

PARTS OF THE HUMAN LUNGS

Trachea

The tube that carries air from your throat down to your lungs. Also called the windpipe.

Bronchus

One of the two main tubes that branch off the trachea and lead into each lung.

Right Lung

The larger of the two lungs, made up of three lobes.

Alveoli

Tiny, balloon-like air sacs at the end of the bronchioles where oxygen and carbon dioxide are exchanged.

Middle Lobe

The middle section found only in the right lung.

Lower Lobe

The bottom section of a lung.

Apex

The rounded top point of a lung.

Pleura

The thin, protective double layer of tissue that surrounds each lung.

Upper Lobe

The top section of a lung. Also called the windpipe.

Left Lung

The smaller of the two lungs, made up of two lobes, with a notch that makes room for the heart.

Cardiac Notch

A small dip in the left lung that makes space for the heart.

Bronchioles

The tiny branching tubes inside the lungs that carry air from the bronchi to the alveoli.

Base

The wide, curved bottom of a lung, which rests on the diaphragm.

