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Absence of the nipple is rare and is usually associated with amazia (congenital absence of the breast). Supernumerary nipples are not uncommon and occur along a line extending from the anterior fold of the axilla to the upper chest (Figure 58.16). In the human embryo the milk ridge extends from the axilla to the upper chest only and not to the groin. Rarely , there is duplication of the nipple on a normal areola.

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