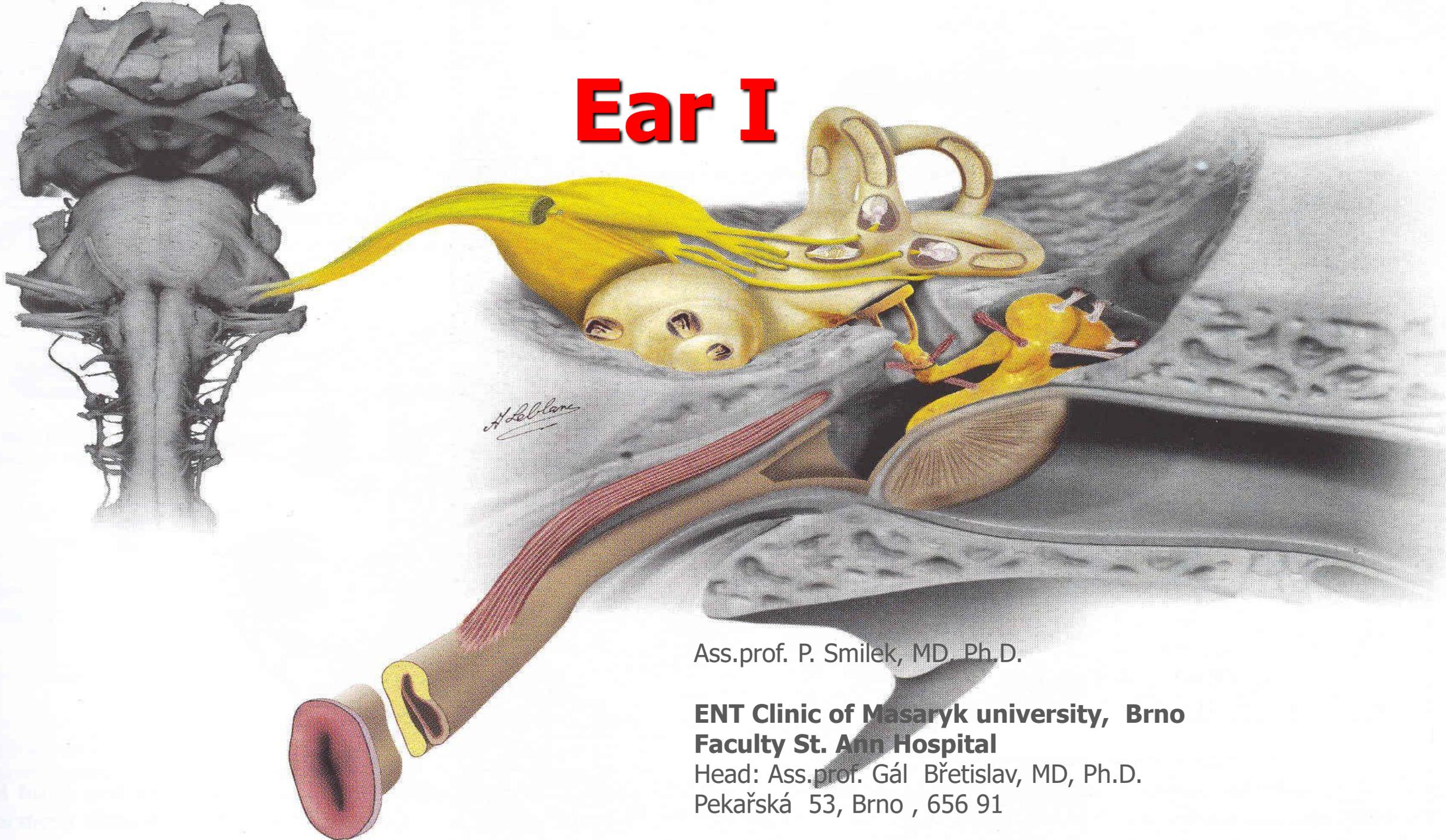


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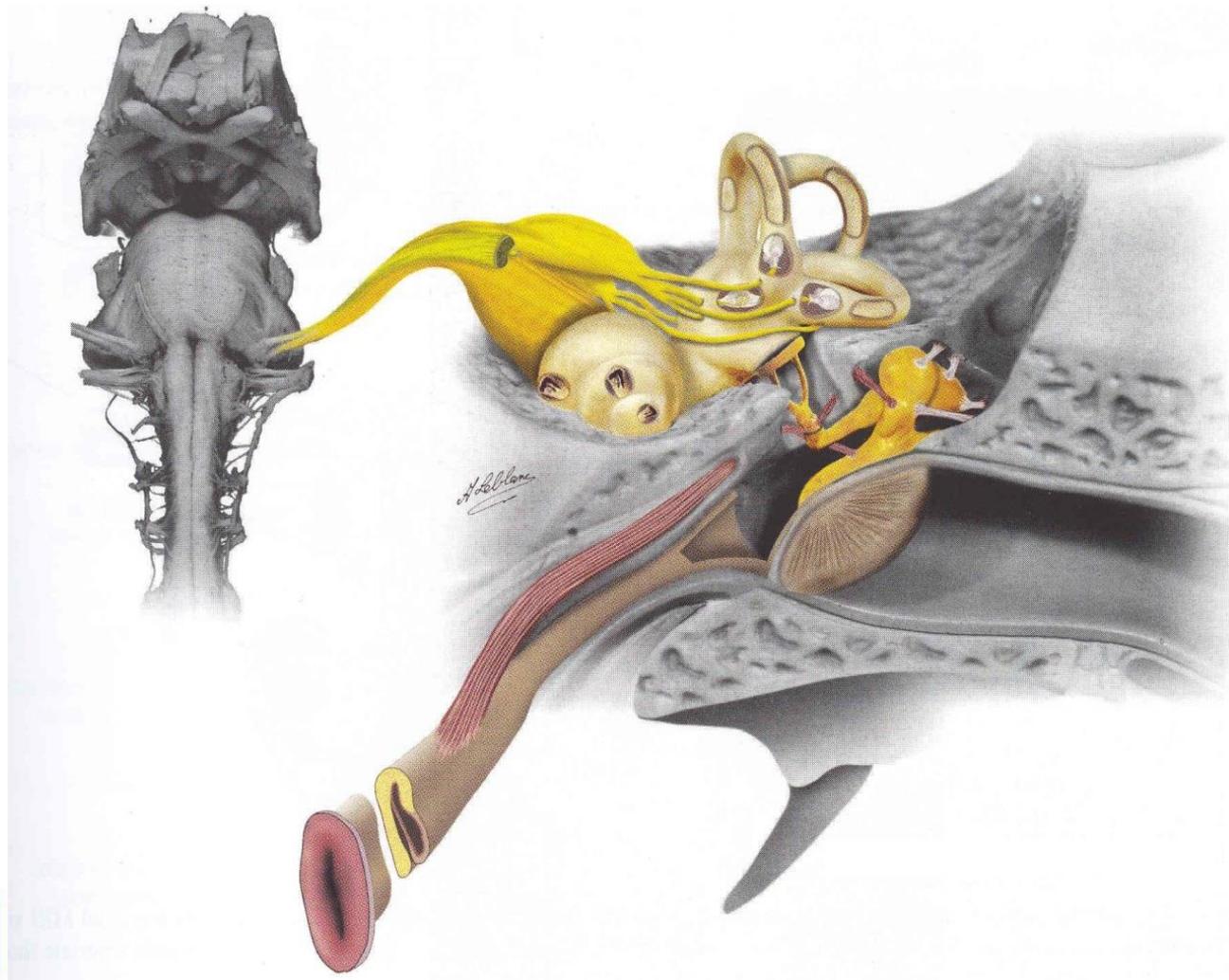
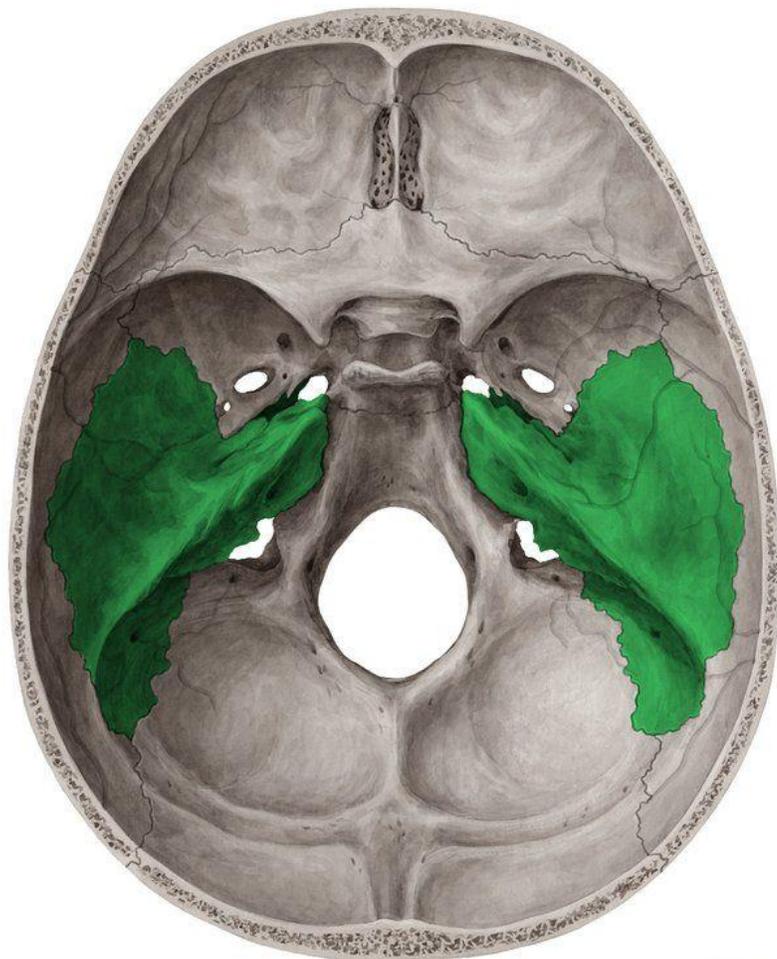
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The hearing and balance system

The hearing and balance system localized in temporal bone



The hearing system

Two main subdivisions:

Peripheral Part

- external, middle and inner ear
- auditory nerve

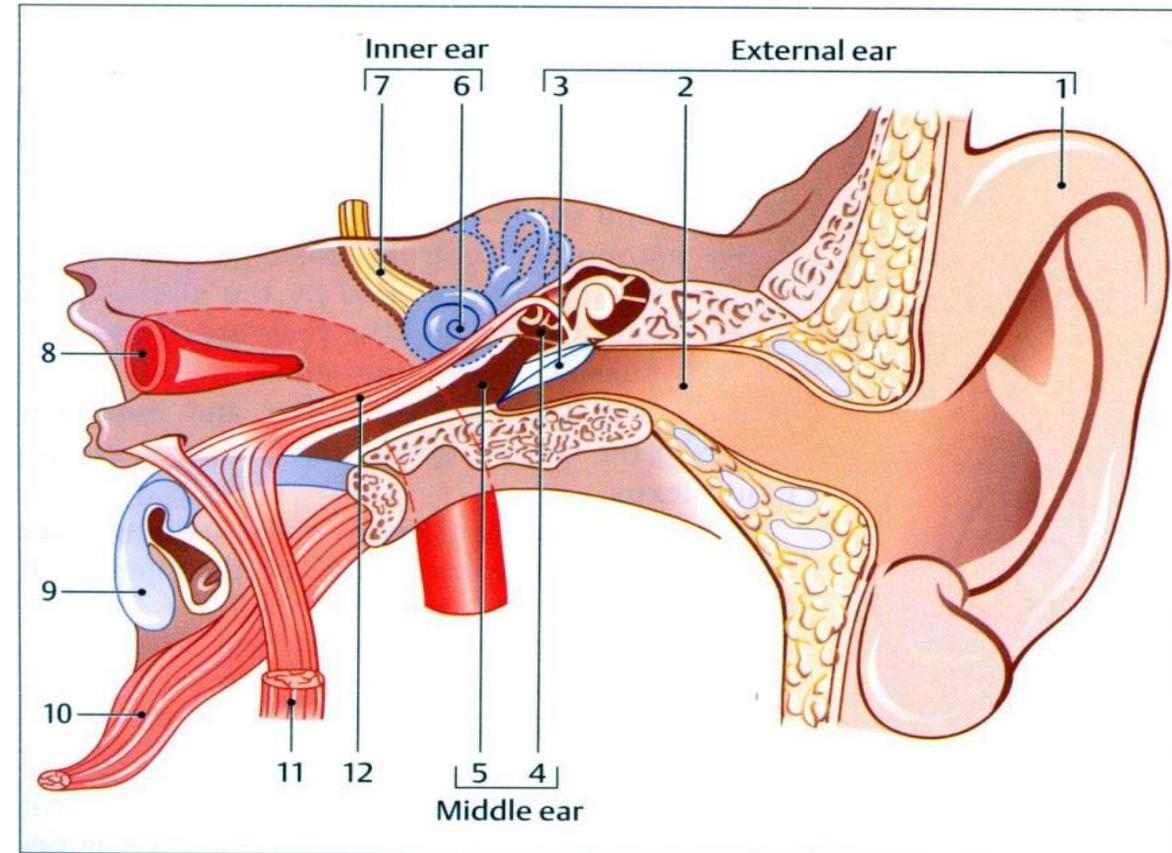
Central Part

- central hearing pathways
- subcortical and cortical auditory centers

Anatomic boundary - entry the VIIIth nerve into brainstem.

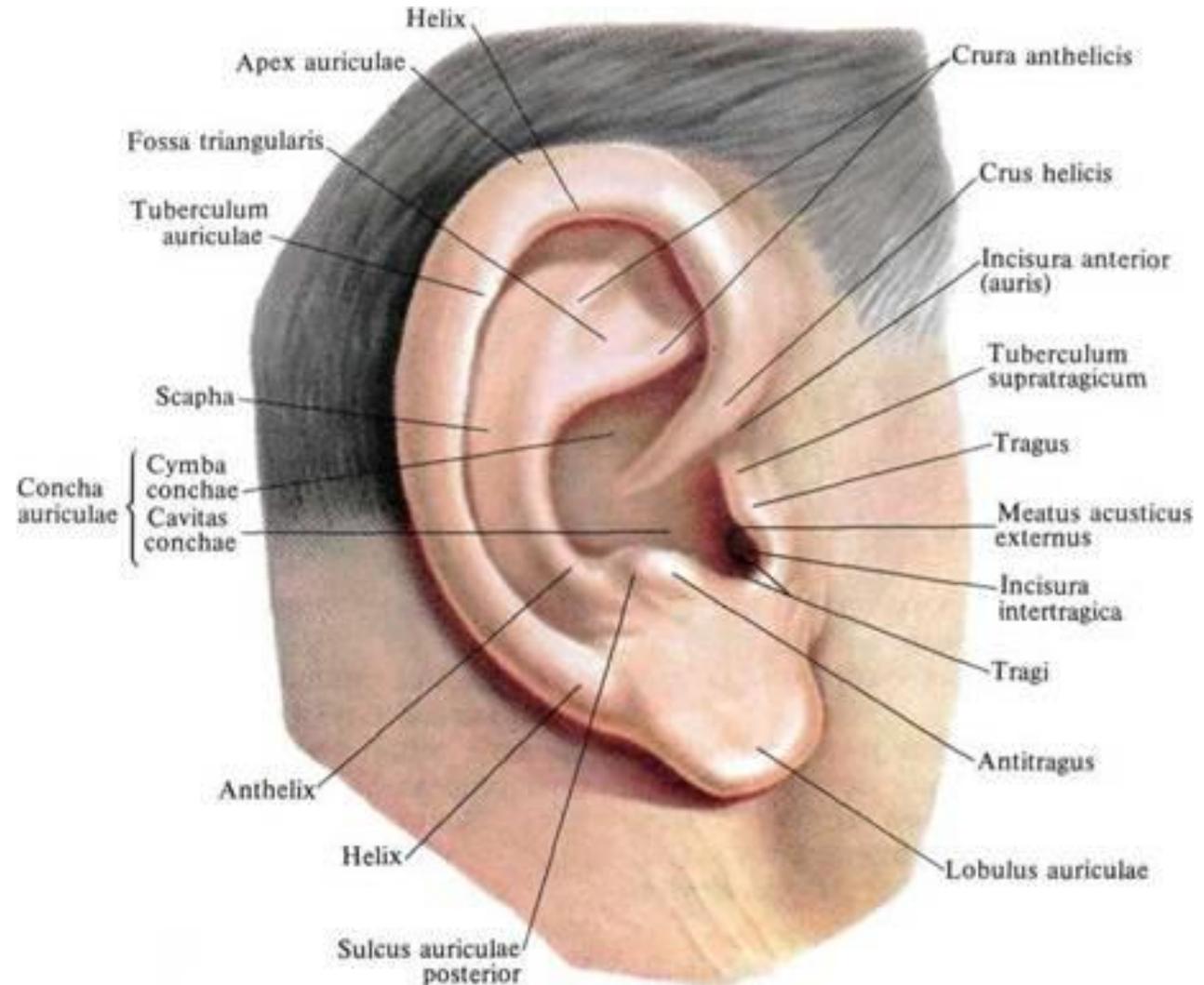
Function of hearing system

- The external and middle ear *transport* the stimulus
- cochlea *distributes* the stimulus
- the sensory cells *transform* the stimulus



External ear

Auricle – abundantly formatted cartilage (localization, protection)



External meatus (meatus acusticus externus)

External part

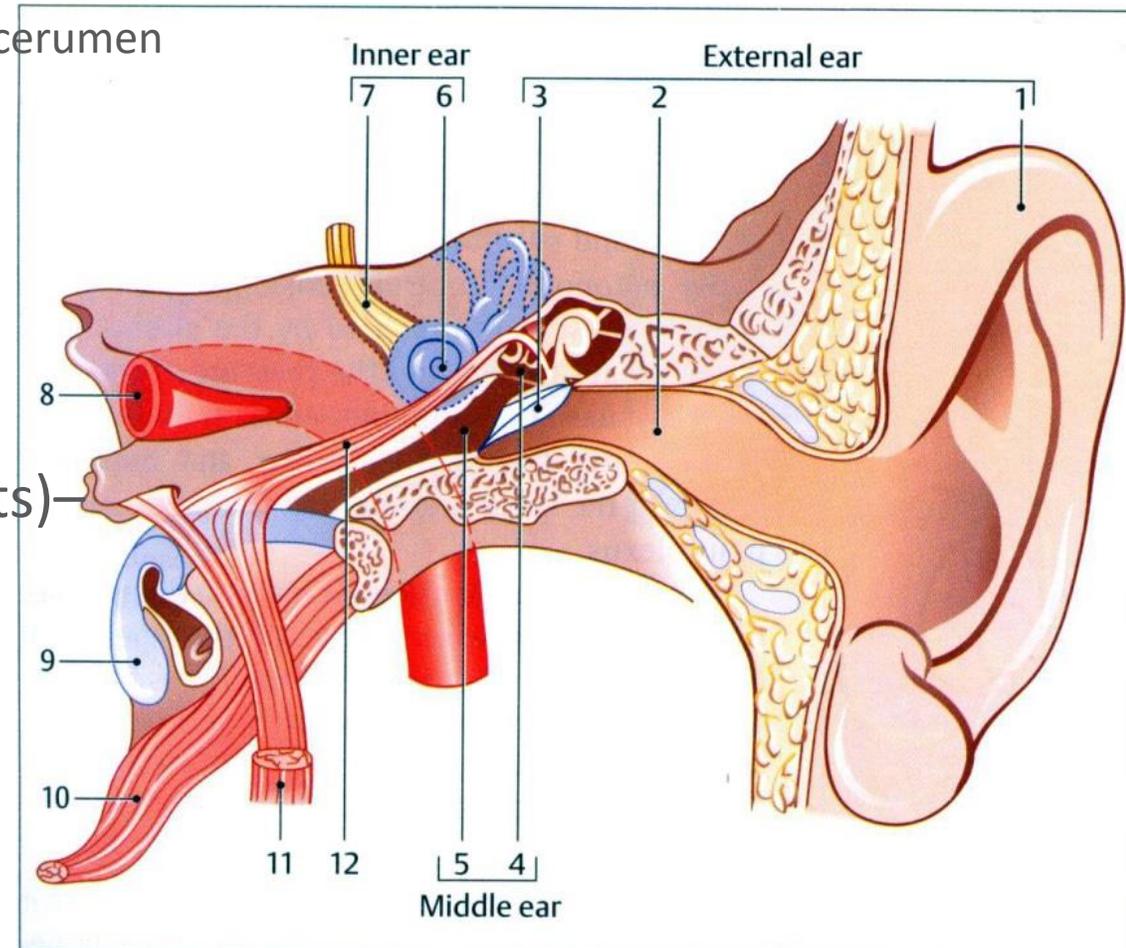
- cartilage
- Lined with skin and down (tragi) and sebaceous gland – cerumen

Internal part

- Temporal bone
- Lined with thinned epidermis (skin)

– curved cartilaginous mobile part –
must be drawn upward and posteriorly (in adults)
to bring the same axis

External meatus **skin** has **10x** higher growth potential
than middle ear **mucose membrane** – theory of development
of acquired cholesteatoma



Middle Ear

Middle Ear cavity

- summary name for **the whole pneumatic system of temporal bone**: tympanic cavity, cells of proc. mastoideus and Eustachian tube (tubotympanal and tympanomastoideal segment)

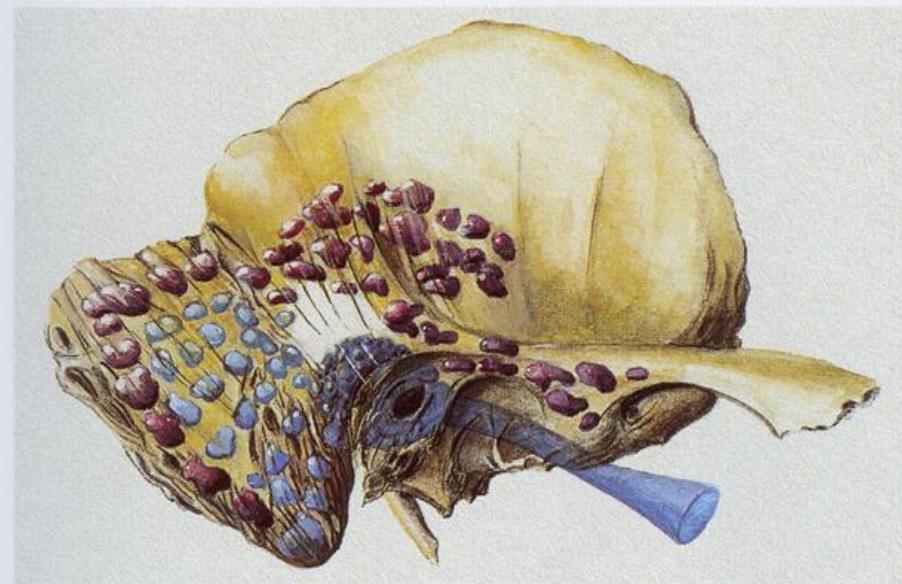
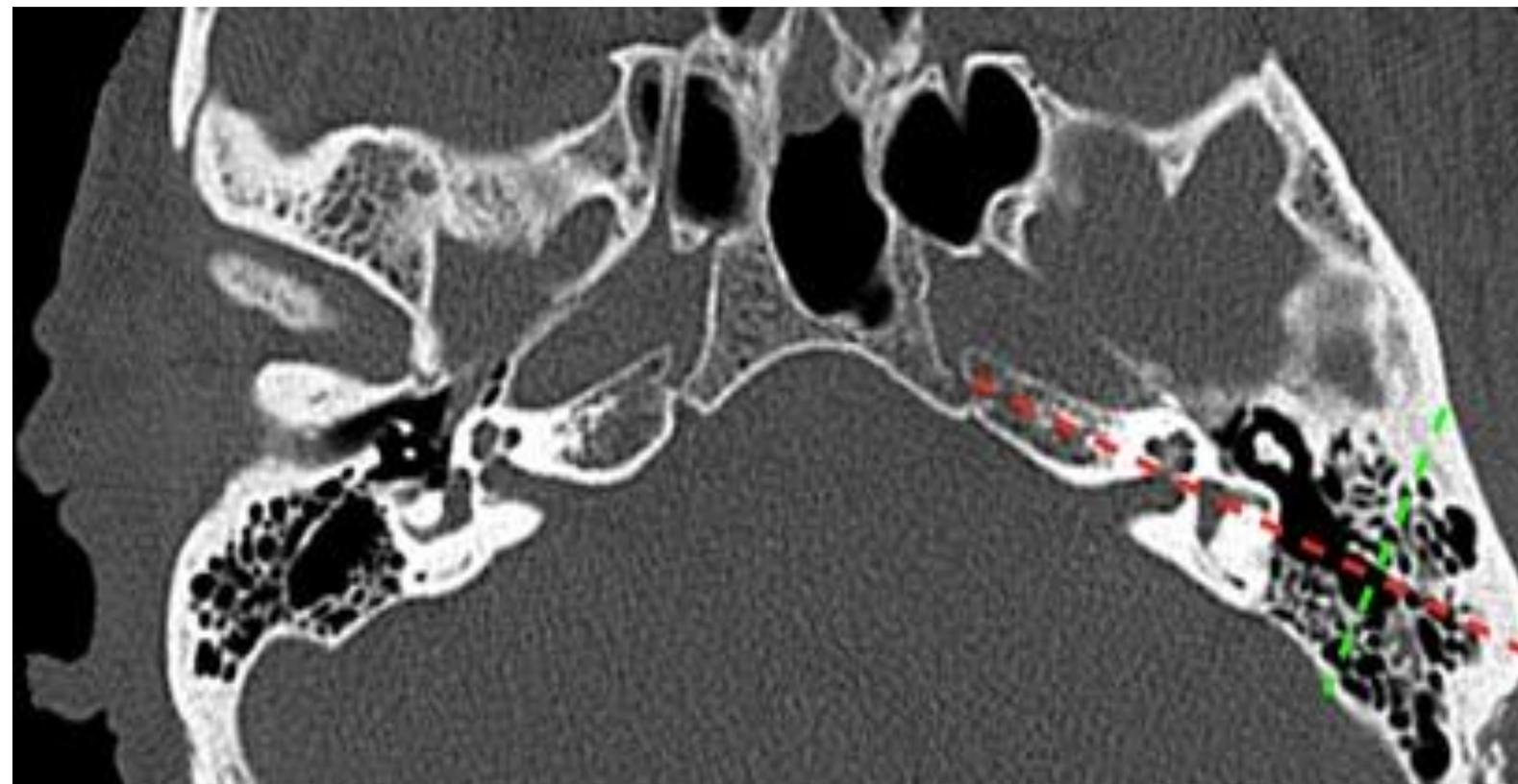


Fig. 26
Pneumatization types of the petrous bone

- compact mastoid process
- restrained pneumatization
- good pneumatization

Middle Ear

Tympanic membrane (membrana tympani) - a sound pressure receptor and transformer

Inclination and declination angle to meatus axis, surface 55 mm²

- sulcus tympanicus; incisura tympanica Rivini
- annulus fibrocartilagineus (fixing of tymp. membrane)

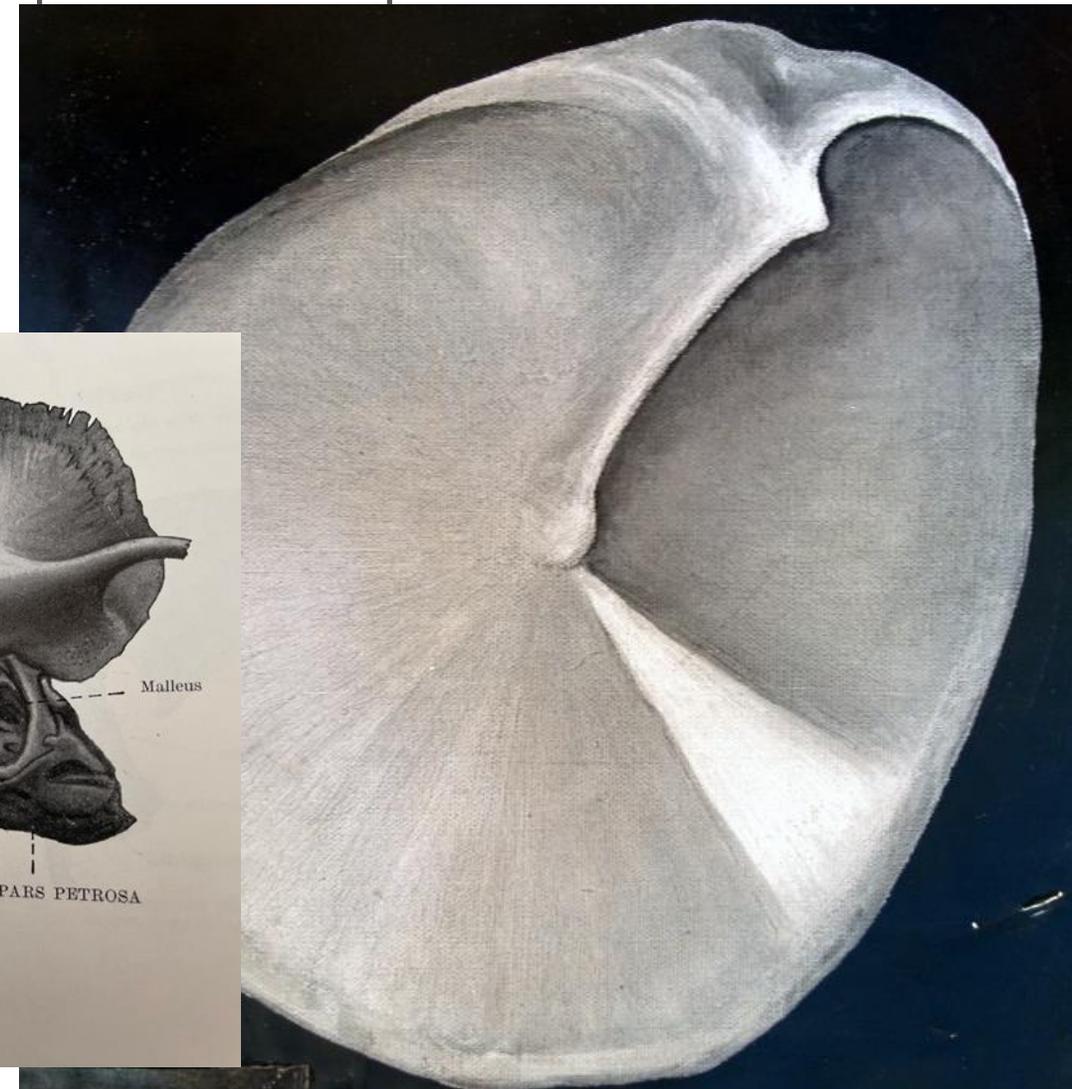
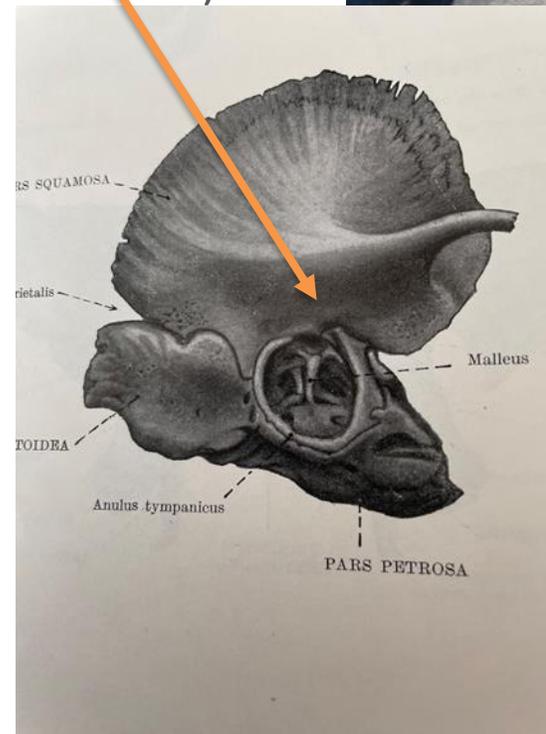
pars tensa

- *Three layers:*

- external- epidermis (stratum cutaneum)
- middle- fibrous layer (str. fibrosum)
- internal- epithelium (str. mucosum)

pars flaccida (membrana Shrapnelli)

- Surface 5 mm² in superior part of ear drum
- Fibrous layer is almost missing (lower strength)



Tympanic cavity (Cavum tympani; shape of biconcave lens) 6 walls

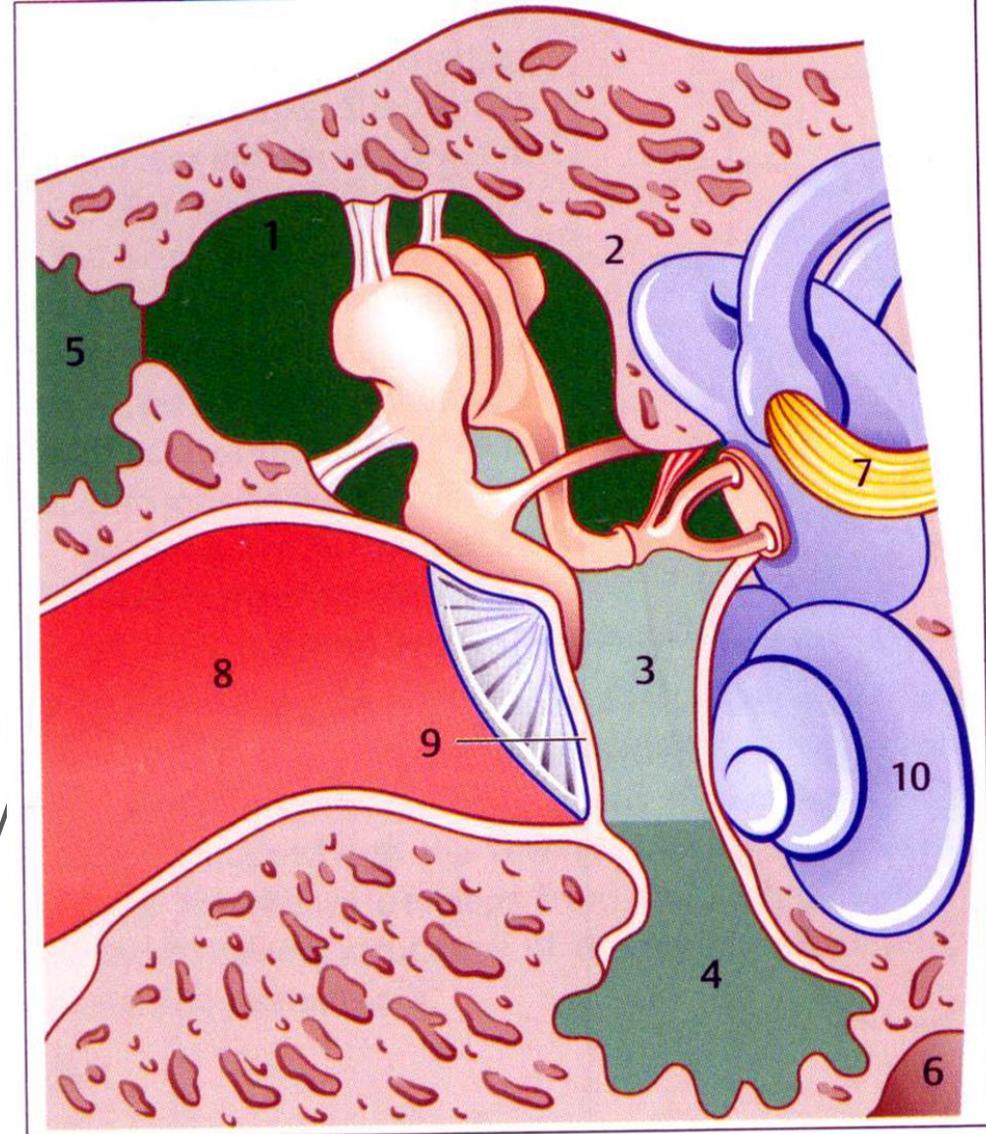
Paries:

- membranaceus
- labyrinthicus
- tegmentalis
- jugularis
- mastoidea
- caroticus

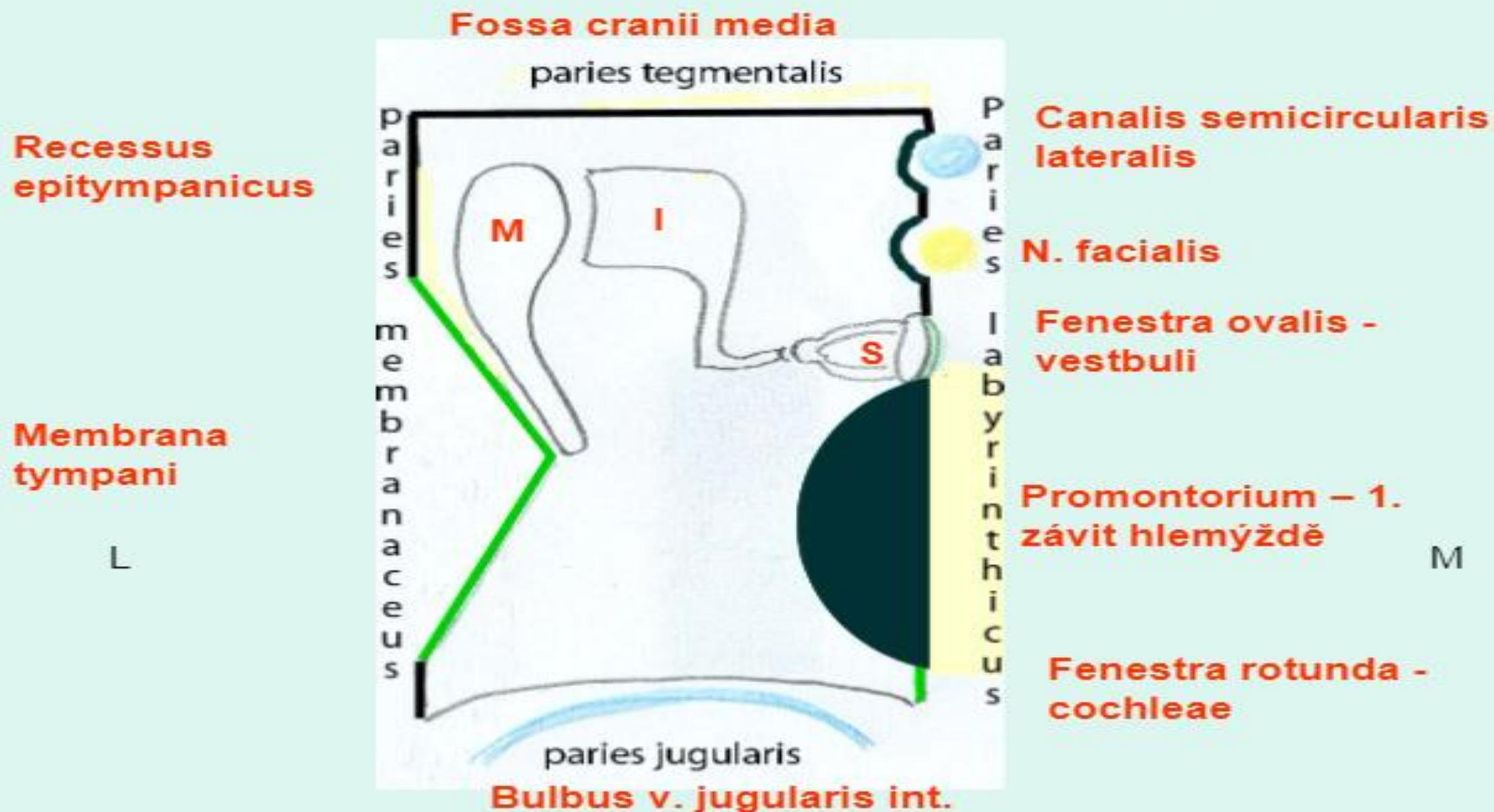
Lateral projection of Ear drum divides tympanic cavity

Into:

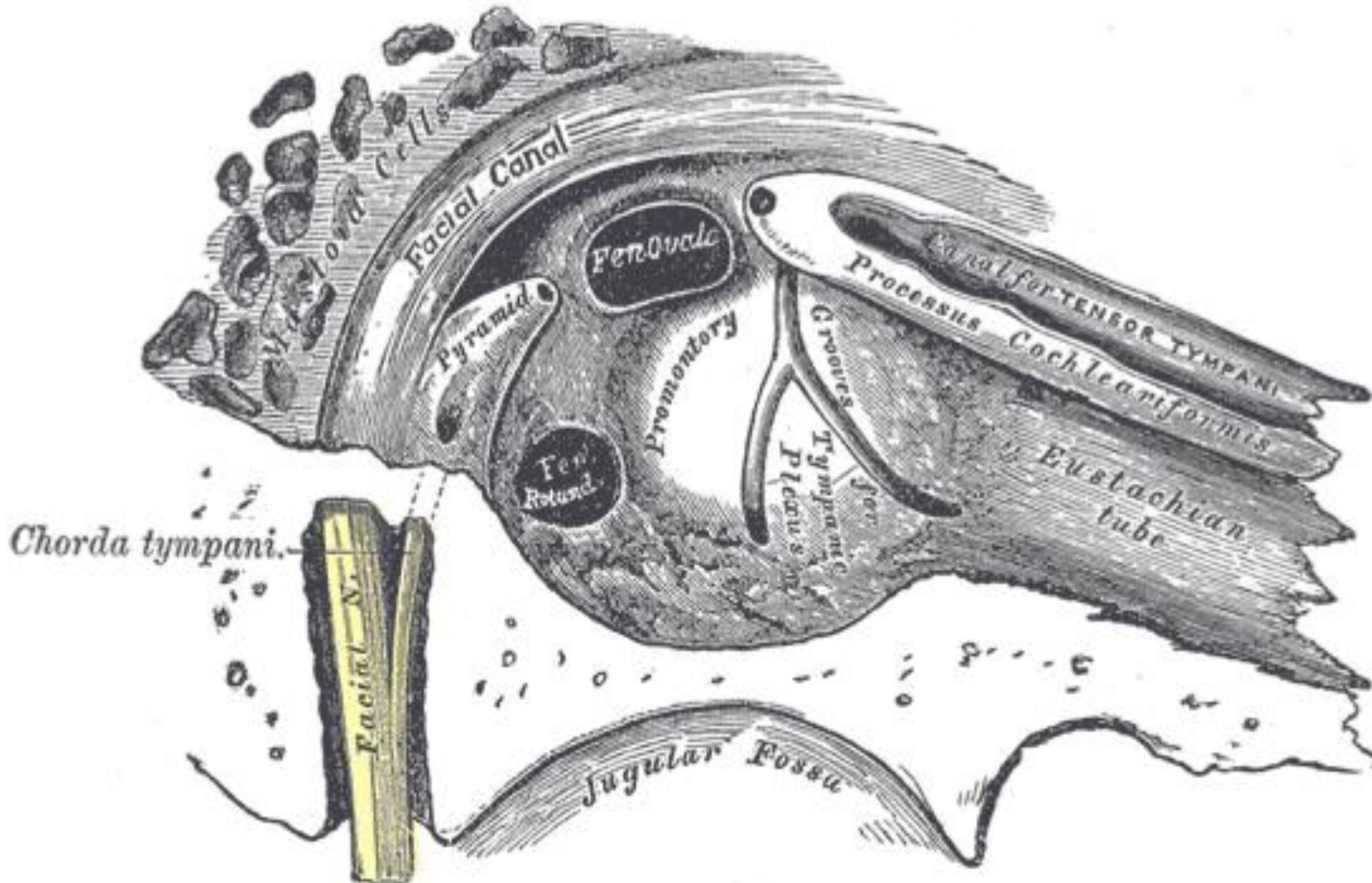
- 1,2 epitympanic recess
- 3 mesotympanum
- 4 hypotympanic recess



Cavum tympani schema



Tympanic cavity – medial wall

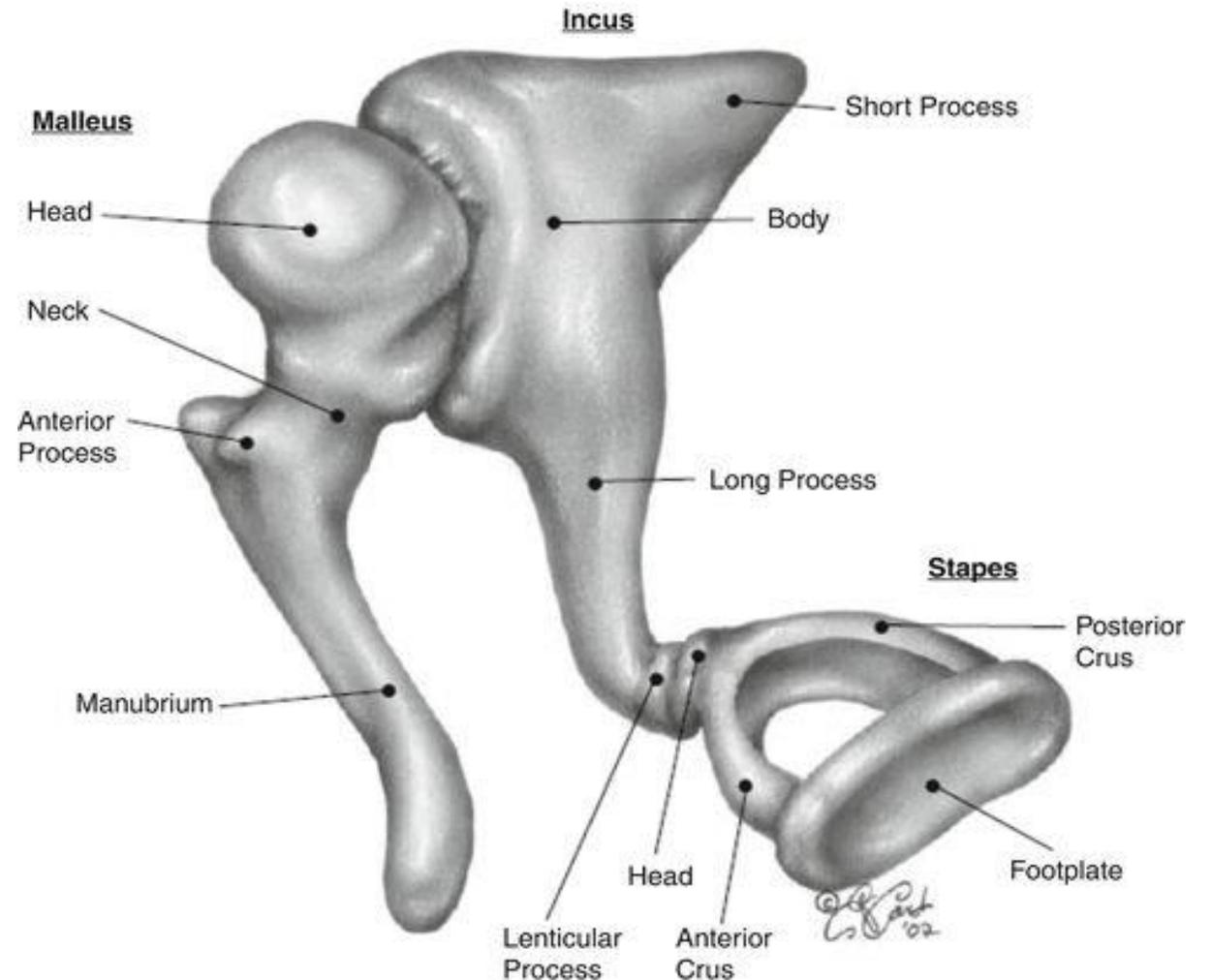


Middle ear

Tympanic cavity (cavum tympani)

ossicular chain:

- *malleus*
- *incus*
- *stapes*





Hearing function of tympanic cavity (transfer system)

1. Compensation of loss of acoustic energy (ear- liquid):

a/ tympanic membrane - oval window 14x

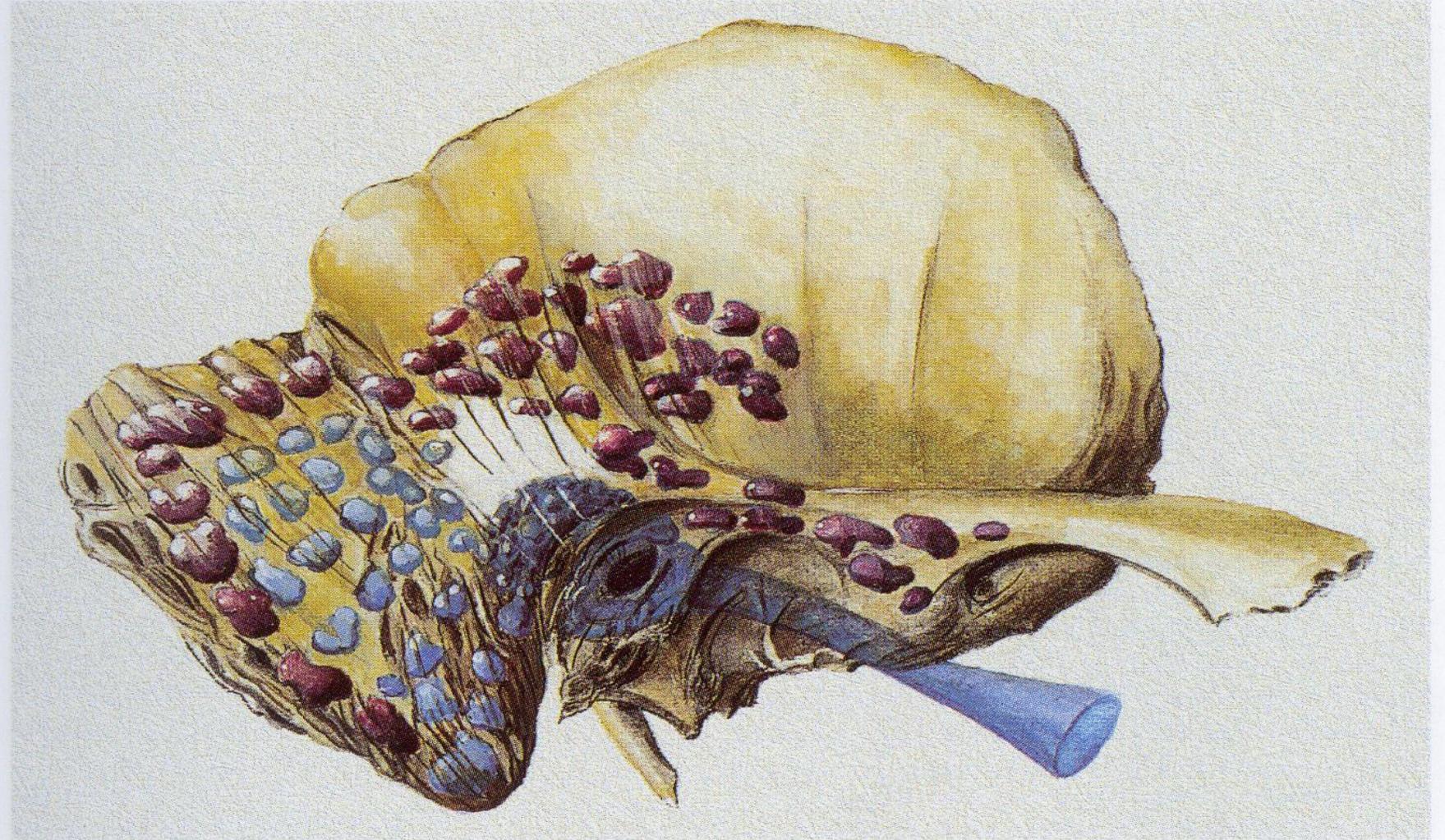
b/ lever-action system of ossicles 1,3x

c/ lever-action system due to uneven incurvation of ear drum, all together amplification is 30-35dB

2. Mutual change of deviation and pressure acoustic vibration .

Gas = great deviation, low pressure.

Liquid = low deviation, great pressure .

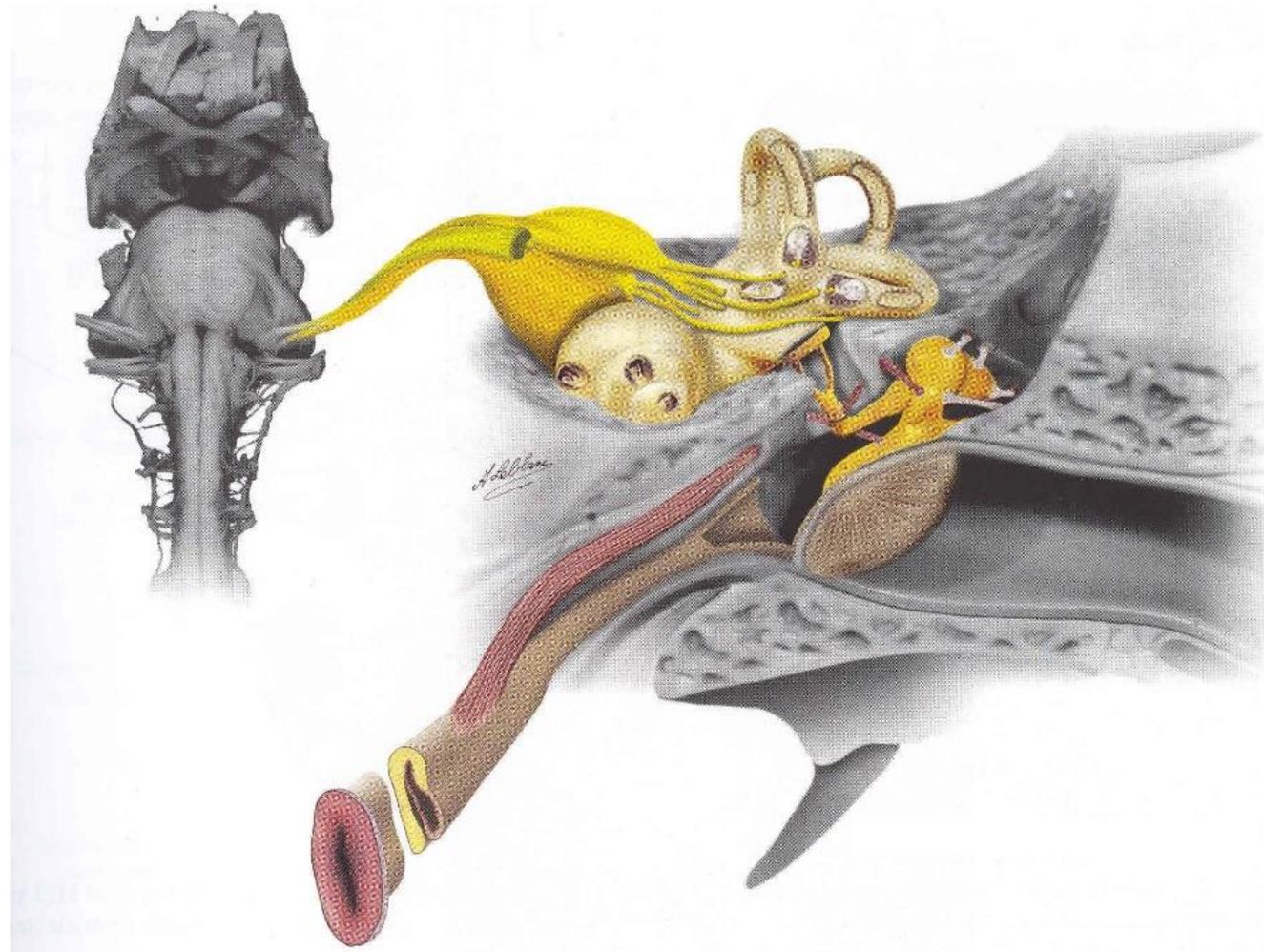


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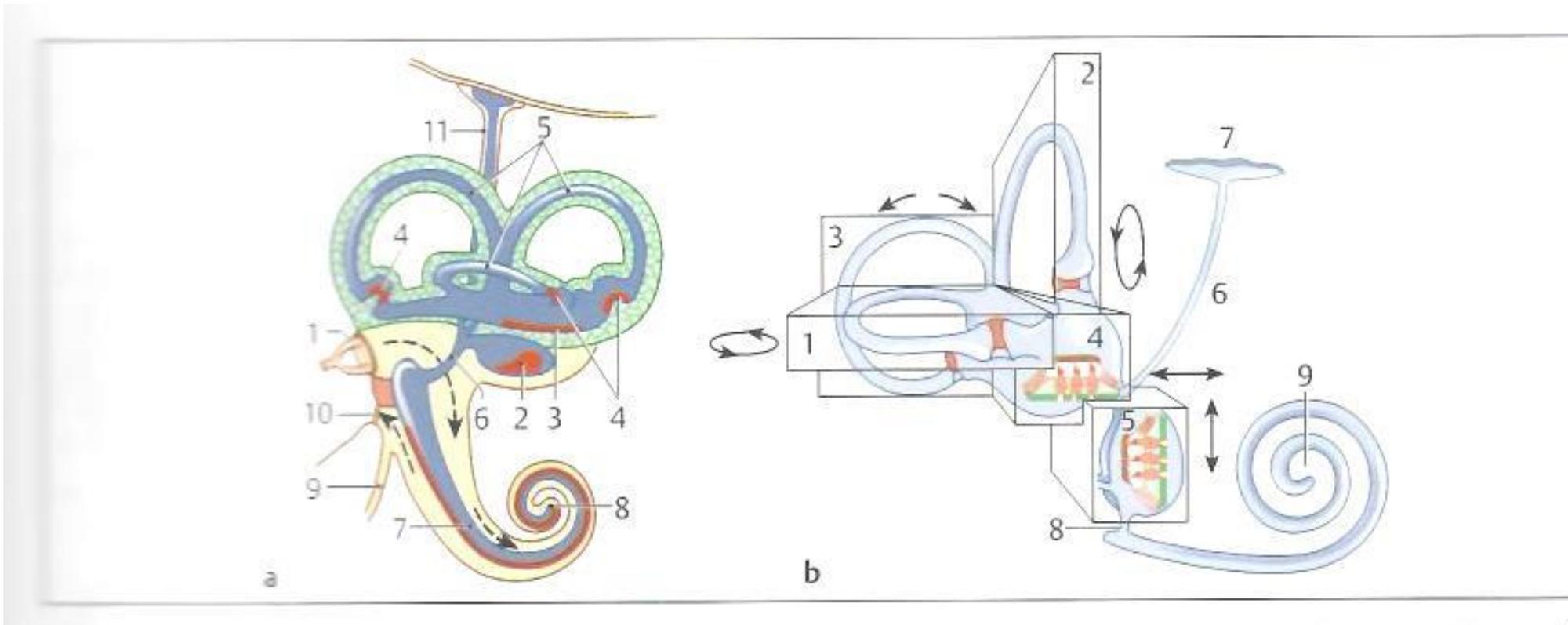
Eustachian tube

- **Ventilation function** - it serves to equalize the pressure between middle ear and the nasopharynx
- **Drainage function** – removal of secretion from middle ear cavity
- **Protective function** - before secretion penetration into middle ear cavity (microbial barrier guard system in epipharynx vs sterile tympanic cavity)



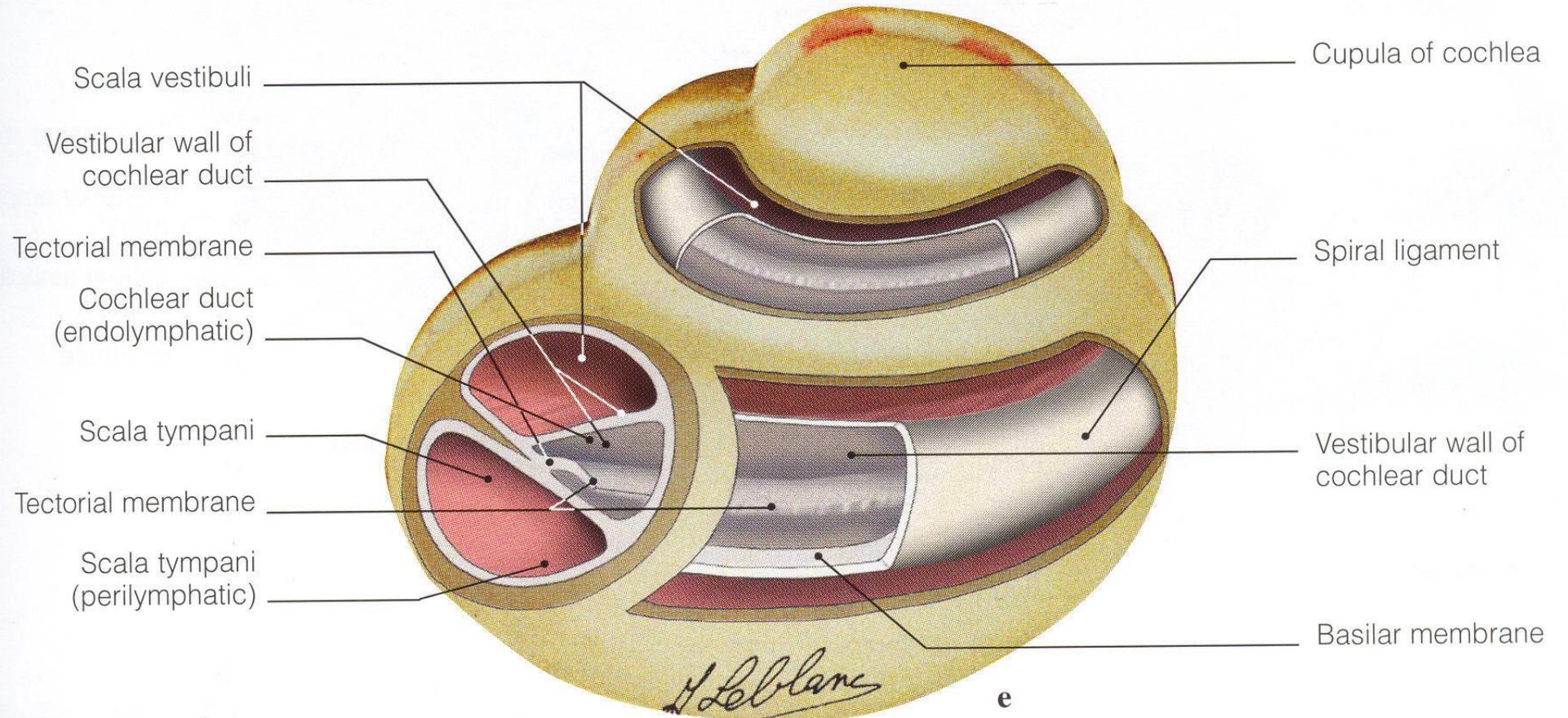
Membranous labyrinth (hearing and balance)

- Cochlear Duct (ductus cochlearis)
- Sacculle and Utricle (saculus et utriculus)
- Membraneus semicircular Ducts (canales semicirculares)

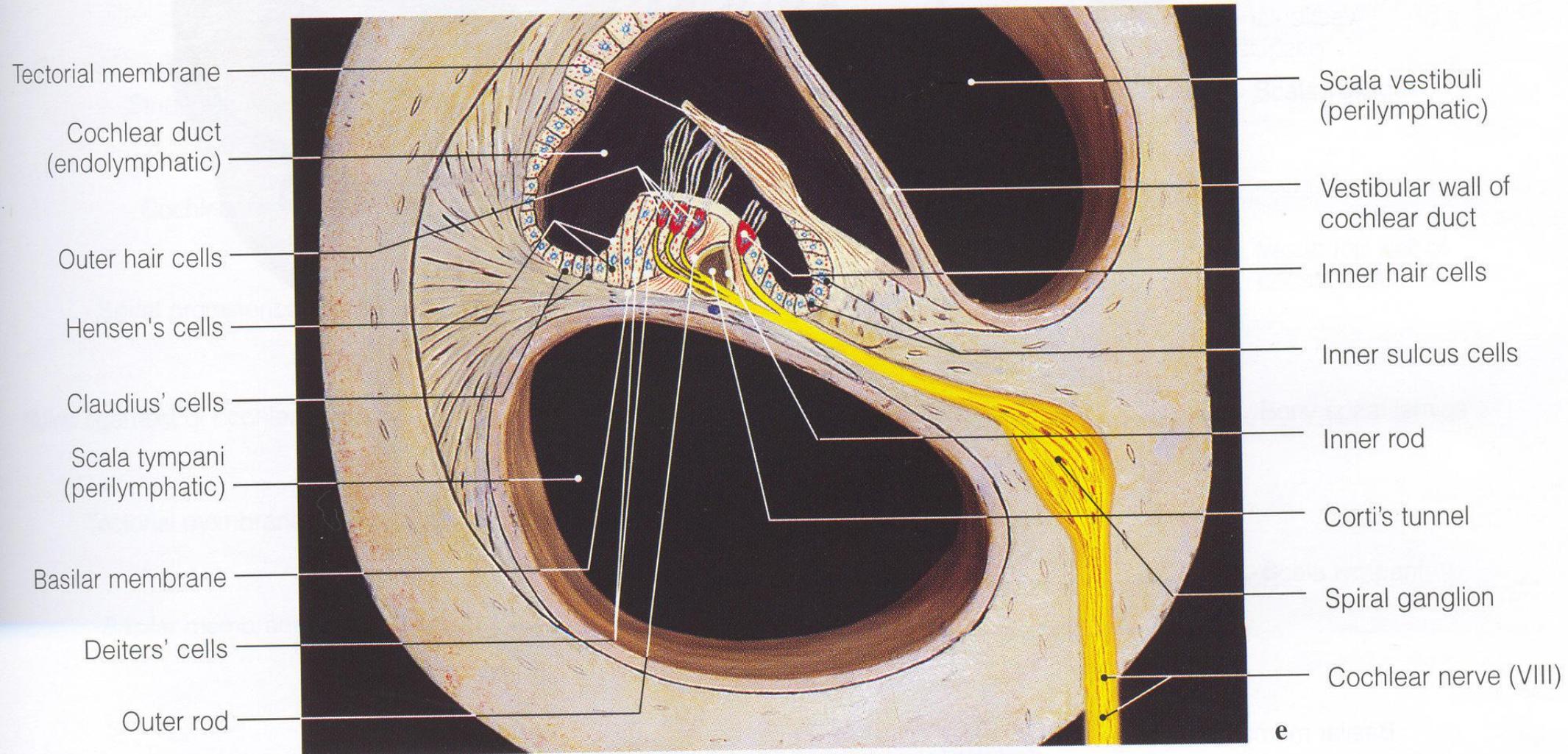


Cross-section of Cochlear Duct (dct. Cochlearis)

A snail shell in
shape,
two and half
turns



Cochlear duct cross-section, organon spirale Corti



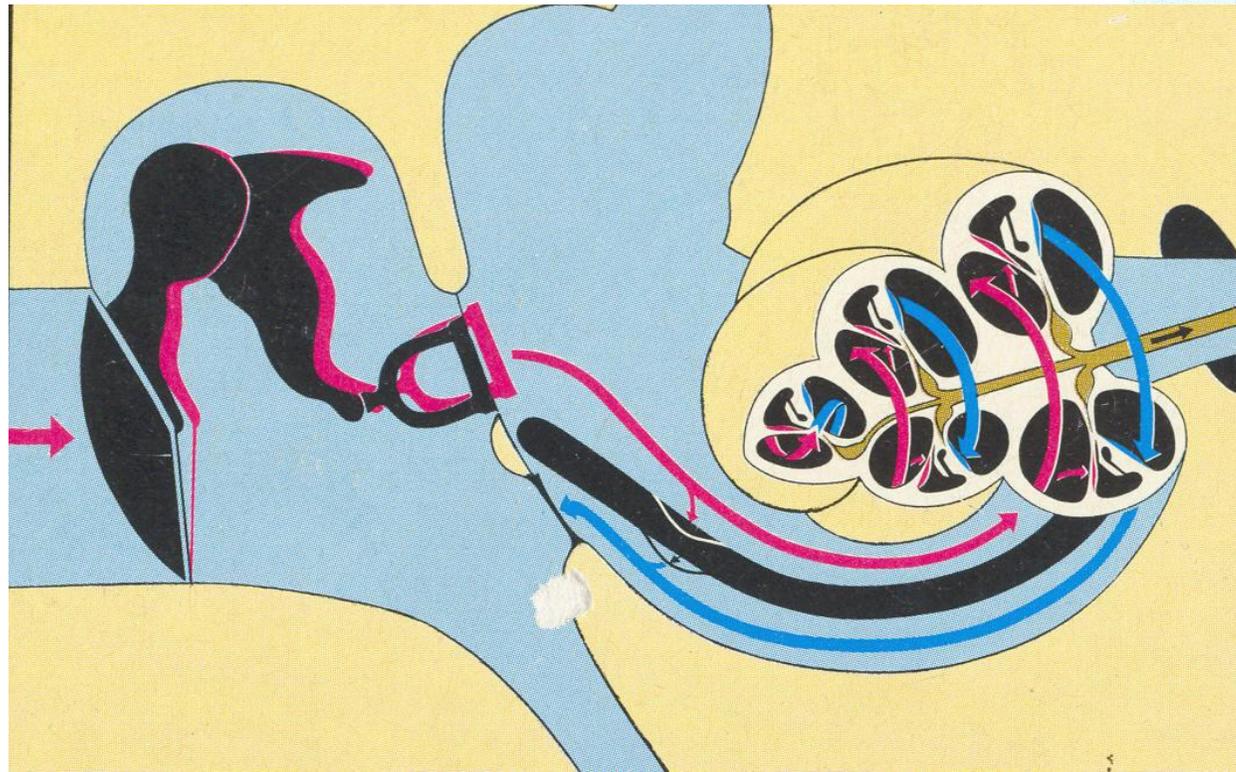
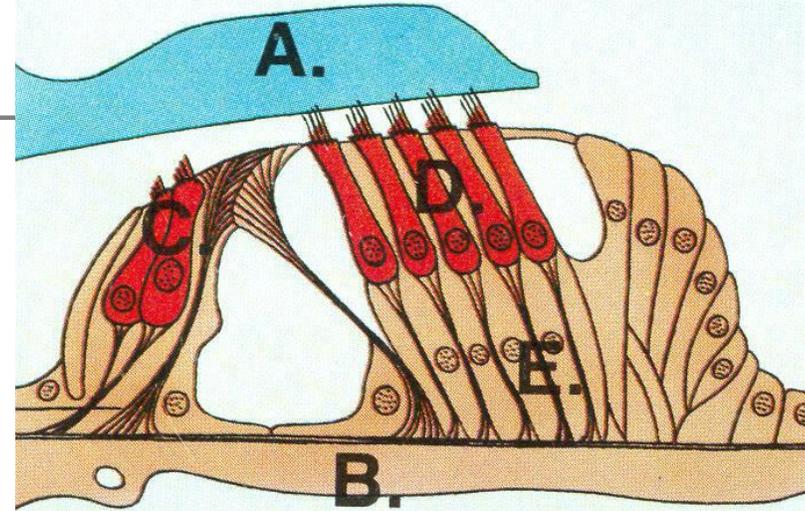
membrana basilaris, reticularis, tectoria



Cochlear function:

- Change of mechanic vibration on neural excitation
- Basic frequency analysis

Vibration conduction from the ear drum through cochlea, Organon Corti

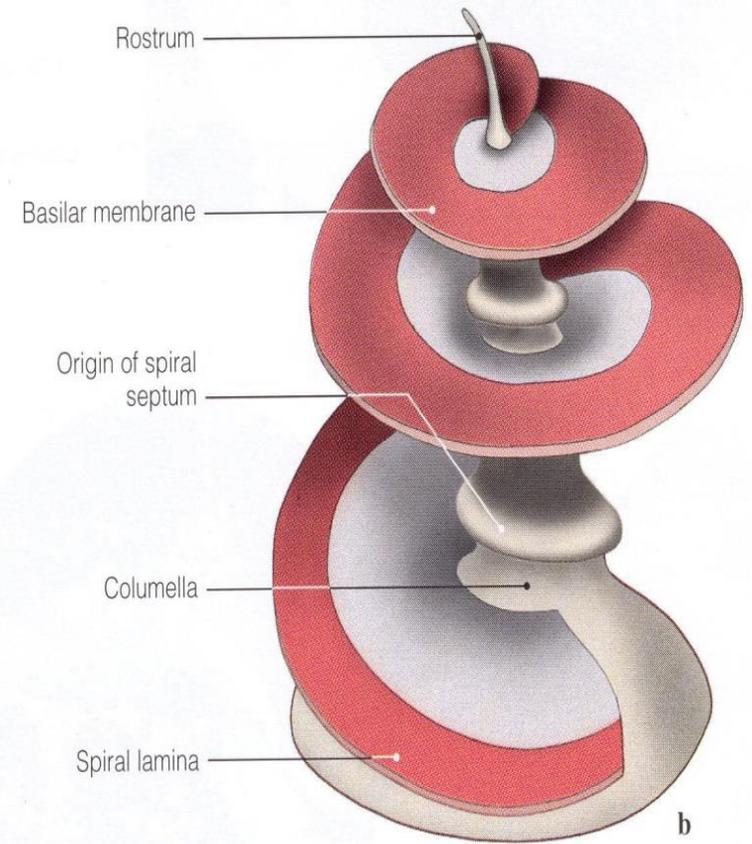


Cochlear septum

System of 3 membranes – membrana basilaris, reticularis, tectoria

Principle of tonotopy

– as higher frequency, the acoustic pressure balanced near to stapes.
High frequency are perceived in basal thread, low frequencies in apical thread.





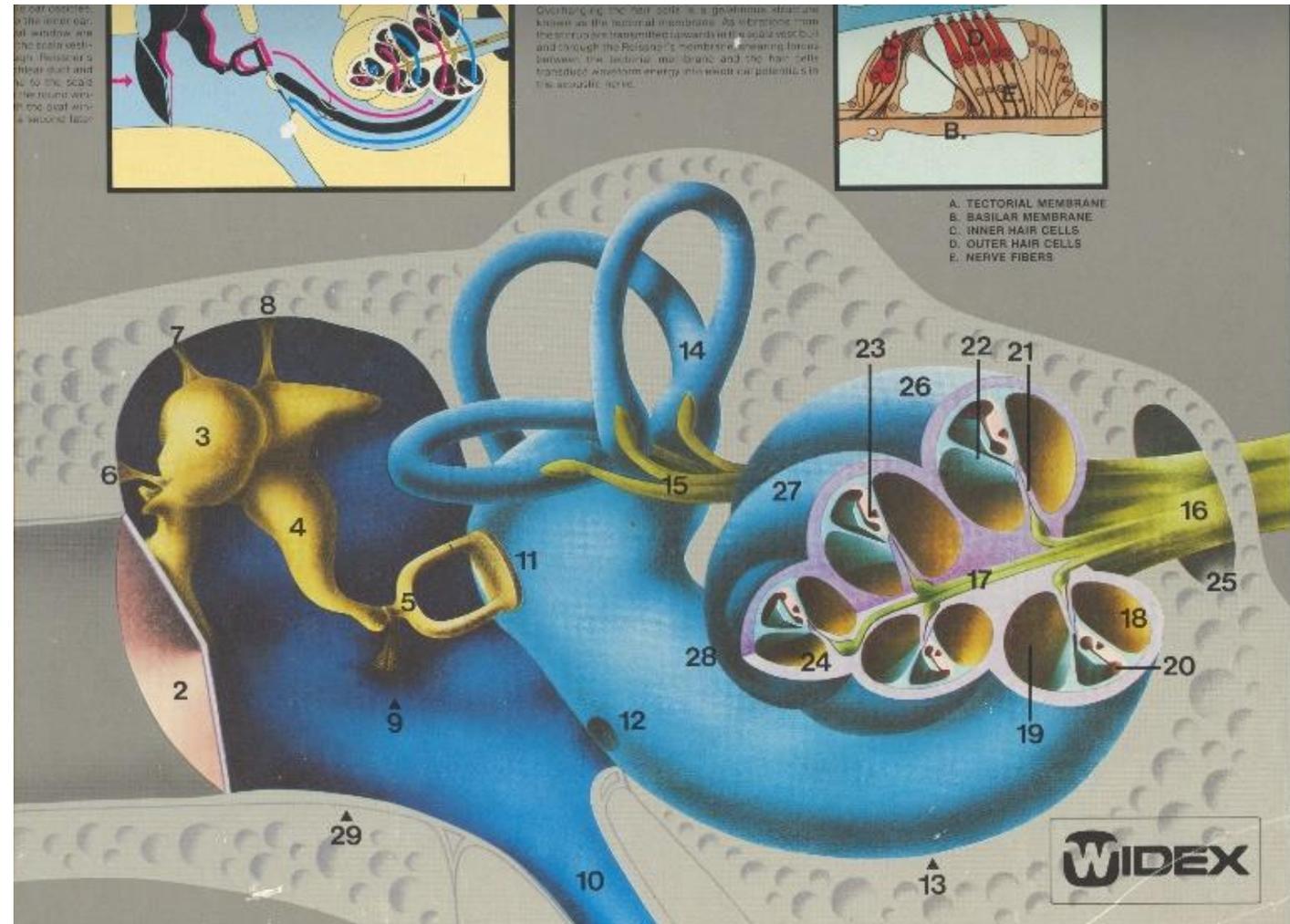
Wave hydrodynamic theory of hearing (von Bekesy theory of „traveling wave“; still valid 😊)

- Acoustic tension is led from ear drum through ossicles into oval window.
- Liquid is not compressible, pressure changes are equalized on round window membrane, which vibrates in anti phase to stapes.
- Acoustic pressure is equalized on cochlear septum and it creates wave.
- a sound impulse sends a wave sweeping along the basilar membrane. ... And as Helmholtz had postulated, **Bekesy** found that the high-frequency tones were perceived near the base of the cochlea and the lower frequencies toward the apex. (**principle of tonotopy**).
- „traveling wave“ leads to **shift of tectorial membrane of Organon Corti in relation to basilar membrane and deflection of hairs of sensory cells** (opening of ion channels)
- Thus the mechanical energy is **changed into electric potential** in VIII cranial nerve.

Vestibular system

Basic function

1. Equilibrium of human body in stand and in walking
2. Stabilization of retinal picture and keeping visual sharpness in movement



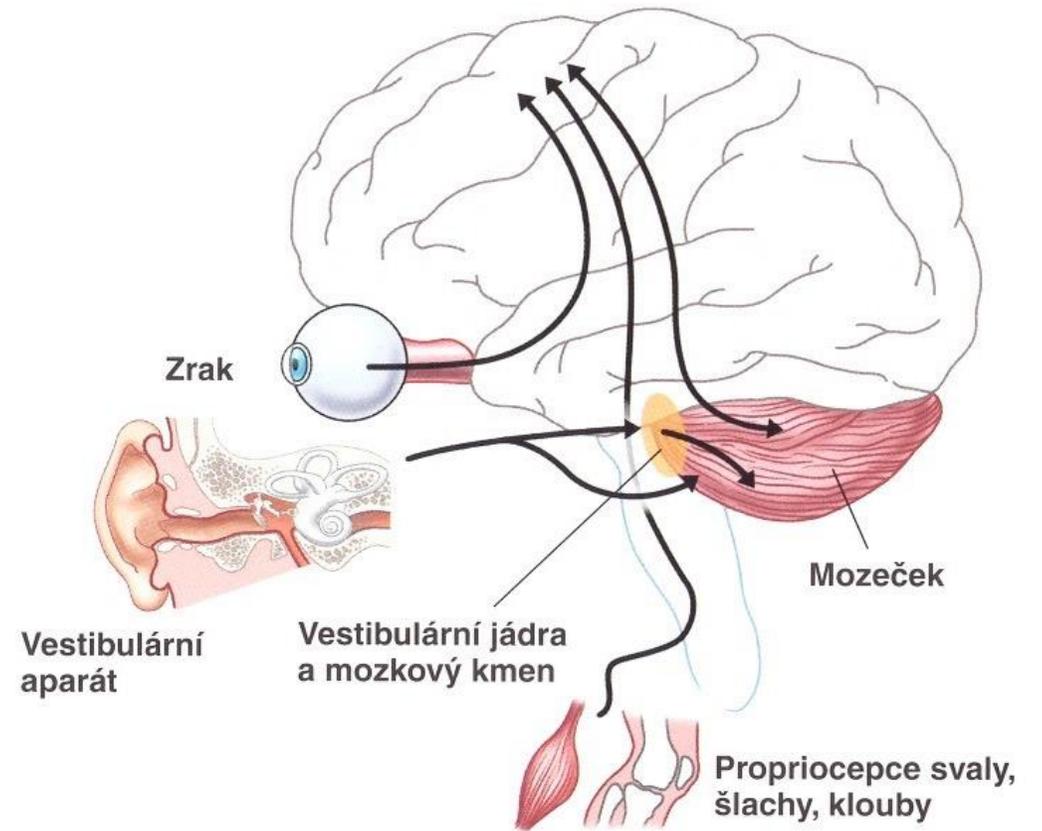
Equilibrium

On keeping balance : Interaction of eye, vestibular-semicircular system, proprioception X vestibular nuclei and cerebellum

Three afferent sources of equilibrium:
eye, proprioception and vestibular-
semicircular system.

Basic reflex circles

- vestibulo-ocular reflex (VOR)
- Vestibulo-spinal reflex (VSR) - help keep head and body in upright position due to vestibulospinal system.

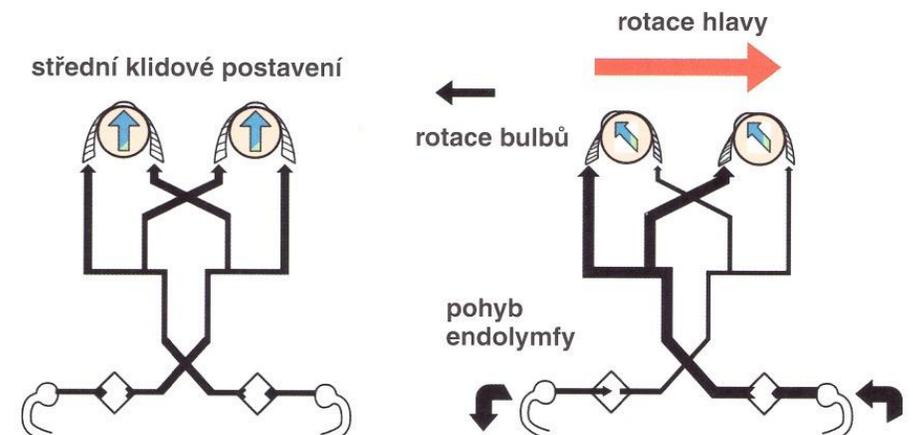


Vestibulo-ocular reflex

Stabilisation of retinal picture. Create movement of eye, which are opposite to movement of head in some plains.

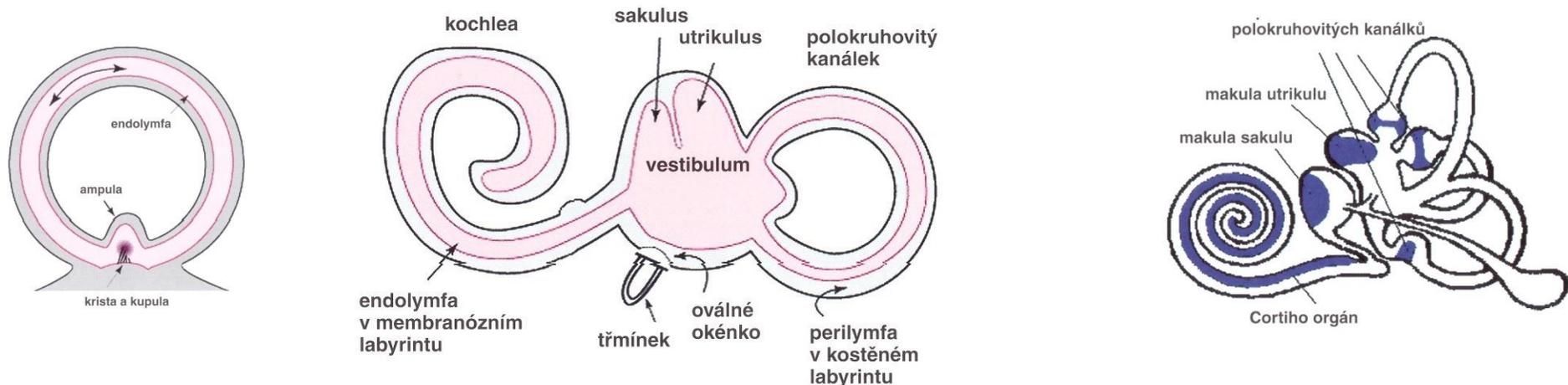
Nystagmus – conjugated, coordinated eye movement around a specific axis. **The movement consists of rhythmically alternating slow – and fast beating phases.**

The direction of the fast components determines the laterality of the nystagmus.



Membranous labyrinth

- Vestibular apparatus localized in pyramis ossis temporalis; membranous labyrinth: saccule, utricle and three semicircular canal; filled with endolymph.
- Every semicircular canal begins with **pars ampullaris** with **ampullary crest**, sense organ is **static macula** (**macula statica utriculi et saculi**).

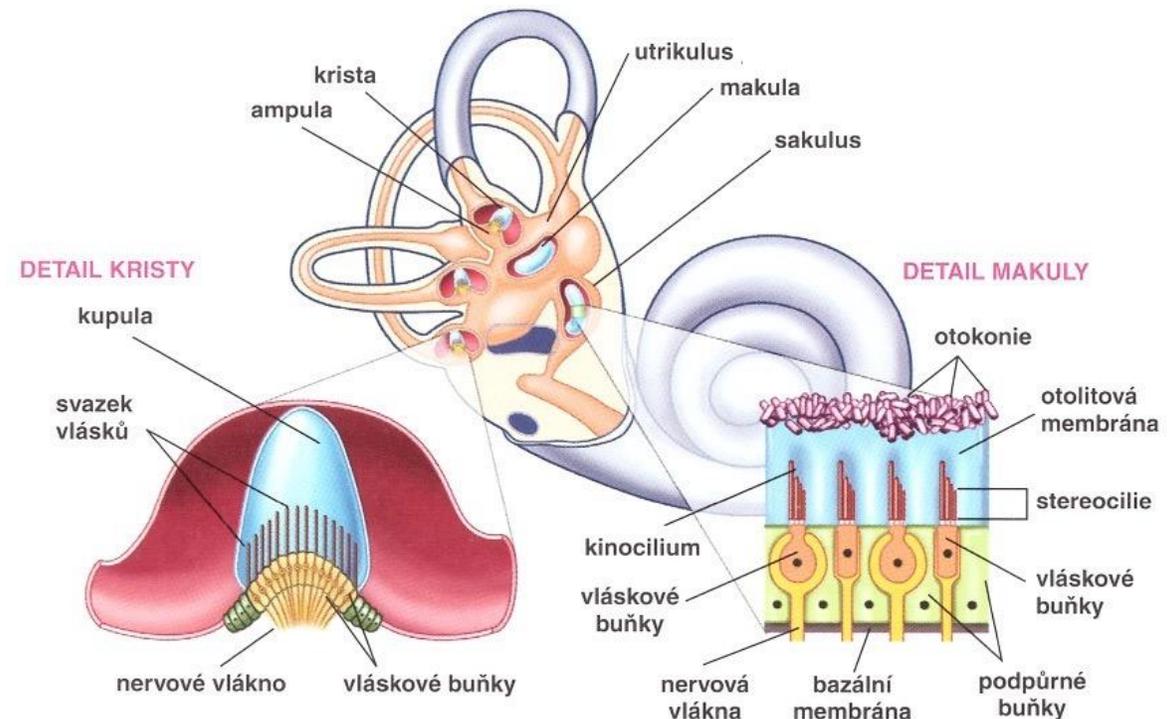


Section of semicircular canal, schema of membranous labyrinth (with one canal), sensory organs.

Genesis of receptor potential

Ampullary crests (cristae ampulares) and **maculae utricle and saccule** are created by **supporting cells and hair cells**. On their surface lie the **otoliths** (statoconia) – calcium carbonate crystal.

Linear acceleration changes the otolith pressure, **deflecting the sensory hairs**. This stimulates the sensory cell by altering the resting **potential**.





Diagnosis, vestibular function tests

History – subjective feeling of dizziness, time of start and duration...

Evaluation of reflexes – spontaneous vs. experimentally provoked
(calorisation, rotation)

- **Nystagmus** (vestibulo-ocular reflex) Detail evaluation of eye movement -
electronystagmography, video oculography (preferred)
- **Vestibule-spinal reflexes:**
 - Hautant test (spontaneous deviation test),
 - Romberg test (patient is asked to stand in basic position/wide stance, and to close eyes. A check is to see whether there is unsteadiness or a tendency to fall.)
- **Vestibule-cerebellar reflex**
 - Barany test (finger-nose pointing test) ; posturography



Vestibular function Tests

- **Head shaking nystagmus** – spontaneous Nystagmus can be provoked by gentle, passive, horizontal shaking of the patients head
- **Unterberger test**, walk „on the rope“
- **Stabilometric plain** - static and dynamic (vestibule-spinal reflexes)
- **Head impulse test:** – in long lasting dizziness. From mild eccentric head position we provide passive quick rotation movement from side to side, patient fixis our tip of nose....



Vertigo (dizziness)

the outcome of the functional tests is to determine whether it is peripheral or central vertigo. Peripheral vertigo is troublesome but not life-threatening, while central vertigo can be life-threatening.

- **Periferal type** – feeling of rotation of itself body or surroundings, direction of rotation is usually into healthy part, loss of stability or feeling of swimming
- **Central type** – ineptitude by walk, inability of walk, vertigines with aura (EPI), disorder of vision "*black outs*" – diplopia is seen by disorder of oculomotory.



Differential diagnosis peripheral vs. central vestibular syndrome

Symptom	Peripheral (harmonic) VS	Central VS
Nystagmus	Horizontal rotatory on side of most reactive labyrinth	Other than horizontal rotatoric: vertical, „gaze“ nystagmus, rebound nystagmus etc)
Tonic deviation	On side of weak labyrinth (to affected ear) in relation to position of head	Without to relation to head position
Eye fixation	In absence of eye fixation nystagmus is growing	In absence of eye fixation nystagmus not changed
Cranial nerves	Without lesions (excl.: n. VII)	Laesion of cranial nerves present
Cerebellar symptoms	Not present	Could be present
Disturbance of oculomotoric function	Not present	Could be present
Hearing disorder	Usually Could be present	Usually Not present
Central compensation	Gradually compensation , harmonic symptoms: intensity of vertigo correlates with nystagmus intensity and tonic deviations	Not present, disharmonic symptoms



History of ear disease

Physician itself is a „remedy“. (Michael Balint)

Hearing
disorder

Otorrhoea
Ear discharge

Tinnitus

Pain

Dizziness

Ear evaluation, oto(mikro)scopy

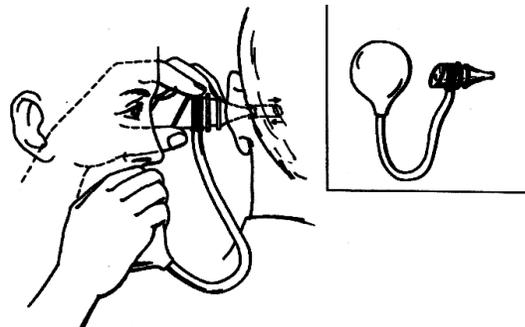
■ Aspection and palpation

- Auricle shape, deformities
- Skin lesions, scars (also retroauriculars)
- Discharge from external meatus
- Pain in pressure on tragus (by otitis externa)
- Pain in pressure on processus mastoideus (by mastoiditis acuta)



■ Otoscopy and oto(mikro)scopy evaluation

- Ear speculum
- Illuminated otoscope, pneumo-otoscopy
- Otomicroscope, endoscope

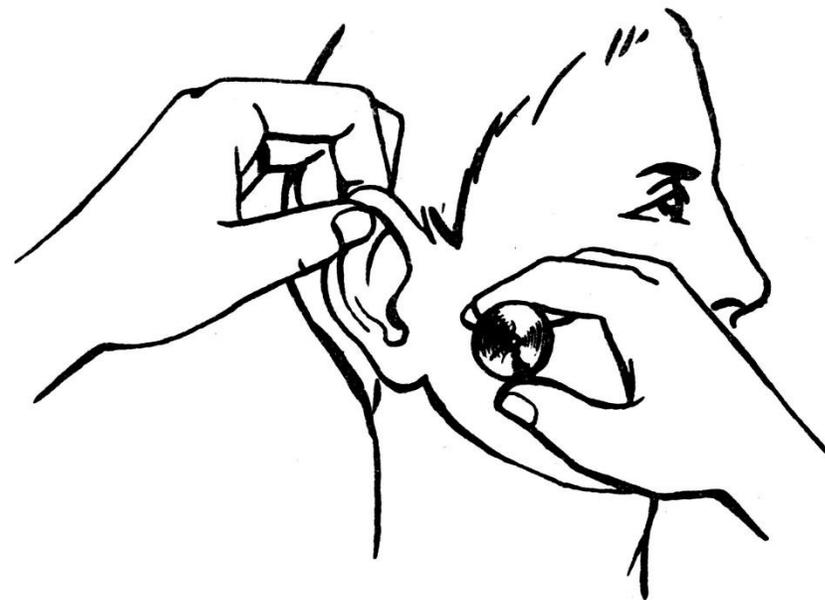


Vyšetřování Sieglovým zrcátkem





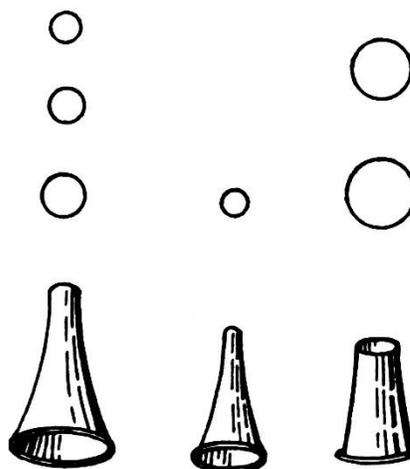
Obr. 13: Zavádění ušního zrcátka u dítěte



Obr. 12: Zavádění ušního zrcátka u dospělého

Otoscopy

eye evaluation of
deeper parts of
external meatus
and ear drum



Obr. 11: Ušní zrcátka

The cartilaginous part of
ext. meatus is stretched
by pulling the auricle
upward and backward

„Normal“ ear drum

- Grey colour
- Without perforation
- Bezold ´s trias
 - Prominentia mallearis
 - Stria mallearis
 - Light reflex



Otoscopy – tympanic membrane quadrants and zones



z - *zóna*

q - *kvadrant*

r - *reflex*

p - *prominence membrány*

*z*ony: *c* - *centrální*, *i* - *intermediární*, *p* - *periferní*

*q*uadranty:

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q2 - *„ „ „ „ kvadrant*

q3 - *zadní kvadrant*

q4 - *„ „ „ „ kvadrant*

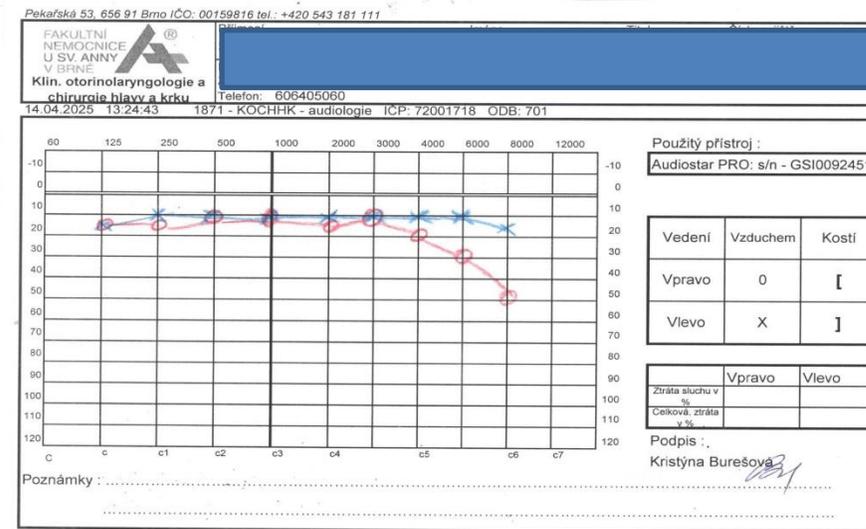
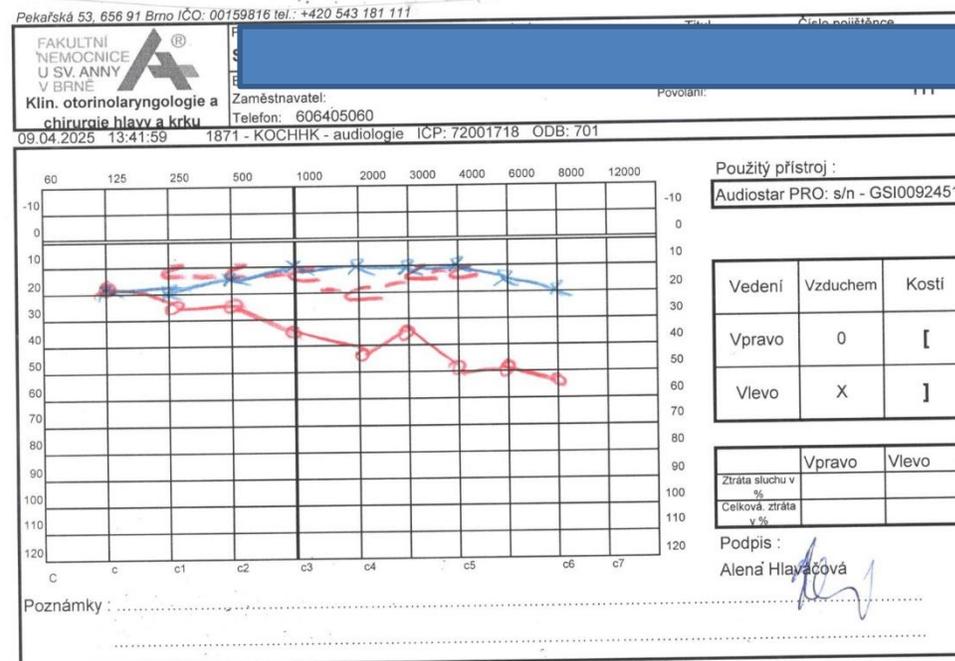
Basic pathologic finding on tympanic membrane

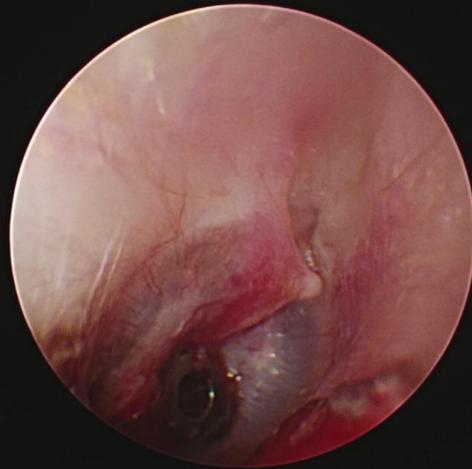
- Changes **on the tympanic membrane**: Injection of the vessels
- **Position of the tympanic membrane**
 - **bulging due to exudate** - hyperemia, moist infiltration and opacity of the surface, the contours of the handle of malleus and short process disappear
 - **retraction** - injection of blood vessels
- **integrity of the tympanic membrane perforations**
 - after injury
 - inflammatory - acute
 - **chronic** - central (mesotympanic)
 - marginal (peripheral)
- **changes after inflammation**: thickening of the tympanic membrane, scars
- changes **behind** the ear-drum: middle ear effusion, fluid level, air bubbles





Retraction of the ear drum, pressure equalizing tube





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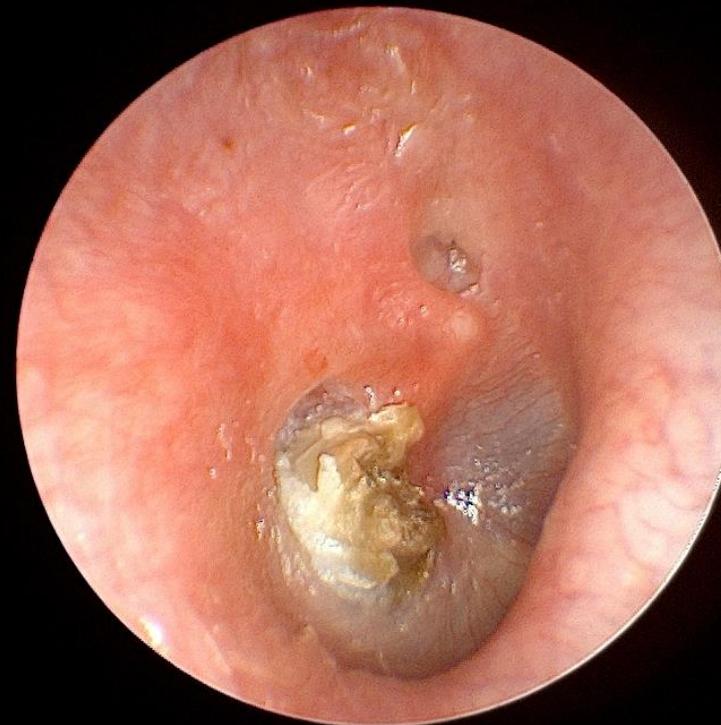
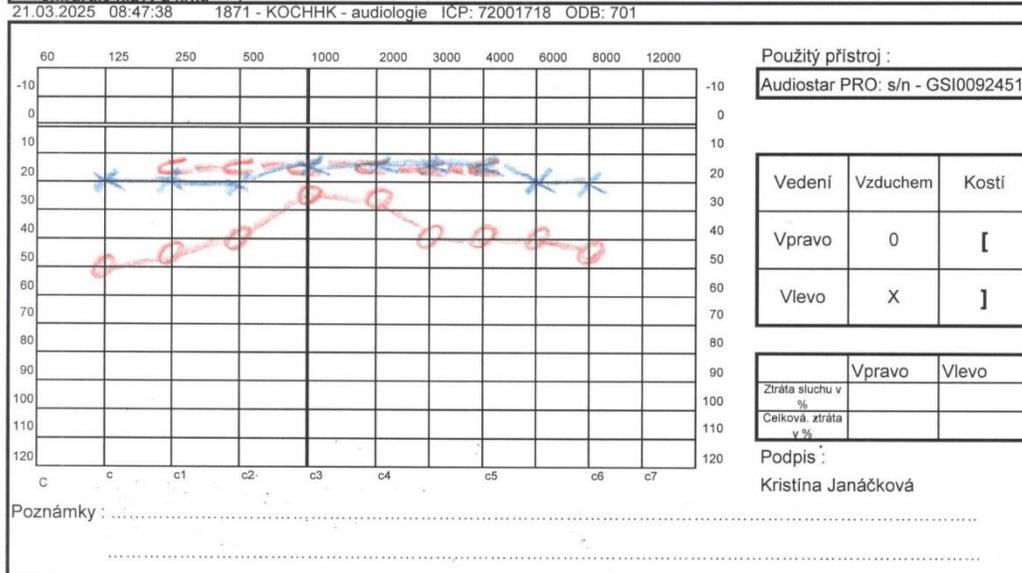
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Various types of ear drum perforations



Central perforation



Ear drum injury

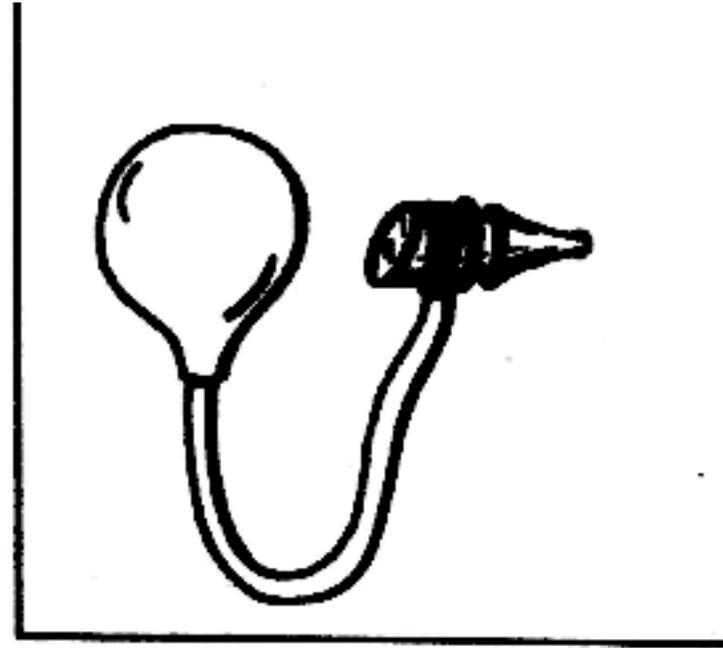
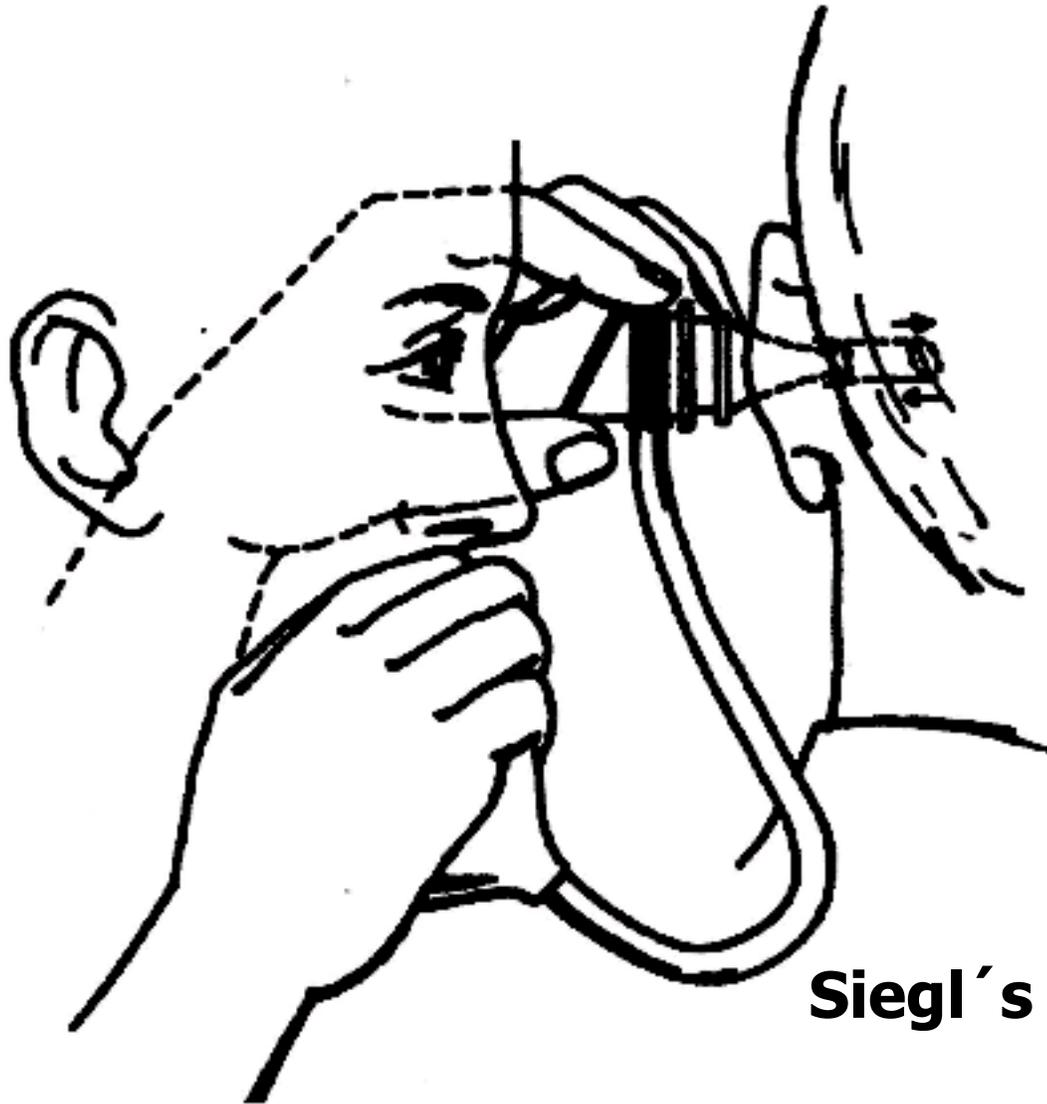


Peripheral perforation

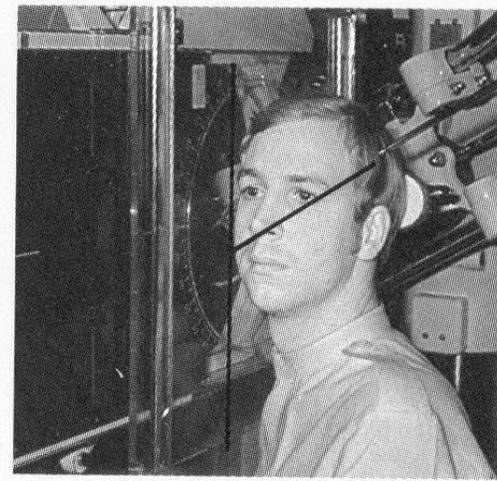


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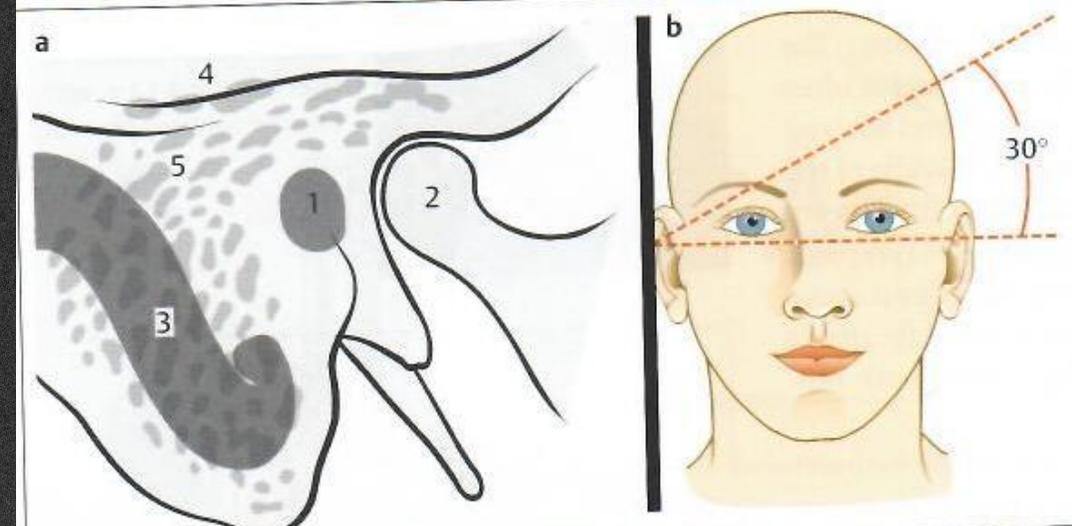
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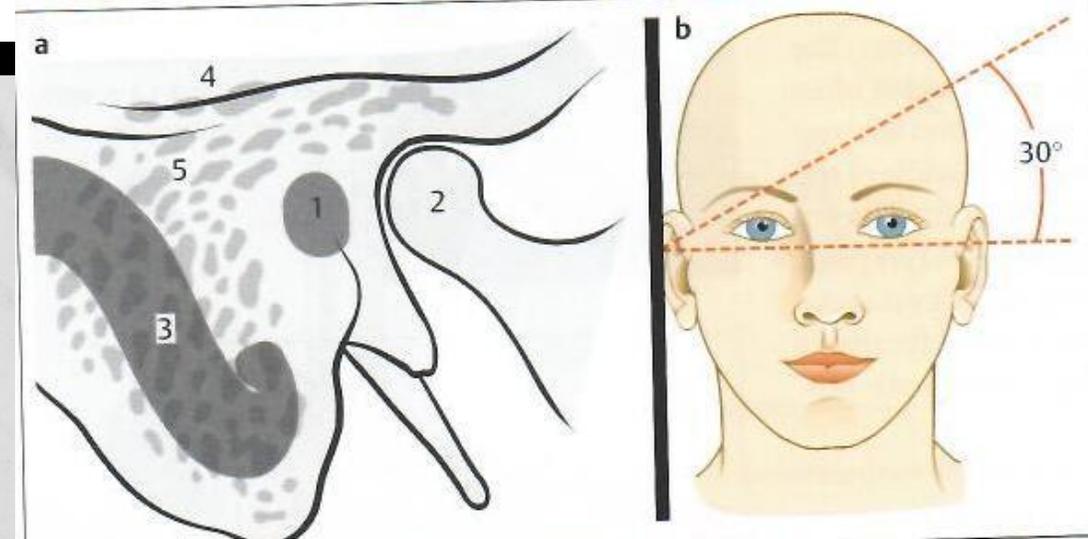
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**Radiographs in
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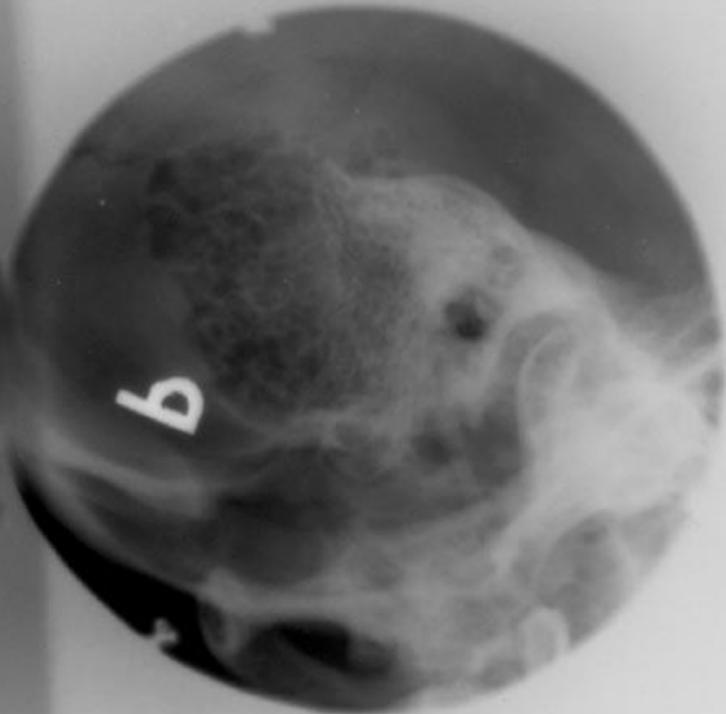
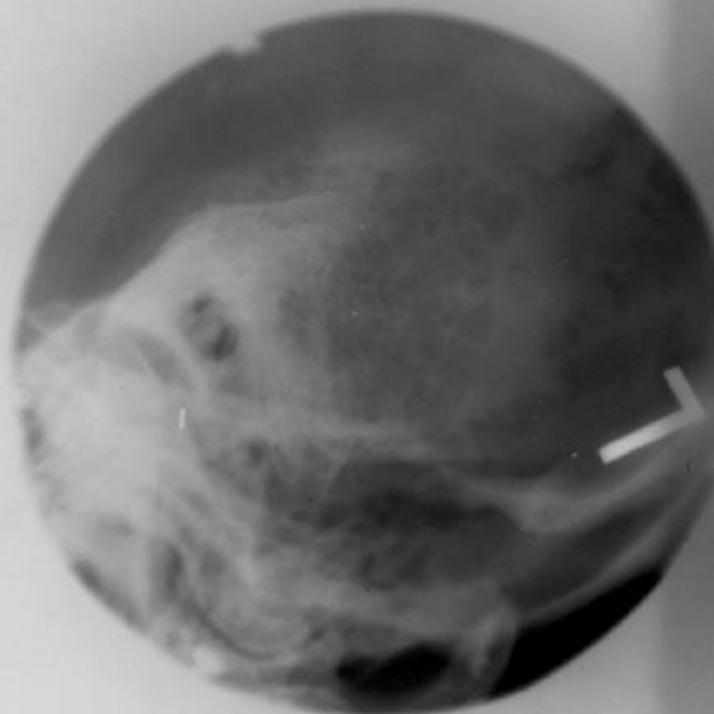




Mladá Boleslav

Obličej med. sup. ac. c. maxillidivide
(obličej gastrocnemius pneumatického systému)

Normální vnitřek.

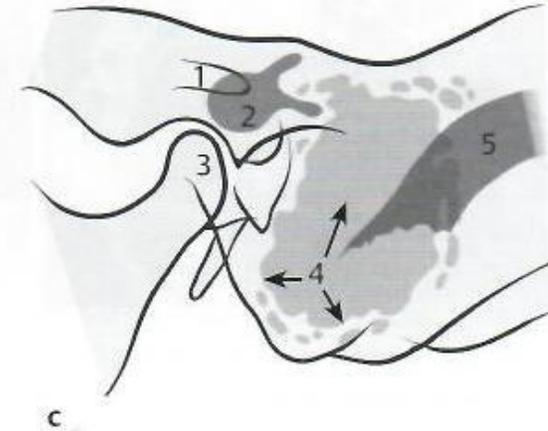
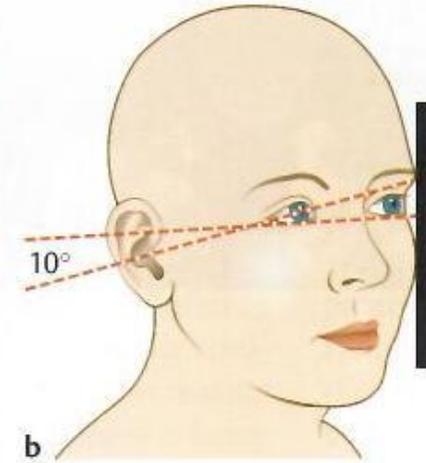
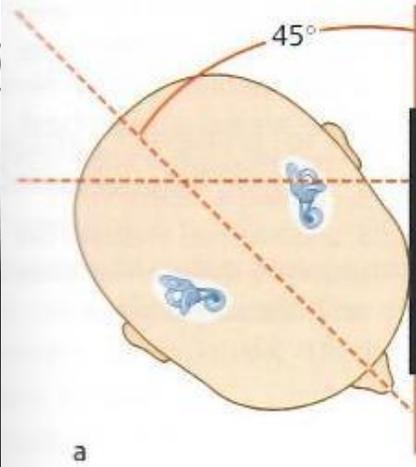
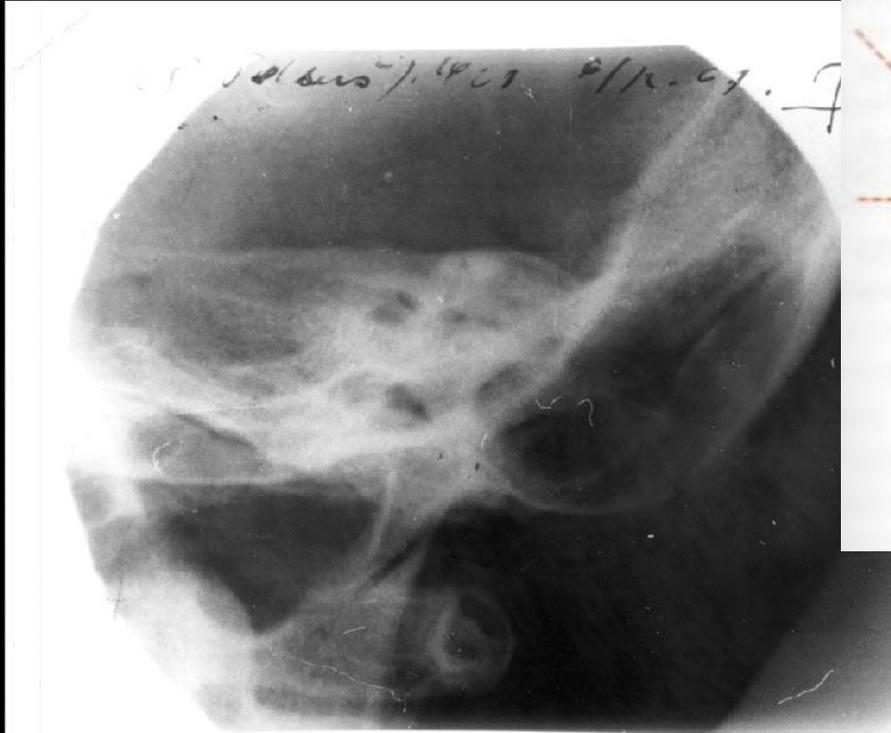


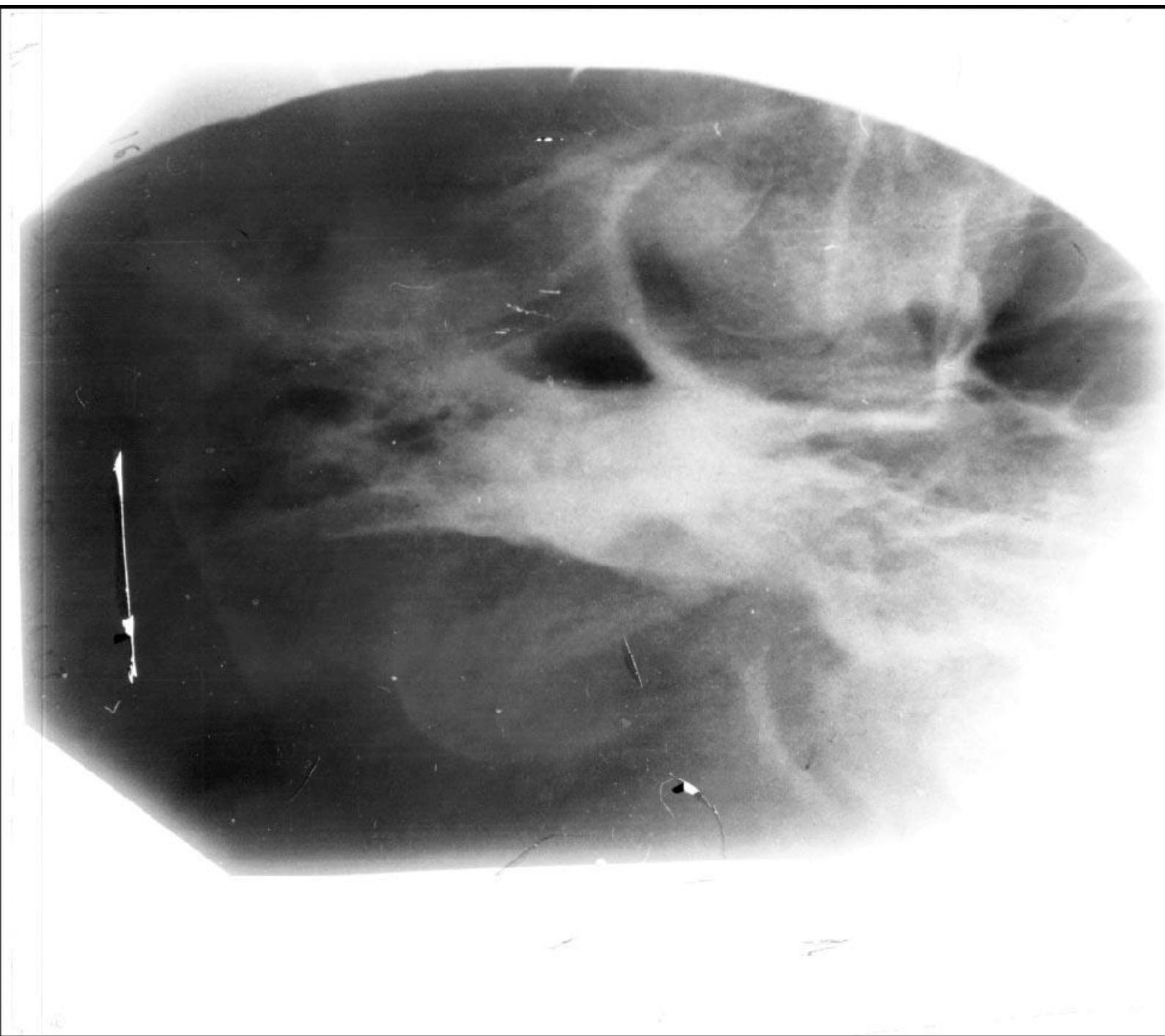


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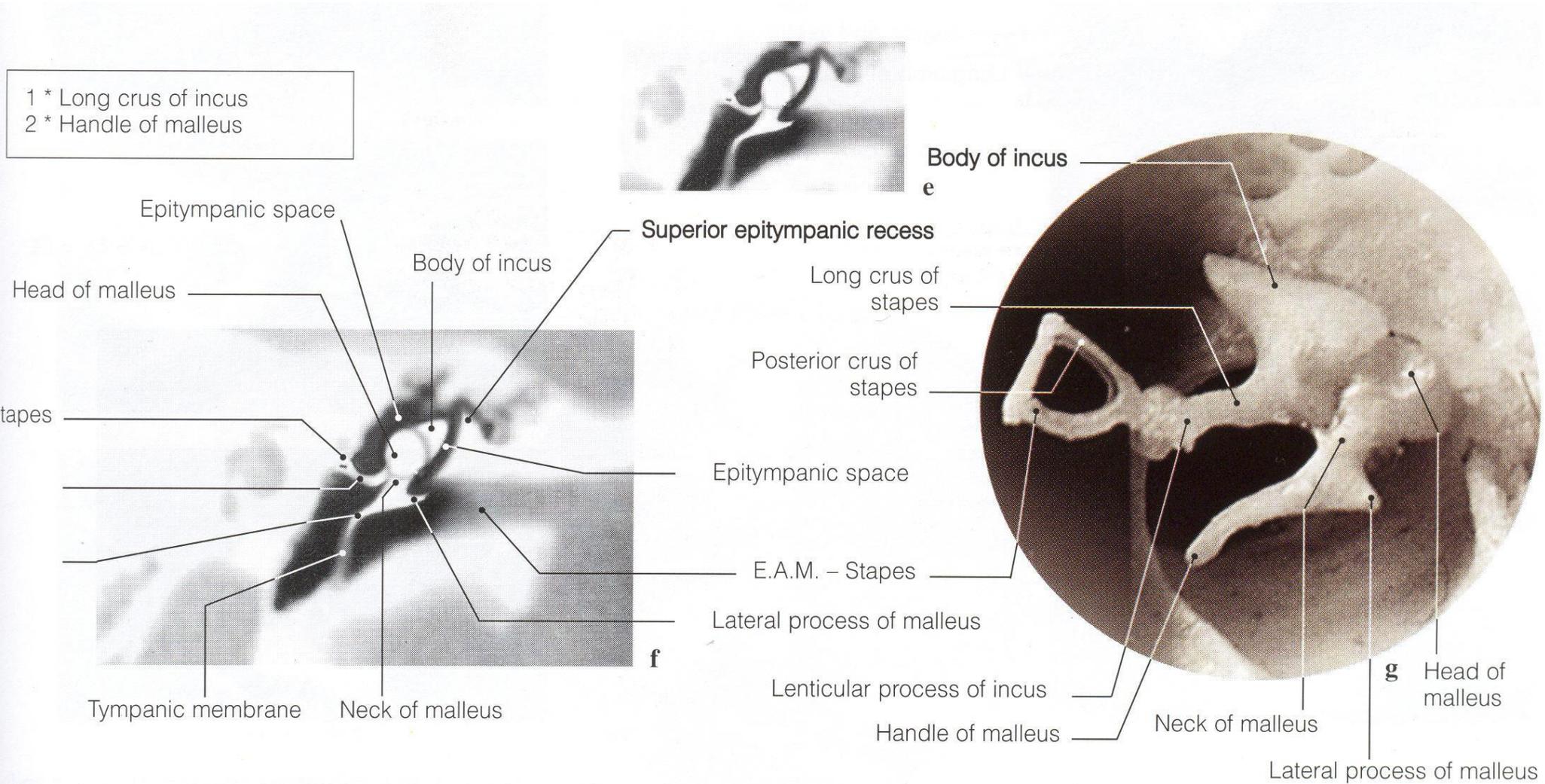
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Radiographs in the Stenver view





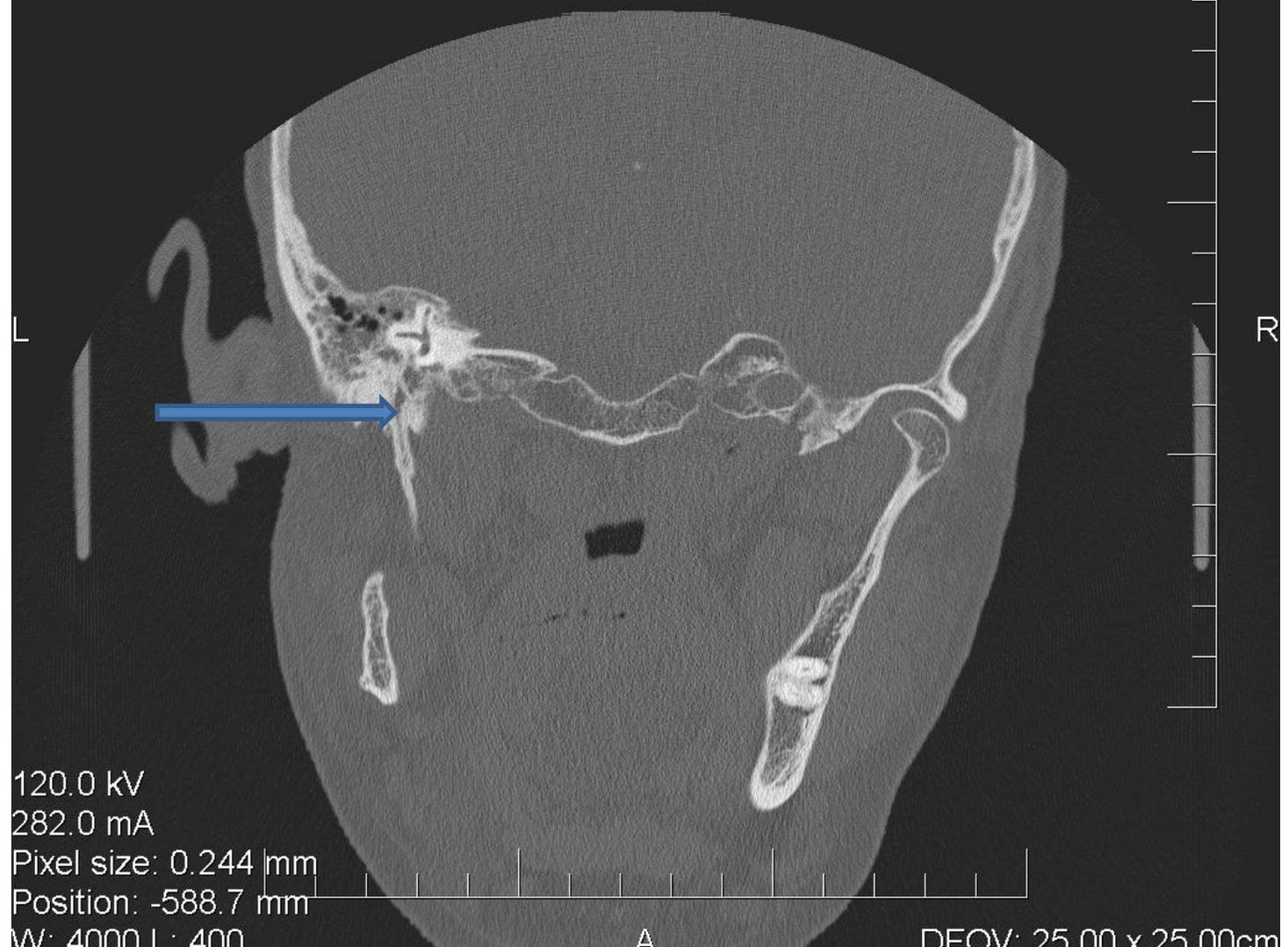
Schema of CT of ossicular chain and middle ear cavity

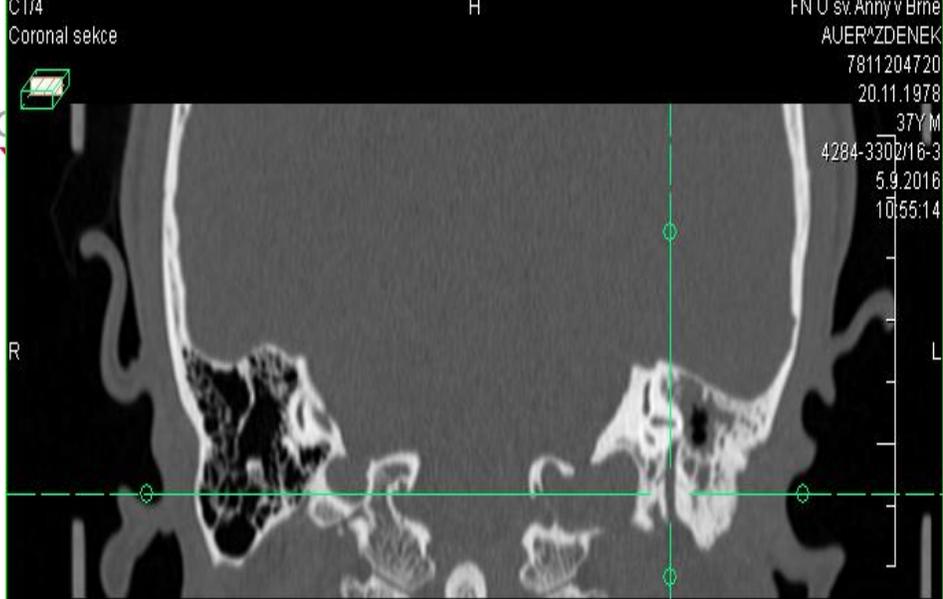




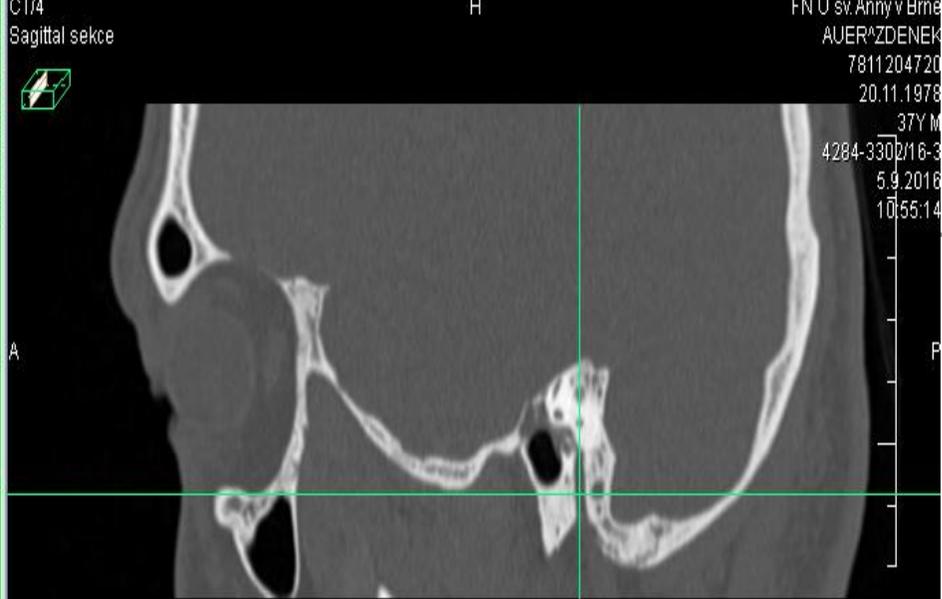


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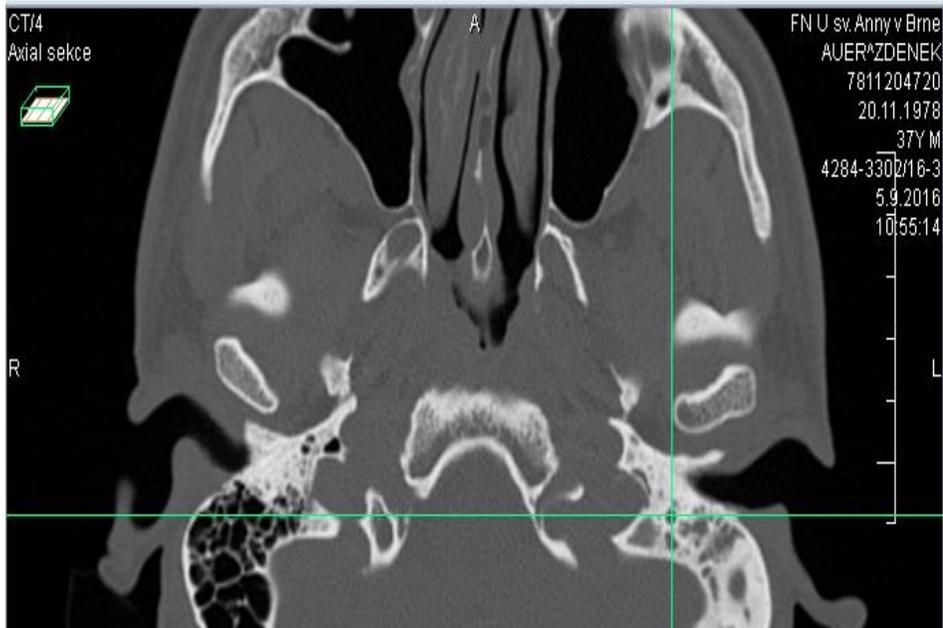




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Rovina: (0.00, -1.00, 0.00, -23.56)
W: 3000 L: 500
F
Online
DFOV: 21.50 x 11.68cm



Pozice: -44.6 [107.7, -107.3]
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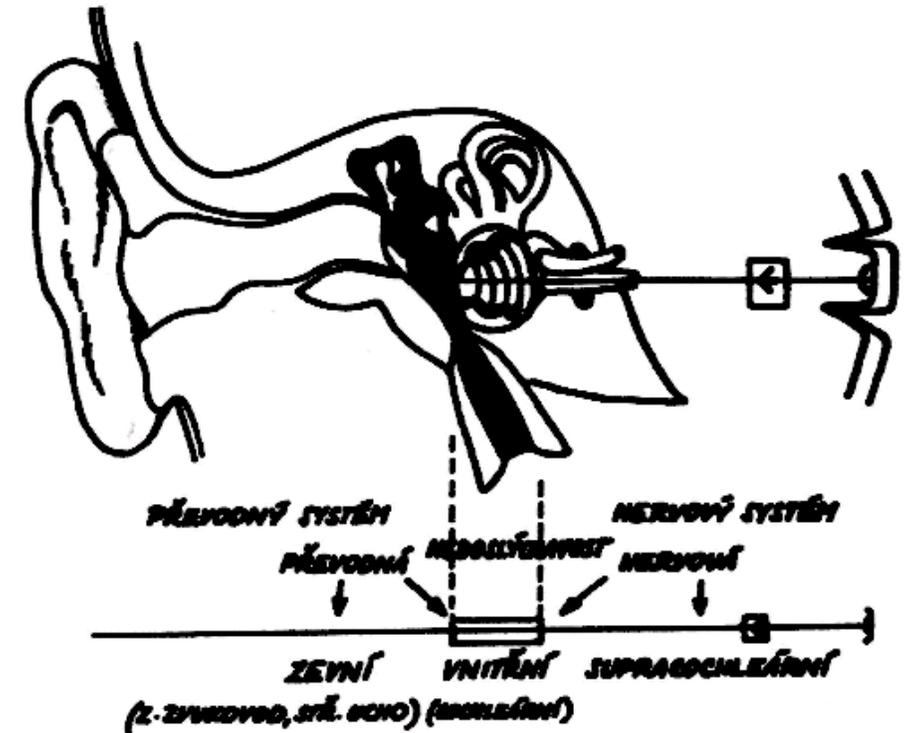


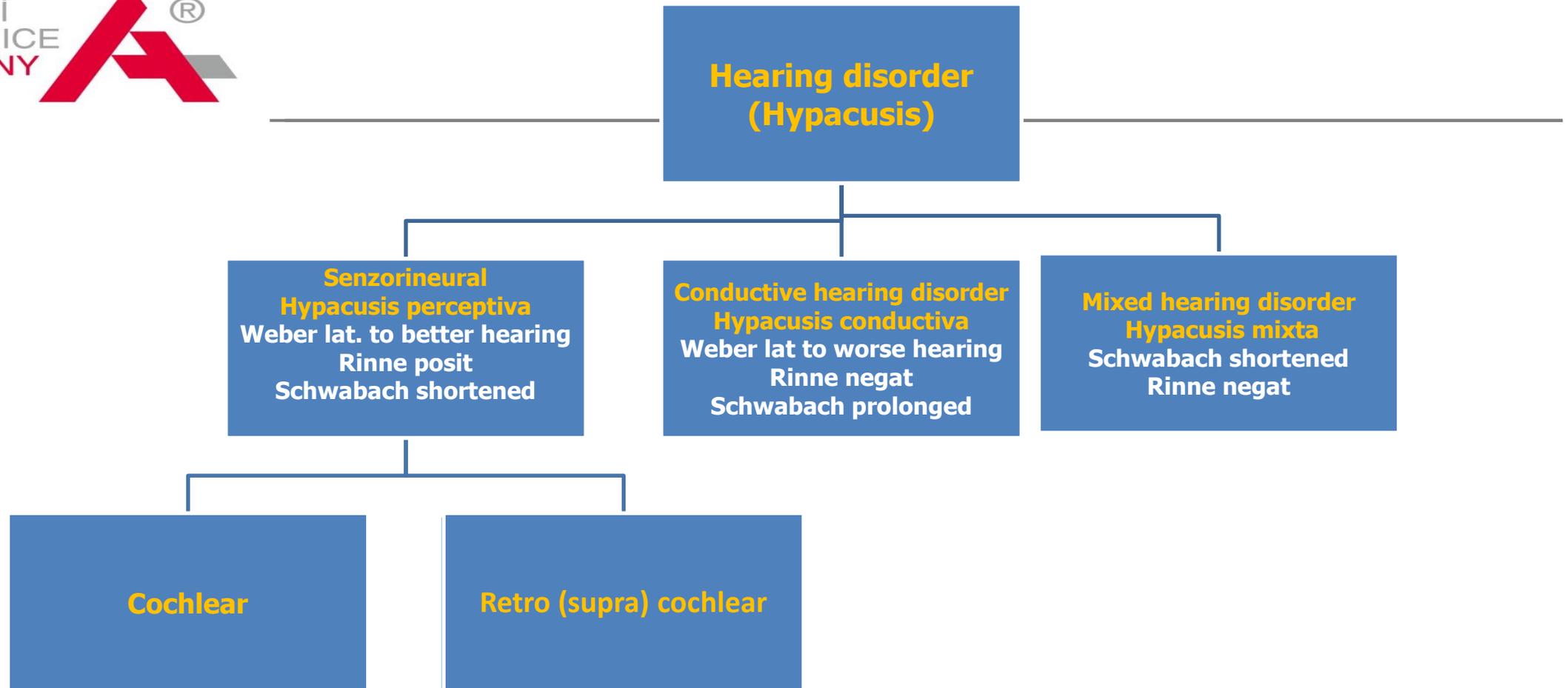
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Zvětšení 185%
DFOV: 21.28 x 11.62cm



Hearing disorder according to place of lesion

- External ear – conductive hearing loss
- Inner ear sensorineural intracochlear hearing disorder
- Central pathways – retro cochlear hearing disorder





Classification of basic type of hearing dysfunction according to place of lesion



Evaluation of hearing function

We evaluate on growing level of objectivity:

- „Classical“ hearing test
- Audiometry
- Objective evaluating methods
 - tympanometry
 - evoked potentials
 - otoacoustic emissions

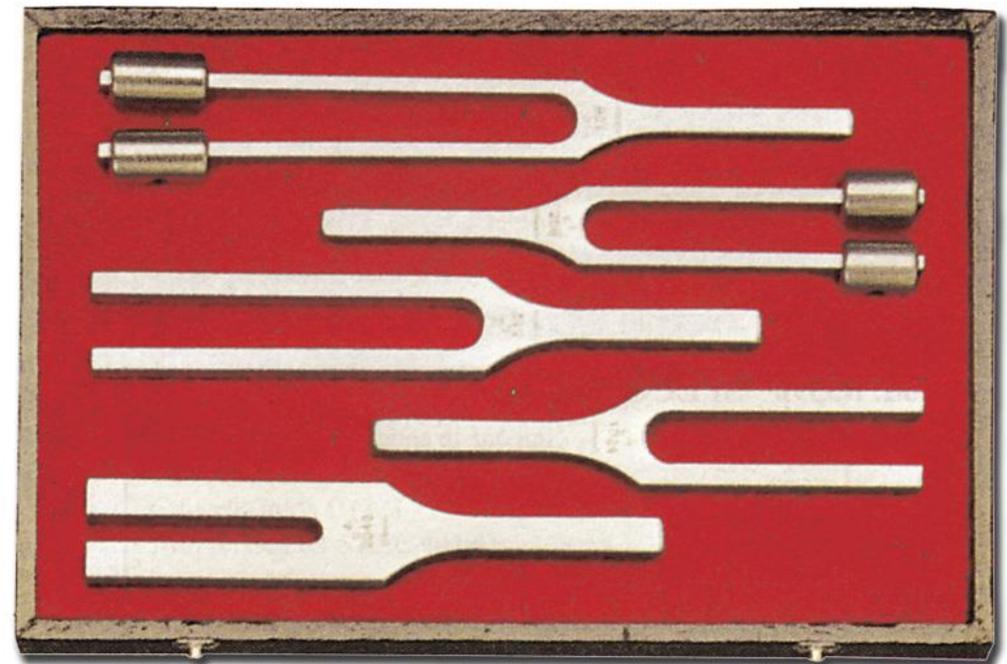
Classical hearing test (speech test, tuning fork tests)

Important part of hearing tests:

- + quick, easy, cheap, information about understanding speech
- only for orientation

Tuning fork tests:

- Rinne
- Weber
- Schwabach,
Gellé, ...



Basic types of hearing disorder

P		L
4	V	10
0,5	Vs	10
→ W →		

+ R +
zkr. Sch norm

Hypacusis perceptiva (Sensorineural deafness)

Weber unto better hearing ear

Rinne posit

Schwabach shorter

Retrocochlear

	P		L
4	V		10
3	Vs		10
← W ←			

— R +
prod. Sch norm.

Hypacusis conductiva (Conductive hearing loss)

Weber unto worse hearing ear

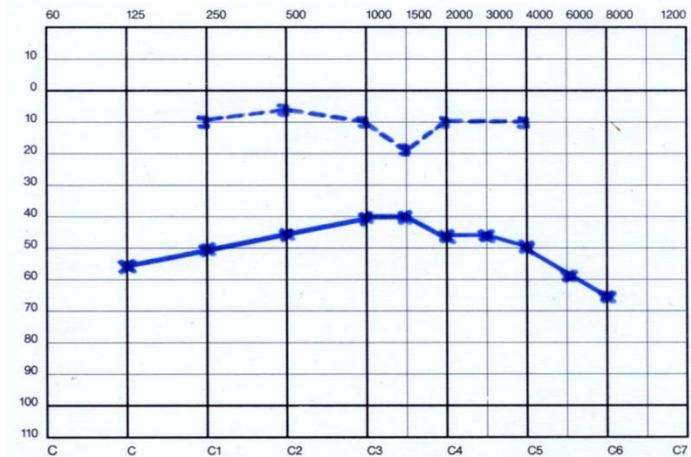
Rinne negat

Schwabach longer

Hypacusis mixta (Mixed hearing loss)

Schwabach shorter

Rinne negat.



Pure-tone audiometry

An **audiometer** is an electric tone generator used to determine the **hearing threshold** for pure tones; generates tones of specific frequency (Hz) and intensity (dB).

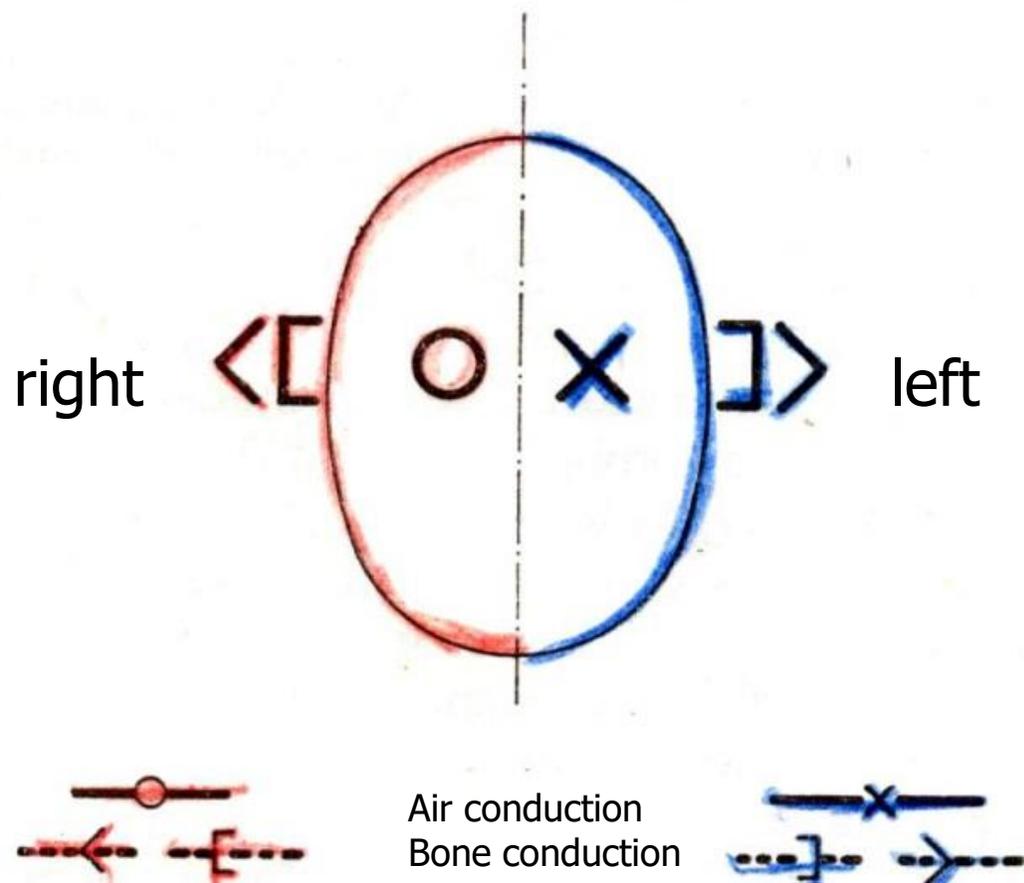
- audiometric room
- Air conduction:
 - headphones
- Bone conduction:
 - bone vibrator

Normal range – until 20 dB loss



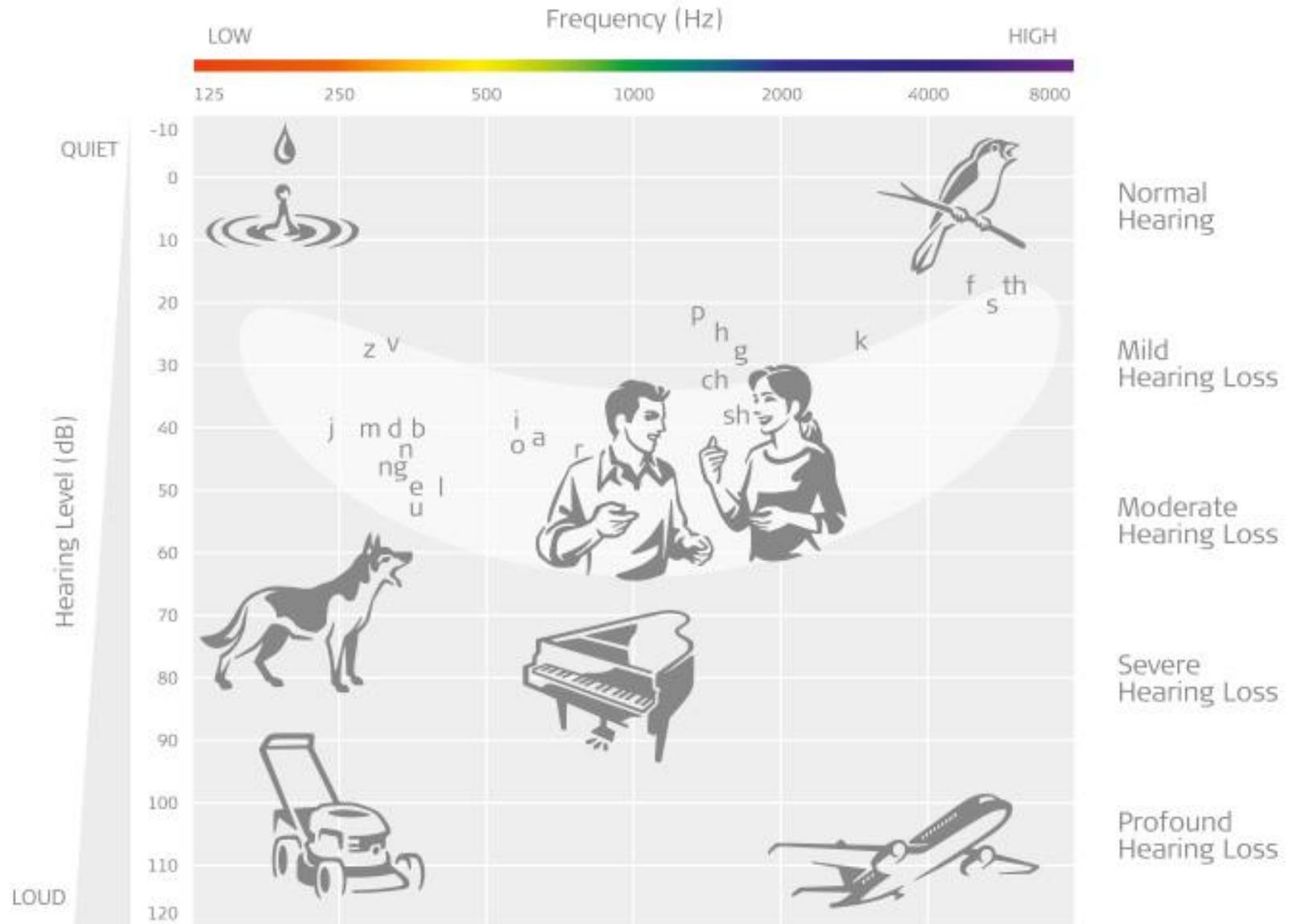


Symbols for record of audiometric evaluation



The speech field

Region of the best sensitivity for hearing



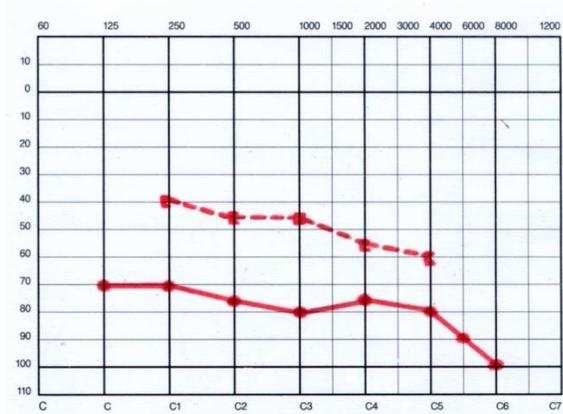
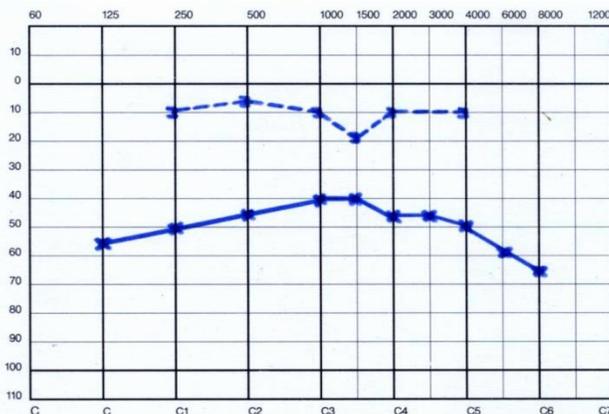


Hearing loss (Hypacusis)

Conductive

Sensorineural

Mixed

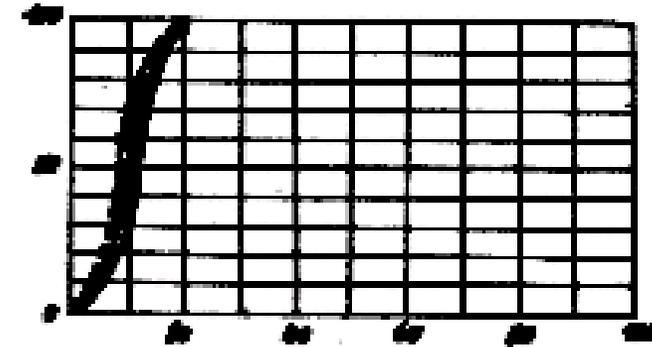




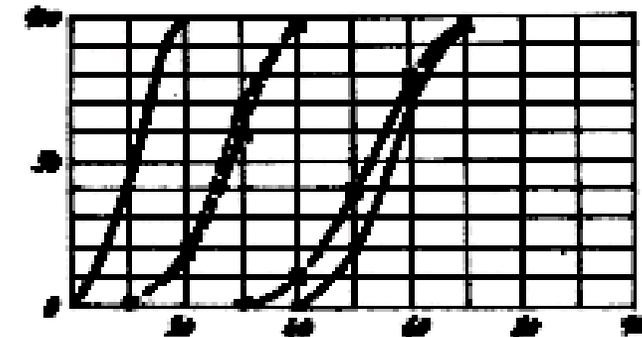
Speech audiometry

Patient repeats words which are reproduced. One correctly repeated word means 10% of comprehension from one set. It is evaluated on increasing levels of intensity till 100% of comprehension or maximally possible per cent of comprehension.

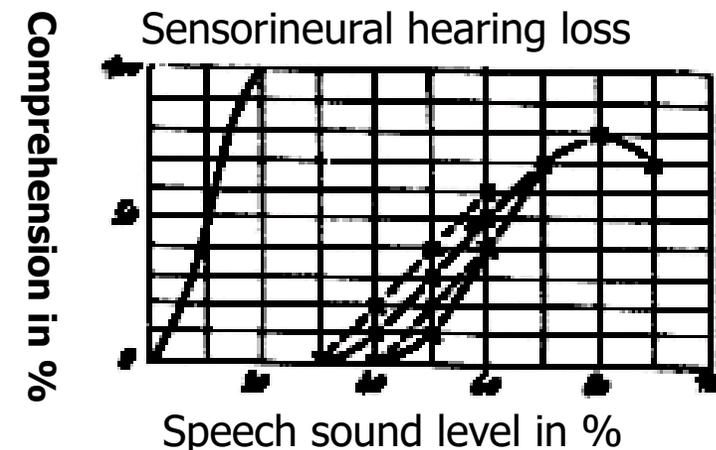
Normal hearing



Conductive hearing loss

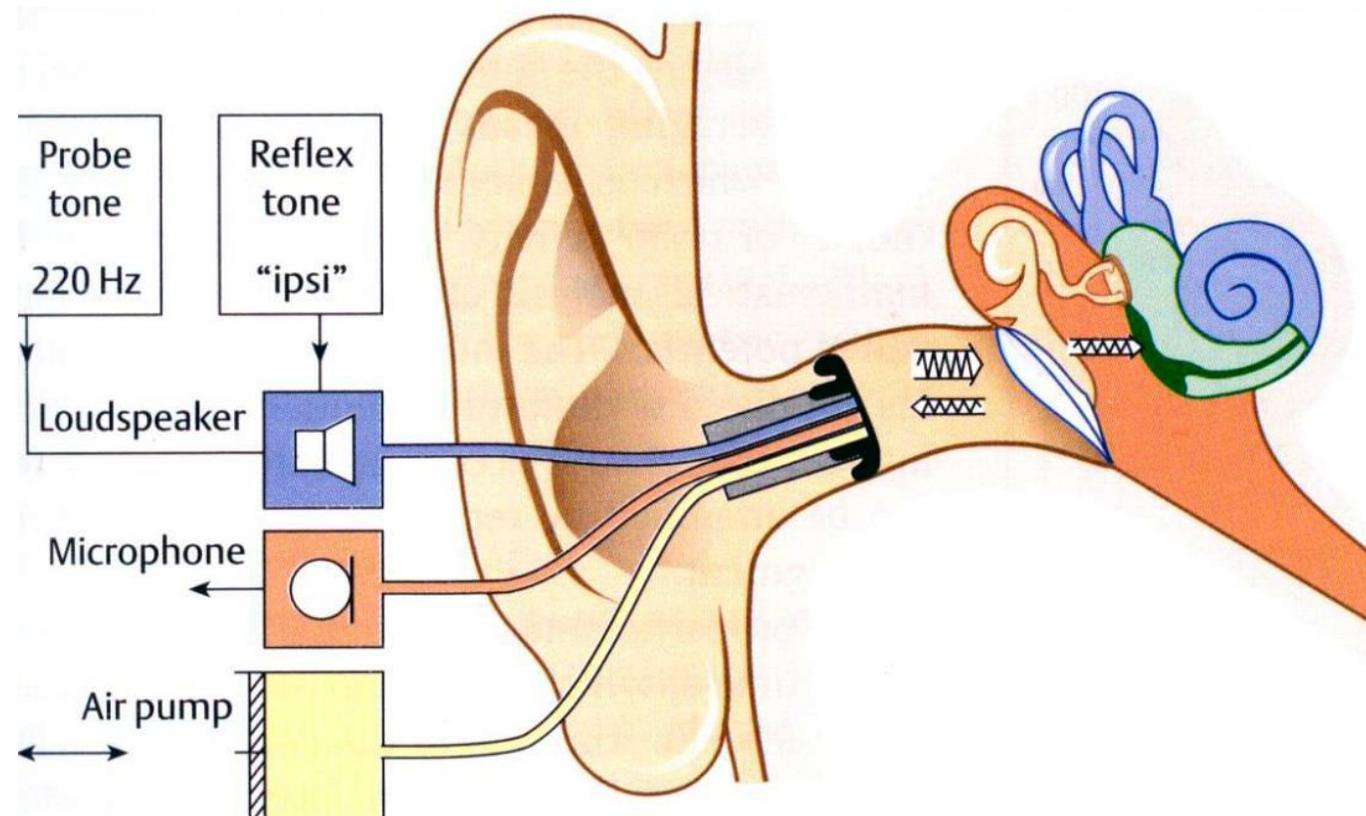


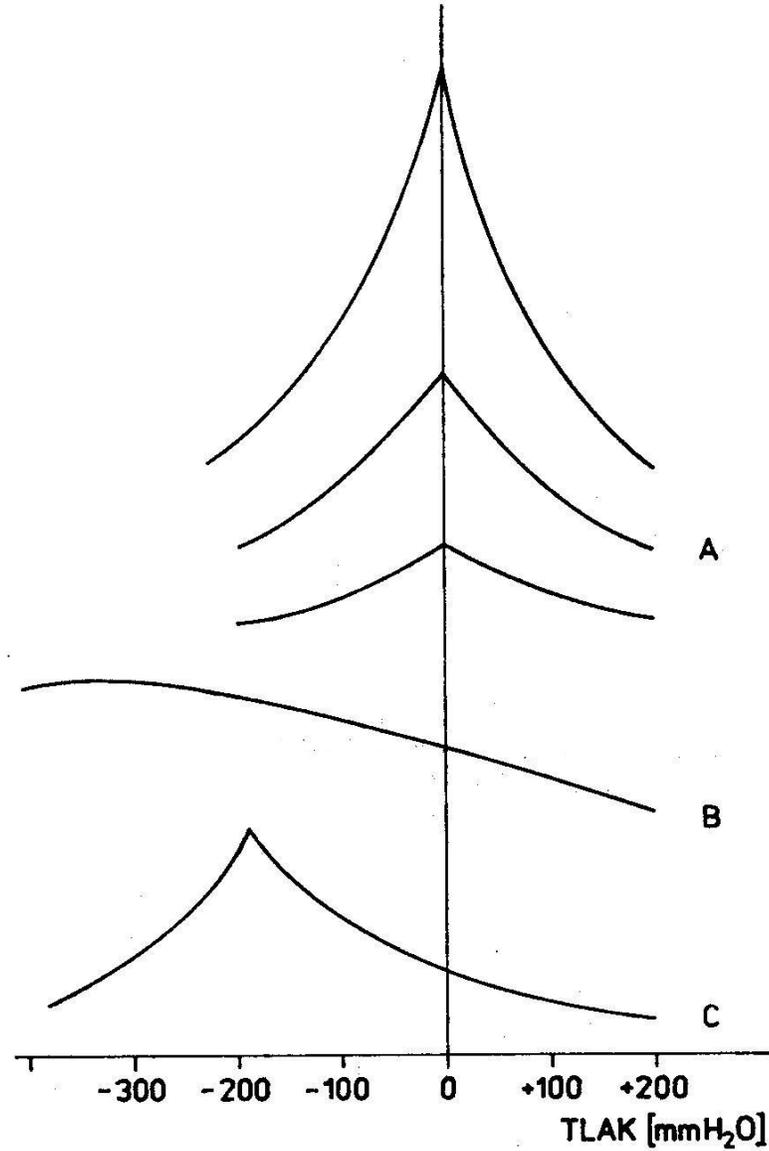
Sensorineural hearing loss



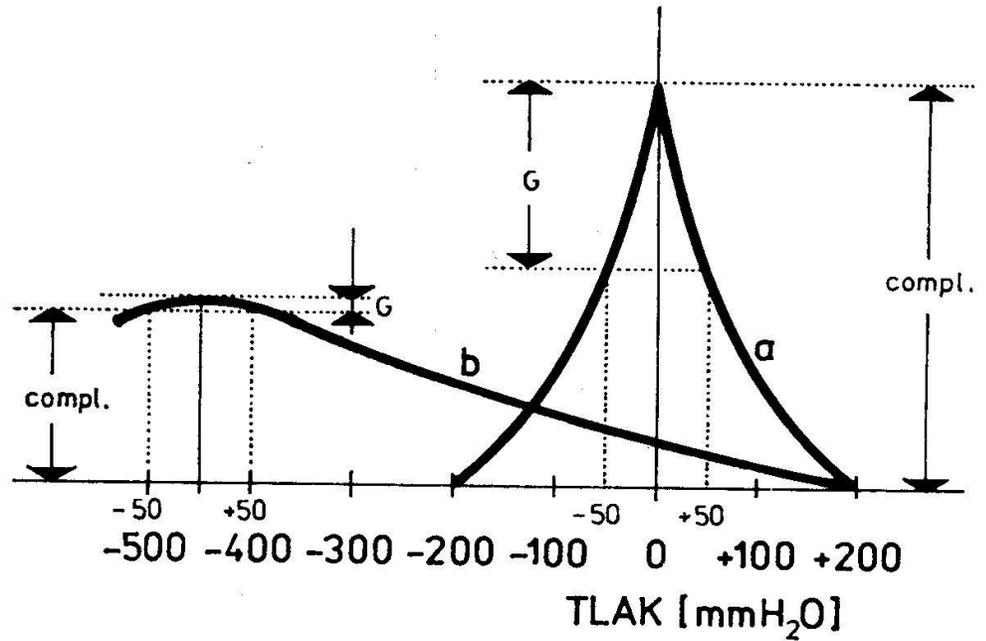
Tympanometry

The greater the pressure differential (before and behind ear drum), the greater is the impedance of tympanic membrane and **more acoustic energy is reflected back** into external meatus. The level of testing tone in meatus is measured by sensitive microphone .



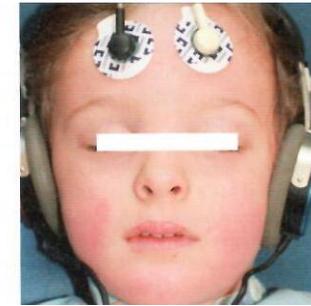


Tympanometry





Evoked response audiometry (ERA)



- Human brain works with bioelectric impulses, not sound.
- bioelectric impulses could be measured as an electric potential
- conditions: motoric and psychic rest of patient, camera silent, electric interference suppression of the room
- Patient repeatedly exposed to an acoustic stimulus, an EEG is recorded. **Averaging** – the individual response can be distinguished by mathematical analysis of numerous individual evoked potentials

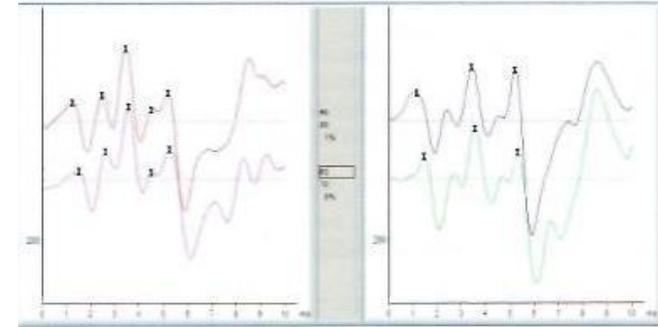


Evoked response audiometry (ERA)

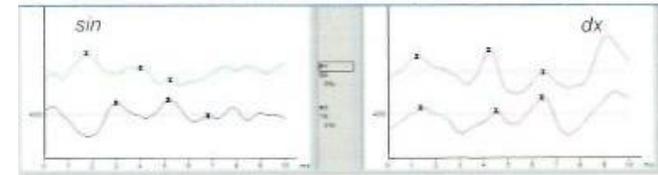
- **Cochlear potentials, electrocochleography** (Ecochg): latency window 0-4 ms. Probe – in external meatus or on promontorium)
- **Early potentials** (brain stem, BERA): 10-12 ms.
- **Middle potentials** MERA (middle latency evoked response audiometry : 40-60 ms – suitable for processing (steady-state evoked potentials)
- **Late potentials** (cortical, CERA-cortical evoked response audiometry): to 200 ms. Before application CI or hearing aids.

BERA, BAEP (brainstem auditory evoked potentials)

- **Early potentials** (brain stem, BERA): 10-12 ms.
- Complex 7 peaks, so called Jewett waves, most important I-III.
- Fixed elektrods temporal, occipital and referent forehead, given earphone
- Susp. rektrochlear laesion – dysmorphism of Jewett complex, missing or shift of latency V wave.
- Senzitivity and specifity for dg vestib schwanoma 70-80 %



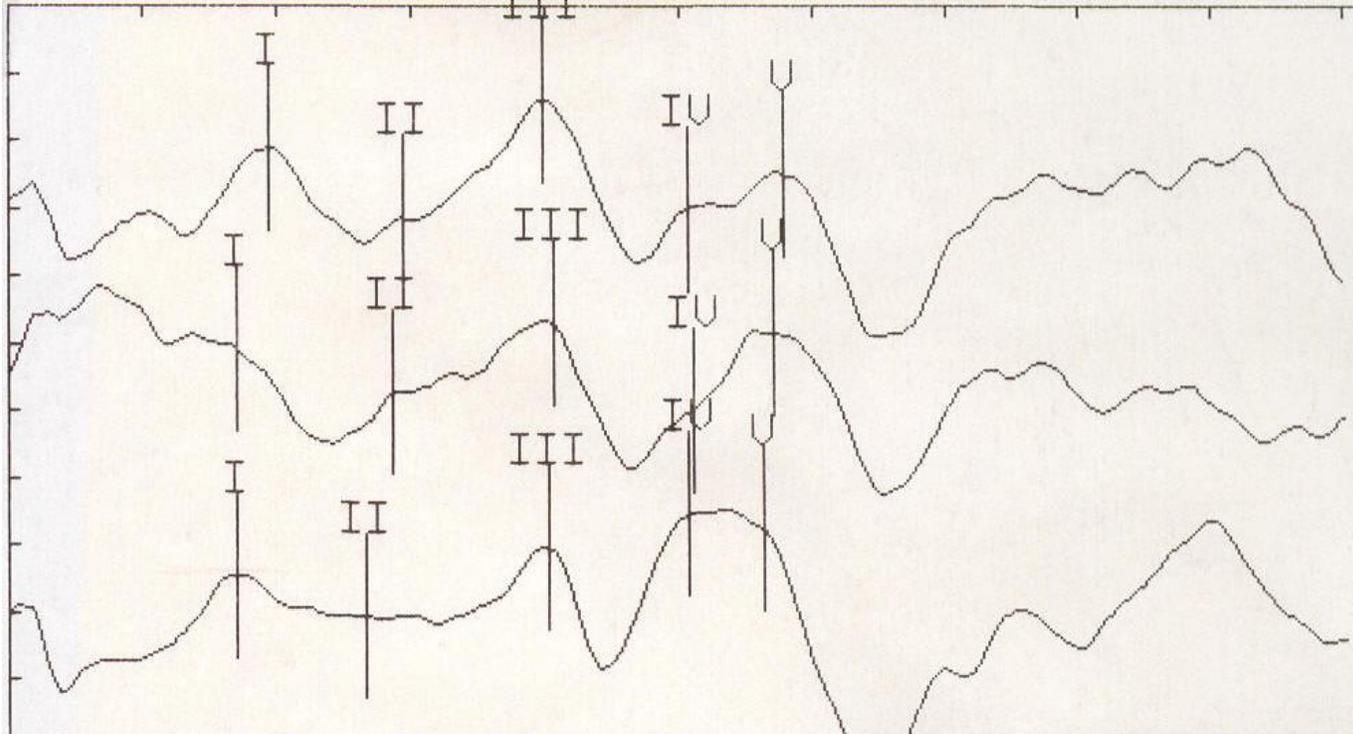
Sluchové kmenové potenciály (BERA).
Normální nález. Označeny vlny I, III, V.



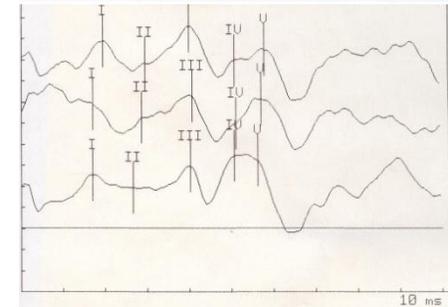
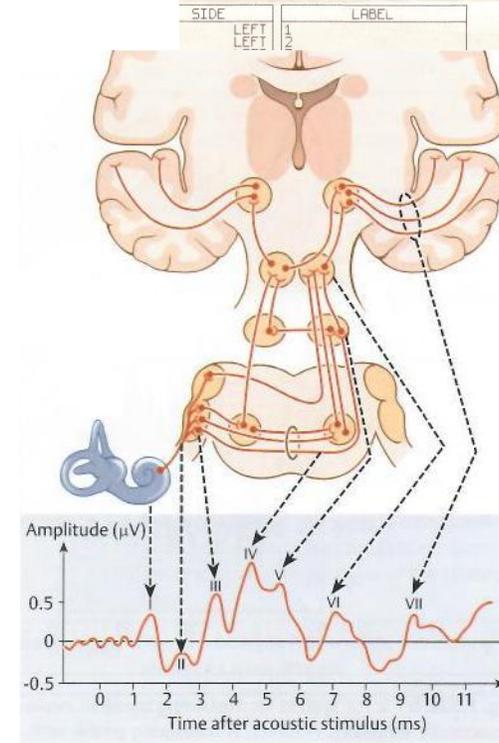
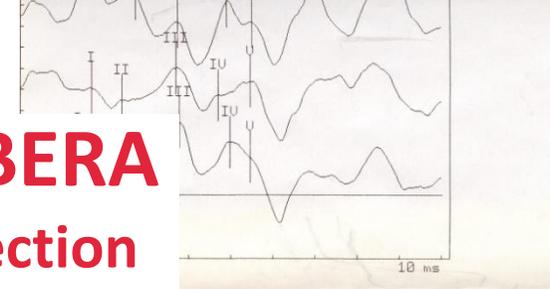
Sluchové kmenové potenciály (BERA).
Retrochleární léze vlevo (vestibulární schwannom).
Dysmorfie Jewettových vln, posun latencí V5. V levém poli záznam z vyšetřovaného ucha, v pravém poli kontralaterální záznam.

Auditory evoked potentials BERA

– prolonged latency of 0,2 ms – suspicion
on small schwannoma n. VIII



Patient repeatedly exposed to an acoustic stimulus, an EEG is recorded. **Averaging** – the individual response can be distinguished by mathematical analysis of numerous individual evoked potentials



SENSITIVITY	SIDE	LABEL
100 nV/div	RIGHT	1
100 nV/div	RIGHT	1
100 nV/div	RIGHT	1



- Other names: ASSR (auditory steady-state responses), AMFR (amplitude modulated frequency responses) – processing of signals of middle electric response.
- Fully automatized
- Good correlation with pure tone audiometry
- Outcome of measurement – objective frequency – specified threshold audiometry, estimation audiogram



Otoacoustic emission (OAE)

- Sound result from spontaneous or provoked activity of outer hair cells organon Corti.
- **Spontaneous OAE** arise itself, sign of normal function of Corti organ, present in childhood
- **Evoked OAE**
 - **Tranziently evoked otoacoustic emission (TEOAE)**- as response on acoustic stimulus
 - **Distors products (DPOAE)** – emission response on 2 simultaneous perceived tones of nearby frequency and intensity
- **Usage** newborn screening of hearing function and frequency specified determination of hearing threshold

Sensorineural hearing loss

According to type of audiometry curve:

- Basocochlear
- Pankochlear
- Apicocochlear
- Mediocochlear

According to lesion localisation:

- Cochlear
- Retrocochlear





Cochlear lesion

- bothering, but not life threatening

Retrocochlear lesion

- bothering, but also they could life threaten



Sensorineural hearing loss (intra) cochlear

= damage of cochlear structures

Etiology:

- Presbycusis
- Heredo-degenerative
- Nois damage
- Toxic damage
- Menier´s disease
- Acute sensorineural hearing loss
- ... etc.



Sensorineural hearing loss retro- (supra-) cochlear

= damage of structures proximal from cochlea

Etiology:

Demyelization

- atherosclerosis
- sclerosis multiplex

Inflammation

- borreliosis
- neuro-viruses
- meningitis
- meningoencephalitis

Tumors

- vestibular schwannoma
- meningioma
- other tumors of cerebellar angle

Trauma

- commotion, contusion
- skull base fractures



Differential diagnosis cochlear/retrocochlear

1. Subjective tests:

- time demanding
- active cooperation of pt
- complicated for understanding
- relatively low validity

2. Objective tests :

- time usually not so demanding
- demand only passive patient cooperation
- expansive technical equipment
- high validity



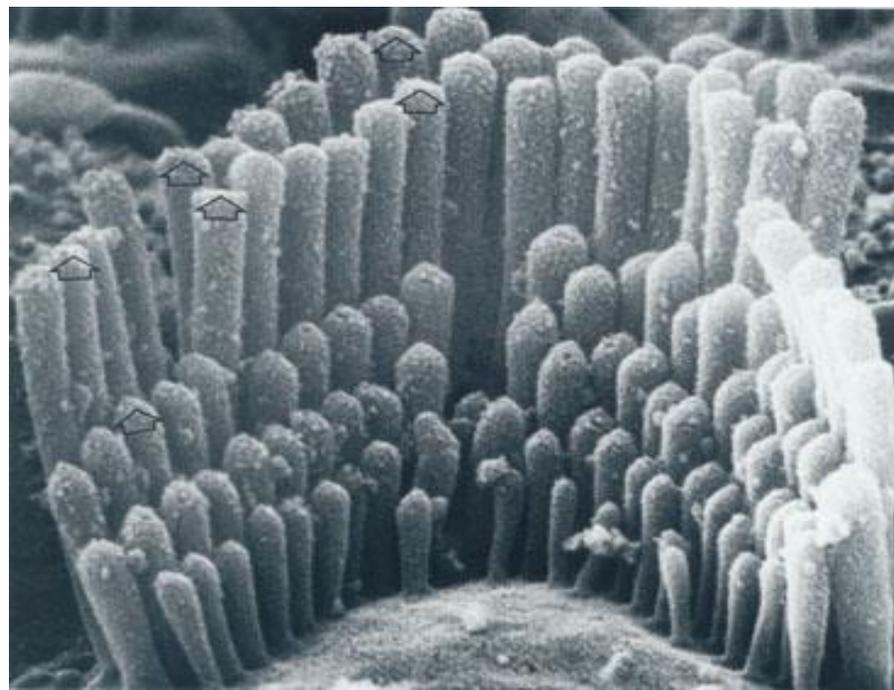
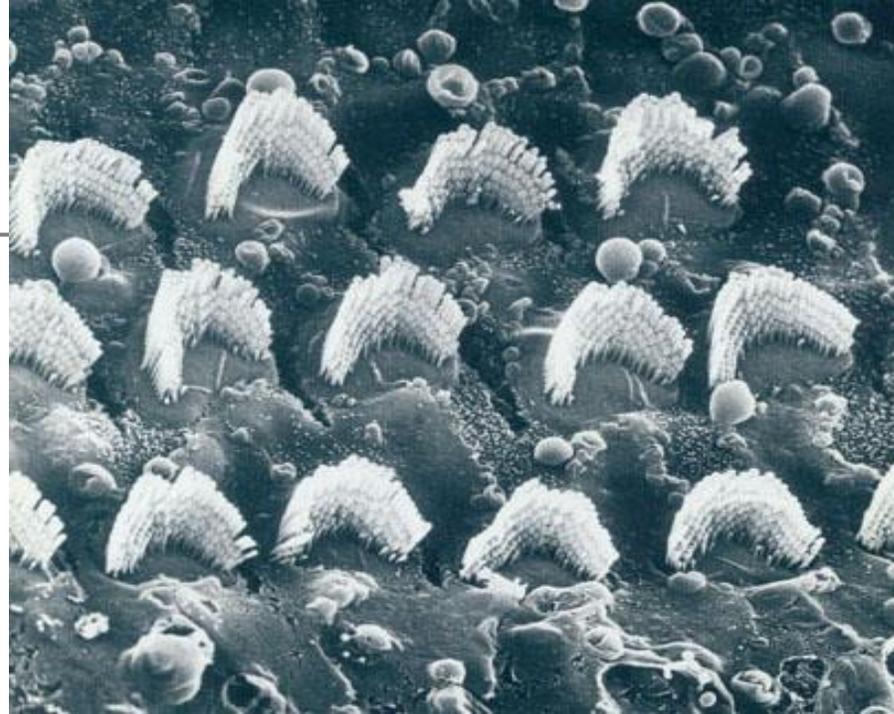
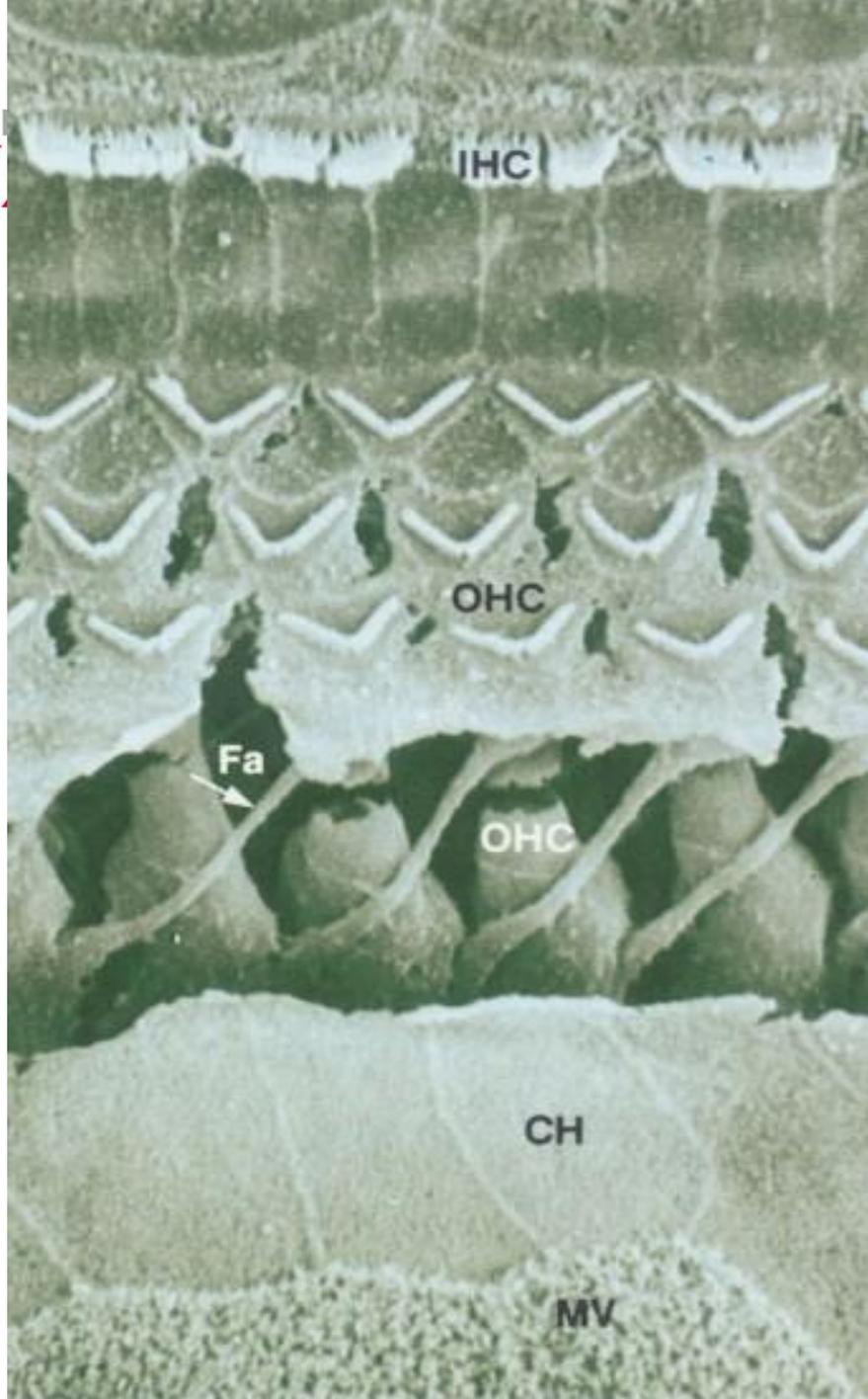
Subjective tests

Based on proof of:

mask effect of noise

recruitment phenomena

wearisomeness of hearing organ



Recruitment phenomena

= abnormal increase of loudness in above-threshold in damage of OHC and normal function IHC.

Fowler test; convergence of perceptions

