Neuroanatomy



Neurons Wired Together into a Functional Network







- Some basic terms in neuroanatomy
 - central nervous system (CNS) = brain + spinal cord
 - peripheral nervous system (PNS) = cranial nerves + spinal nerves + peripheral ganglia
 - nucleus a local collection of cell bodies in the CNS
 - ganglion a local collection of cell bodies in the PNS (exception: basal ganglia)
 - tract a bundle of axons in the CNS
 - nerve a bundle of axons in the PNS
 - gray matter areas where there are lots of cell bodies in the CNS appear grayish in color
 - white matter areas where there are lots of myelinated axons in the CNS appear white in color





- Naming conventions for tracts
 - begins with the location of the cell bodies and ends with the location of the terminal buttons (e.g. spinothalamic, corticospinal, spinocerebellar)
 - prominent tracts may retain their old names: e.g., fornix, pyramidal tract
- other names for tracts: fasciculus, capsule, commissure, lemniscus, peduncle (used in special cases)

- three cell
 layers of the
 embryo:
 ectoderm,
 mesoderm,
 endoderm
- the nervous system (and skin) forms
 from the ectoderm



- a neural plate forms and gradually folds into a neural tube
- lots of things can go wrong

Warning: the next slide is a little rough!



- anencephaly missing cerebral hemispheres when the cephalic (head) end of the neural tube fails to close
- micro(en)cephaly zika (a mosquito borne virus)



Range of Microcephaly Severity









vpical head size

Baby with Severe Microcephaly

- <u>myeloschisis</u> abnormal formation of the spinal cord
- <u>spina bifida</u> being one of the milder forms (lower spine and spinal cord, generally)



- eventually, the developing nervous system becomes roughly segmented into six regions
 - telencephalon -cerebral hemispheres
 - diencephalon thalamus and hypothalamus
 - mesencephalon midbrain
 - metencephalon pons and cerebellum
 - myelencephalon medulla
 - spinal cord



Meninges

Cibo



A. — Arachnoid A.G. — Arachnoid Granulation B. — Bone C.A. — Cerebral Artery C.V. — Cerebral Vein D. — Dura Mater F.C. — Falx Cerebri P.M. — Pia Mater S. — Skin S.A.S. — Sub-Arachnoid Space S.D.S. — Sub-Dural Space S.S.S. — Superior Sagittal Sinus

Meninges (Ciba)

- I) dura mater
- 2) arachnoid mater
- 3) pia mater

Ventricular System (your brain is hollow)







Normal Encephalogreen - Lateral



Normal Encephalogram - Antero Posterior

The Ventricular System (Ciba)

- I) lateral ventricles
- 2) third ventricle
- 3) cerebral aqueduct
- 4) fourth ventricle
- 5) subarachnoid space

Theoretical schematic section through the ventricles, Interventricular foramina and aqueduct.

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Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)

- fills the ventricles and subarachnoid space
- produced in the <u>choroid plexus</u> in lateral and 3rd ventricles
- about 125 milliliters (or 1/2 cup)
- circulation lateral ventricle to the third ventricle, through the cerebral aqueduct to the fourth ventricle, then through three small foramens into the subarachnoid space
- functions: cushioning and buoyancy, waste disposal

Hydrocephalus

- "water on the brain"
- blockage of one of the smaller foramens or aqueducts can result in build-up of CSF behind the block
- the blockage is usually in the cerebral aqueduct
- corrected surgically
- this can happen in adults, too!







- I) vertebral arteries
- 2) basilar artery
- 3) circle of Willis
- 4) internal carotid artery

Blood Supply of the Brain (Ciba)

(blood is drained away via sinuses embedded in the dura, and eventually via the jugular vein)

Energy Needs of the Brain (your brain runs on sugar)

- consumes about 20% of oxygen carried in the blood (even though it is only about 2% of adult body weight, about 3 pounds)
- requires about 400 Calories per day (all in carbohydrates) - burns 15 watts (about 1/4 Cal/min) more or less continuously
- when the body is at rest, it is the most expensive tissue in the body to maintain
- when the body is active, muscles burn more energy than the brain

Telencephalon





Lobes of the Cerebral Hemispheres

Kinds of Cortex (cx): primary sensory, sensory association, primary motor, secondary motor or premotor, prefrontal



Structure of Cortex



Structure of Cortex

as opposed to the limbic cortex (light purple)

an evolutionarily more primitive cx

3 to 5-layered cortex



Brodmann Areas



Brodmann's cytotechtonic map (1909): Lateral surface Brodmann's cytotechtonic map (1909): Medial surface



Temporal lobe

Frontal lobe

Brainstem

Cerebellum

Ventral Surface

cranial nerves

Limbic System



Limbic System Functions

- amygdala
 - emotion, emotional learning, fear
 - attaching emotional consequences to environmental events
 - people (and animals) with damage in the amygdala tend to have an impaired sense of fear
- cingulate cortex
 - motivation and attaching motivational significance to recent behaviors
 - e.g., pain of social rejection

Limbic System Functions

- septal nuclei
 - pleasure, reinforcement, social behavior
 - drives a theta rhythm in the hippocampus associated with learning and memory
 - lesions in animals cause "septal rage"
- hippocampus
 - memory consolidation damage often results in STM failing to be consolidated to LTM
 - spatial learning and cognitive maps

Basal Ganglia



movement disorders



Diencephalon



Thalamus - a relay into the neocortex



Nuclei of the Thalamus

from basal ganglia and cerebellum



Functions of the Hypothalamus

- emotion and motivation via interconnections with the limbic system (some consider it part of the limbic system)
- homeostatic (self-regulating) drives such as hunger and thirst
- regulation of the pituitary gland
- regulation of the autonomic nervous system

The Lower Brainstem

mesencephalon metencephalon myelencephalon

mesencephalon (myelin stain)



General rule of thumb in the brainstem and spinal cord: the more dorsal something is, the more likely it is to be sensory, and the more ventral the more likely it is to be motor.





myelencephalon (myelin stain)



Decussation of the pyramidal (corticospinal) tract

OPTIC TRACT MAMMILARY BODY NTS X 4 INTERPEDUNCULAR FOSSA OCULOMOTOR NERVE CEREBRAL PEDUNCLE XII 4 TRIGEMINAL NERVE BASILAR SULCUS MOTOR FORTION OF C.N.V. SENSORY PORTION MIDDLE CEREBELLAR OF C.N. V PEDUNCLE ABBUCENS NERVE FACIAL NERVE (C.N. VII) XI 🖌 MOTOR PORTION BASAL PORTION OF C.N. VII OF THE PONS NTERMEDIATE NERVE OF C.N. VII ESTIBULOCOCHLEAR VENTRAL NERVE C₁ VIEW GLOSSOPHARYNGEAL NERVE OLIVE VAGUS NERVE PYRAMID Arm HVPOGLOSSAL NERVE VENTROLATERAL SULCUS CRANLAL ROOT OF VENTRAL MEDIAN SPINOACCESSORY (C.N. XI) FISSURE C1 DECUSSATION OF SPINAL ROOT OF C.N. XI THE PYRAMIDS C5 VENTRAL ROOT OF FIRST CERVICAL NERVE

A2/C2 DMNV A1/C1 Pyramid DAP XI Leg т,

RIGHT

LEFT



(1.) UPPER MOTOR NEURON LESION

Contralateral Hemiparesis

Postural Flexion of Arm, Extension of Leg

Muscles Hypertonic

Tendon Reflexes Hyperactive

Atrophy Not Prominent

No Muscle Fasciculations

Pathological Reflexes Present



Flexed elbow



Pronated forearm



Thumb in palm



Clenched fist



Contractures & Skeletal Deformities May Develop

THE PYRAMIDAL MOTOR SYSTEM



Spinal Cord

spinal cord (myelin stain)





Schematic section of spinal cord (Ciba)



Sensory pathways are shown in blue; motor pathways are shown in red. S. III

Cibe

The spinal cord ends about 2/3 rds of the way down the spine.





Spinal Nerves



cranial nerves





cranial nerve I: olfactory nerve



cranial nerve II: optic nerve





- 1. ganglion cells of the retina
- 2. axons form the optic nerves
- 3. partially decussate at the
- 4. become the optic tracts
- 5. which synapes in the lateral geniculate nucleus of the



cranial nerves III, IV, and VI: eye movement



cranial nerve V: trigeminal nerve



Trigeminal neuralgia or Tic douloureux

Trigeminal nerve is Mandibular zone fifth cranial nerve. Trigeminal nerve is responsible for sensation in the face and certain Trigemin nerve motor function such as biting, chewing. Three major branches ophthalmic nerve, maxillary nerve, mandibular nerve



Trigeminal Nerve





cranial nerve VII: facial nerve



Facial Nerve Palsy (Bell's Palsy)



usually caused by: 1) stroke 2) tumor 3) infection a) Herpes zoster b) Lyme disease 4) etc.

usually resolves on its own within about two months



cranial nerve VIII: auditory nerve (and many other names!)





auditory system

The End