

# Nose, Nasal cavity, Paranasal Sinuses & Pharynx

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# Objectives

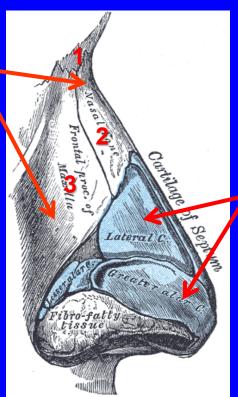
- At the end of the lecture, the students should be able to:
- Describe the boundaries of the nasal cavity.
- Describe the nasal conchae and meati.
- Demonstrate the openings in each meatus.
- Describe the paranasal sinuses and their functions
- Describe the pharynx and its parts

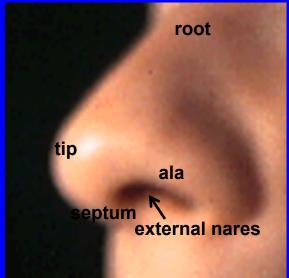
# Nose

The external (anterior) nares or nostrils, lead to the nasal cavity.

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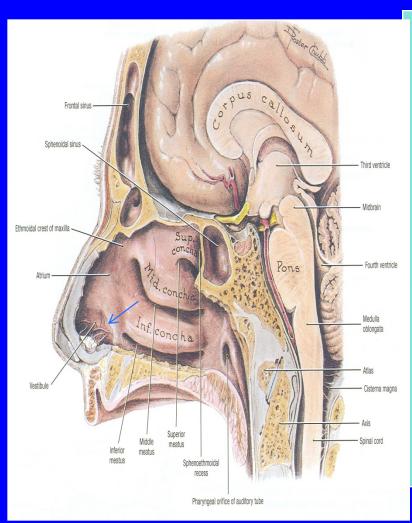
Bony skeleton





Formed below by plates of hyaline cartilage.

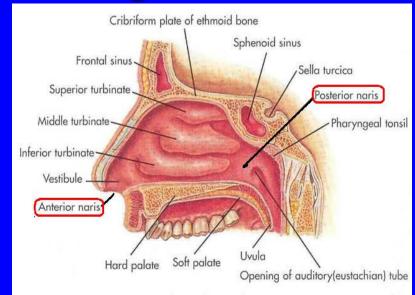
# **VESTIBULE**

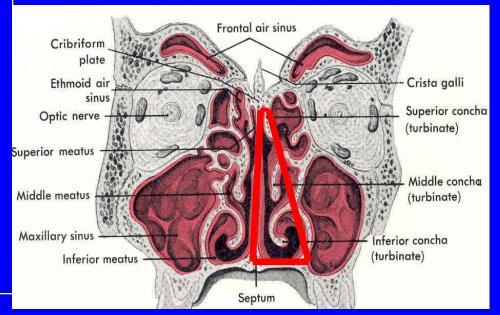


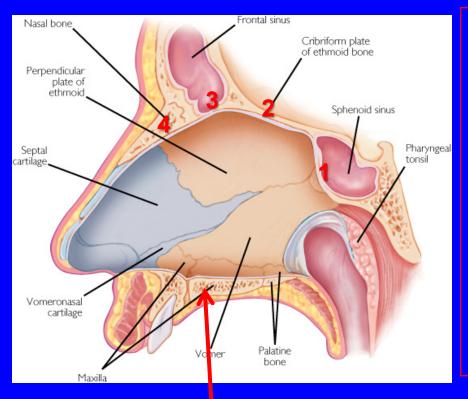
- It lies above nostrils
- Bounded laterally by ala of nose
- Lined by <u>skin</u>
   possessing short
   hairs
- Limited above & behind by a curved elevation "limen nasi"

# **Nasal Cavity**

- Extends from the external (anterior) nares to the posterior nares (choanae).
- Divided into right & left halves by the nasal septum.
- Each half has a:
  - Roof
  - Lateral wall
  - Medial wall (septum)
  - Floor







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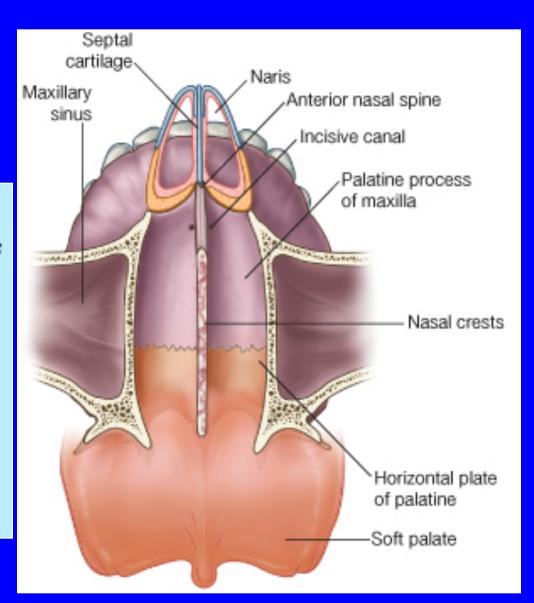
- Narrow & formed (from behind forward) by the:
  - 1. Body of sphenoid.
  - 2. Cribriform plate of ethmoid bone.
  - 3. Frontal bone.
  - 4. Nasal bone & cartilage

#### Floor

- Separates it from the oral cavity.
- Formed by the hard (bony) palate.

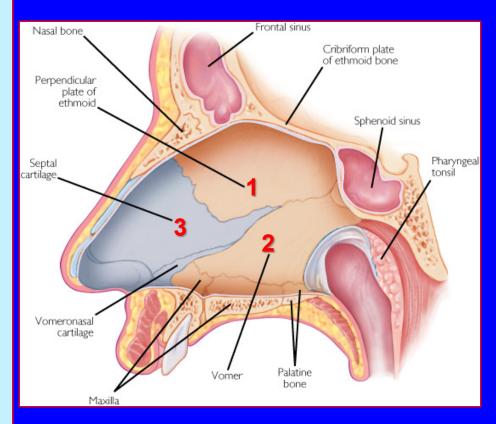
## **Floor**

- Formed by:
- Nasal (upper)surface of the hard (bony) palate:
- Palatine process of maxilla, anteriorly.
- Horizontal plate of the palatine bone, posteriorly.

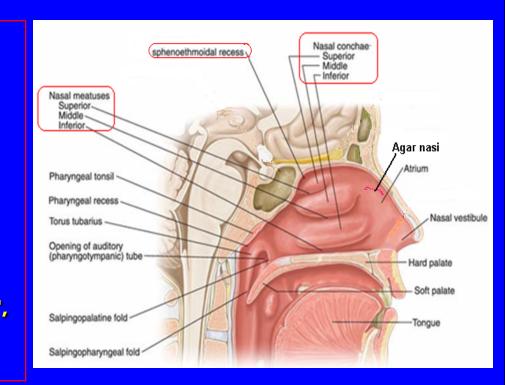


# Medial Wall (Nasal Septum)

- Osteocartilaginous partition.
- Formed by:
  - 1. Perpendicular plate of ethmoid bone.
  - 2. Vomer.
  - 3. Septal cartilage.



- Lateral Wall
- Shows three horizontal bony projections, the superior, middle & inferior conchae
- The cavity below each concha is called a meatus and are named as superior, middle & inferior corresponding to the conchae.



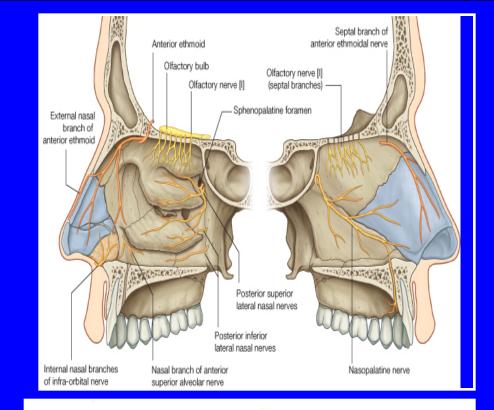
The small space above the superior concha is the sphenoethmoidal recess.

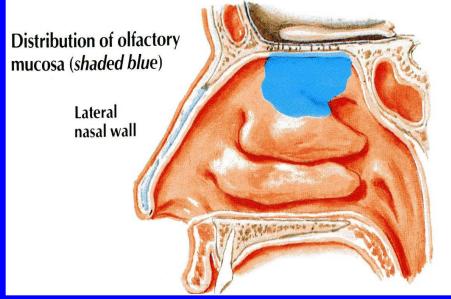
The conchae increase the surface area of the nasal cavity. The recess & meati receive the openings of the:

- Paranasal sinuses.
- Nasolacrimal duct.

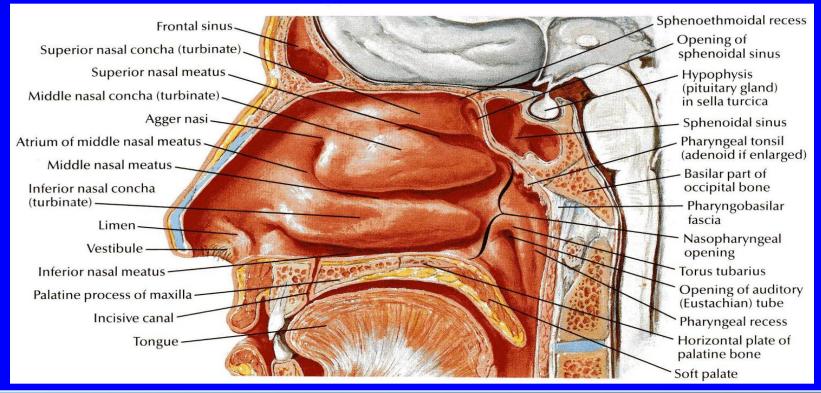
#### **Nasal mucosa**

- Oliactory:
- It is <u>delicate</u> and contains olfactory nerve cells.
- It is present in the upper part of nasal cavity:
- Roof,
- On the lateral wall,
- Oit lines the upper surface of the <u>superior concha</u> and the <u>sphenoethmoidal</u> recess.
- On the medial wall, it lines the superior part of the nasal septum.





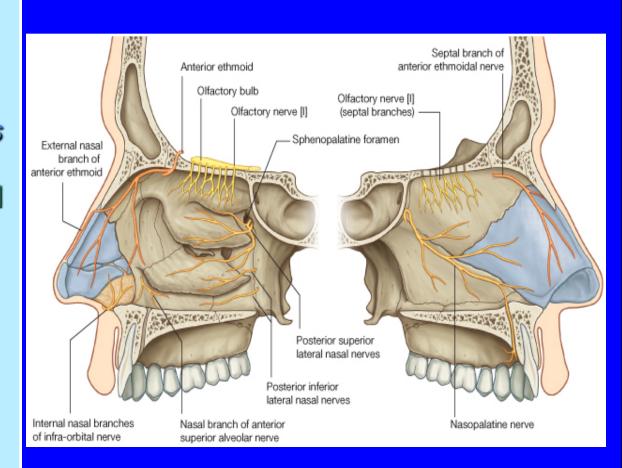
#### **RESPIRATORY MUCOSA**



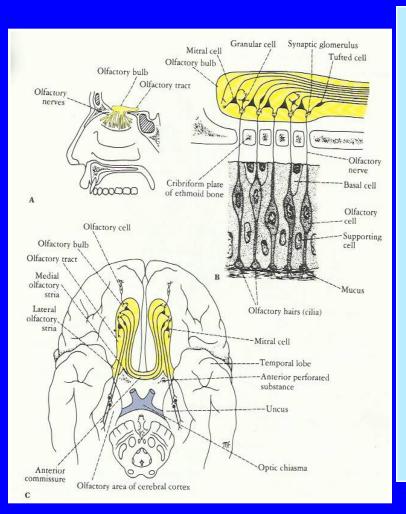
- It is thick, ciliated highly vascular and contains mucous glands & goblet cells
- It lines the Lower part of the nasal cavity.
- It functions to moisten, clean and warm the inspired air.
- The air is moistened by the secretion of numerous serous glands.
- It is <u>cleaned</u> by the removal of the dust particles by the ciliary action of the columnar ciliated epithelium that covers the mucosa.
- O The air is <u>warmed</u> by a submucous venous plexus.
- The Vestibule is fined by Skin.

- The nerves of General Sensation are derived from the Ophthalmic & Maxillary divisions of trigeminal nerve
- The anterior part is supplied by:
  Anterior Ethmoidal nerve.
- OThe posterior part is supplied by:
- 9 1-Nasopalatine,
- 2- Nasal,
- 3- Palatine branches of the pterygopalatine ganglion.

# Nerve supply



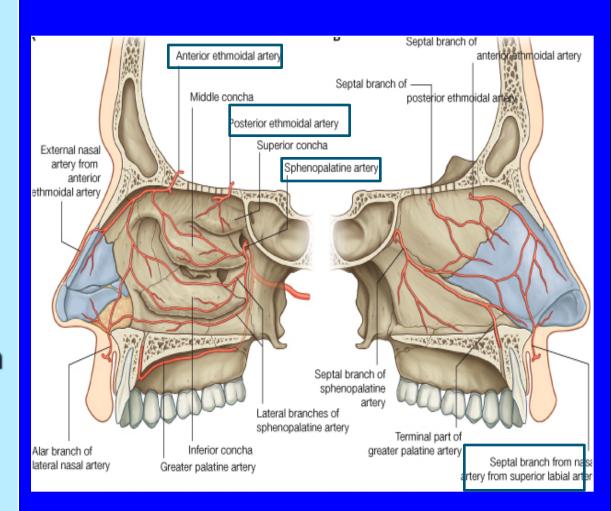
#### Olfactory nerve



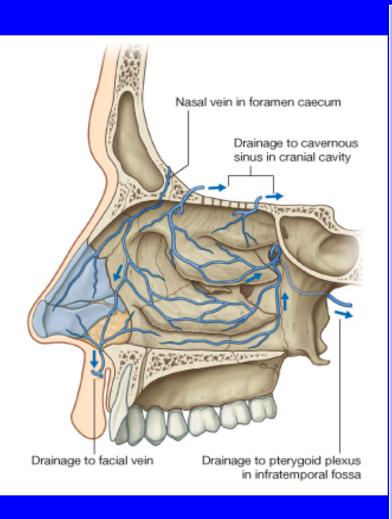
- It is responsible for Special sensation (Smell).
- Olfactory receptors are specialized, ciliated nerve cells that lie in the olfactory epithelium.
- The axons of these bipolar cells 12-20 fibers form the true olfactory nerves fibers.
- Which passe through the cribriform plate of ethmoid to the brain.

- Sphenopalatine artery (Maxillary) .
- Ethmoidal anterior and posterior (Ophthalmic).
- Superior labial (Facial).
- Applied anatomy :
- The rich arterial anastomosis on anterior & inferior part of nasal septum (Little's area) is the commonest site for Epistaxis.

# **Arterial supply**



# Venous drainage

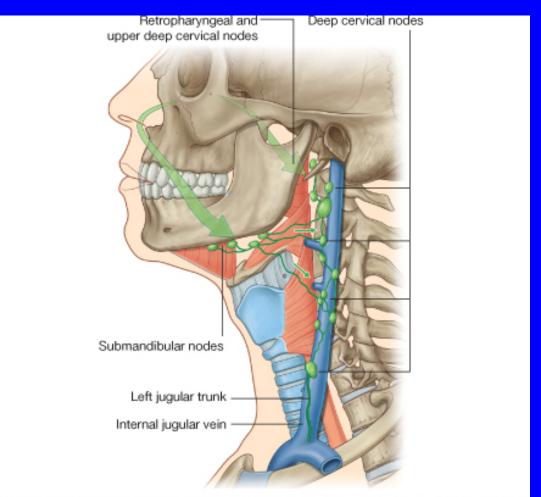


- veins accompany the corresponding arteries, they drain into pterygoid venous plexus & cavernous sinus.
- 1. An emissary vein passes through the foramen caecum and joins the superior sagittal sinus.
- 2. It can be a route of transmission of infection from the nasal cavity to the cranial cavity.

#### Lymphatic Drainago

# The lymphatics from the:

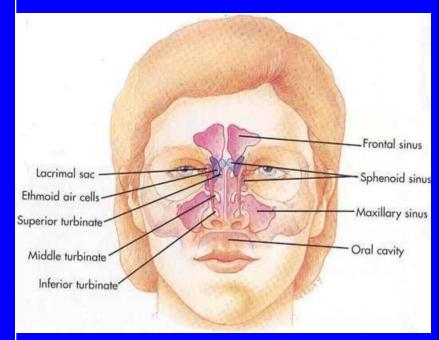
- Vestibule drains into the submandibular lymph nodes.
- Rest of the cavity drains into the upper deep cervical lymph nodes.

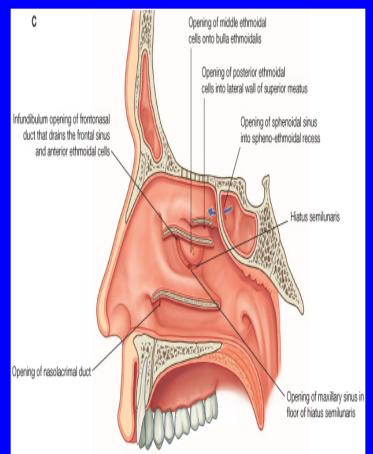


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# **Paranasal Sinuses**

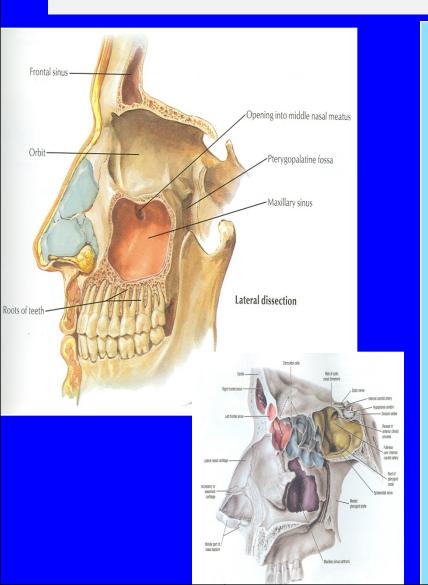
- Air filled cavities located in the bones around the nasal cavity: Ethmoid, Sphenoid, Frontal bones & Maxillae.
- Lined by respiratory mucosa which is continuous with the mucosa of the nasal cavity.
- Drain into the nasal cavity.
- Functions
- Lighten the skull.
- Act as resonant chambers for speech.
- Air conditioning: The respiratory mucosal lining helps in warming, cleaning and moistening the incoming air.





Spheno ethmoidal recess	sphenoidal sinus
Superior meatus	posterior ethmoidal sinus
Middle meatus	middle ethmoidal, maxillary, frontal & the anterior ethmoidal sinuses
Inferior meatus	nasolacrimal duct.

#### **CLINICAL IMPORTANCE of Sinuses**



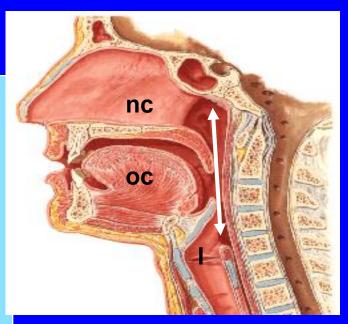
- Maxillary sinus:
- Its floor is formed by the alveolar process of maxilla.
- The roots of upper premolars & molars project into it.
- Infection of teeth can produce sinusitis or

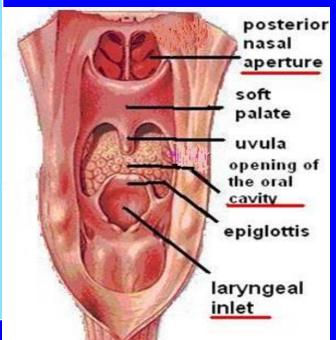
Extraction of a tooth may result in a fistula

- Ethmoidal air sinus:
- Its infection can spread to the orbit and cause orbital cellulitis.

# **Pharynx**

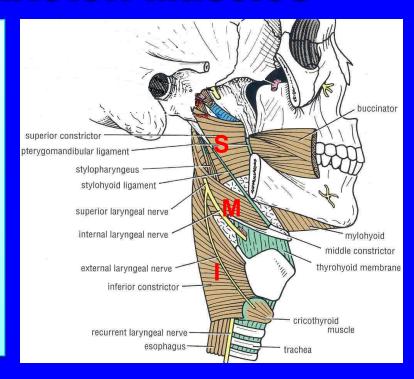
- Muscular tube lying behind the nose, oral cavity & larynx.
- Extends from the base of the skull to level of the sth cervical vertebra, where it is continuous with the esophagus
- The anterior wall is deficient and shows (from above downward):
  - Posterior nasal apertures.
  - Opening of the oral cavity.
  - Laryngeal inlet.
- The muscles arranged in circular and longitudinal layers.





#### Circular (Constrictor) Muscles

- Three in number:
- Superior constrictor,
- Middle constrictor &
- Inferior constrictor
- The three muscles overlap each other.

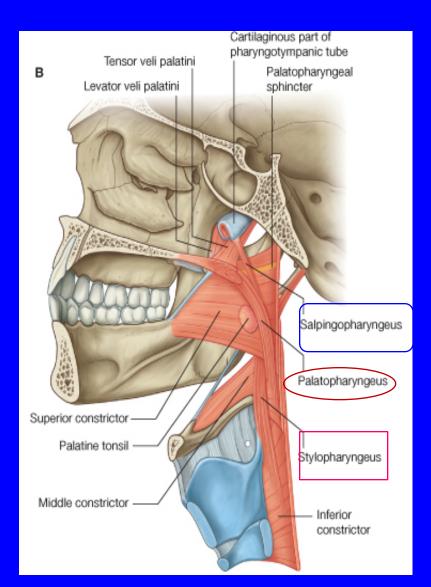


#### functions:

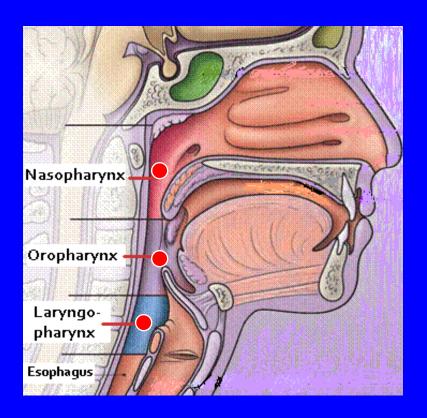
- Propel the bolus of food down into the esophagus.
- lower fibers of the inferior constrictor (Cricopharygeus) act as a sphincter, preventing the entry of air into the esophagus between the acts of swallowing.

# **Longitudinal Muscles**

- Three in number:
  - Stylopharyngeus
  - Salpingopharyngeus
  - Palatpharyngeous
- Function:
  - Elevate the larynx & pharynx during swallowing

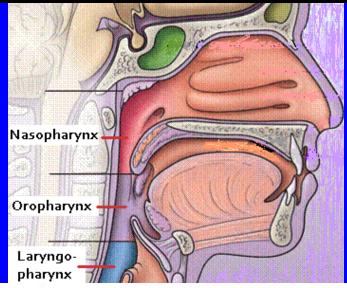


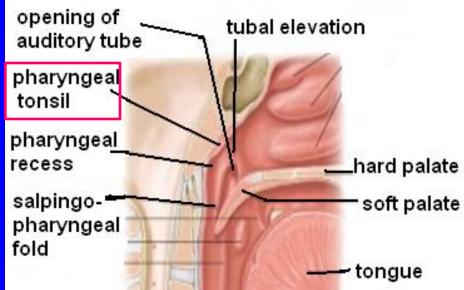
- Pharynx is divided into three parts:
  - Nasopharynx.
  - Oropharynx.
  - Laryngopharynx.



- Extends from the base of skull to the soft palate.
- communicates with the nasal cavity through posterior nasal apertures
- Plantaged to tells (Adenoides) present in the submucosa covering the <u>ROOf.</u>
- Lateral wall shows:
  - Opening of auditory tube.
  - Tubal elevation (produced by posterior margin of the auditory tube).
  - Tubal tonsil.
  - Pharyngeal recess.
  - by salpingo-pharyngeus muscle).

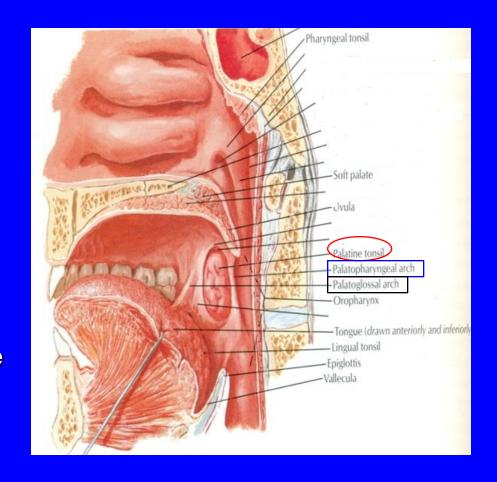
# Nasopharynx





- Lies behind the mouth, communicates with the oral cavity through the oropharyngeal isthmus
- Extends from soft palate to upper border of epiglottis.
- Lateral wall shows:
  - Palatopharyngeal fold.
  - Palatoglossal fold
  - Palatine tonsil located between them in a depression called the 'tonsillar fossa'.

## **Oropharynx**

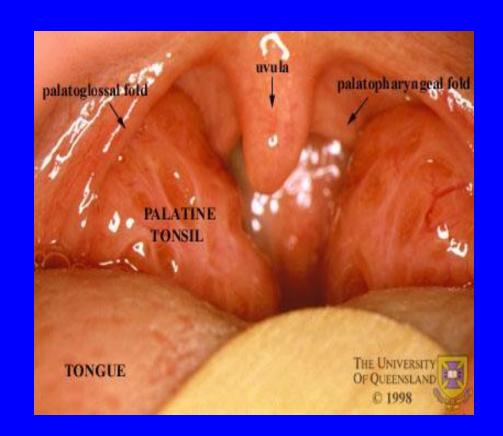


#### **Palatine tonsils**

Two masses of lymphoid tissue located in the lateral wall of the oropharynx in the tonsillar fossa.

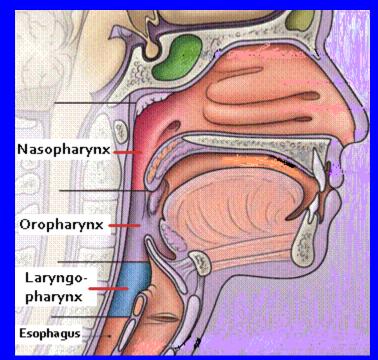
Each one is covered by mucous membrane and laterally by fibrous tissue (capsule).

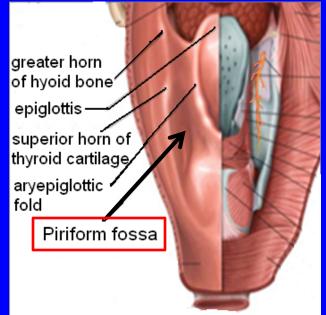
It reaches a maximum size during childhood, after puberty it diminishes in size.



## Laryngopharynx

- Lies behind the laryngeal inlet & the posterior surface of larynx.
- communicates with the larynx through the laryngeal inlet
- Extends from upper border of epiglottis to lower border of cricoid cartilage.
- A small depression situated on either side of the laryngeal inlet is called 'Philium Fossa'.
- It is a common site for the lodging of foreign bodies.
- Branches of internal laryngeal & recurrent laryngeal nerves lie deep to the mucous membrane of the fossa and are vulnerable to injury during removal of a foreign body.





#### Nerve Supply

- Sensory
- Nasopharynx: Maxillary nerve
  - Oropharynx:
     Glossopharyngeal
     nerve
  - Laryngopharynx:
     Vagus nerve

#### Motor:

 All the muscles of pharynx are supplied by the pharyngeal plexus. EXCEPT: the Stylopharyngeus is supplied by the glossopharyngeal

#### **Arterial supply:**

**Ascending pharyngeal** 

- Ascending palatine
- Facial
- Maxillary
- Lingual

#### VENOUS DRAINAGE

- pharyngeal venous plexus, which drains into the internal jugular vein
- Lymph Drainage
- Deep Cervical lymph nodes either directly, or indirectly via the Retropharyngeal or Paratracheal lymph nodes

