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Nervous System

Lecture 3

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Objectives •••

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

- List the subdivisions of the nervous system
- Define the terms: grey matter, white matter, nucleus, ganglion, tract and nerve.
- List the 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 three functions:

1. Collection of sensory input:

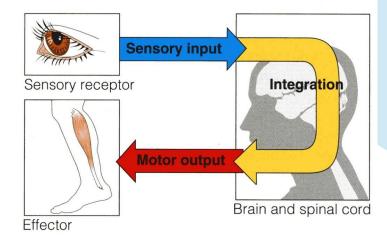
Identifies changes occurring inside and outside the body by using sensory receptors. These changes are called stimuli.

1. Integration:

Processes, analyses and interprets these changes and makes decisions.

1. • Effects a response

by activating muscles or glands (effectors) via motor output.

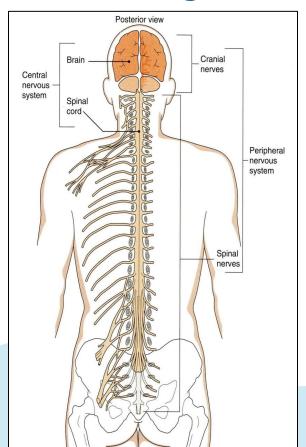


Structural Organization

Central nervous system

(CNS):

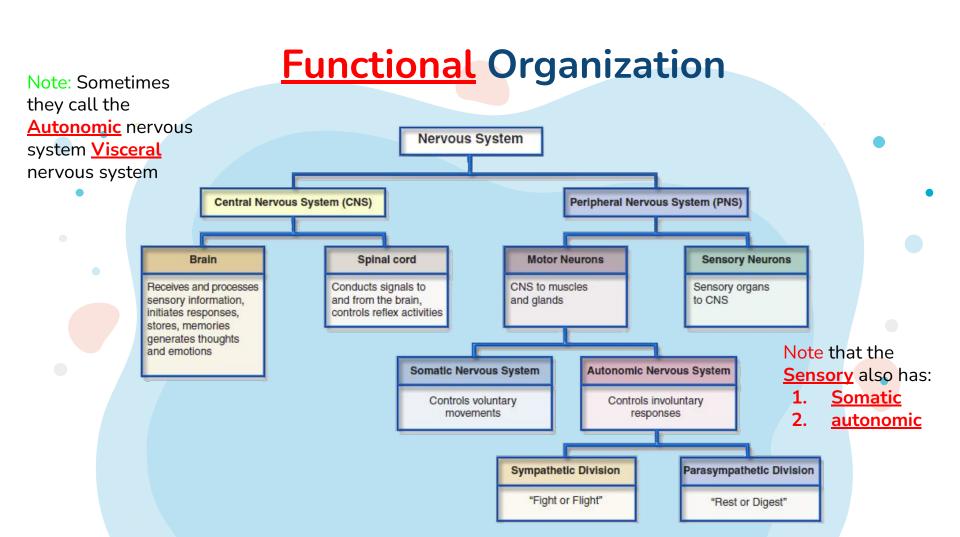
- 1. Brain
- 2. Spinal cord



Peripheral nervous system (PNS):

- Nerves
 (Spinal, Cranial)
- 1. Ganglia

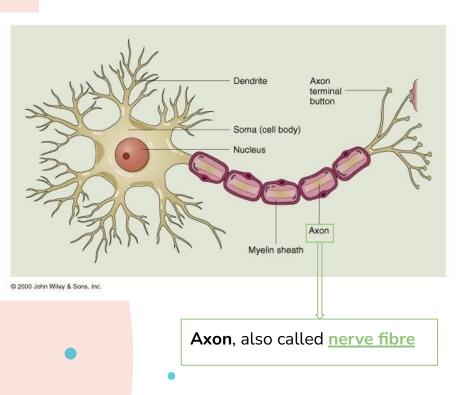




Nervous tissue

Nervous tissue consists of:

- Nerve cells (<u>Neurons</u>)
- 2. Supporting cells (Neuroglia)

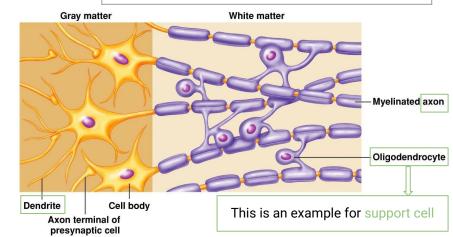


Nervous tissue is organized as:

Gray matter	White matter
<u>Contains</u> cell bodies	<u>No</u> cell bodies
Short processes of the neurons (Dendrite)	Long processes of the neurons (Axons)

Neuroglia

Blood vessels



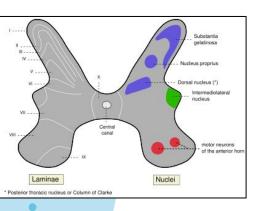
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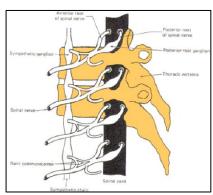
A group of neurons within the CNS is called a <u>nuclei</u>

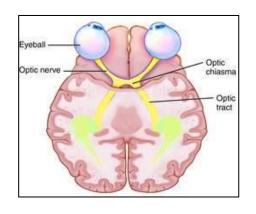
A group of neurons outside the CNS is called a ganglia

A group of nerve fibers (axons) within the CNS is called a **tract**

A group of nerve fibers (axons) outside the CNS is called a nerve









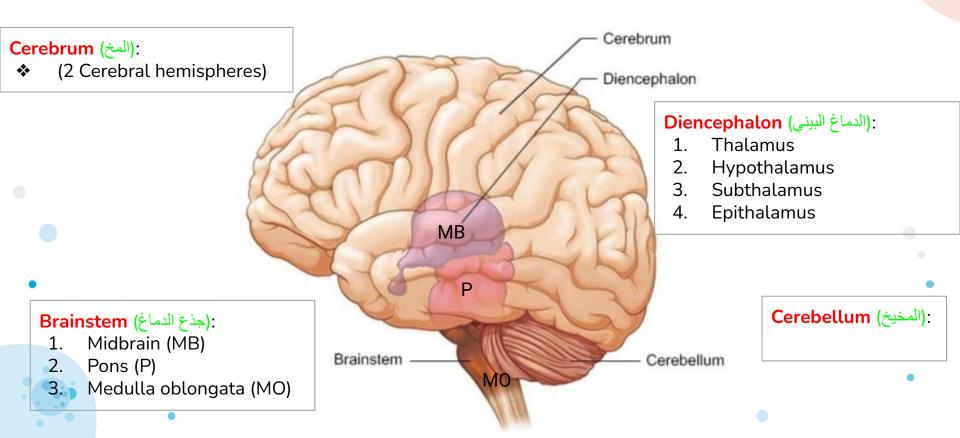
Note: Nuclei is a plural form, and Nucleus is the singular form

Note: Ganglia is a plural form, and Ganglion is the singular form



Brain

The brain is a large mass of nervous tissue located in the cranial cavity. It has **four major regions**:



CEREBRUM •••

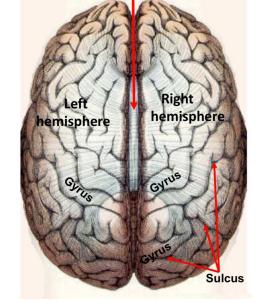
- The largest part of the brain, has two hemispheres
- The cerebral hemispheres are connected by a thick bundle of nerve fibers called corpus callosum
- The surface shows ridges of tissue, called gyri, separated by grooves called sulci

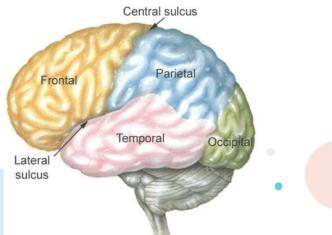
Note: One ridge called Gyrus And one groove called Sulcus

Cerebrum divided by deeper sulci, into 4 lobes

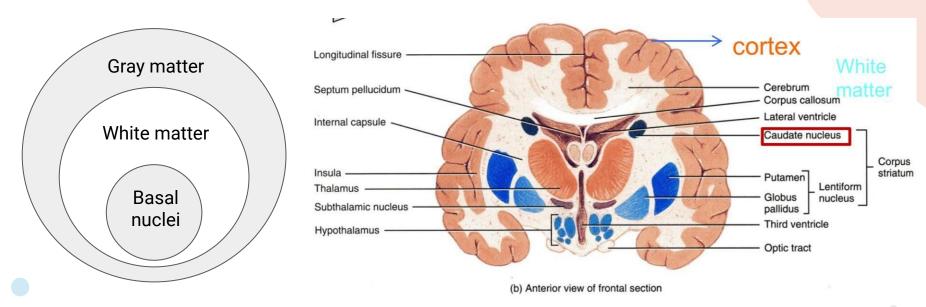
- each hemisphere):
 - Frontal
 - Parietal
 - Temporal
 - Occipital







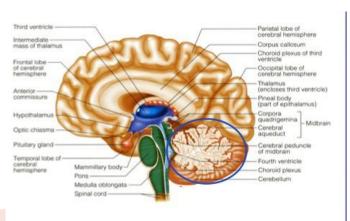
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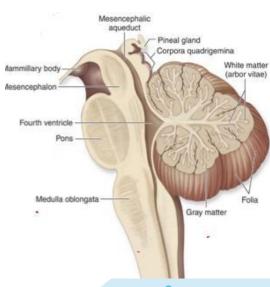
- The outermost layer is called gray matter or cortex
- Deeper is located the white matter, composed of fiber tracts (bundles of nerve fibers), carrying impulses to and from the cortex
- Located deep within the white matter are masses of grey matter called the basal nuclei. They help the motor cortex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

CEREBELLUM

- The cerebellum (Like the cerebrum) has 2 hemispheres and a convoluted surface.
- It has an outer cortex of gray matter and an inner region of white matter (Also like the cerebrum).
- It provides precise coordination for body movements and helps to maintain equilibrium.



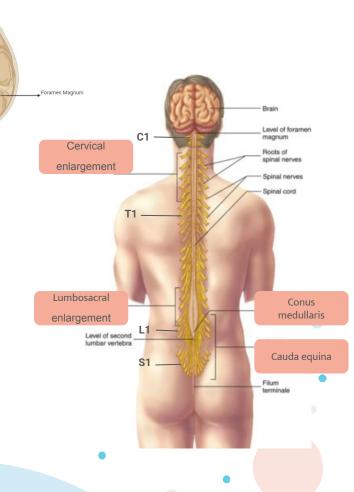




Spinal cord •••

- 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 <u>2 enlargements</u>: cervical (عشان عضلات اليد) and lumbosacral (عشان عضلات القدم).
- Gives rise to <u>31</u> pairs of spinal nerves.
- Group of spinal nerves at the end of spinal cord is called cauda equina (یشبه ذیل الحصان)





Cross section of spinal cord · · ·

The spinal cord is incompletely divided into two equal part:

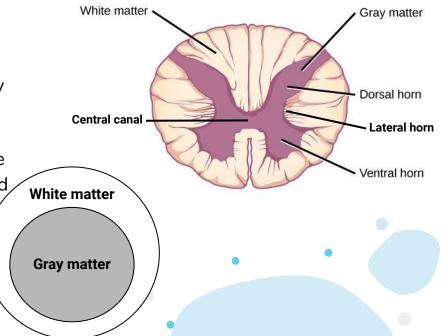
- Anteriorly by a short, shallow median fissure.
- Posteriorly by deep narrow median septum.

It is composed of <u>grey matter</u> in centre surrounded by white matter.

(cerebrum and cerebellum عكس)

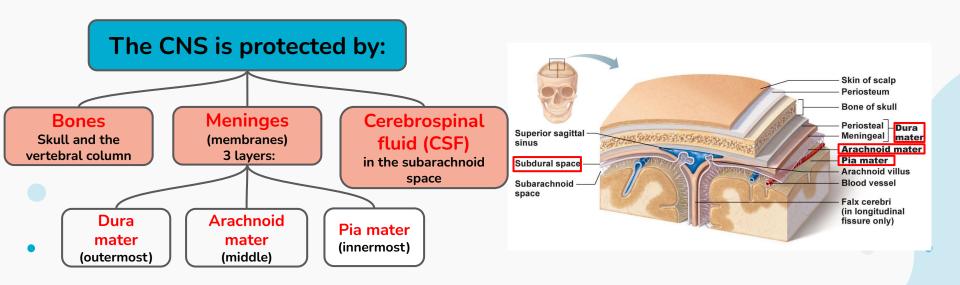
The arrangement of <u>grey matter</u> resembles the shape of the letter H, having two posterior, two anterior, and two lateral horns/columns.

(the lateral horn is not found in all of the spinal cord)





Protection of the CNS •••

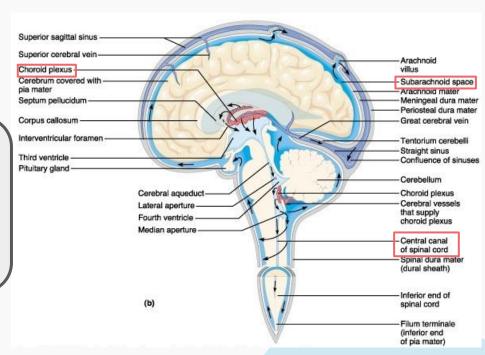


Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)

1- CSF is constantly produced by the choroid plexuses inside the ventricles of brain.

2- 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.

3- CSF is constantly drained into the dural sinuses through the arachnoid villi.







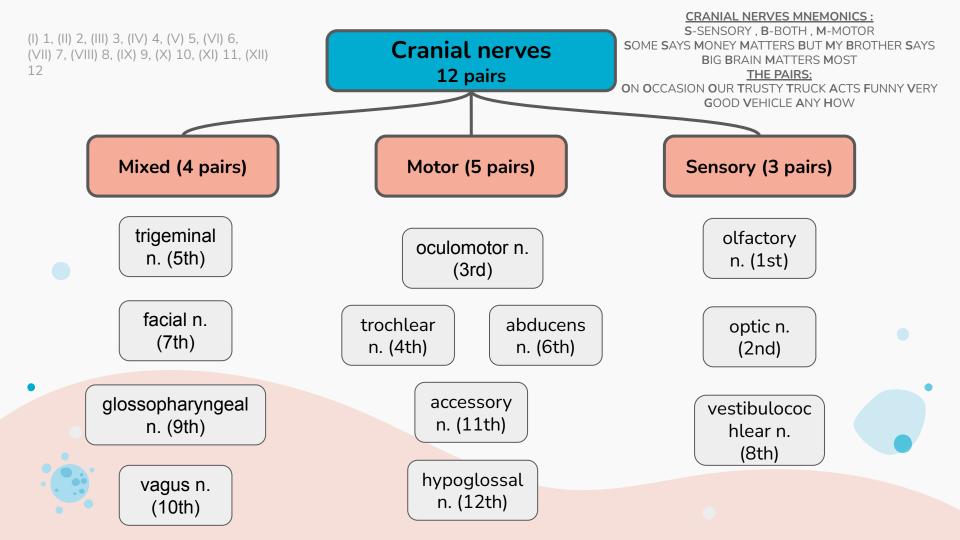
Peripheral Nerves

May be sensory, motor or mixed.

43 nerve pairs Types of peripheral nerves (two types) Cranial **Spinal**

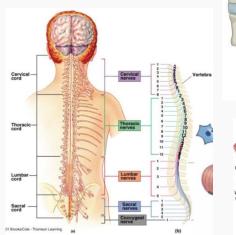
- 12 pairs.
- Attached to brain.
- Named & numbered from 1-12.

- 31 pairs.
- Attached to spinal cord.
- Named and numbered according to the region of the spinal cord.

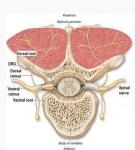


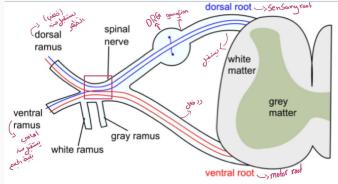
Spinal nerves and Nerve Plexuses

- □ 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.
- 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), and supply the anterior part of the body.



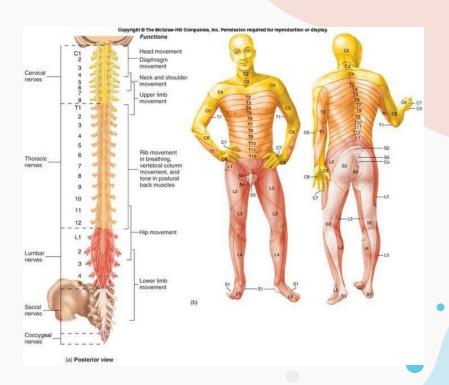






Dermatomes

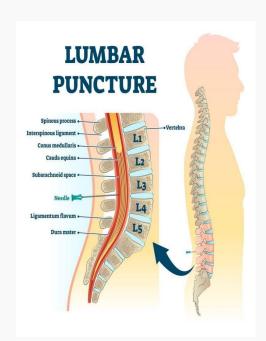
The segment of skin supplied by a segmental spinal nerve is called a 'Dermatome'





Diagnostic Lumbar Puncture

- It is one of the most commonly performed invasive tests in clinical medicine.
- Lumbar puncture (LP) occurs between <u>L3-L4</u> vertebrae for CSF collection.
- It is <u>essential for the diagnosis</u> of inflammatory and infectious disease of the nervous system (as meningitis) and in cases of subarachnoid haemorrage.





MCQs:

1- The brain can be protected by:						
<u> </u>	A- meninges	B- cerebrospinal fluid	C- skull	D- all of above		
2-From where is CSF produced?						
	A- Skull	B- Subarachnoid	C- Choroid plexuses	D- dural sinuses		
3- How many are motor nerves in cranial nerves?						
	A- 3 pairs	B- 4 pairs	C- 5 pairs	D- 6 pairs		
4- Where is central sulcus located between?						
	A- parietal and occipital	B-temporal and frontal	C- temporal and occipital	D- Frontal and parietal		
5- What are masses of grey matter located deep within white matter in the brain called?						
•	•A- Basal nuclei	B- Brain stem	C- Pons	D- Choroid plexuses		
6- Which one of these forms plexuses?						
	A- Dorsal root	B- Ventral root	C- Dorsal ramus	D- Ventral ramus		

1- D 2- C 3- C 4- D 5- A 6- D

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