Biology





Synapse

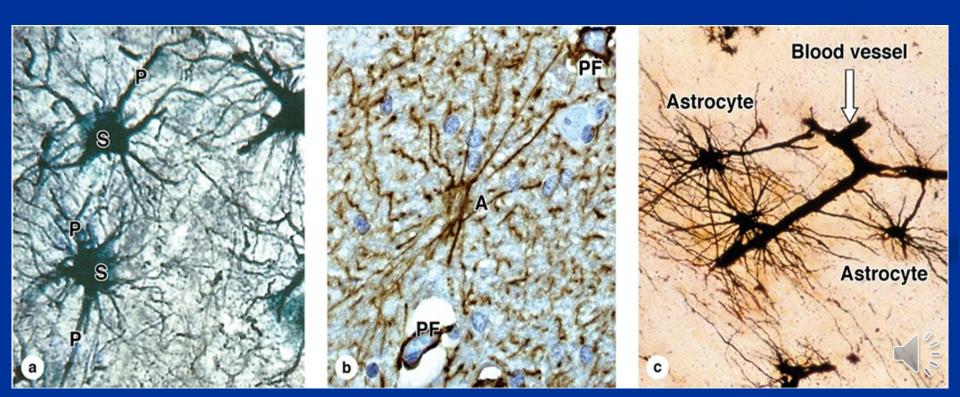


Neuroglia:

■ They outnumber neurons by about 10 to 1 in the brain. More than half the volume of the human nervous system is composed of supporting neuroglial cells.



- In the CNS (brain & the spinal cord) there are 4 types of supporting cells:
- 1. Astrocytes: stellate-shaped cells with fine processes radiating in all directions.

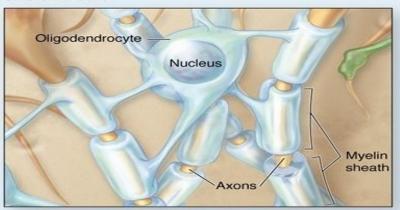


- Astrocytes are of 2 types:
- a. fibrous astrocytes found in the white matter of brain.
- b. protoplasmic astrocyte found in the gray matter of brain.

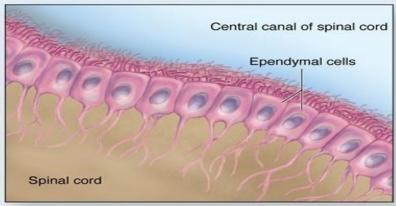


- 2. Oligodendrocytes:
- 3. Ependymal cells:
- 4. Microglia cells:

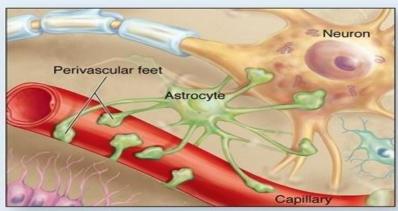
CNS Glial Cells



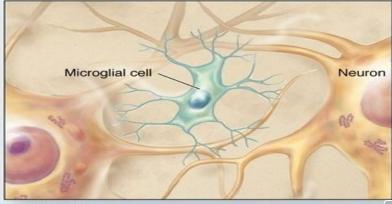
a Oligodendrocyte



c Ependymal cells

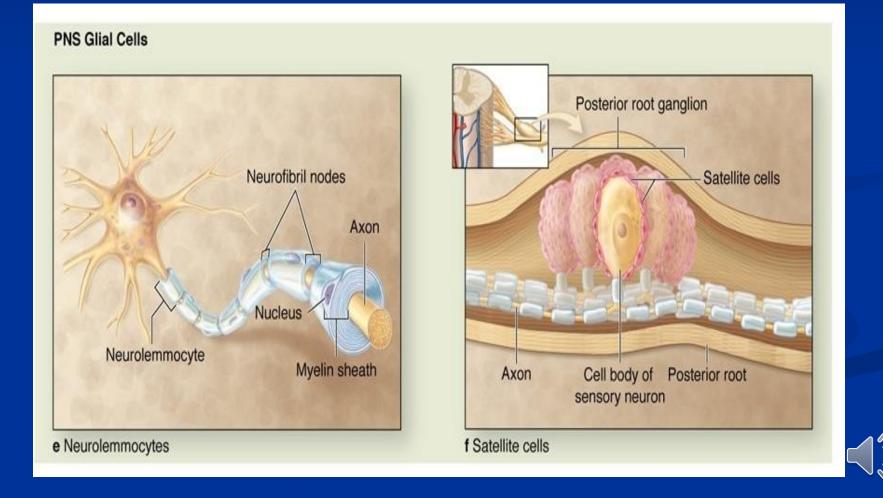


b Astrocyte



d Microglial cell

- In PNS:
- 5. Schwann cell (neurolemmocytes):
- 6. Stellite cells of ganglia:



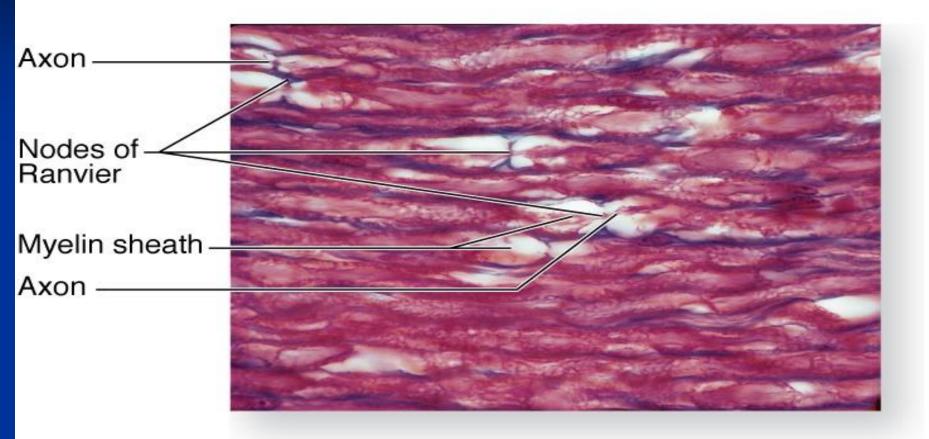
- The peripheral nervous system
- The main components of the peripheral nervous system are the nerves, ganglia and nerve endings.
- **Nerves:-** are bundles of nerve fibers surrounded by a series of connective tissue sheaths.
- Nerve fibers:-



- There are 2 types of nerve fibers:
- Myelinated nerve fibers:

Eventually, the neurolemmocyte cytoplasm and nucleus are pushed to the periphery of Myelin sheath the cell as the myelin sheath is formed. Neurolemmocyte nucleus







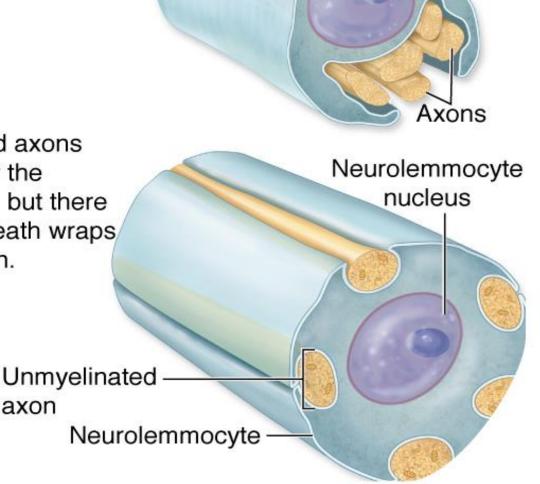
unmyelinated nerve fibers:

Unmyelinated axons

Neurolemmocyte starts to envelop multiple axons.

The unmyelinated axons are enveloped by the neurolemmocyte, but there are no myelin sheath wraps around each axon.

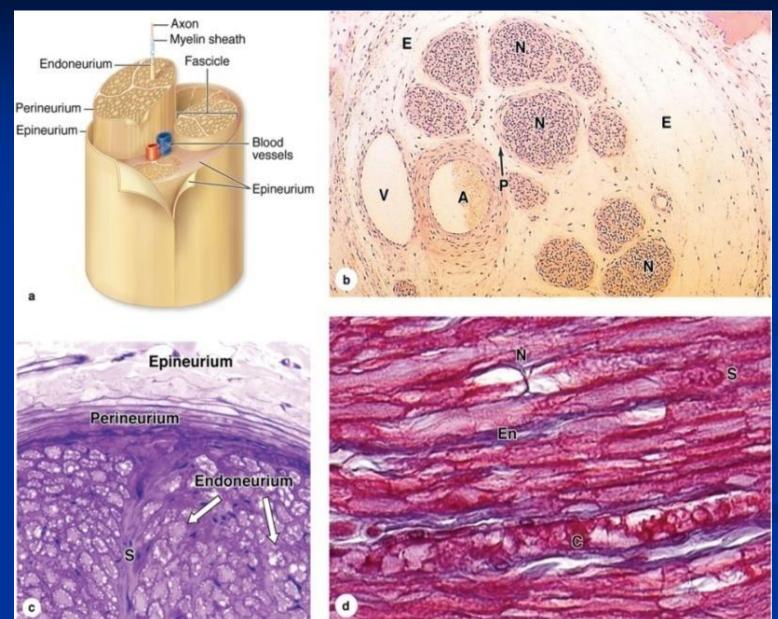
axon



Neurolemmocyte



Peripheral nerves:





Clinical notes:

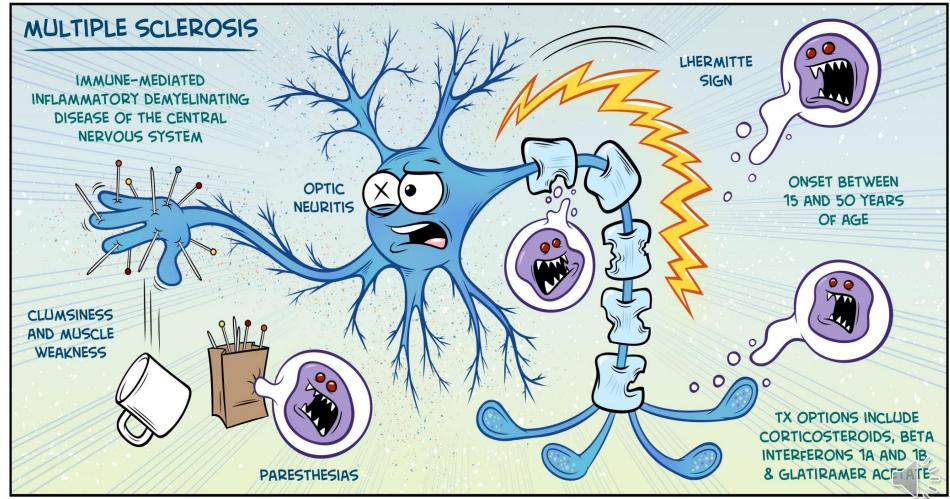
- 1. Demyelinating Diseases
 2. Guillian-Barre syndrome (GBS)







3. Multiple sclerosis (MS)



4. Injured fibers in peripheral nerves



Thank you

