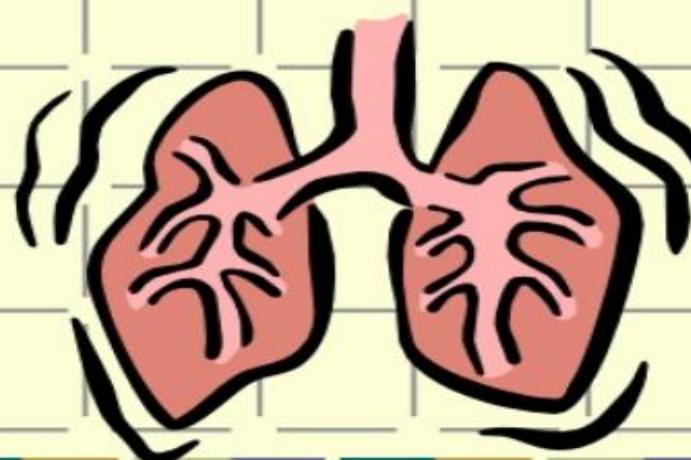


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Thorax and Lungs



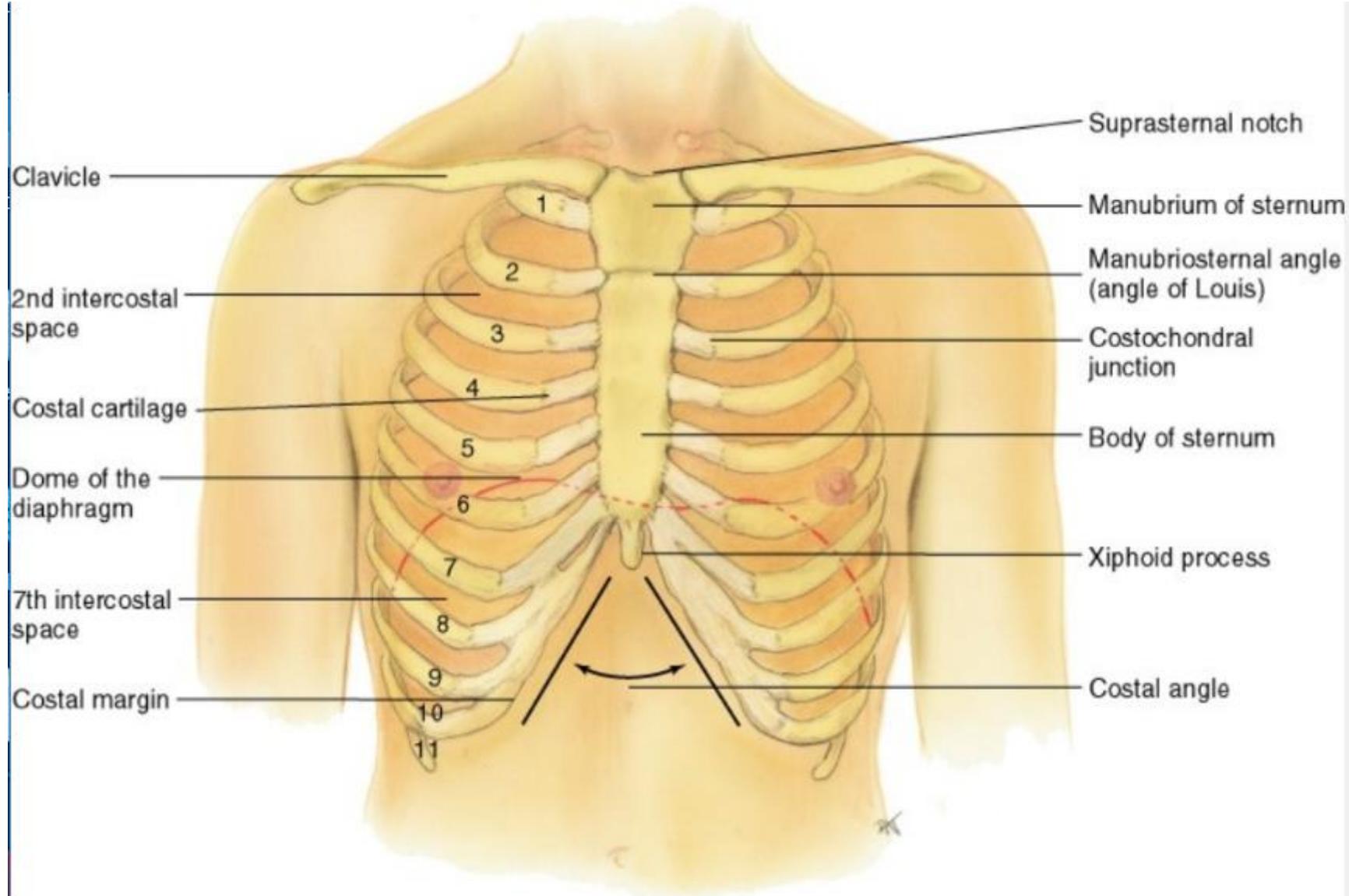
Thoracic Cage /Cavity

Shape- bony, conical shape, narrower at top borders – it is defined by:

- Sternum – 3 parts: manubrium, body, xiphoid process
- Ribs – 12 pairs, 1st seven attach to the sternum (costal cartilages) Ribs 8,9,&10 attach to the costal cartilage above, Ribs 11 & 12 are floating ribs
- 12 Thoracic vertebrae
- Diaphragm – the floor, separates the thoracic cavity from the abdomen

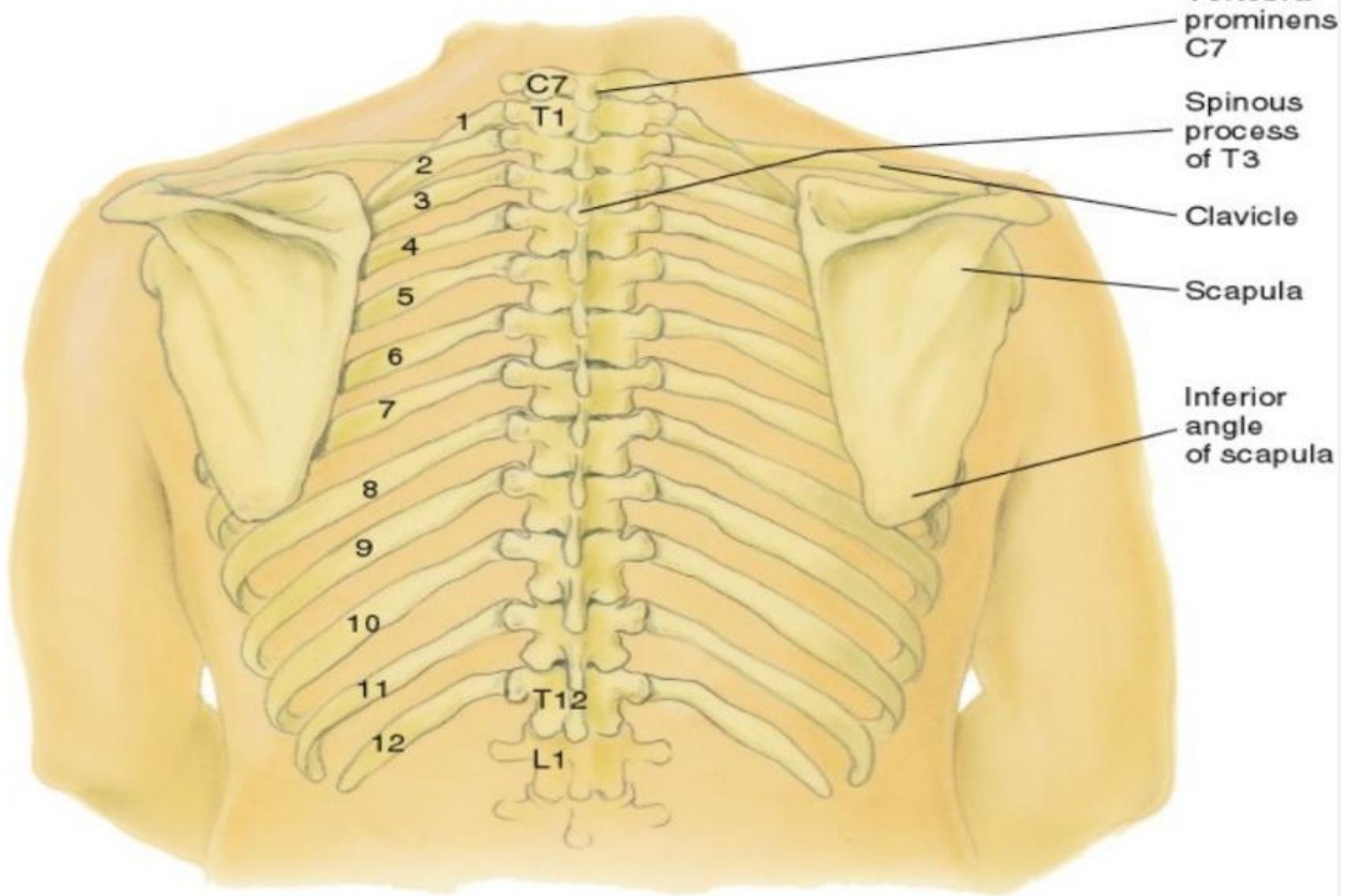
Anterior Thoracic Landmarks

- Suprasternal Notch – U shaped depression
- Sternum – “breastbone” = 3 parts
 1. Manubrium
 2. Body
 3. Xiphoid process
- Angle of Louis – manubriosternal angle continuous with the 2nd Rib
- Costal angle- usually 90^o or <. (increases when rib cage is chronically overinflated)



Posterior Thoracic Landmarks

- Vertebra Prominens – Flex head, feel most prominent bony projection at base of neck = C7 next lower one is T1
- Spinous Processes – spinal column-
- Scapula – symmetrical , lower tip at the 7 -8th Rib
- 12th Rib = midway b/t spine & side



Reference Lines

- Anterior Chest

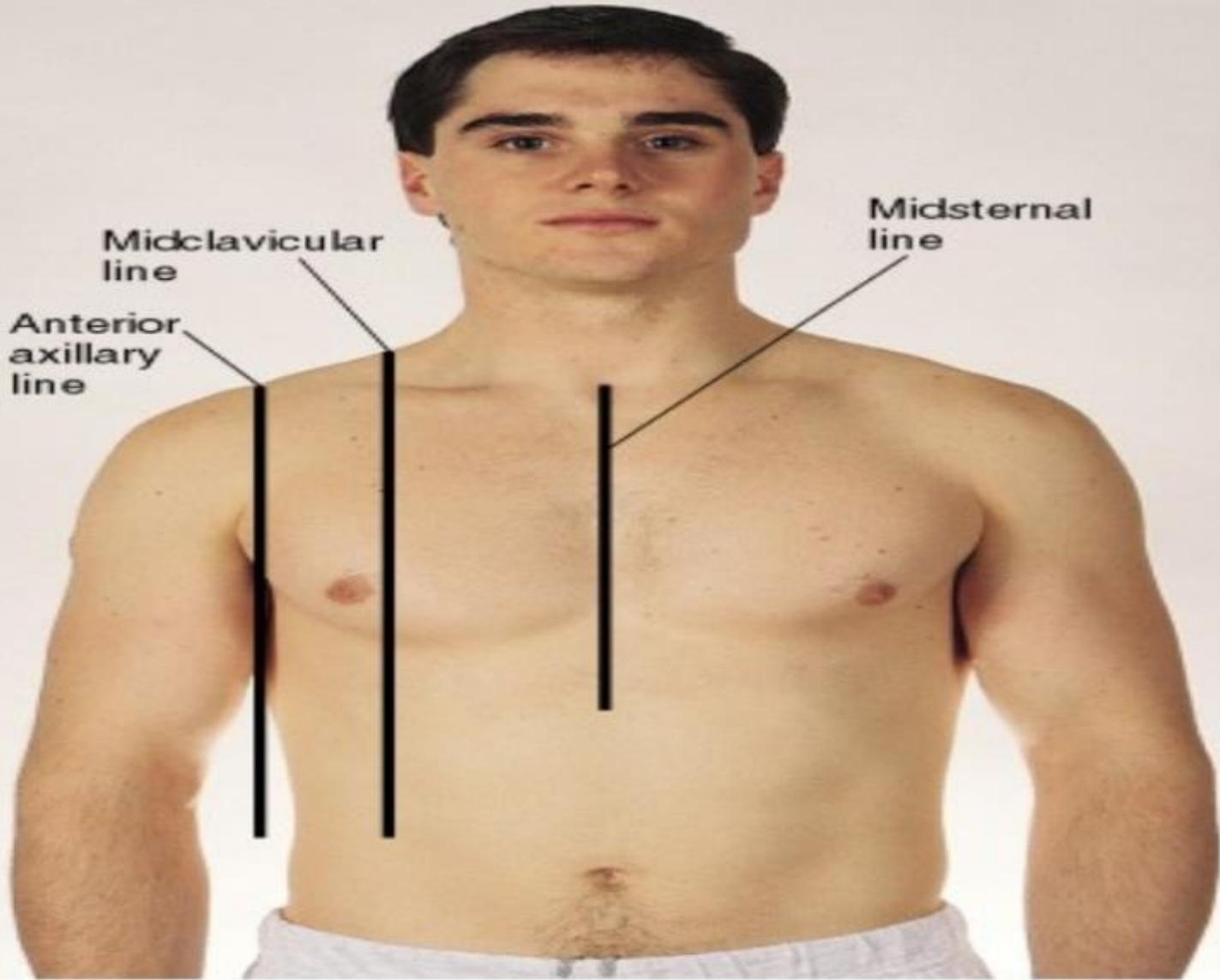
- Midsternal line
- Midclavicular line

- Posterior Chest

- Vertebral line – midspinal
- Scapular line

► Lateral Chest

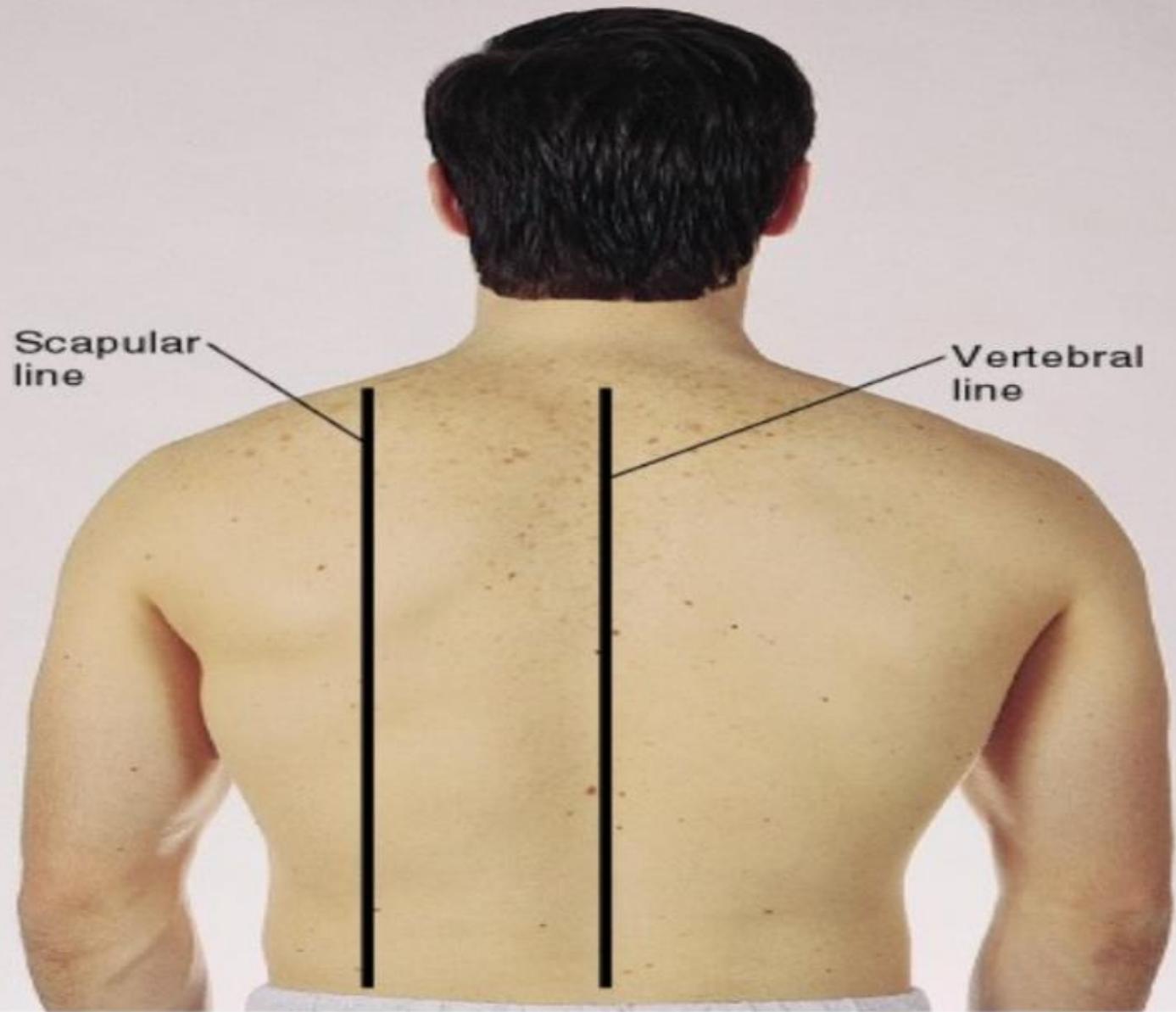
- Anterior Axillary line
- Posterior Axillary line
- Mid–axillary line

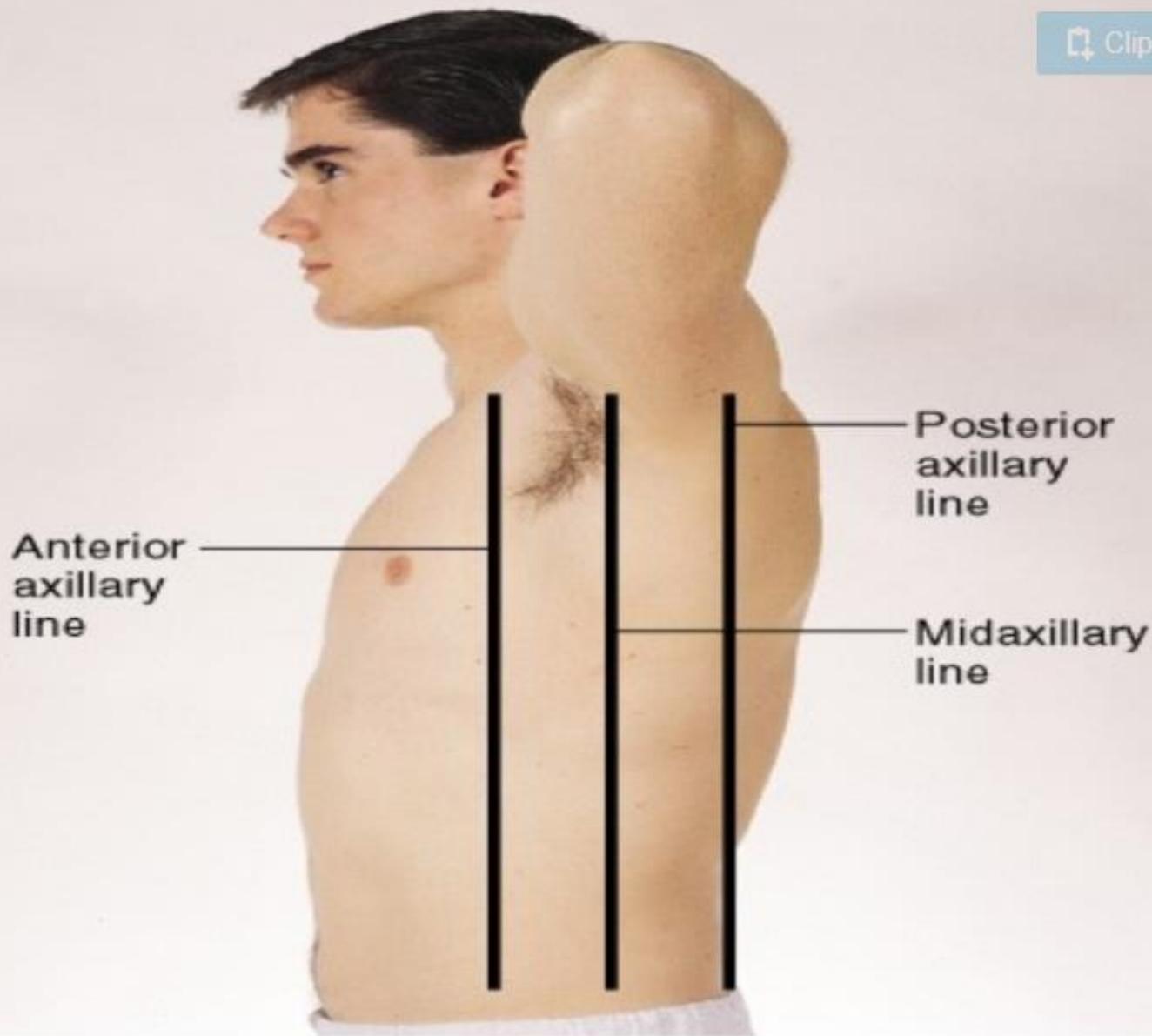


Midclavicular
line

Anterior
axillary
line

Midsternal
line





The Thoracic Cavity

- ➊ Mediastinum middle of the thoracic cavity & contains;
 - Esophagus
 - Trachea
 - Heart
 - Great Vessels
- ➋ Pleural Cavities on either side of the mediastinum contain the lungs

Lobes of Lung

- Right Lung

- 3 lobes, upper, middle , lower
- Shorter due to liver

- Left Lung

- LUL = Left Upper and Lower (2 lobes)
- Narrower due to heart

Pleurae

- The Pleurae form an envelope b/t the lungs & chest wall
- Visceral pleura – lines outside of lungs
- Parietal pleura – lines inside of chest wall & diaphragm
- Pleural Cavity – the inside of the envelope- space b/t visceral & parietal pleura, lubrication. Normally has a vacuum or neg. pressure

