

**CNS**

**Sensory Pathway**

	<b>Conscious proprioception Discriminative touch Vibration</b>	<b>Pain Temp</b>	<b>Simple touch pressure</b>	<b>Unconscious proprioception</b>
<b>Receptors</b>	a) <u>Proprioception</u> : muscle and tendon spindles. b) <u>Discriminative touch</u> : Meissner's corpuscles. c) <u>Vibration</u> : Pacinian corpuscles.	Free nerve endings	a) <u>Touch</u> : free nerve endings, Merkel's disc and Meissner's corpuscles. b) <u>Pressure</u> : Pacinian corpuscles.	Muscle spindles, tendon spindles and joint receptors. ✓ <b>Function:</b> Coordination of movement maintenance of muscle tone
<b>Tract</b>	Gracile → below T6 Cuneate → above T6	<b>lateral spinothalamic tract</b> (Lissauer's Tract)	1. Ventral spinothalamic tract. 2. Gracile and cuneate tracts	1. Dorsal spinocerebellar tract (Clarke's → ICP) 2. Ventral spinocerebellar (spinal border cells → SCP) 3. Cuneo-cerebellar tract (accessory cuneate nucleus → ICP)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> order Neuron</b>	<b>DRG</b>			-----
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> order Neuron</b>	Gracile and Cuneate nuclei (then form <b>Medial lemniscus</b> )	laminae I to IV of Rexed (SGR)	Lamina III, IV (Nucleus proprius)	-----
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> order Neuron</b>	<b>VPLNT</b> → upper 2/3 of general sensory area in postcentral gyrus (3,1,2)			-----
<b>Lesion</b>	a) Before 2 <sup>nd</sup> order (Dorsal funiculus) → <b>ipsilateral</b> loss b) After 2 <sup>nd</sup> order (Med lemniscus) → <b>contralateral</b> loss	Contralateral 2 segments below	Not detected clinically	<b>Ataxia</b> (loss of muscle coordination).

Sensations from the body		
Ascending tracts of spinal cord		
➤ Tracts in posterior column (Dorsal fasciculus)	➤ Tracts in the lateral funiculus	➤ Tracts in the ventral funiculus (Ant fasciculus)
<p>1. <b>Gracile tract:</b> Medial in position and conveys sensations from below T6 segment.</p> <p>2. <b>Cuneate tract:</b> Lateral in position and conveys sensations from above T6 segment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>They convey the following sensations from the same side of the body:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <u>Conscious proprioception</u> (sense of position and sense of movement).</li> <li>✓ <u>Discriminative touch</u> (localization, 2 point-discrimination, stereognosis)</li> <li>✓ Sense of <u>Vibration</u>.</li> </ul>	<p>1. <b>Posterior (dorsal) spinocerebellar tract.</b></p> <p>2. <b>Anterior (ventral) spinocerebellar tract.</b></p> <p>3. <b>Lateral spinothalamic tract:</b> conveys <u>Pain and Temperature</u> sensations from opposite side of the body to thalamus.</p> <p>4. <b>Spino-olivary tract:</b> The 3 tracts convey <u>unconscious proprioception</u> from muscles to cerebellum for coordination of movements of limbs.</p> <p>5. <b>Spino-tectal tract:</b> conveys information to superior colliculus for <u>Spino-visual reflexes</u>.</p> <p>6. <b>Spino-reticular:</b> convey dull aching” slow pain” to RAS then thalamus that activates Cerebral cortex.</p> <p>6. <b>Lissauer’s tract:</b> is a short tract at the tip of the dorsal horn.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Anterior (ventral) spinothalamic tract</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>Mediates <u>Simple Touch and Pressure</u> sensations from the opposite side of the body to the thalamus.</p>