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**What is nervous system good for?**

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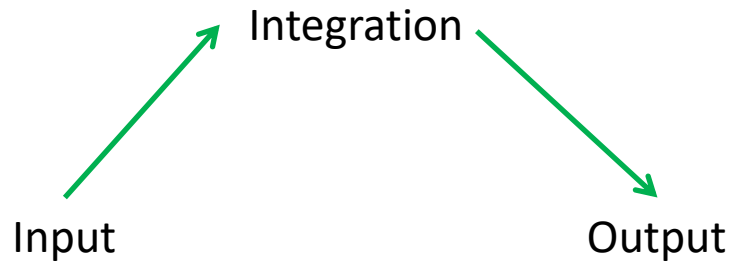
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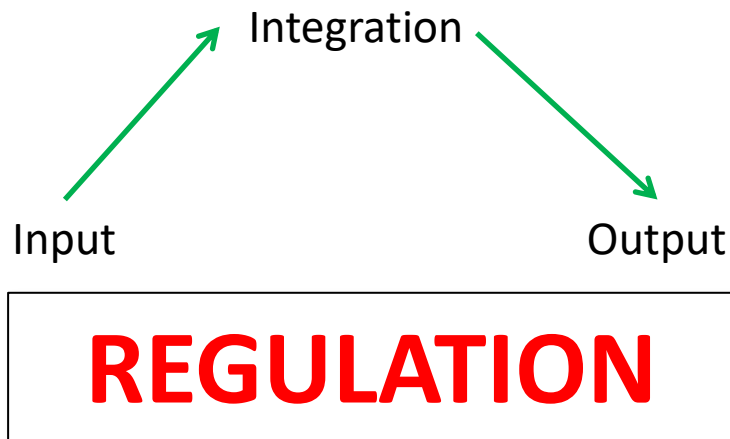
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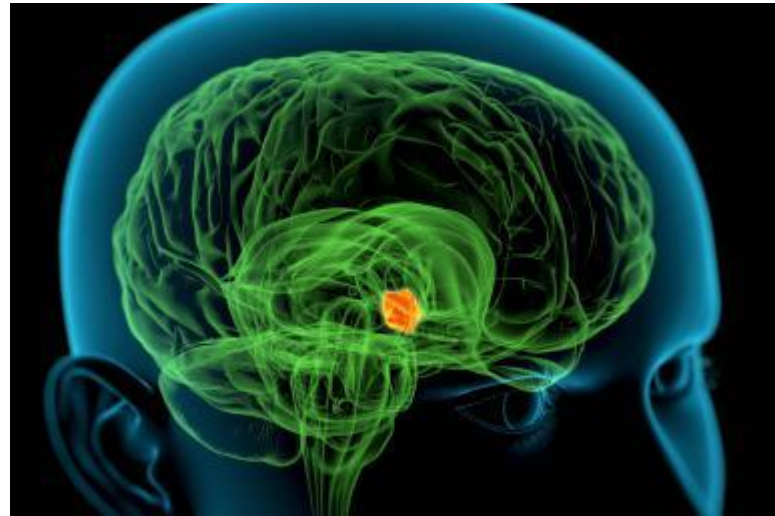


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**Central nervous system control/influence all the types of regulations**

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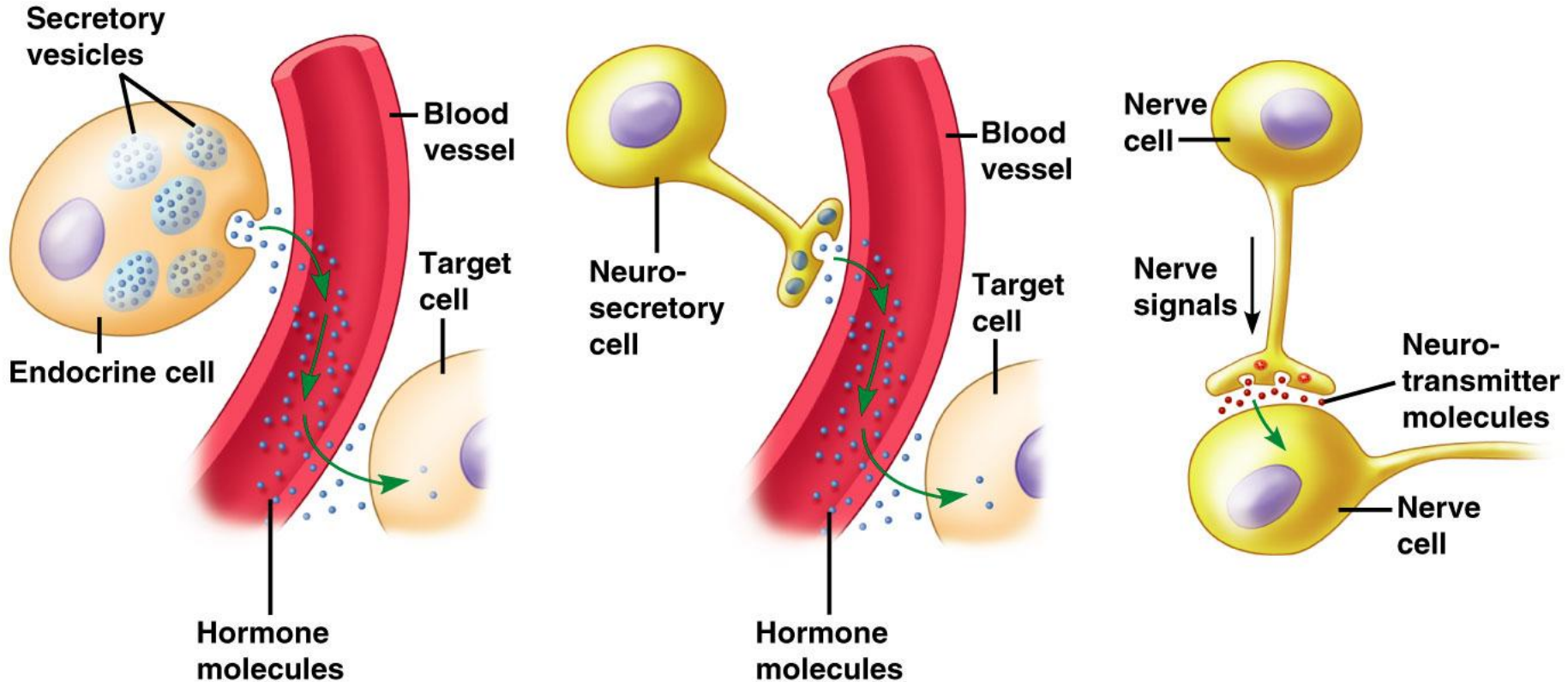
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## Nervous regulations

- Neurtransmitters
- Specific channel of conduction
- Target site defined by infrastructure
- High energetical demands
  - Fast speed
  - Short duration

# Hormonal and nervous regulations



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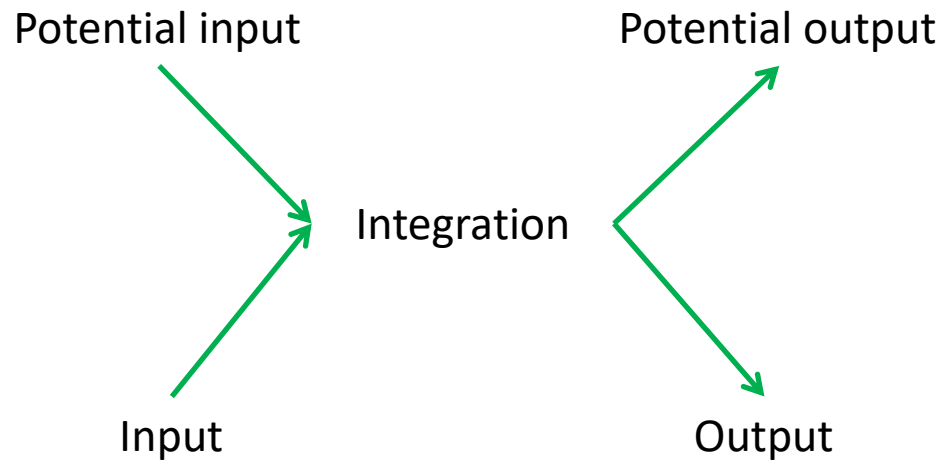


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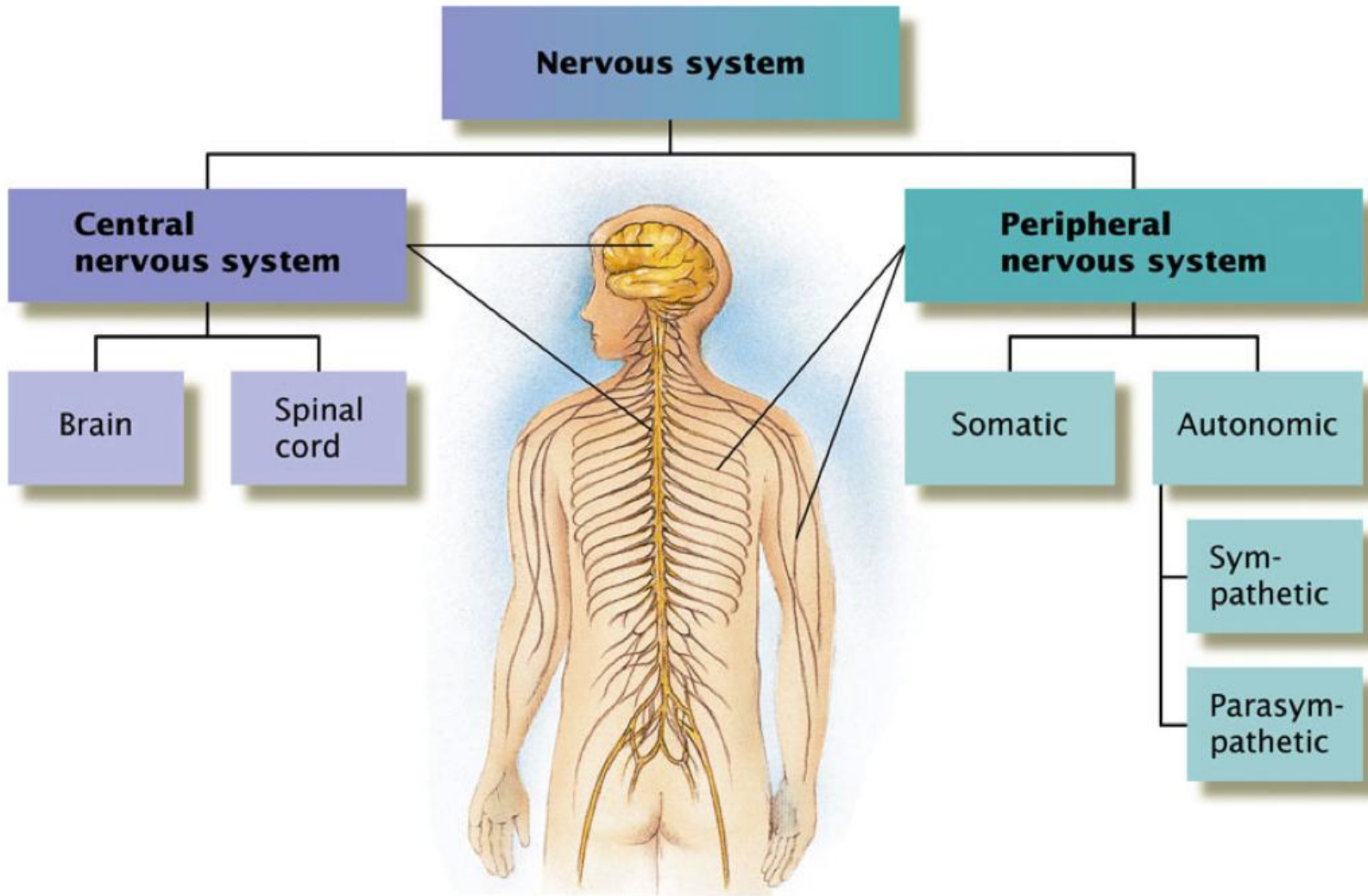


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**ANTICIPATION**



**REGULATION**



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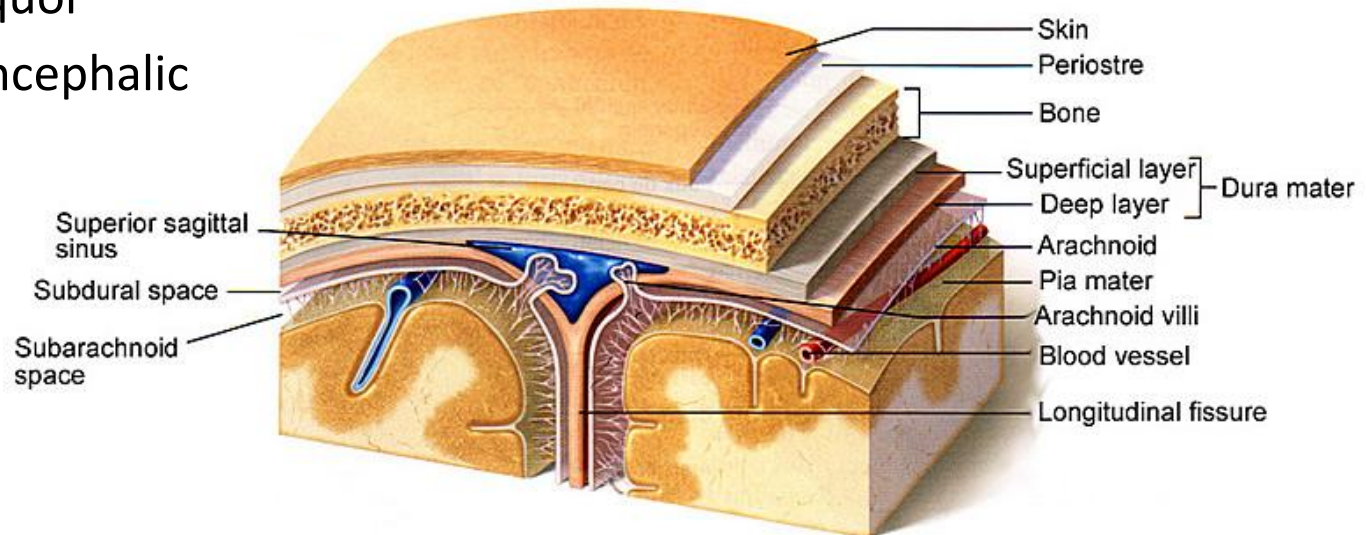
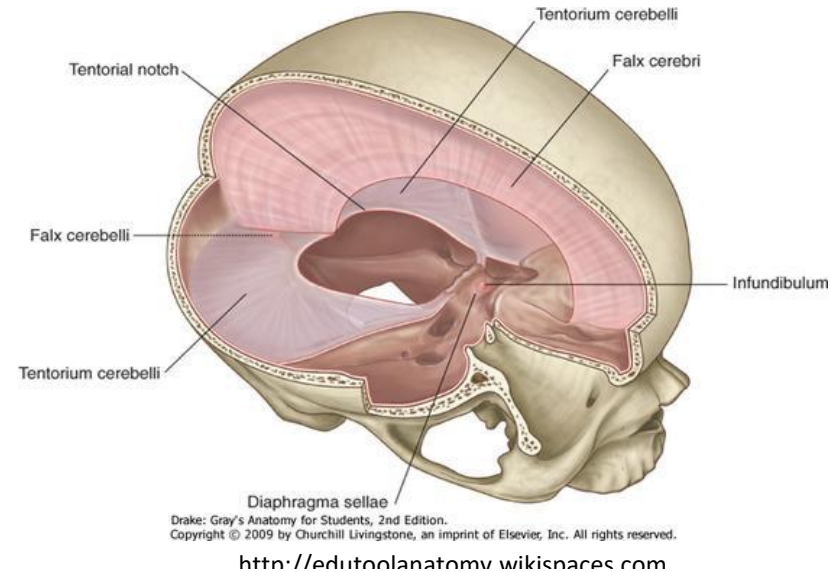
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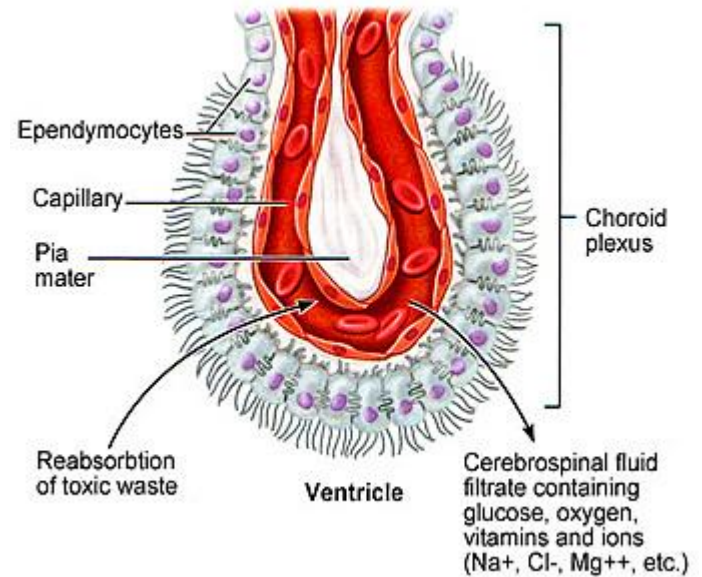
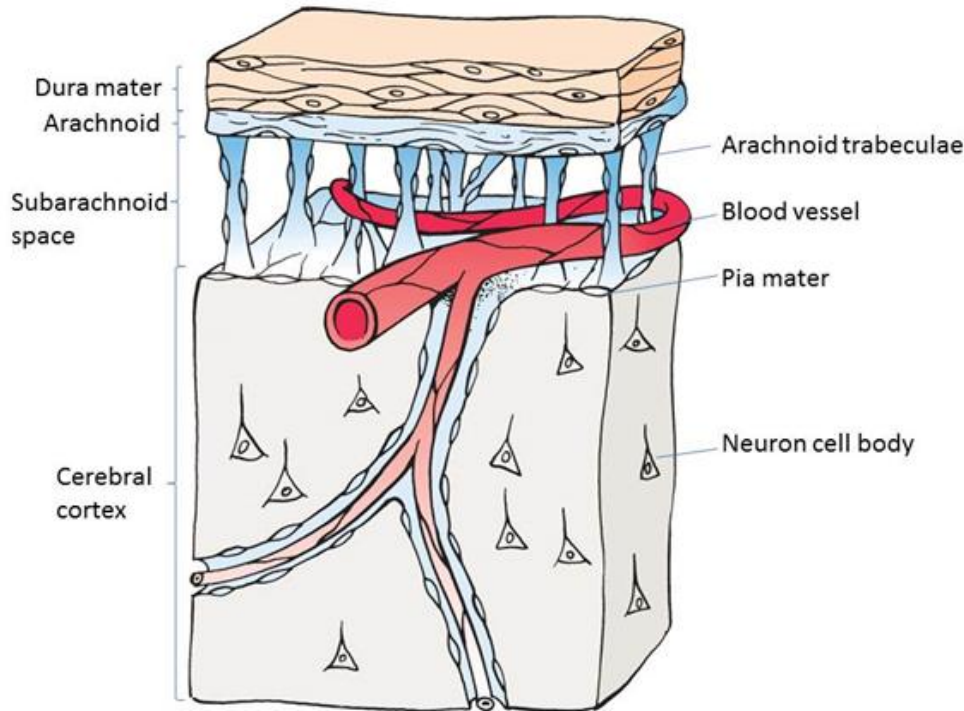
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- There are barriers in between compartments
- Properties/content may vary among different compartments

# Intracranial compartment

- Brain
- Cerebrospinal fluid
- Blood (intravascular)
- Barriers
  - Meningeal
  - Hematoliquor
  - Hematoencephalic



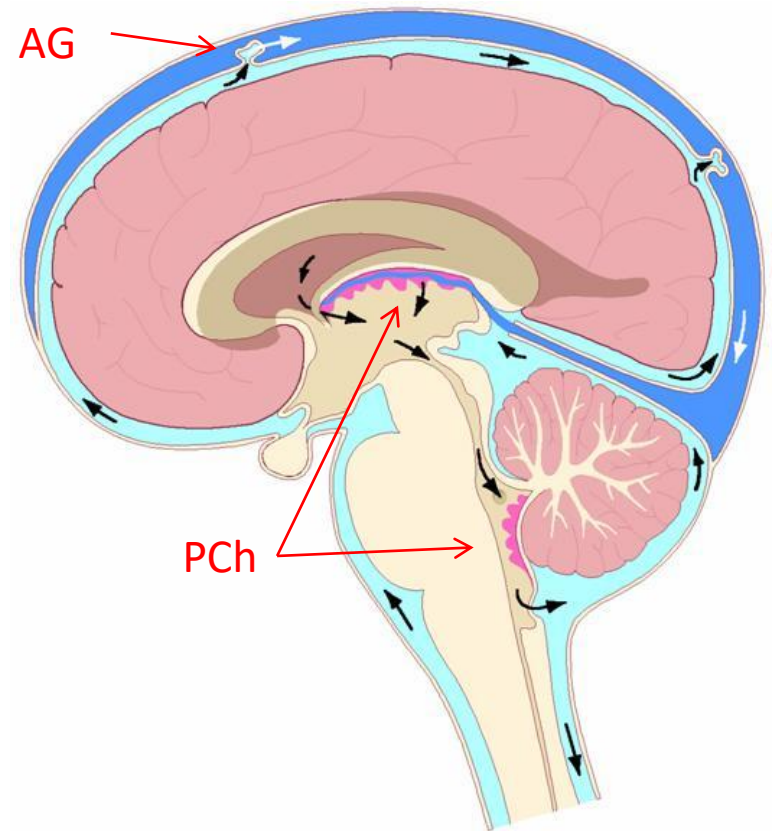
# Meningeal and hematoliquor barrier



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# Cerebrospinal fluid

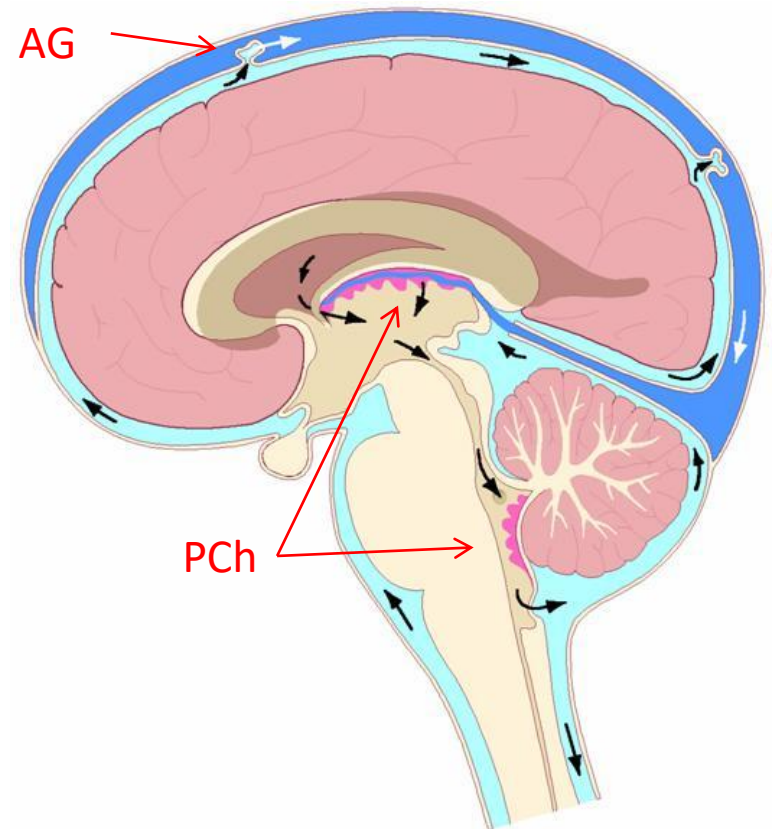
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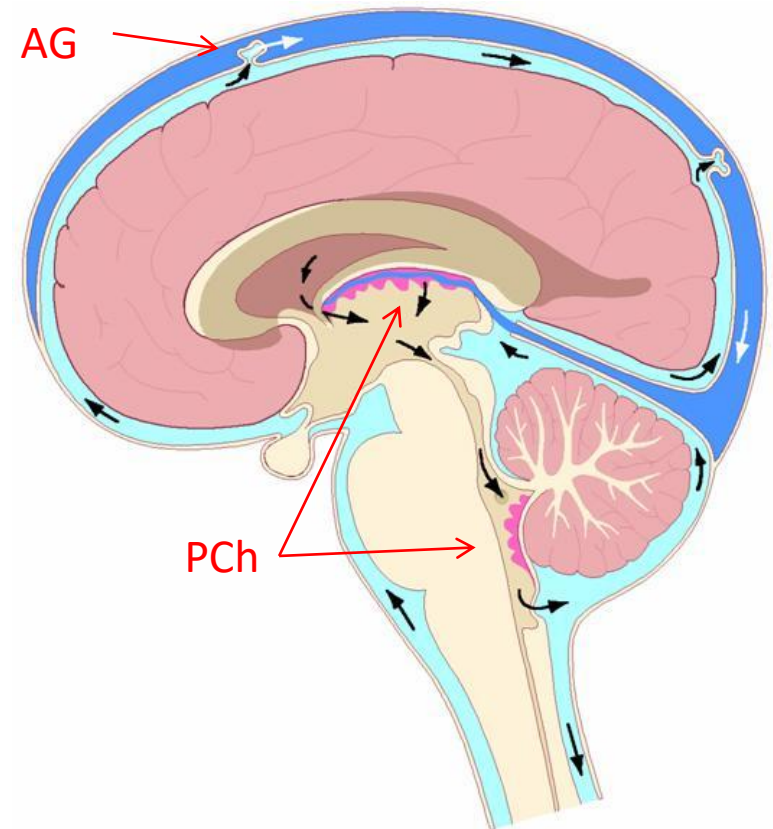
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- Production
  - ✓ Plexus choroideus (PCh) -70%
  - ✓ Cell metabolism
  - ✓ Capillary filtration
  - 450-750 ml/day
- Resorption
  - ✓ Archnoid granulations (AG)





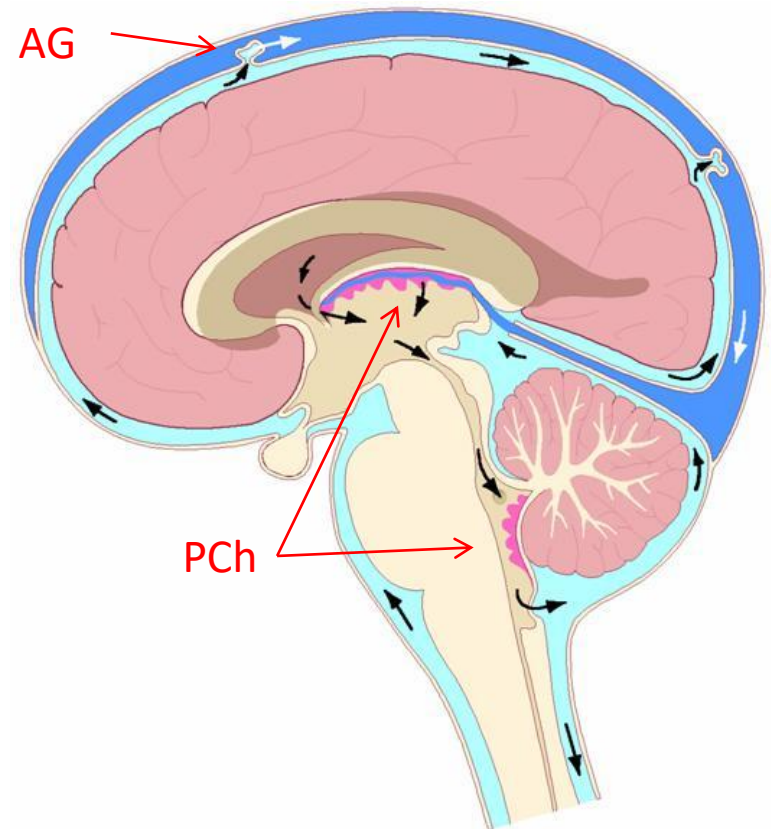
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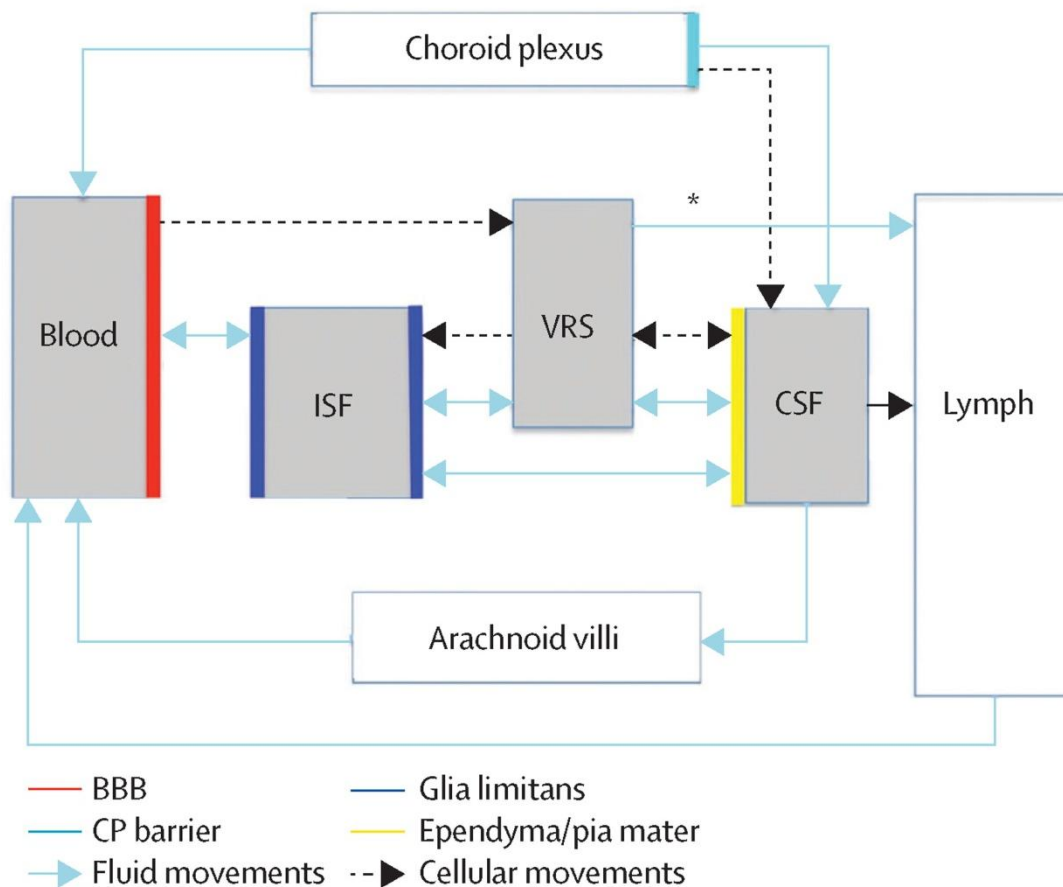


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  - ✓ Protection
  - ✓ Microenvironment of neurons and glia
    - Metabolic function
    - Immunologic function
    - Transport function and so on



# New insight into the production and resorption of CSF

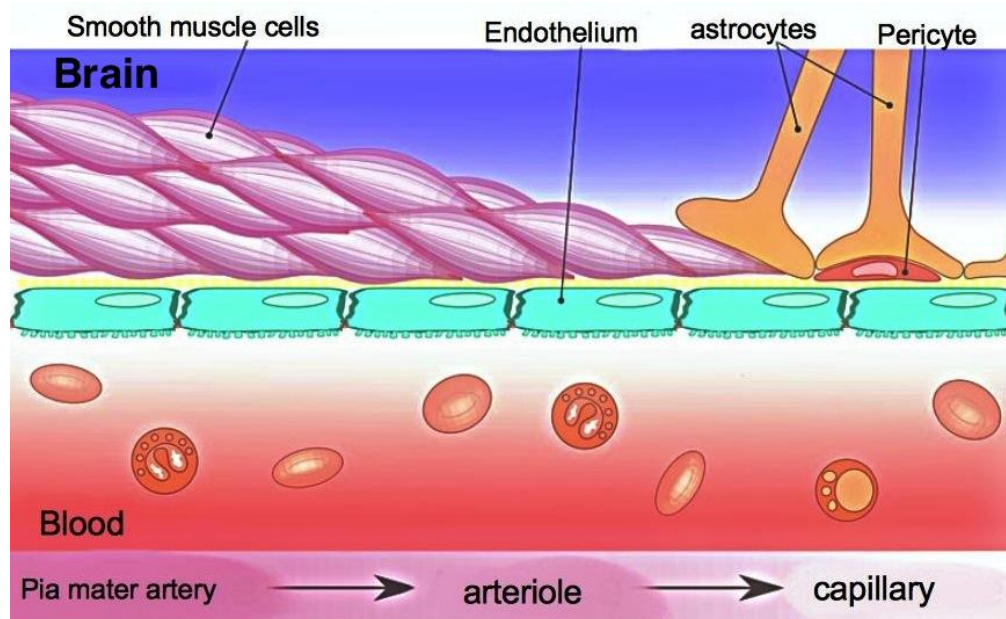


- CSF – cerebrospinal fluid
- ISF – interstitial fluid
- VRS – Virchow Robin space (space between the pia mater and an artery or a vein, but not capillaries)

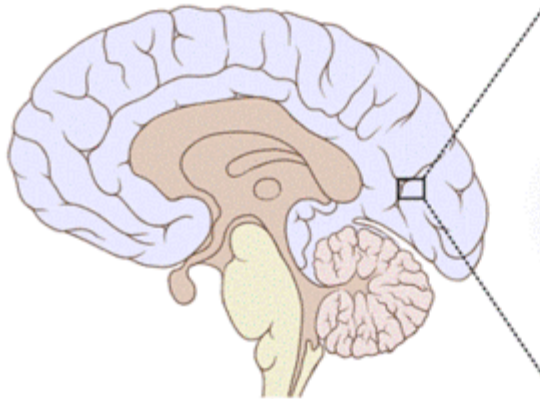
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# Hematoencephalic barrier

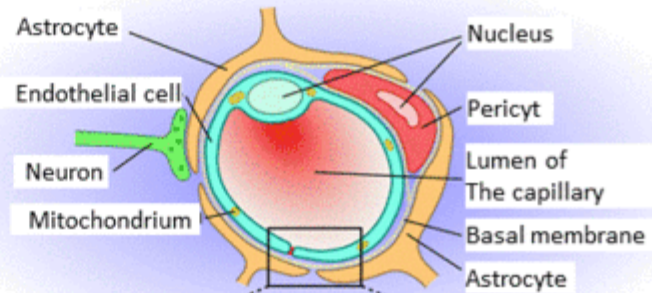
- Highly organised structure
  - Endothelial cells (low permeability thanks to zonula occludens)
  - Lamina basalis
  - Astrocytes



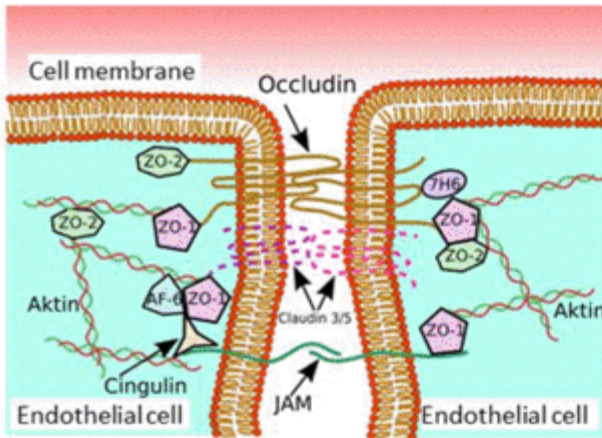
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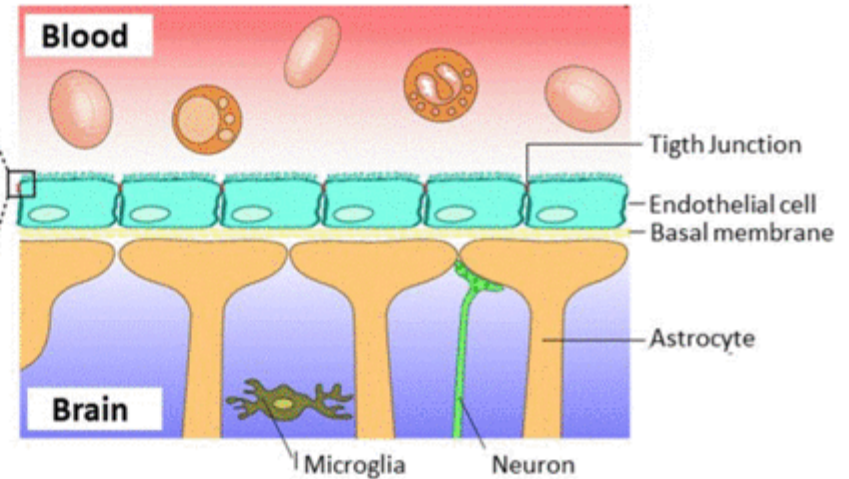
## Cross section of blood vessel



## Junction between Endothelial cells



## Longitudinal section of blood vessel

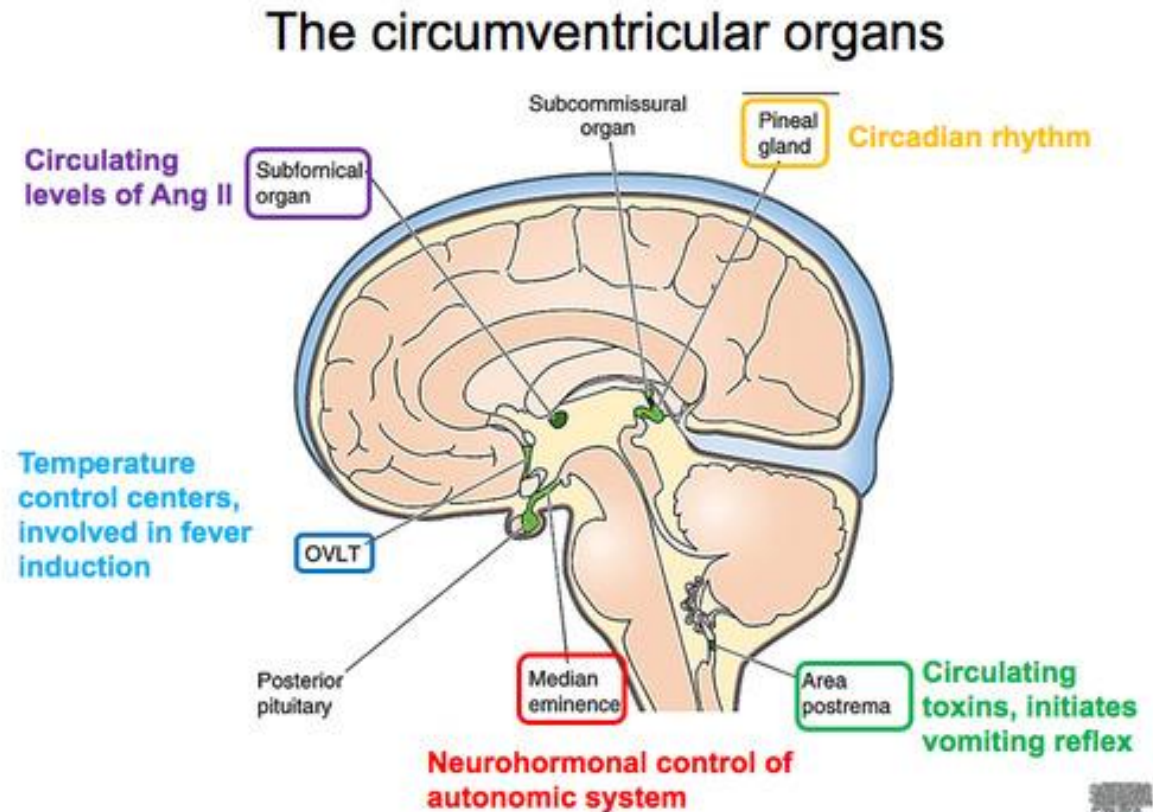


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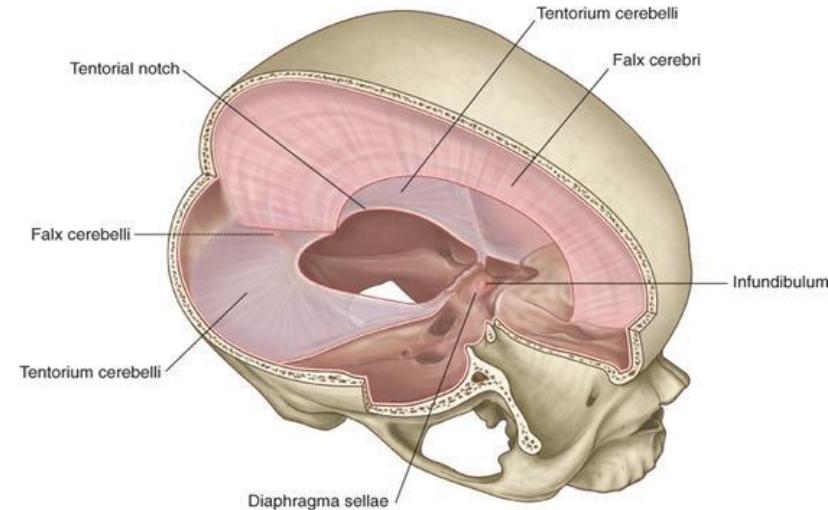
# Circumventricular organs

- Rich vascularisation
- Modified hematoencephalic barrier
- Sensors
- Secretion



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- Brain
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- Blood (intravascular)
- Intracranial pressure (ICP)
- Cerebral perfusion pressure (CPP)  
pressure gradient driving blood  
flow intracranially



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

Cerebral perfusion pressure

Intracranial pressure

Mean arterial pressure

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

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

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# Neuron

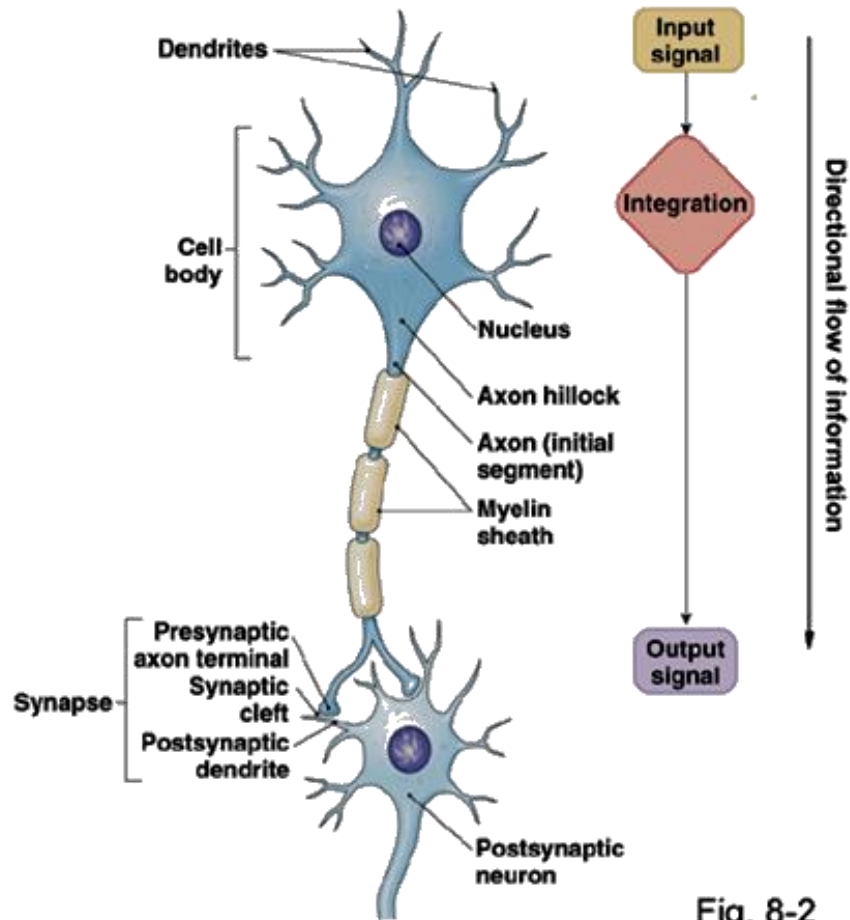
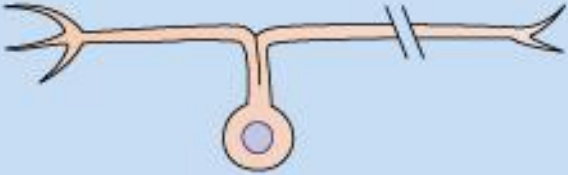

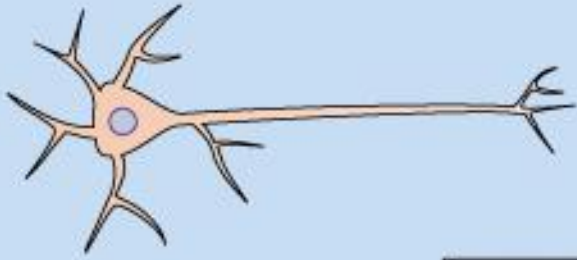
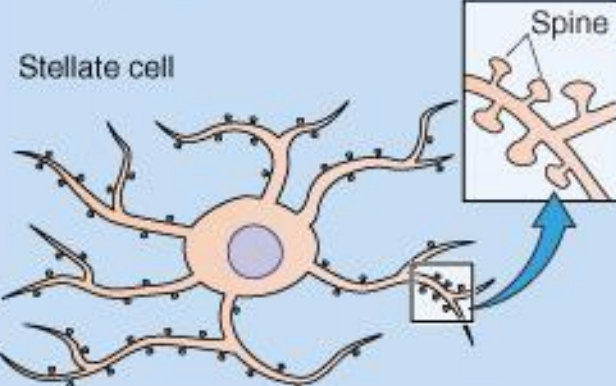


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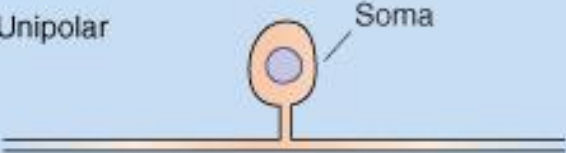

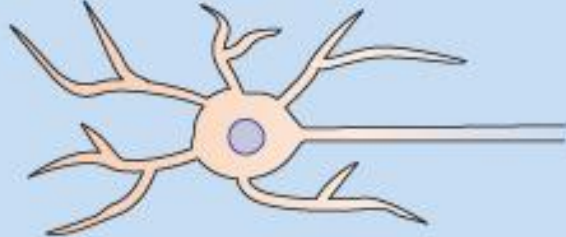
# Neuronal classification

Basis for classification	Example	Functional implication	Structure
<p><b>1. Axonal projection</b></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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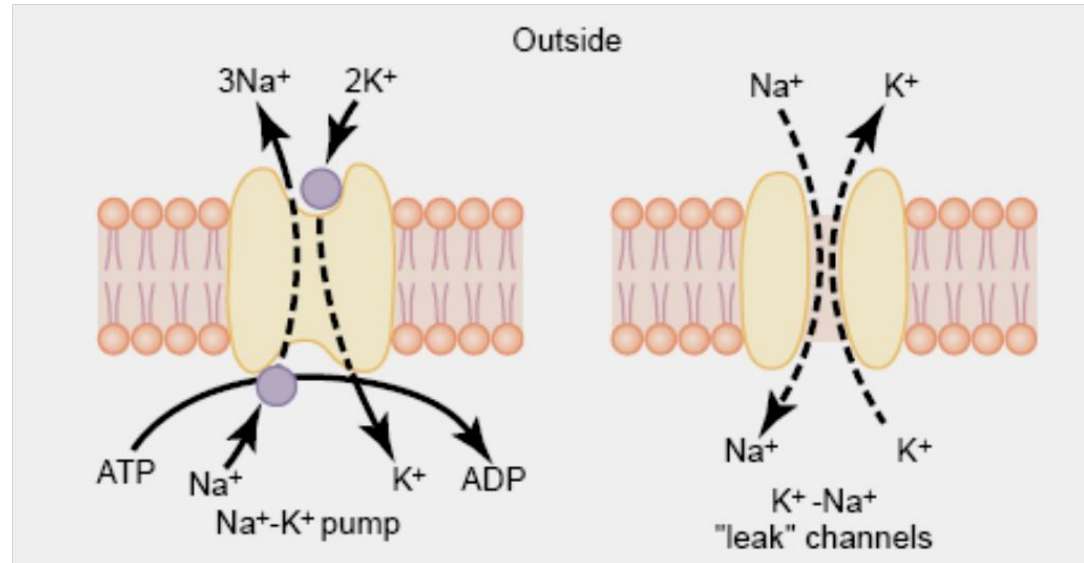
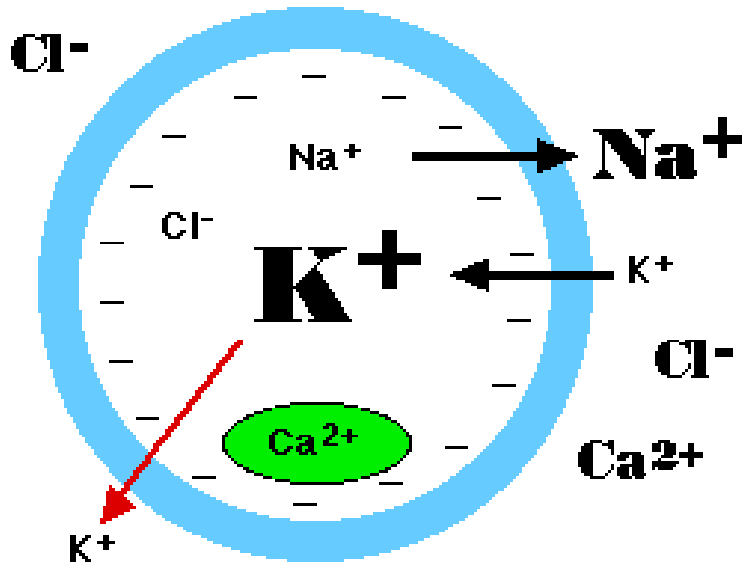
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<p><b>2. Dendritic pattern</b></p> <p>Pyramid-shaped spread of dendrites</p>	<p>Pyramidal cell (hippocampal pyramidal neuron)</p>	<p>Large area for receiving synaptic input; determines the pattern of incoming axons that can interact with the cell (i.e., pyramid-shaped)</p>	<p>Pyramidal cell</p> 
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<p><b>3. Number of processes</b></p> <p>One process exits the cell body</p> <p>Two processes exit the cell body</p> <p>Many processes exit the cell body</p>	<p>Unipolar neuron (dorsal root ganglion cell)</p> <p>Bipolar neuron (retinal bipolar cell)</p> <p>Multipolar neuron (spinal motor neuron)</p>	<p>Small area for receiving synaptic input: highly specialized function</p> <p>Small area for receiving synaptic input: highly specialized function</p> <p>Large area for receiving synaptic input; determines the pattern of incoming axons that can interact with the cell</p>	<p>Unipolar </p> <p>Bipolar </p> <p>Multipolar </p>

# Membrane potential

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



# Resting membrane potential of a neuron



<http://assassinscreed.ubi.com>

- Highly instable state of membrane
- Why? – Speed!
- Brain consumption
  - ✓ 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

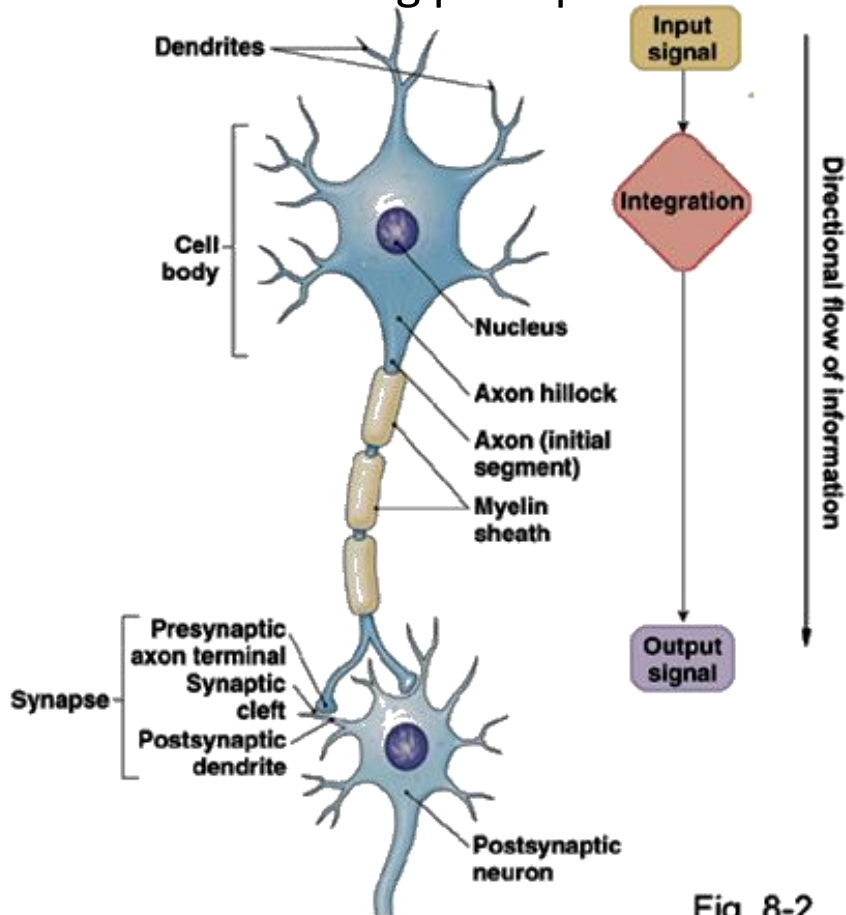
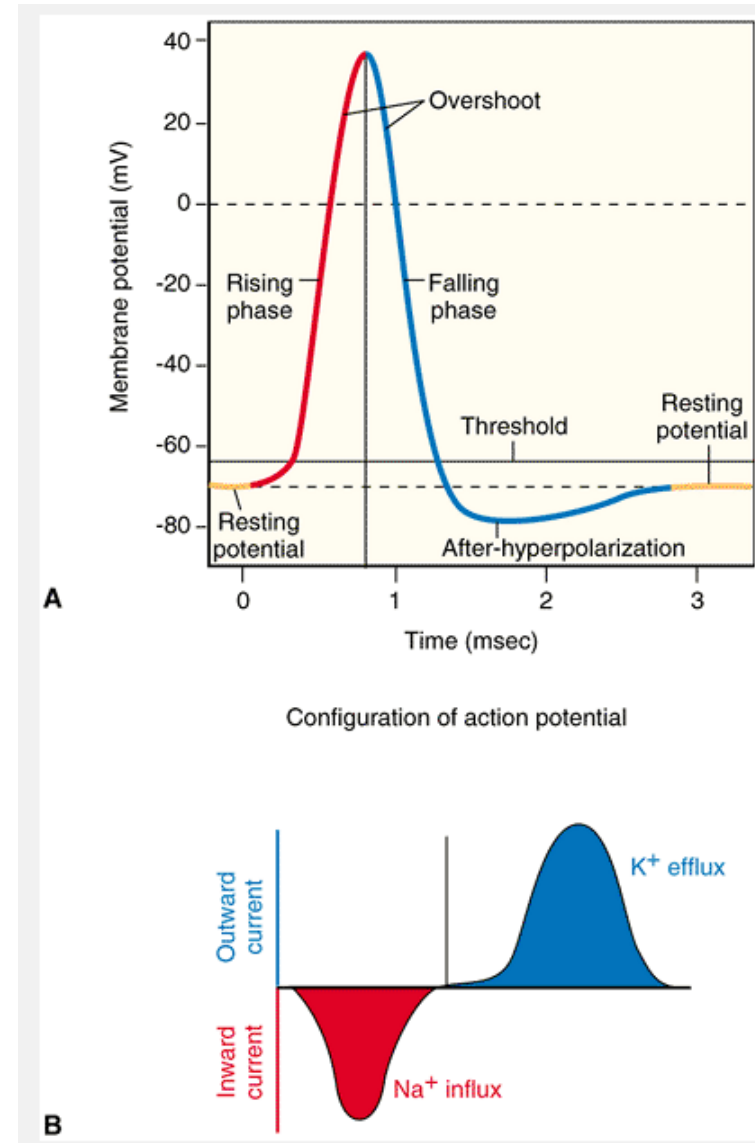
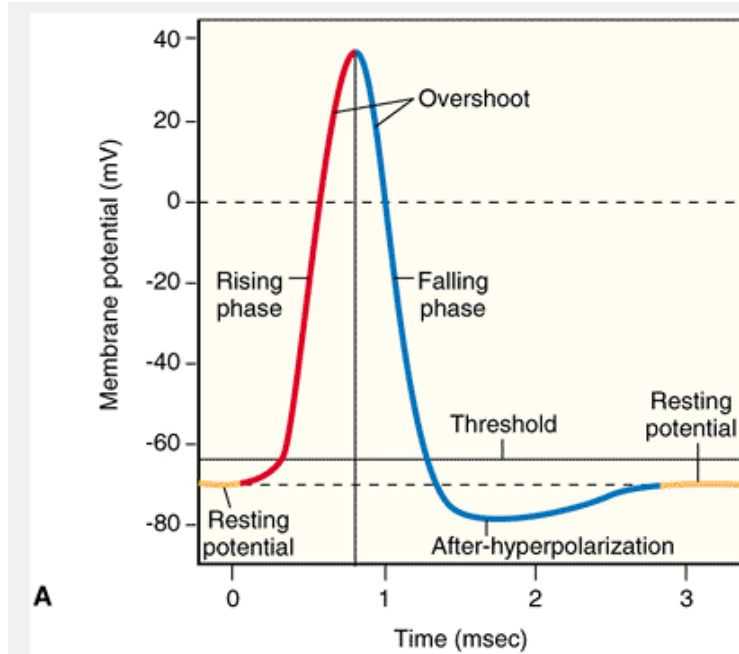


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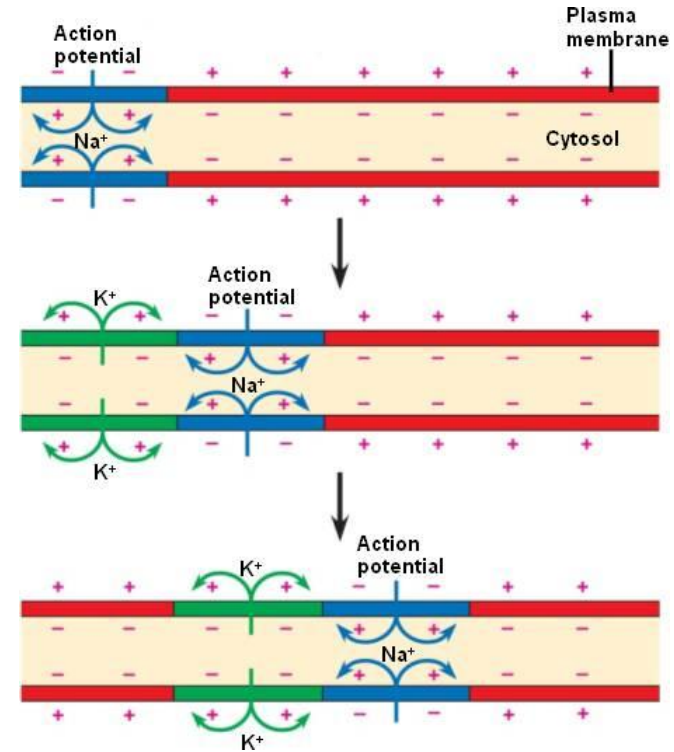




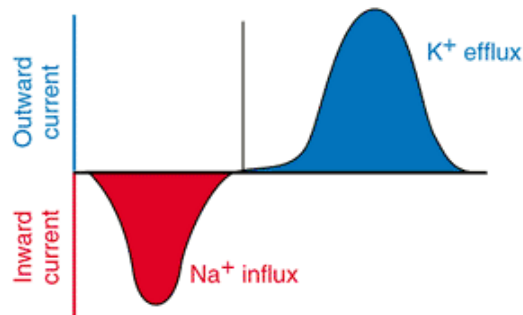
# Action potential spreading



Configuration of action potential



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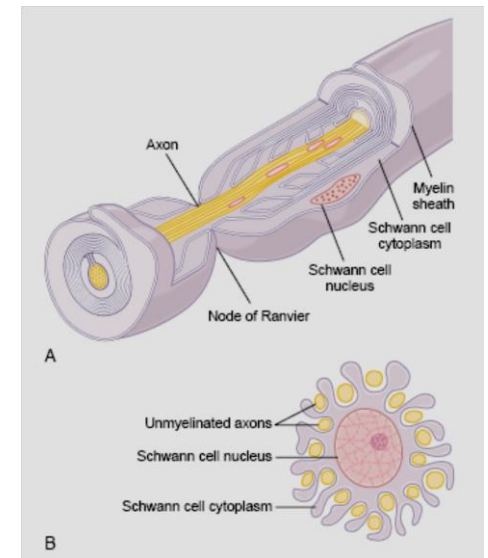
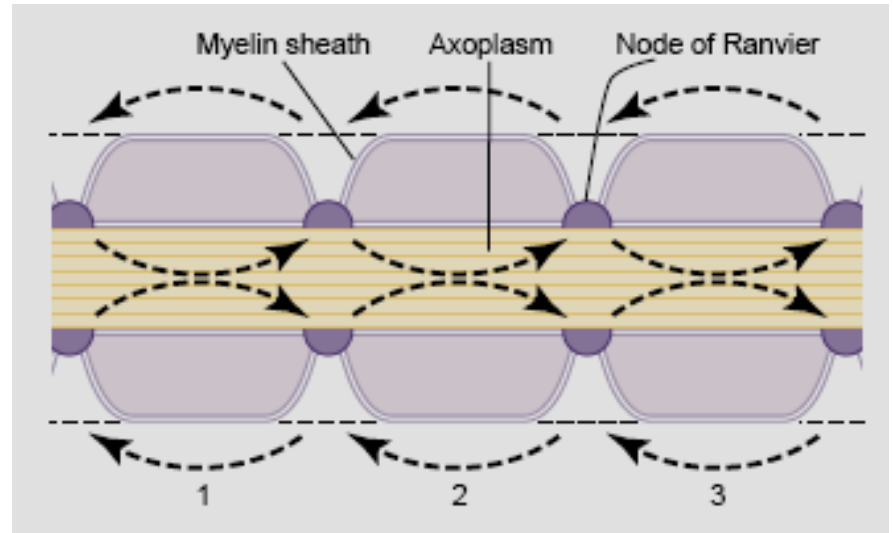


B

- Local currents
- Anterograde

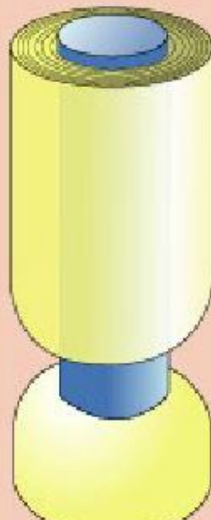



# Saltatory conduction

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



# Classification of nerve fibers

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

	A $\alpha$	A $\beta$	A $\delta$	C
1 <sup>o</sup> Axon to skin				
1 <sup>o</sup> 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