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SPECIAL ISSUE

Natural Remedy for  
Pain and Inflammation

TOP Nerve Pain  
ADVOCATES

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THYROID CANCER



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# Least Potential Energy position

Do we stand on our bones?



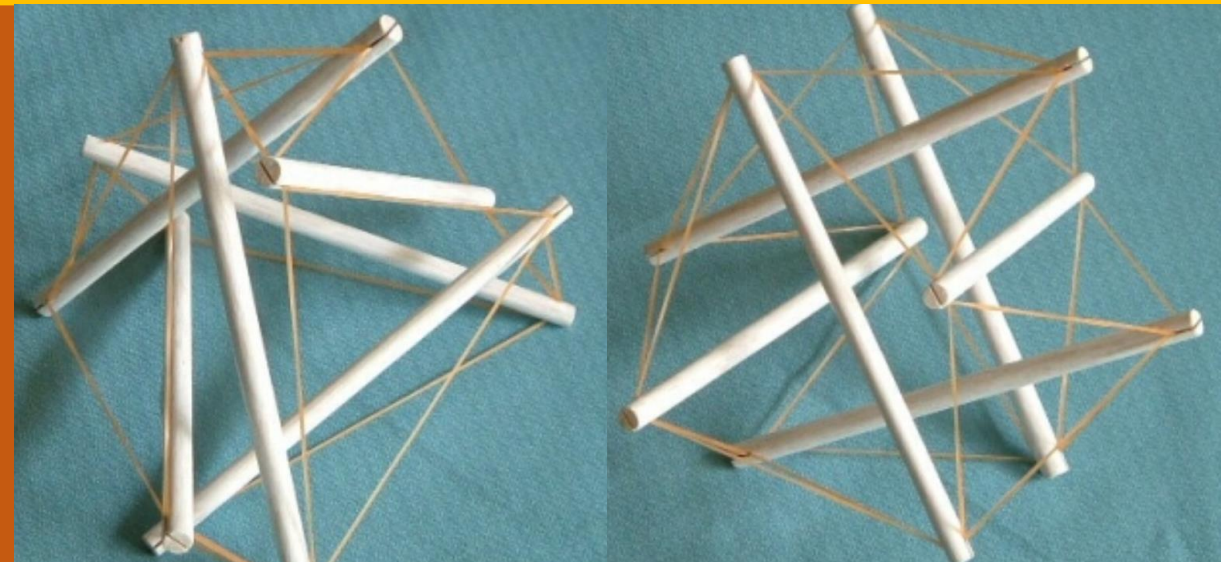
# Tensegrity

Contiguous tension with isolated zones of compression

How a human stands

Least Potential Energy position

Shear is the enemy!



# Do you care about Posture? How do you measure it?

Static vs Dynamic

Dynamic is the rule

sway speed, deviation considerations

Static is never truly static – so how can you measure



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# Clinical Research



Your gait and balance solution

# MOBILITY Lab

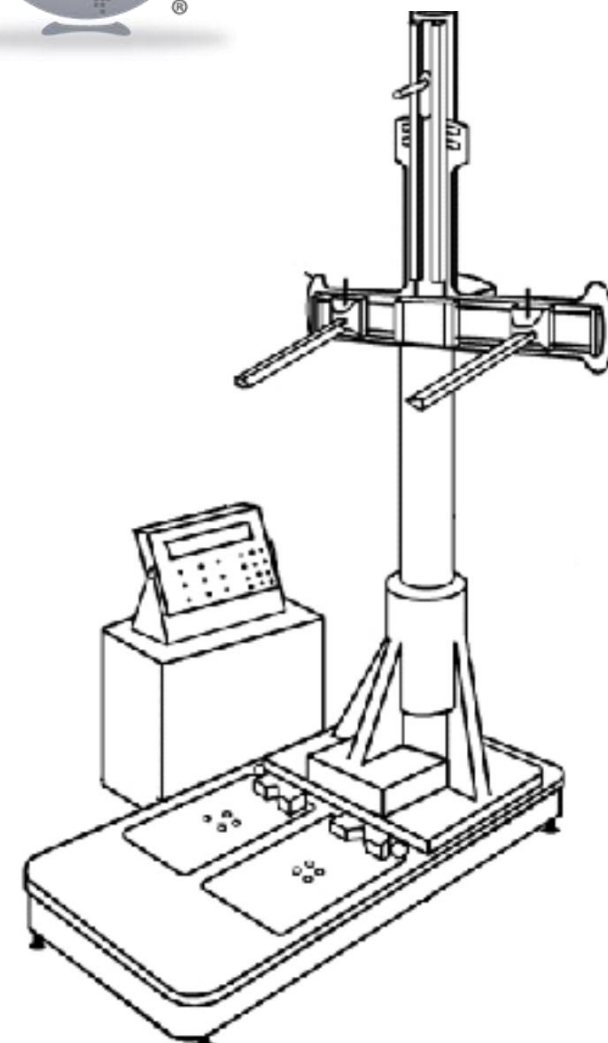
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# Kalman Filter-Based Noise Reduction Framework for Posture Estimation Using Depth Sensor

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In Eq. 7,  $M$  is the polynomial order, and  $a_k$  is the set of coefficients of the polynomial that must be approximated. Therefore, the overall objective is to minimize Eq. 8 as described in paper [30].

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_i &= \sum_{i=-N}^N (p(n) - y_i)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=-N}^N \left( \sum_{k=0}^M a_k n^k - y_i \right)^2 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where,  $N$  is the width of the approximation interval and  $N$  is less than or equal to  $2M$ .

*D. Posture correction algorithm*

Although smoothing filters alone significantly reduced the amount of random noise present in the motion capture data, there were still inconsistencies in the estimation of the skeleton

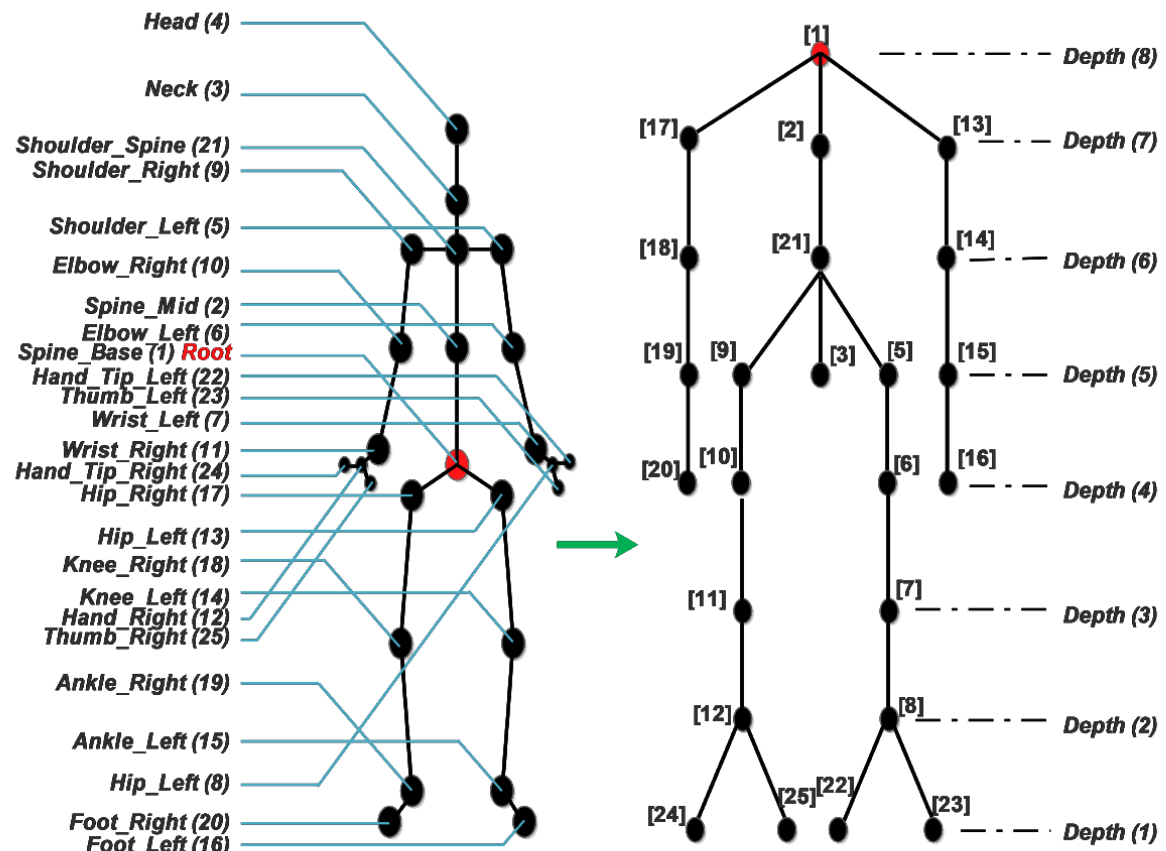


Fig. 2: Conversion of a skeleton model into an undirected acyclic graph.



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# Increased Moments of Force

Average weight of the human head 12 lbs (8-16 lbs)

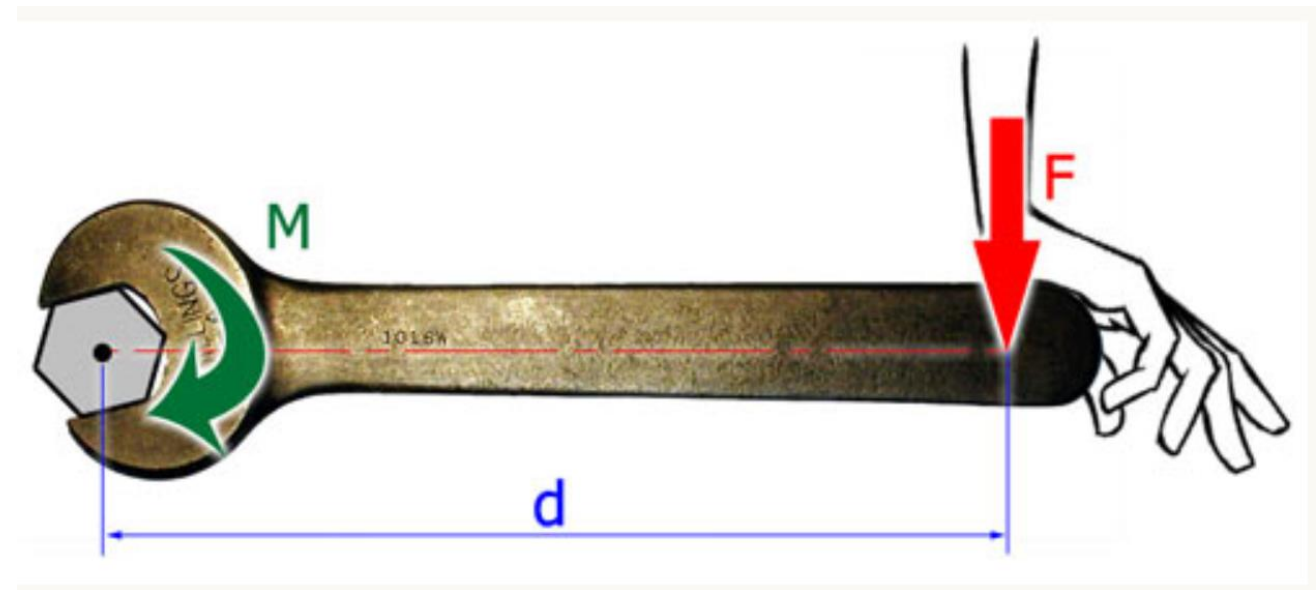
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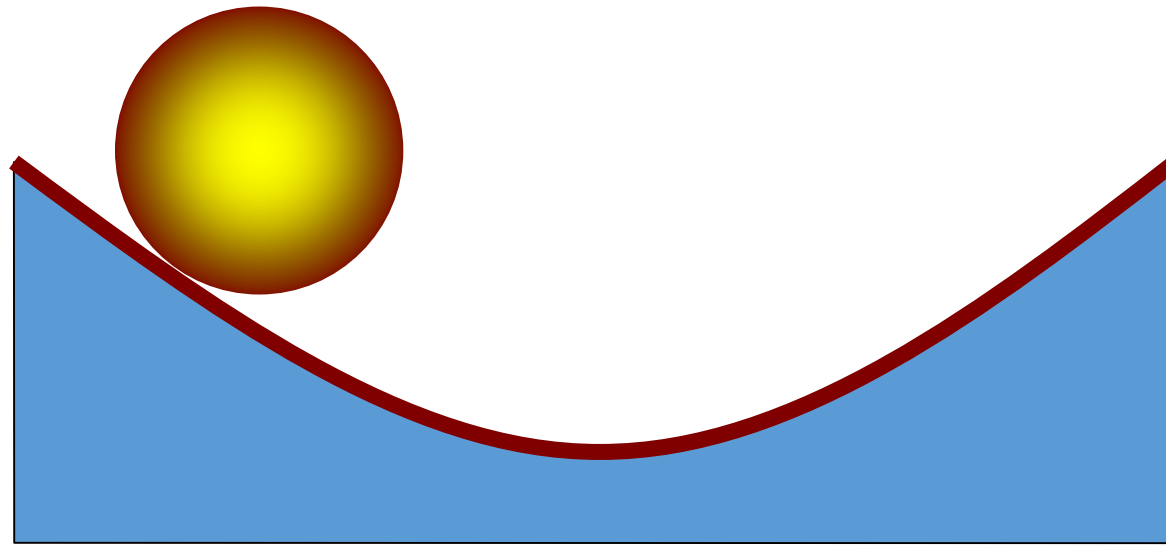
# Increased Moments of Force

Increased lordosis in cervical spine as a function of **T1** anteroflexion  
(thoracic kyphosis)

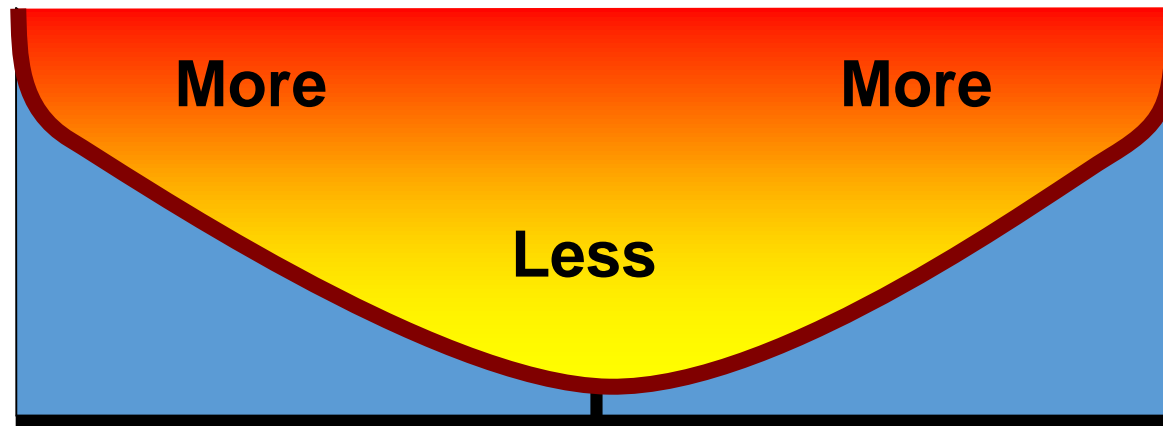
Increased lordosis in lumbar spine as a function of **sacral base** angle







Energy  
Wall



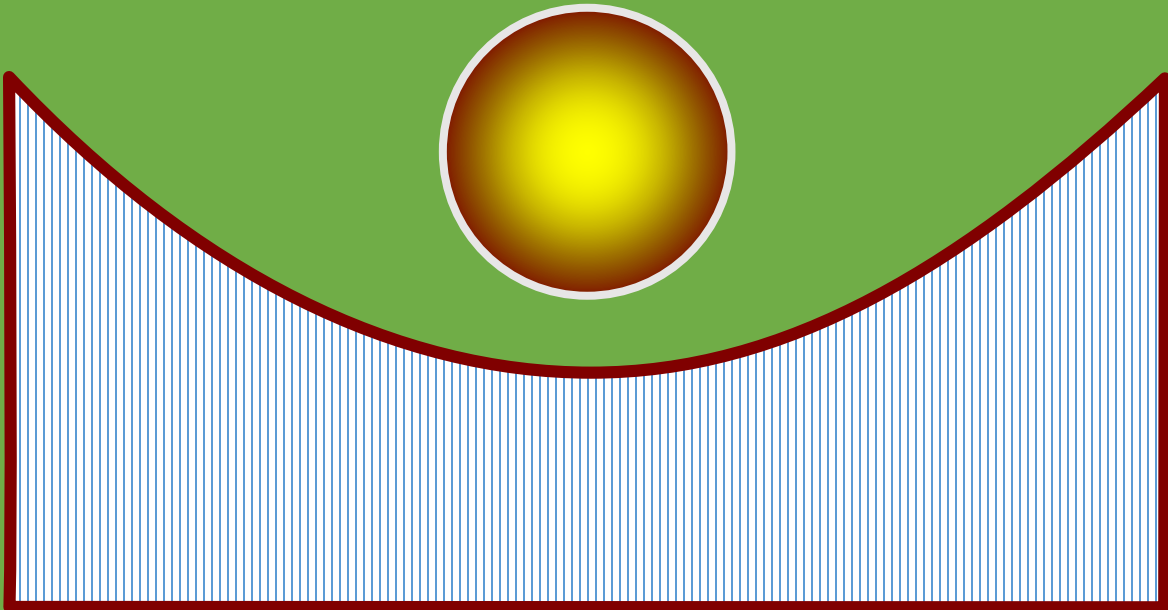
Energy  
Wall

Moving away cost more...



**Material will deform**

**Collagen will stretch**



# Soft tissue deformation - Creep, Hysteresis

- Creep – soft tissue elongation over time under load
- Hysteresis – the amount of elongation the tissue will maintain
- A muscle held under slight tension for 20-40 minutes will take 24-48 hours to return to its previous length
- Elastic vs contractile elements of muscle



# Whiplash

Compression, Tension, Sheer all within 50-120 milliseconds.

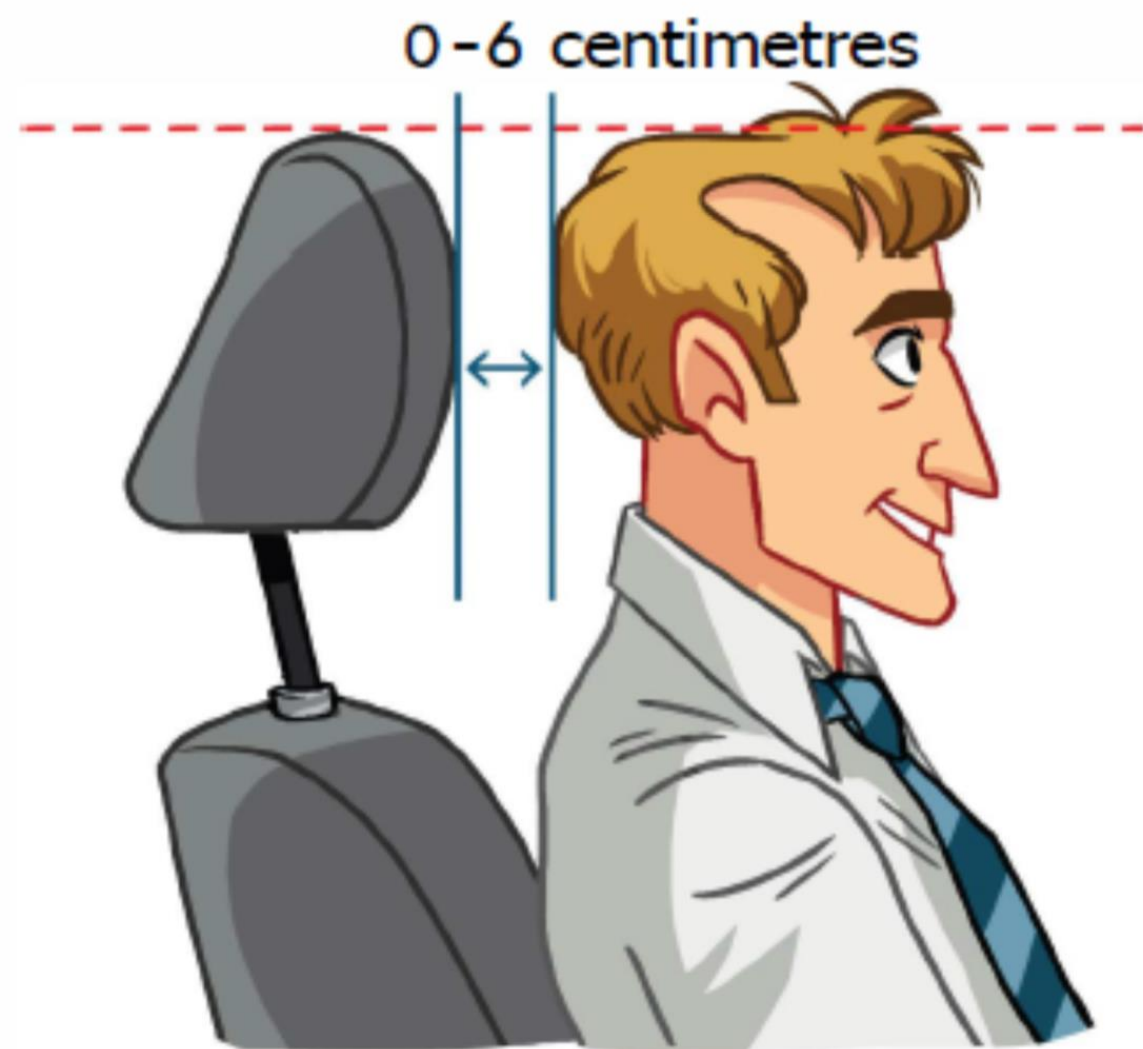


“A 10 mile/hour collision is equivalent to catching a 200 lb bag of cement dropped from a second story window.”

Dr Scott Rosa



## Protect Yourself With These Easy Steps:



- The centre of the headrest should be slightly above the top of the ear.
- The top of the headrest should be at least as high as the top of the head.
- Ideally, the distance between the headrest and the back of the head should be less than 6 centimetres.

**70% of people injured in collisions each year report a soft tissue injury such as whiplash.**



**Are you protected?**

**Pay it Ahead Rest**

**Pay it forward with us and spread the word to your family and friends.**

# Whiplash Considerations

## Ligaments

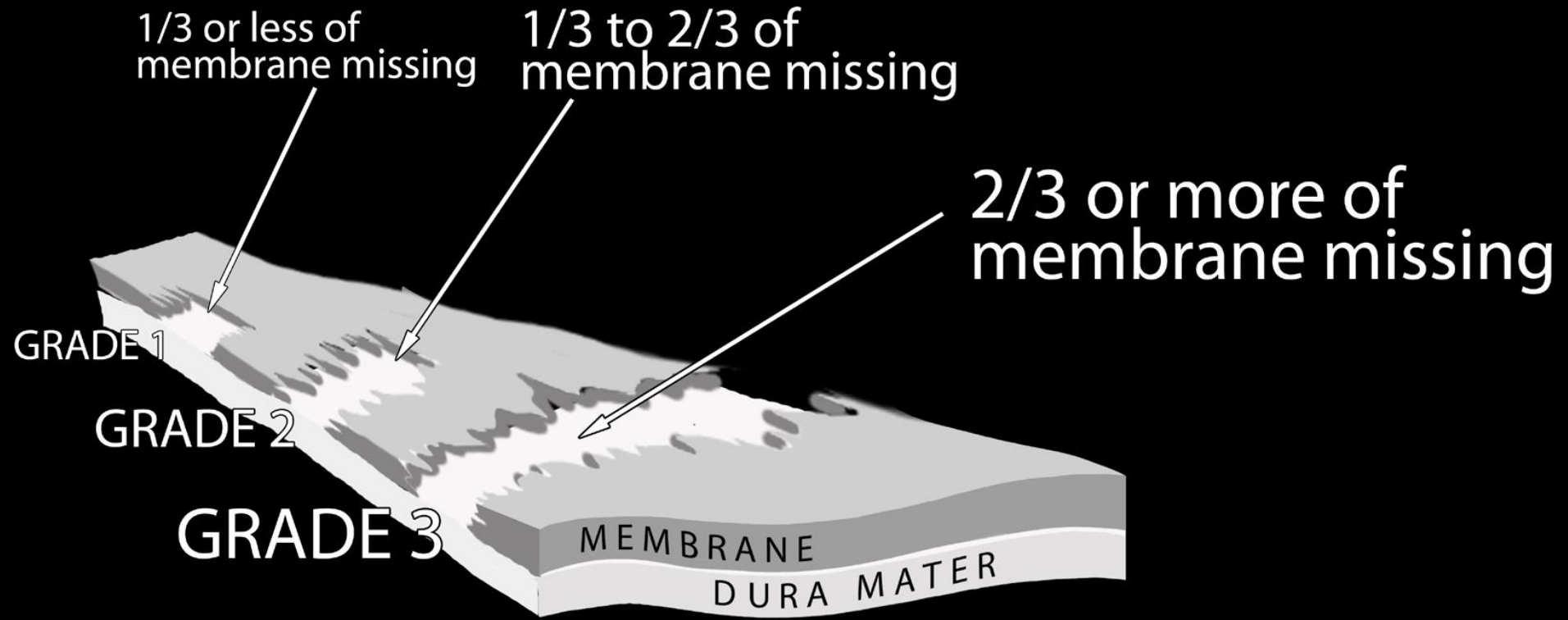
The ability, under physiologic loads, to limit patterns of displacement so as not to damage or irritate the spinal cord or nerve roots.

Newton's of resistance



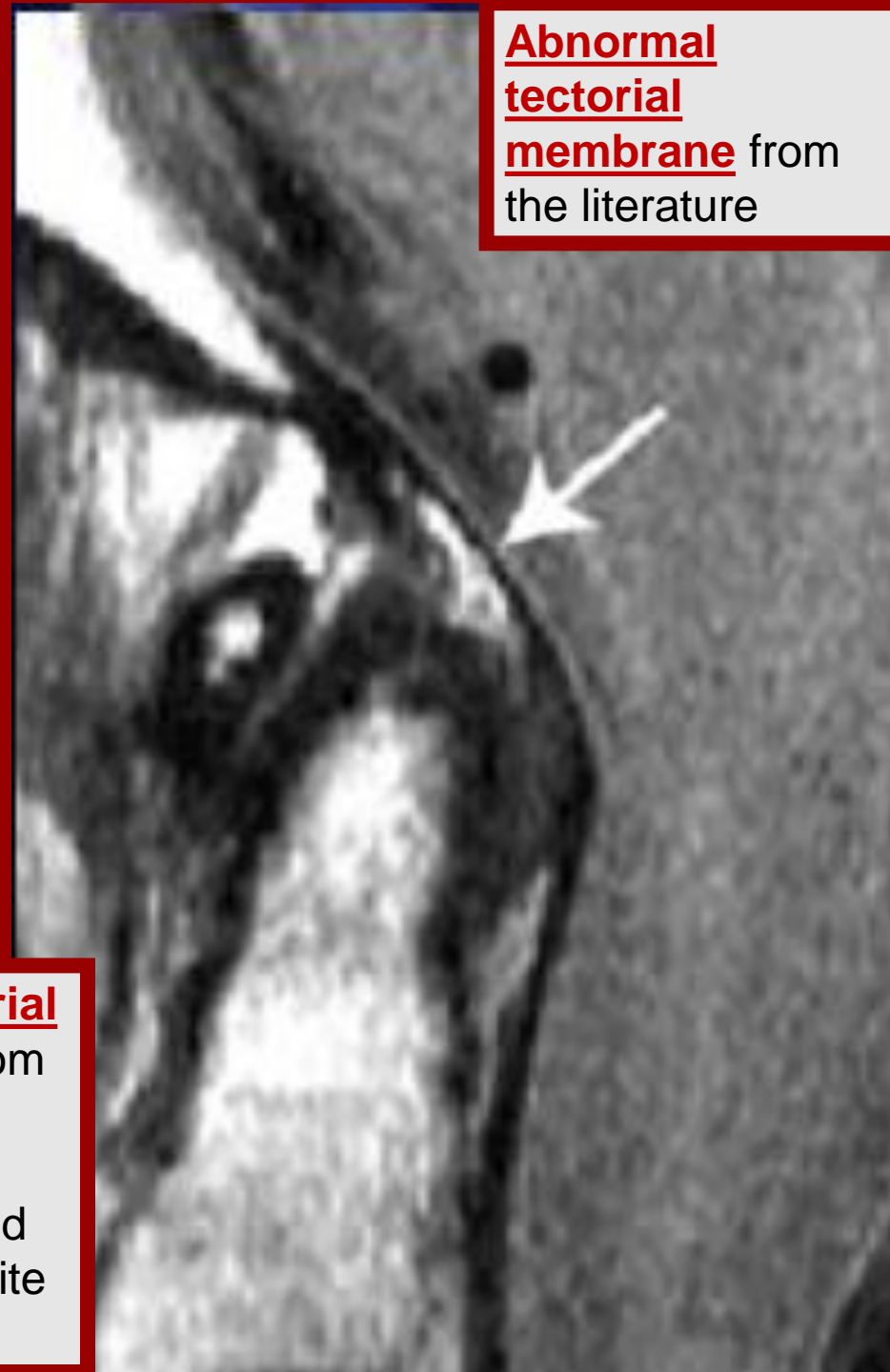


# INJURY CLASSIFICATIONS





**Normal tectorial membrane** from the literature (**upper left image** depicted by a single white arrow).



**Abnormal tectorial membrane** from the literature

# Beighton's score

## Joint Hypermobility

### **9-point scale**

The joints assessed are:

1. Knuckle of the little/fifth/pinky finger
2. Base of the thumb
3. Elbow
4. Knee
5. Spine

Connective Tissue Disorder



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# Whiplash Considerations

Radiologists tend to opine on pathological processes where as we consider biomechanical aberrancies

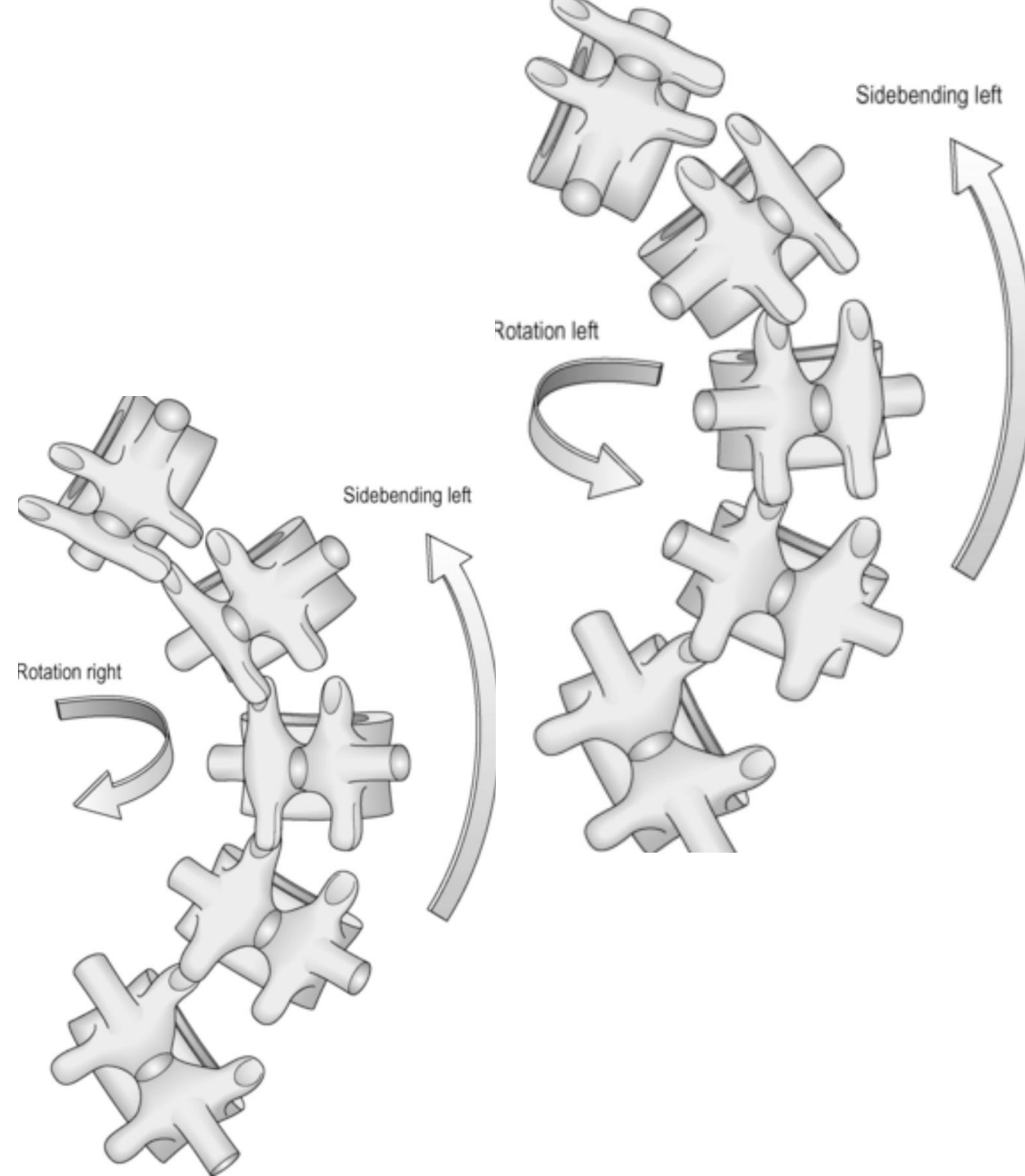
Coupled motion disturbances



# Coupled motion

Motion about multiple axes that reduce stress in each other

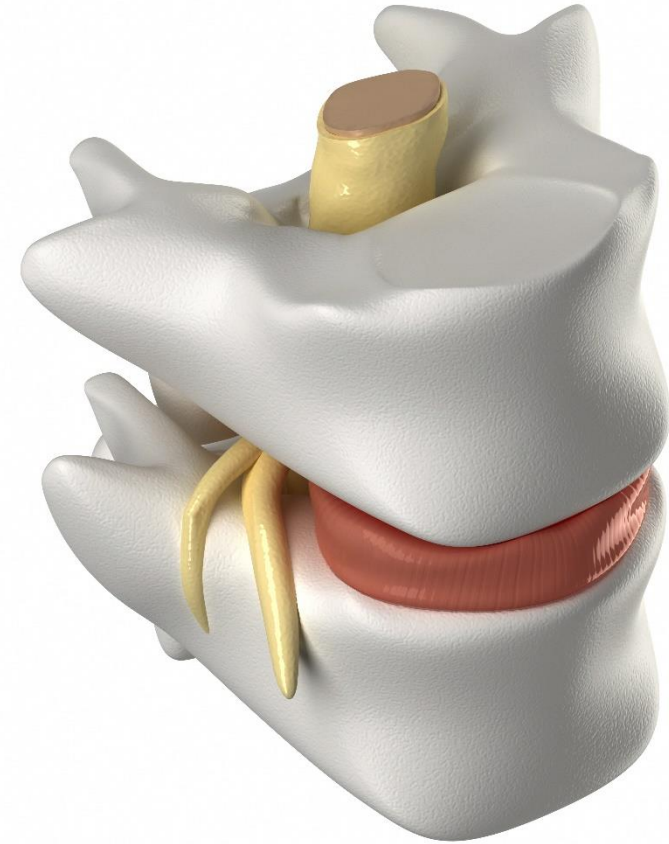
**Lack** of appropriately coupled motion is **difficult to adapt to** both biomechanically and neurologically.



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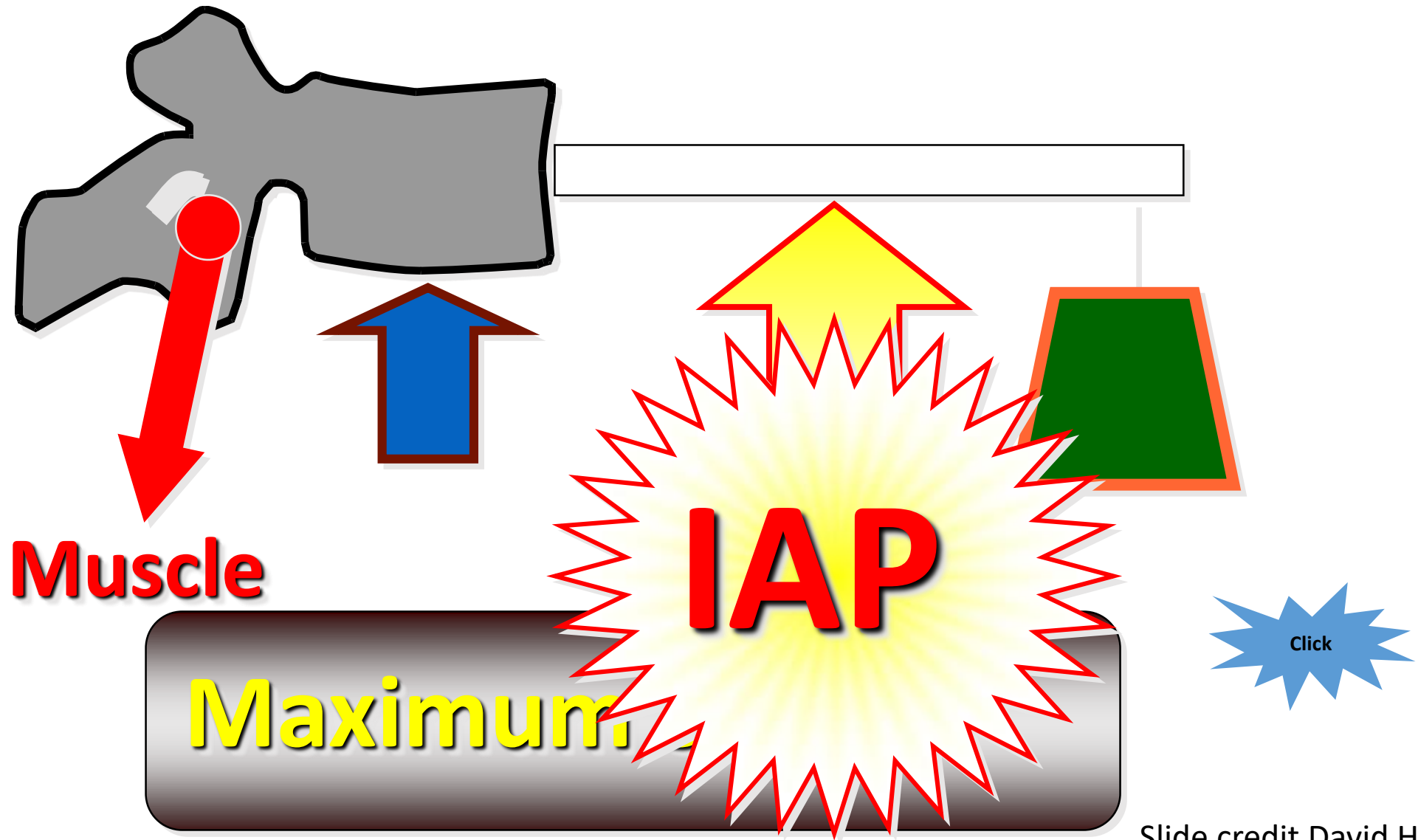
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# Instantaneous Axis of Rotation



Osteoarthritis is inherently caused by biomechanical dysfunction in joints caused by ligamentous insufficiency induced disruption of the instantaneous axis of rotation ( IAR- motion) for each position.

David Harshfield

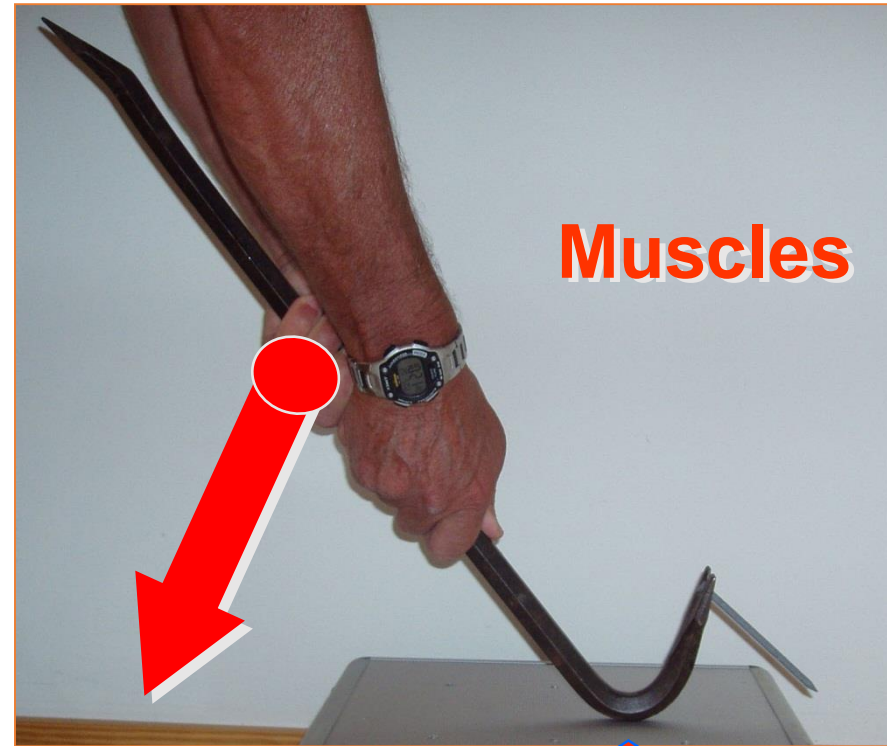
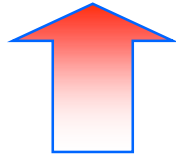


# The Crowbar

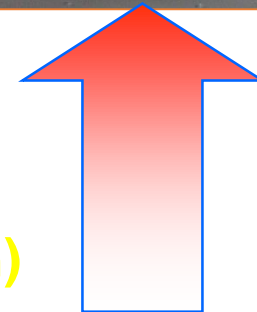
Shut down muscles to minimize stress



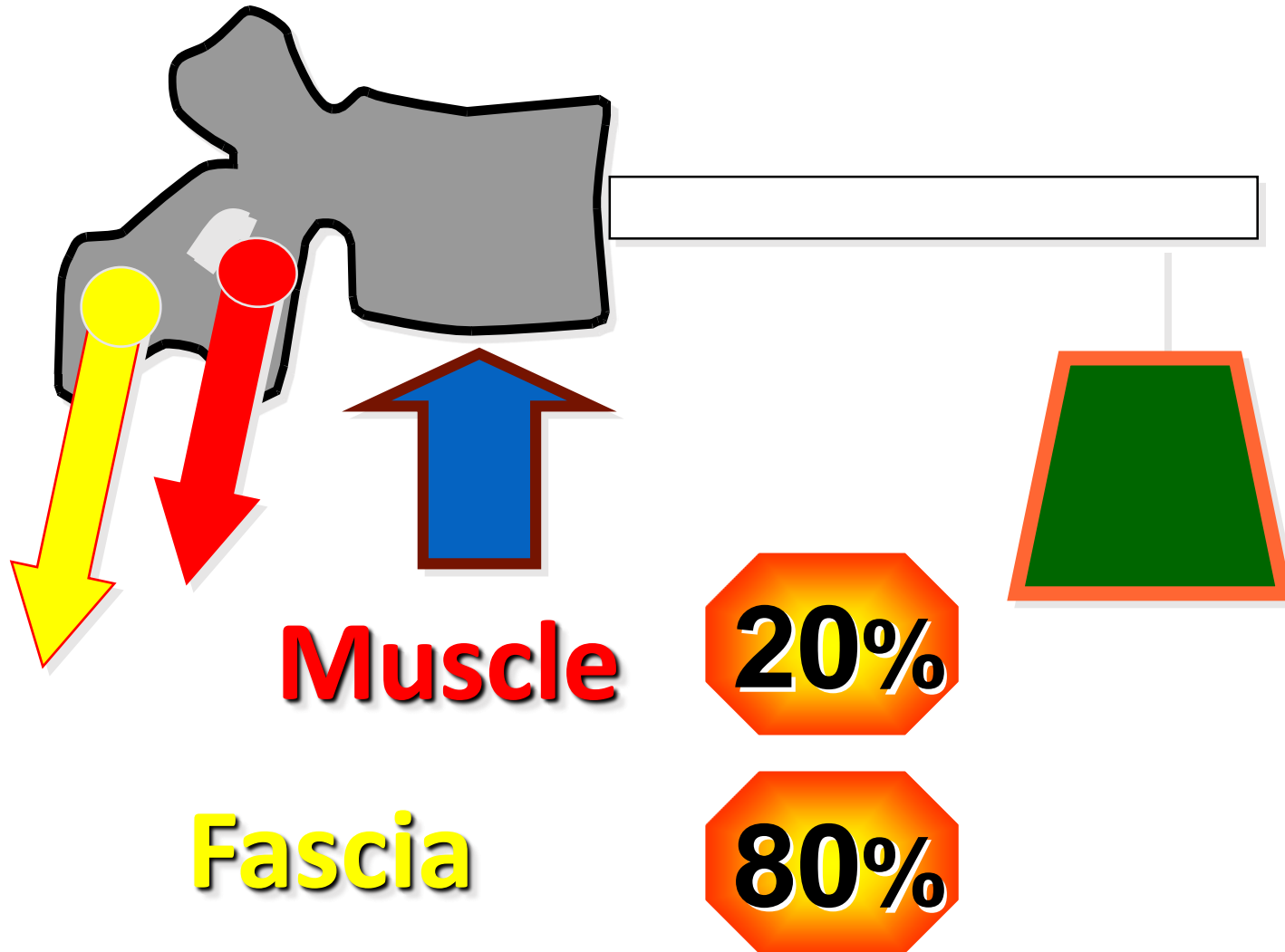
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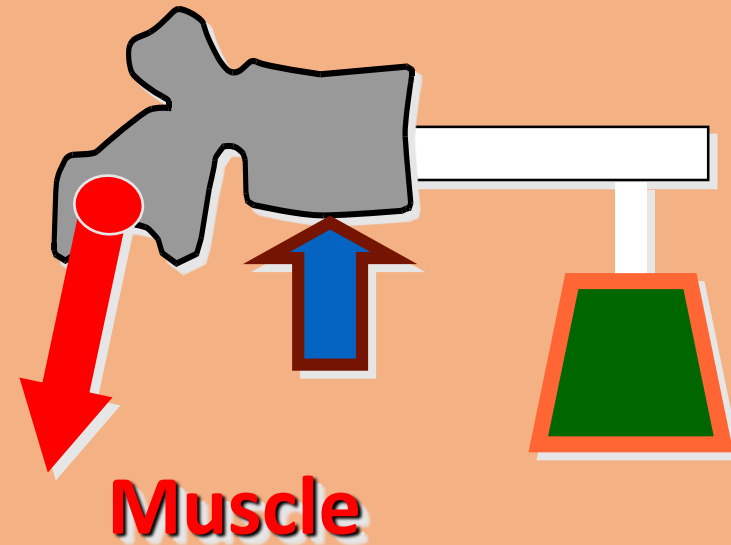


People with LBP have a significant increase in muscle activity



Moves like a LBP subject

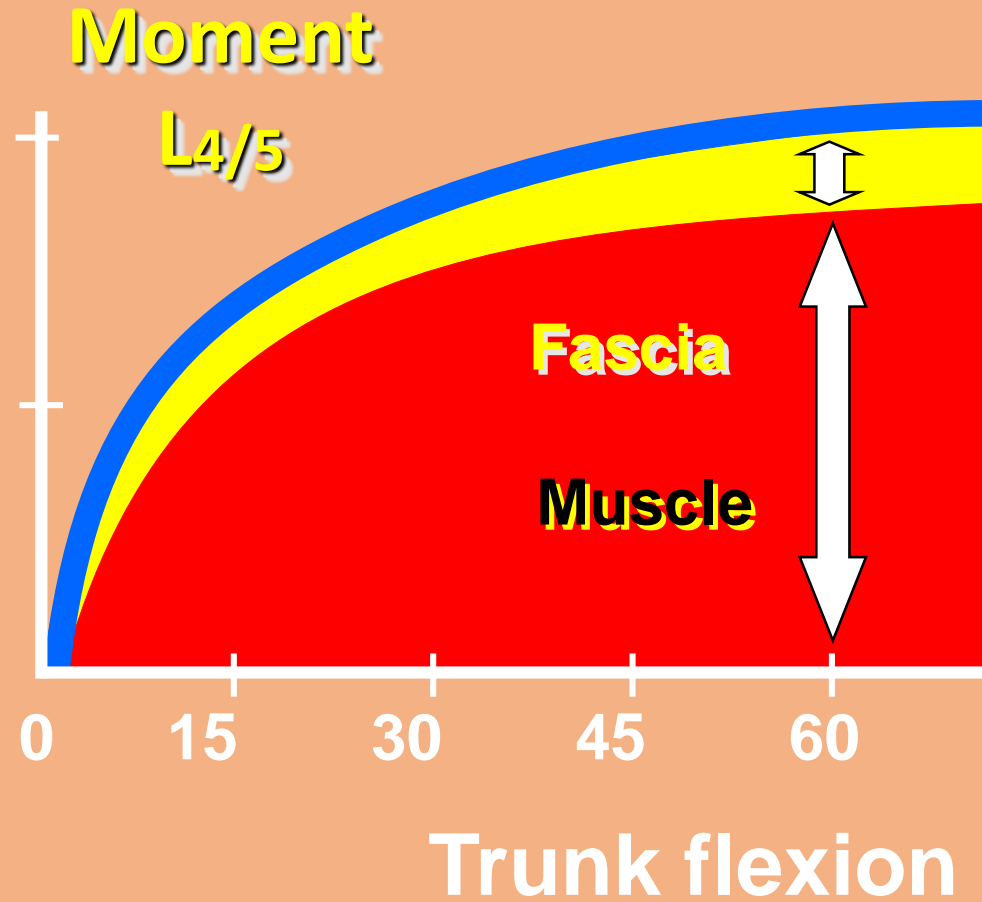
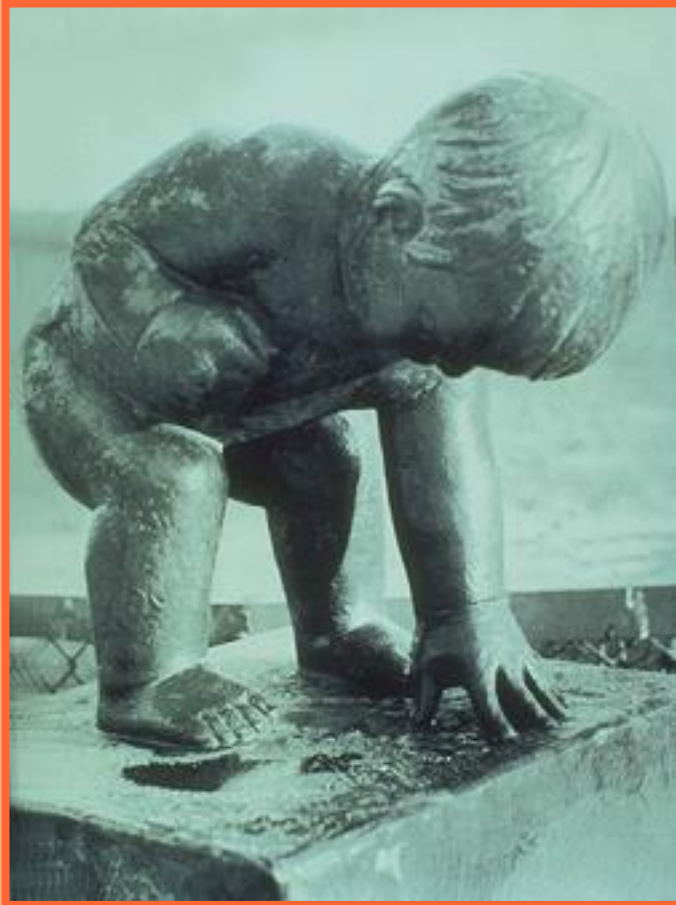
Immature fascia



Muscle

Click

# Coordination spine / pelvis



# Changes – resting length, tone, NM control

- What influences levels of muscle tone?
  - Active (isotonic concentric)
  - Habitual (isotonic eccentric)
  - Reflexive (isometric)



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# Muscular Reactivation



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4 layers

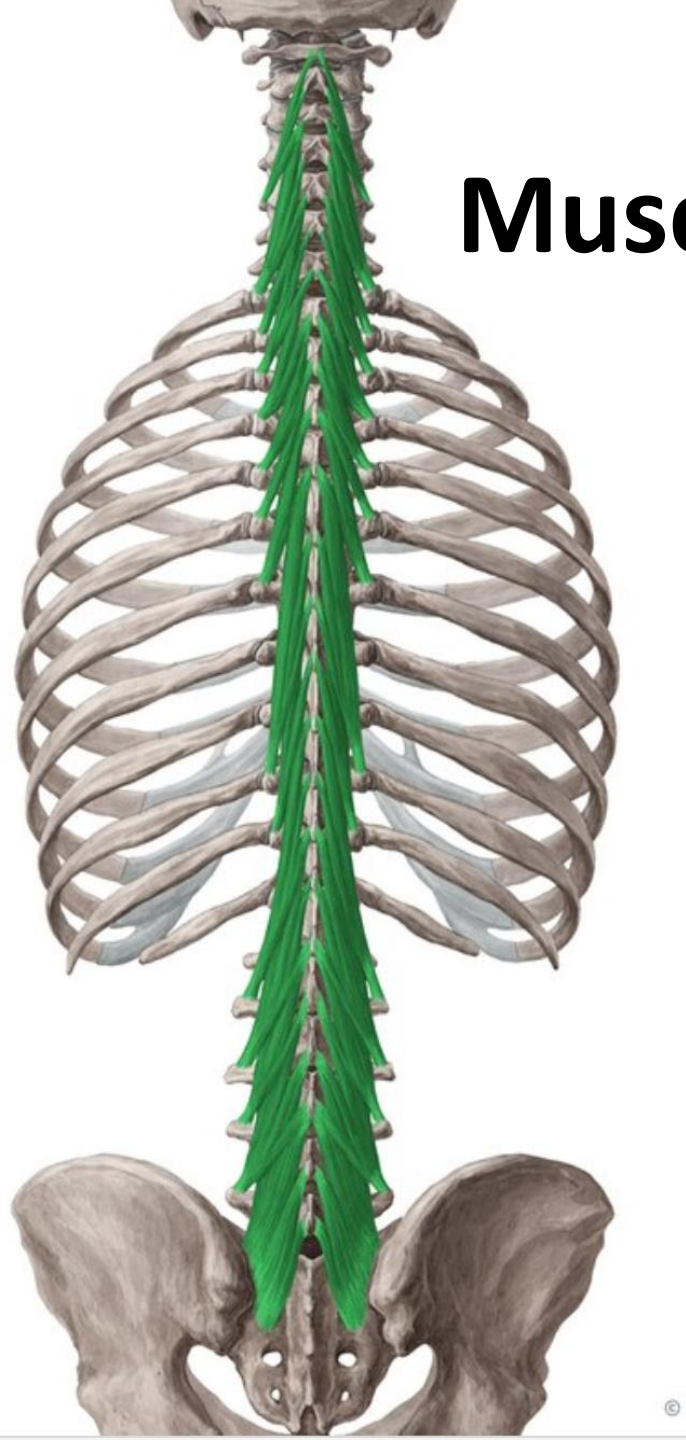
- Deepest layer contains multifidus (rotator(s) brevis, longus, & semispinalis)

3 K

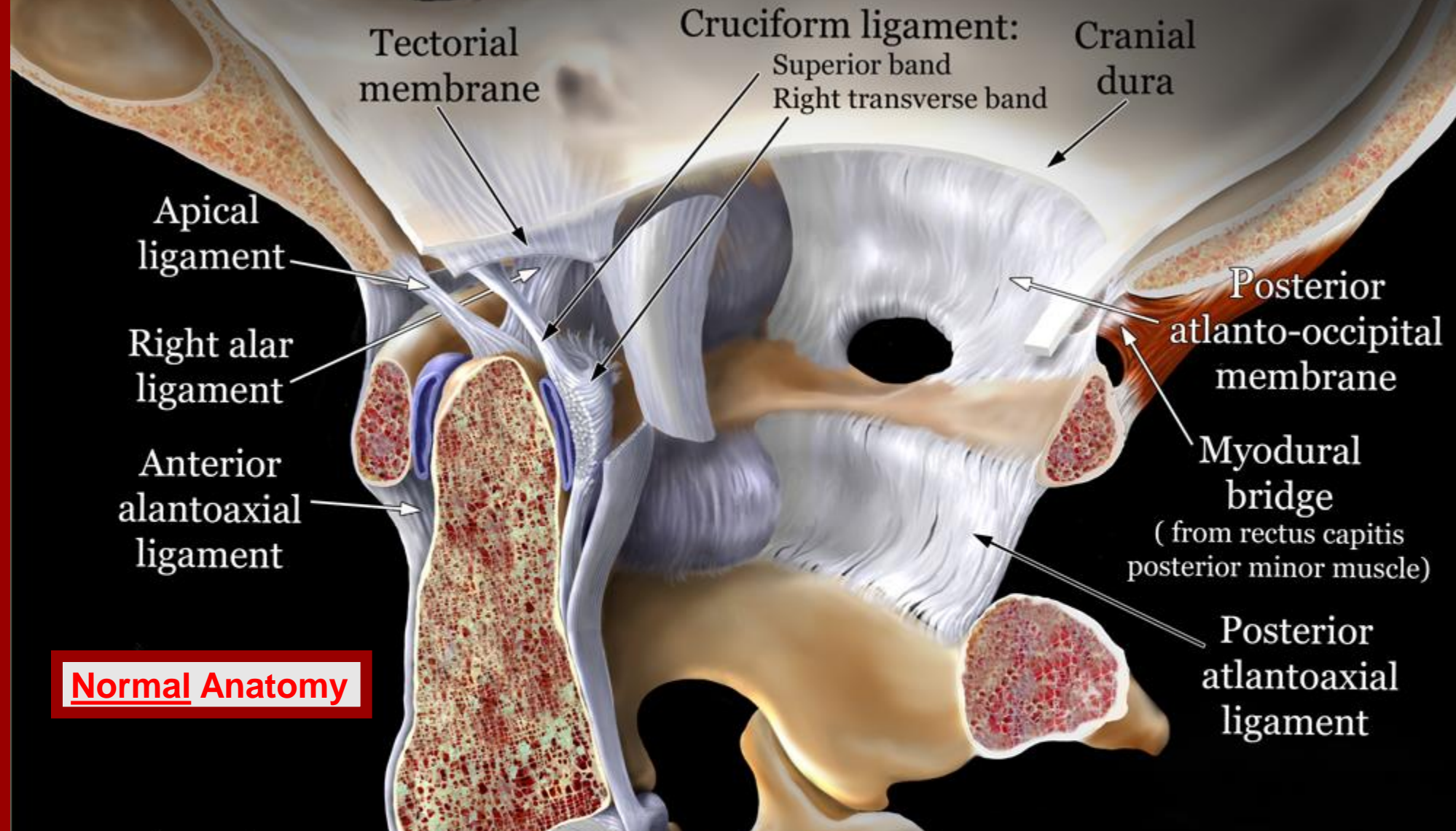
- 25-100 per day

L,T,C regions

- Language – Capital T, second toe, fifth toe
- Practice

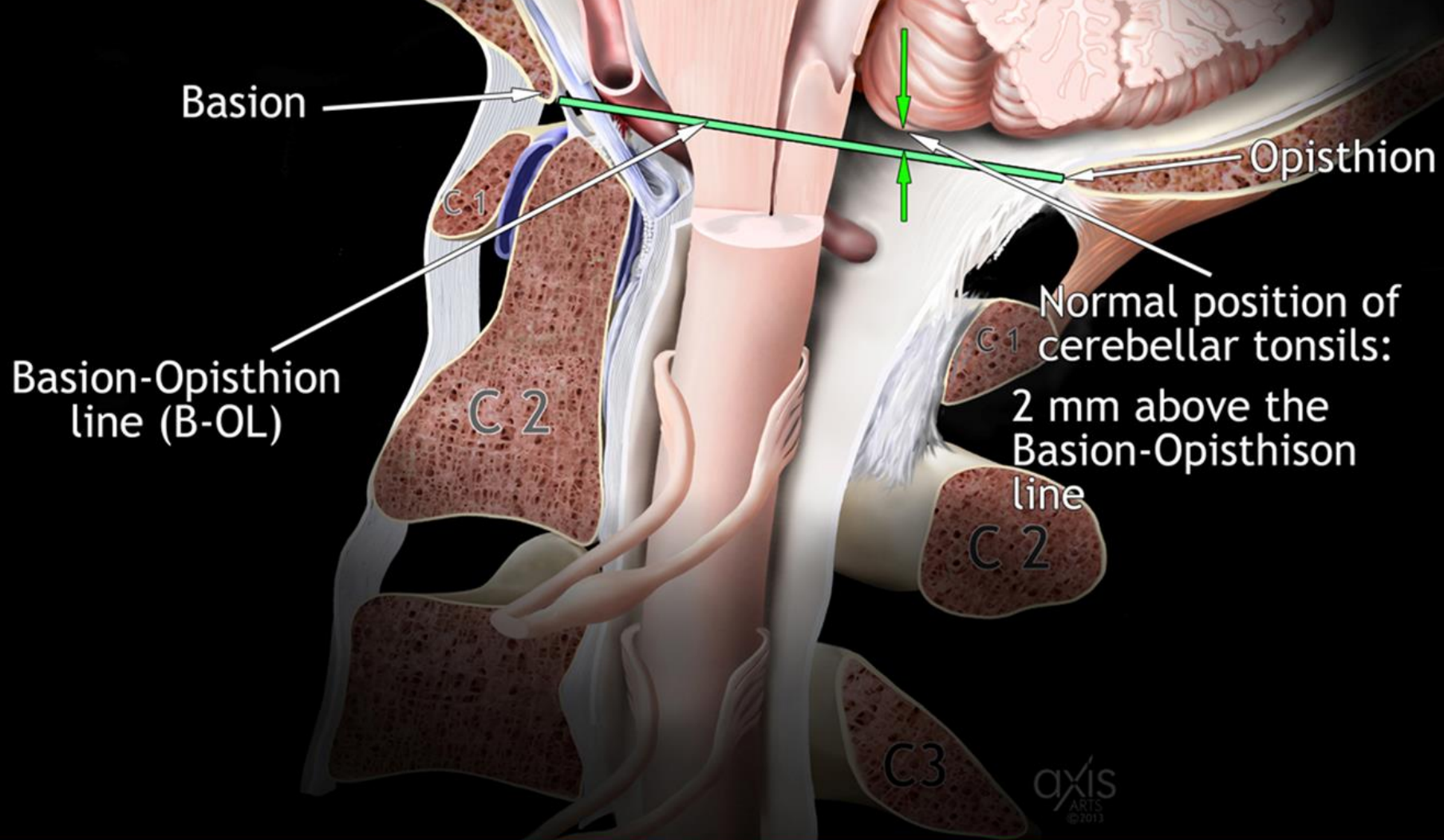


# LIGAMENTS & MEMBRANES of the CRANIO-VERTEBRAL JUNCTION

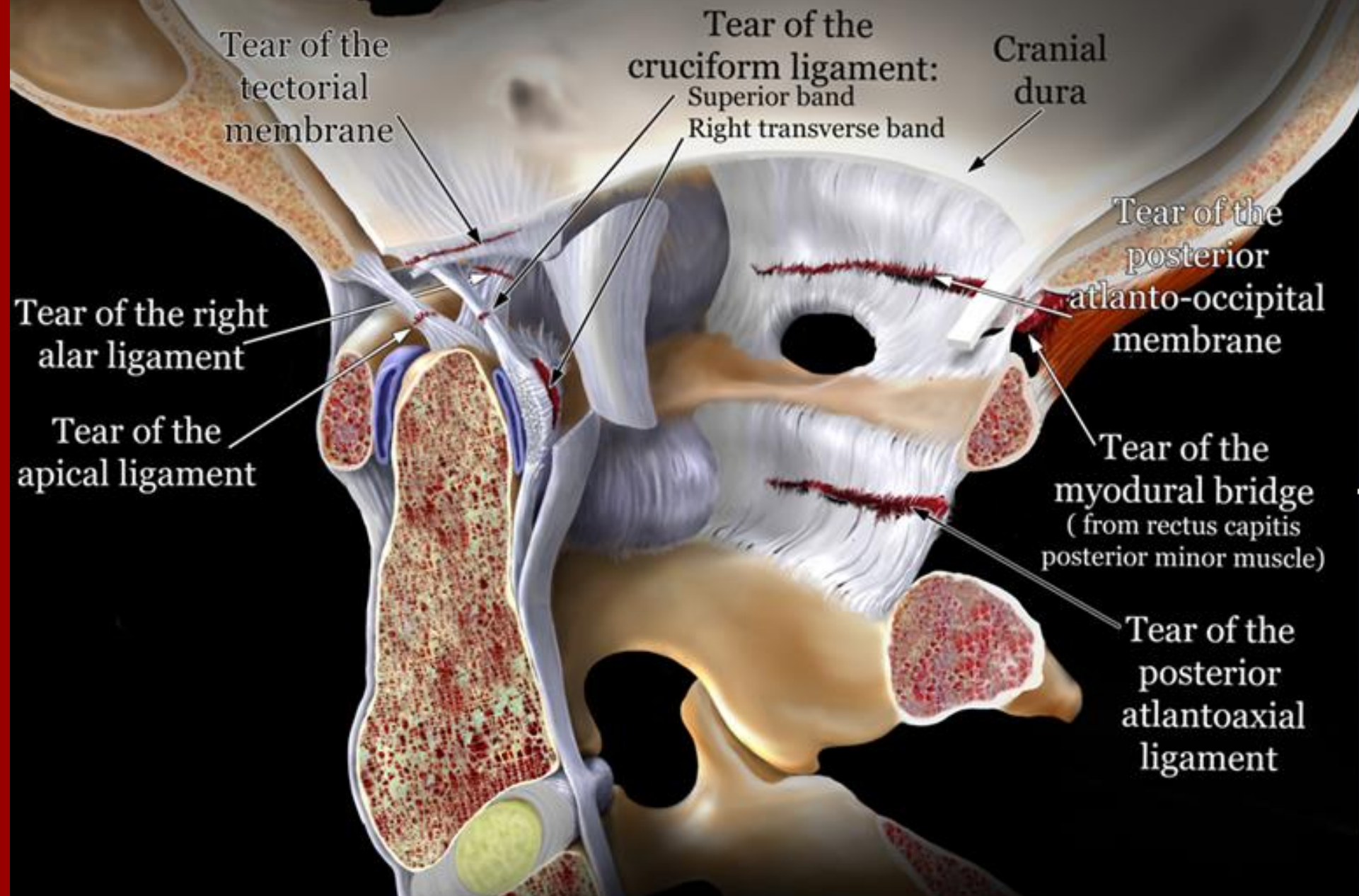


**Normal Anatomy**

# Normal Position of the Cerebellar Tonsils

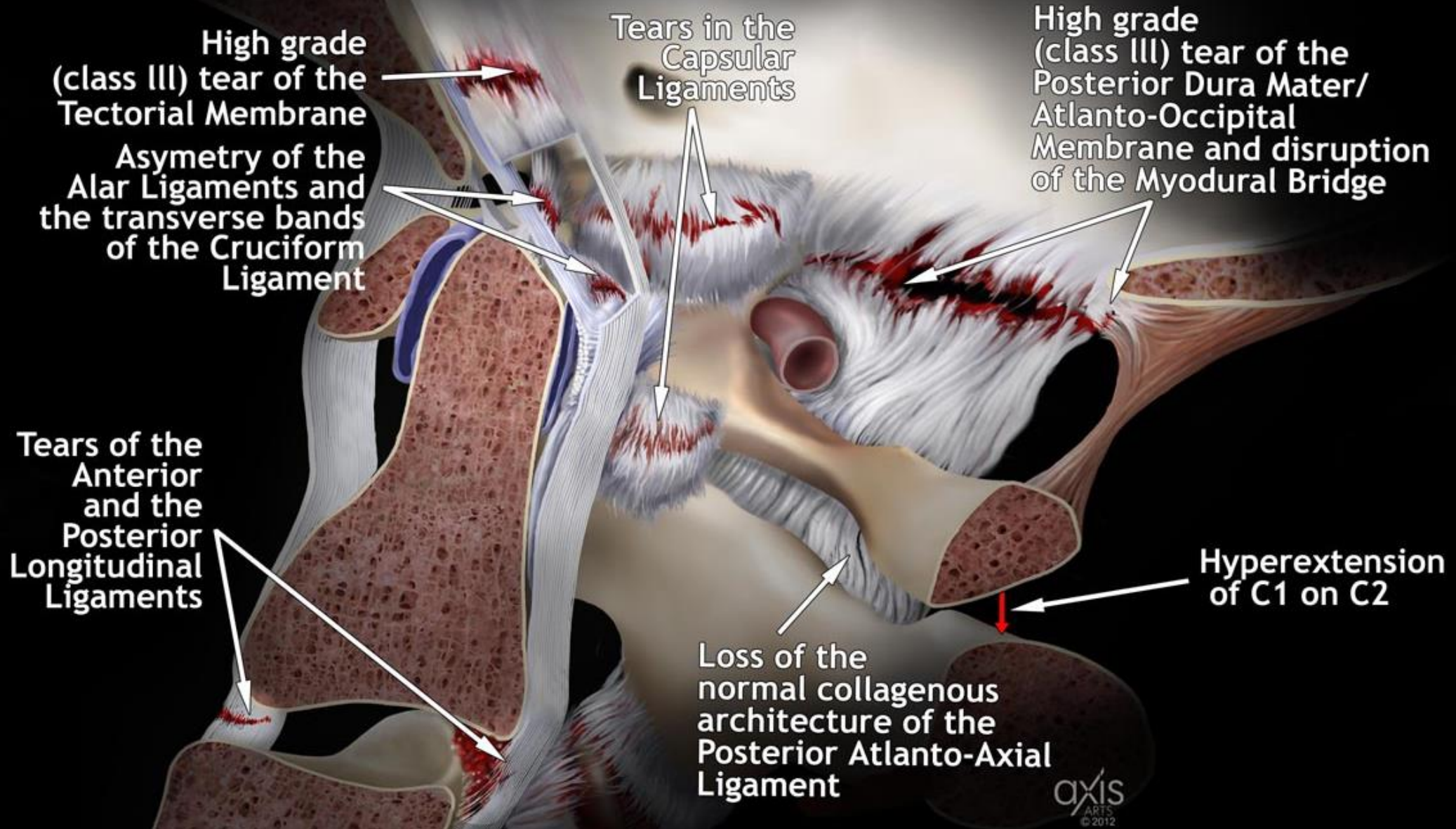


# Grade III Trauma of the Cranio-Vertebral Junction

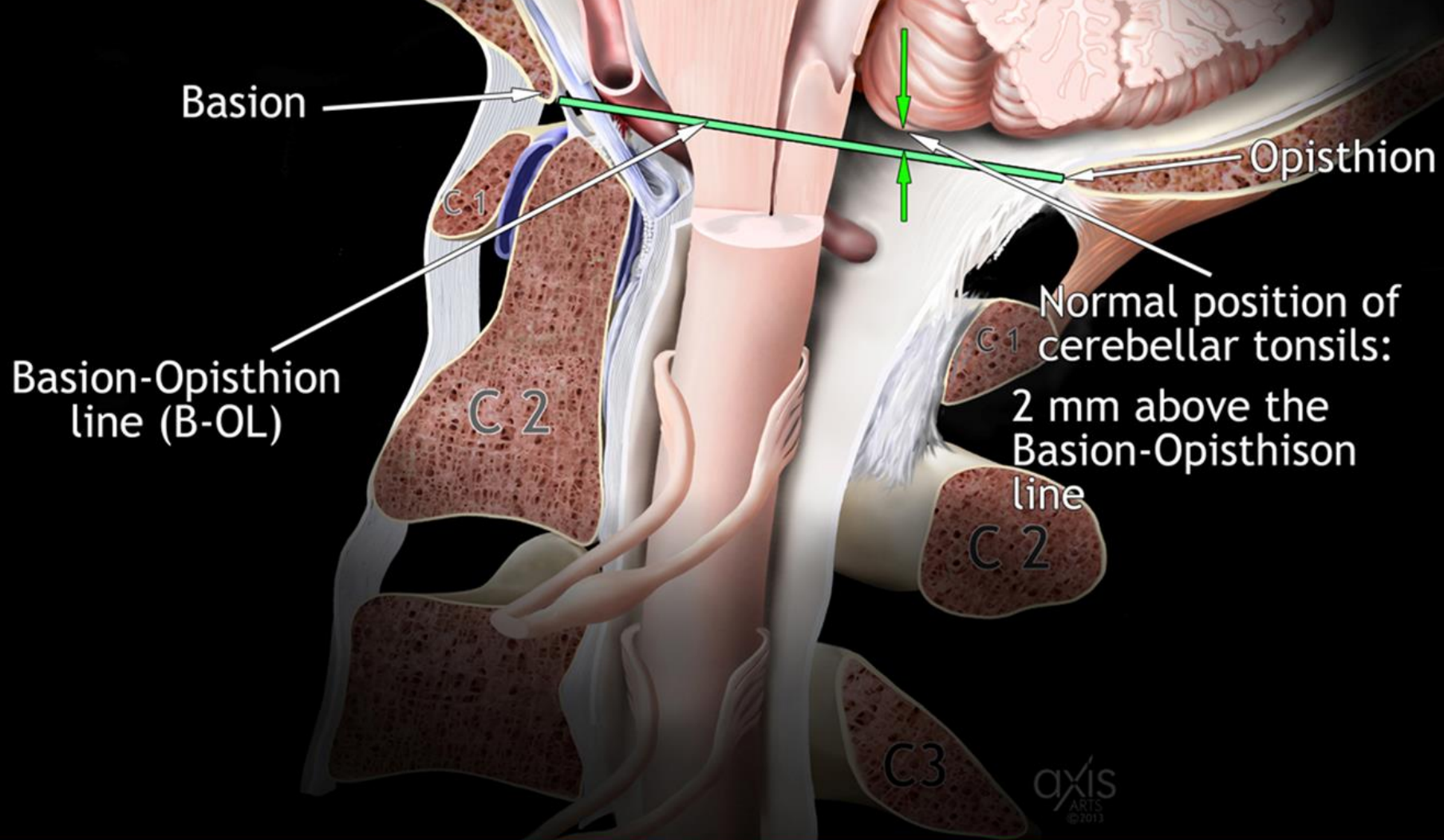




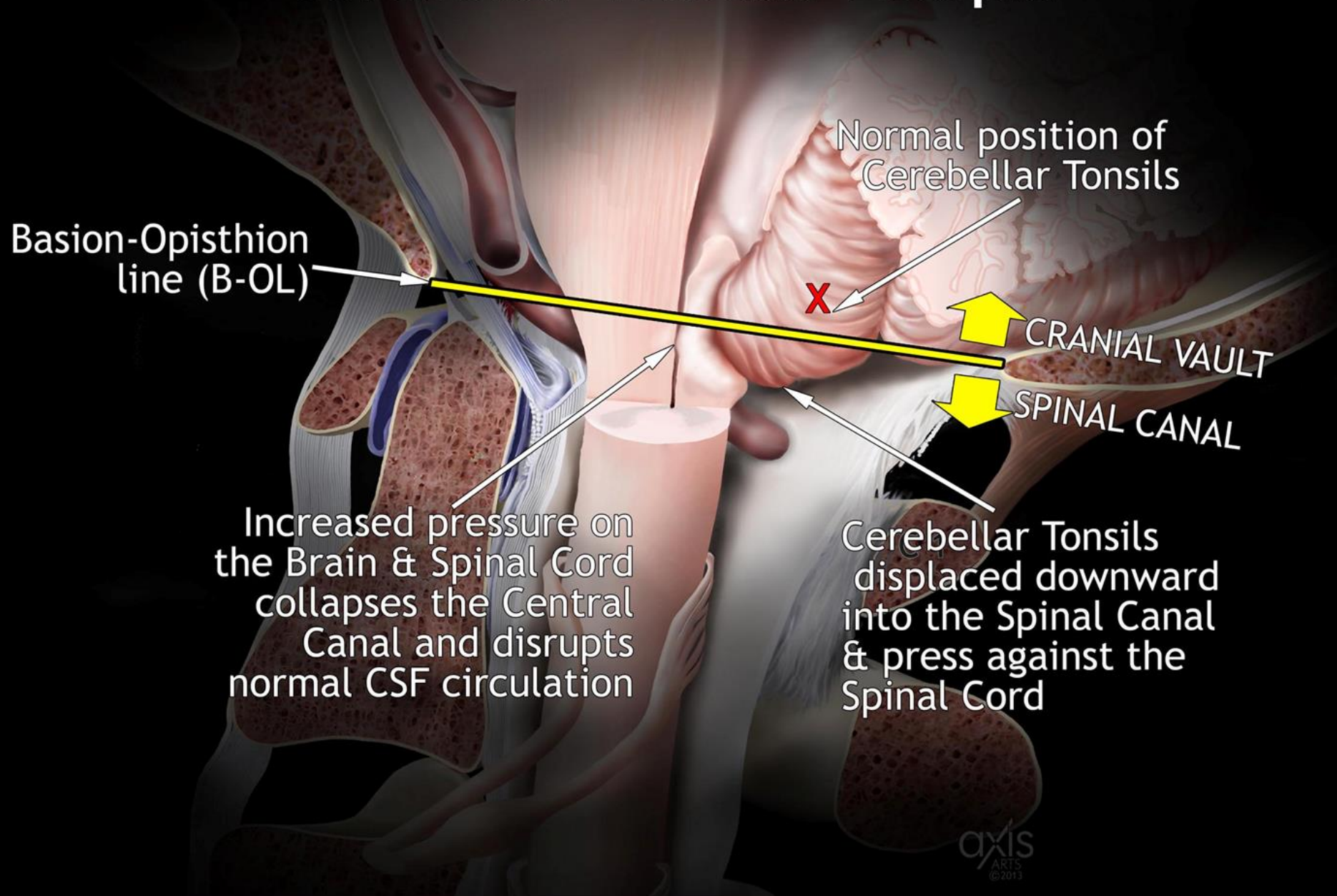
# Injuries to the Cervico-Occipital Junction



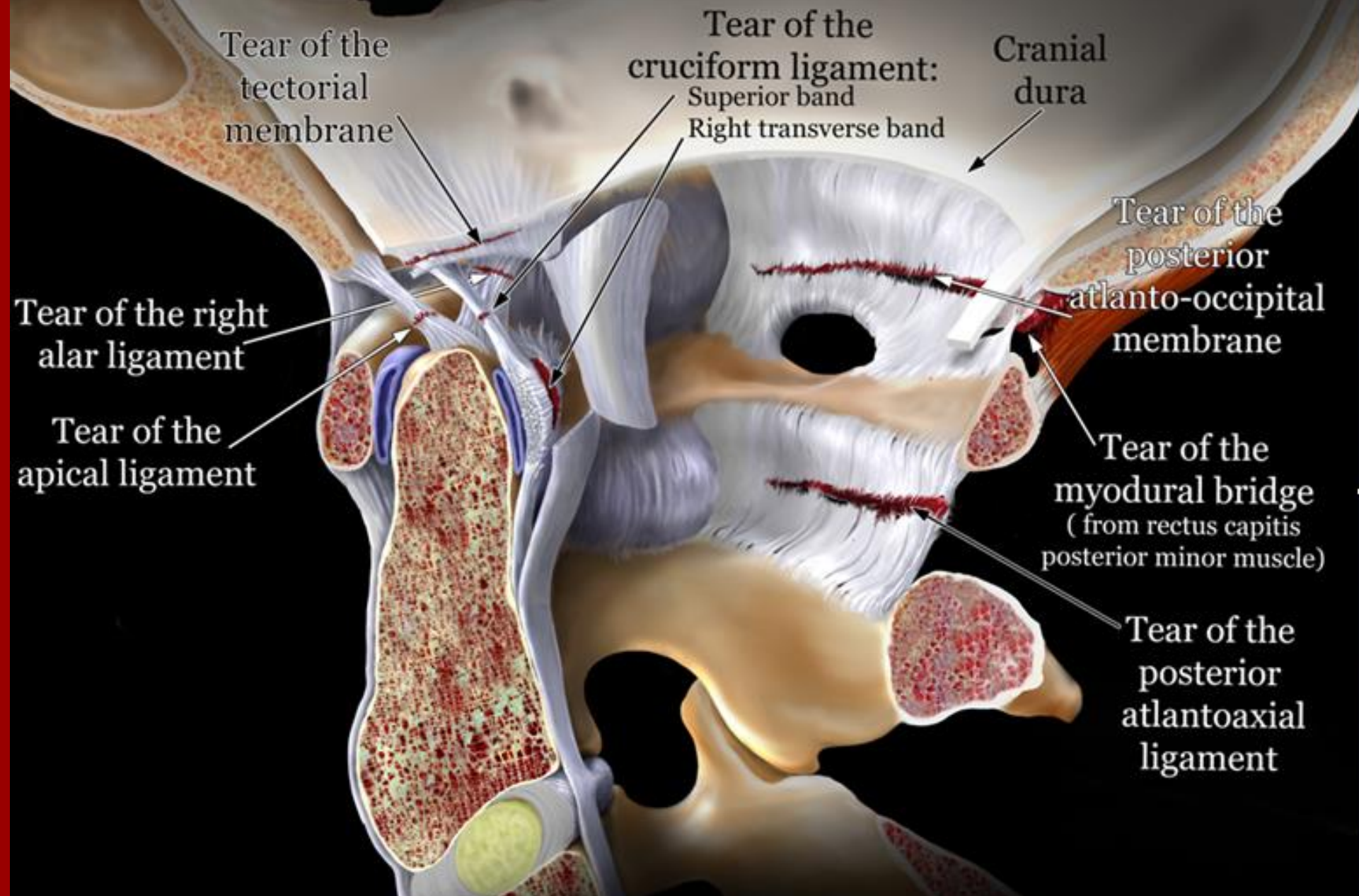
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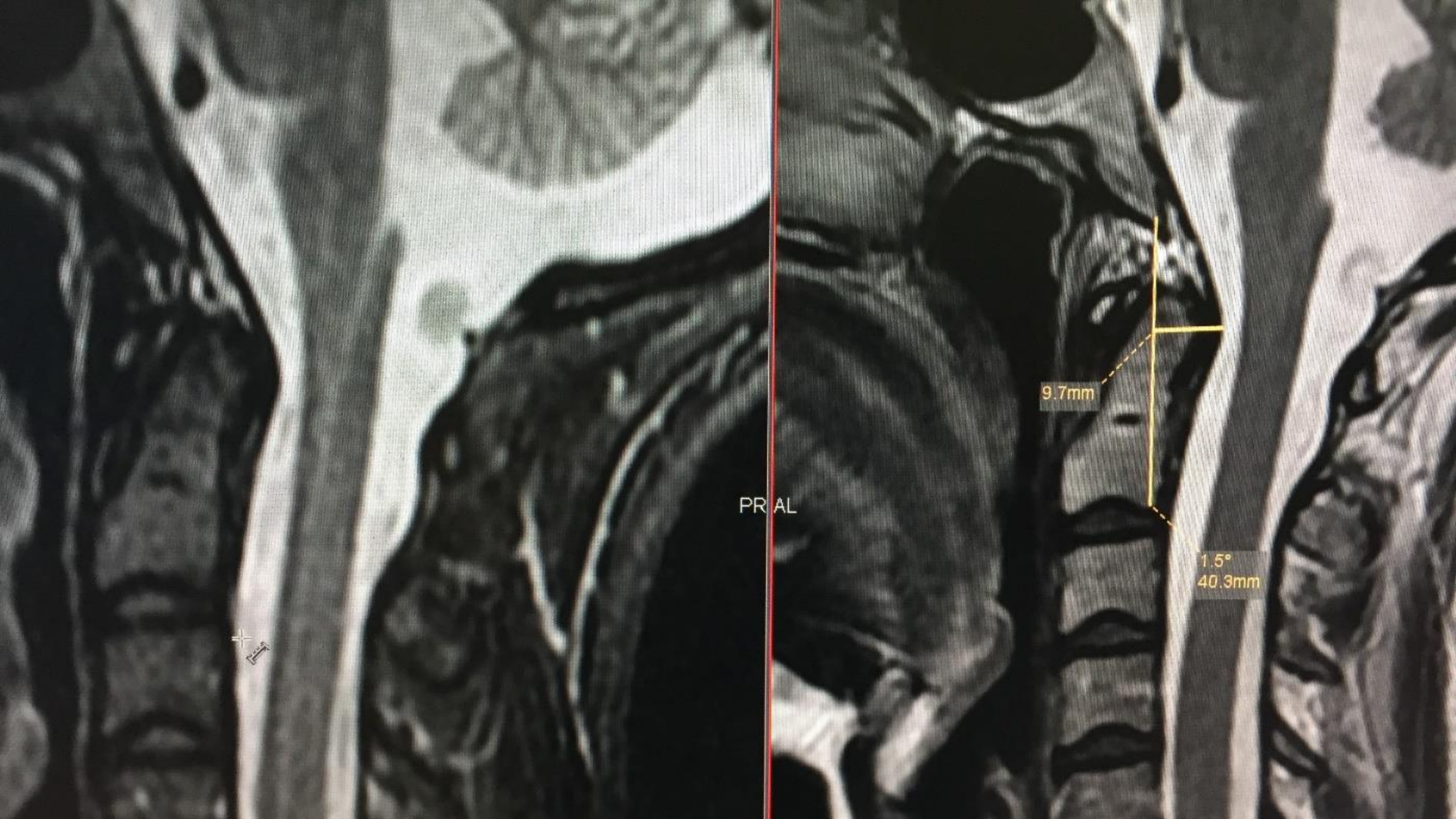


# Cerebellar Tonsular Ectopia



# Grade III Trauma of the Cranio-Vertebral Junction





PR AL

9.7mm

1.5°  
40.3mm

# Dural Venous Sinus Review

Confluence of Sinus'  
(located at Internal  
Occipital Protuberance)

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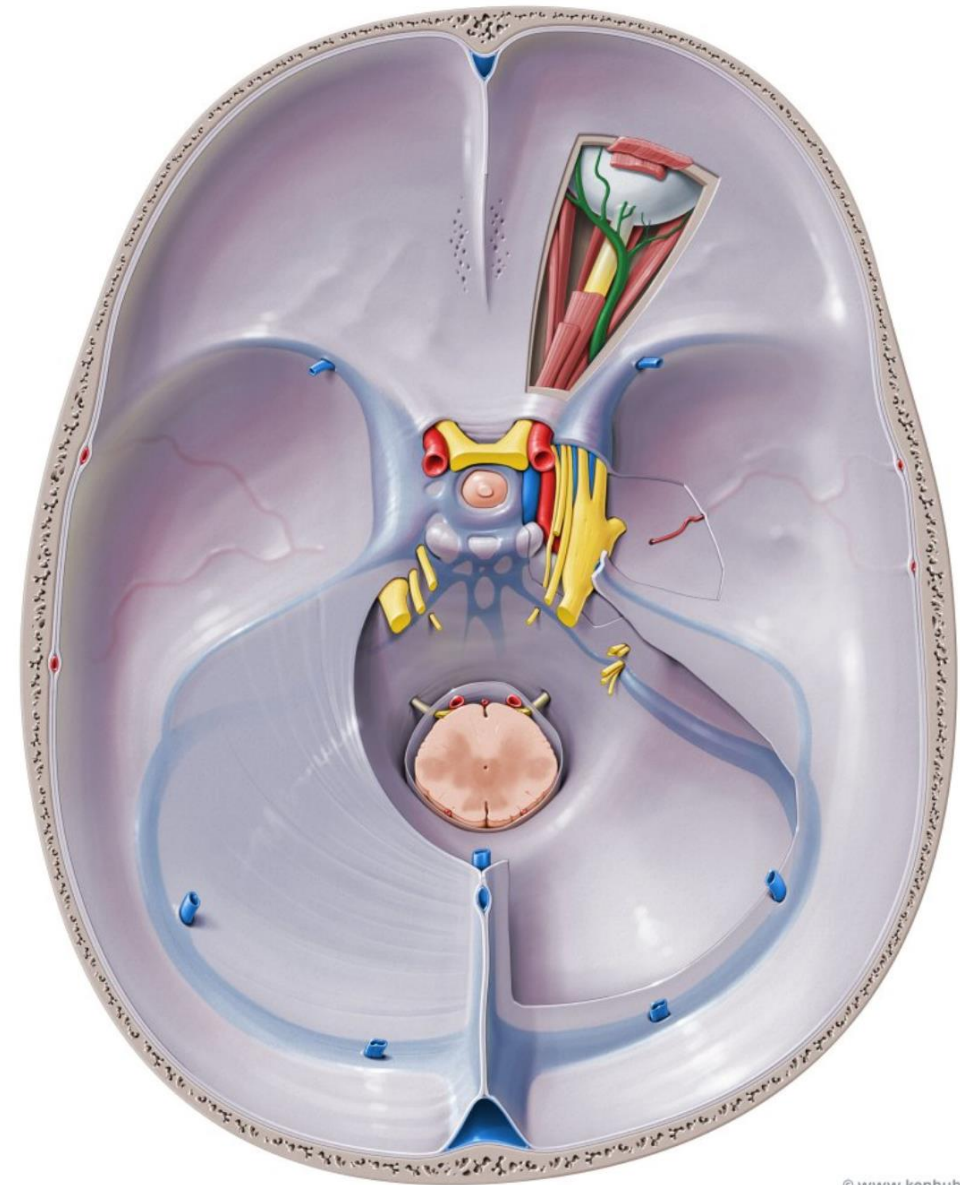
1. Superior
2. Transverse
3. Straight
4. Occipital

## 6 paired

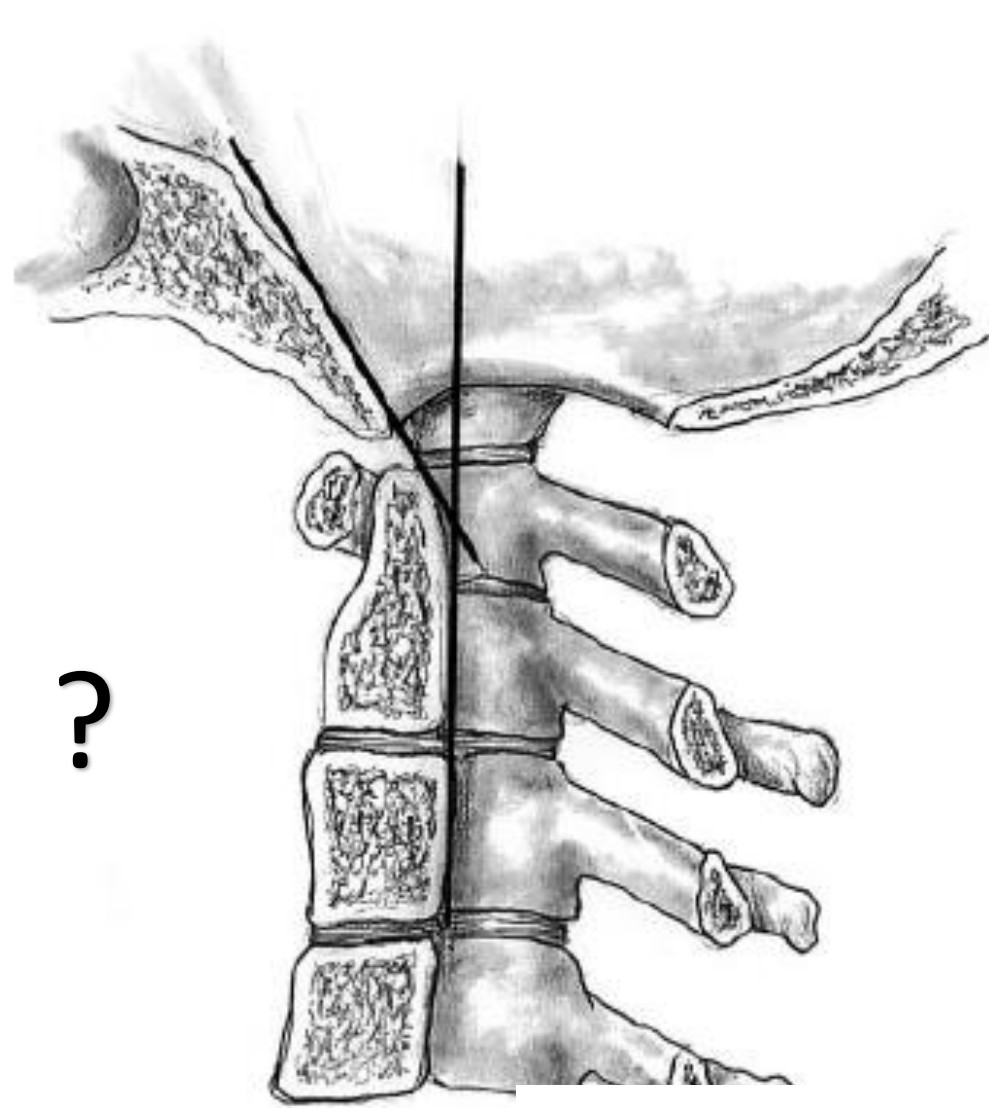
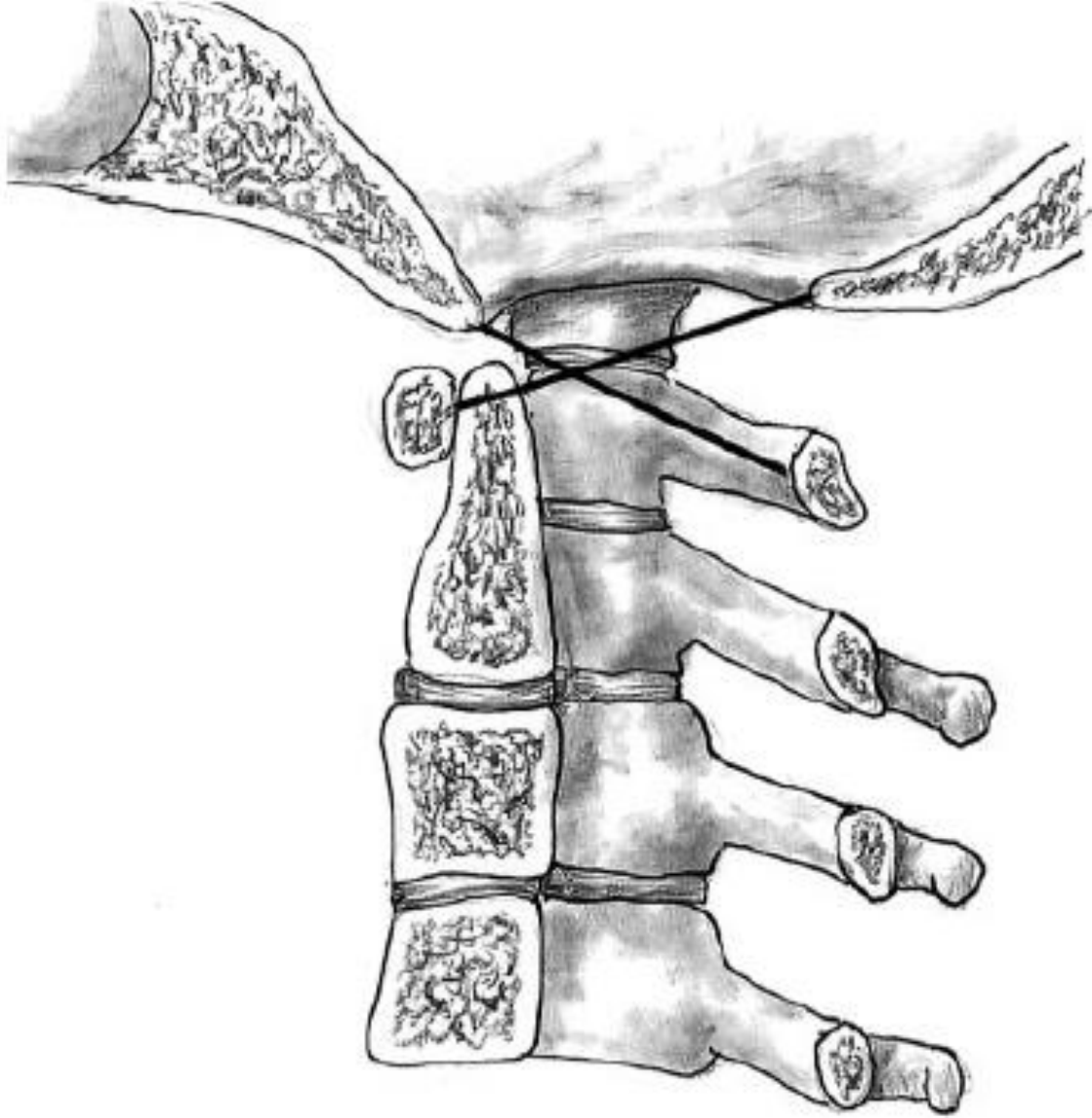
1. Sigmoid
2. Transverse
3. Superior Petrosal
4. Inferior Petrosal
5. Cavernous
6. Sphenoparietal

## 4 unpaired

1. Superior
2. Inferior
3. Straight
4. Occipital

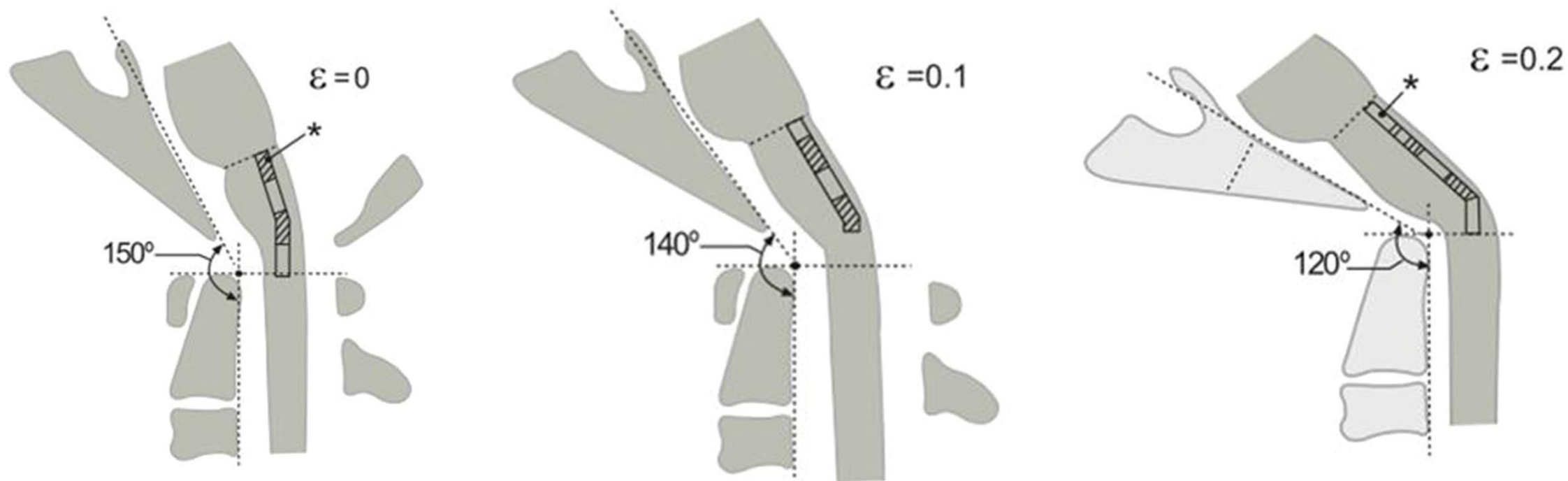


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Lustrin ES, et al. Pediatric Cervical Spine: Normal Anatomy, Variants, and Trauma. *Radiographics*. 2003; 23 (3): 539-60.

Normal craniocervical junction in flexion. The neuraxis stretches by approximately **10%** of its total length with flexion of the craniocervical junction



Bhusri N, Lim DC. Correlation of clivoaxial angle to skeletal malocclusions: A pre-screening for future risk of neurodegenerative disorders. *APOS Trends in Orthodontics*. 2016;6(5):246-250



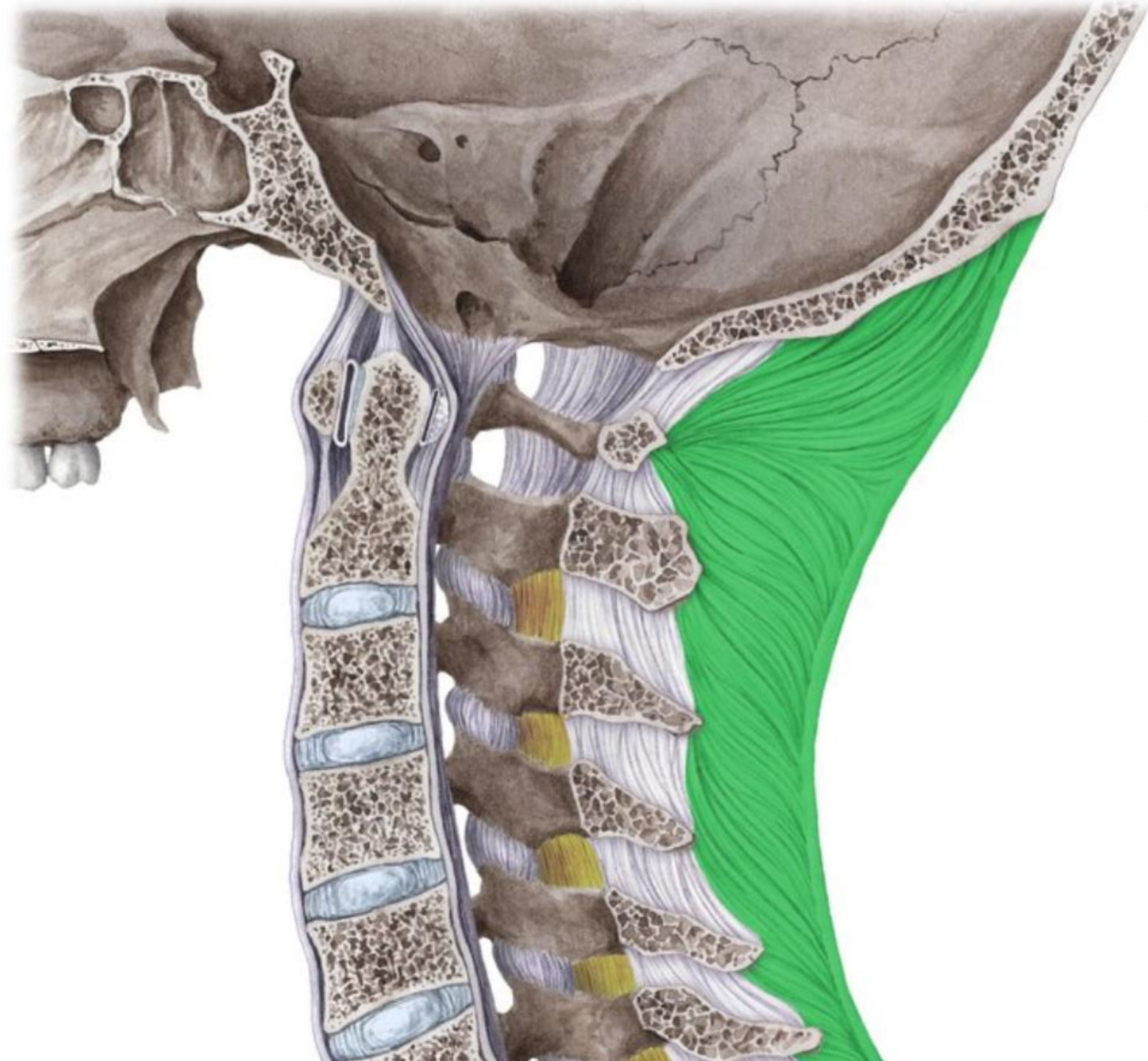
# CXA

A clivo-axial angle of less than  $130^\circ$  was associated with delay or failure to recover after foramen magnum decompression.

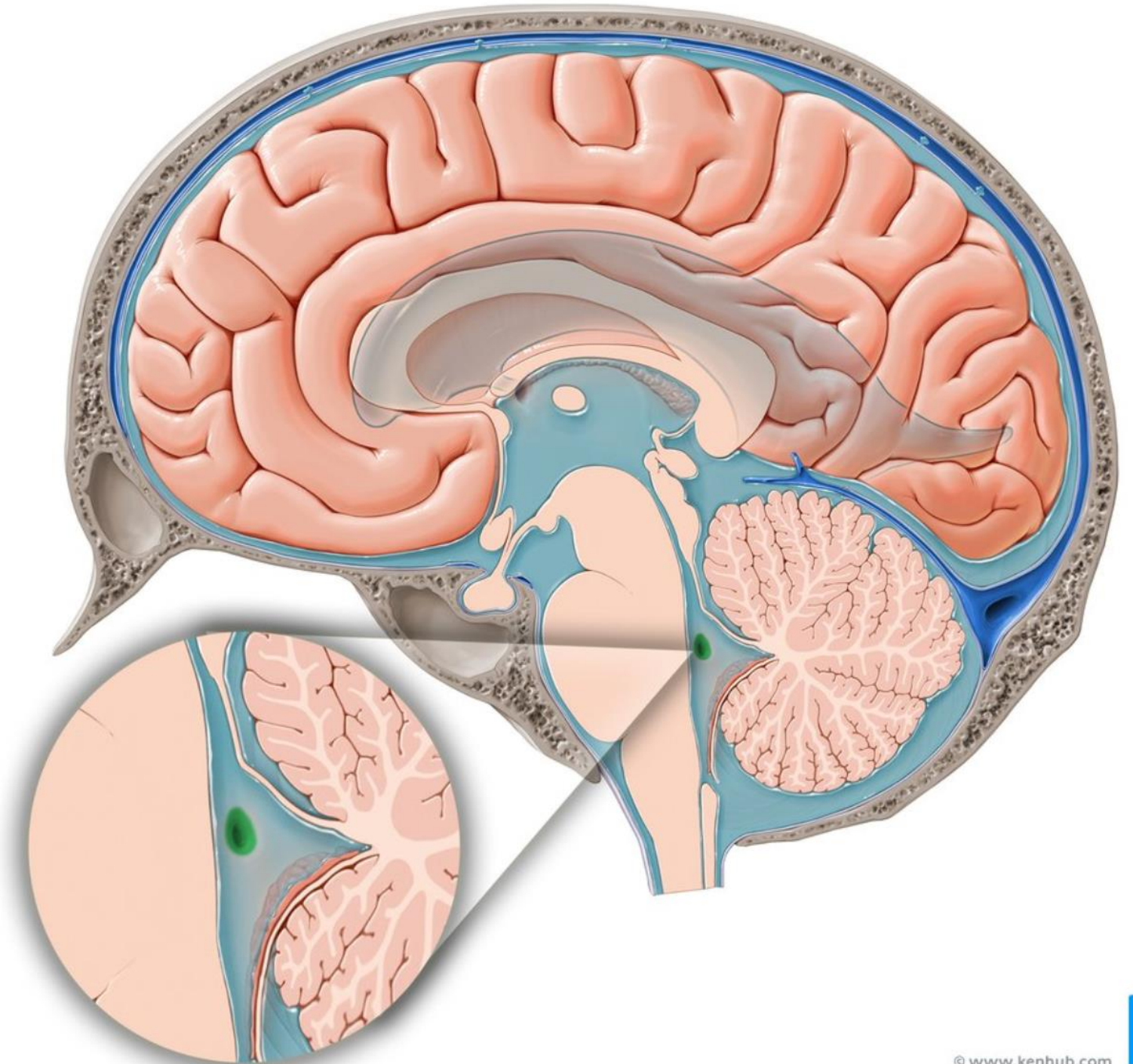
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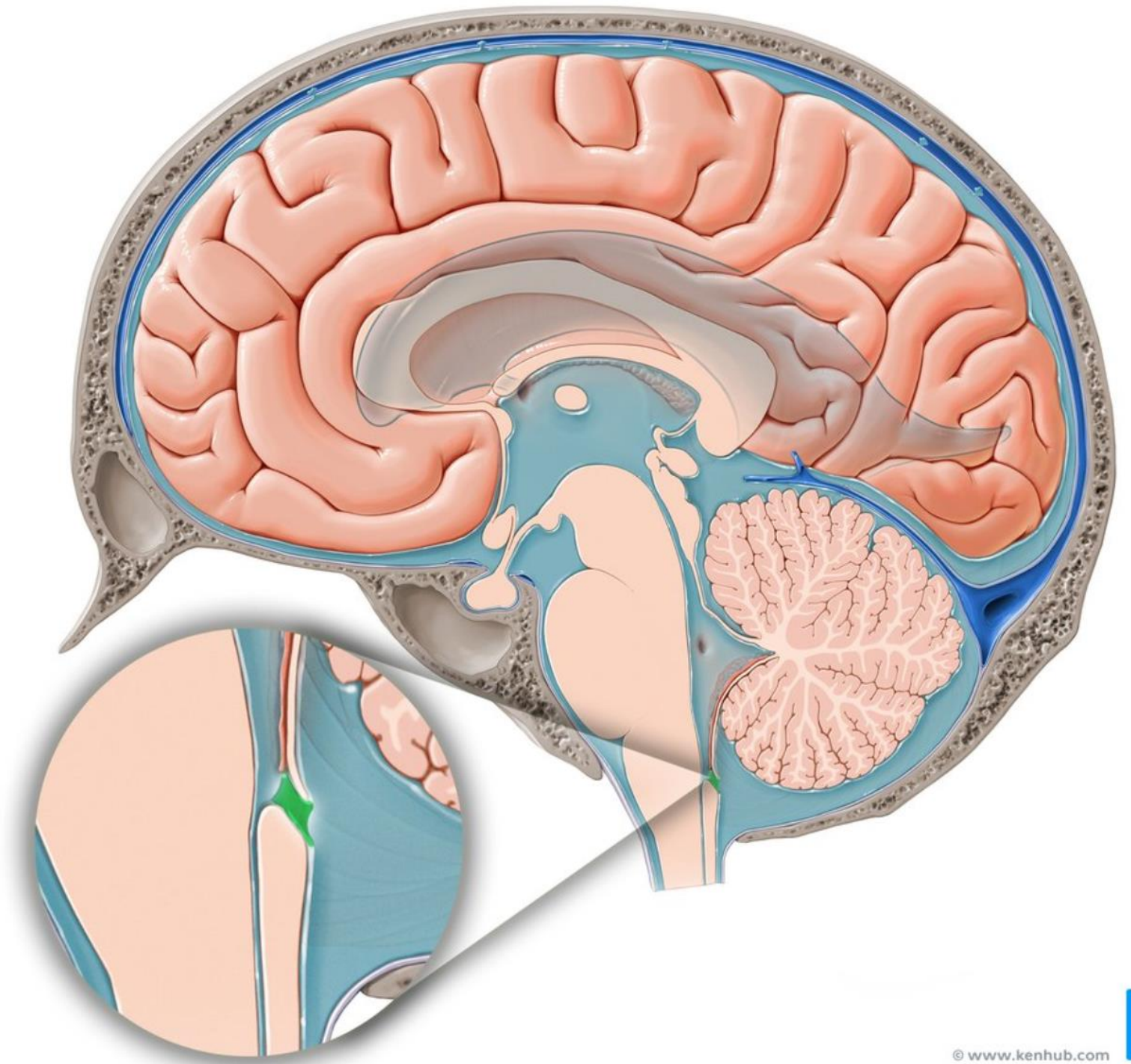
# Ligamentum Nuchae

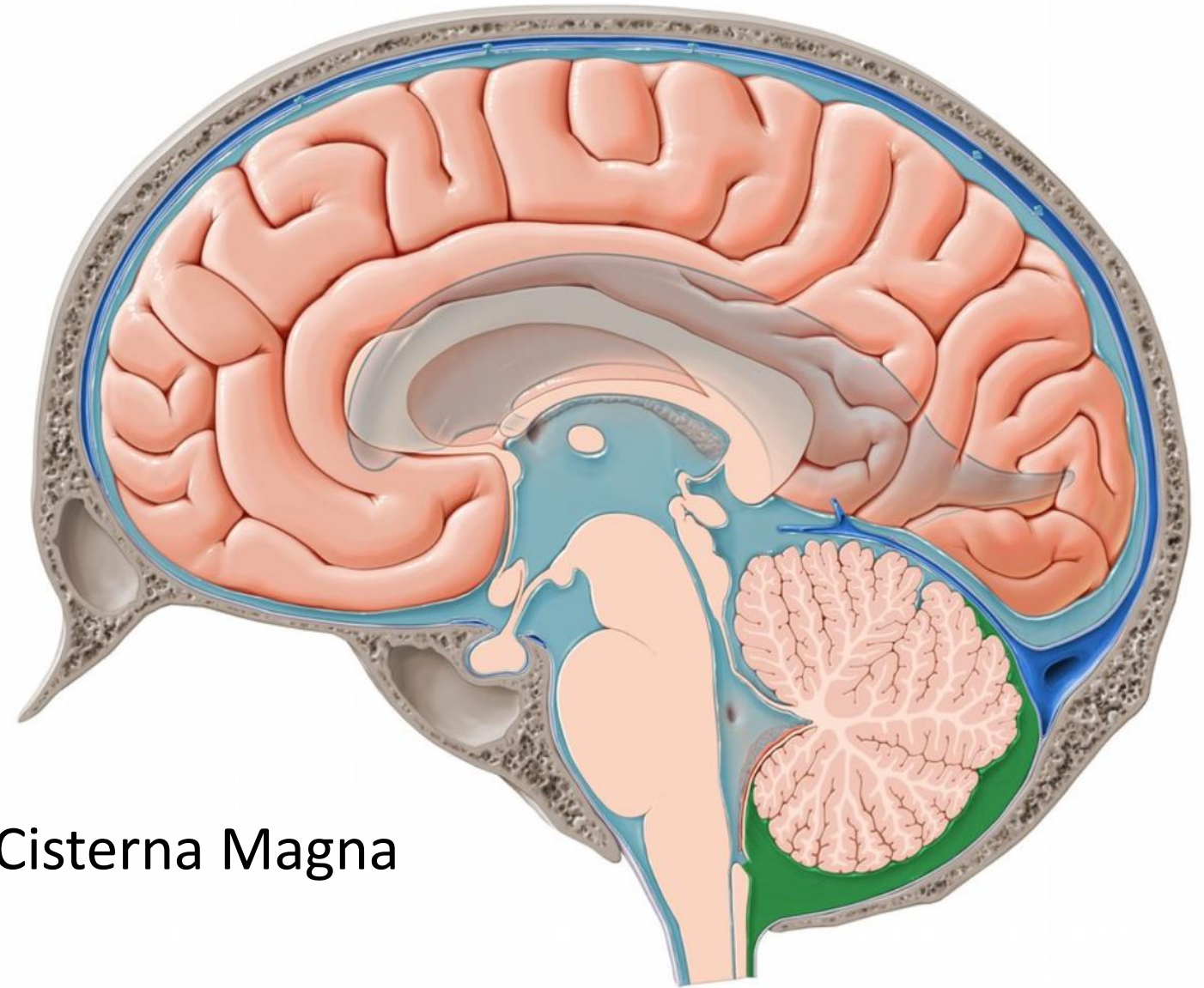


## Lateral Aperature



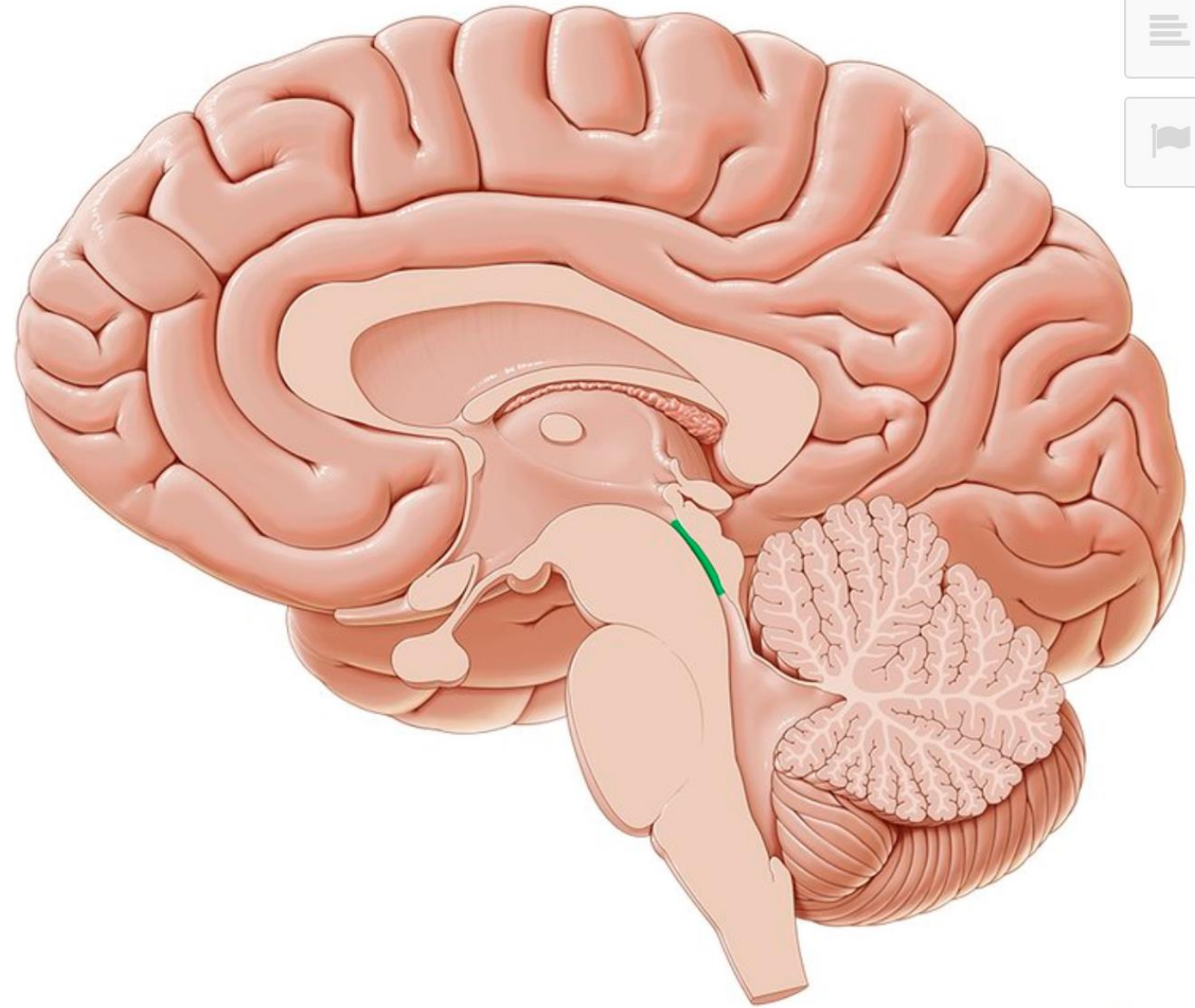
## Median Aperature





## Cerebellomedullary Cistern Cisterna Magna

# Cerebral Aquaduct



# Neurological Involvement

Midbrain

**Periaqueductal Gray**

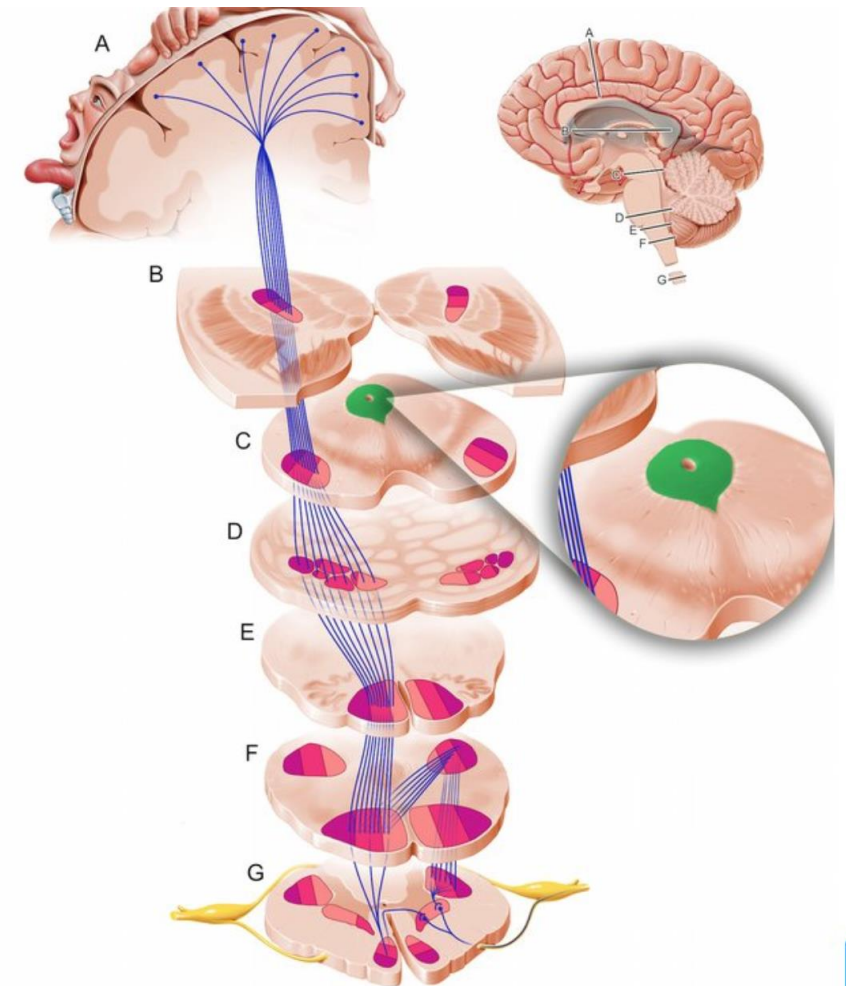
Pain signal transmission to the cortex

Crucial in **descending** pain modulation

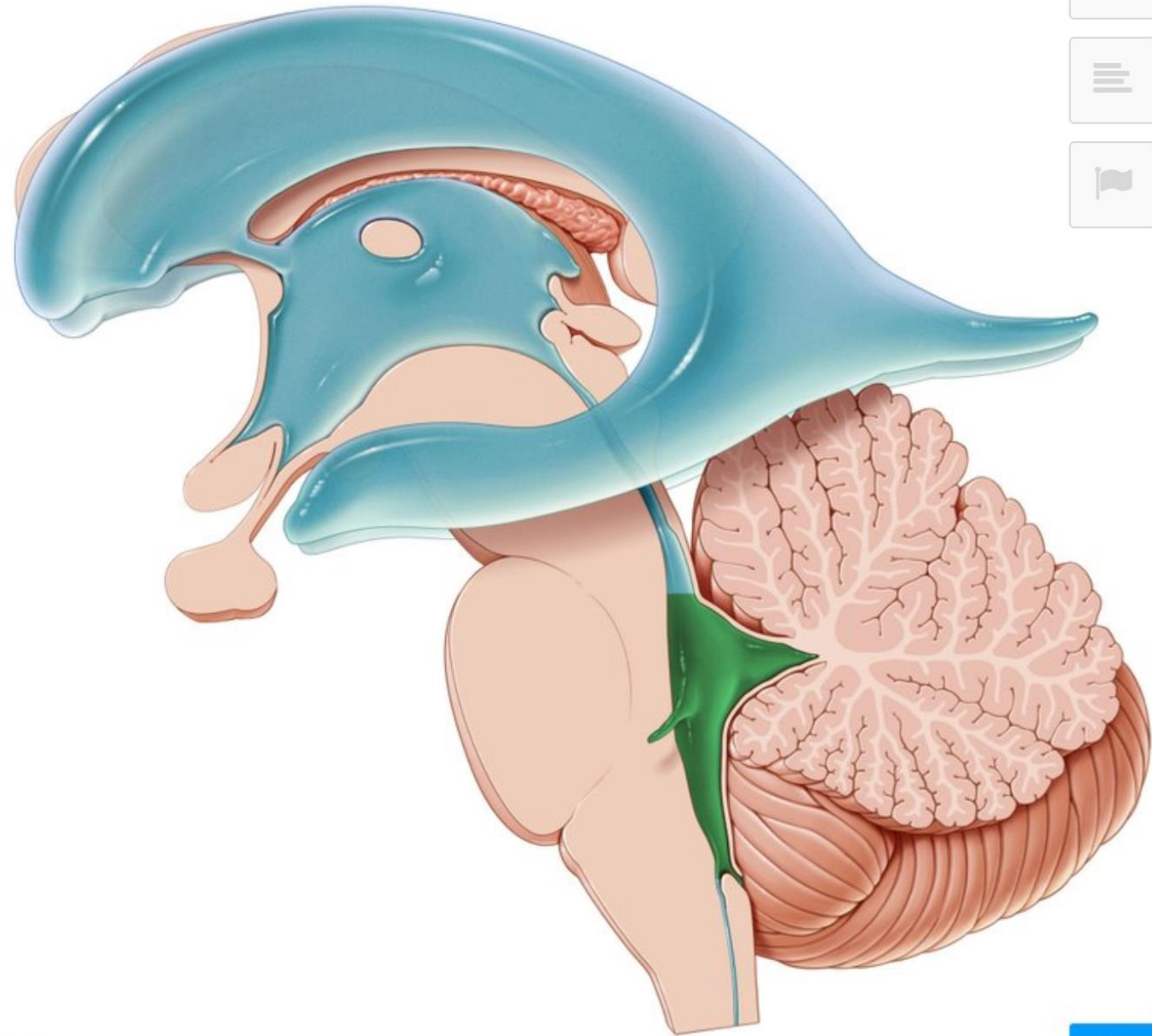


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# Fourth Ventricle





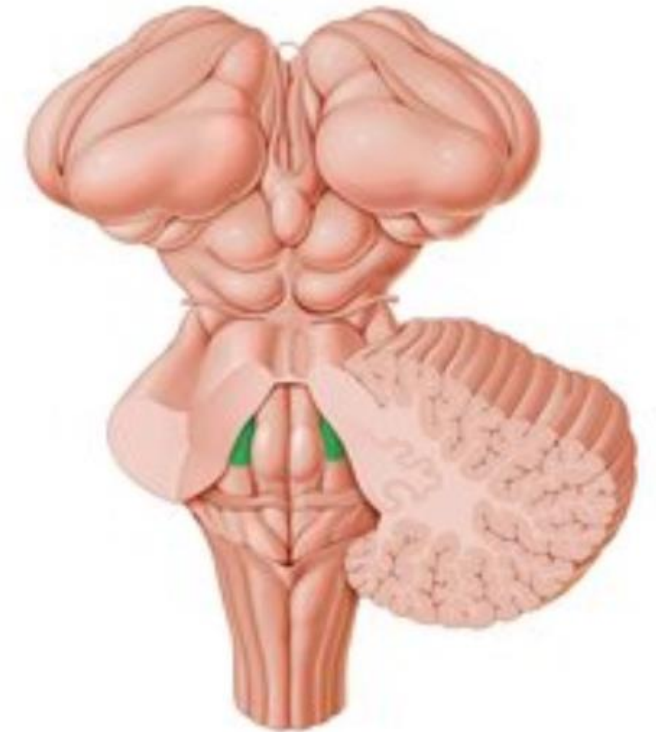
# Neurological Involvement



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**Locus Coeruleus** – stress, panic, pain  
(rhomboid fossa, reticular activating system)  
Located in the **Pons**  
Major relay center for pain



Locus coeruleus



# Neurological Involvement



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## **Spinal Cord** – relay centers from DRG – **Spinothalamic tract**

The brain sites known to be part of the pain transmission system in the thalamus and cortex were fully activated only when both stimulus intensity and high pain cues were given together

**\*\*what happens and what we expect\*\***



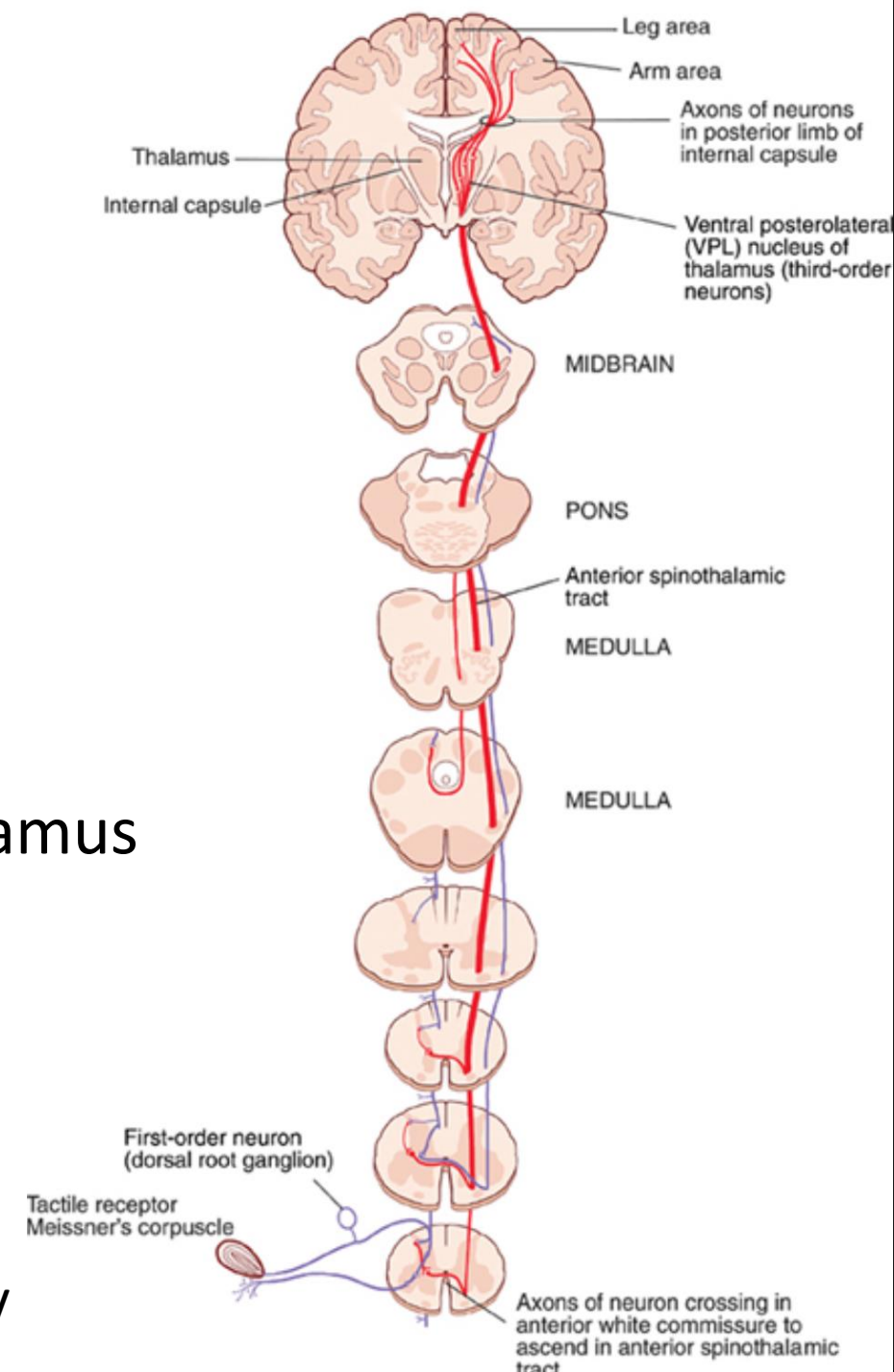
# Spinothalamic

- i. Pain Temperature
- ii. Light touch

Enters cord – synapses

Crosses at or close to cord level where it enters

Travels through cord and brainstem to the Thalamus



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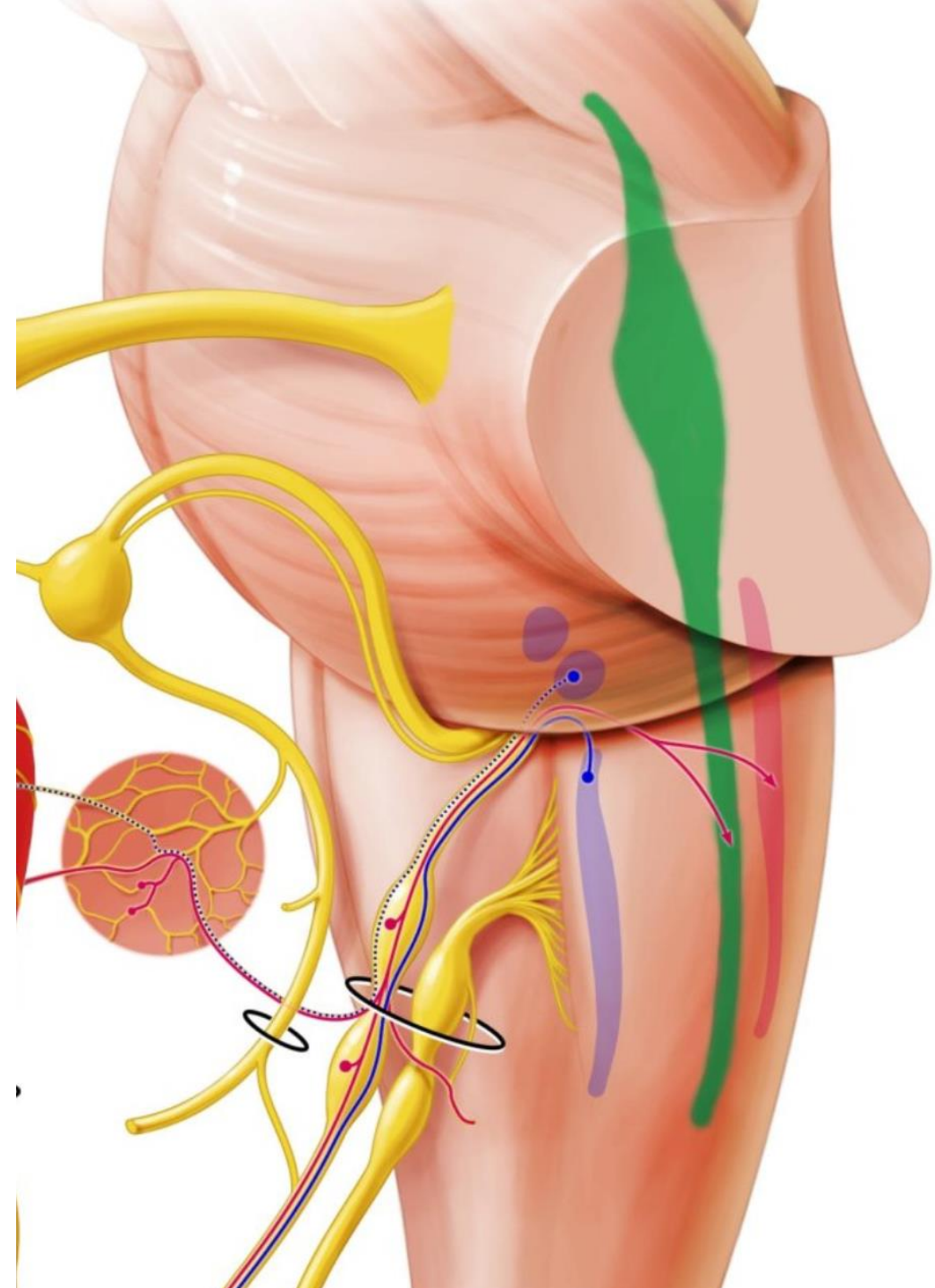
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# Spinal Trigeminal Tract

Mesencephalic – proprioception

Pons/Medulla – Light Touch

Cervical – Pain/Temperature

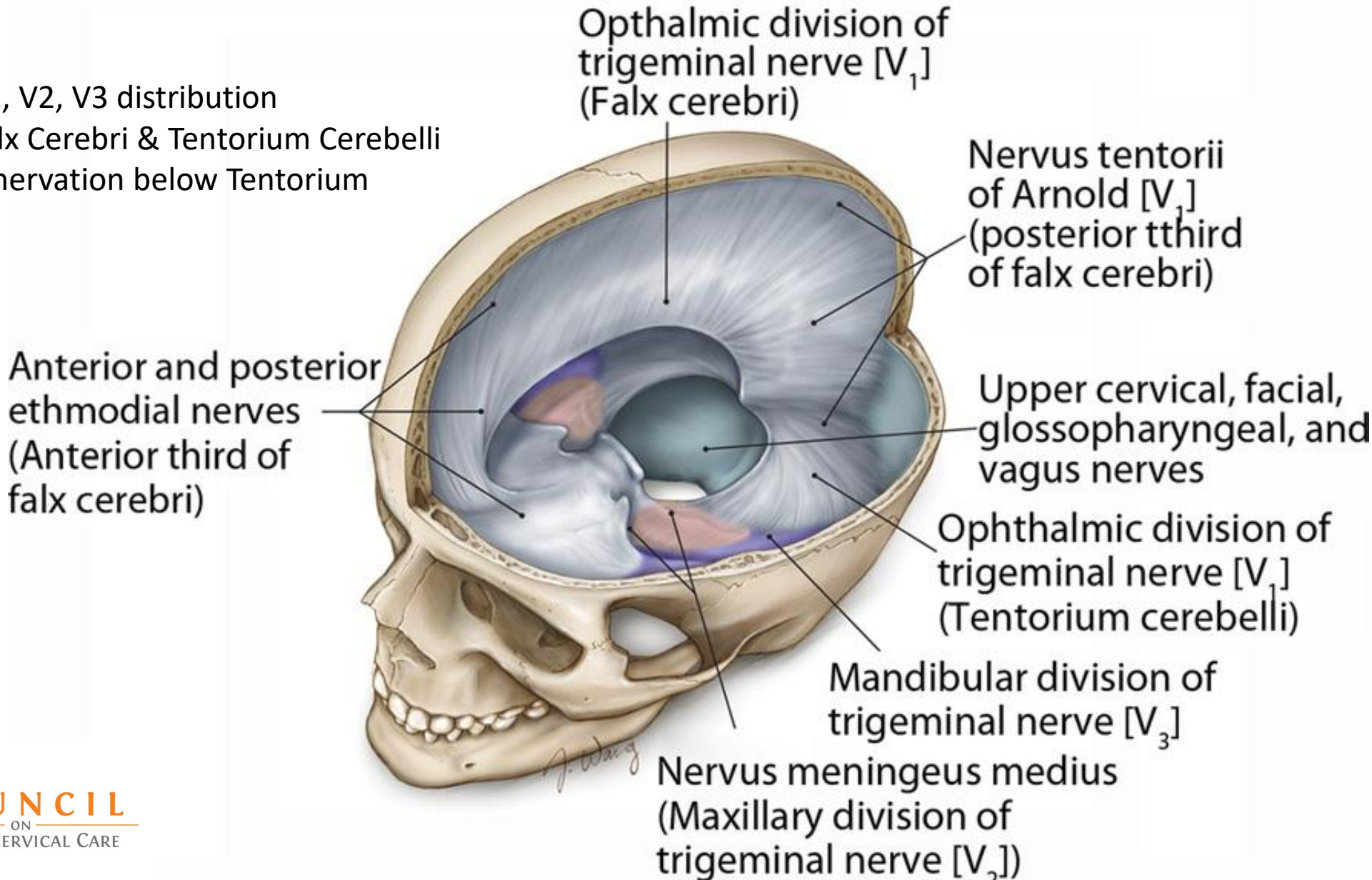


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*William J. Kemp, III, R. Shane Tubbs, Aaron A. Cohen-Gadol. The Innervation of the Cranial Dura Mater: Neurosurgical Case Correlates and a Review of the Literature World Neurosurg. (2012) 78, 5:505-510.*

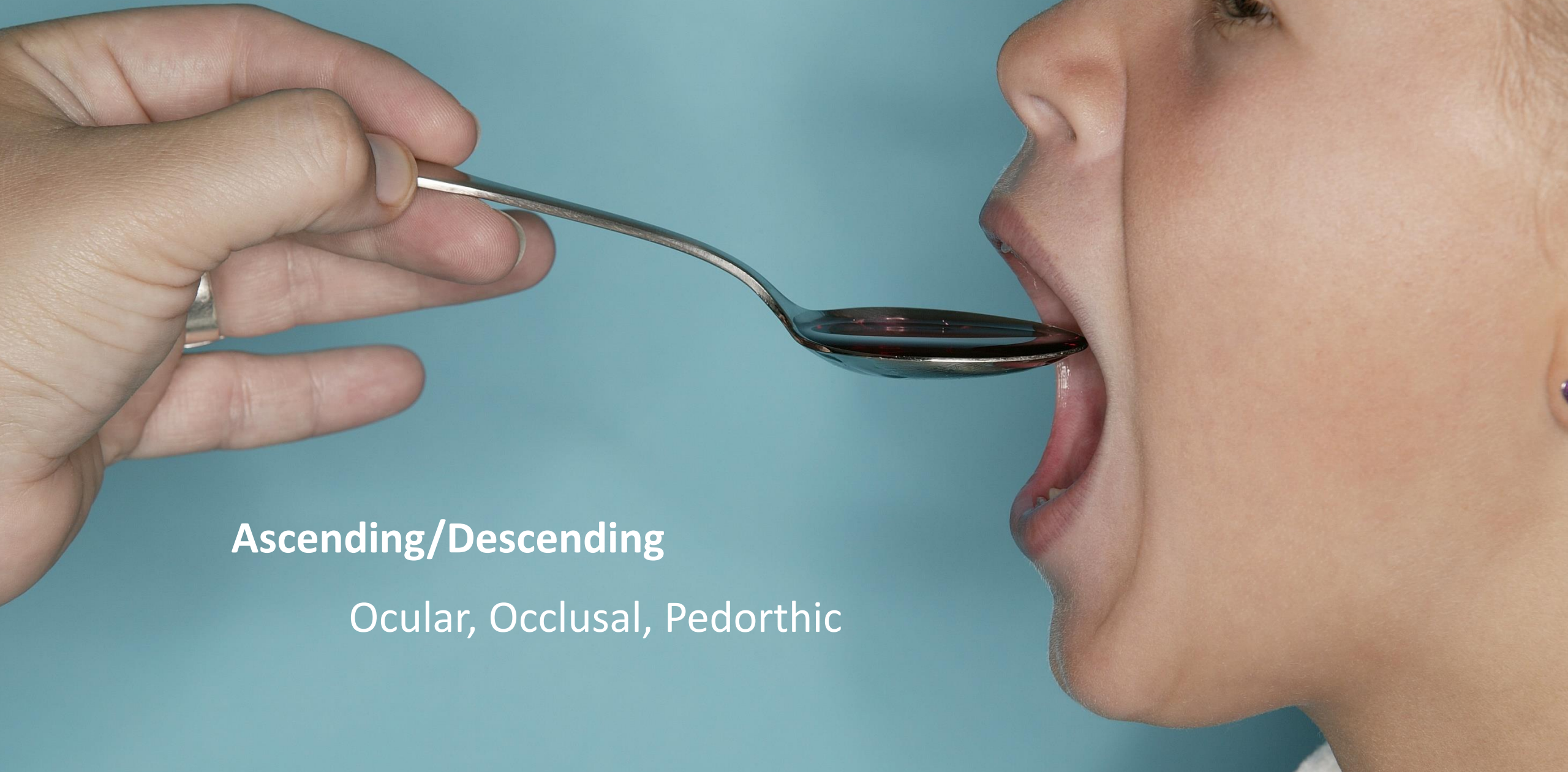
Note: V1, V2, V3 distribution  
Note: Falx Cerebri & Tentorium Cerebelli  
Note: innervation below Tentorium







# Classification/Diagnosis



**Ascending/Descending**

Ocular, Occlusal, Pedorthic



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