

Internal Intercostal Fascia

The internal intercostal muscles are deficient posteriorly and when they reach the posterior costal angles they continue as an aponeurotic fascia or membrane. This fascia is continuous posteriorly with the superior costotransverse ligaments and adjacent transverse processes posteriorly and with the fascia between the internal and external intercostal muscles posteriorly.

External Intercostal Fascia

The external intercostal muscles are deficient anteriorly; when they reach the costal cartilages they continue as an aponeurotic fascia to reach the sternum.