# **The Brain**



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## New Terms: Brain Division











Telencephalon Diencephalon

Telencephalon

–Cerebral Cortex

–Limbic system

–Basal Ganglia Mesencephalon Metencephalon Myelencephalon

Pons:

Medulla

Cerebellum:

Cell bodies in CNS: <u>nuclei</u> Cell bodies in PNS: <u>ganglia</u>

<u>Nerves</u>: bundles of axons!

## Diagram of Human Brain



### Key words that you need to know

### • <u>Cerebrum :</u>

- Cerebral hemispheres
- Longitudinal fissures
- Cerebral cortex
- Sulcus
- Gyri
- all lobes
- Gyruses
- <mark>– Insula</mark>
- Cerebral white matter
- Corpus callosum
- Fornix
- Septum pellucidum
- ventricles

#### •<u>Cerebellum</u>

- •Transverse fissure
- •Vermis
- •Cerebellar hemispheres
- •Arbor vitae

### Cranial nerves

- •Olfactive
- •Olfactive bulbs
- •Olfactory tracts
- •Optic nerves
- •Optic chiasma
- •Oculomotor nerves
- •Trigeminal nerves

- <u>Diecephalon</u>
  - Thalmus
  - Hypothalamus
  - Intermediate mass
  - Mamillary bodies
  - Pituitary gland
  - Infundibulum
  - Choroid plexus
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> ventricle
  - Csf
- Brain stem
  - Midbrain
  - Tectum
  - Corpora quadregemina
  - Superior and inferior colliculi
  - Pons
  - Nuclei
  - Medulla oblongata [medulla]
  - Cerebral aquaduct
  - 4<sup>th</sup> ventricle

## Cerebrum

### Cerebrum - The largest division of the brain.

•The cerebrum is divided in to two hemispheres, the right and left hemispheres each of which is divided into four lobes

•The dividing point is a deep grove called the longitudal cerebral fissure.

•The different sides of the cerebrum do different things for the opposite sides of the body.

•The right side of the cerebrum controls things such as imagination and 3-D forms.

•The other side of the brain, the left side, controls numbering skills, posture, and reasoning.

## Major Structures of the Cortex

•4 Lobes



•*The lobes are distinguished both structurally and functionally* 

## **Cerebral hemisphere** (hemispherium cerebrale)

•Is defined as one of the two regions of the brain that are delineated by the body's median plane.

•The brain can thus be described as being divided into **left** and **right cerebral hemispheres**. Each of these hemispheres has an outer layer of grey matter called the cerebral cortex that is supported by an inner layer of white matter.

• The hemispheres are linked by the corpus callosum, a very large bundle of nerve fibers, and also by other smaller commissures, including the anterior commissure, posterior commissure, and hippocampal commissure.

•These commissures transfer information between the two hemispheres to coordinate localized functions.

• The architecture, types of cells, types of neurotransmitters and receptor subtypes are all distributed among the two hemispheres in a markedly asymmetric fashion.

• However, it must be noted that, while some of these hemispheric distribution differences are consistent across human beings, or even across some species, many observable distribution differences vary from individual to individual within a given species.



#### Anterior



#### <u>Cerebral Features:</u>

- **<u>Gyri</u>** Elevated ridges "winding" around the brain.
- <u>Sulci</u> Small grooves dividing the gyri

– Central Sulcus – Divides the Frontal Lobe from the Parietal Lobe

- <u>Fissures</u> Deep grooves, generally dividing large regions/lobes of the brain
  - Longitudinal Fissure Divides the two Cerebral Hemispheres

– **Transverse Fissure** – Separates the Cerebrum from the Cerebellum

– **Sylvian/Lateral Fissure** – Divides the Temporal Lobe from the Frontal and Parietal Lobes



The **medial longitudinal fissure** (or **longitudinal cerebral fissure**, or **longitudinal fissure**, or **interhemispheric fissure**) is the deep groove which separates the two hemispheres of the vertebrate brain.

The falx cerebri, a dural brain covering, lies within the medial longitudinal fissure.



 right cerebral cortex
longitudinal fissure
cerebellum
frontal lobe
central sulcus
parietal lobe

1. falx cerebri

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TRAST

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- 2. location of inferior sagittal sinus
- 3. location of superior sagittal sinus
- 4. location of straight sinus
- 5. tentorium cerebelli

Figure 12.25: Partitioning folds of dura mater in the cranial cavity, p. 465.





### Falx cerebri



•a **sulcus** is a depression or fissure in the surface of the brain.

## **Sulcus** • It surrounds the gyri, creating the characteristic appearance of the brain in humans and other large mammals.

•Large furrows (sulci) that divide the brain into lobes are often called *fissures*.

•The large furrow that divide the two hemispheres - the interhemispheric fissure - is very rarely called a "sulcus".





#### Specific Sulci/Fissures:



Central sulcus= between frontal and parietal lobes.

Frontal lobe:

precentral gyrus: motor neurons.

Parietal lobe:

Poscentral gyrus: somatesthetic sensation (cutaneous touch, pain, heat, muscles and joints).

MAP of motor and of sensory control (homunculus)









Figure 46 Sagittal section of the head.



Ventral view of the brain.

### The Four Ventricles







### The Four Ventricles

Protects Brain From Trauma Provides Pathway for Circulation of CSF

*Continuous w/each other + central canal of spinal cord* 

#### optic radiations

Coronal Section Level of the LGB's

lateral ventricle (body)

thalamus

lateral ventricle (body) foramen of / Monro

> 3rd Ventricle

massa intermedia — (of thalamus)

LGB's'

temporal lobe









Figure 12.11a: Basal nuclei, p. 444.



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#### Lobes and fissures of the cerebral hemispheres,



## LOBES

## **Cortical Function**



### •Frontal Lobe

-Higher thought processing; decision making; abstract thinking

-Primary "precentral" motor area

### sulcus Parietal Lobe

-Primary "postcentral" somatosensory area: sensation of muscles, organs, and skin

### •Occipital Lobe

-Visual processing

### •Temporal Lobe

-Auditory & equilibrium processing

-Left temporal lobe involved in speech and comprehension of language




## Lobes of the Brain (4)

- Frontal
- Parietal
- Occipital
- Temporal



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\* Note: Occasionally, the Insula is considered the fifth lobe. It is located deep to the Temporal Lobe.

Figure 12.8a: Functional and structural areas of the cerebral cortex, p. 437.



Figure 12.6a-b: Lobes and fissures of the cerebral hemispheres, p. 435.





Figure 12.8b: Functional and structural areas of the cerebral cortex, p. 437.



# Lobes of the Brain - Frontal

- The Frontal Lobe of the brain is located deep to the Frontal Bone of the skull.
- It plays an integral role in the following functions/actions:
  - Memory Formation
  - Emotions
  - Decision Making/Reasoning
  - Personality

Frontal of the sulcus

Central

Investigation (Phineas Gage)

## Frontal Lobe - Cortical Regions

• **Primary Motor Cortex (Precentral Gyrus)** – Cortical site involved with controlling movements of the body.

• **Broca's Area** – Controls facial neurons, speech, and language comprehension. Located on <u>*Left*</u> Frontal Lobe.

– **Broca's Aphasia** – Results in the ability to comprehend speech, but the decreased motor ability (or inability) to speak and form words.

- Orbitofrontal Cortex Site of Frontal Lobotomies
  - \* Desired Effects:
    - Diminished Rage
    - Decreased Aggression
    - Poor Emotional Responses

## \* **Possible Side Effects:**

- Epilepsy
- Poor Emotional Responses
- Perseveration (Uncontrolled, repetitive actions, gestures, or words)

• Olfactory Bulb - Cranial Nerve I, Responsible for sensation of Smell



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## Parietal Lobe - Cortical Regions

- Primary Somatosensory Cortex (Postcentral Gyrus) – Site involved with processing of tactile and proprioceptive information.
- Somatosensory Association Cortex Assists with the integration and interpretation of sensations relative to body position and orientation in space. May assist with visuo-motor coordination.
- Primary Gustatory Cortex Primary site involved with the interpretation of the sensation of Taste.

# Lobes of the Brain - Parietal Lobe

- The Parietal Lobe of the brain is located deep to the Parietal Bone of the skull.
- It plays a major role in the following functions/actions:
  - Senses and integrates sensation(s)

Parietal lobe

 Spatial awareness and perception

(Proprioception - Awareness of body/ body parts in space and in relation to each other)





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# Lobes of the Brain – Occipital Lobe

• The Occipital Lobe of the Brain is located deep to the Occipital Bone of the Skull.

• Its primary function is the processing, integration, interpretation, etc. of VISION and visual stimuli.



# Occipital Lobe – Cortical Regions

- **Primary Visual Cortex** This is the primary area of the brain responsible for sight recognition of size, color, light, motion, dimensions, etc.
- Visual Association Area Interprets information acquired through the primary visual cortex.

## Primary Visual Cortex

Visual Association Area



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# Lobes of the Brain – Temporal Lobe

- The Temporal Lobes are located on the sides of the brain, deep to the Temporal Bones of the skull.
- They play an integral role in the following functions:
  - Hearing
  - Organization/Comprehension of language
  - Information Retrieval (Memory and Memory Formation)



# <u>Temporal Lobe – Cortical Regions</u>

- **Primary Auditory Cortex** Responsible for hearing
- **Primary Olfactory Cortex** Interprets the sense of smell once it reaches the cortex via the olfactory bulbs. (Not visible on the superficial cortex)
- Wernicke's Area Language comprehension. Located on the <u>Left</u> Temporal Lobe.

- Wernicke's Aphasia – Language comprehension is inhibited. Words and sentences are not clearly understood, and sentence formation may be inhibited or non-sensical.

## Primary \_\_\_\_\_ Auditory Cortex

## Wernike's Area

## Primary Olfactory Cortex (Deep)

Conducted from Olfactory Buil

## Temporal lobe

Regions

• Arcuate Fasciculus - A white matter tract that connects Broca's Area and Wernicke's Area through the Temporal, Parietal and Frontal Lobes. Allows for coordinated, comprehensible speech. Damage may result in:

- Conduction Aphasia - Where auditory comprehension and speech articulation are preserved, but people find it difficult to repeat heard speech.





http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korbinian\_Brodmann

# Insular cortex



lies deep to the brain's lateral surface, within the lateral sulcus which separates the temporal lobe and inferior parietal cortex.

These overlying cortical areas are known as opercula (meaning "lids"), and parts of the frontal, temporal and parietal lobes form opercula over the insula. The latin name for the insular cortex is *lobus insularis*.

insular cortex is also known by the name Island of Reil,

1.Gyri breves insula2.Gyri longi insula3.Limen insula4.Sulcus centralisinsula5.Sulcus circularisinsula

## Insula:

- Implicated in memory encoding.
- Integration of sensory information with visceral responses.
- Coordinated cardiovascular response to stress.

The insular cortex is a complex structure which contains areas that subserve visceral sensory, motor, vestibular, and somatosensory functions. The role of the insular cortex in auditory processing was poorly understood until recently. However, recent case studies indicate that bilateral damage to the insulae may result in total auditory agnosia. Functional imaging studies demonstrate that the insulae participate in several key auditory processes, such as allocating auditory attention and tuning in to novel auditory stimuli, temporal processing, phonological processing and visual-auditory integration. These studies do not clarify the issue of further specialisation within the insular cortex, e.g. whether the posterior insulae are primarily sensory areas, while the anterior insulae serve mainly as integration/association auditory areas, two hypotheses that would be compatible with the cytoarchitectonic structure and connectivity of the insulae.

## The insula (Island of Reil) and its role in auditory processing. Literature review.

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# DIENCEPHALON

Figure 12.12: Midsagittal section of the brain illustrating the diencephalon and brain stem, p. 445.





# DIENCEPHALON



- 2 Major Structures
  - Thalamus
  - Hypothalamus





Hypothalamus

- Lies at the base of the brain

### Thalamus

- Two lobes that relay sensory projection fiber info to the cerebral cortex



(b)

(a)



• All sensory modalities relay through the thalamus

# Thalamus – "gateway" to the

Afferent impulses from all senses converge and synapse in the thalamus

Impulses of similar function are sorted out, "edited", and relayed as a group to the appropriate area of the sensory cortex or association areas

All inputs ascending to the cerebral cortex pass through the thalamus

Plays a key role in mediating sensation, motor activities, cortical arousal, learning, and memory

# Hypothalamus

Below the thalamus, it caps the brainstem and forms the inferolateral walls of the third ventricle

Mammillary bodies - small, paired nuclei bulging anteriorly from the hypothalamus - relay stations for olfactory pathways

**Infundibulum** – stalk of the hypothalamus connecting to the pituitary gland

Main visceral control center of the body important to overall body homeostasis



# Hypothalamus

• A group of nuclei critical for regulating homeostasis, the four Fs, and hormones





## **Hypothalamic Nuclei**

# Hypothalamic Function

Regulates ANS by controlling activity of centers in brains stem and spinal cord

Regulates blood pressure, rate and force of heartbeat, digestive tract motility, respiratory rate and depth, pupil size, and many other visceral activities Center for emotional response - involved in perception of pleasure, fear, rage Regulates body temperature – the body's "thermostat" Regulates food intake - feelings of hunger and satiety Regulates sleep-wake cycle

## **Endocrine Functions of the Hypothalamus**

<u>Releasing hormones</u> control the secretion of hormones by the anterior pituitary

Stimulates ADH release from the posterior pituitary

Anti-diuretic hormone- causes kidneys to retain water
Figure 12.10c: Types of fiber tracts in white matter, p. 442.





Posterior

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Figure 12.15b: Relationship of the brain stem and the diencephalon, p. 448.



Figure 12.15c: Relationship of the brain stem and the diencephalon, p. 449.



(c) Dorsal view

## **CRANIAL NERVES: COMPOSITION**

III, IV, VI, XI, XII Some are motor nerves

Some are sensory nerves

Others are mixed nerves

Some contain autonomic (preganglionic parasympathetic) fibers originating in the brain stem

I, II, VIII

V, VII, IX, X

III, VII, IX, X





#### Pons:

Connects other parts.

several nuclei associated with cranial nerves

respiratory centers.

Cerebellum:

"little brain"

Receives input from proprioceptors (joints, muscles, tendons).

Refinement/coordination of movement.

### Midbrain-

Brain stem respiratory centers Pneumotaxic area Apneustic area Rhythmicity area Reticular formation Medulla oblongata

# CEREBELLUM

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# LIMBIC SYSTEM



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Figure 12.26: Formation, location, and circulation of CSF, p. 466.







#### choroid plexus

•It produces the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) which is found within the ventricles of the brain and in the subarachnoid space around the brain and spinal cord.

- •It is comprised of a rich capillary bed, pia mater, and choroid epithelial cells.
- •It is located in certain parts of the ventricular system of the brain.

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