

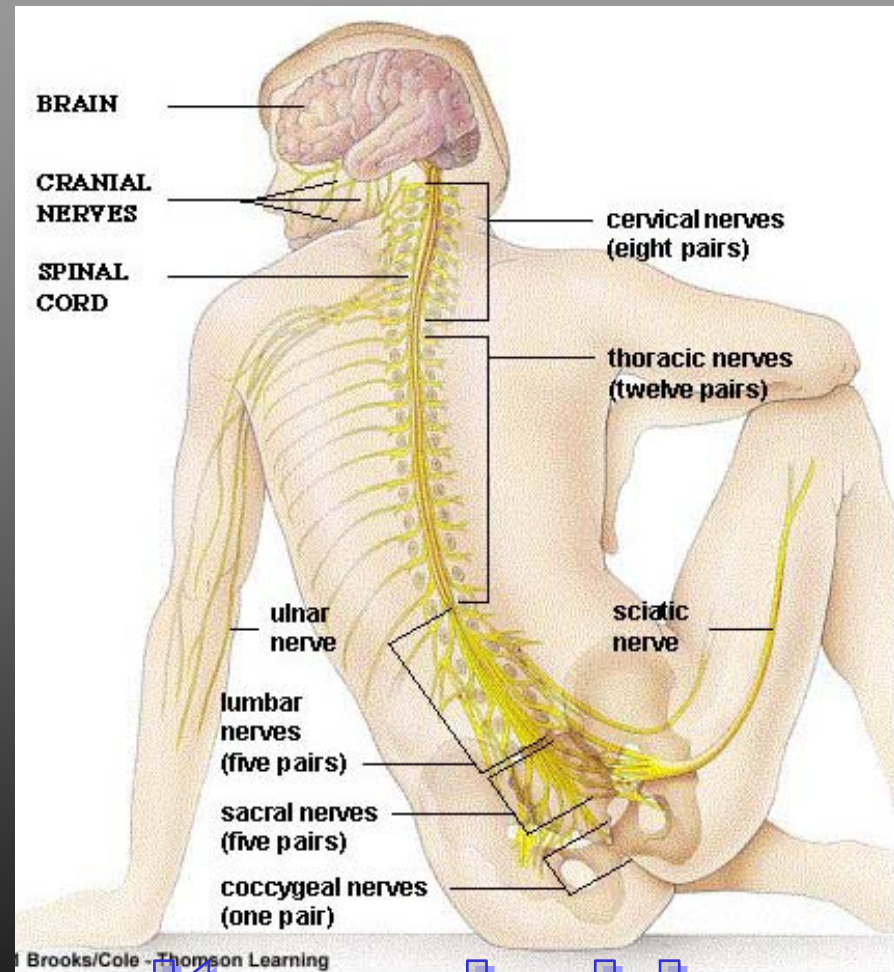
Peripheral Nervous System

Sensory Receptors

Motor Endings

Cranial Nerves

The Four Plexuses
Extremities



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Review of Reflexes

Fast, preprogrammed, inborn, automatic responses

Occur in the CNS at the spinal cord or brainstem levels

May be either monosynaptic or polysynaptic

All require

- stimulus at receptor**
- sensory information relay**
- processing at CNS level**
- activation of motor response**
- response of peripheral effector**

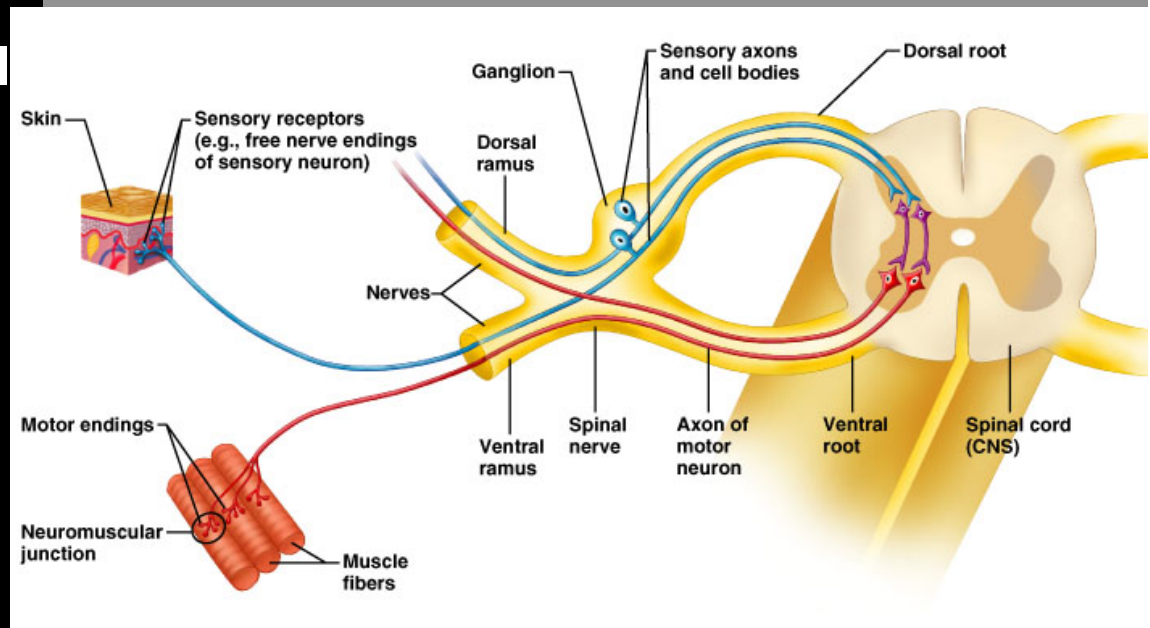
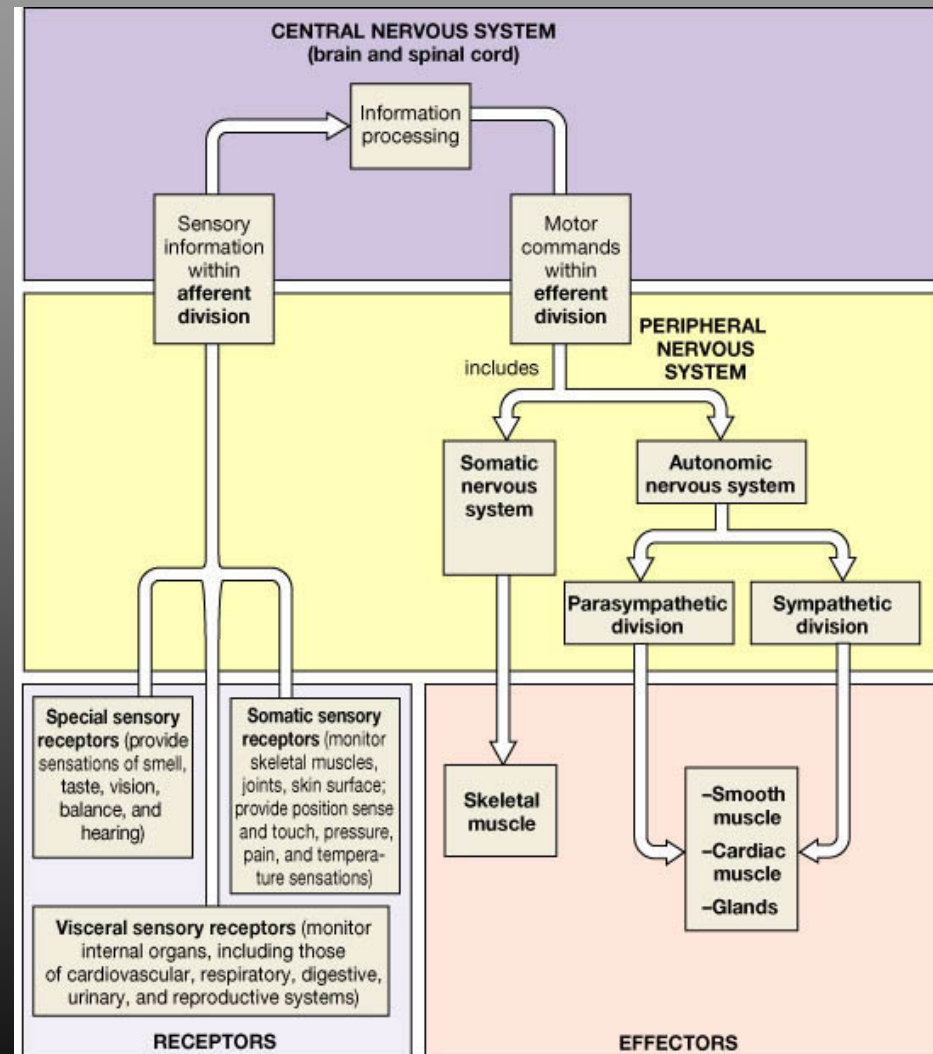


Fig 14.2

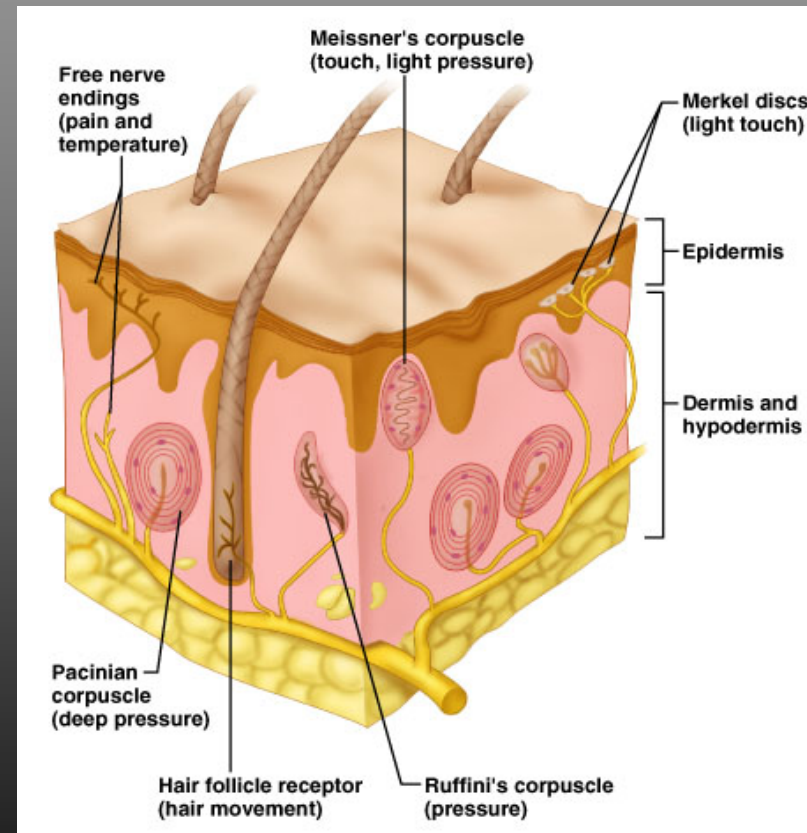
Peripheral Sensory Receptors

- Classified by
 - Location
 - Exteroceptors
 - Interoceptors
 - Proprioceptors
 - Stimulus
 - Thermoreceptors, etc.
 - Structure
 - Pacinian corpuscle
 - Adaptive abilities



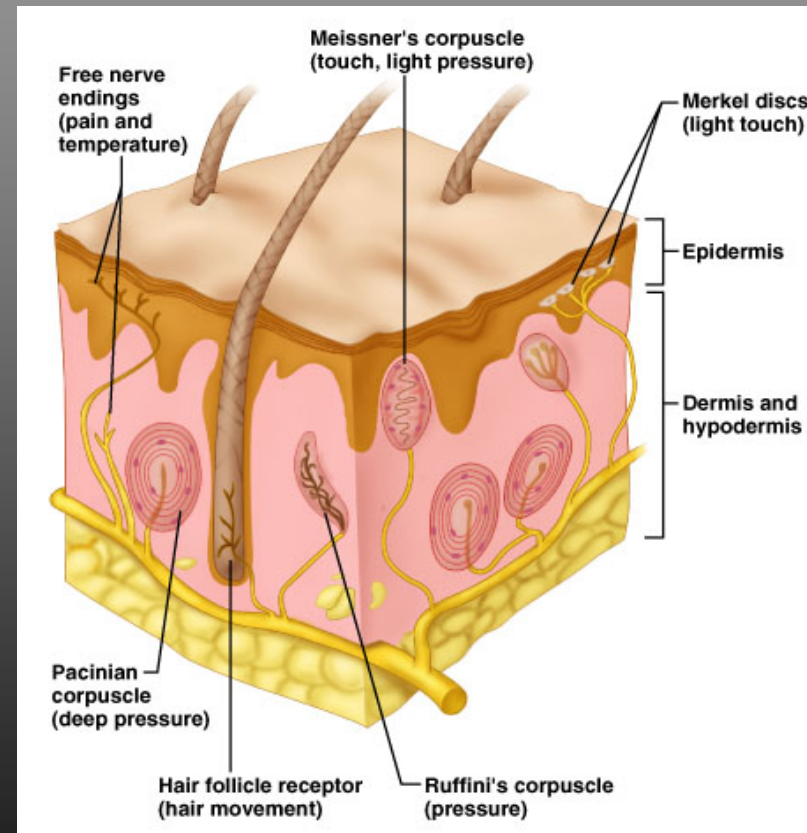
Peripheral Sensory Receptors, cont'd

- **Free Nerve Endings**
 - Prominent in epithelia
 - Pain and Temperature
 - Light touch (Merkel's discs)



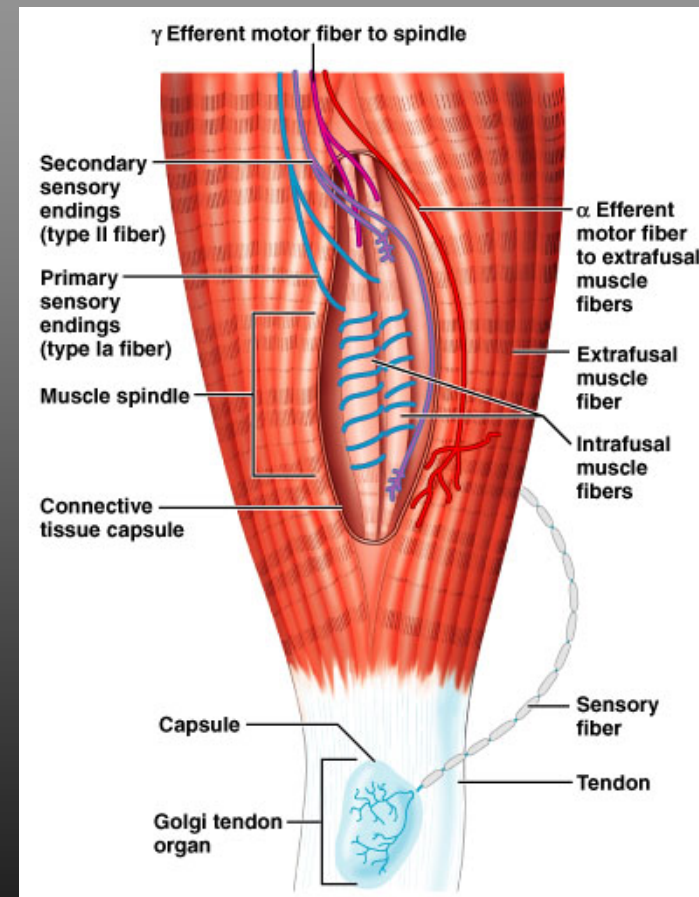
Peripheral Sensory Receptors, cont'd

- Encapsulated Nerve Endings
 - Meissner's Corpuscles (Light Touch)
 - Pacinian (lamellated) Corpuscles
 - Throughout the Body
 - Adaptive
 - Mechanical Pressure
 - Ruffini's Corpuscles
 - Pressure and Touch
 - Not very Adaptive



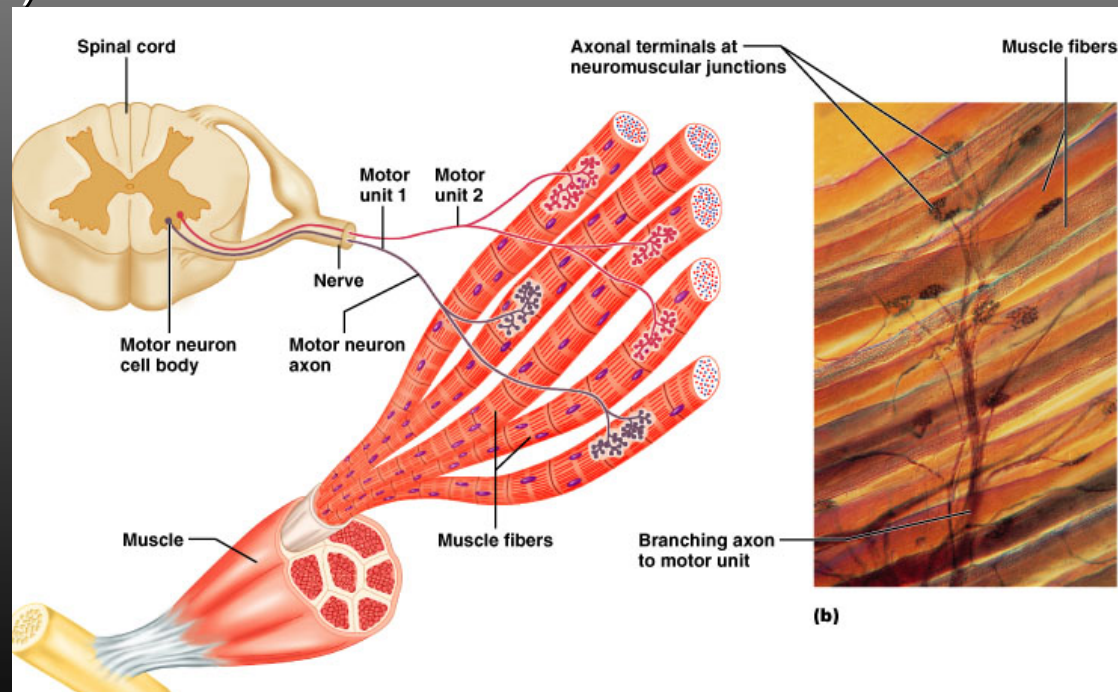
Proprioception

- Stretch Monitors detect position in space
 - Modified muscle fibers (cells)
- Golgi Tendon Organ
 - Monitors tendon tension
 - “Knee Jerk Reflex” is monosynaptic
- Joint Kinesthetic Receptors
 - Joint Capsules
 - All of the above types of receptors



The Other End (Effectors)

- Motor End Plate: Similar to Synapse
 - Skeletal Muscle
 - ACh
 - Broken down quickly, compared to nerve synapse
 - Remember definition of Motor Unit
- Visceral (smooth) Muscle and Glands
 - Varicosities



Peripheral Nerves (repetitio est...)

Definition: bundles of axons.
AKA tracts in CNS

Organization – coverings
(chapter 12):

Epineurium – wraps entire nerve

Perineurium – wraps fascicles of tracts

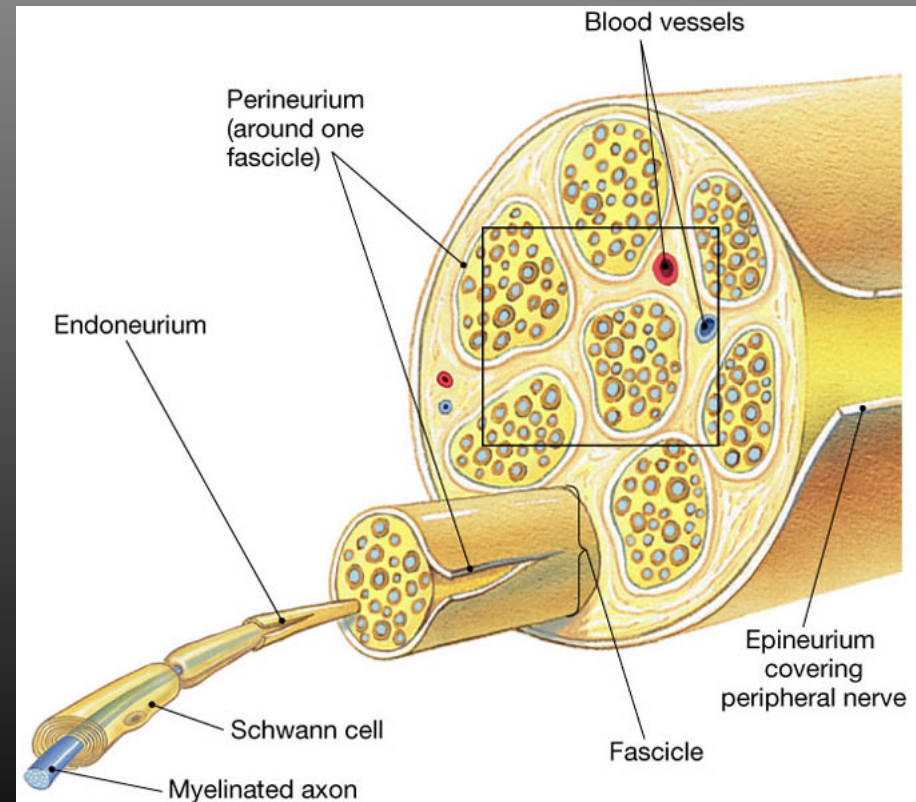
Endoneurium - wraps individual axons

Function:

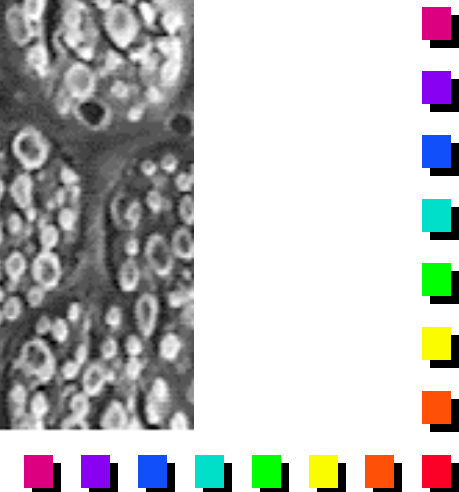
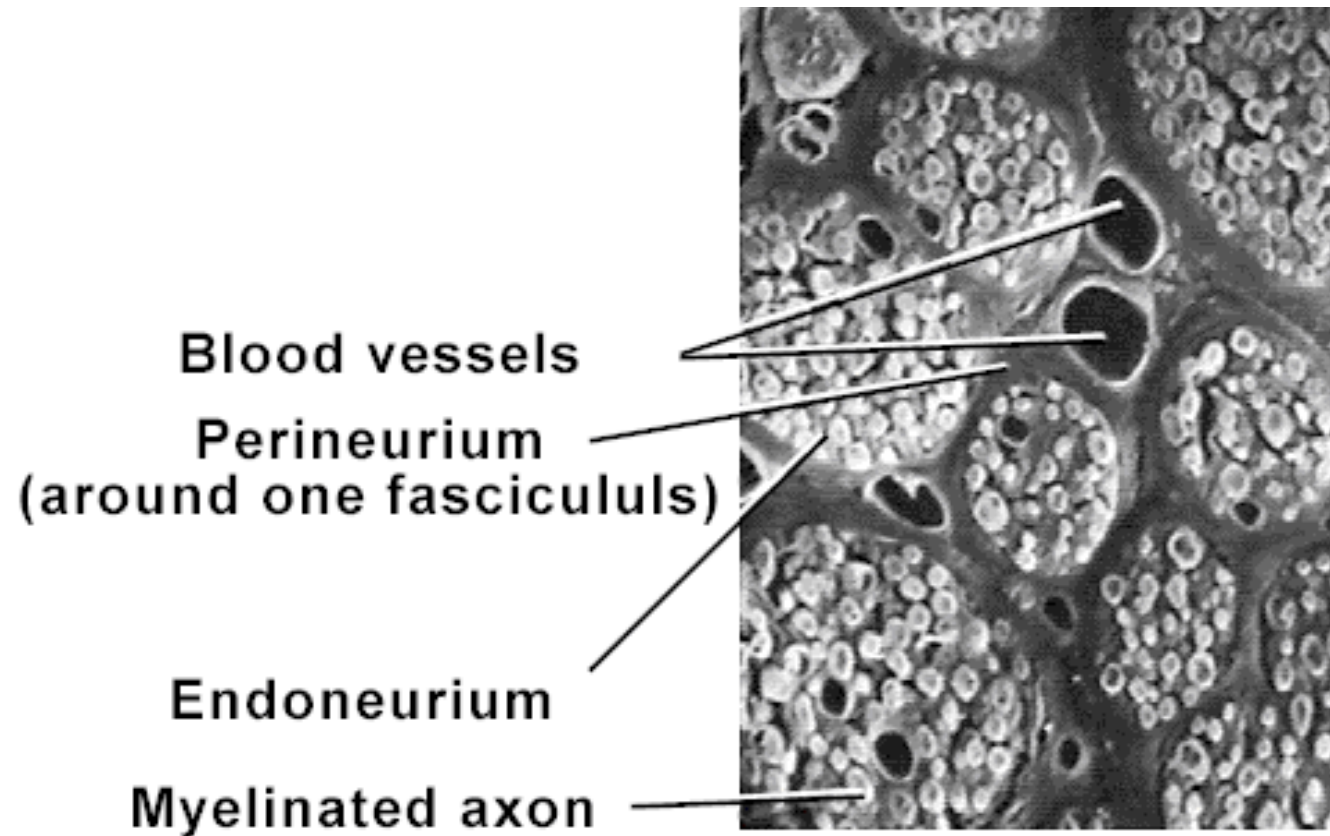
sensory - afferent

motor - efferent

mixed - contains axons of both



Anatomy of a Peripheral Nerve

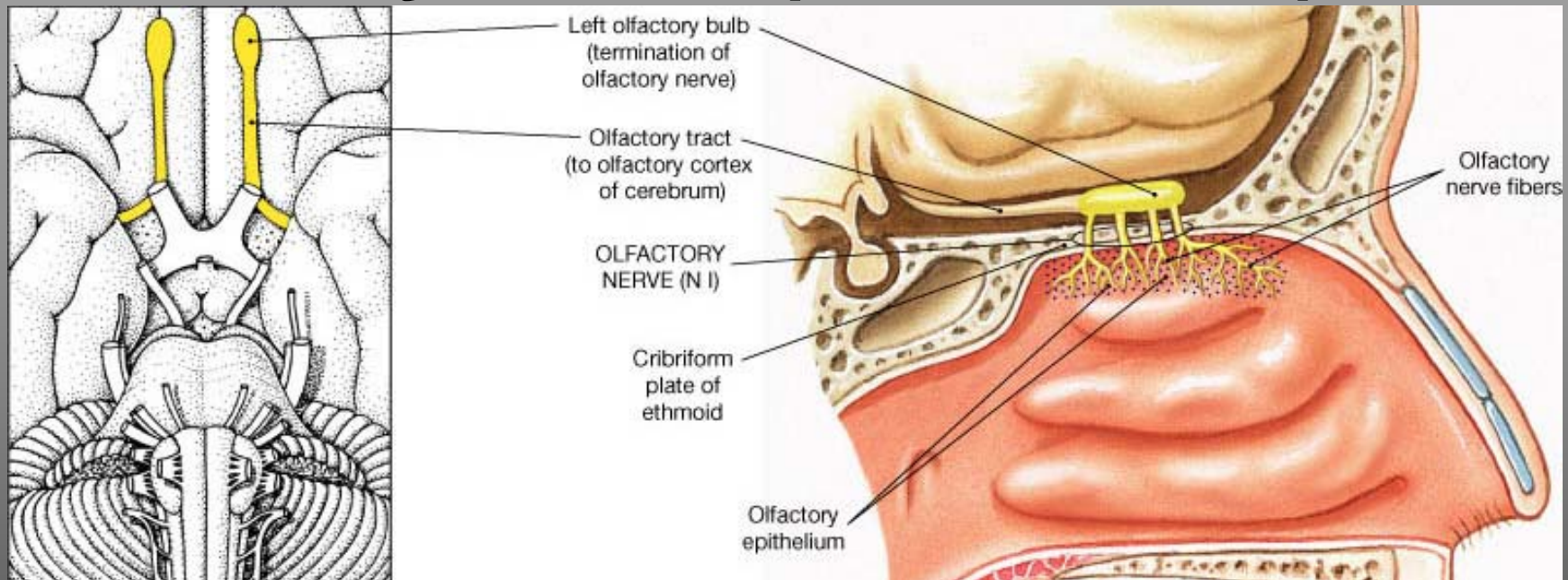


Cranial Nerves

- Twelve pairs:
 - 2 attach to forebrain (Tel- & Diencephalon)
 - 10 attach to brainstem
(Mes-, Met- and Myelencephalon)
- Names relate to appearance or function
 - Classification
 - Origin
 - Destination



Olfactory Nerve (= CN or N I)



C: Sensory

O: Olfactory Epithelium in nasal cavity

D: Olfactory bulbs (by way of cribriform plate of ethmoid)

Only CN directly attached to Cerebrum

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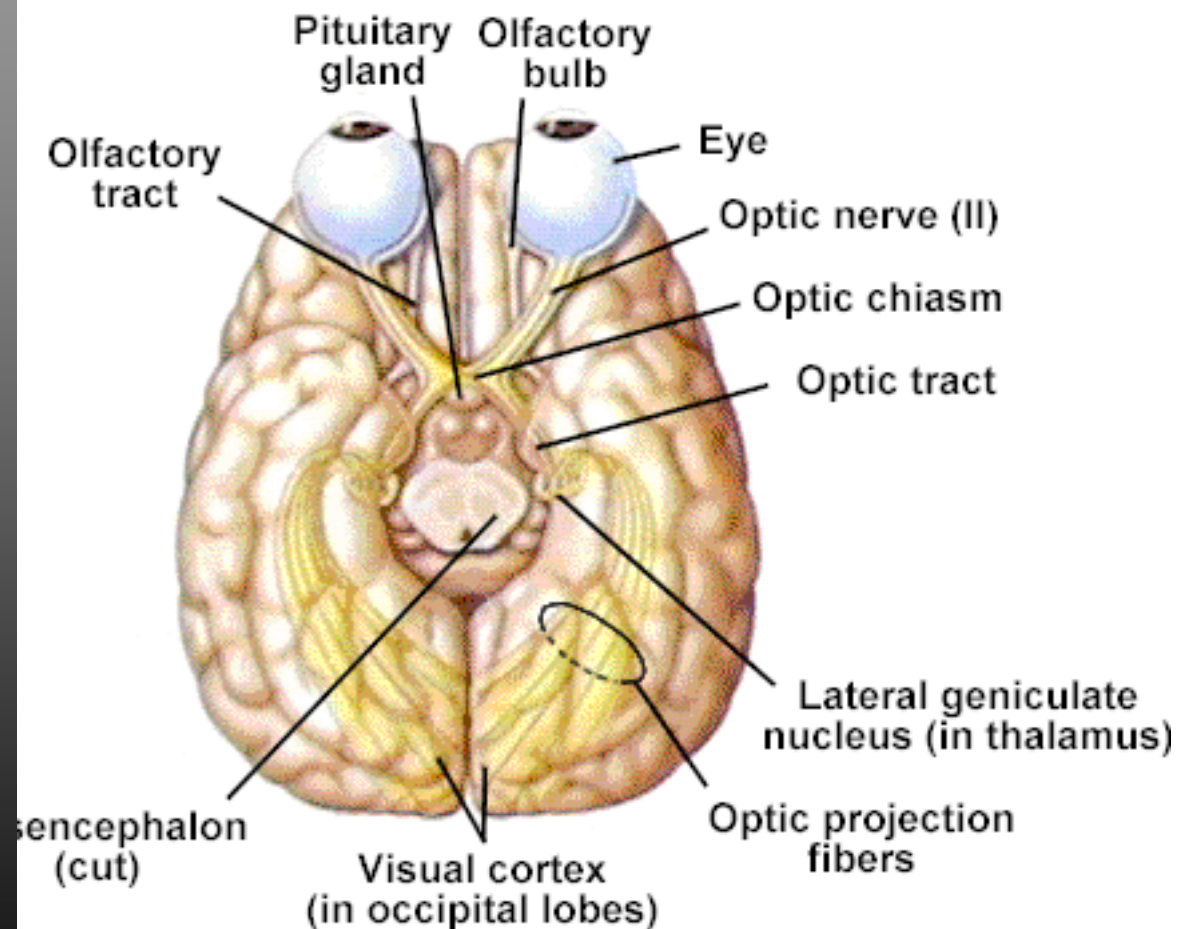


Optic Nerve (N II)

C: Sensory

O: Retina

D: by way of optic foramen of sphenoid to Diencephalon (optic chiasma) and to occipital lobe

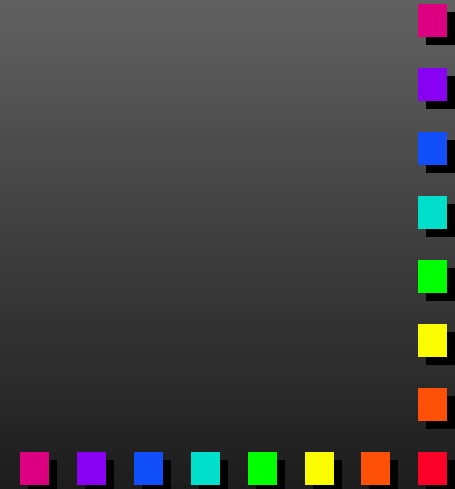


Oculomotor (N III)

C: Motor

O: Mesencephalon

D: Somatic motor to superior, inferior, medial recti and inferior oblique; visceral motor to intrinsic eye muscles by way of superior orbital fissure



Trochlear (N IV)

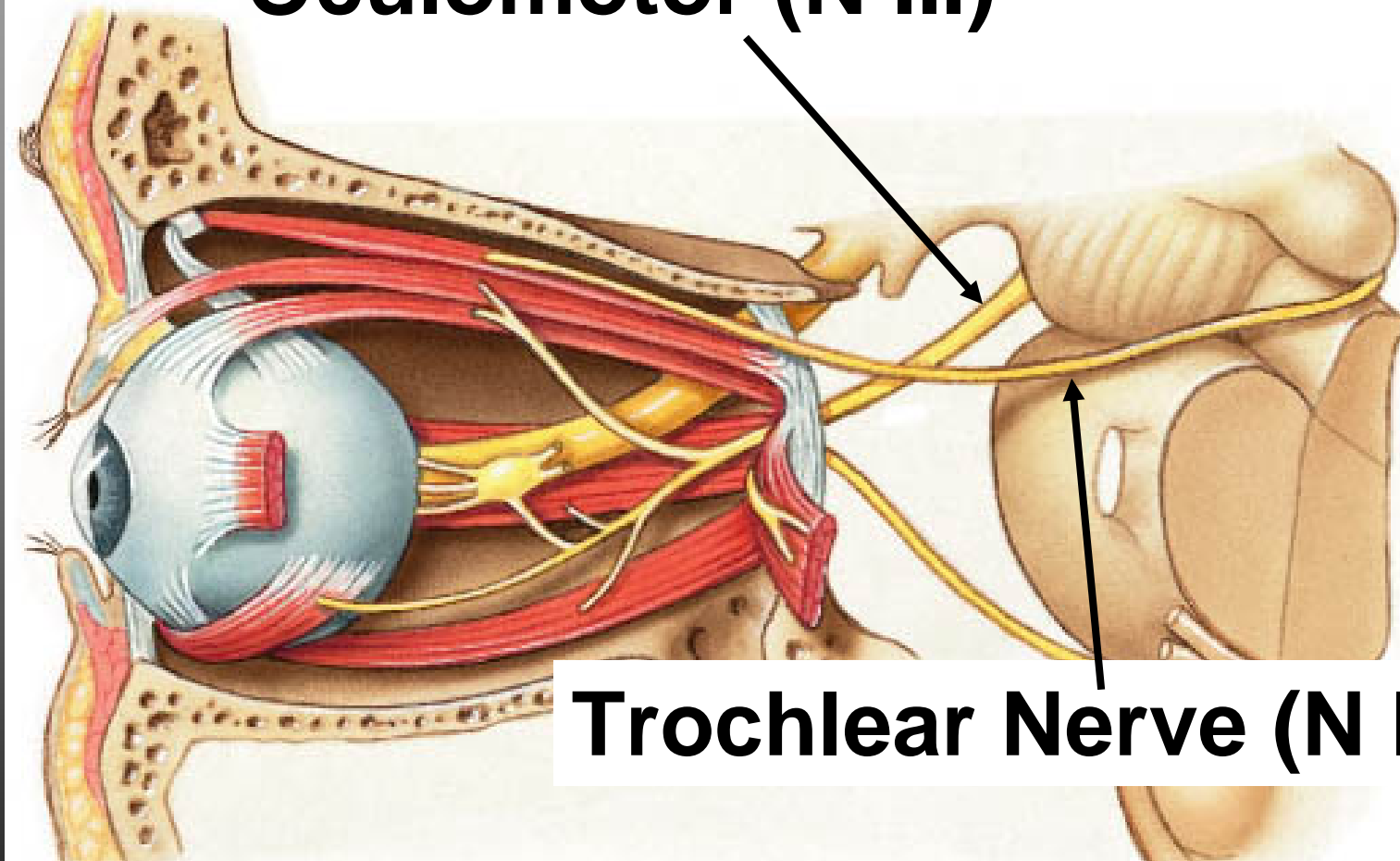
C: Motor

O: Mesencephalon

D: superior oblique muscle
by way of superior
orbital fissure



Oculomotor (N III)



Trochlear Nerve (N IV)

Lateral view



Trigeminal (CN V)

C: Mixed

three major branches

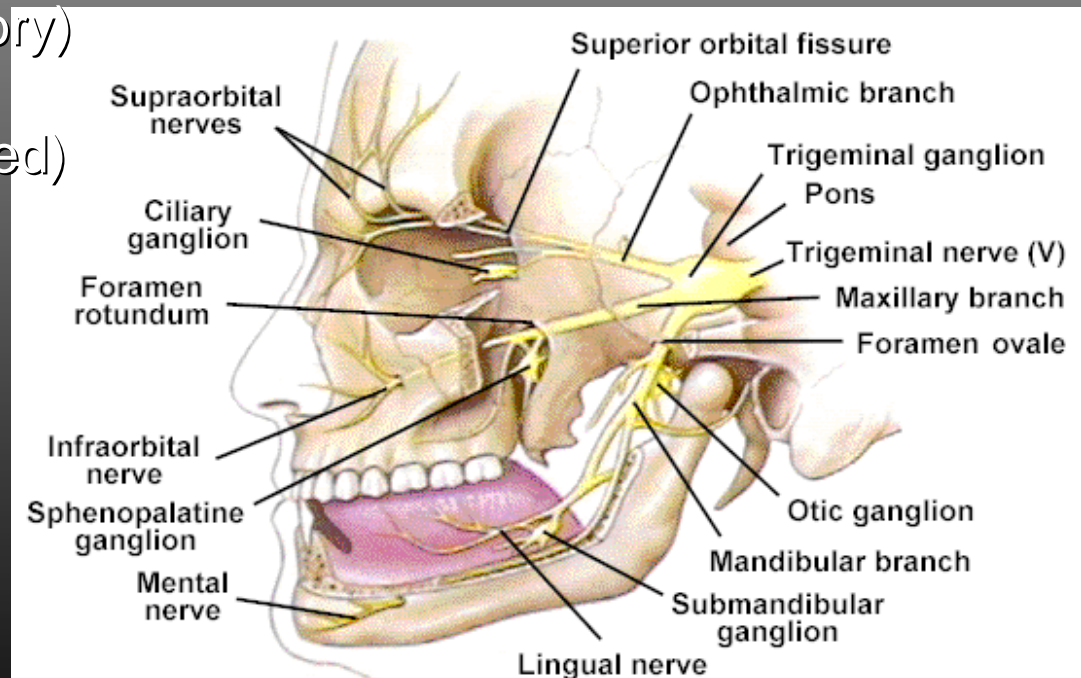
1. Ophthalmic (sensory)

2. Maxillary (sensory)

3. Mandibular (mixed)

O: face / nuclei of pons

D: sensory nuclei in pons /
muscles of mastication

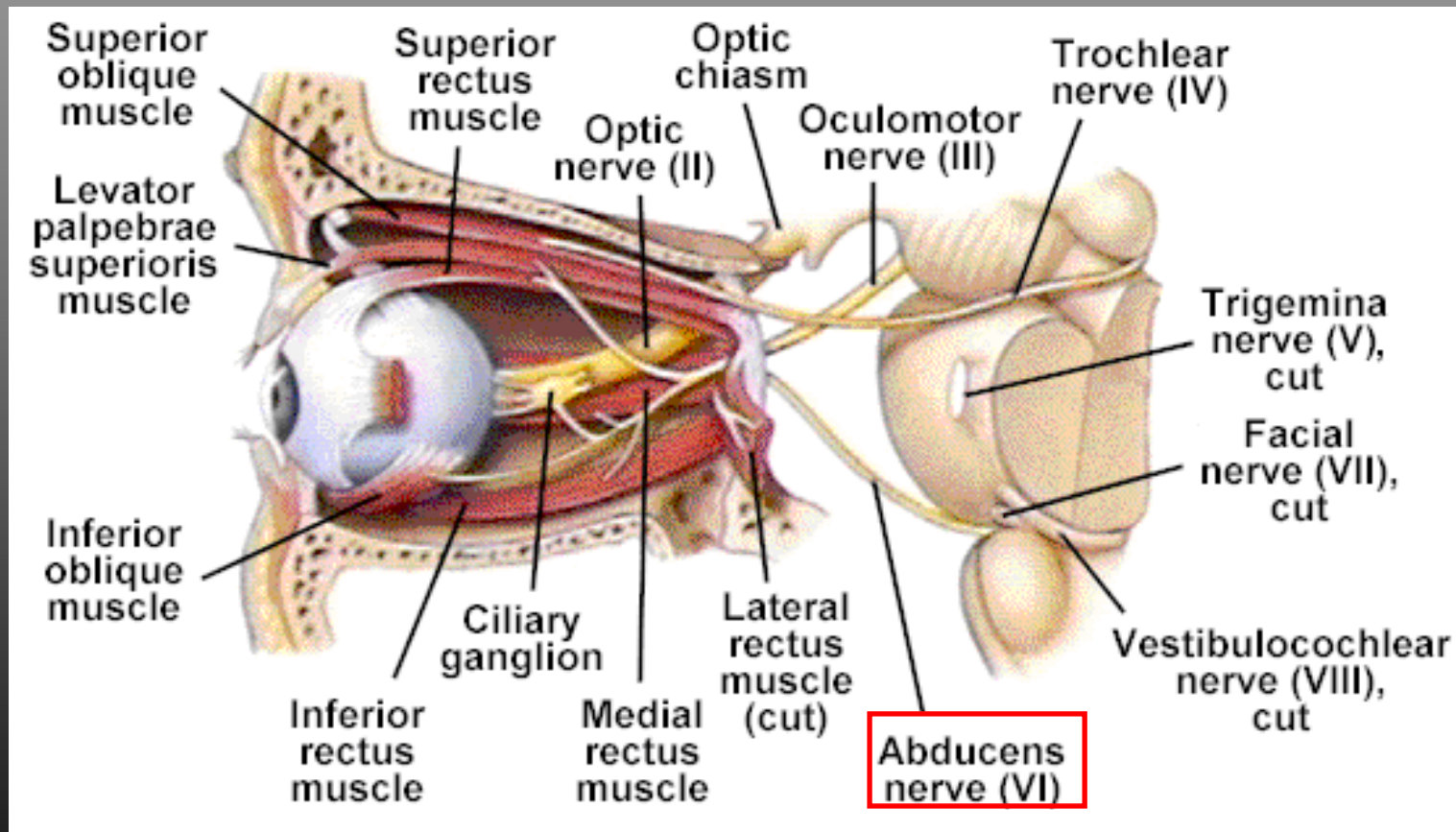


Abducens (CN VI)

C: Motor

O: Pons

D: Lateral rectus eye muscle



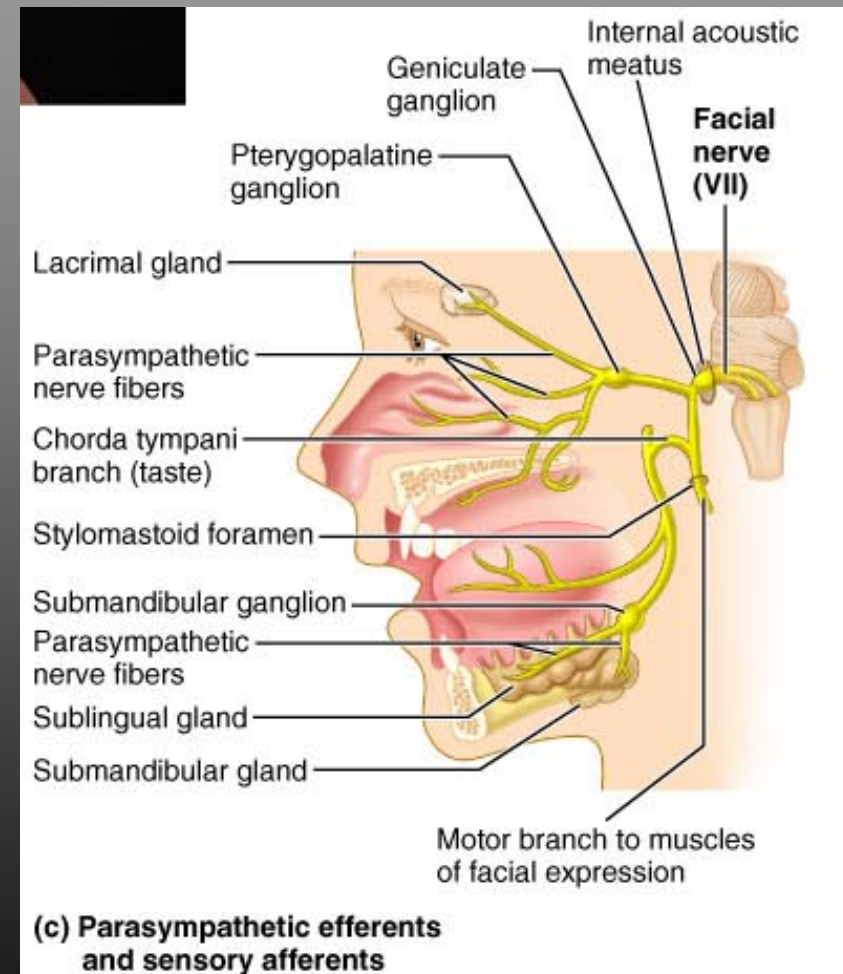
Facial (CN VII)

C: Mixed

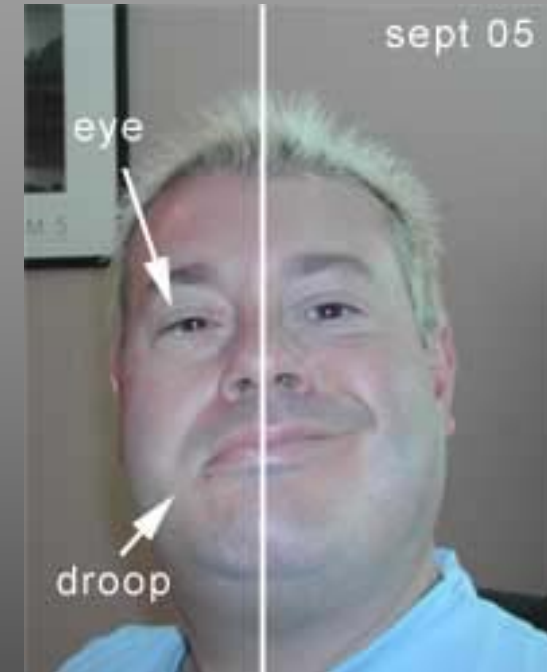
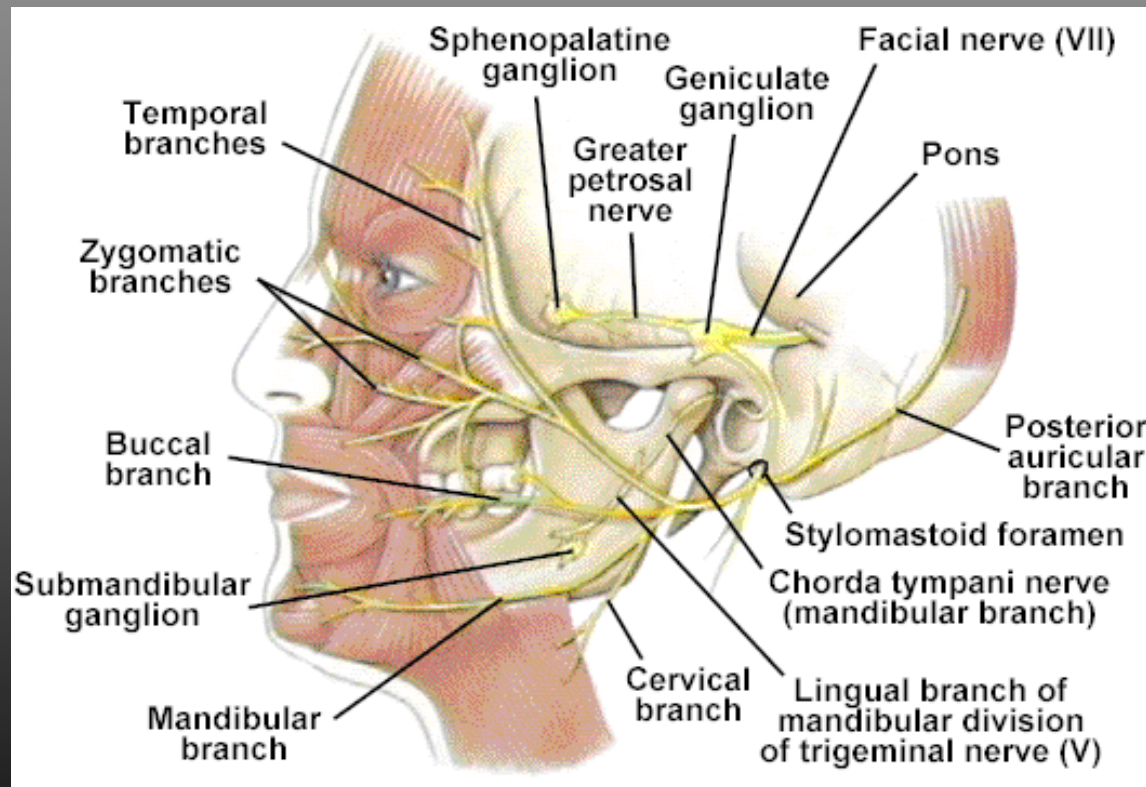
O: sensory from taste receptors of anterior 2/3 of tongue / motor from pons

D: Sensory to sensory nuclei of pons / motor muscles of facial expression, visceral motor to tear gland.

Table 14.3



Facial (CN VII), cont'd

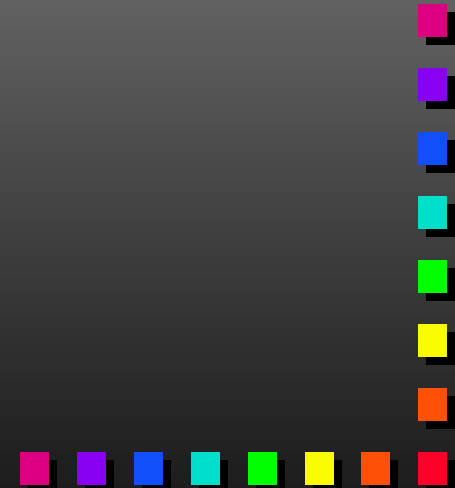


Bell's Palsy

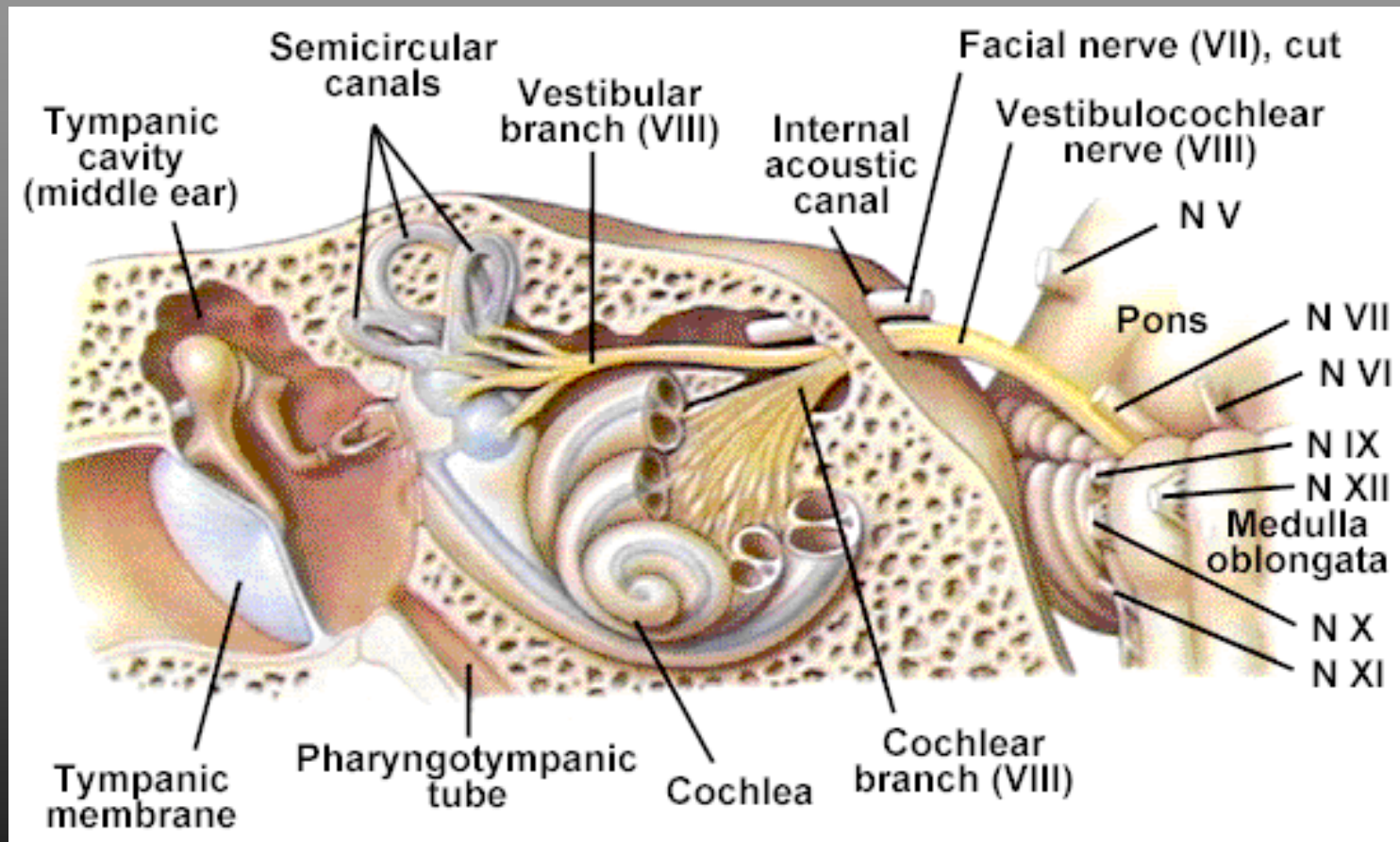


Vestibulocochlear (CN VIII)

- C: Sensory
- O: Receptors of inner Ear
- D: Nuclei in Pons and medulla oblongata
- AKA acoustic nerve



Vestibulocochlear (CN VIII)

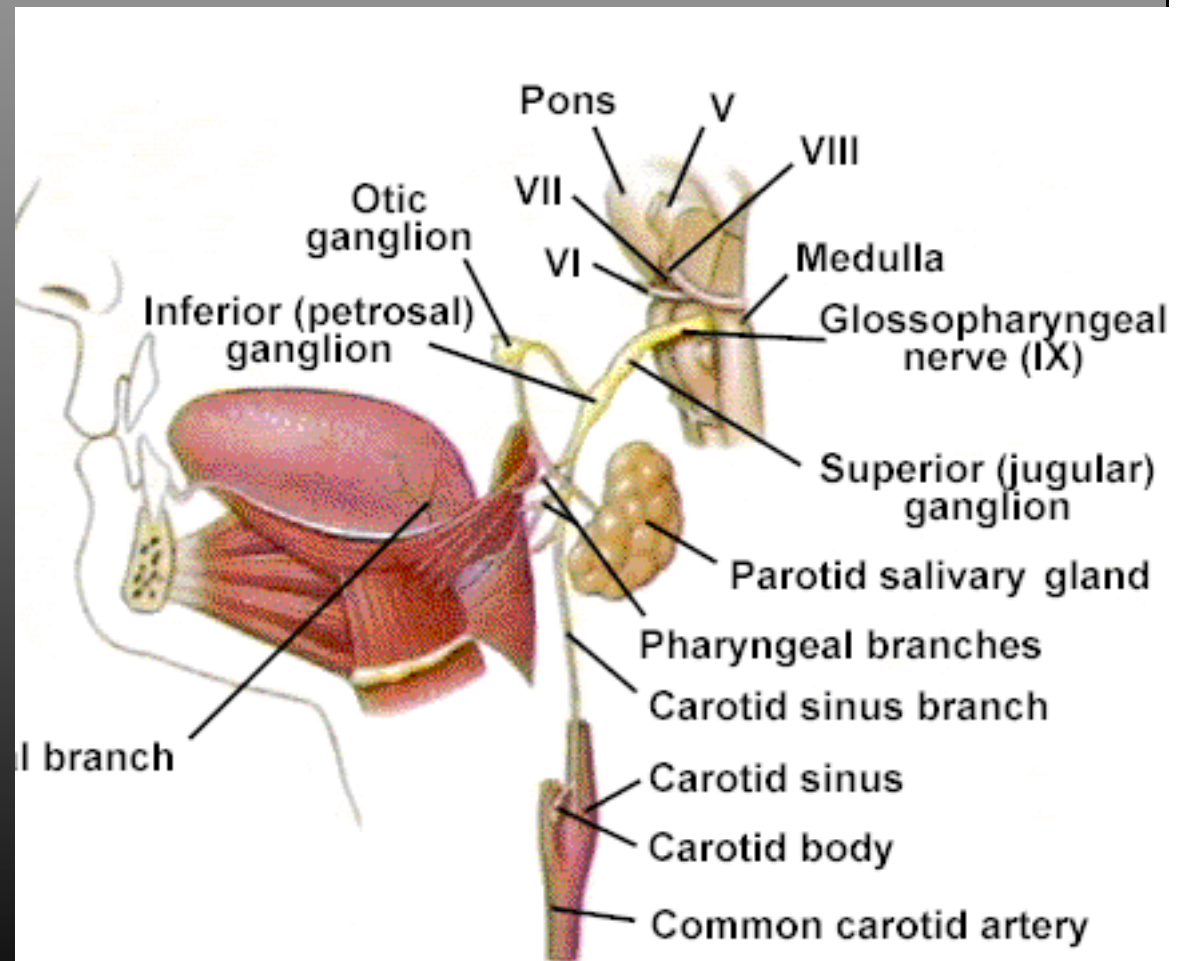


Glossopharyngeal (CN IX)

C: mixed

O: sensory from posterior 1/3 of tongue / motor from medulla oblongata

D: medulla / muscles for swallowing, parotid gland



Vagus (CN X)

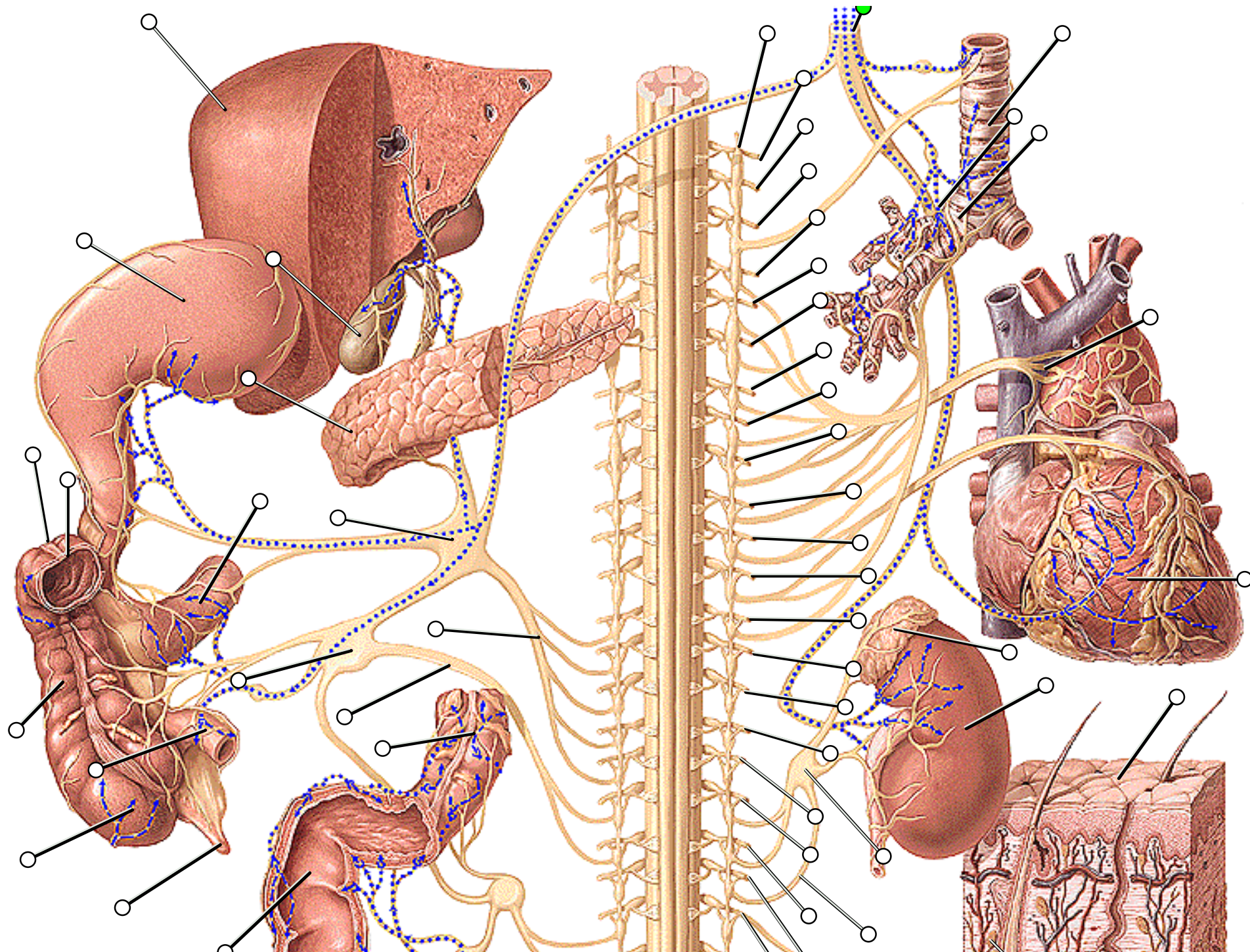
C: Mixed

O: Sensation from pharyngeal area and outer ear / motor from medulla

D: Sensory to medulla / visceral (autonomic) motor to thoracic and abdominal cavities and their organs. **Major motor pathway for ANS**

Most important Cranial Nerve!





Accessory (CN XI) AKA Spinal Accessory

C: Motor

O: Motor nuclei of medulla and spinal cord

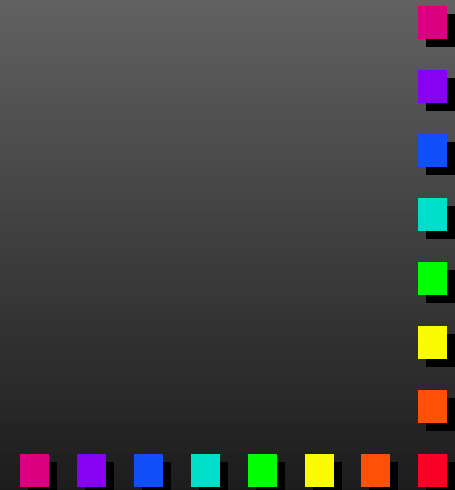
D: Swallowing, trapezius & scm muscles

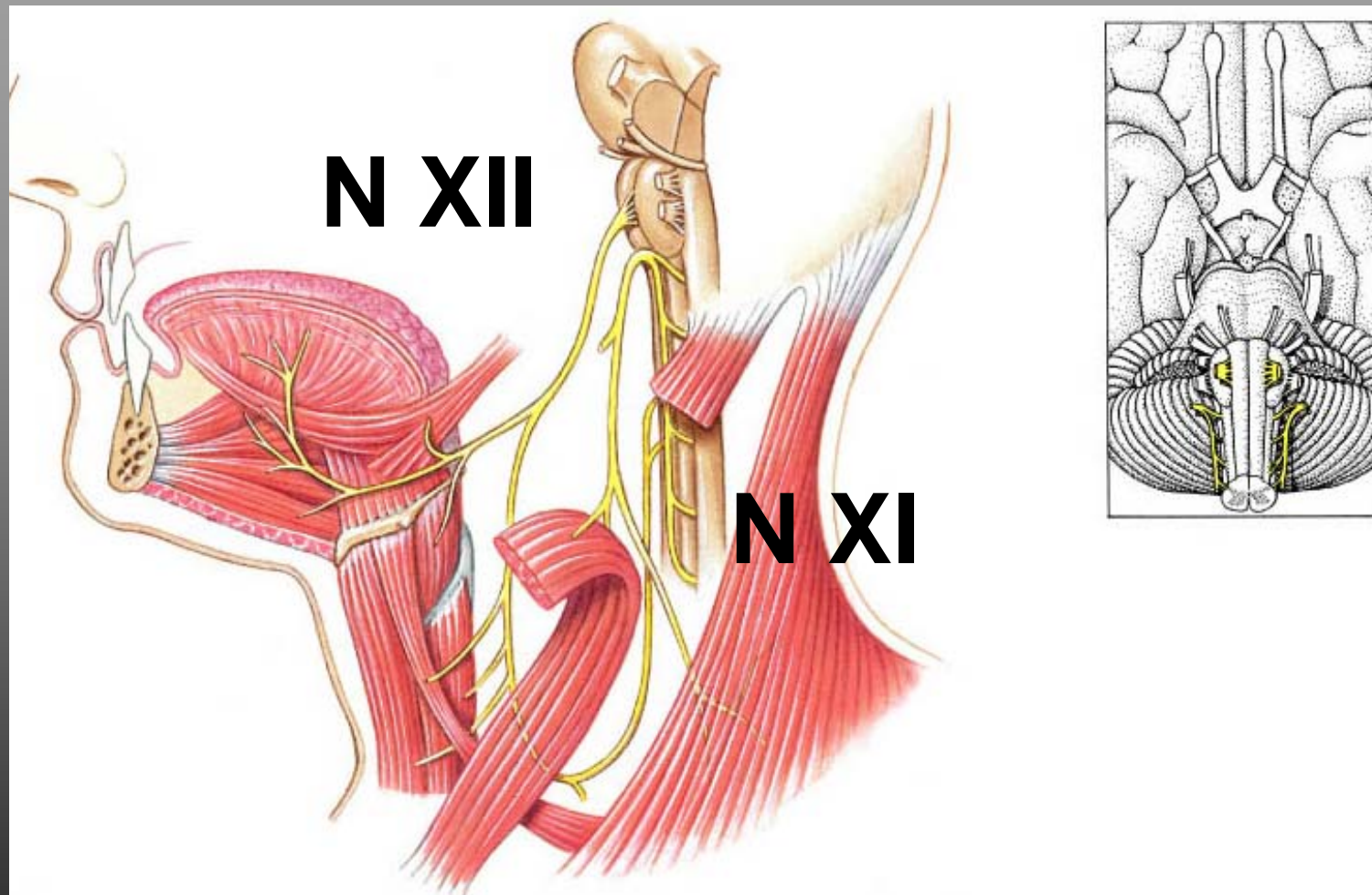
Hypoglossal (N XII)

C: Motor

O: Motor nuclei of medulla

D: Tongue musculature





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Mnemonics

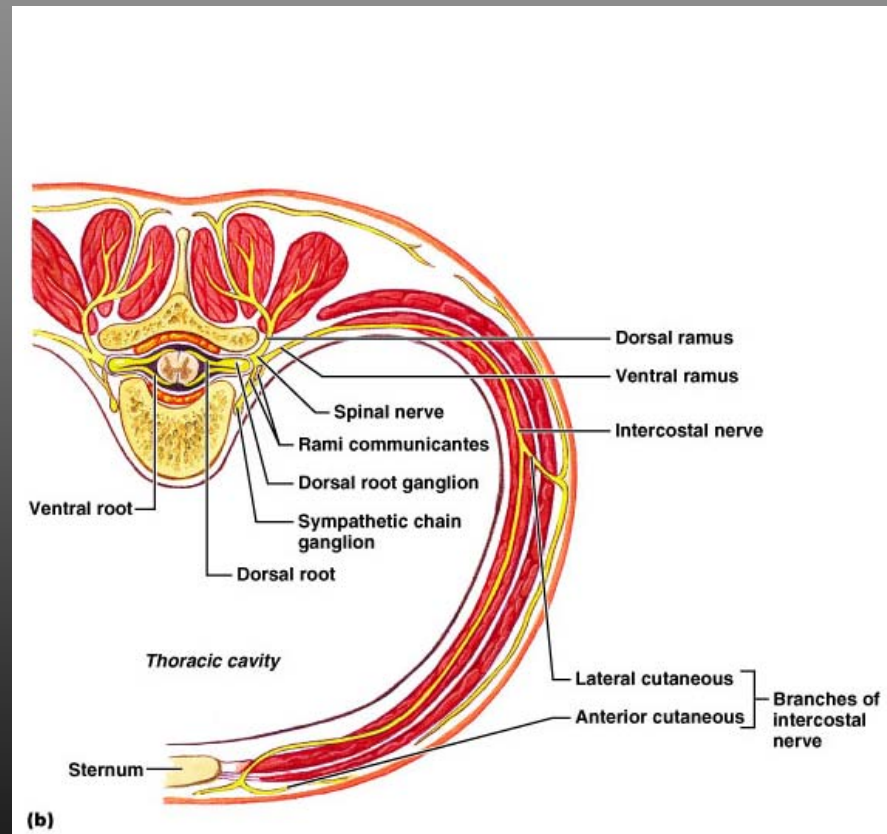
**Out On Our Table Top Are Fruits,
Very Green Veggies And
Hamburgers**

*Oh, Once One Takes The Anatomy
Final, Very Good Vacations Appear
Heavenly*



Spinal Nerves

- Sensory and Motor (of course)
- Through the Intervertebral Foramina
- Dermatomes

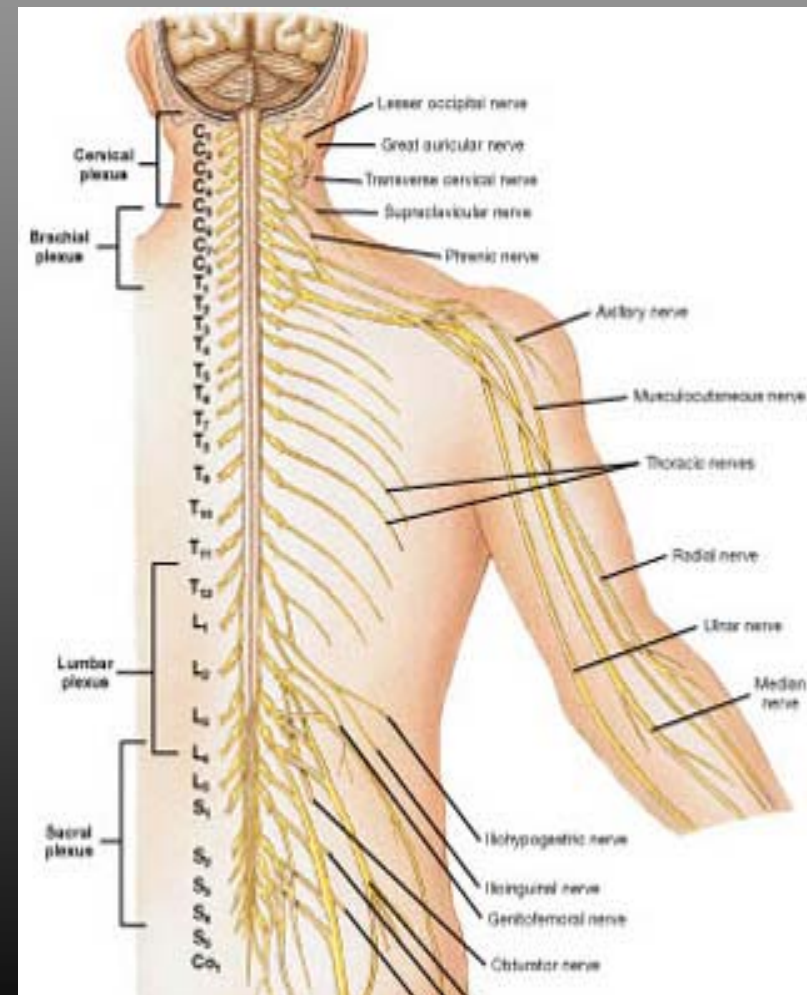


4 Principal Plexuses

A blend, or network, of nerve fibers from several spinal roots.

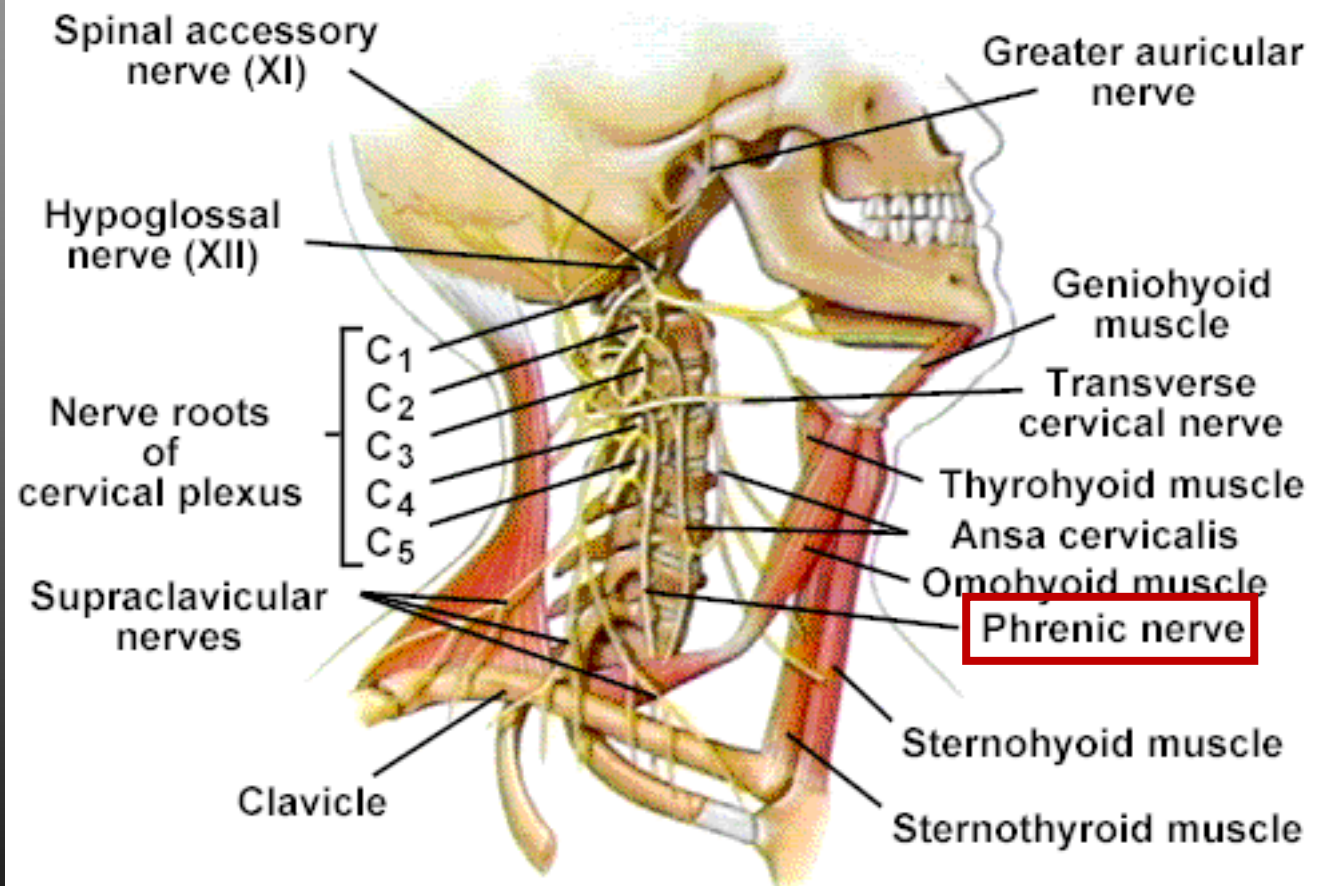
**Cervical, includes
Phrenic N.**

**Brachial
Lumbar
Sacral**

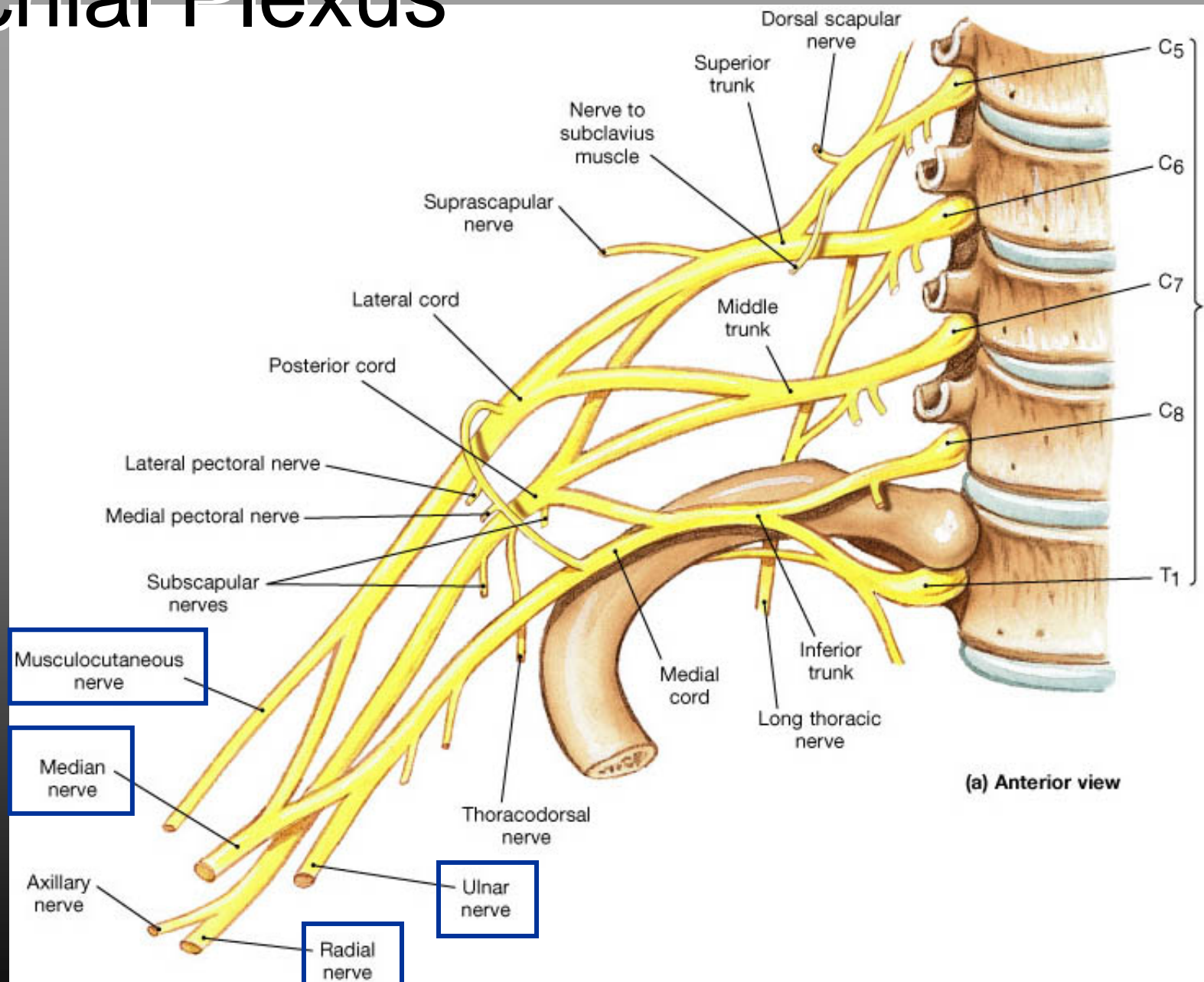


Cervical Plexus

Phrenic nerve
- innervates
diaphragm



Brachial Plexus



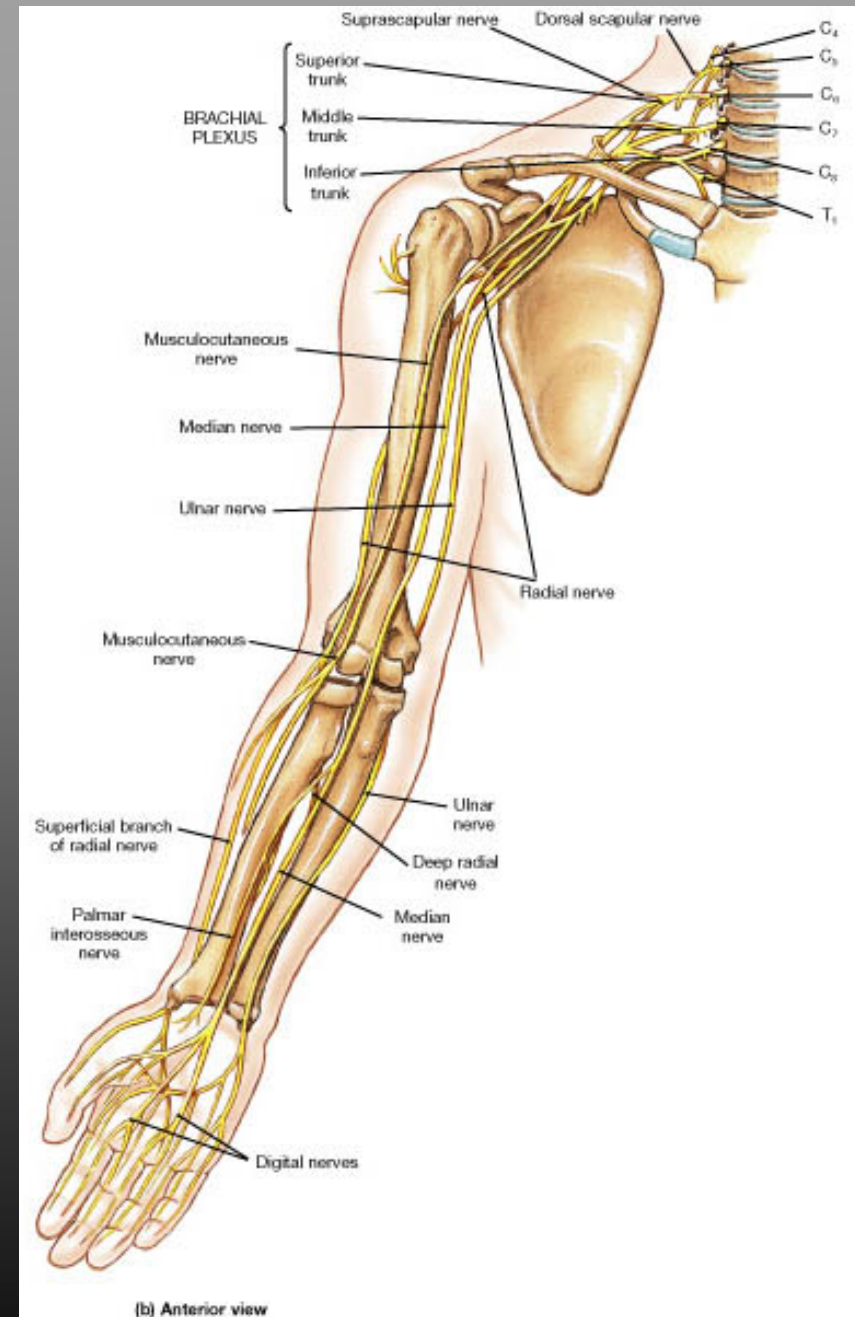
Nerves of the Arm

Musculocutaneous nerve – innervates biceps and brachialis muscles

Median nerve - innervates lateral flexors

Ulnar nerve - innervates medial flexors

Radial nerve - innervates forearm extensors

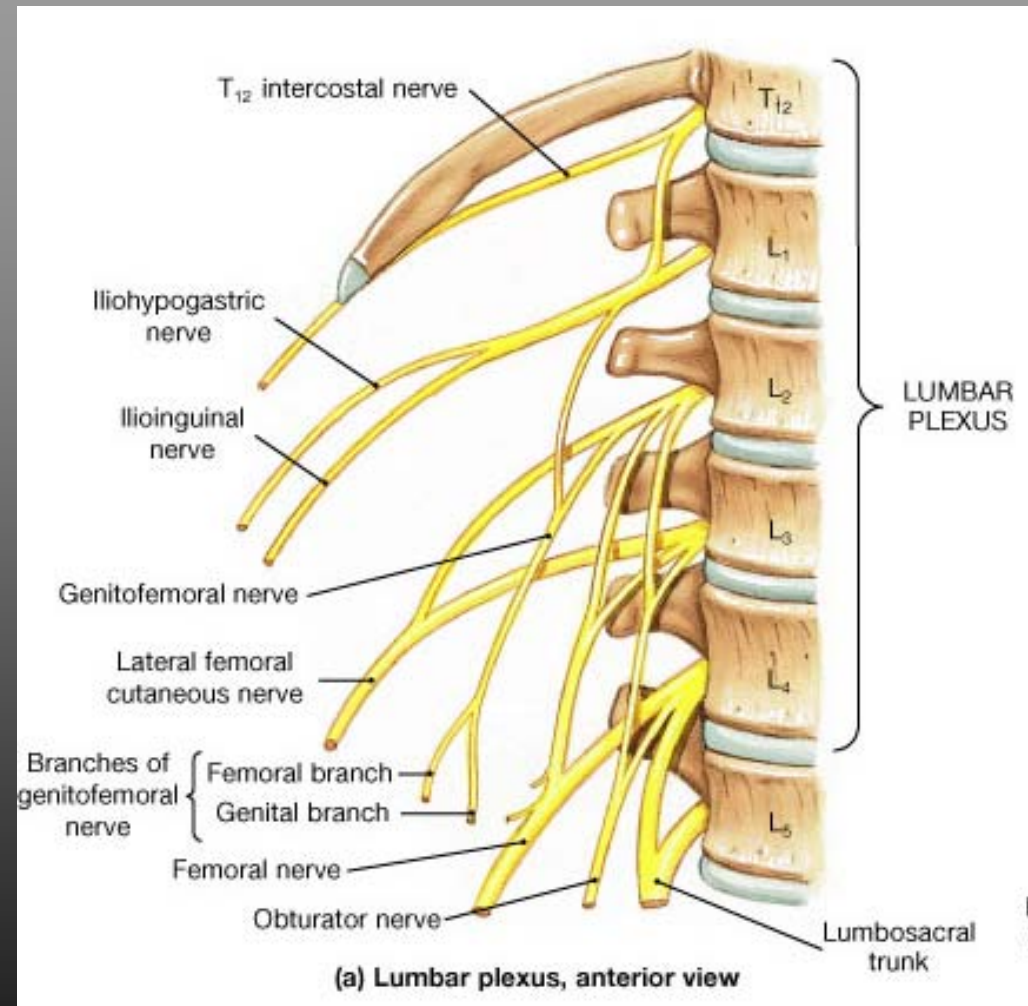


Lumbar Plexus

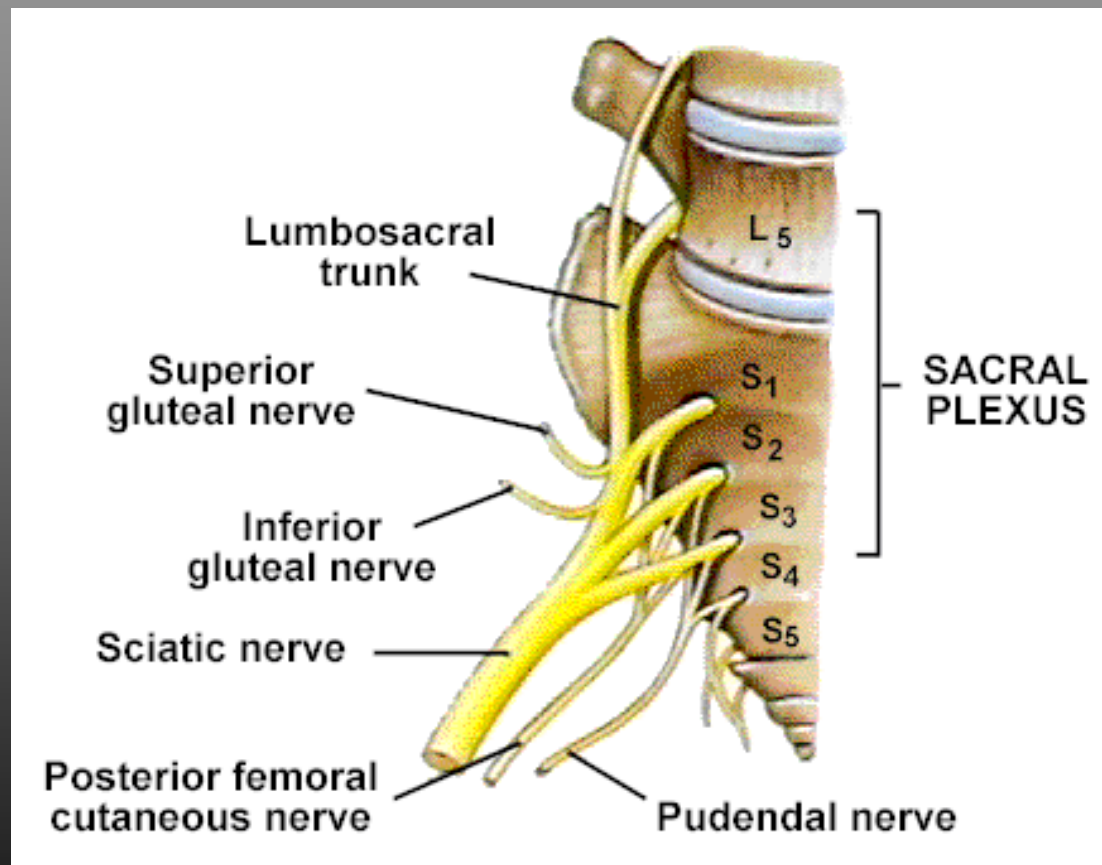
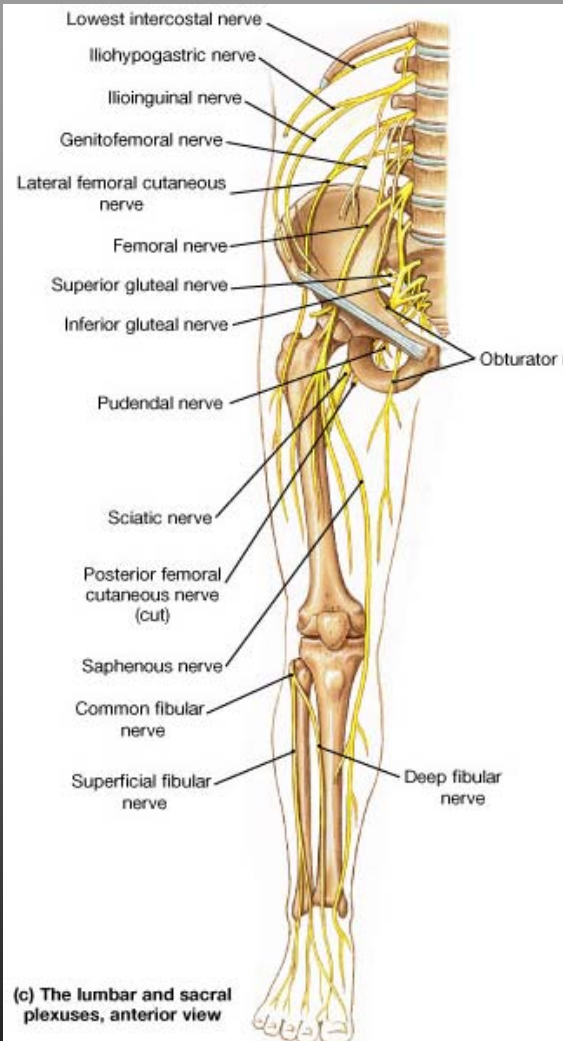
Femoral Nerve

Lumbosacral
Trunk (to Sciatic
Nerve)

Obturator Nerve



Sacral Plexus



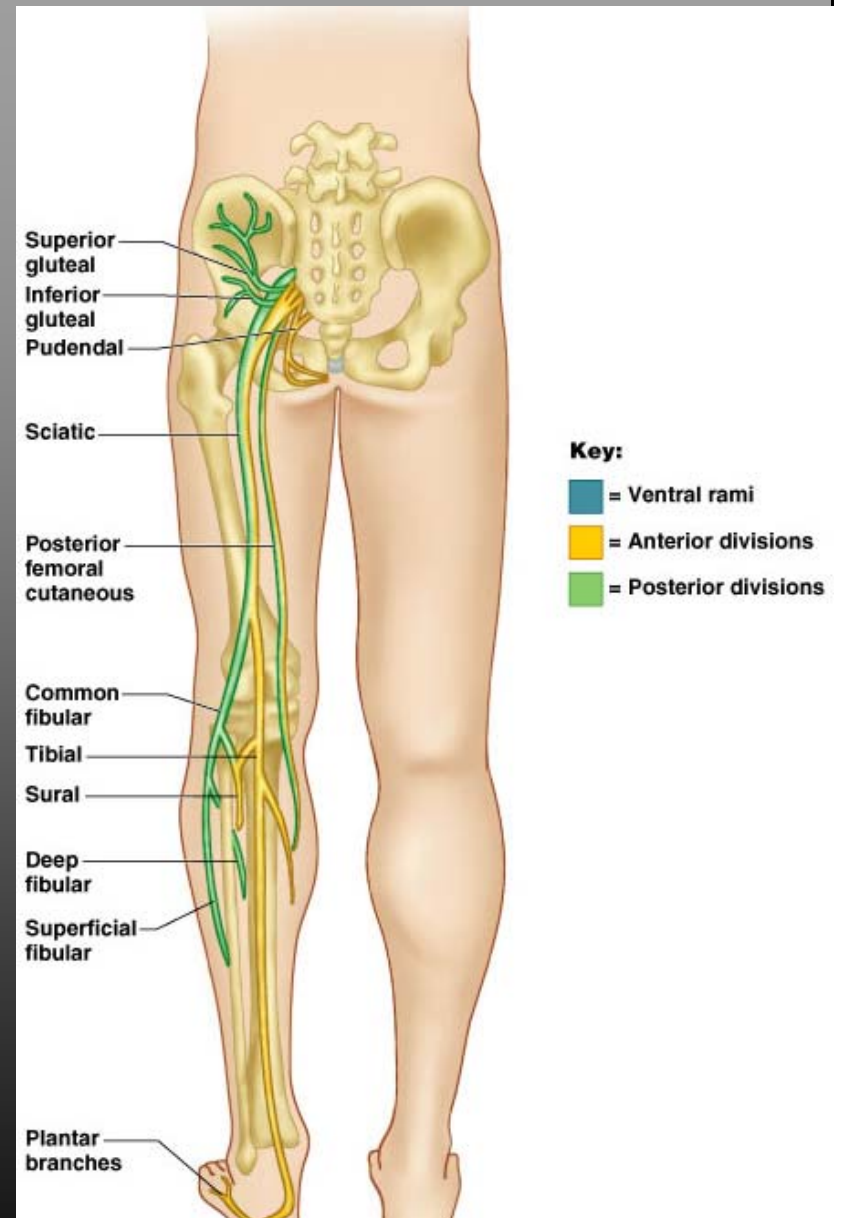
Nerves of the Leg

- **Sciatic N.**

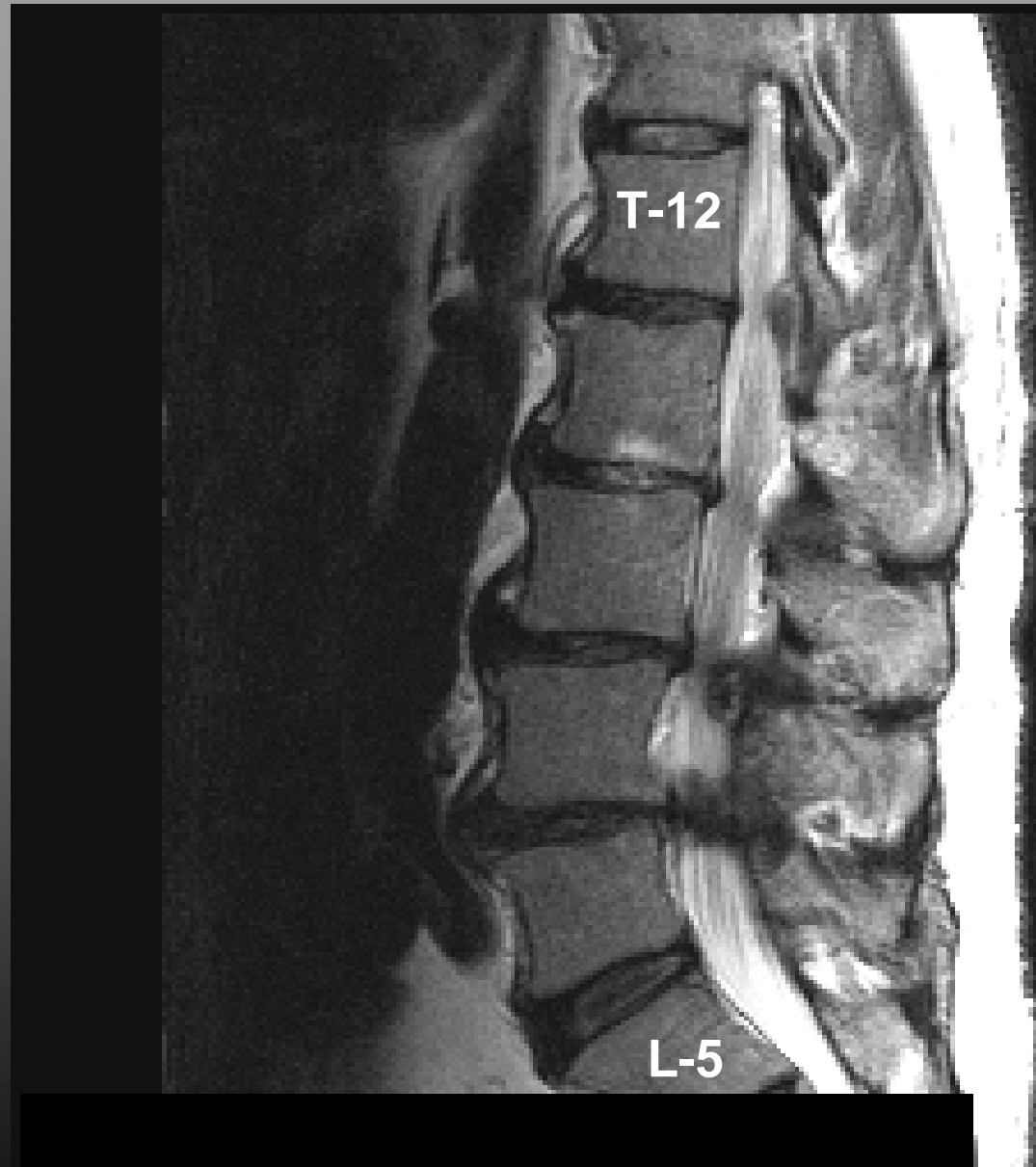
- Thickest and Longest
- Branches to Tibial and Fibular Nerves

- **Femoral N.**

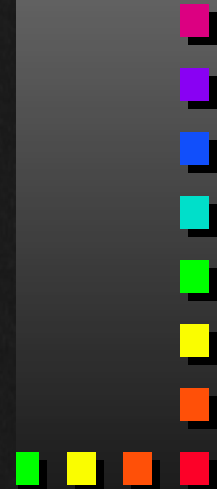
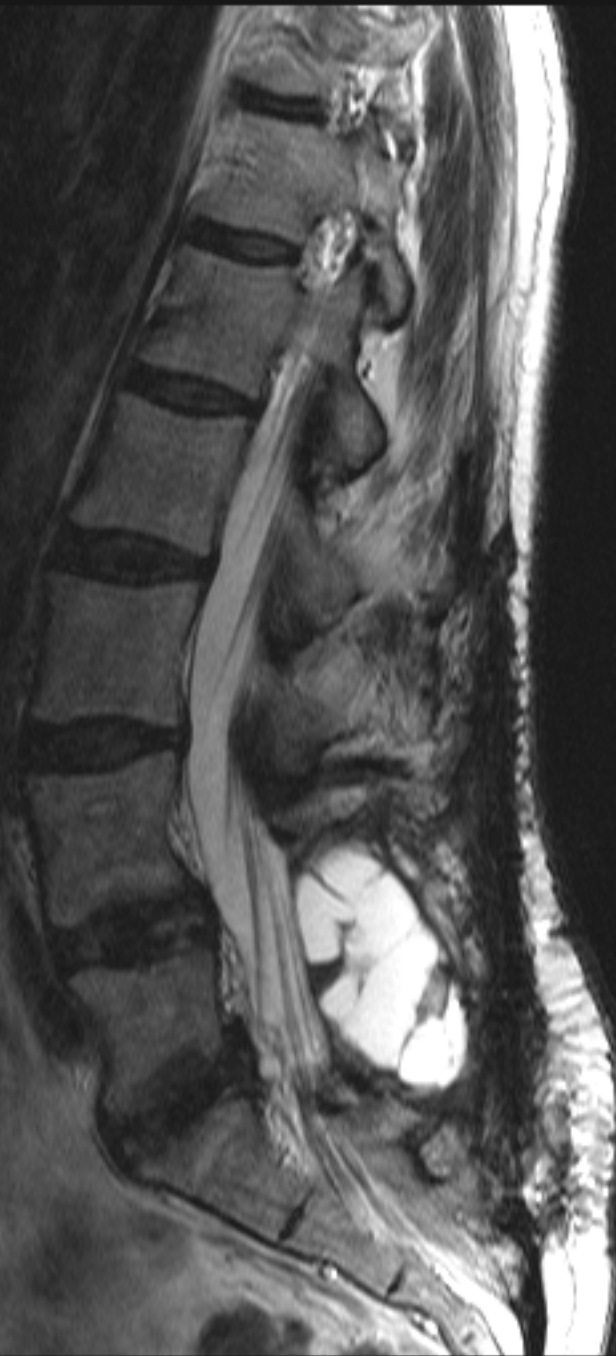
- Posterior aspect of leg



**Narrow
lumbar disk
spaces result
in pressure
on the spinal
roots**

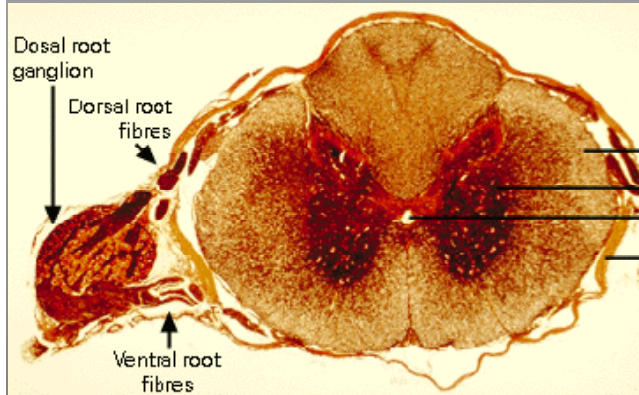


**The white
oval is a
postsurgical
cyst or
abscess**



Shingles

- *Varicella-zoster virus* (of the herpes family)
- In dorsal root ganglia and cranial nerves
- Initial infection: chicken pox



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