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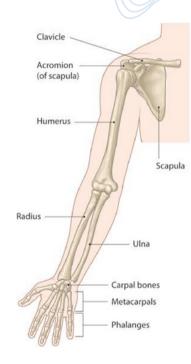


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The upper limb has a wide range of precise movements associated with it to allow us to effectively interact with our environment, the 6 main joints covered here (from proximal to distal) are the sternoclavicular, acromioclavicular, shoulder, elbow, radioulnar, and wrist joints.



IMAGE DESCRIPTION



A labeled diagram showcasing various joints in the human upper limb, including the sternoclavicular joint, acromioclavicular joint, elbow joint with radioulnar components, and wrist joints.

- Shoulder joint allows extensive movement for arm mobility and flexibility.
- Elbow hinge joint facilitates precise arm flexion and extension motions.
- Sternoclavicular joint, a saddle type, connects sternum and clavicle bones.
- Acromioclavicular joint, a plane synovial joint, supports shoulder flexibility and stability.
- Wrist joints exhibit ellipsoid characteristics, enabling versatile hand movements.





STERNOCLAVICULAR JOINT

Type:

Saddle joint

Description:

Articulation between the sternum and clavicle bones.

Motion:

Allows a variety of movements, including elevation, depression, and rotation.

Stability:

Stabilized by ligaments, providing strength to the joint.

Function:

Facilitates shoulder movements and contributes to overall upper limb mobility.





ACROMIOCLAVICULAR JOINT

Type:

Plane synovial joint

Description:

Connection between the acromion process and clavicle.

Function:

Supports shoulder movement and enhances flexibility.

Injury Prone:

Susceptible to dislocation and ligament injuries.

Anatomy:

Supported by ligaments and surrounded by synovial fluid for smooth motion.





ELBOW JOINT

Type:

Hinge joint with superior and inferior radioulnar joints.

Motion:

Primarily flexion and extension, with rotational movements in radioulnar joints.

Stability:

Reinforced by ligaments and the ulnar collateral ligament.

Function:

Enables precise arm movements and grip control.

Complexity:

Interplay of multiple joints for versatile arm functionality.



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Question:

What type of joint is the sternoclavicular joint?

- a) Ball and socket
- b) Saddle
- c) Plane synovial
- d) Hinge

Answer:

b) Saddle

