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Structural Nervous System

How are neurons organized into systems?

- **Central Nervous System (CNS)**
 - Brain
 - Spinal Cord
- **Peripheral Nervous System (PNS)**

Functional Nervous System

What are the 'jobs' of the nervous system?

- *Somatic Nervous System*
 - Skeletal Muscles (Striated)
 - Sensory information in
 - Voluntary motion out
- *Autonomic Nervous System*
 - Uses smooth muscles
 - Glands
 - Sympathetic Nervous System
 - Fight or Flight
 - Heart rate, blood pressure, respiration, and alertness.
 - Parasympathetic Nervous System
 - Rest and Digest
 - *Enteric Nervous System*



- A mesh-like system of neurons that governs the function of the gastrointestinal system.
- AKA: ‘Second Brain’
- GI problems are correlated with psychological disorders.
- The GI track houses a lot of our microbiota.
- Fecal Microbiota Transplant
 - Rat studies showed that when a skinny rat has a fecal transplant from a fat rat, the skinny rat becomes fat. This works in reverse too.
 - Therefore, the microbiota change the *behavior* of the rat.
- Elevated Plus Maze
 - A test to measure anxiety in rats.
 - The rats with the fecal transplant from the anxious rats were more anxious.
 - **This is huge!** This shows that the microbiota can change if a rat is anxious or not!

3.2 Meninges

- Cover the outside of the nervous system.
 - Three for the CNS and two for the PNS.
 - The PNS does not use the arachnoid mater.
- *Dura Mater*
 - “Hard Mother”
 - The outermost layer.
 - Tough and fibrous.
 - Contains blood vessels.
 - Early anatomists called it “pachymeninges” because similar to elephant skin.
- *Arachnoid Mater* = “Spider Mother”
 - Middle layer.
 - Web-like structure.
 - Contains blood vessels.
 - Subarachnoid Space
 - Between the arachnoid and Pia mater.
 - Contains cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).
 - Arachnoid trabeculae



- Web-like structures that connect the arachnoid mater to the Pia mater.
- Allows for the subarachnoid space to be filled with CSF.
- *Pia Mater* = “Soft Mother”
 - Innermost layer.
 - Thin and delicate.
 - Flows over every sulcus (grooves), fissure (deep indentations), and gyri (bumps).
 - Follows the contours of the brain and spinal cord.
- *Meningitis*
 - Inflammation of the meninges.
 - Can cause symptoms such as headache, fever, a stiff neck, or hallucinations.

3.3 Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)

- Similar to blood plasma.
- Functions of CSF
 - Protection
 - Failures:
 - Brain is injured.
 - AND even Contrecoup—when the brain is injured on the opposite side of the impact—injuries.
 - *Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)*
 - Old name: Dementia Pugilistica (boxer’s dementia).
 - Symptoms (not exhaustive): Memory loss, confusion, impaired judgment, impulse control problems, aggression, depression, Parkinson’s-like symptoms, insomnia, and progressive dementia.
 - Causes ventricular enlargement. In other words, the larger your ventricles, the less brain matter you have.
 - Also causes atrophy of the fornix. The fornix is a C-shaped bundle of nerve fibers in the brain that acts as the major output tract of the hippocampus.
 - Tau are abnormally phosphorylated aggregate into tangles. They accumulate both inside neurons and even released into extracellular space.
 - The CSF also moves neurotransmitters, waste, hormones, nutrients, and other substances from one place to another.
 - For example, the CSF moves β -amyloid (in-between cells) from the brain to the blood.



- *Choroid Plexus*
 - *Ependymal cells*
 - Lines the lateral ventricles.
 - These are the cells that produce the CSF.
 - If the choroid plexus is not working properly, it can cause hydrocephalus.
 - *Hydrocephalus*
 - “Water on the brain”
 - Swelling of the brain due to the accumulation of CSF.
 - Derives from the Pia mater.

3.3.1 Flow of CSF

- *Lateral ventricles*
 - CSF is produced here and flows through the interventricular foramen.
- *Third Ventricle*
 - Looks like a duck’s head.
 - Is connected to the *pituitary gland* through the *infundibulum*.
- The CSF routed through the medial longitudinal fissure and into the *Superior Sagittal Sinus*.
- *Interpeduncular Fossa*
 - The space between the two cerebral peduncles.
- *Interventricular Foramen*
 - Connects the lateral ventricles to the third ventricle.
- *Cerebral Aqueduct*
 - Connects the third and fourth ventricles.
- *Central Canal*
 - Connects the fourth ventricle to the spinal cord.
 - For remembering purposes, the *cerebral* aqueduct is in the *brain* and the central canal is in the spinal cord.
- *Subarachnoid Space*
 - Foramen of Magendie (Medial) and Luschka (Lateral)
 - Two tiny little holes in the fourth ventricle.



3.3.2 Dumping of CSF

- Arachnoid Villi/Granulations
 - Absorbed into blood stream from the superior sagittal sinus.

3.3.3 Getting Some CSF Out -or- Putting Something Into It

- Where would you have them stick that needle?
 - *Dural Sac*
 - Enlarged space in the lumbar region.
 - Testing and introduction of anesthetic agents.
 - Epi = Something in
 - *Lumbar Puncture*
 - AKA: Spinal Tap.
 - Tap = Taking something out

3.4 Cranial Nerves

#	Name	Type	Information Carried
I	Olfactory	S	Smell
II	Optic	S	Vision
III	Oculomotor	M	Eye movement, pupil constriction
IV	Trochlear	M	Eye movement
V	Trigeminal	B	Touch to face, motor control of mandibles
VI	Abducens	M	Eye movement
VII	Facial	B	Taste and facial expression
VIII	Auditory (Vestibulocochlear)	S	Hearing
IX	Glossopharyngeal	B	Taste and swallowing
X	Vagus	B	Taste and sensation from neck, thorax, abdomen, swallowing, control of larynx, parasympathetic nerves to heart and viscera
XI	Spinal Accessory	M	Movement of shoulders
XII	Hypoglossal	M	Movement of tongue

3.4.1 Mnemonic for Cranial Nerves

Old Opie occasionally tries trigonometry and feels very gloomy, vague, and hypoactive.



3.5 Terms

- Santiago Ramon y Cajal (1911)
 - Used the Golgi stain to show that neurons are separate cells.
- *Soma* – Cell Body
- *Dendrites* – “Branches”
 - Purpose is to increase the surface area of the neuron, so it can receive the most amount of information.
- *Axon terminal button* – The ends of the neuron that send information.
- *Glial cells* – Support cells by insulating the axon for better communication.
- *Myelin sheath* – Insulates the axon.
- *Unmyelinated axons* are called grey matter.
- *Ganglion* – A collection of cell bodies in the PNS.
- *Nerve* – A collection of axons in the PNS.
- *Nucleus* – A collection of cell bodies in the CNS.
- *Tract* – A collection of axons in the CNS.

Grey Matter	White Matter
Cell bodies	Myelinated axons
Dendrites	
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3.6 Brainstem

3.6.1 Hindbrain

- *Myelencephalon*
 - *Medulla Oblongata*
 - Enlargement of the cord.
 - Lots of gray matter.
 - *Reticular Formation*
 - A network of nuclei.
 - Regulates sleep, wakefulness, and arousal.
 - Also regulates heart rate, blood pressure, respiration, and skeletal muscle tone.
 - *Pyramids*
 - Two ridges on the ventral surface.
 - Voluntary motor system.
 - *Olivary*
 - Audition and motor learning.
 - Located on the lateral surface.
 - *Metencephalon*
 - *Pons* – “Bridge”
 - White matter on the outside and gray on the inside.
 - *Locus Coeruleus*
 - Produces norepinephrine.
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 - *Cerebellum*
 - Caudal portion of the brain.
 - Balance, hand/eye coordination, soothes movements.
 - Shifting attention between vision and hearing, sensory timing (judging rhythms), language, emotional control, and reward valuation.
 - Cerebellar agenesis – the cerebellum is not developed.

3.6.2 Midbrain

Mesencephalon

- *Tectum* = “Roof”
 - *Superior Colliculus* – Visual Reflexes
 - Pupils opening and closing in response to light.



- *Inferior Colliculus* – Auditory Reflexes
- Colliculus = “Little Hill”
- *Pineal Gland* – Melatonin
- *Tegmentum* = “Floor”
- *Substantia Nigra* = “Black substance.”
 - Get its black coloring from the creation of dopamine.
 - Clearly, this brain structure makes a majority of dopamine (1 of 3).
- *Red Nucleus* – Motor coordination.
 - Get its red color from iron oxidation.
 - Connects to the cerebellum for that motor coordination.
- *Periaqueductal Gray Area* – Opioids.
 - Peri = around, so peri-aqueductal = around-the cerebral aqueduct.
 - Handles endogenous pain relief.

3.6.3 Forebrain

Diencephalon

- *Thalamus*
 - Massa Intermedia = intermediate mass. This connects the two halves together.
 - Made up of many specific relay nuclei.
 - *Lateral Geniculate Nucleus* – Vision
 - *Dorsal Medial Nucleus* – Pain
 - Routes the pain from the thalamus to the prefrontal cortex.
 - ...and of non-specific relay nuclei.
 - *Nucleus Reticularis* – Promotes wakefulness.
 - Goes to different parts of the brain, not just one specific part like the specific relay nuclei.
- *Hypothalamus*
 - Irregular shape, size of a thumbnail.
 - Encases the ventral part of the third ventricle.
 - **Survival of the individual**
 - Eating
 - Drinking (water)
 - Salt regulation
 - *Suprachiasmatic Nucleus*



- Circadian rhythms
- Daily fluctuations of temperature
- **Survival of the species**
 - Territoriality
 - Sexual activity
 - Reproduction
- **Integration of information**
 - Endocrine system
 - Autonomic nervous system

Telencephalon

- *Corpus callosum*
 - Connects the two hemispheres.
 - Remember that the neurons in this structure go from lateral to lateral, and not from dorsal to ventral.
 - Creates the roof of the lateral ventricles.
 - Agenesis of the cc
 - AKA: Callosal Agenesis
 - Vision impairments,
 - hypotonia,
 - poor motor coordination,
 - delays in motor milestones,
 - (Such as sitting and walking.)
 - cognitive disability,
 - (Disability in complex problem solving.)
 - and social difficulties.
 - (Missing subtle social cues maybe cause of impaired fair processing.)
- *Corpus Callosotomy* – Split brain surgeries.
 - Used to treat epilepsy.
 - Gives information about lateralization of hemispheres.
 - **Left Hemisphere**
 - language
 - serial events
 - **Right Hemisphere**
 - creativity
 - synthesis



- *Basal Ganglia*

- **Function:**

- Initiation of Voluntary Movements.
 - [Click here for Parkinson's continuation.](#)

- Curls laterally around the thalamus.

- *Striatum*

- *Caudate Nucleus* = “Nucleus with a Tail”
 - Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
 - MIXED RESULTS
 - Too much activity, too large.
 - Romantic Love
 - Fisher, Aron, and Brown
 - Anthropologist used fMRI with a picture of neutral and romantic partners.
 - The CN activity was increased for loved one.
 - Larger in folks with incredible episodic memories (superior autobiographical memory).
 - How large? 7-8 SDs larger.
 - *Putamen* = “Shell”
 - *Nucleus Accumbens*
 - Nucleus Accumbens Septi = “Nucleus leaning against the septum.”
 - Where the head of the caudate and the most anterior portion of the putamen come together.
 - Plays an important role in reinforcement, pleasure, and addiction.
 - *Globus Pallidus* = “Pale Globe”
 - *Note:* When people mention the putamen and the globus pallidus, they call it the lentiform nucleus.

- *Limbic System*

- *Hippocampus*

- In charge of moving memories from short-term to long-term.
 - Emotion, selective attention, learning, and memory.

- *Amygdala*

- In charge of emotions.
 - Fear and aggression, territoriality, odor processing, and sexual activity.
 - **Amygdala and Fear**
 - 1930's.



- Lesions to amygdala in monkeys.
- Many things happened. . .
 - Exploratory behavior of objects (put in mouth–hyperorality).
 - Hypersexuality.
 - Loss of fear.
 - Freezing, increased heart rate, hair standing on end, etc.
 - Lost their fear of the human experimenters.
- *Klüver-Bucy Syndrome*
 - Damaging the anterior temporal lobes.
 - Herpes encephalitis and trauma.
 - Loss of normal fear and anger responses.
- Facial mimicry
 - Seeing fear in others lead to fear expression.
 - AND has amygdala activity.
- **Other things**
 - Social networks (Bickart et al., 2010)
 - Size and complexity of social network + correlated with amygdala size.
 - MAYBE: More effectively identify, learn about, and recognize socioemotional cues.
 - Political views (Rees et al., 2011)
 - Took extreme liberals and extreme conservatives and found that the more extreme conservatives had a larger amygdala than the extreme liberals.
- **How burnout is related to your brain. . .**
 - Worse at suppressing negative emotions.
 - Big amygdala & weak connection to frontal lobe.
- *Cingulate Gyrus*
 - Selective attention.
 - Love (like the cingulate gyrus)
 - Same studies show increased activity for loved ones.
 - Pain.
 - Serves as alarm for distress
 - Association of the emotional components and the sensory components of pain.
 - Sympathetic pain (empathy).
 - Social rejection.
 - Eisenberger (1990s)
 - Cyberball



- A computer game where you play catch.
- The other players stop throwing the ball to you.
- The cingulate gyrus lights up.
- *Fornix*
- *Mammillary Bodies*
- *Septal Nucleus*

Cerebral Cortex

- Cortex = “bark”
- Many convolutions
 - Sulci/fissures
 - Gyri
- Gray matter.
- 6 Layers
- Four lobes
 - *Frontal Lobe*
 - Executive functions, motor control, and language production (Broca’s area).
 - *Parietal Lobe*
 - Lips, toes, and spacial awareness.
 - *Temporal Lobe*
 - Memory, hearing, and language comprehension (Wernicke’s area).
 - *Occipital Lobe*
 - Vision
 - **How they are separated:**
 - Frontal ↔ Parietal: *Central Sulcus*
 - Parietal ↔ Occipital: *Parieto-Occipital Sulcus*
 - Temporal ↔ Frontal/Parietal: *Lateral Sulcus (Sylvian Fissure)*
- *Nucleus Accumbens*



3.7 Parkinson's Disease

- *Bradykinesia*
 - Slowness of movement.
- *Akinesia*
 - Difficulty initiating voluntary movements.
- *Rigidity*
 - Increased muscle tone.
- *Tremors*
 - Involuntary shaking of hands and jaw most prominent at rest.

3.8 Alzheimer's Disease

- Progressive memory loss.
- Affects the cortex and hippocampus.
- Suffers from both retrograde and anterograde amnesia.

External Surface Structures

- *Ansate Sulcus / Cruciate Fissure* - Located on the dorsal surface, separating frontal and parietal lobes.
- *Medial Longitudinal Fissure* - Runs along the midline, separating the two cerebral hemispheres.
- *Cerebellum* - Located at the posterior base of the brain.
- *Coronal Sulcus / Superior Frontal Sulcus* - Found on the dorsal aspect, part of the frontal lobe.
- *Transverse Fissure* - Separates the cerebellum from the cerebrum.
- *Anterior / Rostral* - Toward the front of the brain.
- *Posterior / Caudal* - Toward the back of the brain.
- *Medial* - Toward the midline of the brain.
- *Lateral* - Away from the midline.

Ventral Structures

- *Olfactory Bulb* - Located at the most anterior portion of the ventral side.
- *Cerebral Peduncle* - Found on the ventral midbrain, connects the cerebrum to the brainstem.
- *Pons* - Bulging structure on the brainstem, anterior to the medulla.
- *Pyramids on the Medulla* - Located on the ventral surface of the medulla oblongata.
- *Spinal Cord* - Extends from the medulla caudally.
- *Optic Chiasm* - X-shaped structure where optic nerves partially cross.
- *Median Eminence / Tuber Cinereum* - Located at the base of the hypothalamus.
- *Mammillary Body* - Small round structures part of the limbic system, posterior to the hypothalamus.



- *Periamygdaloid Cortex / Uncus* - Located in the medial temporal lobe, part of the piriform cortex.
- *Entorhinal Cortex* - Medial portion of the temporal lobe, key in memory processing.
- *Lateral Olfactory Tract* - Extends from the olfactory bulb along the ventral surface.
- *Rhinal Fissure* - Separates the neocortex from the piriform cortex.
- *Insula / Island of Reil* - Located deep within the lateral sulcus.
- *Sylvian Fissure* - Separates the temporal lobe from the frontal and parietal lobes.

Midbrain and Hindbrain Structures

- *Superior Colliculus* - Dorsal midbrain, involved in visual processing.
- *Inferior Colliculus* - Below the superior colliculus, involved in auditory processing.
- *Pineal Body* - Small endocrine gland, located dorsally near the thalamus.
- *Hypothalamus* - Located below the thalamus, controls endocrine functions.
- *Corpus Callosum* - Large fiber bundle connecting the two cerebral hemispheres.
- *Cingulate Gyrus* - Located superior to the corpus callosum, involved in emotion regulation.
- *Cerebral Aqueduct* - Connects the third and fourth ventricles, running through the midbrain.
- *Tegmentum* - Ventral part of the midbrain, involved in motor control.
- *Massa Intermedia of the Thalamus* - Connects the two halves of the thalamus.
- *Fornix* - White matter tract connecting the hippocampus to the hypothalamus.

Limbic System and Deep Brain Structures

- *Hippocampus* - Located in the medial temporal lobe, essential for memory formation.
- *Amygdala* - Anterior to the hippocampus, involved in emotion processing.
- *Fimbria* - White matter tract leading from the hippocampus.
- *Caudate Nucleus* - Part of the basal ganglia, involved in motor control.
- *Lateral Ventricle* - Space within the corpus callosum, part of the ventricular system.
- *Third Ventricle* - Space located between the two halves of the diencephalon.



