Superior view

The adult male pelvis is on your left. The adult female pelvis is on your right. The pelvic brim or inlet of a prepubescent female and a normal male will be heart shaped. This has led some people to conclude that a male's heart is in his pelvis! The pelvic brim or inlet of a normal postpubescent female is oval, being wider than it is deep. The change comes about due to hormones and it is functionally important because it facilitates birth of children.

PELVIC / PUBIC LANDMARKS - PELVIC BRIM

PELVIC / PUBIC LANDMARKS - PELVIC OUTLET

The adult male pelvis is on your left. The adult female pelvis is on your right. The pelvic outlet of a prepubescent female and a normal male will be a narrow oval shape. The pelvic outlet of a normal postpubescent female is round. The change comes about due to hormones and it is functionally important because it facilitates birth of children.
Anterior view, adult pelvis

The adult male pelvis is on your left. The adult female pelvis is on your right. The pubic angle of a prepubescent female and a normal male will be a narrow, 50 to 60°. The pubic angle of a normal postpubescent female is relatively wide, 80 to 85° (not all women have this change). The change comes about due to hormones and it is functionally important because it facilitates birth of children. The downside of this for mature women is that this change may contribute to a higher risk of anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) damage due to the resulting change of geometry of the knee joint. This may also be useful at parties when trying to determine if Pat is a man or a woman!

PELVIC / PUBIC LANDMARKS    -  PUBIC ANGLE

FEMALE

MALE

PELVIC / PUBIC LANDMARKS    -  PUBIC CREST

Anterior view

The adult male pelvis is on your left. The adult female pelvis is on your right. The pubic crest is the insertion for part of the:
1. internal abdominal oblique.

FEMALE

MALE
**PELVIC / PUBIC LANDMARKS  - PUBIC TUBERCLE**

*Anterior view*

The adult male pelvis is on your left. The adult female pelvis is on your right. The pubic tubercle is of significance because it is the place where the inferior end of the inguinal ligament attaches. The pubic tubercle is the origin for:

1. adductor longus.

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**PELVIC / PUBIC LANDMARKS  - SYMPHYSIS PUBIS**

*Anterior view*

The adult male pelvis is on your left and the adult female pelvis is on your right. The symphysis pubis is an important cartilaginous joint as it allows for slight motion during walking, thereby reducing risk of damage to the pelvis. In females it may become even more flexible during the birth of their children, which facilitates the delivery of the baby. This change comes about due to hormonal influences on joints.