

# Atlas Lesions

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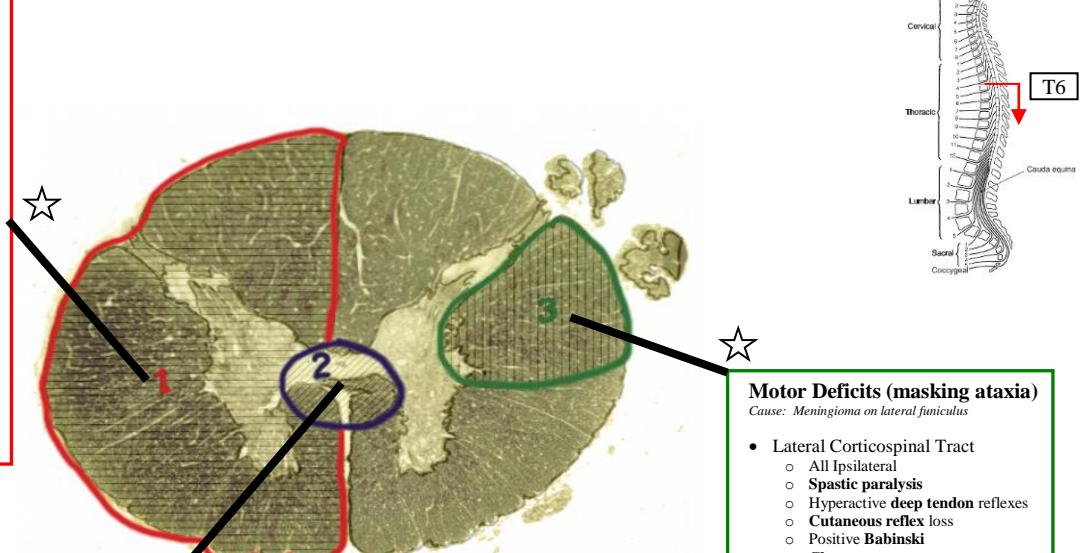
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## Thoracic Segment of Spinal Cord Caudal to T6

### Brown-Sequard Syndrome

Cause: Spinal hemi-section

- Fasciculus Gracilis
  - All Ipsilateral
  - Loss of **fine touch** discrimination, **proprioception**, & **pressure**
- Lateral Corticospinal Tract
  - All Ipsilateral
  - **Spastic paralysis**, cutaneous reflex loss
  - Positive Babinski
- Lateral Spinothalamic Tract (ALS)
  - **Contralateral**
  - Loss one segment below
  - Body loss of **Pain & Temperature**
- Anterior Horn Motor Neurons
  - Ipsilateral
  - Muscle **wasting**
- Intermediolateral Cell Column/Descending Autonomic Tracts
  - **Sympathetic** dysfunction
- Lateral Vestibulospinal Tracts
  - Fall to lesion side



### Motor Deficits (masking ataxia)

Cause: Meningioma on lateral funiculus

- Lateral Corticospinal Tract
  - All Ipsilateral
  - **Spastic paralysis**
  - Hyperactive **deep tendon reflexes**
  - Cutaneous reflex loss
  - Positive Babinski
  - Clonus

### Syringomyelia

Cause: Cavitation of spinal cord

- Anterior White Commissure/ Crossing Fibers of Lateral Spinothalamic Tracts
  - Bilateral
  - Body loss of **Pain & Temperature** (over one or several dermatomes)
  - Loss one segment below

## Caudal Medulla

### Fasciculus Gracilis

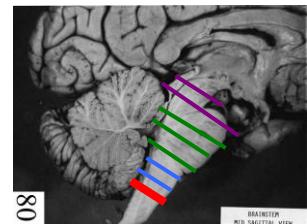
Cause: Tabes dorsalis after contracting syphilis

- Fasciculus Gracilis
  - Bilateral
  - **Fine touch** discrimination, conscious **proprioception**, & **deep pressure** loss (T6-S5)
  - Positive Romberg

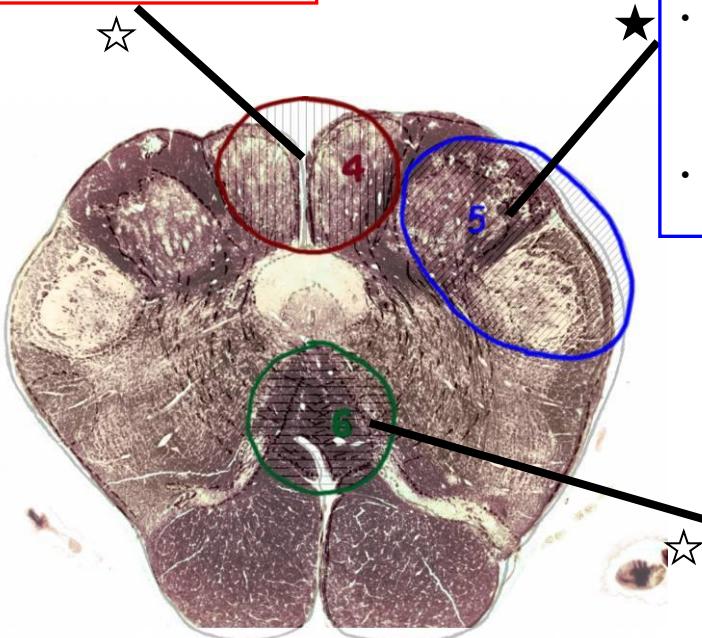
### Dorsolateral Medulla

Cause: meningioma

- Fasciculus / Nucleus Cuneatus
  - All Ipsilateral
  - **Fine touch** discrimination, conscious **proprioception**, & **deep pressure** loss (C2-T6)
- Lateral (accessory) Cuneate Nucleus/Cuneocerebellar tract/posterior spinocerebellar tract
  - All Ipsilateral
  - Ataxia
  - Hypotonia
  - Abnormal heel-to-shin test
  - Unconscious proprioception loss
- Spinal Nucleus / Tract of CN V
  - All Ipsilateral
  - Facial pain & some temperature loss



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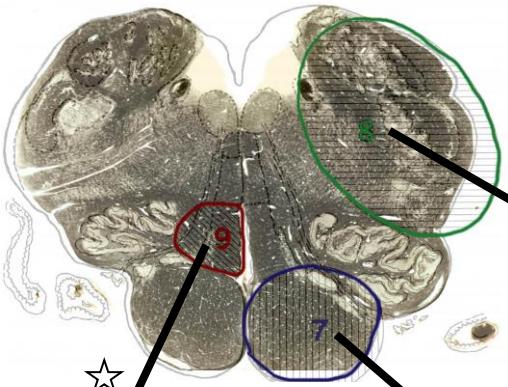


### Centro-Median Medulla

Cause: midline medullary tumor

- Decussation of medial lemniscus / Internal Arcuate fibers
  - Bilateral
  - **Fine touch** discrimination, conscious **proprioception**, & **deep pressure** loss (C2-S5)
- Spinal Nucleus / Tract of CN V
  - Bilateral
  - **Facial pain & temperature** loss

## Mid Medulla



### Medial Lemniscus & CN XII

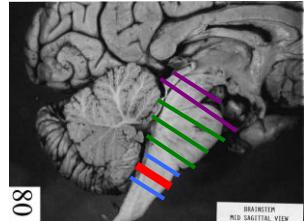
*Cause: intramedullary tumor*

- **Medial Lemniscus**
  - All **Contralateral**
  - Fine touch discrimination, conscious proprioception, & deep pressure loss (C2-S5)
- **CN XII**
  - **Ipsilateral** tongue paralysis
  - Fasciculations & eventual atrophy
  - Tongue deviation to lesion side

### Wallenberg's Syndrome

*Cause: Thrombosis of PICA*

- Descending Sympathetic Tracts
  - Ipsilateral
  - **Hornet's syndrome** (Anhydrosis, vasodilatation, partial ptosis, miosis)
- Spinal Nucleus / Tract of CN V
  - Ipsilateral
  - **Facial pain & temperature loss**
- Lateral Spinothalamic Tract (**ALS**)
  - **Contralateral**
  - Body loss of **Pain & Temperature**
- Cuneocerebellar tract / Posterior Spinocerebellar tract
  - All **Ipsilateral**
  - **Ataxia**
  - **Hypotonia**
  - **Abnormal heel-to-shin test**
- Nucleus Ambiguus / Root of CN X
  - Paralysis of pharyngeal constrictors (**dysphagia**)
  - Paralysis of vocal cords (**dysphonia / dysarthria**)
  - Paralysis of ipsilateral soft palate (**uvula deviation** away from lesion during phonation)
- Vestibular nuclei
  - Nystagmus to lesion if lesion is irritating (due to pressure)



### Inferior Alternating Hemiplegia

*Cause: meningioma*

- **Pyramidal Tract**
  - All **Contralateral**
  - **Spastic hemiparesis/paralysis**
  - **Jack-Knife**
  - Hyperactive **deep tendon reflexes**
  - **Cutaneous reflex loss**
  - Positive Babinski
  - Clonus
- **CN XII**
  - **Ipsilateral** tongue paralysis
  - Fasciculations & eventual atrophy
  - Tongue deviation to lesion side

## Rostral Medulla & Deep Cerebellar Nuclei

### Archicerebellar, Midline Cerebellar

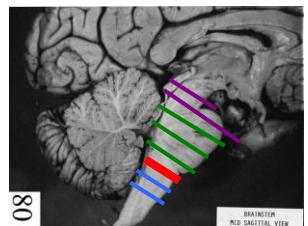
*Cause: medulloblastoma*

- Fastigial Nucleus (bilateral)
  - Bilateral
  - **Trunk Ataxia**
  - Abnormal head rotation
  - Nystagmus
  - Vertigo

### Lateral Zone (Hemispheric)

*Cause: tumor*

- Globose, Emboliform, & Dentate
  - **Ipsilateral intention tremor**
  - Ataxia (broad **gate**, no tandem walking)
  - **Hypotonia**
  - **Dysmetria** Under/overshoot a target
  - **Dysarthria** Unclear speech
  - **Nystagmus**
  - **Dysdiadochokinesia**
  - **Decomposition** of movement



### Rostral Medulla, 4<sup>th</sup> Ventricle

*Cause: Tumor*

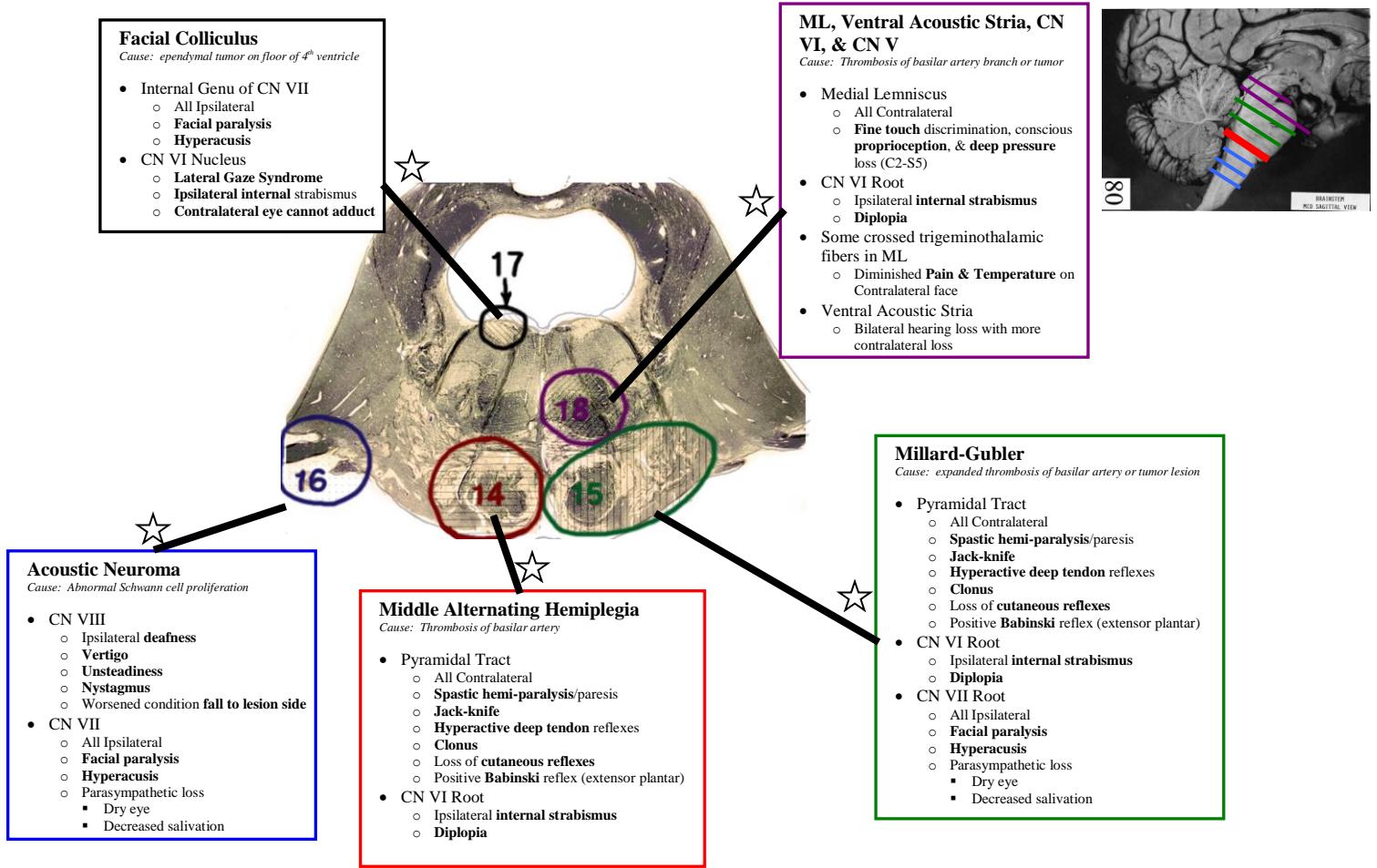
- Nucleus Solitarius
  - Ipsilateral taste decrease
- Inf. Salivatory Nucleus
  - Decreased salivation
- Vestibular nuclei
  - Nystagmus to lesion if lesion is **irritating** (due to pressure)
  - Nystagmus opposite lesion if **destructive** – fall to lesion side

### ICP & Cochlear Nucleus

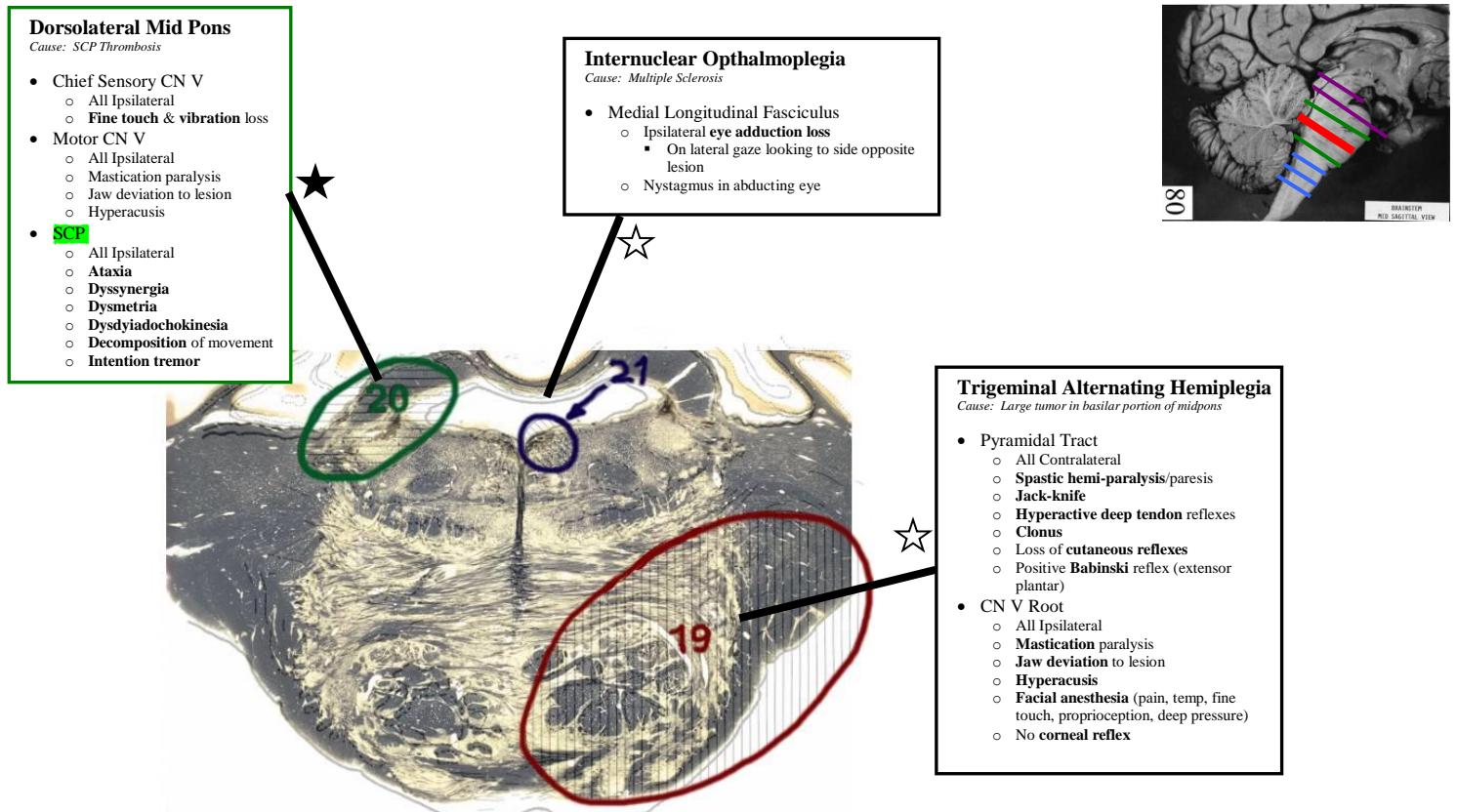
*Cause: PICA thrombus or tumor*

- Inferior Cerebellar Peduncle
  - All **Ipsilateral**
  - **Ataxia**
  - **Hypotonia**
  - **Abnormal heel-to-shin test**
- Cochlear Nucleus
  - **Ipsilateral deafness**

## Caudal Pons



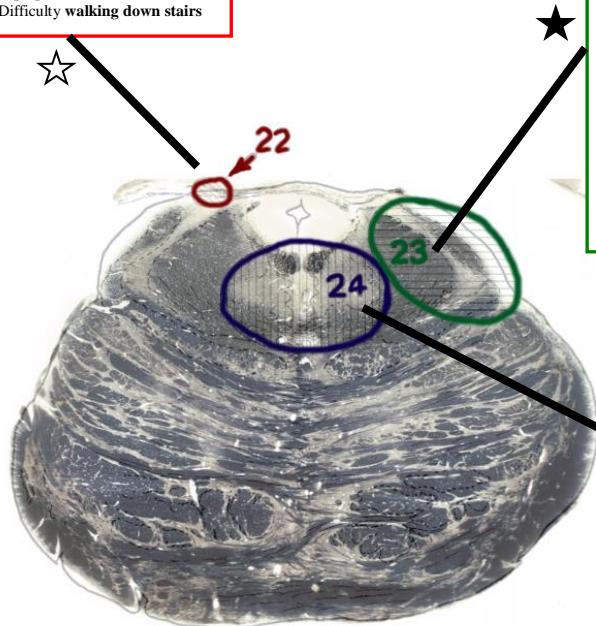
## Mid Pons



## Rostral Pons

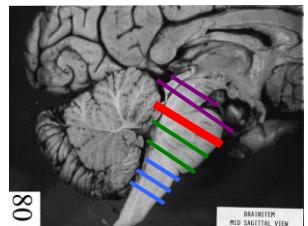
**CN IV Root**  
Cause: Meningioma

- CN IV Root
  - Ipsilateral eye **extorted**
  - Diplopia
  - Difficulty walking down stairs



**Dorsolateral Rostral Pons**  
Cause: Meningioma

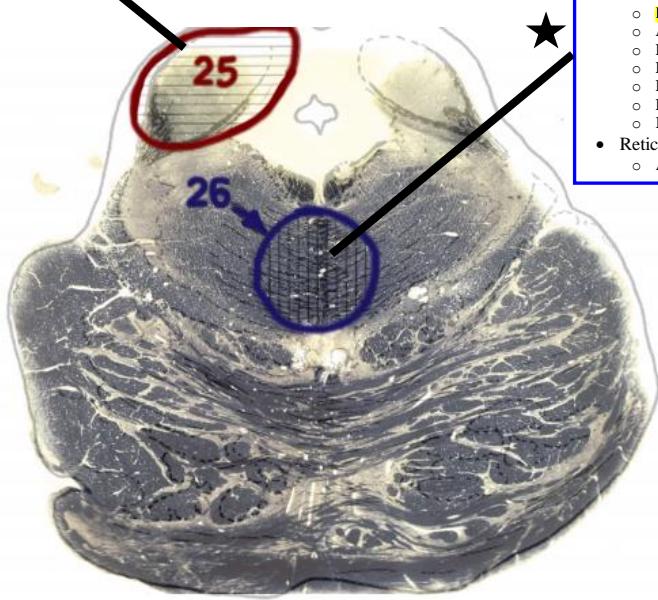
- SCP
  - All Ipsilateral
  - Ataxia
  - Dyssynergia
  - Dysmetria
  - Dysdiadochokinesia
  - Decomposition of movement
  - Intention tremor
- Lateral Lemniscus
  - Bilateral hearing loss
  - Greater loss contralaterally
- Lateral Spinothalamic Tract (ALS)
  - Contralateral
  - Body loss of **Pain & Temperature**
- Medial Lemniscus
  - All Contralateral
  - Fine touch** discrimination, conscious proprioception, & deep pressure loss



## Caudal Midbrain (Rostral Basilar Pons)

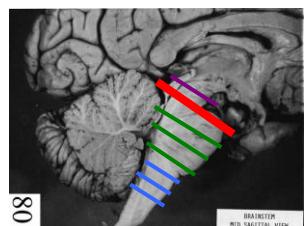
**Inferior Colliculus**  
Cause: Meningeal tumor

- Inferior Colliculus
  - Bilateral hearing loss
  - Worse on contralateral side



**SCP Decussation & Reticular Formation**  
Cause: thrombosis of SCA or tumor

- SCP Decussation
  - Bilateral**
  - Ataxia
  - Dyssynergia
  - Dysmetria
  - Dysdiadochokinesia
  - Decomposition of movement
  - Intention tremor
- Reticular Formation
  - Altered consciousness

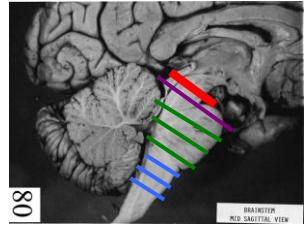
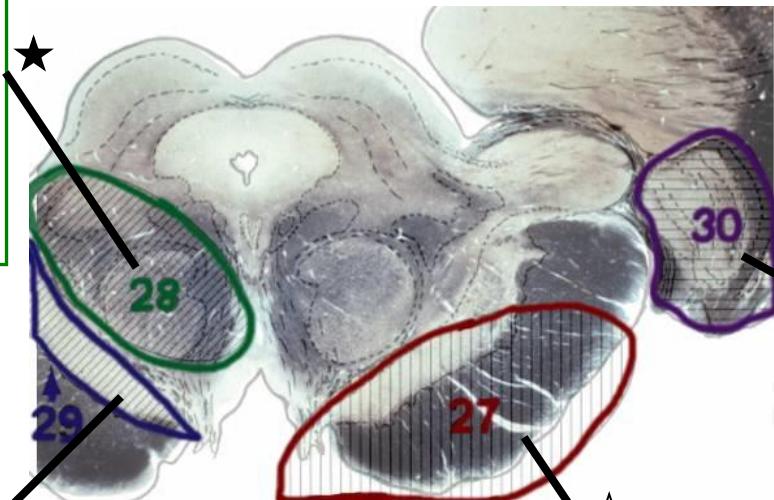


## Rostral Midbrain

### Benedict's Syndrome

*Cause: tumor in tegmentum of rostral midbrain*

- SCP & Red Nuc. Rostral to Decussation
  - All Contralateral
  - Ataxia
  - Dyssynergia
  - Dysmetria
  - Dysdiadochokinesia
  - Decomposition of movement
  - Intention tremor
- CN III
  - Ext. strabismus
  - Diplopia
  - Ipsilateral ptosis
  - Mydriasis
- ML, ALS, VTTT
  - Contralateral
  - Body loss of **Pain & Temperature**
  - Body loss of **Fine touch & Proprioception**



### Parkinson's Disease

*Cause: loss of dopaminergic neurons*

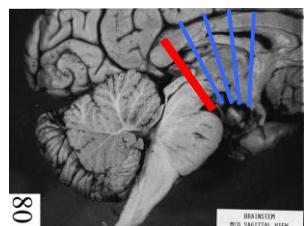
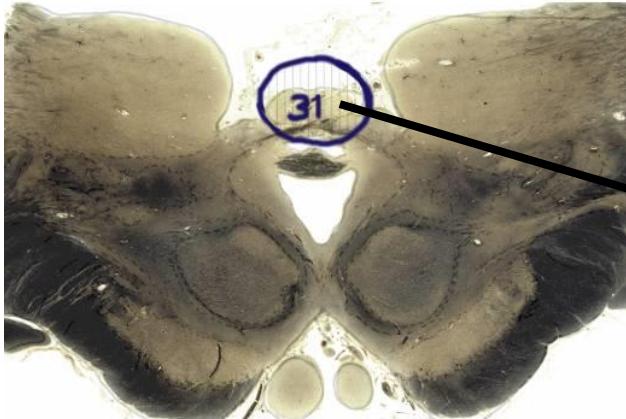
- Substantia Nigra (pars compacta)
  - Contralateral **rigidity**
  - **Cog-wheel** movement
  - Resting tremor (pill rolling)
  - Bradykinesia
  - Ataxia
  - Parkinsonian posture

### Superior Alternating Hemiplegia

*Cause: Thrombosis of PCA or tumor*

- Crus Cerebri (including corticospinal & corticobulbar tracts)
  - All Contralateral
  - **Spastic hemi-paralysis/paresis**
  - **Hyperactive deep tendon reflexes**
  - **Clonus**
  - Positive **Babinski** reflex (extensor plantar)
  - **Lower facial** paralysis (forehead wrinkling but cannot smile)
- CN III Root
  - All Ipsilateral
  - Internal strabismus
  - Mydriasis
  - Diplopia
  - Ptosis
  - Direct light reflex loss
  - Consensual light reflex loss (when light shone in contralateral eye)

## Diencephalon / Midbrain Transition

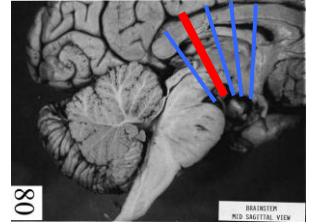


### Parinaud's Syndrome

*Cause: Pineal gland tumor*

- Vertical Gaze Centers
- Rostral Superior Colliculi
  - Upward gaze paralysis (initially)
  - Downward gaze paralysis (later)

## Caudal Thalamus

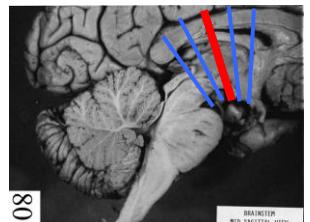
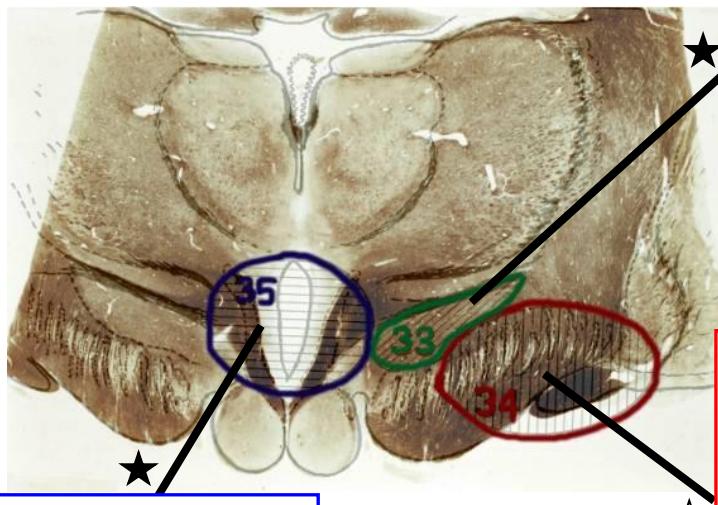


### VPM & VPL Thalamus

*Cause: Thrombosis of PCA*

- VPM & VPL Thalamus
  - All Contralateral
  - **Body & Face Loss**
  - **Fine touch discrimination**
  - Conscious proprioception
  - Deep pressure
  - Pain & temperature localization loss  
(no lost ability to perceive)
  - **Thalamic Pain**
  - Fine touch & vibration in face (only partial)

## Mid-Thalamus / Sub-Thalamus / Caudal Hypothalamus



### Hemiballism

*Cause: thalamosubthalamic artery thrombosis (PCA branch)*

- Subthalamic Nucleus (STN)
  - Contralateral
  - **Hemiballism**
  - Hyperkinesia
  - Mild hypotonia of affected muscles

### MMT & Post. Hypothalamus

*Cause: Midline tumor in caudal hypothalamus*

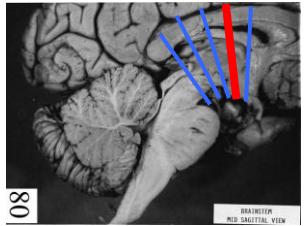
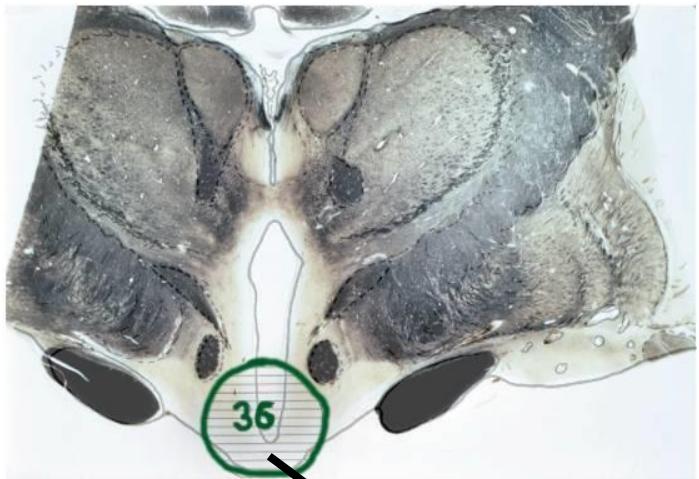
- Mammillothalamic Tract
  - Difficulty forming **new memories**
- Posterior hypothalamus
  - **Hypothermia**
  - **Decreased alertness**
  - Possible somnolence

### Internal Capsule & Optic Tract

*Cause: Thrombosis of PCA or tumor*

- Internal Capsule/Cerebral Peduncle
  - All Contralateral
  - **Spastic hemi-paralysis/paresis**
  - Loss of certain cutaneous reflexes
  - Hyperactive deep tendon reflexes
  - Clonus
  - Positive **Babinski** reflex (extensor plantar)
  - **Lower facial paralysis** (forehead wrinkling but cannot smile)
- Optic tract
  - Contralateral homonymous hemianopsia

## Rostral-Thalamus / Mid-Hypothalamus

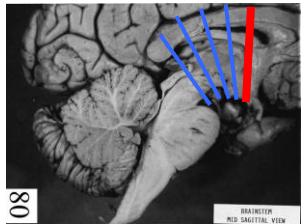
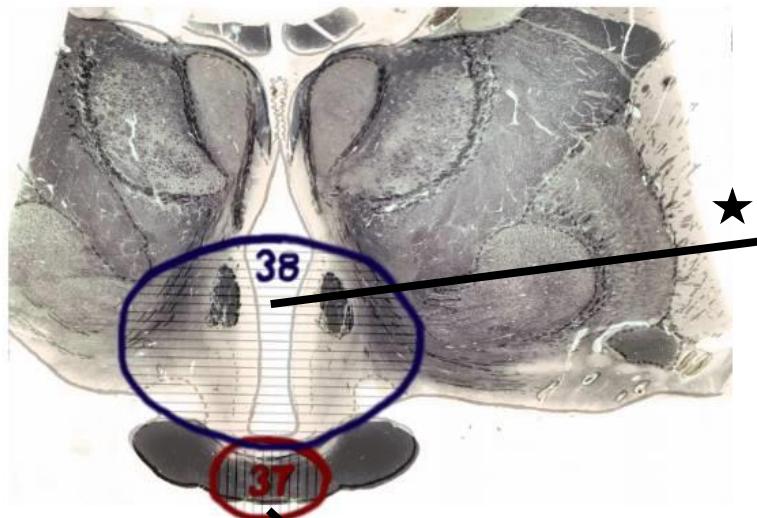


### Arcuate Nucleus

*Cause: midline tumor of hypothalamus*

- Arcuate Nucleus
  - Hyperphagia & Obesity
  - Altered endocrine function
    - GRH, DA
  - Enhanced aggression

## Rostral-Thalamus / Anterior-Hypothalamus



### Anterior Hypothalamus

*Cause: midline tumor of anterior hypothalamus*

- Supraoptic/Paraventricular Nucleus
  - Diabetes Insipidus
  - Thirst, frequent urination
    - ADH
- Anterior area
  - Hyperthermia (POA dysfunction)
- Suprachiasmatic Nuclei
  - PVN
    - CRH, TRH, Oxytocin, ADH
  - POA
    - GnRH
    - Hyperthermia
  - SON
    - Oxytocin, ADH
  - SCN
    - Biorhythms
- Fornix
  - Difficulty forming new memories

### Bilateral Heteronymous Hemianopsia

*Cause: Herniated pituitary tumor*

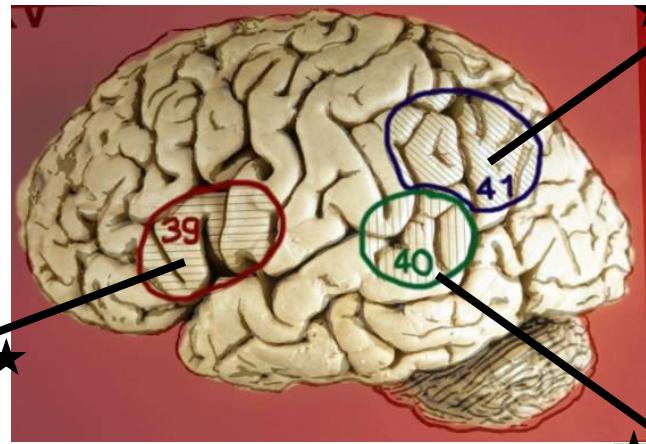
- Optic Chiasm
  - Bilateral Heteronymous Hemianopsia

## Left Cerebral Hemisphere

### Broca's Aphasia

*Cause: MCA Thrombosis*

- Broca's Area
- (dominant hemisphere)
  - Pars opercularis (44)
  - Pars triangularis (45)
  - Expressive aphasia
  - Understand speech
  - Difficulty saying words
- Inf. Precentral gyrus (4)
  - Contralateral lower face paralysis
  - (Contralateral upper limb paralysis)



### Gerstmann's Syndrome

*Cause: MCA Thrombosis*

- Inf. Parietal Lobule
- Angular gyrus (39)
- Supramarginal Gyrus (40)
- (dominant hemisphere)
  - Finger agnosia
  - Left/Right confusion
  - Agraphia
  - Anomia
  - Acalculia

### Wernicke's Aphasia

*Cause: MCA Thrombosis*

- Inf. Parietal Lobe (22 & 40)
- (dominant hemisphere)
  - Lack of understanding words
  - Receptive/Fluent aphasia
  - Word salad

## Left Cerebral Hemisphere (Cont'd)

### Apraxia

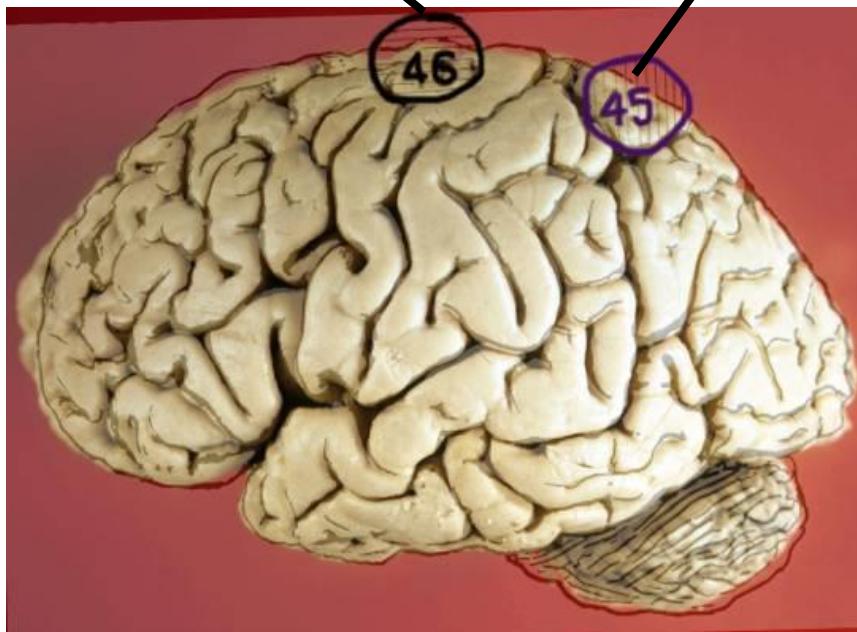
*Cause: small, localized tumor*

- Superior Frontal Gyrus (6)
  - Inability to carry out complex motor tasks

### Contralateral astereognosia

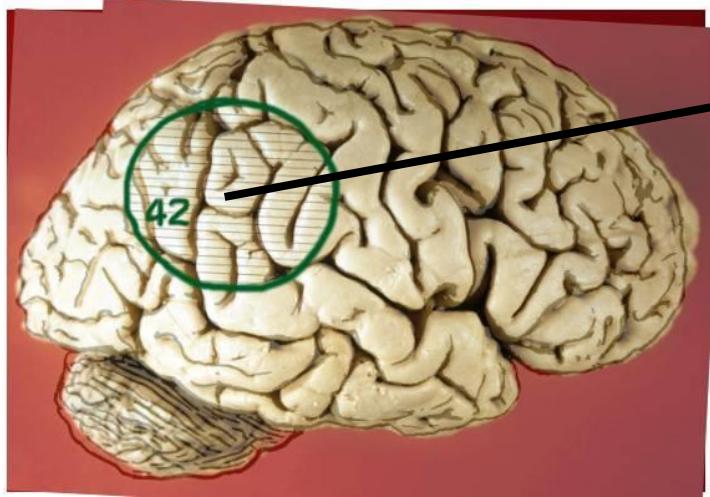
*Cause: focal meningioma*

- Superior Parietal Lobule (5 & 7)
  - Inability to recognize shape of objects felt with right hand
  - Possible loss of eye-hand coordination



## Right Hemispheric Wall

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### Contralateral Neglect

*Cause: Thrombosis of MCA or tumor*

- Inf. Parietal Lobule
- Angular gyrus (39)
- Supramarginal Gyrus (40)
- (non-dominant hemisphere)
  - Neglect of opposite side of body

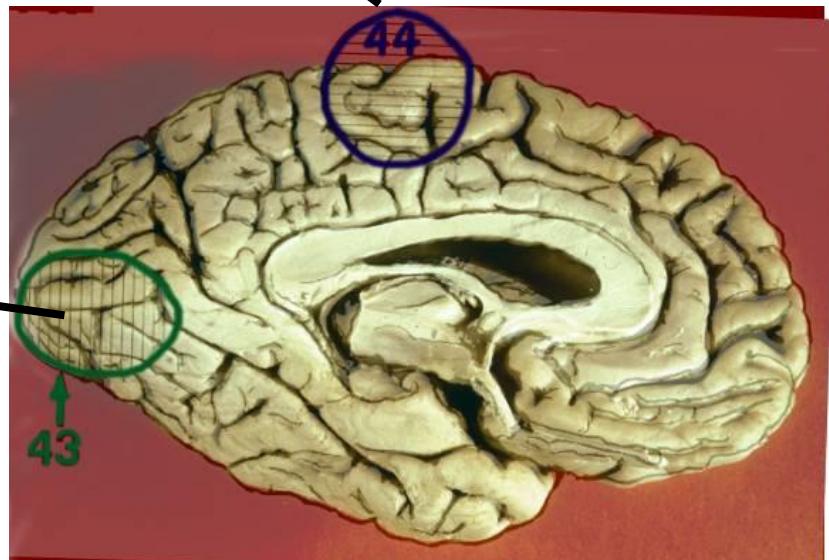
## Left Medial Cerebral Hemisphere

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### Paracentral Lobule

*Cause: Meningioma growing laterally*

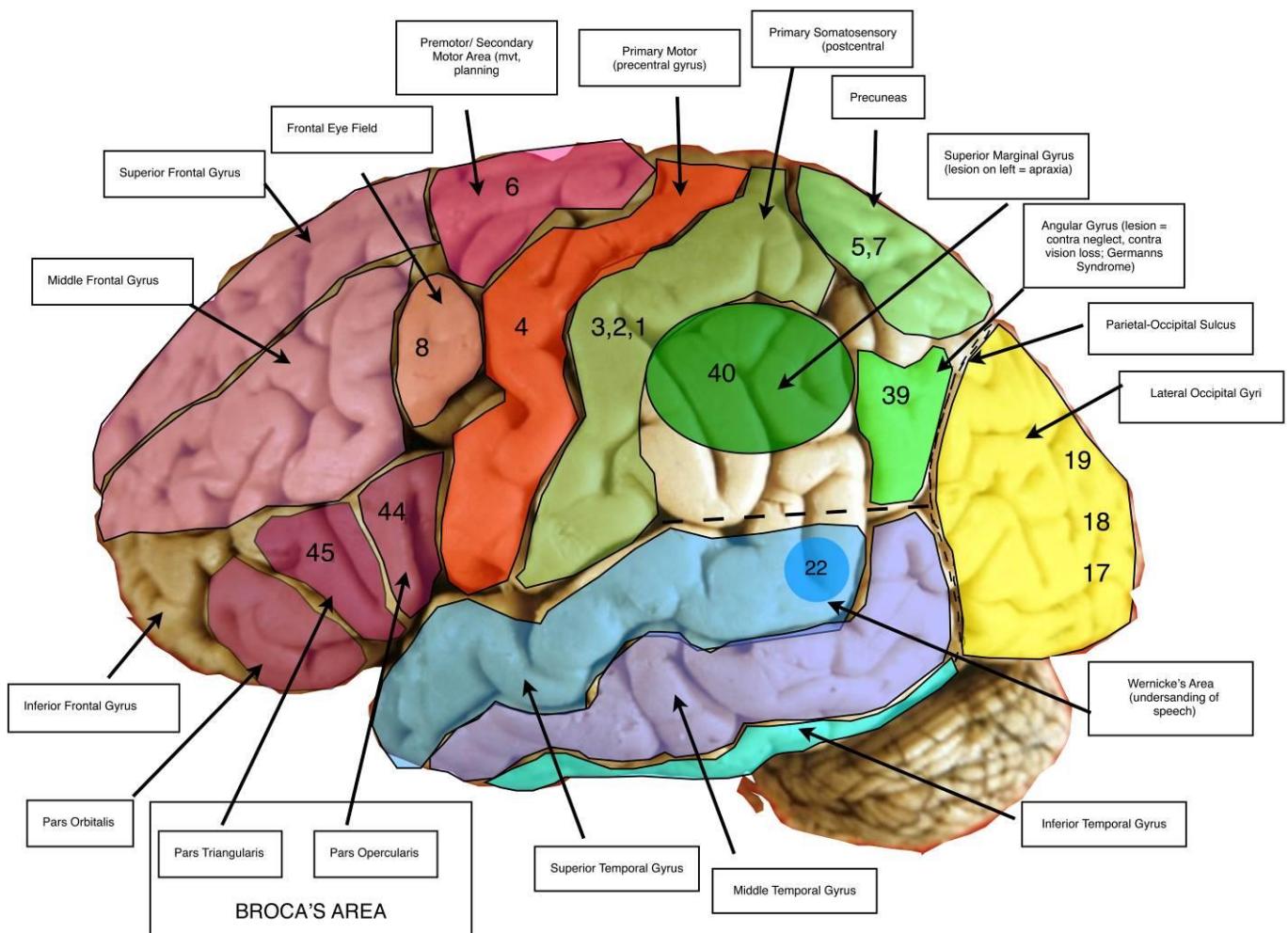
- Paracentral Lobule (3, 1, 2; 4)
- Pre- & Post-central Gyri on medial wall
  - All Contralateral
  - Loss of **fine touch** discrimination, **conscious proprioception**, **deep pressure** of lower limb
  - **Spastic paralysis/paresis**



### Contralateral Homonymous Superior Quadrantanopsia

*Cause: Thrombosis of PCA*

- Lingula (17)
  - Contralateral Homonymous Superior Quadrantanopsia
  - “Pie in the sky”



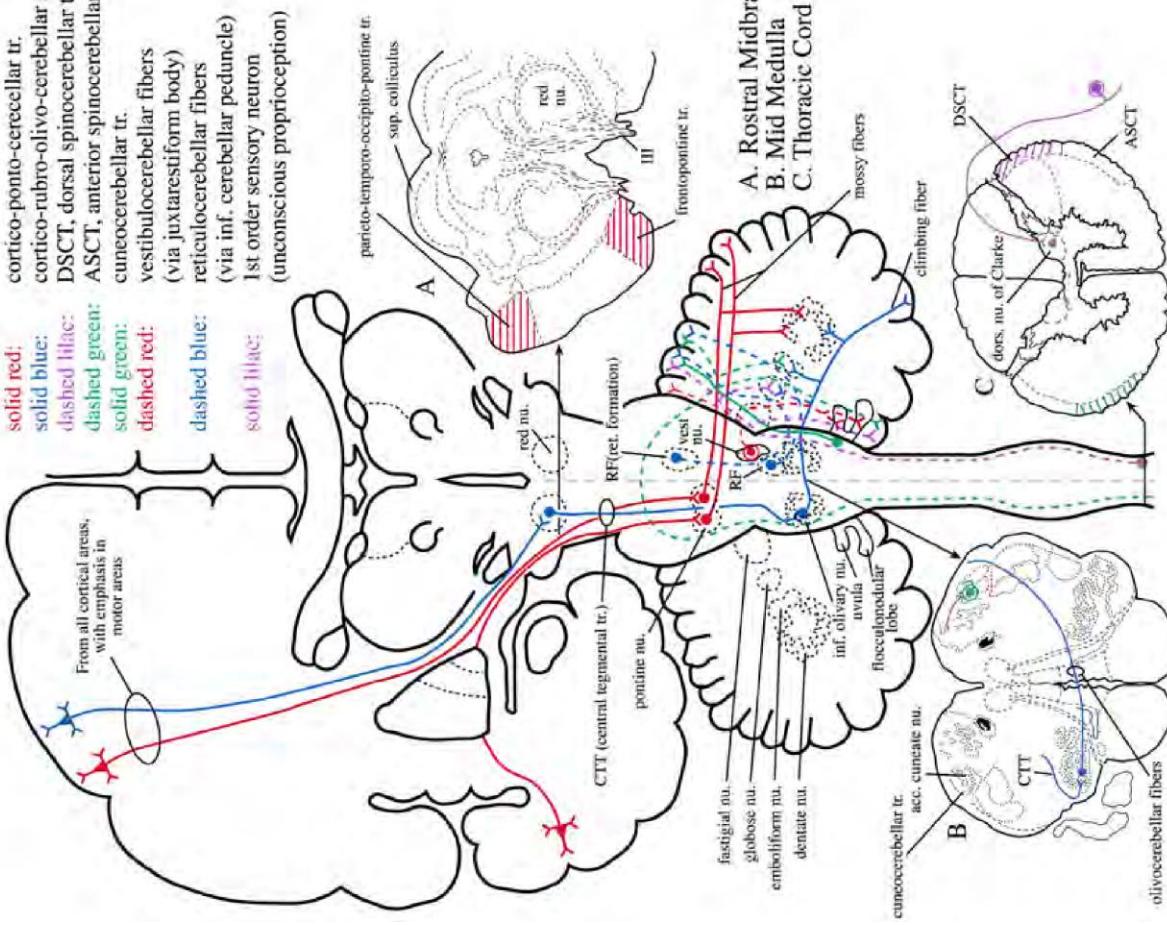
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1. Dorsal spinocerebellar tract (DSCT)	GTO & muscle spindles → dorsal root (medial) fasc. gracilis	Nucleus dorsalis of Clarke (C8-L2)	DSCT	Inferior cerebellar peduncle (ICP)	Globose Emboliform (GE)	Cortex Ant. lobe Vermis Post. Lobe Paravermis	Unconscious Proprioception (trunk, lower limbs)
2. Cuneocerebellar tract (CCT)	GTO & muscle spindles → dorsal root (medial), fasc. cuneatus	Accessory cuneate nucleus (caudal medulla)	CCT	Inferior cerebellar peduncle (ICP)	Globose Emboliform (GE)	Cortex Ant. lobe Vermis Post. Lobe Paravermis	Unconscious Proprioception (head, neck)
3. Vestibulocerebellar tract		Vestibular nuclear complex		Juxtaprestiform body (JB)	Fastigial nucleus (F)	Flocculus, nodulus, uvula	Posture & equil. Axial extensors. anti-gravity m., Eye movement
		Vestibular nerve		Juxtaprestiform body (JB)		Flocculus, nodulus, uvula	Posture & equil. Axial ext. anti-gravity mus., Eye movement
4. Ponto-cerebellar	Cerebral cortex (F-P &PTO-P)	Pontine nuclei	transverse pontine fibers X	Middle cerebellar peduncle (MCP)	Dentate (D)	Paravermis hemisphere (mossy fibers)	Voluntary Skilled movement
5. Olivocerebellar	Cortex Red nu. (CTT) Spinal cord	Inferior olivary nucleus	X Olivocerebellar fibers	Inferior cerebellar peduncle (ICP)	Globose Emboliform Dentate (GED)	Hemisphere (climbing fibers)	Learning of motor tasks that require trial & error

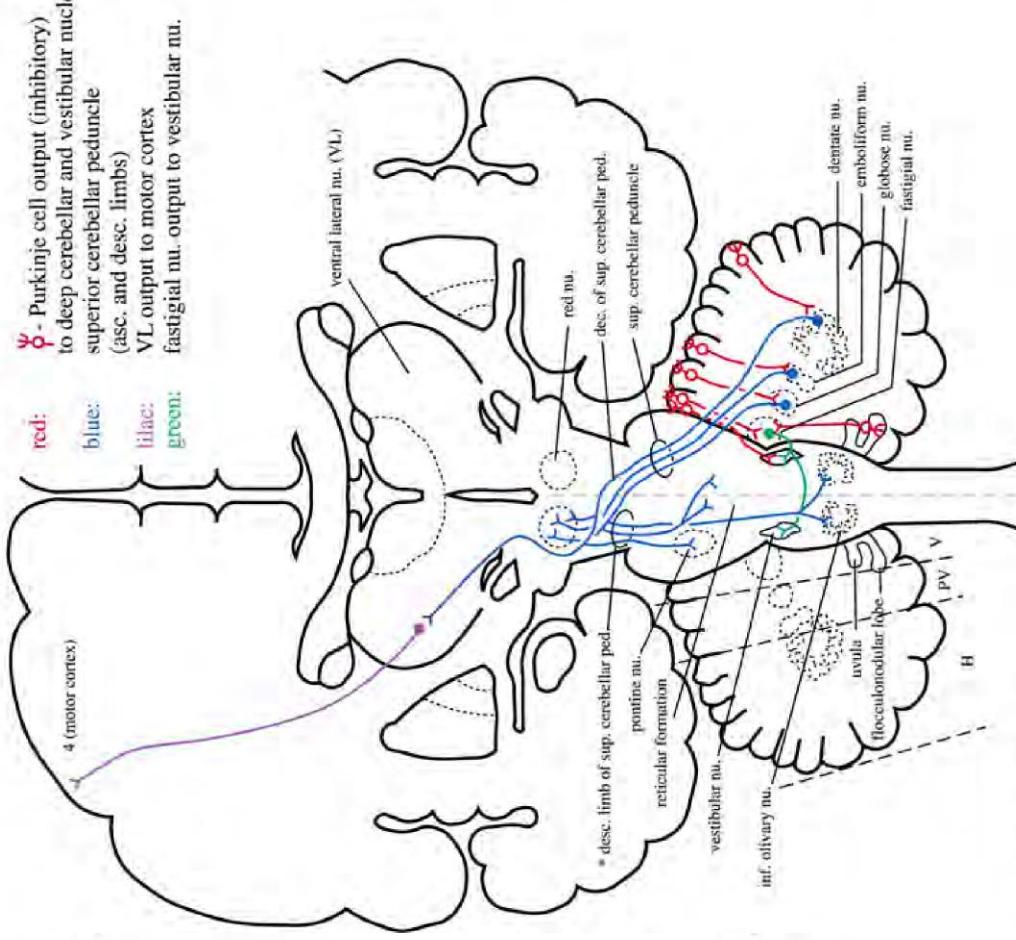
### Cerebellar Output (Efferents)

1. Cerebello-rubrothalamic	Globose Emboliform	Superior cerebellar peduncle (SCP)	Cross Caudal midbrain	Red Nucleus → rubrospinal tract	Flexors spinal motoneurons controlling associated movement
	Dentate	Superior cerebellar peduncle (SCP)	Cross Caudal midbrain	VL→4 (primary motor cortex)	Skilled & associated movement
2. Cerebellovestibular	Fastigial	Juxtaprestiform Body (JB)	Vestibular nuclear complex	MVST LVST Asc. MLF	Head reflex Axial anti-gravity extensors III, IV & VI cranial n. nuclei
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3. Cerebello-reticular	Fastigial, Globose Emboliform Dentate	Superior cerebellar peduncle (SCP)	Reticular formation (bilateral)		↑ muscle tone

## X Cerebellar Afferents



## XI Cerebellar Efferents



## Three Longitudinal Systems

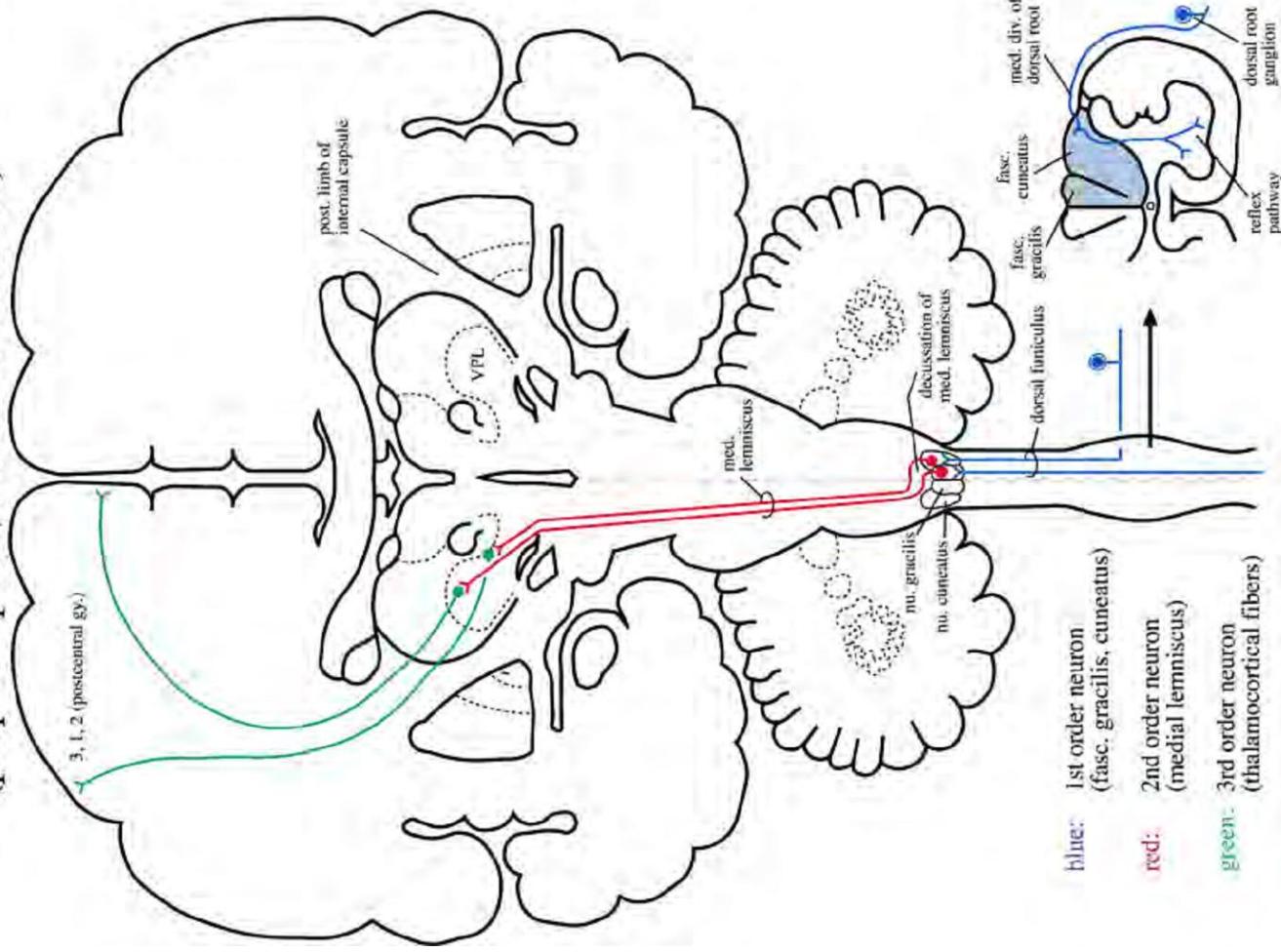
- V. Vermal : cerebellar coordination of extensor muscle activity (posture) through vestibular nu.
- PV. Paravermal : cerebellar coordination of flexor muscle activity through red nu.
- H. Hemispheric : cerebellar coordination of voluntary motor activity
- \* desc. limb of sup. cerebellar ped. terminates in the pontine nu., reticular formation and inf. olfactory nu.

	Dorsal Column - Medial Lemniscus (ML)	ALS System (anterolateral system)	Trigeminal			
			Spinal nucleus	Chief nucleus	Mesencephalic nucleus	
Modality	<b>Body</b> Fine touch Vibration Deep Pressure (Pacinian) <b>Cons. Proprioception</b> (Diffuse endings joint capsule)	<b>Body</b> Pain Temperature Slow brush touch Itch (All free nerve endings)	<b>Face</b> Pain Temperature Light touch (All free nerve endings)	<b>Face</b> Fine touch (Meissner, Merkel Peritrichial) <b>Vibration</b> (Pacinian)	<b>Face</b> Proprioception <b>Conscious</b> (Diffuse endings joint capsule)	<b>Face</b> Proprioception <b>Unconscious</b> (Spindle & GTO)
1 <sup>st</sup> order neuron	Dorsal root ganglion (DRG) medial division dorsal root	DRG lat. division dorsal root	Trigeminal ganglion	Trigeminal ganglion	<b>Mesencephalic nucleus of V**</b> **Inside CNS (rostral & mid pons, caudal midbrain)	
Tract	Fasciculi gracilis & cuneatus Spinal cord-foot fibers medial		Descend C2 spinal tract of V			
2 <sup>nd</sup> order neuron	Nucleus gracilis & cuneatus	Spinal cord dorsal horn laminae I-V	Spinal nucleus of V	Chief sensory nucleus of V (mid pons)	<b>Mesencephalic nucleus of V</b> (rostral & mid pons, caudal midbrain)	
Tract	Crosses as internal arcuate fibers to form ML in caudal medulla. ML goes through medulla, pons & midbrain Medulla-foot ventral (ant.) Pons & midbrain -foot represented more laterally	↑ 1 level & cross ant. white comm. & form ALS (lat. spinothalamic tr.) Collateral → Reticular Form.	Crosses VTTT (rostral medulla & up)	Uncrossed DTTT (mid pons & up) Crossed VTTT (mid pons & up)	Crossed VTTT (rostral midbrain)	Uncrossed Superior cerebellar peduncle
3 <sup>rd</sup> order neuron	VPL	VPL	VPM	VPM	VPM	Cerebellum
4 <sup>th</sup> order neuron	Primary sensory cortex: Brodmann's 3, 1, 2 Postcentral gyrus-medial surface & superior part lat. surface	Primary sensory ctx.: Brodmann's 3, 1, 2 Postcentral gyrus - medial surface & superior part of lat. surface Insular cortex	Primary sensory ctx.: Brodmann's 3, 1, 2 Postcentral gyrus- inferior half of lat. surface	Primary sensory ctx.: Brodmann's 3, 1, 2 Postcentral gyrus- inferior half of lat. surface	Primary sensory ctx.: Brodmann's 3, 1, 2 Postcentral gyrus- inferior half of lat. surface	

	Dorsal Column – Medial Lemniscus	ALS System (Antero-Lateral System)
Modality In Body	<b>Fine touch, Vibration, Deep Pressure, Cons. Proprioception</b> (Receptors, Diffuse endings)	Pain, Temperature, Slow brush touch, Itch (All free nerve endings)
1 <sup>st</sup> order	DRG medial division of dorsal root	DRG lat. division of dorsal root
Tract	Fasciculus gracilis & cuneatus Spinal cord-foot fibers medial	Posterolateral Fascicle (Lissauer's tract)
2nd	Nucleus gracilis & cuneatus	Spinal cord dorsal horn laminae I-V
Tract	Crosses as internal arcuate fibers to form medial lemniscus (ML) in caudal medulla, ML continues through medulla, pons & midbrain Medulla-foot represented ventrally (anteriorly) Pons-foot represented more laterally	↑ 1 level & cross ant. white comm. & form ALS (lat. spinothalamic tr.) Collaterals → Reticular formation.
3rd	VPL	VPL
4th order neurons	Primary sensory cortex: Brodmann's 3, 1, 2 Postcentral gyrus- medial surface & dorsal part of lat. surface	Primary sensory cortex (Areas 3,1,2), Insular cortex

**Dorsal Column - Medial Lemniscus**  
(proprioception, fine discrimination)

**II**



**VIII Pyramidal Tract (voluntary motor)**

**VIII**

