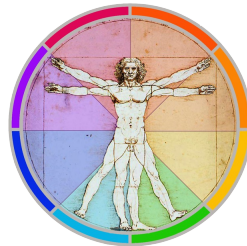


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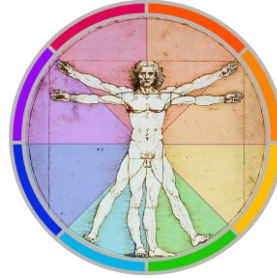
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# HUBS 191

## Human Movement and Sensation

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

### **Lecture 17: Functional Information Flow**

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# Lecture 16: Post-lecture quiz

1. The myelin sheath in the CNS is made by:  
(A) Schwann cells (B) Oligodendrocytes  
(C) Astrocytes (D) Ependymal cells
  
1. The part of neurotransmission that is carried out through a chemical signal is called:  
(A) Synapse (B) Node (C) Ganglion (D) Action potential
  
2. Information that travels into the CNS is called:  
(A) Efferent (B) Afferent (C) Ascending  
(D) Descending (E) A & C (F) B & C
  
3. The part of a neuron that makes the decision about whether to propagate an action potential in response to inputs is called:  
(A) Axon hillock (B) Node of Ranvier  
(C) Axon terminal (D) Synapse

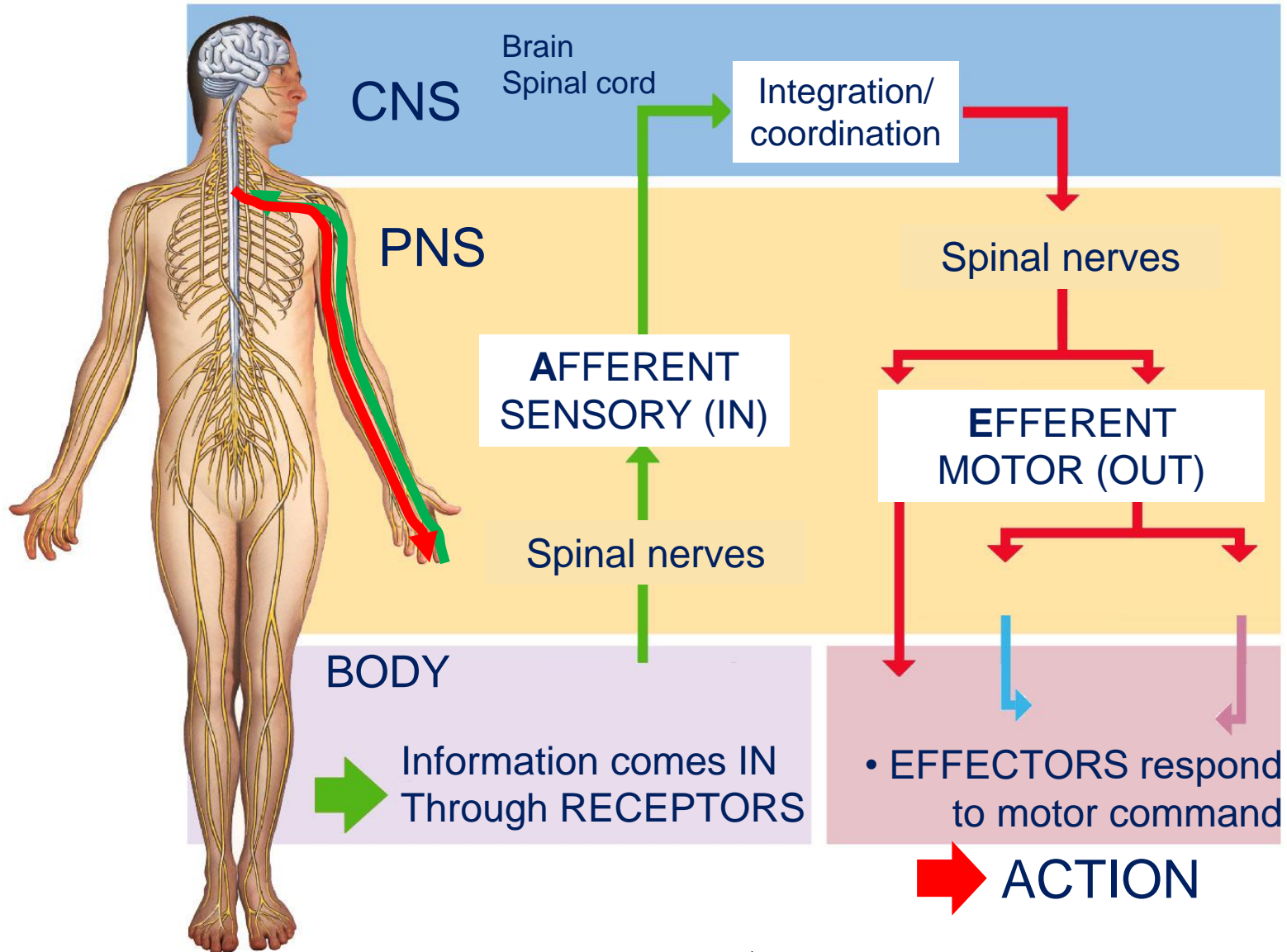
# ***Lecture 17: Learning objectives***

After reviewing and studying this lecture, you should understand and be able to describe:

1. The types of information transmitted in the nervous system and how the nervous system is divided based on these
2. The anatomical organisation of the somatic efferent division of the nervous system
3. How somatic efferent neurons communicate with effector cells
4. The anatomical organisation of the autonomic nervous system
5. How autonomic neurons communicate with effector cells
6. The anatomical and functional differences between the sympathetic and parasympathetic divisions of the autonomic nervous system

# Divisions of the nervous system:

## I. Based on direction of information flow



# Types of information transmitted



- **Somatic** = the stuff we are aware of, have control over

- Voluntary muscle control
  - SOMATIC EFFERENT (motor)
- Sensory information we are aware of
  - SOMATIC AFFERENT (sensory)



Run

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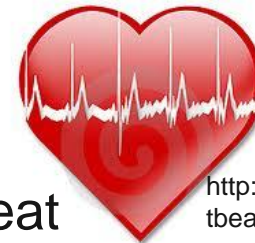


See

<http://toastyart.com/content/colorfull-eye>

- **Autonomic** = the stuff we are not aware of, have no control over

- Involuntary muscle control
  - AUTONOMIC EFFERENT (motor)
- Sensory information that we don't know about
  - AUTONOMIC AFFERENT (sensory)



Heartbeat

<http://healthtrick.com/health/heartbeat-can-describe-someones-personality.html>

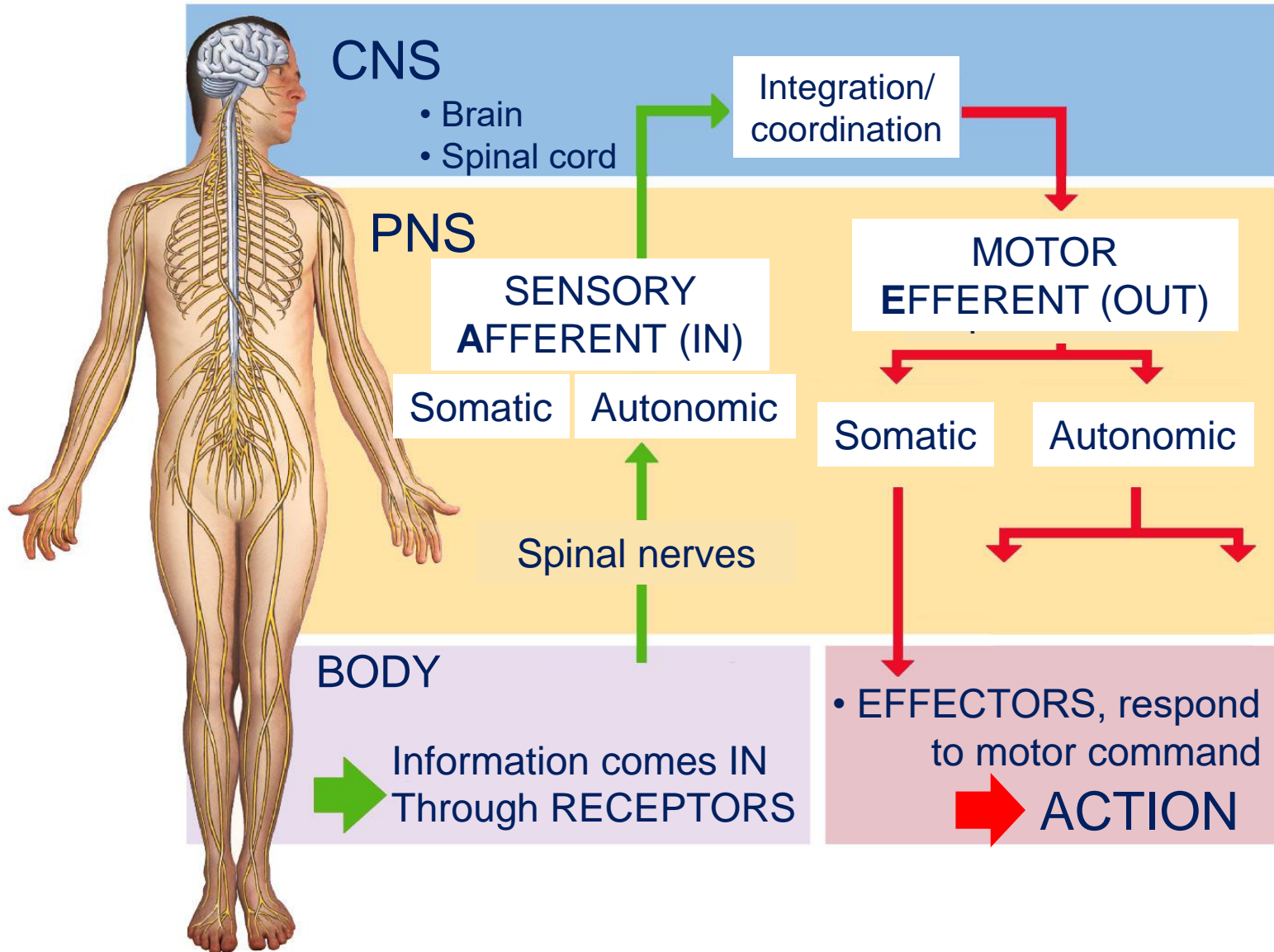


Blood pressure

<http://topnews.net.nz/content/217985-medical-professional-phobia-might-lead-faulty-blood-pressure-results>

# Divisions of the nervous system:

## II. Based on type of information transmitted







# Somatic Efferent Division

**Two neurons between brain and effector**

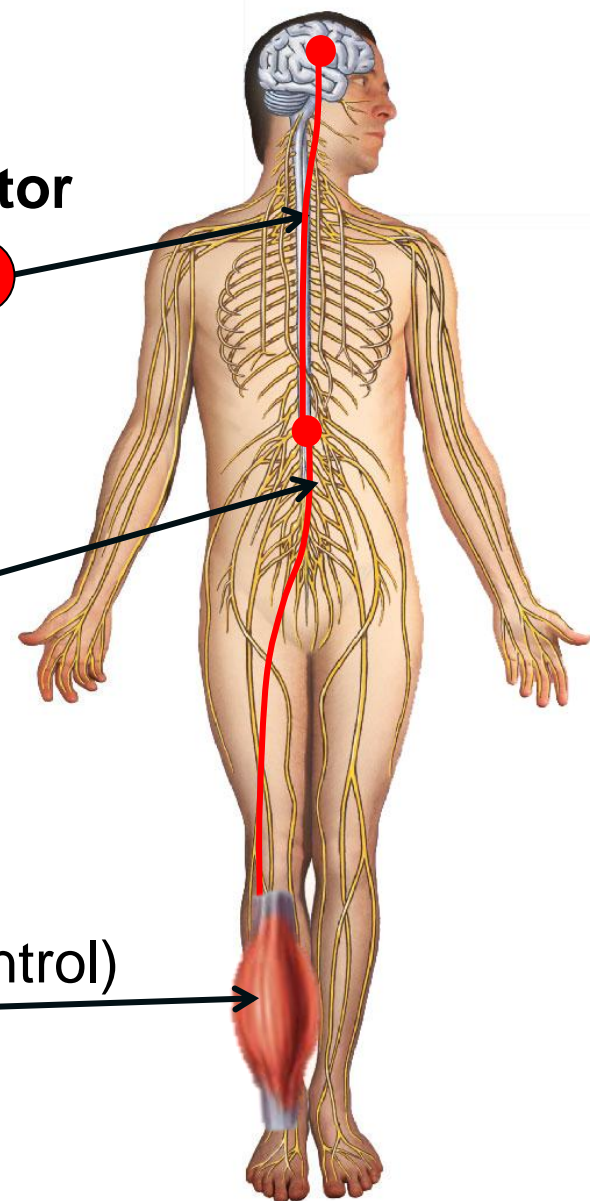
1. *Upper motor neuron*

- Cell body in brain,
- Axon in spinal cord

2. *Lower motor neuron*

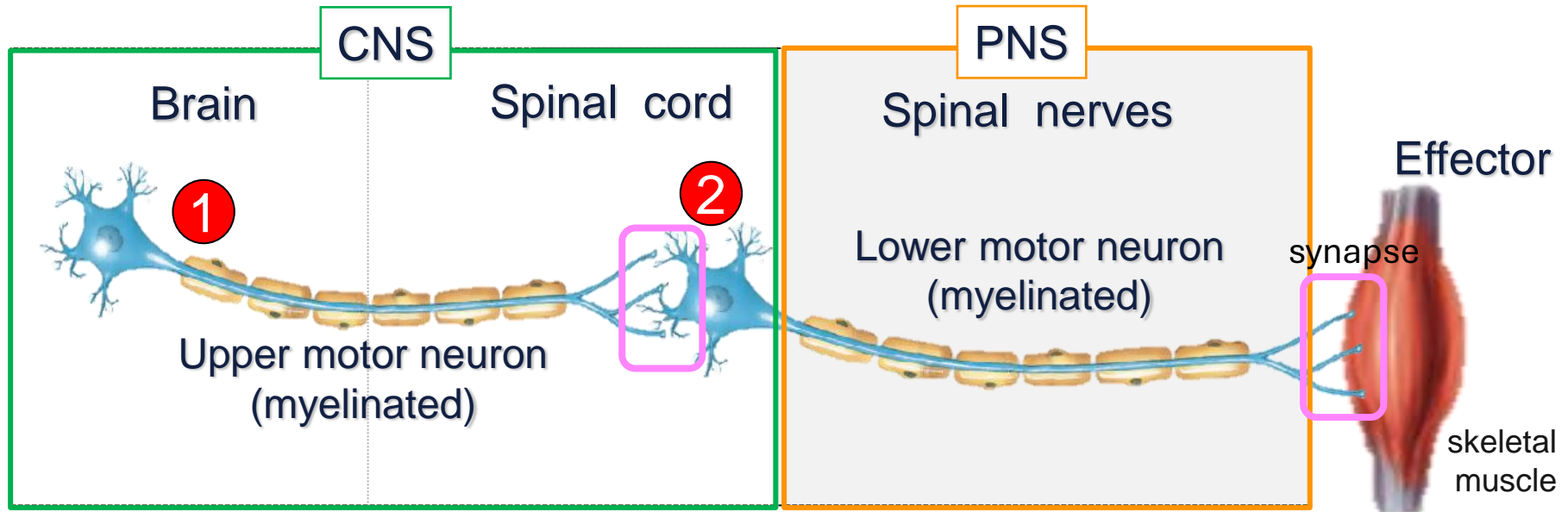
- Cell body in spinal cord,
- Axon in spinal nerve

Effectors (things the nerves go to and control)  
= skeletal muscle fibres



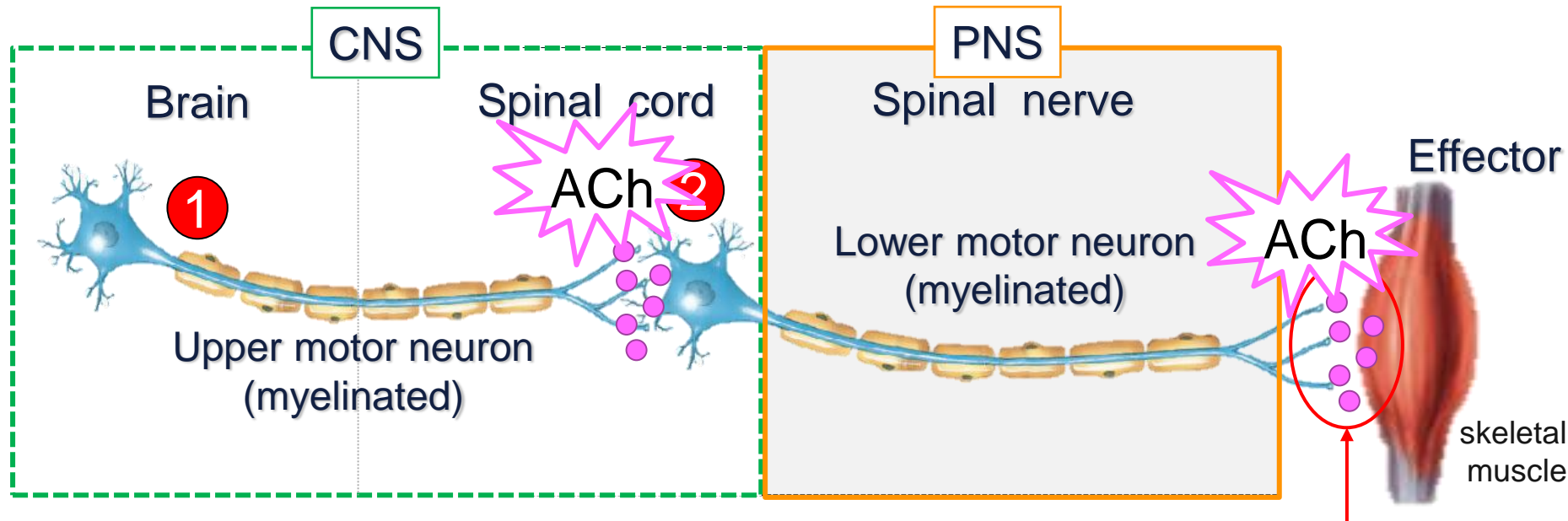


# Somatic Efferent: Anatomical Organisation



1. *Upper motor neuron* = Cell body in brain, axon in spinal cord
  - Axon is myelinated.
2. *Lower motor neuron* = Cell body in spinal cord, axon in spinal nerve
  - Axon is myelinated

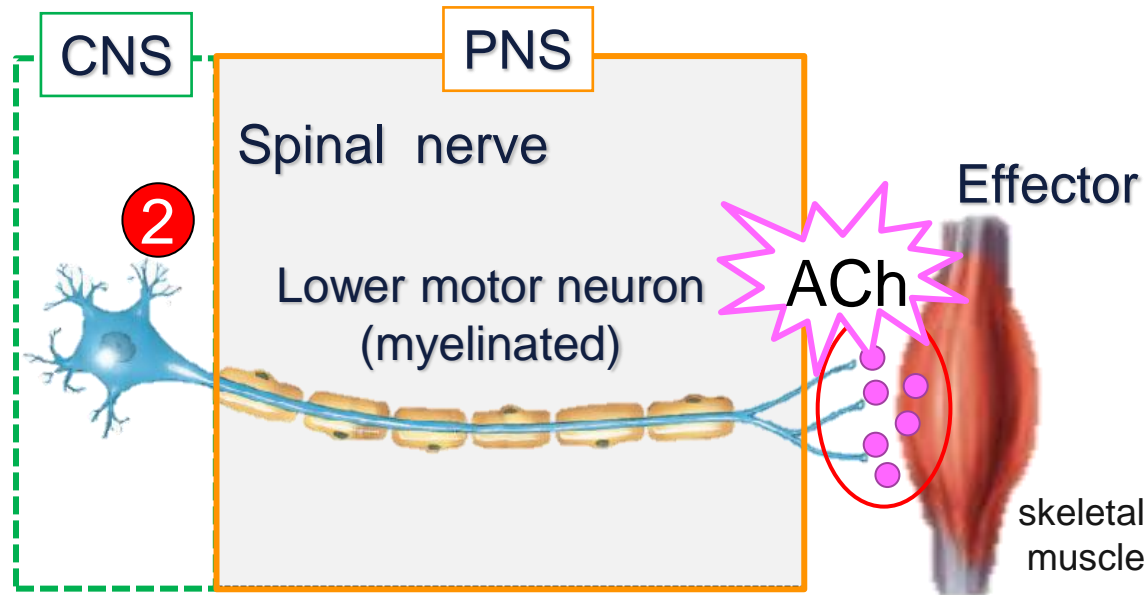
# Somatic Efferent: Communication with Effector cells



• Synaptic cleft

• Neurotransmitter = Acetylcholine (ACh)

# Somatic Efferent: Communication with Effector cells



**REVIEW &  
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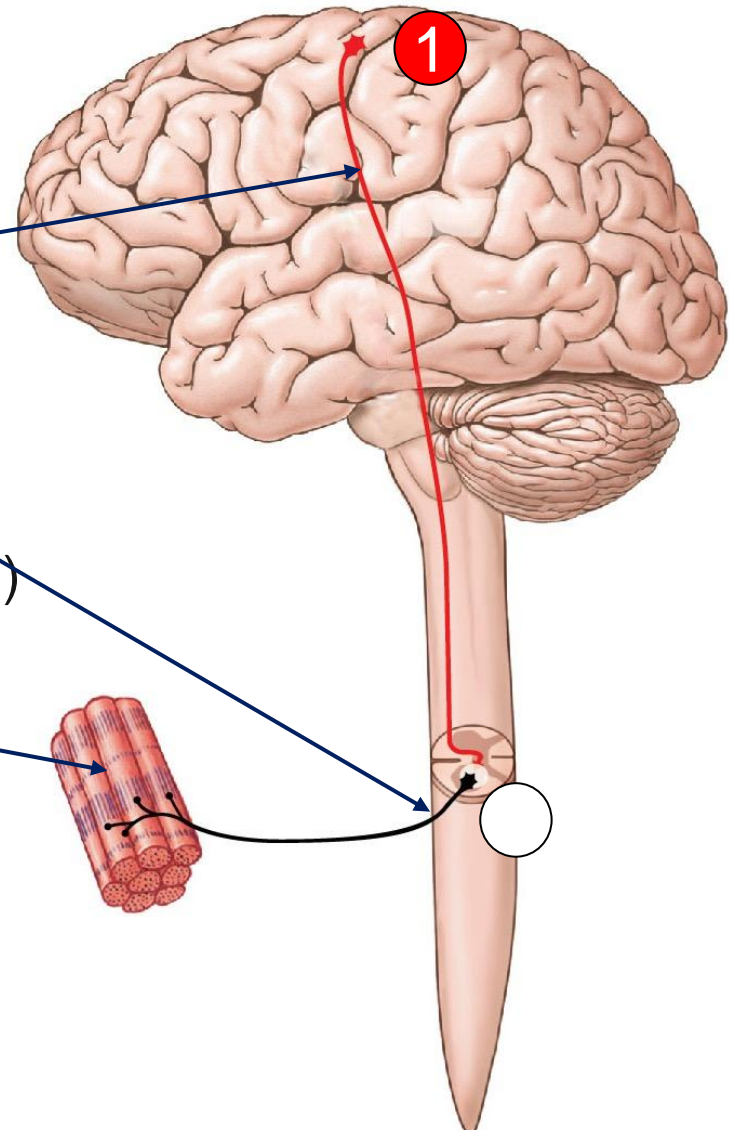
PRE-synaptic cell  
(lower motor neuron)

POST-synaptic cell  
(effector, muscle)

Neuro- muscular junction

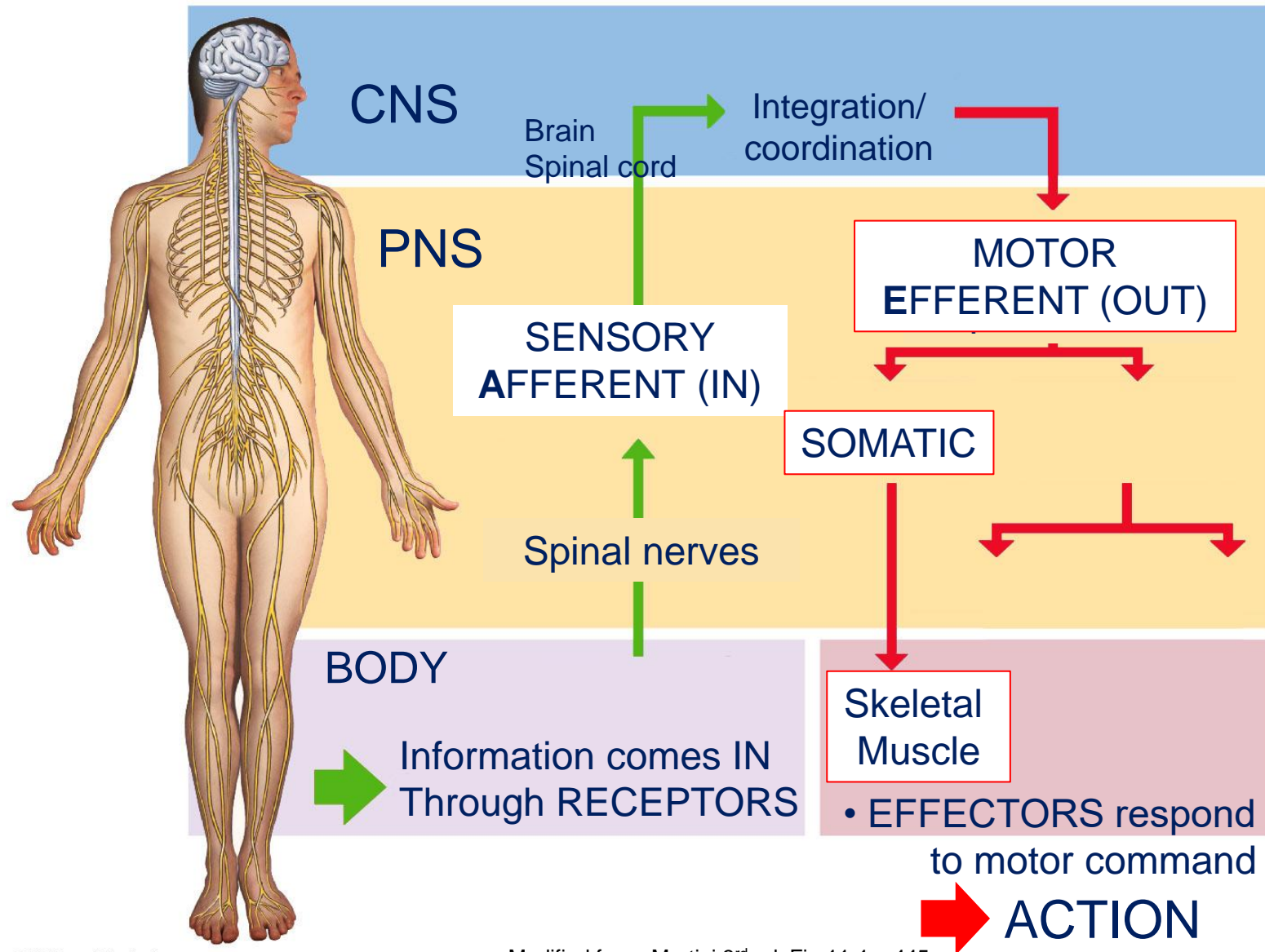
# Summary: Somatic Efferent division

- Voluntary movement
- Two neurons between brain & effector
  1. UPPER motor neuron
  2. LOWER motor neuron
- Axons are myelinated
- Neurotransmitter = Acetylcholine (ACh)
- Effector = skeletal muscle



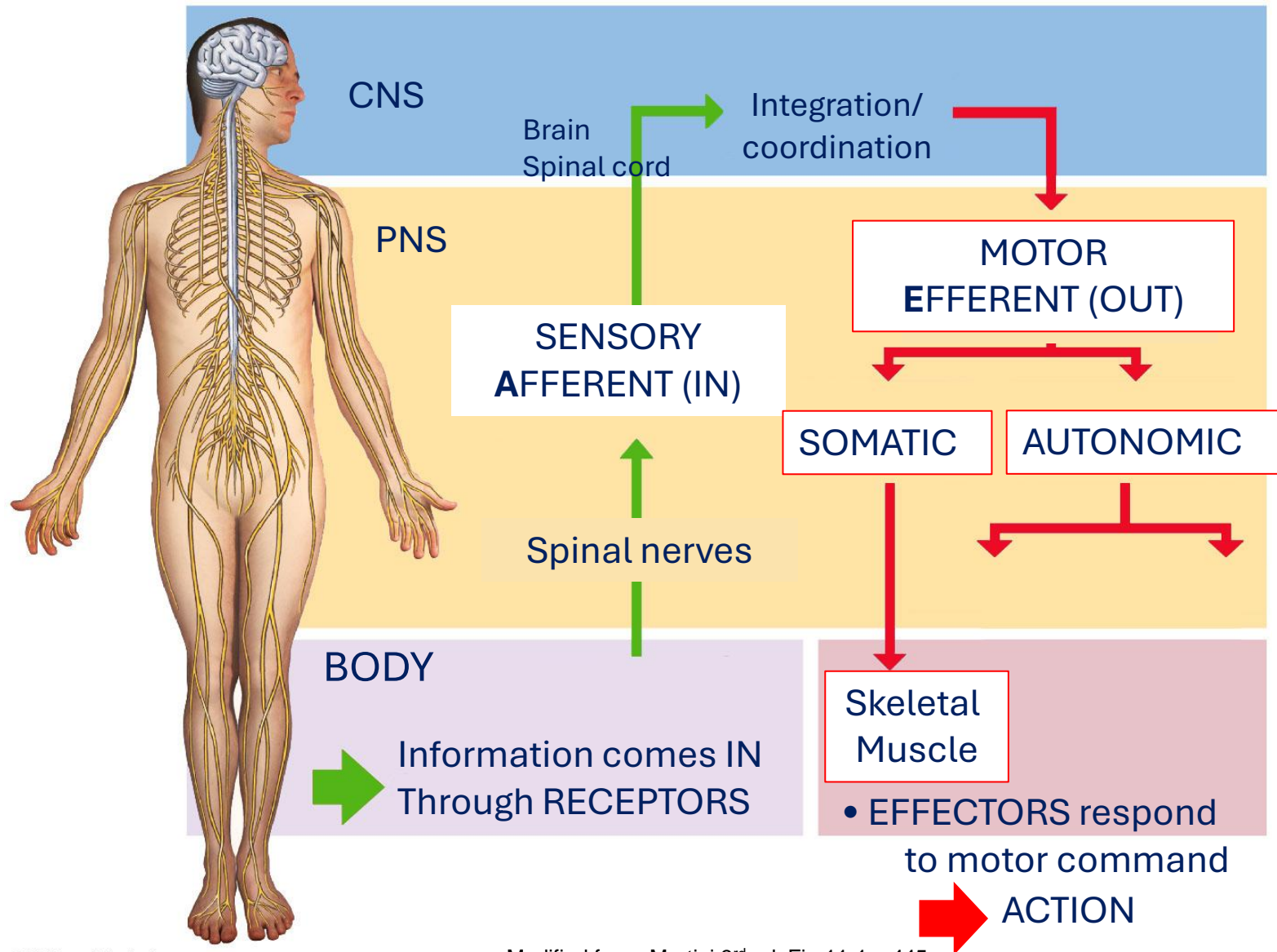
# Divisions of the nervous system:

## II. Based on type of information transmitted



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# Autonomic Efferent Nervous System



- Involuntary control
- Two divisions
  - Sympathetic
  - Parasympathetic
- Effectors
  - i) smooth muscle, ii) cardiac muscle, iii) glands, iv) adipose (fat) tissue
- *Three neurons between brain and effector*

## Neuron #1

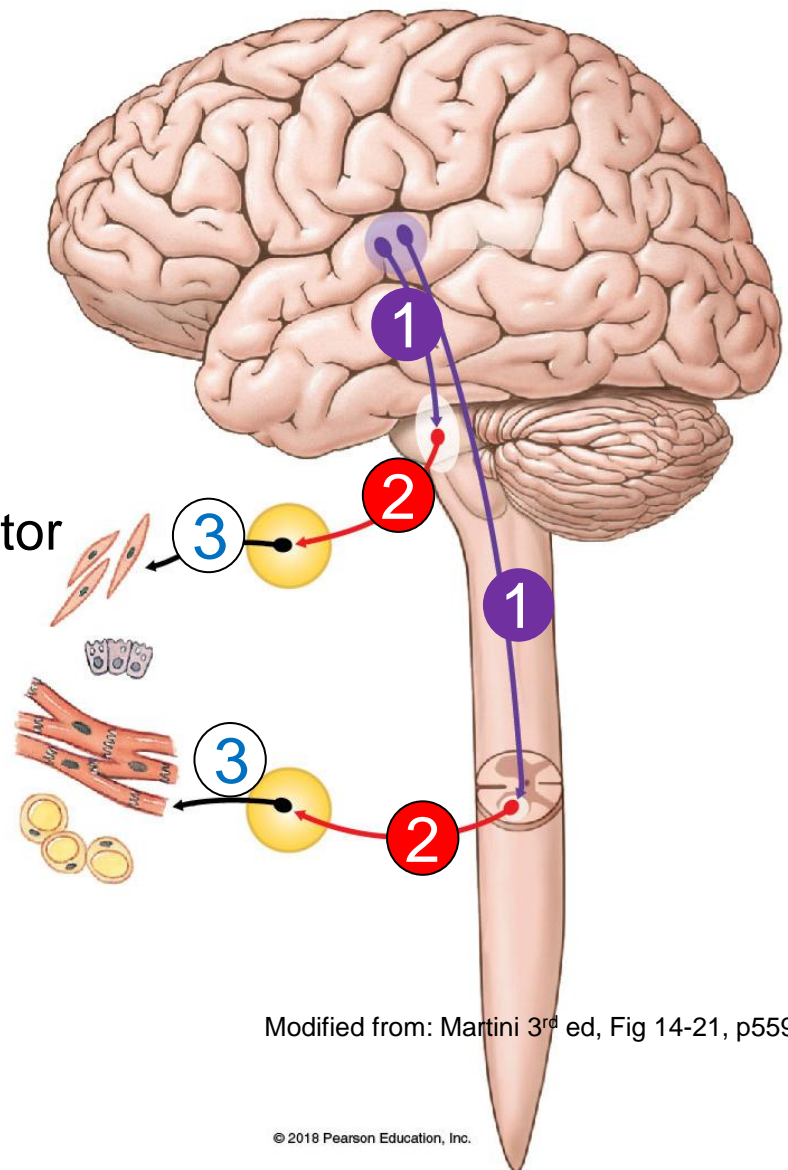
- Cell body in brain
- Axon in brain or spinal cord (CNS)

## Neuron #2

- Cell body in brain or spinal cord (CNS)
- Axon in PNS

## Neuron #3

- Cell body in PNS
- Axon in PNS

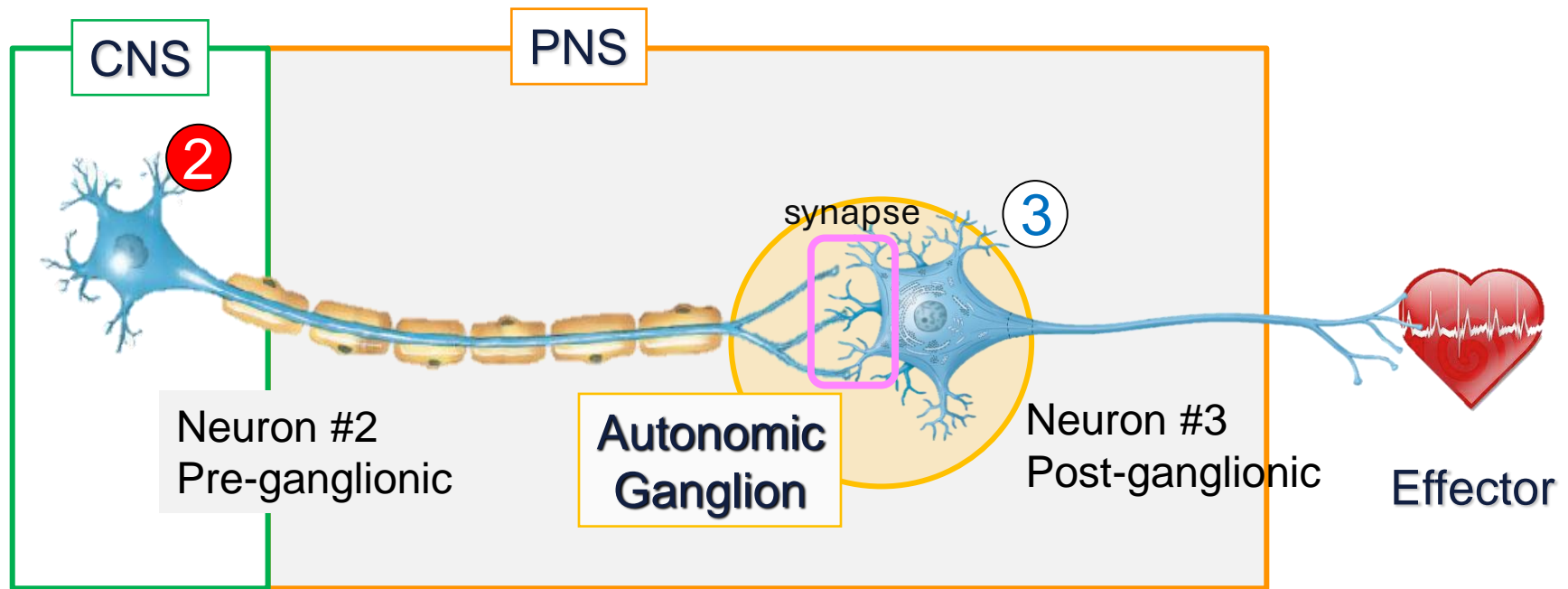


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# Autonomic nervous system:

## Basic anatomical features (Neurons 2 & 3)



### Neuron #2:

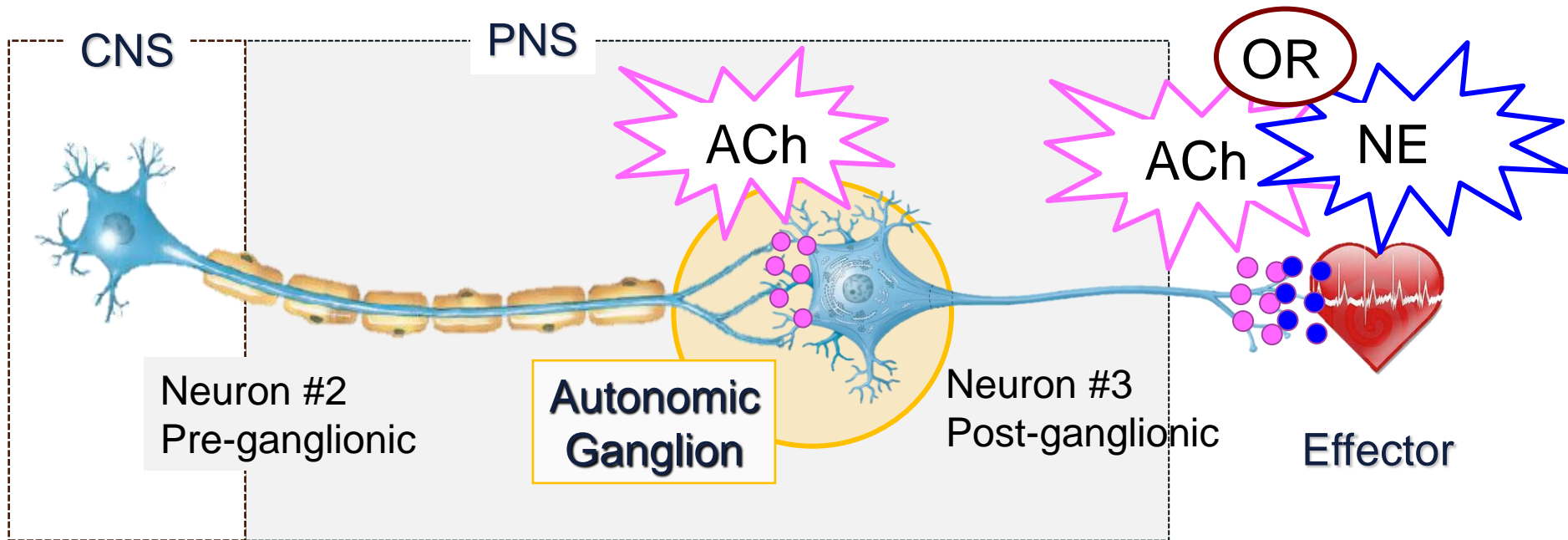
- Cell body in CNS
- Axon extends in PNS
- Myelinated
- Synapse in Autonomic Ganglion
- Pre-ganglionic neuron

### Neuron #3:

- Cell body in PNS, autonomic ganglion
- Axon extends in PNS, to effector organ
- Unmyelinated
- Synapse on effector organ
- Post-ganglionic neuron

# Autonomic nervous system:

## Synaptic Neurotransmitters (Neurons 2 & 3)



### Neuron #2:

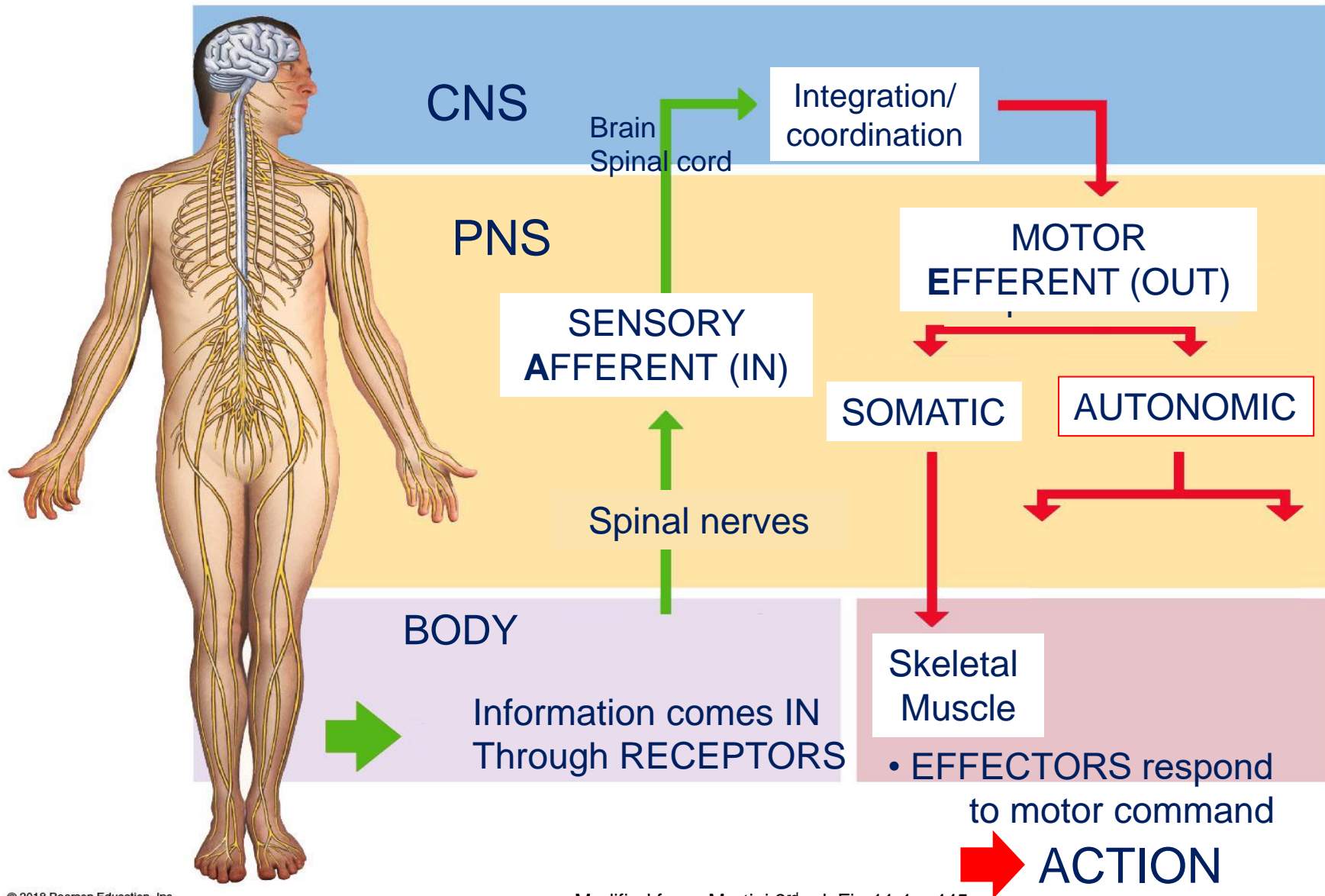
- Cell body in CNS
- Axon extends in PNS
- Myelinated
- Synapse in Autonomic Ganglion
- Pre-ganglionic neuron
- Neurotransmitter = **acetylcholine (ACh)**

### Neuron #3:

- Cell body in PNS, autonomic ganglion
- Axon extends in PNS, to effector organ
- Unmyelinated
- Synapse on effector organ
- Post-ganglionic neuron
- Neurotransmitter = **ACh** or **norepinephrine**

# Divisions of the nervous system:

## II. Based on type of information transmitted



# Subdivisions of the autonomic nervous system



## SYMPATHETIC

NE

- Prepares the body for acute/stress responses
- "Fight or Flight" system.
- Effects include:
  - increased ( $\uparrow$ ) heart rate
  - constricting blood vessels to skin and viscera ( $\uparrow$  blood flow to muscles)
  - $\downarrow$  gastric motility
  - $\downarrow$  salivation
  - $\uparrow$  pupil size
  - $\uparrow$  sweating



## PARASYMPATHETIC

ACh

- Prepares the body for restful situations:
- "REST AND DIGEST" system.
- Effects include:
  - decreased ( $\downarrow$ ) heart rate
  - $\uparrow$  gastric motility
  - $\downarrow$  pupil size
  - $\uparrow$  salivation.



Or, in meme format...



INSIDE YOU THERE  
ARE TWO WOLVES



SYMPATHETIC

PARASYMPATHETIC



# Subdivisions of the autonomic nervous system



## SYMPATHETIC



Python (monty) Pictures Limited

## PARASYMPATHETIC

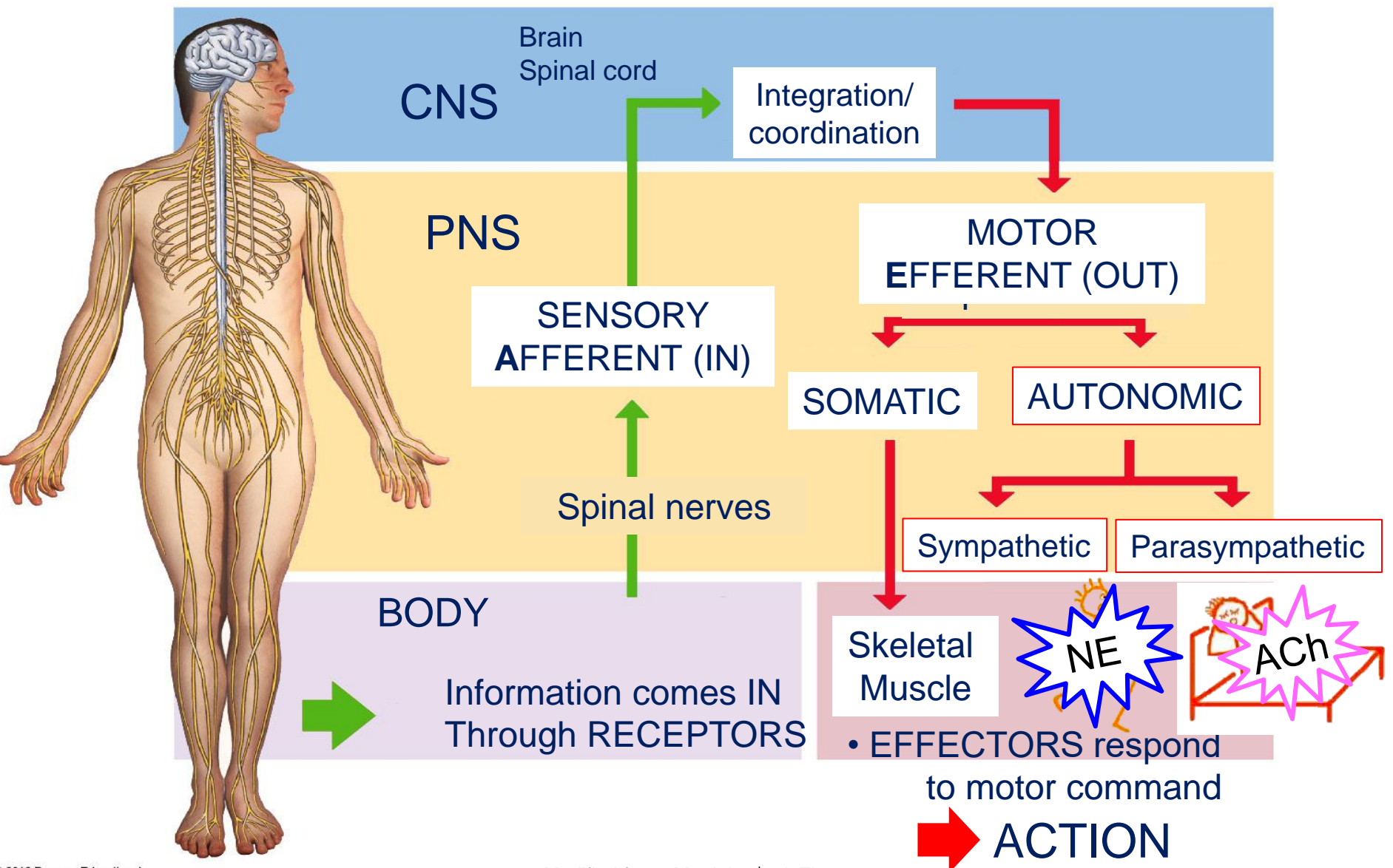


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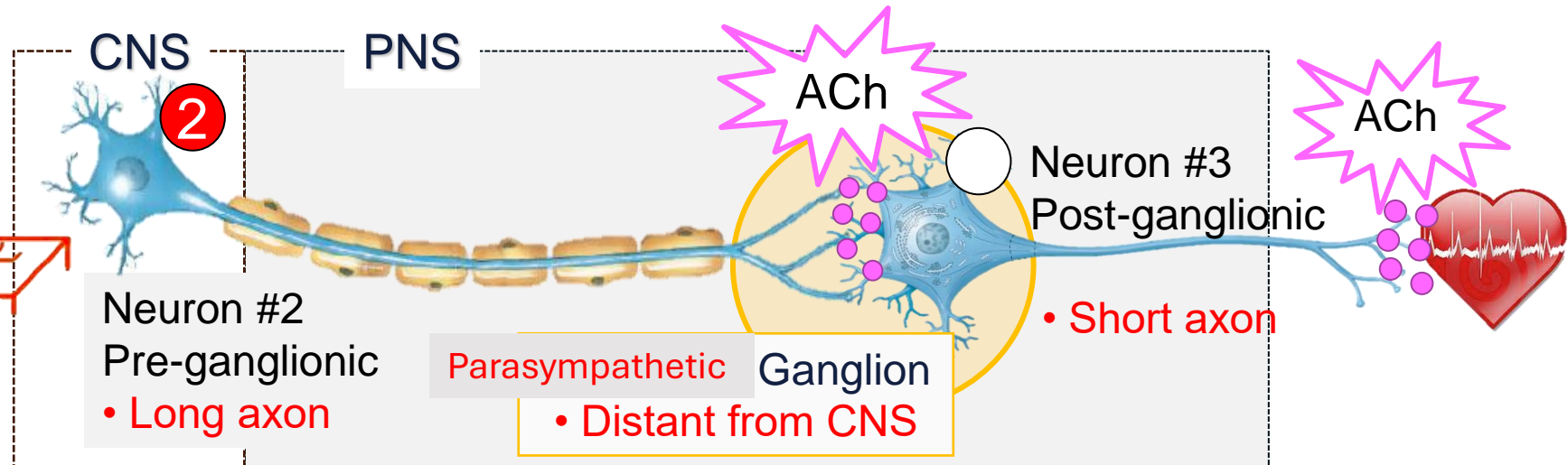
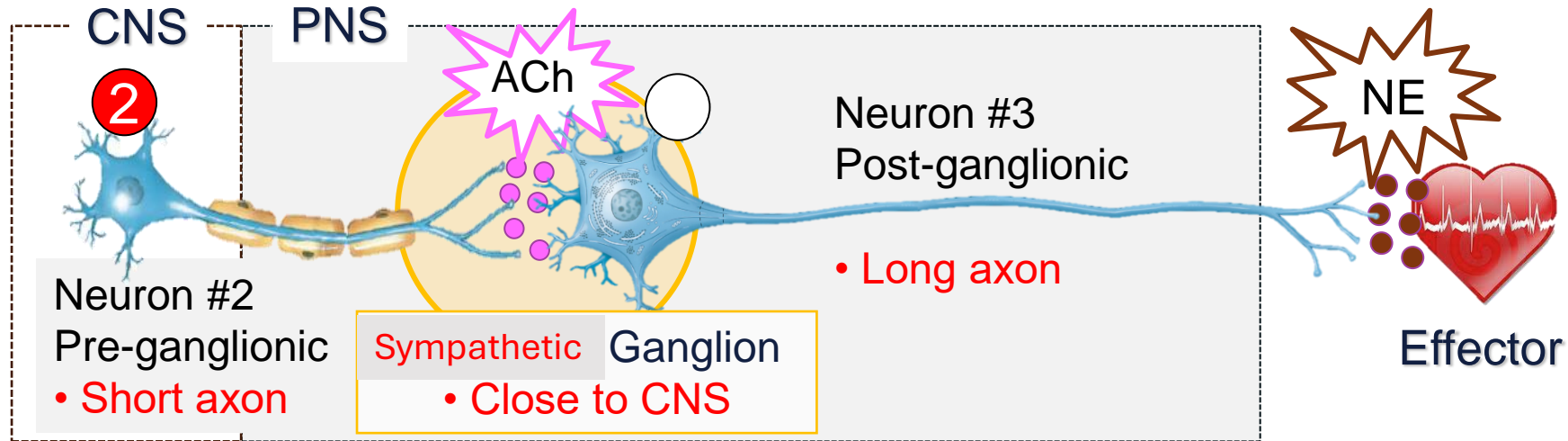
# Divisions of the nervous system:

## II. Based on type of information transmitted





# Structural differences between sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems (neurons #2 and #3 only)





# Sympathetic nervous system: Exit from CNS and position of ganglia

## Preganglionic neuron

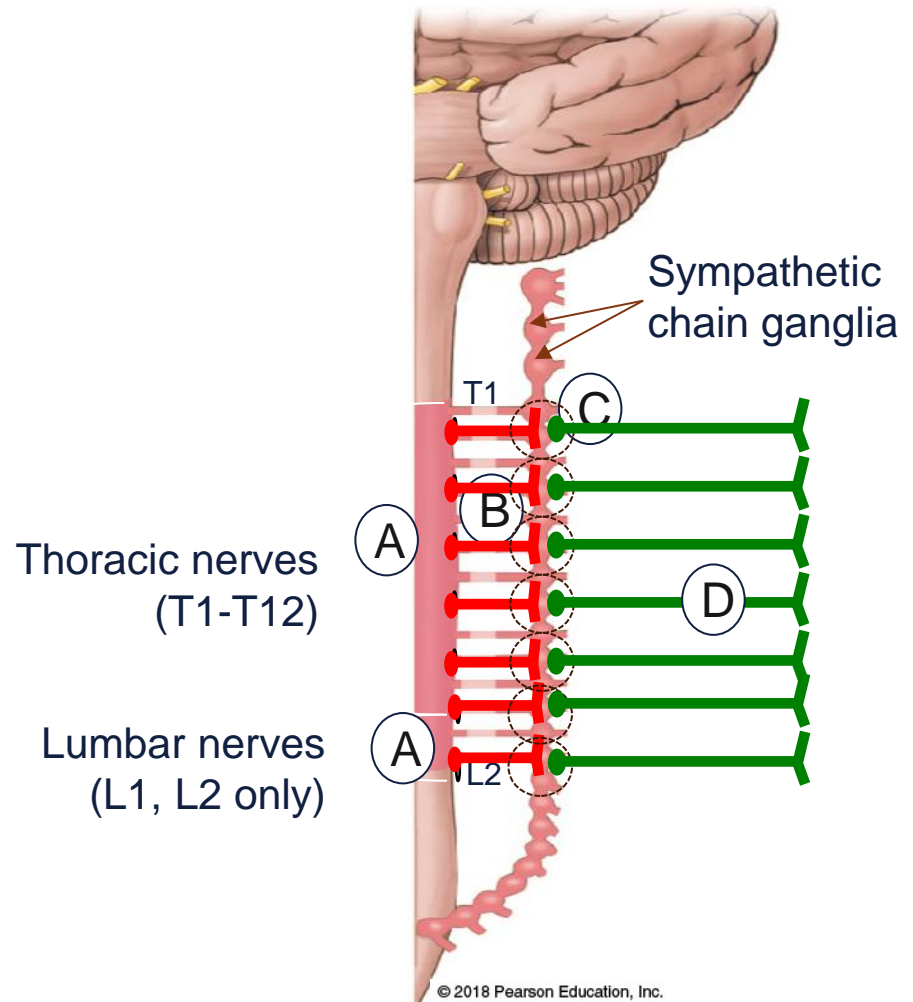
(A) Cell body in thoracolumbar levels of spinal cord (CNS)

(B) Axon is **short**

(C) Axon terminals and synapse in sympathetic ganglion

## Post-ganglionic neuron

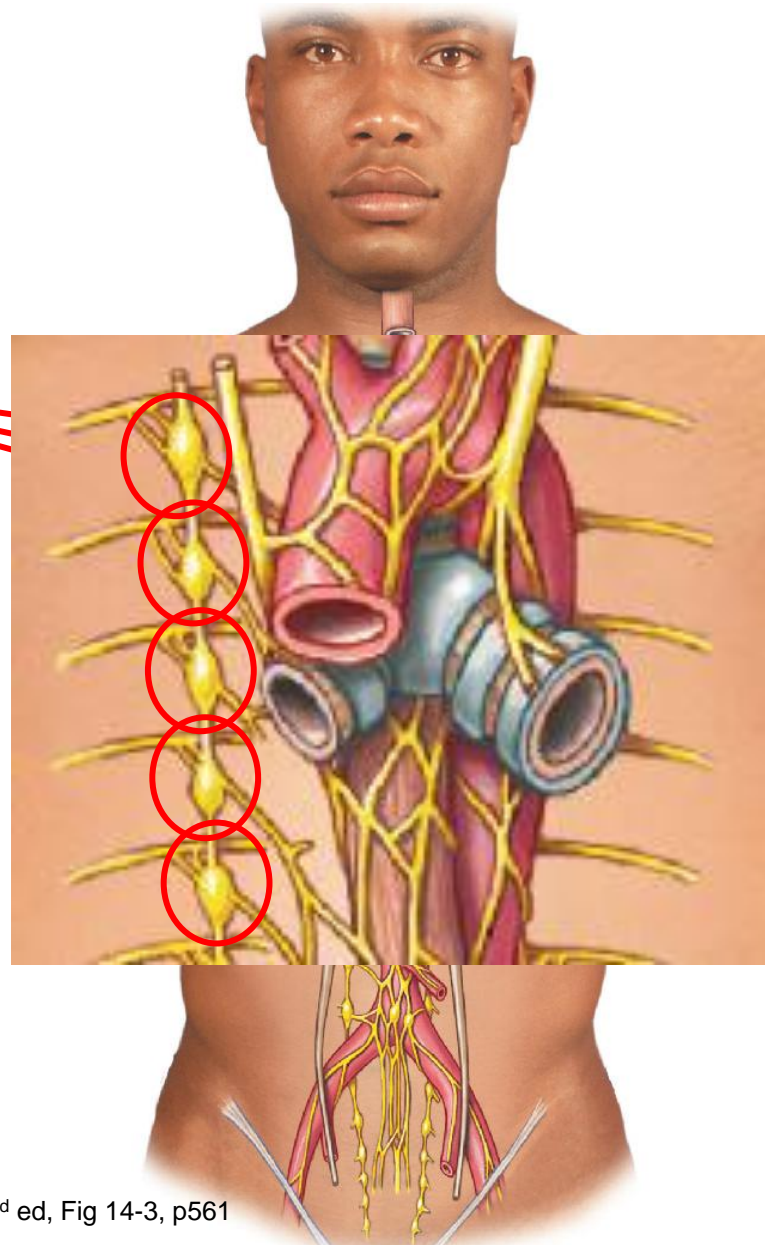
(D) Axon is **long**



# Sympathetic chain ganglia

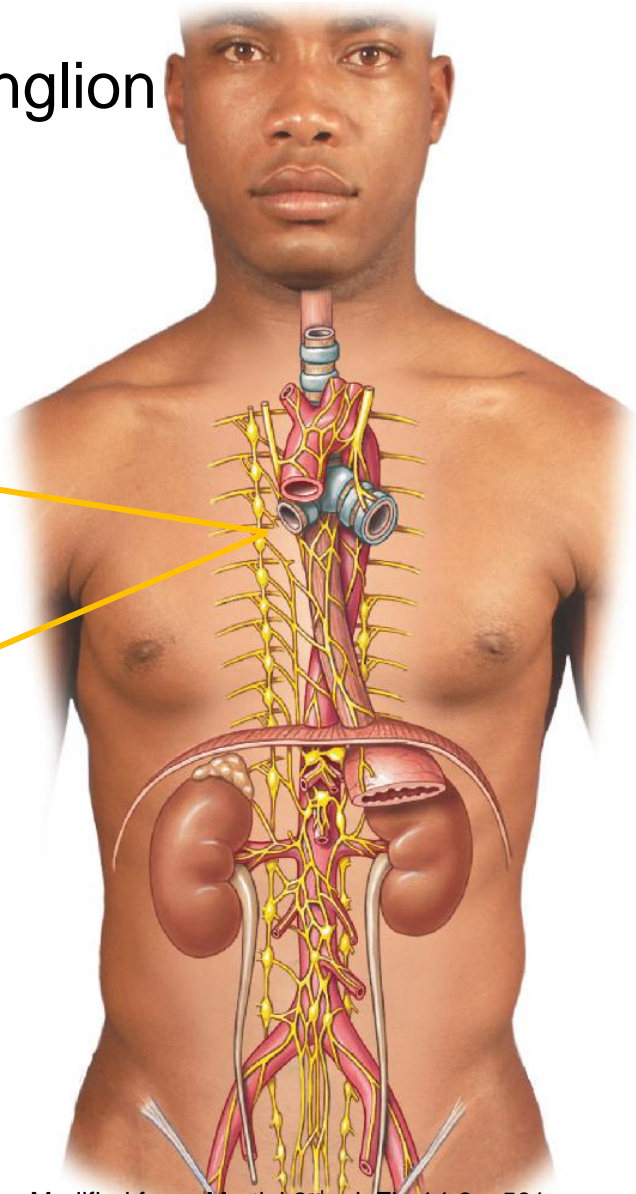
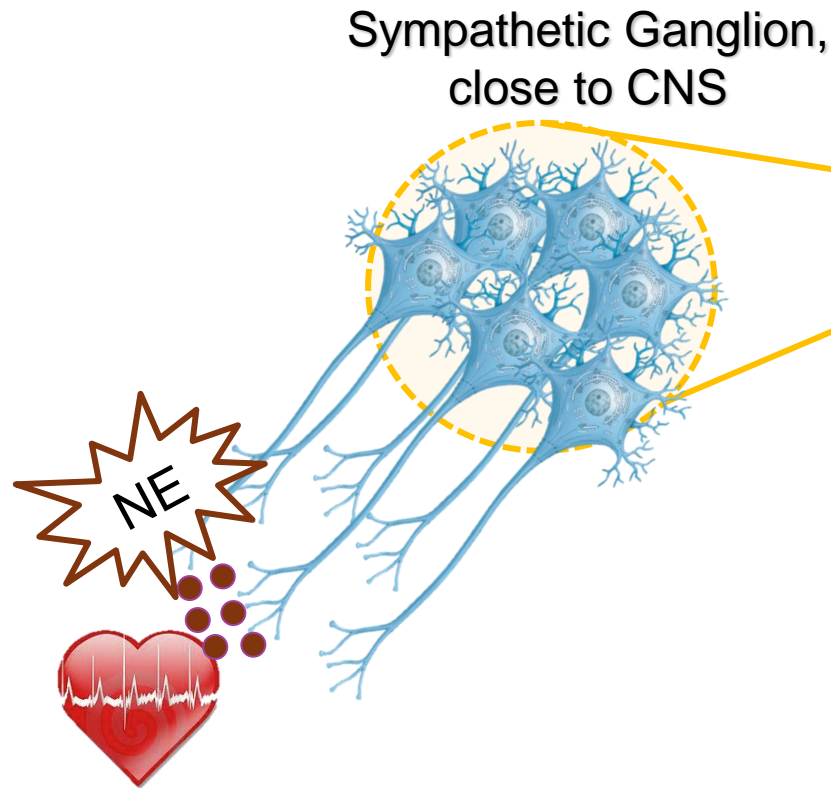


- On either side of the vertebral column
- 21-23 pairs (usually 22)
- Place where preganglionic (neuron #2) axons *synapse*  
→ onto postganglionic (neuron #3) input zone



# Sympathetic chain ganglia

1. Post-ganglionic cell bodies in ganglion
2. Long axons extend into body
3. Unmyelinated



# Parasympathetic nervous system: Exit from CNS and position of ganglia



## Preganglionic neuron

(A) Cell bodies in **cranial** (brainstem) and **sacral** (spinal cord) levels

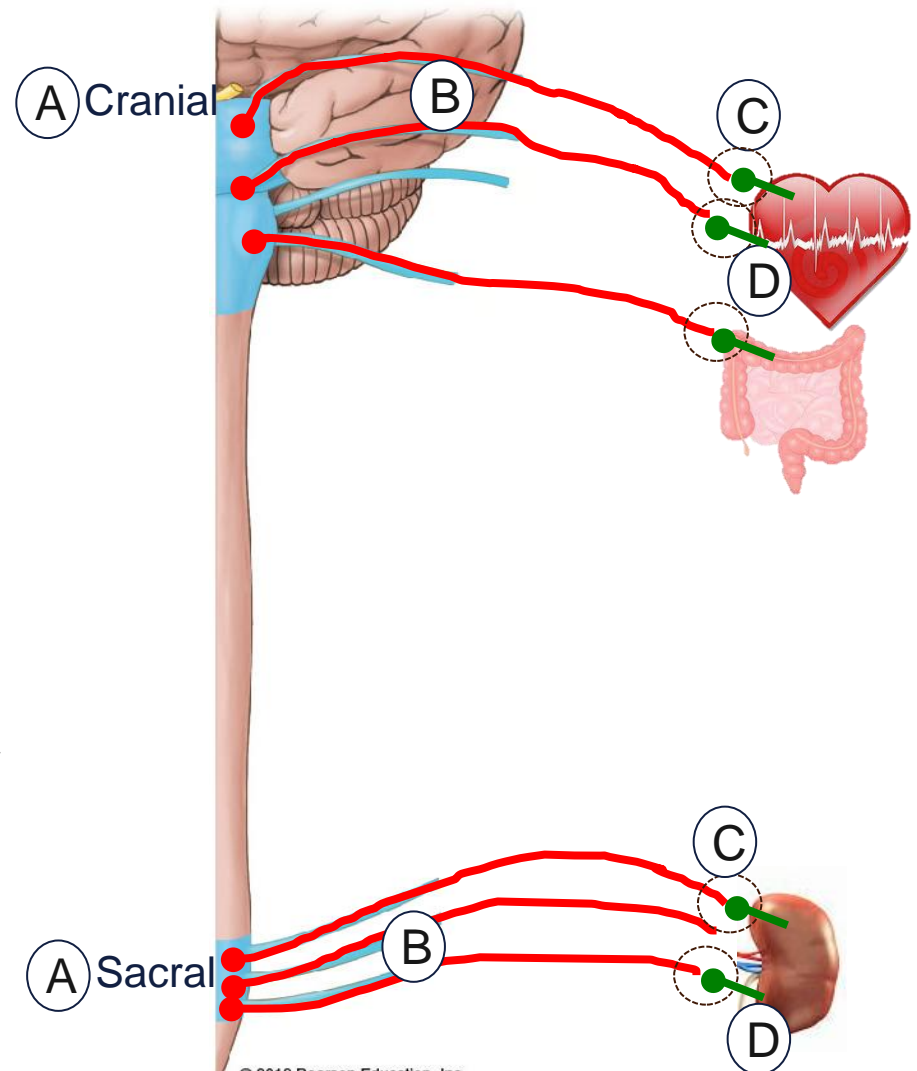
(B) Axon is **long**

(C) Axon terminals and synapse in parasympathetic ganglia (in or near effector)

## Postganglionic neuron

(C) Cell body in parasympathetic ganglia in or near the effector organs

(D) Axon is **short**



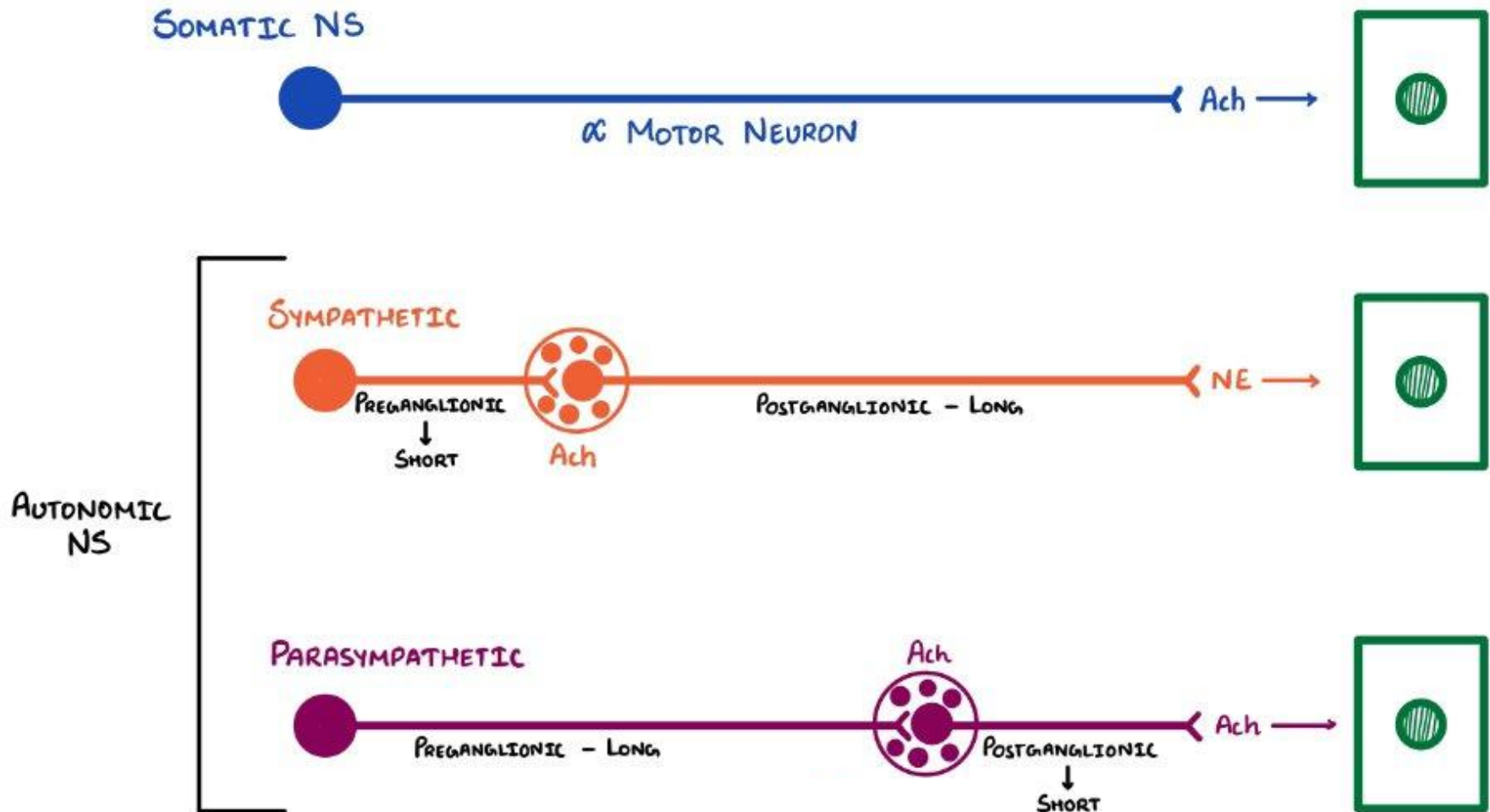


# Summary of sympathetic vs parasympathetic pathways



	Feature	Sympathetic	Parasympathetic
<b>Preganglionic neuron</b>	<i>Cell body location in CNS:</i>	-Thoracolumbar: (spinal cord T1 to L2)	-Craniosacral: (brainstem and sacral spinal cord)
	<i>Synapse in:</i>	-Sympathetic chain or collateral ganglion	-Parasymp. ganglion in or near effector
	<i>Length of fibres:</i>	-Relatively short	-Relatively long
	<i>Neurotransmitter:</i>	-Acetylcholine	-Acetylcholine
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<b>Postganglionic neuron</b>	<i>Cell body location:</i>	-Sympathetic chain or collateral ganglion	-Parasymp. ganglion in or near effector
	<i>Length of fibres:</i>	-Relatively long	-Relatively short
	<i>Neurotransmitter:</i>	-Noradrenaline (most)	-Acetylcholine

# ... And a helpful diagram!







# Some Helpful Mnemonics!

**Steve Always Talks Loudly, Child**

**S**ympathetic, **A**ctivating, exits from CNS are **T**horacic and **L**umbar, Ganglion is **C**lose to CNS

**Pete Doesn't Call Sundays, Frustratingly**

**P**arasympathetic, **D**eactivating, exits from CNS are **C**ranial and **S**acral, Ganglion is **F**ar from CNS



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# Shower Thoughts: Why do humans cry?

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/nights/audio/2018974466/shower-thoughts-why-do-humans-cry>

# Lecture 17: Post-lecture quiz

- What neurotransmitter is used by a somatic efferent neuron?  
(a) Acetylcholine; (b) Norepinephrine; (c) Both; (d) Neither
- Which of the following is true about the sympathetic chain ganglia.  
(a) The preganglionic neurons are unmyelinated;  
(b) They contain the axons of postganglionic neurons  
(c) They contain cell bodies that utilise norepinephrine  
(d) They contain cell bodies that give rise to myelinated axons
- If you were told that your craniosacral nervous system were activated, does that mean that you are: (a) relaxed; (b) thoughtful; (c) hyperactive; (d) sympathetic
- Which statement is true of a post-ganglionic parasympathetic neuron  
(a) It is myelinated; (b) It receives input from an unmyelinated axon; (c) Its cell body resides distant from the CNS; (d) Its cell body can be found in the collateral ganglion

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