

# Oculomotor, Trochlear, and Abducens Nerves



# SCRUBS

STUDENT COLLABORATIVE RESOURCES FOR UNDERSTANDING AND BRODY SUCCESS

# *Mission Statement*

**SCRUBS** is a student-driven initiative that aims to develop supplemental resources for current and future cohorts that will pass through Brody. Members of **SCRUBS** participate in a variety of sub-committees working to create resources for students, by students. These resources aim to offer unique perspectives from students that have walked in the same shoes, developing resources that we wish we had been exposed to during our time in the course.

The hope is this organization will become a staple of the Brody student body, exemplifying the unique collaborative community that Brody offers. If this is a mission that aligns with your goals and you have the desire to help those that will come behind you, as well as a goal to leave your mark on Brody as a whole, we invite you to join the team!

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Cribriform foramina  
**CN I** (olfactory n.)

Optic canal  
**CN II** (optic n.)

Superior orbital fissure  
**CN III** (oculomotor n.)

**CN IV** (trochlear n.)

**CN V<sub>1</sub>** (ophthalmic n.)

**CN VI** (abducent n.)

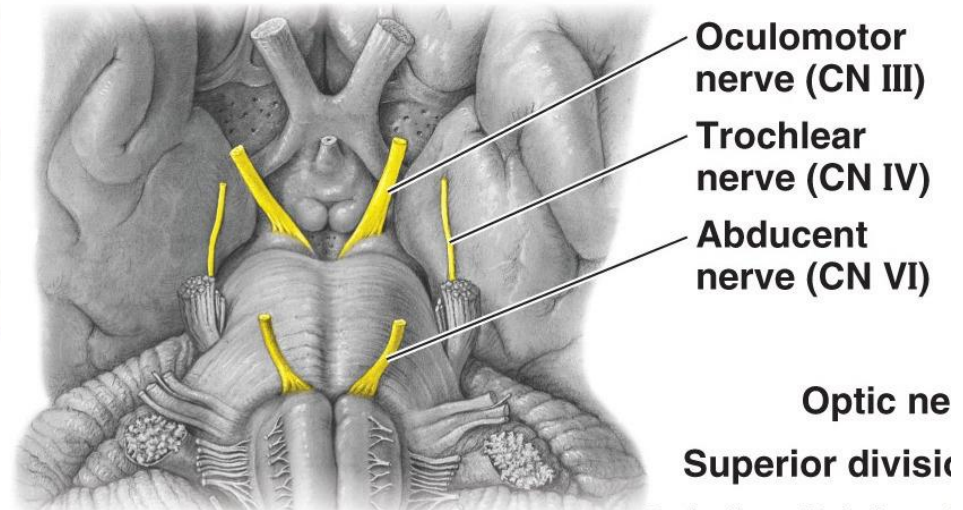
Foramen rotundum  
**CN V<sub>2</sub>** (maxillary n.)

Foramen ovale  
**CN V<sub>3</sub>** (mandibular n.)

Internal acoustic meatus  
**CN VII** (facial n.)  
**CN VIII** (vestibulocochlear n.)

Jugular foramen  
**CN IX** (glossopharyngeal n.)  
**CN X** (vagus n.)  
**CN XI** (spinal accessory n.)

Hypoglossal canal  
**CN XII** (hypoglossal n.)



# Cavernous Sinus



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- Dural venous sinus
- Infection – affect nerves

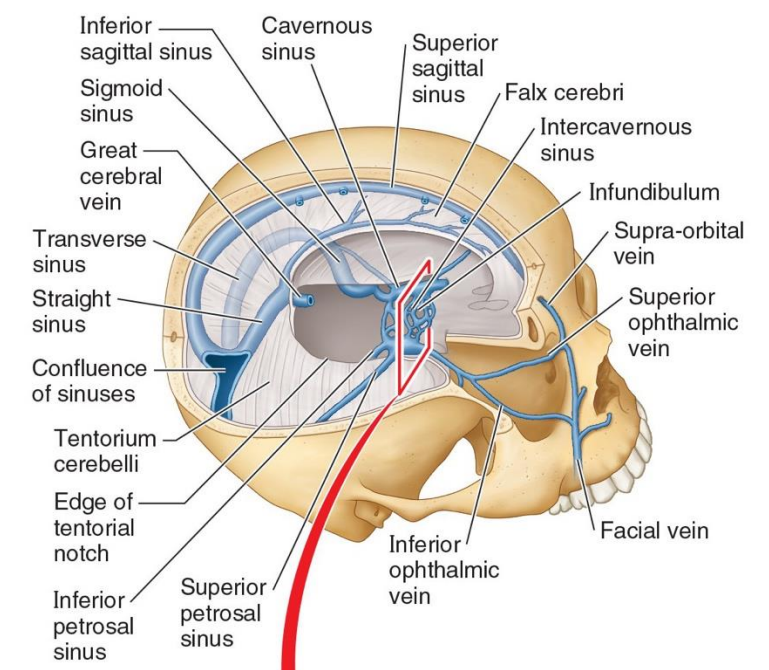
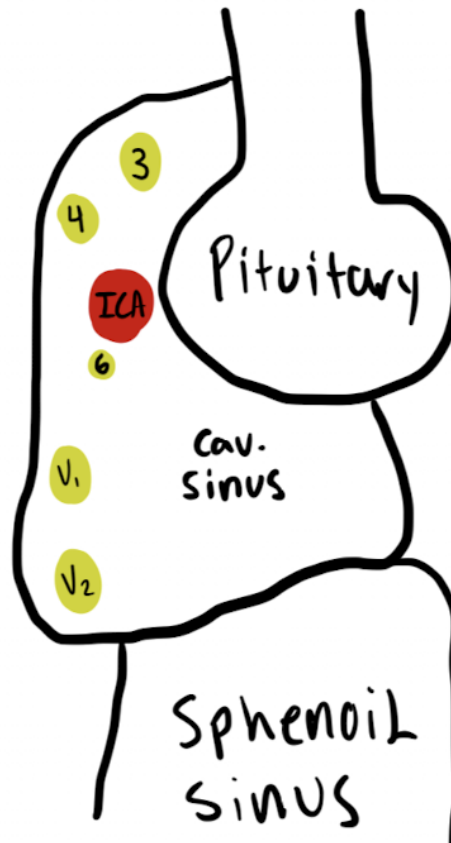
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Superior

Medial                      Lateral

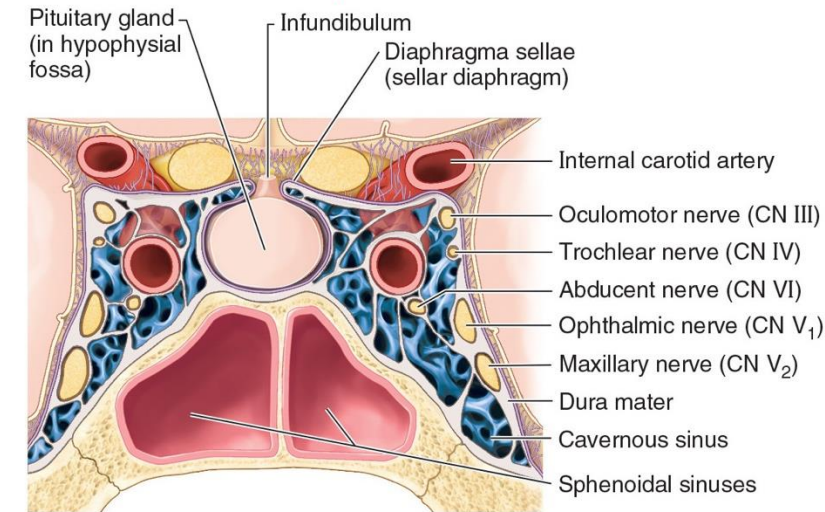
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(internal)                      processes

Oculomotor  
Trochlear  
Ophthalmic (V<sub>1</sub>)  
Maxillary (V<sub>2</sub>)

\*CN's 3-6 (except V<sub>3</sub>)



(A) Superolateral view

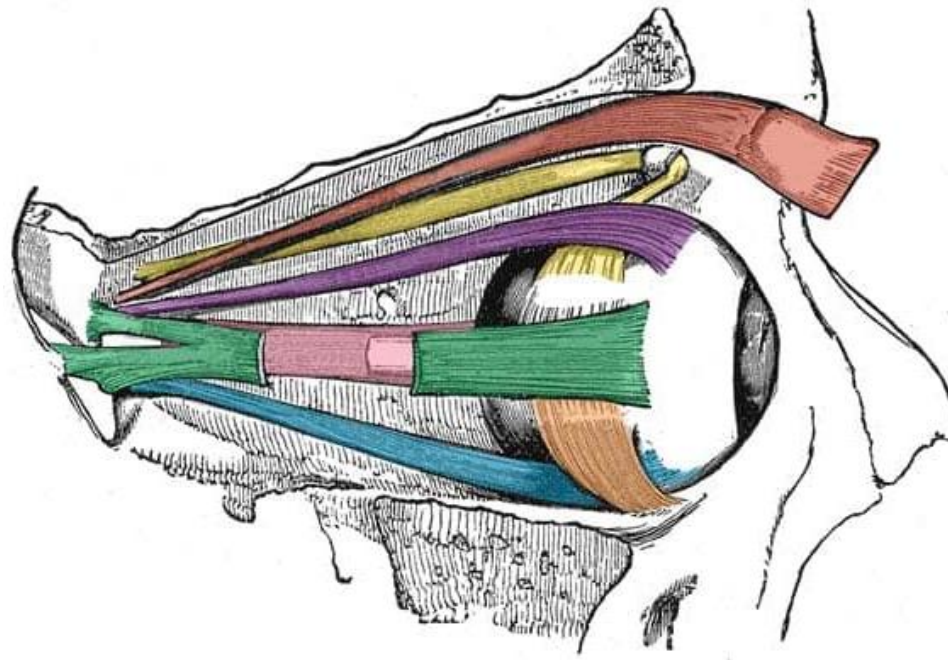









(C) Posterior view of coronal section of cavernous sinus

# Muscles of the Eye

# Eye Muscles

- **Trochlear Nerve (CNIV)**
  - Sup. Oblique
- **Abducens Nerve (CNVI)**
  - Lat. Rectus
- **Oculomotor Nerve (CNIII)**
  - Levator Palpebrae Superioris
  - Inf. Oblique
  - Sup. Rectus
  - Med. Rectus
  - Inf. Rectus



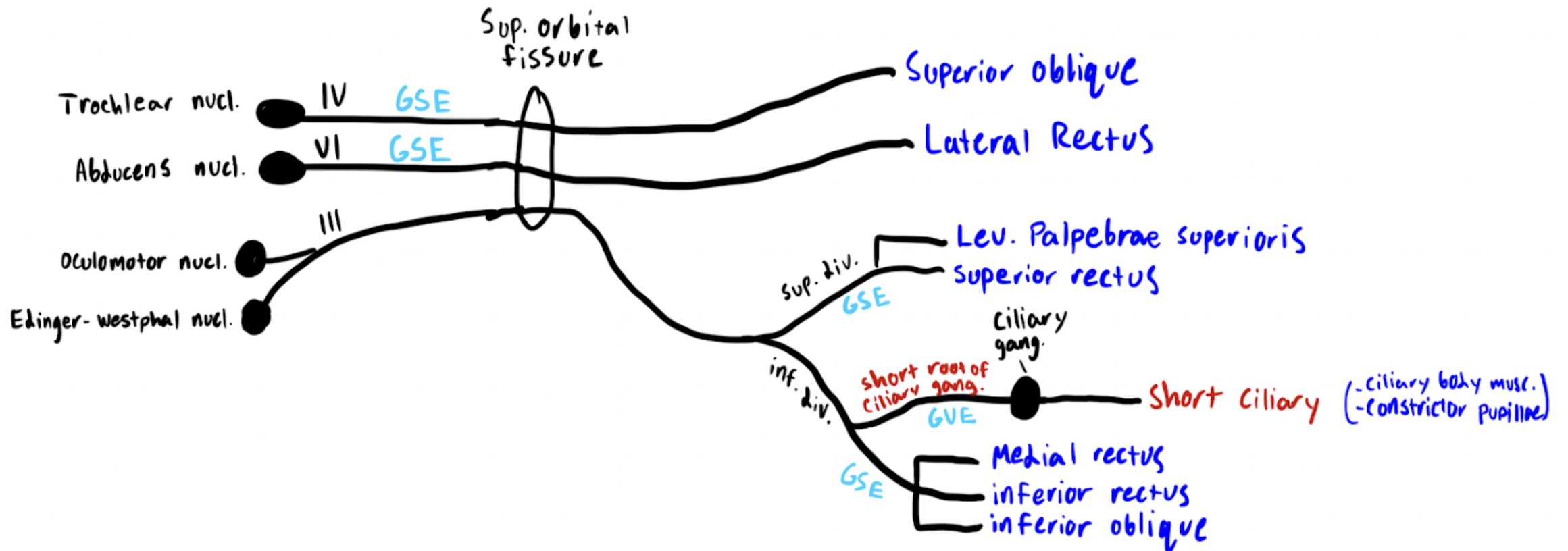
	Levator palpebrae superioris
	Superior oblique
	Inferior oblique
	Superior rectus
	Medial rectus
	Lateral rectus
	Inferior rectus



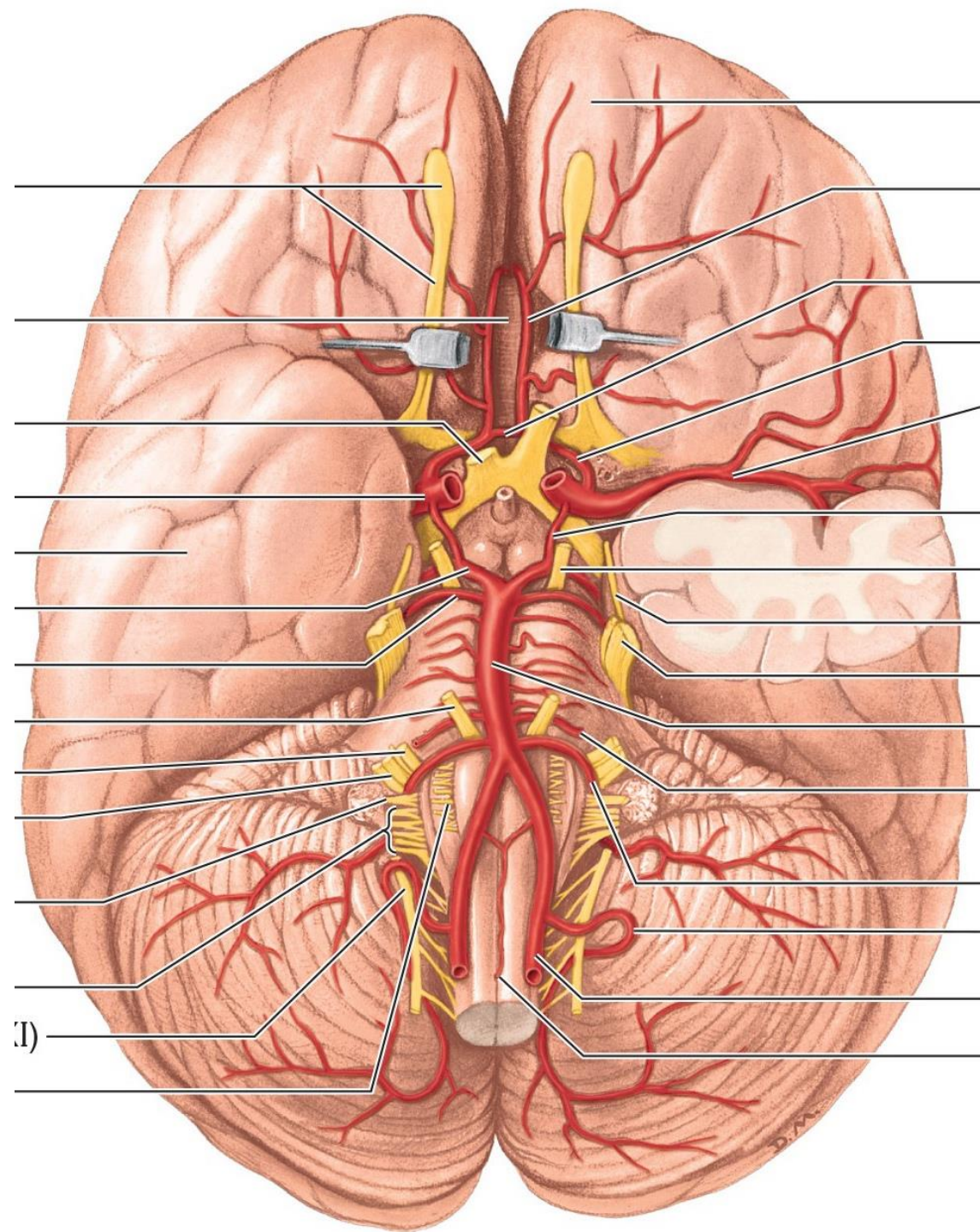
# Eye Nerves

# Pathways

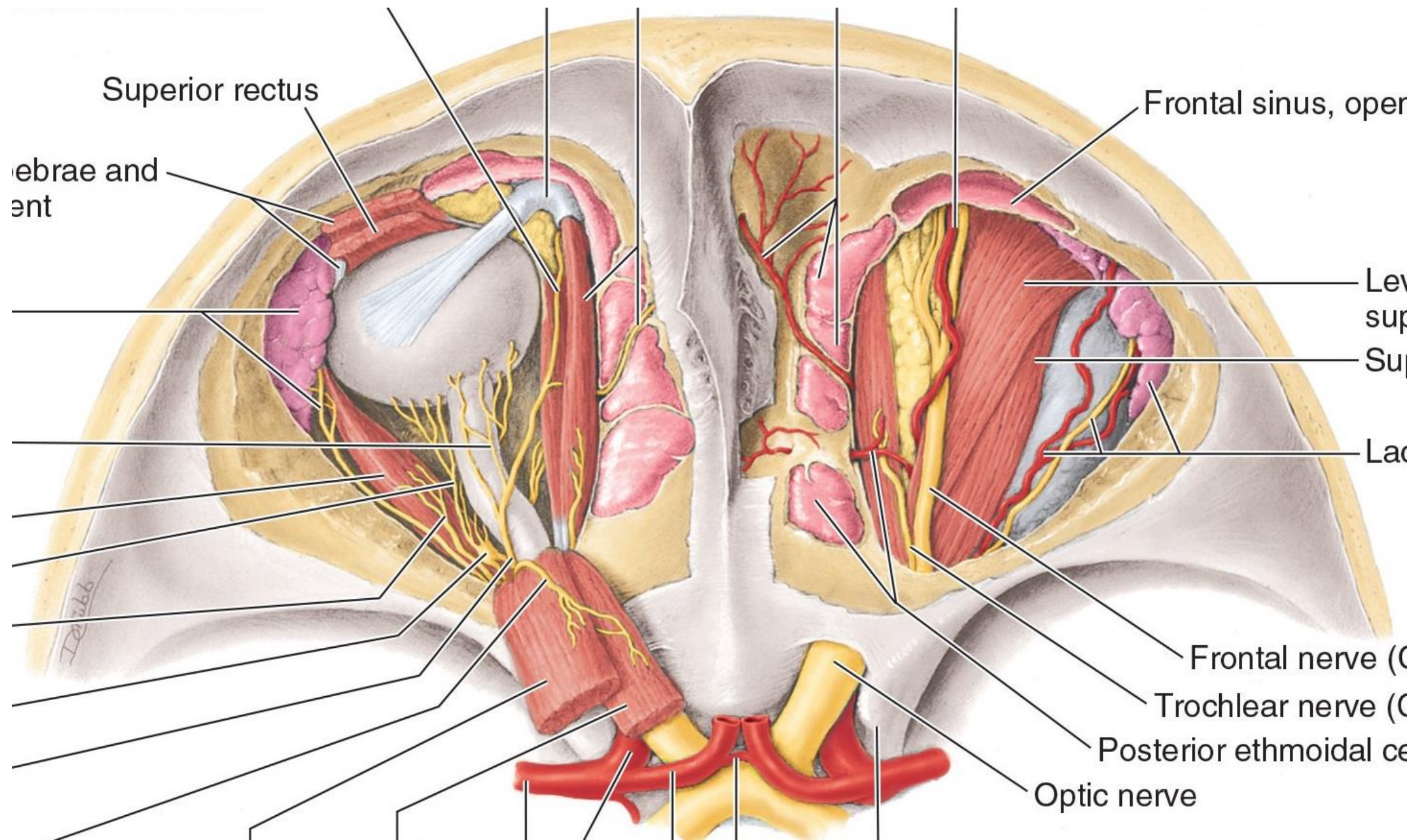
- Ciliary ganglion structurally on V1
- Sympathetic to **dilator pupillae**
- Parasymp. to **constrictor pupillae** & **ciliary body**











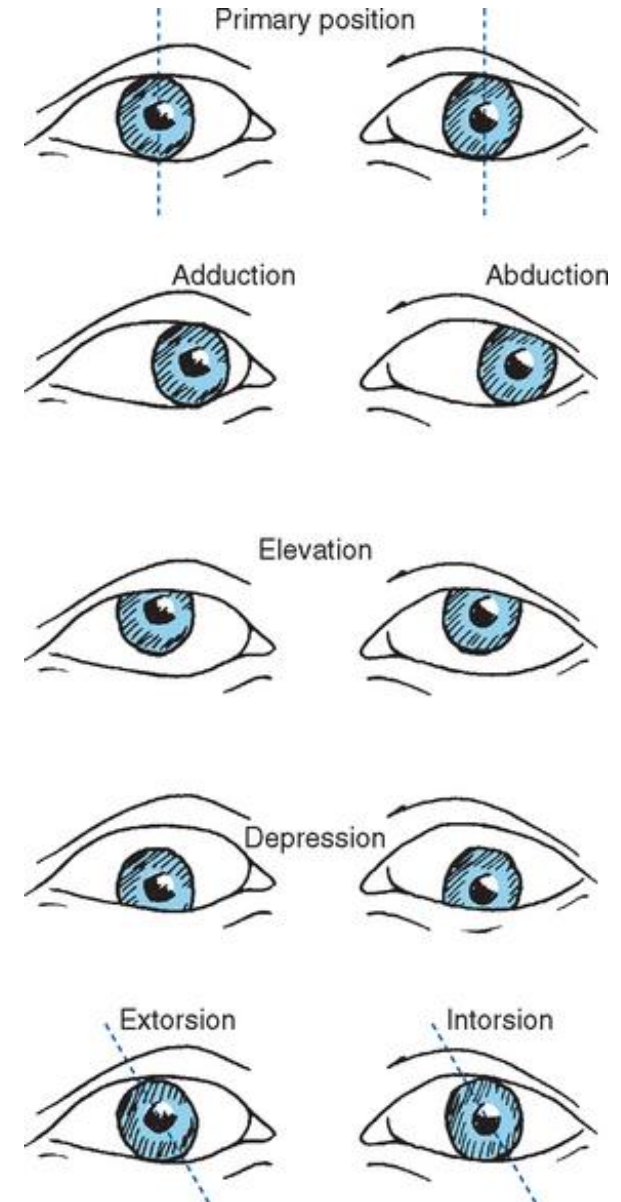
# Movements of the Eye



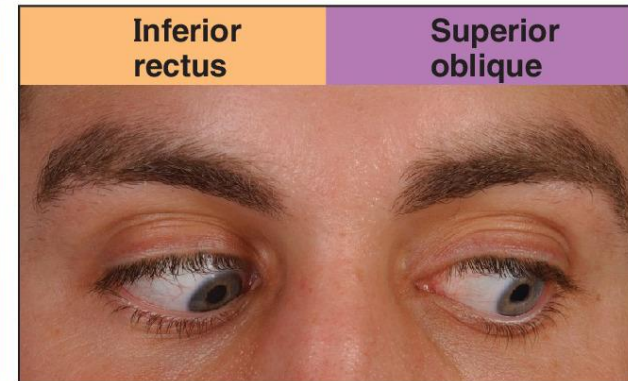
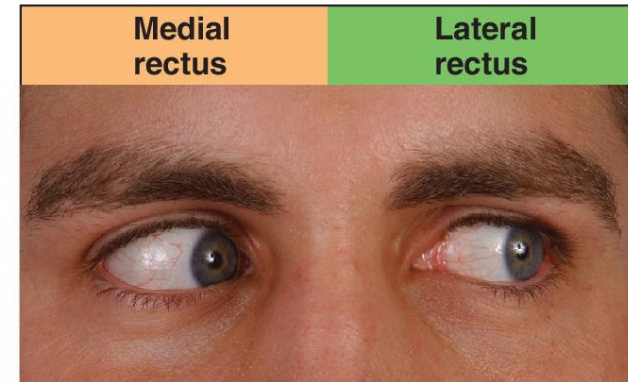
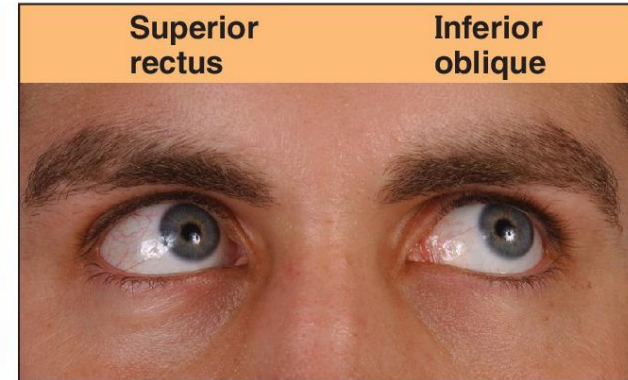
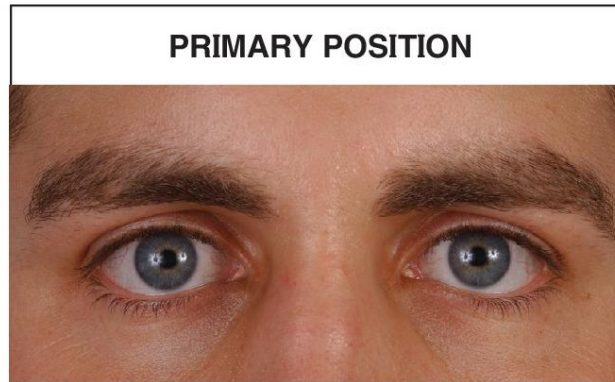
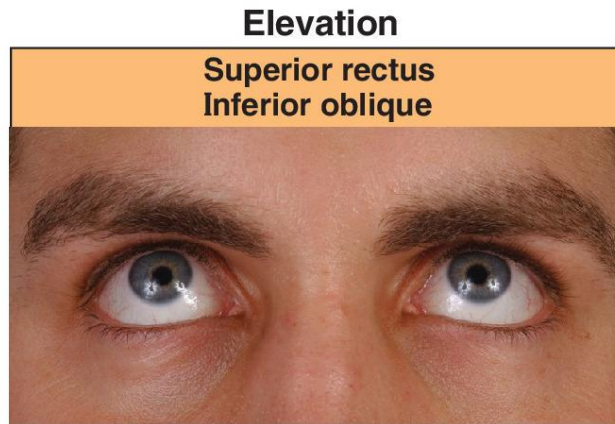
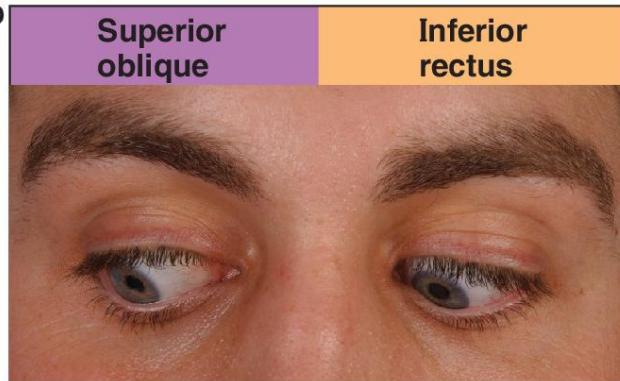
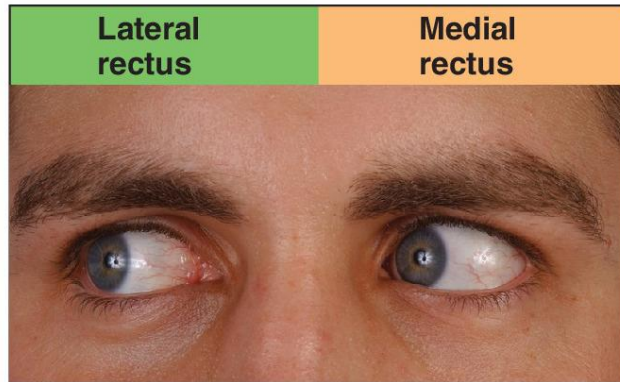
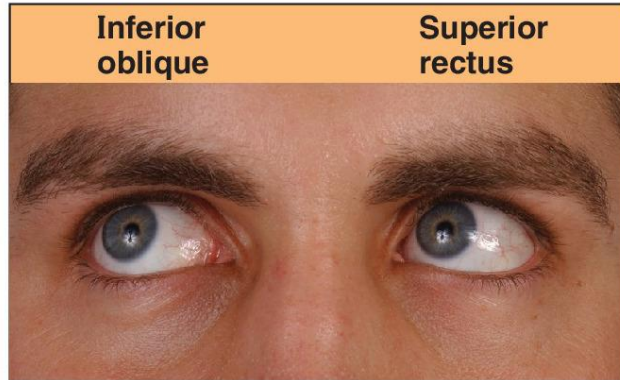
# Movements of the Eye

- 3 axes: vertical, horizontal, anteroposterior (sagittal)
- Med/Lat rectus only adduction/abduction
- Other muscles not parallel to axis of eyeball
  - Each acts on all 3 axes

Muscle	Primary Fxn	Secondary Fxn	Tertiary Fxn
Sup. Rect.	Elevate	Adduct	Med. Rotate
Inf. Rect.	Depress	Adduct	Lat. Rotate
Sup. Obl.	Depress	Abduct	Med. Rotate
Inf. Obl	Elevate	Abduct	Lat. Rotate.



Right Abduction-Left Adduction



Left Abduction - Right Adduction

Depression

Orange box: Oculomotor nerve (CN III)    Purple box: Trochlear nerve (CN IV)    Green box: Abducent nerve (CN VI)

# Clinical Anatomy



# Clinical Correlations

- **Oculomotor nerve**

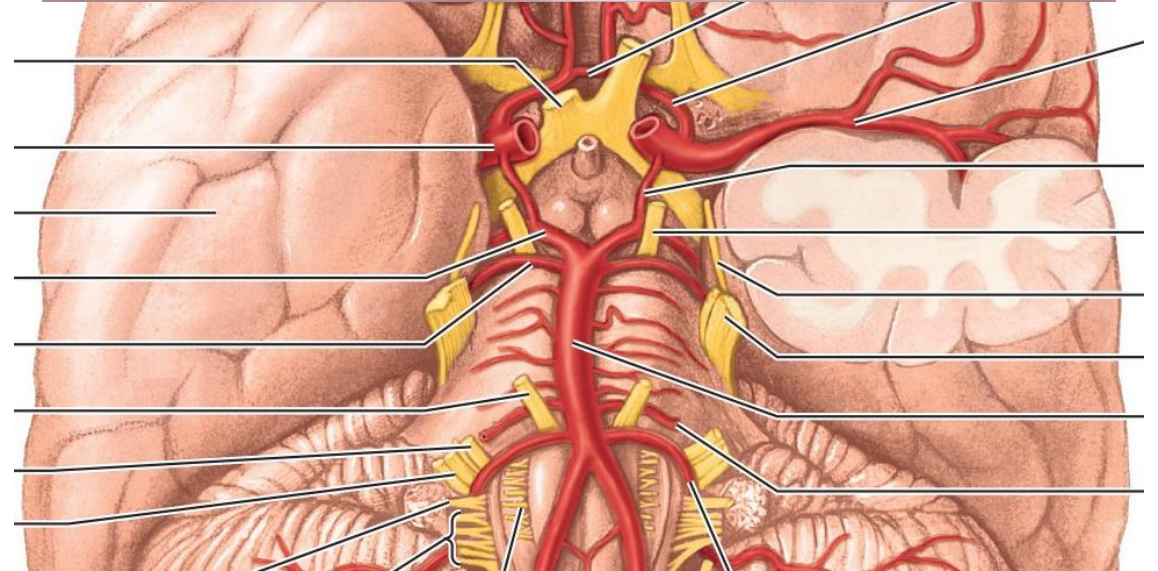
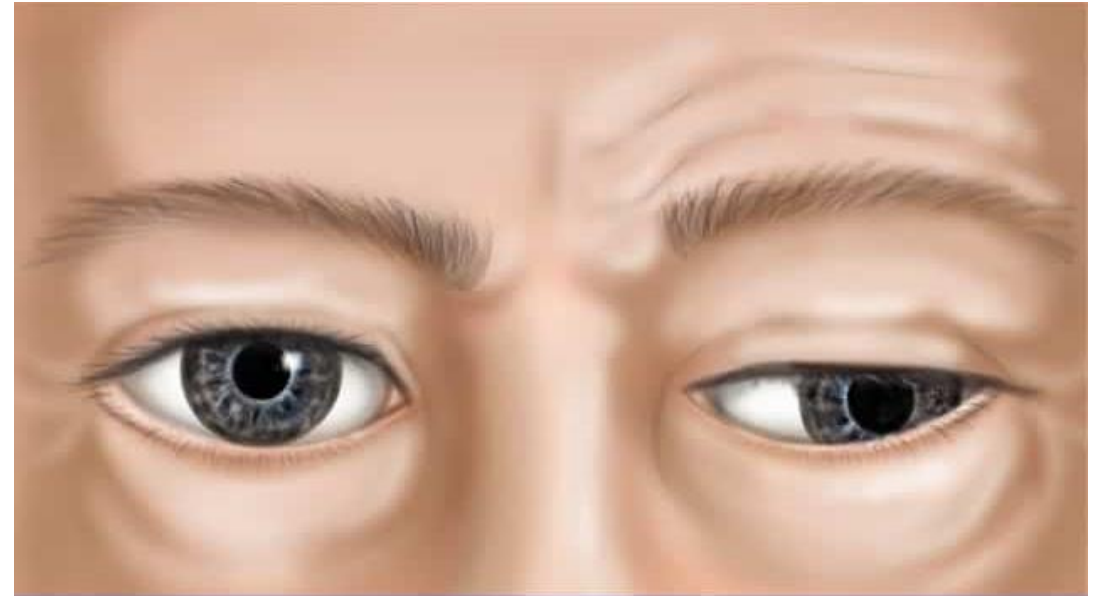
- Aneurysm in nearby vessels (PCA) = compression
- **Can't elevate/adduct** affected eye
  - “down and out”
- **Double vision** (diplopia)
- **Drooped eyelid** (ptosis)
- **Dilated** & unresponsive pupil (mydriasis)

- **Trochlear nerve**

- Limit depression of eyeball
- **Difficulty walking down stairs**

- **Abducens nerve**

- Involved in skull-base fractures
- Prevent abduction of eye



# Clinical Correlations

- **Horner's syndrome:**
  - From injury to cervical symp. nerves
  - Loss of "sympathetic tone"
    - **Constricted pupils** (miosis)
    - **Eyelid dropping**
    - Vasodilation (flushing)
    - Drying of face (anhidrosis)

## HORNER'S SYNDROME

