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Nose & ParaNasal Sinuses

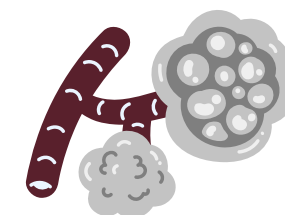
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The Nasal Cavity

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1- Components & Structural Organization of the RS

1) Nose (External Nose & Nasal cavity)

2) Pharynx, which is divided into:

- Nasopharynx
- Oropharynx
- Laryngopharynx

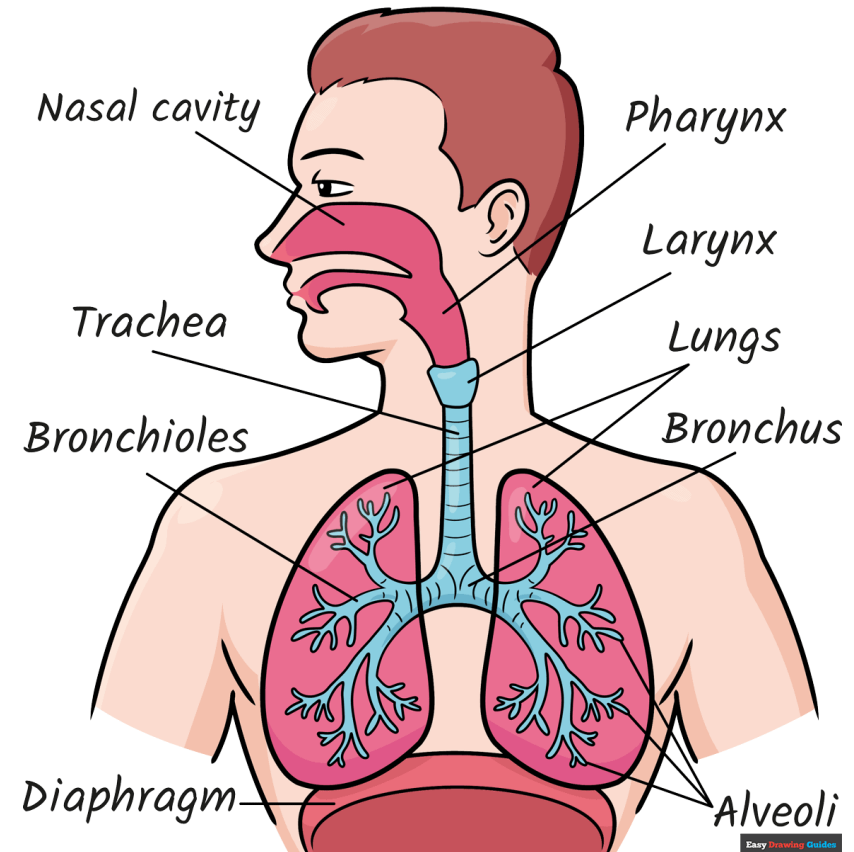
3) Larynx

4) Trachea

5) Bronchial tree within the lungs

- ✓ Right and left main bronchi
- ✓ Secondary bronchi
- ✓ Tertiary bronchi

Bronchi contain cartilage, which helps maintain airway patency.



1- Components & Structural Organization of the RS

✓ Bronchioles:

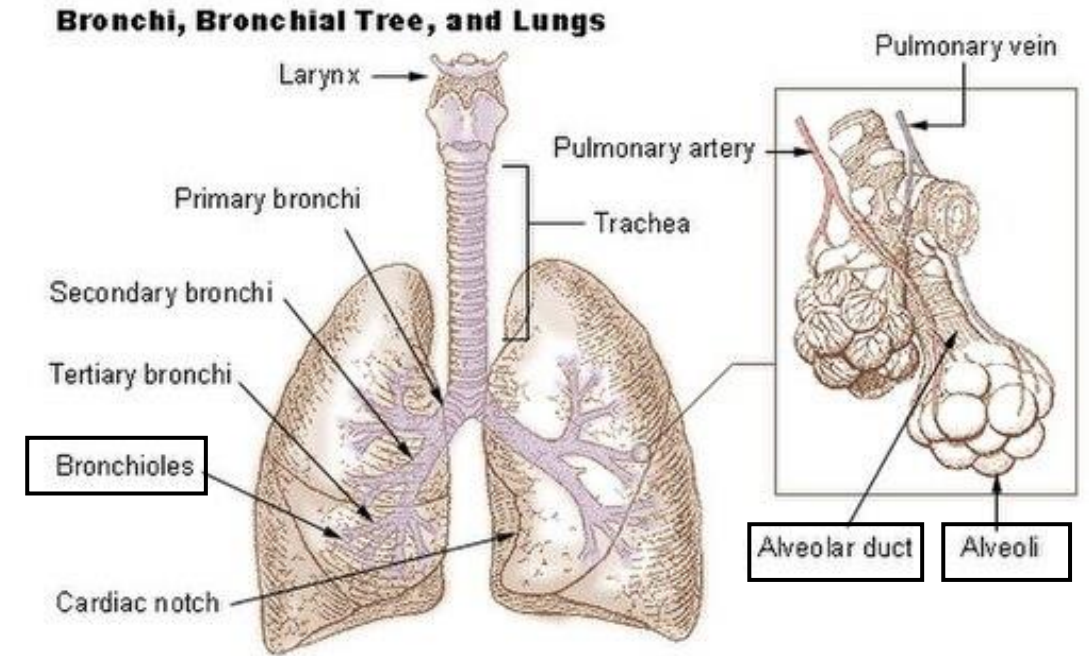
- *Lack cartilage*
- Divided into:
- ✓ Conducting bronchioles → air passage only
- ✓ Respiratory bronchioles → gas exchange

✓ Respiratory bronchioles

▪ Alveolar ducts

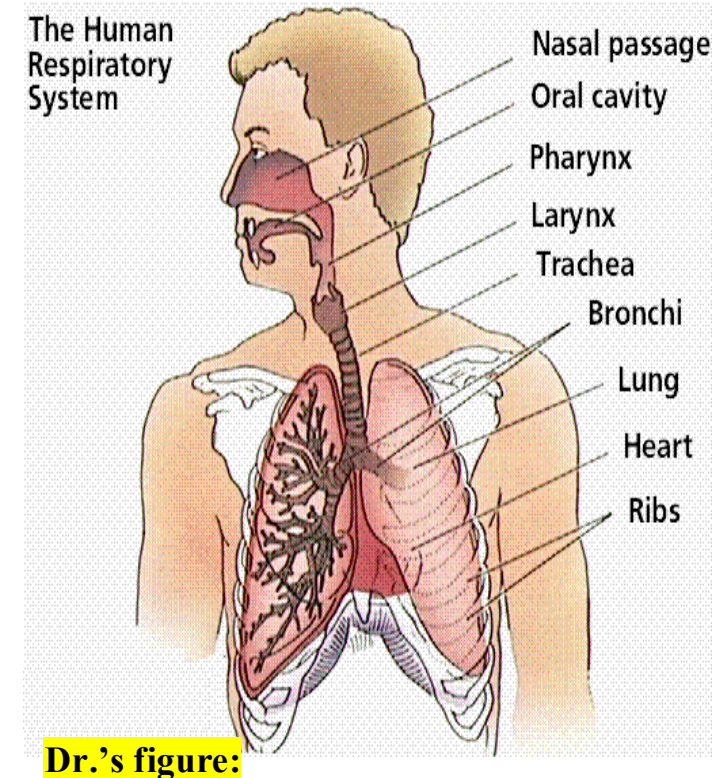
▪ Alveoli

- Lined by **simple squamous epithelium**.
- Each lung contains billions of alveoli.
- Each alveolus is surrounded by the largest capillary network in the body for gas exchange.



2- Function of the RS

- Provides for **gas exchange**
 - ✓ The alveoli and surrounding capillaries are the primary site of gas exchange, ensuring that oxygen enters the bloodstream and carbon dioxide is removed efficiently.
- **Regulates blood PH** which is directly influenced by the levels of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the blood.
- **Filters the inspired air.** *Slide 13/21*
- Contains receptors for **smell**, and produce **vocal sounds** (phonation), The true vocal cords in the larynx are responsible for vibration and sound production during phonation *slide 19/ 41*
- **Excretes** small amounts of water and heat. *slide 24*



2- Function of the RS

➤ Related to CLINICAL :

- ✓ When a patient arrives at the emergency department, the **first** priority is to assess respiration, it is essential to determine whether the patient breathing or not.
Oxygen deprivation for as little as 2 to 5 minutes can lead to brain death.
- ✓ Patients referred to the pulmonary section often undergo arterial blood gas analysis, which measures **oxygen (O₂)**, **carbon dioxide (CO₂)**, and **blood pH**.
- ✓ *Note:* arterial blood is used, not venous blood, as it reflects the gas exchange in the lungs and provides information about the acid–base balance of the blood.

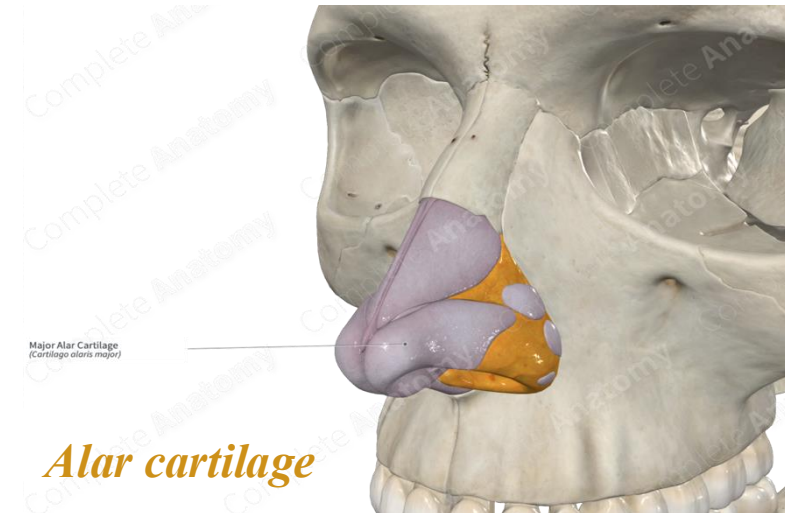
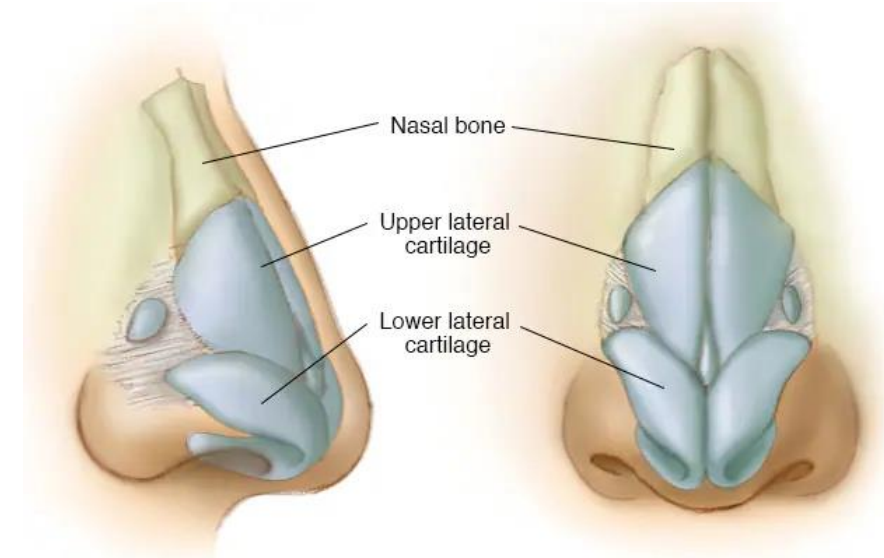
3- Anatomy of the External Nose

➤ **Anteriorly Cartilaginous framework** (All are plates of hyaline cartilage) :

1. Lateral nasal cartilage (Superior & inferior)

2. Alar cartilage (bulge)

- ✓ Located on the lateral side of the nose
- ✓ Composed of cartilage, fat, and muscles
Includes dilator and compressor muscles, which help control nostril movement.

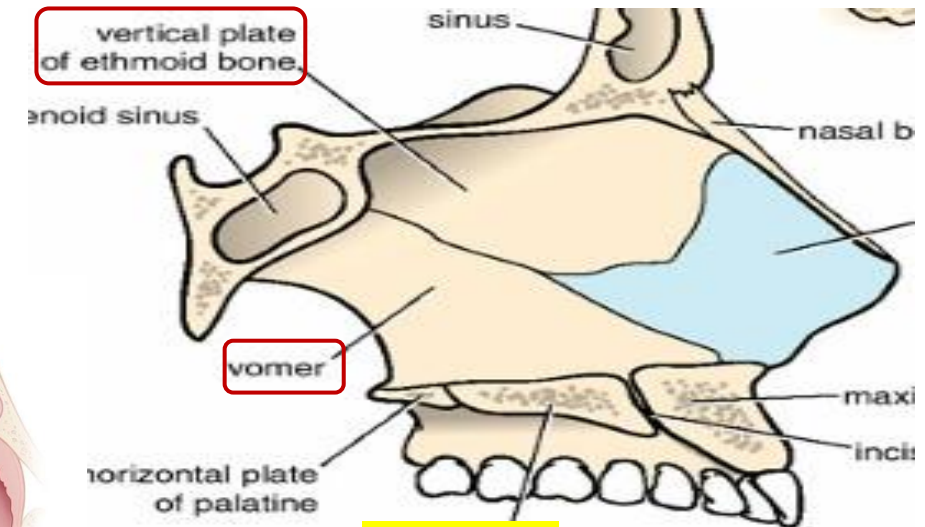
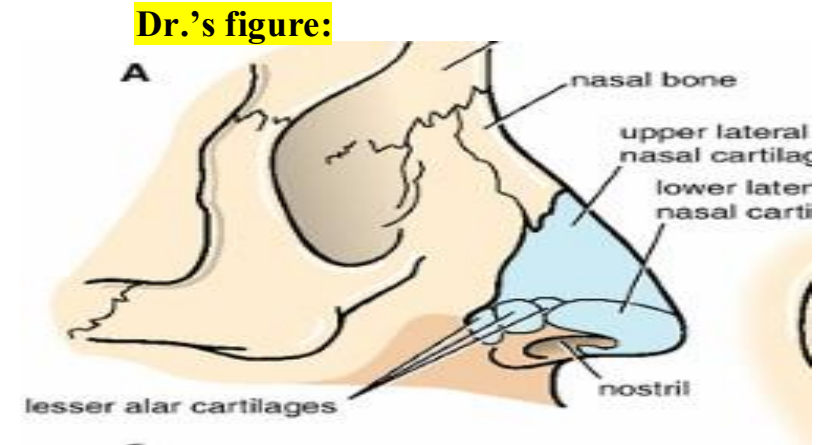
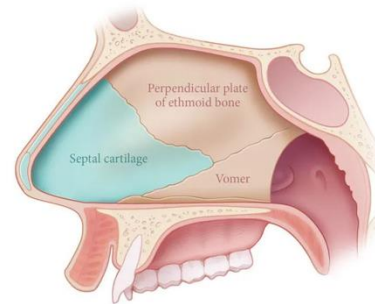


3- Anatomy of the External Nose

- **Anteriorly Cartilaginous framework** (All are plates of hyaline cartilage) :

3. Nasal Septum

- Forms the **medial wall** of the nasal cavity, dividing it into two chambers.
- Composed of three main parts:
 - ✓ *Anterior* cartilaginous part
 - ✓ *Perpendicular/ Vertical* plate of the ethmoid bone
 - ✓ *Vomer*



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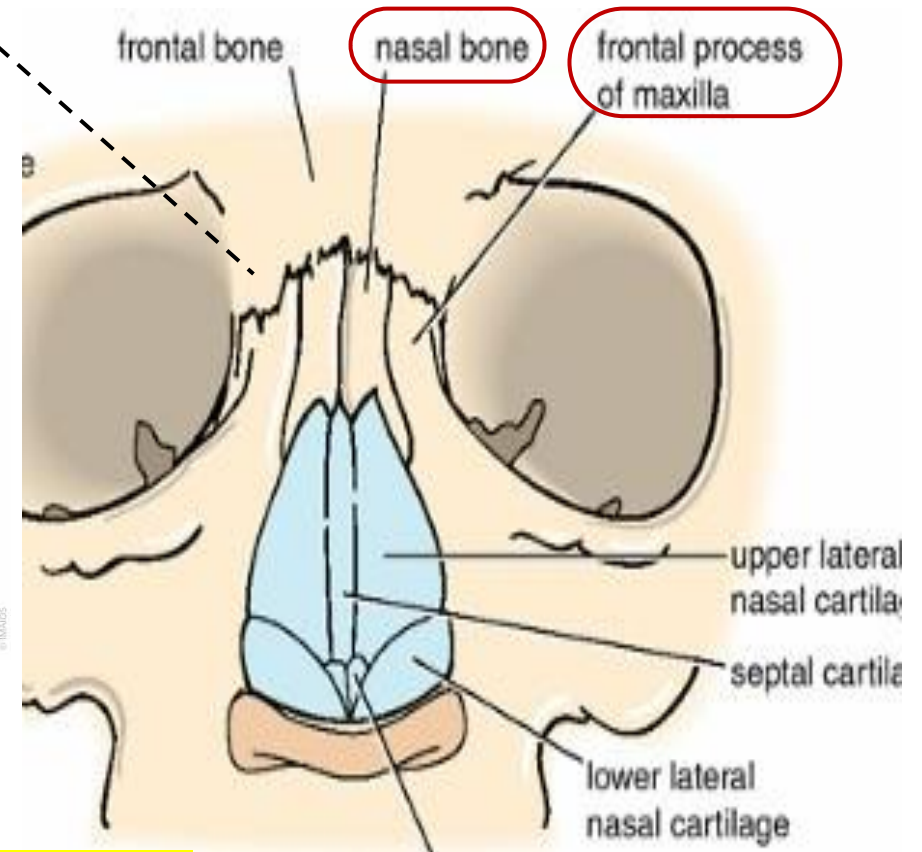
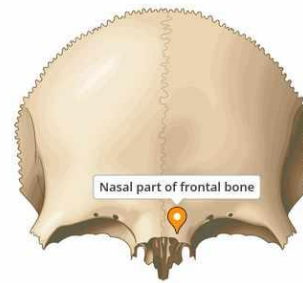
3- Anatomy of the External Nose

➤ Root Bony framework :

1. The nasal bone
2. Frontal process of maxilla
3. Nasal part of the frontal bone

***The maxillary process of the frontal bone
Provides support to the nasal bones.**

**Maxillary Process of the Frontal Bone*

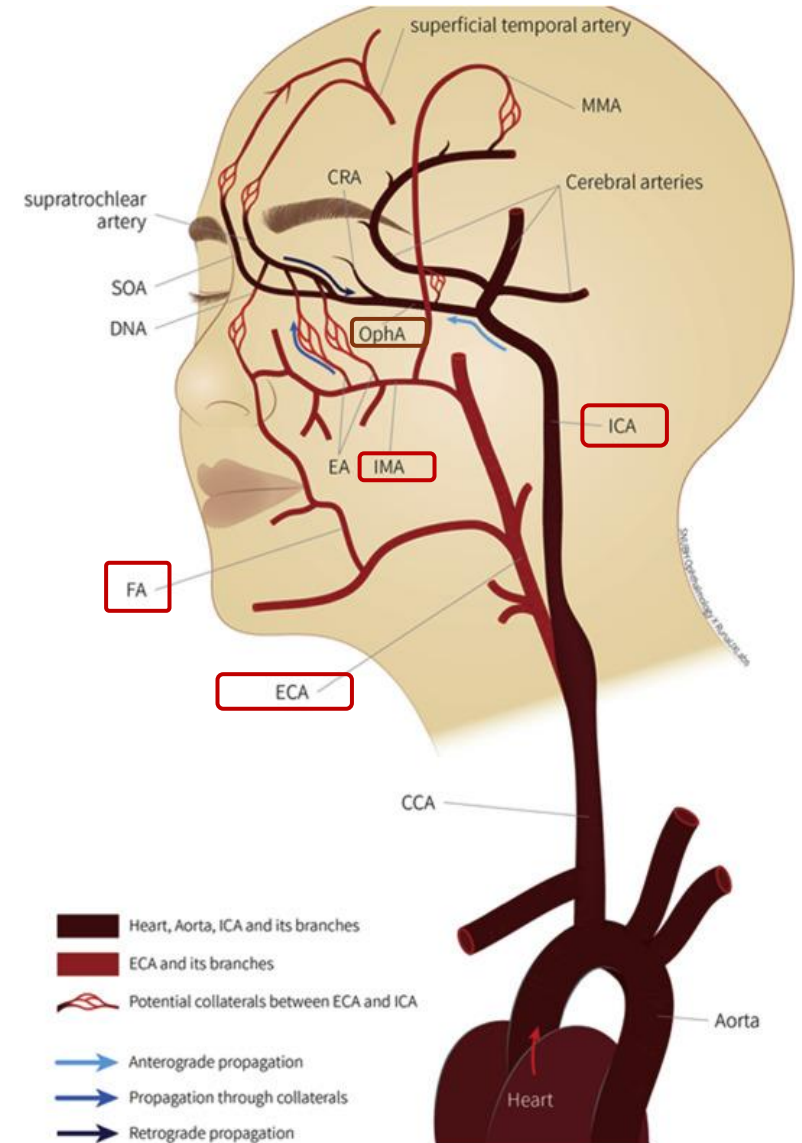


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3- Anatomy of the External Nose

➤ Blood Supply

- ✓ Branches of the **ophthalmic** (Branch of the **internal** carotid artery) and the **maxillary arteries** (Terminal branch of the **external** carotid artery).
- ✓ ala and the lower part of the septum by branches from the **facial artery** (branch of the **external** carotid artery) which supplies the face and upper lip as well.



3- Anatomy of the External Nose

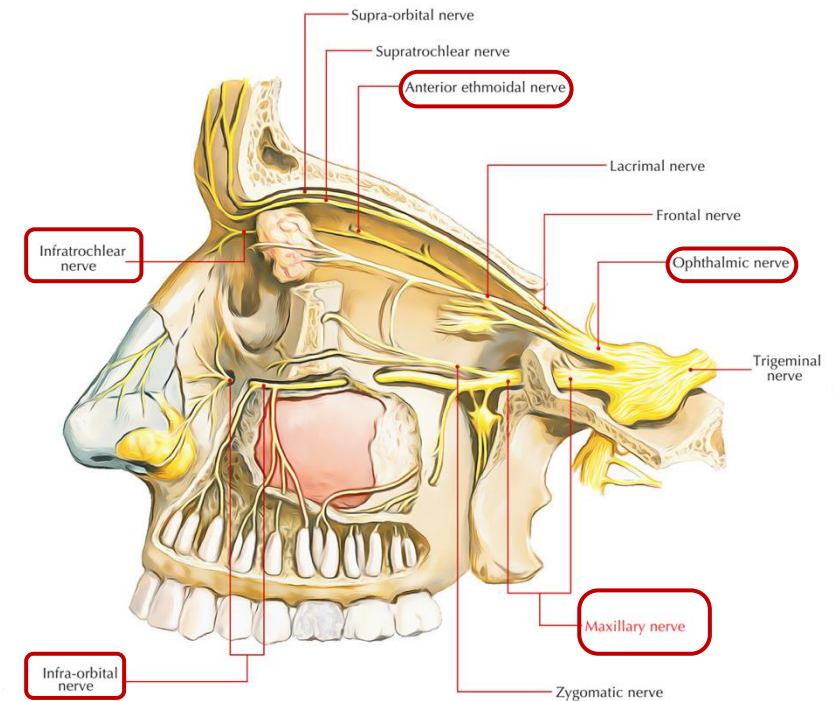
➤ Nerve Supply

✓ Ophthalmic nerve

- Gives rise to the **external nasal branch** (terminal branch of the anterior ethmoidal nerve) and **Infratrochlear Nerve**.

✓ Maxillary nerve

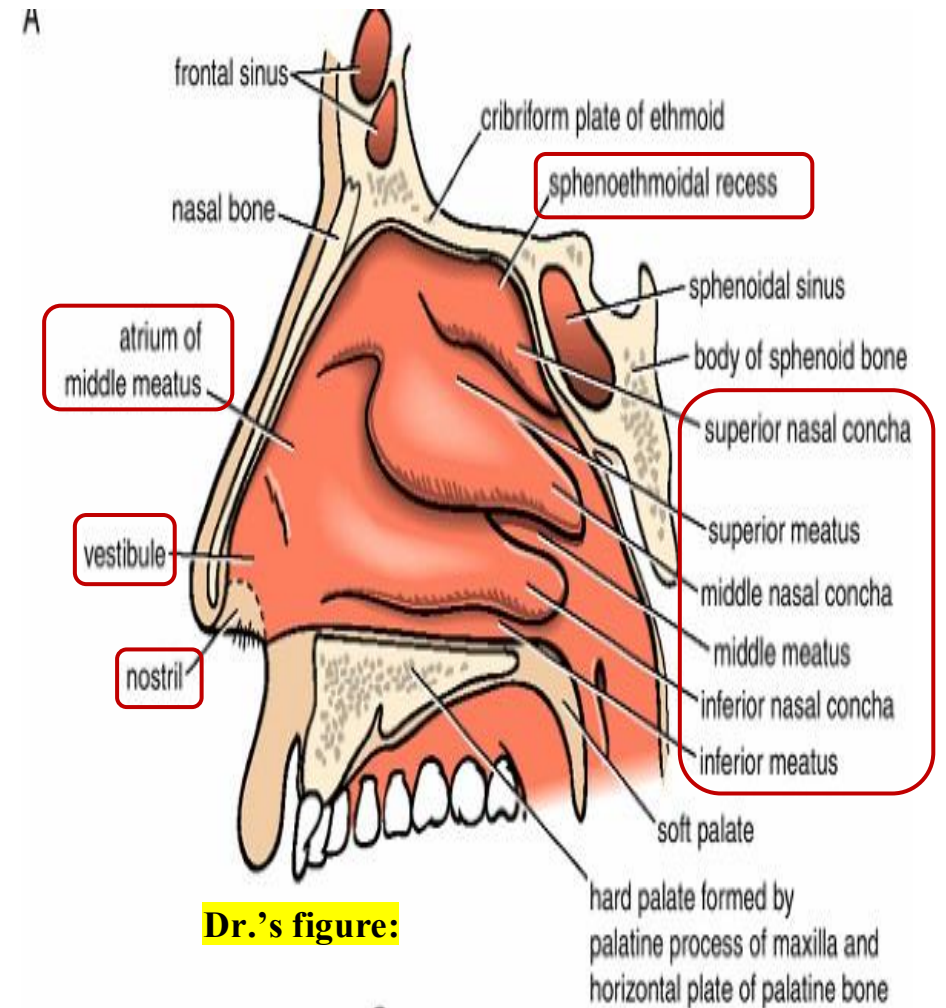
- Gives rise to the **infraorbital nerve**
- The infraorbital nerve travels with branches of the maxillary artery, providing both nerve and arterial supply.
- The terminal branches of the infraorbital nerve supply:
 - Upper lip (labial branch)
 - Lower part of the nose (nasal branch)
 - Lower eyelid (palpebral branch)



4- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity

- ✓ The nasal cavity consists of **two chambers**, separated by the **nasal septum**.
- ✓ Each nasal cavity has: **Lateral wall, Floor, Roof, medial wall**.
- ✓ Air enters the nasal cavity through the external nasal opening (**nares**).
- ✓ Immediately inside the opening is the **nasal vestibule**.
- It contains **vibrissae** (thick nasal hairs) that provide pre-filtration of inspired air.
- ✓ Above the vestibule lies the **atrium of the nasal cavity**.

All parts will be discussed in detail in the coming slides.



4- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity

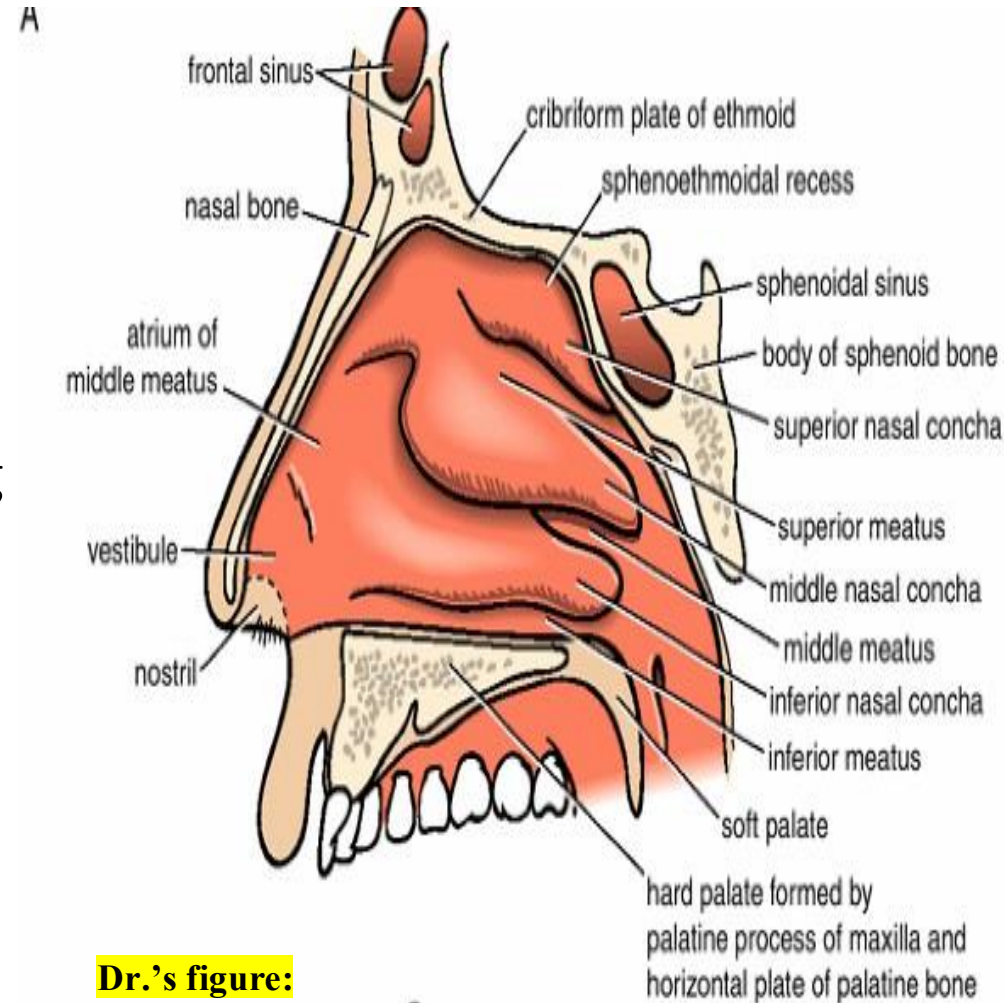
➤ Functions of the Nasal Cavity

✓ **Respiration**

✓ **Olfaction**

✓ **Resonance of Voice**

- The nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses act as resonating chambers, giving each person a unique voice.
- Paranasal sinuses are air-filled cavities within certain skull bones (Frontal sinus, Maxillary sinus, Ethmoidal sinuses, Sphenoidal sinus)
- Each sinus drains into the nasal cavity through its own duct, allowing air to enter, which contributes to voice resonance. *Discussed in detail on slide 28-32*



4- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity

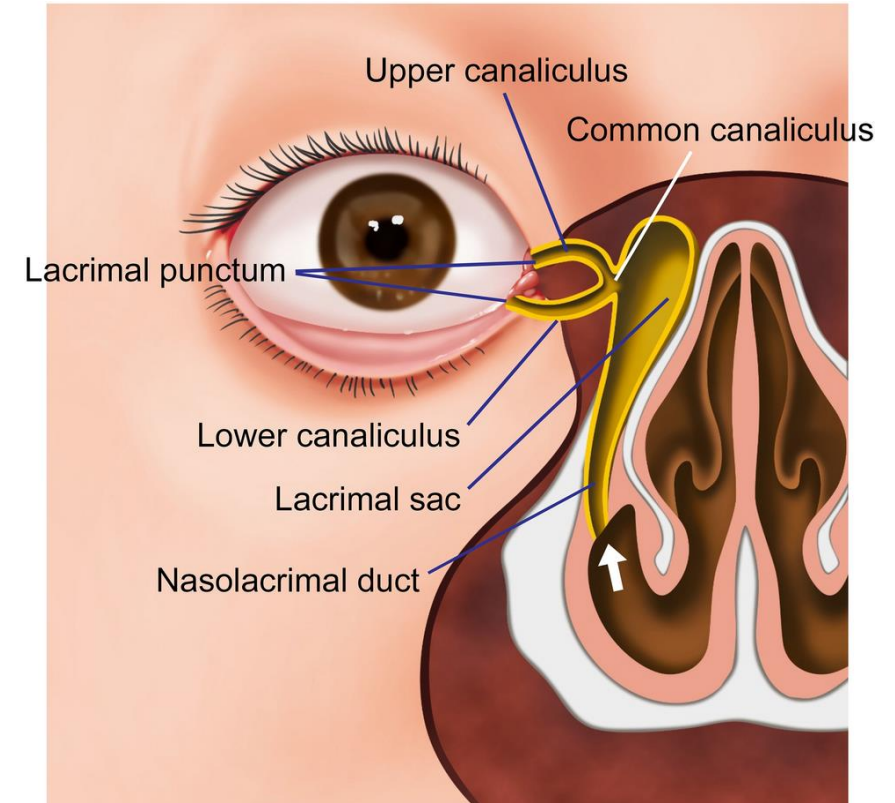
➤ Functions of the Nasal Cavity

✓ Lacrimal Drainage

- Tears produced by the lacrimal gland (in the roof of orbital cavity) flow through the lacrimal canaliculi into the lacrimal sac (medial angle of the eye)
- From the lacrimal sac, tears are drained into the nasal cavity via the **nasolacrimal duct**, opening into the **inferior meatus**.
- This system explains why tears sometimes drain into the nose when crying.

✓ Protective :

- (Sneezing, Filtration, Proteolytic enzymes, Warming and moistening the air) *slide 24*



4- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity

➤ Related to CLINICAL :

- If the **nasolacrimal duct** is blocked, tears cannot drain properly and instead overflow onto the cheek.
- This causes epiphora (excessive tearing), redness, and eye irritation.
- Children may also experience itching and discomfort around the eyes.
- Treatment: Establish proper drainage, sometimes via probing or surgical intervention to clear the obstruction.

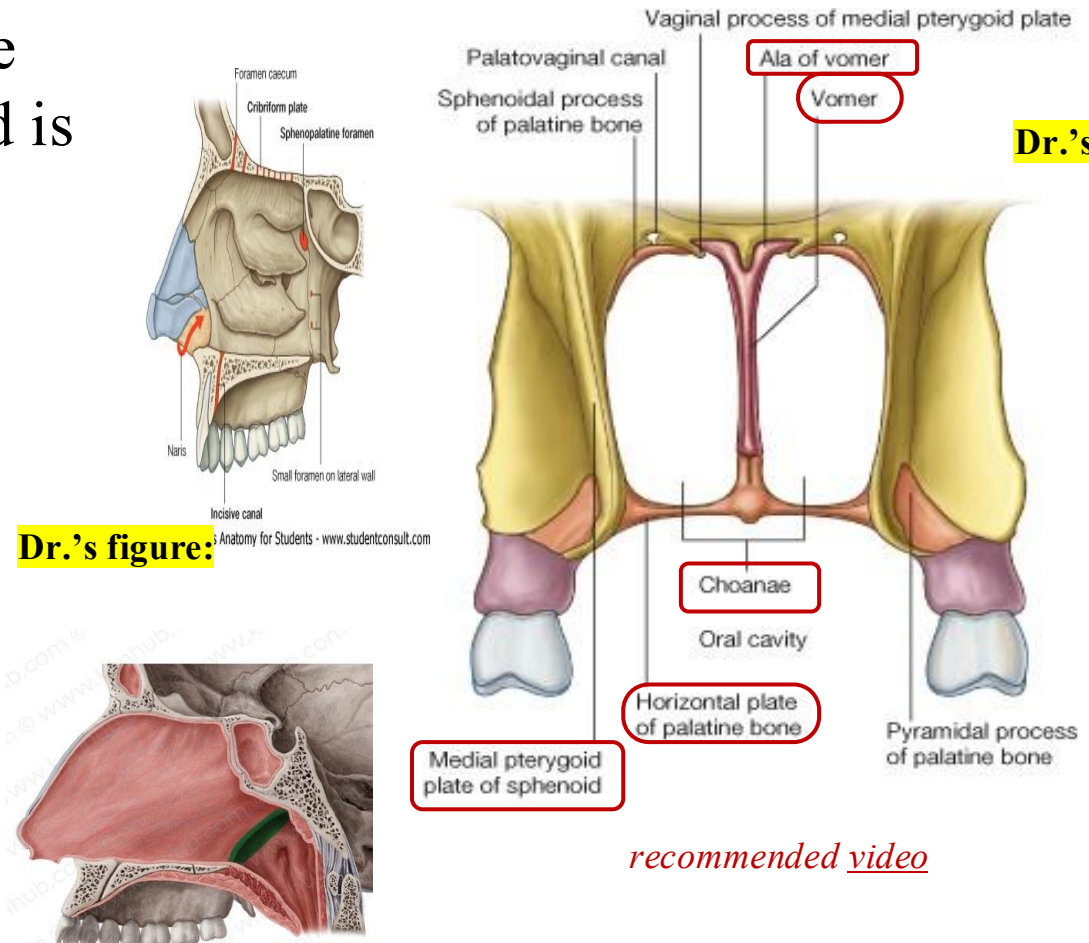
5- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity

Nares & Choana

- ✓ The **nares** represents the **anterior** nasal openings while the **choana** represents the **posterior** opening of the nasal cavity and is continuous with the nasopharynx.

Boundary	Structure
Medial	Vomer
Lateral	Medial pterygoid plate of the sphenoid bone
Superior	Ala of Vomer
Inferior/ base	Palatine bone

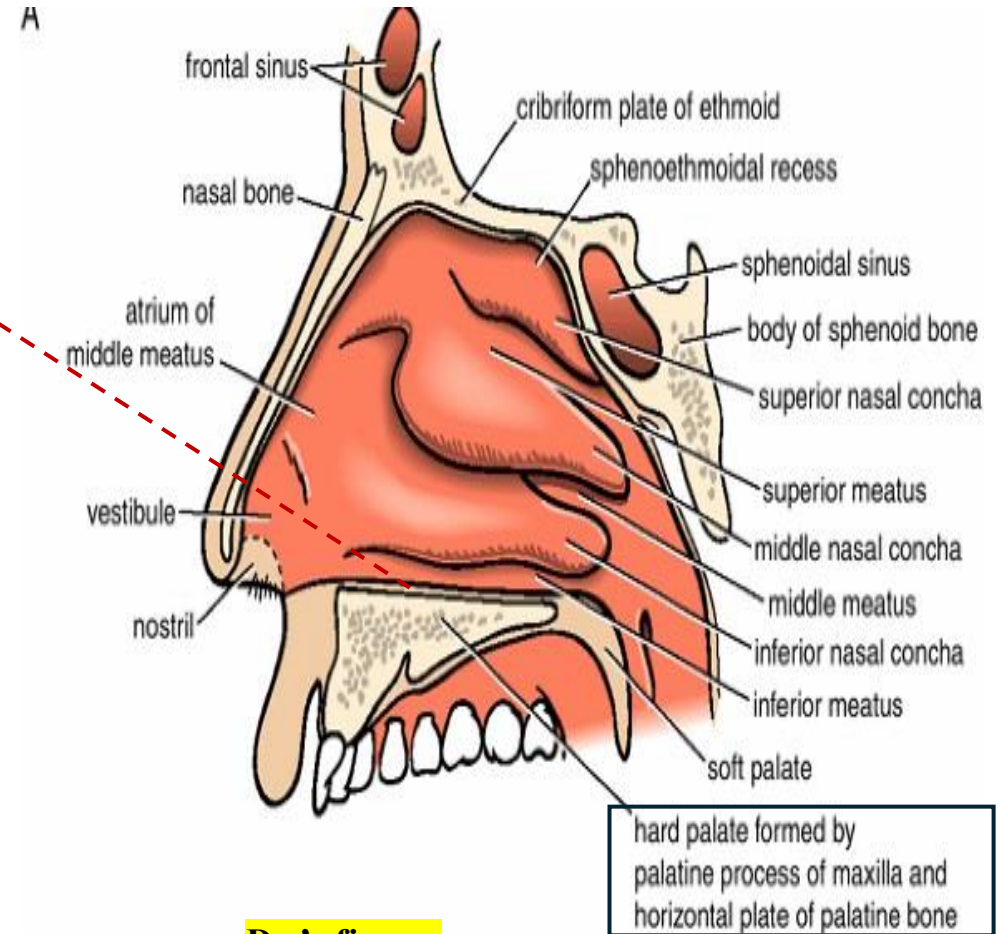
Boundaries of the Choana



6- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity Floor

➤ **The upper surface of the hard palate**
✓ which consist of:

1. **Anteriorly**, Palatine process of the maxilla.
2. **Posteriorly**, Horizontal plate of the palatine bone.



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7- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity Roof

1. Sloping **anterior** part:

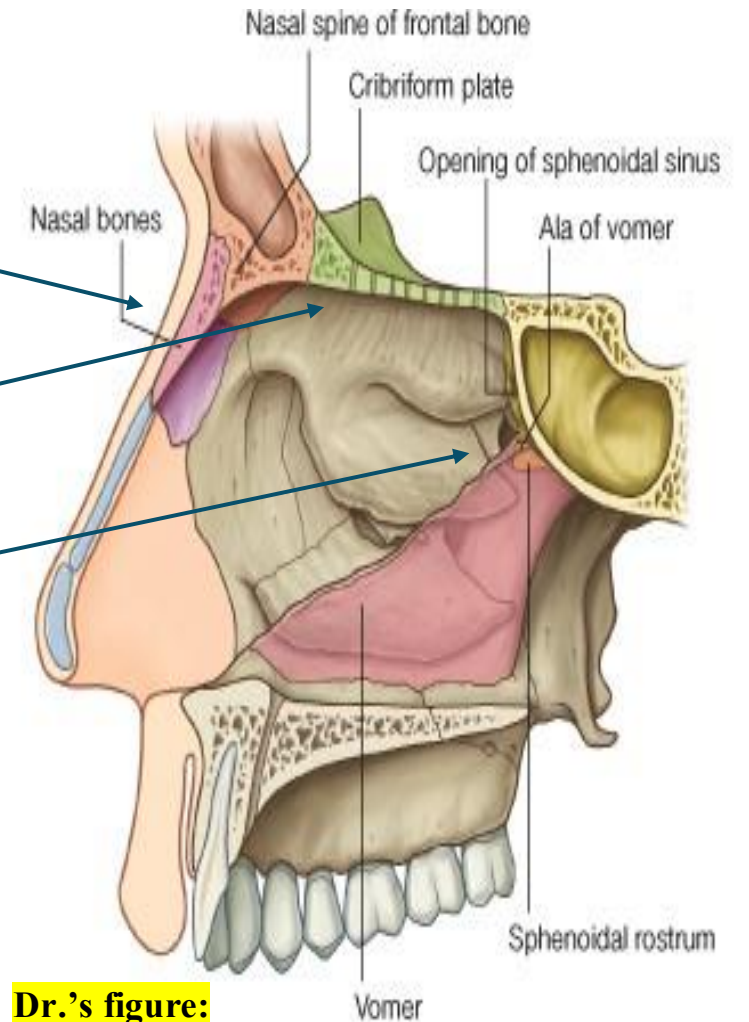
- ✓ Nasal spine of the frontal bone and the nasal bones

2. Horizontal **middle** part:

- ✓ The cribriform plate of the ethmoid bone
 - *The cribriform plate is perforated by multiple olfactory nerve filaments that transmit olfactory (smell) sensation.*

3. Sloping **posterior** part:

- ✓ Anterior surface of the **sphenoid bone (body)**
- ✓ Ala of the **vomer**
- ✓ **Vaginal** process of the palatine bone

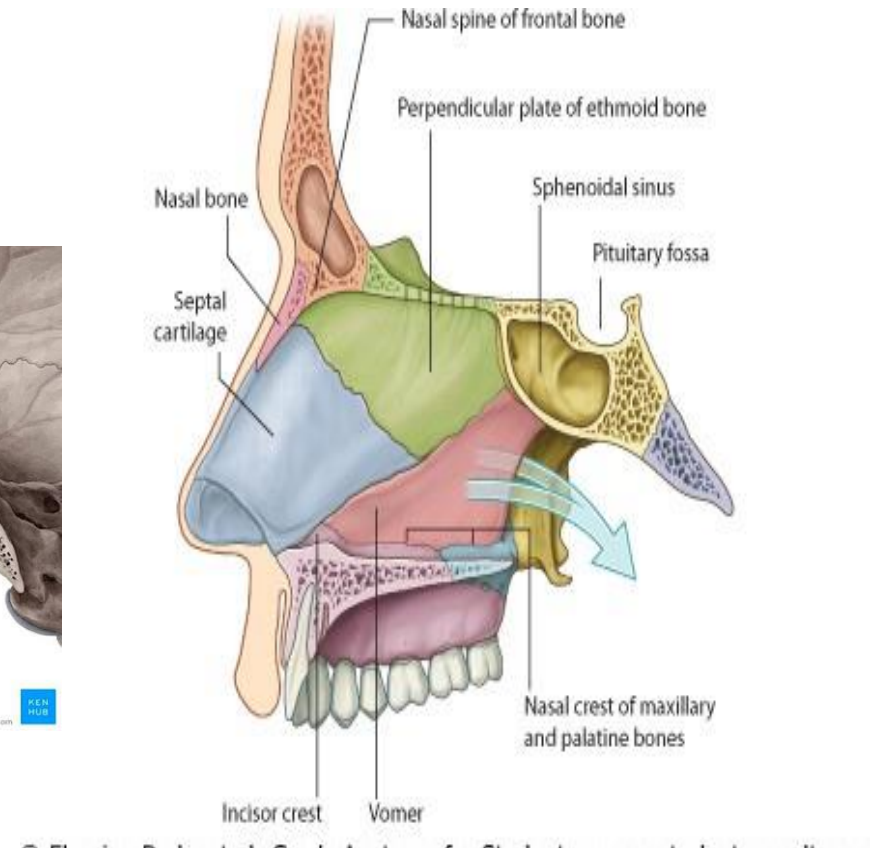
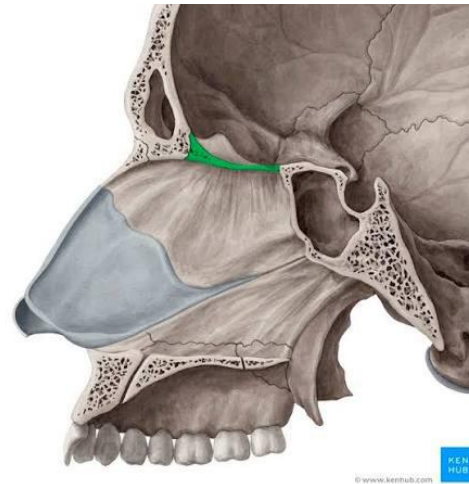


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8- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity

Medial wall

- **Septal nasal cartilage anteriorly.**
- **Posteriorly vomer and the perpendicular plate of ethmoid bone.**



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9- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity

Lateral wall

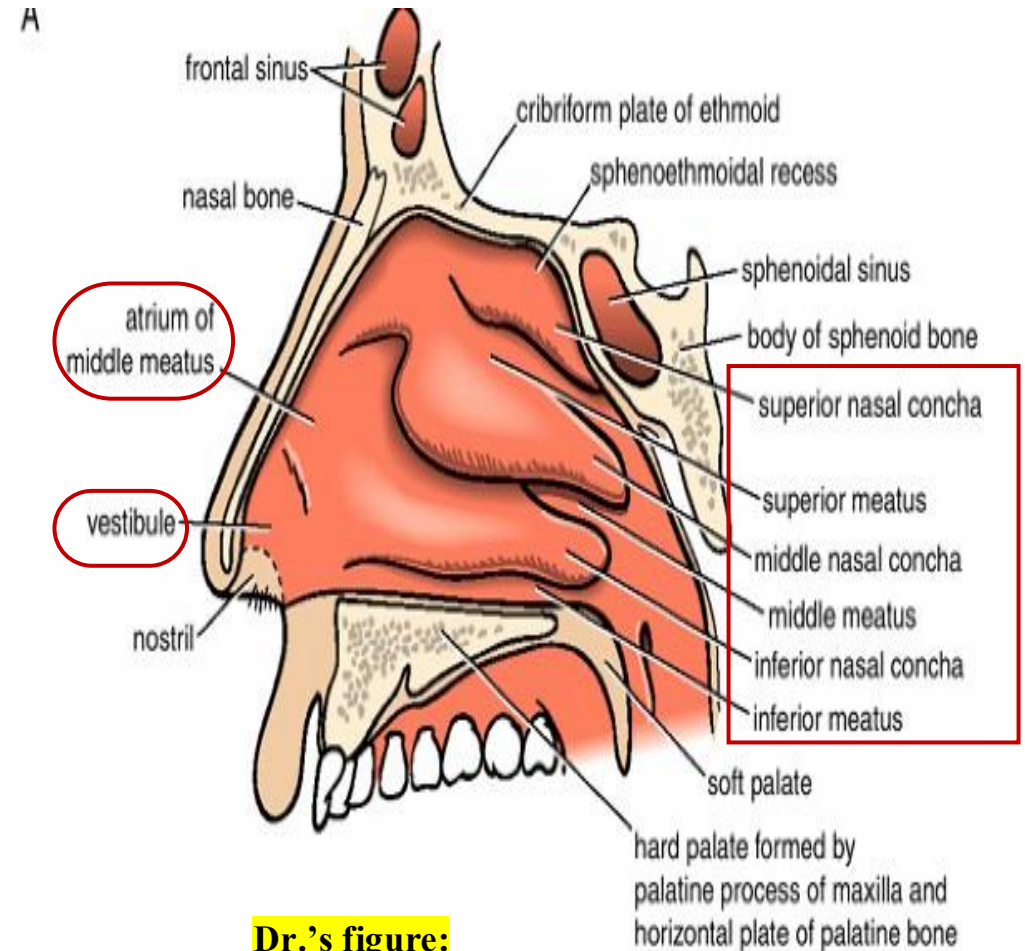
➤ Parts:

1. **Vestibule** is the area of the nasal cavity lying just inside the nostril Covered with skin and contains thick hairs (**vibrissae**) **For air filtration.**

2. **Antrum (atrium)**

3. **Posterior** part contain 3 conchae, 3 meatuses, and one recess.

Slide 25-27



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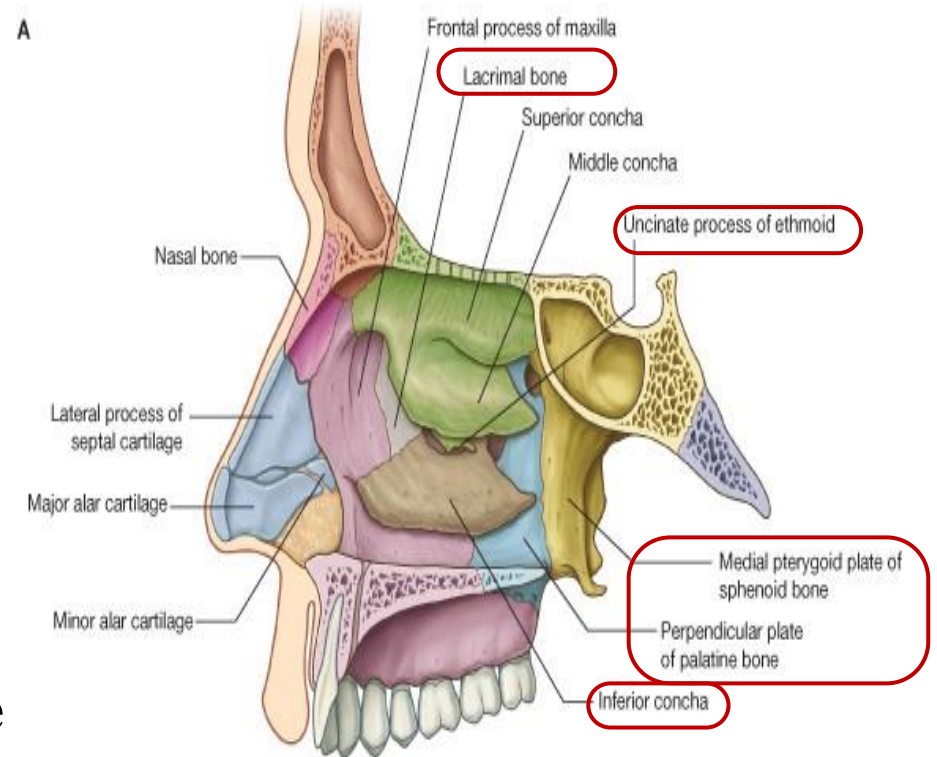
9- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity

Lateral wall

➤ Complex and formed by bone, cartilage, and soft tissues.

➤ **Bony support :**

- ✓ **Ethmoidal labyrinth and uncinate process**
- ✓ **Perpendicular plate of the palatine bone**
- ✓ **Medial plate of the pterygoid process**
- ✓ **Medial surfaces of the lacrimal bones and maxillae**
- ✓ **Inferior concha**



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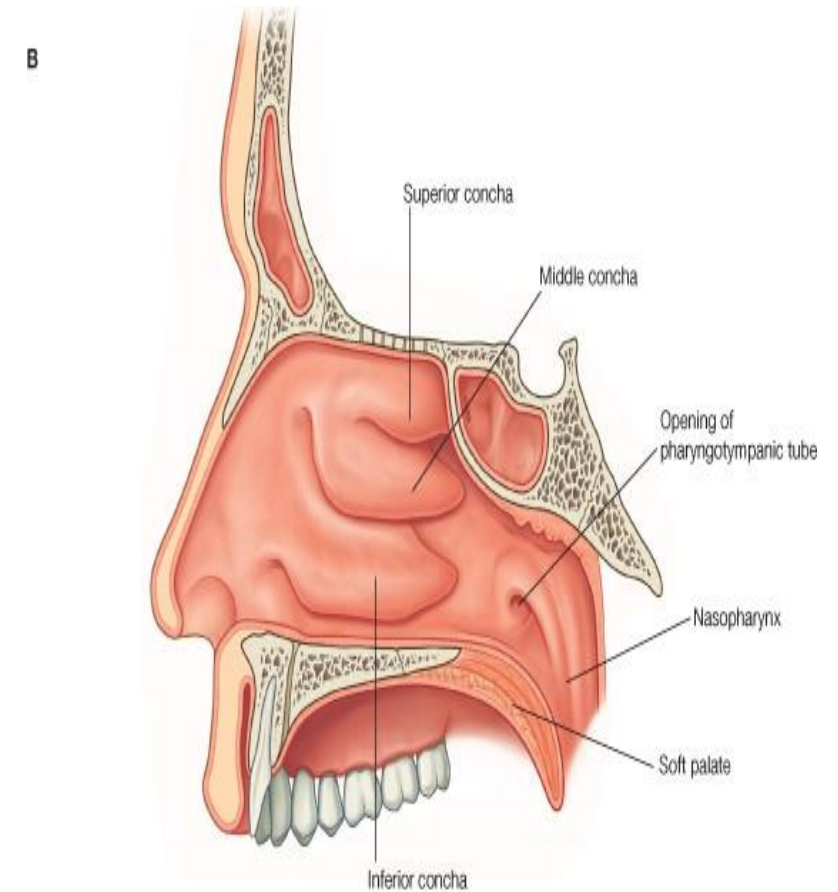
10- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity Mucosa

➤ Lined with **Respiratory Mucous Membrane, pseudostratified ciliated columnar epithelium.**

➤ **Except :**

1. The vestibule is lined with **modified skin and has coarse hairs (keratinized stratified squamous epithelium)**

2. **Above the superior concha** (in the roof) is lined with **olfactory** mucous membrane and contains **nerve endings** of the bipolar cells.

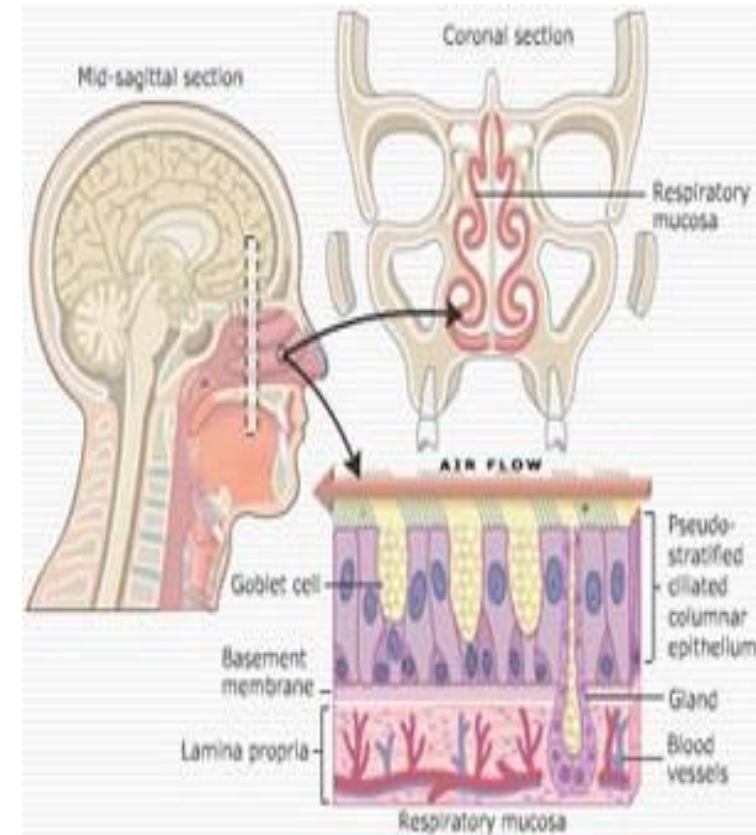


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10- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity Mucosa

➤ Function of the mucosa

- ✓ **large plexus of veins in the submucous connective tissue** is present in the respiratory region.
- ✓ **Warm blood in the venous plexuses** serves to heat up the inspired air as it enters the respiratory system.
- During **inflammation or infection**, this plexus becomes congested, leading to nasal obstruction; therefore, decongestant drugs are used to reduce congestion.
- ✓ **Mucous traps foreign particles** and organisms in the inspired air.

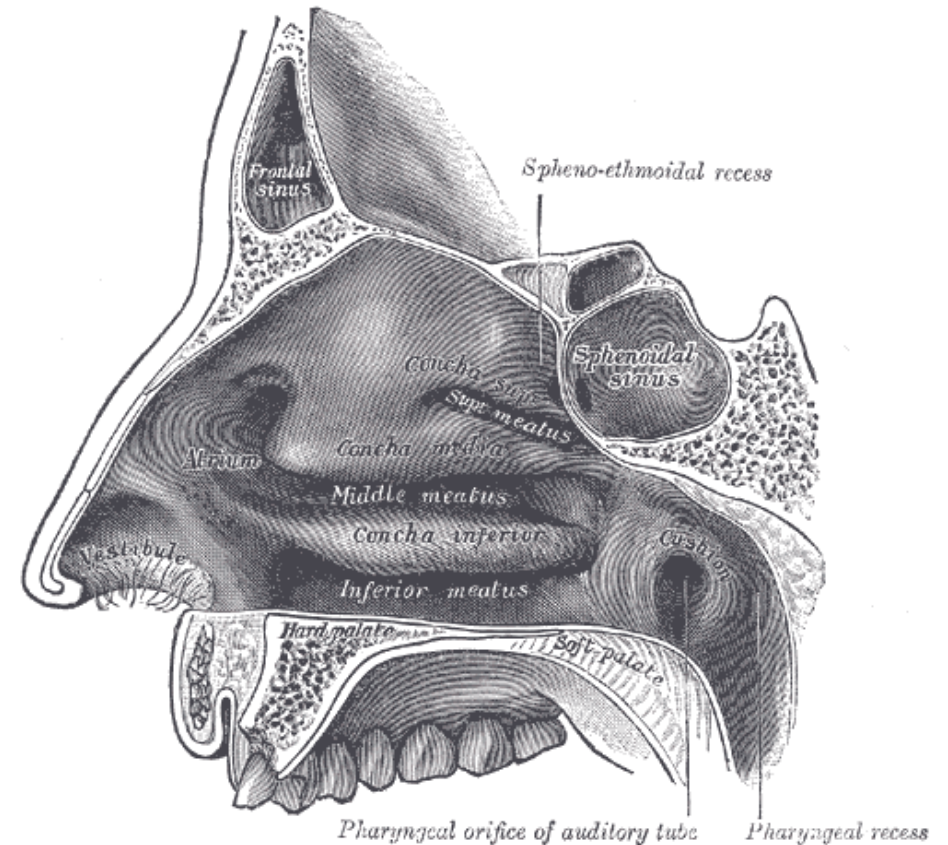


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11- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity – Lateral wall

Nasal Conchae & Meatuses

- The **nasal conchae** (inferior, middle, and superior) is a bony projection from the **lateral wall** that is covered by mucosa, its main function is to increase the surface area of the lateral wall.
- beneath each concha lies a corresponding **nasal meatus** (inferior, middle, and superior meatus).
- The nasal meatuses receive the openings of the **paranasal ducts**.
- The **middle** meatus is the most important drainage area for the paranasal sinuses.



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11- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity – Lateral wall

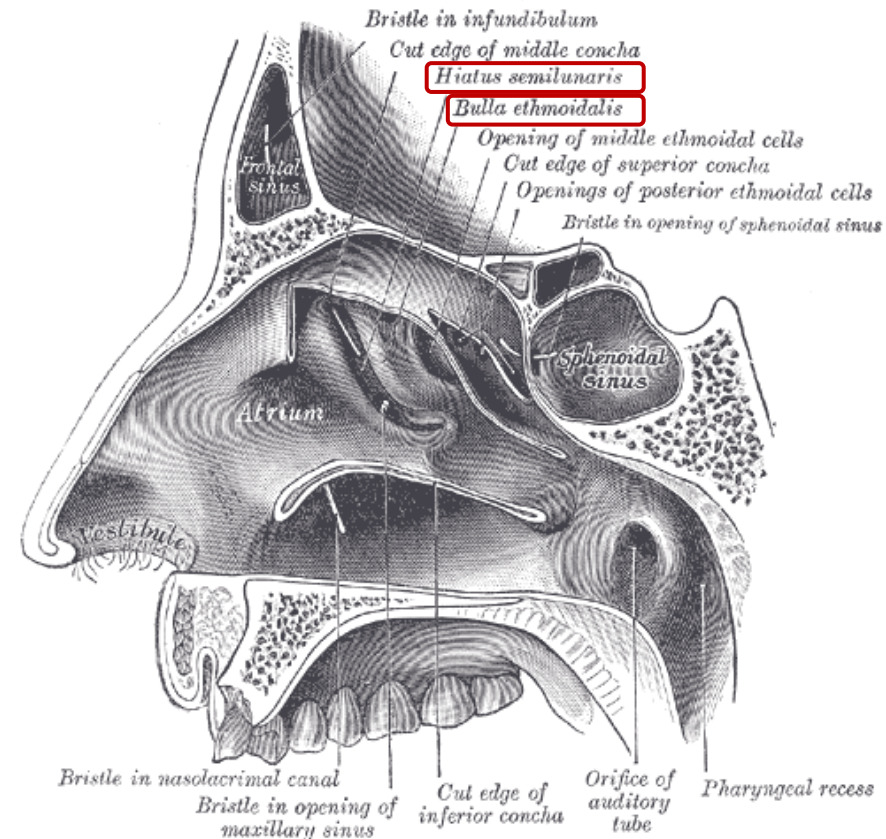
Nasal Conchae & Meatuses

➤ Ethmoidal Bulla

- The ethmoidal bulla is a rounded elevation found in the **middle meatus**.
- The **middle ethmoidal sinuses** open onto the surface of the ethmoidal bulla.

➤ Hiatus Semilunaris

- **Inferior** to the ethmoidal bulla lies a curved groove called the hiatus semilunaris.
- The hiatus semilunaris receives:
 - ✓ **Anterior** ethmoidal air cells
 - ✓ Maxillary sinus (opens **posteriorly** into the hiatus)



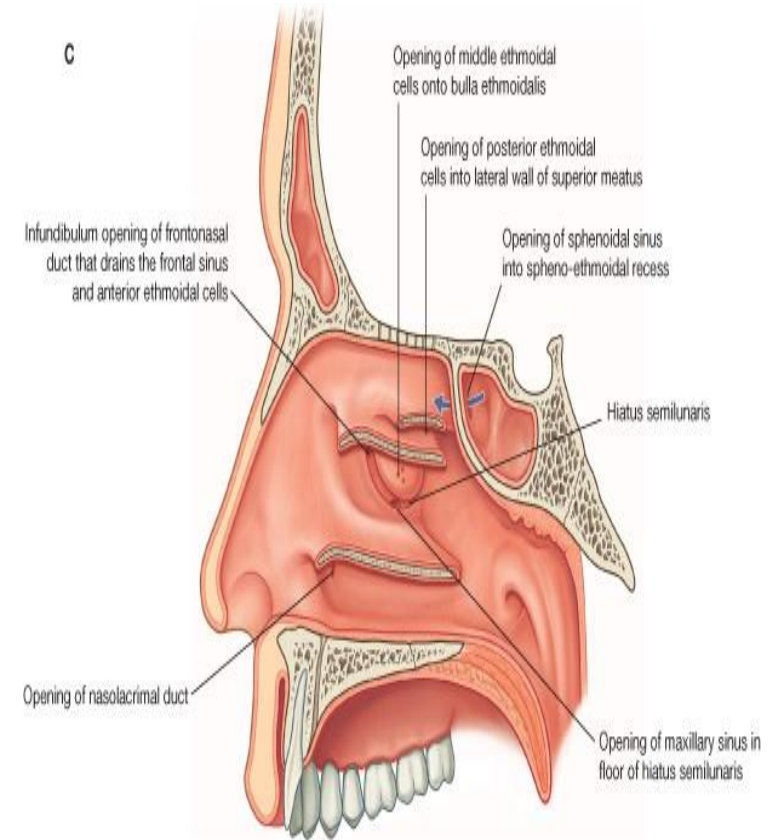
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Nasal Conchae & Meatuses

➤ Frontal Infundibulum

- The frontal sinus drains via the **frontonasal duct**, which opens into the **ethmoidal infundibulum** of **middle meatus**.
- The infundibulum is an **anterosuperior** continuation of the **hiatus semilunaris**.
- ✓ *Note:* The ethmoidal infundibulum does not represent a single common opening for the frontal sinus and the anterior ethmoidal cells, each structure has its own opening.



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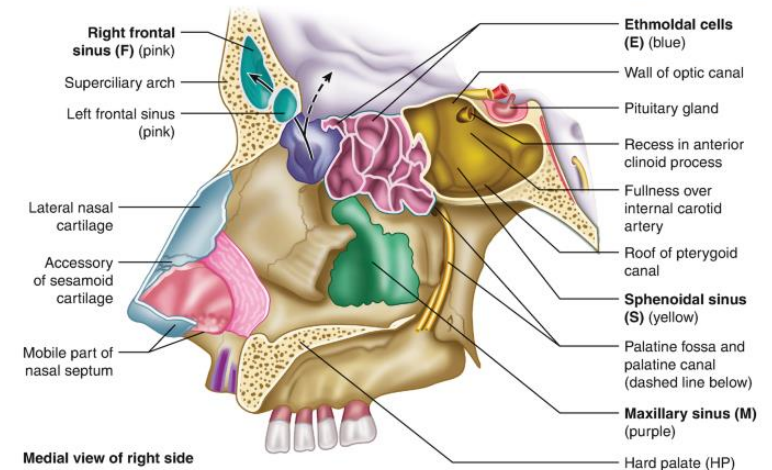
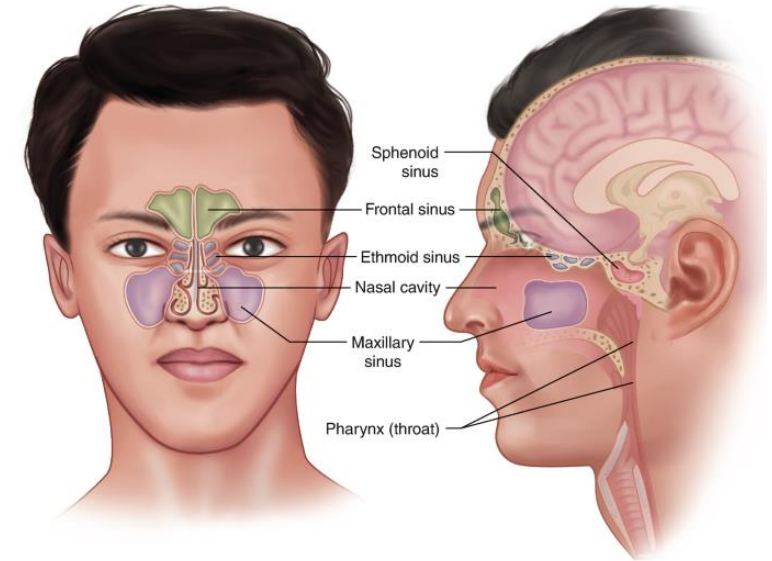
12- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity – Lateral wall

Paranasal Sinuses

- The nasolacrimal duct and most of the paranasal sinuses are lined by a thin mucosa and open into the lateral wall of the nasal cavity:

1. Maxillary sinus

- Middle meatus through hiatus semilunaris.
- The maxillary sinus is the largest paranasal sinus and has a pyramidal shape.
- Its duct (ostium) opens **superiorly**, which results in poor natural drainage.
- Because of this upward position, drainage requires the head to be positioned below the sinus to facilitate emptying, which is not physiologically convenient.
- **Intervated by infraorbital nerve.**



12- Anatomy of the Nasal Cavity – Lateral wall

Paranasal Sinuses

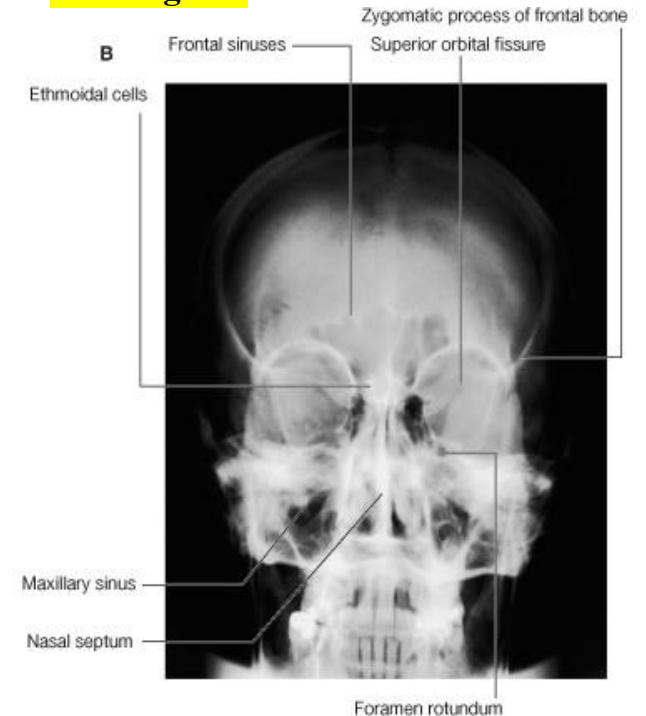
➤ Relations of the Maxillary Sinus

Border / Wall	Relation / Structure
Superior (Roof)	Orbit
Inferior (Floor)	Roots of the upper molars
Posterior (Back wall)	Infratemporal region / infratemporal fossa
Medial (Medial wall)	Lower part of the nasal cavity

➤ Related to CLINICAL :

- Poor drainage can lead to cranial infections and pus accumulation, which may form a fistula into the oral cavity and sinusitis.
- Extraction of the upper third molars, which are closely related to the sinus floor, can accidentally create a communication (oroantral fistula), allowing pus to enter the oral cavity, causing bad taste and odor.

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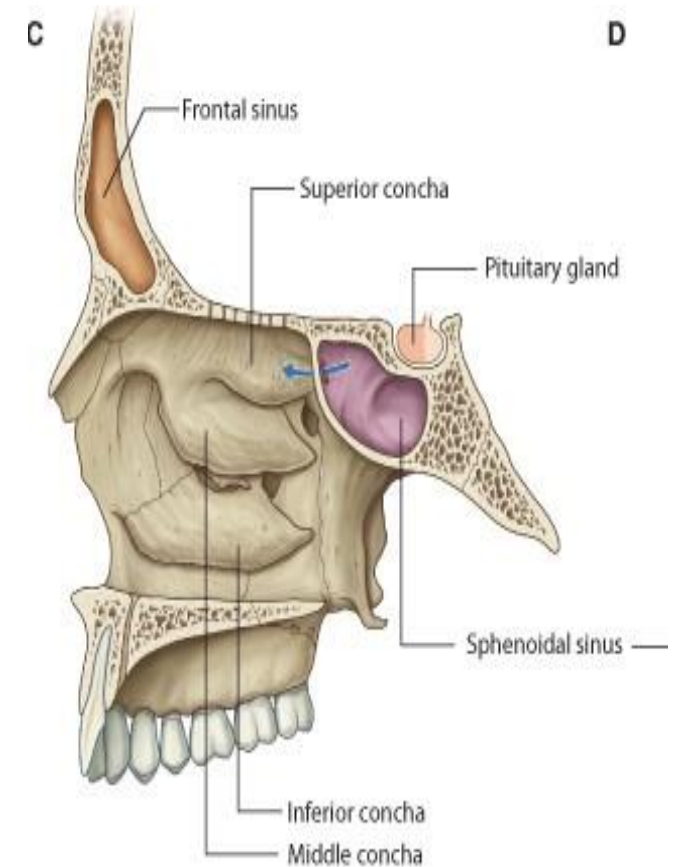
Paranasal Sinuses

2. Frontal sinuses

- Middle meatus via infundibulum and frontonasal duct.
- **Innervated by branches of the supra-orbital nerve** from the ophthalmic nerve.

3. Sphenoidal sinuses

- The sphenoid sinuses are located within the body of the sphenoid bone.
- Their opening is into the sphenoethmoidal recess.
- Relations:
 - ✓ **Superior:** Sella turcica, which contains the pituitary gland.
- Tumors of the pituitary may invade the sphenoid sinuses, detectable on X-ray.
- ✓ **Lateral:** Cavernous sinuses.
- ✓ **Innervated by Posterior ethmoidal branch of the ophthalmic nerve (V1) & Maxillary nerve (V2) via the orbital branches**



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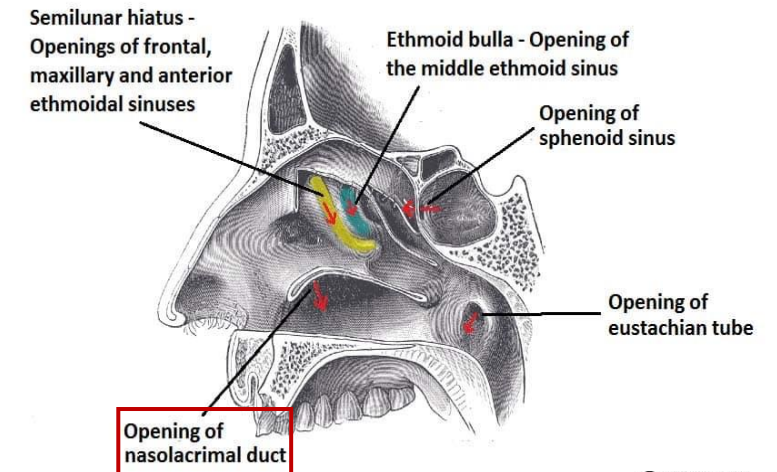
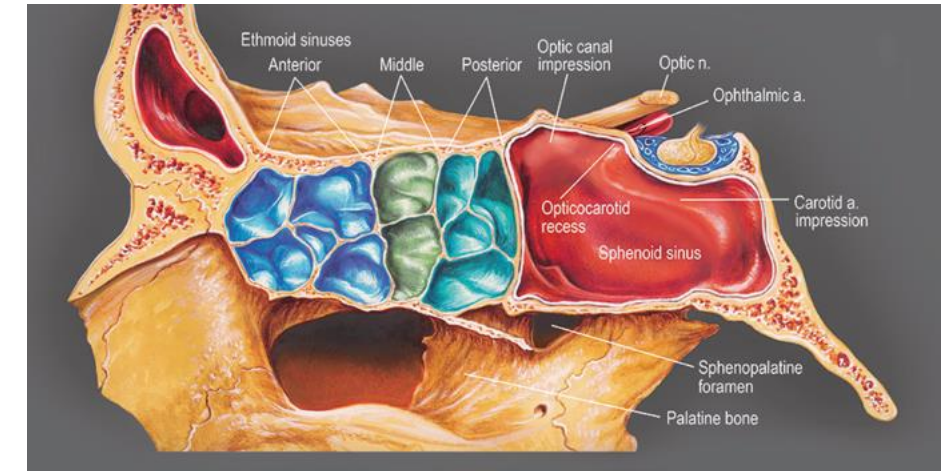
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Paranasal Sinuses

4. Ethmoidal sinuses

The ethmoidal sinuses consist of very small air cells, usually one or two per sinus, each lined by a very thin mucosa:

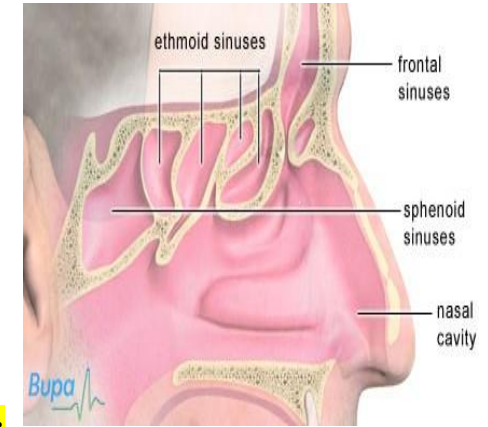
- ✓ **Anterior** group
 - **Hiatus semilunaris**
- ✓ **Middle** group
 - Middle meatus on or above bulla ethmoidalis
- ✓ **Posterior** group
 - Superior meatus
- ✓ **Nasolacrimal duct** opens onto the **lateral** wall of the **inferior nasal meatus**.
- **Innervated by the anterior and posterior ethmoidal branches.**



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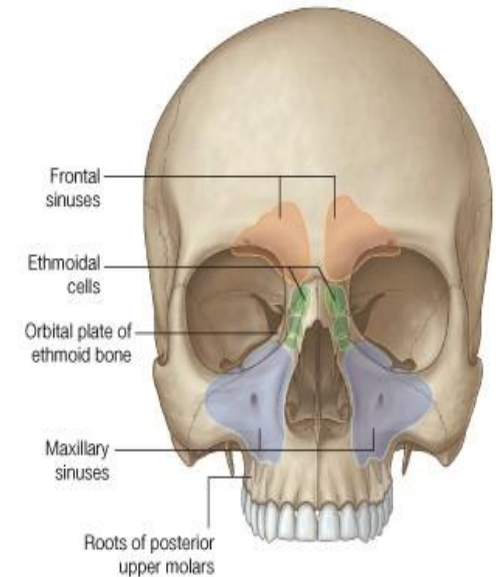
Paranasal Sinuses

- ✓ The functions of the paranasal sinuses include **resonance of the voice, reduction of the weight of the skull, and protection of the skull.**
- ✓ At birth, the paranasal sinuses are **rudimentary**, They **increase in size with facial growth** and attain their **largest size in adults.**



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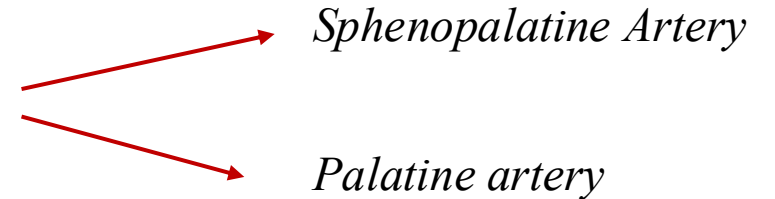
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13- Blood Supply of the Nose

➤ When discussing the blood supply of the nose, it is useful to divide the nose into two main regions: Lateral wall & Septum (medial wall)

➤ **Maxillary artery** is the major contributor, It travels in the **pterygopalatine fossa**, which contains: Maxillary artery, Maxillary vein, Maxillary ganglion.



➤ **Sphenopalatine Artery** (Main Branch of Maxillary Artery) Enters the nasal cavity through the **sphenopalatine foramen** (medial wall of pterygopalatine fossa).

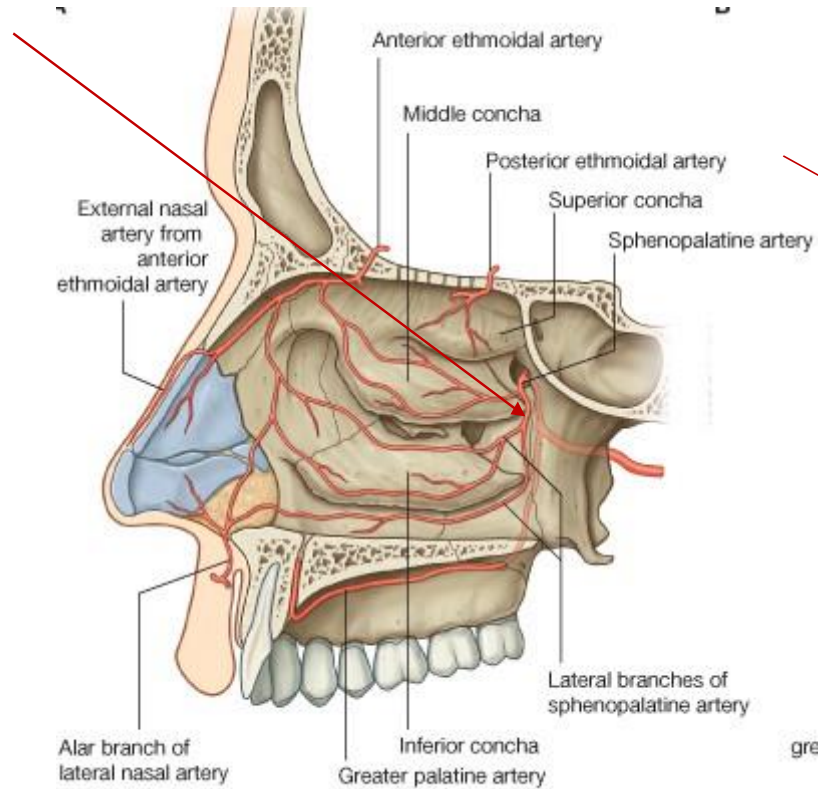
- Branches: *Posterior lateral nasal branches*

- ✓ **Short sphenopalatine artery** → supplies **upper lateral** wall (upper lateral quadrant)

- ✓ **Long sphenopalatine artery** → supplies **nasal septum** (medial wall) *Posterior septal branches*

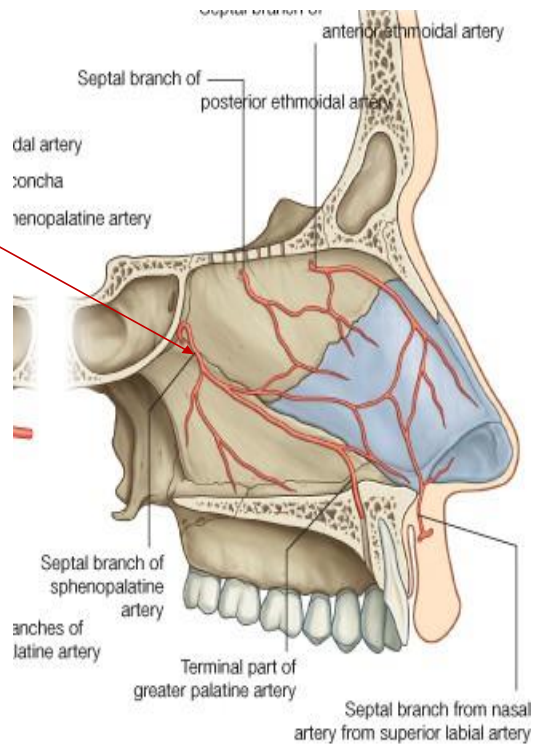
- Clinical relevance: main source of epistaxis (nosebleeds) *slide 38*

13- Blood Supply of the Nose



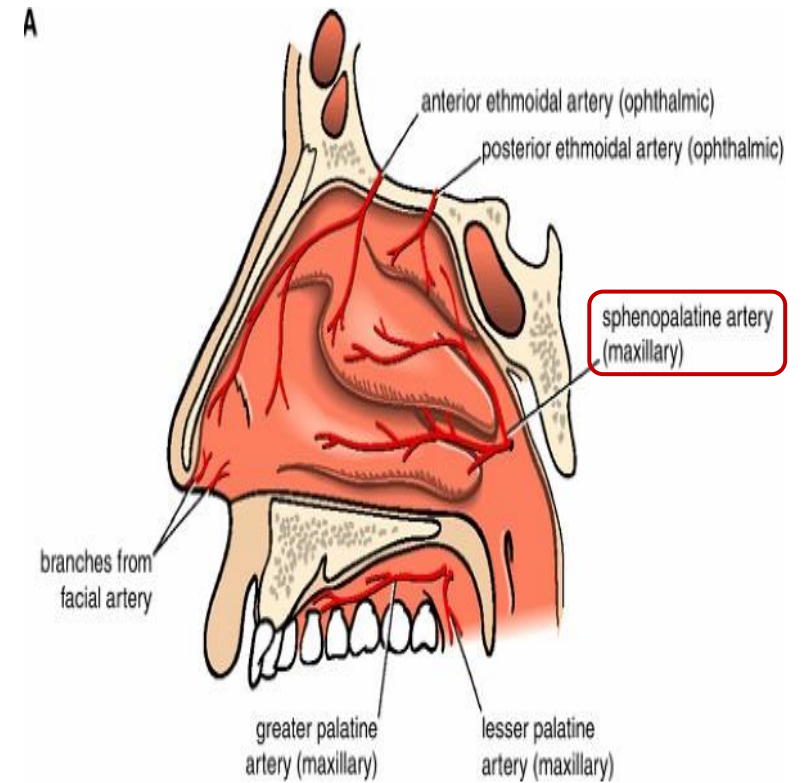
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Short sphenopalatine artery



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Long sphenopalatine artery

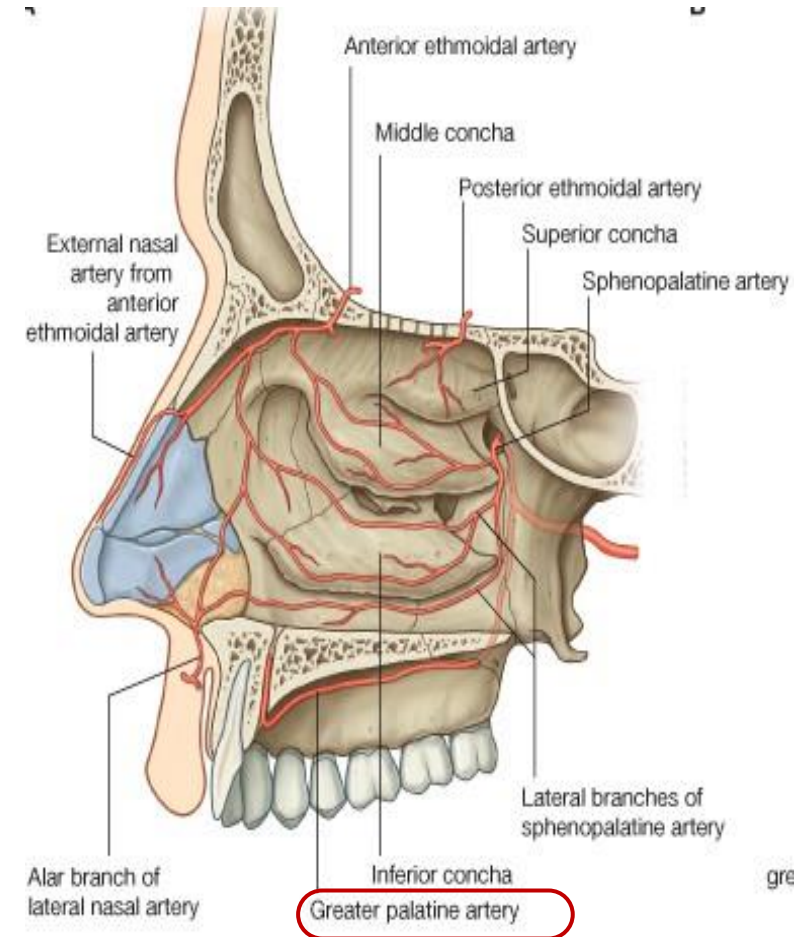


Dr.'s figure:

13- Blood Supply of the Nose

➤ **Palatine artery** is a branch of the maxillary artery, It passes through the palatine canal toward the oral cavity.

- Divides into two branches:
 - ✓ **Greater palatine artery**
 - Supplies the hard palate.
 - Continues superiorly to the nasal cavity via the *incisive foramen*.
 - Supplies the anterior inferior part of the lateral wall of the nose.
- ✓ **Lesser palatine artery**
- Supplies the soft palate.



Dr.'s figure:

13- Blood Supply of the Nose

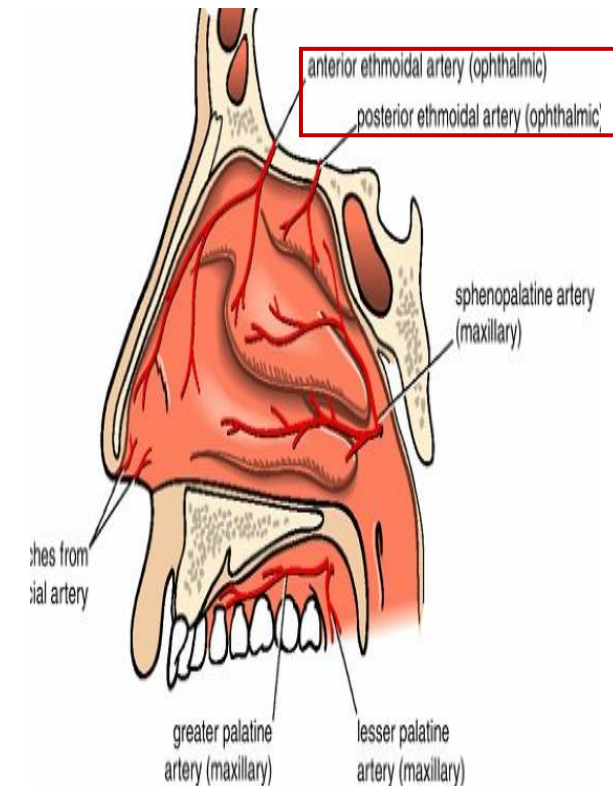
➤ **Ethmoidal arteries** are branches of the **ophthalmic artery** (from the internal carotid artery).

✓ Anterior Ethmoidal Artery

- Originates from the ophthalmic artery in the anterior cranial fossa.
- Passes through the *anterior ethmoidal foramen* into the nasal cavity.
- Supplies:
 - Anterior superior part of the nasal septum (medial wall)
 - Anterior superior part of the lateral wall
- Terminates as the external nasal artery, supplying the external nose.

✓ Posterior Ethmoidal Artery

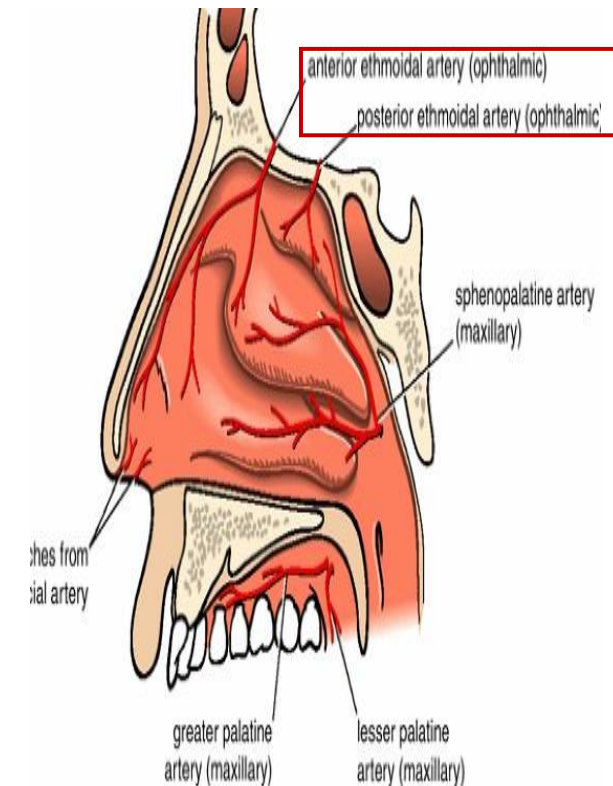
- Passes through the *posterior ethmoidal foramen*.
- Supplies: Posterior superior parts of the septum and lateral wall.



Dr.'s figure:

13- Blood Supply of the Nose

- **The superior labial artery**, which is a branch of the **facial artery**, supplies the upper lip and the anterior part of the nasal septum. This artery is one of the main contributors to anterior epistaxis.
- The **infraorbital artery**, a branch of the maxillary artery, gives **lateral nasal branches** that supply the external nose, in addition to palpebral branches to the lower eyelid and superior labial branches to the upper lip.

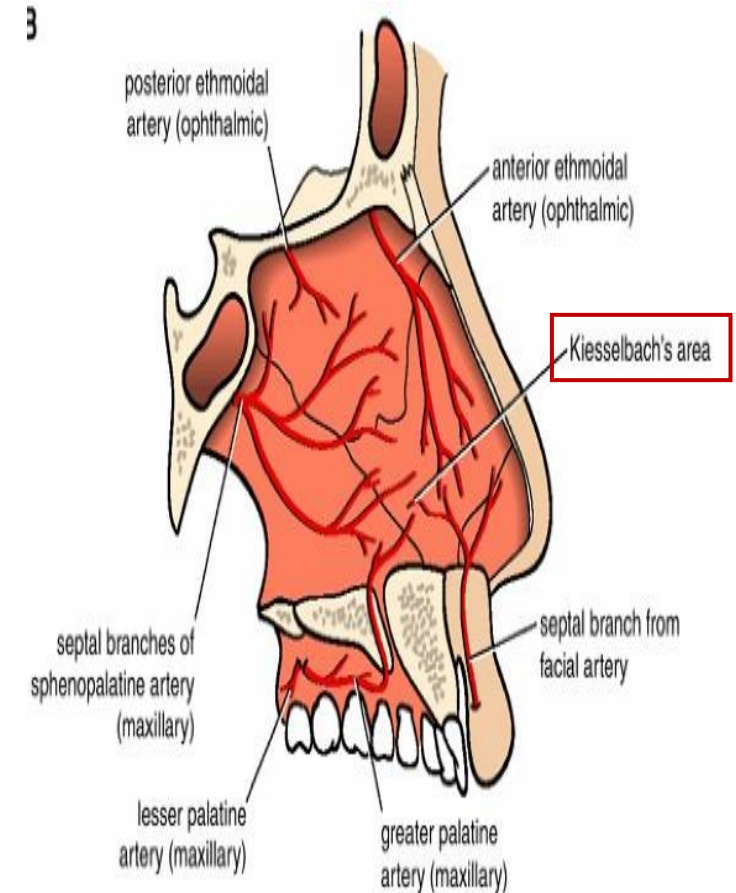


Dr.'s figure:

14- Epistaxis

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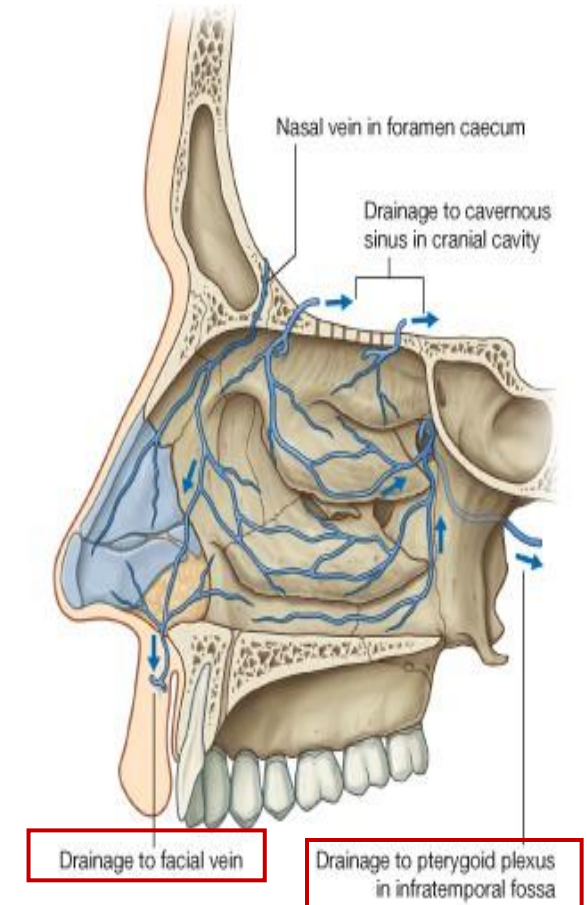
- Epistaxis, or bleeding through the nose, occurs in an area of vascular anastomosis on the nasal septum known as **Kiesselbach's area**, this anastomotic region is located between the **upper two-thirds** and the **lower one-third** of the septum, making it particularly prone to bleeding.
- The main arteries contributing to Kiesselbach's area include the **long sphenopalatine artery**, the **superior labial artery**.



Dr.'s figure:

15- Venous Drainage

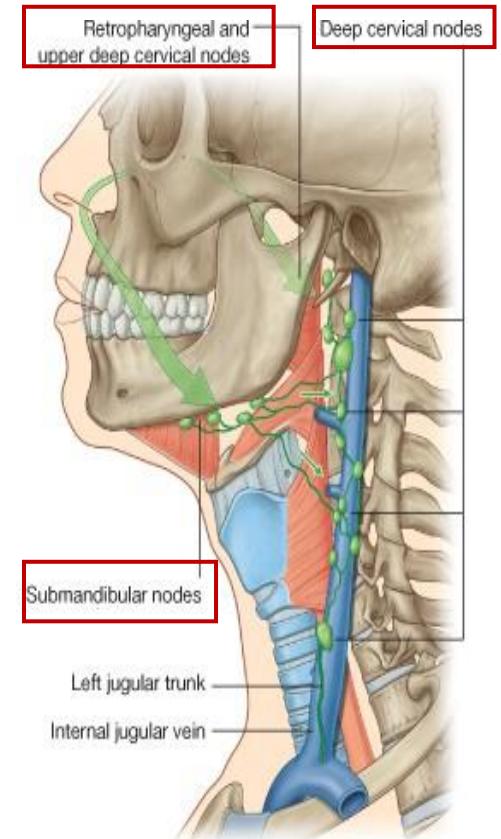
Region / Wall	Vein	Origin / Pathway	Drainage
Anterior part	Facial vein	-	Joins the common facial vein → internal jugular vein
Posterior / superior part	Pterygoid venous plexus	Located near lateral pterygoid muscles	Drains into maxillary vein → passes through parotid gland



Dr.'s figure:

16- Lymphatic Drainage

- The **anterior** part of the nasal cavity drains into the **submandibular lymph nodes**.
- The **superior & posterior** part drains into the **retropharyngeal lymph nodes** or directly to the **deep cervical lymph nodes**.
- Ultimately, all lymph from the nasal cavity eventually drains into the **deep cervical lymph nodes**.



Dr.'s figure:

17- Innervation

➤ Sensory Innervation

✓ Ophthalmic nerve (V1)

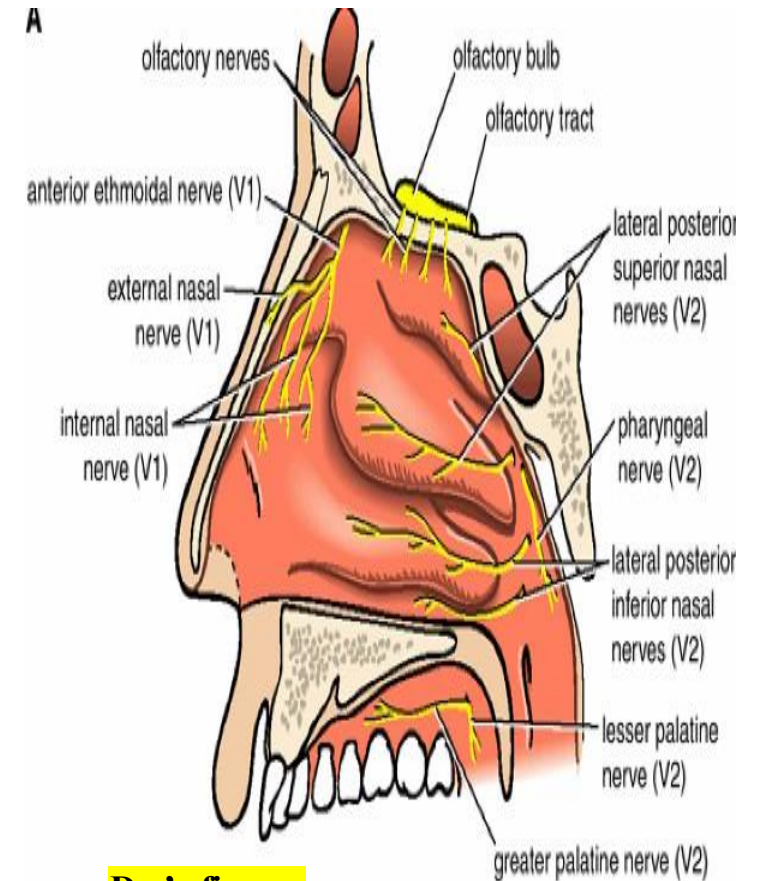
- ✓ Gives rise to the anterior and posterior ethmoidal nerves.

✓ Maxillary nerve (V2)

- Gives rise to the long sphenopalatine (nasopalatine) nerve, and the greater and lesser palatine nerves.

➤ For Olfaction

- ✓ Olfactory nerve (I) Provides sensory fibers from the roof of the nasal cavity.
- Originates from bipolar cells in the olfactory region.
- Passes as filaments through the cribriform plate to reach the olfactory epithelium.

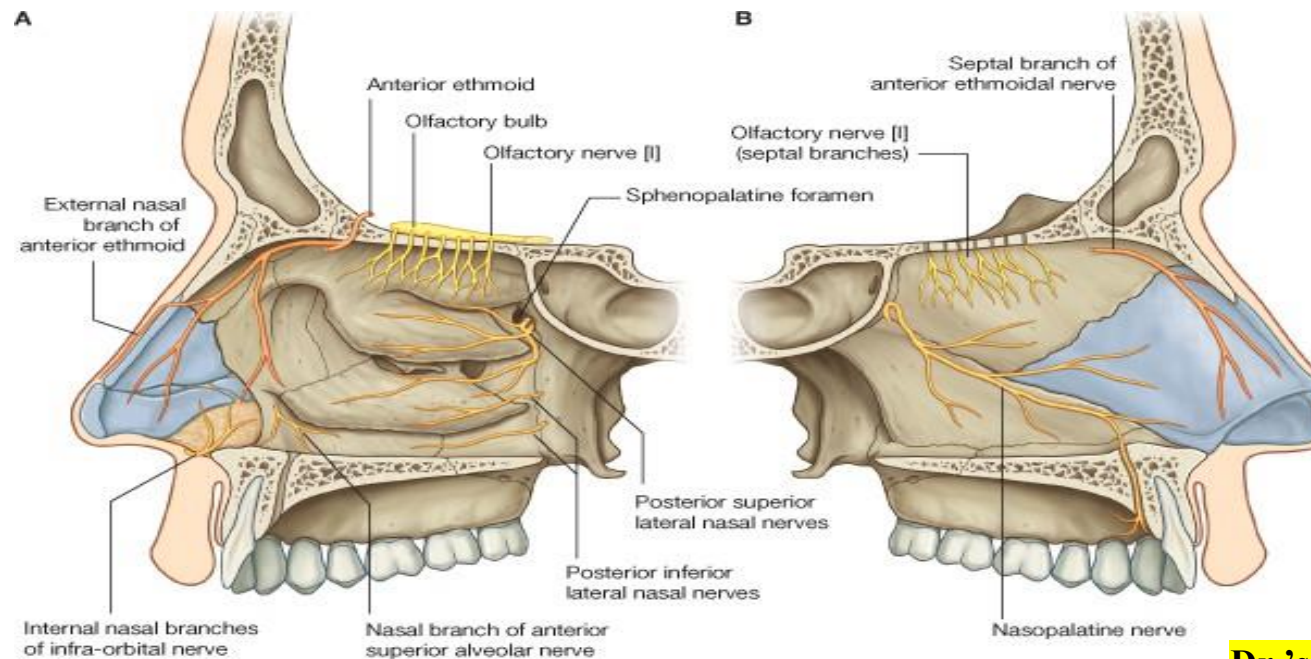


Dr.'s figure:

17- Innervation

➤ Parasympathetic fibers

- Parasympathetic secretomotor fibers supplying the nasal glands originate from the **facial nerve (V11)** pass through the greater petrosal nerve to the pterygopalatine ganglion, and then reach the glands to stimulate secretion.





ANATOMY QUIZ LECTURE 1

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Corrections from previous versions:

Versions	Slide # and Place of Error	Before Correction	After Correction
V0 → V1	24	-	Adding info (During Information or...)
	-	-	A new slide related to the blood supply was added, and indicative markers were added
V1 → V2	11	-	Adding info (facial artery (branch of the external carotid artery))
	23	-	modified skin = (keratinized stratified squamous epithelium)
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