

# Lymph Nodes and Collectors of Head and Neck

The lymph nodes in the head and neck drain excess interstitial fluid from the head and neck and drain them into the azygos vein through the jugular lymph trunk

## Lymph Nodes of the Head and Neck

- Occipital
- Para-tracheal
- Pre-auricular
- Retro-auricular
- Retro-pharyngeal
- Sub-mandibular
- Sub-mental
- Superficial chain

### Circular Nodal Chain

- **Occipital** - posterior scalp
- **Pre-auricular** - parotid gland and posterior orbit
- **Retro-auricular** - posterior scalp
- **Sub-mandibular** - cheek, nose and sub-mandibular gland
- **Sub-mental** - anterior tongue and floor of mouth

### Deep Cervical Chain

- **Jugulo-digastric** - palatine tonsil
- **Jugulo-omohyoid** - palate
- **Para-tracheal** - larynx and trachea
- **Retro-pharyngeal** - pharynx

### Superficial Cervical Chain

- Drains the skin of the neck

## Links

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