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ANATOMY / 2nd Stage

Head and Neck

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Cranial Nerves

Cranial Nerves

- Cranial nerves are **bundles of sensory or motor fibers** that innervate muscles or glands; carry impulses from sensory receptors, or show a combination of these fiber types.
- 12 pairs of cranial nerves are part of the peripheral nervous system arise from the base of the brain exit the cranium through foramina or fissures lead to muscles and sense organs located mainly in the head and neck.

Cranial Nerve Pathways

Mostly motor fibers in the cranial nerves begin:

In nuclei of brainstem and lead to glands and muscles.

Sensory fibers begin:

In receptors located mainly in head and neck and lead mainly to the brainstem.

Classification of cranial nerves

Sensory cranial nerves: contain only afferent (sensory) fibers:

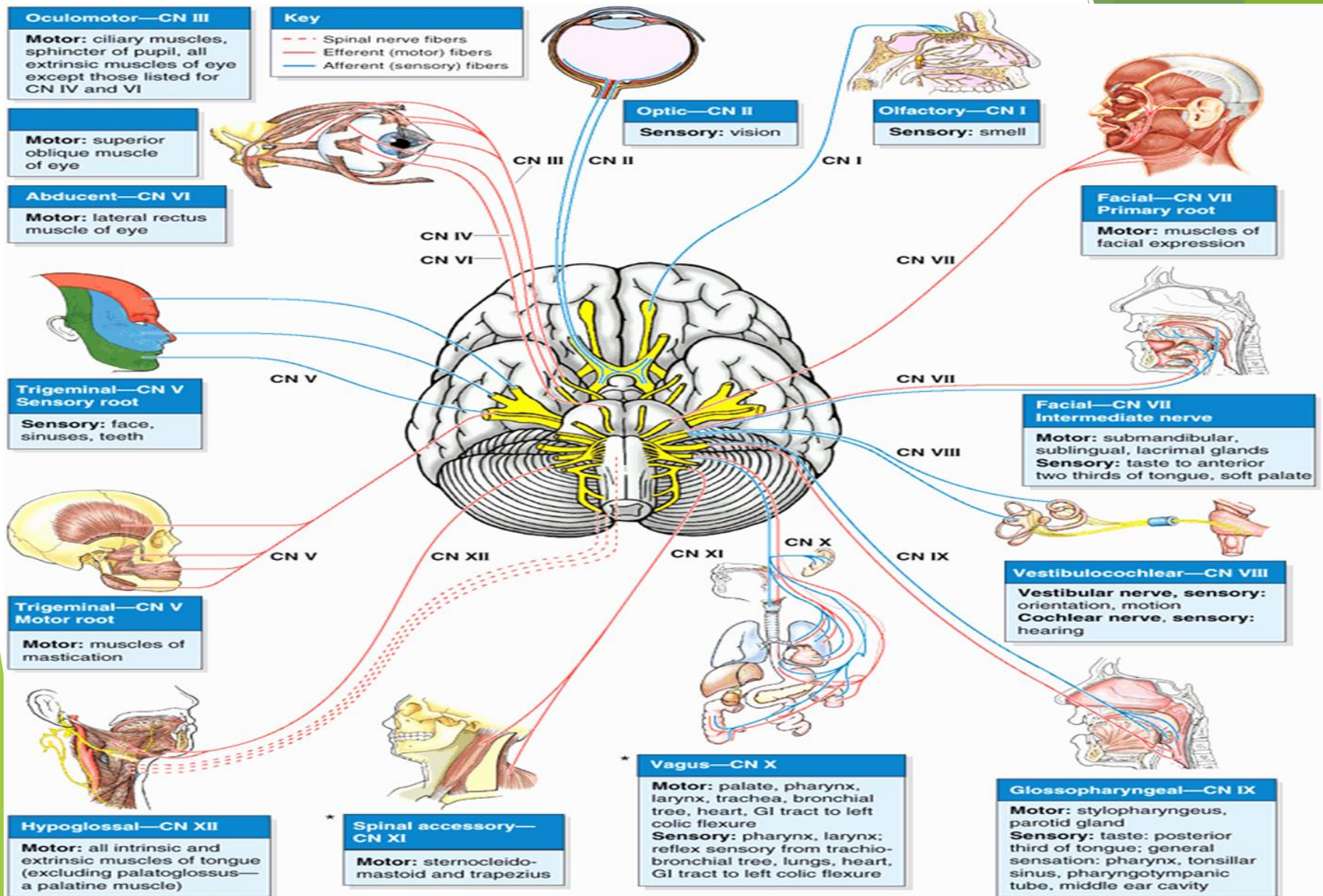
- I Olfactory nerve (1)
- II Optic nerve (2)
- VIII Vestibulo-cochlear nerve (8)

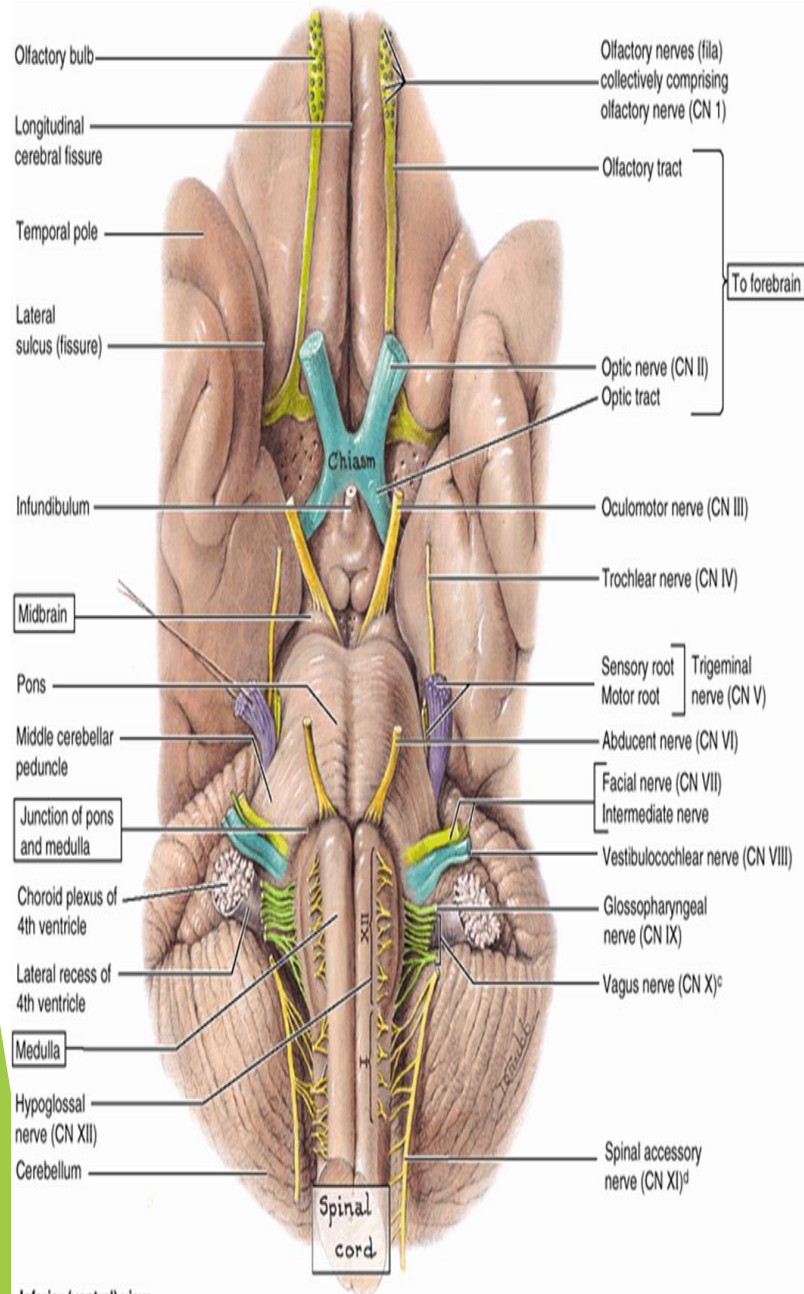
Motor cranial nerves: contain only efferent (motor) fibers:

- III Oculomotor nerve (3)
- IV Trochlear nerve (4)
- VI Abducent nerve (6)
- XI Accessory nerve (11)
- XII Hypoglossal nerve (12)

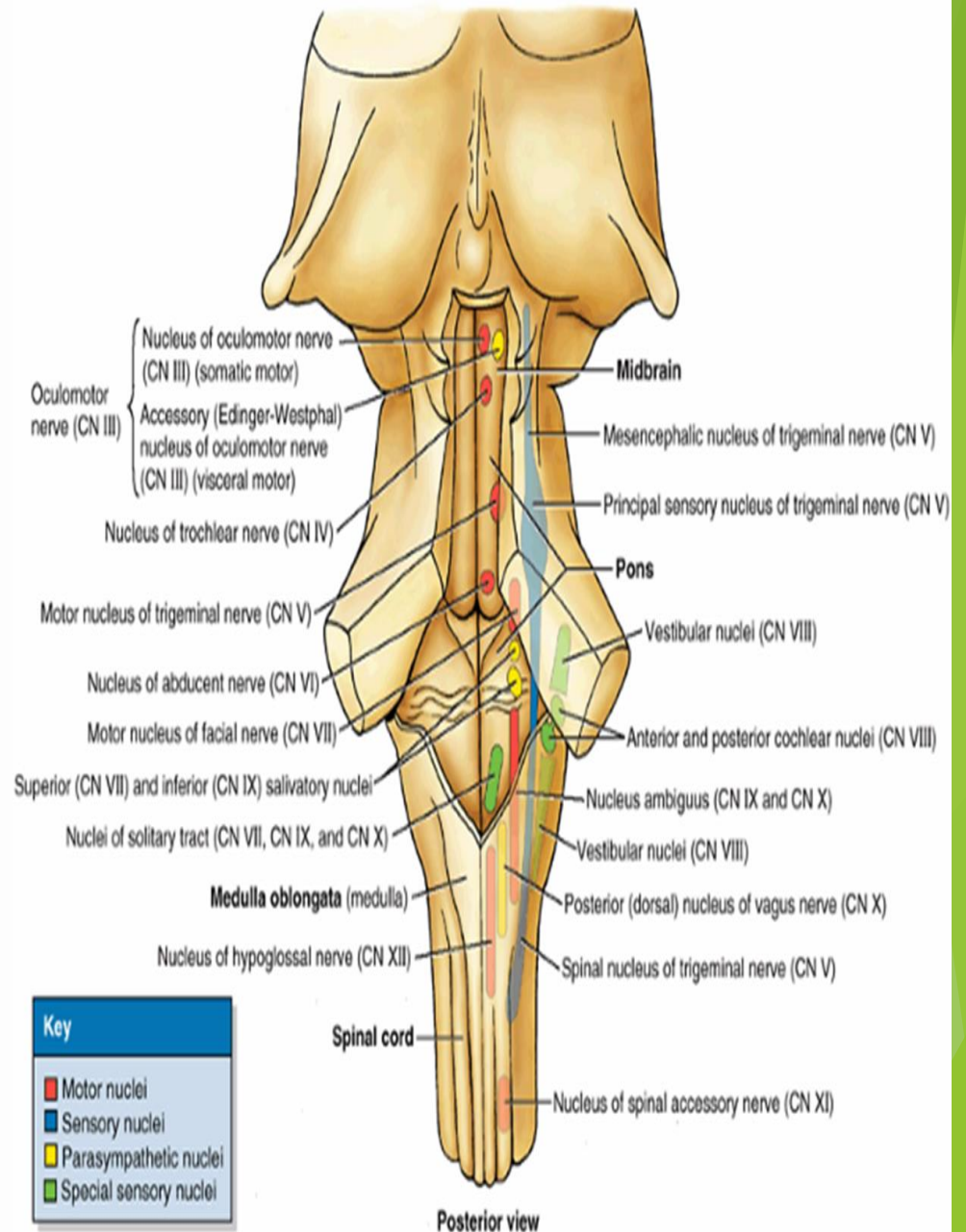
Mixed nerves: contain both sensory and motor fibers:

- V Trigeminal nerve (5)
- VII Facial nerve (7)
- IX Glossopharyngeal nerve (9)
- X Vagus nerve (10)





Inferior (ventral) view

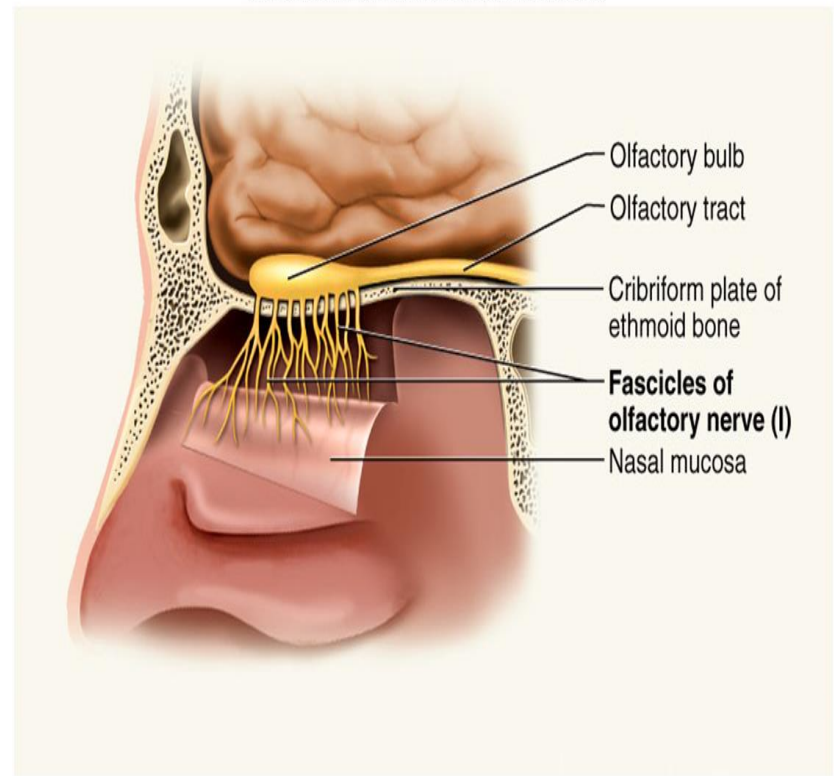


Cranial Nerve I : Olfactory nerve

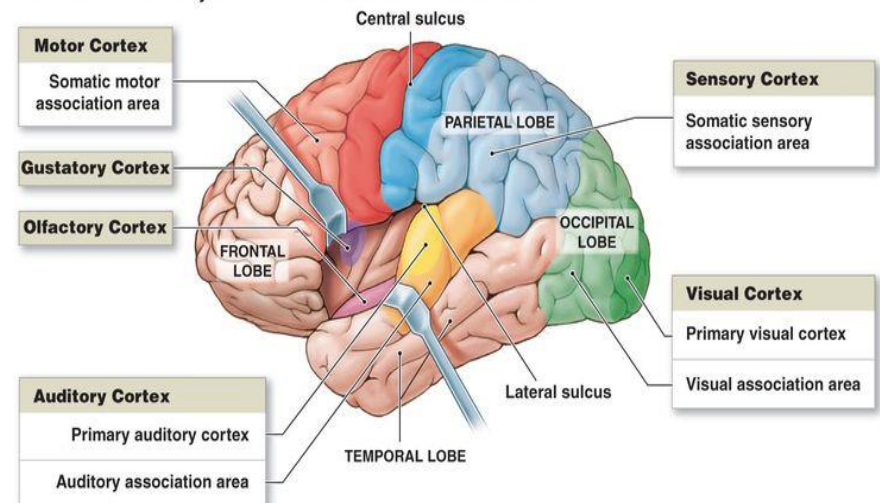
Sensory- Sense of smell

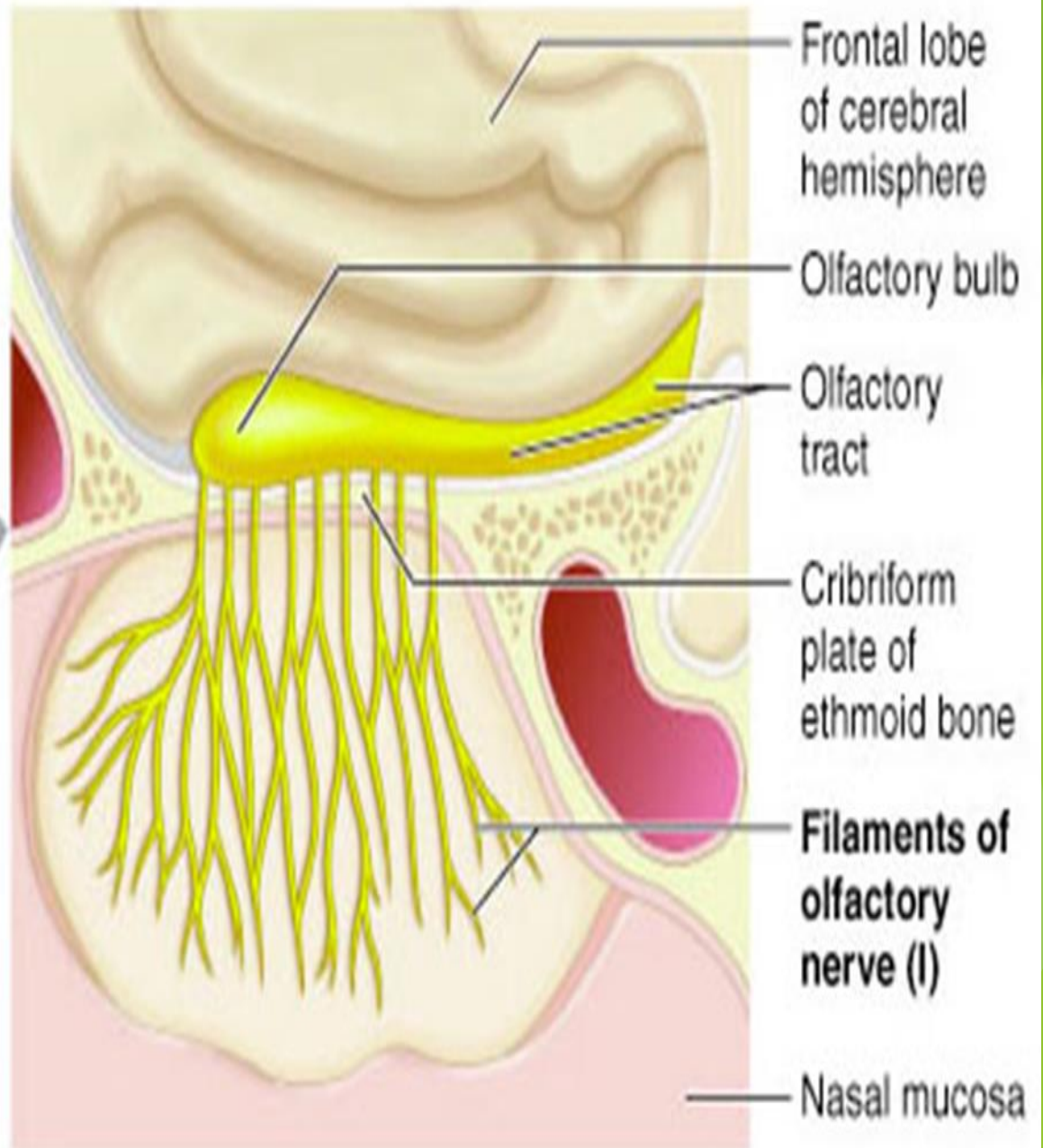
Passes through
cribriform plate of
ethmoid.

The olfactory bulb is
connected to the
olfactory area of the
cerebral cortex by the
olfactory tract.



The motor and sensory cortices and the association areas for each





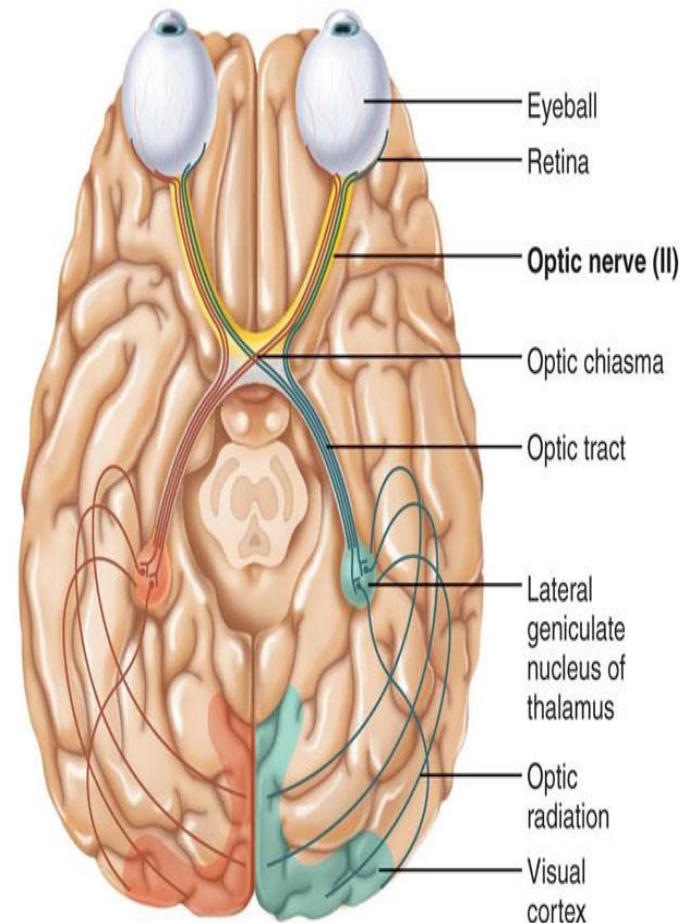
Cranial Nerve II : Optic Nerve

Sensory-Provides vision

The optic nerve, is a paired nerve that transmits visual information from the **retina** **to the brain**.

Optic nerves pass through the optic canals then unites with the optic nerve of the opposite side to form the **optic chiasma**.

The Optic Nerves -II



In the chiasma, the fibers from the medial half of each retina cross the midline and enter the optic tract of the opposite side, whereas the fibers from the lateral half of each retina pass posteriorly in the optic tract of the same side.

the optic tract terminate by synapsing with nerve cells in the **lateral geniculate body**.

The axons of the nerve cells of the lateral geniculate body pass posteriorly as the **optic radiation** and terminate in the **visual cortex of the cerebral hemisphere**.

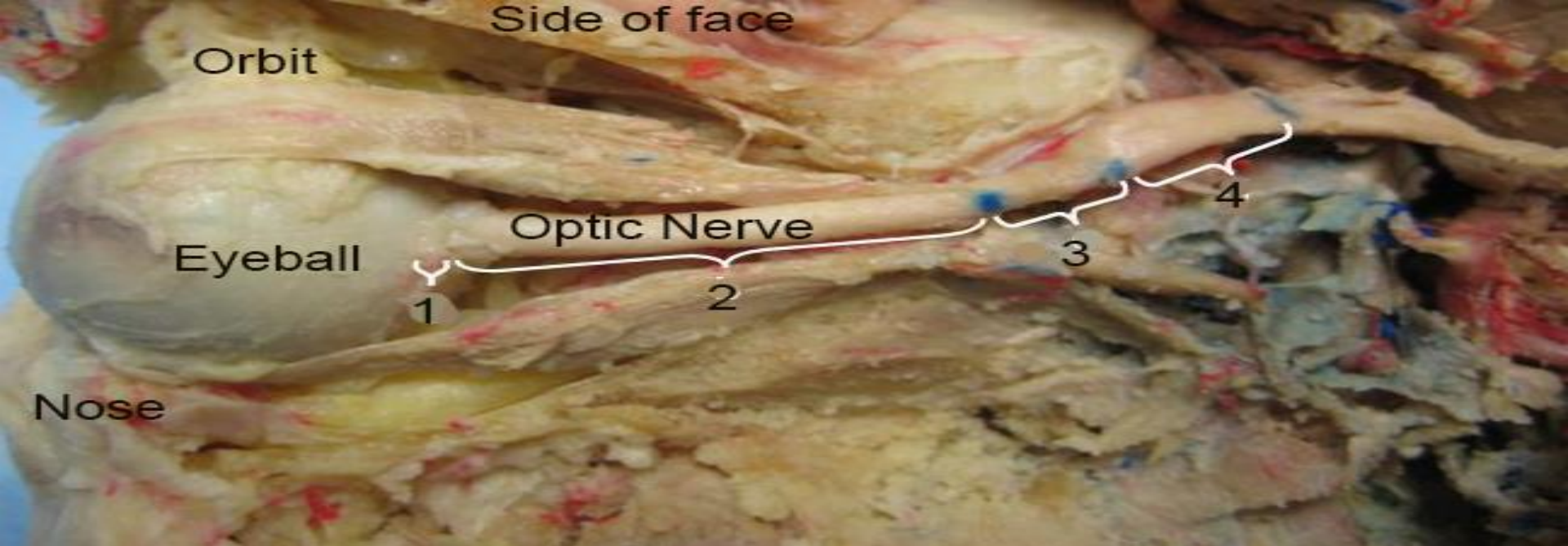
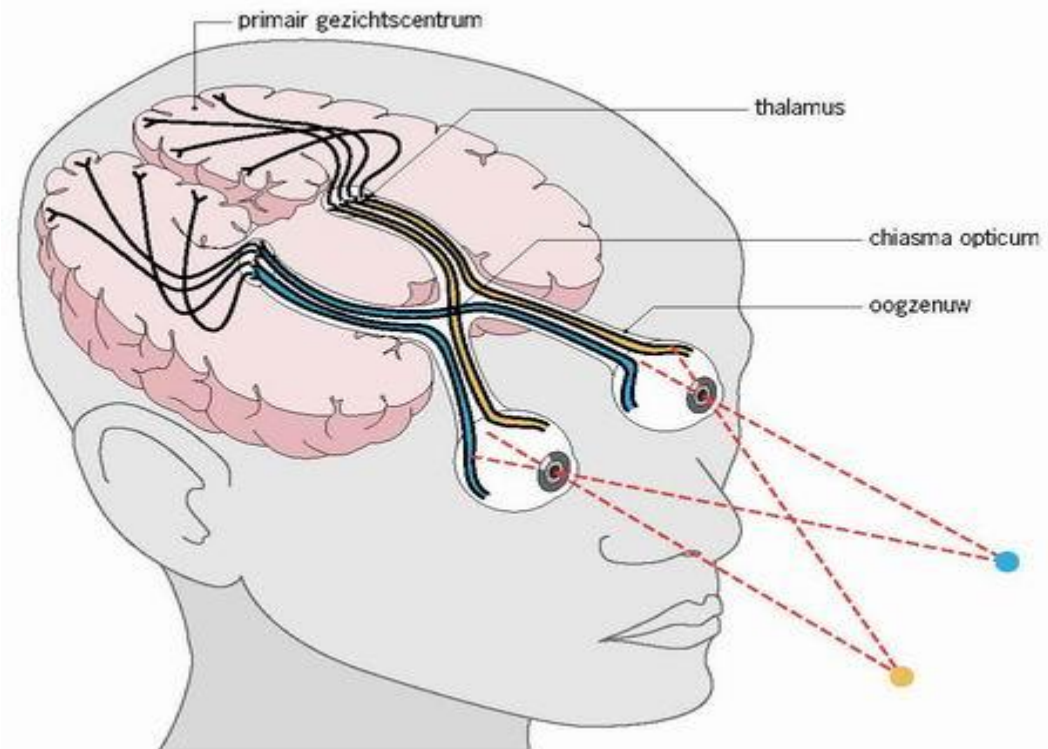
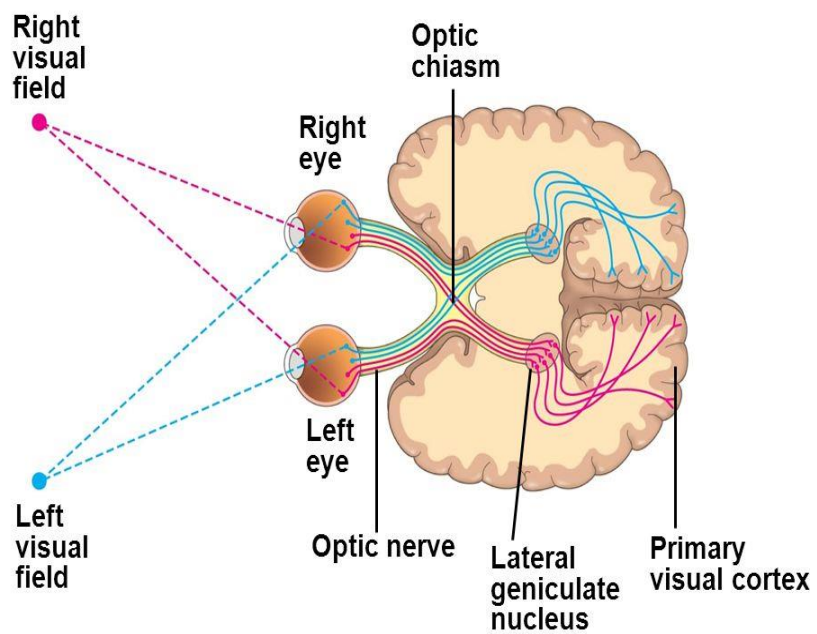


Fig. 50-24 **Neural Pathways for Vision**

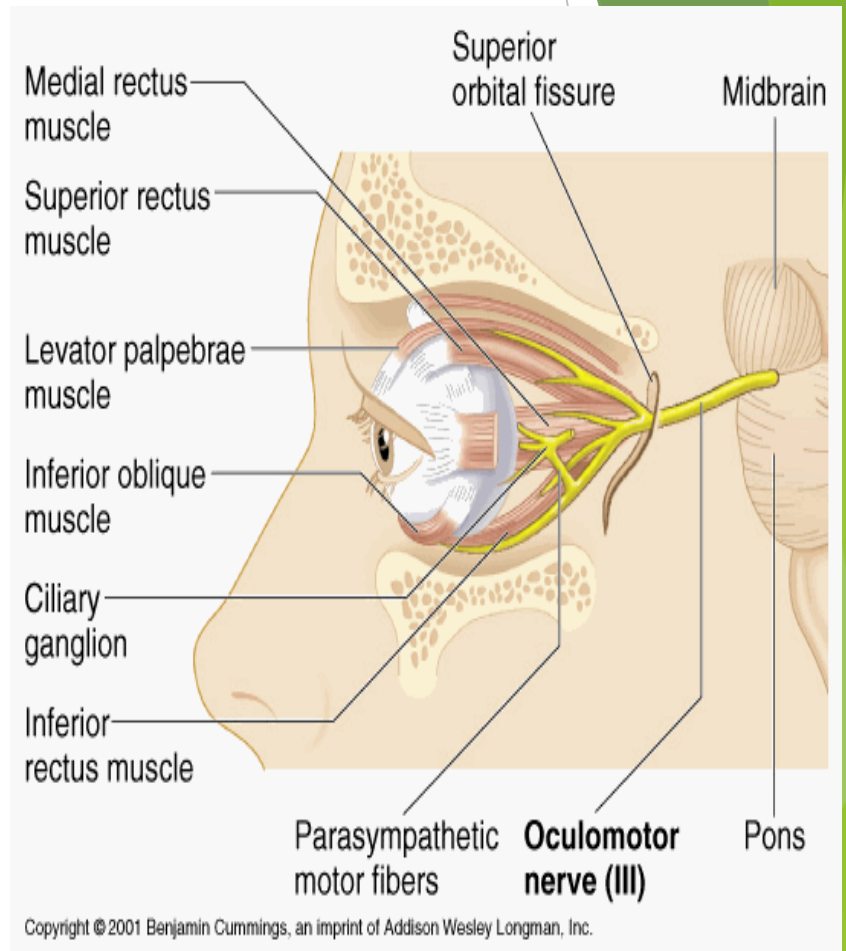


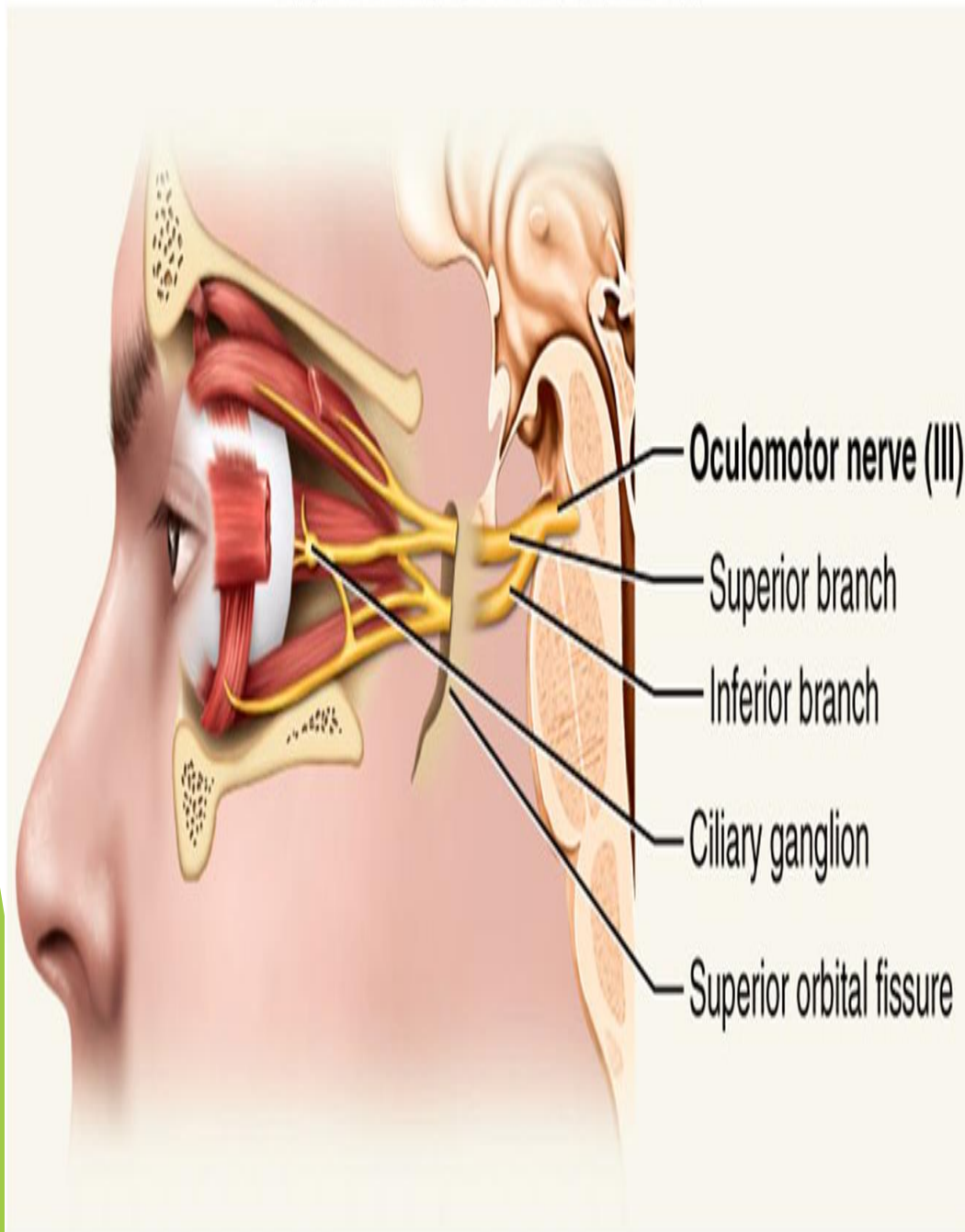
Cranial Nerve III: Oculomotor

(Motor)

Fibers extend from the ventral midbrain, pass through the superior orbital fissure, and go to the extrinsic eye muscles.

Functions in raising the eyelid, directing the eyeball, constricting the iris, and controlling lens shape.

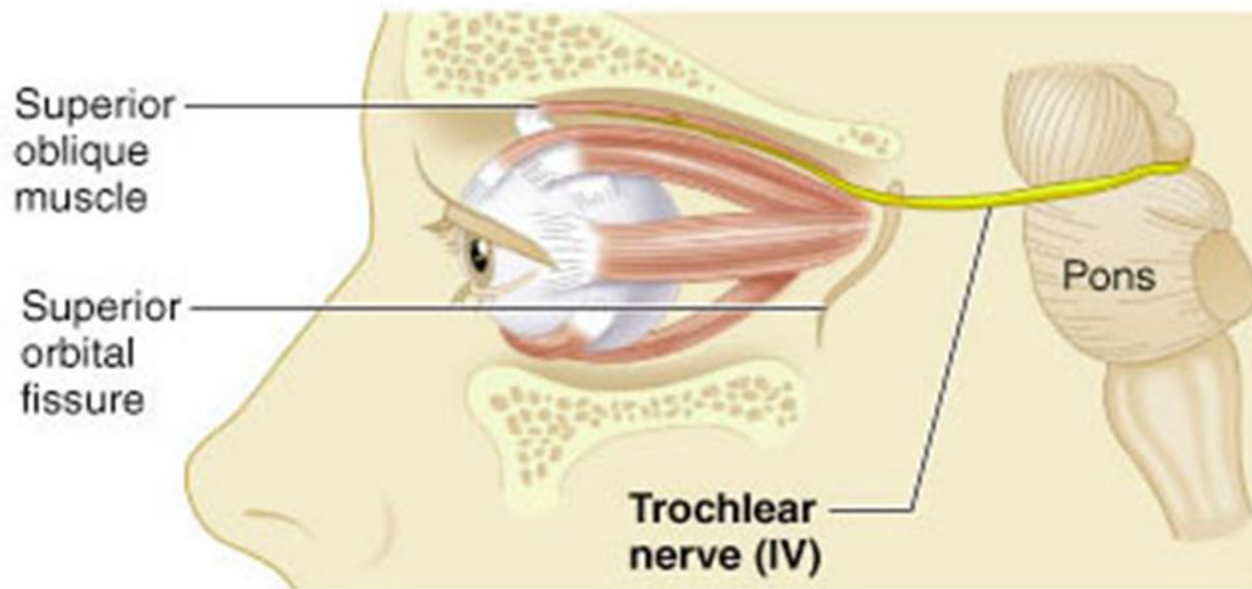




Oculomotor
paralysis

Cranial Nerve IV: Trochlear (Motor)

Fibers emerge from the dorsal midbrain and enter the orbits via the superior orbital fissures; innervate the superior oblique muscle to direct the eyeball.



Cranial Nerve V: Trigeminal

(sensory & motor)

Ophthalmic branch(V₁): passes from the face to the pons through superior orbital fissure.

(sensory) sensations from nasal cavity, skin of forehead, upper eyelid, eyebrow, nose.

Maxillary branch(V₂): passes from the face to the pons through Foramen rotundum.

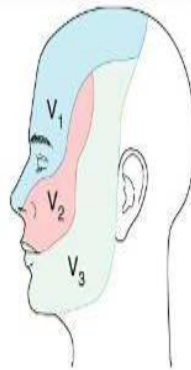
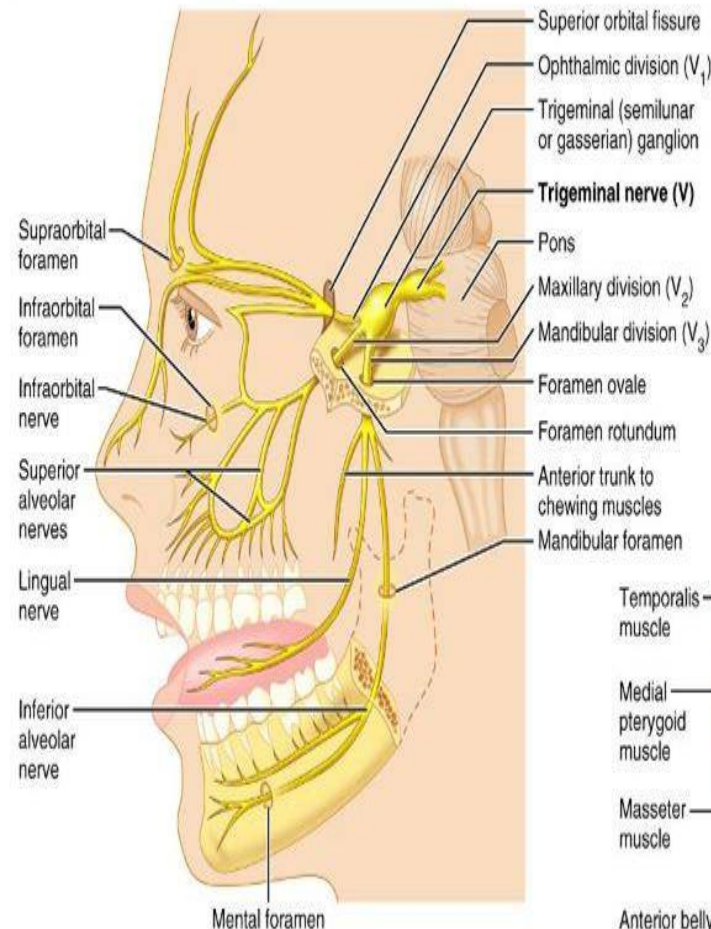
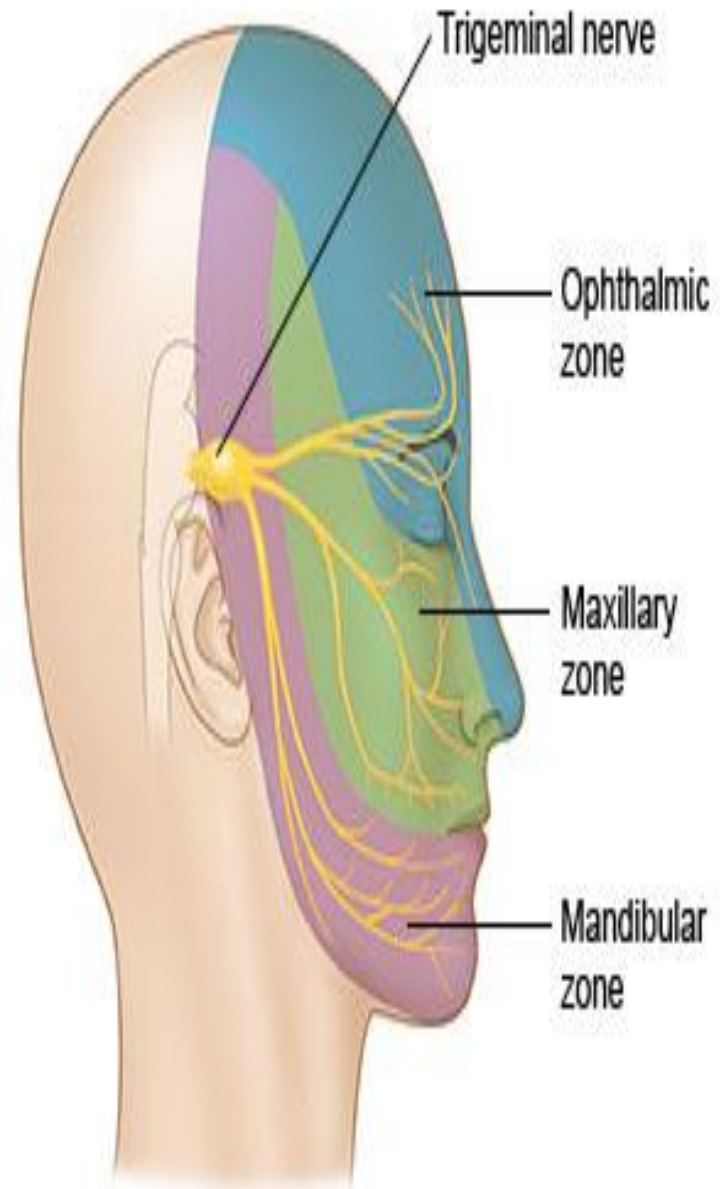
(sensory) sensations from lower eyelid, upper lips and gums, teeth of the maxilla, cheek, nose, palate, pharynx.

Mandibular branch (V₃) : passes from the face to the pons through Foramen ovale.

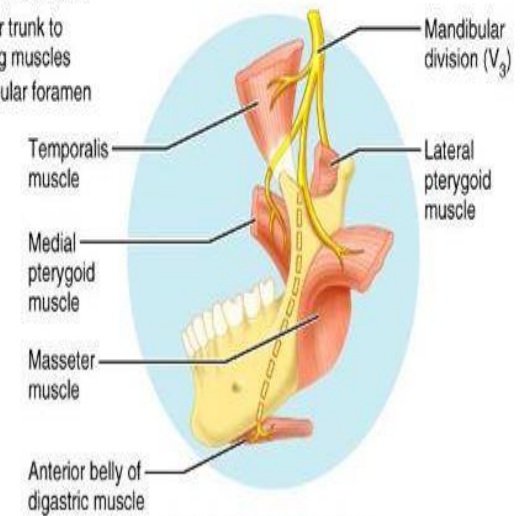
(sensory and motor) sensations from teeth of the mandible, lower gums and lips, palate, tongue. Motor function supplies
Muscles of mastication.

Trigeminal nerve

Cranial Nerve V: Trigeminal



Distribution of sensory fibers of each division



Inset shows motor branches of the mandibular division (V₃)

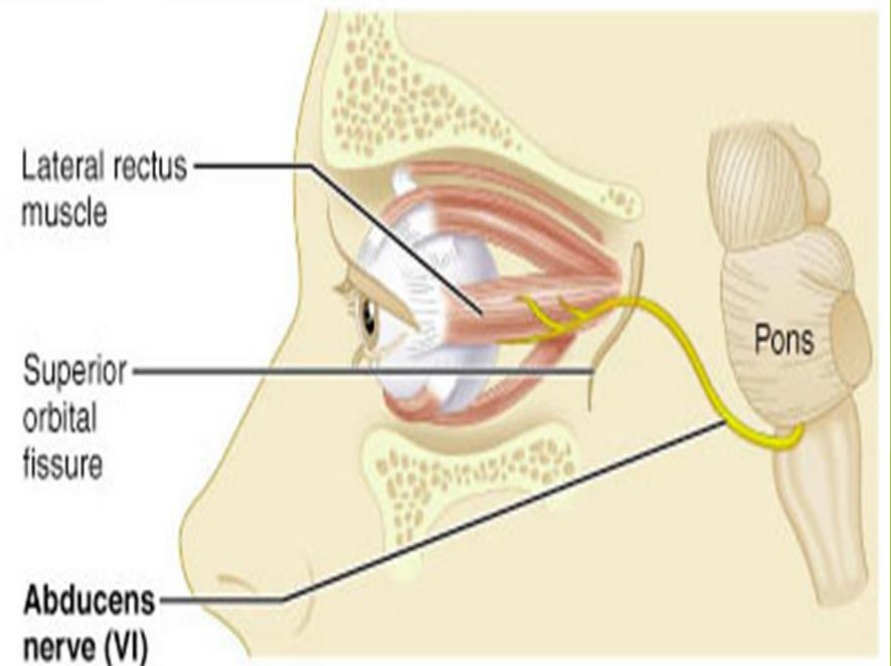
Cranial Nerve VI: Abducens (Motor)

Fibers leave the inferior pons and enter the orbit via the superior orbital fissure.

Primarily a motor nerve innervating the lateral rectus muscle.



Abducent nerve injury



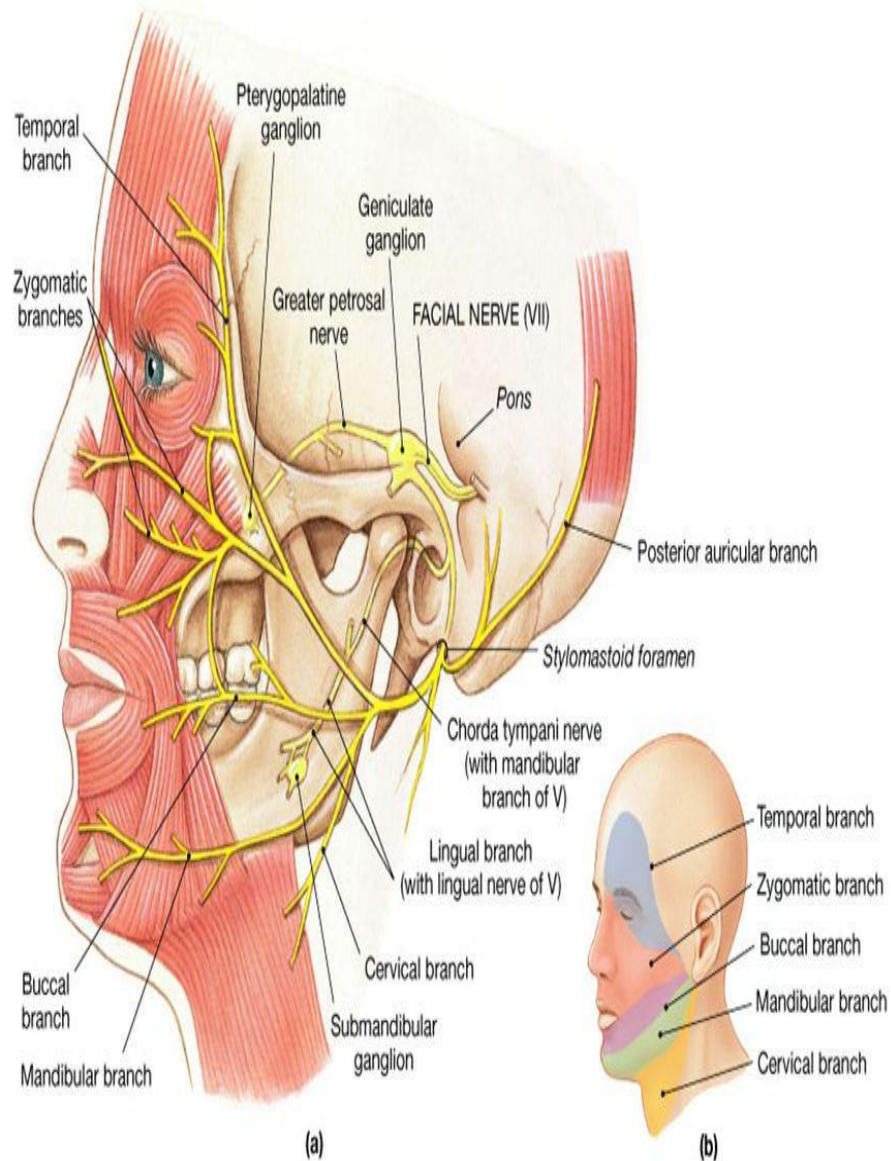
Cranial Nerve VII: Facial (sensory & motor)

Fibers leave the pons, travel through the internal acoustic meatus, and emerge through the stylomastoid foramen to the lateral aspect of the face .

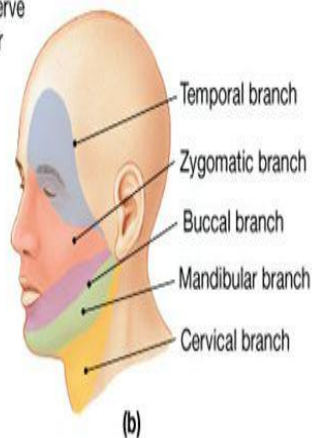
Motor - facial expressions and secretomotor salivary and lacrimal glands, mucous membranes of nasal and palatine mucosa.

Special Sensory - taste on anterior 2/3's of tongue.

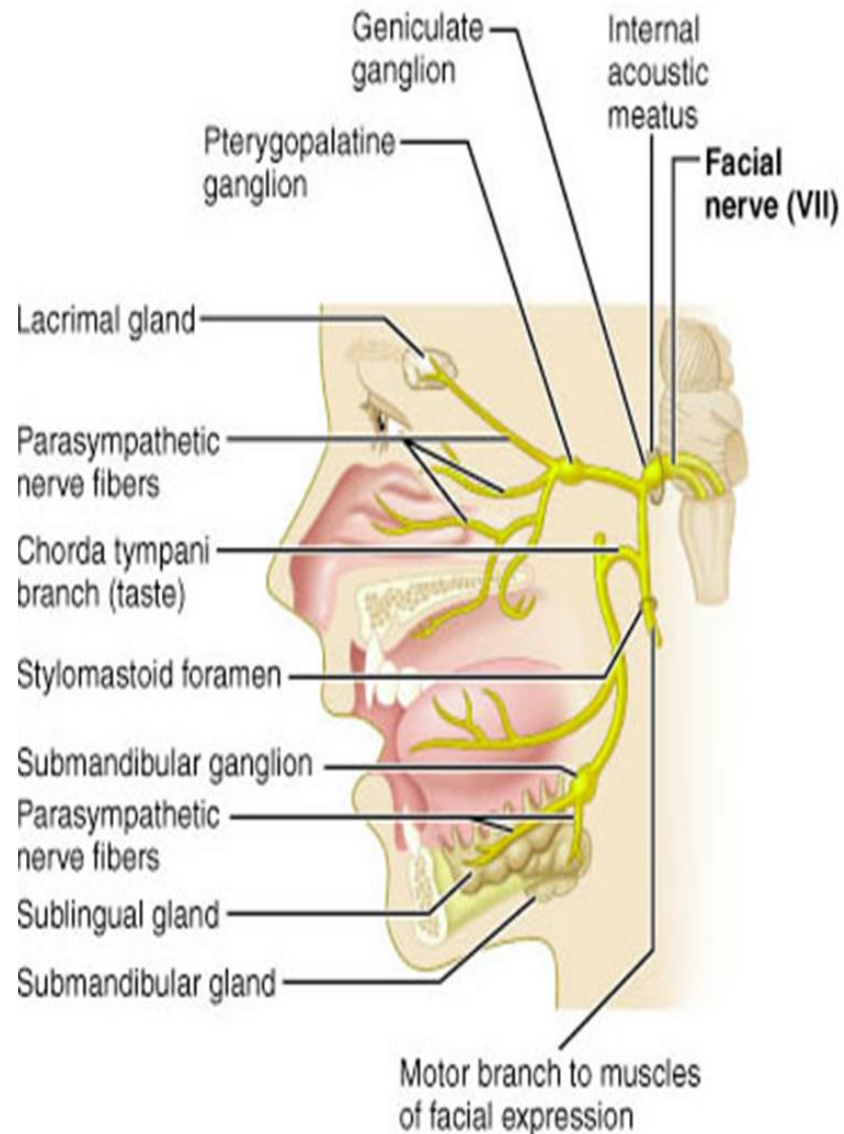
The Facial Nerve



(a)



(b)

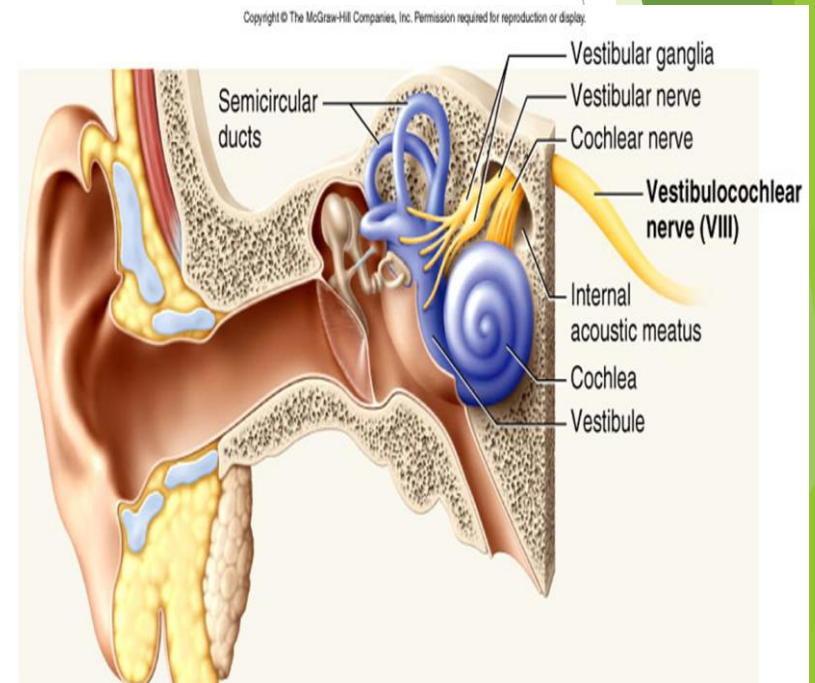
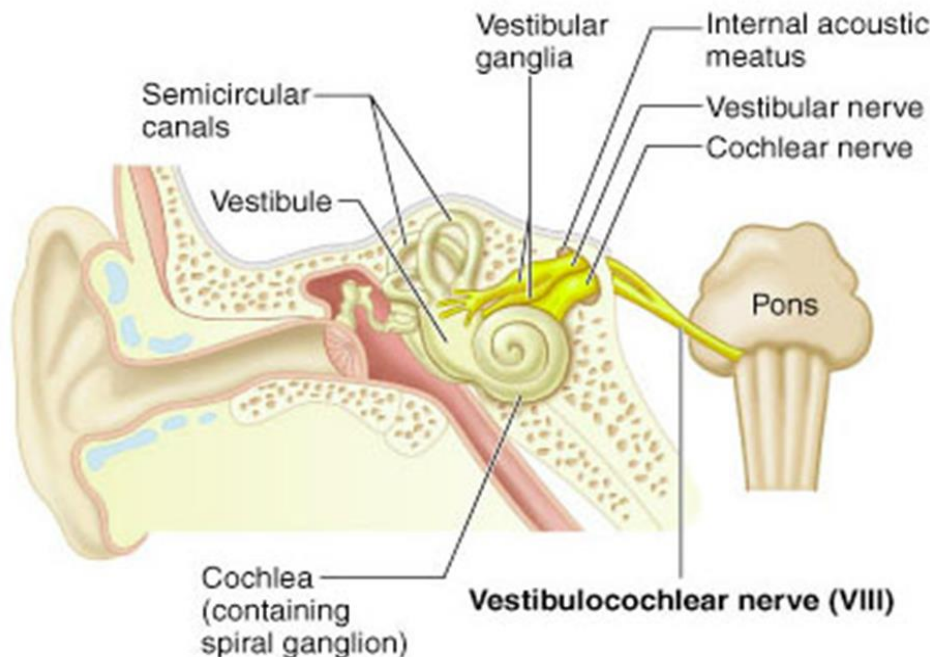


(a) Parasympathetic efferents and sensory afferents

Cranial Nerve VIII: Vestibulocochlear (Sensory)

Passes through Internal acoustic meatus-Special Sensory
Provides hearing (cochlear branch) and sense of balance (vestibular branch).

Damage produces deafness, dizziness, nausea and loss of balance .



Cranial Nerve IX:

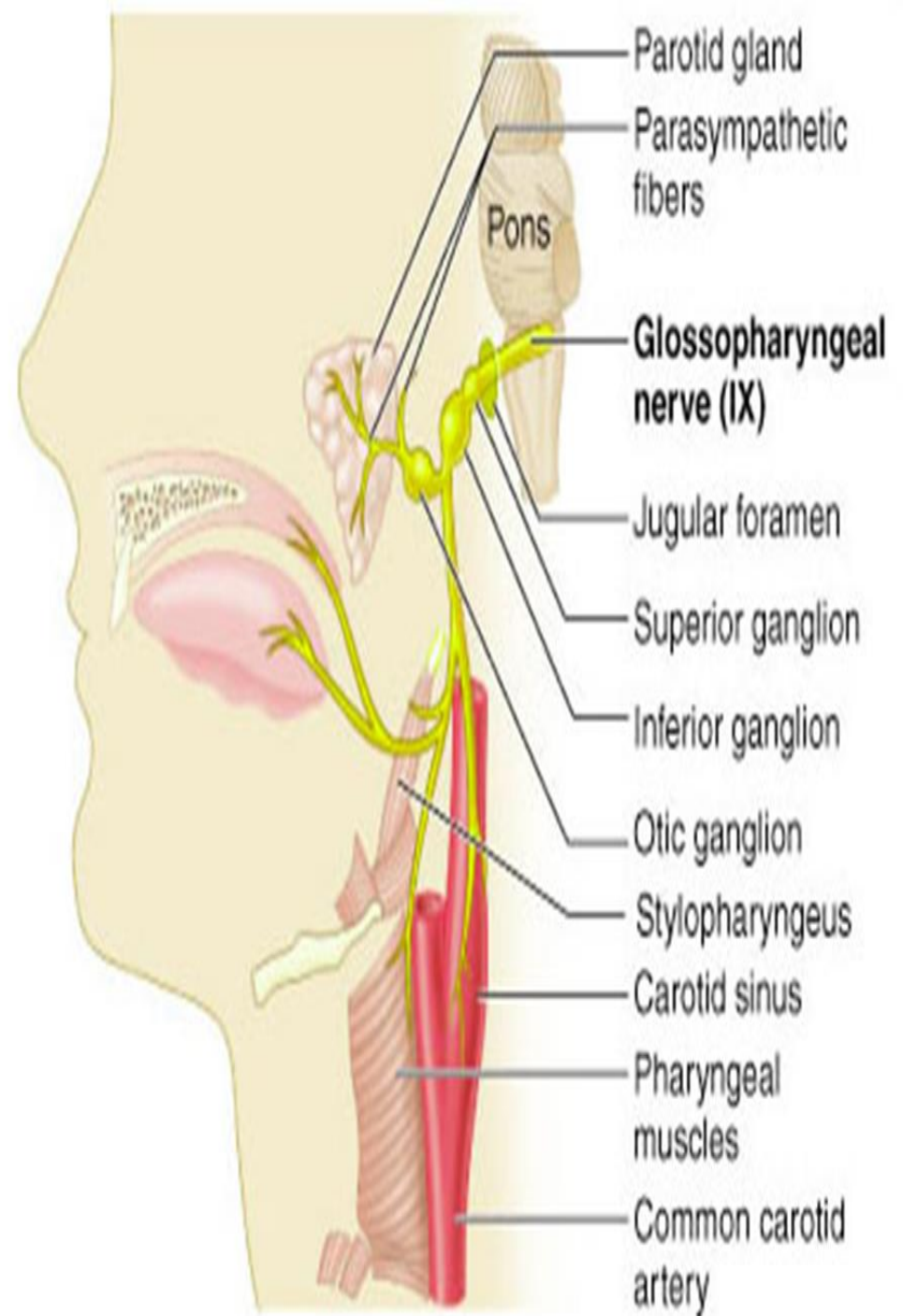
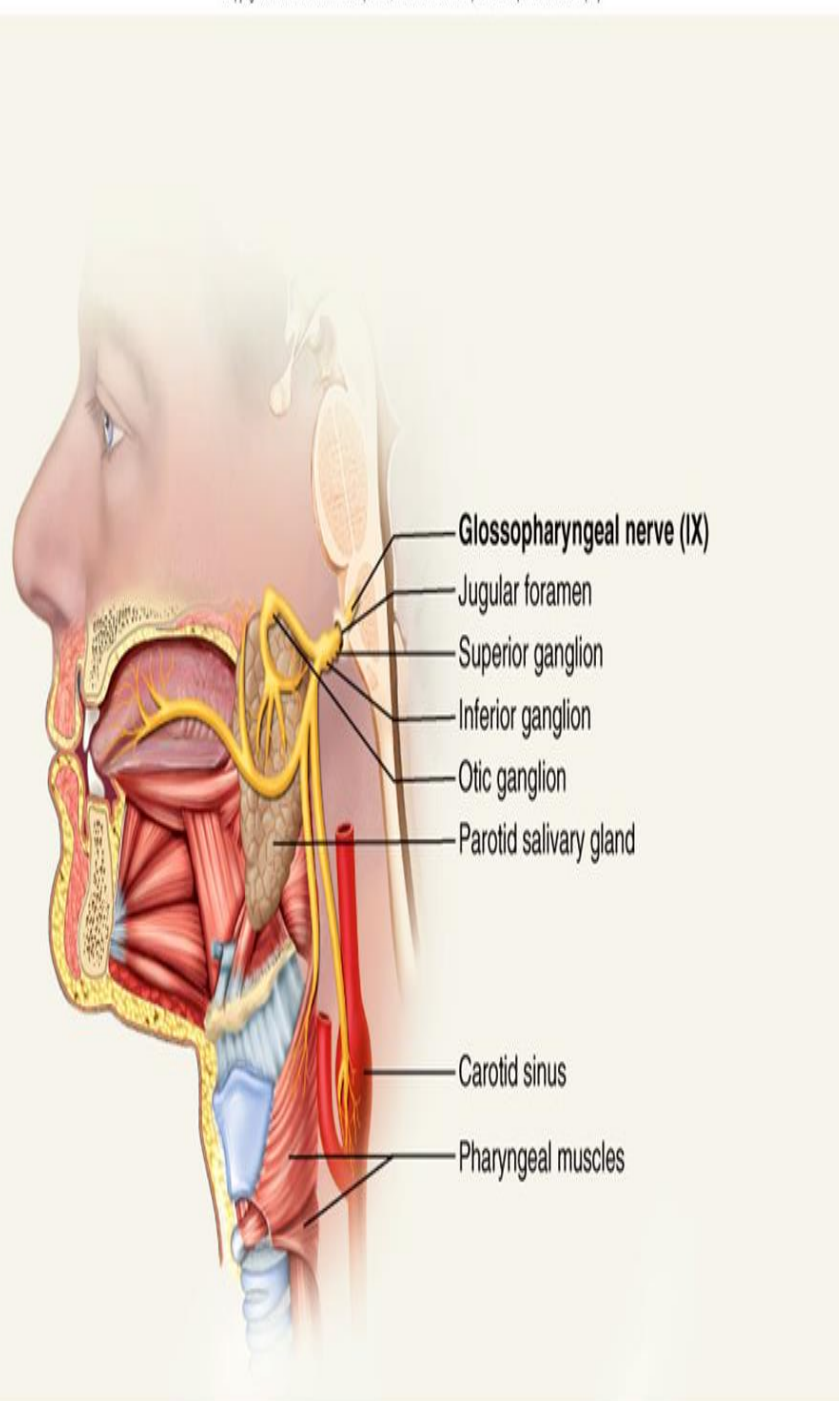
Glossopharyngeal

(sensory & motor)

Fibers emerge from the medulla, leave the skull via the jugular foramen.

motor innervates part of the tongue and pharynx, and provides motor fibers to the parotid salivary gland.

Sensations fibers responsible for taste and general sensory impulses from the tongue and pharynx.



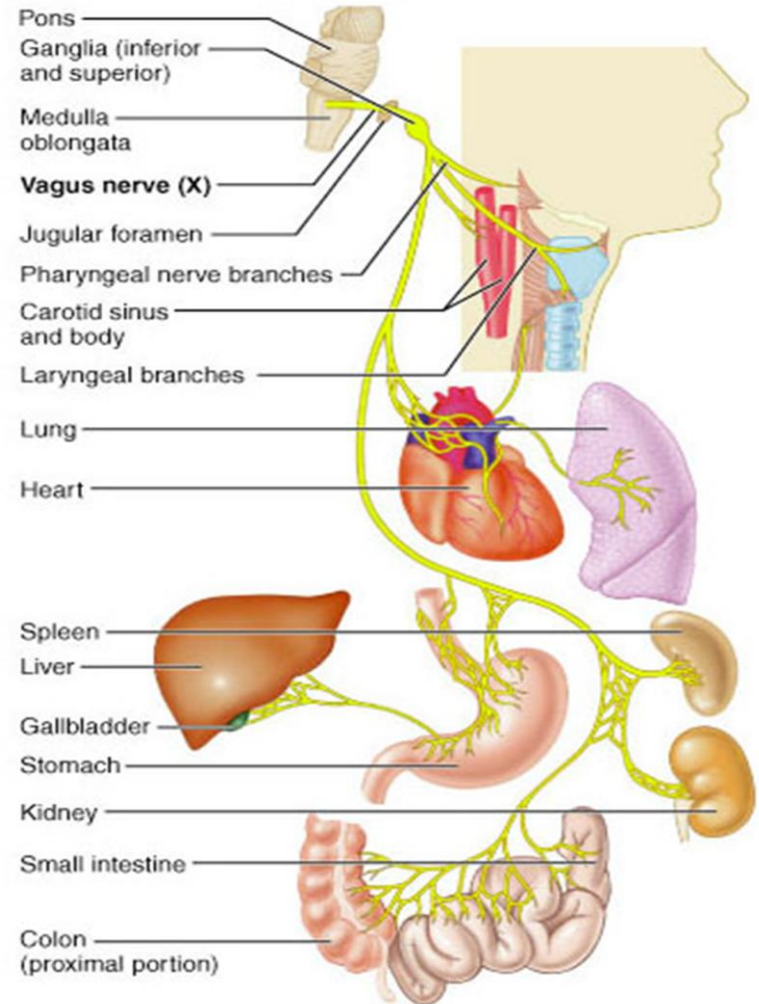
Cranial Nerve X: Vagus

(sensory & motor)

Fibers emerge from the medulla via the jugular foramen.

Motor- Constrictor muscles of pharynx and intrinsic muscles of larynx; involuntary muscle of trachea and bronchi, heart, alimentary tract from pharynx to spleen, flexure of colon; liver and pancreas

Sensory - Taste from epiglottis



Cranial Nerve XI: Accessory (Motor)

Spinal root enters the skull through the **foramen magnum** to join the **cranial root**.

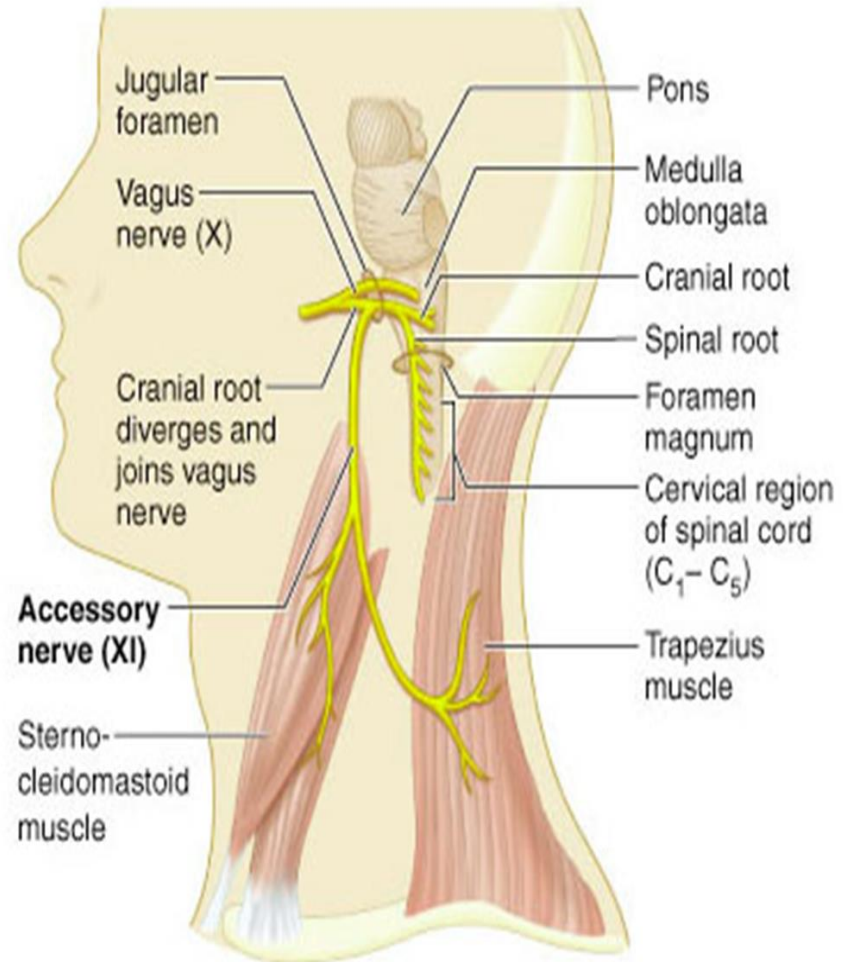
The two roots unite and leave the skull through the **jugular foramen**.

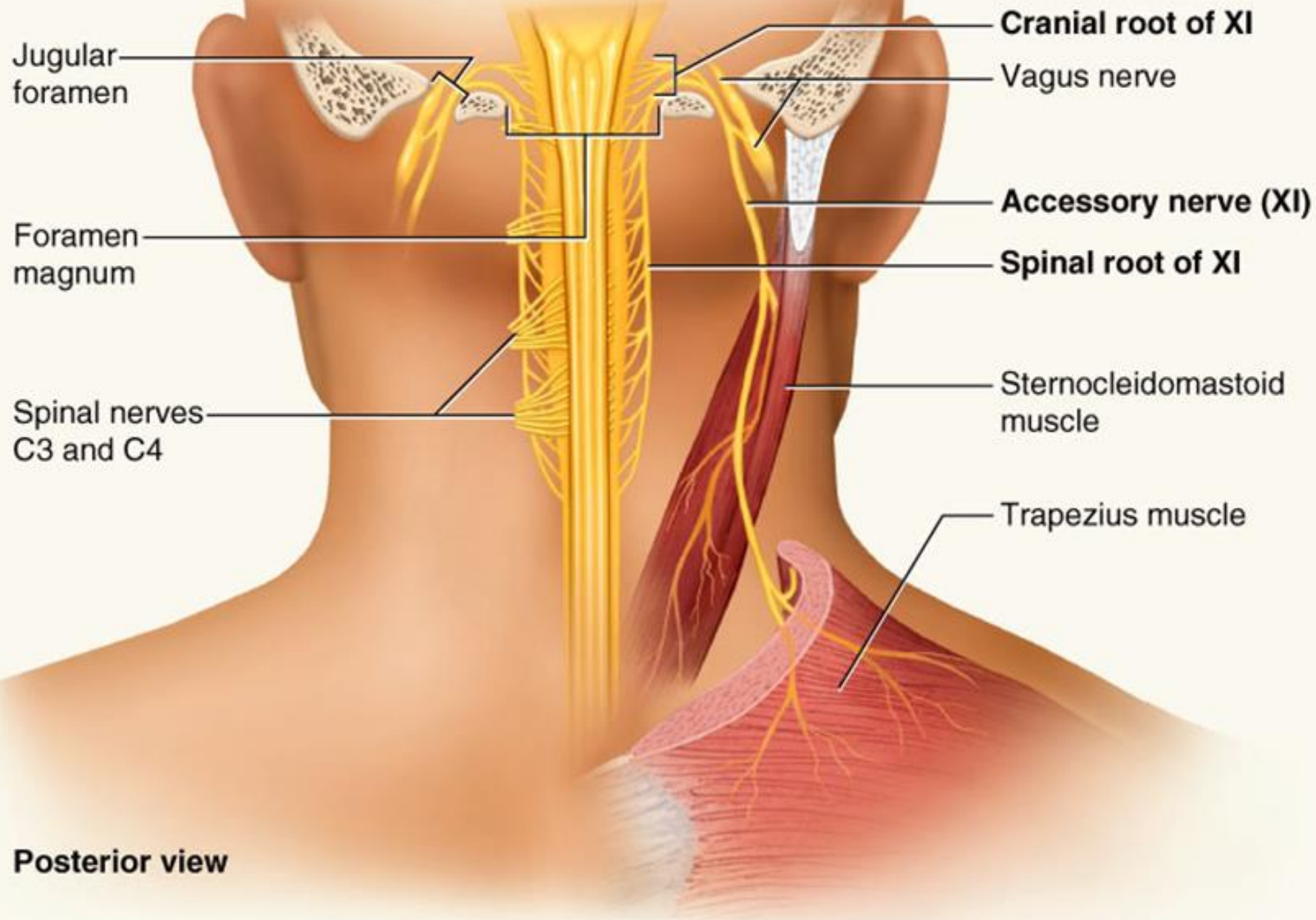
Cranial root - Motor-

Muscles of soft palate, pharynx, and larynx.

Spinal root - Motor-

Sternocleidomastoid and trapezius muscles.





Cranial Nerve XII: Hypoglossal (Motor)

Fibers arise from the medulla and exit the skull via the **hypoglossal canal**.
Innervates muscles of the tongue, which contribute to swallowing and speech.

