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Intracranial compartment, Cellular base of nervous system

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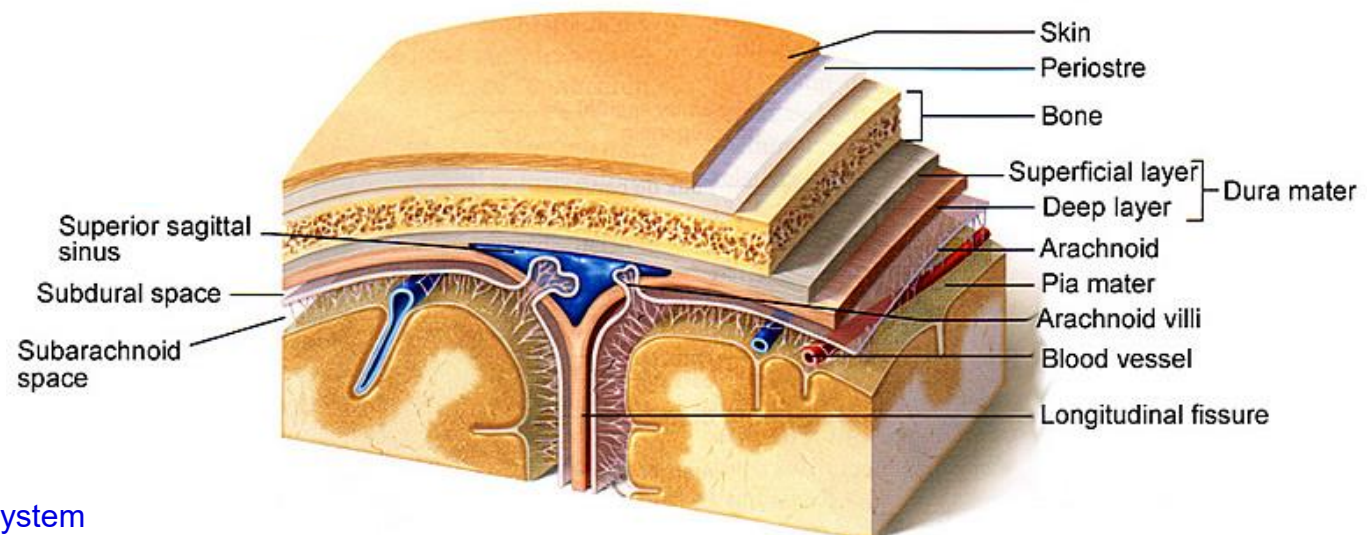
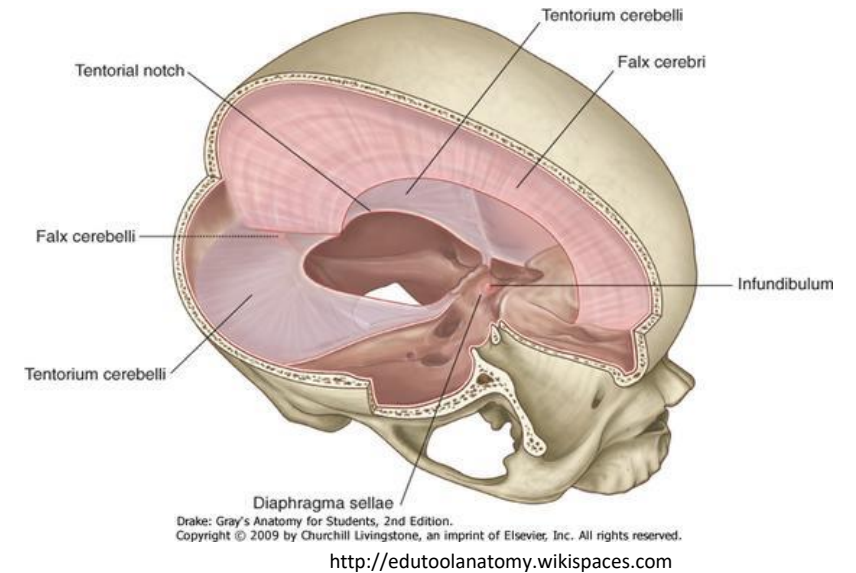
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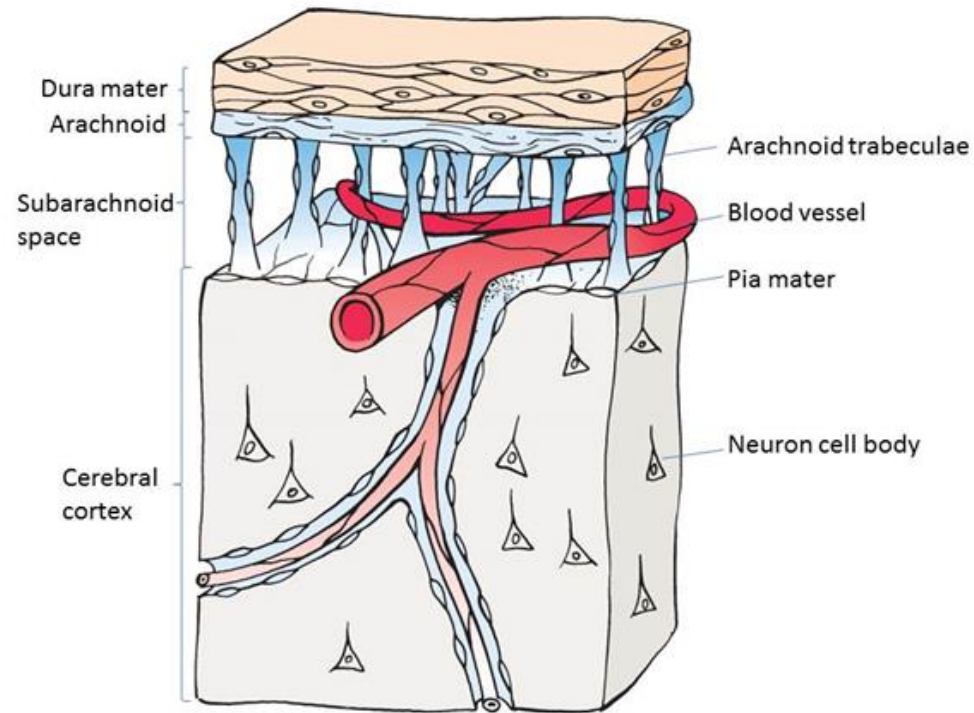
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This allows neuronal cells to live for the entire life of the individual

Intracranial compartment

- ✓ „Very specific region“
- ✓ Brain
- ✓ Cerebrospinal fluid
- ✓ Blood (intravascular)
- ✓ Barriers
 - Meningeal
 - Hematoliquor
 - Hematoencephalic

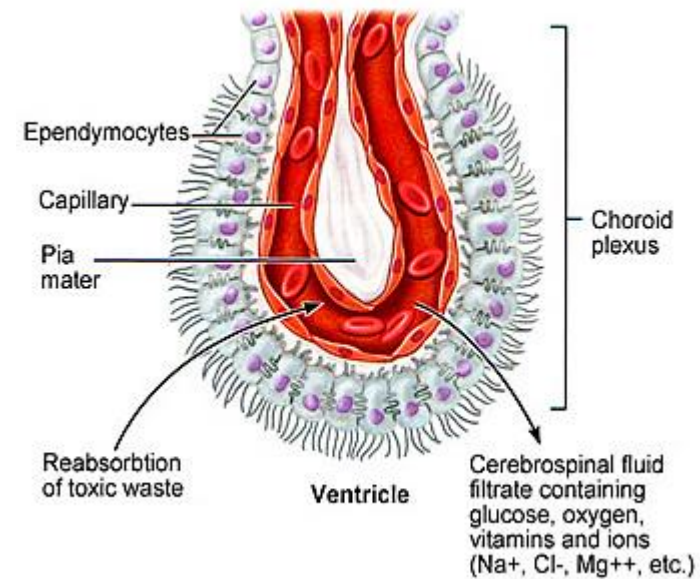


Meningeal and hematoliquor barrier



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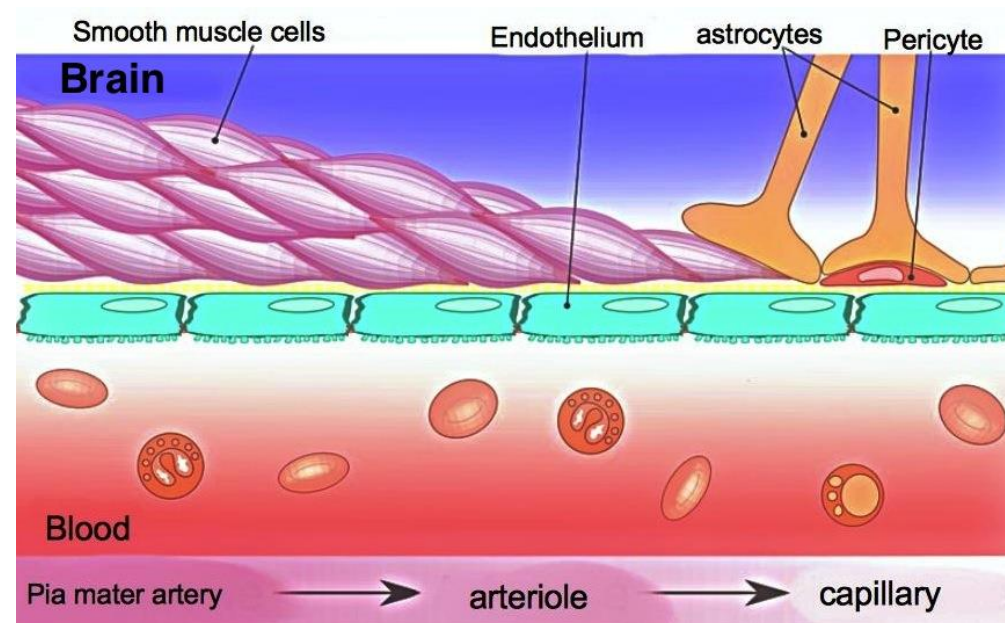
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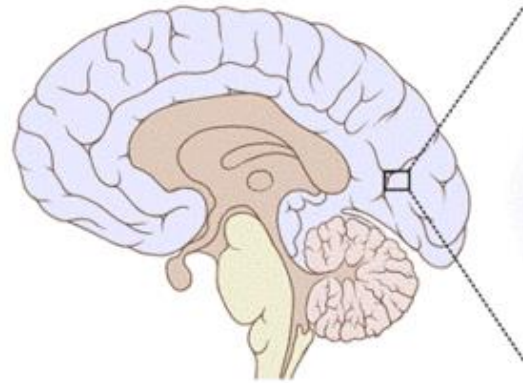
Hematoencephalic barrier

- Highly organised structure
 - Endothelial cells (low permeability thanks to zonula occludens)
 - Basal membrane
 - Astrocytes
 - Pericytes

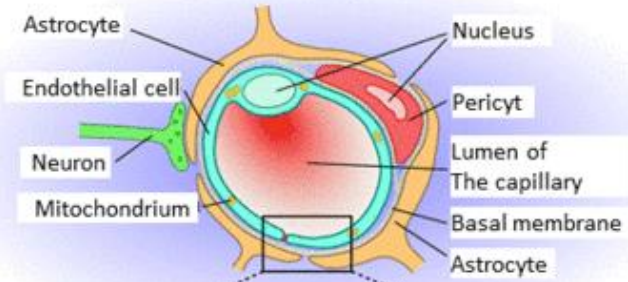


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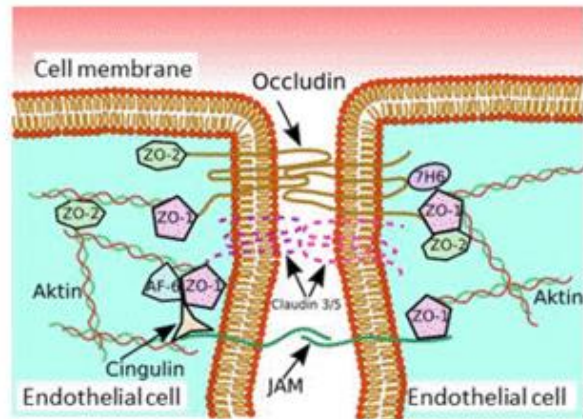
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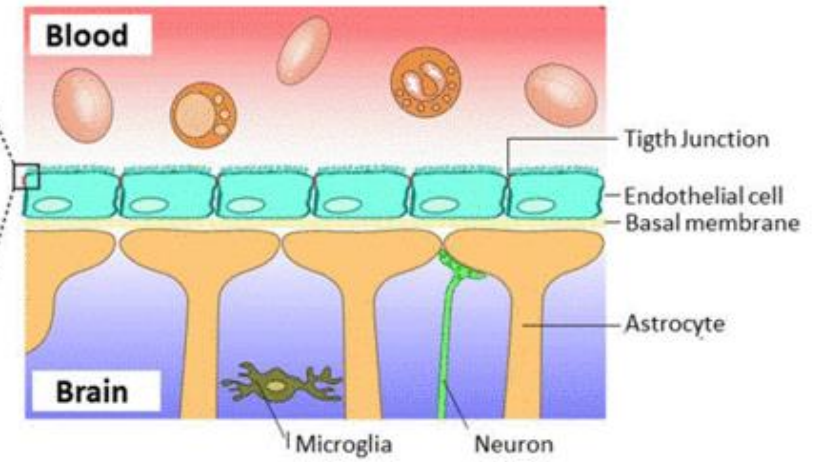
Cross section of blood vessel



Junction between Endothelial cells

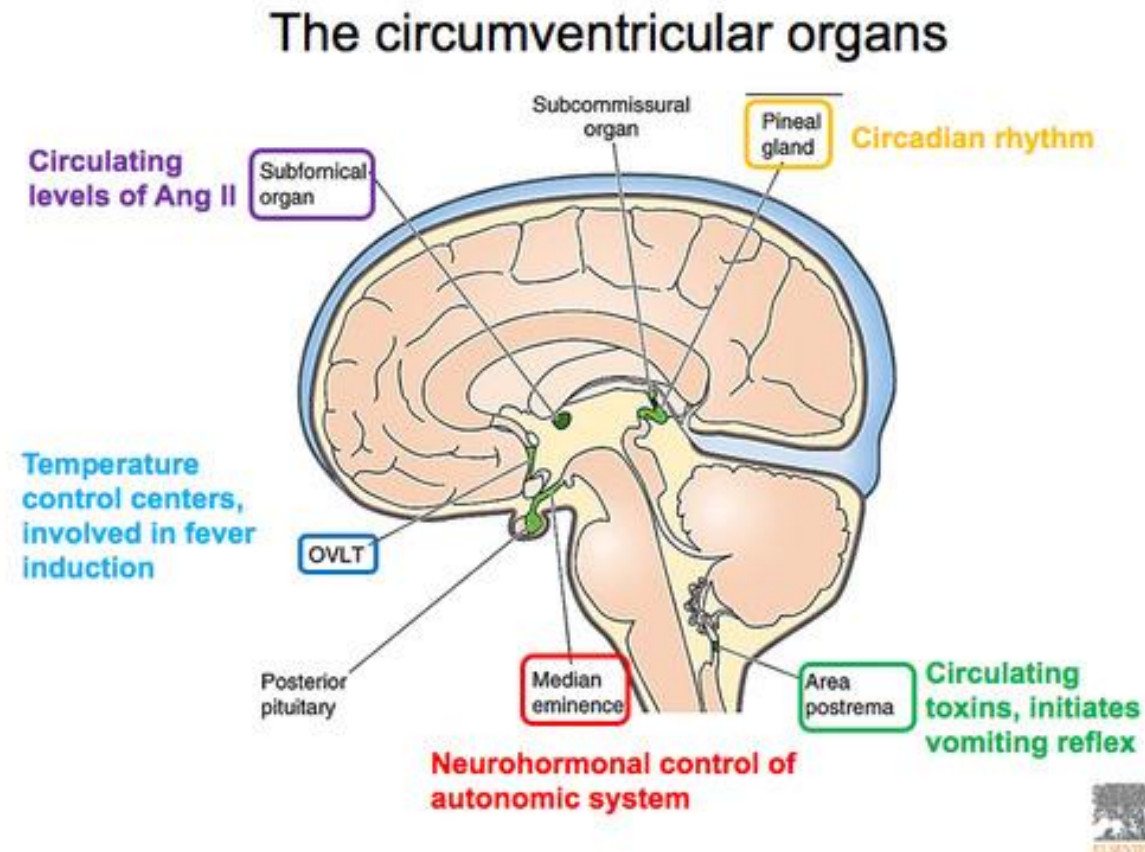


Longitudinal section of blood vessel



Circumventricular organs

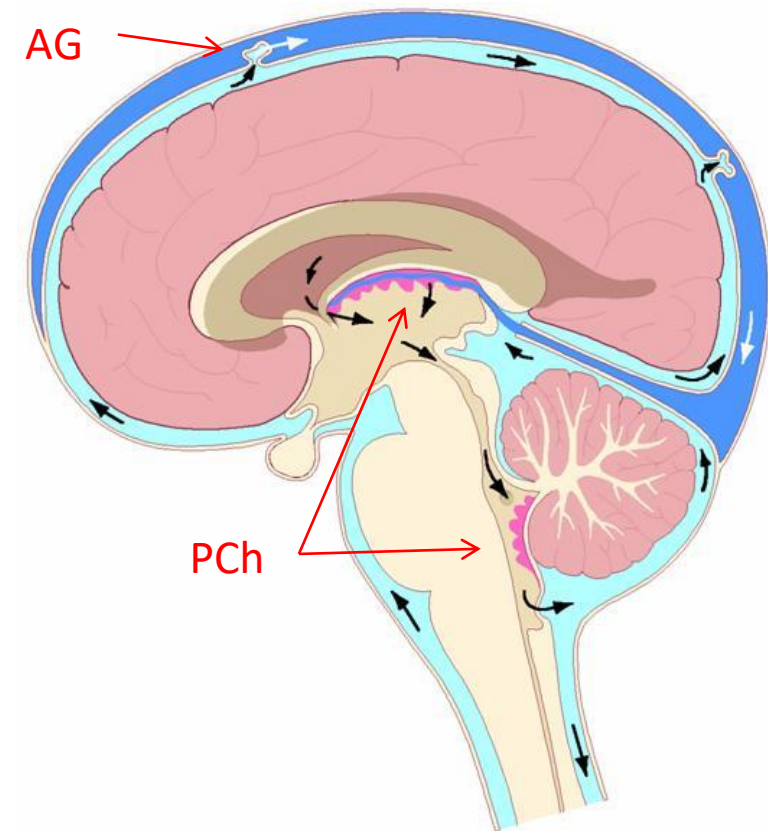
- Rich vascularisation
- Modified hematoencephalic barrier
- Sensors
- Secretion



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Cerebrospinal fluid

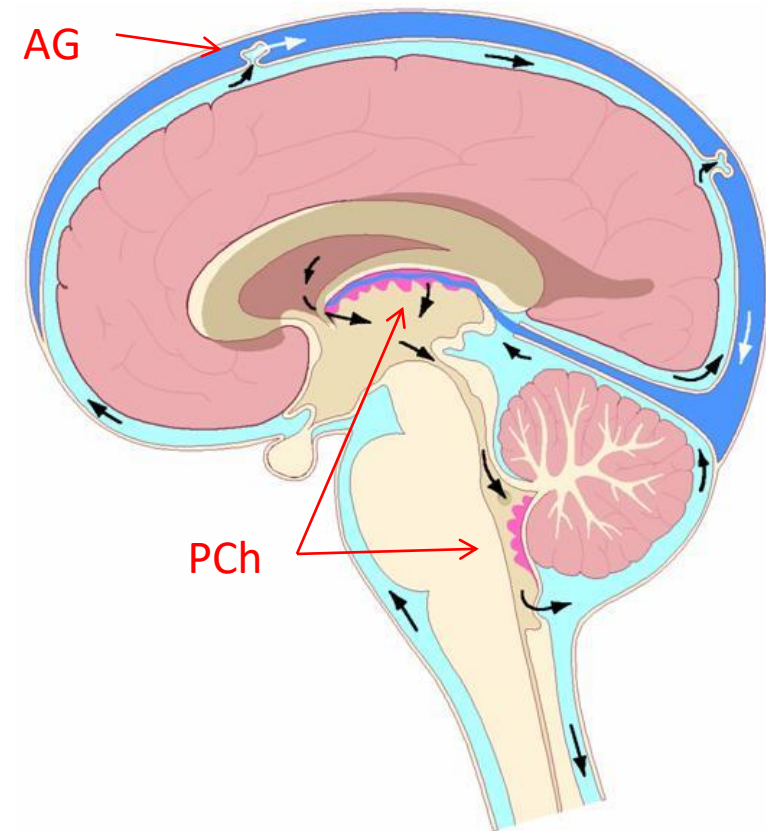
- Content
 - ✓ High levels of Mg^{+} and Na^{+}
 - ✓ Low levels of K^{+} and Ca^{2+}
 - ✓ Almost no cells (max 5/ml)
- Function
 - ✓ Protection
 - ✓ Microenvironment of neurons and glia
 - Metabolic functions
 - Immunologic functions
 - Transport functions and so on



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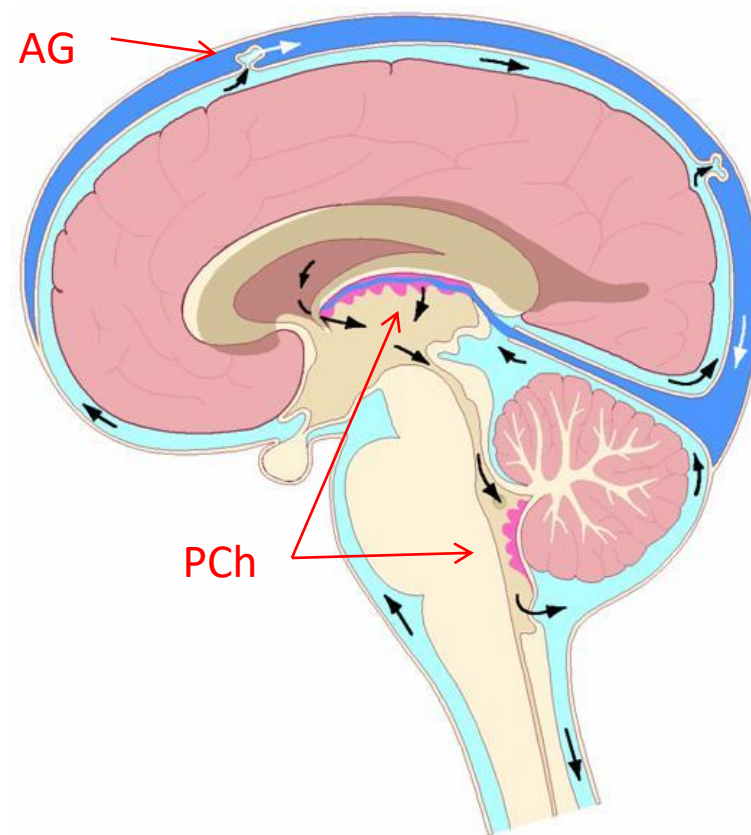
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- Liquor space
 - lined by ependymal cells
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- Production
 - ✓ Plexus choroideus (PCh) -70%
 - ✓ Cell metabolism
 - ✓ Capillary filtration
 - 450-750 ml/day
- Resorption
 - ✓ Archnoid granulations (AG)

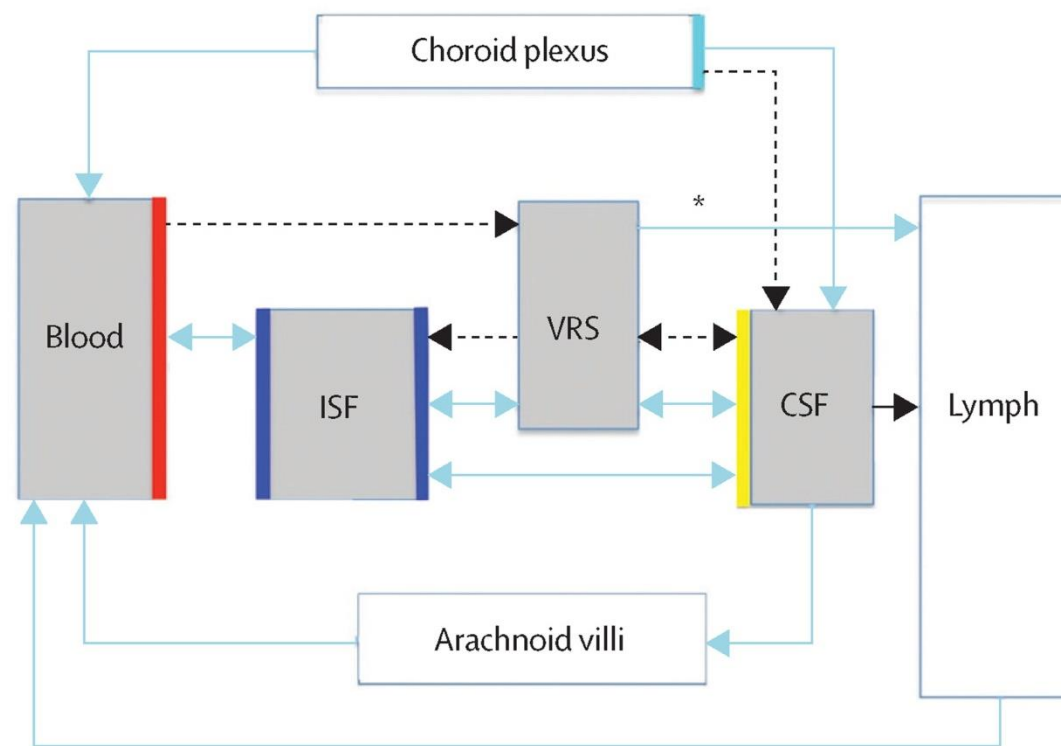


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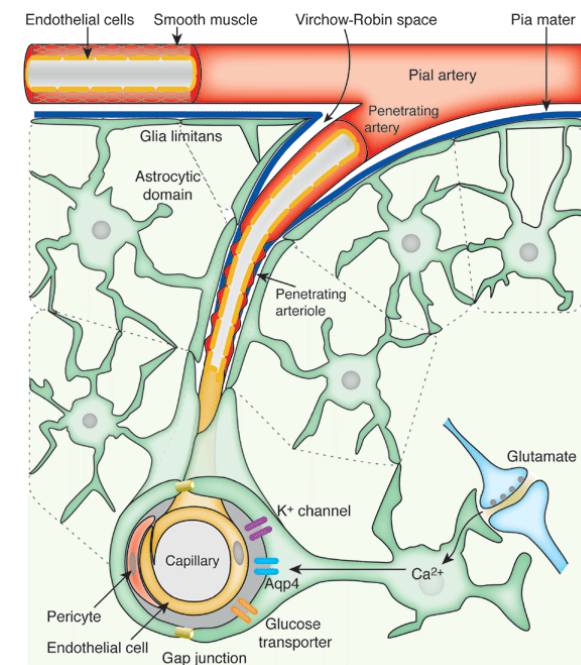
New insight into the production and resorption of CSF

Ducros A, Biousse V. Headache arising from idiopathic changes in CSF pressure. *The Lancet Neurology*. 2015;14:655–668.

- CSF – cerebrospinal fluid
- ISF – interstitial fluid
- VRS – Virchow Robin space (space between the pia mater and an artery or a vein, but not capillaries)



— BBB
 — Glia limitans
 — CP barrier
 — Ependyma/pia mater
 — Fluid movements
 — Cellular movements



<http://visnu528.blogspot.cz/2014/09/glymphatics-and-virchow-robin-space.html>

CNS lymphatic drainage

- Cervical lymph nodes
 - Nasal lymphatics
 - Dural lymphatics
 - Alongside nerves
 - Alongside vessels (not APCs)
- Lumbar lymph nodes
 - Alongside nerve roots

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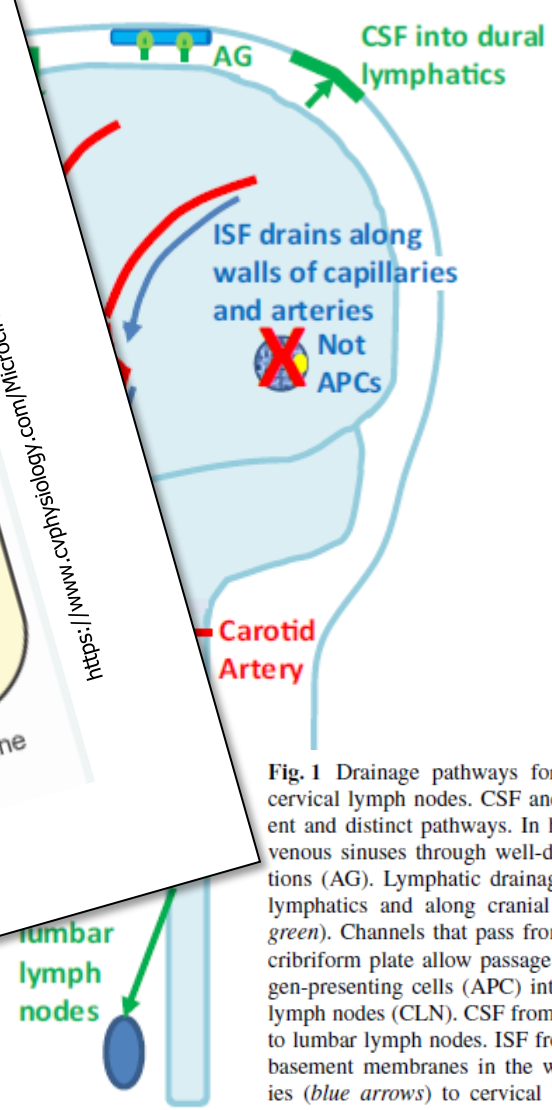
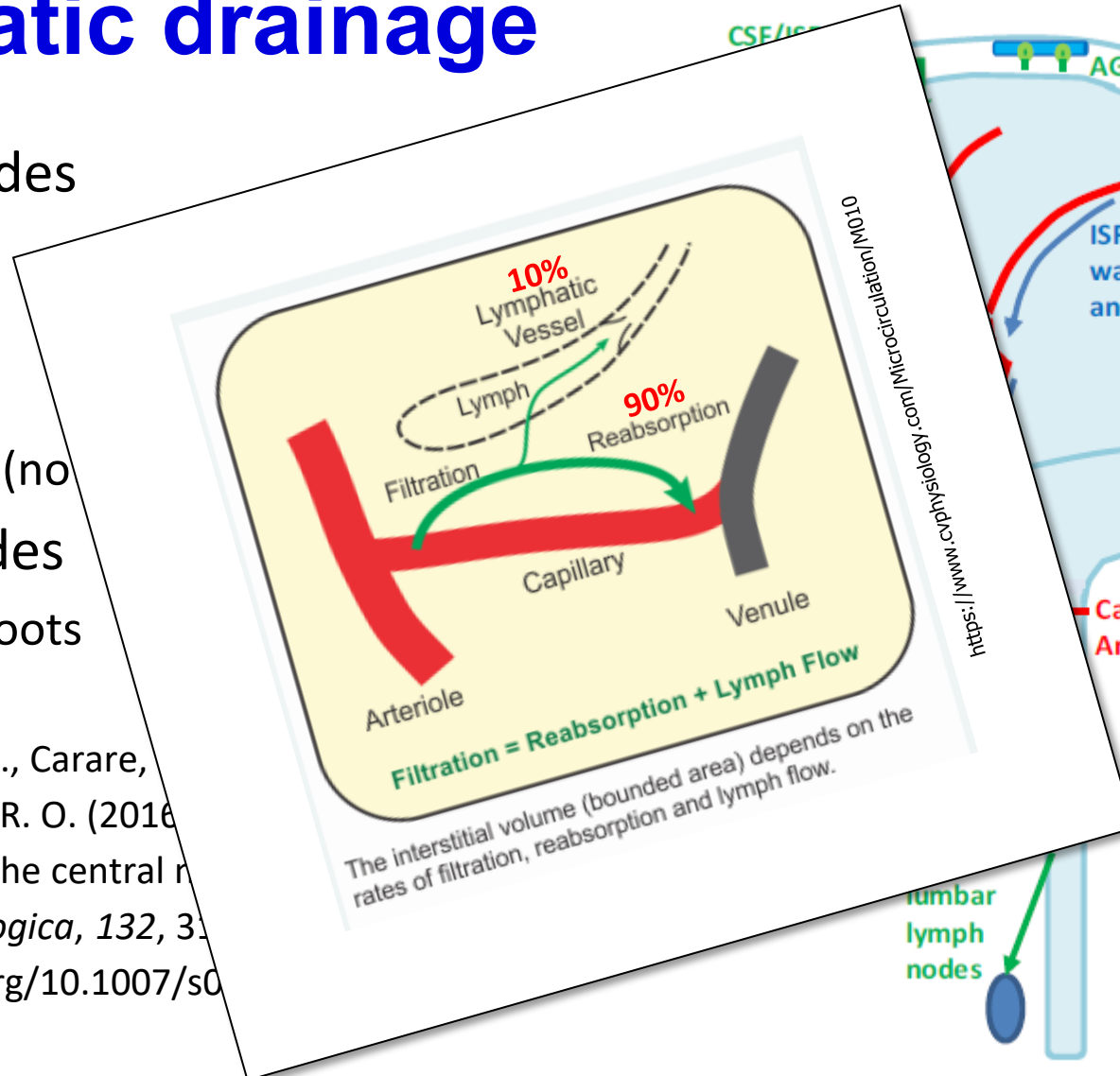


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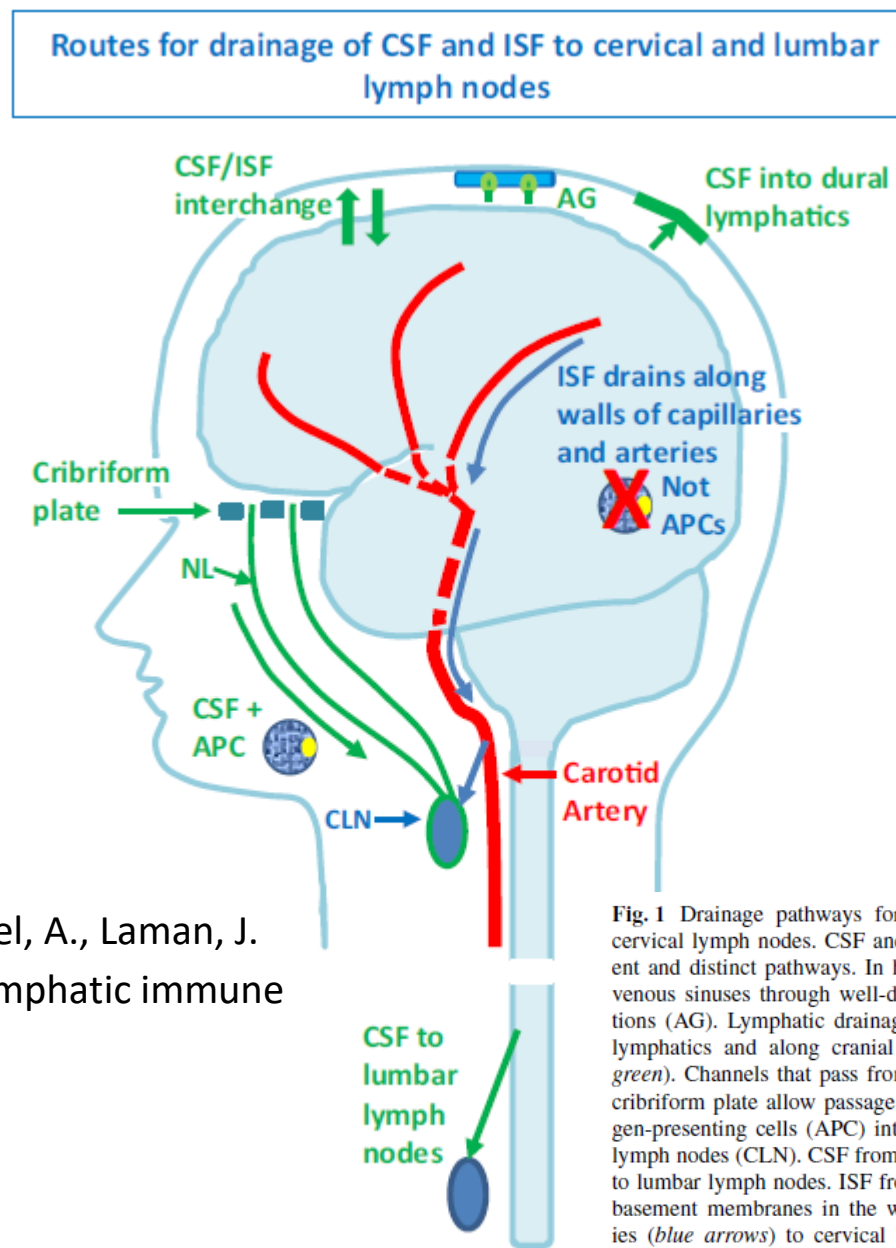
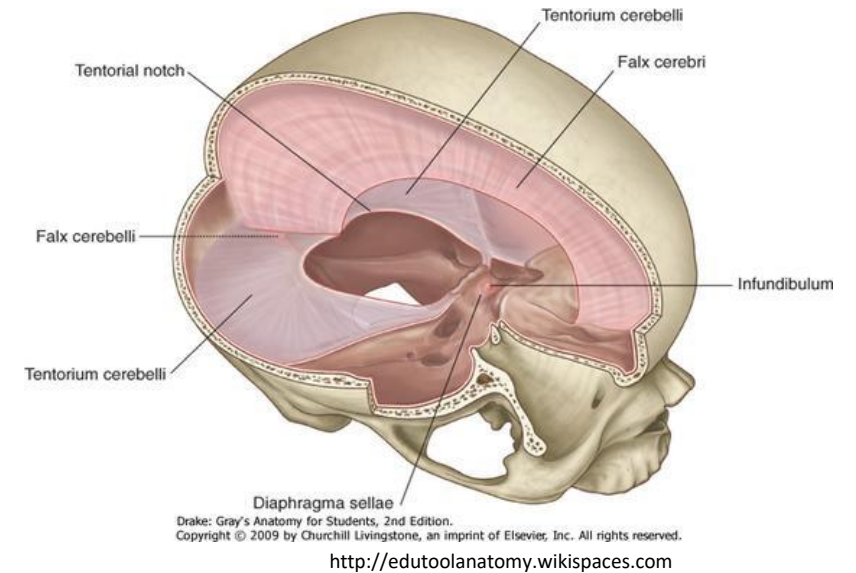


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- Intracranial pressure (ICP)
 - Critical determinant of cerebral perfusion
- Cerebral perfusion pressure (CPP)
pressure gradient driving blood flow intracranially



$$!!! \text{ CPP } = \text{ MAP } - \text{ ICP } !!!$$

Cerebral perfusion pressure | Intracranial pressure
Mean arterial pressure

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- The total amount of neuronal cells - 100 billions (10^{11})
- Neuron/glia ratio
 - 1/10 - 50 (Principles of Neural Science, 4th ed., 2000)
 - 1/2 – 10 (Principles of Neural Science, 5th ed., 2012)
 - 1/1 (Nolte's Human Brain, 7th ed., 2015)

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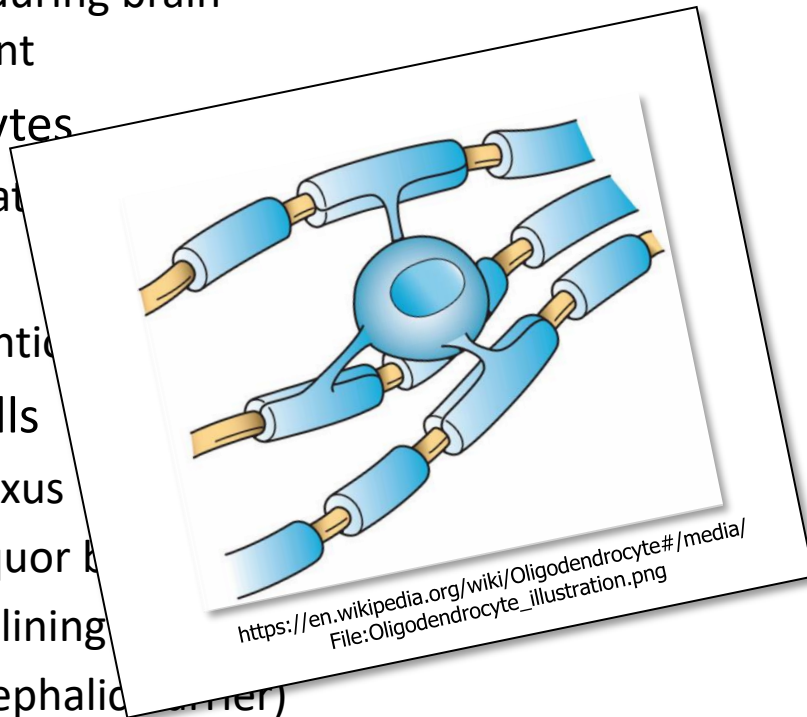
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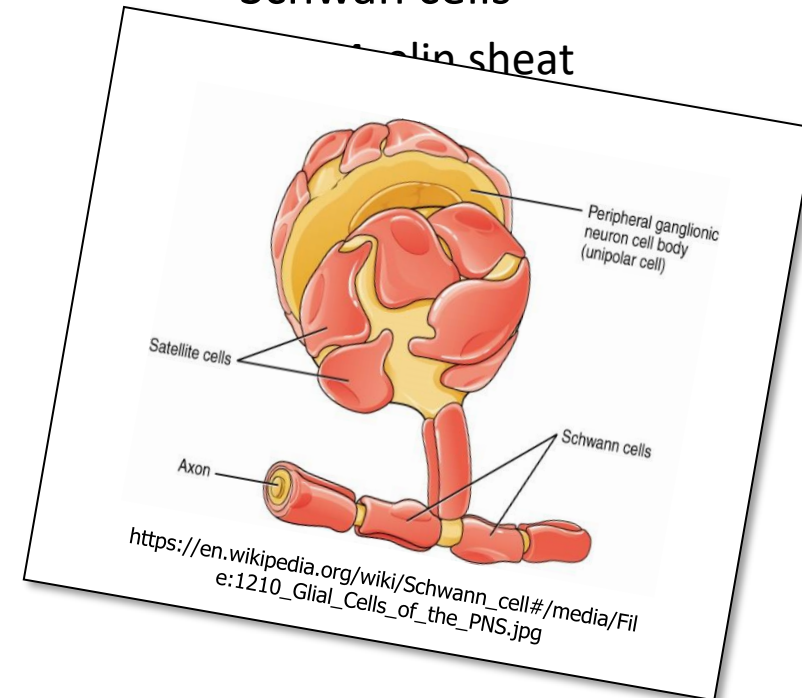
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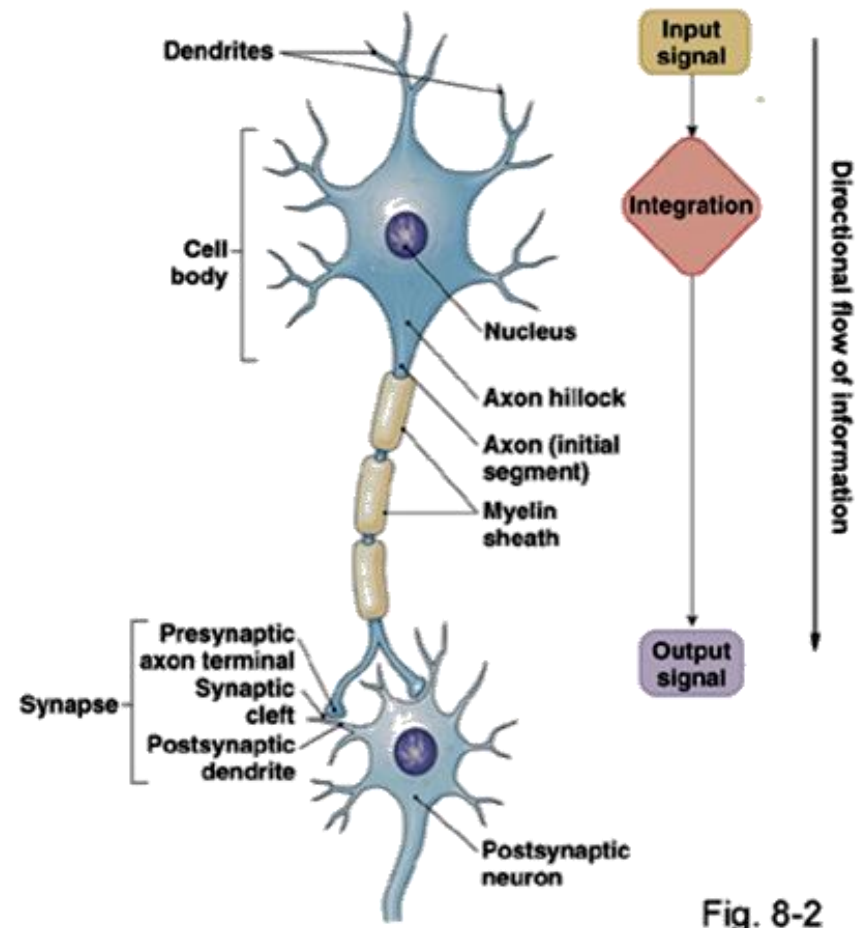


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Background Activity

The cytoplasm

- ✓ ...
- ✓ Synthesis
- ✓ Transport
- ✓ ...

Neuron

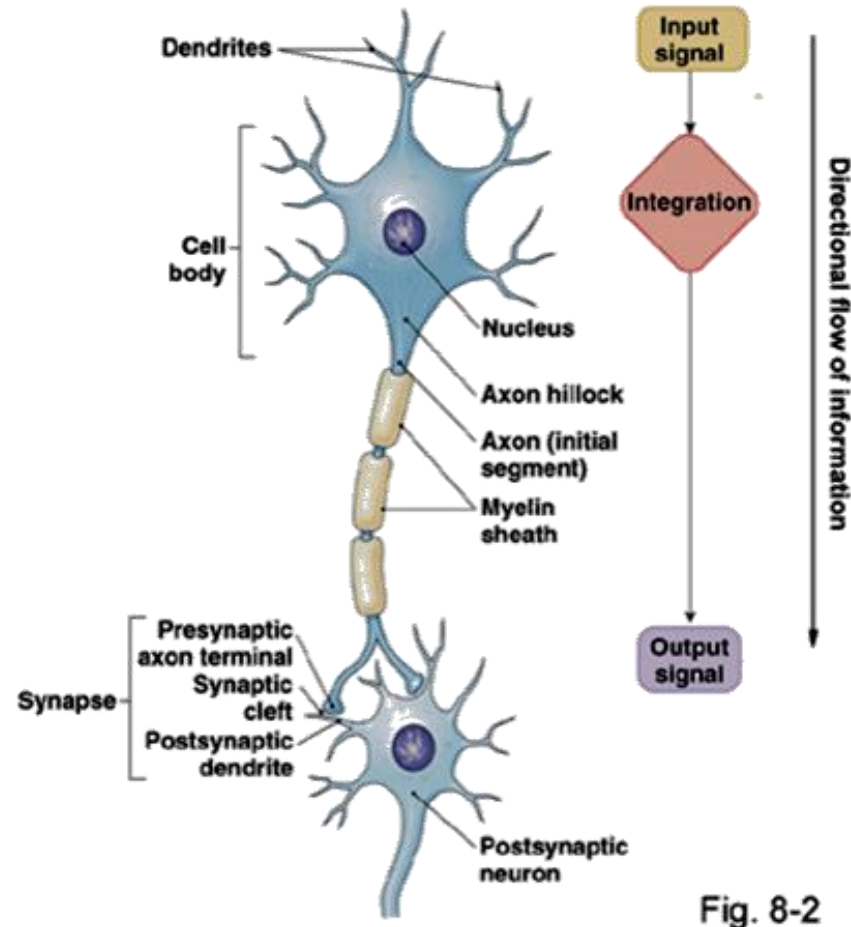


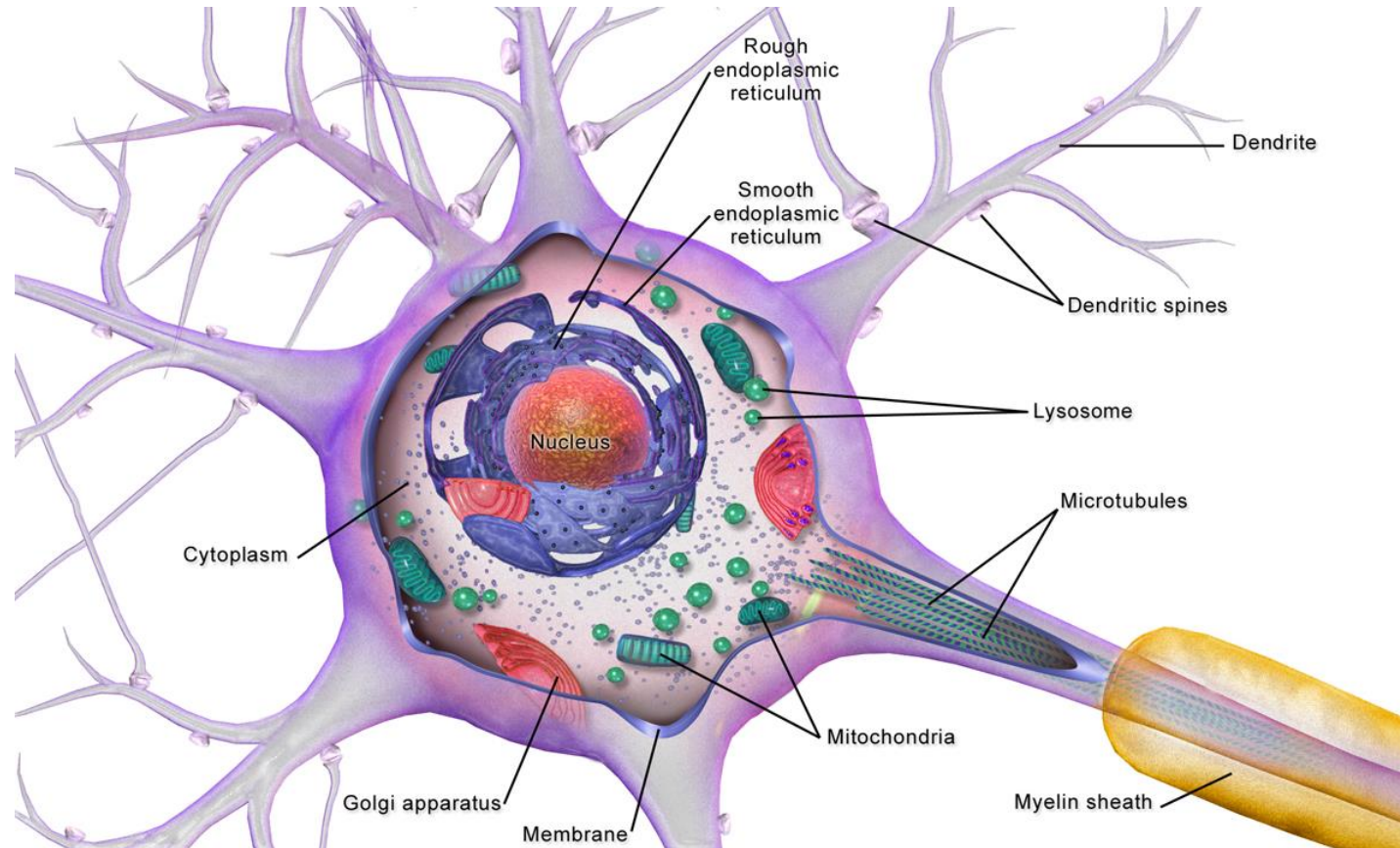
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Information processing and transmission

The membrane

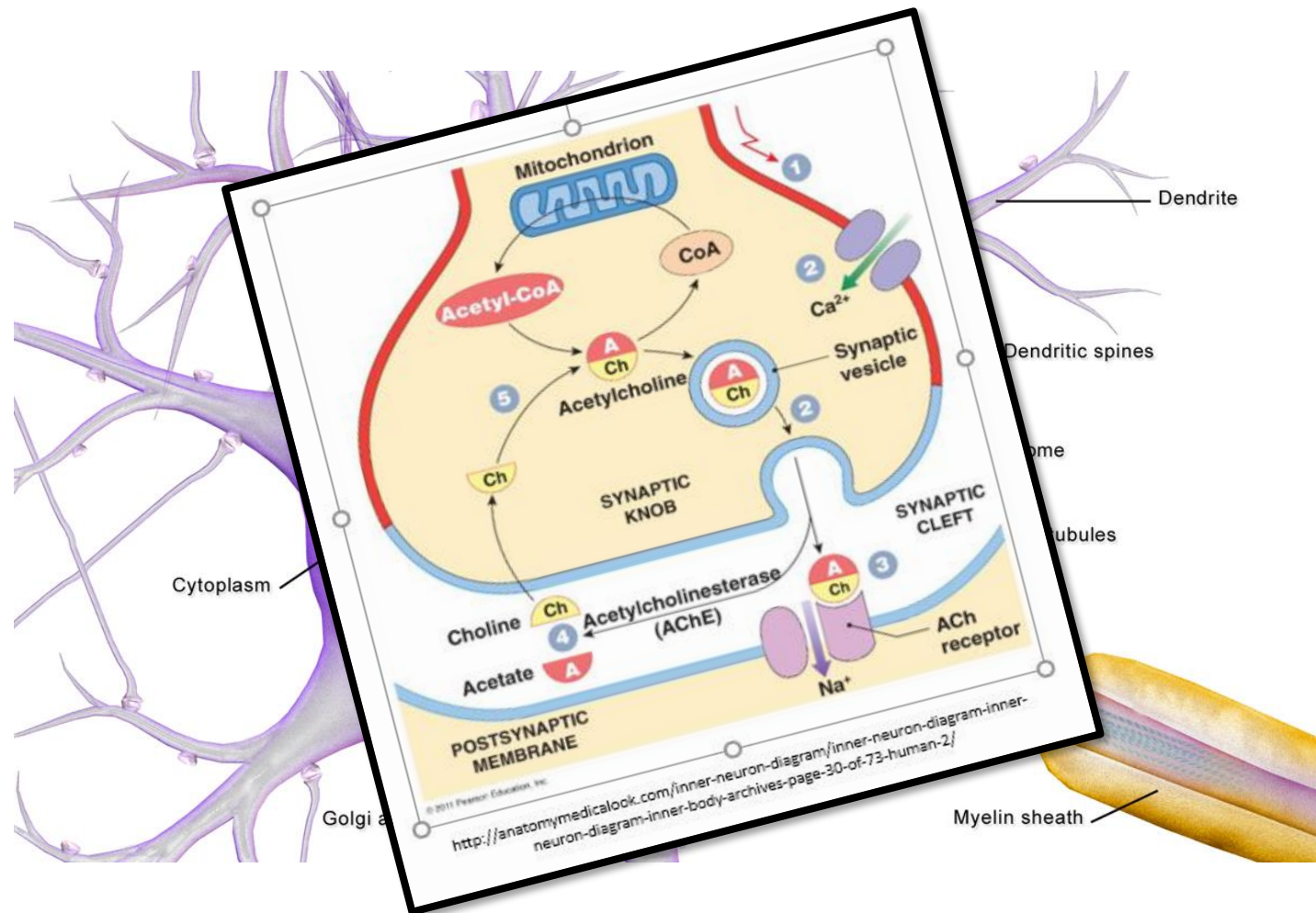
- ✓ Signal reception
- ✓ Signal integration
- ✓ AP generation
- ✓ AP propagation
- ✓ Signal transmission

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Fast axonal transport

- bidirectional
- ATP dependant
- associated with microtubules: dynein and kinesin

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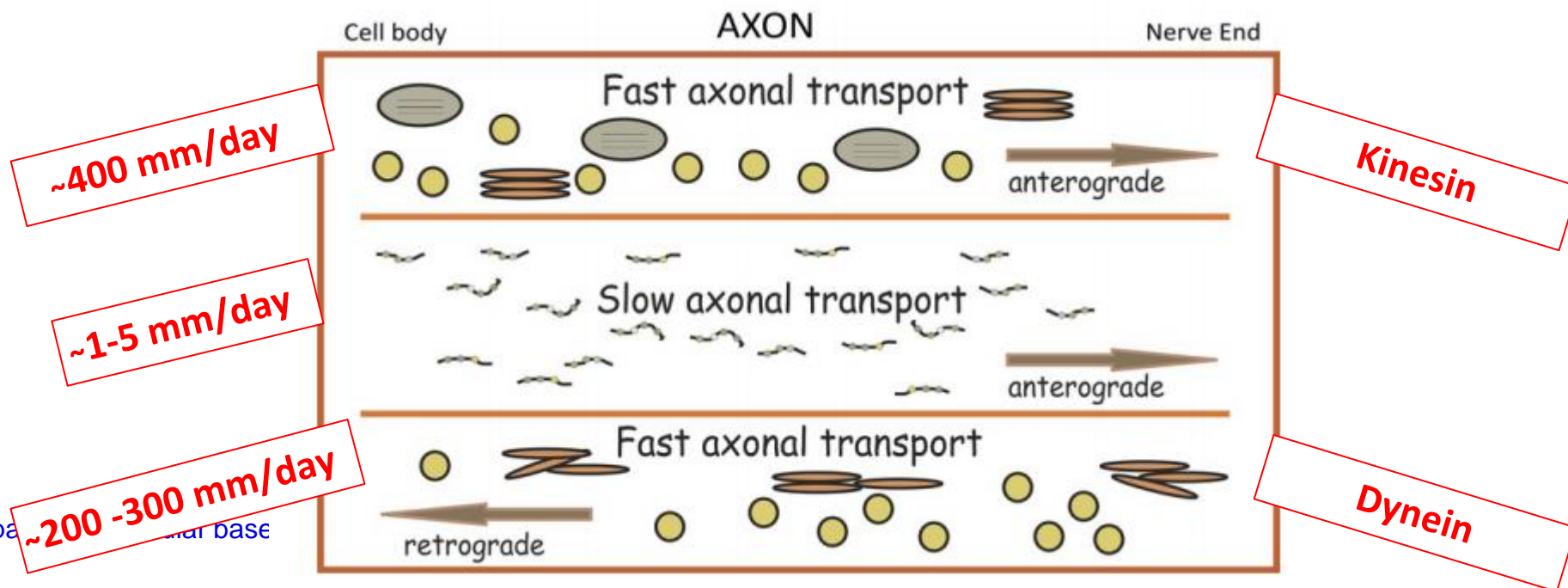
Golgi derived vesicles
lysosomes, mitochondria
structural elements of
endoplasmic reticulum

Slow axonal transport

- unidirectional,
- ATP independant
- conducted by sliding, polymerizing and protein interacting

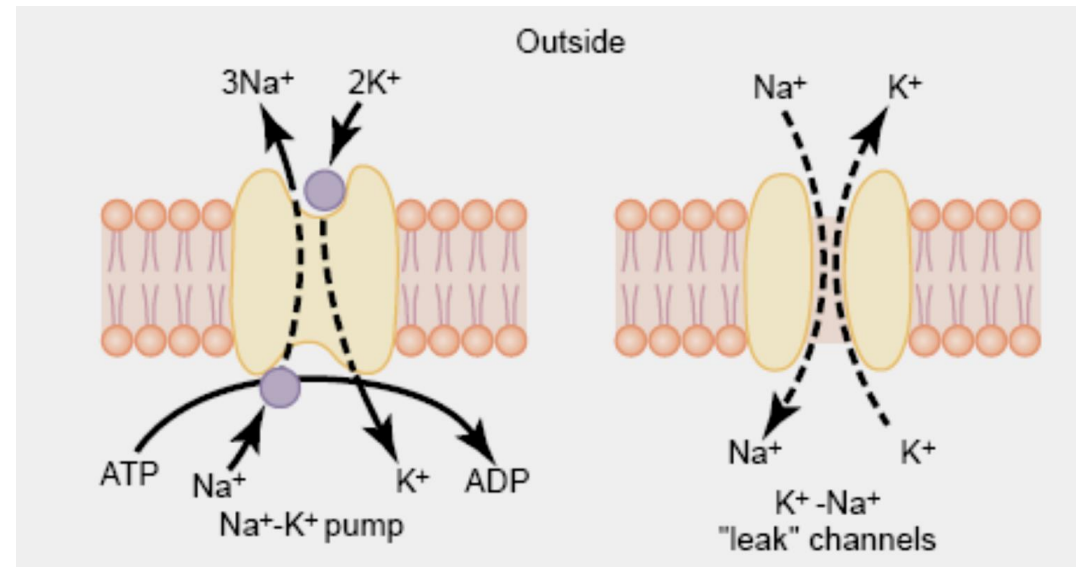
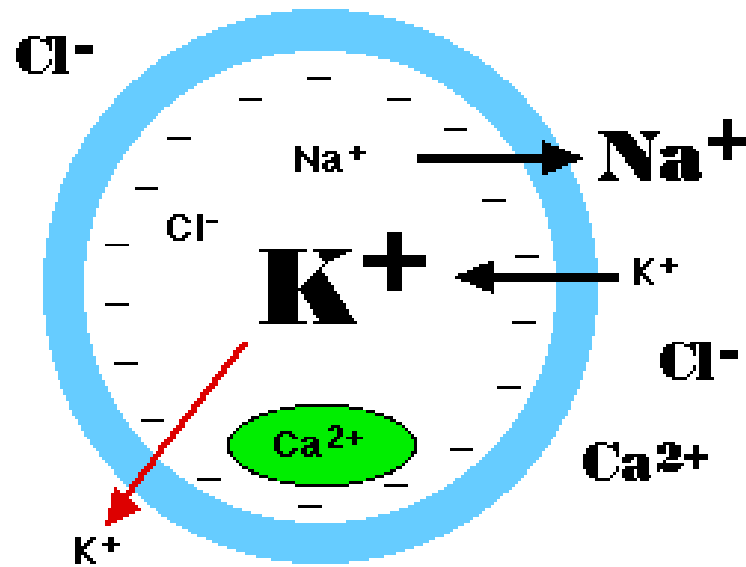
Slow axonal transport

microfilaments, microtubules
neurofilaments
cytosolic protein complexes



Membrane potential

- Due to differences in the concentrations of ions on opposite sides of a cellular membrane



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Resting membrane potential of a neuron



<http://assassinscreed.ubi.com>

Resting potential
around -70 mV

- Highly instable state of membrane
- Why? – Speed!
- High energetical demands
 - ✓ Oxygen - 20% of total body consumption
 - ✓ Glucose – 25% of total body consumption

Action potential

- Quick voltage change on the membrane
- Spreads along the axon
- All or nothing principle

Threshold potential around -55 mV

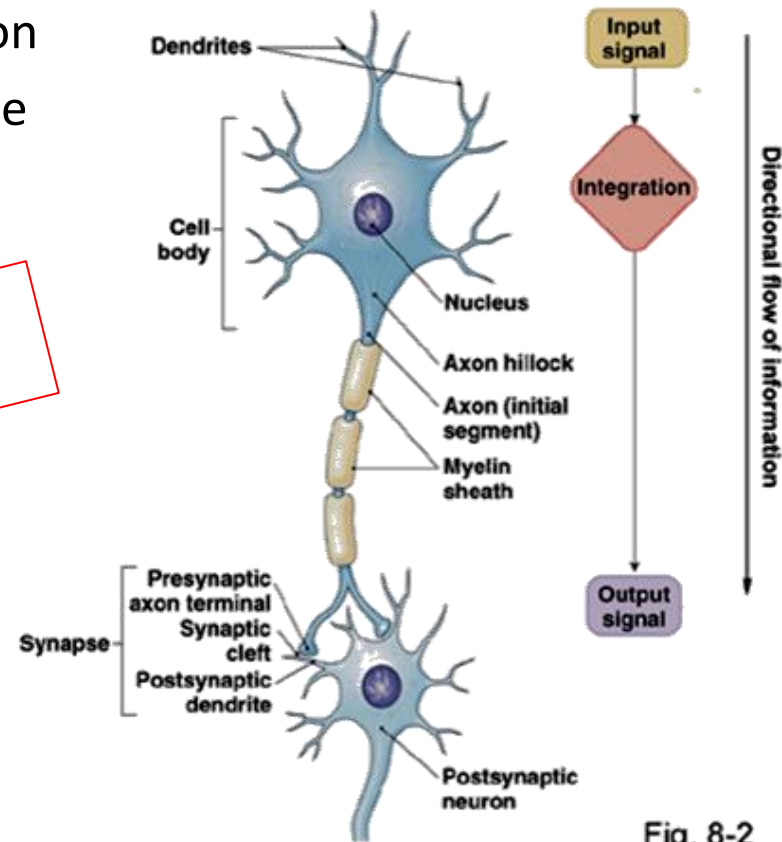
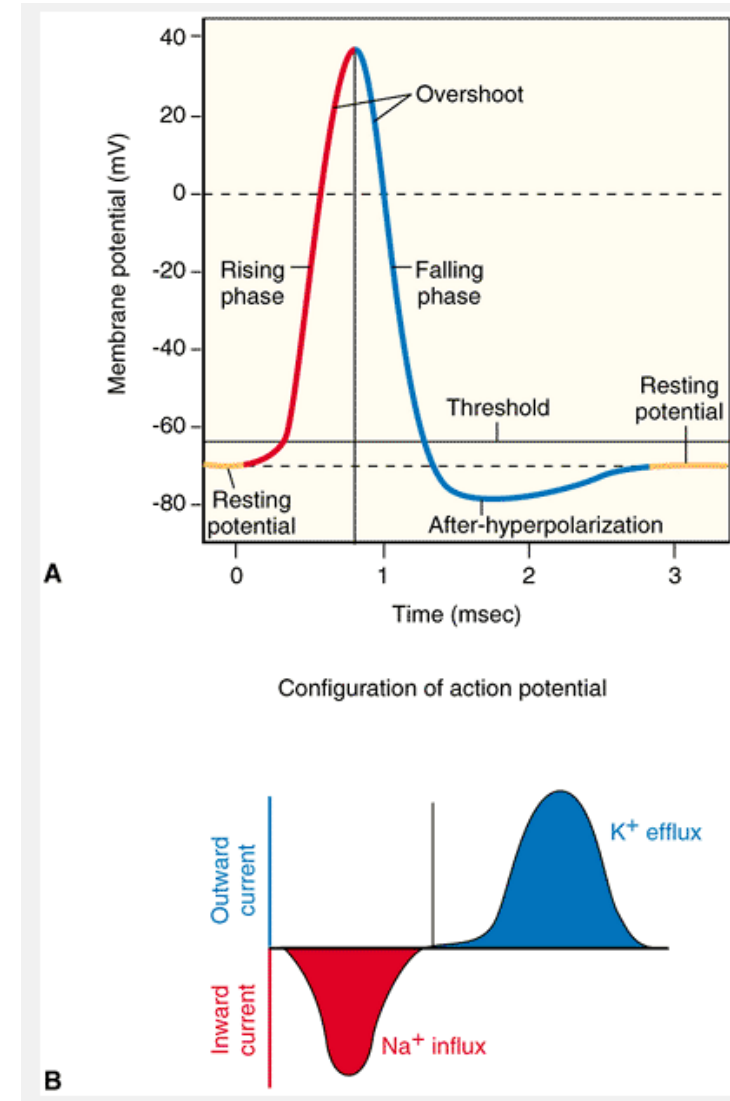
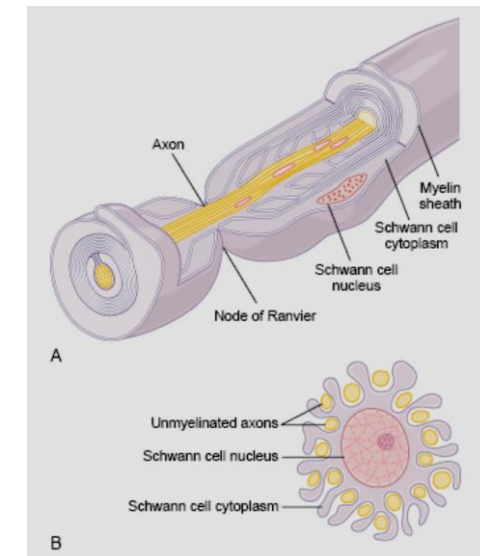
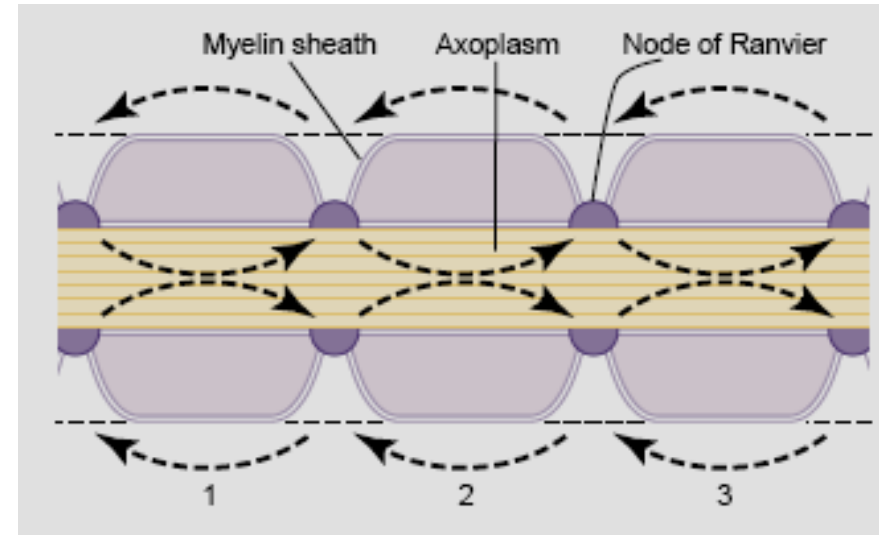


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Saltatory conduction

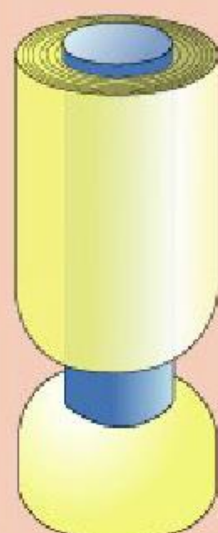



- Myelin sheath
- Nodes of Ranvier
- Economy
- Speed of conduction
- Speed of conduction also dependent of nerve fibre diameter
 - the electrical resistance is inversely proportional to area of cross-section



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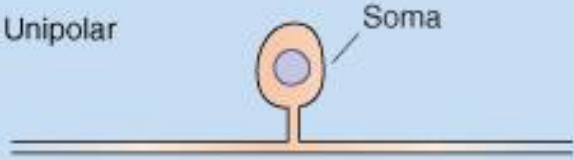

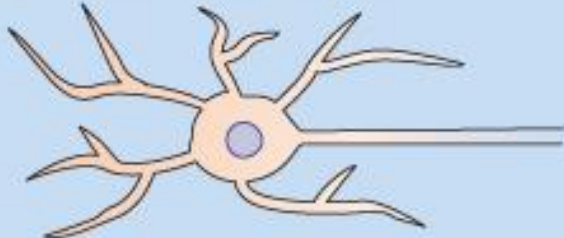
Classification of nerve fibers

- In humans mostly myelinated
- All fibers are myelinated in CNS
- Non-myelinated are evolutionary old ones

	A α	A β	A δ	C
1 ^o Axon to skin				
1 ^o Axon to muscle				
	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV
				
Diameter (um)	12-20	6-12	1-6	0.2-1.5
Speed(m/sec)	70-170	30-70	5-30	0.5-2
Sensory receptors	Proprioceptors of skeletal muscle	Mechanoreceptors of skin	Pain, temperature	Temp, pain, itch

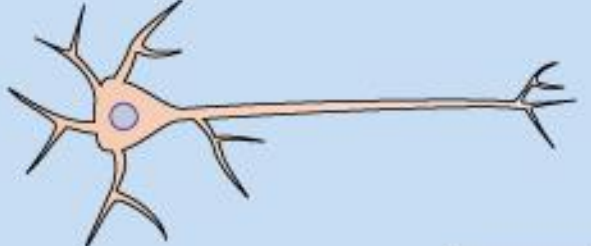
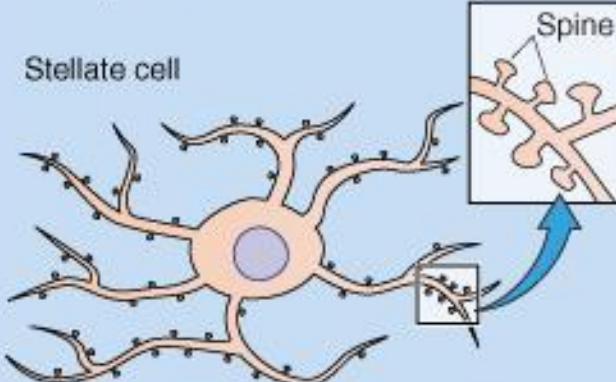
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Neuronal classification

Basis for classification	Example	Functional implication	Structure
3. Number of processes			
One process exits the cell body	Unipolar neuron (dorsal root ganglion cell)	Small area for receiving synaptic input: highly specialized function	<p>Unipolar</p>  <p>Soma</p>
Two processes exit the cell body	Bipolar neuron (retinal bipolar cell)	Small area for receiving synaptic input: highly specialized function	<p>Bipolar</p> 
Many processes exit the cell body	Multipolar neuron (spinal motor neuron)	Large area for receiving synaptic input; determines the pattern of incoming axons that can interact with the cell	<p>Multipolar</p> 

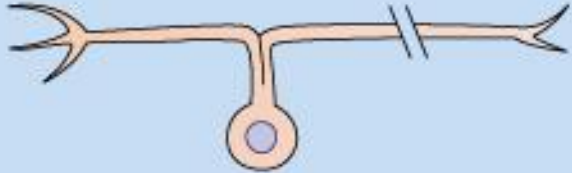

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<p>2. Dendritic pattern</p> <p>Pyramid-shaped spread of dendrites</p>	<p>Pyramidal cell (hippocampal pyramidal neuron)</p>	<p>Large area for receiving synaptic input; determines the pattern of incoming axons that can interact with the cell (i.e., pyramid-shaped)</p>	<p>Pyramidal cell</p> 
<p>Radial-shaped spread of dendrites</p>	<p>Stellate cell (cortical stellate cell)</p>	<p>Large area for receiving synaptic input; determines pattern of incoming axons that can interact with the cell (i.e., star-shaped)</p>	<p>Stellate cell</p> 

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<p>1. Axonal projection</p> <p>Goes to a distant brain area</p>	<p>Projection neuron or Principal neuron or Golgi type I cell (cortical motor neuron)</p>	<p>Affects different brain areas</p>	<p>Dorsal root ganglion cell</p> 
<p>Stays in a local brain area</p>	<p>Intrinsic neuron or Interneuron or Golgi type II cell (cortical inhibitory neuron)</p>	<p>Affects only nearby neurons</p>	<p>Retinal bipolar cell</p> 

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68. Cellular base of nervous system

- ✓ Neuroglial cells
 - Classification and functional overview
- ✓ Neuronal cells
 - Characterization, classification, anatomy
 - Functions of neurons
 - Background activity (cytoplasm)
 - Synthesis (soma)
 - Transport (categorization, characterization)
 - Information processing and transmission (membrane)
 - Main points of question No. 70

69. Intracranial compartment, intracranial pressure

- ✓ Content of intracranial compartment (brain, blood, CSF)
- ✓ Barriers among compartments (meningeal, hematoencephalic, hematoliquor)
 - HEB description
 - Circumventricular organs
- ✓ CSF
 - Function
 - Production, circulation, absorption
- ✓ Intracranial pressure
 - Definition, equation, implications

70. Membrane voltage, action potential – generation and propagation through nerve fibers

- ✓ Membrane potentials
 - General characteristics and ionic mechanisms description
- ✓ Resting potential in neuron (characteristics)
- ✓ Action potential
 - Characteristics
 - Ionic mechanisms
 - Signal conduction
 - Role of myelin, saltatory conduction
- ✓ Classification of nerve fibres

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