Major Muscles of the Body

MUSCLE	LOCATION	FUNCTION
Sternocleidomastoid	Side of neck	Turns and flexes head
Trapezius	Upper back and neck	Extends head, moves shoulder
Deltoid	Shoulder	Abducts arm, injection site
Biceps brachii	Upper arm	Flexes lower arm
Triceps brachii	Upper arm	Extends lower arm
Pectoralis major	Upper chest	Adducts and flexes upper arm
Intercostals	Between ribs	Moves ribs for breathing
Rectus abdominus	Ribs to pubis (pelvis)	Compresses abdomen
Latissimus dorsi	Spine around to chest	Extends and adducts upper arm
Gluteus maximus	Buttocks	Extends thigh, injection site
Sartorius	Front of thigh	Abducts thigh, flexes leg
Quadriceps femoris	Front of thigh	Extends leg
Tibialis anterior	Front of lower leg	Flexes and inverts foot
Gastrocnemius	Back of lower leg	Flexes sole of the foot

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