

Terminology: Anatomy

Breast Anatomy

accessory tissue, accessory nipple: an extra nipple, which may look like a freckle, mole, or typically nipple

alveolus, alveoli: tiny air sac in the lungs

athelia: a rare condition in which breast tissue is present but nipples are not, also called hyperadenia

amastia: a rare condition in which mammary glands and nipples are not present

amazia: a rare condition in which mammary glands are not present but nipples are intact

axillary: pertaining to structures lying in the armpit

bifurcated: split or divided, such as a bifurcated artery

bleb: a blocked (plugged) nipple pore, sometimes called a milk blister

Cooper's ligaments: supportive tissues of the breast

duct: a bodily tube, especially one that carries fluid

ductile: a small tube in the body; -ile means "small" or "little"

ectasia: the expansion of a tubular organ

ectopic nipple: an extra nipple somewhere it would not normally be

embryogenesis: process of the embryo's formation and development

gigantomastia: excessive breast growth, also known as macromastia

hyperadenia: a rare condition with the presence of mammary tissue but no nipples, also called athelia

hypermastia: congenital condition of extra mammary tissue

hyperplasia: enlargement of an organ or tissue as the result of an increase in the number of cells

hyperthelia: from hyper- meaning "excessive or above normal" and -thelia meaning "nipple"



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hypertrophy: enlargement of an organ or tissue as the result of the enlargement of its cells

hypomastia: abnormally small development of the breasts, typically related to low levels of estrogen

hypoplasia: small size of an organ or tissue, due to incomplete development

intercostal: between the ribs

invaginated nipple: a nipple that points inward rather than outward, also known as an inverted nipple

inverted nipple: a nipple that points inward rather than outward, also known as an invaginated nipple

labial: related to the lips

lactogenesis: the onset of milk secretion, a process that begins early in pregnancy and concludes after childbirth

lobe: a roundish and flattish part of something, such as a breast

lobule: a small lobe

macromastia: having large breasts, also known as gigantomastia

mammaplasty: breast reduction surgery, removing fat, tissue, and skin from the breast

mammogenesis: the process of mammary tissue development that begins at puberty and concludes in the third trimester of pregnancy

milia: whitish bumps that may form on the skin of the newborn; similar to Epstein pearls, but on the newborn's skin

milk lines: two parallel lines on a mammal where nipples are found, arching down from the armpit to the groin on both sides

Montgomery glands: hybrid glands that release both milk and sebum

nipple pore: openings of the ducts at the nipple

parenchyma: functional tissue of an organ

pectoralis major: the larger of two pectoral muscles in the chest



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pectoralis minor: the smaller or two pectoral muscles in the chest

polythelia: from "poly" (many) and "thelia" (nipple) tissue

retracted: drawn back

stroma: supportive tissue of an organ

supernumerary nipple: an extra nipple, found along the milk lines

Tail of Spence: not in the body of the breast, but rather, an extension of mammary tissue into the axilla

thoracic: related to the thorax, or chest, area of the body

Head and Neck Anatomy

buccal mucosa: fat deposits in the cheeks (fat pads)

cephalohematoma: an accumulation of blood under the scalp, present at birth

cricopharyngeal: related to the muscle located in the neck a few inches below the Adam's apple

deciduous teeth: first set of teeth, also known as baby teeth or primary teeth

Epstein pearls: whitish-yellow bumps or cysts that may form on the gums of a newborn baby; harmless

forebrain: anterior, or front-most, part of the brain

frenulum: a small fold of tissue that restricts or secures a mobile organ

hindbrain: posterior, or rear-most, part of the brain

incisive papilla: small fold of mucous membrane at the anterior end of the hard palate

lingual: connects the underside of the tongue in an anterior-posterior fashion, to the floor of the mouth

micrognathia: a condition in which a child has a small lower jaw; it may correct itself, over time



Head and Neck Anatomy (continued)

pharynx: the cavity behind the mouth and nose that connects to the esophagus

philtrum: the narrow groove between the base of the nose and the top of the upper lip

sebaceous: related to the sebaceous gland of the skin

sternocleidomastoid: a pair of long muscles responsible for turning and nodding the head

subclavian: related to a main artery or vein of the arm

suture: a junction between two bones, such as in the skull

uvula: a fleshy fold at the back of the soft palate, hanging above the throat

witch's milk: white nipple discharge; a white vaginal discharge may also be seen in diaper; it is normal and caused by mother's hormones