



Answer: (A) bifid rib

A bifid rib, also known as a forked or bifurcated rib, is a relatively common anatomic variant where the sternal end of a rib divides into upper and lower divisions. It is thought that the lower division represents the intended development of the rib, and the upper division represents the anomalous development. Bifid ribs are more common in males, slightly more common on the right, and occur most frequently in the third and fourth ribs.