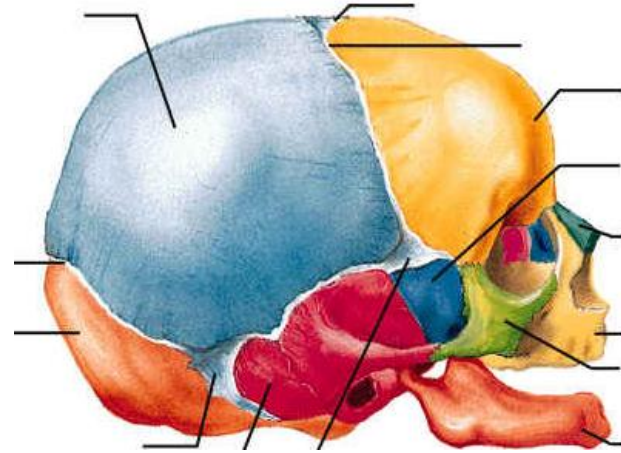


# *Development of the Skull*



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# WHERE DOES THE CRANIUM COME FROM?

**PARAXIAL MESODERM**

**NEURAL CREST**

LATERAL PLATE MESODERM

*in the cervical region*

Desmocranium vs Chondrocranium

*The cranial components develop by*

**MEMBRANOUS** and **ENDOCHONDRAL** ways

*They produce **Compacta** and **Spongiosa** of the*

Viscerocranium and Neurocranium

**CARTILAGINOUS** **VISCEROCRANIUM**  
**NEUROCRANIUM**

**MEMBRANOUS** **NEUROCRANIUM**  
**VISCEROCRANIUM**

# COMPONENTS OF THE CRANIUM

## NEUROCRANIUM

### Chondrocranium

- Occipital
- Sphenoid
- Ethmoid
- Petrous and mastoid part of temporal

### Membranous neurocranium

- Interparietal part of occipital
- Parietal
- Frontal
- Squamous part of temporal

## VISCEROCRANIUM

### Pharyngeal Arch I

#### Cartilaginous viscerocranium

- Meckel's cartilage
- Malleus
- Incus

#### Membranous viscerocranium

- Maxillary process (superficial)
  - Squamous part of temporal
  - Zygomatic
  - Maxillary
  - Premaxillary
  - Nasal?
  - Lacrimal?
- Maxillary process (deep)
  - Palatine
  - Vomer
  - Pterygoid laminae
- Mandibular process
  - Mandible
  - Tympanic ring

### PHARYNGEAL ARCH II

#### Cartilaginous viscerocranium

- Reichert's cartilage
- Stapes
- Styloid process

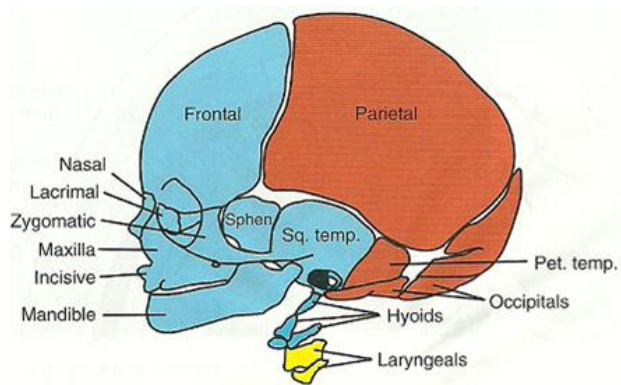
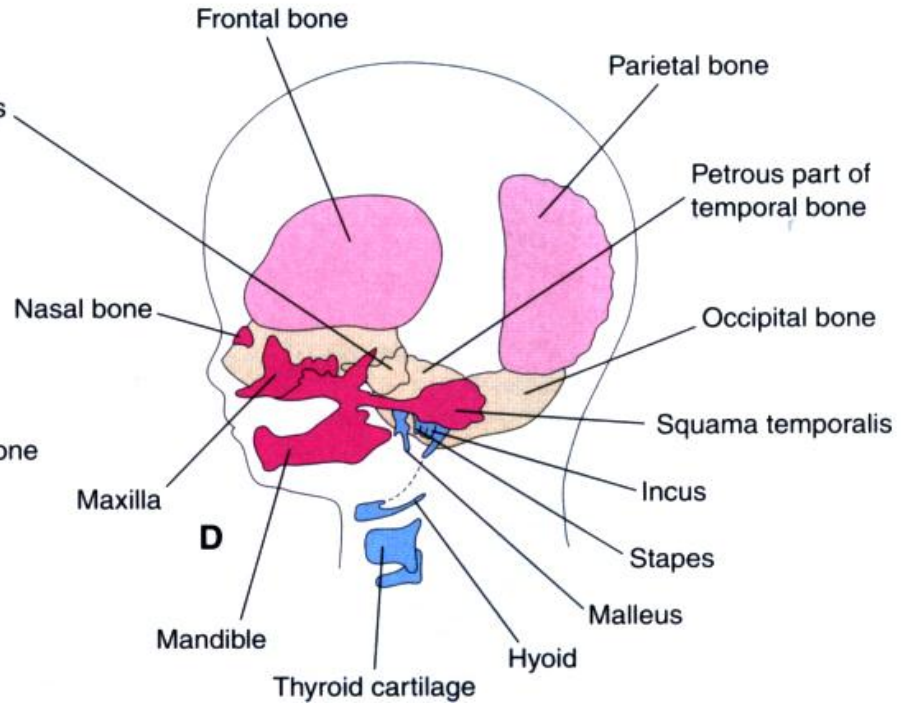
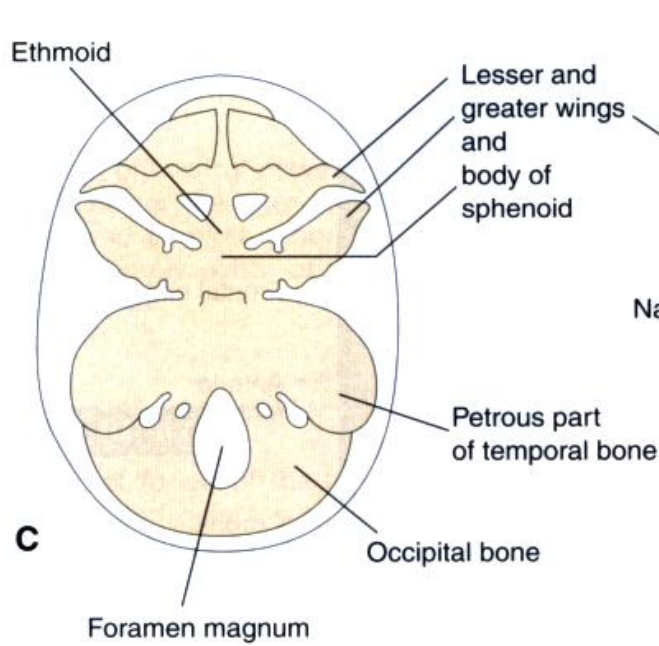
# NEUROCRANIUM AND VISCEROCRANIUM

Cartilaginous neurocranium

Membranous neurocranium

Cartilaginous viscerocranium

Membranous viscerocranium



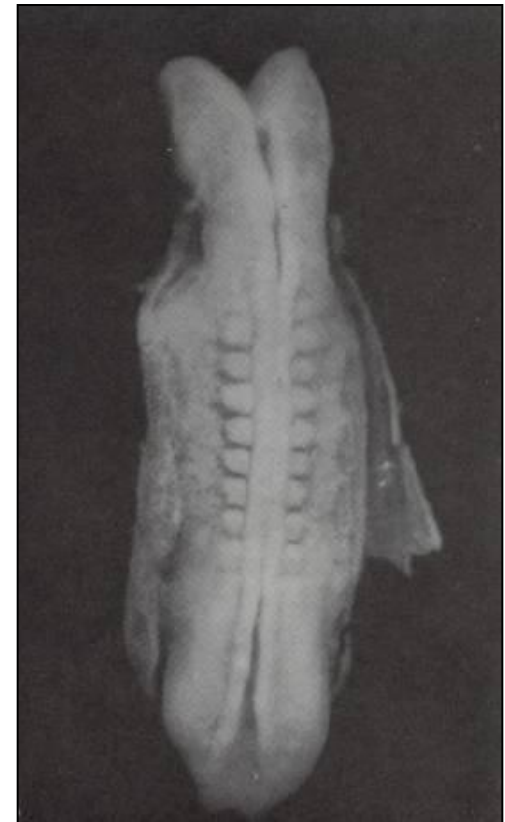
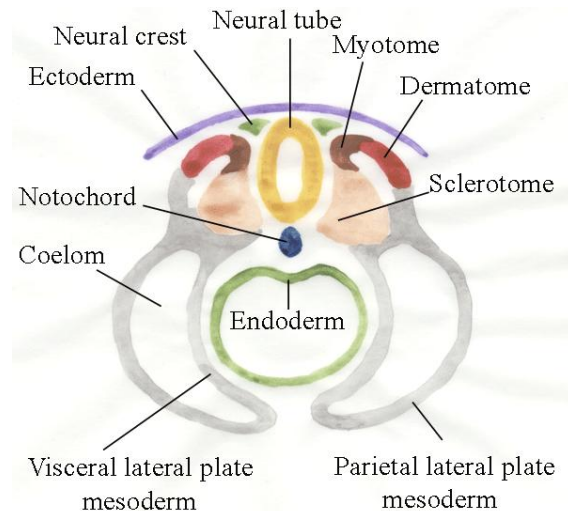
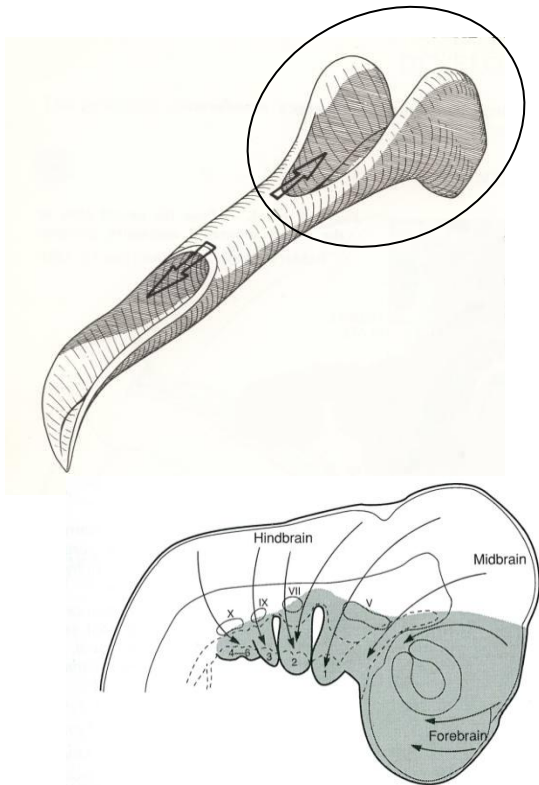
BLUE – neural crest

BROWN – paraxial mesoderm (somites)

YELLOW – lateral plate mesoderm

# EMBRYOLOGICAL ORIGINS OF THE CRANIUM

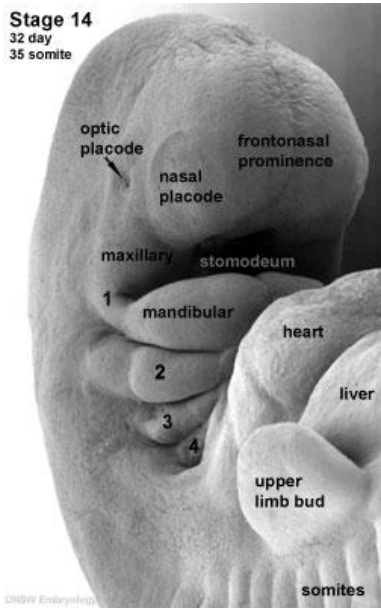
- **Mesenchyme** from around the proximal end of the neural tube  
(connective tissue capsule of the **prosencephalon**)
- Neural crest (**ectomesenchyme**)
- The first 3 Somites (**sclerotom**)
- **Mesenchyme** of the 1st and 2nd branchial arches



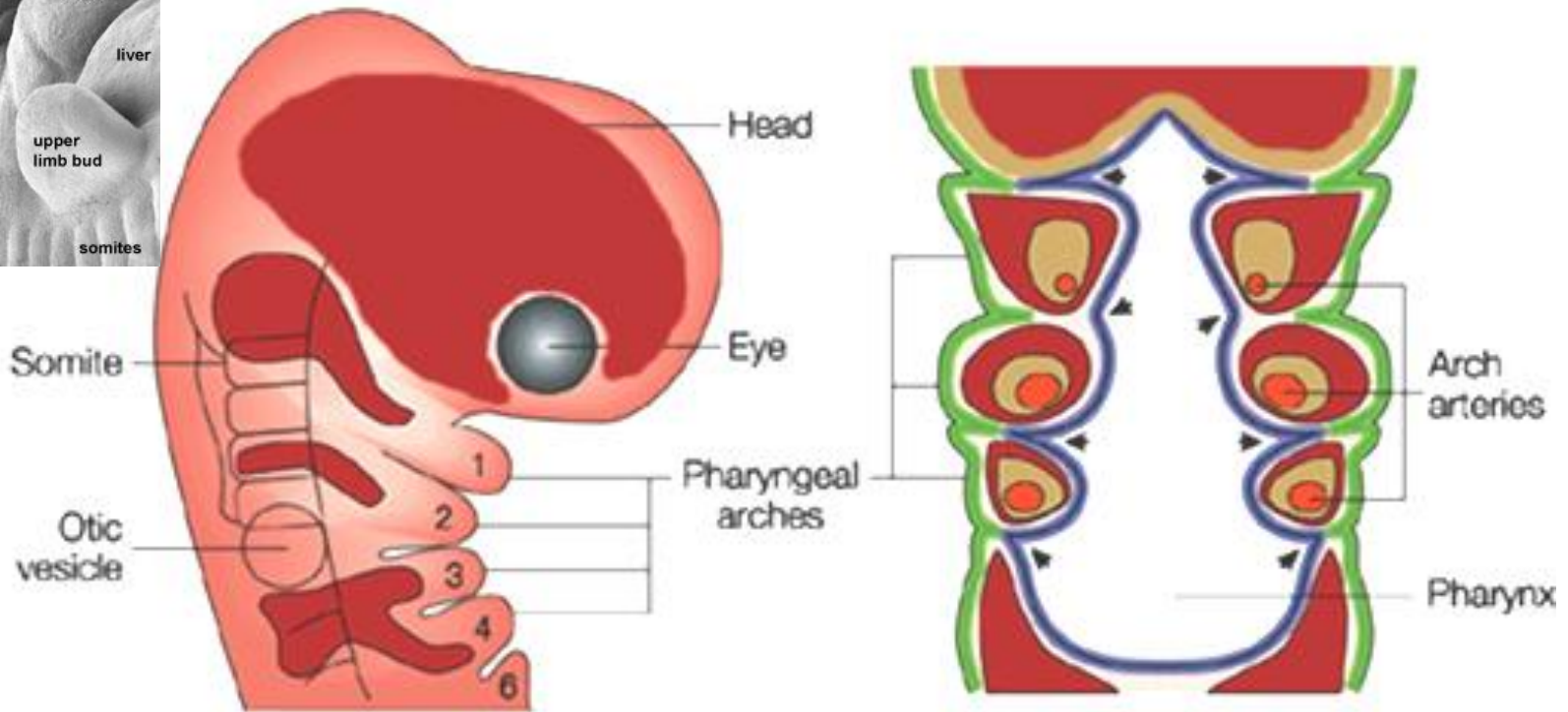


# EMBRYOLOGICAL ORIGINS OF THE CRANIUM

Stage 14  
32 day  
35 somite



## PHARYNGEAL ARCHES, GROOVES, POUCHES AND DERIVATIVES



■ Nervous tissue ■ Ectoderma ■ Mesoderma ■ Endoderma

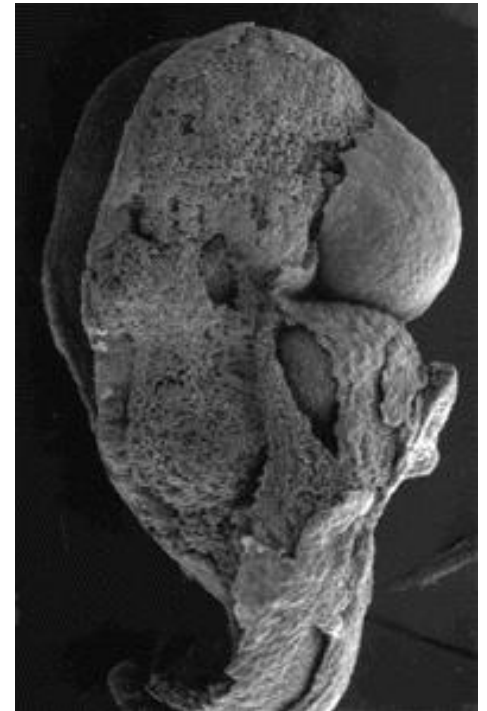
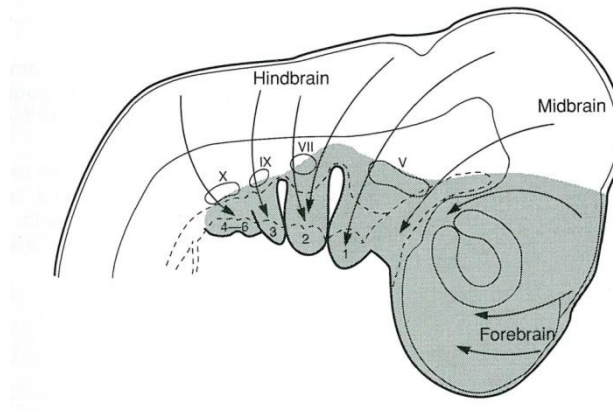
# CEPHALIC PRIMORDIA - MESENCHYME

## Mesenchyme in general

- embryonic connective tissue
- loosely organized
- has the ability to migrate & differentiate into different cell types
- can develop from any germ layer

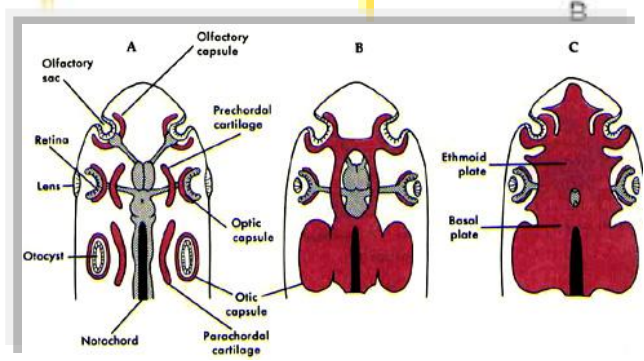
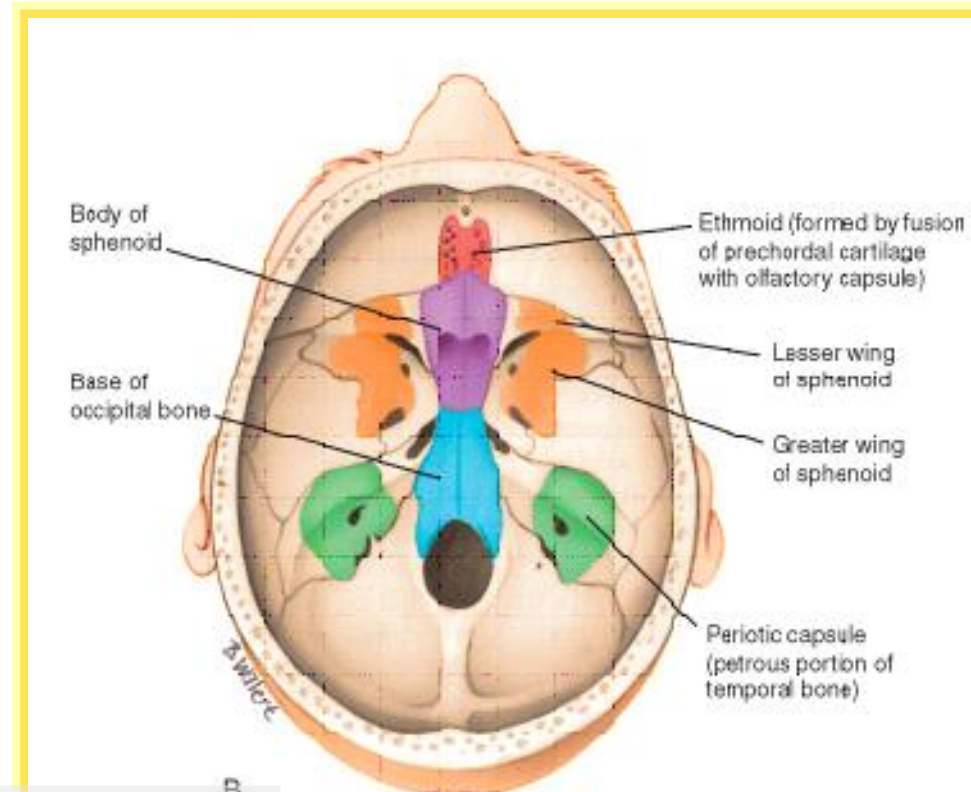
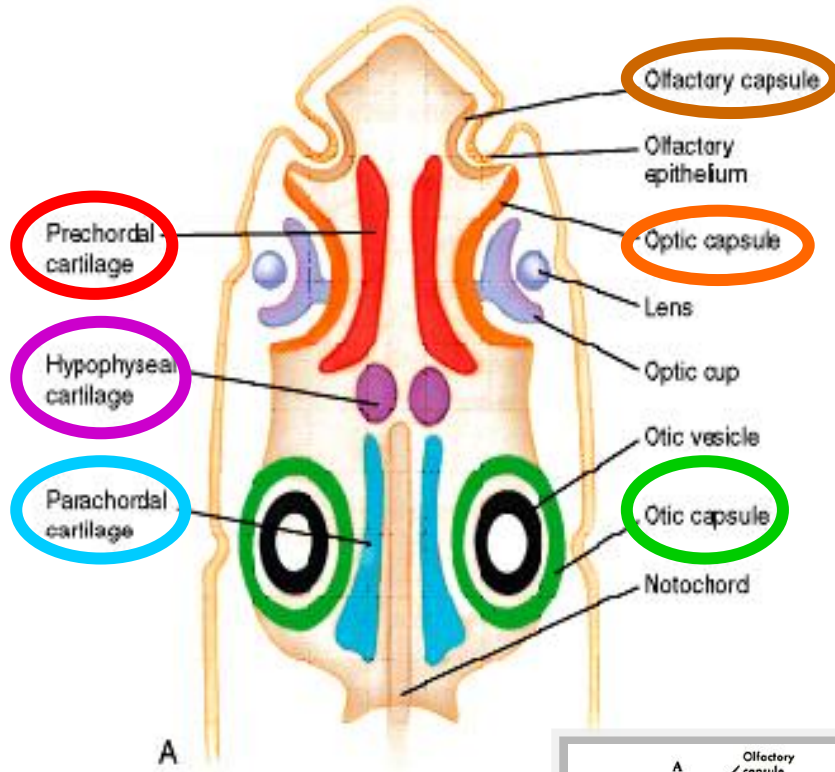
## Ectomesenchyme

**(head mesenchyme) - derived from neural crest cells**



# CARTILAGINEOUS NEUROCRANIUM - CHONDROCRANIUM

6th week





# CARTILAGINEOUS NEUROCRANIUM - *CHONDROCRANIUM*

Parachordal cartilage

Cartilages of the occipital sclerotom



**occipital bone** surrounding the foramen magnum

Hypophysial cartilage  
(around the hypophysis)

**body of sphenoid**

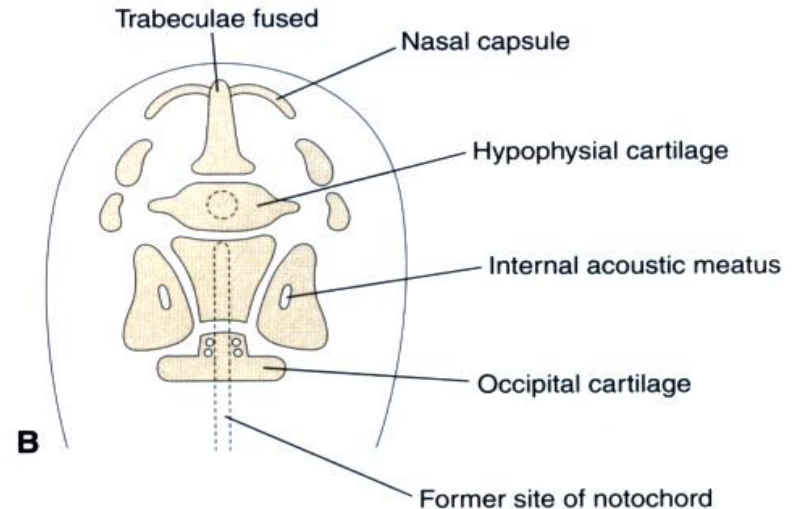
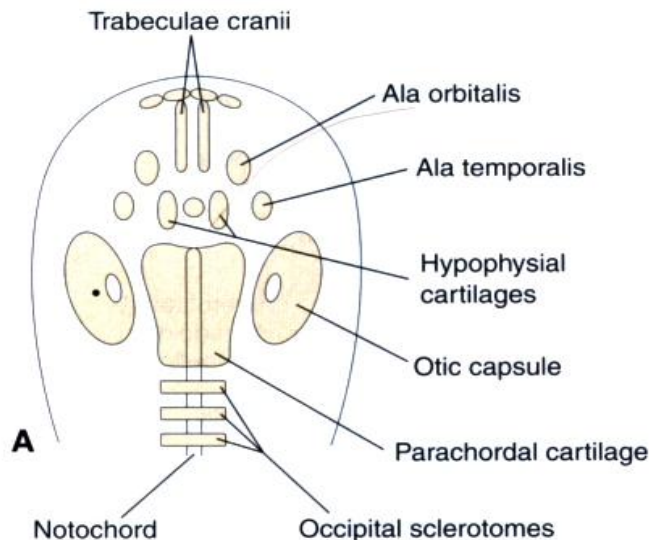
greater wing, lesser wing, lateral plate of the pterygoid process

Otic cartilage  
(at the otic placode)

**temporal bone:** petrous part, mastoid part

Nasal capsule

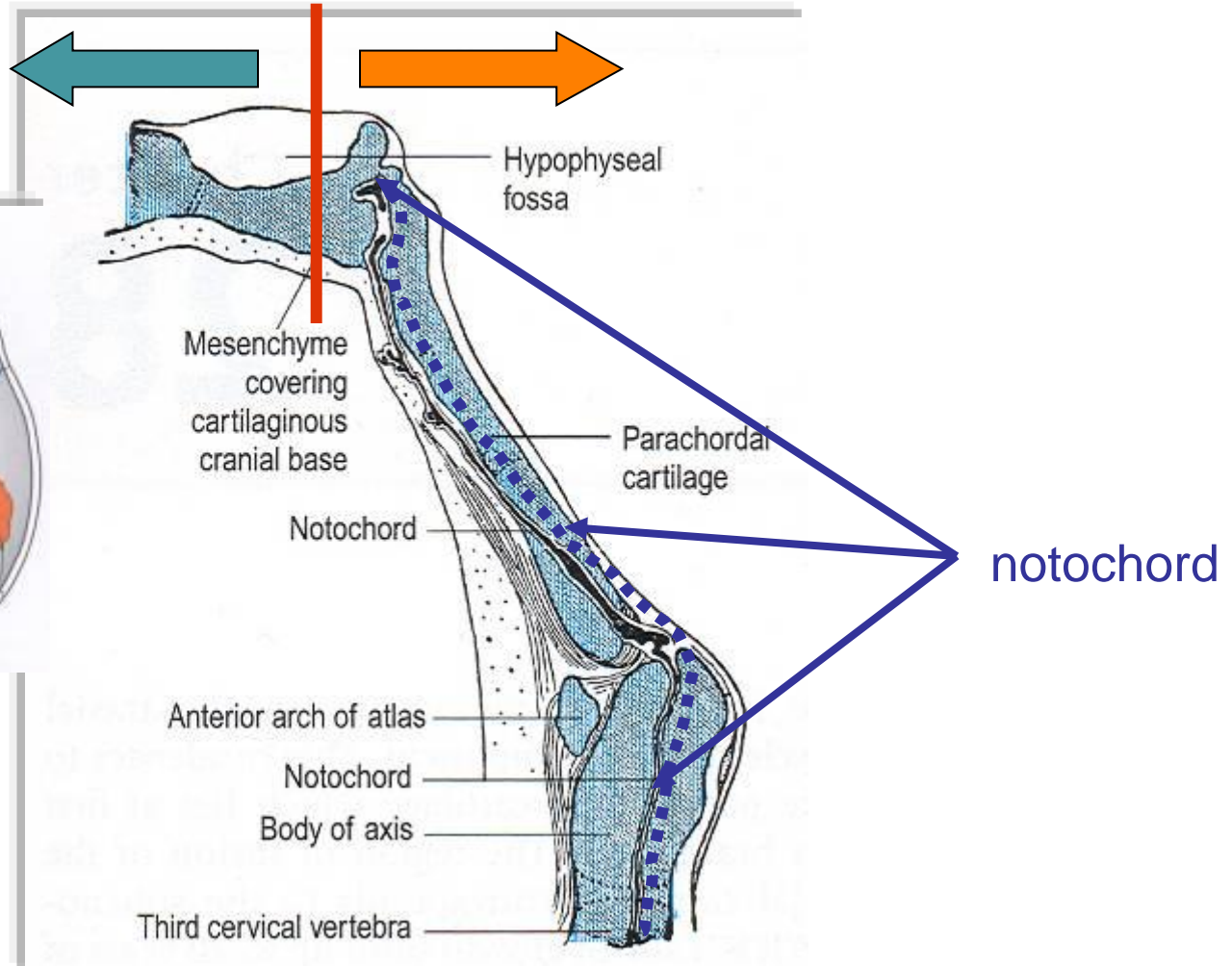
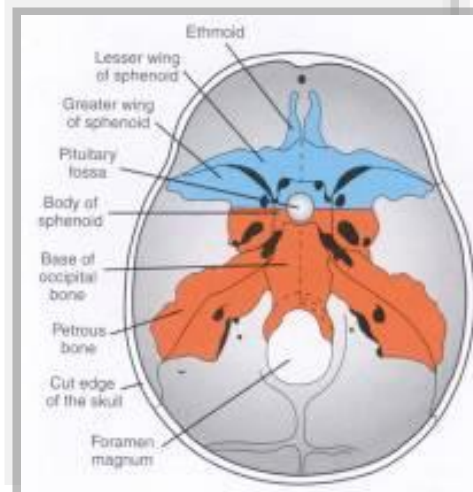
**ethmoidal bone, inferior nasal concha, nasal cartilage**



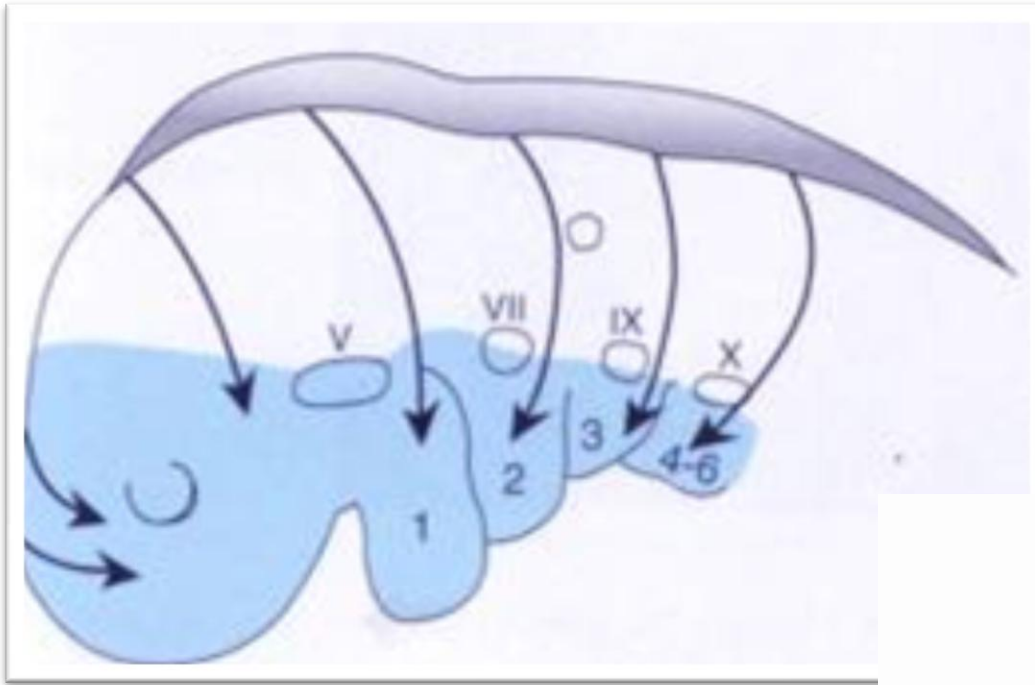
# CARTILAGINEOUS NEUROCRANIUM - *CHONDROCRANIUM*

in front of rostral end of notochord  
*neural crest origin*  
praechordal chondrocranium

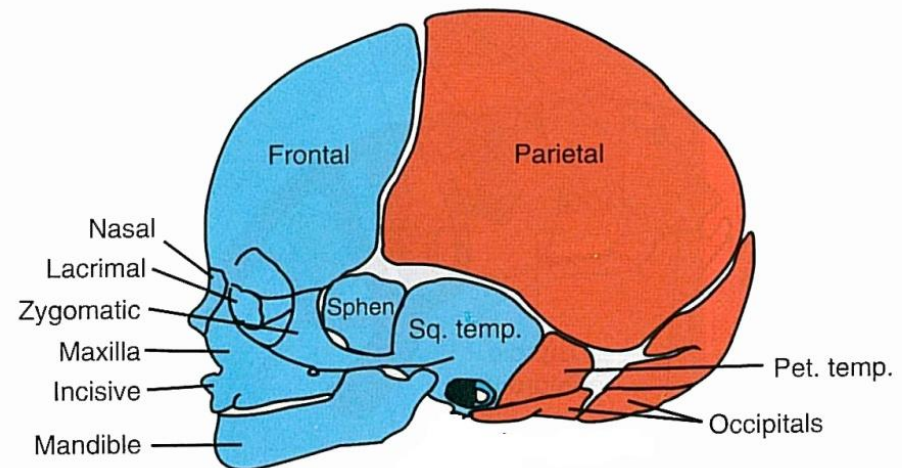
at the level of notochord  
*paraxial mesodermal origin*  
chordal chondrocranium



# NEURAL CREST MESENCHYME (ECTOMESENCHYME) COMPOSES THE FRONTAL BUT NOT THE PARIETAL BONE

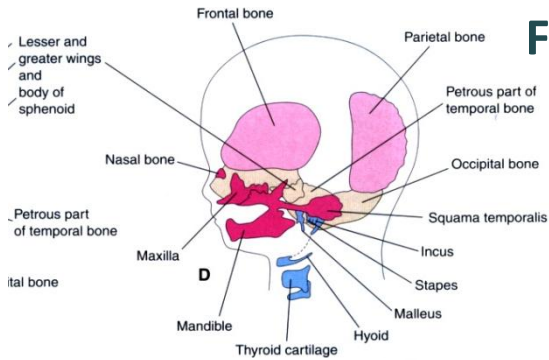


The coronal suture forms at the interface between the neural crest-derived osteogenic mesenchyme of the frontal bone and the mesoderm-derived osteogenic mesenchyme of the parietal bone.

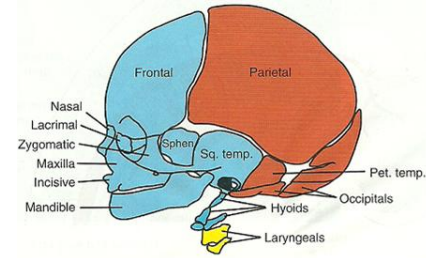


# MEMBRANOUS NEUROCRANIUM

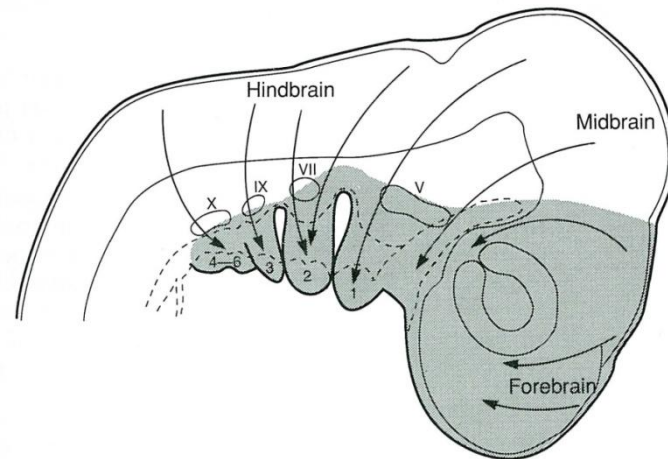
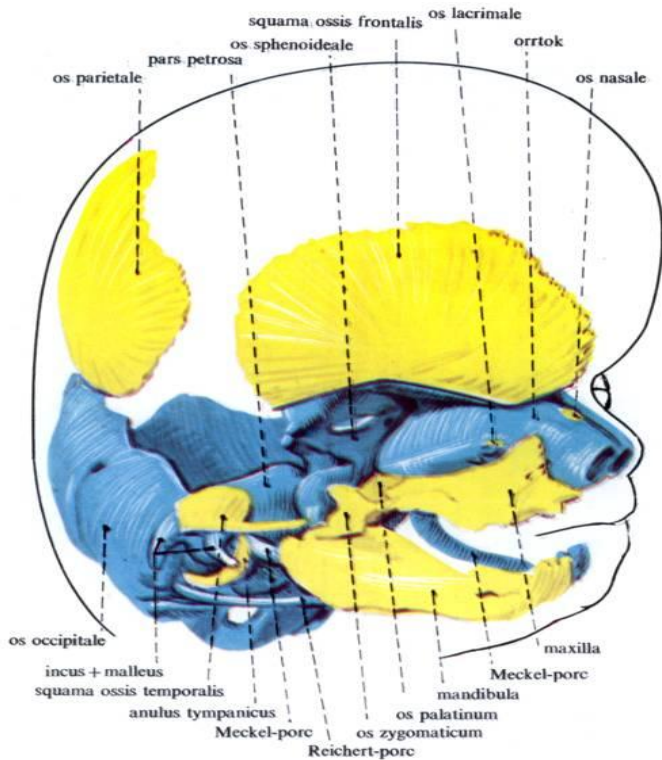
## FLAT BONES - INTRAMEMBRANOUS OSSIFICATION



frontal,  
parietal  
tympanic part  
squamous part of temporal  
squamous part of occipital

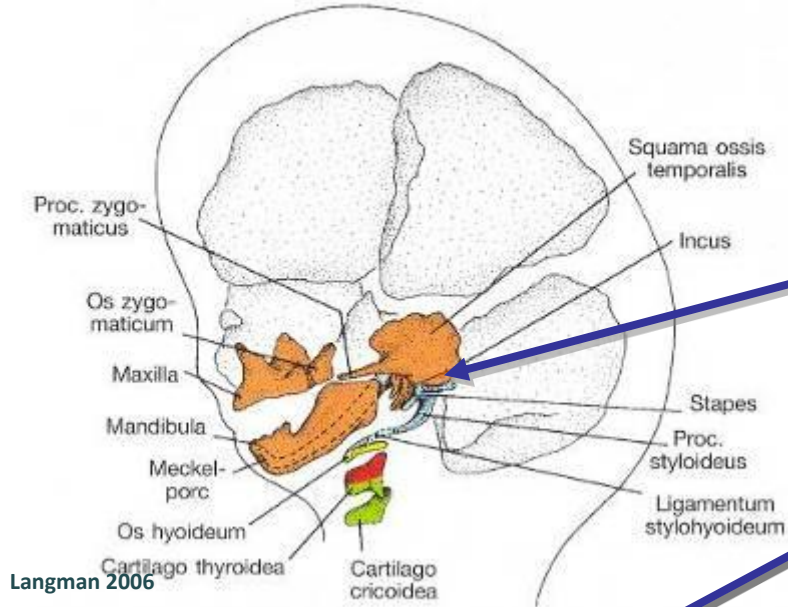


the cells derive either from  
**NEURAL CREST** (blue) or **PARAXIAL MESODERM**  
(brown)





# CARTILAGENOUS VISCEROCRANIUM BONES OF THE FACIAL SKELETON



Langman 2006

**Circumoral first pharyngeal arch  
mandibular prominence**

**Meckel's cartilage  
dorsal end  
rudiments of incus, malleus**

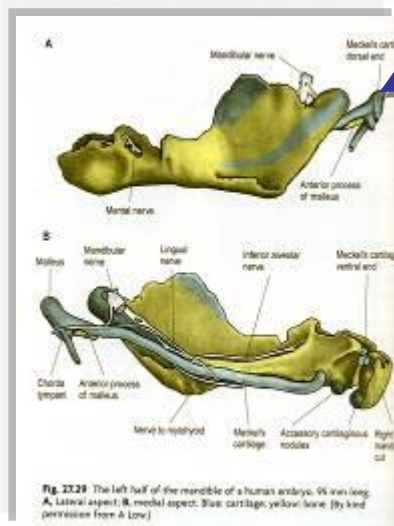
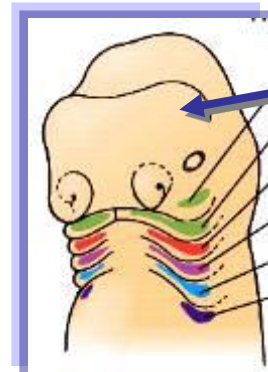


Fig. 22.29 The left half of the mandible of a human embryo. (6 mm long). A, lateral aspect; B, medial aspect. Blue: cartilage; yellow: bone (by kind pervasion from A to B).



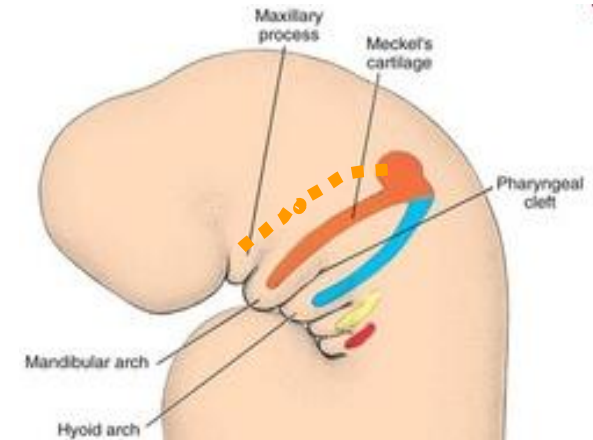
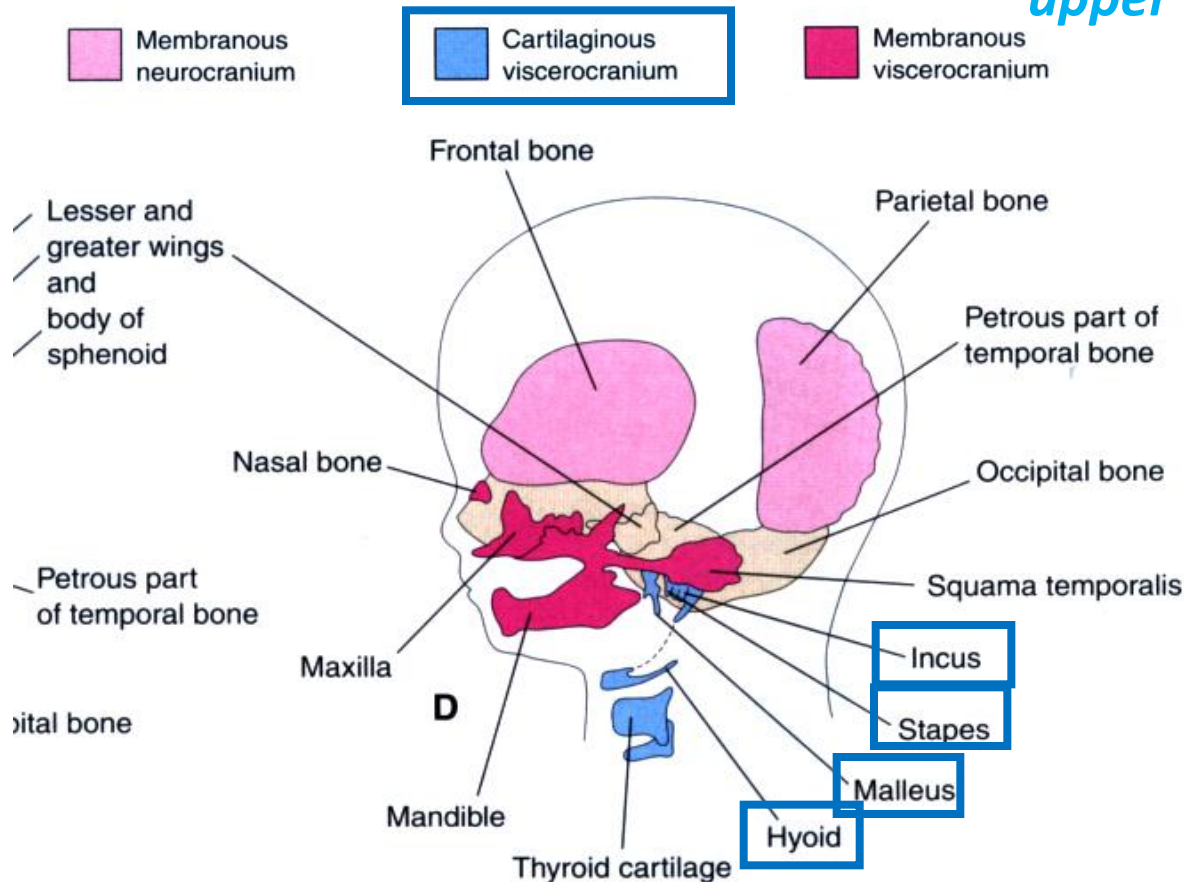
**Second pharyngeal arch  
Reichert's cartilage  
stapes,  
temporal  
styloid process**

# CARTILAGINEOUS VISCEROCRANIUM

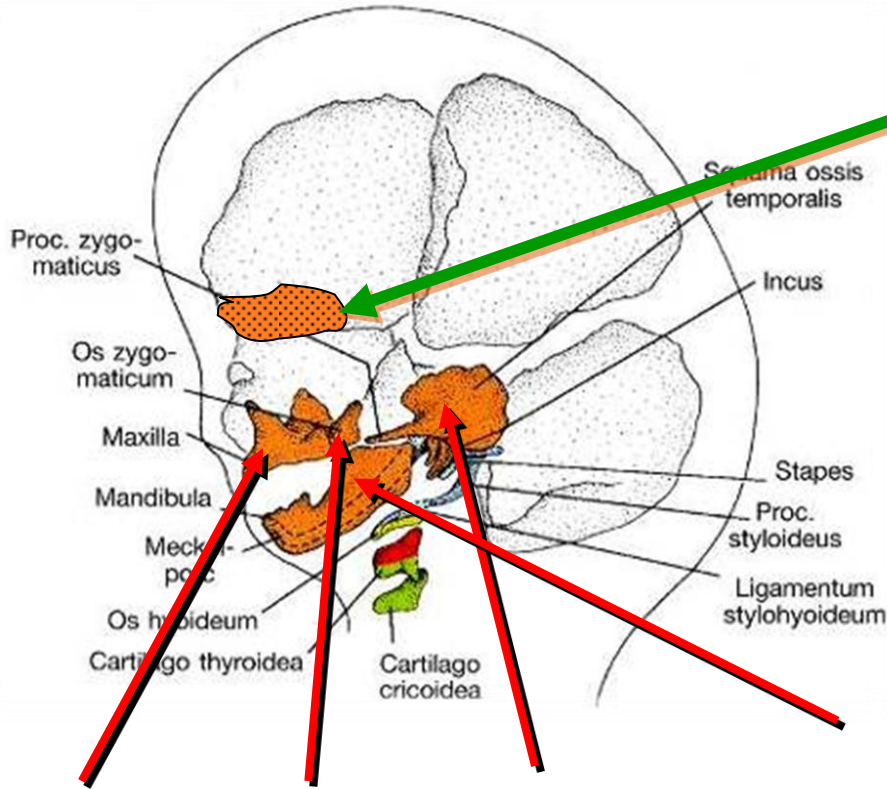
1. **Pharyngeal arch** – (Meckel's cartilage) forms **MALLEUS** and **INCUS**

2. **Pharyngeal arch** - (Reichert's cartilage) forms **STAPES**

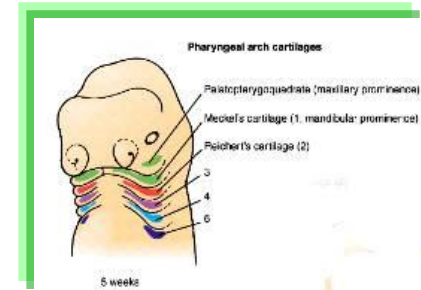
*styloid proc. of the temporal bone  
upper half and lesser wing of the  
hyoid bone*



# MEMBRANOUS VISCEROCRANIUM BONES OF THE FACIAL SKELETON



**frontonasal prominence**  
**frontal bone**  
orbital and nasal parts



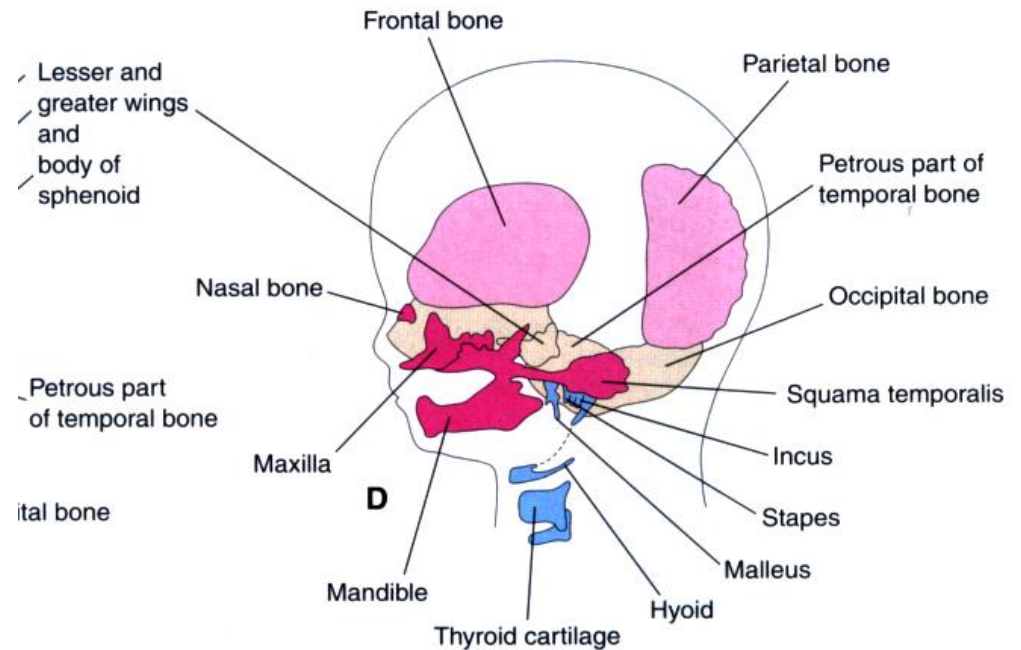
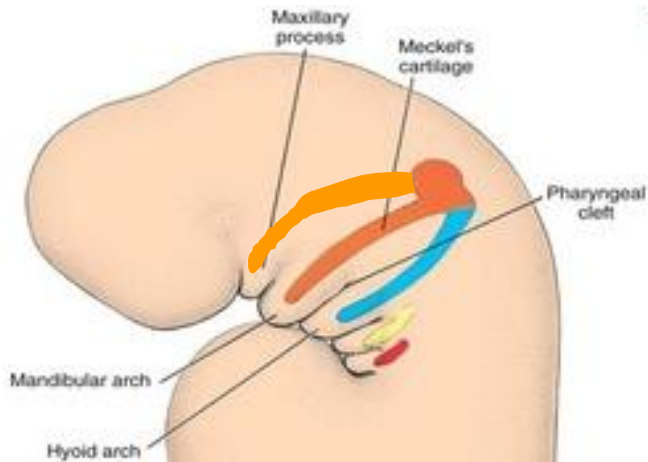
**first pharyngeal arch**  
**two prominences:**  
**mandibular and maxillary prominences**

**maxilla, zygomatic, temporal squama**  
**membrane bones**  
**maxillary prominence**

**mandible**  
intramembranous ossification  
around the ventral part of Meckel's cartilage  
**mandibular prominence**

# MEMBRANOUS VISCEROCRANIUM

## 1. Pharyngeal arch



*Dorsal subdivision* **MAXILLARY process**

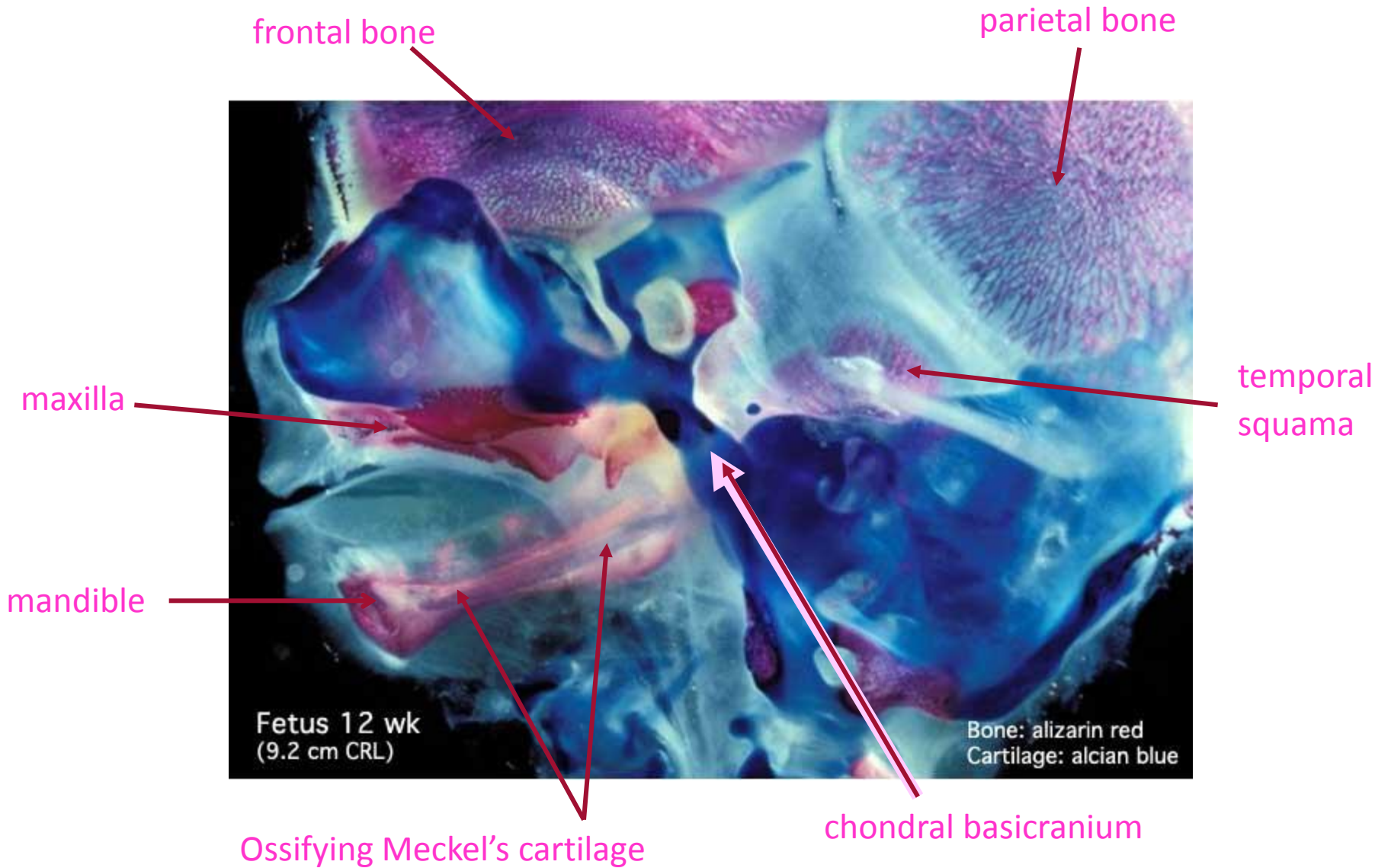
*DERIVATIVES* : *maxilla, zygomatic bone, vomer and palatine bone, temporal squama (later joins the neurocranium)*

*Ventral subdivision* **MANDIBULAR process** (*contains the Meckel's cartilage*)

*DERIVATIVES*: *mandible (but the condyle is formed by endochondral ossification)*

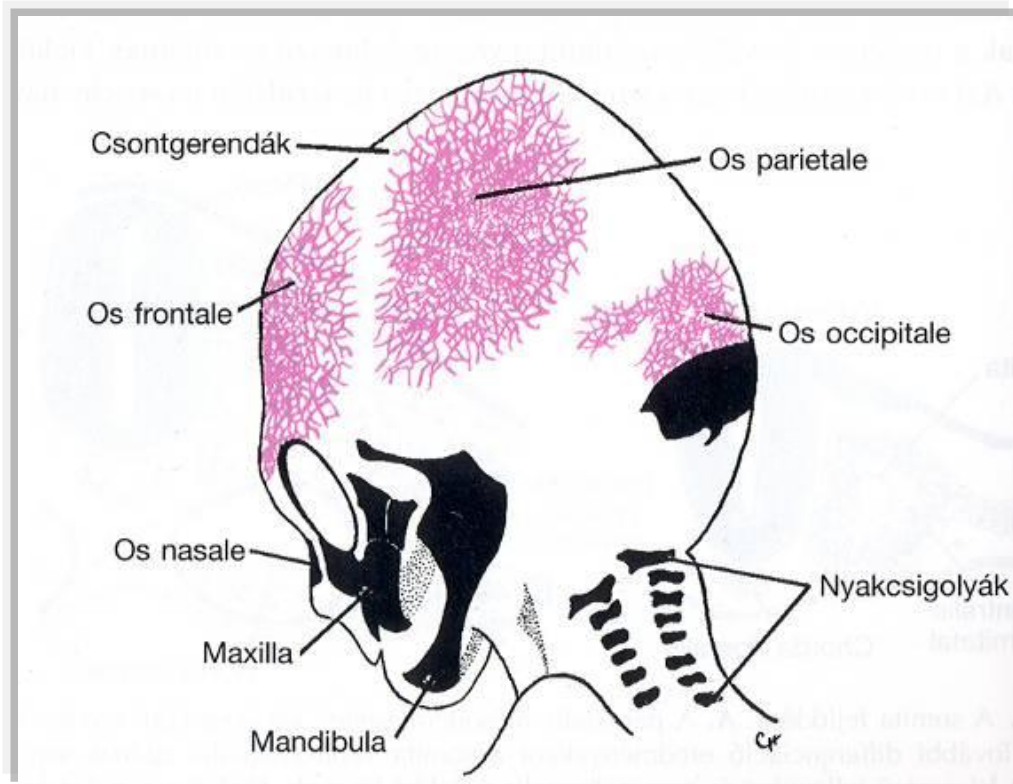


# FETAL CRANIUM

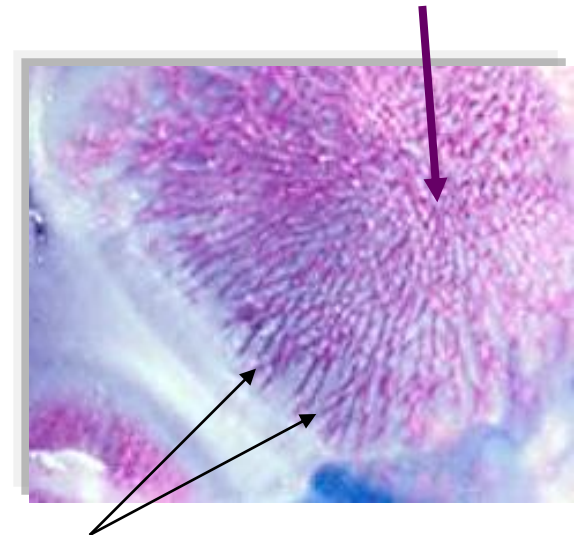


# MEMBRANOUS NEUROCRANIUM, CALVARY

3rd month



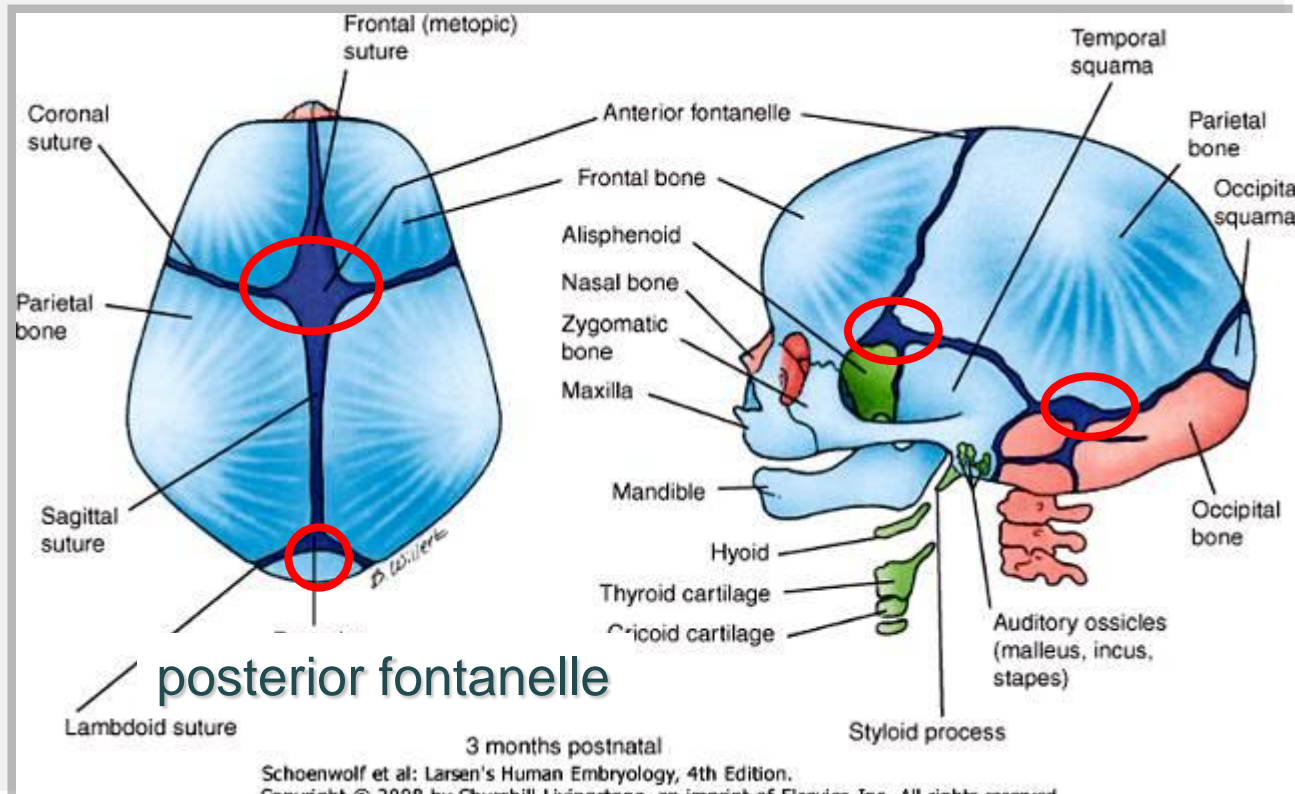
-primary ossification centre



radial orientation  
of bony  
trabeculae  
*spiculum*

# MEMBRANOUS NEUROCRANIUM SUTURES AND FONTANELLES

anterior fontanelle



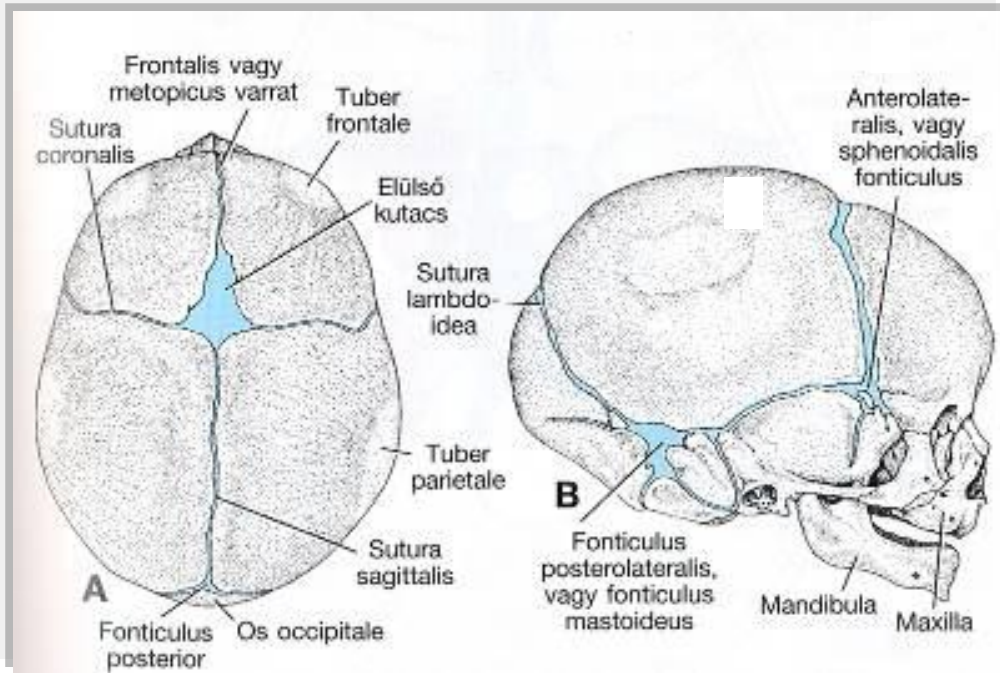
anterolateral fontanelle

posterolateral fontanelle

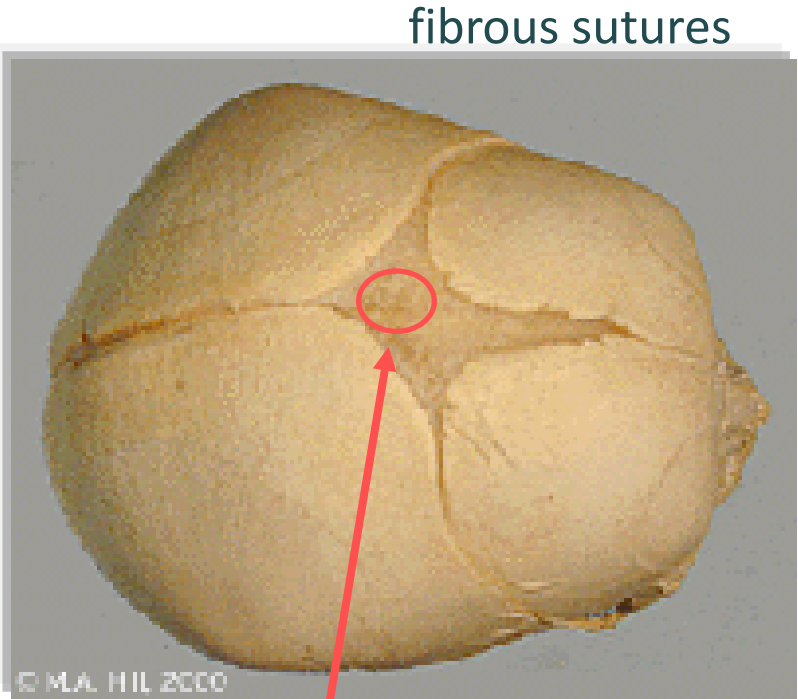
The connective tissue of the sutures/ fontanelles derives from the neural crest and acts as an

**ORGANIZER**

# SKULL OF A NEWBORN



anterior fontanelle  
(closes in the middle of 2nd year)



Location of the parietal eye of reptiles  
(phylogenetic relevance)





# CRANIOFACIAL MALFORMATIONS



Langman 2006

**Scaphocephaly**



**FGF Receptor 3  
mutation**

**Clover leaf  
Syndrome**



**Craniosynostosis**



B

Langman 2006

**Turriccephaly**



# CRANIOFACIAL MALFORMATIONS



**brachicephaly**



**dolichocephaly**



**trigonocephaly**



# INTERPARIETAL OR INCA BONE

BONY INCLUSION IN THE LAMBDOID SUTURE

A



B





THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION

