

# CRANIAL NERVES REVISION

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We hope this revision has been of great benefit

Good luck☺

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# Overview:

— sensory fibres  
— motor fibres

**Optic (II)**  
**sensory:** eye



**Trochlear (IV)**  
**motor:** superior oblique muscle

**Abducent (VI)**  
**motor:** external rectus muscle



**Trigeminal (V)**  
**sensory:** face, sinuses, teeth, etc.  
**motor:** muscles of mastication

**Oculomotor (III)**  
**motor:** all eye muscles except those supplied by IV and VI



**Olfactory (I)**  
**sensory:** nose



**Intermediate motor:** submaxillary and sublingual gland  
**sensory:** anterior part of tongue and soft palate



**Vestibulocochlear (VIII)**  
**sensory:** inner ear



**Glossopharyngeal (IX)**  
**motor:** pharyngeal musculature  
**sensory:** posterior part of tongue, tonsil, pharynx



**Vagus (X)**  
**motor:** heart, lungs, bronchi, gastrointestinal tract  
**sensory:** heart, lungs, bronchi, trachea, larynx, pharynx, gastrointestinal tract, external ear



**Facial (VII)**  
**motor:** muscles of the face



**Hypoglossal (XII)**  
**motor:** muscles of the tongue



**Accessory (XI)**  
**motor:** sternocleidomastoid and trapezius muscles



# Main function:

**I**  
(olfactory)=smell

**II** (optic)=vision

**III** (occulomotor)= eye  
movements

**IV** (trochlear)= eye movement; downward  
and laterally

**V** (trigeminal)=sensory nerve of face + muscles of  
mastication(المضغ)

**VI** (abducent)= eye movement; laterally

**VII (facial)**= facial expressions + taste; anterior 2/3 of tongue + parasympathetic

**VIII (vestibulocochlear)**= hearing + balance

**IX (glossopharyngeal)\***= swallowing + taste; posterior 1/3 of tongue + parasympathetic

**X (vagus)\***= important role in speech + parasympathetic

**XI (accessory)**=some head, neck and shoulder movements

**XII (hypoglossal)**= tongue muscles

- This slide represents main signature functions not all functions

\* =see other functions

# Grouping:

## Sensory:

1. **I** (olfactory)
2. **II** (optic)
8. **VIII** (vestibulocochlear)

## Mixed:

5. **V** (trigeminal)
7. **VII** (facial)
9. **IX** (glossopharyngeal)
10. **X** (vagus)

## Motor:

3. **III** (occulomotor)
4. **IV** (trochlear)
6. **VI** (abducent)
11. **XI** (accessory)
12. **XII** (hypoglossol)

## Types of CN:

- **1, 2 & 8** sensory ( I have **128 sensory**)
- **10, 9, 7, 5** mixed (In **1975** all the world was **mixed**)
- **Others are motor**

Some say marry money but my brother says big brains matter more

S - sensory (olfactory nerve - CN I)

S - sensory (optic nerve - CN II)

M - motor (oculomotor nerve - CN III)

M - motor (trochlear nerve - CN IV)

B - both (trigeminal nerve - CN V)

M - motor (abducens nerve - CN VI)

B - both (facial nerve - CN VII)

S - sensory (vestibulocochlear nerve - CN VIII)

B - both (glossopharyngeal nerve CN IX)

B - both (vagus nerve - CN X)

M - motor (spinal accessory nerve - CN XI)

M - motor (hypoglossal nerve - CN XII)

## Parasympathetic:

3. **III** (occulomotor)
7. **VII** (facial)
9. **IX** (glossopharyngeal)
10. **X** (vagus)

Note: (للتوضيح فقط)

Sympathetic fibers going to structures in the head travel independently as extensions of the fibers of the thoracic chain ganglia.

# Fiber type: please read and understand this table

**Table 8.4** Cranial nerve functional components

Functional component	Abbreviation	General function	Cranial nerves containing component
General somatic afferent	GSA	Perception of touch, pain, temperature	Trigeminal nerve [V]; facial nerve [VII]; glossopharyngeal nerve [IX]; vagus nerve [X]
General visceral afferent	GVA	Sensory input from viscera	Glossopharyngeal nerve [IX]; vagus nerve [X]
Special afferent*	SA	Smell, taste, vision, hearing, and balance	Olfactory nerve [I]; optic nerve [II]; facial nerve [VII]; vestibulocochlear nerve [VIII]; glossopharyngeal nerve [IX]; vagus nerve [X]
General somatic efferent	GSE	Motor innervation to skeletal (voluntary) muscles	Oculomotor nerve [III]; trochlear nerve [IV]; abducent nerve [VI]; accessory nerve [XI]; hypoglossal nerve [XII]
General visceral efferent	GVE	Motor innervation to smooth muscle, heart muscle, and glands	Oculomotor nerve [III]; facial nerve [VII]; glossopharyngeal nerve [IX]; vagus nerve [X]
Special visceral efferent	SVE	Motor innervation to skeletal muscles derived from pharyngeal arch mesoderm	Trigeminal nerve [V]; facial nerve [VII]; glossopharyngeal nerve [IX]; vagus nerve [X]

Other terminology used when describing functional components:

\*Special sensory, or special visceral afferent (SVA): smell, taste. Special somatic afferent (SSA): vision, hearing, balance.

\*\*Special visceral efferent (SVE) or branchial motor.

# Brainstem nuclei: (deep origin)

10 motor nuclei + 10 sensory nuclei

## **I (olfactory)=non**

Fibers go straight into cerebrum(SA).

## **II (optic)=non**

Fibers go straight into lateral geniculate body of thalamus(SA).

## **III (oculomotor)= 2 motor**

- Main oculomotor nucleus(GSE).
- Accessory nucleus(Edinger-Westpal nucleus)(GVE).

## **IV (trochlear)=1 motor**

- Trochlear nucleus(GSE).

## **V (trigeminal)=3 sensory+ 1motor**

- mesencephalic(GSA).
- Principle sensory nucleus of trigeminal(GSA).
- Spinal nucleus(GSA).
- trigeminal motor nucleus(SVE).

## **VI (abducent)=1 motor**

- Nucleus of abducent(GSE).

## **VII (facial)=1 sensory+ 2 motor**

- Nucleus solitarius(SA).
- Motor nucleus of facial(SVE).
- Superior salivatory nucleus(GVE).

## **VIII (vestibulocochlear)=6 sensory**

- Dorsal and ventral cochlear nuclei(SA).
- Superior, inferior, medial and lateral vestibular nuclei(SA).

## **IX (glossopharyngeal)=non of its own but takes from:**

- Nucleus ambiguus (SVE).
- Inferior salivatory nucleus(GVE).
- Nucleus solitarius(SA).

# Brainstem nuclei:

## X (vagus)=2 motor of its own

- Dorsal nucleus of vagus(GVE).
- Nucleus ambiguus(SVE).
- And also takes from:
- nucleus solitarius(SA & GVA).
- spinal nucleus of trigeminal(GSA).

## XI (accessory)=non of its own but takes from:

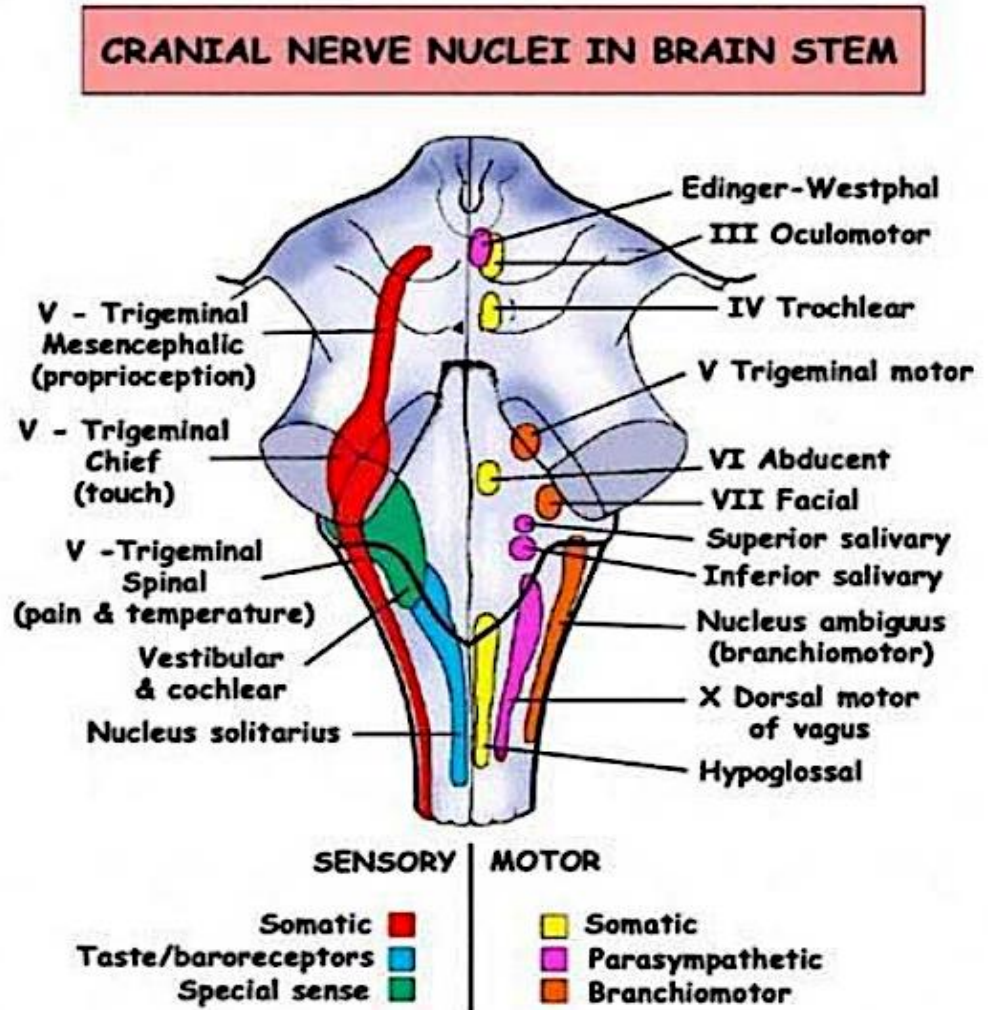
- Nucleus ambiguus(SVE).
- Spinal nucleus(GSA).

## XII (hypoglossol)=1 motor

- Hypoglossol nucleus(GSE).

**Important:** you have to be able to describe the anatomical position and specific function of each nucleus (check brainstem lectures).

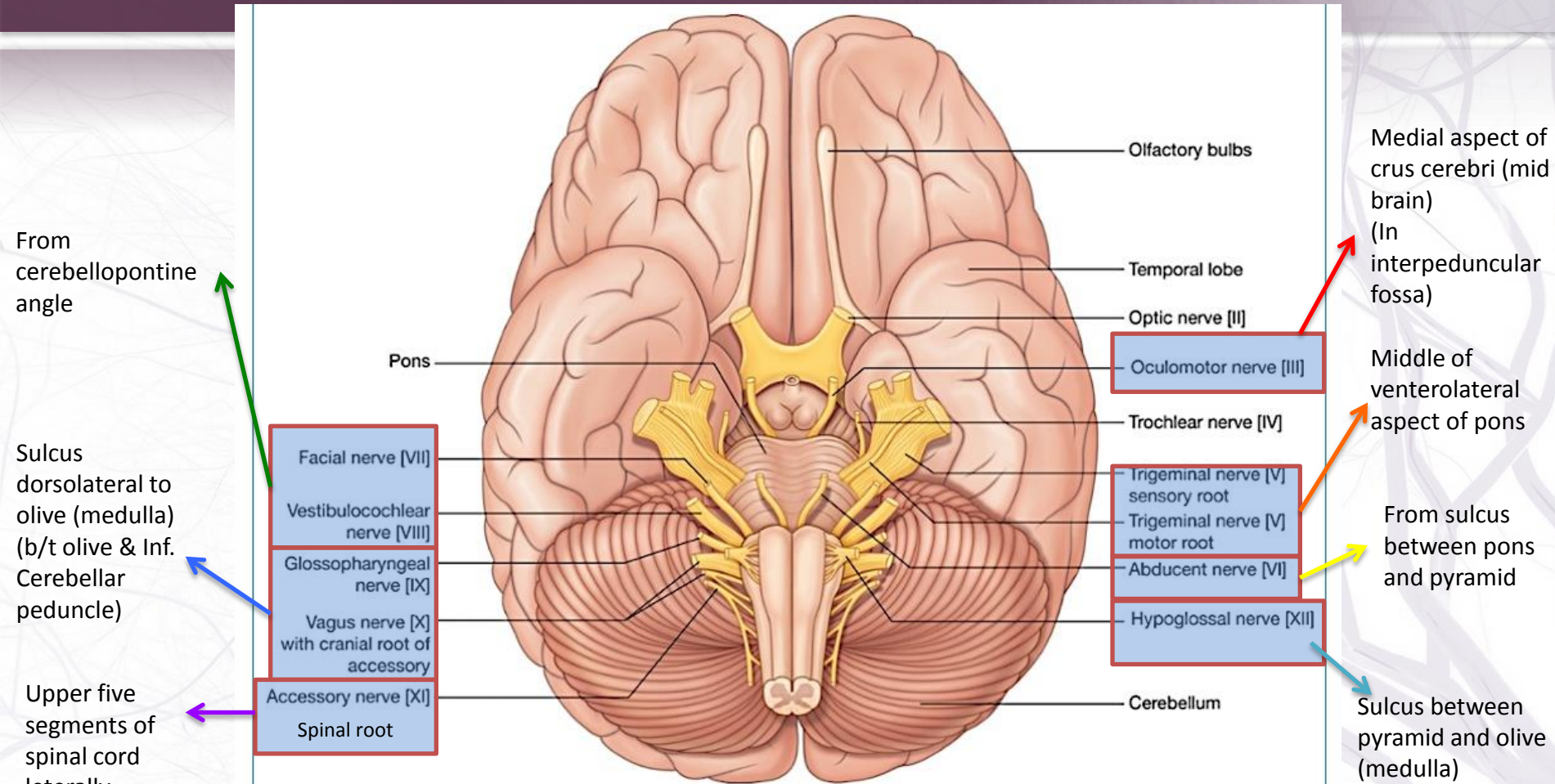
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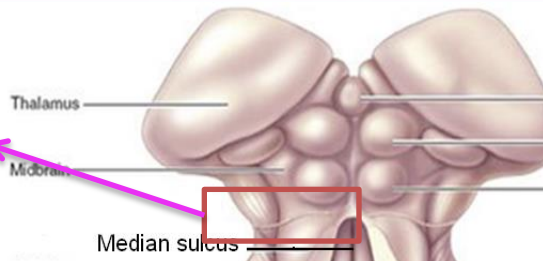
Nucleus solitarius (nucleus of solitary tracts): is a sensory nucleus that takes input from CN VII, IX and X related to; **taste sensation(SA) and general sensation from viscera(GVA).**



# Origin: (point of exit from or entry to the CNS)



**Trochlear nerve:**  
Caudal to inferior colliculus (posterior mid brain) dorsal surface



Posterior view of mid brain

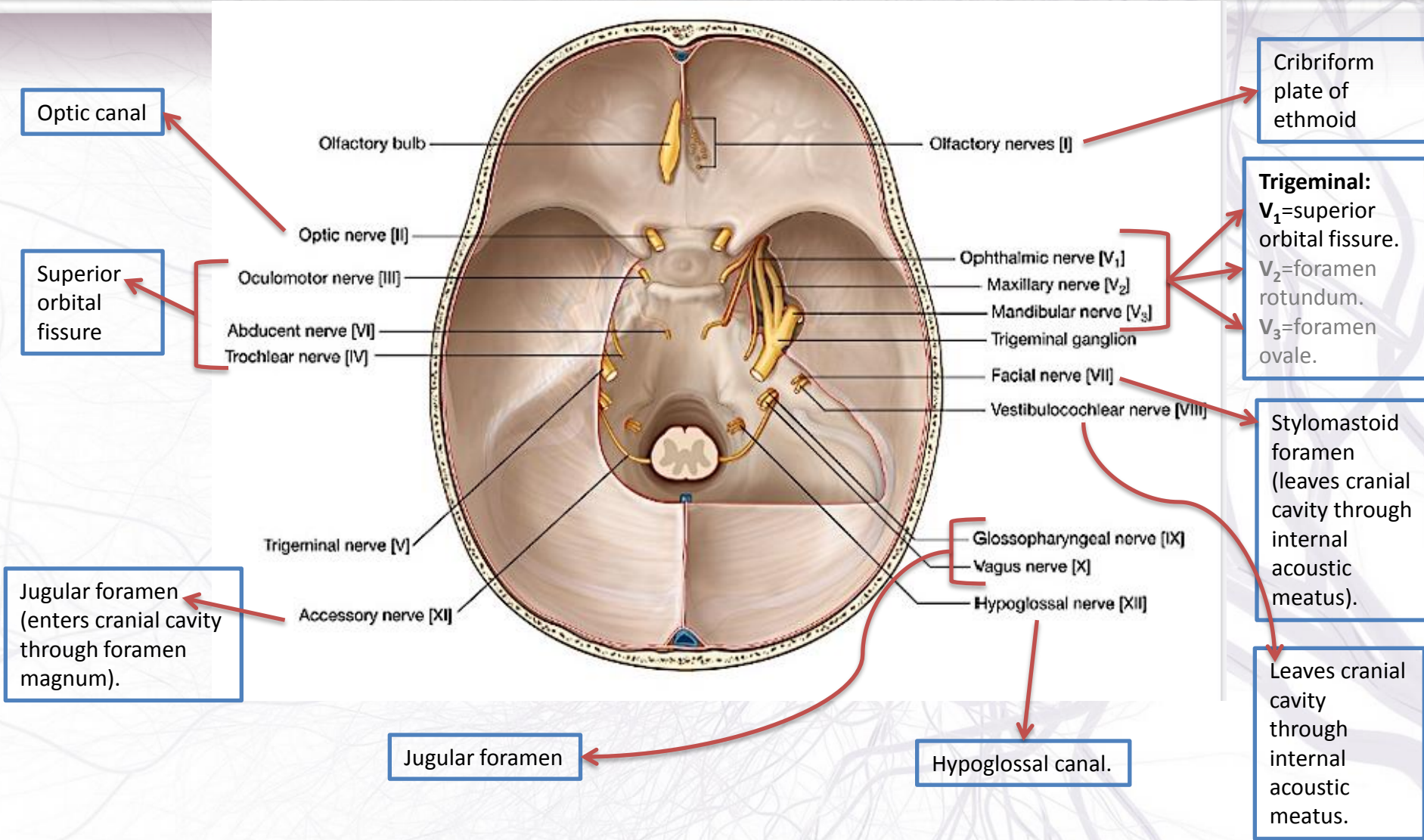
Note(للتوضيح فقط):  
Optic nerve is considered part of CNS

## What are the sites of emergence of Cranial nerves?

All cranial nerves emerge from brainstem **EXCEPT** Olfactory "CN I" and Optic "CN 2"

Nerves	Site of emergence
<b>Medulla oblongata</b>	
Hypoglossal "CN XII"	<b>Anterolateral</b> Sulcus between pyramid and olive.
• Glossopharyngeal "CN IX" • Vagus "CN X" • Cranial part of accessory "CN XI"	Sulcus <b>dorsolateral</b> to olive
<b>Pons</b>	
Trigeminal "CN V"	From middle <b>ventrolateral</b> aspect of pons as 2 roots: <b>Small medial motor &amp; large lateral sensory.</b>
Abducent "CN VI"	from sulcus between pons and pyramid
Facial nerve "VII"	from cerebellopontine angle as 2 roots: <b>Sensory and motor roots</b>
Vestibulocochlear nerve "CN VIII"	from cerebellopontine angle as 2 roots: <b>Vestibular root &amp; Cochlear root</b>
<b>Midbrain</b>	
<b>Ventral surface</b>	
Oculomotor nerve "CN III"	Through Red nucleus then medial to crus cerebri.
<b>Dorsal surface</b>	
Trochlear nerve "CN IV"	just <b>caudal to inferior colliculus</b> (The only cranial nerve emerging from dorsal surface of brain stem).

# Exit from skull:



# Ganglia:

## Non parasympathetic ganglia

Nerve	Name	Function and/or properties
V (trigeminal)	Trigeminal ganglion	Contains cell bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whose dendrites carry sensations from face &amp; scalp.</li> <li>• Whose axons form the sensory root of trigeminal nerve.</li> </ul>
VII (facial)	Geniculate ganglion	contains cell bodies of neurones carrying taste sensations from anterior 2/3 of tongue.
VIII (vestibular part)	Vestibular ganglion	Located in internal auditory meatus.
IX (glossopharyngeal) 2 ganglia	Superior and inferior ganglia of glossopharyngeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Superior ganglion:</b> Small, with no branches.</li> <li>• It is connected to the Superior Cervical sympathetic ganglion.</li> <li>• <b>Inferior ganglion:</b> Large and carries general sensations from pharynx, soft palate and tonsil.</li> <li>• It is connected to Auricular Branch of Vagus.</li> </ul>
X (vagus) 2 ganglia	Superior and inferior ganglia of vagus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Superior ganglion:</b> in the jugular foramen connected to; Inferior ganglion of glossopharyngeal nerve, Superior cervical sympathetic ganglion &amp; Facial nerve.</li> <li>• <b>Inferior ganglion:</b> just below the jugular foramen connected to; Cranial part of accessory nerve, Hypoglossal nerve, Superior cervical sympathetic ganglion and 1<sup>st</sup> cervical nerve.</li> </ul>

# Ganglia: (parasympathetic)

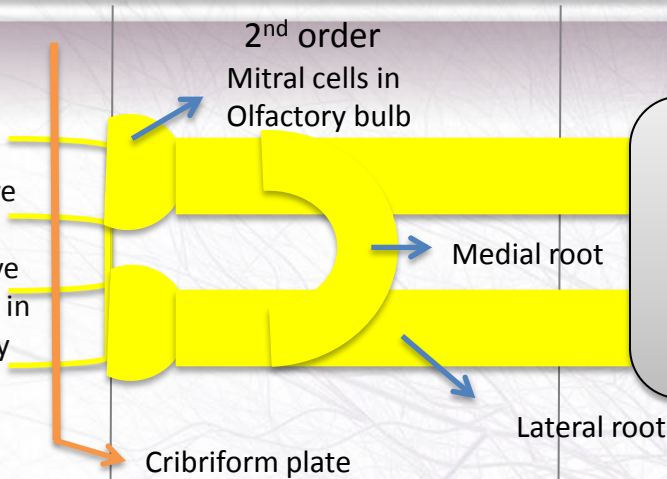
**Table 8.6** Parasympathetic ganglia of the head

<b>Cranial nerve origin of ganglion</b>	<b>Input function</b>	<b>Cranial nerve origin of preganglionic fibers</b>	<b>Function</b>
Ciliary	Oculomotor nerve [III]	Oculomotor nerve [III]	Innervation of sphincter pupillae muscle for pupillary constriction, and ciliary muscles for accommodation of the lens for near vision
Pterygopalatine	Greater petrosal nerve	Facial nerve [VII]	Innervation of lacrimal gland, and mucous glands of nasal cavity, maxillary sinus, and palate
Otic	Lesser petrosal nerve	Glossopharyngeal nerve [IX]	Innervation of parotid gland
Submandibular	Chorda tympani to lingual	Facial nerve [VII]	Innervation of submandibular and sublingual glands

# Course and branches:

1<sup>st</sup> order

Olfactory receptors are specialized, **ciliated** nerve cells that lie in the olfactory epithelium



2<sup>nd</sup> order

Mitral cells in Olfactory bulb

Uncus & adjacent part of Hippocampal gyrus (**center of smell**)

Medial root

Lateral root

Cribriform plate

I (olfactory)

II (optic)

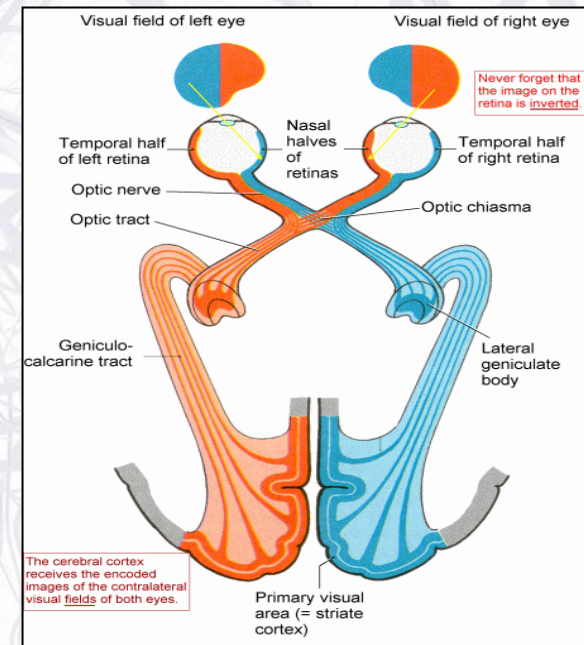
Retinal ganglion cells

Lateral geniculate body

Optic radiation

primary visual cortex :located predominantly on the medial surface of the hemisphere

Optic radiation



# Course and branches:

## III (oculomotor)

Motor to:

1. Levator palpebrae superioris
2. Superior rectus muscle
3. Medial rectus muscle
4. Inferior rectus muscle & Inferior oblique muscle.
5. Inferior oblique muscle.

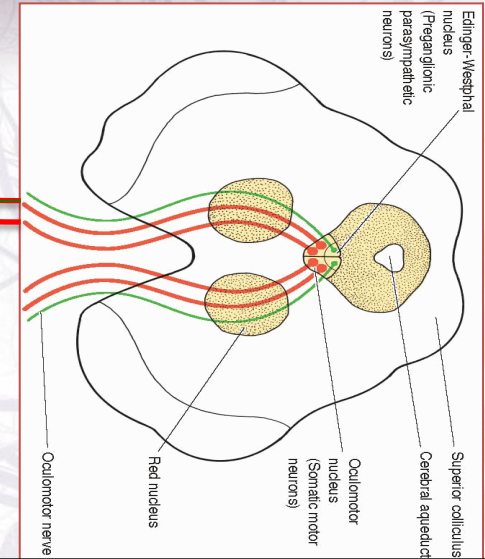
Parasympathetic fibers to  
1- Constrictor pupillae and  
2- Ciliary muscles.

ciliary ganglion

Superior orbital fissure

Posterior cerebral artery

Superior cerebellar artery



## IV (trochlear)

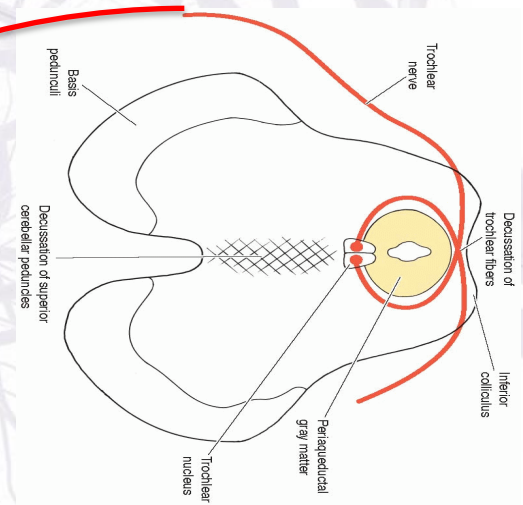
It supplies:

- Superior oblique muscle, (only one muscle).

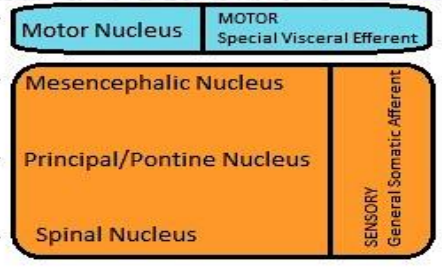
Its function:

- Rotates the eye ball downwards and laterally.

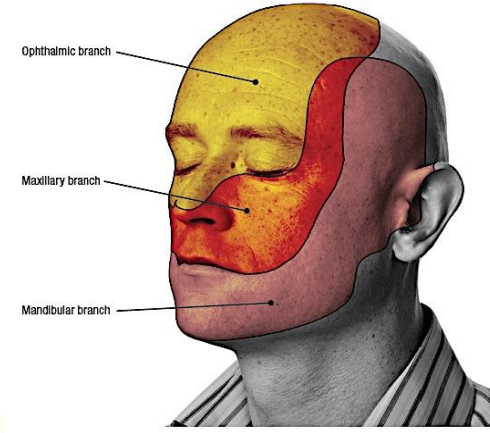
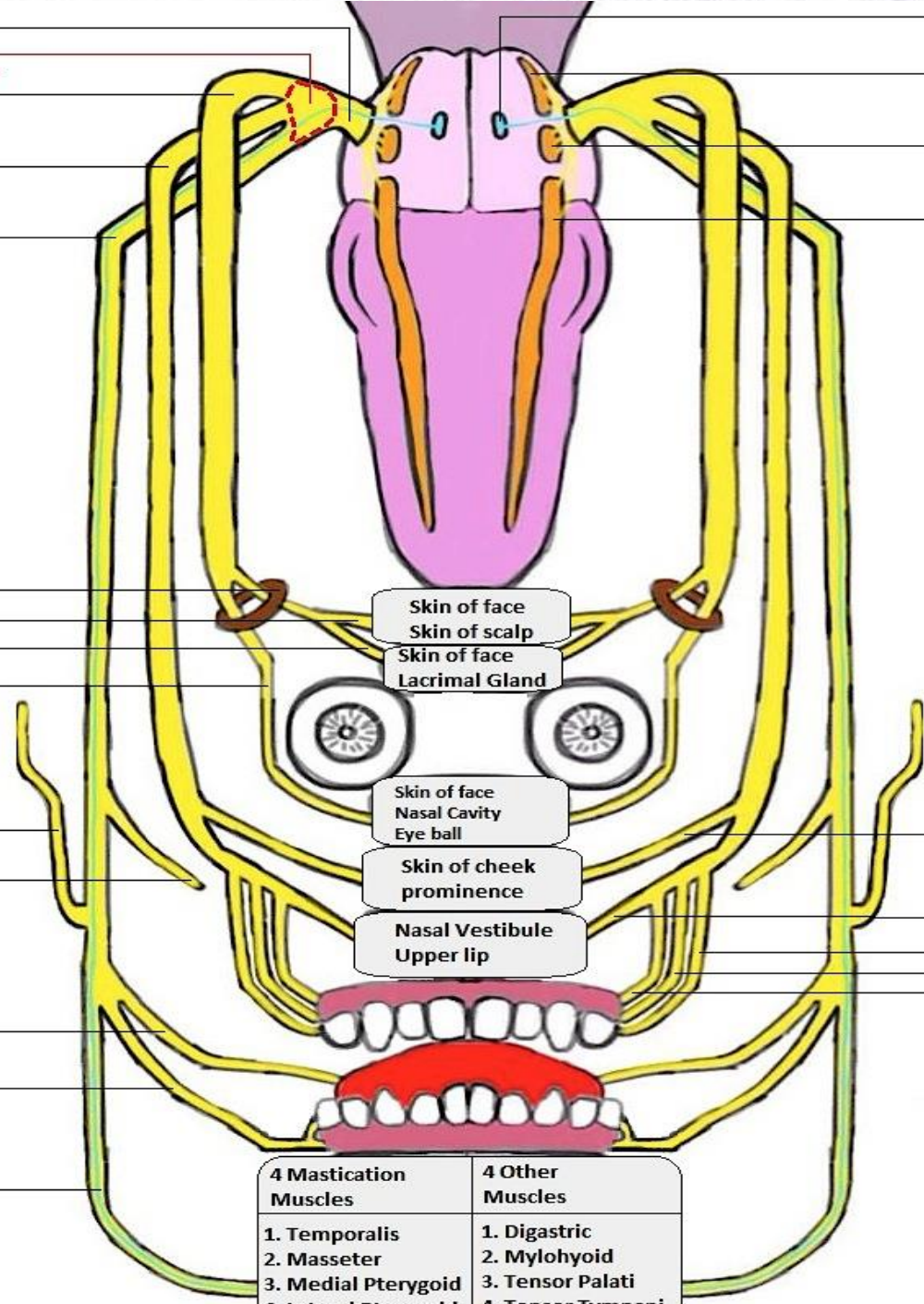
Superior orbital fissure



Trigeminal Nerve CNV  
**Trigeminal Ganglion**  
 Location: Depression in Middle Cranial Fossa  
 Ophthalmic CNV1



**V (trigeminal)**



Superior Orbital Fissure  
 Frontal Nerve  
 Lacrimal Nerve  
 Nasociliary Nerve

Skin of face  
 Skin of scalp  
 Skin of face  
 Lacrimal Gland

Auriculotemporal Nerve  
 Innervates: auricle + temple + parotid gland  
 Buccal Nerve  
 Innervates: Cheek of upper jaw

Skin of face  
 Nasal Cavity  
 Eye ball

Skin of cheek  
 prominence

Nasal Vestibule  
 Upper lip

Zygomaticofacial Nerve  
 Infraorbital Nerve  
 Posterior Superior Alveolar Nerve  
 Middle Superior Alveolar Nerve  
 Anterior Superior Alveolar Nerve

Lingual Nerve  
 Inferior Alveolar Nerve

**Motor Branches**

4 Mastication Muscles	4 Other Muscles
1. Temporalis	1. Digastric
2. Masseter	2. Mylohyoid
3. Medial Pterygoid	3. Tensor Palati
4. Lateral Pterygoid	4. Tensor Tympani

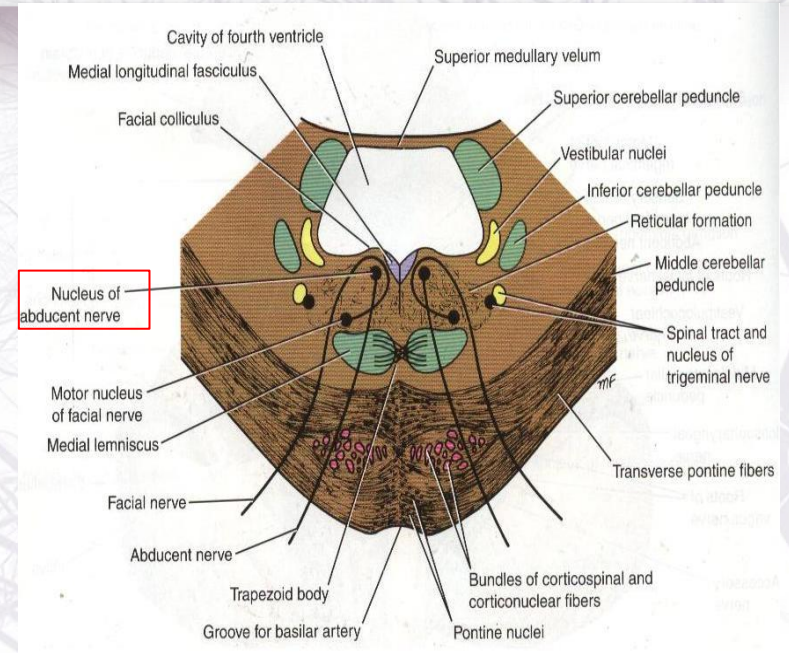
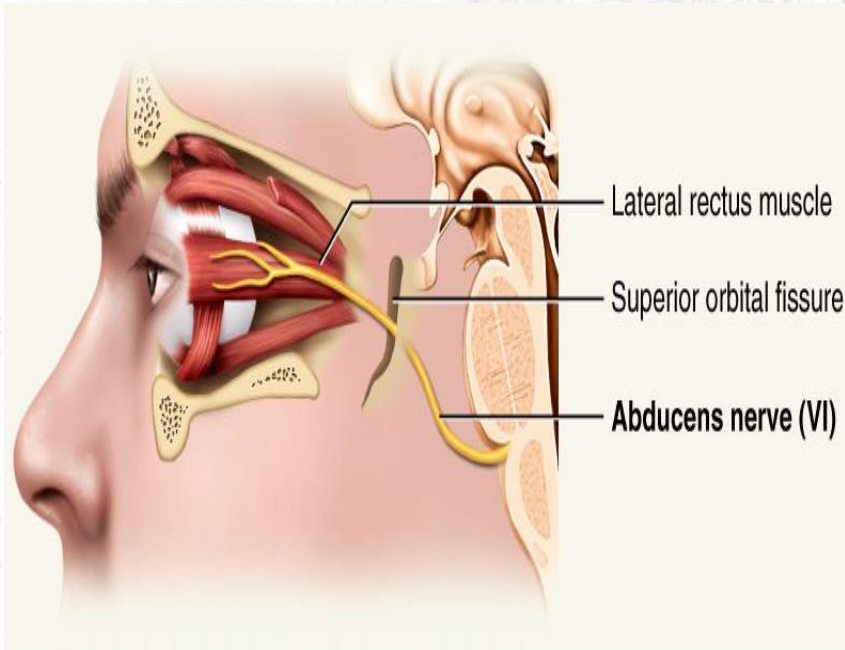
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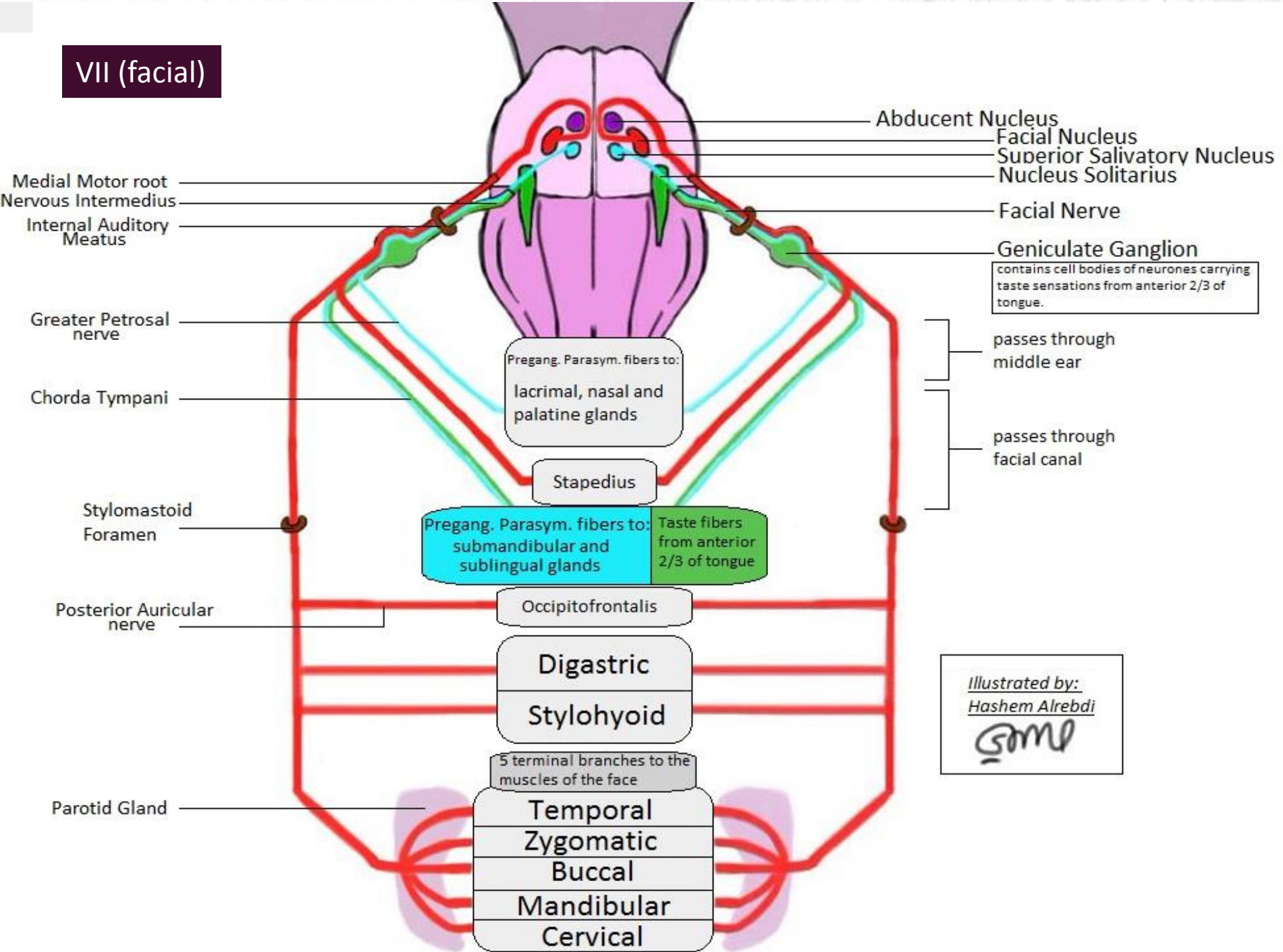
# Course and branches:

## VI (abducent)

**It supplies**; the **lateral rectus** muscle which rotates the eye ball laterally ; (abduction).



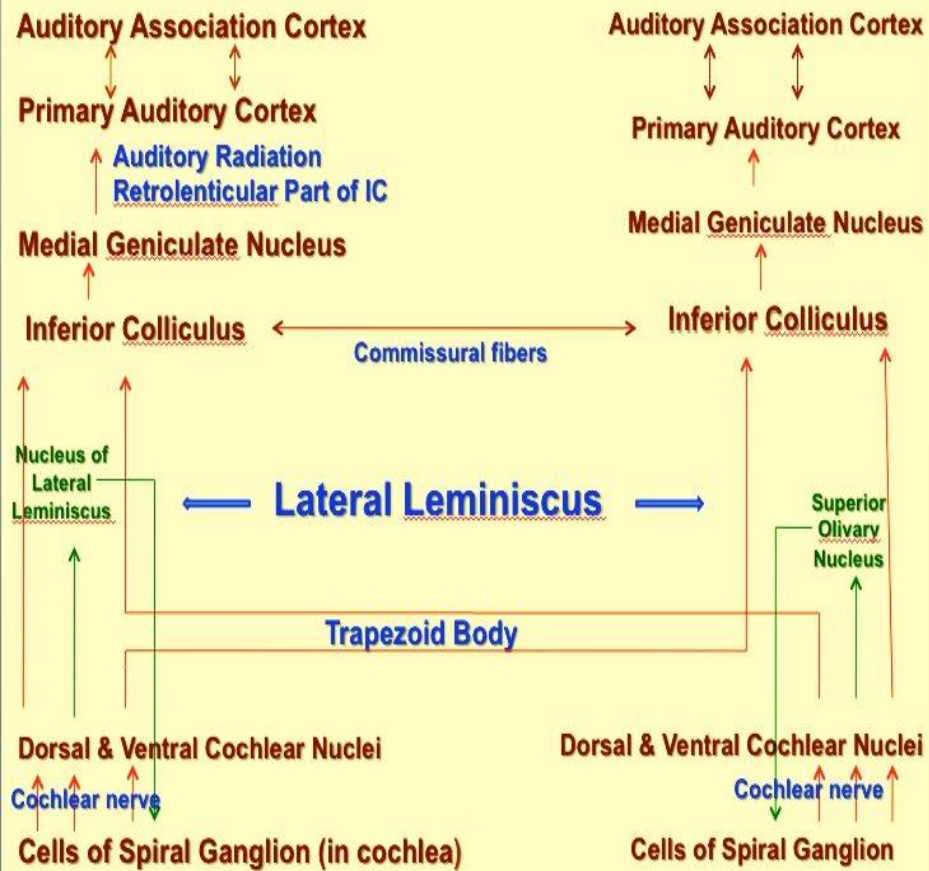
# VII (facial)



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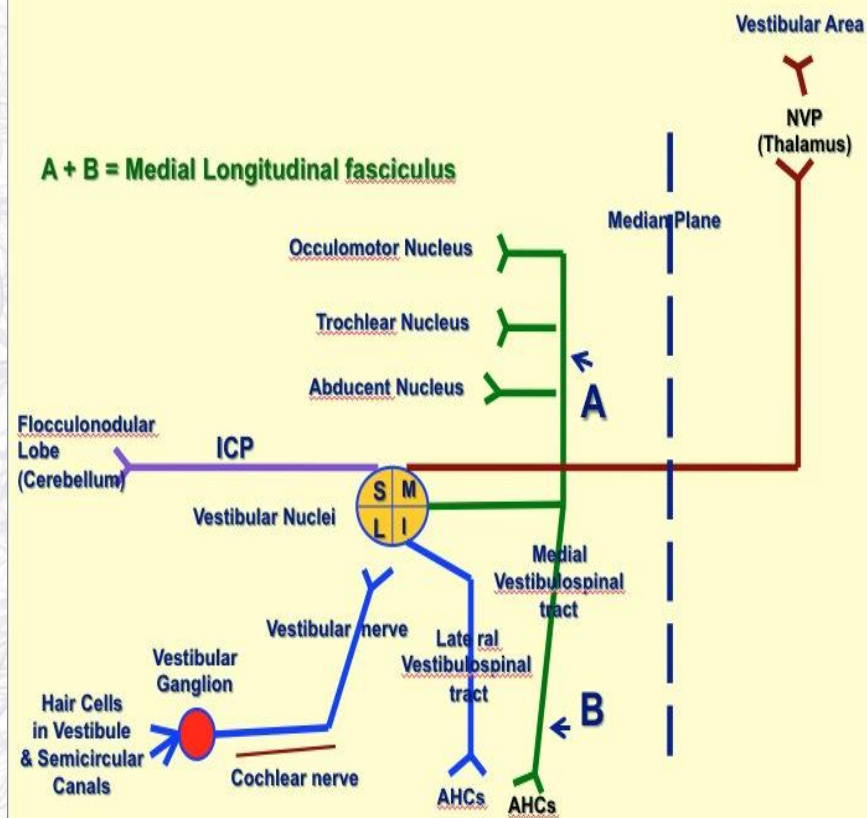
# Course and branches:

## Cochlear nerve pathway



## VIII (vestibulocochlear)

## vestibular nerve pathway

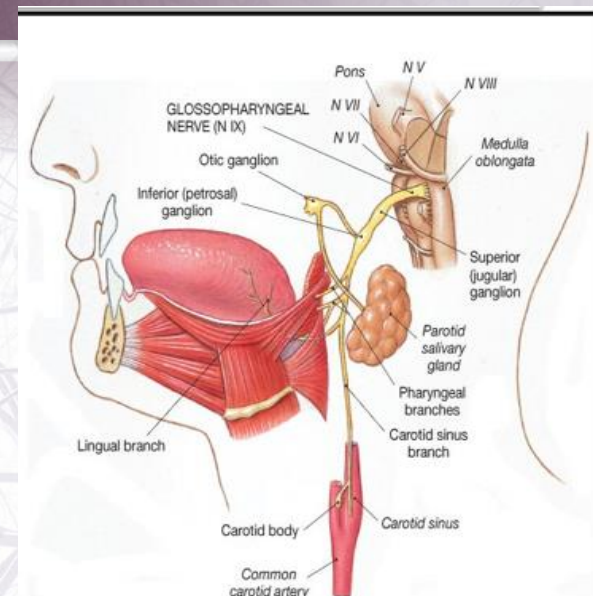
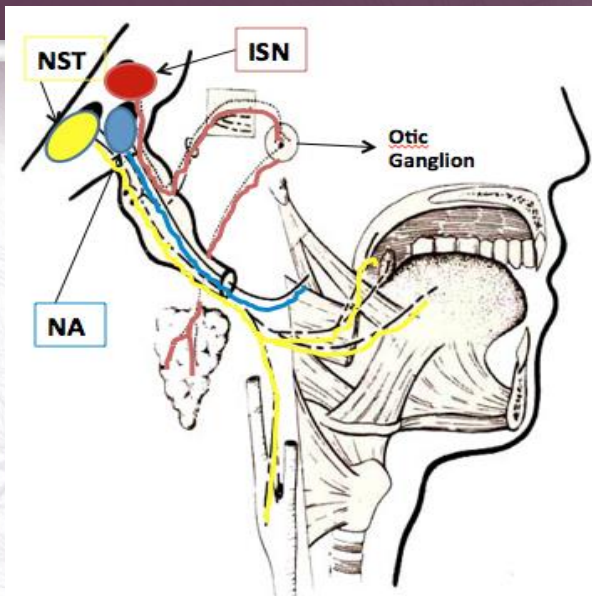


\*Lateral vestibular (Deiter's) nucleus → lateral vestibulospinal tract

# Course and branches:

## IX (glossopharyngeal)

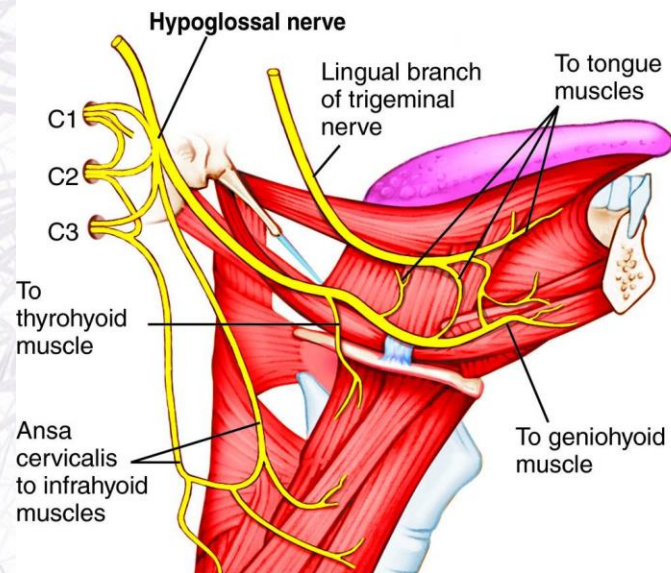
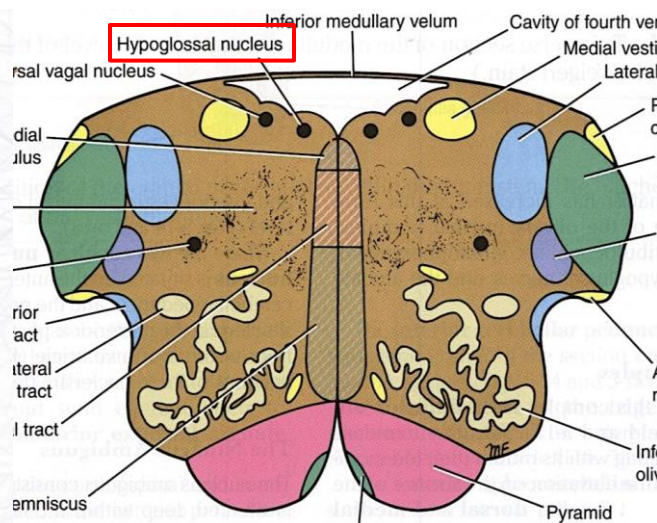
- NST= nucleus of solitary tracts(nucleus solitarius).
- ISN= inferior salivary nucleus.
- NA= nucleus ambiguus



## XII (hypoglossal)

Supply all the muscles of the tongue  
**Except** palatoglossus

### Open medulla level



# Course and branches:

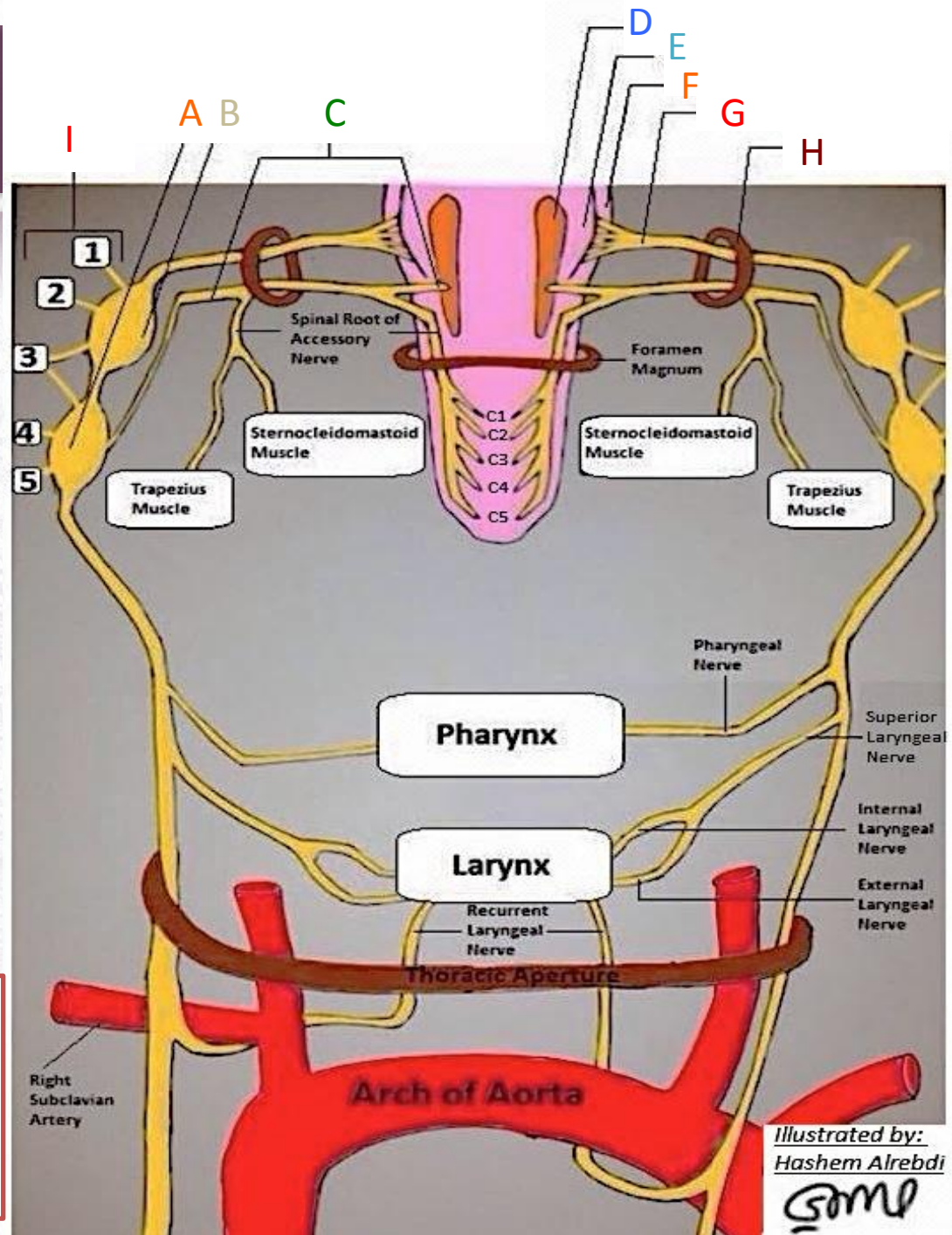
X (vagus)

XI (accessory)

- A=inferior ganglion of vagus.
- B=superior ganglion of vagus.
- C=cranial root of accessory nerve.
- D=nucleus ambiguus.
- E=olive.
- F=inferior cerebellar peduncle.
- G=vagus nerve.
- H=jugular foramen.
- I=Communication of vagus ganglia:
  1. Inferior ganglion of CN 9
  2. Facial nerve
  3. Superior cervical parasympathetic ganglia
  4. Hypoglossal nerve
  5. 1<sup>st</sup> cervical nerve

Other branches of vagus not shown:

1. **meningeal**; to the dura.
2. **auricular**; to external acoustic meatus and tympanic membrane.
3. **To carotid body.**



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# Lesions:

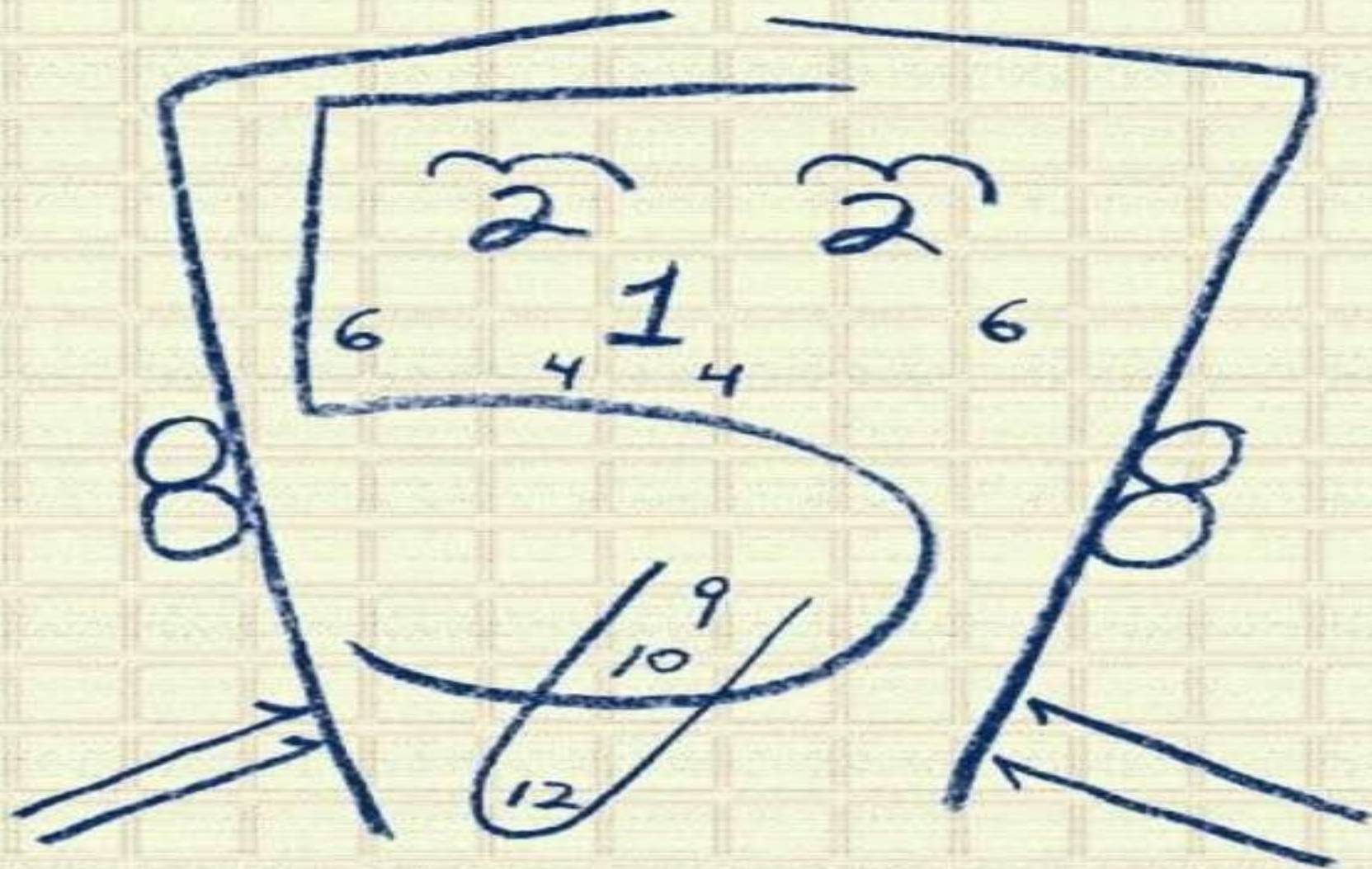
<b>Cranial nerve</b>	<b>Clinical findings</b>	<b>Example of lesion</b>
Olfactory nerve [I]	Loss of smell (anosmia)	Injury to the cribriform plate; congenital absence
Optic nerve [II]	Blindness/visual field abnormalities, loss of pupillary constriction	Direct trauma to the orbit; disruption of the optic pathway
Oculomotor nerve [III]	Dilated pupil, ptosis, loss of normal pupillary reflex, eye moves down inferiorly and laterally (down and out)	Pressure from an aneurysm arising from the posterior communicating, posterior cerebral, or superior cerebellar artery; pressure from a herniating cerebral uncus (false localizing sign); cavernous sinus mass or thrombosis
Trochlear nerve [IV]	Inability to look inferiorly when the eye is adducted (down and in)	Along the course of the nerve around the brainstem; orbital fracture
Trigeminal nerve [V]	Loss of sensation and pain in the region supplied by the three divisions of the nerve over the face; loss of motor function of the muscles of mastication on the side of the lesion	Typically, in the region of the trigeminal ganglion, though local masses around the foramina through which the divisions pass can produce symptoms
Abducent nerve [VI]	Inability of lateral eye movement	Brain lesion or cavernous sinus lesion extending onto the orbit

# Lesions:

Facial nerve [VII]	Face is distorted: drooping of lower eyelid, sagging of mouth angle, dribbling of saliva, loss of facial expressions, loss of chewing, loss of blowing, loss of sucking and inability to show teeth or close the eye on the effected side.	Injury, tumor or any inflammatory processes.  Note: lower motor neuron lesion(bells palsy)= all face is affected, but upper motor neuron lesion =effect on lower part of the face only.
Vestibulocochlear nerve [VIII]	Progressive unilateral hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing in the ear)	Tumor at the cerebellopontine angle
Glossopharyngeal nerve [IX]	Loss of taste to the posterior one-third of the tongue and sensation of the soft palate	Brainstem lesion; penetrating neck injury
Vagus nerve [X]	Soft palate deviation with deviation of the uvula to the normal side; vocal cord paralysis	Brainstem lesion; penetrating neck injury
Accessory nerve [XI]	Paralysis of sternocleidomastoid and trapezius muscles	Penetrating injury to the posterior triangle of the neck
Hypoglossal nerve [XII]	Atrophy of ipsilateral muscles of the tongue and deviation toward the affected side; speech disturbance	Penetrating injury to the neck and skull base pathology Also commonly injured in surgery

## Cranial nerves by the numbers

The next time you're trying to remember the locations and functions of the cranial nerves, picture this drawing. All twelve cranial nerves are represented, though some may be a little harder to spot than others. For example, the shoulders are formed by the number "11" because cranial nerve XI controls neck and shoulder movement. If you immediately recognize that the sides of the face and the top of the head are formed by the number "7," you're well on your way to using this memory device.





**Table 8.5** Cranial nerves (see Table 8.4 for abbreviations)

Nerve	COMPONENT		Exit from skull	Function
	Afferent	Efferent		
Olfactory nerve [I]	SA		Cribriform plate of ethmoid bone	Smell
Optic nerve [II]	SA		Optic canal	Vision
Oculomotor nerve [III]		GSE, GVE	Superior orbital fissure	GSE—innervates levator palpebrae superioris, superior rectus, inferior rectus, medial rectus, and inferior oblique muscles GVE—innervates sphincter pupillae for pupillary constriction; ciliary muscles for accommodation of the lens for near vision
Trochlear nerve [IV]		GSE	Superior orbital fissure	Innervates superior oblique muscle
Trigeminal nerve [V]	GSA	BE	Superior orbital fissure— ophthalmic division [V <sub>1</sub> ] Foramen rotundum— maxillary nerve [V <sub>2</sub> ] Foramen ovale—mandibular division [V <sub>3</sub> ]	GSA—sensory from: ophthalmic division [V <sub>1</sub> —eyes, conjunctiva, orbital contents, nasal cavity, frontal sinus, ethmoidal cells, upper eyelid, dorsum of nose, anterior part of scalp, dura in anterior cranial fossa, superior part of tentorium cerebelli; maxillary nerve [V <sub>2</sub> —dura in middle cranial fossa, nasopharynx, palate, nasal cavity, upper teeth, maxillary sinus, skin covering the side of the nose, lower eyelid, cheek, upper lip; mandibular division [V <sub>3</sub> —skin of lower face, cheek, lower lip, anterior part of external ear, part of external acoustic meatus, temporal fossa, anterior two-thirds of tongue, lower teeth, mastoid air cells, mucous membranes of cheek, mandible, dura in middle cranial fossa BE—innervates temporalis, masseter, medial and lateral pterygoids, tensor tympani, tensor veli palatini, anterior belly of digastric, and mylohyoid muscles

**Table 8.5—cont'd** Cranial nerves (see Table 8.4 for abbreviations)

Nerve	COMPONENT			Function
	Afferent	Efferent	Exit from skull	
Abducent nerve [VI]		GSE	Superior orbital fissure	Innervates lateral rectus muscle
Facial nerve [VII]	GSA, SA	GVE, BE	Stylomastoid foramen [nerve leaves cranial cavity through internal acoustic meatus]	GSA—sensory from part of external acoustic meatus and deeper parts of auricle SA—taste from anterior two-thirds of tongue GVE—innervates lacrimal gland, submandibular and sublingual salivary glands, and mucous membranes of nasal cavity, hard and soft palates BE—innervates muscles of face (muscles of facial expression) and scalp derived from the second pharyngeal arch, and stapedius, posterior belly of digastric, stylohyoid muscles
Vestibulocochlear nerve [VIII]	SA		[nerve leaves cranial cavity through internal acoustic meatus]	Vestibular division—balance Cochlear division—hearing
Glossopharyngeal nerve [IX]	GVA, SA, GSA	GVE, BE	Jugular foramen	GVA—sensory from carotid body and sinus GSA—posterior one-third of tongue, palatine tonsils, oropharynx, and mucosa of middle ear and pharyngotympanic tube SA—taste from posterior one-third of tongue GVE—innervates parotid salivary gland BE—innervates stylopharyngeus muscle
Vagus nerve [X]	GSA, GVA, SA	GVE, BE	Jugular foramen	GSA—sensory from larynx, laryngopharynx, deeper parts of auricle, part of external acoustic meatus, and dura in posterior cranial fossa GVA—sensory from aortic body chemoreceptors and aortic arch baroreceptors, esophagus, bronchi, lungs, heart, and abdominal viscera of the foregut and midgut SA—taste from the epiglottis and pharynx GVE—innervates smooth muscle and glands in the pharynx, larynx, thoracic viscera, and abdominal viscera of the foregut and midgut BE—innervates one tongue muscle (palatoglossus), muscles of soft palate (except tensor veli palatini), pharynx (except stylopharyngeus), and larynx
Accessory nerve [XI]		GSE	Jugular foramen	Innervates sternocleidomastoid and trapezius muscles
Hypoglossal nerve [XII]		GSE	Hypoglossal canal	Innervates hyoglossus, genioglossus, and styloglossus muscles and all intrinsic muscles of the tongue

**TABLE 8.1 Cranial Nerves**

Nerve	Type	Brain Pathway	Transmits Nerve Impulses to (Motor) or from (Sensory)
Olfactory (I)	Sensory	I: Mucous membrane of nose to olfactory bulbs	Olfactory receptors for sense of smell
Optic (II)	Sensory	II: Retina → optic nerve → thalamus → occipital lobe	Retina for sense of sight
Oculomotor (III)	Motor	III: Midbrain → eye and eyelid	Eye muscles (including eyelids and lens); pupil (parasympathetic division)
Trochlear (IV)	Motor	IV: Midbrain → eye	Eye muscles
Trigeminal (V)	Mixed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Sensory</li> <li>— Motor</li> </ul>	V: Sensory: Teeth, eye, skin, Tongue → pons Motor: Pons → jaw muscles	Teeth, eyes, skin, and tongue  Jaw muscles (chewing)
Abducens (VI)	Motor	VI: Pons → eye	Eye muscles
Facial (VII)	Mixed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Sensory</li> <li>— Motor</li> </ul>	VII: Sensory: Tongue → pons  Motor: Pons → facial muscles, Salivary glands, tear glands	Taste buds of anterior tongue  Facial muscles (facial expression) and glands (tear and salivary)
Vestibulocochlear (VIII) (also called auditory; acoustic)	Sensory	VIII: Inner ear → pons and medulla	Inner ear for sense of balance and hearing
Glossopharyngeal (IX)	Mixed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Sensory</li> <li>— Motor</li> </ul>	IX: Sensory: Tongue, throat → pons Motor: Pons → Salivary gland, Throat muscles	Pharynx  Pharyngeal muscles (swallowing), salivary glands
Vagus (X)	Sensory Motor	X: Sensory: Eardrum, ear canal, throat, heart, lungs, abdominal organs → medulla Motor: Medulla → throat and larynx, heart, lungs, abdominal organs	Internal organs, external ear canal, eardrum, back of throat  Internal organs (parasympathetic division), throat muscles (somatic motor division)
Spinal accessory (XI)	Motor	XI: Medulla → muscles of throat, neck, shoulder	Neck and back muscles
Hypoglossal (XII)	Motor	XII: Medulla → tongue muscles	Tongue muscles

Cranial Nerve	Fibres	Structures Innervated	Functions	Brainstem Nucleus
I Olfactory	Sensory	Olfactory epithelium (via olfactory bulb)	Olfaction	-----
II Optic	Sensory	Retina	Vision	-----
III Oculomotor	Motor	<b>Superior/middle/inferior rectus, inferior oblique, levator palpebrae.</b>	Movement of eye ball	Oculomotor nucleus
	Parasympathetic	Pupillary constrictor, ciliary muscle of eyeball. Both via the <b>ciliary ganglion</b>	Pupillary constriction and accommodation	Oculomotor nucleus
IV Trochlear	Motor	<b>Superior oblique</b>	Movement of eyeball	Trochlear nucleus
V Trigeminal	Sensory	Face, scalp, cornea, nasal and oral cavities, cranial dura mater.	General sensation	Trigeminal sensory nucleus
	Motor	<b>Muscles of mastication</b> <b>Tensor Tympani muscle</b>	Opening/closing mouth Tension of tympanic membrane	Trigeminal Motor nucleus Trigeminal Motor nucleus
VI Abducens	Motor	<b>Lateral rectus</b>	Movement of eyeball	Abducens nucleus
VII Facial	Sensory	Anterior 2/3 of tongue	Taste	Nucleus Solitarius
	Motor	<b>Muscles of facial expression</b> <b>Stapedius Muscle</b>	Facial Movement Tension of ossicles	Facial Motor nucleus Facial Motor Nucleus
	Parasympathetic	Salivary and lacrimal glands via <b>submandibular and pterygopalatine ganglia</b>	Salivation and Lacrimation	Superior Salivatory Nucleus
VIII Vestibulocochlear	Sensory	Cochlea	Hearing	Cochlear Nucleus
		Vestibular apparatus	Proprioception of head, balance.	Vestibular nucleus
IX Glossopharyngeal	Sensory	Eustachian tube, middle ear	General Sensation,	Trigeminal Sensory nucleus
		Carotid Body, and sinus	Chemo/baroreception	
		Pharynx, posterior 1/3 of tongue	Taste	Nucleus Solitarius
	Motor	<b>Styropharyngeous</b>	Swallowing	
Parasympathetic	Salivary glands via the <b>otic ganglion</b>	Salivation	Inferior Salivatory nucleus	
X Vagus	Sensory	Pharynx, larynx, oesophagus, external ear	General Sensation	Trigeminal Sensory nucleus
		Aortic bodies and arch	Chemo/baroreception	
		Thoracic and abdominal viscera	Visceral Sensation	Nucleus Solitarius
	Motor	Soft Palate, larynx, pharynx, upper oesophagus	Speech, swallowing	Nucleus Ambiguus
Parasympathetic	Cardiovascular, respiratory and gastrointestinal systems.	Control of these systems	Dorsal Motor nucleus of Vagus	
XI Accessory	Motor	<b>Sternomastoid, trapezius</b>	Movement of head and shoulders	Nucleus Ambiguus, cranial nerves
XII Hypoglossal	Motor	<b>Intrinsic and extrinsic muscles of tongue</b>	Movement of tongue	Hypoglossal nucleus

**Table 10.1 Summary of components, connections and functions of the cranial nerves**  
**The components are colour-coded according to their embryological origin (see also Fig. 1.11 and Fig. 10.2).**

Cranial nerve	Component fibres	Structures innervated	Central connections	Functions	
I	Olfactory	Sensory	Olfactory epithelium	Olfactory bulb	Olfaction
II	Optic	Sensory	Retina	Lateral geniculate nucleus; pretectal nucleus	Vision; pupillary light reflex
III	Oculomotor	Motor	Superior, inferior and medial rectus muscles; inferior oblique muscle; levator palpebrae superioris muscle	Oculomotor nucleus	Movement of eyeball; elevation of upper eyelid
		Parasympathetic	Sphincter pupillae and ciliary muscle of the eyeball, via ciliary ganglion	Edinger–Westphal nucleus	Pupillary constriction and accommodation
IV	Trochlear	Motor	Superior oblique muscle	Trochlear nucleus	Movement of eyeball
V	Trigeminal	Sensory	Face, scalp, cornea, nasal and oral cavities, cranial dura mater	Trigeminal sensory nucleus	General sensation
		Motor	Muscles of mastication; tensor tympani	Trigeminal motor nucleus	Opening and closing mouth; tension on tympanic membrane
VI	Abducens	Motor	Lateral rectus muscle	Abducens nucleus	Movement of eyeball
VII	Facial	Sensory	Anterior two-thirds of tongue	Nucleus solitarius	Taste
		Motor	Muscles of facial expression; stapedius muscle	Facial nucleus	Facial movement; tension on bones of middle ear
		Parasympathetic	Salivary and lacrimal glands, via submandibular and pterygopalatine ganglia	Superior salivatory nucleus	Salivation and lacrimation
VIII	Vestibulocochlear	Sensory	Vestibular apparatus; cochlea	Vestibular nuclei; cochlear nuclei	Vestibular sensation (position and movement of head); hearing
IX	Glossopharyngeal	Sensory	Pharynx, posterior third of tongue, Eustachian tube, middle ear	Trigeminal sensory nucleus	General sensation
			Posterior third of tongue; carotid body, carotid sinus	Nucleus solitarius	Taste; chemoreception, baroreception
		Motor	Stylopharyngeus muscle	Nucleus ambiguus	Swallowing
		Parasympathetic	Parotid salivary gland, via otic ganglion	Inferior salivatory nucleus	Salivation
X	Vagus	Sensory	Pharynx, larynx, trachea, oesophagus, external ear	Trigeminal sensory nucleus	General sensation
			Thoracic and abdominal viscera; aortic bodies, aortic arch	Nucleus solitarius	Visceral sensation; chemoreception, baroreception
		Motor	Soft palate, pharynx, larynx, upper oesophagus	Nucleus ambiguus	Speech, swallowing
	Parasympathetic	Thoracic and abdominal viscera	Dorsal motor nucleus of vagus	Innervation of cardiac muscle. Innervation of smooth muscle and glands of cardiovascular system, respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts	
XI	Accessory (spinal roots)	Motor	Sternomastoid and trapezius muscles	Spinal cord	Movement of head and shoulder
XII	Hypoglossal	Motor	Intrinsic and extrinsic muscles of tongue	Hypoglossal nucleus	Movement of tongue