



Special senses I

Receptors

- Detect stimulus in the body/external environment

General sense receptors-all over the body

The different types of receptors are:

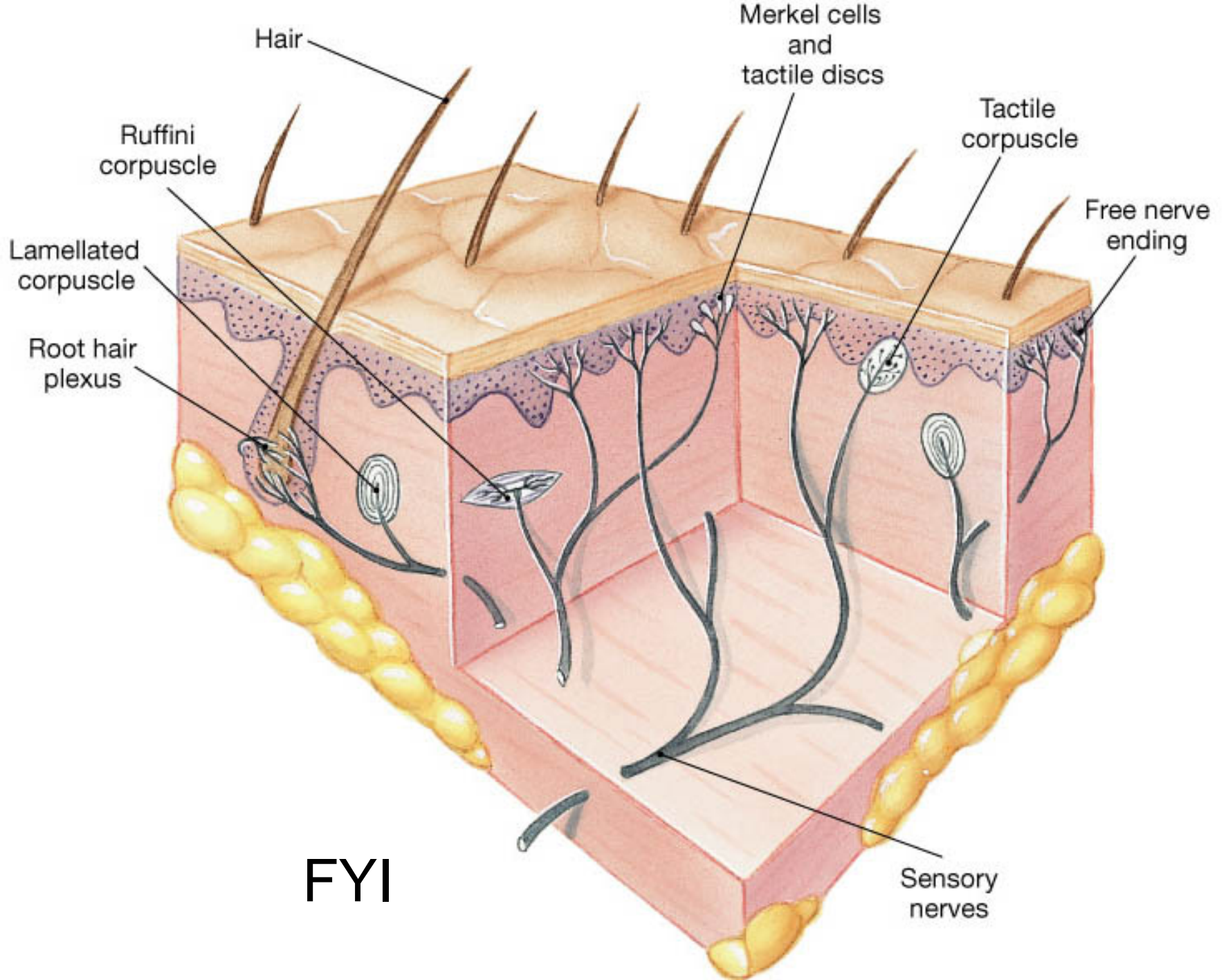
- Nociceptors-pain
- Thermoreceptors-temperature
- Mechanoreceptors-pressure (touch)
- Proprioceptors-position of limbs
- Chemoreceptors: detect chemical change

- Vary in structure and functions
- Receptors show some “stimulus specific” quality
- If stimulus is sufficiently strong to make A.P.

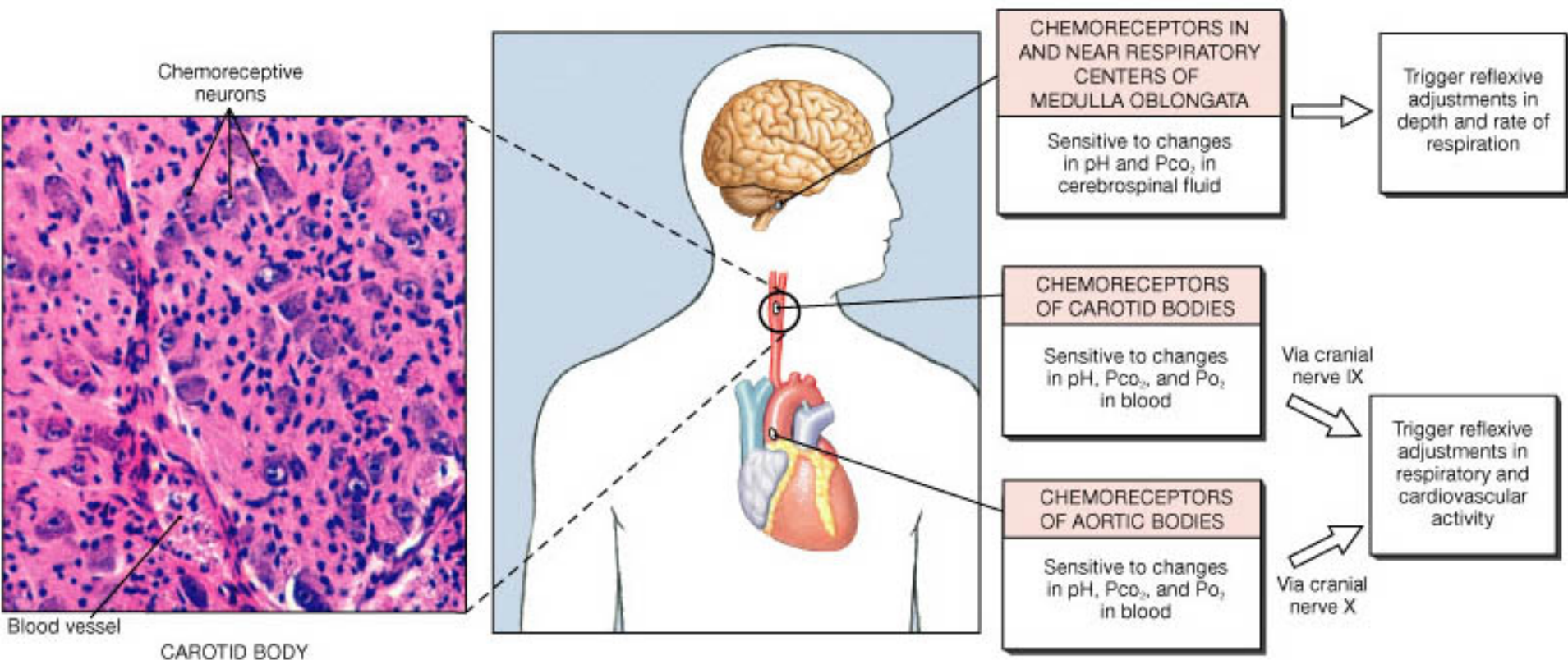
- **Sensory Adaptation**
- At first receptors easily stimulated
- Tolerance-greater stimulus is needed
- *General Receptors*: Receptors spread throughout body
- *Special Sense Receptors*: Receptors concentrated to an organ

Receptor > afferent neuron

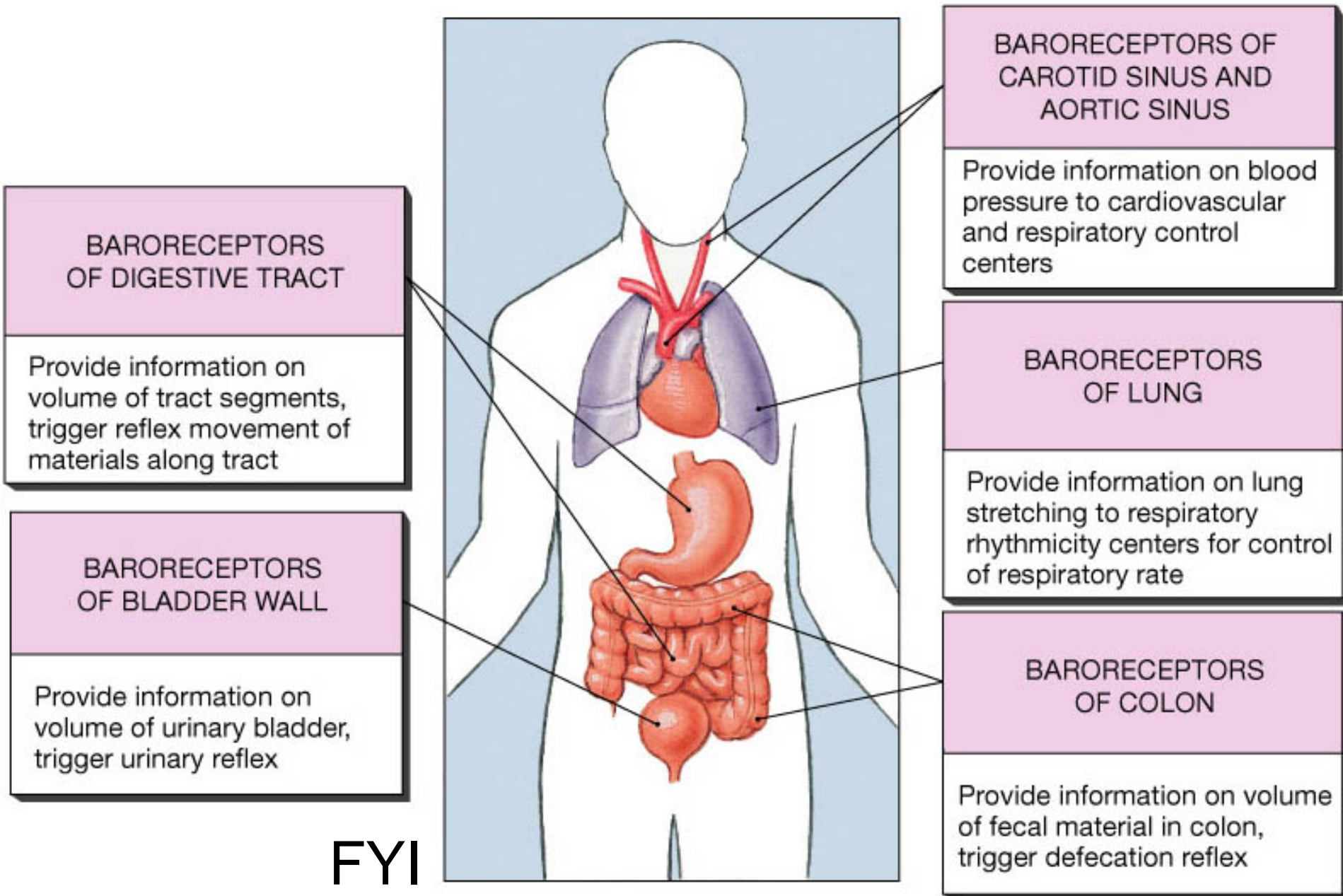
- Receptors stimulate sensory neurons
- Sensory neurons sends signal to the CNS



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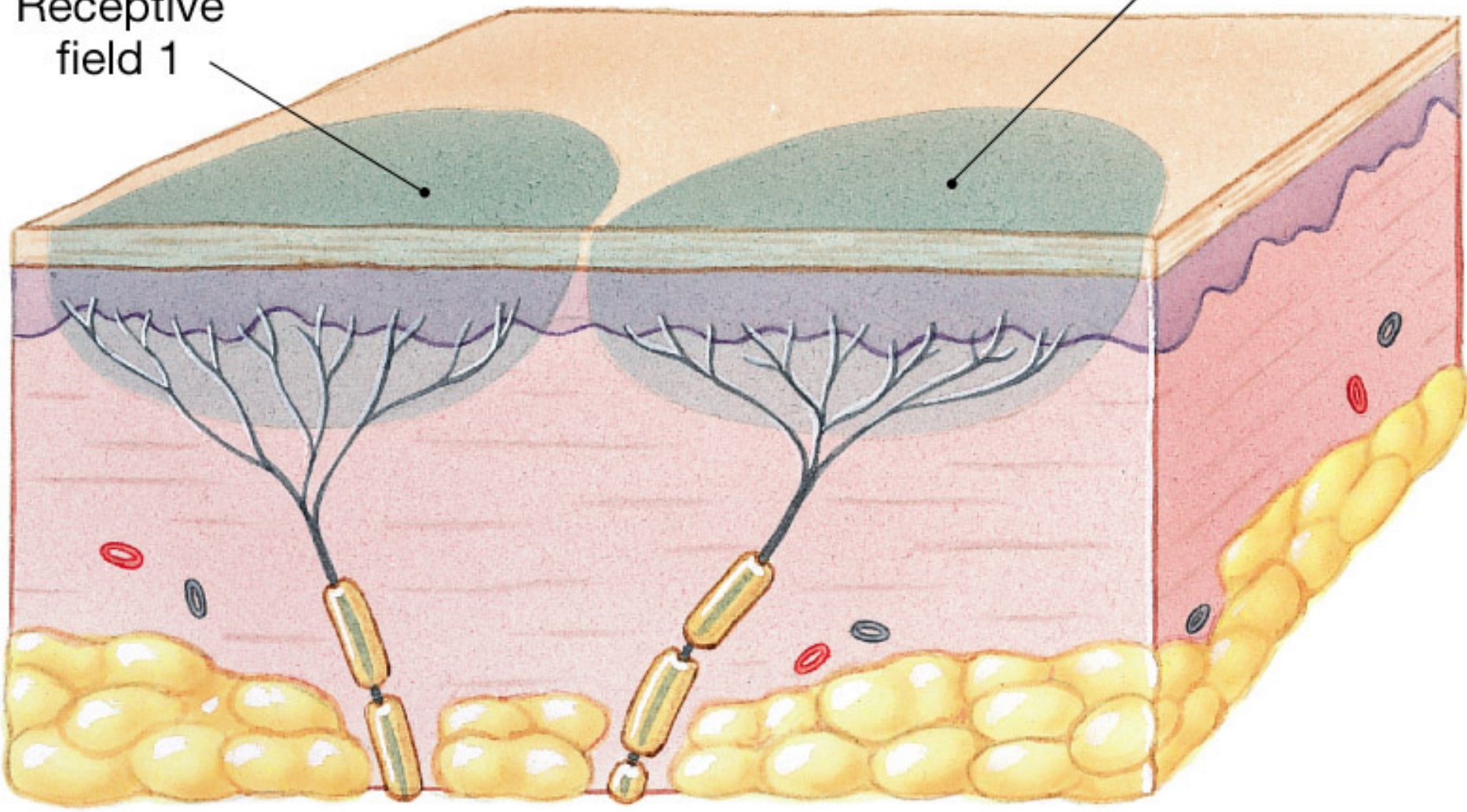
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Receptive field 1

Receptive field 2

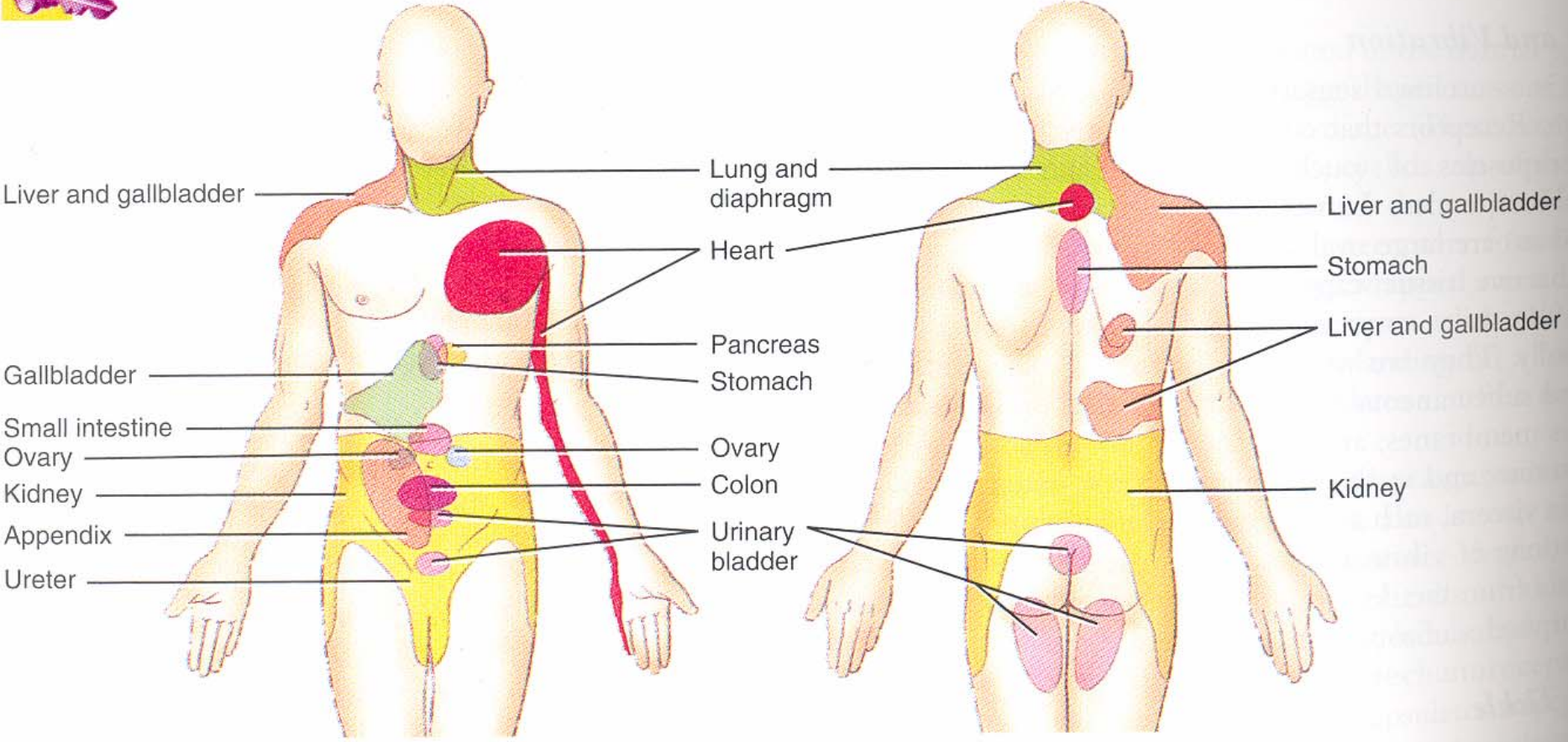


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Receptive fields

Figure 19.2 / Distribution of referred pain. The colored portions of the diagrams indicate skin areas to which visceral pain is referred.

Nociceptors are present in almost every tissue of the body.



(a) Anterior view

(b) Posterior view



Which visceral organ has the broadest area for referred pain?

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- Special sense receptors-located inside of special sense organs
- Olfaction-nasal cavity
- Gustation-tongue
- Equilibrium & auditory-ears
- Vision-eyes

Olfaction (Smell)

10-20 million chemoreceptors in mucous membrane on roof of nasal cavity

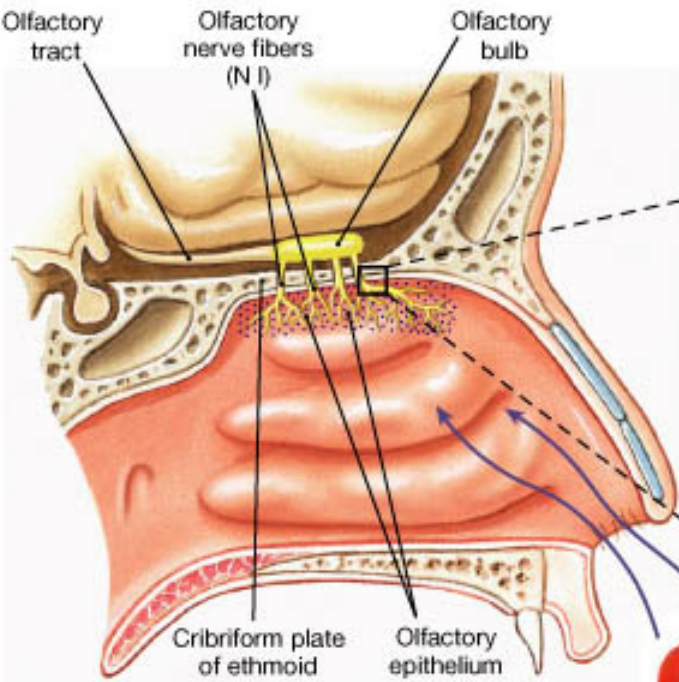
5 cm² patch

4 molecules of gas can cause an action potential

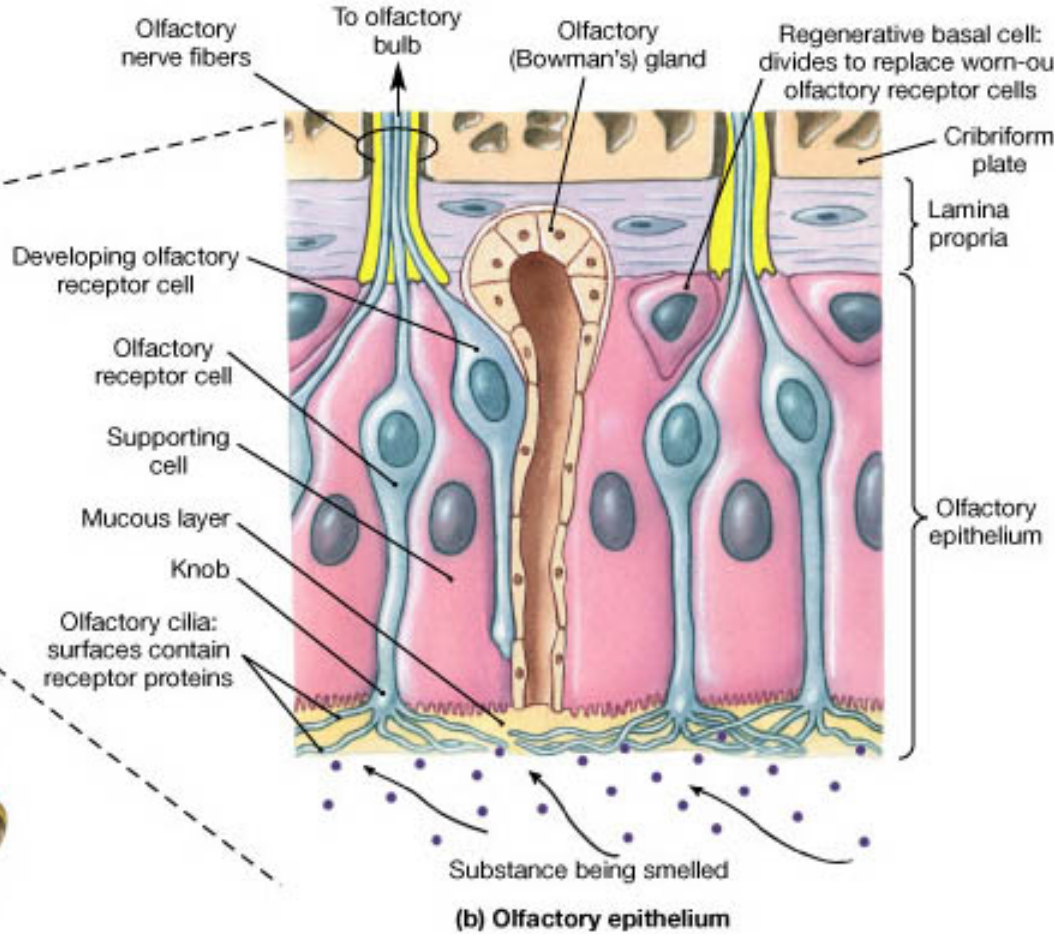
Sends sensory info to temporal Lobe

Sensory tract that bypass the thalamus to cerebrum

Fig 18.6



(a) Nasal cavity



(b) Olfactory epithelium

tracing

- **Olfaction (smell)-CN 1- olfactory nerves**
- Olfactory receptors
- olfactory bulb
- olfactory nerve
- sensory cortex in temporal lobe

Gustation

- Sensory info about chemicals dissolved in saliva
- Gustatory receptors are in the:
tongue
throat (active in infancy)

Types of papillae

- Three types on the tongue:
- posterior
- Circumvallate papillae
- Fungiform papillae
- Filiform papillae
- anterior

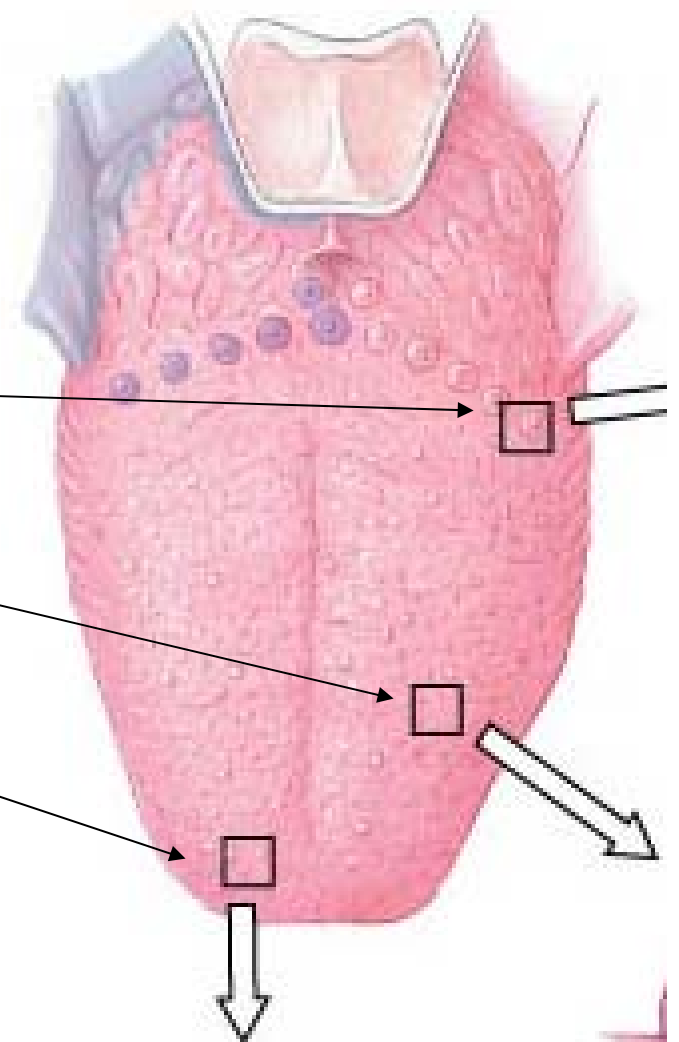


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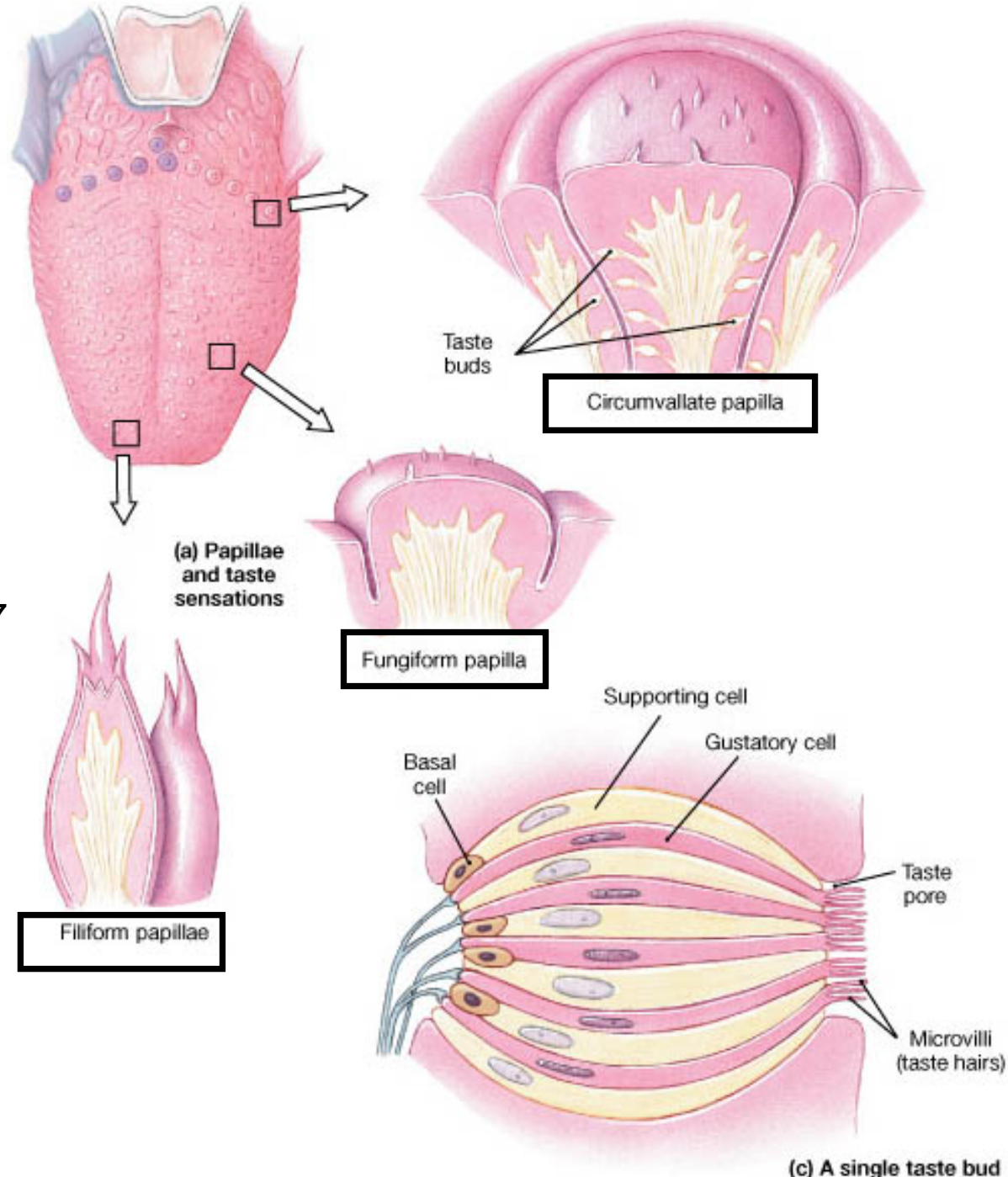
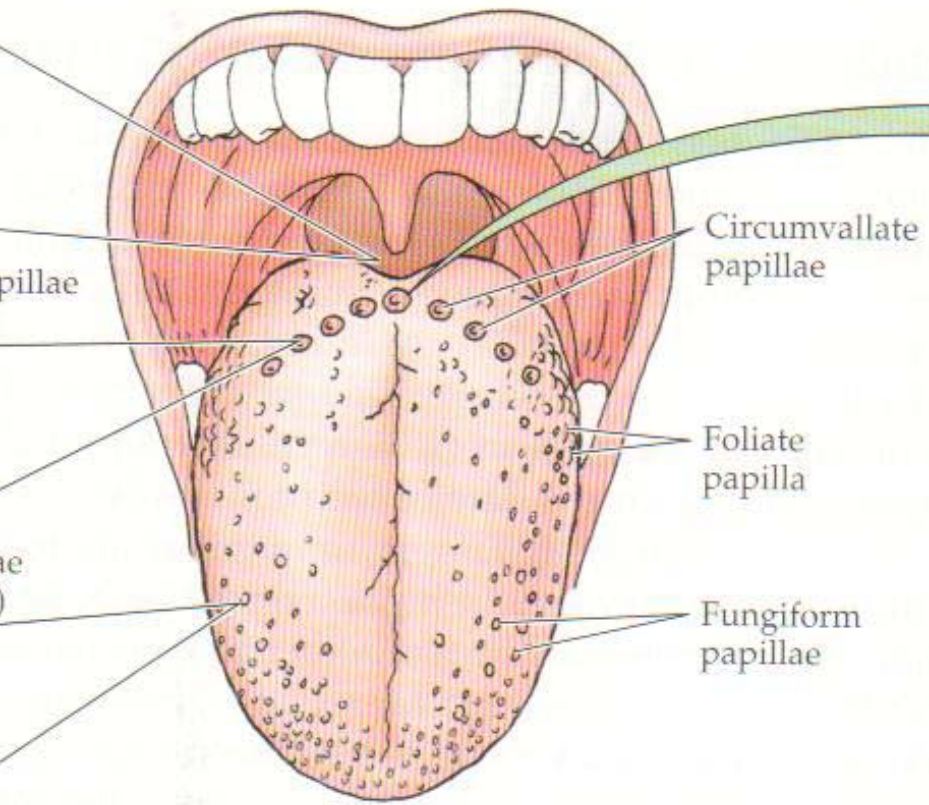


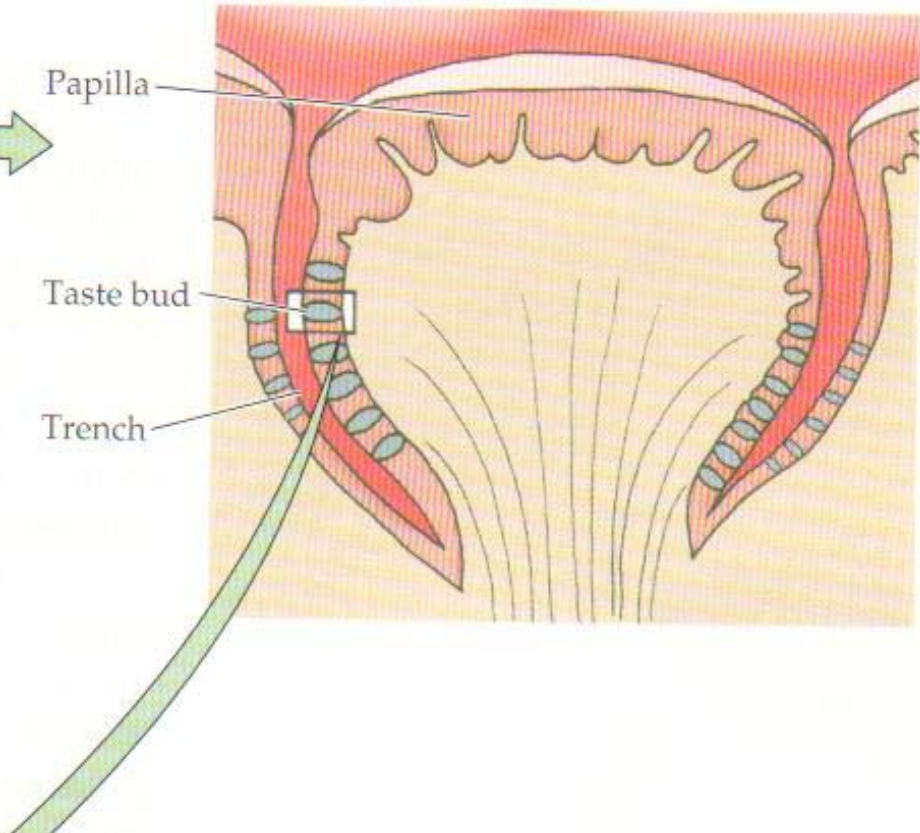
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Gustatory receptors

- ~40 gustatory receptor cells are grouped in to a single taste bud
- Taste buds are located along the sides of the papillae 10,000



(B) (Kaye, 1995.)



Innervation of the gustatory receptors

- Three nerves that innervate gustatory receptors:
 - Anterior 2/3 of tongue
 - Facial nerve (Cranial Nerve 7)
 - Posterior 1/3 of tongue
 - Glossopharyngeal nerve (CN 9)
 - Throat
 - Vagus nerve (CN 10)

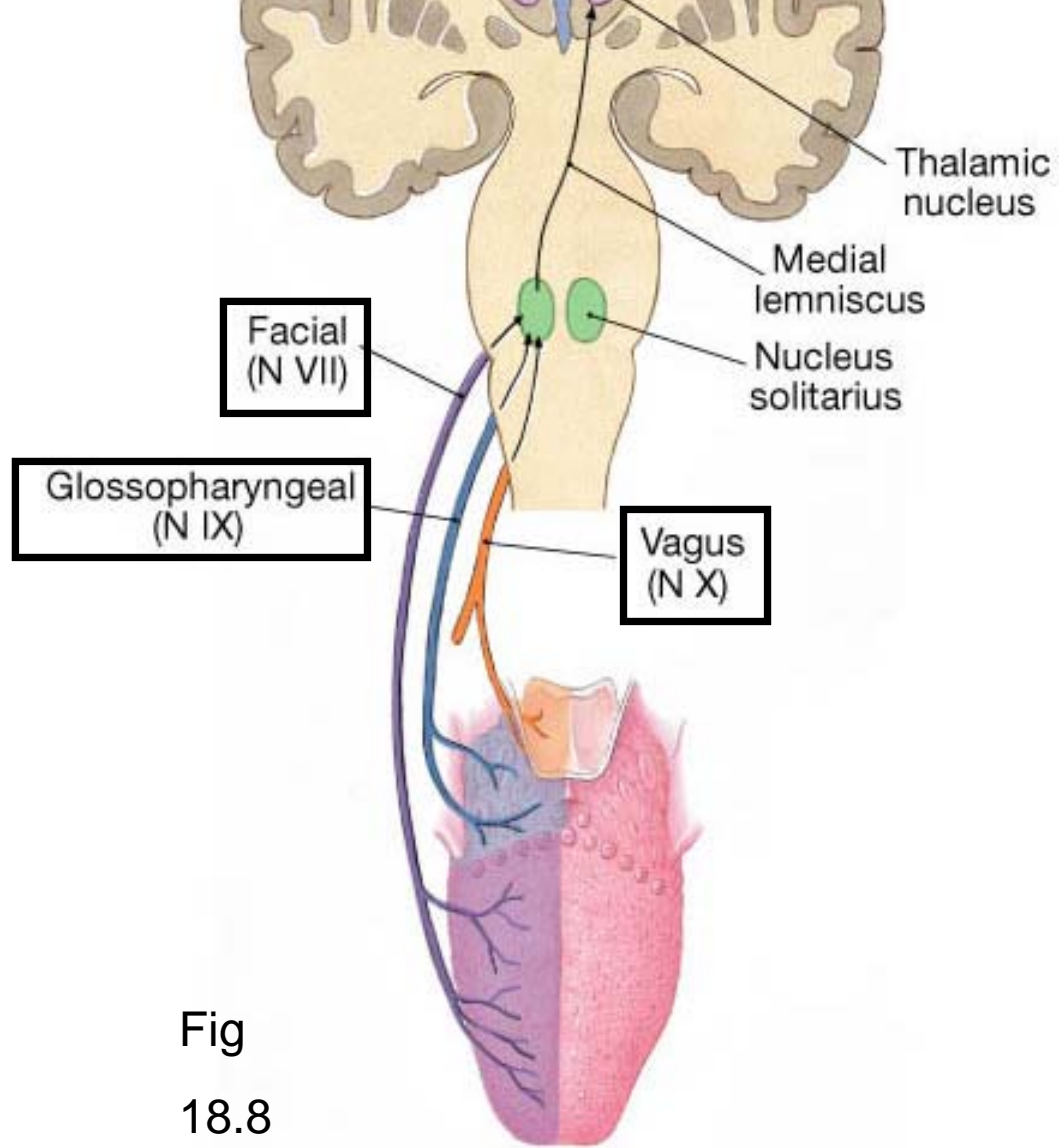
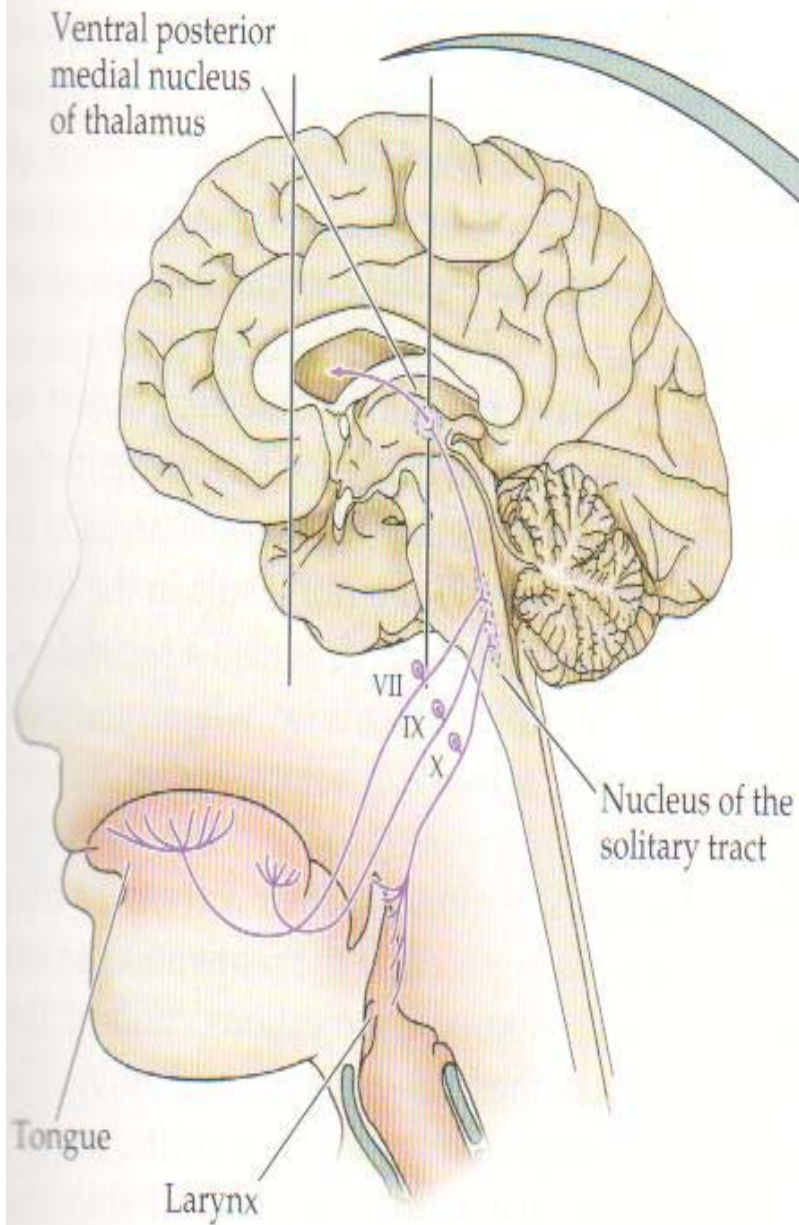


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(A)



(B)

Types of tastes

- In all of the taste buds there are:
- Sweet receptors simple carbohydrates
- Salt receptors Na^+
- Sour receptors H^+ acid
- Bitter receptors complex carbohydrates
- Water receptors H_2O
- Umami receptors glutamate (MSG)

Gustation tracing

- Taste buds anterior 2/3 of tongue
- Facial nerve
- Medulla
- Thalamus
- Cerebral cortex in parietal/frontal lobe

- Taste buds posterior 1/3 of tongue
- Glossopharyngeal nerve
- Medulla
- Thalamus
- Cerebral cortex in parietal/frontal lobe

- Taste buds (pharynx)
- Vagus nerve
- Medulla
- Thalamus
- Cerebral cortex in parietal/frontal lobe

Auditory (hearing)

- Three regions of the used for auditory sense:
- External, middle, & internal ear

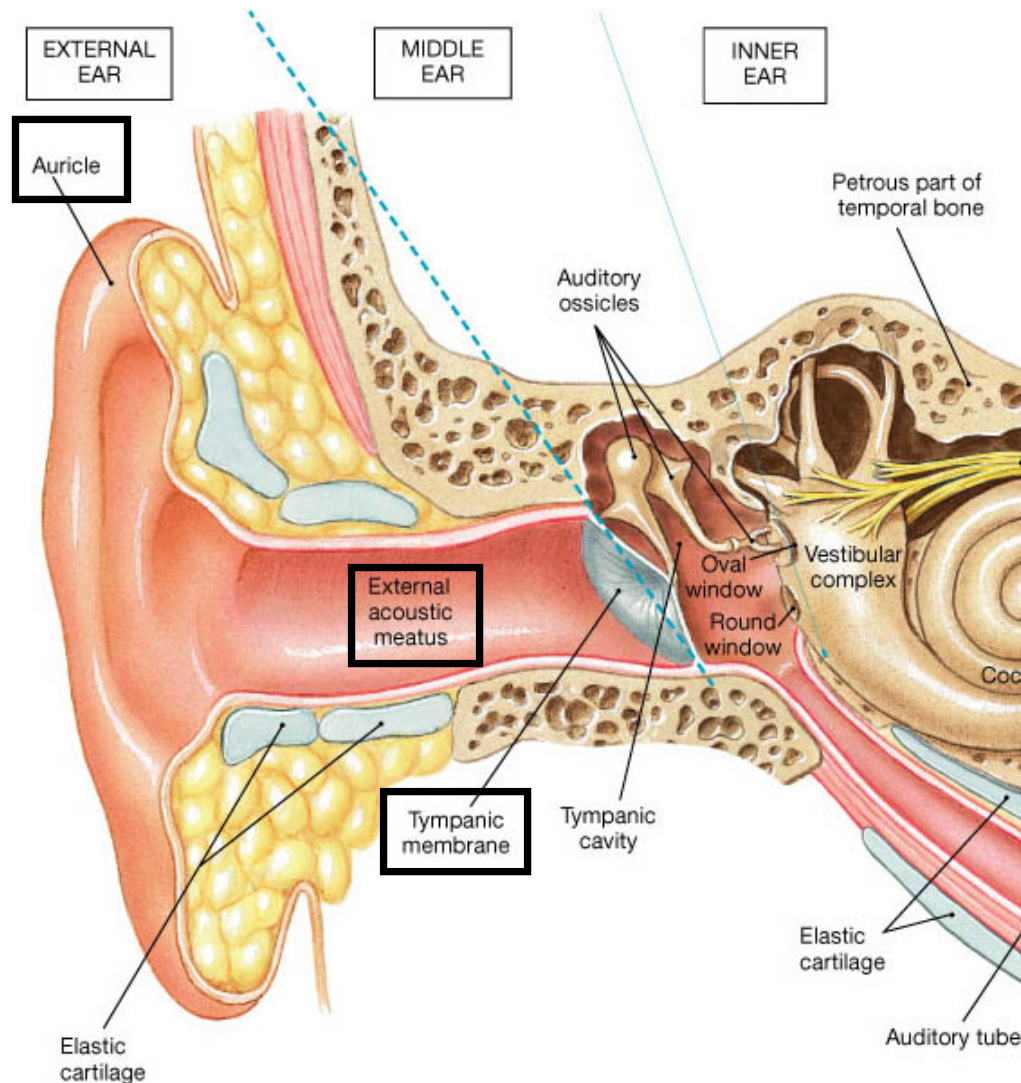
External ear

- Auricle directs sound waves toward tympanic memb.
- Auditory canal
 - lined with hair & Ceruminous glands-release cerumen (ear wax)
- External auditory canal– tube that ends at tympanic membrane
 - Approx. 2.5 cm long.
- Tympanic membrane – thin, delicate CT sheet
- Vibrations of the tympanic membrane convert sound waves into mechanical movements.

External ear

- Funnels sound wave towards the tympanic membrane
- Sound makes the tympanic membrane vibrate
- Auricle = Pinna

Fig
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Middle Ear

- Ossicles located in air-filled space
- Malleus- attached to eardrum
 - Incus
 - Stapes-attached to oval window
- connect tympanic membrane with the receptor complex of the inner ear.
- They transfer vibrations from tympanum to fluid-filled chambers within the inner ear.
 - ossicles amplify & strengthen vibrations
 - skeletal muscles dampen vibration

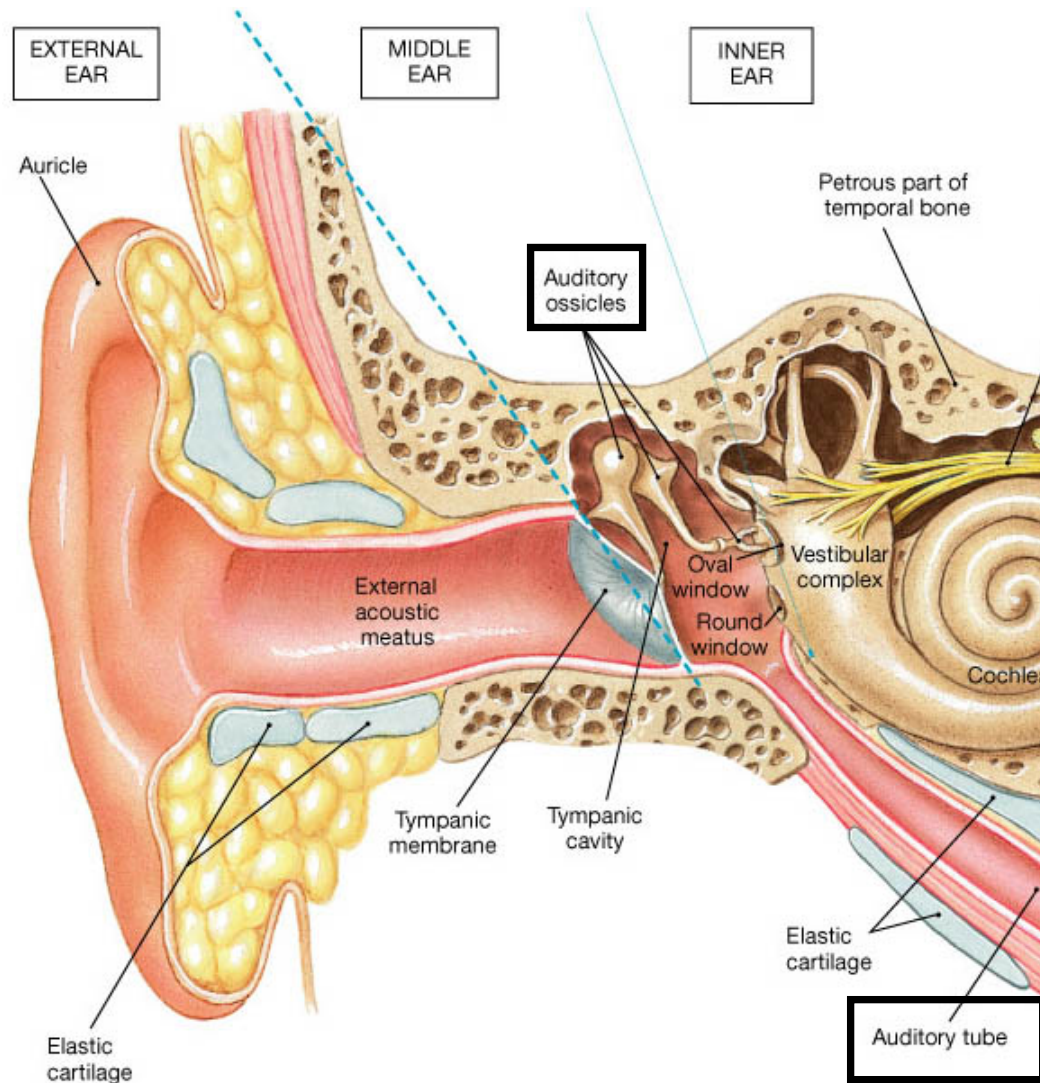
- Auditory Tube- connects ear to nasopharynx and adjusts pressure in mid. ear
- Approx. 4cm long.
- Passes through temporal bone.
- Normally collapsed sealing off middle ear
- opens to allow middle ear pressure to equilibrate with atmospheric pressure during chewing, swallowing and yawning.

- Pressure must be equal on both sides of the tympanic membrane or there may be a partial distortion of the membrane.
- Short and horizontal in small children.
- common site of infections due to close proximity to the nasopharynx

Middle ear

- Transmits vibration from the tympanic membrane to the inner ear
- Auditory tube = Eustachian tube =
- Pharyngotympanic tube

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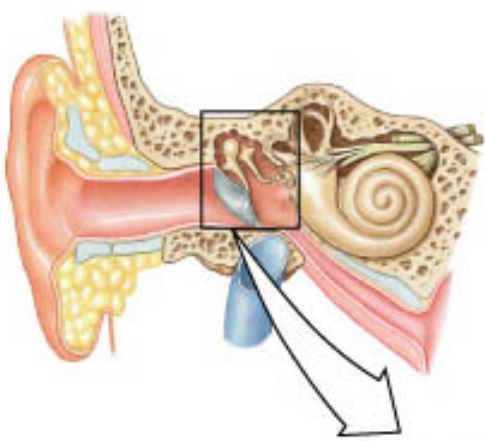
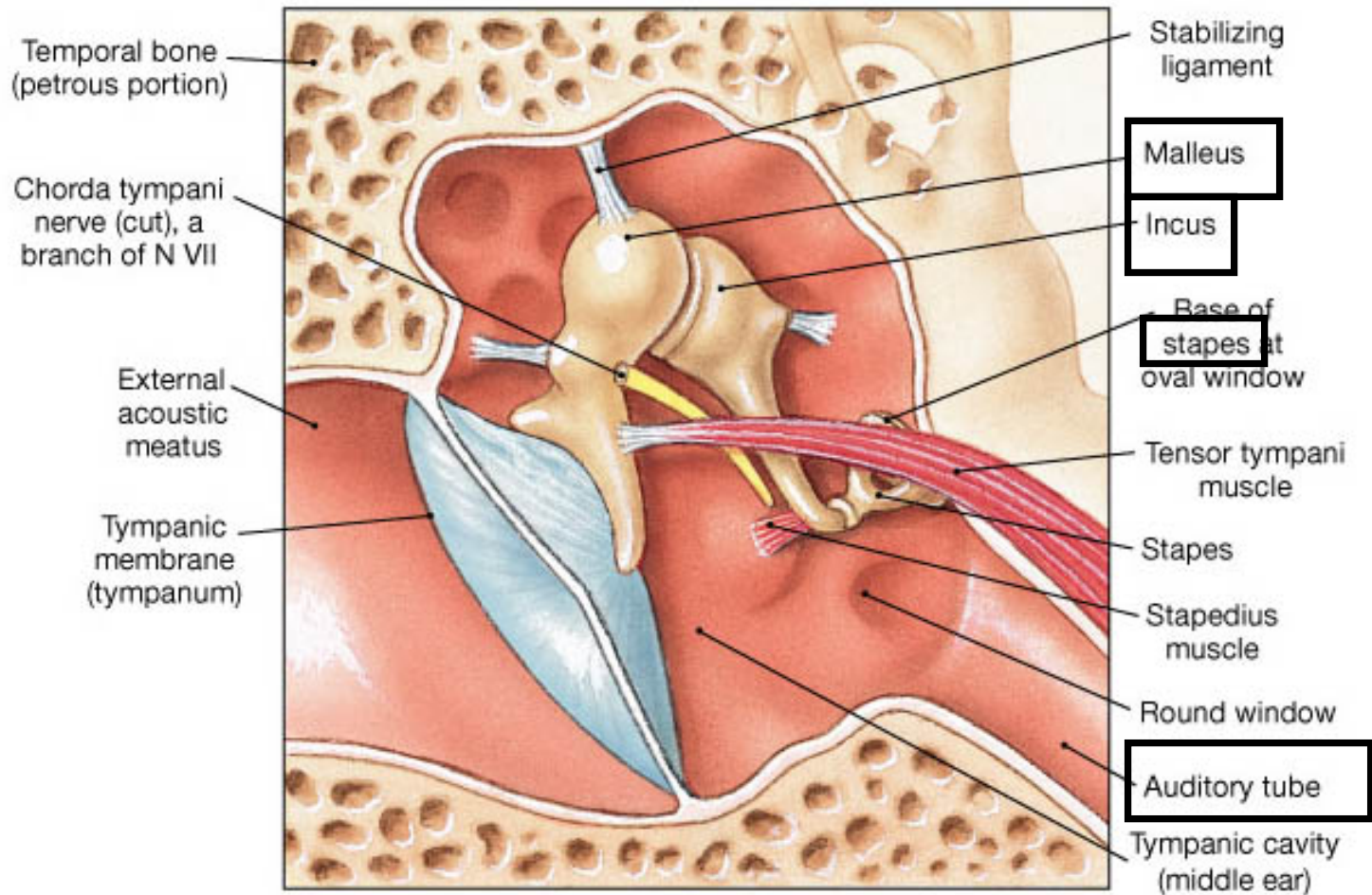
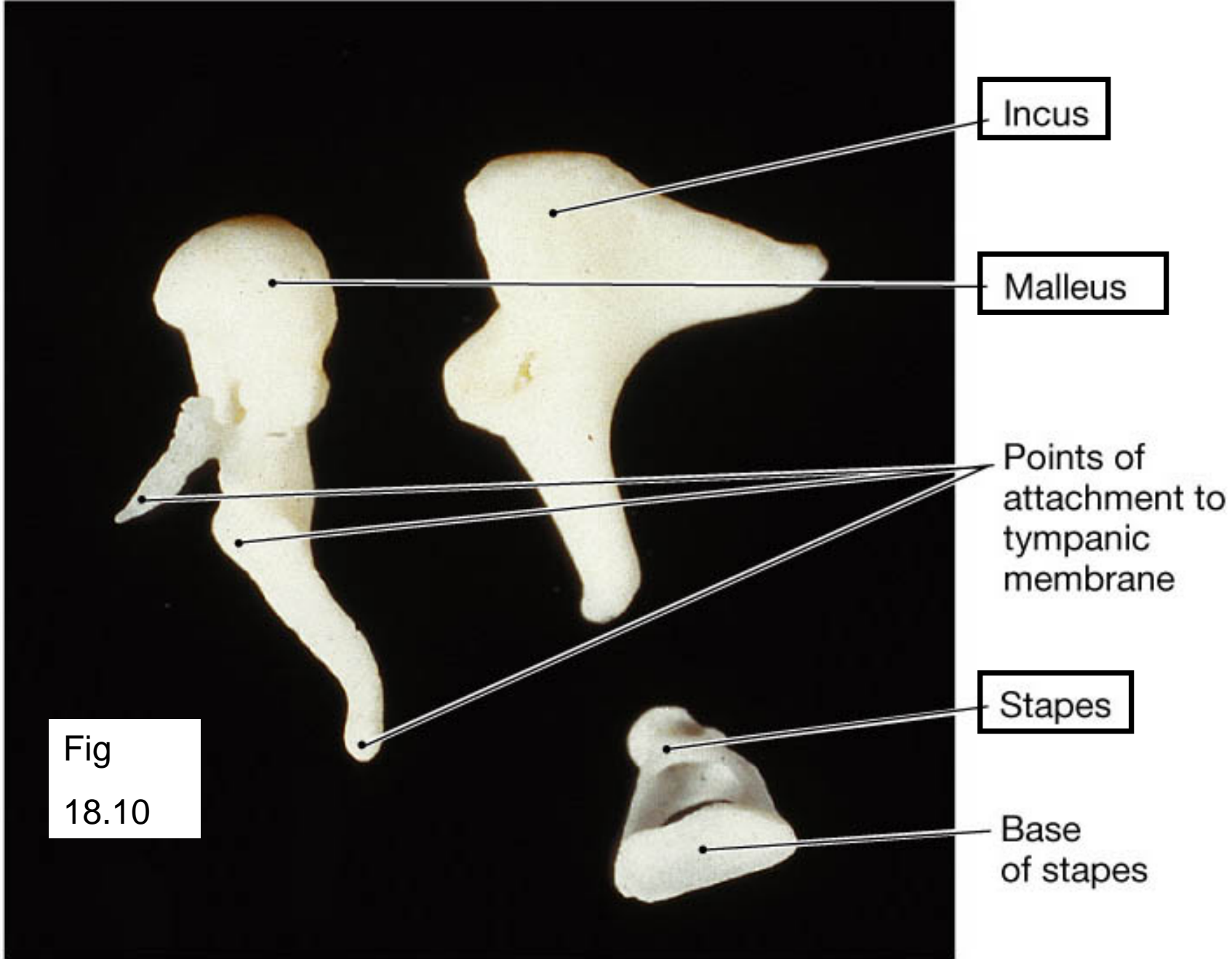


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(b) The middle ear



(c) Auditory ossicles

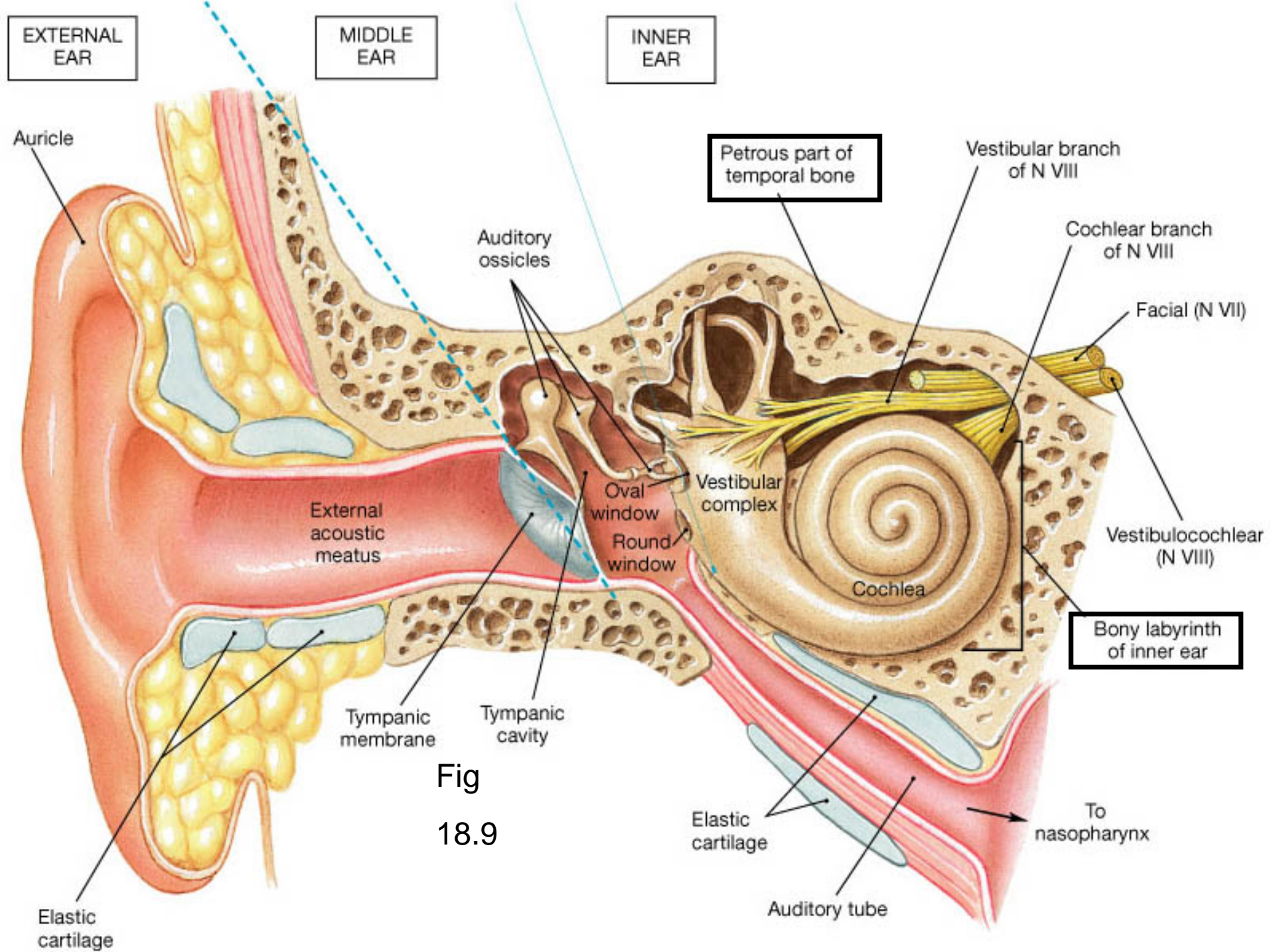
Inner Ear

- Bony Labyrinth (canals within temporal bone)
- Membranous Labyrinth (connect. tissue in bony lab.)
- Contains Cochlea (hearing)

- Contains semicircular canals/ vestibule (equilibrium)
- **Hearing**
- mechanoreceptors found in cochlea
- stapes vibrates against oval window (moves fluid)
- Hair cells bend as sound waves move fluid (endolymph) and membranes in cochlear duct.

Inner ear

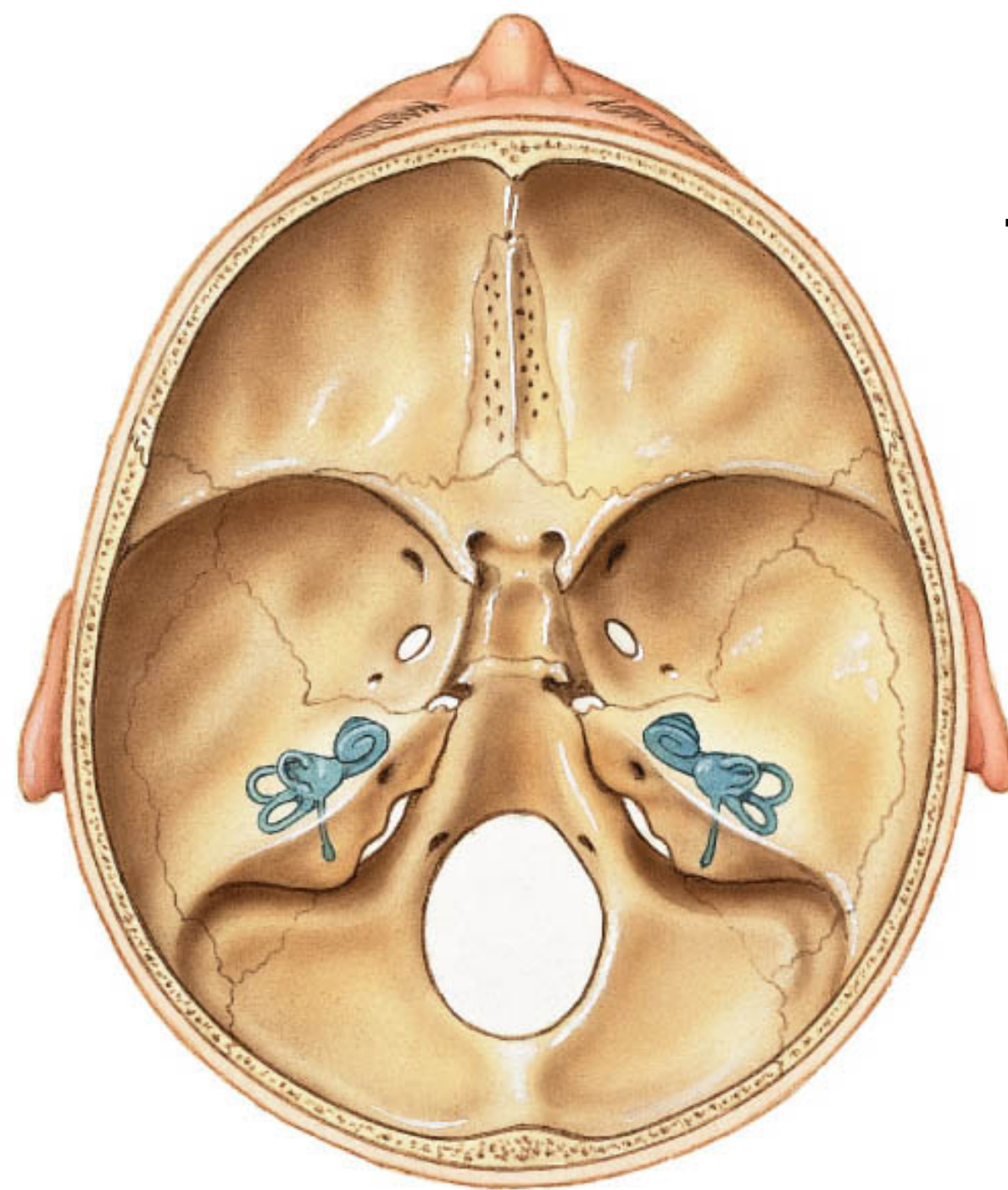
- Contain mechanoreceptors for vibration (auditory) and mechanoreceptors for motion of the head (equilibrium)
- Bony/Osseous labyrinth is a sinus in the temporal bone
- Membranous labyrinth is inside of the bony labyrinth



The inner ear

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**(a) Floor of cranial cavity
(superior view)**



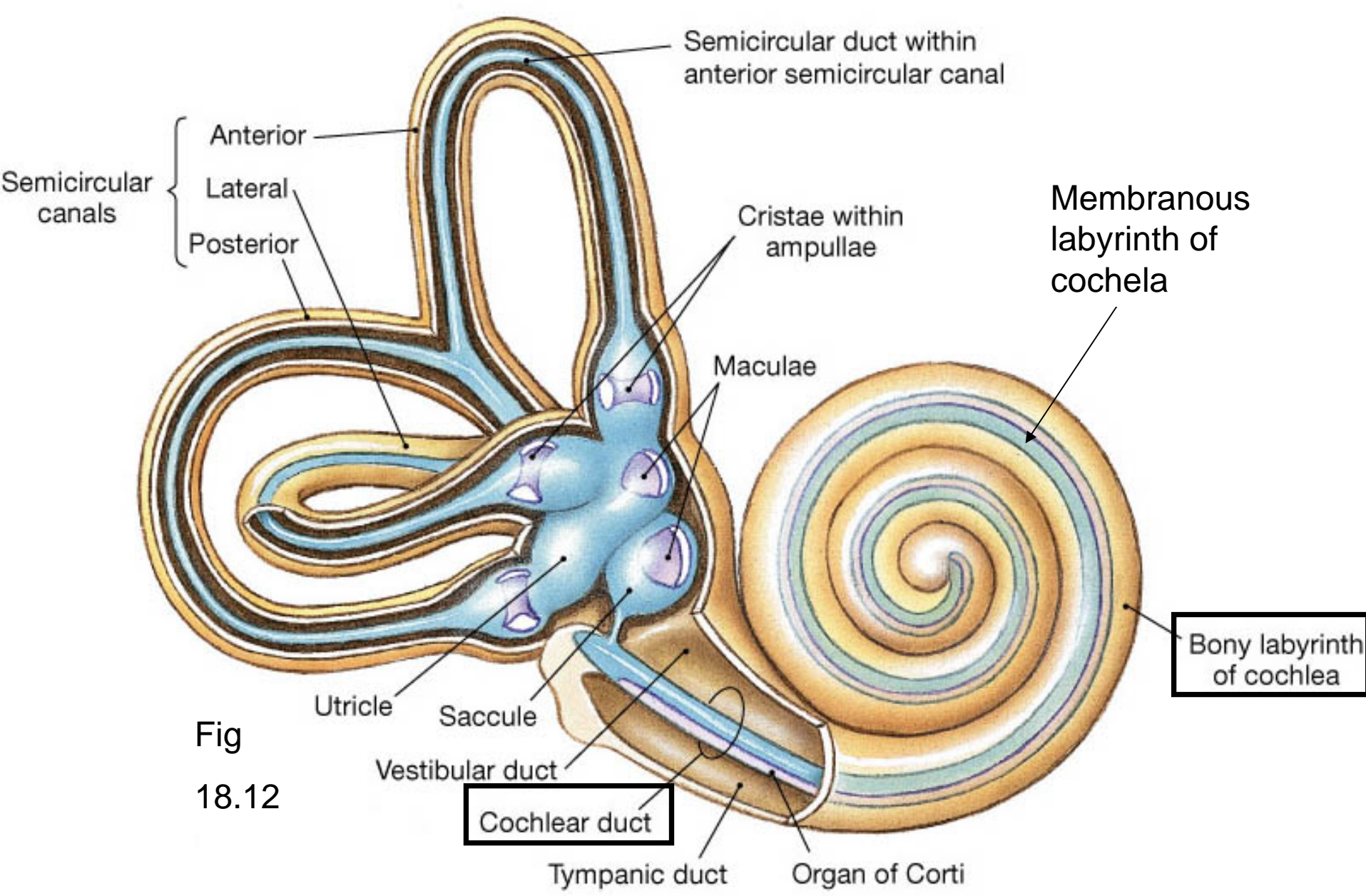
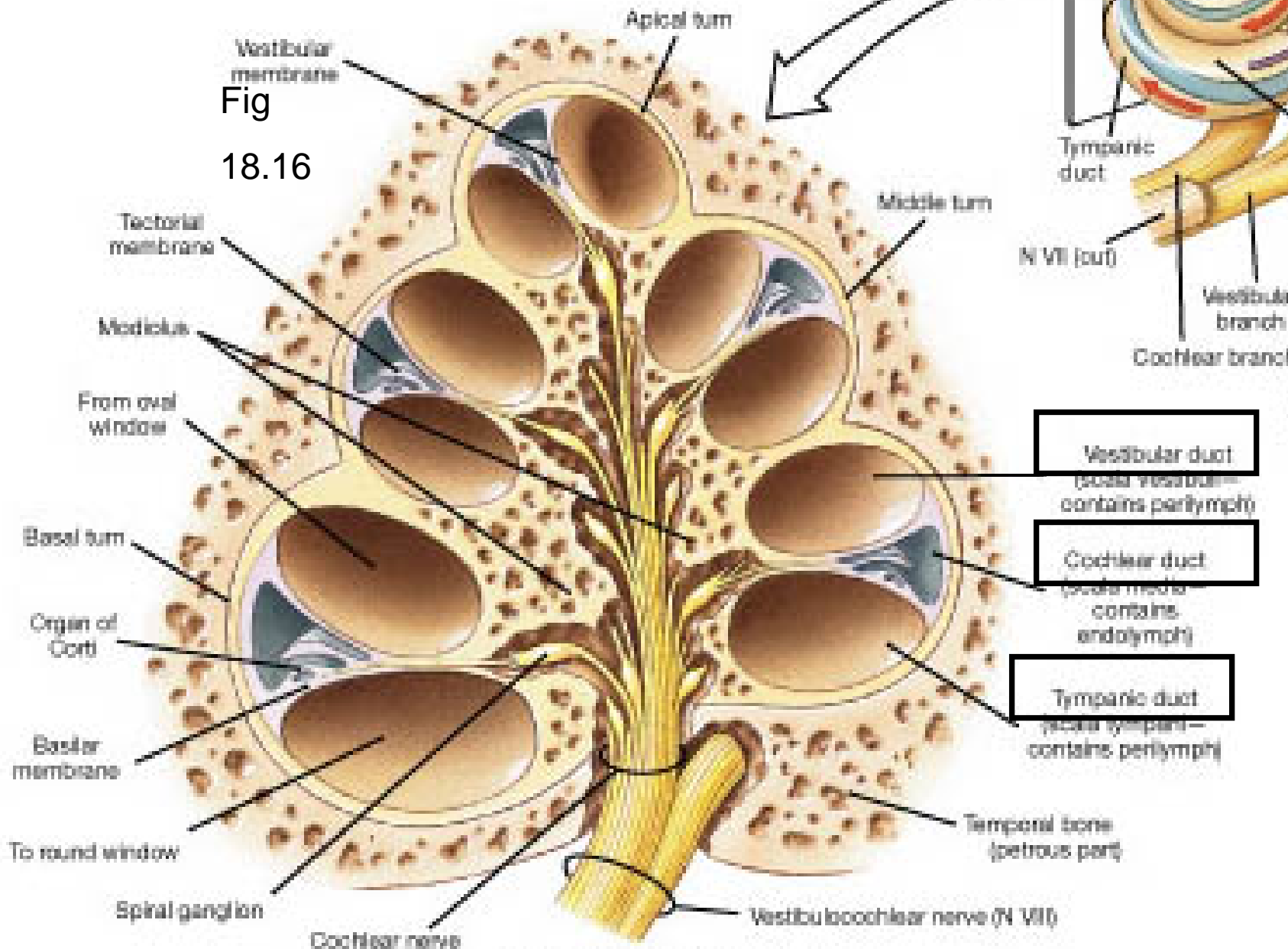
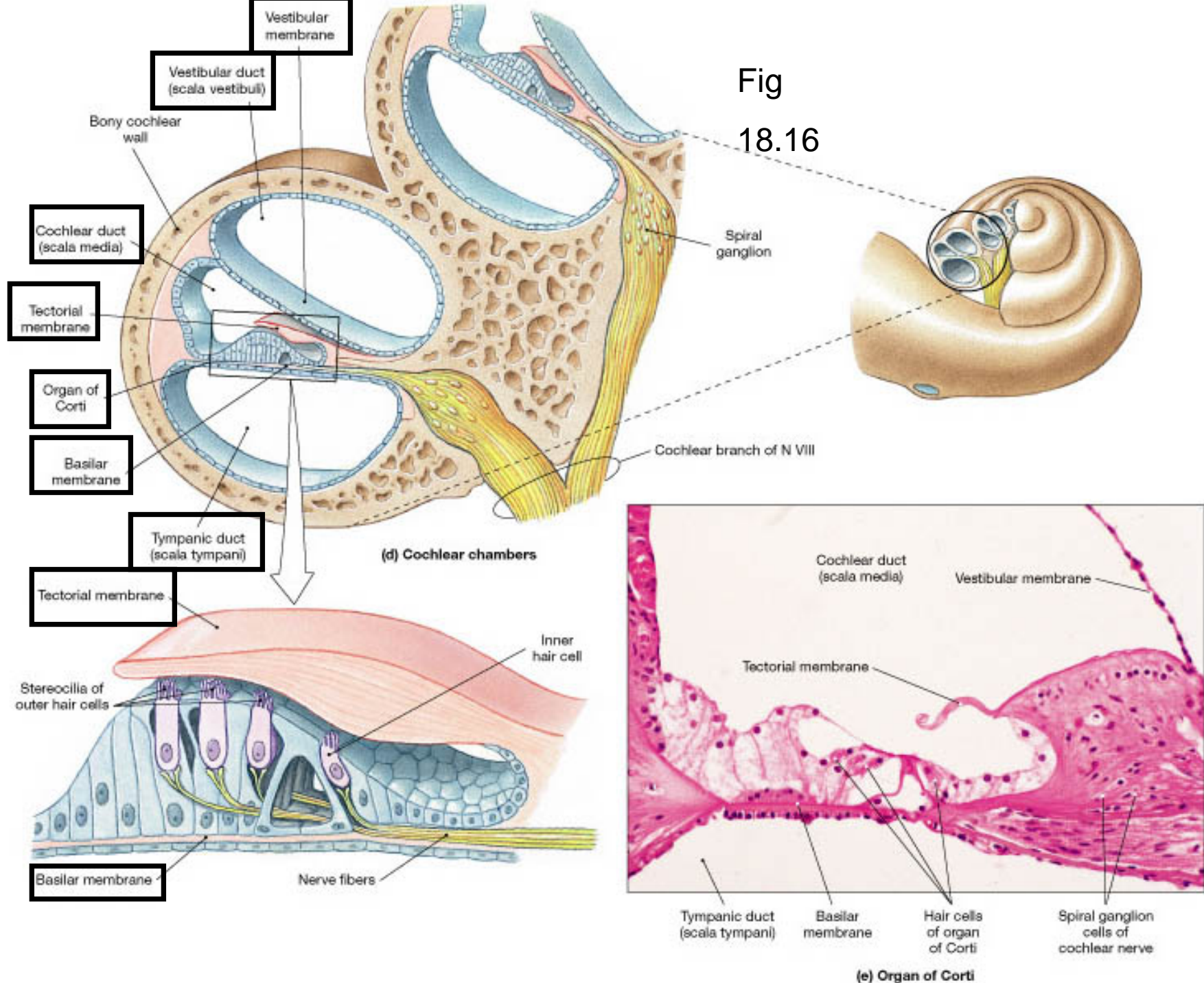


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(b) Semicircular canals and ducts (anterior view)

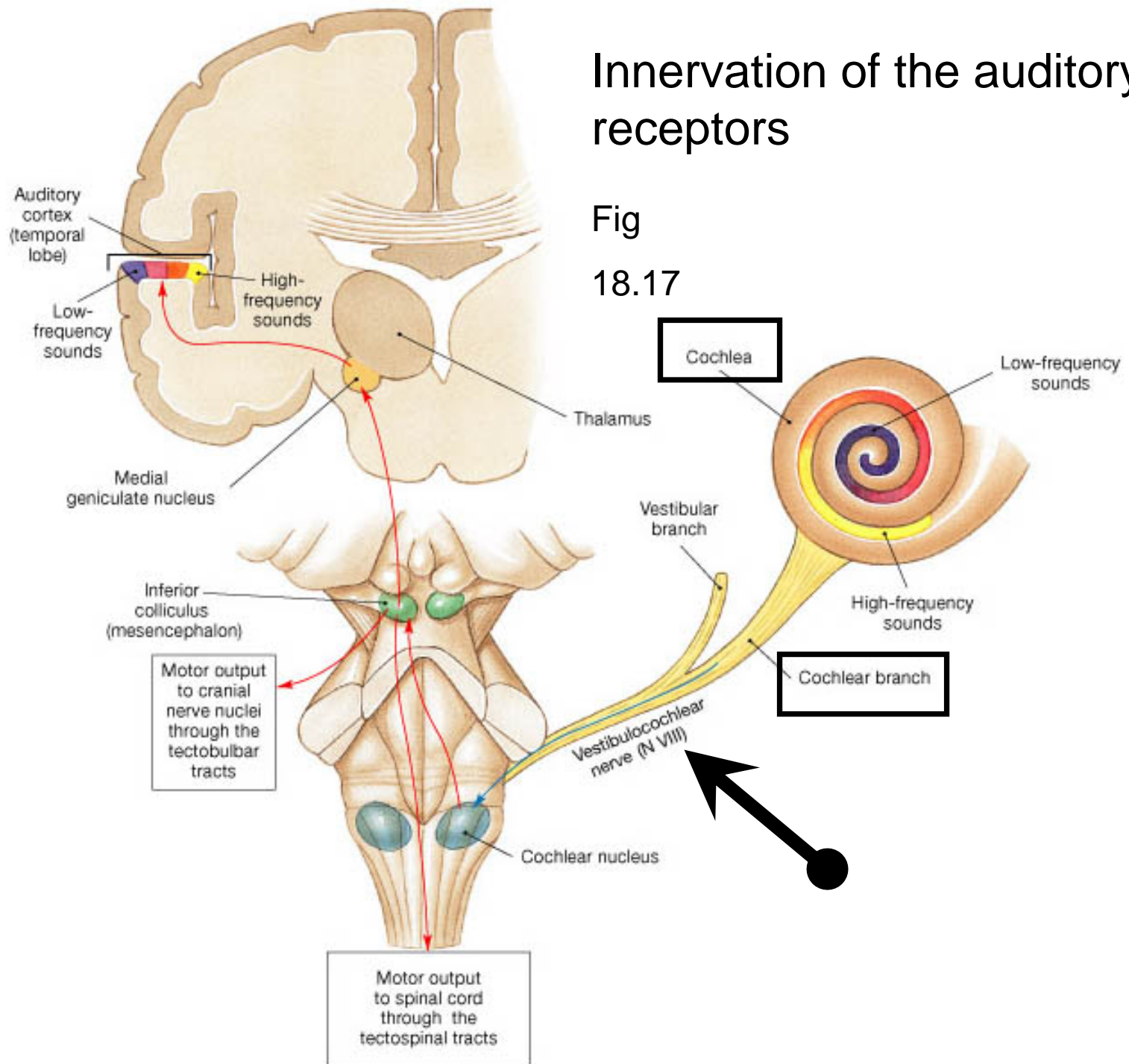




- The vestibular & tympanic ducts are filled with perilymph
- Cochlear duct is filled with endolymph

Innervation of the auditory receptors

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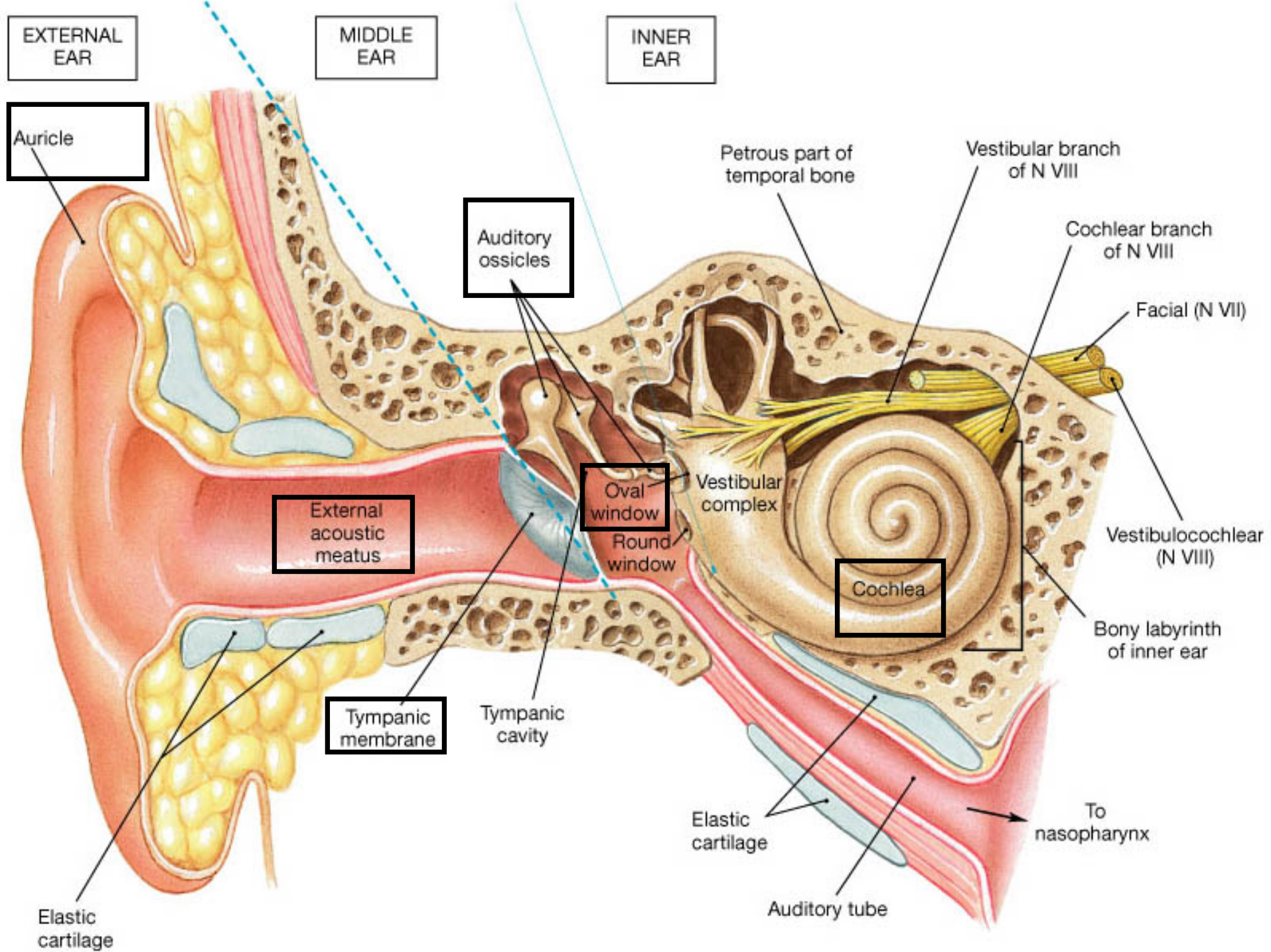


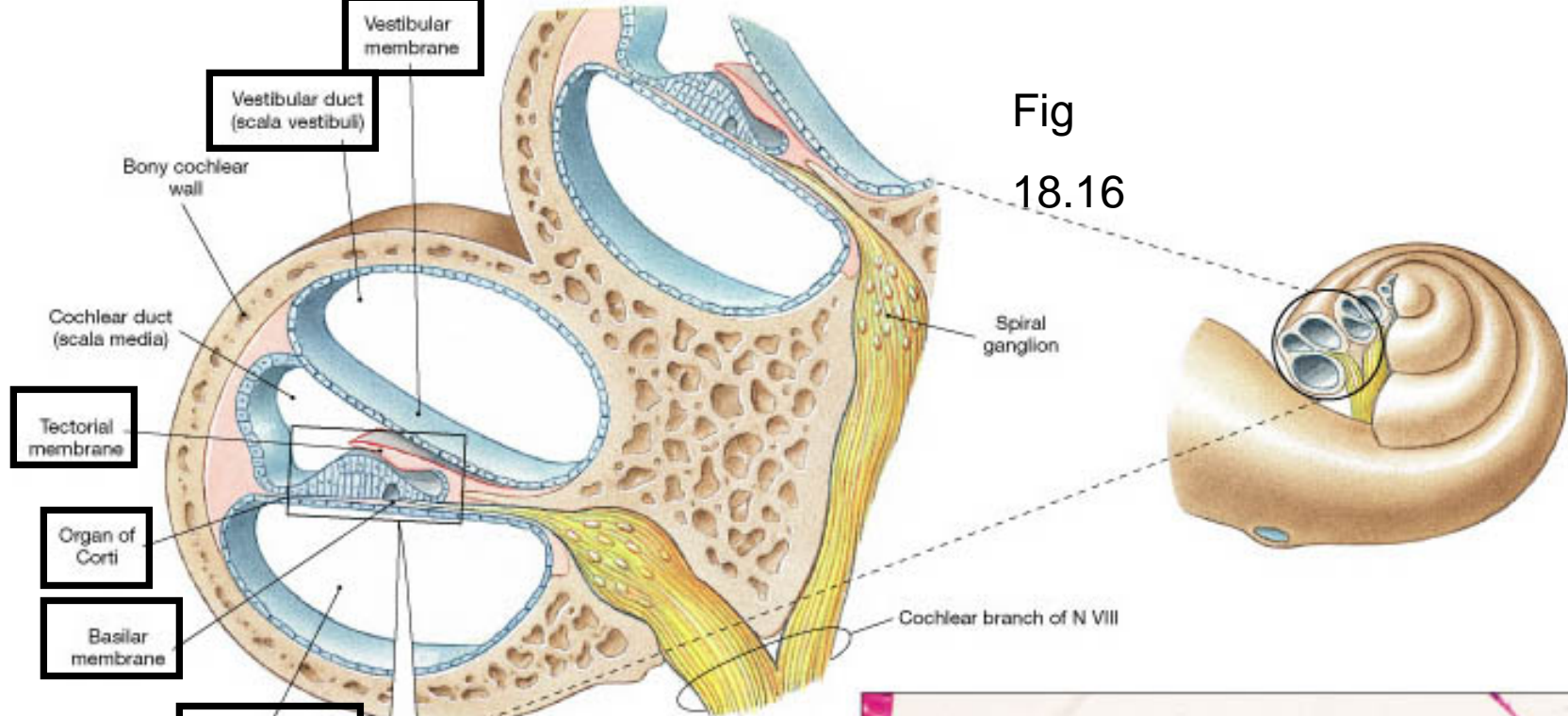
Types of sound

- Intensity-
 - louder sound->stronger vibration>more stimulation of receptors
- Frequency-(pitch)
 - Location of the specific auditory receptor
 - humans sounds range of 20-20,000 Hz
 - most acute hearing between 1000-3000 Hz.
 - range decrease with age.
- Phase-
 - which ear the sound is closer to
- Timbre-
 - Integration of sensory info in the brain

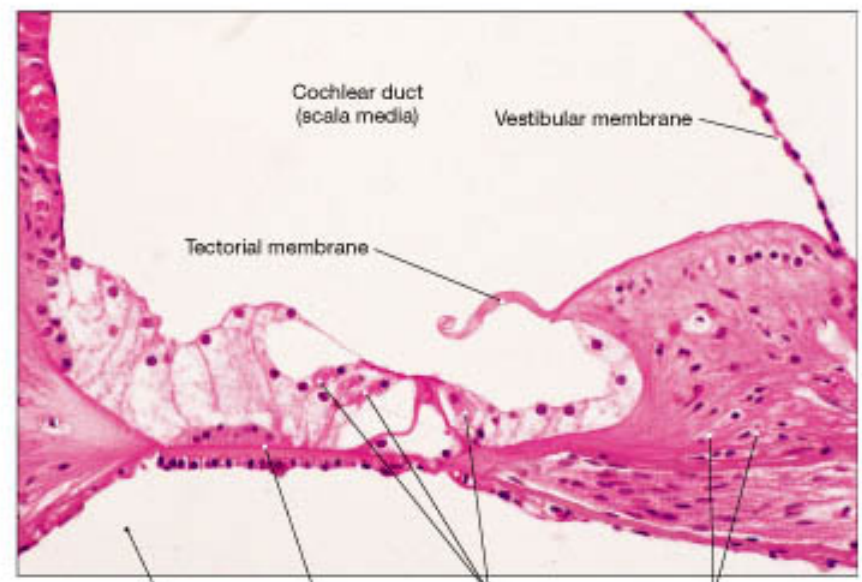
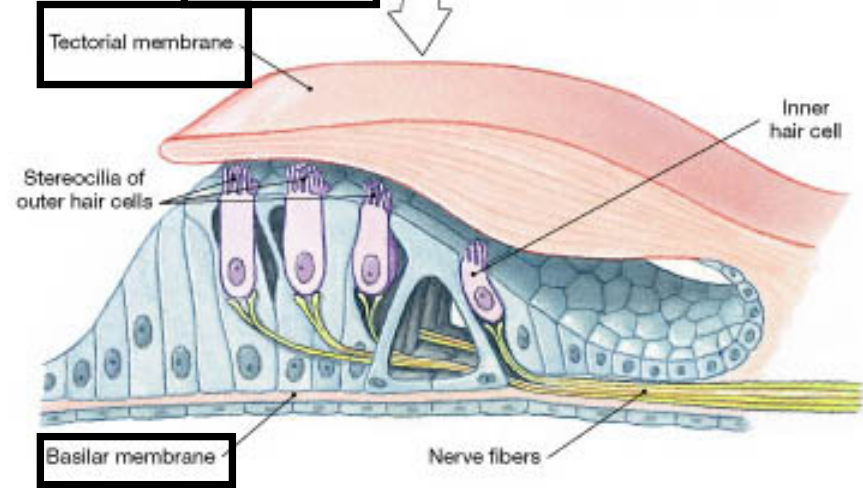
Auditory tracing

- Sound
- External ear
- Tympanic membrane
- Middle ear bones
- Oval window
- Motion of perilymph in vestibular & tympanic ducts
- Vibration of vestibular & basilar membranes
- Vibration of organ of corti
- Tectorial membrane pulls on hair cells
- cochlear nerve
- vestibulocochlear nerve (cranial nerve 8)
- Thalamus
- Cerebral cortex in temporal lobe

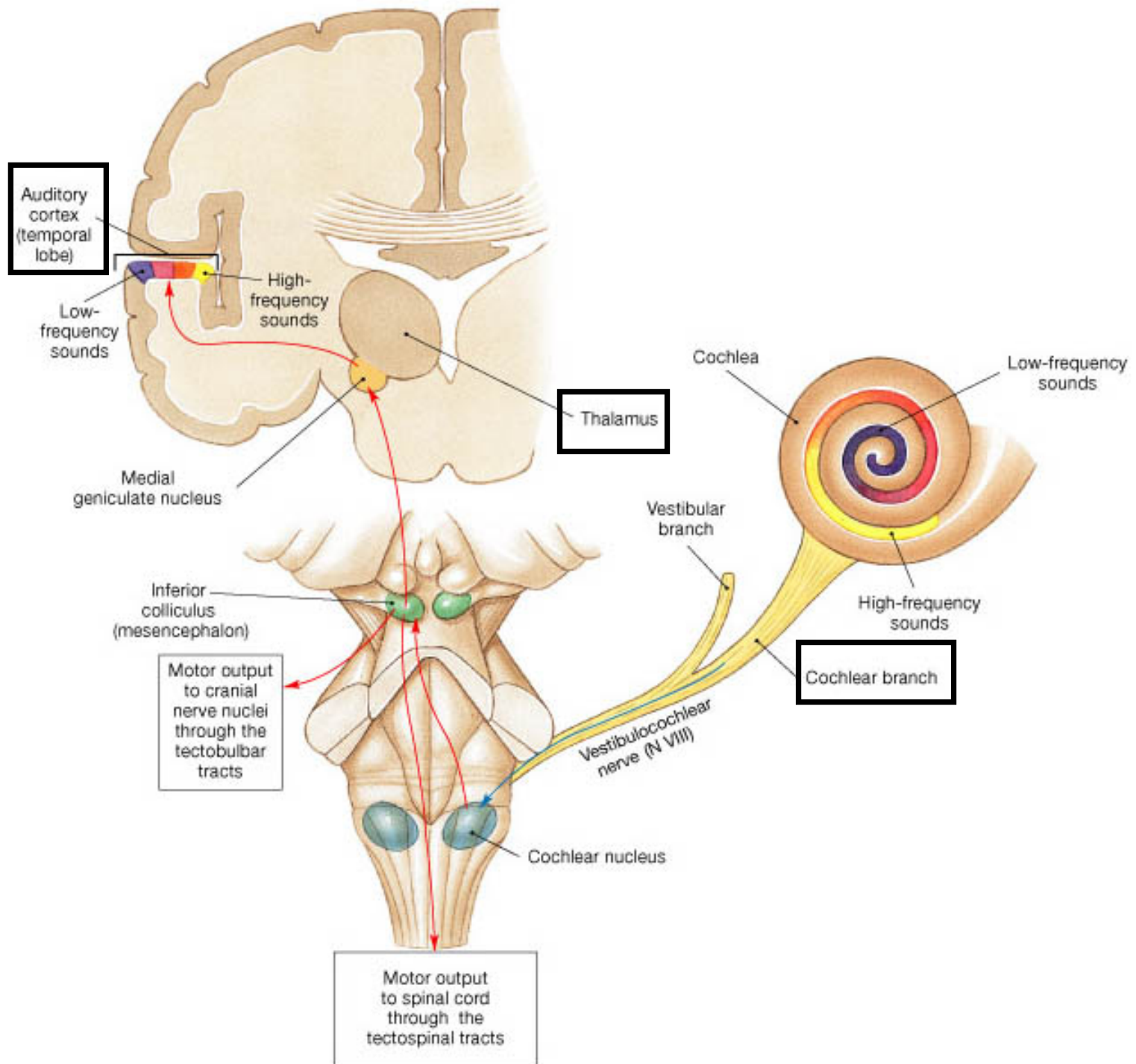




(d) Cochlear chambers

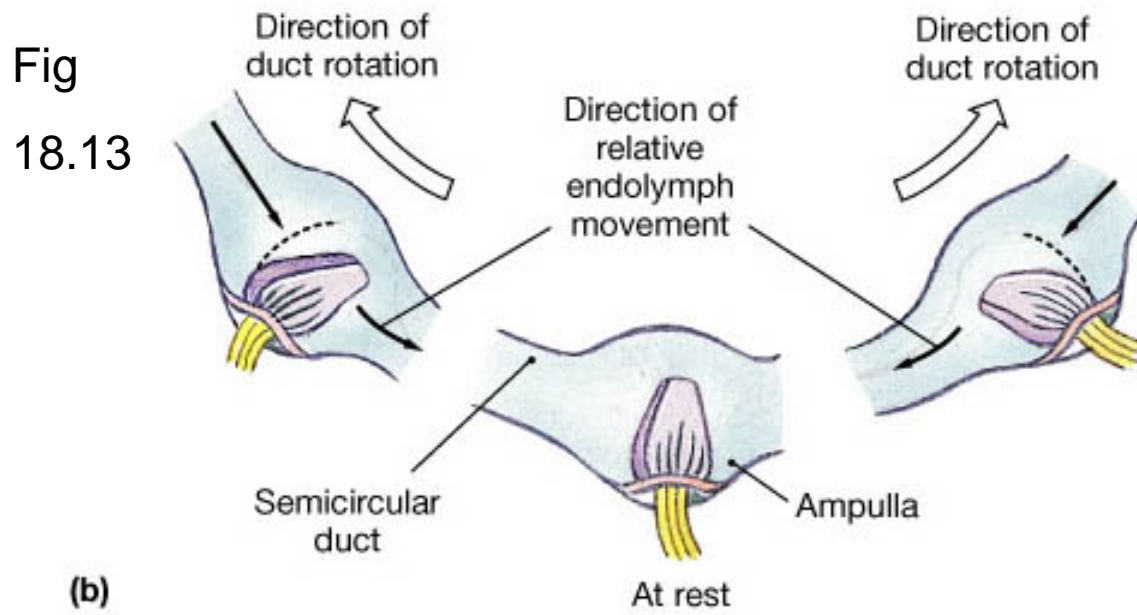
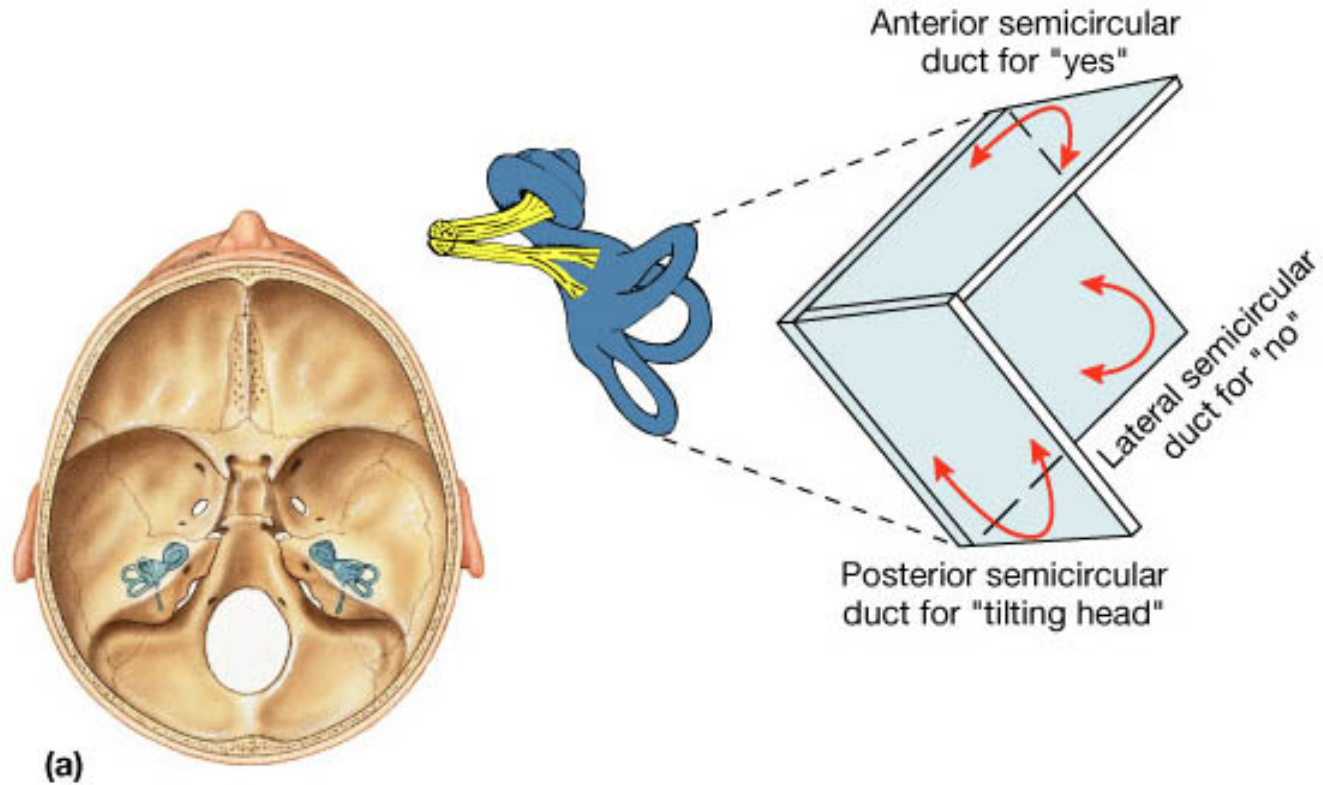


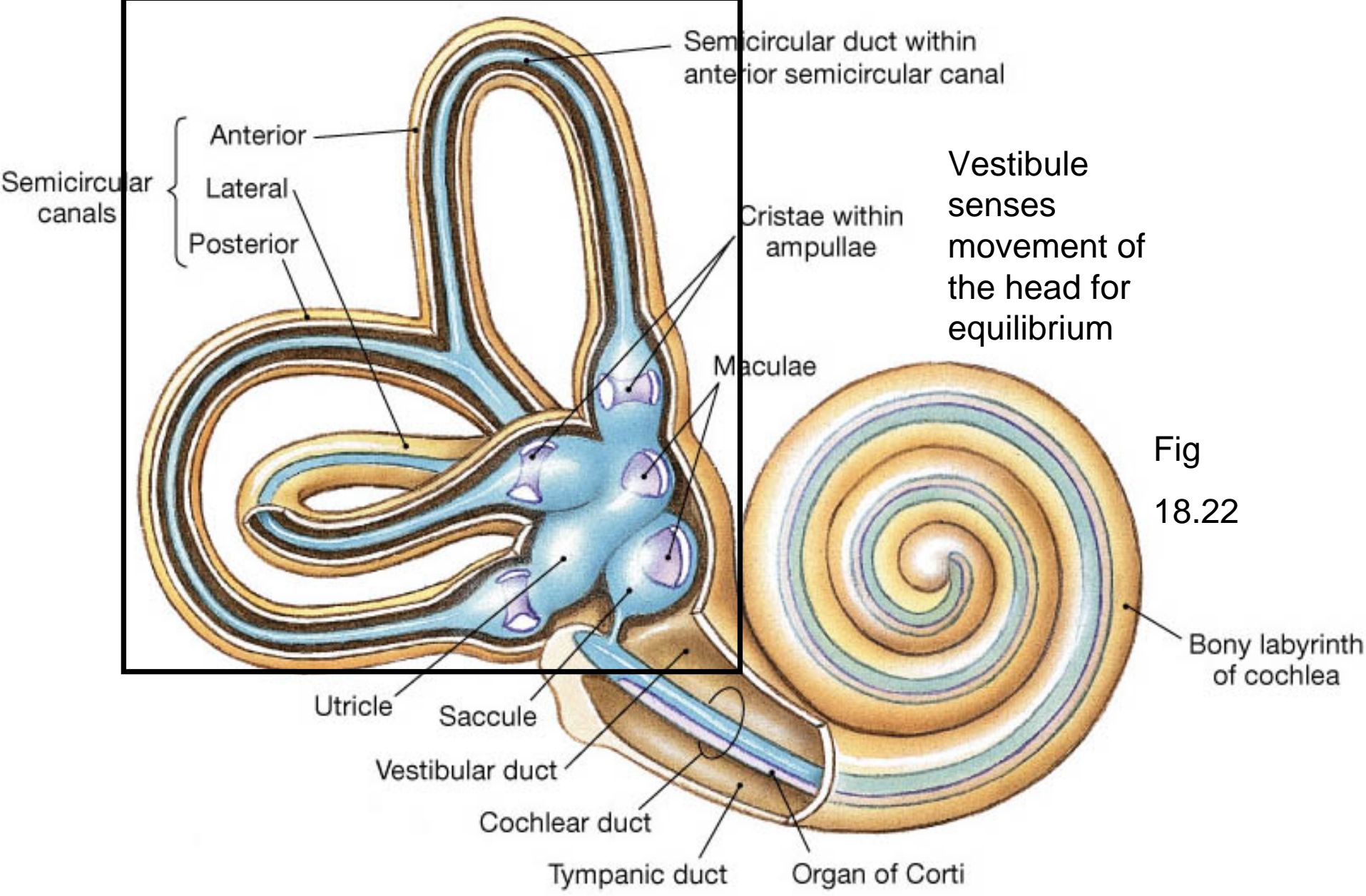
(e) Organ of Corti



Equilibrium

- Mechanoreceptors in semicircular ducts/ampulla sense dynamic equilibrium
 - movement of head/body
- Mechanoreceptors in vestibule sense static equilibrium
 - position of head/direction of gravity
 - utricle and saccule
 - Semi. Canal/vestibule send info to cerebellum
- *The remainder of the ear is used for hearing





(b) Semicircular canals and ducts (anterior view)

Equilibrium-vestibular nerves

- Hair cells in utricle, saccule, and ampullae
- vestibular nerve
- vestibulocochlear nerve
- medulla
- cerebellum

Vision

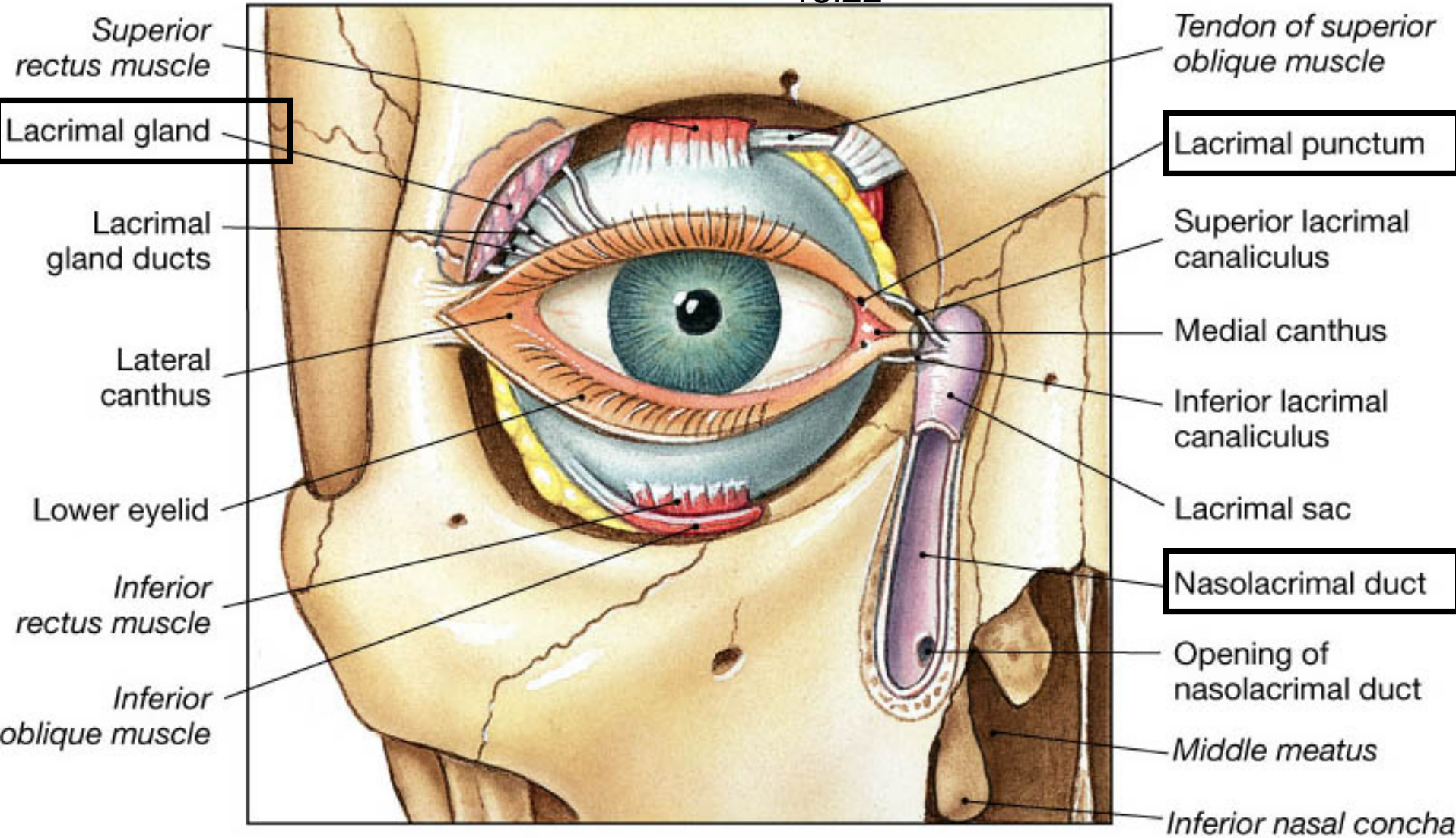
- 70% of ALL body receptors are found in the eye
- Use Photoreceptors
 - cones- detect color (3 types) visual acuity
 - rods- detect light / dark
- Three tunics:
 - Fibrous tunic
 - Vascular tunic
 - Nervous tunic
- Fibrous Tunic
 - **Sclera**- “the whites of their eyes”
 - **Cornea**- focus light (no blood vessels)

Vascular Tunic

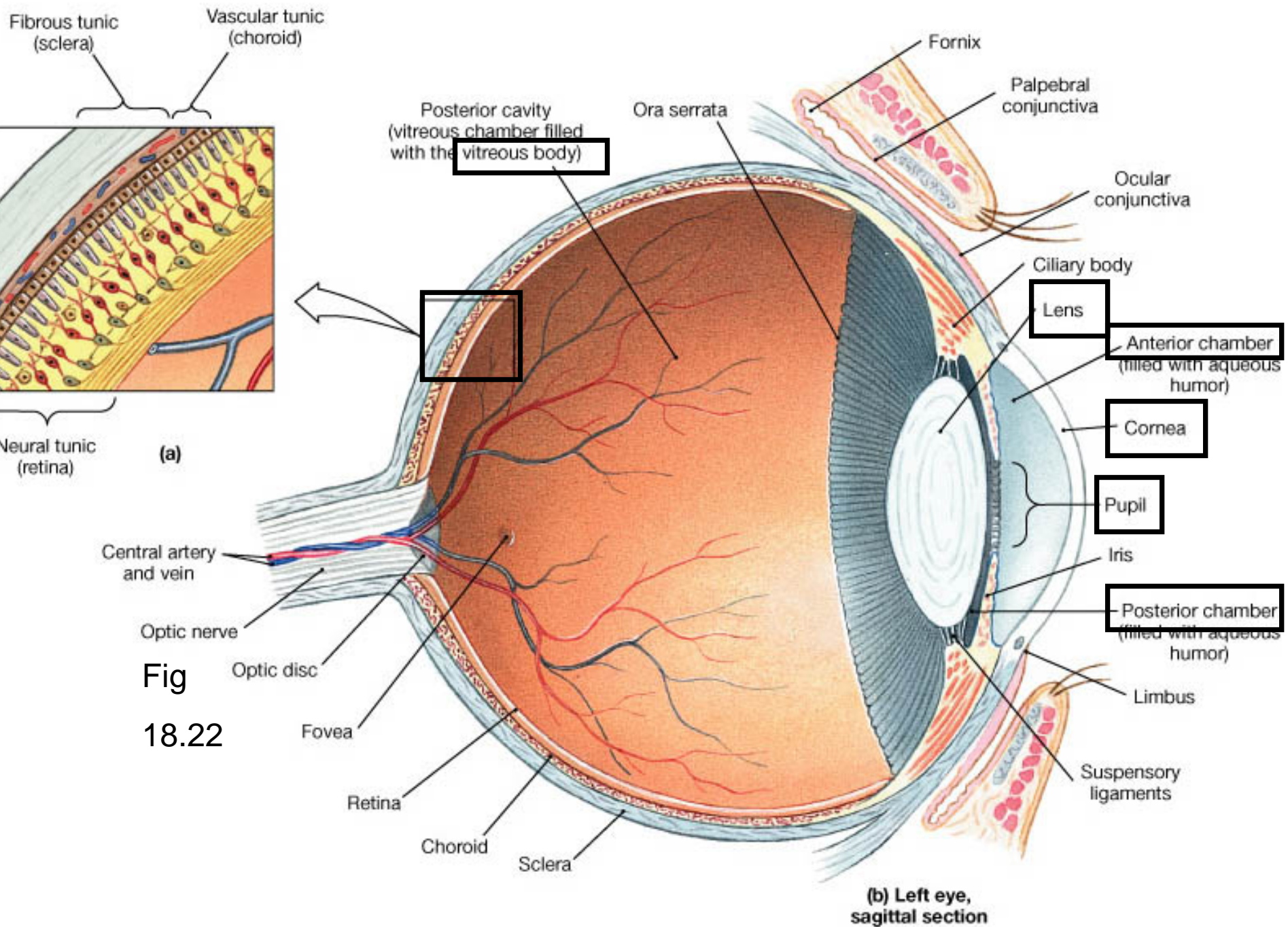
- **Choroid**-contains blood vessels
- **Ciliary Body**- muscle that suspends / moves lens
- **Iris**- muscular diaphragm used to amount of light adjust entering eye (pigmented)
- **Lens**- clear / flexible
- Nervous Tunic
- -made of nervous tissue
- -contains photoreceptors (light receptors)
- **Fovea**- concentration of cones at back of eye
- **Optic Disc**- “blind spot” where optic nerve exits no photoreceptors

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(c) Dissection of right orbit



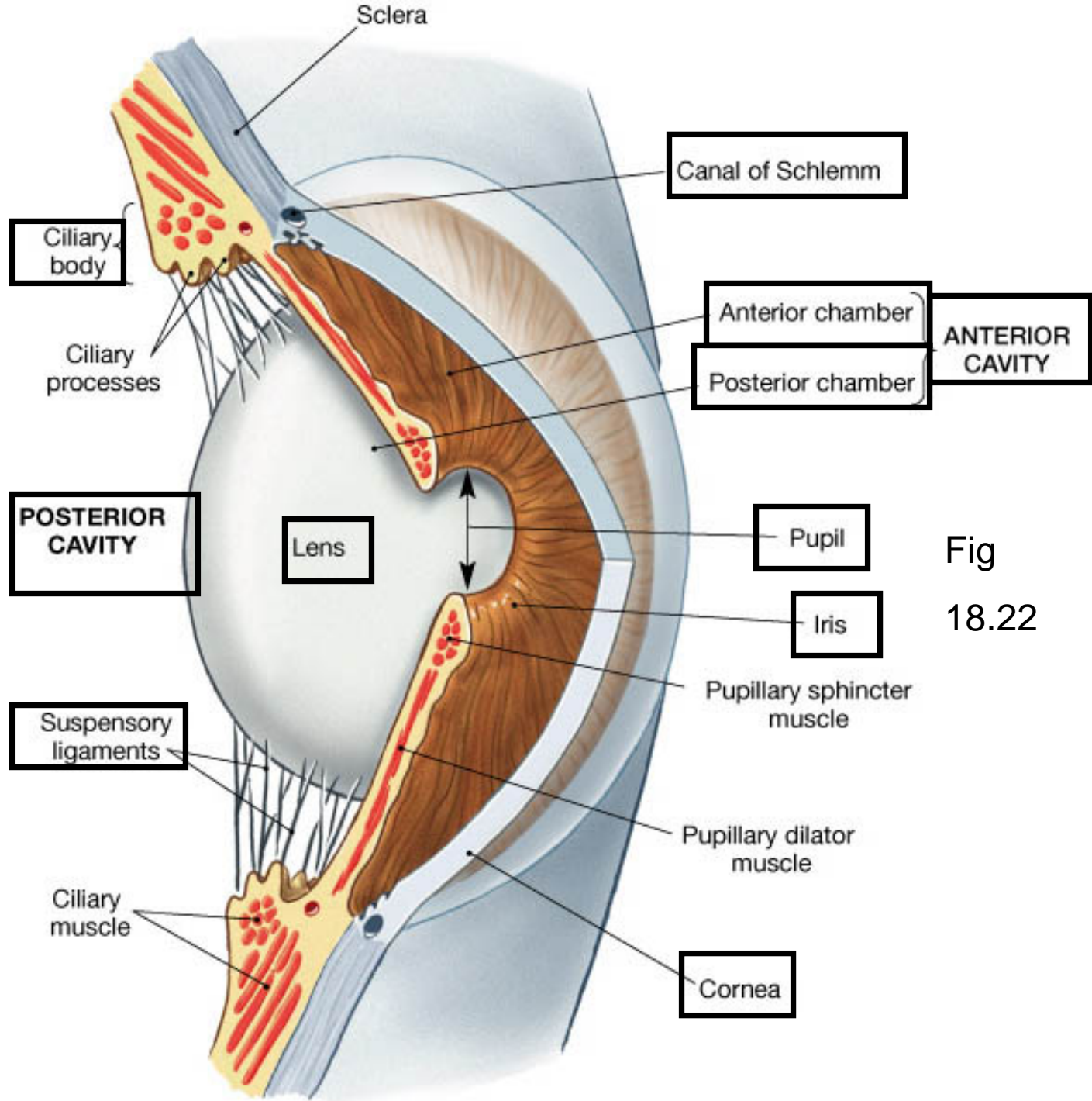
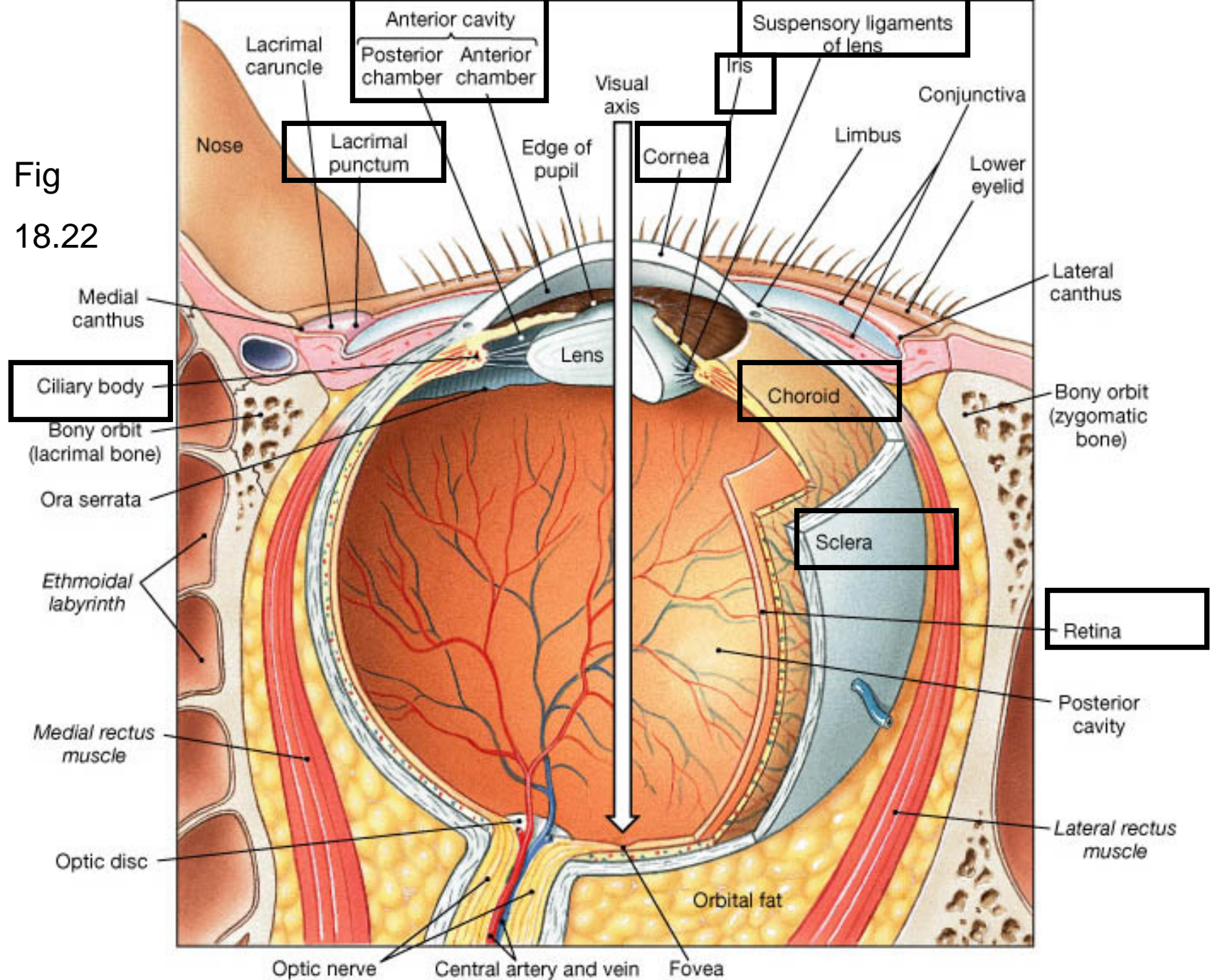


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(e) Horizontal section, superior view

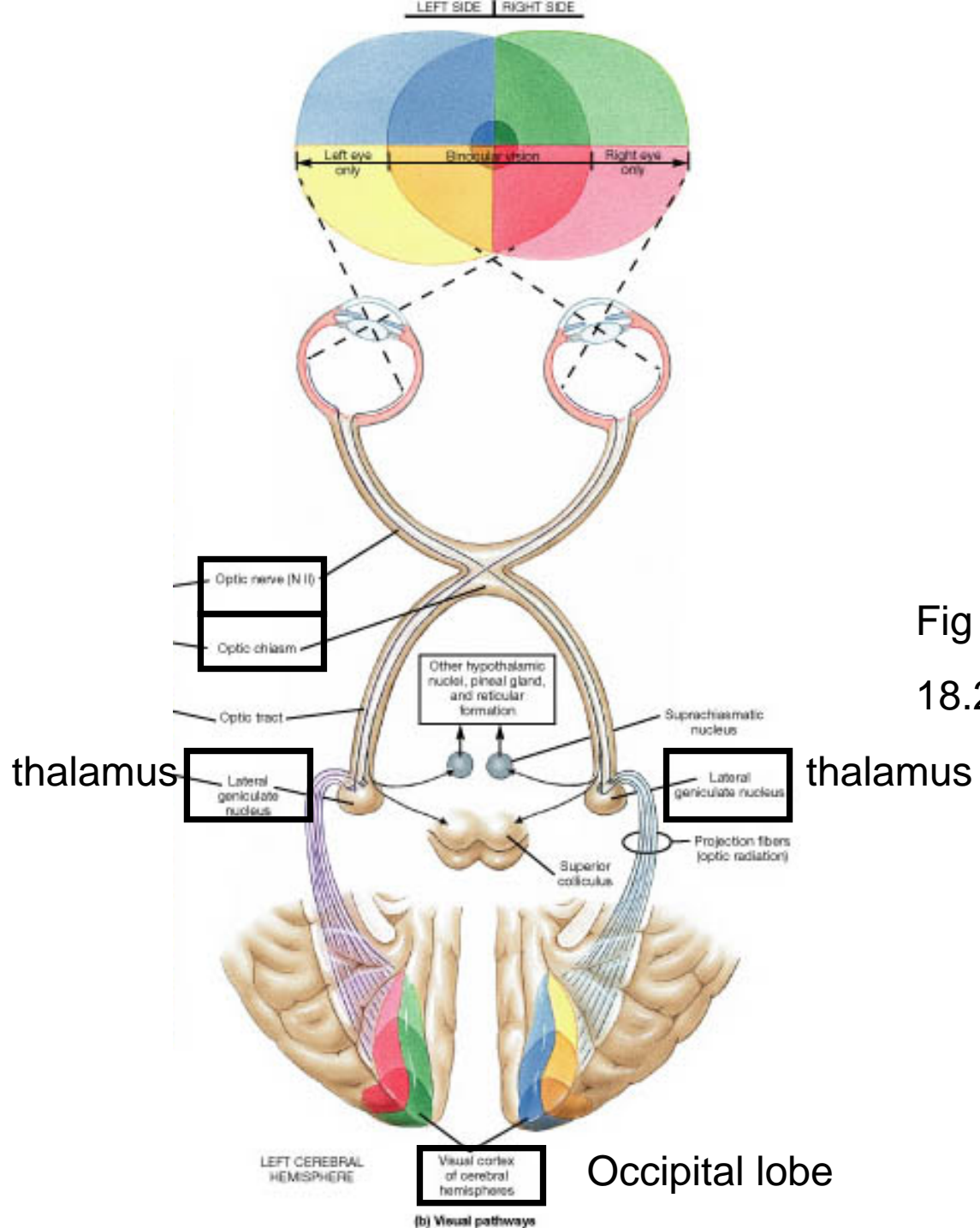
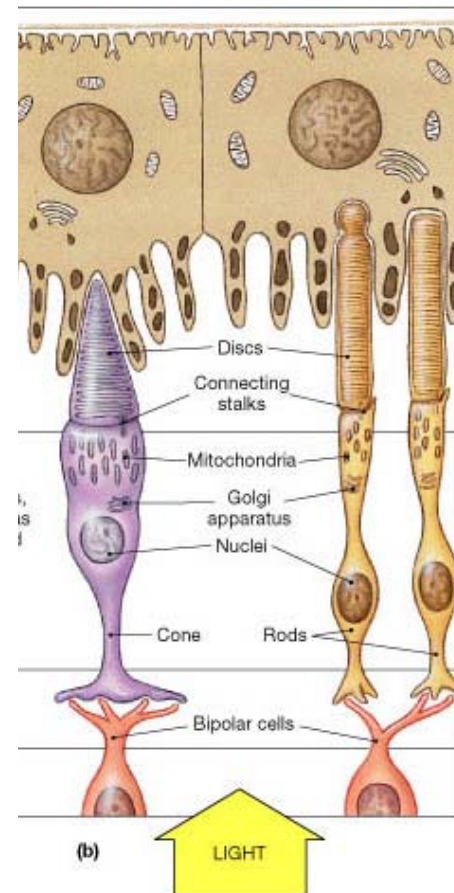


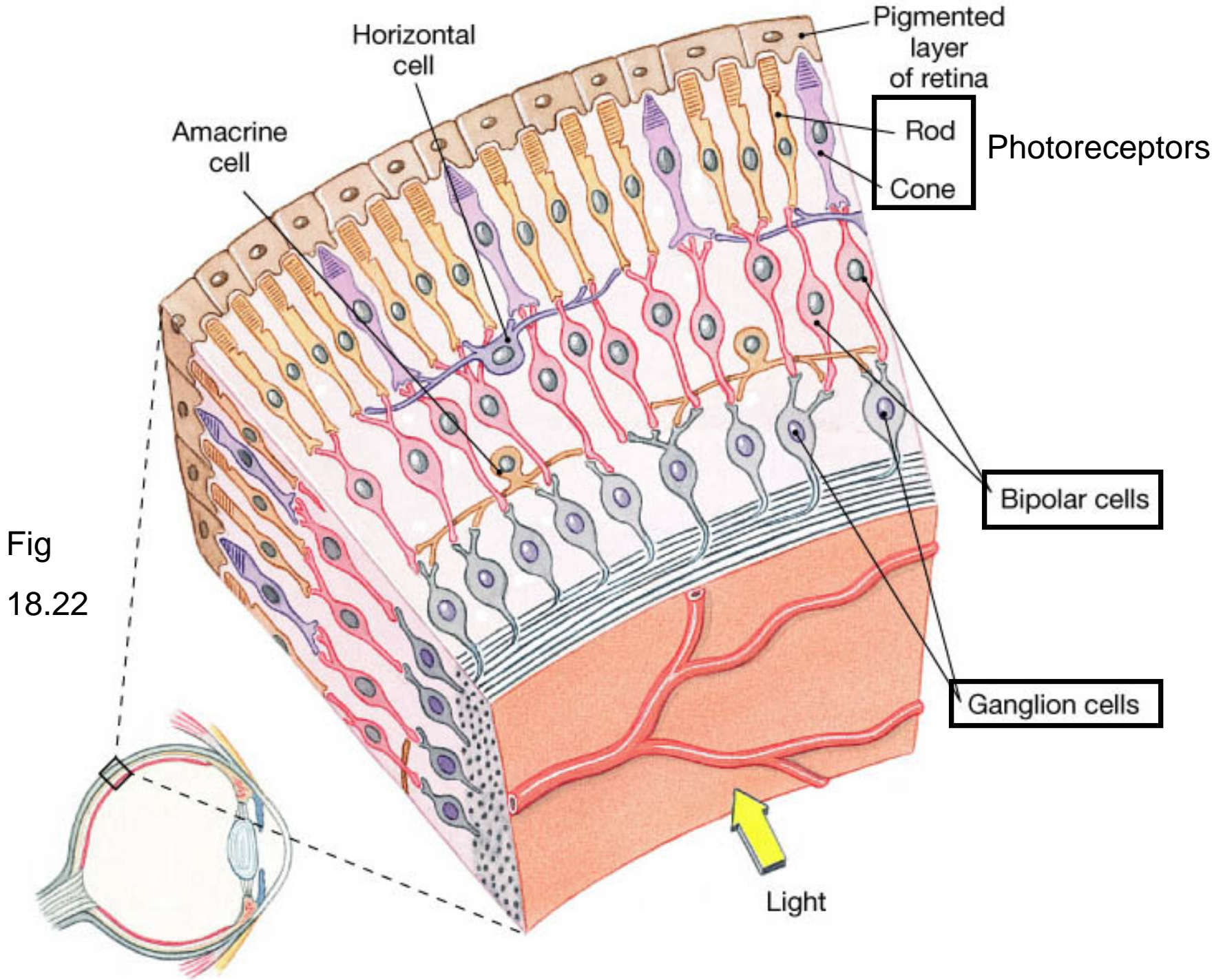
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Photoreceptors in retina

- Rods & Cones
- Cones: 6 mil in posterior region of retina
- Three colors-red, blue, green
- High acuity
- Function in bright light
- Rods-125 mil at periphery of retina
- Black & white vision
- Low acuity
- Function at low light levels

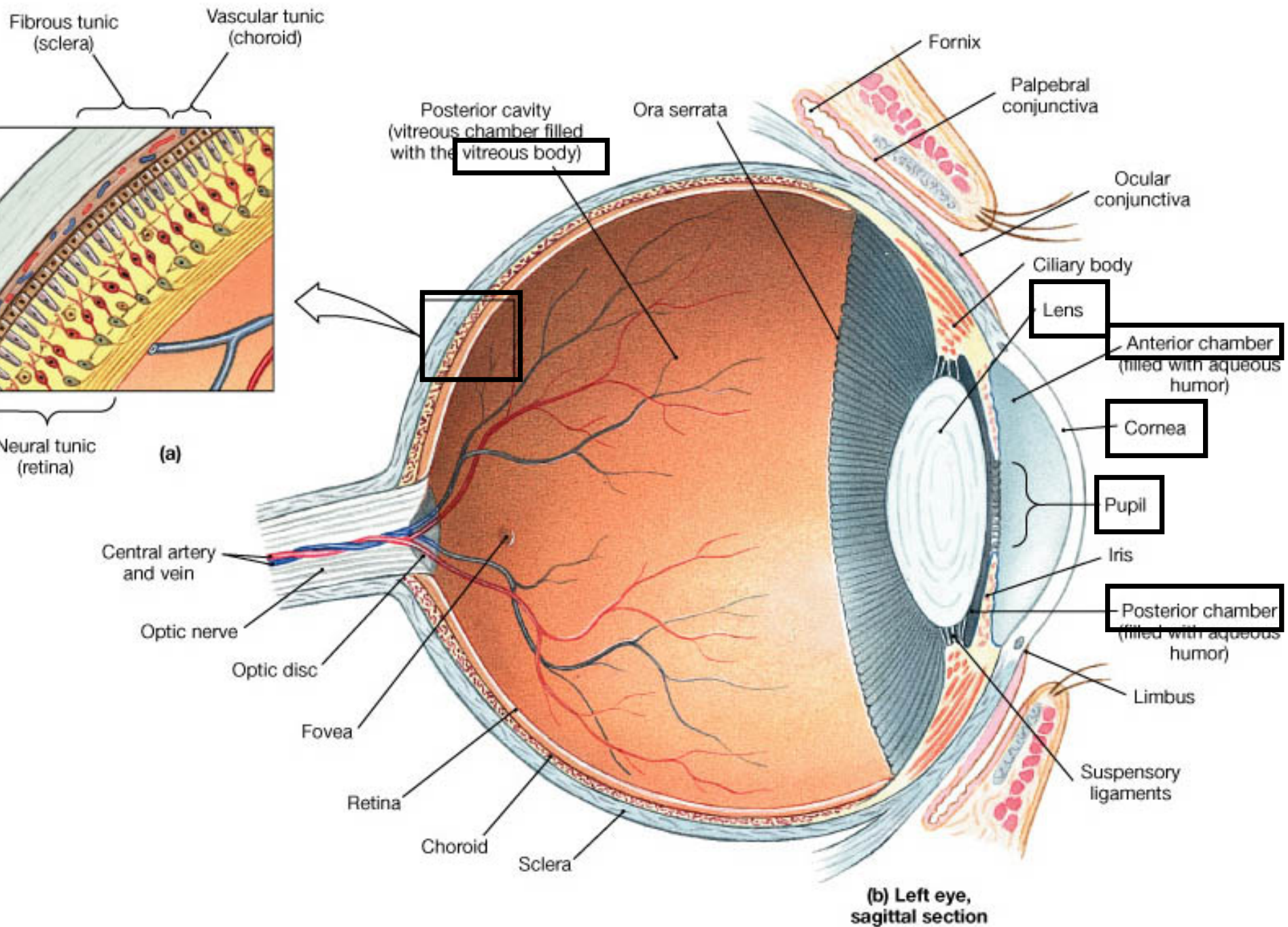
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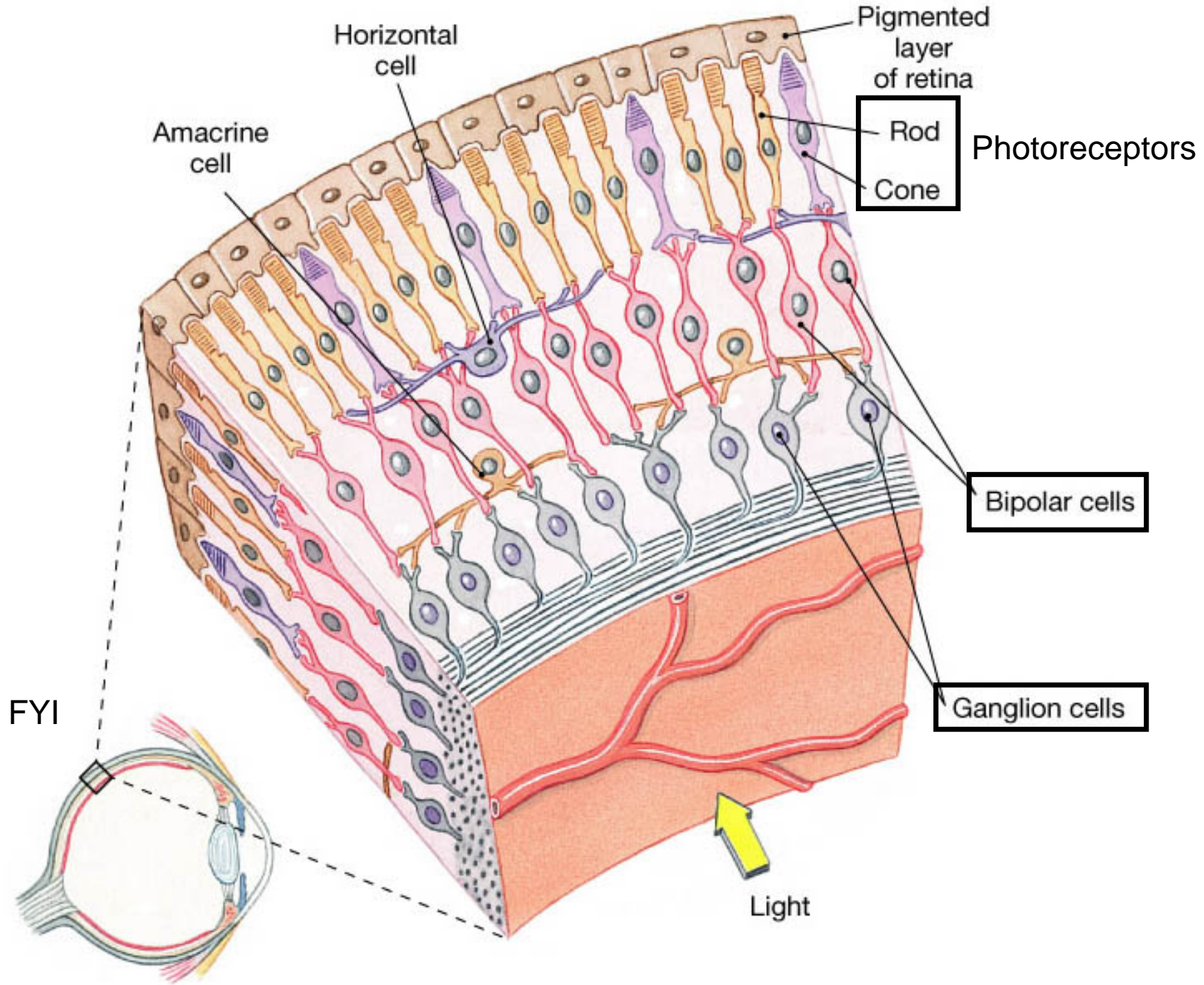


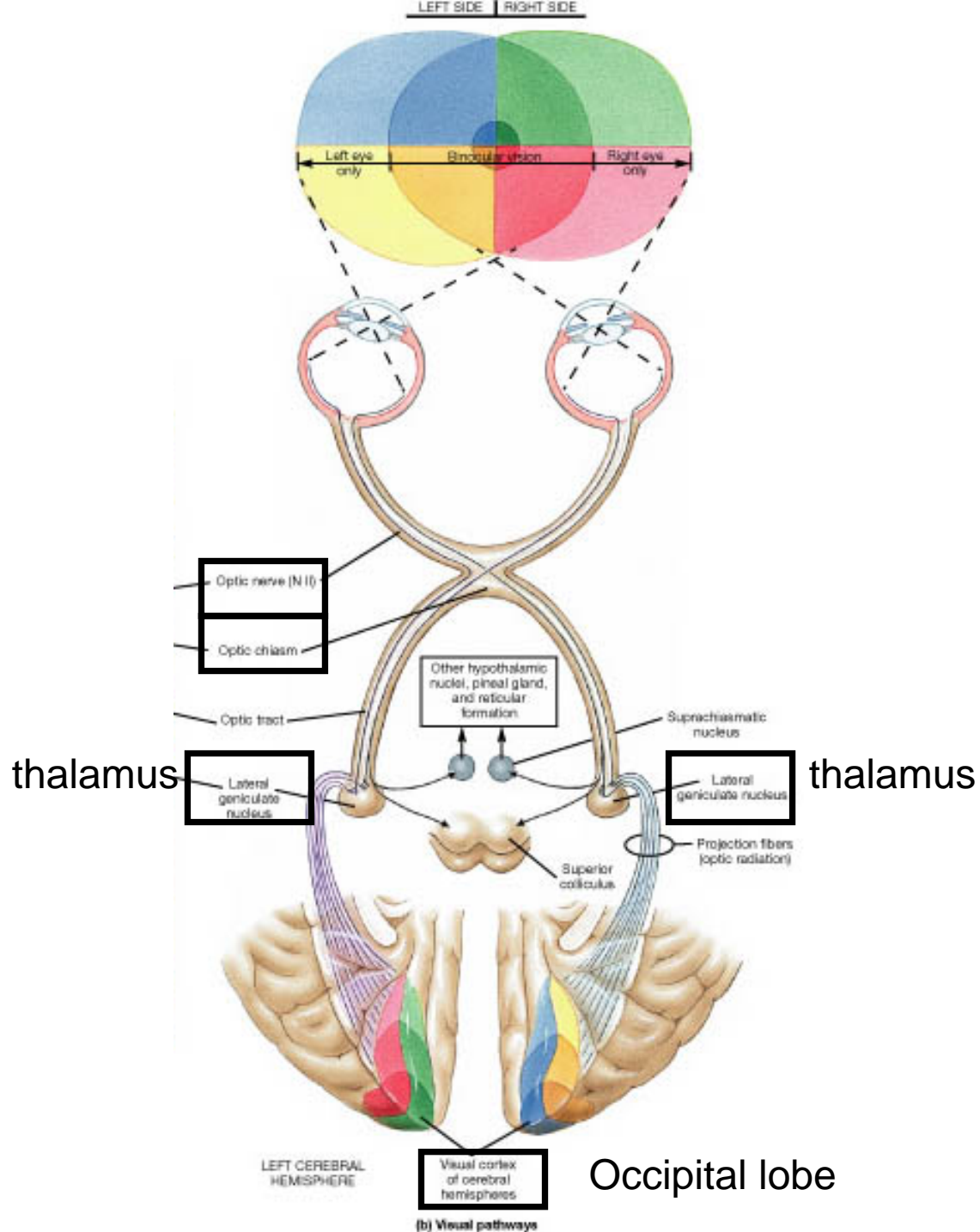


Vision tracing

- Light rays
- Cornea
- Anterior chamber
- Pupil
- Posterior chamber
- Lens
- Vitreous body
- Rods & cones
- Bipolar cells
- Ganglion cells
- Optic nerve (cranial nerve 2)
- Optic chiasm
- Thalamus
- Cerebral cortex in occipital lobe



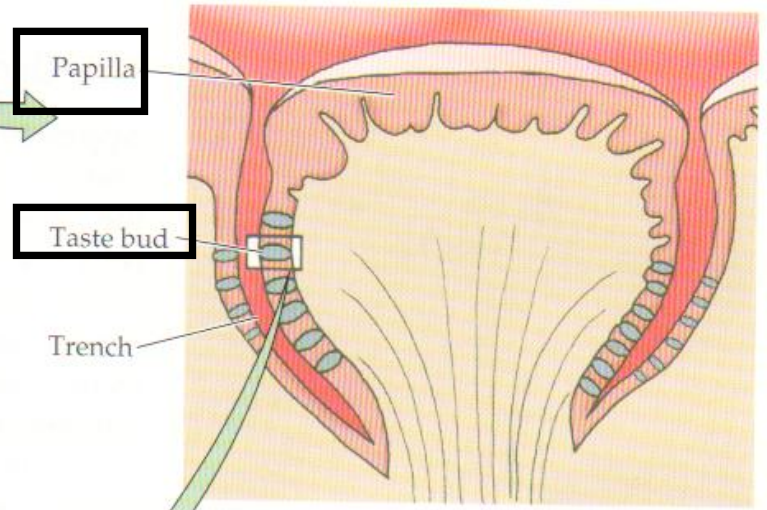
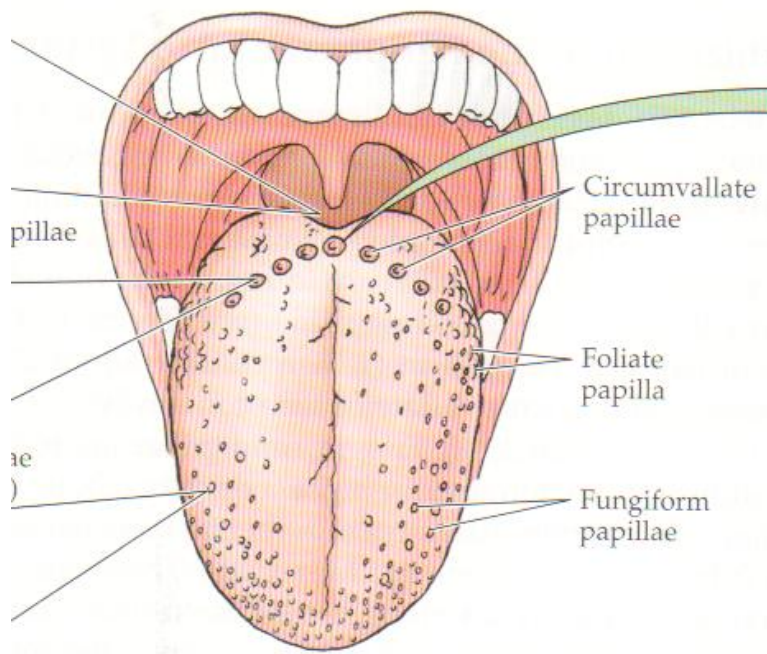




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Temporal lobe	Frontal lobe	Parietal lobe	Occipital lobe
Auditory	Motor	General sensory	visual
olfactory	gustatory	gustatory	

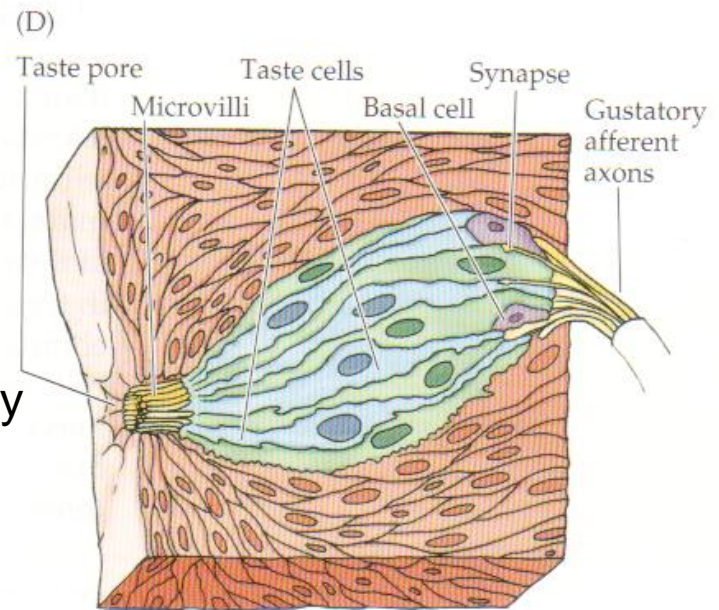
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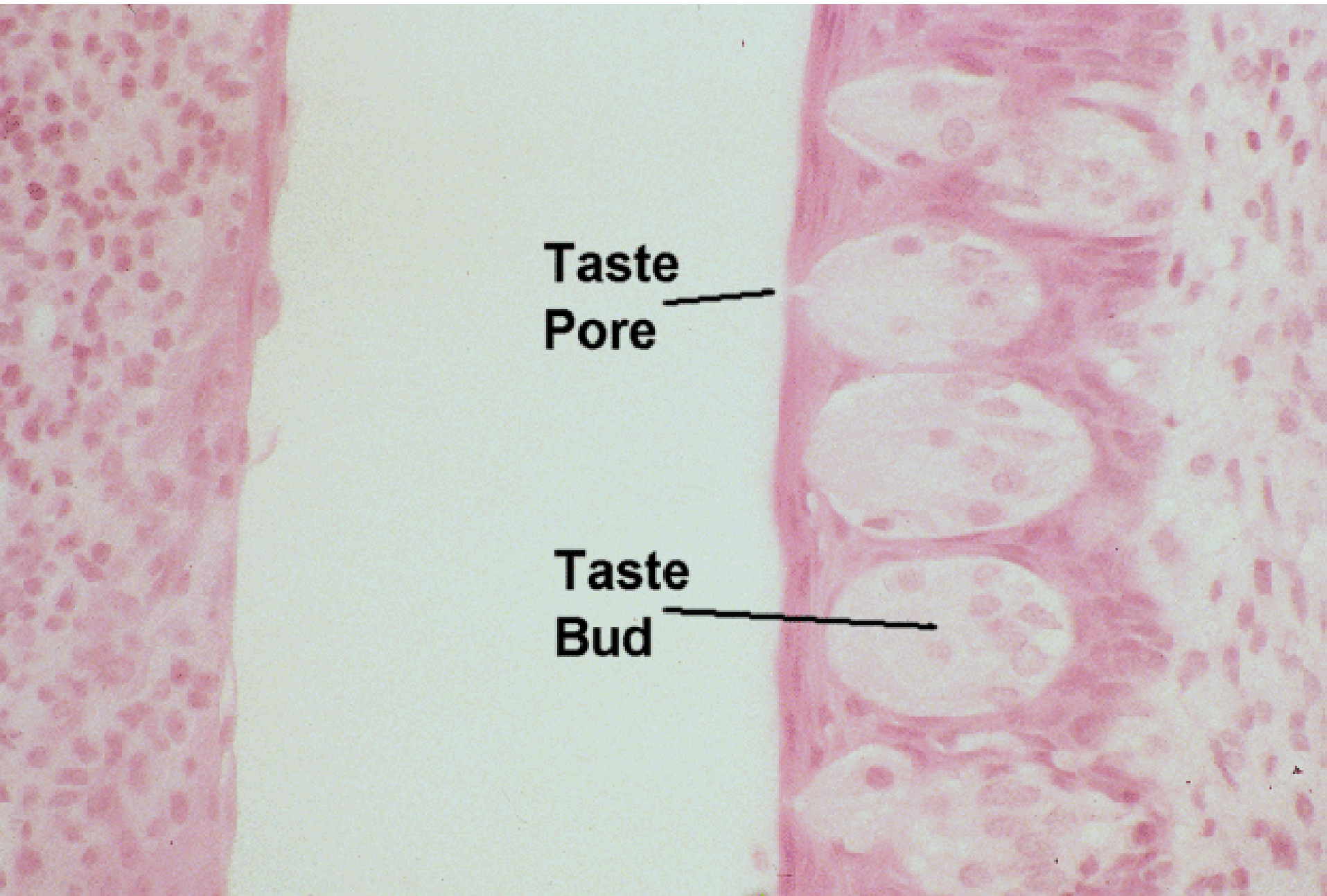


Taste bud



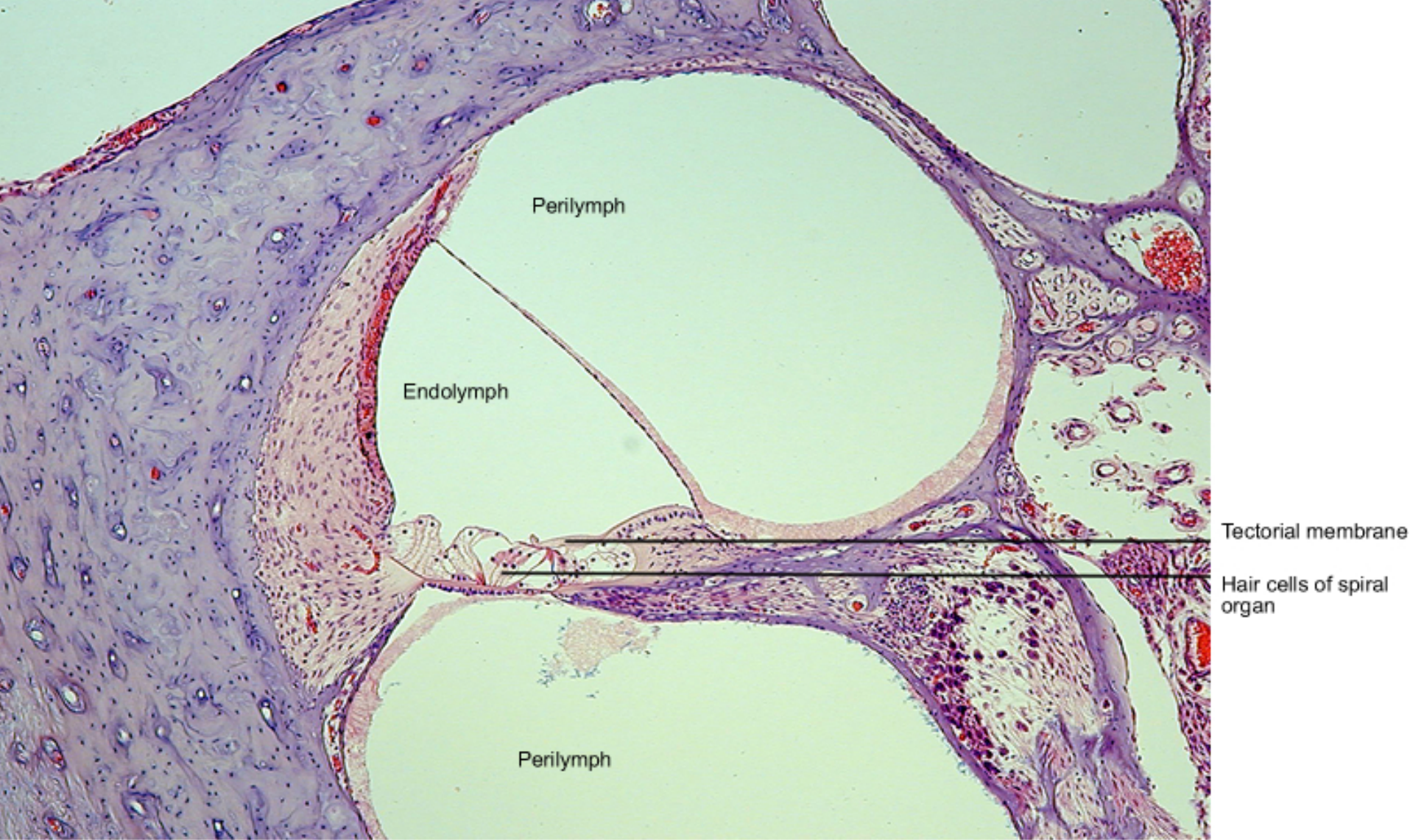
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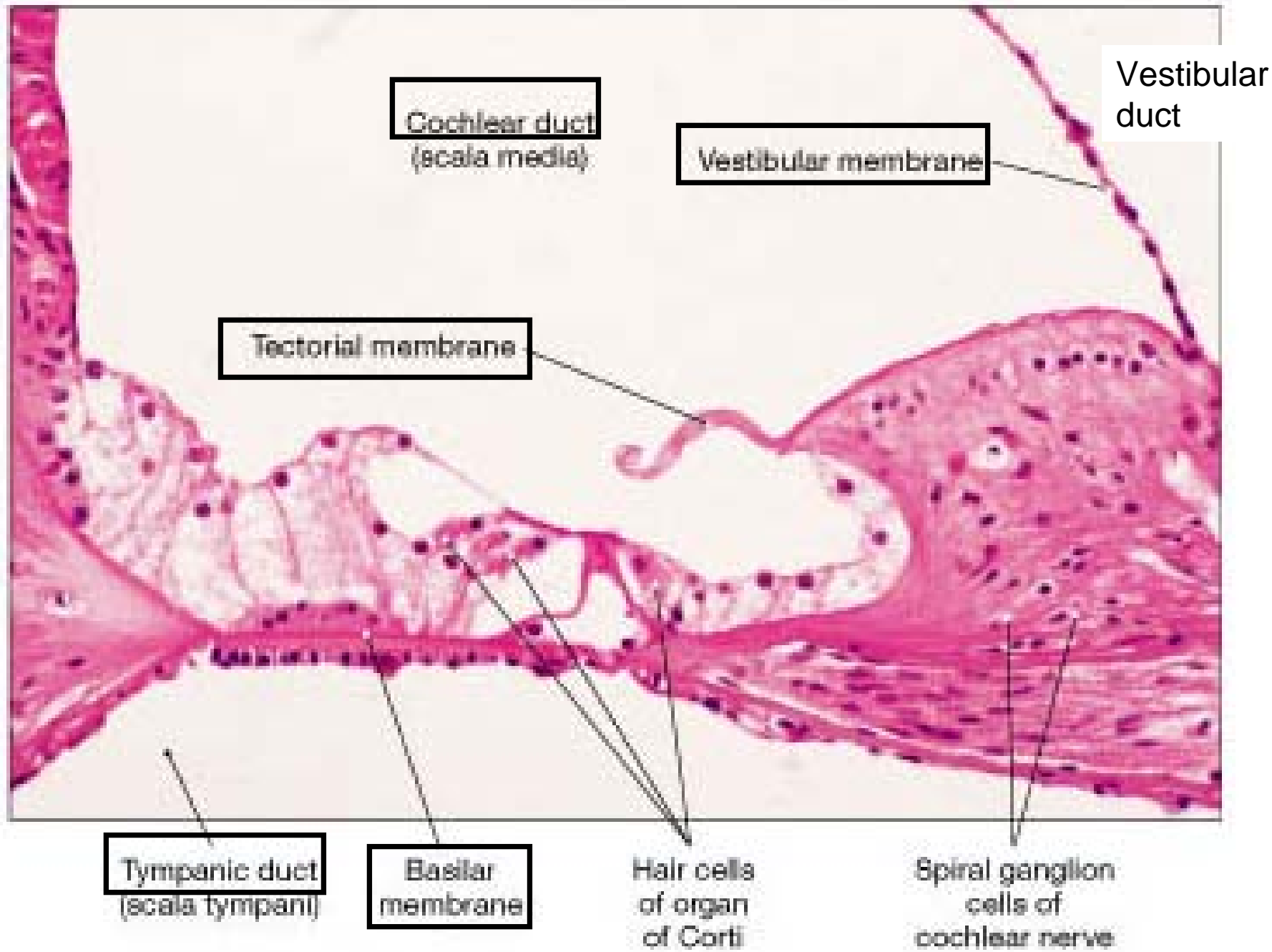


**Taste
Pore**

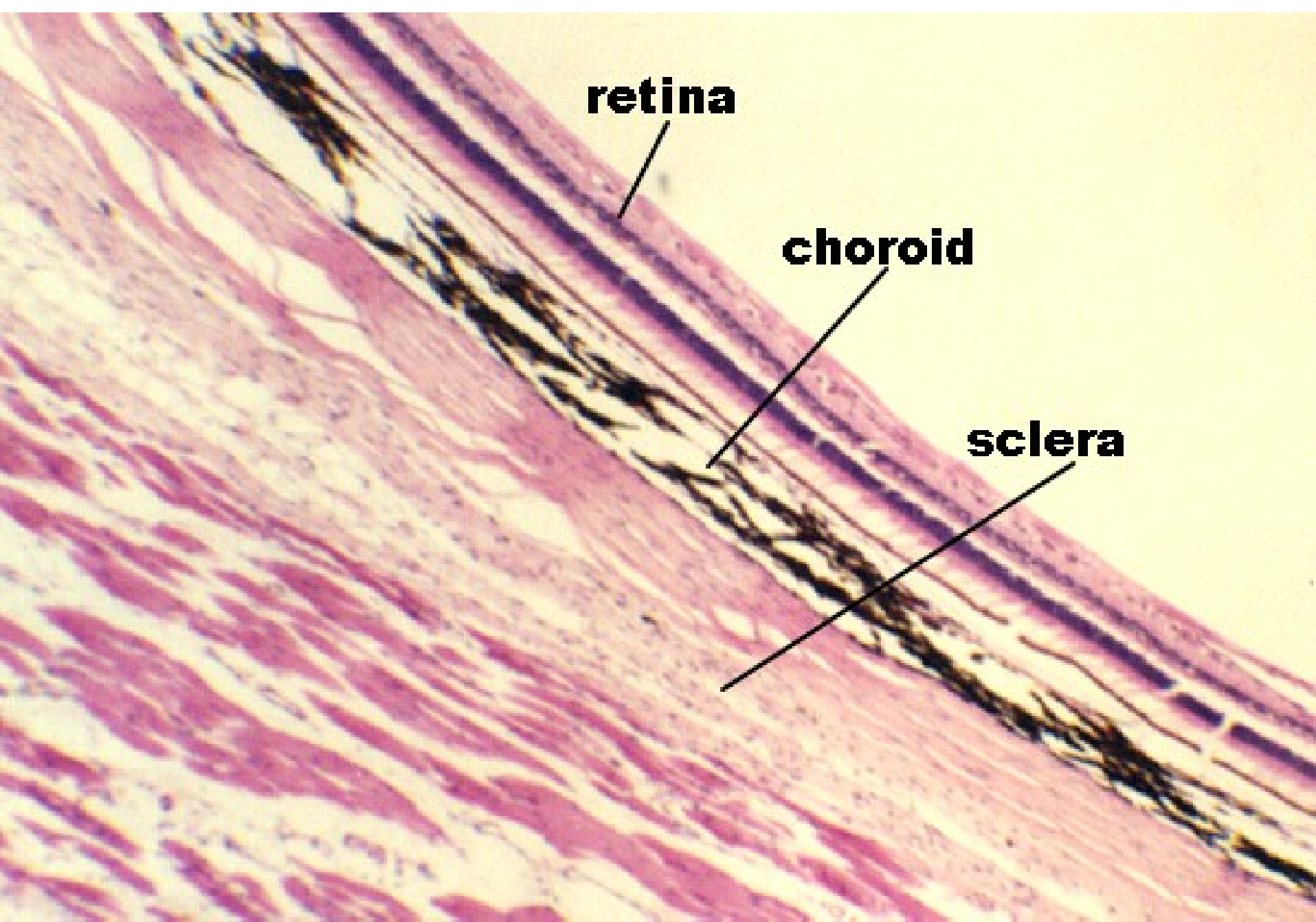
**Taste
Bud**



Cochlea (100x)



(e) Organ of Corti



retina

choroid

sclera

Ganglion cells



Bipolar cells



Photoreceptors

