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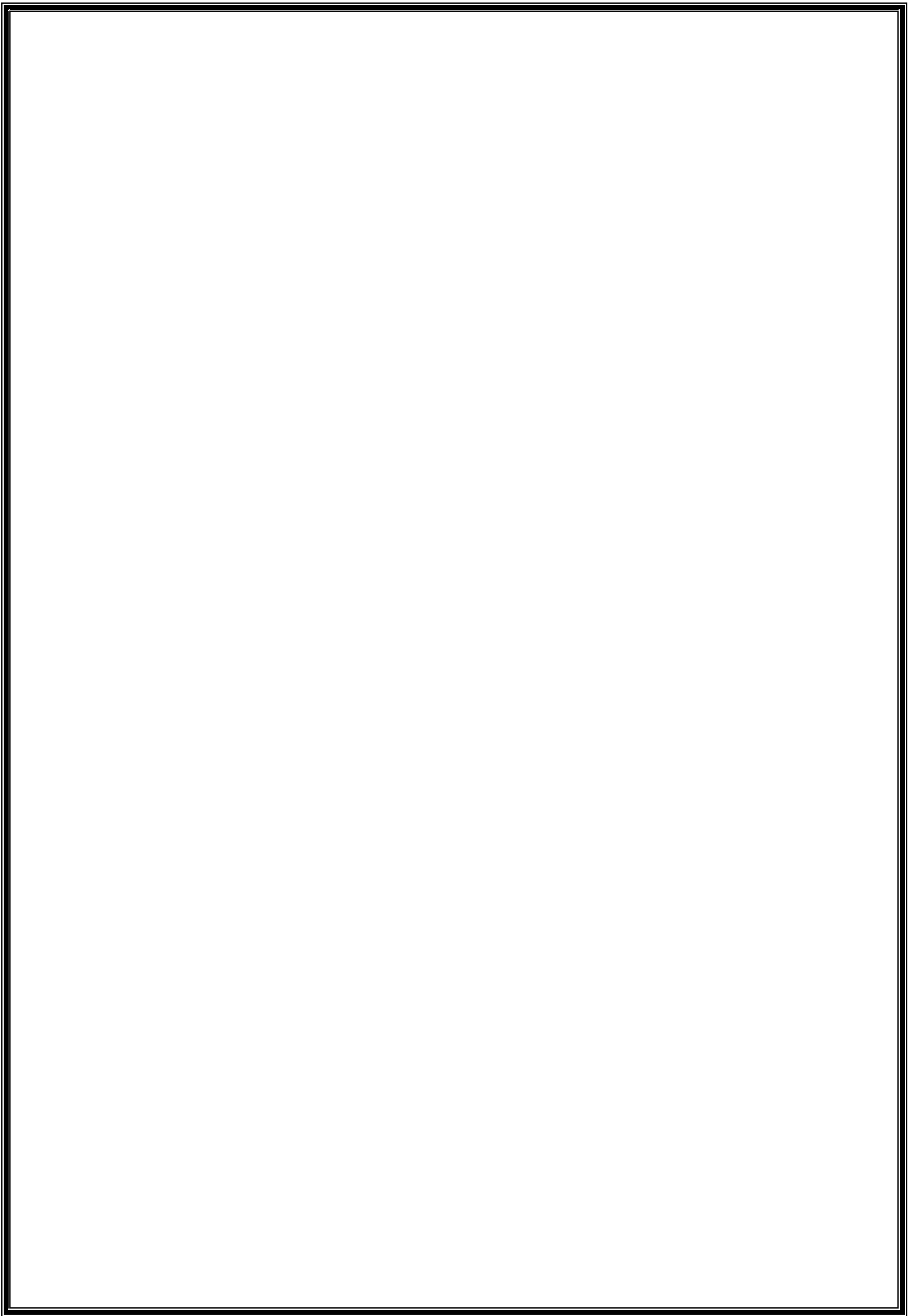
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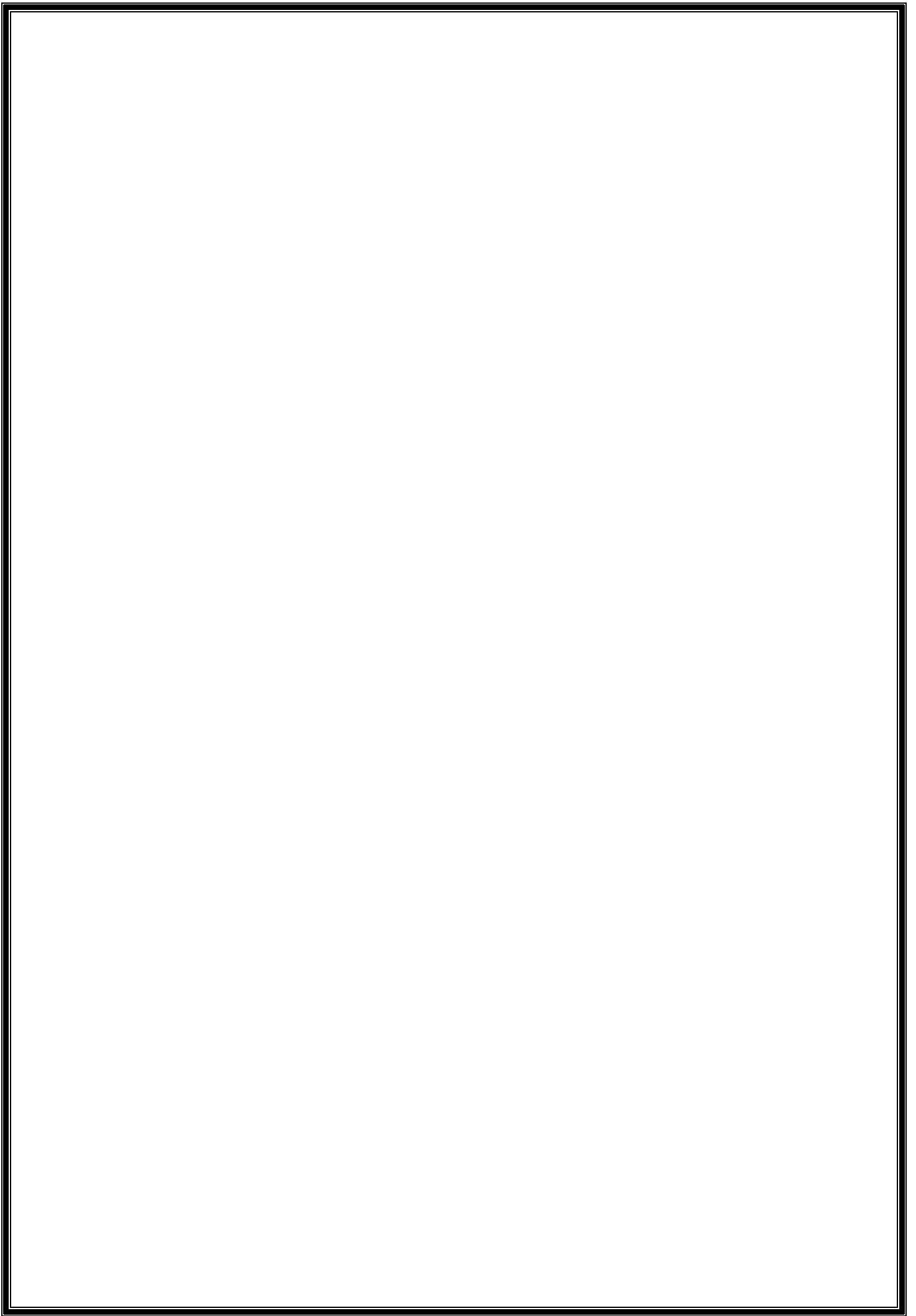
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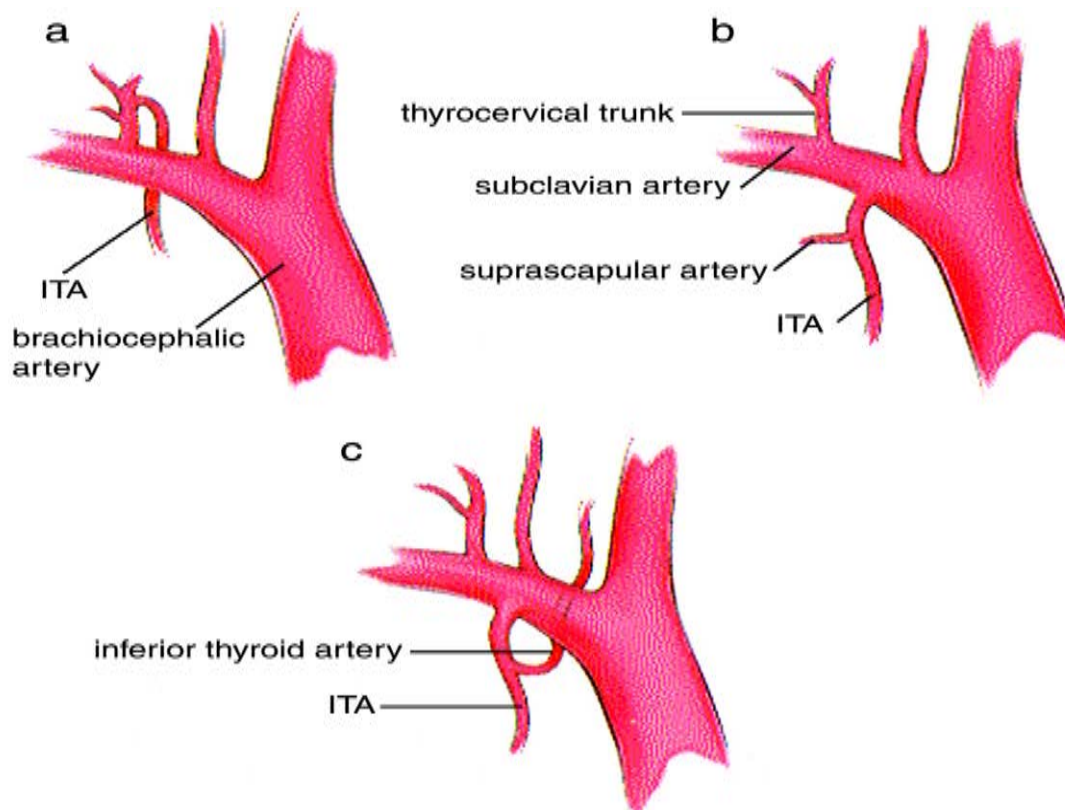
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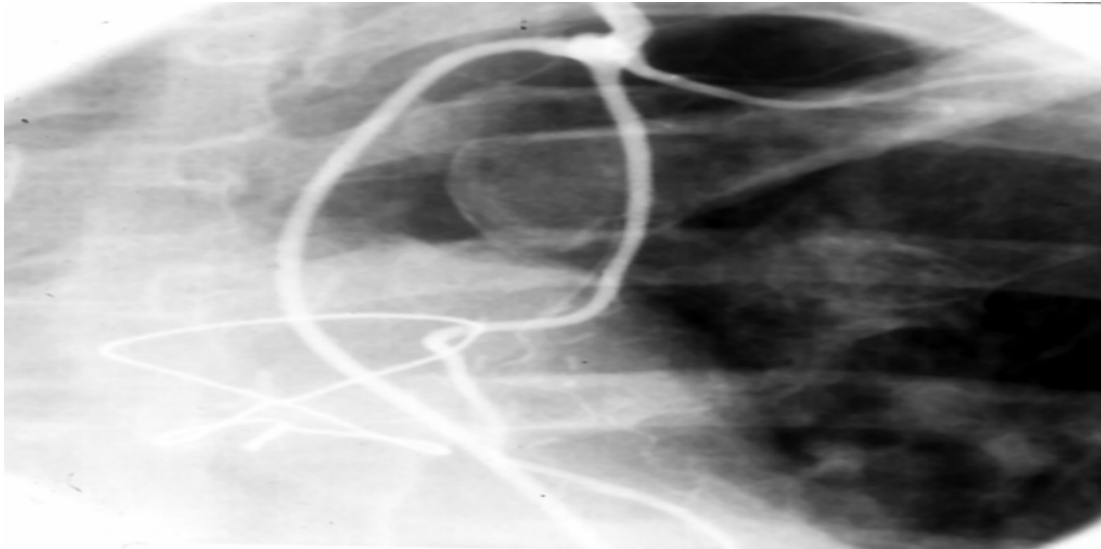
### **Origin and course of internal thoracic artery :**

The internal mammary artery (IMA) arises from the subclavian artery, above and behind the sternal end of the clavicle. In 70% of cases the LIMA originates alone, whereas in 30% it arises from a common trunk with other arteries (thyrocervical trunk, suprascapular artery, inferior thyroid artery) (**Figure 1**) (8).



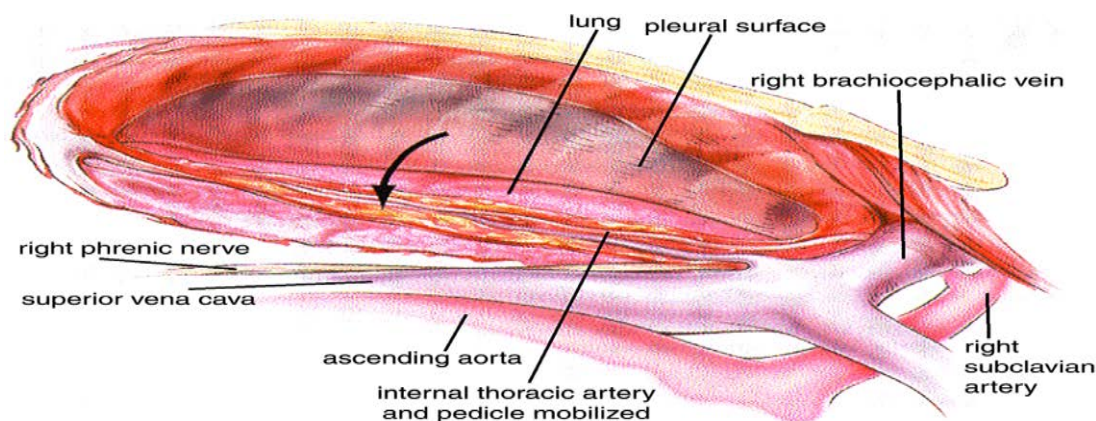
**Figure 1.** Internal mammary artery can have different origins:(a) from the thyrocervical trunk; (b) together with the suprascapular artery; (c) together with the inferior thyroid artery (9).

In an angiographic study, the LIMA can originate together with other arteries in more than 1/3 of cases (**Figure 2**) (10).



**Figure 2.** Angiographic demonstration of common origin of the internal mammary artery with the inferior thyroid artery and suprascapular artery(10) .

In an echographic study, the right internal mammary artery ( RIMA) arises alone from the right subclavian artery in 95% of cases whereas in the remaining 5% it originates from a common trunk with other arteries. In 95% of the cadavers the IMA descends anteromedially behind the internal jugular vein and the brachiocephalic vein (**Figure 3**) (8).

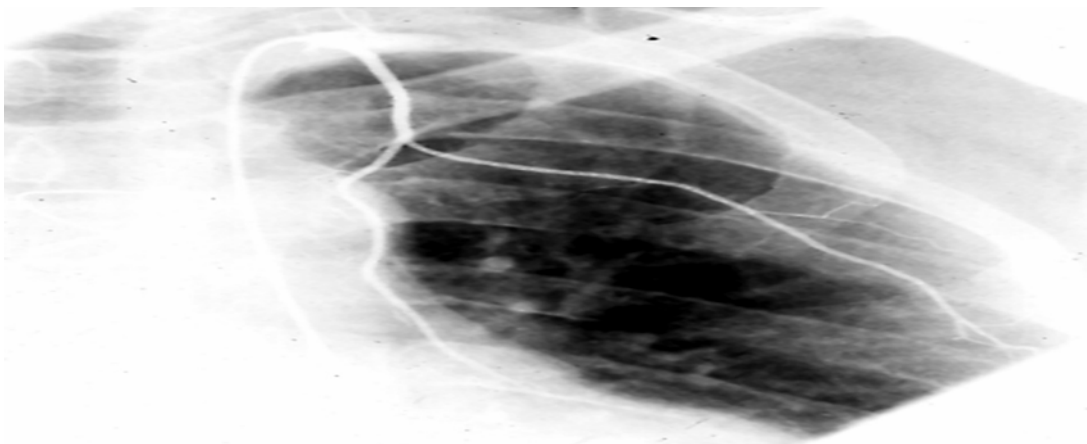


**Figure 3.** Internal mammary artery descends antero-medially behind the internal jugular vein and the brachiocephalic vein (9).

Passing behind the first costal cartilage, close to the phrenic nerve, it goes down into the thorax. The artery descends vertically 1 cm lateral to the sternal border, behind the first six costal cartilages. The IMA is separated from the pleura at the second or third costal cartilage by a strong layer of endothoracic fascia and inferiorly by the transversus thoracis muscle. It is accompanied by two mammary veins, which ascend medially and laterally, respectively (9). Both phrenic nerves cross the ITAs anteriorly in 54% of the cases and posteriorly in 14%. The left phrenic nerve crosses the artery anteriorly and the right phrenic nerve posteriorly in 12% of the cases, whereas the reverse relationship was observed in 20%(10).

The lateral costal branch is present in 15% of the cases, single side in 10%, and both sides in 5% (**Figure 4**).

All the arteries that sometimes have a common origin with an IMA and the lateral costal branch originate from the first centimeters of the IMA and are never ligated, as the subclavian vein lies over them(10).



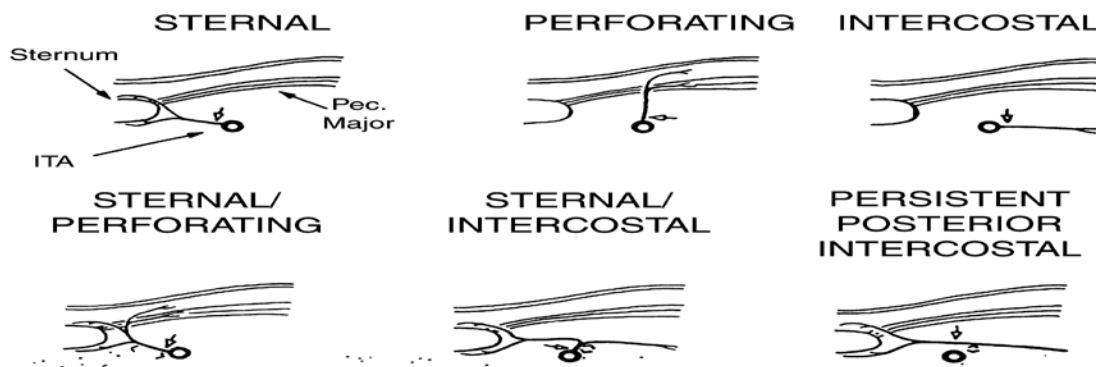
**Figure 4.** Angiographic demonstration of the presence of the lateral costal branch (10).

## Termination :

The ITA ends as a bifurcation in 93% of the cases (superior epigastric and musculophrenic arteries), and as a trifurcation in 7% (a third branch, the diaphragmatic branch adds to the previous ones) (8).

## Internal mammary artery and sternal vascularization:

Sternal vascularization is provided by six different types of vessels (**Figure 5**), five arising from the IMA and one running close to it. Three out of six can potentially act as conduits for collateral flow to the sternum.

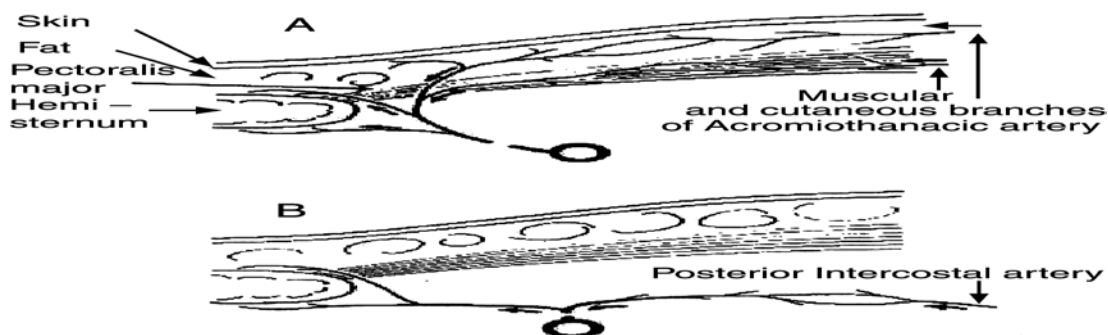


**Figure 5.** Sternal vascularization is provided by six different types of vessels (11).

**The three non-collateral branches are:** sternal, intercostal, and perforating. They typically arise, respectively, from the medial, lateral, and anterior aspects of the IMA. Noncollateral vessels outnumber collateral vessels by approximately 5:2(11).

**The three collateral branches are:** sternal/intercostals (S/I) from the anterior or lateral aspect of the IMA; sternal/perforating (S/P) from the anterior or medial aspect of the IMA; and, rarely, a persistent posterior intercostal artery. While the first two branches arise from the IMA as a common trunk, dividing then to supply both the sternum and an adjoining area, the intercostal space (S/I) or the anterior soft tissue (S/P). The third one runs bypassing the ITA without

anastomosing with it. After mobilization of the IMA, collateral blood flow could reach the sternum by way of an S/I or S/P branch. For this to occur, the point of division of the S/I or S/P branch into its sternal and intercostals (*or perforating*) sub-branches must be protected from surgical damage. The length of the common trunk ranges from 1 to 12 mm for the S/I branches), with a mean of 4.1 mm (**Figure 6A**), and from 0 to 16 mm for the S/P branches. The distance is less than 5 mm in 67% of cases and less than 10 mm in 95% of cases (**Figure 6**) (11).



**Figure 6.** Presumed route of collateral flow to the sternum after mobilization of the internal thoracic artery: (A) via sternal/perforating branches and (B) via sternal/intercostal branches(11).

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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

|                 |                                                  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ABG</b>      | Arterial blood gases                             |
| <b>ACC</b>      | American college of cardiology                   |
| <b>ACS</b>      | Acute coronary syndrome                          |
| <b>ACT</b>      | Activated clotting time                          |
| <b>AF</b>       | Atrial fibrillation                              |
| <b>AHA</b>      | American heart association                       |
| <b>ART</b>      | Arterial revascularization trial                 |
| <b>AXCT</b>     | Aortic cross clamp time                          |
| <b>BIMA</b>     | Bilateral internal mammary artery                |
| <b>BMI</b>      | Body mass index                                  |
| <b>bpm</b>      | Beat per minute                                  |
| <b>CABG</b>     | Coronary artery bypass grafting                  |
| <b>CAD</b>      | Coronary artery disease                          |
| <b>CCS</b>      | Canadian cardiovascular society                  |
| <b>CPAP</b>     | Continuous positive airway pressure              |
| <b>CPB</b>      | Cardiopulmonary bypass                           |
| <b>CSRS</b>     | Cardiac Surgery Reporting System                 |
| <b>CTA</b>      | computed tomographic angiography                 |
| <b>EF</b>       | Ejection fraction                                |
| <b>GEA</b>      | Gastroepiploic artery                            |
| <b>HMG co-A</b> | 3-hydroxy-3-methyl-glutaryl-CoA reductase        |
| <b>IABCP</b>    | Intraaortic ballon counterpulsation              |
| <b>IMA</b>      | Internal mammary artery                          |
| <b>IV</b>       | Intravenous                                      |
| <b>LAD</b>      | Left anterior descending artery                  |
| <b>LIMA</b>     | Left internal mammary artery                     |
| <b>LITA</b>     | Left internal thoracic artery                    |
| <b>MACCE</b>    | Major adverse cardiac and cerebrovascular events |
| <b>MI</b>       | Myocardial infarction                            |
| <b>MMPs</b>     | Matrix metalloproteinases                        |
| <b>NO</b>       | Nitric oxide                                     |
| <b>NO-cGMP</b>  | Nitric oxideganylate cyclase                     |
| <b>NSTEMI</b>   | Non ST segment elevation myocardial infarction   |
| <b>OM</b>       | Obtuse marginal                                  |