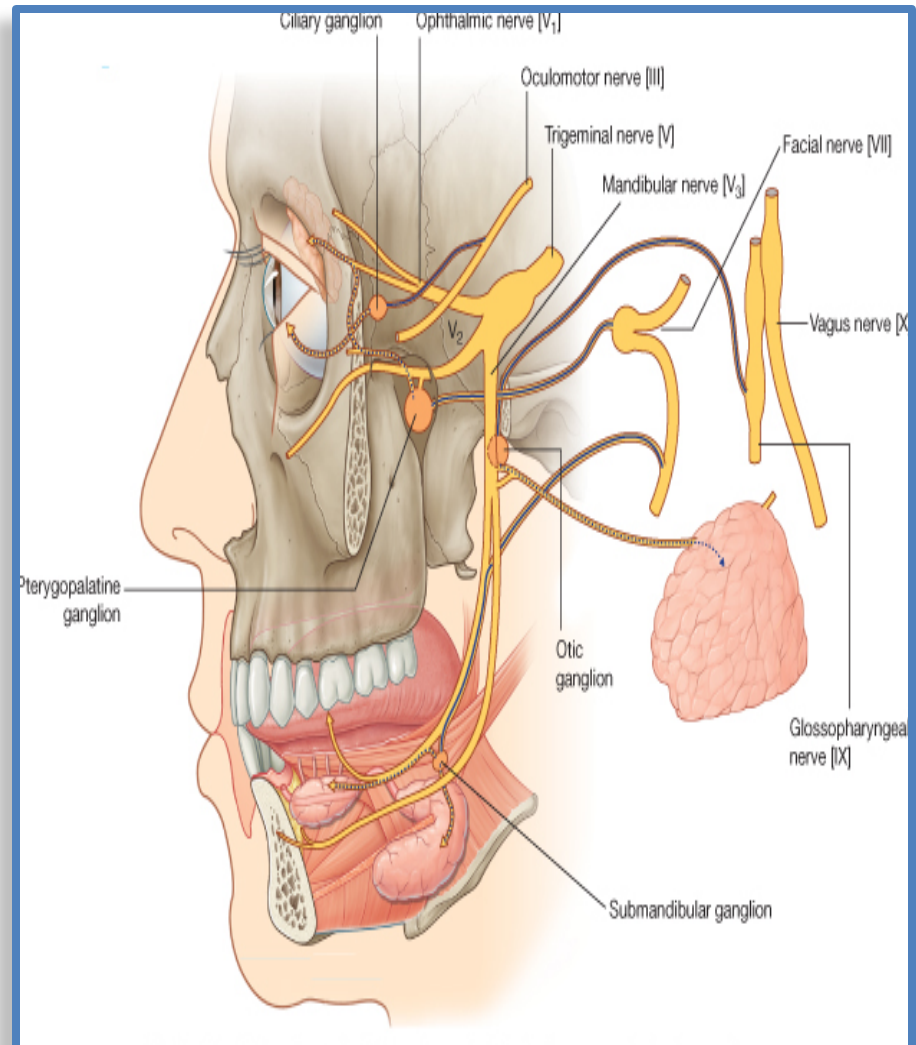


# NERVE SUPPLY OF FACE

## 5<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> CRANIAL NERVES

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# OBJECTIVES

*By the end of the lecture, students should be able to:*

- List the **nuclei** of the deep origin of the trigeminal and facial nerves in the brain stem.
- Describe the **type and site** of each nucleus.
- Describe the **superficial attachment** of trigeminal and facial nerves to the brain stem.
- Describe the **main course and distribution** of trigeminal and facial nerves in the face.
- Describe the **main motor & sensory** manifestation in case of lesion of the trigeminal & facial nerves.

# TRIGEMINAL NERVE

## ➤ Type:

**Mixed**

**(sensory & motor).**

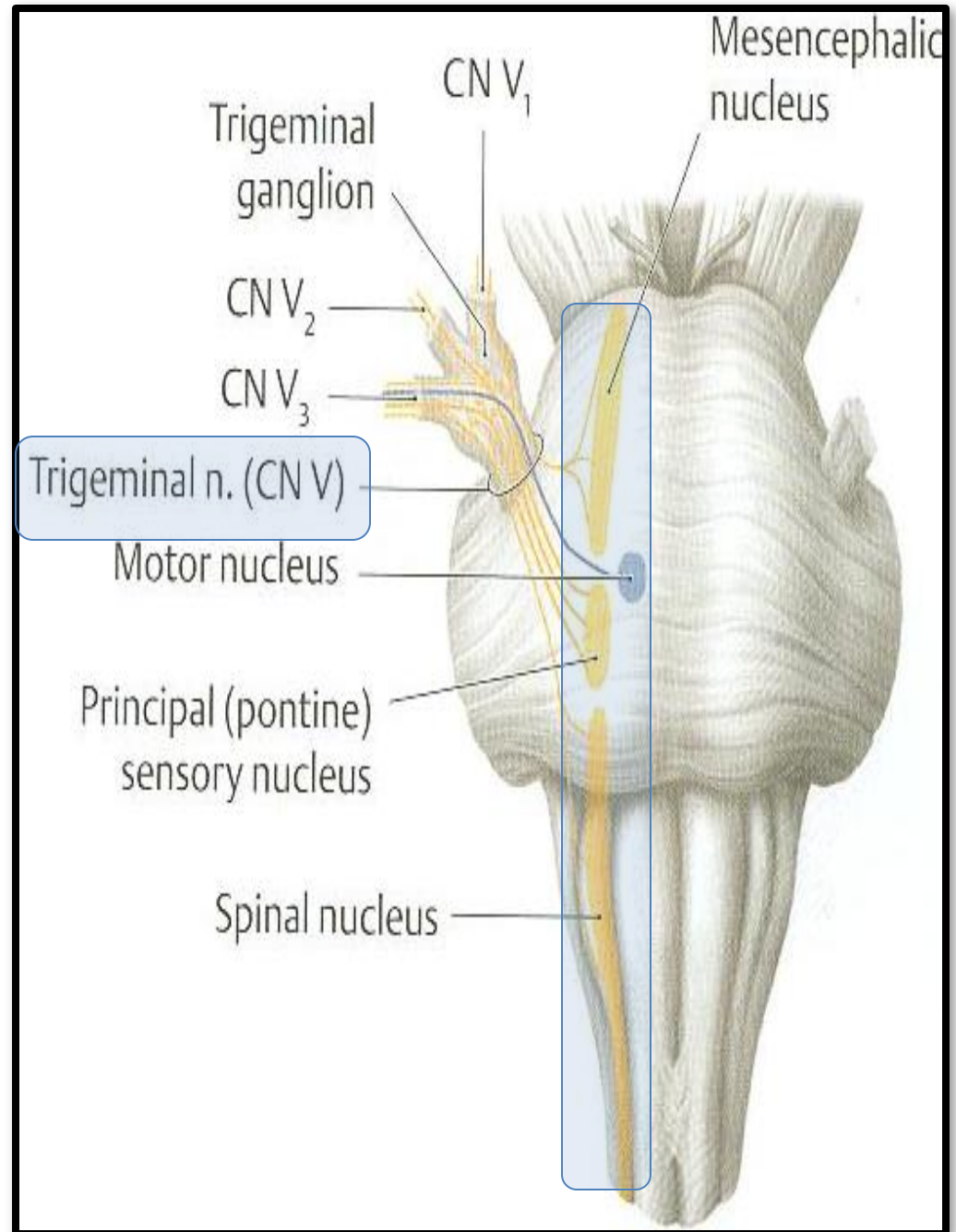
## ➤ Fibers:

### 1. General somatic afferent:

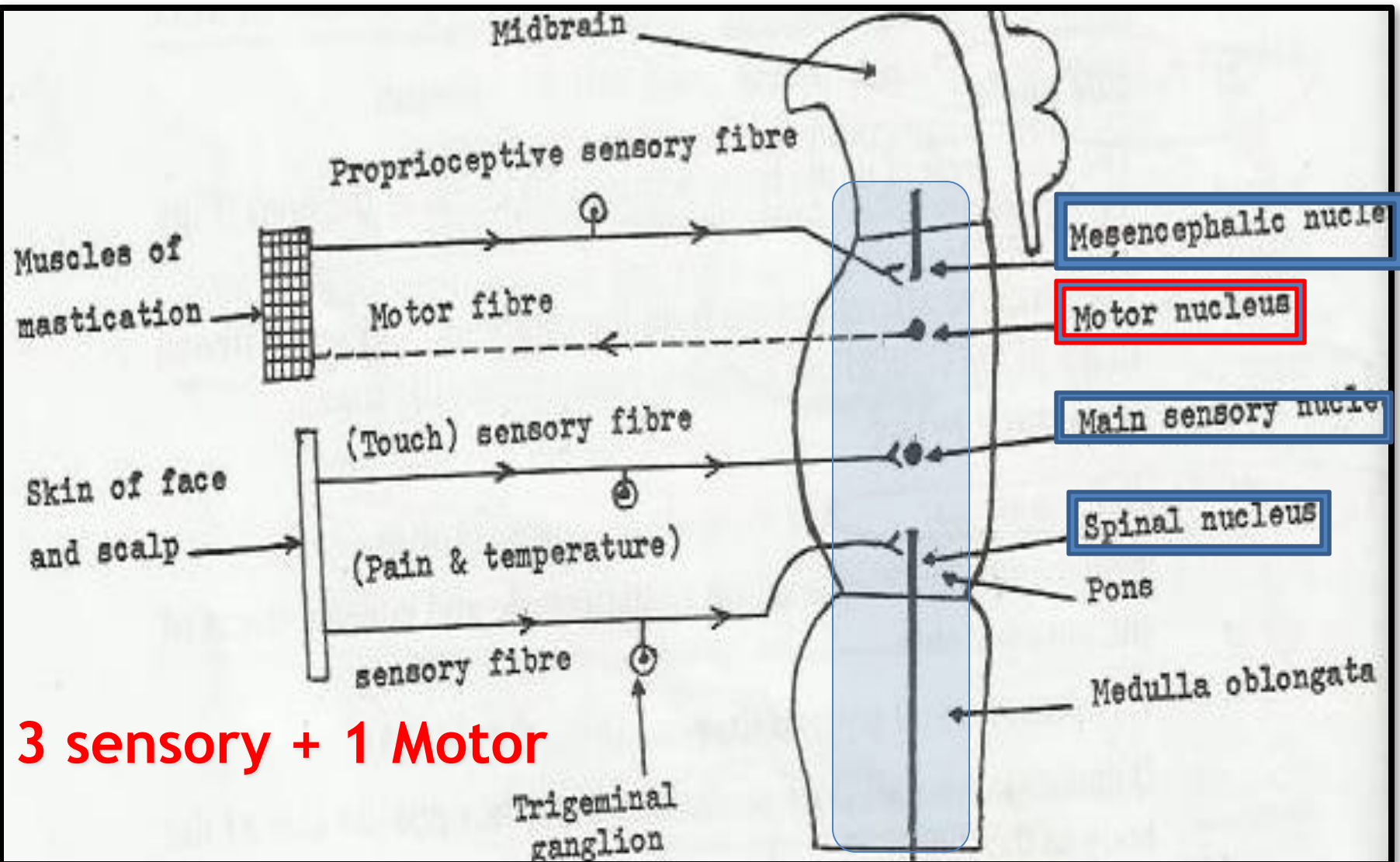
Carrying general sensations from face.

### 2. Special visceral efferent:

Supplying muscles developed from the 1<sup>st</sup> pharyngeal arch, (8 muscles).

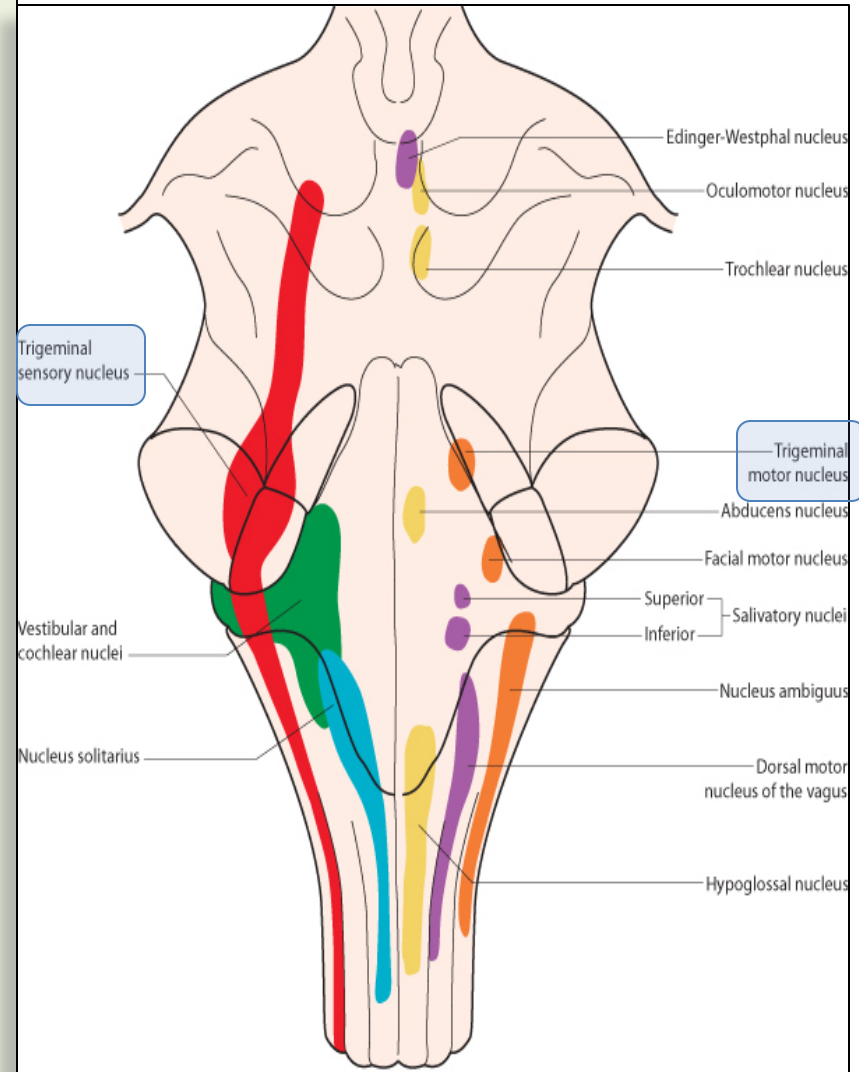


# TRIGEMINAL NERVE NUCLEI (Deep origin)



# TRIGEMINAL NERVE NUCLEI

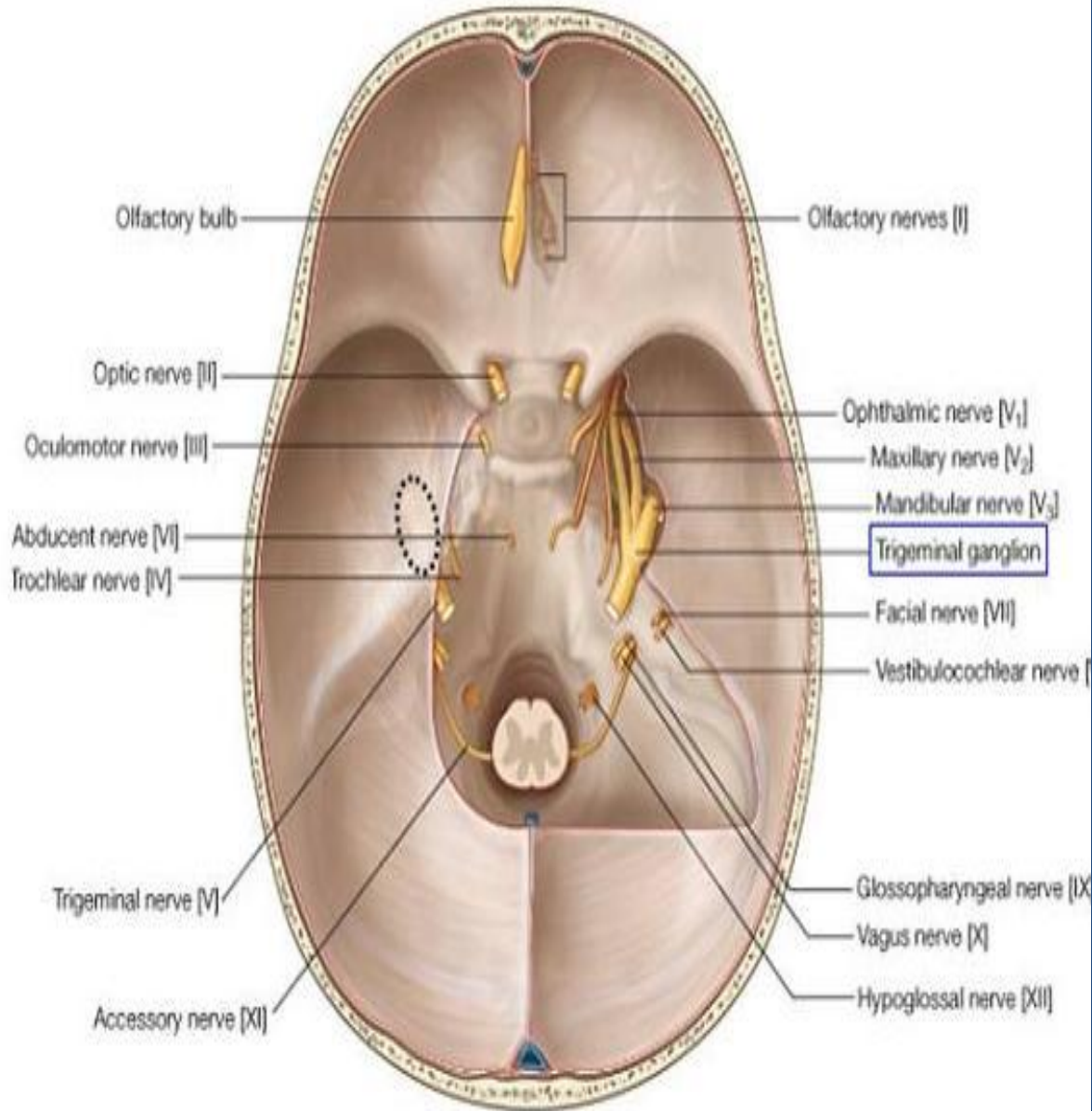
- Four nuclei: (3 sensory + 1 Motor).
- **General somatic afferent:**
  1. **Mesencephalic nucleus** (midbrain & pons): receives proprioceptive fibers from muscles of mastication.
  2. **Principal (main) sensory nucleus** (pons): receives touch fibers from face & scalp
  3. **Spinal nucleus** (pons, medulla & upper 2-3 cervical segments of spinal cord): receives pain & temperature sensations from face & scalp.
- **Special visceral efferent:**
  4. **Motor nucleus** (pons): supplies:
    - ✓ Four Muscles of mastication (temporalis, masseter, medial & lateral pterygoid).
    - ✓ Other four muscles (Anterior belly of digastric, mylohyoid, tensor palati & tensor tympani).





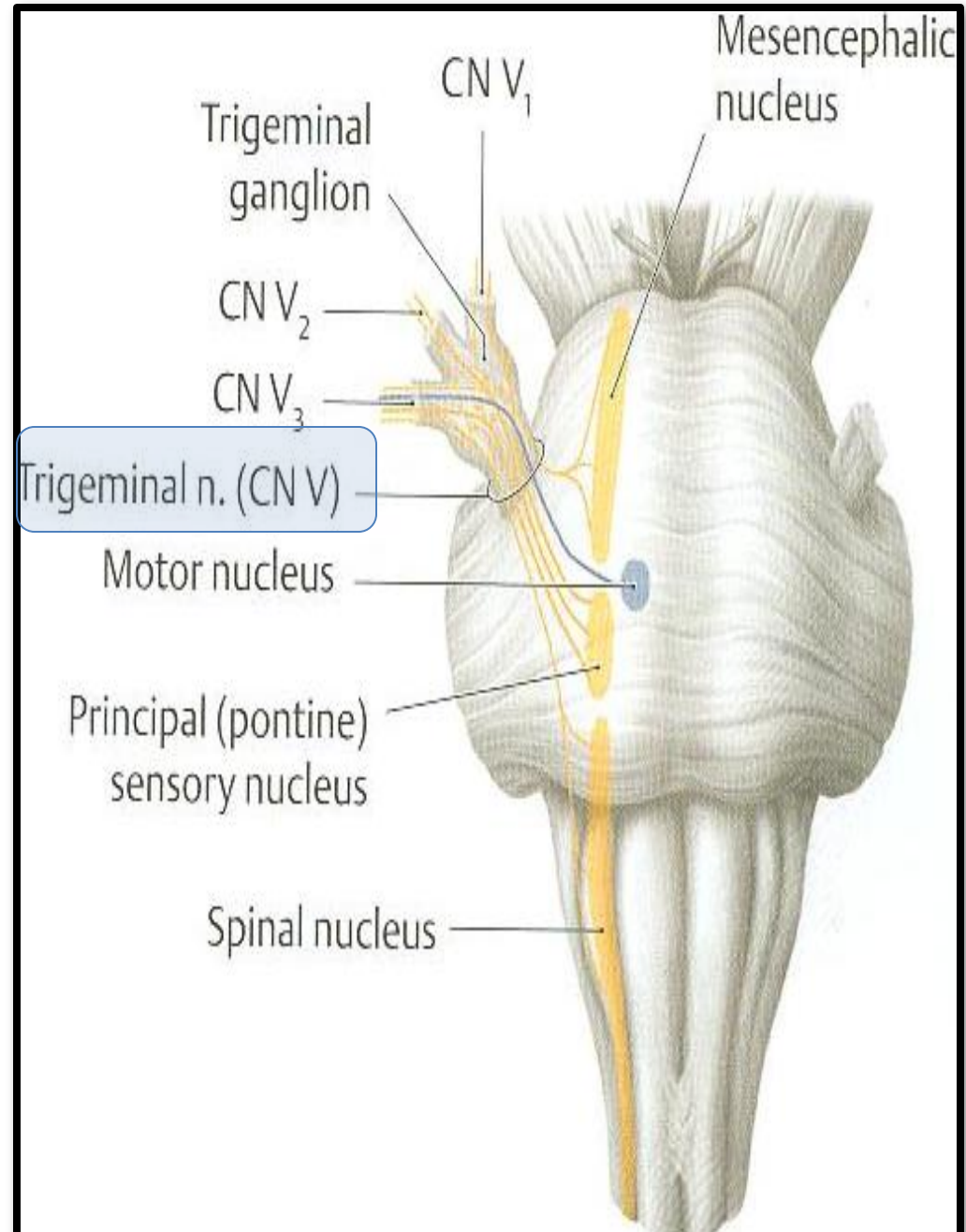
# TRIGEMINAL GANGLION

- **Site:**
- **Occupies a depression in the middle cranial fossa (temporal bone) **known as Trigeminal cave.****
- **Importance:** Contains cell bodies :
  1. Whose **dendrites** carry sensations from the face.
  2. Whose **axons** form the sensory root of trigeminal nerve.



# TRIGEMINAL NERVE

- **Emerges** from the middle of the ventral surface of the pons by 2 roots (Large Lateral sensory root & small medial motor root).
- Divides into 3 divisions (dendrites of trigeminal ganglion):
  1. Ophthalmic.
  2. Maxillary.
  3. Mandibular.
- Axons of cells of motor nucleus join only the mandibular division.



**For you :**

- Ophthalmic n....passes through superior orbital fissure.
- Maxillary n....passes through foramen rotundum.
- Mandibular n....passes through foramen ovale.

Trigeminal  
nerve (V)

Ophthalmic nerve (V<sub>1</sub>)

Maxillary nerve (V<sub>2</sub>)

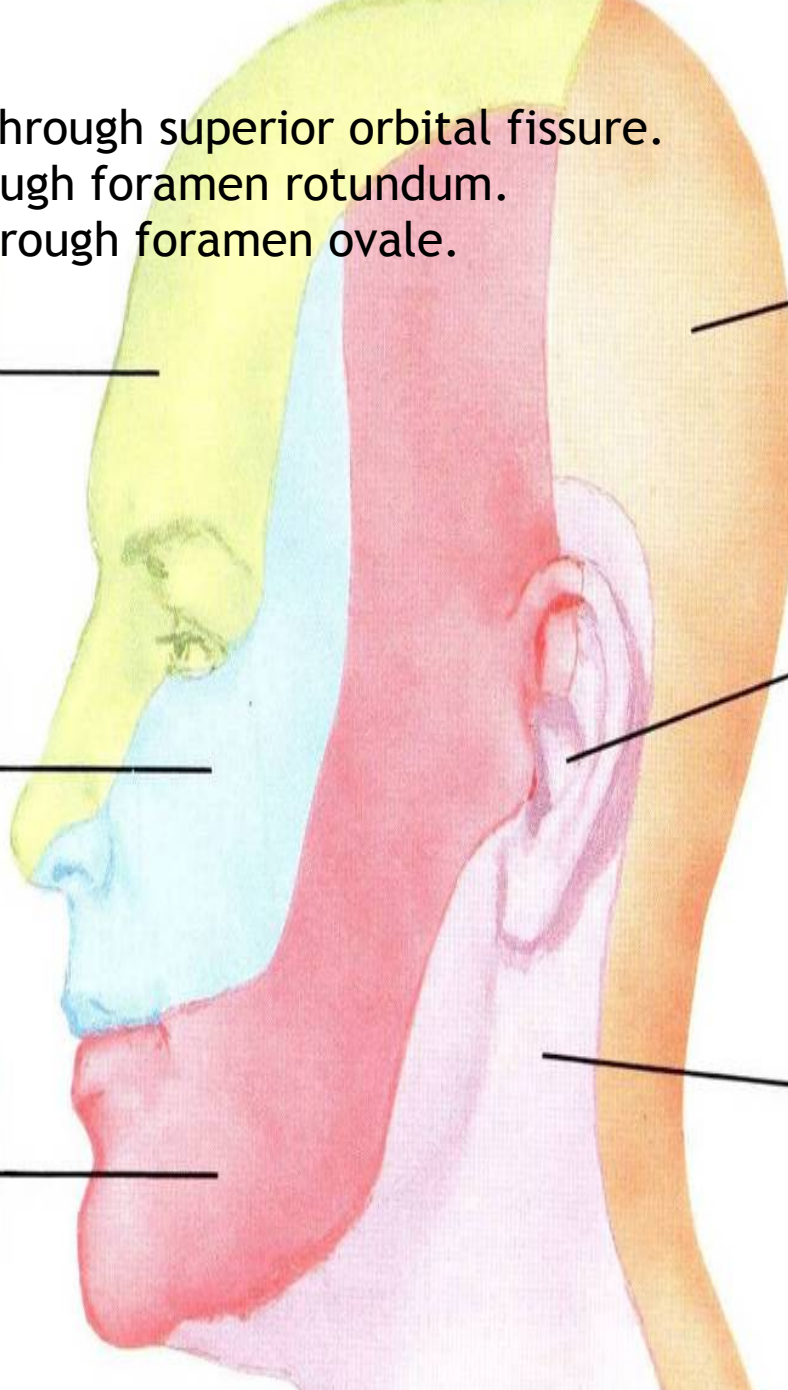
Mandibular nerve (V<sub>3</sub>)

Dorsal rami of  
cervical spinal  
nerves

Auricular branch of  
vagus to external  
meatus and small  
area on posteromedial  
surface of auricle

Branches from  
cervical plexus

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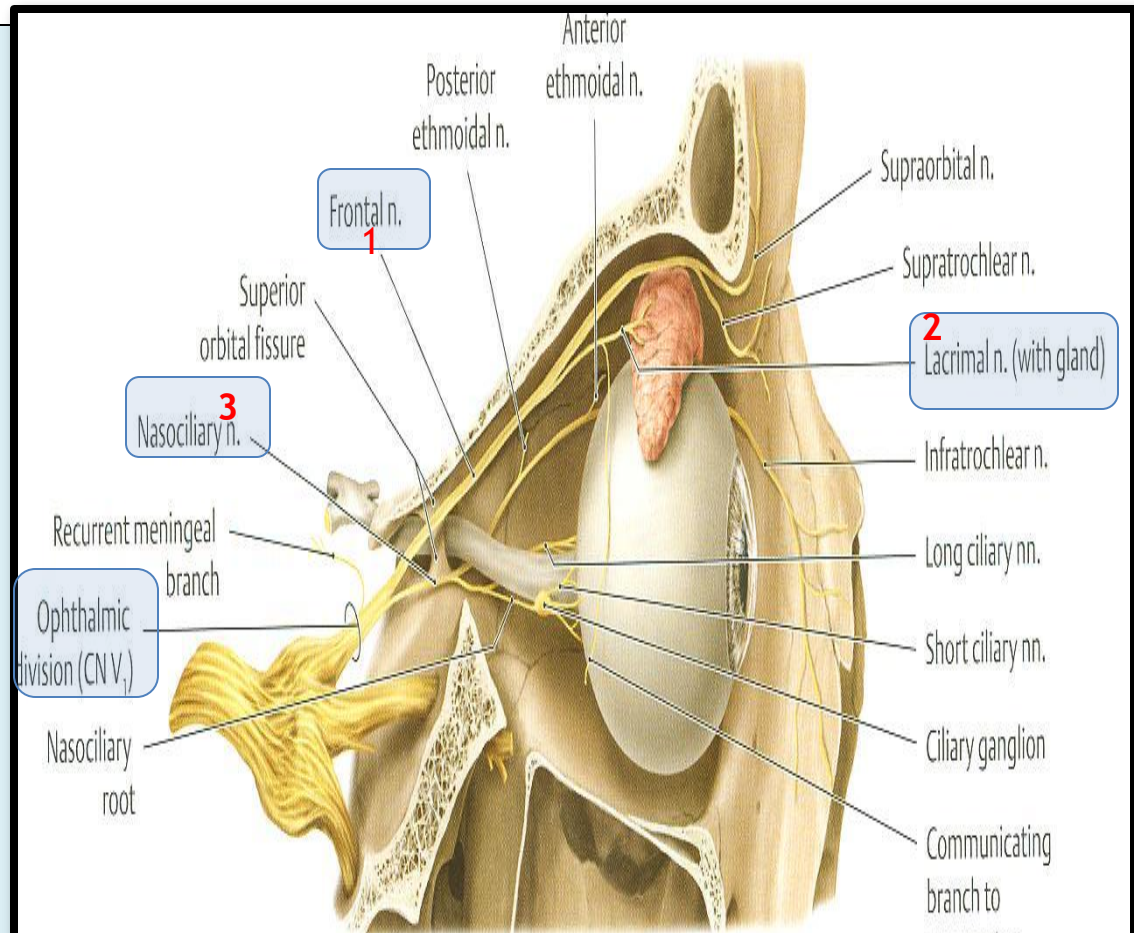




# OPHTHALMIC (PURE SENSORY)

- Divides into 3 branches:
- **Frontal, Lacrimal & Nasociliary** which pass through superior orbital fissure to the orbit

- 1. Frontal:** supplies skin of face & scalp.
- 2. Lacrimal:** supplies skin of face & lacrimal gland.
- 3. Nasociliary:** supplies skin of face, nasal cavity & eyeball.



# MAXILLARY (PURE SENSORY)

## ➤ Supplies:

1. Upper teeth, gums & maxillary air sinus

(posterior, middle & anterior superior alveolar nerves).

1. Face: (zygomaticofacial & infraorbital nerves).

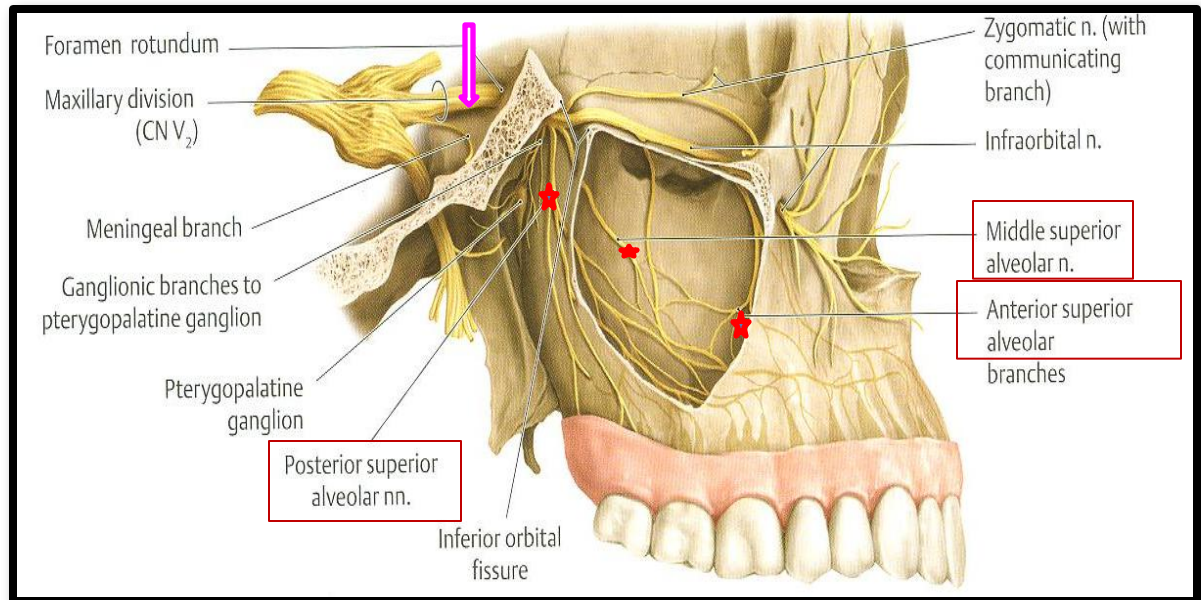
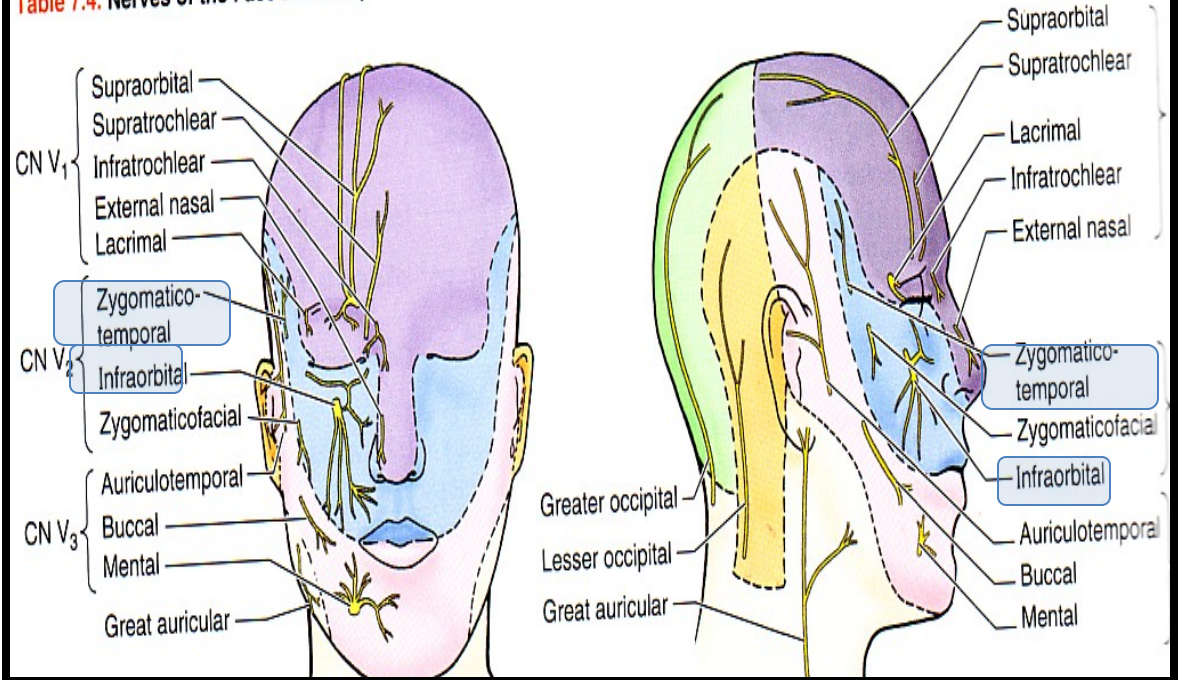


Table 7.4. Nerves of the Face and Scalp





# MANDIBULAR (MIXED)

➤ **SENSORY BRANCHES:** supplies various regions on the side of head.

1. **Lingual:** receives

General sensations from anterior 2/3 the of tongue.

2. **Inferior alveolar:** supplies

Lower teeth, gums & face (over mandible).

3. **Buccal:** supplies

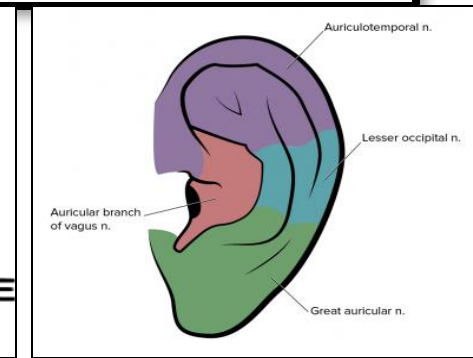
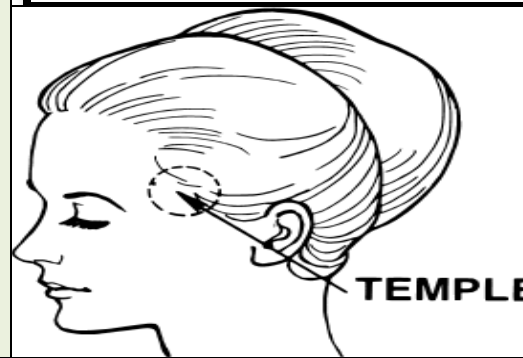
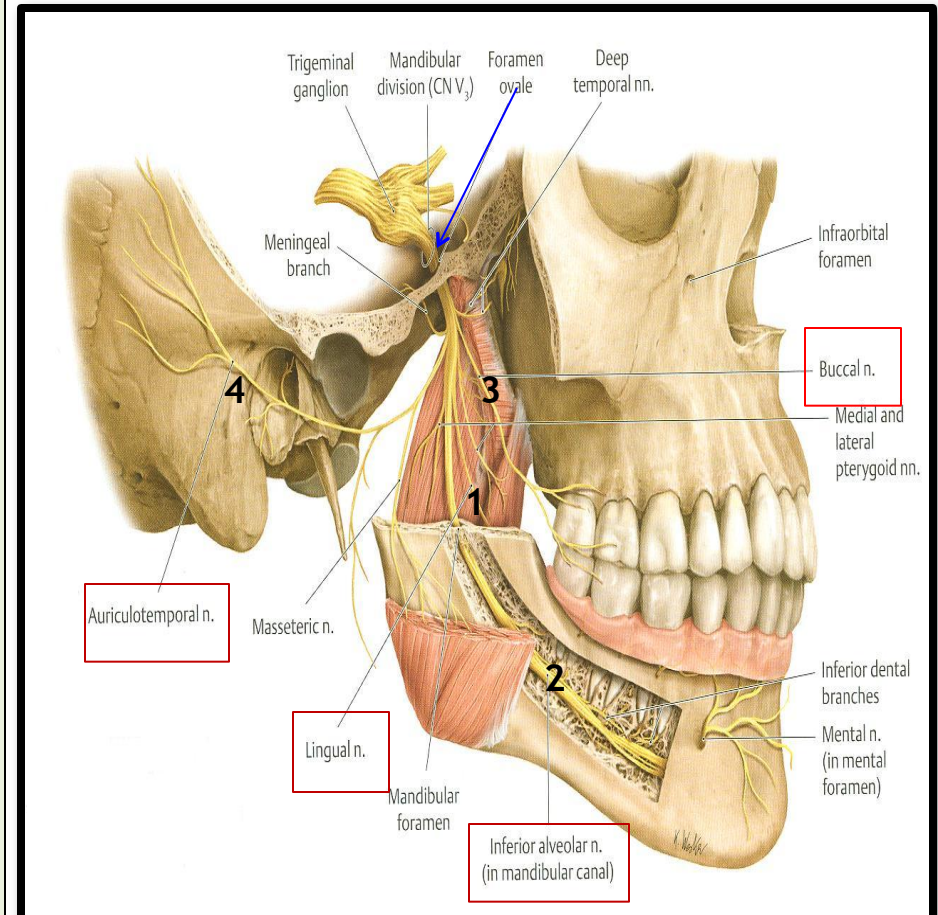
Face (cheek on upper jaw)

4. **Auriculotemporal:** supplies

auricle, temple, parotid gland & TMJ.

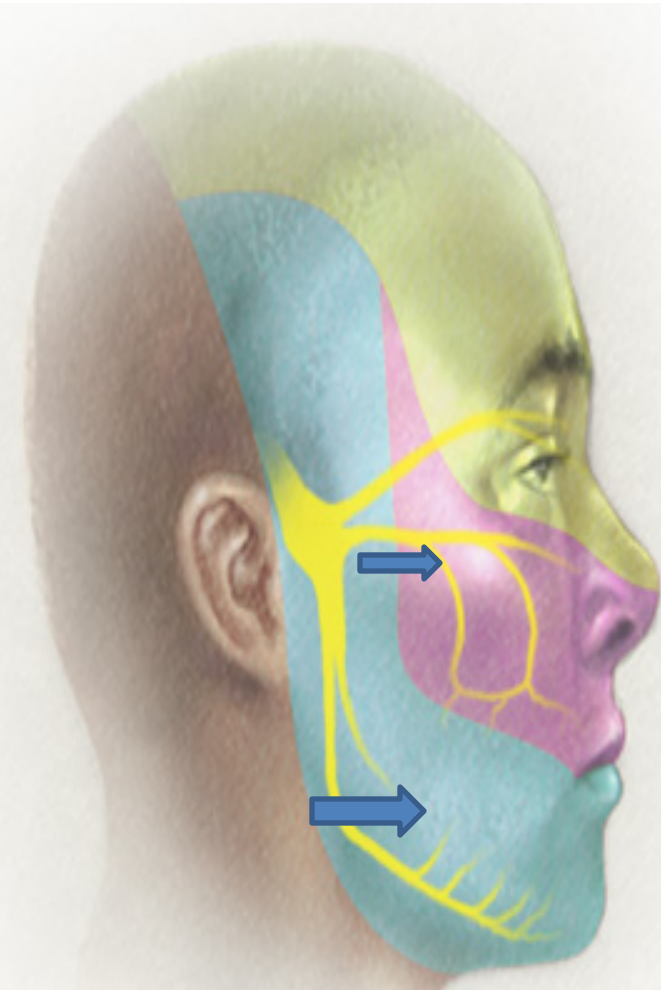
➤ **MOTOR BRANCHES:**

to **8 muscles** (4 muscles of mastication & other 4 muscles).



# Trigeminal Neuralgia

- **Compression, degeneration or inflammation of the 5<sup>th</sup> cranial nerve** may result in a condition called **trigeminal neuralgia** or **tic douloureux** (spasmodic contraction of the muscles in the face)
- This condition is characterized by **recurring episodes (recurrent attacks) of intense stabbing pain** radiating from the angle of the jaw along a branches of the trigeminal nerve.
- **Usually involves maxillary & mandibular branches**, rarely in the ophthalmic division.

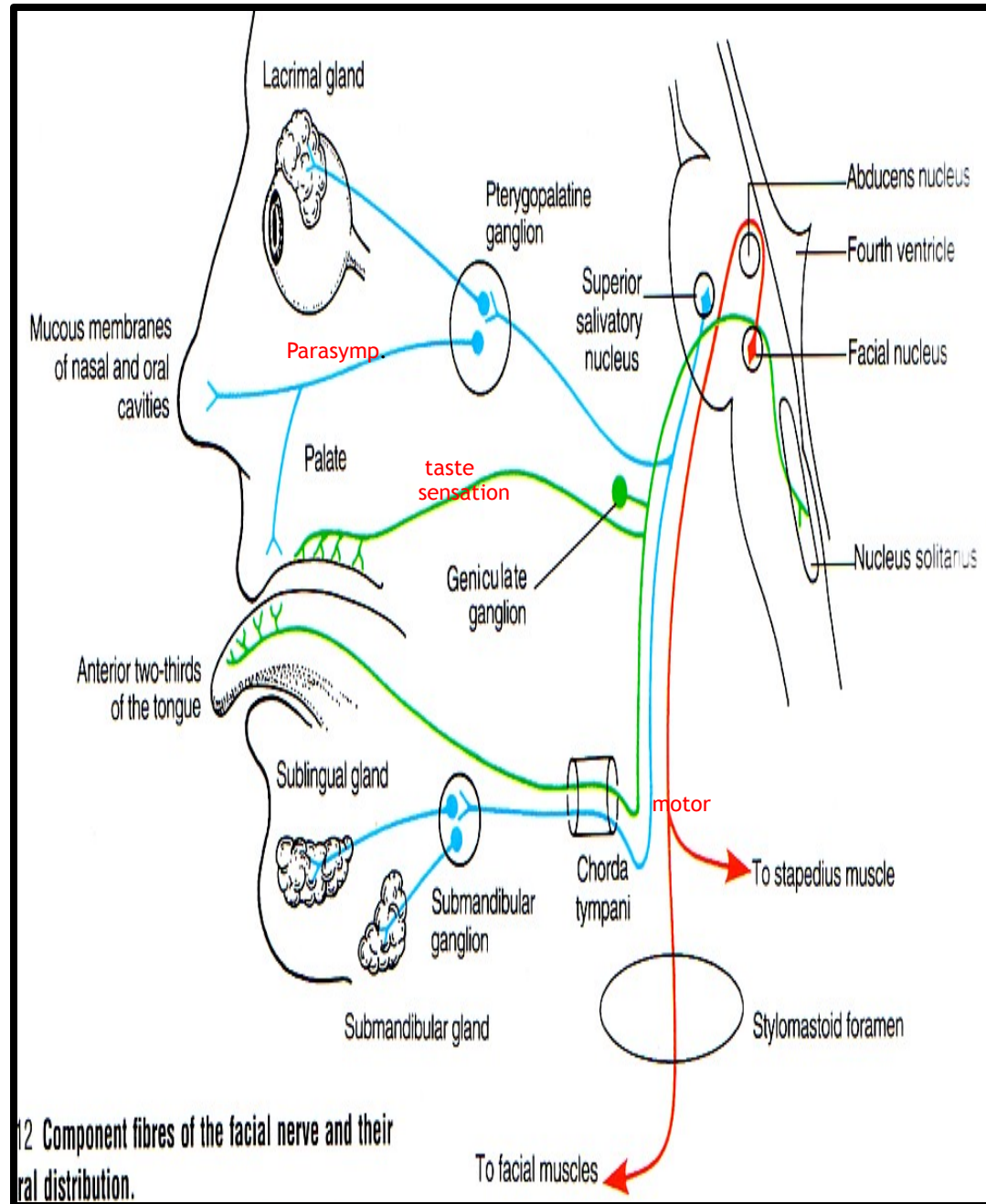




# ***FACIAL NERVE***

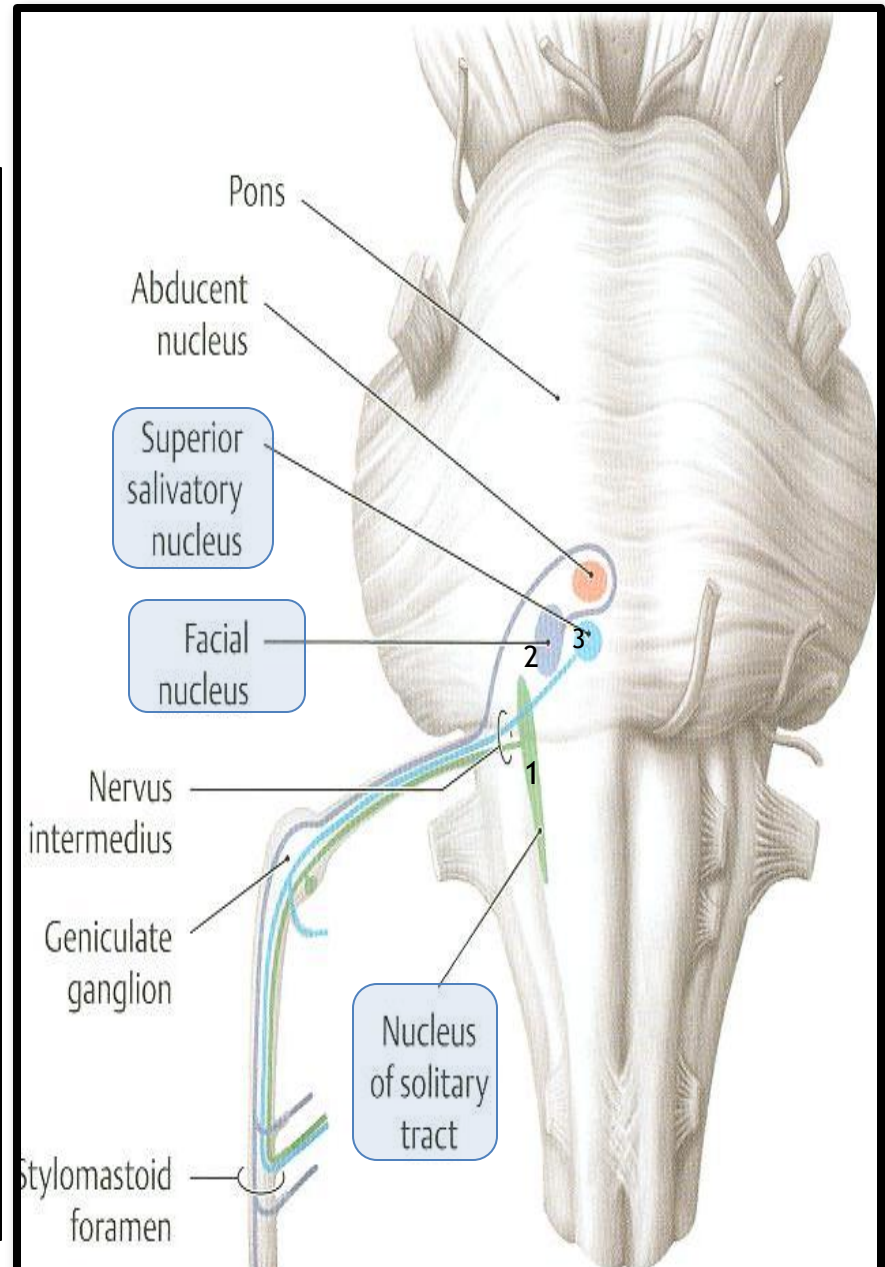
# FACIAL NERVE

- **Type:** Mixed ( Motor, special sensory, parasympathetic).
- **Fibers:**
  1. **Special visceral afferent:** carrying taste sensation from anterior 2/3 of the tongue.
  2. **Special visceral efferent:** supplying muscles developed from the **2<sup>nd</sup> pharyngeal arch**.
  3. **General visceral efferent:** supplying **parasympathetic secretory fibers** to submandibular, sublingual, lacrimal, nasal & palatine glands.



# FACIAL NERVE NUCLEI

- 3 Nuclei :
- **Special visceral afferent: (nucleus solitarius):** receives taste from the anterior 2/3 of tongue.
- **Special visceral efferent: motor nucleus of facial nerve:** supplies: muscles of face, posterior belly of digastric, stylohyoid, platysma, stapedius, and occipitofrontalis.
- **General visceral efferent: superior salivatory nucleus:** sends preganglionic **parasympathetic secretory fibers** to sublingual, submandibular, lacrimal, nasal & palatine glands.

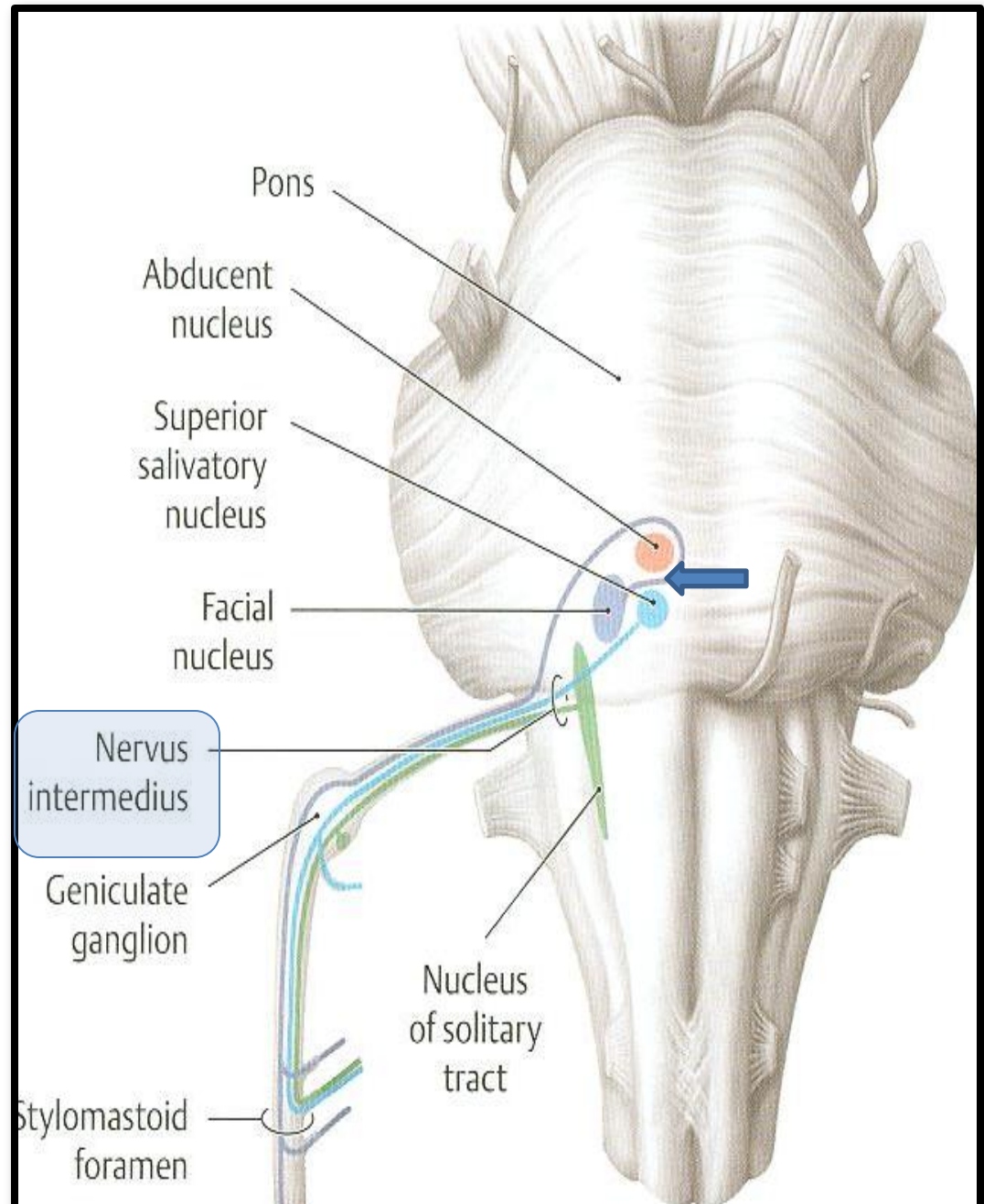


# COURSE OF FACIAL NERVE

➤ Emerges from the cerebellopontine angle by 2 roots:

**1. Medial motor root:** contains motor fibers.

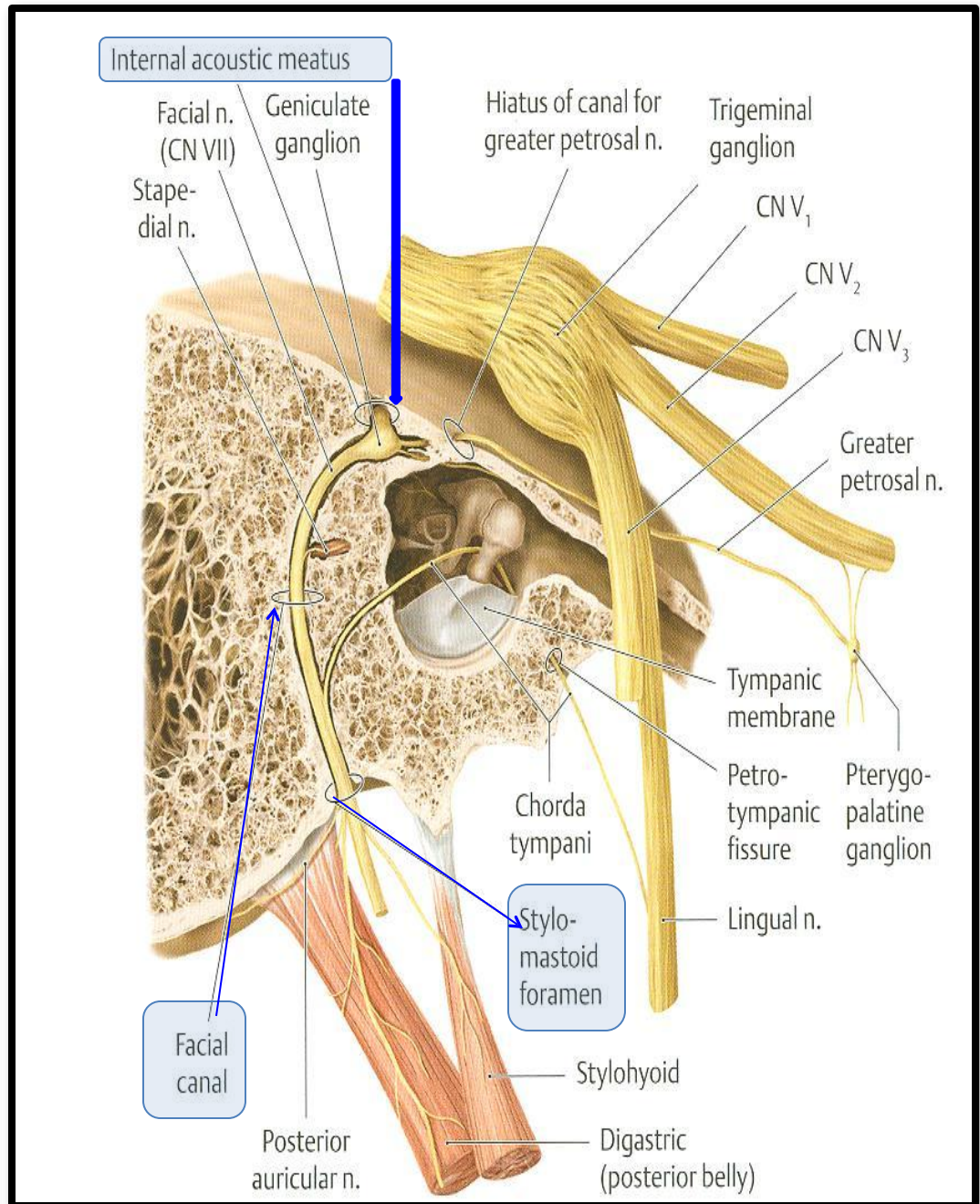
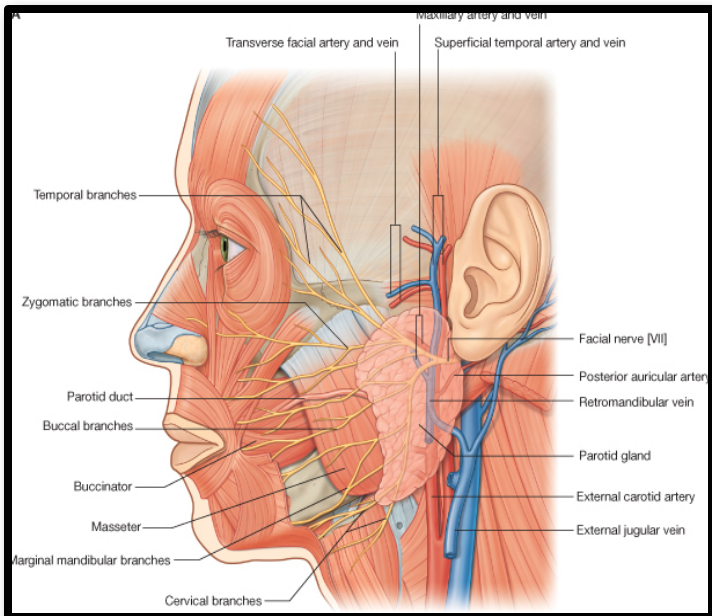
**2. Lateral root (nervous intermedius):** contains parasympathetic & taste fibers.





# COURSE OF FACIAL NERVE

- Passes through internal auditory meatus to **inner ear** where it runs in **facial canal**.
- Emerges from the stylomastoid foramen & **enters the parotid gland** where it ends.



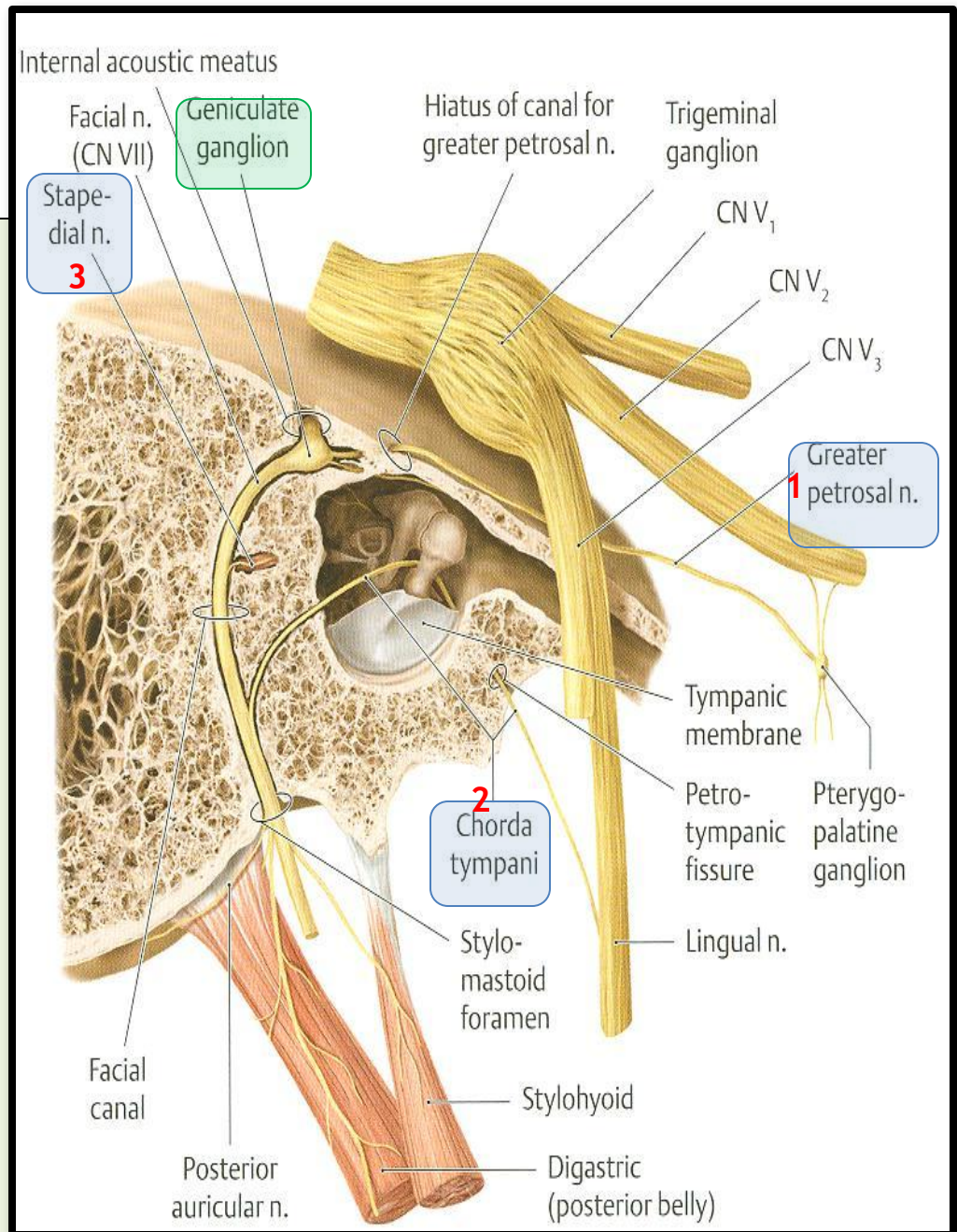
# BRANCHES OF FACIAL NERVE

## ➤ In facial canal:

- Greater petrosal nerve:** carries preganglionic parasympathetic fibers to lacrimal, nasal & palatine glands.
- Chorda tympani:** carries:
  - preganglionic parasympathetic fibers to submandibular & sublingual glands.
  - taste fibers from anterior 2/3 of tongue.
- Nerve to stapedius.** control the amplitude of sound waves from the external environment to the inner ear.

**N.B.:** **Geniculate ganglion:** contains cell bodies of neurons of facial n. ; its fibres carrying taste sensations from anterior 2/3 of tongue; ending in solitary nucleus in M.O .

Lies in internal acoustic meatus.

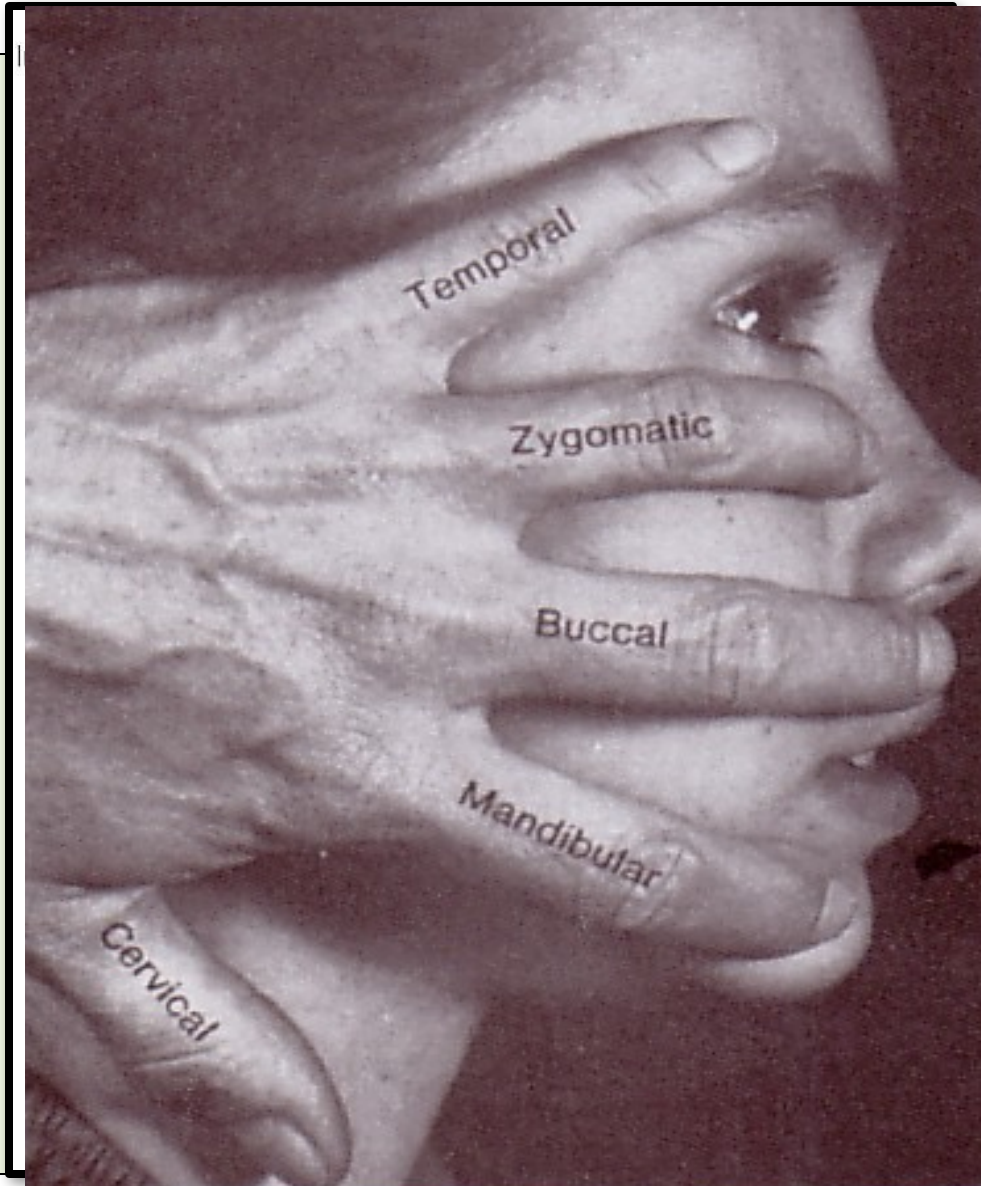




# BRANCHES OF FACIAL NERVE

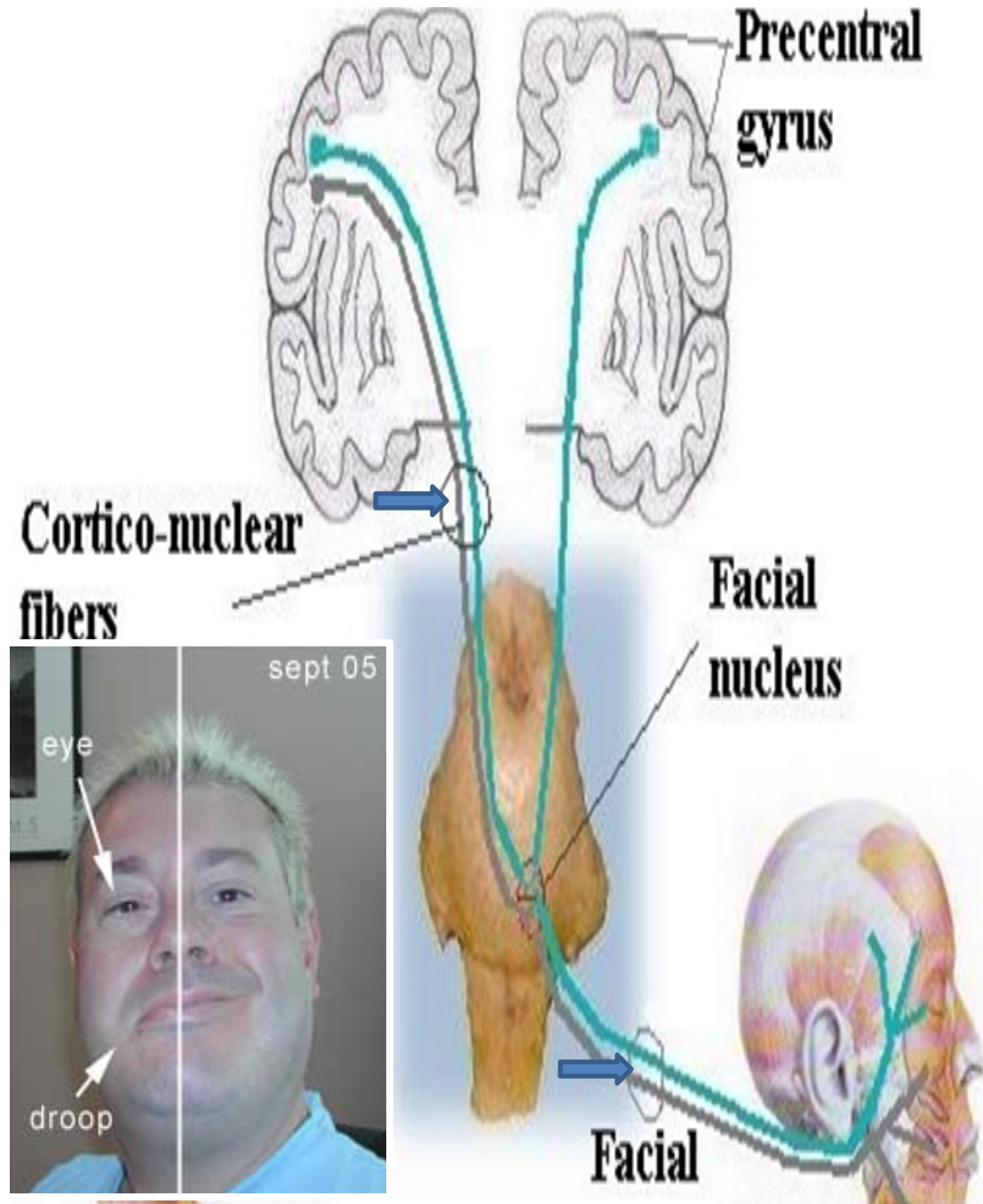
- Just as it emerges from the stylomastoid foramen it gives:
  1. **Posterior auricular:** to **occipitofrontalis muscle.**
  2. **Muscular** branches to **posterior belly of digastric & stylohyoid.**
- **Inside parotid gland:** gives **5 terminal motor branches:**
  - Temporal,
  - Zygomatic,
  - Buccal,
  - Mandibular &
  - Cervical....

*To the muscles of the face.*



# Bell's Palsy

- **Damage of the facial nerve** results in **paralysis of muscles of facial expressions** : **Facial (Bell's) palsy**; **lower motor neuron lesion (whole face affected)**
- **NB. In upper motor neuron lesion (upper face is intact).**
  - **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,
  - Unable to show teeth or close the eye **on that side.**





**THANK YOU & BEST  
LUCK**

# SUMMARY

- Both trigeminal & facial nerves are **mixed**.
- Nuclei of trigeminal nerve are found in **midbrain, pons & medulla**. They are of the general somatic **afferent** & special visceral **efferent** types.
- The trigeminal nerve emerges from the **pons** and **divides into: ophthalmic, maxillary & mandibular divisions** that **receive sensory supply from the face** (with an exception of a small area over ramus of mandible by great auricular nerve C2,3).
- **All motor fibers** are included in the **mandibular division** & supply muscles of mastication.

# SUMMARY

- Nuclei of facial nerve are found in **pons**. They are of the special visceral **afferent** & **efferent** types, as well as general visceral **efferent** type.
- The facial nerve emerges from the **cerebellopontine angle**, gives **motor fibers** to muscles of facial expression, **secretory fibers** to submandibular, sublingual, lacrimal, nasal & palatine glands & receives **taste fibers** from anterior 2/3 of tongue.



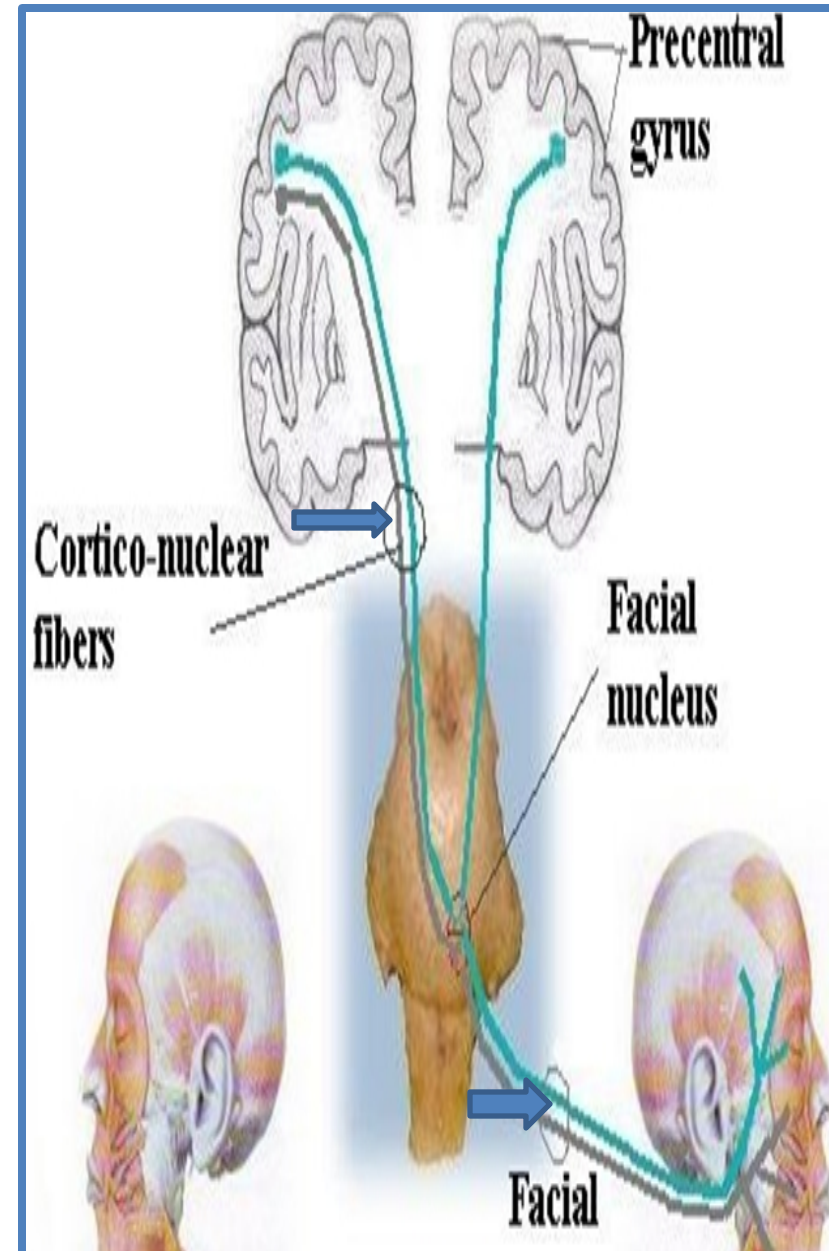
## Lower Motor Neuron Lesion

- Results from injury of **facial nerve fibres below facial nucleus** in internal acoustic meatus; in the middle ear; in the facial canal or in parotid gland.
- Manifested by **complete paralysis of facial muscles on the same side of lesion**.

## Upper Motor Neuron Lesion

- This occurs after **injury to the pyramidal tract (corticospinal) above facial nucleus...**
- Leads to **paralysis of facial muscles of lower ½ of face of opposite side** but the **upper ½ of the face intact** because :
  - **Ms. of lower ½ of face** receive pyramidal fibres from **opposite cerebral cortex only**,
  - **While Ms. of upper ½ of face** receive pyramidal fibres from **both cerebral hemispheres** (Bilateral represented).

## For the Students



## TEST YOUR SELF !

➤ **Stimulation of which of the following nerves could lead to salivation and lacrimation?:**

- a) Facial.
- b) Glossopharyngeal.
- c) Trigeminal.
- d) Vagus.

➤ **Lesion of mandibular nerve may result in:**

- a) Loss of sensation of skin over the nose.
- b) Loss of lacrimation.
- c) Loss of sensory supply of upper teeth.
- d) Loss of general sensations of anterior 2/3 of tongue.