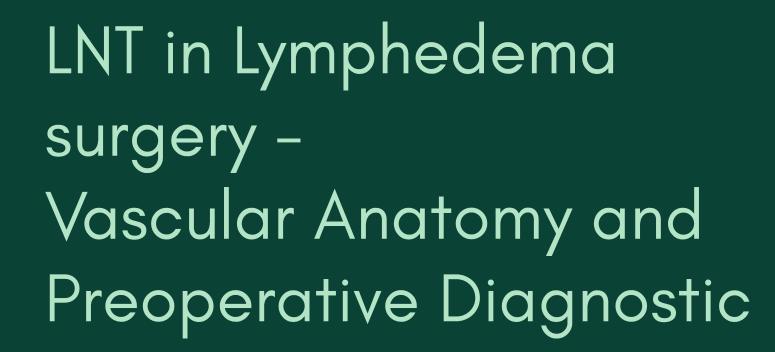


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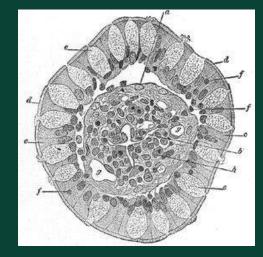
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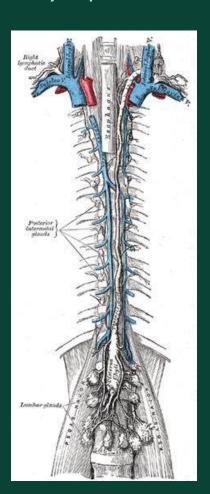
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Lymphatic system in the history

Lymphaticus (/lym'phaː.ti.kus/, [ljym'phäːtɪkʊs]): "connected to water"

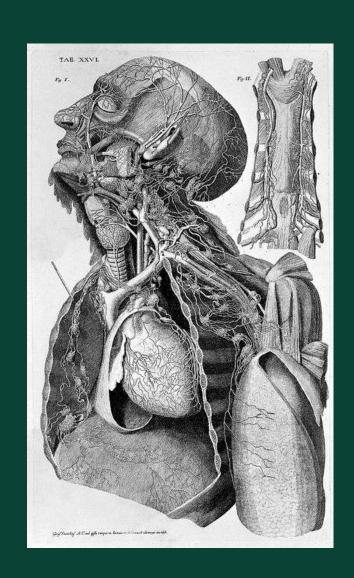
- Hippocrates, 5 century BC, mention lymphnodes
- Herophilos, 3 century BC, first mention of lymphatic vessels as "absorptive veins of the lymphatics" (lacteals)

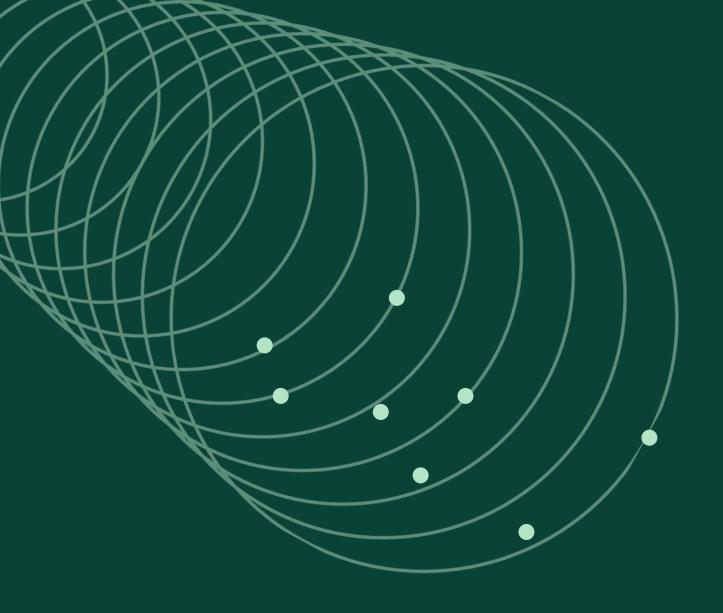




- Rufus of Ephesus, 1 century BC, identified the axillary, inguinal and mesenteric lymph nodes
- <u>Bartolomeo Eustachi</u>, 1563, described the thoracic duct (vena alba thoracis)
- Jean Pecquet, 1651, connection between lacteals and thoracic duct

• Thomas Bartholin, 1654, the one to have named them "lymphatic vessels", described the Human Lymphatic System





Lymphatic system Anatomy

Components:

- Lymph
- Lymphatic cells
- Lymphatic vessels and plexuses
- Lymph nodes
- Lymphoid organs

"Condition of localized swelling caused by a compromised <u>lymphatic system</u>."

- Primary: abnormal development of the lymphatic system
- Secondary acquired damage to the lymphatic system

Chronic complications:

- Fibrosis
- Fat hypertrophy
- Destruction of lymphatic vessels

> 250 million people worldwide



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Goals

- Weight reduction of the affected region
- Reduced frequency of infections
- Prevention of disease progression

 Improvement in limb function and cosmesis

> Overall improvement in patient's quality of life



Surgical

Procedures

Decongestive lymphatic therapy

Lymphedema

Treatment

- Compression garments
- Physiotherapy



Physiologic treatments

- Flap interposition
- Lymphatic-lymphatic bypass
- VLNT (Vascularized LymphNode Transfer)
- LVA (LymphoVenous Anastomosis)

Excisional treatments

- Direct excision
- Liposuction



Lymphedema Treatment



VLNT When and Why?

- In established lymphedema the lymphatic vessels become sclerosed
- Scars from traumatic softtissues injury

- Lymphangiogenesis with new lymphatic collateral pathways connecting with adjacent lymph nodes to restore outflow (Bridging)
- Neo-lymphangiogenesis establishing new lymphatico-venous drainage within the transplanted lymph nodes, mechanism driven by perfusion gradients between arterial inflow and venous outflow (Pumping)

VLNT: Vascularized limphNode Transfer

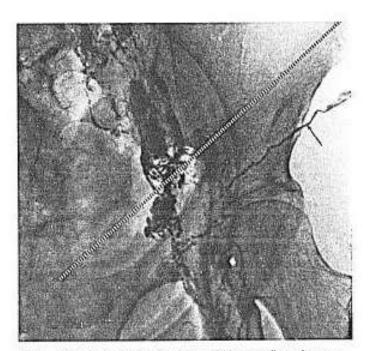


Fig 2. Axial lymphatic in a left-sided groin flap, demonstrated by suprailiac lymphography, filling phase. Crosshatching indicates inguinal ligament.

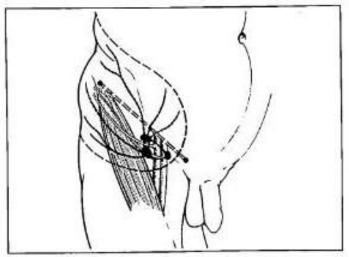
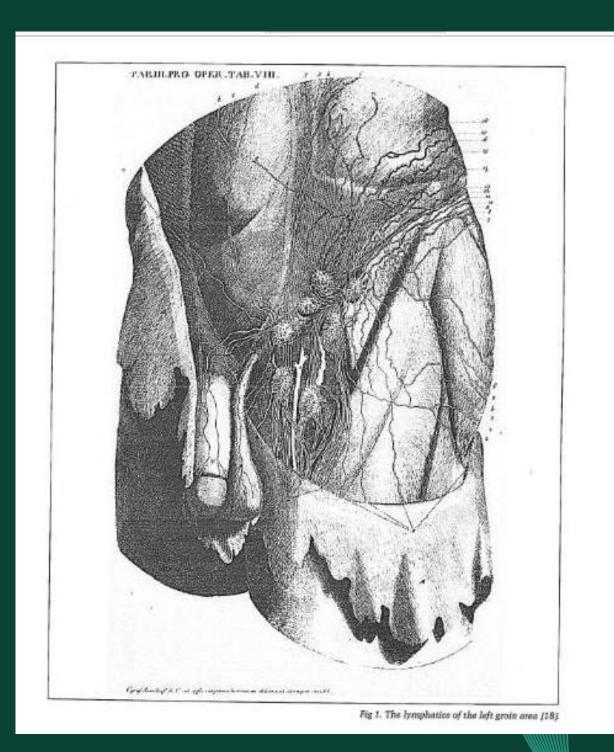


Fig 4. The blood and lymphatic vessel system (along with three lymph nodes) of a right-sided groin flap. The inguinal ligament is again shown by cross-hatching.

Suprailiac Limphography, Bruna J. 1972



Clodius L. et al.

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VLNT: Vascularized limphNode Transfer



Fig 5. Patient with secondary lymphedems of the left leg and lower abdominal wall following removal of a seminama with inguinal metastasis and extensive postoperative irradiation. The patient also has psociasis.

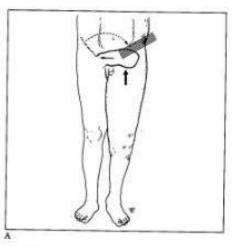
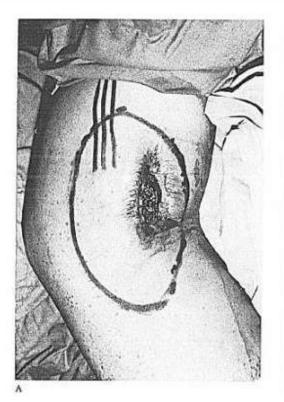


Fig 6. Transfer of a right-sided groin flap across the midline to the left inguinal area. (A) Parallel lines in the left groin represent the lymph block. Arrows indicate lymph flow following spontaneous lympholymphatic anastomoses between the flap lympholics and those of the thigh. (B) Right groin flap is outlined, on the left, scarred area to be resected is visible. (C) The flap is elevated. (D) Sunuring of the left inguinal defect.

Pedicled



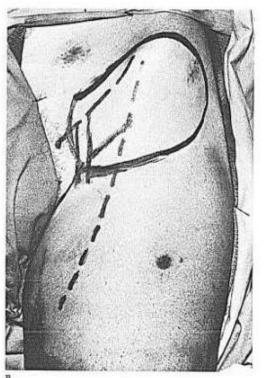


Fig 10. (A) Medial aspect of the right popliteal region. The skin area to be resected and the recipient vessels for the free vascular systems of the free grain flap are outlined.

(B) The lymph-bearing grain flap to be used for covering the defect. The medial aspect of the flap is placed superiorly in the defect (as seen in Figure 11). At three sites—anterior midthigh, lateral end of flap, and medial lower abdomen—patent blue is injected to visualize the lymph collectors of the grain flap.

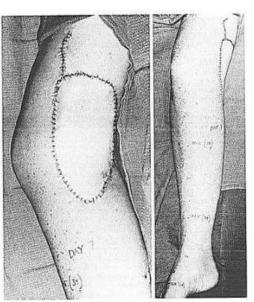


Fig 11. One week postoperatively. There is complete absence of the swelling of the flap and the differences in circumference of the lower leg and ankle have decreased. The leg had gone down to within 1 cm of the circumference of the normal leg on the left.

Microsurgical

Submental

Supraclavicular

Lateral Toracic

VLNT

Omental

Groin

Jejunal Mesenteric

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF VASCULARIZED LYMPH NODE TRANSFERS FOR LYMPHEDEMA: OUTCOMES AND COMPLICATIONS

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Donor Lymph Nodes

The inguinal nodes were used in the vast majority of studies with 72% of all cases followed by the lateral thoracic lymph nodes in 14.8%. Supraclavicular, omental, and submental nodes were taken in 6.5, 3.7 and 3%, respectively. There were 129 free inguinal node flaps, 67 abdominal based free flaps including inguinal lymph nodes, 40 lateral thoracic lymph node flaps (33 free flaps, six pedicle flaps, and one pedicle latissimus dorsi myocu-

Microsurgery DOI 10.1002/micr

	Total number	Total complication rate	Donor site complication	Donor site lymphedema	Lymphocele or seroma	Donor site pain	Testicular hydrocele
Inguinal	185 (71.2%)	21 (13.5%)	17 (10.9%)	3 (1.6%)	14 (7.6%)	3 (1.6%)	1 (0.5%)
Lateral thoracic	38 (14.6%)	7 (18.4%)	6 (15.8%)	5 (13.2%)	1 (2.6%)	1 (2.6%)	0
Supraclavicular	24 (9.2%)	1 (4.2%)	1 (1.2%)	0	1	0	0
Submental	7 (2.7%)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omentum	6 (2.3%)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Diagnostic and Planning



Key steps

- Identification of the nodes that are safe to harvest
- Identification of the blood supply of these nodes
- Preservation of nodes that drain important structures or that could cause iatrogenic lymphoedema
- Dissectionand preservation or division and repair of nerves
- Inclusion for addition soft tissues as needed

Diagnostic and Planning



Lymphoscintigraphy

(pre-op)

Using Tc-99 to confirm the diagnoses of lymphedema and provides a baseline assesment of the recipient lymphatic function of donor site. Gamma-probe (intra-op) to show draining nodes.

Angio-TC

(pre-op)

Used for the study of blood vessels

ICG Lymphoangiography

(pre-op / intra-op)

Demonstrate abnormal lymphatic flow or used in Reverse Lymph Node Mapping, we can see the lymphatic function in real time

Doppler Ultrasounds

(pre-op)

Identification of pedicles and vessels, Identification of nodes

Magnetic resonance angiography (MRA)

(pre-op)

Using Gadofosveset Trisodium (not allowed in Italy). Information on vascular anatomy, quantity and location of lymphonodes

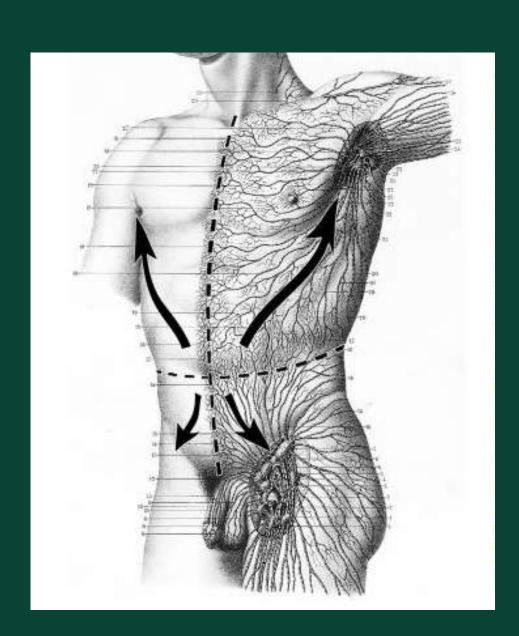
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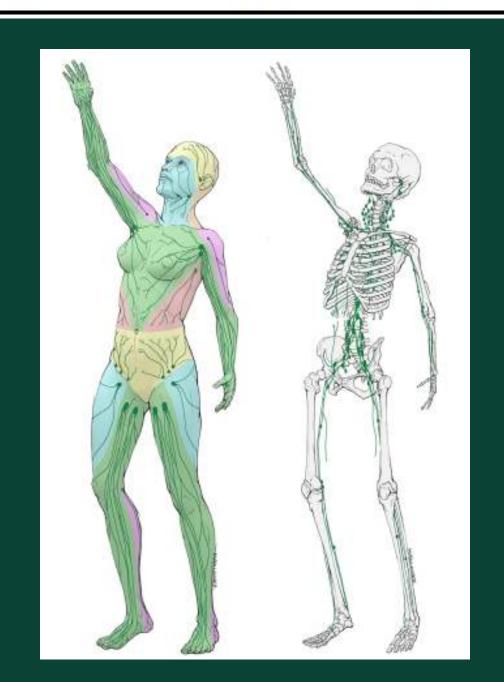
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Lymphosome Concept: Anatomical Study of the Lymphatic System

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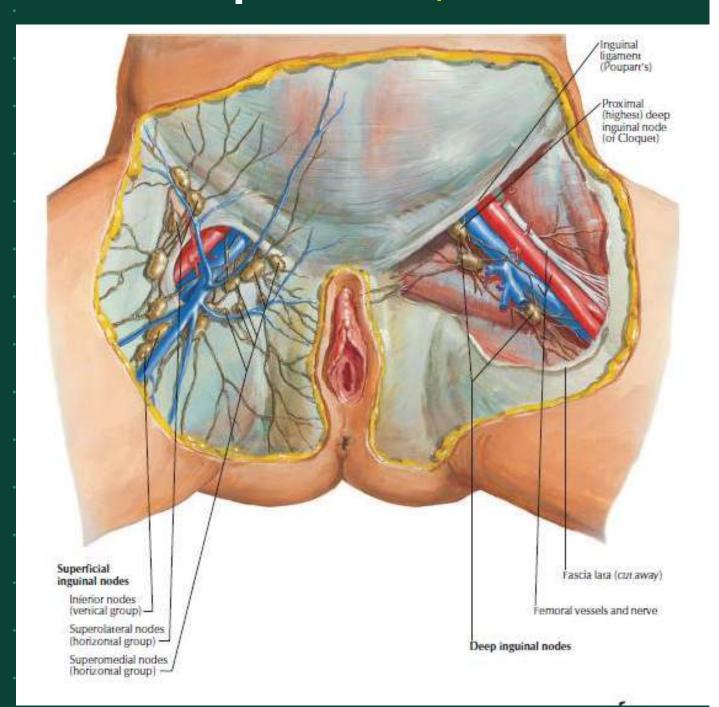


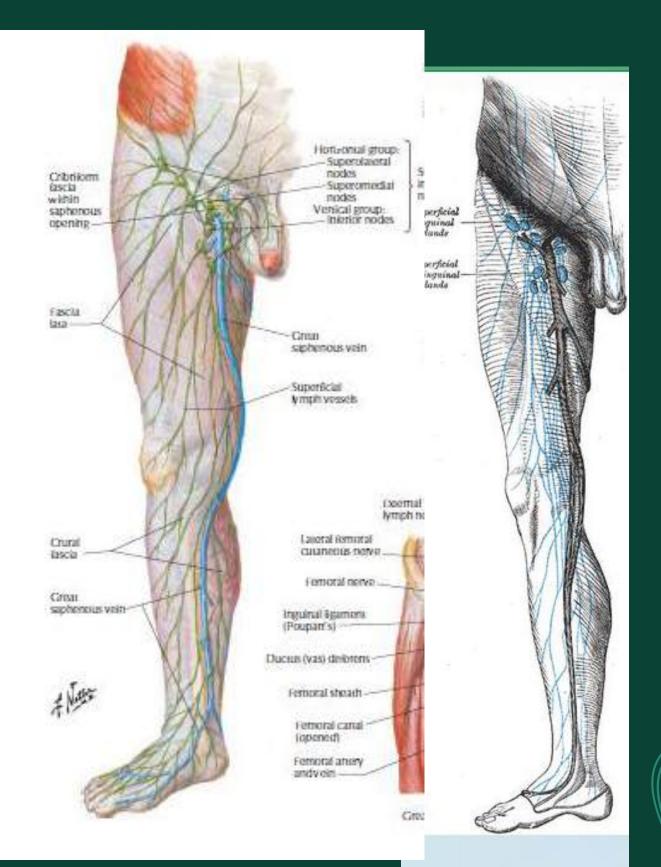






Groin Flap Anatomy





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Lymphatic anatomy of the inguinal region in aid of vascularized lymph node flap harvesting*

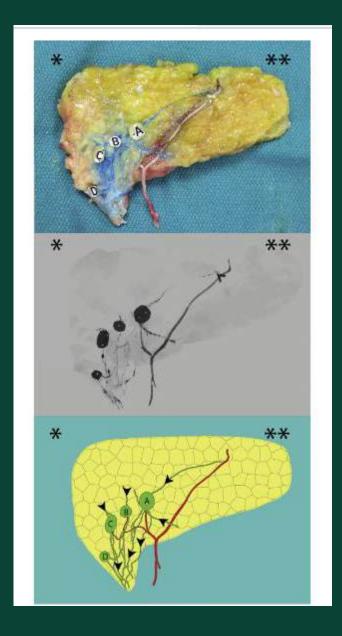
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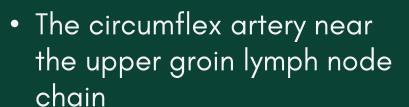


• The two most distal lymph nodes (A and B) were considered to be the dominant lymph nodes draining the lower leg, and they were consistently located on both sides of the great saphenous vein



• Lymphatic vessels in the medial thigh (blue) and in the abdomen (green); lymph nodes (A to F); the superficial inferior epigastric artery (SEA); and the great saphenous vein (SV)



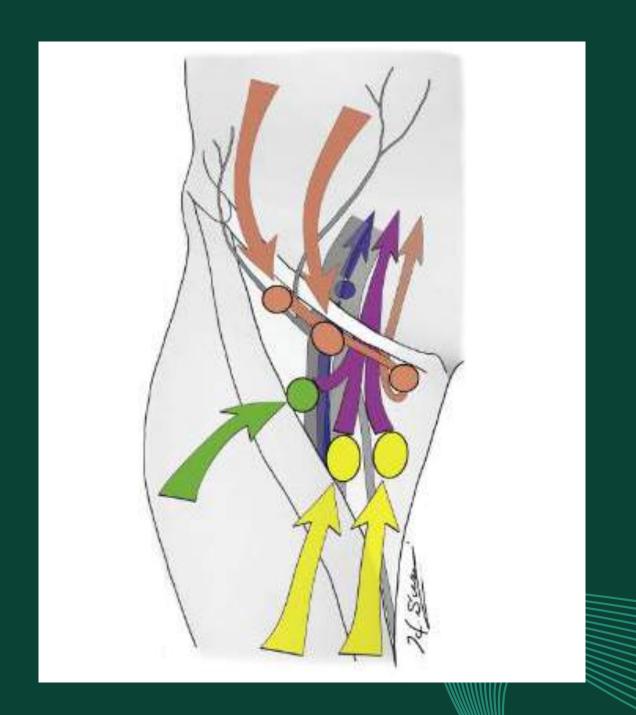








Lymphosomes in the inguinal region: the abdominal (orange), lateral thigh (green), and medial thigh (yellow)



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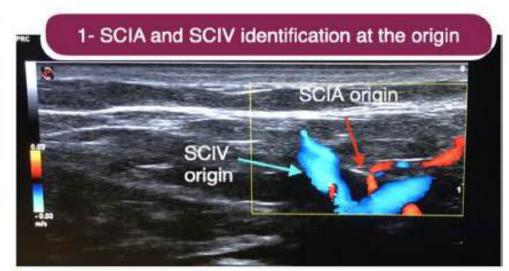


Article

Lymphatic Tissue Transfer: Ultrasound-Guided Description and Preoperative Planning of Vascularised Lymph Nodes, Lymphatic Units, and Lymphatic Vessels Transfers [†]

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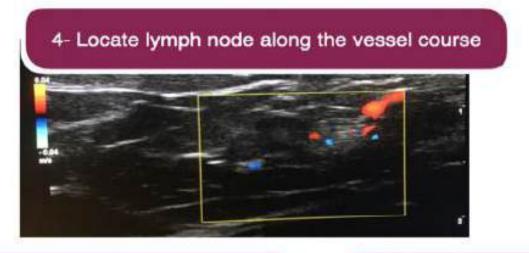


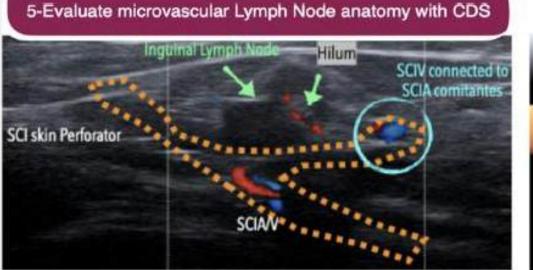






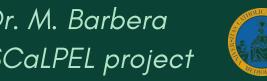
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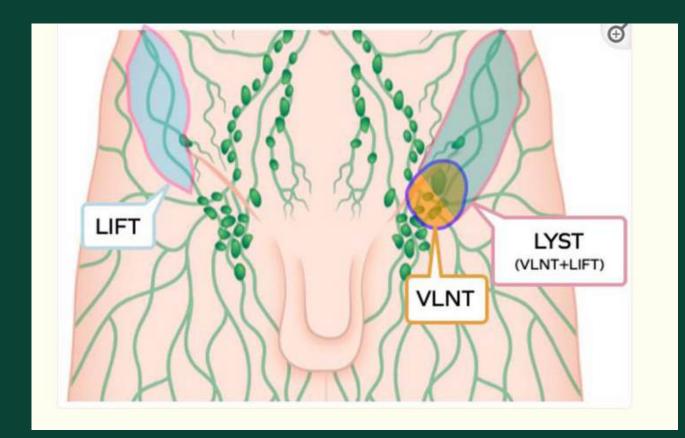






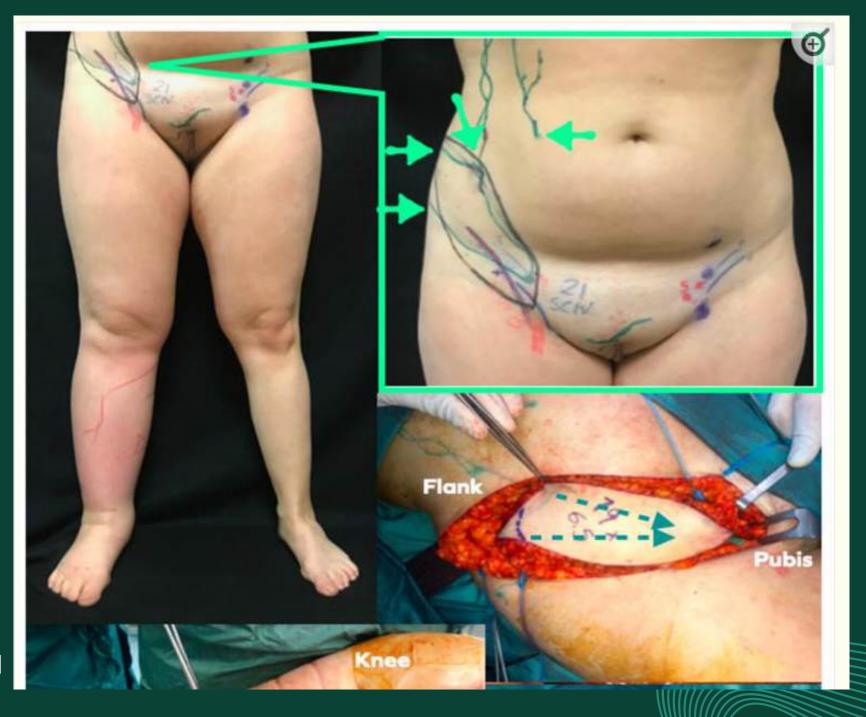
Groin Flap Diagnostic and Planning





Graphic illustration of the three subtypes of lymphatic tissue transfer: LIFT, lymphatic interposition flap transfer; VLNT, vascularised lymph node transfer; LYST, lymphatic system transfer.

- The preoperative ICG-L was employed to map the lymph collecting vessels draining the lower hemiabdomen and the flank up to the inguinal nodes.
- The HF-US, using the 18-MHz probe, was used to evaluate the superficial circumflex iliac artery (SCIA) and superficial vein (SCIV)
- The UHF-US allowed clarification of the characteristics of the lymph nodes and their afferent lymphatics identified by ICG-L

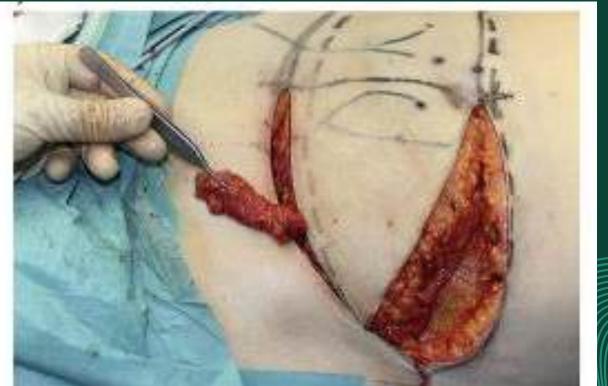


• LYST flaps are usually used used as free flaps for upper extremity lymphedema, both in the proximal and distal region

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- Breast reconstruction with DIEP flap
- Breast cancer related Upper limb
 lymphedema treatment with Groin VLNT





Pre-op

- Angio TC-scan
- Doppler Ultrasound

Intra-op

- Indocyanine green fluorescent dye can be used to confirm the vascularity of the lymph nodes.
- Reverse Lymph Node Mapping

Reverse Lymph Node Mapping Using Indocyanine Green Lymphography

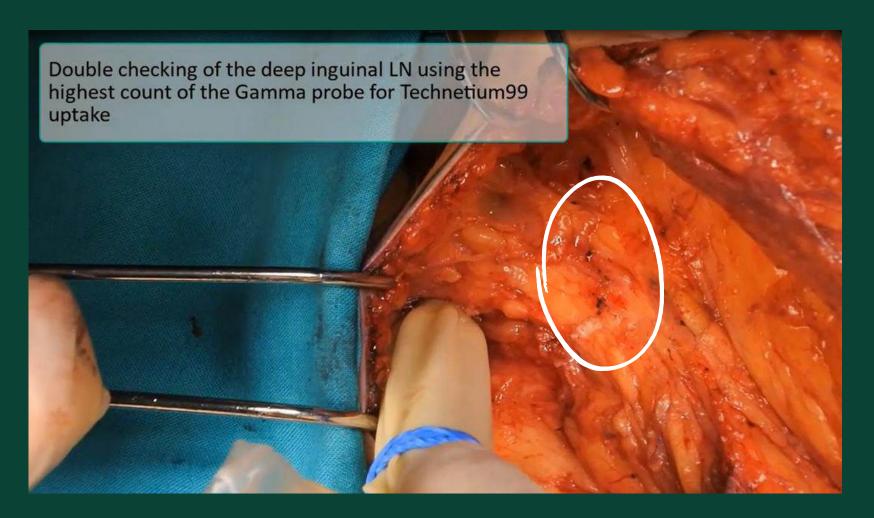


- 0. In-room Tc-99 injection in foot web space
- 1. Intra-Op IndoCyanine Green injection in the flank and visualization of the afferent lymphatic vessels and the lymph nodes thereafter using an infrared camera system

2. Tag using a marker pen the lymph nodes localized by ICG



Reverse Lymph Node Mapping Using Indocyanine Green Lymphography



4. Check low signal in the lymph nodes included in the flap

3. Check of deep inguinal LN using gamma probe to identify the lymph nodes to be spared

White circle: lymph nodes previously identified by ICG



Groin Flap



The lymph nodes in the groin have been described as being spread over 5 regions

- Central (saphenofemoral junction)
- Superomedial
- Superolateral
- Inferomedial
- inferolateral

Drainage

- Lower limb: central and medial based nodes
- Suprailiac region: lateral based nodes

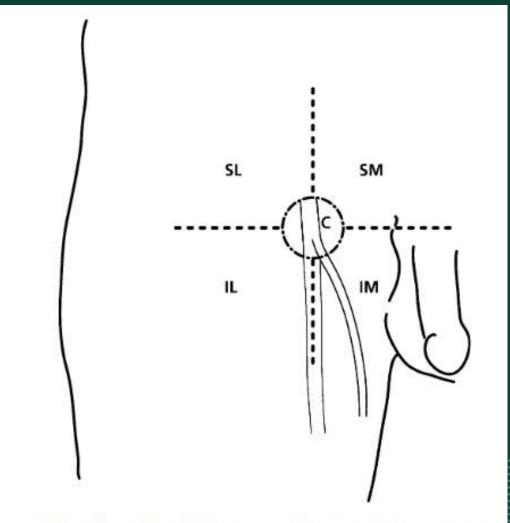


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Groin Flap

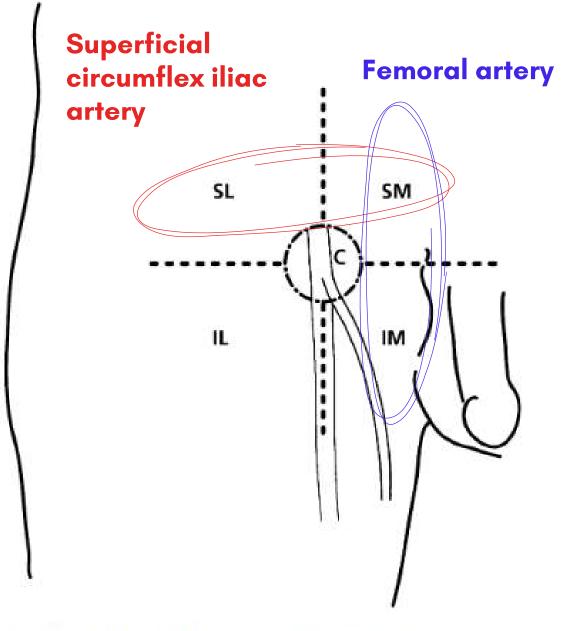


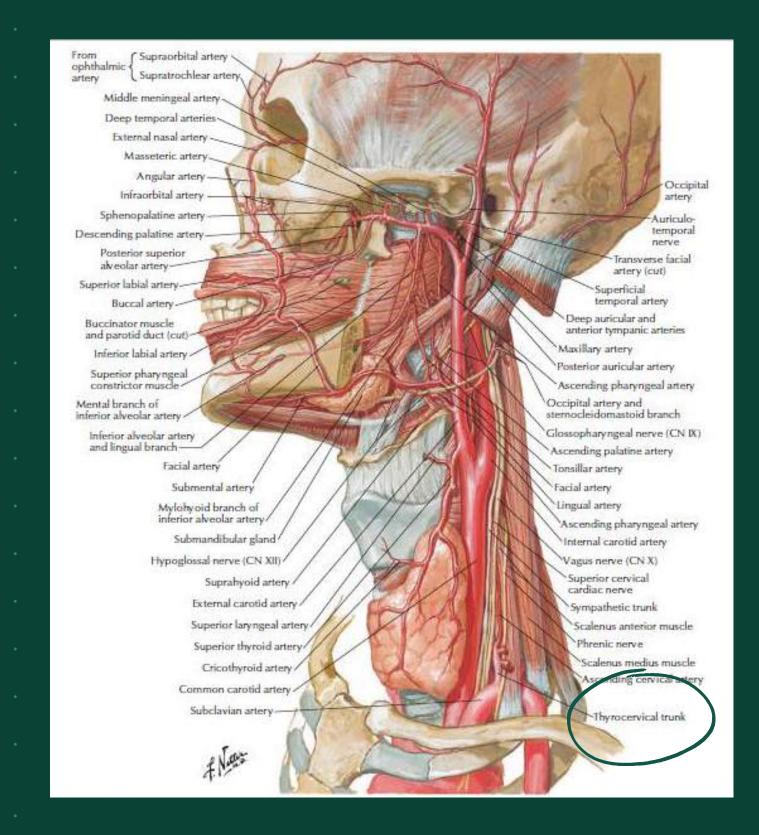
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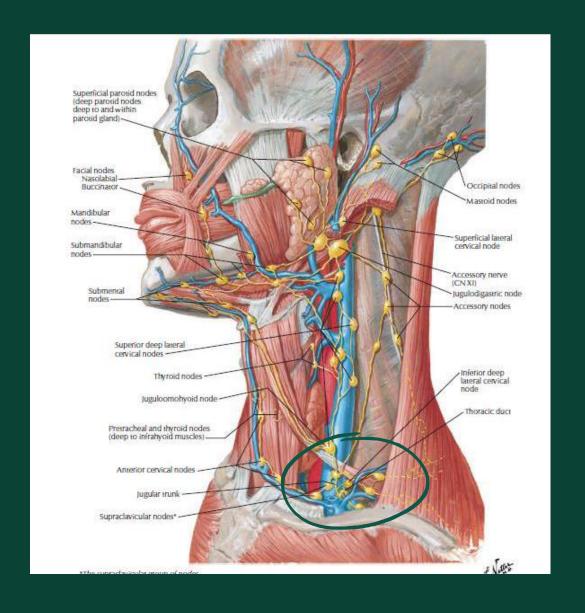
Could we cause secondary donor site lymphedema?

Reverse sentinel node mapping technique could be used to preserve the deeper lymphatics and nodes inferior to the inguinal ligament.









Transverse cervical artery arises from:

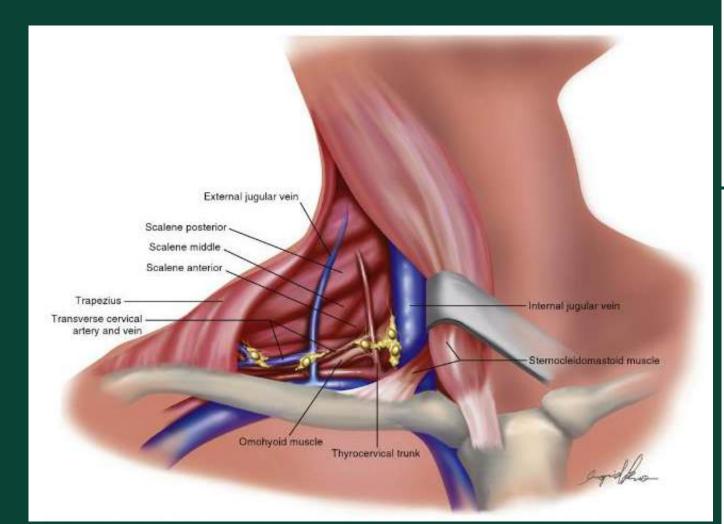
- Thyrocervical trunk in 80 %
- Directly from subclavia artery 17 %
- As a branch of internal mammary artery 3%

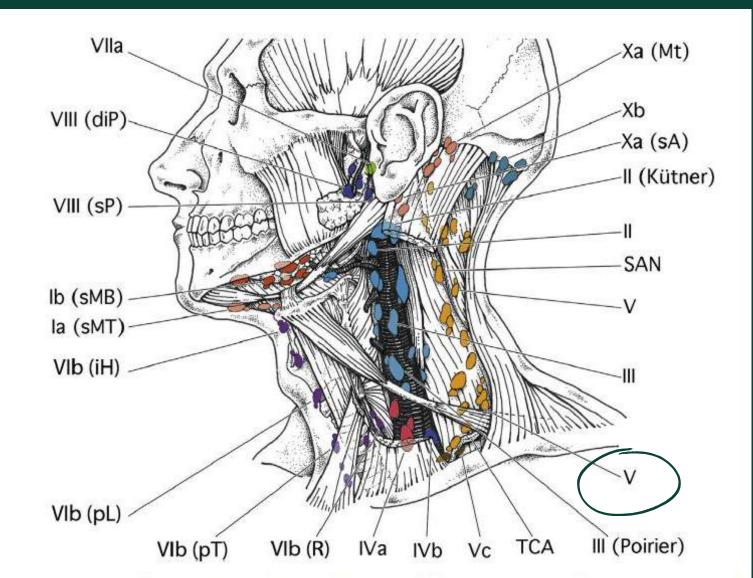
Transverse cervical vein arises from external jugular vein

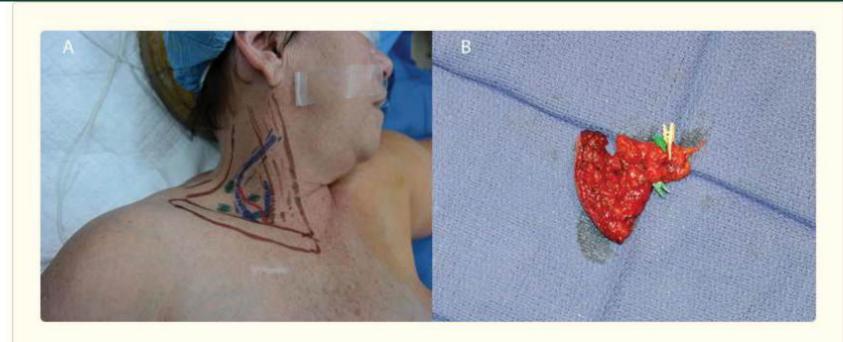


Lymphonodes "Transverse chain"

Located along TCA (transverse cervical artery) that arises from Thyrocervical trunk







The Tunneled Supraclavicular Island Flap: An Optimized Technique for Head and Neck Reconstruction

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Supraclavicular Artery

In all specimens, the subclavian artery was exposed, and the transverse cervical artery was subsequently dissected. In 100 percent, we found the supraclavicular artery arising 3 to 4 cm from the origin of the transverse cervical artery. In all cases, the artery was found in the triangle between the dorsal edge of the sternocleidomastoid muscle, the external jugular vein, and the medial part of the clavicle (Fig. 1). Examination of the skin landmarks revealed that the artery exited 3.0 ± 0.7 cm above the clavicle at a distance of 8.2 ± 1.7 cm from the sternoclavicular joint and approximately 2.1 ± 0.9 cm dorsal to the sternocleidomastoid muscle. The mean diameter of the artery was 0.15 ± 0.034 cm (Fig. 2).

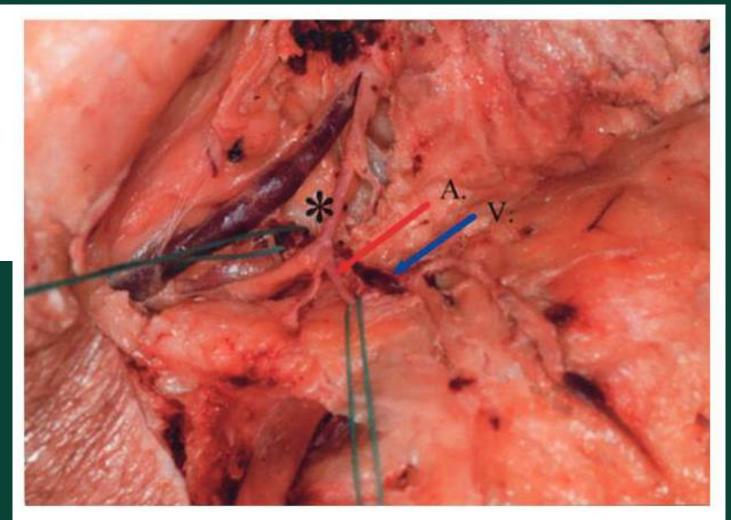


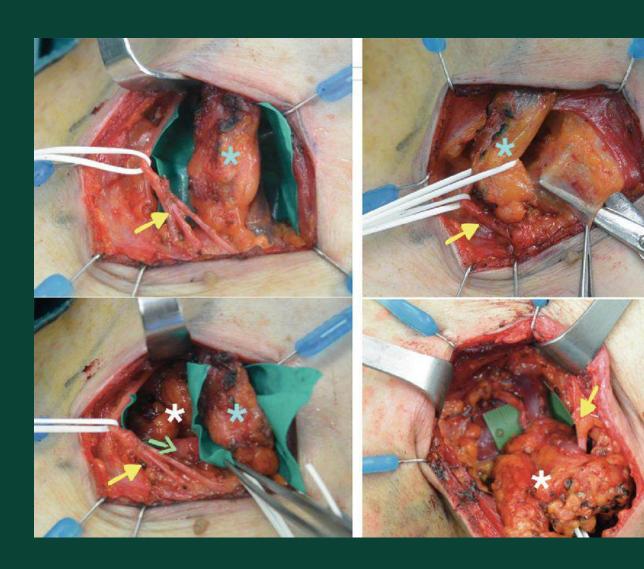
FIG. 2. Cadaver dissection of the supraclavicular artery (A) and the accompanying vein (V) exiting from the transverse cervical vessels (*).

Supraclavicular Flap Anatomy

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Compartimental harvesting of dual lymph node flap from the right supraclavicular area for the treatment of lower extremity lymphedema: A case series

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- Expose all the anatomical landmarks of the posterior neck triangle to avoid damages to the spinal <u>accessory</u> nerve
- The <u>external jugular vein</u> (EJV) was deroofed up to its confluence into the <u>subclavian vein</u> and the superficial compartment, and a lymphatic flap of 3 × 5 cm was drawn, centered on the EJV.
- Robbins level VB deep compartiment nodes were harvested based on the TCA and TCV in a medial to lateral direction, staying just above the deep cervical fascia
- Avoid damages to the <u>phrenic nerve</u>, which lies just below the <u>vascular pedicle</u> and to the <u>brachial plexus</u>.

• The anatomical plane between the two compartments was defined by the supraclavicular nerves laterally and the middle cervical fascia medially.

Pre-op

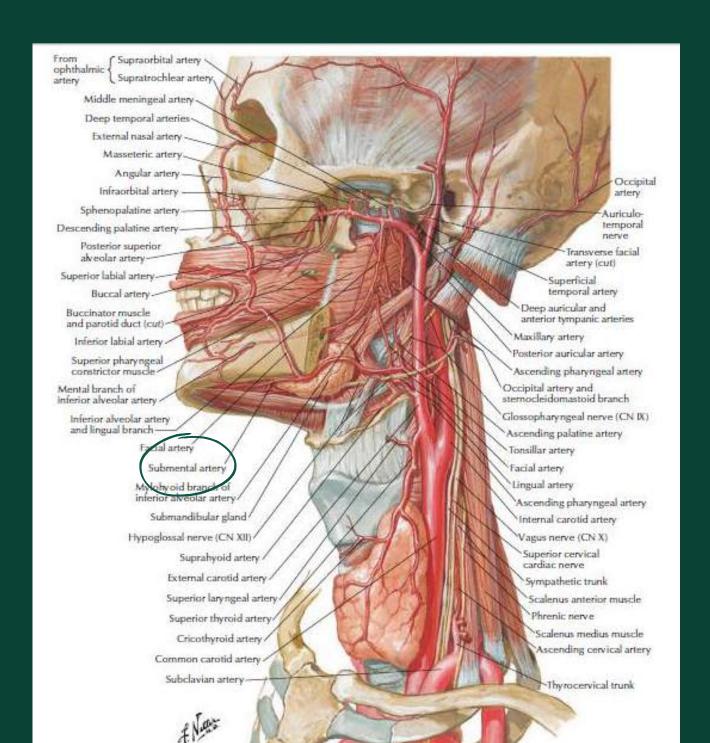
- Angio TC
- Doppler Ultrasound

Intra-op

- Indocyanine green fluorescent dye can be used to confirm the vascularity of the lymph nodes.
- Reverse Lymph Node Mapping



Submental Flap Anatomy





- Submental artery arise from Facial artery
- Submental vein provides the venous drainage into the facial vein
- The main perforator is typically found 3 cm in front of the facial artery

- The length of the submental artery including the facial artery is approximately 5 cm.
- 1 to 6 submental lymph nodes

The submental island flap: a new donor site. Anatomy and clinical applications as a free or pedicled flap

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1993, adipocutaneous flap

2012, VLNT

- Lymph nodes found in the histological sections in the dissected submental flap
- Submental lymph node flap supplied by the submental artery with two visible lymph nodes dissected

A novel approach to the treatment of lower extremity lymphedema by transferring a vascularized submental lymph node flap to the ankle

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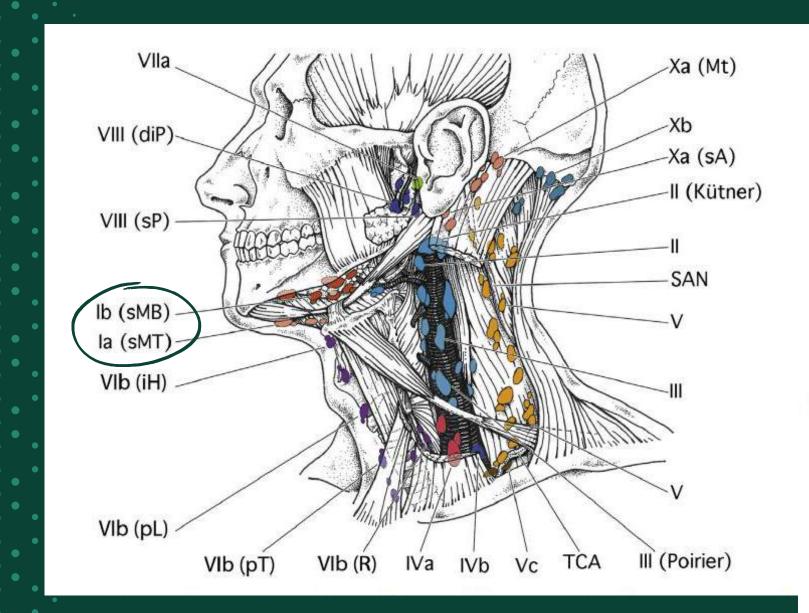
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Submental Flap Anatomy





- 1A group
- 1 to 6 submental lymph nodes

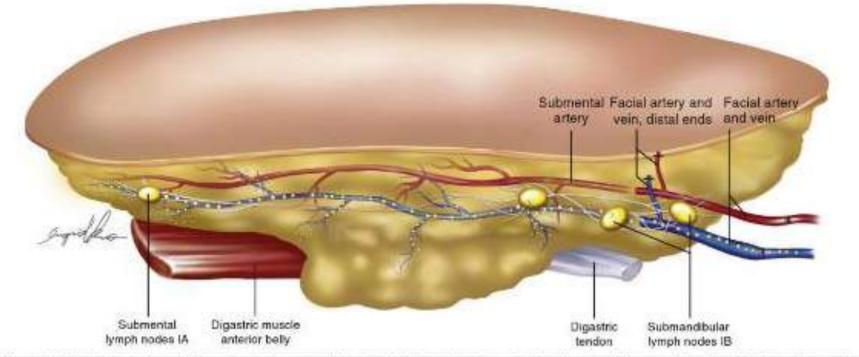


Figure 16.2 Arterial variations of the submental artery exist in relationship to the submandibular gland and the anterior belly of the digastric muscle. Knowledge of these variations will prevent inadvertent pedicle injury during flap elevation.



- Asterisks: lymph nodes larger than 1 cm in areas lb (black asterisk) and lla (yellow asterisk).
- White arrow: submental pedicle.

- Angio TC
- Doppler Ultrasound

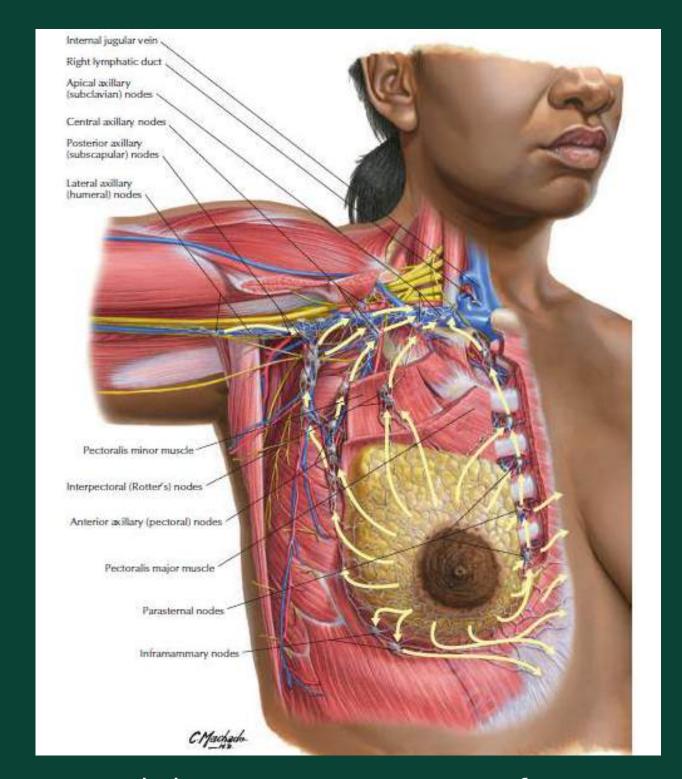
Intra-op

- Facial nerve monitoring using electrodes
- Indocyanine green fluorescent dye can be used to confirm the vascularity of the lymph nodes.
- Pencil Doppler



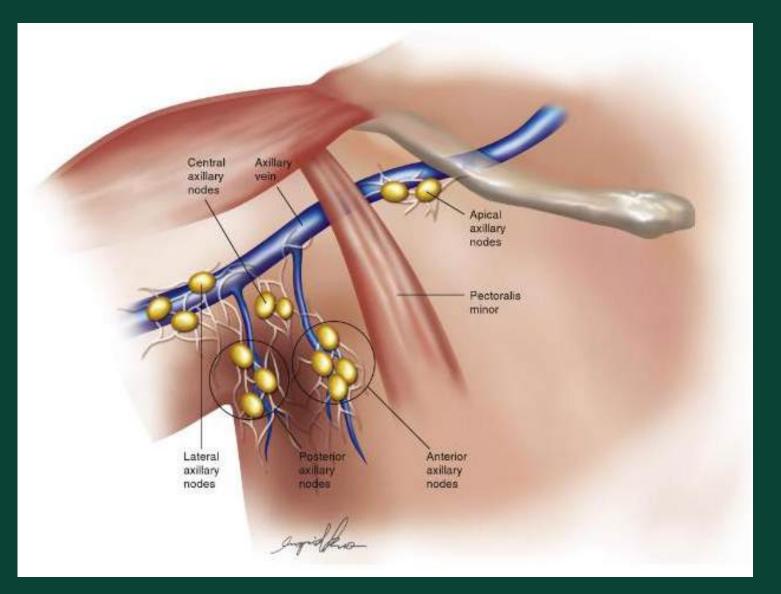


Lateral thoracic Anatomy



Lateral thoracic artery arises from:

- Thoracdorsal artery 71%
- Subscapular artery 29%



 The anterior and posterior lymphnode groups are targeted for arvest in axillary vlnt

Lateral thoracic flap Anatomy



THE FREE LATERAL THORACIC FLAP

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1978, The free lateral thoracic flap

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The surgical anatomy of the vascularized lateral thoracic artery lymph node flap—A cadaver study

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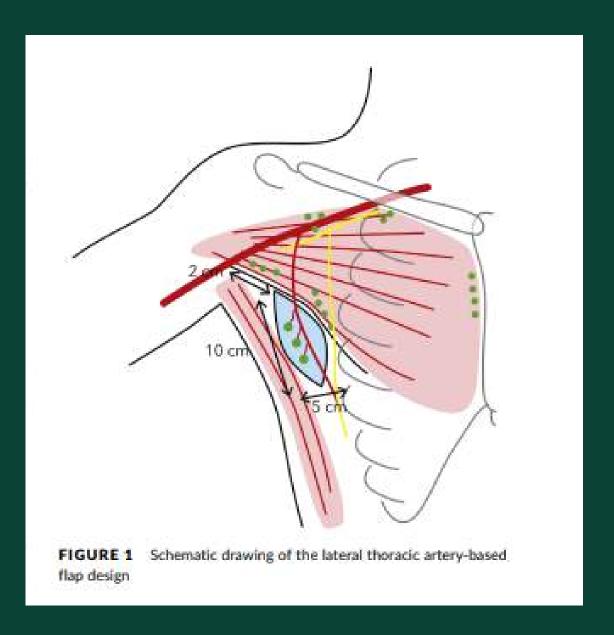
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• The anatomical landmarks to determine the flap's cranial position were chosen to be on the projection of the anterior axillary line, exactly 2 cm below the point where the axillary neurovascular bundle traverse the pectoralis major muscle.



- The lateral thoracic artery originated at a mean distance of -0.28 \pm 1.17 cm (range 3–1 cm) to the minor pectoral muscle.
- Flap thickness 2 cm





Lymph Fasciocutaneous Lateral Thoracic Artery Flap: Anatomical Study and Clinical Use

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- The artery is absent in around 12.5% of sides, in which case the thoracodorsal artery provides the vascular supply to those lymph nodes.
- Perforators to the overlying skin were present in 87.5% of anatomical dissections, allowing for transfer of a skin paddle

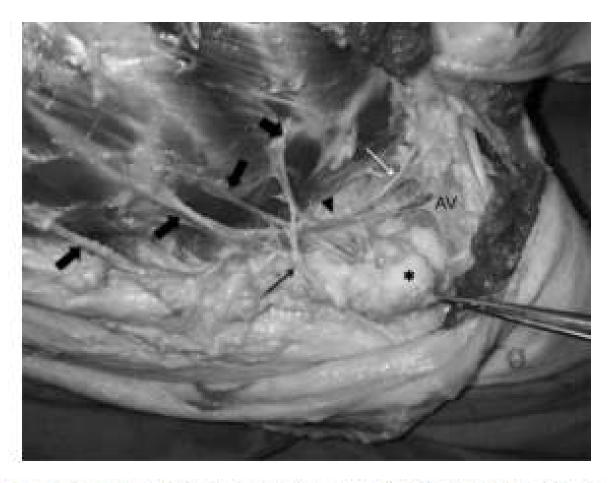


Fig. 2 The lateral thoracic pedicle (arrowhead) arises from the axillary vessels and sends branches to the surrounding lymph nodes and muscles, the LICAP (bold arrows). The forceps is holding the LTLN (asterisk) and lower left, the intercostobrachial nerve crosses the pedicle toward the arm (thin arrow). On the right, the lateral thoracic artery (white arrow) goes behind the axillary vein (AV). LICAP, lateral intercostal artery perforator; LTLN, lateral thoracic axillary lymph nodes.

- Angio TC-scan
- Doppler Ultrasound
- MRA (Magnetic resonance angiography)

Intra-op

- Indocyanine green fluorescent dye can be used to confirm the vascularity of the lymph nodes.
- Reverse Lymph Node Mapping

Lateral thoracic Diagnostic and Planning

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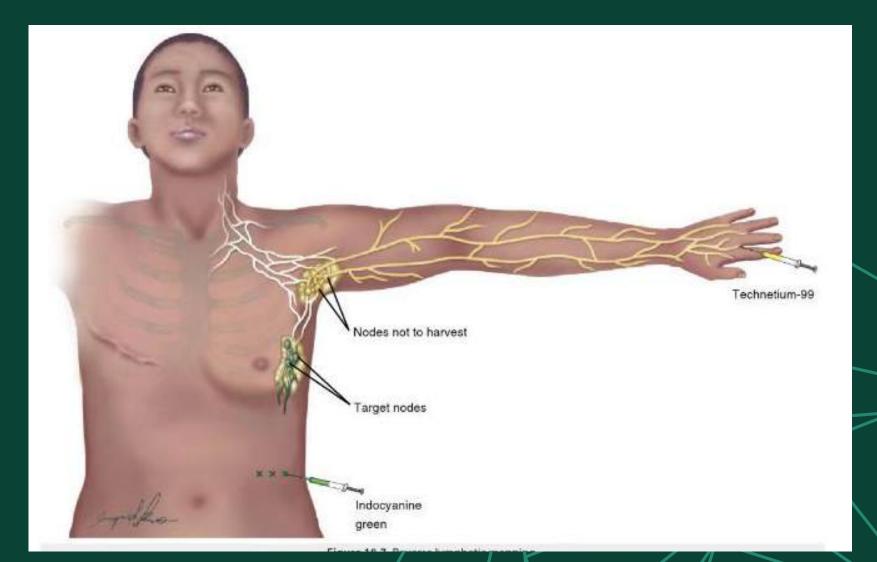
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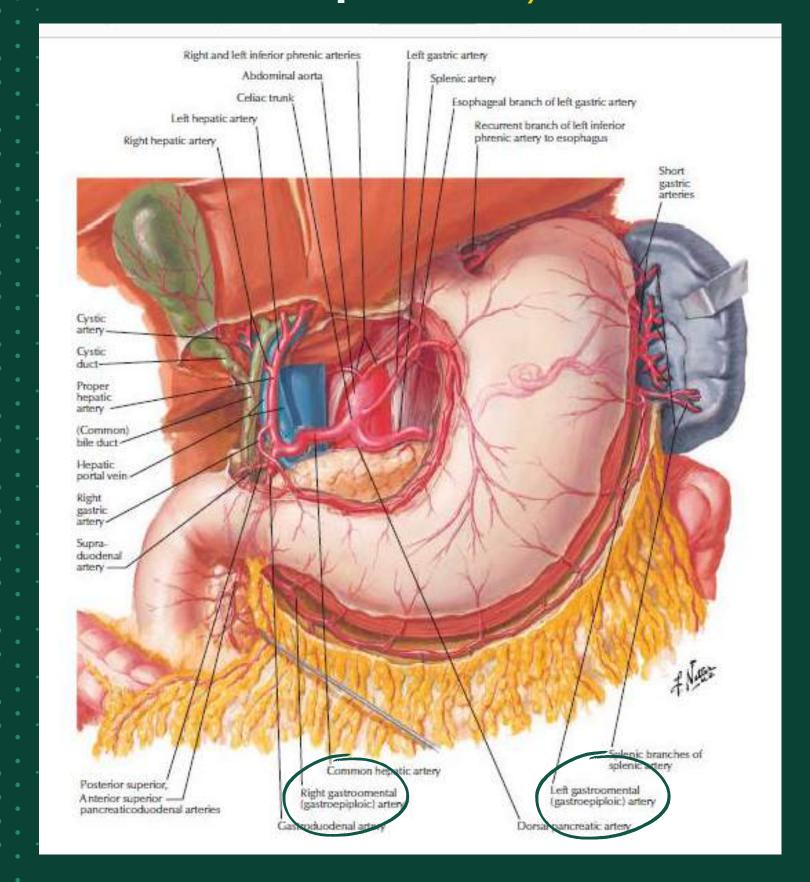
Reverse lymphatic Mapping

A tecnique used to separatly identify lymphnode draining the arm and the chest

- On the morning of surgery, the patient is injected with 0,2cc of Tc-99 in the first and second webspace of the donor extremity
- Identification of draining nodes with a gamma probe during surgery
 - Once in the operating room 4 or 5 ICG injection are performed along the lateral chest and back (0.1 cc per inj.)
 - The injection site are massaged
 - The drain nodes is visualized using near-infrared fluorescence (depth of 5–20 mm) when the axilla is exposed
 - Ensure that the nodesdo not have uptake Tc-99

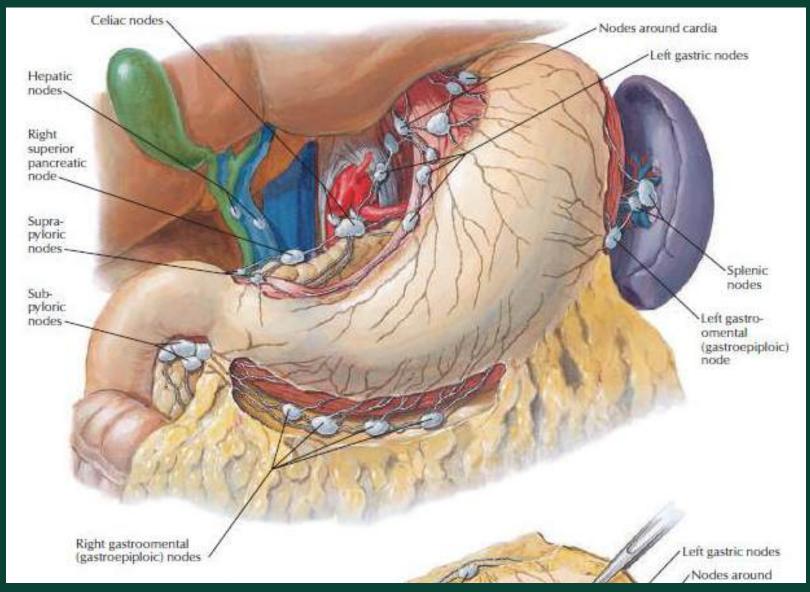






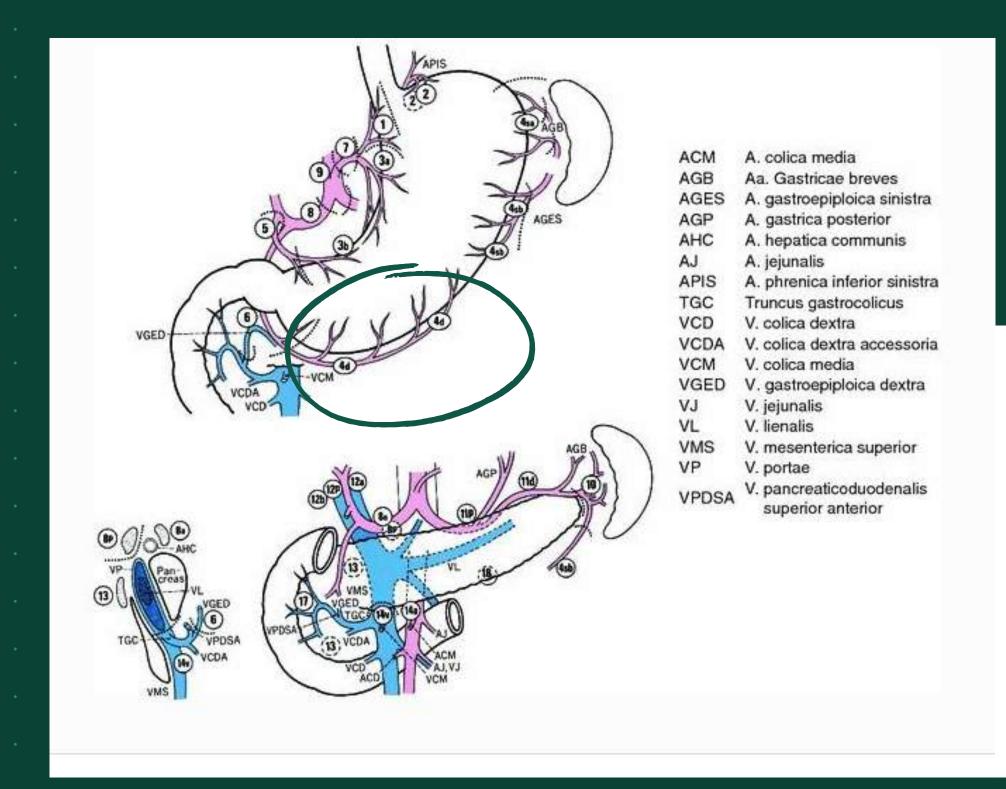
"Gastroepiploic flap"

• Gastroepiploic vascular arcade



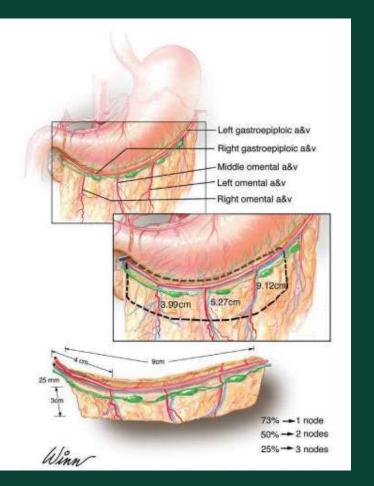
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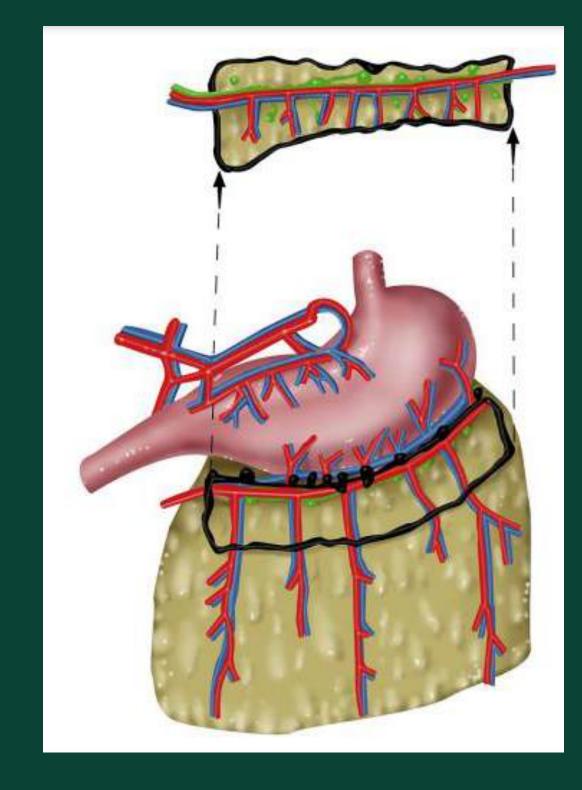




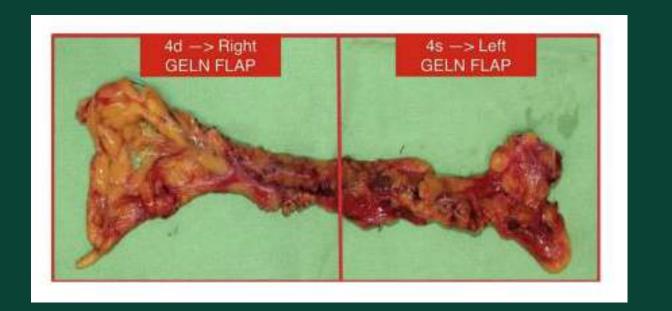
<u>Japanese classification of gastric carcinoma</u>

- the nodal tissue around the gastroepiploic arcade is defined as nodal station no. 4.
- Mainly we use 4d (dextri) nodes





- The dissection of the right gastroepiploic flap is more comfortable
- Possible to use it as a double flap if taken entirely, both right and left
- No donor site injury, small scar



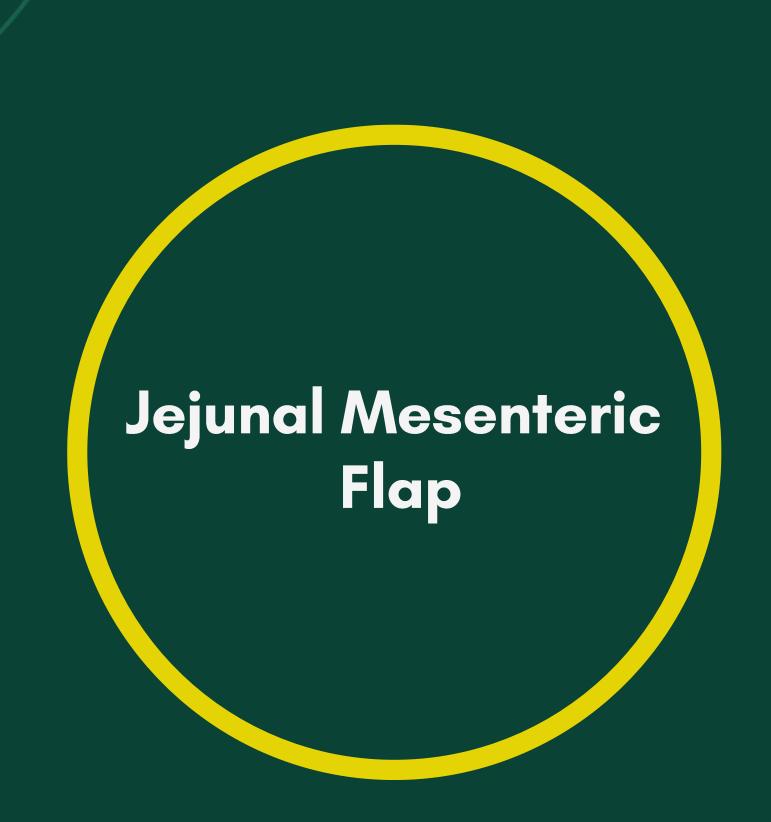


Angio TC-scan

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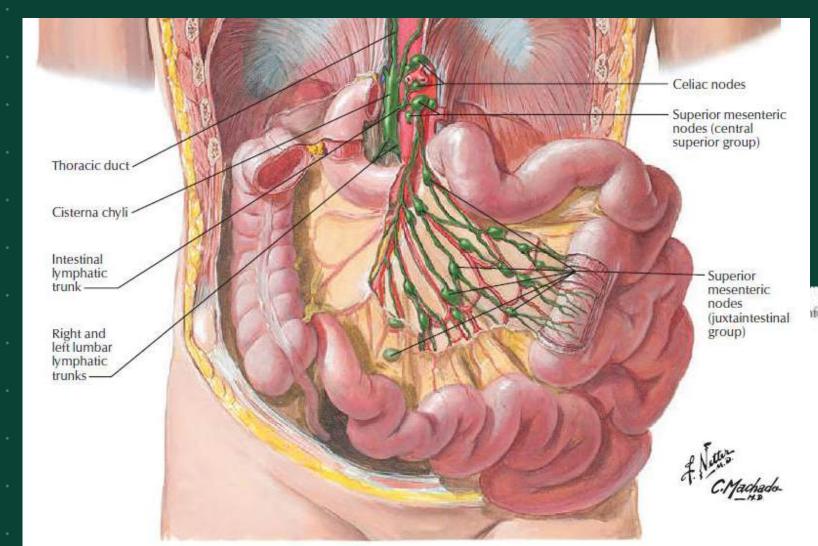
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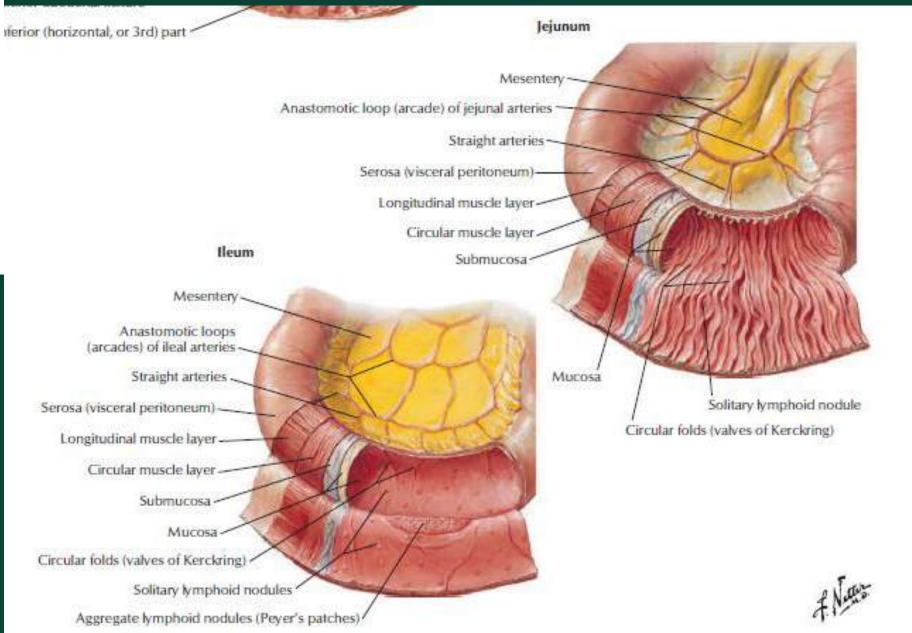


Jejunal Mesenteric Lymph Node Flap Anatomy





• Mesenteric lymph nodes flow along the jejunal mesenteric arteries.





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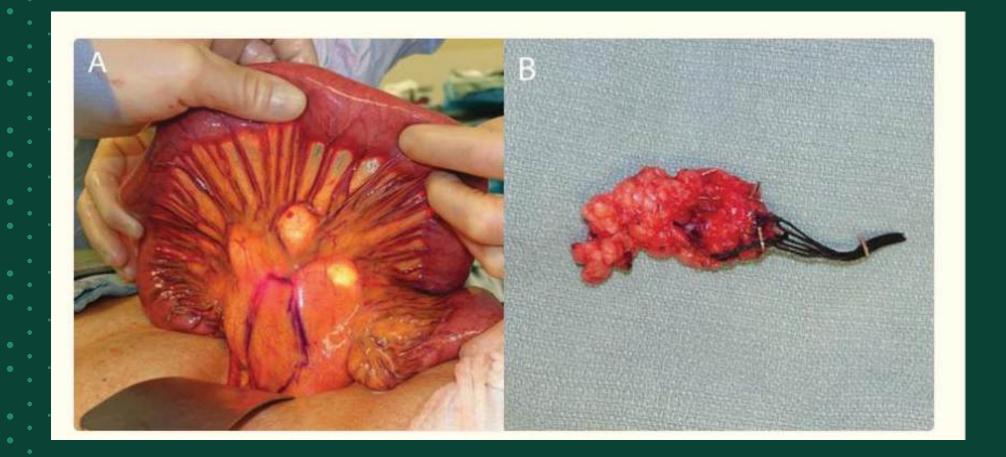
Relief of lymph obstruction by use of a bridge of mesentery and ileum*

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- Pedicled mesenteric lymph node flap
 - Harvested with intestinal loop segment
 - Mucosa removed by dissection
 - Flap placed in the iliac fossa



Fig. 5. The bridge of mesentery with its foot or pedicle of prepared gut has been placed in the right iliac fossa (star). The peritoneal flaps have been replaced to cover its edges. Note gut continuity restored by anastomosis (arrow).



- Flap harvested from the periphery of the mesentery to incorporate a vascular arcade adjacent to the jejunum, potentially risking ischemic bowel complications
- Flap harvested from closer to the root of the mesentery, that avoids disruption to the vascular supply to the adjacent bowel segment.

- The longest loop of the third part of the jejunum is identified, and a flap based on either the second, third, or fourth mesenteric branch is designed where a concentration of lymph nodes can be palpated.
- This segment has significantly more lymph nodes than the other segments.



Figure 1. Jejunal mesenteric vascularized lymph node flap.



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• Trans-illumination.





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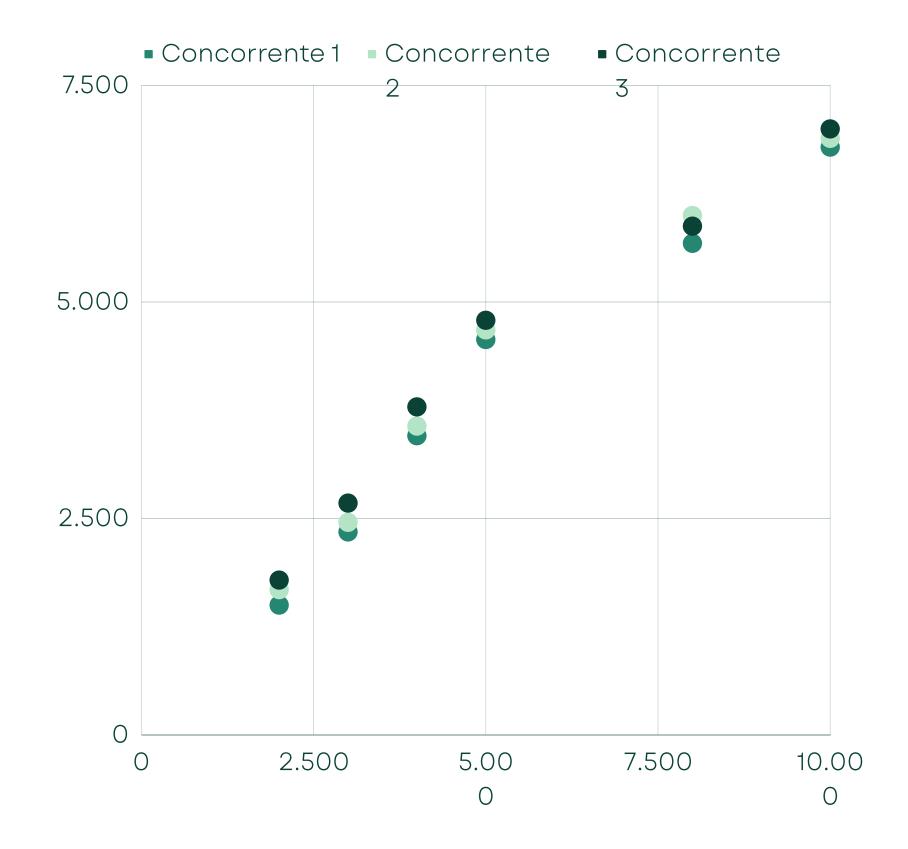
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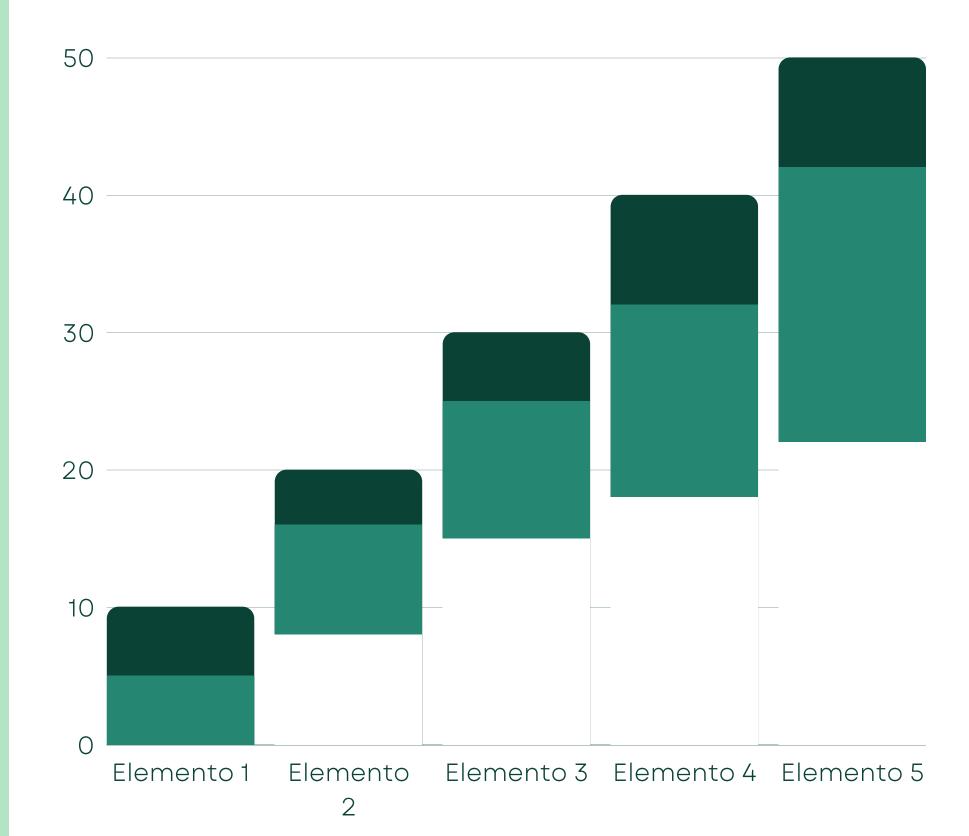
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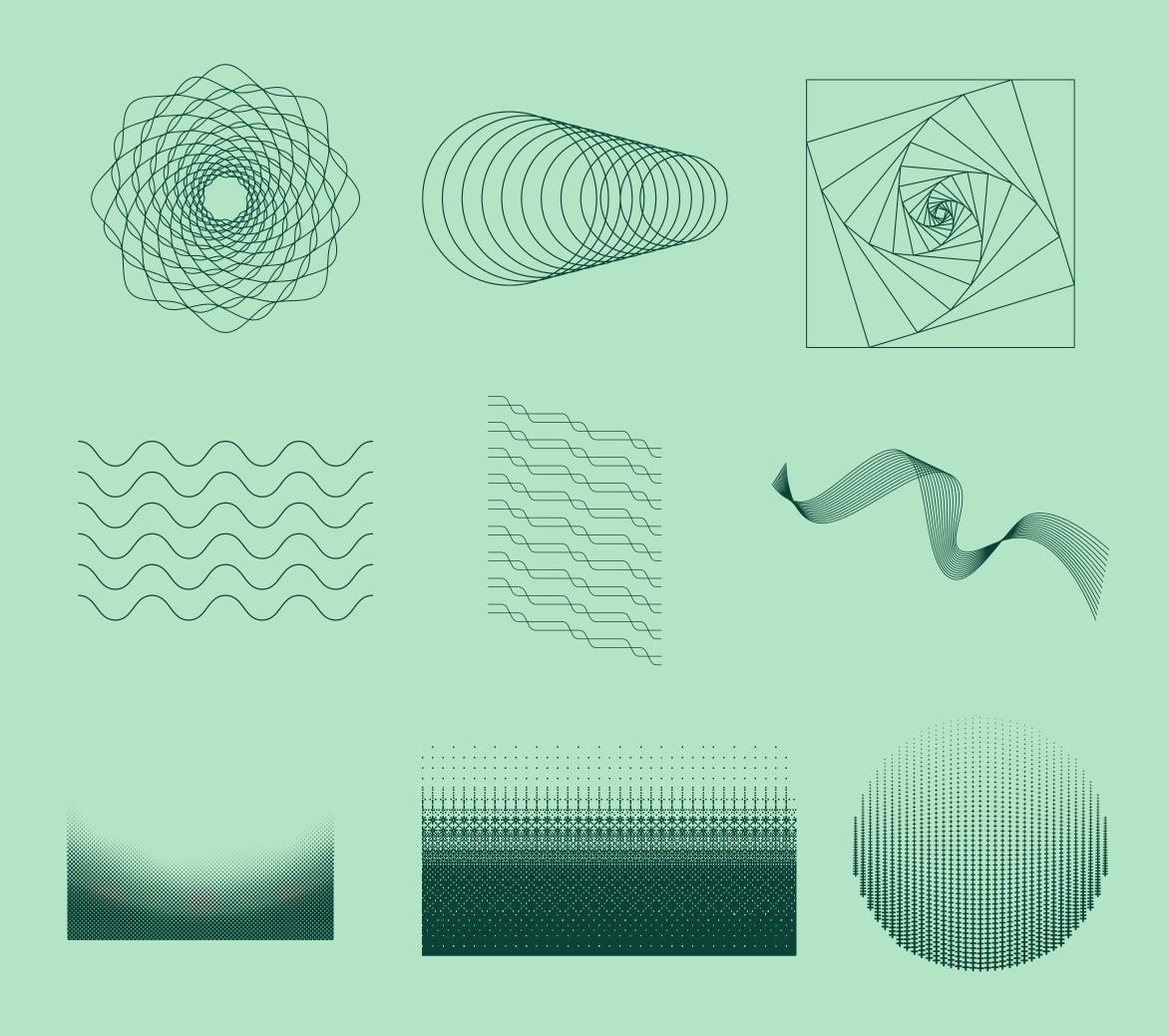
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