# SUMMARY OF LEARNING POINTS

# LIVER SEGMENTAL ANATOMY (COUINAUD)



- The liver consists of <u>8 functional segments</u>
- The left and right branches of the **portal vein (P)** divide the liver into <u>upper segments</u> (II, IVa, VIII, VII) and <u>lower segments</u> (III, IVb, V, VI)
- The middle branch of the hepatic vein (H) divides the liver into a <u>left lobe</u> (segments II-IV) and <u>right lobe</u> (segments V-VIII)
  - The falciform ligament (dotted yellow line) divides the left lobe into segments II/III and Segment IV
  - The right hepatic vein divides the right liver into segments V/VIII and VI/VIII)

### SURGICAL RESECTION PLANES



Terminology for surgical resection according to the Couinaud liver segmental anatomy

# **ARTERIAL ANATOMY AND VARIANTS**

#### Standard anatomy:



- 1 = coeliac trunk
- 2 = left gastric artery
- 3 = splenic artery
- 4 = superior mesenteric artery (SMA)



- 5 = common hepatic artery
- 6 = gastroduodenal artery
- 7 = left hepatic artery
- 8 = right hepatic artery

Two common examples of <u>variant anatomy</u>:



<u>Right replaced</u>: right hepatic artery originates from the SMA <u>Left replaced</u>: Left hepatic artery originates from left gastric artery

### **BILE DUCT ANATOMY AND VARIANTS**

#### Standard anatomy:



1 = common bile duct
 2 = cystic duct
 3 = common hepatic duct



4 = left hepatic duct
5 = right hepatic duct, anterior branch
6 = right hepatic duct, posterior branch

Two common examples of variant anatomy:



Left: right posterior branch originating from left hepatic duct Right: aberrant right branch originating from common hepatic duct