BRAINSTEM- LONGITUDINAL PARTS









SAGITAL SECTION OF THE BRAINSTEM







Dorsal side of the medulla oblongata











Fossa rhomboidea





OUTPUTS OF THE CRANIAL NERVES FROM THE BRAINSTEM











MEDULLA OBLONGATA











PONS VAROLI















P E D U N C U L U S









RETICULAR FORMATION (RF) OF THE BRAINSTEM





connections of the cranial nerve s nuclei: involvement of RF in reflexive arcs - mediation of defensive and vital reflexes



Low pain – poorly localizable

Descending system of FR

Motor system of descending long RF fibers, connected to the control of the movement. The central regulator of muscle tonus - the connections between the higher sections of the CNS affecting muscle tonus and motoneurons of the anterior horns of the spinal cord. Increases the tension of antigravity muscles (functionally extensors) while reduces the tension of flexors. It allows upright position.

FUNCTIONS OF RF

Vegetative centers: to control vital functions: breath, heart beat, blood preasure





ARAS - ascending activating system

Connections with nonspecific thalamus and cortex telencephali - regulation of wakefulness and sleep



MOTOR (DESCENDING) PYRAMIDAL (DIRECT)



(a) The lateral corticospinal pathway

(b) The anterior corticospinal pathway

MOTOR (DESCENDING) EXTRAPYRAMIDAL (INDIRECT)



SENSORIC (ASCENDING) EPICRITIC AND PROTOPATIC SENSATION





