 5th fingers slightly mobile

Metacarpophalangeal Joints (condyloid)

- heads of the metacarpals articulate with the bases of the proximal phalanges
- movements flexion, extension, adduction and abduction

Interphalangeal Joints (hinge)

- movements flexion, extension
- collateral ligaments
- palmar ligaments
- deep transverse metacarpal ligaments

