

Hyoid bone

The hyoid bone (lingual bone or tongue-bone) (/ˈhaɪɔɪd/) is a horseshoe-shaped bone situated in the anterior midline of the neck between the chin and the thyroid cartilage. At rest, it lies at the level of the base of the mandible in the front and the third cervical vertebra (C3) behind.

The [common facial vein](#) is located as it joins the [internal jugular vein](#) (IJV) at the level of the [hyoid bone](#)

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