

Figure 11.6 Veins of posterior abdominal wall venous drainage of the abdomen. (Reprinted from Netter Anatomy Illustration Collection. ©Elsevier Inc. All Rights Reserved.)

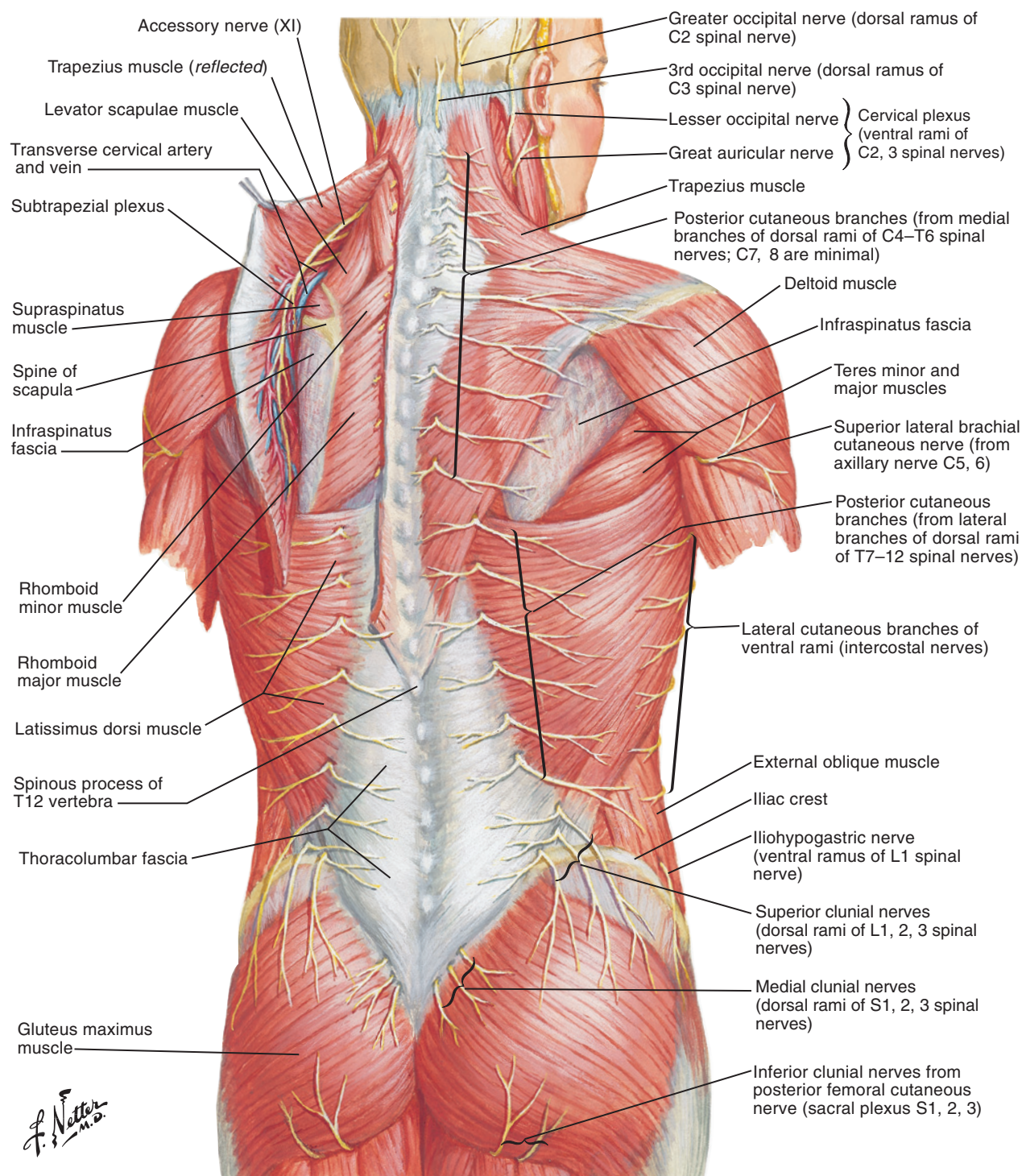


Figure 11.7 Nerves of back. (Reprinted from Netter Anatomy Illustration Collection. ©Elsevier Inc. All Rights Reserved.)

THE BACK

The common recipient artery in microsurgical reconstruction of the back is the thoracodorsal artery (Fig. 11.1). The circumflex scapular artery and a regional intercostal artery are less commonly used (Fig. 11.4). This can be used for pedicled reconstruction as well. Similarly, the dorsal scapular artery and superficial cervical artery are useful in pedicled reconstruction of the upper neck or occiput in the

form of a trapezius flap (Fig. 11.7). The superior and inferior gluteal arteries are also available as recipient arteries for lower back reconstruction (see Fig. 13.3).

ADDITIONAL VENOUS ANATOMY

In addition to the accompanying veins of all of the arteries described above, a few notable additions are discussed