

Suboccipital nerve

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AKA Posterior ramus of C1¹

1 Pathway

2 Innervation

2.1 Somatosensory innervation

2.2 Motor Innervation:

Table 1: Suboccipital Nerve Innervation

Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve	Action
Rectus Capitis Posterior Major	C2 (SP)	Occipital bone (inferior nuchal line, middle third)	Suboccipital N.	BIL: Extend head; UNIL: I/L head rotation
Rectus Capitis Posterior Minor	C1 (posterior tubercle)	Occipital bone (inferior nuchal line, inner 1/3)	Suboccipital N.	BIL: Extend head; UNIL: I/L head rotation

Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve	Action
Obliquus Capitis Superior	C1 (TP)	Occipital bone (inferior nuchal line, middle third)	Suboccipital N.	BIL: Extend head; UNIL: I/L SB, C/L rotation
Obliquus Capitis Inferior	C2 (SP)	C1 TP	Suboccipital N.	BIL: Extend head; UNIL: I/L rotation

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