

# ANTERIOR COMPARTMENT OF THIGH

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# Anatomy of the thigh

- The thigh is the area between the pelvis and the knee.
- The single bone in the thigh (femur).



# Fascial compartments of the thigh

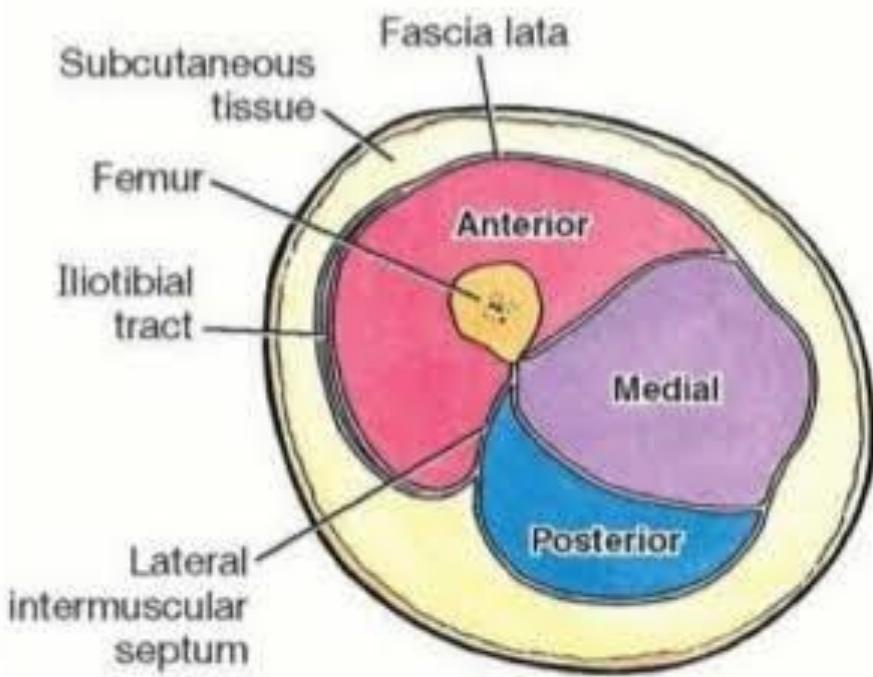
The thigh is divided into 3 compartments by the three fascial intermuscular septa (medial, posterior and lateral) that arise from the deep aspect of the fascia lata and attach to the linea aspera of the posterior surface of the femur

Three fascial compartments of the thigh:

**Anterior;** containing the quadriceps muscle and the femoral nerve

**Medial;** containing the adductor muscles and the obturator nerve

**Posterior;** containing the hamstring muscles and the sciatic nerve



A Inferior view of transverse section of thigh

# Anatomy of the thigh

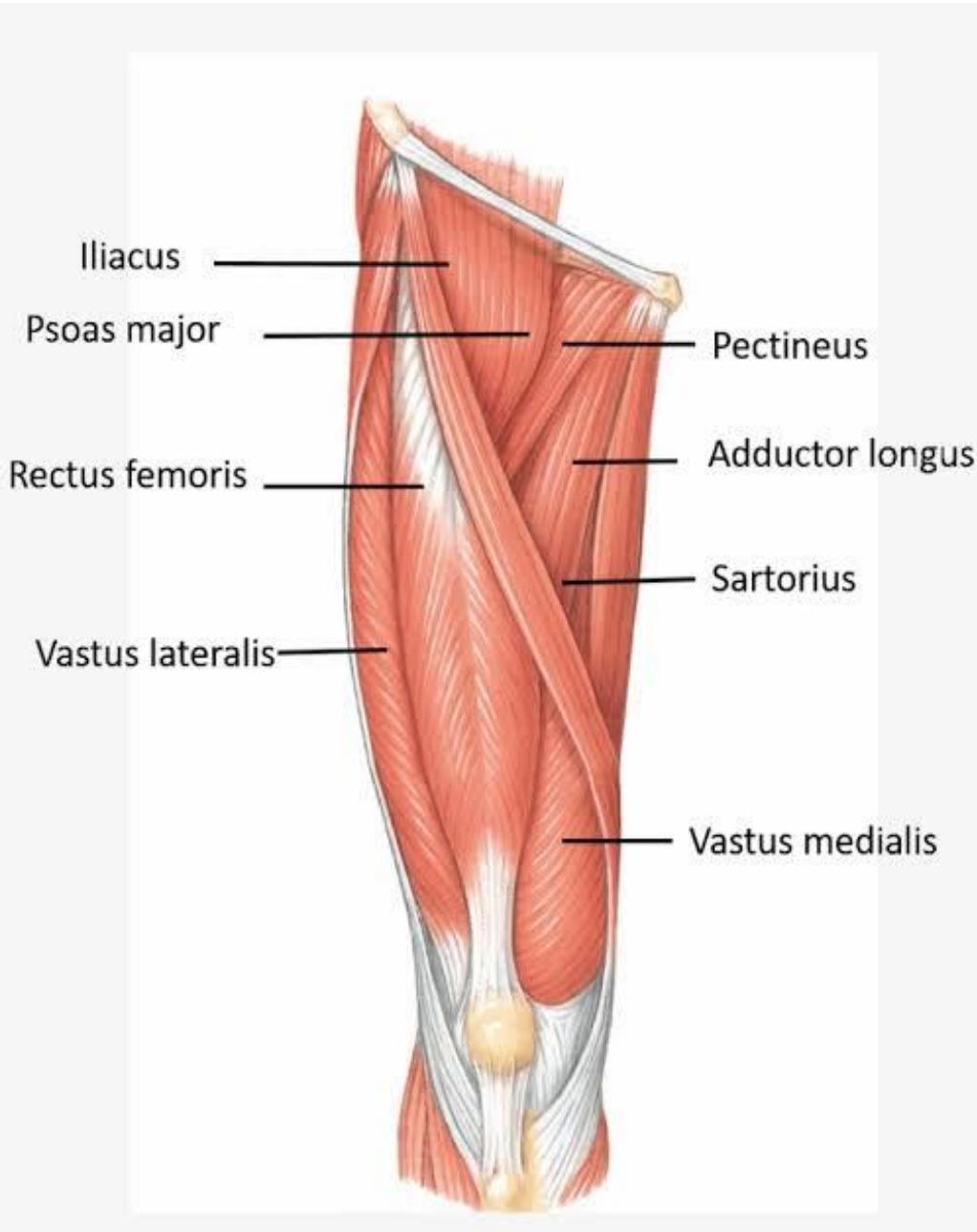
- The anterior compartment muscles of the thigh flex the femur at the hip and extend the leg at the knee.
- The posterior compartment muscles of the thigh extend the thigh and flex the leg.
- The medial compartment muscles all adduct the thigh.

# **Anatomy of the thigh**

- The anterior compartment of the thigh is homologous to the posterior compartment of the arm.
- The posterior compartment of the thigh is homologous to the anterior compartment of the arm.

# MUSCLES OF ANTERIOR COMPARTMENT

- 1. SARTORIUS  
2. ILIACUS  
3. PSOAS  
4. PECTINEUS
5. QUADRICEPS FEMORIS
- a. Rectus femoris
  - b. vastus medialis
  - c. vastus lateralis
  - d. vastus intermedius



# Anterior Compartment of Thigh

Contains the:

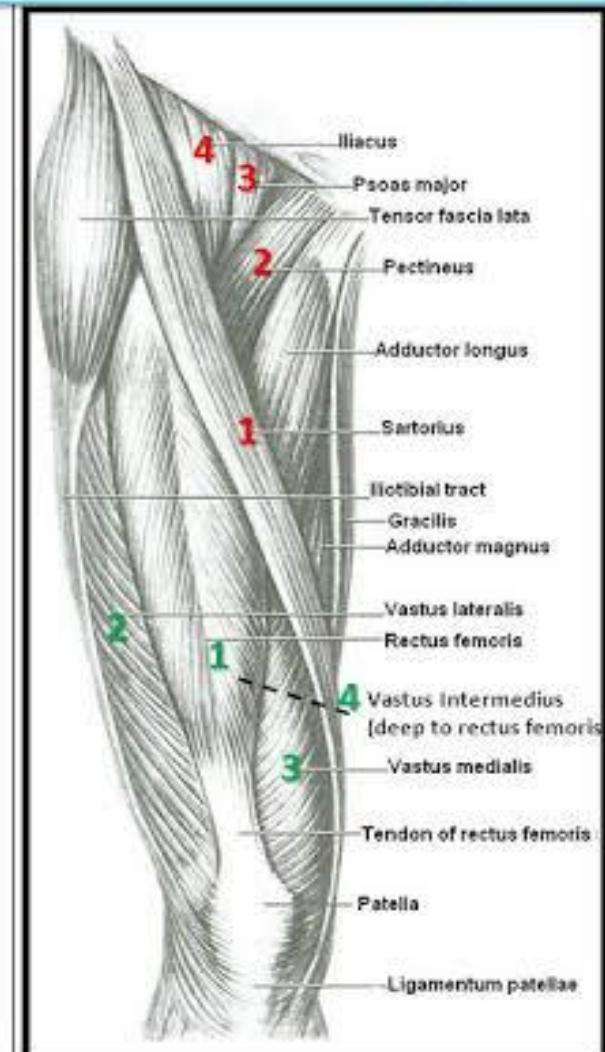
Flexor of the hip:

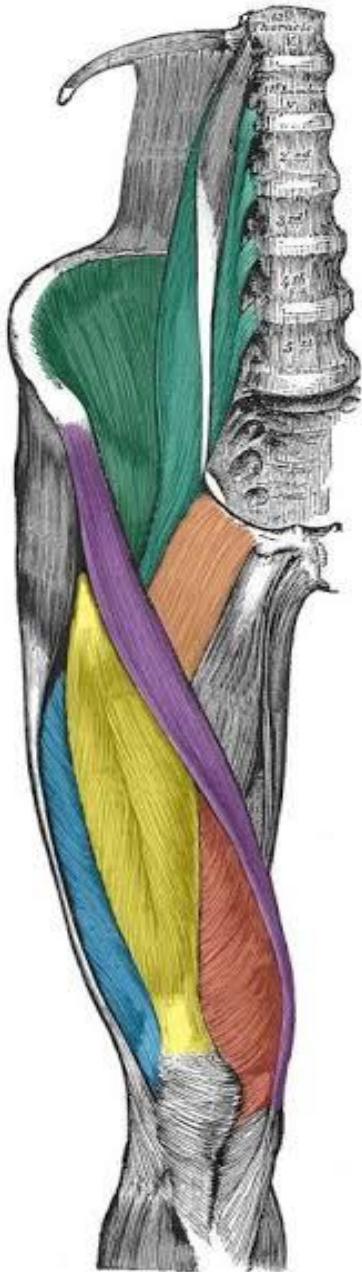
1. Sartorius
2. Pectineus
3. psoas major
4. Iliacus

Extensors of knee (Quadriceps femoris):

1. Rectus femoris
2. Vastus lateralis
3. Vastus medialis
4. Vastus intermedius (deep to rectus femoris)

❖ Nerve supply: Femoral nerve

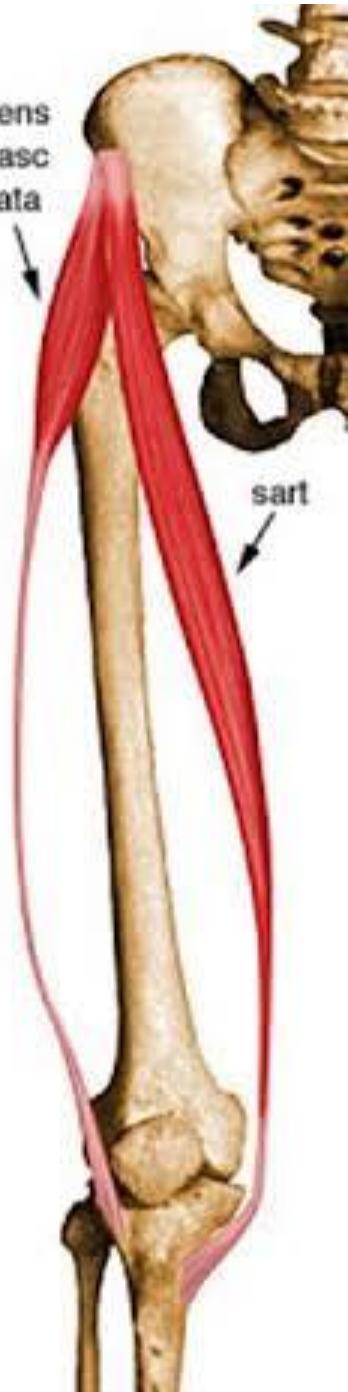




- █ Psoas major
- █ Iliacus
- █ Rectus femoris
- █ Vastus medialis
- █ Vastus lateralis
- █ Sartorius
- █ Pectineus

# Sartorius

- **Origin** Anterior superior iliac spine
- **Insertion** Superior aspect of the medial surface of the tibial shaft near the tibial tuberosity
- **Action** Flexes and laterally rotates the hip joint and flexes the knee
- **Innervation** Femoral nerve

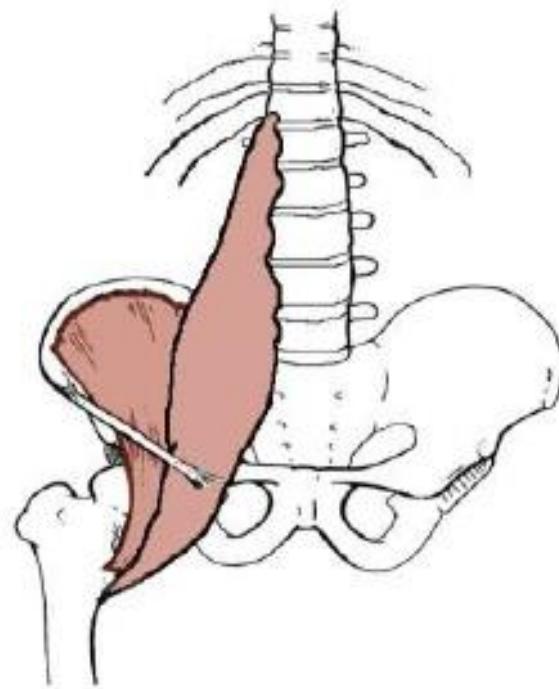


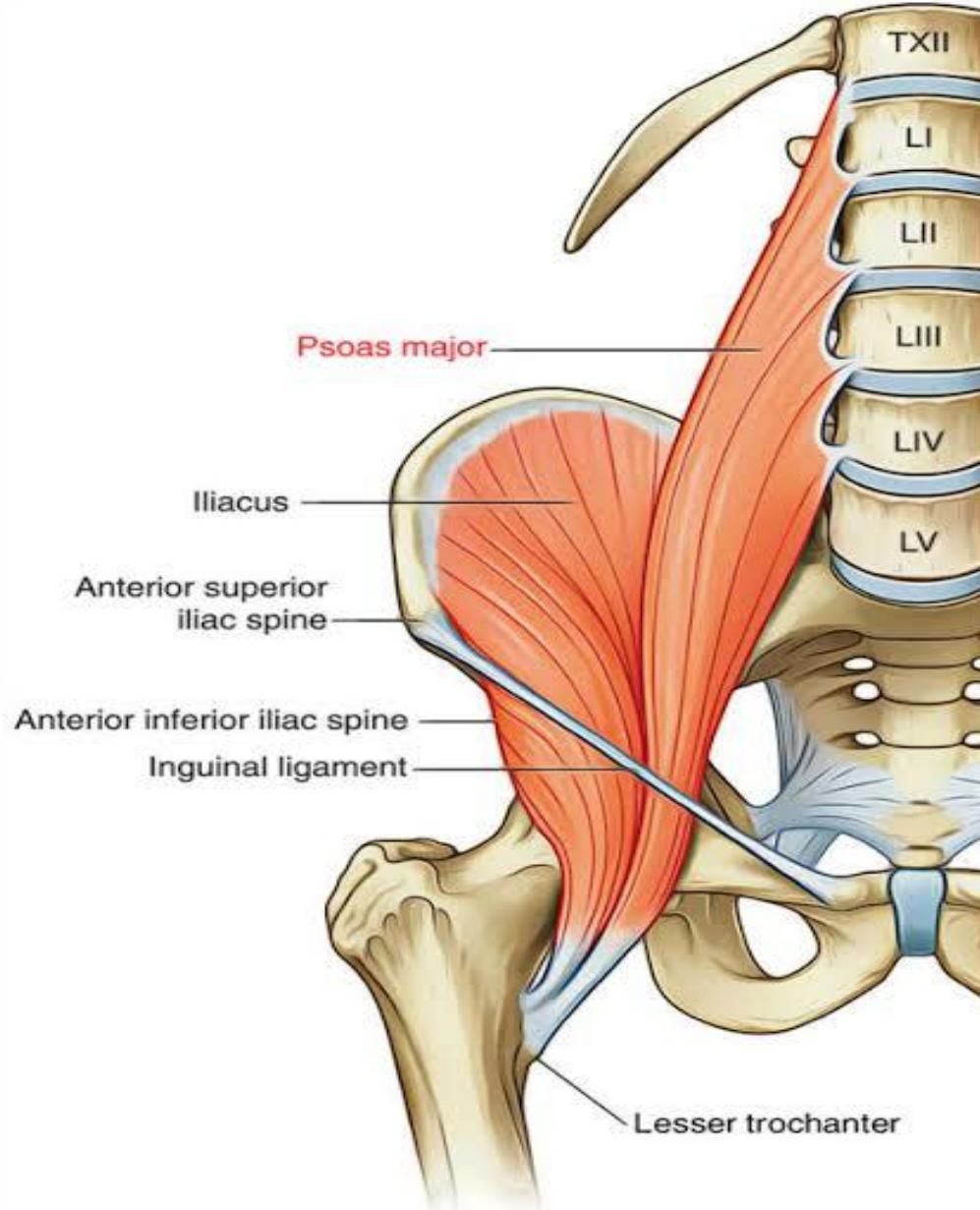
*Anterior View*

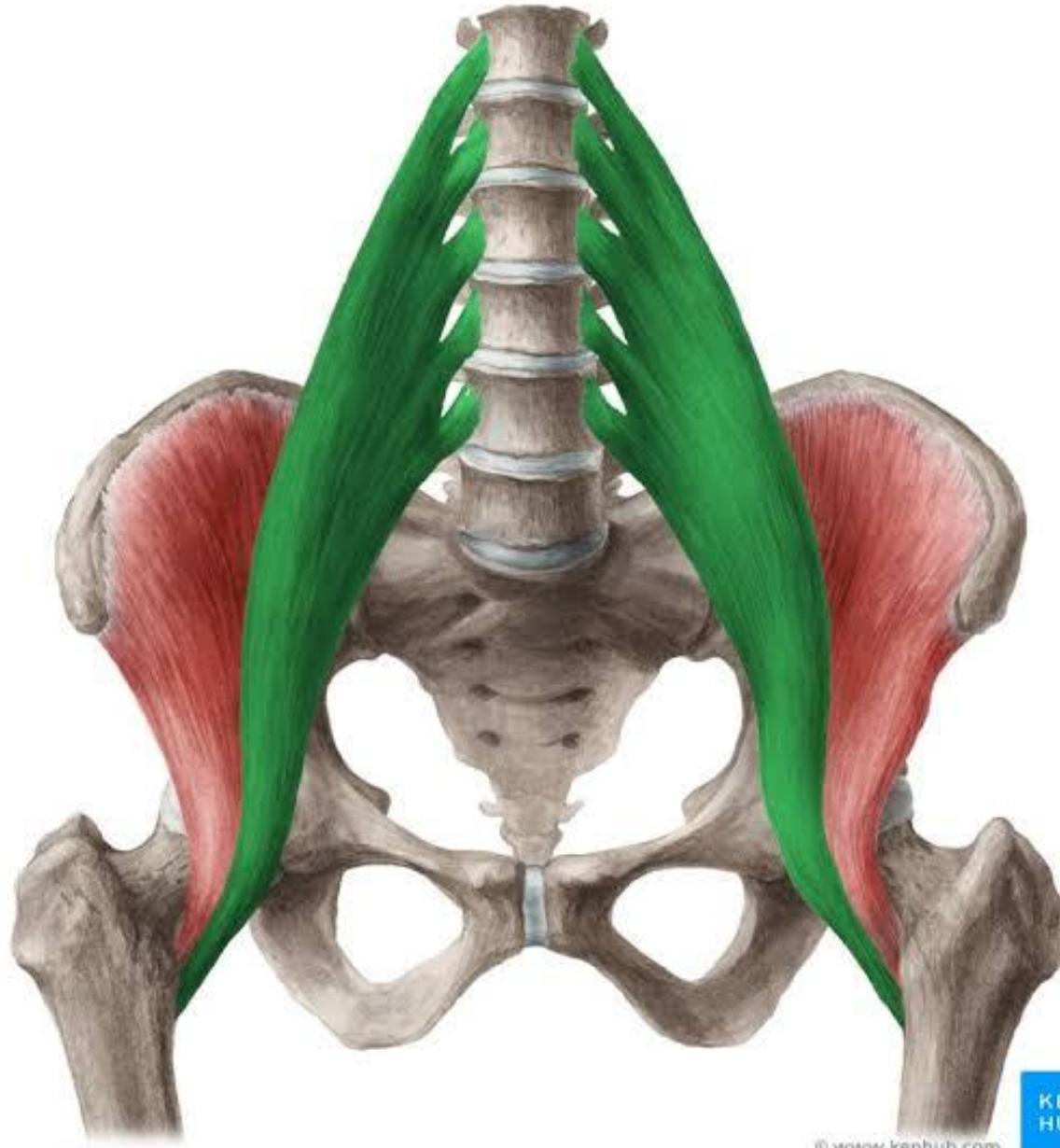


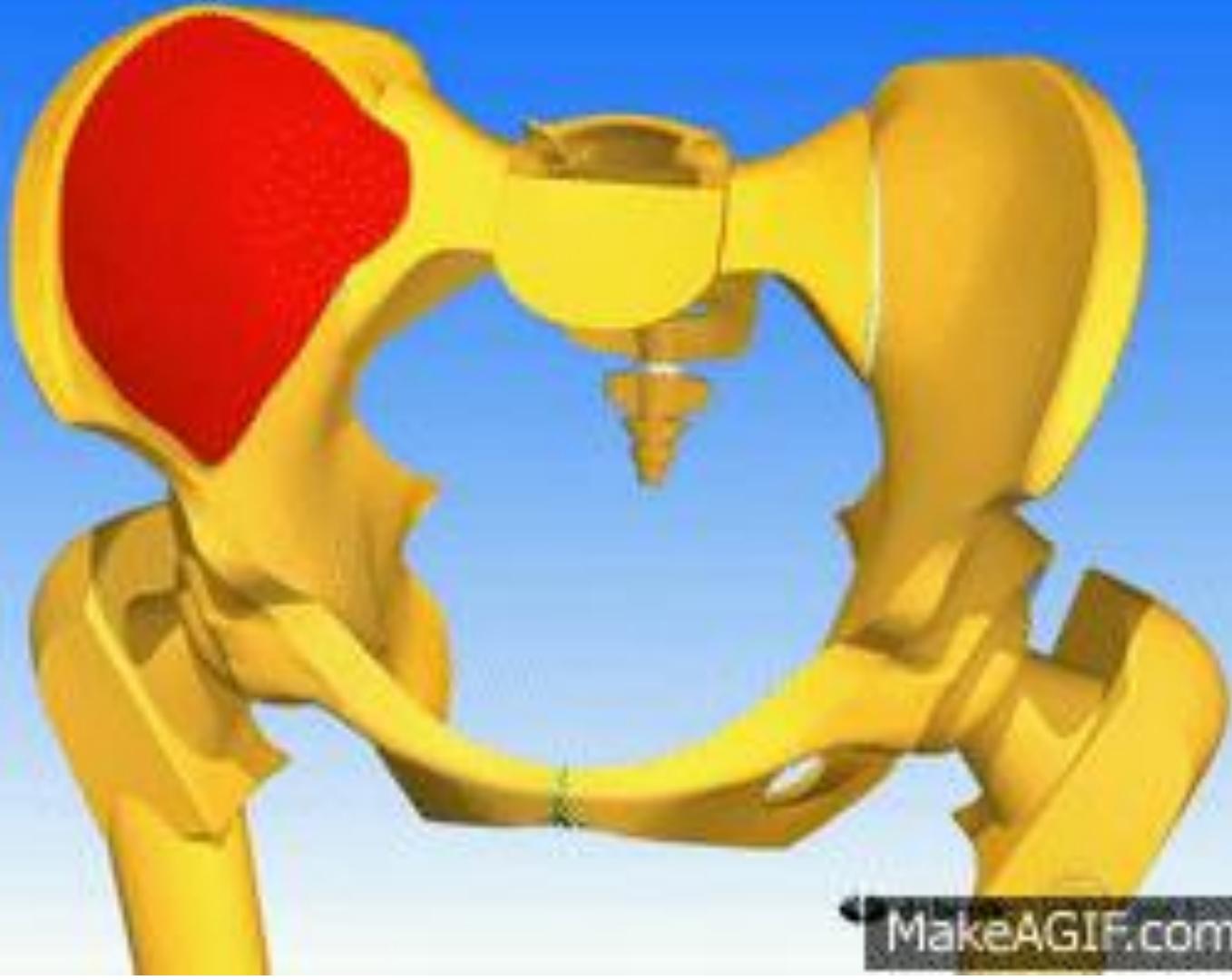
# Anterior Compartment

- **Iliopsoas**
  - **Origin** - Iliia, sacrum, lumbar vertebrae
  - **Insertion** – lesser trochanter
  - **Action** – *flexor of thigh*
  - **Innervation** – femoral nerve



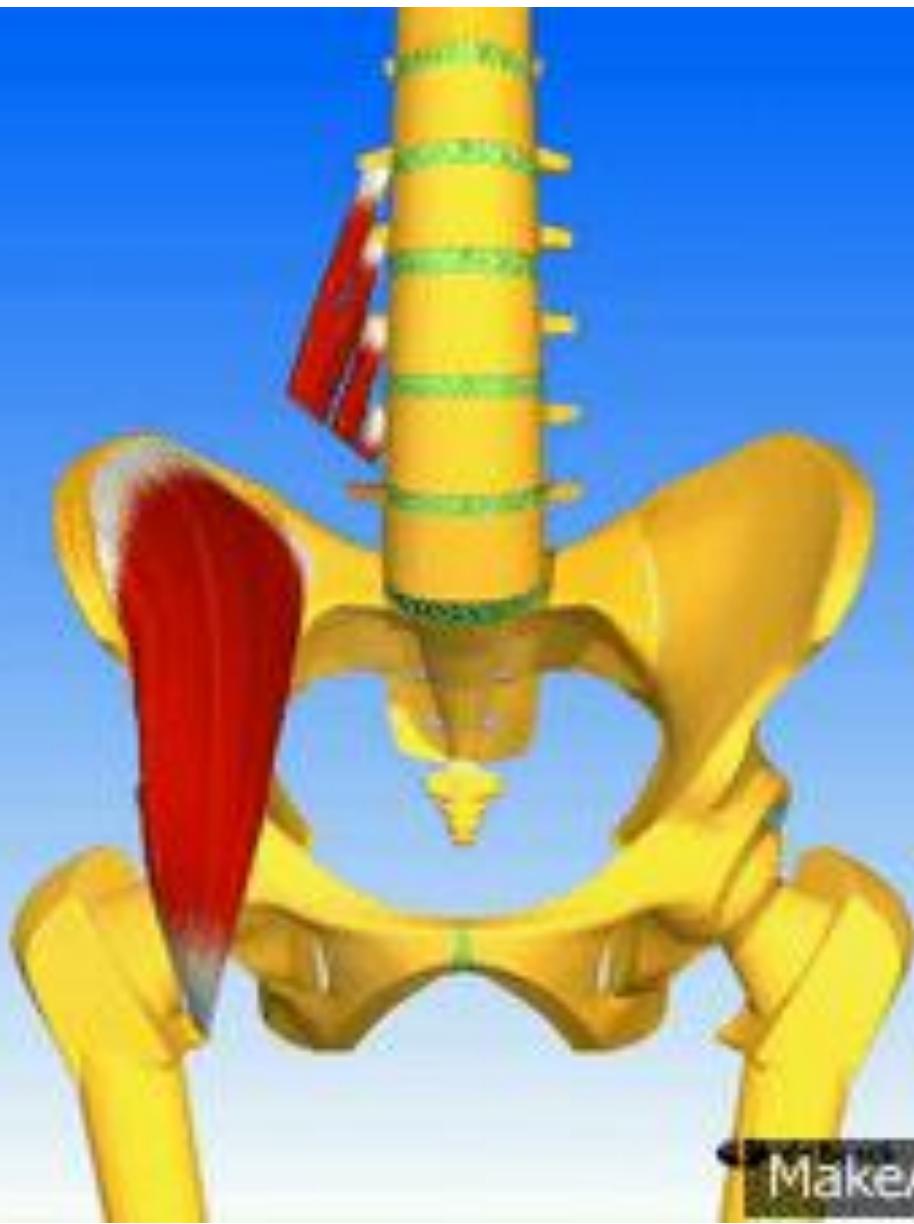






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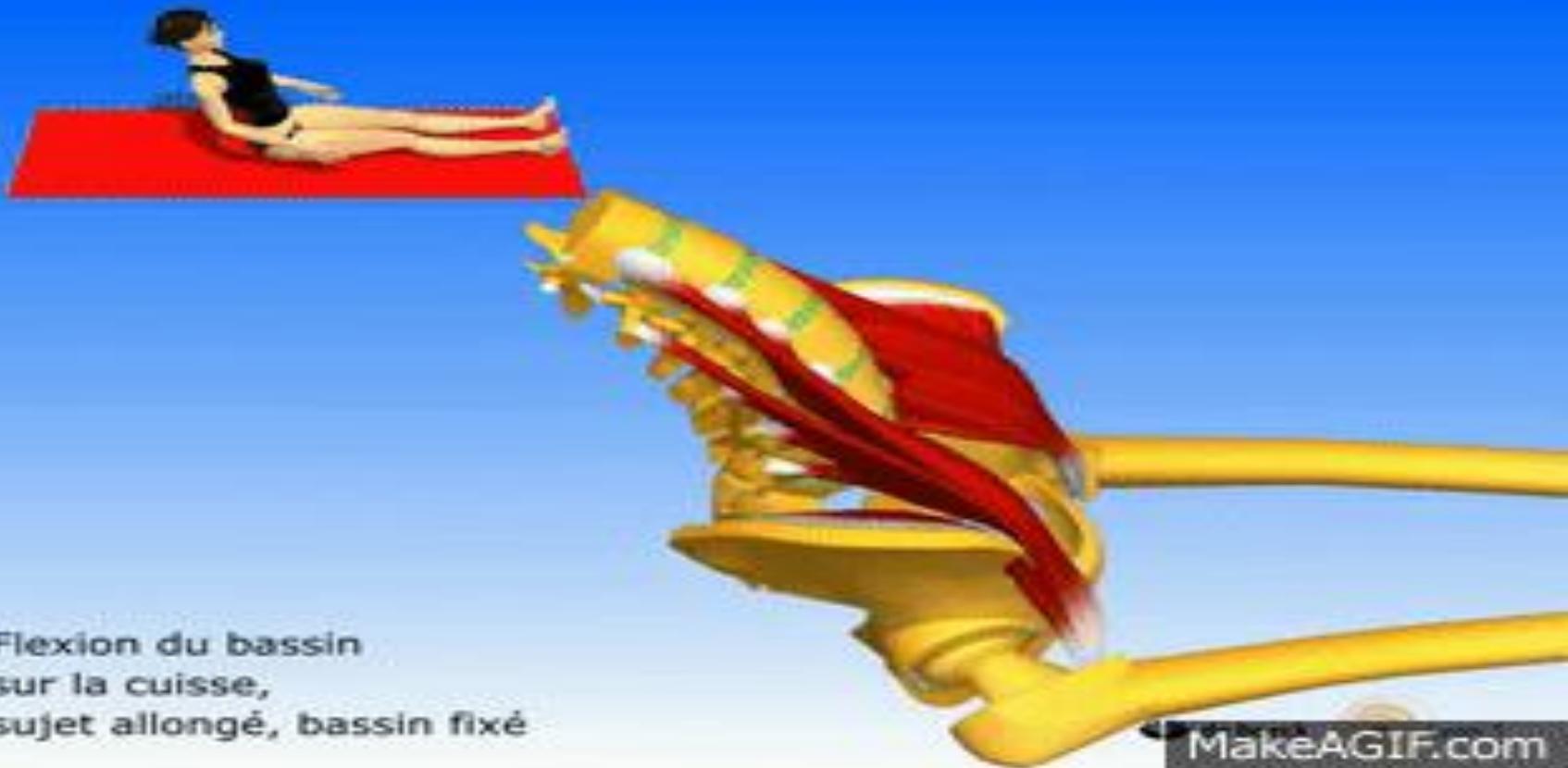


Le psoas

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Flexion de la cuisse  
sur le bassin,  
sujet debout

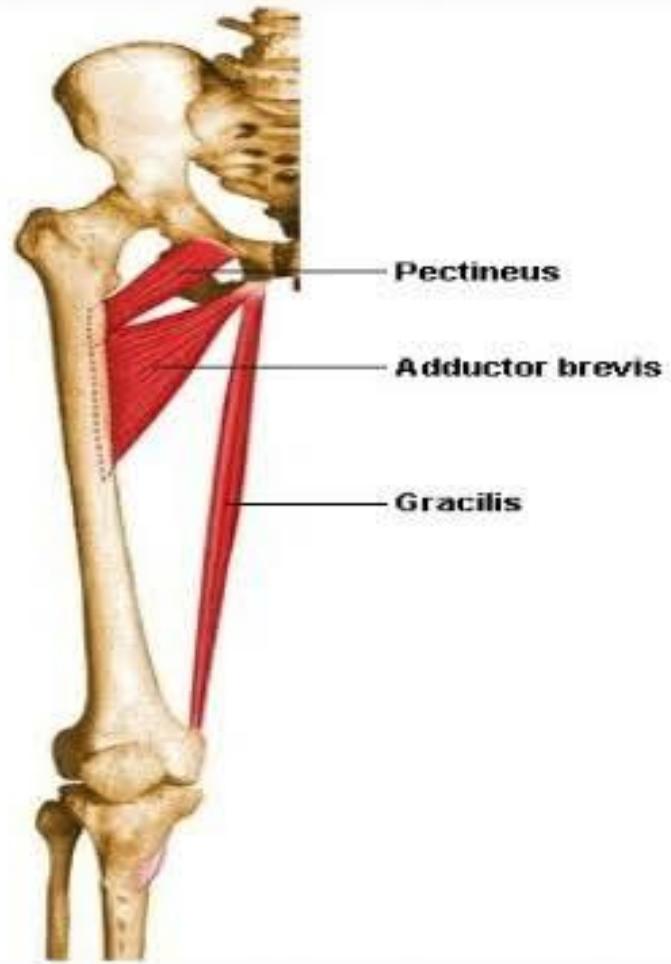


Flexion du bassin  
sur la cuisse,  
sujet allongé, bassin fixé

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# Pectineus

- **Origin** : superior ramus of pubis
- **Insertion** : pectineal line of femur, between lesser trochanter and linea aspera
- **Action** : flexes and adducts thigh at hip joint
- **Nerve** : femoral nerve



*Anterolateral View*



# Rectus Femoris

- **Origin** anterior inferior iliac spine
- **Insertion** Base of patella to form the more central portion of the quadriceps femoris tendon
- **Action** Extends the knee & flexes the hip
- **Innervation** femoral nerve



The rectus femoris is the hip flexor



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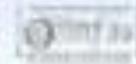
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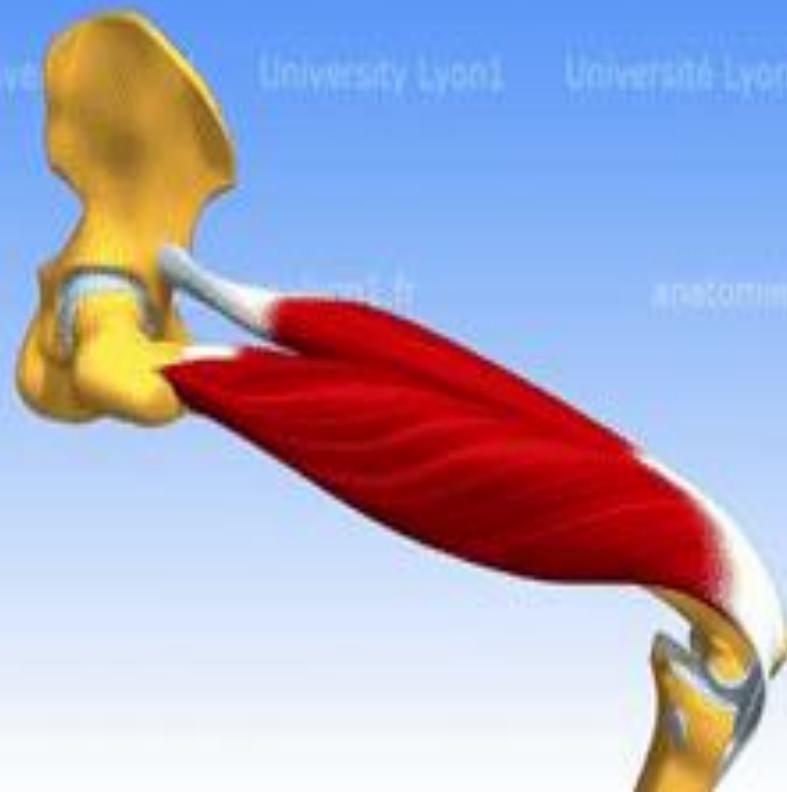
The quadriceps is the knee extensor

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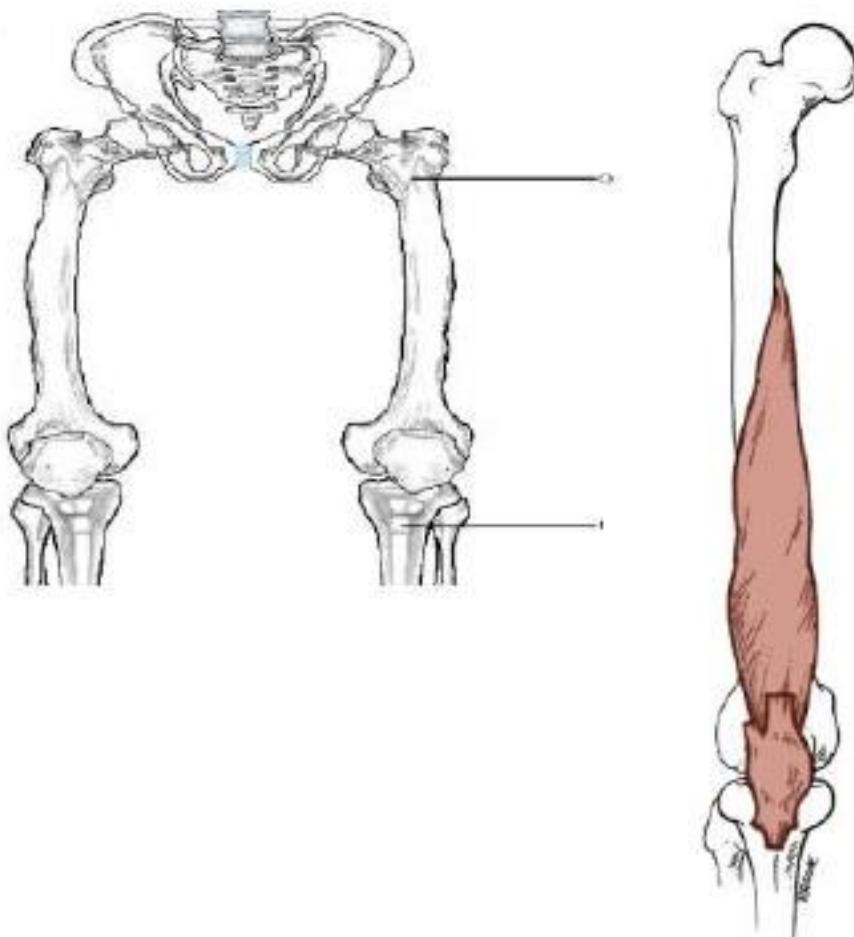


# Anterior Compartment

**Quadriceps femoris muscle:**

**Vastus Medialis**

- **Origin:** Intertrochanteric line
- **Insertion:** Tibial tuberosity via patellar ligament, part of quadriceps femoris
- **Action:** Extend leg at knee
- **Innervation:** Femoral nerve

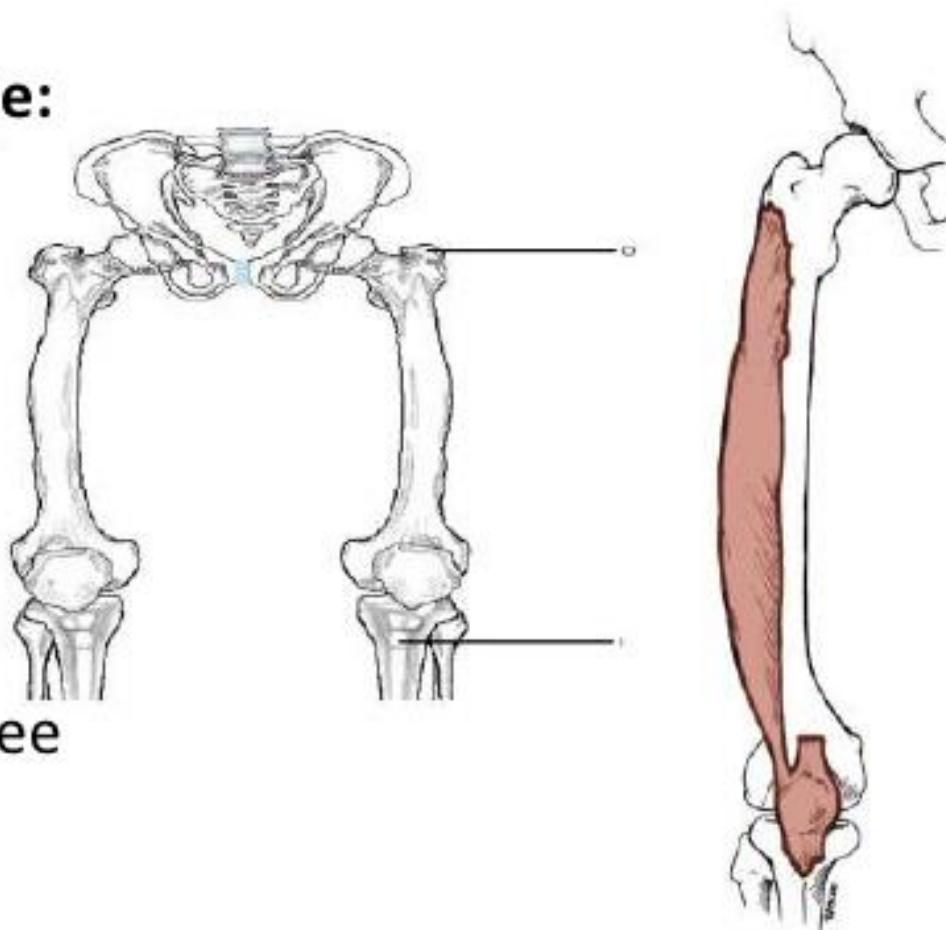


# Anterior Compartment

**Quadriceps femoris muscle:**

**Vastus Lateralis**

- **Origin:** Greater trochanter
- **Insertion:** Tibial tuberosity via patellar ligament, part of quadriceps femoris
- **Action:** Extend leg at knee
- **Innervation:** Femoral nerve

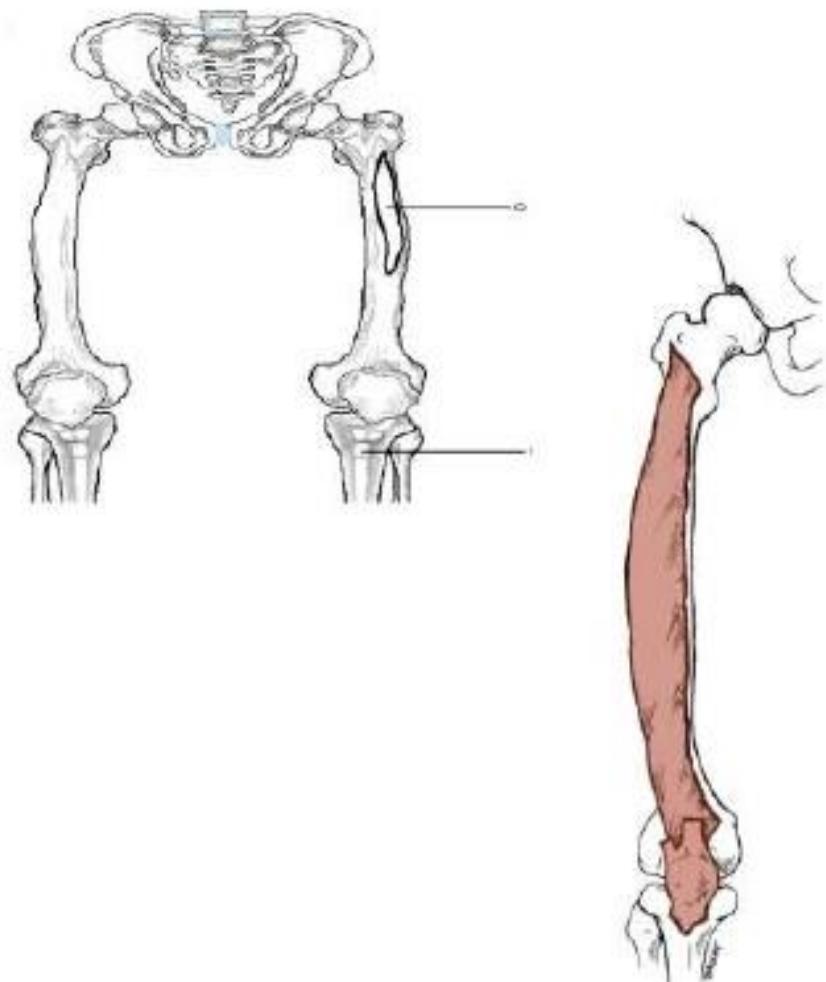


# Anterior Compartment

**Quadriceps femoris muscle:**

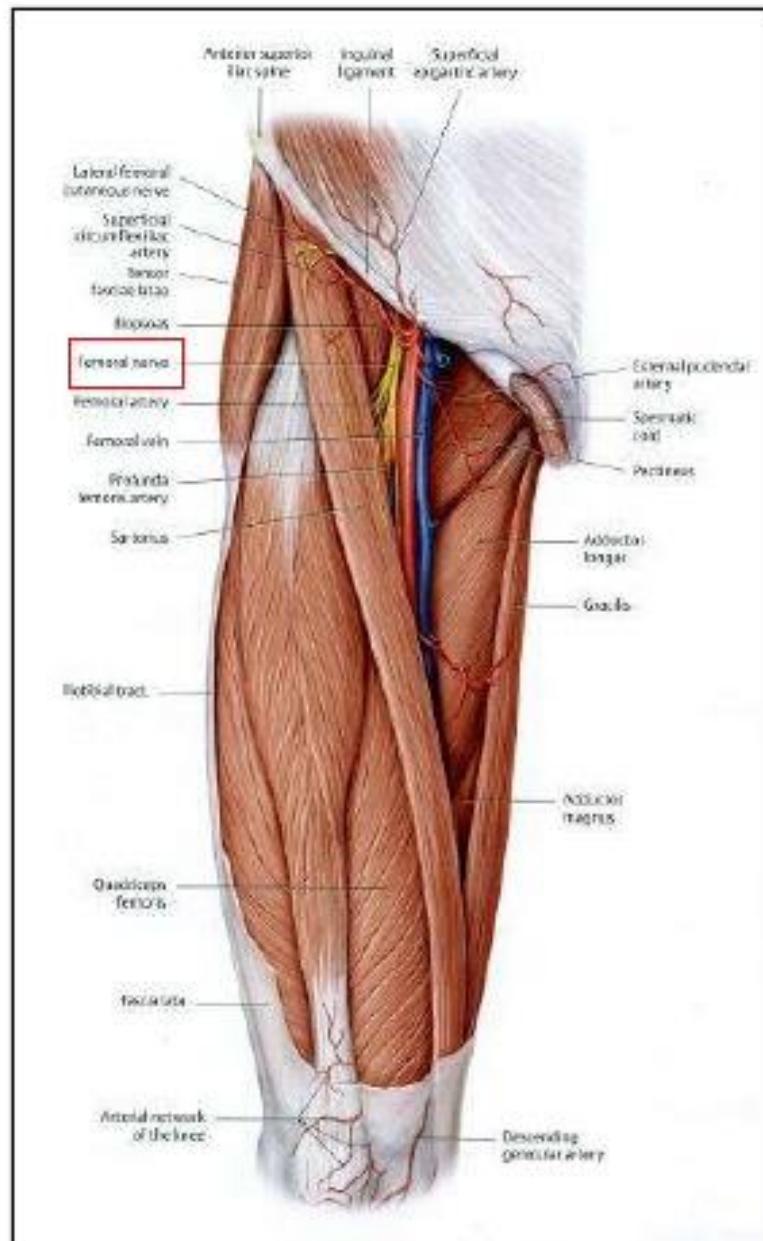
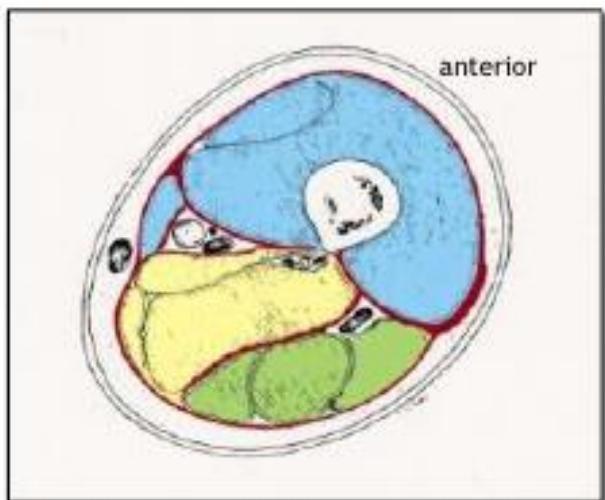
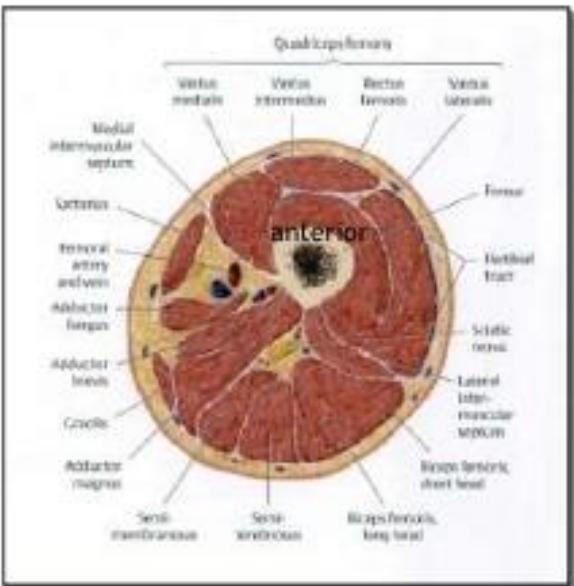
**Vastus Intermedius**

- **Origin:** Anterolateral surface of femur
- **Insertion:** Tibial tuberosity via patellar ligament, part of quadriceps femoris
- **Action:** Extend leg at knee
- **Innervation:** Femoral nerve



# Anterior (extensor) compartment of the thigh

Innervation: Femoral Nerve



# Anterior surface of thigh

**Femoral Triangle:**

**Borders:**

***Superior:***

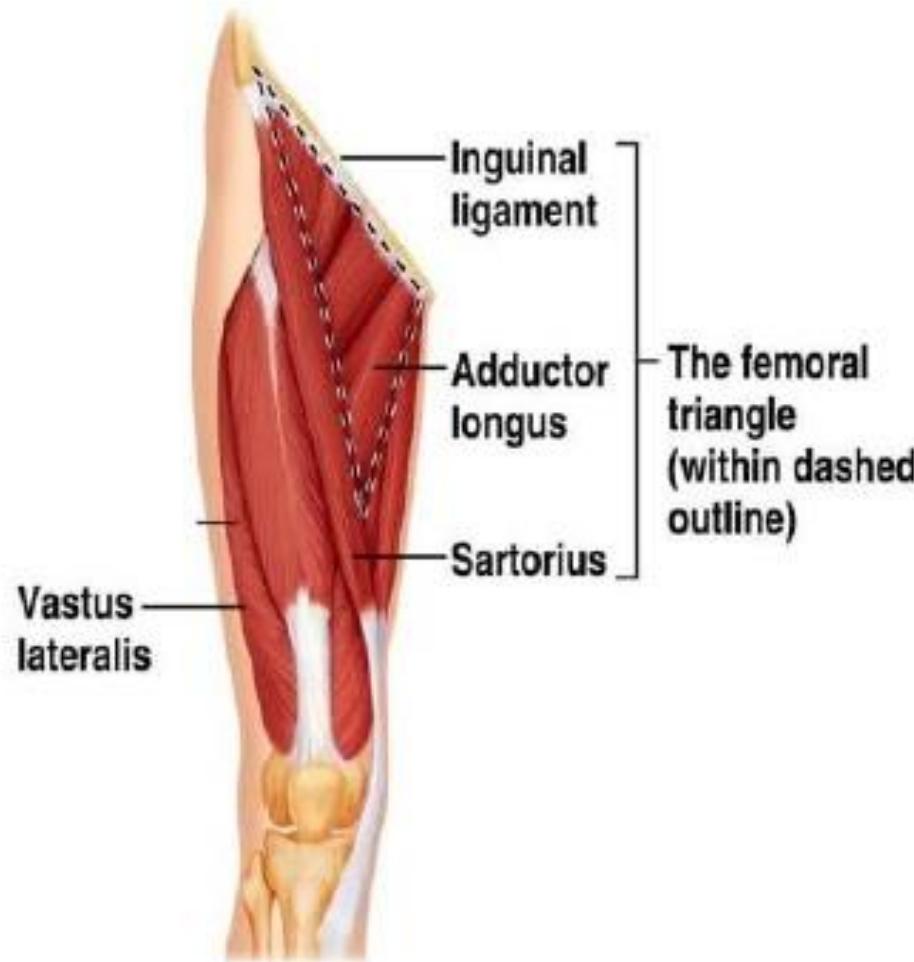
Inguinal Ligament

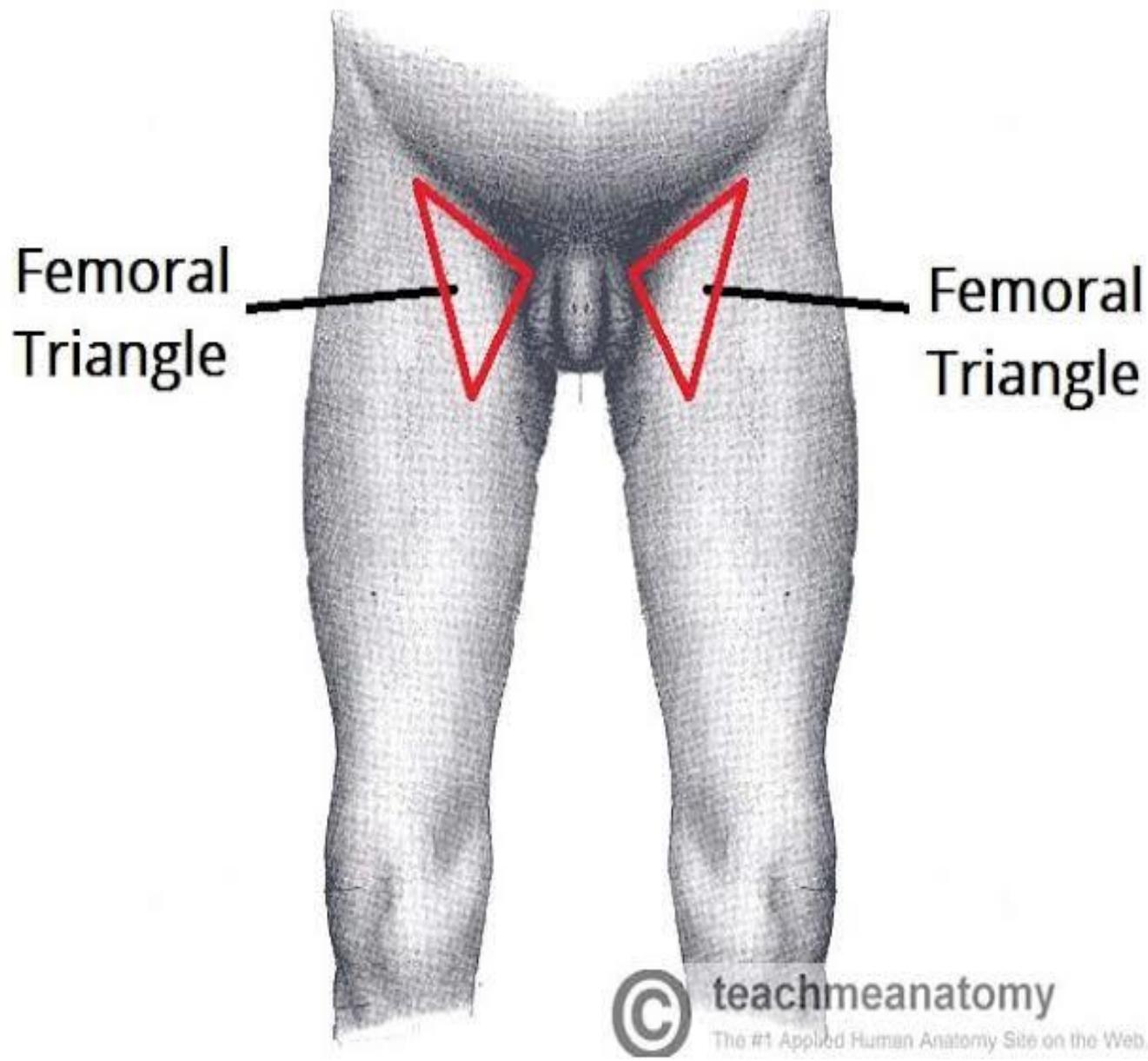
***Medially:***

Adductor Longus Muscle

***Laterally:***

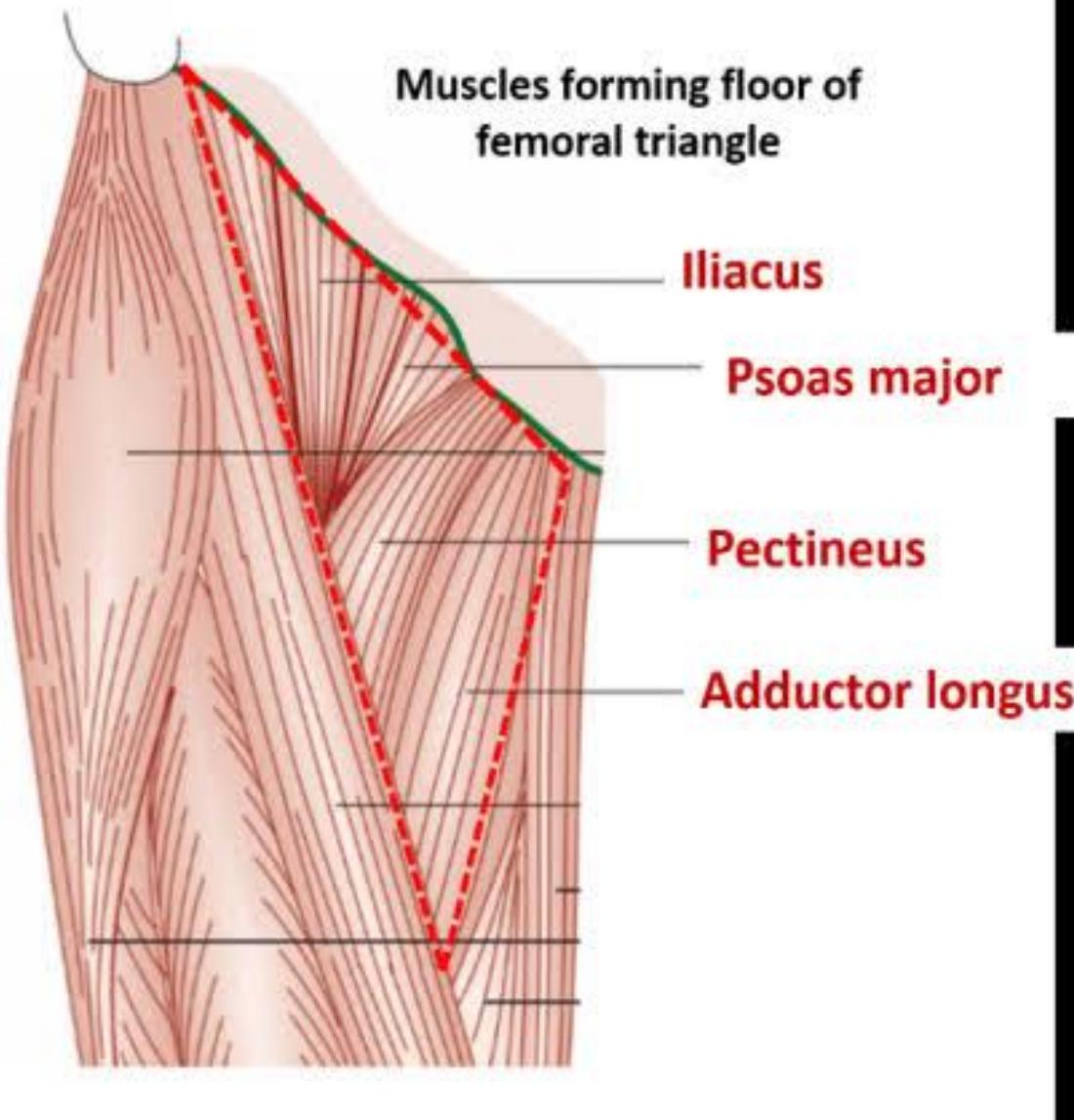
Sartorius Muscle





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## SITE:

- Upper third of front of thigh

## BOUNDARIES:

- Base: inguinal ligament
- Lateral: medial border of sartorius
- Medial: medial border of adductor longus

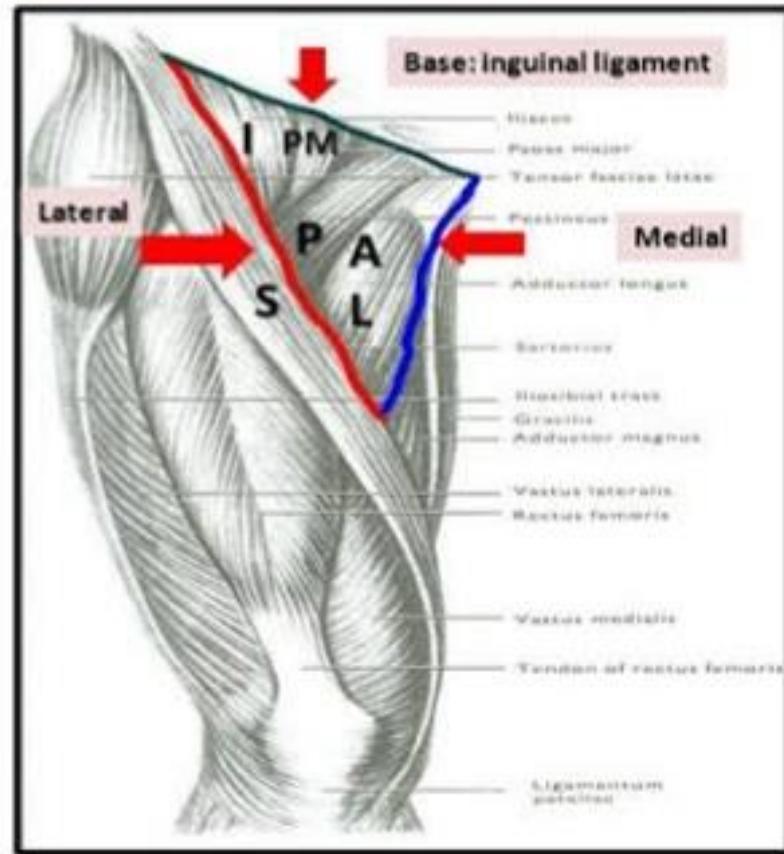
## ROOF:

- Skin
- Fasciae: superficial & deep

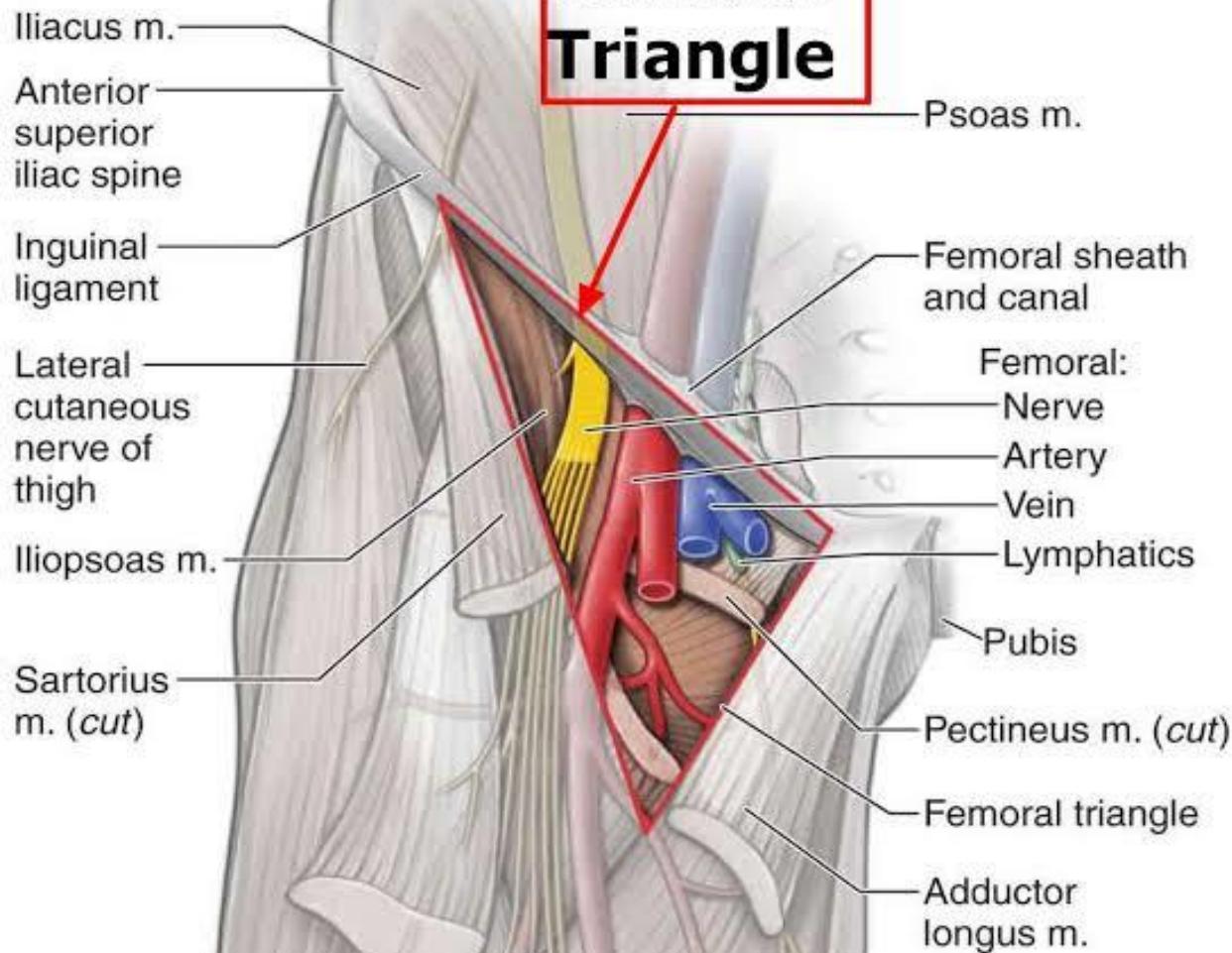
## FLOOR: *From medial to lateral*

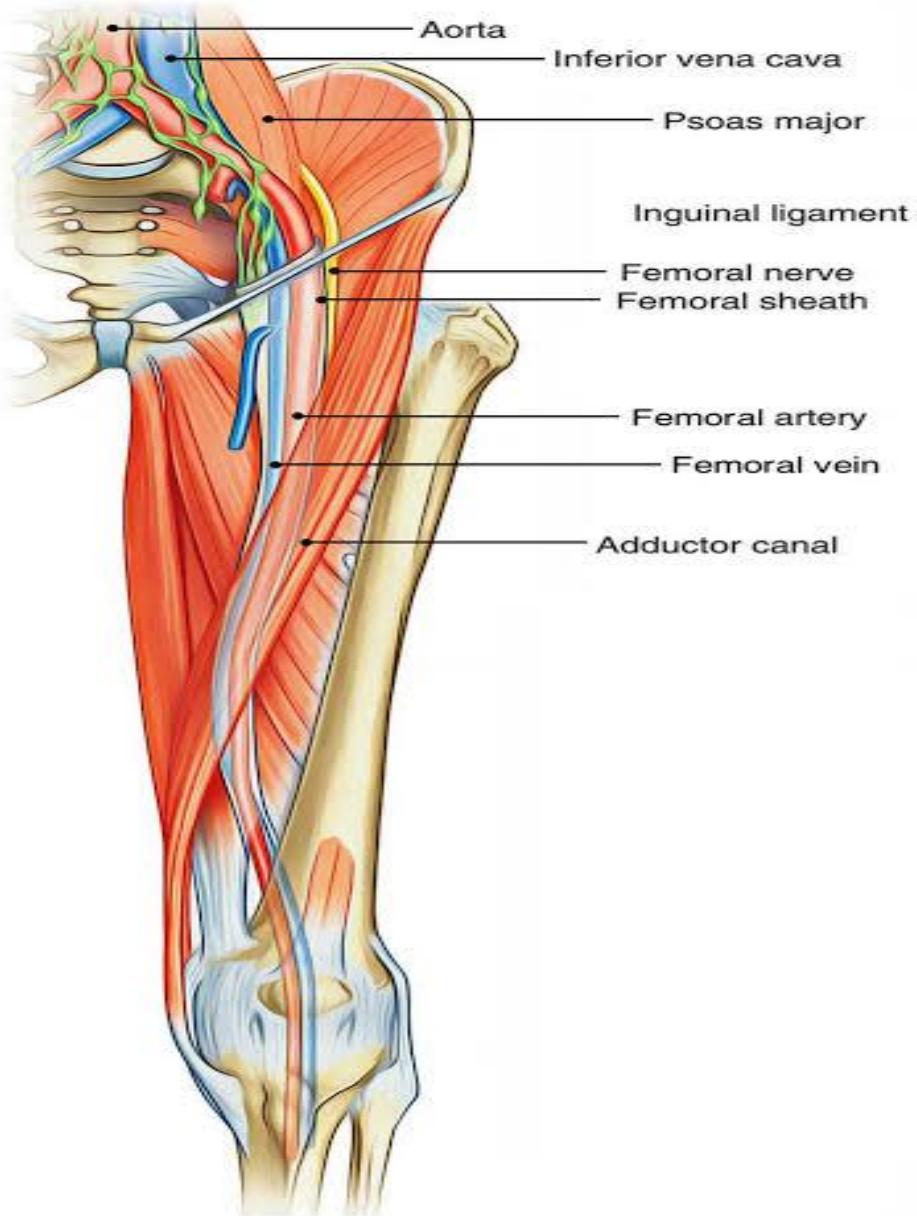
- Adductor longus
- Pectineus
- Psoas major
- Iliacus

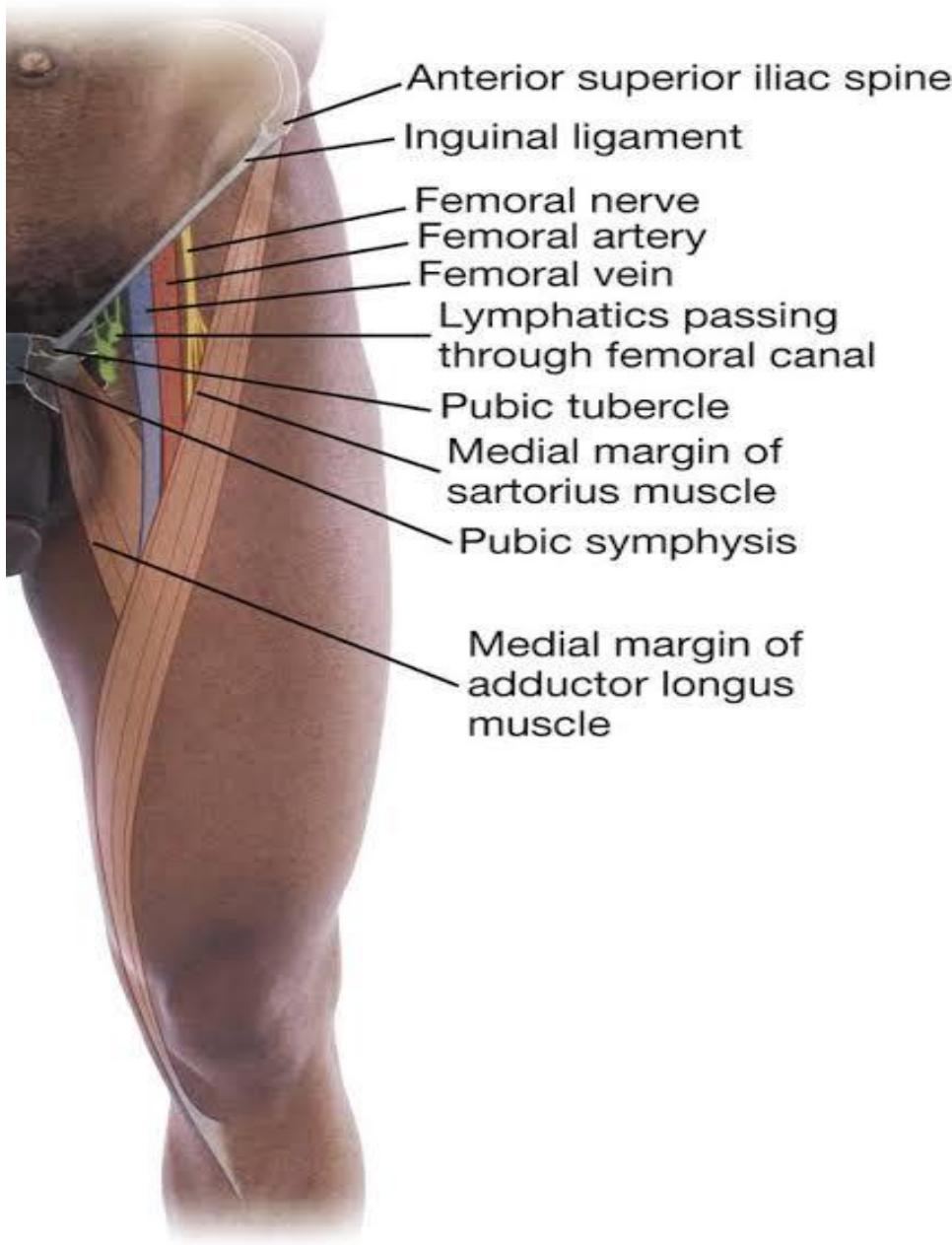
# FEMORAL TRIANGLE



## Femoral Triangle





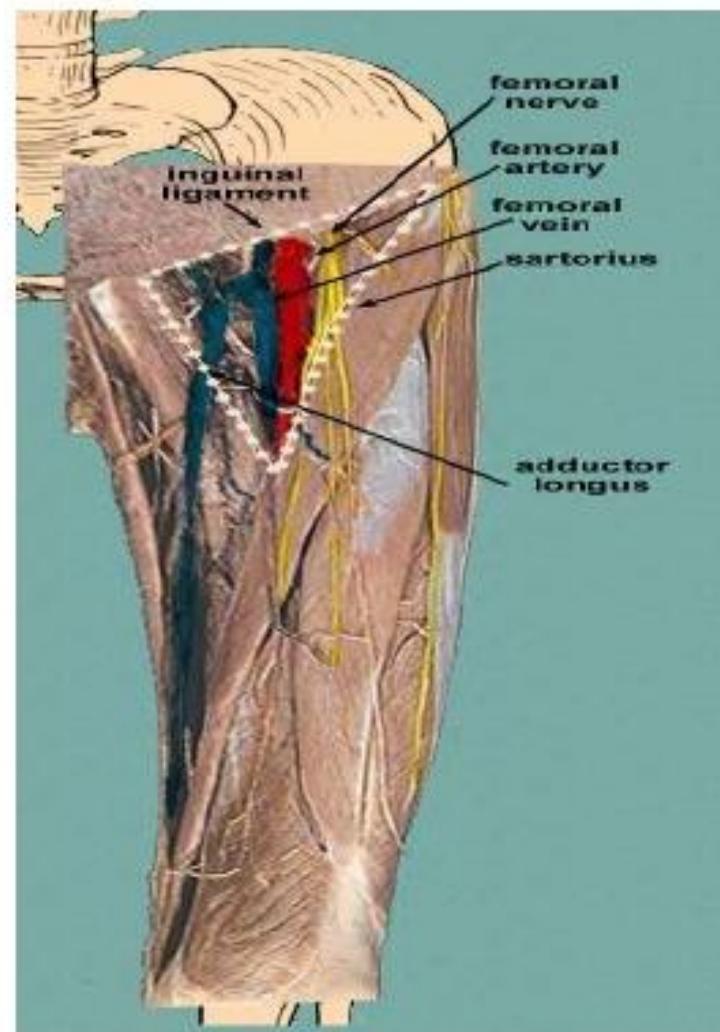


# Anterior surface of thigh

## Femoral Triangle:

*Contents (lateral to medial):*

- Femoral Nerve
- Femoral Artery
- Femoral Vein
- Lymphatics



# Anterior surface of thigh

**Adductor Canal:**

***Borders:***

***Lateral:***

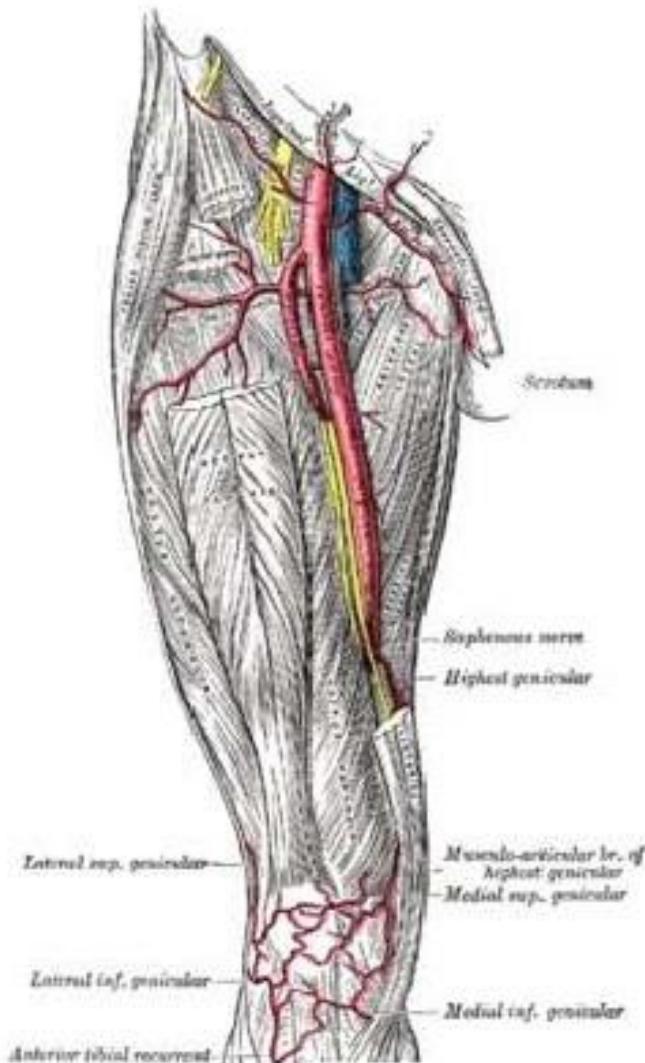
Vastus medialis muscle.

***Posterior:***

Adductor longus and magnus.

***Anteromedial:***

Sartorius muscle.

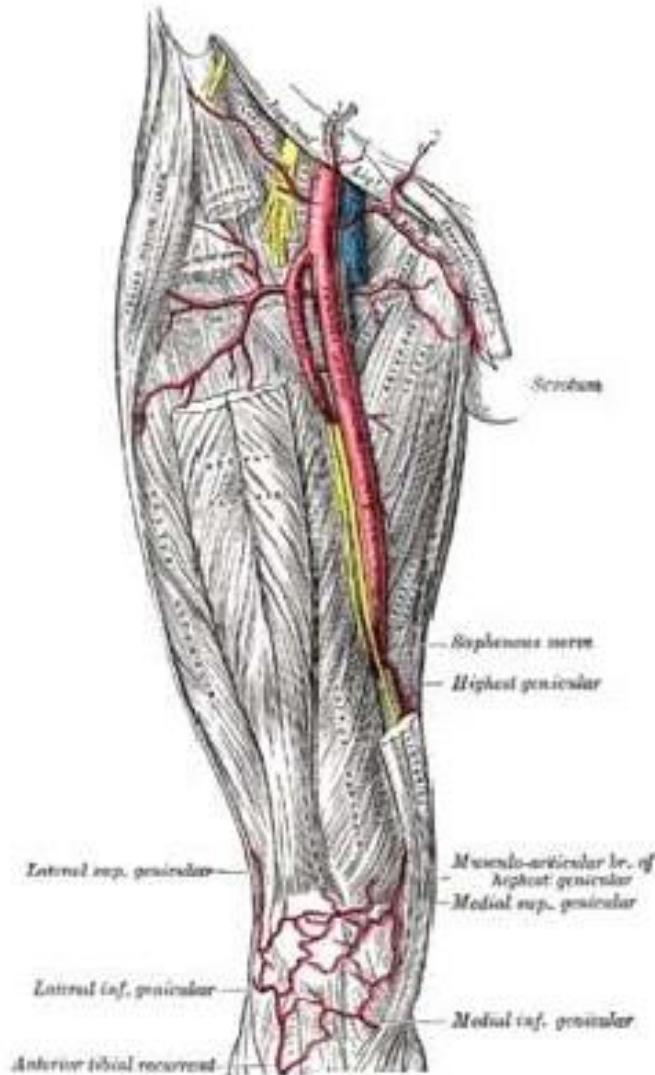


# Anterior surface of thigh

## Adductor Canal:

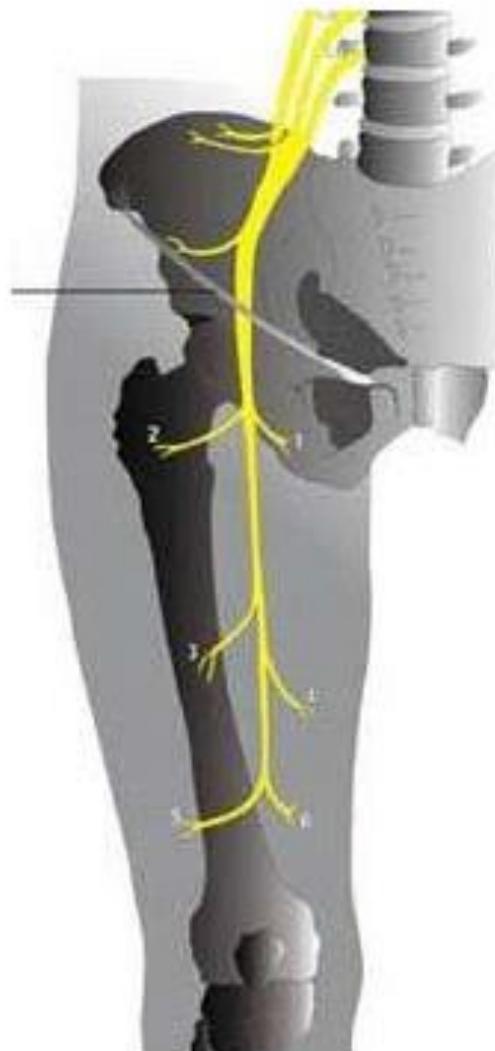
### *Contents:*

- Saphenous nerve:  
Termination of femoral nerve.
- Nerve to vastus medialis.
- Terminal part of obturator nerve.
- Terminal parts of femoral artery and vein.
- Deep lymph vessels.



# Anterior Compartment

- **Innervation:**  
Femoral Nerve:
- **Action:**  
*Hip flexion.*  
*Knee extension.*



# Anterior Compartment

## Blood Supply:

### *Femoral Artery:*

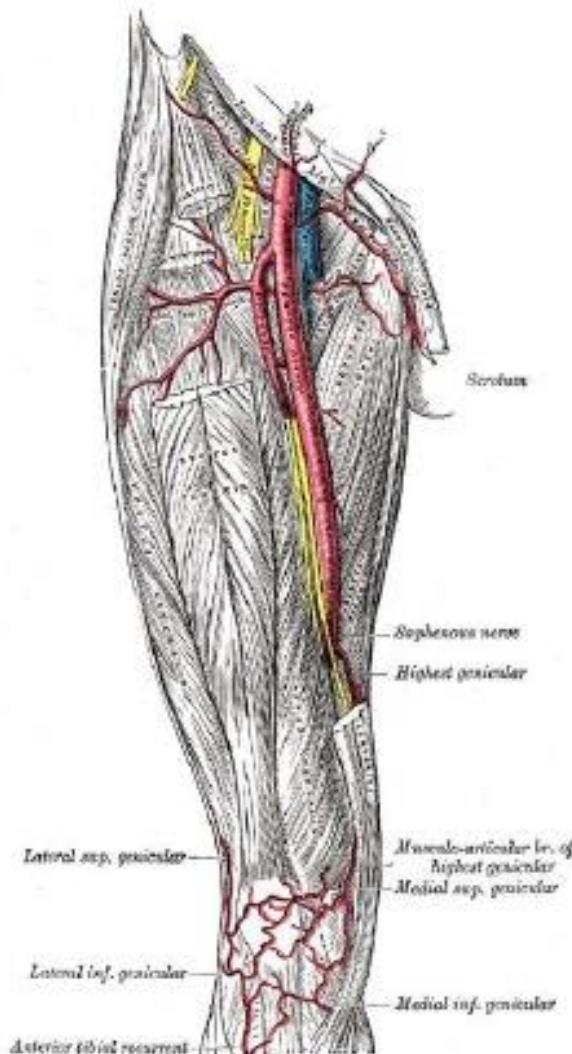
- Superficial circumflex iliac.
- Superficial epigastric.
- Superficial external pudendal.
- Deep external pudendal.

**Descending genicular.**

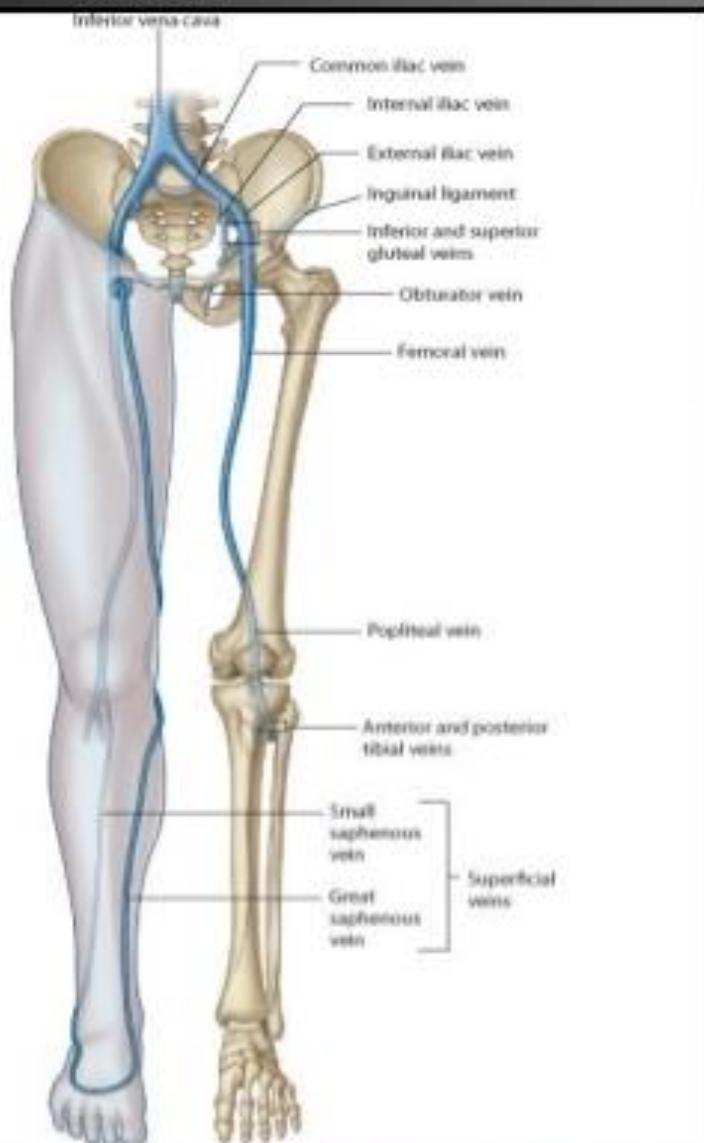
**Deep femoral (profunda femoris)**

**Lateral femoral circumflex.**

**Medial femoral circumflex.**



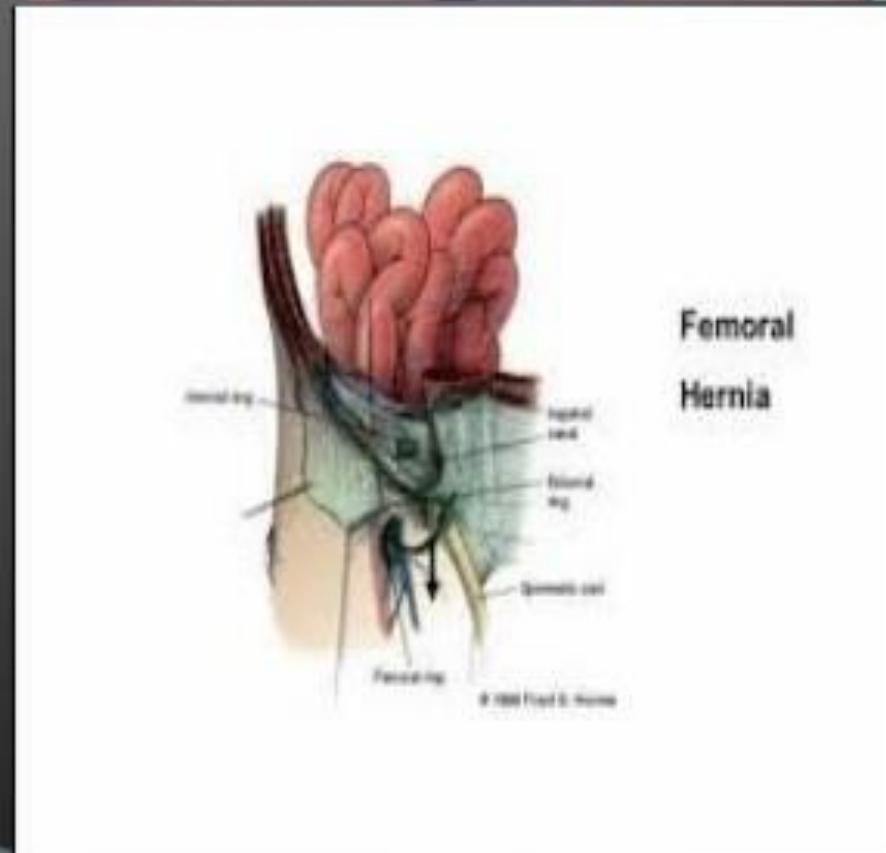
# Veins



- **Deep Veins:** Mostly share names of arteries
  - Ultimately empty into Inferior Vena Cava
    - Plantar
    - Tibial
    - Fibular
    - Popliteal
    - Femoral
    - External/internal iliac
    - Common iliac
  - ▶ **Superficial Veins**
    - Dorsal venous arch (foot)
    - Great saphenous (empties into femoral)
    - Small saphenous (empties into popliteal)

# Femoral hernia

- ▶ A **femoral hernia** is when abd. Contents pass through a naturally occurring weakness called the femoral canal



# Femoral Vein – Access

- ▶ One of the most common methods to gain central venous access in emergent situations is via femoral vein cannulation.
- ▶ Emergency venous access during CPR



# Angiography

