The Appendicular Skeleton





(a)

- Includes bones of the:
 - Limbs
 - Girdles, attach the limbs to the axial skeleton
 - Ligaments





(a)

The pectoral girdle & upper limbs

- Bones of the pectoral girdle include:
 Scapula & the Clavicle
- The sternoclavicular joint is the only direct connection to axial skeleton
- Muscles and tendons loosely hold the pectoral girdle in place

Glenohumeral joint

- The loose glenohumeral (scapula / humerus) joint has a wide range of flexibility but less stability
- The glenohumeral joint is a commonly dislocated joint



The pelvic girdle & lower limbs

- Bones of the pelvic girdle include:
 - Two coxal bones
 - Each coxal bone is made of three bones – Ilium, ischium, & pubis
- The symphysis pubis joins the coxal bones on the anterior side
- Pelvis = 2 coxal bones, sacrum, coccyx, symphysis pubis

 The sacroiliac joint connects the sacrum to the coxal bones on the posterior side (strongest joint in the body)



The female pelvis has:

Wider pelvic inlet & pelvic outlet

Less anterior curve to the sacrum & coccyx



(b) Female



Knee injury

- Occurs when foot is planted flat on ground
- Blow on lateral side of the knee hinge joint causes medial side of joint to widen tearing ligaments
- Terrible triad:
- Medial collateral lig.
- Medial meniscus
- Ant. Cruciate lig.



- Ligaments of the knee are mostly avascular ergo slow to heal from injury
- Surgery is need in most cases



Ankle injury-Inversion-eversion injury

- Inversion injury-
- Forces plantar surface medially
- Talus is shoved into the medial malleolus of tibia
- Talaus & calcaneus are forced away from the lateral malleolus of fibula

- Torn or stretched-
- Cancaneofibular ligament &/or
- anterior. & posterior Talofibular ligament

- Eversion injury-
- Forces plantar surface laterally
- Talus is shoved into the lateral malleolus of fibula (fracture to lateral malleolus)
- Talaus & calcaneus are forced away from the medial malleolus of tibia

- Talus may be driven between fibula & tibia forcing bones apart & tearing interosseus membrane
- Torn or stretched-deltiod ligament







Clavicle













(a) Right wrist, anterior (palmar) view

























(a) Anterior surface

(b) Posterior surface

Anterior surface (attachment area for quadriceps – tendon and patellar ligament)

patella







Ligaments of the appendicular skeleton

• Chapter 8



Pectoral girdle







Elbow joint Humerus Articular capsule Annular Humerus ligament Tendon of biceps epicondyle Radial Annular brachii muscle tuberosity ligament Radius Radius Antebrachial collateral interosseous ligaments membrane Ulnar collateral Ulna ligaments Ulna (a) Diagrammatic medial view (b) Medial view

Medial

Ulnar

Olecranor

ulna















