

INTRODUCTION

The hypothalaums is a small but vital part of the brain located just below the thalamus.

It plays a crucial role in maintaing homeotasis and regulating various bodily functions.



Locations

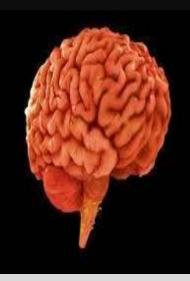
At the base of the brain between the pituitary gland and the thalamus. Links nervous system and endoricne system.

Structure

Small cone-shaped structure.

About the size of an almond.

REGIONS OF HYPOTHALAMUS







Anterior Region
(Supraoptic Region)
Front Part

Middle Region (Tuberal Region) Middle Part Posterior Region (Mammarial Region) Back Part

FUNCTION Anterior Region

It is also known as the supraopatic region And also secrets some essential hypothalamus hormones.

Some Hormones:

Thyrotopin-releasing hormone (TRH):

Signals the pituitary gland to secrete thyroid-stimulating hormone or TSH.

Corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH)

Stimulates the pituitary gland to secrete the adrenocorticotropic hormones or the ACTH.

Gonadotropin-releasing hormone(GnRH)

Causes the pituitary gland to secrete reproductive hormones.

Somatostatin

Stops the pituitary gland for secreting some specific hormones.

Vasopressin

Known as the antidiuretic hormone or ADH, which modulates the levels of water in the body.

Oxytocin

Regulates several emotional responses and behaviour and also controls some of the parts of the reproductive system.

Middle Region

Known as Tuberal Region.

Major nuclei are the arcuate nucleus and ventromedial nucleus.

Part of the paraventricular nucleus is also loacted.

The arcuate nucleus is involved in appetite and releasing Growth Hormone-Releasing Hormone(GHRH).

The ventromedial nucleus helps to regulate appetite and growth.

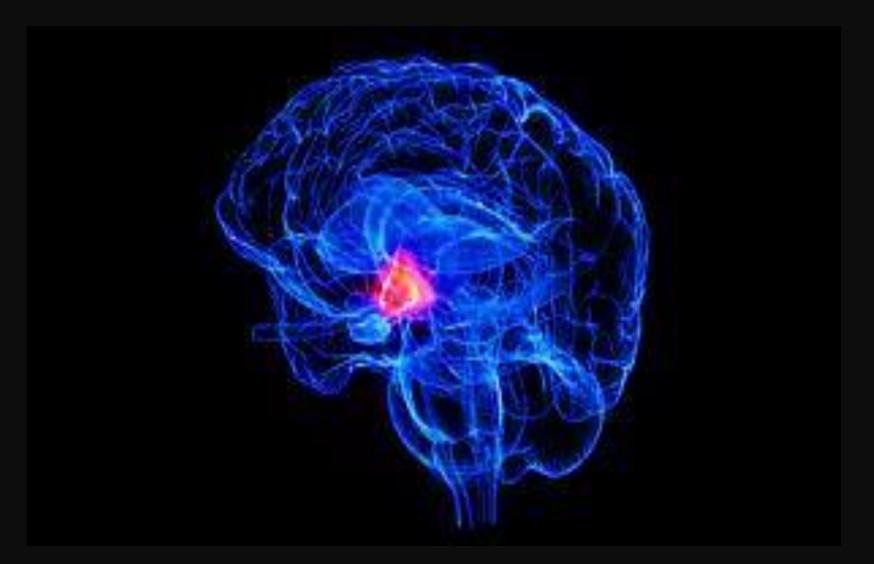
Posterior Region

Known as Mammillary Region.

Main nuclei are posterior hypothalamic nucleus and mammillary nucleus.

Helps to control and stabilize the temperature in the body.

Plays a vital role in the effective formation of memory and cognition.



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