# Inguinal Points (Clinical Importance)

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## **Mid-Inguinal Point**

- The mid-inguinal point is defined as the point halfway along a line between the anterior superior iliac spine and the top of the pubic symphysis, the latter by definition is in the midline.
- It is the landmark of the femoral artery when traced below the inguinal ligament, and is medial to the deep inguinal ring.( Palpate the pulse and detect thrill, on auscultation : Murmur and Bruit), (radio-femoral delay), Femoral artery catheterization and identification of Femoral vein ( medial) for I.V. access.
- Thrill (هَرير) . Bruit ( هَرير) .

### **Mid-inguinal point**

### **ASIS of the pelvis**

# Midpoint of the inguinal ligament

Pubic symphysis Pubic tubercle Lt Inguinal Region

### **Mid-Point of Inguinal Ligament**

- The midpoint of inguinal ligament is between pubic tubercle and anterior superior iliac spine.
  - Localization of indirect inguinal hernia.
- Its where femoral nerve block is done.





#### Anatomy of the femoral triangle.

(a) Superficial inguinal ring.(b) Anterior superior iliac spine.

(1) Femoral artery.
(2) Femoral nerve.
(3) Femoral vein.
(5) Inguinal ligament.
(4) Lat. Femoral cutaneous nerve.
(6) Sartorius.
(7) Mid Point of Inguinal Ligament.
(8) Mid Inguinal point.



FN

FA FV



FI = fascia iliaca FL = fascia lata FS = femoral sheath IPM = PECT

PEC

FS

PN

FI

### **Femoral Verve Block**

• A line is drawn from the ASIS to the pubic tubercle, in order to outline the inguinal ligament. The femoral artery is marked. A 4 cm 22 ga. needle is inserted just lateral to the femoral artery. The femoral nerve is often found within a triangular hyperechoic region, lateral to the femoral artery and superficial to the iliopsoas muscle. Prior to injection, scan both cephalad and caudally, to ensure that you are looking at the femoral nerve (which is continuous) and not mistaking it for lymph nodes (which are not). This is also important because sometimes the posterior division of the femoral nerve (usually located laterally) may have branched off at this level







"But all my medical books say the appendix is in the back."