

ABOUTHERNIAS

Here are some diagrams and pictures:-

You can see from this anatomical picture that the femoral **canal** (labeled 'canal') lies alongside the femoral vein. The femoral vein and artery are the main blood vessels that pass between the trunk and our leg – that is they are the blood supply to the leg.

Just to take you through the anatomy – on the inside is the rigid lacunar ligament, in front is the rigid inguinal ligament, and behind is the firm pectineus muscle. That's why it is so common for femoral hernias to become incarcerated (when the lump is stuck out and does not go back) and for intestine to get strangulated.

