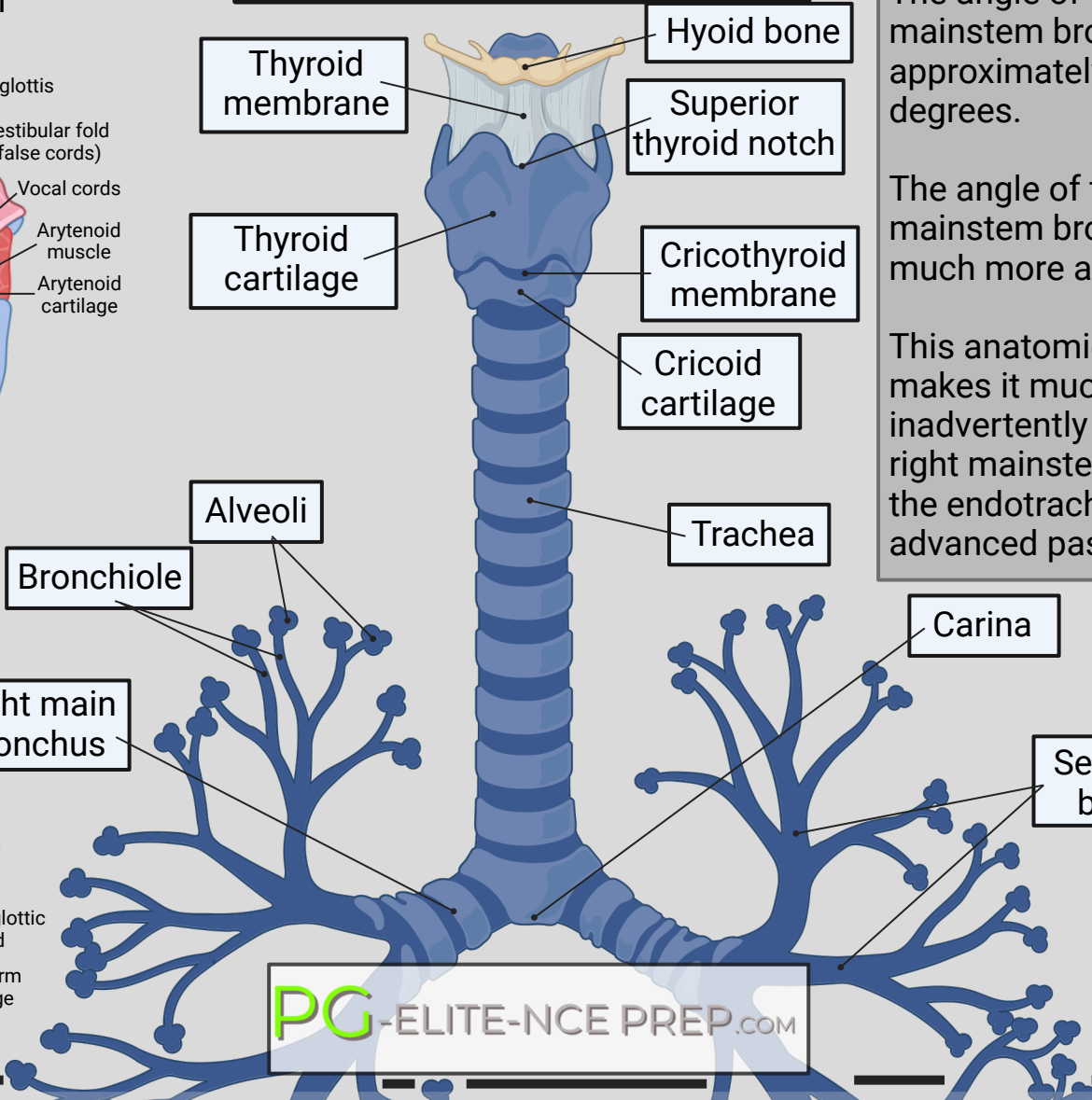
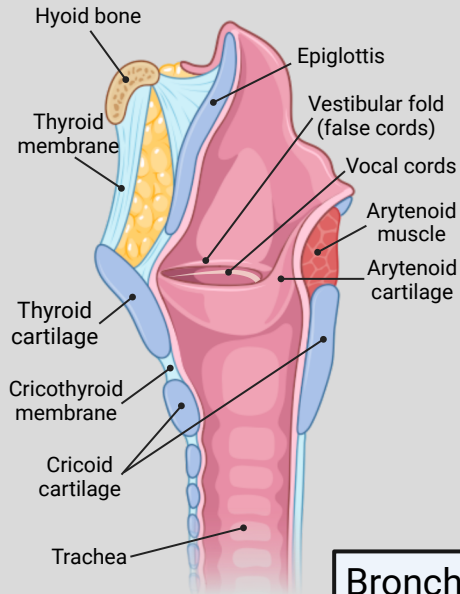


Airway Anatomy

Cross Section



The angle of the right mainstem bronchus is approximately 25-30 degrees.

The angle of the left mainstem bronchus is a much more acute 45 degrees.

This anatomical difference makes it much easier to inadvertently intubate the right mainstem bronchus if the endotracheal tube is advanced past the carina.

