

THE EAR

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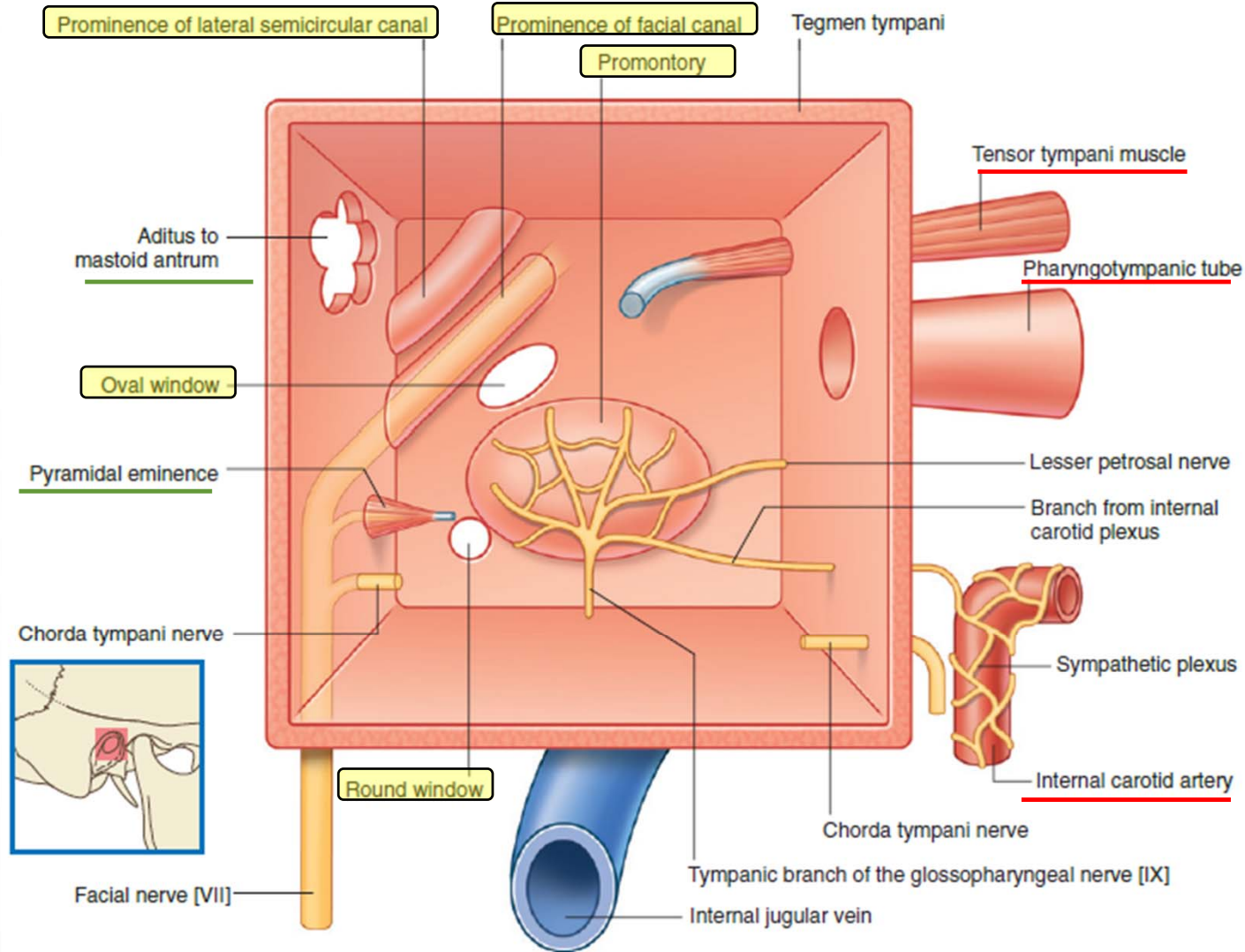
- Review the boundaries, contents & connections of the middle ear
- Study the anatomical features of the vestibulocochlear organ (labyrinth)
- Understand the mechanism of sound conduction & balance control
- Study the facial nerve in the temporal bone



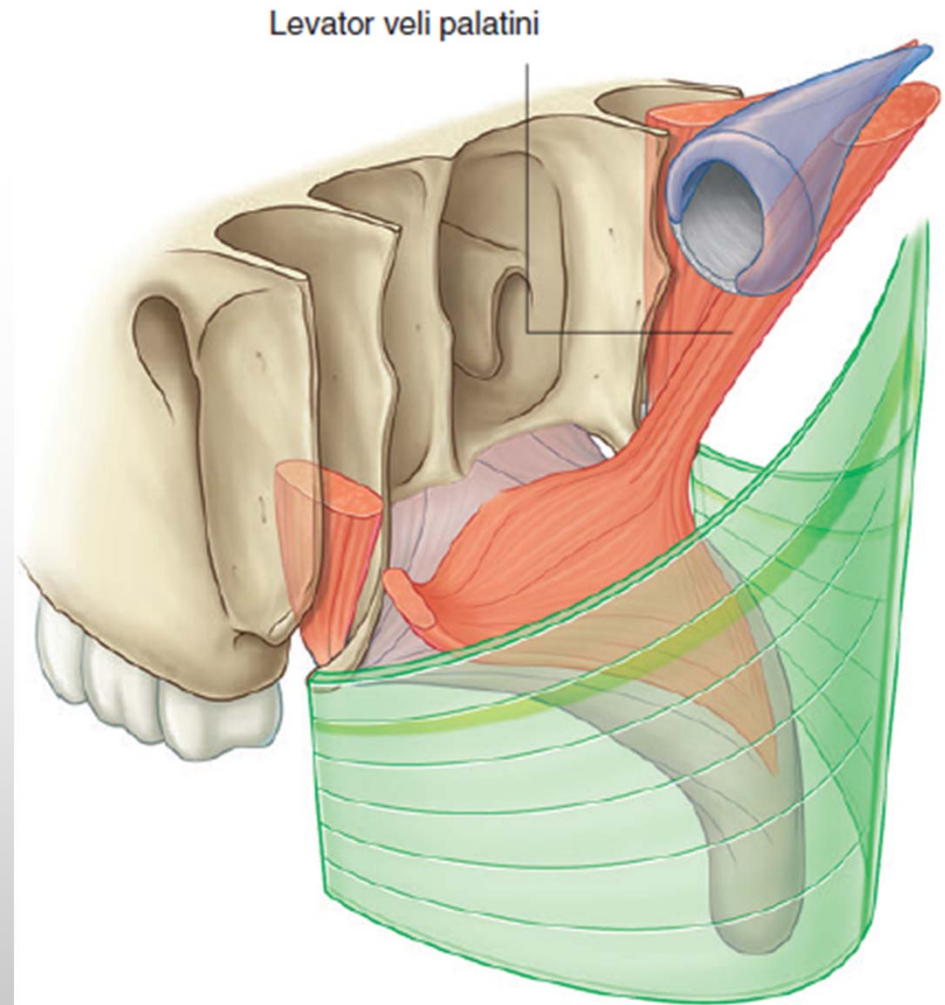
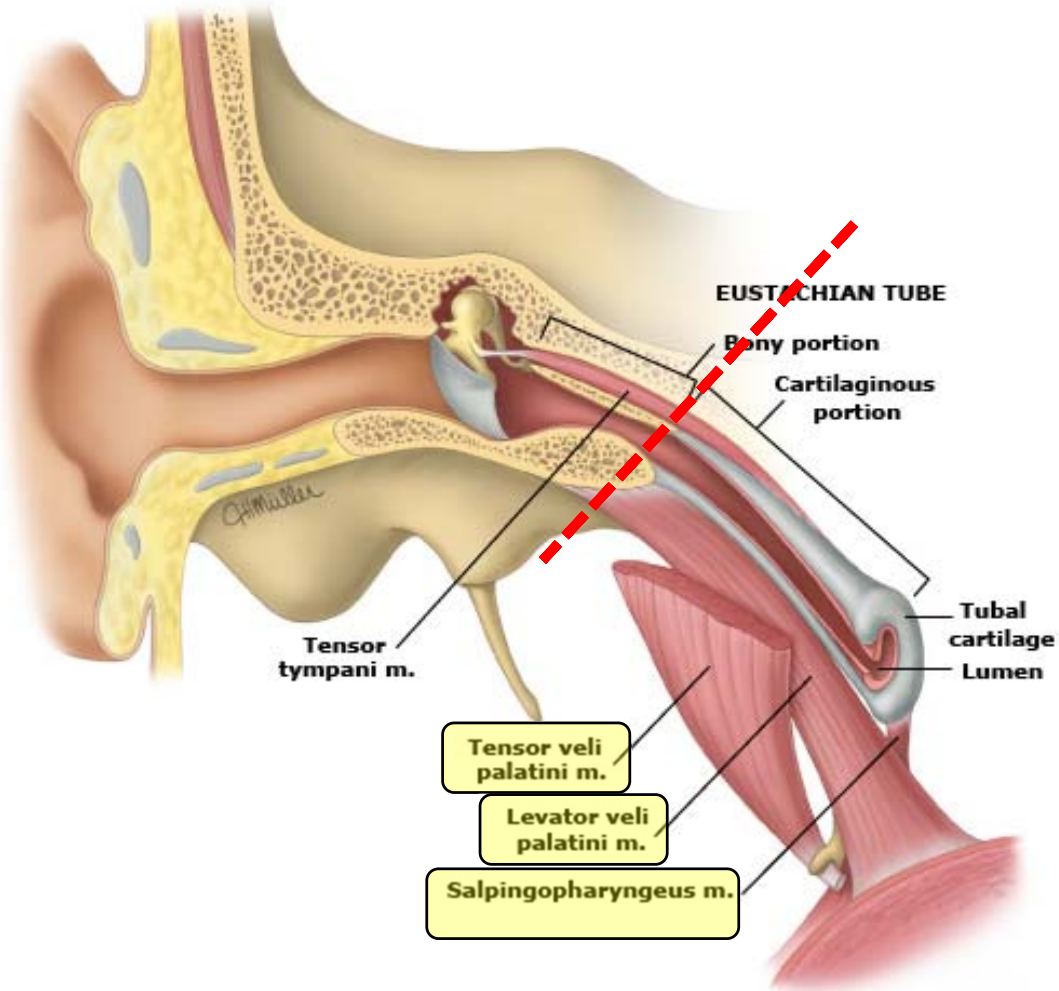
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MIDDLE EAR: LATERAL VIEW

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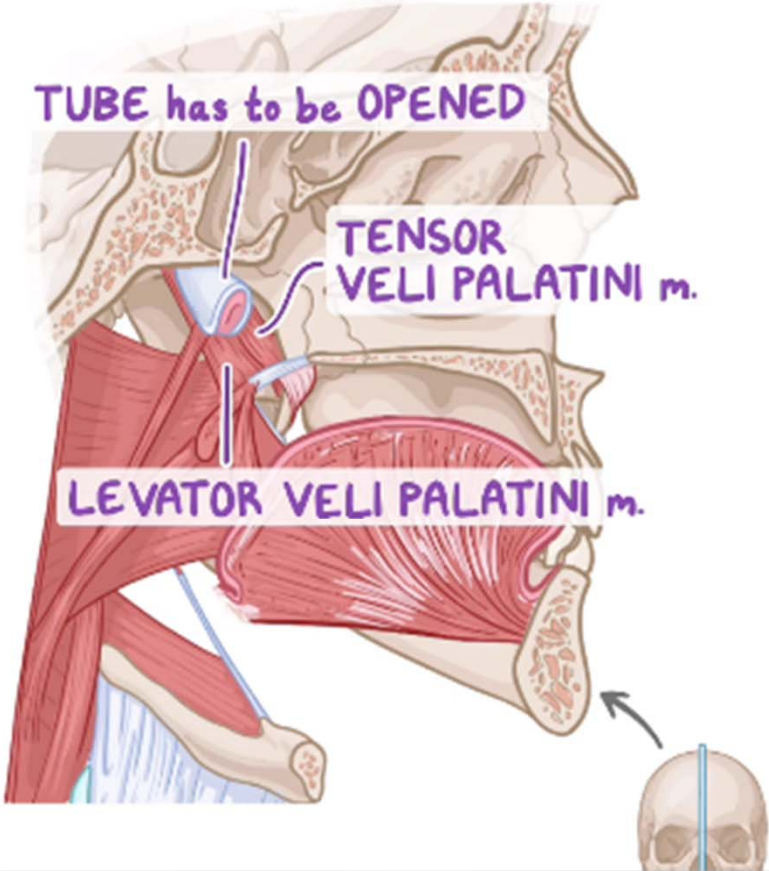
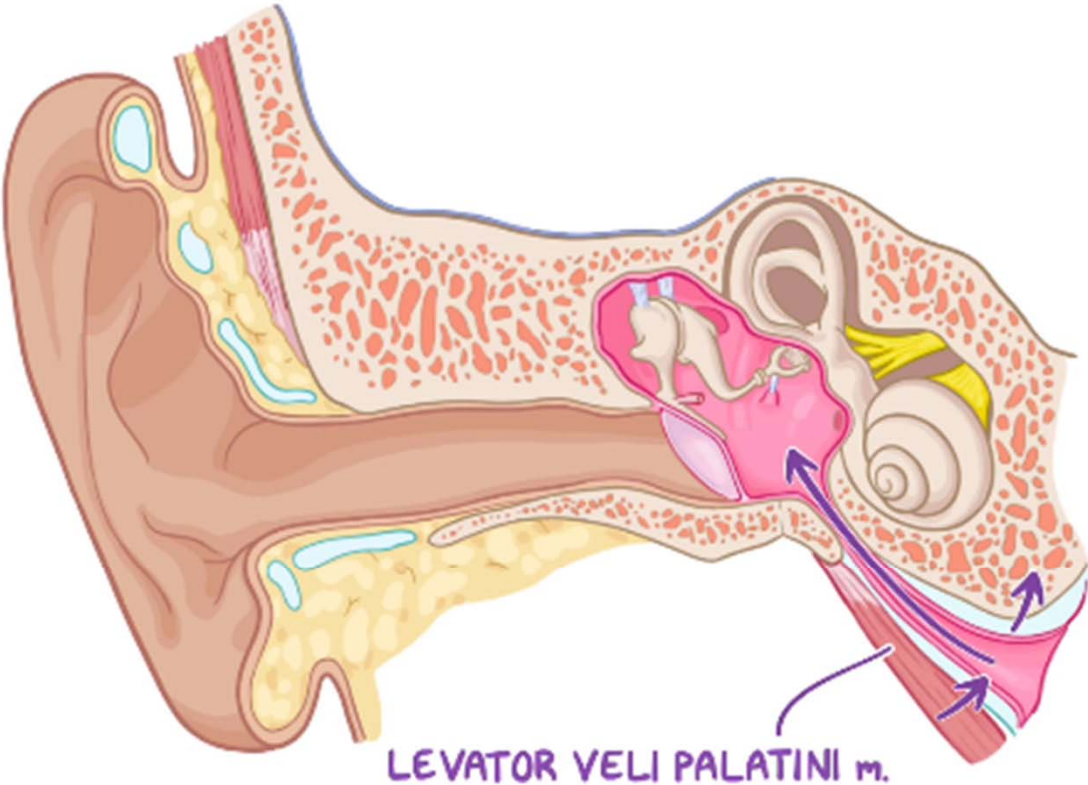


PHARYNGOTYMPANIC TUBE



PHARYNGOTYMPANIC TUBE: OPENING MUSCLES

PHARYNGOTYMPANIC TUBE



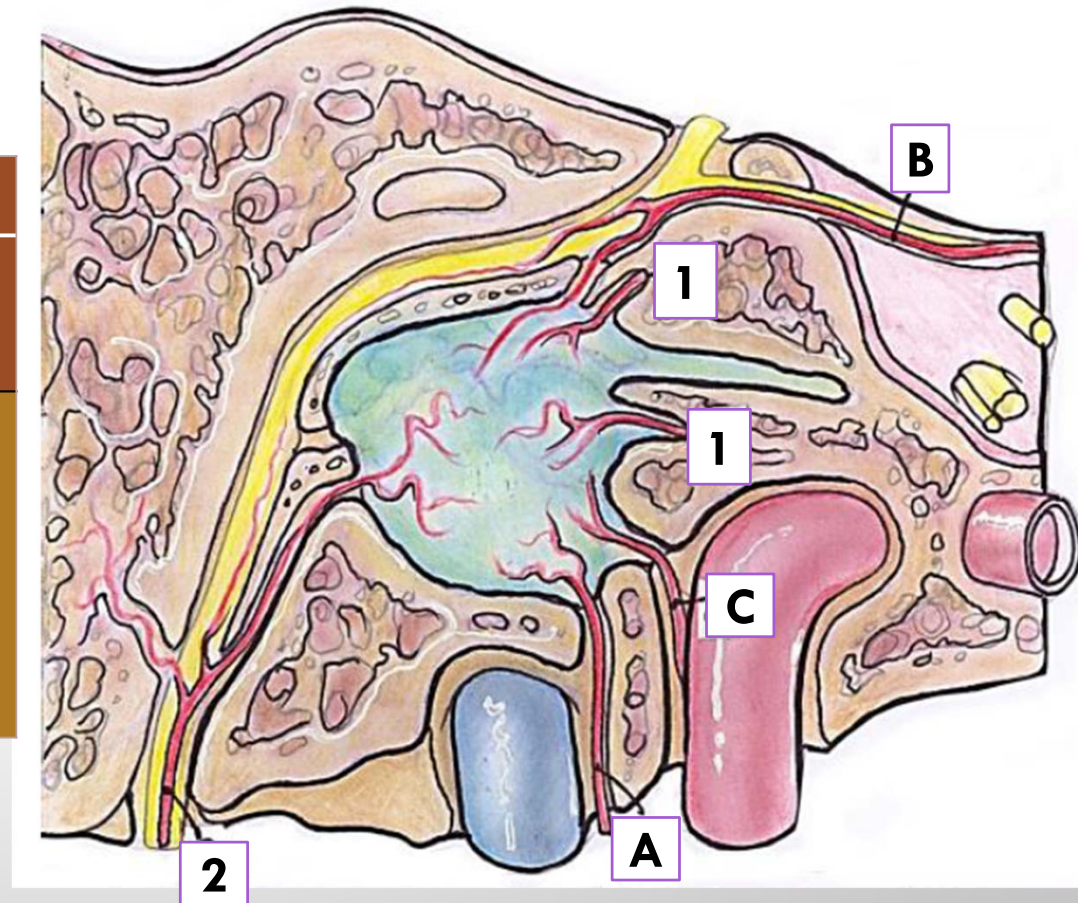
MIDDLE EAR: ARTERIAL SUPPLY

Large arteries

1. Anterior tympanic (from maxillary)
2. Stylomastoid (from occipital or post. auricular)

Small arteries

- A. Inferior tympanic (from ascending pharyngeal & middle meningeal)
- B. Superior tympanic (from a. of pterygoid canal)
- C. Caroticotympanic (from ICA)



MIDDLE EAR: VENOUS DRAINAGE

1. Pterygoid venous plexus

2. Superior petrosal sinus

MIDDLE EAR: INNERVATION

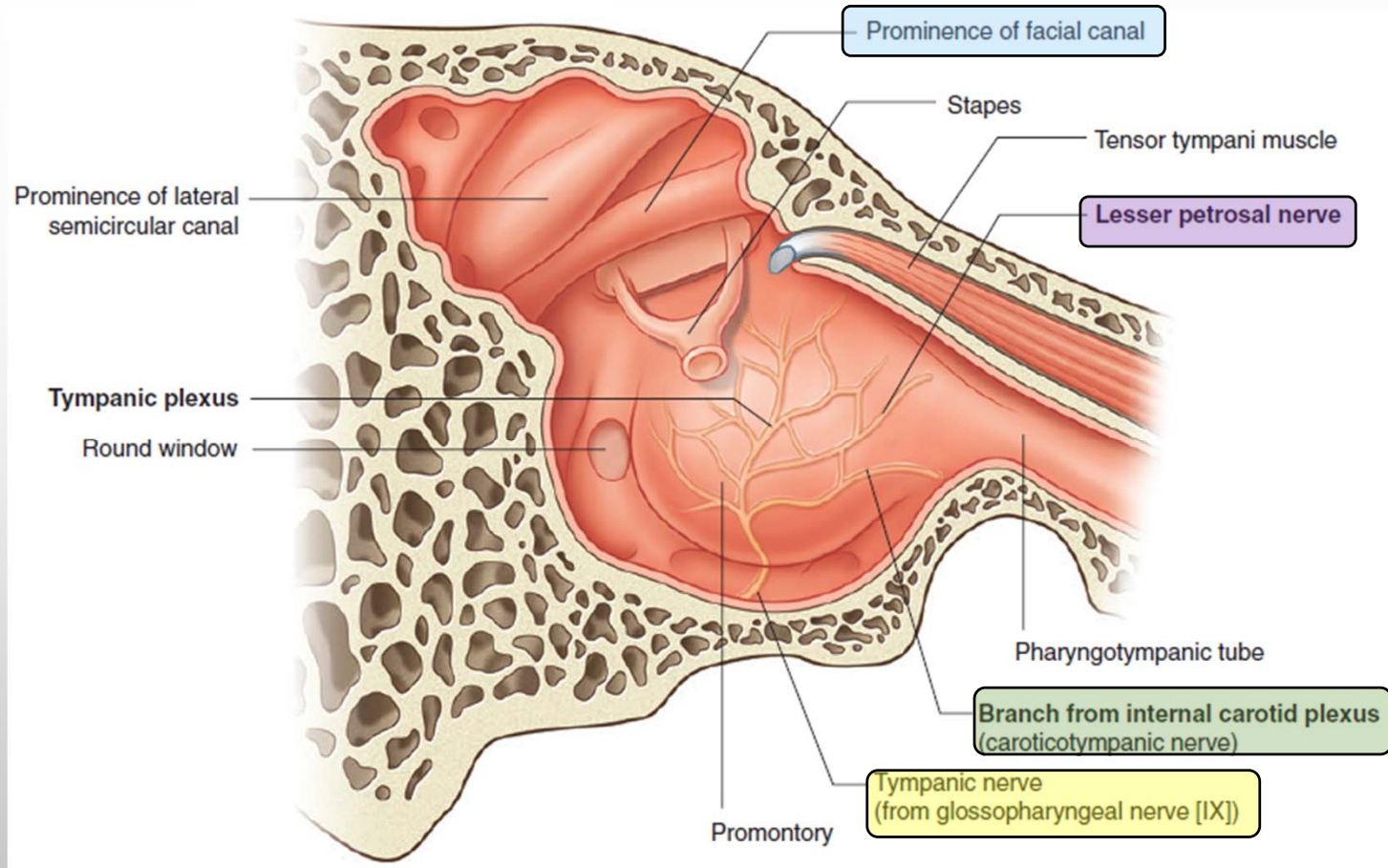
Tympanic plexus

- Afferent:

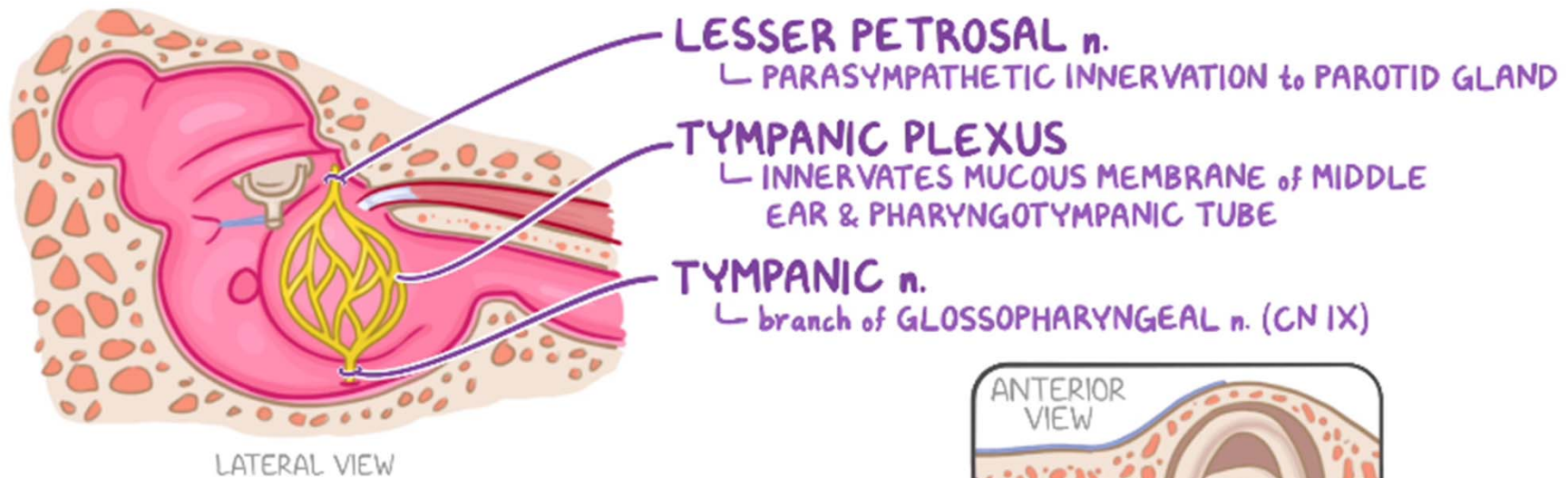
1. Tympanic n. (from CN IX): Sensory
2. Caroticotympanic n. (from internal carotid plexus) : Sympathetic
3. Communicating n. from CN VII: Parasympathetic

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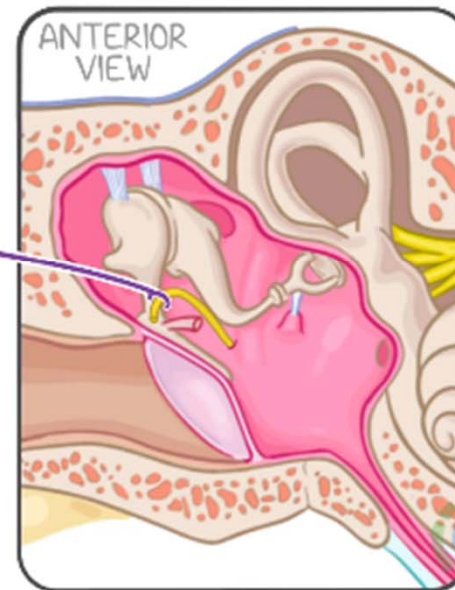
Lesser petrosal n. (parasympathetic to otic ganglion)



MIDDLE EAR: OTHER NERVES

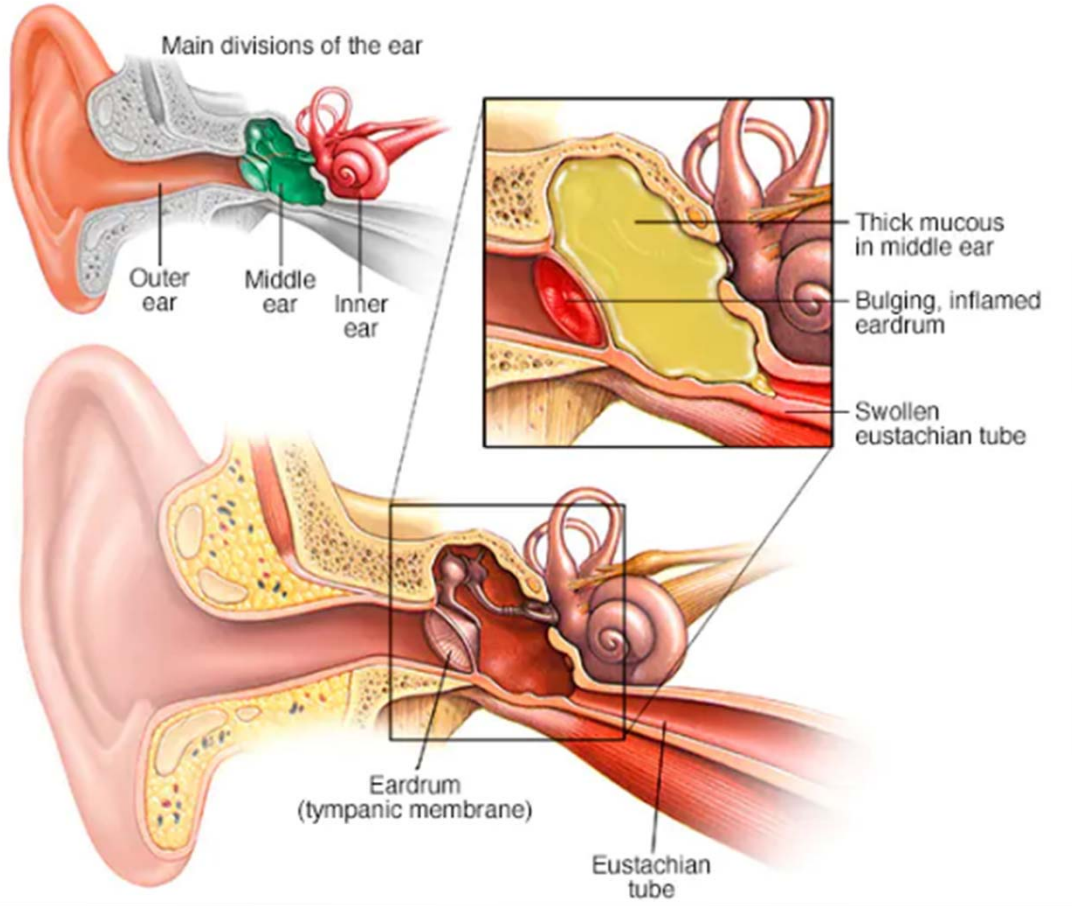


CHORDA TYMPANI n.
↳ branch of FACIAL n. (CN VII)
↳ EXITS through ANTERIOR WALL to INFRATEMPORAL FOSSA



+Nerves to stapedius & tensor tympani

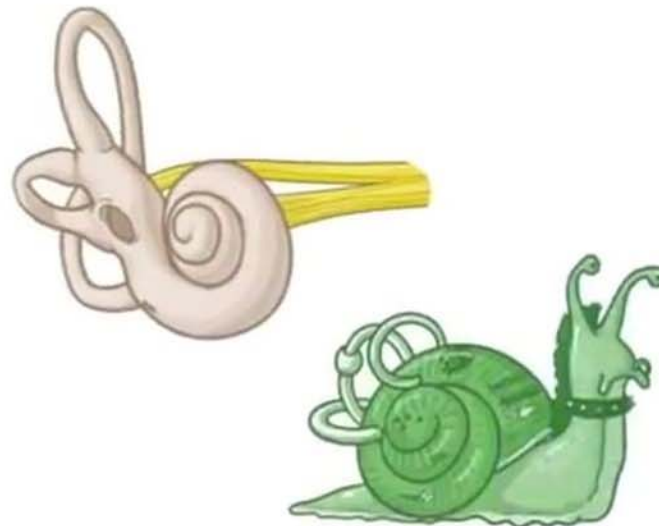
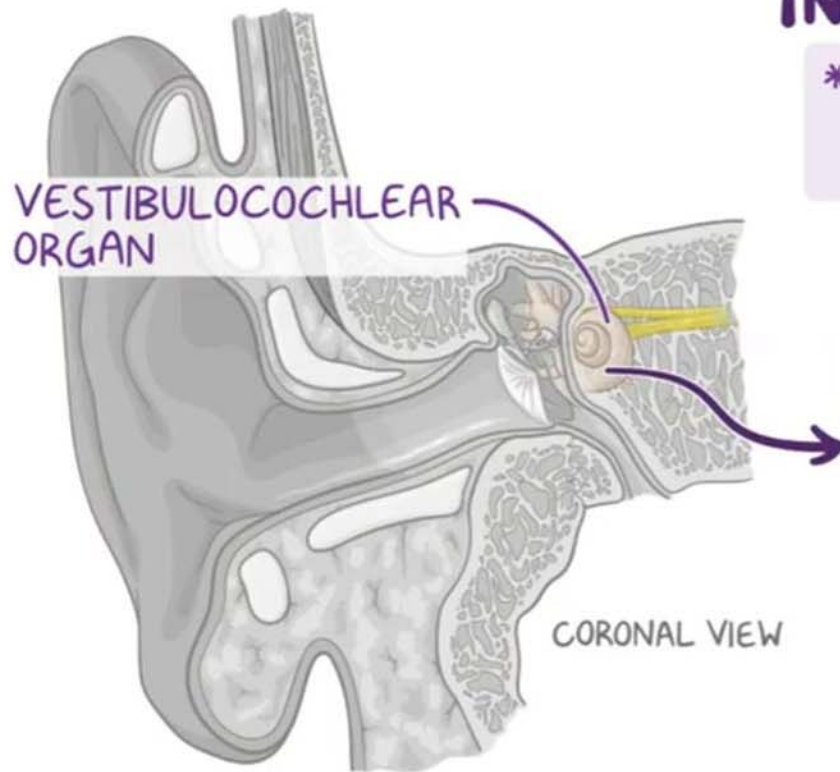
OTITIS MEDIA



INNER EAR: LOCATION

INNER EAR

* FOUND in PETROUS PART of
TEMPORAL BONE
↳ HOUSES VESTIBULOCOCHLEAR ORGAN



INNER EAR: PARTS OF BONY LABYRINTH

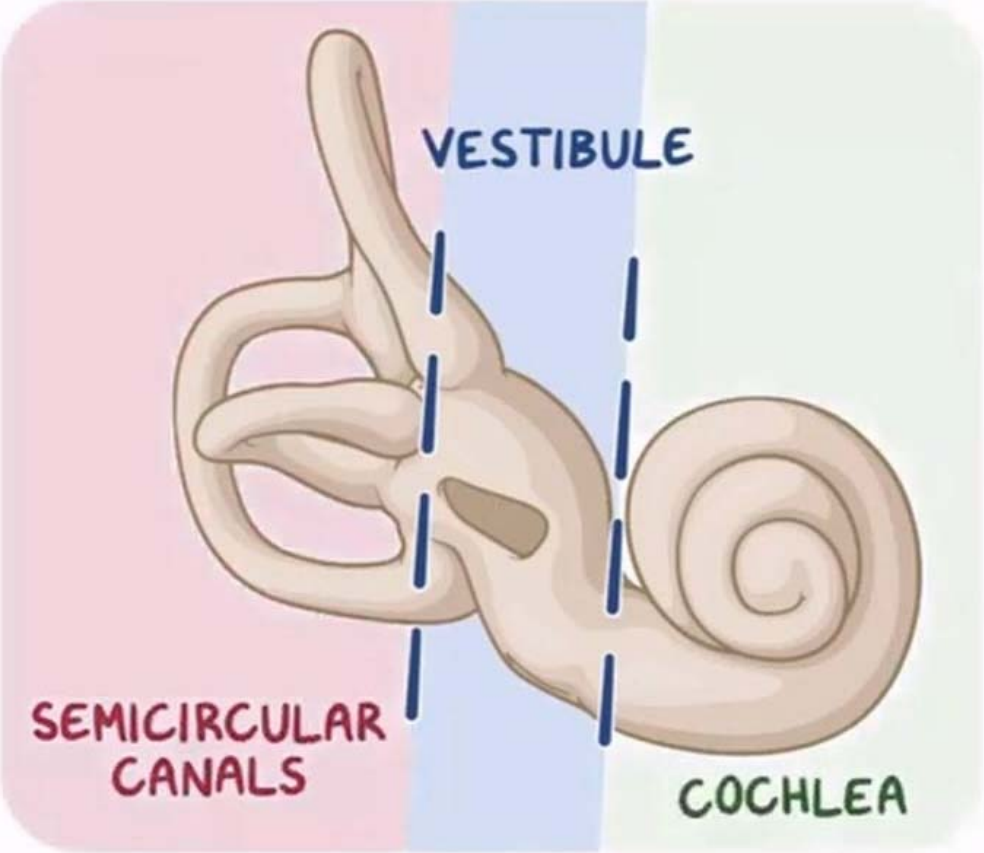
INNER EAR

BONY LABYRINTH

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INNER EAR: PARTS OF MEMBRANOUS LABYRINTH

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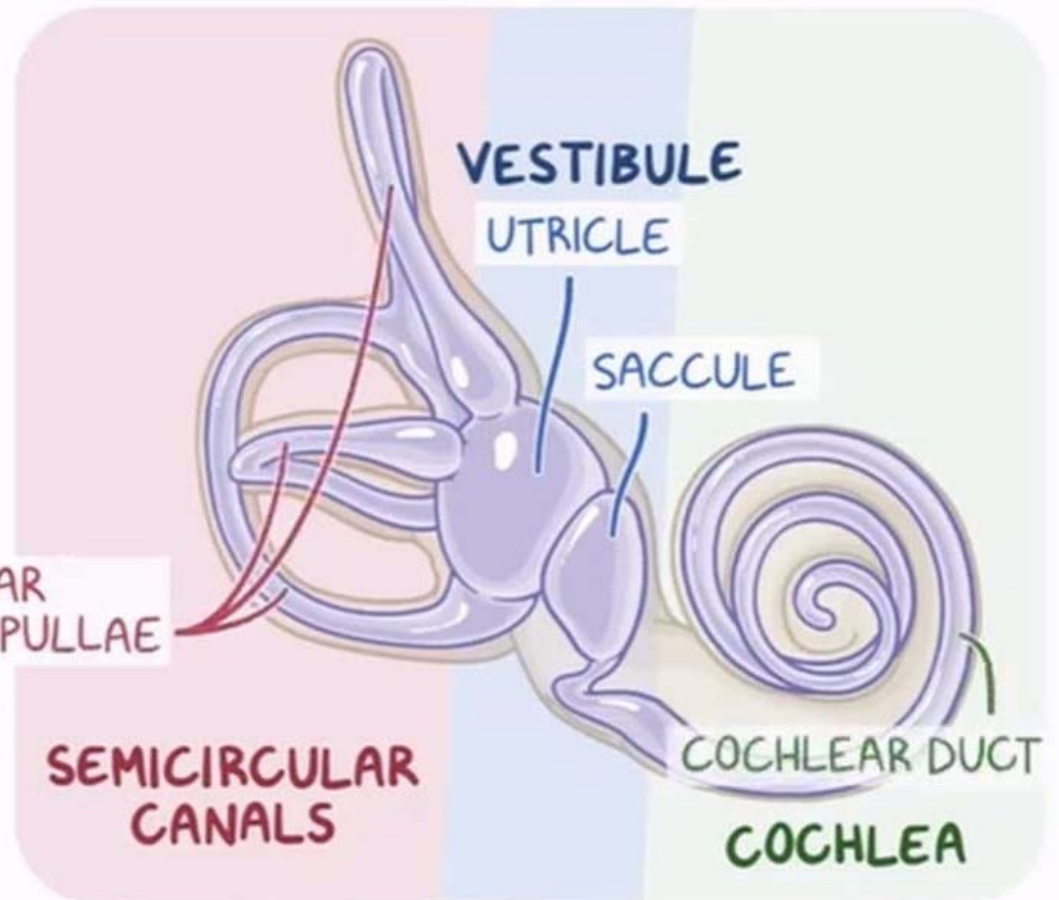
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MEMBRANOUS LABYRINTH

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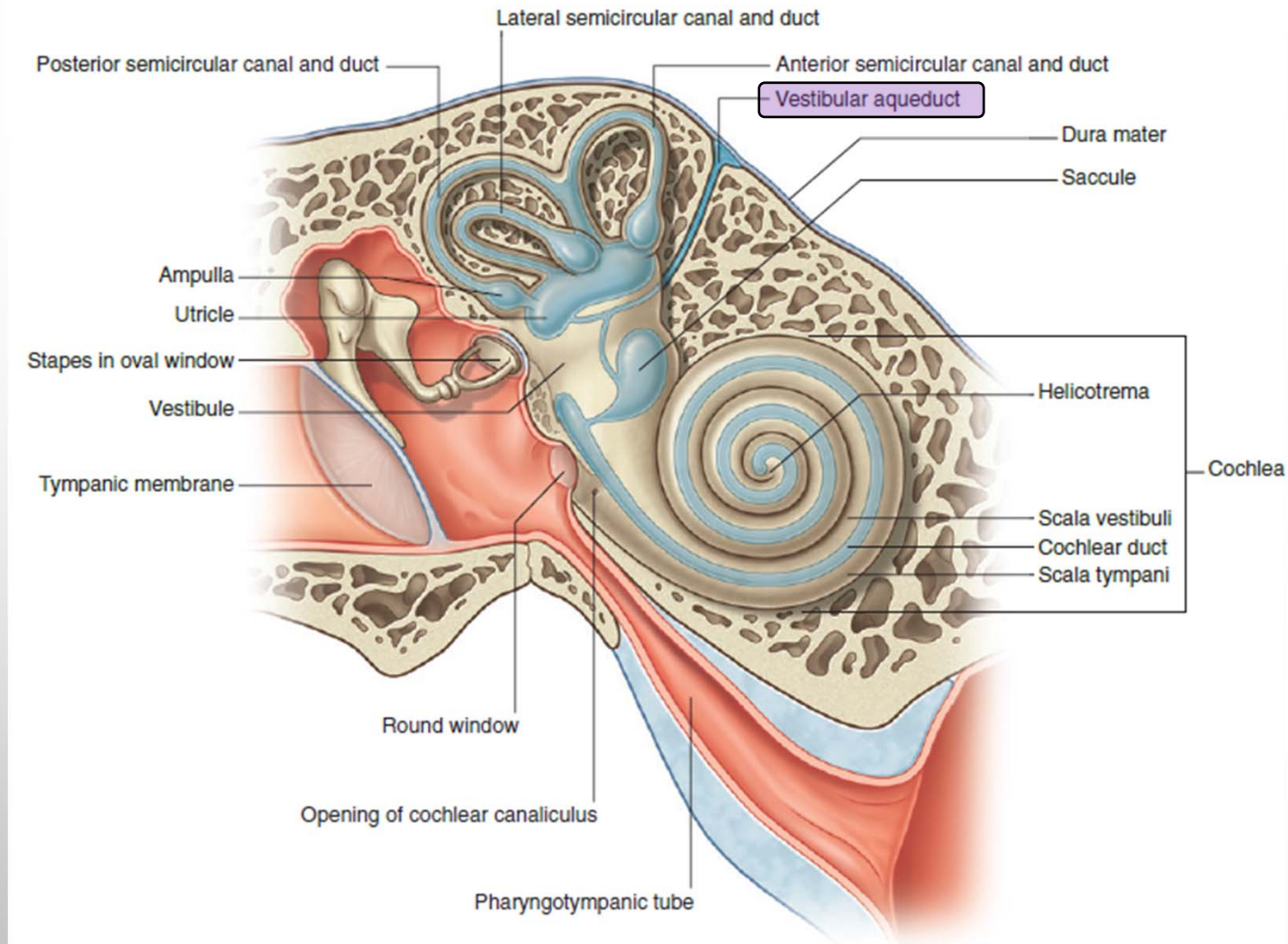
SEMICIRCULAR
DUCTS & AMPULLAE

Semicircular ducts empty to utricle
Cochlear duct empties to saccule



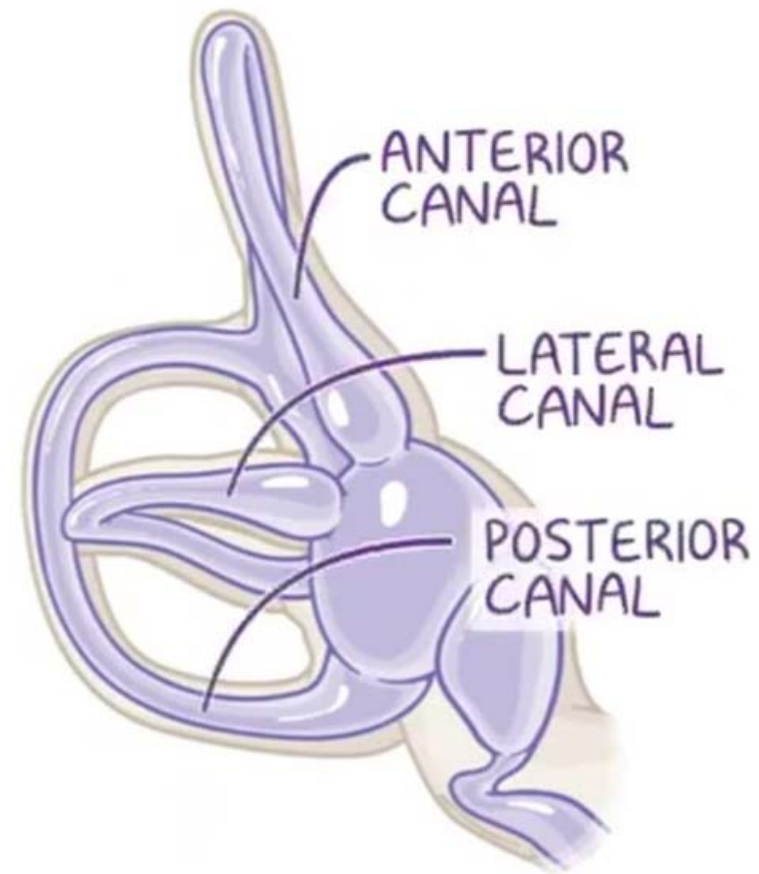
THE VESTIBULOCOCHLEAR ORGAN

- Cochlear duct is the organ of hearing
- Sacculle, utricle & semicircular ducts for balance
- Endolymph & perilymph come from CSF & cochlear blood flow
- Endolymph circulates via vestibular aqueduct



THE SEMICIRCULAR CANALS/DUCTS

- Anterior (lies superior) → Sagittal plane
- Posterior (lies inferior) → Coronal plane
- Lateral (lies inferior) → Horizontal plane

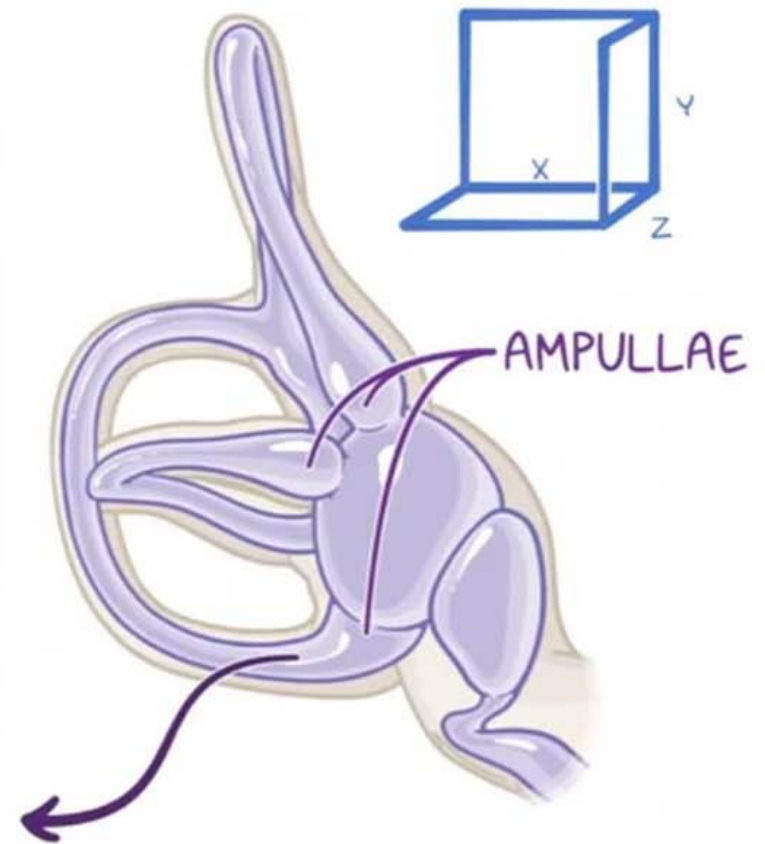
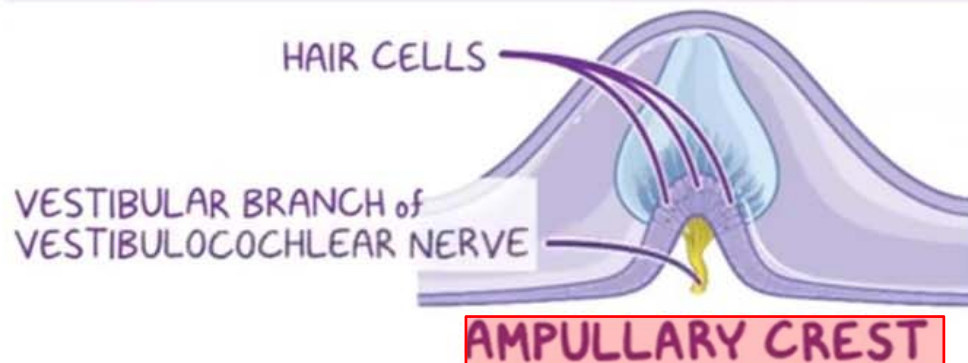


THE SEMICIRCULAR CANALS

SEMICIRCULAR CANALS, UTRICLE, & SACCULE

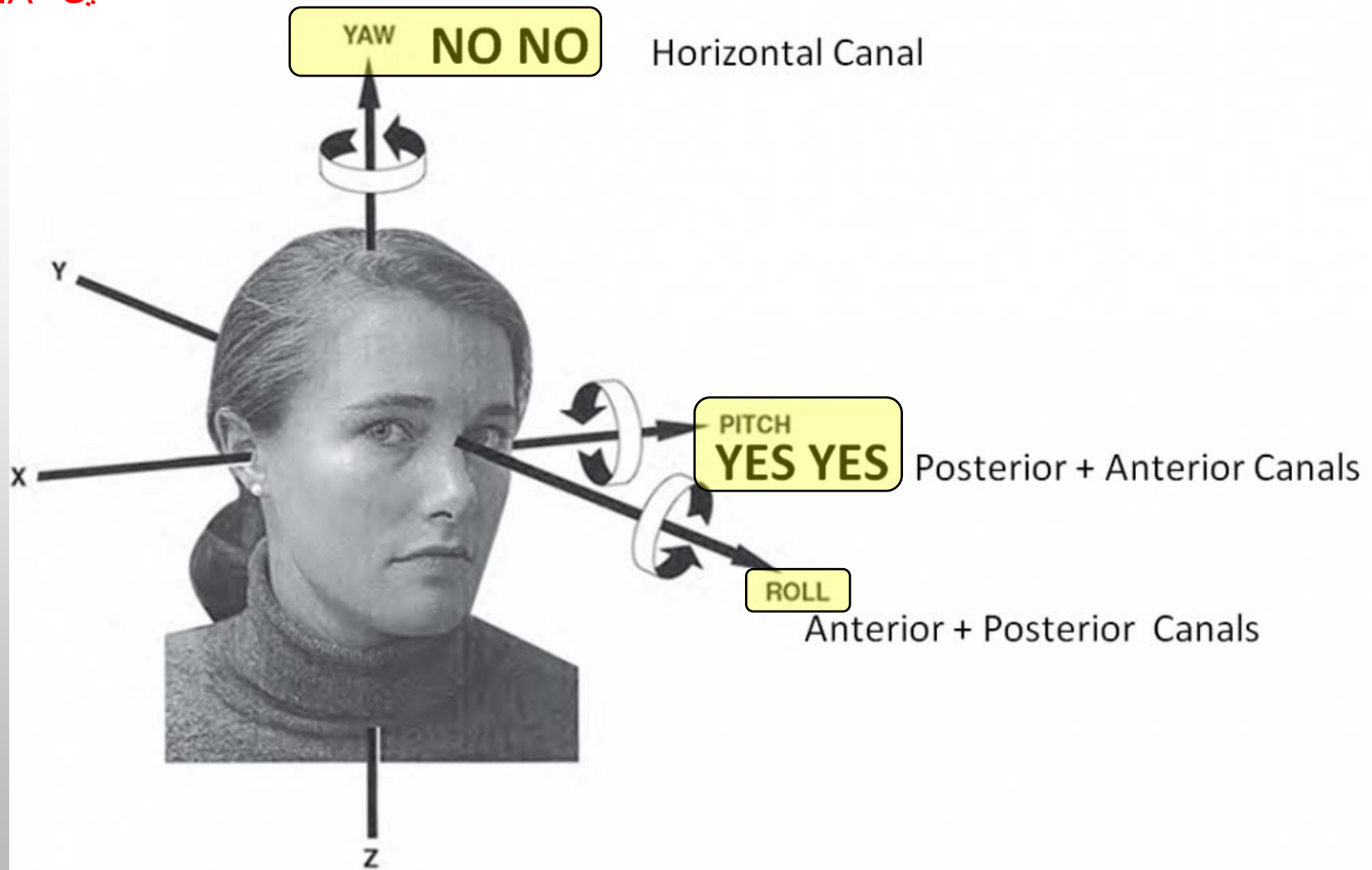
* THREE SEMICIRCULAR CANALS

- ORIENTED in 3 DIFFERENT PLANES
 - DILATED END → AMPULLA
 - ↳ SENSORY EPITHELIUM CALLED AMPULLARY CRESTS
 - ↳ PICKS UP INFO about ROTATIONAL MOVEMENTS of the HEAD
 - ↳ INNERVATED by VESTIBULAR BRANCH of VESTIBULOCOCHLEAR NERVE
- (C)



INERTIA = التعطيل

THE SEMICIRCULAR CANALS



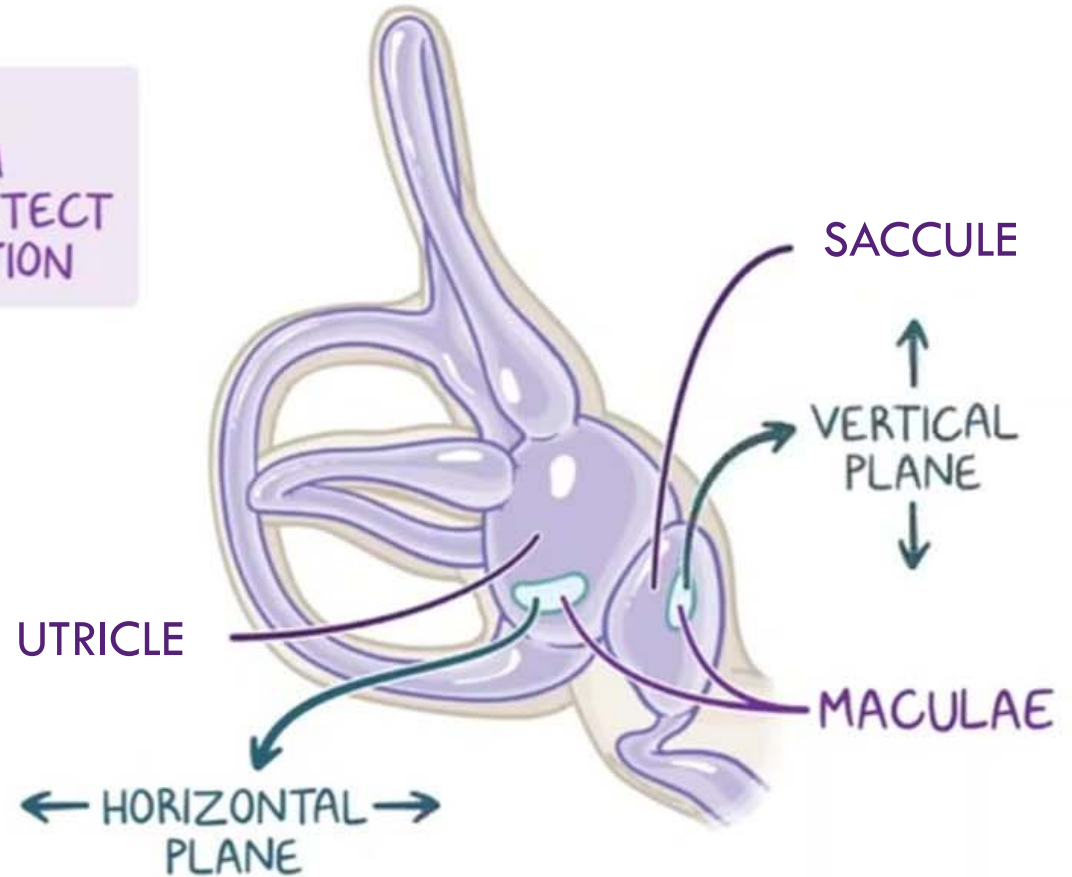
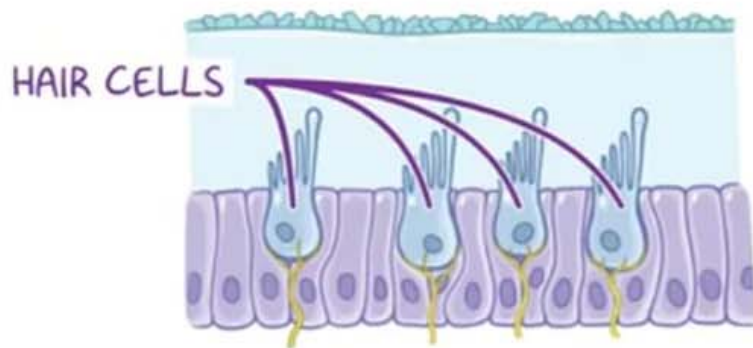
THE UTRICLE & SACCCULE

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* MACULAE

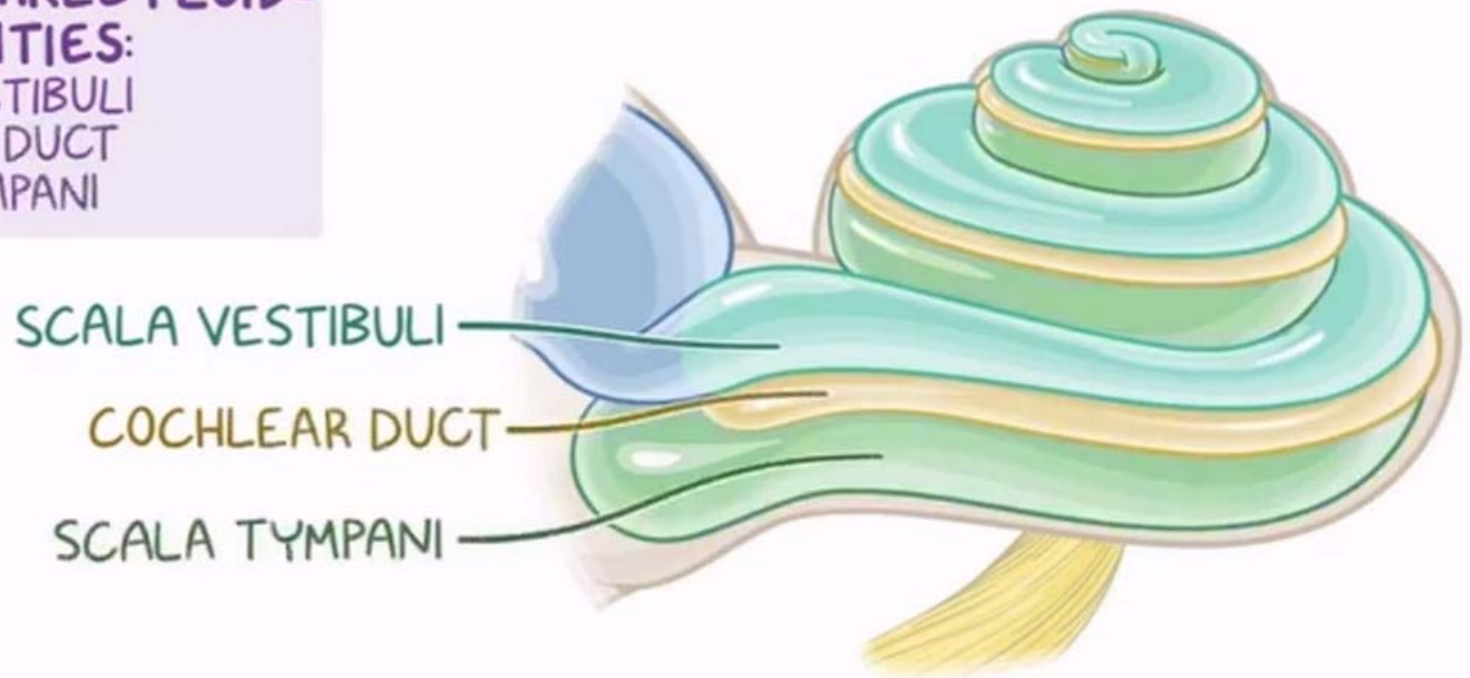
- └ AREAS of SENSORY EPITHELIUM
- └ CONTAINS HAIR CELLS that DETECT INFO about LINEAR ACCELERATION



THE COCHLEA/COCHLEAR DUCT

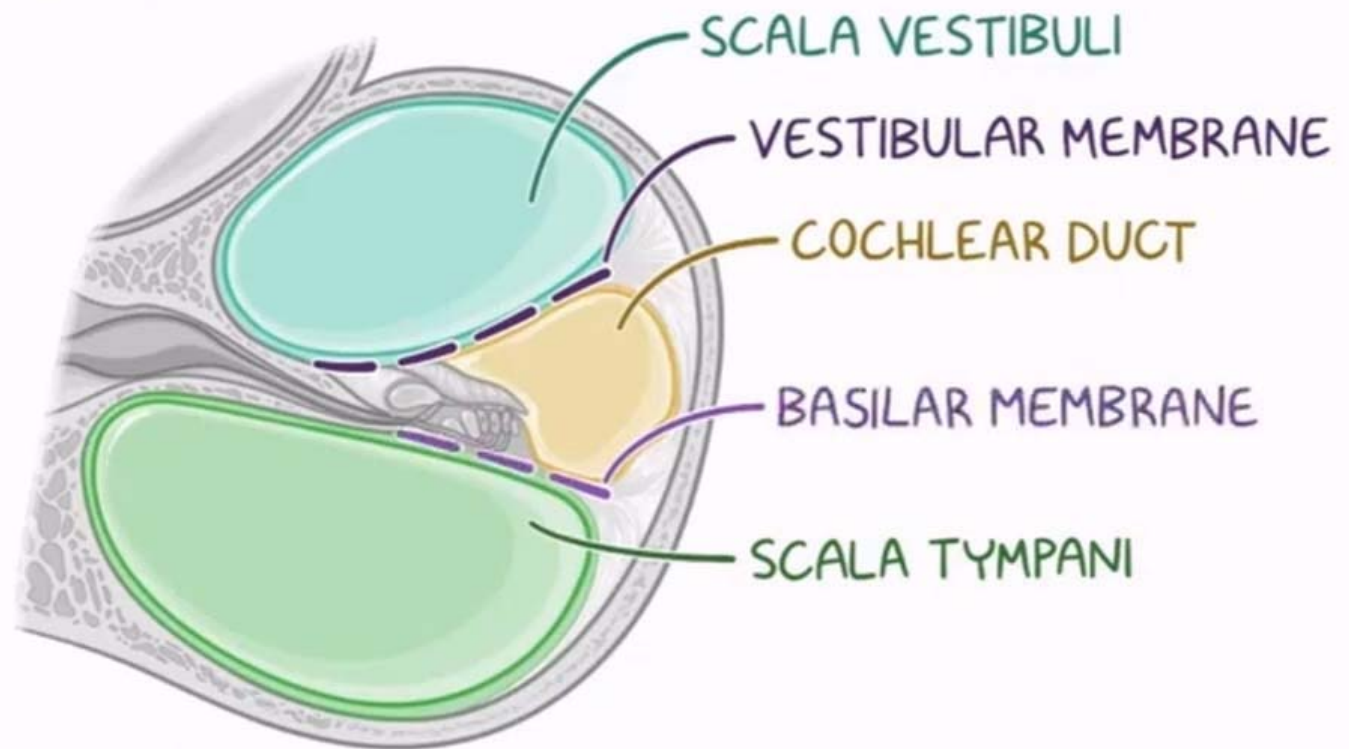
COCHLEA

- * CONTAINS THREE FLUID-FILLED CAVITIES:
 - ~ SCALA VESTIBULI
 - ~ COCHLEAR DUCT
 - ~ SCALA TYMPANI



THE COCHLEAR DUCT

COCHLEA

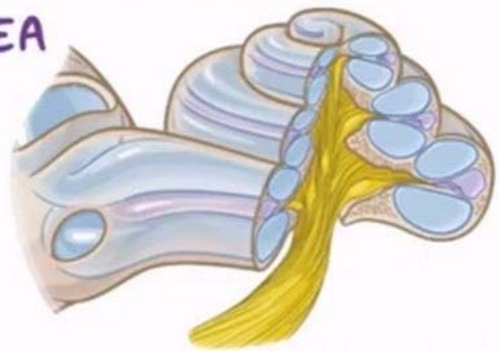


THE COCHLEA/COCHLEAR DUCT

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SOUND CONDUCTION

COCHLEA

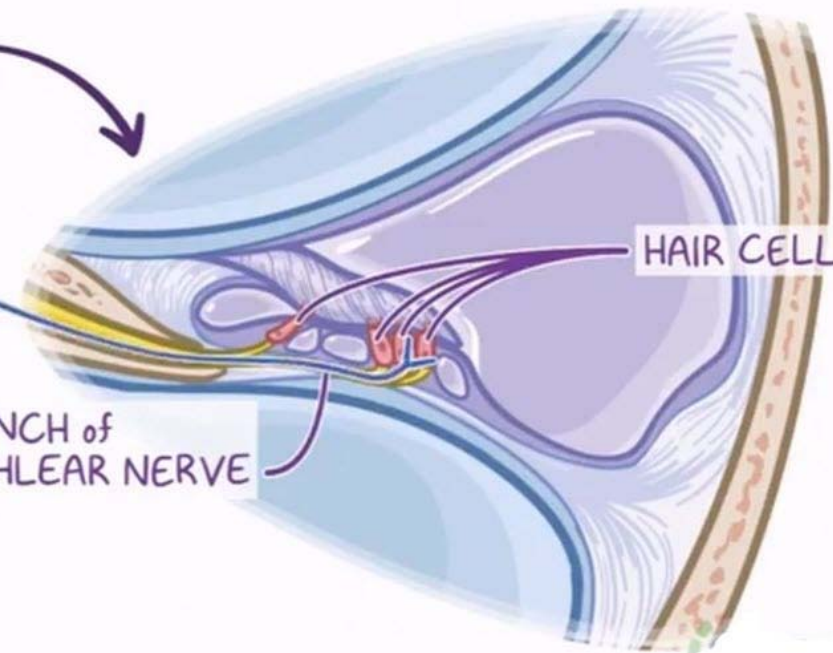


ORGAN of CORTI

SPIRAL GANGLION

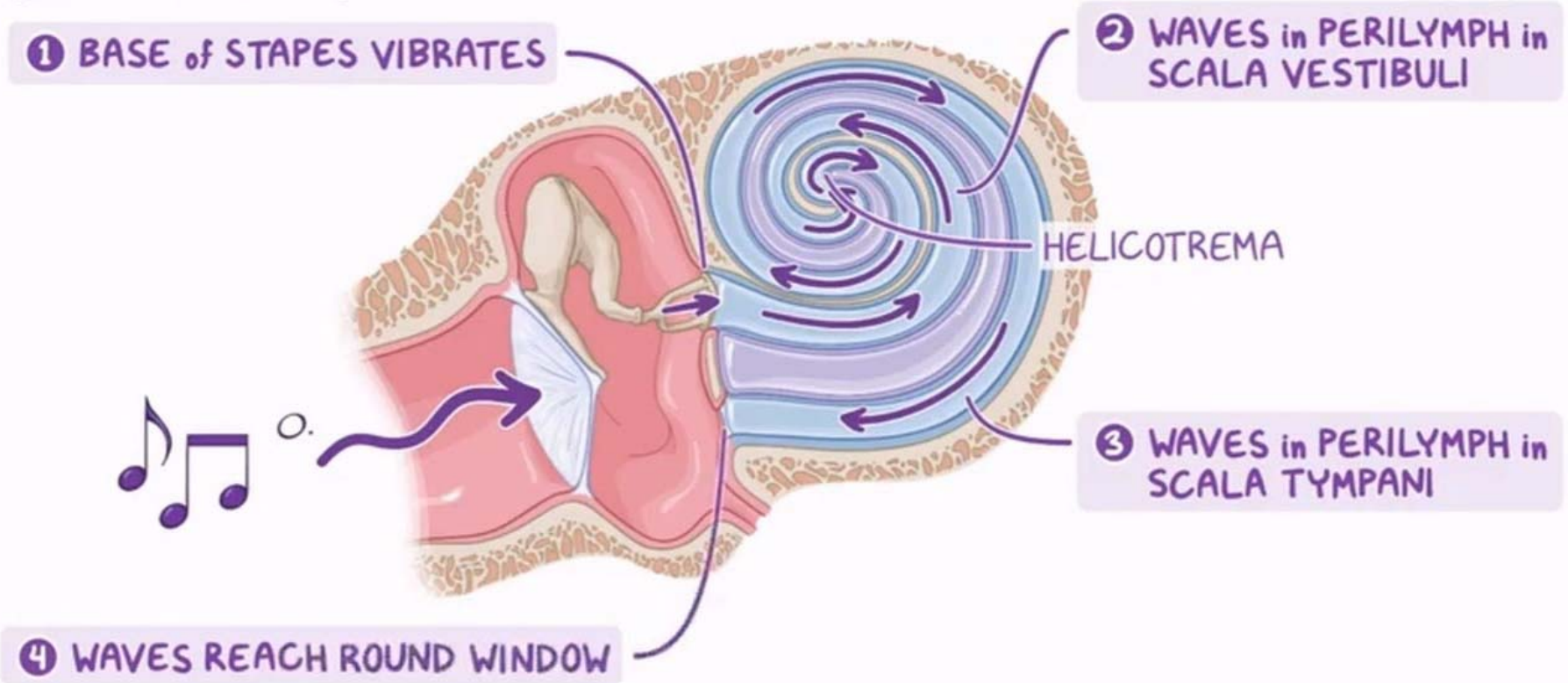
HAIR CELLS

COCHLEAR BRANCH of
VESTIBULOCOCHLEAR NERVE



SOUND CONDUCTION & HEARING

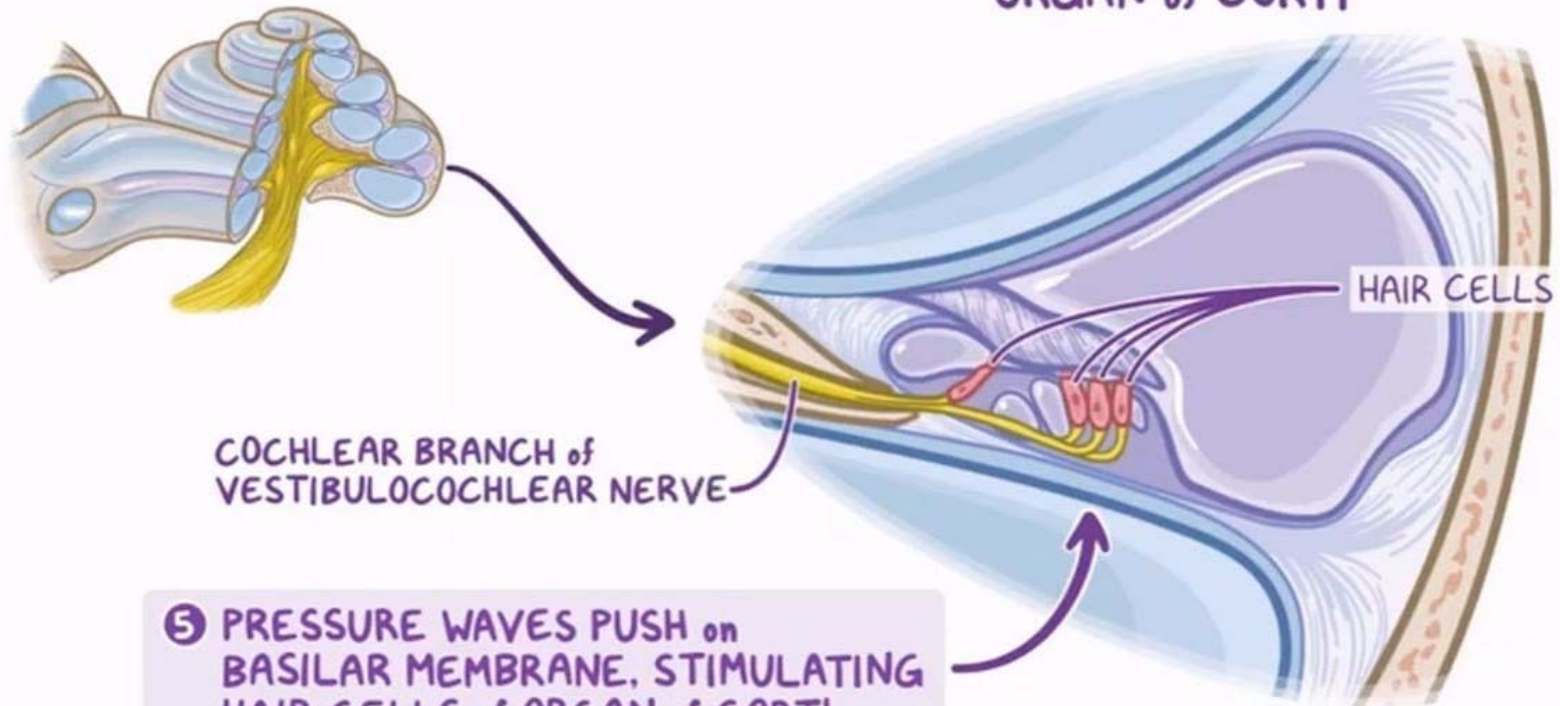
INNER EAR



SOUND CONDUCTION & HEARING

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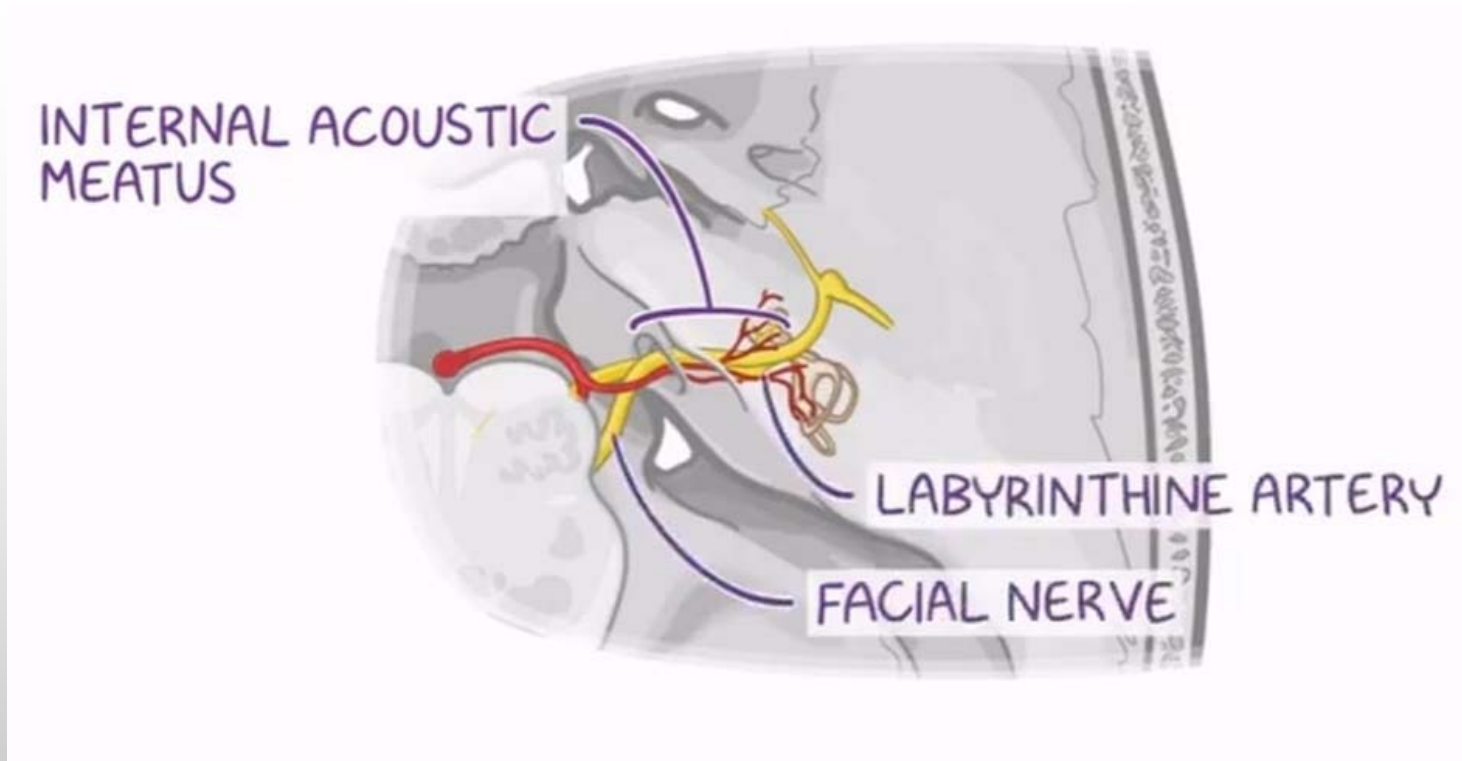


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HAIR CELLS

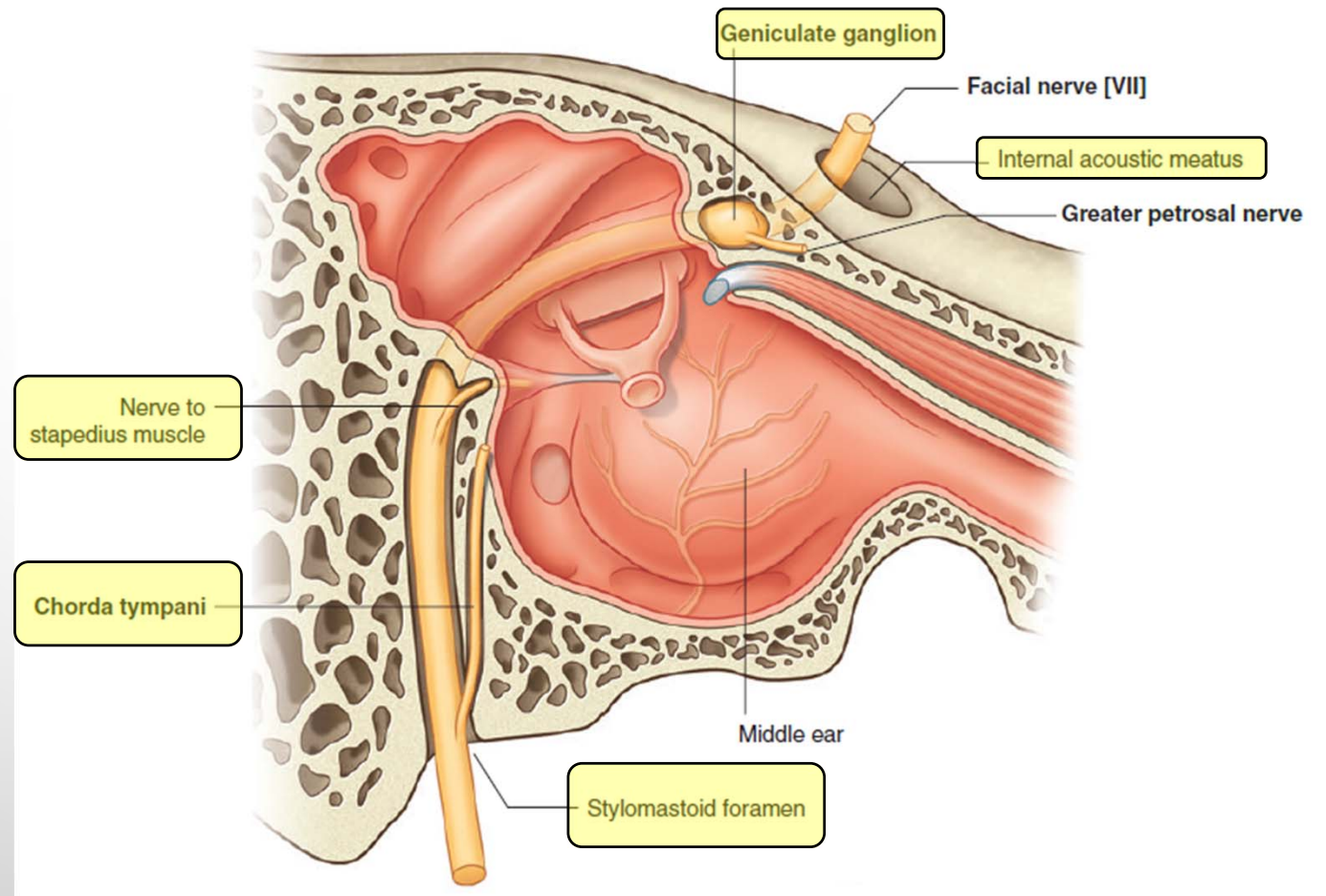
⑤ PRESSURE WAVES PUSH on
BASILAR MEMBRANE, STIMULATING
HAIR CELLS of ORGAN of CORTI

INNER EAR: NEUROVASCULAR SUPPLY



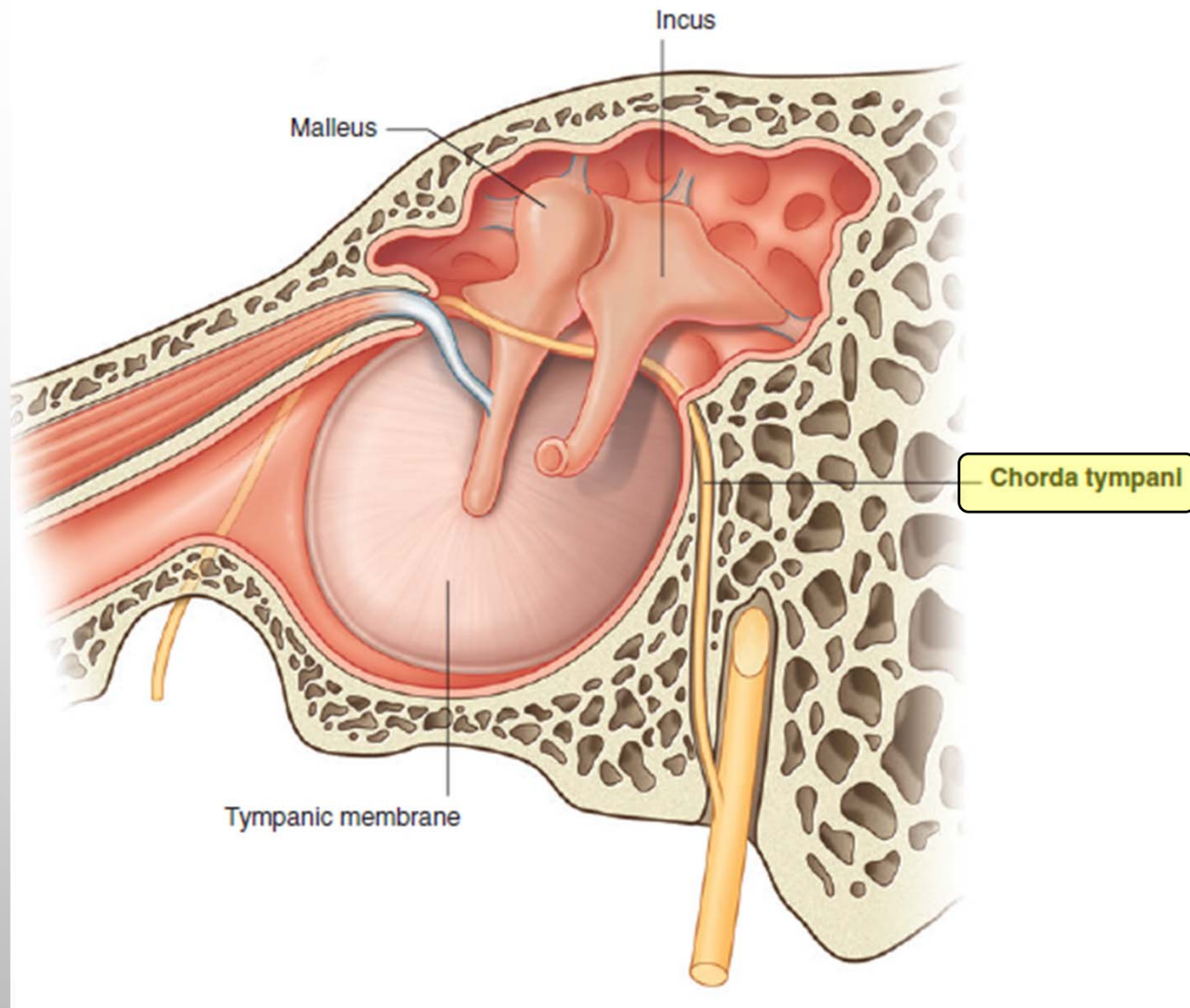
- Bony labyrinth supplied by: anterior tympanic branch (maxillary a.)+ stylomastoid branch (posterior auricular a.)+petrosal branch (middle meningeal a.)
- Membranous labyrinth: labyrinthine artery (anteroinferior cerebellar a. or basilar a.)
- CN VIII (CN VII)

FACIAL NERVE IN THE TEMPORAL BONE



1. Greater petrosal n. (pregang. parasymp.) → opening of its own → pterygopalatine ganglion
2. Nerve to stapedius (motor).
3. Chorda tympani (taste ant 2/3 of tongue) → tympanic membrane → petrotympanic fissure → lingual nerve

CHORDA TYMPANI



TINNITUS



Tinnitus is often associated with:

- age-related hearing loss
- inner ear damage caused by repeated exposure to loud noises
- an earwax build-up
- a middle ear infection
- Ménière's disease – a condition that also causes hearing loss and vertigo (a spinning sensation)
- otosclerosis – an inherited condition where an abnormal bone growth in the middle ear causes hearing loss



SYMPTOMS

- Ringing
- Buzzing
- Roaring
- Clicking
- Hissing
- Humming

TINNITUS

Tinnitus is the **perception of noise** or ringing in the ears. A common cause of tinnitus is inner ear **hair cell damage**.

