



Neuroanatomy

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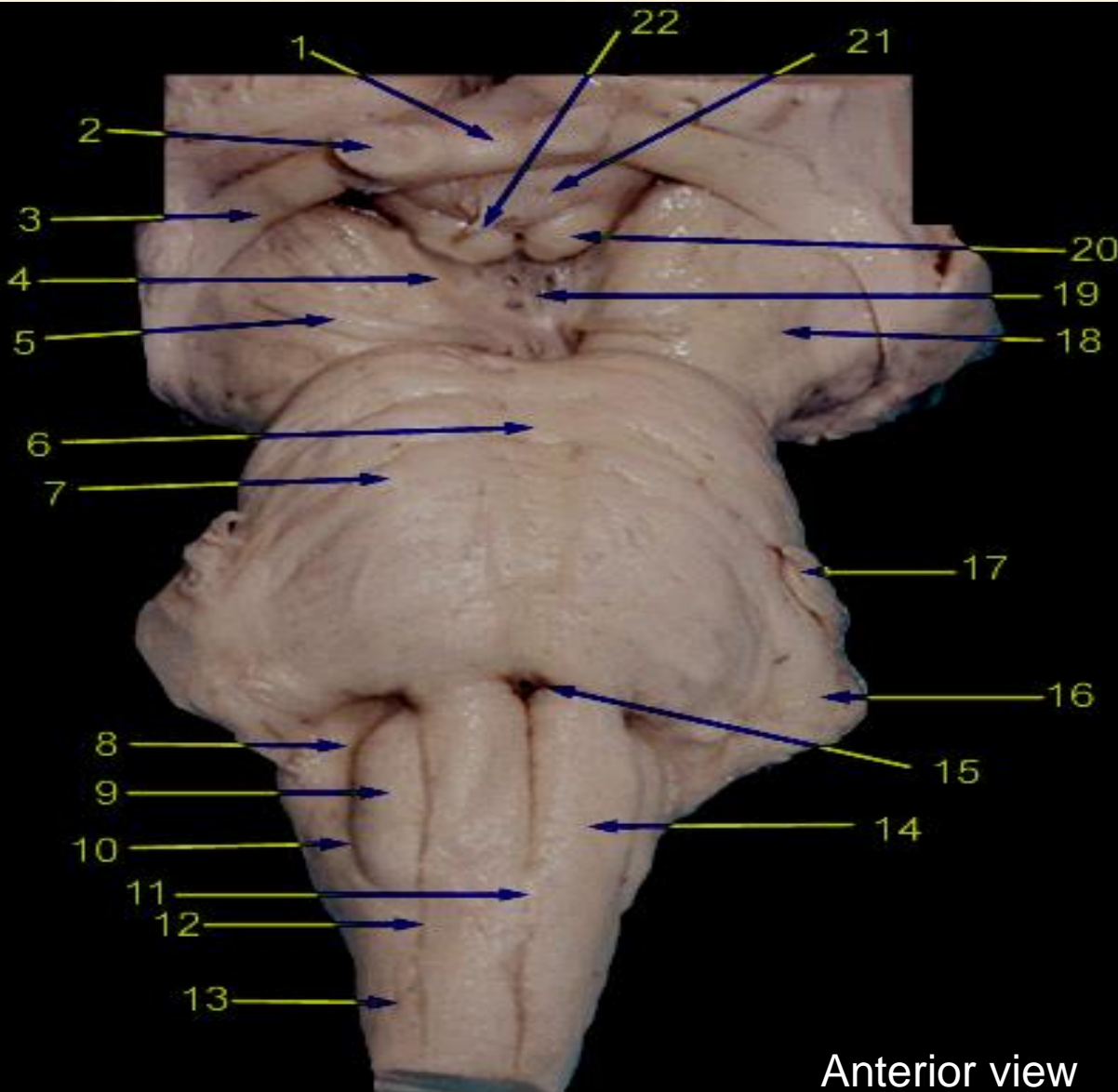
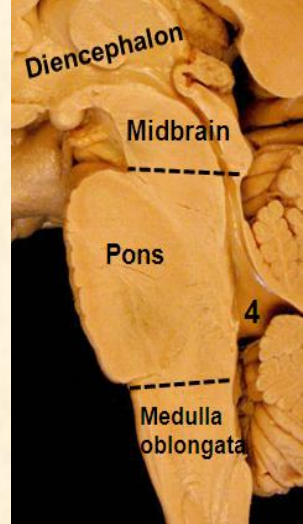
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THE BRAIN STEM

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It includes: Midbrain - Pons - Medulla oblongata

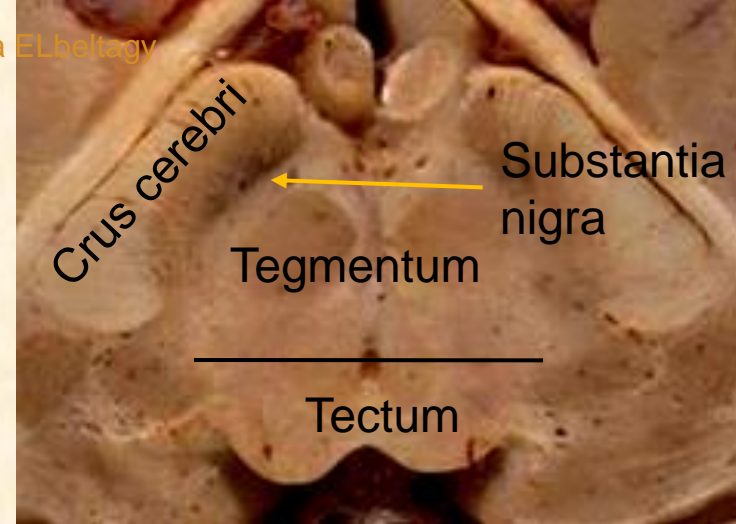


1. Optic chiasma
2. Optic nerve
3. Optic tract
4. Medial sulcus of the crus cerebri
5. Oculomotor nerve
6. Pons
7. Pyramidal eminence of the pons
8. Retroolivary fossa
9. Olive
10. Posterolateral sulcus
11. Decussation of the pyramids
12. Anterolateral sulcus
13. Lateral funiculus
14. Pyramid
15. Foramen caecum
16. Middle cerebellar pedunculus
17. Trigeminal nerve
18. Crus cerebri
19. Posterior perforated substance
20. Mammillary body
21. Tuber cinereum
22. Infundibulum

Anterior view

The midbrain

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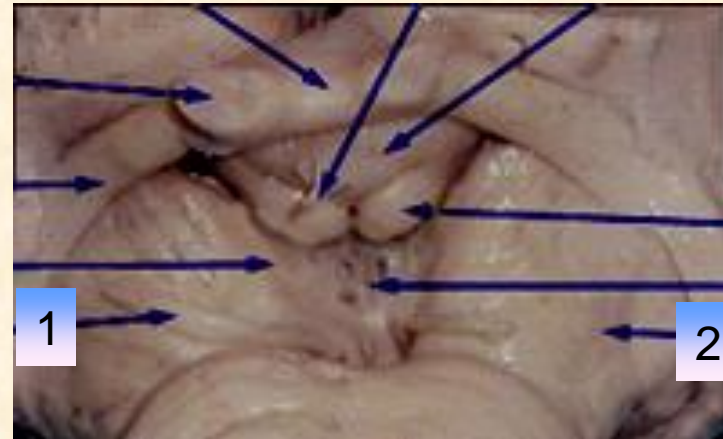


The cerebral aqueduct divides the midbrain into :

- **Tectum** (behind the duct).
- **2 cerebral peduncles:** each one consist of Crus cerebri (2), Substantia nigra & Tegmentum.

Anterior surface of midbrain:

Is formed of the 2 crura enclosing interpeduncular fossa in between them. The oculomotor nerve (1) emerges from the medial aspect of the crus cerebri.

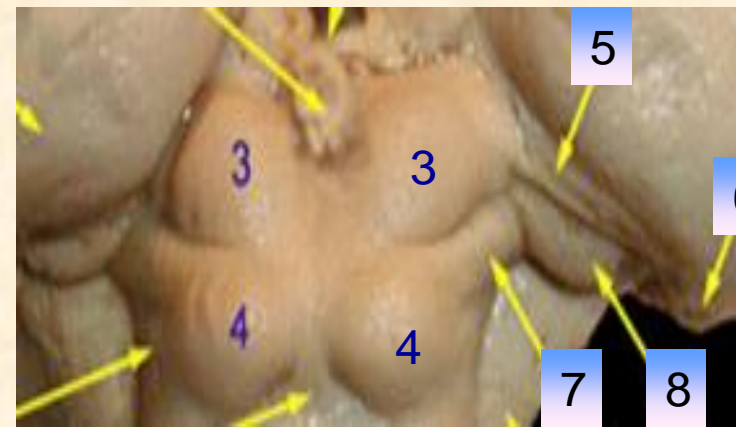


Posterior surface: Is formed of :

2 superior colliculi (3): connected to the lateral geniculate body (6) by superior brachium (5).

2 inferior colliculi (4) : connected to the medial geniculate body (8) by inferior brachium (7).

The trochlear nerve emerges from the back of midbrain.



The interpeduncular Fossa

Boundaries:

Anterior: Optic chiasma (1).

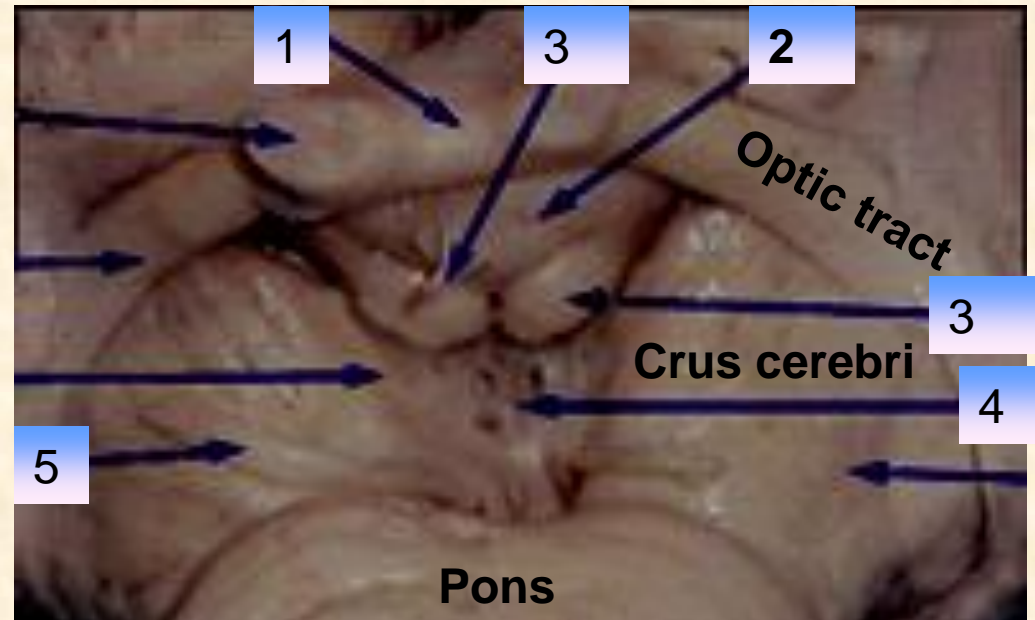
Posterior: Pons

Anterolateral:

- Optic tract & crura cerebri

Contents:

- Tuber cinereum (2).
- Mammillary bodies (3)
- Posterior perforated substance (4)
- Oculomotor nerve (5) emerges from the medial aspect of crus cerebri .



The Pons

Anterior surface:

- Has a median basilar groove for basilar artery (15).
- Pyramidal eminence (16) on either side of basilar groove with transverse pontine fibers.
- Middle cerebellar peduncle (MCP).
- Trigeminal nerve (17) between the pons & MCP.

Posterior surface:

Forms the upper part of the floor of the 4th ventricle.

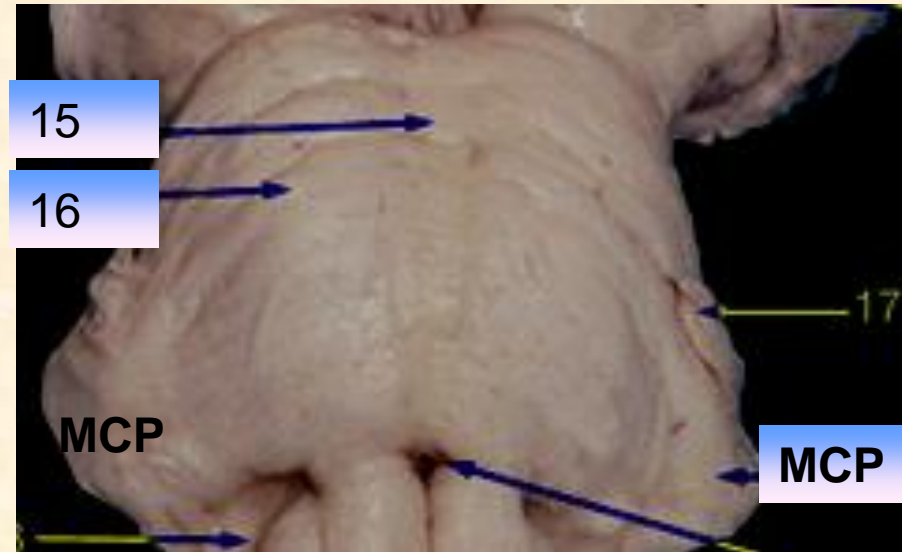
It is separated from the medulla by medullary stria (15).

It has a posterior median sulcus (8) with medial eminence (9) on either side.

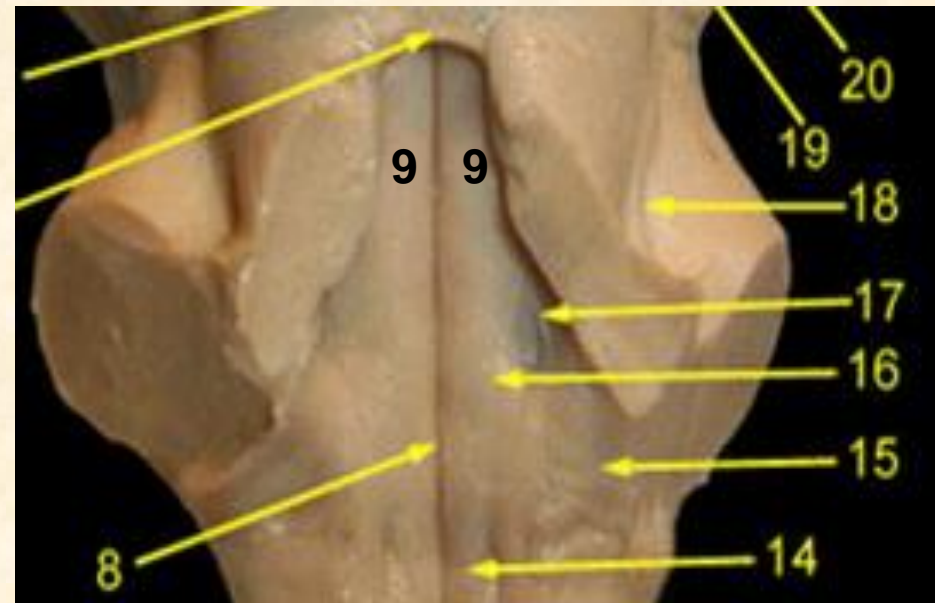
Facial colliculus (16) is a small swelling in the lower part of the medial eminence

Superior fovea (17) is a depression lateral to facial colliculus

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Anterior surface



Posterior surface

The Medulla Oblongata

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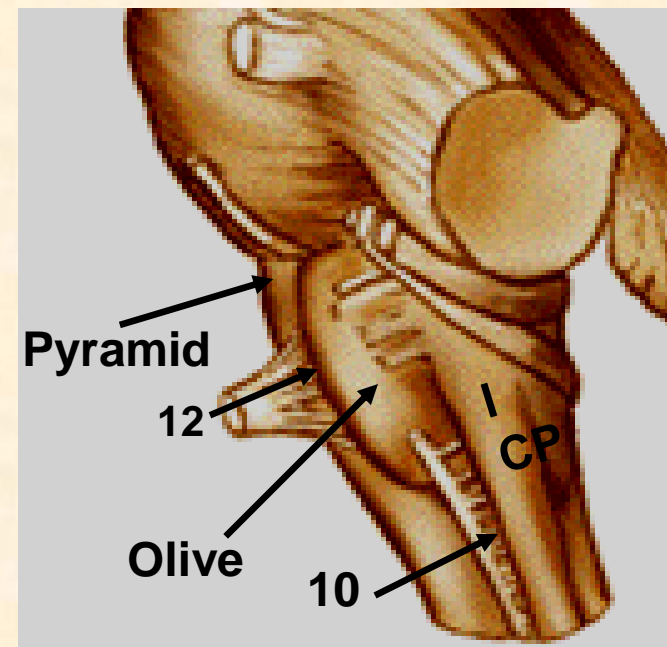
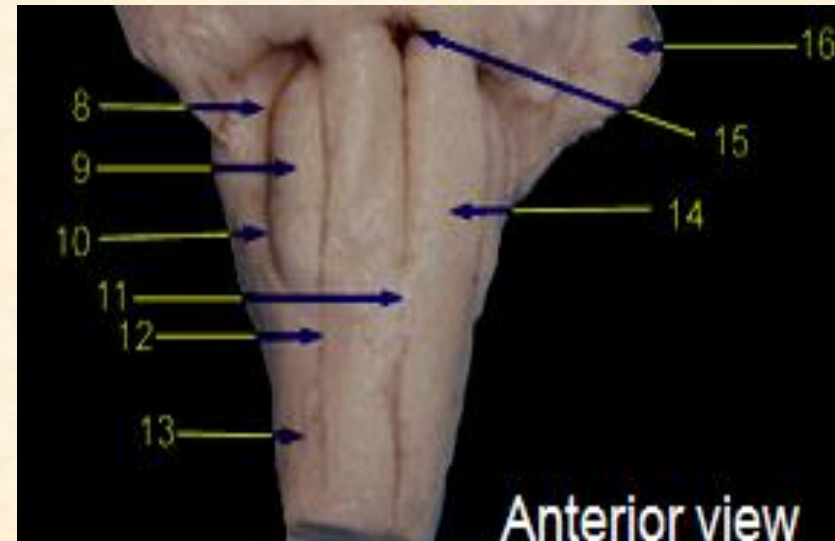
- Its upper ½ has no central canal & is known as open medulla.
- Its lower ½ has central canal & is known as open medulla.

Anterior surface: Has:

- Anterior median fissure which is obliterated below by pyramidal decussation (11).
- Pyramid (14) on either side of the median fissure

Lateral surface: Has

- Olive (9) separated from the pyramid by anterolateral sulcus (12) to which rootlets of hypoglossal nerve are attached.
- Inferior cerebellar peduncle (ICP) separated from the olive by posterolateral sulcus (10) to which rootlets of glossopharyngeal, vagus & accessory nerves are attached.



Lateral surface

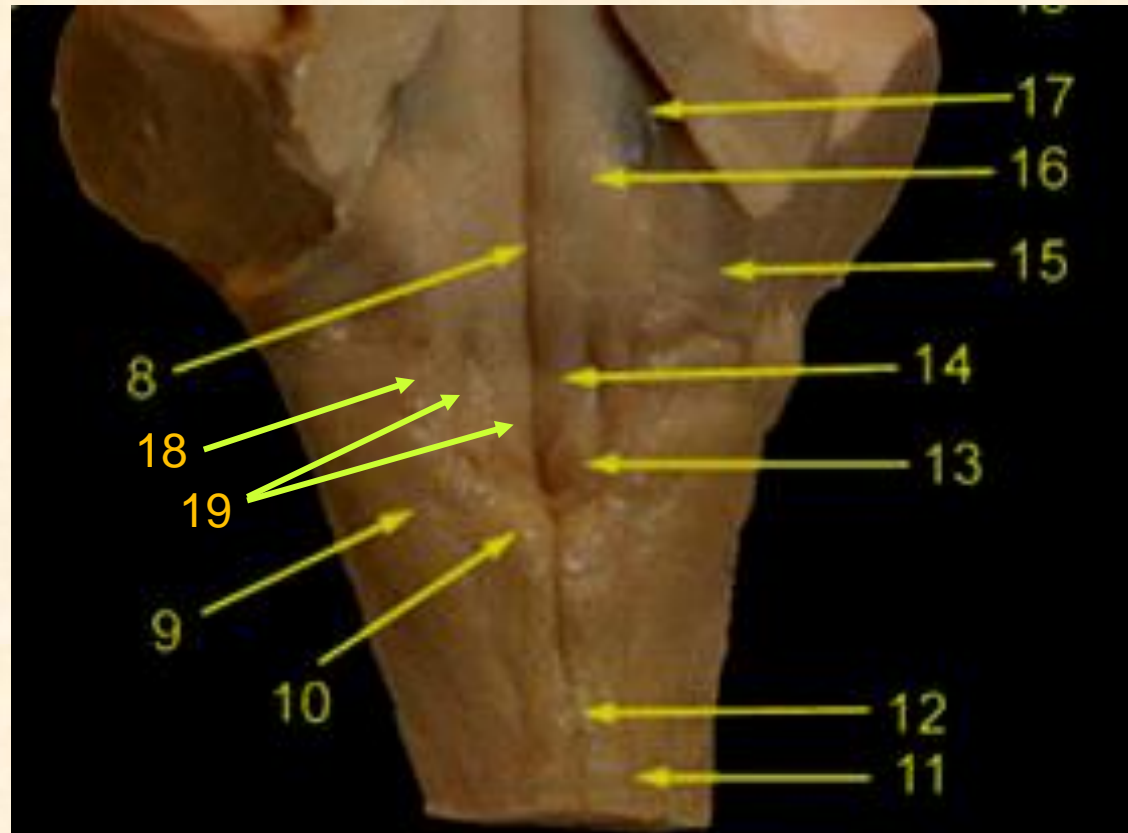
Posterior surface:

Upper part: forms lower part of the floor of the 4th ventricle & has the following features:

- Posterior median sulcus.
- Inferior fovea ((19) which is an inverted V-shaped sulcus dividing the back of medulla into; Hypoglossal triangle (14), vagal triangle (13) & vestibular area (18).

Lower part: back of closed medulla which has the following features:

- Posterior median sulcus.
- On either side of the sulcus Gracile & Cuneate tracts ascend & expand above to form Gracile (10) & Cuneate tubercle (9).



The fourth ventricle

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It is a diamond shaped cavity of the hindbrain.

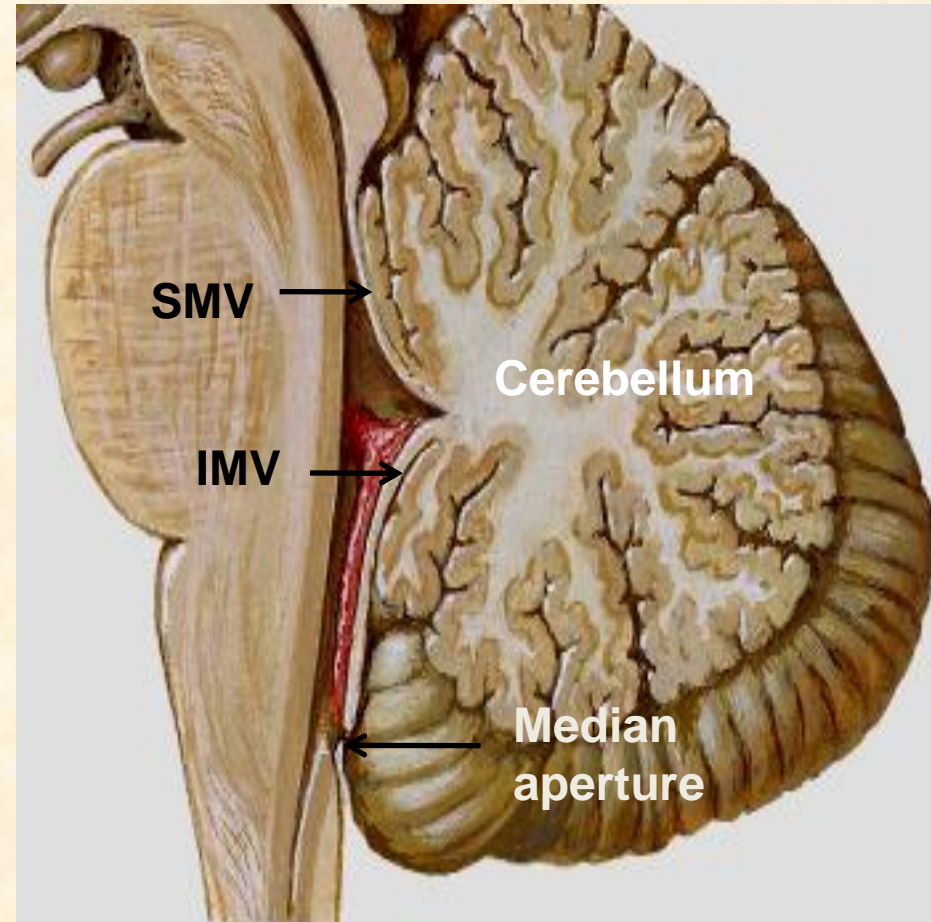
It lies behind the pons & open medulla & in front of the cerebellum.

Its **superior angle** is continuous with the cerebral aqueduct of midbrain & its **inferior angle** is continuous with the central canal of closed medulla (at the obex).

It has **2 lateral recesses** which curve around the inferior cerebellar peduncle & open by lateral apertures in the subarachnoid space at the flocculus .

The roof: Is tent shaped & is formed of

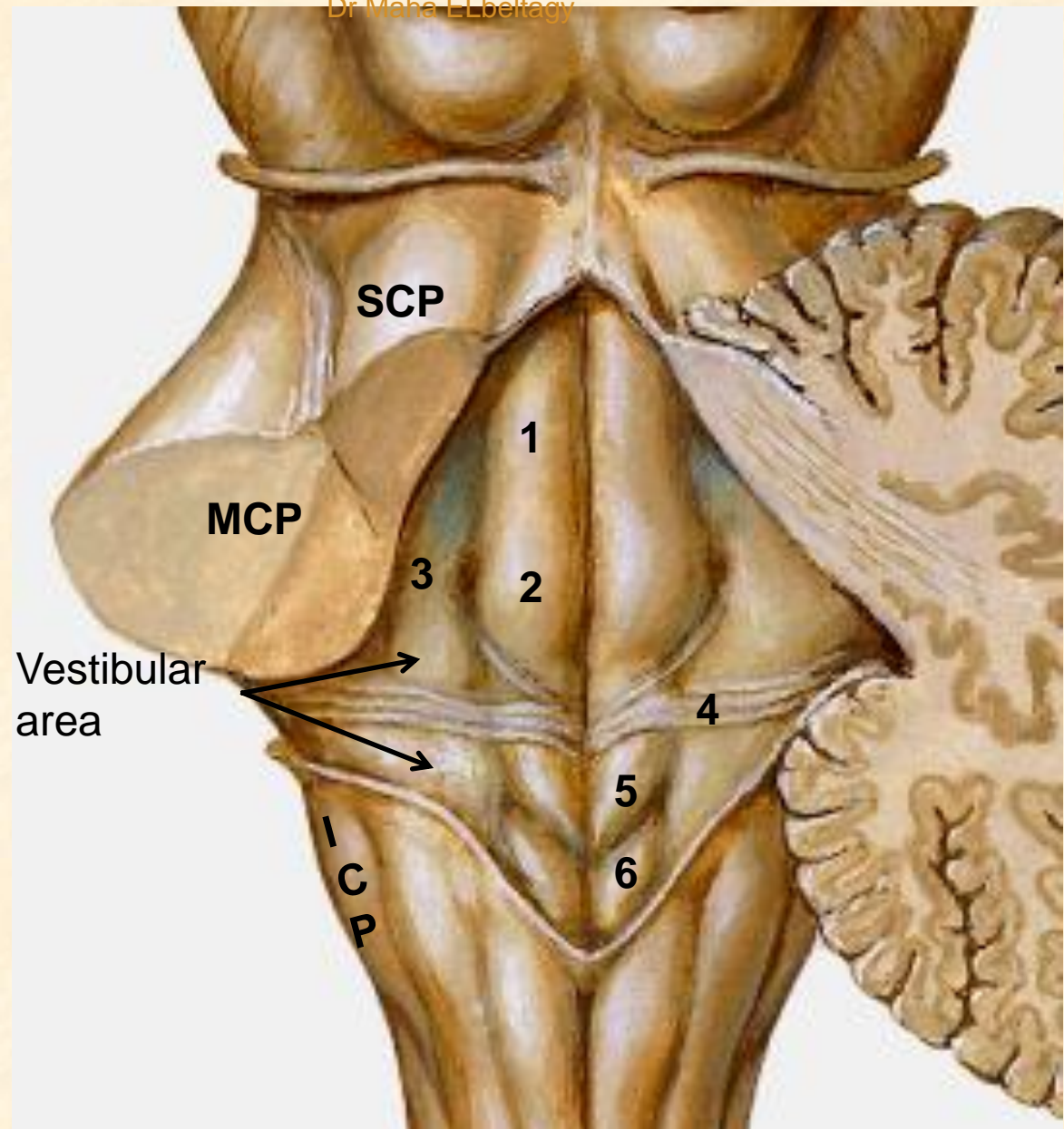
- The superior cerebellar peduncles (SCPs).
- the superior medullary velum (SMV) stretching between the 2 SCPs.
- The inferior medullary velum (IMV) which has a median aperture (of Magendie) connecting the 4th ventricle to the subarachnoid space.



The floor:

Is formed of :

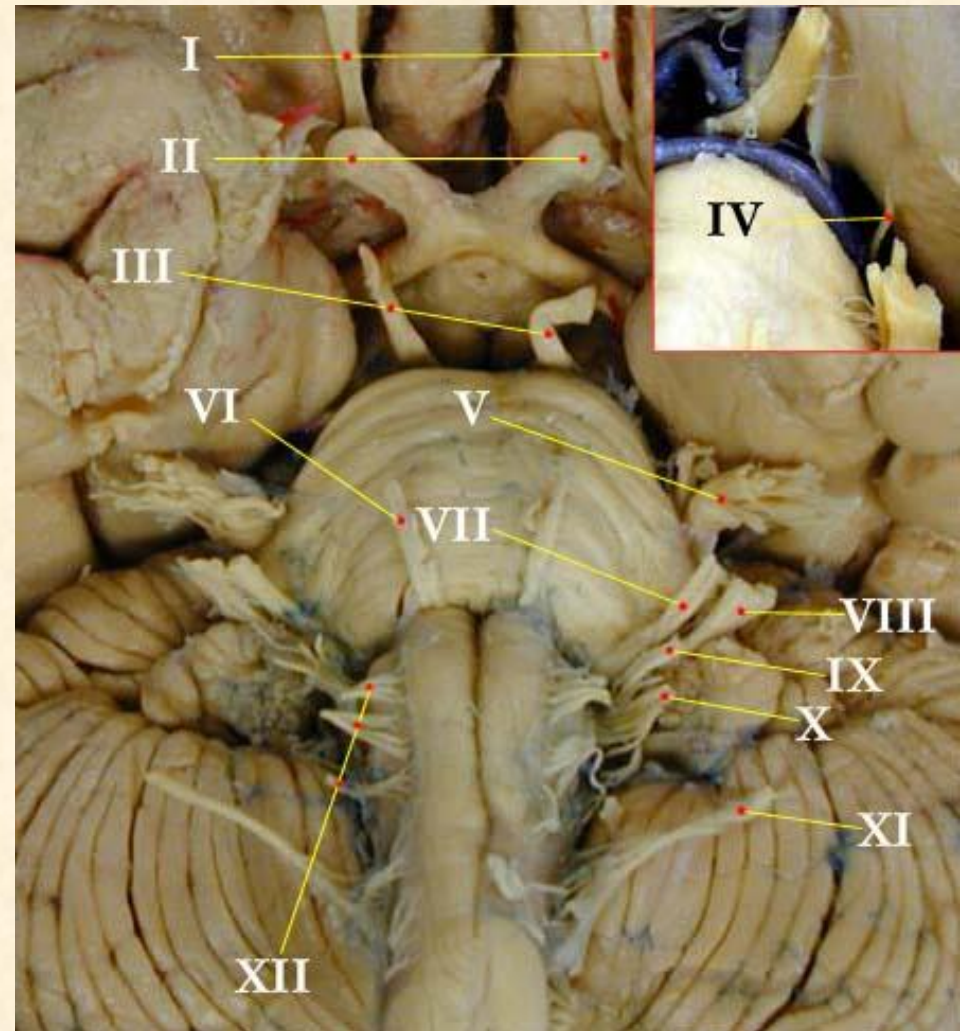
- The posterior surface of the pons: with posterior median sulcus, medial eminence (1), facial colliculus (2) & superior fovea (3).
- Medullary stria (4)
- The posterior surface of the open medulla: with inferior fovea, hypoglossal triangle (5), vagal triangle (6) & vestibular area,



Superficial Attachment of cranial nerves

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- 1) **Olfactory (I) Nerve** is formed of about 20 rootlets which pass through the cribriform plate of ethmoid to end in the olfactory bulb.
- 2) **Optic (II) Nerve** is attached to the optic chiasma.
- 3) **Oculomotor (III) Nerve** is attached to the medial side of crus cerebri of the midbrain.
- 4) **Trochlear (IV) Nerve** emerges from the back of midbrain below the inferior colliculus then it winds around the midbrain to appear on its anterior aspect.
- 5) **Trigeminal (V) Nerve** is attached to the pons at its junction with the middle cerebellar peduncle.
- 6) **Abducent (VI) Nerve** arises from the pons at the pontomedullary junction between pons & the pyramid of the medulla.
- 7) **Facial (VII) Nerve** arises from the pons at the ponto cerebellar angle.
- 8) **Auditory or Stato-Acoust or Vestibulocochlear (VIII) Nerve** arises from the pons at the pontocerebellar angle above the olive of the medulla.
- 9) **Glossopharyngeal (IX), Vagus (X) & Accessory (XI) Nerves** are attached to the posterolateral sulcus of the medulla.
- 10) **Hypoglossal (XII) Nerve** is attached to the anterolateral sulcus of the medulla between the pyramid & olive.



The Cerebellum

It is formed of median vermis & 2 cerebellar hemispheres.

It has 2 surfaces:

- **Superior surface:** facing the midbrain & tentorium cerebelli .
- **Inferior surface:** divided into **anterior** & **posterior** parts.
- The surfaces have many parallel folds called folia

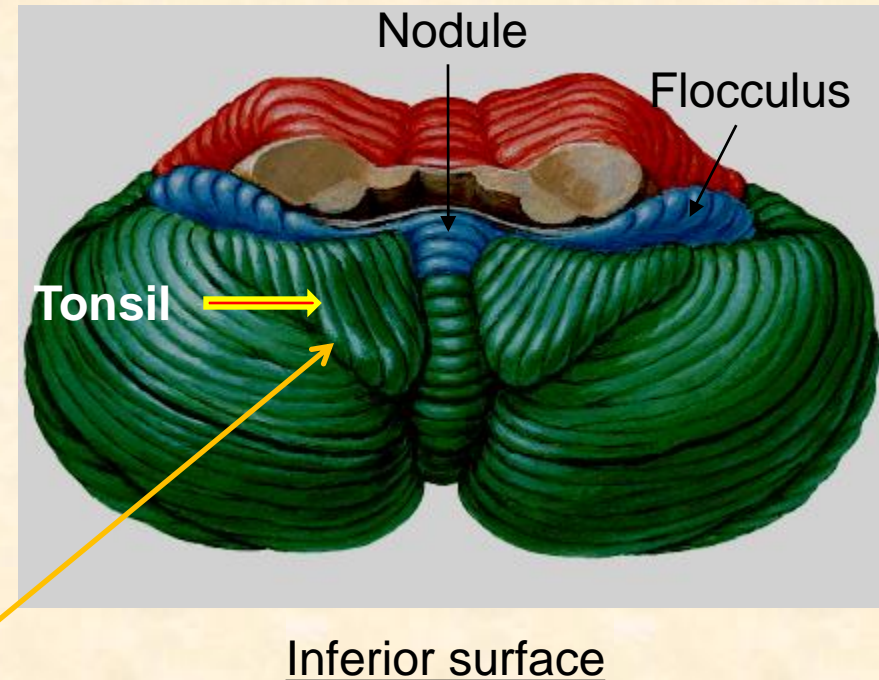
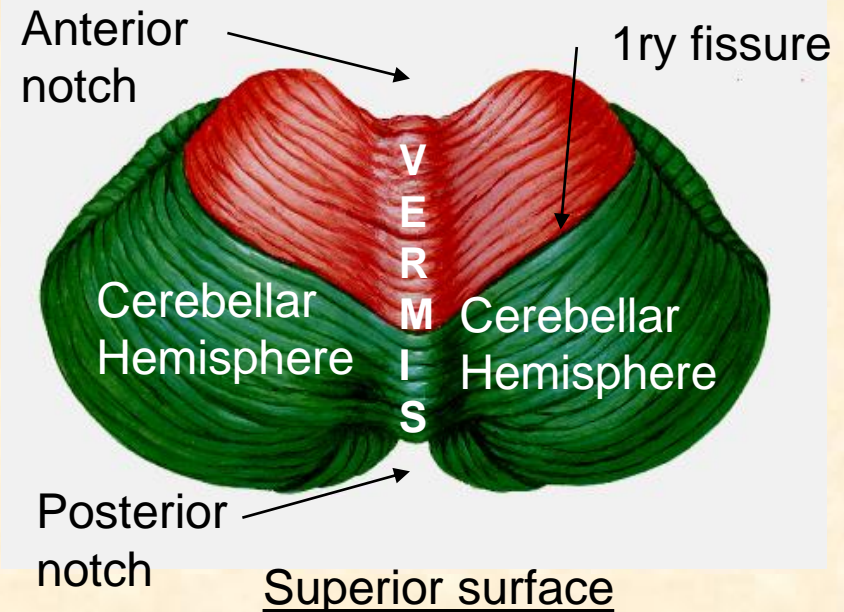
It has 2 notches:

- **Anterior notch** occupied by the brain stem.
- **Posterior notch** (vellecula) occupied by falx cerebelli.

The main fissures of the cerebellum:

- **Primary fissure:** separates the anterior & posterior lobes.
- **Horizontal fissure:** Extends between the middle cerebellar peduncles .
- **Posterolateral fissure:** Separates the flocculus & nodule from the rest of the cerebellum.
- **Cerebellar tonsil** : on either sides of uvula of inferior vermis
- **Retrotonsillar fissure** : separates tonsil from the rest of cerebellum.

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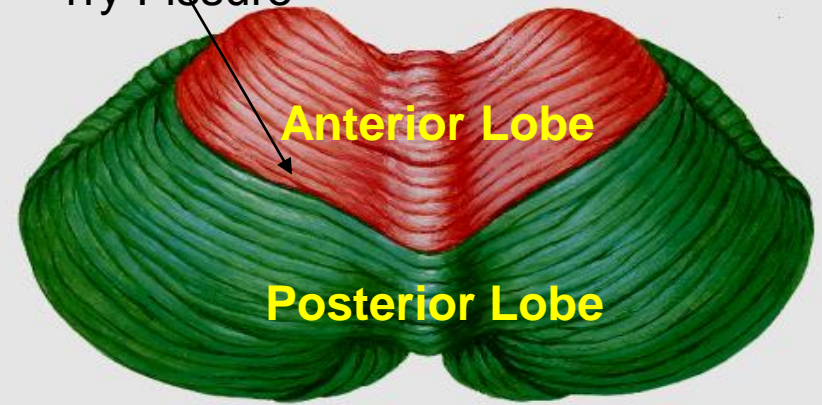


Lobes of the cerebellum: (Horizontal division)

- **Anterior lobe:** in front of the primary fissure.
- **Posterior lobe:** behind the primary fissure.
- **Flocculo-nodular lobe:** Consists of the flocculus & nodule .

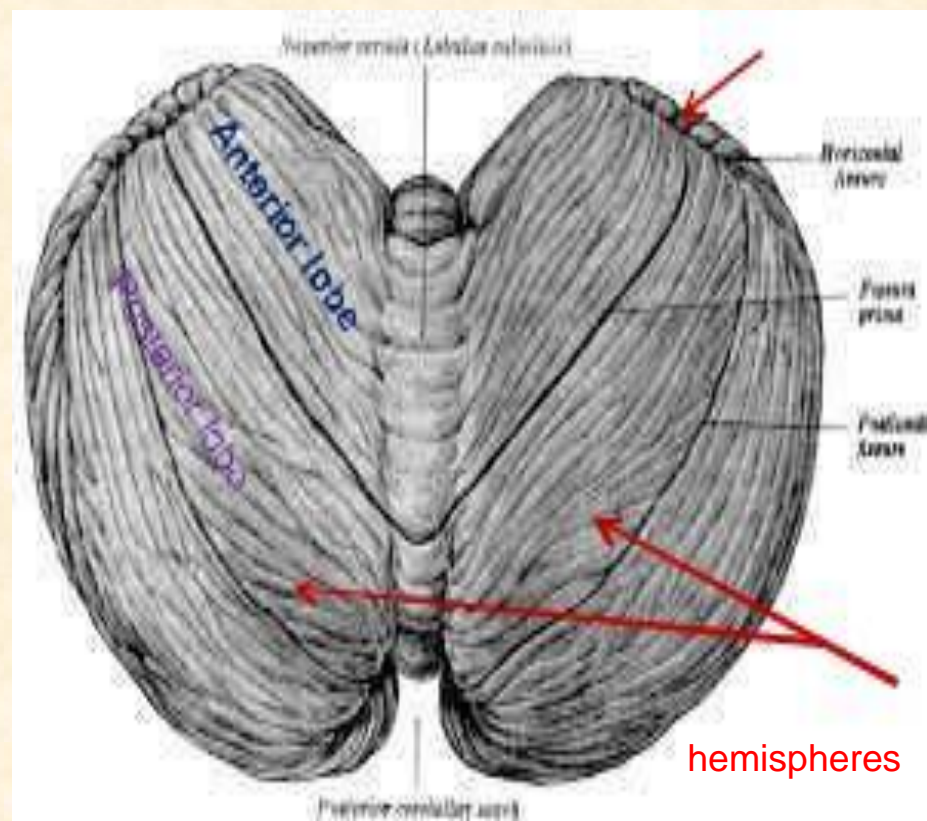
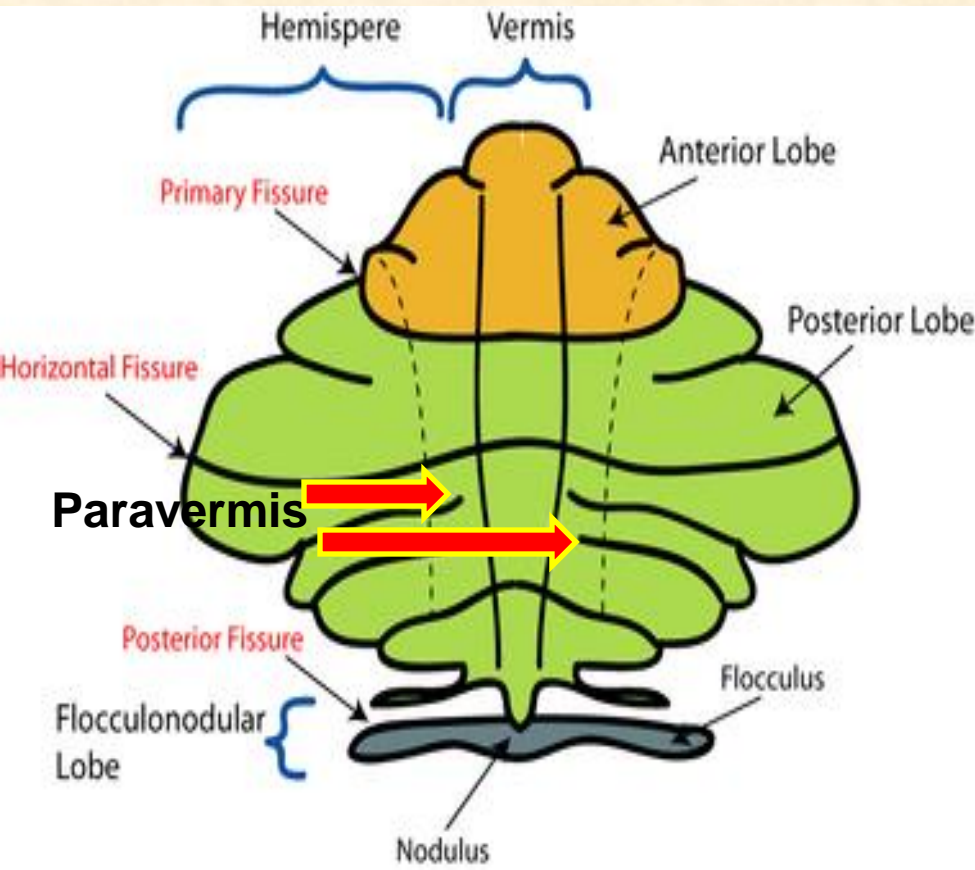
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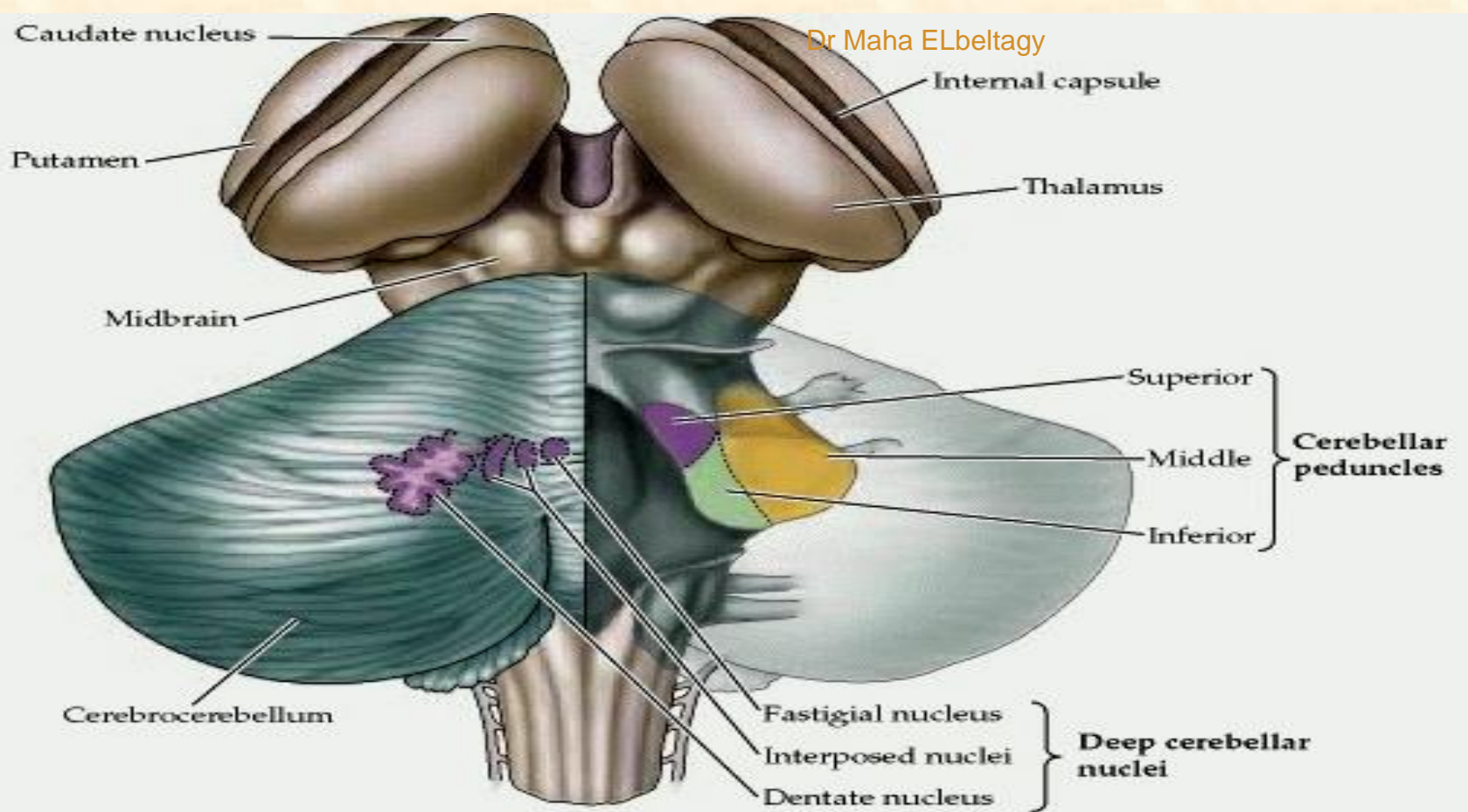
Primary Fissure



Anterior Lobe

Posterior Lobe





Cerebellar nuclei:

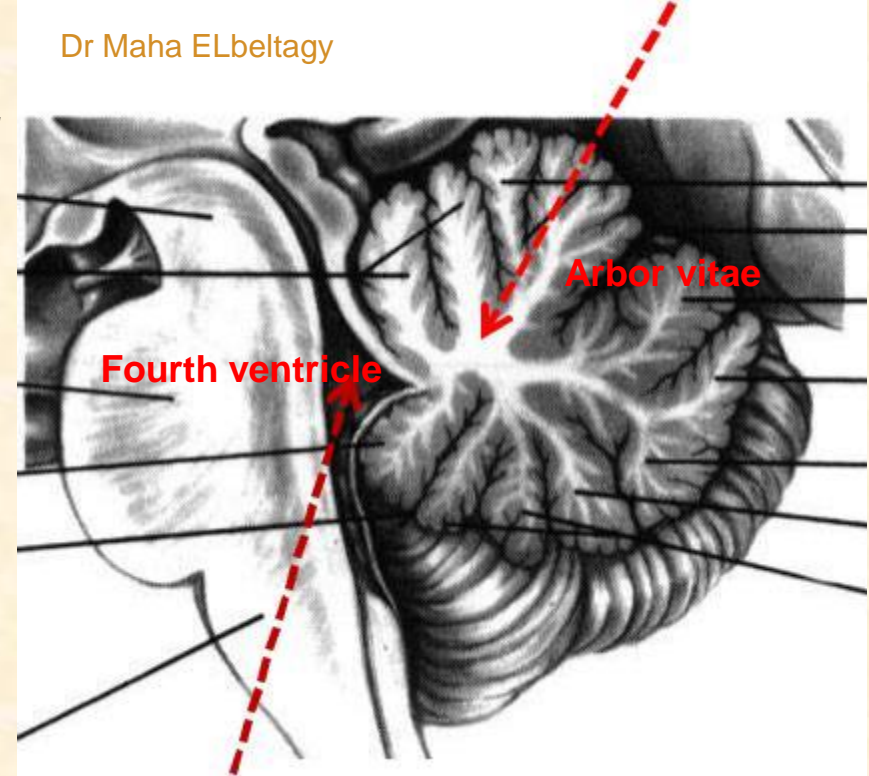
- Dentate nucleus
- Interposed nuclei: Emboliform - Globose
- Fastigial

"Don't Eat Greasy Food"

Arbor vitae

In latin “ **tree of life**” it is the white matter of the white matter of cerebellum.

- It is so called because of the tree like appearance.
- It brings sensory and motor sensation to and from cerebellum

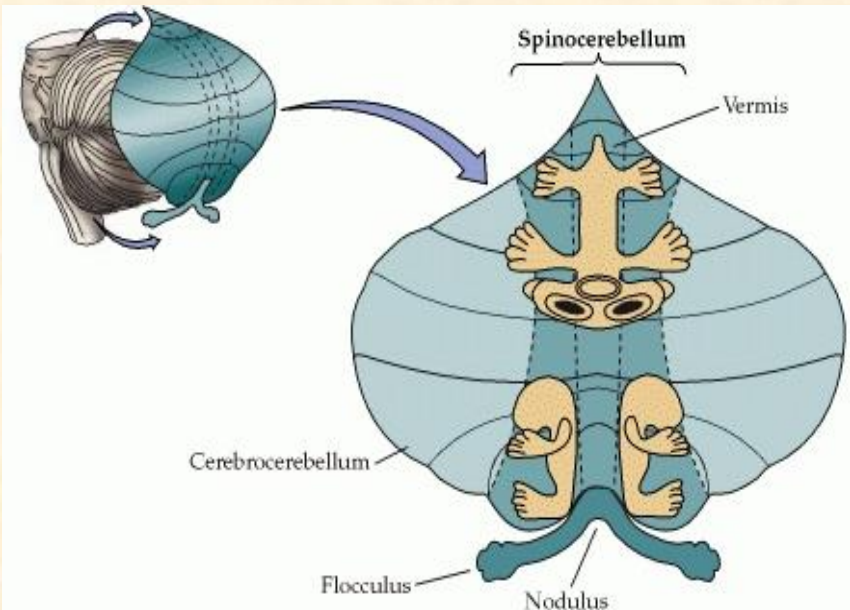


Vertical subdivisions of the cerebellum

1- vermis (central part on superior and inferior surfaces) represents head, neck, trunk, shoulders and hips). Projects to **Fastigial N**

2- Paravermis (lateral to vermis) represents muscles of upper and lower limbs
Projects to **Globose and Emboliform N**

3- Rest of cerebellar hemispheres
Project to **Dentate N**



Cerebellar peduncles:

Superior cerebellar peduncle (SCP):

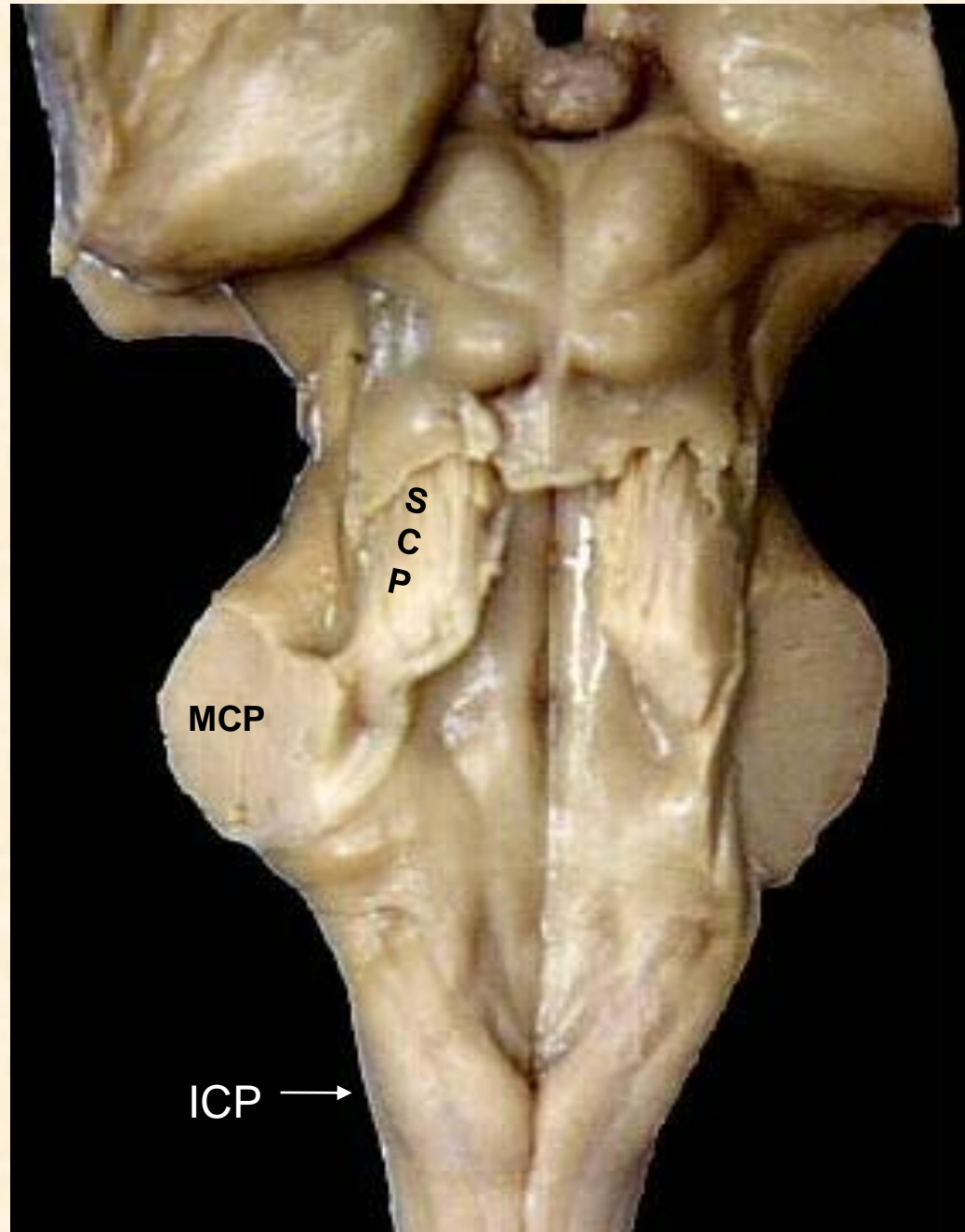
Connects the cerebellum with the midbrain.

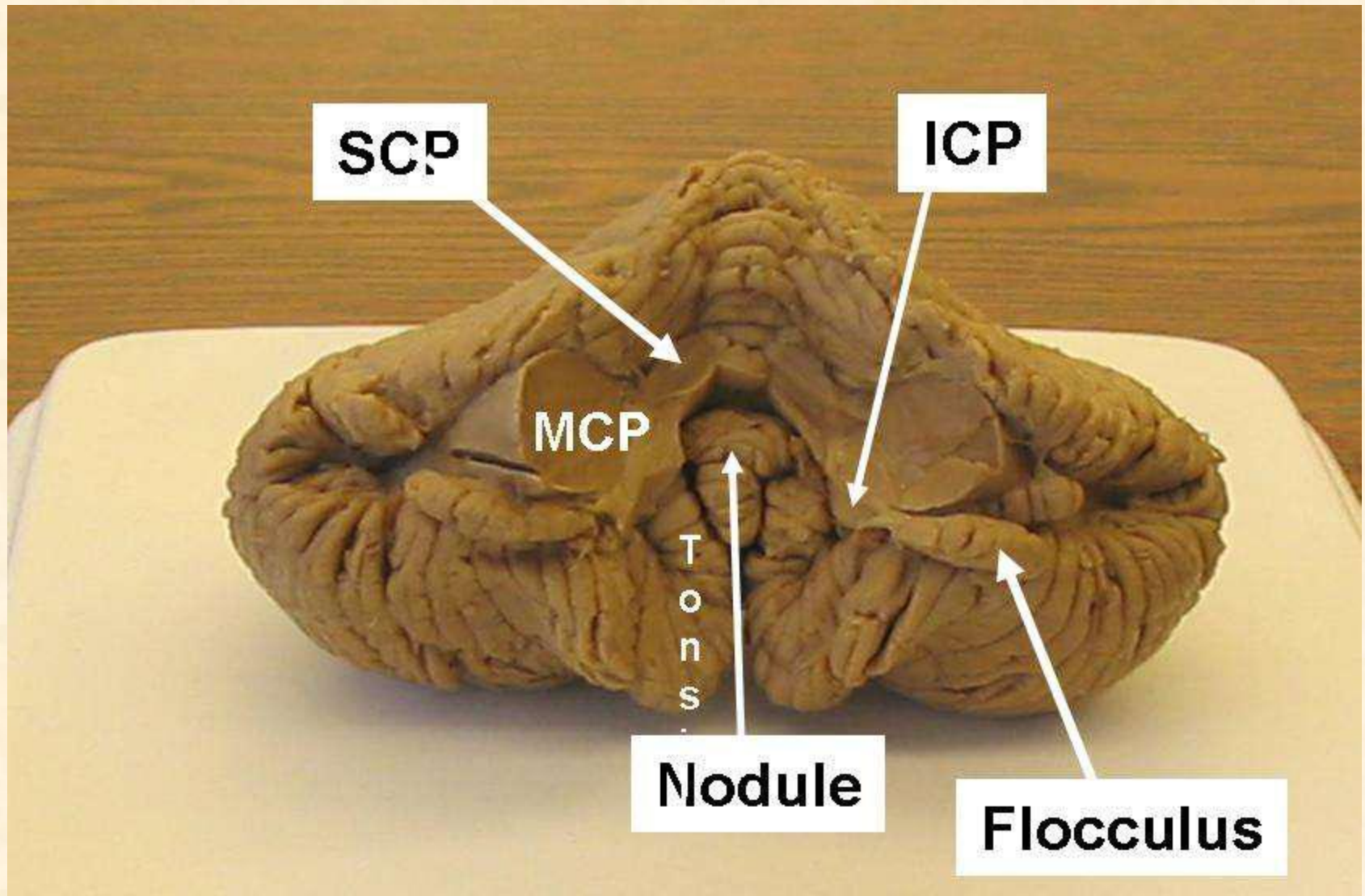
Middle cerebellar peduncle (MCP):

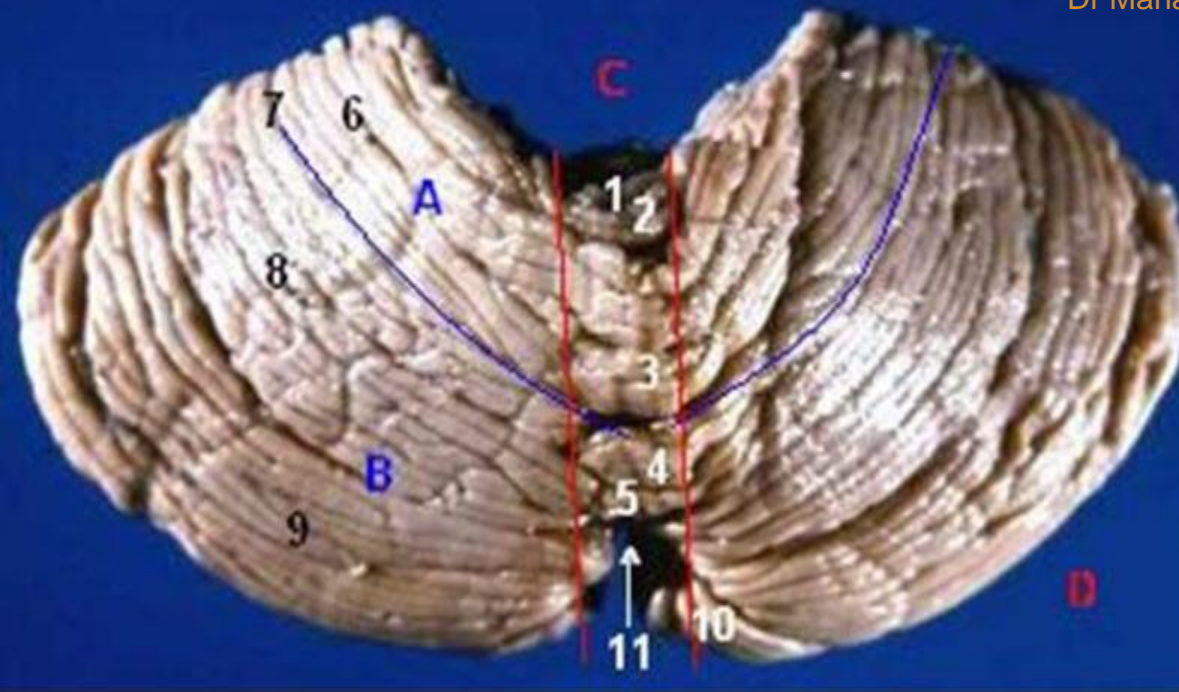
Connects the cerebellum with the pons.

Inferior cerebellar peduncle (ICP):

Connects the cerebellum with the medulla oblongata.



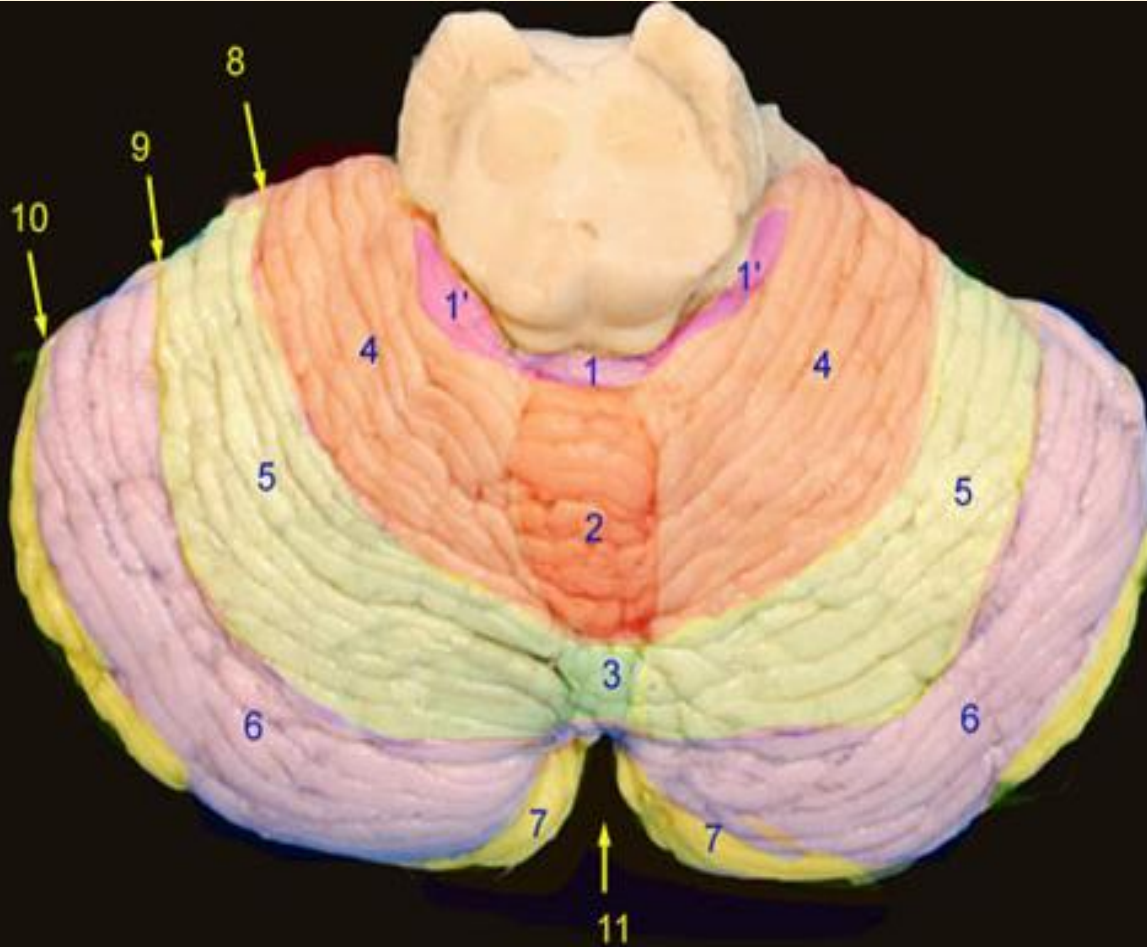




an cerebellum - posterior view

- 1-Lingula cerebelli
- 2-Lobulus centralis
- 3-Culmen
- 4-Declive
- 5-Folium vermis
- 6-Lobulus quadrangularis anterior, Pars anterior
- 7-Fissura prima
- 8-Lobulus simplex, Lobulus quadrangularis posterior
- 9-Lobulus semilunaris superior
- 10-Lobulus semilunaris inferior
- 11-Tuber vermis

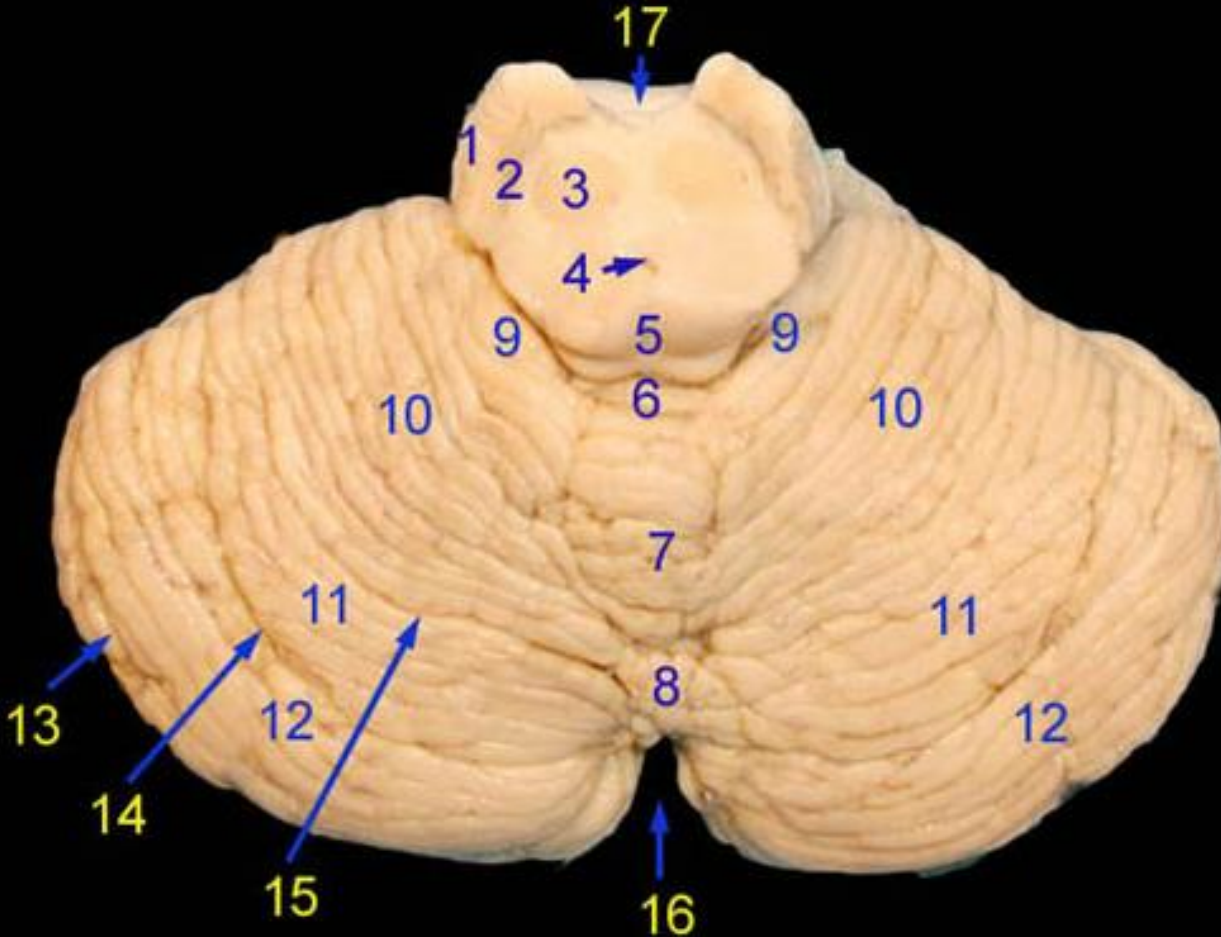
Cerebellar lobules - Superior view



Cerebellar lobules - superior view

- 1. Central Lobule
- 1' Wing of the central lobule
- 2. Culmen
- 3. Declive
- 4. Quadriangular lobule
- 5. Simple lobule
- 6. Superior semilunar lobule
- 7. Inferior semilunar lobule
- 8. Primary fissure
- 9. Superior posterior fissure
- 10. Horizontal fissure
- 11. Posterior cerebellar incisure

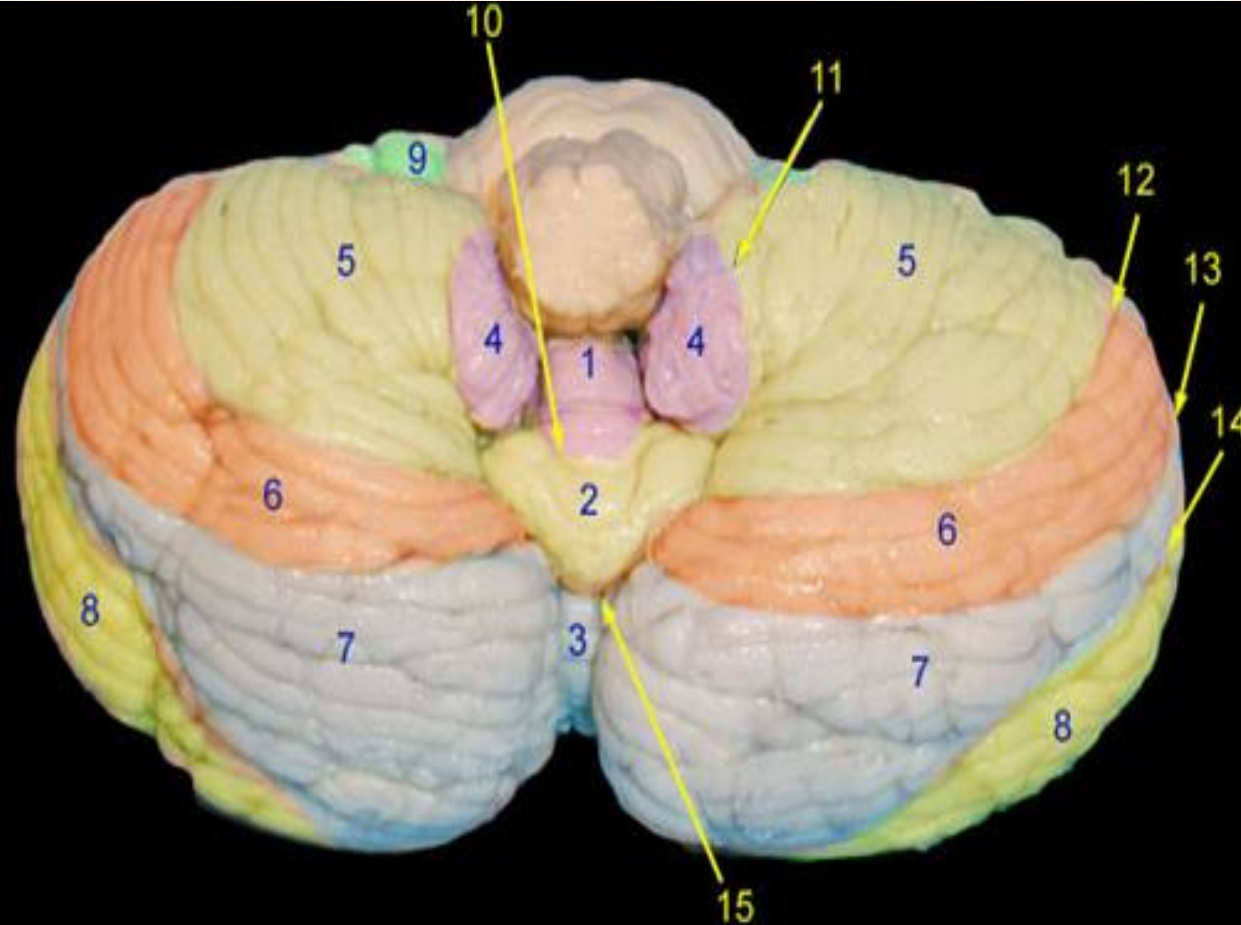
Cerebellar lobules - Superior view



Cerebellum - superior view

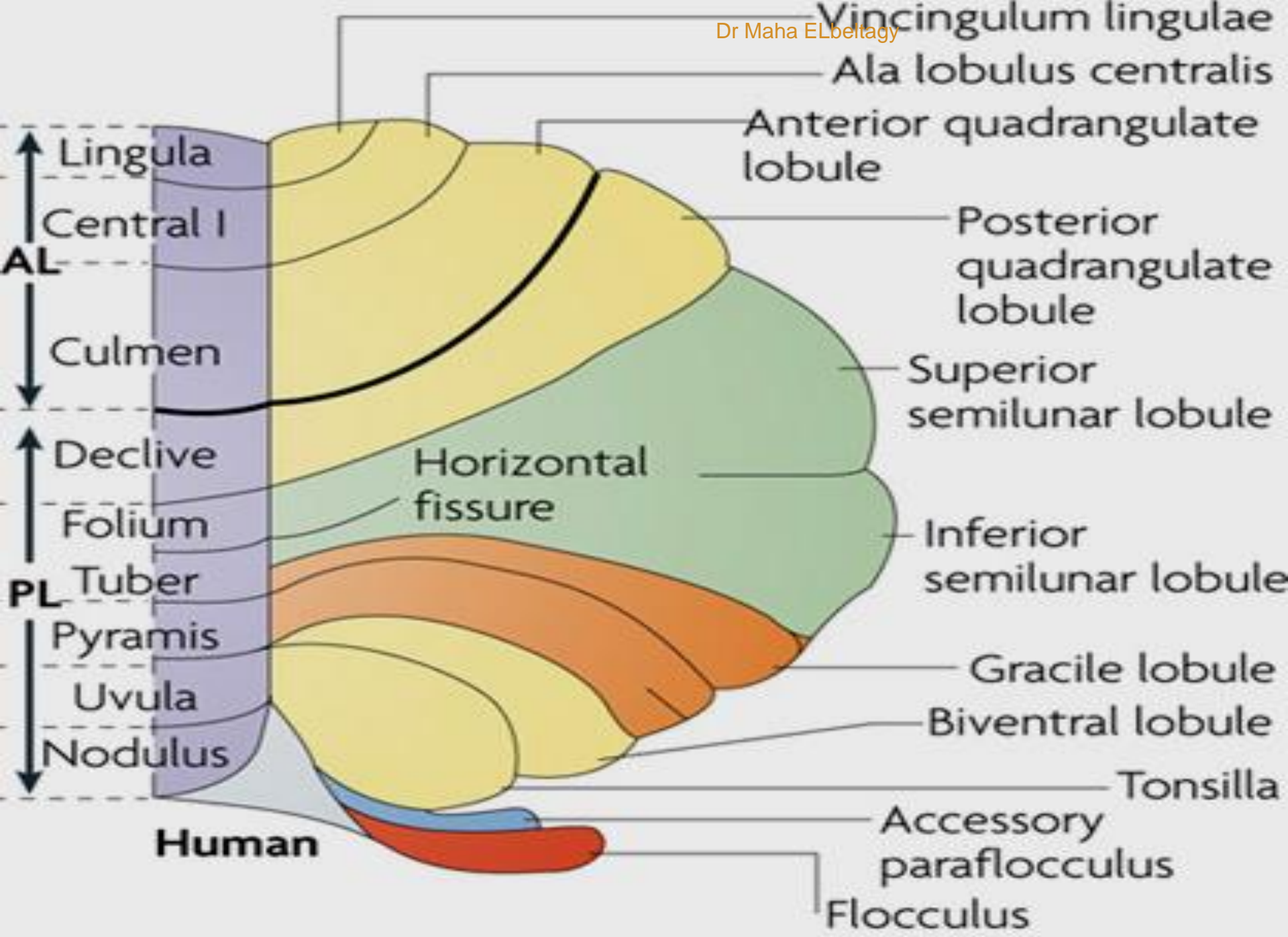
1. Crus cerebri
2. Substantia nigra
3. Red nucleus
4. Cerebral aqueduct
5. Tectum
6. Central lobule
7. Culmen
8. Declive
9. Wing of the central lobule
10. Quadrangular lobule
11. Simple lobule
12. Superior semilunar lobule
13. Horizontal fissure
14. Superior posterior fissure
15. Primary fissure
16. Posterior cerebellar incisure
17. Interpeduncular fossa

Cerebellar Lobules (inferior view)



Cerebellar lobules - inferior view .

1. Uvula
2. Pyramis
3. Tuber vermis
4. Tonsills
5. Biventer lobule
6. Gracile lobule
7. Inferior semilunar lobule
8. Superior semilunar lobule
9. Flocculus
10. Secondary fissure
11. Retrotonsillar fissure
12. Inferior anterior fissure
13. Inferior posterior fissure
14. Horizontal fissure
15. Postpyramidal fissure



Human

Structure of the cerebellum

1- Cerebellar Cortex

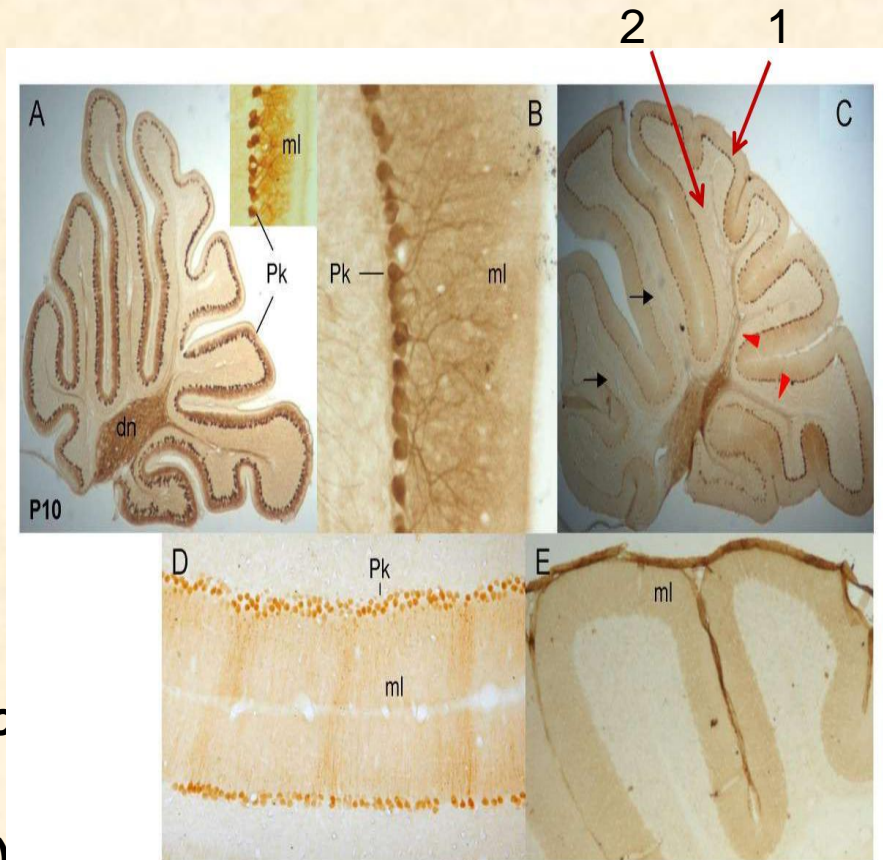
Outer Molecular Layer (stellate and basket cells)

Middle Pyrkinje Cell Layer
(inhibitory to all other cells)

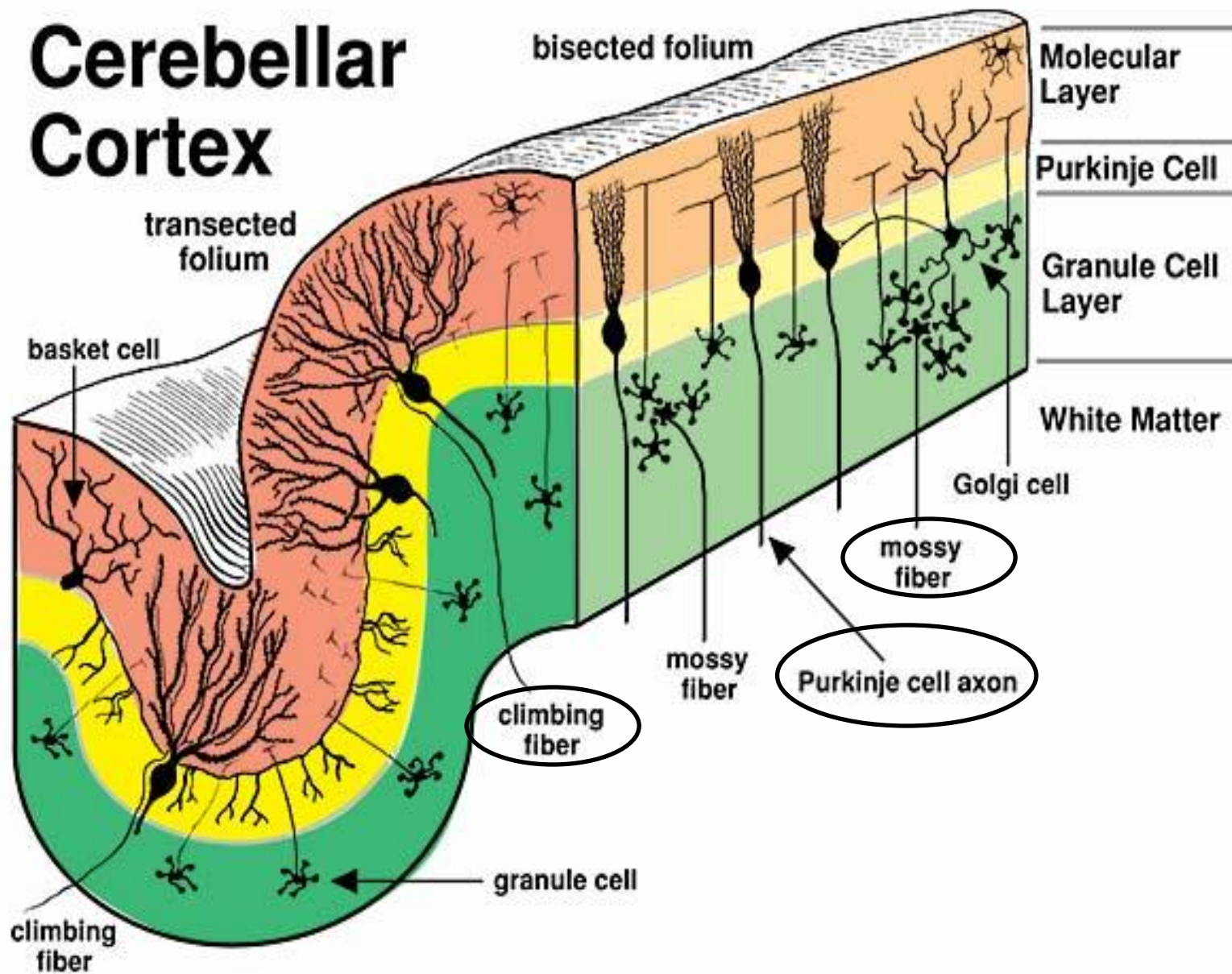
Inner Granular Layer
Include 2G cells (granule and golgi)
Granule cells are the only (excitatory to all other cells).

2- Corpus Medullare (Medullary Center)

3- Deep Cerebellar Nuclei



Cerebellar Cortex



White matter of the cerebellum

• **Consists of three types of nerve fibers in the white matter**

A. Mossy fibres (afferent)

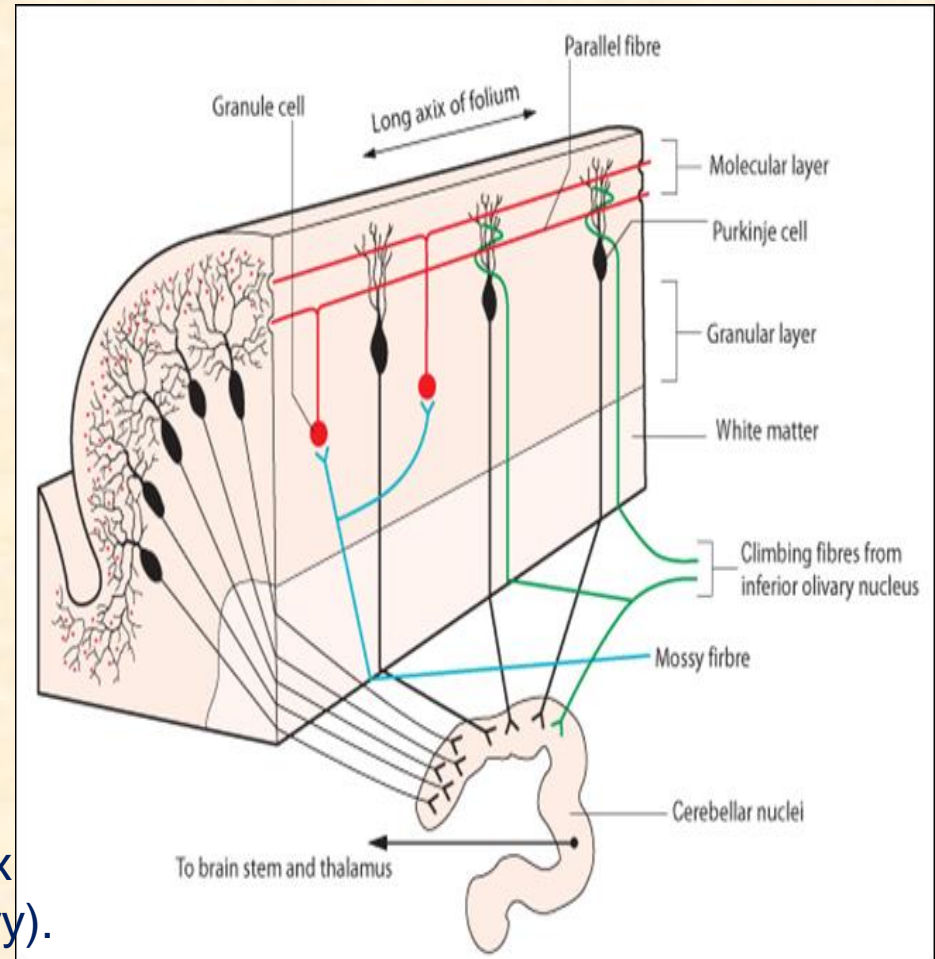
They end in the granular layer first then purkinje layer (indirect activation of purkinje).

B. Climbing fibers (afferent)

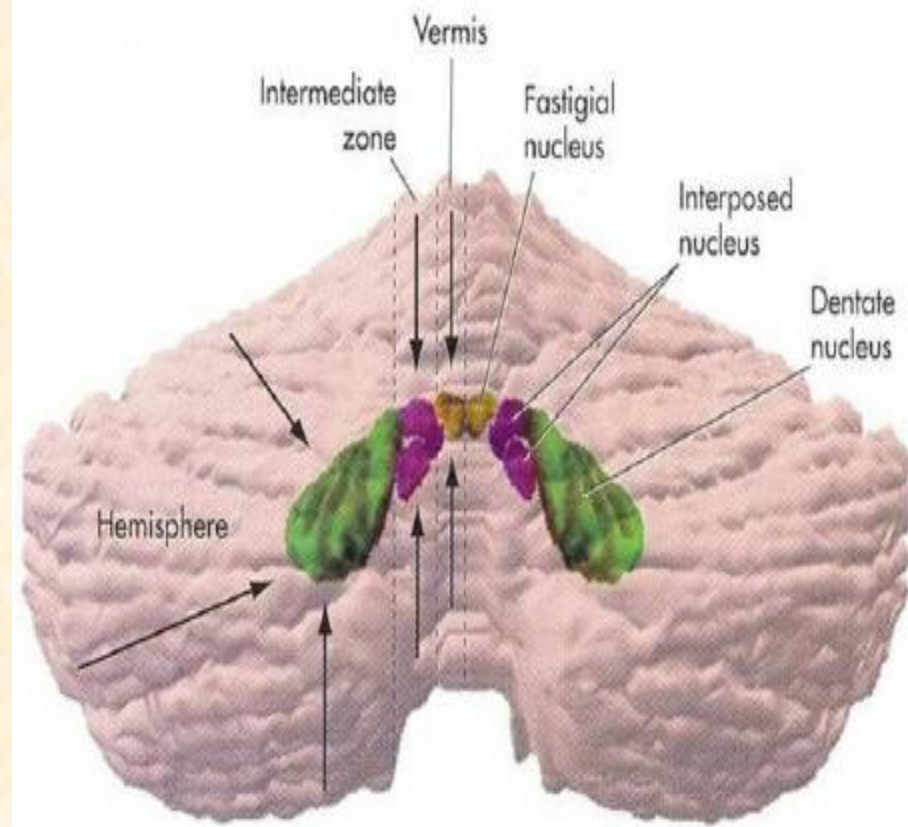
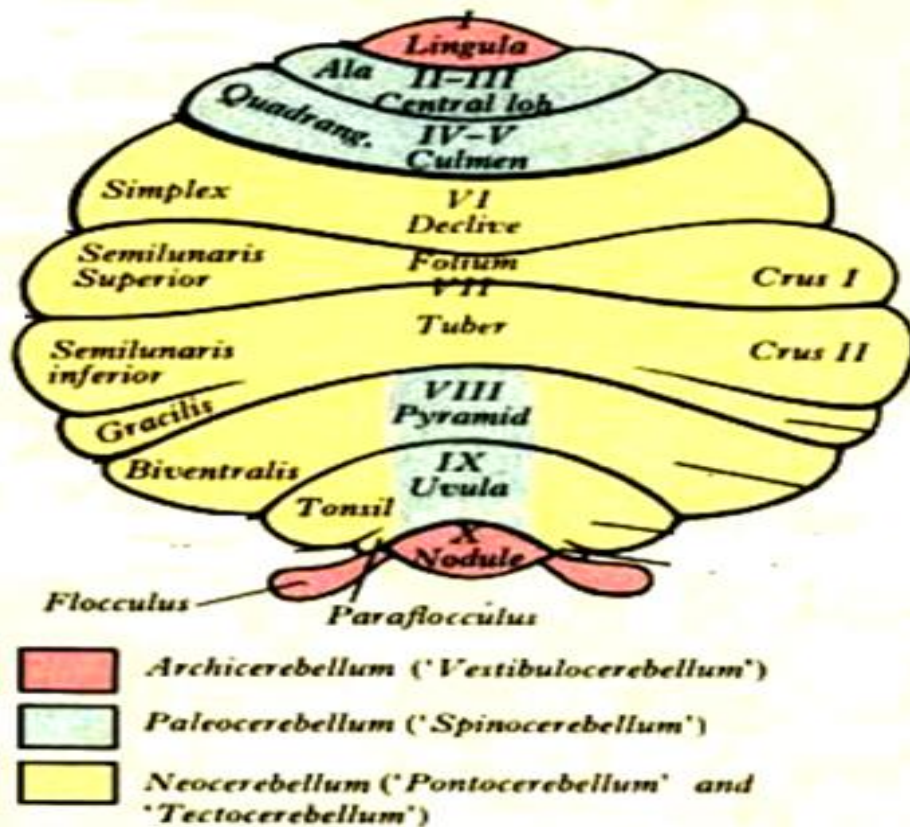
They end directly in purkinje (direct activation) or molecular layer (olivocerebellar tracts mainly)

C- Axons of purkinje cells (efferent)

The only axons to leave cerebellar cortex to end in deep cerebellar nuclei (inhibitory). These fibers then projects to brain stem nuclei, thalamus and cerebral cortex.



Functional Subdivisions of The Human Cerebellum



Functional Subdivisions of vestibulo-cerebellum

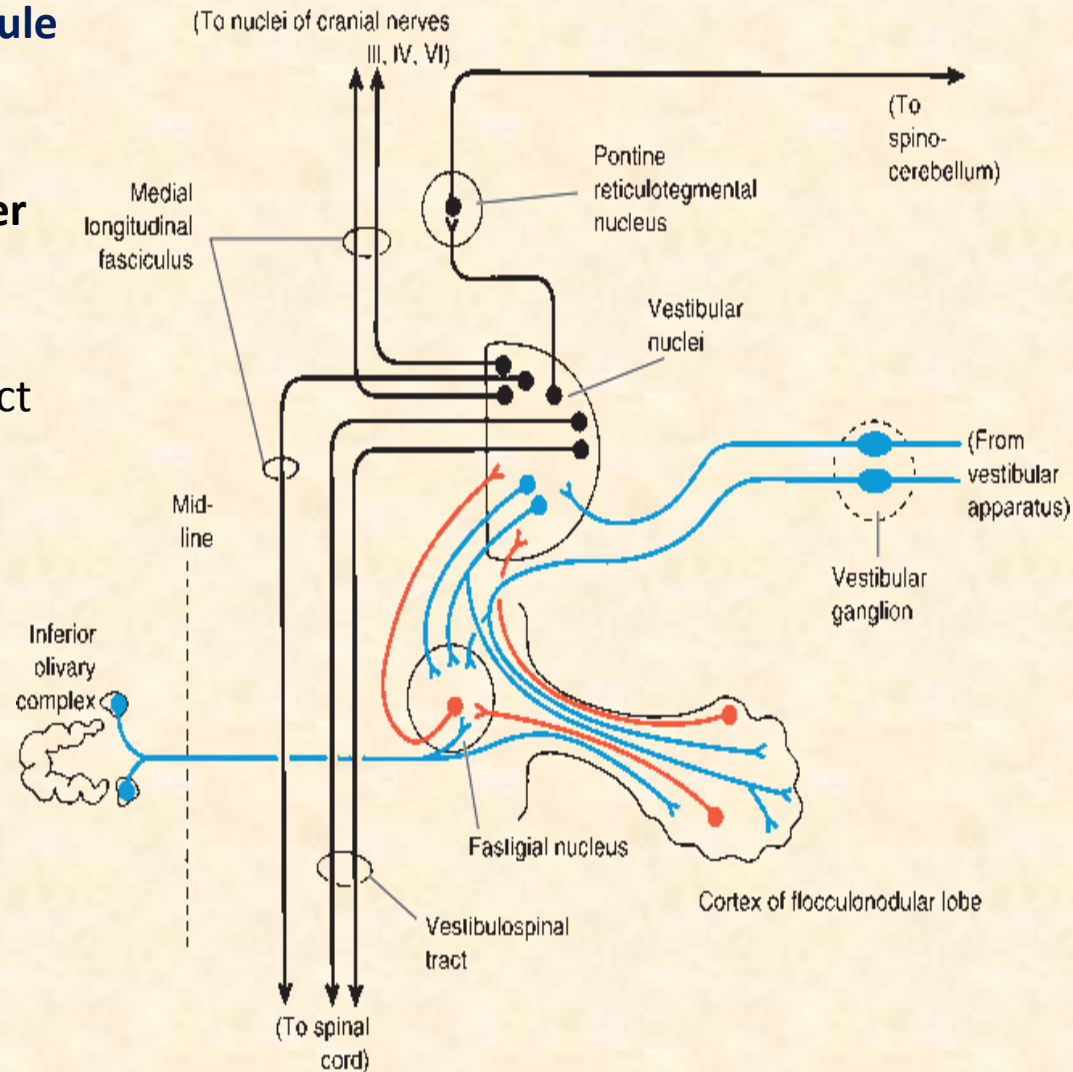
Archicerebellum (Vestibulo-cerebellum):

- **Flocculo-Nodular Lobe, Lingual Lobule**
- It receives **afferent** Fibers From vestibular apparatus of internal ear **Via vestibulo-cerebellar tracts either directly from vestibular ganglia or from vestibular nuclei.**
- Purkinje neurons of each lobe project its inhibitory axons directly to ipsilateral vestibular nuclei

Efferent: vestibular nuclei give rise to:

- **Vestibulospinal tracts** to antigravity extensor muscles.
- **Vestibulo-ocular** fibers
- Vestibulo-cerebellar
- Vestibulo-cortical

Function: Equilibrium, Vestibulo-Ocular Reflex (VOR).



Paleocerebellum (Spino-cerebellum):

1- Anterior lobe+ midline vermis (fastigial N)

2- surrounding paravermis + globose & emboliform nuclei.

1- Vermal zone of the spino-cerebellum

Purkinje neurons of each hemivermis project inhibitory axons to ipsilateral fastigial nuclei.

Afferent : ventral and dorsal spinocerebellar, olivocerebellar and cuneocerebellar tracts.

Projects to fastigial N

Fastigial N gives **bilateral** excitatory fibers to the **medial motor system** that controls axial and proximal limb muscles through:

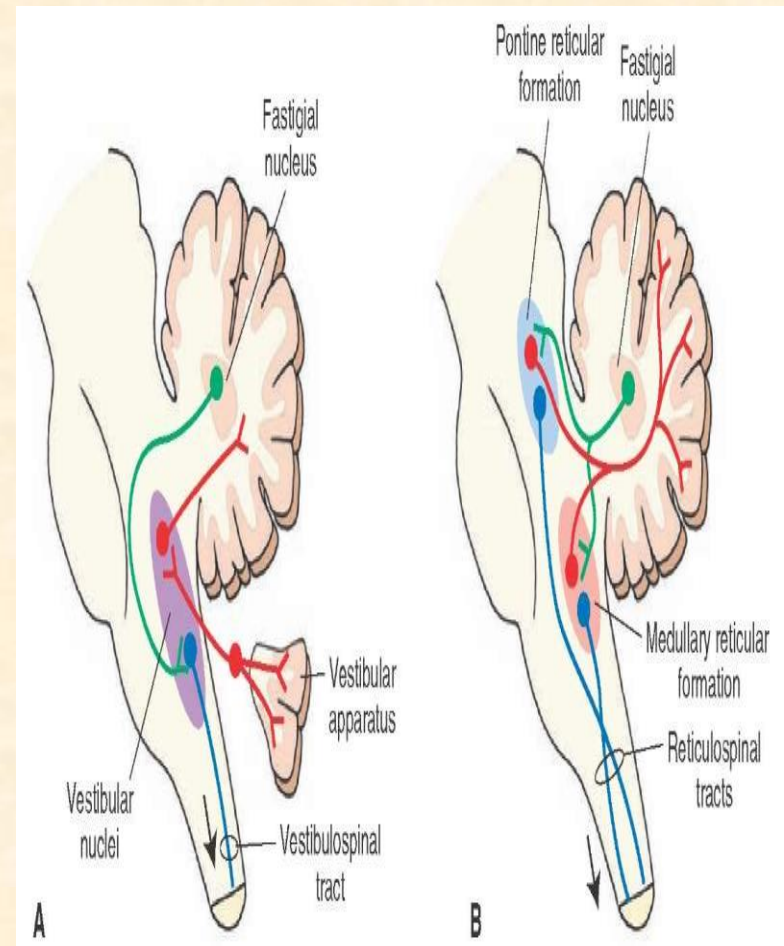
Efferent:

Fastigio-Vestibulo-spinal (ipsilateral and contralateral vestibular nuclei)

Fastigio- Reticulo-spinal (Ipsilateral and contralateral RF)

Anterior cortico-spinal (ipsilateral and contralateral VL nucleus of thalamus which project to trunk part of area 4.
(cerebello-fastigio-thalamo-cortico-spinal)

Function: Regulate muscle tone of axial and proximal limb muscles



2- para-vermal zone of spino-cerebellum

It receives **afferent** proprio-ceptive impulses from Ms.& tendons Via **spino-cerebellar tracts** (dorsal & ventral), olivo-cerebellar and cuneocerebellar

Project to Globose-Emboliform N

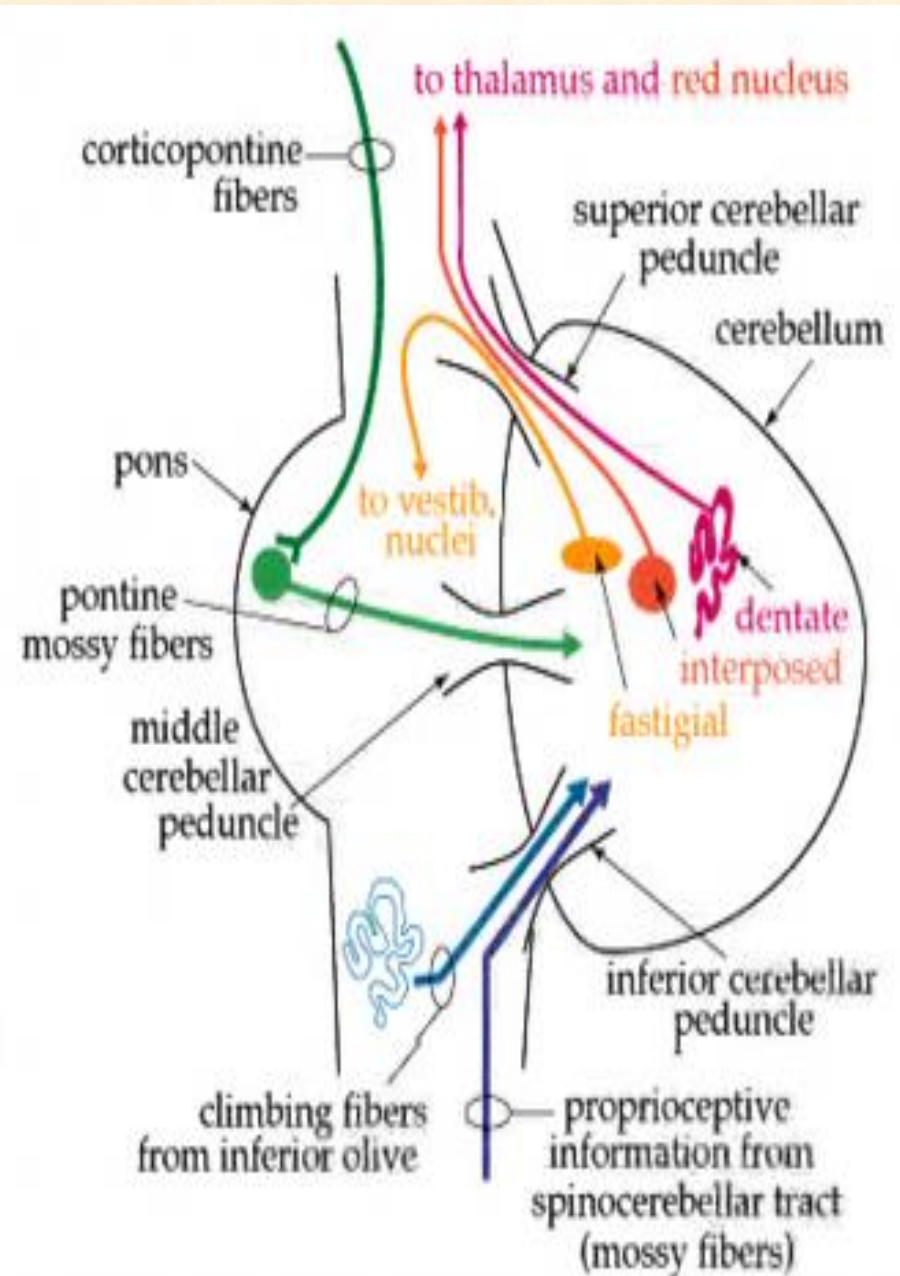
- it sends **efferent** to **lateral motor pathway** : **Contralateral VL nuclei of thalamus** which project to precentral gyrus (distal limbs area) from which **lateral corticospinal fibers** arise (control distal limb muscles)

Cerebello-Globose-Emboliform- thalamo-cortical-spinal pathway

Contralateral red nucleus of midbrain (controlling distal limb muscles)

Cerebello-Globose-Emboliform-Rubral-spinal pathway

Function: it is concerned with muscle tone (mainly flexors) and regulation of voluntary movements of the distal muscles.



Neocerebellum (cerebro cerebellum)

It includes the most 2-cerebellar hemispheres + dentate nuclei.

It receives **afferent** impulses from the **cerebral cortex+pons** Via **cerebro-ponto- cerebellar** pathway which project to dentate N.

it sends **efferents** to contralateral red nucleus that projects to Ventro lateral nucleus of thalamus (VL).

Function: 1- controls voluntary movements, planning of sequence of intended movements (even before execution of motor activity) i.e anticipation

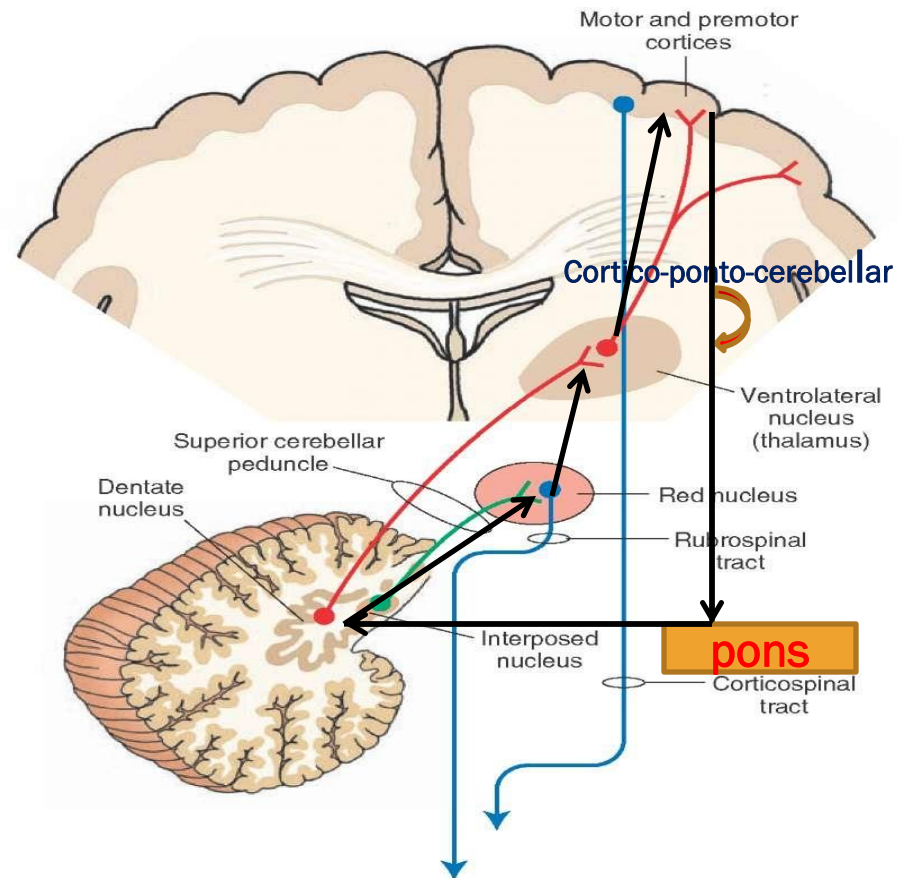
2- Regulation of force and timing Of Movement.

3- Learning new complex movements

The whole pathway

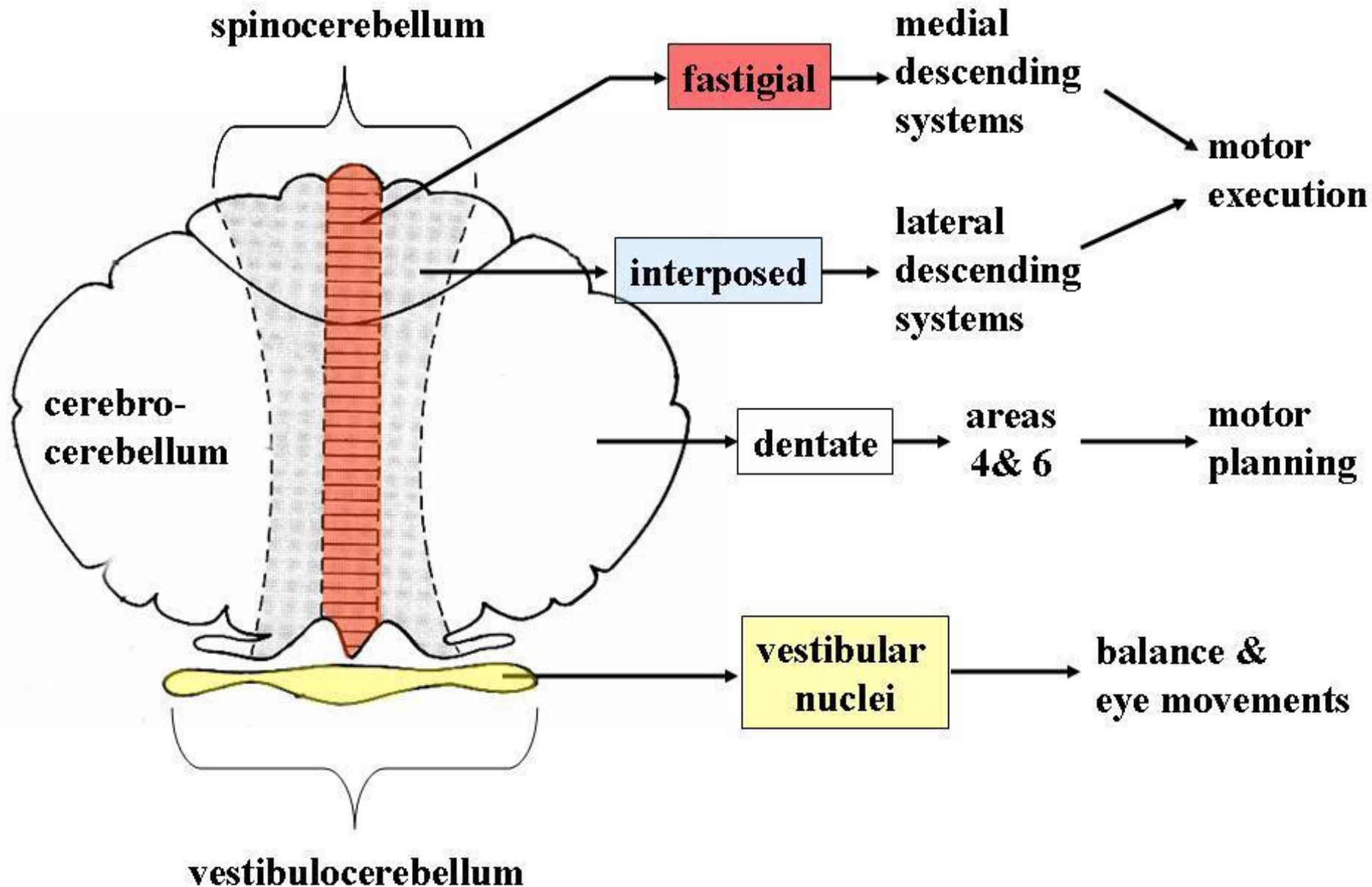
Cortico-ponto-cerebellar-

Dentato-rubro-thalamo-cortical



Cerebellar Output

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Fibers entering and leaving through cerebellar peduncles

Superior cerebellar peduncle (major efferent)

Fibres entering the cerebellum

Ventral spino-cerebellar tract

Trigimino-cerebellar from Mesencephalic nucleus

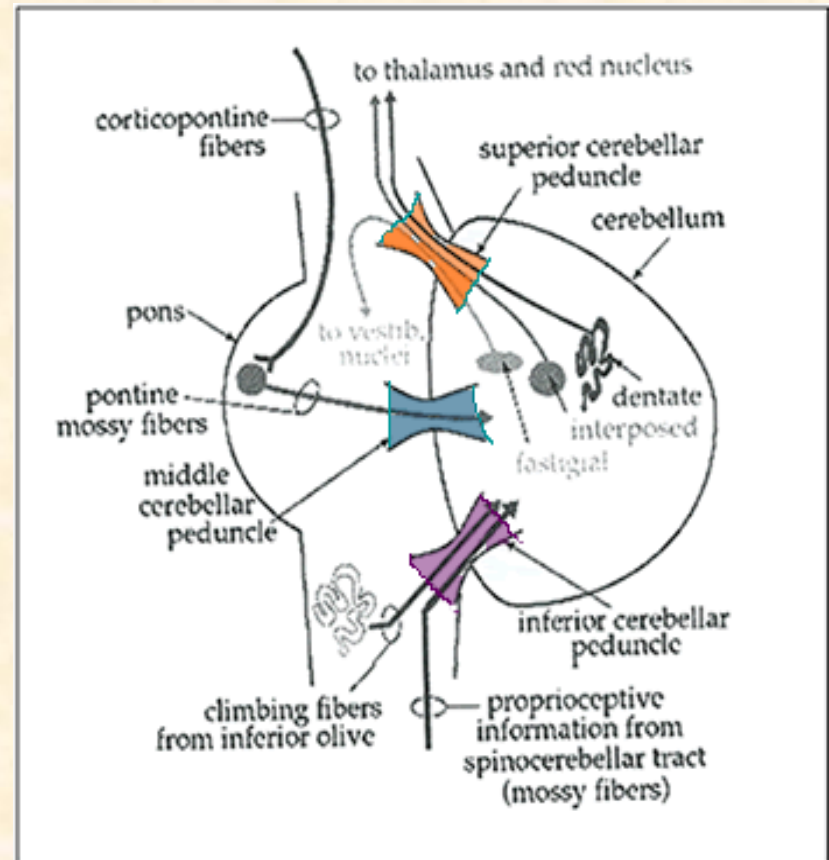
Tecto-cerebellar fibres

Fibres leaving the cerebellum

Cerebello-rubral fibres
(Globose-Emboliform-rubral)

Cerebello-thalamic fibres
(Dentato-thalamo-cortical)

Cerebello-reticular fibres
(Fastigeal nucleus)



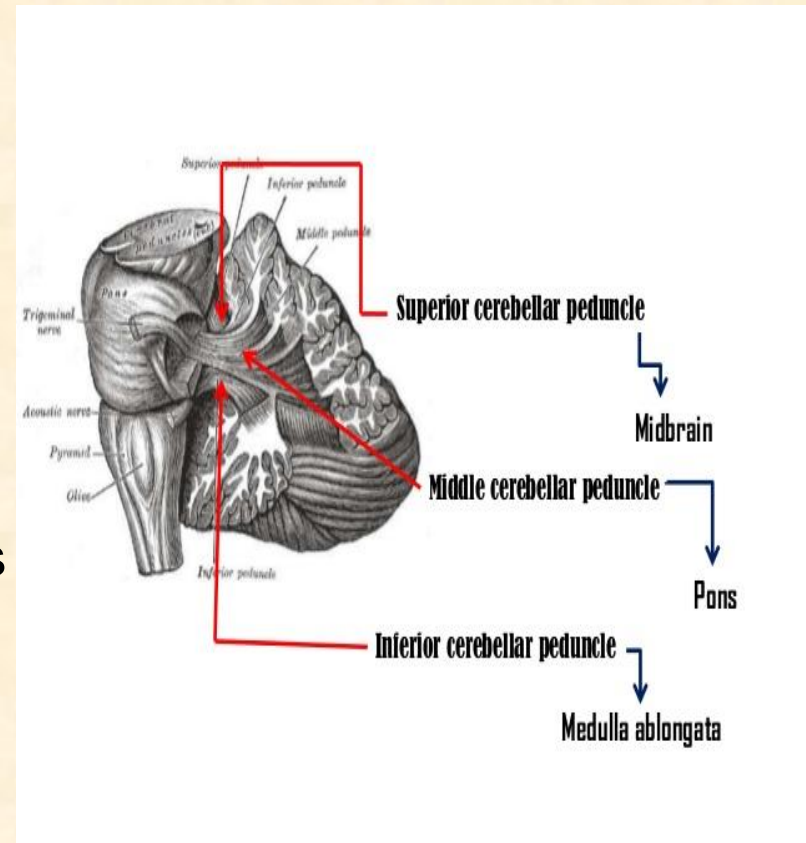
Middle cerebellar peduncle (afferent)
Pontocerebellar fibres
(cortico-ponto-cerebellum) to dentate nucleus)

Inferior cerebellar peduncle (afferent)
Fibres entering cerebellum
(restiform body)

Posterior spino cerebellar tract
Cuneo-cerebellar tract
Oливо-cerebellar fibres
Reticulo-cerebellar
Vestibulo-cerebellar fibres
Trigemino-cerebellar fibres
Anterior external arcuate fibers

Fibres Leaving the cerebellum
(juxta-restiform body)

Cerebello-olivary fibres
Cerebello (Fastigio)-vestibular fibres
Cerebello (Fastigio)- reticular fibres

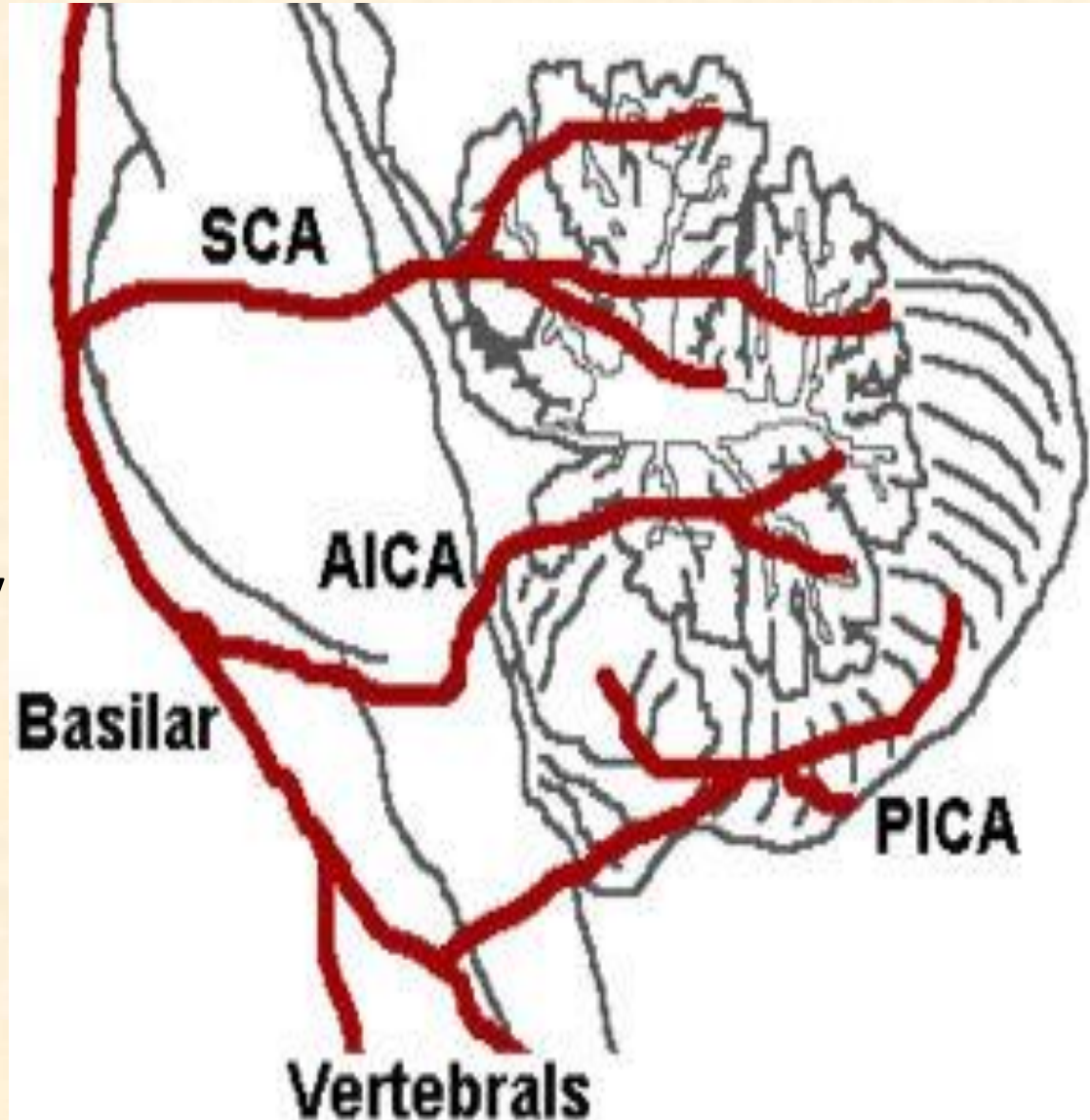


Blood Supply of the Cerebellum

It is supplied by 3

cerebellar arteries

- **Superior cerebellar artery:** from the basilar artery
- **Anterior inferior cerebellar artery:** from the basilar artery
- **Posterior inferior cerebellar artery:** from the vertebral artery





Basal ganglia and cerebellum

Cerebellum and basal nuclei are the 2 major subcortical centers which affect cortical activity

Both receive input from cortex

Both project output to the cortex via the thalamus

Cerebellum	Basal ganglia
Receive cortico-ponto-cerebellar from contralateral cerebral cortex	Receives cortico-striate fibres from ipsilateral cerebral cortex
Projects to VL nucleus of the contralateral thalamus projects directly to areas 4,6	Projects to VA nucleus of the ipsilateral thalamus which projects first to SMA then to areas 4,6
Controls movement of the ipsilateral half of the body	Controls movement of the contralateral half of the body

Cerebellar lesion Syndromes

Ataxia: *incoordination of movement*

- *decomposition of movement*
- *dysmetria, past-pointing*
- *dysarthria*
- *dysdiadochokinesia*
- *rebound phenomenon of Holmes*
- *gait ataxia, truncal ataxia*
- *Intention Tremor Hypotonia, Nystagmus*

Archicerebellar Lesion:

Medulloblastoma (see later)

Paleocerebellar Lesion: gait

Disturbance, tested by heel shin test

**Neocerebellar Lesion: hypotonia, upper
Limb ataxia , tremor, dysmetria.**

Tested by finger to nose test.





Gait ataxia with "tandem" gait



Finger-finger test (intention tremor)



Dysdiadochokinesis



Dysmetria (hypermetria)



Postural test for position sense



Rebound phenomenon



Test for gaze-evoked nystagmus



Saccades; gaze-evoked and rebound nystagmus

Cerebellar Medulloblastoma

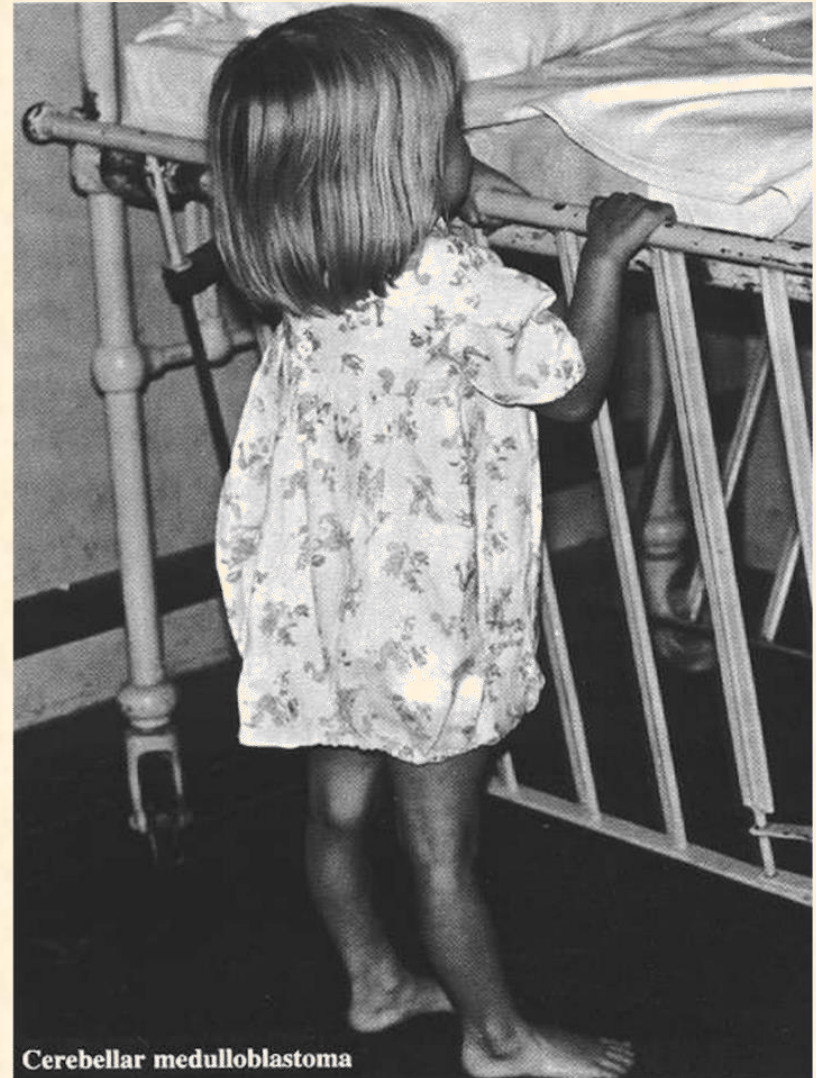
Cerebellar Medulloblastoma

Cerebellar tumors on vermis

- Truncal Ataxia
- Frequent Falling

The child in this picture:

- would not try to stand unsupported
- would not let go of the bed rail if she was stood on the floor.



Cerebellar medulloblastoma

THANK YOU