

1. Vastus Lateralis
  - a. Origin: Greater trochanter and linea aspera of femur.
  - b. Insertion: Patella via quadriceps tendon and then tibial tuberosity via patellar ligament.
  - c. Action: All four heads extend leg at knee joint; rectus femoris muscle acting alone also flexes thigh at hip joint.
  - d. How to locate: The injection site is halfway down the vastus lateralis, which is the muscle on the outside of the thigh. Markers include the greater trochanter, and the lateral femoral condyle – the injections site is about halfway between these two levels.
2. Deltoid
  - a. Origin: Acromial extremity of clavicle (anterior fibers), acromion of scapula (lateral fibers), and spine of scapula (posterior fibers).
  - b. Insertion: Deltoid tuberosity of humerus.
  - c. Action: Lateral fibers abduct arm at shoulder joint; anterior fibers flex and medially rotate arm at shoulder joint; posterior fibers extend and laterally rotate arm at shoulder joint.
  - d. How to locate:
    - i. The deltoid is a large rounded triangular shape on the outside of the upper arm, on top of the humerus, the clavicle and the scapula.
    - ii. The brachial artery and the radial nerve sit behind the deltoid and come down from the muscle.
    - iii. The injection site is a smaller triangle-shaped area, in the middle of the deltoid, above the deltoid tuberosity.

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