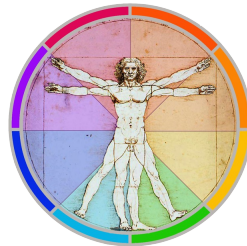


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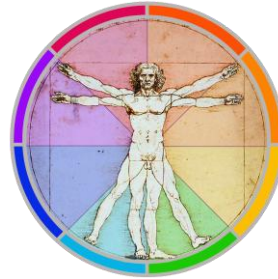
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# HUBS 191

## Human Movement and Sensation

*Theme 2: Integrating and coordinating roles of the nervous system*

### **Lecture 21: Meninges and ventricular system**

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# Lecture 20: Post-lecture Quiz

- The dorsal white columns are part of:  
(a) PNS; (b) spinal nerves; (c) sensory system; (d) efferent system.
- Spinal nerves contain all of the following except:  
(a) Myelinated axons; (b) Sensory axons; (c) Motor axons; (d) filum terminale
- Which of the following is true of the spinal cord  
(a) it is part of the PNS; (b) contains spinal nerves; (c) it contains sympathetic nerve fibers; (d) it contains perineurium.
- A peripheral nerve contains \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Fascicles; (b) Conus medullaris; (c) Filum terminale; (d) Oligodendrocytes

# Lecture 21: Learning objectives

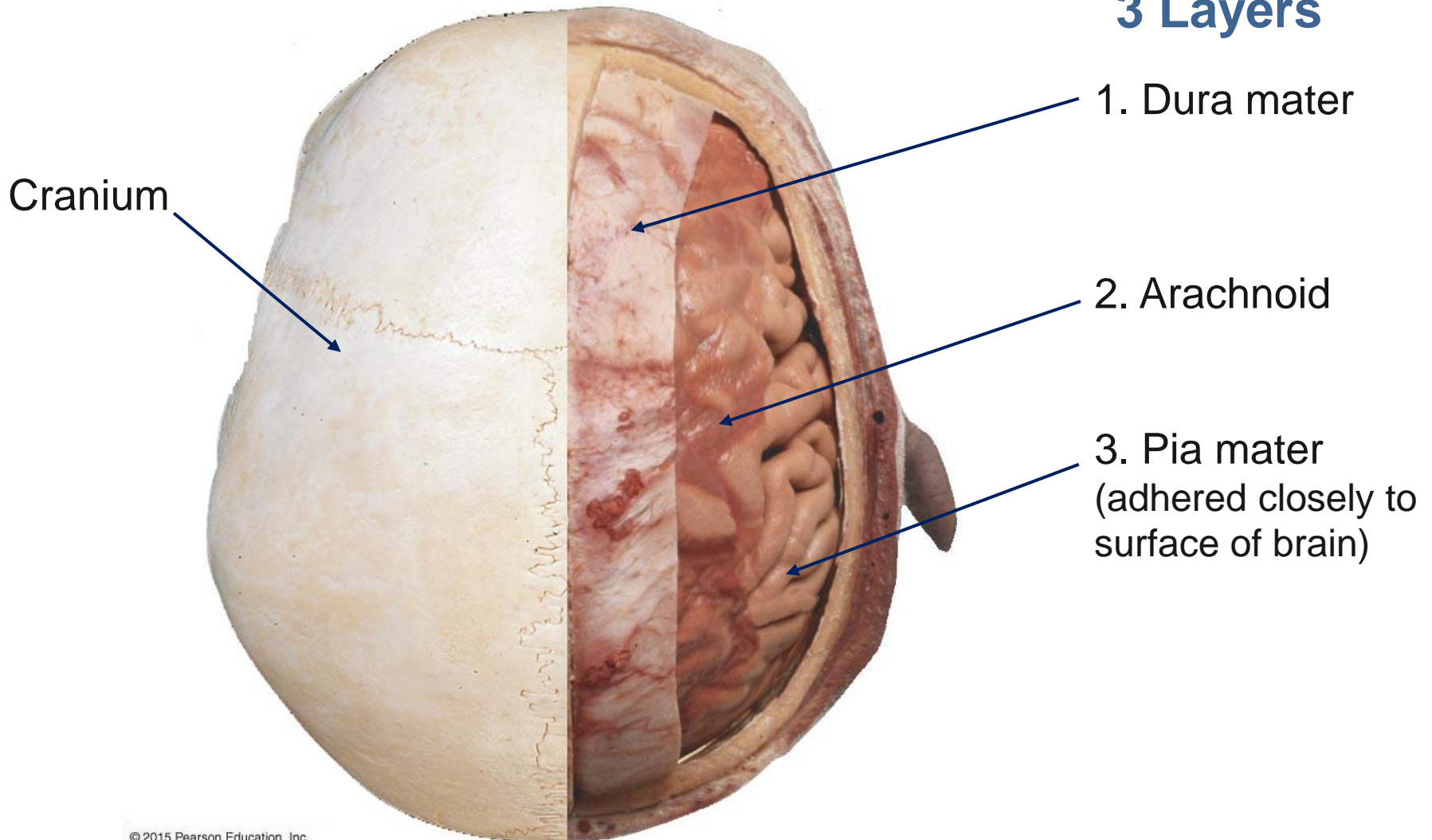
After you have reviewed and studied this lecture, you should understand and be able to describe:

1. The meninges and their structural and functional properties in both the brain and spinal cord
2. The special features of the meninges and the locations of different special features within different parts of the brain
3. The ventricular system, including
  - a) the names of the ventricles
  - b) the anatomical location of ventricles within different parts of the brain
4. Flow and circulation path of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

# Meninges - Protective covering for the brain

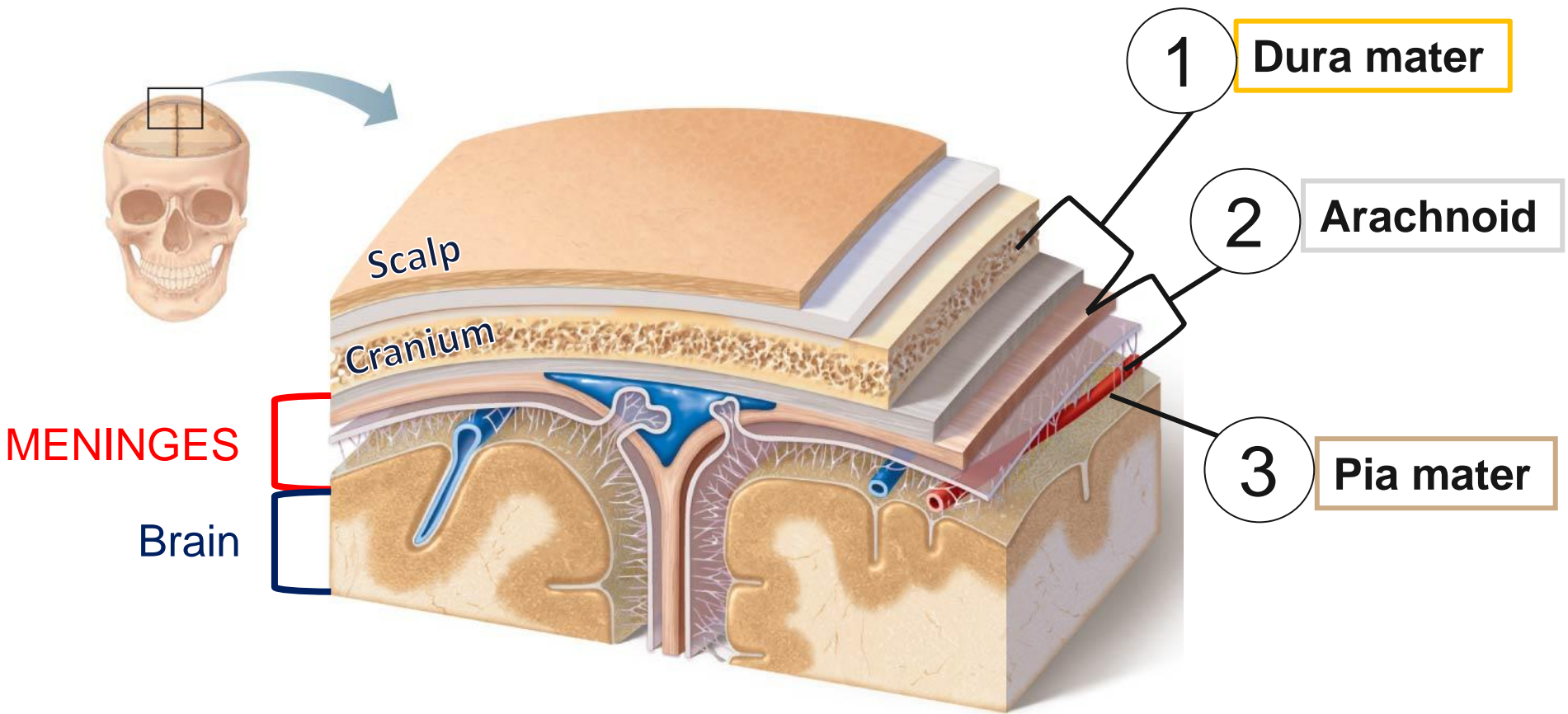
(from Greek *meninx* = membrane)

## 3 Layers





# Meninges: Three layers of protective tissue



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From Marieb: Human Anatomy and Physiology, 10<sup>th</sup> ed, Fig. 12.22, p480.  
See also: Martini et al., Visual Anatomy and Physiology (3rd ed), Module 13.3, p516

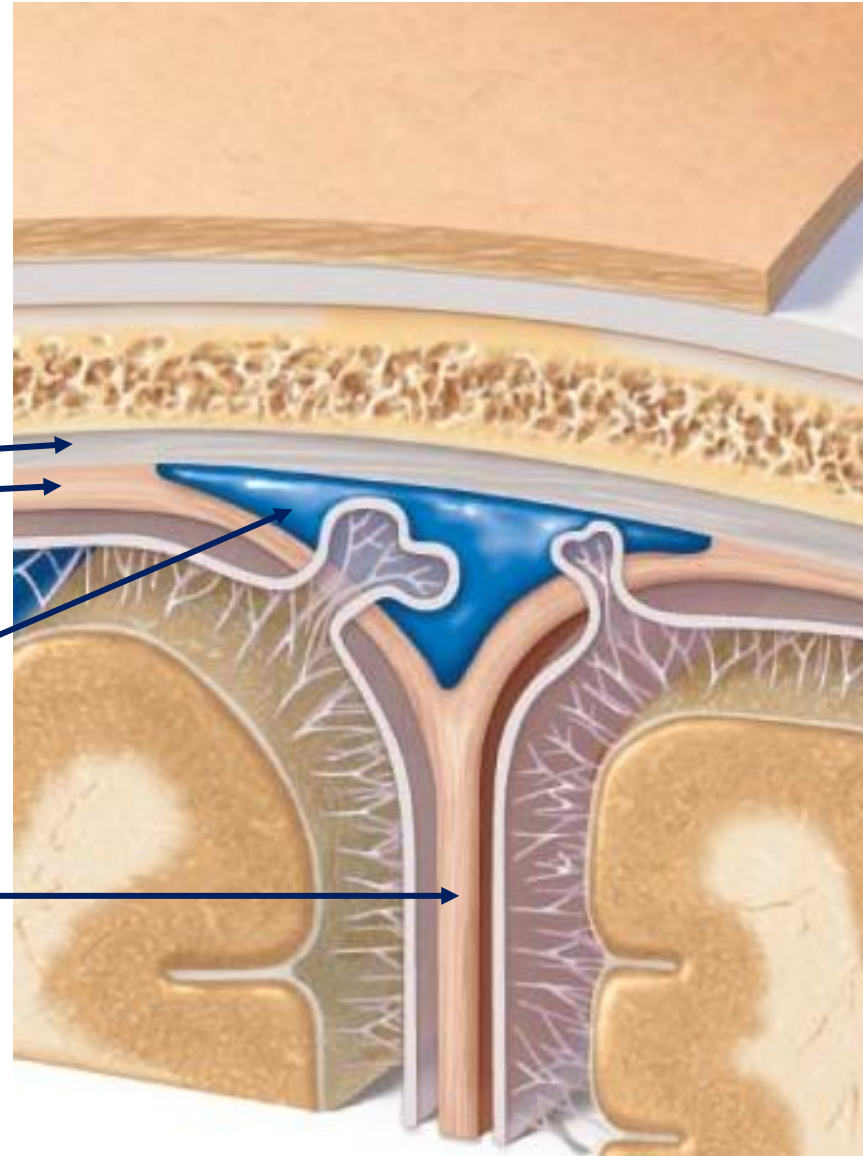
# Dura mater = ‘Tough mother’



(*Dura* like Durable, *Mater* like Maternal)

## Five Features

1. Outer-most layer of meninges
2. Dense and fibrous – tough
3. Two layers
  - 1. outer
  - 2. inner
4. Space between the layers forms **venous sinuses** – only in some places
5. **Inner layer** forms the **dural folds**



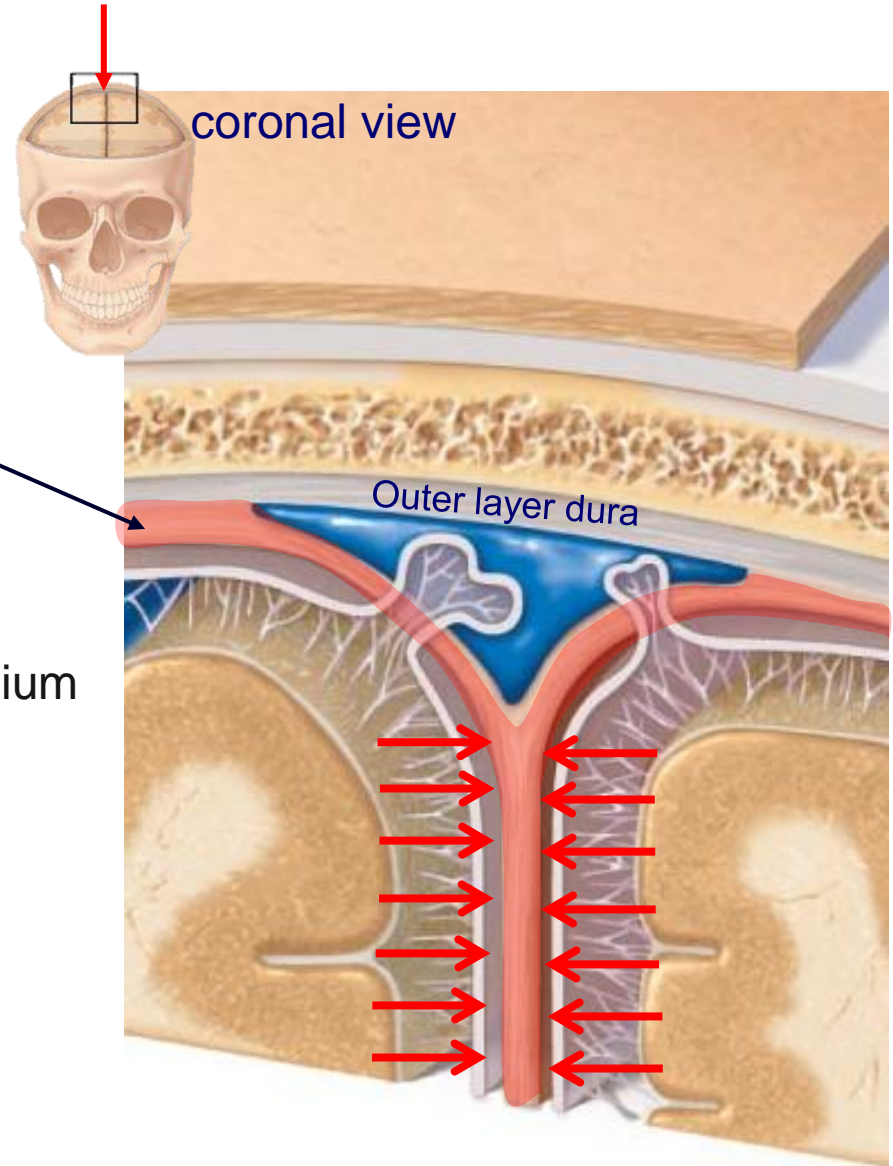


# Special features of Dura mater:

## I. Dural folds

### Three Features

1. Formed from inner layer of dura mater
2. Separate major divisions of brain
3. Provide stability of the brain within cranium





# Special features of Dura mater:

## I. Dural folds



Three of them:

### 1. Falx cerebri

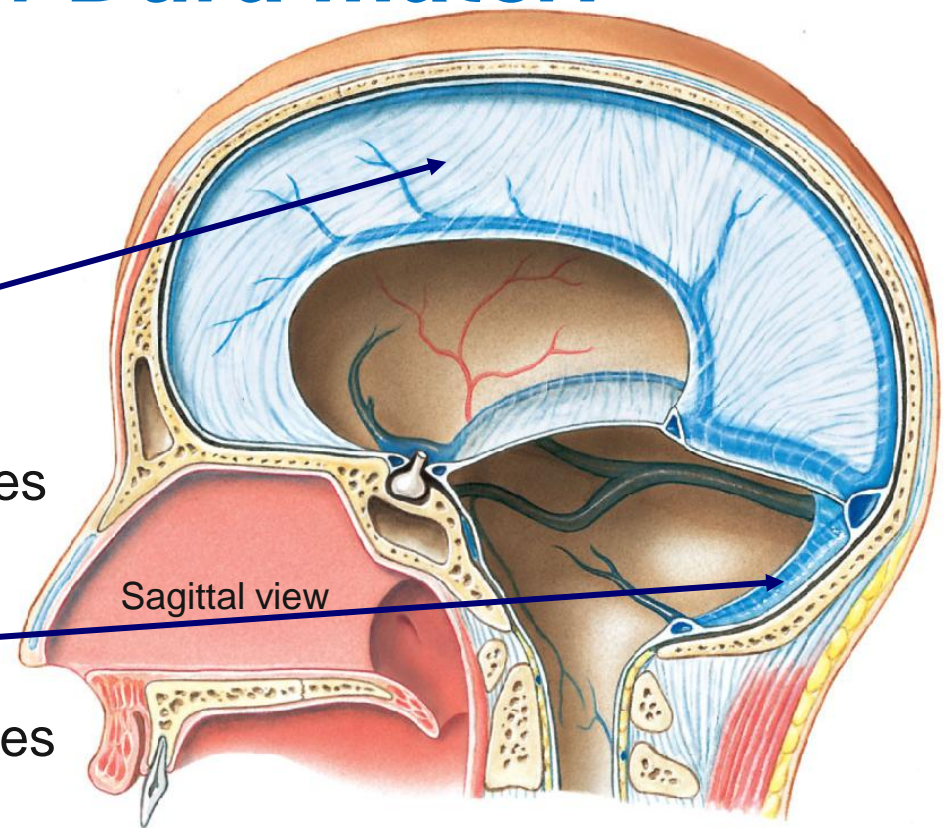
- separates cerebral hemispheres
- median plane

### 2. Falx cerebelli

- separates cerebellar hemispheres
- median plane

### 3. Tentorium cerebelli

Falx is Latin for "sickle"



Sagittal view

# Special features of Dura mater:

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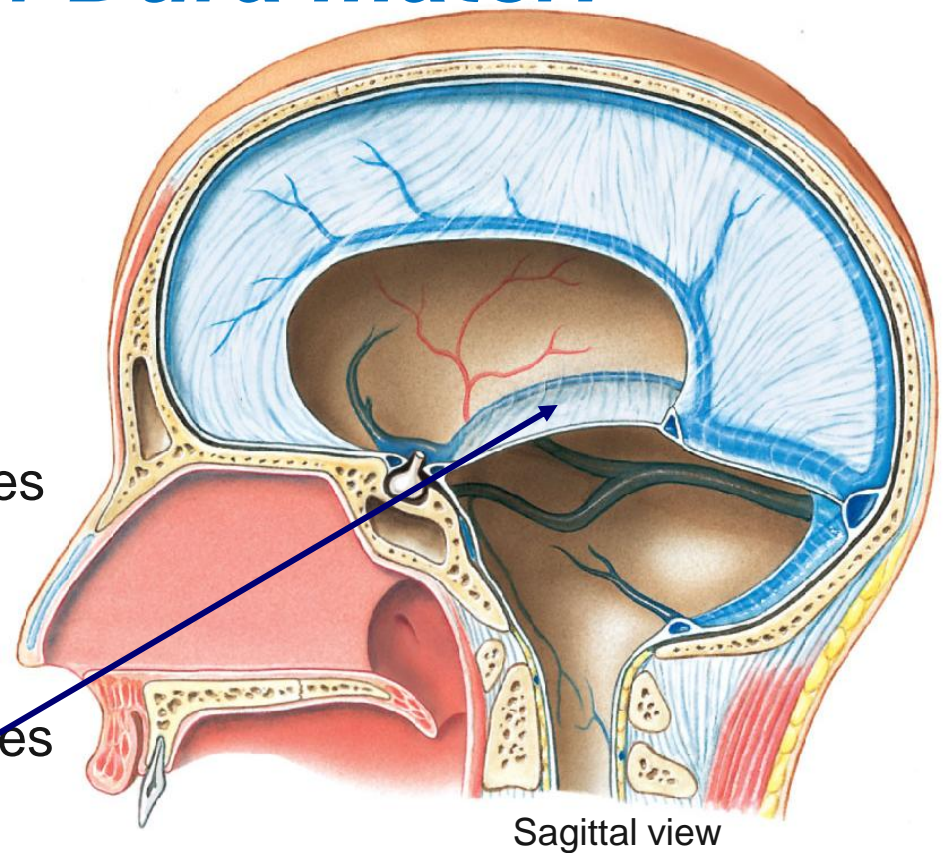
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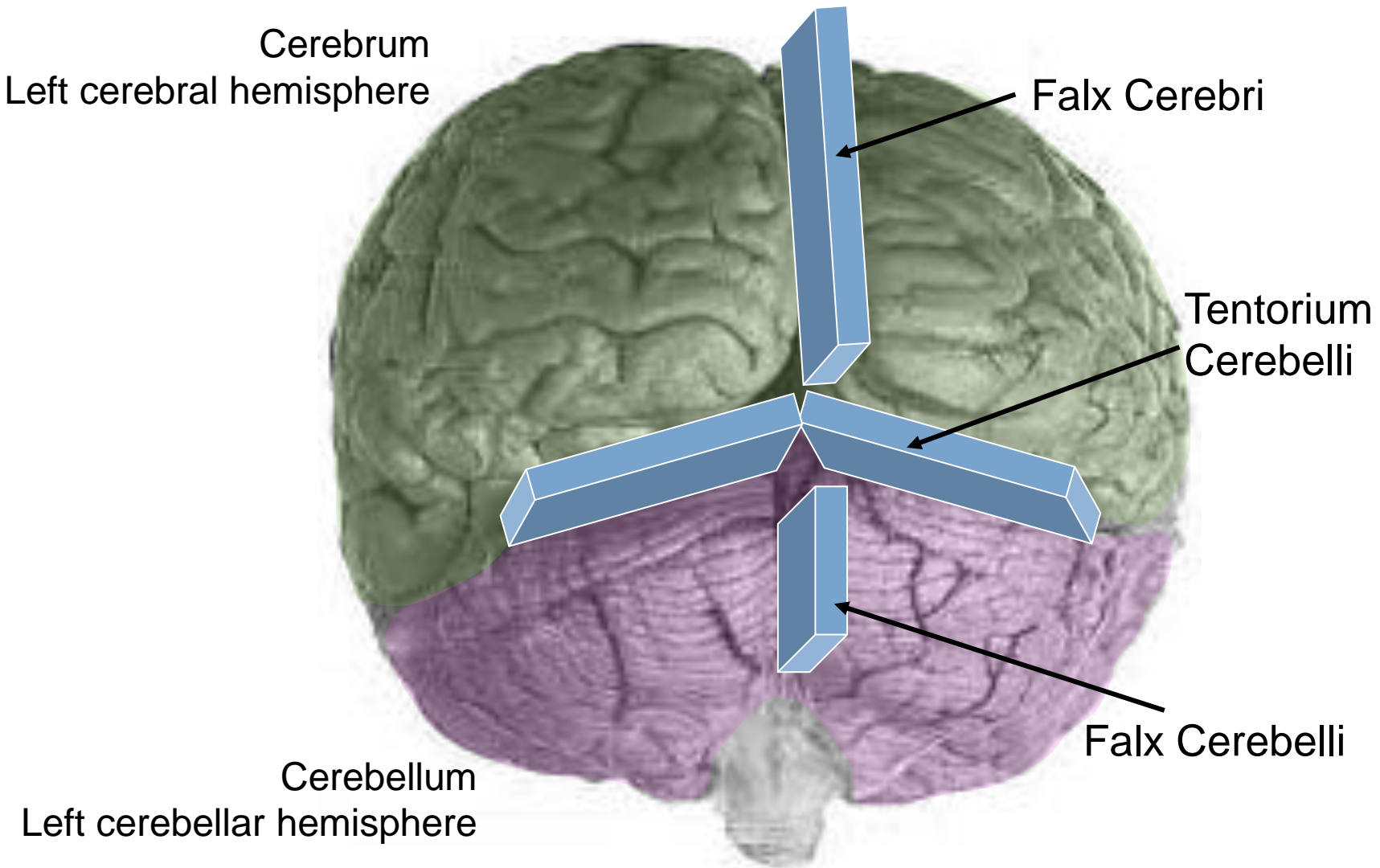
- separates the cerebrum from the cerebellum
- horizontal plane



# Locations of Dural Folds



Posterior (“Back”) view of the brain



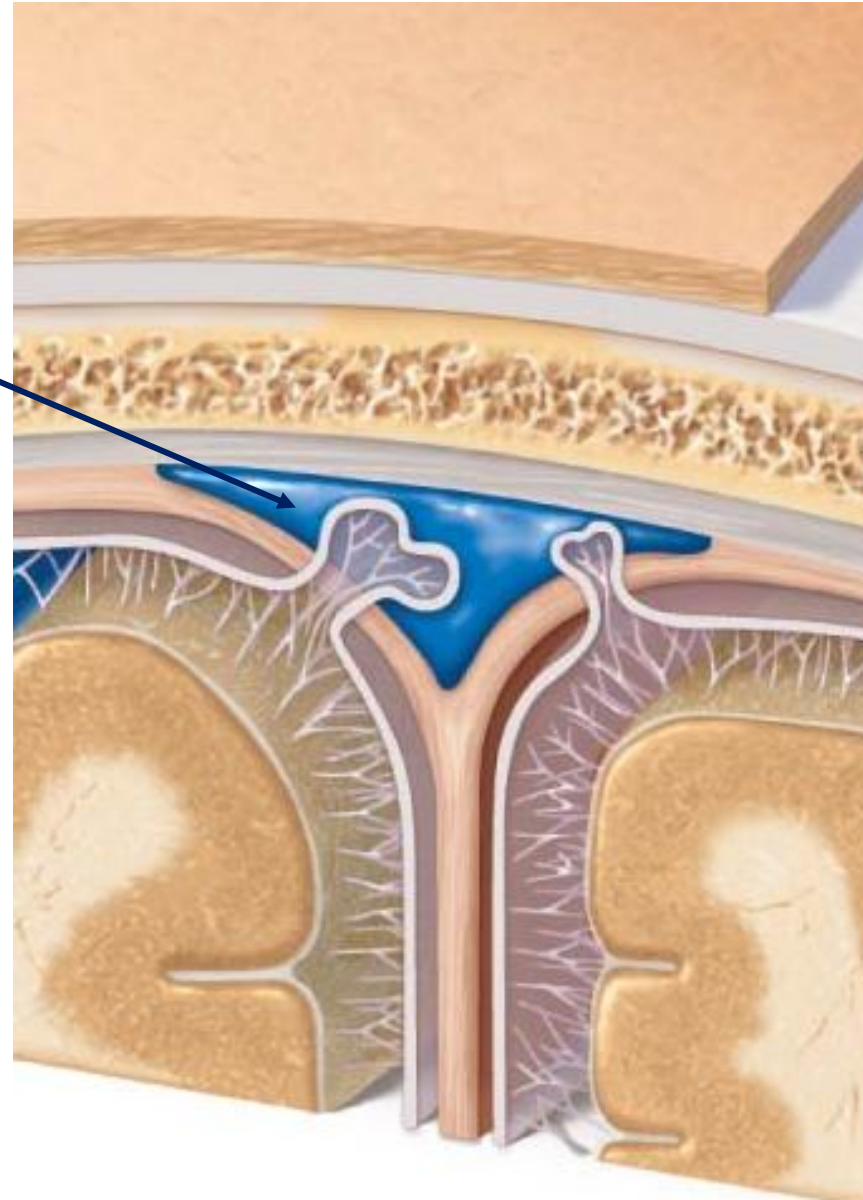


# *Special features of Dura mater:*

## **II. Venous sinus**

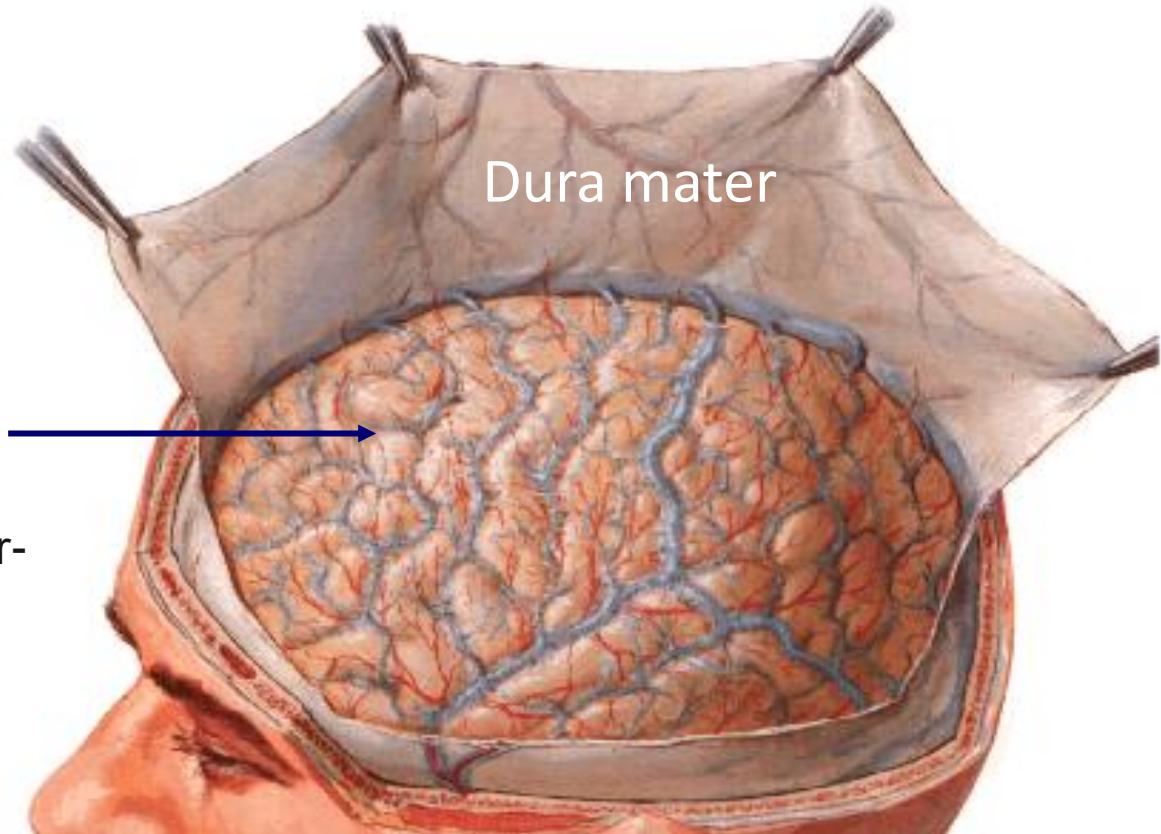
### Three Features

1. Located where the two layers of dura mater separate
2. Collecting veins
3. They collect (2 things)
  - a) Venous blood from the brain
  - b) 'Old' CSF after it has cycled through the ventricular system  
[more on this in a few slides]



# Arachnoid (*'spider-like'*) Layer [sometimes just called arachnoid]

- Layer beneath the dura mater
- Named because it has a spider-like appearance

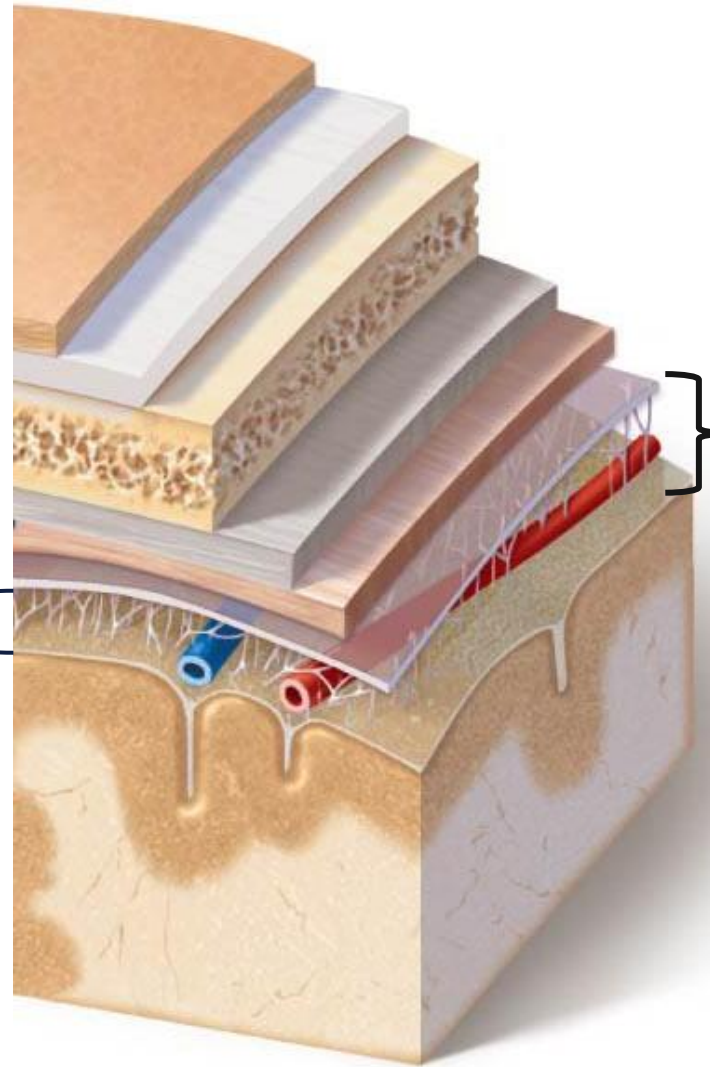




# Arachnoid

## Five Features

1. Layer **beneath** the *dura mater*
2. Layer **above** the *pia mater*
3. Does **not** extend into sulci ('valleys')
4. Contains 3 special features:
  - i. **Subarachnoid space**
  - ii. **Arachnoid granulations**
  - iii. **Arachnoid Trabeculae**
5. Contains **blood vessels** (within the subarachnoid space, lying **on top of pia mater**)



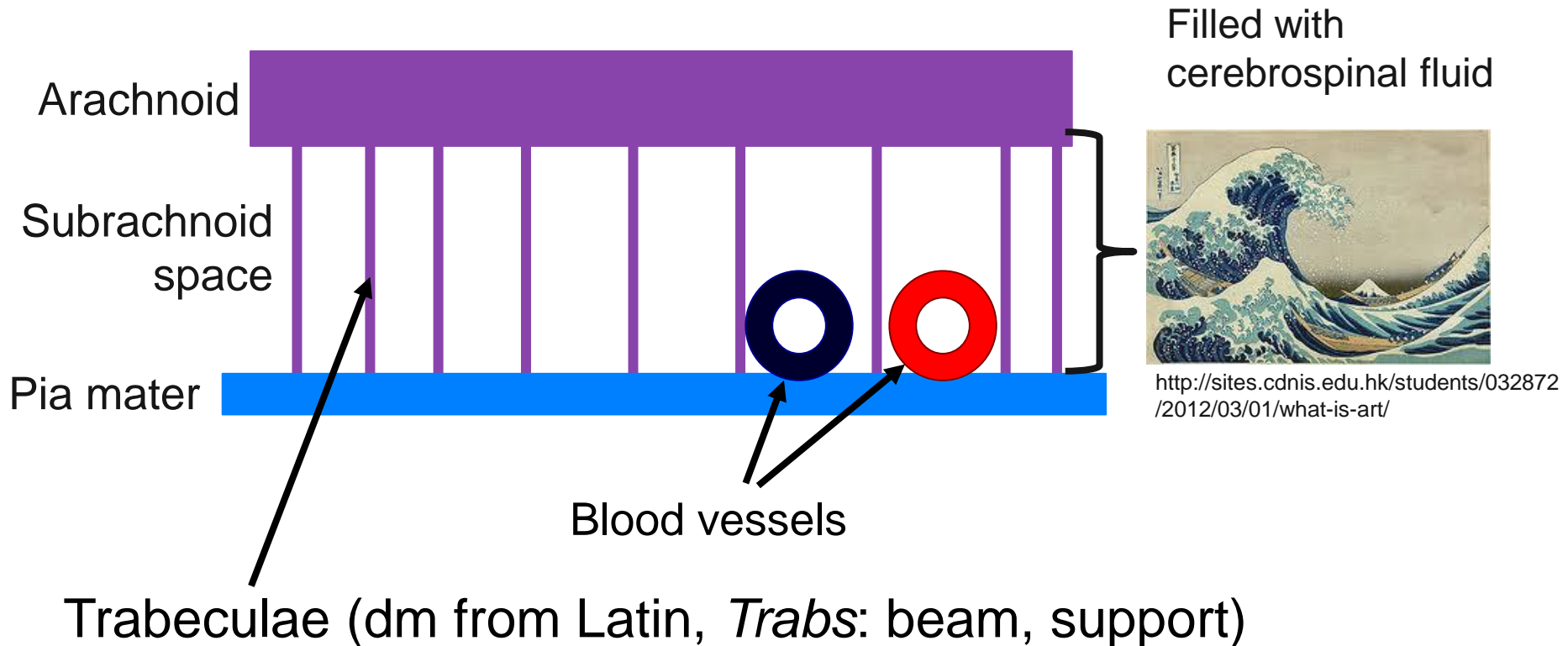
Arachnoid  
= Layer  
under dura  
+ space  
under that



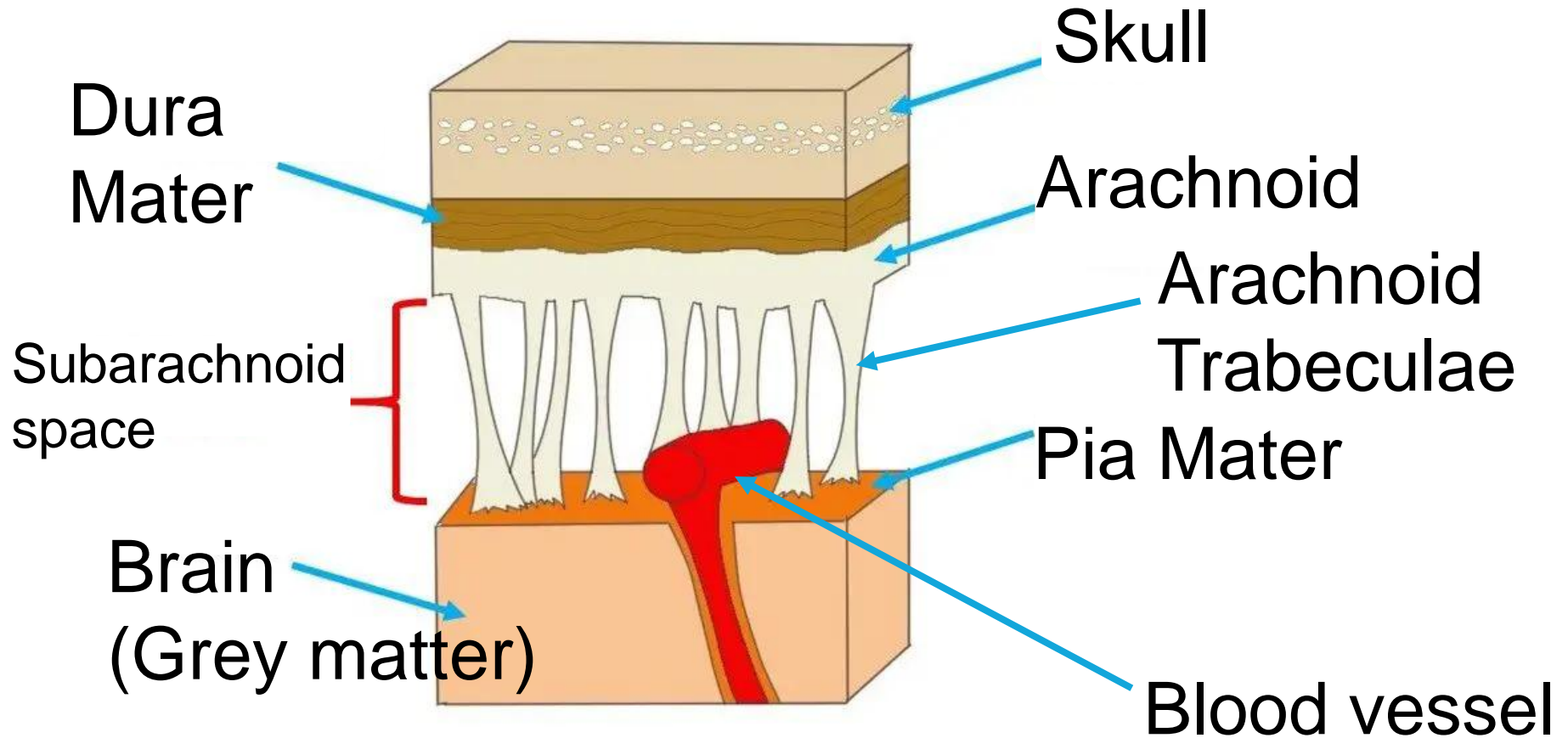
# Special features of the Arachnoid:

## I. Subarachnoid space

Space **between** the arachnoid and the pia mater  
Outer layer of Arachnoid bound with **tight junctions**  
Filled with cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)



Superior aspect  
(top)



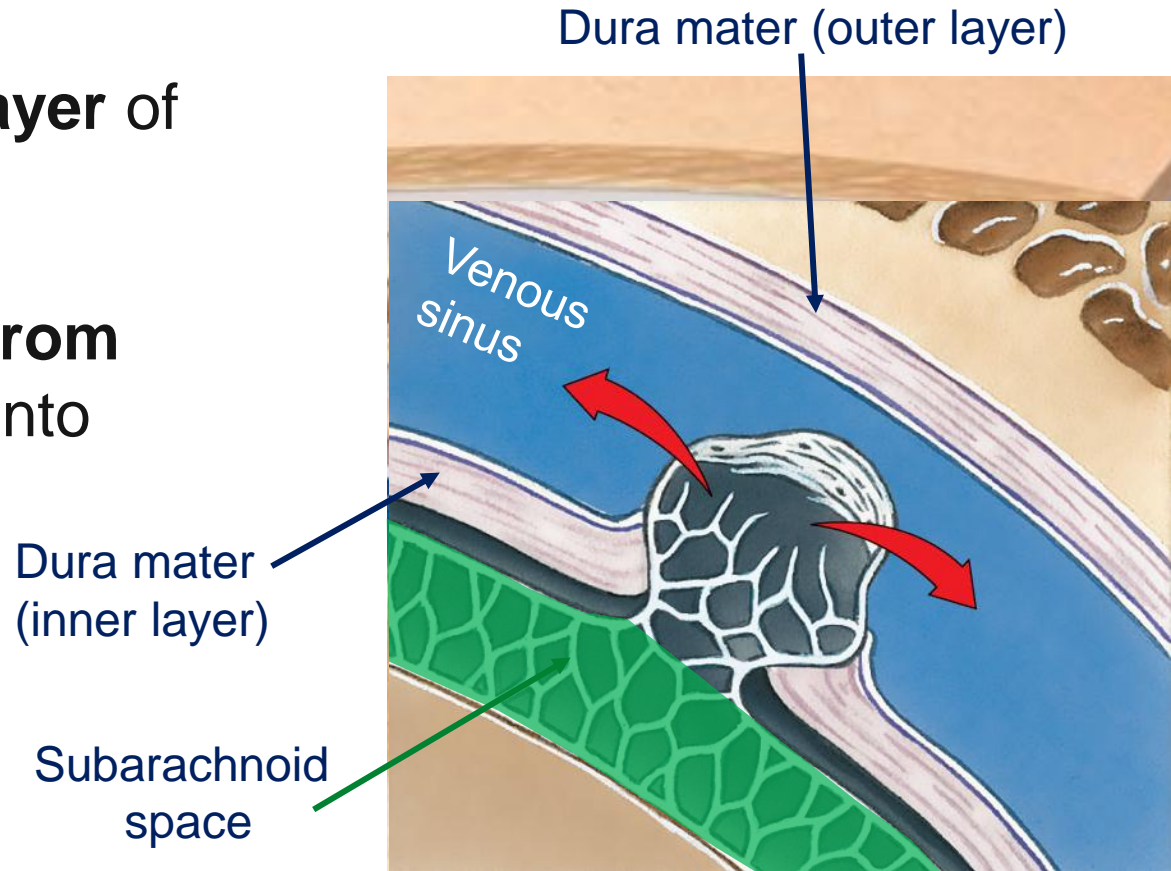


# *Special features of Arachnoid:*

## II. Arachnoid granulations

*Perforate the **inner layer** of **dura mater***

Transport “old” CSF from subarachnoid space into **venous sinus**

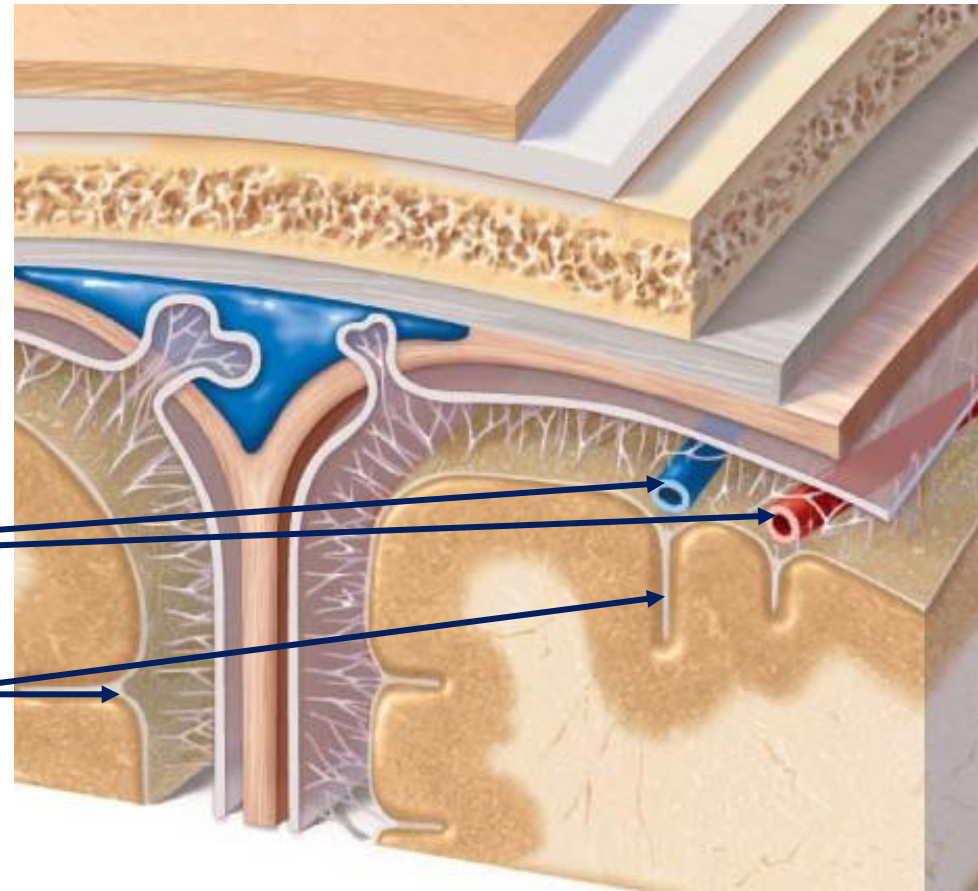


# *Pia mater* = ‘delicate mother’

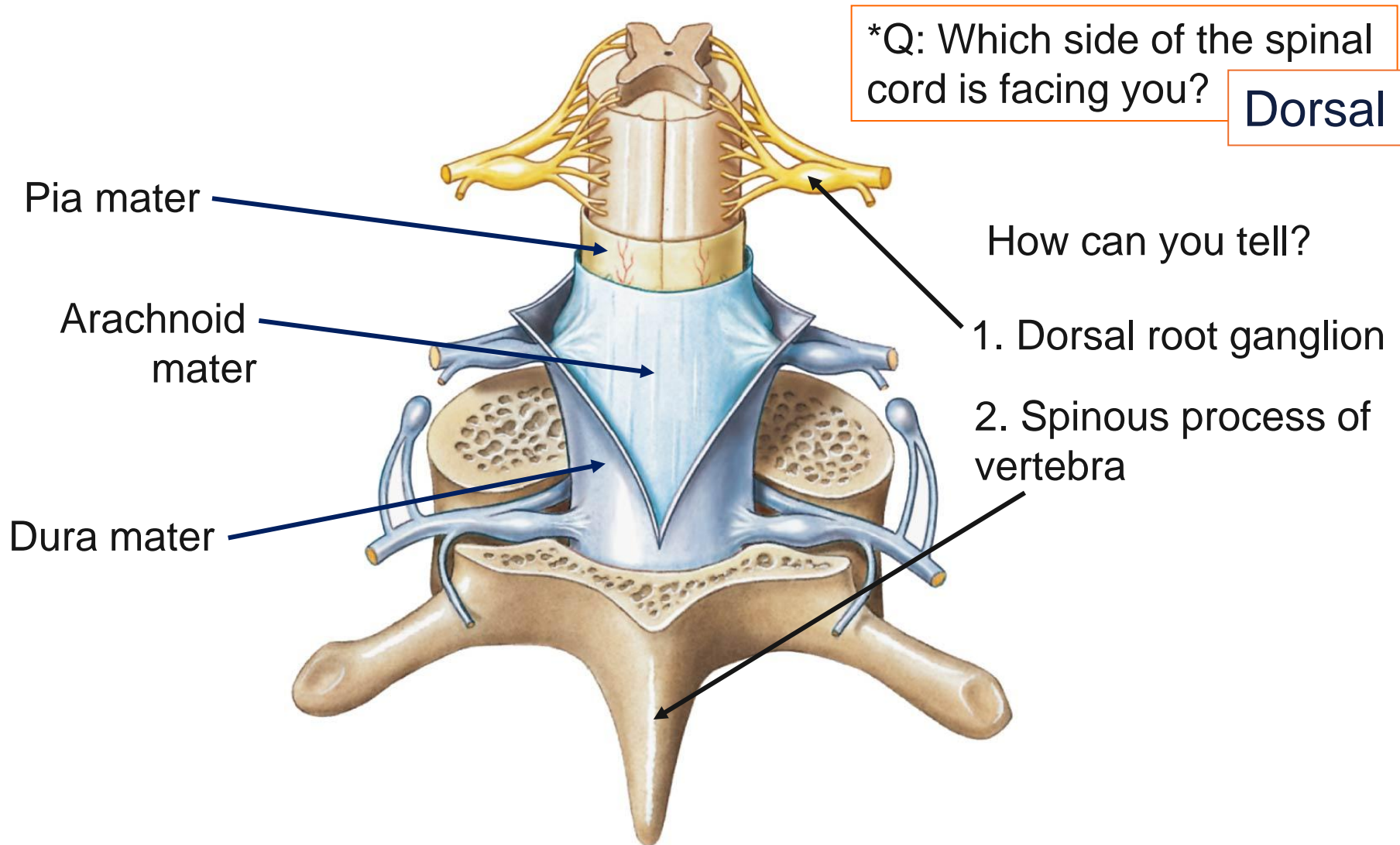


## Four Features

1. **Inner layer** of the meninges
2. Transparent and delicate
3. Blood vessels in arachnoid sit **on top of pia mater**
4. **Adheres to brain** and **follows** gyri and extends into sulci



# *The meninges of the spinal cord*

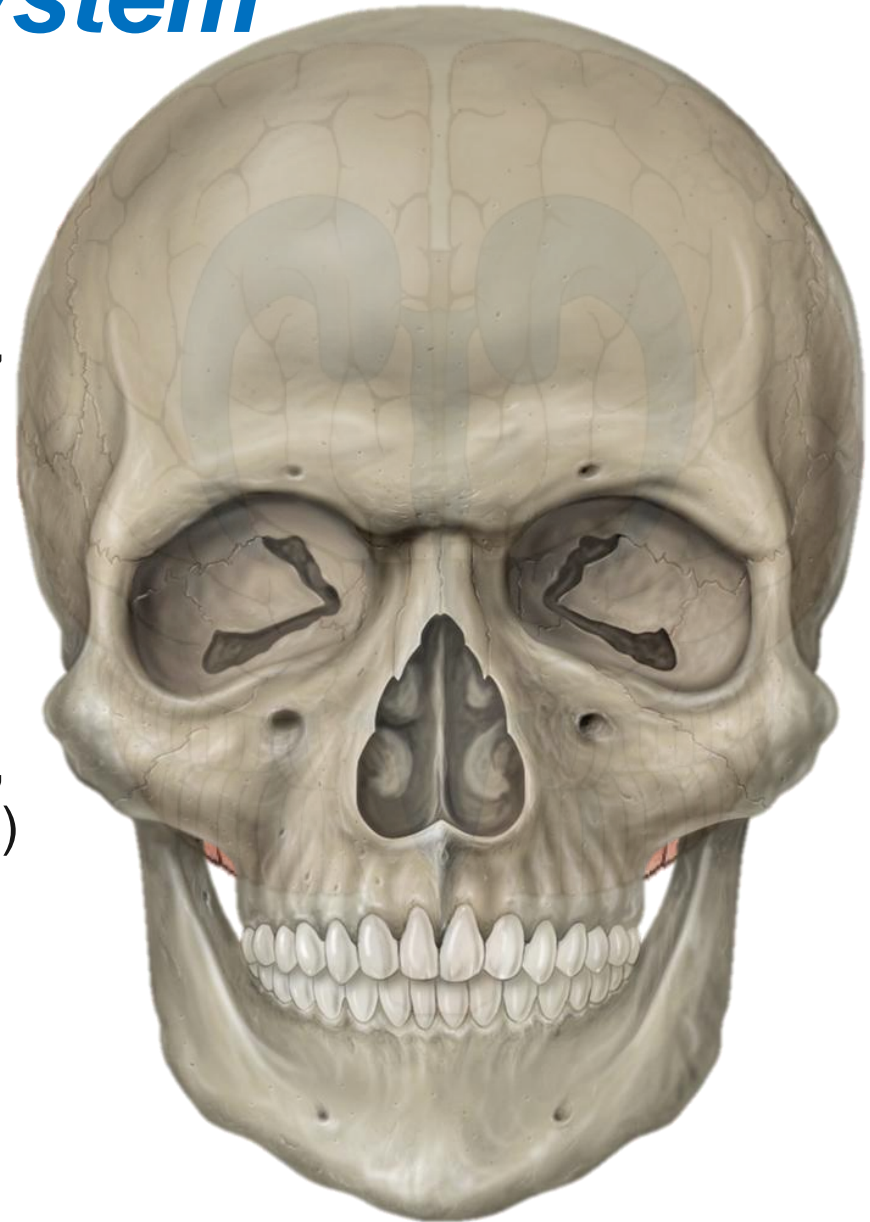




# *The ventricular system*

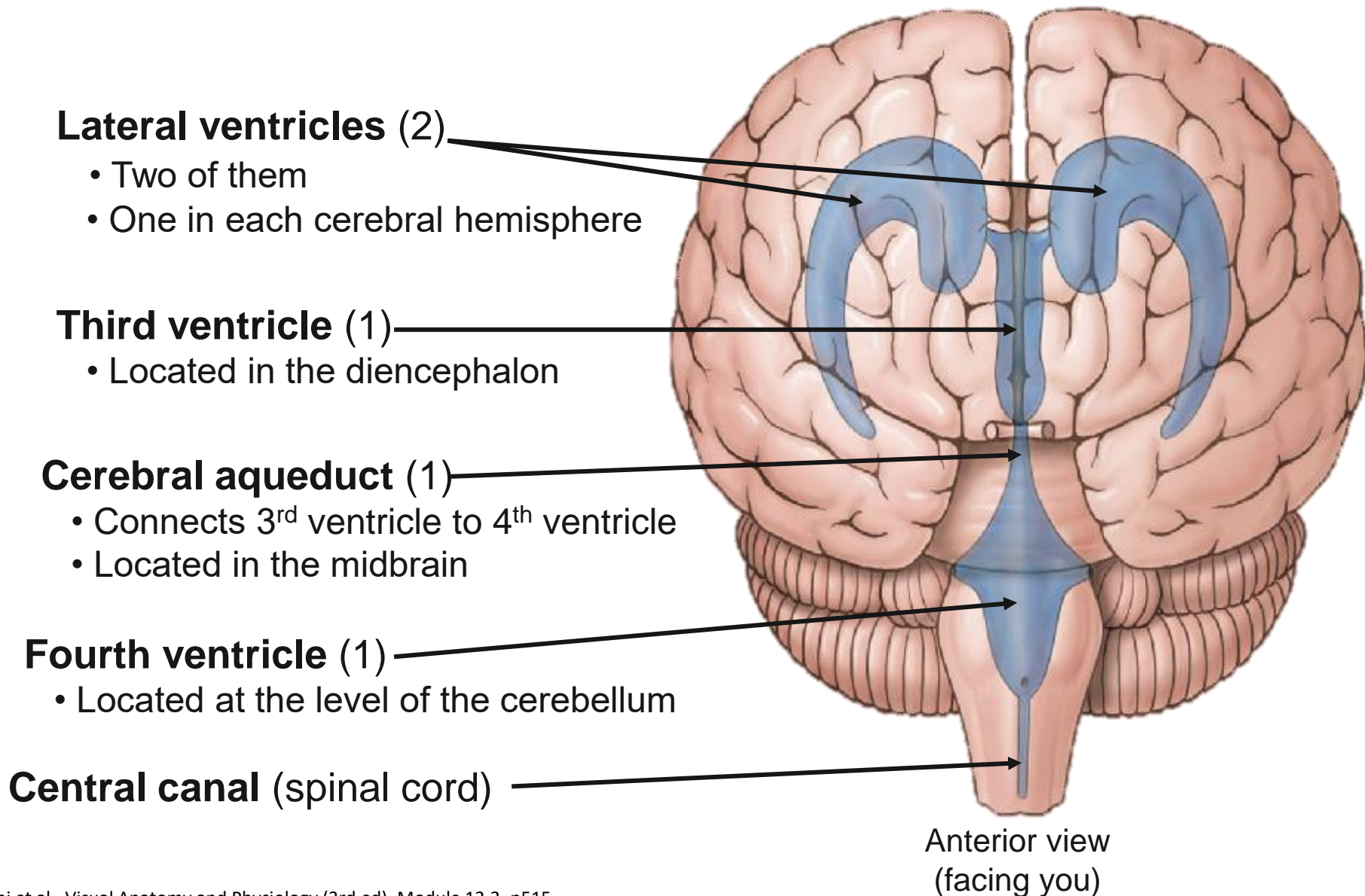
## Four Features

1. Network of interconnected “spaces” (= ventricles) within the brain
2. Filled with **cerebrospinal fluid** (CSF)
3. Spaces lined with **ependymal cells**, which circulate the CSF (waving cilia)
4. CSF is produced by the **choroid plexus**





# *The ventricular system*



# *The ventricular system*



## Lateral ventricles (2)

- Two of them
- One in each cerebral hemisphere

## Third ventricle (1)

- Located in the diencephalon

## Cerebral aqueduct (1)

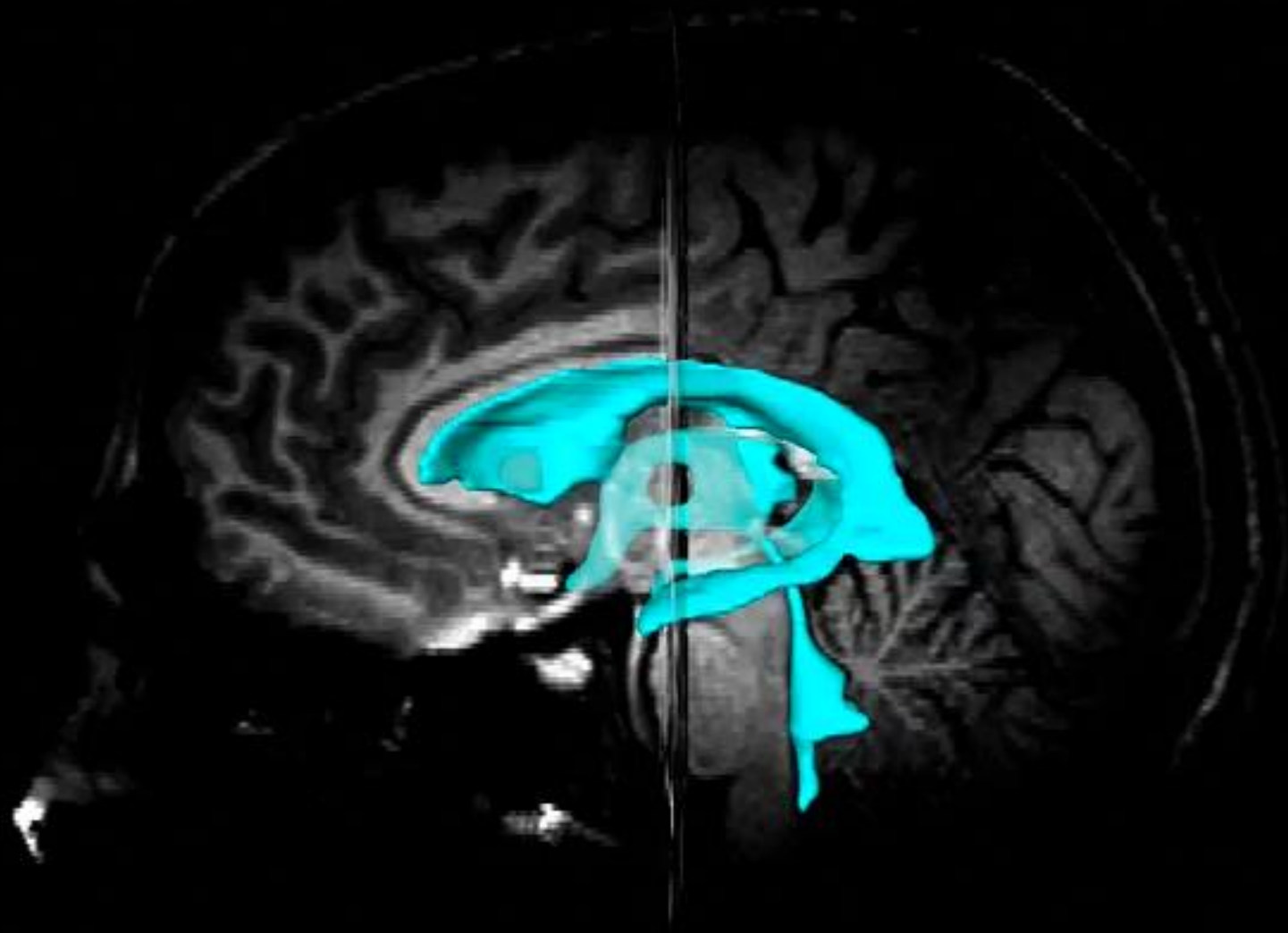
- Connects 3<sup>rd</sup> ventricle to 4<sup>th</sup> ventricle
- Located in the midbrain

## Fourth ventricle (1)

- Located at the level of the cerebellum

## Central canal (spinal cord)

Lateral view  
(from the side)

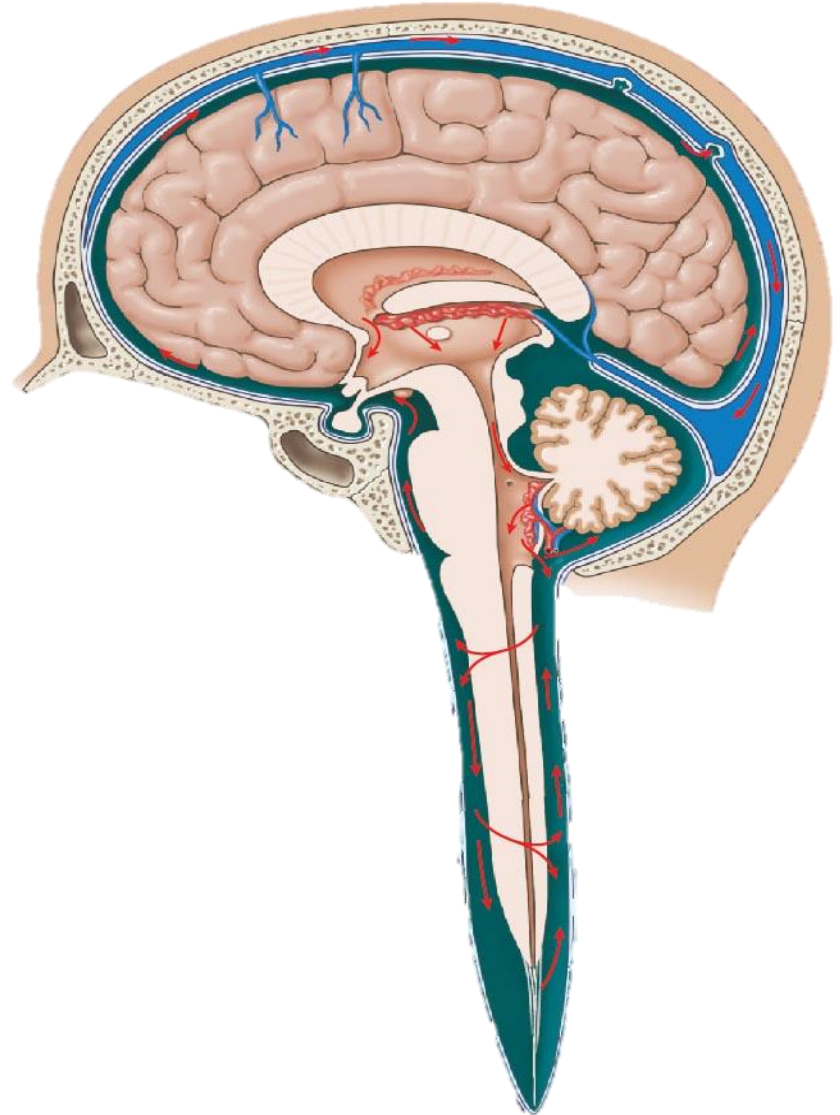


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# CerebroSpinal Fluid (CSF) and its circulation

## Four Features

1. Produced by **choroid plexus** within the ventricles
2. Surrounds the CNS, within subarachnoid space
3. Provides support and cushion
4. Transports nutrients and waste



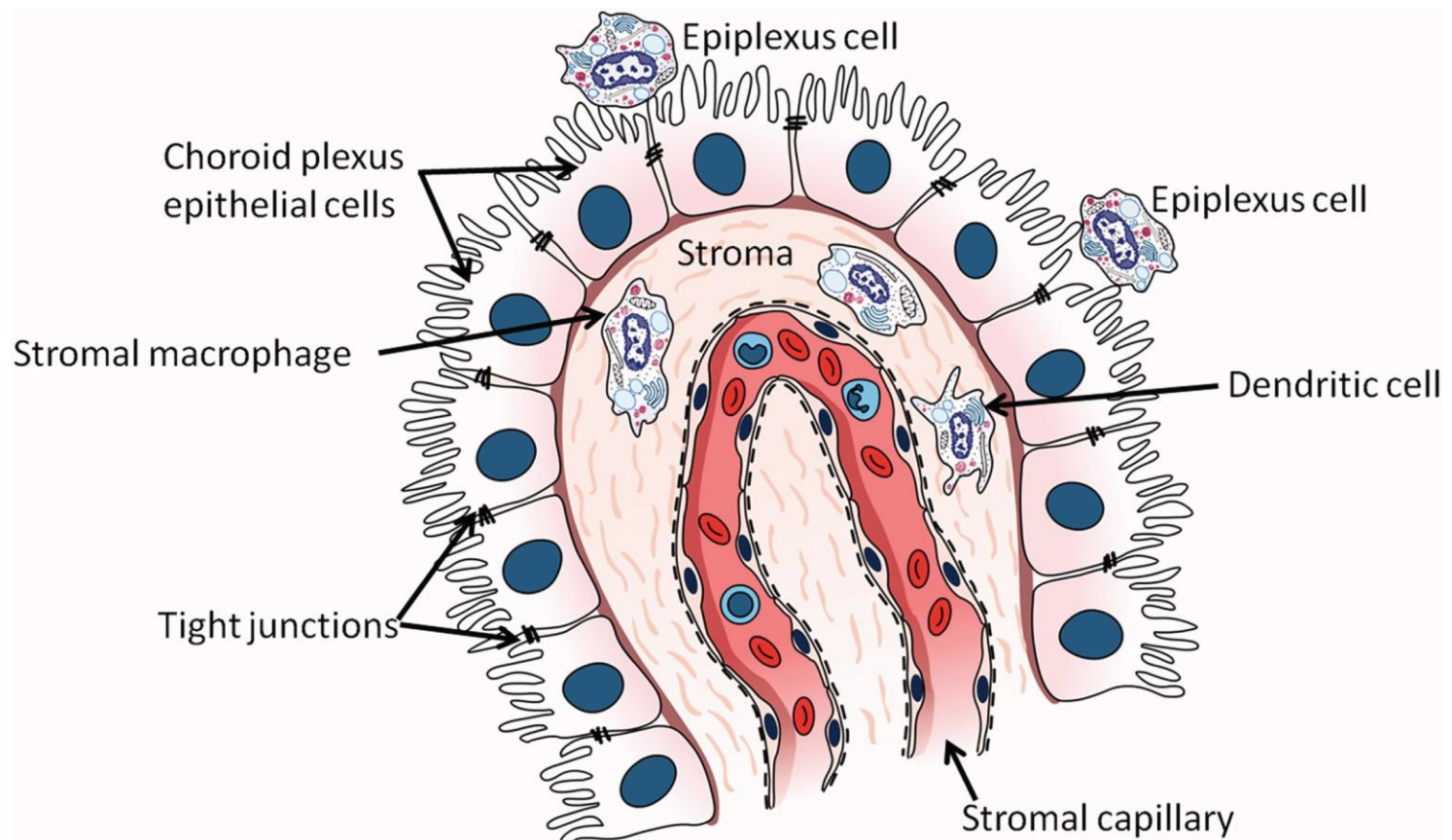


# Generation of CSF by the Choroid Plexus

Epithelial cells of the choroid plexus make up the blood/CSF barrier

Many immune cells (Macrophage, Dendritic cells, Epiplexus cells)

Villi of these cells help “push” the CSF around



# CerebroSpinal Fluid (CSF) and its circulation



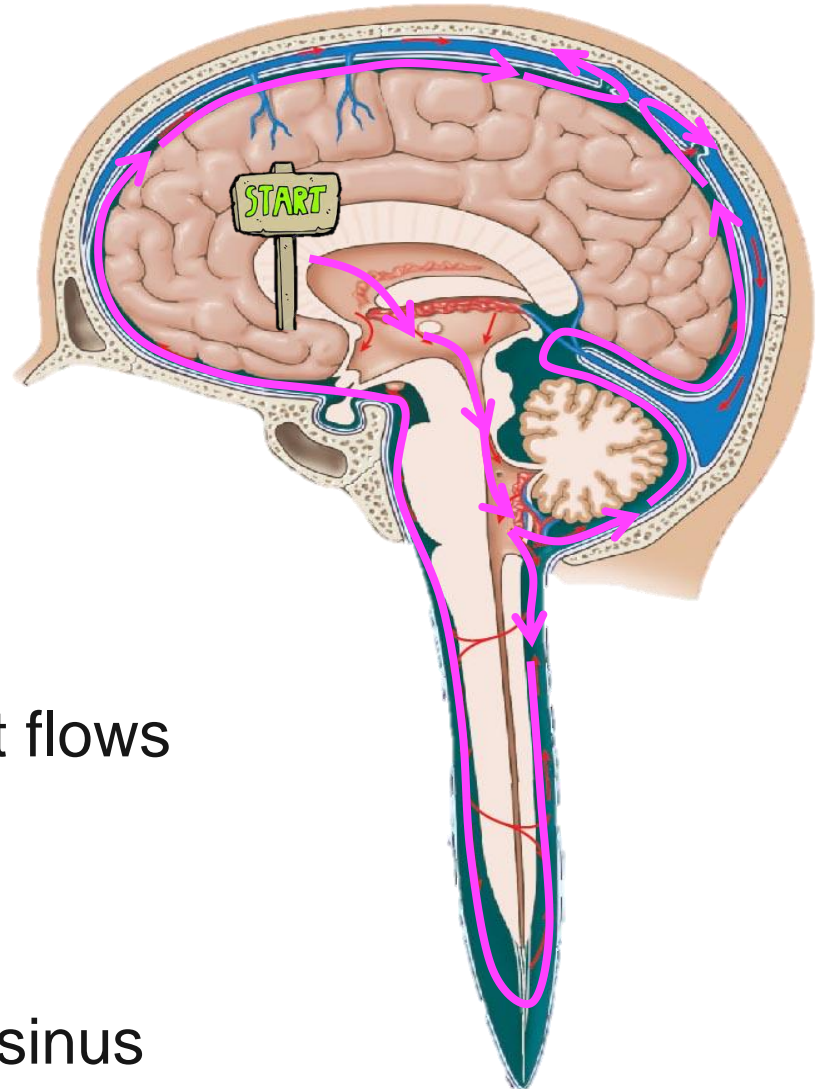
## Circulation path

Start:

- Lateral ventricles
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ventricle
- cerebral aqueduct
- 4<sup>th</sup> ventricle
- subarachnoid space

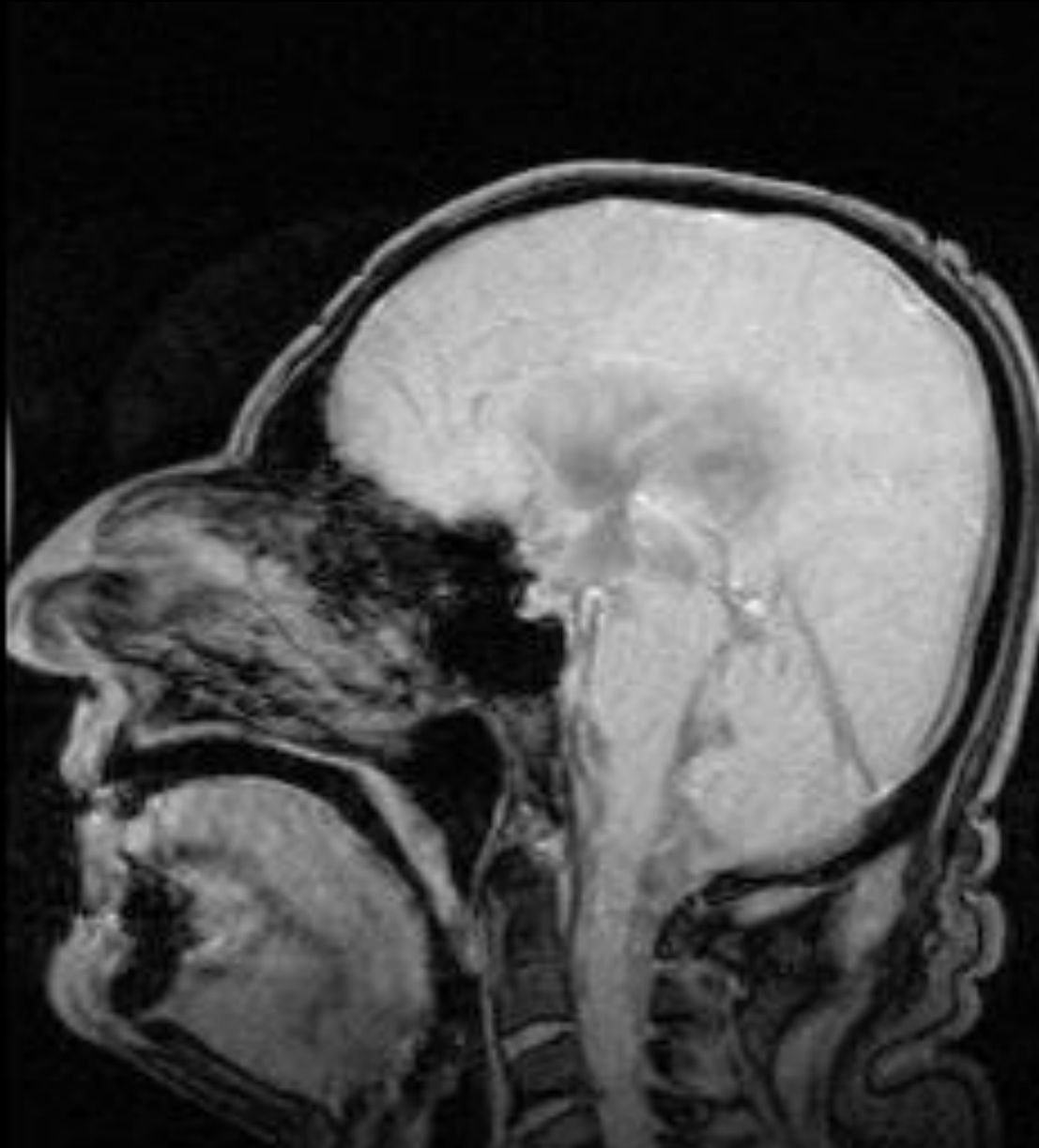
Within subarachnoid space it flows around brain and spinal cord

- Exit: through **arachnoid granulations** into venous sinus





# MRI showing pulsation of CSF



# Function of Cerebrospinal Fluid



Ultrafiltrate of plasma

Provides protection and cushioning for brain

Nourishment (vitamins, necessary ions)

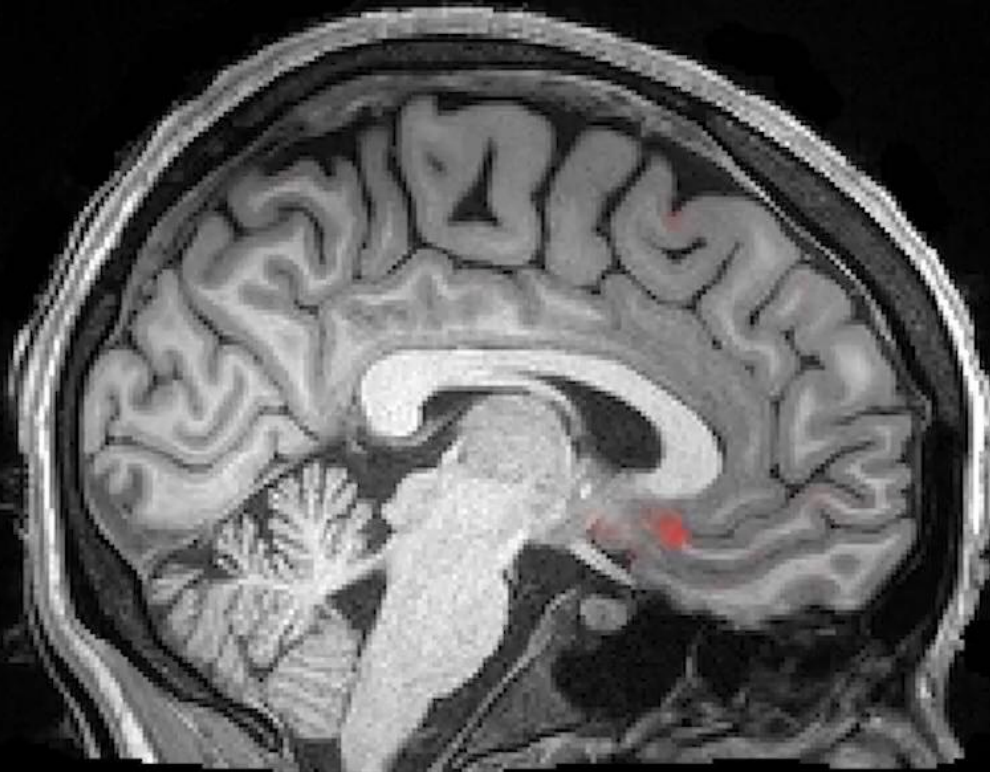
Hormones from blood (Leptin, Prolactin)

Removal of metabolic waste (e.g. from neurotransmitter metabolism)

Removal of foreign particles (drugs etc)

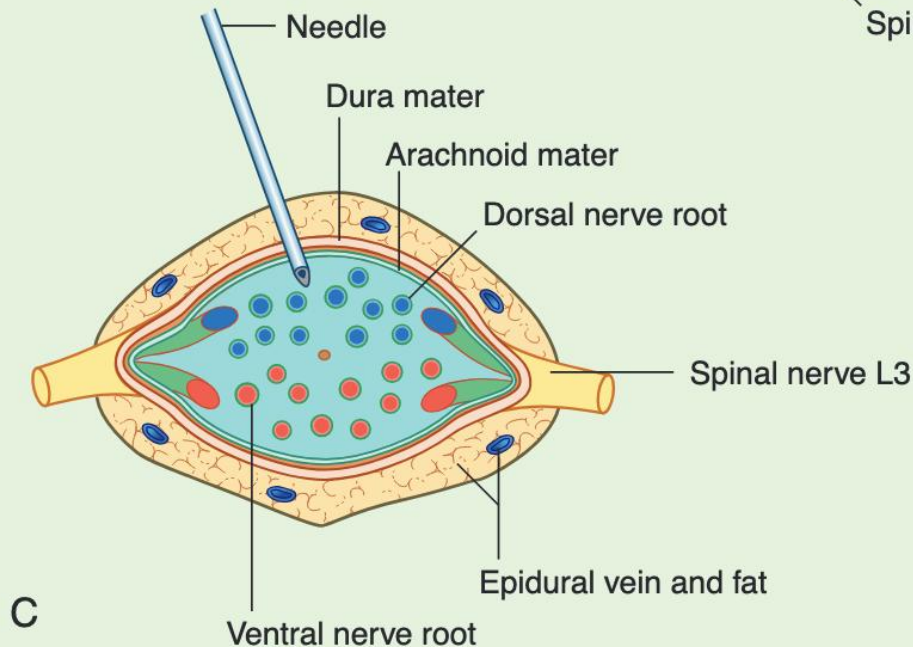
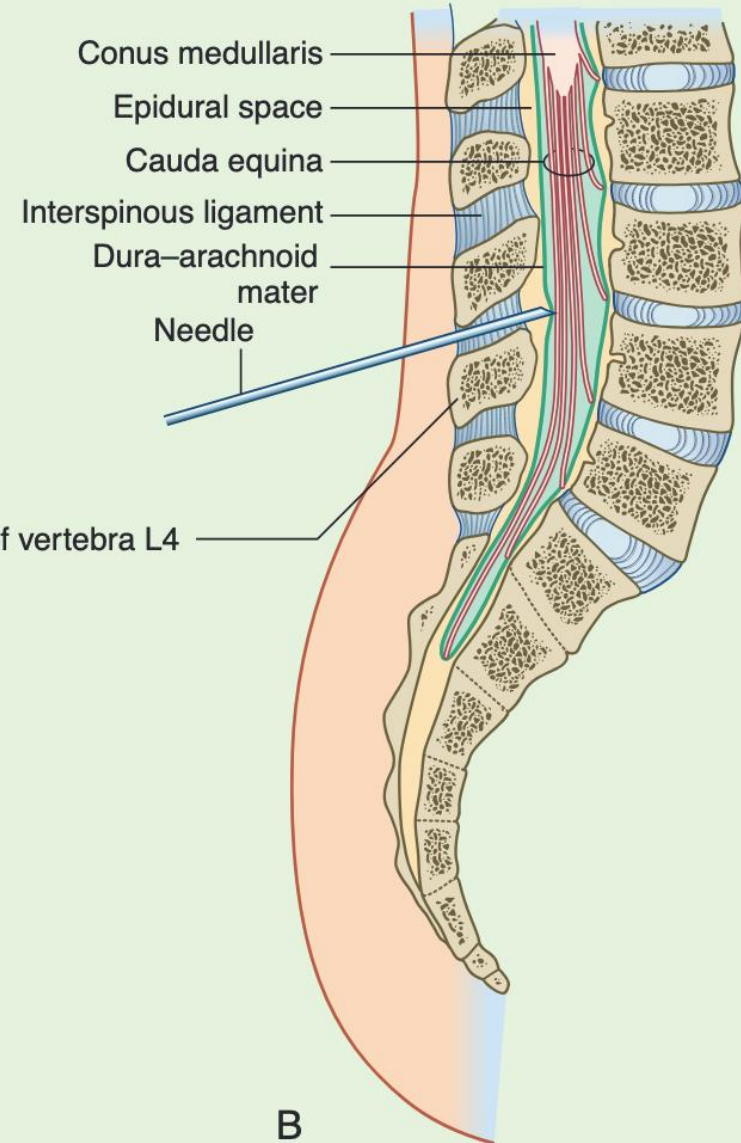
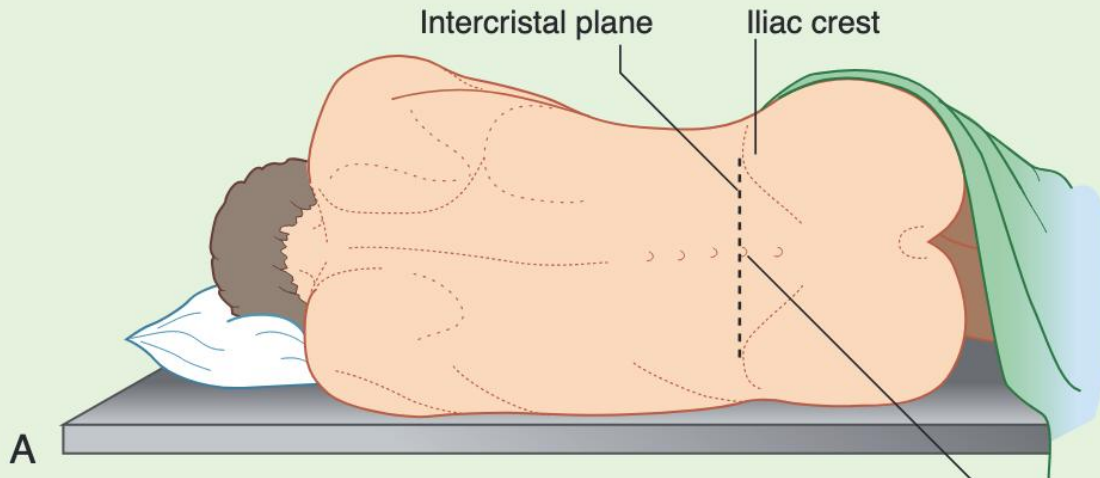
Usually considered sterile, can contain microbes in infection

# “Brain washing” during sleep



Blood flow (red) increases before a wave of CSF (blue) washes toxins away

# Lumbar puncture



# Lecture 21: Post-lecture quiz

1. Which of these is not a layer of meninges  
(a) dura mater; (b) epineurium; (c) pia mater; (d) arachnoid
2. Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) circulates around the brain in which layer of the meninges?  
(a) arachnoid; (b) dura mater; (c) perineurium; (d) choroid plexus
3. Old/used CSF is transported into the venous circulation through which structure?  
(a) choroid plexus; (b) arachnoid granulations; (c) dural reflections; (d) pia mater
4. The third ventricle is located with which brain region?  
(a) cerebrum; (b) cerebellum; (c) diencephalon; (d) midbrain

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