



Peripheral Nervous Syst. Module

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Trigeminal Nerve



Lecture objectives

- **By the end of this session, you should be able to:**
 1. Know a brief introduction to the trigeminal nerve
 2. Recognize Trigeminal nuclei and its functional components
 3. Visualize the course & distribution and locate the Trigeminal ganglion and its components
 4. Enumerate divisions of trigeminal nerve and their applied anatomy



Introduction

The **largest** cranial nerve

It is **mixed nerve** (sensory and motor)

Sensory to: Skin of face, mucosa of cranial viscera, except base of tongue and pharynx

Motor to: Muscles of Mastication (Tensor palati, Tensor tympany, Anterior belly of digastric, Mylohyoid)



Trigeminal Nuclei

- A **cranial nerve nucleus** is a collection of neurons (gray matter) in the brain stem that is associated with one or more cranial nerves.
- Axons carrying information to and from the cranial nerves form a synapse at these nuclei.



Trigeminal Nuclei

- ***Sensory Nuclei:***

1. ***Mesencephalic Nucleus:***

1. Cell body of Pseudounipolar neuron

2. Relay ***proprioception*** from ***muscles*** of ***mastication, extra ocular*** muscles, ***facial*** muscles.

3. Situated in midbrain just lateral to aqueduct (***at the level of the superior colliculus***).



Trigeminal Nuclei

- *Sensory Nuclei:*

- 2. *Main Sensory Nucleus:*

- Lies in pons lateral to motor nucleus
- Relays touch sensation



Trigeminal Nuclei

- *Sensory Nuclei:*

- 3. *Spinal Nucleus:*

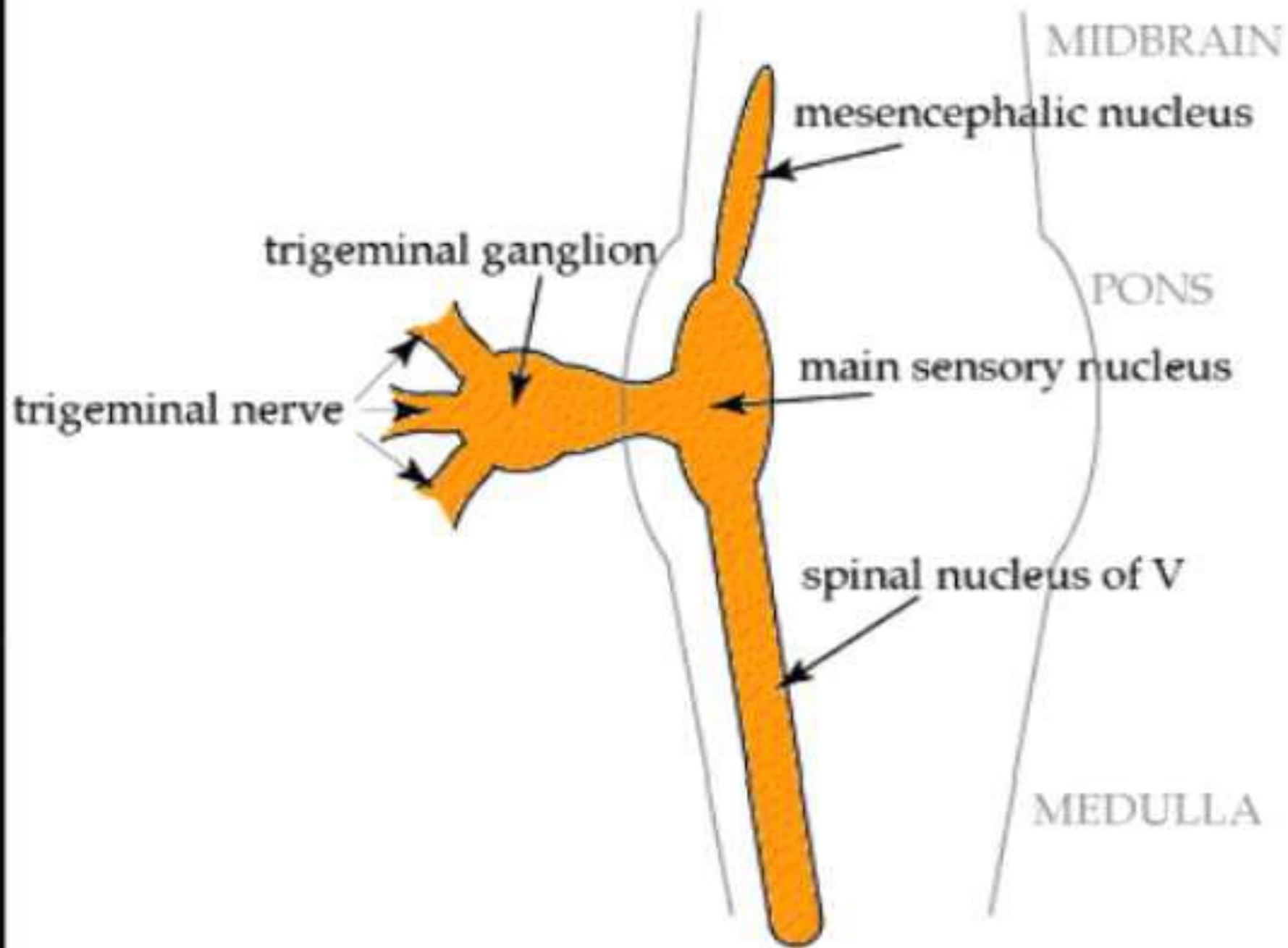
- Extends from caudal end of principal sensory nucleus in pons to 2nd or 3rd spinal segment
- It relays *Pain* and *Temperature*



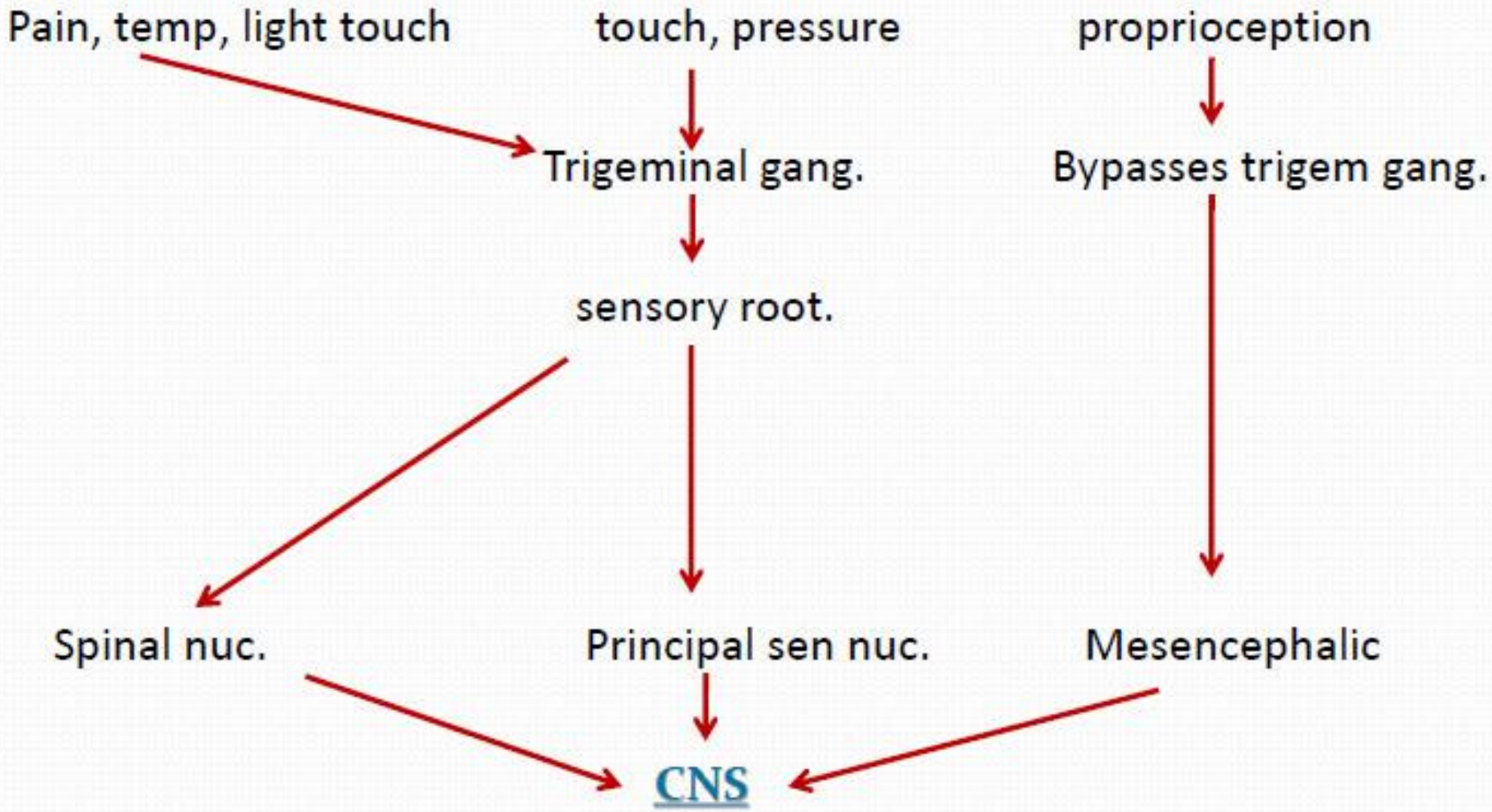
Trigeminal Nuclei

- ***Motor Nucleus:***

1. Innervates **muscles of mastication** and **tensor tympani and tensor palati**
2. Derived from ***first branchial arch.***
3. Located in pons medial to principle sensory nucleus.



GENERAL SOMATIC AFFERENTS- Face, Scalp, Teeth, Gingiva, Oral, Nasal, Cavities, Para nasal sinus, Conjunctiva and Cornea.



CNS



MOTOR NUCLEUS



MOTOR ROOT



MANDIBULAR NERVE



Muscles of mastication

Masseter

Lateral & Medial Pterygoids

Temporalis

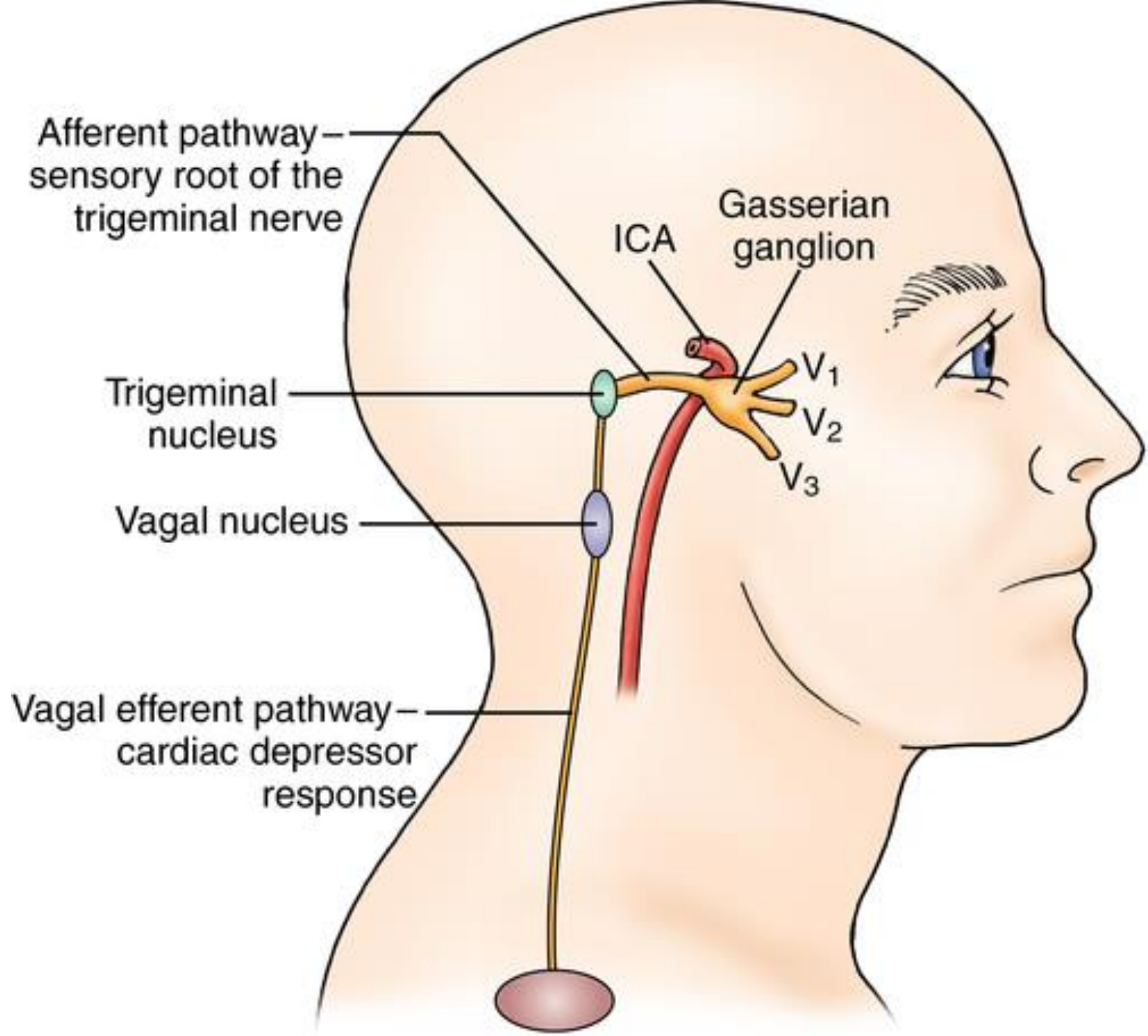
Tensor tympani

Tensor palatini

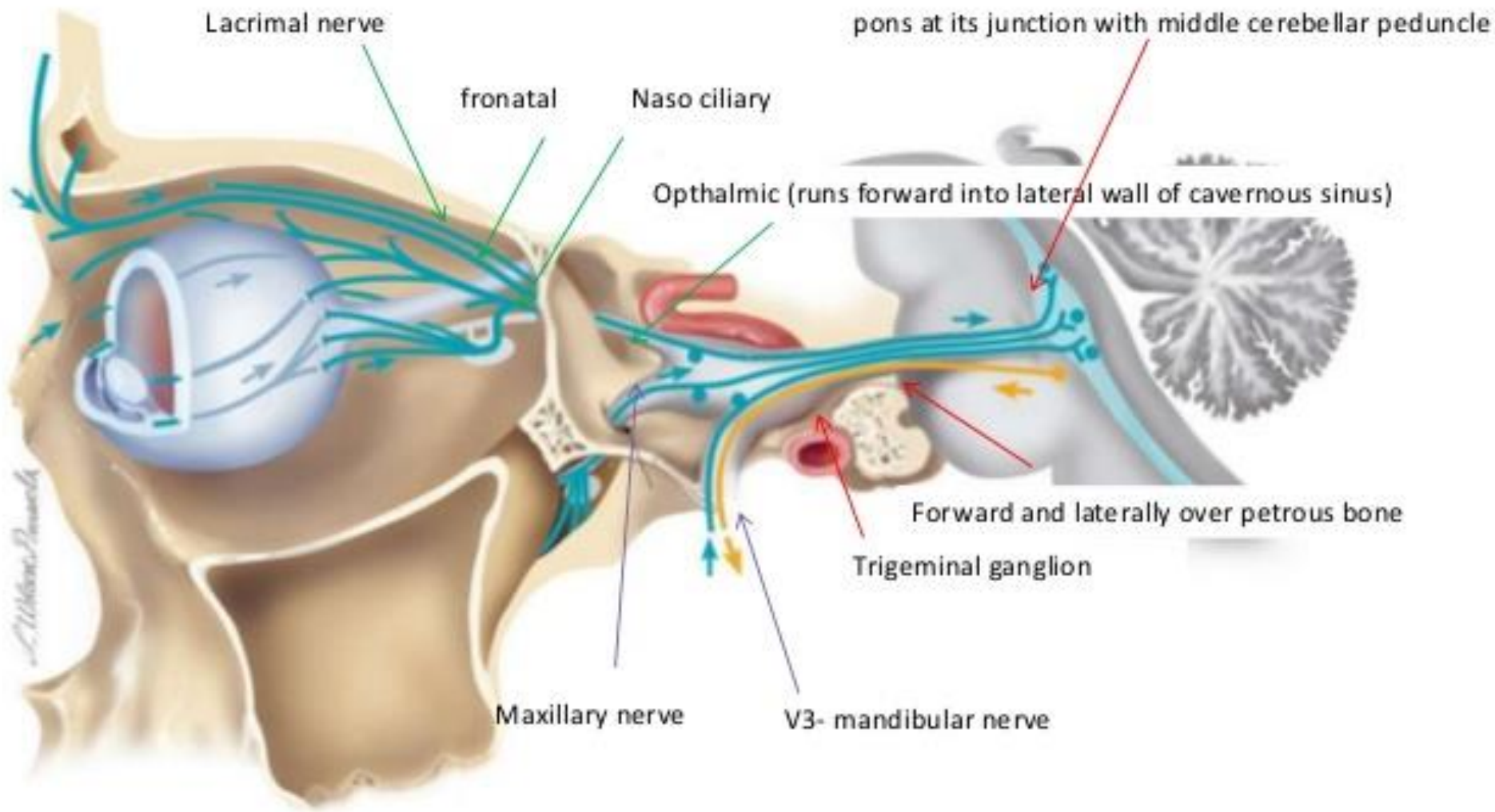


Course and Distribution

- Both motor and sensory root are attached ventrally to junction of pons and middle cerebellar peduncle with motor root lying ventromedially to the sensory root.
- Pass anteriorly in middle cranial fossa to lie below tentorium cerebelli in *trigeminal cave*, here motor root lies inferior to sensory root.



Course and branches





Course and Distribution

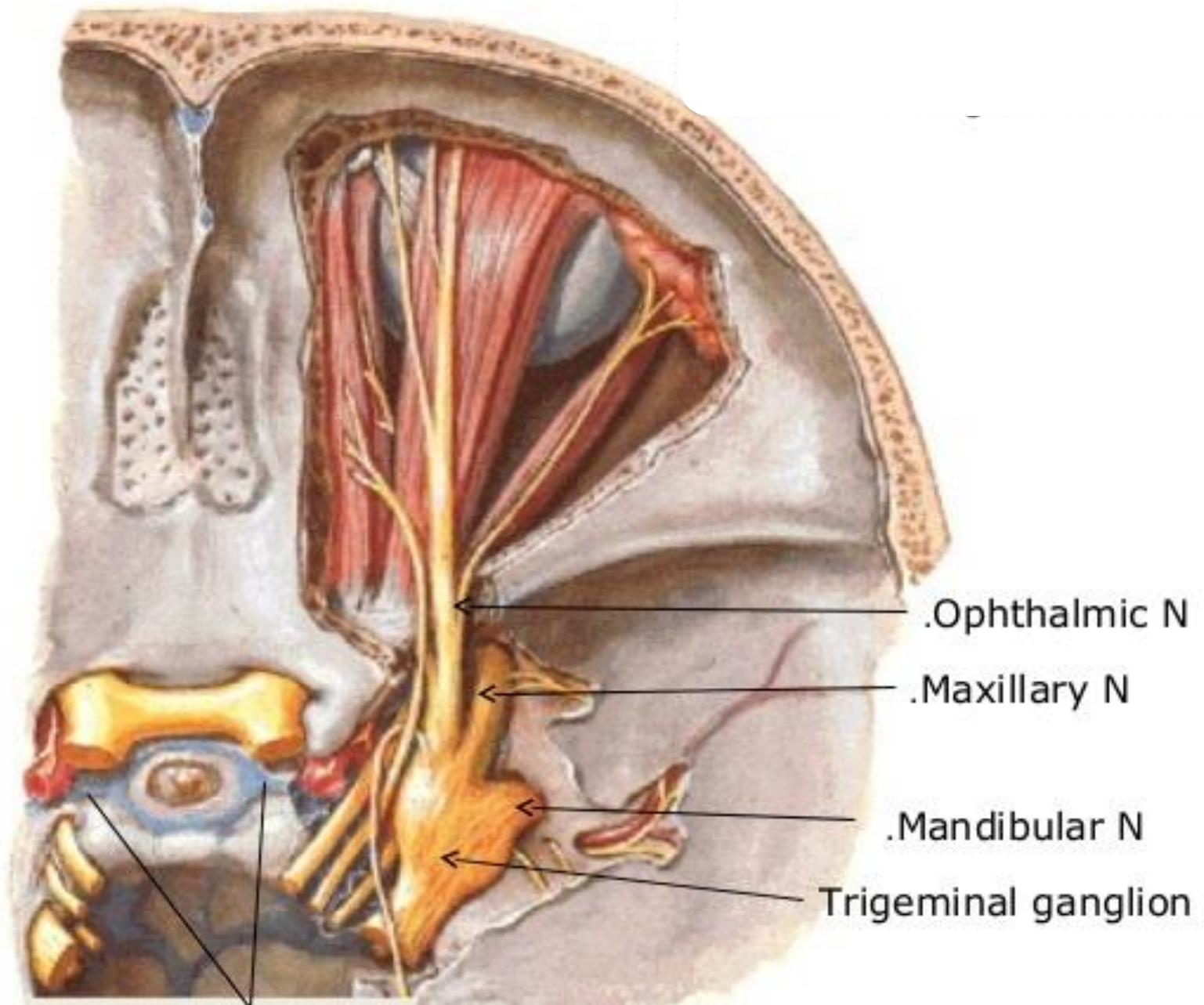
- ***Motor root*** turns further inferior with sensory component of V3 (***Mandibular N.***) to ***emerge*** out of ***foramen ovale*** as mandibular nerve.

- ***Ophthalmic*** and ***maxillary*** division ***emerges*** through ***superior orbital*** fissure and ***foramen rotundum*** respectively.



Trigeminal Ganglion

- Called ***Semilunar*** or ***Gasserian*** ganglion.
- ***Crescentric*** in shape with ***convexity anterolaterally***.
- Contains cell bodies of ***pseudounipolar*** neurons.
- ***LOCATION:*** lies in a bony fossa at ***apex*** of the ***petrous temporal bone*** on floor of middle cranial fossa, just lateral to posterior part of lateral wall of the cavernous sinus.



.Ophthalmic N

.Maxillary N

.Mandibular N

Trigeminal ganglion

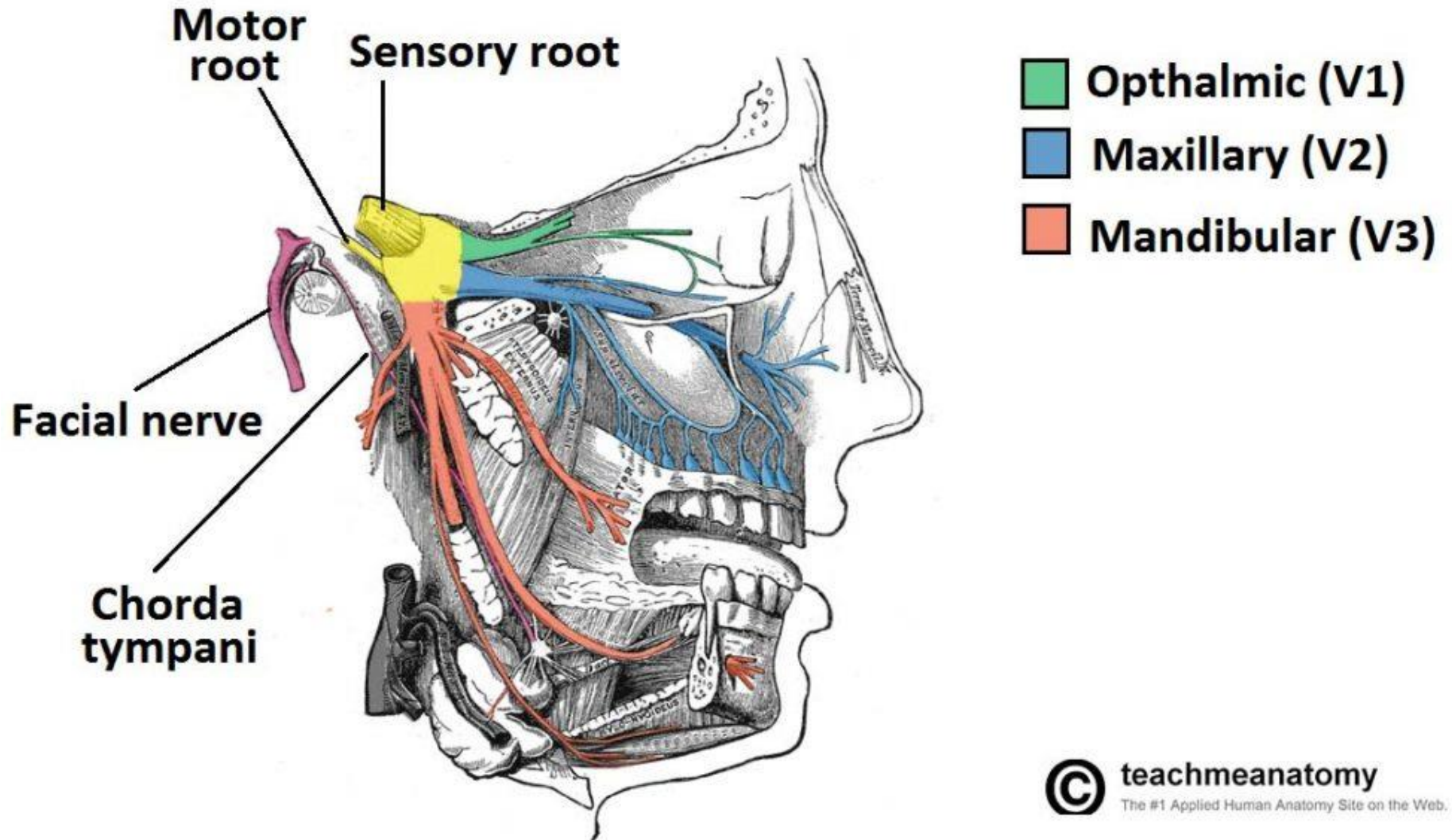
Cavernous sinus



Trigeminal Ganglion

- ***Coverings:*** covered by dural pouch forming trigeminal cave lined by pia and arachnoid, thus the **ganglion is bathed in CSF.**
- ***Arterial Supply:*** Ganglionic branches of internal carotid artery, middle meningeal artery and accessory meningeal artery.

Divisions

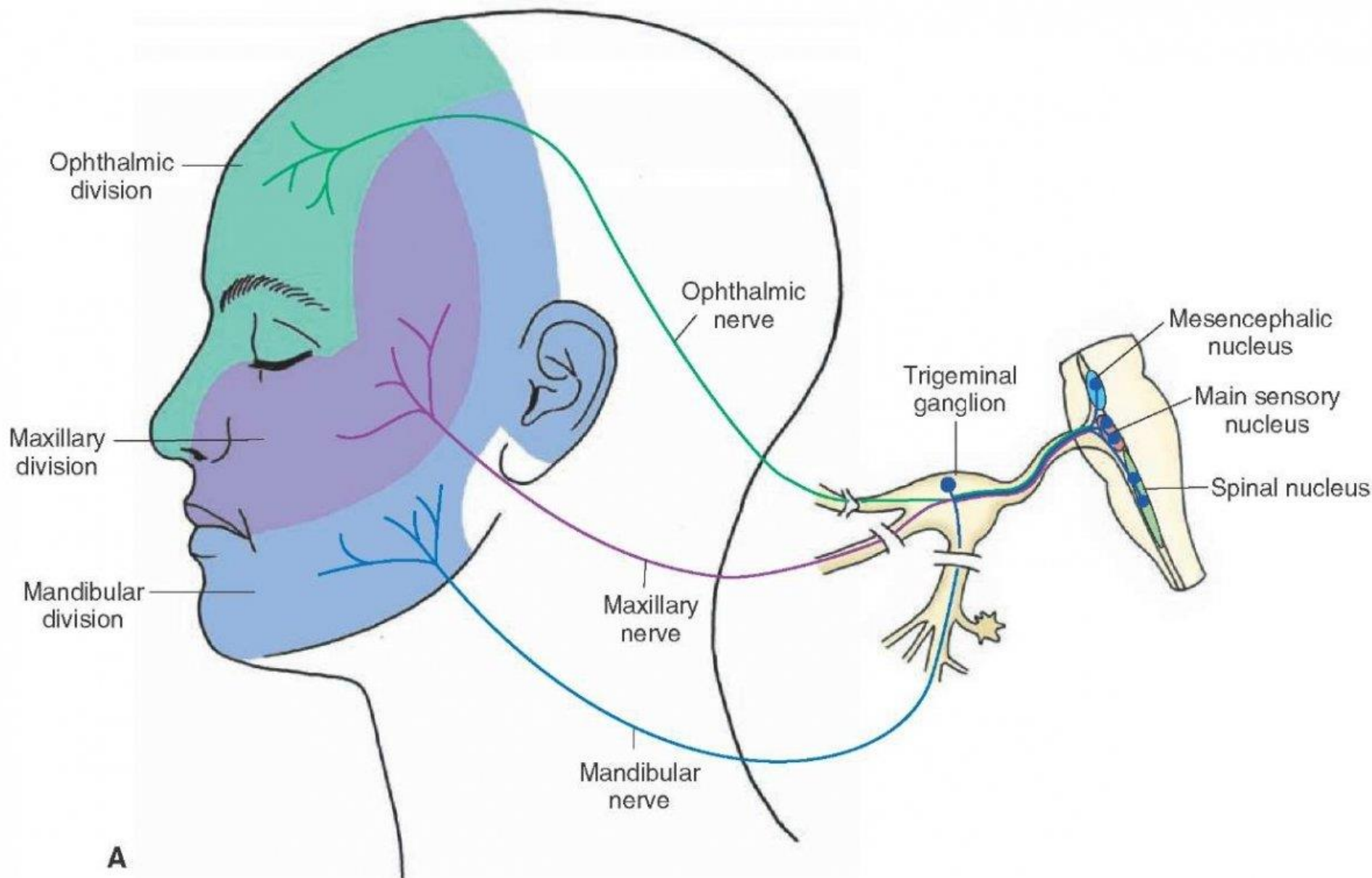




Divisions

Ophthalmic nerve

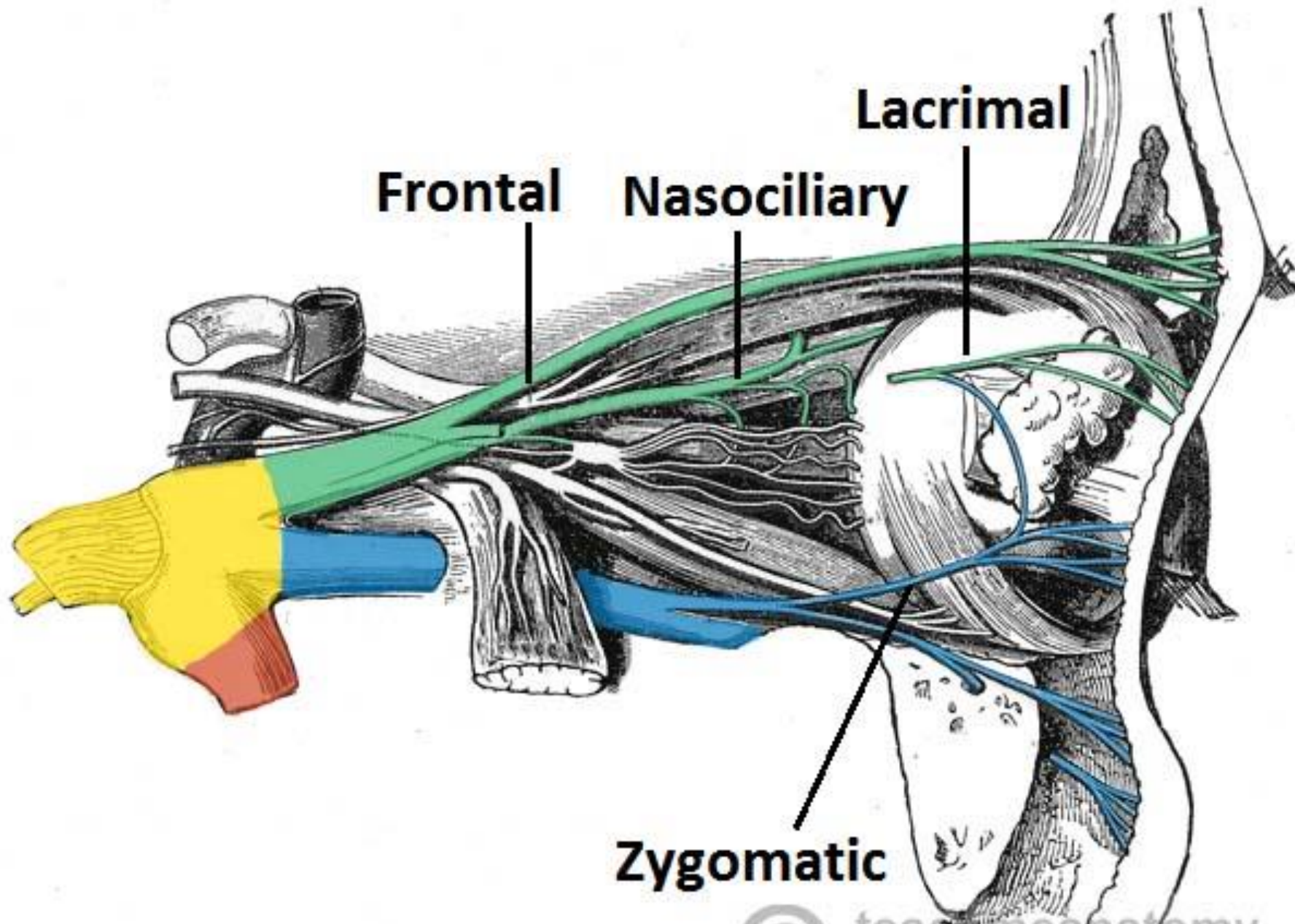
1. **Smallest** division.
2. **Sensory only**
3. ***Supplies:*** eyeballs, conjunctiva, lacrimal gland, mucosa of nose and paranasal sinus, skin of forehead eyelid and nose





Ophthalmic Nerve

- ***Course:*** emerges from the trigeminal ganglion, passes ***through*** the ***lateral wall*** of the ***cavernous sinus***, divides into 3 branches in the anterior part of the cavernous sinus
 1. **Lacrimal**
 2. **Frontal**
 3. **Nasocilliary**
- All enter the orbit through the ***superior orbital fissure***



Frontal

Nasociliary

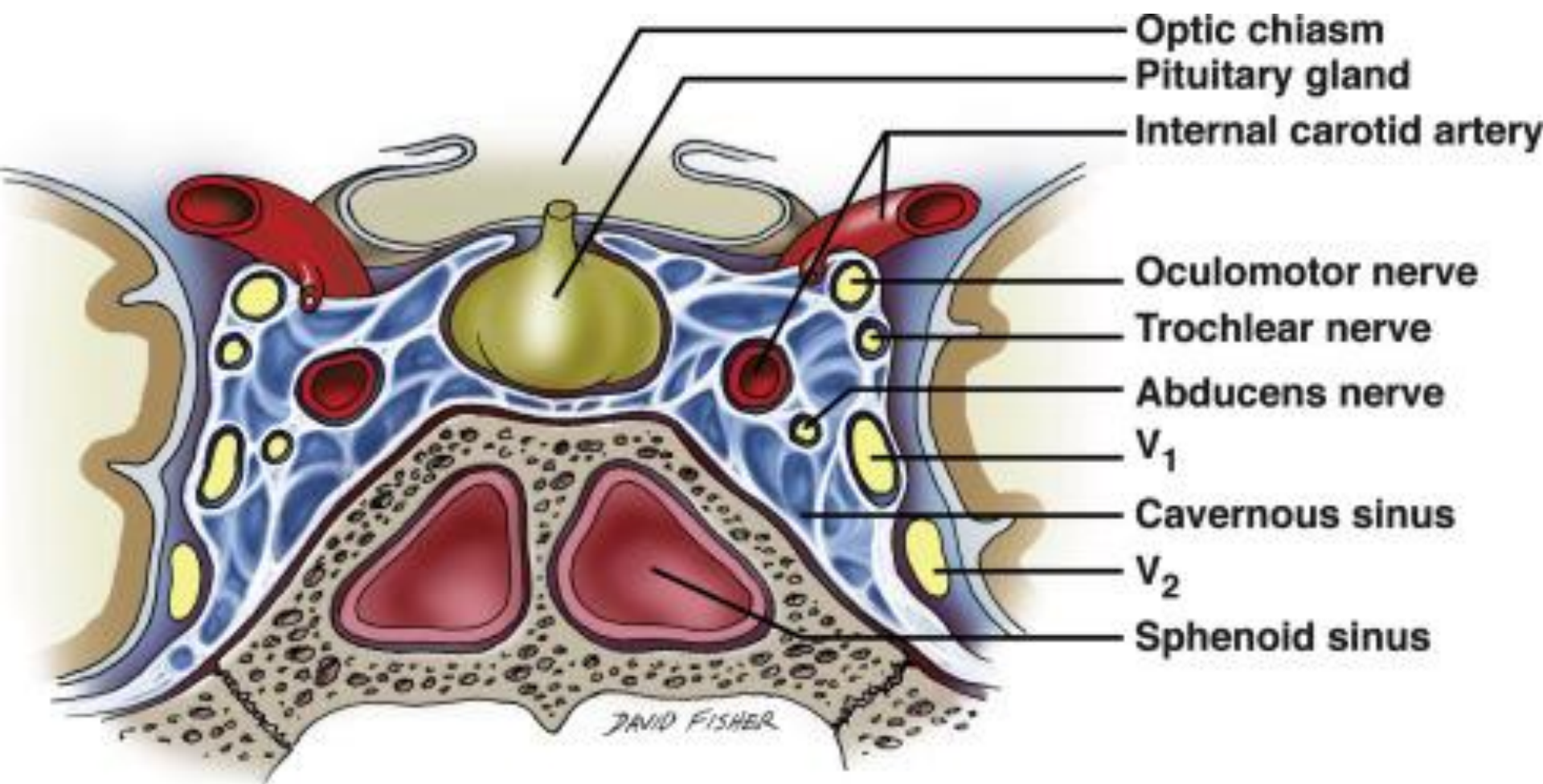
Lacrimal

Zygomatic



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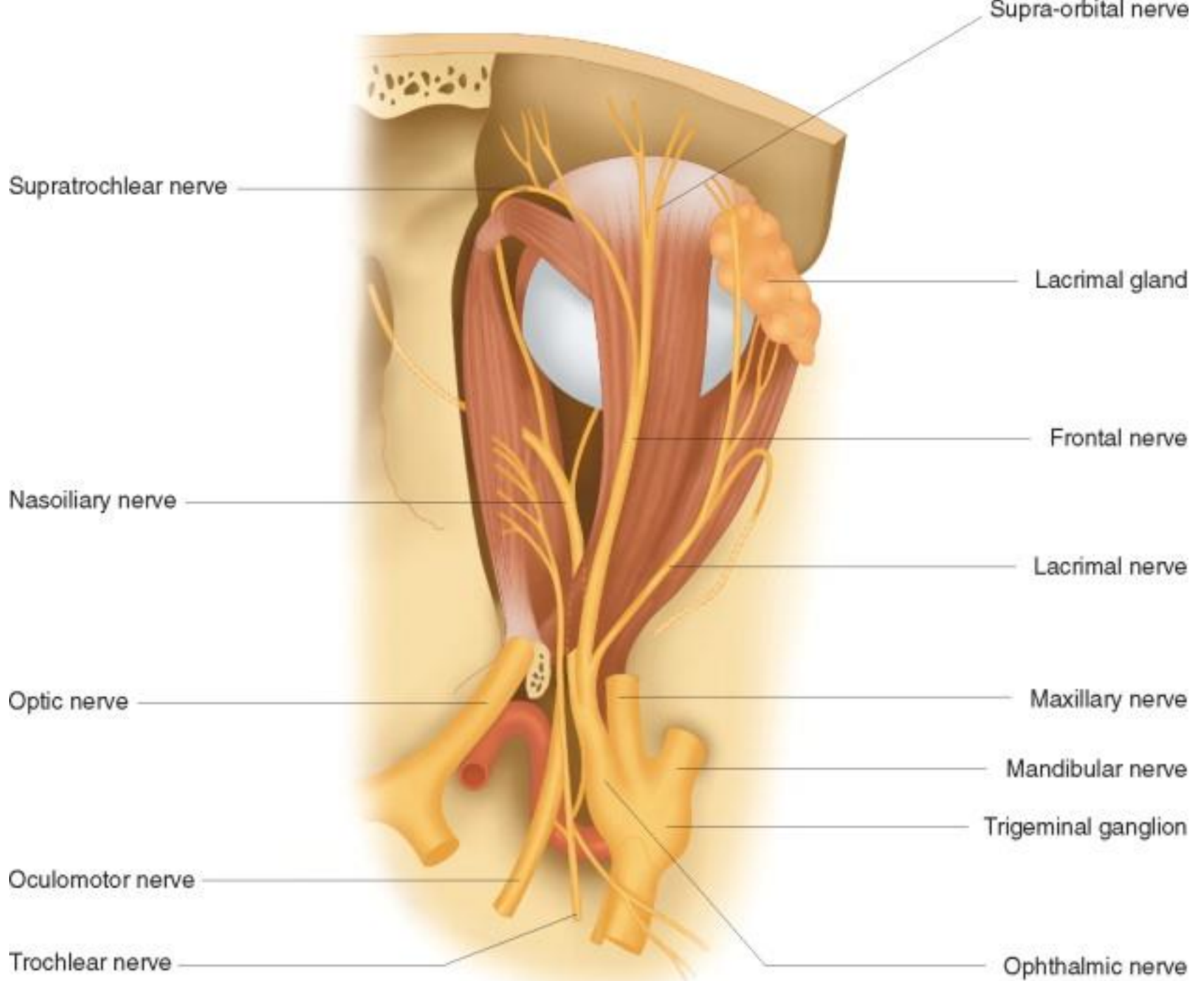
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Ophthalmic Nerve

- ***Lacrimal Nerve:***
- Passes into orbit through lateral compartment of the ***Superior orbital fissure*** outside ***the tendinous ring.***
- In the orbit it runs along the ***upper border of the lateral rectus,*** with the lacrimal artery, It enters the lacrimal gland and gives off several filaments, which supply the gland.





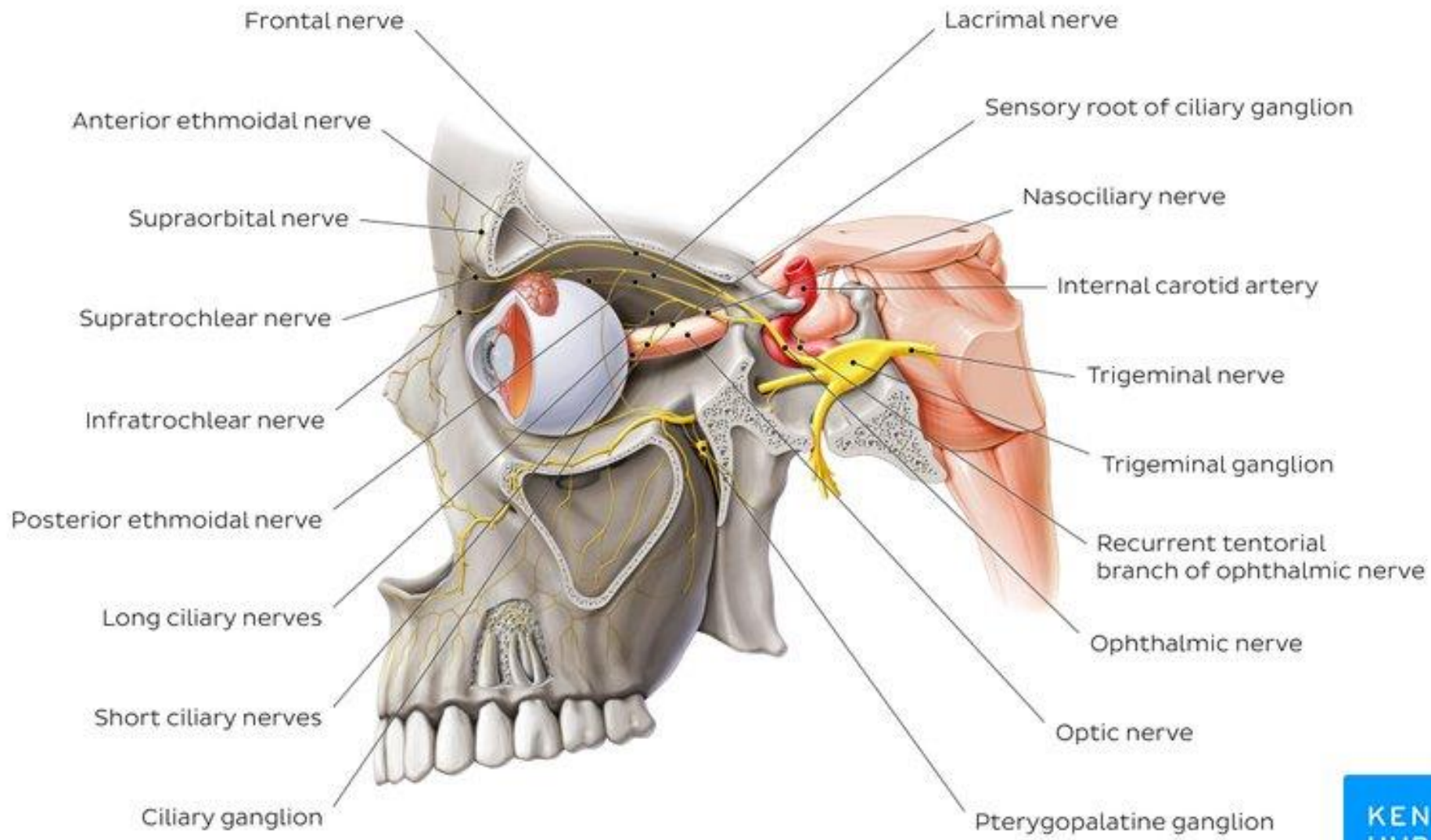
Lacrimal Nerve

- Finally it pierces the orbital septum giving ***Sensory supply*** to lateral ***conjunctiva, upper Lid, lacrimal gland***
- In addition to post synaptic ***parasympathetic*** fibers from ***pterygopalatine ganglion*** to ***lacrimal gland*** (parasymp. ***secretomotor***).

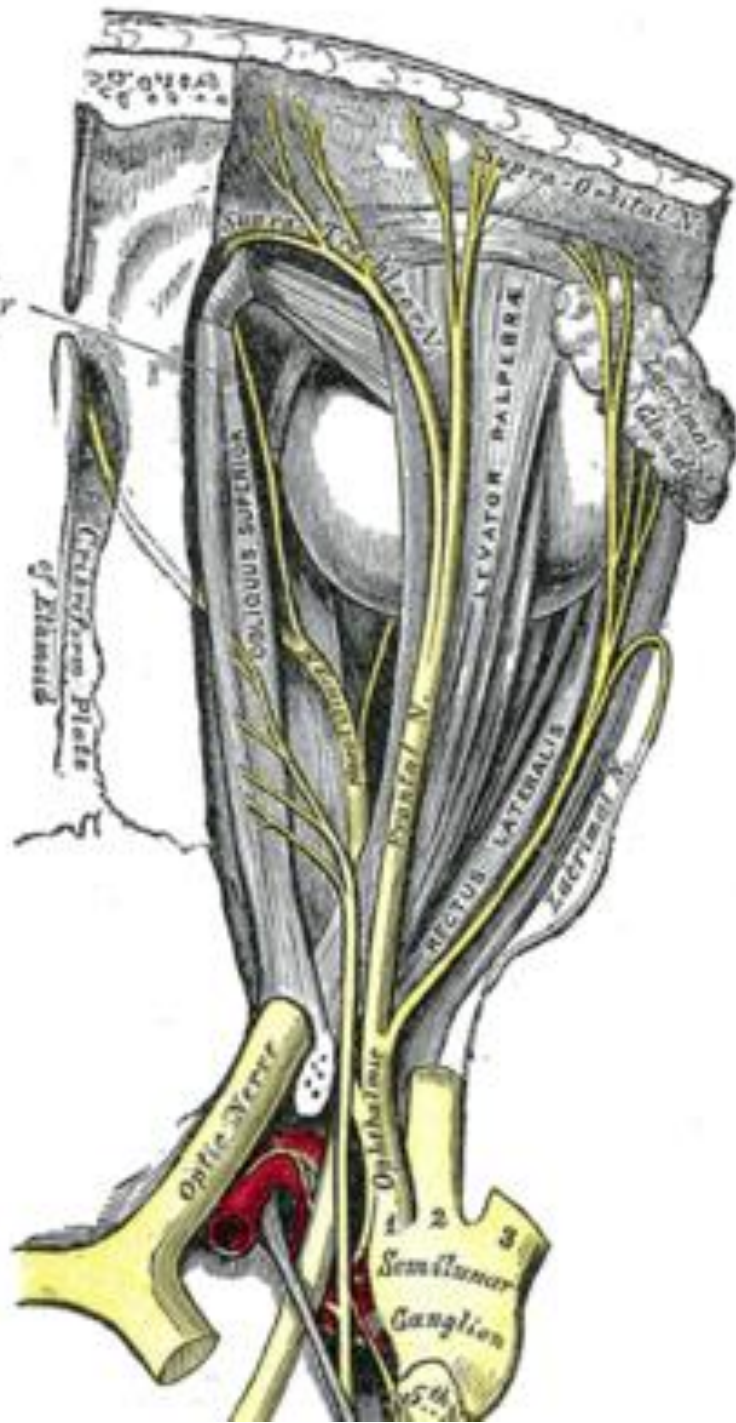


Frontal Nerve

- **Largest** of the ophthalmic N. branches
- *Enters orbit* through lateral part of *superior orbital fissure* outside *tendinous ring*
- Passes forward between roof of orbit and levator palpebralis superioris
- Divides midway of its course into **supratrochlear** and **supraorbital nerves**



Infra-trochlear nerve





Frontal Nerve

Supratrochlear Nerve:

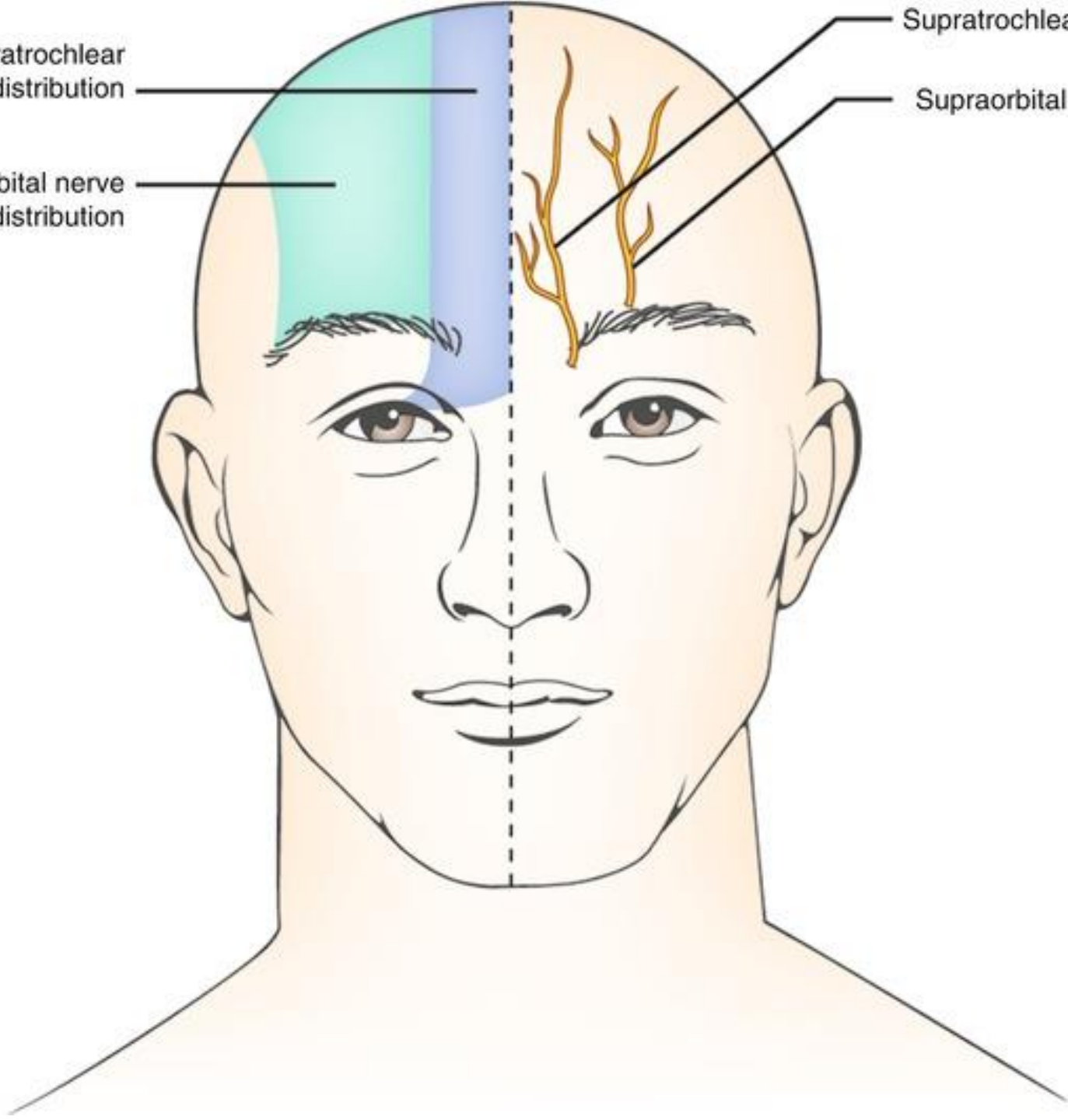
- *Smaller* nerve, *medial branch*
- Curves around superomedial margin of orbit supplying the *skin* of the *lower* part of the *forehead* close to the middle line and sends filaments to the *conjunctiva* and *skin* of the *upper eyelid*

Supratrochlear
nerve distribution

Supraorbital nerve
distribution

Supratrochlear nerve

Supraorbital nerve



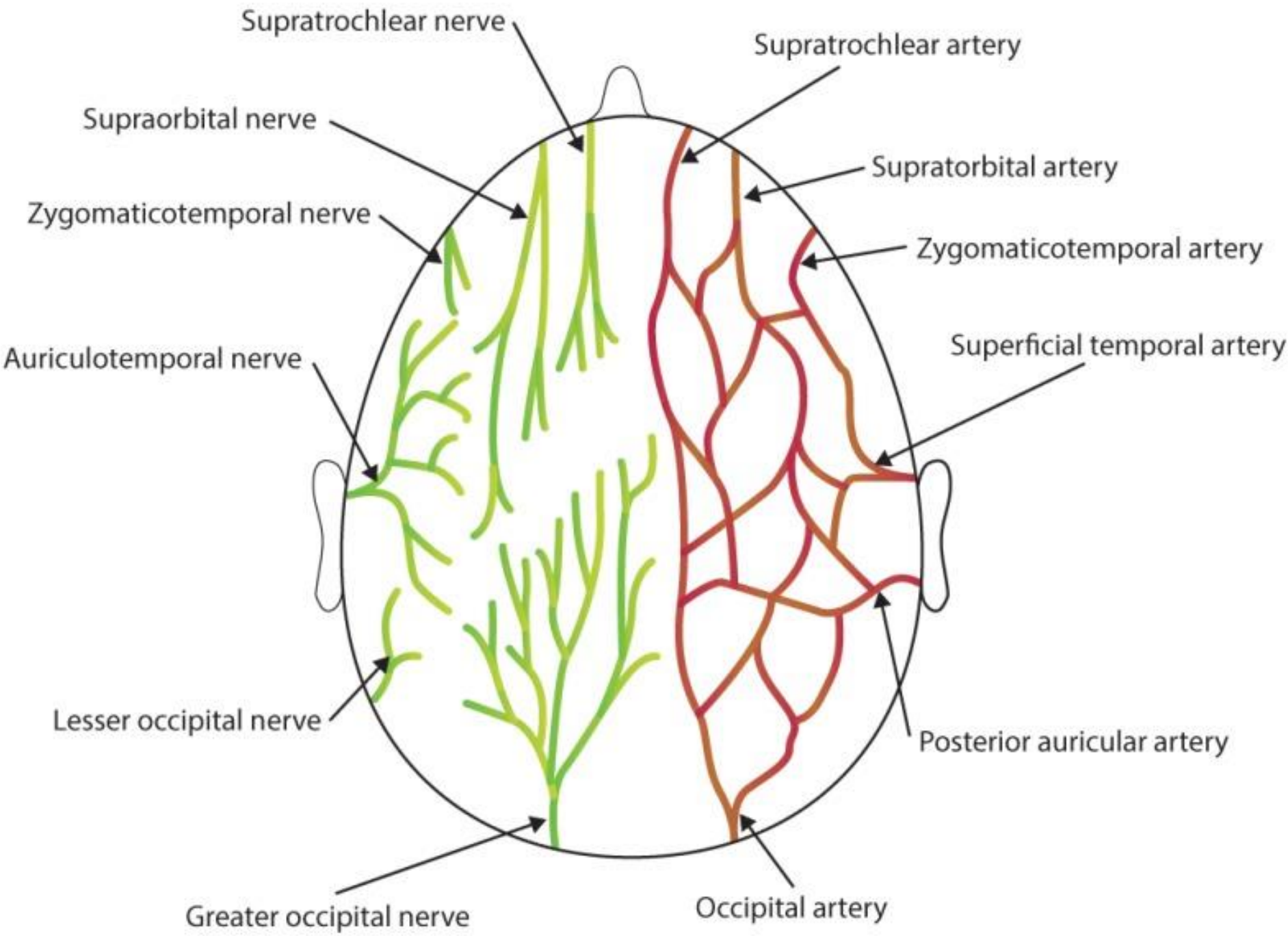




Frontal Nerve

Supraorbital Nerve:

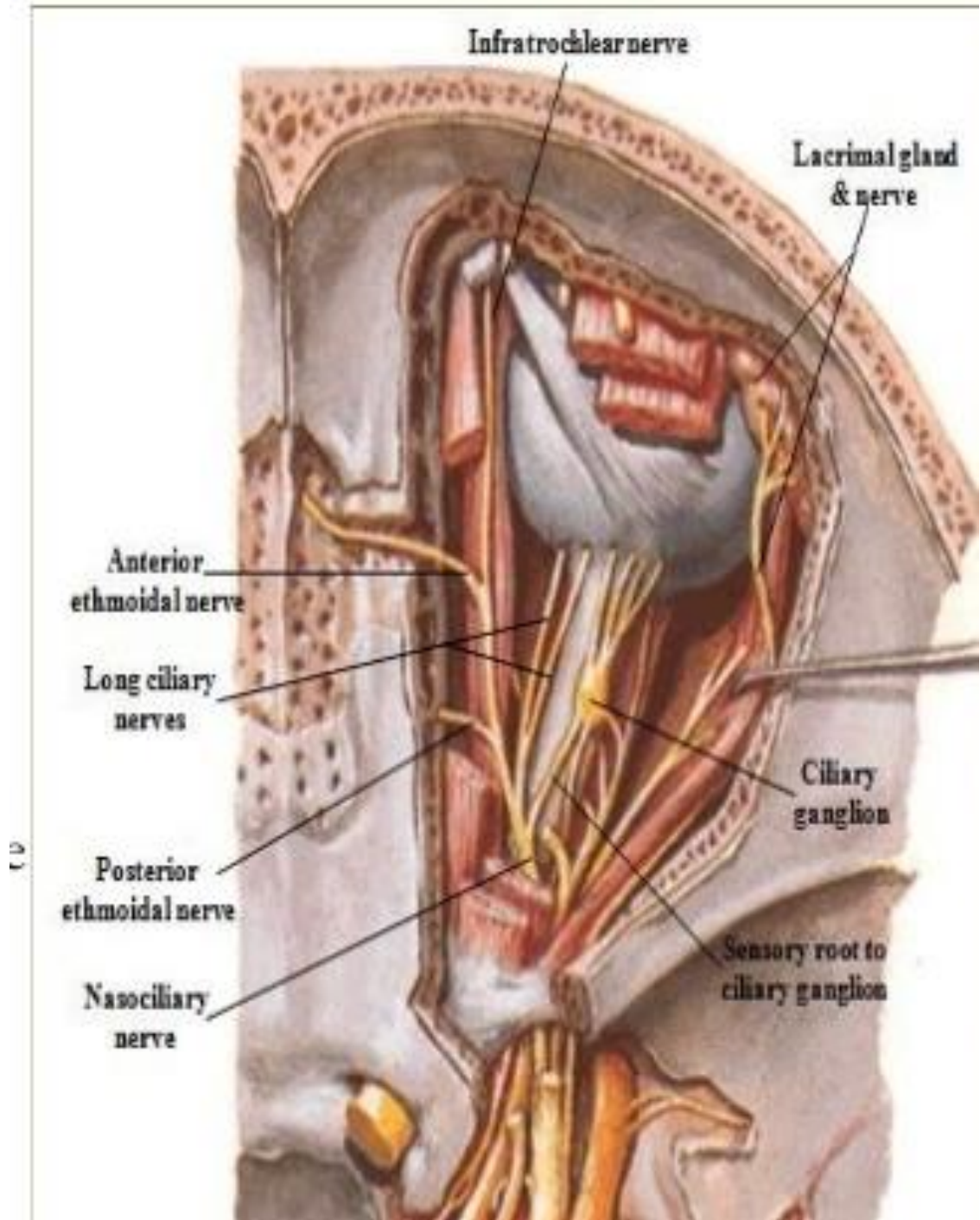
- *Larger* nerve, *lateral branch*
- Divides in medial and lateral branches supplying the *skin* of the *scalp*, reaching nearly *as far* back as the *lambdoidal suture*.

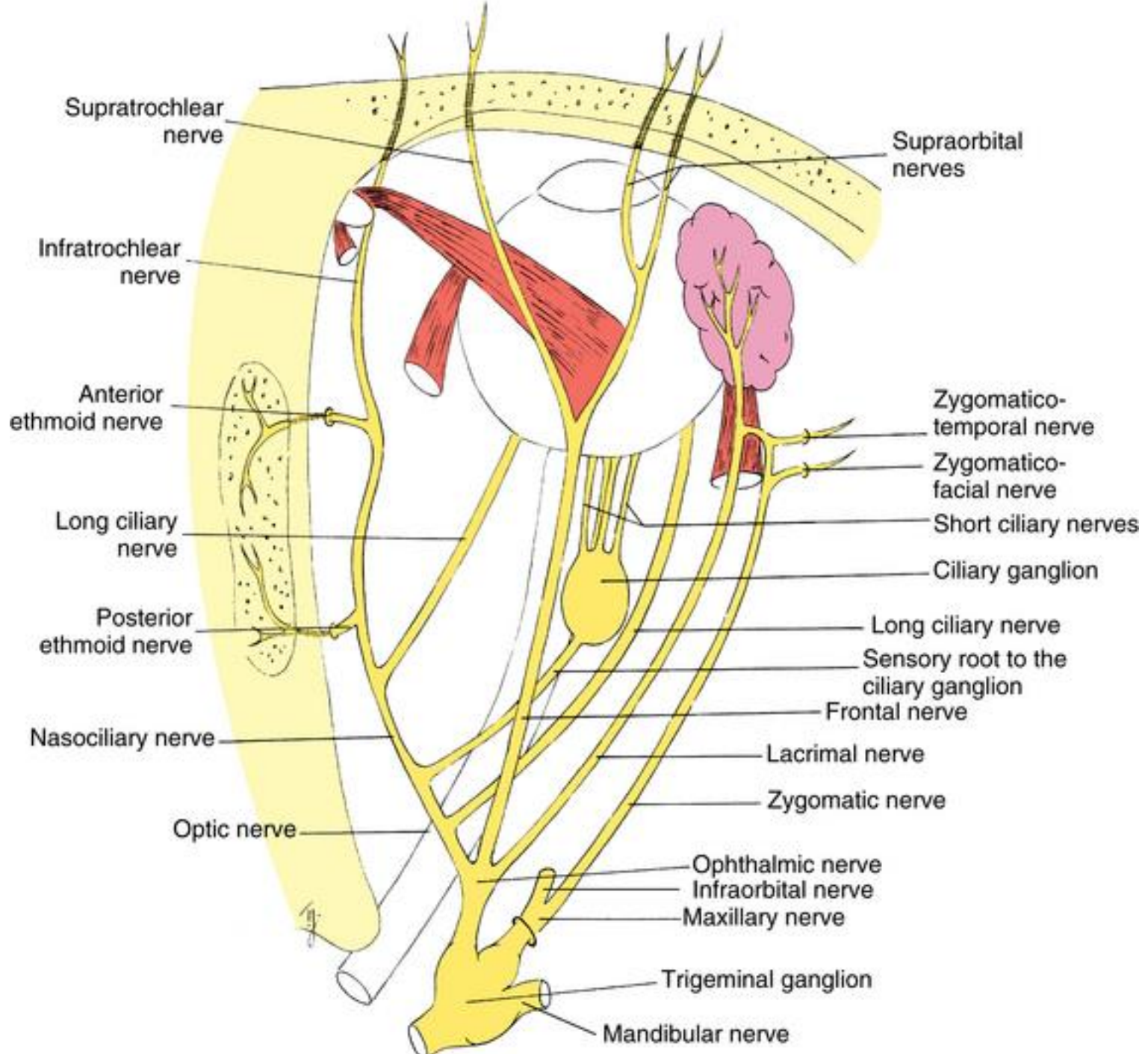




Nasociliary Nerve

- Purely *Sensory*
- Passes through middle part of *superior orbital fissure* within the *tendenious ring*.
- **Runs** along **medial wall** of **orbit** between superior oblique and medial rectus
- Ends by dividing into *Anterior Ethmoidal* and *External Nasal* and gives 5 orbital branches





Supratrochlear nerve

Supraorbital nerves

Infratrochlear nerve

Anterior ethmoid nerve

Zygomatico-temporal nerve

Long ciliary nerve

Zygomatico-facial nerve

Posterior ethmoid nerve

Short ciliary nerves

Nasociliary nerve

Ciliary ganglion

Optic nerve

Long ciliary nerve

Sensory root to the ciliary ganglion

Frontal nerve

Lacrimal nerve

Zygomatic nerve

Ophthalmic nerve

Infraorbital nerve

Maxillary nerve

Trigeminal ganglion

Mandibular nerve



Nasociliary Nerve

Branches:

- 1. Short Ciliary Nerves:* Fibers reaches eyeball and contains fibers from Ciliary Ganglion
- 2. Long Ciliary Nerves:* 2 or 3 in no. supply to Iris and Cornea.



Nasociliary Nerve

Branches:

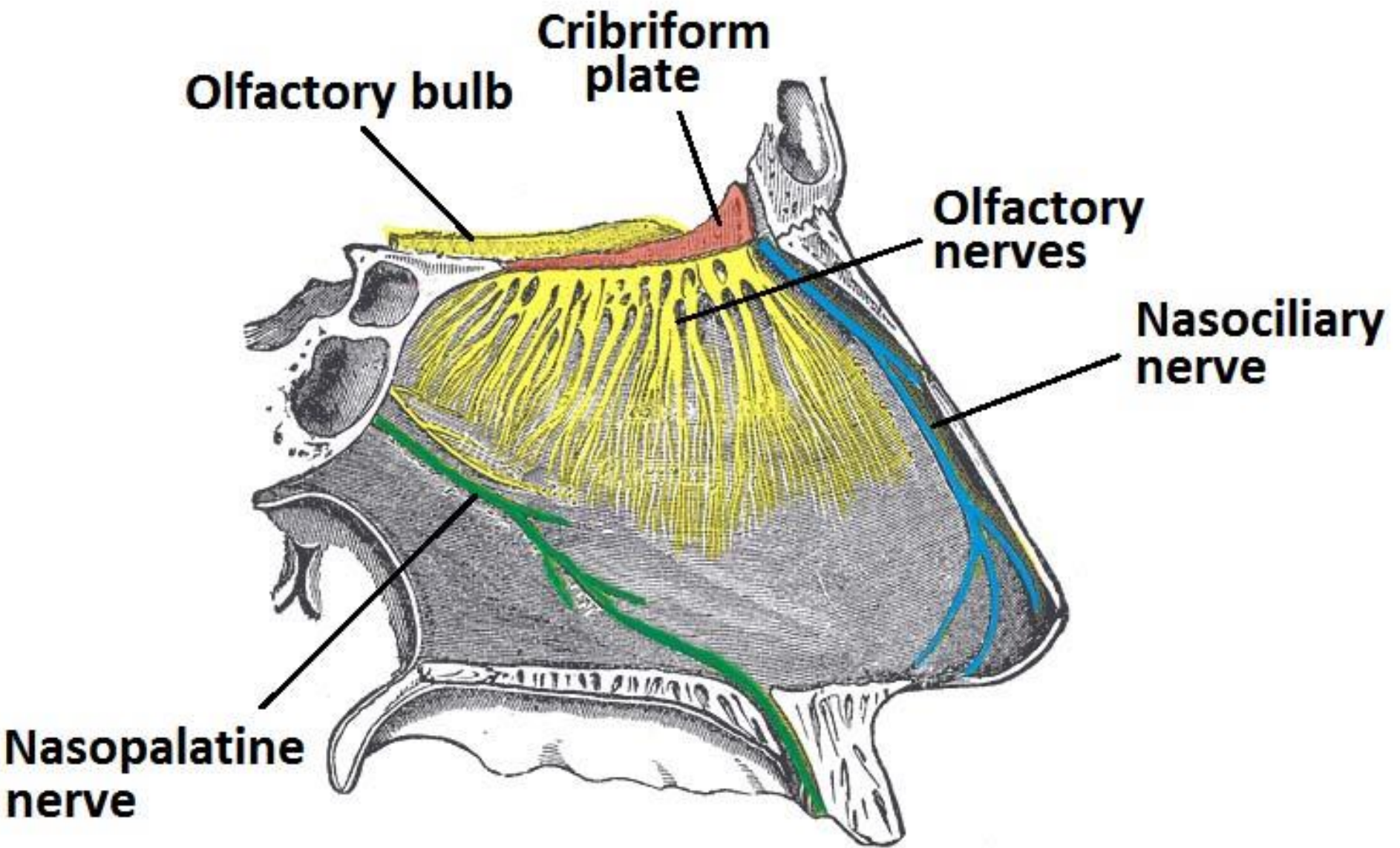
- 3. Post Ethmoidal Nerve:* passes through posterior ethmoidal foramen to supply the Ethmoid and Sphenoid sinuses.
- 4. Infratrochlear Nerve:* appears on face above med. angle the eye. Supplies to skin of lacrimal sac and caruncle.

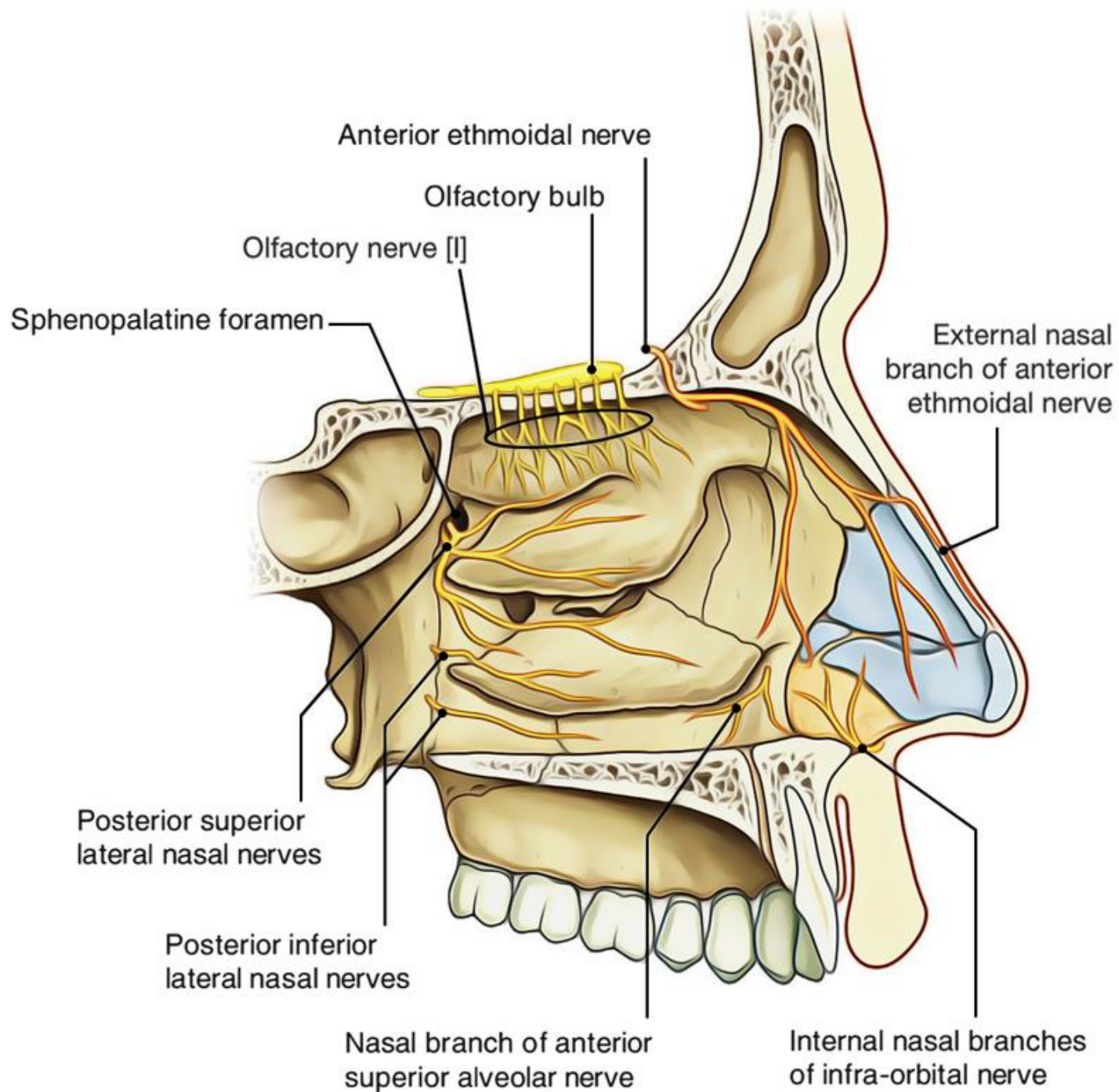


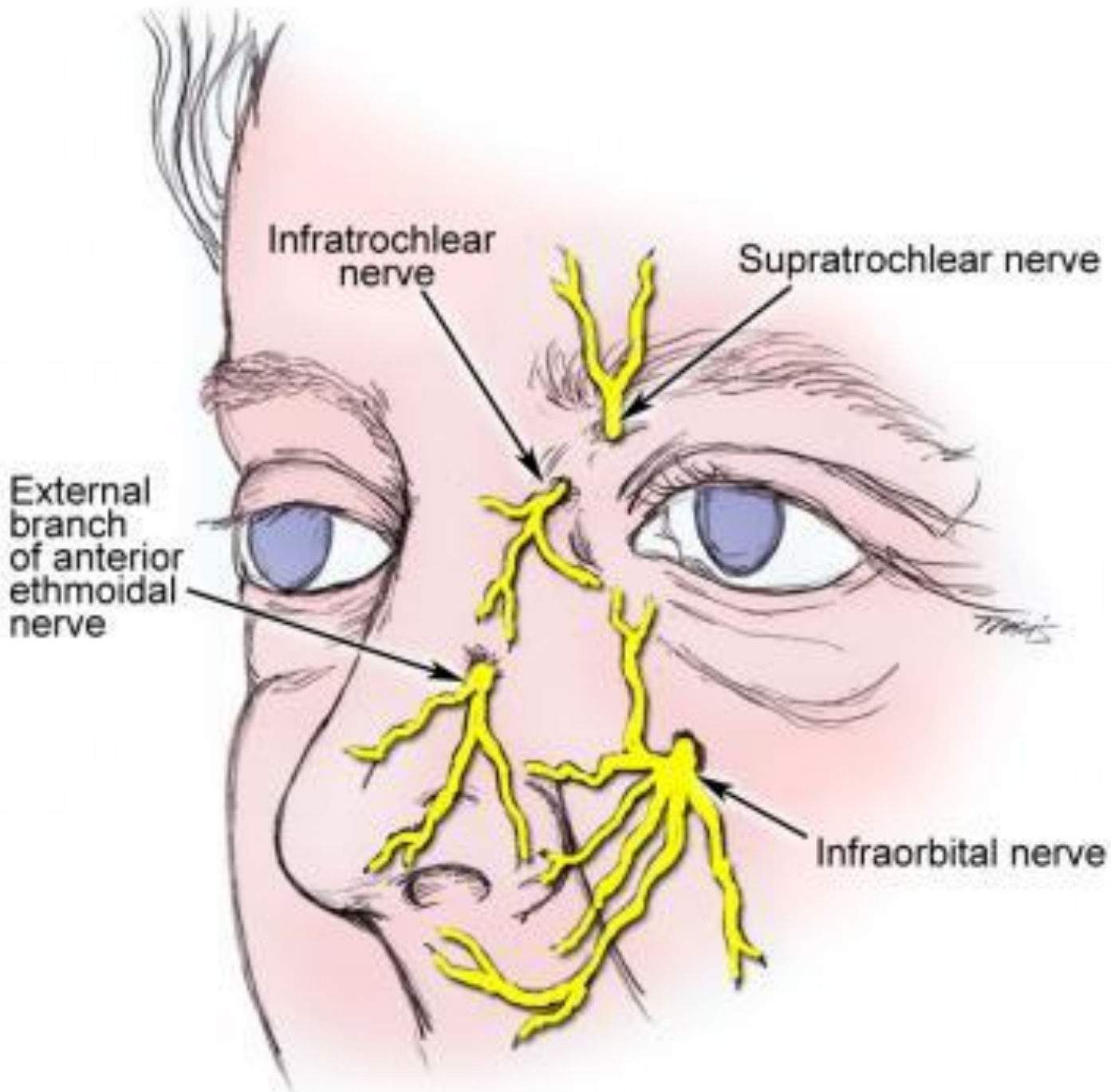
Nasociliary Nerve

5. Anterior Ethmoidal Nerve:

- Larger terminal branch, goes through anterior ethmoidal foramen and then into anterior cranial fossa then back into nasal cavity
- Ends by splitting into *medial internal nasal* branch, to the *anterior nasal septum* and *lateral internal nasal* branch to the *lateral nasal cavity* then emerges outside as *external nasal* nerve to skin of *ala*, *vestibule* and *tip* of *nose*









Maxillary Nerve

- *Second* division of trigeminal nerve
- Pure *sensory*

Course:

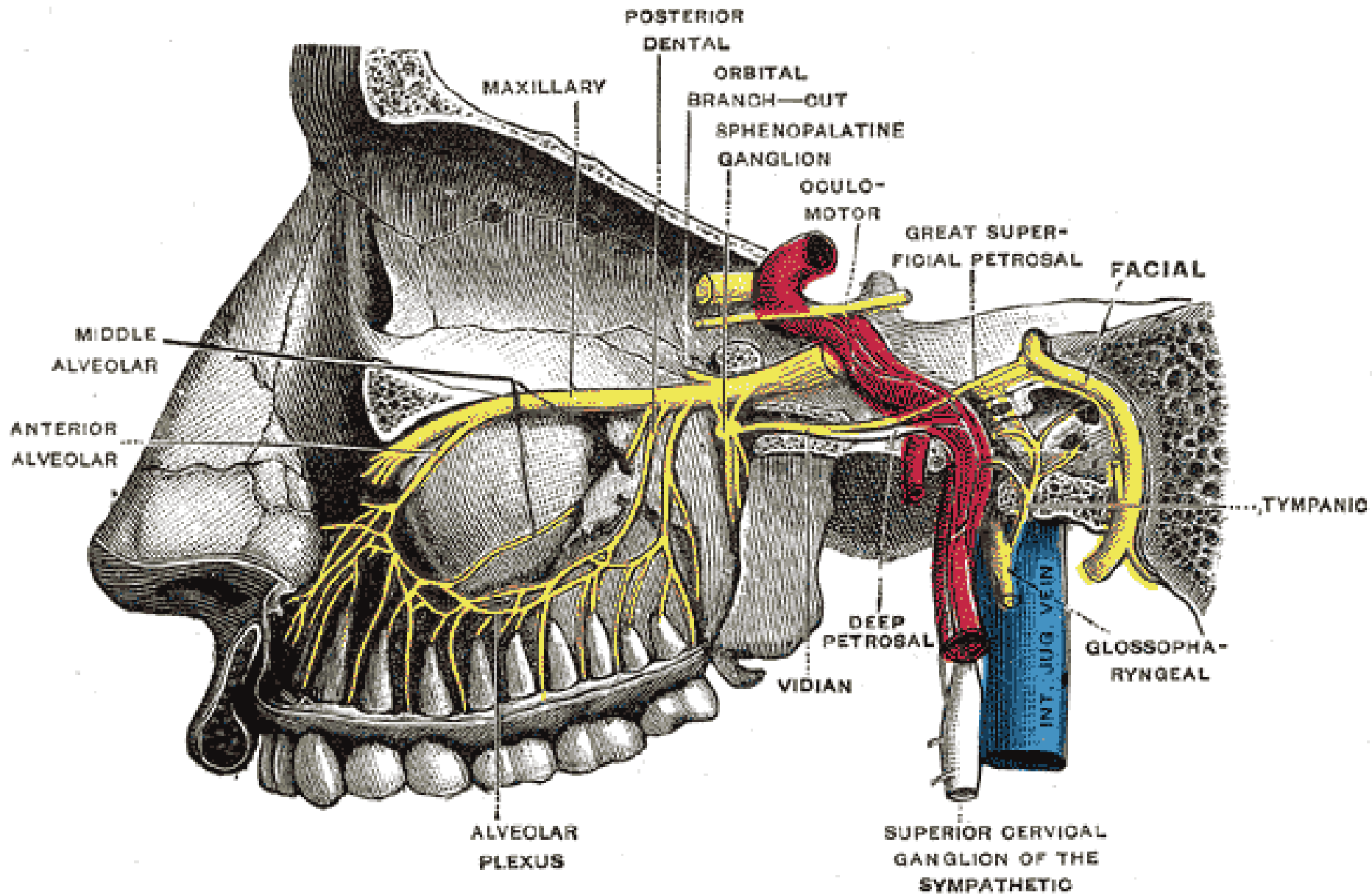
- Passes *from* the *trigeminal ganglion* in the middle cranial fossa, *to* the *lateral wall* of *cavernous sinus*



Maxillary Nerve

Course Cont.:

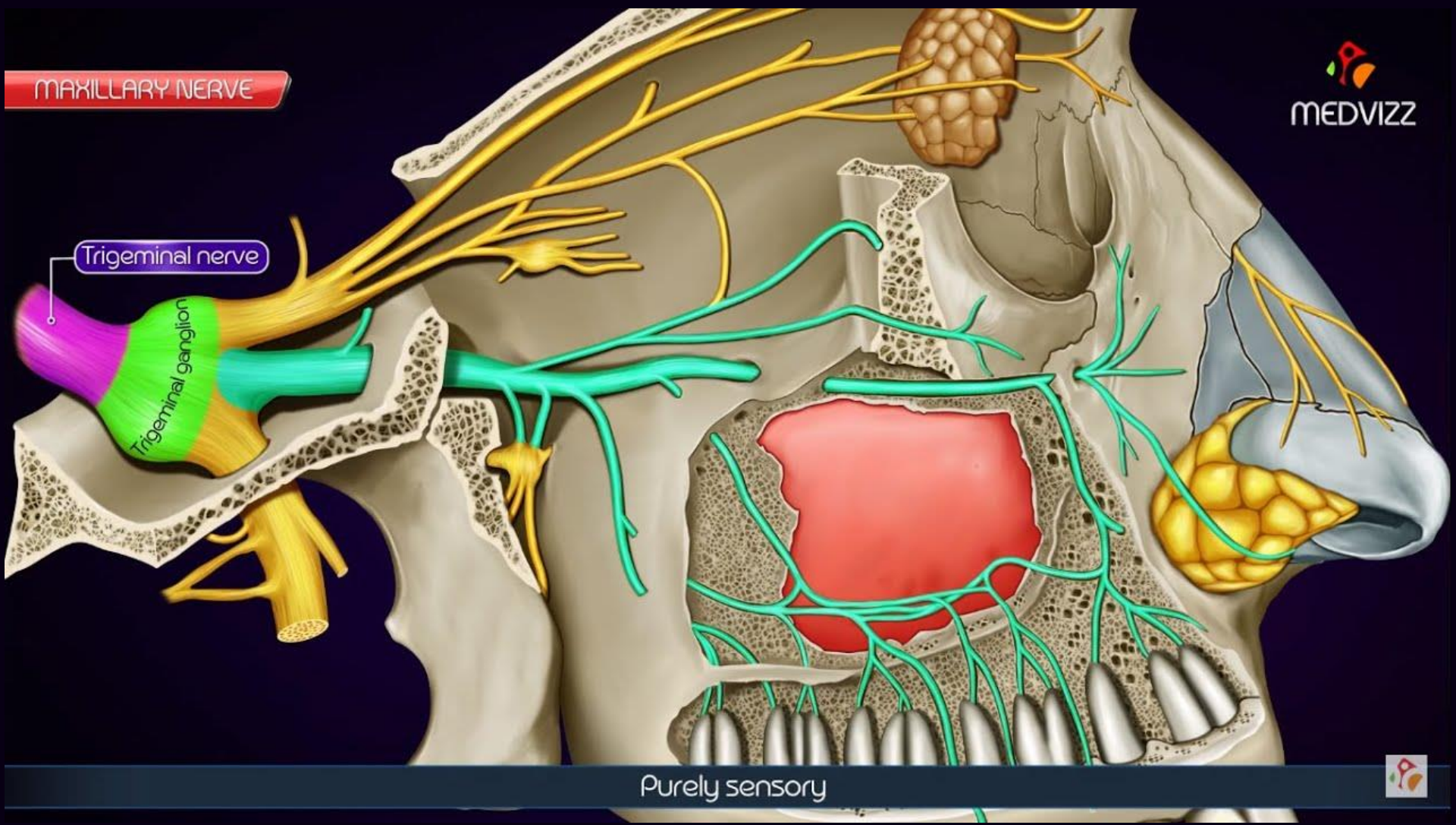
- From the sinus wall it *leaves* the *middle cranial fossa* through the *Foramen rotundum* towards the *Pterygopalatine fossa*
- Then **passes in a groove** on posterior surface **of maxilla**, through inferior orbital fissure into orbit and moves through *infra orbital groove* where it is called as *infraorbital nerve* that exits on the face from infra orbital foramen.



MAXILLARY NERVE

Trigeminal nerve

Trigeminal ganglion



Purely sensory





Maxillary Nerve

Branches:

- 1. Meningeal branch:* in middle cranial fossa, provides sensory innervation to cranial dura matter.



Maxillary Nerve

- *In Pterygopalatine Fossa:*

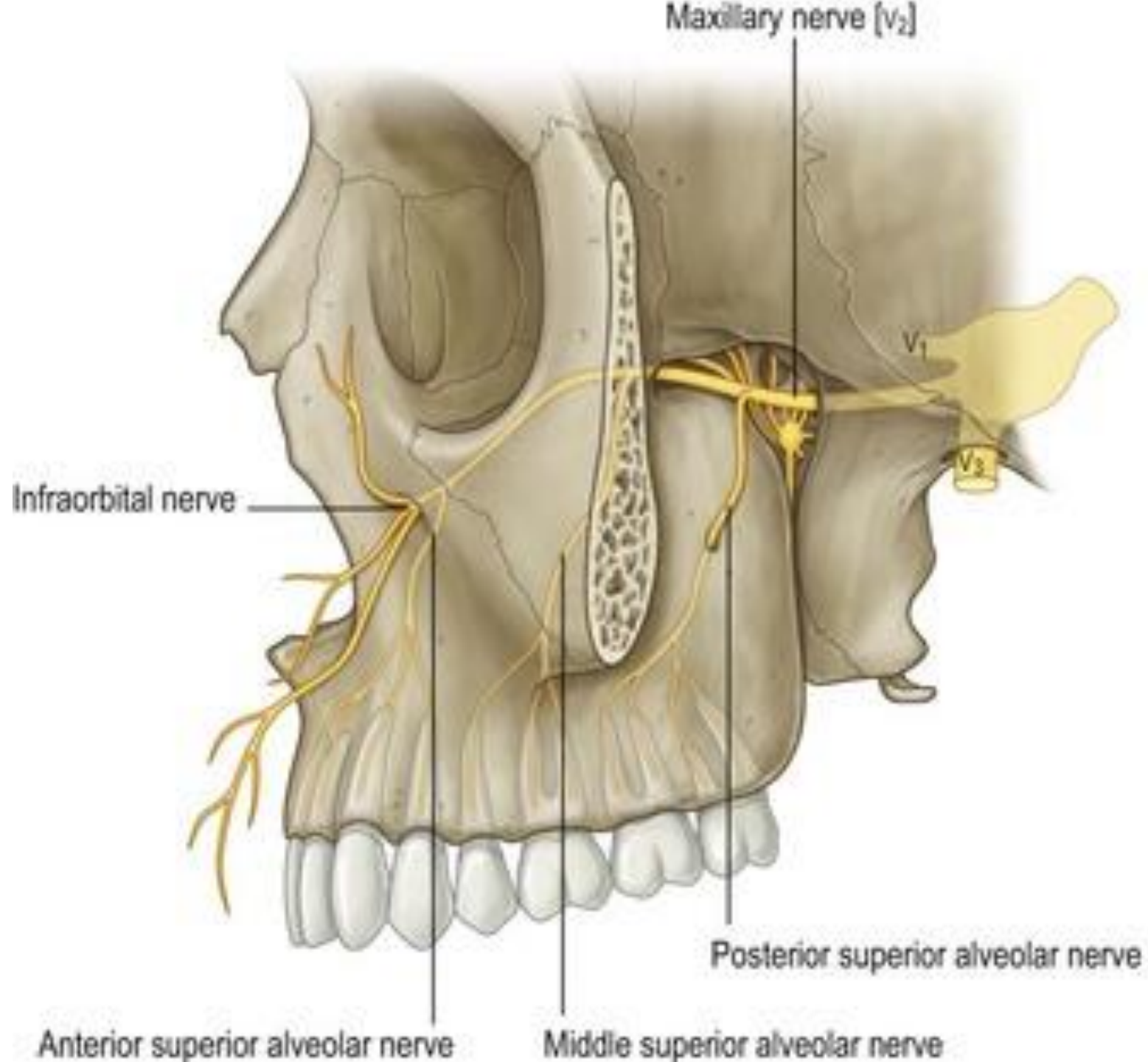
1. *Zygomatic:* Zygomaticofacial nerve supplying skin on prominence of cheek, Zygomaticotemporal nerve, supplies skin of temporal region after piercing temporal fascia 2 cm above zygoma, giving branch to lacrimal N supplying parasymp. *Secretomotor fibers to lacrimal gland*
2. **Sphenopalatine.**



Maxillary Nerve

- *In Pterygopalatine Fossa:*

3. *Posterior superior alveolar:* arises just before it enters the infraorbital groove, give off several twigs to the gums and neighboring parts of the mucous membrane of the cheek and **roots of the teeth.**
4. ***Ganglionic branches carrying the pterygopalatine ganglion***





Maxillary Nerve

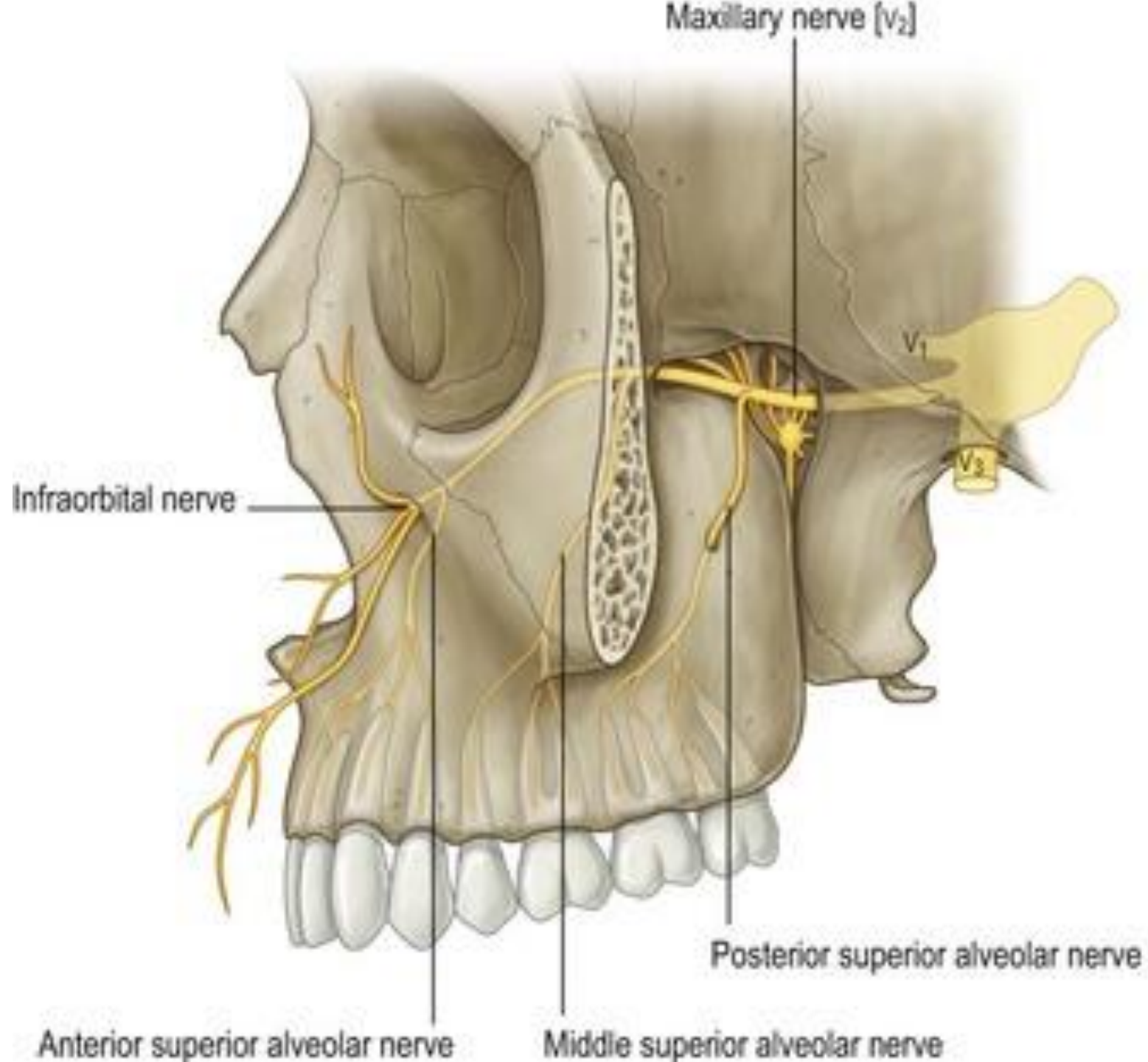
- *In the Infraorbital Canal:*

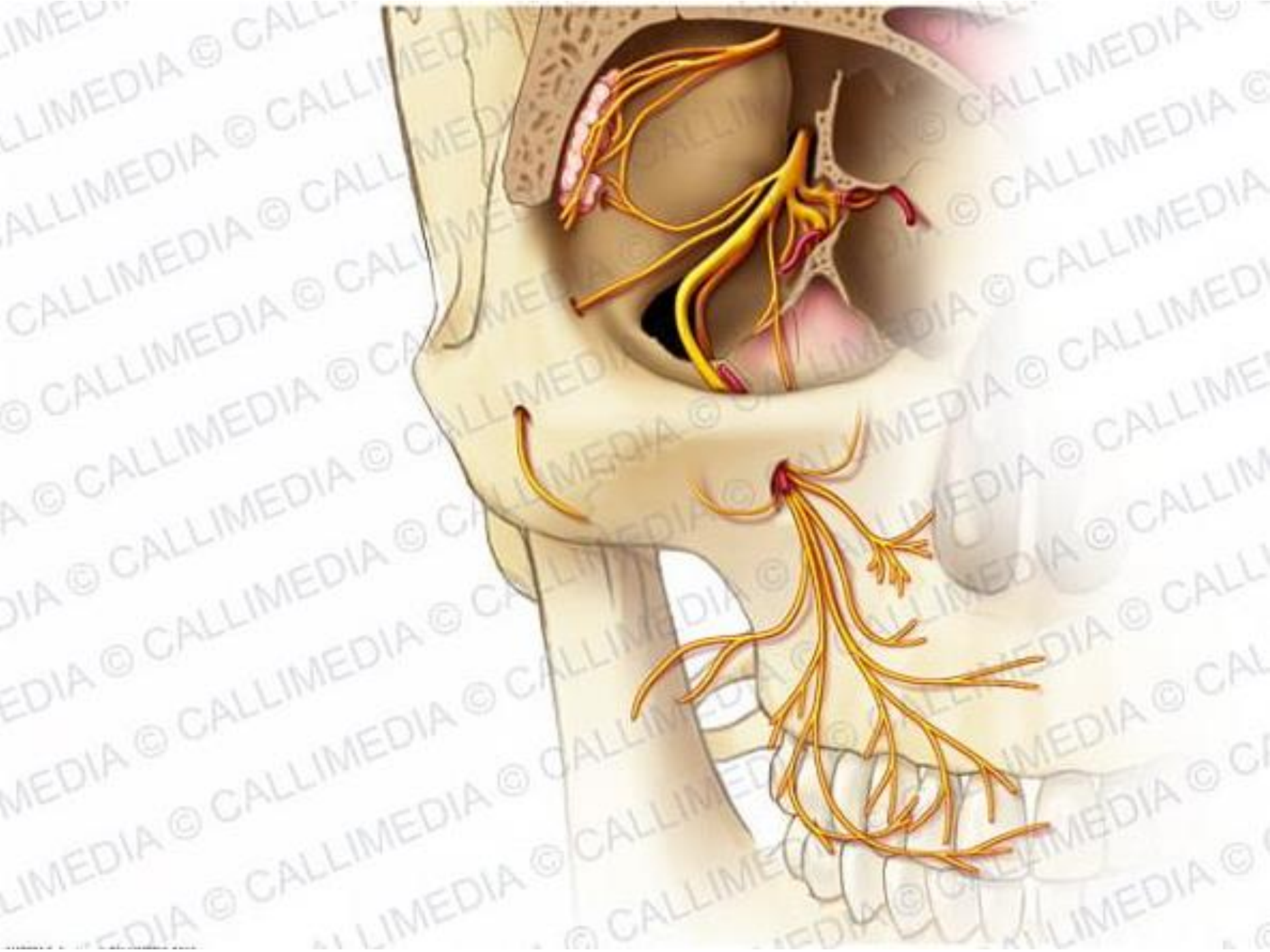
1. Anterior superior alveolar.
2. Middle superior alveolar.

- *Both to maxillary sinus walls and roots of the teeth while anterior alveolar supply lateral nasal wall below inf. meatus*

- *On the Face (Infraorbital Nerve):*

1. Inferior palpebral.
2. External nasal.
3. Superior labial.







Maxillary Nerve

In Summary:

It receives sensations from:

- Dura in ant. & middle cranial fossae, nasopharynx, palate, nasal cavity (*through branches of pterygopalatine ganglion*), teeth of upper jaw, maxillary sinus, skin covering side of nose, lower eyelids, cheeks & upper lip



Mandibular Nerve

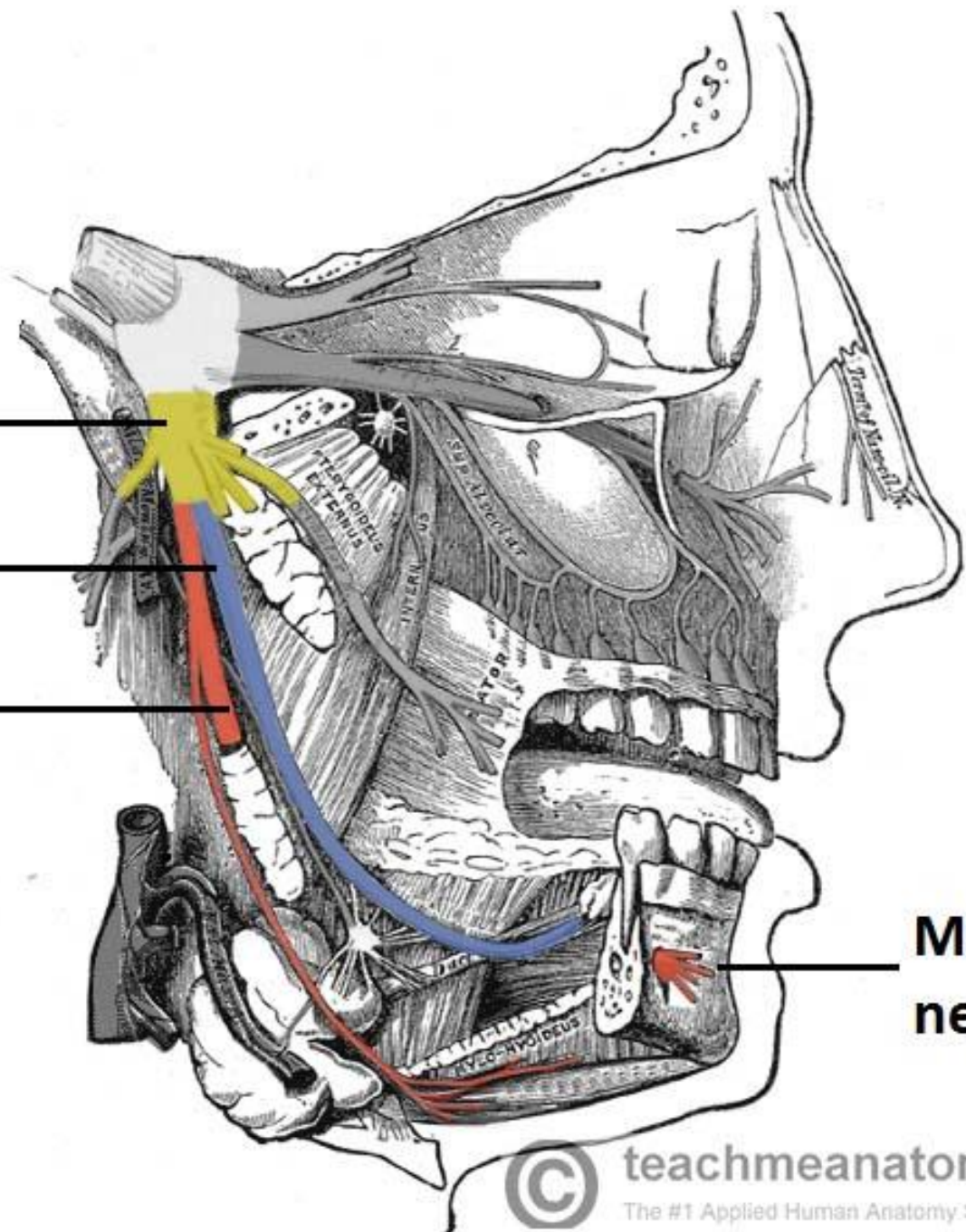
- Leaves cranial cavity through **foramen ovale**
- **Mixed nerve, largest, Nerve of the 1st branchial arch**
- Has a ***large sensory root & a small motor root*** which join each other inside foramen ovale to form the n. trunk which is very short & ***divides*** into ***small ant.*** & ***large post. divisions***

**Mandibular
nerve (V3)**

Lingual nerve

**Inferior
alveolar nerve**

**Mental
nerve**





Mandibular Nerve

Branches

- *Trunk (undivided)*

1. Nervous Spinosus re-enters cranial cavity through foramen spinosus
2. *Nerve to medial Pterygoid:* Supplies medial pterygoid and through otic ganglion without interruption to supply *tensor tympani* & *tensor palati*



Mandibular Nerve

Branches

- ***Anterior Division (Muscular to Ms of mastication)***
 1. Massetric Nerve (***supplies TMJ***).
 2. Deep temporal Nerve.
 3. Nerve to lateral Pterygoid
 4. Buccal Nerve (***only sensory br.***).

- ***Posterior Division***
 1. Auriculo-temporal Nerve
 2. Inferior. Alveolar Nerve
 3. Lingual Nerve.



Mandibular Nerve

- ***Auriculotemporal Nerve:***
- Arises from 2 roots which run backwards and encircle the middle meningeal artery and form single trunk.
- Lies **behind** the **TMJ** close to the parotid
- Ascends behind superficial temporal vessels and then in temporal region divides into superficial temporal branches

Deep temporal nerves

Posterior
Anterior

Temporalis muscle

Mandibular nerve

Auriculotemporal nerve

Posterior auricular nerve

Buccal nerve

Lingual nerve

Buccinator muscle

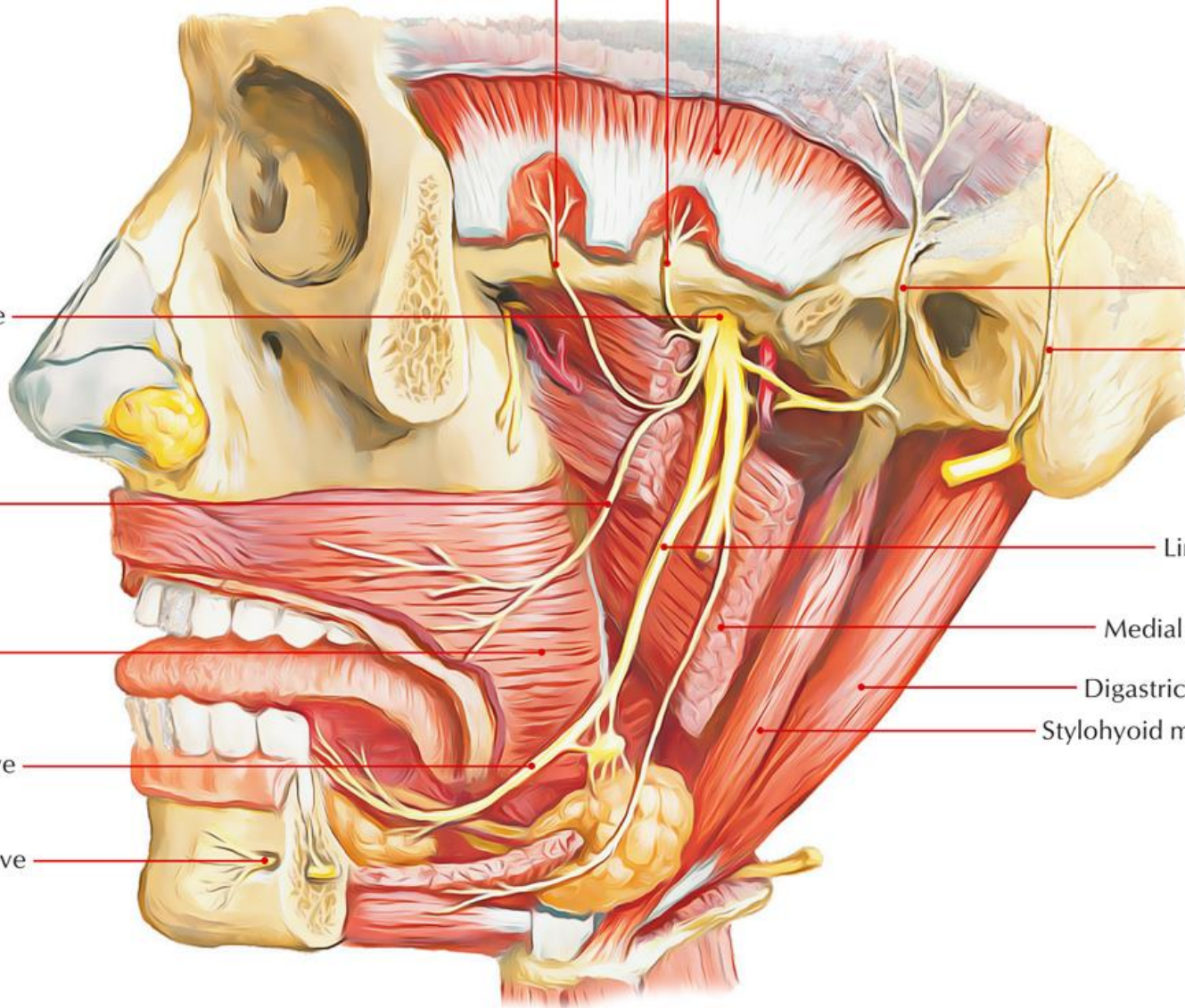
Medial pterygoid muscle

Sublingual nerve

Digastric muscle

Stylohyoid muscle

Mental nerve





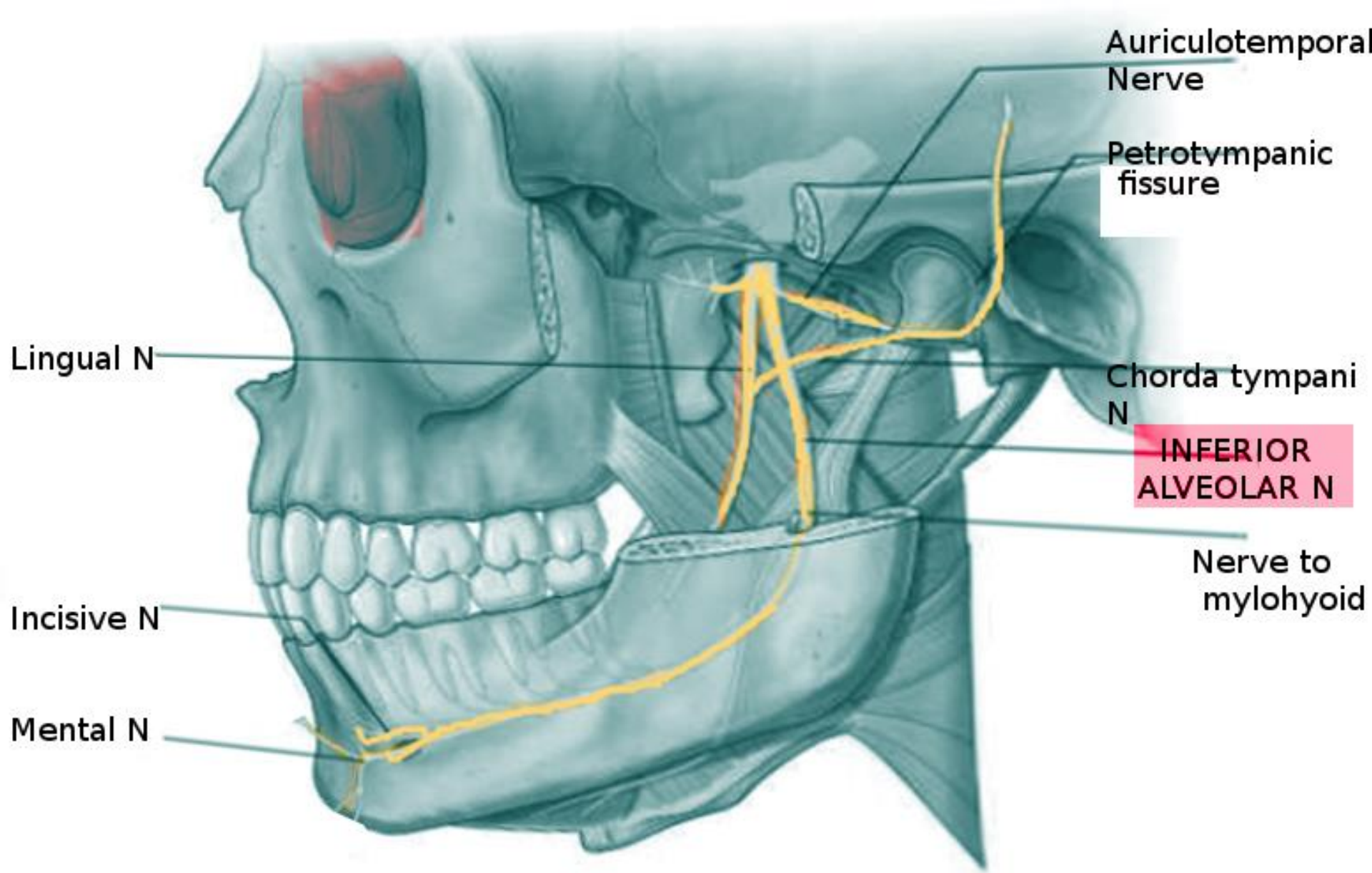
Mandibular Nerve

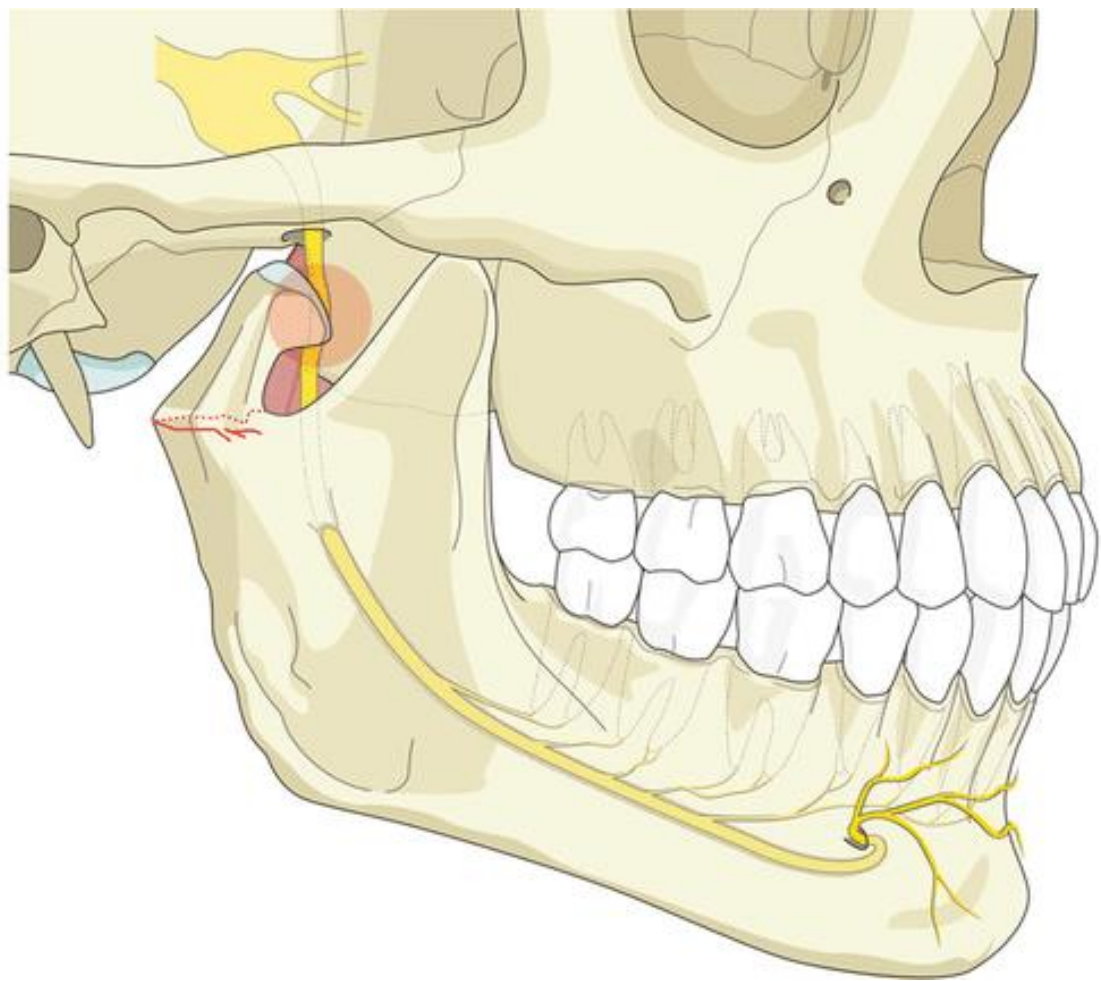
- ***Auriculotemporal Nerve (Branches):***
- Auricular branches to the ear
- Superficial temporal branches, supply skin of temple
- It also supply sensory and secretomotor to parotid.
- Articular branches, supply the TMJ.



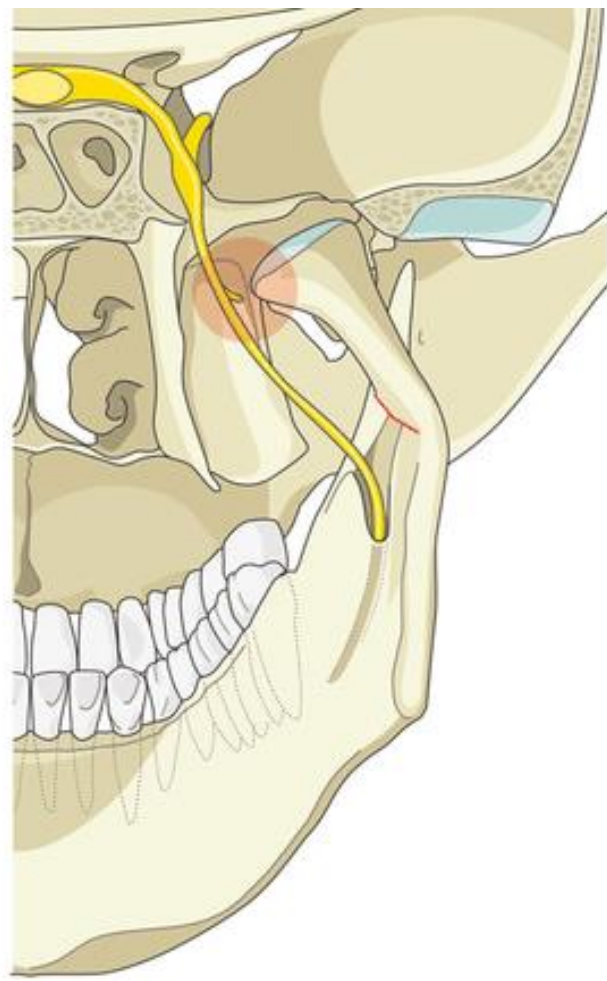
Mandibular Nerve

- ***Inferior Alveolar Nerve:***
- Is ***mixed nerve***
- Runs vertically downwards medial to lateral pterygoid and latero-posterior to lingual nerve.
- Enters mandible through mandibular foramen to run in a bony canal below the teeth





a



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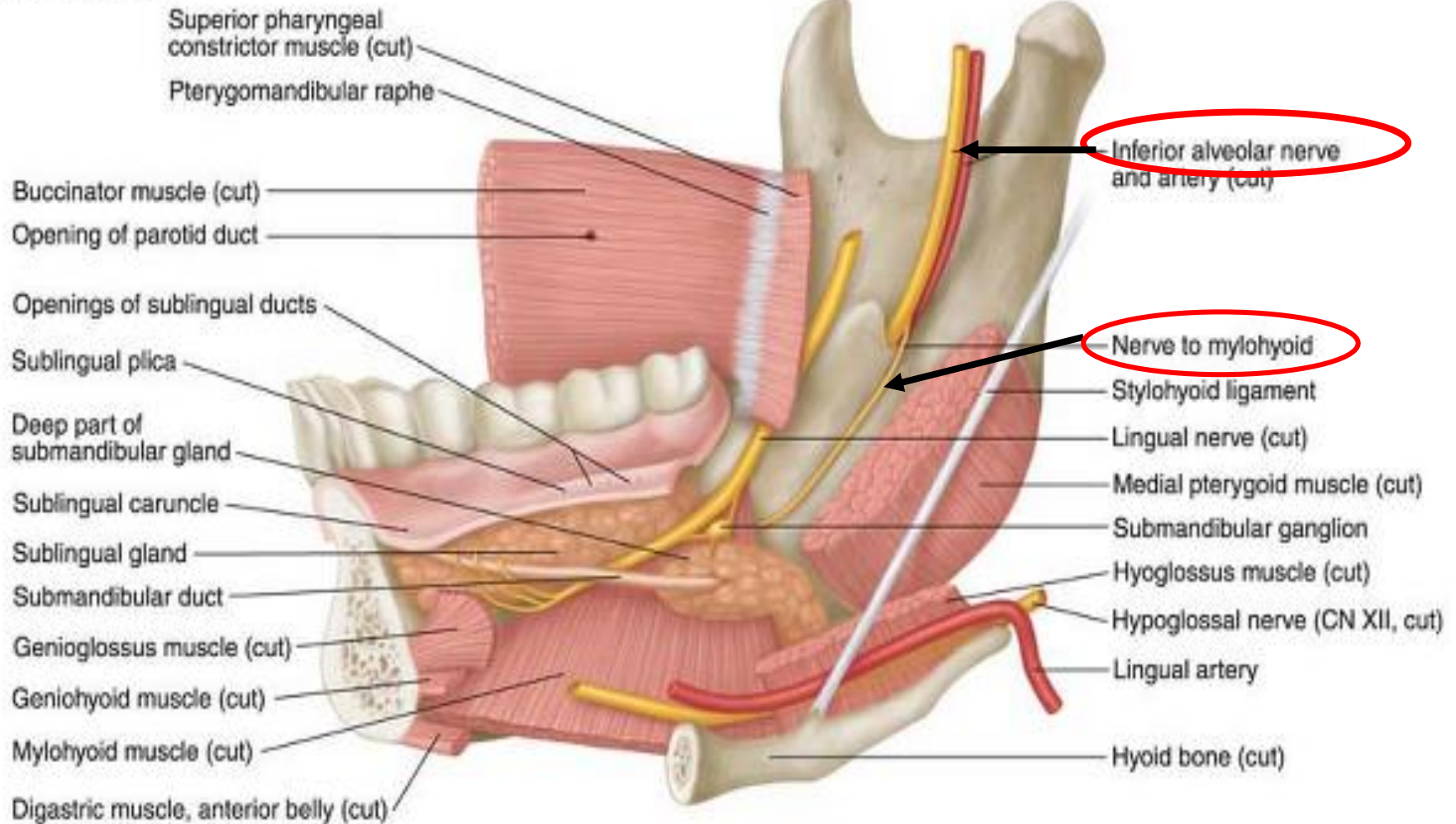


Mandibular Nerve

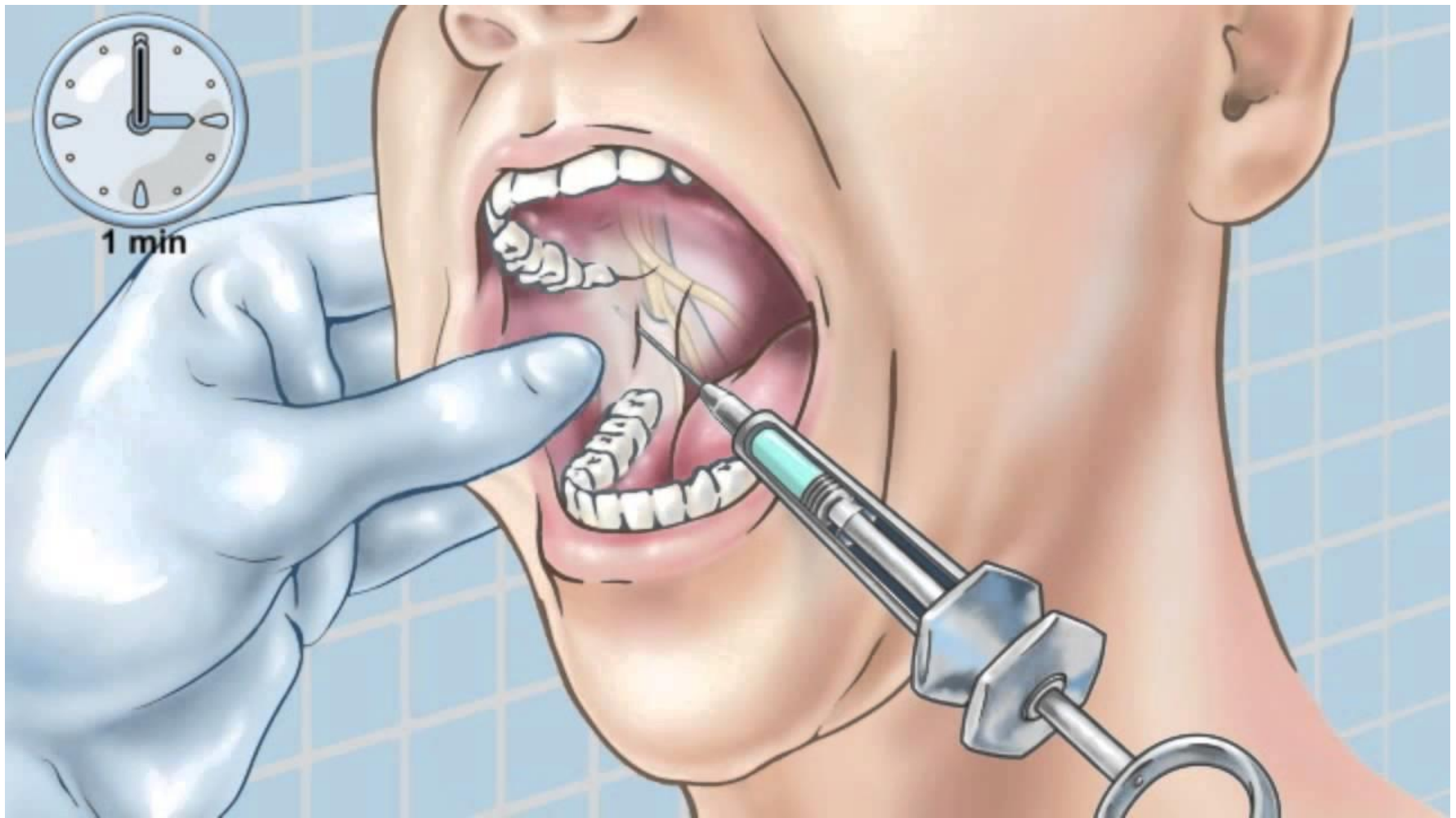
- ***Branches:***

1. ***Mylohyoid N.:*** through mylohyoid groove to mylohyoid & ant. belly of digastric Ms.
2. Branches to ***all teeth of the mandible***
3. Terminal mental & incisive n (***mental N.*** → mental foramen for ***skin*** over ***chin of mandible*** & ***incisive N.*** for ***incisor teeth***)

B. Medial view



Inferior Alveolar N. Block



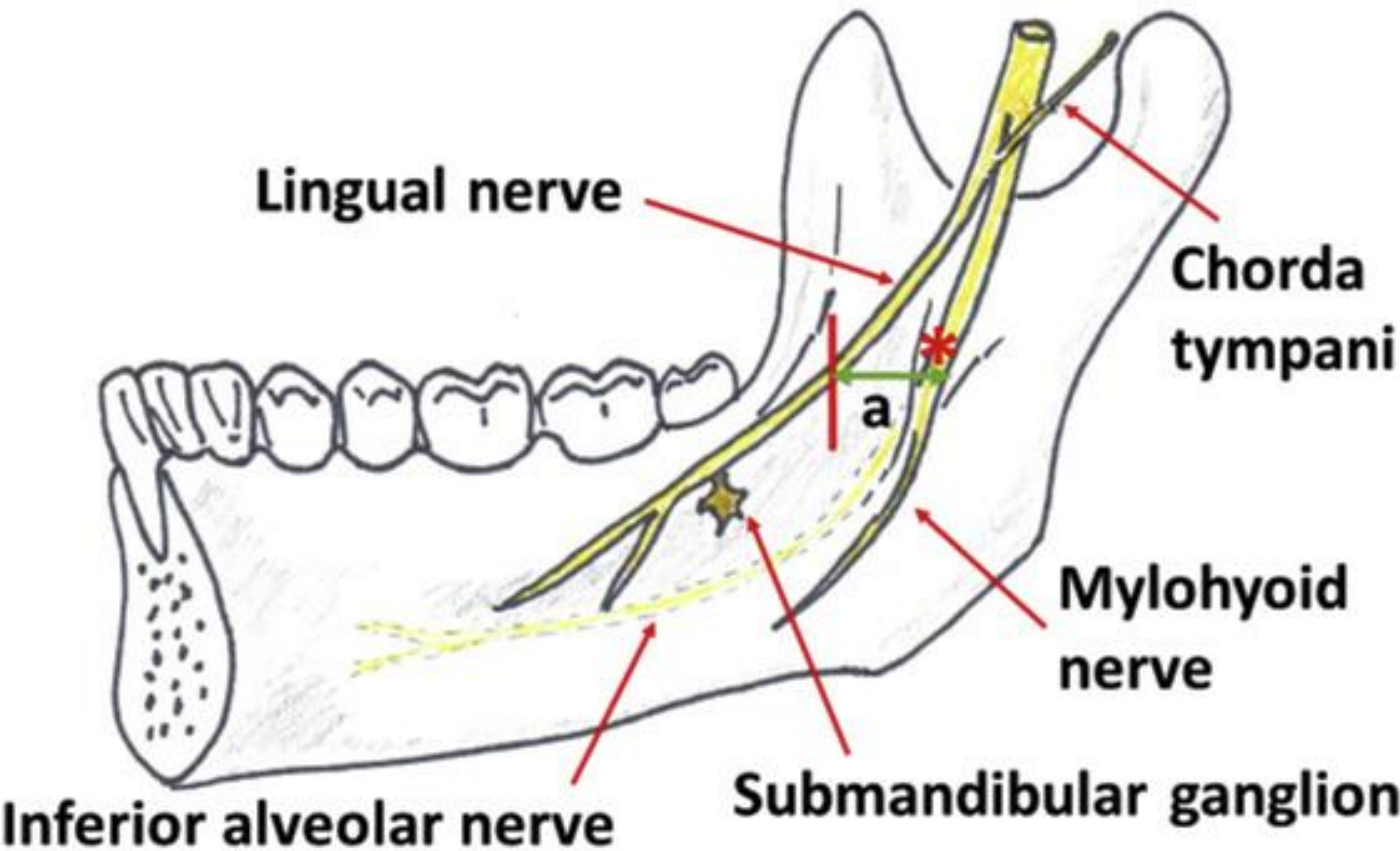
Anesthesia of inferior alveolar n. is widely practiced by most **DENTISTS.**
Needle is placed lateral to anterior arch in the buccal cavity

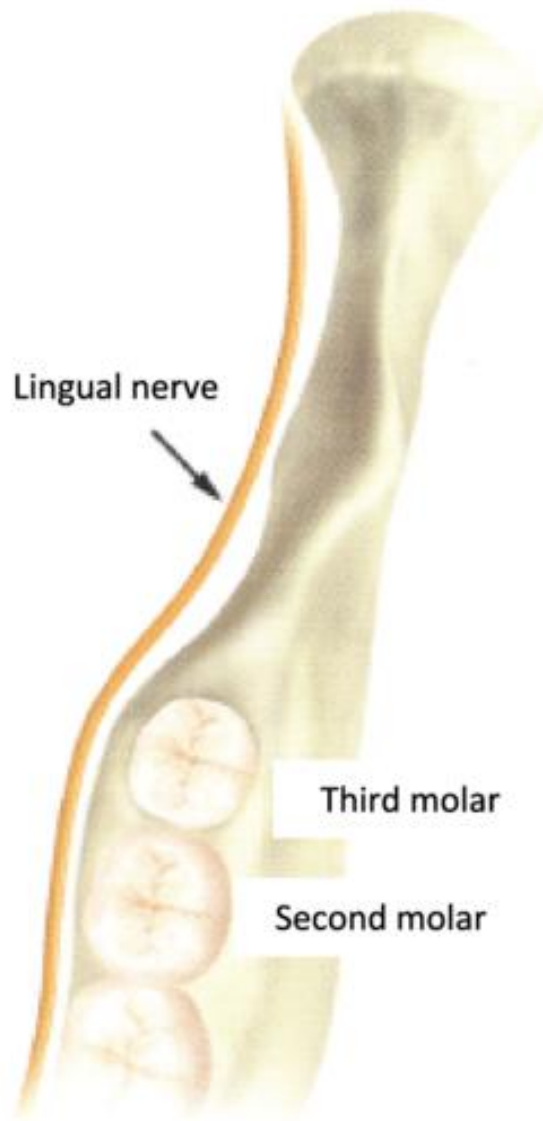




Mandibular Nerve

- ***Lingual Nerve:***
- It runs partly in infratemporal fossa & partly in submandibular region
- Reach to side of **base of tongue 1 cm below and behind 3rd molar** just below mucous membrane of lateral lingual sulcus (**Dangerous Area**)





Normal Pathway



Abnormal Pathway



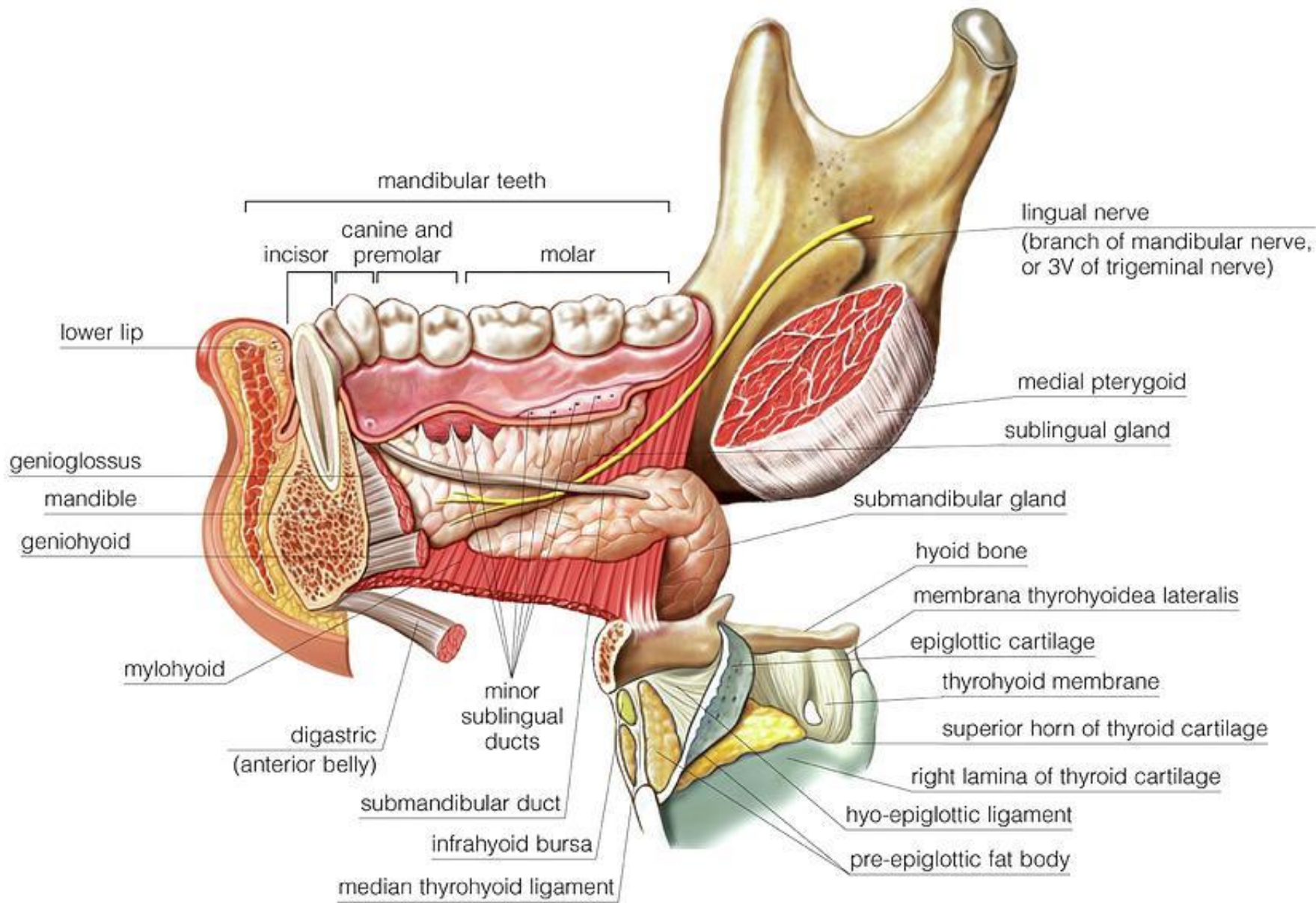
Mandibular Nerve

- ***Lingual Nerve:***
- In submandibular region, lingual nerve crosses the posterior end of mylohyoid line just behind the 3rd molar teeth. It supplies the mucous membrane of ant 2/3 of tongue (general sensations)



Mandibular Nerve

- ***Lingual Nerve:***
- Then proceeds anteriorly across the muscles of tongue, looping medially and downwards to submandibular duct to deep surface of submandibular gland where it breaks in terminal branches
- In ***infratemporal fossa***, lingual N. is **joined by *chorda tympani*** (br. of facial n) which carries taste fibers from ant 2/3 of tongue & parasympathetic fibers to **submandibular** & **sublingual salivary glands**





Trigeminal in the Face

- Each half of face is supplied by 13 cutaneous nerves: **1 motor and 12 sensory**

Of 12 sensory:

1. **11 are from trigeminal nerve**
2. **Last is C2 greater auricular nerve**



Trigeminal in the Face

- ***Branches of trigeminal nerve:***

- 1. 5 from ophthalmic:***

- i. Lacrimal
- ii. Supraorbital
- iii. Supratrocheal
- iv. Infratrochlear
- v. External nasal



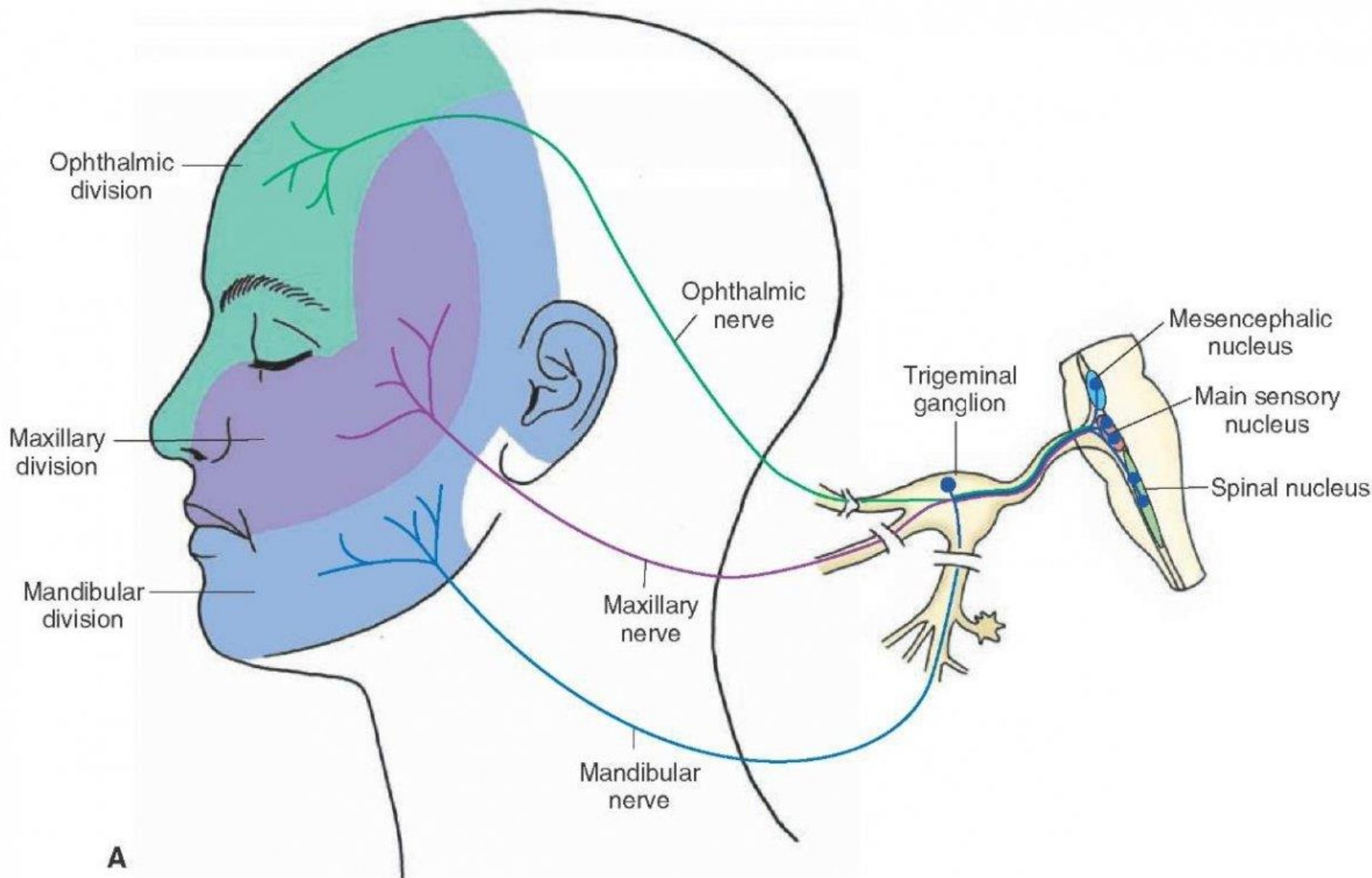
Trigeminal in the Face

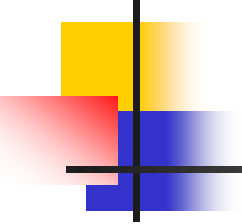
2. 3 from maxillary N:

- i. Infra orbital nerve
- ii. Zygomaticofacial nerve
- iii. Zygomaticotemporal nerve

3. 3 from mandibular nerve:

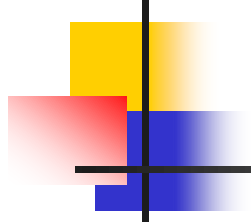
- i. Buccal nerve
- ii. Auriculotemporal nerve
- iii. Mental nerve



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