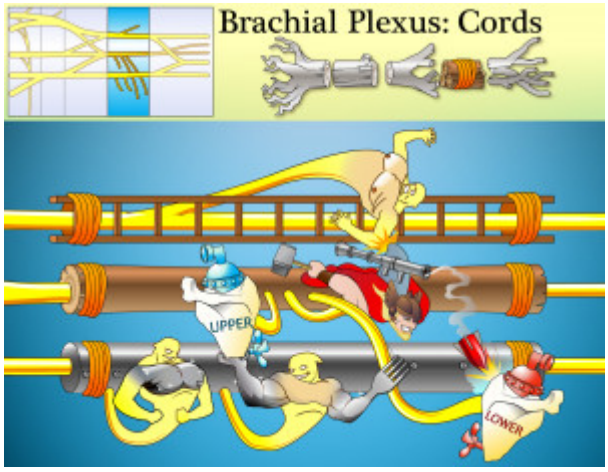
Brachial Plexus Cords

Lateral, posterior and medial cords are formed from the anterior and posterior divisions of the superior, medial and inferior trunks.



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Lateral Cord
Ladder Cord
Formed from the anterior divisions of the superior trunk (C5-C7). It branches in to the lateral pectoral nerve, musculocutaneous nerve, and the median nerve.

Lateral Pectoral Nerve
Ladder Pecks Nerve
Innervates the pectoralis major muscle.

Posterior Cord
Post Cord
Formed from the posterior divisions of all trunks (C5-T1). It branches into the axillary nerve (C5, C6) and radial nerve (C5, C6, C7, C8, T1). It also branches into the subscapular (C5, C6) nerves and thoracodorsal nerve.

Upper Subscapular Nerve
Upper Sub-scapula Nerve
Innervates the upper part of the subscapularis (internally rotates head of the humerus).

Thoracodorsal Nerve
Thor-rocket-dorsal-fin Nerve
Innervates the latissimus dorsi muscle, which medially rotates the arm.

Lower Subscapular Nerve
Lower Sub-scapula Nerve
Innervates the lower part of the subscapularis (internally rotates head of the humerus) and the teres major (medially rotates arm).

Medial Cord
Metal Cord
Formed from the anterior divisions of the inferior trunk (C8-T1). It branches into the median pectoral nerve, medial cutaneous nerve of the arm and forearm, and the ulnar nerve.

Medial Pectoral Nerve
Metal Pecks Nerve
Innervates the pectoralis major and pectoralis minor.

Medial Cutaneous Nerve of Arm and Forearm
Metal Skin Nerve with Arm and Fork-arm
Includes the medial brachial cutaneous nerve and the medial antebrachial cutaneous nerve which together innervate the medial aspects of the arm and forearm.

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