

MAXILLA

Upper jaw



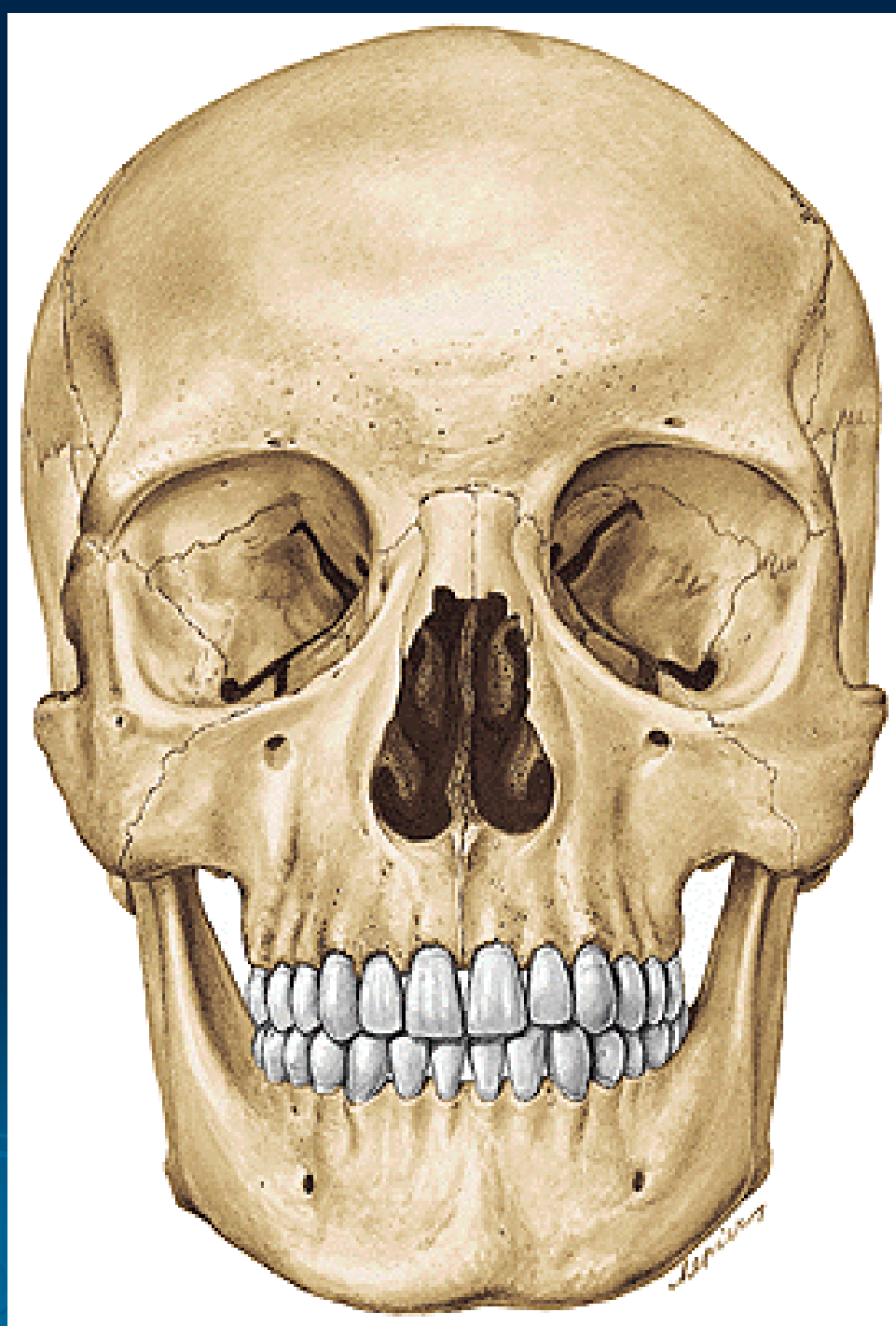
- **Anatomy** (repetition), widespread description
- **Clinical notes**
- **Dentoalveolar topography**
- **Nerve and blood supply** (repetition)





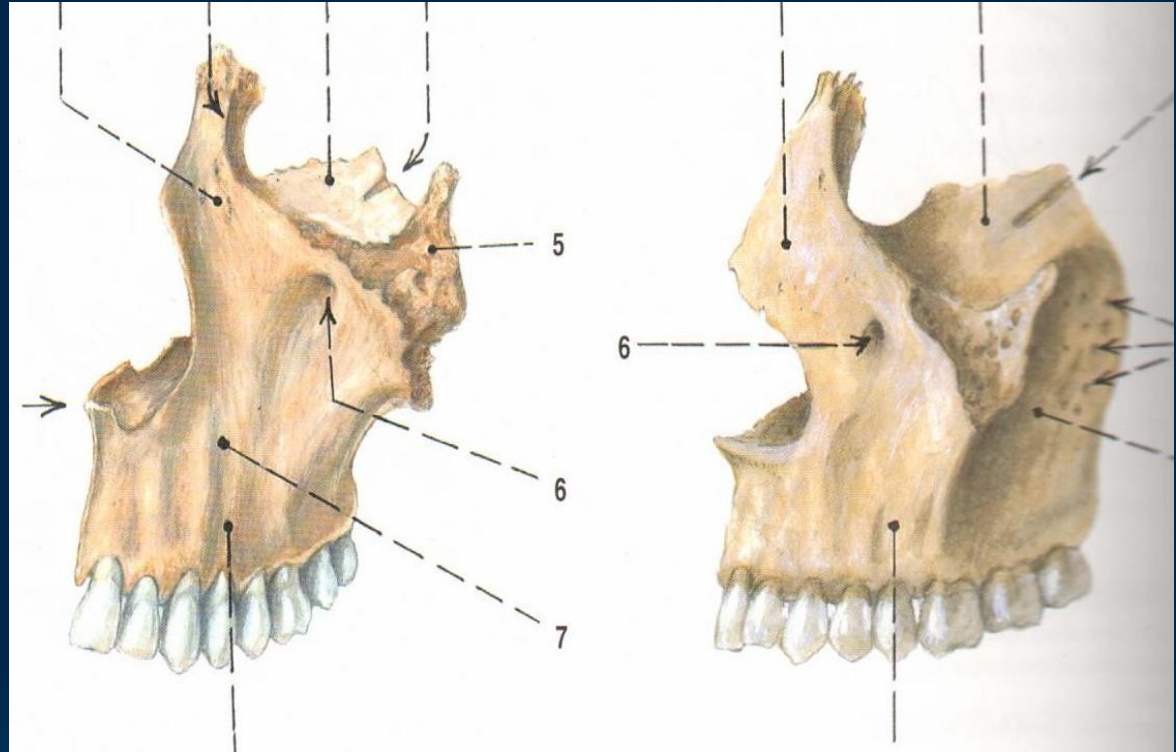
- Viscerocranial (splanchnocr.) bone
- Paired b.
- Irregular shape
- Pneumatized b.
- Osseous basis of ventral part of the face

- Involved in formation of the orbit, nasal cavity and hard palate
- Holds upper teeth
- Plays an important role in mastication and communication
- Consists of maxillary body and four processes



We distinguish 4 planes (surfaces) on maxillar body –
facies anterior,
orbitalis, posterior =
infratemporalis and
nasalis

The body contains
air-filled space ,
a cavity – paranasal
sinus called
Antrum Highmori





Facies anterior

- **Margo infraorbitalis** (infrao. rim, margin)
- **Foramen infraorbitale** (opening of canalis infraorbitalis, contains infraorbit. neuro-vascular bundle) – a landmark for the administration of the infraorbital local anest. block – *2 cm inferior to the midpoint of the lower margin of orbit*
- Canine fossa, canine eminence (ridge over root of canine)
- Crista infrazygomatica (to M1)
- Incisura nasalis (nasal notch)– apertura piriformis nasi
- Spina nasalis ant. (short thorn in the middle line, over incisor roots)



Facies orbitalis

- Together with facies orbitalis ossis zygomatici it forms an **orbital floor**
- **Sulcus infraorbitalis** (infraorbital groove) which is deepened into **canalis infraorbit.**
- In the course of canalis infraorbitalis **canales alveolares sup. ant.** divide themselves in the direction towards the roots of anterior teeth
- **Inferior orbital fissure** – separates from sphenoid bone

Corpus maxillae - facies orbitalis - canalis infraorbitalis



CAVE !

Maxillary sinus disease can lead to dehiscence of the orbital floor → **secondary neuralgia of trigeminal nerve**

Facies post. (f. infratemporalis)

- **Crista infrazygomatica**
- **Tuberositas maxillae**
- **Tuber maxillae**
- **Foramina alv. post. sup. (1-3) with canales alv. post. sup. - Convey nerves and vessels to molars, leading in the direction of molar roots**



Corpus maxillae - facies post. (tuber maxillae)



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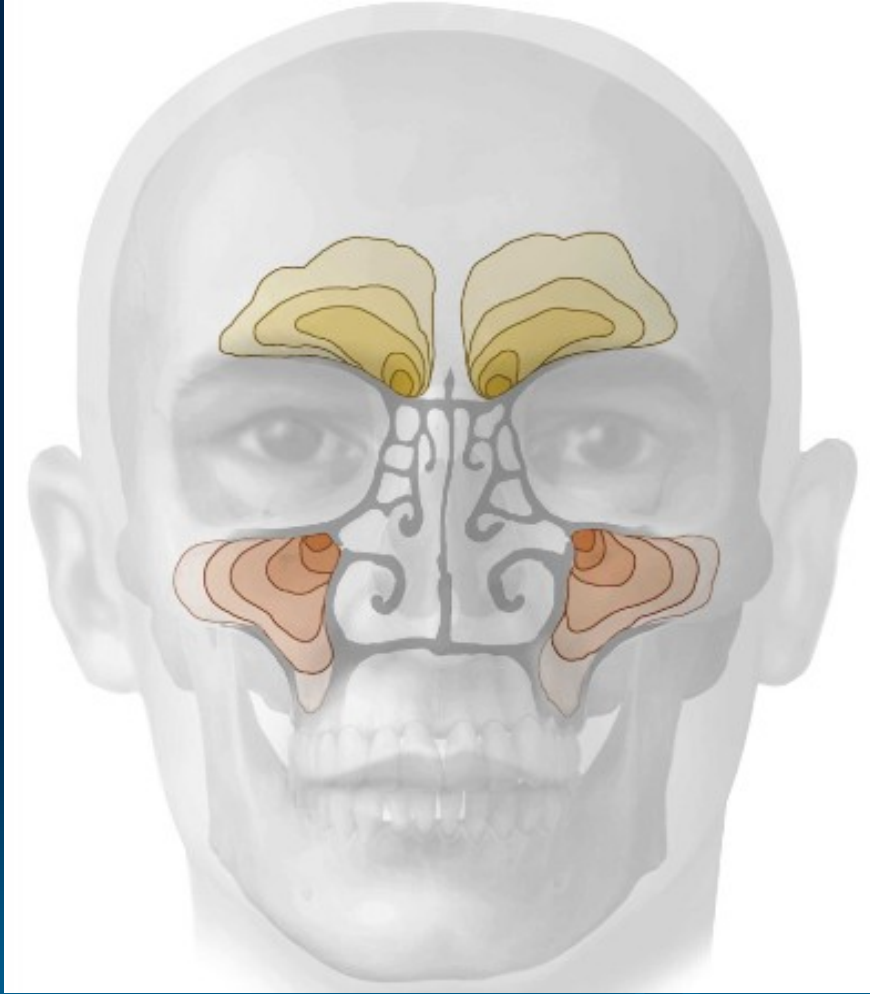
- Alveolar foramens:
a.,v.,n. alveolaris sup.
post. - local anesthesia
- **Thin bone** → during
molar teeth extraction
can occur maxillary
tuberosity fractures



Facies nasalis

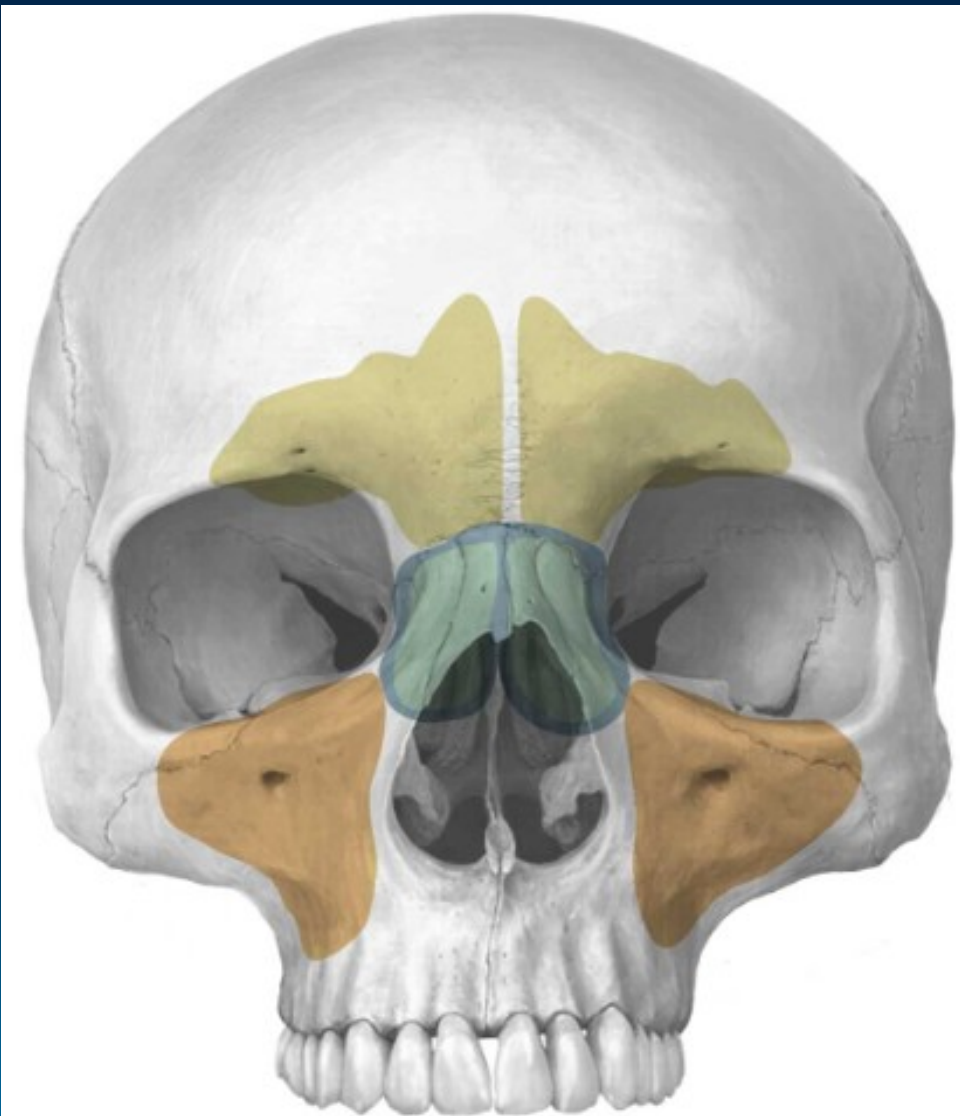
- Hiatus (sinus) maxillaris
(a large defect in the wall)

Sinus maxillaris



- Big air-filled cavity in maxillar body, also reaches into processus maxillae
- Largest of paranasal sinuses, paired, lined with mucous membrane
- Opening (ostium) in the lateral nasal wall – drainage may be complicated, because the ostium of sinus is higher than the floor of the sinus cavity !!!
- The size varies according to individuals and their age
- Pyramid shaped, three walls, a roof and a floor, apex points into zygomatic arch

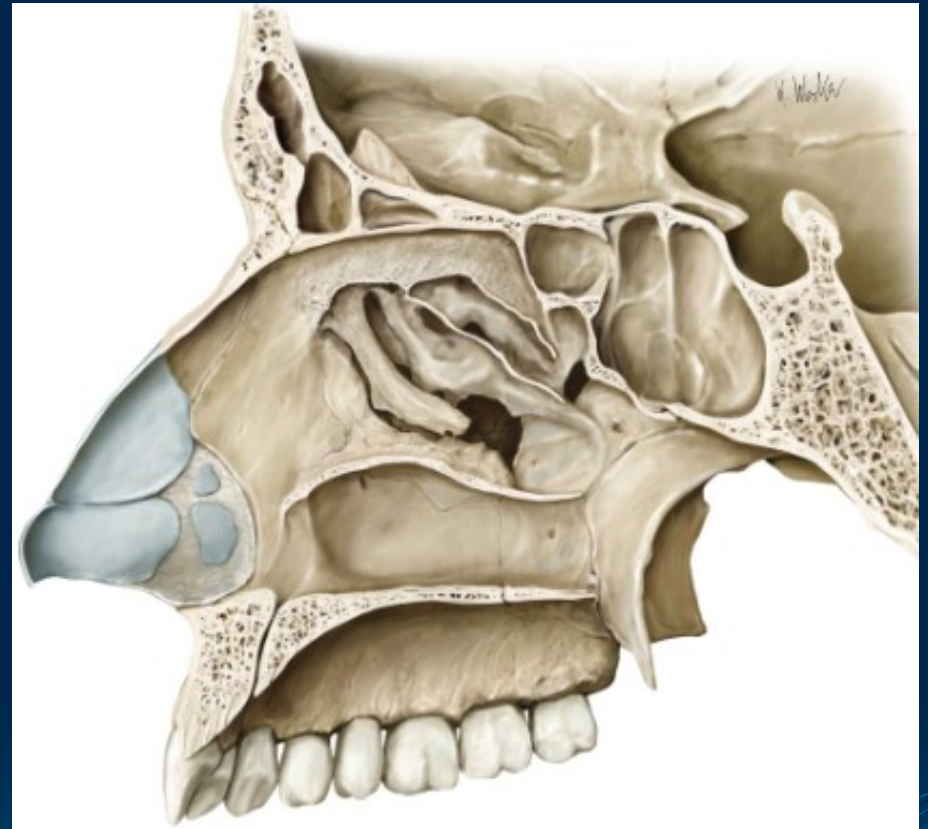
Sinus maxillaris, antrum Highmori



Capacity: **15 (25) ml**

*Patological content in the right
maxil. sinus*

Sinus maxillaris - foramina accessoria



Below pr. uncinatus form the medial wall of sinus the collagenous tissue = **fontanella ant. et post.** in which **for. accessoria** may be occure

Sinus maxillaris – decrease of floor



The toothed jaw

Variable layer of spongy bone between sinus and roots of teeth



The toothless jaw – thinning of bony floor

CAVE! before installation of implants, maxillary sinus lift (augmentation) is needed

Sinus maxillaris - septa

Full septa, incompl. s.

25% - 35%



Corpus maxillae - facies ant.

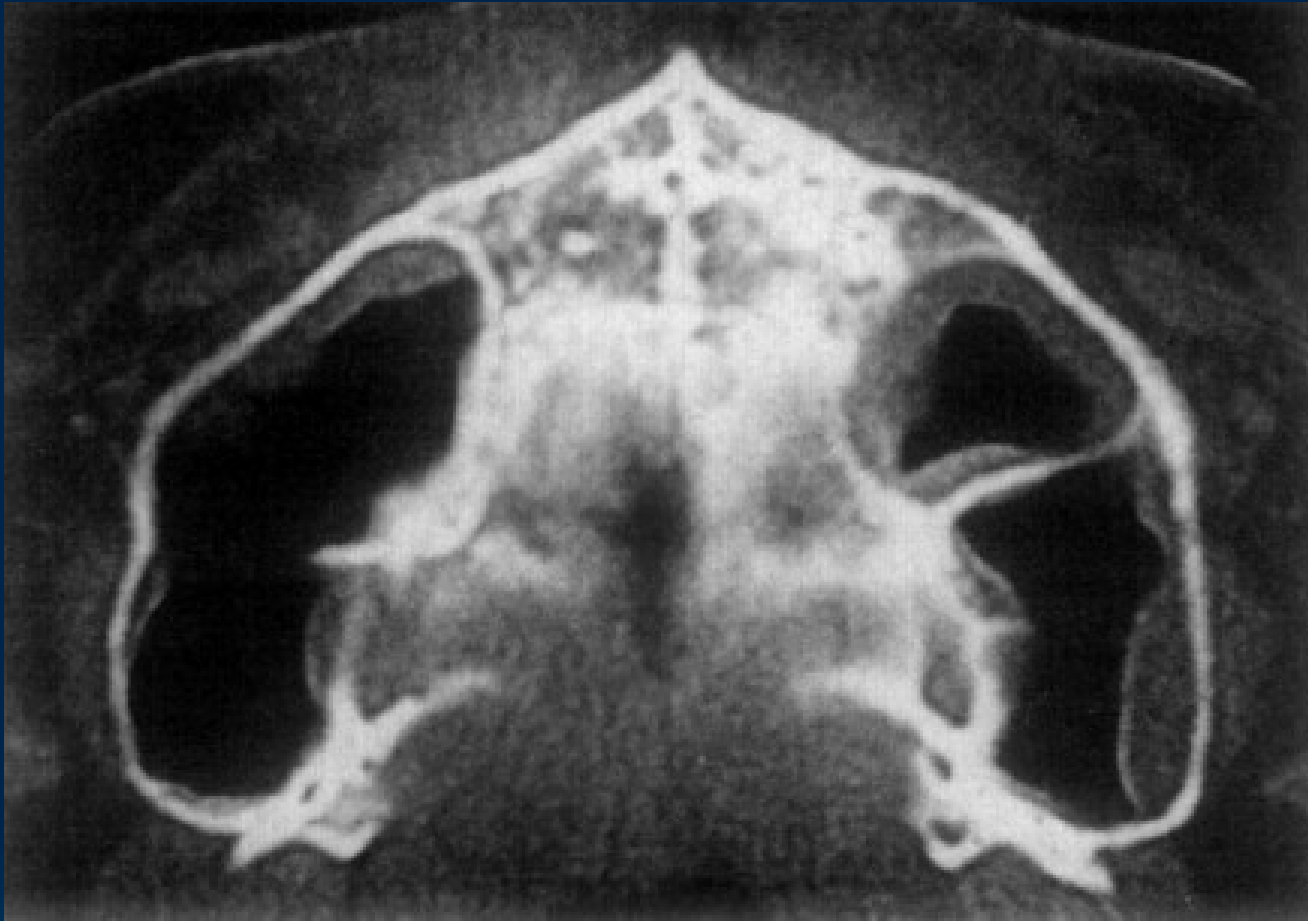


Caldwell-Luc antrostomy

Intraoral procedure for entering the maxillary antrum through the canine fossa above the maxillary premolar teeth

FES functional endoscopic surgery

FESS functional endoscopic SINUS surgery – usually to enlarge the ostia and provide adequate drainage



CAVE! Clinical significance:

- separated maxillary sinus puncture
- Dental implants

Processus frontalis – forms the medial orbital rim; on its dorsal margin, it has *crista lacrimalis ant.* (*sulcus lacrimalis*)



Processus alveolaris – form of a half of a horseshoe

- **Functional extension of a bone**, conditioned by the presence of teeth (after loosing of teeth, proc. alv. is reabsorbing and diminishing)
- **Juga alveolaria** – on the external side, they mark the position of roots of teeth
- **Alveoli dentales** –
 - on caudal side
- **Septa interalveolaria**
- **septia intraalveol.**
= interradicularia



Proc. Palatini of both upper jaws form anterior $\frac{3}{4}$ of palatum durum

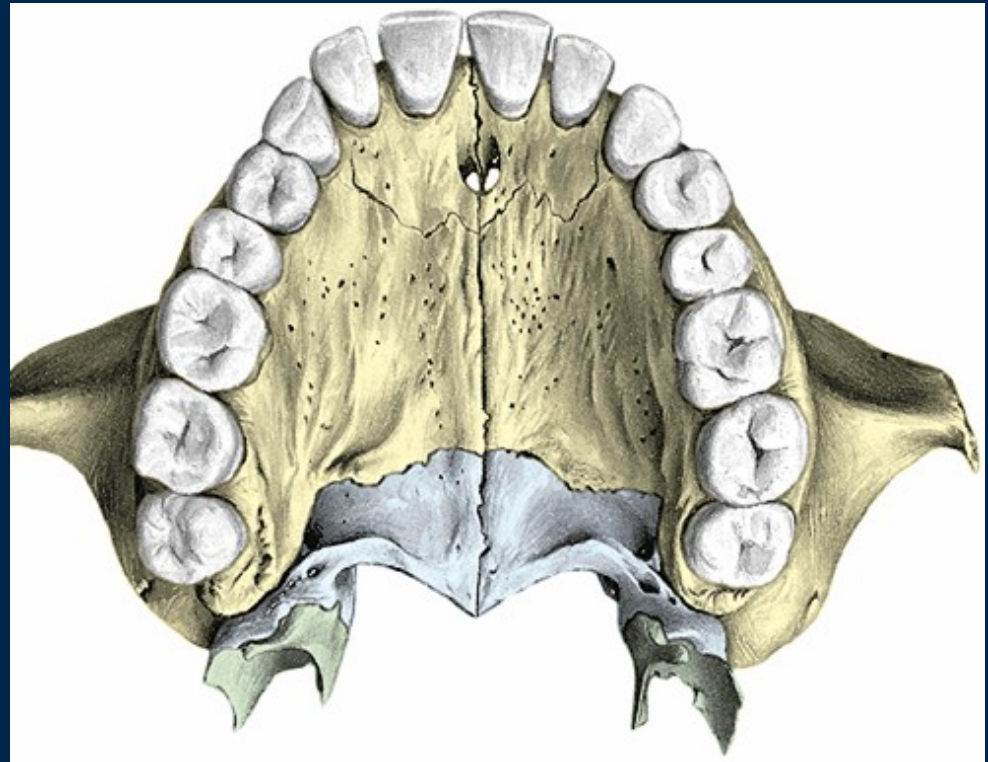
Connected together in sutura palatina mediana, sometimes the bone mass – torus palatinus protrudes

Sulci palatini conditioned by presence of palatal vessels and nerves

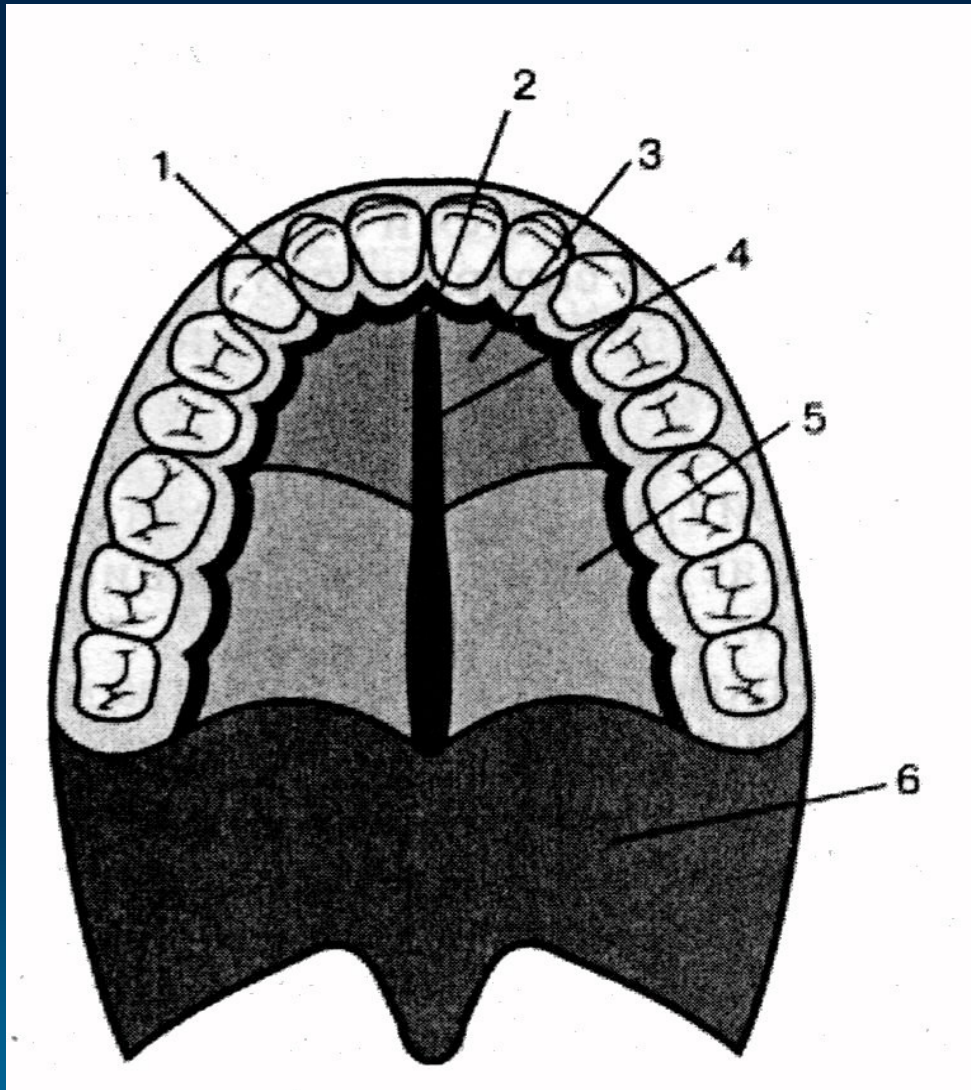
Foramen incisivum – in ventral part of sutura palat. Med. (for a. and n. nasopalatini)

Os incisivum, premaxilla, sutura incisiva (usually obliterates in childhood)

Facies cranialis proc. palat. is an integral part of the bottom of nasal cavity, crista nasalis + vomer

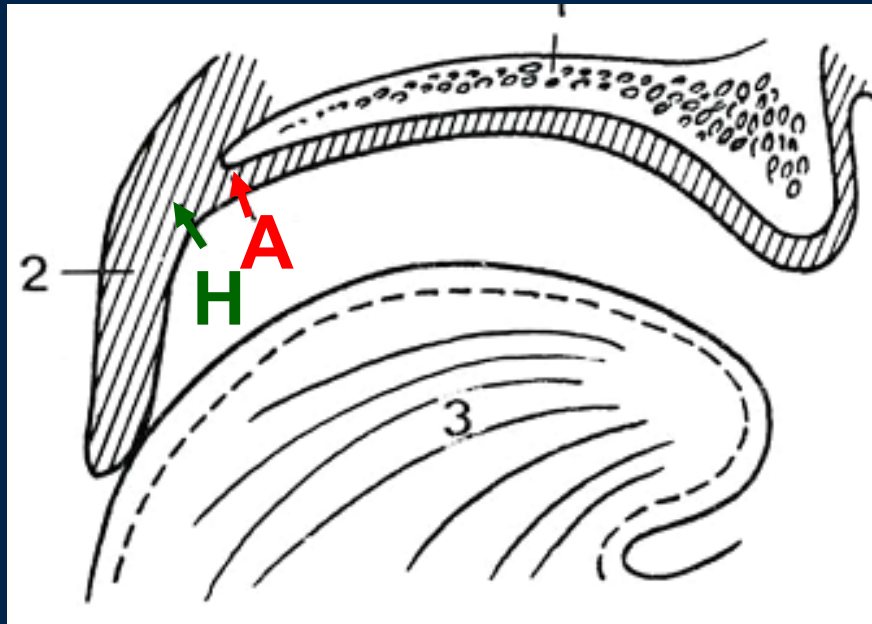


Palatum – zones of mucous membrane



- 1 – the marginal zone
- 2 – the incisive papilla
- 3 – the adipose zone
- 4 – the zone of the palatine seam,
mucoperiosteum
- 5 – the glandular zone
- 6 – the soft palate

Palatum: A and H line



A line

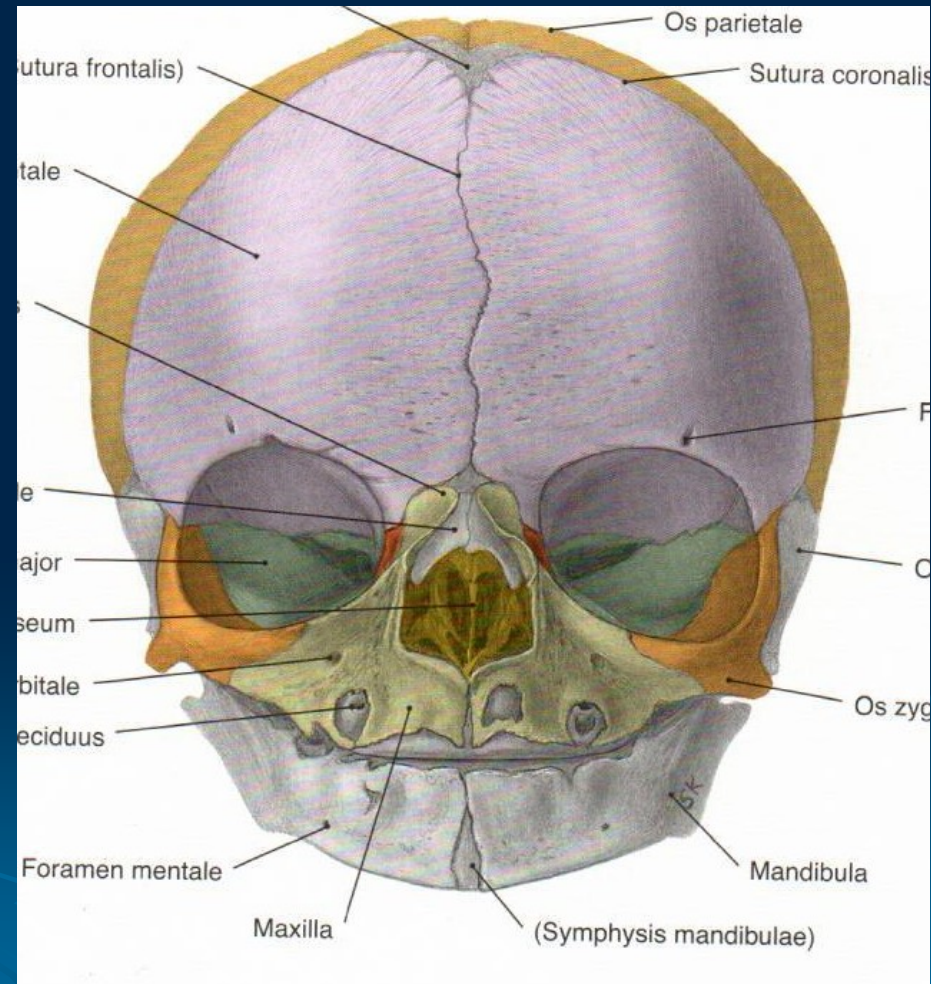
localized on the line between hard and soft palate

H line

line between mobile and immobile parts of the soft palate

Newborn maxilla

- is low
- without a developed proc. alveolaris
- in its basis, there are crowns of deciduous teeth embeded
- sinus maxillaris is only outlined by a little depression, into which mucous membrane of nasal cavity invaginates during the jaw growth



Dentoalveolar topography

Important for anesthesia, extraction, injury, implantology, endodontic treatment ...

1. Dental and skeletal arch
2. The rate of the spongy and the compact bone
3. The relationship between the roots of the teeth of upper jaw and neighbouring structures

1. The position of alveolus in the skeletal arch



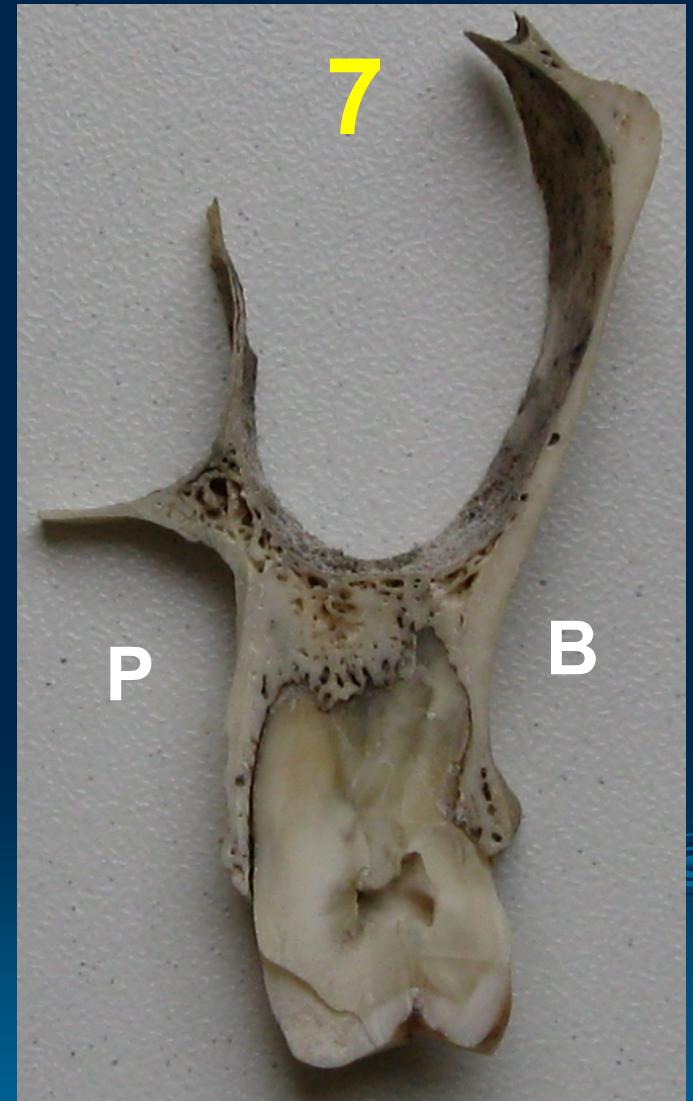
- The dental and skeletal arch are asymmetric !
- Roots of the teeth:
 - 1-5 excentric towards vestibular part
 - 6-7 in alveolar process axis

2. The rate of the spongy and the compact bone

- The layer of **compact bone** is thinner than in the lower jaw
- Roots of the 1-5 are surrounded by the compact bone on labial side. On palatal side, there is a **variable layer of retroalveolar spongy bone**.
- The width of the alveolus depend on the shape of palate



- Roots of the molars are surrounded just by thin layer of the compact bone (except infrazygomatic crest – M1)



Incisivi, canini, premolars




Compact bone and variable thickness of spongy bone on palatal side

Molars



Compact bone only

3. The relationship between the roots of teeth of the upper jaw and neighbouring structures

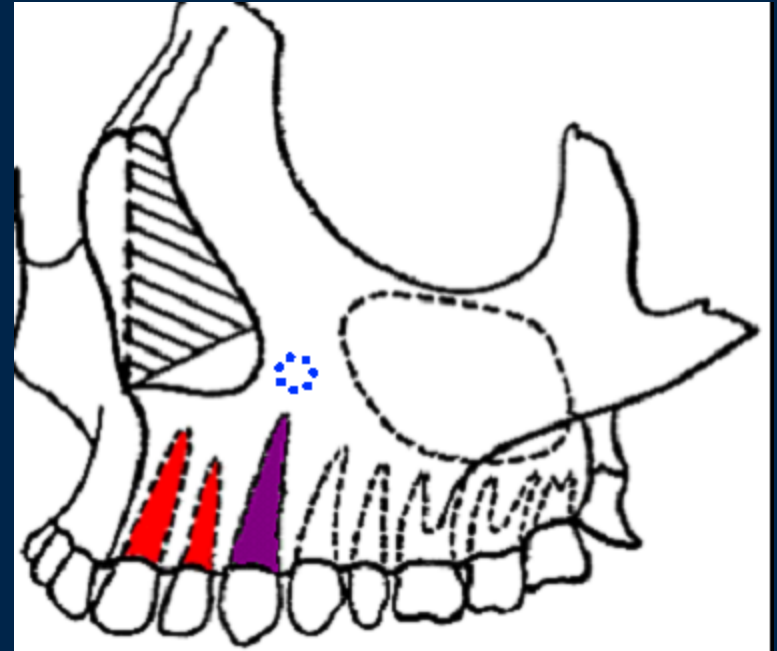
- **Nasal cavity**
 - **Infraorbital foramen**
 - **Maxillary sinus**
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Nasal cavity

Infraorbital foramen

- Variable layer of spongy bone between nasal cavity and roots of incisivi

- Root of 3 localized between nasal cavity and sinus maxillaris



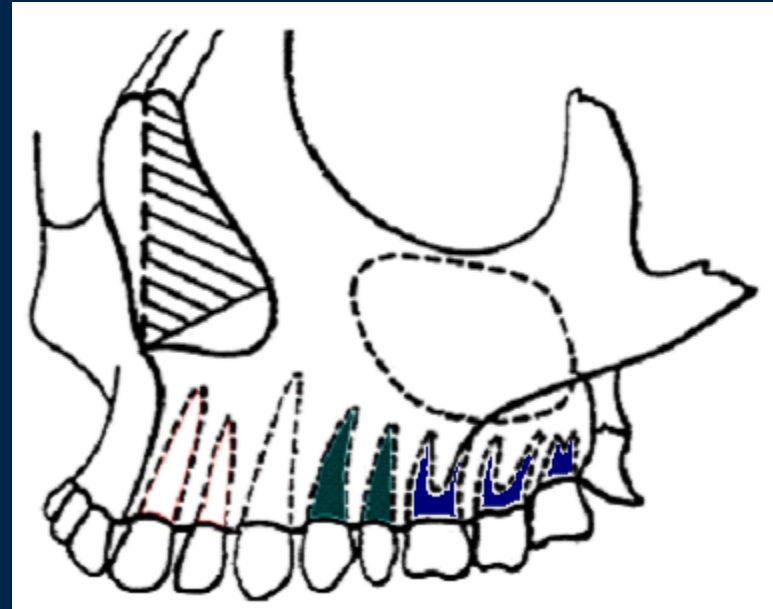
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Radices 1,2: periapical inflammation may lead to **abscess of the floor of nasal cavity**

Radix 3: relation to a.,v., n. infraorbitalis and - possible trombophebitis of cavernous sinus

Maxillary sinus

Variable layer of spongy bone between maxillary sinus and roots of posterior teeth



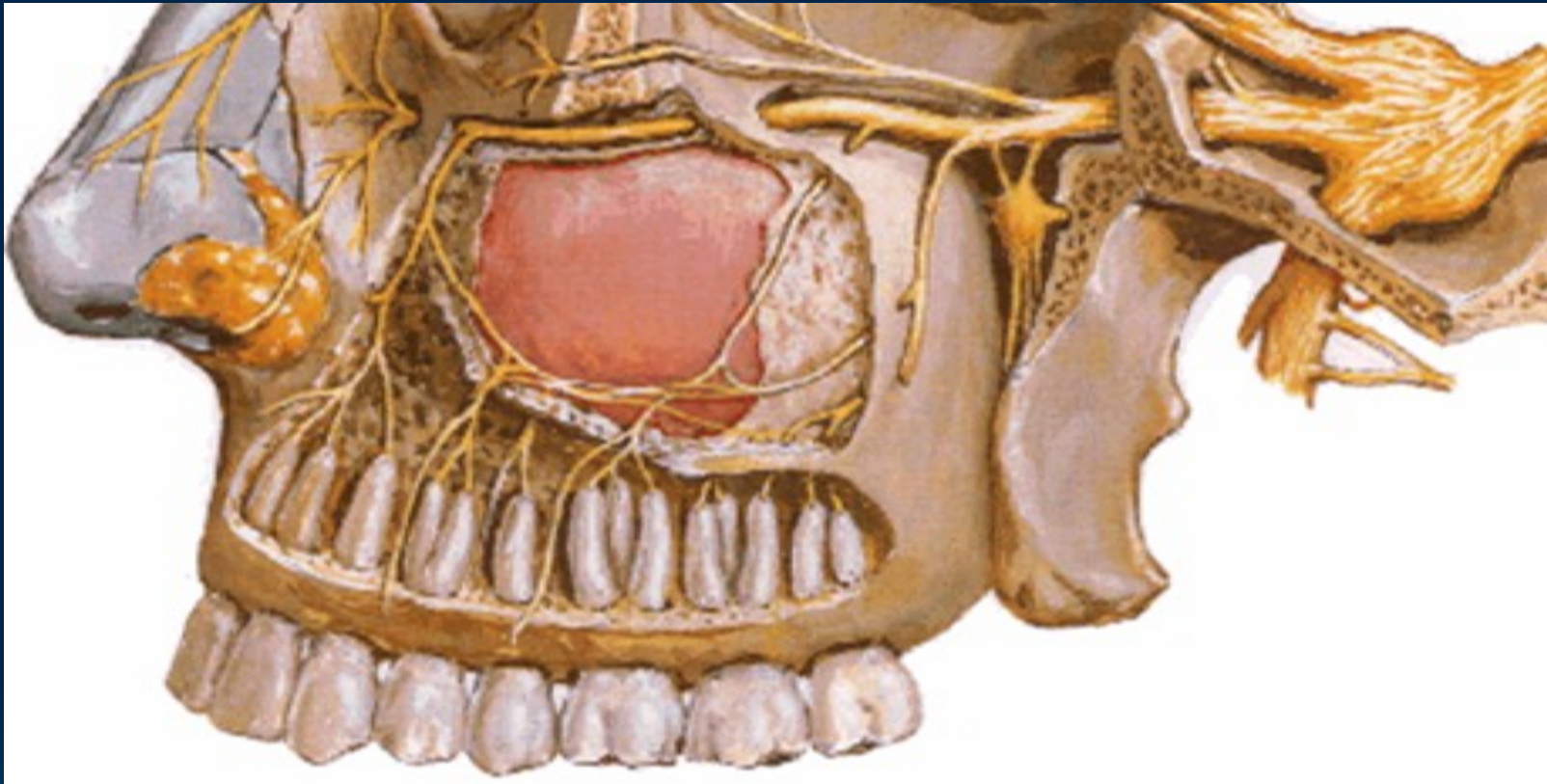
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- Periapical inflammation developing at the root apices of maxillary molars and premolars are very close to the floor of the maxillary sinus - **sinusitis** or **empyema**
- Potential **oro-antral communication** by the extraction

Nerve and blood supply



Trigeminal nerve



Maxillary nerve - infraorbital nerve

ant. sup. alv. nerve

middle sup. alv. nerve

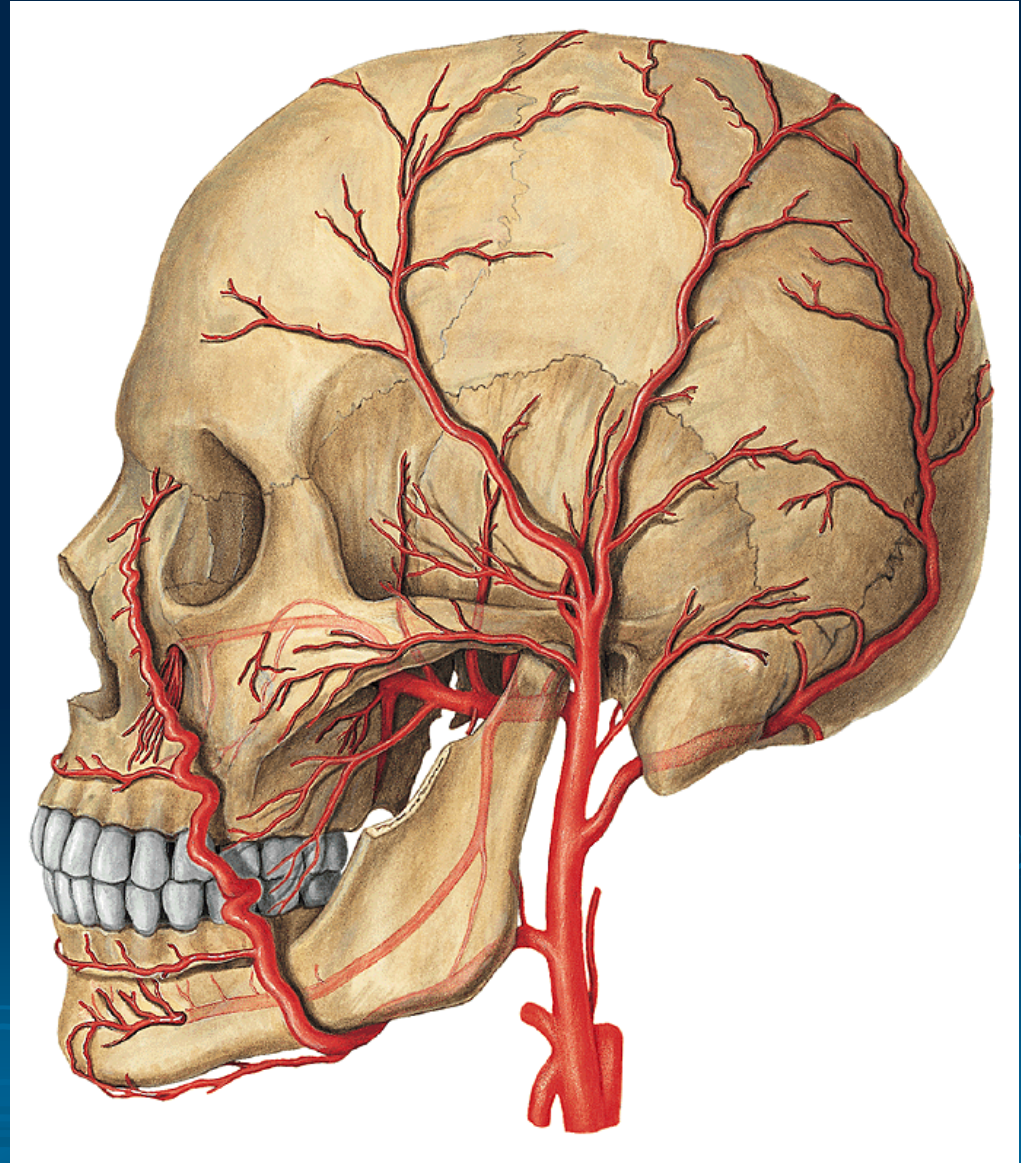
post. sup. alv. nerve

Maxillary artery

Post. sup. alveolar a.

Infraorbital a.

ant. sup. alveolar a.



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