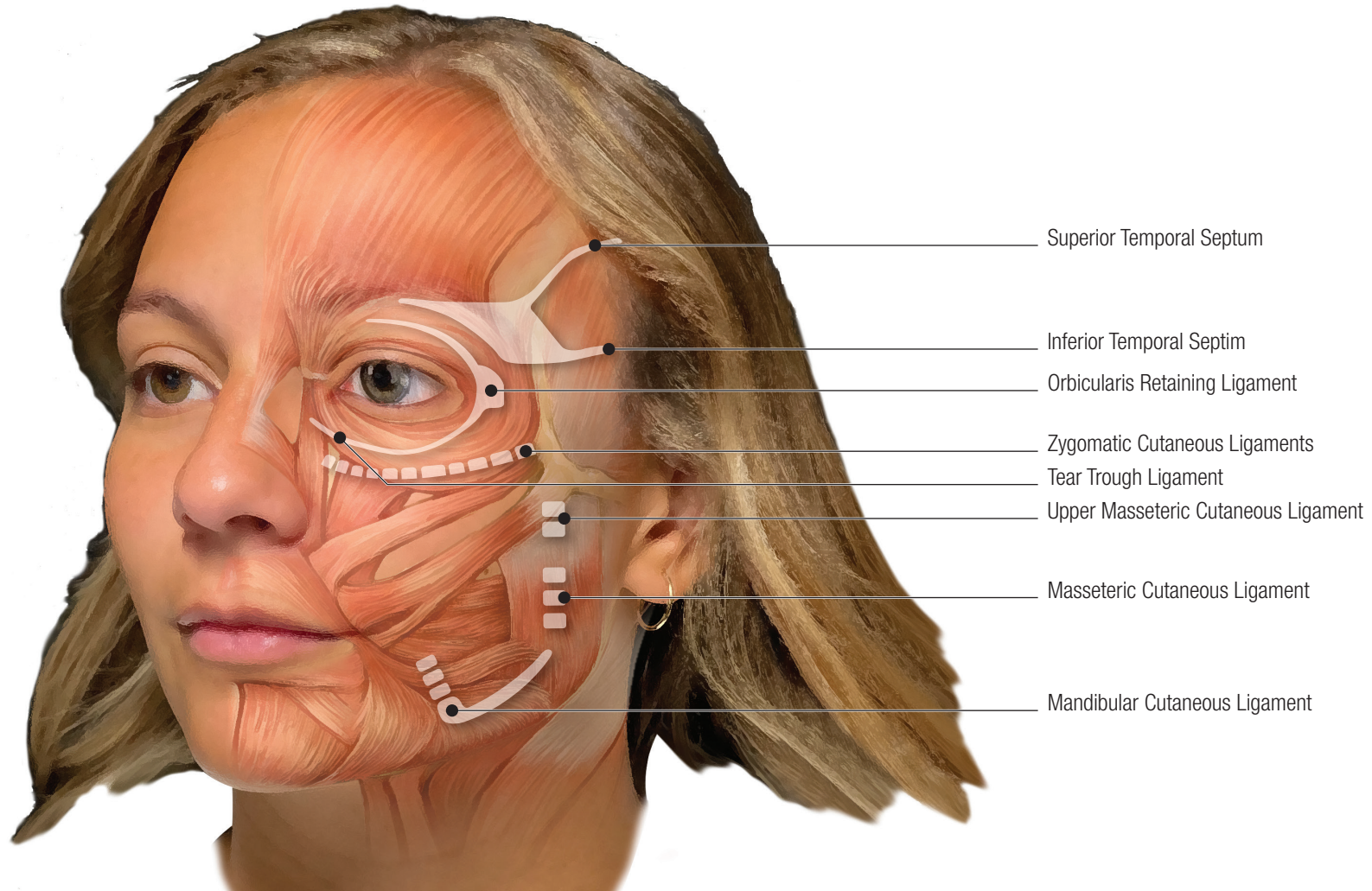


FACIAL LIGAMENTS



The adherence of the overlying tissues to the underlying structures in the face are maintained by condensation of the fibrous connective tissue know as retaining ligaments. The retaining ligaments of the face can be classified as true and false. True retaining ligaments are a series of fibrousbands that run from the periosteum to the dermis. False retaining ligaments tether the intervening facial tissue layers to each other (Stuzin et al.).