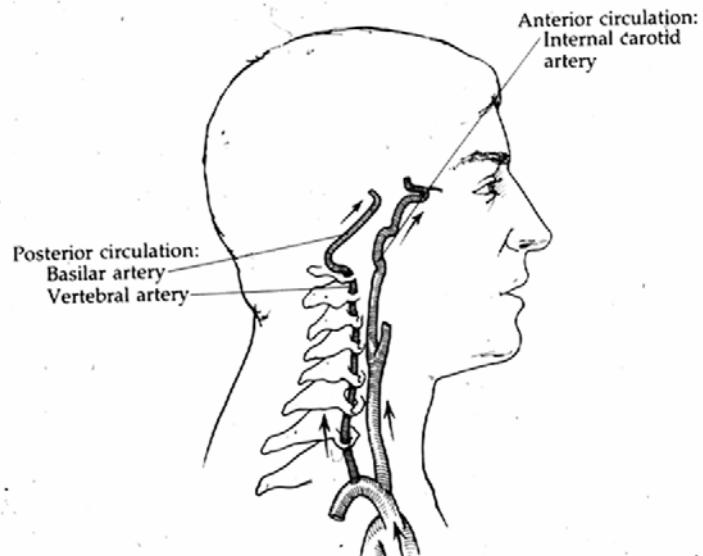
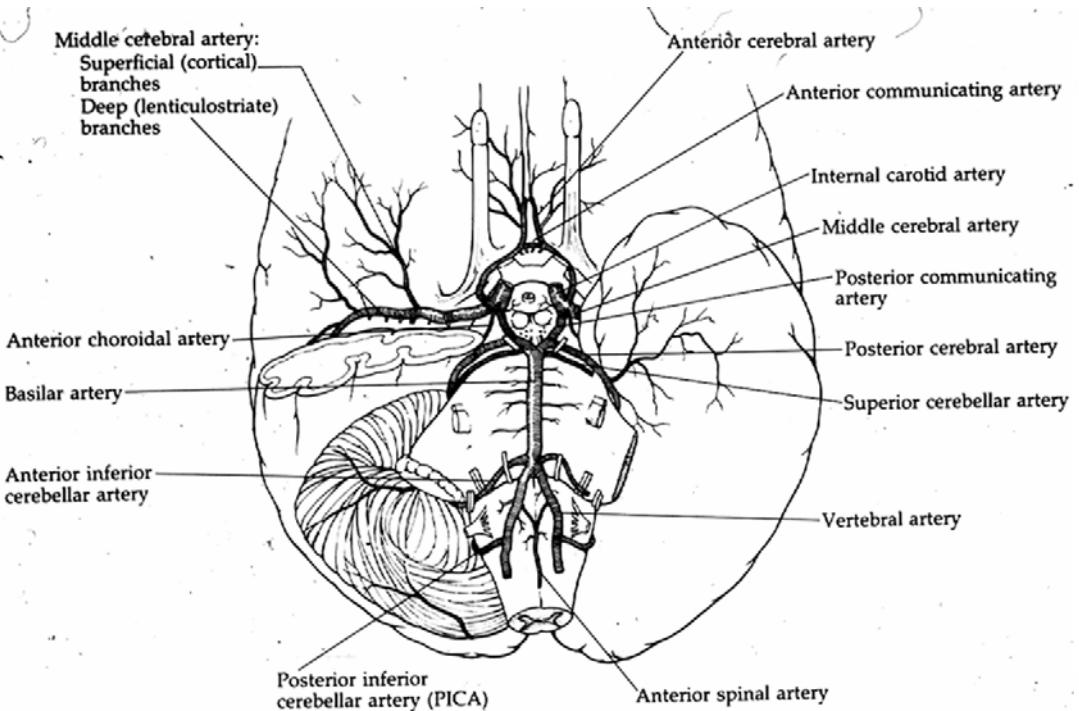
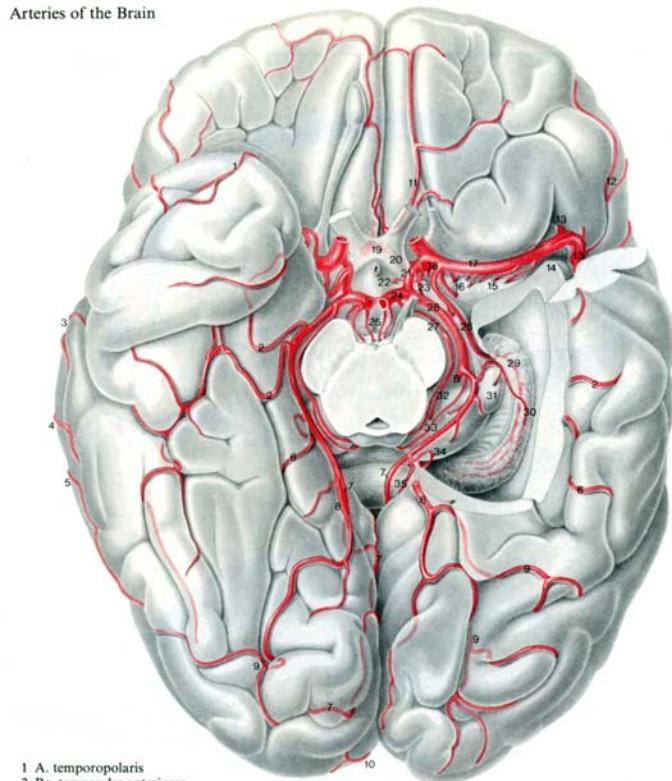


# BLOOD SUPPLY OF THE HUMAN BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD

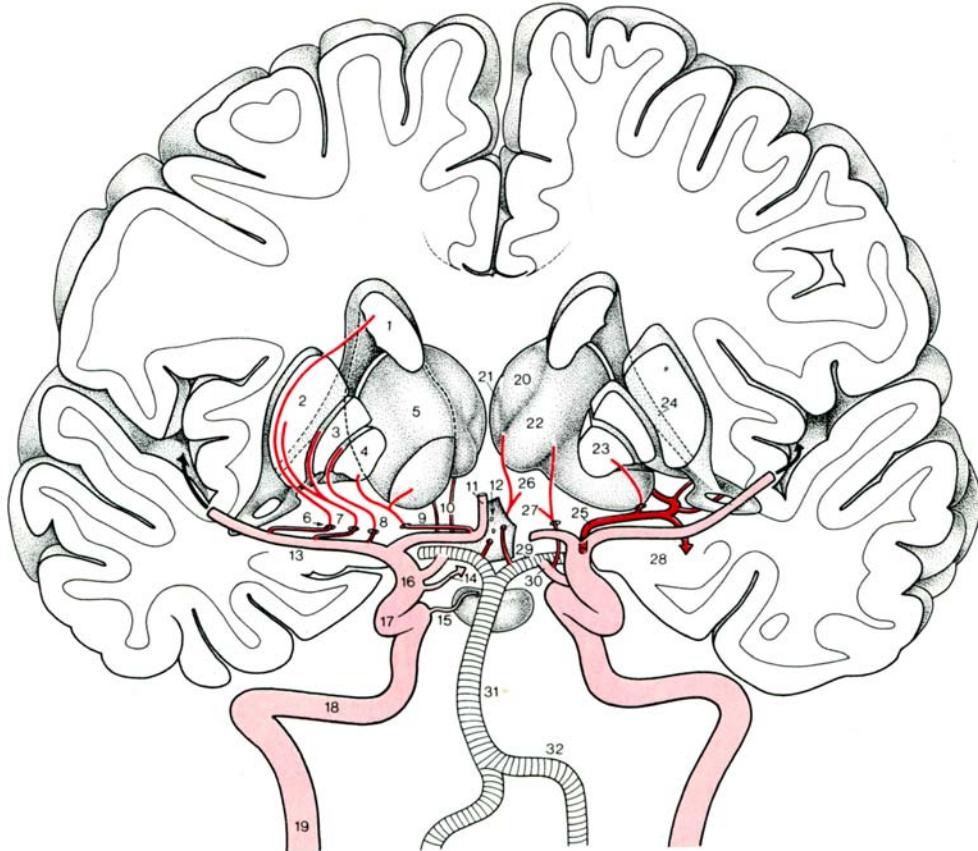


**Figure 4.1** Diagram of the ventral surface of brain stem and cerebral hemispheres illustrating the key components of the anterior (carotid) circulation and the posterior (vertebral–basilar) circulation. The anterior portion of the temporal lobe is removed to illustrate the course of the middle cerebral artery through the lateral (Sylvian) fissure and the penetrating branches (lenticulostriate arteries). The circle of Willis is formed by the anterior communicating artery, the two posterior communicating arteries, and the three cerebral arteries. Inset shows the extracranial and cranial courses of the vertebral, basilar, and carotid arteries.

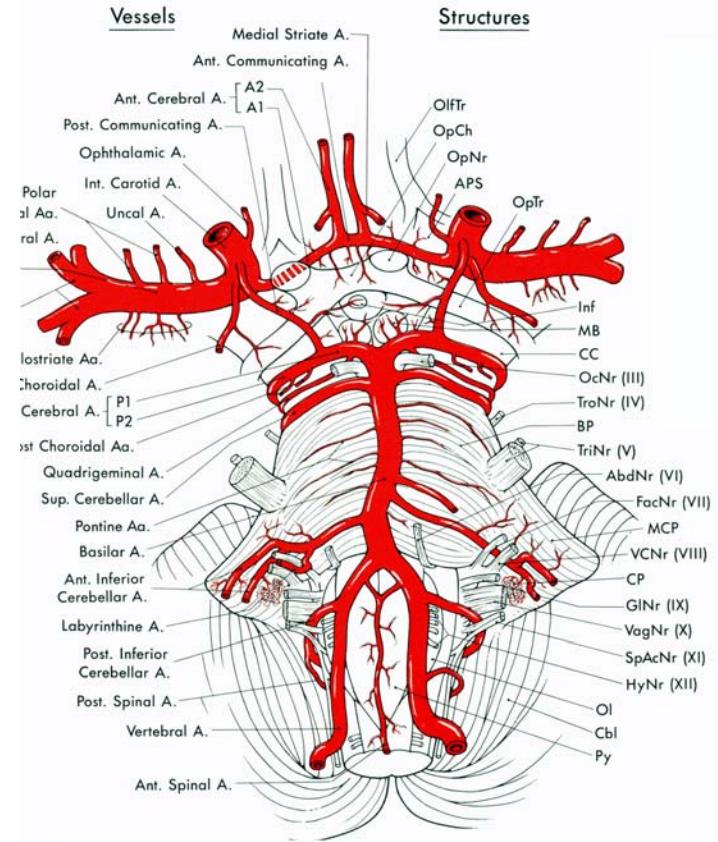


- 1 A. temporopolaris
- 2 Rr. temporales anteriores
- 3 A. temporalis anterior
- 4 A. temporalis intermedia
- 5 A. temporalis posterior
- 6 R. temporalis intermedius medialis
- 7 A. occipitalis medialis
- 8 A. occipitalis lateralis
- 9 Rr. temporales posteriores
- 10 R. calcarius (Ae. occipitalis medialis)
- 11 A. frontobasalis medialis
- 12 A. frontobasalis lateralis
- 13 A. cerebri media, pars insularis
- 14 Liment. insulare
- 15 Aa. centrales anterolaterales, Rr. laterales
- 16 Aa. centrales anterolaterales, Rr. mediales
- 17 A. cerebri media, pars sphenoidalis
- 18 Aa. centrales anteromediales
- 19 A. communicans anterior
- 20 A. cerebri anterior, pars precommunicans
- 21 A. communicans posterior
- 22 R. hypothalamicus
- 23 R. thalamicus (anteroinferior)
- 24 A. cerebri posterior, pars precommunicans
- 25 Aa. centrales posteromediales
- 26 A. cerebri posterior, pars postcommunicans
- 27 R. choroideus posterior medialis
- 28 A. choroidea anterior
- 29 Rr. choroidei Ae. choroideae anterior
- 30 R. choroideus posterior lateralis
- 31 Corpus geniculatum laterale
- 32 R. thalamicus (inferior)
- 33 R. thalamicus (posterior)
- 34 R. thalamicus (superior)
- 35 R. corporis callosi dorsalis

19 + 20 + 21 + 24 Circulus arteriosus (left half)

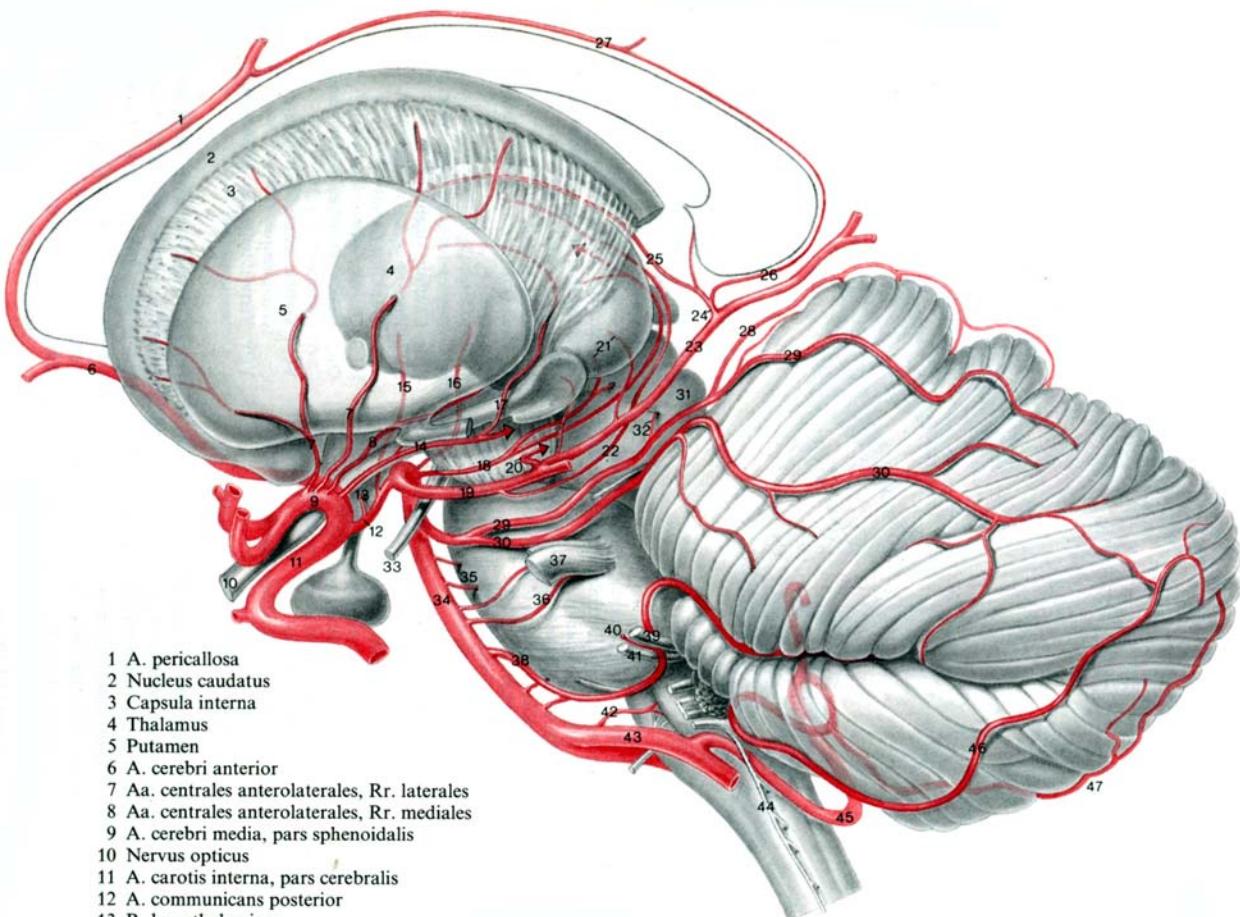


- 1 Nucleus caudatus
- 2 Putamen
- 3 Globus pallidus, pars lateralis
- 4 Globus pallidus, pars medialis
- 5 Thalamus
- 6 Substantia perforata anterior
- 7 Aa. centrales anterolaterales, Rr. laterales
- 8 Aa. centrales anterolaterales, Rr. mediales
- 9 A. centralis longa (Heubneri)
- 10 Aa. centrales anteromediales
- 11 A. cerebri anterior
- 12 Substantia perforata posterior
- 13 A. cerebri media, pars sphenoidalis
- 14 A. hypophysialis superior
- 15 A. hypophysialis inferior
- 16 A. carotis interna, pars cerebralis
- 17 A. carotis interna, pars cavernosa (carotissiphon)
- 18 A. carotis interna, pars petrosa
- 19 A. carotis interna, pars cervicalis
- 20 Nucleus dorsomedialis thalami
- 21 Nucleus medialis thalami
- 22 Nucleus anterior thalami
- 23 Globus pallidus, pars medialis
- 24 Cauda nuclei caudati
- 25 A. choroidea anterior
- 26 Subthalamic area; Aa. centrales posteromediales
- 27 Hypothalamic area; R. hypothalamicus
- 28 Corpus amygdaloideum
- 29 A. cerebri posterior
- 30 A. communicans posterior
- 31 A. basilaris
- 32 A. vertebralis

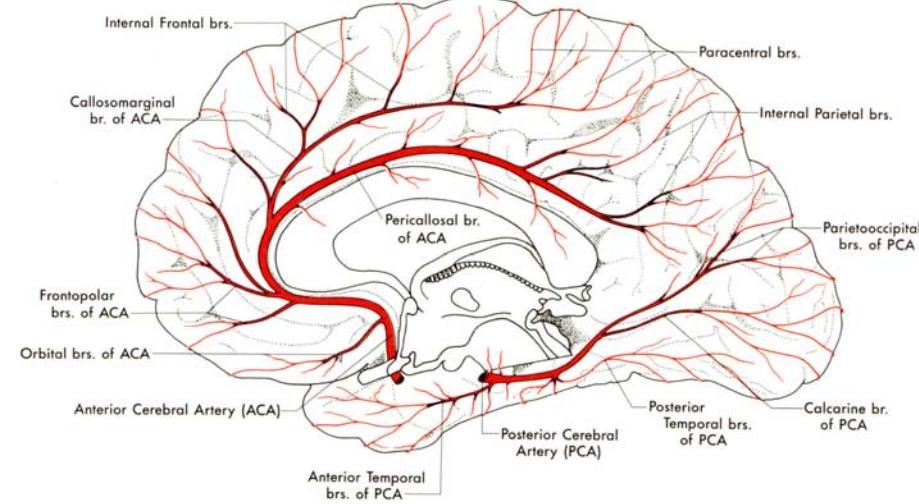
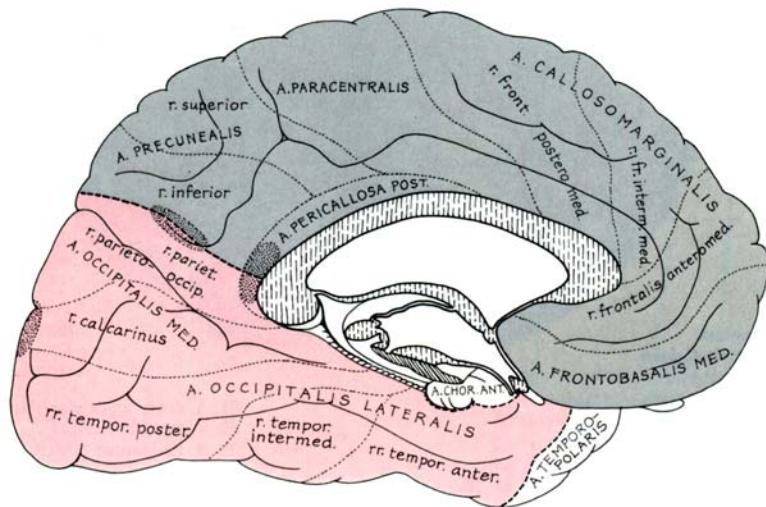
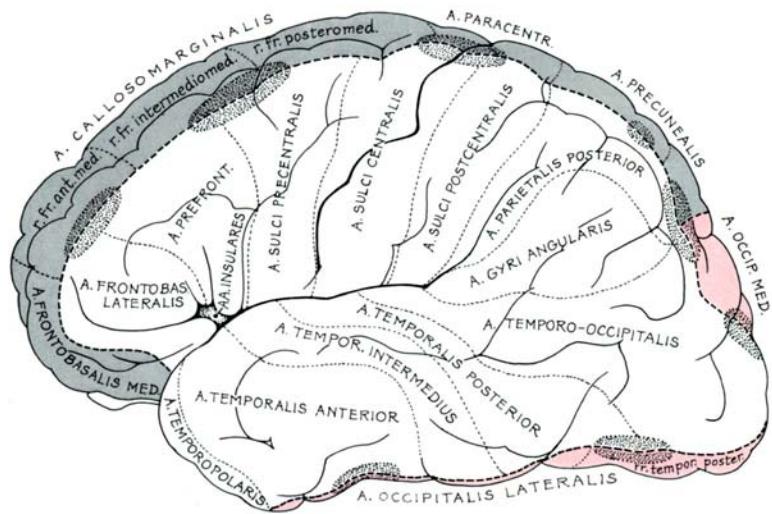


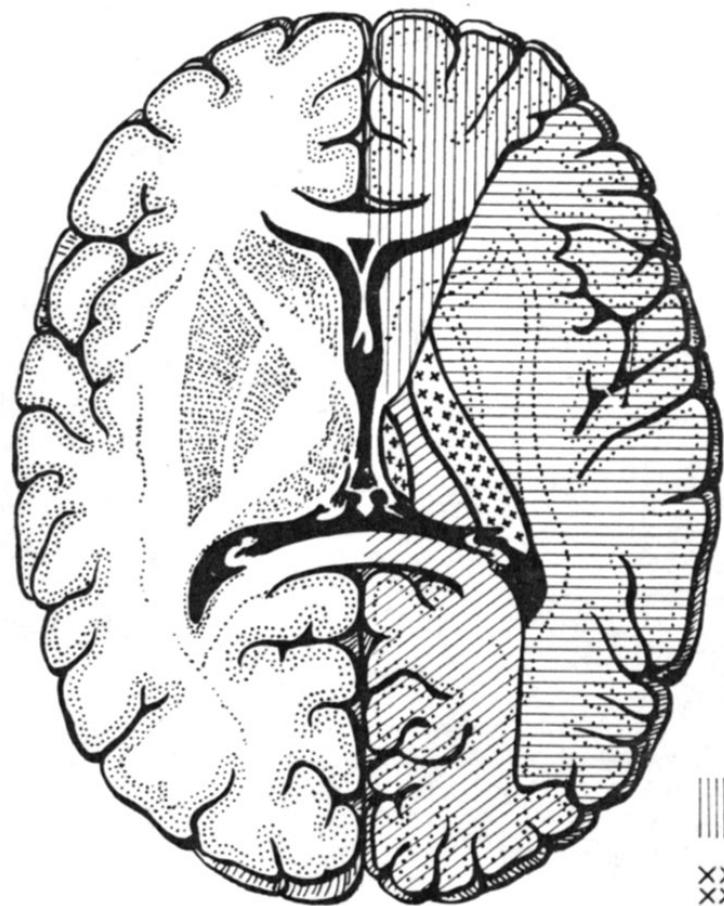
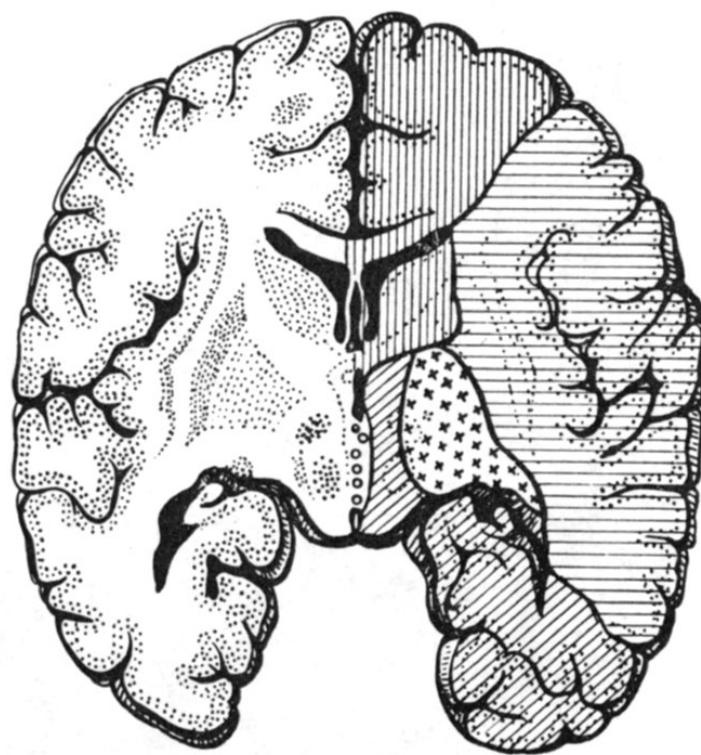
#### Abbreviations

A	Artery	OcNr	Oculomotor Nerve (Cranial Nerve III)
a	Arteries	Ol	Olive (Inferior)
r	Abducens Nerve (Cranial Nerve VI)	OlfTr	Olfactory Tract
s	Anterior Perforated Substance	OpCh	Optic Chiasm
P	Basilar Pons	OpNr	Optic Nerve (Cranial Nerve II)
i	Crus Cerebri	OpTr	Optic Tract
c	Choroid Plexus	Py	Pyramid
f	Facial Nerve (Cranial Nerve VII)	RB	Restiform Body
R	Fornix	SC	Superior Colliculus
r	Glossopharyngeal Nerve (Cranial Nerve IX)	SCP	Superior Cerebellar Peduncle (Brachium Conjunctivum)
r	Hypoglossal Nerve (Cranial Nerve XII)	SpAcNr	Spinal Accessory Nerve (Cranial Nerve XI)
d	Inferior Colliculus	TriNr	Trigeminal Nerve (Cranial Nerve V)
b	Infundibulum	TroNr	Trochlear Nerve (Cranial Nerve IV)
L	Lateral Geniculate Body	TubCu	Tuberculum Cuneatum (Cuneate Tubercl)
S	Lateral Olfactory Stria	TubGr	Tuberculum Gracile (Gracile Tubercl)
M	Mammillary Body	VagNr	Vagus Nerve (Cranial Nerve X)
P	Middle Cerebellar Peduncle (Brachium Pontis)	VCNr	Vestibulocochlear Nerve (Cranial Nerve VIII)
m	Medial Geniculate Body	Ven	Ventricle



- 17 R. capsulae internae  
(R. thalamicus lateroinferior)
- 18 R. choroideus posterior medialis
- 19 A. cerebri posterior,  
pars postcommunicalis
- 20 R. choroideus posterior lateralis
- 21 Rr. thalamici (posteroinferiores)
- 22 R. thalamicus (posterior)
- 23 A. cingulothalamicus
- 24 A. occipitalis medialis
- 25 R. thalamicus (superior)
- 26 R. corporis callosi dorsalis  
(anastomosing with 27)
- 27 A. pericallosa, R. posterior
- 28 A. vermis superior
- 29 A. cerebelli superior, R. medialis
- 30 A. cerebelli superior, R. lateralis
- 31 Colliculus inferior
- 32 R. mesencephalicus
- 33 Nervus oculomotorius
- 34 A. basilaris
- 35 Aa. pontis mediales
- 36 Aa. pontis laterales
- 37 Nervus trigeminus
- 38 A. cerebelli inferior anterior
- 39 Nervus vestibulocochlearis
- 40 A. labyrinthi
- 41 Nervus facialis
- 42 Rr. medullares
- 43 A. vertebralis
- 44 Radix spinalis nervi accessorii
- 45 A. cerebelli inferior posterior
- 46 A. cerebelli inferior posterior,  
R. lateralis
- 47 A. cerebelli inferior posterior,  
R. medialis



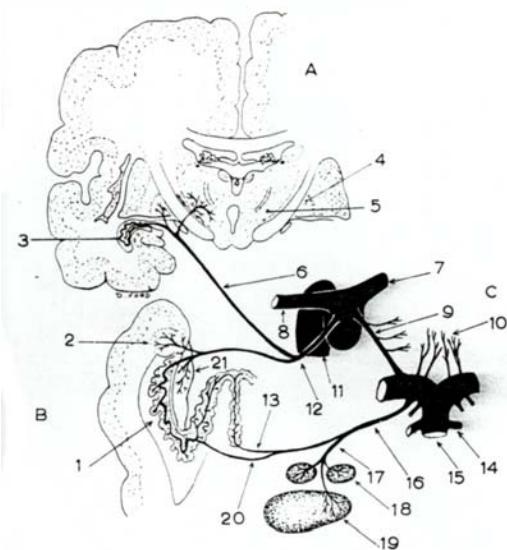
**A****B**

||||| *a. cerebri  
ant.*      |||| *a. cerebri  
media*      //\\// *a. cerebri  
post.*  
XXX *chorioideal*  
XXX *(a. cerebri med. et. post.)*      888 *a. basilaris*

**Blood supply of the forebrain in horizontal (A) and a posterior coronal section (B)**

## ARTERIA CHOROIDEA ANTERIOR

### ARTERIA CHOROIDEA POSTERIOR



Diagrammatic representation of the distribution of the various branches of arteria choroidea anterior.

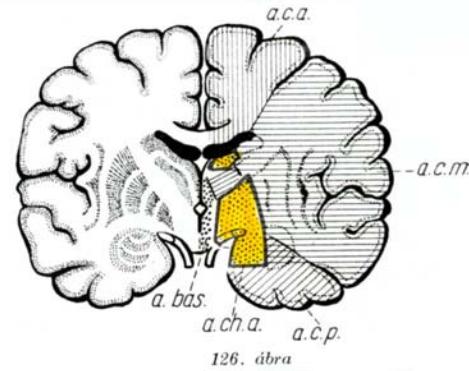
A, Coronal section through the brain at the level of nucleus ventralis thalami intermedius.

B, Horizontal section through the lobus temporalis to demonstrate the vascular branches of arteria choroidea anterior to the amygdala (2), choroid plexus in the inferior cornu of Ventriculus lateralis (1) and gyrus parahippocampalis (21).

C, Arterial stems for vascular supply.

D, Thalamus.

1, Cornu inferius of Ventriculus lateralis with choroid plexus; 2, Amygdala; 3, Cornu internum of ventriculus lateralis with choroid plexus; 4, Medial division of globus pallidus; 5, Nucleus ventralis thalami intermedius; 6, Branch of arteria choroidea anterior to choroid plexus, medial division of globus pallidus, nucleus ventralis thalami intermedius and the nuclei interlaminares thalami; 7, Arteria cerebri anterior; 8, Arteria cerebri media; 9, Proximal stem of arteria cerebri posterior (arteria communicans posterior) with thalamic perforators; 10, Posterior medial perforators to the tegmentum mesencephali; 11, Arteria carotis interna; 12, Arteria choroidea anterior; 13, Branch of arteria choroidea posterior to the choroid plexus of ventriculus tertius; 14, Arteria cerebelli superior; 15, Arteria basilaris; 16, Choroidal-diencephalic artery giving rise to the arteria choroidea posterior (13) as well as rami to the diencephalon; 17, Diencephalic ramus going to the geniculate bodies and caudal thalamus; 18, Metathalamus (corpus geniculatum laterale); 19, Caudal thalamus (nucleus ventralis posterior and the pulvinar); 20, Branch of arteria choroidea posterior to the choroid plexus of ventriculus lateralis; 21, Gyrus parahippocampalis.



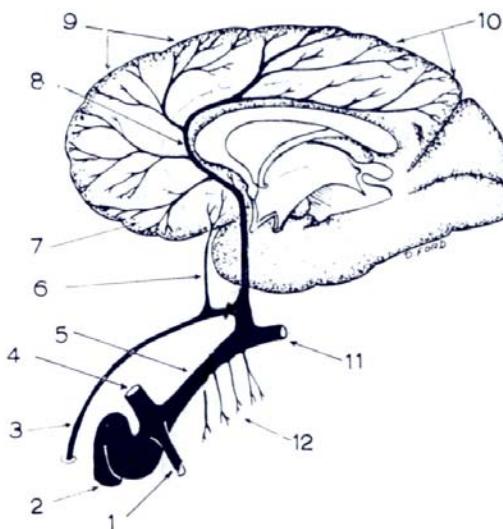
### DAMAGE

int. capsule, thalamus (ventrolat), CGL, fasc. geniculooocc.

### SYNDROMS

hemiparesis (c), hemihypesth. (c), hyperpathia, upper quadrant hemianopsia

ARTERIA CEREBRI ANTERIOR



ARTERY

a. cerebri ant.  
enda. calloso-  
marginal

a. rec. Heubner

DAMAGED STRUCTURES

lobulus paracentr.  
corpus call., int.  
capsule, frontopolar r.

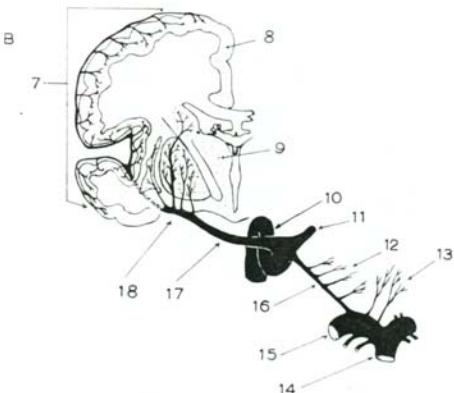
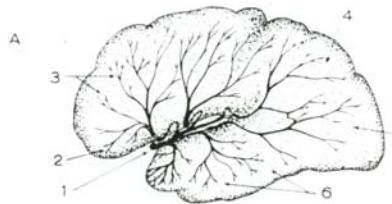
head of n. caudate, ant.  
p. int. capsule, mediorstral  
r. of putamen and pallidum

SYMPTOMS

lower extrem. paresis (c)  
anuria, apraxia, mental  
confusion, slowness of thoughts

1. proximal stem a. cer. post. (a. comm. post); 2. a. carotis int.; 3. a. striatica med. (Heubner); 4. a. cerebri med.; 5. a. cerebri ant.; 6. r. a. striata med. to septum; 7. rr. orbitales; 8. pericallosal stem of the rami corticales; 9. rr. frontales; 10. rr. parietales; 11. a. communicans ant.; 12. proximal perf. to preoptic area

## ARTERIA CEREBRIA MEDIA

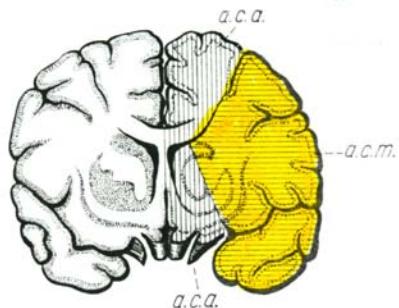
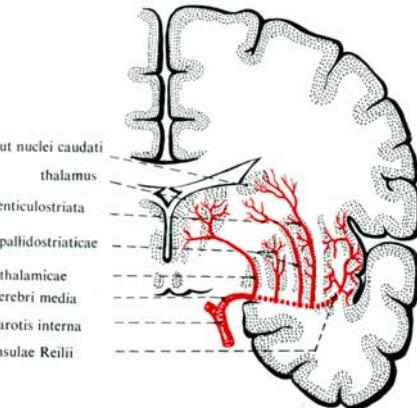


### ARTERY

cortical  
prerolandica  
Rolandica  
parietalis ant.  
parietal post.  
temp.ant

**DAMAGE**  
Broca area  
g. cent. ant.  
g. centralis ant.  
g. angularis  
Wernicke area  
  
internal capsule

deep  
lenticulostr.  
pallidal. ext.



motor aphasia (d)  
faciobrachial paresis (c)  
deep and sup. sensation (c)  
alexia, agraphia, acalc. (d)  
sensory aphasia (d)

hemiplegia (c)

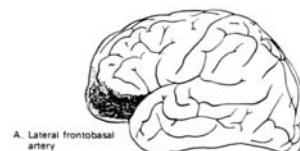
\*Gerstmann's syndrome

Sketch depicting the distribution of the various branches of arteria cerebri media.  
A. Lateral view of the cerebral hemisphere illustrating the distribution of the rami corticales of arteria cerebri media.

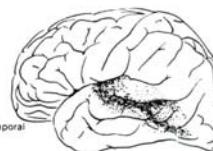
1, Arteria cerebri media; 2, Rami orbitales; 3, Rami frontales; 4, Rami parietales; 5, Rami occipitales; 6, Rami temporales.

B. Coronal section through the cerebrum to demonstrate the deep nuclear distribution of vessels arising from arteria cerebri media.

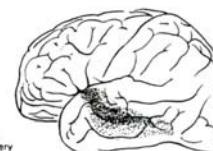
7, Rami corticales, terminating as functional end arteries; 8, Cerebral cortex; 9, Diencephalon; 10, Arteria carotis interna; 11, Arteria cerebri anterior (stem); 12, Diencephalic perforators arising from the proximal stem of arteria cerebri posterior (arteria communicans posterior); 13, Posteroventral perforators to the tegmentum mesencephali; 14, Arteria basilaris, rostral end only; 15, Arteria cerebri posterior; 16, Proximal stem of arteria cerebri posterior (arteria communicans posterior); 17, Arteria cerebri media; 18, Rami striati (lenticulostrate arteries).



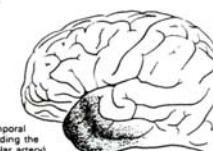
A. Lateral frontobasal artery



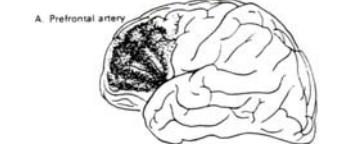
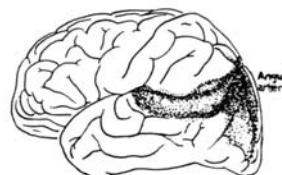
B. Posterior temporal artery



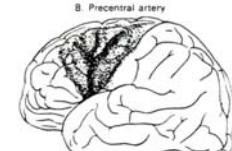
C. Intermediate temporal artery



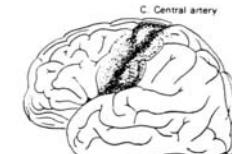
D. Anterior temporal artery (including the temporal polar artery)



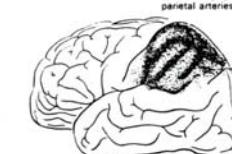
A. Prefrontal artery



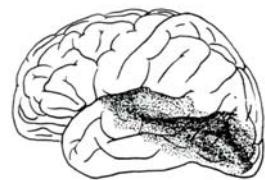
B. Precentral artery



C. Central artery

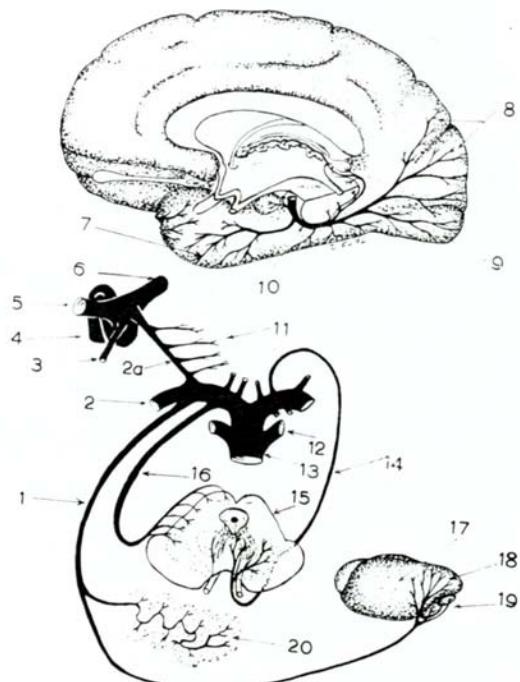


D. Anterior and posterior parietal arteries



Temporo-occipital artery

## ARTERIA CEREBRI POSTERIOR



### ARTERY

parieto-occip.  
calcarina  
temp. post.

thalamoperf.  
retromammillary  
chorioidea post.  
thalamogeniculate

### DAMAGE

cuneus, praecuneus  
g. lingualis

thalamus (posteromed)  
hypothalamus

### SYNDROMS

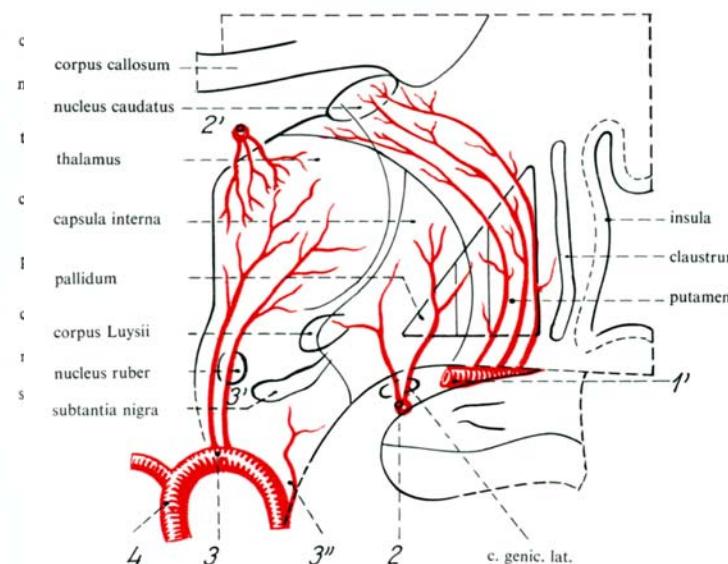
homonym hemianopsia (c)  
agraphia (d) optic agnosia (d)  
alexia (d)

hemihypesthesia (c) hyperpathia (c) ataxia (c),  
thalamus syndrome  
hemiparesis (c)

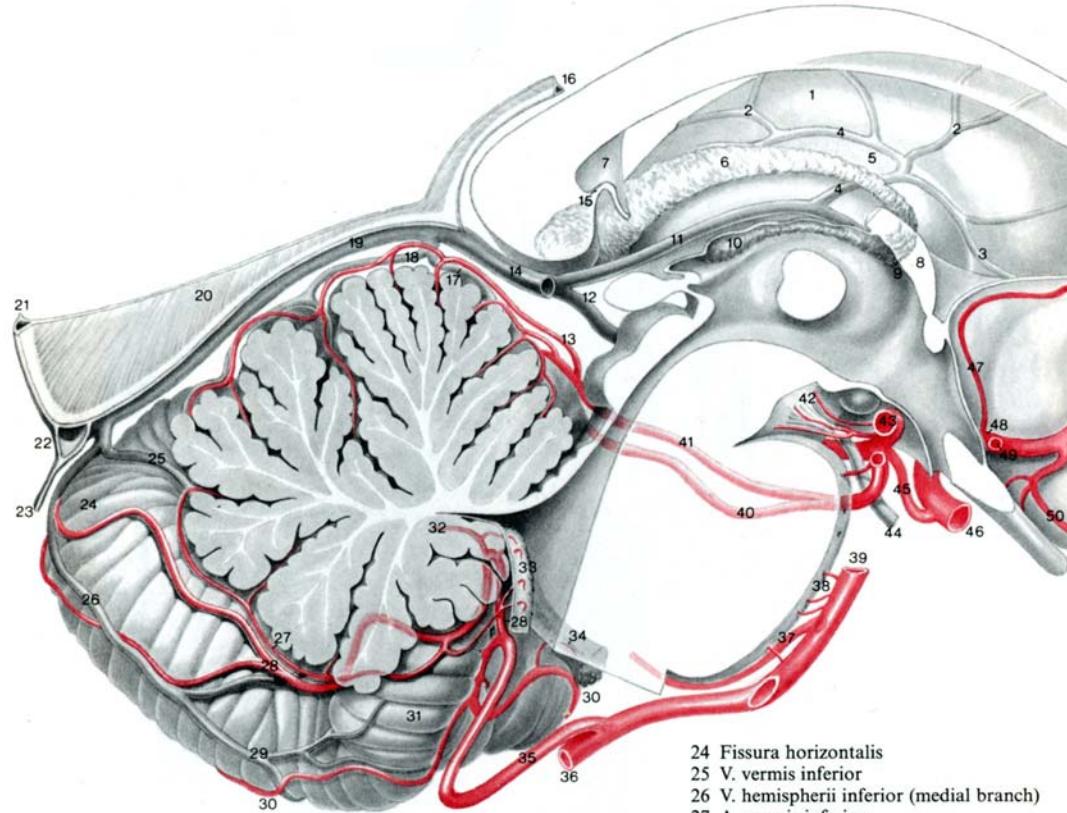
### Schematic representation

of the blood supply of the basal ganglia.

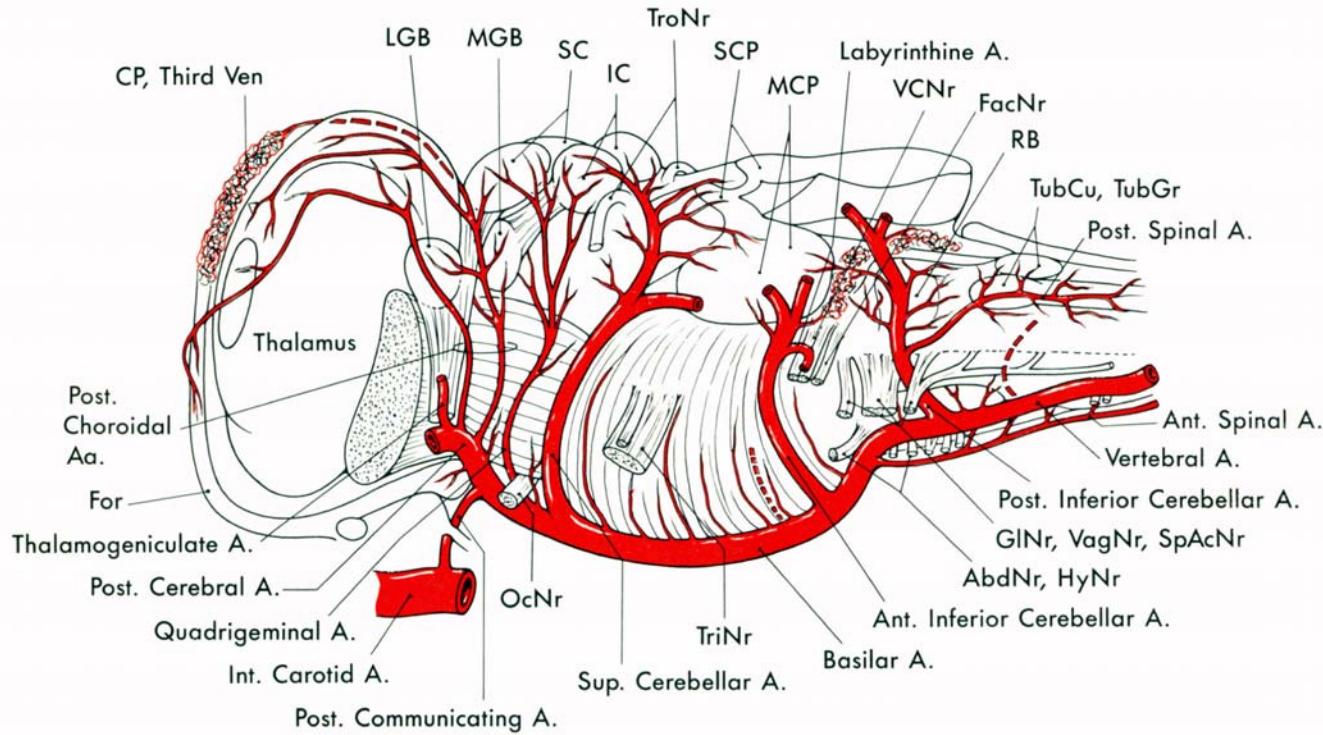
1: a. cer. med.; 2,2': a. choroidea ant.;  
3: a. cerebri post.; 3' a. thalamoperforans;  
3'': a. thalamogeniculata; 4: a. basilaris



Diagrammatic representation of the distribution of arteria cerebri posterior.  
1, Choroidal-diencephalic artery to the choroid plexus and thalamus; 2, Arteria cerebri posterior; 2a, Proximal stem of arteria cerebri posterior (arteria communicans posterior); 3, Arteria chorioidea anterior; 4, Arteria carotis interna; 5, Arteria cerebri media; 6, Arteria cerebri anterior; 7, Rami temporales; 8, Rami parieto-occipitales; 9, Rami occipitales; 10, Arteria cerebri posterior; 11, Perforators from the proximal stem of arteria cerebri posterior to the ventral aspect of the diencephalon; 12, Arteria cerebelli superior; 13, Arteria basilaris; 14, Postero-medial perforators from the arteria mesencephalica to the tegmentum mesencephali; 15, Mesencephalon (coronal plane); 16, Ramus ad tectum mesencephali with branches to the lateral aspect of the mesencephalon (may be more than one branch); 17, Diencephalon; 18, Pulvinar of diencephalon; 19, Geniculate bodies; 20, Choroid plexus.

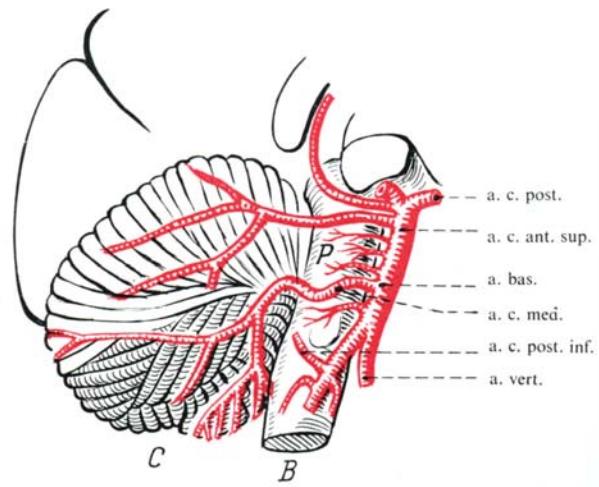


- 1 Nucleus caudatus (ventricular surface)  
 2 Vv. nuclei caudati  
 3 V. septi pellucidi anterior  
 4 V. thalamostriata superior  
 5 Lamina affixa  
 6 Plexus choroideus ventriculi lateralis  
 7 Septum pellucidum  
 8 Fornix  
 9 Foramen interventriculare  
 10 Plexus choroideus ventriculi tertii  
 11 V. cerebri interna  
 12 V. basalis  
 13 A. vermis superior  
 14 V. cerebri magna  
 15 Commissura fornicis  
 16 Sinus sagittalis inferior  
 17 V. precentralis cerebelli  
 18 V. vermis superior  
 19 Sinus rectus  
 20 Falx cerebri  
 21 Sinus sagittalis superior  
 22 Confluens sinuum  
 23 Sinus occipitalis  
 24 Fissura horizontalis  
 25 V. vermis inferior  
 26 V. hemispherii inferior (medial branch)  
 27 A. vermis inferior  
 28 A. cerebelli inferior posterior, R. medialis  
 29 Retrotonsillar veins  
 30 A. cerebelli inferior posterior, Rr. laterales  
 31 Tonsilla cerebelli  
 32 R. tonsillae (of 35)  
 33 Rr. choroidei ventriculi quarti (of 35)  
 34 R. recessus lateralis ventriculi quarti (of 35)  
 35 A. cerebelli inferior posterior  
 36 A. vertebralis  
 37 A. cerebelli inferior anterior  
 38 Aa. pontis, Rr. mediales  
 39 A. basilaris  
 40 A. cerebelli superior, R. lateralis  
 41 A. cerebelli superior, R. medialis  
 42 Aa centrales posteromediales  
 43 A. cerebri posterior, pars precommunicans  
 44 Nervus oculomotorius  
 45 A. communicans posterior  
 46 A. carotis interna  
 47 A mediana corporis callovi  
 48 A. cerebri anterior, pars precommunicans  
 49 A. communicans anterior  
 50 A. frontobasalis medialis

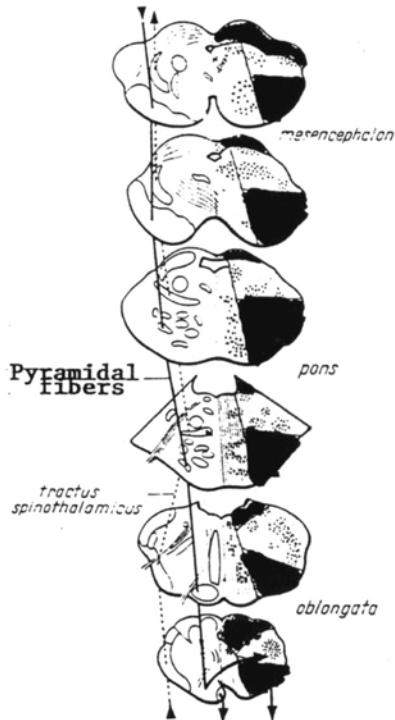


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<b>BP</b>	Basilar Pons	<b>OpNr</b>	Optic Nerve (Cranial Nerve II)
<b>Cbl</b>	Cerebellum	<b>OpTr</b>	Optic Tract
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<b>LGB</b>	Lateral Geniculate Body	<b>TubGr</b>	Tuberculum Gracile (Gracile Tubercl)e
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<b>MCP</b>	Middle Cerebellar Peduncle (Brachium Pontis)	<b>Ven</b>	Ventricle
<b>MGB</b>	Medial Geniculate Body		



**Blood supply of the brainstem**



an: midbrain: a.cer.p.

pons: a. basilaris

obl.: a. basilaris

sp.cord: a spin.ant

paramedian

midbrain - a. cer. post.

pons — a. basilaris

medulla — a. vertebral

sp. cord- a. spinalis ant.

Lateral:

midbrain - a. cer. post

pons — aa. pontis (a. bas.)

Medulla — rr. medullares (a. vert.)

Spinal cord-a. spin. ant.

Dorsal

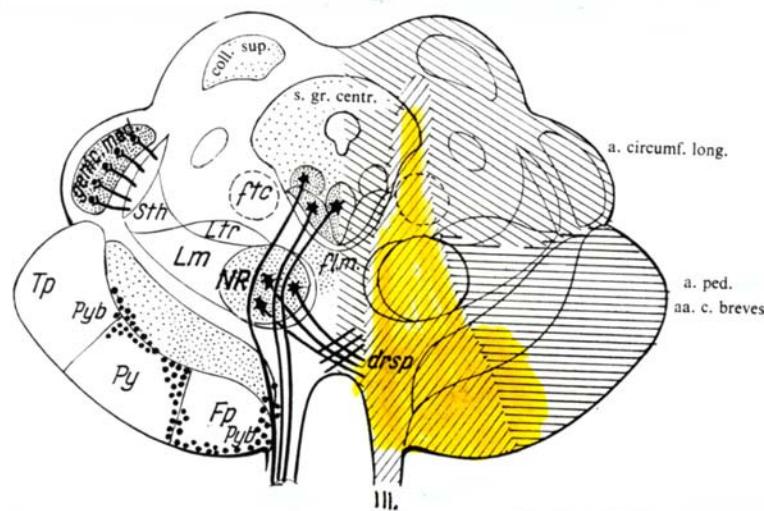
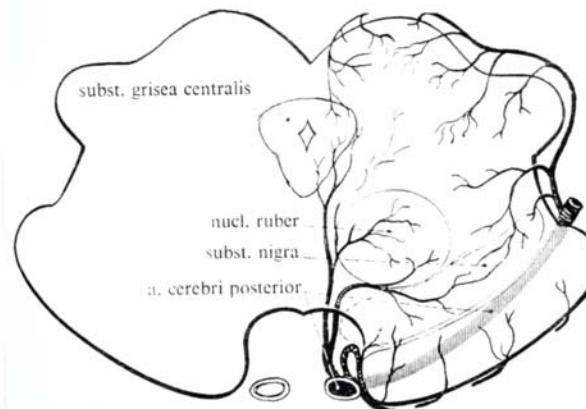
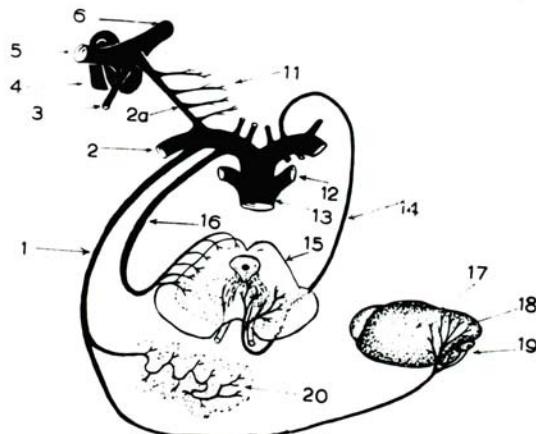
midbrain — a. quadrigemina (a.cer.p)

pons — a.cerebelli sup; AICA

medulla — rr. medullares (a. vert)

spinal cord- a. spinalis post.

### ARTERIA CEREBRI POSTERIOR



#### ARTERY

paramed. rr.  
to midbrain

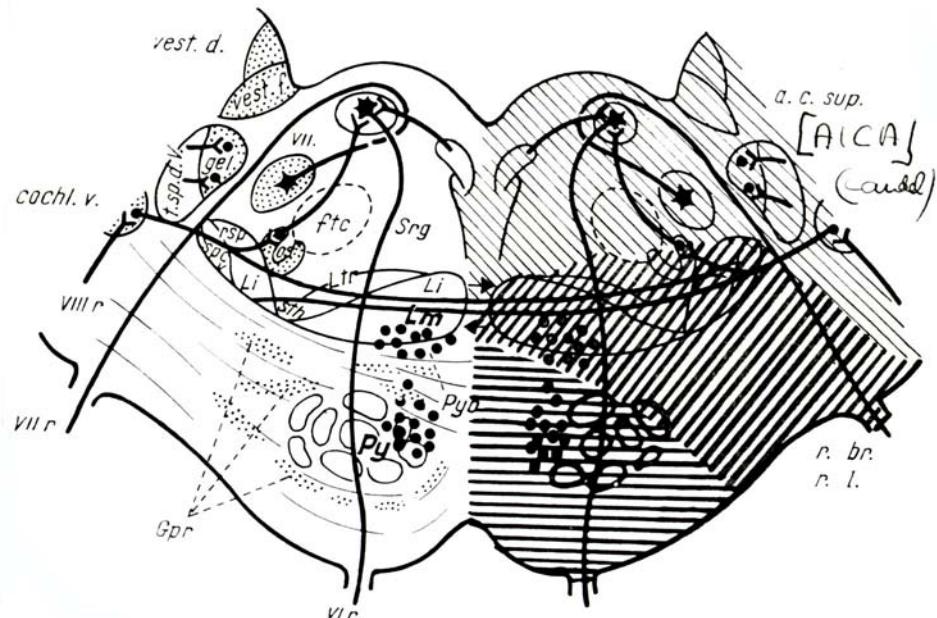
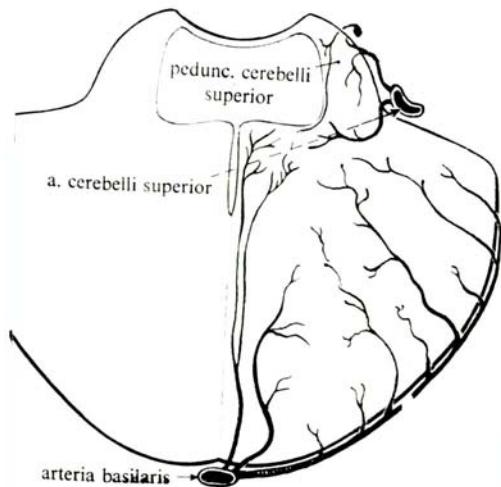
#### DAMAGE

pyramis, nIII., n. rub.  
subst. nigra

#### SYNDROMS

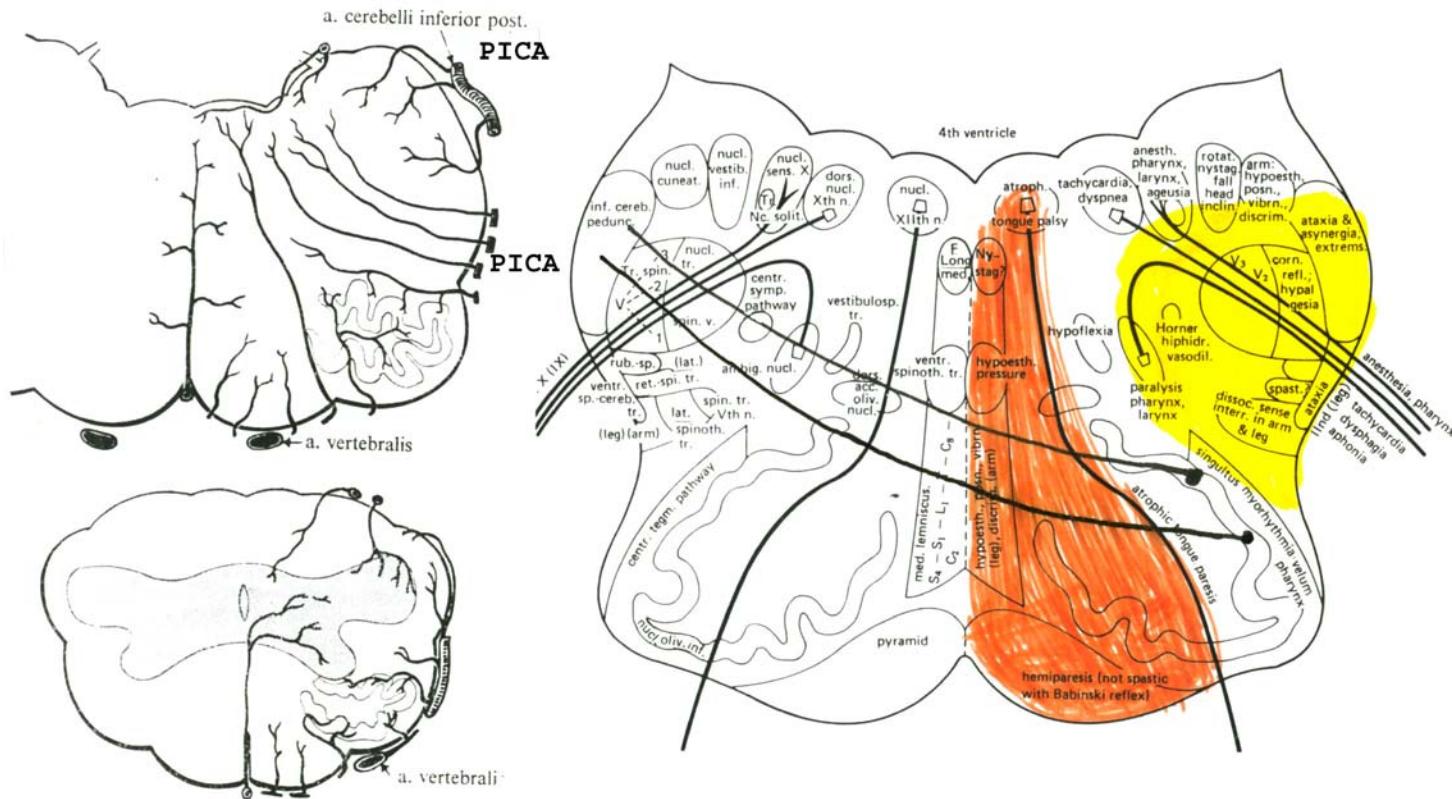
hemiplegia (c),  
cerebellar ataxia,  
**akinesia (parkinsonism)**  
(i) with  
ptosis, dilatation of pupil,  
absent light reflex, outward  
dev. of the eye  
(Mediobasal mesencephalic syndrome of  
Weber)

## ARTERIA BASILARIS



ARTERY	DAMAGE	SYNDROMS
r. ad pontem (paramedian)	pyramis	hemiplegia (c)
r. ad pontem (circumf.)	tr. spinothalamicus medial lemniscus tr. spinocerebell.v. radix V.VI.VII.	hemihypaesthesia (c) hemiataxia (c) trigeminal, facial paresis (i) lateral pons syndrome
a. cereb. ant.inf. (AICA)	corpus restiforme (tr. spinocer.d) nucleus VI.	hemiataxia (i) astasia, hypotonia (i), int. tremor abducens paresis (i); par. conjugate gaze <sup>pointing</sup> to the side of lesion; rostral tegmental syndrome
a. cereb.superior	corpus restiforme (tr. spinocer.d) nucleus VI.,VII.	same as above <sup>pointing</sup> VI, VII paresis (i) caudal tegmental syndrome

## ARTERIA VERTEBRALE



### ARTERY

a. cerebelli  
post. inf. (PICA)

### DAMAGE

tr. desc. n.V., tr. spinoth.  
corpus restiforme, n.  
ambiguus., symp. praegang.  
vestibular nuclei

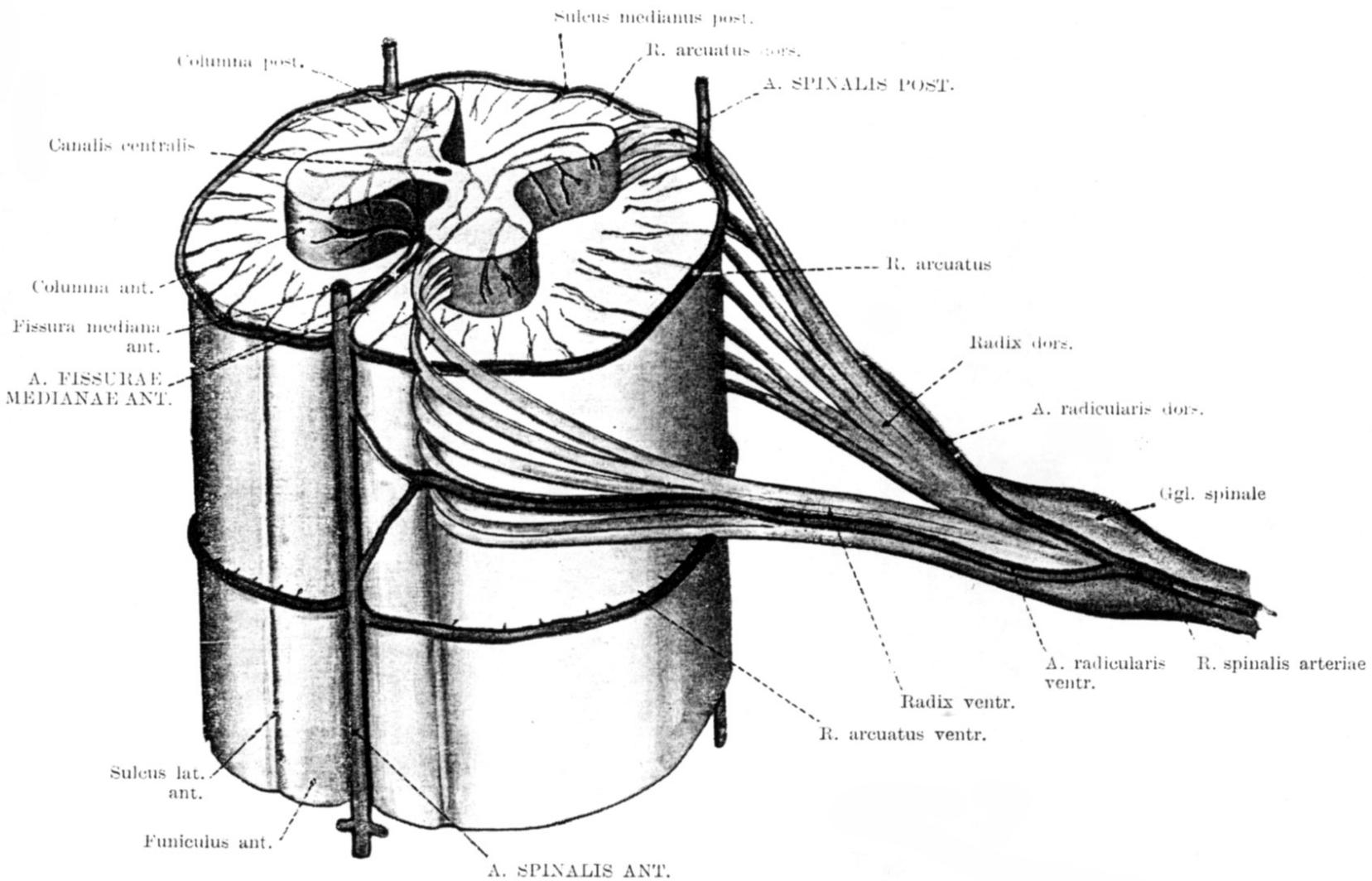
### a. spinalis ant.

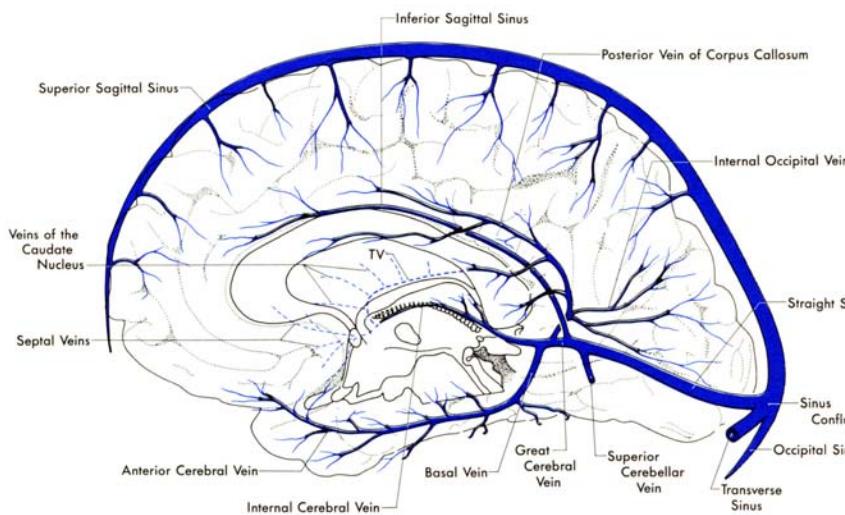
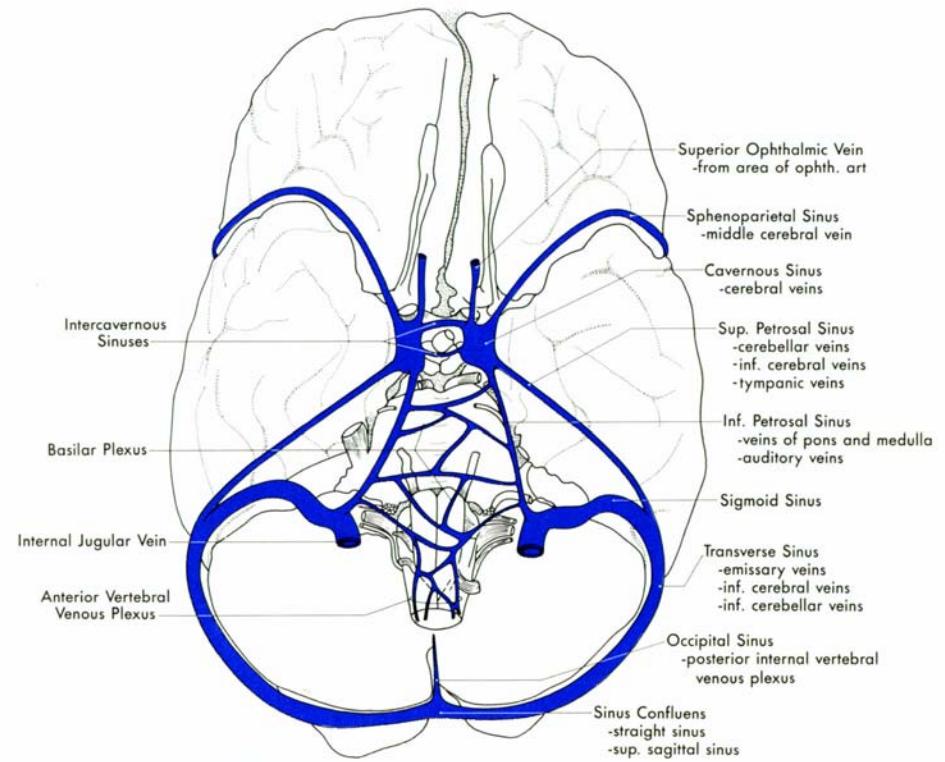
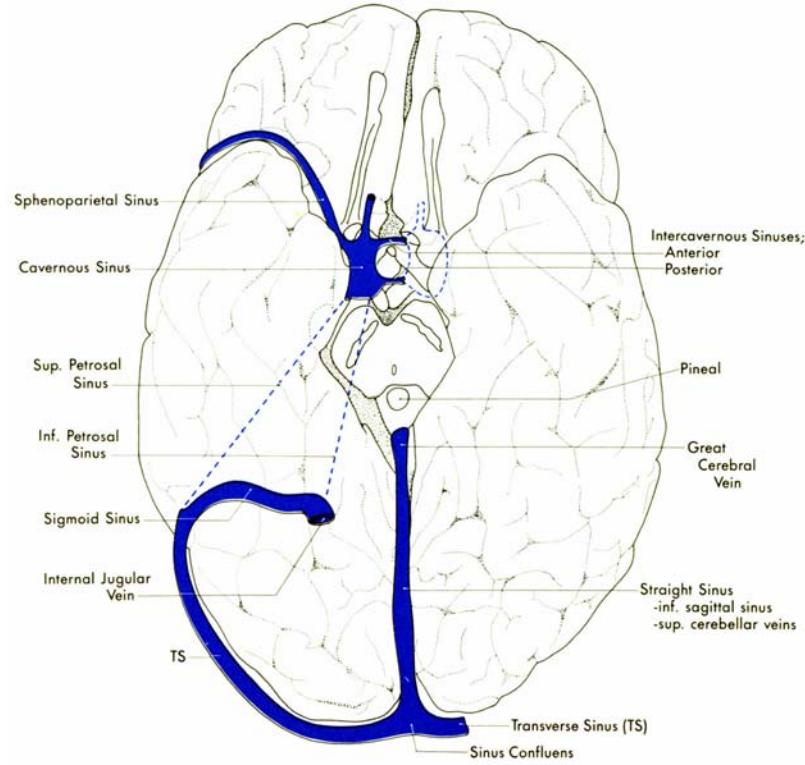
pyramis, medial lemniscus  
nucleus or n. XII.

### SYNDROMES

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absent corneal reflex  
hypesthesia for pain  
and temp. (i for face,  
c for trunk and extrem.)  
Horner trias (miosis, ptosis,  
decr. sweating), dysphagia,  
dysarthria, vertigo, nausea,  
nystagmus, limb ataxia (i)  
(lateral medullary syndrome of Wallen-  
berg)  
hemiparesis (c), deep sense  
dist (c) XII. paresis (i);  
(medial medullary syndrome)  
**(Dejerine)**





**Abbreviation:** TV –Terminal Vein