



NERVOUS SYSTEM

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

- ✓ **List the subdivisions of the nervous system.**
- ✓ **Define the terms: grey matter, white matter, nucleus, ganglion, tract and nerve.**
- ✓ **Define neurons and neuroglia.**
- ✓ **List the major parts of the brain.**
- ✓ **Identify the external and internal features of spinal cord.**
- ✓ **Enumerate the cranial nerves.**
- ✓ **Describe the parts and distribution of the spinal nerve.**
- ✓ **Define the term dermatome.**
- ✓ **List the structures protecting the central nervous system.**

The nervous system has 3 functions:

1- Collection of Sensory Input:

Identifies changes occurring inside and outside the body by using sensory receptors. These changes are called stimuli.

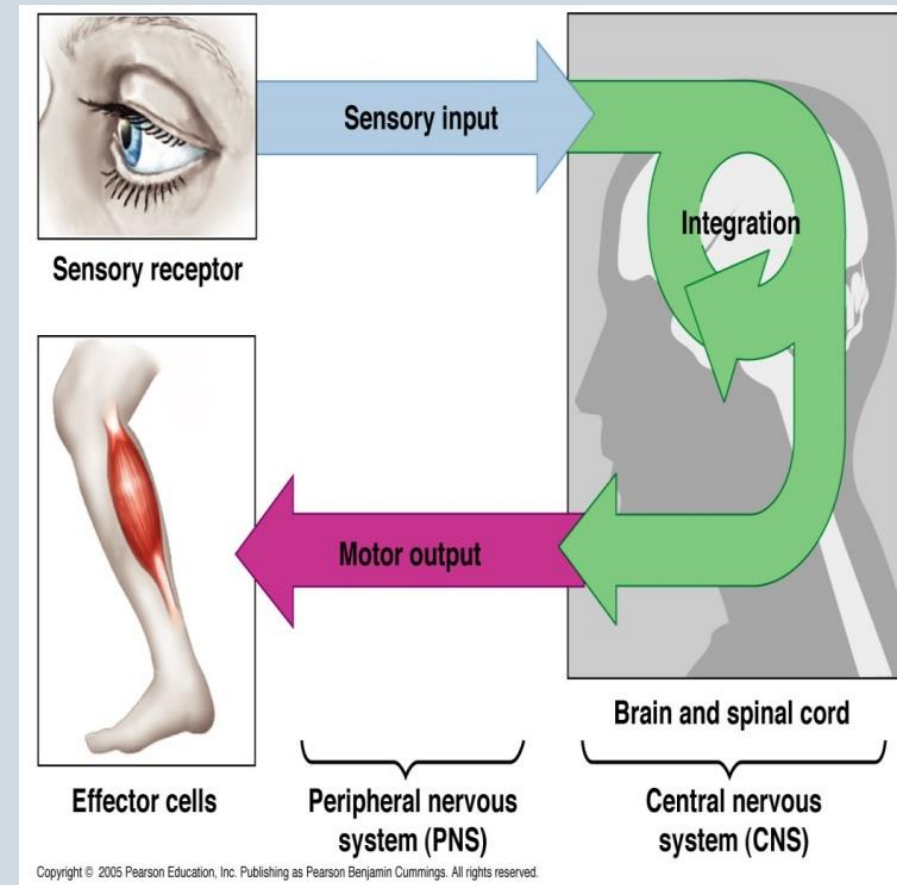
2- Integration:

Processes, analyses & interprets these changes and makes decisions

3-Motor Output (Effects a response):

It then effects a response by activating muscles or glands (effectors) via motor output

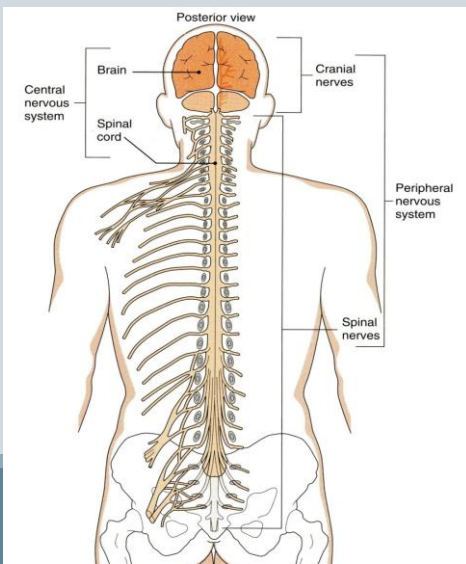
1-sensory input: sends the information to brain(ascendant).
2-integration(pentagon): analyses in the brain.
3-motor output(feedback): from the brain to the body to do the action(descending).



Organization

STRUCTURAL

- Central Nervous System (CNS)
 - Brain & Spinal Cord
 - Peripheral Nervous System (PNS)
 - Nerves & Ganglia
- ↳
- Cranial nerves
 - Spinal nerves

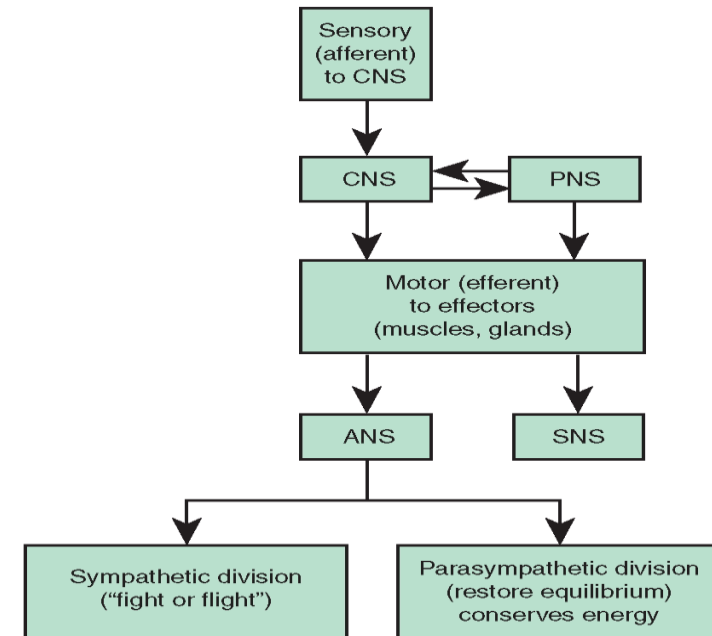


- 1-Peripheral Nervous System is everything outside the CNS.
- 2-cranial nerves: goes out from the brain.
- 3-spinal nerves: goes out from spinal cord.

FUNCTIONAL

- Sensory Division (Afferent)
- Motor Division (Efferent)
 - Autonomic (visceral)
 - Somatic

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CNS = Central nervous system
PNS = Peripheral nervous system
ANS = Autonomic nervous system
SNS = Somatic nervous system

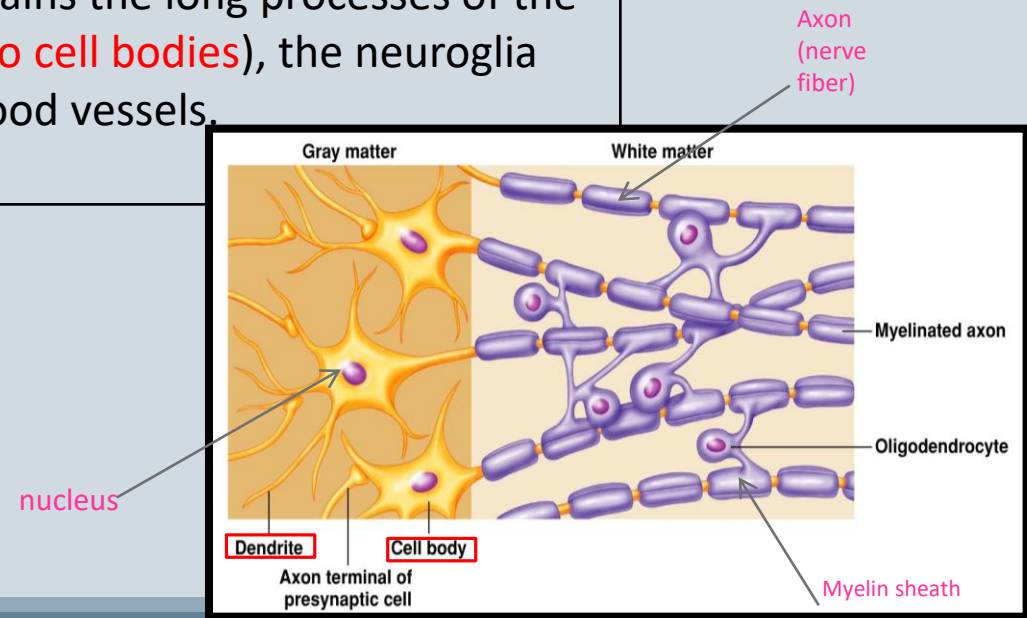
NERVOUS TISSUE

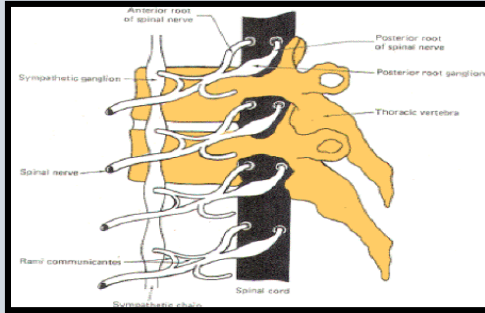
Nervous tissue consists of Nerve cells (Neurons) and supporting cells (Neuroglia).

Nervous tissue is organized as:

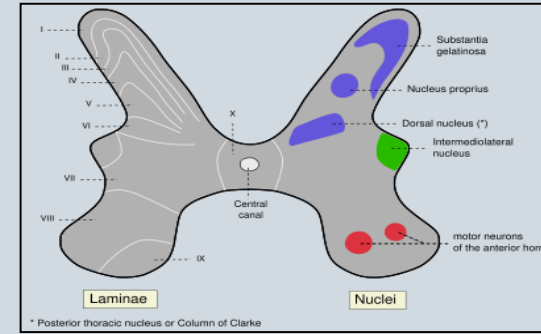
Grey matter	White matter
which contains the cell bodies & the short processes of the neurons, the <u>neuroglia</u> and the blood vessels.	which contains the long processes of the neurons (no cell bodies), the neuroglia and the blood vessels.

- 1-neurons are made of dendrites, cell body and axon.
- 2-grey matter: contains the cell body and dendrites.
- 3-white matter: contains the axons and they call it white matter because of the myelin that covers the axon.
- 4-مايلين تساعد في تسريع نقل الاشارات العصبية.



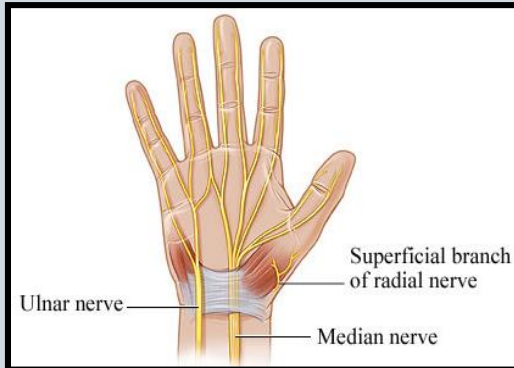


Ganglion
A group of neurons outside the CNS

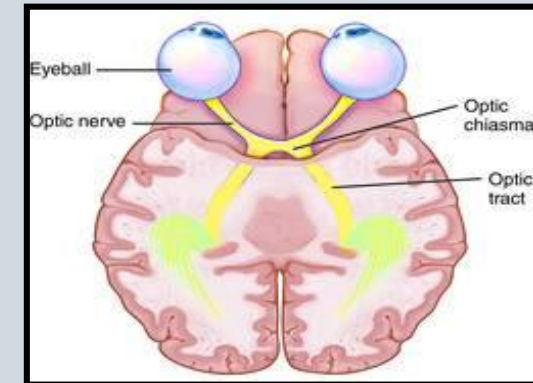


Nucleus
A group of neurons within the CNS

We can set a location by using these terms



Nerve
A group of nerve fibers (axons) outside the CNS

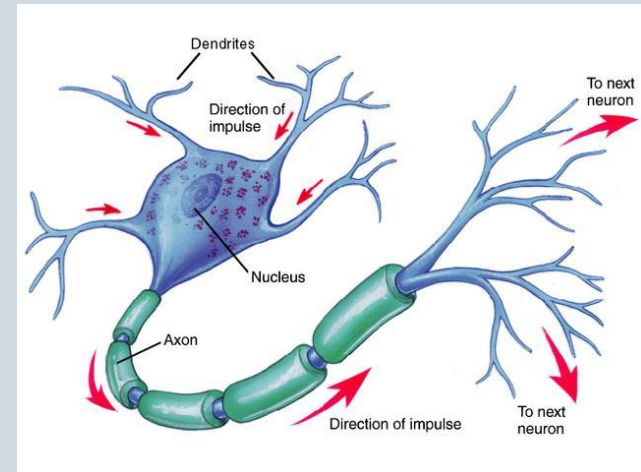


Tract
A group of nerve fibers (axons) within the CNS

NEURONS

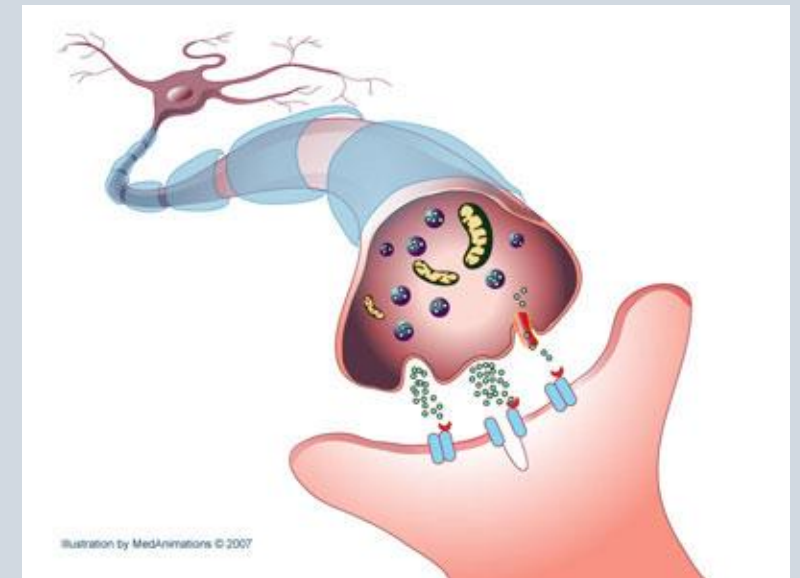
The definition:

- It is the **basic** structural (anatomical), functional and embryological unit of the nervous system.
- The human nervous system is estimated to contain about **10^{10}** neurons.
- The functions of the neuron is to receive incoming information **from sensory receptors or from other neurons** and to transmit information **to other neurons or effector organs**.



NEURONS

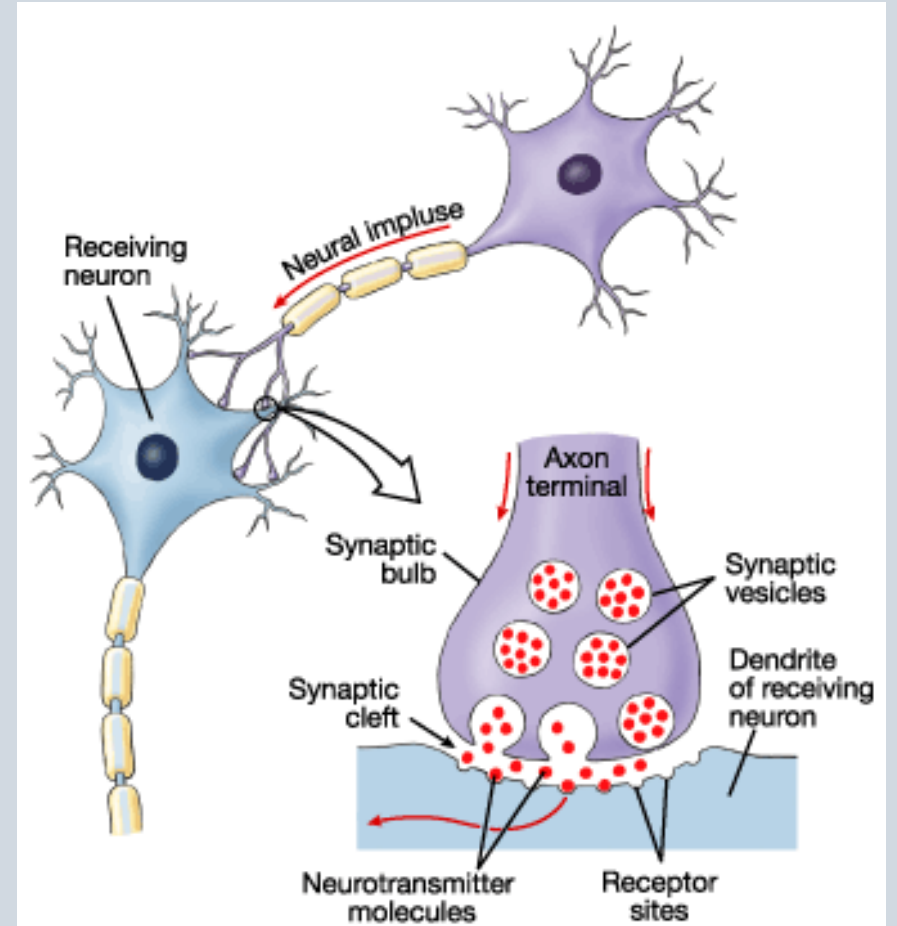
- Information is passed between neurons at specialized regions called **synapses**
- There is a **single** cell body from which a variable number of branching processes emerge.
- Most of these processes are receptive in function and are known as **dendrites**.
- One of the processes leaving the cell body is called **the axon** which carries information **away** from the cell body.
- At the end of the axon, specializations called terminal buttons occur.
- Here information is transferred to the dendrites of other neurons.



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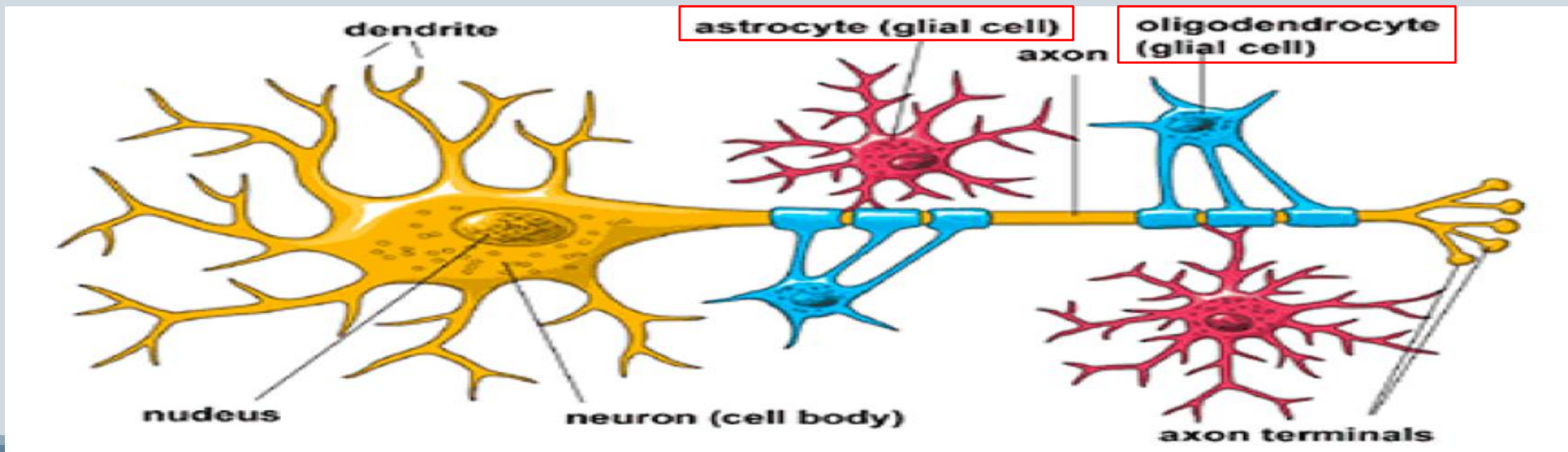
NEURONS

- Transmission of information between neurons almost **always occurs by chemical** rather than electrical means.
- **Action potential** causes release of specific chemical that are stored in synaptic vesicles in the presynaptic ending.
- These chemicals are known as neurotransmitters and diffuse across the narrow gap between pre- and postsynaptic membranes to bind to receptors on the postsynaptic cell.



NEUROGLIA

- **Neuroglia**, or glia cells constitute the other major cellular component of the nervous system.
- It is a specialized **connective tissue** for the nervous system.
- Unlike neurons, **neuroglia** do not have a direct role in information processing but they are essential for the normal functioning of nerve cells.



Three main types of Neuroglial cells are recognized:

Oligodendrocytes

- They form the myelin sheath that surrounds many axons, which increases the rate of conduction (transmission).

Microglia

- They have a phagocytic role in response to nervous system damage.

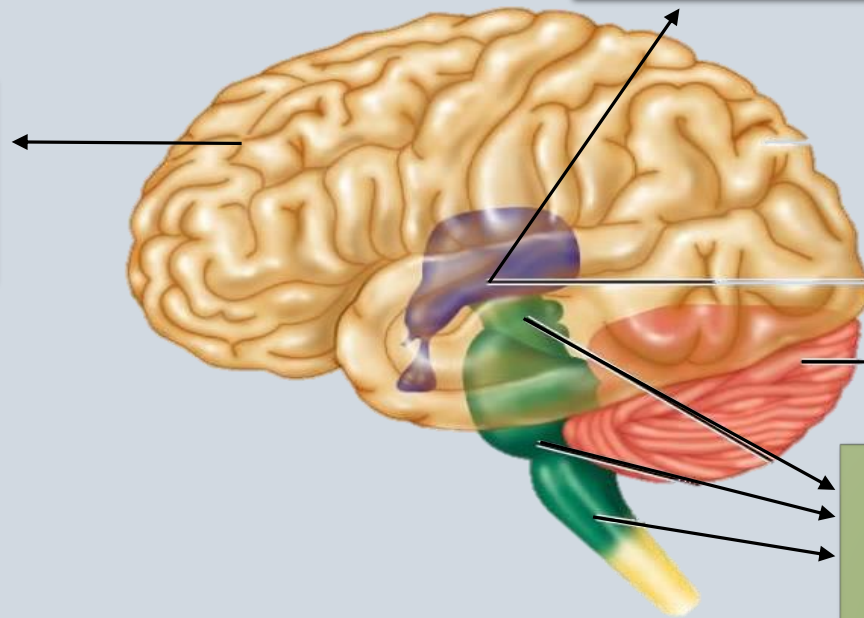
Astrocytes

- They provide biochemical support for endothelial cells that form the blood–brain barrier.

The Brain

- Large mass of nervous tissue located in the cranial cavity.
- Has four major regions:

(1) Cerebrum
2 Cerebral hemispheres



(2) Diencephalon
1. Thalamus
2. Hypothalamus,
3. Subthalamus
4. Epithalamus

(4) Cerebellum

(3) Brain Stem
1-Midbrain
2-Pons
3-Medulla
Oblongata

Cerebrum

The largest part of the brain, and has two hemispheres.

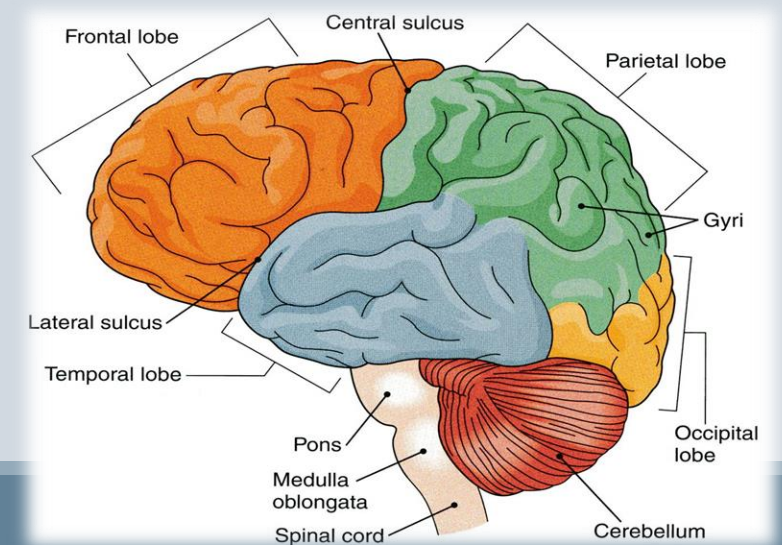
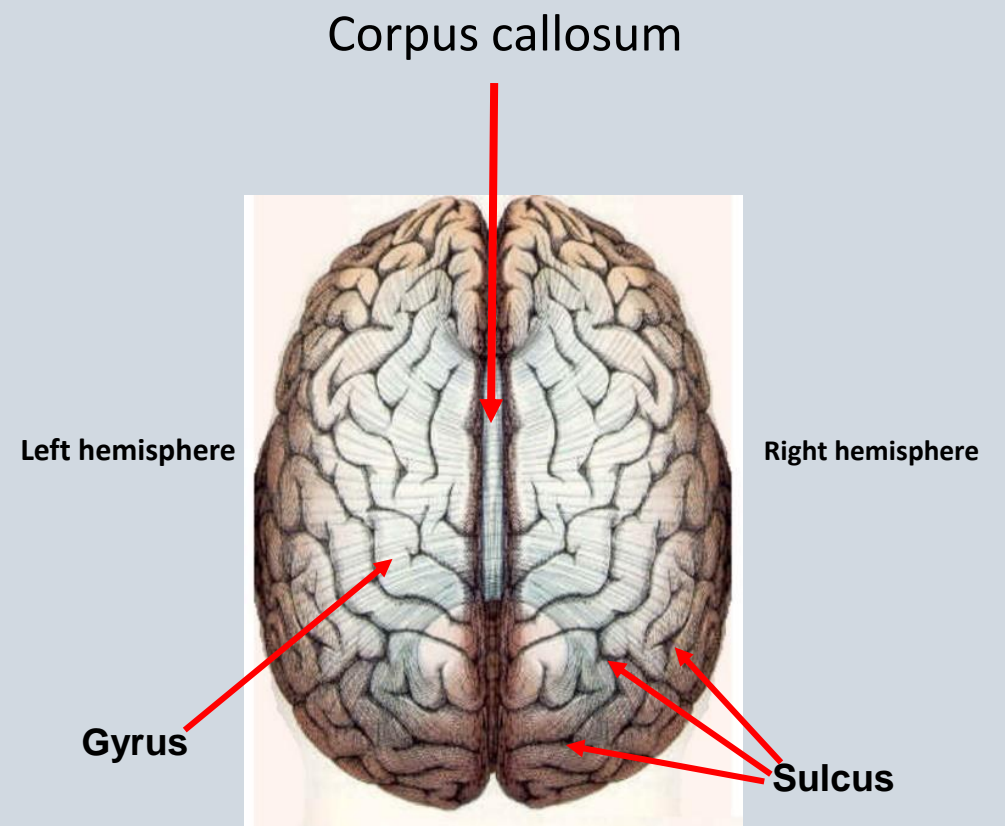
The cerebral hemispheres are connected by a thick bundle of nerve fibers called **corpus callosum**.

The surface shows ridges of tissue, called **gyri** (singular: gyrus), separated by grooves called **sulci** (singular: sulcus).

Divided into **4 lobes** by deeper grooves (**sulci**).

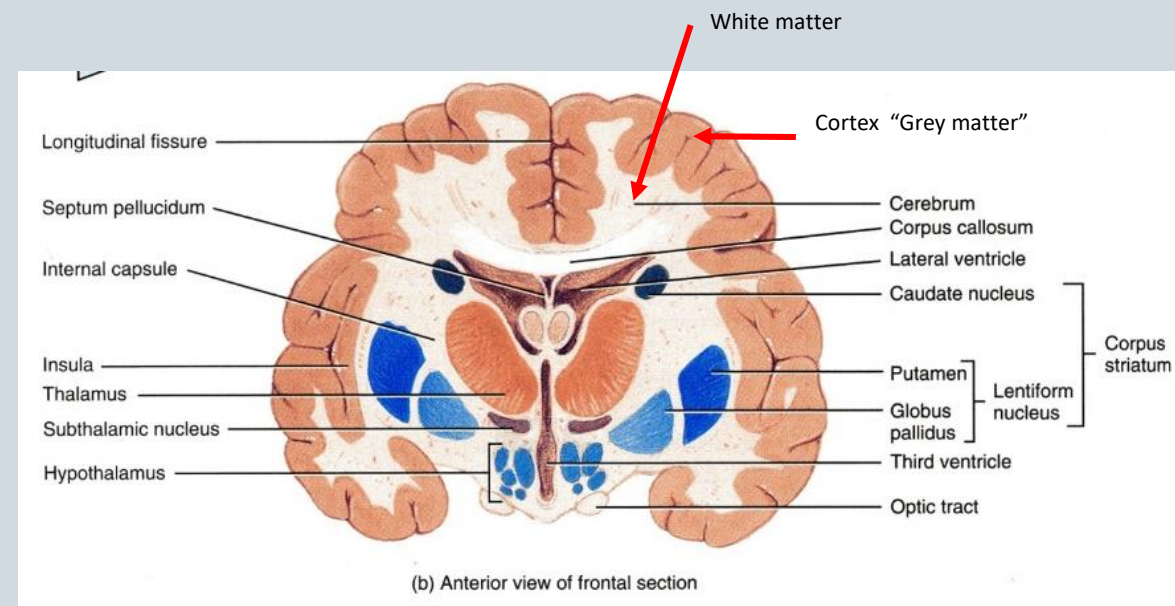
- ❖ **Frontal lobe**
- ❖ **Parietal lobe**
- ❖ **Temporal lobe**
- ❖ **Occipital lobe** (The visual processing center)

- The Lobes are named after the bones that covers them.



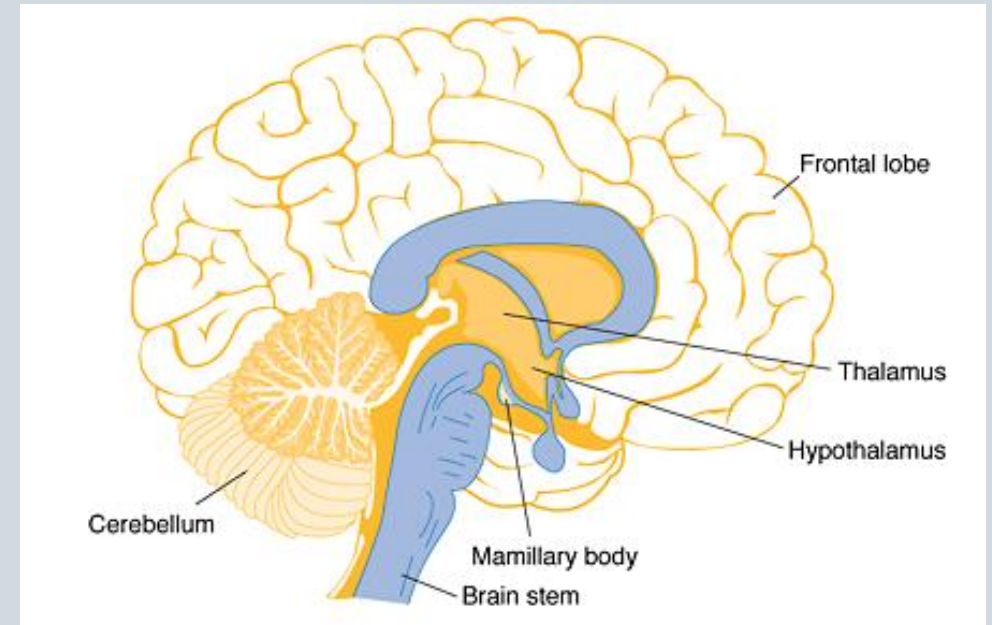
Tissue of Cerebral Hemispheres

- The outermost layer is called **gray matter** or **cortex**.
- Deeper is located the **white matter**, composed of fiber tracts (bundles of nerve fibers)
 - ❖ Carrying impulses to and from the cortex.
- Located deep within the white matter are masses of grey matter called the **basal nuclei**.
 - ❖ They help the motor cortex in the regulation of voluntary motor activities



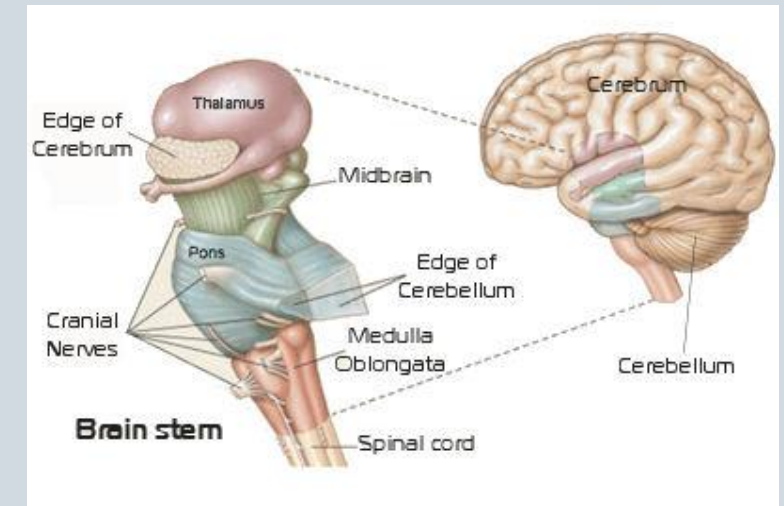
Diencephalon

- ❖ Consists of four parts;
 - Thalamus
 - Hypothalamus
 - Subthalamus
 - Epithalamus
- ❖ Lies between the cerebrum and the brain stem.
- ❖ Regulates visceral activities and the autonomic nervous system.



Brain stem

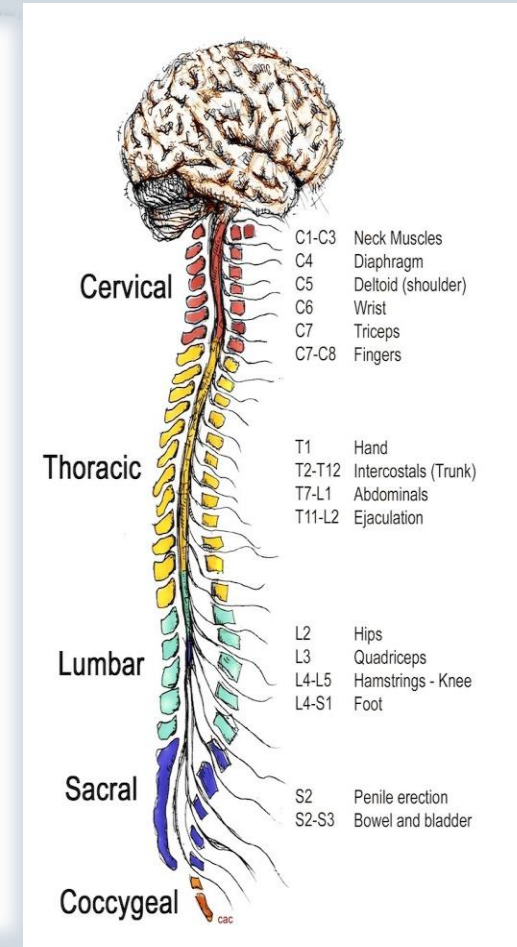
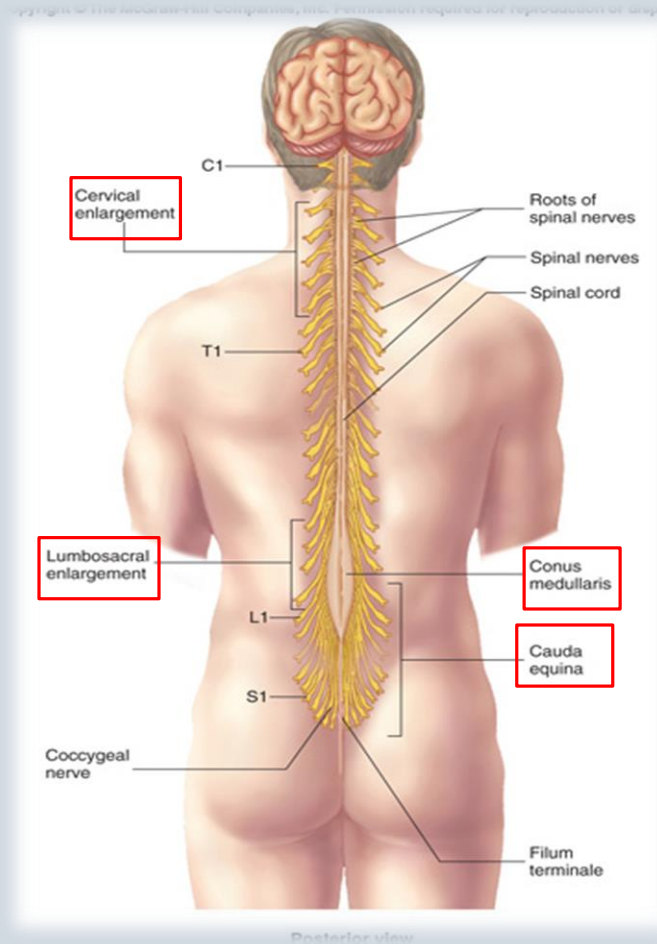
- Consists of three parts;
 - Midbrain
 - Pons
 - Medulla Oblongata
- Produces the rigidly programmed, autonomic behaviors necessary.
- Provides the pathway for fibers tracts running between higher and lower neuronal centers.



Regions in 4-week embryo	Regions in 5-week embryo	Neural tube	Regions in adult	Functions in adult
Forebrain	Telencephalon		Telencephalon (cerebrum)	Higher functions, such as thought, action, and communication
	Diencephalon		Thalamus	Coordinates sensory input and relays it to cerebellum
Midbrain	Mesencephalon		Hypothalamus	Center for homeostatic control of internal environment
Hindbrain	Metencephalon		Midbrain	Coordinates involuntary reactions and relays signals to telencephalon
	Myelencephalon		Cerebellum Pons	Integrates signals for muscle movement Center for information flow between cerebellum and telencephalon
		Medulla oblongata	Controls many involuntary tasks	

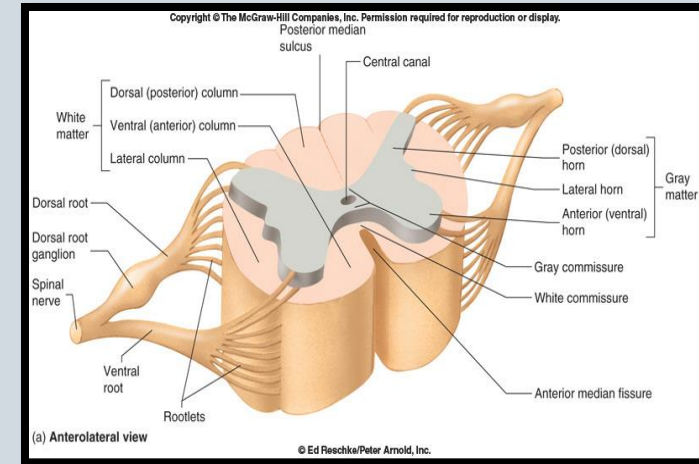
SPINAL CORD

- ❖ It is a two-way conduction pathway to the brain & a major reflex center
- ❖ 42-45 cm long, cylindrical in shape, lies within the vertebral canal.
- ❖ Extends from **foramen magnum** to **L2 vertebra**
- ❖ Continuous above with medulla oblongata
- ❖ Caudal tapering end is called **conus medullaris**
- ❖ Has 2 enlargements: **cervical** and **lumbosacral**
- ❖ Gives rise to 31 pairs of **spinal nerves**
- ❖ Group of spinal nerves at the end of the spinal cord is called **cauda equina**

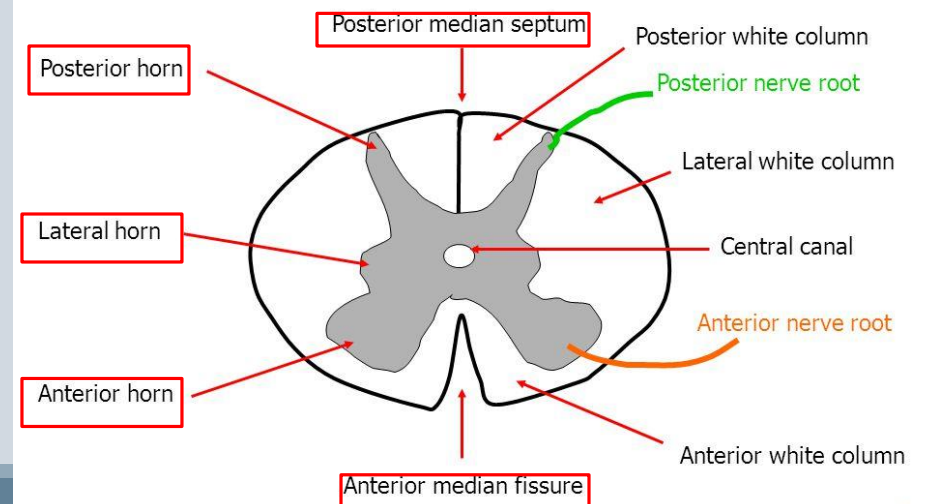


Cross Section Of Spinal Cord

- The spinal cord is incompletely divided into two equal parts, **anteriorly** by a short, shallow median fissure and **posteriorly** by a narrow septum, the posterior median septum.
- Composed of **grey matter** in the centre surrounded by **white matter**.
- The arrangement of grey matter resembles the shape of the letter H, having two posterior, two anterior and two lateral horns/columns.



Structure of a spinal cord segment



Peripheral Nerves

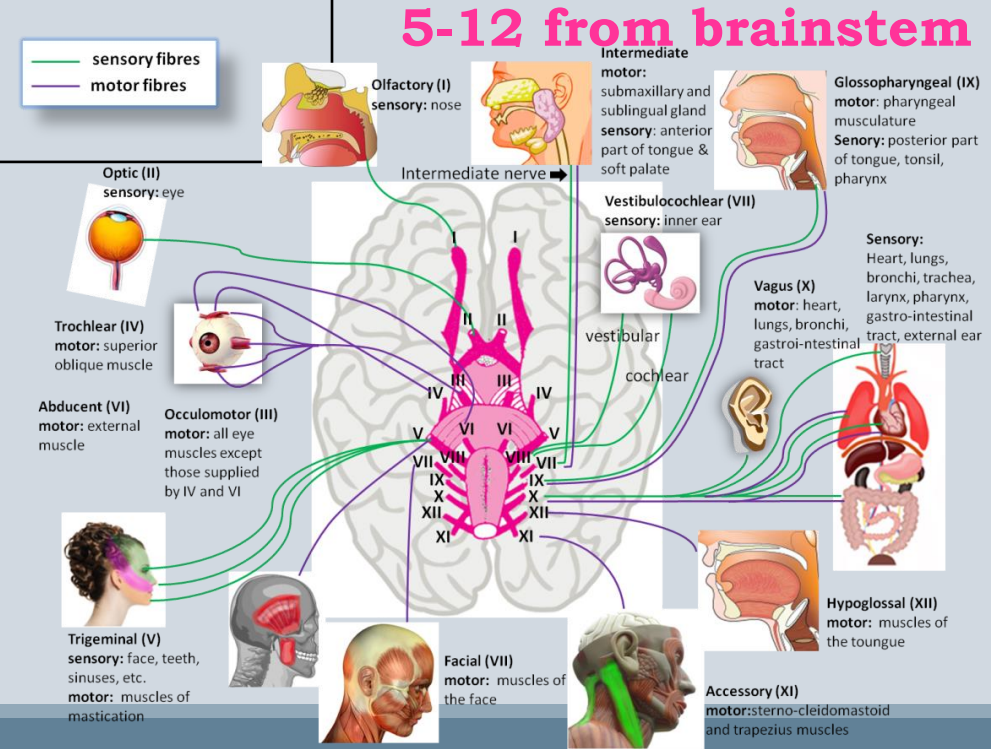
- May be **SENSORY**, may be **MOTOR** or could be **MIXED**
- Two **TYPES**:

❖ **Cranial**: 12 pairs, attached to brain, named, and numbered from 1-12 (from anterior to posterior)

❖ **Spinal**: 31 pairs, attached to spinal cord named and numbered according to the region of the spinal cord.

Cranial Nerves

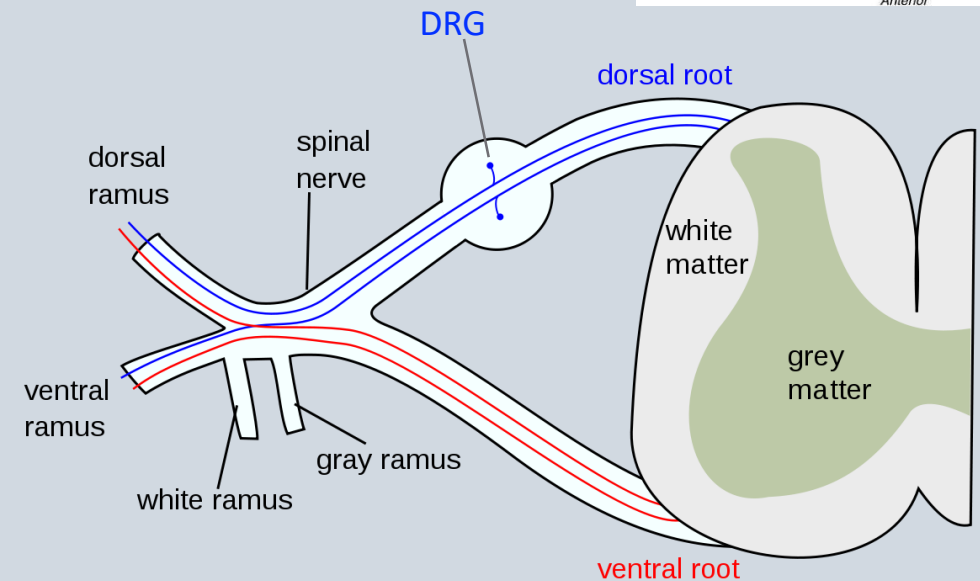
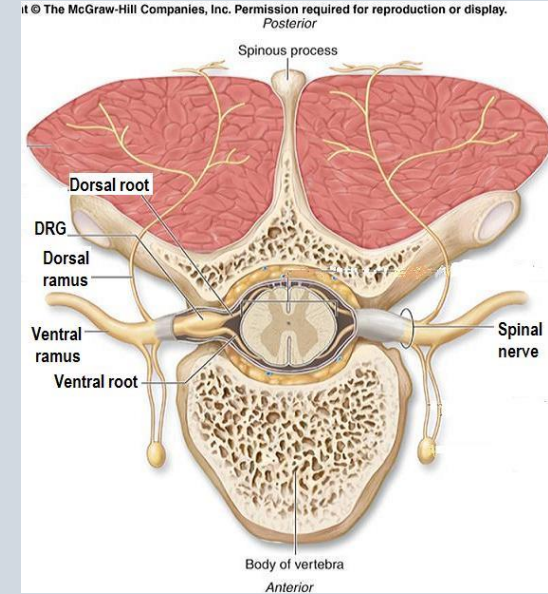
Mixed Nerves	Motor Nerves	Sensory Nerves
1. trigeminal n. (5th)	1. oculomotor n. (3rd)	1. olfactory n. (1st)
2. facial n. (7th)	2. trochlear n. (4th)	2. optic n. (2nd)
3. glossopharyngeal n. (9th)	3. abducent n. (6th)	3. vestibulocochlear n. (8th)
4. vagus n. (10th)	4. accessory n. (11th)	
	5. hypoglossal n. (12)	



Spinal Nerves & Nerve Plexuses

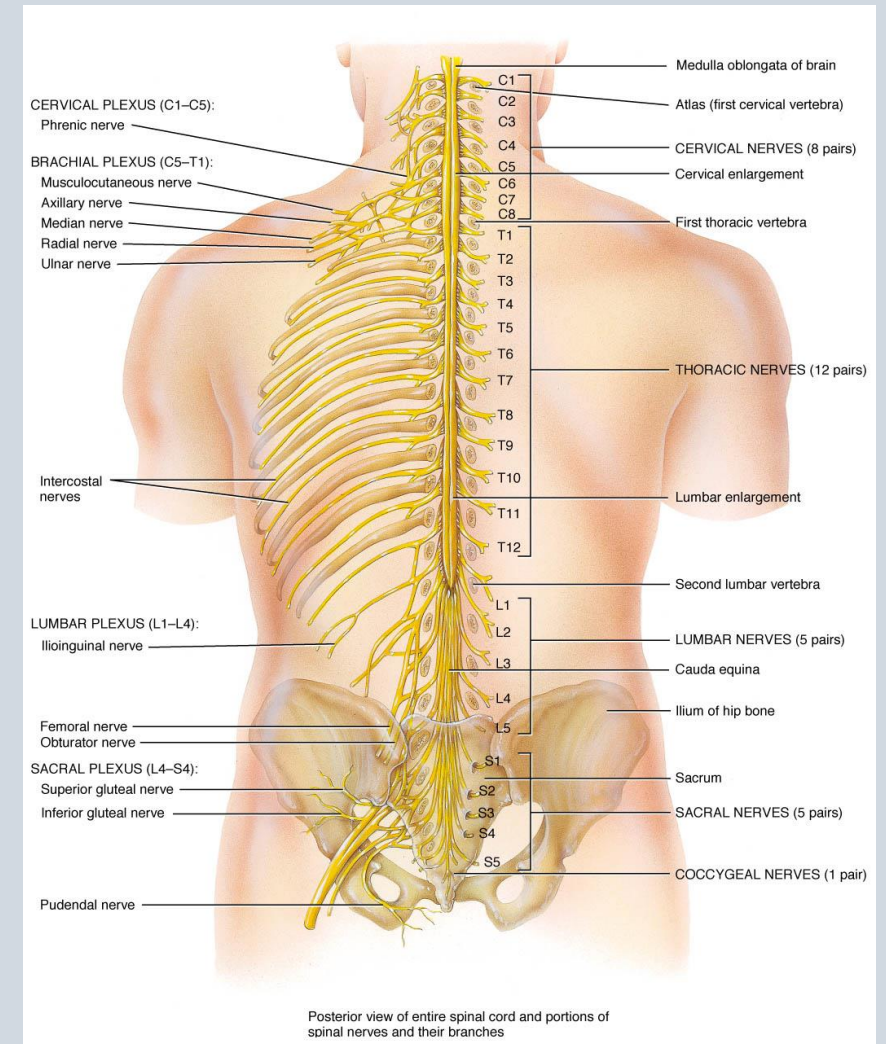
❖ 31 Pairs

- Each spinal nerve is attached by two roots:
 - **Dorsal (sensory)**
 - **Ventral (motor)**
 - ✓ Dorsal root bears a sensory ganglion (DRG)
- Each spinal nerve exits from the intervertebral foramen and divides into a dorsal and ventral ramus.
- The rami contain both sensory and motor fibers.



Spinal Nerves & Nerve Plexuses

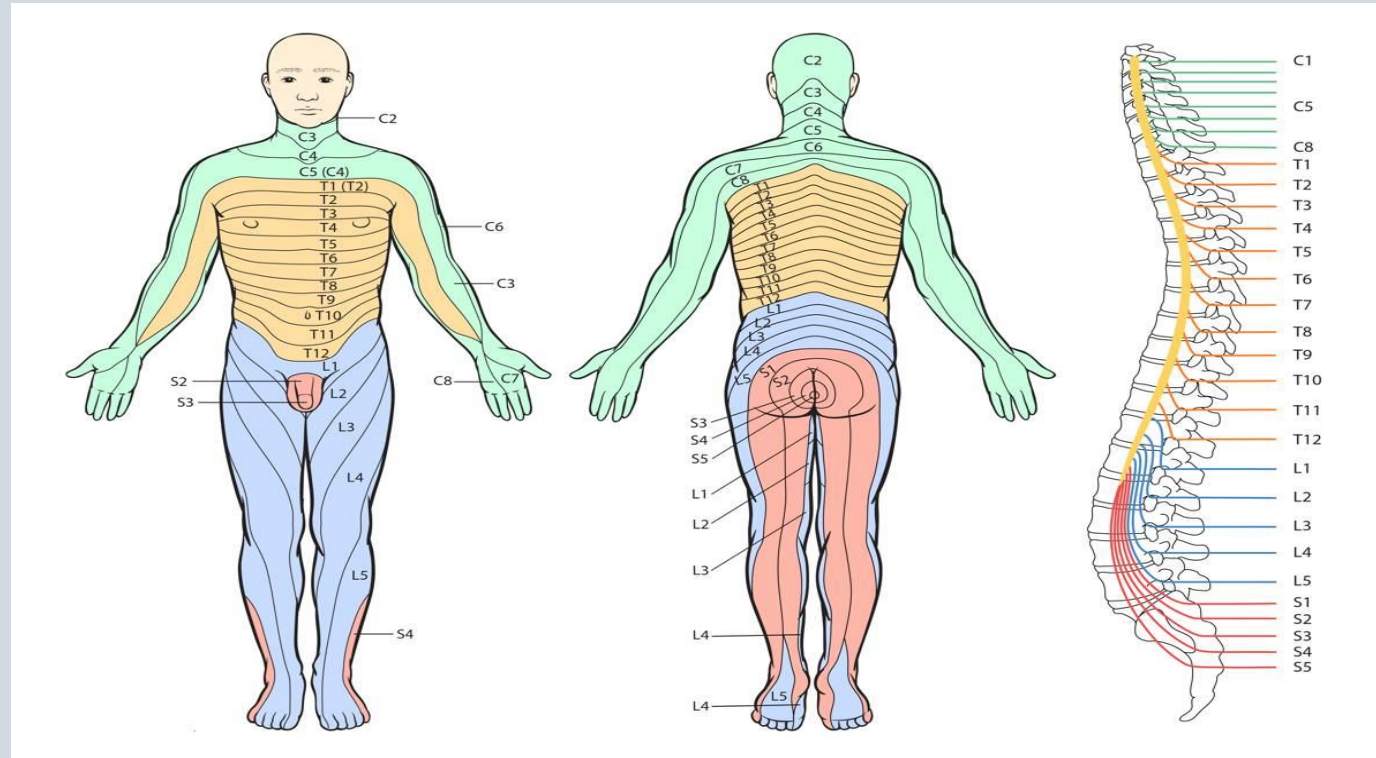
- The **dorsal rami** are distributed individually.
 - Supply the skin and muscles of the back
- The **ventral rami** form **plexuses**
 - Except in thoracic region where they form the intercostal nerves
 - Supply the anterior part of the body



Dermatome

Dermatome is a segment of skin supplied by one spinal nerve.

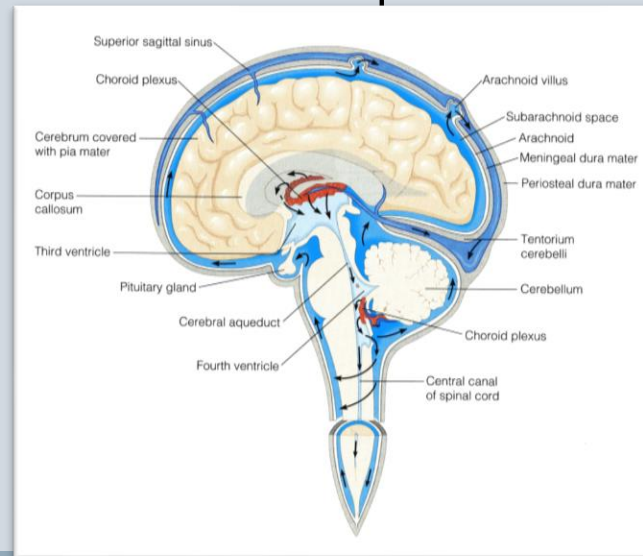
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Protection Of CNS

The CNS Is Protected By:

- **Skull** and the **vertebral column** (Bones)
- **Meninges** (membranes):
 1. **dura mater** (outermost).
 2. **arachnoid mater** (middle).
 3. **pia mater** (innermost).
- **Cerebrospinal fluid** in the subarachnoid space.



Cerebral Fluid

- **CSF** is constantly produced by **the choroid plexuses** inside the ventricles of brain.
- CSF is constantly drained into the Dural sinuses through the arachnoid villi.
- Most of the CSF drains from the ventricles into the subarachnoid space around the brain and spinal cord. A little amount flows down in the central canal of the spinal cord.
- **Between the Arachnoid mater and the pia mater.**

Q6: Which statement(s) of the following is TRUE?

1. Nucleus is a group of neurons within the PNS
2. In the Brain, grey matter located in the centre and surrounded by white matter.
3. Oligodendrocytes they form the myelin sheath that surrounds many neuronal axons, which increase the rate of conduction.
4. Diencephalon provides the pathway for fibers tracts running between higher and lower neuronal centers.
5. Information is passed between neurons at specialized regions called synapses
6. Cerebrum provides precise coordination for body movements and helps maintain equilibrium.
7. Each spinal nerve exits from the intervertebral foramen and divides into a dorsal and ventral ramus.
8. The dorsal rami form plexuses .
9. Dermatome is a segment of skin supplied by one spinal nerve.
10. CSF is produced by the choroid plexuses inside the ventricles of brain.
11. The rami contain only sensory fibers.
12. CSF is drained into the dural sinuses through the arachnoid villi.

Answers : 1-F 2-F 3-T 4-F 5-T 6-F 7-T 8-T 9-T 10-T 11-F 12-T

Extra questions

Q1:Whats is the form of protection that the CNS uses that involves membranes?

A-skull and vertebral column

B-Cerebrospial fluid

C-Dermatomes

D-Meninges

Q2:Where can we find the cell body of a nervous cell?

A-Grey matter

B-white matter

C-both

D-axon

Q3:How many pairs of neurons originate from the spinal cord?

A-23

B-12

C-19

D-31

Q4:The surface shows ridges of tissue separated by grooves called:

A: gyri

B: cortex

C: sulci

D: Insula

Q5:Neuroglial cells are responsible for the transfer of information:

A-TRUE

B-FALSE

► Answers:

► 1-D

► 2-A

► 3-D

► 4-C

► 5-B

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Good Luck