### END OF SEM NEURAL MASTER ANATOMY

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### LUMBAR & SACRAL PLEXUS

### **LUMBAR PLEXUS (Ventral Rami of L1-4)**

\*Located between Ant. & Post. bellies of Psoas Major

<sup>\*</sup>Merges w/ Sacral Plexus thru Lumbosacral Trunk

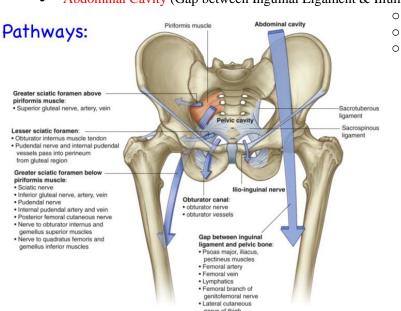
Nerve Name	Exit/ Pathway	Muscles Supplied			
Iliohypogastric (L1)	Anterior to Quadratus Lumborum, posterior to Kidney, piercing T-  Abdominis  Cutaneous supplies posterolateral gluteal & pubic region skin				
Ilioinguinal (L1)	Underneath Iliohypogastric, pierces T-Abdominis & Int. Oblique				
Genitofemoral (L1-2)	Pierces Psoas Major anteriorly before descending posteriorly to Ureter Genital Branches into Inguinal Canal to innervate Scrotum & Labia Majora Femoral Branch crosses to anterior thigh to supply sensory over Femoral Triangle	Genital Branch: Cremaster Muscle			
Femoral (L2-4) Saphenous	Passes Inguinal Ligament & Femoral Triangle Terminates into cutaneous branches & Saphenous N (sensory over medial thigh, leg & foot)	Anterior Thigh			
Lateral Femoral Cutaneous (L2-3)	Emerges Lateral Border of Psoas, crosses Iliacus towards ASIS, passes Inguinal Ligament to enter Lateral Thigh	(sensory to anterolateral thigh)			
Obturator (L2-4)	Emerges medial to Psoas near Pelvic Brim, posterior to Iliac Vessels & thru Obturator Foramen Supplies medial thigh	Obturator Externus			

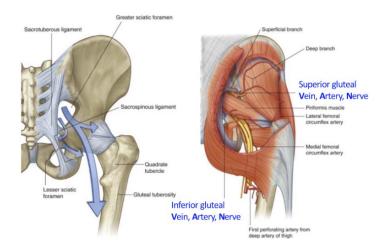
### **SACRAL PLEXUS (L5-S5)**

Nerve Name	Exit/ Pathway	Muscles Supplied	
Superior Gluteal (L4-S1)	Greater Sciatic Foramen, above piriformis	Gluteus Medius & Minimus	
Superior Glutear (L4-31)	Greater Sciatic Poramen, above prinornis	TFL	
Inferior Gluteal (L5-S2)	" "below piriformis	Gluteus Maximus	
		Obturator Internus	
Direct Branches from		Piriformis	
Sacral		Quadratus Femoris	
		Superior/ Inferior Gemelli	
Post. Fem. Cutaneous	Lateral to Inguinal Ligament	(sensory of posterior thigh)	
Pudendal	Exits via Greater Sciatic Foramen over Sacrospinous	Urogenital Diaphragm	
Fudelidai	Ligament → Re-enters Lesser Sciatic Foramen	Orogenitai Diapinagin	
	1. Exits Greater Sciatic Foramen below piriformis & passes		
	into posterior midline thigh between Ischial Tuberosity &		
Tibial (L4-S3)	Greater Trochanter	Hamstrings (*Long Head of	
Medial Plantar N	2. Travels w/ Common Fibular in Sciatic N, becomes Tibial	BF)	
Lateral Plantar N	N after passing midshaft of femur	Posterior Leg	
	3. Passes Popliteal Fossa & Tarsal Tunnel (below medial	Foot Intrinsic	
	malleolus)		
	4. Branches into Plantar N @ foot		
Common Fibular (L4-S2)	Travels w/ BF tendon, then around Fibular Neck	Short Head of BF	
Superficial Fibular	Descends laterally deep to FL to dorsal foot anterior to	FL & FB	
Superficial Fibular	Lateral Malleolus	TL & TD	
Deep Fibular	Descends anteriorly deep to EDL between tendons of TA &	TA, EDL & EDB, EHL &	
Deep Fibulai	EHL w/ Dorsalis Pedis Artery to dorsal foot's 1st web space	EHB, Fibular Tertius	

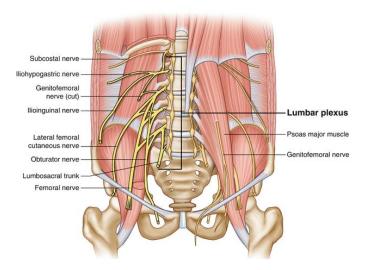
### **Pathways**

- Greater Sciatic Foramen (above & below piriformis, formed by boundaries of Posterior Ilium & Sacrospinous Ligament)
  - o Superior Gluteal N (above piriformis)
  - o Sciatic N (below piriformis)
  - o Inferior Gluteal N, Artery & Vein
  - Direct Nerve to Deep Lateral Rotators (except piriformis)
  - o Pudendal N (exits)
- Lesser Sciatic Foramen (space between Sacrospinous & Sacrotuberous ligament)
  - Obturator Internus Muscle tendon
  - o Pudendal N (re-enters)
- Obturator Canal: Obturator N
- Abdominal Cavity (Gap between Inguinal Ligament & Ilium)

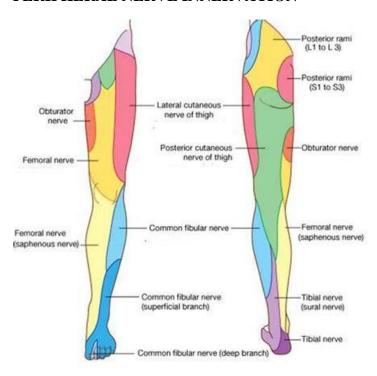




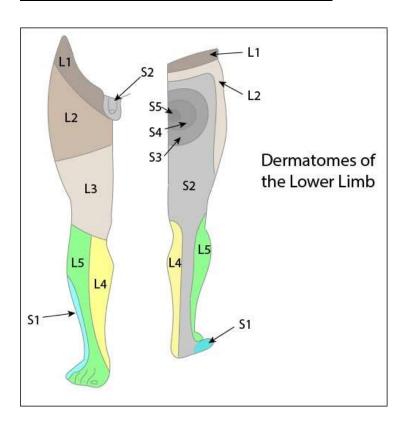
Femoral N, Artery & Vein Psoas Major, Iliacus & Pectineus Muscles Lateral Cutaneous N

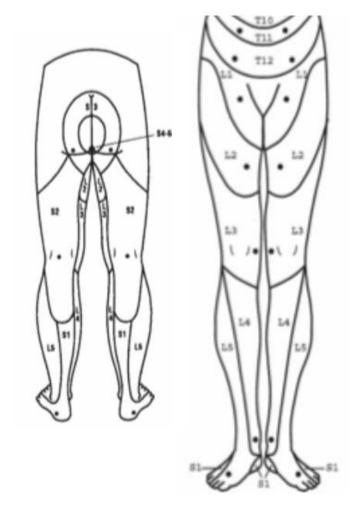


### PERIPHERAL NERVE INNERVATION



Myotome Level	Action + Contribution
L2	Hip Flexors (Iliopsoas)
L3	Knee Extensors (Quads)
L4	Ankle DF (TA)
L5	Long Toe Extensors (EDL)
S1	Ankle PF (Gastro, Soleus etc.)
S2	Knee Flexors (Hamstrings)





Dermatome Level	Key Sensory Point	
L1	Midpoint Between Mid-Inguinal &	
LI	L2 Point	
	Ant Medial Thigh Between Mid-	
L2	Inguinal & Medial Femoral	
	Condyle	
L3	Medial Femoral Condyles	
L4	Medial Malleolus	
L5	Dorsum of Foot @ 3 <sup>rd</sup> MTP	
S1	Lateral Heel	
S2	Popliteal Fossa	
S3	Ischial Tuberosity	
S4-5	*Wrong hole, pull up*	

### **ASCENDING PATHWAYS**

Neuron Types	Conduction Velocity	Function		
Ia	70-120	Muscle Spindles (Muscle Tension)		
Ib	60-80	Golgi Tendon Organs (Proprioception) & Ruffini's Endings (Joint Pressure)		
II	30-80	Skin Receptors		
III (Aδ Type)	10-30	Fast Pain	Tamparatura	
IV (C Type)	0.5-2.5	Slow Pain	Temperature	

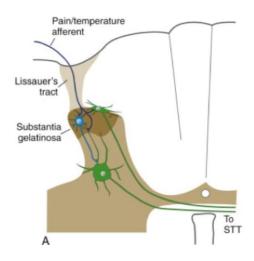
<sup>\*</sup>Conduction Velocity dependent upon: Axon Diameter & Myelination

### **ANTEROLATERAL Pathway** (pain sensory)

Aδ & C Fibres:

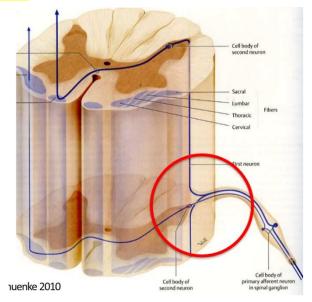
- 1st Cell Body @ Dorsal Root Ganglion → 1st Synapse @ Rexed Lamina I & II (via Lissauer's Tract) with their 2nd Neuron OR Interneuron
- 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Neuron decussate via the Ventral White Commissure to Contralateral Anterolateral Tract
- 3. Some fibres synapses within brainstem (thus tract size diminishes) but main branch continues till their <sup>2nd</sup> Synapse at the Thalamus → 3<sup>rd</sup> Synapse @ Somatosensory Cortex

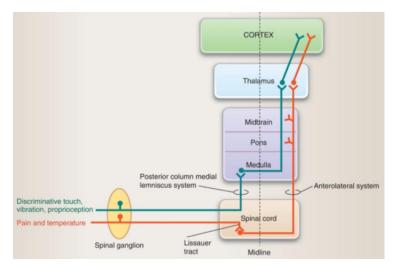
<sup>\*</sup>Somatotopic Organisation: Sacral = Lateral, Cervical = Medial

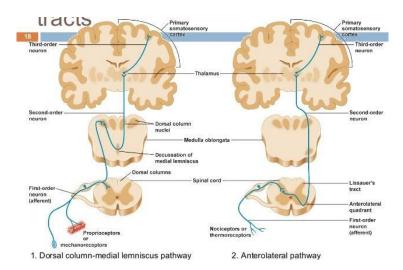


### **Major Anterolateral Tracts**

- Spinoreticular: arousal/ attention
- Spinothalamic: conscious awareness of pain
- Spinomesencephalic: intrinsics mechanism for pain control
- Spinohypothalamic: automatic responses to pain



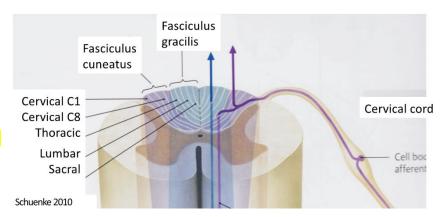




### **DORSAL COLUMN - MEDIAL**

### **LEMNICSUS Pathway** (muscle sensory)

- 1st Order Neurons of Type Ia & Ib Fibres enter Dorsal Funiculus and ascend via the Cuneatus Funiculus & Gracilis Funiculus
- 1st Synapse @ Nucleus Gracilis & Cuneatus, 2nd Order Neurons decussates @ Medulla and continues as the Medial Lemniscus
- Synapses once more at VPL Subnuclei of Thalamus



\*Somatotopic Organisation: Sacral = Medial, Cervical = Lateral (new fibres enter the column laterally)

\*Poster Limb of IC innervates entire body's somatosensory

### **Major Non-Conscious Proprioception Pathways**

- Anterior Spinocerebellar (trunk & LL)
- Posterior Spinocerebellar (trunk & LL)
- Cuneocerebellar Tract (trunk & UL)
- Rostral Spinocerebellar (UL)

### **POSTERIOR SPINOCEREBELLAR Pathway** (*Trunk & LL*)

- 1. 1st Synapse @ Clarke's Nucleus (C8-L2, for non-conscious proprioception) after entering Dorsal Horn, fibres from below L2 travel up Gracilis Funiculus until Clarke's Nucleus
- 2. Ascends via the **Ipsilateral Lateral Funiculus**
- 3. Enters Cerebellum via ICP

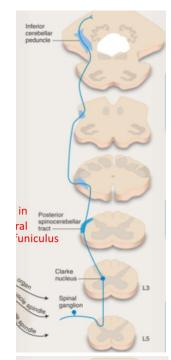
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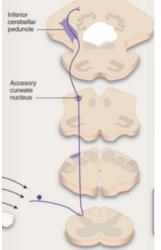
### ANTERIOR SPINOCEREBELLAR Pathway (Trunk & LL)

- 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Neuron Bodies @ Lateral side of Ventral Horn
- 2. Decussates to Contralateral Ventral Funiculus
- 3. Decussates again @ Cerebellum to original side before entering via SCP

### **CUNEOCEREBELLAR Pathway** (Trunk & UL)

- 1. Ascend via **Ipsilateral** Cuneatus Funiculus
- 2. 1st Synapse @ Accessory Cuneatus Nucleus
- 3. Enters Cerebellum via ICP



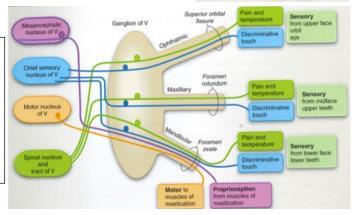


### **Trigeminothalamic Pathways**

"Proprioception pathways of the Face"

\*Only 1 Mesencephalic fibres to Muscles of Mastication via the Mandibular Branch of CNV

\*Chief & Spinal fibres to all Branches



### LIMBIC CORTICES

### **Major Cortices**

- Hippocampal Formation:
  - o Hippocampus Proper
  - Dentate Gyrus (involved in formation of episodic memory & spontaneous exploration of new environments)
  - Subiculum (most inferior portion of hippocampus before becoming the parahippocampal gyrus)
- Parahippocampal Gyrus & Entorhinal Cortex (serves as gateway for Hippocampus, functions as a network for memory, spatial navigation & perception of time)

Cingulate

Orbitofronta

Amvadala

- Fornicate Gyrus = Cingulate + Parahippocampal Gyrus
- Orbitofrontal Cortex (prefrontal cortex region involved in cognitive processing & decision making)

### Major Nuclei

- Amygdala (@ anterior medial tip of hippocampus proper, key role in emotion processing)
- Hypothalamus (including mammillary body relays amygdala & hippocampus → thalamus)
- Anterior Thalamic Nucleus (receives input from the mammillary body and projects → cingulate gyrus)

### **Major Fibre Tracts**

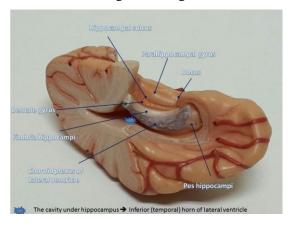
- Fornix (major output tract connecting the hippocampus → diencephalon/ basal forebrain)
- Fornical (Hippocampal) Commissure (connects fornixes)
- Cingulum (connects cingulate cortex → parahippocampal gyrus, surrounds corpus callosum)
- Uncinate Fascicle (connects hippocampal formation & amygdala → orbitofrontal cortex)

### **General Function**

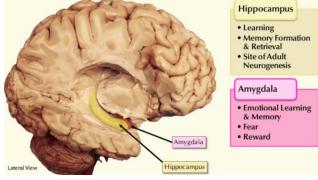
- Learning & Memory
- Control of Emotions & Instinctive Behaviour
- Analyses Stimuli for Emotional Significance
- Stores Emotional Memory

### **Hippocampus FORMATION Function**

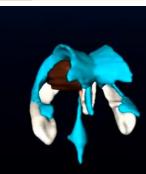
- Converts short-term memory from prefrontal cortex into long-term memory
- Memory may contain 3 components:
  - o Verbal (posterior parietal cortex & Broca's Area)
  - Visual (frontal cortex)
  - Spatial (prefrontal subregions)
- Bilateral Removal: patient retains intact long-term, skilled memory & short-term memory but unable to form new memories (transfer short-term to long-term)
- HIPPOCAMPUS PROPER
  - Located deep temporal lobe on the Inferior Floor of the Inferior Horn (shaped like a seahorse)
    - o Deals w/ Memory Formation & Retrieval
    - Possesses place neurones for spatial memory & navigation along w/ time neurones for flow of events



- Tags Sensory Input w/ Emotional Component
- Impacts Cognitive Responses that is require for normal cognitive Social Behaviour & Survival



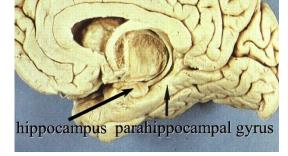




Thalamic

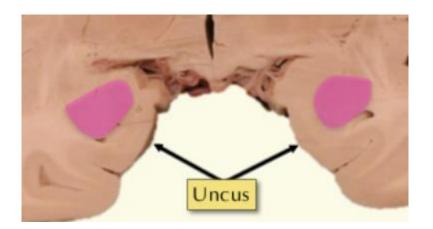
Mammillary

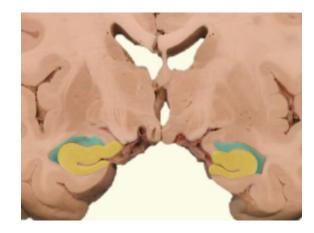
body



### **AMYGDALA**

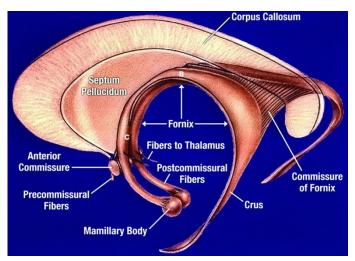
- Amygdala situated @ Anterior, Medial end of the Hippocampus Proper, Inferior to Caudate Nucleus's Tail and deep to Uncus. Positioned @ the End of the Inferior Horn
  - o Involved in Emotional Learning, Memory, Fear & Reward Modulation
  - o Bilateral Damage will cause emotional changes (i.e. reduced fear in dangerous stimuli)
  - o Can trigger 'Flight OR Fight' response in hypothalamus (Limbic Loop w/in sensory-motor loop)





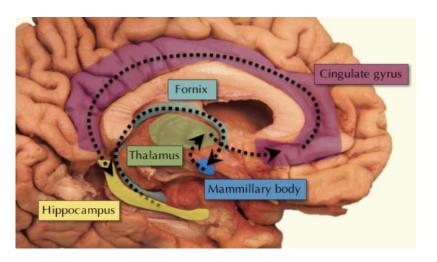
### **FORNIX**

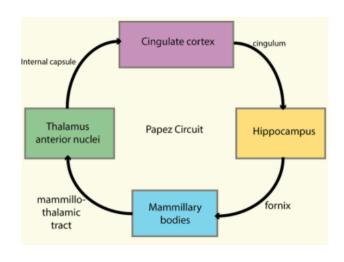
- Hippocampus's Main Efferent Pathway → Thalamus in a C-shaped formation, located @ Roof of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ventricle
- Divided into four portions
  - o Fimbria (connection to hippo)
  - o Crus
  - o Fornical Commissure (connects both sides)
  - Body
  - Columns (penetrates hypothalamus before terminating in the basal forebrain)
- \*Anterior Commissure @ anterior end of the Fornix
- \*Septum Pellucidum spans between the Corpus Callosum & Fornix, serving as a vertical membrane to separate the anterior horns of lateral ventricles



### PAPEZ (Limbic) CIRCUIT

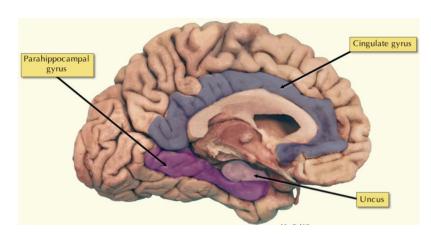
- **1.** Hippocampus → Mammillary Bodies (via Fornix)
- 2. Mammillothalamic Tract → Anterior Nucleus
- 3. Thalamus's Anterior nucleus → Cingulate Cortex (via Internal Capsule's Thalamo-cortical Tract)
- **4.** Cingulate Cortex → Entorhinal Cortex, then Dentate Gyrus and finally ending @ the Hippocampus (via the Cingulum, an association tract w/in the cingulate cortex that surrounds basal forebrain)





### LIMBIC LOBE

- Ring of cortex spanning across medial frontal, parietal & temporal lobes involves
  - o Cingulate Gyri
  - Parahippocampal Gyri (just lateral to hippocampus proper & deep to the inferior temporal gyrus, continues posteriorly as the Lingual Gyrus)
  - Uncus (houses primary olfactory cortex that provides input to parahippocampal)

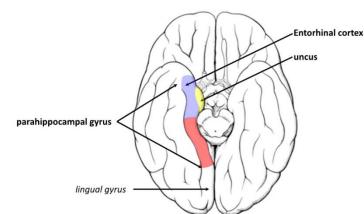


### **ENTORHINAL CORTEX**

- @ anterior portion of the parahippocampal gyrus, lateral to the uncus
- Essential to the development of learning, memory & spatial navigation
- Gateway of Input from Parahippocampus → Hippocampus

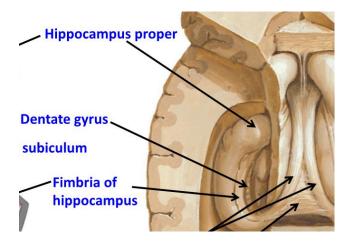


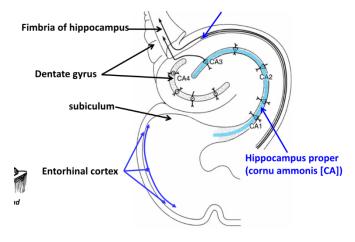
- Houses Primary Olfactory Cortex so connections between emotional memories & smell are prominent
- Lies w/in the Semilunar Gyrus in the Temporal Lobe
- Medial to Entorhinal & Lateral to Mammillary Bodies



### **DENTATE GYRUS & SUBICULUM**

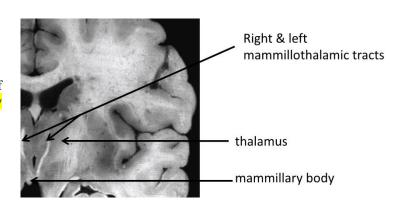
- Structures hidden deep to parahippocampus w/in the U-shaped folds of the Hippocampus Proper (also named Cornu Ammonis/ Ammon's Horn)
- Dentate gyrus exists as slightly furry structure adjacent to fimbria, only site of adult neurogenesis
- Alveus is a fibre tract of the Hippocampus that enters the Fimbria to become the Fornix





### **MAMMILLARY BODIES**

- Mammillothalamic tracts piercing the sides of the thalamus
- Small round bodies just posterior the optic chiasm
- Wernicke- Korsakoff Syndrome is the degeneration of the mammillary bodies due to a B1 vitamin deficiency (possibly due to chronic alcoholism or severe malnutrition) causing memory loss



### **CRANIAL NERVES**

### **OPTIC N (CNII)**

- Receptor = rods & cones
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Neuron = bipolar cell (special sense)
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Neuron = sensory ganglion (axons extend out to become the optic nerve)
- Optic N = fibres from only one eye
- Optic Tract = Contralateral Visual Field (OR Ipsilateral Side)
- Optic N exits Optic fibres from both eyes
- Decussates @ Optic Chiasm to unify nasal (facing nose) & temporal retinas (facing away)
- Visual information @ the Primary Visual Cortex
- Reflexes located @ Superior Colliculus



- Visual Field is divided into three portions: Upper, Middle & Lower. Each of which have a specific pathway through the LGN, thru Optic Radiation towards Primary Visual Cortex in the Calcarine Sulcus
- Lower Visual field is aligned superiorly after LGN @ Inferior Parietal Lobe
- Superior Visual field is carried inferiorly @ Superior Temporal Lobe

### **Optic Pathway**

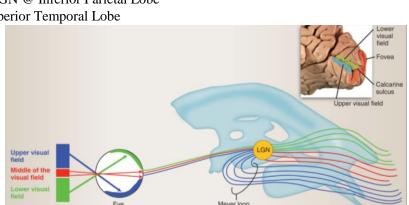
- 1. Special Sensory (Bipolar Neuron) Receptors
- 2. Retinal Ganglion (still in eye)
- 2. Optic Nerve
- 3. Optic Chiasm (intermixing of retinae axons)
- 4. Optic Tract (carrying axons from Contralateral Visual Field)
- 5. Lateral Geniculate Nucleus (LGN)

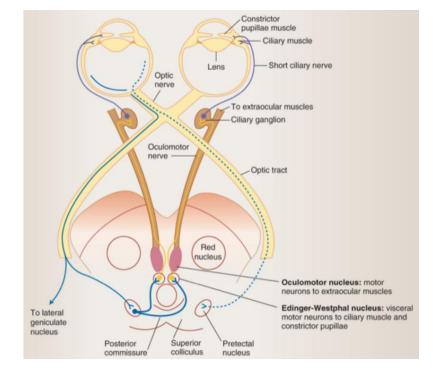
### a. COLLATERALS

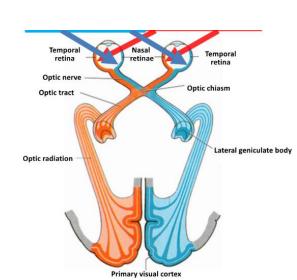
- b. Pretectal Nucleus (Superior Colliculus)
- c. Edinger-Westphal Nucleus (CNIII parasympathetic nuclei)
- d. Oculomotor Nuclei (extends out preganglionic axons)
- e. Ciliary Ganglion
- f. Ciliary Body & Constrictor Pupillae
- 6. Retrolenticular portion of Internal Capsule
- 7. Optic Radiation
- 8. Calcarine Sulcus
- 9. Gennari Stripe (Primary Visual Cortex)

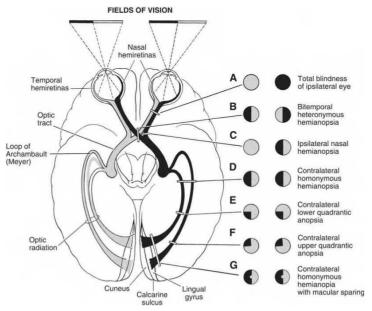
### Order of Synapsing

- 1. Bipolar Sensory Receptors
- 2. Retinal Ganglion
- 3. Thalamus
- 4. Primary Visual Cortex









- \*Hemianopia = loss of half the visual field
- \*Quadrantanopia = loss of a quarter of the visual field
- \*Homonymous = same pattern in each eye

### **OCULOMOTOR N (CNIII)**

- Somatic Functions
  - 1. Superior, Inferior & Medial Rectus
  - 2. Inferior Oblique
  - 3. Levator Palpebrae Superioris
- Sympathetic Functions
  - 1. Constrictor Pupillae
  - 2. Ciliary Body
- Somatic Nucleus
  - 1. Anterior to PAG @ rostral midbrain (in tegmentum) on level of Superior Colliculus
  - 2. @ rostral end of MLF
  - 3. Fibres travels anteriorly to emerge from the interpeduncular fossa as the CNIII nerve
- Parasympathetic Nucleus (Edinger-Westphal Nucleus)
  - 1. Posterior & slightly superior to somatic nucleus in PAG
  - 2. Preganglionic axons travels w/ somatic axons thru the CNIII nerve to the ciliary ganglion

\*parasympathetic nerve is situated superior to the somatic neurons, so it is more at risk to compression & it is the first to functionally fail due to CNIII compression w/ a continually dilated pupil as a symptom

\*cranial nerves are only located @ tegmentum

## Inferior colliculus CN IV

### TROCHLEAR N (CNIV)

- Innervates Superior Oblique (of eye)
- Midbrain @ level of Inferior Colliculus near midline
- Axons exit dorsally (smallest cranial nerve)
- Emerges posteriorly (only cranial nerve)

### ABDUCENS N (CNVI)

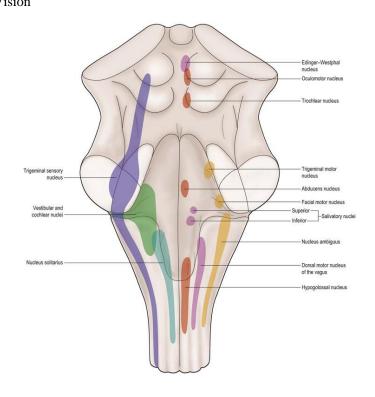
- Near midline of caudal pons @ on level of Facial Colliculus
- Axons of facial nerve travel around the abducens nucleus to produce the 'facial colliculus'
- Exits Brainstem @ Pontomedullary Junction
- Exits the skull through the Superior Orbital Fissure

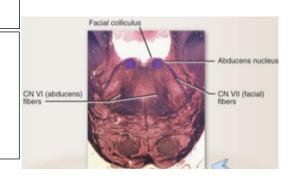
### **Optic Pathway Lesions**

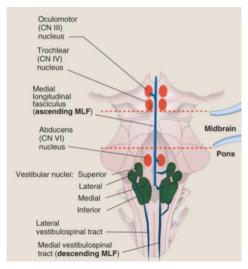
- A. Optic  $N \rightarrow Monocular Vision Loss:$  complete loss of vision from one side
- B. Centre of Optic Chiasm → Bitemporal Hemianopia: Loss of both temporal retinae's visual field
- C. Side of Optic Chiasm → Ipsilateral Nasal Hemianopia: Loss of nasal retinae's visual field on ipsilateral side
- D. Optic Radiation → Contralateral Homonymous
- Hemianopia: Loss of vision from of the same pattern in each eye contralateral to the location of the lesion
- E. Inferior Fibres → Contralateral Superior

Quadrantanopia: Loss of View from Superior Quarter of Vision

F. Superior Fibres → Contralateral Inferior Quadrantanopia: Loss of View from Superior Quarter of Vision







### MEDIAL LONGITUDINAL FASICULUS (MLF)

- A heavy myelinated tract that connects oculomotor (CNIII), trochlear (CNIV), abducens (CNVI) & vestibular (CNVIII) nuclei to efficiently coordinate eye movement in conjunction w/ head movement (monitored by vestibular nuclei)
- Anterior to PAG, cerebral aqueduct & 4<sup>th</sup> vent.

### TRIGEMINAL N (CNV)

- 1. Ophthalmic (V1): sensory forehead, eyelids & upper nasal cavity
- 2. Maxillary (V2): sensory midface, lower nasal cavity, upper teeth, paranasal sinus
- 3. Mandibular (V3): sensory lower face, motor muscles of mastication
- Before splitting into branches, it exits as the trigeminal (semilunar) ganglion, containing pseudounipolar sensory neurons (same as the neurons in Dorsal Root Ganglion)
- Consists of 3 sensory nuclei & 1 somatic nuclei:

Mesencephalic (non-conscious proprioception): extends superiorly from SCP thru the midbrain

Chief (conscious proprioception, touch): located @ the SCP

Spinal (pain modulation): extends down from SCP through the lateral margins of the medulla posterior to the Inferior Olivary Complex

Somatic Nuclei (innervation of mastication muscles): medial to Chief Nuclei

\*Trigeminal ganglion rests upon the Foramen Lacerum on the middle cranial fossa

## Chief sensory nucleus of V Rostral medulla rigeminal nucleus Sulcus limitans Caudal medulla

### FACIAL N (CNVII)

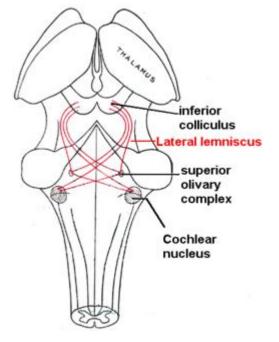
- Motor: Facial Expression
- Sensory: Anterior 2/3 tongue (\*however tongue pain is sensed by trigeminal nerve)
- Parasympathetic Function: Lacrimal Gland (tears), Submandibular & Sublingual Salivary Glands
- Located @ caudal pons where its axons loop around abducens nucleus to form the Facial Colliculus
- Emerges lateral @ the pontomedullary junction

### VESTIBULAR Nuclei (CNVIII)

- Located w/in the vestibular ganglion in the internal auditory canal innervating the semicircular ducts, utricle & saccules
- Emerges at lateral margin of pontomedullary junction
- Receives inputs from the cerebellum, spinal cord, cortex & MLF (CNIII, IV & VI)

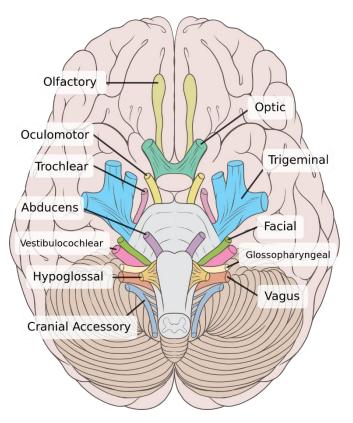
### **COCHLEAR Nuclei (CNVIII)**

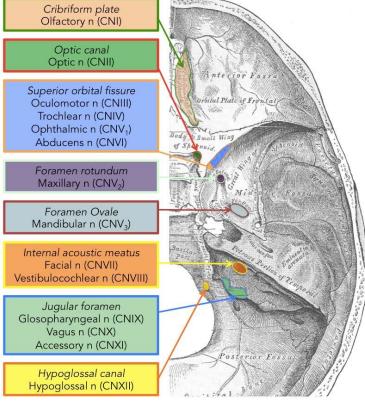
- Spinal Ganglion (bipolar cells) in Cochlear Duct → Vestibulocochlear N
   → Cochlear Nuclei (located @ rostral medulla, lateral & slightly inferior to vestibular nuclei)
- Lateral Lemniscus () → Superior Olivary Complex (centre of ascending pathways dedicated to auditory axons) →
   Contralateral Inferior Colliculus → Brachium → MGN
- 3. Heschl's Gyri/Transverse Temporal Gyri



### **Cranial Nerve Summary**

	Cranial Nerve	Site of Exit/ Entry	Site of Attachment to Brain	Nuclei Location
Ι	Olfactory	Cribriform Plate	Olfactory Bulb, Telencephalon	Telencephalon
II	Optic	Optic Canal	Diencephalon	Optic Chiasm
III	Oculomotor (midbrain)		Superior Colliculus (interpeduncular fossa)	Edinger-Westphal Nuclei = PAG Somatic Nuclei = anterior to PAG
IV	Trochlear (midbrain)	Superior Orbital Fissure	Inferior Colliculus (exits dorsal)	Posterior to Inf. Colliculus
v	<b>Trigeminal</b> (pons) Ophthalmic (V1) -		SCP of Pons (three nuclei:	Trigeminal (Semilunar) Ganglion
*	Maxillary (V2) Mandibular (V3)	Foramen Rotundum Foramen Ovale	mesencephalic, chief & spinal)	
VI	Abducens (pons)	Superior Orbital Fissure		Posterior to Facial Colliculus
VII	Facial (pons)	Internal Acoustic Meatus + Stylomastoid Foramen	Pontomedullary Junction	Facial Colliculus
VIII	Vestibulocochlear (pons/ medulla)	Internal Acoustic Meatus		Caudal Pons/ Rostral Medulla @ Lateral Margins
IX	Glossopharyngeal			
X	Vagus	Jugular Foramen	Medulla	
XI	Accessory		ivicuuna	
XII	Hypoglossal	Hypoglossal Foramen		





### **CORNEAL BLINK Reflex**

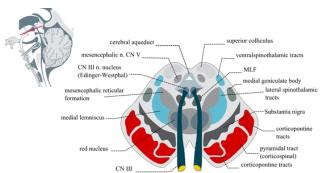
"Protects against foreign particles by removing them thru blinking (& distributing lubricant across eye)"

- 1. Ophthalmic Branch of CNV is activated by touch
- 2. Chief & Spinal Nuclei of CNV is stimulated
- 3. Interneurons synapse bilaterally w/ Facial Nuclei
- 4. Mobilises Orbicularis Oculi to close eye

### PUPILLARY LIGHT Reflex (direct & consensual)

"Shining Light on Eyes"

- 1. Stimulation of CNII fibres (light) in both eyes (nasal retinae cross-over)
- 2. Projects to LGN with collaterals to the Superior Colliculus to the Pretectal Nuclei



- 3. Pretectal neurons project bilaterally thru the Posterior Commissure to the Edinger-Westphal nuclei
- 4. Activates Constrictor Pupillae to contract and restrict amount of light entering eye (thru postganglionic parasympathetic axons)

### **Eye Movement Coordination**

Saccade: "fast rapid movement of the eyes so that different images fall upon the fovea"

- 1. Frontal Eye Field (FEF): provides the decision from the frontal cortex
- 2. Supplementary Eye Field (SEF): centre for movement input to eyes
- 3. Parietal Eye Field (PEF): allocated attention to external stimuli
- 4. Projects also to Superior Colliculus before to the PPRF (paramedian pontine reticular formation)
- Smooth Pursuit: used to keep same image on fovea w/ coordination against movement of object OR of oneself (feedback from vestibular, cortical/visual & cerebellar to coordinate movement)

### **VESSTIBULO-OCULAR Reflex (VOR)**

"Fast reflex keeping image focused on fovea by generating fast eye movements to compensate for fast head movements" (adjusts saccades but cerebellar input can cancel VOR)

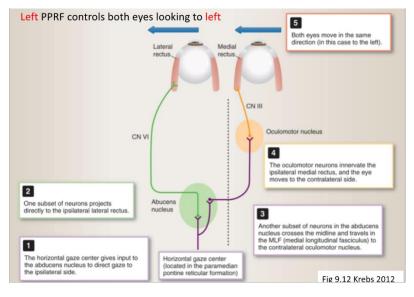
- 1. Vestibular Apparatus (ipsilateral vestibular nuclei @ pontomedullary junction) detects head movement
- 2. Projection to contralateral abducens nuclei (for contralateral lateral rectus) whilst MLF links to ipsilateral oculomotor nucleus (for ipsilateral medial rectus)

### **ACCOMODATION**

"Focusing on Close Image"

- Convergence (to focus on close object)
- \( \tau \) Curvature of Lens (increases refractive power to focus image on fovea)
- Constricted Pupillae (reduces blur & increases depth of field)

Process: CNII afferents → bilateral LGN → Primary Visual Cortex → (integrated @) Visual Association Cortex → Pretectal Area → Oculomotor & Edinger-Westphal Nuclei to produce 'accommodation'



### Horizontal Conjugate Eye Movements

-Horizontal Gaze Centre (HGC): located @ paramedian pontine reticular formation (PPRF) coordinates eyes mymts to follow an object on the horizontal plane

-HGC → Ipsilateral Abducens nuclei → MLF → MLF → Contralateral Oculomotor nucleus

