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#### **Lecture Objectives**

- Describe the divisions of the cerebellum
- Describe the functional divisions of the cerebellum (vestibulocerebellum, spinocerebellum and cerebrocerebellum).
- Understand cell types / nuclei of the cerebellum
- Understand the functions of cerebellum in regulation of movement, tone and balance.
- Understand the abnormalities associated with cerebellar disease: Cerebellar nystagmus, changes in muscle tone, ataxia, drunken gait, scanning speech, dysmetria (past-pointing), intention tremor, rebound phenomenon and diadochokinesia







**CEREBELLUM:** Cerebellum is derived from a Latin word means "little brain." Cerebellum is the largest part of the hind brain, lies behind the pons and medulla Oblongata.

- Shape: Oval shaped, with an approximate weight is 150 gm
- Location: Situated in the posterior cranial fossa
- Anteriorly: 4th ventricle, pons, and medulla oblongata
- Superiorily: Covered by tentorium cerebelli
- Posterio-inferiorly: Squamous occipital



#### **CEREBELLUM: THE RULE OF 3**

3 lobes	<ul> <li>•Floculonodular Lobe</li> <li>•Anterior lobe</li> <li>•Posterior lobe</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> Cortical Layers	•Molecular layer •Purkinje cell layer •Granular layer
<b>3 purkinje's cells afferent paths</b>	•Mossy fibers •Climbing fibers •Aminergic fibers
3 pairs of deep nuclei	<ul> <li>•Fastigial</li> <li>•Interposed(globose &amp; emboliform)</li> <li>•Dentate</li> </ul>
3 pairs of peduncles	<ul> <li>Superior (pri.output)</li> <li>Middle (pri.Input)</li> <li>Inferior (pri.Input)</li> </ul>
3 functional division	•Vestibulocerebellum     •Spinocerebellum     •Cerebrocerebellum

## PHYSIOLOGICAL ANATOMY OF THE CEREBELLUM





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- The cerebellum is anatomically and physiologically divided into three parts:
- Paleocerebellum: Anterior lobe [Spinocerebellum]
- Neocerebellum: Posterior lobe [Cerebrocerebellum]
- Archicerebellum: Flocculonodularlobe [Vestibulocerebellum]

#### **CEREBELLAR PEDUNCLES: CARRY AFFERENTS FROM WHERE?**



#### PRINCIPAL AFFERENT TRACTS TO THE CEREBELLUM

AFFERENT TRACTS	TRANSMITS
Vestibulocerebellar	Vestibular impulses from labyrinths, direct & via vestibular nuclei.
Dorsal Spinocerebellar	Prorioceptive & exteroceptive impulses from the body.
Ventral Spinocerebellar	Prorioceptive & exteroceptive impulses from the body.
Cuneocerebellar	Prorioceptive impulses, especially from the head and neck.
Tectocerebellar	Auditory & visual impulses via inferior and superior colliculi.
Pontocerebellar	Impulses from motor and other parts of cerebral cortex via pontine nuclei.
Olivocerebellar	Proprioceptive input from whole body via relay in inferior olive.

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#### TYPES OF THE CELLS INTHE CEREBELLUM





### **CEREBELLUM LAYERS**

The cerebellum has an external cerebellar cortex separated by white matter from the deep cerebellar nuclei as follows:

#### Cerebellar Cortex

- Molecular Layer
- Purkinje Cell Layer
- Granular Layer
- Cerebellar Nuclei
- Dentate Nucleus
- Globose Nucleus
- Emboliform Nucleus
- Fastigial Nuclei



- Basket cells
- Golgi cells
- Stellate cells

GABA...Inhabi

- Granular cells → Glutamate…Exci
- Stellate cells: Taurine.....Inhabi

Note: [Globose and Emboliform also known as interpositus nucleus

#### **NUCLEI OF THE CEREBELLUM**



#### CEREBELLUM AND VOLUNTARY MOTOR CONTROL



Cerebral and cerebellar control of voluntary movements, involving especially the intermediate zone of the cerebellum.

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#### CONNECTIONS OF THE CEREBELLUM





## FUNCTIONAL DIVISION OF THE CEREBELLUM





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#### **SUMMARY: FUNCTIONS OF**



#### CEREBELLUM

Cerebellum Lobe	Nuclei	Cortex	Inputs	Outputs	Function
Paleocerebe llum	Interposed; Fastigial	Vermis & Medial portions of Cerebellar hemispheres	Spinal and brainstem paths	SCP to Red Nucleus; Fastigial to RF	Muscle tone, posture & coordination of movements
Neo- cerebellum	Dentate	Lateral portions of Cerebellar Hemisphere	Corticopontine/ pontocerebellar	SCP	Planning and executive of voluntary & skilledhand movements
Archi cerebellum	Fastigial	Flocculonodular	Vestibular nuclei	Vestibular nuclei; RF	Balance, equilibrium

#### CLINICAL FEATURES / TESTS RELATED TO CEREBELLUM

Ataxia	Reeling, wide-based gait
Decomposition of movement	Inability to correctly sequence fine, coordinated acts
Dysarthria	Inability to articulate words correctly, with slurring and inappropriate phrasing
Dysdiadochokinesia	Inability to perform rapid alternating movements
Dysmetria	Inability to control range of movement
Hypotonia	Decreased muscle tone
Nystagmus	Involuntary, rapid oscillation of the eyeballs in a horizontal, vertical, or rotary direction, with the fast component maximal toward the side of the cerebellar lesion
Scanning speech	Slow enunciation with a tendency to hesitate at the beginning of a word or syllable
Tremor	Rhythmic, alternating, oscillatory movement of a limb as it approaches a target ( <b>intention tremor</b> ) or of proximal musculature when fixed posture or weight bearing is attempted (postural tremor)

#### FINGER NOSE TEST



While the examiner holds his finger at arm's length from the patient. Patient touches her nose and then touches the examiner's finger. After several sequences, the patient is asked to repeat the exercise with her closed eyes.

A patient with a cerebellar disorder tends to miss the target.

FINGER NOSE TEST



#### DYSDIADOCHOKINESIS: RAPIDLY ALTERNATING MOVEMENTS

**Dysdiadochokinesis:** Inability to perform rapidly alternating movements. Is called dysdiadochokinesia. It is usually caused by multiple sclerosis in adults and cerebellar tumors in children. Patients with other movement disorders (e.g. Parkinson's disease) may have abnormal rapid alternating movement testing secondary to akinesia or rigidity, thus creating a false impression of dysdiadochokinesia.

#### DYSDIADOCHOKINESIS: RAPIDLY ALTERNATING MOVEMENTS



#### **HEEL TO SHIN TEST**



The heel to shin test is a measure of coordination and may be abnormal if there is loss of motor strength, proprioception or a cerebellar lesion. If motor and sensory

If motor and sensory systems are intact, an abnormal, asymmetric heel to shin test is highly suggestive of an ipsilateral cerebellar lesion.

## **CEREBELLAR SIGNS**



# THANK YOU

