

## ORBIT

### DESCRIBE EXTRAOCULAR MUSCLES UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS, ORIGIN, INSERTION, RELATIONS, ACTION, NERVE SUPPLY AND APPLIED ANATOMY(LE)

Extraocular muscles are- voluntary and involuntary

#### **Voluntary muscles**

Four recti - superior, inferior, lateral, medial

Two obliqui - superior and inferior

Levator palpebrae superioris

#### **Involuntary muscles**

Superior tarsal muscle

Inferior tarsal muscle

Orbitalis

#### **Voluntary muscles**

##### **Recti muscles**

##### **origin**

Four recti arise from tendinous ring or common annular tendon which is attached to the apex of orbit

Lateral rectus - additional tendinous head from the orbital surface of greater wing of sphenoid

##### **Insertion**

sclera, posterior to limbus

##### **superior oblique**

##### **Origin**

Superior oblique- body of sphenoid, superomedial to optic canal

##### **Insertion**

Tendon of superior oblique passes through a fibrocartilagenous pulley in the frontal bone and is inserted into sclera behind the equator of eyeball

##### **Inferior oblique**

##### **Origin**

Inferior oblique - orbital surface of maxilla, lateral to lacrimal groove

##### **Insertion**

Below and posterior to superior oblique

##### **Levator palpebrae superioris**

##### **Origin**

lesser wing of sphenoid, superior to optic canal

##### **Insertion**

flat tendon splits into

superior (voluntary) - anterior surface of superior tarsus and skin of upper eyelid

inferior (involuntary) lamella upper margin of superior tarsus and superior fornix

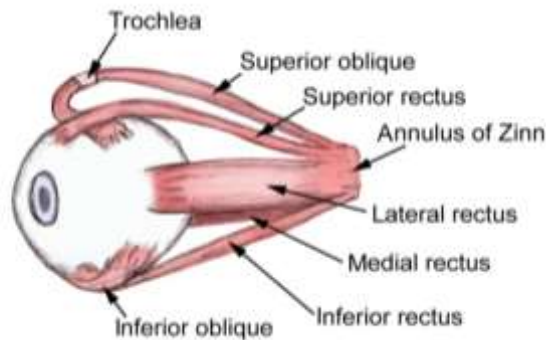
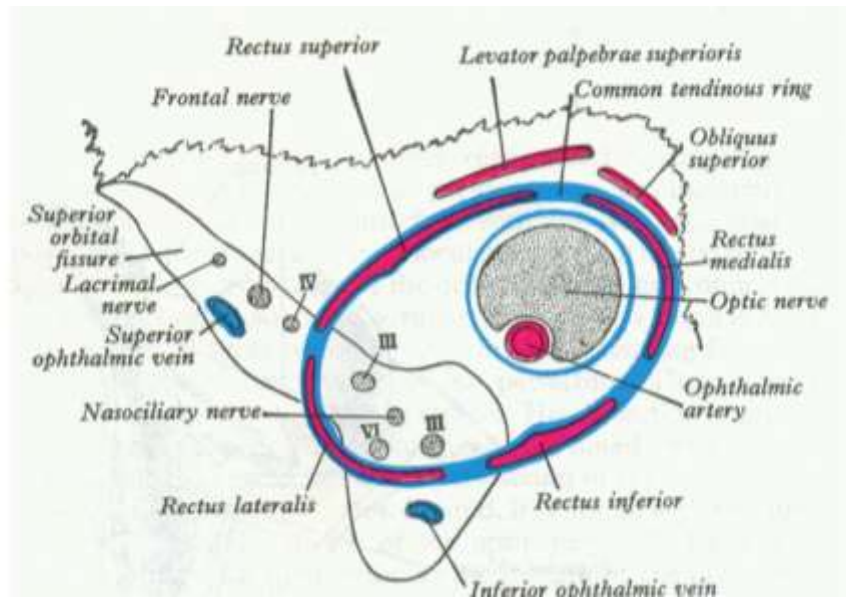


Diagram to show the origin and insertion of extra ocular muscles.

### Nerve supply

Superior oblique - trochlear nerve

Lateral rectus - abducent nerve

Superior, medial, inferior recti, inferior oblique, part of Levator palpebrae superioris - oculomotor nerve

The involuntary extraocular muscles are supplied by postganglionic sympathetic fibres from superior cervical ganglion.

### Actions

#### Superior oblique

depression

abduction

intortion

**Inferior oblique**

elevation  
abduction  
extortion

**Inferior rectus**

depression  
adduction  
extortion

**Superior rectus**

elevation  
adduction  
intortion

**Medial rectus**

adduction

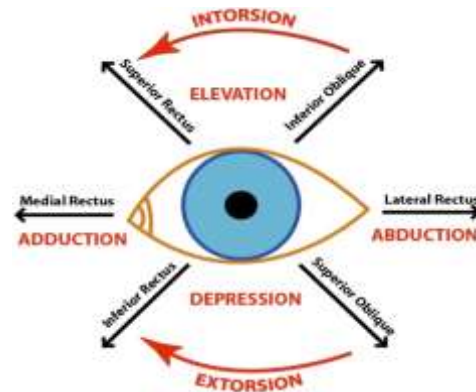
**Lateral rectus**

Abduction

**Applied anatomy**

Squint - weakness or paralysis of muscle

Nystagmus- involuntary, rythmical oscillatory movements of eye

**OBLIQUE MUSCLES OF EYEBALL (SE)**

There are two oblique muscles- superior and inferior obliques

**Superior oblique:****origin**

Superior oblique- body of sphenoid, superomedial to optic canal

**Insertion**

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**Nerve supply**

Trochlear nerve

**Action:**

depression  
abduction  
intortion

**Inferior oblique:****origin**

Inferior oblique - orbital surface of maxilla, lateral to lacrimal groove

**Insertion**

Inferior oblique -is inserted into sclera a little below and posterior to superior oblique behind the equator of eyeball

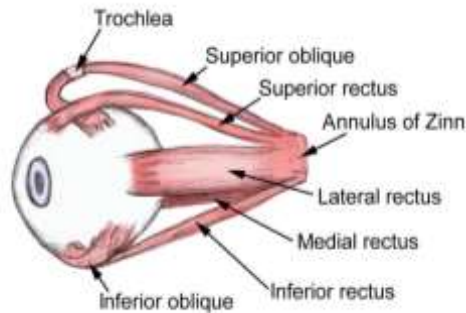
**Nerve supply**

Oculomotor nerve

**Action:**

elevation  
abduction  
extortion

Diagram to show the origin and insertion of oblique muscles

**NAME THE EXTRAOCULAR MUSCLES AND GIVE THEIR NERVE SUPPLY (SA)**

Extraocular muscles are as follows

**Voluntary muscles**

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Two obliqui - superior and inferior  
Levator palpebrae superioris

**Involuntary muscles**

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Inferior tarsal muscle  
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**LATERAL RECTUS MUSCLE(SA)****Origin:**

Lateral rectus arise from tendinous ring or common annular tendon attached to the orbital surface of apex of orbit  
It has an additional tendinous head from the orbital surface of greater wing of sphenoid.

**Insertion:**

It is inserted into the sclera , posterior to the limbus

## Nerve supply

Abducent nerve

## Action

Abduction or lateral rotation of the eye.

## NERVE SUPPLY OF LEVATOR PALPEBRAE SUPERIORIS (SA)

Levator palpebrae superioris consists of superior and inferior lamellae.

Superior lamella is voluntary and is supplied by Oculomotor nerve

Inferior lamella is involuntary and is supplied by postganglionic sympathetic fibres from superior cervical ganglion

## DESCRIBE OCULOMOTOR NERVE UNDER FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

### A) ORIGIN B) COURSE C) RELATIONS D) DISTRIBUTION E) APPLIED ANATOMY (LE)

#### Introduction:

Oculomotor nerve is the 3<sup>rd</sup> cranial nerve

It supplies all extraocular muscles EXCEPT Superior oblique & Lateral Rectus muscle It also supplies intraocular muscles

#### Origin:

**Oculomotor nuclear complex**

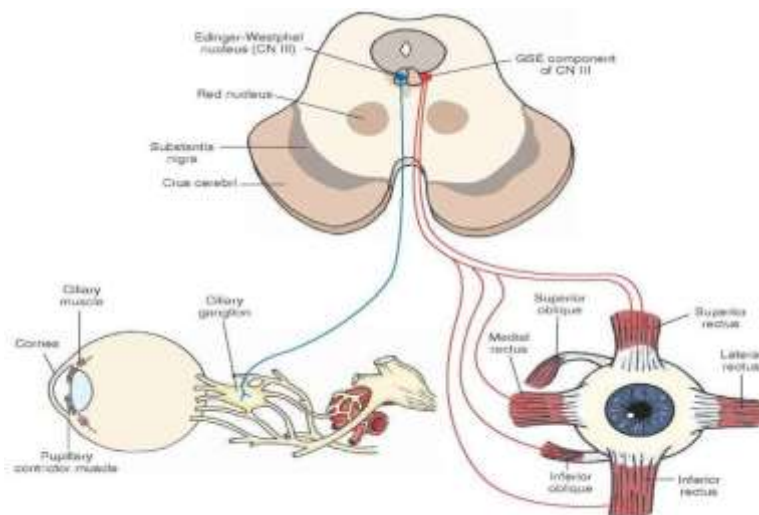
It is a combination of Oculomotor Nucleus and Edinger Westphal nucleus (parasympathetic fibers)

#### Situation:

Central grey matter of **midbrain** at the level of **superior colliculus**.

#### Course & Relations:

The nerve **emerges** from the **medial side of the crus cerebri** of midbrain



Passes forwards in the inter-peduncular cistern.

Lies between posterior cerebral & superior cerebellar arteries.

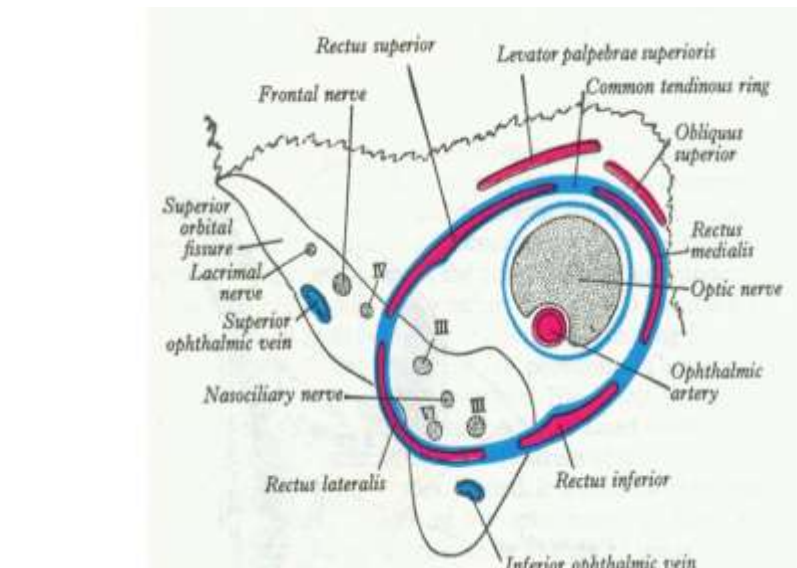
Passes forwards in the **lateral wall** of **cavernous sinus** where it is related to  
Trochlear nerve

Ophthalmic nerve

Maxillary nerve

In the anterior part of the sinus the nerve divides into **superior & inferior division**.

Both the divisions enter the orbit through the middle part of superior orbital fissure along with the nasociliary nerve.



#### **Distribution:**

Superior division supplies

- Superior Rectus &
- Levator palpebrae superioris muscle.

Inferior division supplies

- Inferior Rectus muscle,
- Inferior Oblique muscle &
- Medial Rectus muscle.

Nerve to Inferior oblique gives motor root to the ciliary ganglion

#### **Applied Anatomy:**

Complete division of Oculomotor nerve results in:

- Ptosis (drooping of the upper eyelid).
- Lateral squint due to unopposed action of lateral rectus.
- Dilatation of the pupil (paralysis of sphincter pupillae).
- Loss of accommodation (paralysis of ciliaris).
- Diplopia (double vision).

#### **OPTIC NERVE (GROSS FEATURES) (SE)**

- It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> cranial nerve and nerve of vision.
- It is made up of the axons of ganglionic cells of retina.
- Contains 1.2 million myelinated nerve fibers.

#### **Dimension & parts of optic nerve:**

Total length - 4 cm

#### **Parts-**

- Intraorbital part -25mm
- Intracanalicular part - 5mm
- Intracranial part-10 mm

### Coverings:

It is covered by the three meninges.

Duramater

Arachnoidmater

Piamater

### Course and relations:

Optic nerve begins at optic disc ( blind spot)

Emerges from posterior part of eyeball about 3 mm nasal to posterior pole.

Ends in the cranial cavity by forming optic chiasma with opposite side optic nerve.

### Relations:

In the orbit:

Posteriorly

surrounded by recti muscles.

Laterally

ciliary ganglion

Medially

pierced by central artery and vein of retina about 12 mm behind eyeball.

Above

crossed by nasociliary nerve, ophthalmic artery & superior ophthalmic vein. Below- nerve to medial rectus

In the optic canal:

Laterally

ophthalmic artery

Medially

sphenoid and ethmoidal sinuses

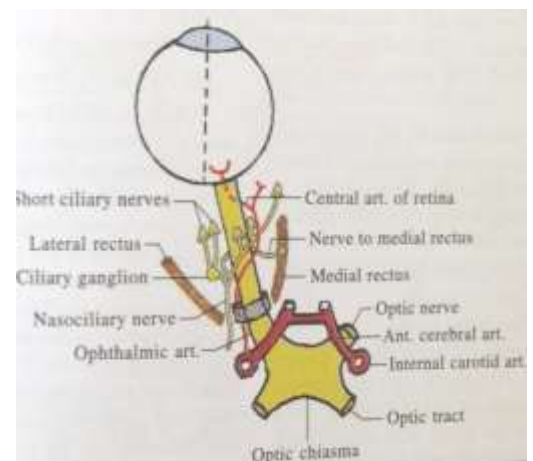
In the cranial cavity:

Laterally

internal carotid artery

Above

anterior cerebral artery, gyrus rectus





## **CILIARY GANGLION - TYPE, LOCATION & CONNECTIONS.(SE)**

It is a **peripheral parasympathetic ganglion**

Topographically related to nasociliary nerve

But functionally related to Oculomotor nerve

### **Location**

Near apex of orbit between optic nerve and lateral rectus muscle

### **Connections:**

There are **three roots**

Motor (parasympathetic) root, Sympathetic root and Sensory root

### **Motor ( Parasympathetic ) Root-**

Derived from nerve to inferior oblique muscle.

Convey preganglionic fibers from Edinger- Westphal nucleus.

Fibers synapse with cell bodies of ciliary ganglion.

### **Sensory Root -**

Derived from nasociliary nerve

Conveys sensory fibers from eyeball.

### **Sympathetic Root-**

Derived from internal carotid plexus.

### **Branches:**

Anterior border of the ganglion provides **8- 10 short ciliary branches**.

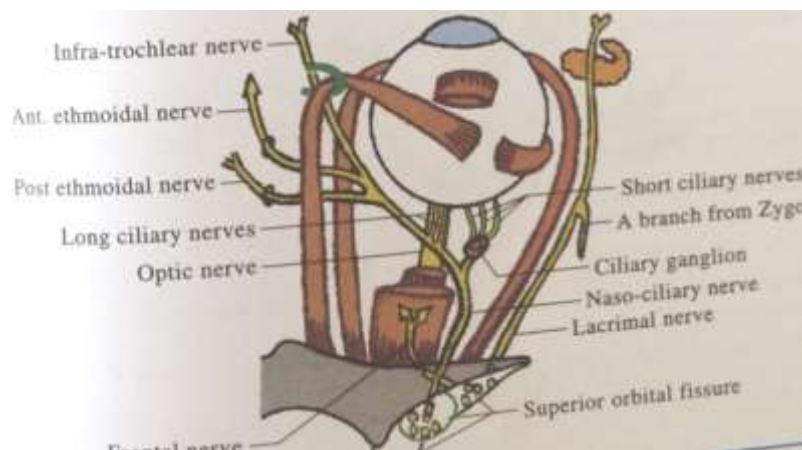
### **Function:**

Short ciliary nerves contain fibers from all the three roots.

Parasympathetic fibers supply sphincter pupillae and ciliaris muscle.

Sympathetic fibers supply blood vessels of eyeball and dilator pupillae muscle.

Sensory fibers carry sensation from the eyeball.



## **CILIARY GANGLION (SA)**

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### **Roots: 3 Roots**

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Supply blood vessels of eyeball and dilator pupillae muscle.

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### **MUSCLES SUPPLIED BY 3<sup>RD</sup> CRANIAL NERVE (SA)**

Superior Rectus muscle  
Inferior Rectus muscle  
Medial Rectus muscle  
Inferior oblique muscle  
Levator palpebrae superioris muscle

### **MUSCLES AFFECTED IN OCCULOMOTOR PALSY (SA)**

Superior Rectus muscle  
Inferior Rectus muscle  
Medial Rectus muscle  
Inferior oblique muscle  
Levator palpebrae superioris muscle

### **NERVE BRANCHES OF OPHTHALMIC DIVISION OF TRIGEMINAL NERVE(SA)**

**Ophthalmic** division of trigeminal nerve gives rise to three branches - lacrimal, frontal & nasociliary nerves.

#### **Lacrimal Nerve**

#### **Frontal Nerve** - branches

Supratrochlear nerve  
Supraorbital nerve

#### **Nasociliary Nerve**- branches

Communicating branch to Ciliary ganglion  
2-3 Long Ciliary Nerves  
Posterior Ethmoidal Nerve  
Infratrochlear Nerve  
Anterior Ethmoidal Nerve

### **WHAT IS PTOSIS? GIVE REASONS (SA)**

#### **Ptosis:**

Inability to elevate the upper eyelid is called as Ptosis.

#### **Reasons:**

Levator palpebrae superioris muscle is responsible for elevation of upper eyelid.

Lesion/ injury of Oculomotor nerve leads to paralysis of levator palpebrae superioris muscle.

So there will be loss of function of the muscle leading to Ptosis.