

Use the following to supplement or reinforce your Cranial Nerve knowledge!!

### SUMMARY OF CRANIAL NERVES

I	OLFACTORY	SMELL (special sensory)
II	OPTIC	SIGHT (special sensory)
III	OCULOMOTOR	EYE MOVEMENTS (somatic motor)
IV	TROCHLEAR	EYE MOVEMENTS (somatic motor)
V	TRIGEMINAL	SENSORY (branchiomotor for mastication)
VI	ABDUCENT	EYE MOVEMENTS (somatic motor)
VII	FACIAL	BRANCHIOMOTOR (facial expression)
VIII	VESTIBULOCOCHLEAR	HEARING/BALANCE (special sensory)
IX	GLOSSOPHARYNGEAL	SENSORY TO OROPHARYNX (branchiomotor to a single muscle)
X	VAGUS	PARASYMPATHETIC (branchiomotor from XI to palate, etc)
XI	ACCESSORY	CRANIAL ROOT (branchiomotor) JOINS VAGUS. SPINAL ROOT (somatic motor) TO STERNOCLEIDOMASTOID AND TRAPEZIUS
XII	HYPOGLOSSAL	MOTOR TO TONGUE

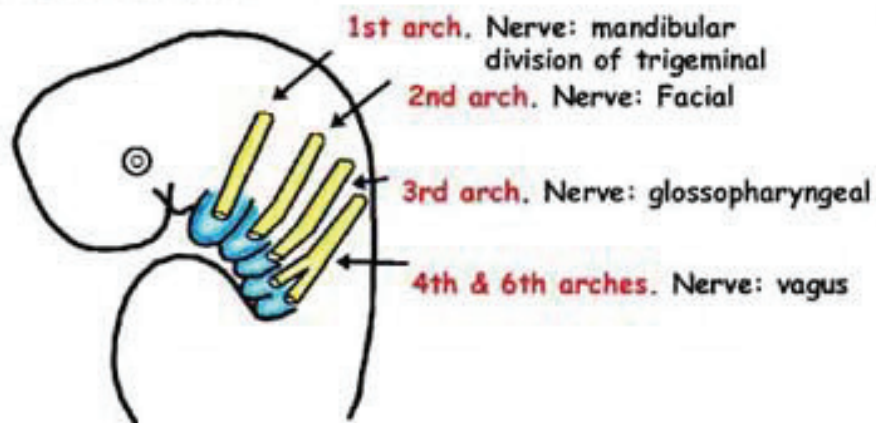
- Special senses
- Somatic motor
- Branchiomotor
- General sensory
- Parasympathetic

This is a very simplified outline of the cranial nerves. Several of them carry sympathetic and parasympathetic fibres

**CRANIAL NERVES WITH MOTOR SUPPLY TO MUSCLES OF BRANCHIAL ORIGIN**

	BRANCHIOMOTOR (MUSCLES OF BRANCHIAL ORIGIN)
V	Nucleus: Motor of trigeminal M of mastication, mylohyoid, ant digastric, tensors palati & tympani
VII	Nucleus: Facial M of facial expression, buccinator, post digastric, stylohyoid, stapedius
IX	Nucleus: Ambiguus Stylopharyngeus
X	Nucleus: Ambiguus M of pharynx, upper oesophagus, palate, larynx (from cranial XI)
XI	Nucleus: Ambiguus M of palate & pharynx via vagus

Cranial nerves V, VII, IX, X are the nerves to the branchial (pharyngeal) arches 1, 2, 3, 4/6 respectively. In addition the cranial part of XI dumps its fibres on the vagus to be distributed with it



**CRANIAL NERVES THAT CARRY  
PARASYMPATHETIC FIBRES**

	PARASYMPATHETIC (GENERAL VISCERAL MOTOR)
III	Nucleus: Edinger-Westphal Ciliary ganglion Ciliary body & muscle, Sphincter pupillae
VII	Nucleus: Superior salivary Pterygopalatine & submandibular ganglia Lacrimal, submandibular, sublingual & palatine glands
IX	Nucleus: Inferior salivary Otic ganglion Parotid, glands in post 1/3 tongue & oropharynx
X	Nucleus: Dorsal motor of vagus Cardiac & visceral muscle in thorax & abdomen

Cranial nerves III, VII, IX and X all carry parasympathetic fibres from the various central parasympathetic nuclei and they take these fibres to their respective parasympathetic ganglion where they synapse and then are distributed via a branch of the trigeminal to the end organ

**CRANIAL NERVES THAT SUPPLY SOMATIC  
FIBRES TO SKELETAL MUSCLES**

	SOMATIC MOTOR TO SKELETAL MUSCLE
III	Nucleus: Oculomotor Recti (Sup, med, inf), inf oblique, levator palpebrae superioris
IV	Nucleus: Trochlear Sup oblique
VI	Nucleus: Abducent Lat rectus
XI	Nucleus: Lat roots C1-5 Sternocleidomastoid & trapezius
XII	Nucleus: Hypoglossal M of tongue (not palatoglossus)

Cranial nerves III, IV, VI, XI and XII carry somatic nerve fibres to head and neck muscles that have NOT originated from the branchial arches

**CRANIAL NERVES THAT CARRY  
SOMATIC SENSORY FIBRES**

	<b>SOMATIC SENSORY</b>
<b>V</b>	<p><b>Nucleus: Sensory of V</b>                      Mesencephalic: proprioception                      main: touch                      Spinal: pain &amp; temperature                      For V (face, orbit, tongue)</p>
<b>VII</b>	<p><b>Nucleus: Sensory of V</b>                      Some skin of ext auditory                      Meatus &amp; tympanic Membrane</p>
<b>IX</b>	<p><b>Nucleus: Sensory of V</b>                      Posterior 1/3 tongue, palate,                      pharynx, tonsil, middle ear</p>
<b>X</b>	<p><b>Nucleus: Sensory of V</b>                      Skin of posterior/inferior auricle,                      external auditory meatus; pharynx; larynx</p>
<b>NB</b>	<p>Cell bodies outside central nervous                      system except mesencephalic nucleus</p>

The trigeminal nerve is the main sensory nerve for the head. Note that whichever nerve carries the sensation, the fibres all eventually reach the sensory nucleus of the trigeminal nerve. Remember that the Facial Nerve (VII) is essentially a motor nerve even though it does have a small sensory component

**CRANIAL NERVES CARRYING GENERAL AND SPECIAL SENSORY FIBRES**

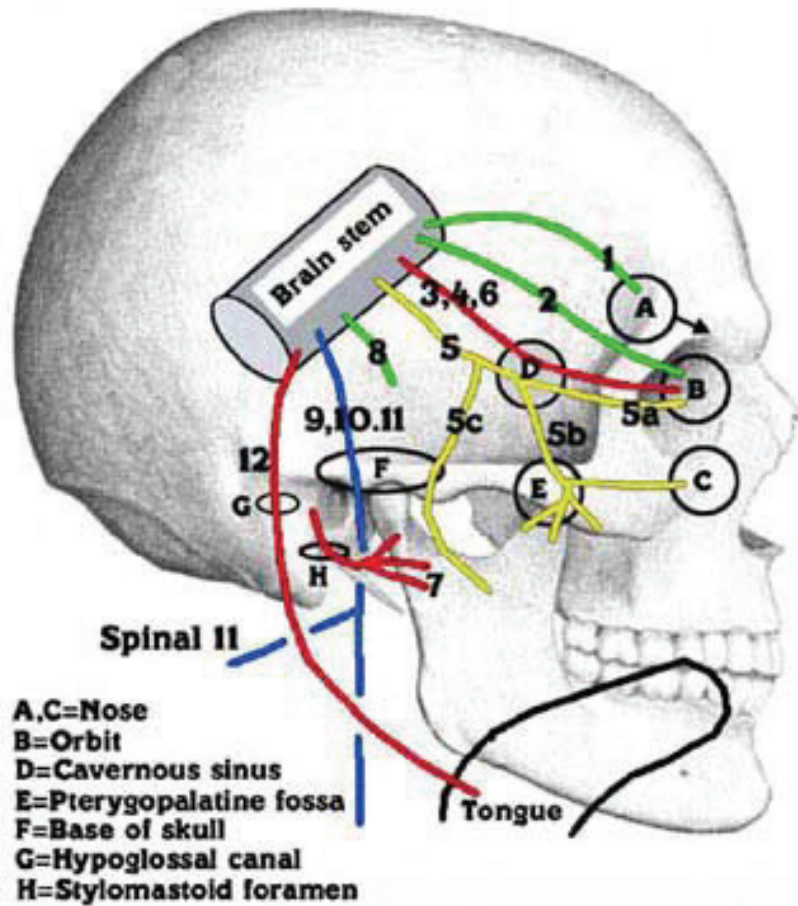
	GENERAL VISCERAL SENSORY	SPECIAL VISCERAL SENSORY
VII		Nucleus: Solitarius Chorda tympani Taste: ant 2/3 tongue
IX		Nucleus: Solitarius Taste: post 1/3 tongue, vallate papillae, oropharynx; baro & chemoreceptors
X	Nucleus: Solitarius or dorsal sensory of Vagus. From heart, lungs & abdominal viscera	Nucleus: Solitarius Taste: vallecule & epiglottis; baro & chemoreceptors
NB	From heart, lungs & gut	Taste; baro & chemoreceptors

Note that in the case of the vagus the sensation travels with this parasympathetic nerve but the fibres are really general visceral sensory and not parasympathetic. Special visceral sensory comprises taste and baroreception

**CRANIAL NERVES FOR SPECIAL SENSES**

	SPECIAL SENSES
I	SMELL Limbic system
II	SIGHT Lateral geniculate body
VIII	HEARING: 2 nuclei EQUILIBRIUM: 4 nuclei

**DIAGRAMATIC SUMMARY OF COURSES OF CRANIAL NERVES FROM BRAIN TO END ORGAN**



The purpose of this figure is to show how some cranial nerves pass directly to their end organ (1,2,5c,8,9,10,11,12) whilst others pass through well defined cavities such as the cavernous sinus (3,4,5a,5b,6) or the pterygopalatine fossa (5b). For purposes of remembering the likely exit from the skull of cranial nerves, they can be grouped into those that pass to the nose (1), to the orbit (2,3,4,5a,6), to the front of the face (5b) and through the base of the skull (5c,7,9,10,11,12)

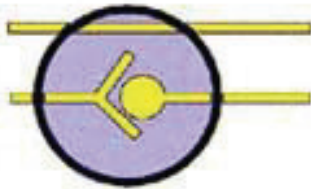
## GANGLIA



SENSORY

*Somatic sensory cell bodies*

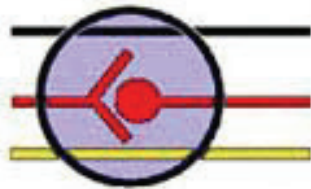
Posterior (dorsal) root  
Trigeminal  
Geniculate  
Glossopharyngeal  
Vagal



SYMPATHETIC

*Sympathetics either synapse or pass through to synapse later*

Sympathetic chain  
Sympathetic peripheral  
eg Coeliac  
Sup mesenteric  
Renal



PARASYMPATHETIC

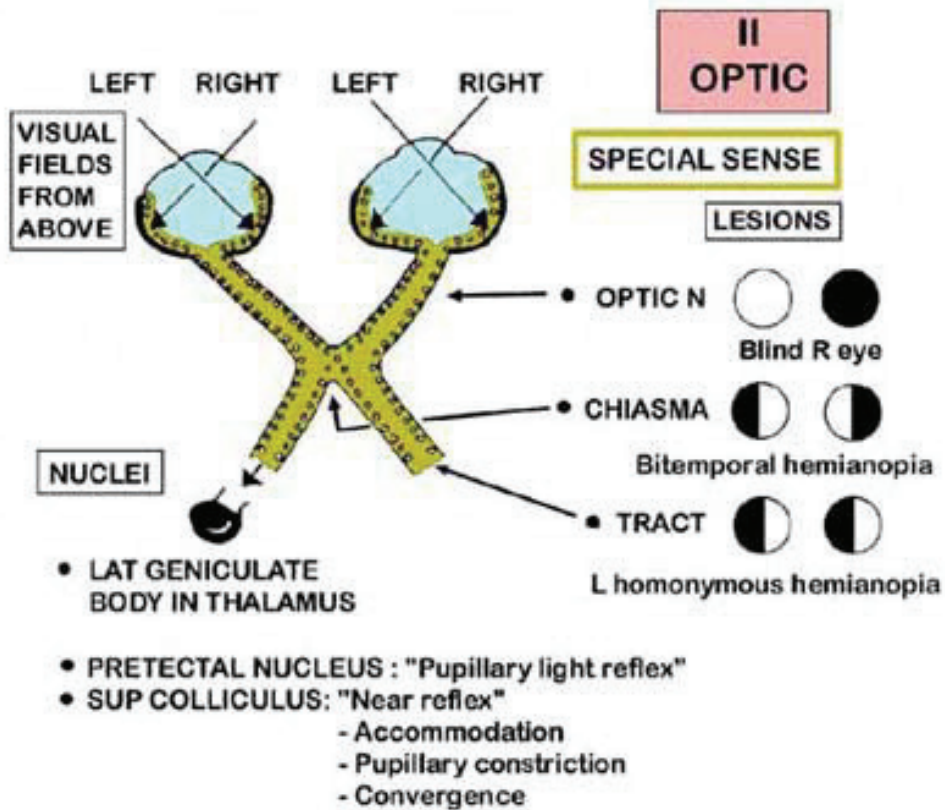
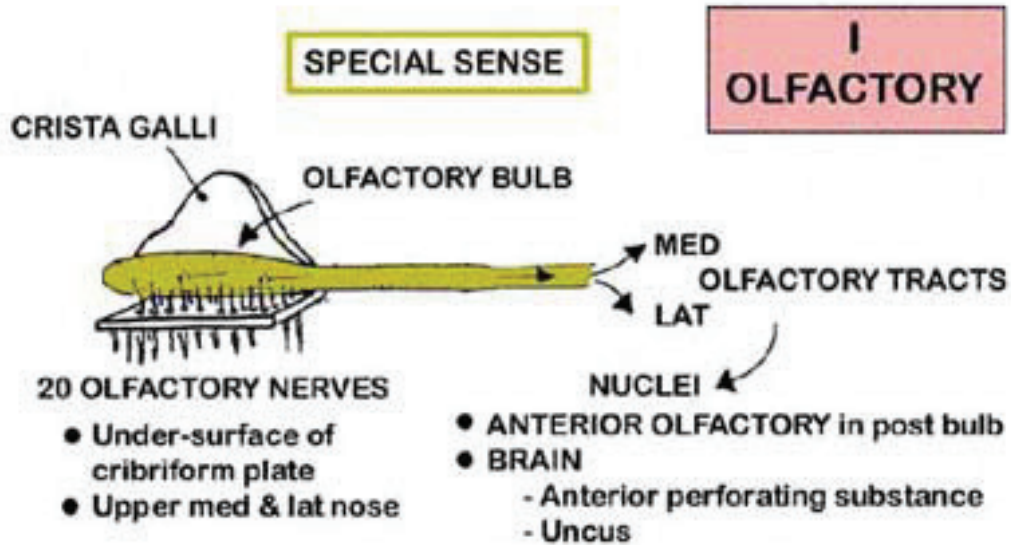
*Parasympathetic synapse Somatic sensory & sympathetic pass through*

Ciliary  
Pterygopalatine  
Submandibular  
Otic

Each nerve has a cell body. For the sensory system this cell body is in the dorsal root ganglion or the equivalent for the sensory cranial nerves. There are no synapses in such ganglia.

In the sympathetic ganglia there are two alternatives. For those nerves that synapse there are cell bodies belonging to the post-ganglionic fibres. Others pass through without synapsing (gut & adrenal).

In the parasympathetic ganglia in the head and neck there is always a synapse with a post-ganglionic cell body.





**III, IV, VI  
EYE MUSCLES**

**SOMATIC MOTOR**

**III  
OCULOMOTOR**

- SUP RECTUS
- INF RECTUS
- MED RECTUS
- INF OBLIQUE

**PARASYMPATHETIC  
VIA CILIARY GANGLION**

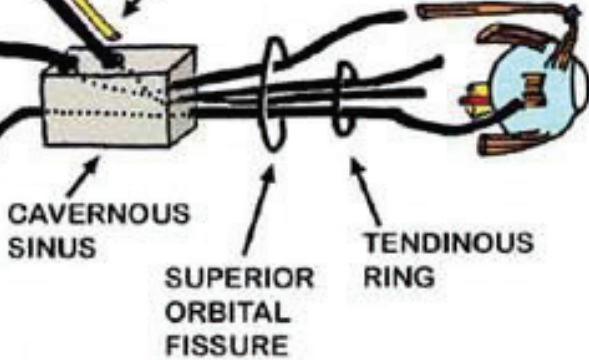
From: Edinger Westphal nucleus  
To: ciliary muscle & sphincter pupillae  
For: accomodation & pupillary constriction

**SYMPATHETIC  
FROM CAVERNOUS SINUS**

From: internal carotid art  
To: levator palpebrae superioris

**IV  
TROCHLEAR**

- SUP OBLIQUE
- Emerges dorsally



**VI  
ABDUCENT**

- LAT RECTUS

**Va**  
**TRIGEMINAL: OPHTHALMIC**

**SENSORY**

- Scalp
- Eye
- Upper face
- Sinuses

**DELIVERS**

**PARASYMPATHETIC  
VIA CILIARY GANGLION**

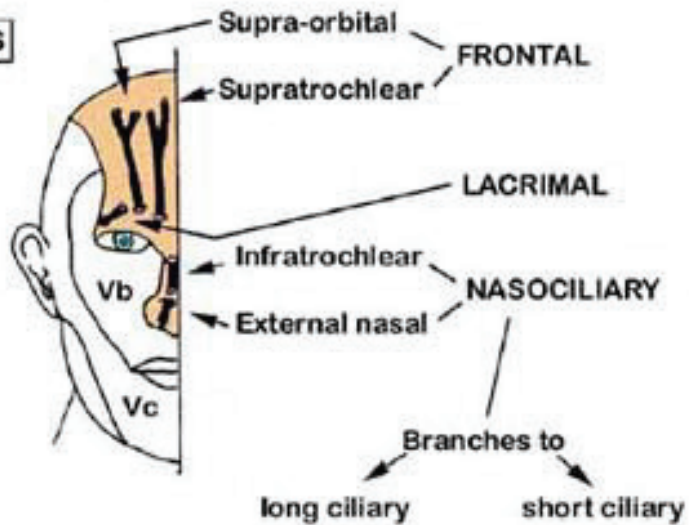
- 10 short ciliary n's →
- Ciliary muscle (accommodation)
  - Sphincter pupillae
  - Lacrimal gland (via pterygopalatine ganglion)

**SYMPATHETIC  
VIA CAVERNOUS SINUS**

- 2-3 long ciliary n's →
- Dilator pupillae

**KEY BRANCHES**

5 SENSORY  
TO FACE



**Vb**  
**TRIGEMINAL: MAXILLARY**

**SENSORY**

- Middle face
- Palate
- Sinuses
- Nasopharynx/nose

**DELIVERS**

**PARASYMPATHETIC  
VIA PTERYGOPALATINE GANGLION**

- Lacrimal gland
- Mucous glands of sinuses, nose, palate, nasopharynx

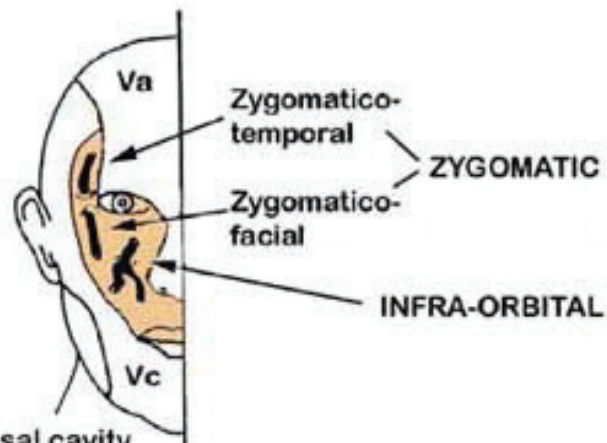
**CARRIES**

**TASTE**

- Hard & soft palate

**KEY BRANCHES**

3 SENSORY  
TO FACE



**OTHER**

- Nasopalatine to nasal cavity
- Greater palatine to palate
- Lesser palatine to palate
- Pharyngeal to nasopharynx
- Alveolar to upper teeth

**Vc**  
**TRIGEMINAL: MANDIBULAR**  
**(1st arch)**

**SENSORY**

- Lower face
- Hairy temple
- Ant 2/3 tongue

**BRANCHIOMOTOR**

- Muscles of mastication
- Tensors tympani & palati

**DELIVERS**

**PARASYMPATHETIC**  
**VIA SUBMANDIBULAR & OTIC GANGLIA**

- Parotid gland
- Submandibular/sublingual glands
- Mucous glands floor of mouth, gums & sides of tongue

**CARRIES**

**TASTE**

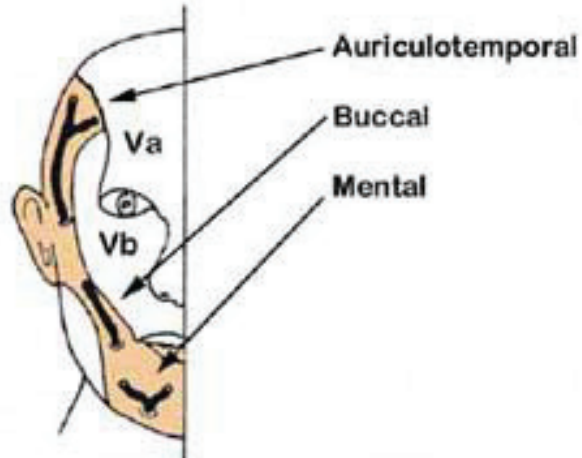
- Ant 2/3 tongue

**KEY BRANCHES**

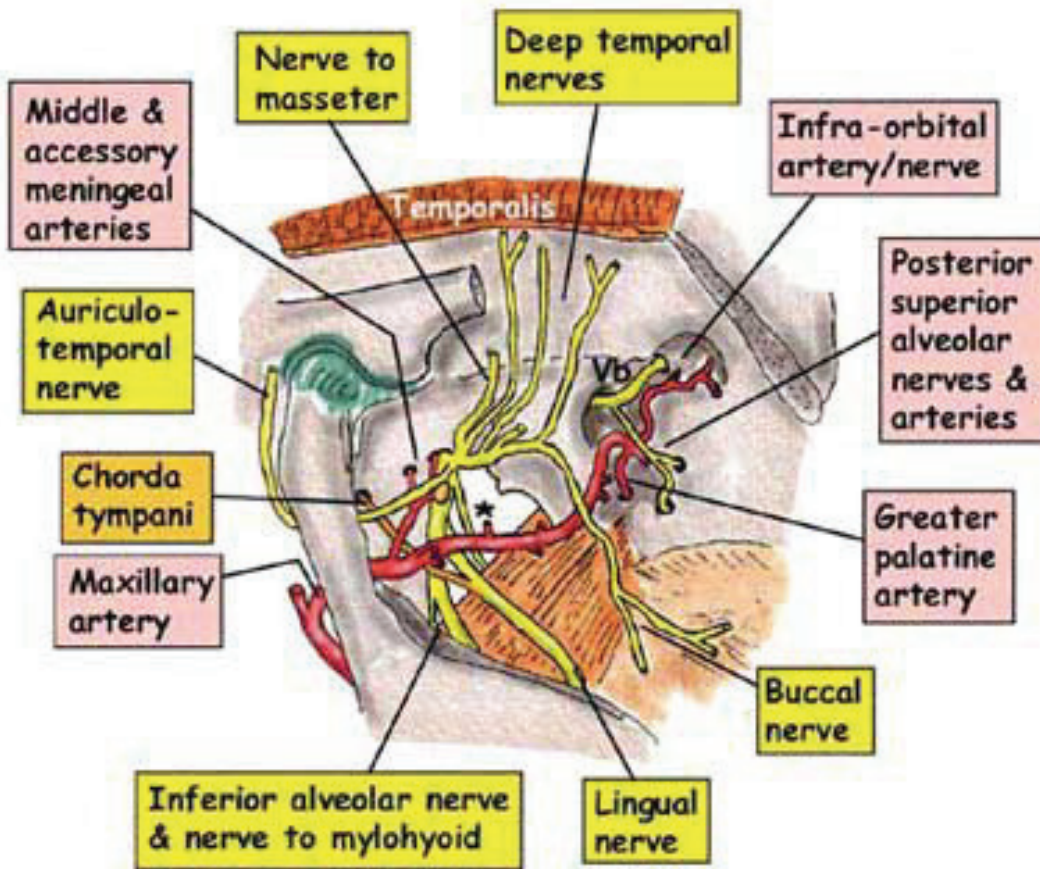
**3 SENSORY**  
**TO FACE**

**OTHER**

- Lingual
- Muscular



# INFRATEMPORAL FOSSA - DEEP DISSECTION



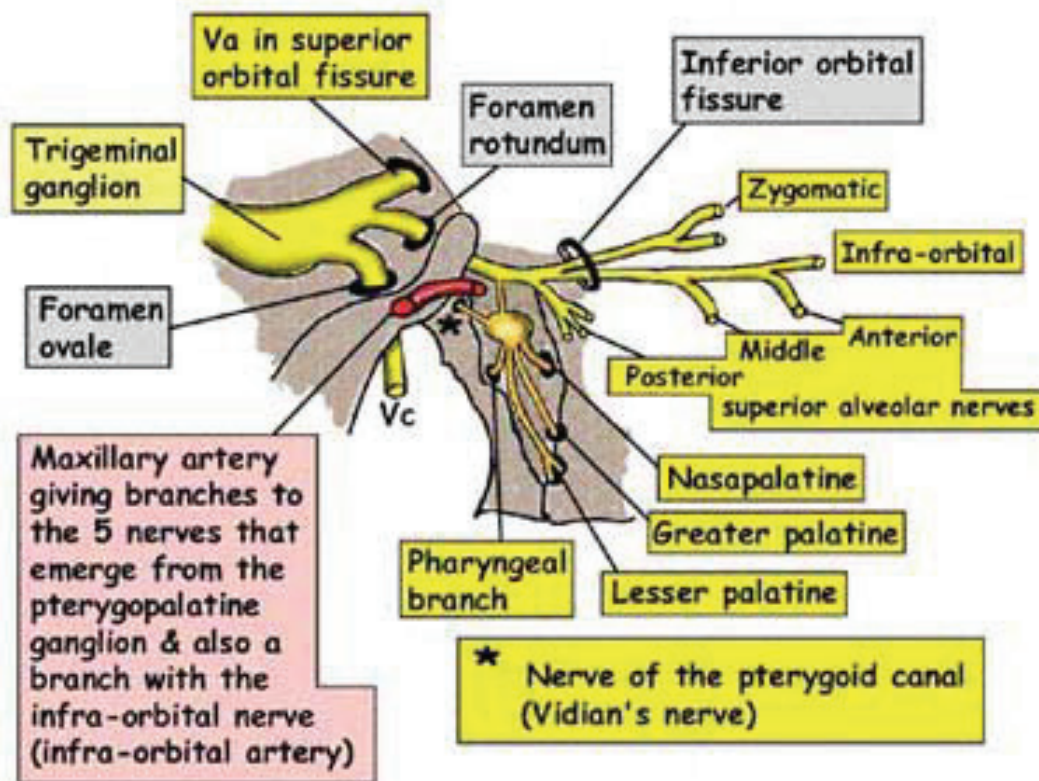
\* Nerve to lateral pterygoid and just to its left is the otic ganglion

## PTERYGOPALATINE FOSSA 1

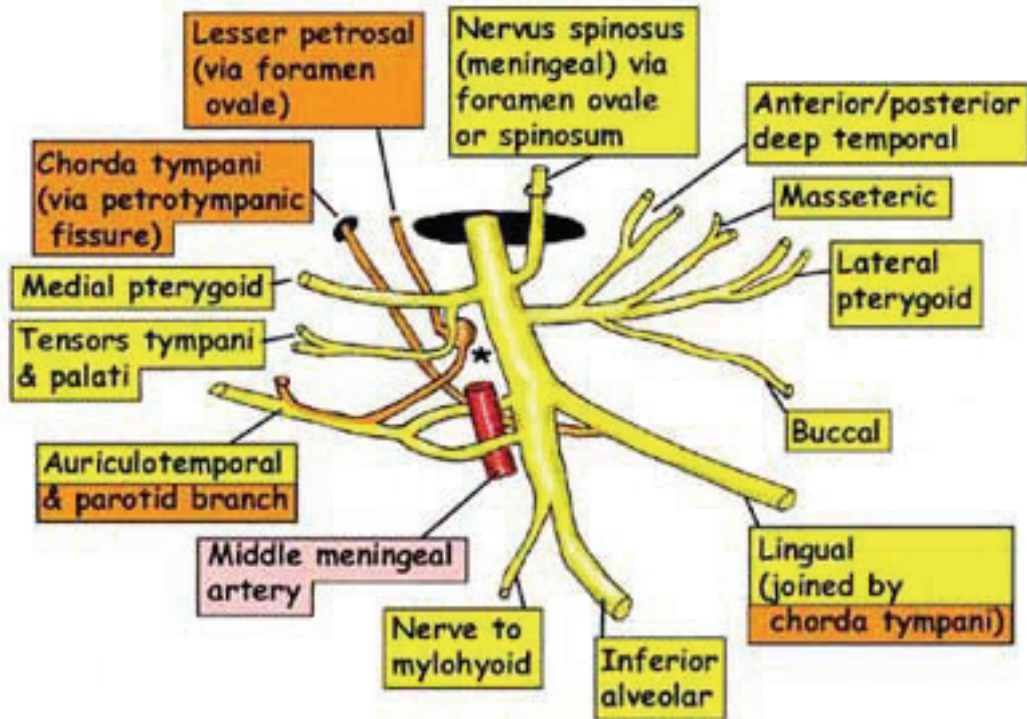
Right side of skull cut away to show trigeminal ganglion lying in Meckel's cave and the maxillary division entering the pterygopalatine fossa through foramen rotundum. The nerve of the pterygoid canal is seen entering the pterygopalatine ganglion and connecting to Vb so that sensory fibres can be distributed with the parasympathetic fibres from the ganglion and so that parasympathetics can pass on Vb to be distributed to sinuses and lacrimal gland.

The contents of the pterygopalatine fossa are:

- Terminal branches of the maxillary artery
- Maxillary nerve (Vb) to upper teeth, floor of orbit, face/skin
- Pterygopalatine ganglion for distribution of parasympathetics to nose and palate



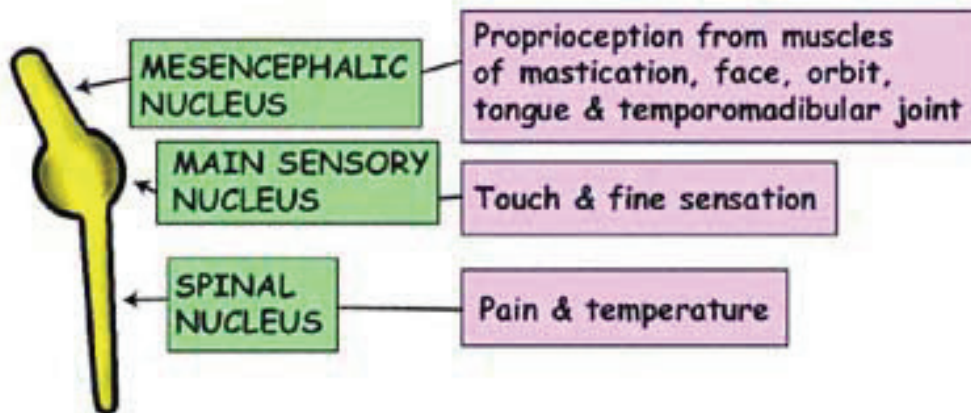
**MANDIBULAR DIVISION OF TRIGEMINAL NERVE, EMERGING FROM FORAMEN OVALE DEEP IN INFRATEMPORAL FOSSA**



★ Otic ganglion. Parasympathetics from lesser petrosal nerve synapse within it and post-ganglionic fibres are taken to the parotid gland by the auriculotemporal nerve

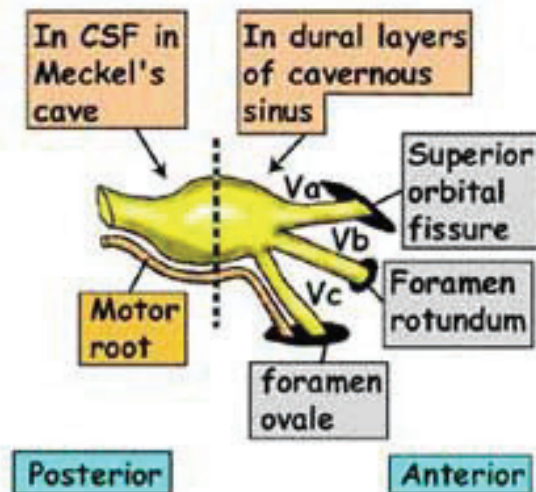
## TRIGEMINAL NERVE (V) EXTRA NOTES

- Nerve of the first pharyngeal arch
- 3 nuclei in brain stem (see below)
- Somatic but carries parasympathetic and sympathetic
- Mostly sensory but small motor branch in mandibular division
- Motor is branchiomotor (special visceral motor)
- All cell bodies are in the trigeminal ganglion EXCEPT for proprioception and these are in the mesencephalic nucleus in the brain stem



### GANGLION

In Meckel's cave  
 Motor root inferior  
 Blood supply from internal carotid in cavernous sinus & accessory meningeal via foramen ovale  
 Nerve supply from nervus spinosus (Vc)





## VII FACIAL (2nd arch)

### BRANCHIOMOTOR

- Muscles of facial expression
- Stapedius
- Post belly digastric, stylohyoid, occipitofrontalis

### SENSORY (via nervus intermedius)

- Small contribution to external acoustic meatus

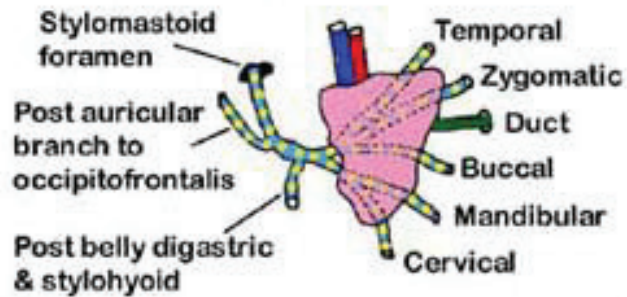
### PARASYMPATHETIC (via nervus intermedius)

- Greater petrosal to pterygopalatine ganglion then to hay fever glands via Vb
- Chorda tympani to submandibular ganglion then to submandibular & sublingual glands via Vc

### TASTE (via nervus intermedius)

- Palate via greater petrosal
- Ant 2/3 tongue via chorda tympani

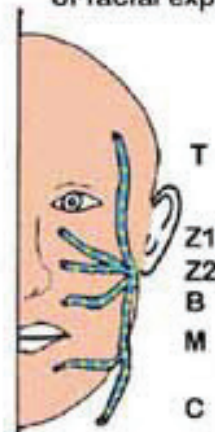
### KEY BRANCHES



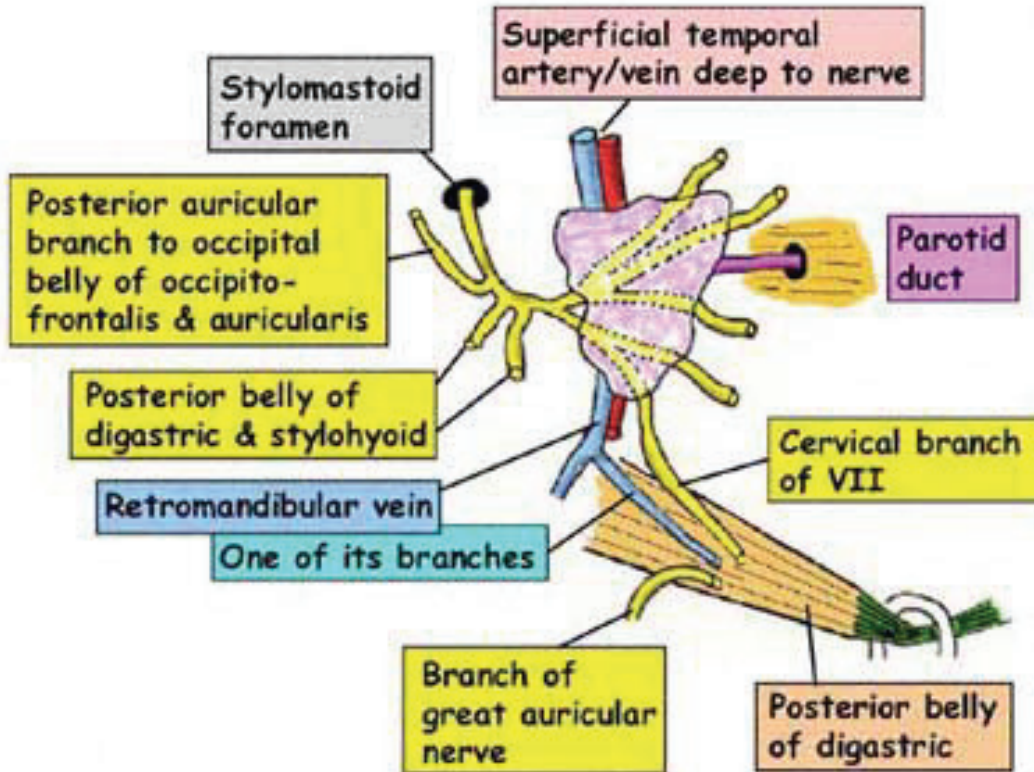
### OTHER

- Greater petrosal
- Chorda tympani
- Small sensory br
- N to stapedius

6 motor to muscles of facial expression



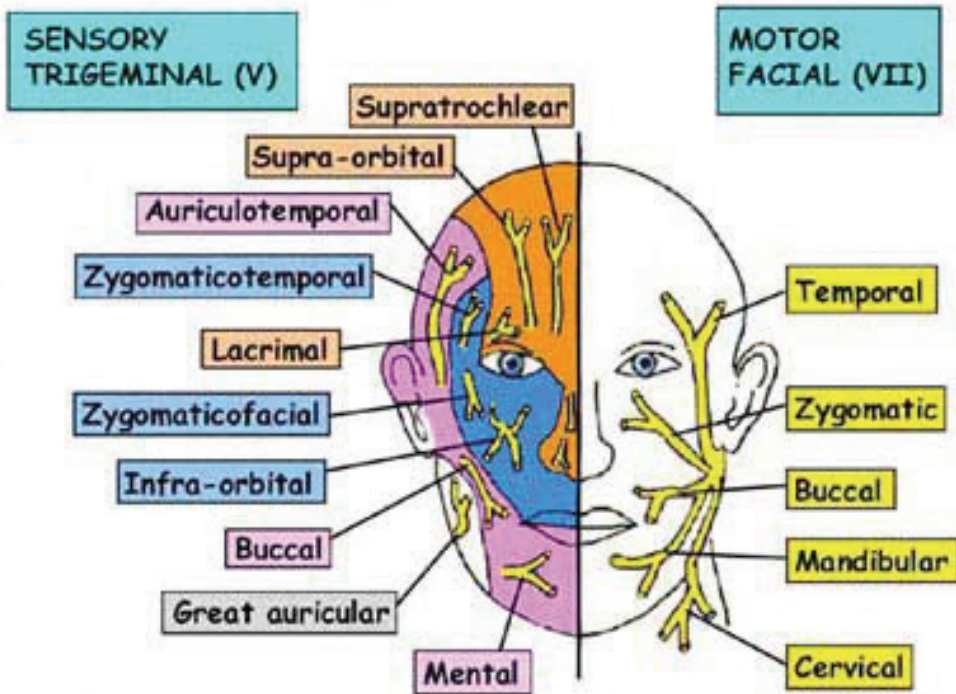
## RIGHT FACIAL NERVE IN & BEFORE THE PAROTID



**Note:** Only three structures lie anterior to the posterior belly of digastric: -

- Cervical branch of VII
- Branch of the retromandibular vein
- Branch of great auricular nerve (cervical plexus)

## FACE: MOTOR AND SENSORY SUPPLY



- Ophthalmic (5 branches)
- Maxillary (3 branches)
- Mandibular (3 branches)

Infratrochlear

External nasal  
(from anterior ethmoidal)



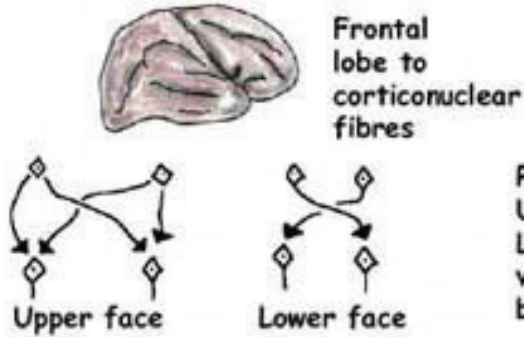
**Facial nerve branches:**  
 Temporal: frontalis & procerus  
 Zygomatic 1: eye & around orbit  
 Zygomatic 2: mid face & smile  
 Buccal: buccinator & upper lip  
 Mandibular: lower lip & orbicularis oris  
 Cervical: platysma  
 (note: proprioception is supplied by trigeminal)

**Mnemonic:**  
 Two  
 Zulus  
 Befriended  
 My  
 Cat

## FACIAL NERVE LESIONS

### SUPRANUCLEAR LESION

Upper face has bilateral innervation  
(bilateral cortical representation)



Part of hemiplegia  
Upper motor neurone lesion  
Lower face worse for voluntary movement but may be OK for emotion

### NUCLEAR/INFRANUCLEAR LESION

Ipsilateral

VII from cerebello-pontine angle

Lacrimal gland

GPN

Nose

Palate

Stapedius

CT

Taste in tongue

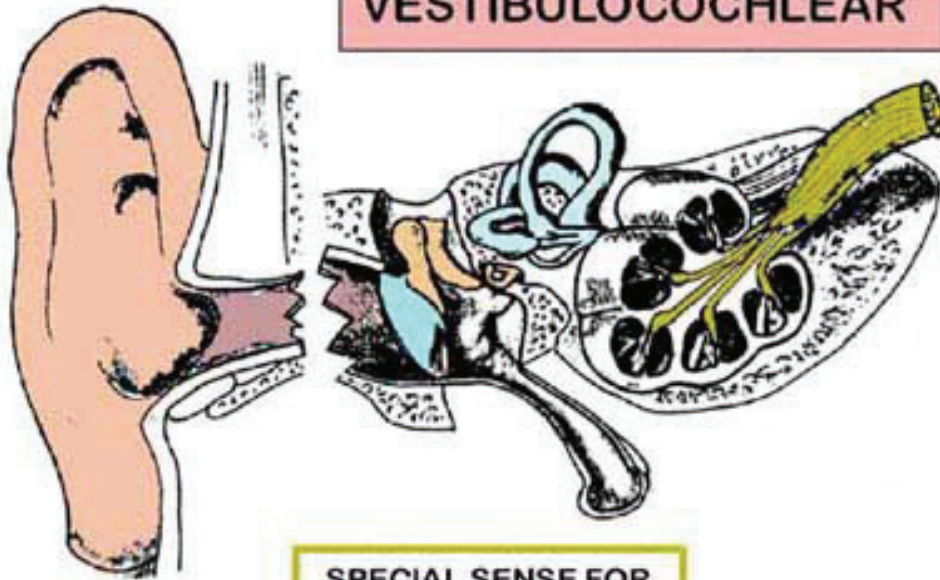
Submandibular gland

VII

1. **Lesion of nucleus/pontine fibres**  
Complete unilateral palsy. Loss of VII, VI, V, taste, opposite limbs long tracts
2. **Temporal bone (fracture)**  
Complete unilateral palsy, loss of taste, decreased hearing or hyperacusis
3. **Facial canal (middle ear infection) Bell's palsy**
4. **Other (MS, surgery, acoustic neuroma, herpes, diabetes, sarcoid)**

Lower motor neurone lesion

## VIII VESTIBULOCOCHLEAR



SPECIAL SENSE FOR  
HEARING & BALANCE

### COCHLEAR DIVISION - HEARING

- From organ of Corti in cochlea
- Hair cells to cell bodies in spiral ganglion (in modiolus)
- To 2 cochlear nuclei (ventral & dorsal)

### VESTIBULAR DIVISION - BALANCE

- From semicircular canals, utricle & saccule
- Cell bodies in vestibular ganglion in outer part of internal acoustic meatus
- To 4 vestibular nuclei (medial, lateral, superior & inferior)

# IX GLOSSOPHARYNGEAL (3RD ARCH)

## SENSORY

- Oropharynx
- Post 1/3 tongue
- Tonsil
- Middle ear

## SPECIAL VISCERAL SENSORY

- Carotid body/sinus

## BRANCHIOMOTOR

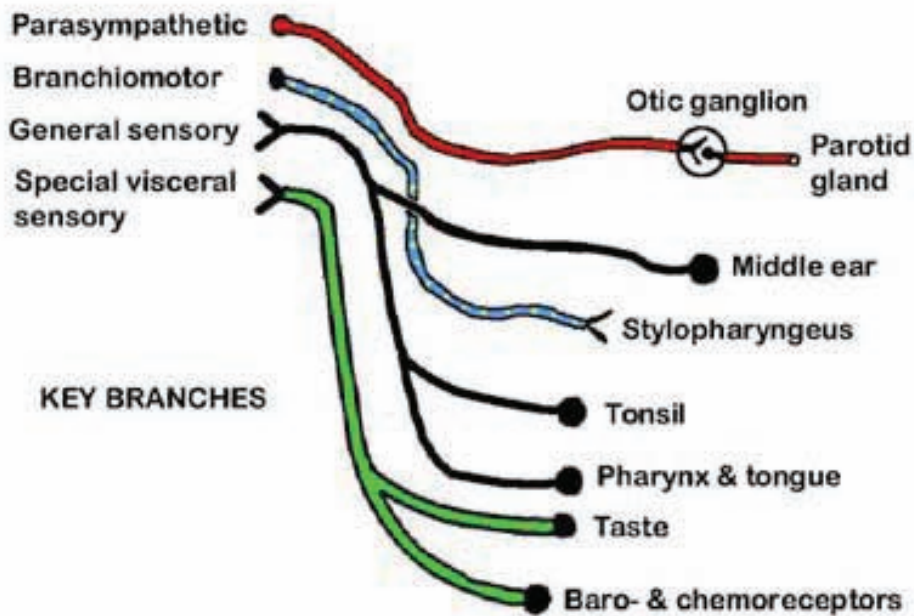
- Stylopharyngeus

## PARASYMPATHETIC

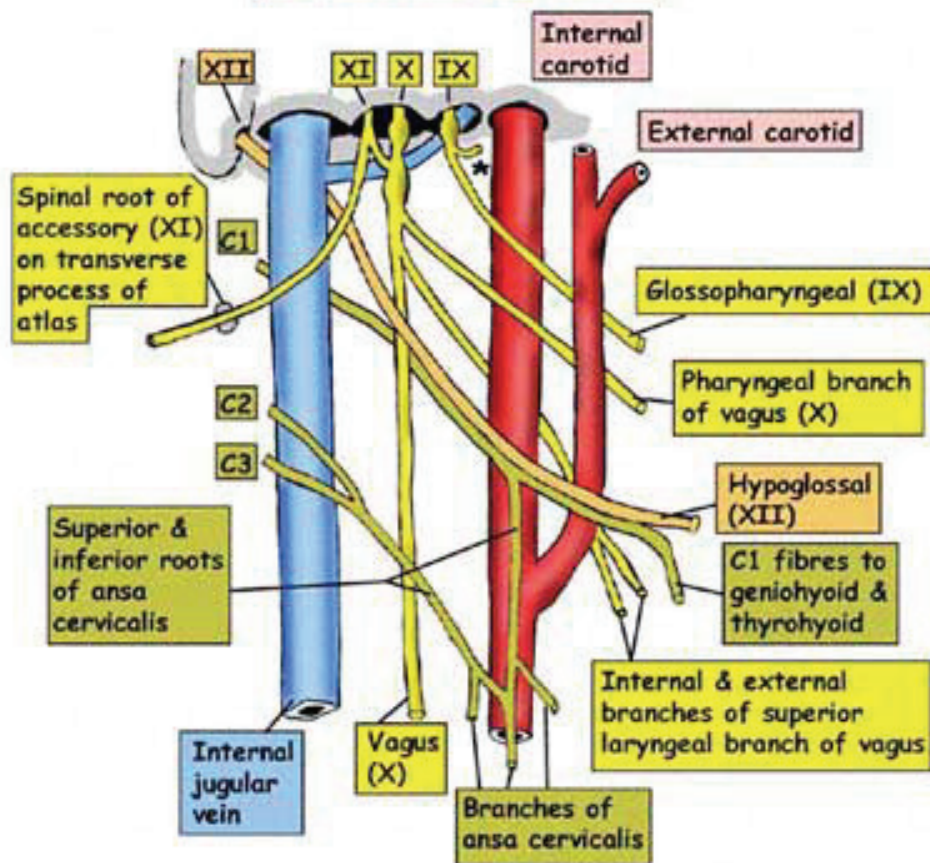
- Lesser petrosal n to otic ganglion to parotid gland via Vc

## TASTE

- Post 1/3 tongue & oropharynx



## JUGULAR FORAMEN EXPLODED VIEW



- The vagus lies most medial in the foramen
  - Glossopharyngeal nerve & inferior petrosal sinus exit from the anterior compartment of the foramen
  - Vagus & accessory nerves exit from the middle compartment
  - The sigmoid sinus exits from the posterior compartment, is soon joined by the inferior petrosal sinus to become the internal jugular vein
- \* = Tympanic branch of IX (Jacobson's nerve)

**X  
VAGUS  
(4th & 6th arches)**

**PARASYMPATHETIC**

- Cardiac branches
- Thorax & abdomen

**VISCERAL SENSORY**

- Thorax & abdomen

**TASTE**

- Valleculae

**BARO/CHEMO-RECEPTORS**

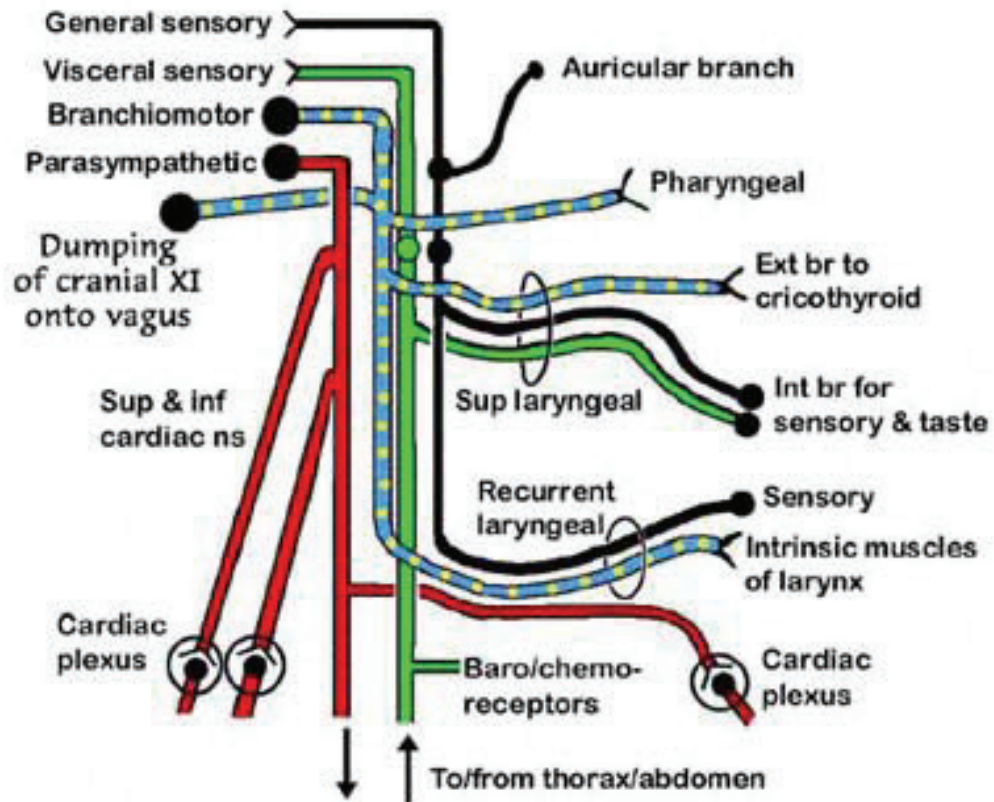
**BRANCHIOMOTOR**

(from cranial accessory)

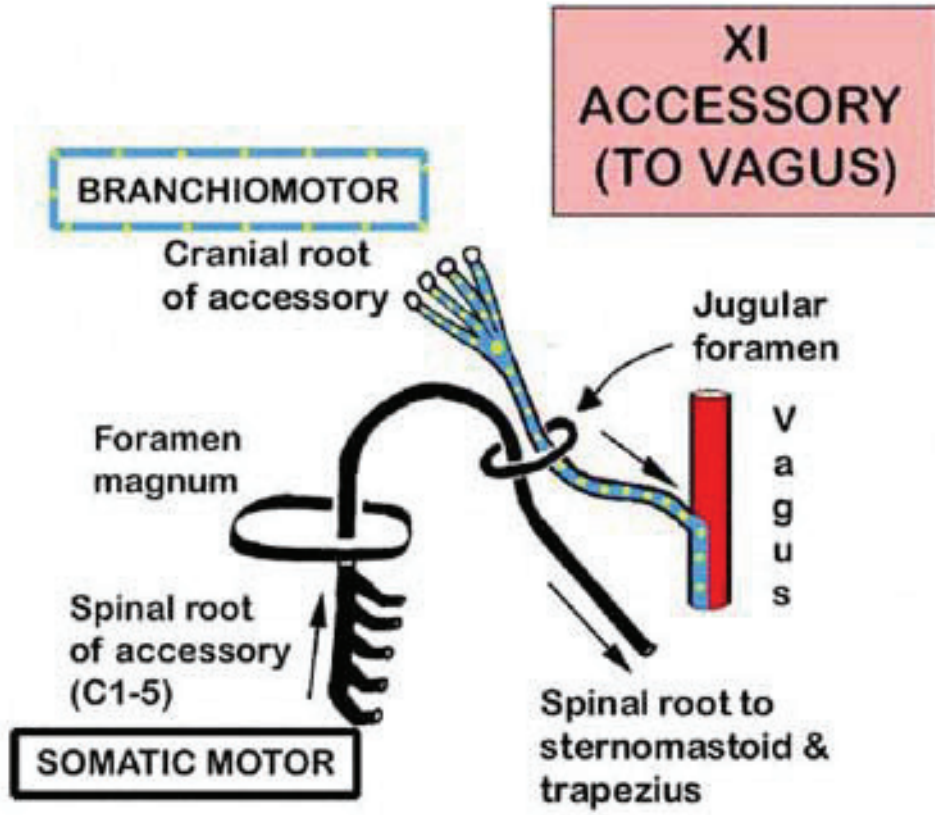
- Muscles of pharynx, larynx, palate & upper oesophagus

**SENSORY**

- Larynx, laryngopharynx, valleculae
- Small areas of skin: ext auditory meatus, eardrum & behind ear

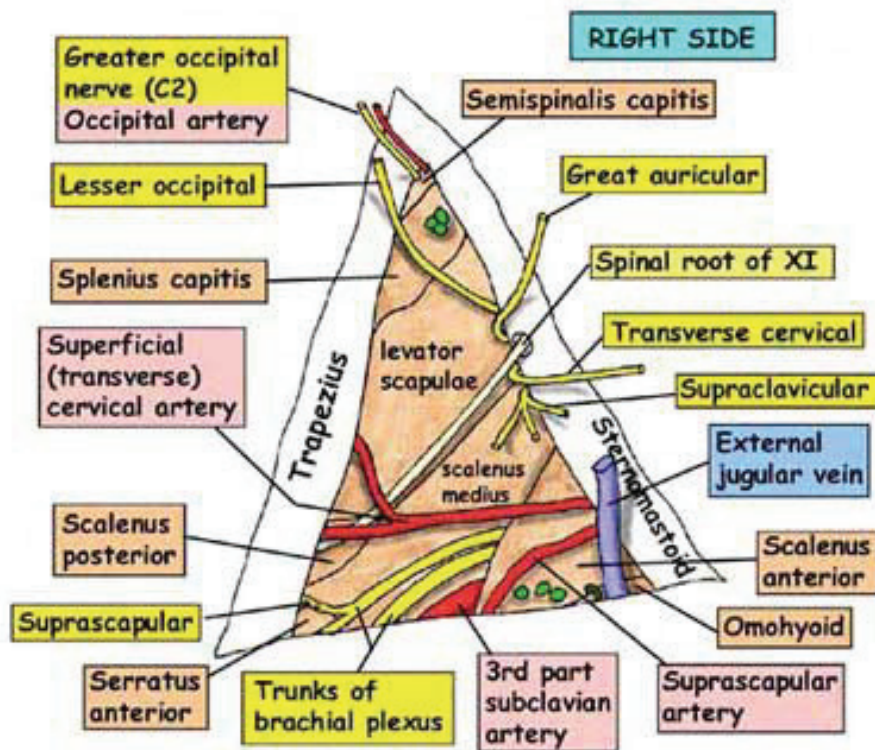






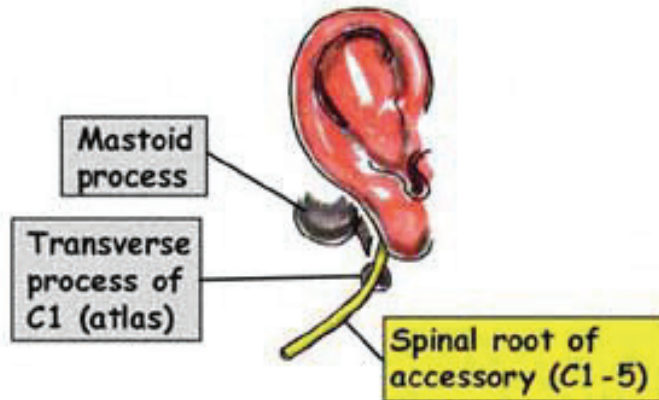
## POSTERIOR TRIANGLE OF NECK

- **Boundaries:** Posterior border of sternocleidomastoid, anterior border of trapezius, mid 1/3 clavicle
- **Shape:** Spiral
- **Roof:** Investing fascia, platysma, external jugular vein
- **Floor:** Prevertebral fascia covering muscles, subclavian artery, trunks of brachial plexus & cervical plexus
- **Contents:**
  - **Arteries:** Occipital, superficial cervical, suprascapular
  - **Veins:** Transverse cervical, suprascapular, external jugular
  - **Nerves:** Branches of cervical plexus, spinal root of accessory
  - **Muscle:** Omohyoid with its sling
  - **Lymph nodes:** Occipital (rubella/scalp infections)  
Supraclavicular (part of the deep chain)



## SPINAL ROOT OF ACCESSORY NERVE

### SURFACE MARKINGS



#### Method one

1. Find transverse process of atlas just anterior mastoid process
2. Draw a line to anterior border of trapezius, 5cm above the clavicle
3. This is the line of the nerve through sternocleidomastoid and posterior triangle

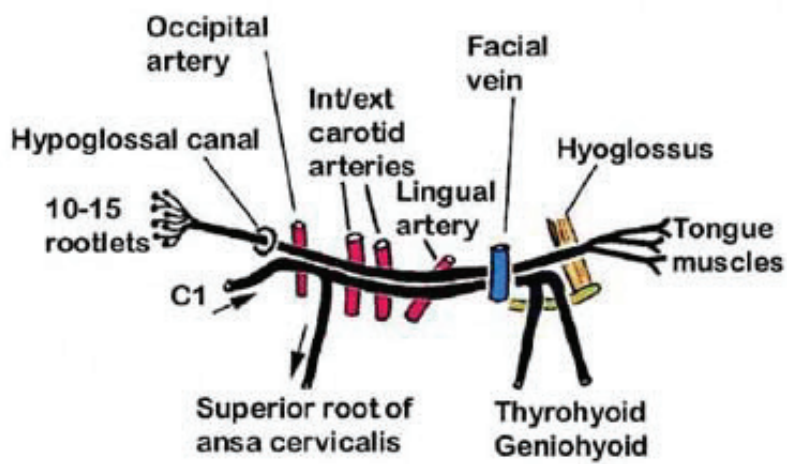
#### Method two

1. Draw a line from a third of the way down the posterior border of sternocleidomastoid to a third of the way up the anterior border of trapezius
2. This is the line of the nerve through sternocleidomastoid and posterior triangle

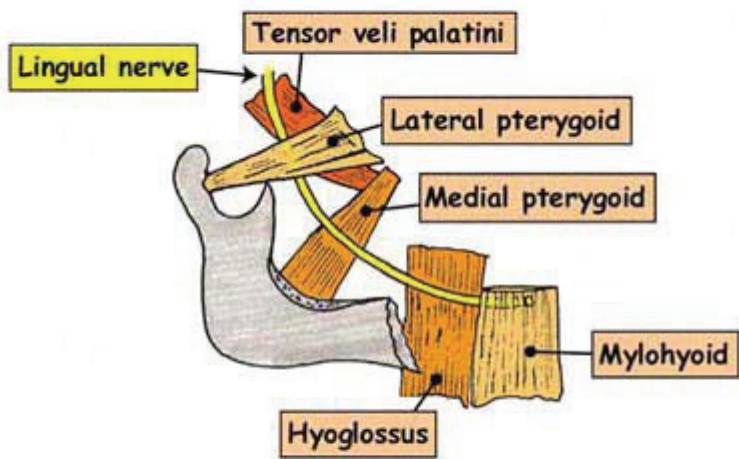
For details of sternocleidomastoid, see muscle section of Instant Anatomy

**SOMATIC MOTOR**

**XII  
HYPOGLOSSAL**

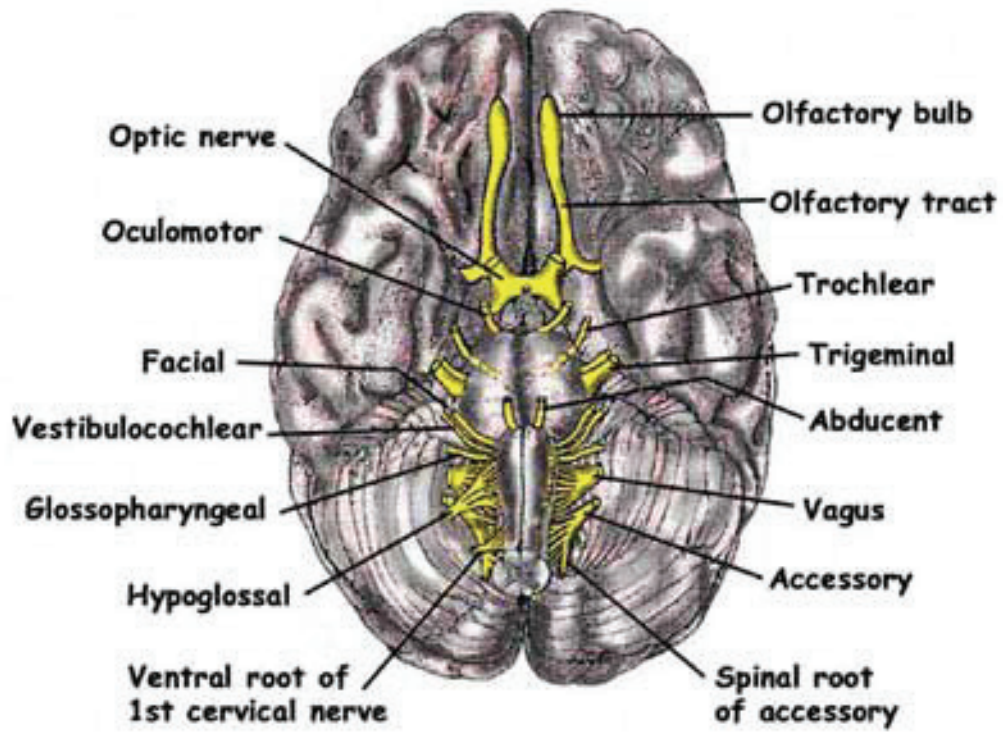


**LINGUAL NERVE:  
RELATION TO MUSCLES**

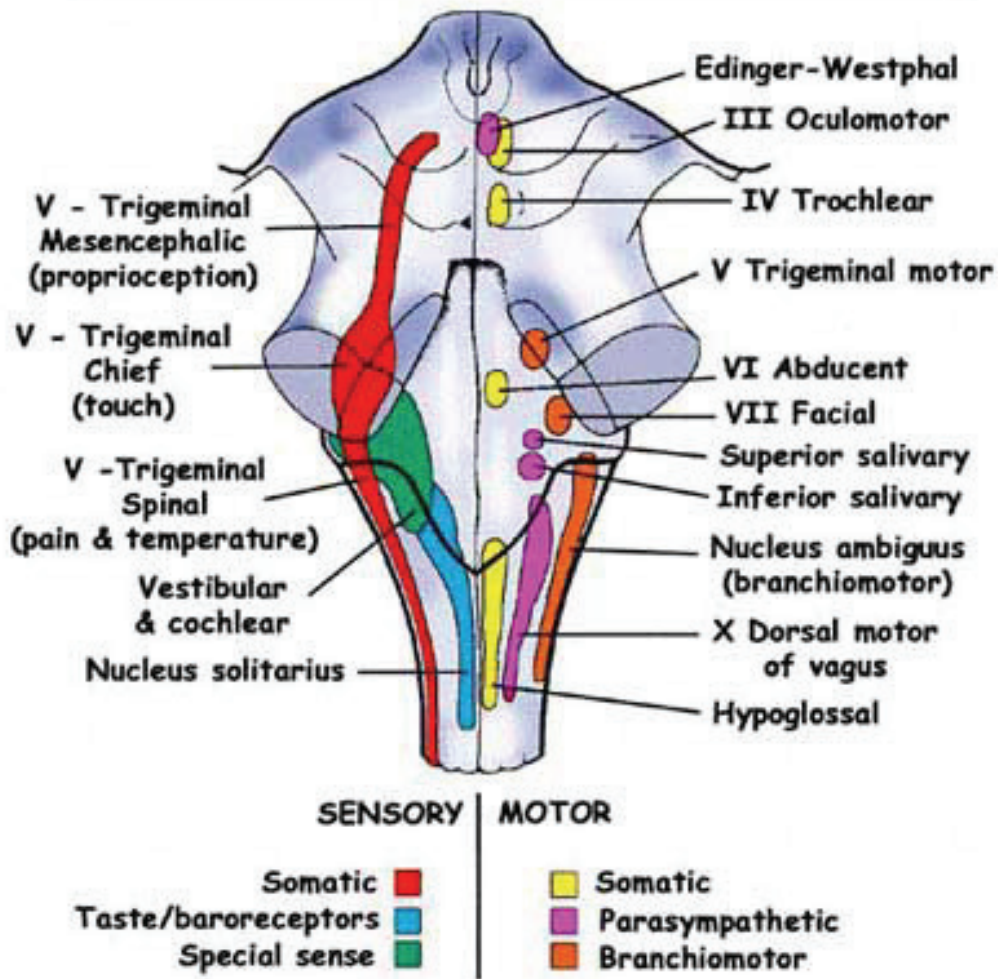


- The lingual nerve passes between:
1. Tensor veli palatini and lateral pterygoid
  2. Medial pterygoid and mandible
  3. Mandible and mucosa of mouth
  4. Mylohyoid and hyoglossus

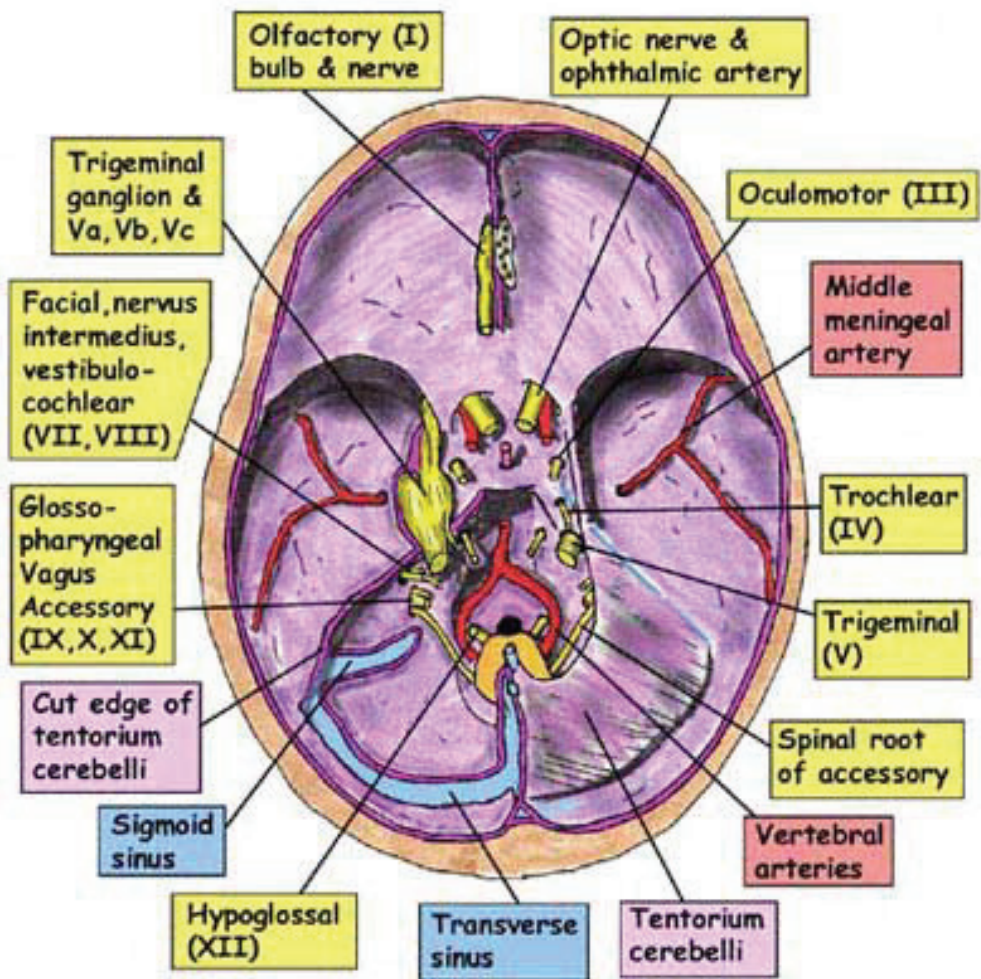
**CRANIAL NERVES EMERGING FROM  
BASE OF THE BRAIN**



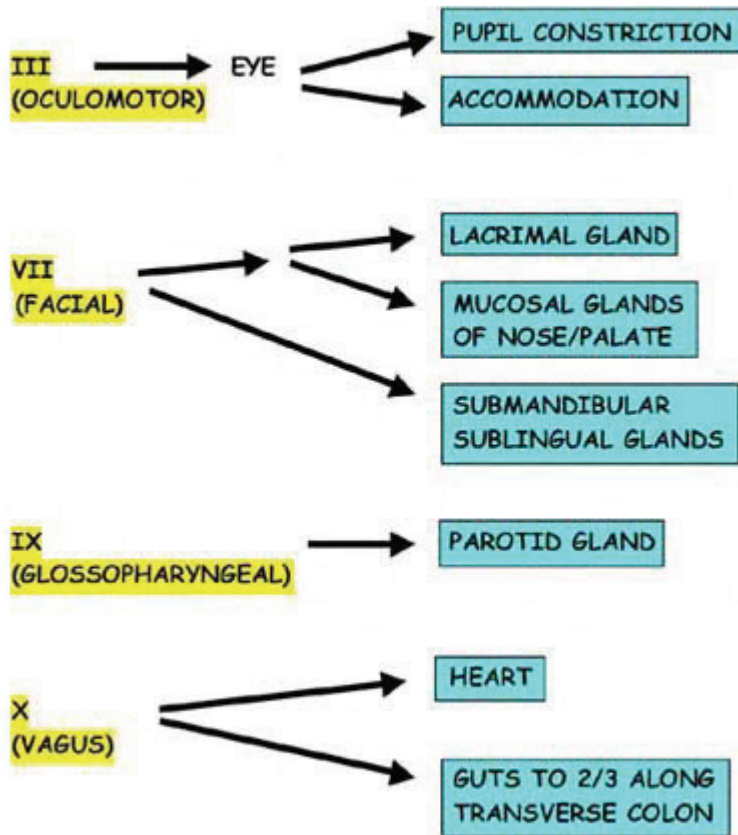
# CRANIAL NERVE NUCLEI IN BRAIN STEM



**STRUCTURES PIERCING THE DURA  
IN THE BASE OF THE SKULL**



## SUMMARY OF CRANIAL NERVES THAT CARRY PARASYMPATHETIC



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