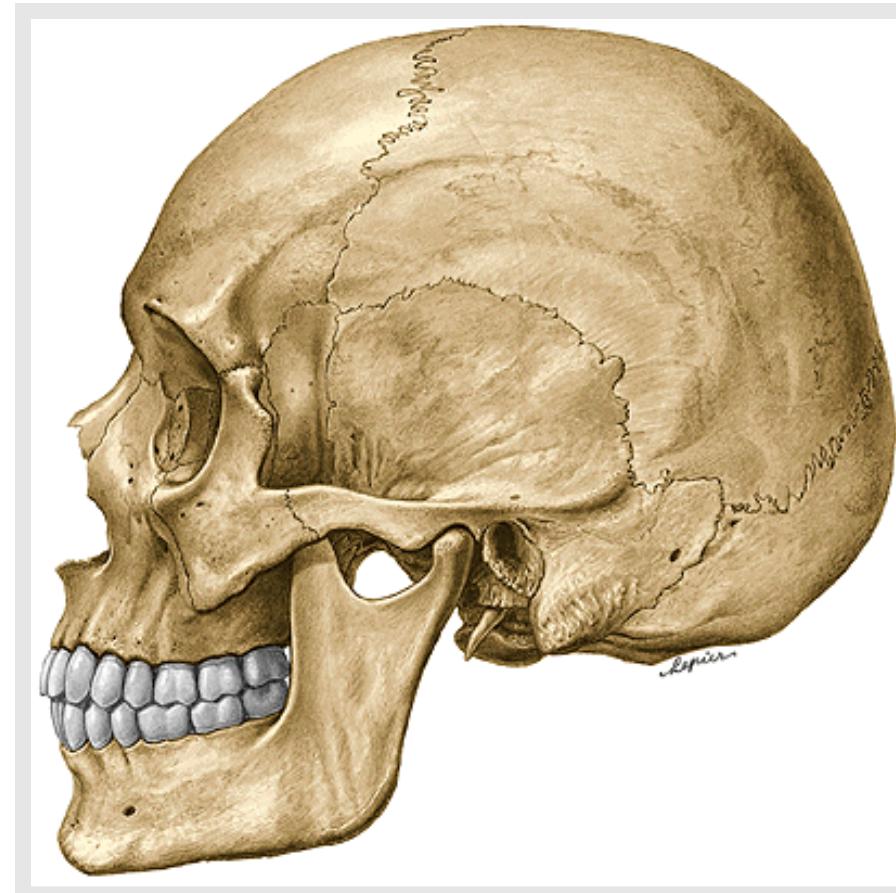


# SKULL *(cranium)*

- I. Neurocranium - the container for the brain and sensory organs
- II. Splanchnocranum (*viscerocranum=facial skeleton*) - contains the initial portions of the digestive and respiratory tracts and substructure for the face



# Skull (cranium)

**Neurocranium** consists of:

Calva (vault=brain case) and basis cranii

os frontale (frontal bone)

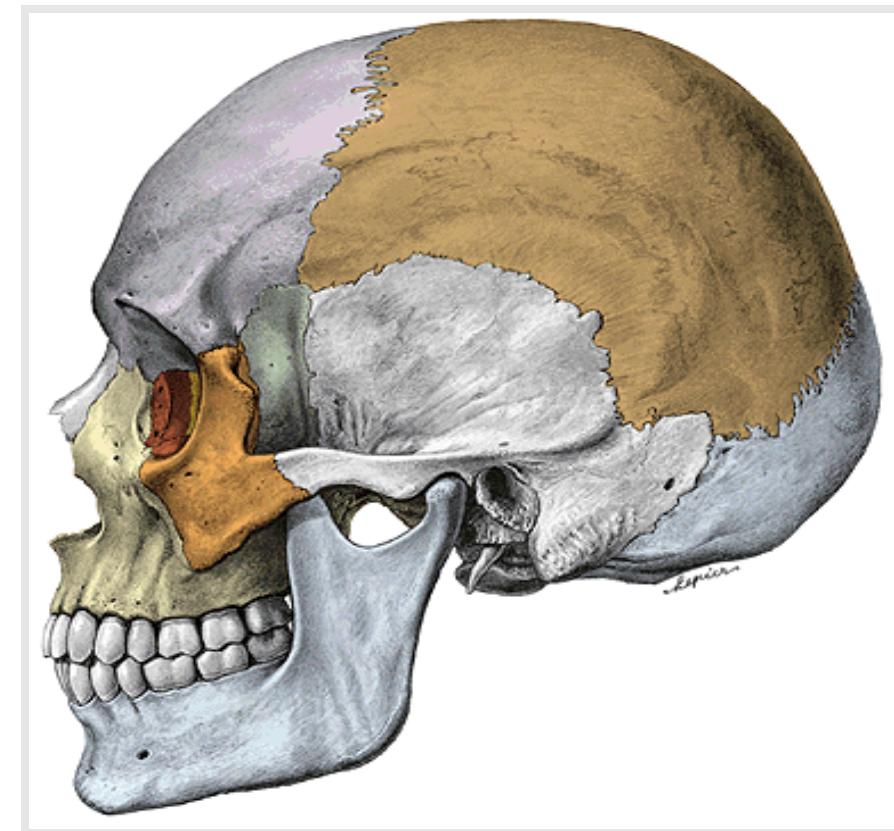
ossa parietalia (parietal bones)

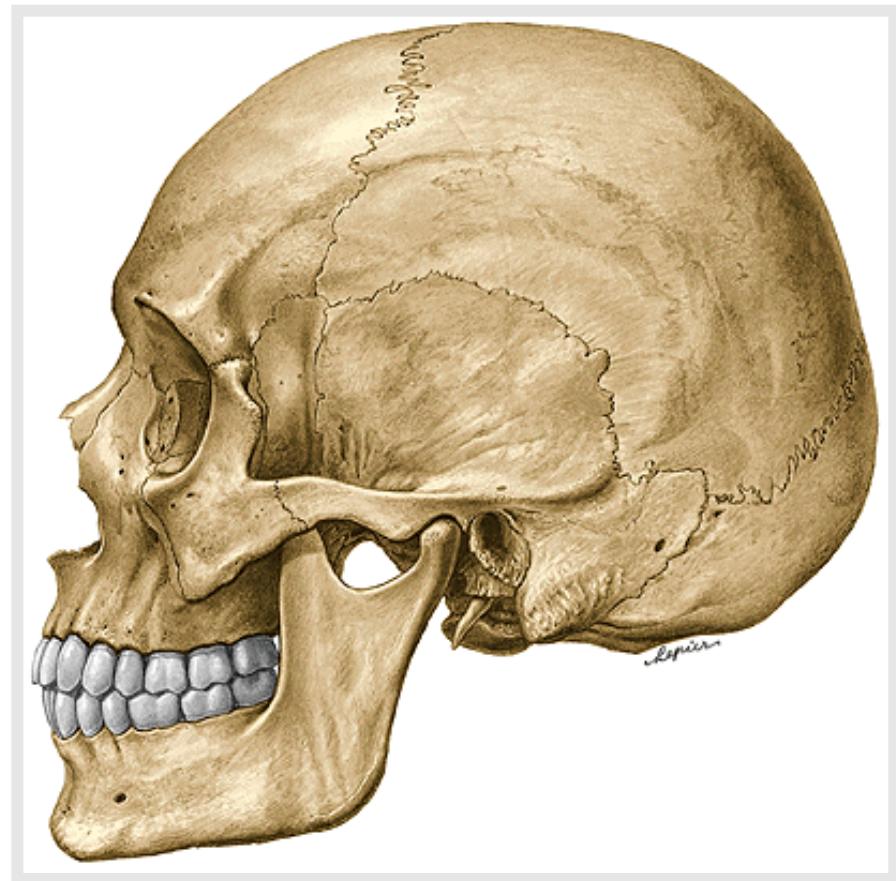
os occipitale (occipital bone)

os sphenoidale (sphenoid bone)

ossa temporalia (temporal bones)

os ethmoidale (ethmoid bone)



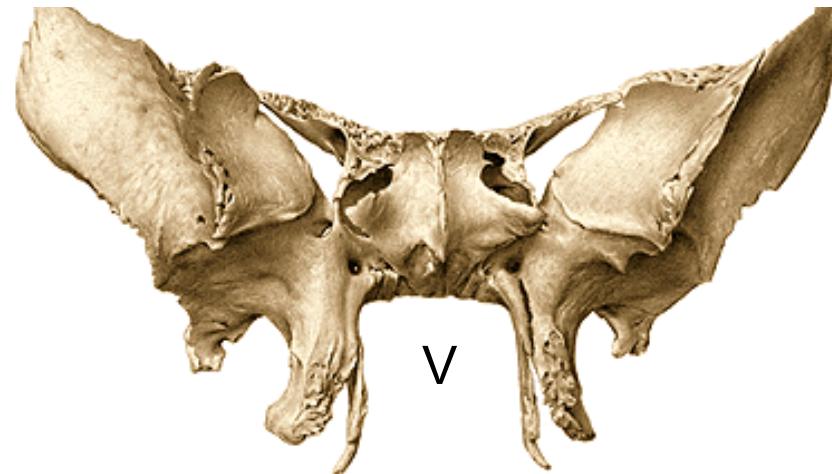
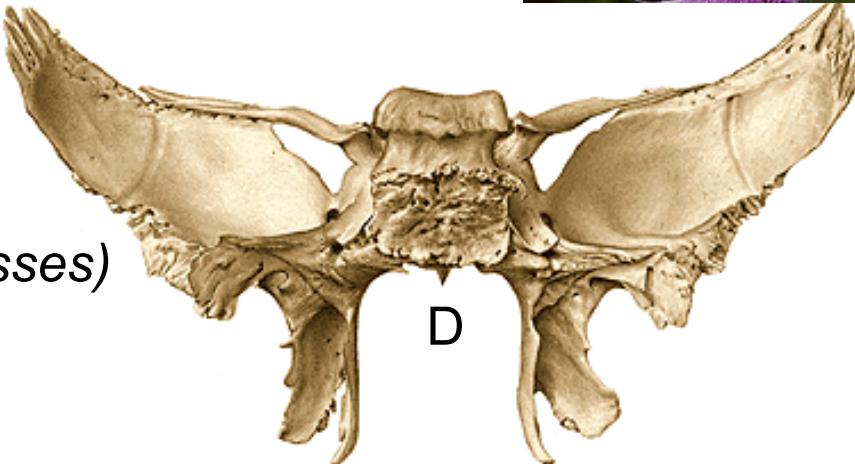
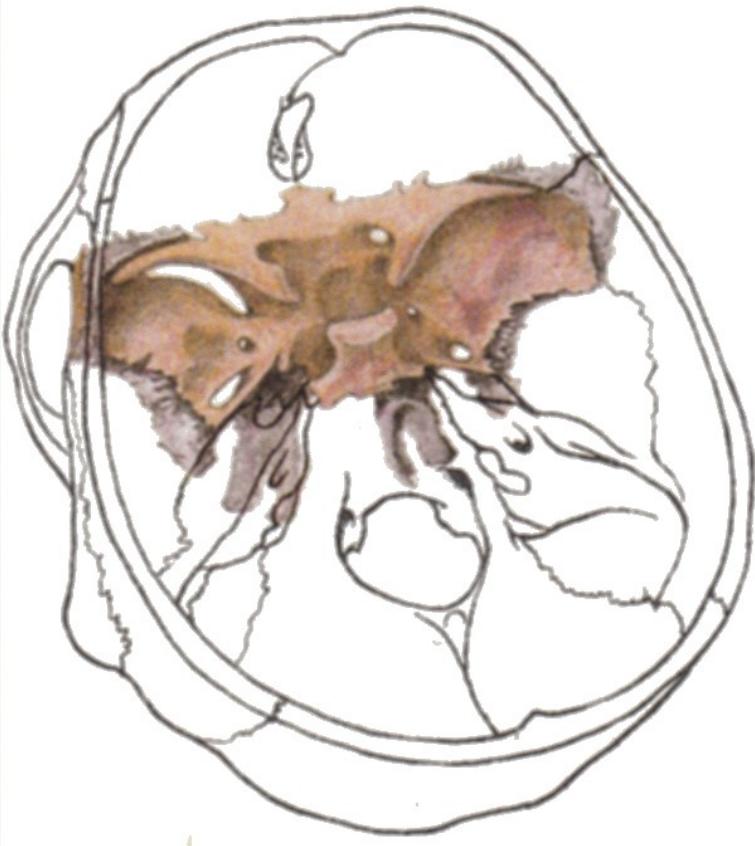




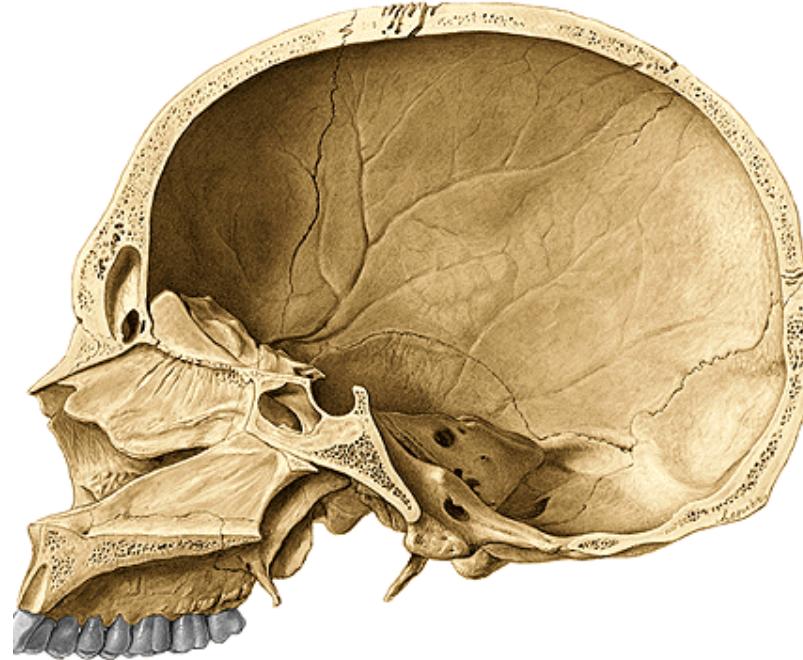
## Os sphenoidale (*Sphenoid bone*)



1. Corpus (*Body*)
2. Alae minores (*Lesser wings*)
3. Alae majores (*Greater wings*)
4. Processus pterygoidei (*Pterygoid processes*)

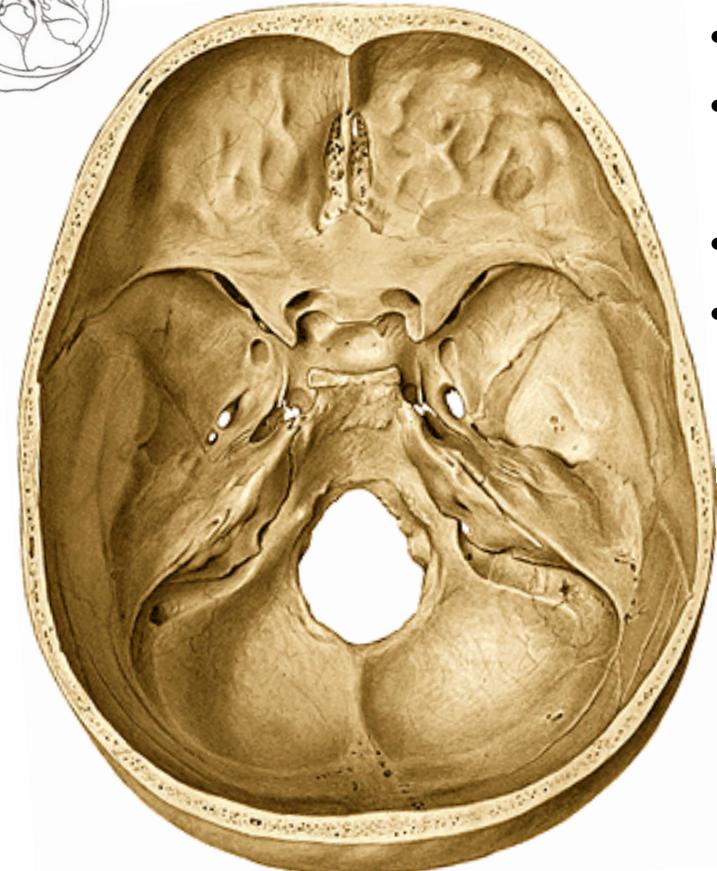


# 1. Corpus ossis sphenoidalis – ventral and caudal wall



- sinus sphenoidalis (*sphenoid sinus*)
- apertura sinus sphenoidalis (*opening of sphenoidal sinus*)
- septum sinuum sphenoidalium (*septum of sphenoid sinus*)
  - crista sphenoidalis (*sphenoid crest*)
  - rostrum sphenoidale (*sphenoid rostrum*)

# 1. Corpus ossis sphenoidalis – upper and dorsal wall



synchondrosis /synostosis/  
sphenooccipitalis

- fossa hypophysialis (*hypophysial fossa*)
- sella turcica (*turkish saddle*)
- dorsum sellae
- processus clinoidei posteriores  
(*posterior clinoid processes*)
- sulcus caroticus (*carotid groove*)
- lingula sphenoidalis (*lingula of  
the sphenoid bone*)



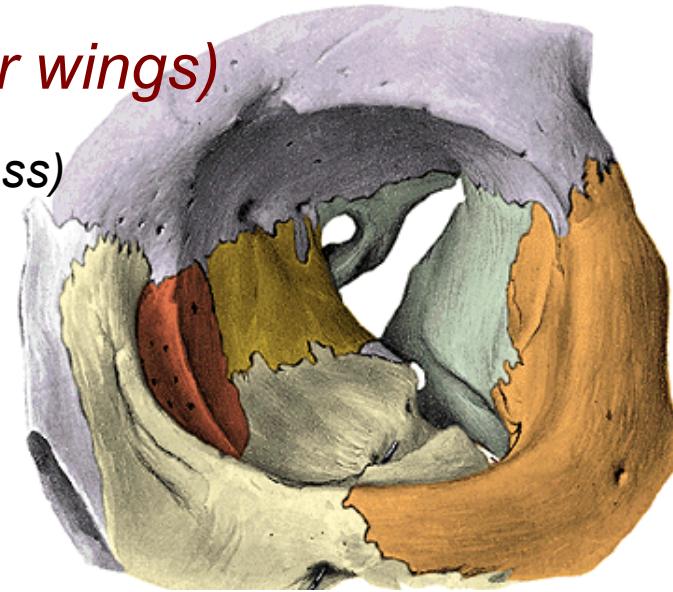
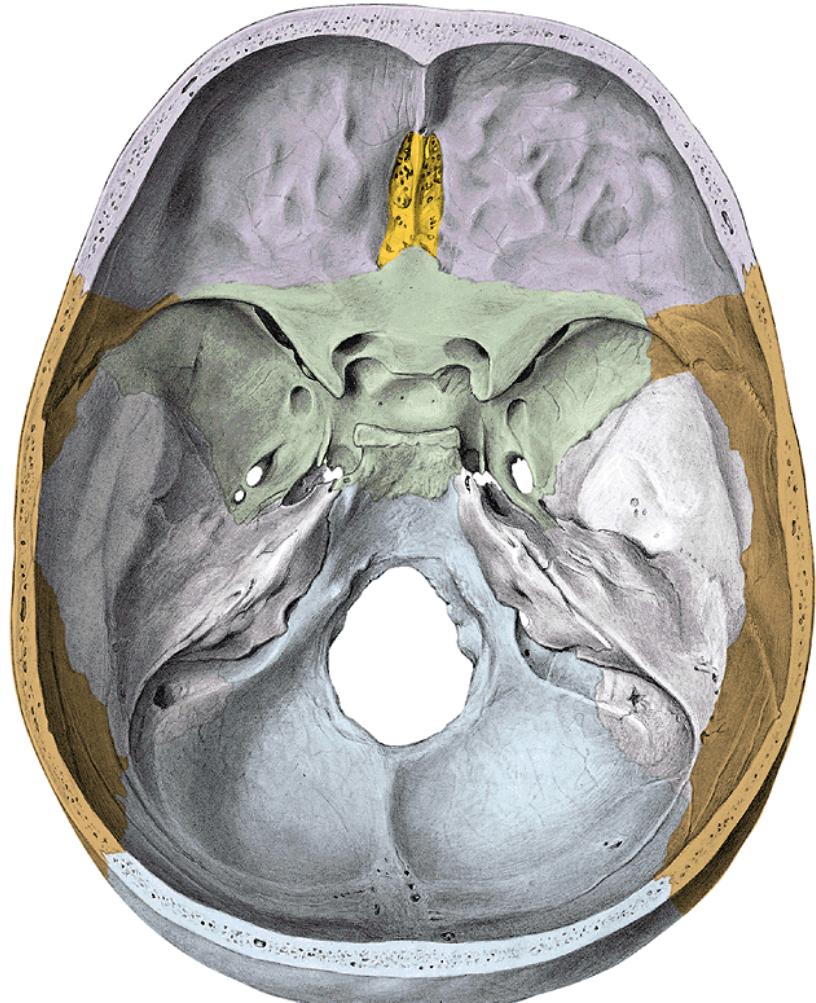
## 2. Alae minores ossis sphenoidalis (*lesser wings*)

processus clinoides anteriores (*anterior clinoid process*)

(fissura orbitalis superior)

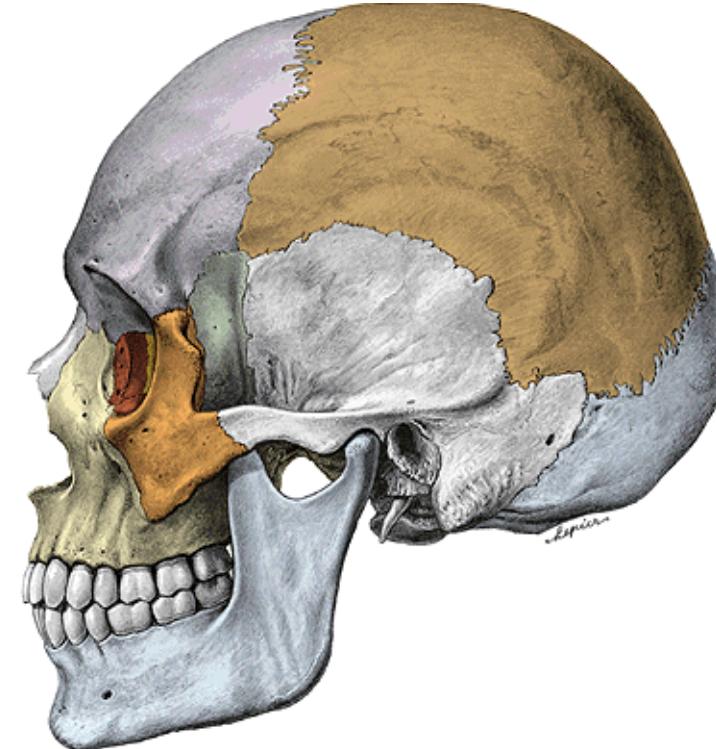
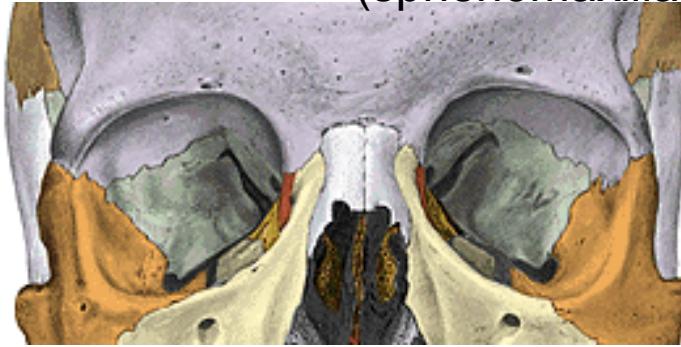
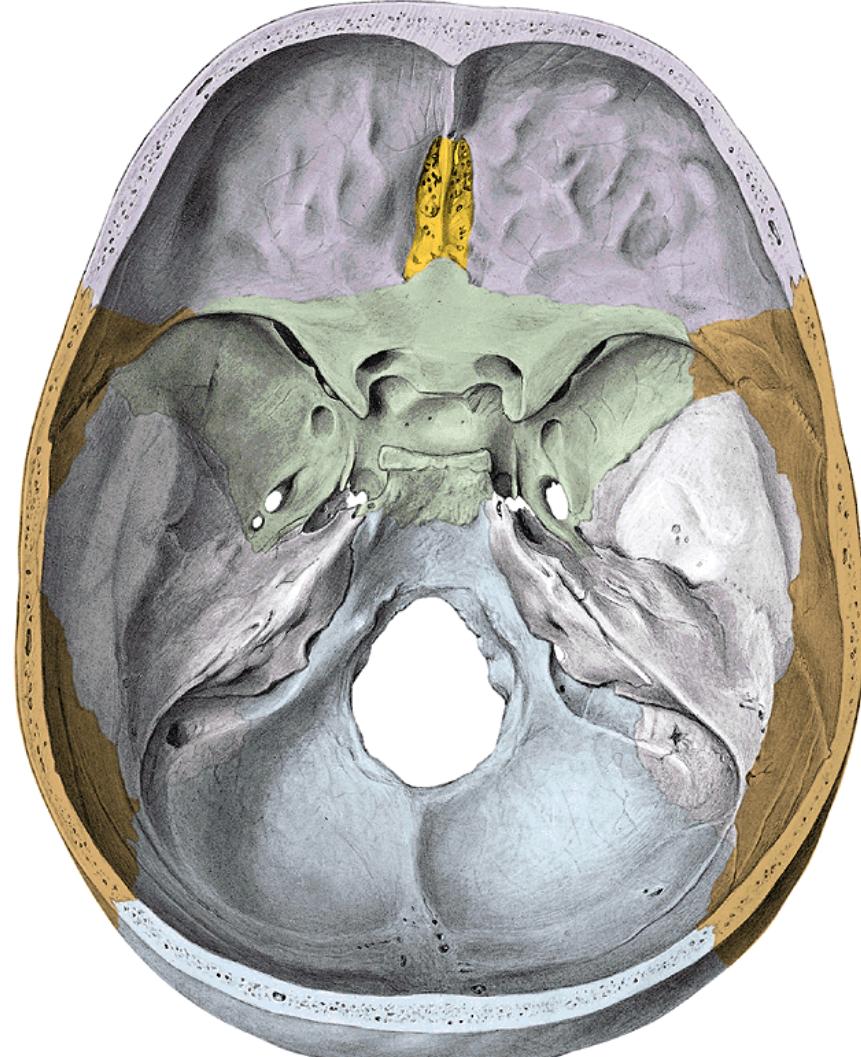
canalis opticus (*optic canal*)

sulcus praechiasmaticus (*prechiasmatic groove*)

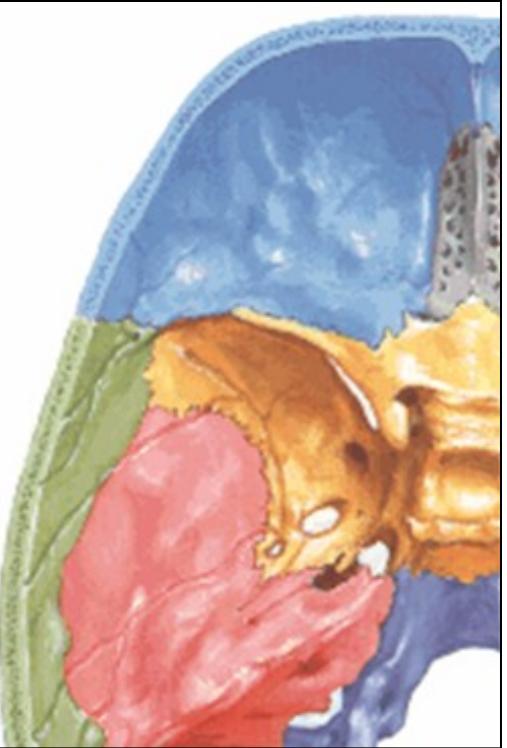


### 3. Alae majores ossis sphenoidalis (*greater wings*)

Facies cerebralis, orbitalis, temporalis, infratemporalis, maxillaris  
(sphenomaxillaris)



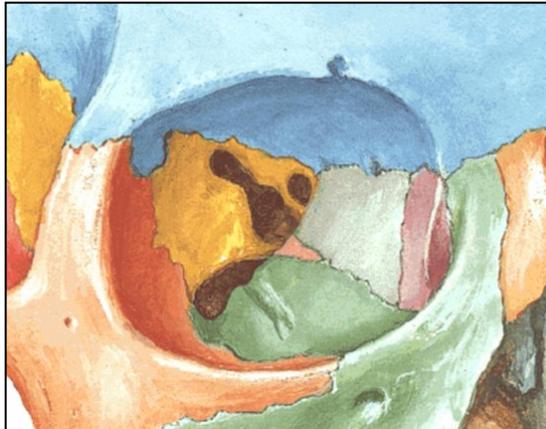
**Facies cerebralis**  
*(Cerebral surface)*



Foramen rotundum  
Foramen ovale  
Foramen spinosum

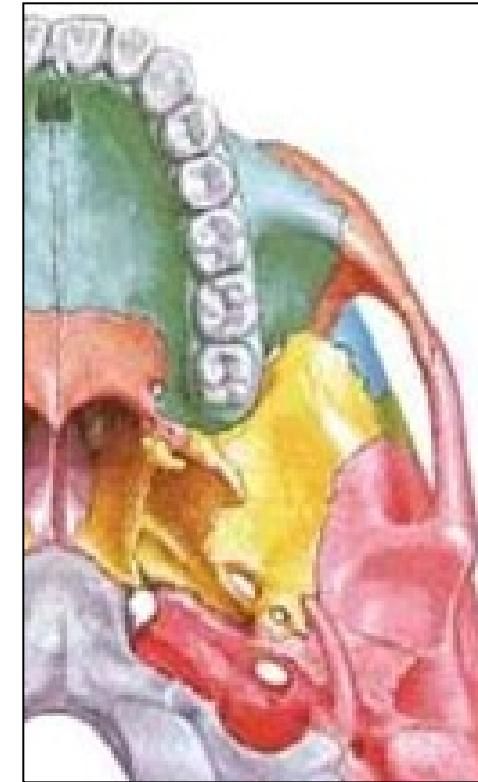
Fissura sphenopetrosa  
Foramen lacerum  
(fibrocartilago basilaris)

**Facies orbitalis**



Fissura orbitalis superior  
Fissura orbitalis inferior

**Facies infratemporalis**

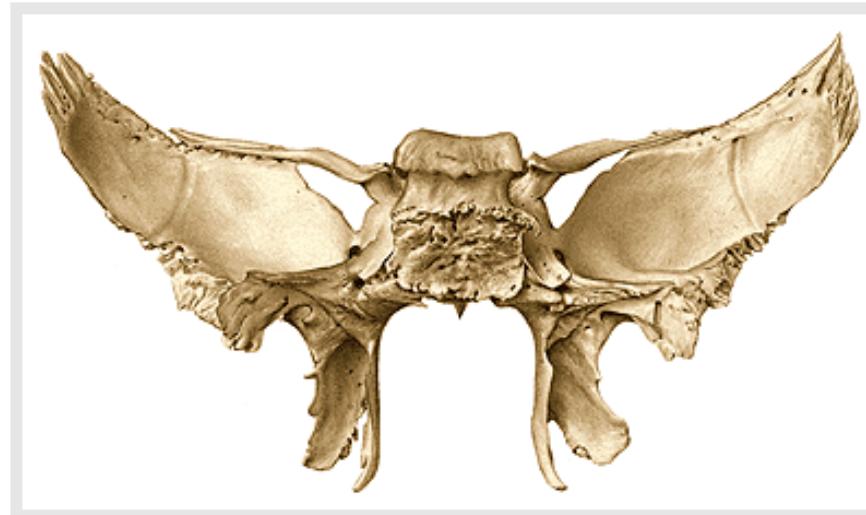


Foramen ovale  
Foramen spinosum

Spina ossis sphenoidalis  
Crista infratemporalis

## 4. Processus pterygoidei

lamina lateralis processus pterygoidei  
lamina medialis processus pterygoidei  
hamulus pterygoideus  
fossa scaphoidea  
fossa pterygoidea  
incisura pterygoidea (*pterygoid notch*)  
canalis pterygoideus



# Os occipitale (*occipital bone*)

1. partes laterales
2. pars basilaris
3. squama occipitalis

1. partes laterales  
condyli occipitales  
canalis nervi hypoglossi (*hypoglossal canal*)  
fossa condylaris with canalis condylaris  
incisura jugularis (*jugular notch*)

2. pars basilaris  
synchondrosis (synostosis) sphenooccipitalis  
clivus

tuberculum pharyngeum  
fissura petrooccipitalis  
foramen magnum



### 3. Squama occipitalis

#### external surface:

protuberantia occipitalis externa

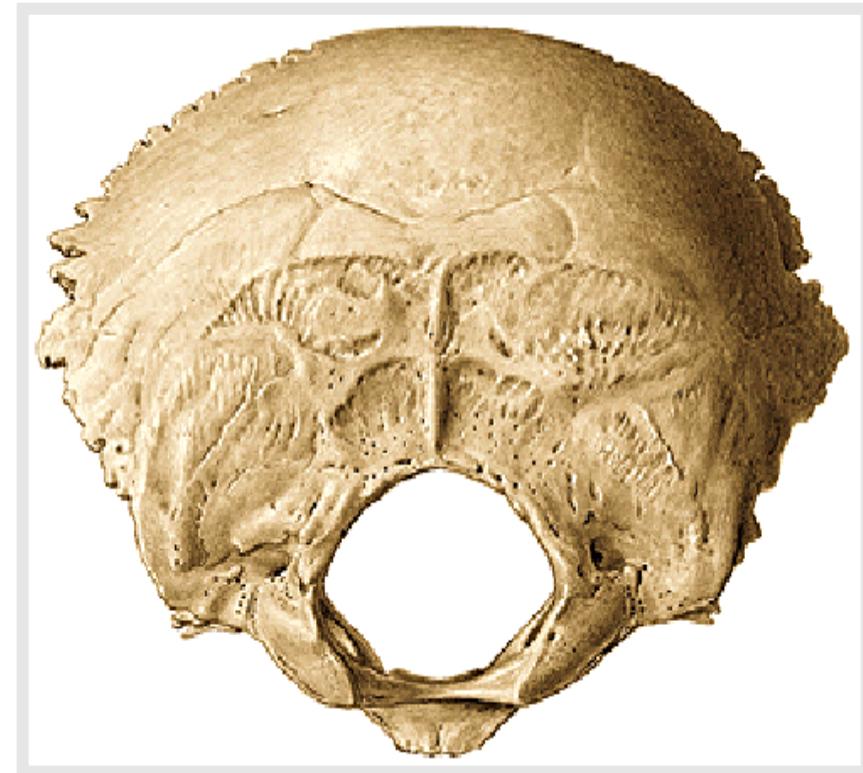
crista occipitalis externa

linea nuchae suprema (*highest nuchal line*)

linea nuchae superior

linea nuchae inferior

planum nuchale (*nuchal area - surface*)



## Endocranial surface of squama occipitalis:

protuberantia occipitalis interna  
crista occipitalis interna  
eminentia cruciformis (*cruciate eminence*)

sulcus sinus sagittalis superioris  
(*groove for superior sagittal sinus*)  
sulcus sinus transversi  
sulcus sinus sigmoidei

fossae cerebrales  
fossae cerebellares



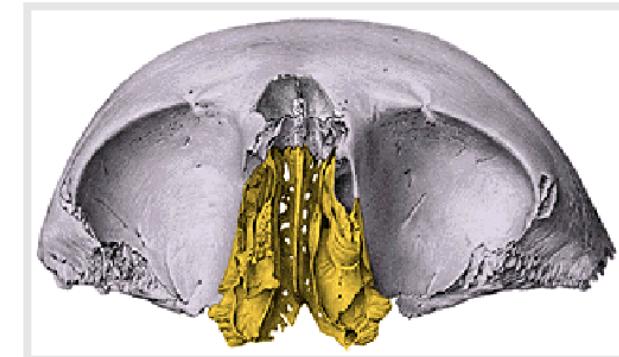
## Os frontale

1. squama ossis frontalis
2. partes orbitales
3. pars nasalis

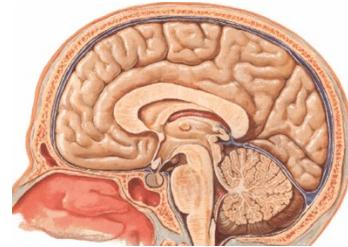
### Ad 1. Squama ossis frontalis

#### External surface:

sutura coronalis  
tuber frontale  
glabella  
arcus superciliaris (*superciliar arch*)  
margo supraorbitalis  
incisura frontalis et supraorbitalis (*frontal notch.....*)  
processus zygomaticus  
linea temporalis superior (*superior temporal line*)



## Internal surface of squama frontalis:



crista frontalis

sulcus sinus sagittalis superioris

impressions digitatae/gyrorum

juga cerebralia

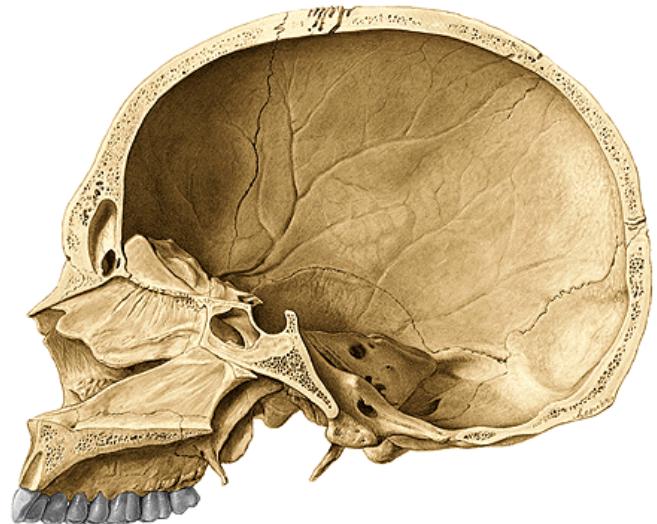
foramen caecum

sulci arteriosi

sinus frontalis

septum sinuum frontalis

apertura sinuum frontalis (*aperture of frontal sinus*)

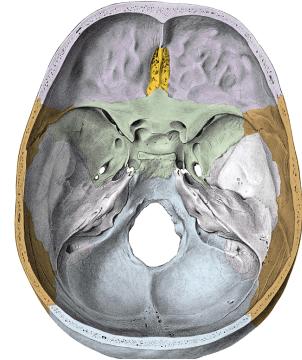
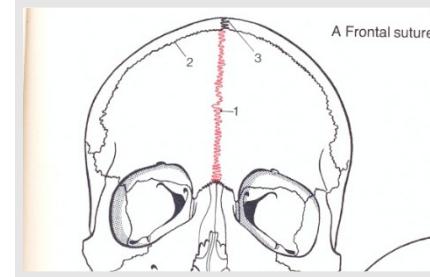


## Ad 2. partes orbitales

**fossa glandulae lacrimalis**

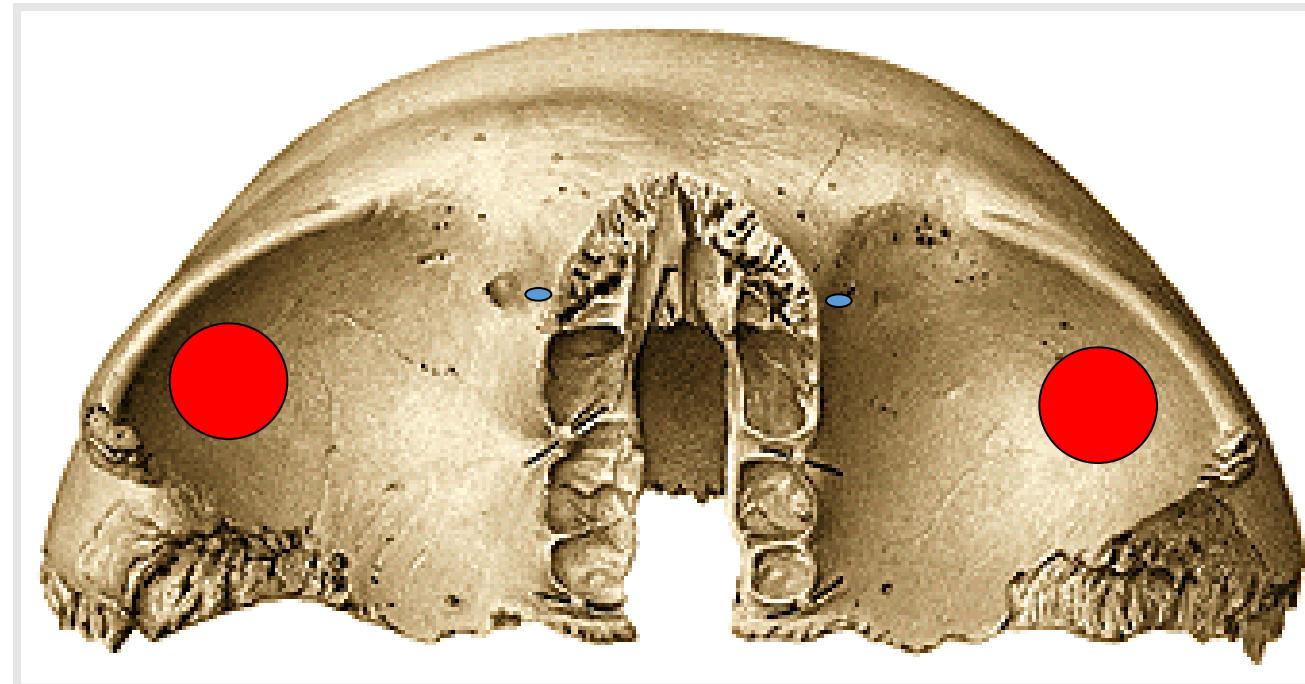
spina trochlearis or fovea trochlearis

foramen ethmoidale anterius et posterius variation – sutura metopica



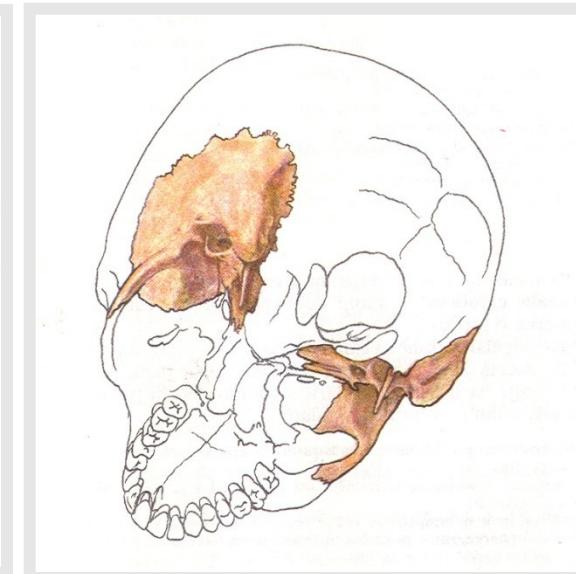
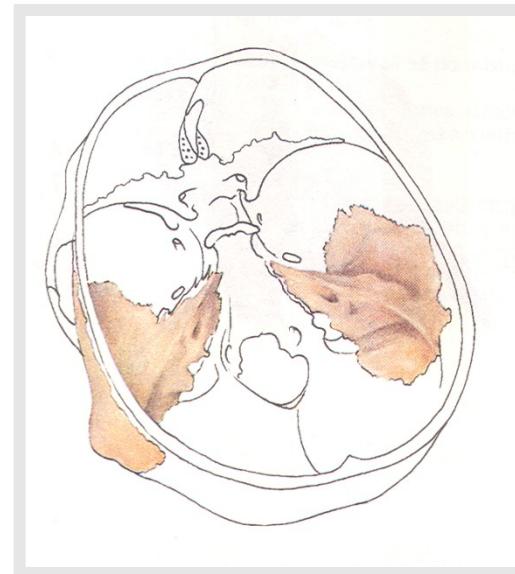
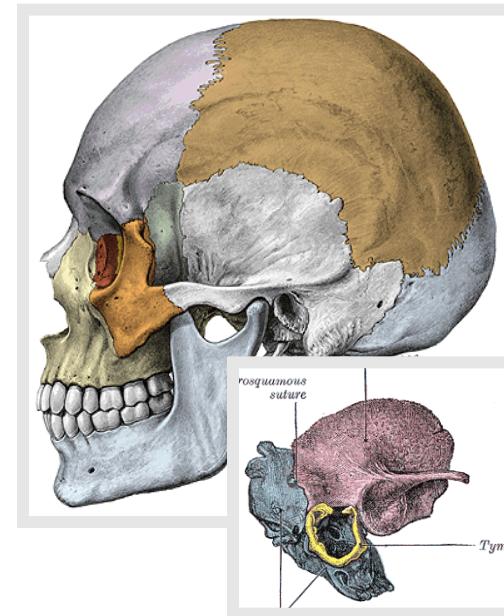
## Ad 3. pars nasalis

incisura ethmoidalis



# Os temporale (*Temporal bone*)

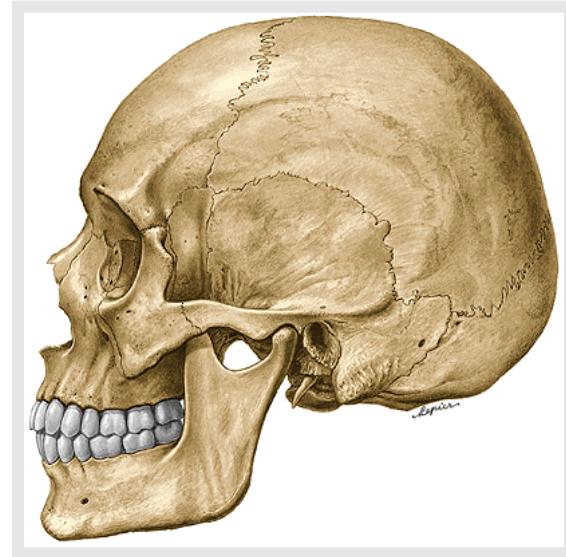
1. pars squamosa (*squamous part*)
2. pars petrosa – pyramis (*pyramid*)
3. pars mastoidea (*mastoid part*)
4. pars tympanica (*tympanic part*)
5. processus styloideus (*styloid process*)



## 1. Pars squamosa

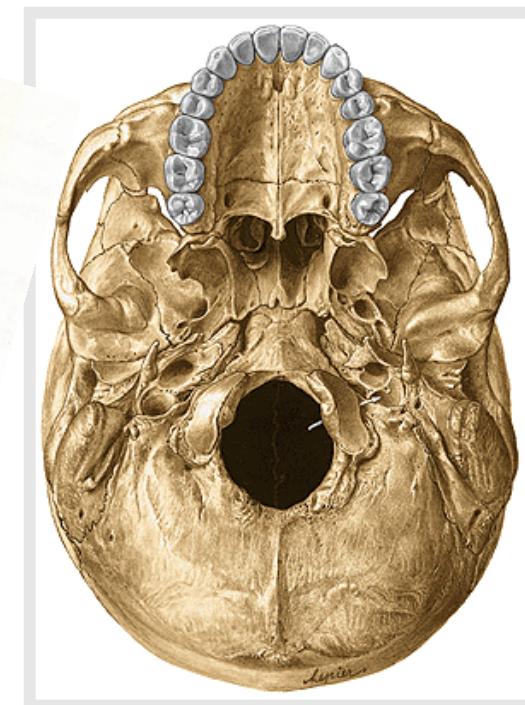
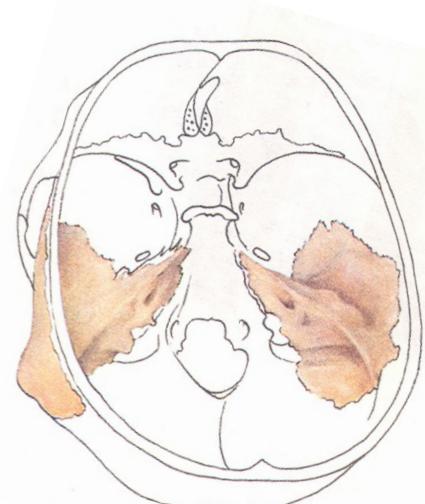
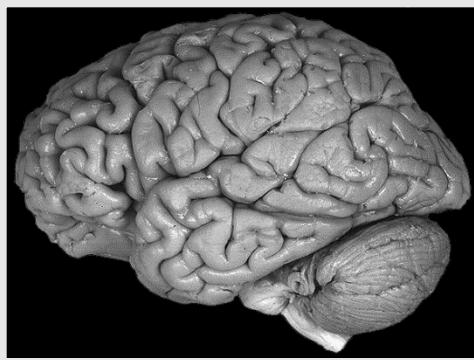
### External surface:

processus zygomaticus  
linea temporalis inferior  
crista supramastoidea  
spina suprrameatum  
fossa mandibularis  
tuberculum articulare



### Internal surface:

sulci arteriosi (*grooves for arteries*)  
juga cerebralia  
impressiones gyrorum/digitatae



## 2. Pars petrosa – pyramis (*Petrosus part – pyramid*)

Apex pyramidis, facies anterior, posterior, inferior, ventrobasalis  
Foramen lacerum

### 1. Facies anterior - cerebralis (*anterior – cerebral surface*)

eminentia arcuata

tegmen tympani

sulcus and hiatus canalis nervi petrosi majoris (*groove and hiatus of canal for greater petrosal nerve*)

sulcus and hiatus nervi petrosi minoris (*groove and hiatus for lesser petrosal nerve*)

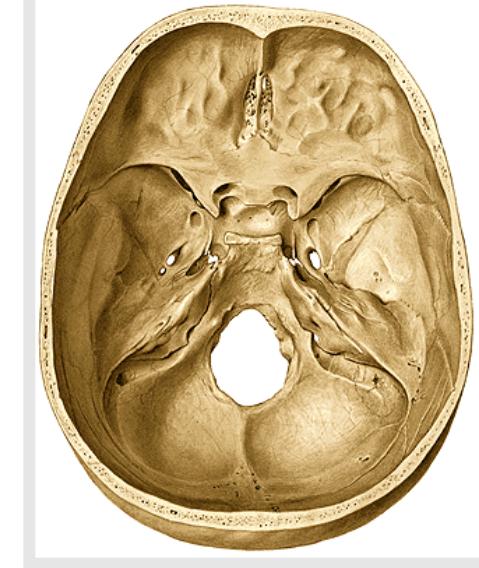
impressio trigemini

apertura interna canalis carotici

canalis musculotubarius

margo superior - crista pyramidis

sulcus sinus petrosi superioris (*groove for superior petrosal sinus*)



## 2. facies posterior pyramidis (posterior surface of pyramid)

sulcus sinus petrosi inferioris (*groove for inferior petrosal sinus*)

porus acusticus internus  
(*opening of the internal acoustic porus*)

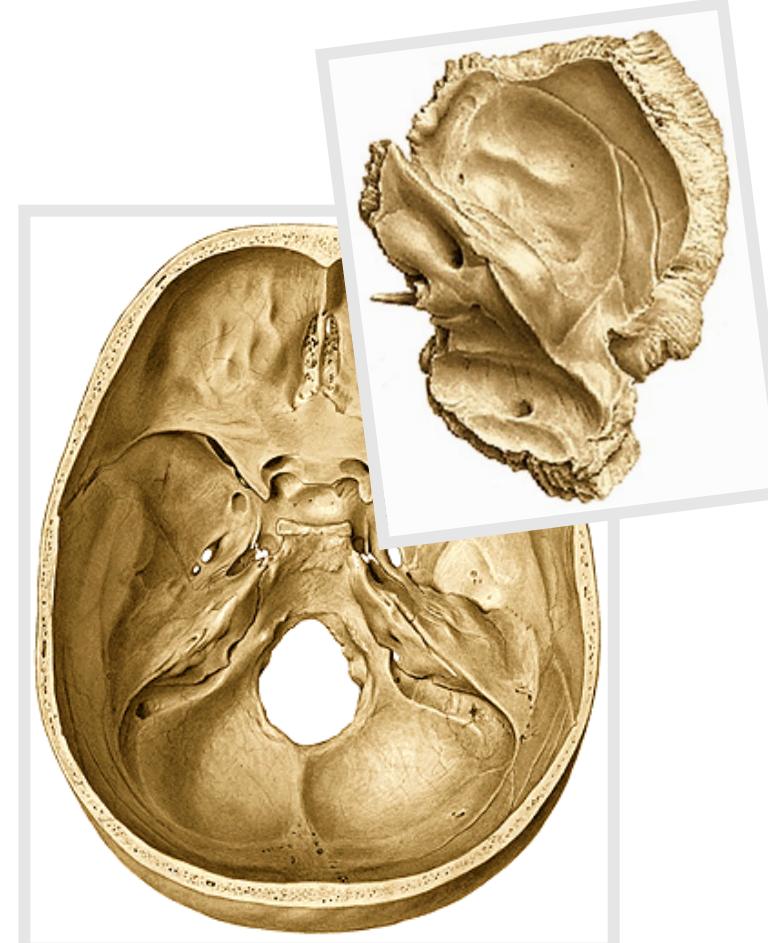
meatus acusticus internus

fundus meatus acustici interni

area nervi facialis – introitus (*entrance*)  
to the facial canal

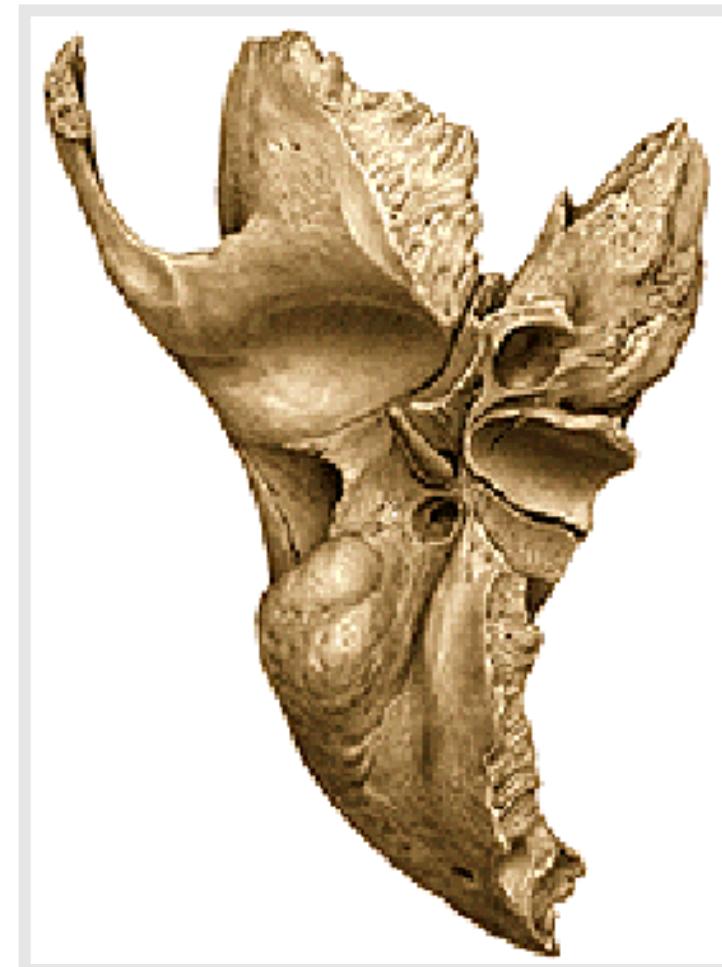
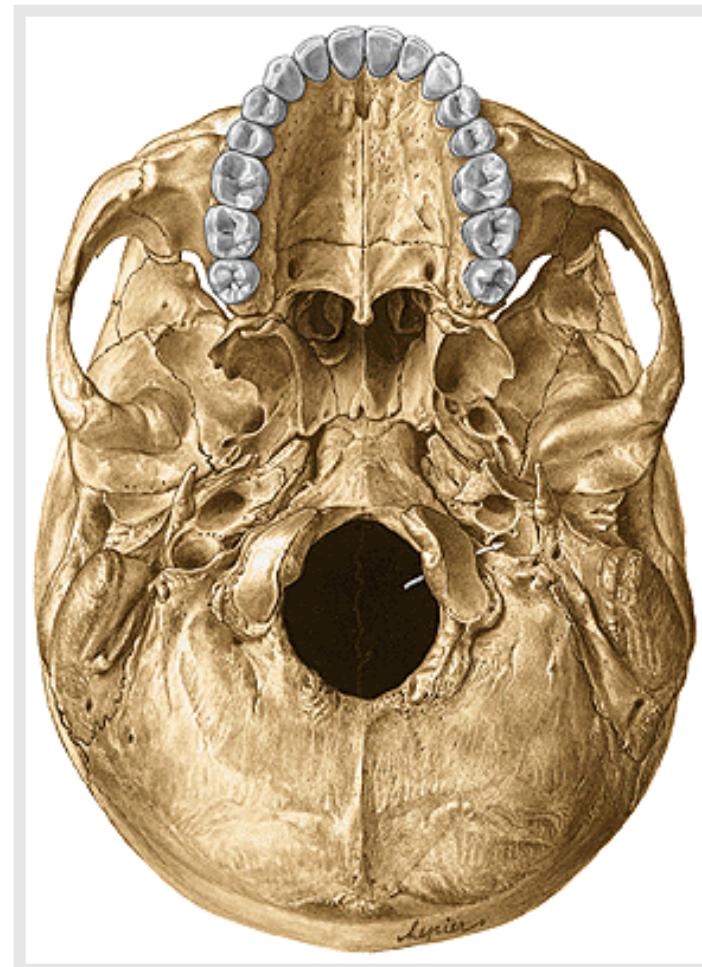
apertura externa aquaeductus vestibuli  
(*the external opening of the vestibular aqueduct*)  
incisura jugularis - foramen jugulare  
(*jugular notch – jugular foramen*)

sulcus sinus sigmoidei (*groove for sigmoid sinus*)



### 3. facies inferior pyramidis

apertura externa canalis carotici (*external aperture of the carotid canal*)  
fossa jugularis (*jugular fossa*)



### 3. pars mastoidea

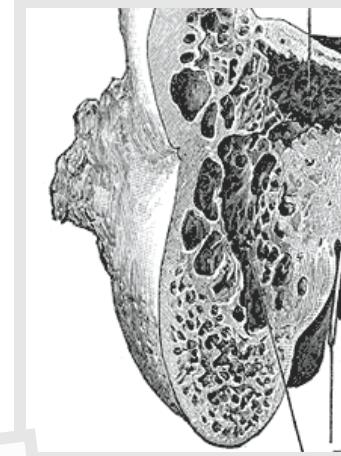
processus mastoideus (*mastoid process*)

sulcus sinus sigmoidei (*groove for sigmoid sinus*)

foramen mastoideum

incisura mastoidea (*mastoid notch*)

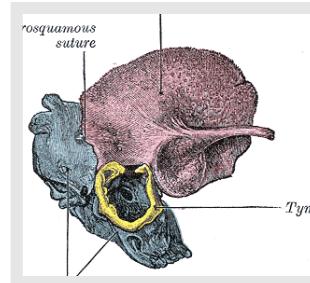
sulcus arteriae occipitalis (*groove for the occipital artery*)



## 4. pars tympanica

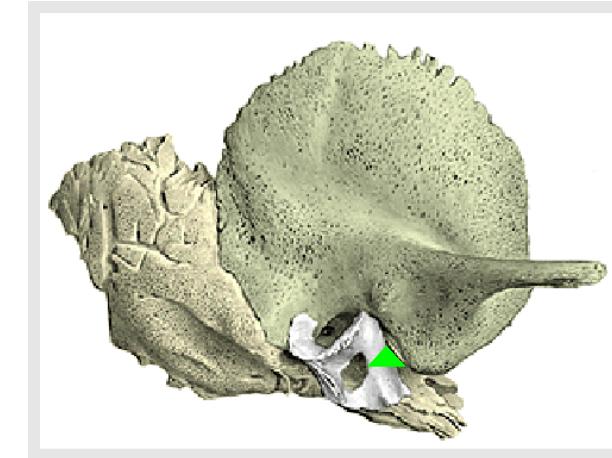
porus acusticus externus (*external acoustic porus*)

meatus acusticus externus (*external acoustic meatus*)



fissura tympanomastoidea (*tympanomastoid fissure*)

fissura petrotympanica (*petrotympanic fissure*)

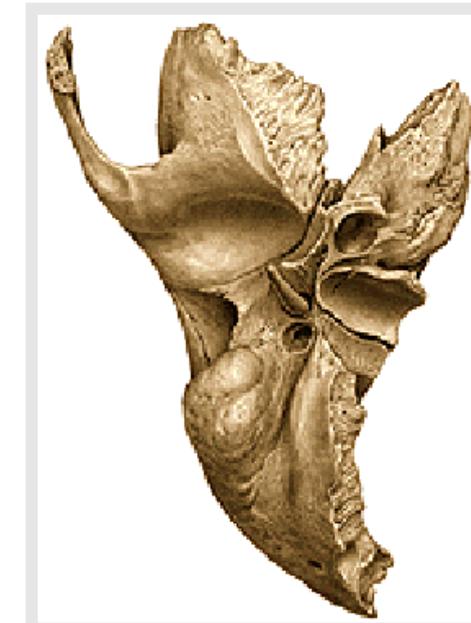


sulcus tympanicus (*tympanic groove*)

incisura tympanica (*tympanic notch*)

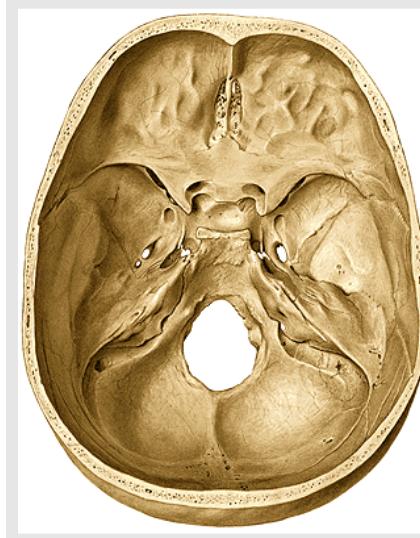
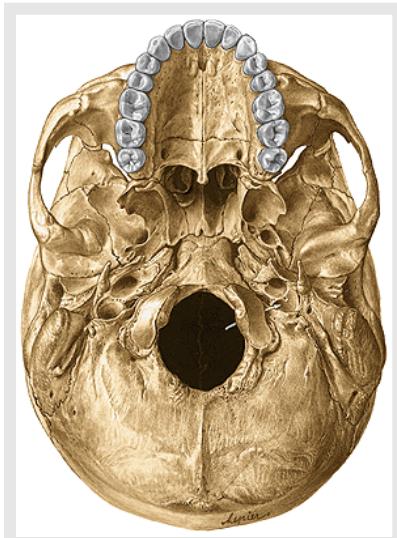
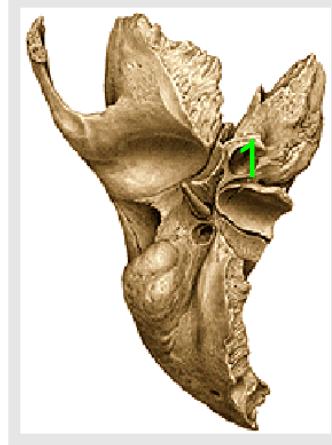
## 5. processus styloideus

foramen stylomastoideum

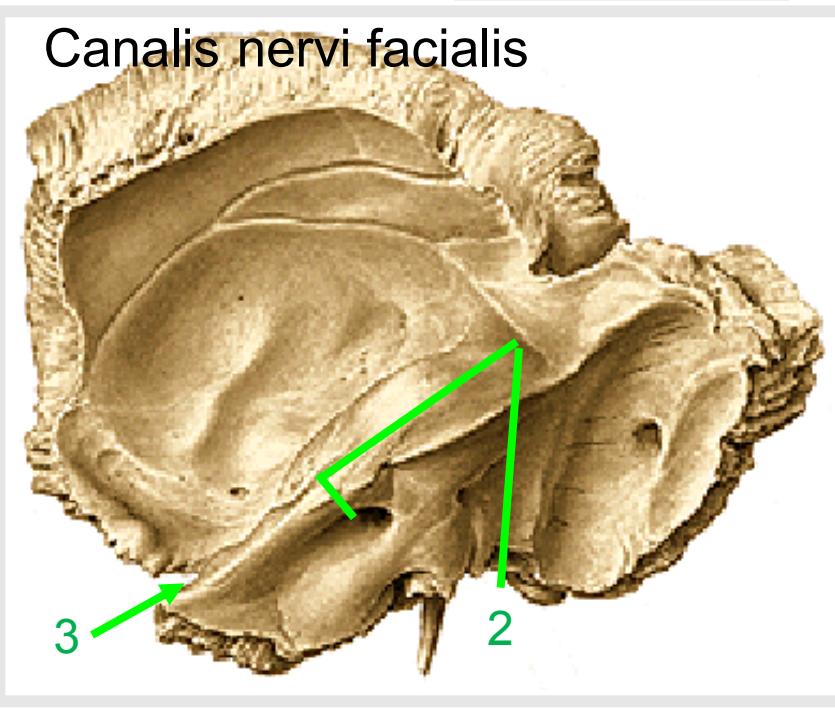


# Canals of temporal bone

1. canalis caroticus
  - 1a canaliculi caroticotympanici
2. canalis nervi facialis
3. canalis musculotubarius
4. canaliculus chordae tympani
5. canaliculus tympanicus
6. canaliculus cochleae
7. canaliculus vestibuli
8. canaliculus mastoideus



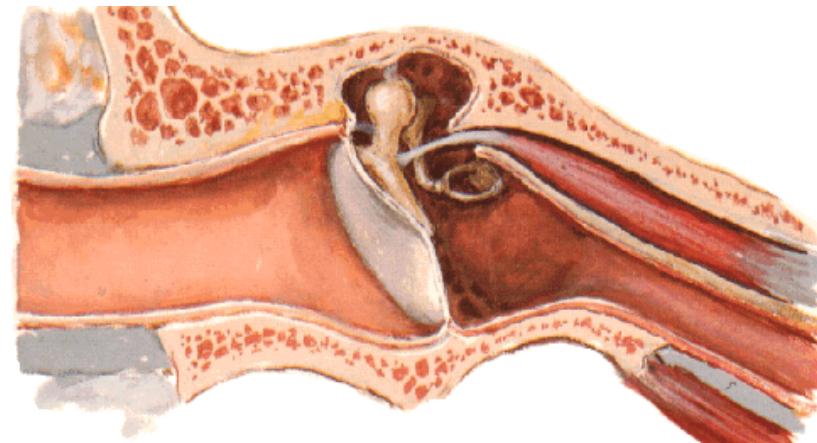
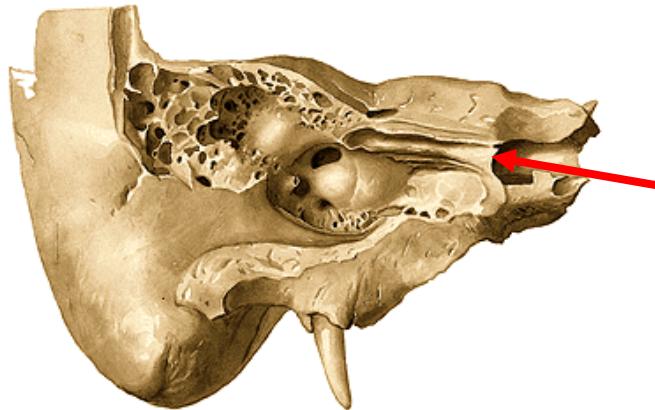
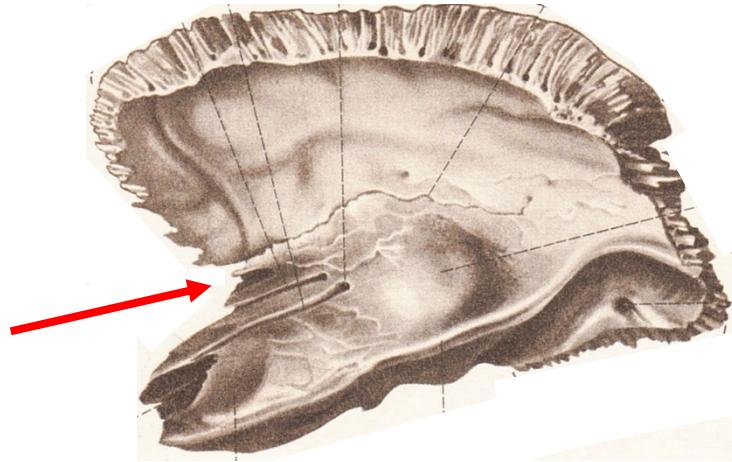
Canalis nervi facialis



# **Canalis musculotubarius**

consists of:

semicanalis musculi tensoris tympani  
semicanalis tubae auditivae (semicanal  
of auditory tube)

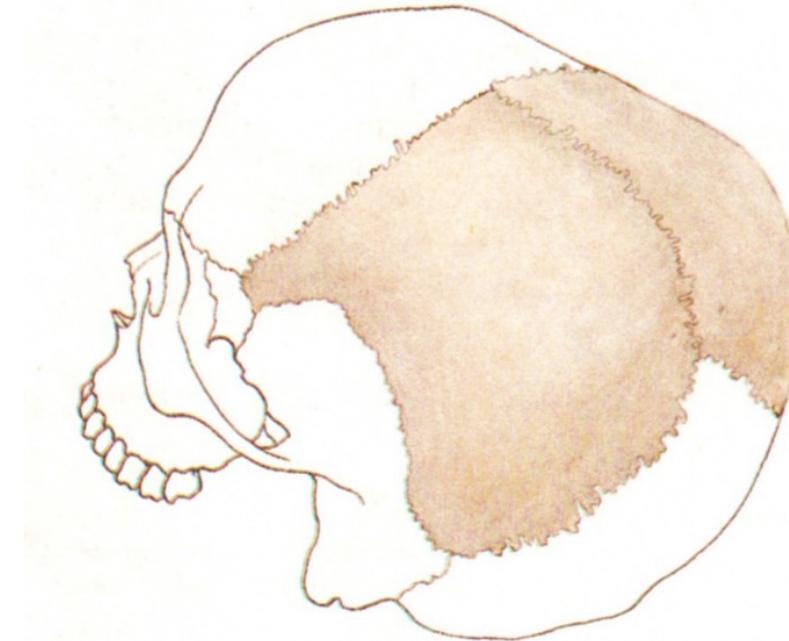


# Ossa parietalia

sutura coronalis  
sutura sagittalis  
sutura lambdoidea  
suturae squamosae

## External surface:

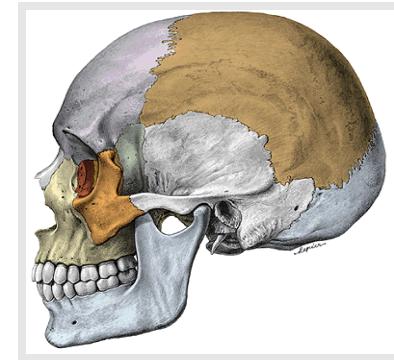
tuber parietale (*parietal eminence*)  
linea temporalis superior  
linea temporalis inferior  
foramina parietalia



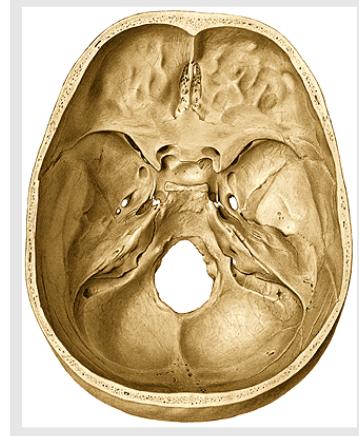
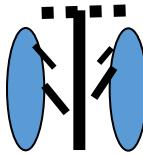
angulus frontalis, sphenoidalis, occipitalis, mastoideus

Internal surface:

sulci arteriae meningeae mediae  
sulcus sinus sagittalis superioris  
foveolae granulares

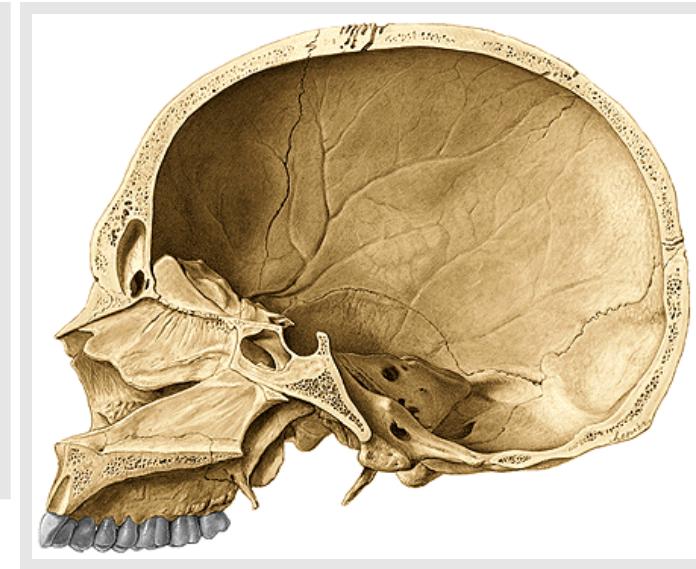
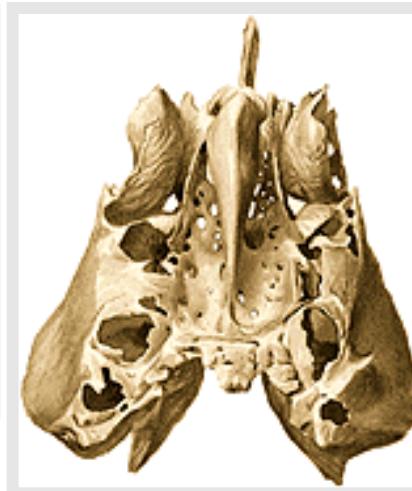
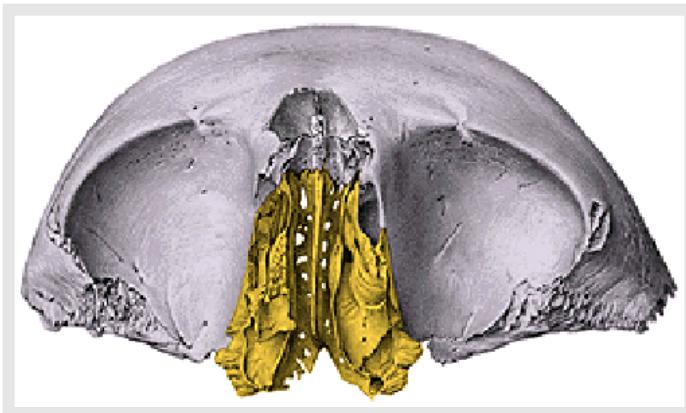


## Os ethmoidale (*Ethmoid bone*)



1. Lamina cribrosa (*Cribriform plate*)
2. Lamina perpendicularis (*Perpendicular plate*)
3. Labyrinthus ethmoidalis (*Labyrinth of ethmoid bone*)

1. Lamina cribrosa ossis ethmoidalis (*Cribriform plate of ethmoid bone*)
2. Lamina perpendicularis (*Perpendicular plate of ethmoid bone*) - crista galli



### 3. Labyrinthus ethmoidalis (*Labyrinth of ethmoidal bone*)

Cellulae ethmoidales (anterior and posterior)

Lamina orbitalis

Foramen ethmoidale anterius et posterius

(*Anterior and posterior ethmoidal foramen*)

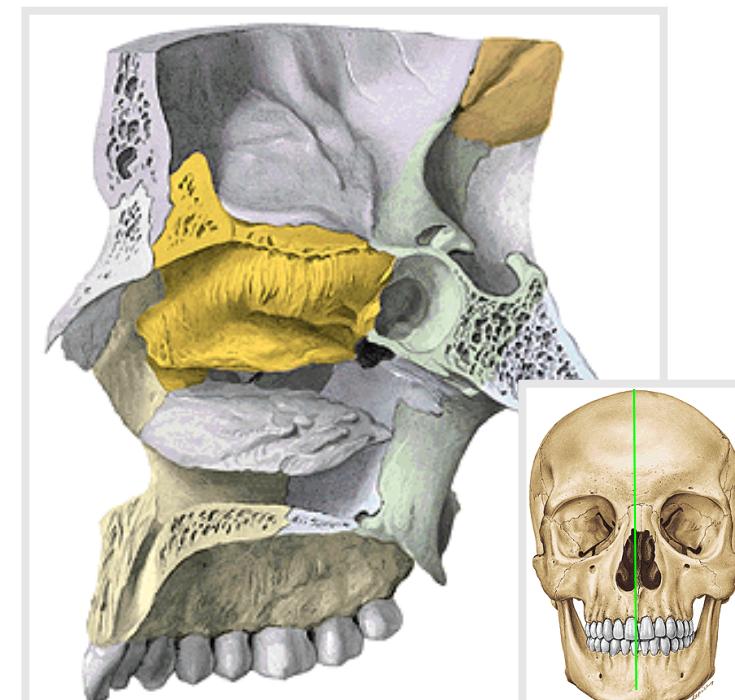
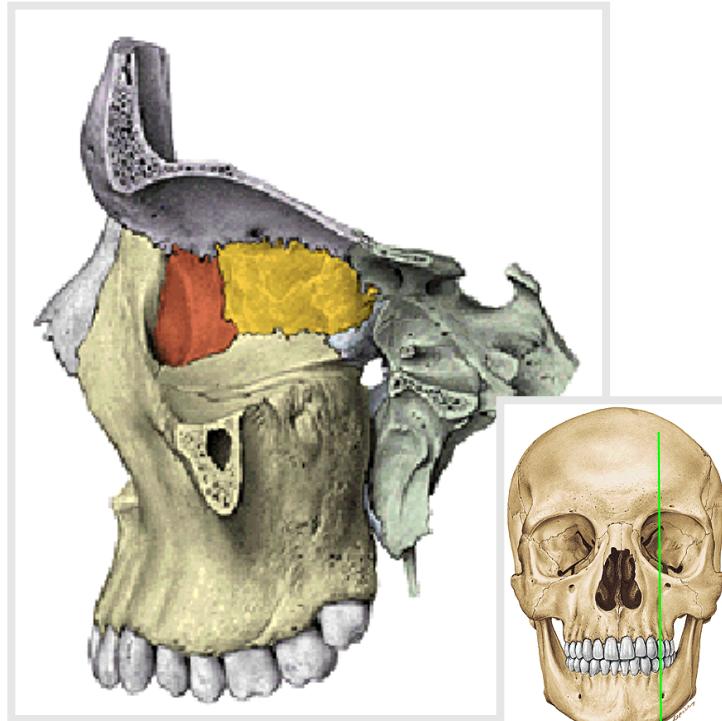
Concha nasalis superior at media

(*Superior and medial nasal conchae*) (*turbinate bones*)



Processus uncinatus (*Uncinate process*)

Bulla ethmoidalis



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