

## VII. Facial nerve

✚ **Type:** it is a mixed nerve.

✚ **Roots:** it has two roots:

A. **Motor root:** large and medial and is the facial nerve proper.

B. **Sensory root:** small and lateral. It is called nervus intermedius. It contains both sensory & parasympathetic fibers.

✚ **Deep origin:** it has 4 nuclei: **SAQ جدااا : Enumerate nuclei of facial nerve ?**

### A. Motor nucleus:

- ☒ lies in the lower part of the pons. It supplies muscles of the 2<sup>nd</sup> pharyngeal arch. The upper half of the nucleus receives bilateral corticobulbar fibers.
- ☒ The lower half of the nucleus receives corticobulbar fibers from the opposite side only.

### B. Parasympathetic nucleus (superior salivatory nucleus): it innervates:

- ☒ Submandibular & sublingual salivary glands through the chorda tympani nerve.
- ☒ Lacrimal, nasal & palatine glands through the **greater superficial petrosal nerve**.

### C. Two sensory nuclei:

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- ☒ **Nucleus solitarius:** receives taste fibers from the anterior two-thirds of the tongue through the chorda tympani nerve.
- ☒ **Spinal trigeminal nucleus:** receives somatic sensory fibers from the external ear via the posterior auricular nerve and small branches that join the tympanic plexus.

✚ **lesions of the facial nerve** **MCQ & SAQ جدااا مهمة**

### A. Upper motor neuron lesion: lesion in the corticobulbar tract

- ☒ It causes paralysis of the lower half of the opposite facial nucleus and paralysis of the muscles of the lower half of the opposite side of the face.

**SAQ : Enumerate 2 or 3 effect of facial nerve lesion ?**

**MCQ: Loss of sensation from anterior  $\frac{2}{3}$  of tongue & decrease salivation due to: Paralysis of chorda tympani**

## **B. Lower motor neuron lesion: lesion in the facial nerve or the facial nucleus**

☒ It causes flaccid paralysis of all muscles of facial expression on the same side of the face. The lesion may be located at any level:

1. In the facial colliculus, where it is accompanied by abducent nuclear lesion.
2. In the basis pontis: accompanied by hemiplegia (paralysis of one 1/2 of the body).
3. At the cerebellopontine angle, where it is accompanied by VIII lesion.
4. At the facial canal or the stylomastoid foramen (Bell's palsy).

☒ Signs of the Lower Motor Neuron Lesion of Facial Nerve:

The signs are present on the **same** side of the face:

1. **Paralysis of the frontalis:** inability to raise the eyebrow.
2. **Paralysis of the orbicularis oculi:** inability to close the eye, which remains open and loss of the corneal reflex.
3. **Paralysis of the orbicularis oris:** inability to whistle.
4. **Paralysis of the levators of the angle of the mouth:** drooping of the angle of the mouth.
5. **Paralysis of the buccinator:** accumulation of food in vestibule of the mouth.
6. **Paralysis of the stapedius:** hyperacusis (hypersensitivity to sounds).
7. **Paralysis of the chorda tympani:** loss of taste sensation from the anterior two-thirds of the tongue and decreased salivation.
8. **Paralysis of the greater superficial petrosal nerve:** loss of lacrimation.

## VIII. Vestibulocochlear nerve

### Vestibular nerve

✚ **Type:** It is a pure sensory nerve concerned with equilibrium.

✚ **Origin:**

- ☒ It is formed by the central processes of the bipolar cells of the Scarpa's ganglion.
- ☒ The peripheral processes terminate in the vestibular receptors in the semicircular canals.

✚ **Termination:**

- A. **Cerebellum:** in the archicerebellum (flocculonodular lobe).
- B. **The 4 vestibular nuclei:** lateral & superior in the pons. Medial & inferior in medulla.

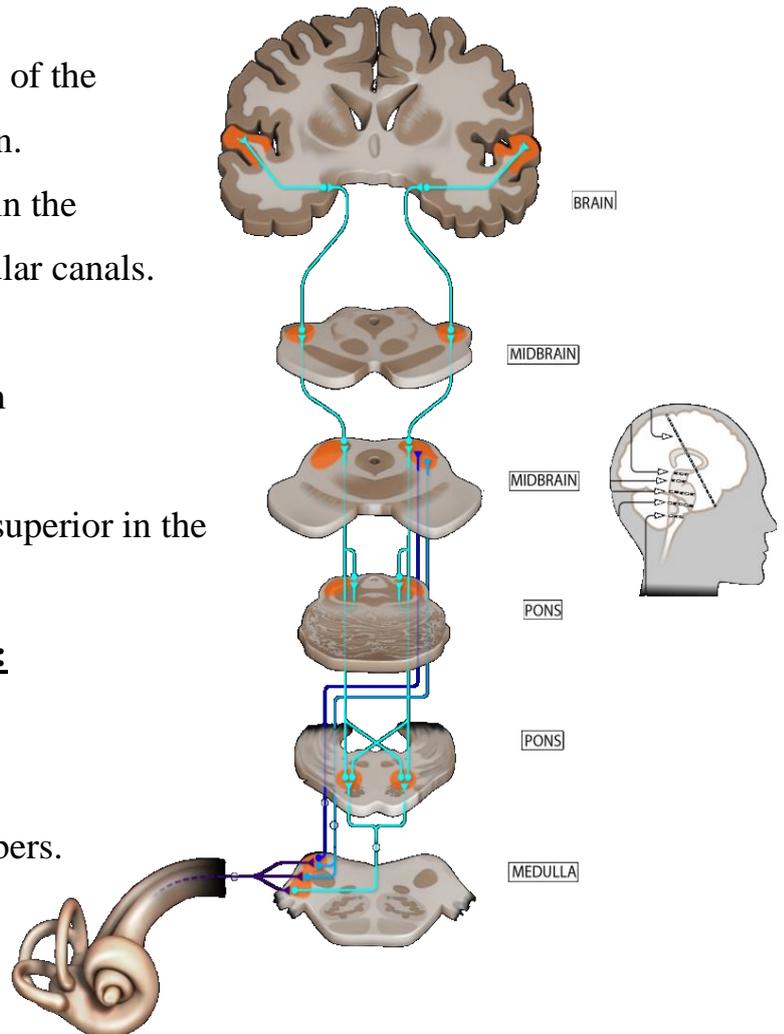
✚ **Connections of the vestibular nuclei:**

A. **Input: from the:**

- ☒ Vestibular nerve
- ☒ Cerebellum: cerebellovestibular fibers.

B. **Output: they send fibers to:**

1. Cerebellum (archicerebellum): through the inferior cerebellar peduncle.
2. Spinal cord: via the lateral and medial vestibulospinal tracts.
3. Nuclei that move the extraocular muscles: of the two sides (III, IV, VI) via the MLF to coordinate movements of the two eyes.
4. Thalamus (VPMN) and cerebral cortex: (vestibular area) for conscious awareness of the position of the head in space.



## Cochlear Nerve

+ **Type:** It is a pure sensory nerve concerned with hearing.

+ **Origin:**

☒ It is formed by the central processes (axons) of the bipolar cells of the spiral ganglion (cochlear ganglion).

☒ The peripheral processes terminate in the organ of Corti in the cochlea.

+ **Termination:** in the dorsal and ventral cochlear nuclei at the pontomedullary junction.

+ **Auditory Pathway:**

☒ Organ of Corti → spiral ganglion cochlear nerve → dorsal & ventral cochlear nuclei → trapezoid body → lateral lemniscus inferior colliculus → medial geniculate body → auditory radiation → primary auditory area (41 & 42) → auditory association area (22).

+ **Lesions of the auditory pathway**

☒ Lesion in the cochlea, cochlear nerve or cochlear nuclei: complete ipsilateral deafness.

☒ Lesion in the lateral lemniscus MGB or auditory area: partial deafness on the 2 sides mainly on the opposite side (bilateral diminution of hearing).

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