Oral Cavity, Palate And Tongue

Gastrointestinal block-Anatomy-Lecture 2

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At the end of the lecture, students should be able to:

- Describe the anatomy of the oral cavity, (boundaries, parts, nerve supply).
- Describe the anatomy of the palate, (parts, muscles, nerve & blood supply).
- Describe the anatomy of the tongue, (structure, muscles, motor and sensory nerve, blood supply and lymphatic drainage).
**Oral Cavity**

- The mouth extends from lips to oropharyngeal isthmus (the junction between mouth & the pharynx).
- Is bounded: Above by the soft palate and the palatoglossal folds, Below by the dorsum of the tongue.

It divided into:

**Vestibule:**
- It’s lies between gums & teeth internally and, Lips & cheeks externally.
- It is a slit-like space that communicates with the exterior through the oral fissure.
- When the jaws are closed, it communicates with the mouth proper behind the last molar tooth.
- The cheek forms the lateral wall of the vestibule and is made up of the buccinator muscle, which is covered by skin and lined by mucous membrane.
- Opposite the upper second molar tooth, there is a small papilla on the mucous membrane, marking the opening of the parotid duct.

**Mouth cavity proper:**
- Which lies within the alveolar arches, gums, and teeth
- has a:
  - Roof: which is formed by the hard & soft palate.
  - Floor: which is formed by the anterior 2/3 of the tongue, (oral or palatine part of the tongue).
Palate

It forms the roof of the mouth and divided into two parts:

The Hard (Bony) palate in front.
- is formed by (4 bones) separated by cruciform suture:
  - 2 Palatine processes of the maxillae anteriorly
  - 2 Horizontal plates of palatine bones posteriorly
- It is bounded laterally by the alveolar arches of the maxilla.
- The under surface of the hard palate is covered with mucoperiosteum. It possesses a median elevated ridge. On either side of the ridge the mucous membrane shows transverse corrugations
- The hard palate forms the floor of the nasal cavities.

The Soft palate behind,
- it is a mobile fold formed of a bag of mucous membrane filled with striated muscles.
- It is attached to the posterior border of the hard palate.
- Its free posterior border is a conical projection called the uvula.

Composed of
2. Palatine aponeurosis: is a fibrous sheet attached to the posterior border of the hard palate. It is the expanded tendon of the tensor palatini.
4. Nerves and vessels.

Sensory Innervation
1. Maxillary nerve through:
   - Greater and Lesser palatine nerve from maxillary nerve enter the palate through greater and lesser palatine foramina. (also the vessels)
   - Nasopalatine nerve is a branch of the maxillary nerve enters the palate through the incisive foramen. (also the vessels).
2. Glossopharyngeal nerve.

Blood supply
- Greater & lesser palatine branches of the maxillary artery.
- Ascending palatine branch of the facial artery.
- Ascending pharyngeal branch of the external carotid artery.
## Palate: Muscle of the soft palate

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<td>Tensor veli palatini</td>
<td>Spine of sphenoid, auditory tube</td>
<td>With muscle of other side, forms palatine aponeurosis</td>
<td>Nerve to medial pterygoid from mandibular n.</td>
<td>When muscles contract: tightened and Tenses the soft palate</td>
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<td>Levator veli palatini</td>
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<td>Posterior border of thyroid cartilage</td>
<td>Through branches from ● glossopharyngeal nerve ● vagus nerve ● cranial part of accessory nerve ● superior cervical ganglion sympathetic fibers</td>
<td>Elevates wall of pharynx, pulls palato-pharyngeal folds medially</td>
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<td>Musculus uvulae</td>
<td>Posterior border of hard palate</td>
<td>Mucous membrane of uvula</td>
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<td>Elevates uvula (can be tested by saying ‘Ah’, normally uvula moves backward in the middle line, if it deviated to a side. that indicat a lesion in the nerve supply in the opposite side )</td>
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The muscle fibers of the tensor palatini converge as they descend from their origin to form a narrow tendon, which turns medially around the pterygoid hamulus.
Pharyngeal isthmus: (It is the communicating between nasal and oral parts of the pharynx) It is closed by raising the soft palate upward.

Soft palate is raised by the contraction of the levator veli palatini and Palatopharyngeus.

Closure occurs during the production of explosive consonants in speech and swallowing.

The palatopharyngeus muscles on both sides also contract so that the palatopharyngeal arches are pulled medially, like side curtains.

At the same time, the posterior (superior) wall of the pharynx is pulled forward by superior constrictor muscle.

By this means the nasal part of the pharynx is closed off from its oral part.
Tongue:

1. The tongue is a mass of striated muscle covered with mucous membrane.
2. Its anterior 2/3 lies in the mouth, and its posterior 1/3 lies in the pharynx.
3. Muscles attach the tongue to:
   - Styloid process & soft palate above
   - Mandible & the hyoid bone below
4. The tongue is divided into right & left halves by a median fibrous septum.

### Upper surface

- Can be divided by the sulcus terminalis V-shaped sulcus into:
  - Anterior 2/3 or oral part and Posterior 1/3 or pharyngeal part
- The apex of the sulcus projects backward and is marked by a small pit, the foramen cecum. It’s an embryologic remnant which marks the site of the upper end of the thyroglossal duct.
- Three types of papillae are present on the upper surface of the anterior two thirds of the tongue:
  - Filiform papillae
  - Fungiform papillae
  - Vallate papillae.
- The mucous membrane covering the posterior third of the tongue is devoid of papillae but has a nodular irregular surface caused by the presence of underlying lymph nodules, the lingual tonsil. The posterior third has no papillae.

### Inferior surface

- The mucous membrane on the inferior surface of the tongue is smooth and is reflected from the tongue to the floor of the mouth.
- In the midline, the undersurface of the tongue is connected to the floor of the mouth by a fold of mucous membrane, the frenulum of tongue. (Tongue-tie is a condition where tongue movement is restricted due to a short frenulum, baby may have difficulties breastfeeding and speaking.)
- On the lateral side of the frenulum, the deep lingual vein can be seen through the mucous membrane.
- Lateral to the lingual vein, the mucous membrane forms a serrated fold called the fimbriated fold.
# Tongue: Muscles

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<td>Superior &amp; inferior Longitudinal&lt;br&gt;Transverse&lt;br&gt;Vertical</td>
<td>Median septum and submucosa</td>
<td>Mucous membrane</td>
<td>Hypoglossal nerve</td>
<td>Alter the shape of the tongue while it lies within the mouth.</td>
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<td>Genioglossus</td>
<td>Superior genial spine of mandible</td>
<td>Blends with other muscles of tongue</td>
<td>Hypoglossal nerve</td>
<td>Protrudes apex of tongue through mouth</td>
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Tongue Supply:

**Blood supply**

- It is supplied by:
  1. Lingual artery, from external carotid artery. Its branch: Deep lingual artery, sublingual artery and dorsal lingual arteries
  2. Tonsillar branch of the facial artery,
  3. Ascending pharyngeal artery.

- The veins drain into the internal jugular vein

**Venous drainage**

**Lymphatic drainage**

- The tip of the tongue drain into submental lymph nodes
- The remainder of the anterior 2/3 drain into
  - submandibular lymph nodes
  - deep cervical lymph nodes.
- Posterior 1/3 drain into deep cervical lymph nodes.

**Sensory Innervation**

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<td>Posterior 1/3</td>
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<td>Roots of the tongue and epiglottis</td>
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Q1: Which of the following muscles is NOT innervated by the hypoglossal nerve?
A. genioglossus
B. hyoglossus
C. styloglossus
D. palatoglossus

Q2: Which one of the following is not part of Pharyngeal plexus:
A. glossopharyngeal nerve
B. vagus nerve
C. Abducent nerve
D. superior cervical ganglion

Q3: Which of these is correct
A. 7th CN carries only, taste sensation from the Anterior half of the tongue
B. 9th CN carries only, taste sensation from the posterior third of the tongue.
C. 5th CN carries only general sensation from the anterior two-thirds of the tongue
D. 9th CN carries general & taste sensation from the posterior half of the tongue

Q4: which muscle of these forms the palatine aponeurosis
A. Tensor tympani
B. Levator veli palatini
C. Palato-pharyngeus
D. Tensor palatini

Q5: The tip of the tongue drain into...................lymph nodes
A. submental
B. submandibular
C. deep cervical lymph
D. neck

Q6: Opening of the parotid duct located in
A. Opposite the lower second molar tooth
B. Opposite the upper last molar tooth
C. Opposite the upper second molar tooth
D. There is no opening :(

Q7: Nasopalatine nerves enters the palate through
A. incisive foramen
B. cecum foramen
C. greater palatine foramen
D. lesser palatine foramen

Q8: vallate papillae is innervated by
A. glossopharyngeal nerve
B. vagus nerve
C. Lingual nerve branch of the 5th CN
D. Facial nerve
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