

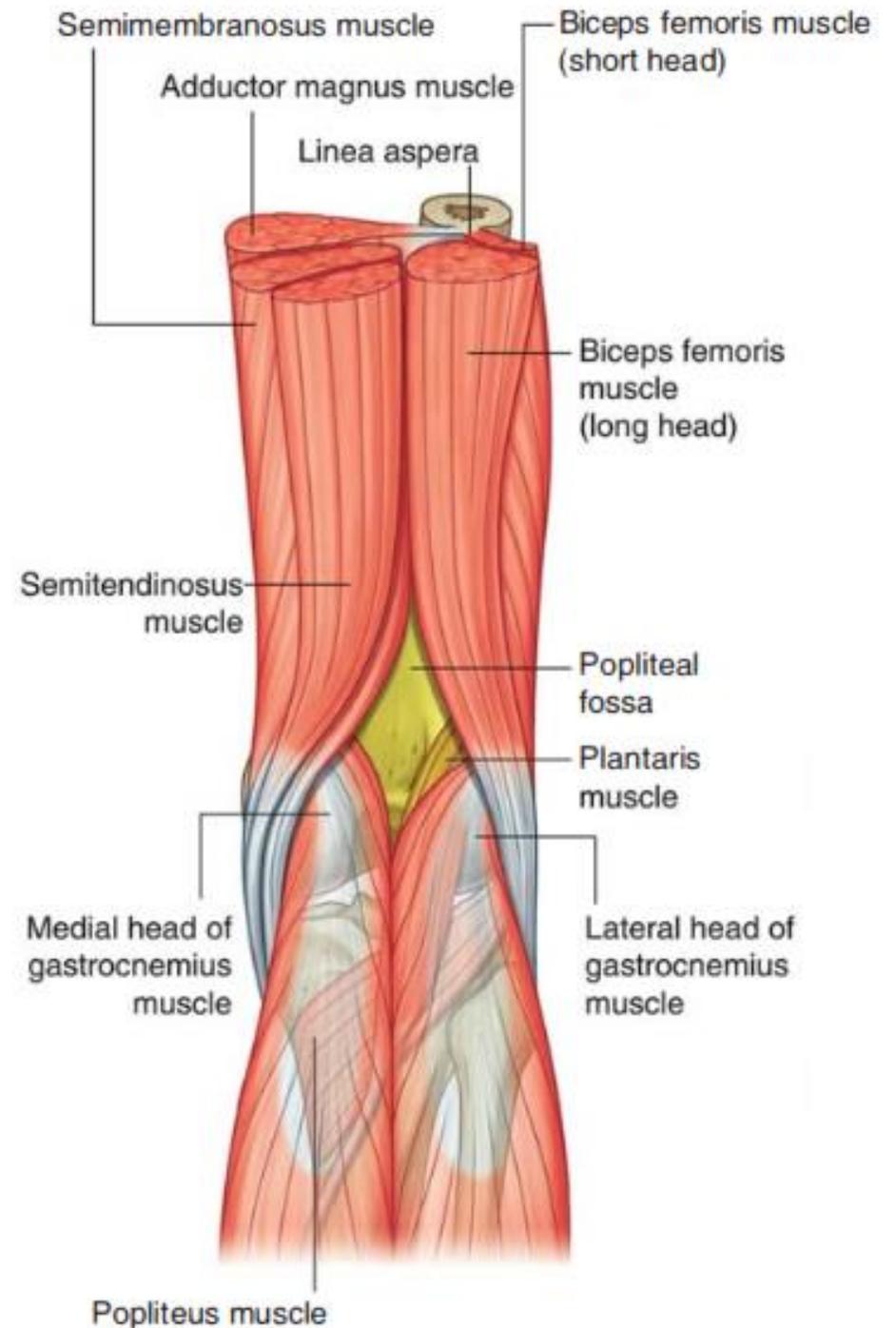
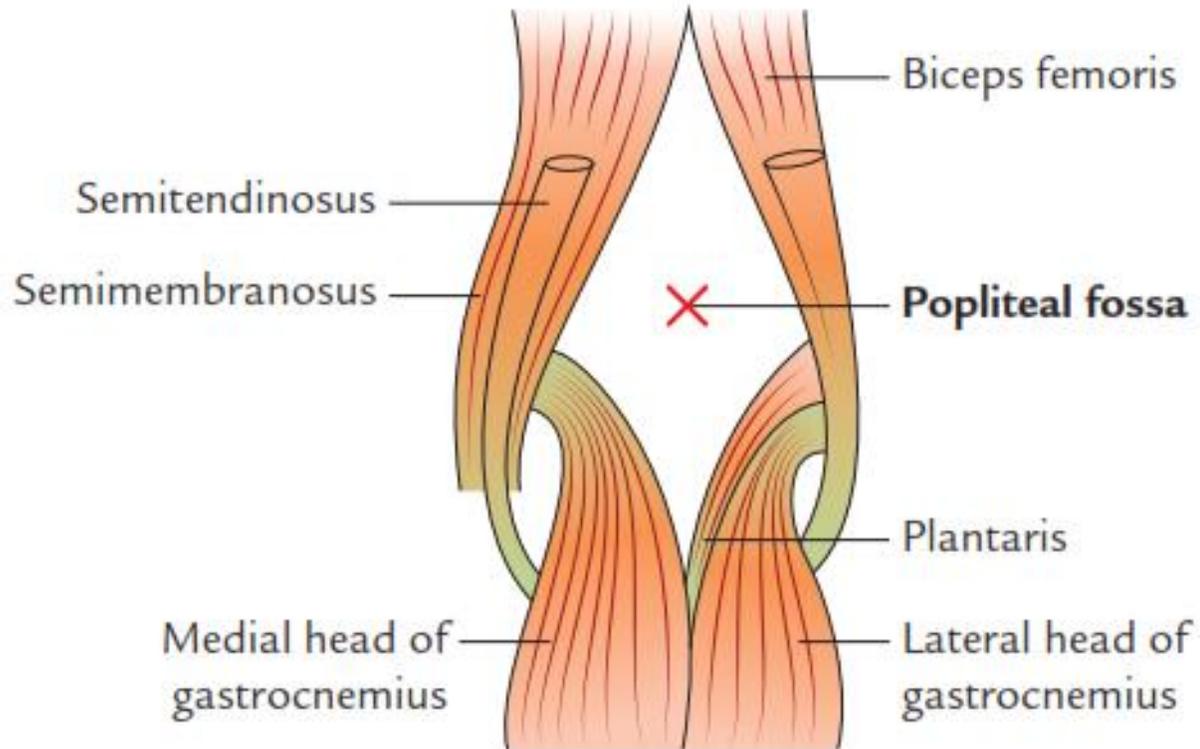
# Popliteal fossa



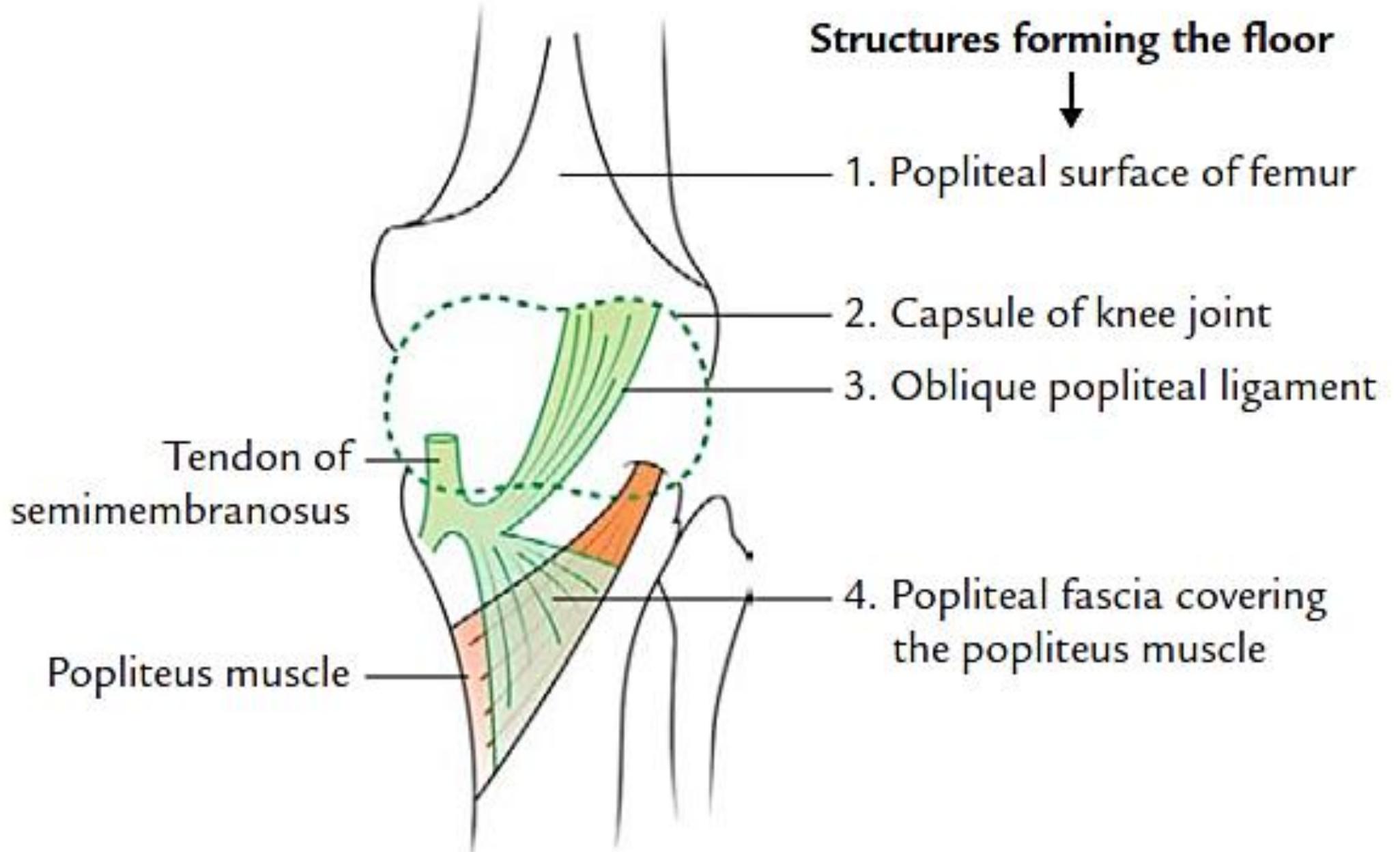
## Lecture objectives

- Describe the boundaries & contents of popliteal fossa
- Identify branches of popliteal neurovascular structures
- Correlate with common clinical conditions relevant to the popliteal fossa
- Describe the genicular anastomosis around knee joint

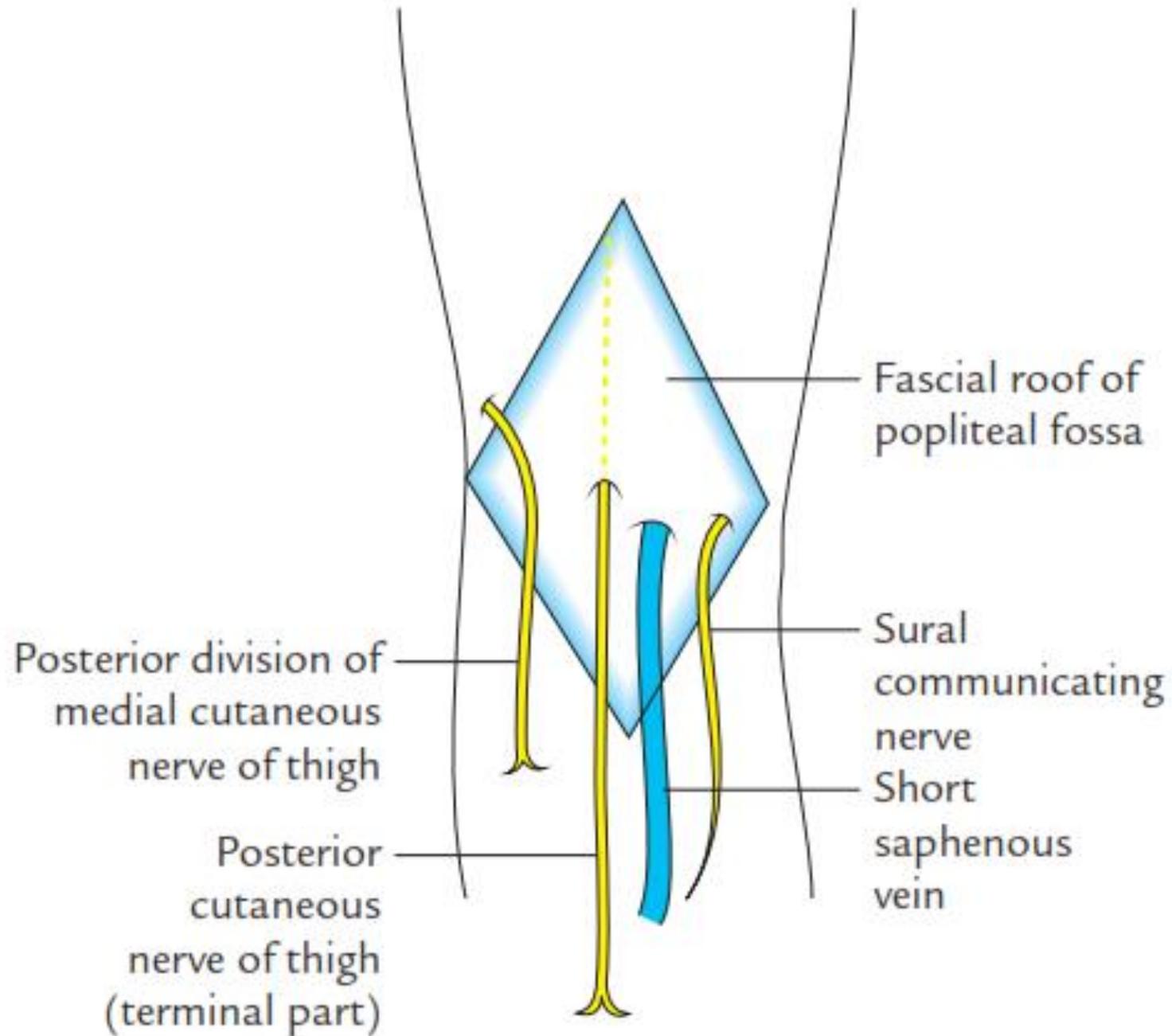
# Boundaries



# Floor

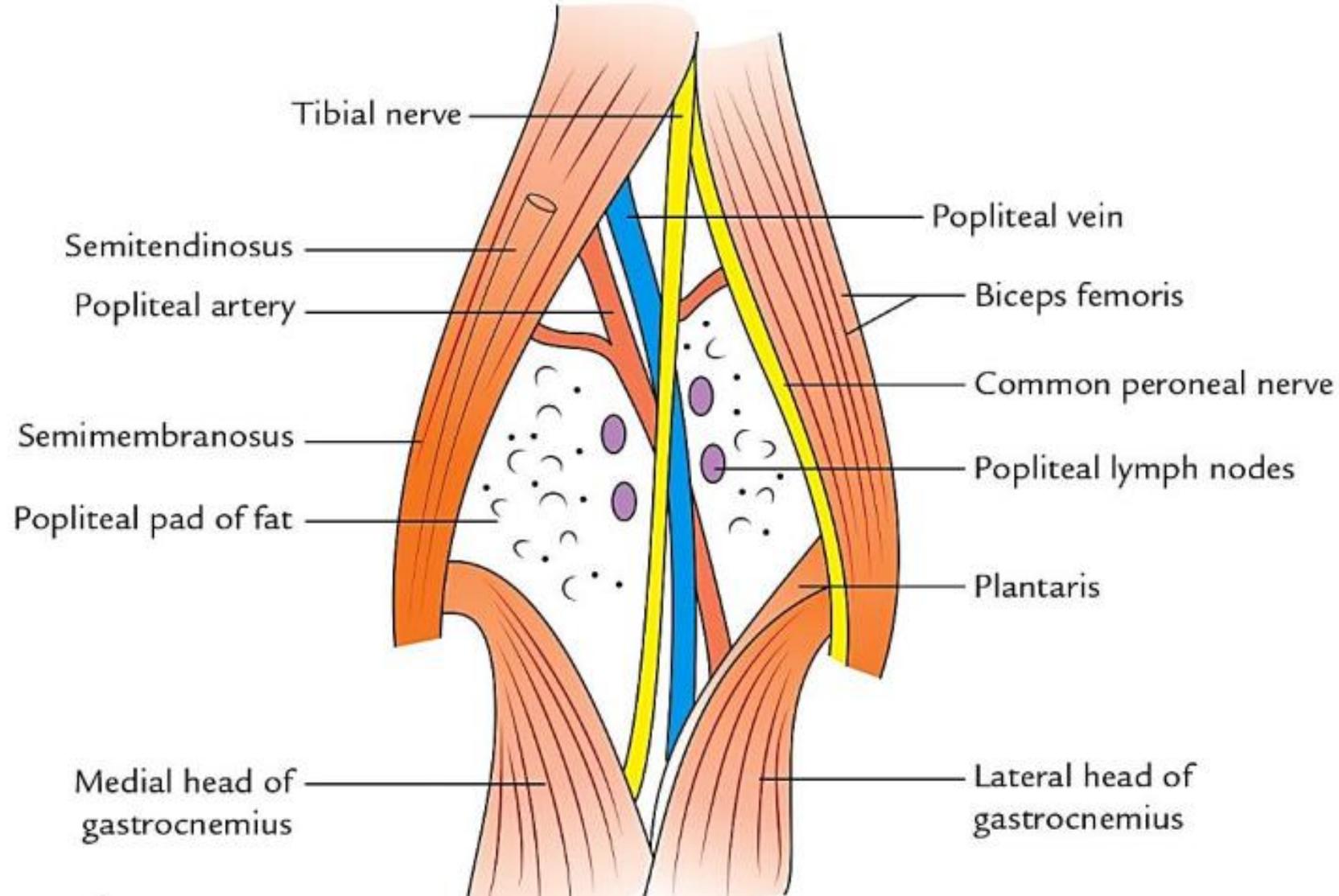


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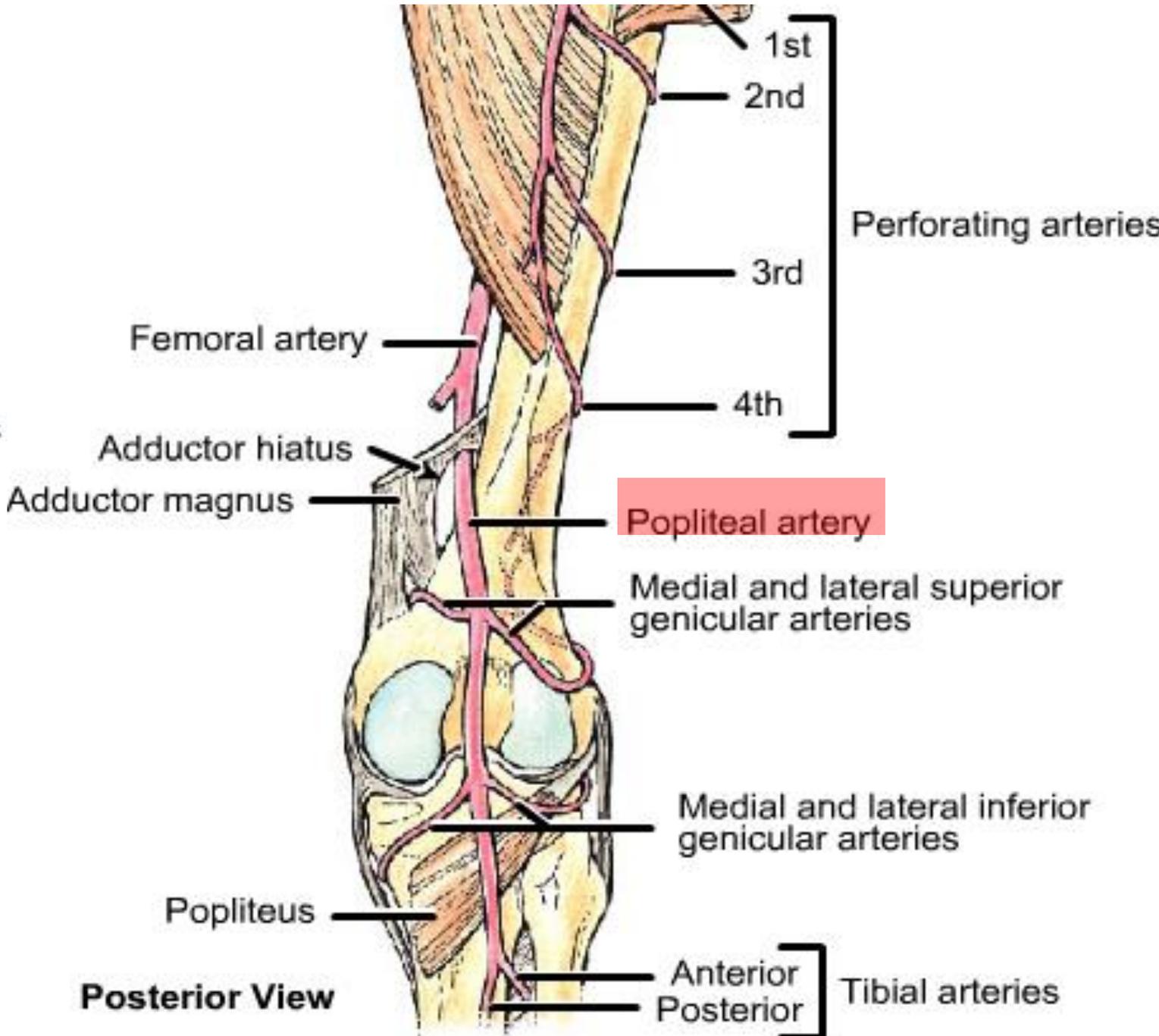
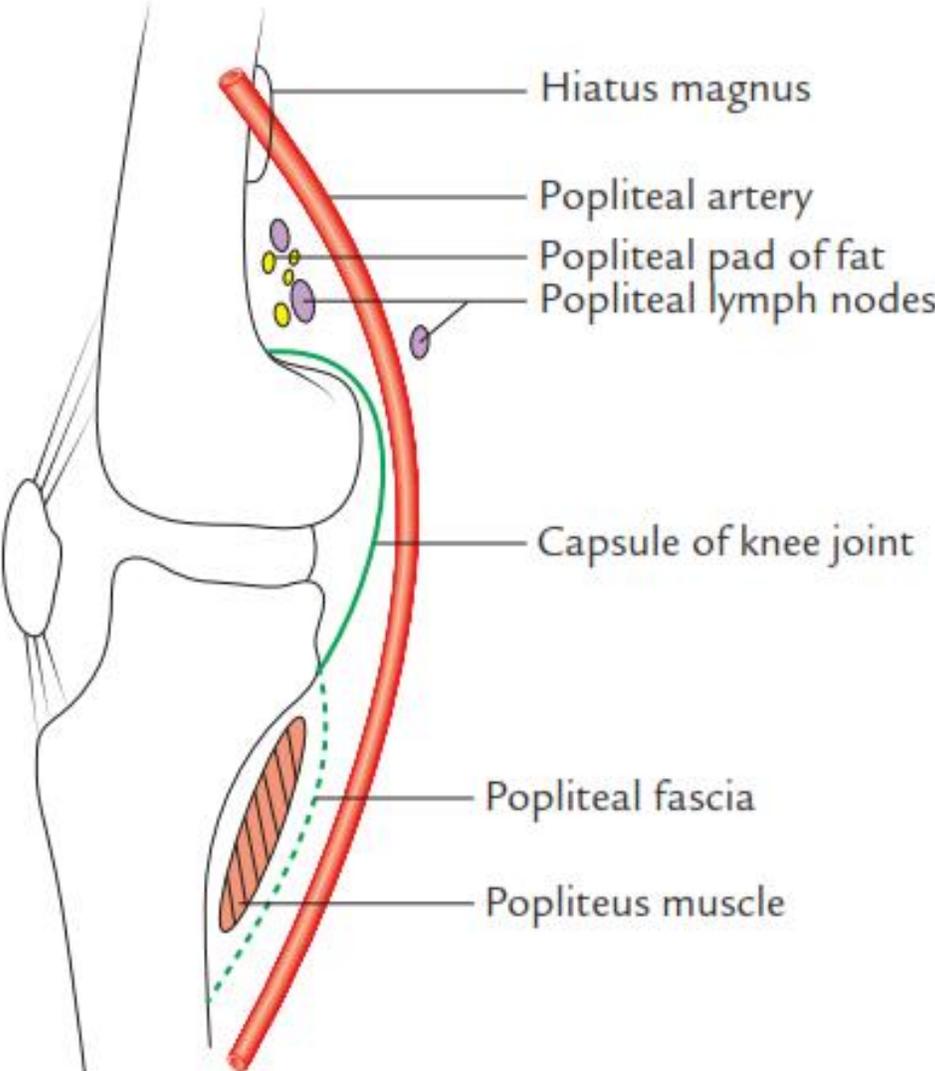


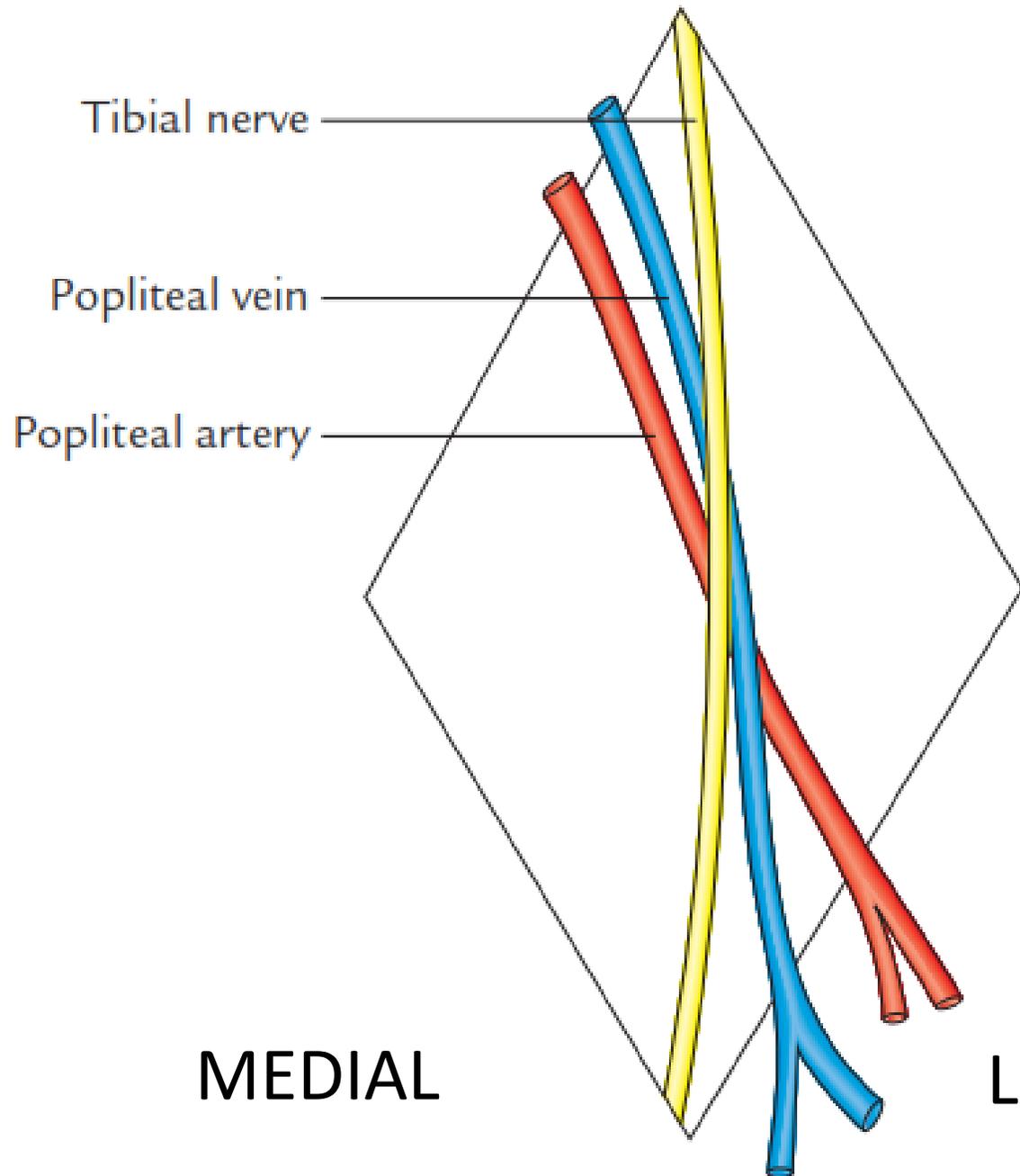
# Contents of the popliteal fossa

1. Terminal brs. of sciatic n.
3. Popliteal artery
4. Popliteal vein.
5. Popliteal lymph nodes.
6. Popliteal pad of fat.
7. PCNT
8. Genicular branch of the obturator nerve

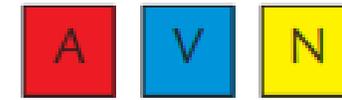


# Popliteal artery





**In the upper part**  
(from medial to lateral)



**In the middle part**  
(from superior to deep)



**In the lower part**  
(from medial to lateral)

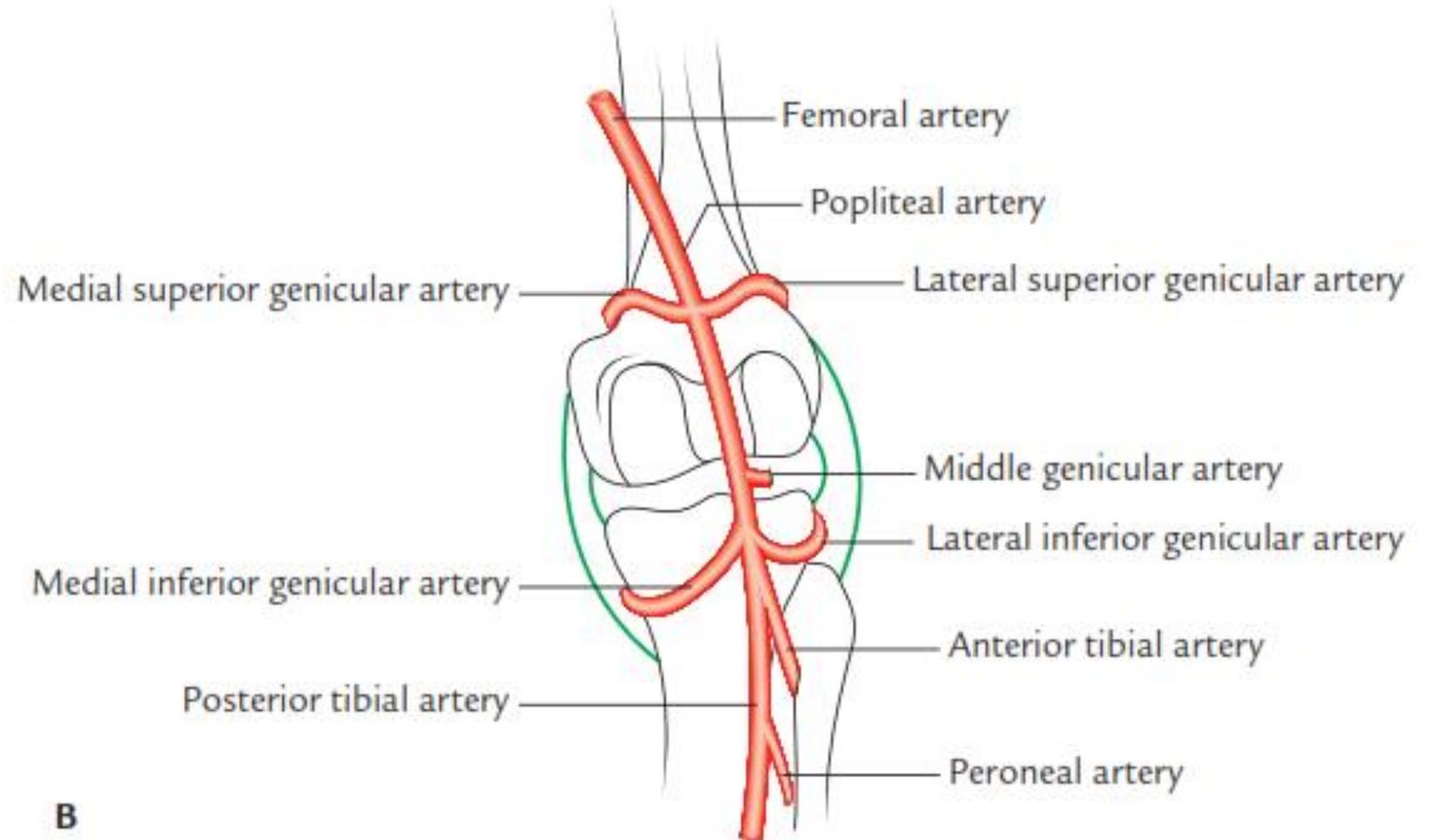


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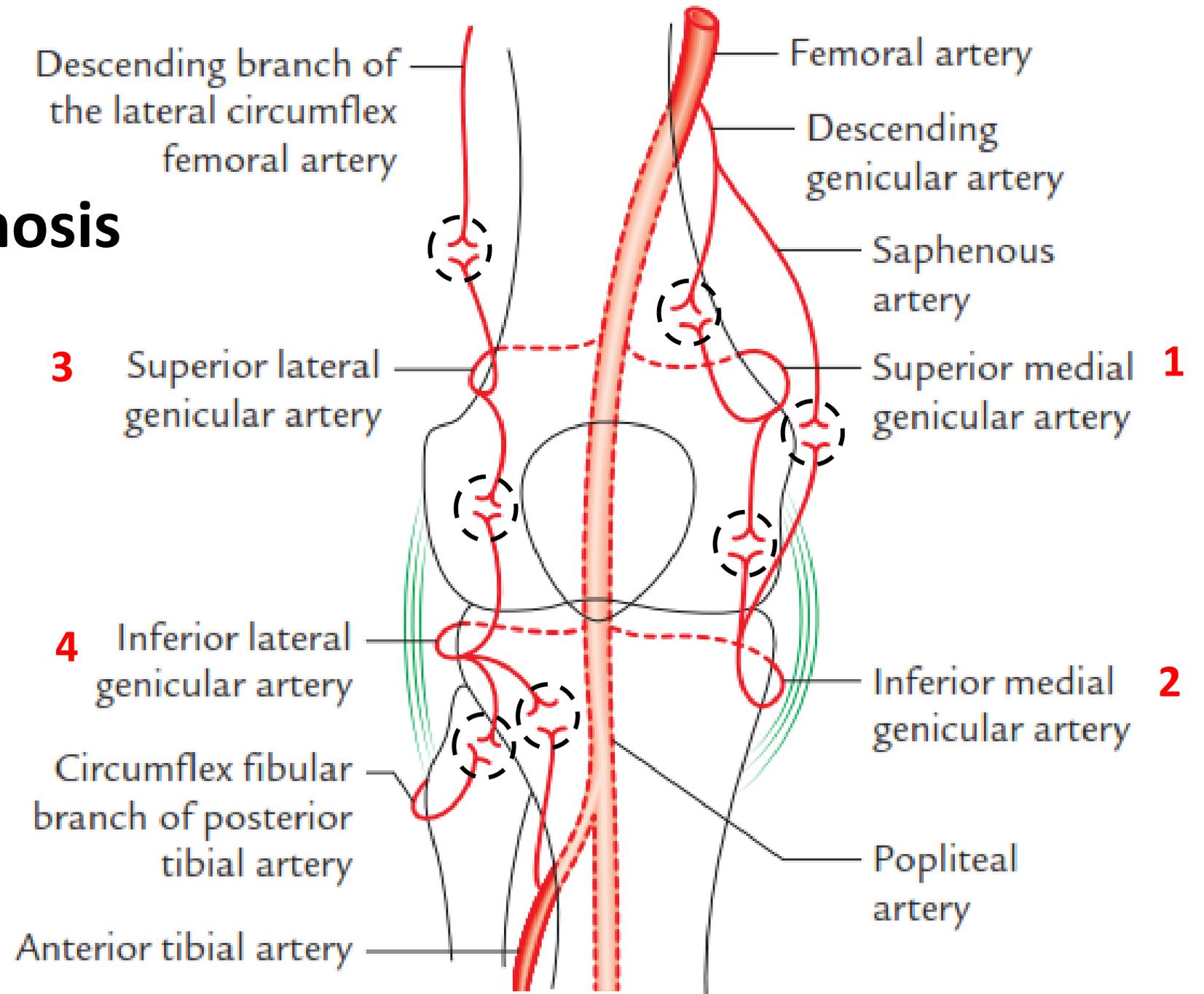
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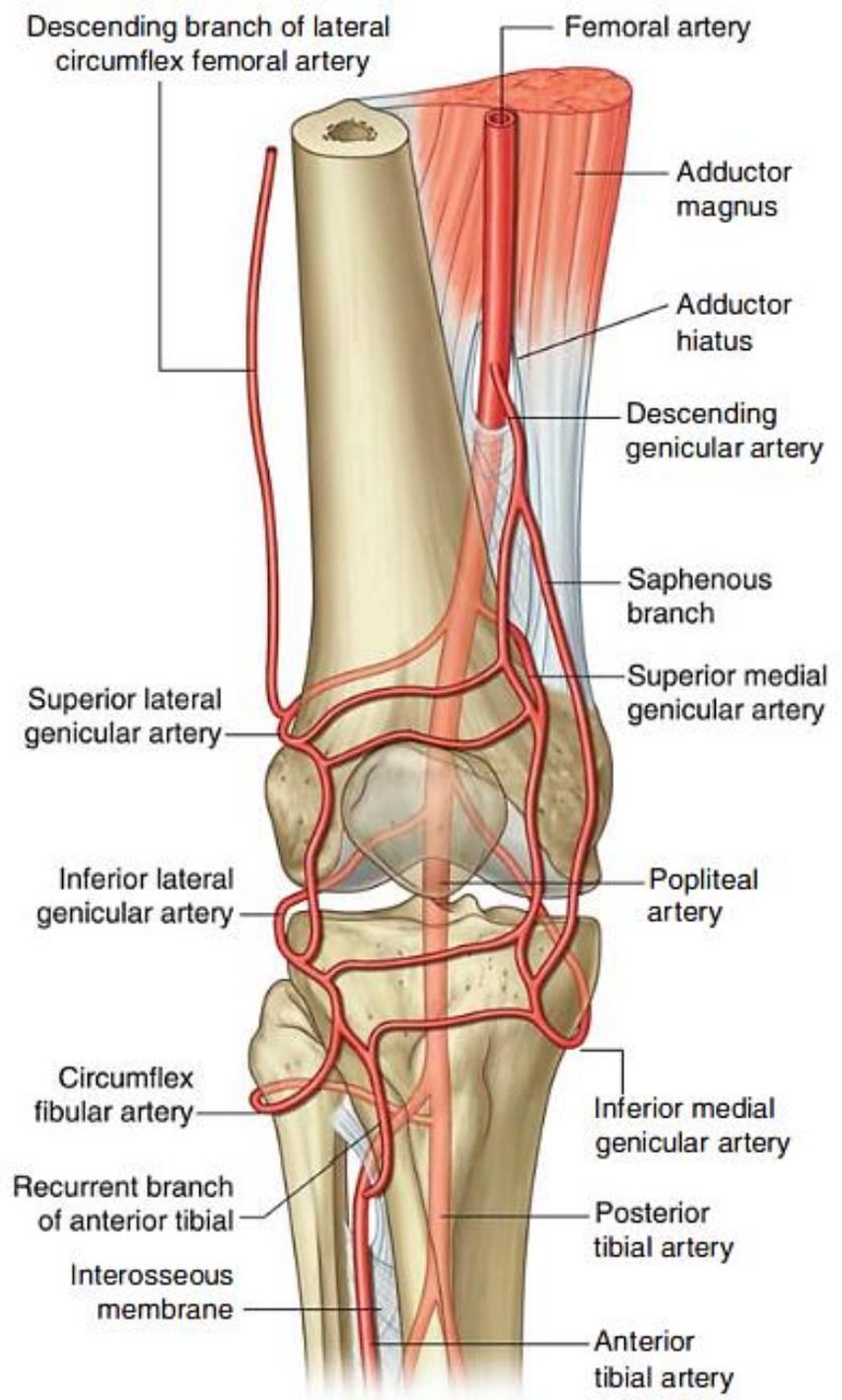
# Popliteal artery

- Muscular branches
- Genicular branches



# Genicular anastomosis

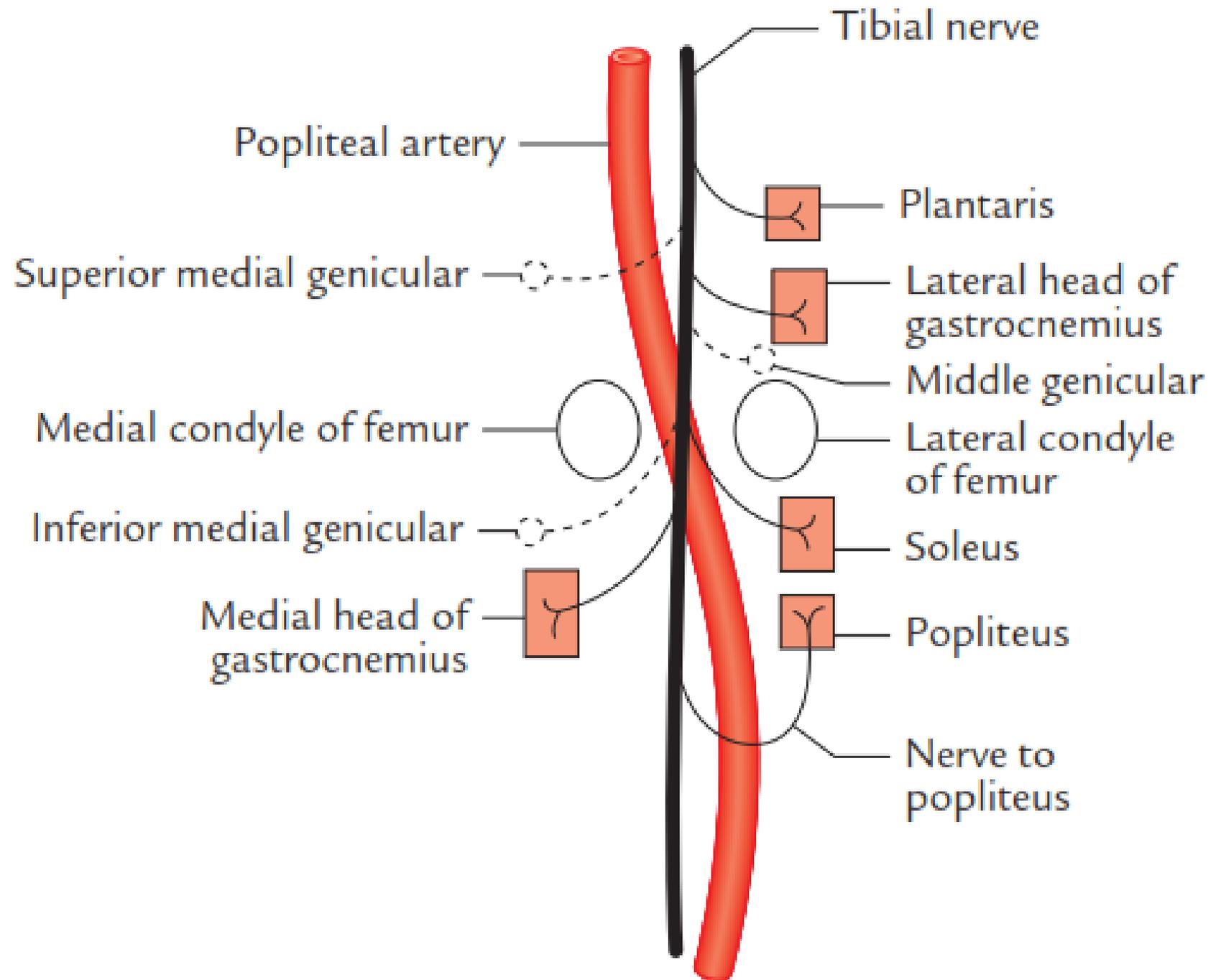




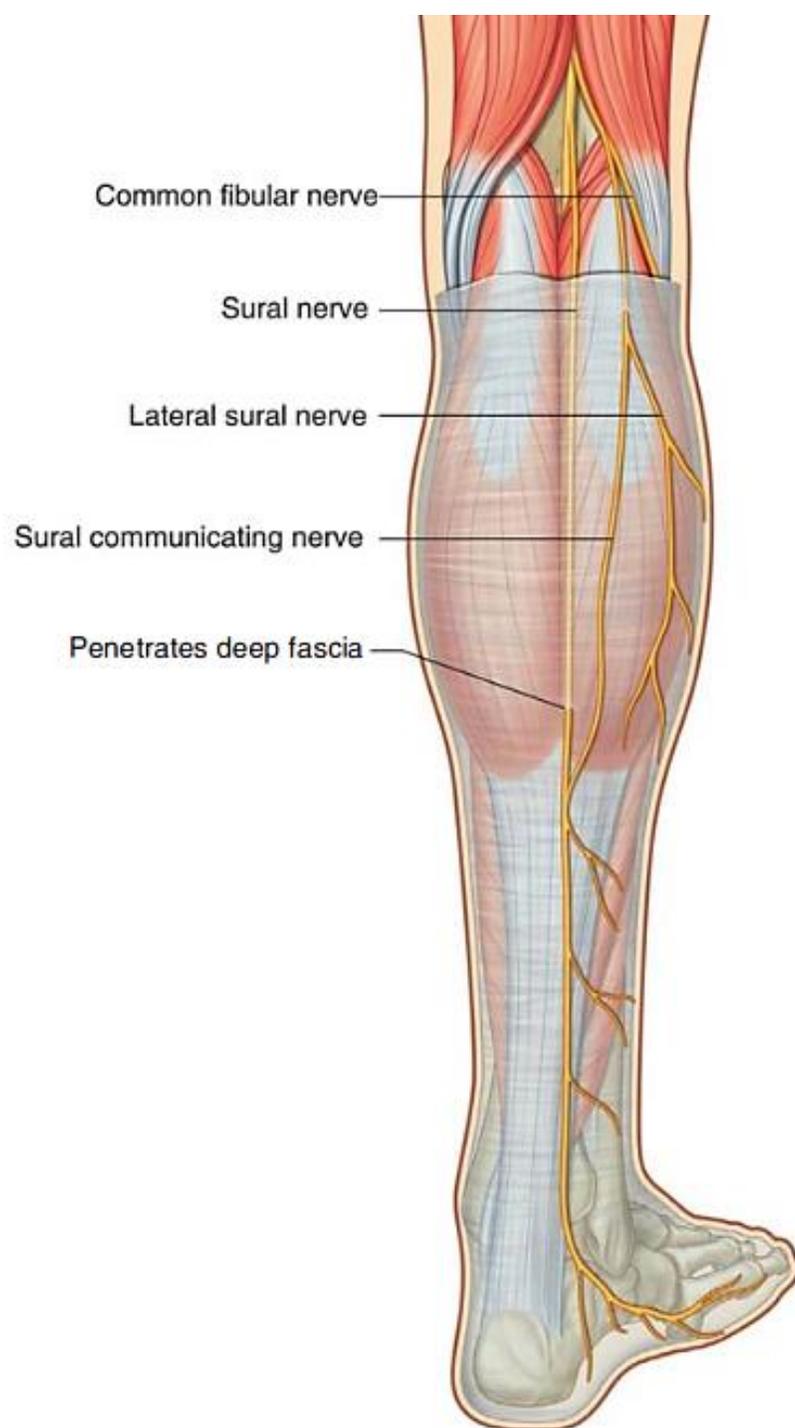
# Popliteal artery

## Tibial nerve

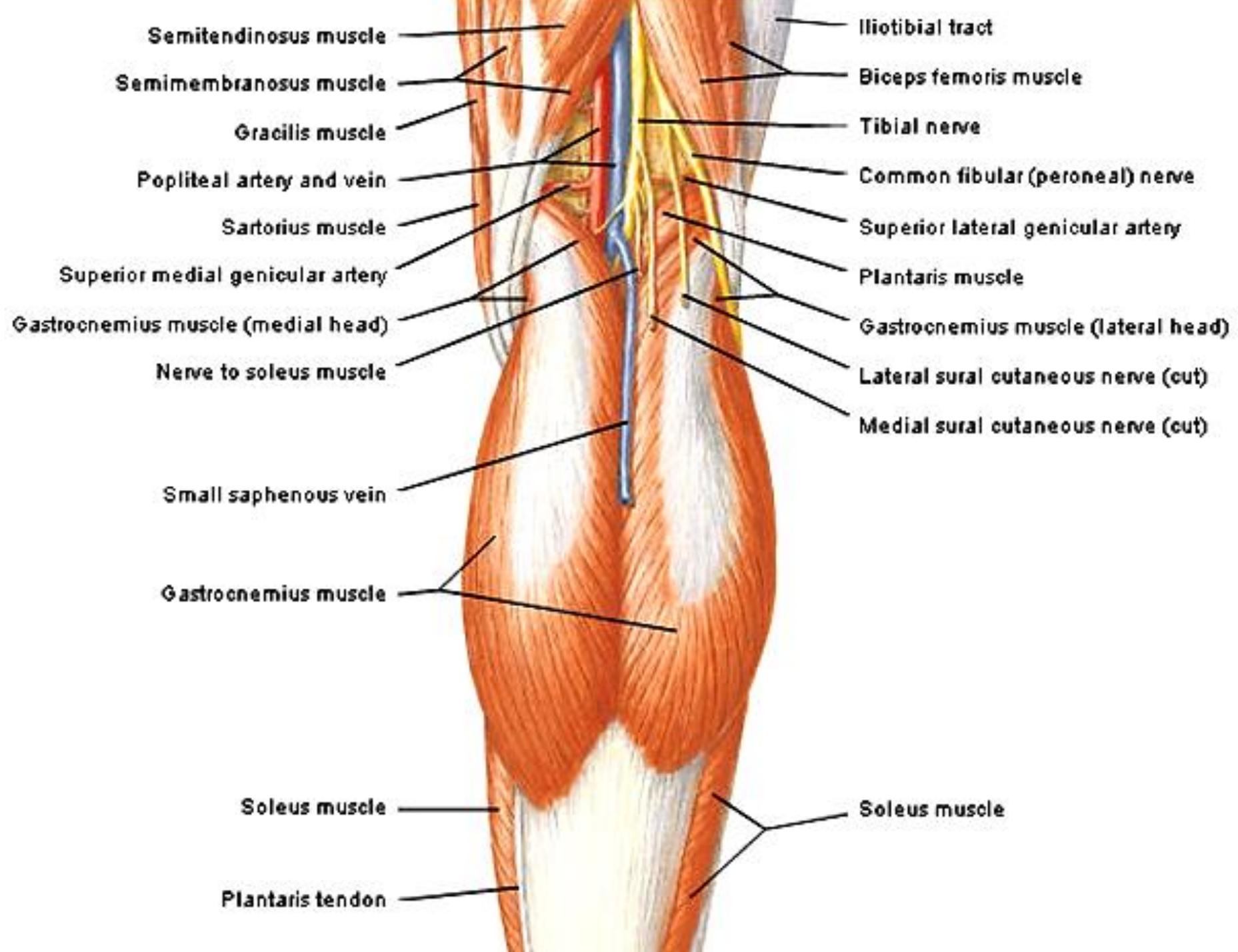
- Muscular brs.
- Genicular brs.



# Sural nerve



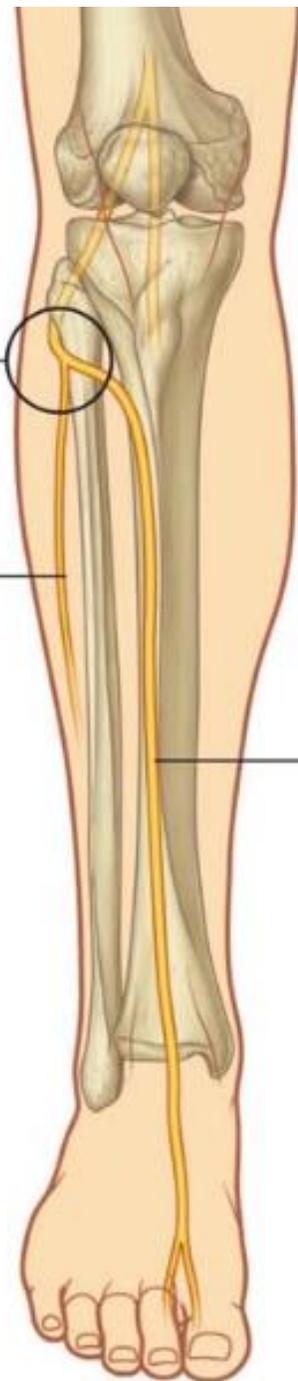
# The common peroneal nerve



Common fibular  
nerve (neck of fibula)

Superficial branch

Deep branch



# Right Popliteal Fossa

Popliteal artery

Semimembranosus

Popliteal vein

Tibial nerve

Small saphenous vein

Gastrocnemius  
*(medial head)*

Sural nerve

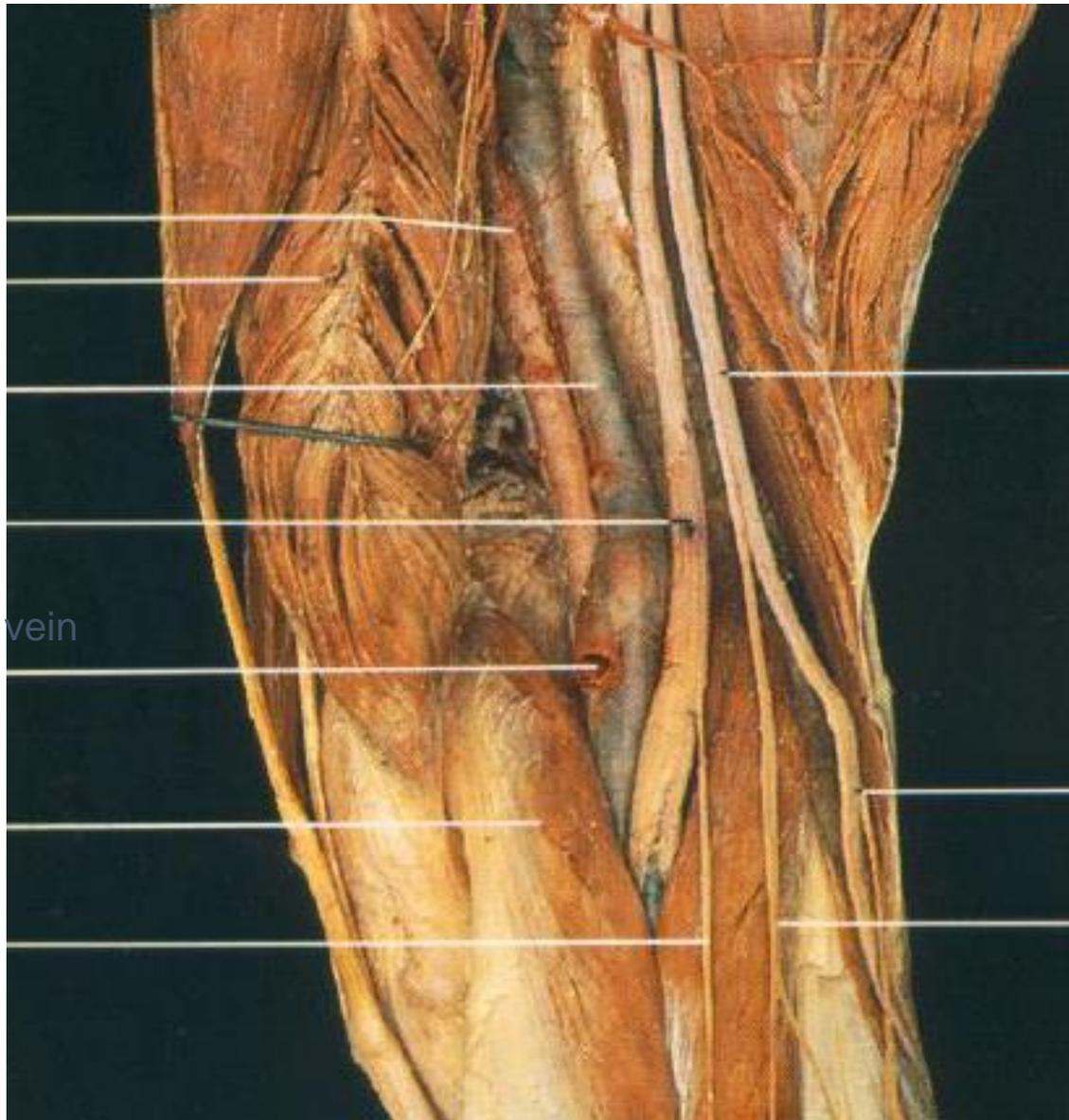
Common peroneal  
nerve

Lateral cutaneous  
nerve of the calf

Peroneal communicating  
nerve

**MEDIAL**

**LATERAL**





## Clinical correlation

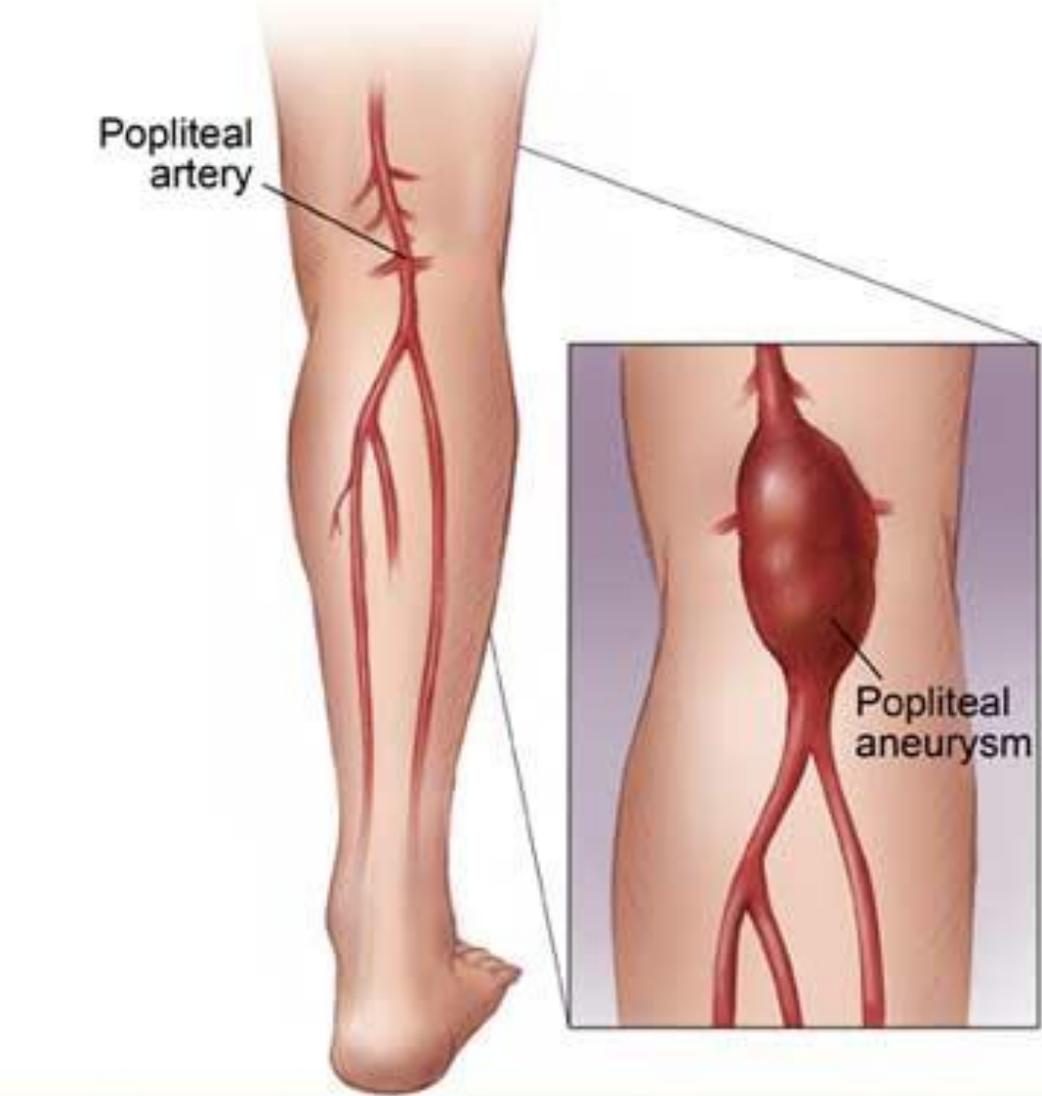
Palpation of the popliteal artery pulse



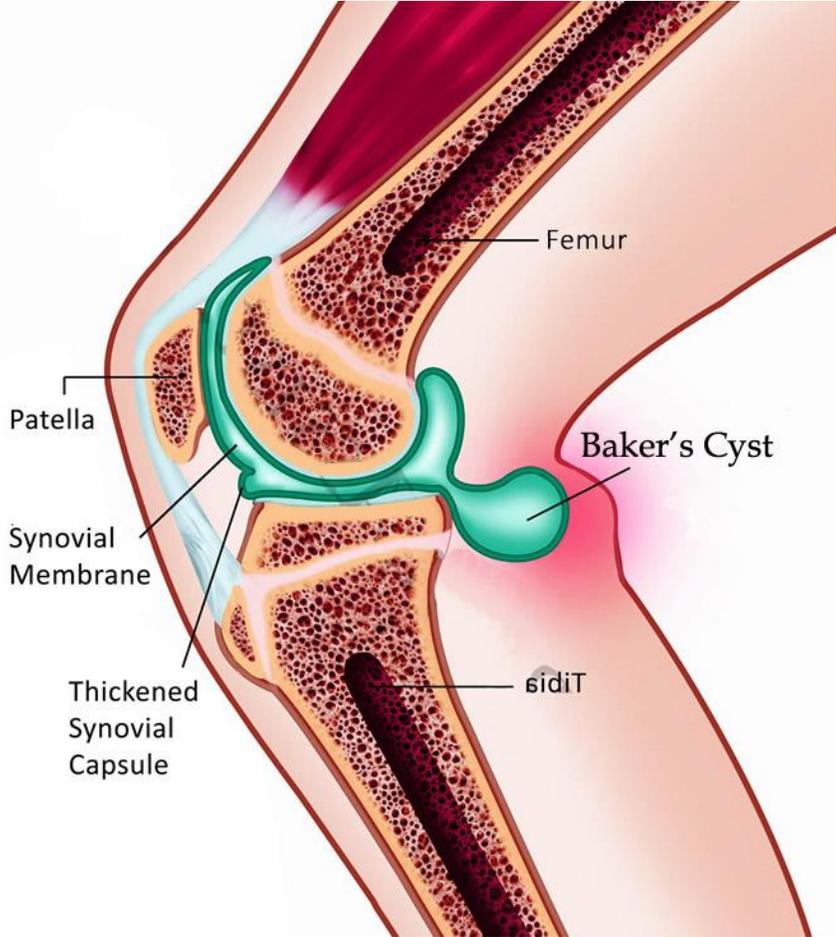
# Popliteal artery aneurysm



Angiography



# Baker's cyst



# Popliteal lymph nodes

