

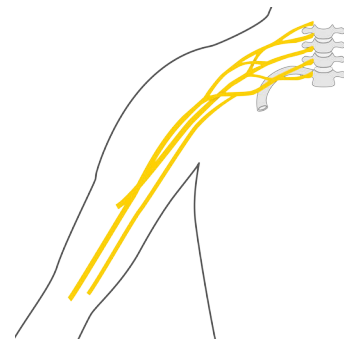
Pain in the neck

REVIEWING THE BRACHIAL PLEXUS

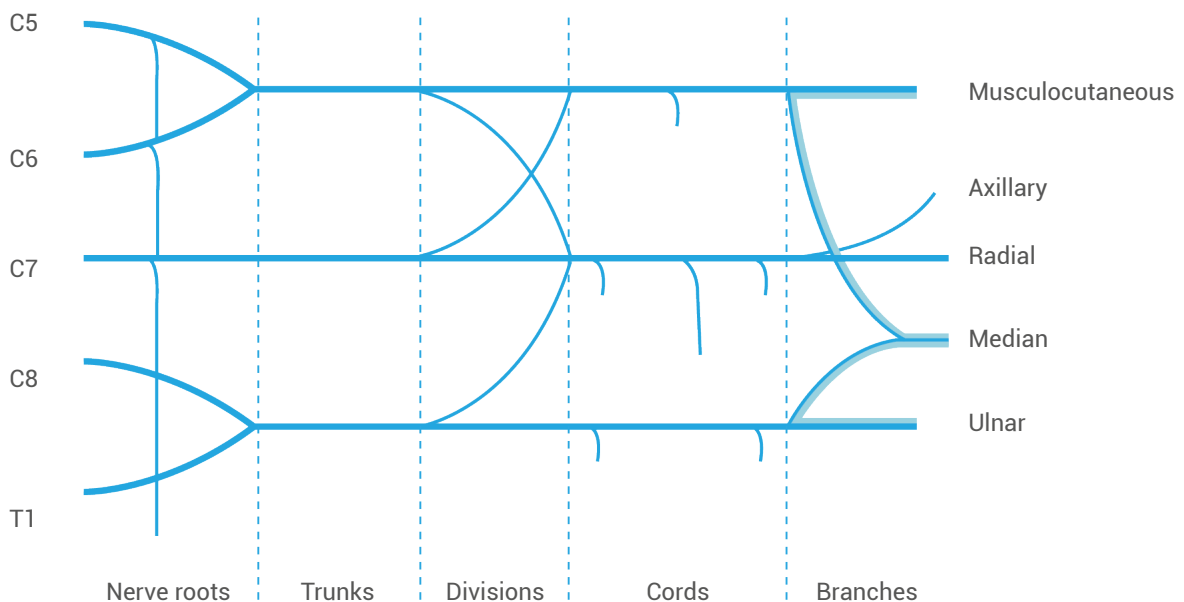
It is important to have at least a basic anatomical understanding of the brachial plexus prior to performing any nerve blocks in the neck. These blocks can be extremely high-yield, making this basic knowledge something that is well worth knowing.

The brachial plexus

- Nerve roots
 - C5
 - C6
 - C7
 - C8
 - T1
- Trunks
- Divisions
 - Cords
 - Branches
 - musculocutaneous
 - axillary
 - **radial**
 - **median**
 - **ulnar**



Commit to memory the **bolded** items. These are the highest yield in regards to clinical applications.



The best mnemonic to remember the brachial plexus: Rugby Teams Drink Cold Beer.