

# DESCENDING COLON

Anatomical Structure Reference Chart  
Plate No. 4-B

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**Left Colic Flexure (Splenic)** The junction between the transverse and descending colon.

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**Haustra** Small pouches caused by sacculations of the colon wall.

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**Taeniae Coli** Three separate longitudinal ribbons of smooth muscle.

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**Epiploic Appendages** Small pouches of peritoneum filled with fat.

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**Sigmoid Junction** Transition point leading into the S-shaped pelvic colon.

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## Clinical Key points

Located in the left hypochondriac and lumbar regions. It is retroperitoneal in most individuals. Primary function involves the storage of feces and final water absorption before movement into the sigmoid colon.

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