Spinal Cord Anatomy N.Zecevic



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Box 9A Dermatomes





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Surface Features: Spinal Cord







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Where are the sensory and motor nuclei?

•Alar plate- sensory



•Basal plate – motor

Figure A6 The internal histology of the human spinal cord in a lumbar segment (Part 1)



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Figure 17.4 The corticospinal and corticobulbar tracts



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Figure 9-8 Representation of the general organization of motor neurons in the anterior horn.

Pain and temperature

Receptors in skin are innervated by dorsal root ganglia neurons that project to the spinal cord



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Fast pain- $A\delta$ fibers **Slow** pain- long lasting pain- C fibers

Antero-lateral system contains:

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-Fibers for sharp pain, well delineated, Integrated, deep layers of dorsal horn >cross to form **ALS** >> To VPL > Somatosensory Cx

-Affective-motivational aspect of pain-Superficial dorsal horn (I/II layers) > cross to ALS > Midline TH > Anterior cingulate and Insular Cx (anguish)

Dorsal Column - Sensory system

Crude Touch

Two point discrimination

Vibration

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Figure 9.8 Schematic representation of the main mechanosensory pathways (Part 1)



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- Cuneate and Gracilis fibers- SC
- Nuclei Cuneate and Gracilis- Medulla
- Crossing in medulla > Medial Lemniscus
- VPL- Thalamus
- Somato-sensory Cortex

Thoracic





Spino-cerebellar tract

Figure 9.9 Proprioceptive pathways for the upper and lower body



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Dorsal Spino-cerebellar tractproprioception, information from muscles

Ia and Ib DRG fibers terminate in Clarke's column, T1-L2



Pyramidal crossing

- Grey and white matter
- White matter ascending (sensory) and descending (motor) fiber tracts.

Ascending:

Dorsal column

Descending:

pyramidal (cortico-spinal)

• Spino-thalamic tr.(ALS) spinal tr.

Rubro-

• Spino-cerebellar tr.