DEVELOPMENT

of CEREBRUM & CEREBELLUM

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lecture the student should be able to:

Describe the formation of the neural tube.
 List the 3 brain vesicles and their derivatives.
 Describe the brain flexures.
 Describe briefly the development of the cerebrum.
 Describe briefly the development of the cerebellum.

INTRODUCTION



By the beginning of the 3rd week of development, three germ cell layers become established, Ectoderm, **Mesoderm** and Endoderm.



EARLY DEVELOPMENT

- <u>During the middle of the 3rd</u>
 <u>week, the dorsal midline</u>
 <u>ectoderm</u> undergoes
 thickening to form the neural
 plate (neuroectoderm).
- The margins of the plate become elevated, forming neural folds.
- So a longitudinal, midline depression, called the neural groove is formed.
- The 2 neural folds then fuse together, thus sealing the neural groove and creating the neural tube.

Neural Tube Development Three-vesicles stage (End of 4th Week)

 Prosencephalon or forebrain

 Mesencephalon or midbrain

- Rhombencephalon or hindbrain

By the end of 4th week

➢ Formation of the neural tube is completed by the middle of the fourth week. By the end of the 4th week, Its upper end dilates & shows 3 primary vesicles: **Prosencephalon**, **Mesencephalon**, & Rhombencephalon.

By the 4th week:

- The neural tube grows rapidly and bends ventrally, producing two flexures:
- Midbrain flexure: between the prosencephalon & the mesencephalon (midbrain)
- Cervical flexure:
- Between the hind brain & the spinal cord.
 - Later <u>Pontine flexure</u> appears in the hindbrain, in the opposite direction, resulting in thinning of the roof of the hindbrain.

Brain Flexures







By the <u>5th</u> week further differentiation distinguishes <u>5</u> secondary brain vesicles from the primary vesicles :

- The prosencephalon divides into the two telencephalon and one diencephalon and
- The Rhombencephalon divides into metencephalon and myelencephalon.

Neural Tube Development Five-vesicles stage (5th week)



Primary brain vesicles Secondary brain vesicles **Derivatives in mature brain** Prosencephalon (forebrain) Cerebral hemisphere Telencephalon Diencephalon Thalamus Mesencephalon Midbrain Mesencephalon (midbrain) Rhombencephalon Metencephalon Pons, cerebellum Myelencephalon Medulla oblongata (hindbrain)



Development of the Cerebrum

The cerebral hemispheres first appear on the day 32 of pregnancy (by 5th week) as a pair of **bubble-like** outgrowths of the Telencephalon. By 16 weeks, the rapidly growing hemispheres are oval and have expanded back to cover the diencephalon.



Differentiation of Forebrain Vesicle (prosencephalon)

- The (prosencephalon) <u>or the</u> forebrain vesicle <u>differentiates</u> into a:
- Median part, (diencephalon),
- Two lateral cerebral vesicles or (telencephalic vesicles.)
- The lumen gives the 2 lateral ventricles and the 3rd ventricle.
- Both cavities communicating with each other <u>through</u> a wide interventricular foramen.
- The <u>cerebral hemispheres</u> expand in all directions.
- <u>Its medial wall</u> becomes thin, flat and it is <u>the site of</u> <u>development of</u> choroid plexus in the lateral ventricle.



Development of the Cerebrum

- The wall of the telencephalon is formed of <u>3 layers :</u>
- **Ependymal** : (lining the cavity of the lateral ventricle).
- Mantle ; nerve cells forming the grey matter.
- Marginal : nerve fibers forming the white matter.



As development proceeds, the following changes occur:



Most of the nerve cells in mantel layer migrate to the site of marginal layer forming the cerebral cortex.

Some cells do not migrate and remains to form the basal ganglia By the end of the 3rd month the surfaces of the cerebral hemispheres are smooth.
By the 4th month the grey matter grows faster than the white matter, so, the cortex becomes folded into gyri separated by sulci; The gyri and sulci effectively increase the surface area of the brain.
The detailed pattern of gyri & sulci varies somewhat from individual to individual.







<u>Corpus striatum</u>:

- It is the basal ganglia nuclei in the cerebral hemisphere
- **It** appears in <u>6th week</u> in the floor of each cerebral hemisphere.
- As the cerebral cortex differentiates and the fibers passing to and from it, they pass through the corpus striatum,
- The corpus striatum now divides into caudate nucleus & lentiform nucleus.
- This fiber pathway forms the internal capsule.



Further expansion of cerebral hemisphere gives C-shape appearance to the hemisphere itself as well as its cavity (lateral ventricle)

Developing right cerebral hemisphere endymal roof of third ventricle Also the caudate nucleus elongates and assumes the shape of the lateral ventricle and remains related to it.



Development of the Cerebral Commissures

- As the cerebral cortex develops, group of fibers, (commissures), <u>connect</u> the corresponding regions of the cortex.
- These are:
- Lamina terminalis.
- Optic chiasma.
- Anterior commissure.
- Posterior commissure.
- Hippocampal commissure.
- Habenular commissure.
- **Corpus callosum** (is a major commissural fibres that connect the two cerebral hemispheres).



The cortex covering the surface of the corpus striatum: grows relatively slower than the other cortices, so it is overgrown by the rest of the hemisphere and lies in the depth of the lateral sulcus. This is called the insula.

So, the insular lobe is a portion of cerebral cortex covering the corpus striatum that invaginated to lie deep within the lateral sulcus

Development of Insula & lateral fissure



Development of the Cerebellum

It develops from the dorsal part of the Metencephalon



The metencephalon develops into the *pons* and overlying *cerebellum*.



Development of the Cerebellum

Pontine flexure results in:

- 1. Moving the alar plates (It is part of dorsal side of neural tube) of the neural tube laterally then pending medially.
- 2. Stretching and thinning of the roof plate.
- 3. Widening of the cavity to form the 4th ventricle.



Metencephalon: Changes in Alar plates

- The dorsal parts of <u>alar plate</u> <u>thicken</u> to form <u>Rhombic lips</u>, that will <u>give rise</u> to the cerebellum.
- Some neuroblasts migrate from the mantle layer to the marginal layer to form the cerebellar cortex.
- Others remains in the mantel layer and give rise to the cerebellar nuclei.
- The cerebellar peduncles develop later as the axons of these cerebellar nuclei grow out to reach the brain stem.



The surface of the cerebellum

- As the cerebellar hemispheres develops; they undergo a complicated process of transverse folding to form closely packed, leaflike transverse gyri called folia & fissures.
- These processes of fissure formation and foliation continue
 throughout embryonic, fetal, and postnatal life, and they increase the surface area of the cerebellar cortex.



Congenital Anomalies of The Brain

- Mental retardation.
- Seizures (changes in electrical activity).
- Cerebral palsy.
- Cranium bifidum with or without meningocele & meningo-encephalocele.
- Agenesis of corpus callosum.
- Microcephaly (abnormal smallness of the head, a congenital condition associated with incomplete brain development).
- Hydrocephalus :
- The most common cause is a flow obstruction, hindering the free passage of CSF through the ventricular system and subarachnoid space.
- Arnold-Chiari malformation (herniated part of cerebellum through the foramen magnum leading to CSF obstruction ,so hydrocephalus results), also in aqueductal stenosis and in brain tumours.
- Anencephaly.



Cisterna magna obliteration

ANENCEPHALY

In anencephaly, the brain and skull are minute and the infant does not usually survive.





