Overview of the Autonomic Nervous System

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Sympathetic and parasympathetic often have antagonistic or complementary functions

Sympathetic speeds heart



Parasympathetic slows heart

Sympathetic dilates bronchi



Parasympathetic constricts bronchi

Sympathetic dilates pupil





Parasympathetic constricts pupil

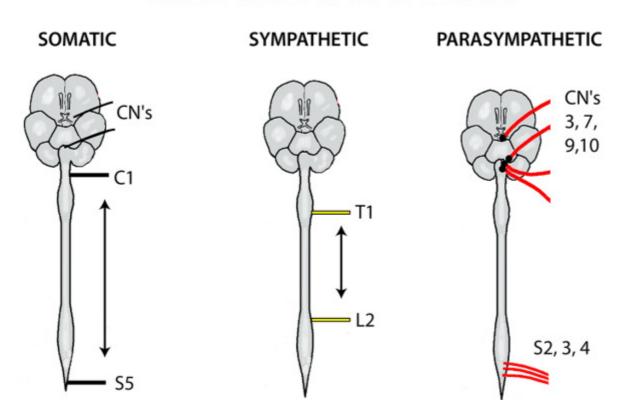
Sympathetic and parasympathetic may have independent functions

Sympathetic

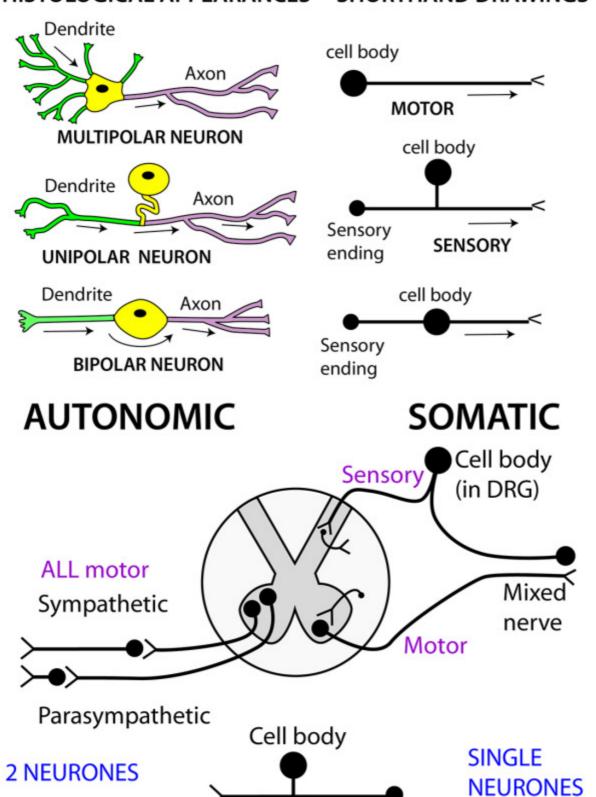
Parasympathetic

Stimulates suprarenal gland Stimulates ejaculation Raises eyelids Eye accommodation Erection of penis

EMERGENCE OF NERVES FROM CNS

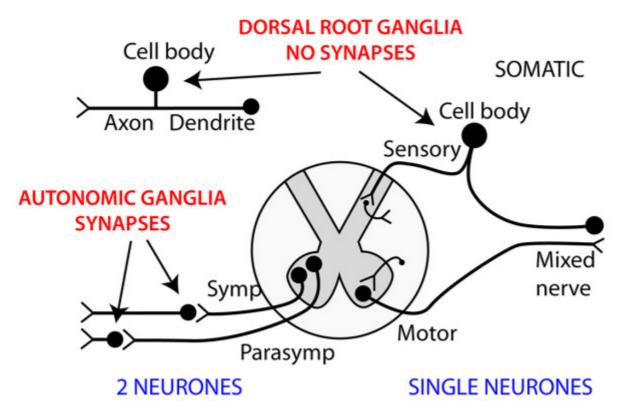


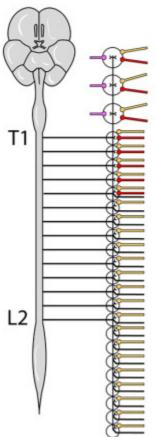
HISTOLOGICAL APPEARANCES SHORTHAND DRAWINGS



Dendrite

Axon





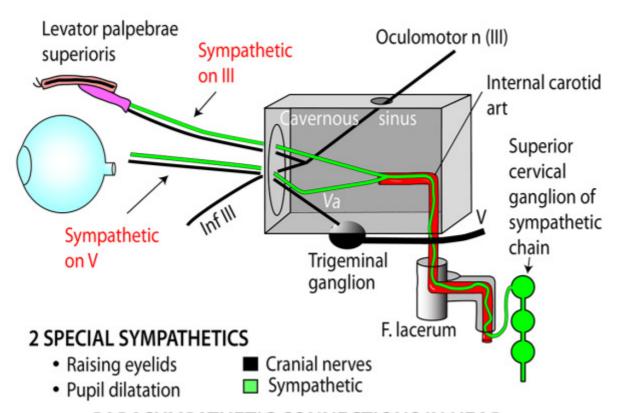
SYMPATHETIC DISTRIBUTION BEYOND CHAIN

Homeostatic (skin): sudo-, pilo-, vasomotor on spinal & cranial nerves

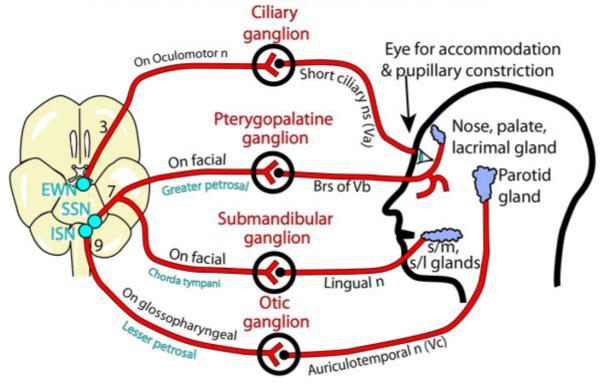
Homeostatic (other): vasomotor only, on any convenient nerve or vessel

Specific (to organs)

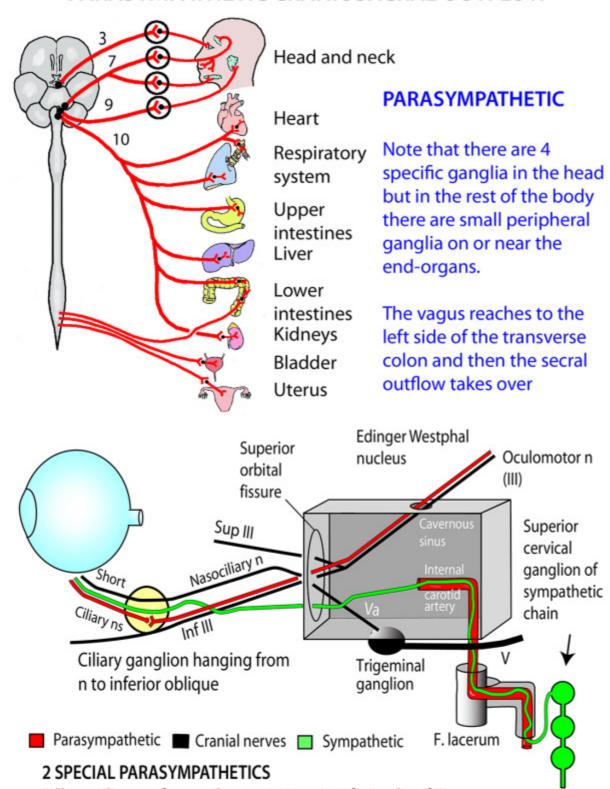
- Direct to heart & lungs
- Splanchnics to gut, adrenals, genitals
- Superior cervical ganglion to head



PARASYMPATHETIC CONNECTIONS IN HEAD

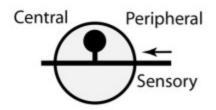


PARASYMPATHETIC CRANIOSACRAL OUTFLOW



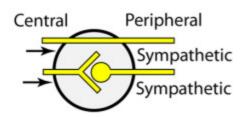
- * Short ciliary ns for pupil constriction via inferior div of III
- * Short ciliary ns for accommodation via inferior div of III

TYPES OF GANGLIA



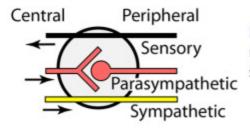
SENSORY GANGLION has cell bodies only and NO synapses Examples:

- Posterior (dorsal) root
- Trigeminal
 Glossopharyngeal
- Geniculate
 Vagal



SYMPATHETIC GANGLION has either a synapse or a fibre passing through it to synapse later. Examples:

- Sympathetic chain
- Sympathetic peripheral ganglia (coeliac, renal, superior mesenteric)



PARASYMPATHETIC GANGLION has parasympathetic nerves synapsing and both a somatic sensory and a sympathetic nerve passing through it. Examples:

- Ciliary
- Ptergopalatine
- Submandibular
- Otic