



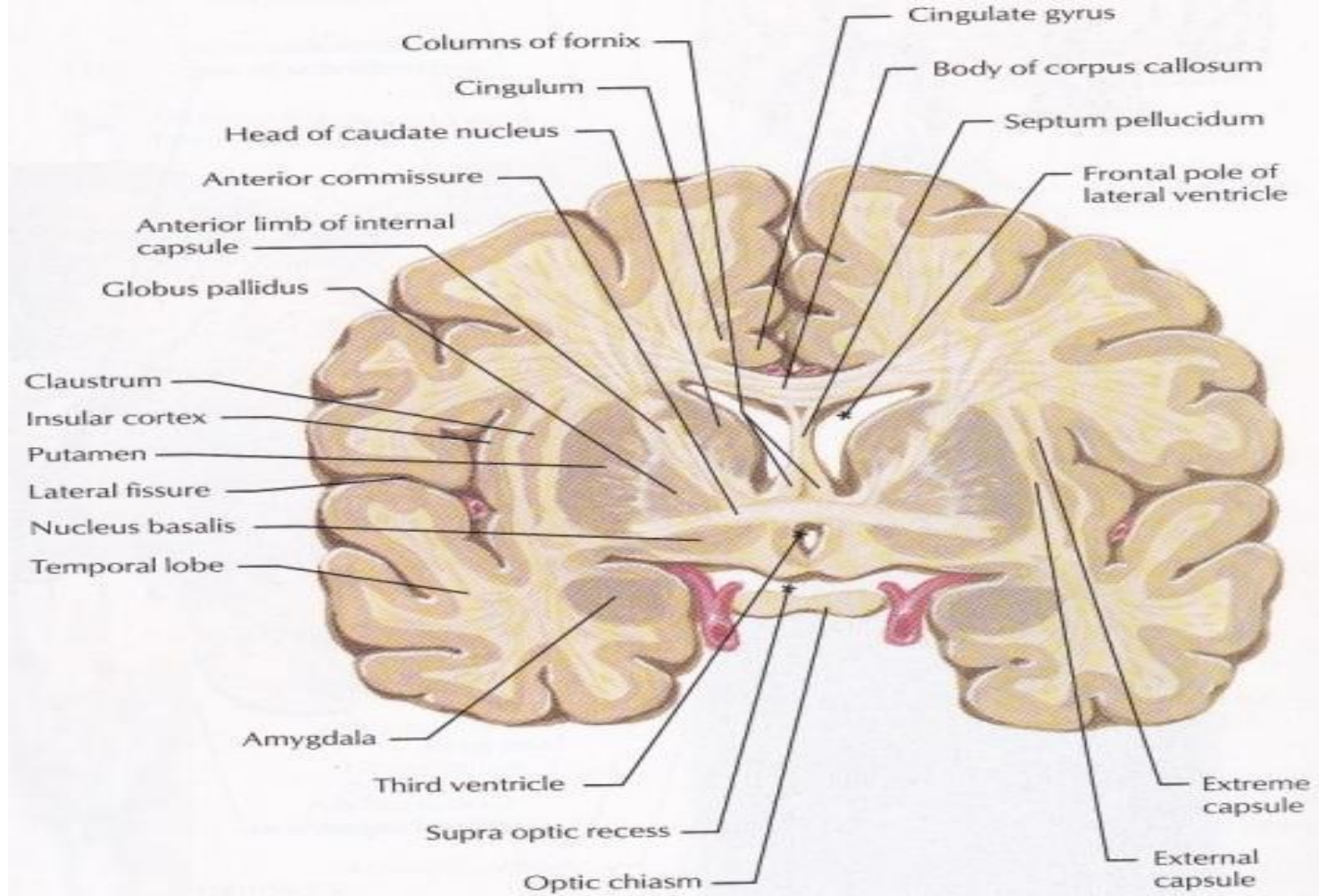
**CEREBRAL HEMISPHERE
AND
CEREBRAL CORTEX**

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Cerebral Hemisphere



- Derived from the embryological telencephalon
- Consists of :
 - **Cerebral cortex** (Layer of grey mater)
highly convulated to form a complex pattern of ridges (gyri) and furrows (sulci)
 - **Centrum semi ovale** (Layer of white mater)
 - **Basal ganglia** (Nuclear masses which buried within the white matter)
 - **Rhinencephalon**



- **Internal capsule**

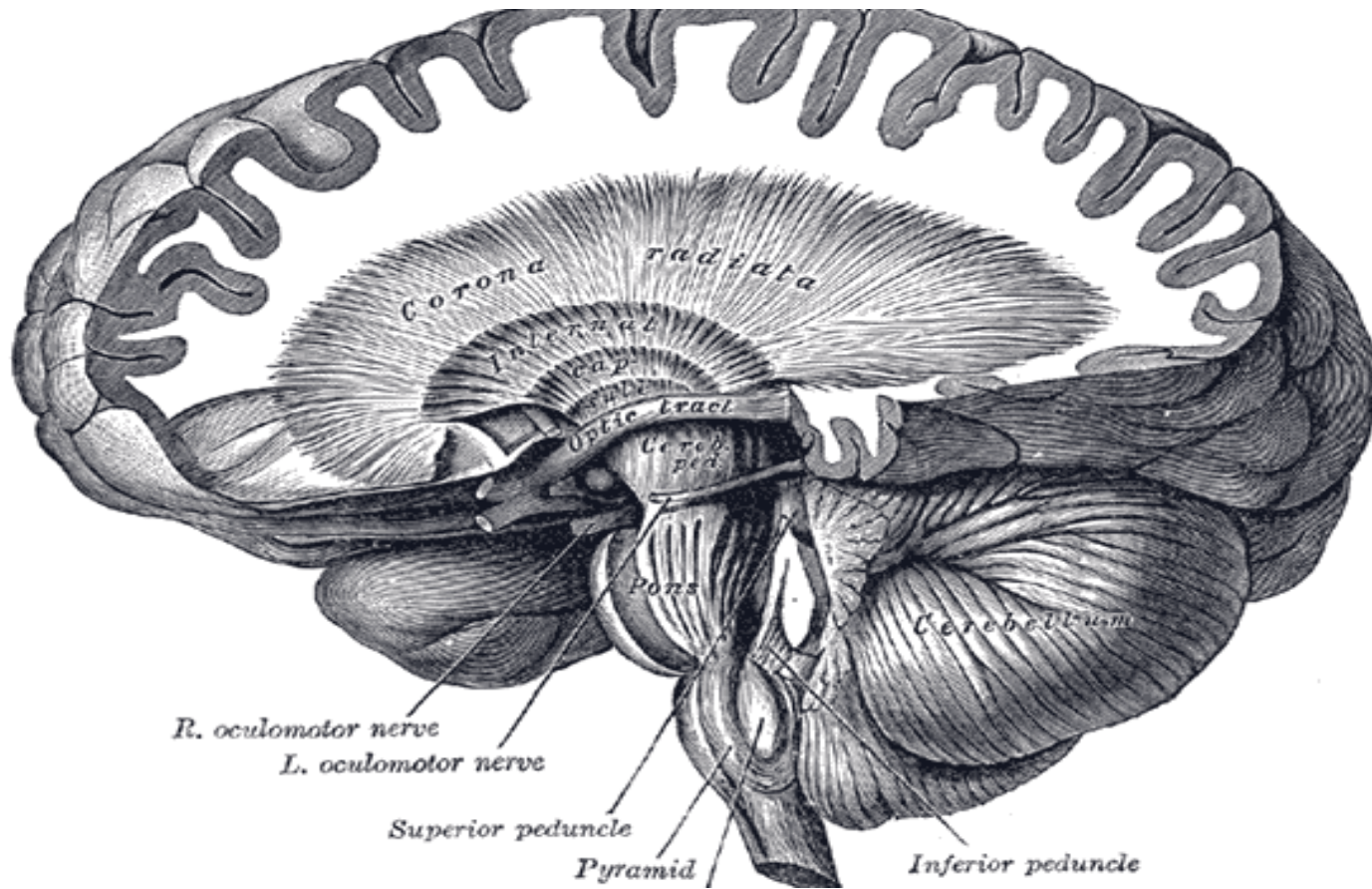
- Contains both ascending and descending axons

- **Lateral ventricle**

- **Corpus striatum** or **basal ganglia** → caudate nucleus, putamen, and globus pallidus

- **Corpus callosum**

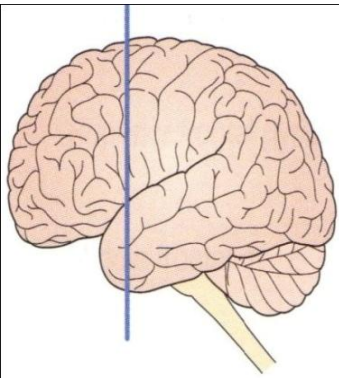
- **Great Longitudinal fissure**



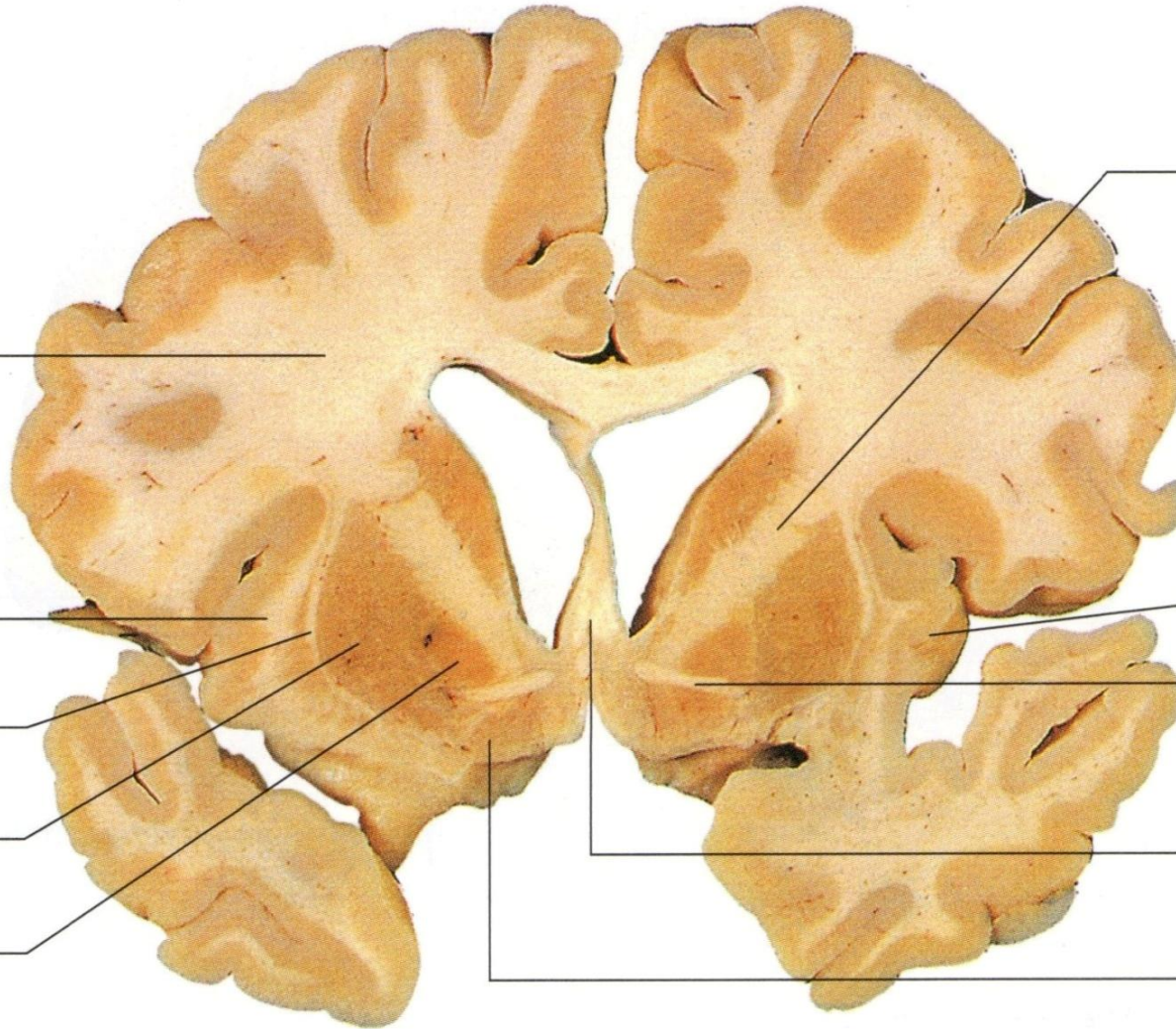
Corona Radiata

- Fibres radiate in and out to produce a fan-like arrangement between internal capsule and cortical surface
- Contains both descending and ascending axons that carry nearly all of the neural traffic from and to the cerebral cortex

Corona Radiata



Corona radiata



Internal capsule

Extreme capsule

Insula

External capsule

Anterior
commissure

Putamen

Anterior column
of fornix

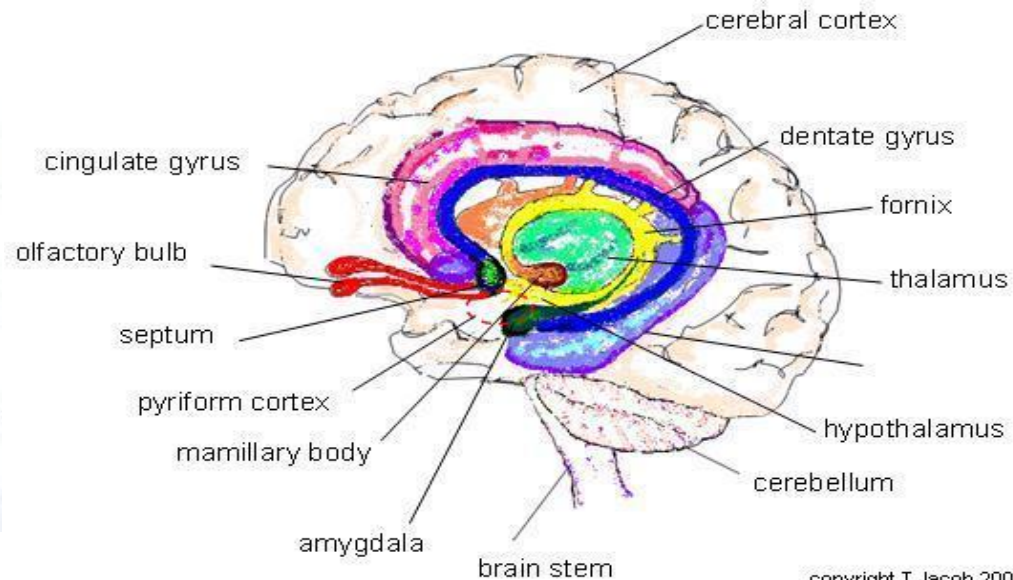
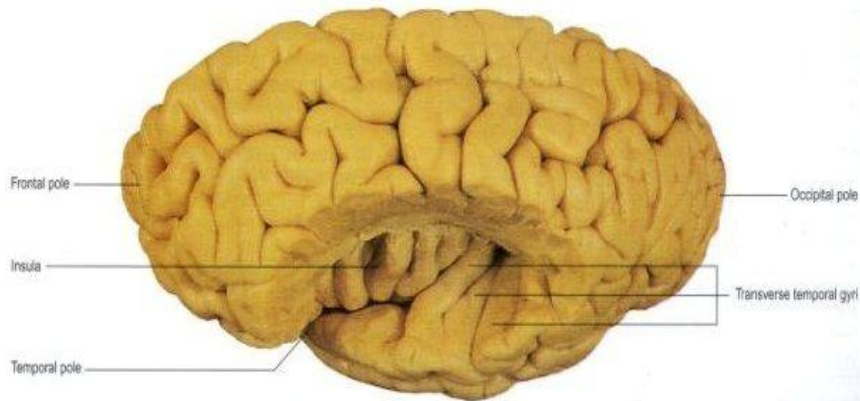
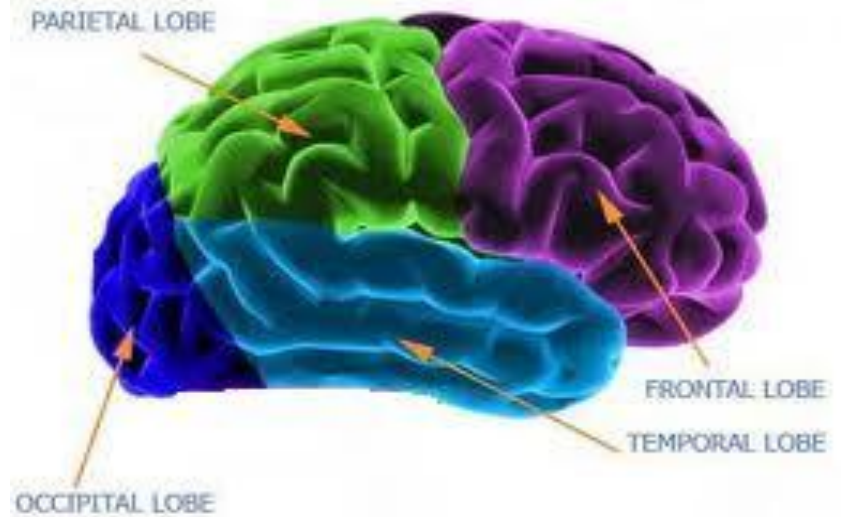
Globus pallidus

Substantia innominata

Coronal section of the cerebral hemisphere.

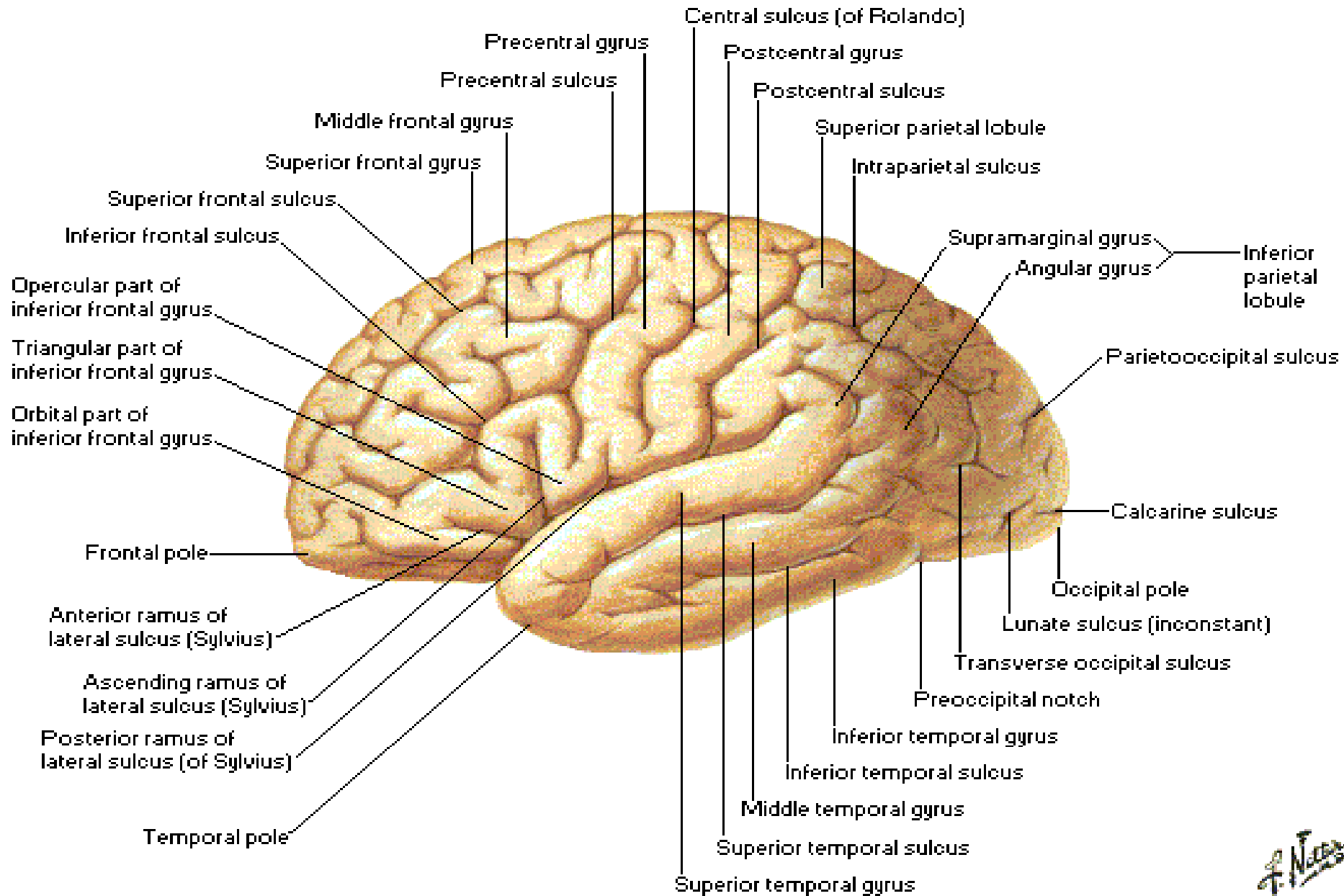
Lobes of The Cerebral Hemisphere

- Frontale lobe
- Parietal lobe
- Temporal lobe
- Occipital lobe
- Insular lobe
- Limbic

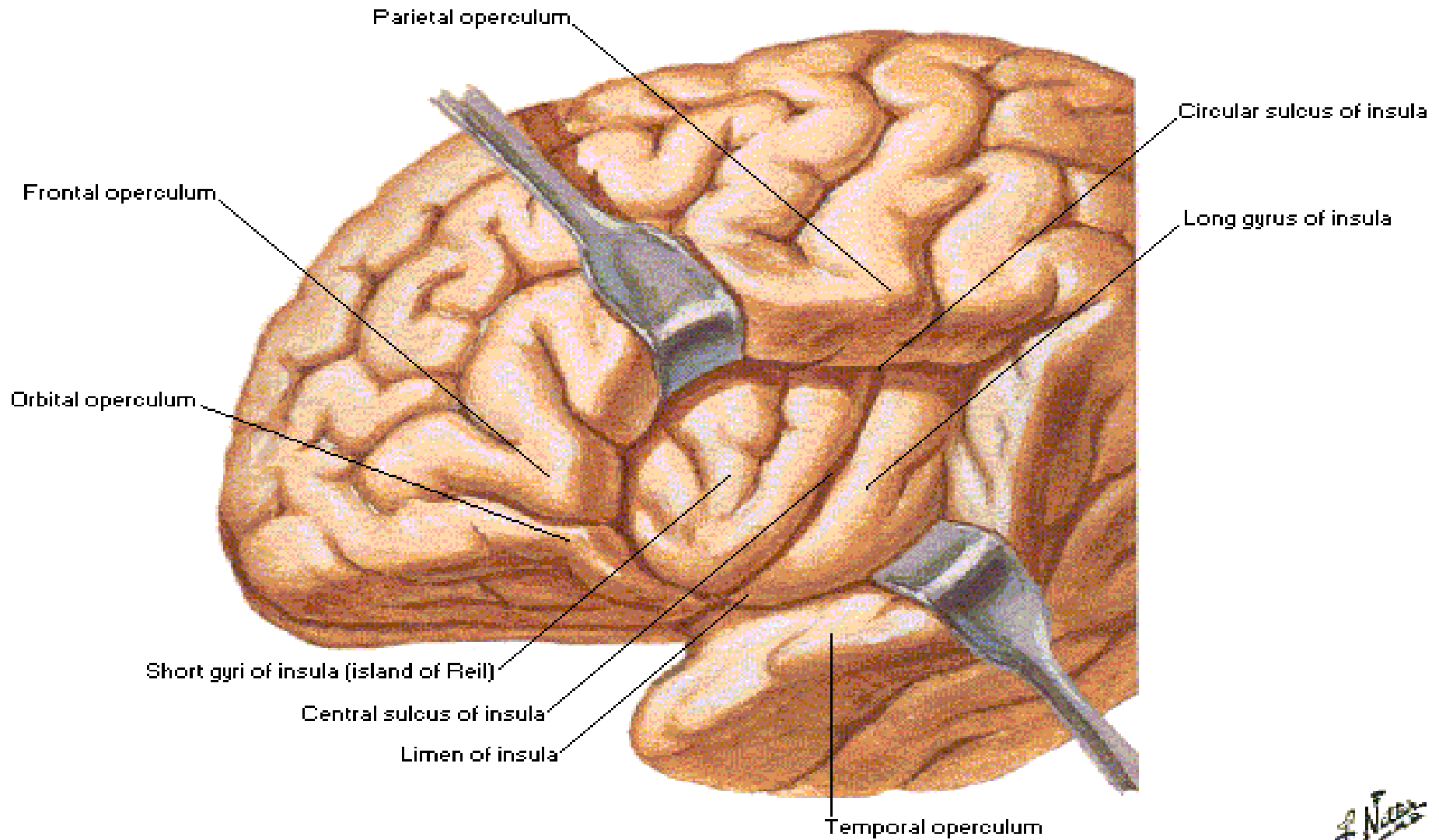


Cerebrum

Lateral View

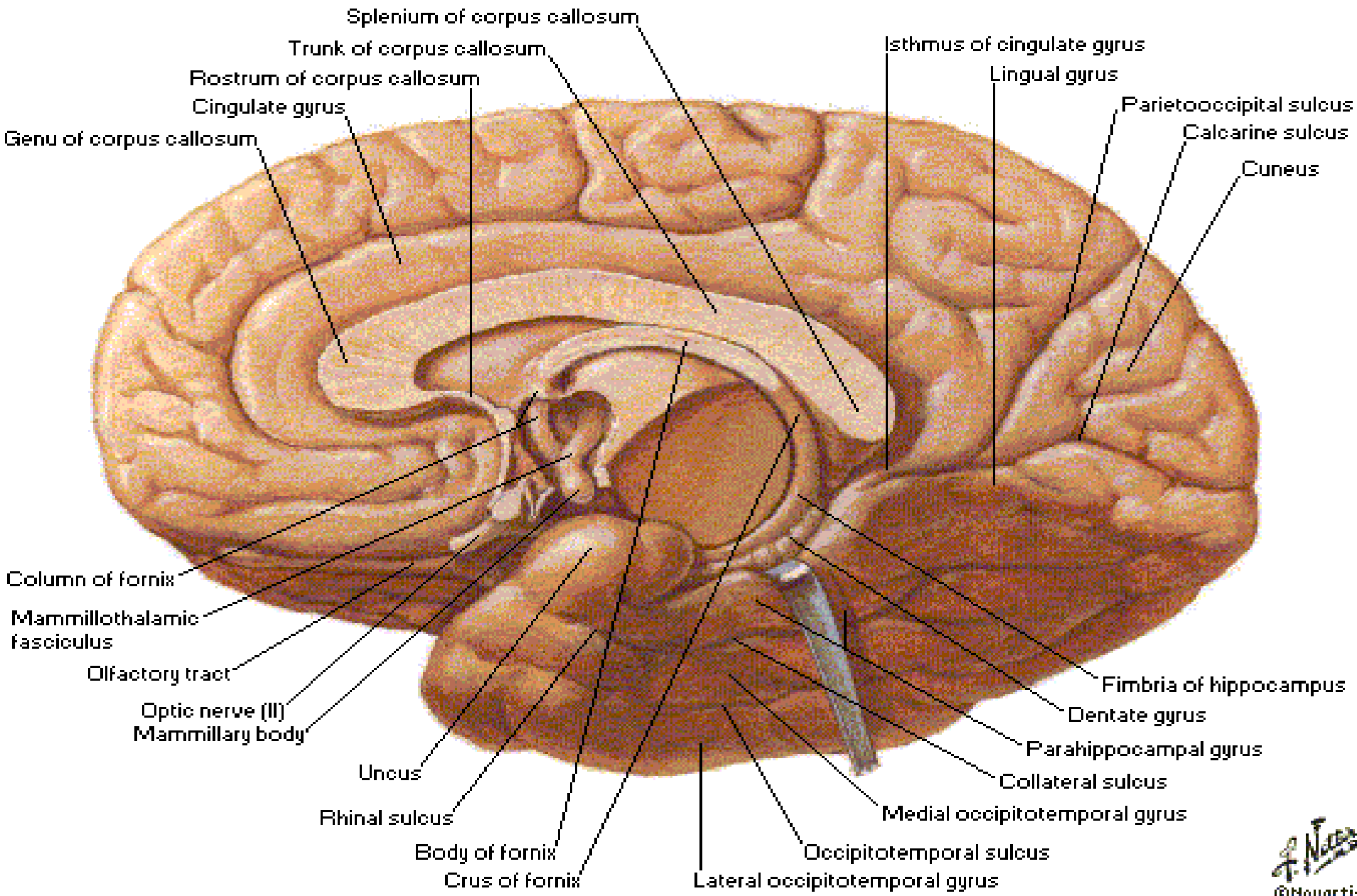


Cerebrum - Insula [Island of Reil] Lateral View



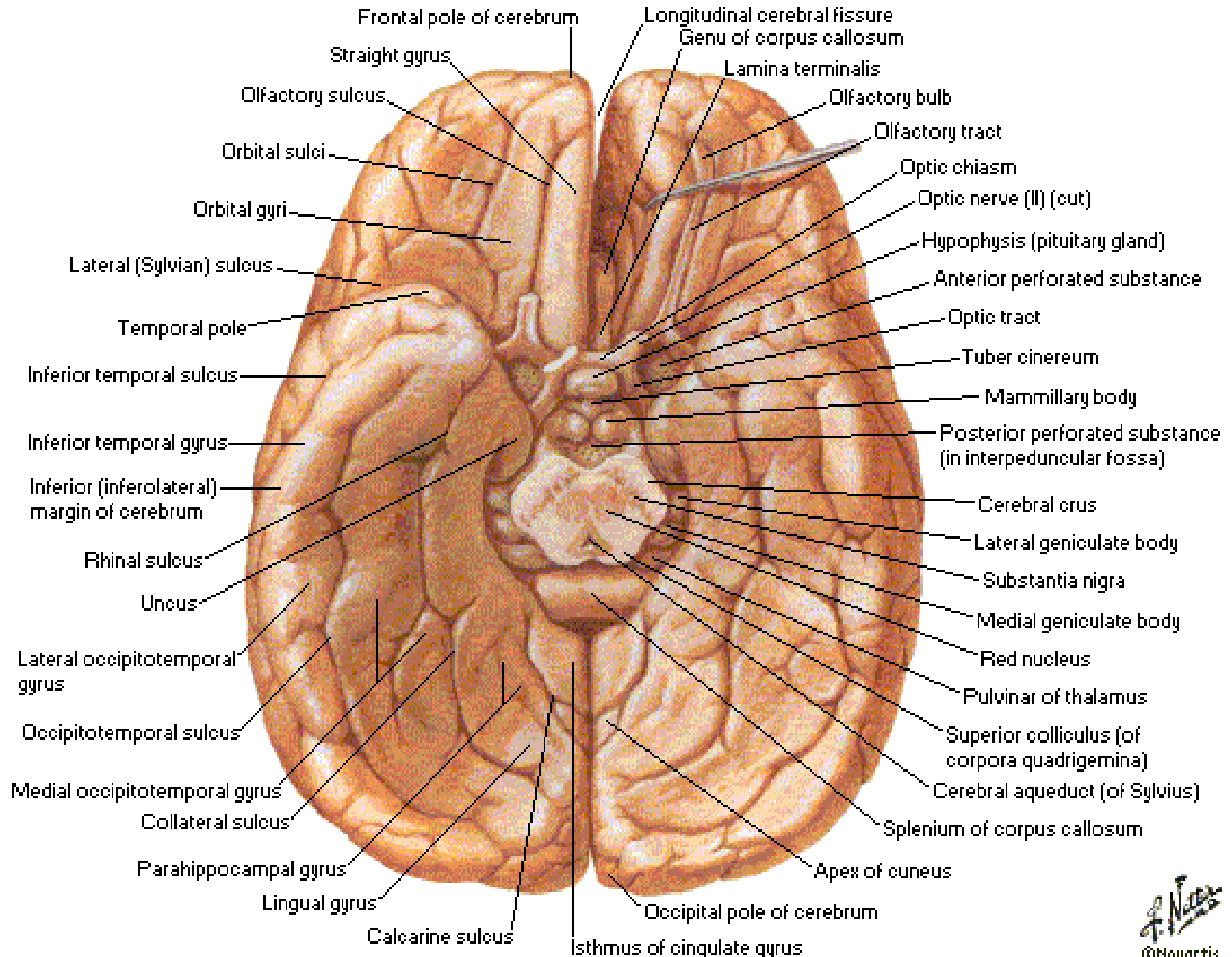
Cerebrum - Hemisphere with Brainstem Excised

Medial View



Cerebrum

Inferior View



Cerebral Cortex

Histological Structure

Consist of :

- Archicortex and Paleocortex → phylogenetically old parts of the cortex
 - hippocampus and other parts of the temporal lobe
 - Three-layered cytoarchitecture
- Neocortex
 - Six-layered cytoarchitecture

Histological Structure of Cerebral Cortex

- **Molecular (plexiform) layer**

Few nerve cell bodies but many dendritic and axonal processes in synaptic interaction

- **OUTER granular layer**

Many small neurones, which establish intracortical connections

- **OUTER pyramidal cell layer**

Medium-sized neurones giving rise to association and commissural fibres

- **INNER granular layer**

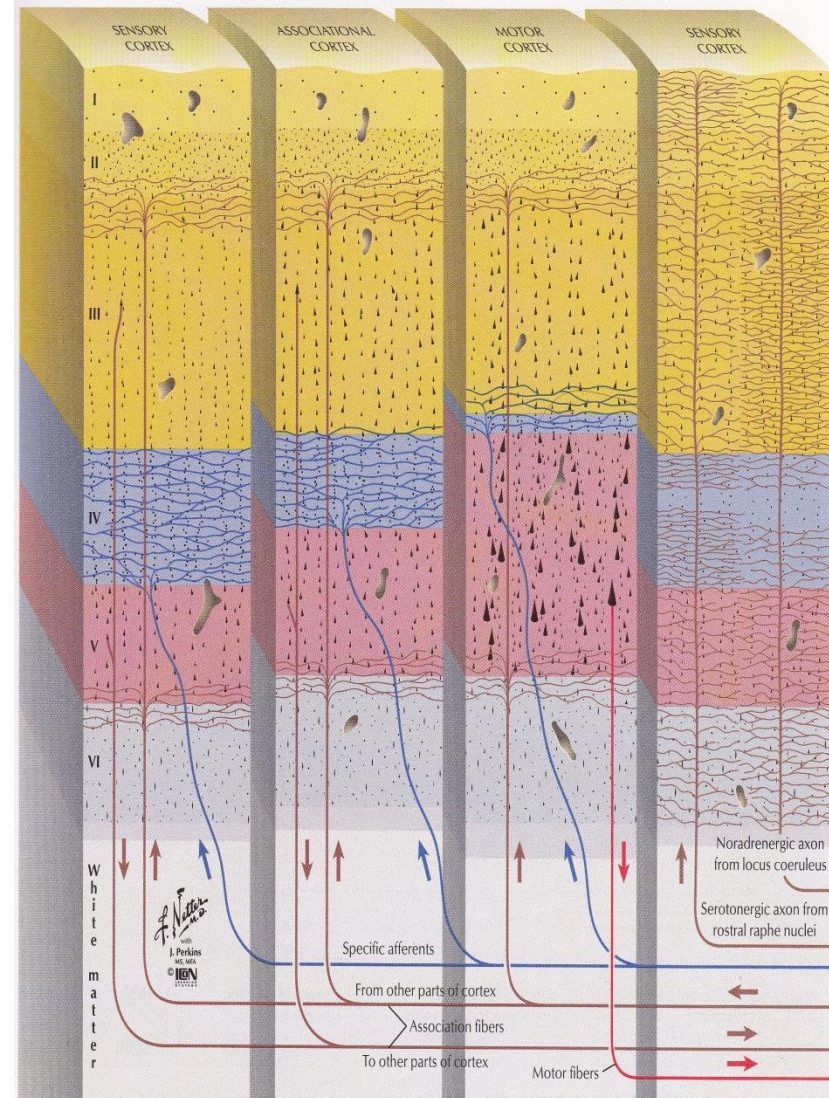
The side of termination of afferent fibres from the specific thalamic nuclei

- **INNER pyramidal cell layer (ganglionic layer)**

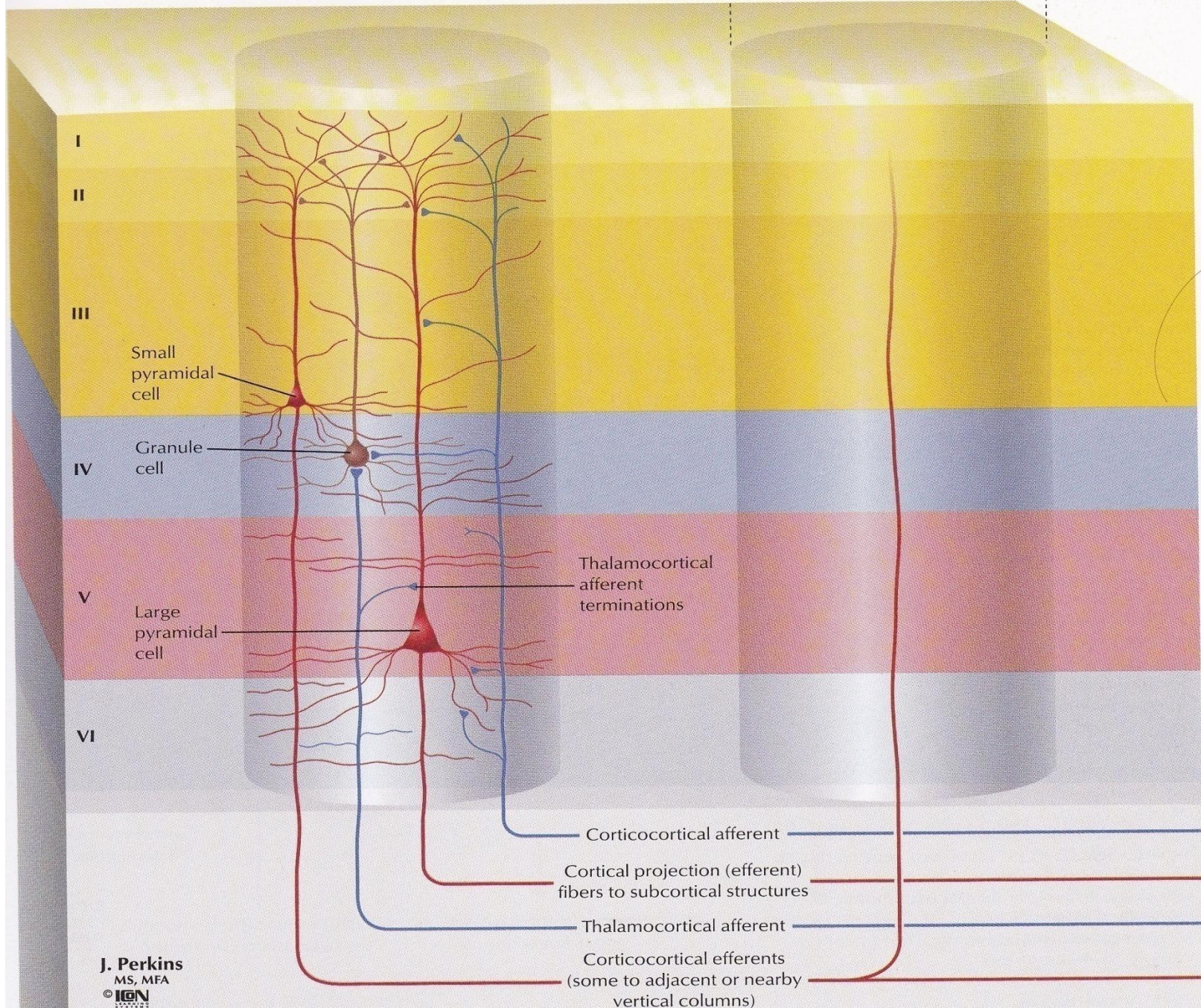
Origin of projection fibres to extracortical targets. In primary motor cortex, this layer contains giant Betz's cells

- **Multiform cell layer**

Contains association and projection neurones



Vertical columns (0.5–1.0 mm wide)



Function **Brodmann Area**

Vision

primary 17
 secondary 18, 19, 20, 21, 37

Audition

primary 41, 42
 secondary 22

Body Sensation

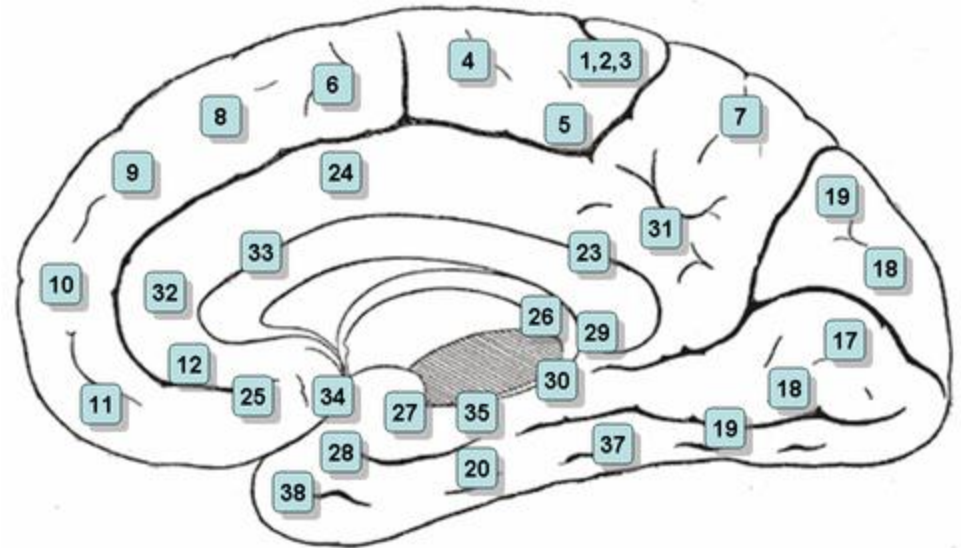
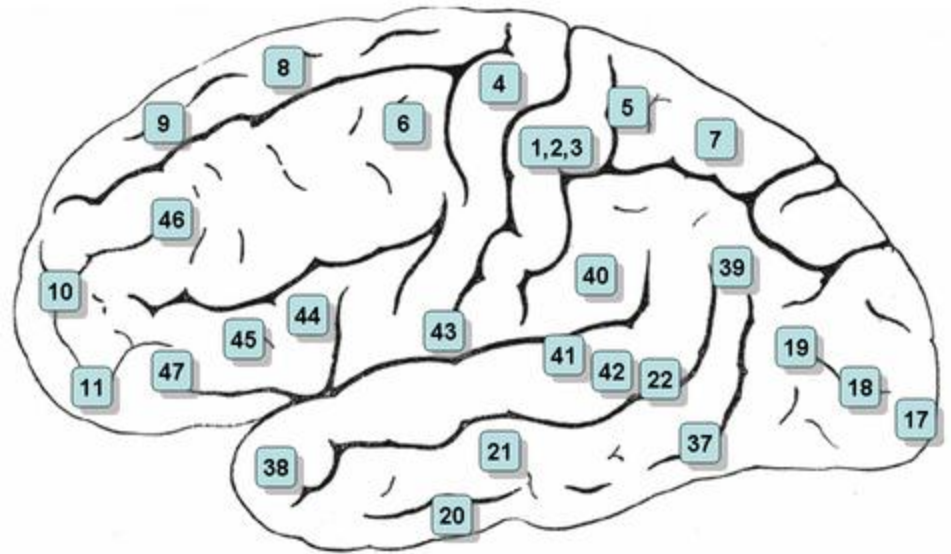
primary 1, 2, 3
 secondary 5, 7

 Sensation,
 tertiary 7, 22, 37, 39, 40

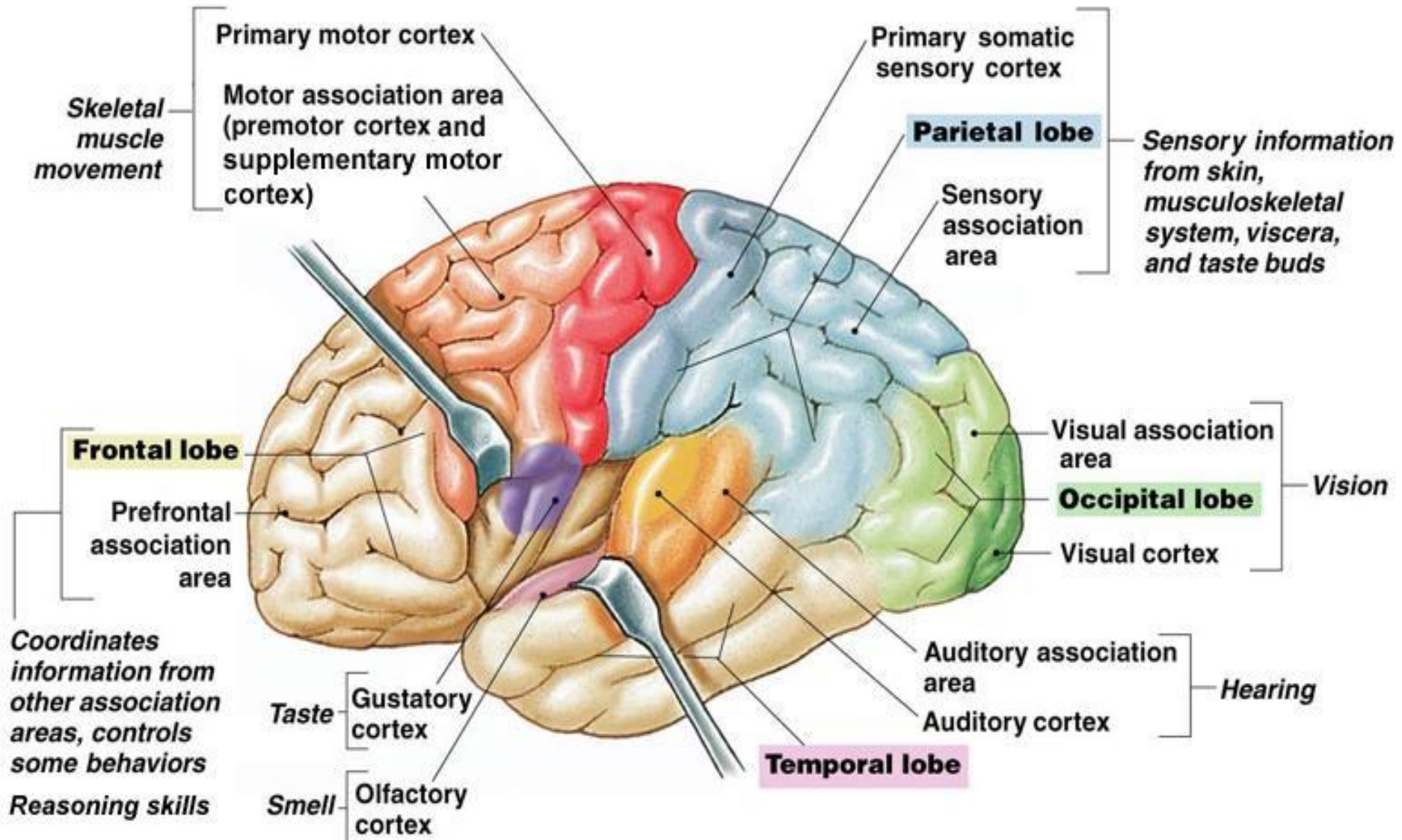
Motor

primary 4
 secondary 6
 eye mov't 8
 speech 44

 Motor,
 tertiary 9, 10, 11, 45, 46, 47



Functional Organisation



Functional Organisation of Cerebrum



- **Cerebral cortex :**
 - Necessary for conscious awareness, memory, and intellect
 - Region to which all sensory modalities ultimately ascend and consciously perceived interpreted in the light of previous experience
 - The highest level at which the motor system is represented

Functional Organisation of Cerebrum



- Sensory information → primary sensory area (parietal lobe/somatosensory, occipital lobe/visual, temporal lobe/hearing → Association cortex → touch, sight, and hearing.
- **Frontal lobe**
 - Primary motor area, premotor, supplementary motor areas → organisation of movement
 - Prefrontal area → strategic guidance of complex motor behaviour over time
- Association cortex in frontal, parietal, and temporal lobes of left hemisphere → comprehension and expression of language
- * Left hemisphere is dominant for language

Functional Organisation of Cerebrum

- **Limbic system**

- Anterior thalamic tubercle
- Cingulate gyrus
- Parahippocampal gyrus
- Subcallosal gyri
- Supracallosal gyrus (indusium griseum)
- Hippocampal formation (hippocampus & dentate gyrus)
- Amigdala
- Fornix
- Septal area
- Mamillary bodies

- ❖ storage and retrieval of information processed in posterior hemispheric regions

- ❖ **Functions:**

- flight and fight responses
- feeding behaviour
- behavioural & endocrine of sexual response
- feeding behaviour
- autonomic
- Agression, emosion aspects of behaviour

Focal Cerebral Lesion



Focal cerebral lesion (e.g. stroke or tumour) produce 3 kinds of symptom:

1. Focal epileptic seizure

- Simple focal seizures

sudden attacks of abnormal movements or sensations, may trigger generalised (tonic-clonic) seizures.

- Complex partial seizures

brief alterations in perception, mood, and behaviour.

Focal Cerebral Lesion

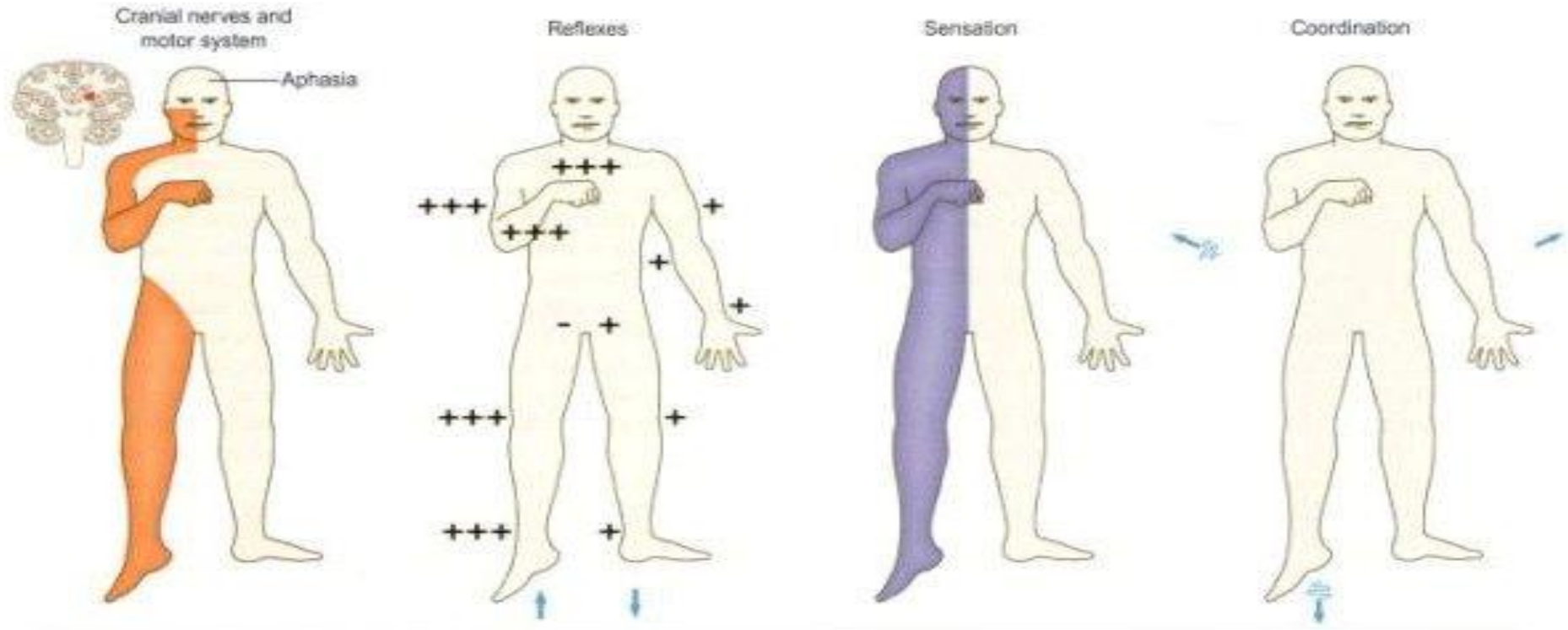


2. Sensory/motor deficits
Loss sensation or movement.
 3. Psychological deficits
breakdowns in psychological processes : language, perception, and memory.
- Syndrome of raised intracranial pressure → focal lesion is space-occupying
 - Unilateral cerebral hemisphere lesion causes:
 - Mental impairment (e.g. aphasia)
 - Contralateral spastic
 - Hyperreflexia
 - Extensor plantar response



UMN lesion

Unilateral Cerebral Hemisphere Lesion



Spastic weakness

+ Normal tendon or abdominal reflexes

- Absent tendon or abdominal reflexes

+++ Increased tendon reflex

↓ Flexor plantar response

↑ Extensor plantar response



Sensory loss



Coordinated movement

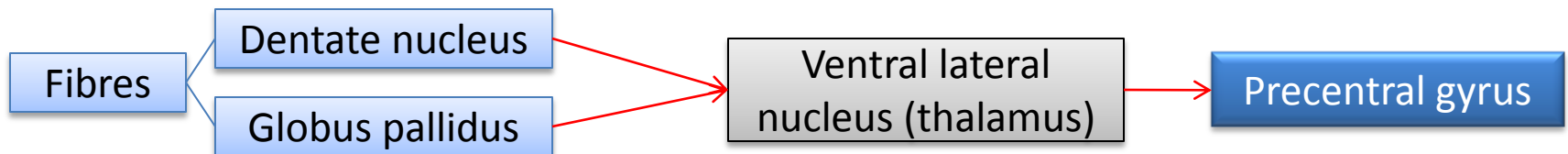


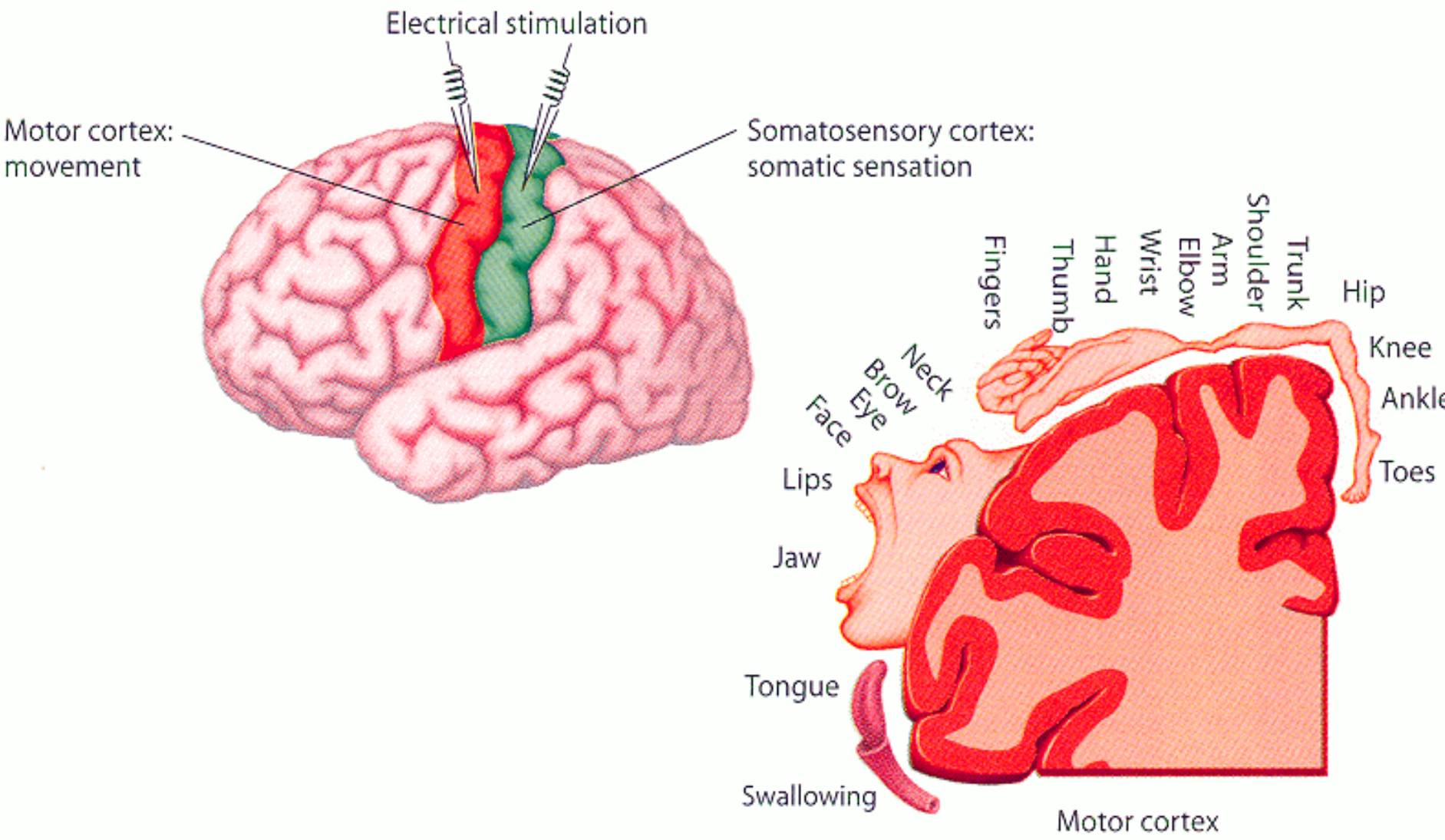
Incoordinate movement, ataxia

Frontal Lobe

- **Primary motor cortex**

- Precentral gyrus (Brodmann's area 4)
- Contralateral half of the body is represented in a precise somatotopic fashion
- Function:
 - control of voluntary, skilled movements, referred to as fractionated movements (sometimes)
- corticospinal (pyramidal tract) & corticobulbar fibres:
 - 30% from primary motor cortex
 - 3% giant pyramidal (Betz) cells





Frontal Lobe

- **Premotor cortex (Brodmann's area 6)**

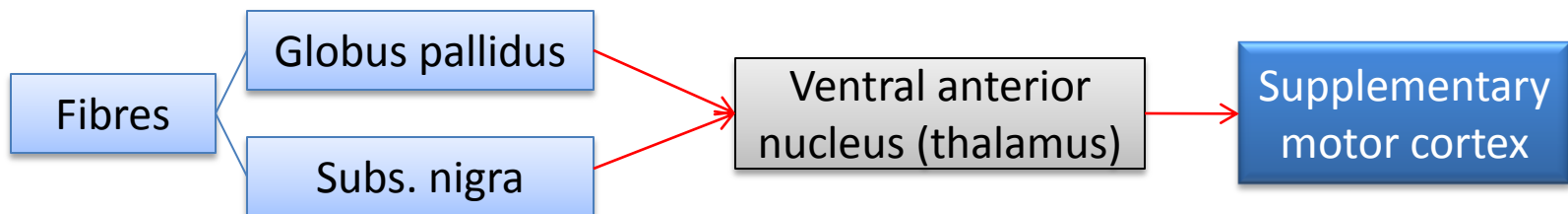
- surface of hemisphere:

- Lateral : includes the posterior portion of the sup., mid., and inf. Frontal gyri.

- Medial : includes to supplementary motor cortex (somatotopic representation appears to be bilateral in both hemispheres)

- Fc : programming and preparation of movement and in the control of posture

- Actions partly via PMC (short association fibres) and corticospinal and corticobulbar fibres (30% in premotor cortex, giant Betz cells [-])



Frontal Lobe

- **Frontal eye field**

- Middle frontal gyrus (Brodmann's area 8)
- fc : controls voluntary conjugate deviation of the eyes
- Unilateral damage causes:
conjugate deviation of the eye towards the side of the lesion

- **Broca's area**

- Pars triangularis of inferior frontal gyrus (Brodmann's area 44 and 45)
- motor speech area
- interconnections with parts of ipsilateral temporal, parietal, and occipital lobes → language function.

Frontal Lobe

- **Prefrontal cortex**

- Rich connections with parietal, temporal, and occipital cortex through long association fibres
- Fc :

Cognitive functions (intellectual, judgemental and predictive faculties and planning of behaviour)



Left Frontal Lobe Lesions



- Focal Seizure

paroxysmal jerking movements of the contralateral limbs are termed “simple motor” or Jacksonian seizures

- Sensory/motor deficit

weakness of the face and hemiplegia contralateral (UMN lesion sign)

- Psychological deficit

- Broca’s aphasia

- Paraphasia

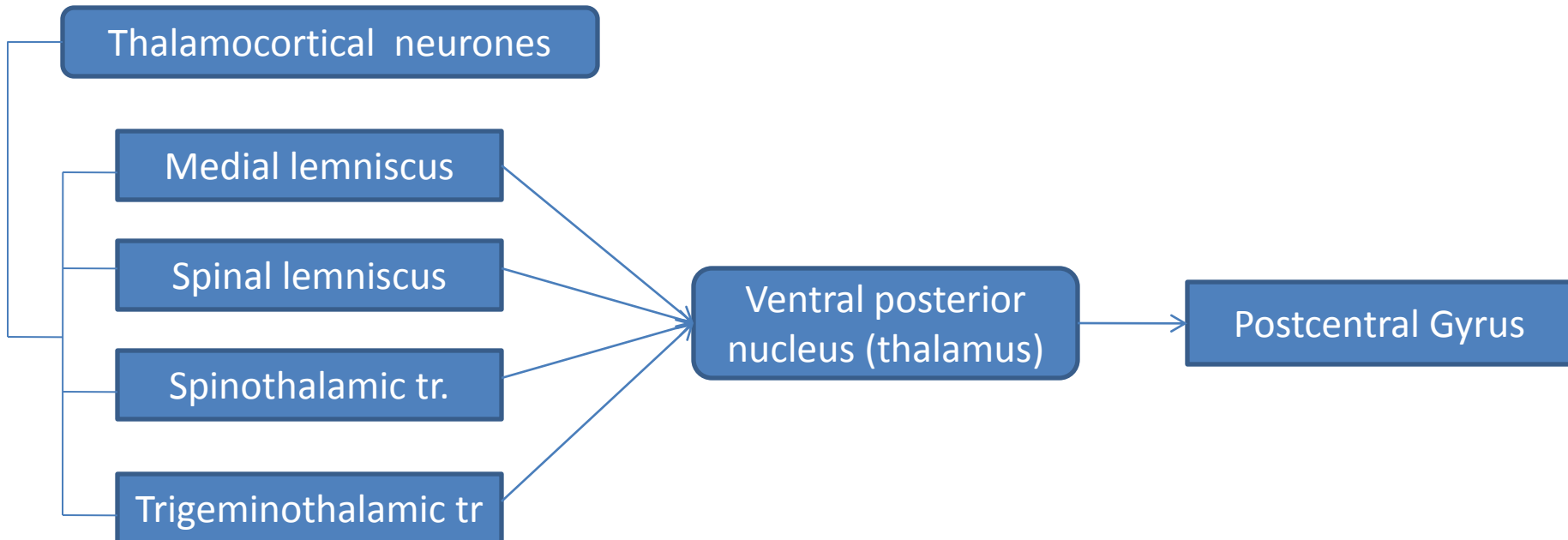
- Alexia

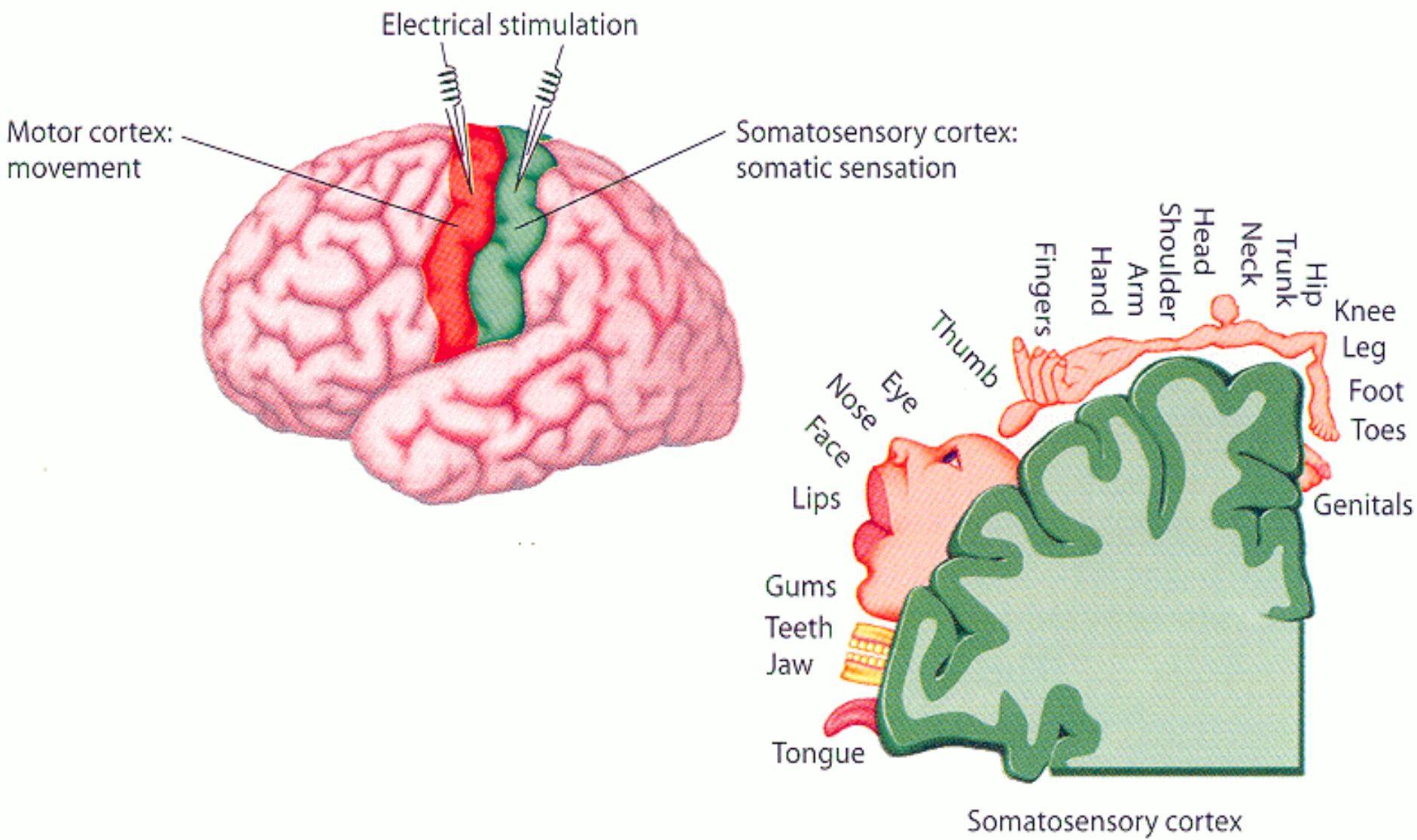
- Agraphia

Parietal Lobe

- **Primary somatosensory cortex**

- Postcentral gyrus (Brodmann's area 1, 2, and 3)
- within somatosensory cortex, contralateral half of body is represented in an inverted





Parietal Lobe

- **Parietal association cortex**

- superior parietal lobule → interpretation of general sensory information and conscious awareness of contralateral half of body.

lesions : impair interpretation and understanding of sensory input and neglect of opposite side of the body

- Inferior parietal lobule → language functions
(between somatosensory cortex, visual & auditory association cortices)

Parietal Lobe Lesions



- Left parietal lobe

1. Focal seizure

Paroxysmal attacks of abnormal sensations, spreading down the contralateral side of the body (sensory seizure)

2. Sensory/motoric deficit

Contralateral hemisensory loss and inferior visual field loss

3. Psychological deficit

- Anomia
- Loss of literacy
- Alexia
- Agraphia
- Acalculia

Parietal Lobe Lesions



- Right parietal lobe

1. Focal seizure

Paroxysmal attacks of sensory disturbance affecting to contralateral side of the body (simple sensory seizures)

2. Sensory/motoric deficit

Contralateral hemisensory loss and inferior visual field loss

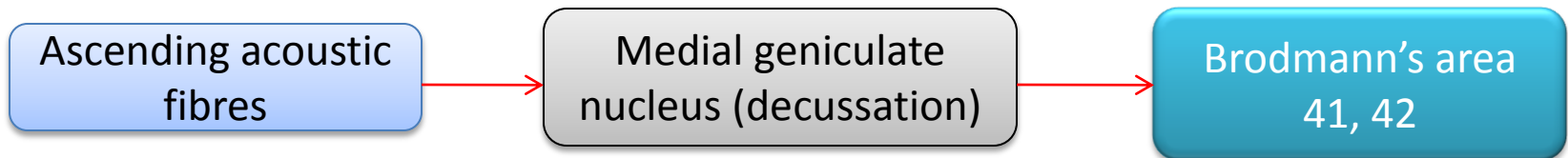
3. Psychological deficit

Constructional apraxia

Temporal lobe

- **Primary auditory cortex**

- Superior temporal gyrus (Brodmann's area 41, 42)
- Precise location → marked by small transverse temporal gyri (Heschl's convolutions)
- fc :
Conscious perception of sound or “tonotopical” representation of cochlear duct
- Unilateral lesion → partial deafness in both ears (at cortical level, the organ of hearing are bilaterally represented)



Temporal lobe

- **Auditory association cortex**

- Wernicke's area

- (surrounding and immediately posterior of primary auditory cortex)

- fc :

- understanding of spoken word and important connections with other language area

- **Cortical representation of vestibular system**

- the location → uncertain

- evidence that it lies in superior temporal gyrus anterior to primary auditory cortex, or inferior parietal lobule

Temporal lobe

- **Hippocampus**

- A part of limbic system
- Relation to memory and emotional aspects of behaviour

- **Amygdala**

- A part of limbic system
- amygdala + adjacent parts of inferomedial temporal cortex → conscious appreciation of sense of smell

Left Temporal Lobe Lesions

1. Focal seizure

- Paroxysmal attacks of unresponsiveness (absences)
- Purposeless behaviour (automatism)
- Olfactory, complex visual, and auditory hallucinations
- Disturbances of mood and memory (déjà vu)
- referred to as complex partial seizures

2. Sensory/motoric deficit

Contralateral superior visual field loss

3. Psychological deficit

Wernicke's aphasia

- Paraphasia and incomprehensible
- Profound word-finding difficulty, impaired repetition of words, profound loss of comprehension.

Bilateral Cortical Disorder



1. Alzheimer's disease

- Common degenerative disorder of the elderly
- Atrophy of temporal and parietal lobes and limbic system
- It causes:
 - Disorientation in space
 - Aphasia
 - Amnesia

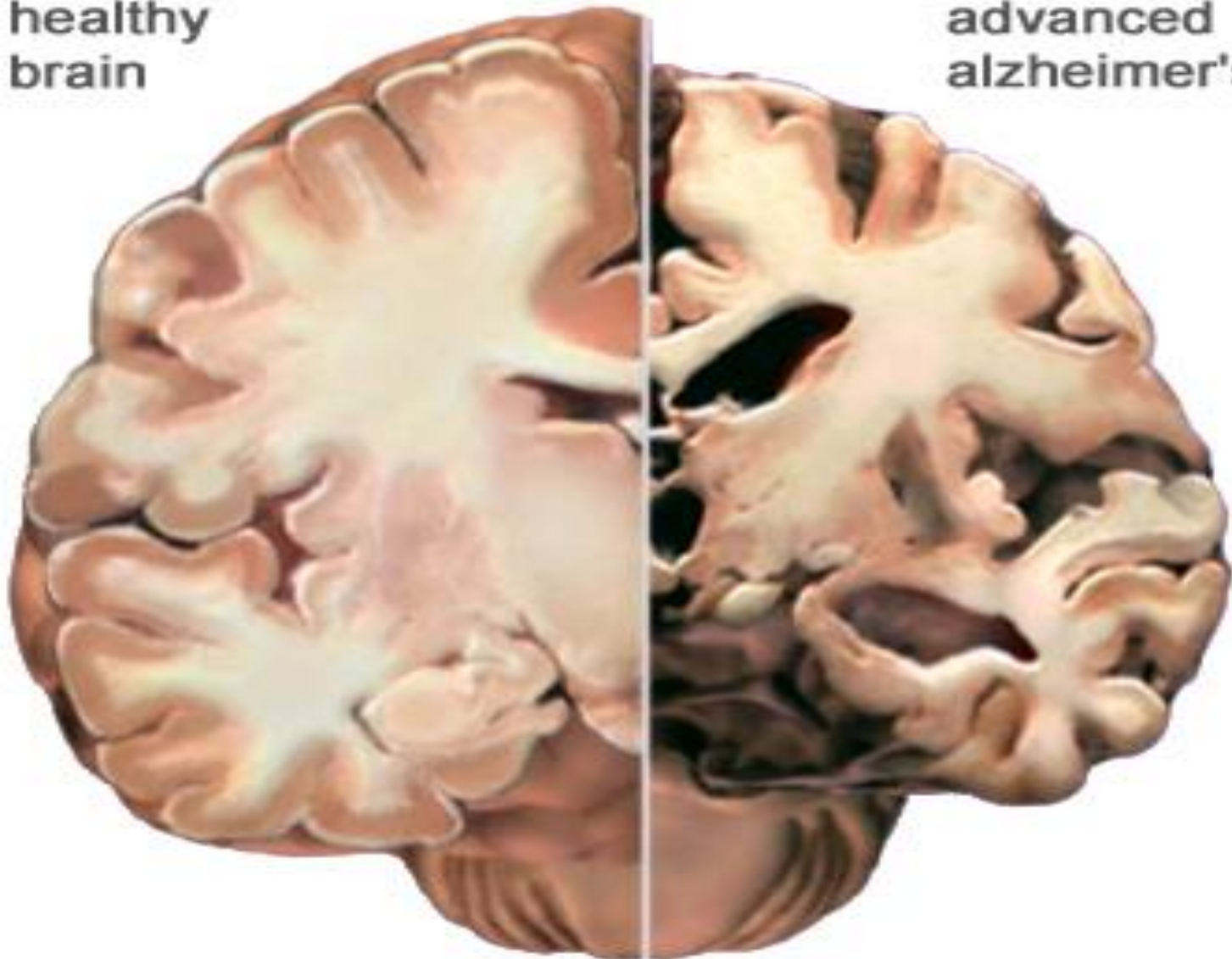
2. Frontotemporal dementia

- Total alteration of personality with loss of judgement, planning, and insight
- Appearance of bizarre and uncharacteristic behaviour
- Young people are affected

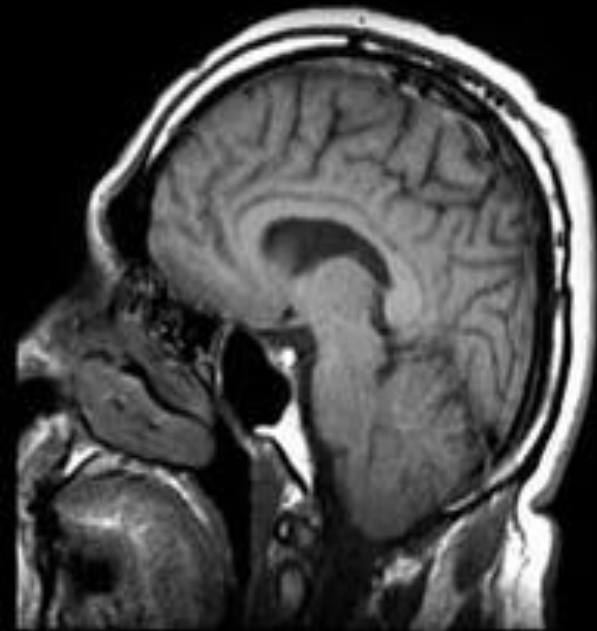
Alzheimer's Disease

healthy
brain

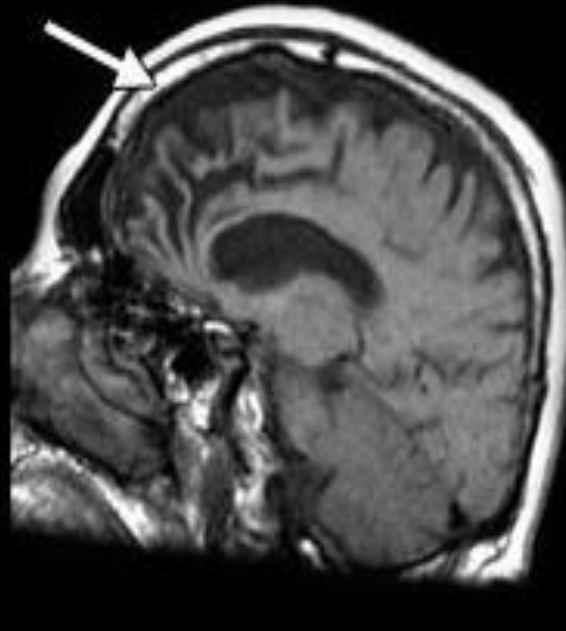
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Frontotemporal dementia



Normal



Frontotemporal dementia



Occipital Lobe

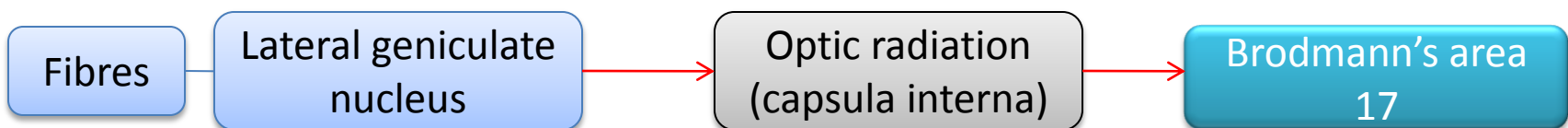
- **primary visual cortex**

- Calcarina sulcus (Brodmann's area 17)
- fc : responsible for visual perception
- Each lateral half of visual fields represented in primary visual cortex of contralateral hemisphere

Upper half of visual field → below calcarina sulcus

Lower half of visual field → upper calcarina sulcus

- Lesions : blindness in corresponding part of visual cortex



Occipital Lobe



- **Visual association cortex**
 - Concerned with interpretation of visual images
 - Lesions :
deficits in visual interpretation and recognition

Occipital Lobe Lesion



1. Focal seizure

Paroxysmal visual hallucinations of a simple, unformed nature, such as light and colours (simple partial seizures)

2. Sensory/motoric deficit

Contralateral visual field loss (contralateral homonymous hemianopia)

- Bilateral occipital lobe lesions lead to cortical blindness → unaware (Anton's syndrome)
- Bilateral occipitoparietal lesions → apperceptive visual agnosia

Language Area

- Left hemisphere → dominant for language and mathematical ability
- Right hemisphere → spatial perception and musical proficiency
- Language area :
 - Broca's area
Expressive aspects of language (articulation)
 - Wernicke's area
Comprehension of the spoken word
 - Angular & supramarginal gyrus
Provide a functional interface between auditory and visual association (naming, reading, writing, calculation)

White Matter of Cerebral Hemisphere



1. Association fibres

Interconnect cortical sites lying within one cerebral hemisphere

2. Commissural fibres

Cerebral hemisphere – cerebral hemisphere, connecting functionally related structure

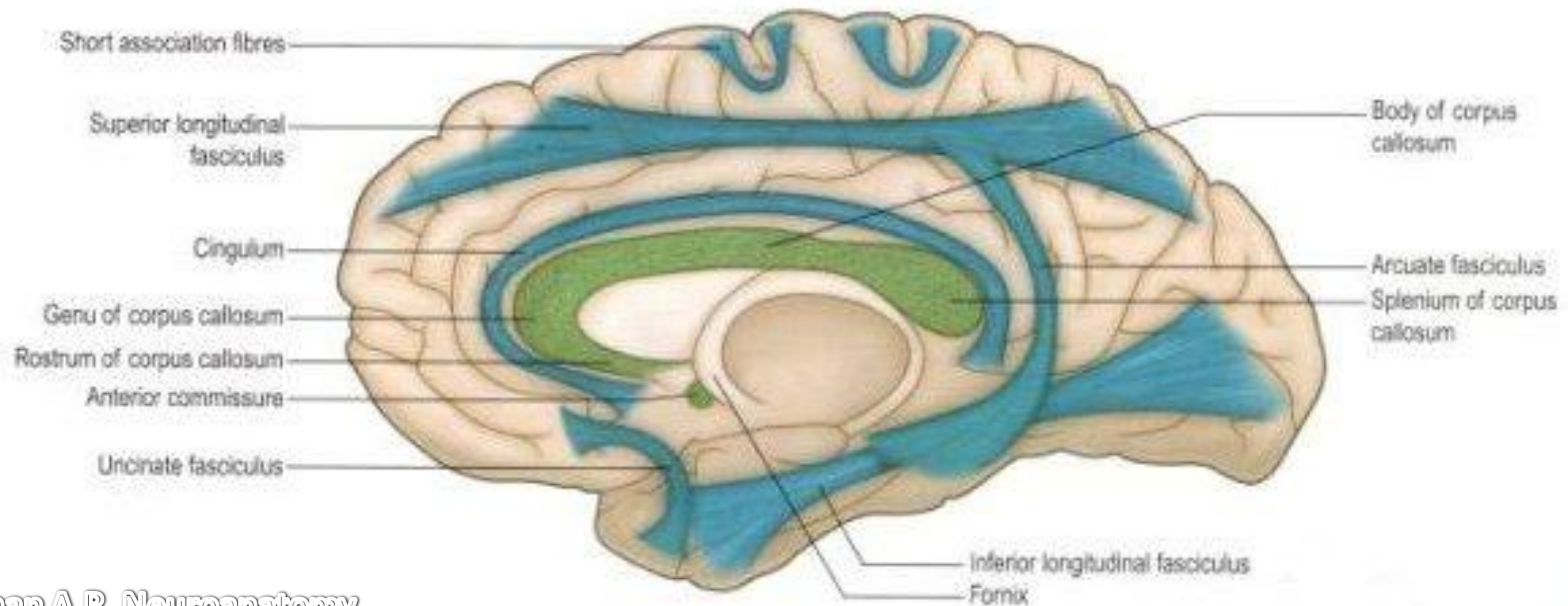
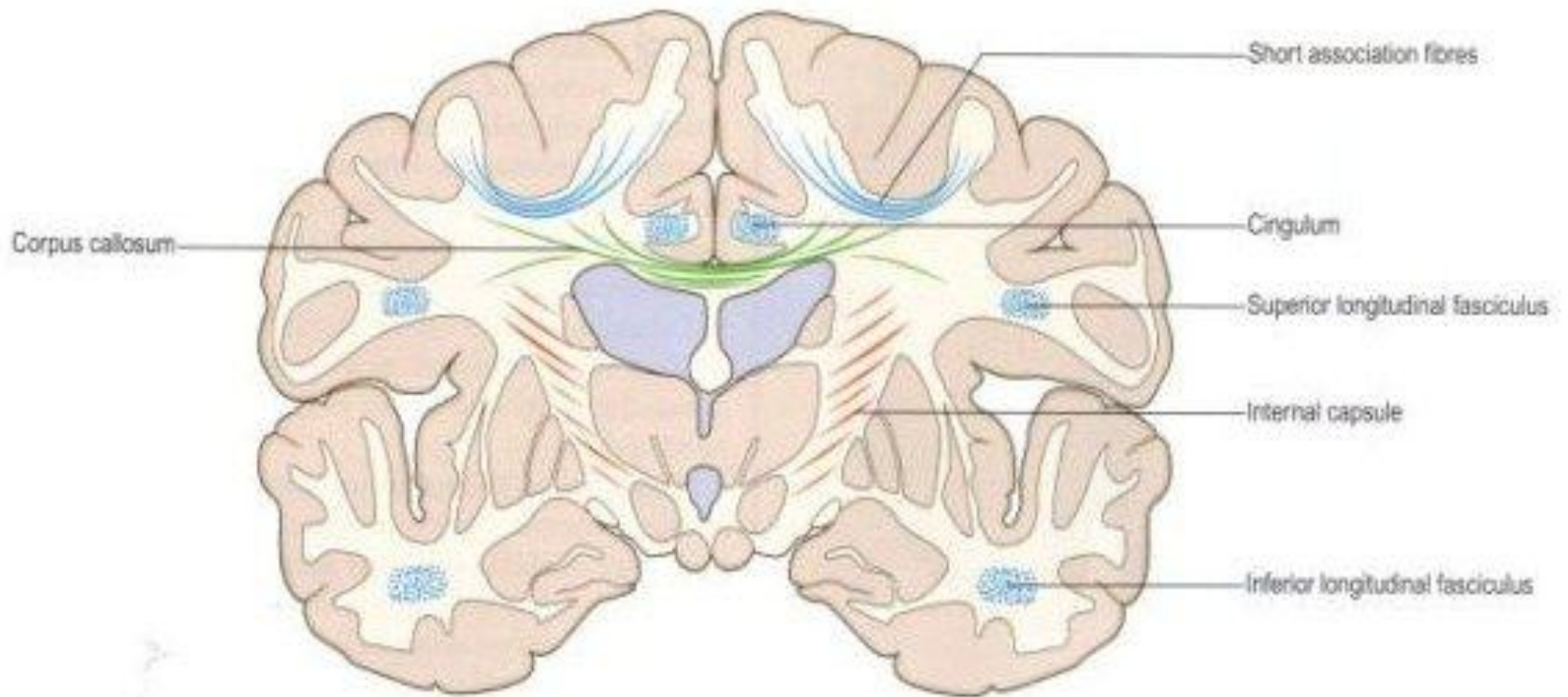
3. Projection fibres

Cerebral cortex – Subcortical structure

Association Fibres



- U fibres
short and nearby area of cortex
- Superior longitudinal fasciculus
frontal lobe – occipital lobe
- Arcuata fasciculus
Gyri in frontal lobe – temporal lobe (language function)
- Inferior longitudinal fasciculus
Occipital lobe – temporal lobe (visual recognition)
- Uncinate Fasciculus
ant. & inf. frontal lobe – temporal gyri (regulation of behaviour)
- Cingulum
Frontal & parietal lobe – parahippocampal & adjacent temporal gyri



Associative Agnosia



- CO poisoning → destroy Inferior longitudinal fasciculus bilaterally → cerebral damage
- Causes :
 - Object agnosia
 - Prosopagnosia

Commissural Fibres



- **Corpus callosum**

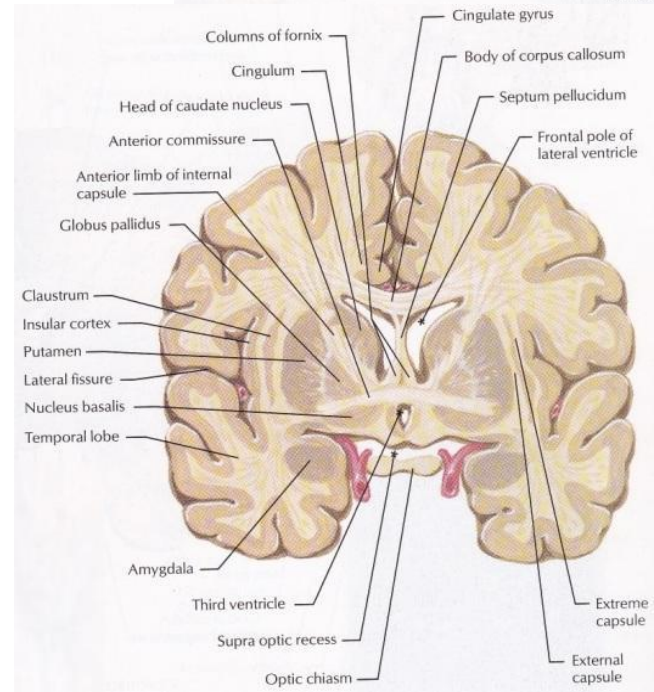
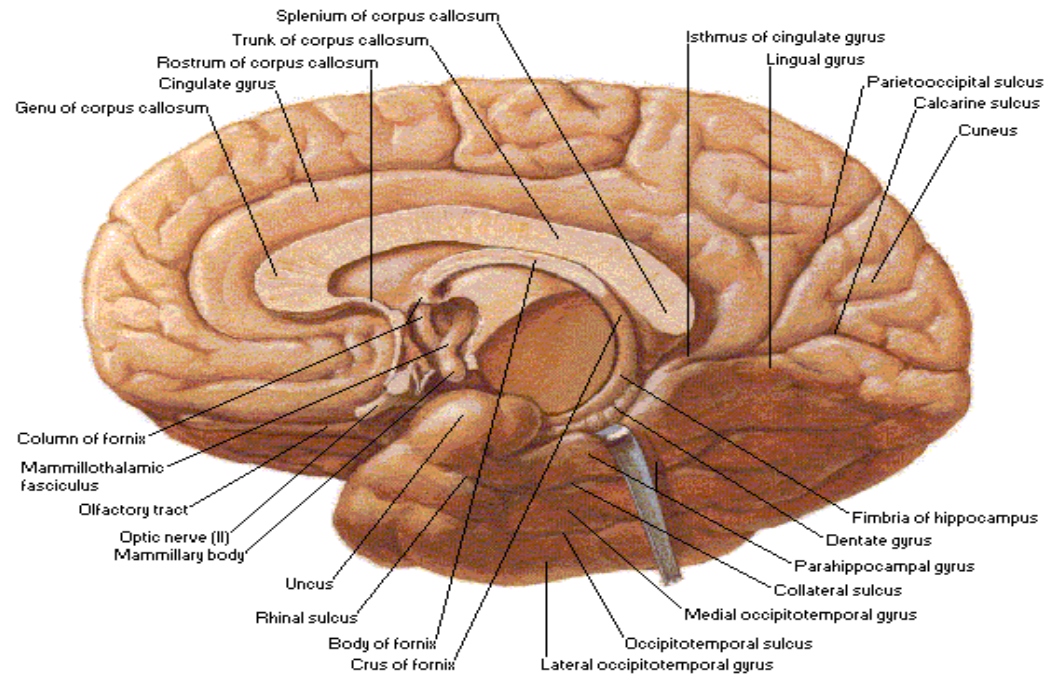
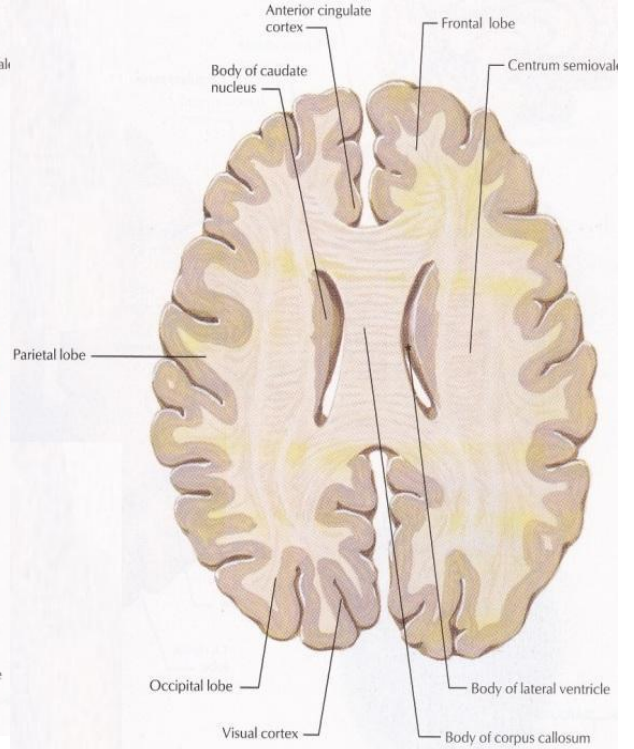
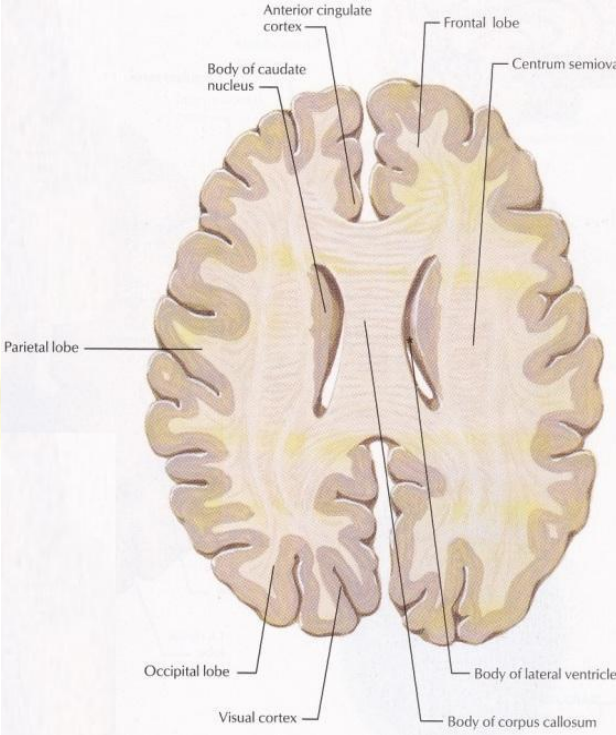
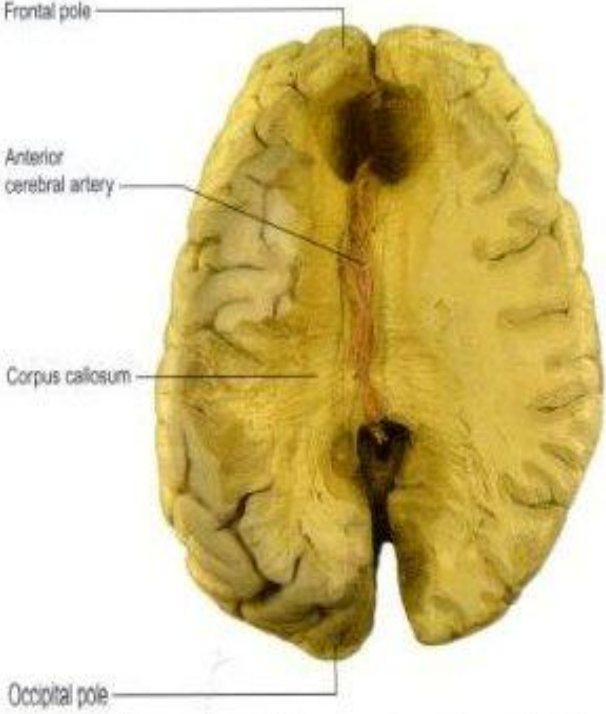
- Spans two cerebral hemisphere and connects corresponding regions of neocortex
- Anterior forceps : frontal pole – rostrum
- Posterior forceps : occipital pole – splenium
- Splenium interconnects occipital cortices (visual function)

- **Anterior commissure**

- Transversely in front of anterior column of fornix
- Interconnects inferior – middle temporal gyri – olfactory regions on the two sides

- **Hippocampal commissure**

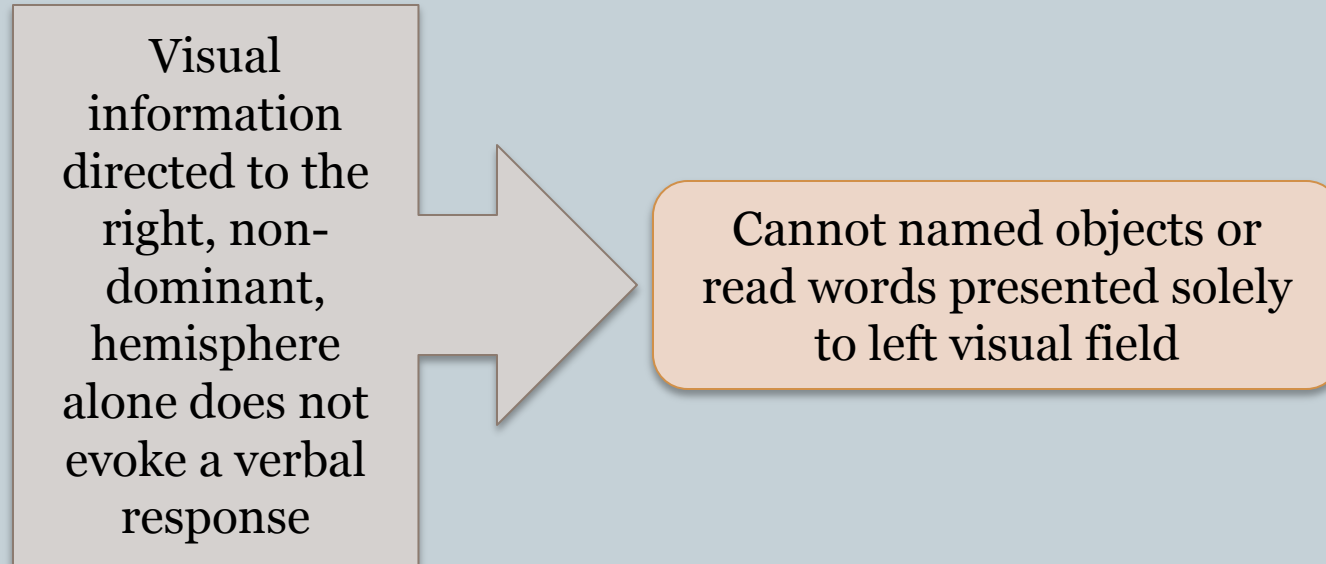
Posterior columns of fornix on each side



Damage to Corpus Callosum



- Chronic epilepsy → undergone section of CC → two halves of brain appear to behave relatively autonomously



- Destruction of splenium → posterior disconnection syndrome (alexia without agraphia)

Projection Fibres

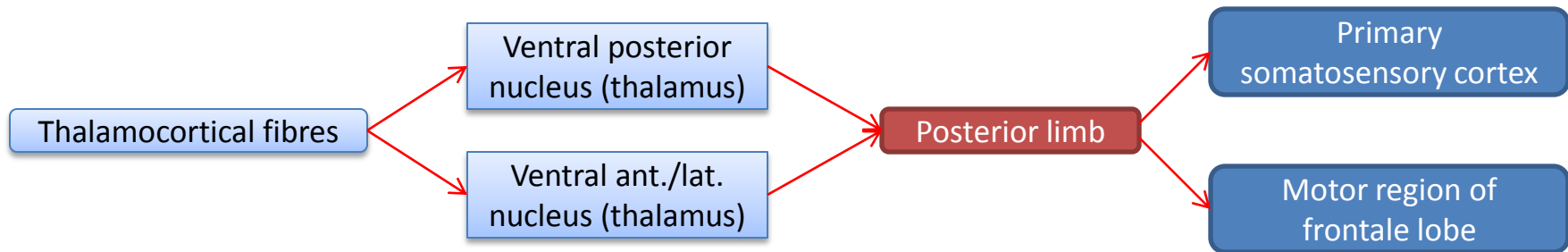


- Consist of afferent fibres to cortex & efferent fibres away from cortex
- **Corona radiata**
- **Internal Capsule**
 - ❖ Anterior limb
 - Mediodorsal nucleus (thalamus) – prefrontal cortex
 - Frontopontine fibres – pontine nuclei (basal pons)

Projection Fibres

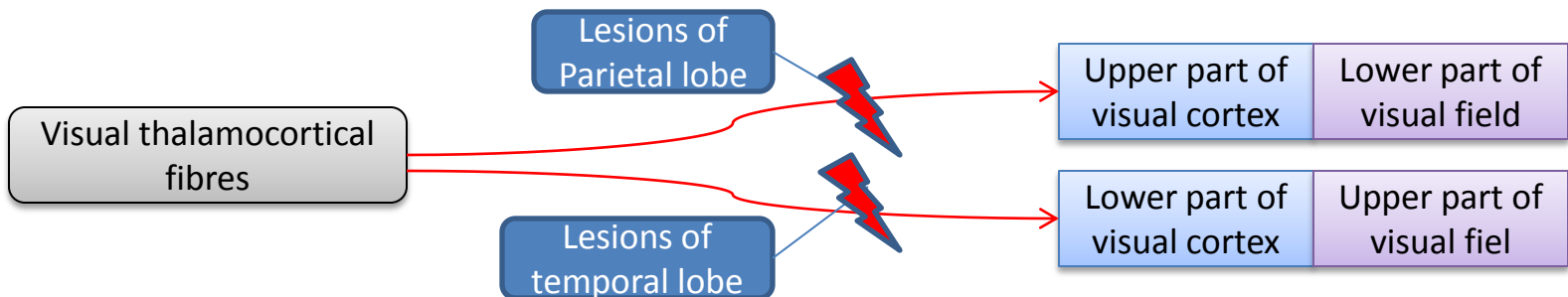
❖ Posterior limb

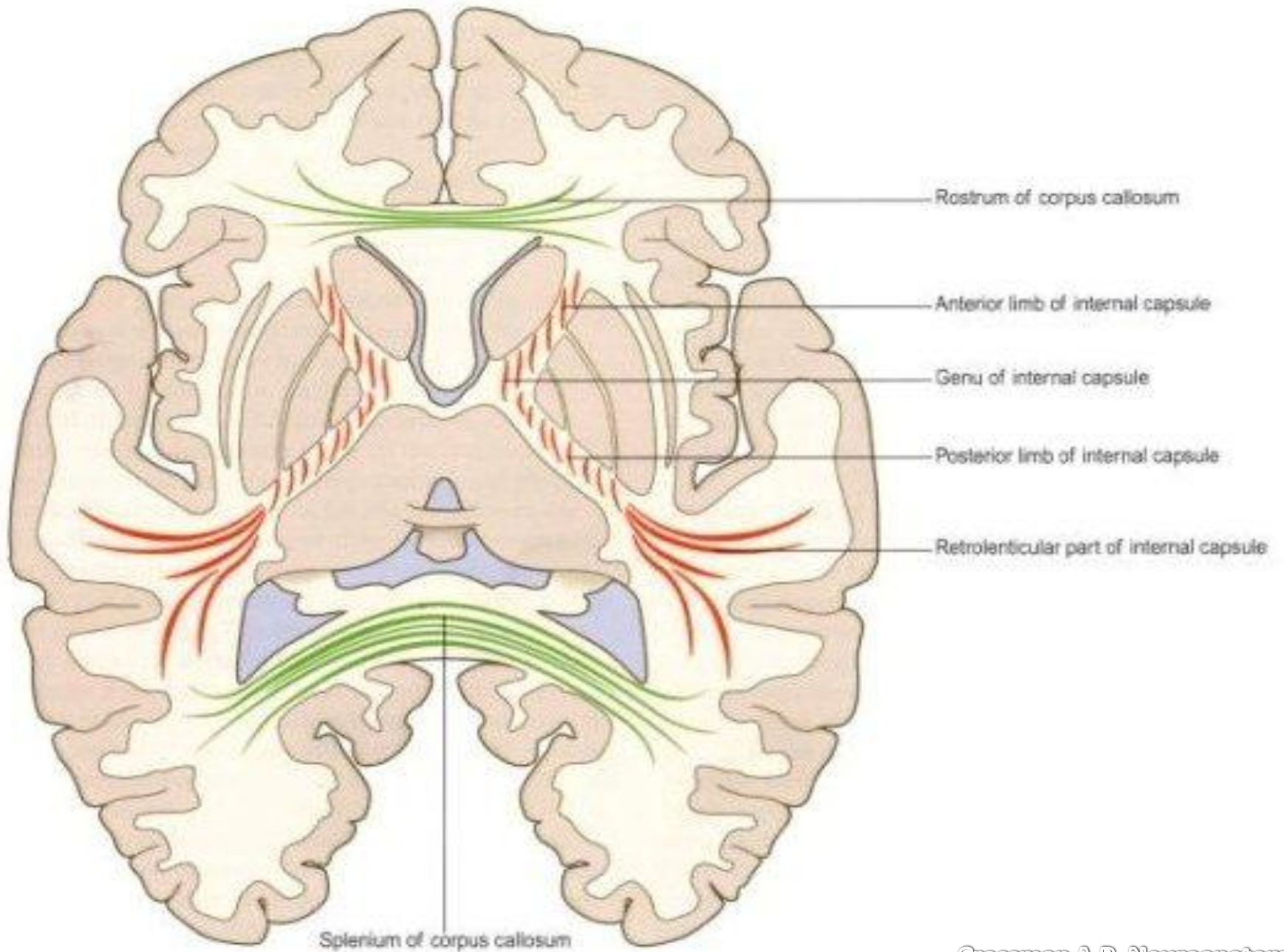
- contains corticobulbar & corticospinal motor fibres

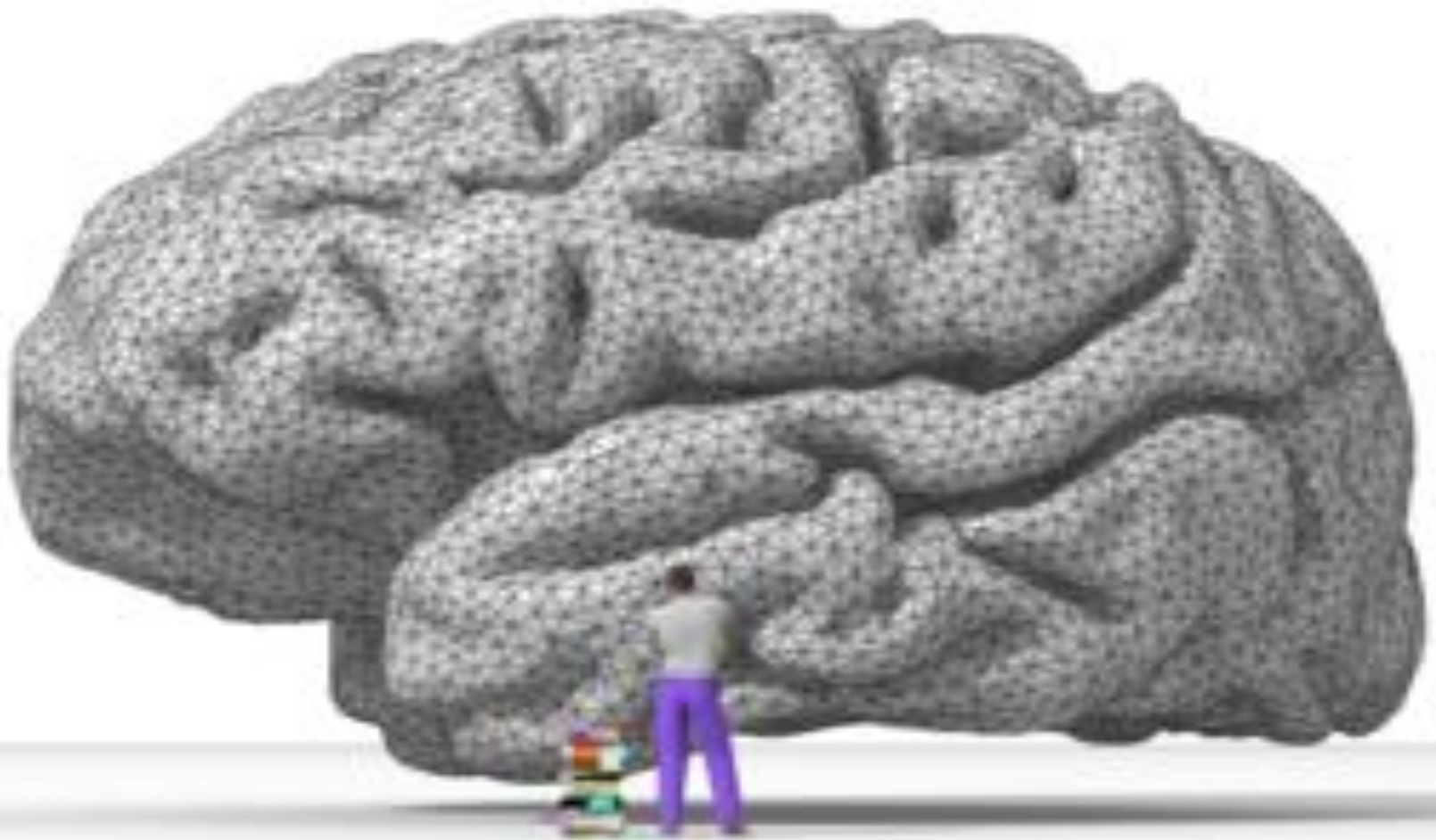


❖ Retrolenticular

- Consists of fibres arising from med./lat. geniculate nuclei as auditory/visual radiations → auditory/visual cortices







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