

# Endocrine glands

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# Endocrine system

- one out of two regulator systems
- phylogenetically older than the nervous system
- regulates activity of other systems so that they could react to changing requirements of outer and inner environment (maintains homeostasis)
- does not originate from anatomically similar structures
- secretion into blood – possesses no ducts
- nearly all organs and tissues of the human body produce a hormone

# Hormone

- *horman* in Greek = to arise
- chemical messenger produced by endocrine gland and transported into blood to target organs
- proteins (polypeptides) – *insuline*
- amines – *adrenaline*
- steroids – *estrogenes*

# Clinical consequence

- **hormonal excess**

- primary gland overproduction
- secondary to excess production of trophic (releasing, stimulating) substance (hormone)

- **hormonal deficiency**

- primary gland failure
- secondary to lack of stimulation by trophic (releasing, stimulating) substance (hormone)
- target organ resistance

# Endocrine glands History

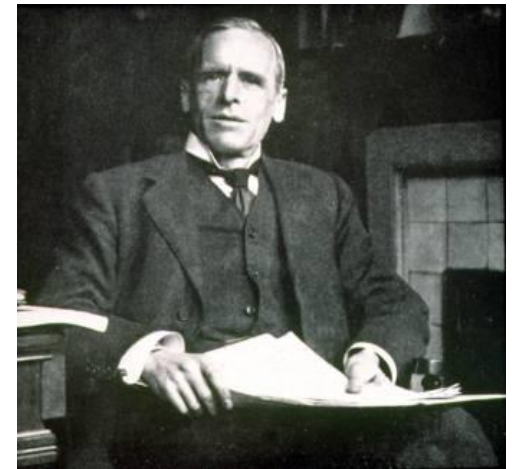
## Thomas Wharton

- 1614-1673
- *Adenographia*
- first detailed description of glands



## Ernest Henry Starling

- 1866-1927
- general schemes of „endocrine secretion“
- used the already existing word „hormones“



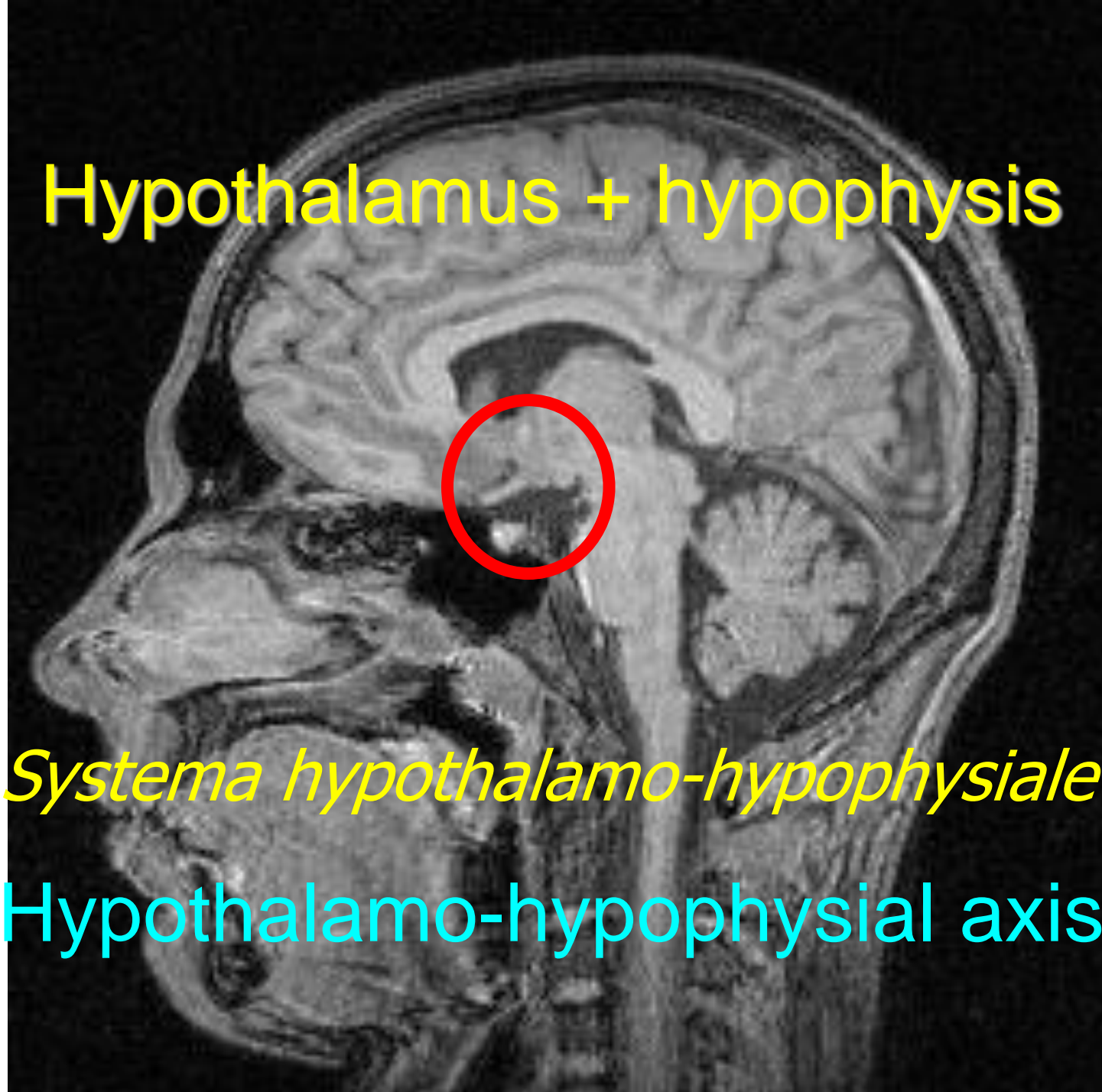
# Endocrine system arrangement

- glands
- disseminated cells
- neuroendocrine cells

# Endocrine glands – list

- hypothalamus (*hypothalamus*)
- pituitary gland (*hypophysis; gl. pituitaria*)
- thyroid gland (*glandula thyroidea*)
- parathyroid bodies (*gll. parathyroideae*)
- suprarenal glands, adrenals (*gll. suprarenales*)
- pancreatic (Langerhans‘) island (*insulae pancreaticae*)
- pineal glands, epiphysis (*gl. pinealis; corpus pineale*)

Hypothalamus + hypophysis



*Systema hypothalamo-hypophysiale*

Hypothalamo-hypophysial axis



# Hypophysis; Glandula pituitaria

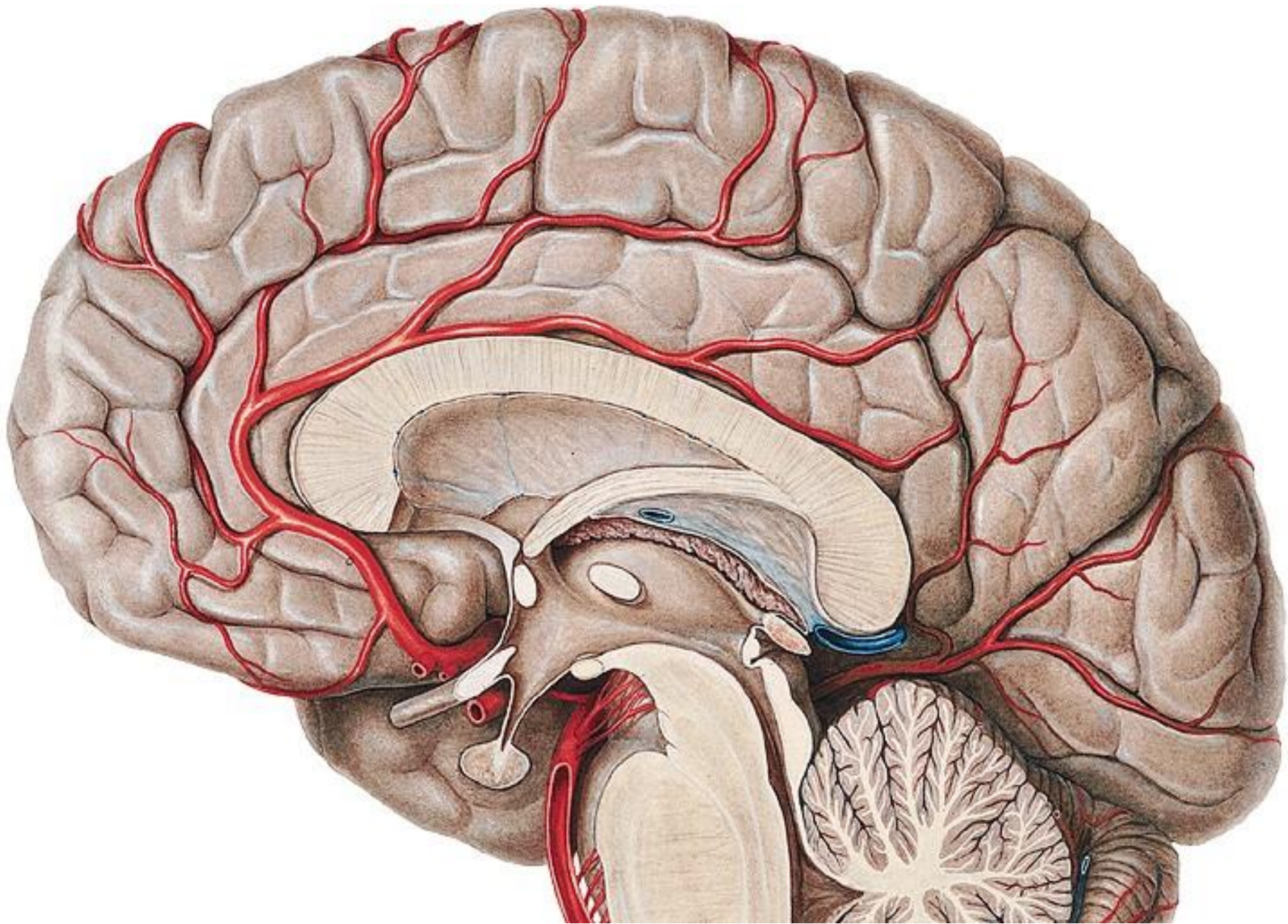
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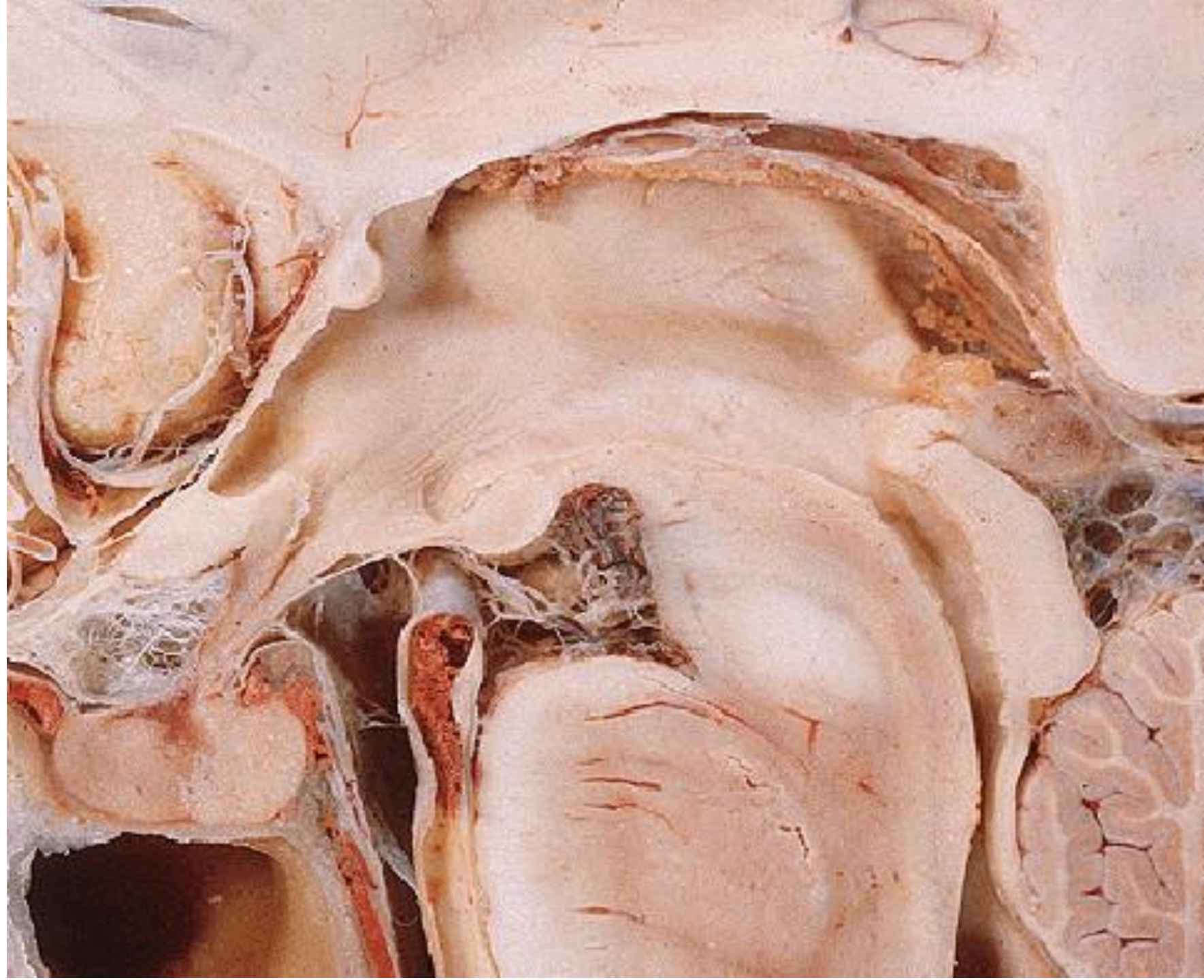
- *Galenos* – mucus production for nasal mucosa
- *Schneider* – 1655 refused Galenos' idea
- *Minkowski, Hutchinson* – connection between growth disorders and hypohysial hypertrophy
- ***Cushing*** – explained the function

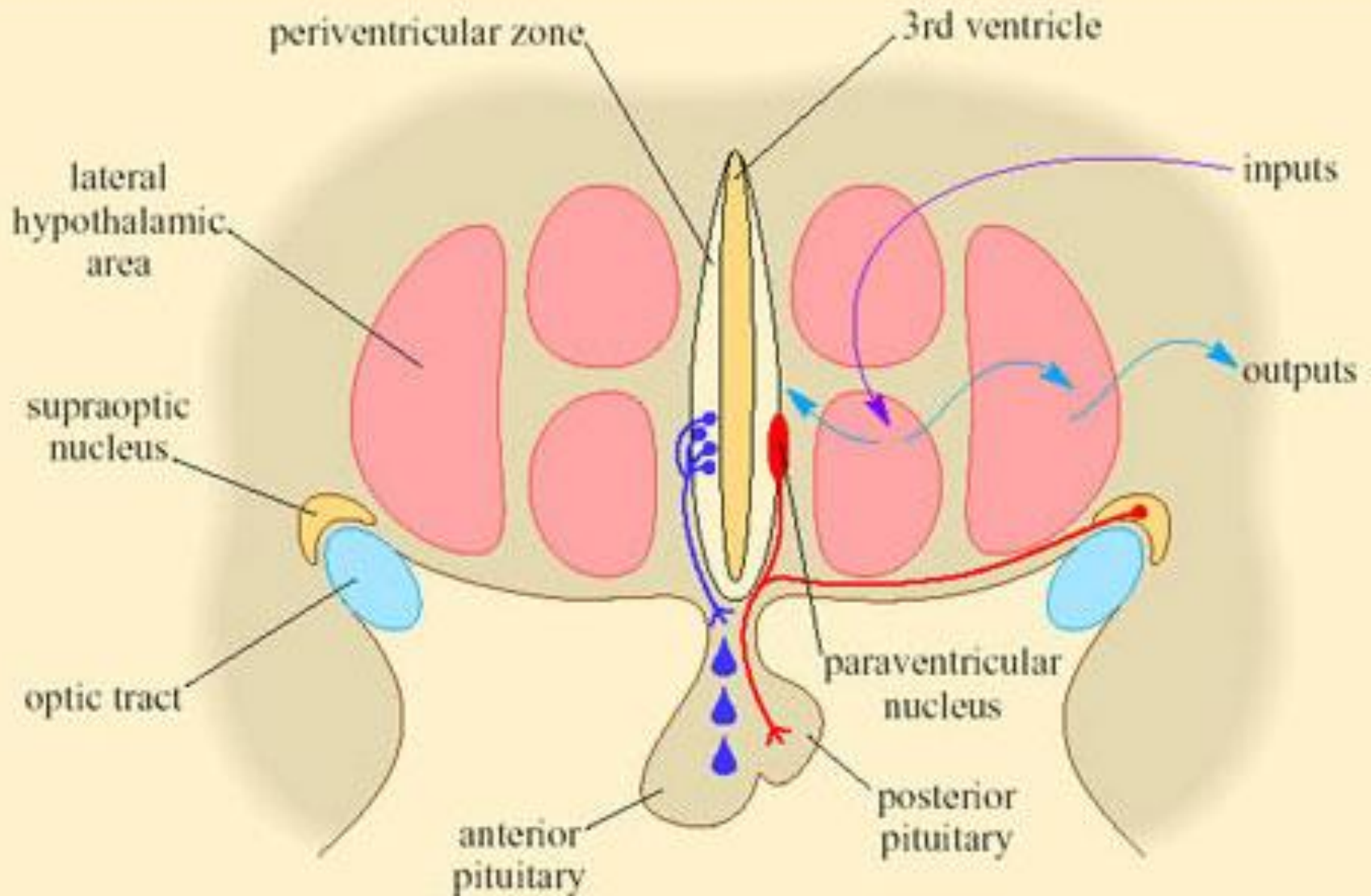
„a conductor of endocrine system, a prime minister“

# Hypothalamus

- basal part of diencephalon
- basally to 3rd ventricle
- function
  - information collection center from body and surroundings
  - highest autonomic center
  - part of limbic system
  - manages other endocrine glands
- corpora mammillaria, tuber cinereum, infundibulum, hypophysis

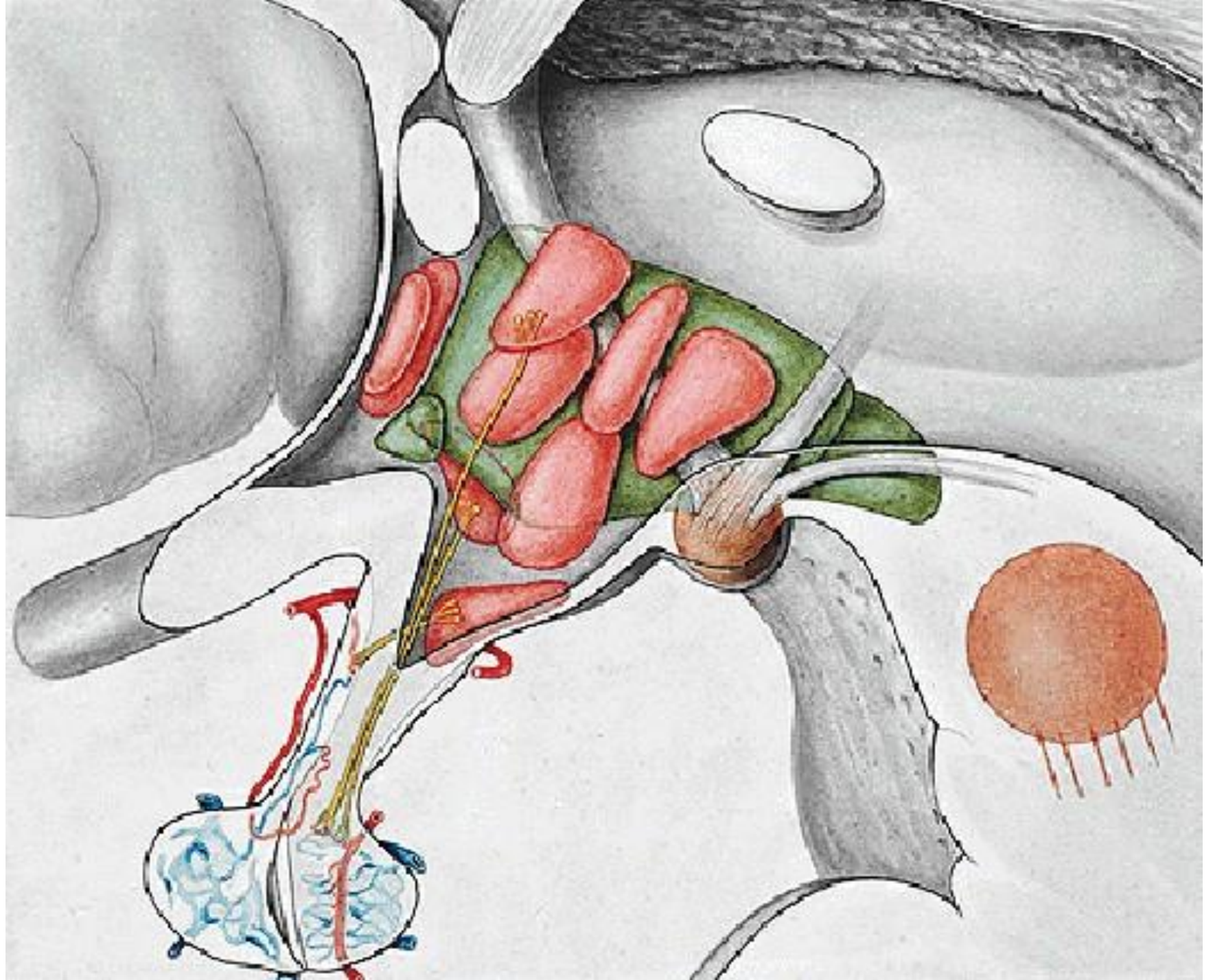






# Hypothalamus

- anterior hypothalamus – ncl. magnocellularis
  - **ncl. paraventricularis + supraopticus** – oxytocine and vasopressin (ADH)
- middle hypothalamus (tuber cinereum) – ncl. parvocelularis
  - **ncl. arcuatus** and surroundings – management of adenohypophysis
- posterior hypothalamus



# Hypothalamus – hormones

- ncl. arcuatus – production
- eminetia mediana – releasing into first capillary network
- releasing hormones = liberins
  - SRH, PRH, GnRH, TRH, CRH
- inhibiting hormones = statins
  - somatostatin, PIH (= dopamine)



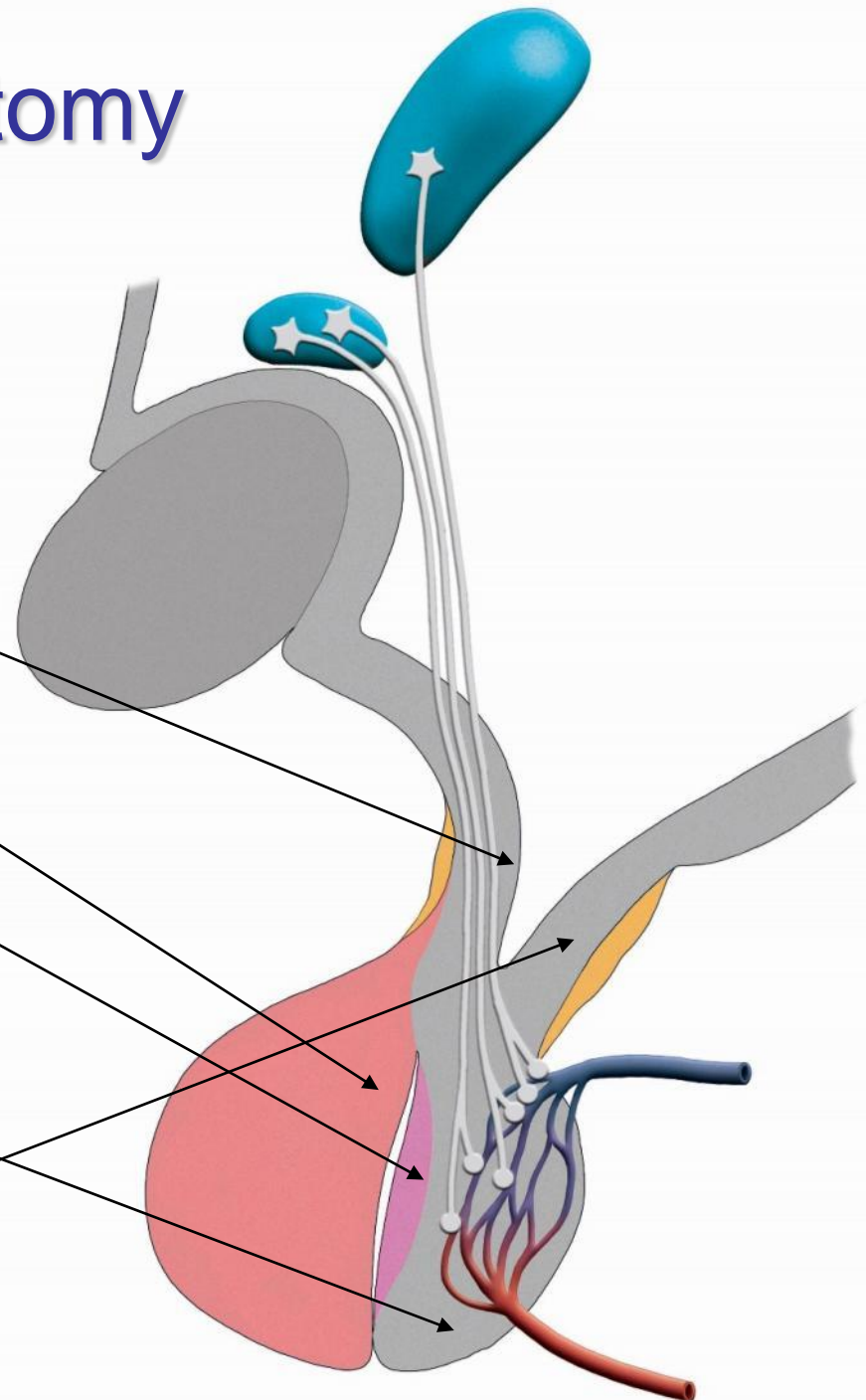
# Hypophysis – anatomy

„double glands“

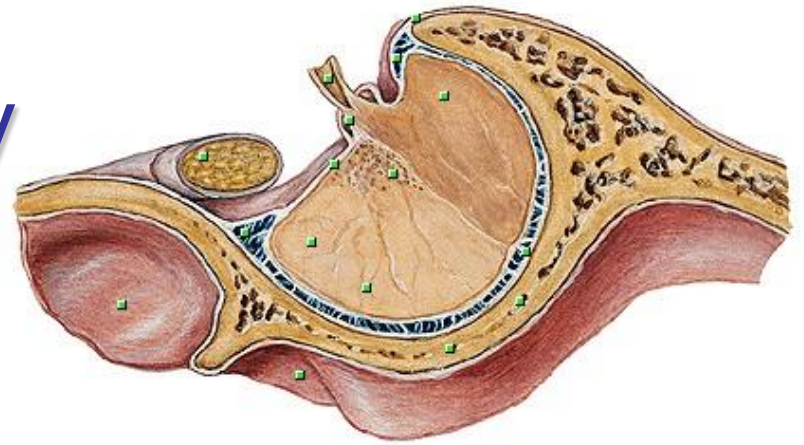
- two different tissues
- two lobes
  - anterior = adenohypophysis
  - posterior = neurohypophysis
- located within *sella turcica ossis sphenoidalis*
  - transsphenoidal operation approach
- covered with dura mater – *diaphragma sellae*
  - foramen diaphragmatis *Pacchioni* – transmits *infundibulum*

# Hypophysis – anatomy

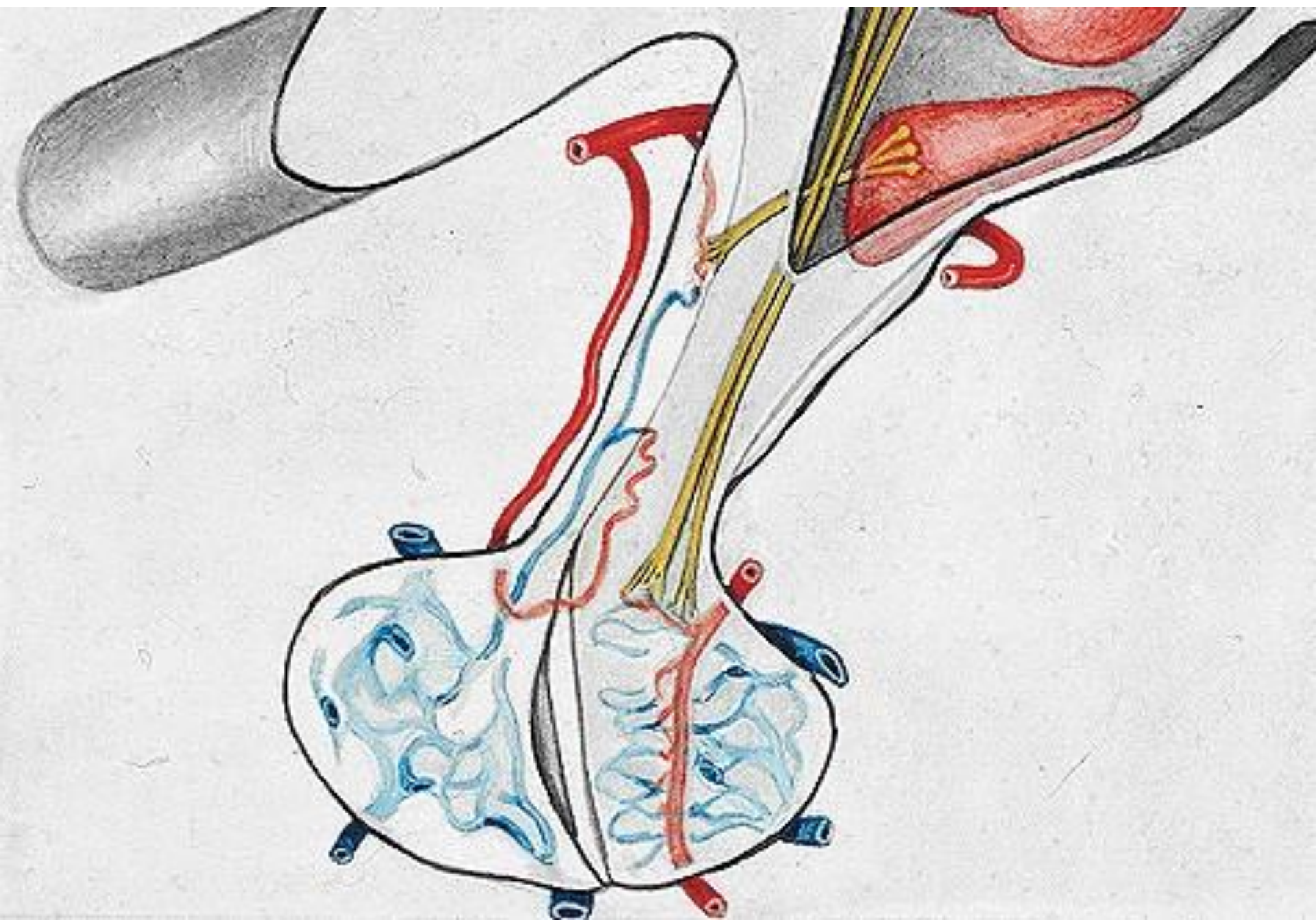
- anterior lobe  
(*adenohypophysis; lobus anterior*)
  - pars tuberalis
  - **pars distalis**  
(*principalis*)
  - pars intermedia
- posterior lobe  
(*neurohypophysis; lobus posterior*)
  - lobus nervosus (*pars nervosa*)
  - infundibulum



# Hypophysis – anatomy



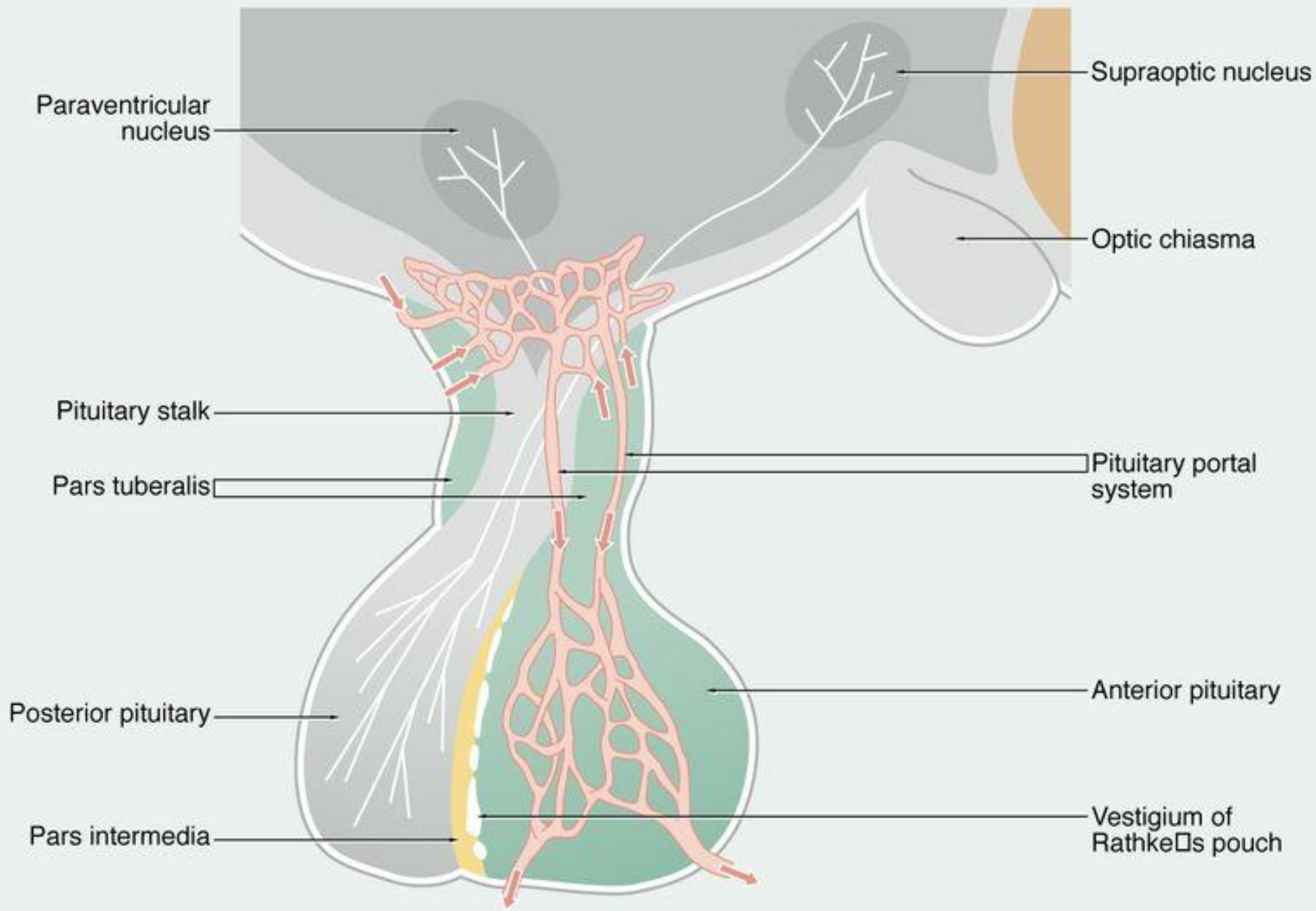
- anterior lobe (*adenohypophysis; lobus anterior*)
  - **pars distalis** (*principalis*) – largest part (75%)
  - *pars intermedia* – between both lobes
  - *pars tuberalis* – cranially at infundibulum
- posterior lobe (*neurohypophysis; lobus posterior*)
  - *lobus nervosus* (*pars nervosa*) – proper posterior lobe
  - infundibulum – connection to hypothalamus



# Hypophysis – blood supply

## **hypophysial portal system**

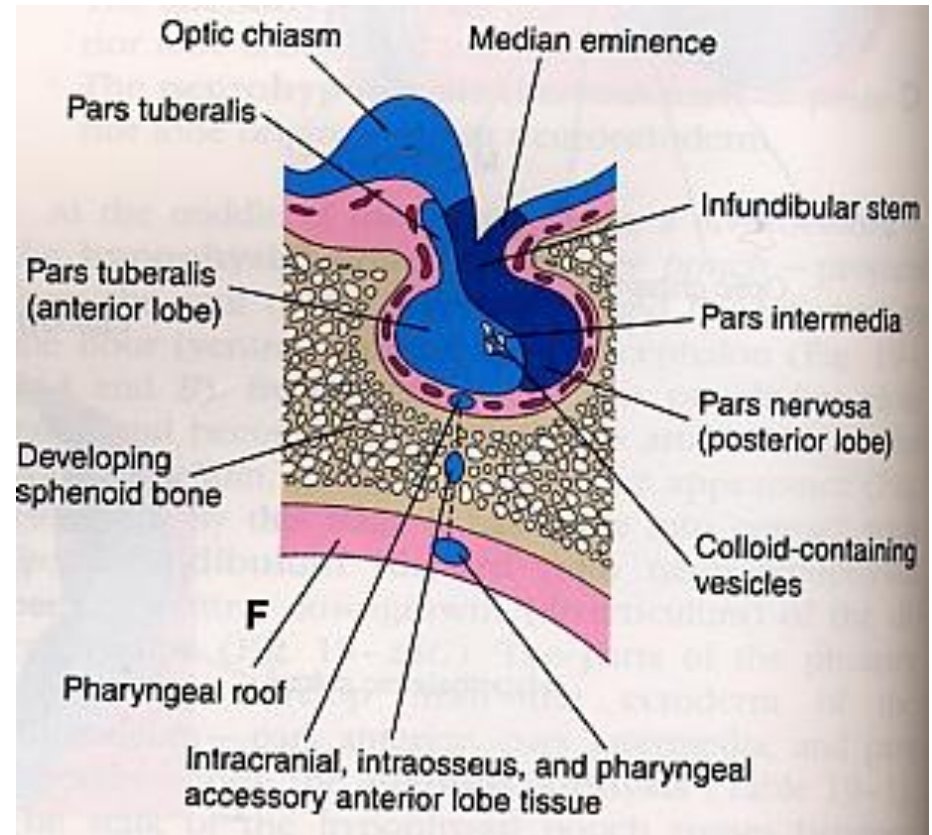
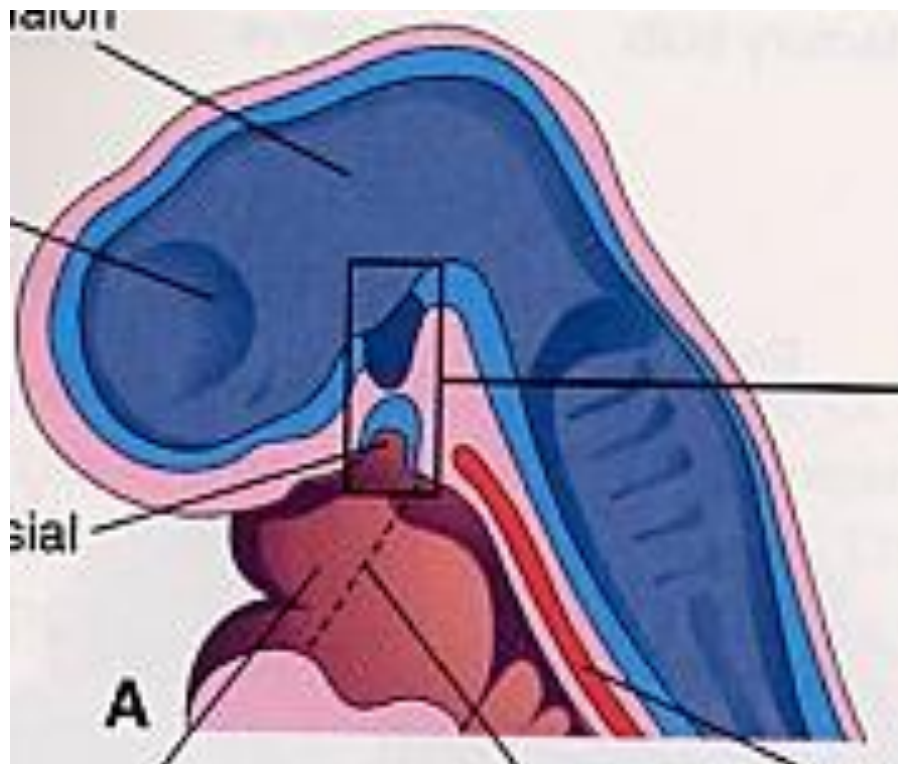
- a. hypophysialis inferior (from pars cavernosa ACl to neurohypophysis)
- a. hypophysialis superior (from pars cerebralis ACl via hypothalamus to adenohypophysis)
- vv. hypophysiales into sinus cavernosus



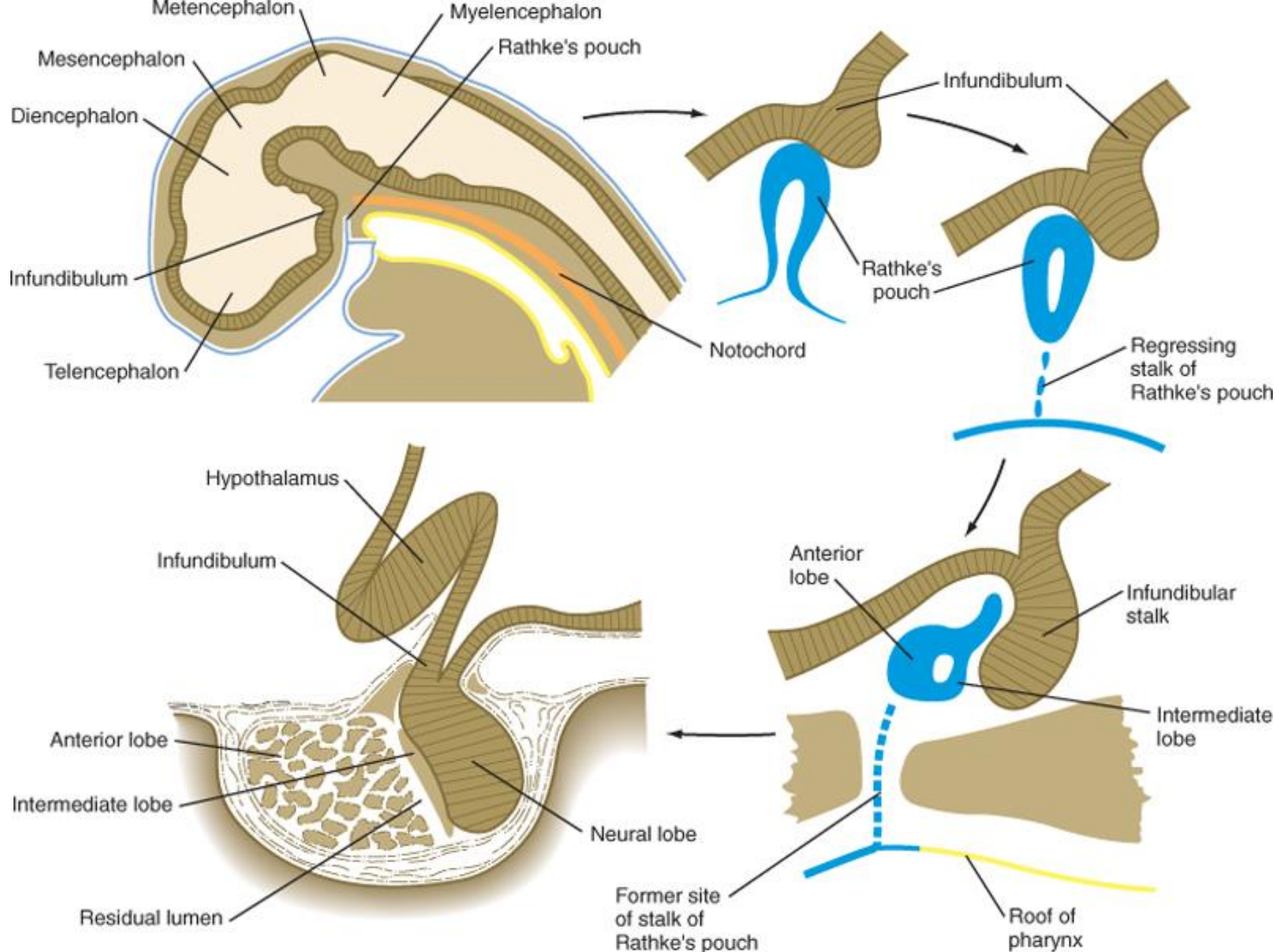
# Hypophysis – development

- pouch of Ratke
  - ectoderm → anterior lobe
  - 3rd week: in the roof of stomodeum
  - pouch towards diencephalon
  - separation of pouch, proliferation of anterior wall
- pouch of diencephalic base
  - neuroectoderm → posterior lobe
  - differentiation into v pituicytes (glia)

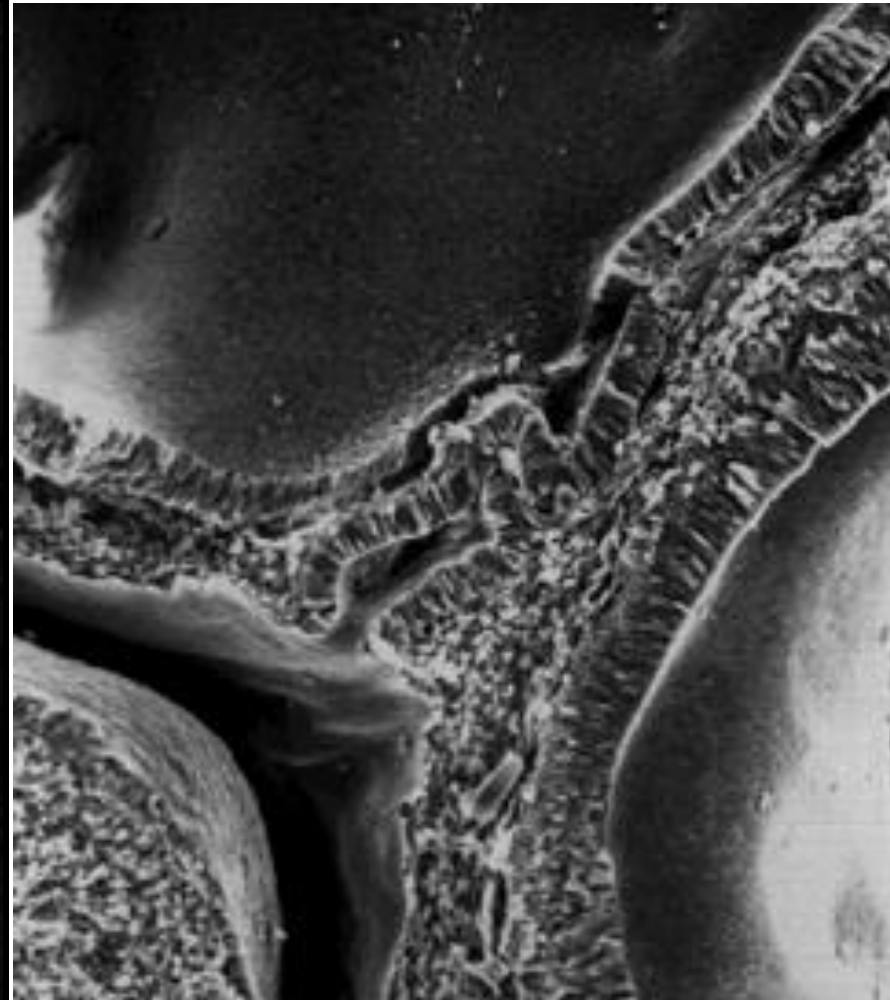
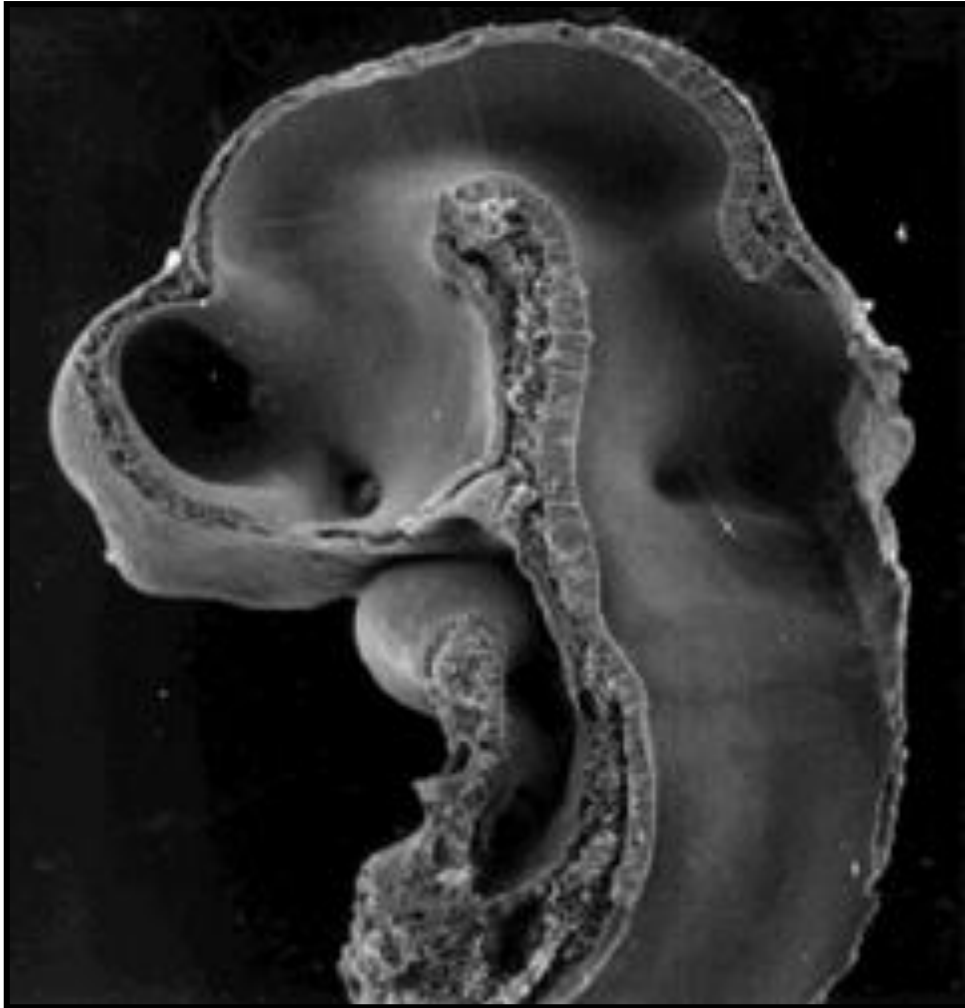
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# Pars distalis adenohypophysis

- cords of cells (*chordae endocrinocytorum*)
- fenestrated capillaries inbetween cords
- 3 types of cells in HE staining:
  - acidophilic
  - basophilic
    - PAS-positive
  - chromophobe
    - no granule, undifferentiated elements

# Pars distalis – acidophilic cells

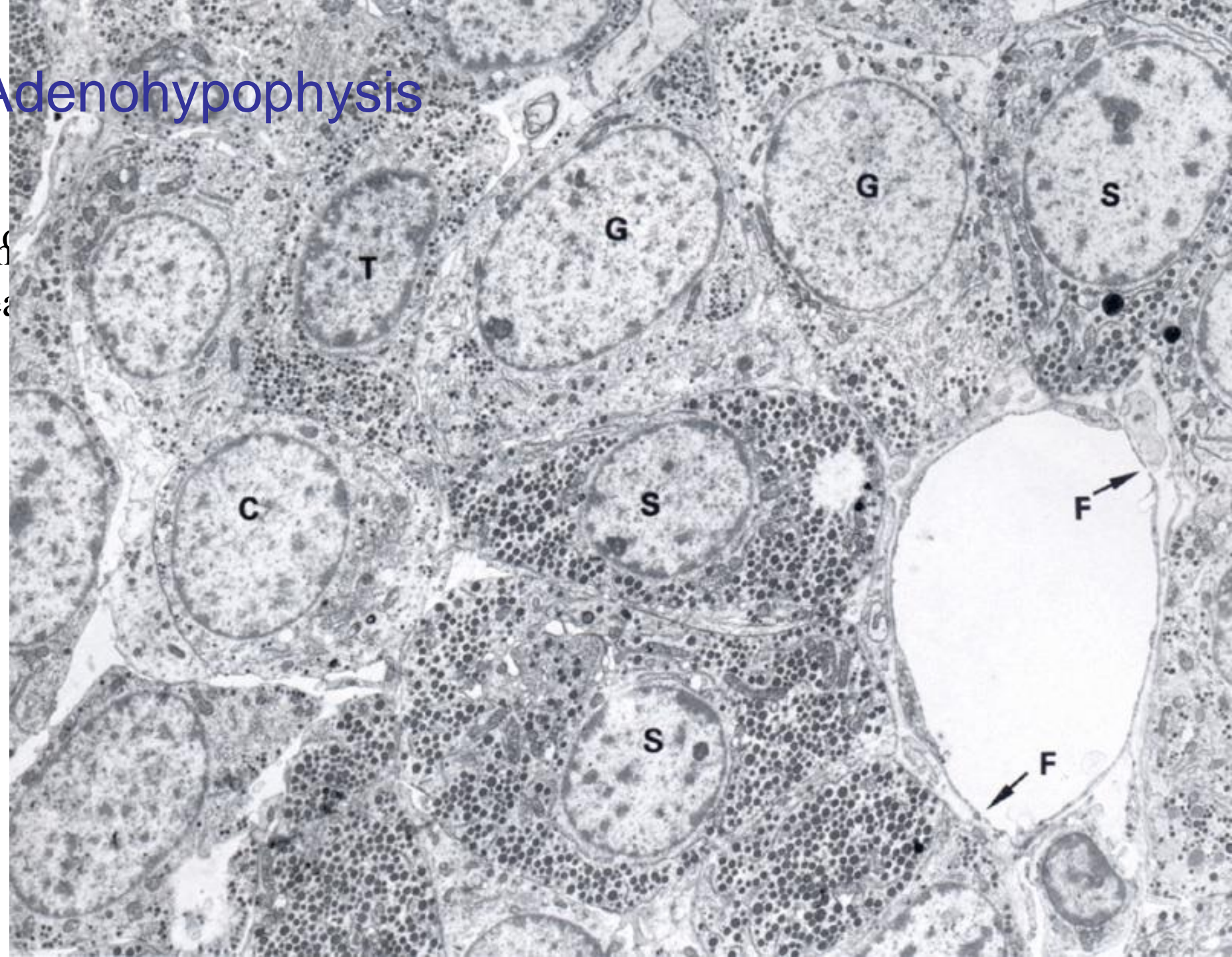
- $\alpha$  – cells (*endocrinocytus somatotropicus*)
  - large granulee, GER
  - zone without granules around nucleus (GA)
  - **somatotrophin (human growth hormone, GH)**
- $\epsilon$  – cells (*endocrinocytus prolactinicus*)
  - usually small, infrequent
  - multiplication in gravidity and lactation
  - little granules (larger in gravidity)
  - **prolactin (PRL)**

# Pars distalis – basophilic cells

- $\beta_1$  – cells (*endocrinocytus corticotropicus*)
  - large granules at cytoplasmatic membrane
  - **ACTH,  $\beta$ -MSH**, Met-enkefalin, endorphine
- $\beta_2$  – cells (*endocrinocytus thyrotropicus*)
  - large cells, small granules at BM
  - **TSH**
- $\delta$  – cells (*endocrinocytus gonadotropicus*)
  - large cells, middle granules
  - **FSH, LH (lutropin)**

# Adenohypophysis

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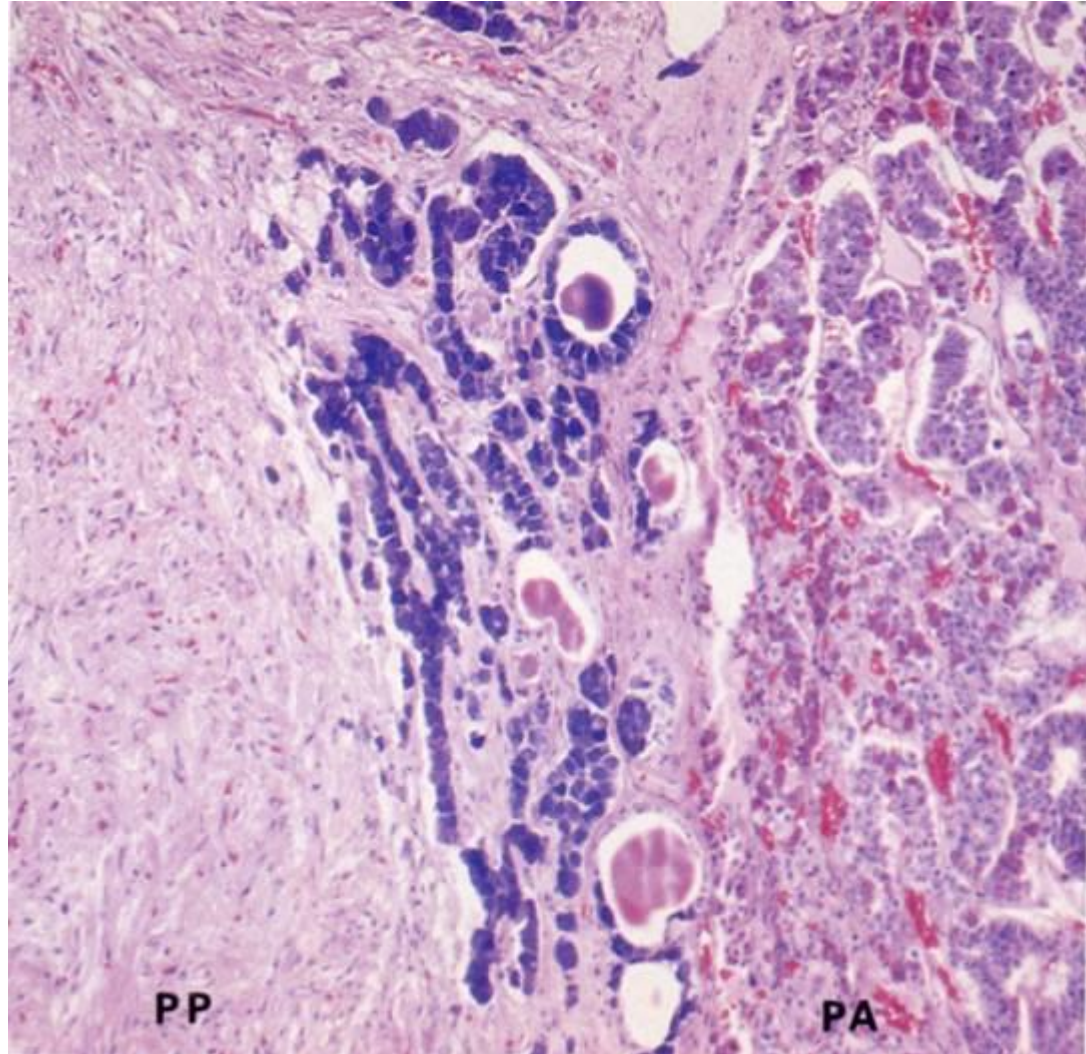


# Pars tuberalis adenohypophysis

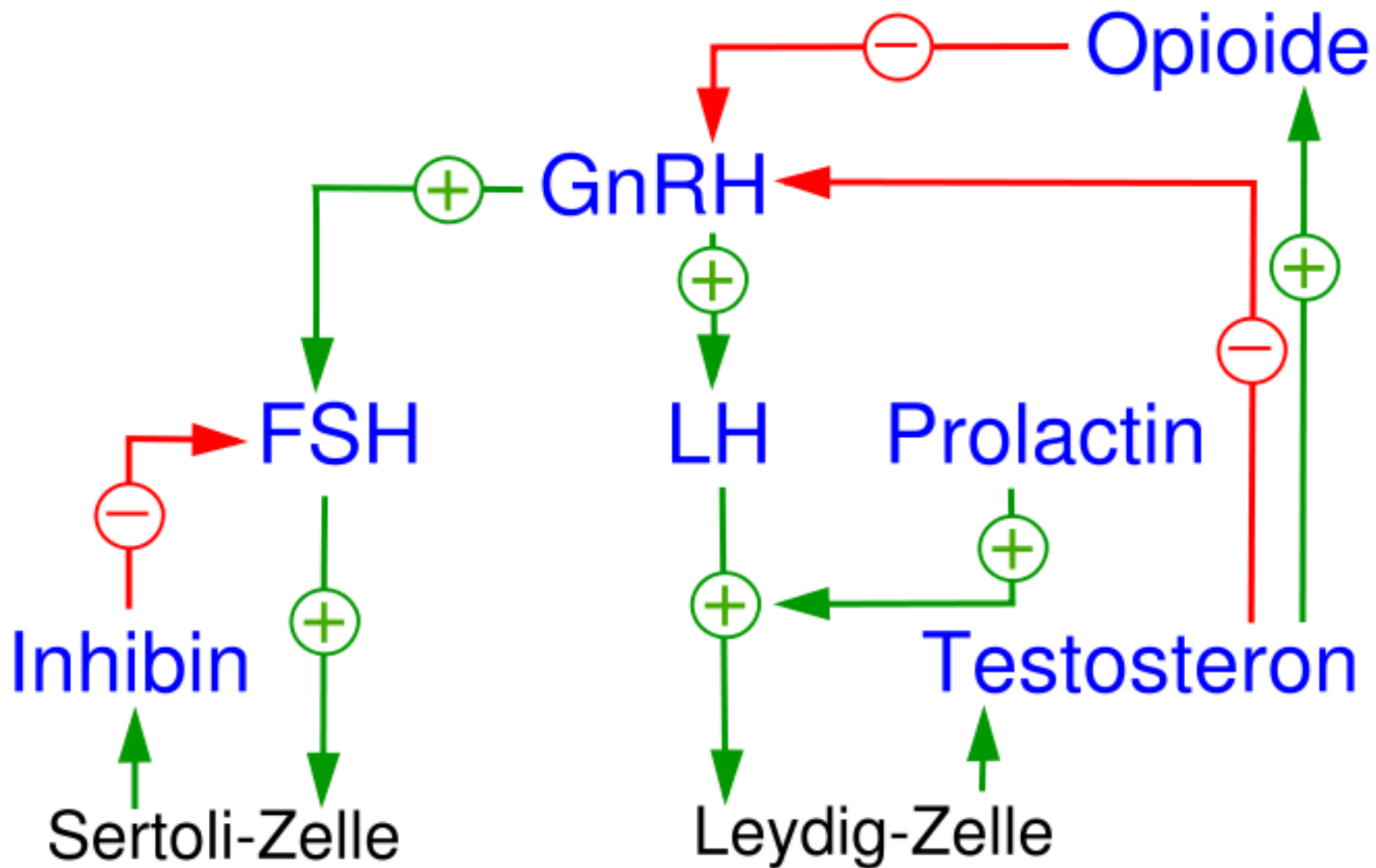
- encircles the infundibulum
- frequent capillaries
- majority:  **$\delta$ -cells**
  - few  $\beta_2$ -cells

# Pars intermedia adenohypophysis

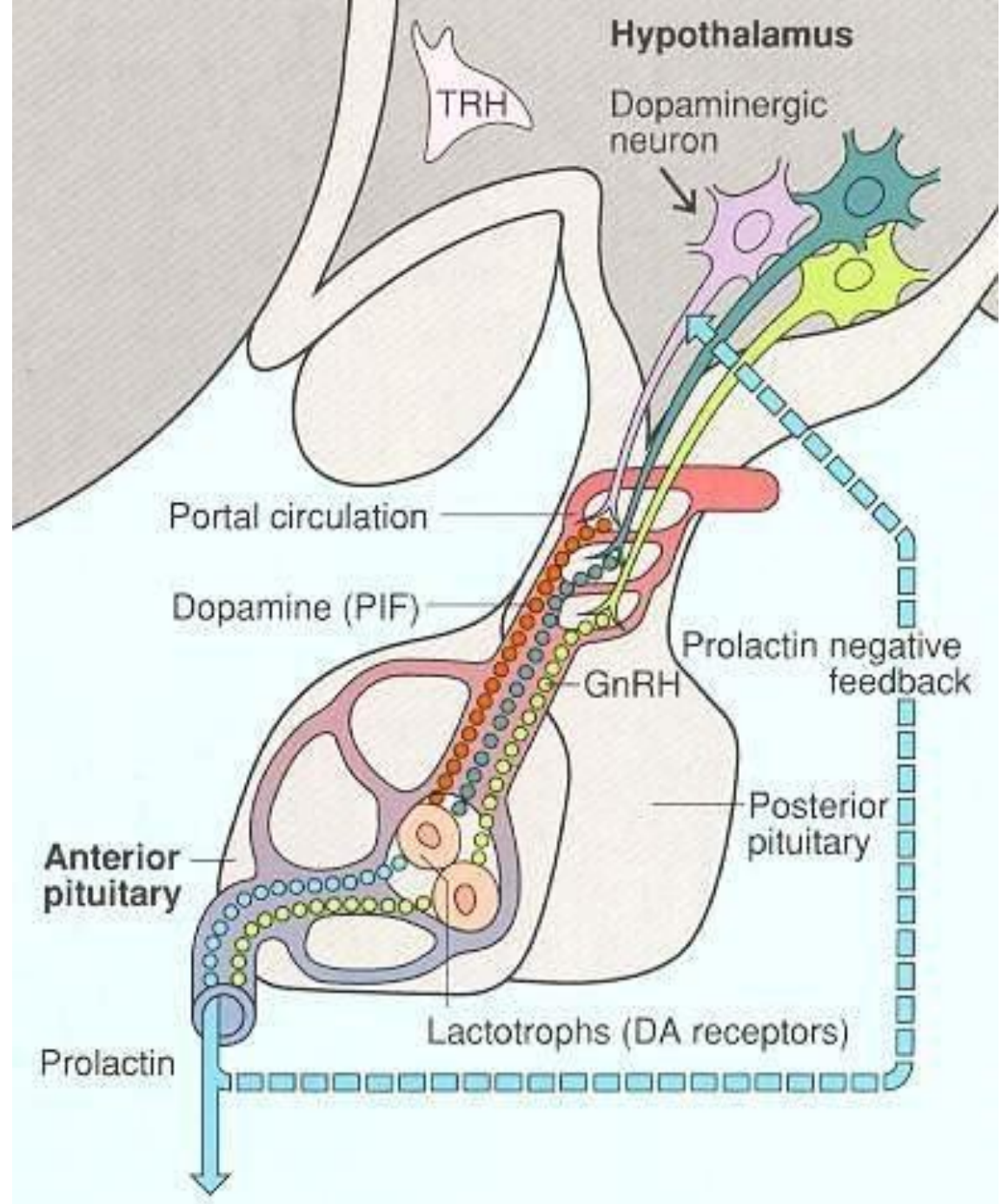
- *rudimentary*
- cells form trabecules
- basophilic cells
- follicle of Rathke can be formed







- **PIH**  
(dopamine)  
from  
hypothalamus  
→ inhibition →
- **prolactin**  
from anterior  
lobe of  
pituitary gland

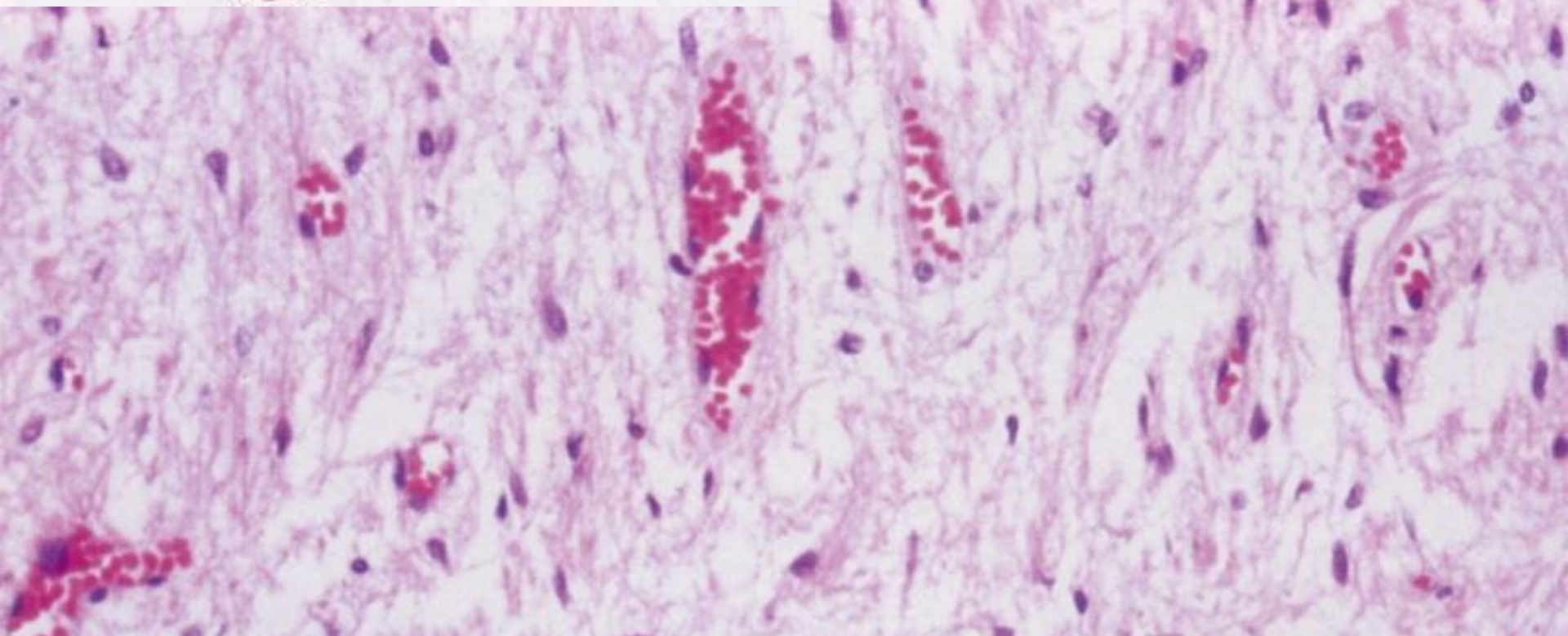
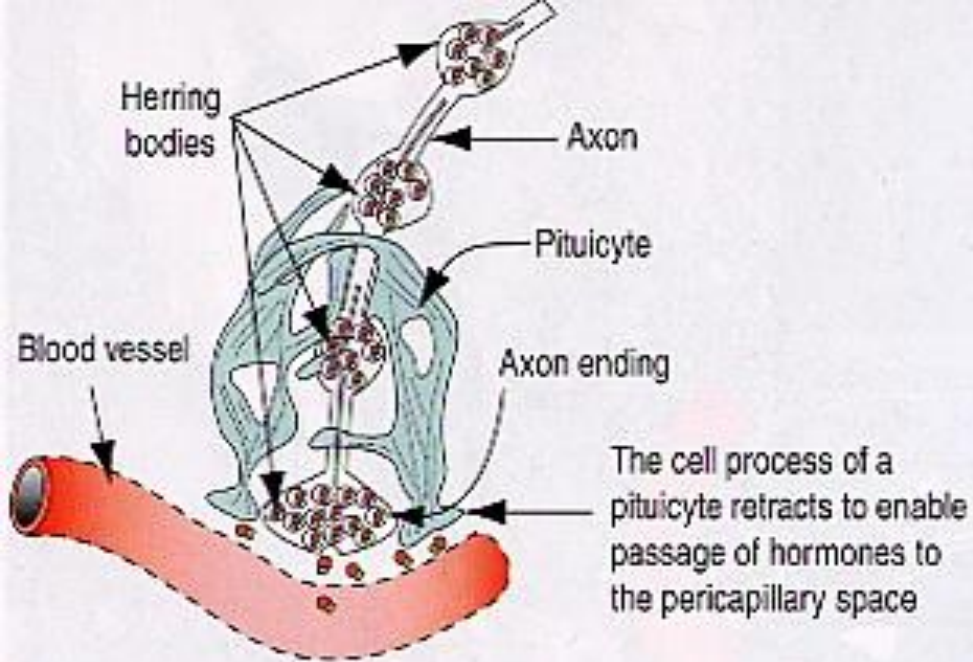


# Posterior lobe = *Neurohypophysis*

- eminentia mediana
  - floor of the 3rd ventricle
  - frequent nonmyelinated nerve fibers
- infundibulum
  - tractus hypothalamohypophysialis
  - neurofibra neurosecretoria (+ vesicula neurosecretoria) = nonmyelinated nerve fibers
    - some terminate at capillaries
- lobus nervosus (pars nervosa)

# Lobus nervosus neurohypophysis

- nerve fibers
  - axons of hypothalamic neurons
  - corpuscula neurosecretoria (bodies of *Herring*) – accumulation of granules
  - **oxytocin** + **ADH** (adiuretin, antidiuretic hormone, vasopressin)
- pituicytes (*pituicyti*)
  - glial cells
- capillaries (*synapsis neurohaemalis*)



# Examination and diseases

- CT
- hormone levels in blood
- tumors of hypophysis – usually benign, hormonactive
- Sheehan's syndrome – postpartal bleeding into hypophysis

Thyroid gland

*Glandula thyroidea*

# Thyroid gland – history

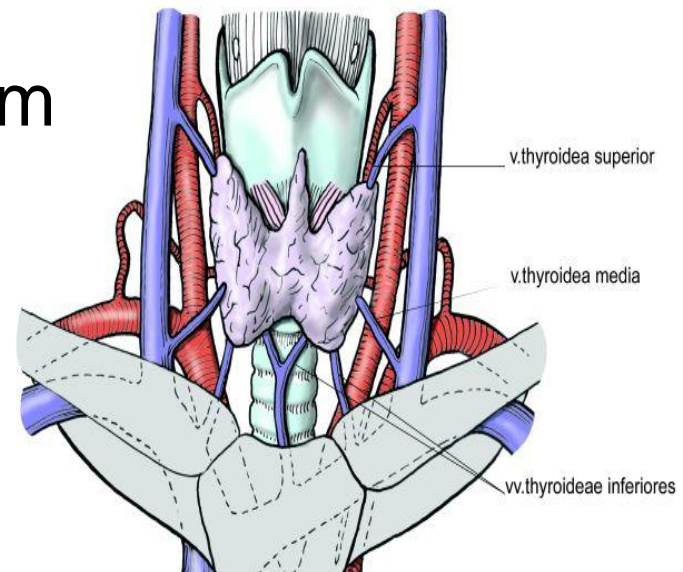


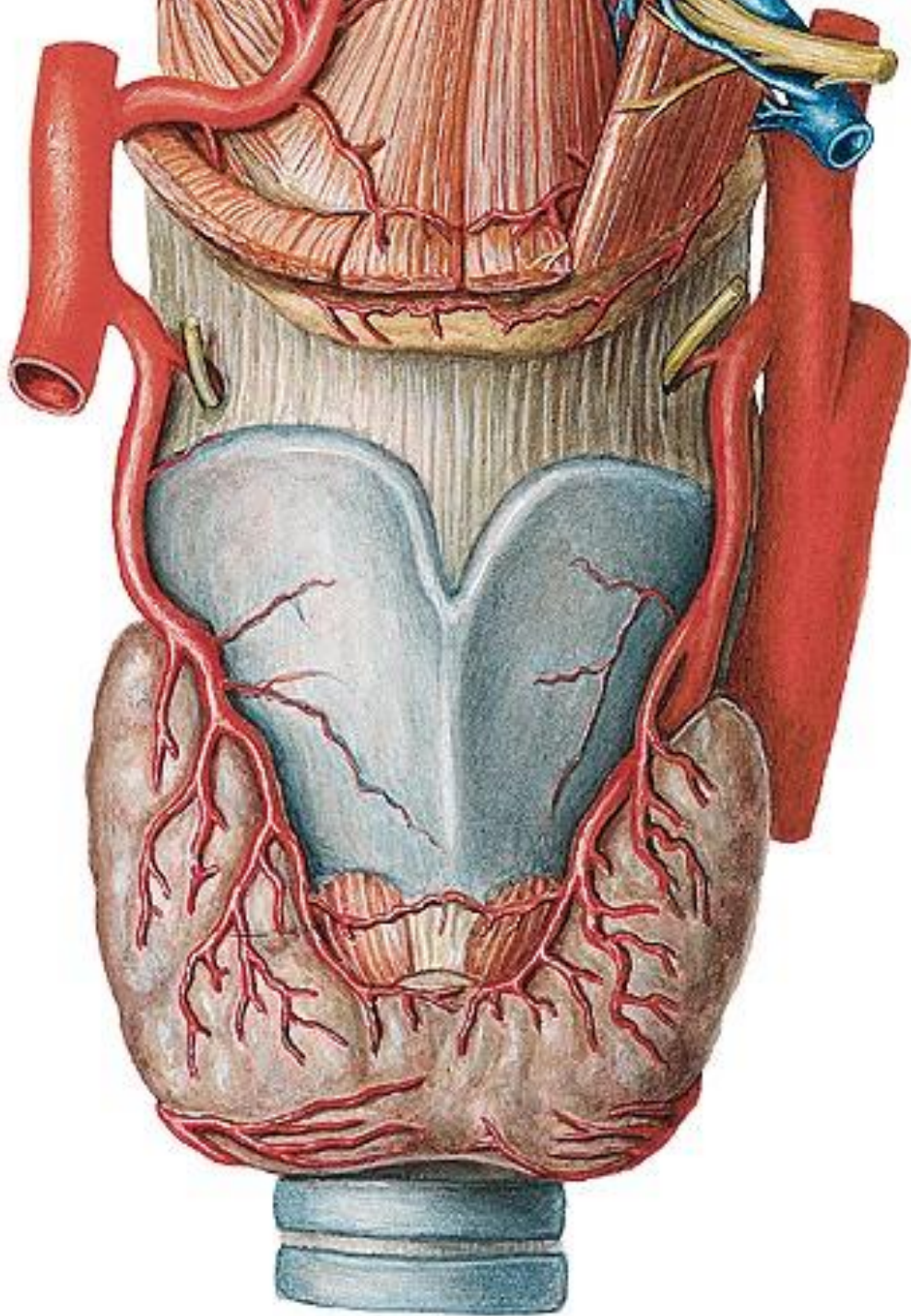
- Galenos – makes the pharynx wet inside hltanu
- Paracelsus – goiter + cretenism
- Wharton (1614-1673) – decoration of female neck
- Simon (1844) – endocrine glands
- Murray (1891) – application of thyroid gland extraction
- Baumann (1895) – thyroid glands contains iodium compounds



# Thyroid gland – anatomy

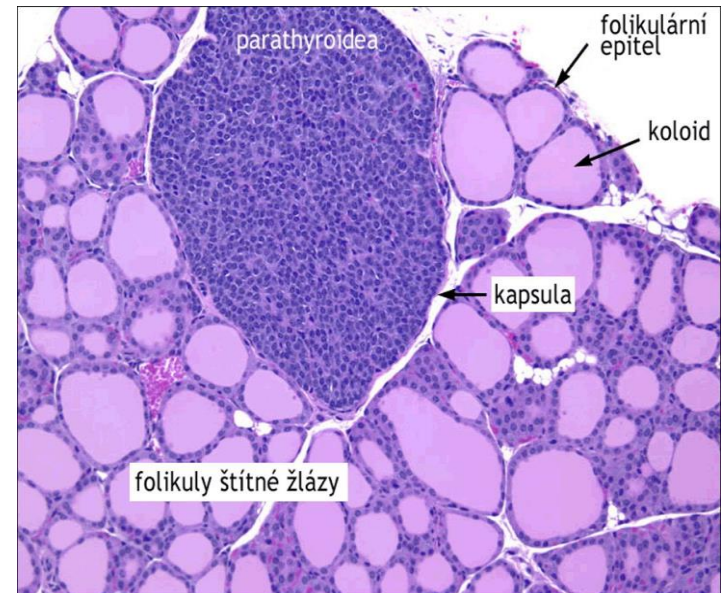
- located at level of C6-C7
- shape of letter H
- lobus dexter et sinister
- isthmus glandulae thyroideae
  - at 2nd-4th tracheal cartilage
  - height of isthmus about 1.5 cm
- lobus pyramidalis (40 %)
  - length of lobe 5-8 cm
- 30-40 g (20-60 g)





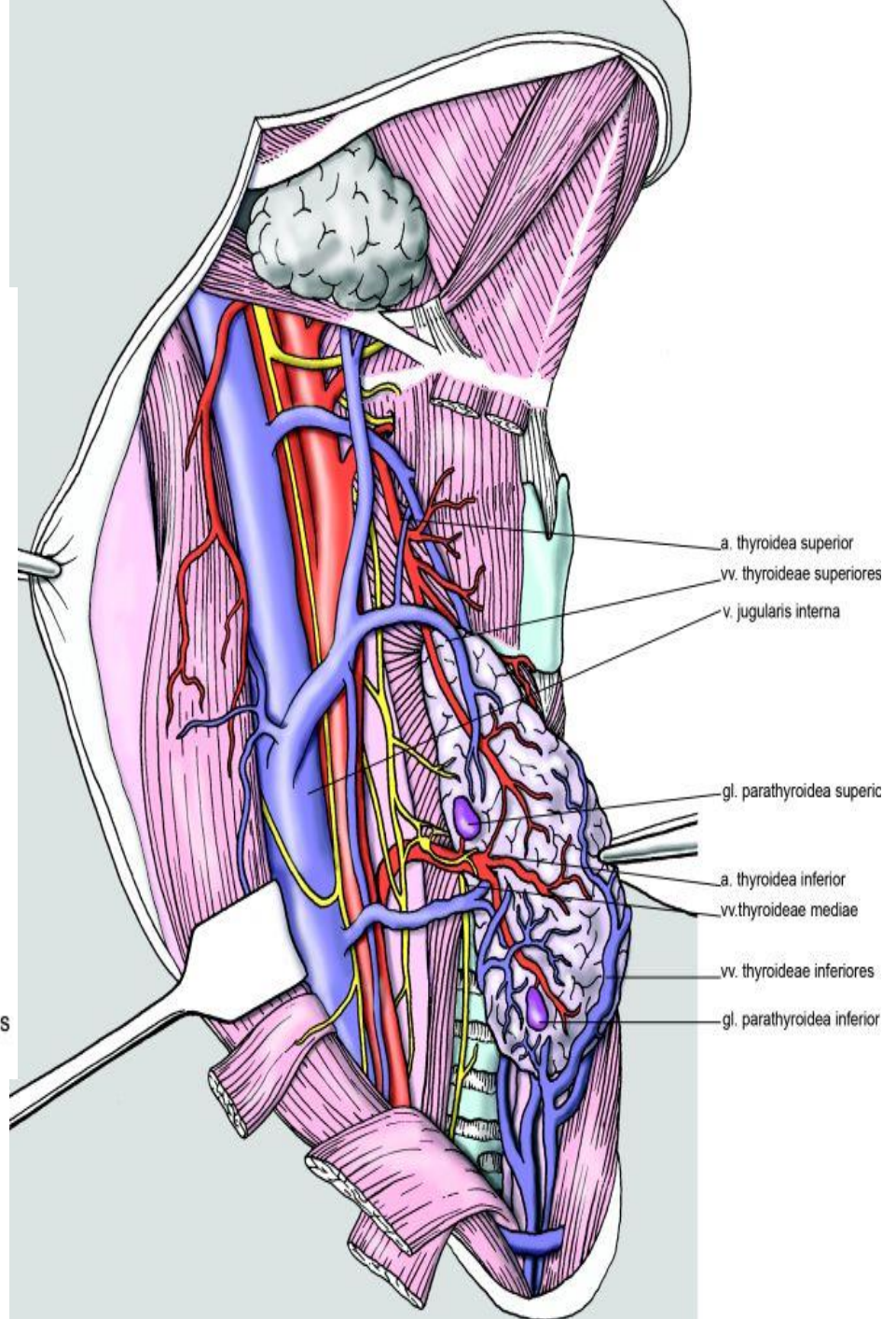
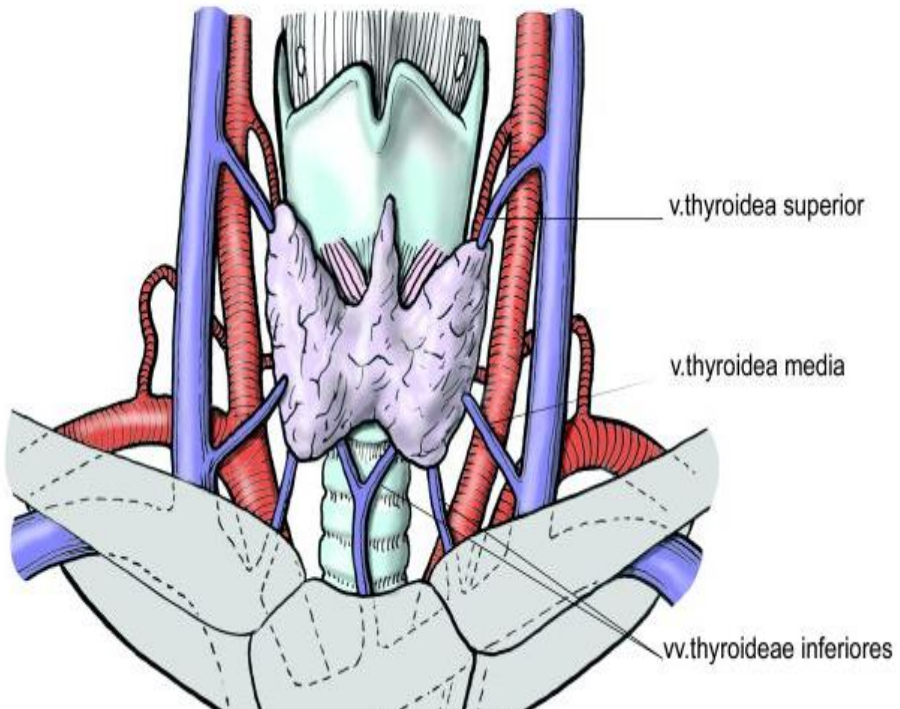
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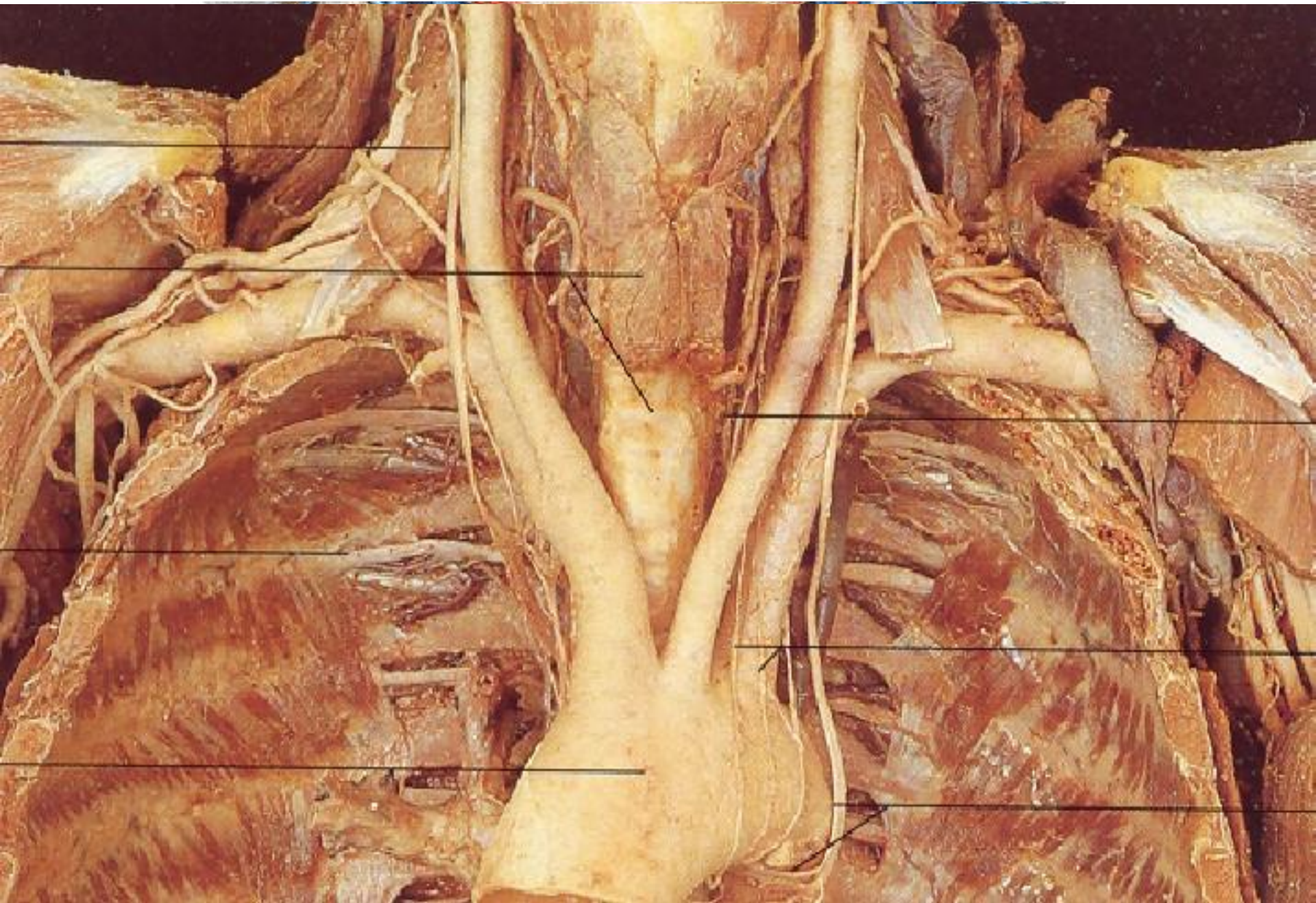
- **thyroxine  $T_4$ , triiodothyronine  $T_3$**
- **calcitonine**
- **capsula fibrosa – 2 layers – stroma**
  - septa (between lobuli)
- **parenchyma**
  - lobi →
  - lobuli →
  - folliculi (50–900  $\mu\text{m}$ )



# Thyroid gland – blood vessels

- a. thyroidea superior (← a. carotis externa)
- a. thyroidea inferior (← truncus thyrocervicalis)
  - ***crossing with n. laryngeus recurrens***
- a. thyroidea ima *Neubaueri* (← arcus aortae)
  - 2%
- vv. thyroideae superiores
- Vv. thyroideae mediae *Lichačevae-Kocheri* (50%)
  - vv. jugularis interna
- vv. thyroideae inferiores → plexus thyroideus impar → v. brachiocephalica sinistra

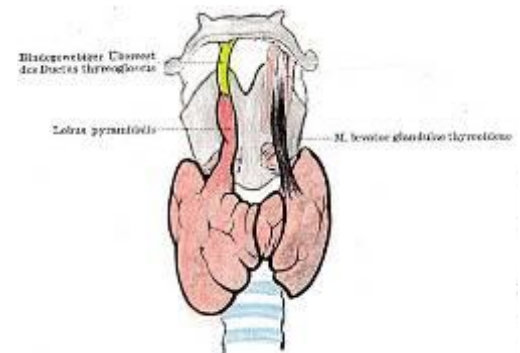


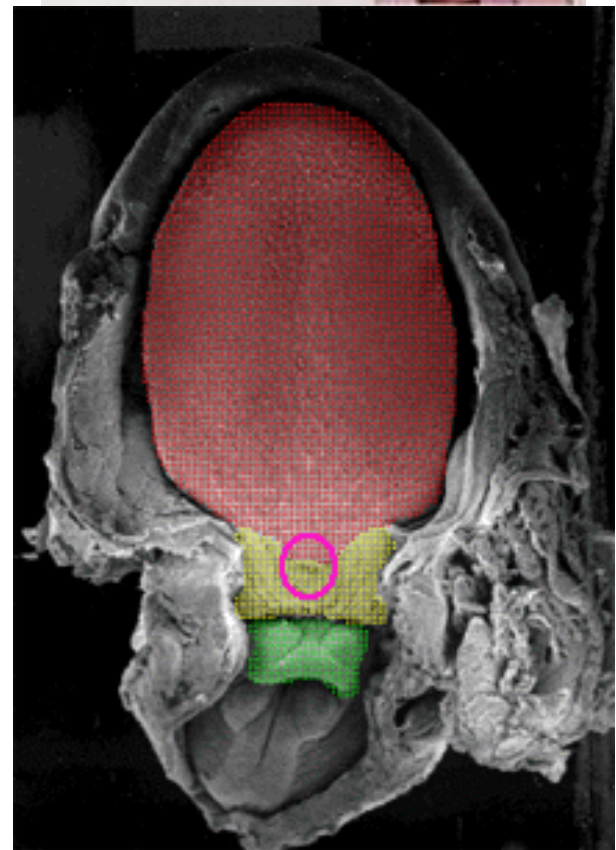
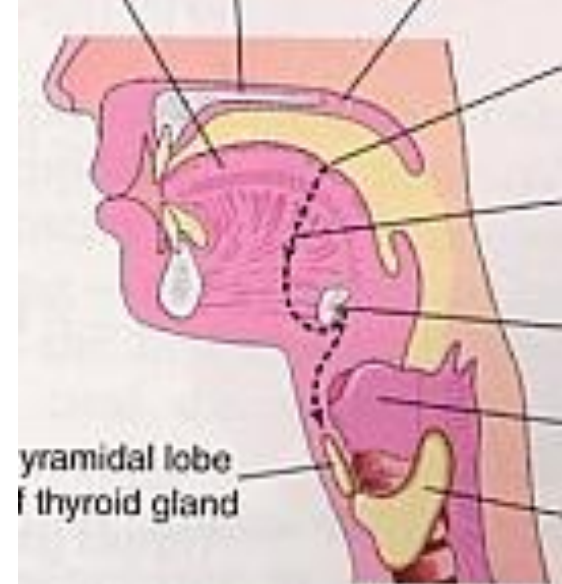
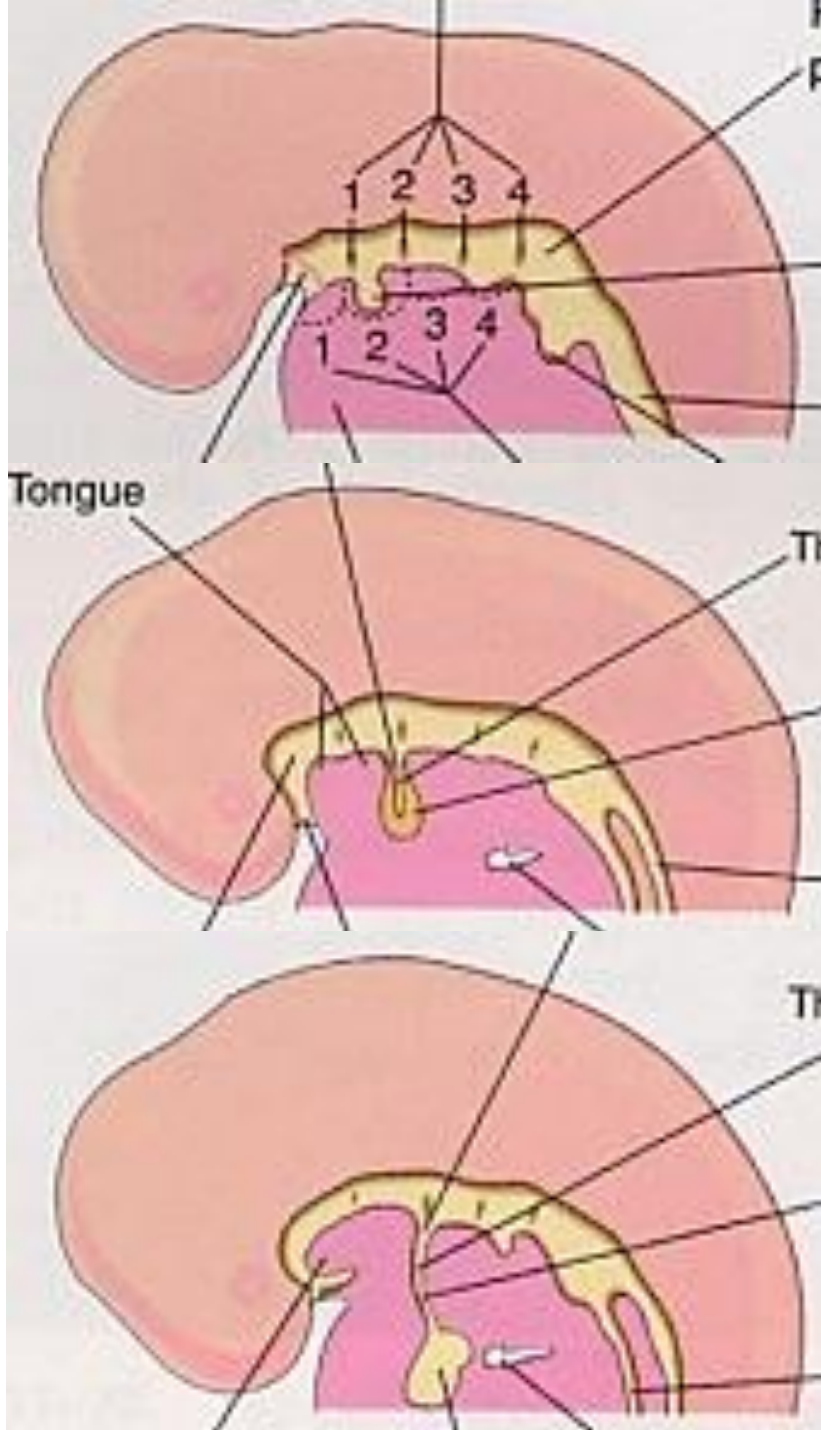


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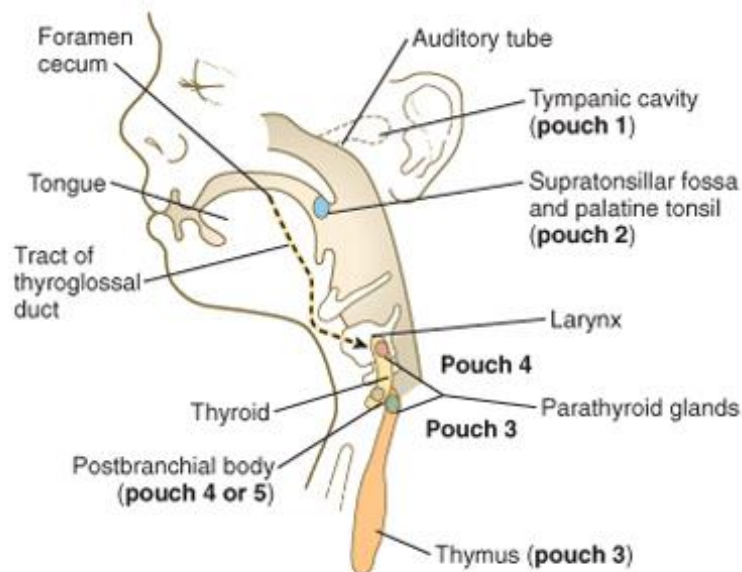
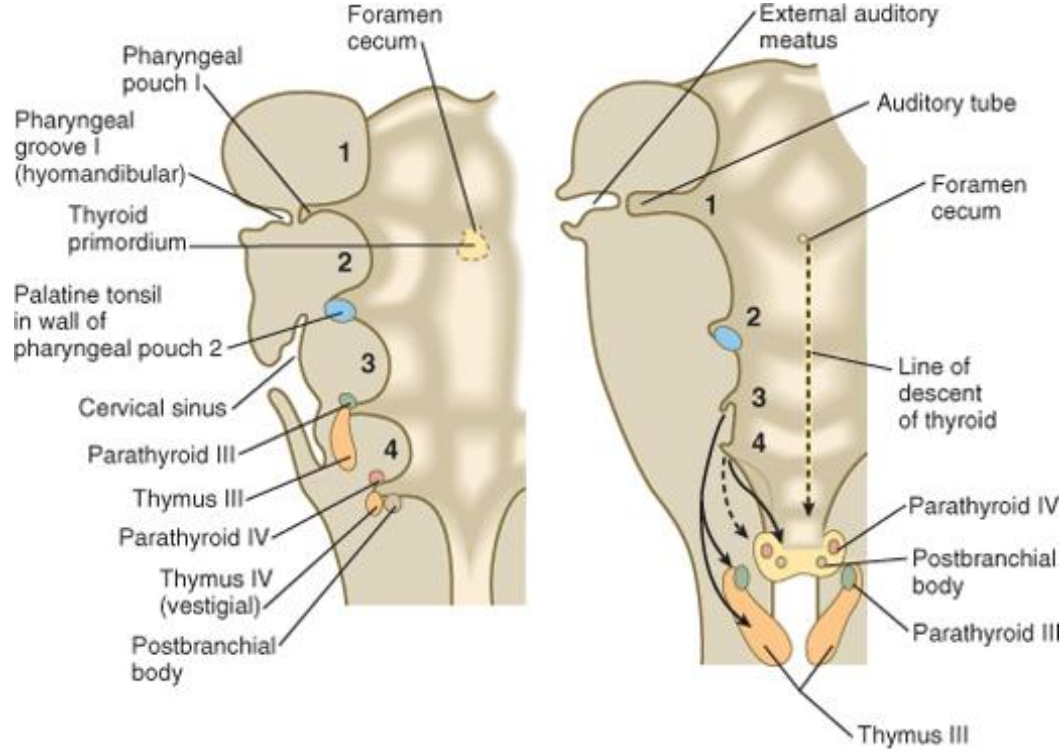
# Thyroid gland – development

- from 24th day
- pouch of primitive pharynx endoderm
- both relative and absolute descent → *ductus thyroglossus*
- *foramen caecum*
- *gll. thyroideae accessoriae*
- lobes formation
- *lobus pyramidalis*
- *ligamentum suspensorium gl. thyroideae / musculus levator glandulae thyroideae* (smooth)









# Thyroid gland – histogenesis

- solid endodermal structure
- ingrowth of surrounding mesenchyme and vessels
- ingrowth of ultimopharyngeal (ultimobranchial) bodies
- 10th week: division of cells into groups
- simple epithelium around lumen
- 11th week: colloid production starts

# Thyroid gland – structure

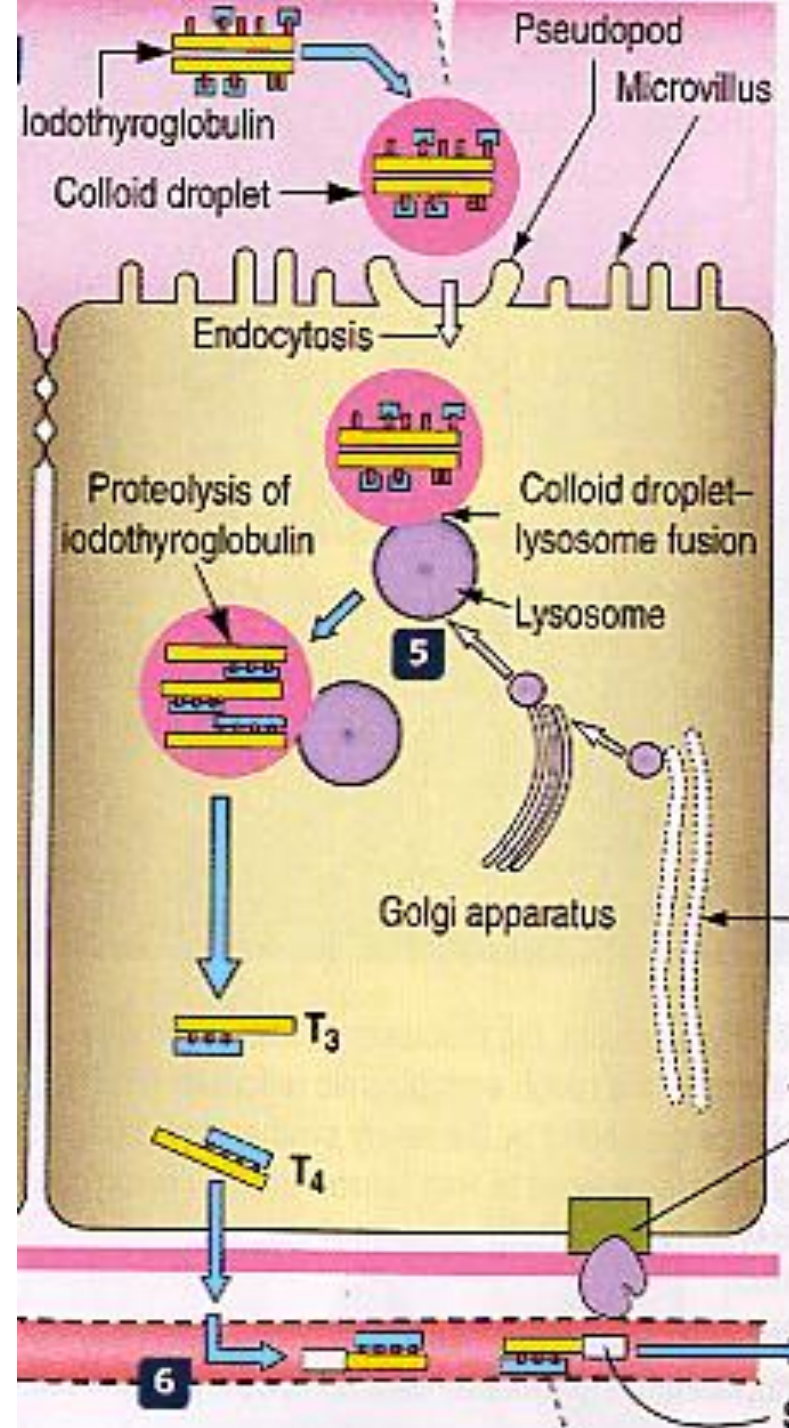
- *capsula fibrosa*
- stroma
- septa (between lobules)
- lobus → lobulus → folliculus
- follicles (50–900  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - spheric
  - simple epithelium of follicular cells
  - contains *colloidum* (colloid) – thyreoglobulin
- follicular cell (*thyrocytus T*)
- parafollicular cell (*thyrocytus C*)

# Follicular cells (*Thyrocytus T*)

- spheric nucleus
- large gER (basally) and mitochondria
- numerous lysosomes
  
- thyreoglobulin, cleavage of T<sub>4</sub> and T<sub>3</sub>

# Synthesis of thyroid gland hormones

- 1. iodine pump using ATP transport the iodine from blood to colloid
- 2. + 3. synthesis of thyroglobulin and peroxidase, storage in one secretory vesicle and their release into the colloid by exocytosis
- 4. iodination of thyroglobulin by peroxidase within the colloid and formation of iodinated thyroglobulin
- 5. endocytosis of iodinated thyroglobulin
- 5. fusion of primary lysosomes with this vesicle
- proteolysis of iodinated thyroglobulin into T<sub>3</sub>, T<sub>4</sub> and other fragments
- release of T<sub>3</sub> and T<sub>4</sub> into circulation
- 6. binding to transport plasma protein (TBP)



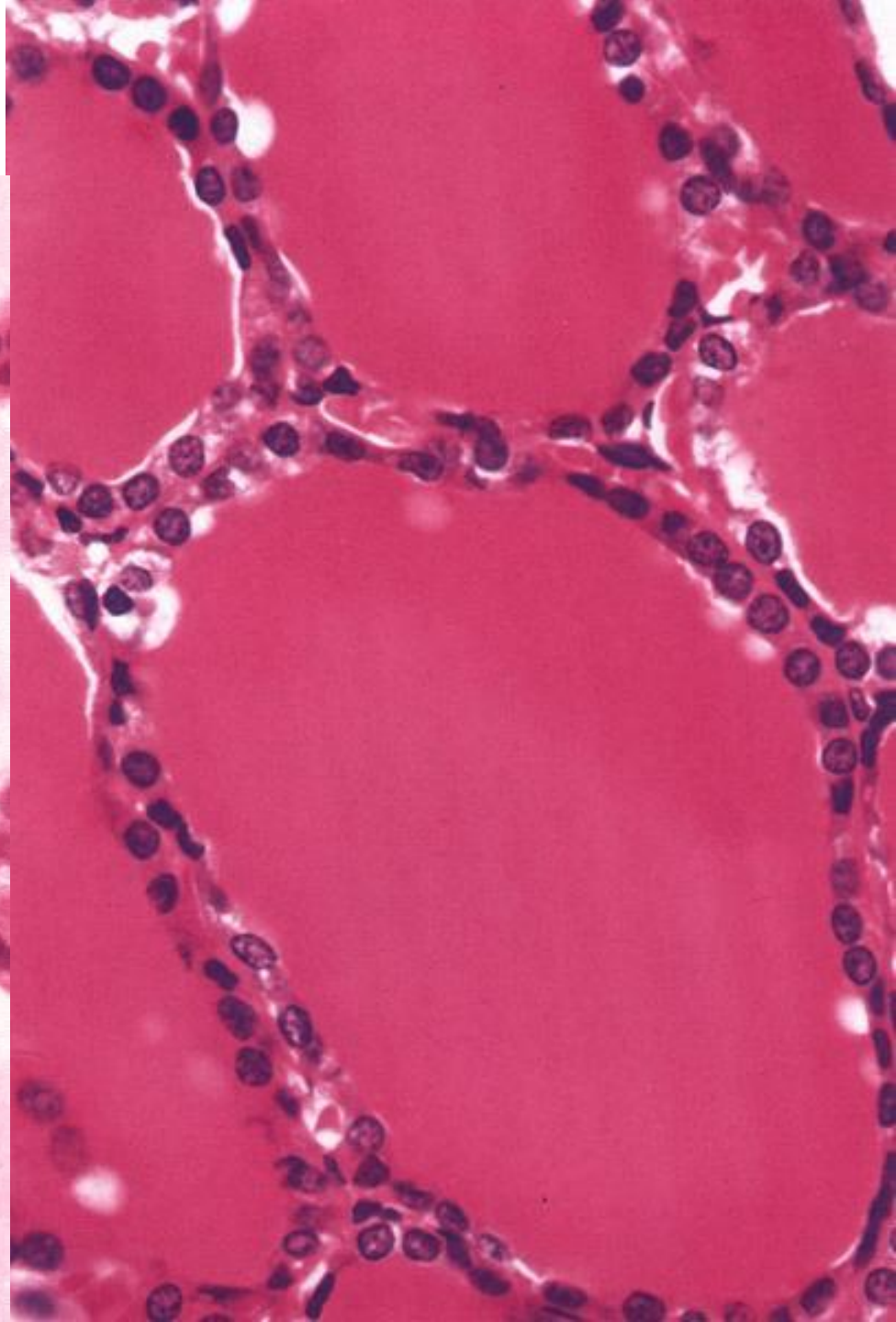
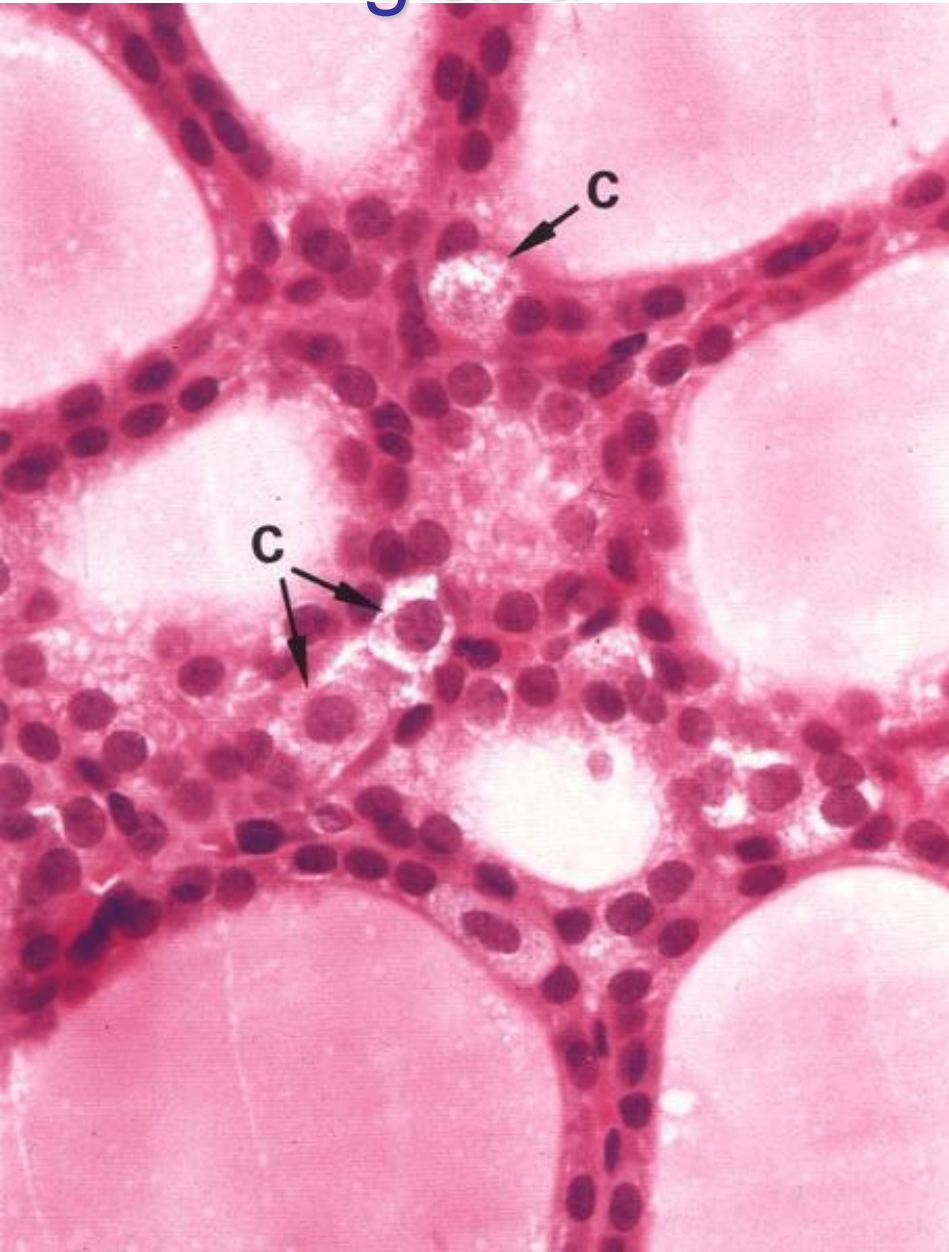
# Parafollicular cells (*Thyrocytus C*)

- C-cells
- derived from neural crest from ultimopharyngeal body
- located between follicles (individually or in groups)
- larger, brighter
- rich gER, GA, MIT
- granule – spherical, dark
- production and storages of **calcitonine**

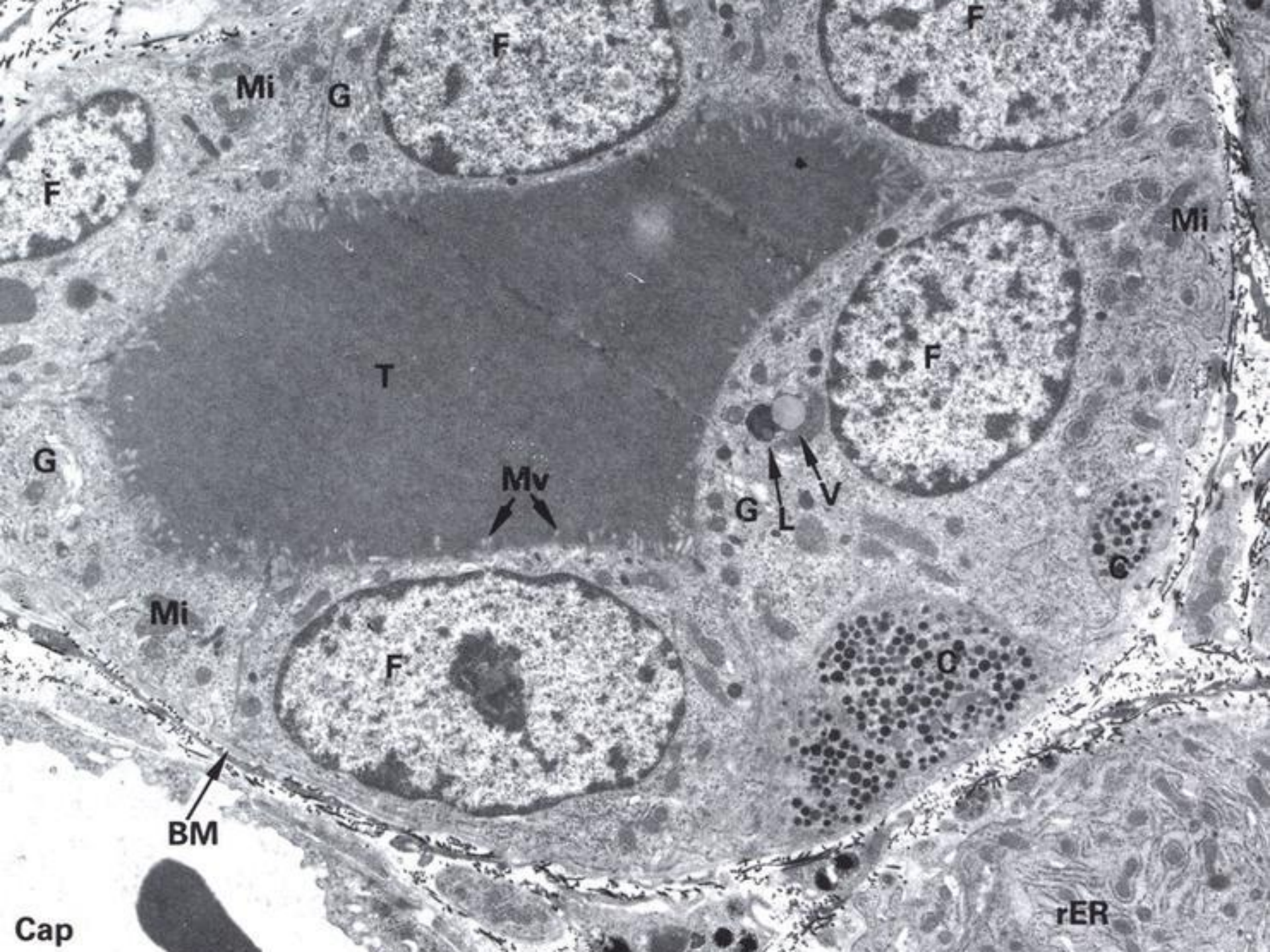
# Calcitonine

- reduces blood calcium ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ )
- opposing the effects of parathormone
- inhibits  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  absorption in intestines
- inhibits osteoclasts' activity in bones
- inhibits  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  reabsorption in renal tubules

# Follicles of thyroid gland

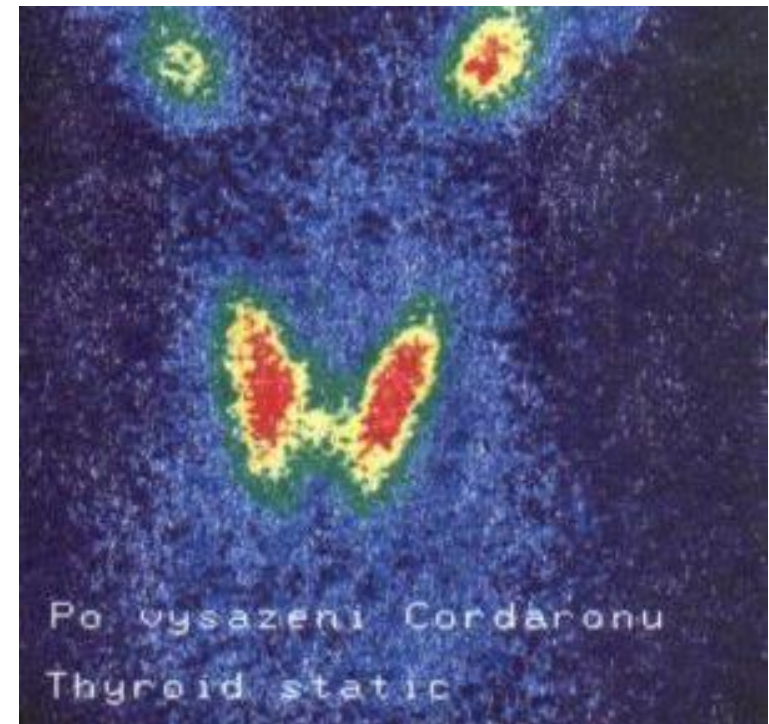
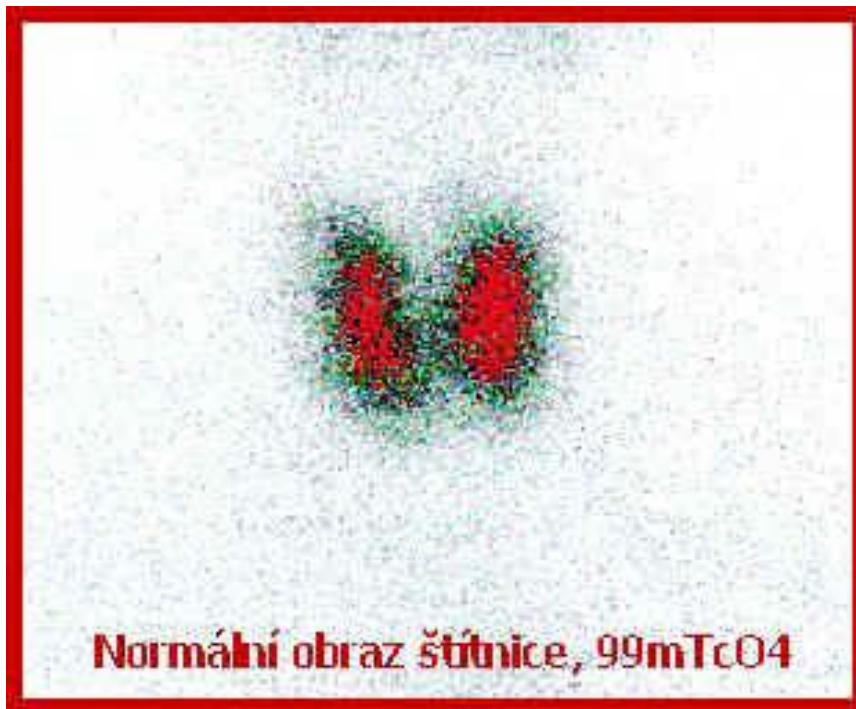






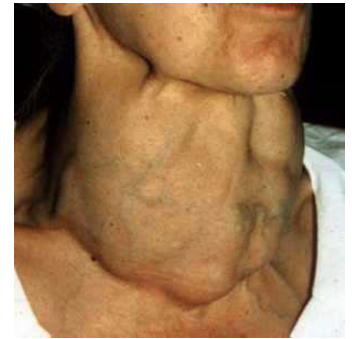
# Thyroid gland examination

- ultrasound
- scintigraphy with radioactive iodine 131



# Thyroid gland – diseases

- less than 10  $\mu\text{g}$  of iodine daily  $\rightarrow$  goiter from lack of iodine
- hypothyroidism  $\rightarrow$  goitre
  - cretenism (*children*) – screening of newborns
  - myxoedema (*adults*)
  - autoimmunne – thyroiditis of Hashimoto
- hyperthyroidism (thyreotoxicosis)
  - autoimmunne – exophthalmic goiter = disease of Graves-Basedow



# Parathyroid glands

*Glandulae parathyroideae*

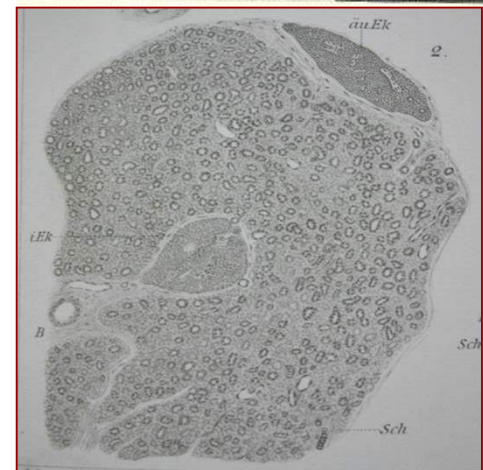
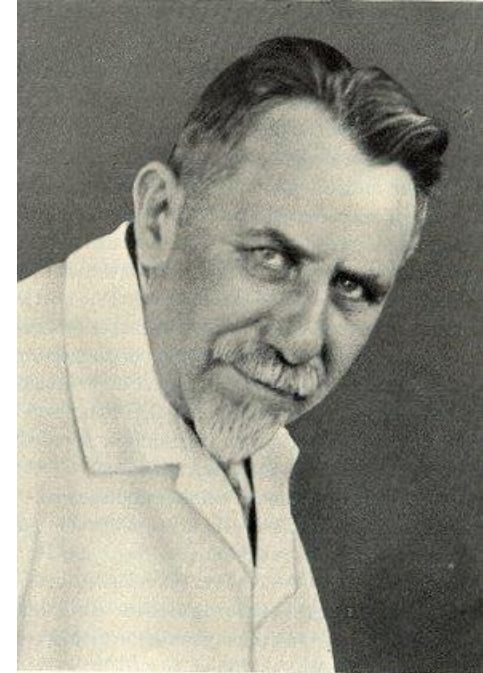


# Parathyroid glands – history

1880 – I. V. Sandström – first description

## **Alfred Kohn (1867–1959)**

- independent organ
- independent of the thyroid gland function (1895)
- independent development (1898)
- its removal leads to tetanus
- he also introduced and defined the terms "chromaffin tissue" and "paraganglia" and determined their connection the sympathetic system and their endocrine function



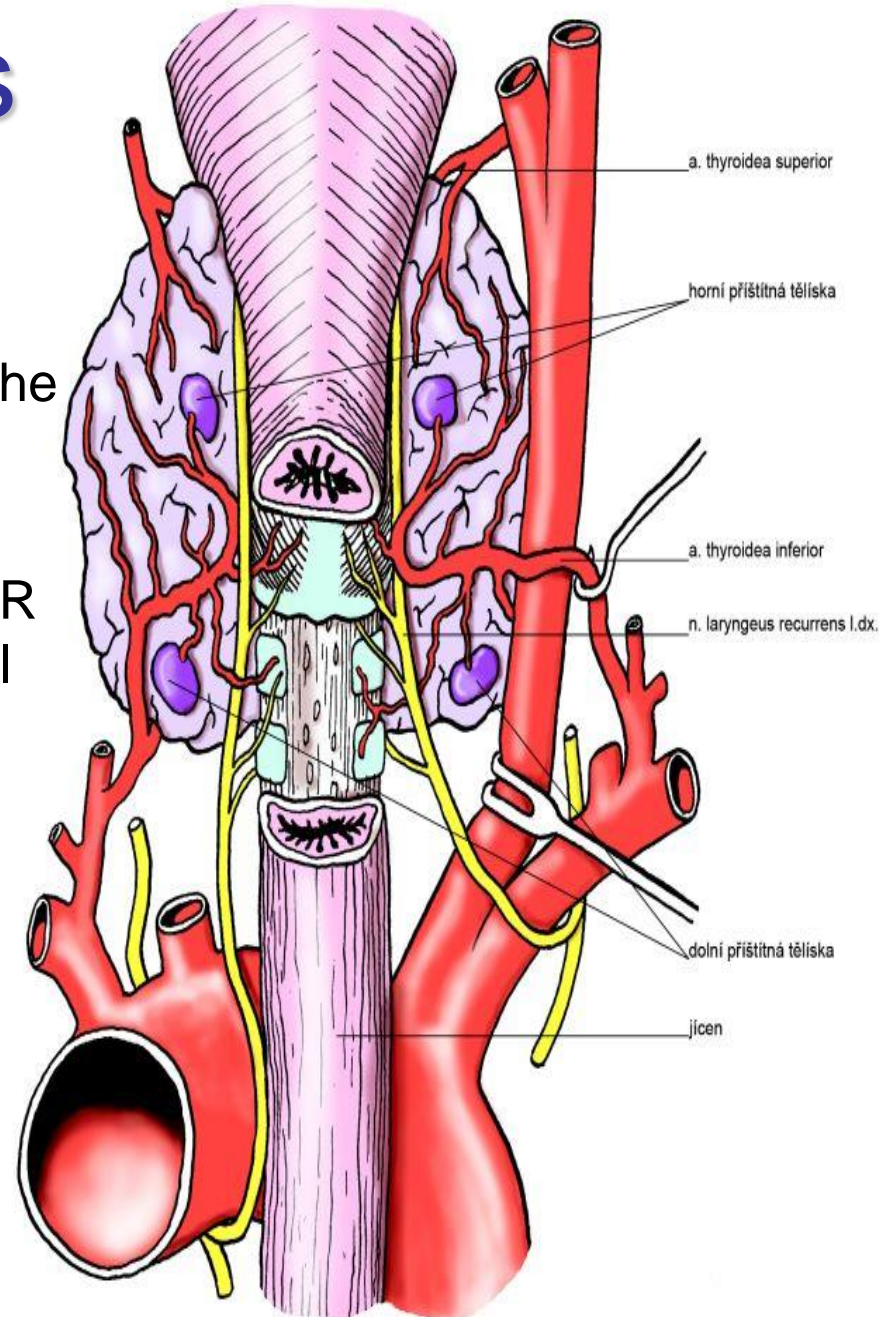
**The Nomination Database for the Nobel Prize  
in Physiology or Medicine – 1930, 1932**

Name:	Alfred Kohn
Profession/Category:	Prof. histology
University:	Prague
City:	Prague - CZ
Motivation:	Work on the parathyroid gland and chromaphine tissue.
Nominator:	E. Starckenstein
Profession/Category:	Prof. pharmacology
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Name:	Hans Gertz - yes

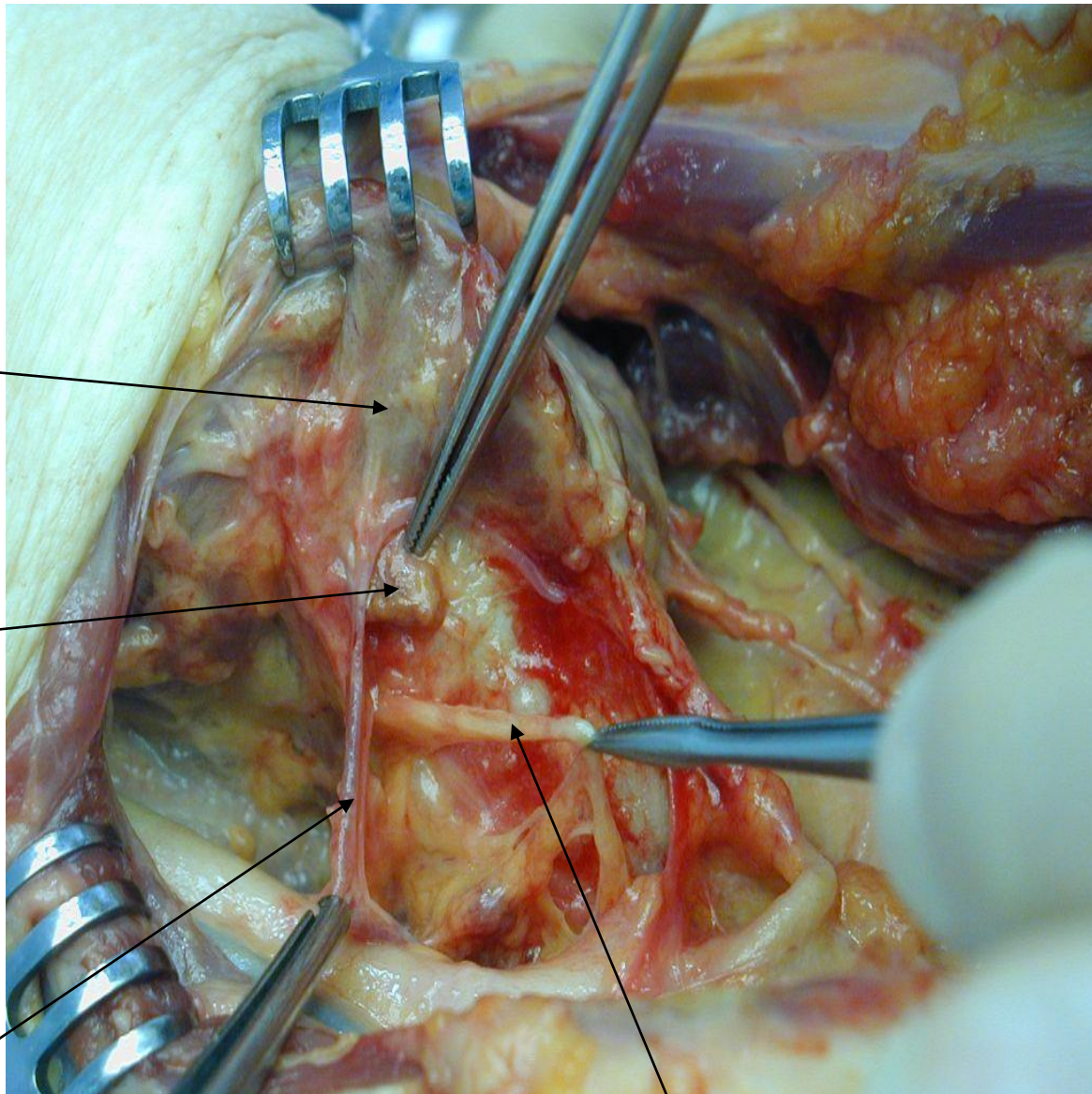


# Parathyroid glands

- *glandula parathyroidea superior et inferior*
- 2 pairs of small spheric structures on the posterior side of thyroid gland lobes
- 3 x 4 mm, 25-40 mg
- upper – above crossing of ATI and NLR  
lower – below crossing, usually ventral to NLR
- branches from a. thyroidea inferior
- variability: 1-12 glands
  - 80-85% – 4 glands
  - 10% – 2-3 glands
  - 5% – 5 glands
  - 0.2% – 6 glands
- bilateral symmetry:
  - upper 80%
  - lower 70%







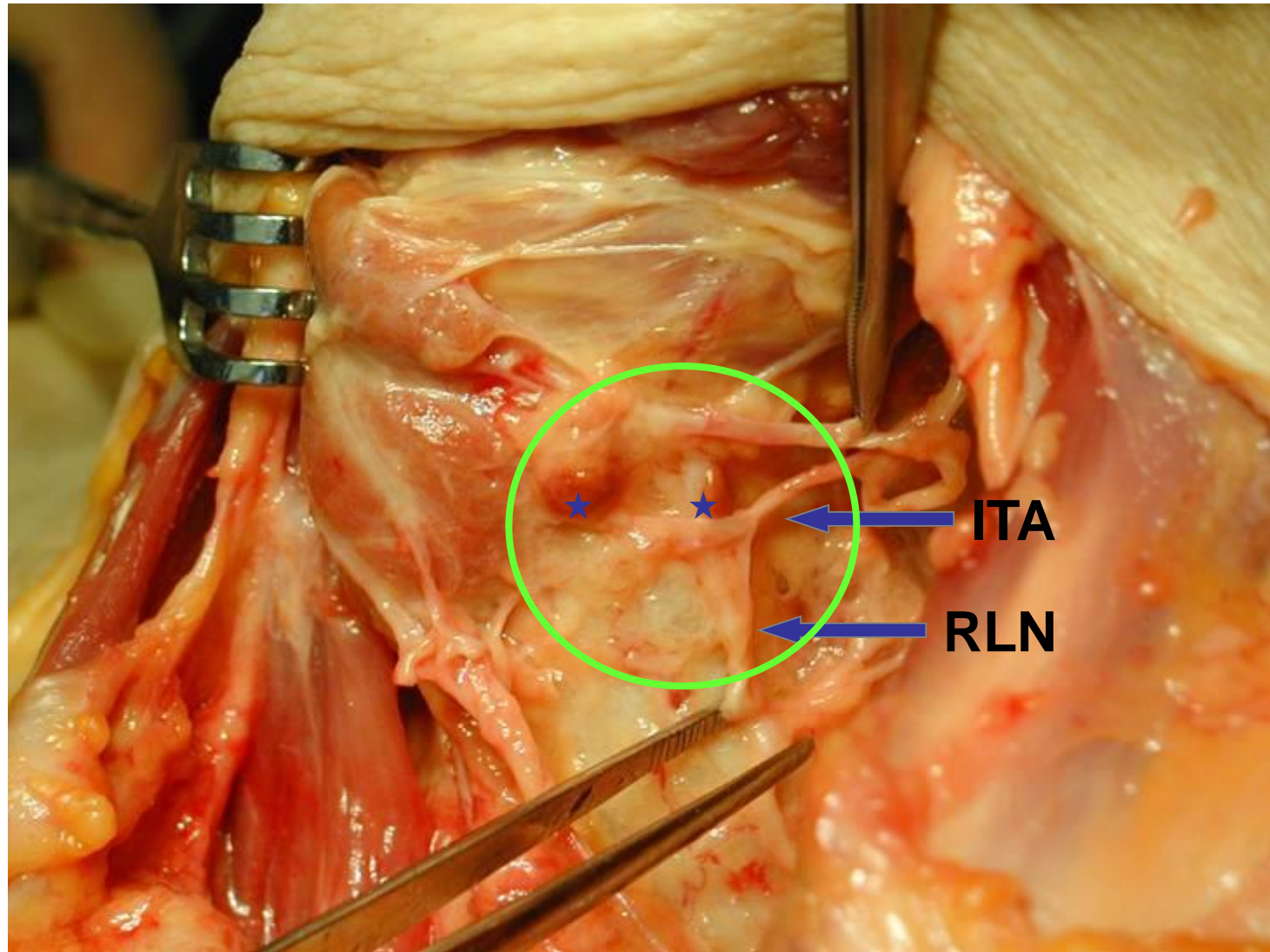
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thyroidea**

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parathyroidea**

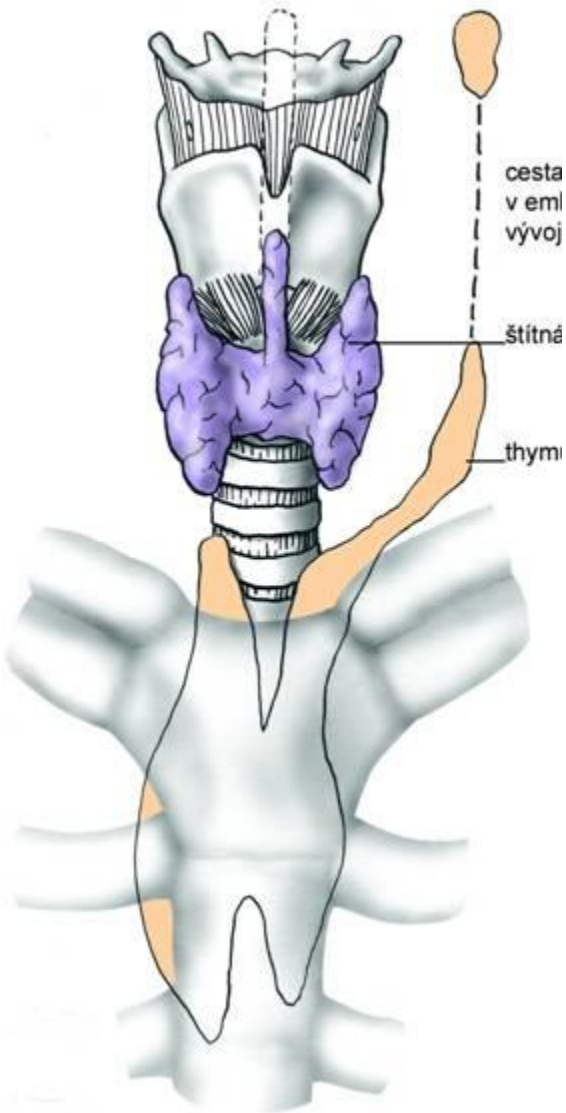
**a. thyroidea inferior**

**n. laryngeus recurrens**

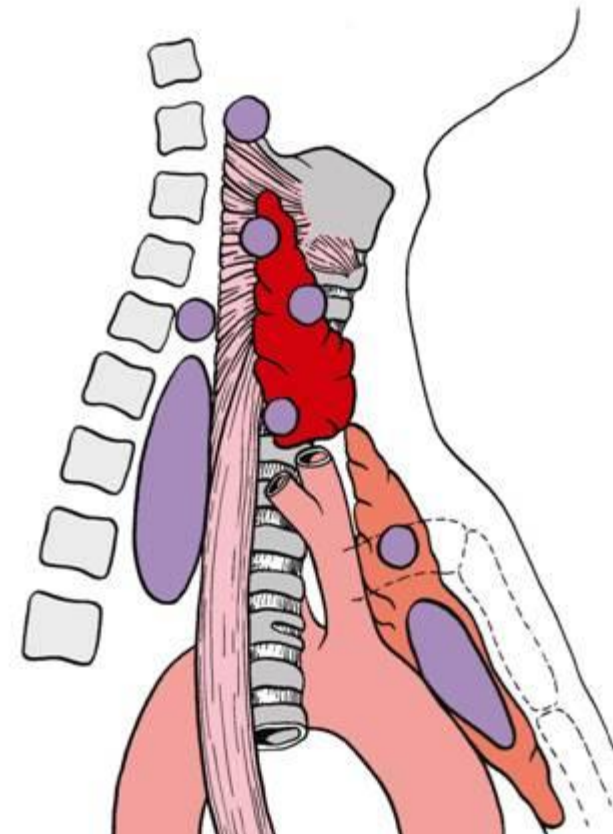
# The most common location of parathyroid gland



# Variability of location of parathyroid gland



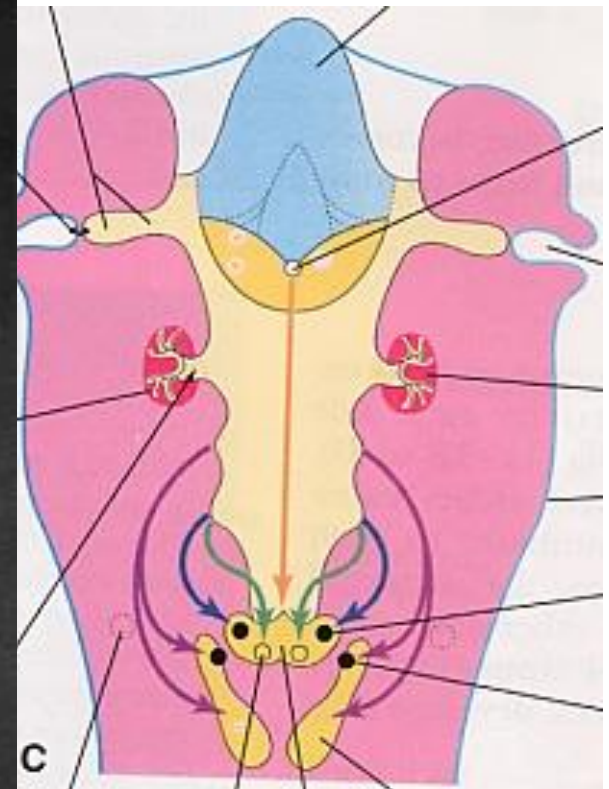
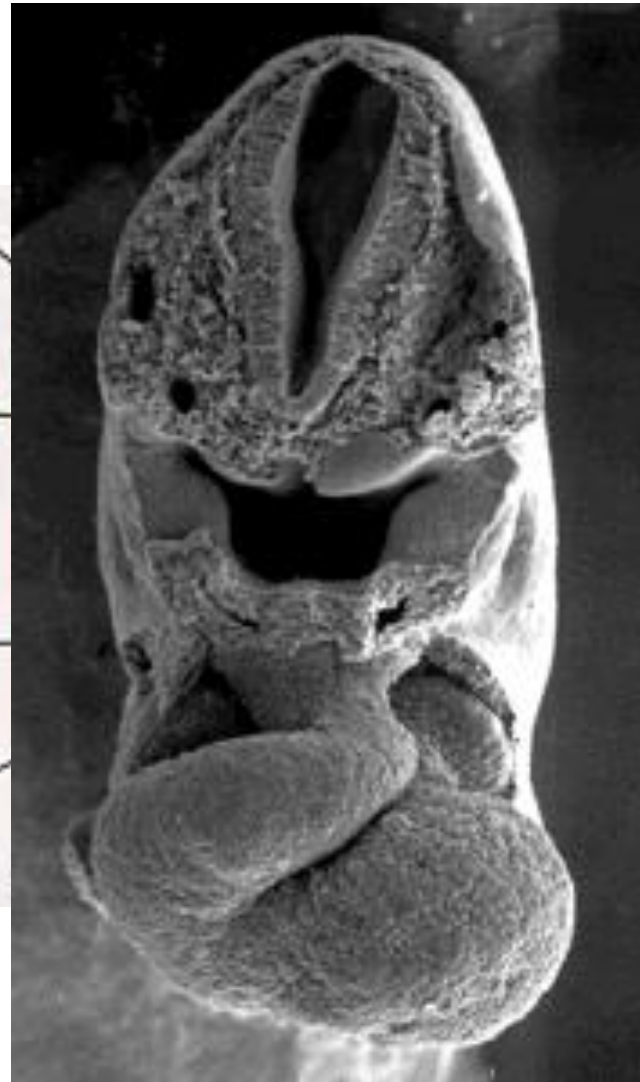
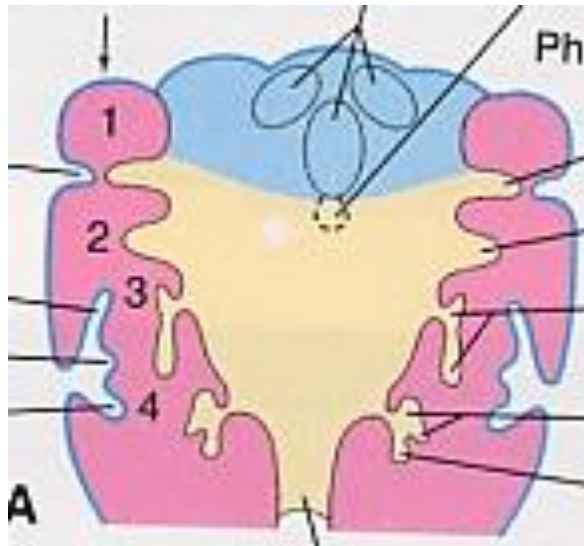
- inside **parenchyma** of thyroid gland
- inside **capsule** of thyroid gland
- outside
  - behind pharynx
  - behind oesophagus
  - inside cervical extension of thymus
  - in mediastinum



# Parathyroid glands – development

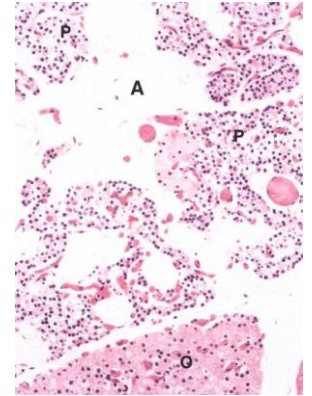
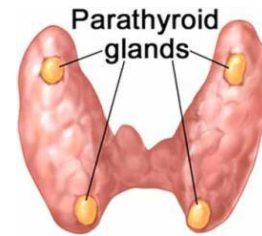
- dorsal parts of 3rd and 4th pharyngeal pouch
- 5th week: proliferation of endoderm, loss of lumen
- ingrowth of vessels from mesenchyme
  
- principal cells: fetal metabolism of calcium
- oxyphilic cells: appear in approximately 7th year postnatally

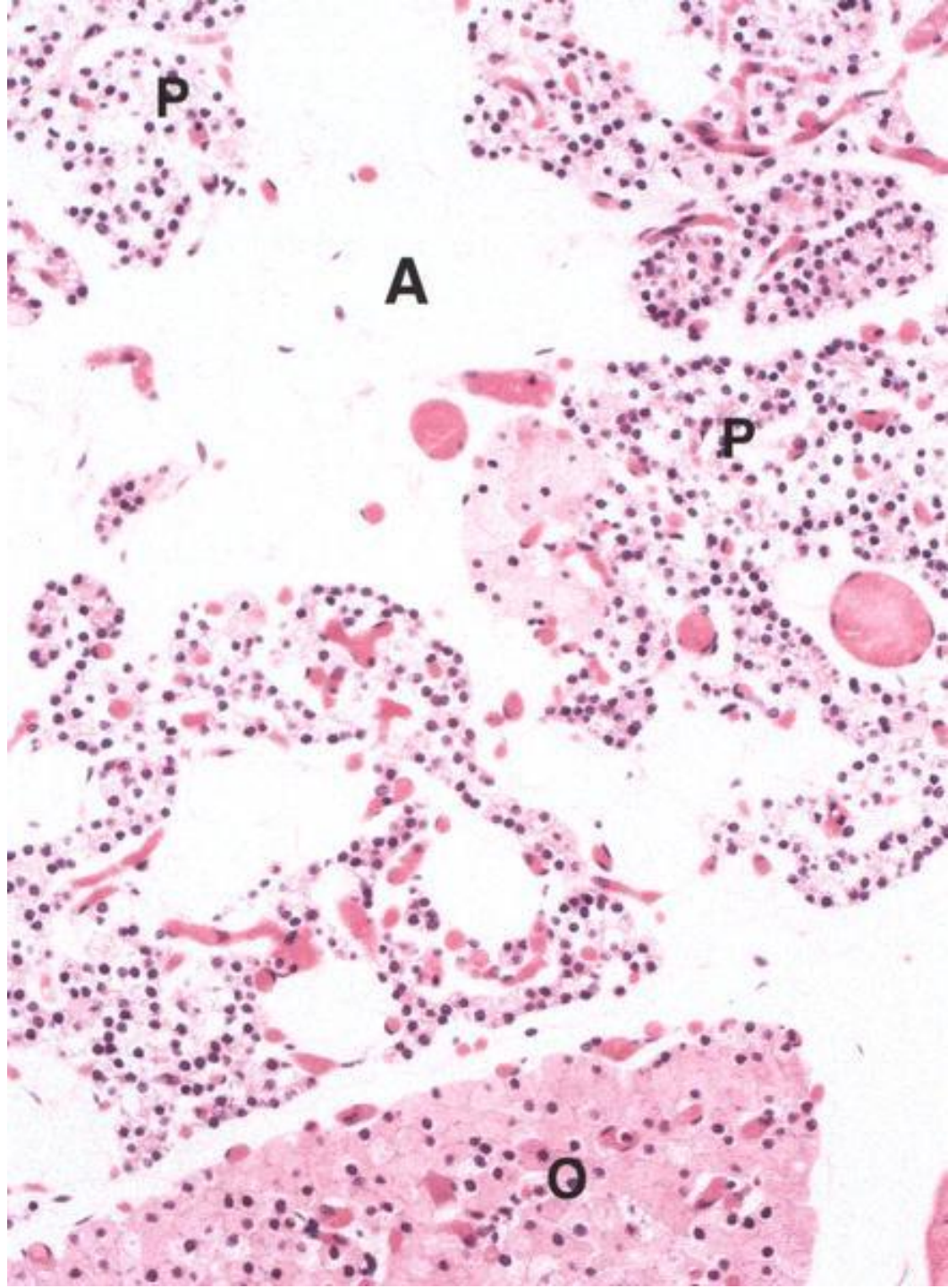
# Parathyroid glands – development



# Parathyroid glands – structure

- function in bone metabolism
- **parathormone (PTH)**
- capsule + septa
- parenchyma divided into cords
- **principal cells** (*parathyrocytus endocrinus*)
  - relatively large (4-8  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - light cytoplasm, granule containing PTH
- **oxyphillic cells** (*parathyrocytus oxyphilicus*)
  - fewer, larger
  - darker cytoplasm, no granules, numerous MIT
  - unclear function, appear as late as 7th year





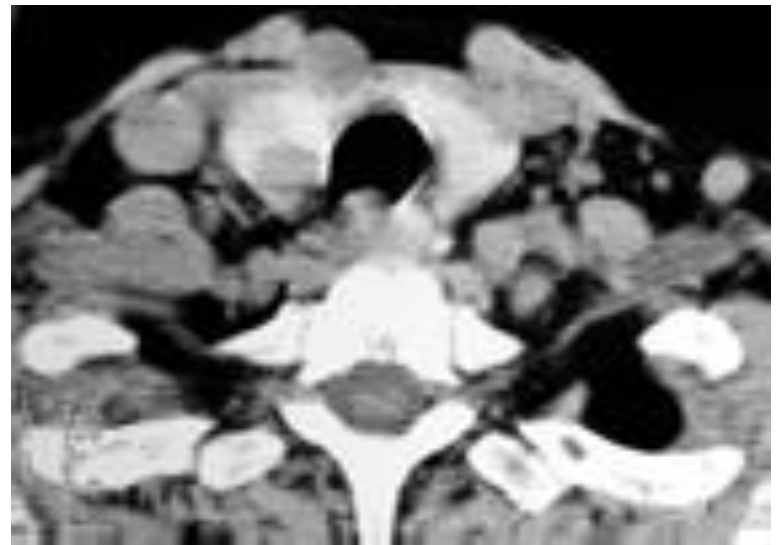
# Parathormone (PTH)

- increases blood calcium ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ )
- opposing the effects of calcitonine
- increases  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  absorption by intestines
- stimulates osteoclasts' activity in bones
- increases  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  reabsorption by renal tubules



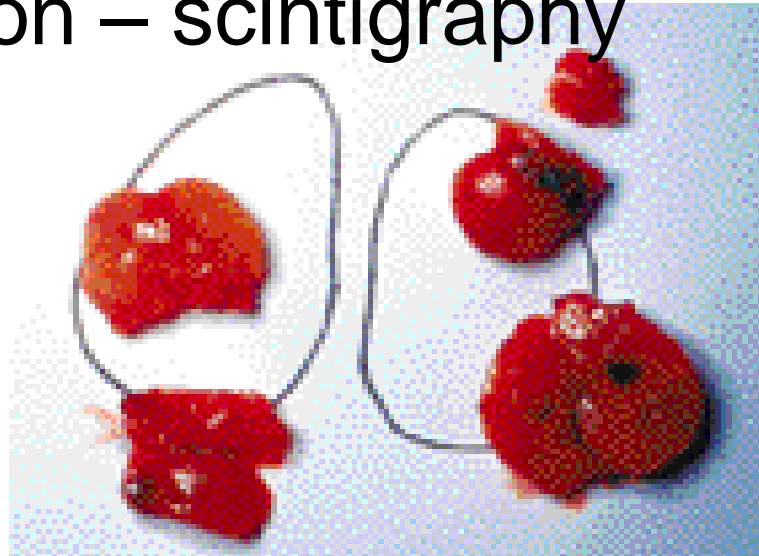
# Parathyroid glands diseases

- hyperparathyroidism
  - **primary** (adenoma)
    - pathologic calcification of tissues (cause by hypercalcemia)
    - von Recklinghausen's osteodystrophy (fractures)
    - nephrolithiasis
  - secondary (reactive hyperplasia in hypocalcemia when renal disease is present)
  - tertiary (if remaining after successful kidney transplantation)



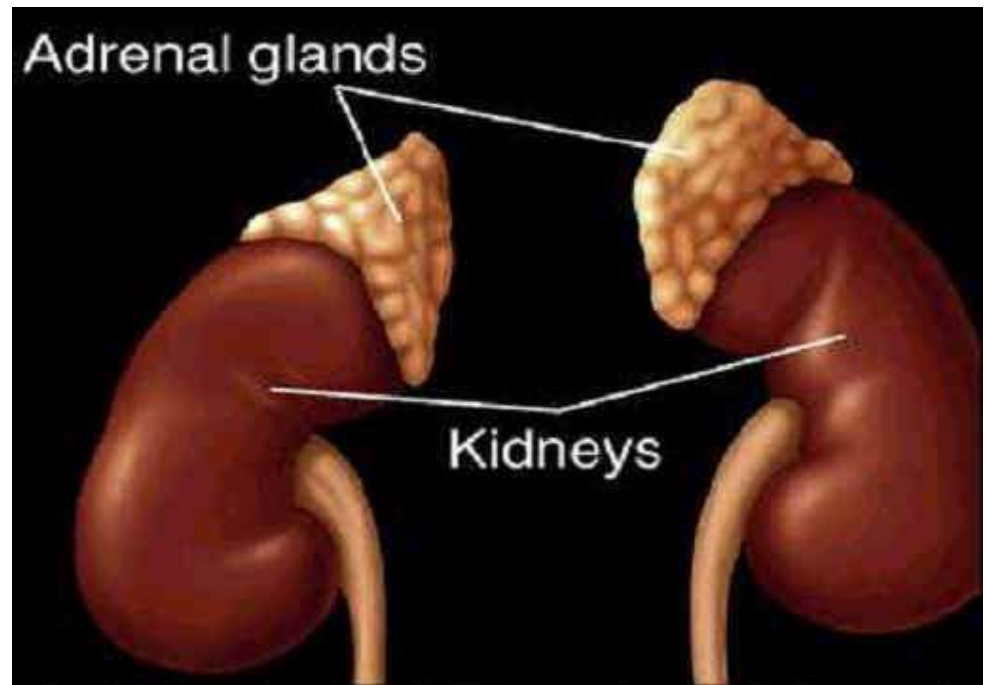
# Parathyroid glands – diseases

- hypoparathyroidism
  - tetany
  - iatrogenic after gland removal due to cancer
    - transplantation of bodies subcutaneously into forearm
- examination – scintigraphy



# Suprarenal gland Adrenal gland (*Glandula suprarenalis*)

- at level of vertebrae T11-12
- weight 6-12 g



# Suprarenal gland, Adrenal gland (*Glandula suprarenalis*)

„doubled gland“ – two different tissues –  
cortex and medulla

- cortex

-  – **mineralocorticoids** – aldosterone

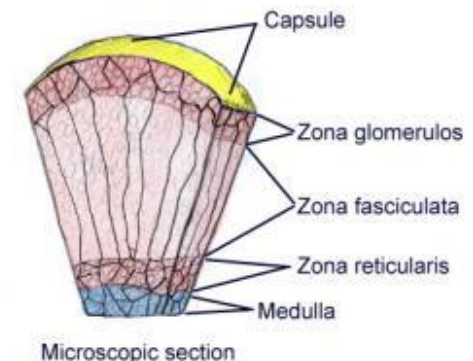
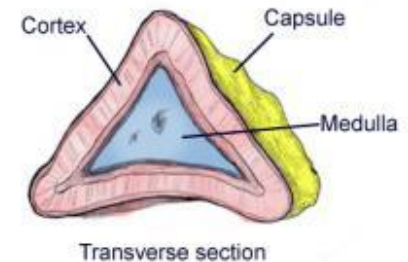
-  – **glucocorticoids** – cortisol,  
corticosterone

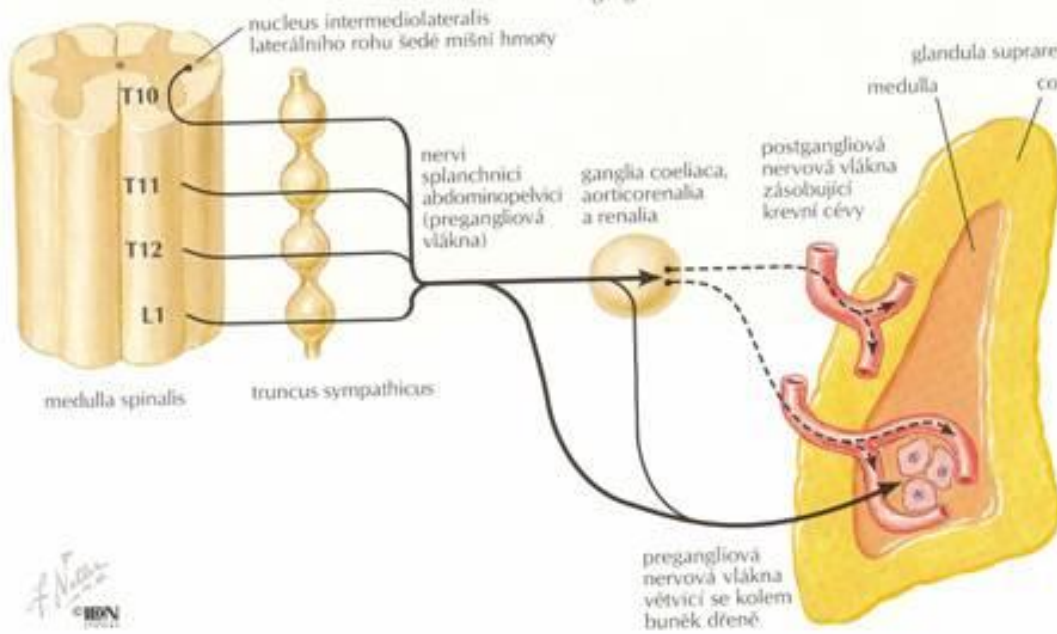
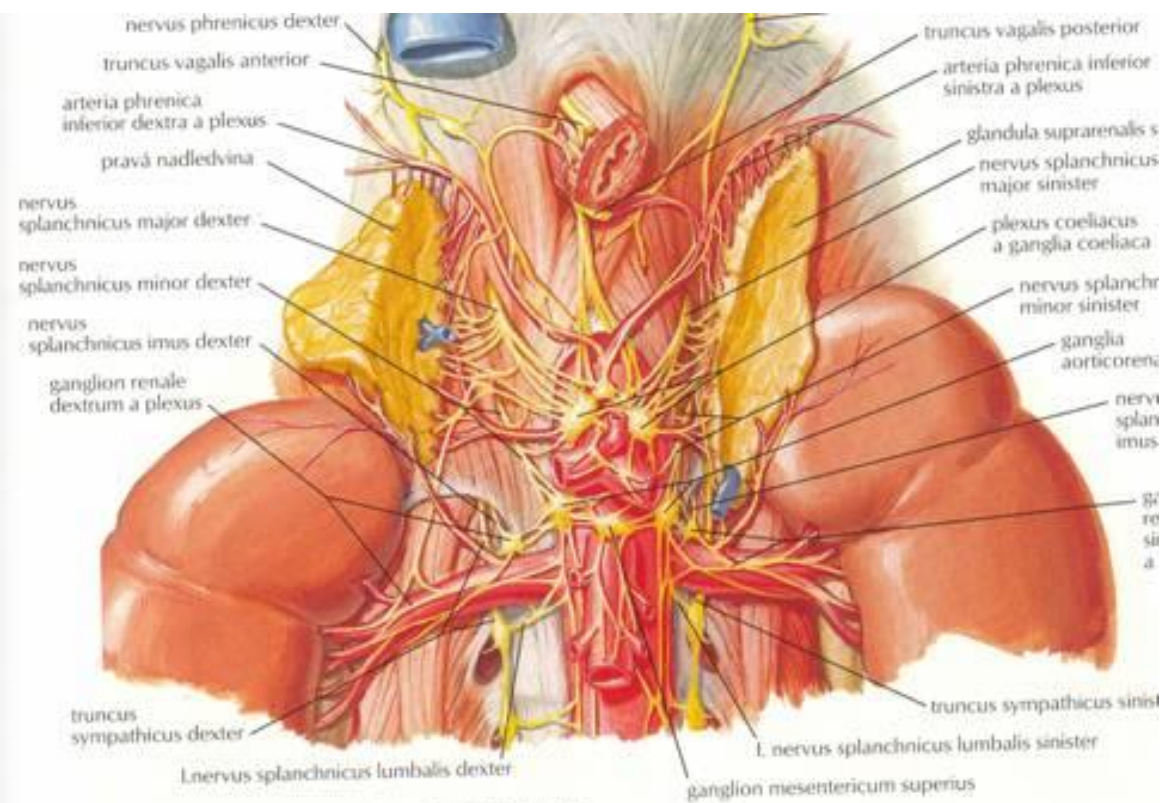
- **androgenes** –

-  DEAS=dihydroepiandrosterone

- medulla

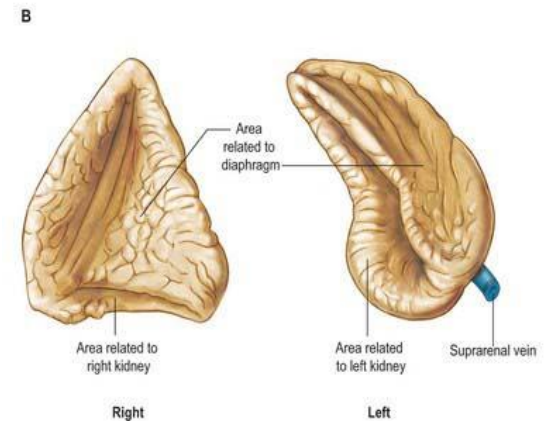
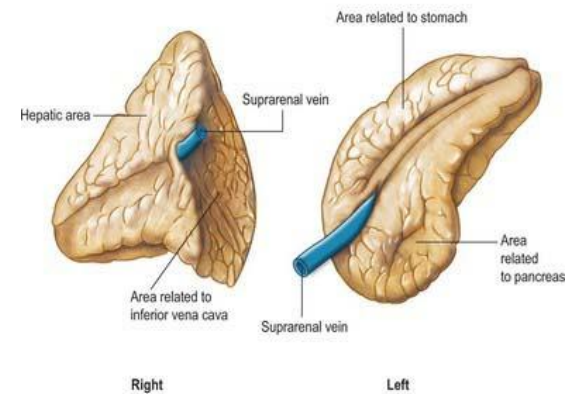
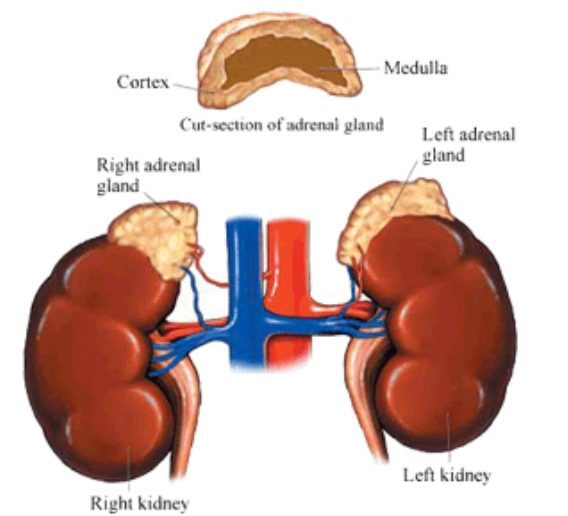
-  **catecholamines** – adrenaline,  
noradrenaline

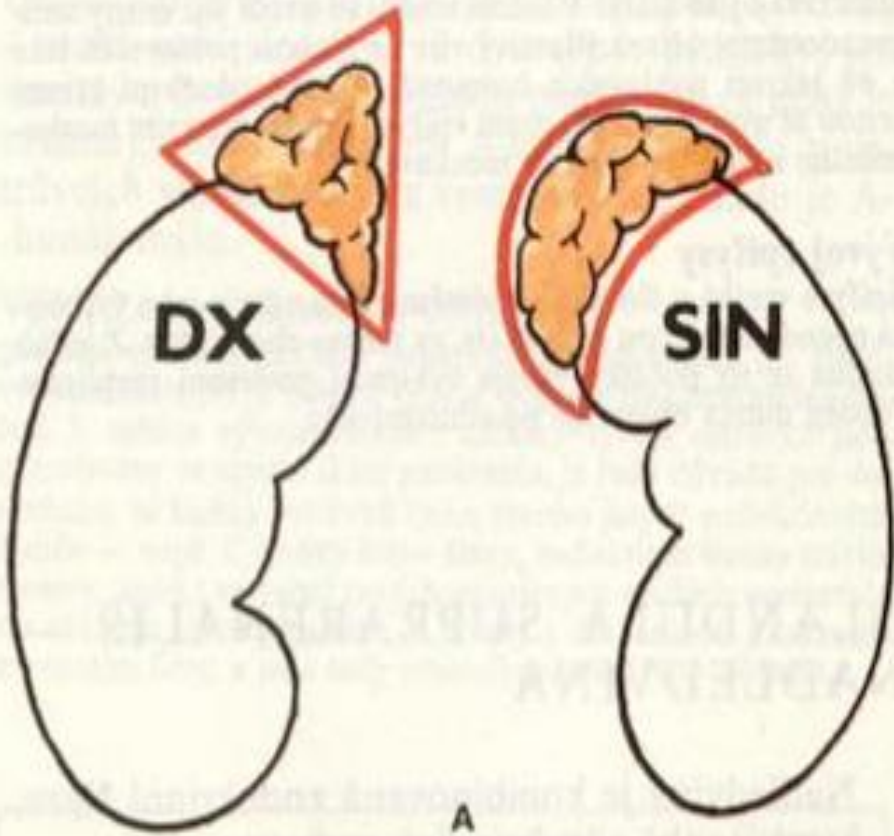




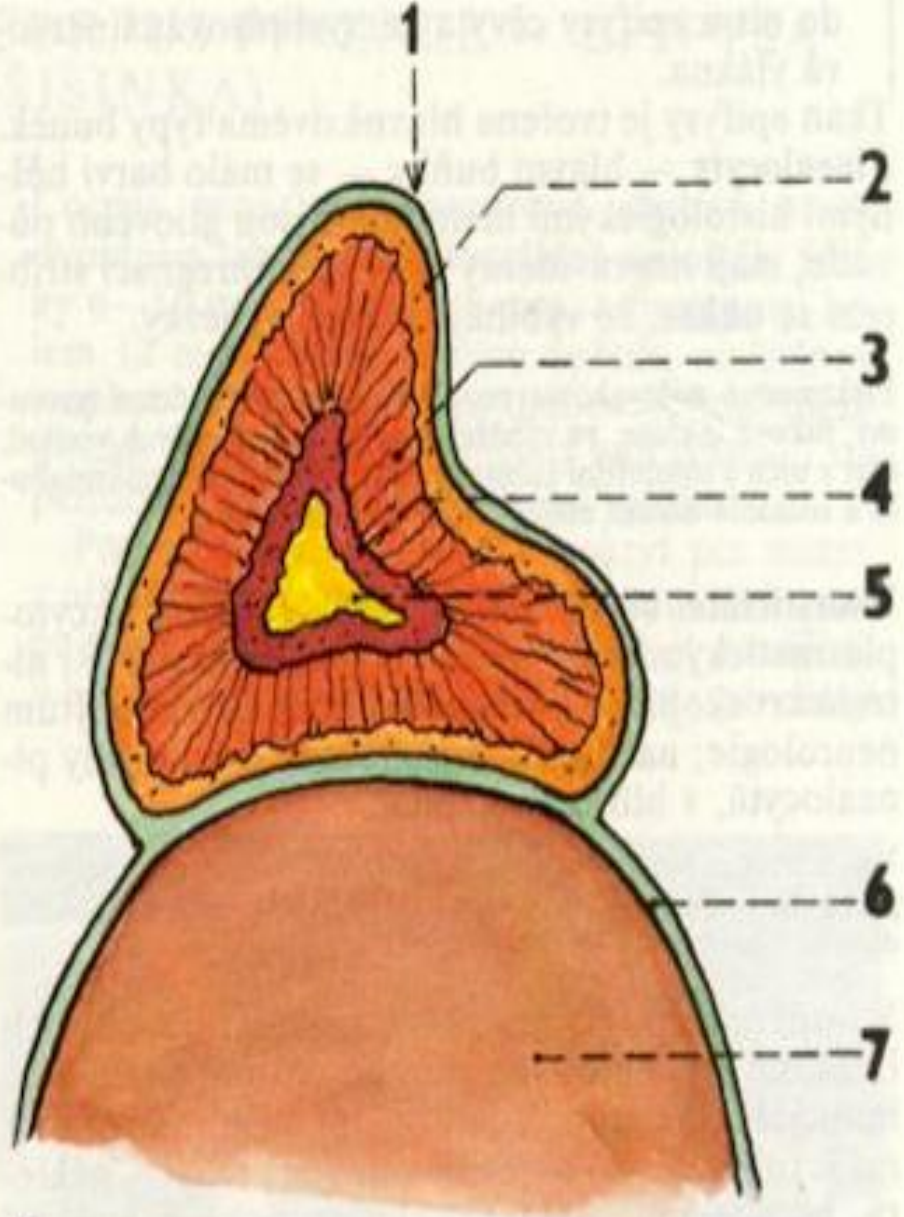
# Suprarenal gland – anatomy

- retroperitoneal organ
- at level of T11-T12
- *facies anterior + posterior + renalis*
- *margo superior + medialis*
- *hilum*
  - at facies anterior
  - v. suprarenalis emerges here
- *capsula* (proper)
- common *corpus adiposum perirenale + fascia renalis* with kidney





A



B

265. GLANDULA SUPRARENALIS — tvar a cévní zásobení (schéma)

A. TVAR PRAVÉ A LEVÉ NADLEDVINY

B. ŘEZ NADLEDVINOU, kůra a dřeň

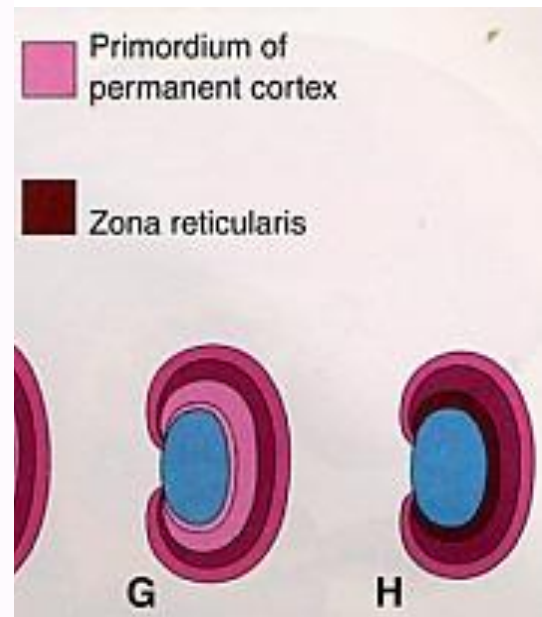
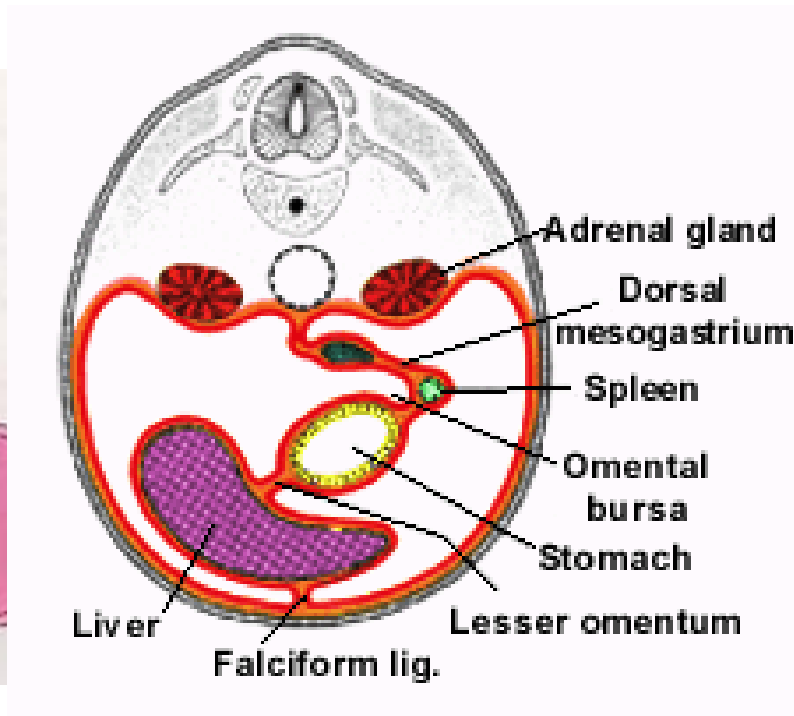
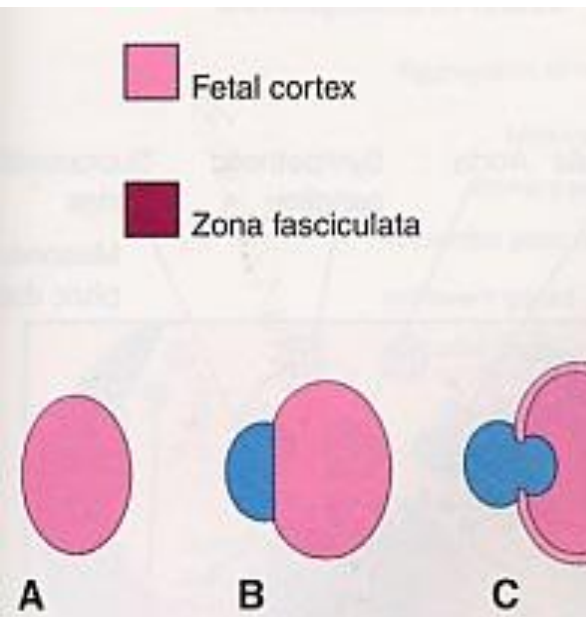
- 1 / capsula fibrosa
- 2, 3, 4 / cortex, kůra nadledviny
- 2 / zona glomerulosa
- 3 / zona fasciculata
- 4 / zona reticularis
- 5 / medulla, dřeň nadledviny
- 6 / capsula fibrosa ledviny
- 7 / ledvina

# Suprarenal gland – development

- cortex
  - from coelomic epithelium laterally to dorsal mesenterium
  - proliferation and migrate towards aorta
  - secondary proliferation of cortex → arise of definitive cortex
- medulla
  - from base of ganglion coeliacum
  - sympatoblasts
  - migrate to base of cortex

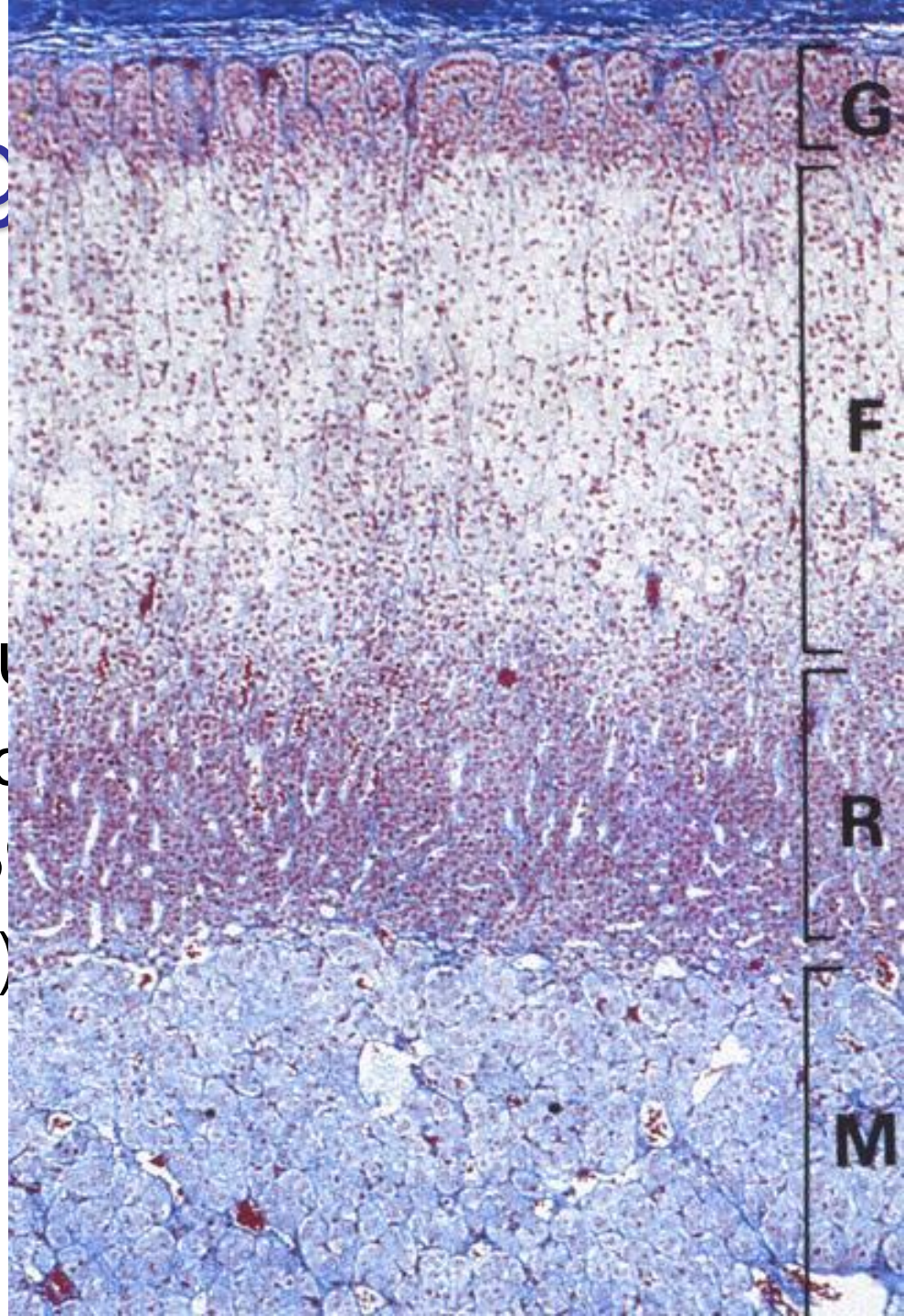


# Suprarenal gland – development



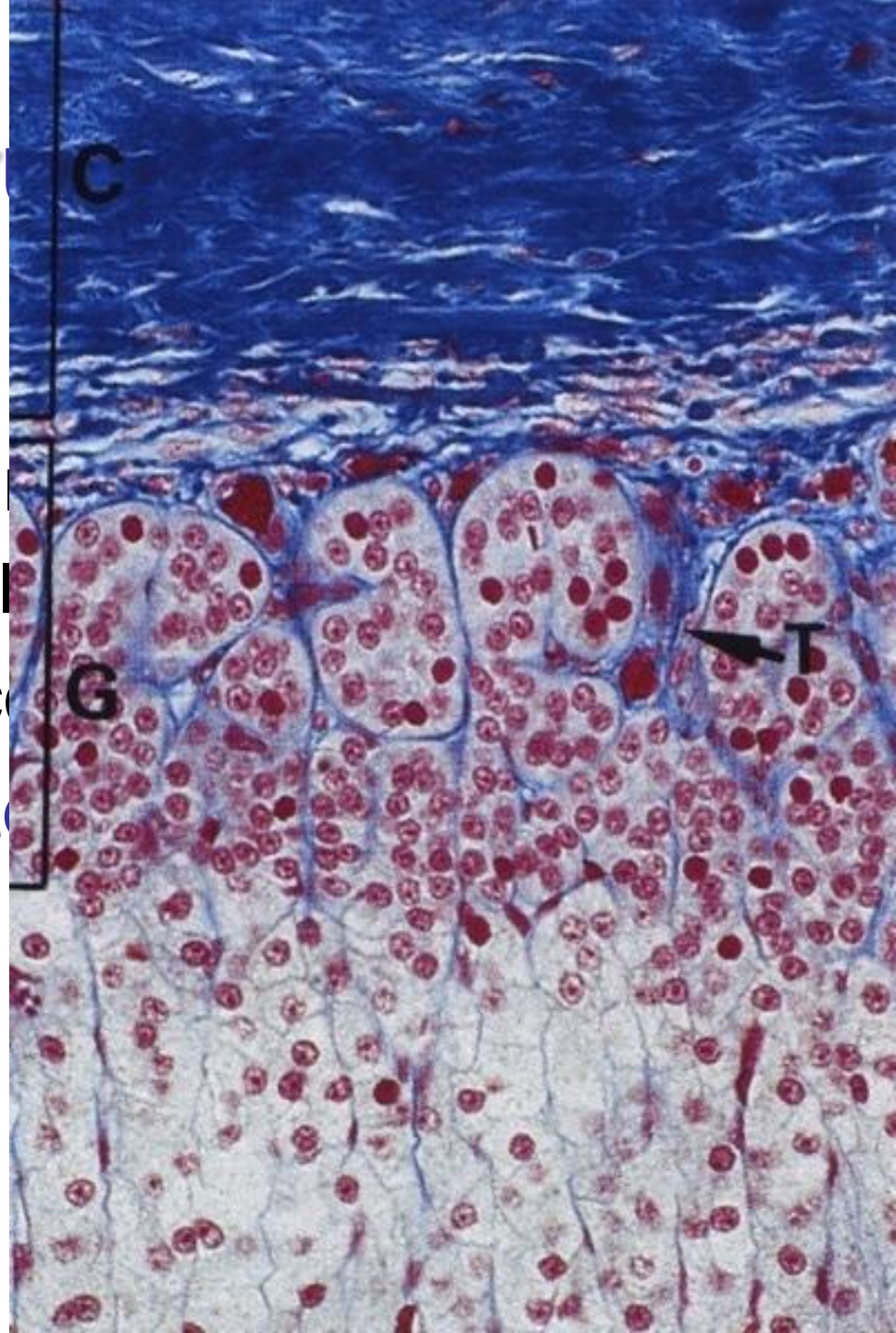
# Suprarenal g

- capsula → septa
  - fibroblasts, collagen
  - muscle fibers
- cortex of glandula suprarenalis
  - zona glomerulosa (5%)
  - zona fasciculata (65%)
  - zona reticularis (7%)



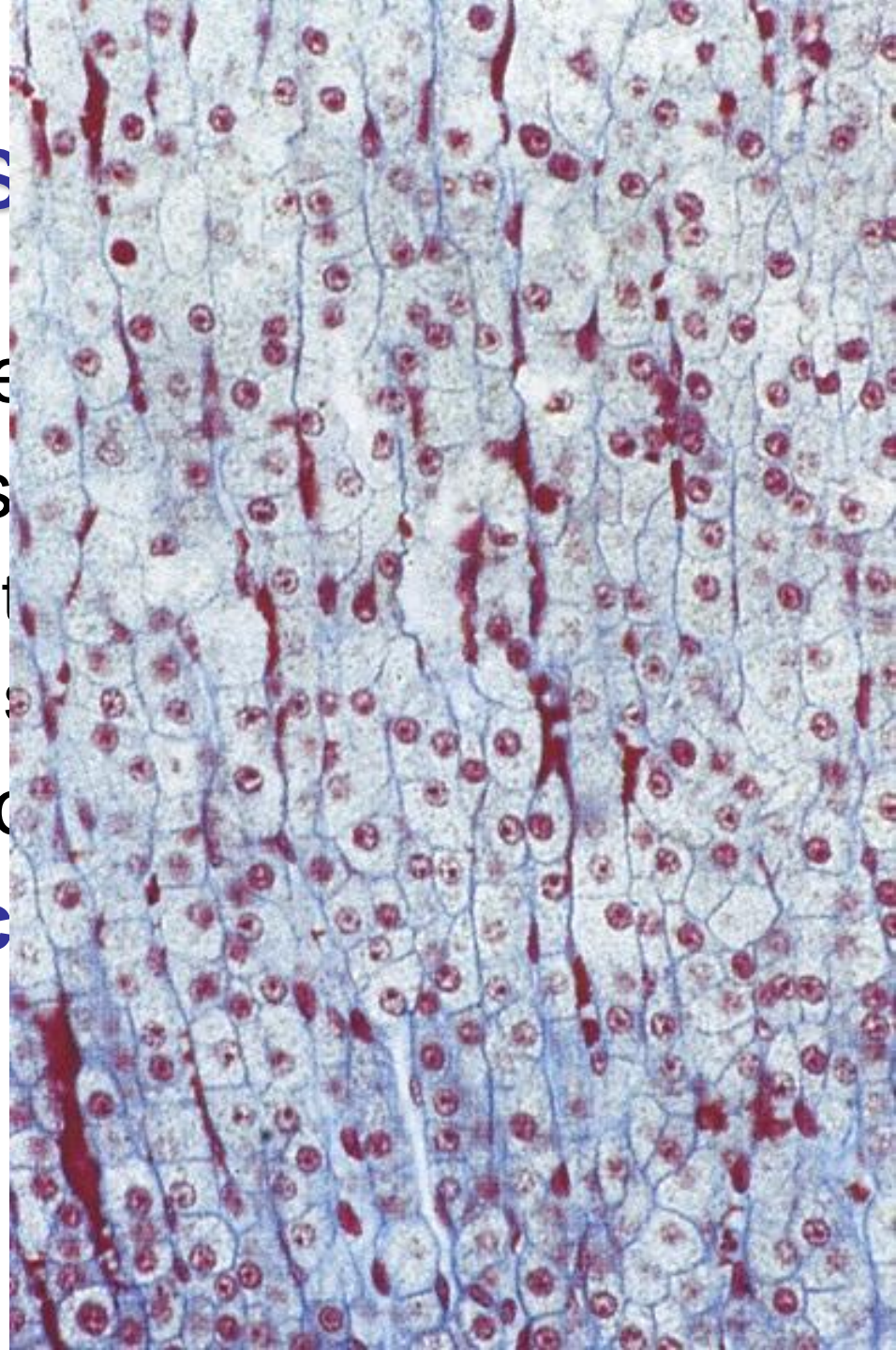
# Zona glomerulosa

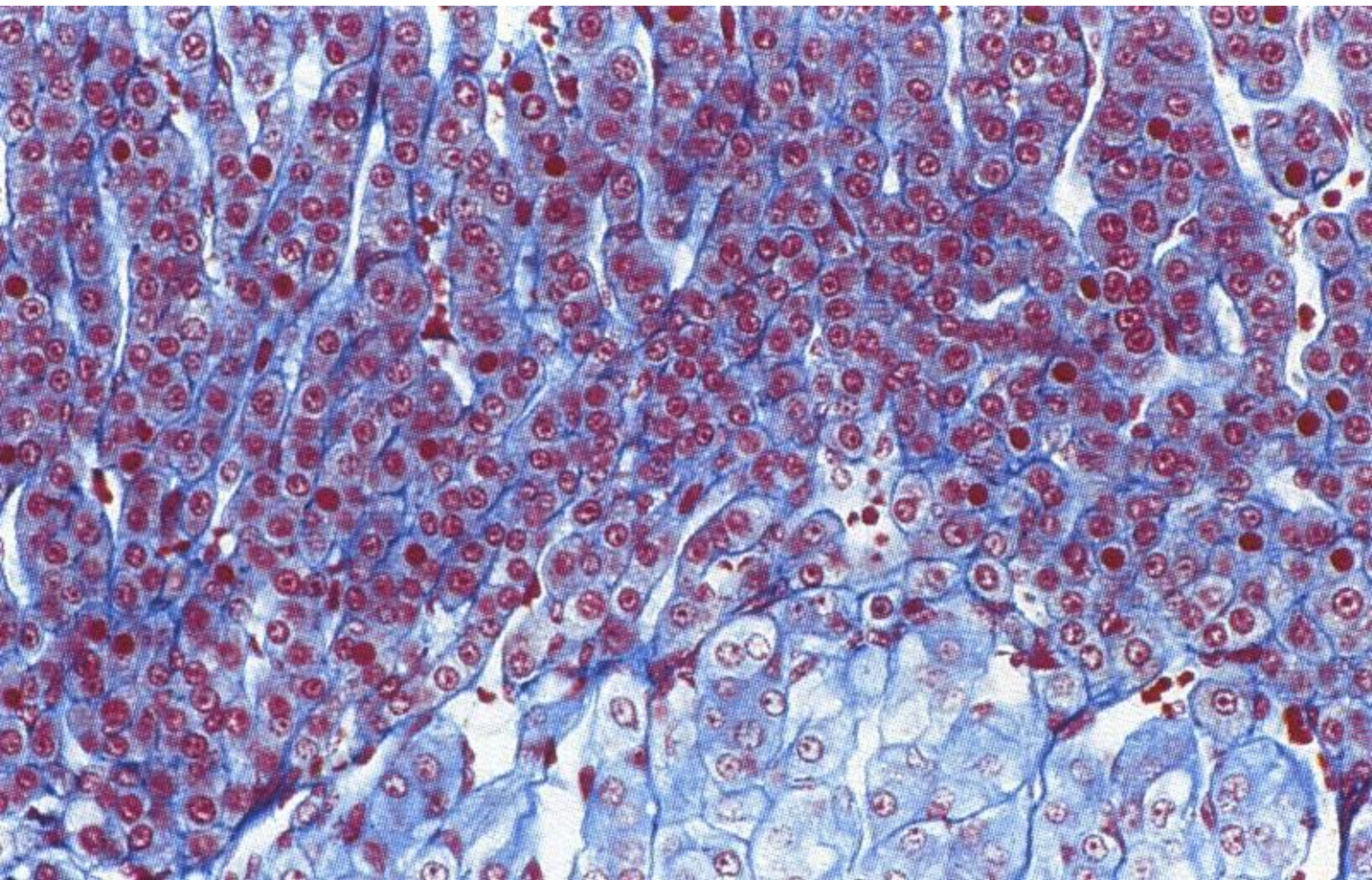
- outer layer
- curved cords (columns)
  - *corticosterocyt*i = cells
- sinusoids between cords
- production of **aldosterone**



# Zona fasc

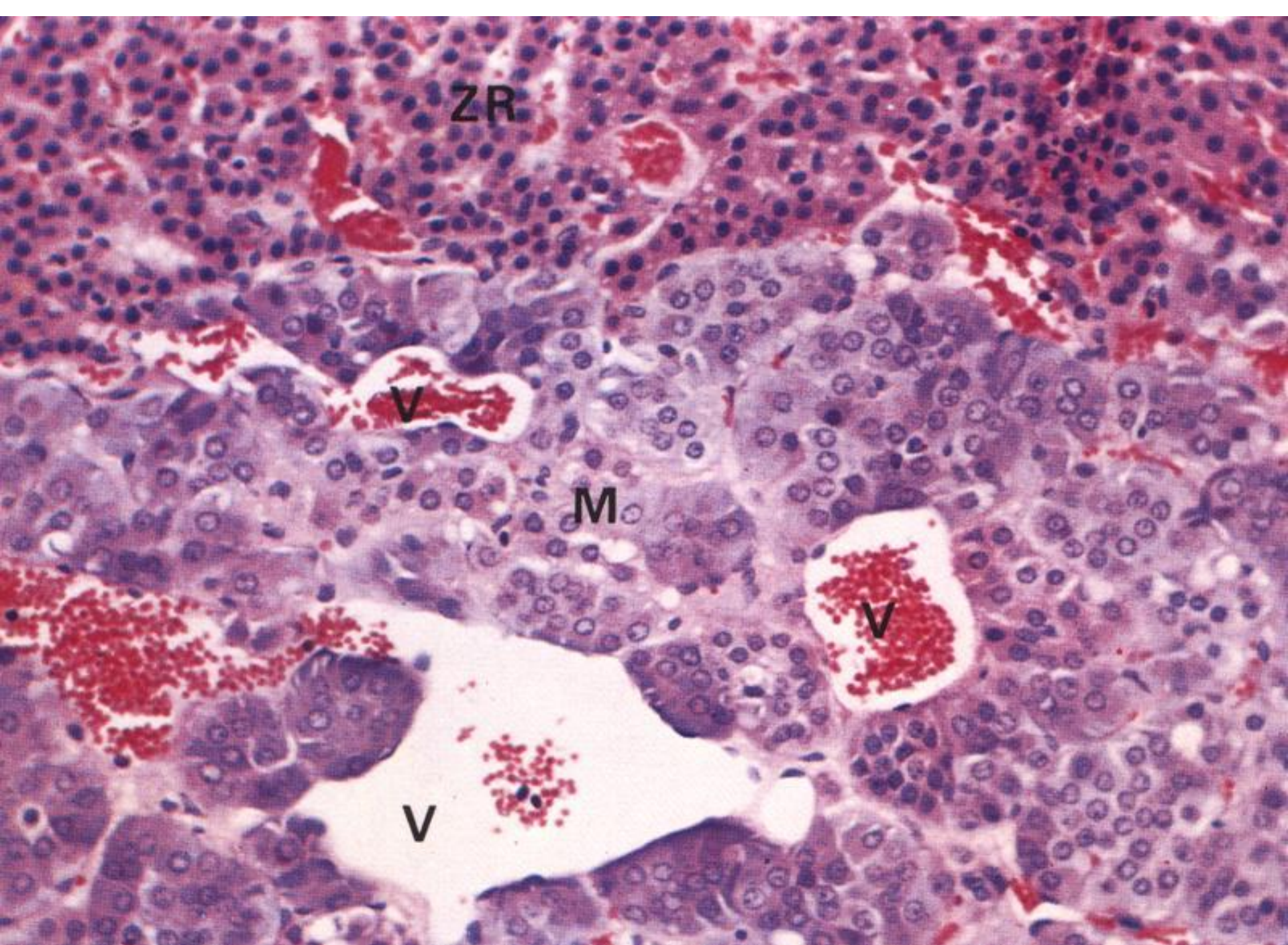
- middle, broadest layer
- long columns of cells
  - many adipose droplets
  - *corticosterocyti* = cells
- sinusoids between columns
- production of **glucocorticoids**  
**androgens**





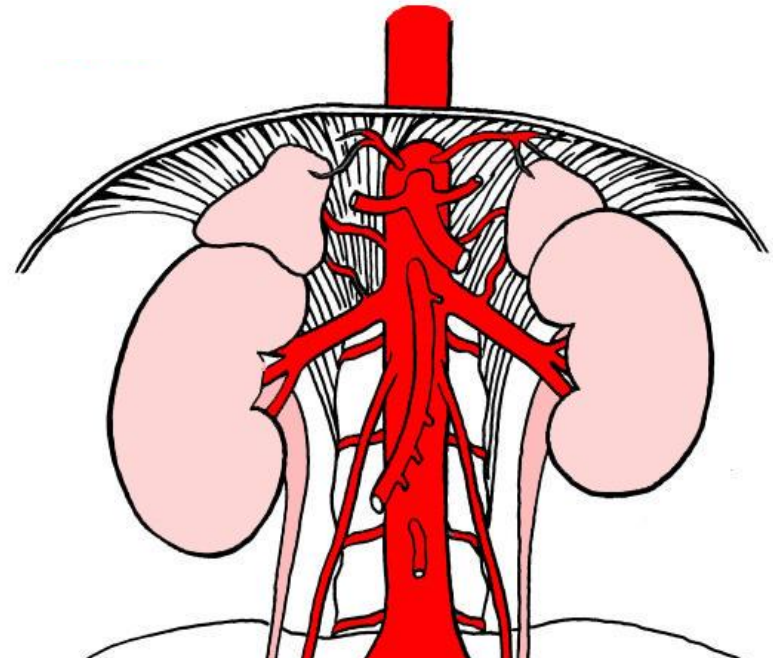
# Suprarenal gland – medulla

- anastomosing columns of polyhedral cells
- large cells (*Endocrinocytus medullaris*)
  - large nucleus
  - gER, MIT, GA, granula
  - **adrenaline**, **noradrenaline**, chromogranines, ATP
  - dopamine- $\beta$ -hydroxylase, Leu- a Met- enkefalin
- between columns – capillary network
- rare – parasympathetic ganglionic cells (*neuron multipolare anatomicum*)

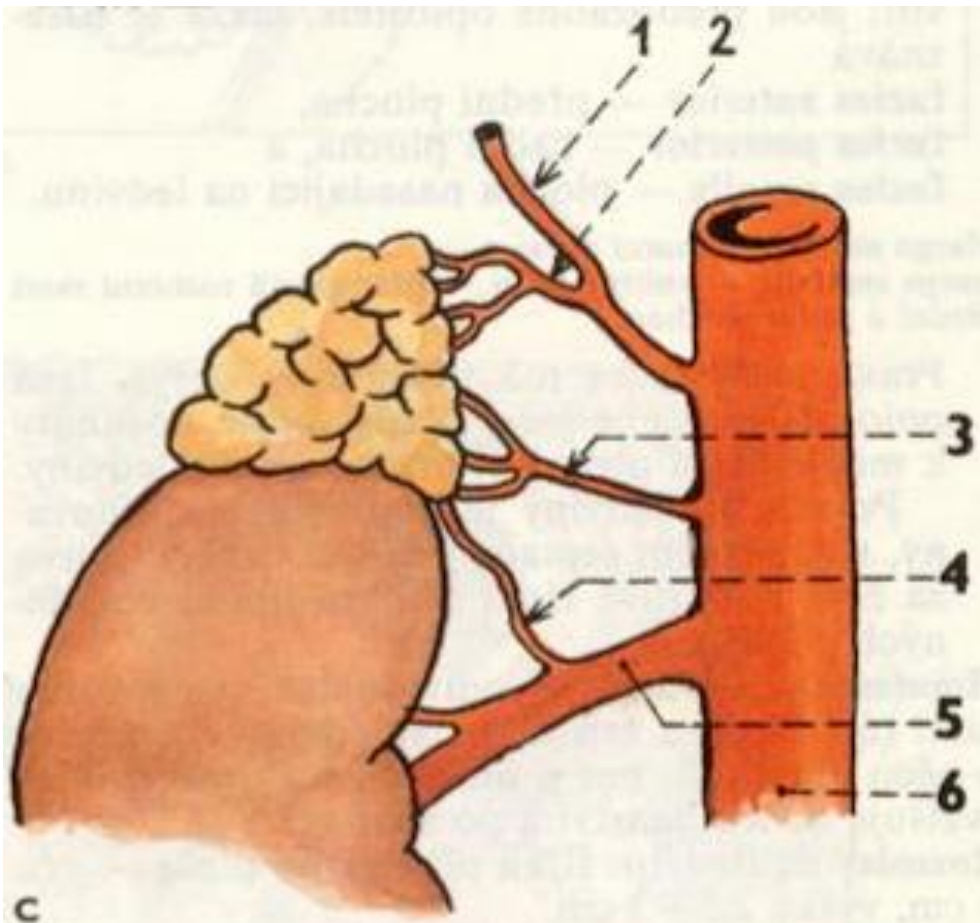


# Suprarenal glands – blood vessels

- a. suprarenalis superior (← a. phrenica inferior)
  - a. suprarenalis media (← aorta abdominalis)
  - a. suprarenalis inferior (← a. renalis)
- subcapsular plexus, capillaries + sinusoids pass through cortex →
- vein from medulla →  
v. centralis → v. suprarenalis  
→ v. renalis sinistra  
/ v. cava inferior  
on the right side



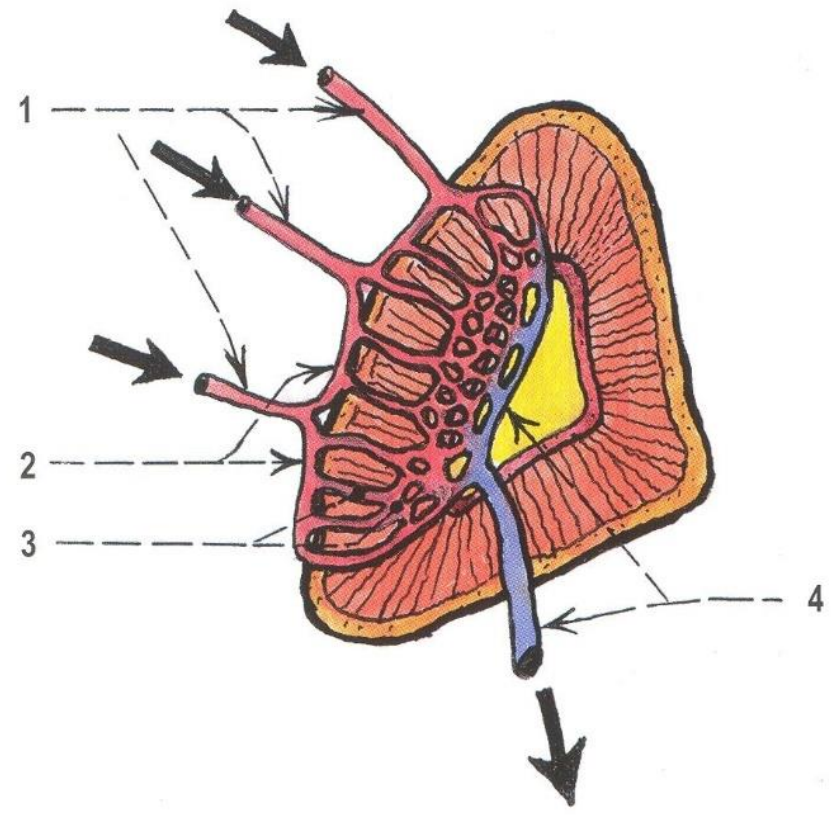




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**C. CÉVY NADLEDVINY (pravé strany)**

- 1 / a. phrenica inferior (dextra)
- 2 / a. suprarenalis superior (dextra)
- 3 / a. suprarenalis media (dextra)
- 4 / a. suprarenalis inferior (dextra)
- 5 / a. renalis (dextra)
- 6 / aorta abdominalis

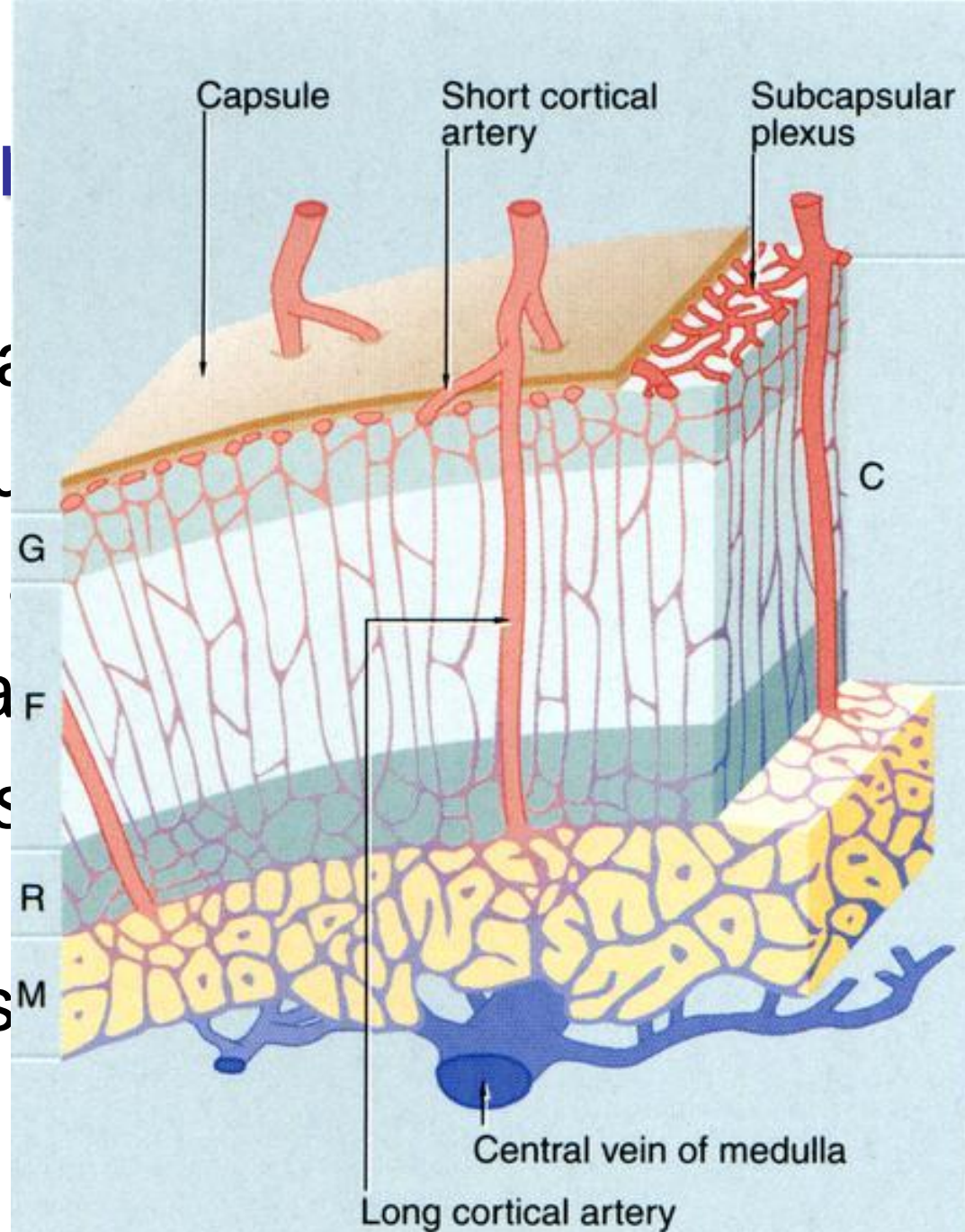


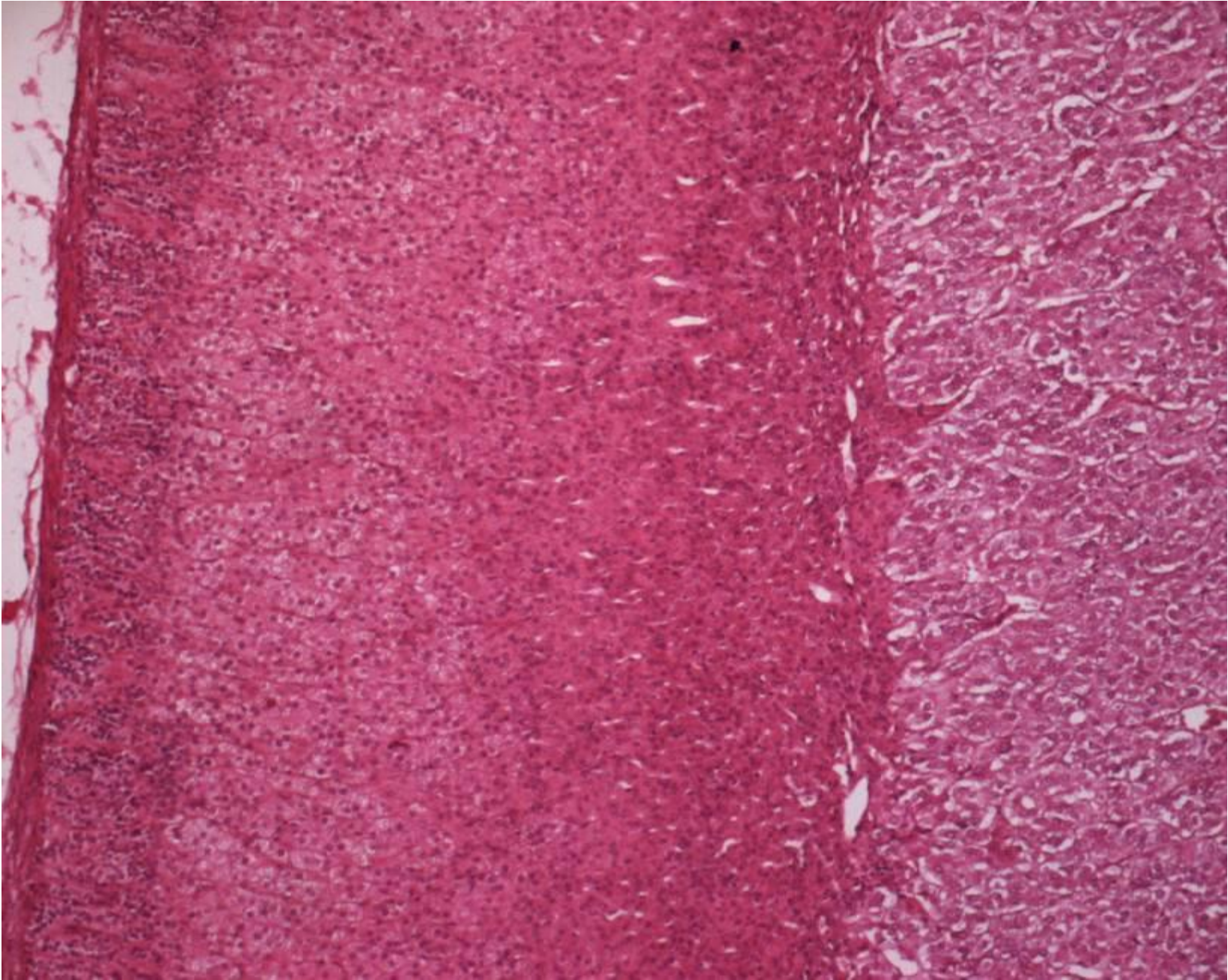
Obr. 307. SCHEMA PRŮTOKU KRVE NADLEDVINOU (srov. text)

- 1 / přívodné tepenné větve z nadledvinových tepen
- 2 / povrchová a subkapsulární pleteň
- 3 / sinusoidy a kapiláry jdoucí kůrou podle buněčných trámců do dřene
- 4 / žilní odtok z dřene nadledviny

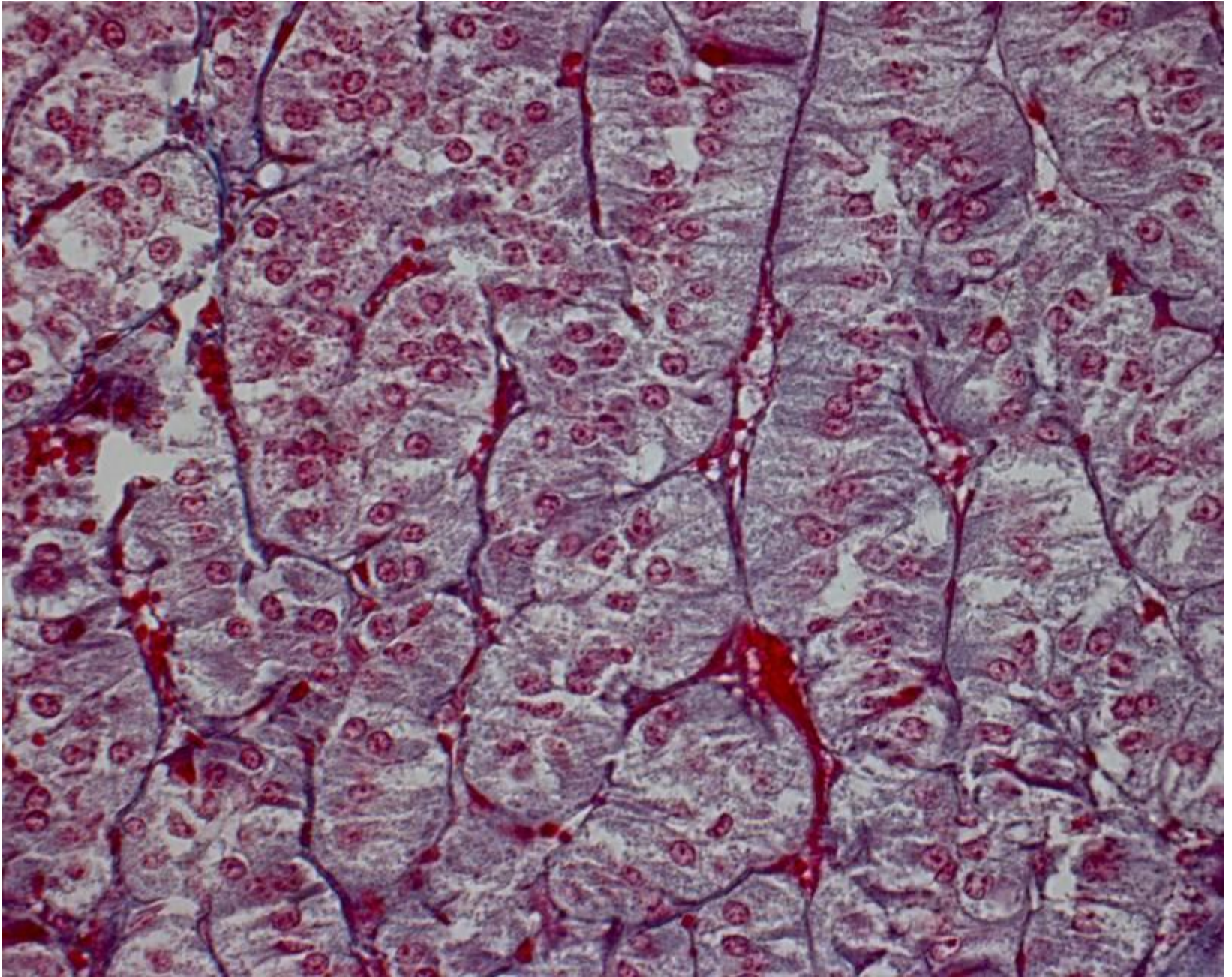
# Suprarenal gland

- arteriae suprarenales
- subcapsular plexus
- capsular, cortical
- in medulla: both a
- in medulla: *plexus vena centralis* →
- vena suprarenalis





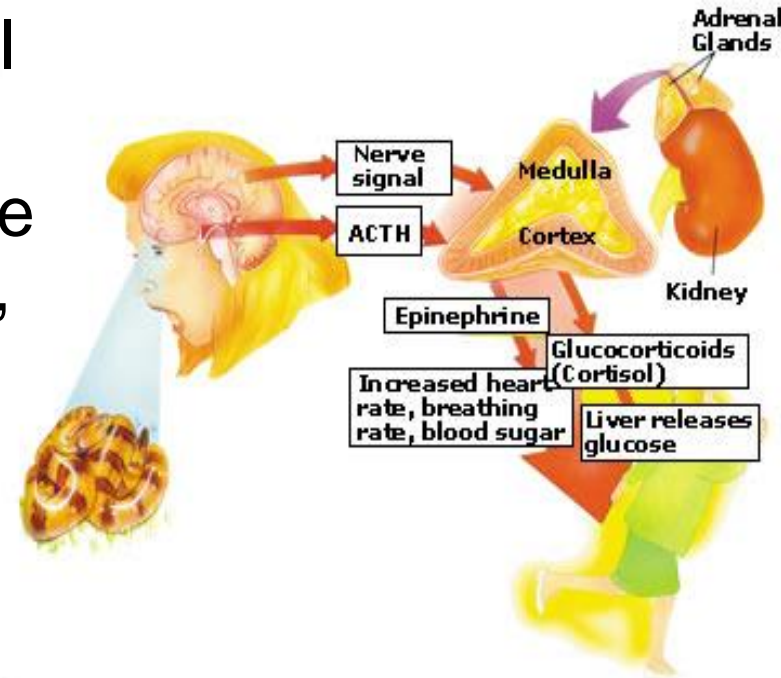
# AZAN - E8



# Stress reaction (fight or flight or fright)

sympathetic activation (suprarenal cortex and medulla)

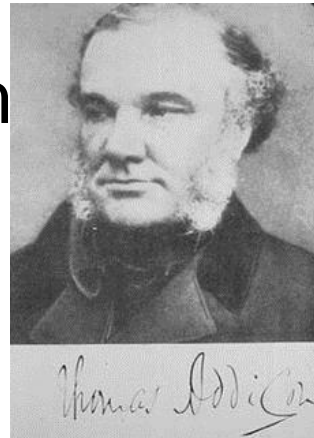
- effect on vascular smooth muscle → vasodilation in skeletal muscles, vasoconstriction in the skin
- metabolic effect of glycogen → glycogenolysis in the liver
- sympathetic activation → activation of appropriate organs



negative effect of stress on the psyche – stress is not accompanied by physical response today

# Suprarenal glands – diseases

- medulla: **pheochromocytome** → hypertension in attacks
- cortex: hyperfunction
  - **Cushing's syndrome** (endogenous hypercorticalism) – peripheral disorder
  - **Cushing's disease** (adenome of hypophysis) – central disorder
  - **Conn's syndrome** = hyperaldosteronism
- cortex: hypofunction
  - **Addison's disease** = hypocorticalism



# Cushing's symptoms

- high blood pressure
- abdominal obesity
- thin arms and legs
- reddish stretch marks
- round red face
- a fat lump between the shoulders
- weak muscles and bones
- acne
- fragile skin
- women may have more hair and irregular menstruation



# Pancreatic islets (of Langerhans)

## *Insulae pancreaticae*

- endocrine part of pancreas
- 0,1–0,2 mm large
- totally 1–1.5 million
- various type of cells: A, B, D, PP (G)
- hormones:
  - insulin
  - glucagon
  - **somatostatine**
  - pancreatic polypeptide



# Pancreatic islets (of Langerhans)

## *Insulae pancreatica*

### history

- Areteus of Cappadocia – diabetes = flow through
- Avicenna – sweet urine – diabetes mellitus
- **Langerhans** (1869) – discovered islet within pancreas
- Minkowski and Mering (1889) – experimentally evoked diabetes
- Sharpey-Schäfer – discovery of insulin
- **Banting and Best** (1921)
  - extract from canine pancreas → treatment of dogs with diabetes
  - treatment of patients
- 1929 – Nobel prize for Banting and Macleod

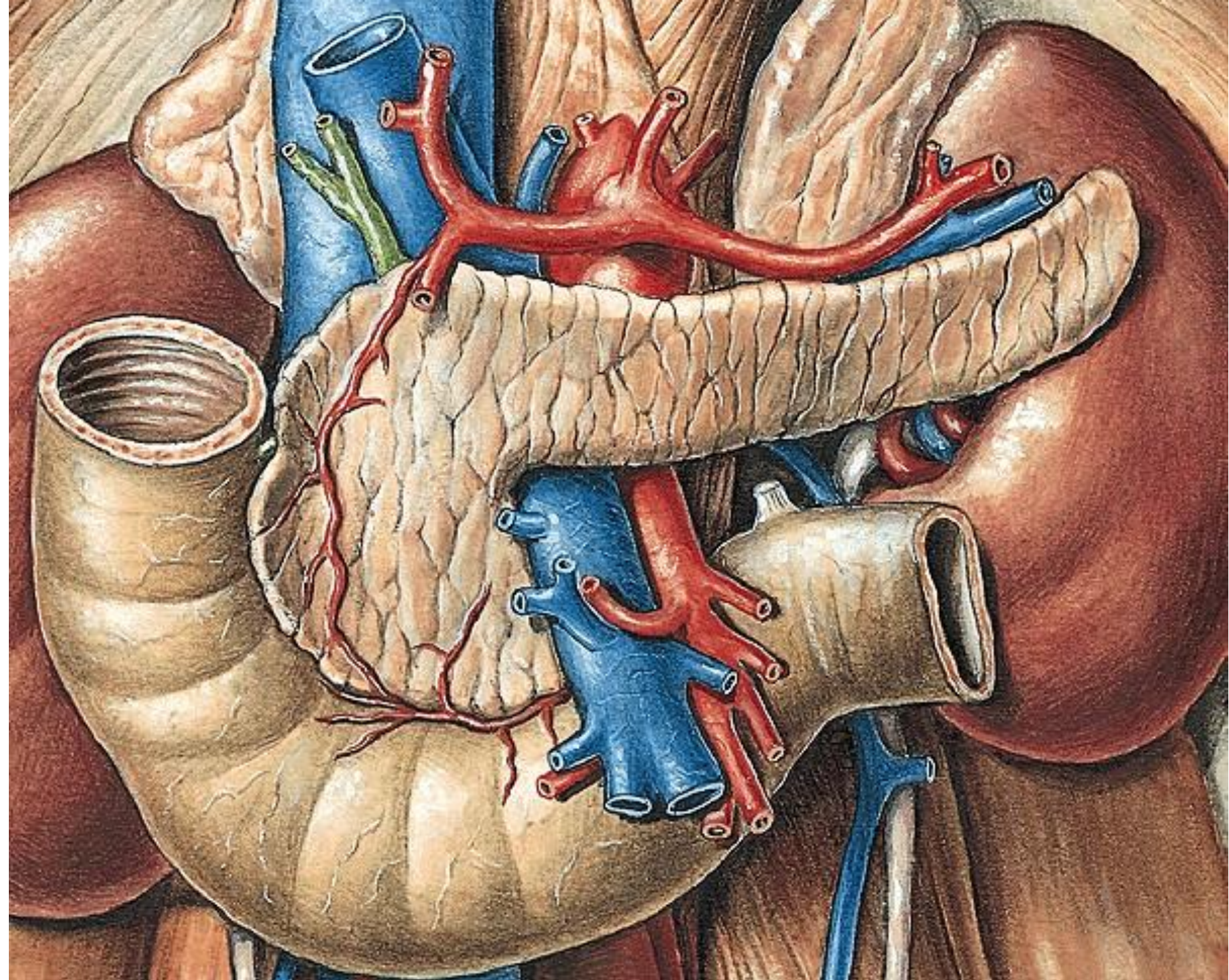


Paul Langerhans  
(1847–1888)



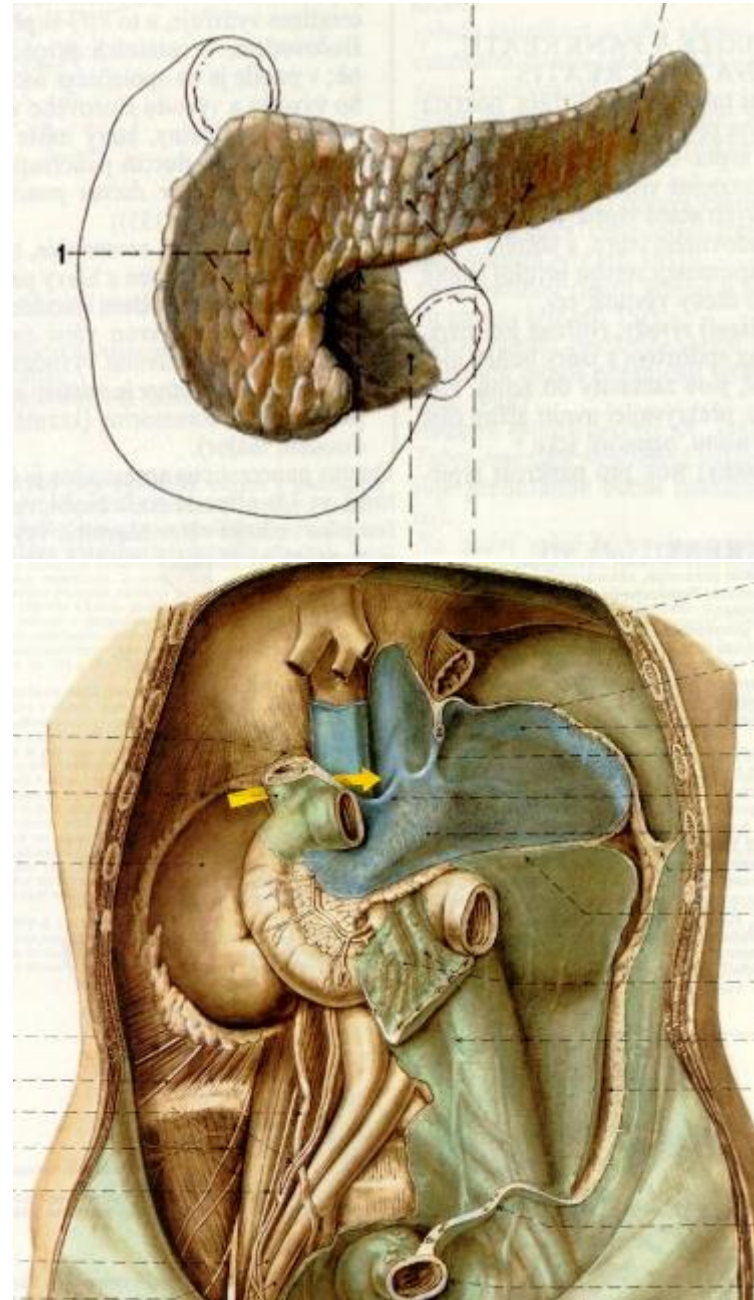
# Pancreas – anatomy

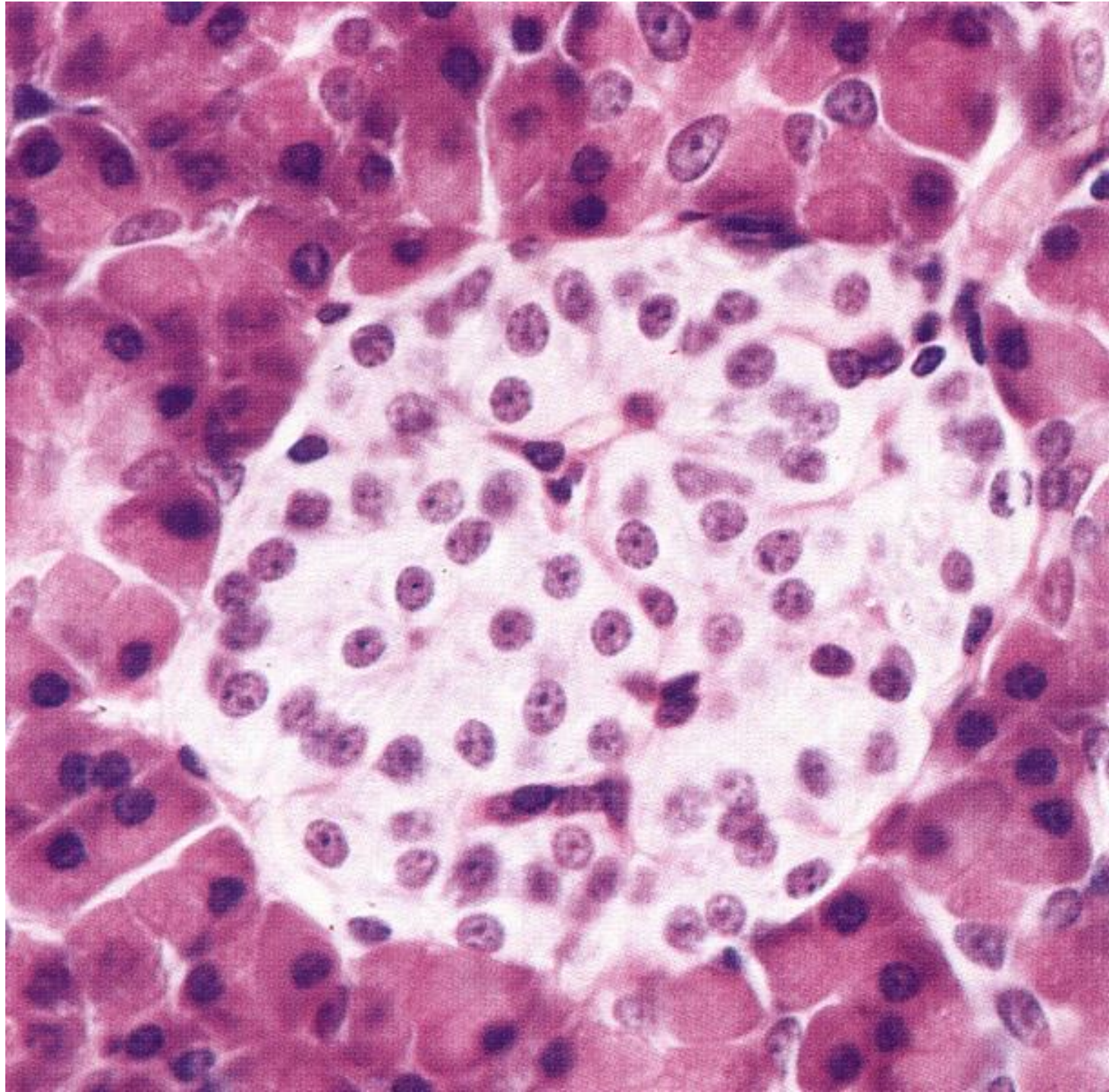
- double gland: exocrine and **endocrine** part
- topography – duodenal window at L2
- secondary retroperitoneal organ
  - only tail is intraperitoneal
- blood supply:
  - truncus coeliacus + a. mesenterica sup.
- 3 surgical approaches to pancreas



*Pars endocrina pancreatis*  
Pancreatic islets (of  
Langerhans)  
*Insulae pancreaticae*

- weight about 1 g
- after total  
pancreatectomy it is  
necessary to supply  
with insulin only
- cords of epithelial cells



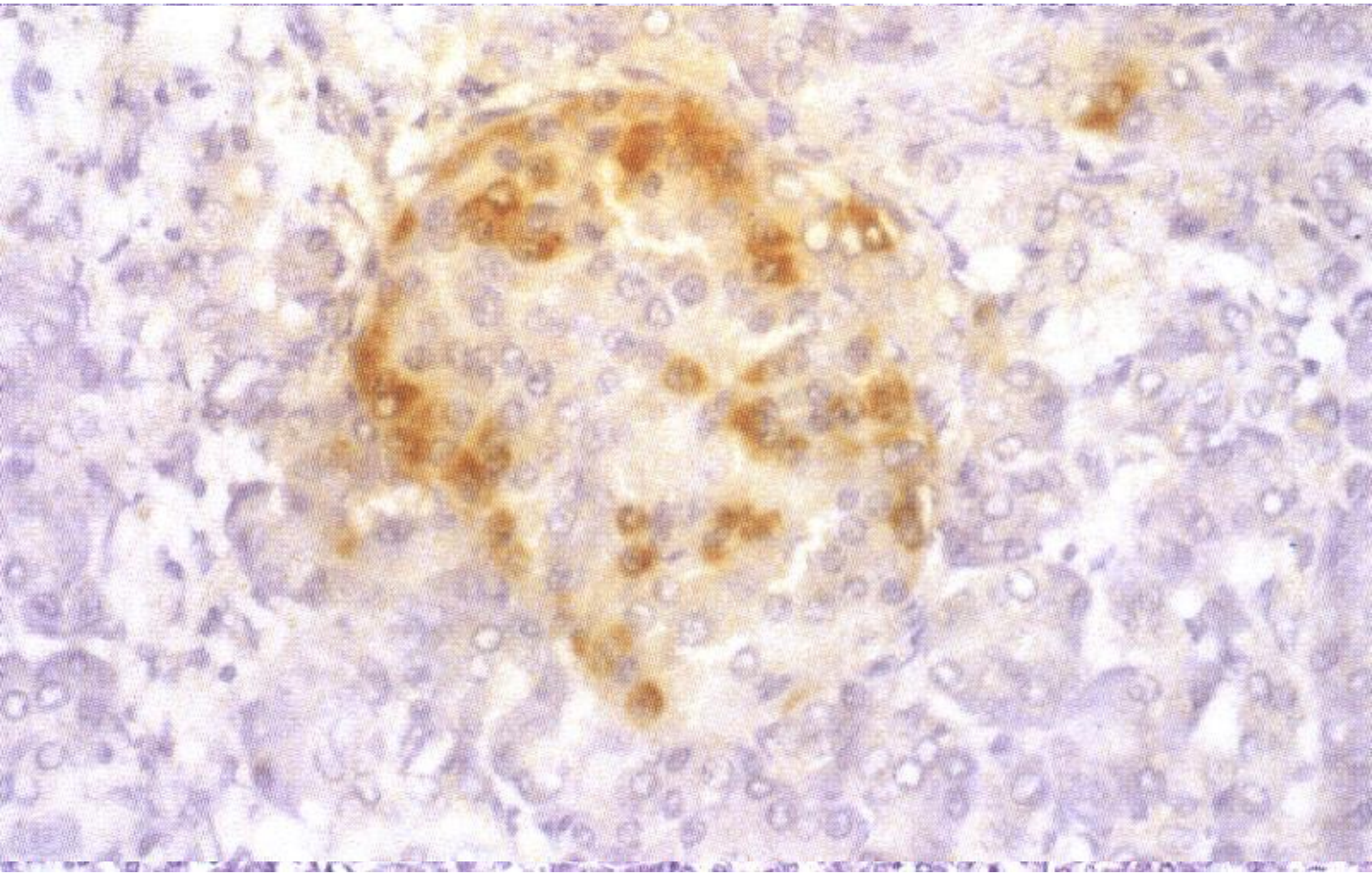


# Pancreatic islets (of Langerhans)

## types of cells

gER, GA, granules

- A – cells (*endocrinocytus A; glucagonocytus*)
  - A-granules – spheric (300 nm)
  - **glucagon** – hyperglycaemic-glycogenolytic factor
- B – cells (*endocrinocytus B; insulinocytus*)
  - B-granules – spheric (300 nm), specific for species
  - **insulin** – hypoglycaemic factor



# Pancreatic islets (of Langerhans)

## types of cells

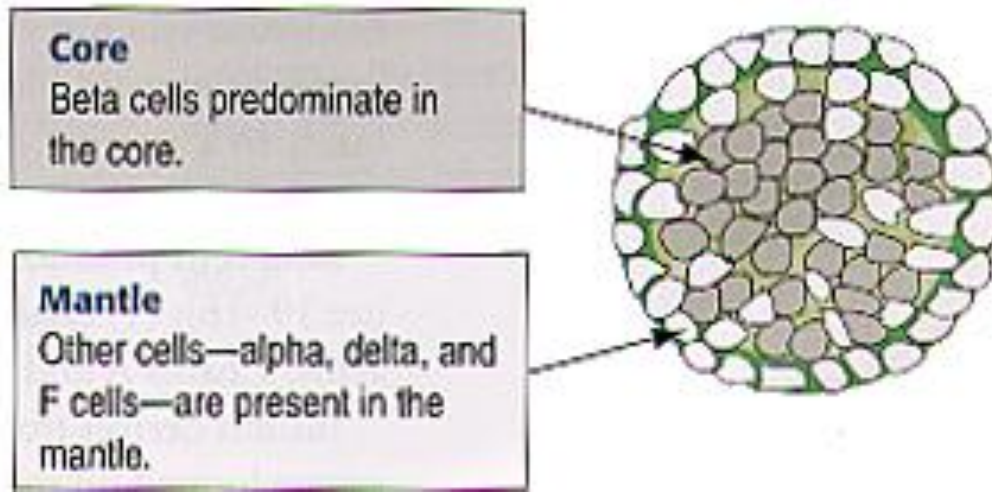
- D – cells (*endocrinocytus D; somatostatinocytus*)
  - $\delta$ -granules – spheric (250 nm), totally filled
  - one long process → paracrine secretion
  - **somatostatin**
- PP – cells (*endocrinocytus PP*)
  - granules – 180 nm, brightest
  - **pancreatic polypeptide** → regulation of pancreatic exocrine part
- (G - cells)
  - production of **gastrin**
- (other)
  - cells producing ghrelin, PYY, D1, EC)

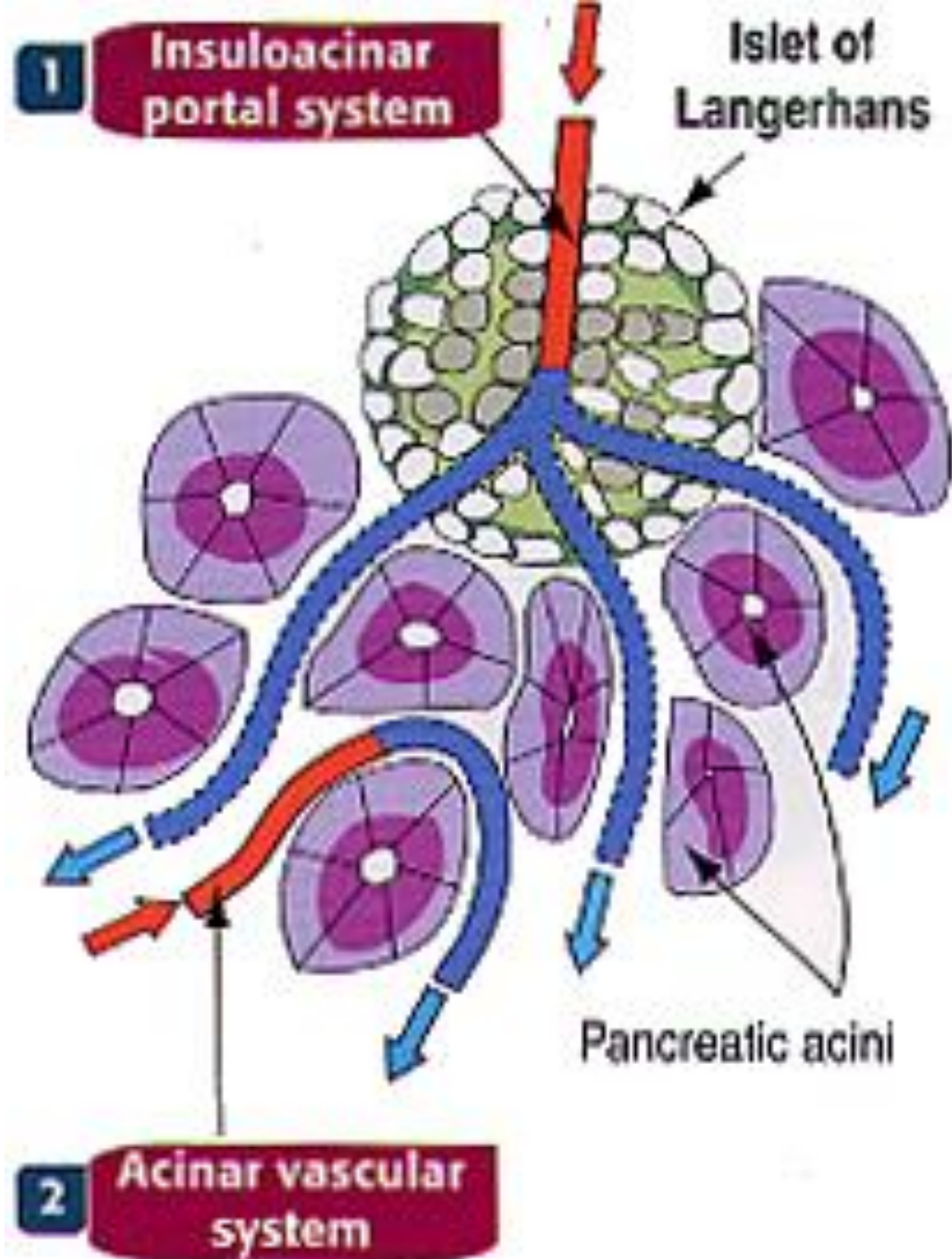


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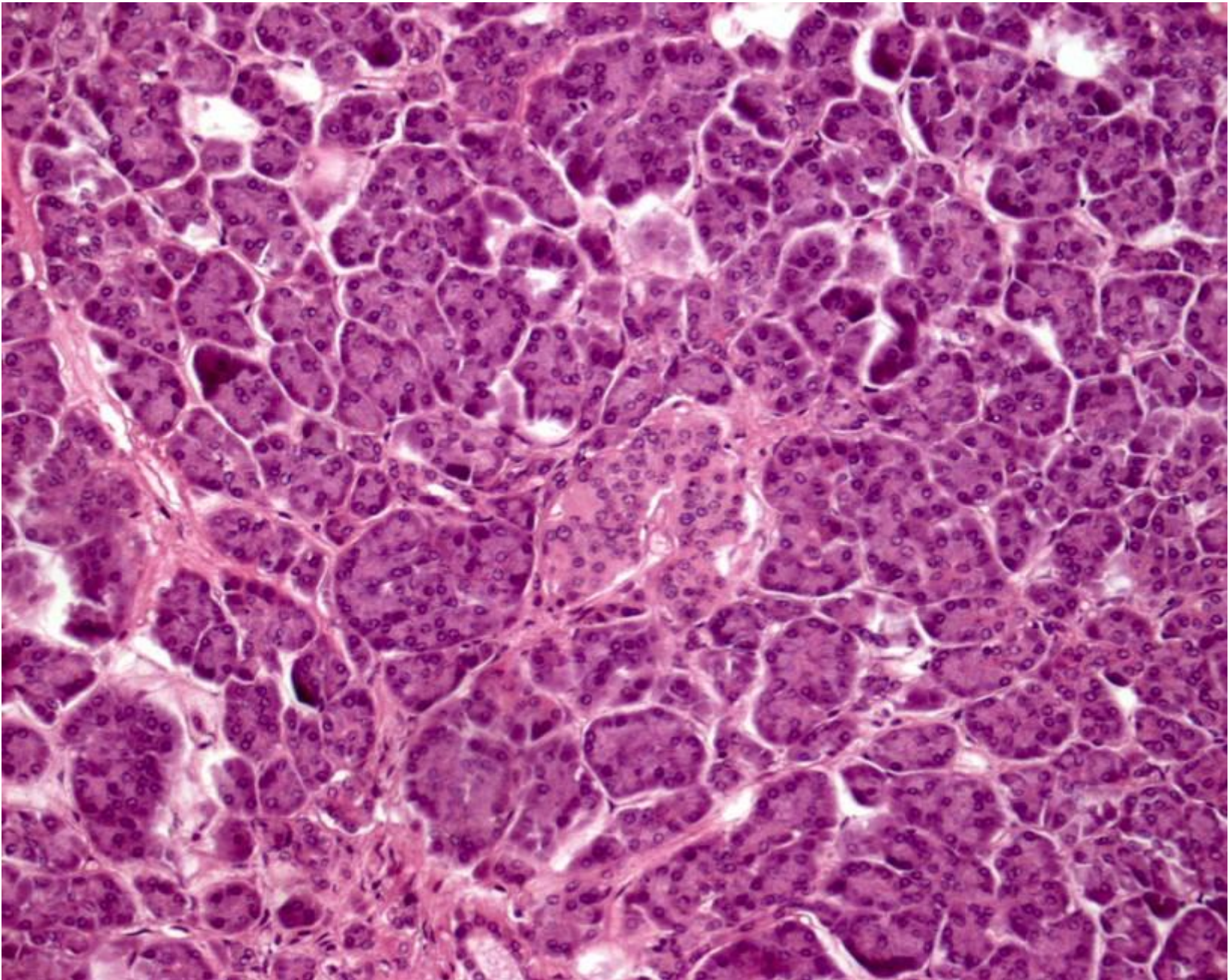
## localization of cells

- cell ratio in pancreas: tail > body > head
  - body + tail – 70 % B, 20 % A, 10 % D, 1 % PP
  - head – 65 % PP, 25 % B, 7 % D, 3 % A
- cell localization within an islet:
  - B-cells in the core
  - A, D, PP in the mantle

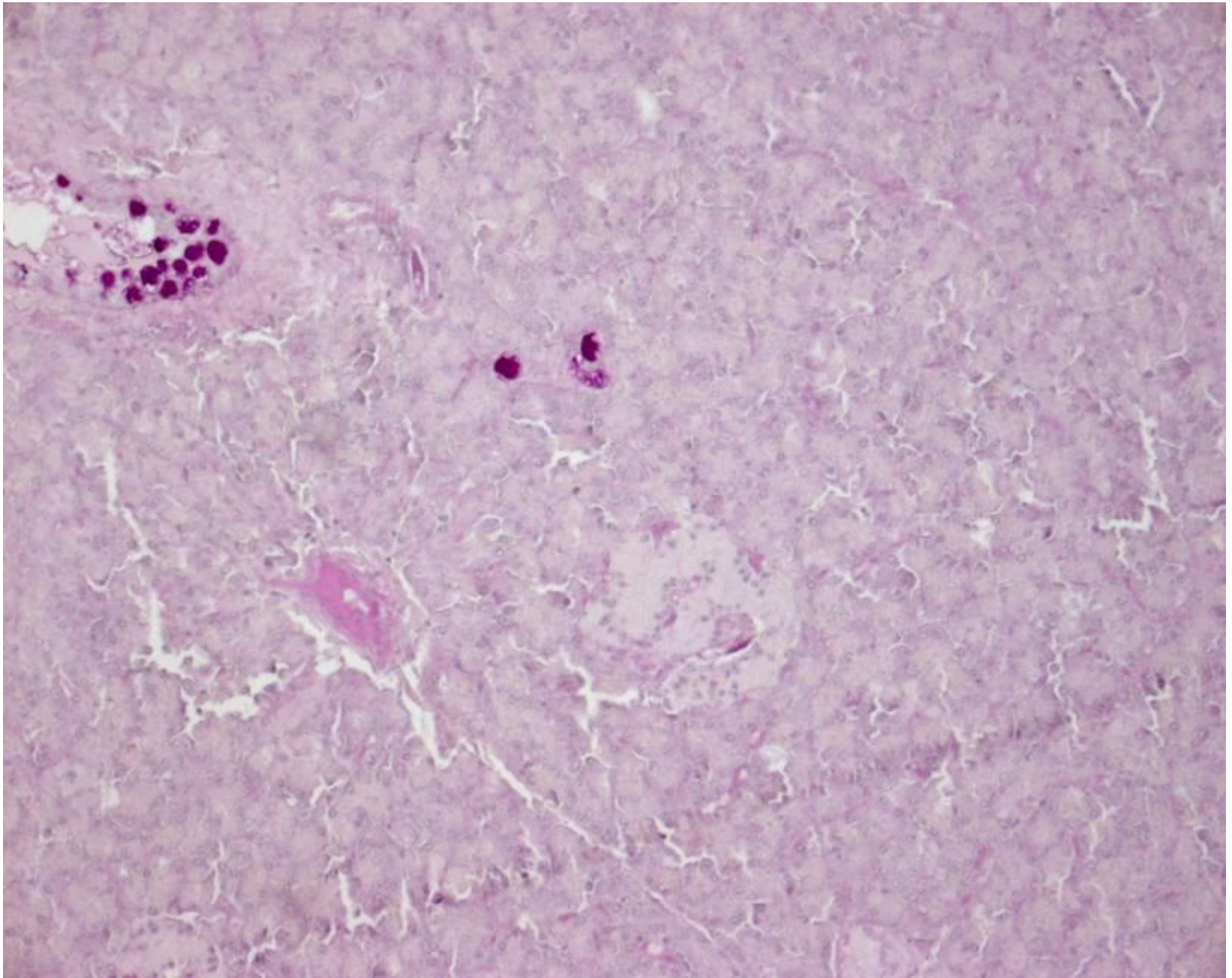




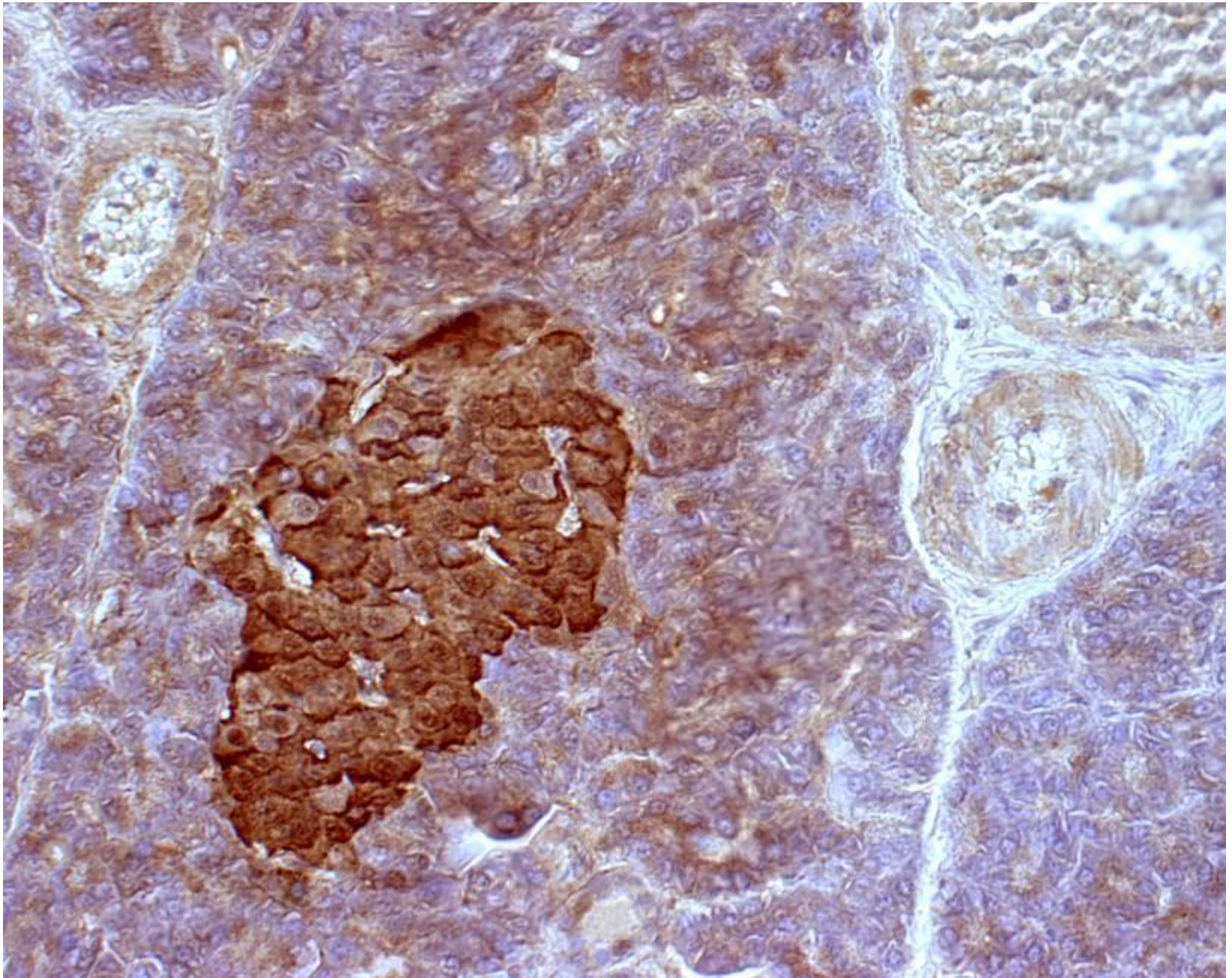
# Insulae pancreaticae



# Insulae pancreaticae PAS + Hem



# Insulae pancreaticae - ABC prove of insulin E10



# Pancreatic islets (of Langerhans) development

- differentiate from indifferent pancreatic cells
  - separate from ducts
  - first A-cells, later B, D and PP
  - *insular field* – all types mixed
  - *mantle islets* – B in core, A in mantle
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- insulin from 10th week
  - glucagon in 15th week

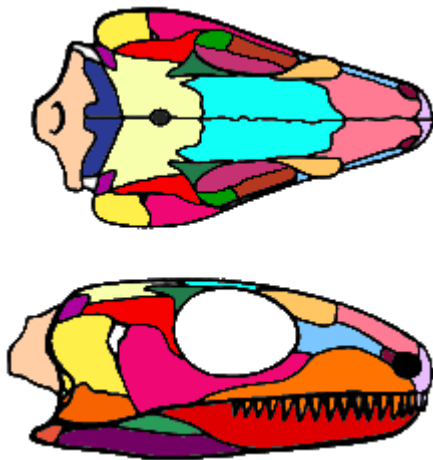
# Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia = MEN syndrome

- multiple neoplasia of endocrine glands
- usually hereditary (autosomally dominant)
- 3 types
- MEN 1 = carcinoma of **gl. parathyroidea**, **pancreas** and **hypophysis**
- MEN 2a = medullary carcinoma of **gl. thyroidea** (MTC), **pheochromocytoma** and carcinoma of **gl. parathyroidea**
- MEN 2b = medullary carcinoma of **gl. thyroidea** (MTC), **pheochromocytoma** and **neuromas**

# *Glandula pinealis; Corpus pineale* Pineal gland

= epiphysis – obsolete term

- developmental relation to parietal eye
- hateria – New Zealand (*Sphenodon punctatus*)
- reaction to polarized light (lunar biorhythms)

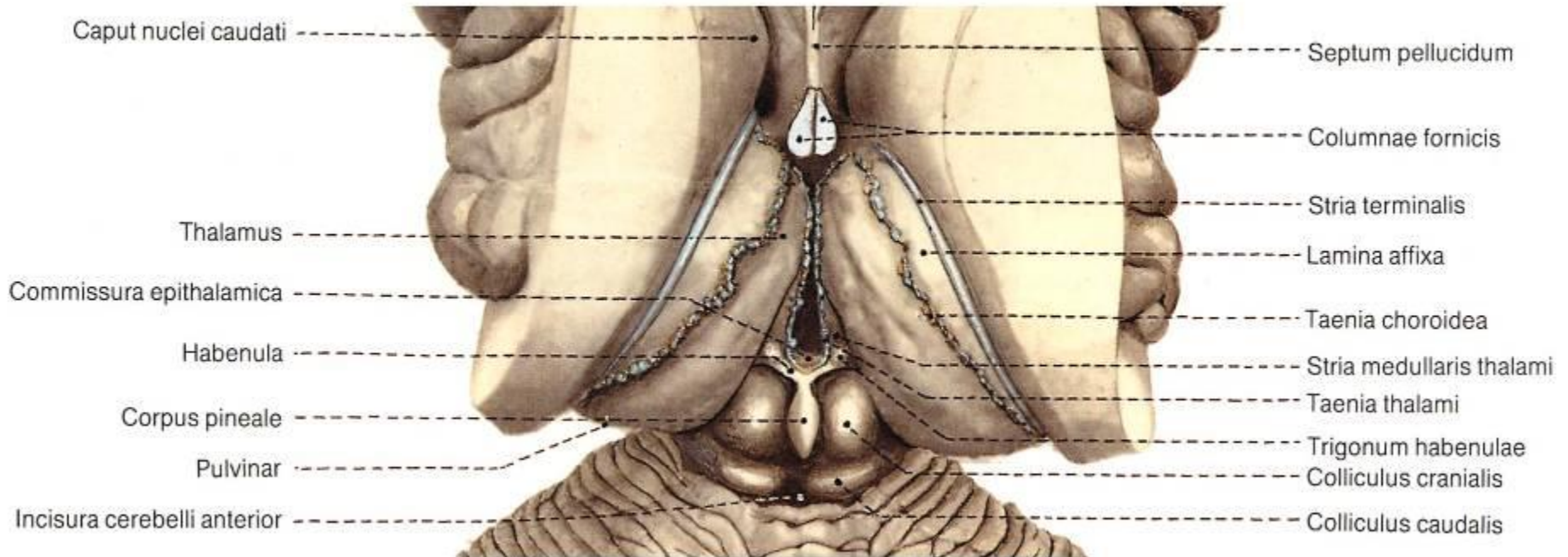
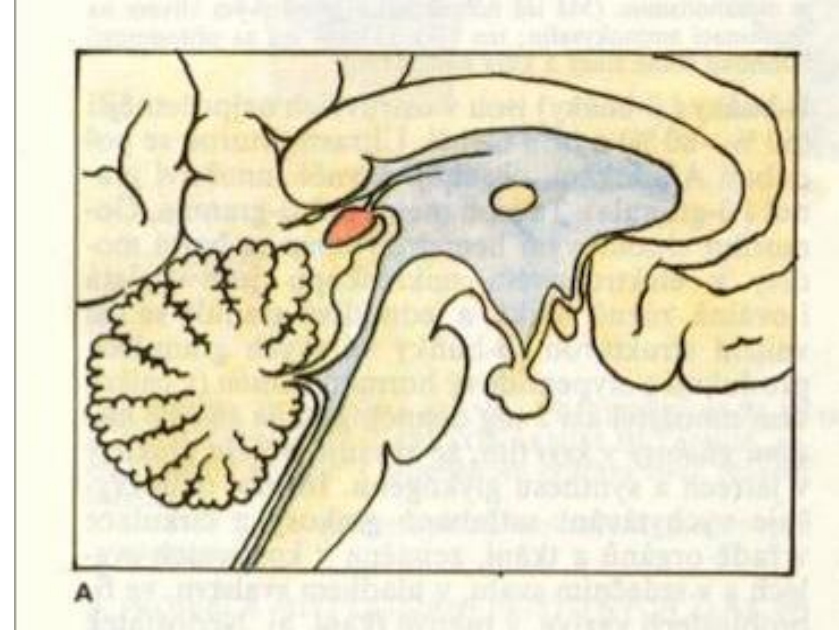


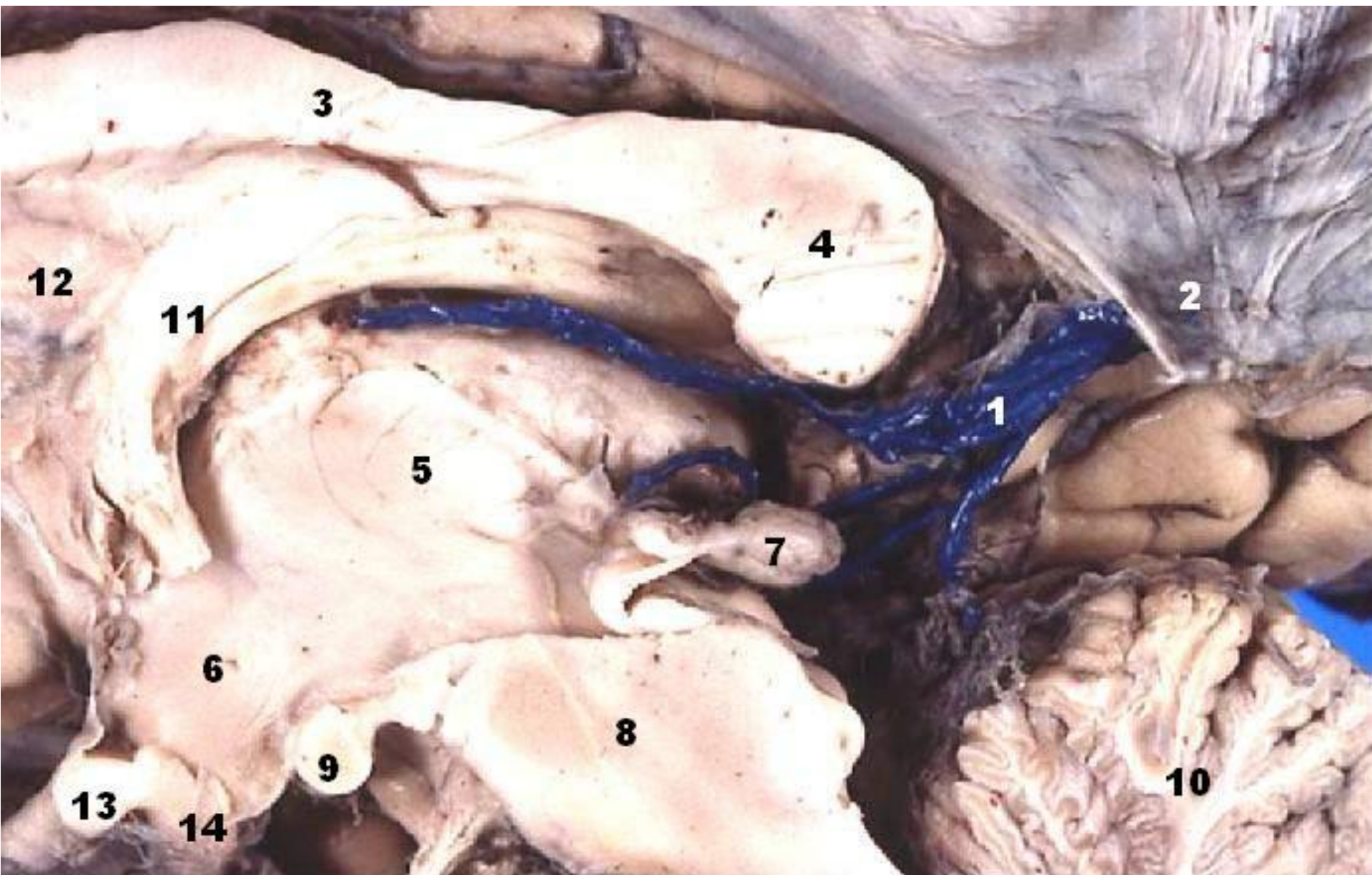


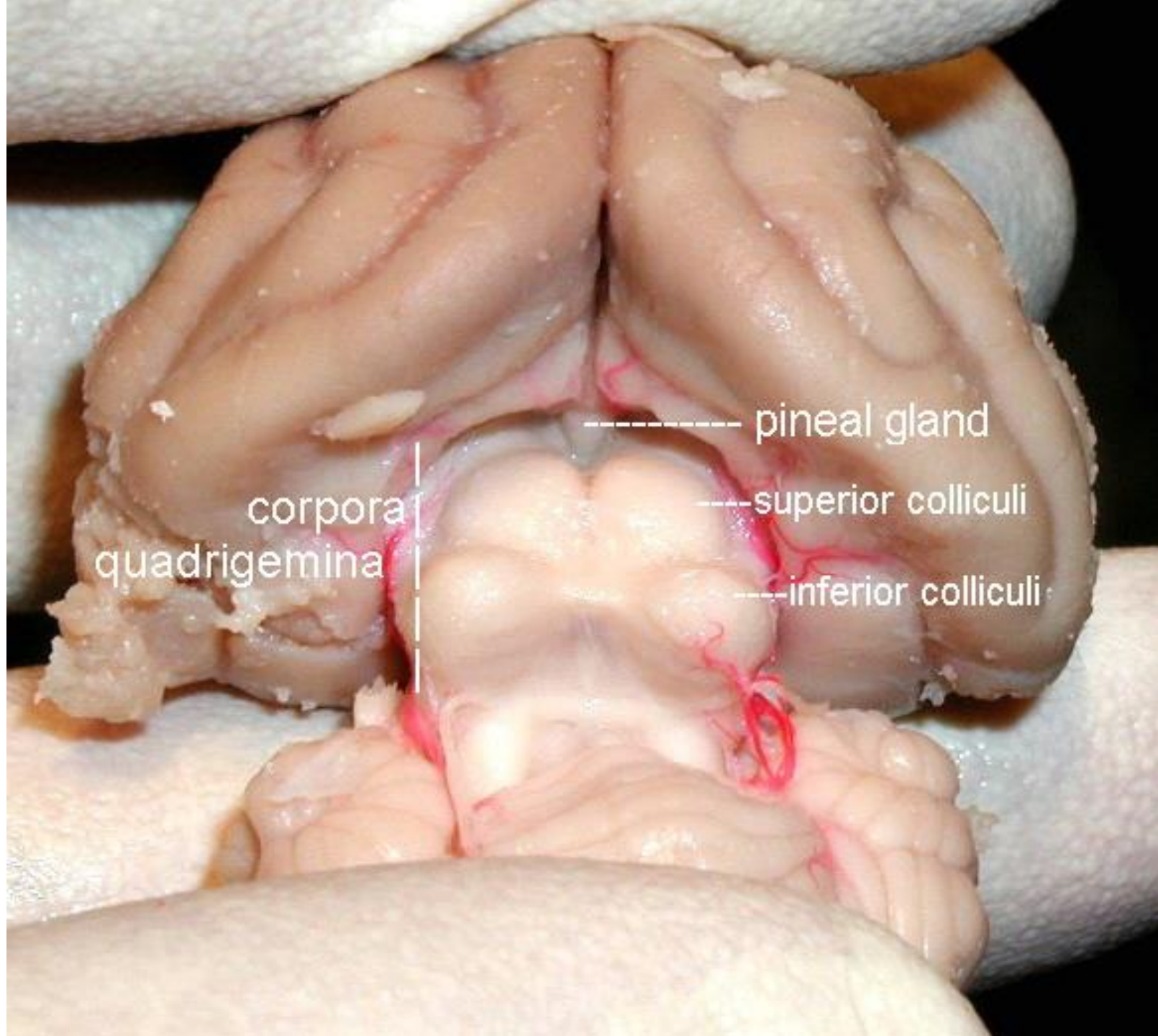
# Pineal gland

- behind upper posterior end of 3rd ventricle
- part of epithalamus
- rudimentary endocrine gland with suppressive effect on sexual glands → pubertas praecox
- dorsally extends above brain stem (above lamina quadrigemina of midbrain)
- *melatonine* → change of level during day
- acervulus cerebri (= calcium concrements in adults) – CT, MRI

# Pineal gland







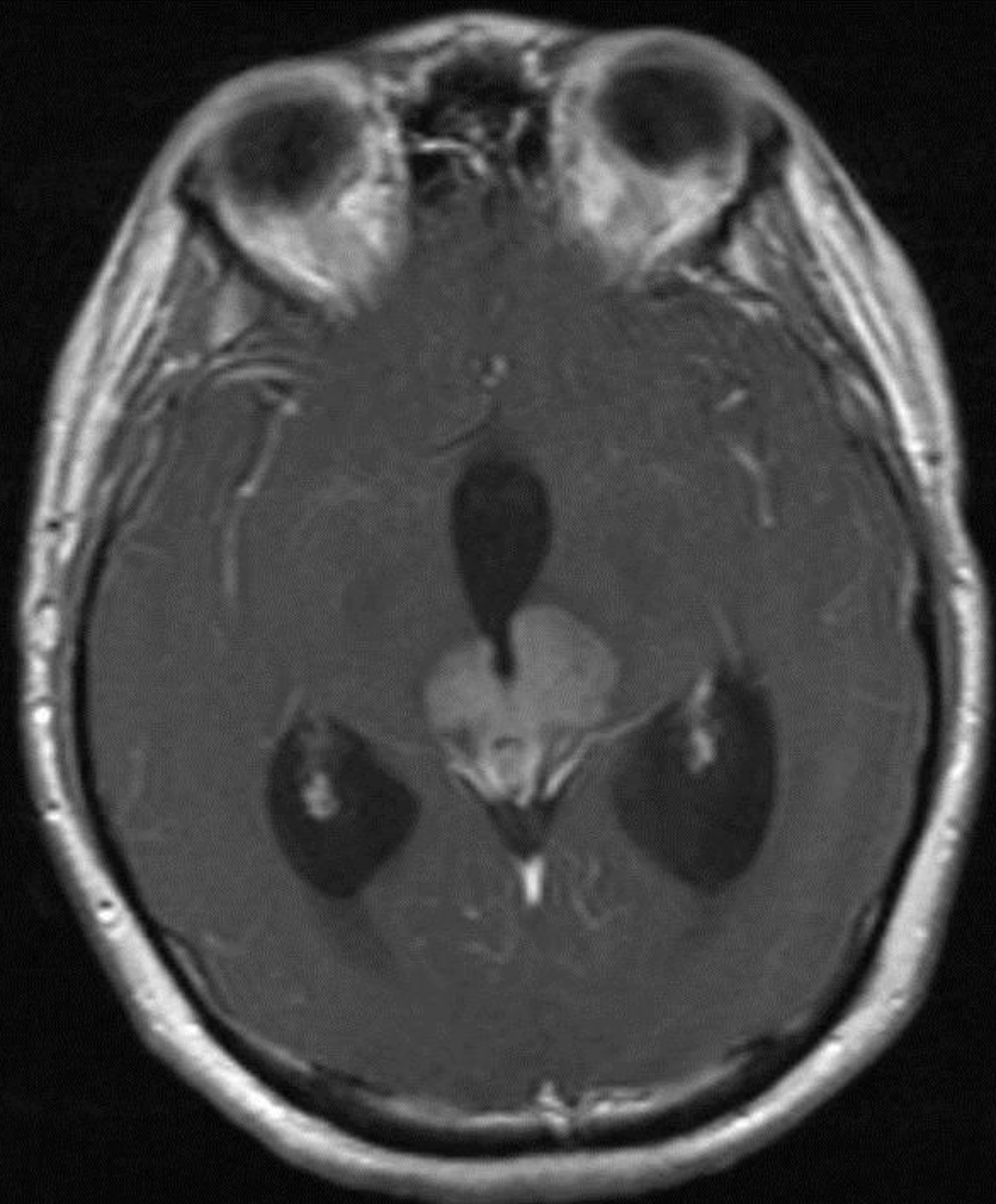
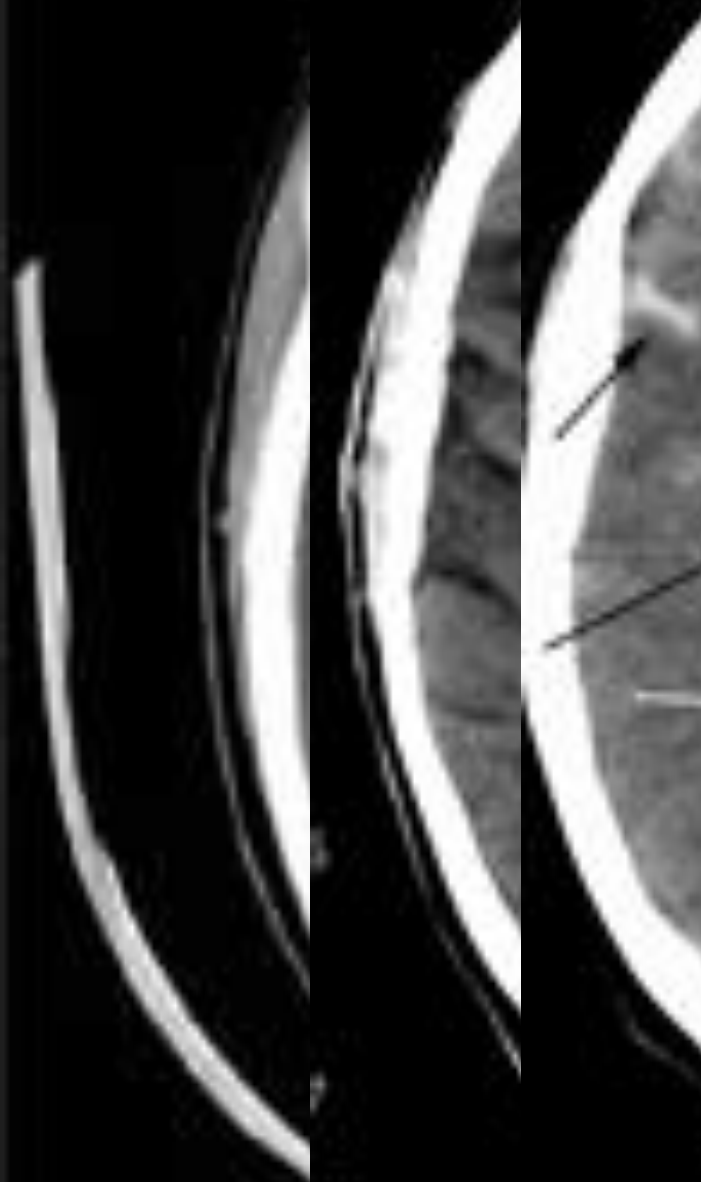
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quadrigemina

pineal gland

superior colliculi

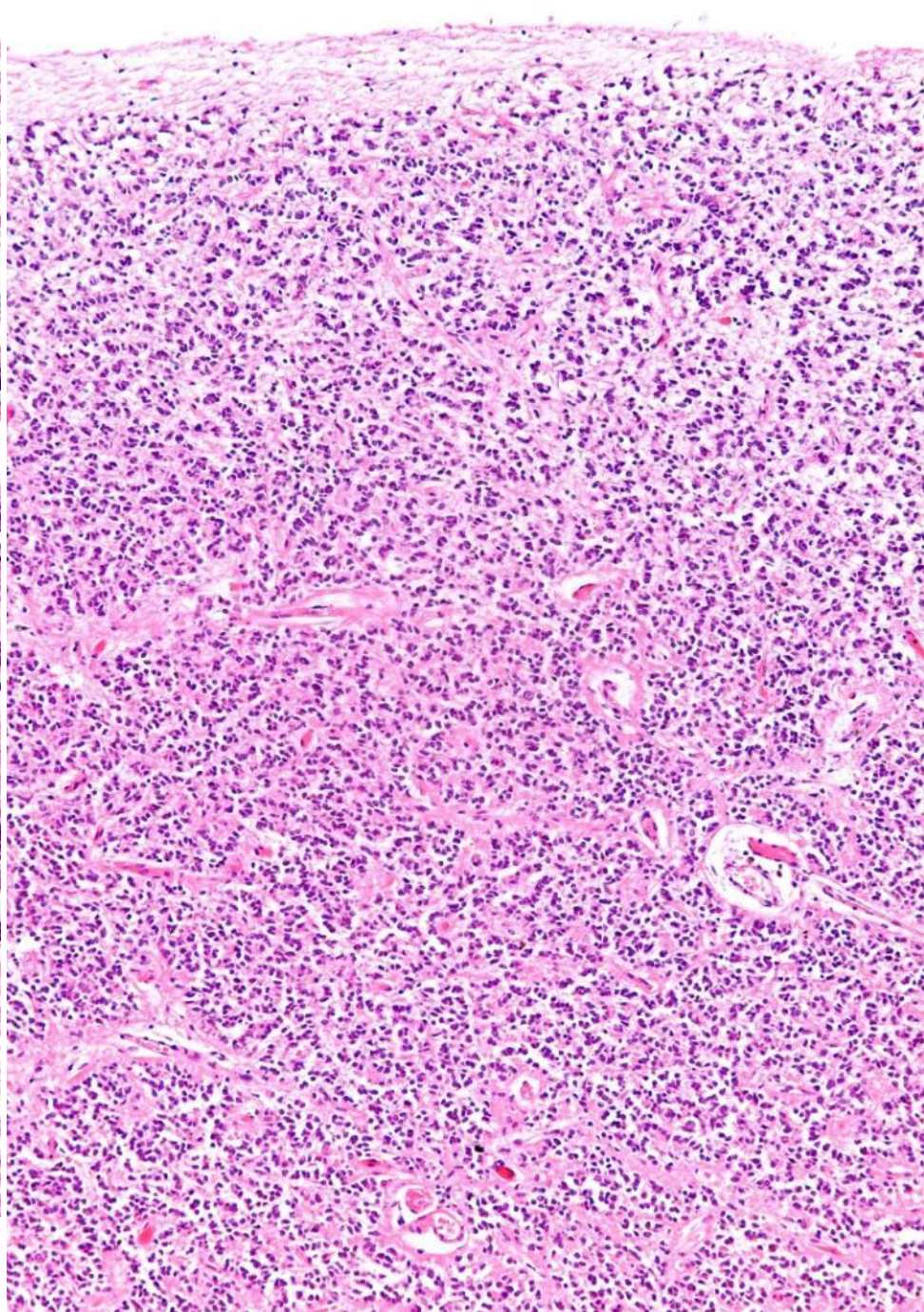
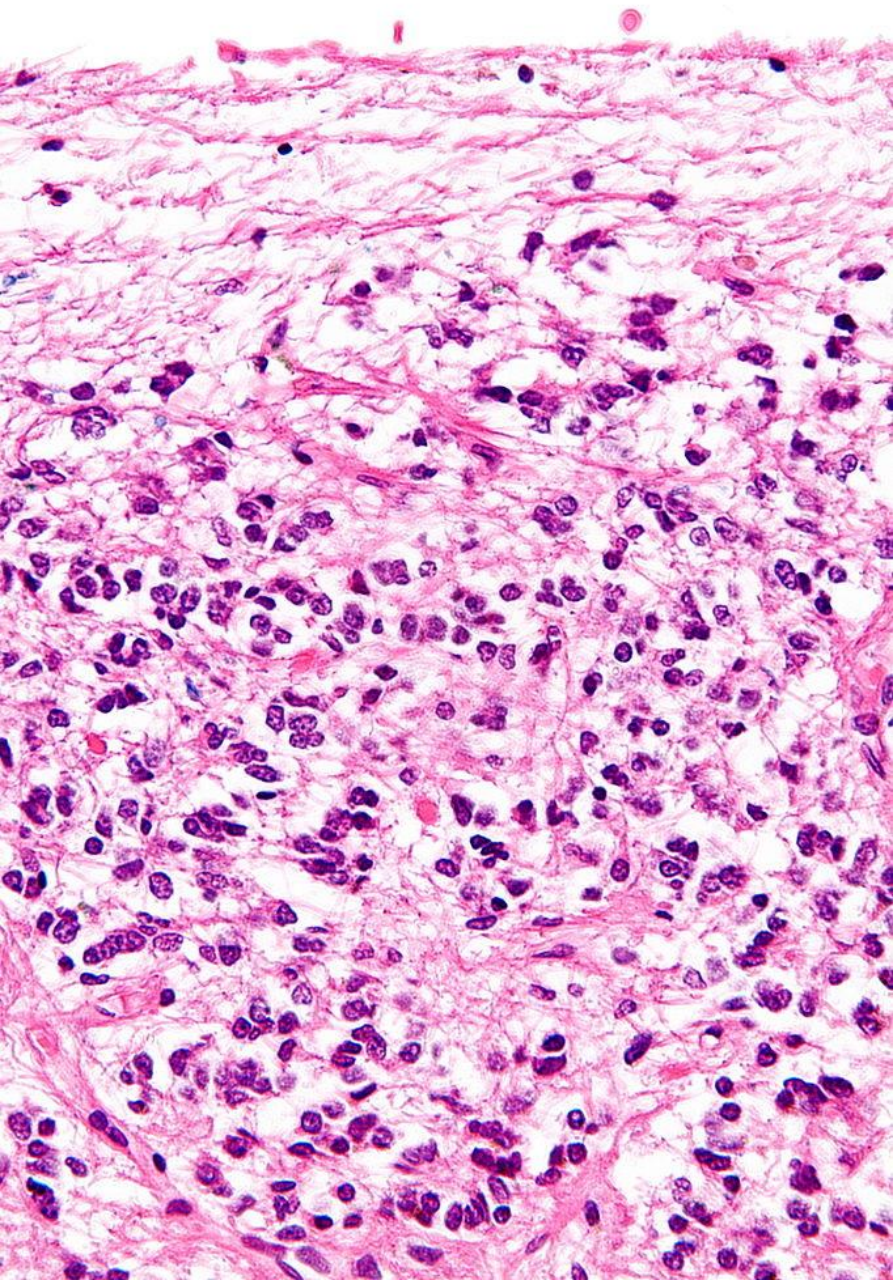
inferior colliculi

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# Glandula pinealis – structure

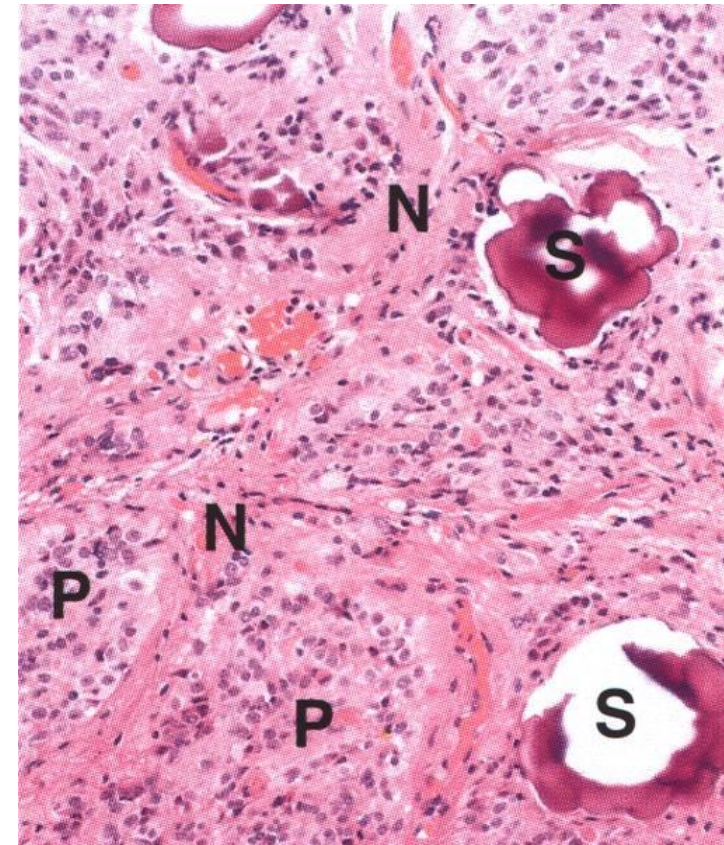
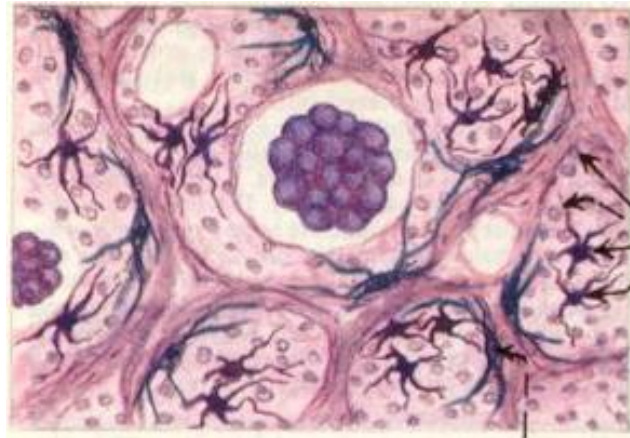
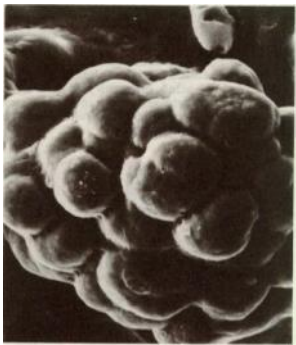
- capsule from *pia mater* → septa
- pinealocytes (*pinealocyti*)
  - nucleus with prominent nucleolus, basophilic cytoplasm
  - production of **melatonin**
    - level changes during the day
- interstitial/astroglial cells (*astrocyti*)
  - bar-shaped nucleus
- n. pinealis → neurofibra non myelinata



# Glandula pinealis – „brain sand“

## acervulus; corpus arenaceum

- concrements of protein material with calcium salts
- amount elevates with age
- CT, MRI





# Heart

- atrial cardiomyocytes
- **atrial natriuretic peptide / factor (ANP / ANF)**
- peptide
- vasodilatory and natriuretic effects (increased excretion of  $\text{Na}^+$  ions and consequently water in the kidneys)
  
- ventricular cardiomyocytes
- **brain natriuretic peptide (BNP)**
- higher plasma concentration in heart failure → diagnostic marker

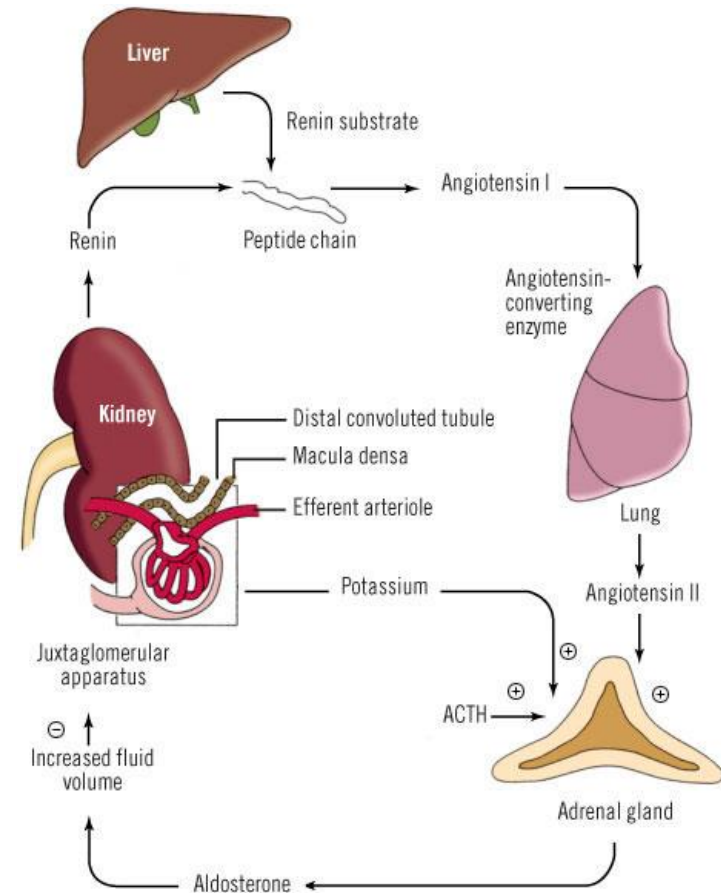
# Kidneys – erythropoietin

- peritubular interstitial cells of the cortex
- **erythropoietin**
- glycoprotein
- the stimulus is hypoxia (reduced oxygen level in the kidney)
- it ensures erythropoiesis alignment and reduces the physiologically occurring progenitor cell apoptosis
- in case of lack anemia develops, e.g. in chronic kidney disease
- possible substitution treatment
- abuse in sports doping

# Juxtaglomerulární aparát

## *Complexus juxtaglomerularis*

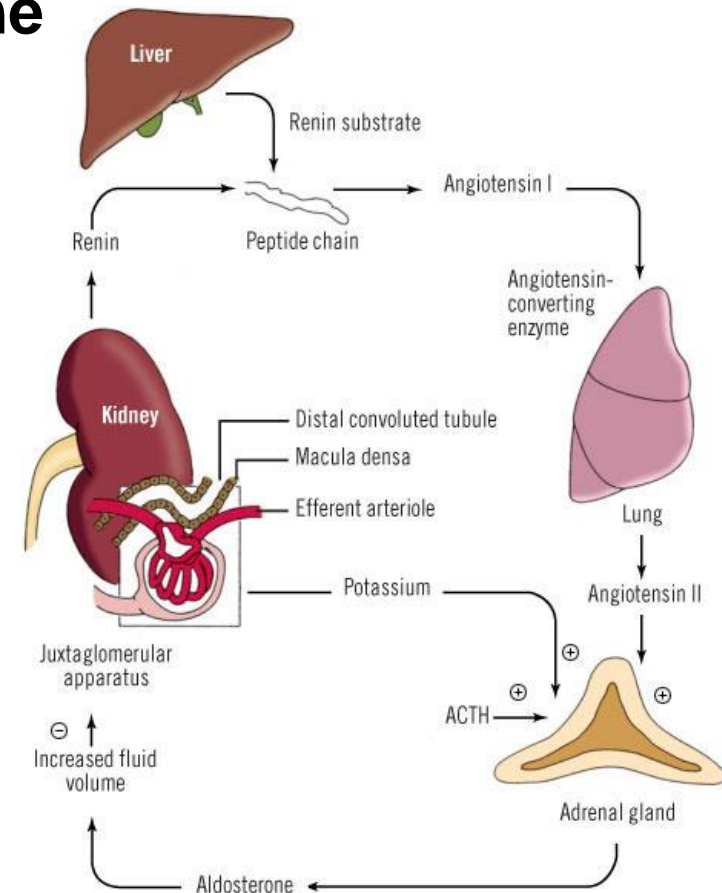
- granulární buňky arteriola afferens + efferens
  - = juxtaglomerulární buňky (*juxtaglomerulocytus*)
    - přeměněné svalové buňky tunica media
    - mechanoreceptory
    - tvoří renin
- macula densa distálního kanálku (*epitheliocytus maculae densae*)
  - chemoreceptory
- mezangiální buňky (*mesangiocytus extraglomerularis Goormaghtighi*; Lacis cell)
- funkce:
  - **regulace krevního tlaku**
  - systém **renin-angiotensin-aldosteron (RAA)**



# Kidney – RAA axis

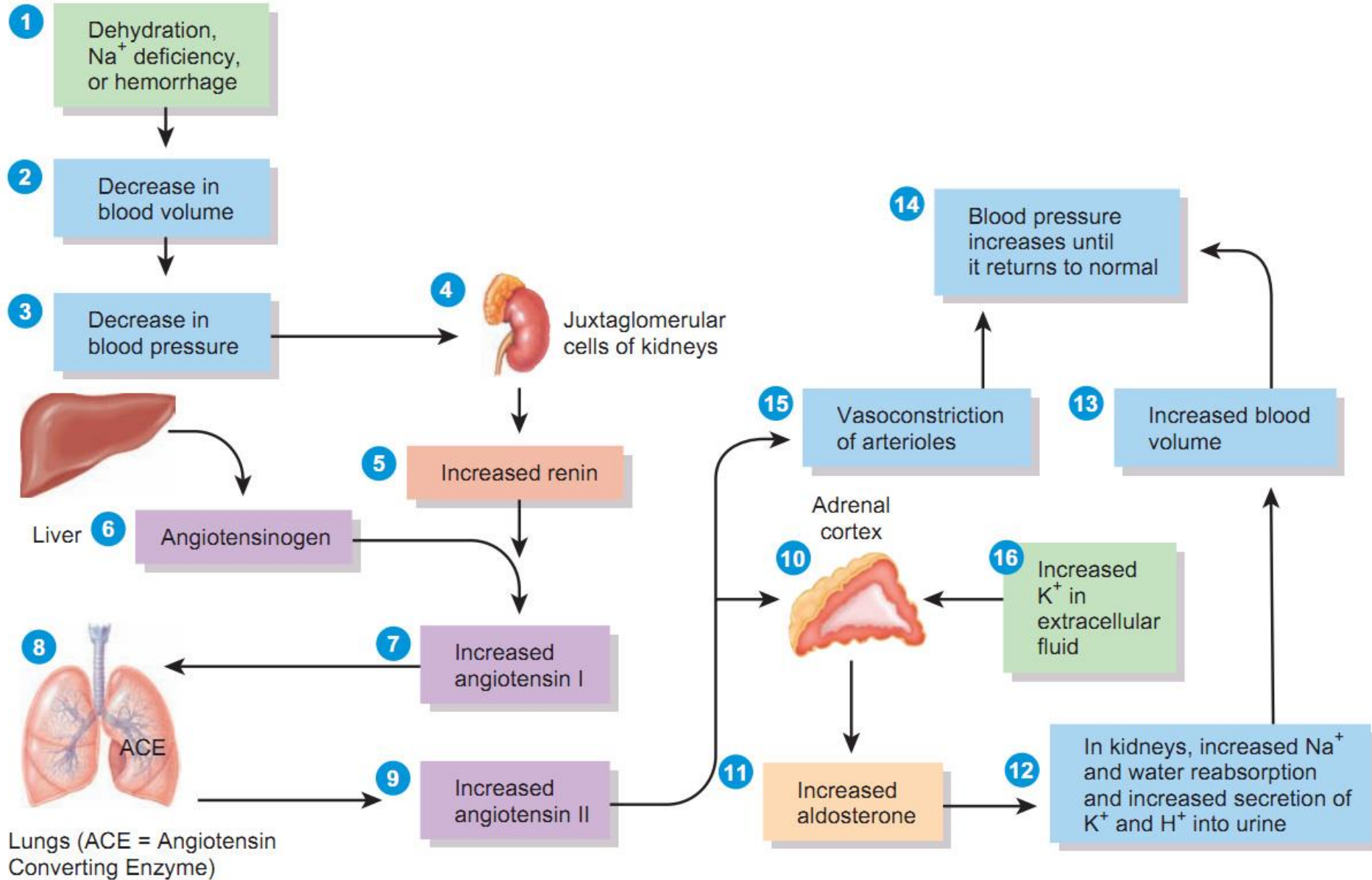
## Juxtaglomerular apparatus (*Complexus juxtaglomerularis*)

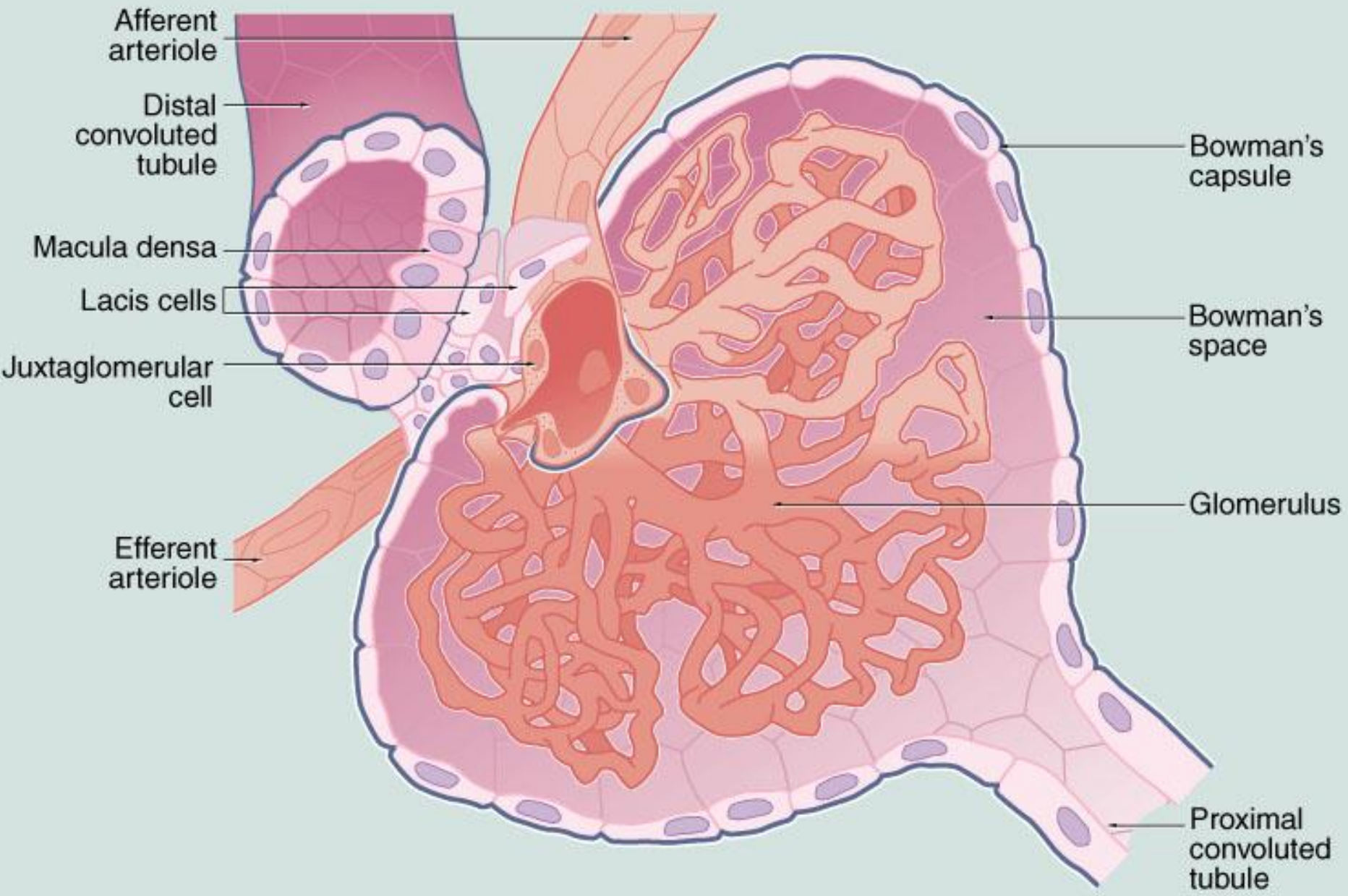
- **regulation of blood pressure**
- system **renin-angiotensin-aldosterone (RAA)**
- granular cells of arteriola afferens + efferens
  - = juxtaglomerular cells (*juxtaglomerulocytus*)
    - transformed muscle cells of tunica media
    - mechanoreceptors
    - produce renin
- macula densa of distal tubule
  - = *epitheliocytus maculae densae*
    - chemoreceptor
- extraglomerular mesangial cells
  - = *mesangiocytus extraglomerularis*  
*Goormaghtighi*; lacis cell



## Regulation of aldosterone secretion by the renin–angiotensin–aldosterone (RAA) pathway.

Aldosterone helps regulate blood volume, blood pressure, and levels of  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ , and  $\text{H}^+$  in the blood.





Afferent arteriole

Distal convoluted tubule

Macula densa

Lacis cells

Juxtaglomerular cell

Efferent arteriole

Bowman's capsule

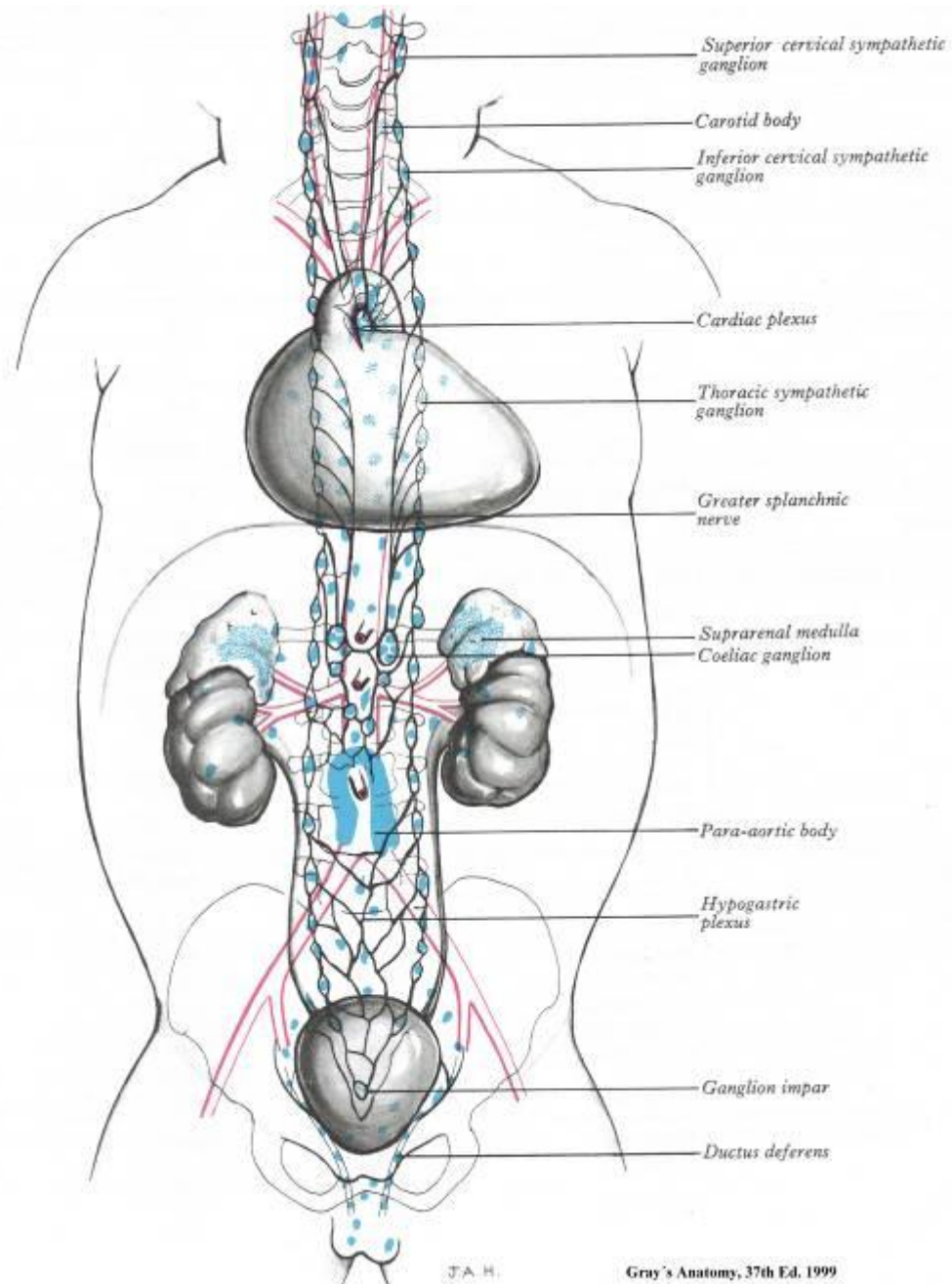
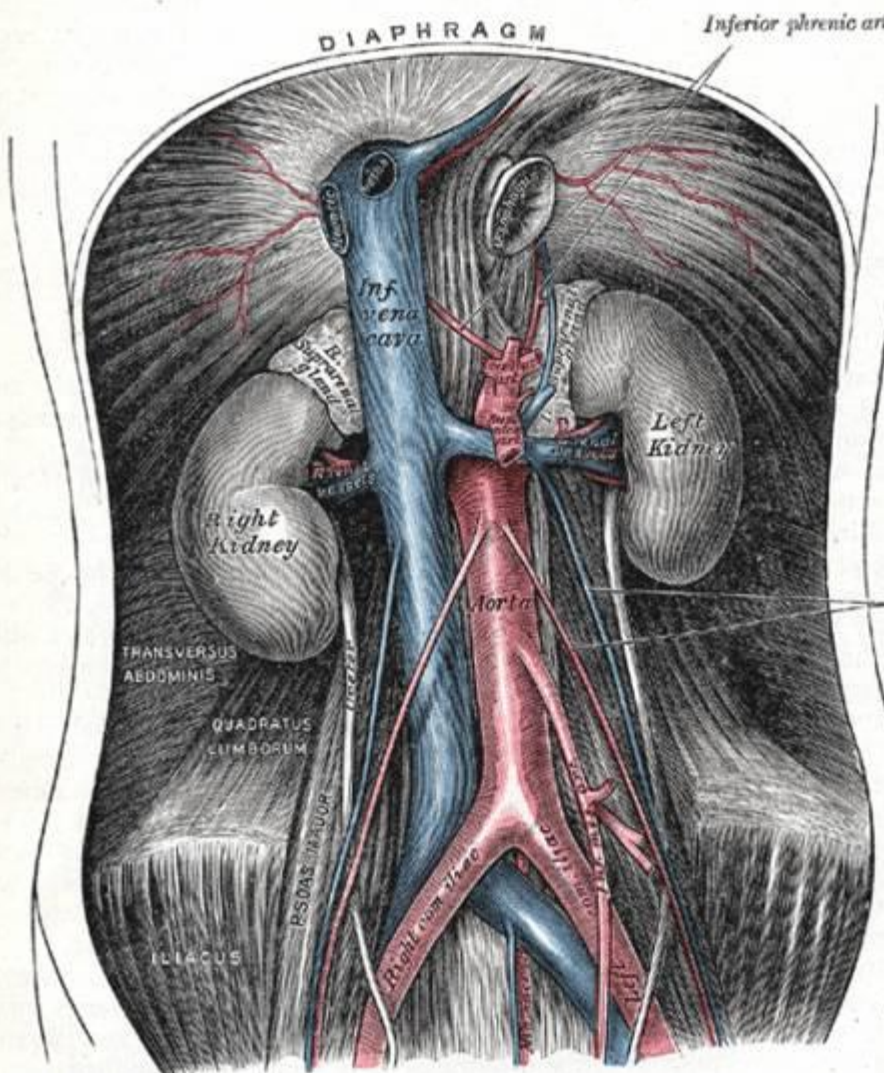
Bowman's space

Glomerulus

Proximal convoluted tubule

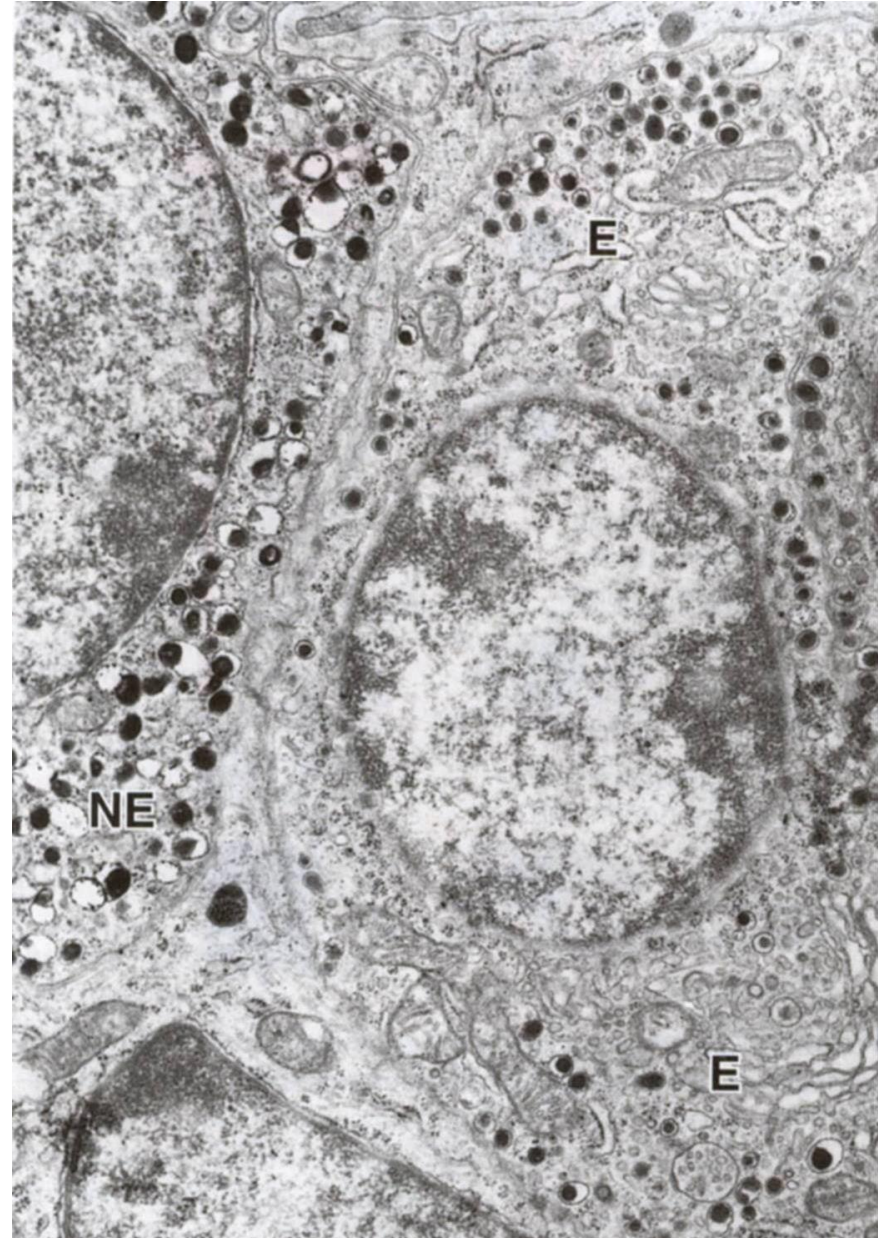
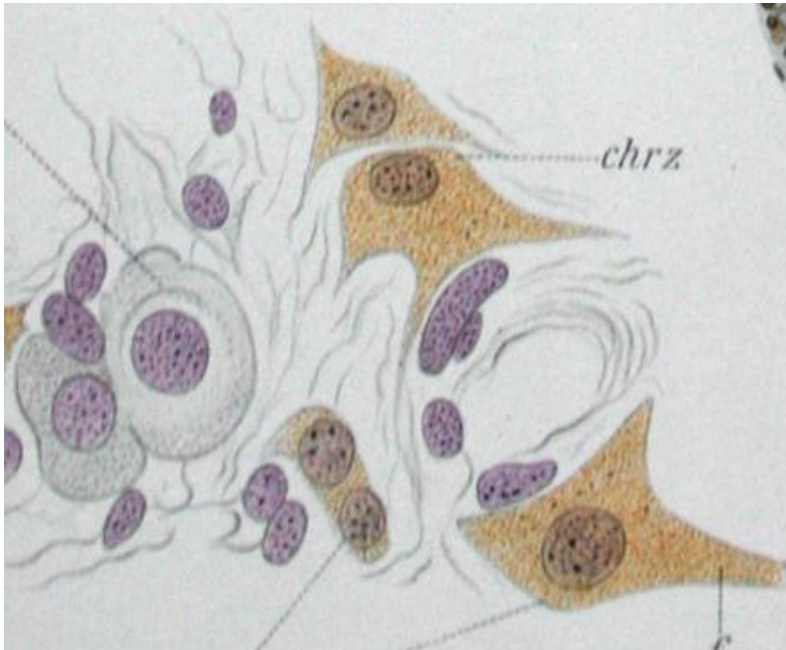
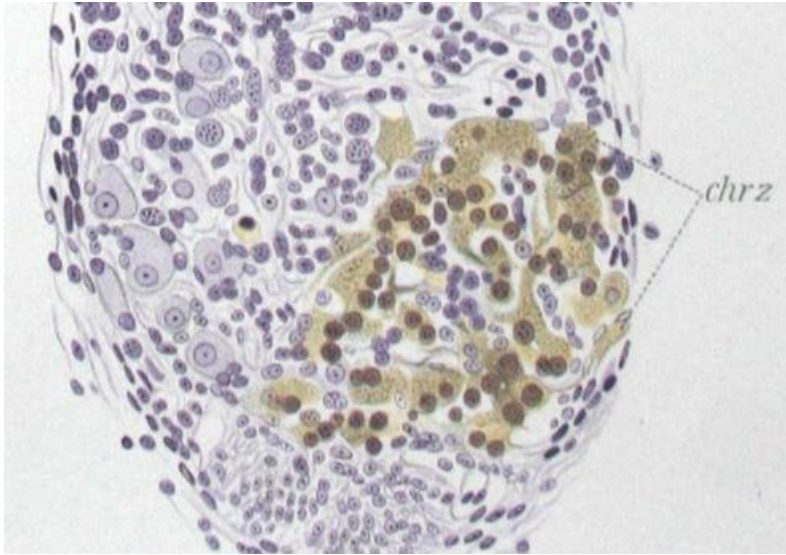
# Paraganglia

- chromaffin (former *paraganglia sympathica*)
  - paraganglion aorticum abdominale  
*Zuckermandli*
  - glomus coccygeum *Luschkae*
  - glomus jugulare
- without chromaffin reaction (former *paraganglia parasymphica*)
  - baro- and chemoreceptors
  - *glomus caroticum* and *glomus aorticum*





# Chromaffin cells of paraganglia



# Disseminated endocrine cells

- endocrine cells of digestive and respiratory tract buňky (DNES, obsolete APUD)
- „closed“ type – „opened“ type
- contain frequent granula
- many types = plenty of hormones regulating functions of digestive and respiratory tracts

