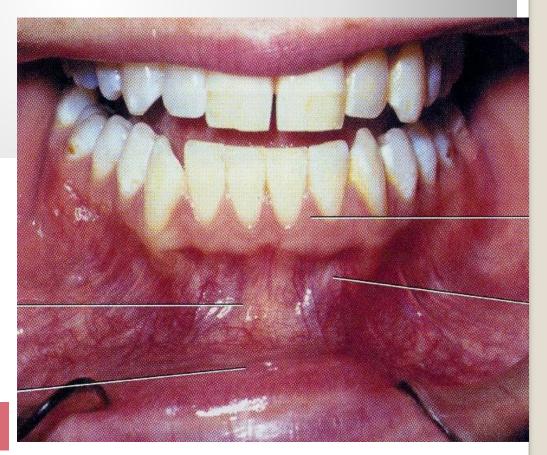
# CLINICAL ANATOMY OF ORAL CAVITY



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### **Objectives and Clinical Significance** of the Oral Cavity :

The mouth is one of the important areas that the medical professional is called on to examine, so you should :

 Knew the <u>nerve supply</u>, <u>blood</u> and <u>lymph drainage</u> of the <u>mouth cavity contents</u>.

Evaluate the movement of <u>soft palate.</u>

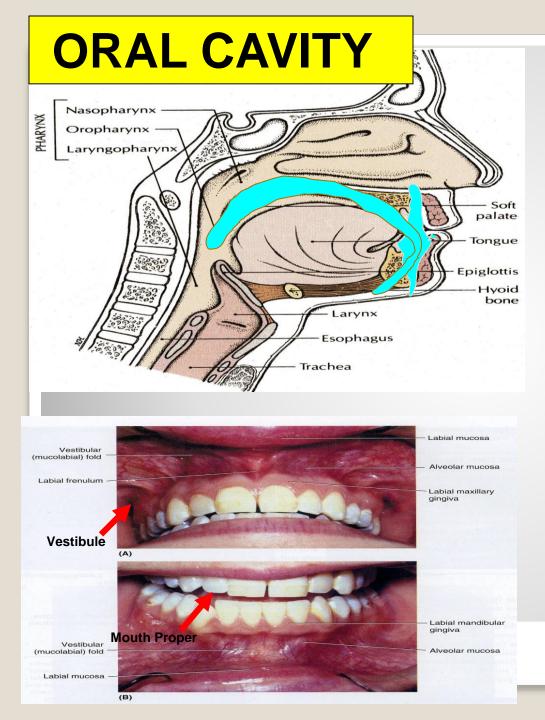
Examine the <u>oral part of pharynx</u> for tonsilitis.

• Knew the close relation of the submandibular duct and calculus formation.

• Remember the close relation of the <u>lingual nerve</u> to the <u>lower</u> <u>3<sup>rd</sup> molar tooth</u> and to <u>the submandibular duct.</u>

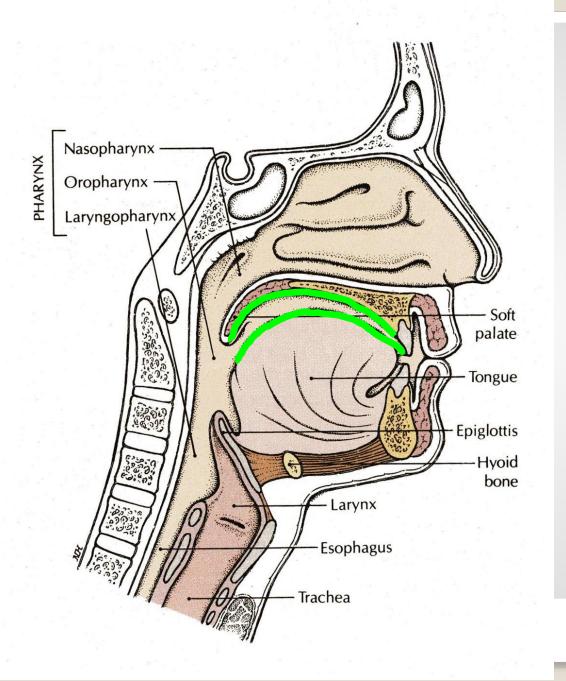
•Evaluate the mucous membrane and movement of the Tongue.

•Identify the clinical estimation of hypoglossal nerve.



#### • The mouth :

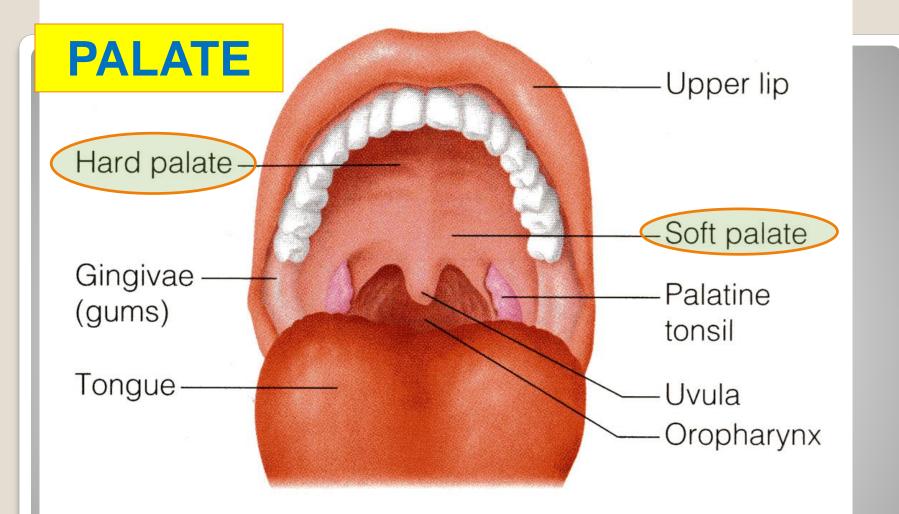
- It is divided into the 1- <u>Vestibule</u>:
- Which lies between teeth & gums internally and cheeks & lips externally.
- The parotid duct opens opposite the upper second molar.
- 2- <u>Mouth cavity</u> proper:
- Which <u>lies within</u> the alveolar arches, teeth and gums.



 Mouth proper: has a <u>roof</u>, which is formed by the hard & soft <u>palate</u>.
 The <u>floor</u> is formed by the

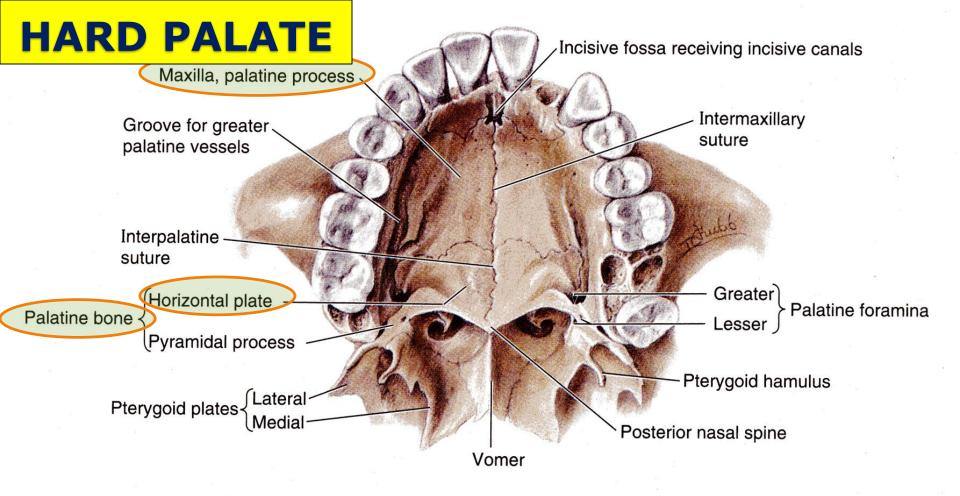
anterior 2/3 of

the tongue

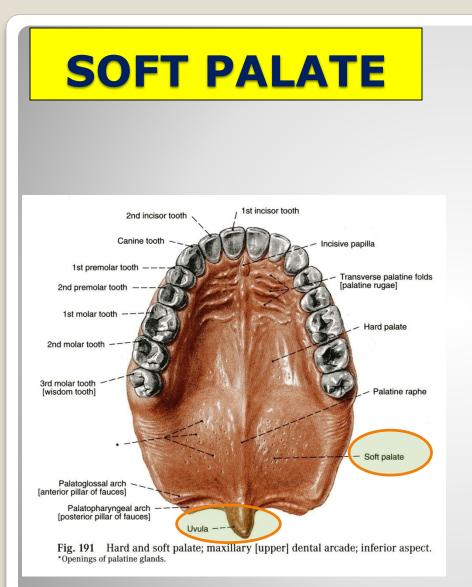


# The palate forms the <u>roof of the mouth.</u> It is divided into two parts:

- The hard (Bony) palate in front and
- The soft palate behind.

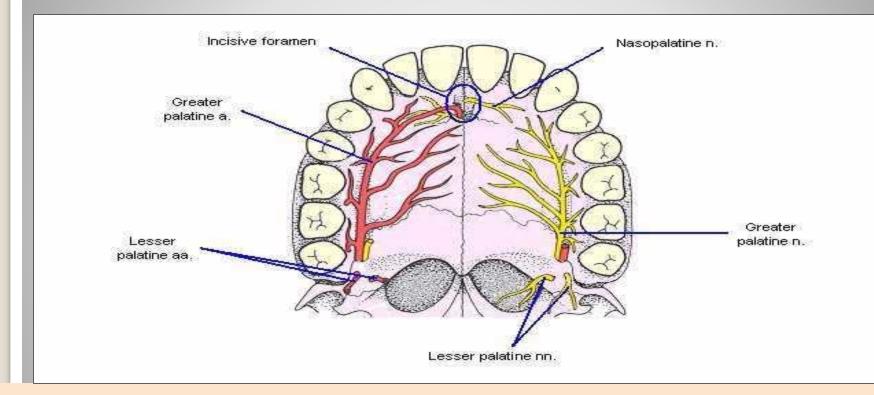


The hard palate is formed by (4 bones), palatine processes of the maxillae and horizontal plates of palatine bones.
It forms the <u>floor</u> of the <u>nasal cavities and</u> the roof of the mouth cavity.



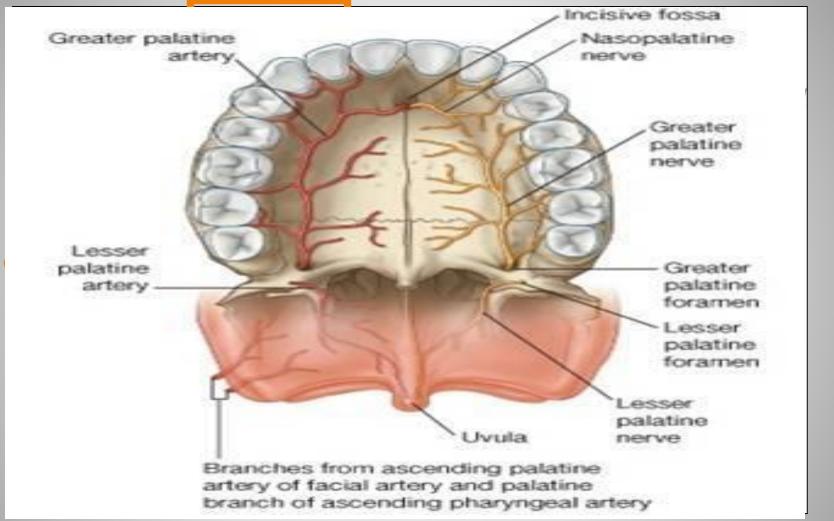
 It is a mobile fold of mucous membrane filled with striated muscles. It is attached to the posterior border of the hard palate. **Its free** posterior end is a conical projection called the uvula.

# Sensory innervation of Soft Palate



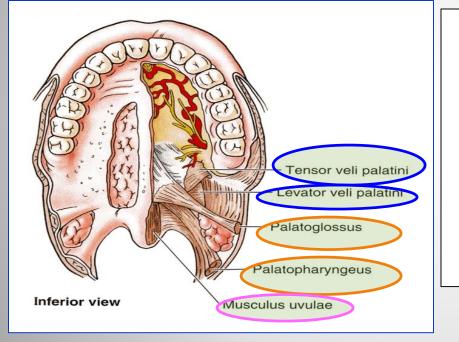
- The greater and lesser palatine nerves from the maxillary nerve.
- The nasopalatine nerve, also a branch of the maxillary nerve.
- The **glossopharyngeal nerve** also supplies the soft palate.

### **BLOOD SUPPLY OF THE PALATE**



- Greater & lesser palatine branches of the maxillary artery.
- Ascending palatine branch of the facial artery.
- Ascending pharyngeal branch of the external carotid artery.

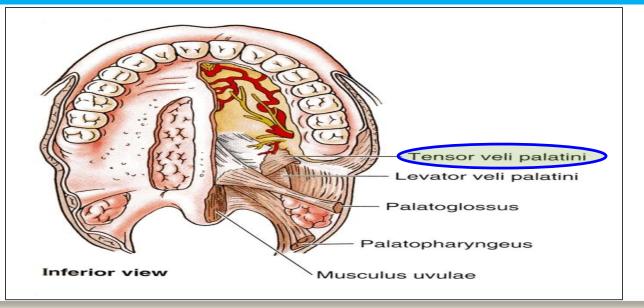
# **MUSCLES OF THE SOFT PALATE**



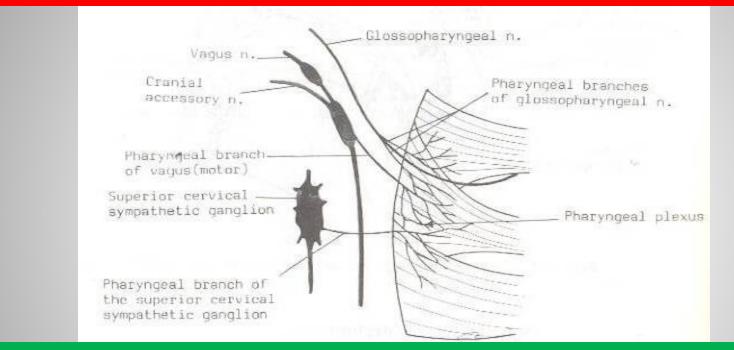
5 pairs of muscles
1-Tensor veli palatini,
2- Levator veli palatini,
3- Palatoglossus,
4- Palatopharyngeus,
5- Musculus uvulae.

### **MOTOR INNERVATION OF SOFT PALATE**

-All muscles are supplied by : pharyngeal plexus <u>EXCEPT</u> the tensor veli palatini is supplied by nerve to medial pterygoid muscle from MANDIBULAR NERVE



# Pharyngeal plexus

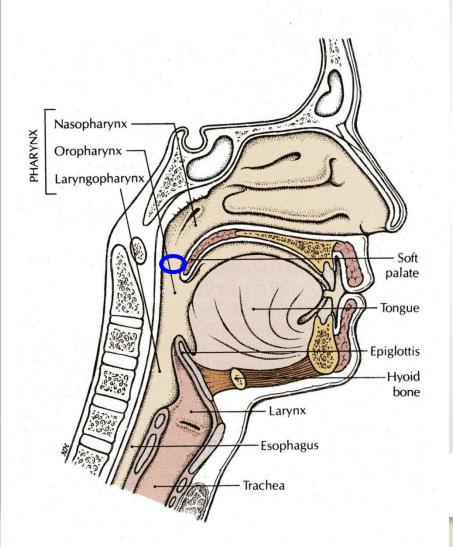


It is a network of nerve fibers innervating most of the palate, pharynx and larynx.

It lies on the outer wall of pharynx, mostly on the midlle constrictor.

>It is formed of pharyngeal branches of glossopharyngeal N., vagus <u>N. including fibres of Cranial root of accessory</u> and <u>superior cervical</u> sympathetic ganglion.

#### Clinical Estimation of MOVEMENTS OF SOFT PALATE



#### Clinically , Motor innervation of soft palate

Can be tested by saying 'ah', <u>Normally soft palate rises</u> and uvula moves backward in the middle.

#### Pharyngeal isthmus (the communication between nasal and oral parts of the pharynx) is closed by raising the soft palate via contraction of levator palatini.

Closure occurs during the production of explosive acts in <u>speech</u> & in <u>swallwing</u>.

#### **Clinical Significance of the Oral part of Pharynx**

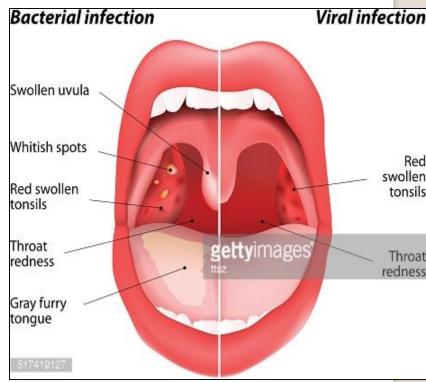
•The palatine tonsils are two masses of lymphoid tissue located <u>in</u> <u>lateral walls of the oral part of pharynx</u> in the tonsillar sinuses.

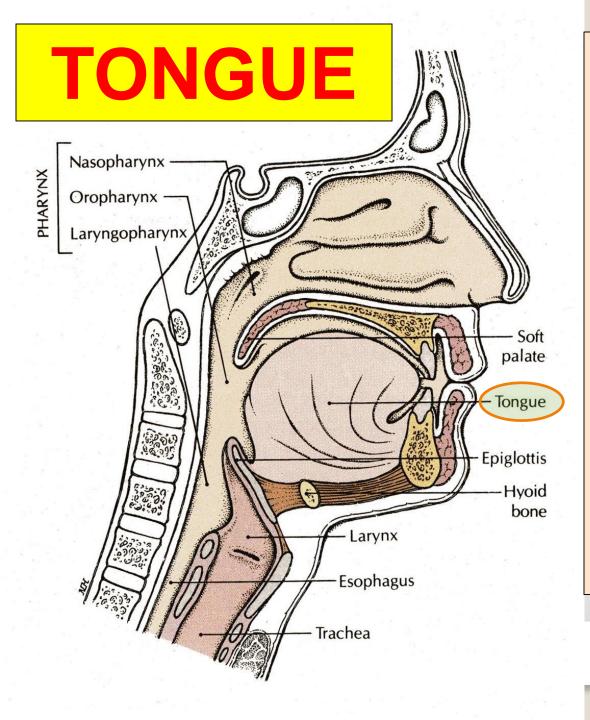
•The palatine tonsils are the common sites of infection, producing the characteristic <u>tonsilitis</u>.

•<u>The deep cervical lymph node</u>, which situated below and behind the angle of mandible <u>is usually enlarged and</u> tender.

•Recurrent attacks of tonsilitis are treated by tonsillectomy.

• Clinically, the external palatine vein, which lies <u>lateral</u> to the tonsil, <u>may be</u> the source of <u>postoperative bleeding</u>.

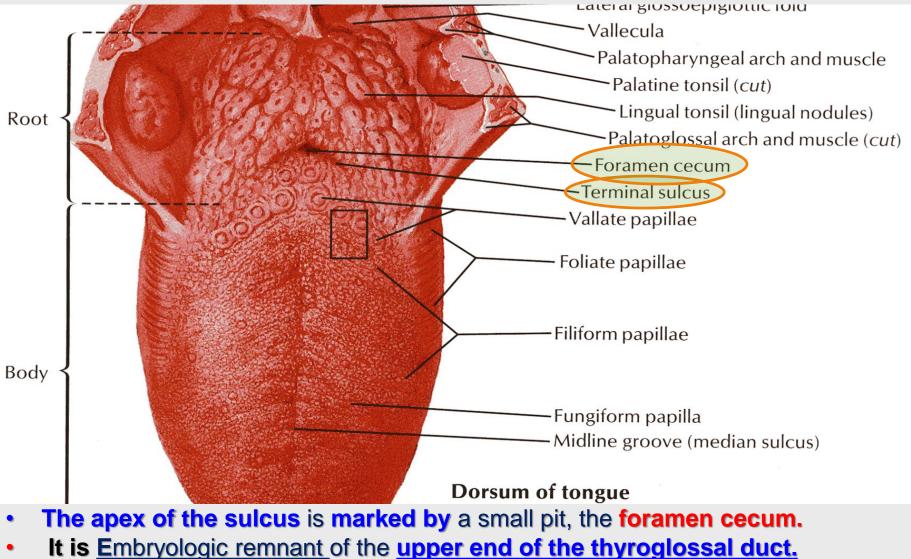




- The tongue is a mass of striated muscles covered with mucous membrane.
- Its <u>anterior 2/3</u> lies in the mouth, and its <u>posterior 1/3</u> lies in the pharynx.
- It has several important <u>functions:</u>
- Normal articulation of the jaw.
- Manipulation of food and <u>swallowing.</u>
- Production of normal <u>speech</u>.

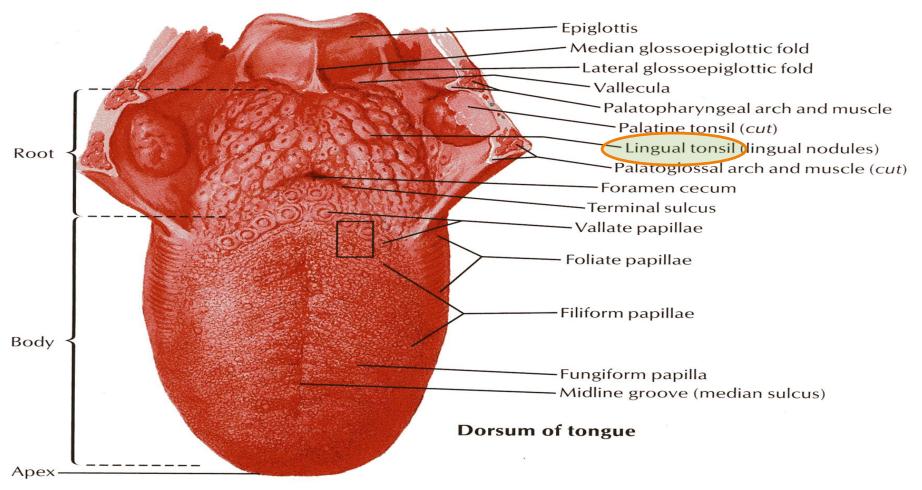
### **Mucous Membrane of tongue**

 The upper surface (Dorsum)of the tongue can be divided into anterior 2/3 or oral part and/ posterior 1/3 or pharyngeal part by a V-shaped sulcus. The sulcus terminalis.



#### **Mucous Membrane of tongue**

. Lingual tonsil



Three types of papillae are present on the upper surface of the anterior two thirds of the tongue: the filiform papillae, the fungiform papillae, and the vallate papillae. The mucous membrane covering the posterior third of the tongue is devoid of papillae but has a irregular nodules caused by the presence of underlying lymph nodules, the lingual tonsil.

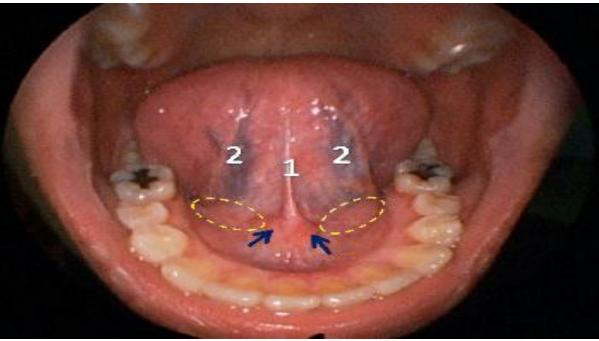




 Accumulation of keratin on the filiform papillae may be due to increased production of keratin or decrease in the normal keratin desquamation

•Changes in the mucosa lining the tongue indicate the systemic diseases, such as diabetes <u>or</u> vitamin deficiency, <u>or</u> the local effects of chronic tobacco <u>or</u> alcohol use.

# Floor of the Mouth



- Mucous membrane on the under surface of the tongue is smooth.
- 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 the tongue.

The submandibular duct opens into the floor of mouth on each side of frenulum of tongue.

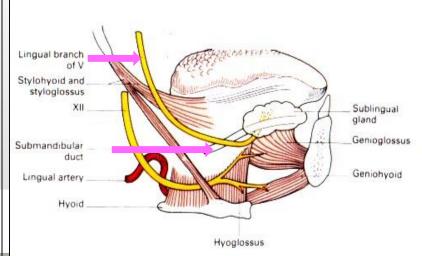
The sublingual ducts also open by many openings (8-20) into the floor of mouth on the summit of sublingual fold on the lateral side of submandibular duct opening.

### **Clinical Anatomy of Submandibular Duct**

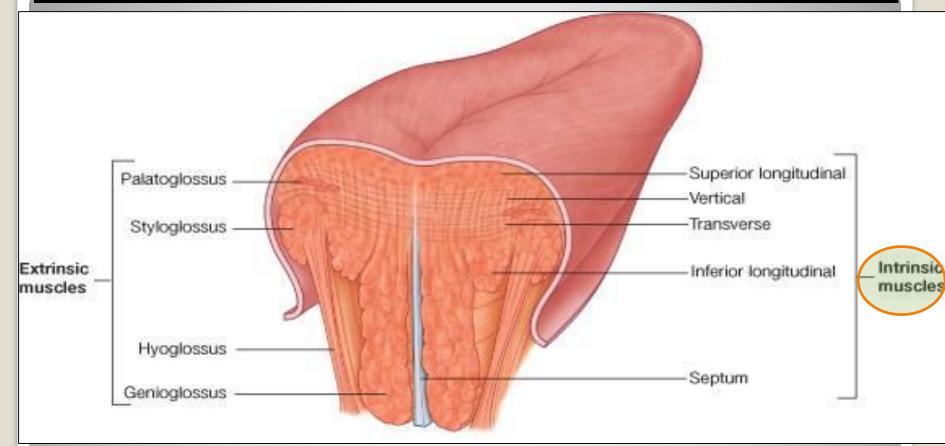
#### **Calculus formation :**

- It is a tense swelling below the body of the mandible, which is <u>greatest during a meal</u> and is <u>reduced in size or absent between</u> <u>meals</u> (diagnostic of the case).
- **Clinically:**
- by examination of floor of mouth, reveals <u>absence of</u> <u>ejection of saliva</u> from the orifice of duct.+ <u>stone can be palpated</u> in the duct, which lies below m.m. of the floor of mouth. During the operation, we should remember that the duct is crossed by the lingual nerve.

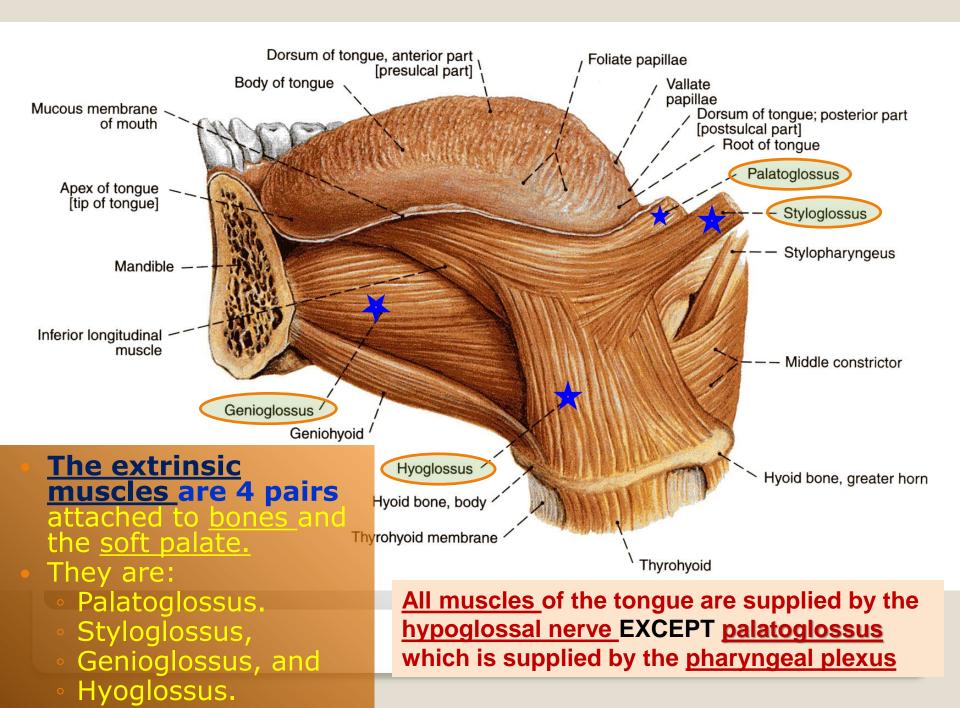




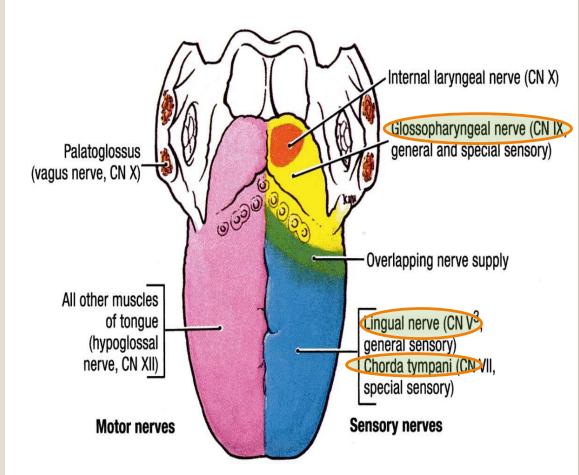
### **MUSCLES OF THE TONGUE**



- The muscles of the tongue are divided into two types:
- Intrinsic and extrinsic.
- The intrinsic muscles are restricted to the tongue and are not attached to bone.
- They consist of longitudinal, transverse, and vertical fibers.
- Nerve supply: Hypoglossal nerve.
- **Action:** Alter the shape of the tongue while it lies in the mouth cavity.



# SENSORY INNERVATION



General sensations from the anterior 2/3 of the tongue are carried by the lingual nerve.

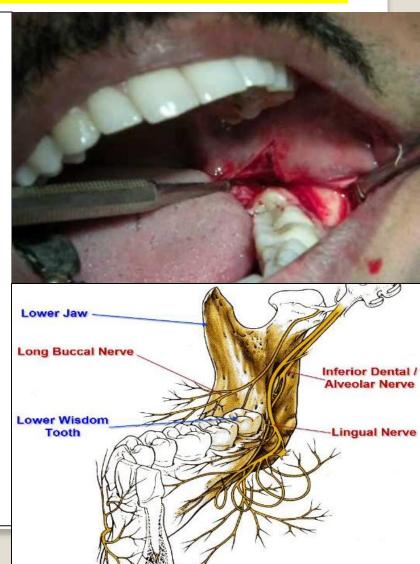
Taste fibers from the anterior 2/3 excluding the vallate papillae, are carried by the **chorda tympani** of the facial nerve.

General & taste sensations from the posterior 1/3, including the vallate papillae, are carried by the glossopharyngeal nerve.

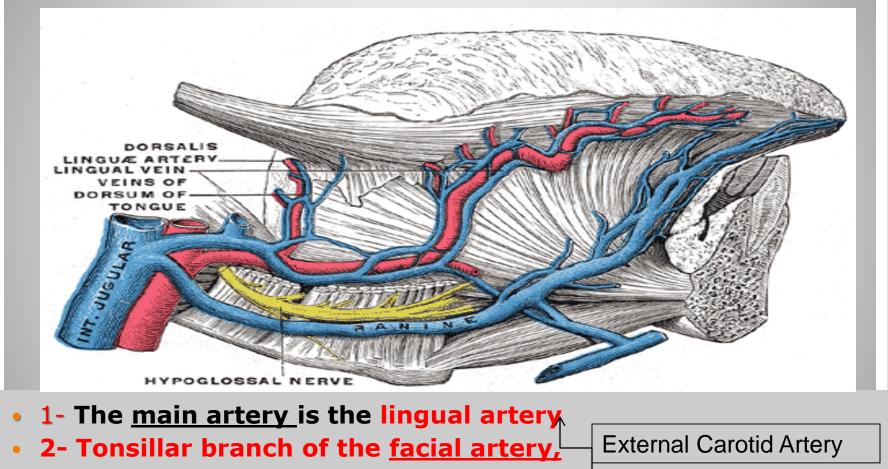
sensations from **root** of the tongue and epiglottis are carried by the **vagus nerve.** 

# **Injury to Lingual nerve**

• Lingual nerve injury is a common complication following dental and medical procedures. The most common cause is third molar (wisdom tooth) surgery; The dangerous area during tooth extraction; •Here, Lingual nerve is closely related to the lower last molar tooth and is liable to be damaged in cases of clumsy extraction on an impacted 3<sup>rd</sup> molar.



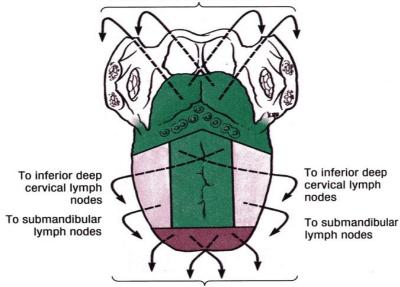
# **Blood Supply**



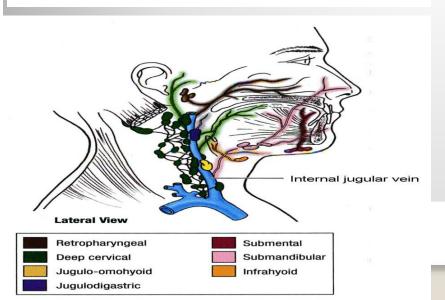
- 3- Ascending pharyngeal artery.
- The veins drain into the internal jugular vein.

# LYMPH DRAINAGE

To superior deep cervical lymph nodes



To submental lymph nodes



- The tip of the tongue drains into the submental lymph nodes.
- The remainder of the anterior 2/3 of the tongue drains into the submandibular & deep cervical lymph nodes.
- Lymph from the posterior 1/3 of the tongue drains into the deep cervical lymph nodes.
- The lymphatic drainage is important in the early spread of carcinoma of the tongue.

# **ORAL CANCER**

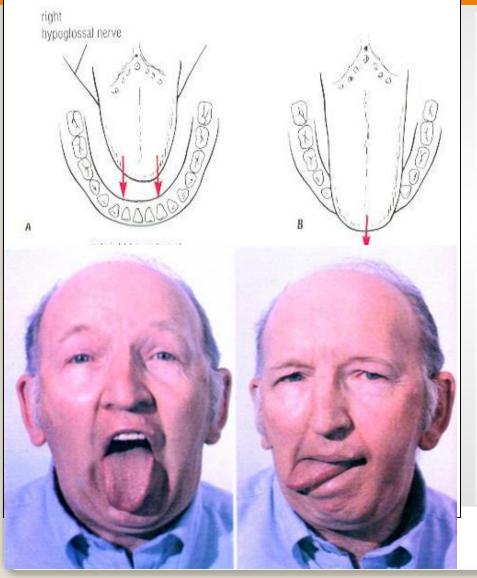
#### Definition

- Tongue cancers are malignant neoplasms of the tongue affecting oral tongue in the oral cavity **or** tongue base in the oropharynx.
- Characteristics
- Epidemiology
- The incidence is about 1.6 per 100,000 persons.
- **The common predisposing factors of tongue carcinoma** are smoking and drinking. Betel leaf chewing is the main reason for high incidences of tongue carcinoma in a few Asian countries including India and Taiwan.
- Pathology:
- The commonest cancer affecting the tongue is squamous cell carcinoma (Oral Cancer) arising from the mucosal epithelial cells.

 Clinical appearance of a lateral tongue squamous cell carcinoma in an 80-year-old man with a previous history of smoking and regular alcoholic beverage consumption.



# Clinical Estimation of the Hypoglossal Nerve



#### Ask the patient to protrude his tongue :

 Normally, Rt.&Lt. <u>genioglossus</u> muscles contract together protruding the tip of tongue anteriorly in the middle line.

Lesion of hypoglossal N. on Rt. side leads to <u>atrophy & wrinkling of</u> <u>the tongue</u> on the same side of lesion.

•Asking patient to protrude the tongue, <u>the tip deviates to side of the lesion.</u>

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