

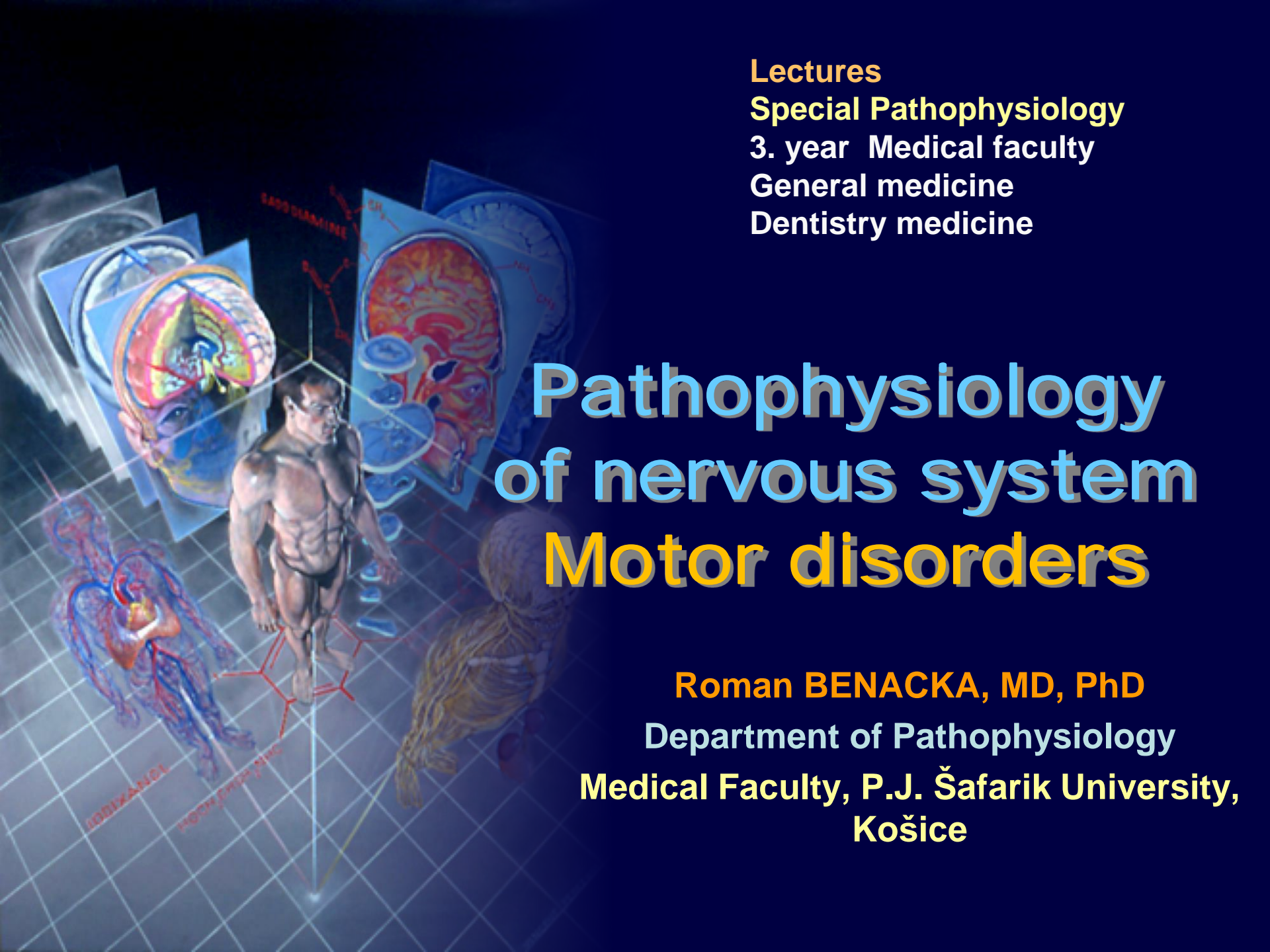
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Review of physiology

ORGANISATION OF MOTOR FUNCTION

Skeletomotor activities

What are skeletomotor activities ?

- **Movement of the limbs** (waving, jumping), grimacing, smiling etc. – kinetic activities recognized by anyone as motor performance
- **Standing up, sitting, lying** – motor behaviours with little apparent position change; just to fix up the skeleton
- **Breathing** – although known as vital function yet based on phasic motor behaviour of skeletal muscle. (diaphragm, intercostals, accessory m.)
- **Old implicit „reflexes“** – sniffing, sneezing, swallowing, vomiting, balancing equilibrium, etc.

Motor processes always comprise 2 qualities:

- **Kinetic (Phasic) activity** - episodic, contractions, spikes in EMG, prevail in kinetic muscles, mostly flexors, red muscle fibres, energy demanding, rapid fatigue,
- **Tonic activity (muscle tone)** - sustained, tightening of segments, muscle resistance & turgor, no evident EMG, prevail in postural muscles, mostly extensors, white muscle fibers, slower fatigue; one can feel this as tension, something as light tremor, effected by gravitation, anaesthesia, tiredness (postural tremor)



Skeletomotor activities

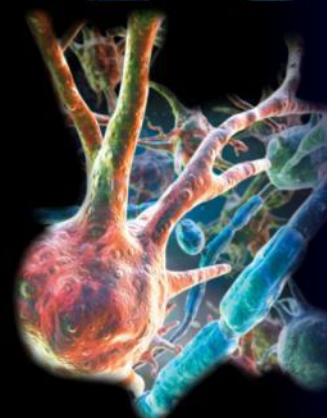
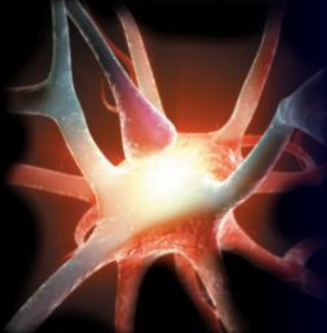
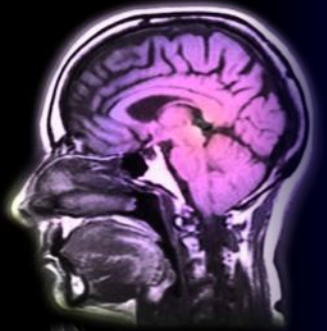
Skeletal muscles perform 2 forms of activities: Tonic activity – can not be precisely measured in EMG; **Isometric** – muscle length is kept stable; individual muscle fibres do not change length; tonic activity is increased

- Movement is little (sometimes tremoric) or invisible
- Typically involves antigravity muscles (paravertebral back muscles, extensors in extremities)

● **Isotonic** – muscle tone is more or less stable; changes happen in the length of muscle;

- Movement is visible
- Typically involves flexors – kinetic muscles (biceps, hand and finger muscles, calf muscles etc.)

● **Combined isotonic and isometric** -



Principia

- We are born with minimum of skeletomotor capabilities → **primitive reflexes** (blinking, grasping, stepping, diving, rooting, sucking, tracking, startle - Moro reflex) → later **rightening, protective and equilibrium reflexes** are developing (up to 10 m) to allow movement on 4 extr. and later to climb up, to walk, to run
- All human related motor activities are learned and can be lost upon trauma, strokes and dementia; Motor patterns and programs are created and stored (motor memory – implicit memory) and can be lost after massive strokes
- **Goal directed vs. voluntary movements** - voluntary is only intention, purpose, idea to do (we are not able to drive nor control all individual muscles involved in the movement; we are not aware of them --- robotics has proven how difficult is to program 3D movements. → cortex as initiator (go – go), basal ganglia break and program; cerebellum as neuronal machine computing, checking and improving
- In man, as real bipedal organism, most motor functions were transferred into higher centres of CNS (process of corticalisation) as we need more vestibular data, visual data and more advanced processing to estimate direction of movement. Only a little is left in the spinal cord.
- Special and unique in man are fast phasic muscle activities as hand movement (writing, playing piano etc.), orofacial segment (face expressions) and larynx (vocal cords) → motor brain of man is unique.



„Primitive“ inborn reflexes

- Involuntary, brainstem-mediated automatic motor responses in infants that are associated with immediate survival, contact with mother, feeding and protection and foster initial sensory-motor
- Later they are inhibited by higher brain centers by 4–6 months.
- Tests (grasp. Moro) are used to evaluate psychomotor maturation;
- Asymmetric Tonic Neck Reflex (ATNR) (fencing - may help during labor)



Blink reflex



Grasp reflex



Stepping reflex



Diving reflex



Fencing reflex



Rooting reflex



Sucking reflex



Tracking reflex

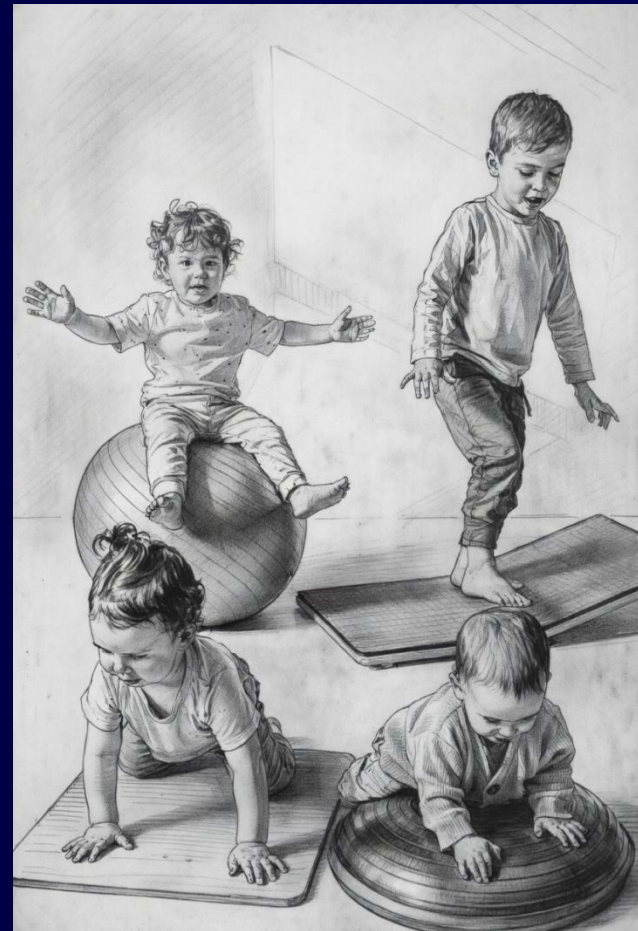
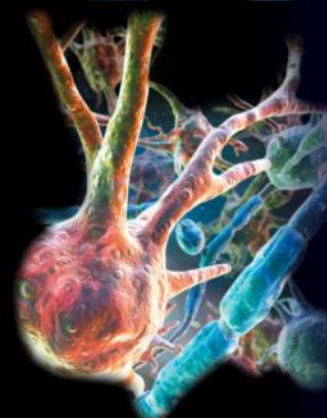
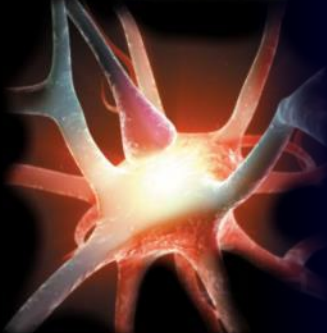
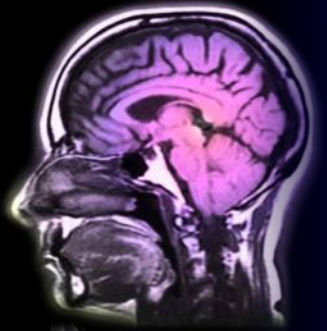


Startle reflex (Moro)

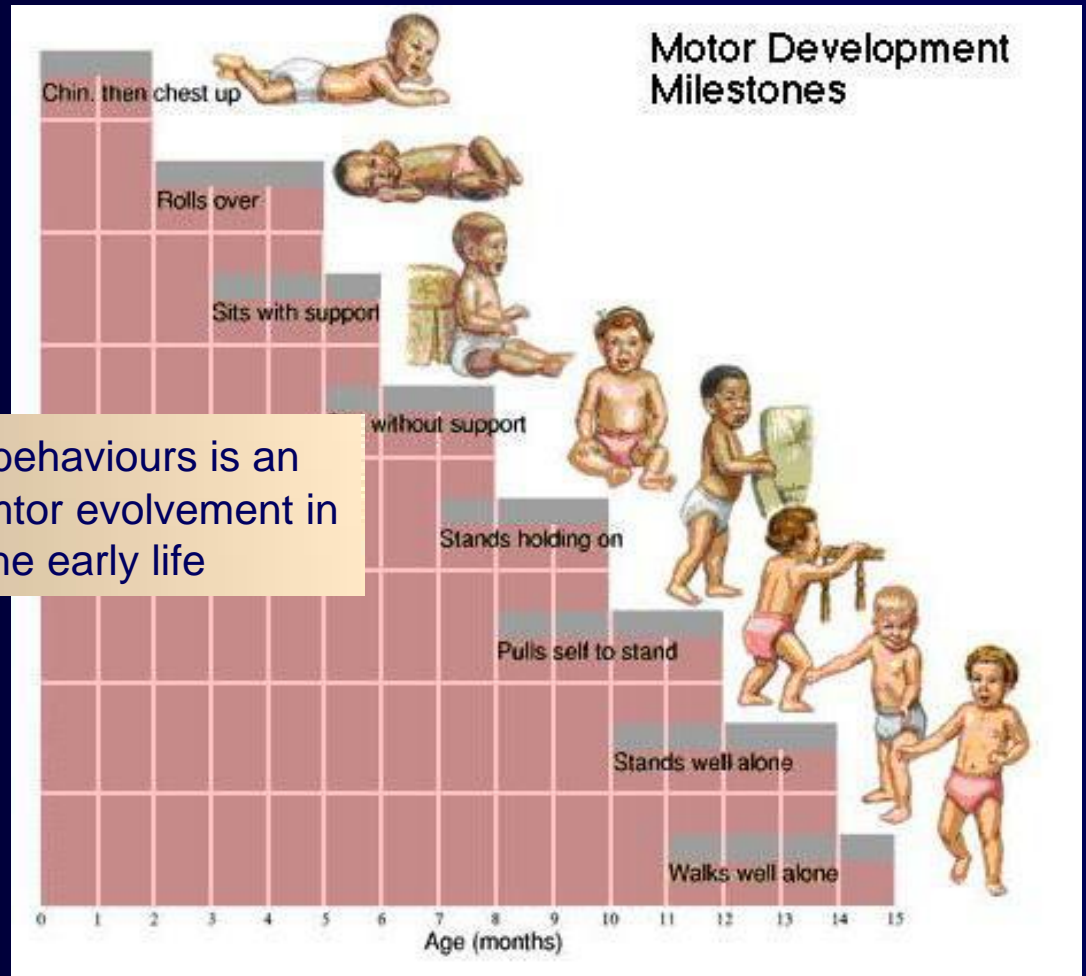


Reflexes – movement, ballance

- Rightening reflex reactions – head – body arrangement
- Ballancing reflex reactions – to distribute the mass to keep the ballance
- Protective reflex reactions (parachute reflexes)



Motor developmental milestones



Richness of motor behaviours is an indicator of psychomotor evolvement in specific periods of the early life



- Motor skills are built over the life-time (implicit motor memory)
- The enormous motor development is achieved within the first 2 years
- Skills in motor execution of complex tasks (language, drawing, writing etc) reach maximal development in first 10 years

Hierarchical organisation of motor activities

1. **Motoneuronal organization** (lower motoneurons = motor pattern generators)

- monosegmental, polysegmental reflexes of the **spinal cord**
- reflexes of **cranial nerves** (masseter)

2. **Brainstem motor organization** (reflexes, semireflexes)

- orientation reflexes = searching (mhead rotation), myotonic
- corneal, pupillary, vestibule-oculocephalic, oculocephalic,
- branchiogenic = sniffing, sneezing, gagging, vomiting, cough, swallowing
- more advanced activities = swimming, stepping, support to floor, axial reflexes, extensor

3. **Basal ganglia** = algorithms, programmes for movement, learning (walkingm jumping, running downhill)

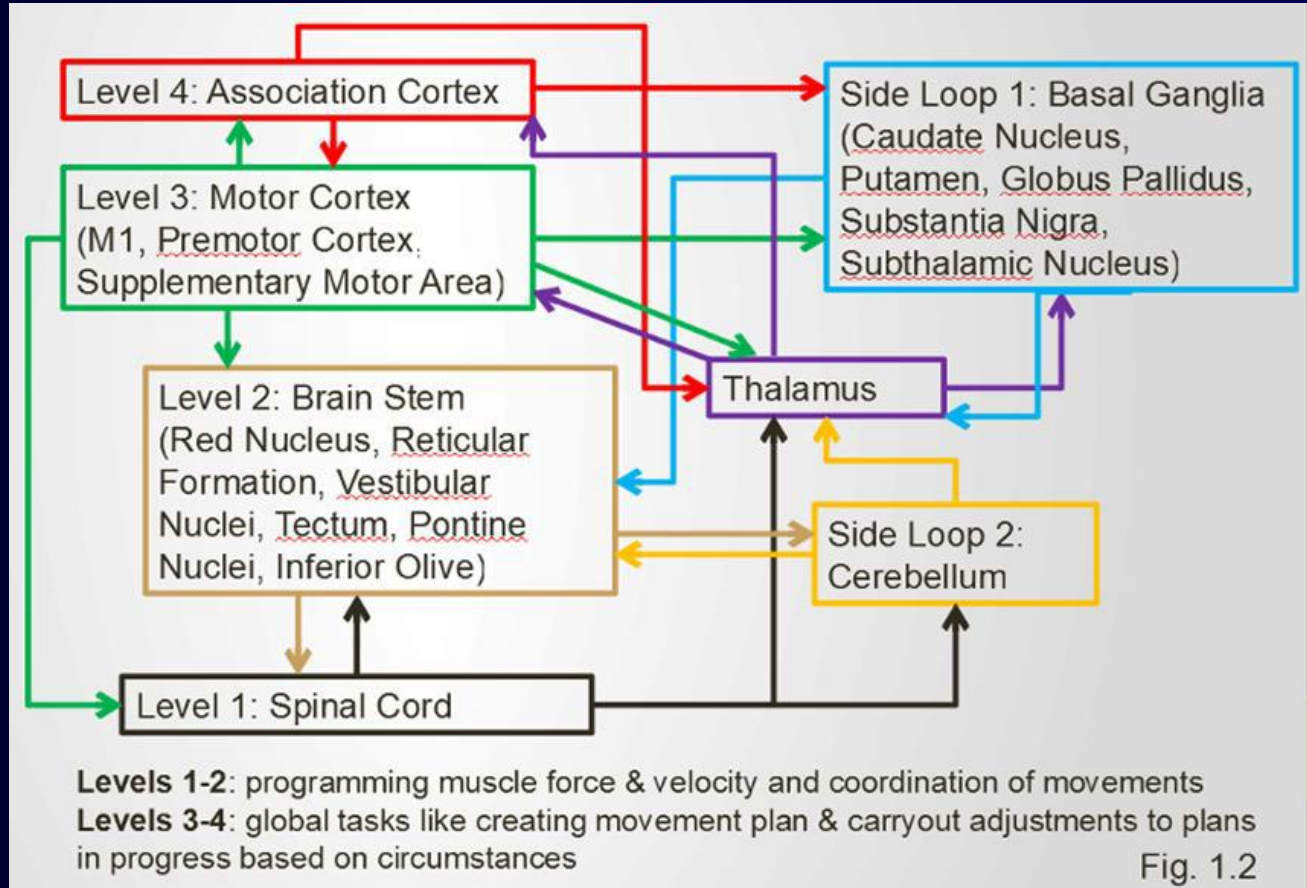
4. **Cerebellum** = neuronal machine; control of all muscles when to start what to do when to finish; control

5. **Motor cortex** = excitatory inputs down; fast kinetic movements (direct initiation to spinal cord)

6. **Association cortex** = frontal + parietal (planning of activities according to the ideative plans)

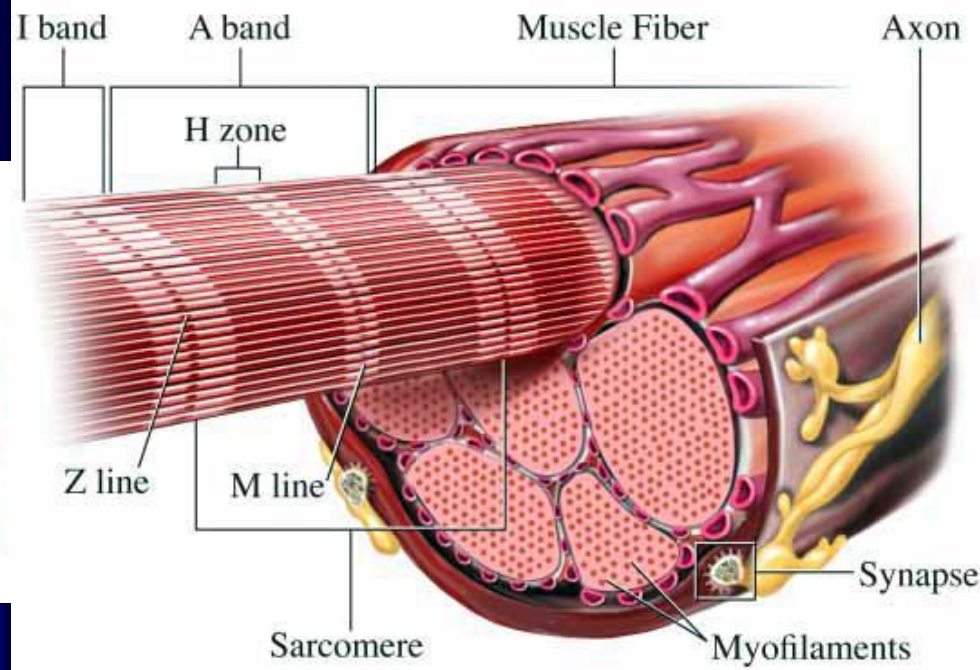
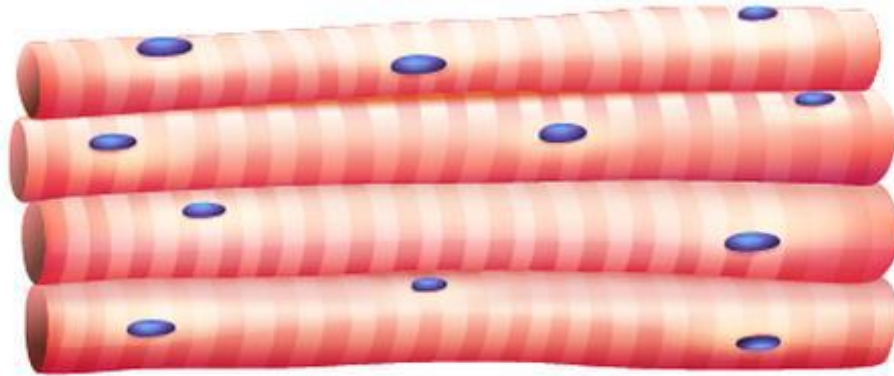


Hierarchy

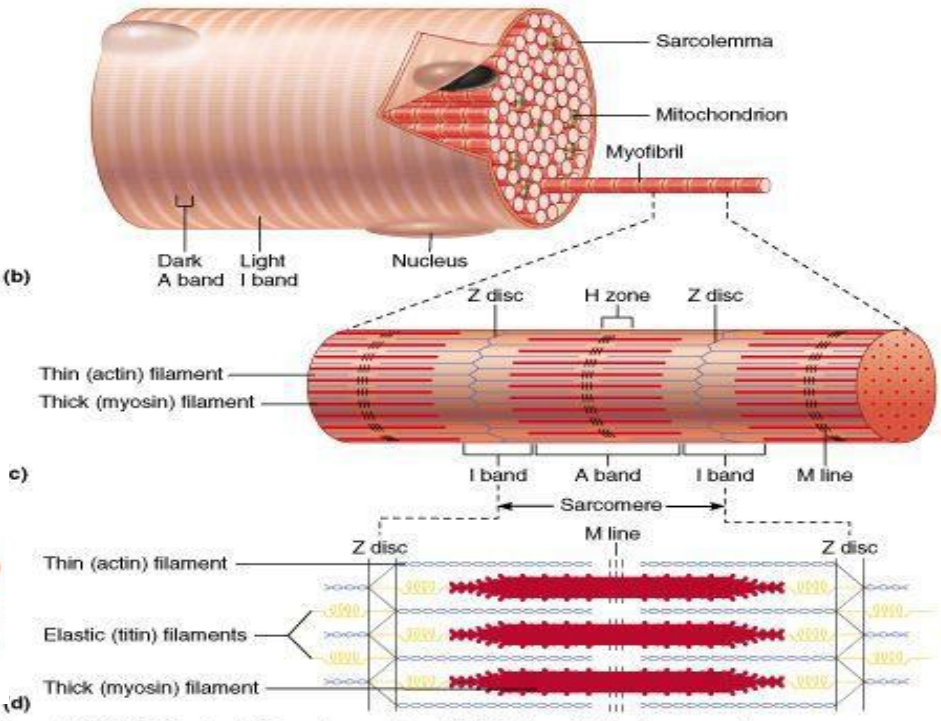


- Relatively little motor programming and commanding skeletomotor capabilities were left in the spinal cord in man ← spinal cord damage.

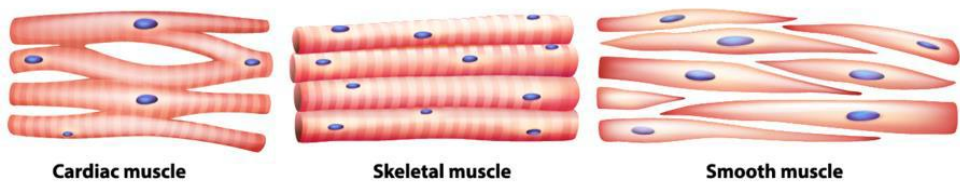
Skeletal muscle



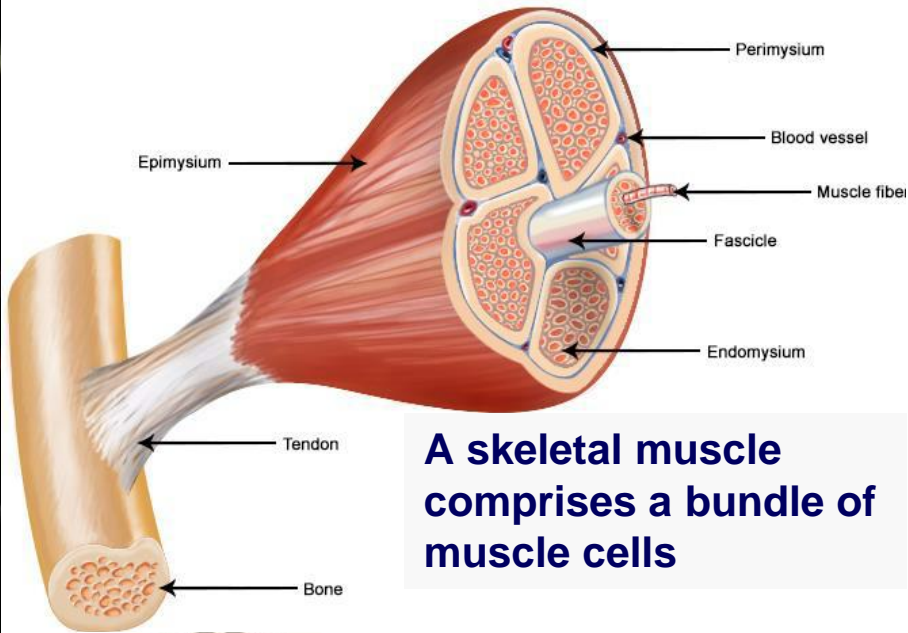
- Muscle cell = myofibril (10-50x1000-40000 um; Salami shape, striation transparent sarcolemma; multinuclear sarcoplasmic retic.
- Cells do not convey the electrical signal to each other; each cell receive nerve connection = synapse . = muscular plate.
- Motor unite = muscle cells invrated from 1 motoneuron



Types of Muscle



Skeletal muscles



A skeletal muscle comprises a bundle of muscle cells

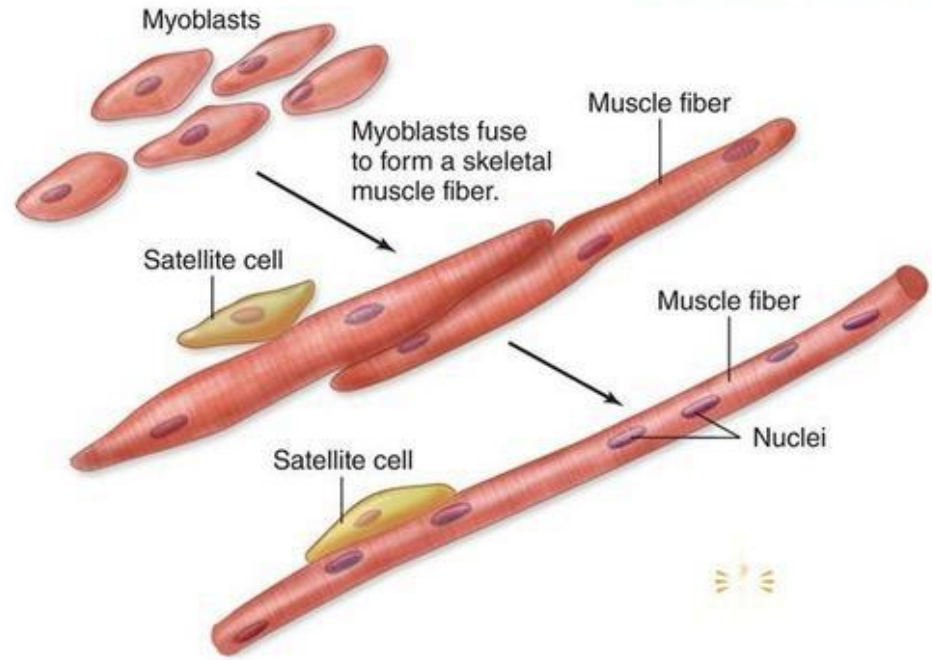
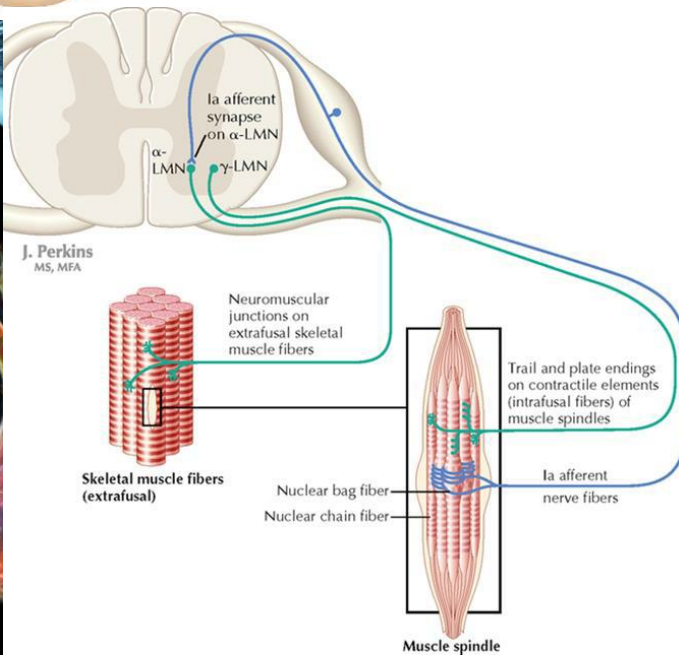


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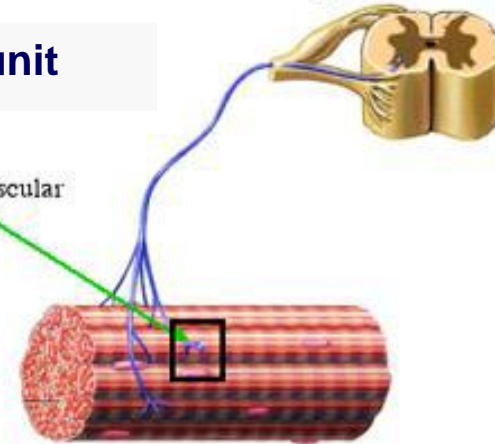
Development of Skeletal Muscle.

Embryonic muscle cells called myoblasts fuse to form a single skeletal muscle fiber. After development, both muscle fibers and satellite cells are present. Satellite cells are myoblasts that do not go on to form the skeletal muscle fiber. Instead, satellite cells remain with postnatal skeletal muscle tissue and assist in repair of muscles.

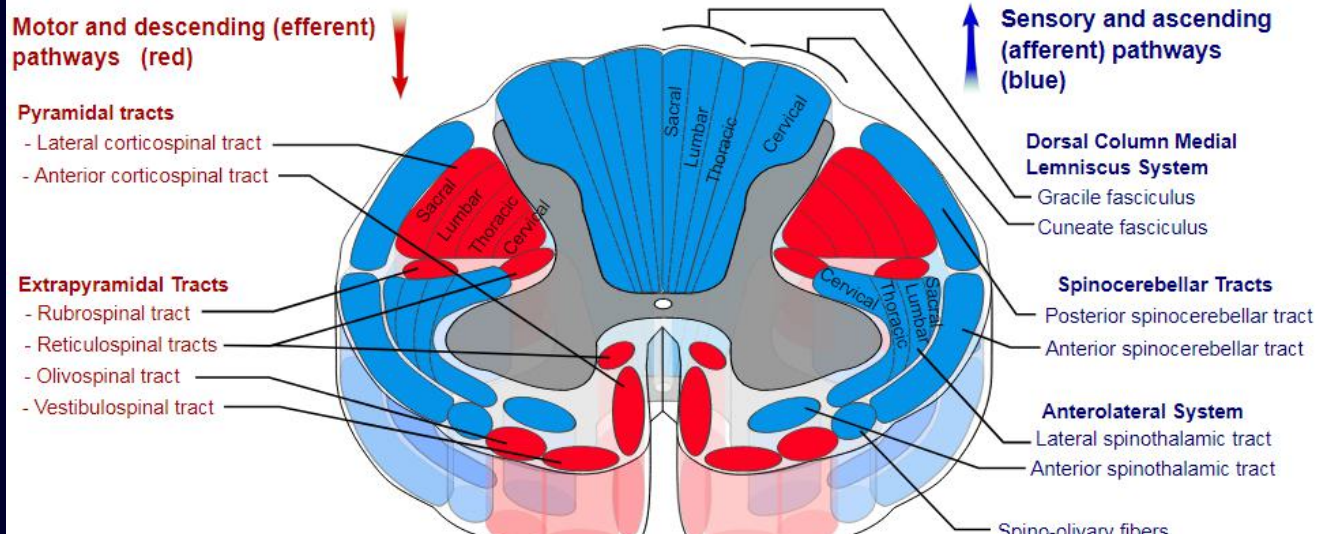
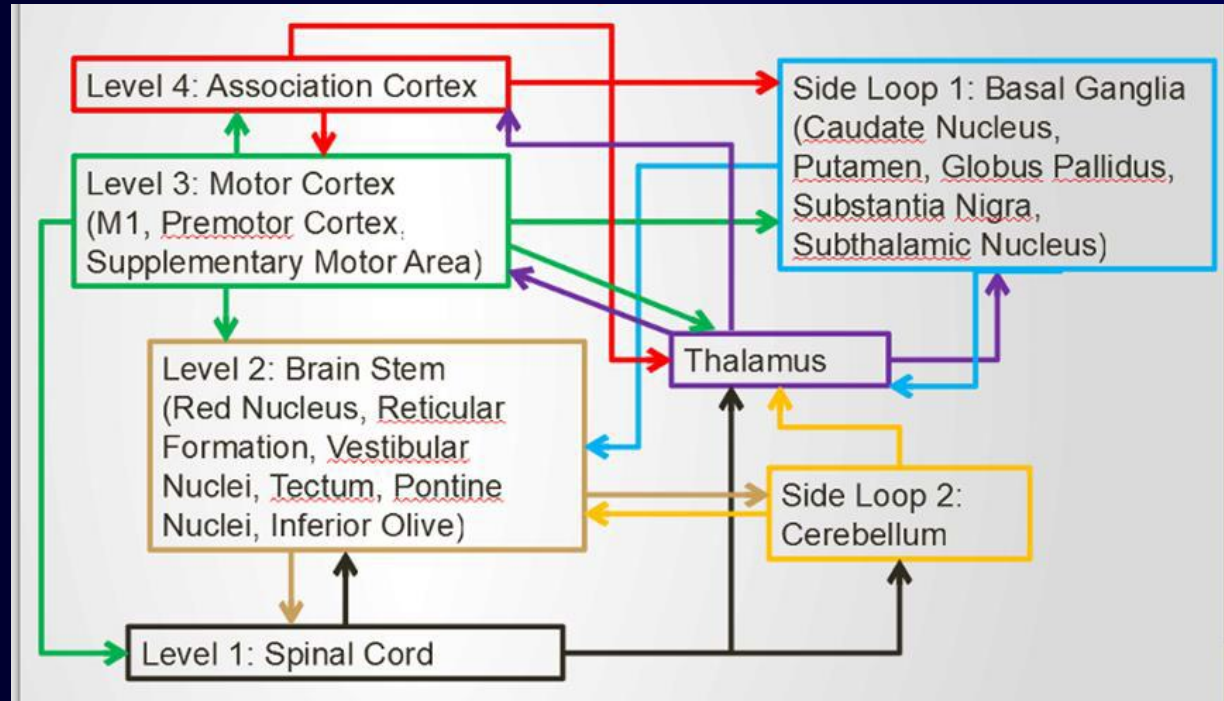
Motor unit



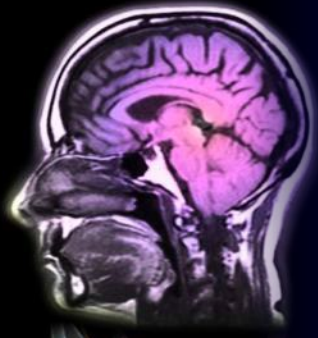
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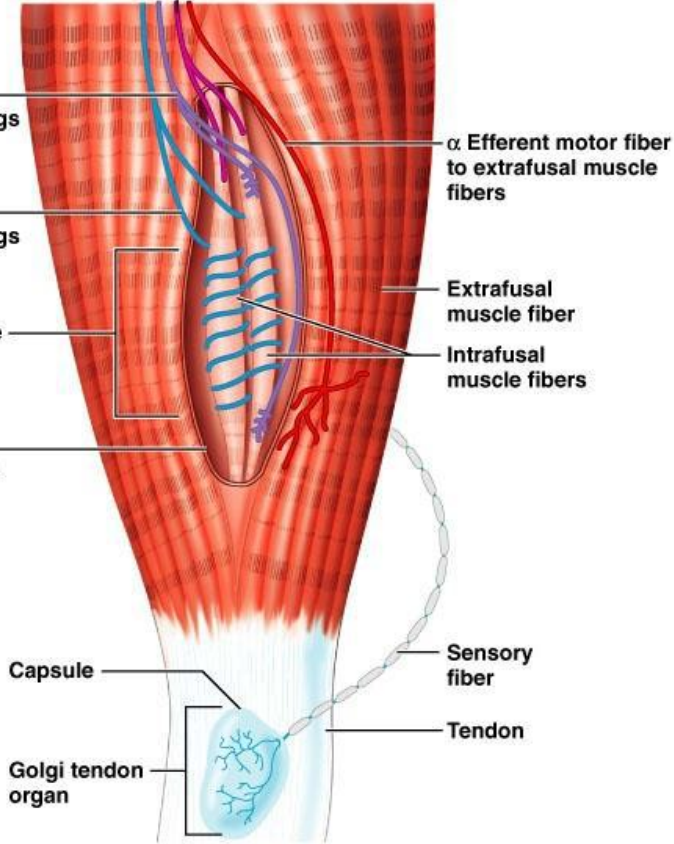
Hierarchy - Motoneuronal level



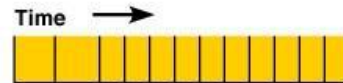
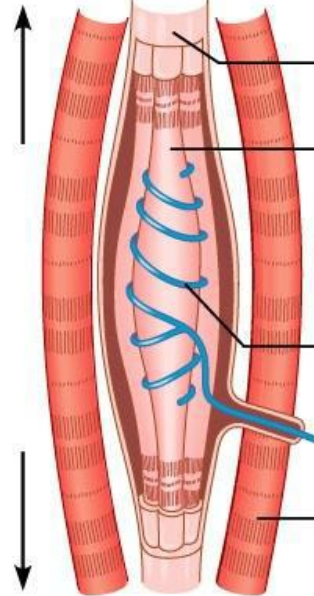
Proprioreceptors



γ Efferent motor fiber to spindle

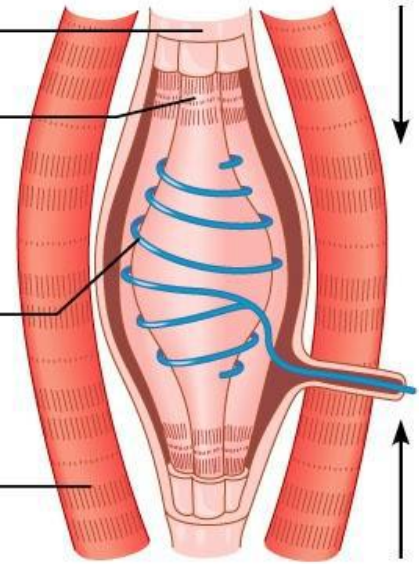


Muscle during stretch



(a) Action potential frequency increases during stretch

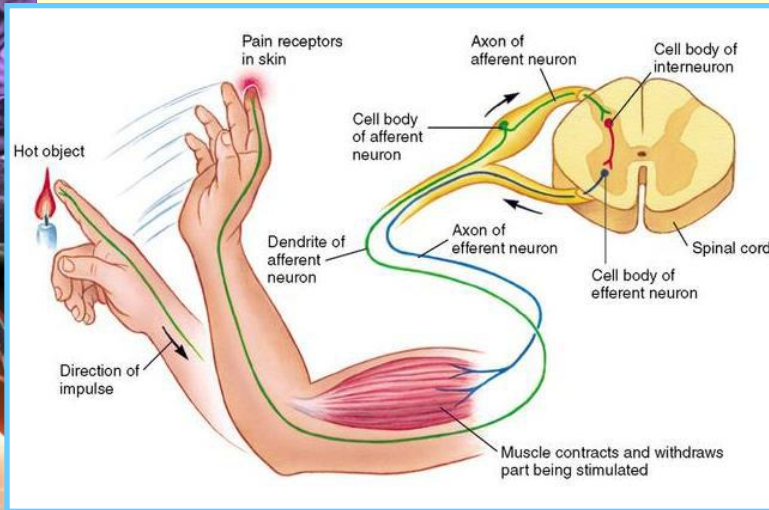
Muscle during contraction



(b) Action potential frequency declines during contraction



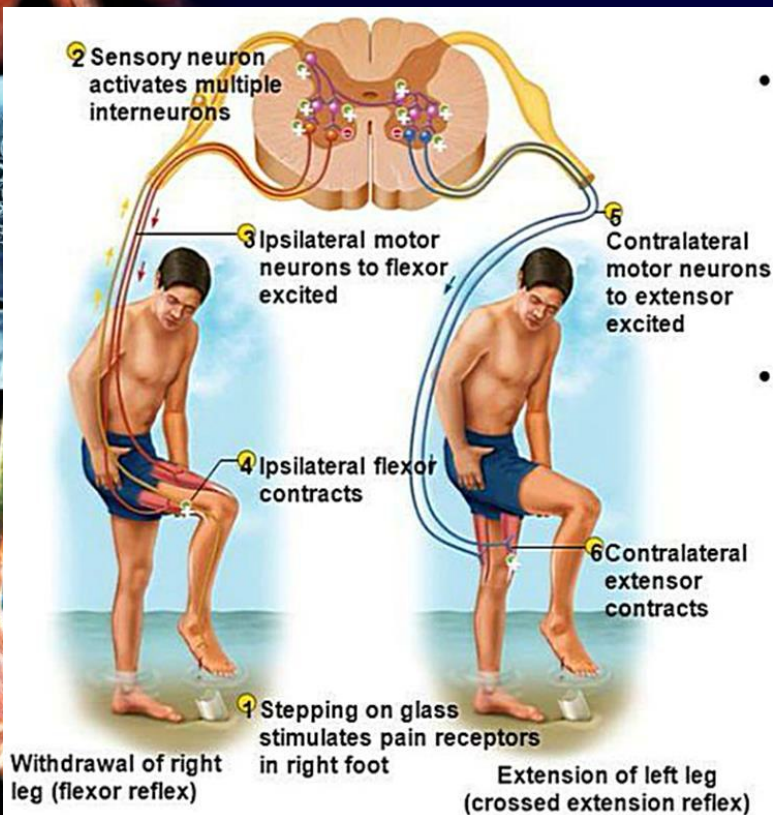
Sensory - motor withdrawal reflexes



Reflexes

Spinal reflexes

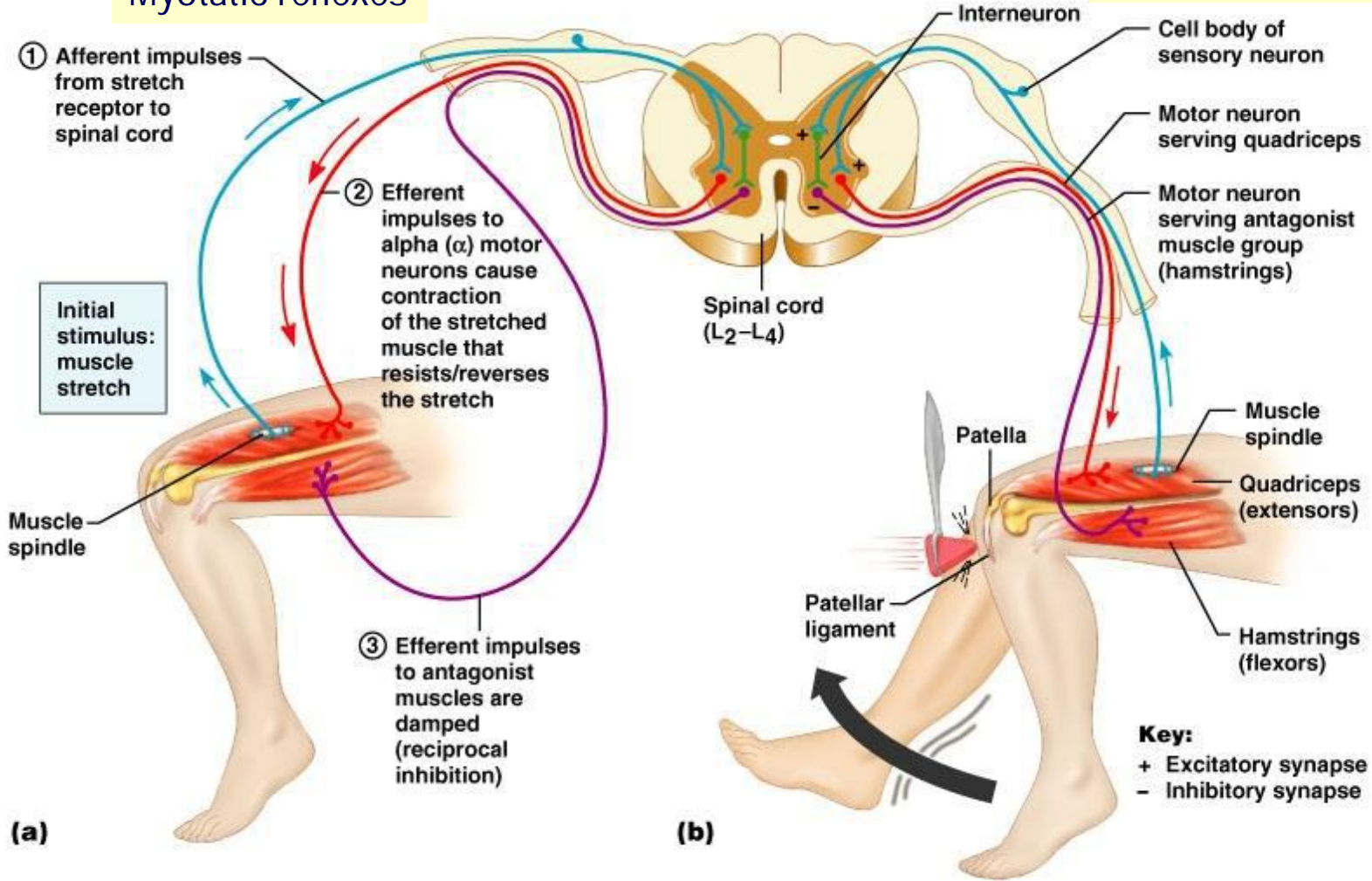
- type of afferents
 - somatic spinal reflexes
 - visceral spinal reflexes
- type of somatosensor
 - proprioceptive reflexes
 - exteroceptive reflexes
- number of involved spinal segments
 - monosegmental spinal reflexes
 - polysegmental spinal reflexes
- number of synapses
 - monosynaptic reflexes
 - disynaptic reflexes
 - polysynaptic reflexes



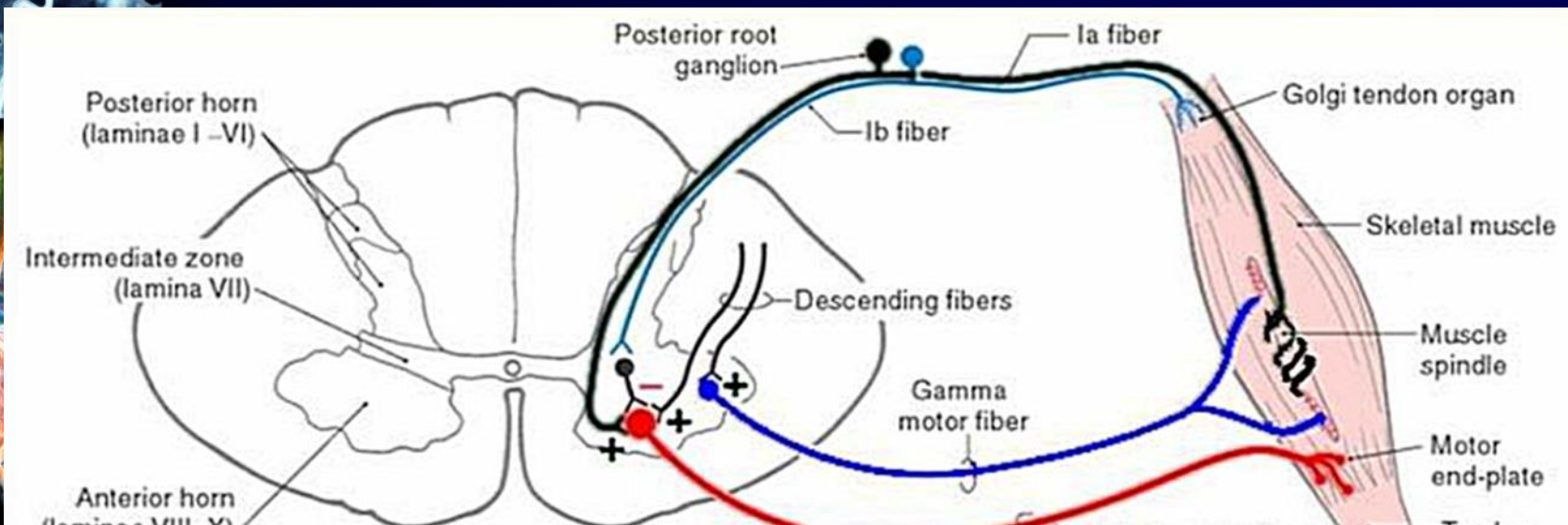
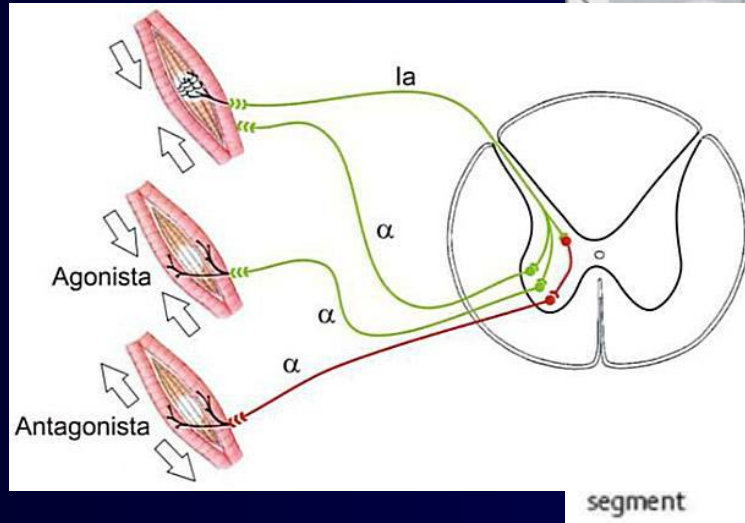
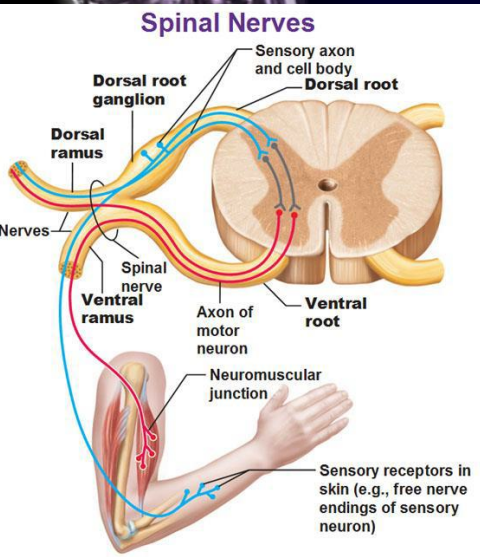
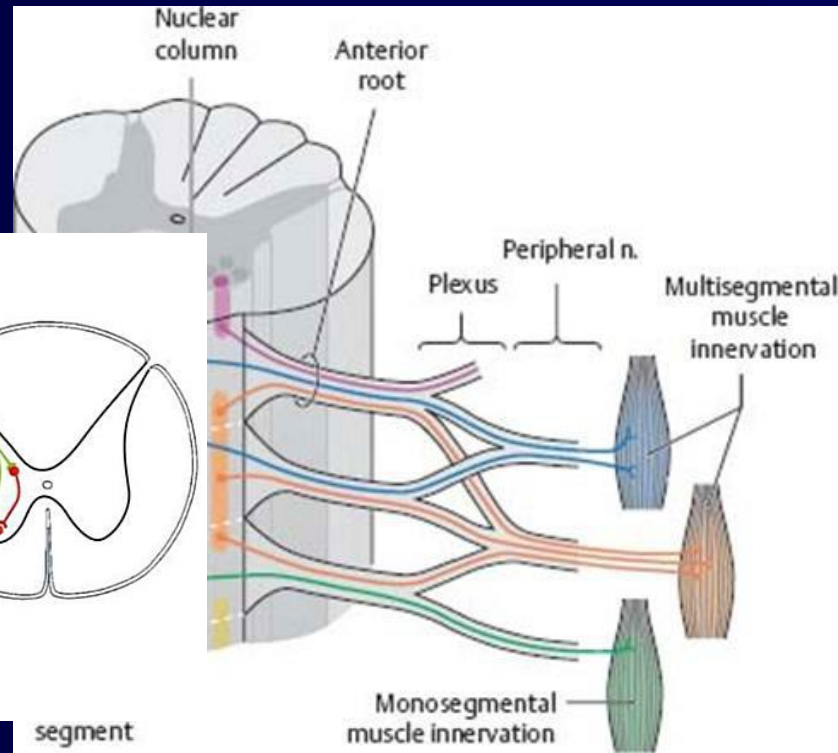
Basic monosegmental reflexes

Myotatic reflexes

Deep tendon reflexes



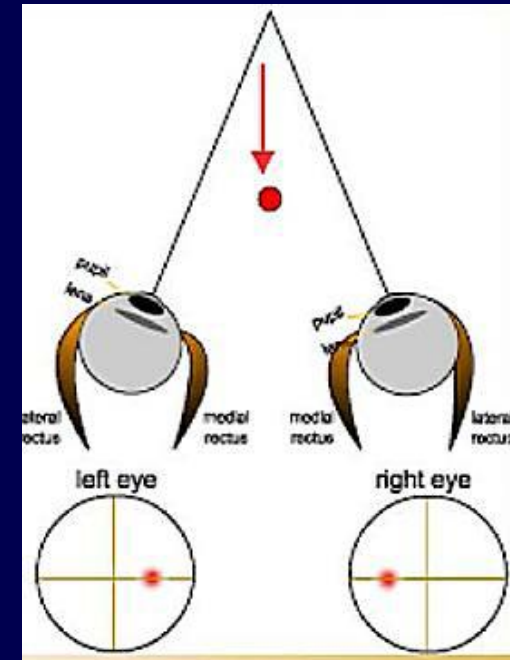
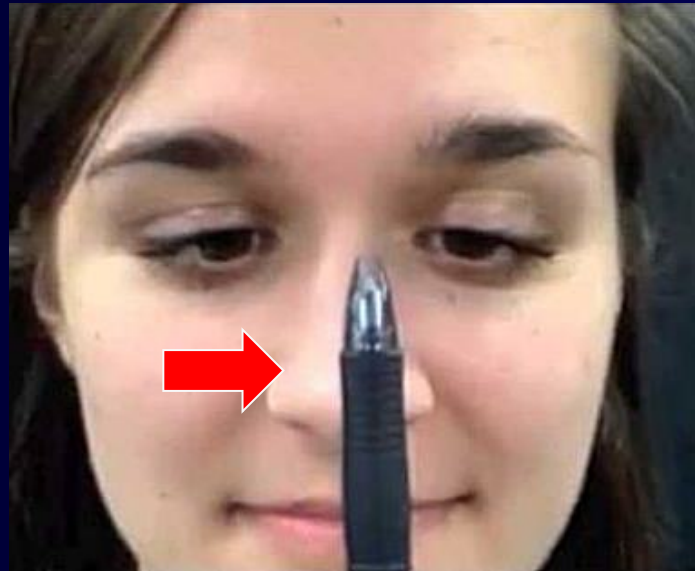
Motoneuronal organisation



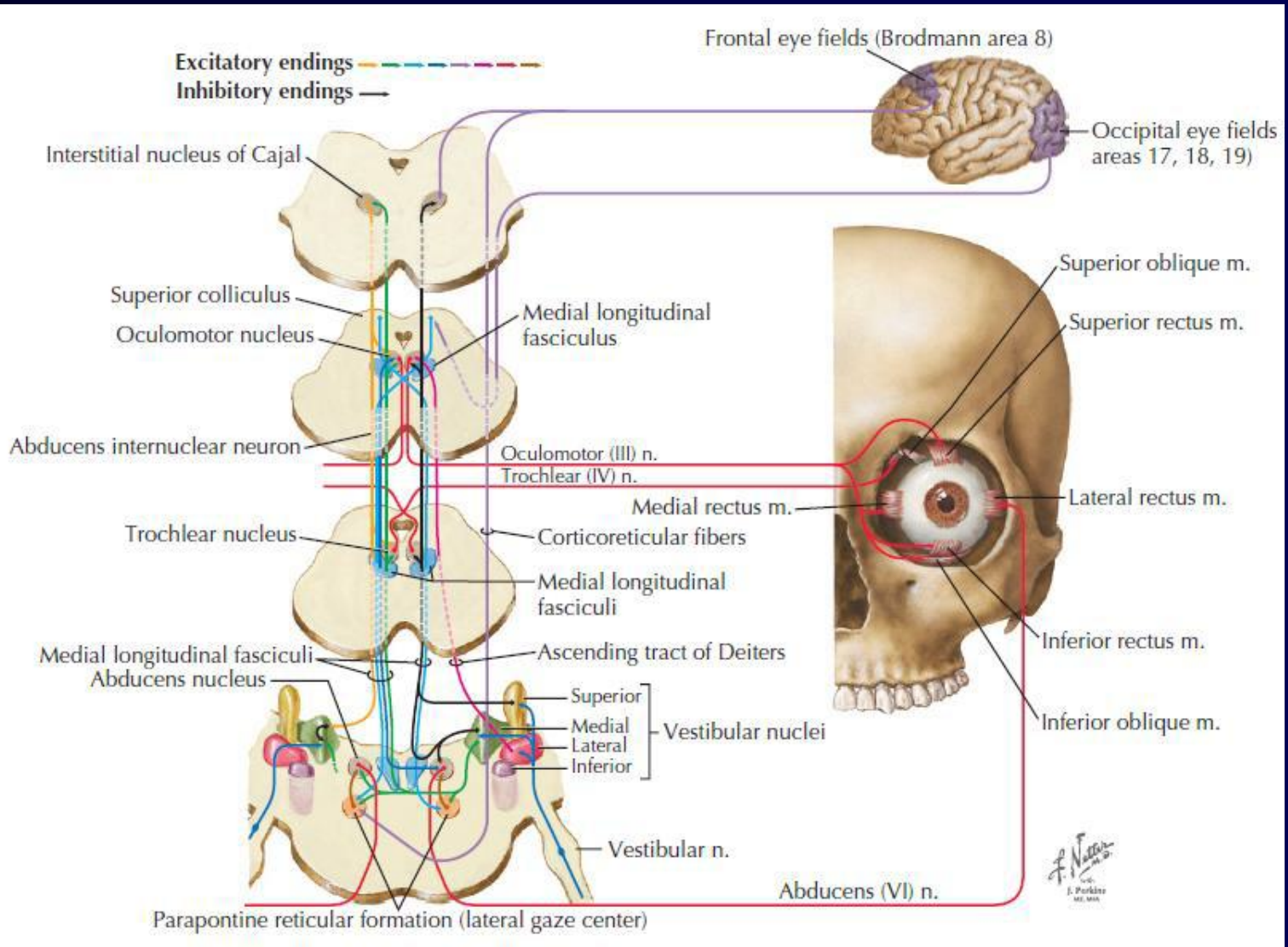
Eye movements

- Four basic types of eye movements
 - Vergence movements (convergent, divergent, consensual)
 - Saccades (fast but small movements to track the most from the objects or e.g.) important to get as much info per short time
 - Smooth pursuit movements (tracking the object of interest)
 - Vestibulo - ocular movements

Vergence movements

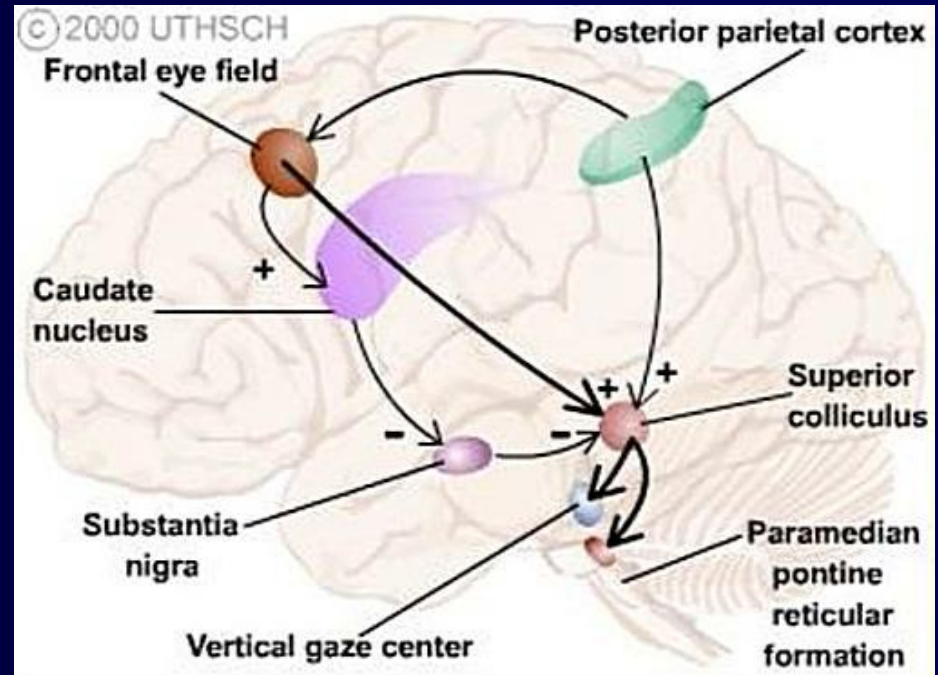
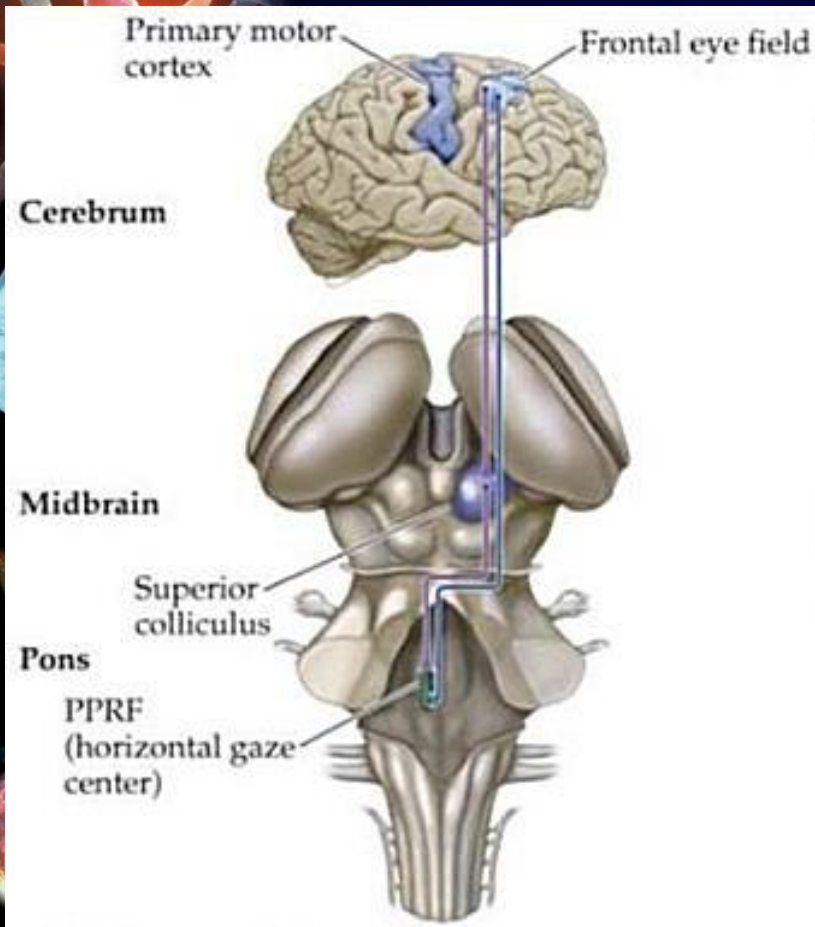


Central control of eye movement



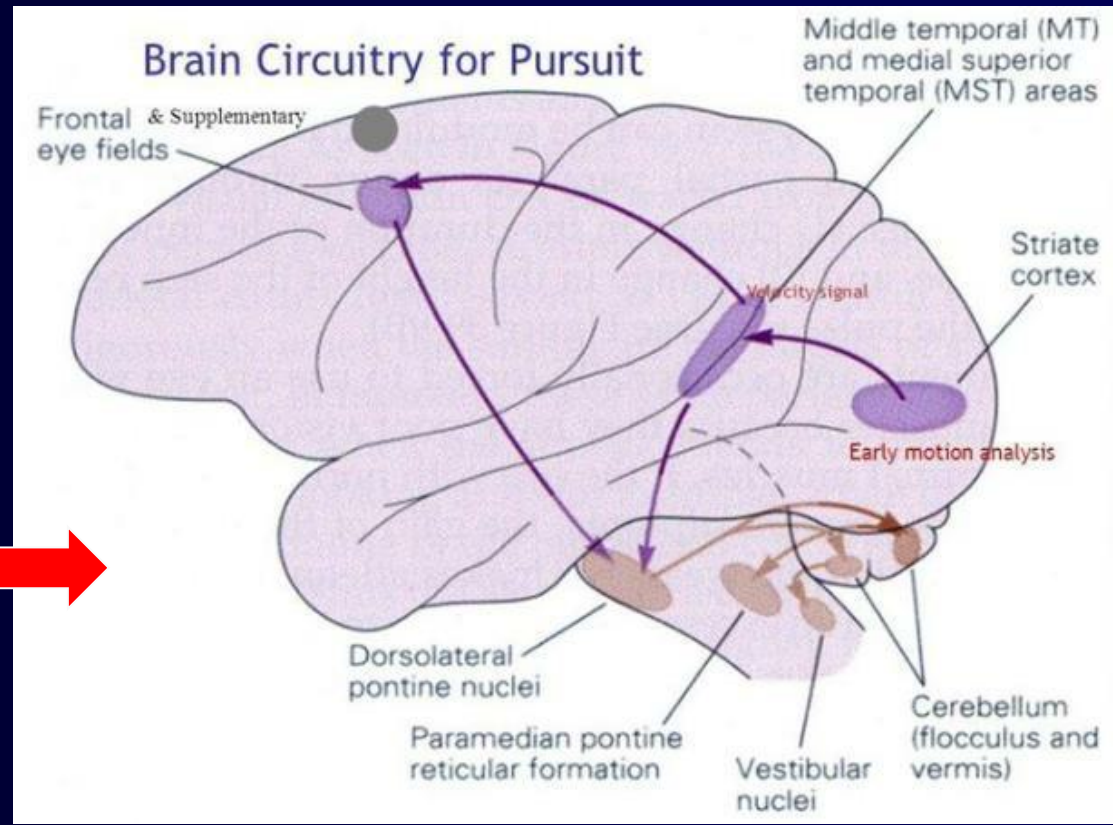
Saccadic eye movements

- horizontal gaze center - PPRF
- vertical gaze center - RF of the midbrain
- superior colliculi - information from FEF, retina, auditory, and tactile i.



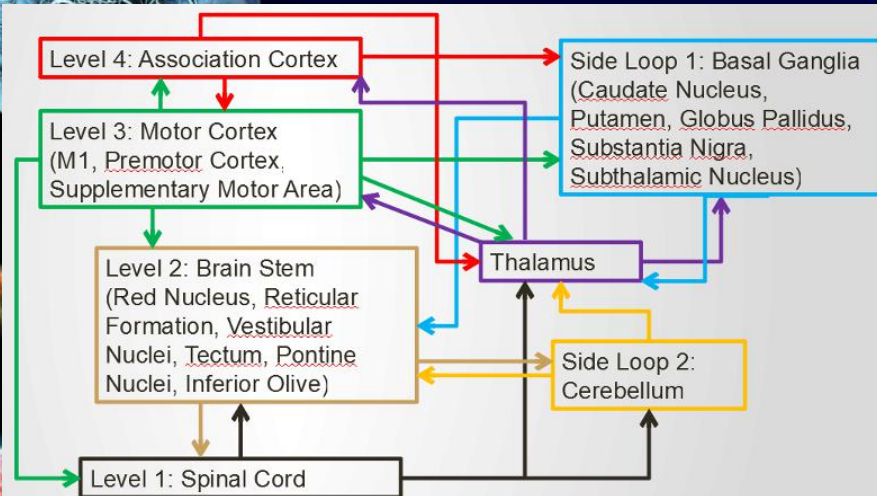
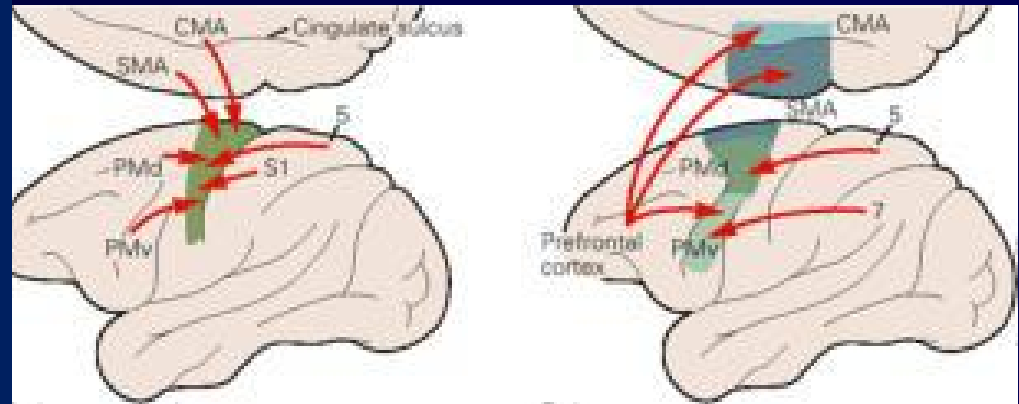
Smooth pursuit movements

- correction movements elicited by targeting an object (e.g. hunting pray in animals, wathich a game, movie)
- voluntarily or under direction



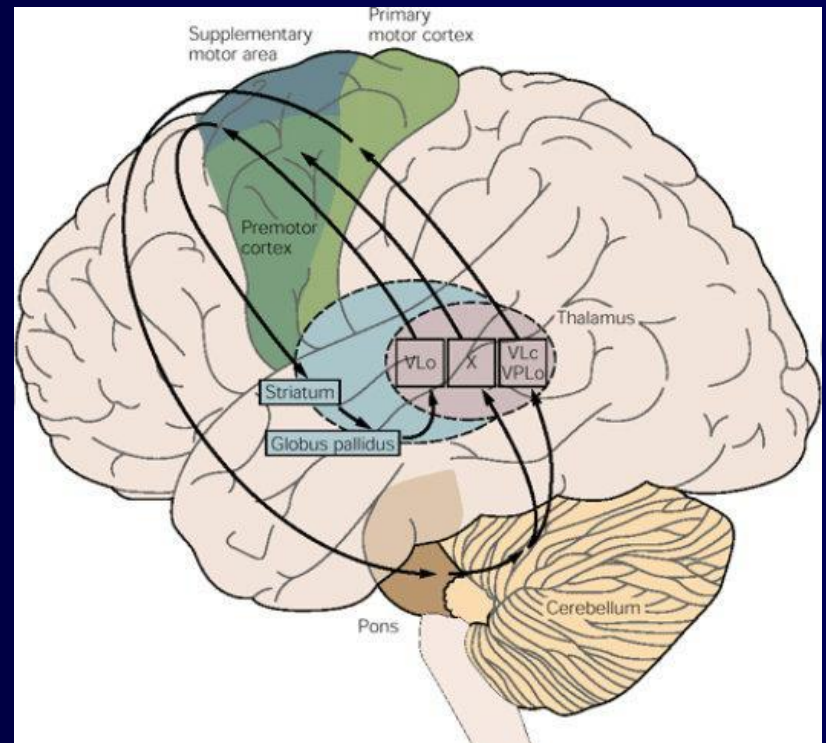
Hierarchy - cortical motor areas

- **Primary motor cortex (BA4)** – best topological org. (number of neurons) → fast kinetic activity ; plans from the PM and SMA + proprio feedback from somatosensory cor. (S1, BA3,2,1, BA5)..
- **Supplementary motor cortex (SMA)** (BA6,8) – caudal (motor), rostral cognitive; self –initiated actions, motor planning; bimanual coordination
- **Premotor motor cortex (PM)** (BA 6)



Levels 1-2: programming muscle force & velocity and coordination of movements
Levels 3-4: global tasks like creating movement plan & carryout adjustments to plans in progress based on circumstances

Fig. 1.2

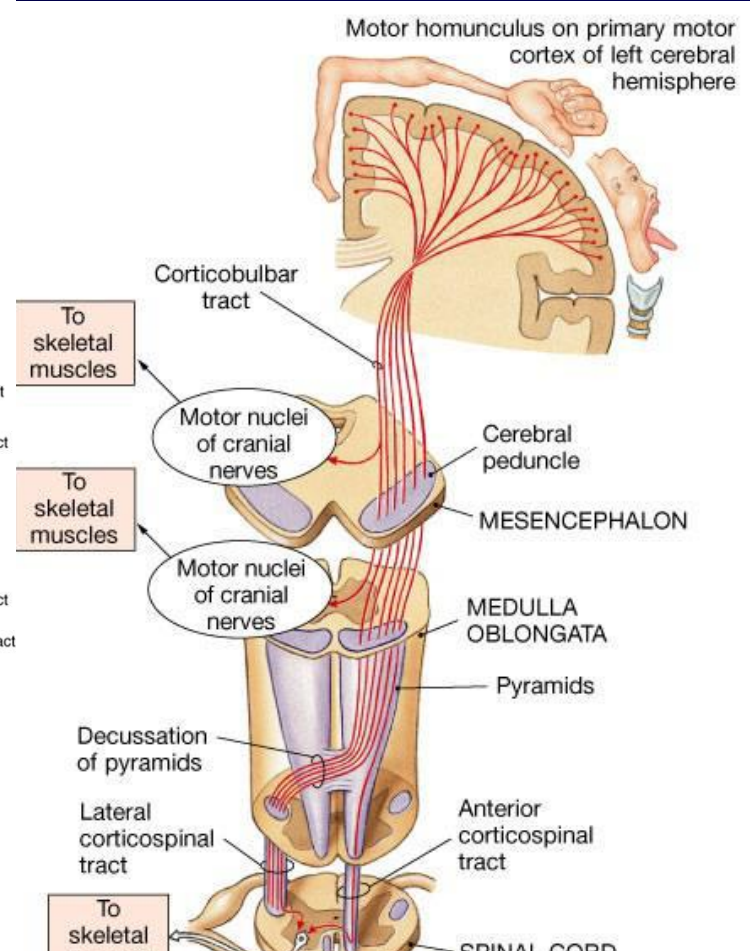
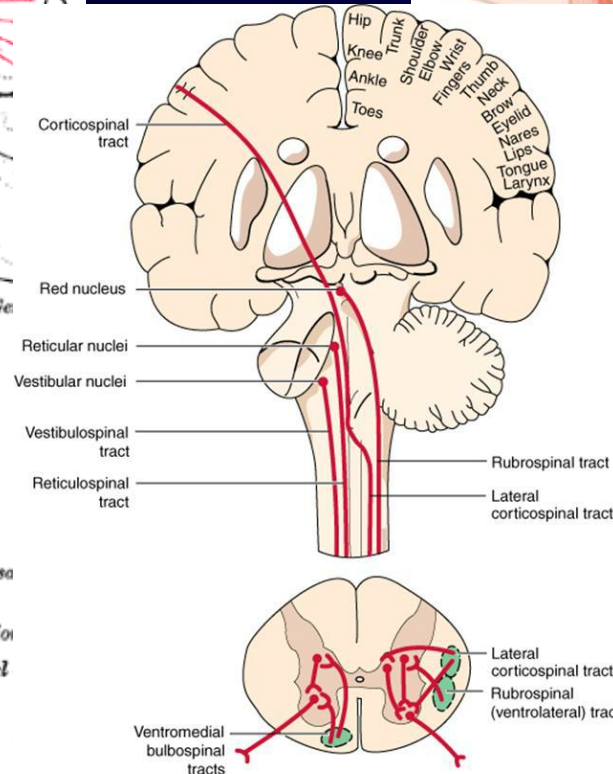
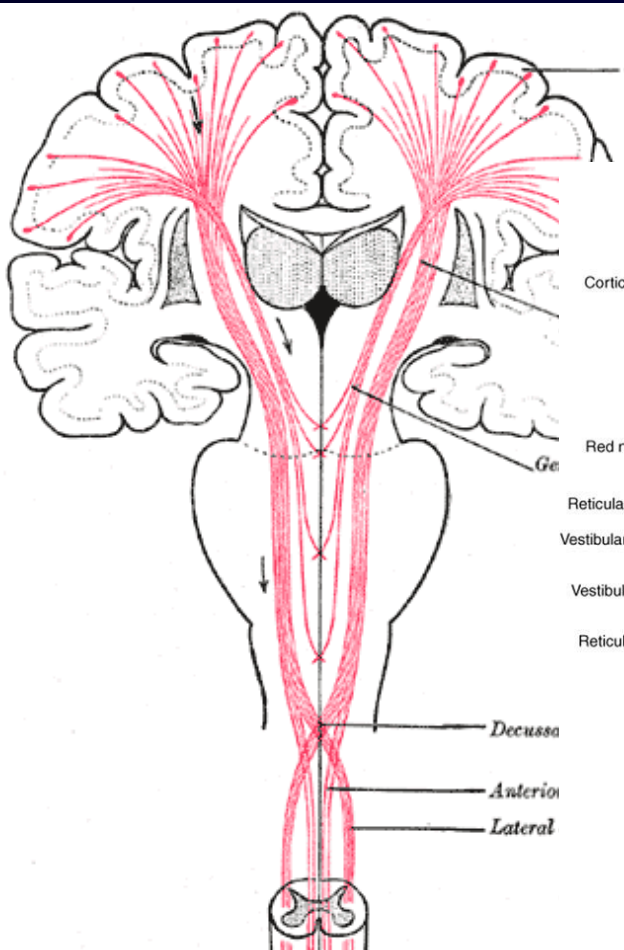
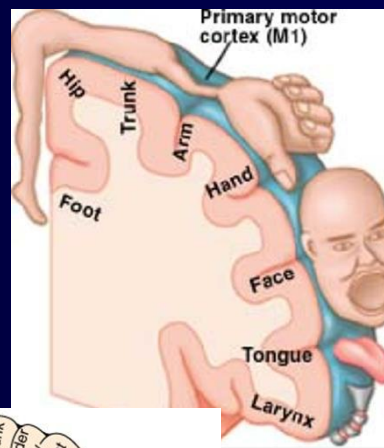


Main skeletomotor areas

Location	Role	Effects of Unilateral Damage
Primary Motor Cortex (M1) BA4 Precentral gyrus	Execution (common pathway) Ultra fast kinetic movement of contralateral body (motor homunculus)	Contralateral hemiparesis/hemiplegia (worst in face/hand)
Supplementary Motor Area (SMA) BA 6 (medial, caudal) Medial surface – superior frontal gyrus (above cingulate sulcus)	Planning (internal/self-initiated) Motor sequencing , bimanual coordination, initiation of complex actions, motor learning	Transient akinesia (ataxia) (impaired movement initiation bimanual discoordination, alien-hand or grasping reflex)
Premotor Cortex (PM) BA 6 (lateral) Lateral frontal lobe, immediately anterior to M1	Planning (external/sensory-guided) Preparation of goal-directed movements based on visual/tactile cues; proximal & postural control	Ideomotor apraxia (cannot perform skilled movements on command despite intact strength), difficulty with tool use or sequenced actions
Frontal Eye Field (FEF) BA 8 Posterior part of middle frontal gyrus (junction of BA 6/9)	Planning + Execution (oculomotor) Voluntary saccadic eye movements, gaze shifting, visual spatial attention	Contralateral saccadic gaze palsy , (impaired visual scanning,, difficulty to focuse eyes)
Broca's Area 44 & 45 Inferior frontal gyrus (pars opercularis = 44, pars triangularis = 45); dominant (usually left) hemisphere	Planning + Execution (speech motor) Articulatory planning, grammatical encoding, speech production & orofacial motor sequences	Broca's (non-fluent/expressive) aphasia (effortful, agrammatic speech with intact comprehension; apraxia of speech)



Corticospinal pathway

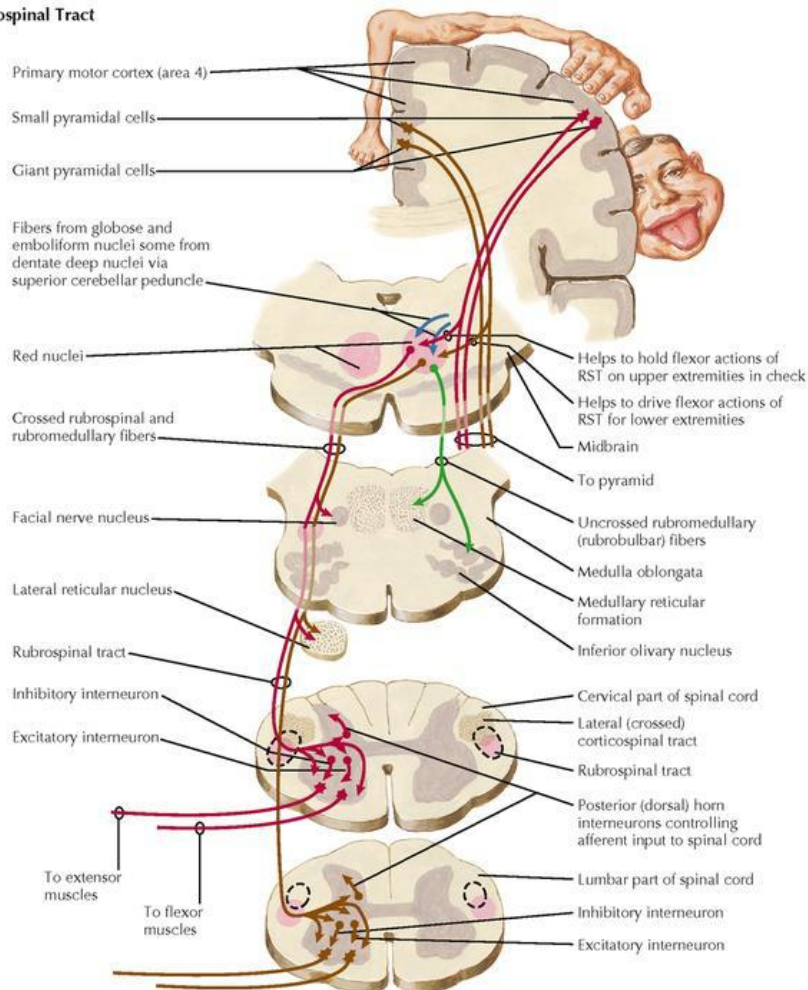


M1 is well developed in humans and serves for rapid 2 synaptic motor drive into fast-responding muscles of the hand, face, mouth, pharynx, tongue. It is not essential but disables impairs activities typical for humans

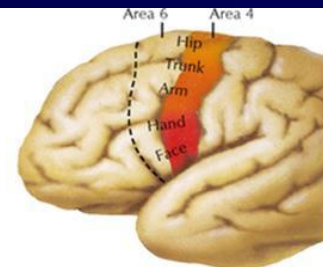
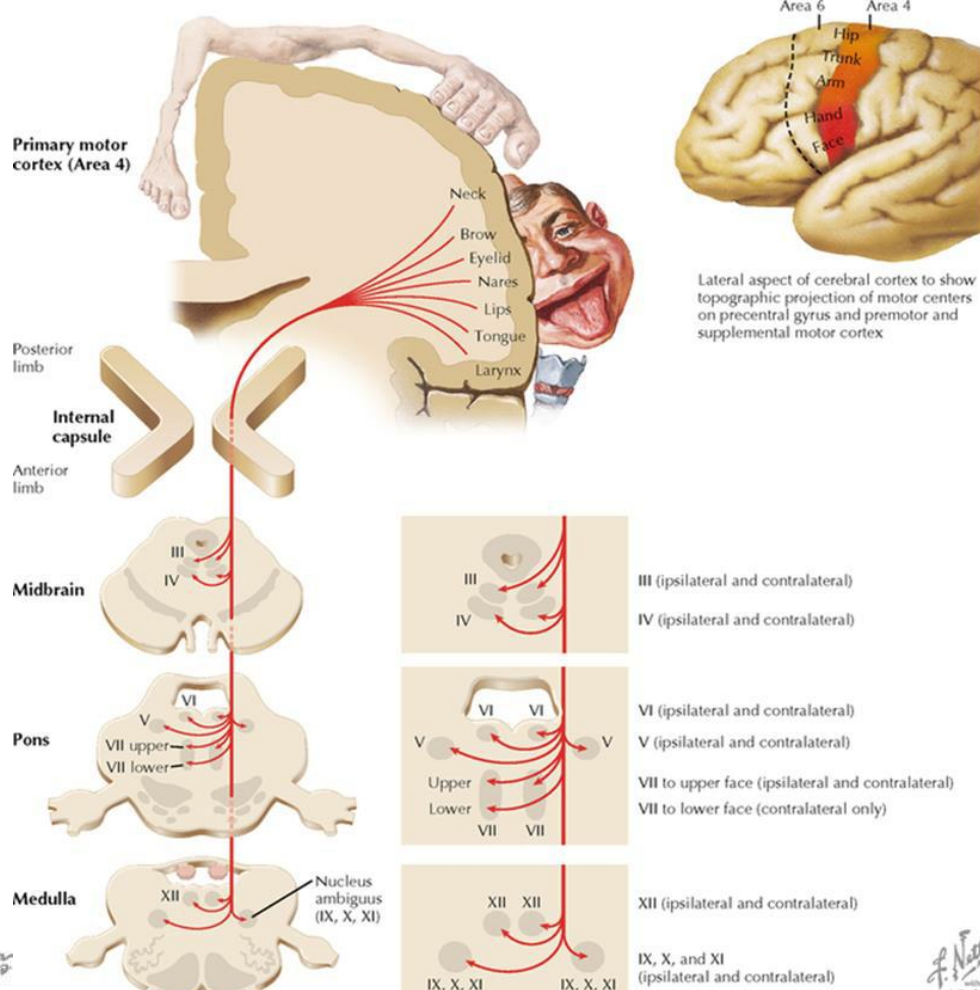
Rubrospinal pathways

Corticobulbar and corticospinal pathways

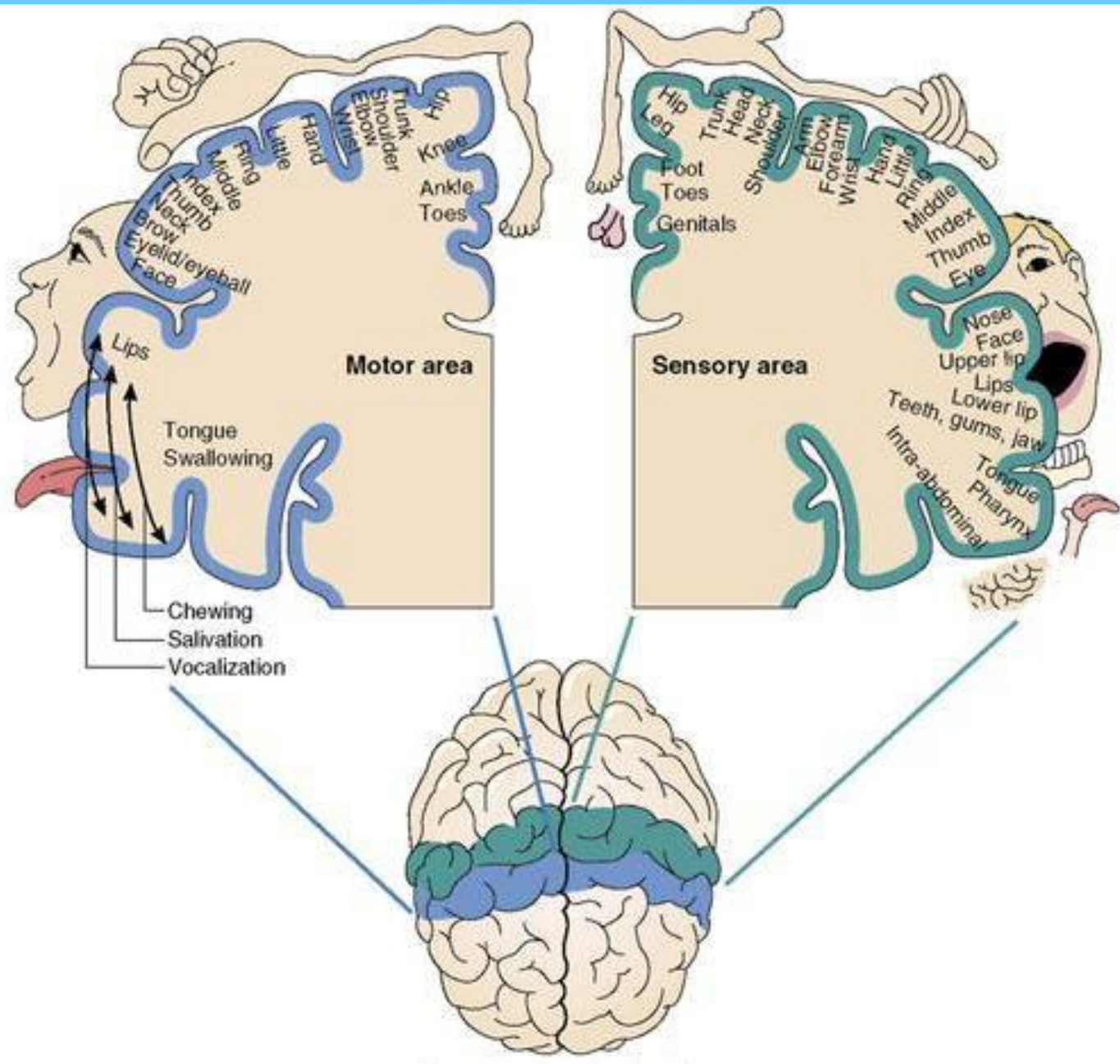
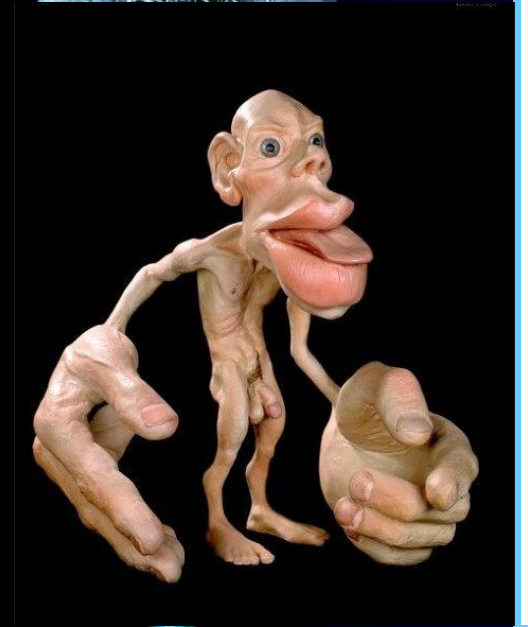
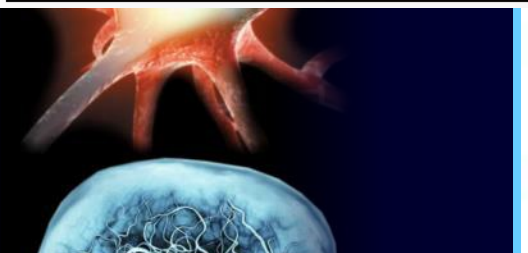
Rubrospinal Tract



Primary motor cortex (Area 4)

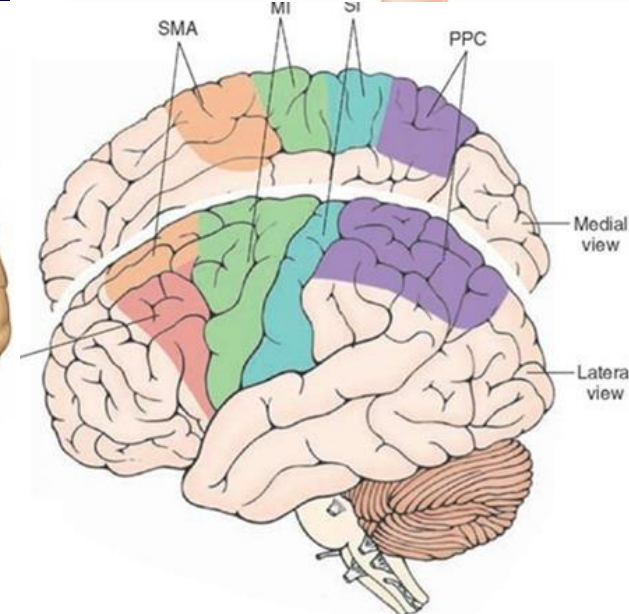
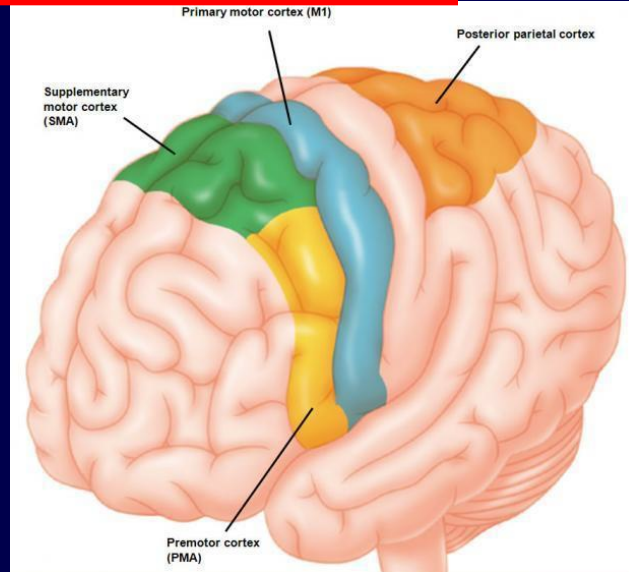
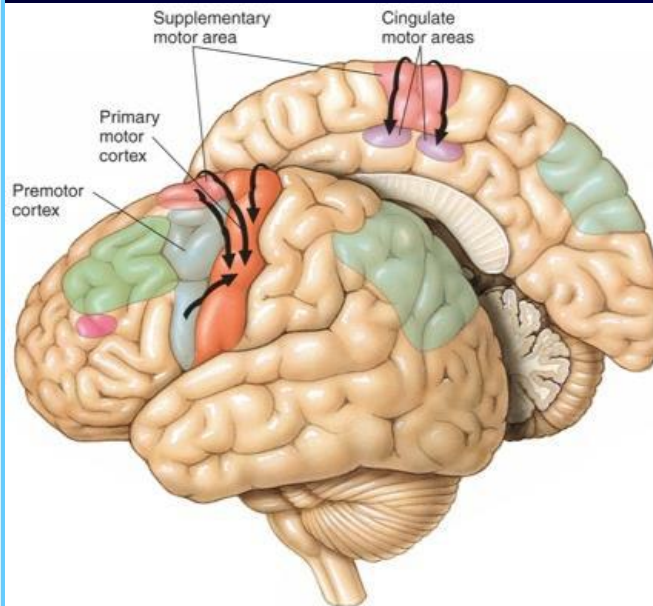
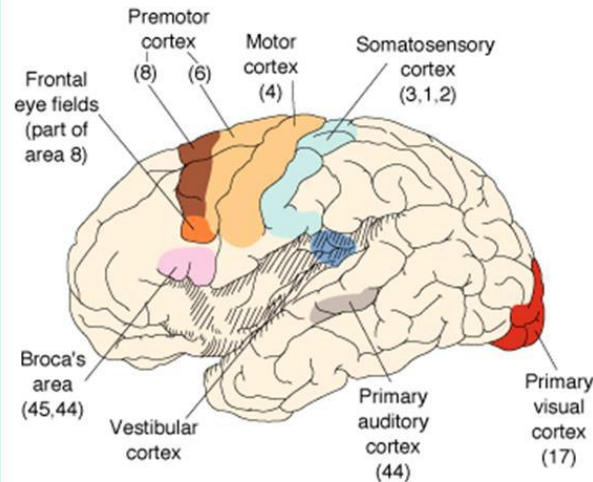
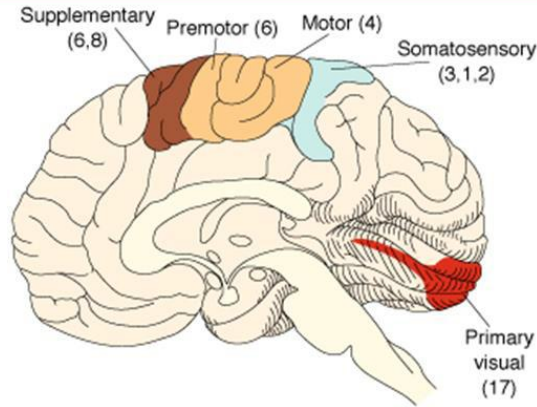


Lateral aspect of cerebral cortex to show topographic projection of motor centers on precentral gyrus and premotor and supplemental motor cortex



Cortical motor – associated areas

- Primary motor cortex (BA4)
- Supplementary (BA6,8)
- Premotor cortex (BA 6)
- Frontal association cortex
- Frontal eye field (6)
- Broca speech area (BA 44)
- Parietal eye field
- Parietal association cortex
- Writing, painting, speech



Cortical representation of motor (left, M1, precentral gyrus, area 4) and sensory (right, SI, postcentral gyrus, areas 1,3,2) supply (based on pioneering human data by Penfield and others)

Additional skeletomotor areas



APRAXIA & NEGLECT

Apraxia

✓ Inability to perform a purposeful action in the setting of preserved overall neurologic function, and is more common with LEFT brain injuries.

Hemispatial Neglect

✓ Neglect is a lack of regard for objects in the contralateral hemisphere and is more common with RIGHT brain injuries.

HEMISPATIAL NEGLECT

Mild – Extinction to double simultaneous stimulation.

Severe – Failure to attend to the left half of the world.

EXECUTIVE APRAXIAS

Limb-Kinetic Apraxia

Impairment in finely-graded finger movements and awkwardness of the arm and hand.

Speech Apraxia

Slowing and incoordination of speech in the presence of otherwise normal language.

Anosognosia

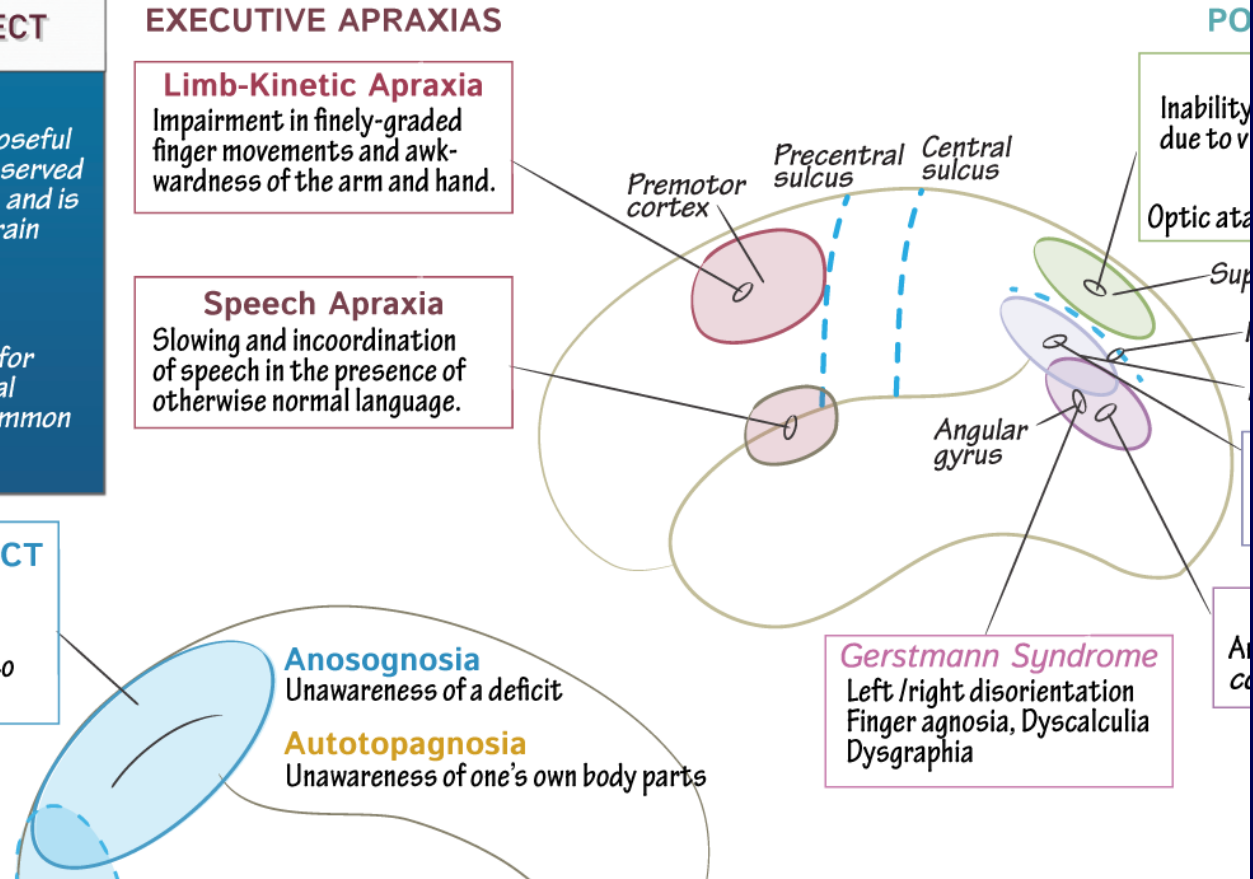
Unawareness of a deficit

Autotopagnosia

Unawareness of one's own body parts

Gerstmann Syndrome

Left /right disorientation
Finger agnosia, Dyscalculia
Dysgraphia





Area (Brodmann)	Role in movement / praxis	Damage effects
<p>Inferior parietal lobule (BA 39 + 40) Angular g. (39) + supramarginal g. (40)</p>	<p>Storage of “movement formulas” / praxis engrams; action recognition, sequencing, tool-use knowledge; sensory-motor integration</p>	<p>Left > right hemisphere Ideomotor apraxia (cannot imitate or pantomime on command); ideational/conceptual apraxia (cannot sequence multi-step actions or use tools conceptually); gesture discrimination I</p>
<p>Superior parietal lobule (BA 5 + 7) intraparietal sulcus; medial/lateral parietal</p>	<p>Somatosensory association; visuomotor integration; spatial body schema; online correction of movements</p>	<p>Right more neglect + constructional apraxia Optic ataxia (cannot accurately reach under visual guidance); constructional apraxia (drawing/copying deficits); Tactile/motor agnosia (astereognosis); dressing apraxia; part of Balint’s syndrome (with simultanagnosia)</p>
<p>Parieto-occipital junction / posterior parietal BA 7/19/39; intraparietal sulcus</p>	<p>Grasping, reaching, spatial attention for action</p>	<p>Optic ataxia + visuomotor apraxia; impaired tool grasping and action means Often co-occurs with inferior parietal lesions</p>
<p>Insula (not strict Brodmann; ~BA 13–16) lateral fissure;</p>	<p>Praxis of speech/orofacial movements; tool-use knowledge; action recognition</p>	<p>Left insula Speech apraxia (orofacial/limb-kinetic); impaired common tool use and action recognition; strongly linked to apraxia of speech</p>
<p>Corpus callosum (white-matter disconnection, not pure cortex)</p>	<p>Anterior body or splenium Inter-hemispheric transfer of praxis commands</p>	<p>Callosal apraxia (left-hand only ideomotor apraxia; right hand spared) Disconnection syndrome; parietal-frontal fibers affected</p>



Clinical pathophysiology of motor disorders

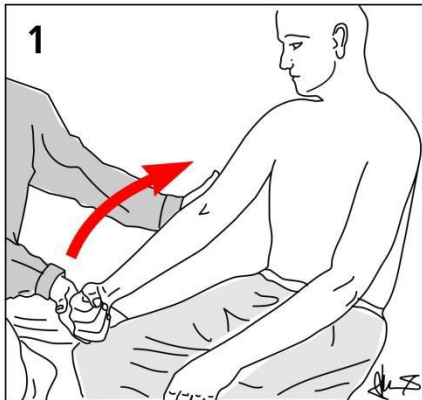
Clinical evaluation and terminology

- Ability to move, muscle force:
 - Muscle weakness (Paresis)
 - Paralysis (Plegia, Palsy)
 - Distribution of these:
 - Hemiparesis, quadraparesis, monoparesis, biplegia, paraparesis, etc.
- Appropriate amount or pattern of movement:
 - Hypokinesia, bradykinesia
 - Hyperkinesia, dyskinesia
 - Chorea, athetosis, tics, ballism, tremor, akathisia, myotonia, myokymia, myorhythmia
- Muscle tone:
 - Hypotonia - flaccidity
 - Hypertonia
 - Spasticity and rigidity
 - Dystonia and spasms
- Gait – standing, walking (narrow base, wide-base:
 - Ataxia (dystaxia)
 - Spinal (posterior collums)
 - Cerebellar, Frontal
 - Vestibular ataxia
- Reflexes:
 - Hyporeflexia,
 - Hyperreflexia

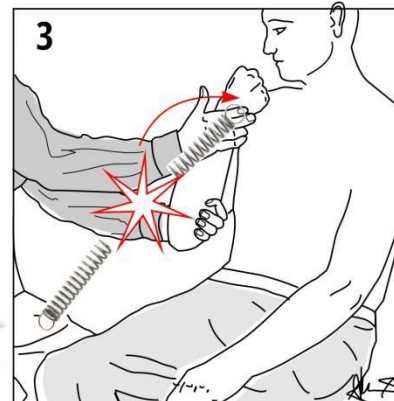
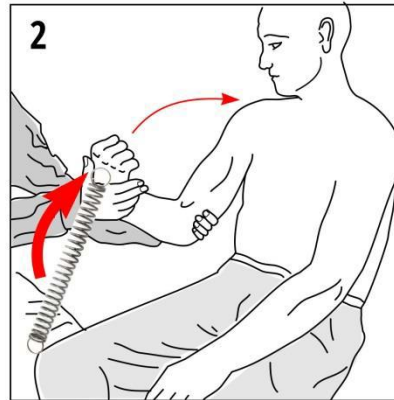
Muscle tone

- Def: Resistance felt by examiner while trying to move (flex) extremities passively
- Hypotonia - flaccidity dead hand, foot; dropping foot (flaccid paralysis)
- Hypertonia - **Spastic rigidity** (upper motor neuron syndrome; multiple sclerosis)
 - **Plastic rigidity** (extrapyramidal dis.; parkinsonism)

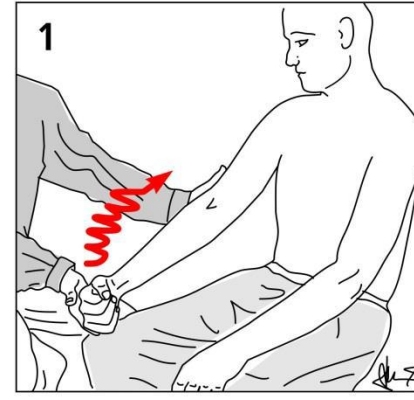
Clasp knife phenomenon



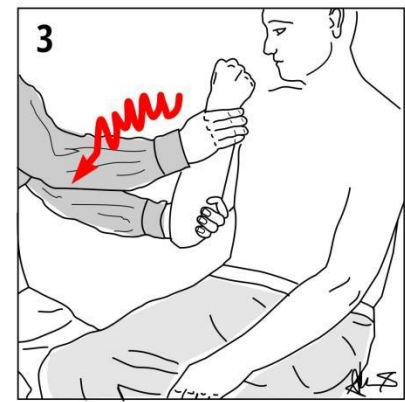
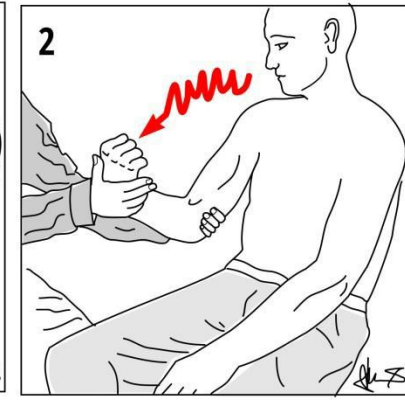
Spring like rigidity



Cog-wheel phenomenon

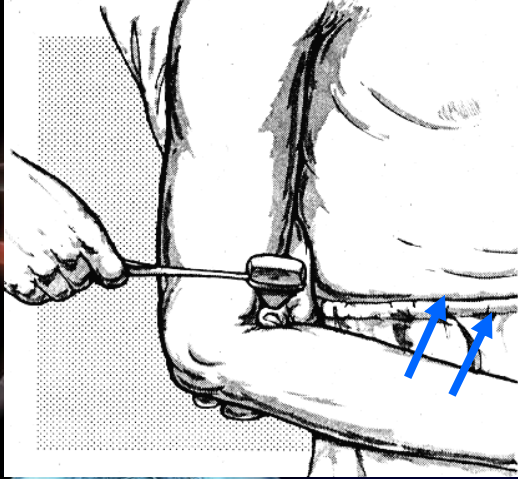


Plastic rigidity

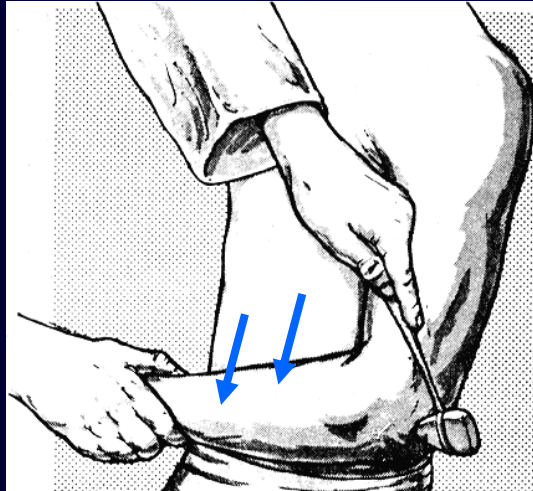


Deep tendon reflexes

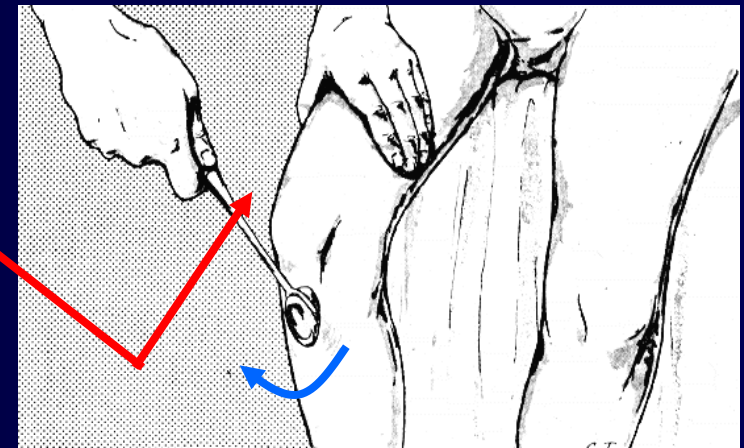
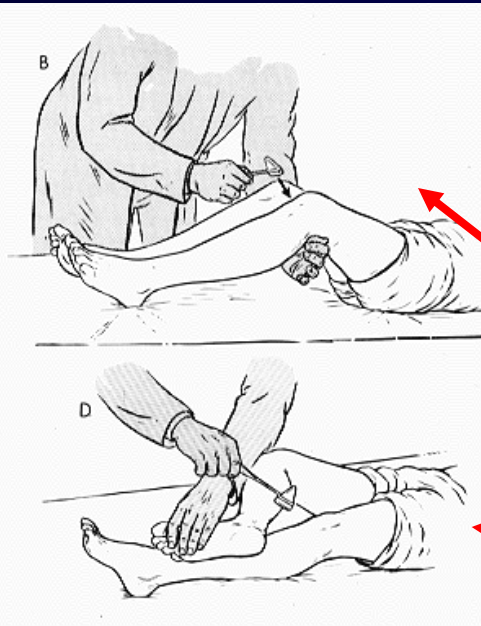
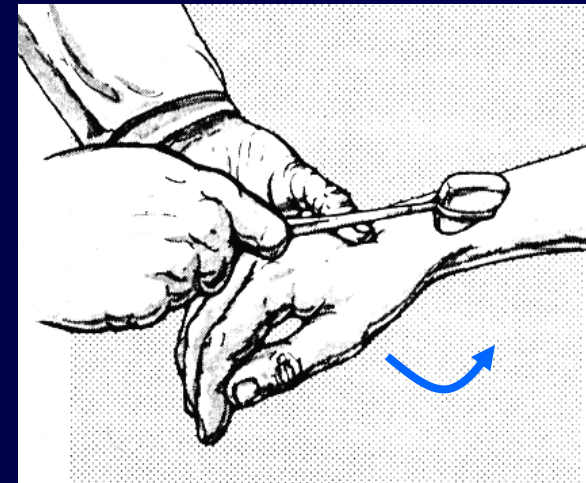
Bicipital reflex C5-C6



Tricipital reflex C7-C8

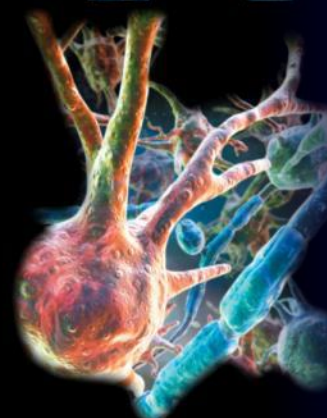
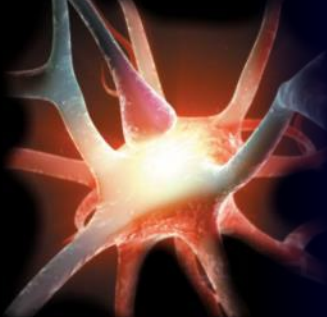
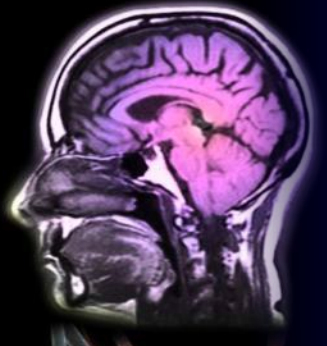


Reflex brachioradialis C5-C6



Patellar reflex L2-L4

Achilles ankle tendon reflex S1- S2



Cerenie zubov
Clenching the teeth



Uzatvorenie úst
Closing mouth



Špúlenie pier
Snouting



Zatvorenie očí
Closing eyes



Zatvorenie očí proti odporu
Closing eyes againsts resistance

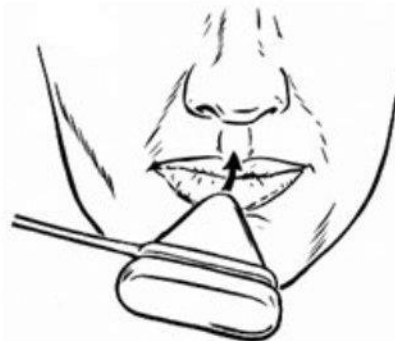
Dvíhanie obočia, vraštenie čela
Eyebrow raising, forehead wrinkling



Usmievanie
Smiling

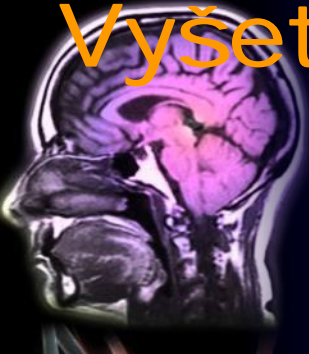


Jaw jerk
Maseterový
reflex

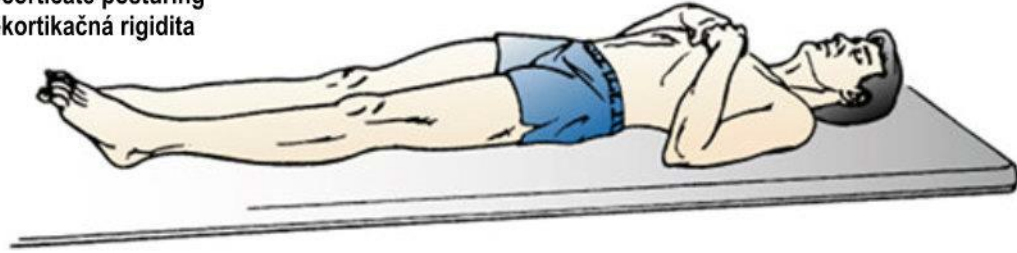


Deliberačné javy = axiálne reflexy (mentolabiálny, nazolabiálny)

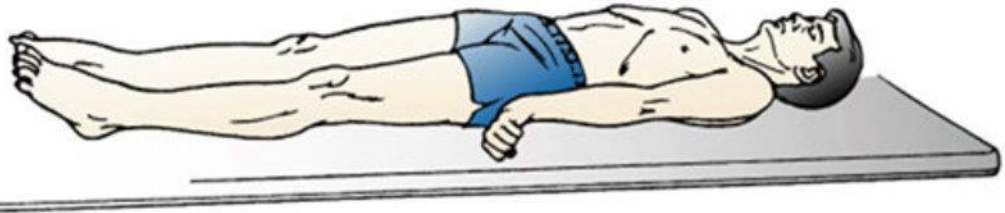
Vyšetrovanie patologických odpovedí



Decorticate posturing
Dekortikačná rigidita



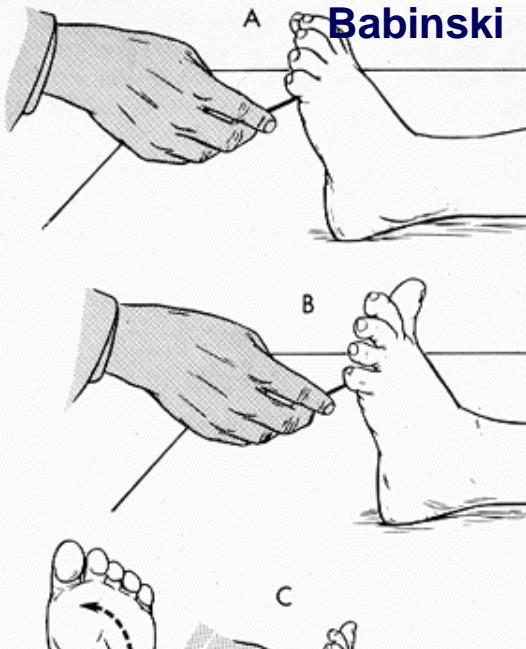
Decerebrate posturing
Decerebračná rigidita



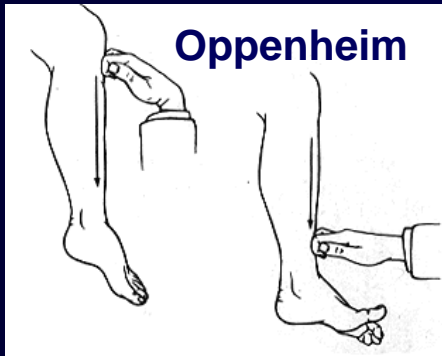
Gordon



Babinski



Oppenheim



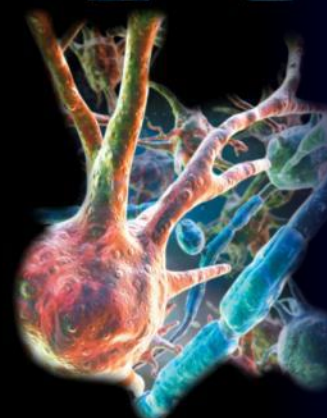
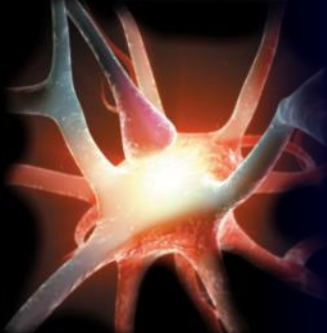
Chaddock



Hoffmanov reflex (reakcia)

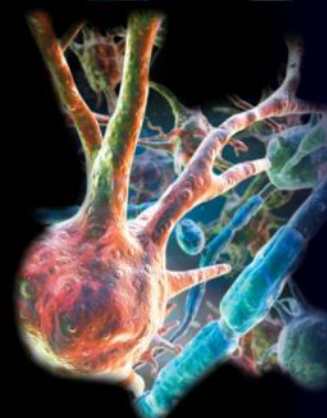
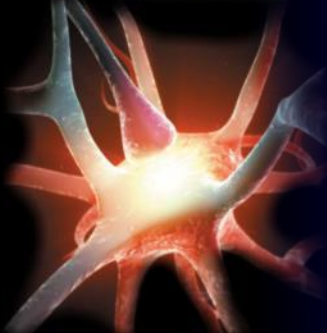
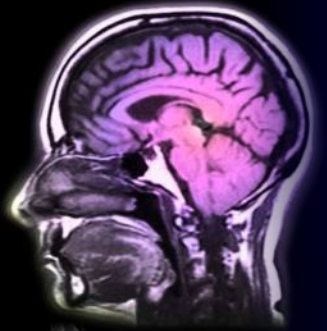
Gait disturbances

- **Spastic Gait (Hemiparetic or Scissor)** damage to pyramidal tract upper motor neurons (e.g., stroke or Cerebral Palsy).
 - **Hemiparetic:** Sy: One side is stiff. The patient cannot flex the hip or knee properly, so they swing the leg out in a semi-circle (Circumduction) to move forward.
 - **Scissor (Diplegic):** Sy: Both legs are affected. The thighs press together, and the knees cross over each other like scissors while walking.
- **Parkinsonian Gait (Festinating)** cause: Parkinson's disease; Sy: Stoop posture, small shuffling steps, and a lack of arm swing. Festination—the patient's center of gravity is too far forward, so they start walking faster and faster in small steps as if trying to "catch up" with their own body to avoid falling.
- **Waddling Gait (Myopathic)** cause: muscular dystrophy or severe hip weakness; Sy: The pelvis drops on the side of the leg being lifted. The entire trunk sways from side to side, resembling a duck's walk, because the "Gluteus Medius" muscle is too weak to stabilize the hip.
- **Trendelenburg gait** - cause: /paralysis of the hip abductor muscles, primarily the gluteus medius and gluteus minimus. Sy: In a healthy person, these muscles contract when standing on one leg to keep the pelvis level. In a patient with a Trendelenburg gait, the "pump" fails, causing the pelvis to tilt.



Gait disturbances

- **Steppage Gait (Equine/Neuropathic)** cause: "Foot Drop" Peroneal nerve palsy or L5 radiculopathy). Sy: The patient lifts their knee extra high to prevent the toes from dragging on the ground. When the foot finally hits the floor, it makes a distinctive "slap" sound.
- **Sensory Ataxic Gait (Stamping)** damage to posterior columns; The patient watches the ground and their feet constantly. Stamping. They slam their feet down hard to create a vibration they can actually feel. This gait worsens significantly in the dark.
- **Cerebellar gait** cause: damaged (e.g., Stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, or Alcoholism). Sy: : Wide-based stance (legs far apart) and staggering. The patient is unsteady and "veers" from side to side, appearing intoxicated.



Gait disturbances

Spastic hemiparetic



Spastic paraparetic



- Cerebral, subcortical, or myelopathic lesions. Stroke, MS, or tumor at multiple sites: frontal lobe, internal capsule, pontine, or brainstem and cervical spinal cord, particularly spinal stenosis.

Gait disturbances

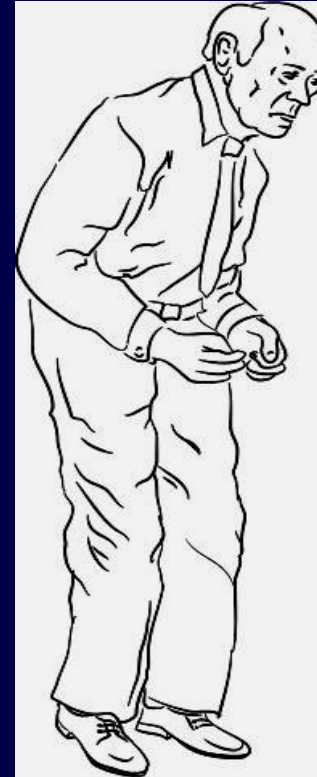
Rigid parkinsonic



Light: unilateral; mask face; rigid right arm held, tremor



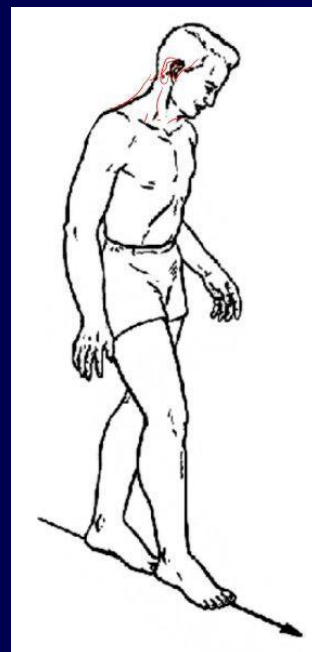
Mild: bilateral; mask face; stooped posture, shuffling, short steps (petit pas)



Severe: instability, falling bilateral; inability to start to move (hypokinesia) shuffling, short steps arm, hand "robot" flexion



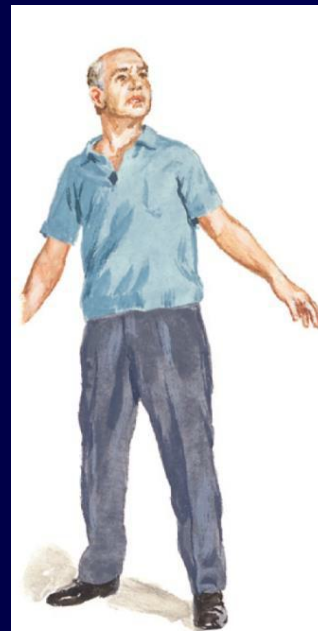
Peroneal steppage (peroneal n. lesion)



Retropulsions (vestibular dis.)
Falling to back
Frontal ataxia

Frontal/cortical
Subcortical-hypokinetic
Subcortical-hyperkinetic
Pyramidal
Cerebellar
Vestibular
Neuropathic
Myopathic
Orthopedic

Painful burning feet with numbness and tingling. Foot drop.



Wide based stance: Subacute cerebellar degeneration.



Wide based cerebellar gait teetering back and forth.

Gait disturbances

C Cerebellar Gait



Wide-based gait of midline cerebellar tumor or other lesion



Typical wide-based gait of drug intoxication

D Apraxic, Frontal Gait



Apraxic gait of normal-pressure hydrocephalus

E Lumbar Spine Disease



Characteristic posture in left-sided lower lumbar disc herniation



Patient with lumbar spinal stenosis with forward flexion gait

F Peripheral Neuropathies



Patient walks gingerly due to loss of position sense and/or painful dysesthesia



Sudden buckling of knee while going down stairs (femoral nerve)

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Sudden occurrence of foot drop while walking (peroneal nerve)

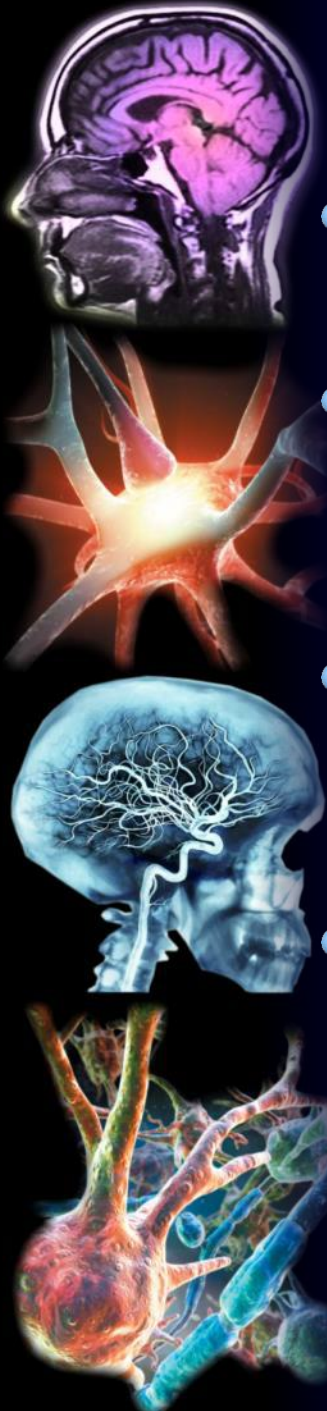
G Myopathy



Severe myopathy or NMJ lesion with proximal weakness

Ataxia

- Def.: loss of coordination and balance, difficulty in speech and swallowing, unsteady walking, hand clumsiness, and affected eye movements. should be differentiated from dizziness.
- Sympt:
 - walking is unsteady or with the feet set wide apart to maintain better balance
 - difficulty with fine motor tasks (eating, writing, stitching, tying laces)
 - change/difficulty in speech (dysarthria), difficulty in swallowing,
- Etio: damage to cerebellum) or its neural connections from spinal cord, vestibular nerve, cortex
 - Neurologic damage (focal lesions) vs. Systemic disorders (general lesions)
 - Acquired cases vs hereditary causes.
- Acquired focal:
 - Kids - Cerebral palsy (damage to a child's brain during early development),
 - Children, adults - Brain tumor (causing pressure on cerebellum), Head injury, Multiple sclerosis, Stroke, Brain abscess, Multiple system atrophy

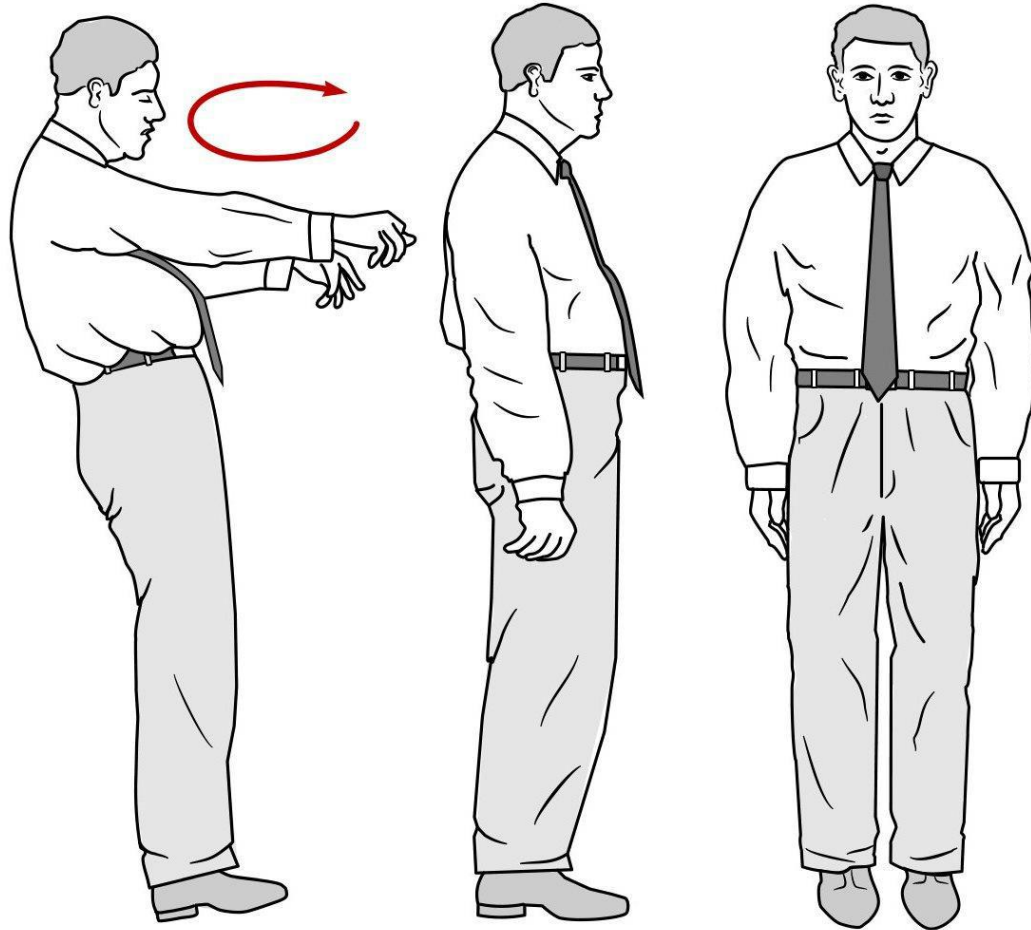


Romberg test

Closed eyes

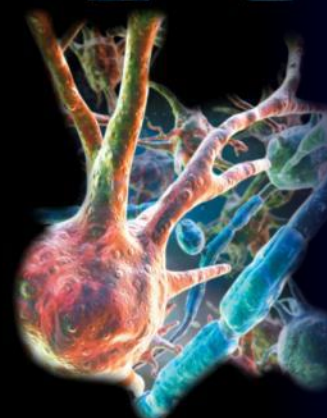
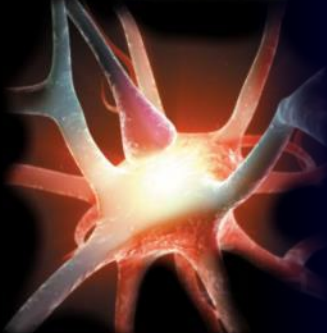
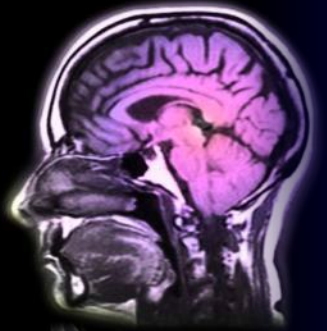
Opened eyes

Opened eyes



Ataxia

- **Acquired general:** a) Alcohol (acute intoxication + alcoholism = long-term excess intake), b) Vitamin deficiency (B1, B12, B6), c) Medications (side effects - barbiturates (phenobarbital), benzodiazepines (diazepam); antiepileptics (phenytoin), chemotherapy) d) Infections (usually viral – exanthems, COVID, HIV), e) Toxins (metal poisoning -lead, mercury, solvents, thinners) f) Thyroid problems g) Autoimmune diseases or paraneoplastic syndromes (abnormal immune response to cancer).
- **Hereditary causes:** genetic abnormalities of proteins in the cerebellum
- **a) Autosomal dominant :** spinocerebellar ataxia (progressive degenerative); episodic ataxia (brief episodes triggered by stress, sudden movement and startling, associated with muscle twitching, and weakness).
- **b) Autosomal recessive:**
 - Friedreich's ataxia (most common) – < 25 y. of age; difficulty in walking, arch deformities of the feet, deformities of spine (scoliosis), abnormal arm-trunk coordination, abnormal speech (slurred), weakness, and involuntary eye movements. Cause: damage to the cerebellum, spinal cord, peripheral nerves



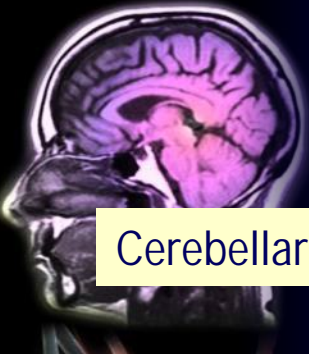
Ataxia

Forms:

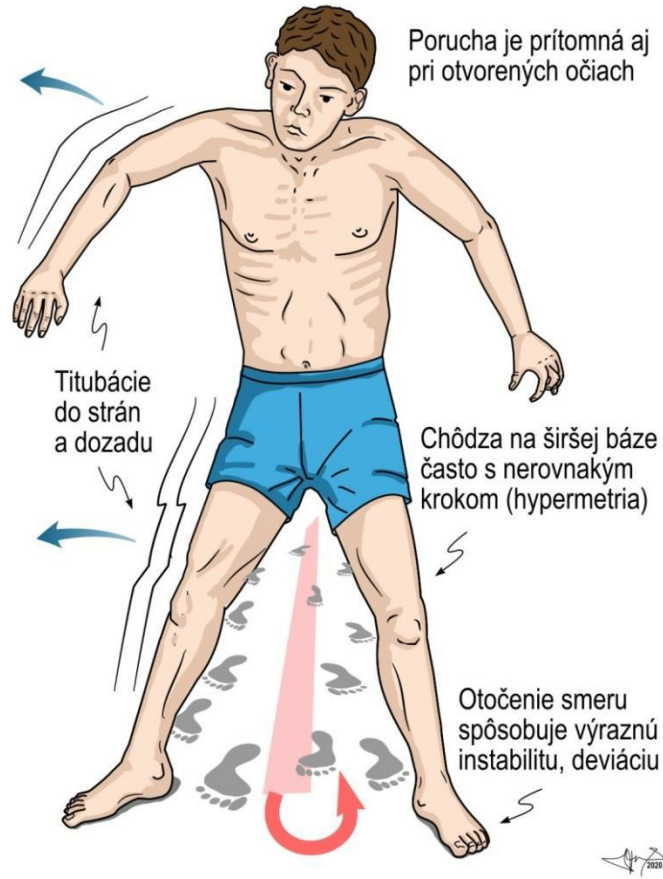
- **Cerebellar ataxia** - most common form, Cause: damage to the cerebellum). Symptoms: "Drunk-like" gait, stumbling, and difficulty with fine motor tasks. Speech: "Scanning" speech—staccato-like, where the person breaks words into individual syllables.
- **Sensory (spinal) ataxia** - loss of "proprioception" (the sense of where your limbs are in space). Cause: Damage to the spinal cord or peripheral nerves (Vitamin B12 deficiency, advanced diabetes). Symptoms: „ High-Steppage Gait: Patients often "stomp" to increase the vibration and sensory feedback from the floor. They usually fail the Romberg Test.
- **Vestibular Ataxia** Cause: damage to inner ear or vestibular nerve. Symptoms: Vertigo, nausea, and a tendency to veer toward one side while walking.
- **Frontal (apraxic) ataxia** Cause: cortical degeneration- dementia; Symptoms: hesitating, unsure gait; leaning against the surrounding walls, furniture



Gait disturbances



Cerebellar ataxia



Wide base, titubations, turning back problem, open eyes

Vestibular ataxia



Tilted head, wide base, side deviation, open/ closed eyes

Spinal ataxia



Tilted head, wide base, side deviation, open/ closed eyes, Steppage Gait



PARALYSIS (PALSY)

1. Lower motoneuron syndrome – peripheral palsy (weakness)

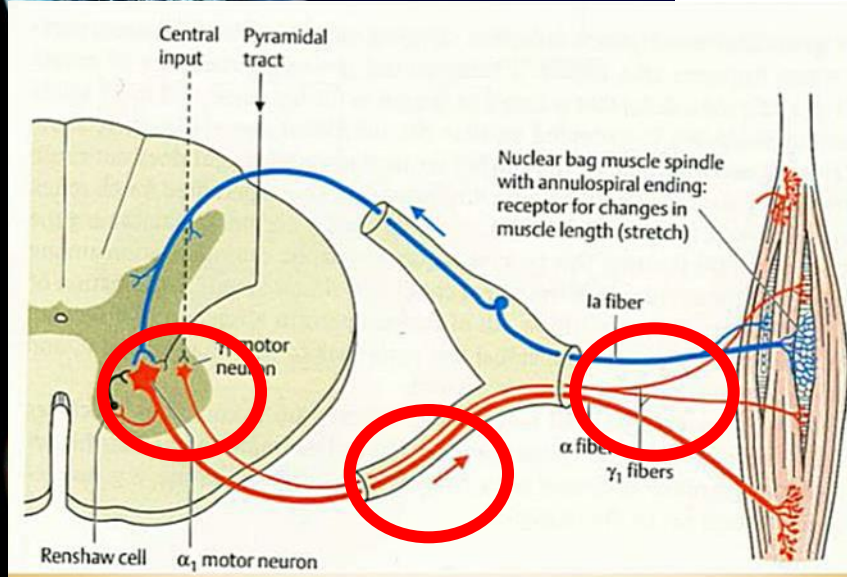
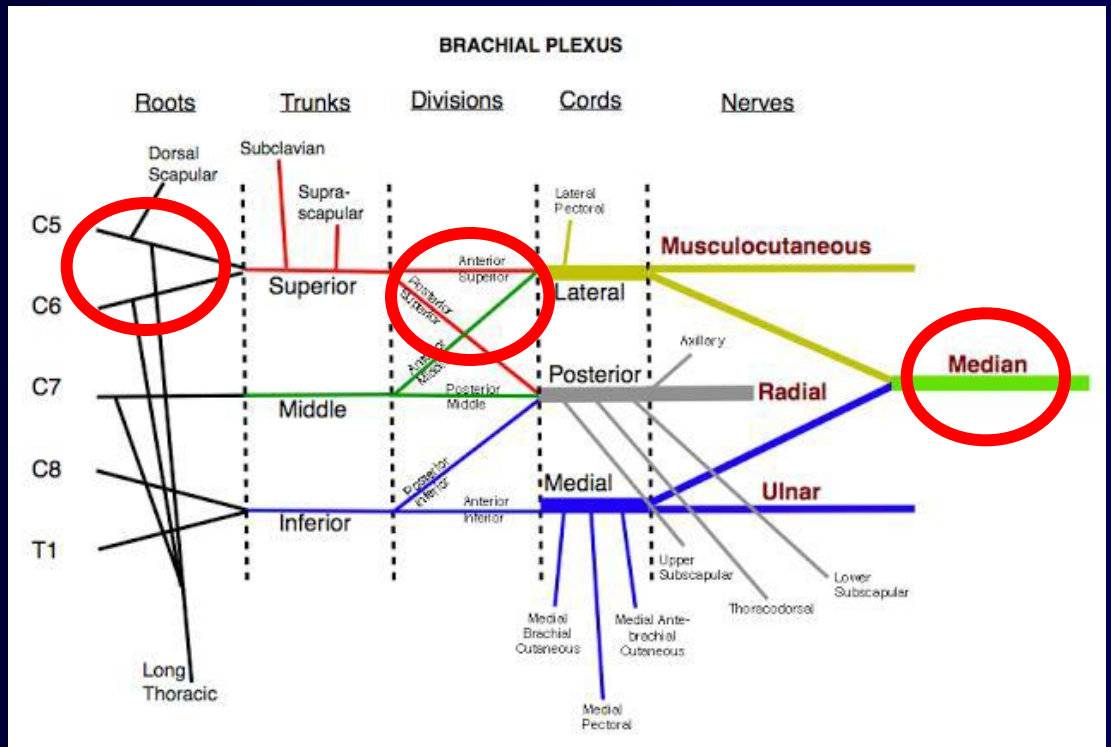
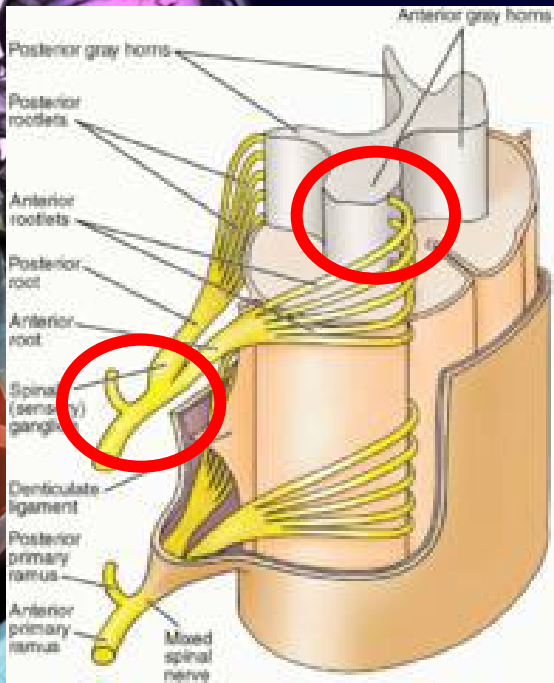
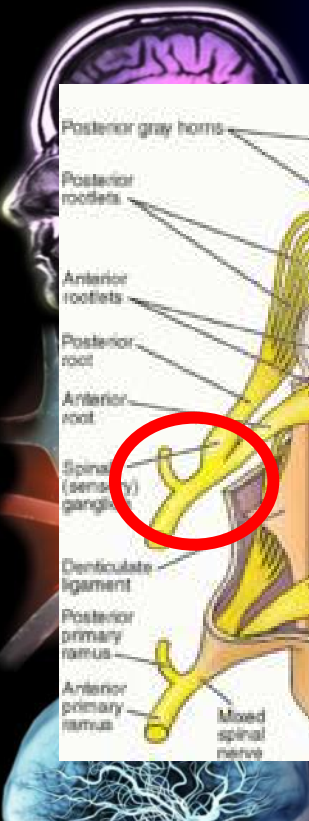
- Weakness (palsy) in one or more muscles, groups
 - watershed of nerve, plexus, root, anterior horn
- Hypotonia, atonia (flaccidity) - floppy
- Hyporeflexia, areflexia
- Muscle atrophy
- Fasciculations, fibrillations
 - mostly under motoneuronal damage (cord, brainstem)
- Spasms, cramps
 - in unaffected antagonistic muscles

Causes:

- damage to the nerve, plexus,
- damage to the anterior horn of spinal cord (trauma, ischaemia) or ventral roots

Symptoms are homolateral to the site of damage





● Manifeztation

Erb paralysis

Injuries of C4 root may cause phrenic nerve paralysis and respiratory distress

Injuries of upper brachial plexus or its nerve roots (C5, 6) may cause Erb's palsy

Suprascapular nerve (C5, 6)

Musculocutaneous nerve (C5, 6, 7)

Axillary nerve (C5, 6)

Radial nerve

Median nerve

Ulnar nerve

Phrenic nerve

C3

C4

C5

C6

C7

C8

T1

White ramus communicans (fibers to cervical sympathetic trunk)

Superior (upper) trunk

Infant with Erb's palsy on right side. Muscles of shoulder and upper arm chiefly affected. Elbow extended (and wrist may be flexed), but grasp normal

Damage to cervical roots and plexuses

Trapezius

Erb Palsy

Clavicle

Humerus

Nerve to biceps

Radial nerve (triceps, wrist and finger opening)

Median nerve (hand function)

Ulnar nerve (hand function)

Axillary nerve (nerve to deltoid)

First rib

C5

C6

C7

C8

T1

Klumpke paralysis

Injuries of lower brachial plexus or its nerve roots (C7, 8; T1) cause Klumpke's palsy and often Horner's syndrome

Musculocutaneous nerve

Axillary nerve

Radial nerve

Median nerve

Ulnar nerve (C8, T1)

White ramus communicans (fibers to cervical sympathetic trunk)

Inferior (lower) trunk

C3

C4

C5

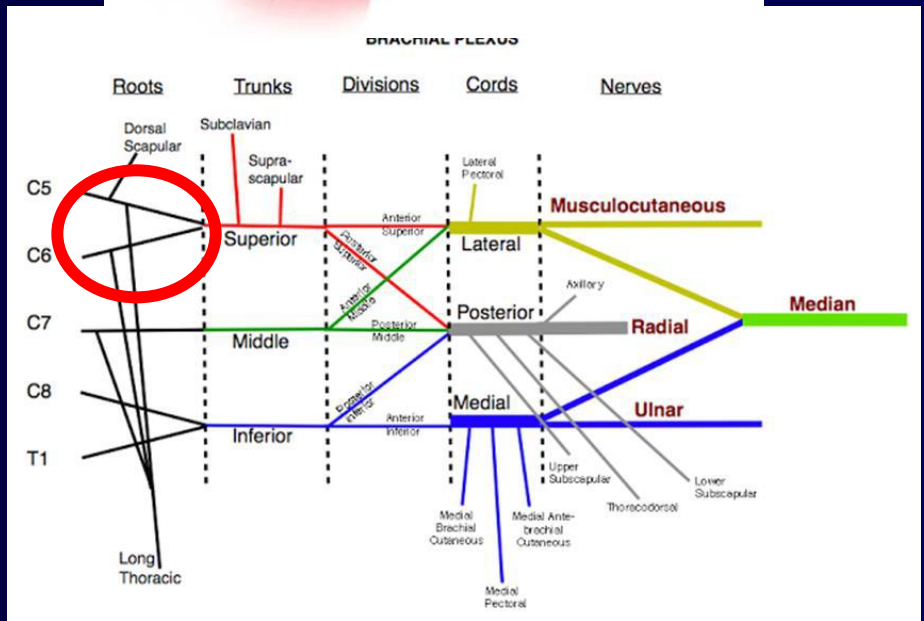
C6

C7

C8

T1

Young girl with Klumpke's palsy on right side. Muscles of forearm and hand chiefly affected. Grasp weak and affected limb small. Horner's syndrome present, due to interruption of fibers to cervical sympathetic trunk



Upper extremity - nerve damage

Radial Nerve



Median Nerve

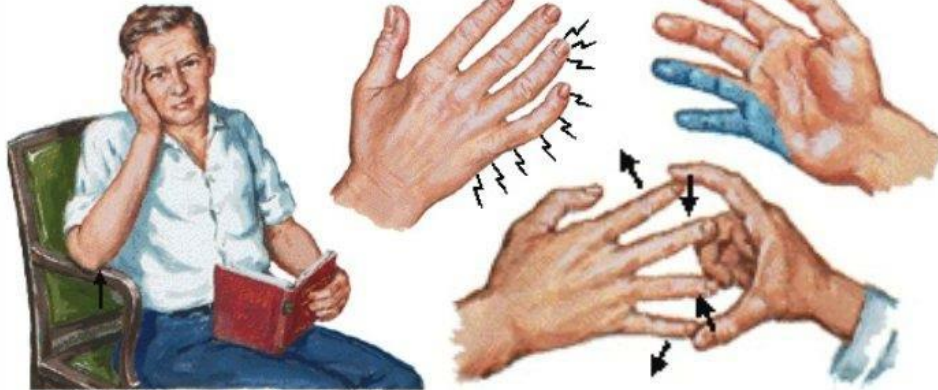


Patient awakened by tingling and/or pain in thumb, index and middle fingers



Atrophy of thenar muscles due to long-standing compression of median nerve

Ulnar Nerve



Compression of nerve on hard surface (chair, desk, table, etc.)

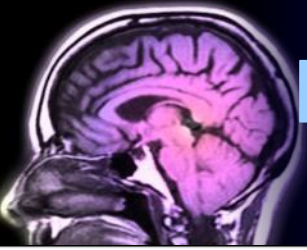
Numbness, tingling in ulnar nerve area. Interosseous muscle wasting between thumb and index finger, abduction and adduction by interosseous muscles diminishes or loses



Difficulty in rising arm to brush hair



Gradual numbness of fingers while driving



Lower extremity - nerve damage

N. gluteus inferior



Difficulty in arising from chair is often an early complaint

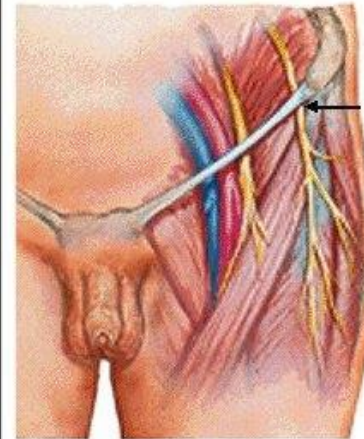


Difficult stepping into bus



Difficulty in climbing stairs is often an early symptom due to weakness of pelvic girdle muscles

Lateral paralysis of n.femoralis



Entrapment of nerve under inguinal ligament



Numbness and dysesthesia in lateral thigh meragia paraesthetica



Fibular (peroneal) nerve

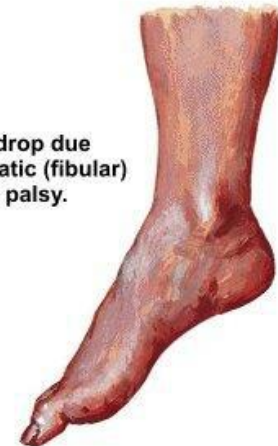
Compression of common fibular nerve over fibular head, e.g. sitting with legs crossed, or sleeping on side on hard surface

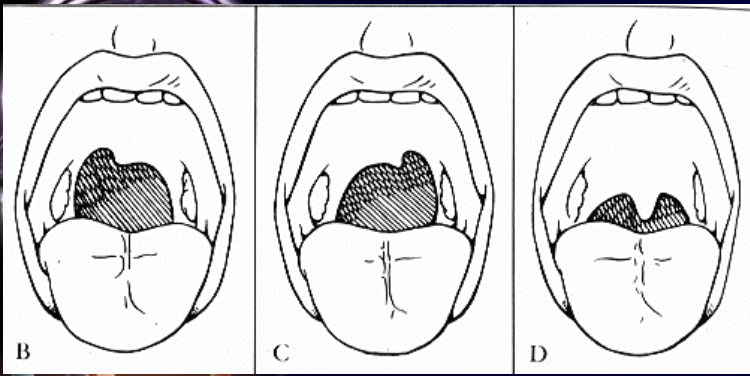
Sciatic Nerve



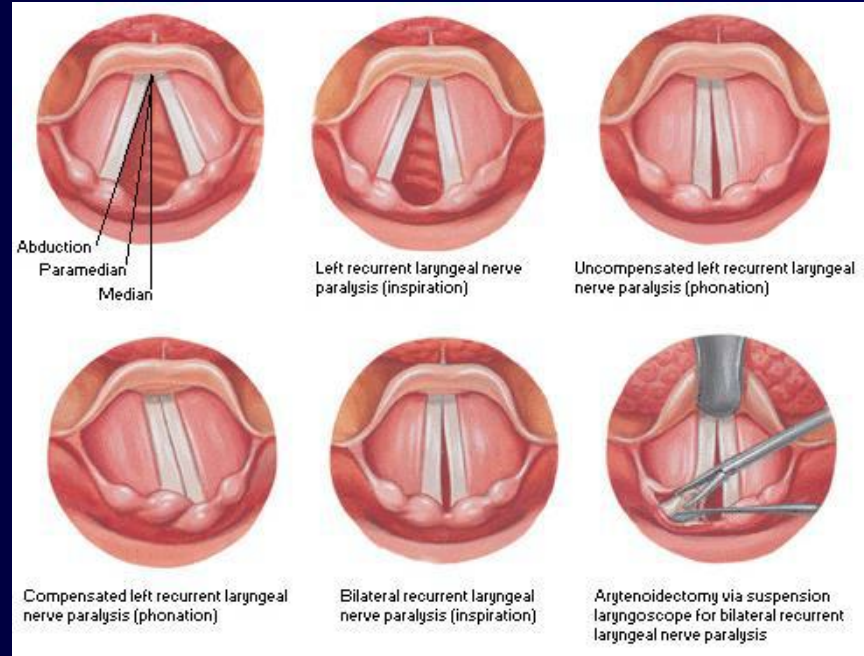
Posterior dislocation of hip. Femoral head may impinge on sciatic nerve, leading to palsy.

Foot drop due to sciatic (fibular) nerve palsy.

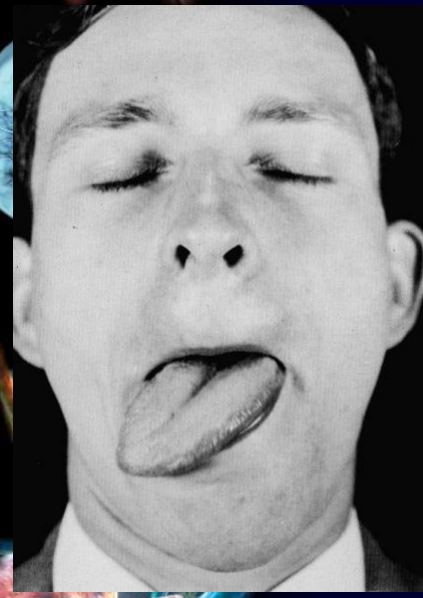




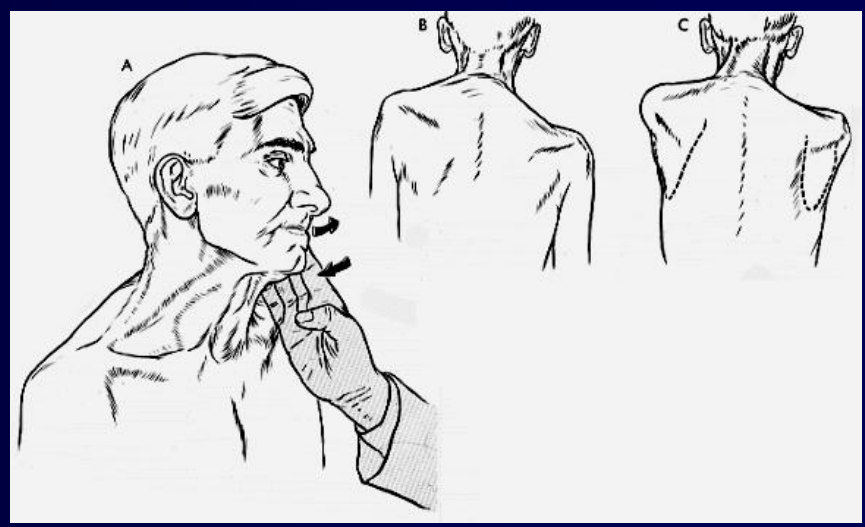
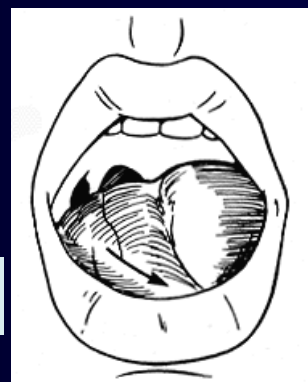
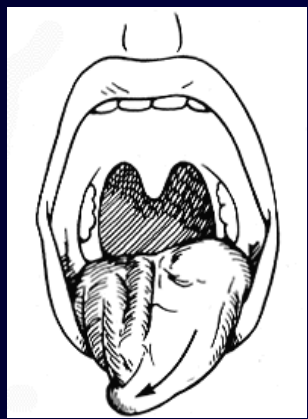
**Soft palate drop
Nuclear palsy IX, Xn**



Vocal cord paralysis



Nuclear palsy of XII n



Nuklear palsy of XI n (accessorius n.)

Neurology of cervical radiculopathies (herniation syndromes)



Herniated disc compresses nerve root



Myelogram (AP view) shows prominent extradural defect at C6-7



Spurling's maneuver. Hyperextension of neck and rotation away from side of lesion cause radicular pain in arm and neck.

Level	Motor signs (weakness)	Reflex signs	Sensory loss
C5	Deltoid	0	
C6	Biceps brachii	Biceps brachii Weak or absent reflex	
C7	Triceps brachii	Triceps brachii Weak or absent reflex	
C8	Interossei	Horner's Syndrome	



Thumb extension. Extensor pollicis longus. C6

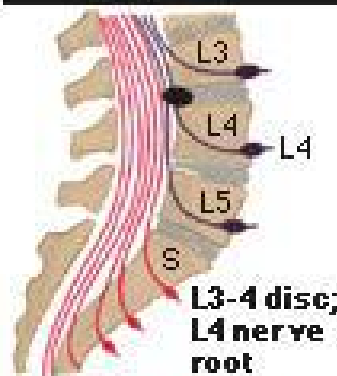


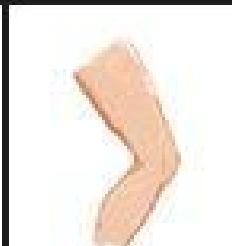
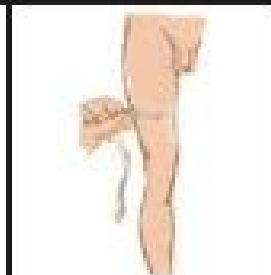

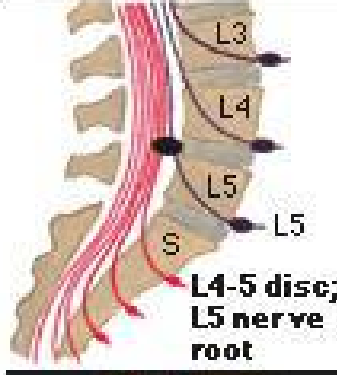
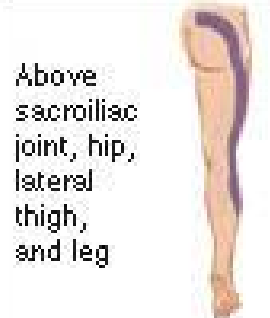



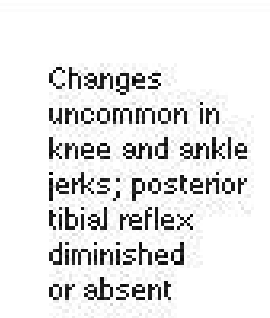
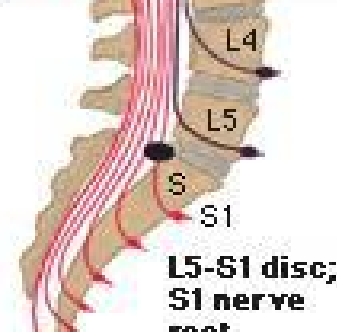

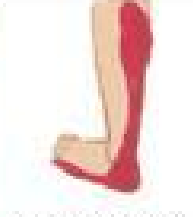
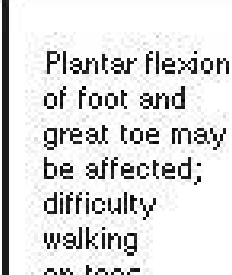
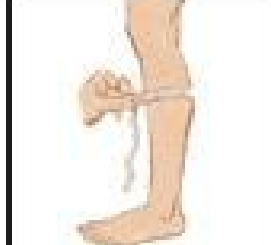



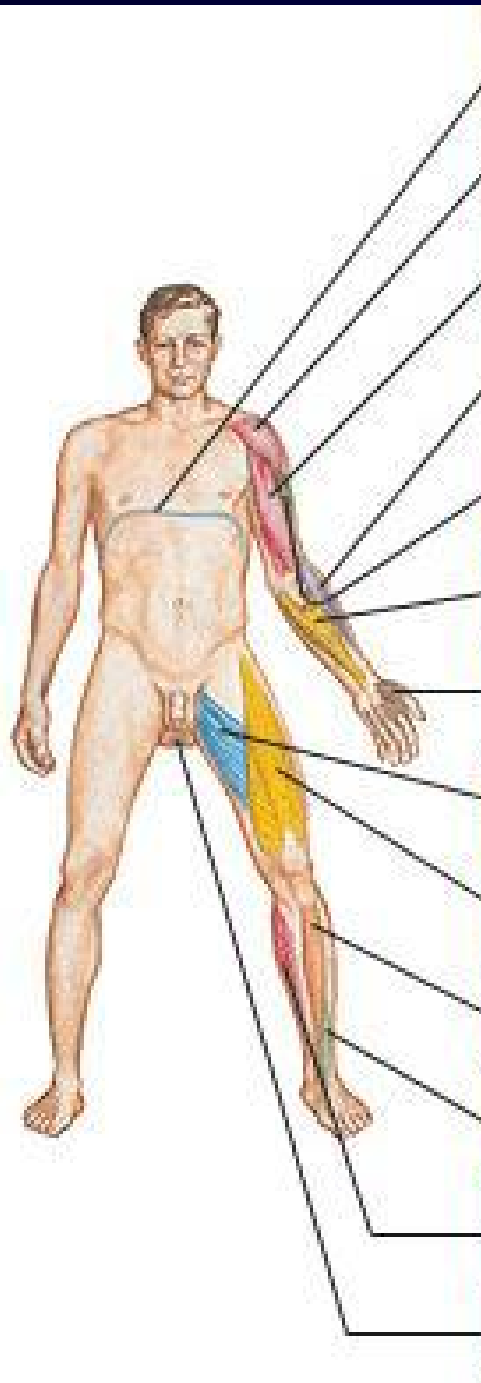
Finger extension. Extensor digitorum. C7



Finger flexion. Flexor digitorum superficialis and profundus. C8

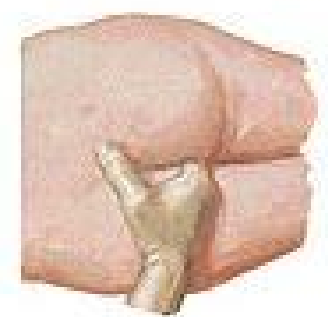
Neurology of lumbar radiculopathies (herniation syndromes)

Level of herniation	Pain	Numbness	Weakness	Atrophy	Reflexes
 <p>L3 L4 L5 S</p> <p>L3-4 disc; L4 nerve root</p>	 <p>Lower back, hip, posterolateral thigh, anterior leg</p>	 <p>Anteromedial thigh and knee</p>	 <p>Quadriceps</p>	 <p>Quadriceps</p>	 <p>Knee jerk diminished</p>
 <p>L3 L4 L5 S</p> <p>L4-5 disc; L5 nerve root</p>	 <p>Above sacroiliac joint, hip, lateral thigh, and leg</p>	 <p>Lateral leg, first three toes</p>	 <p>Dorsiflexion of great toe and foot; difficulty walking on heels; foot drop may occur</p>	 <p>Minor or nonspecific</p>	 <p>Changes uncommon in knee and ankle jerks; posterior tibial reflex diminished or absent</p>
 <p>L4 L5 S S1</p> <p>L5-S1 disc; S1 nerve root</p>	 <p>Over sacroiliac joint, hip, posterolateral thigh, and leg to heel</p>	 <p>Back of calf, lateral heel, foot and toe</p>	 <p>Plantar flexion of foot and great toe may be affected; difficulty walking on toes</p>	 <p>Gastrocnemius and soleus</p>	 <p>Ankle jerk diminished or absent</p>



Inspiration	Diaphragm	C3, 4, 5
Shoulder extension	Deltoid	C5
Elbow flexion	Biceps brachii Brachialis	C5, 6
Wrist extension	Extensor carpi radialis longus and brevis	C6, 7
Elbow extension	Triceps brachii	C7, 8
Finger flexion	Flexor digitorum superficialis and profundus	C8
Finger abduction and adduction	Interossei	C8, T1
Thigh adduction	Adductor longus and brevis	L2, 3
Knee extension	Quadriceps	L3, 4
Ankle dorsiflexion	Tibialis anterior	L4, 5
Great toe extension	Extensor hallucis longus	L5, S1
Ankle plantar flexion	Gastrocnemius Soleus	S1, 2
Anal contraction	Sphincter ani externus	S2, 3, 4

Level	Motor signs (weakness)
C5	<p>Deltoid</p>
C6	<p>Biceps brachii</p>
C7	<p>Triceps brachii</p>
C8	<p>Interossei</p>



2. Upper motoneuron syndrome – central paralysis (weakness)

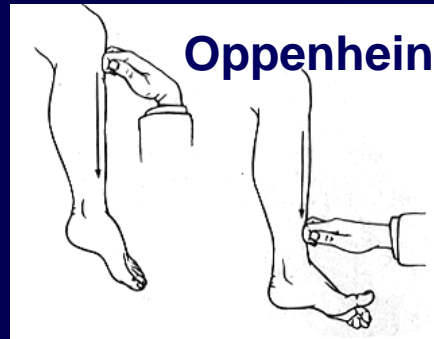
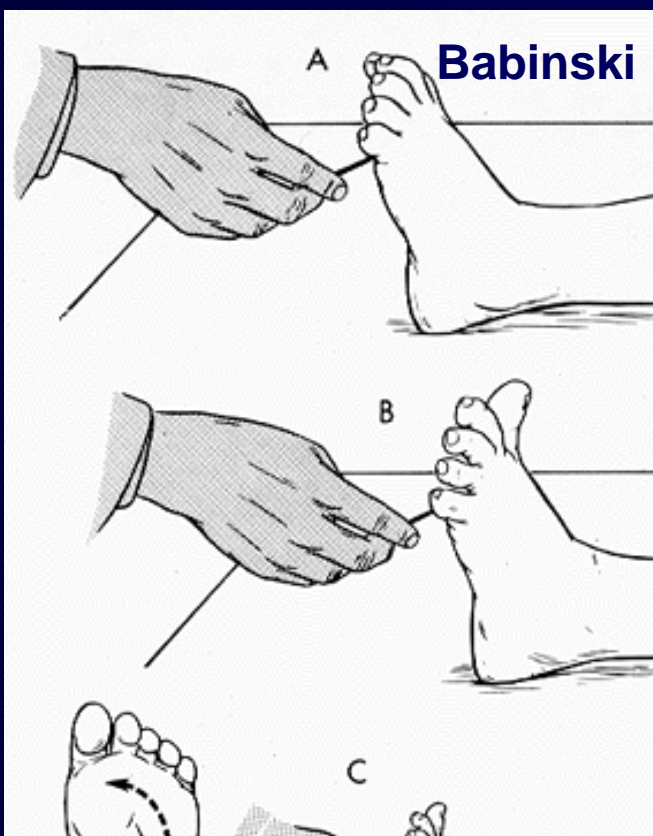
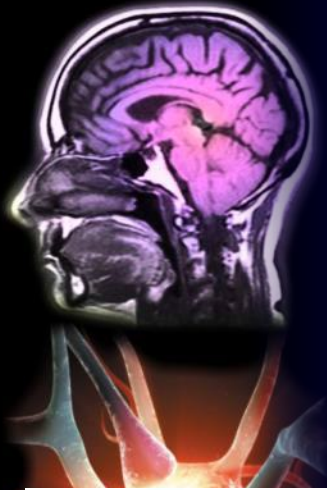
A. Acute stage, B. Chronic stage – after 7-14 d.

- Hemiparesis(-plegia), paraplegia, monoparesis
 - Loss of fast, delicate, (flexor) movements
 - Face (mouth, tongue), hand (arm swing, grasp, fingers, internal rotat.), foot – external, dorsal flex.)
- Hypertonia – spasticity (clasp-knife)
 - acutely little evident, mostly late sign
 - always occurs in groups of muscles, not individual m.
- Hyperreflexia – brisk UE a LE reflexes
- Spasms in affected muscles
- Pathological reflexes – Babinski - extensor plantar response
 - main finding in acute stage compared to LMNS

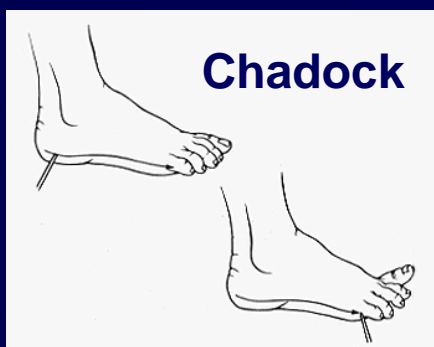
Causes: damage to motor cortex and along the pyramidal pathway (capsula interna, brainstem, spinal cord)

Symptoms are contralateral to damage





Oppenheim



Chadock

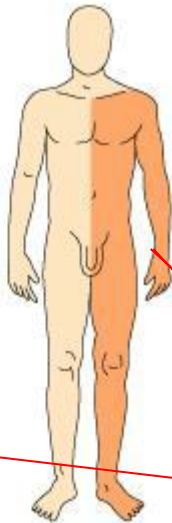


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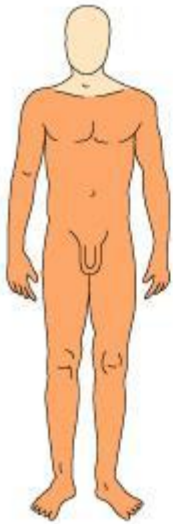
UMNS manifestation



Monoplegia



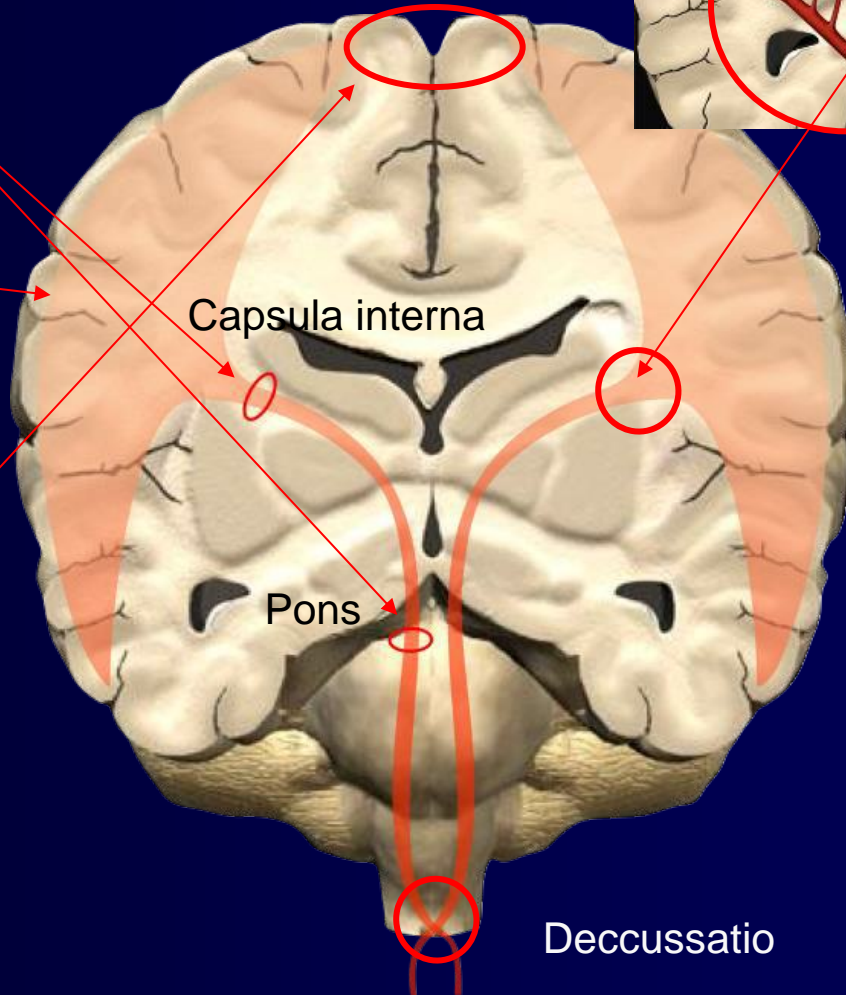
Hemiplegia



Tetraplegia or quadriplegia



Paraplegia



Water-shed of anterior cerebral artery

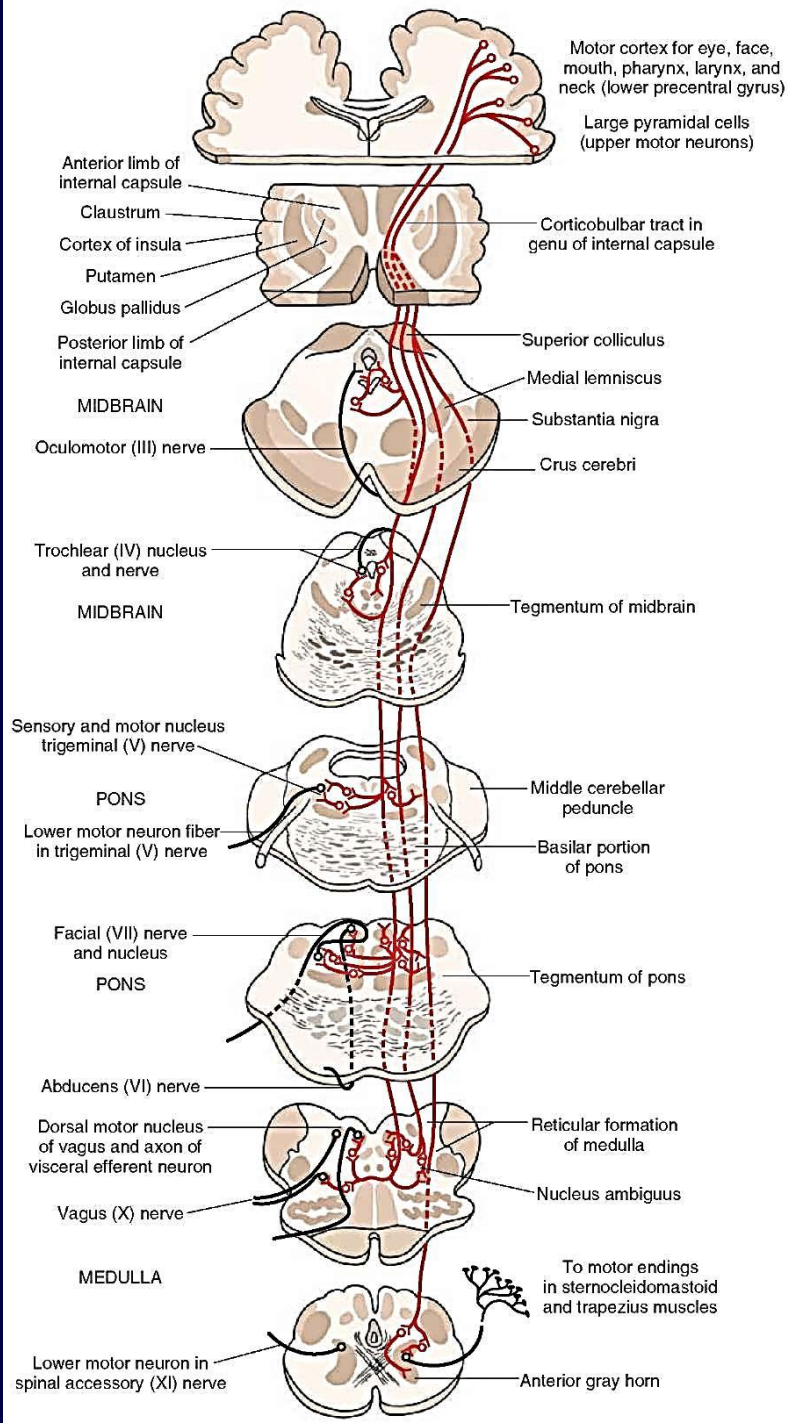
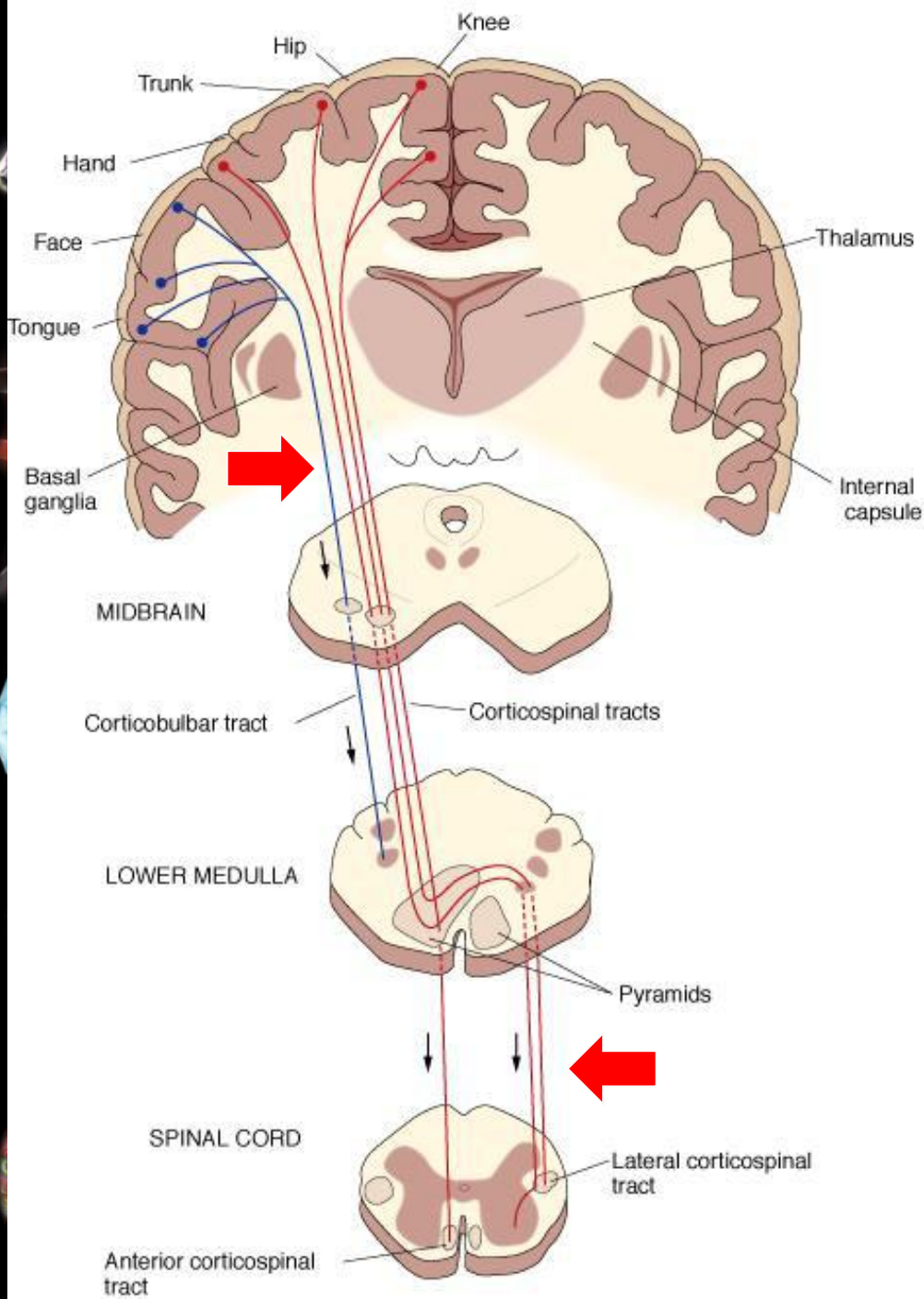
Capsula interna

Pons

Decussatio



Water-shed of medial cerebral artery

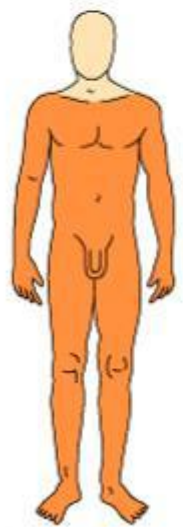




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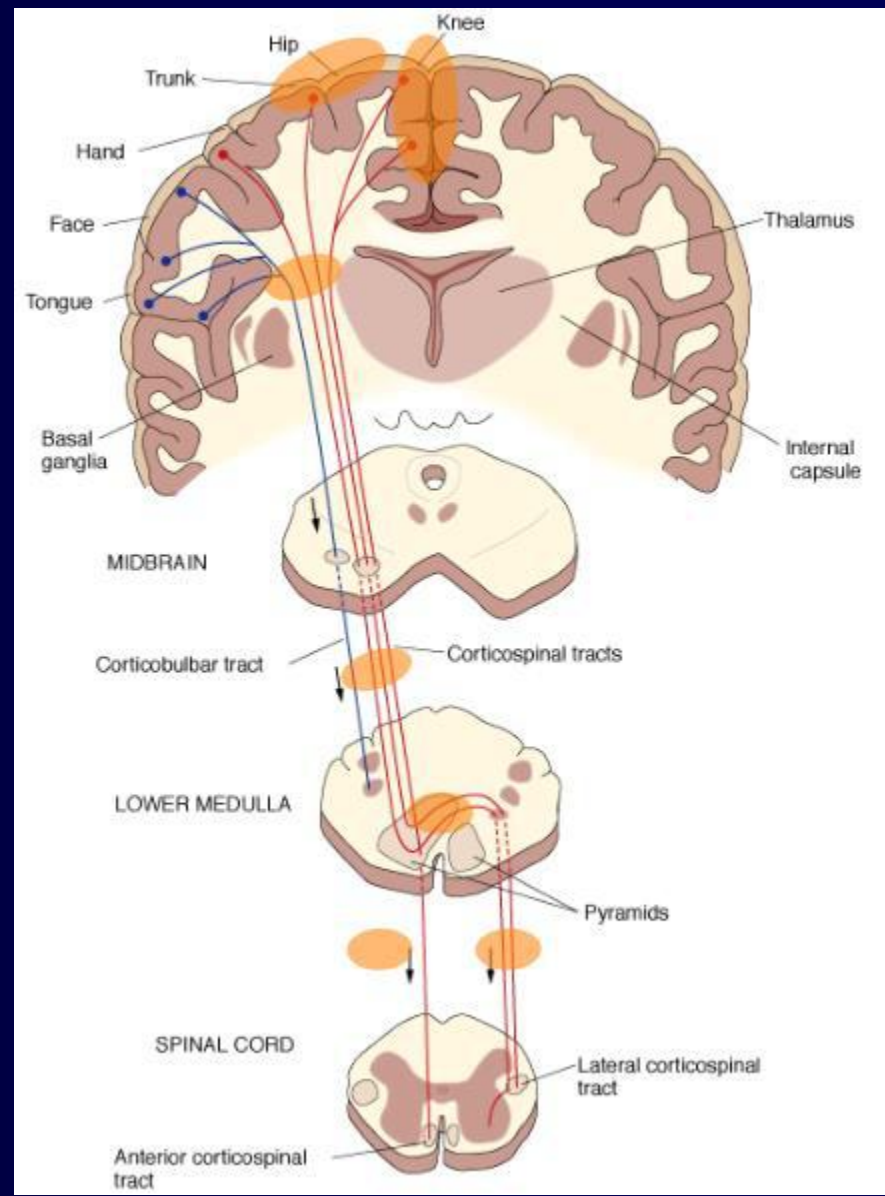
Hemiplegia



Tetraplegia or quadriplegia



Paraplegia



Facial nerve paresis – comparison of peripheral and central laesion



Pravostranná obrna n.VII

Vpravo pokles kútika úst a vyhladenie tváre

Centrálna

Periférna



Zdvíha obočie symetricky

Vpravo chýba dvíhanie oboč



Zatvára obe oči

Pravé oko sa nezatvára,
otáča sa nahor (Bellova obrna)

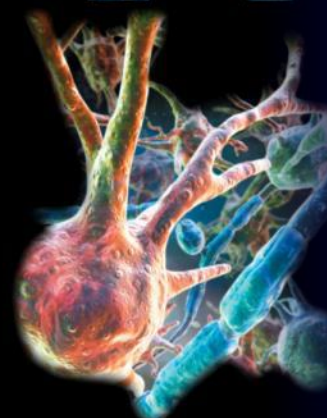
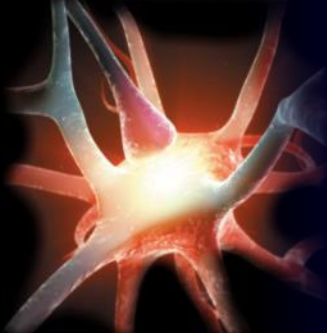
UMNS vs. LMNS

UMNS

- Corticospinal (bulbar) + subcorticospinal tr.
- Muscles are normal
- Hypertonia (spasticity)
- Reflexes are brisk
- Spasms, cramps in affected muscles
- No irritation signs
- Pathological reflexes

LMNS

- Mononeurons + axons
- Muscles atrophy
- Atonia (flaccidity)
- Weak reflexes
- Spasms, contractures in unaffected muscles
- Irritation signs – fasciculations
- No pathological reflexes





EXTRAPYRAMIDAL DISODERS (Basal ganglia) (Cerebellum)

BASAL GANGLIA DISORDERS

- Structures:

- Caudate nucl., putamen, globus pallidus, substantia nigra, subthalamic nucl., red nucleus, nucl. campi Forell

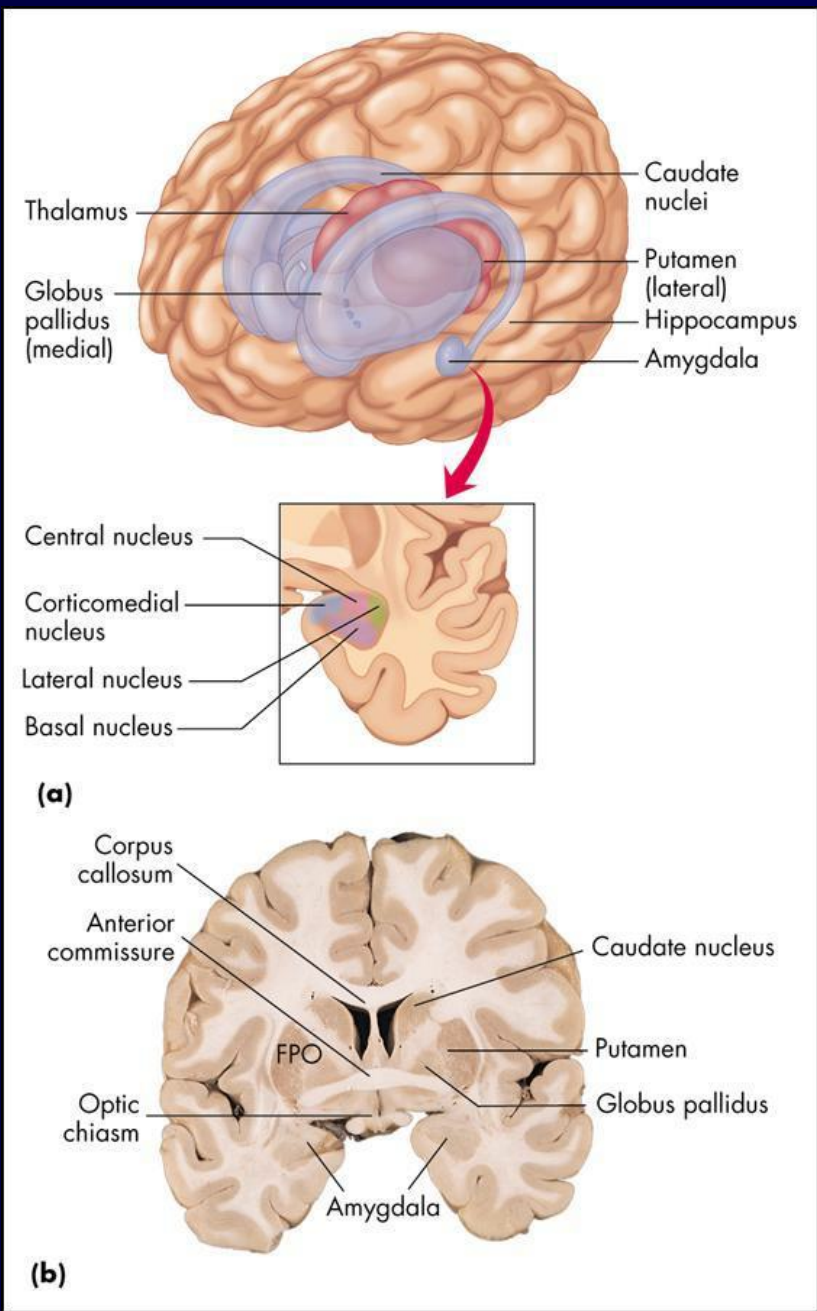
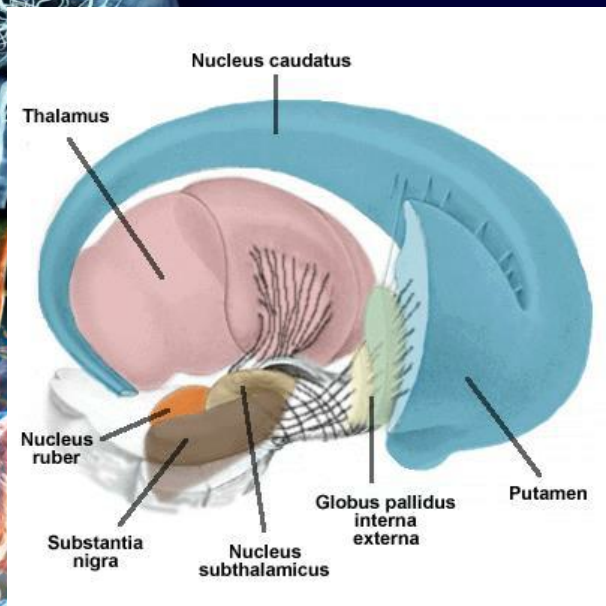
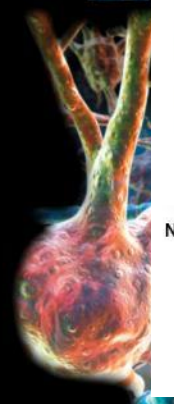
- Function of BG:

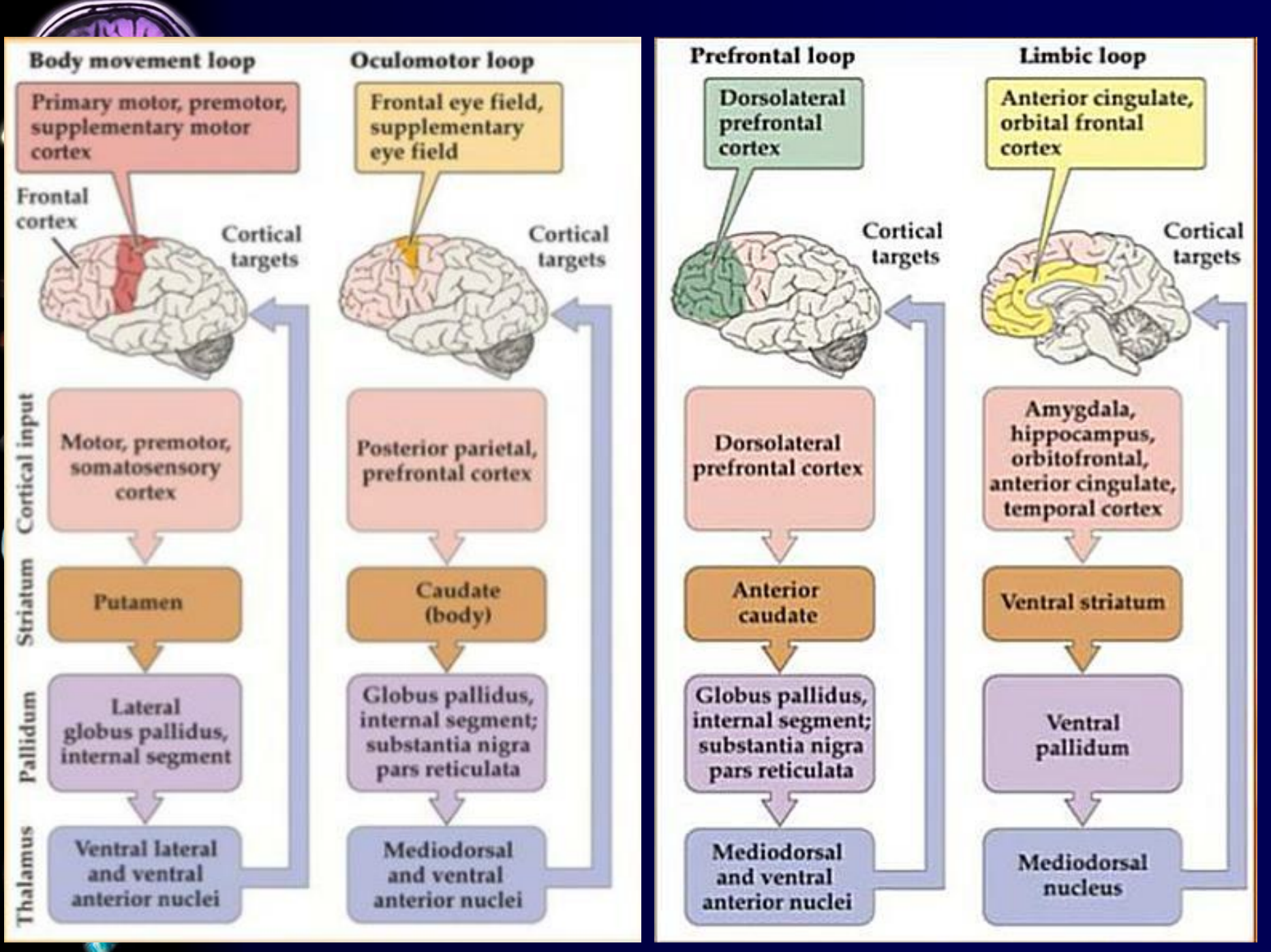
- Initiation of movement, Muscle tone
- Complex motor programs, implicit memory

- Clinical manifestations:

- No palsy or weakness, problem is rather in amount, fluency, smoothness, timing
- Goal-directed movements are interrupted, uncoordinated, slow or infiltrated by escaped movement intrusions
- Muscle tone is always affected – hypotonia, dystonia, hypertonia
- Difficulties are ameliorated at rest, omitted in sleep, perpetuated by motion tasks, worsened by good or bad emotional excitement







BASAL GANGLIA DISORDERS

● HYPERKINETIC - DYSTONIC MOVEMENT DISORDERS

- TREMOR - a rhythmical predictable oscillation of a body part
- DYSTONIA - an involuntary muscle contraction causing a sustained twisted or abnormal posture
- MYOCLONUS - a lightening like jerk of a body part.
- STEREOTYPY - any patterned, stereotypic movement.
- TICS - a stereotypic or patterned movement that is frequently preceded by an urge to need to move, transient suppressibility, and post movement relief.
- CHOREA - random, purposeless, fleeting movements, spreading from one body part to another.
- HEMIBALISMUS - A high amplitude flailing of the limbs on one side of the body.

● HYPOKINETIC - HYPERTONIC MOVEMENT DISORDERS

- PARKINSONISM
- Stiff Man Syndrome, Akinetic mutism
- Psychomotor retardation

● Biochemistry

- Ach > dopamine -> hypokinesia
- Dopamine > Ach -> hyperkinesia



Parkinsonism

● Manifestation:

■ Positive symptoms - behaviors normally inhibited

- **Tremor** (80%) – mostly in rest (hands, feet, chin, tongue), sparing the head; thumb slides back and forth on the index finger - „pill rolling“
- **Rigidity (stiffness)** - loss of arm swing with walking, lack of facial expression, fatigue, muscle pain, "cog wheel"

■ Negative symptoms – missing but normally present

■ **Hypokinesia**

- Disorders of posture - inability to maintain a part of body in normal position,
- Disorders of equilibrium - difficulty in standing or sitting; Disorders of righting - inability to get up
- Disorders of locomotion - difficulty to start and to maintain the movement (slowing down), Disorders of speech - telegraphic slurred speech, soft voice,
- **Akinesia, bradykinesia** delayed & slowed movements - facial mask, shuffling gait, messy illegible writing, drooling (wet pillow) due to difficult swallowing (50%), freezing or sudden loss of movement



Parkinson' disease

● Mechanism:

- lack of dopamine in striatum (degeneration within substantia nigra)

● Manifestation:

- **Parkinsonism:** variety in different patients

- **Cognitive defects:** in some progressive cases

- impaired ability to spontaneously generate efficient strategies when relying on self-directed, task-specific planning

- deficits associated with frontal lobe damage

- prefrontal caudate circuit, frontal cortex receives direct dopaminergic input from basal forebrain

- motor planning deficits

- increased response time in choice response tasks relative to controls, even accounting for initial difference in simple response time

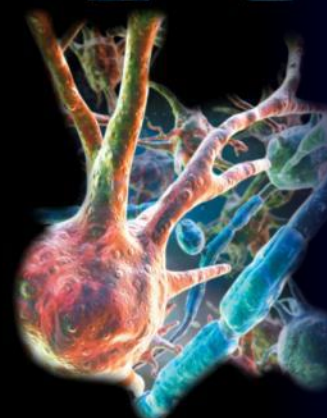
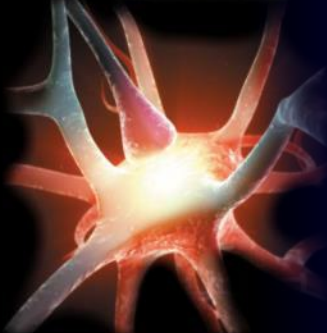
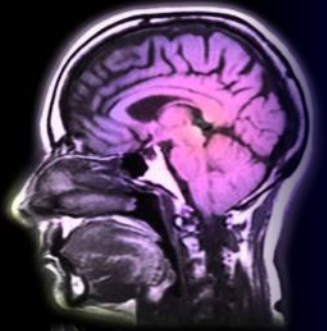
- **Dementia syndrome:** memory loss, mental changes

- **Vegetative dysfunctions:** sexual dysfunction constipation, seborrhoea, fatigability, urinary incontinency,

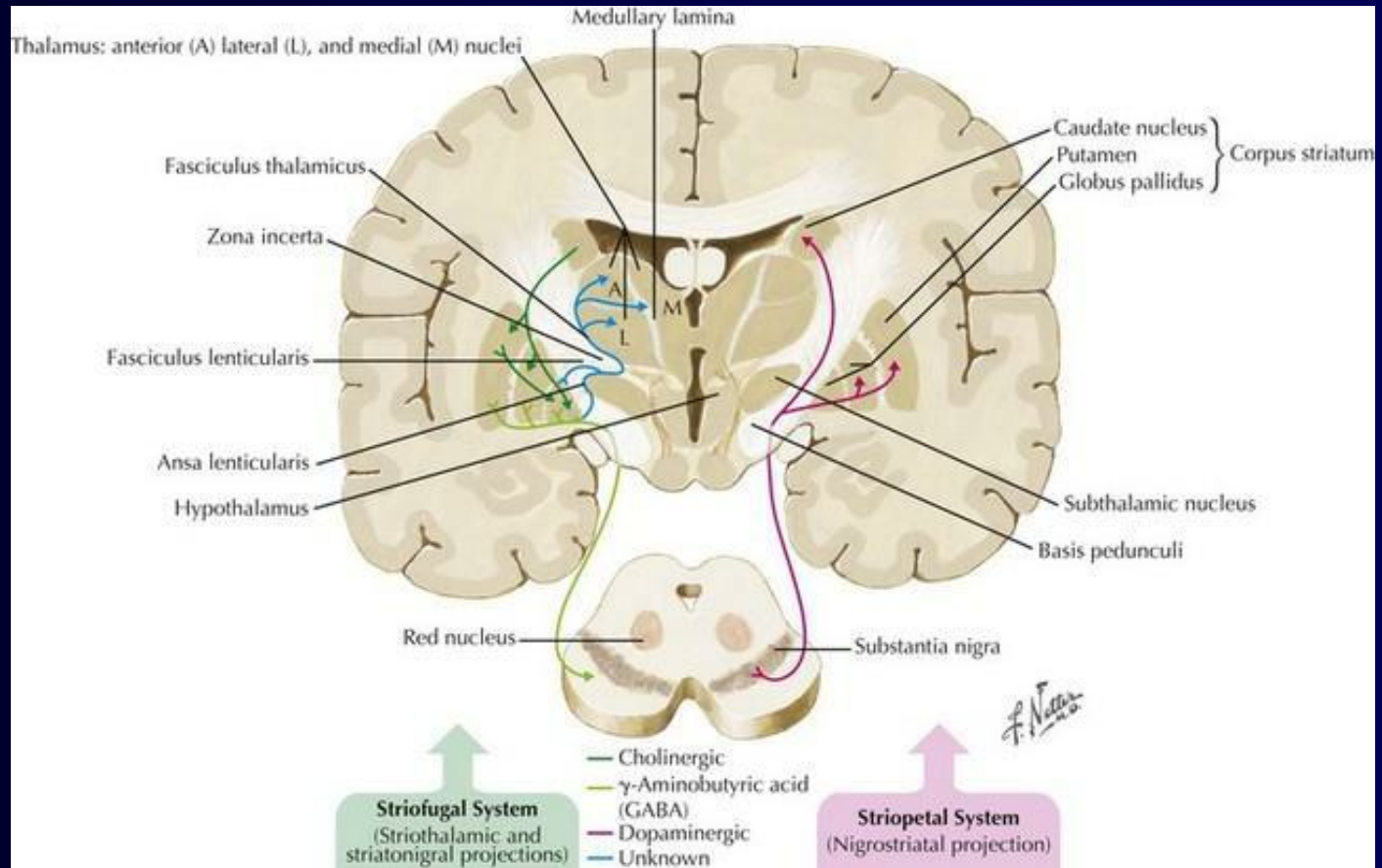
● Occurrence:

- 0.1-1% of population, 3rd most common neurological disease

- Occurs after 50; may progress 10-20 y

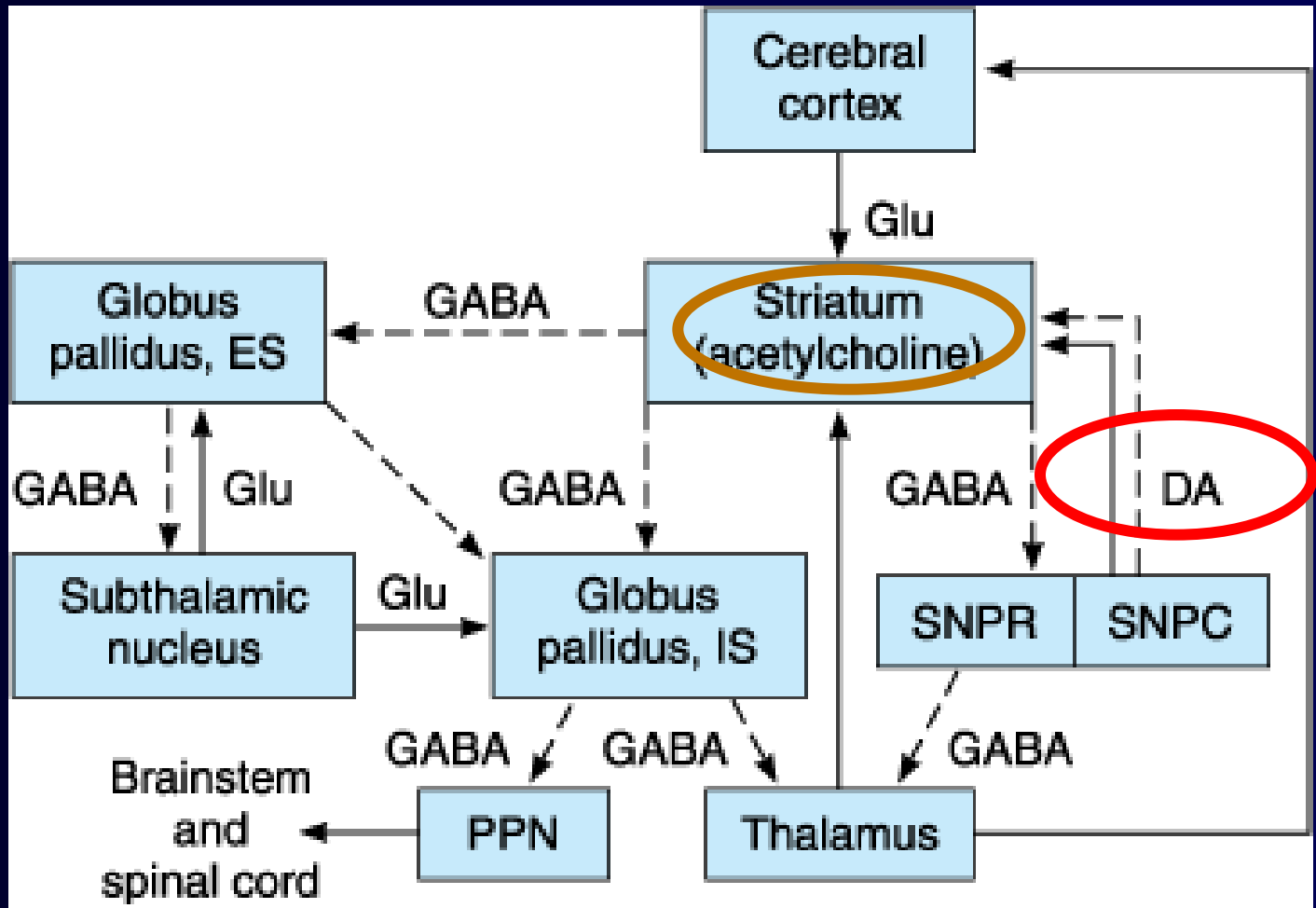


Parkinsonism - Transmisssion

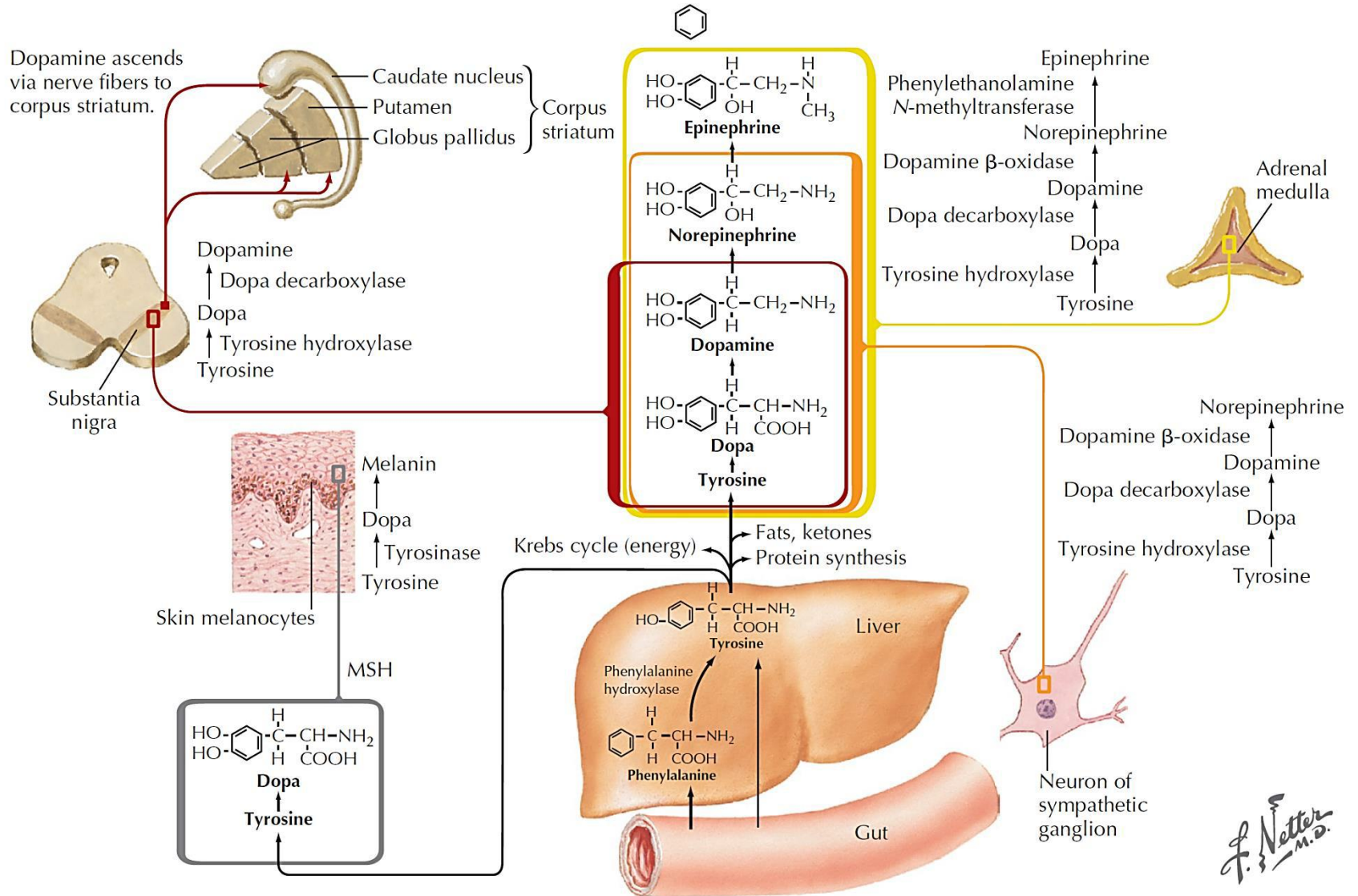


- Defect of dopaminergic projections from substantia nigra into striatum (nigrostriatal)
- Abundance of cholinergic activity in stratum towards pallidum

Parkinsonism- Mechanisms



Parkinsonism- Mechanisms





Parkinsonism - Manifestations

Tremor



Tremor of one hand is an early manifestation of parkinsonism



Tremor often improves or disappears with purposeful function

Bradykinesia



Difficulty in performing simple manual functions may be initial symptom

Rigidity and Gait Disorders



Stage 1: unilateral involvement; blank facies; affected arm in semiflexed position with tremor; patient leans to unaffected side



Stage 2: bilateral involvement with early postural changes; slow shuffling gait with decreased excursion of legs



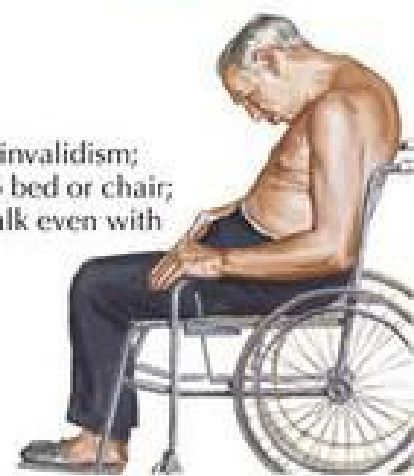
Stage 3: pronounced gait disturbances and moderate generalized disability; postural instability with tendency to fall

Late Stage Disabilities

Stage 4: significant disability; limited ambulation with assistance

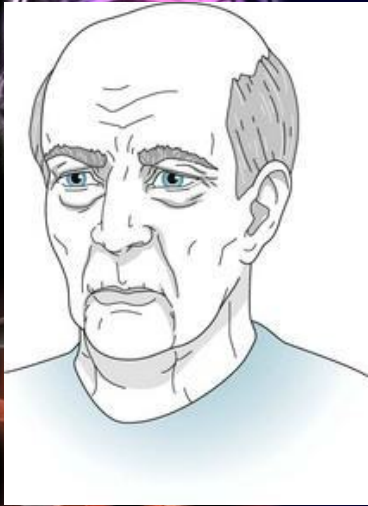


Stage 5: complete invalidism; patient confined to bed or chair; cannot stand or walk even with assistance

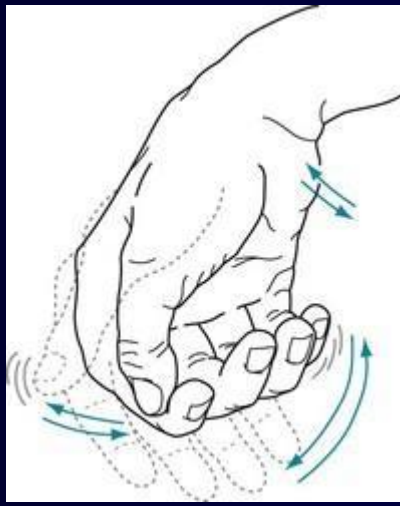


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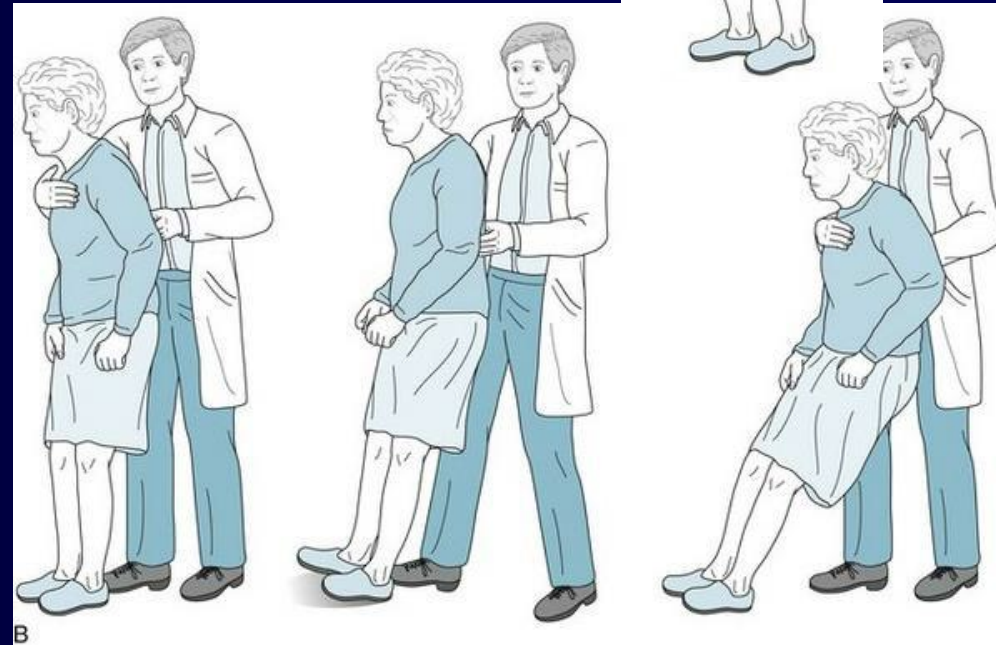
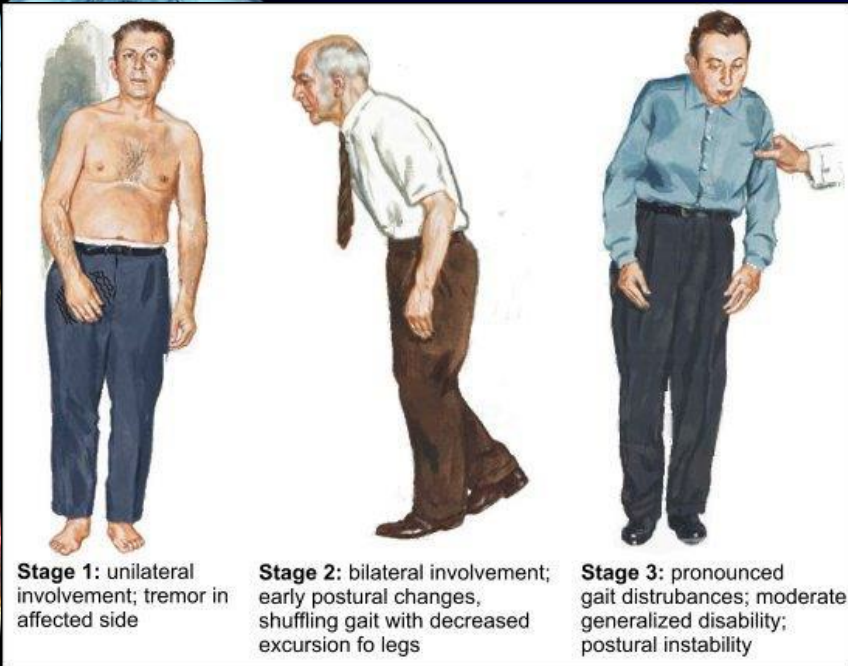
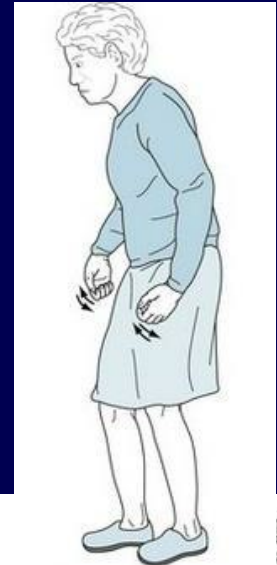


Mask - like face
Maskovitá tvár



Money counting tremor
Rest 4-6 Hz

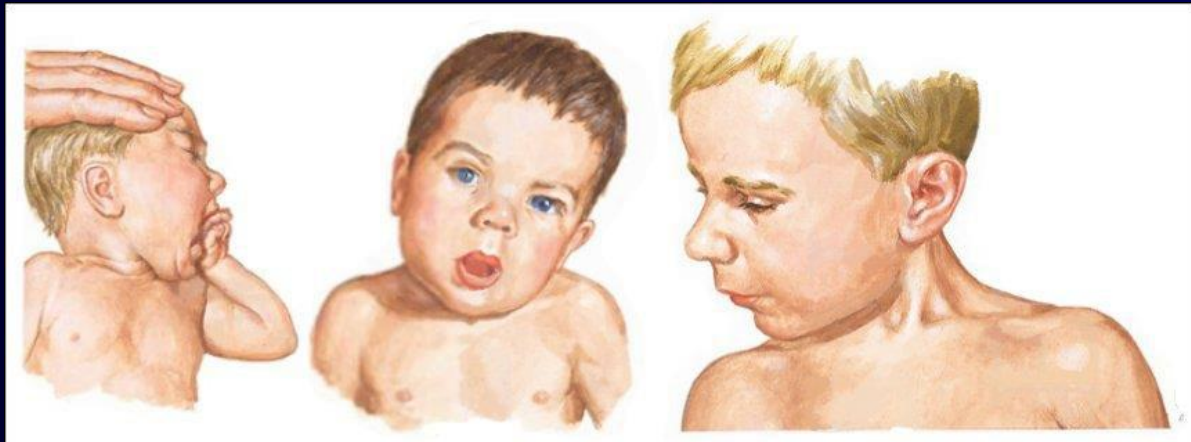
Rigidita prevodového systému (Cog wheel)



B

Dystonia

- Manifestation:
 - sustained, irregular, involuntary contractures
 - Focal - cervical dystonia (torticollis), writer's cramp), blepharospasm, oromandibular dystonia, Meige's syndrome
 - Generalized – torsion spasm
- Causes:
 - hereditary (focal) vs. acquired (central lesions), occupational
- Mechanism:
 - cholinergic excess in striatum (anticholinergic therapy)
- Treatment:
 - Anticholinergics, botulinum toxin injections





Blefarospasmus



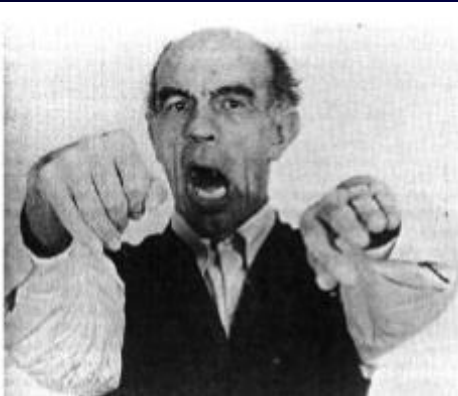
Brachial dystonia
(writers cramp)



Limb
dystonia



Torticollis



Oromandibular dystonia



Torsiopasmus



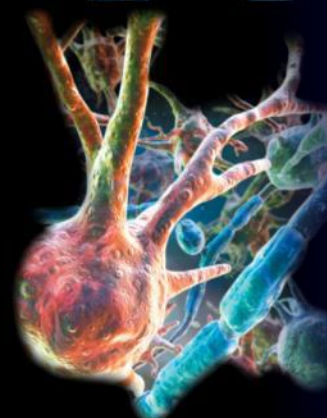
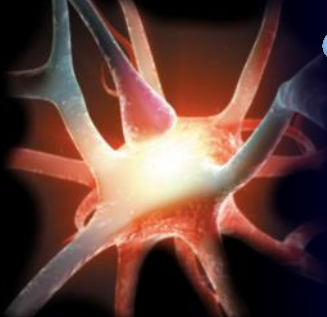
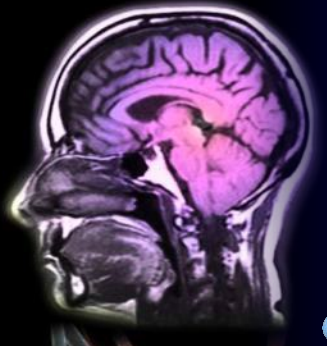
Chorea (choreos = dancing)



- **Manifestations:** distal limbs, head
 - Irregular, fast jerky extra-movements in distal muscles – hands, head, feet;
 - Steps are overswinging, staggering
 - Obeisance - like poses, gestures by hands, fingers), head turns and grimacing, unrest, jittering in legs, unsettled appearance
- **Causes:**
 - Huntington's disease + other hereditary dis.
 - Sydenham's chorea – acute rheumatic fever
 - Cerebral palsy, pregnancy, etc.
- **Mechanism:**
 - Loss of cholinergic & abundance of dopaminergic effects in striatum

Huntington' disease

- George Huntington – 1872 (first systematic study)
- Occurrence:
 - 1.6 per million per year death rate; more common in caucasian Europeans; rare in Asians or Africans
 - village of Bures in England in 1630 - individuals thought to be witches
 - brought to US in 1630 among passengers of John Winthrop fleet
 - Lake Maracaibo - large incidence - one women whose father, an English sailor, carried the gene - > 3000 decendents, 100 with Huntington's disease,
- Etiology:
 - hereditary AD- transmitted disease (discovered in1993) studying 75 families from Lake Maracaibo
 - defective **huntingtin** protein (Ch4) trinucleotide repeate mutation; CAG triplet occurs 11-34 times in the normal gene, from 35 to 100 or more times in mutant



Huntington' disease

- Pathogenesis:

- Degeneration of caudate nucleus - loss of cholinergic and GABA-ergic neurons in basal ganglia; relative excess of DA
- Modelled in nonhuman primates by excitatory neurotoxins injected in the striatum

- Manifestation:

1. Middle-age onset (40-50y) subtle start: absentminded, irritable, depressed, fidgeting, clumsiness
2. Progressive chorea: violent uncontrolled overbursts - until individual confined to bed
3. Dementia: cognitive impairment, speech is slurred, incomprehensible and finally stops; death after 15-20y



Athetosis (athetos = fidgety)

- **Manifestations:**

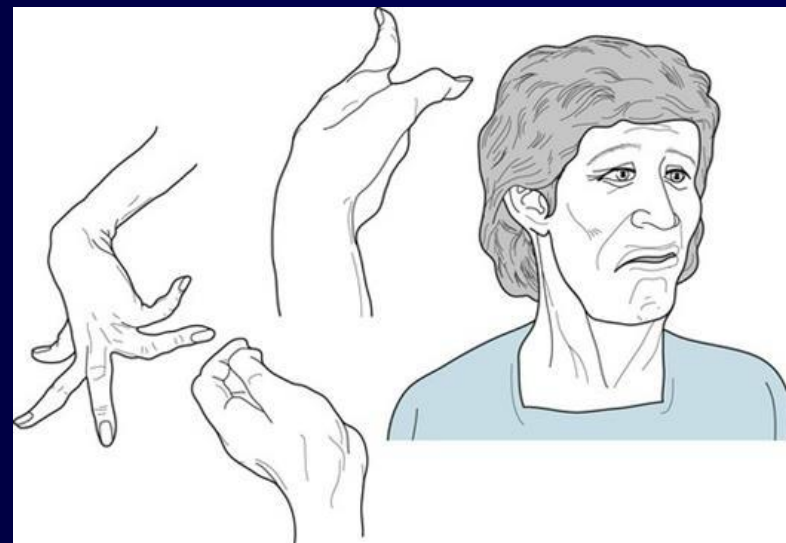
- Irregular, twisting, revolving, turbulent, widely bursting, fidgety extra-movements of extremities
- Walking – interrupted, staggering, swinging, rolling
- Poses, obeisance, head turns, grimacing hands, fingers (gestures), legs (shaking)

- **Causes:**

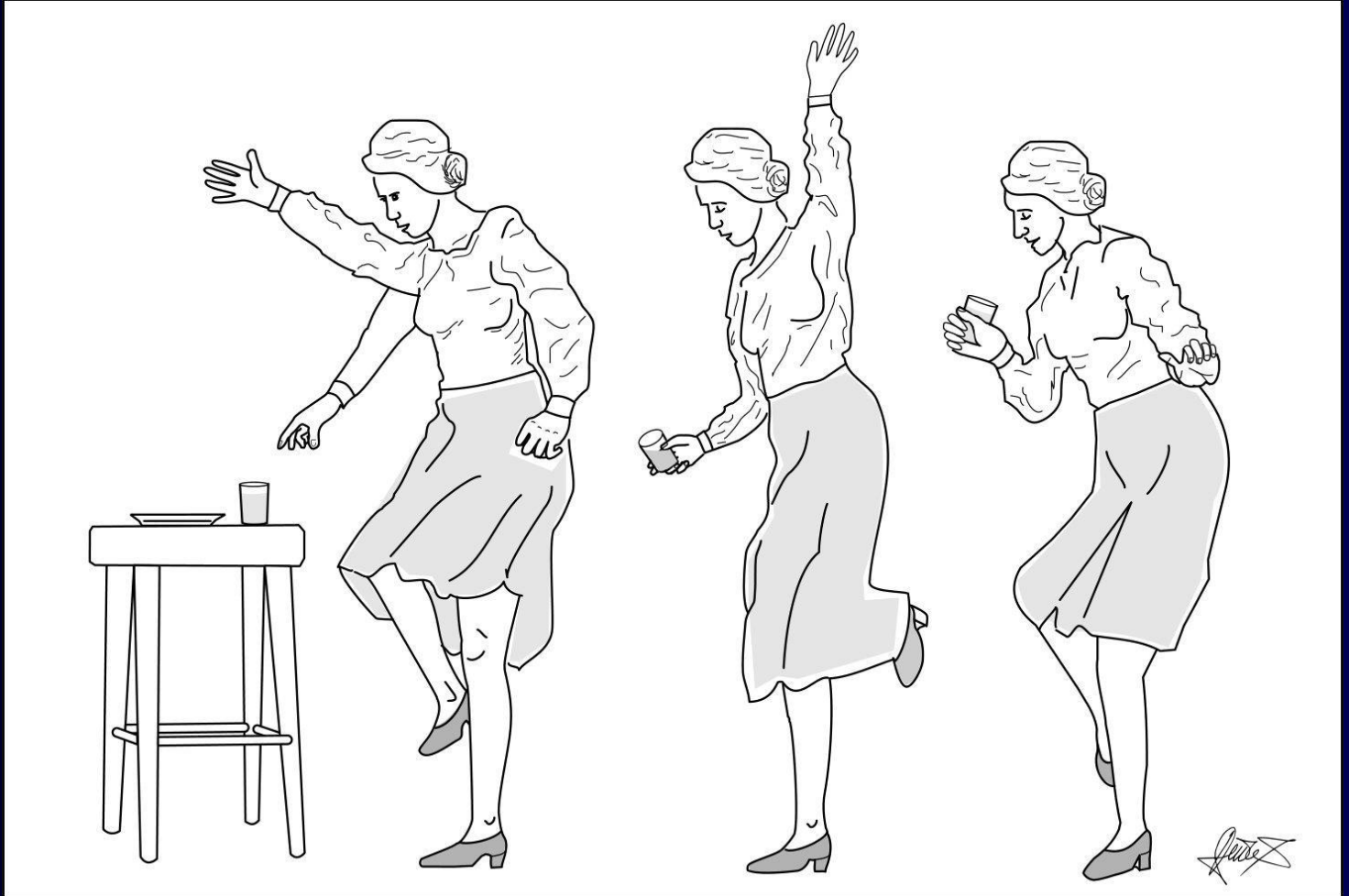
- Cerebral palsy, pregnancy, etc.

- **Mechanism:**

- Loss of cholinergic & abundance of dopaminergic effects in striatum



Athetosis



Myoclonia

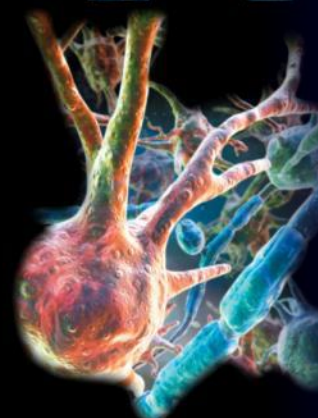
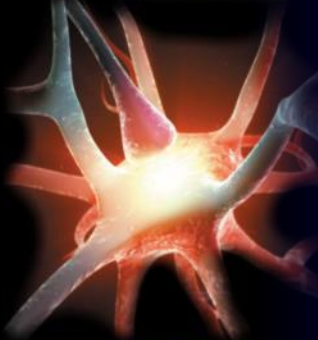
- Def.: Deliberated very fast (50 - 150 c/min), fine clonic twitches in muscles of fine kinetic function
- Ptg: damage (loss of function) of nucl. ruber, tr. cerebello-rubralis, tr. rubro-olivalis

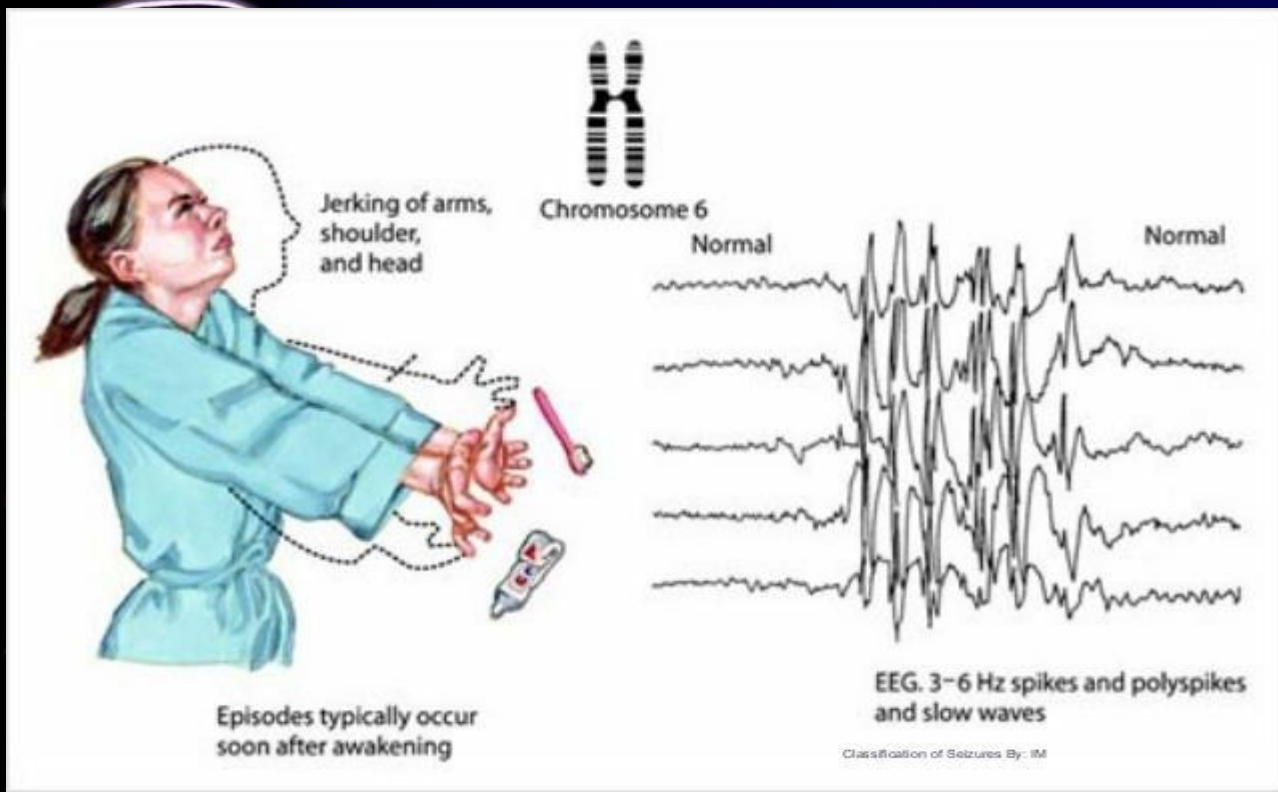
Myoclonia (myoklonus) lightning fast irregular twitches

- Frequency fluctuates from unique twitch to several dozen drains per minute; enhance with emotions disappear in sleep.
- Tongue, Larynx, pharynx, soft palate - interruption of swallowing, speech but also ventilation.
- Limb muscles, oculomotor, respiratory muscles, abdominal muscles and sfincters.

Myorhythmia - weaker, more regular (rhythmic), frequency may vary

- always localized in a particular muscle area; they appear during sleep and waking. soft palate (nystagmus veli palatini),
- muscles of pharynx and larynx (cause dysarthria, voice frightening), mimic muscles (rhythmical singultus)





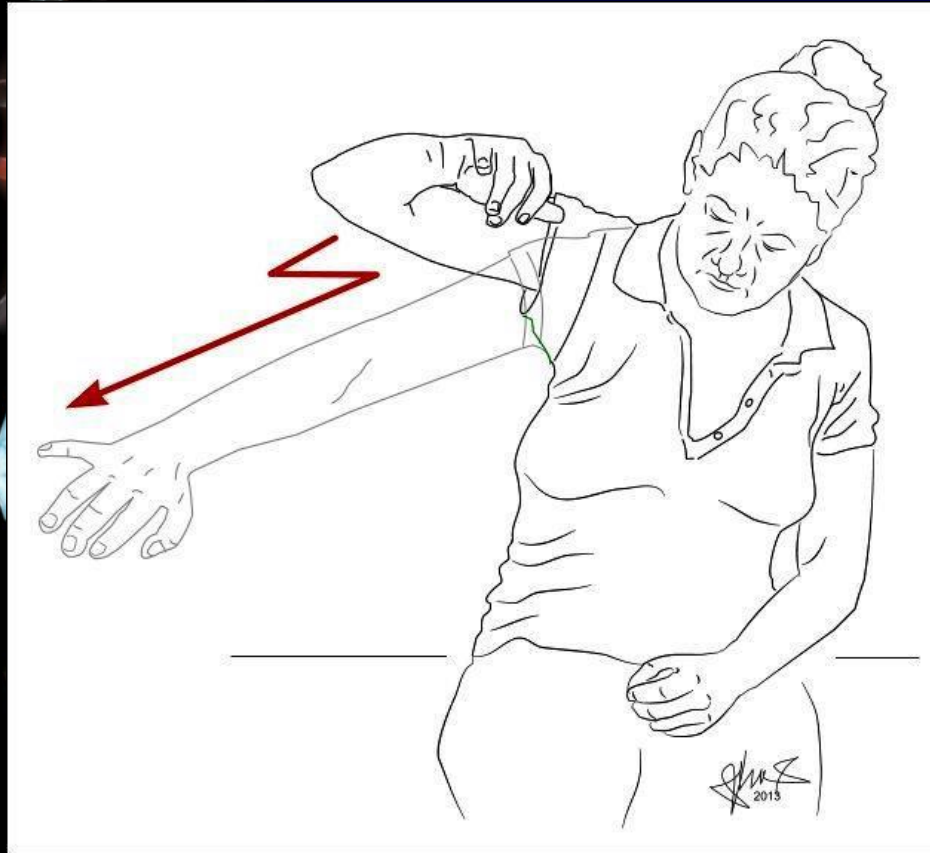
Myoclonic epilepsy - sudden twitches (jerks) or "cramps" by locality of affections (head, arms, shoulder, han) after awaking



Myoclonic status: generalized multifocal jerks damage at level of pons and mesencephalon in coma, very poor prognosis

Physiological Myoclonus: Singultus
Sleep myoclonus (legs of hands), after exercise (limbs),
 benign infantile myoclonia (children)

Hemiballism



- Manifestation:

- Sudden, violent, purposeless, excessive, throwing movements, gyrations (ball = throw; ballistic rocket)
- Limb and trunk involuntary movements

- Causes:

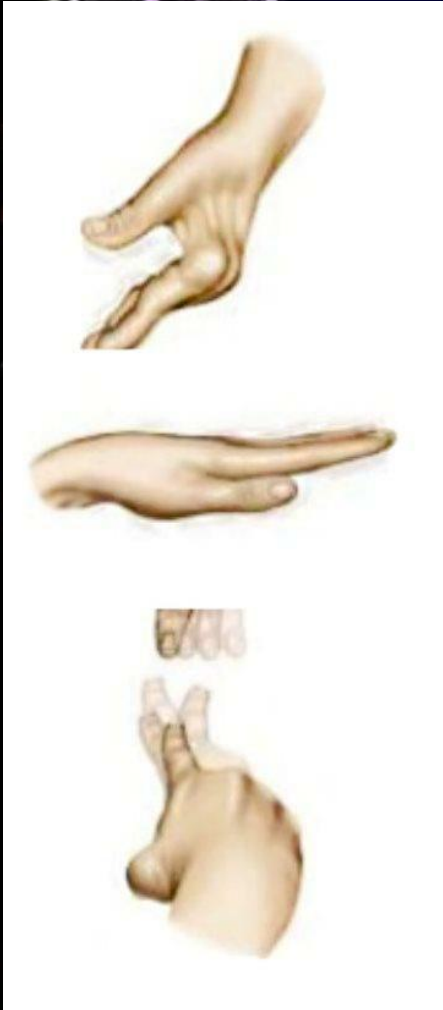
- Stroke in subthalamic nucleus

- Mechanism:

- cortical escape from basal ganglia control



Tremor

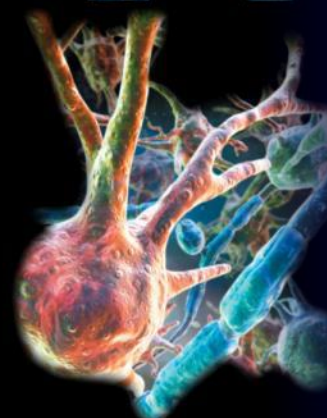
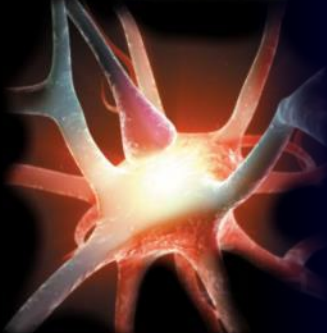
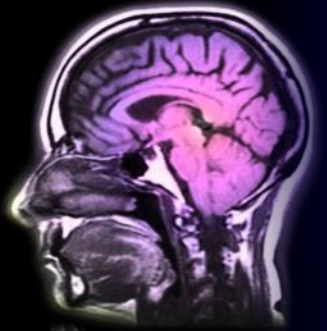


- **Resting 4-6 Hz** (occurs with limb inactivity, chin, hand)
 - Parkinsonism, heavy manual work, emotional distress, midbrain stroke
Treatment: dopaminergic agonists, pill-rolling, 5 c/sec
 - disappear with voluntary, movement, slow, fine,
- **Action (intention) 3-4 Hz** (absent at rest, often get worse when touching object)
 - Cerebellar disease, midbrain stroke, sclerosis multiplex
- **Postural** (fine, rapid, antigravity posturing, fingers of outstretched arms, protruded tongue), worsen with intention
 - **Exaggerated physiologic 10-12 Hz**
 - Catecholamines, sympathetic,
 - **Essential 4-10 Hz**
 - 50% inherited familial tremor, treatment: beta-blockers, primidone
 - Hyperparathyroidism, anxiety, fatigue, familiar



Tremor – Etiology

- 1. Rest tremor** M. Parkinson, parkinsonský sy., M. Wilson, hepatocerebral degeneration, damage of nucl. ruber, essential tremor
- 2. Static tremor** Physiological (stress, anxiety) drugs (teofilín, amfetemín, neuroleptics, antagonists of DA₂ receptors, antidepressants), Intoxication (coffein, alcohol, Hg, Pb, As), neuropathies (Roussy-Lévyho sy.), essential tremor
- 3. Intentional tremor** Cerebellar tremor (neocerebellum), hepatolenticular degeneration, M. Wilson, trauma, brainstem bleeding Pb- poisoning
- 4. Functional tremor** Psychoses, neurose
- 5. Similar disorders** Asterix, clonus, spasmus mutans, nystagmus, myoklonia, myorhythmia



Tics

- **Manifestation:**
 - Brief, stereotypic, predictable, suppressible jerks worsening with stress
 - Vocalisations, grimacing, swearing, rising eye brows, gestures, grining
 - Worsening with stress
- **Mechanism:** Dopamine excess causing disinhibition of limbic circuit

Winking



Eye-browing, frowning



Clenching, licking, tongue sticking out



Tardive dyskinesia

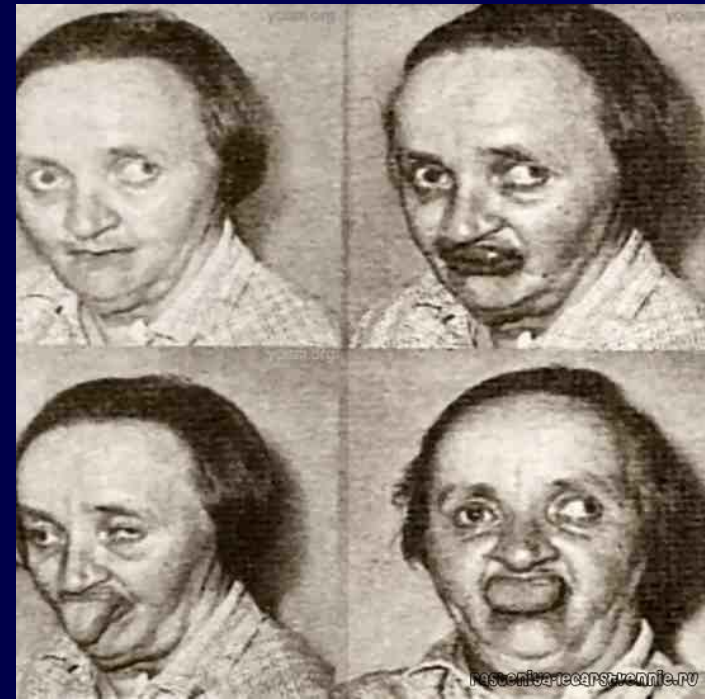
- Etiopathogenesis:

- Chronic treatment (> 6 weeks) by dopamine antagonists, neuroleptics
- Hypersensitivity of striatal DA - receptors

- Manifestation:

- Orofacial repetitive movements, Limb and trunk involuntary movements

Repeated sticking out and rolling of the tongue, opening the mouth, etc



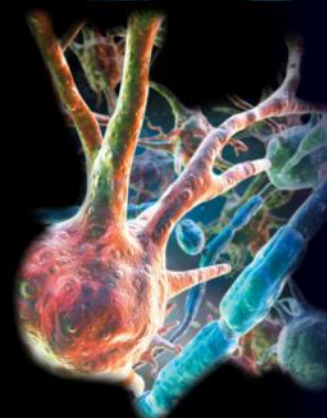
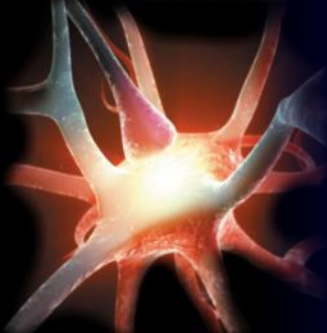
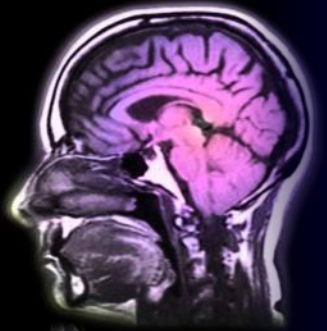
Cerebellar disorders

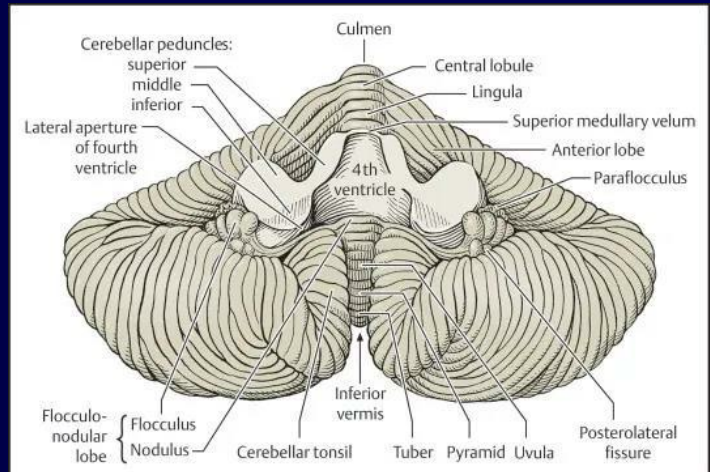
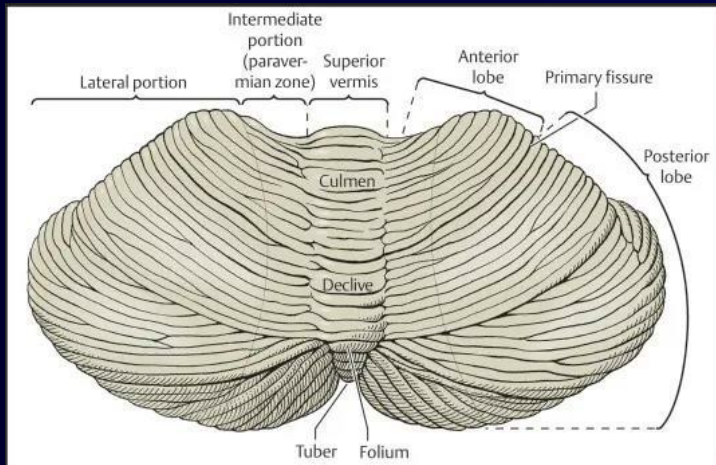
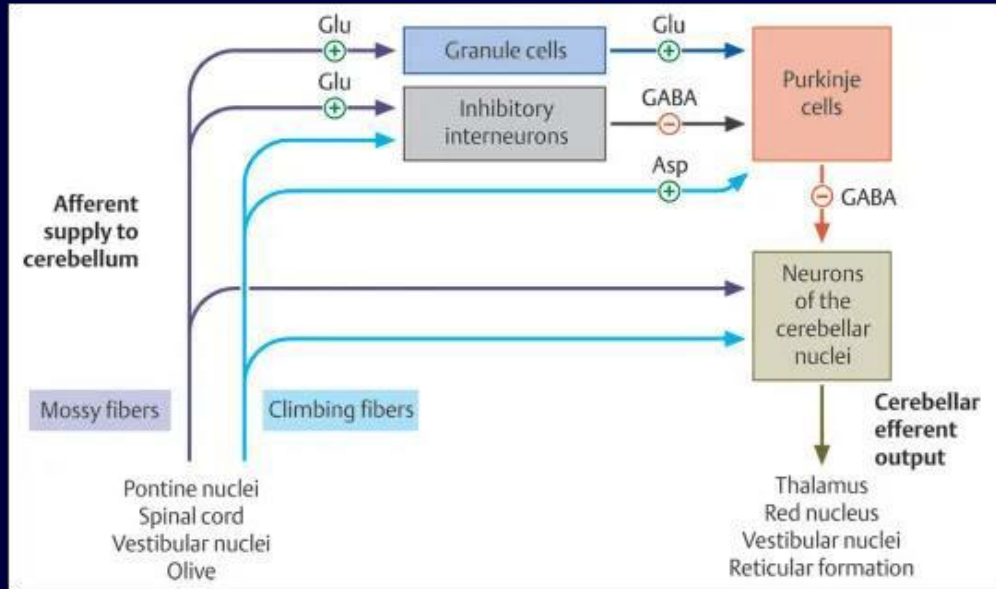
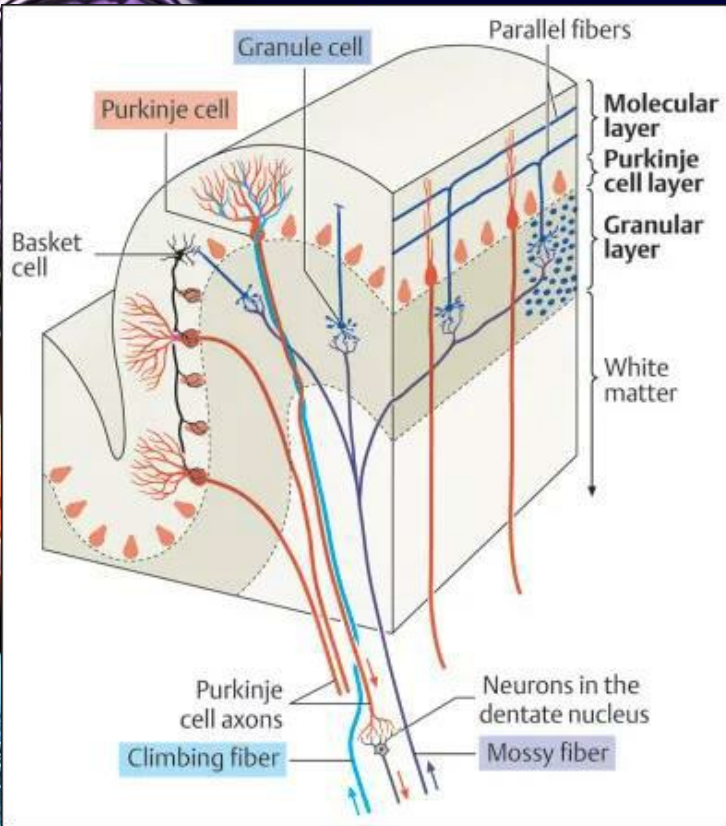
- Manifestation:

- Hypotonia - pendular knee reflex
- Loss of elementar postural reflexes,
- Asynergy
- Cerebellar ataxia – zig –zag walking, titubations, falling to back or sides
- Adiadochokinesis
- Hypermetria, dysmetria
- Intentional tremor

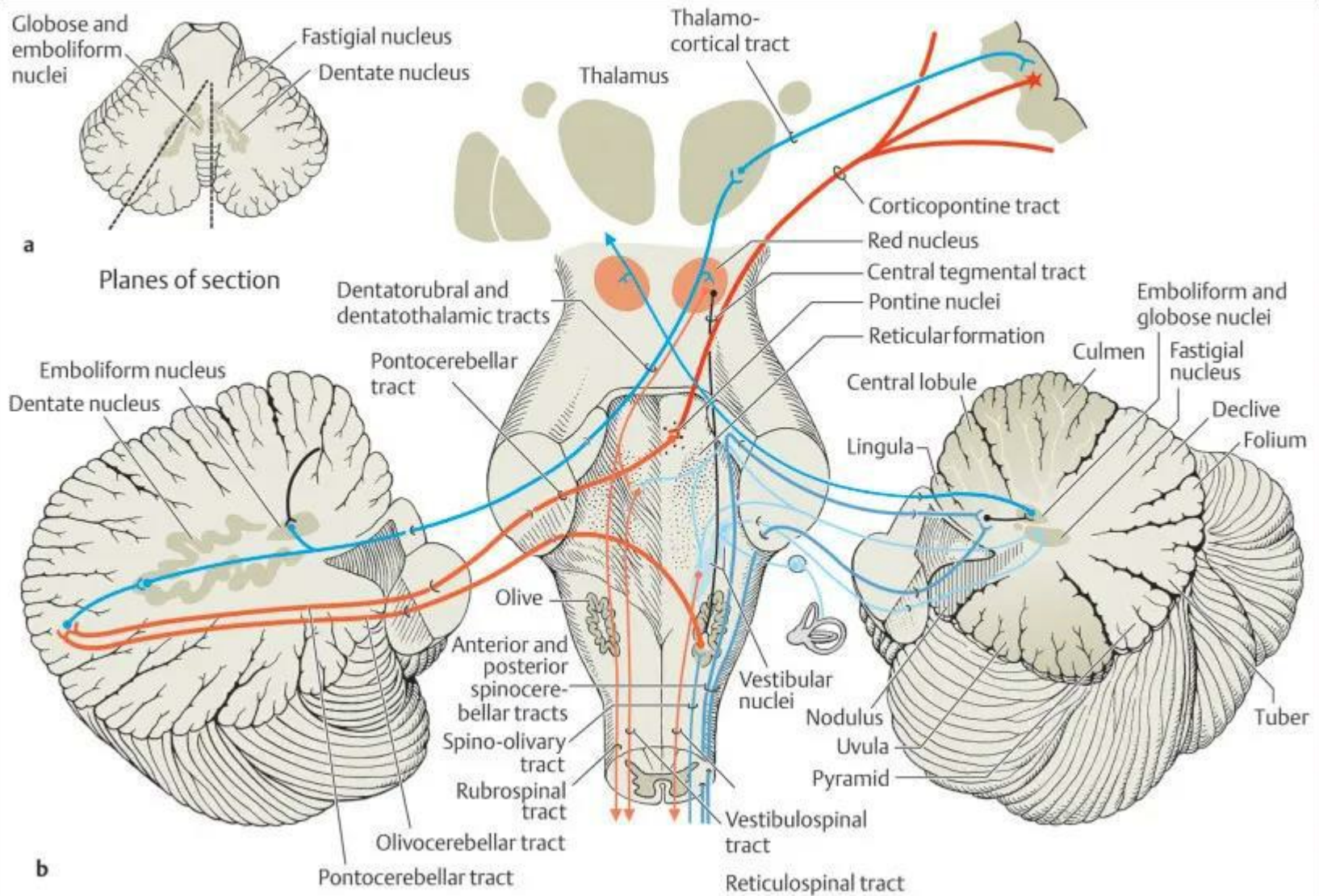
- Causes:

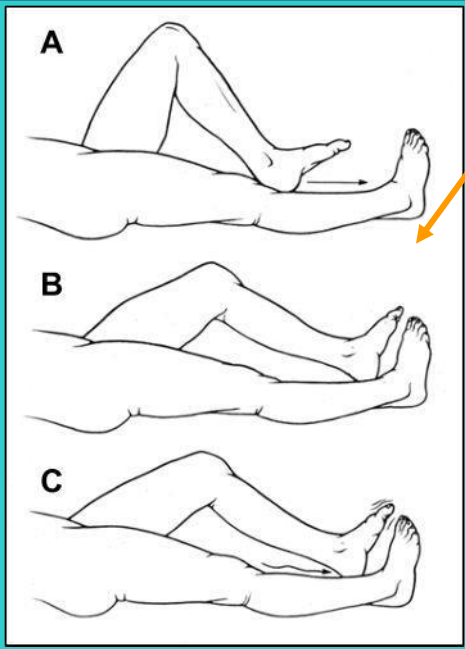
- Trauma, ischemia, haemorrhage, tumors, degeneration, demyelinations affecting cerebellum, 4th- ventricle, ponto-cerebellar angle, pathways into and from



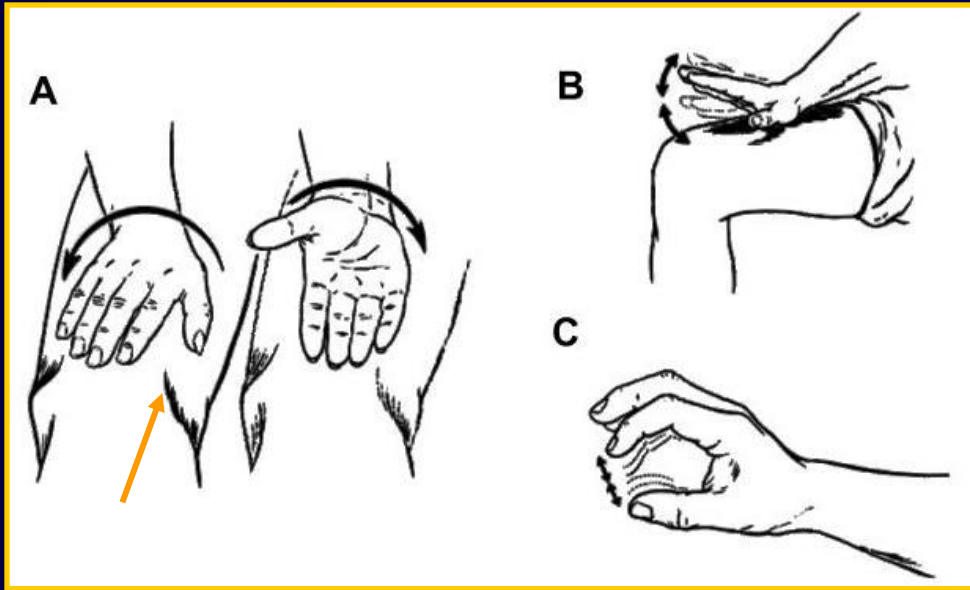


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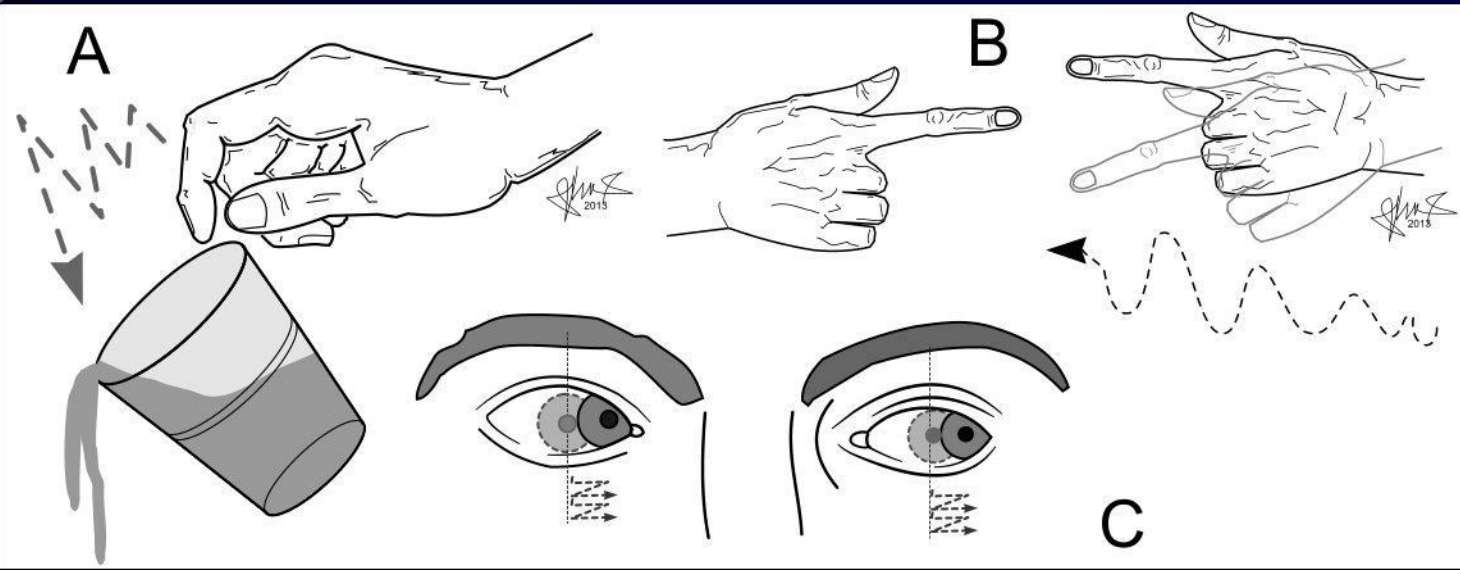


Test heel – knee. A. normal, B. abnormal



Dysidiadochokinesia:

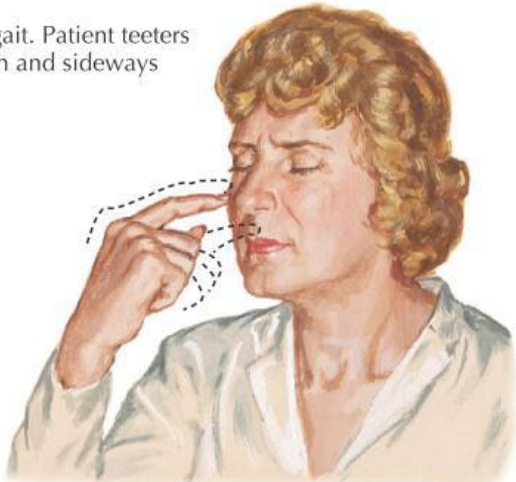
A. turning of hand B. tapping, waving C. thumb- index



Cerebellar manifestations



Wide-based gait. Patient teeters back and forth and sideways



Finger-to-nose test. Patient cannot direct finger accurately with eyes closed



Intention tremor. Hand unsteady on attempting to hold glass, write, etc



Exaggerated, repetitive knee jerk



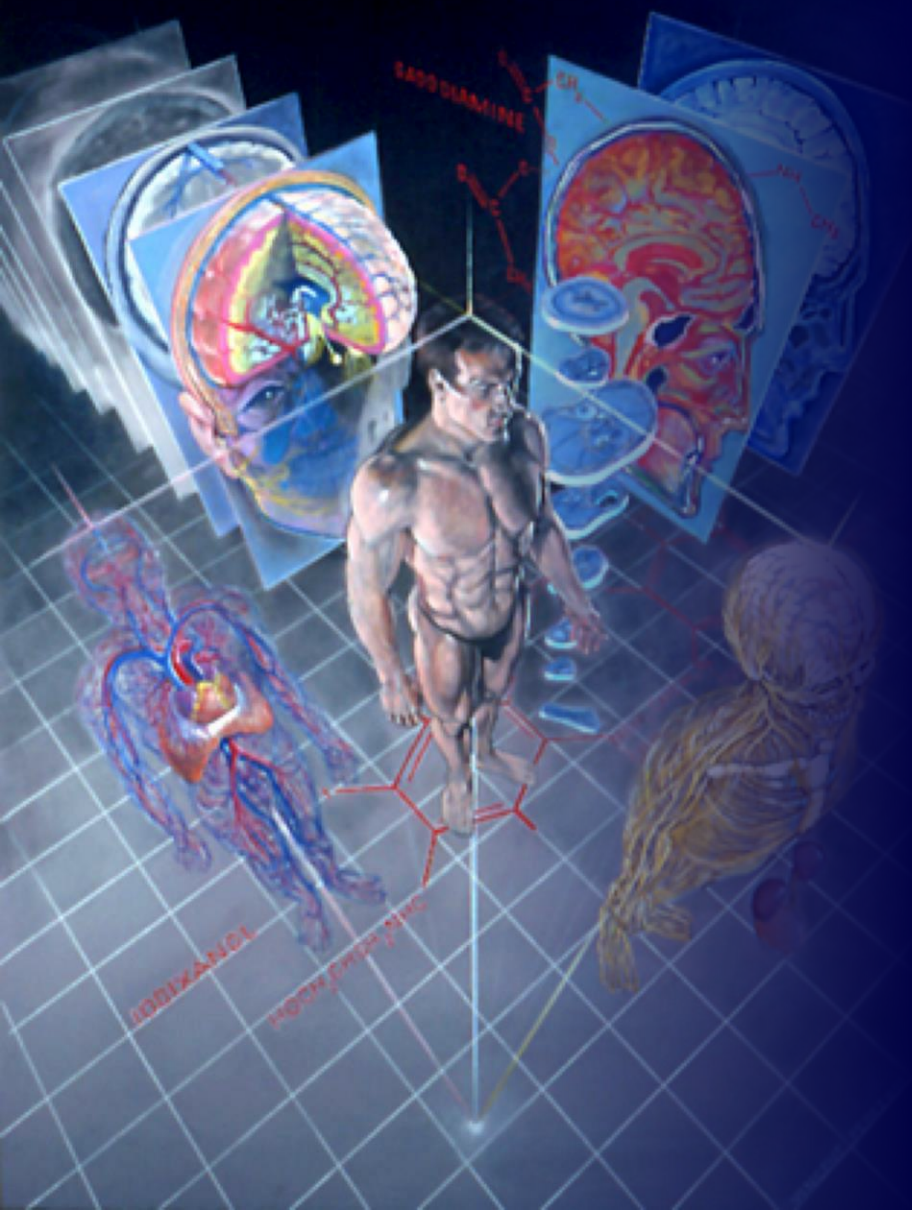
Patient cannot rub heel down shin evenly

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Typical wide-based gait of drug intoxication



Apraxias

Apraxia

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- **Def:** Liepmann (1900): inability to produce a movement that is not due to paresis (paralysis) - specific loss of skill
 - various forms depending on site of damage (not complete agreement on designations and criteria)
 - **Ideational apraxia** = misuse of objects due to disturbance of identification (agnosia)
 - **Ideomotor apraxia** = simple movements can be executed, but complex movements cannot
 - **Limb kinetic apraxia** = inability to make movements or use objects or the purpose intended by the will

Location:

- **Premotor cortex (area 6 - lateral)**
 - inability to produce indirect trajectories
 - ablation of premotor cortex impairs conditional motor behavior
- **Supplementary motor area (area 6 - medial)**
 - Brinkman, bimanual coordination deficit
 - absence of speech

Apraxia 2

● Prefrontal

- deficits in delayed response tasks
 - dorsolateral - spatial
 - ventral - object

● Posterior parietal cortex (areas 5, 7)

■ Gerstmann's syndrome

- Following left parietal (in normal right hand dominant)
- left-right confusion, finger agnosia
- dysgraphia , dyscalculia, apraxia

■ Balint's syndrome

- Following bilateral damage
- unable to make voluntary eye movements into affected hemifield
- optic ataxia - deficit in visually guided reaching, deficit in visual attention

■ Neglect

- Following right (nondominant) hemisphere damage
- Constructional apraxia

