

Removal of Head & Pharynx

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Outline:

- The structure and ligaments of the atlanto-axial joint
- The protocols of removing the head
- The muscles, blood vessels and nerves in pharynx

Removal of Head (I)

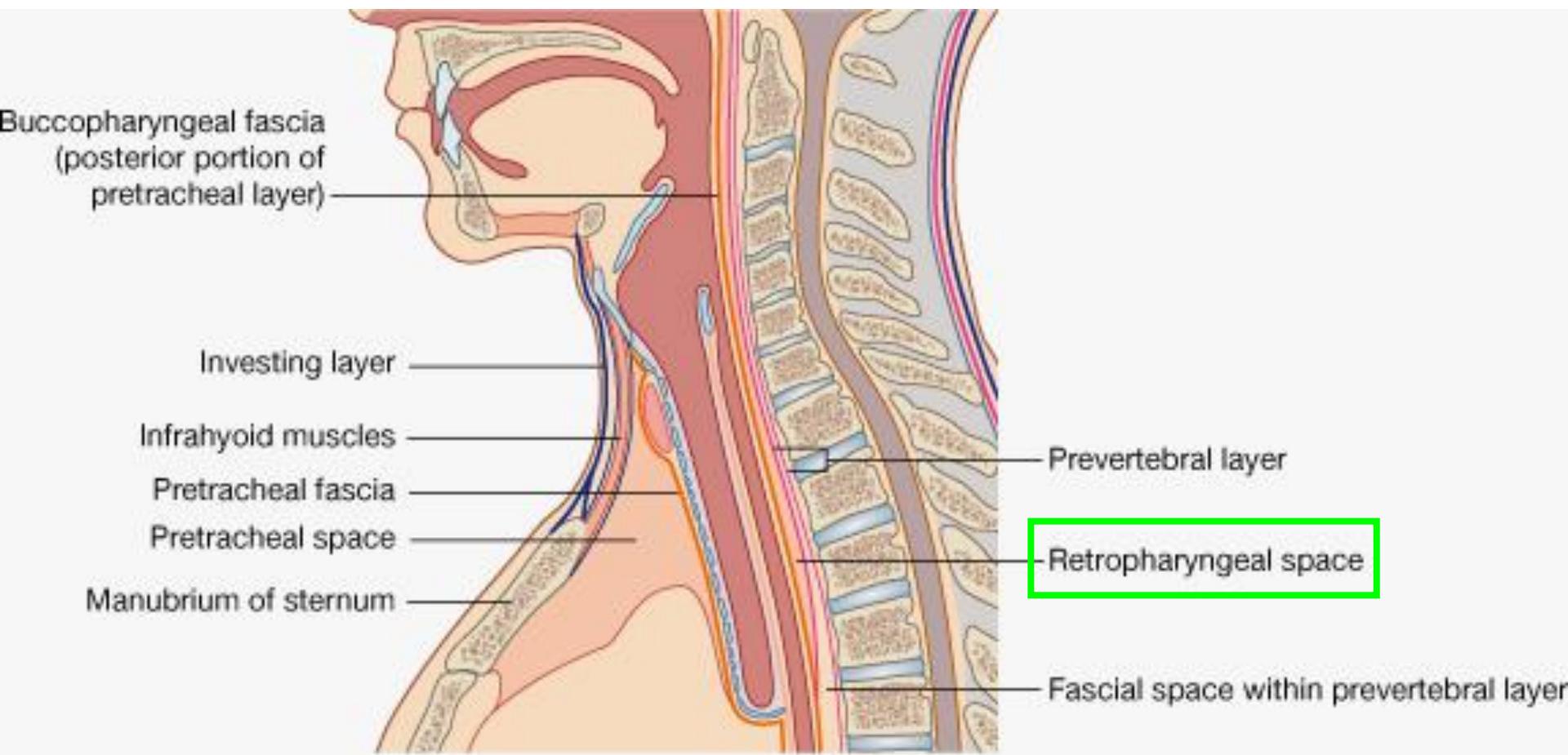
Study the **retro-pharyngeal space**,
the **cranio-vertebral joint**

1. insert fingers posterior to **carotid sheath** into
retro-pharyngeal space,
superior to the base of skull and inferior to T3.
2. turn the cadaver into **face down**
3. define the anterior border of **foramen magnum**;
note the **dens of the axis**.

Removal of Head (II)

4. cut and reflect **dura mater** and **tectorial membrane**
5. expose **transverse ligament of atlas** and
sup. & inf. bands (cruciform ligament)
6. identify **alar ligaments**
7. ***cut ligaments along foramen magnum to open atlanto-occipital joint***

Retro-pharyngeal space



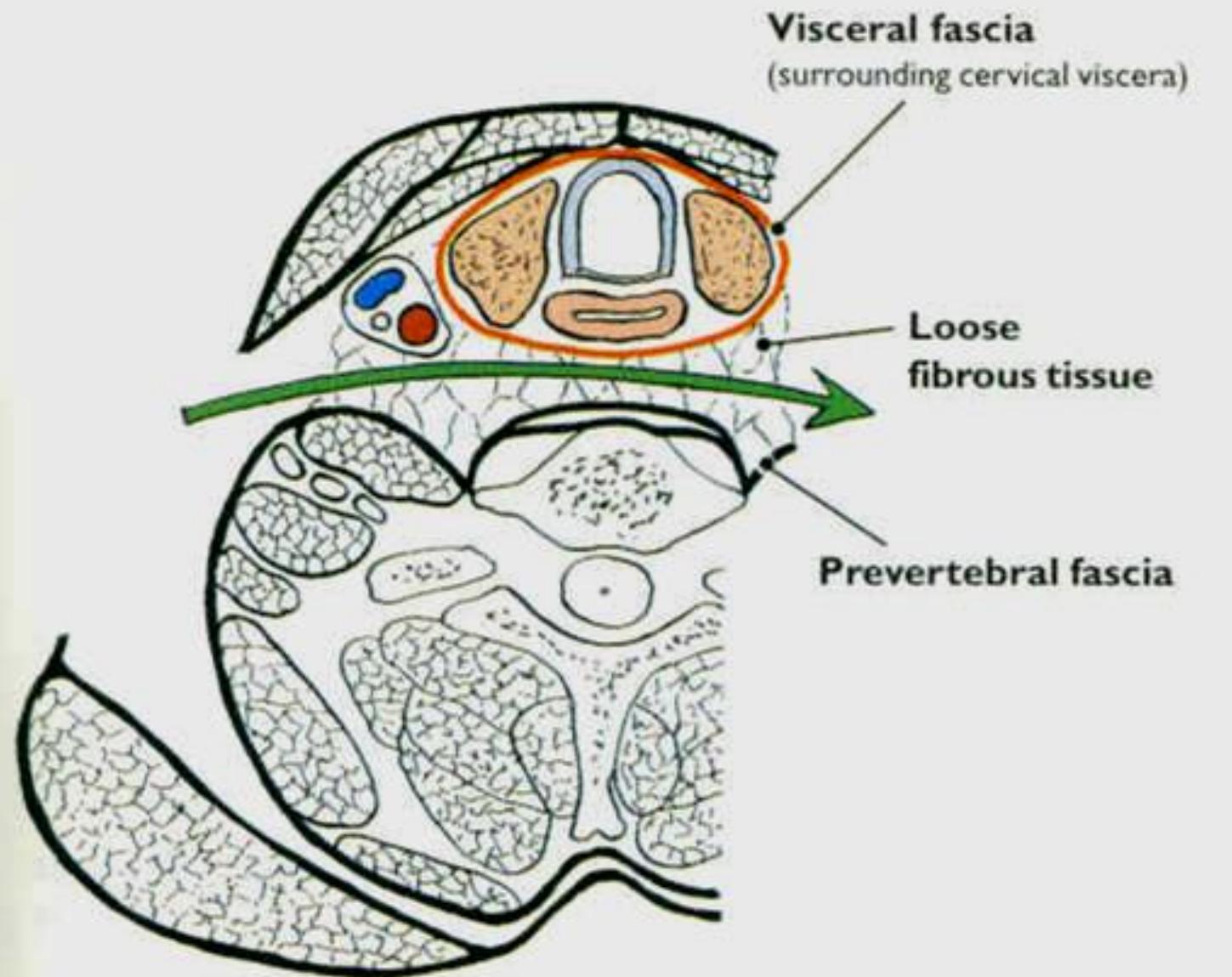


Figure 7.72. Transverse section of the neck. The arrow passes through the retropharyngeal or retrovisceral space, i.e., between visceral compartment and prevertebral fascia.

Cruciate ligament:

Superior longitudinal
band

Clivus

Dura mater

Tectorial membrane

Transverse
ligament of atlas

Inferior
longitudinal band

Spine of axis

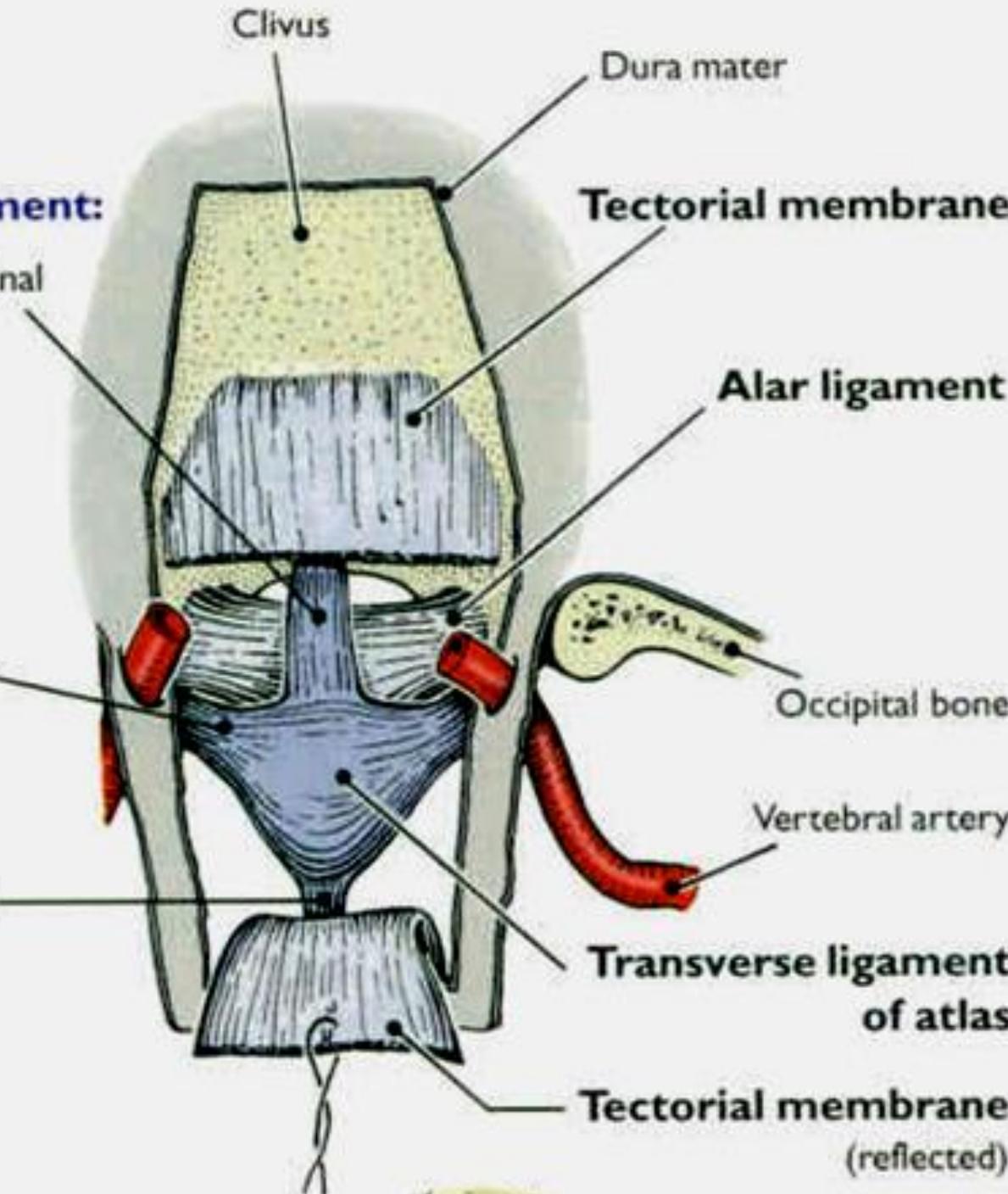
Alar ligament

Occipital bone

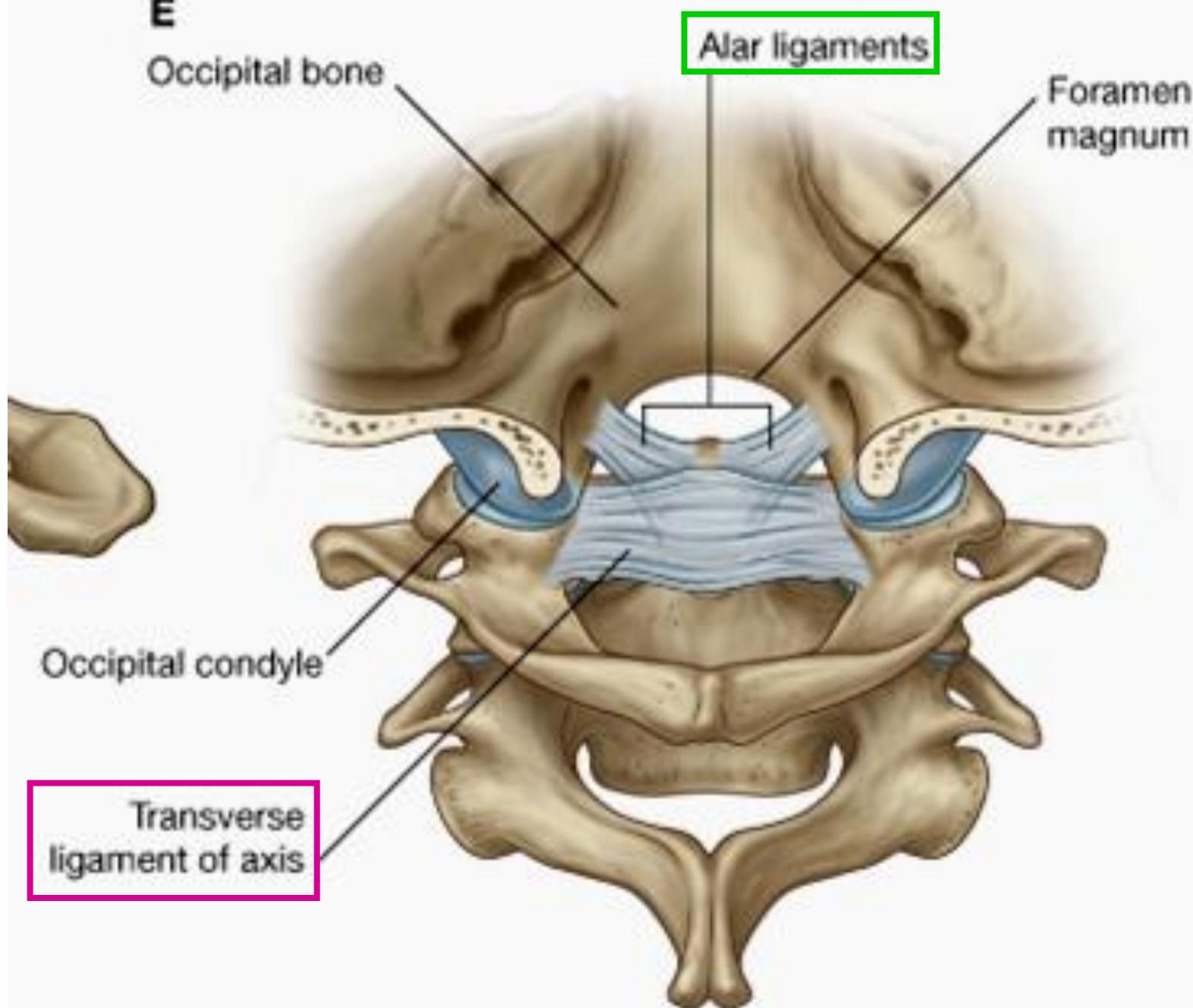
Vertebral artery

Transverse ligament
of atlas

Tectorial membrane
(reflected)



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Atlanto-Axial joint

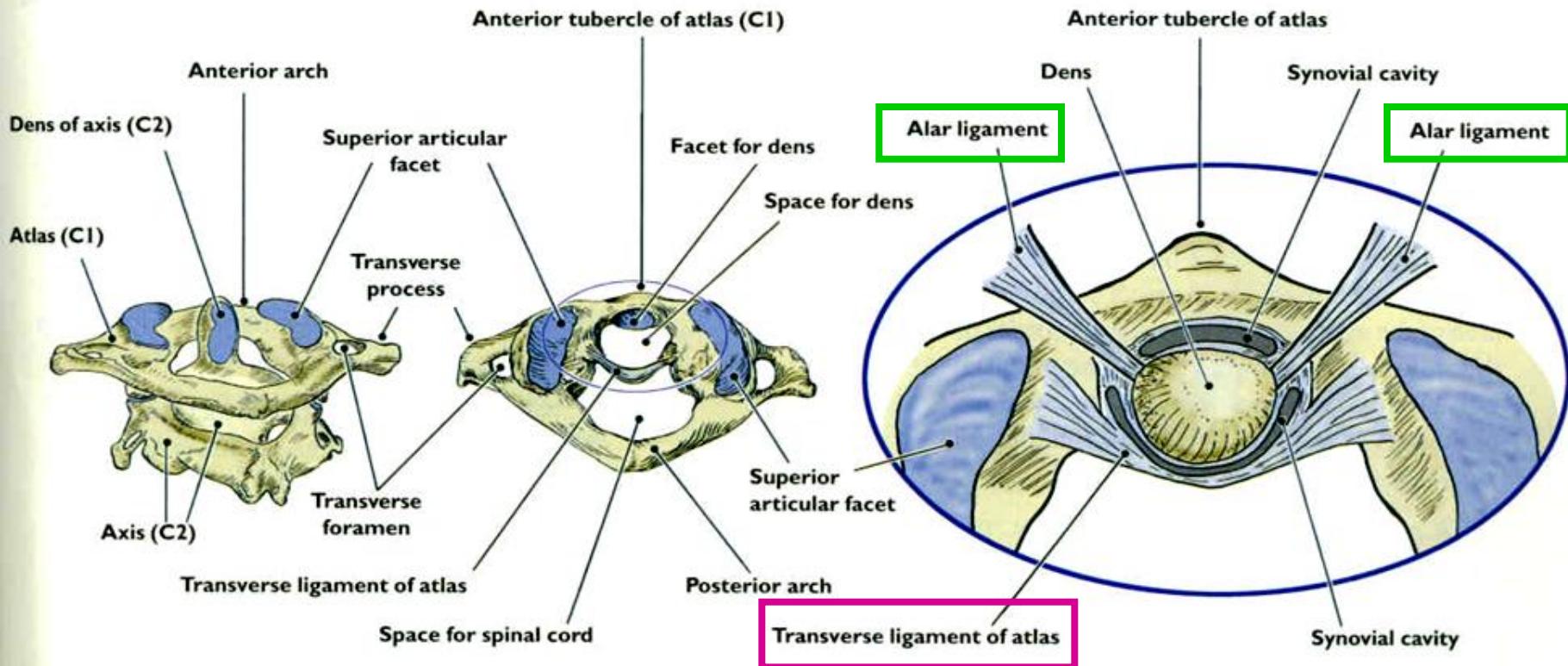


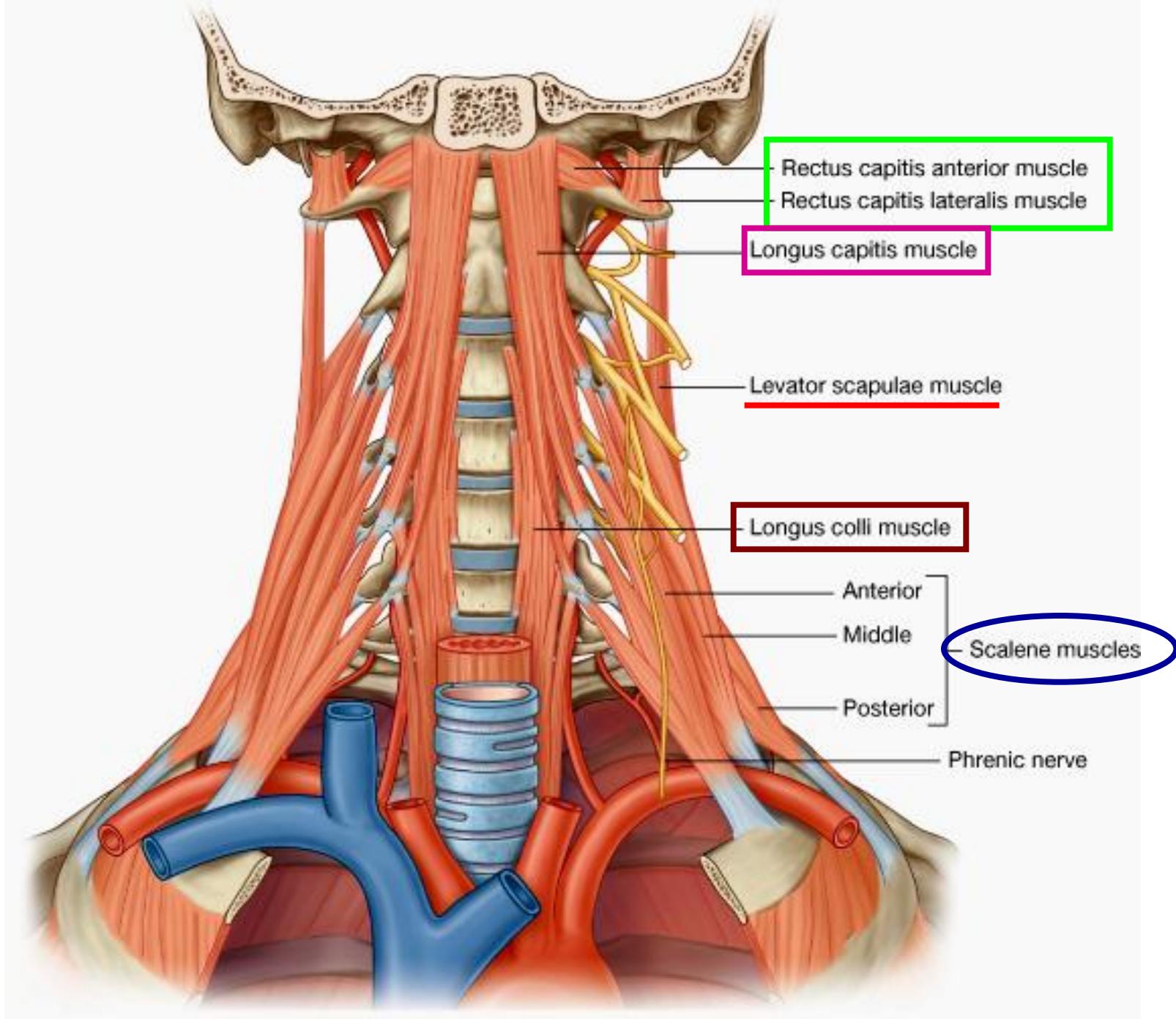
Figure 7.73. Essential bony landmarks and ligaments of the atlanto-axial joint. The enlarged inset shows a superior view of the middle atlanto-axial joint, i.e., the synovial joint between the dens of axis and anterior arch of atlas.

Removal of Head (III)

8. turn the cadaver into *face up*
9. place hands into **retro-pharyngeal space**
and pull **cervical viscera** *anteriorly & superiorly*
10. identify **vagus nerve, sympathetic trunk,**
sup. cervical sympathetic ganglia, then cut one side.
11. cut **rectus capitis lateralis, rectus capitis anterior**
and **longus capitis** between **occipital bone** and **atlas**

Removal of Head (IV)

12. sever **anterior atlanto-occipital membrane**
13. cut **common carotid artery & IJV,**
inferior thyroid artery &
recurrent laryngeal nerve
14. *remove the head together with
the attached cervical viscera.*



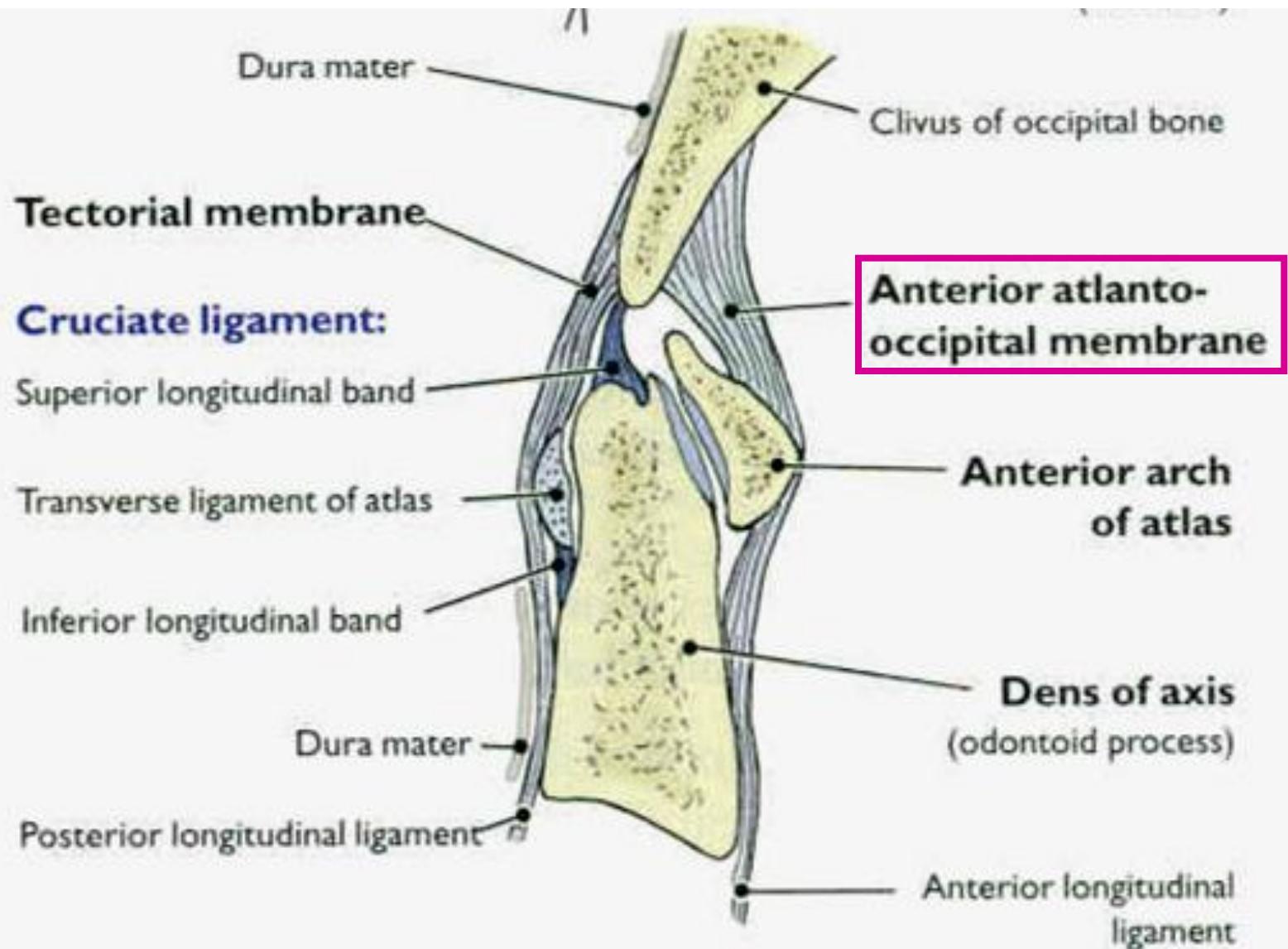


Figure 7.75. Cranovertebral joints in posterior view and sagittal section: tectorial membrane, cruciate ligament, and alar ligaments.

After head removed

1. examine **prevertebral fascia** (danger space),
longus colli,
longus capitis,
scalenus anterior m.
2. trace **ventral rami C5 to C8** to brachial plexus,
sympathetic trunk & ganglia & **vertebral a.**

After head removed

3. examine **glossopharyngeal nerve (IX)**
passing between int. & ext. carotid a.,
supplied **stylo-pharyngeus**.
4. examine **vagus nerve (X)** and its branches
(pharyngeal branch, superior laryngeal ns.)
& sup. & inf. ganglia of vagus
5. examine **accessory & hypoglossal nerves**

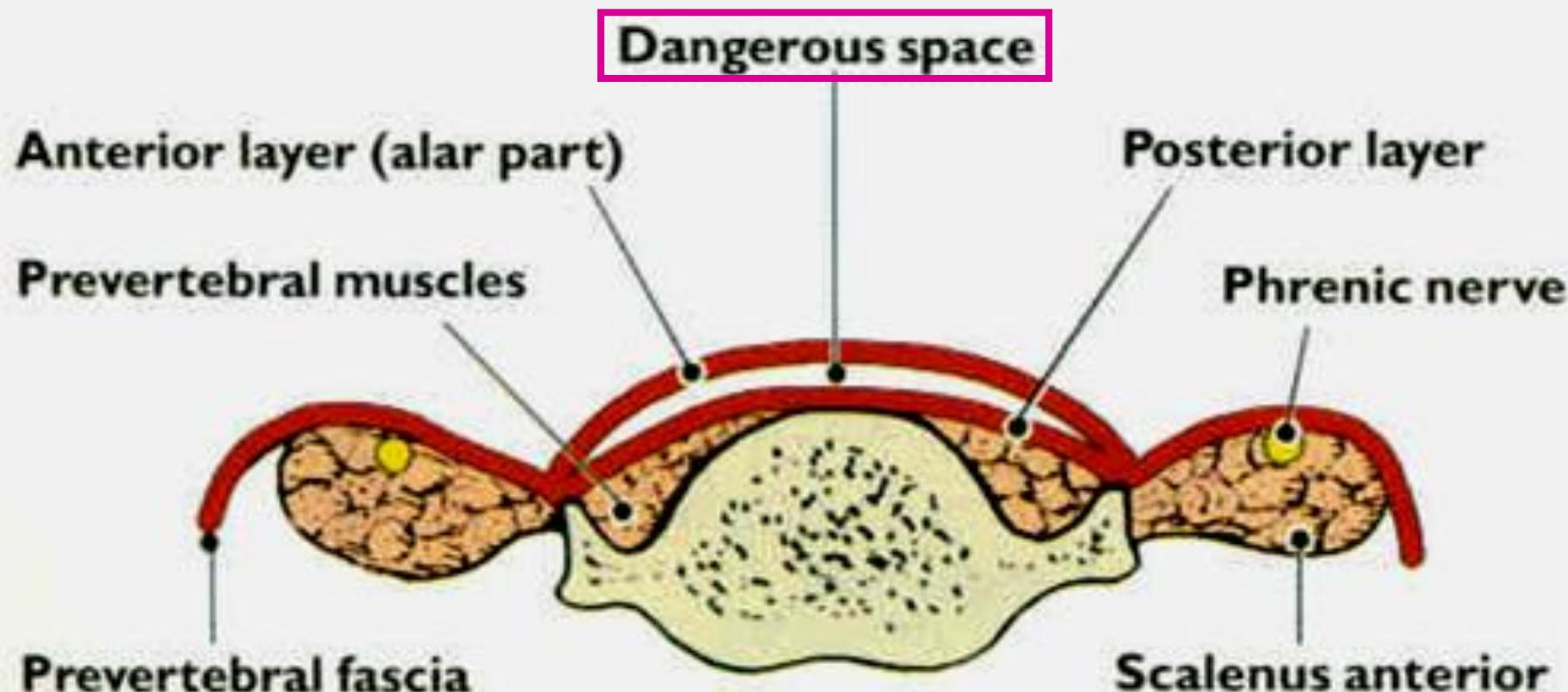
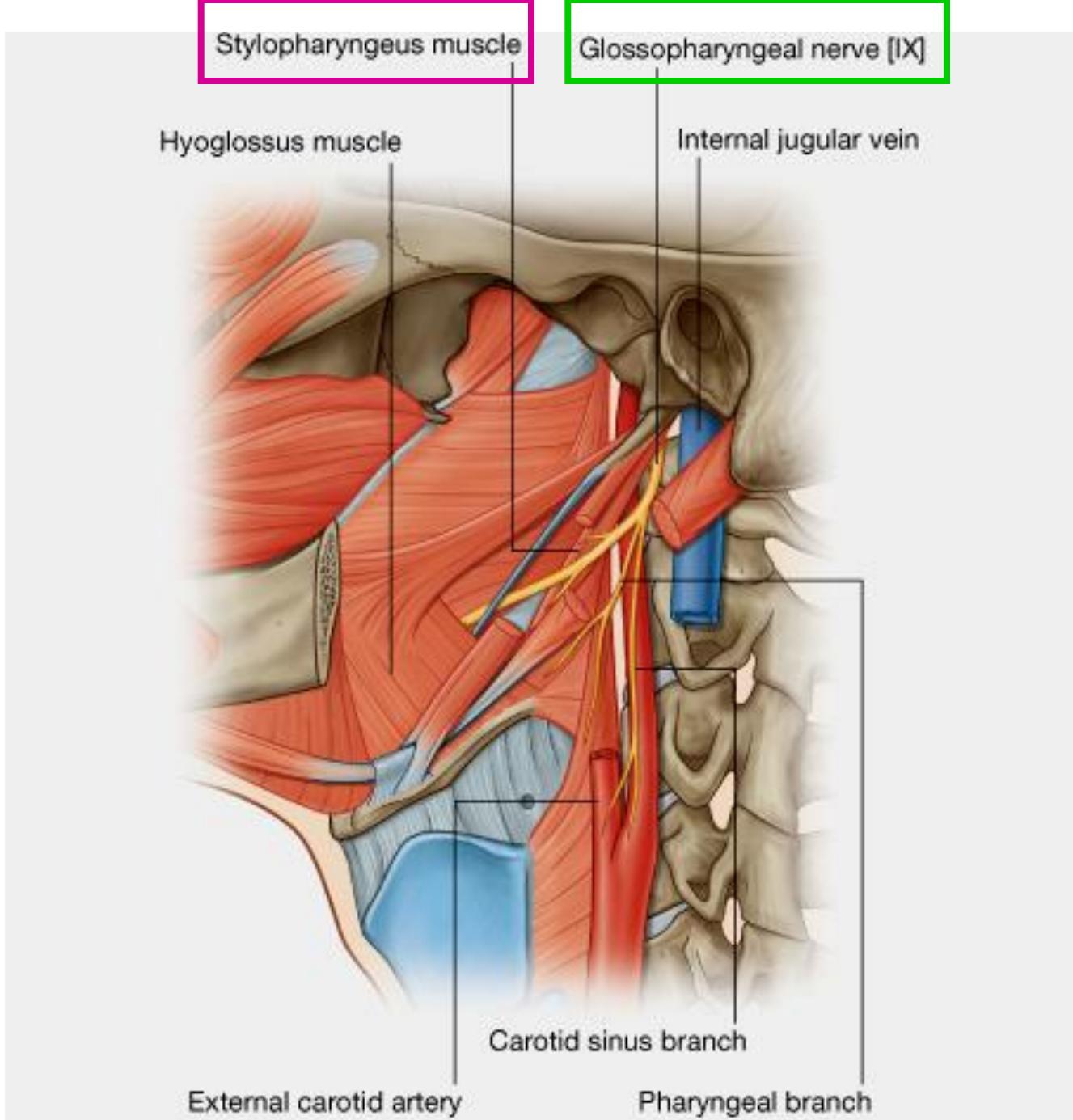
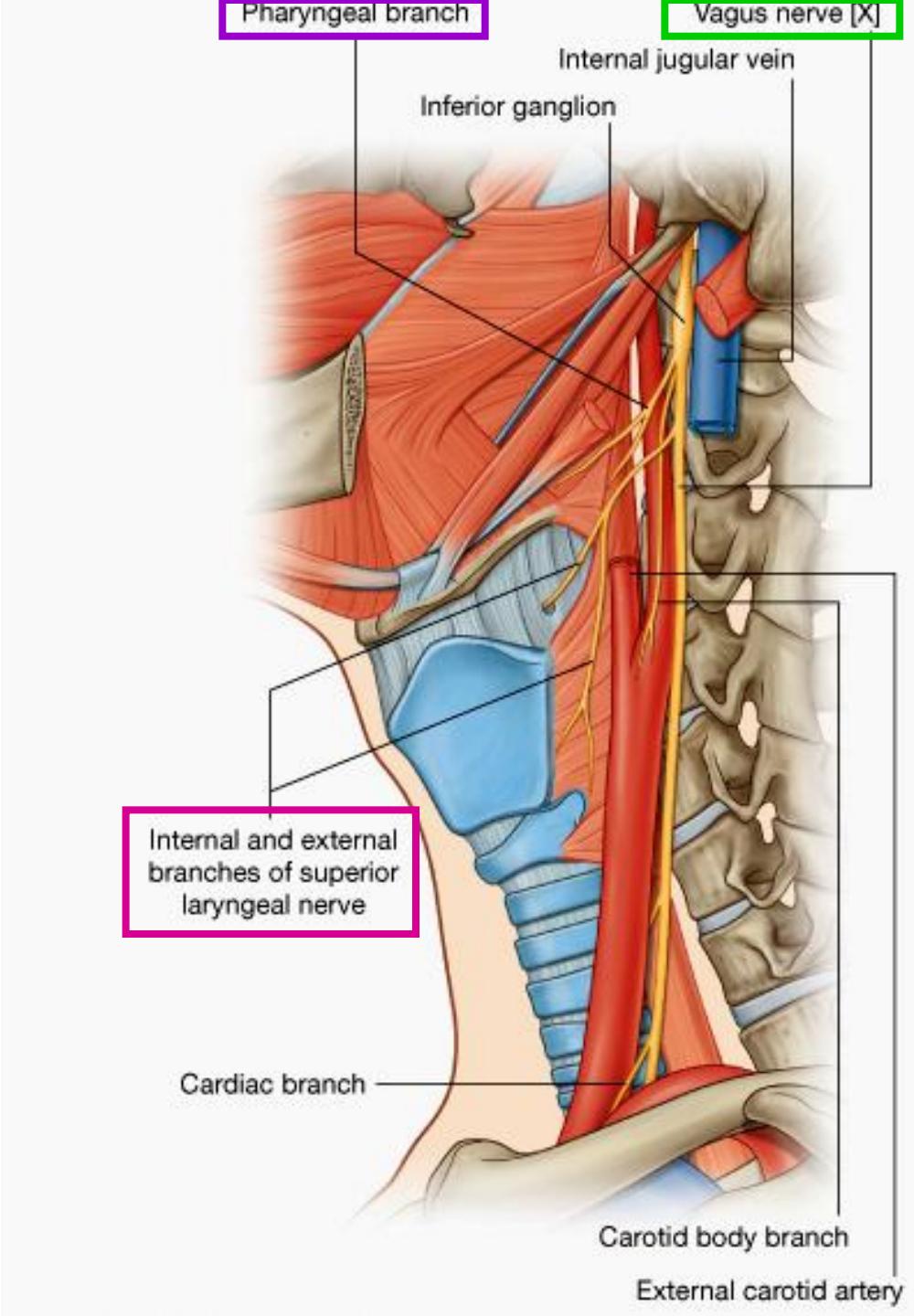
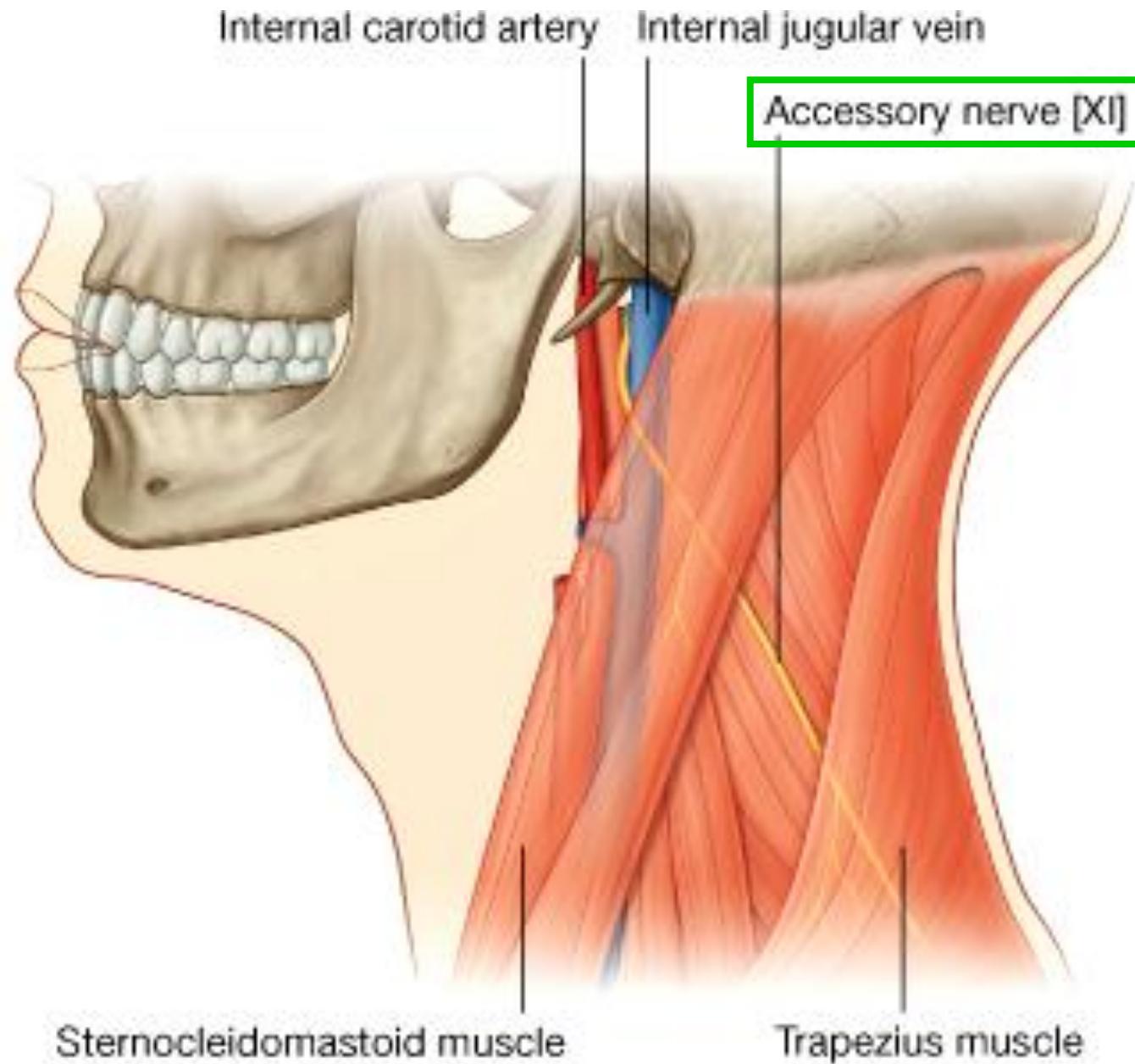
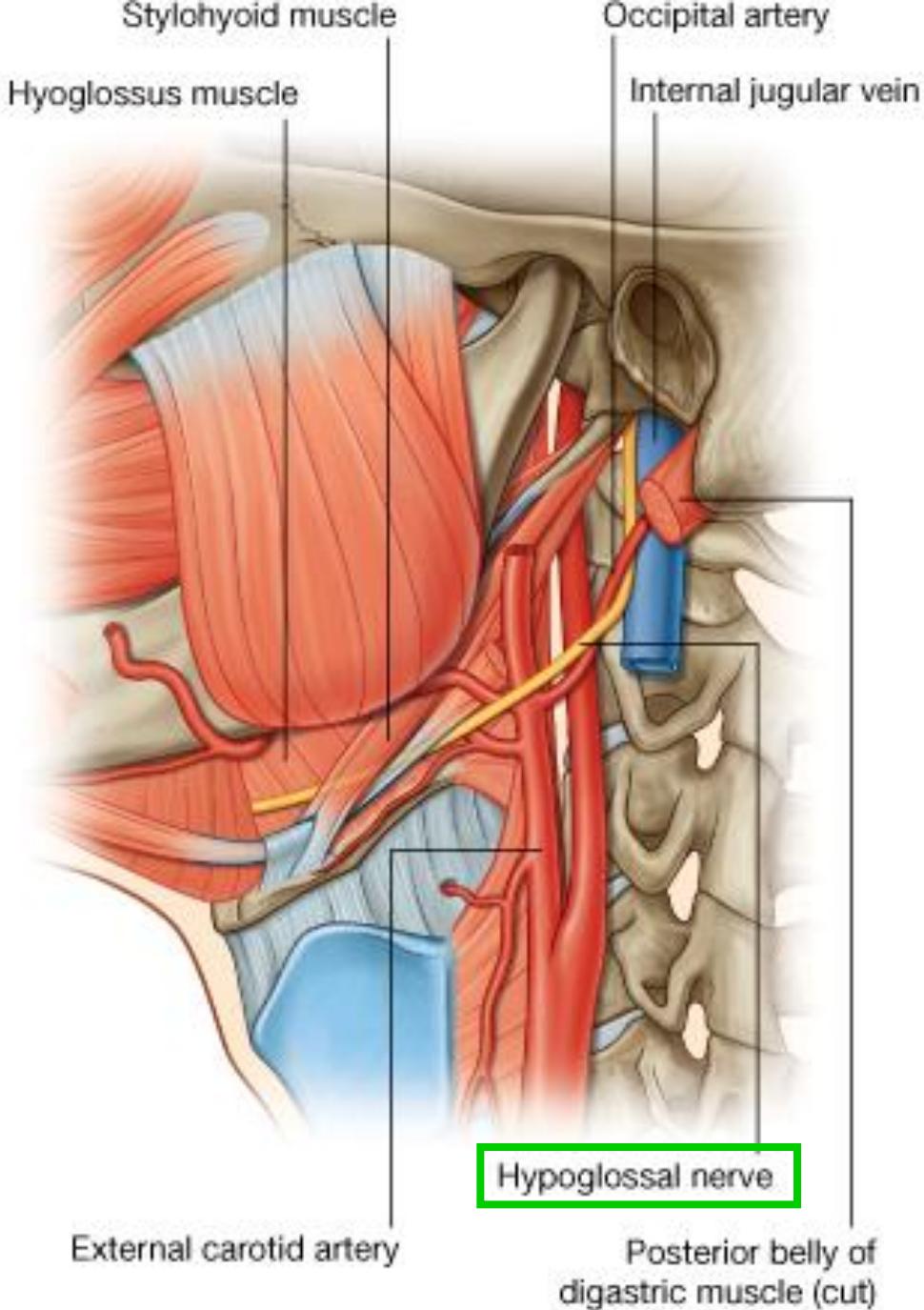


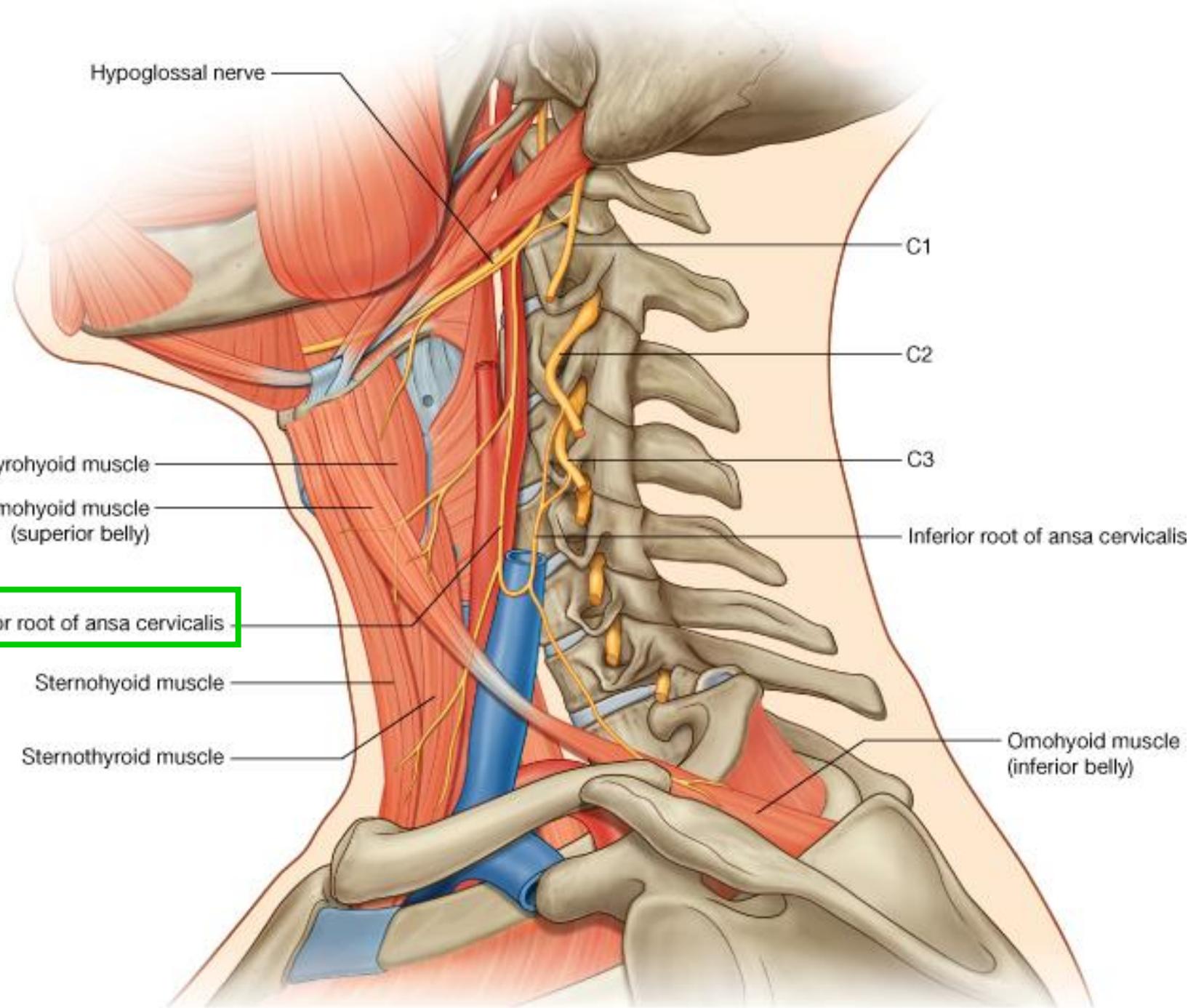
Figure 7.77. Prevertebral fascia and danger space.



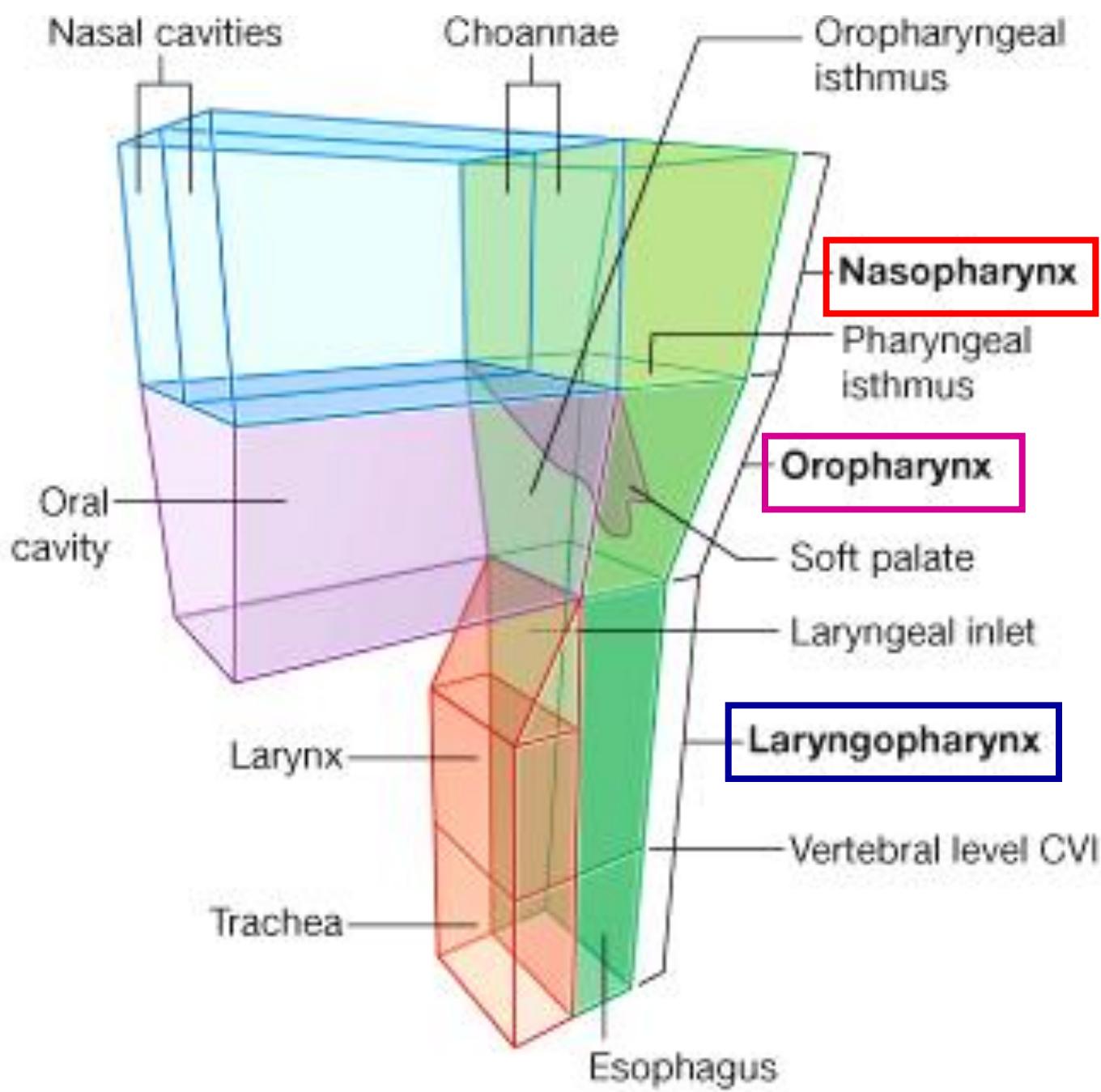








Pharynx



Pharynx – part of the digestive system

Position: from **base of skull** to **C6**

(inf. border of cricoid cartilage)

Nasopharynx: post. to the nasal cavity

– sup. to the soft palate
(respiratory function)

pharyngeal tonsil

tubal tonsil (part of **Waldeyer's ring**)

pharyngo-tympanic (auditory) tube,

salpingo-pharyngeal fold

pharyngeal recess

Oro-pharynx:

soft palate -- the epiglottis (digestive function)

palato-glossal and **palato-pharyngeal** muscles
(arches),

palatine tonsils

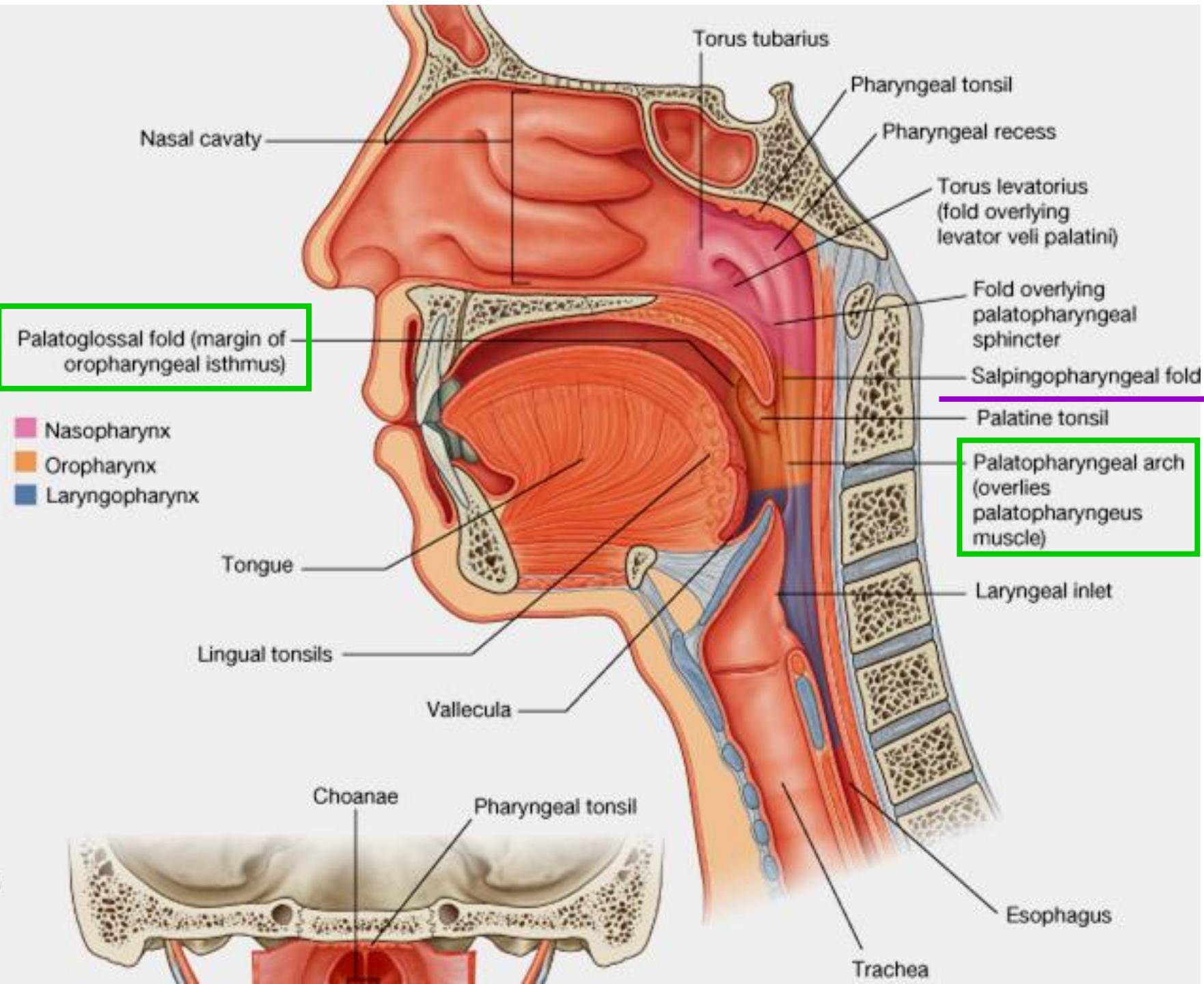
tonsilar bed: superior constrictor & pharyngo-basilar
fascia

Laryngo-pharynx: sup. border of epiglottis
-- inf. border of cricoid cartilage (digestive function)

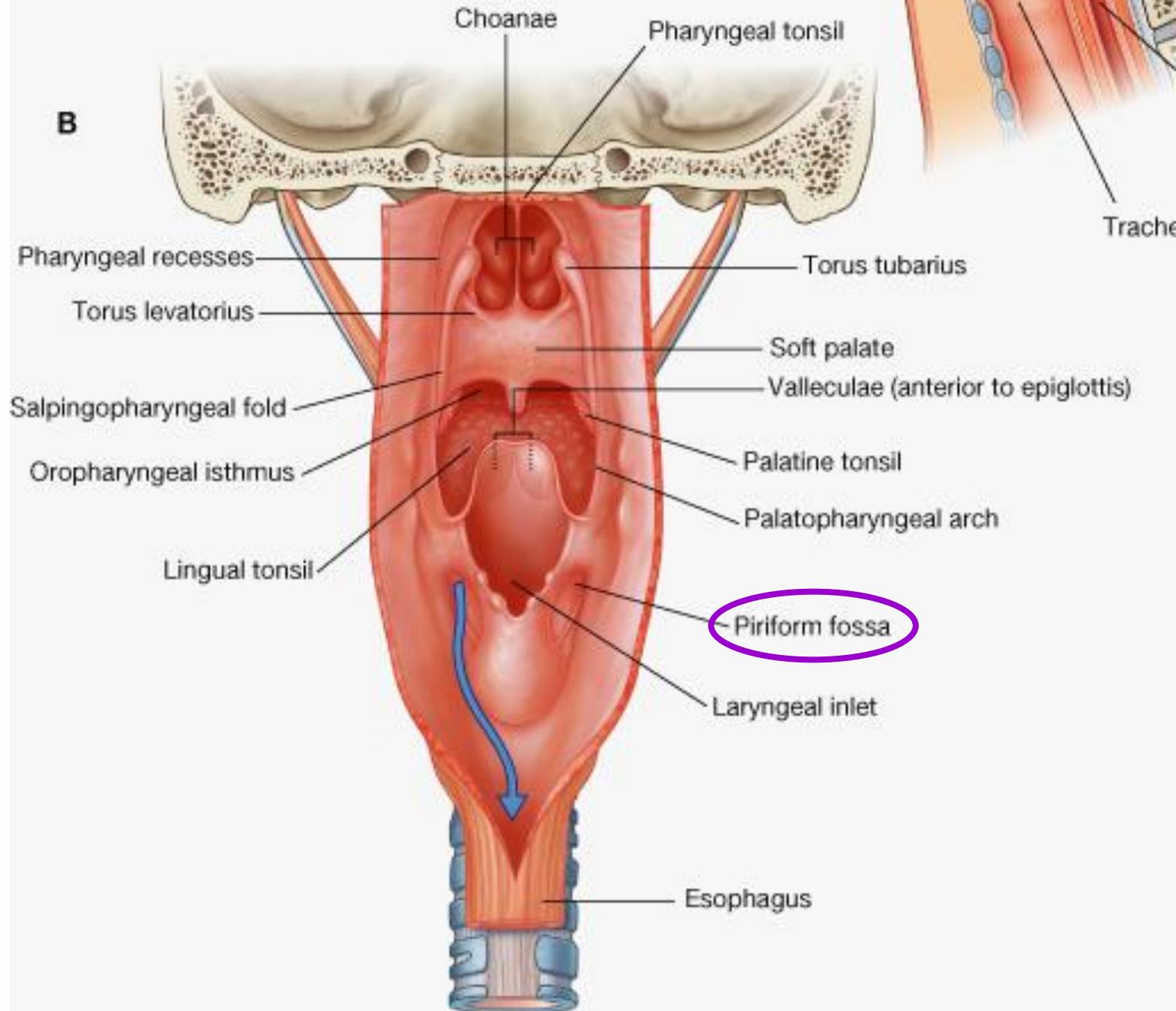
middle and inferior constrictor muscles,
palato-pharyngeus and stylo-pharyngeus
muscles

piriform fossa (recess):

between **ary-epiglottic fold & thyro-hyoid**
membrane



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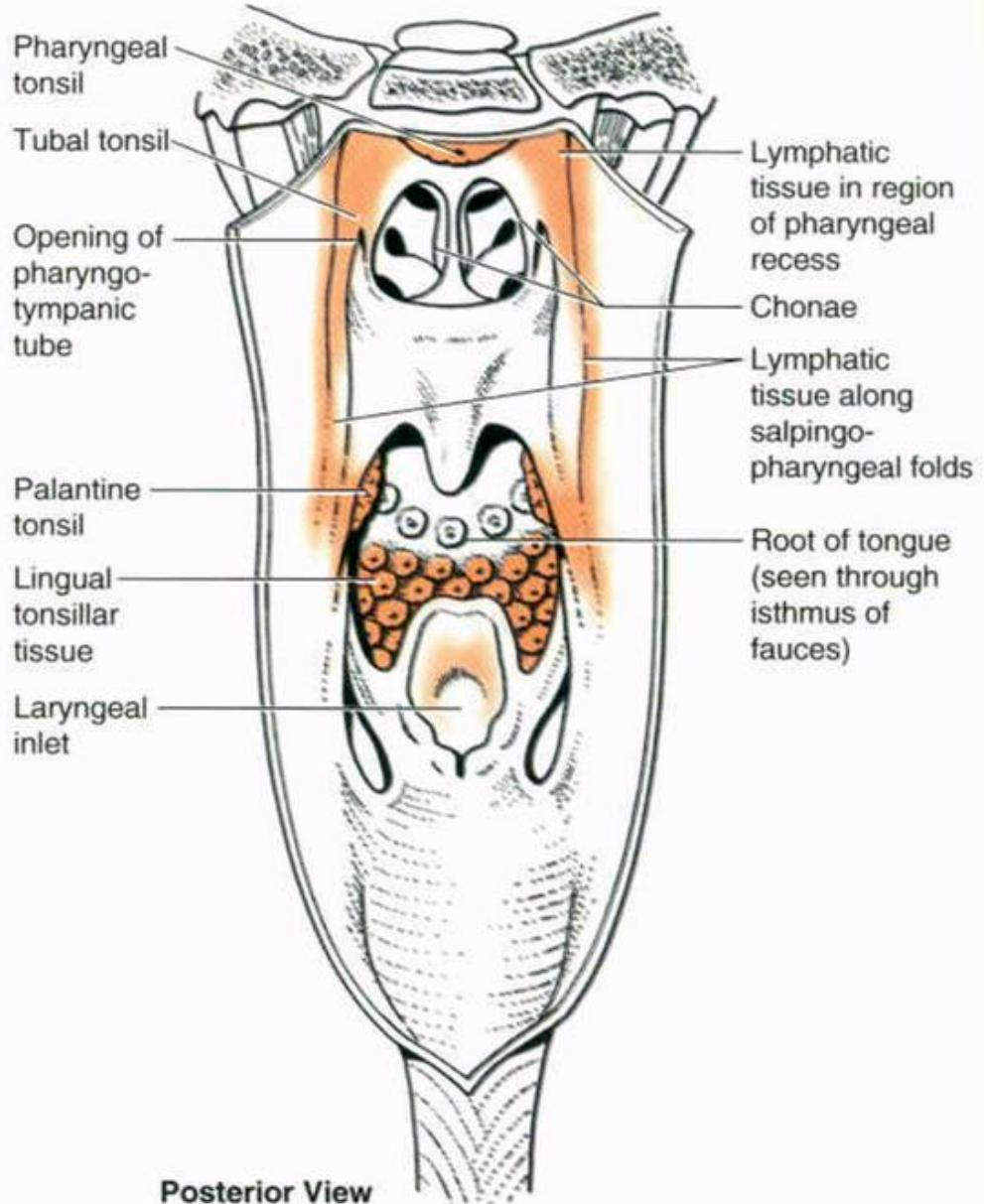


Figure 8.42. Lymphatic tissue in the tongue and pharynx. Observe the tonsillar ring about the superior pharynx, formed of pharyngeal, tubal, palatine, and lingual tonsils.

Pharyngeal muscles

External circular layer:

sup., mid. and inf. constrictors

Three constrictors are between
pharyngo-basilar & bucco-pharyngeal fascia

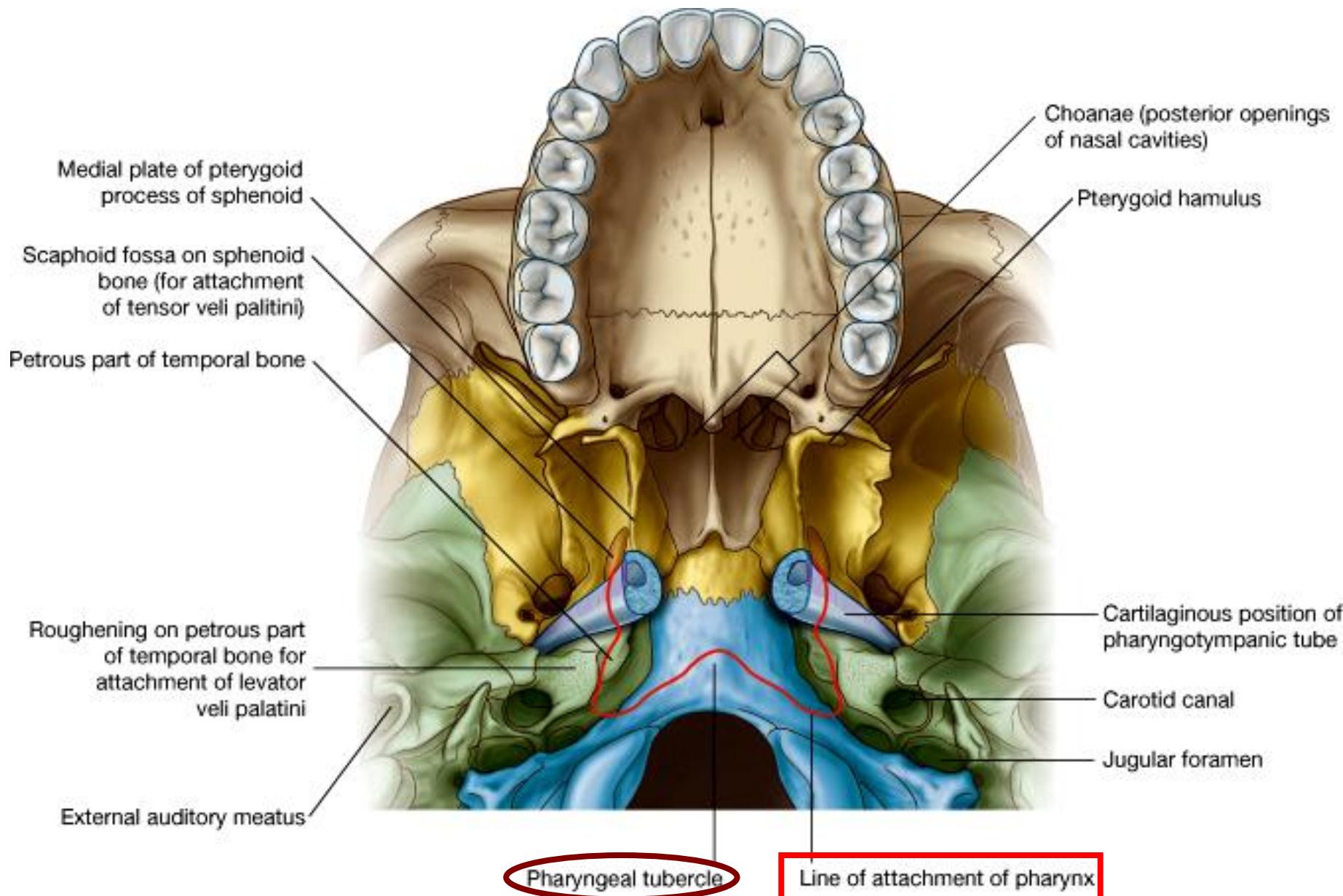
Innervated by **pharyngeal plexuses of nerves**
(CN IX, X and sup. cervical ganglion)

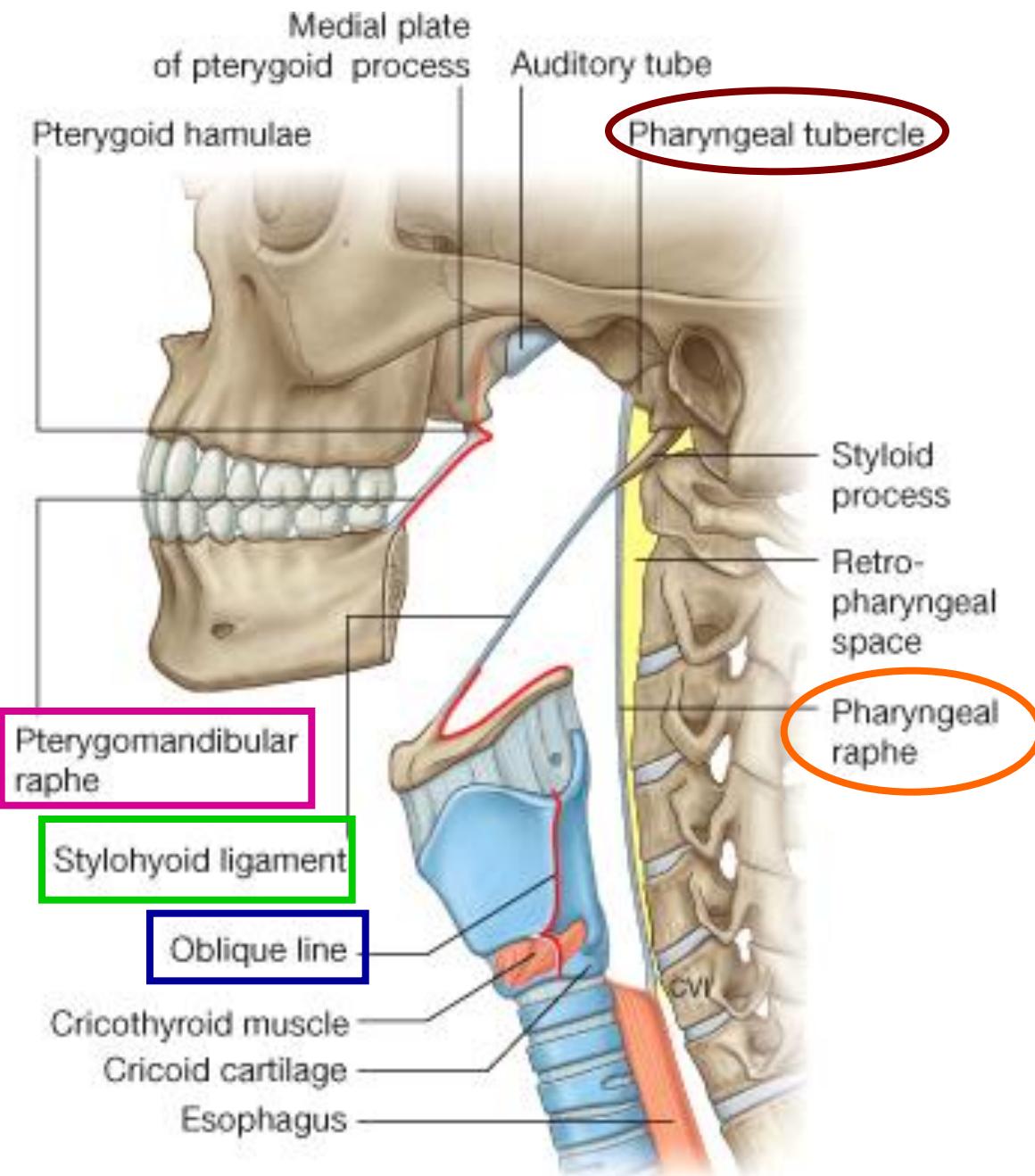
Pharyngeal muscles

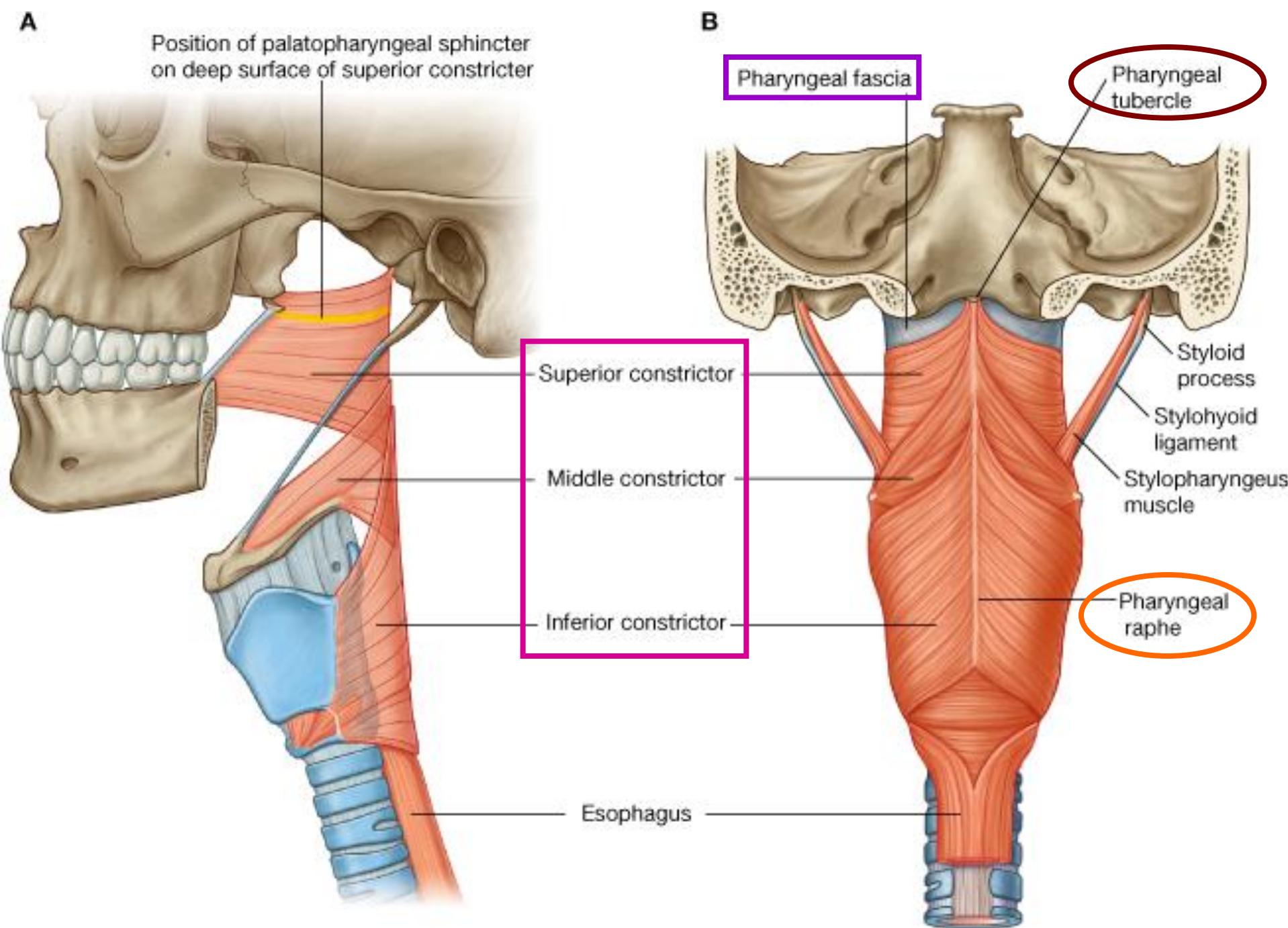
Internal longitudinal layer:

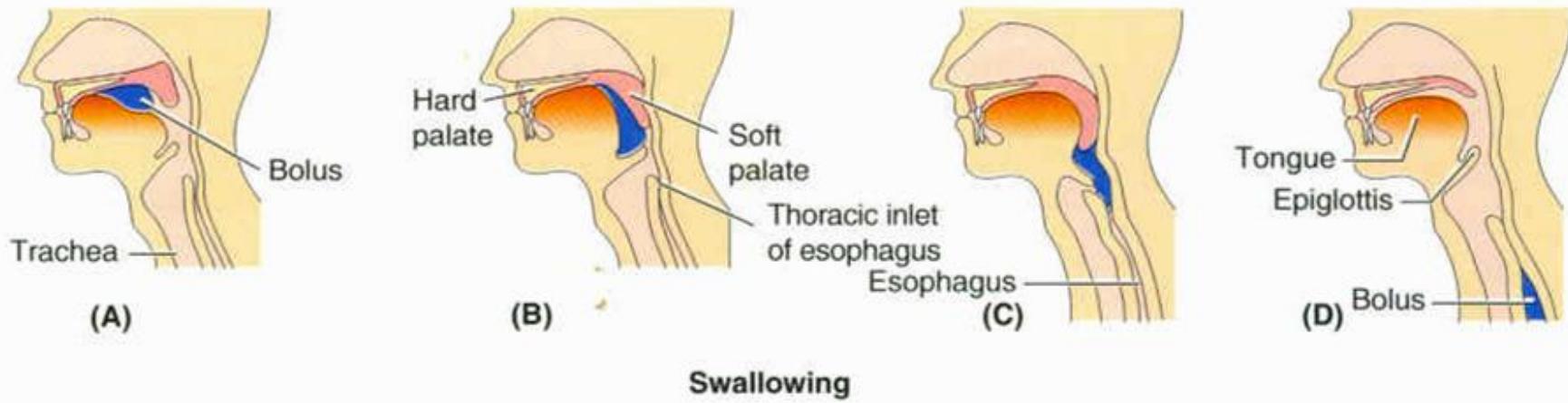
**palato-pharyngeus, salpingo-pharyngeus
stylo-pharyngeus**

function: (elevate larynx and shorten pharynx
during *deglu`tition*)



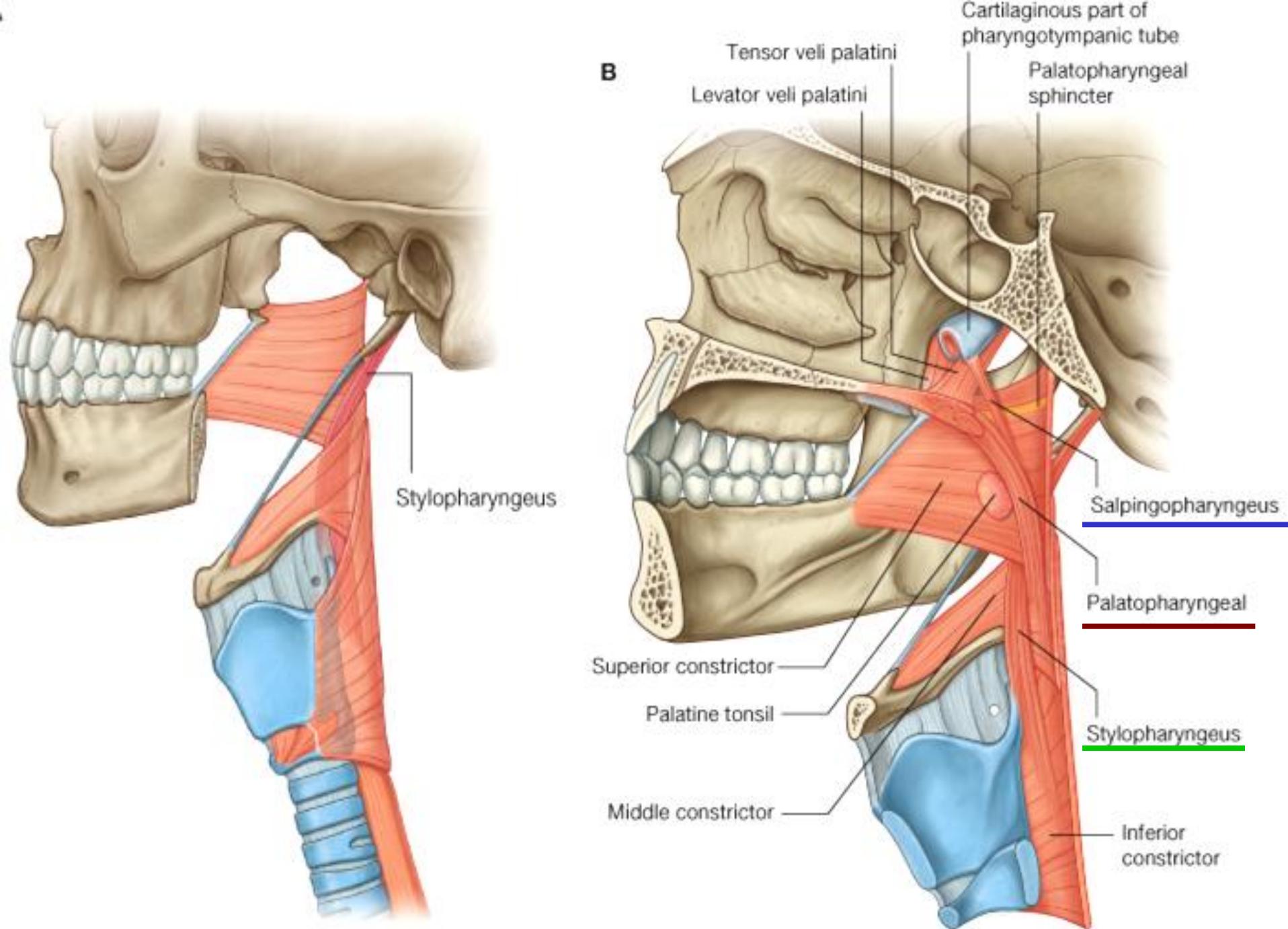






Swallowing

Figure 8.39. Swallowing. **A.** The bolus of food is pushed to the back of the mouth by pushing the tongue (L. *lingua*; G. *glossa*) against the palate. **B.** The nasopharynx is sealed off and the larynx is elevated, enlarging the pharynx to receive food. **C.** The pharyngeal sphincters contract sequentially, squeezing food into the esophagus. The epiglottis closes the trachea. **D.** The bolus of food moves down the esophagus by peristaltic contraction.



Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Innervation	Main Action
External layer				
Superior constrictor	Pterygoid hamulus, pterygomandibular raphe, posterior end of mylohyoid line of mandible, and side of tongue	Median raphe of pharynx and pharyngeal tubercle on basilar part of occipital bone	Cranial root of accessory nerve via pharyngeal branch of vagus and pharyngeal plexus	
Middle constrictor	Stylohyoid ligament and superior (greater) and inferior (lesser) horns of hyoid bone		Cranial root of accessory nerve as above, plus branches of external and recurrent laryngeal nerves of vagus	Constrict wall of pharynx during swallowing
Inferior constrictor	Oblique line of thyroid cartilage and side of cricoid cartilage	Median raphe of pharynx		
Internal layer				
Palatopharyngeus	Hard plate and palatine aponeurosis	Posterior border of lamina of thyroid cartilage and side of pharynx and esophagus	Cranial root of accessory nerve via pharyngeal branch of vagus and pharyngeal plexus	
Salpingopharyngeus	Cartilaginous part of auditory tube	Blends with palatopharyngeus		Elevate (shorten and widen) pharynx and larynx during swallowing and speaking
Stylopharyngeus	Styloid process of temporal bone	Posterior and superior borders of thyroid cartilage with palatopharyngeus	Glossopharyngeal nerve	

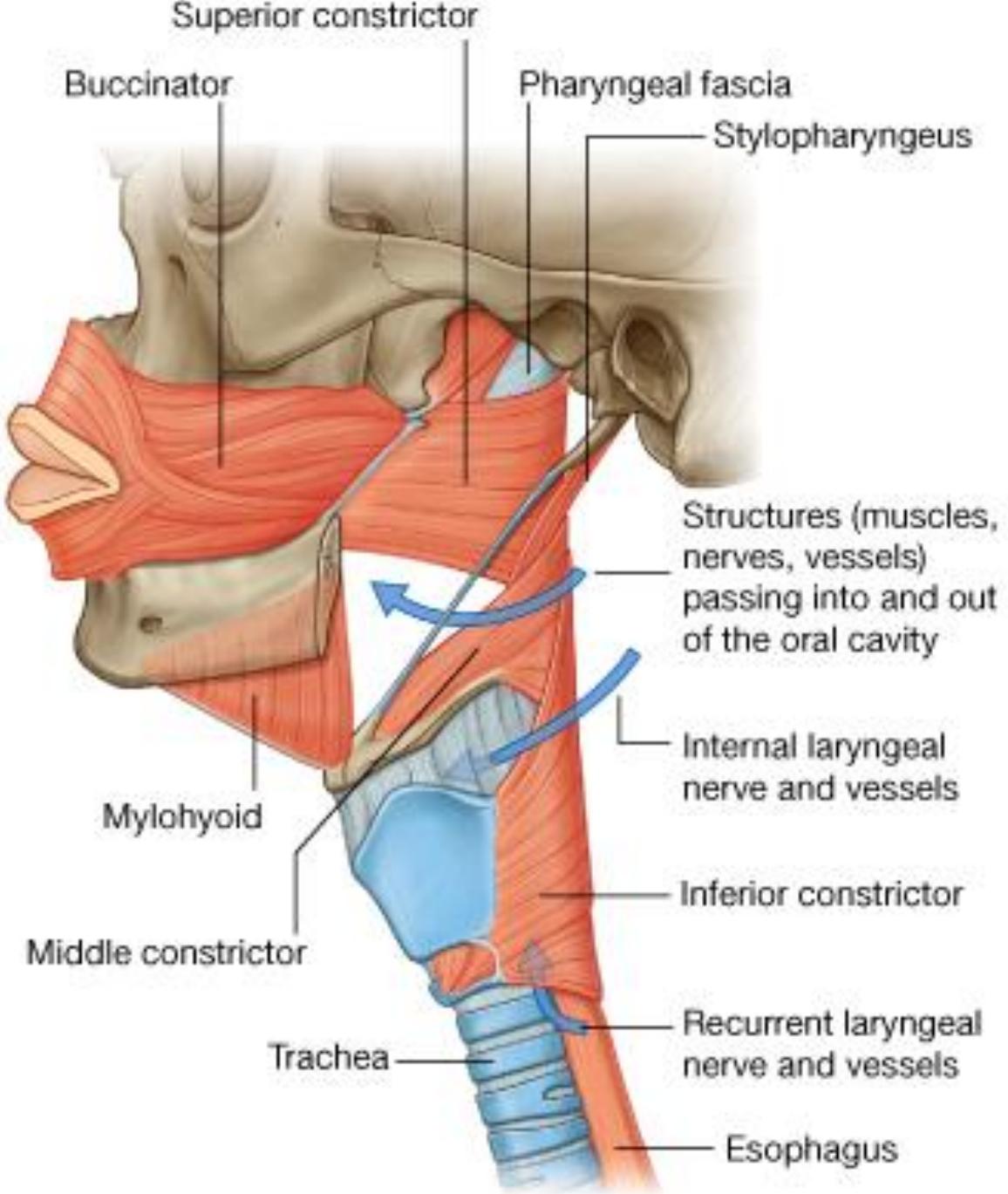
Four gaps:

1st: levator veli palatini m., auditory tube
and ascending pharyngeal artery
ascending palatine artery

2nd: stylopharyngeus m., glossopharyngeal n.
and stylo-hyoid ligament

3rd: internal laryngeal nerve
and superior laryngeal artery & vein

4th: recurrent laryngeal nerve
and inferior laryngeal artery

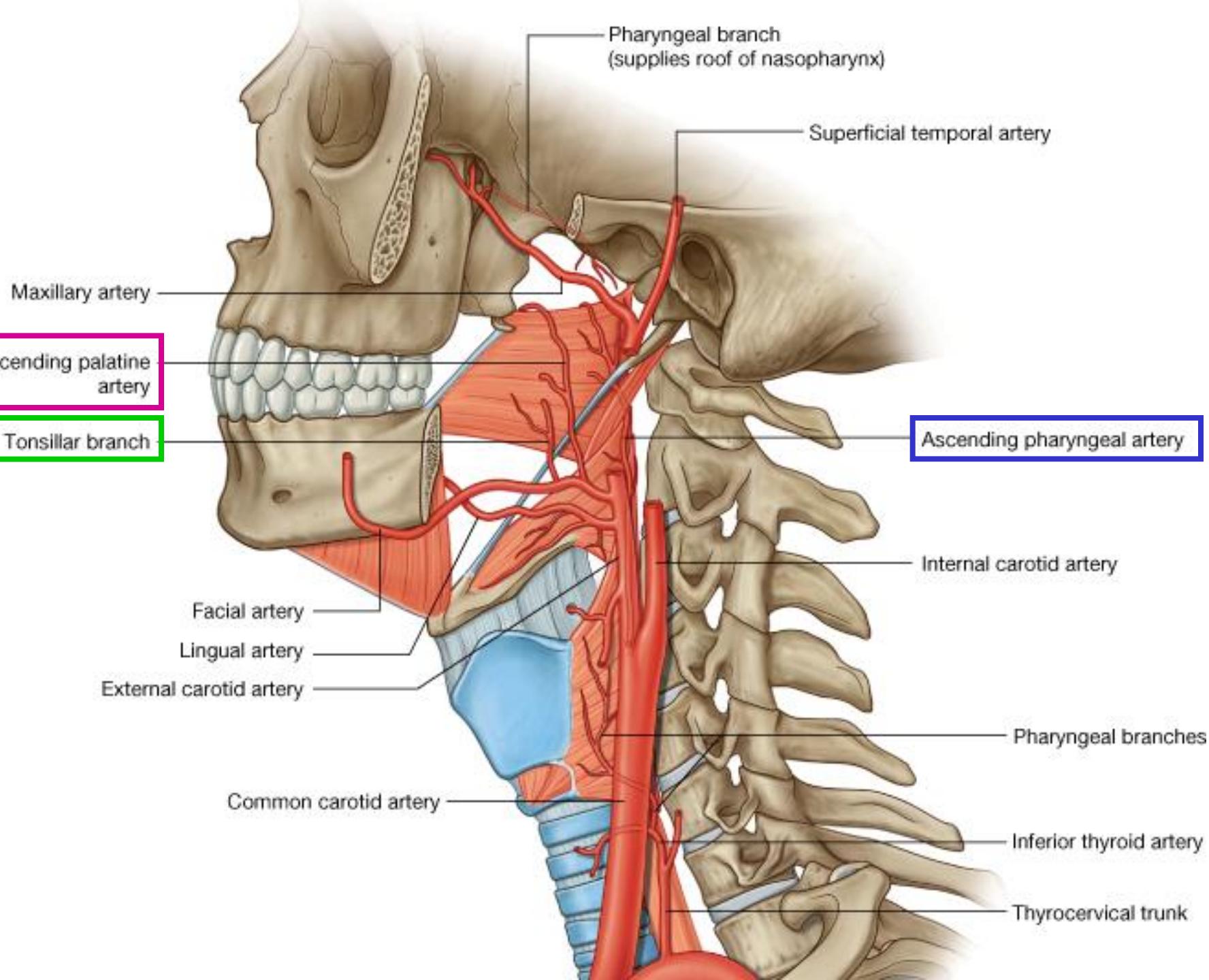


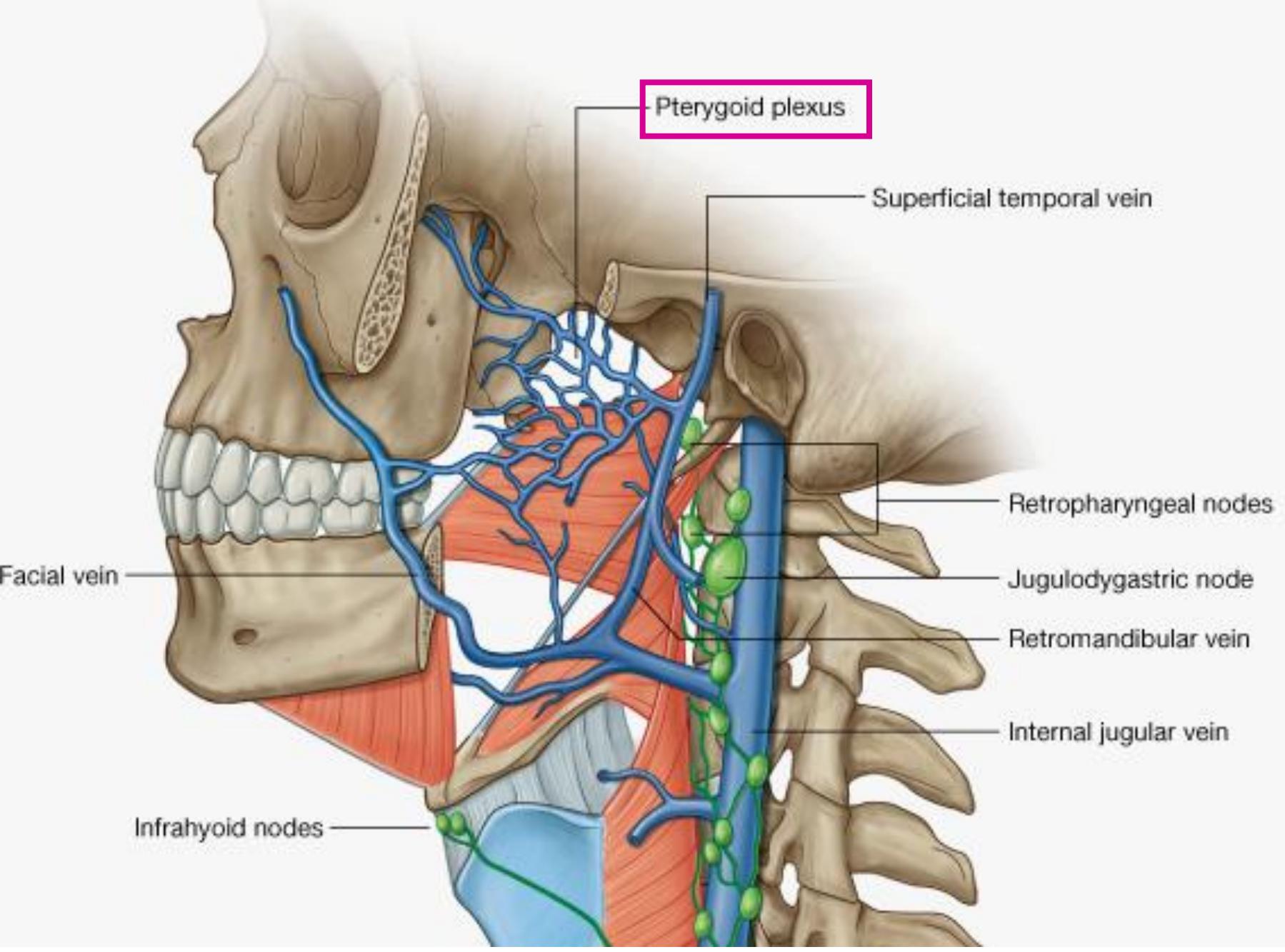
Vessels of the pharynx:

Arteries: **ascending pharyngeal artery**
tonsilar artery (a branch of facial a.)
ascending palatine artery
inferior thyroid artery
lingual artery

Veins: **external palatine vein**
→ **pharyngeal venous plexus**

Lymphatics: **jugulo-digastric nodes,**
Waldeyer's ring
(pharyngeal, palatine and lingual tonsils)





Pharyngeal nerves:

Pharyngeal plexus of nerves

(motor fibers – cranial root of **CN XI**
which carried by **CN X**) to all the muscles

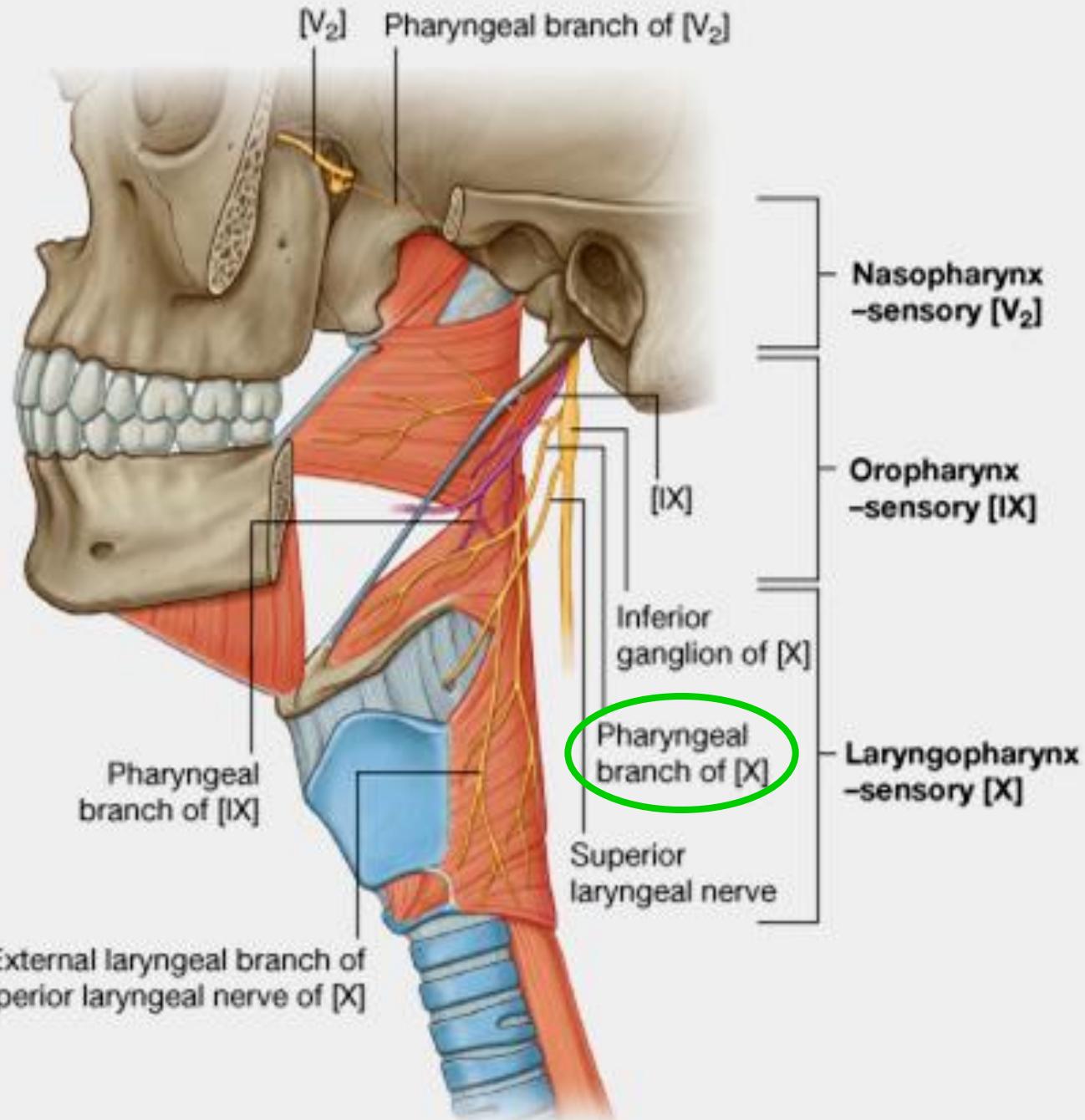
except the **stylopharyngeus m. (CN IX)**,
~~tensor veli palatini (CN V2)~~

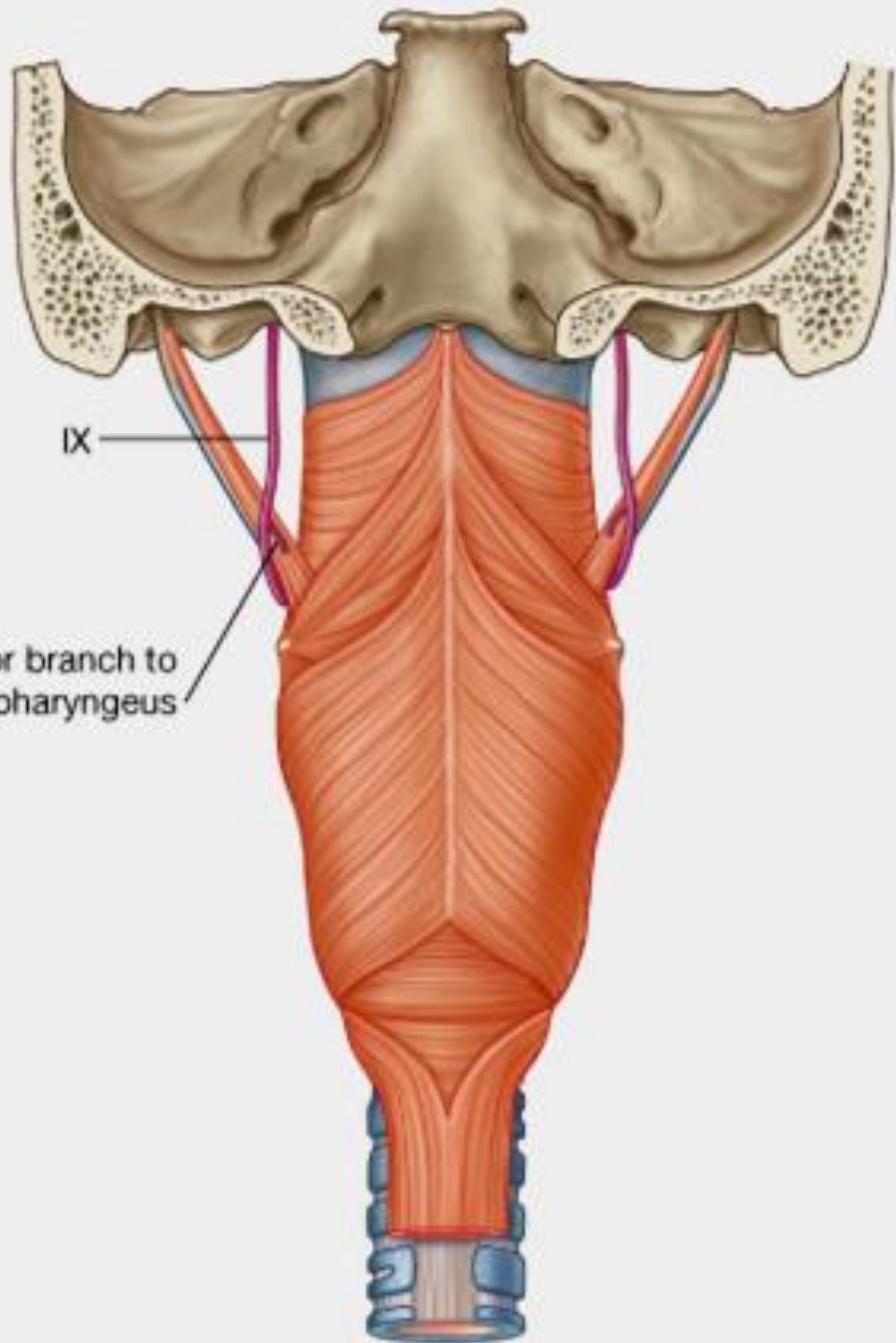
(sensory fibers –

nasopharynx – **CN V2**

oropharynx – **CN IX**

laryngopharynx – **CN X**





Dissection of Pharynx

Pharynx

1. identify **middle constrictor** – arise from the greater horn of hyoid bone
2. identify **superior & inferior constrictors**
3. find **internal laryngeal nerve** & **superior laryngeal vessels** piercing **thyrohyoid membrane**
4. find **recurrent laryngeal nerve** from the inferior border of inf. constrictor
5. identify **stylopharyngeus** & **glossopharyngeal nerve** between sup. & mid. constrictors
6. make the median section to open pharynx from base of skull to level of cricoid cartilage.
7. examine **nasal, oral & laryngeal pharynx**
8. identify the **palatine tonsil** between **palatoglossal & palatopharyngeal arches**

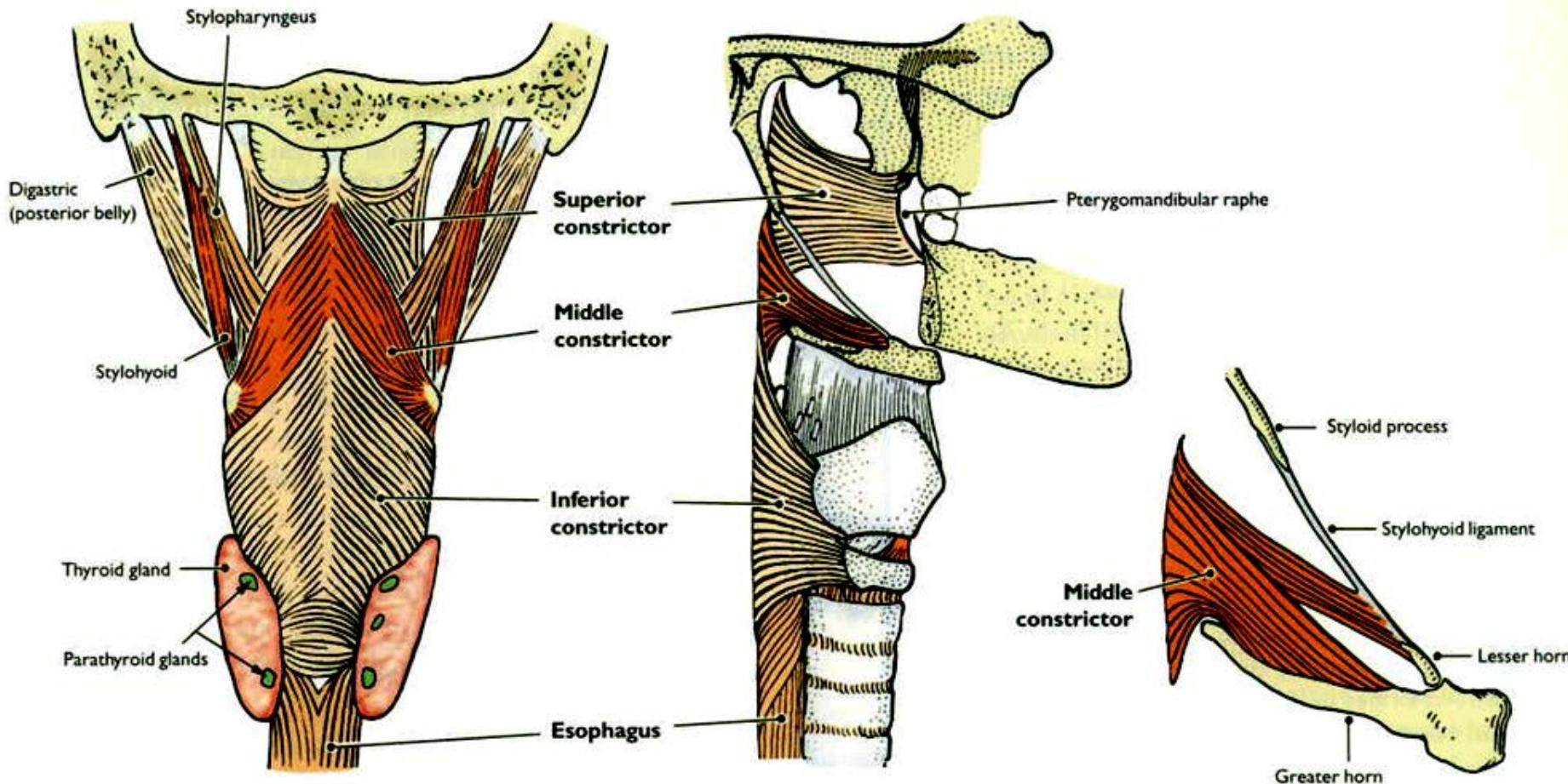
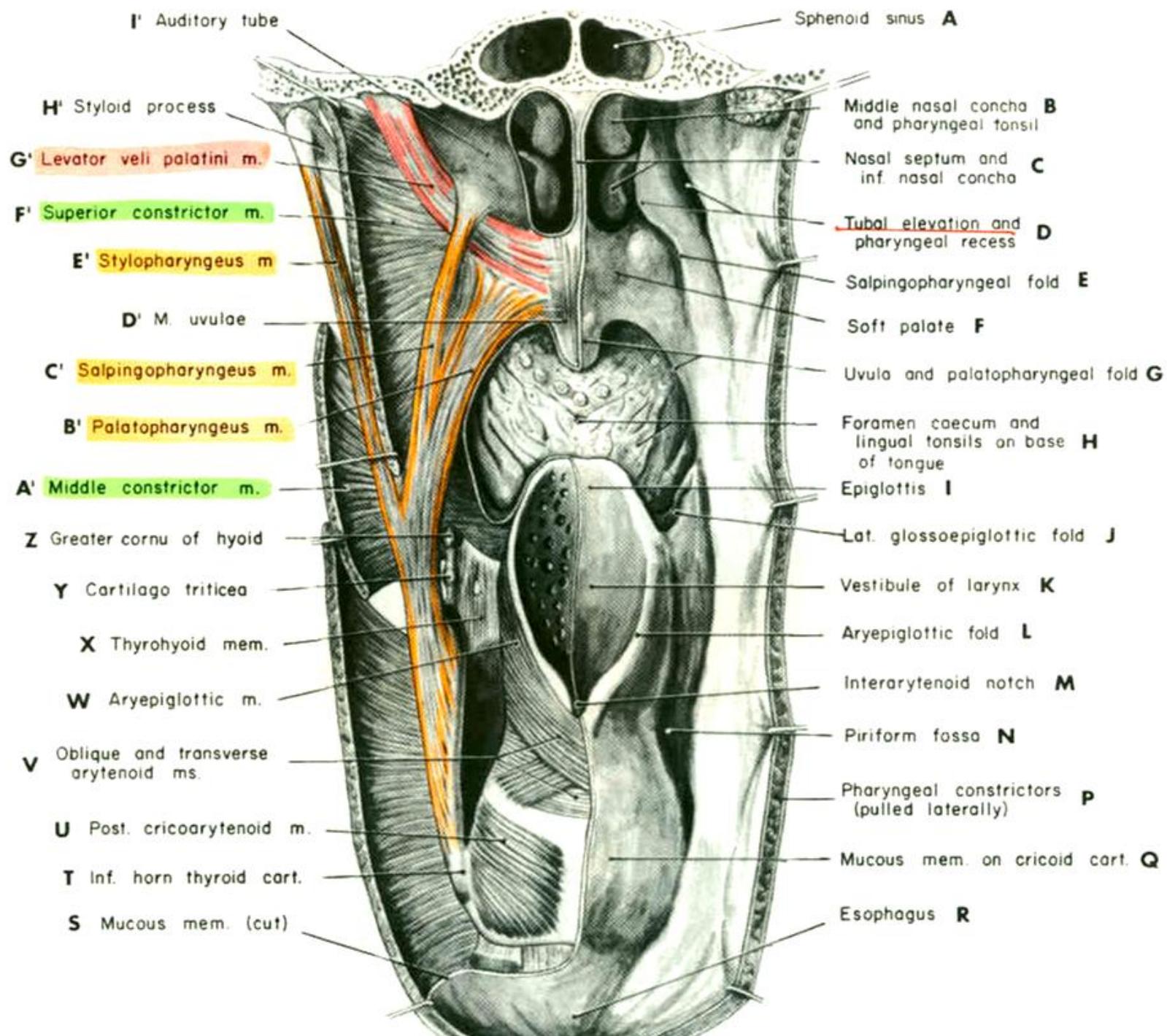
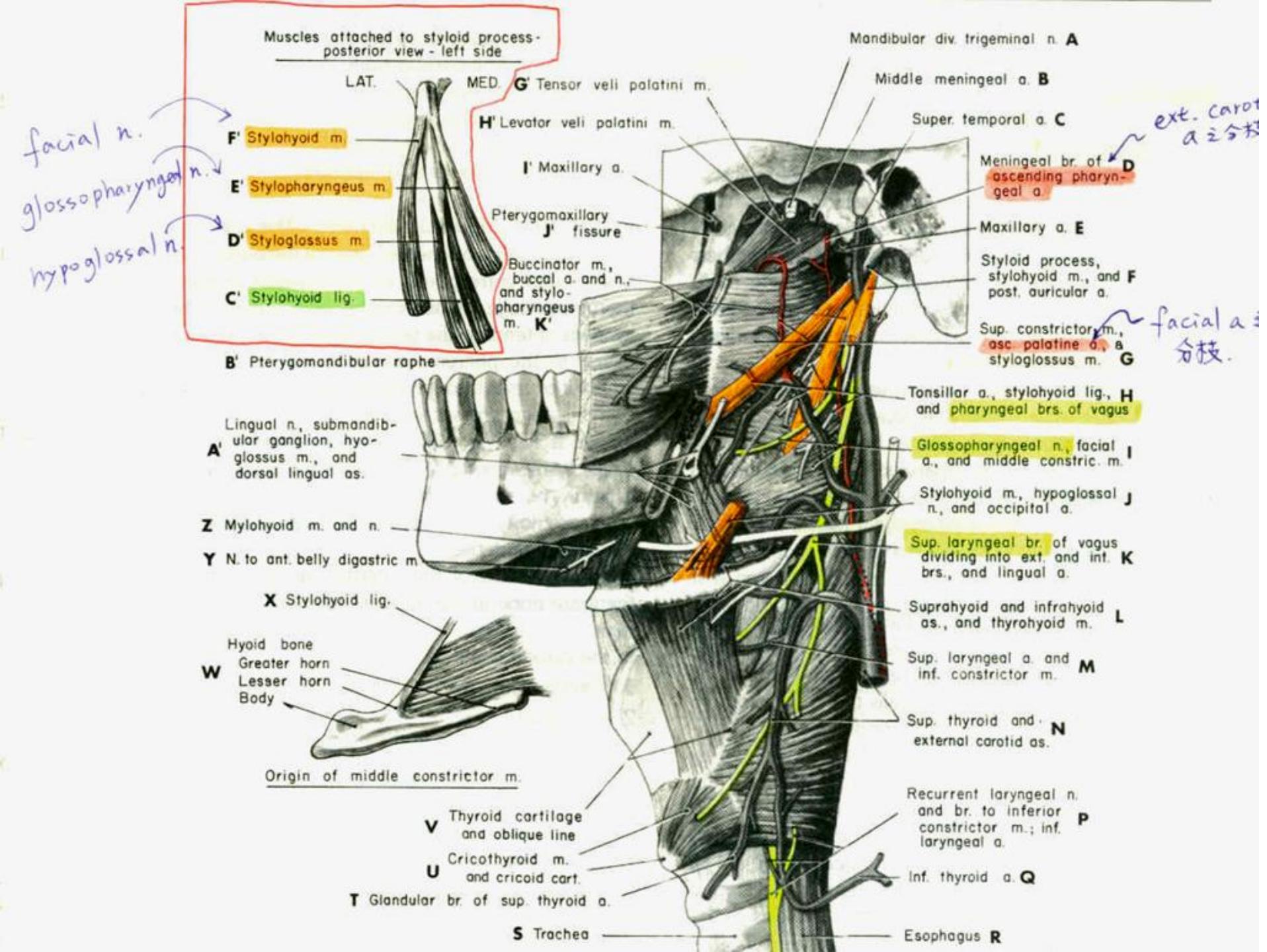


Figure 7.80. Muscles of the pharynx. **A.** Posterior view. **B.** Lateral view. **C.** Origin of the middle constrictor from the hyoid bone and the stylohyoid ligament.





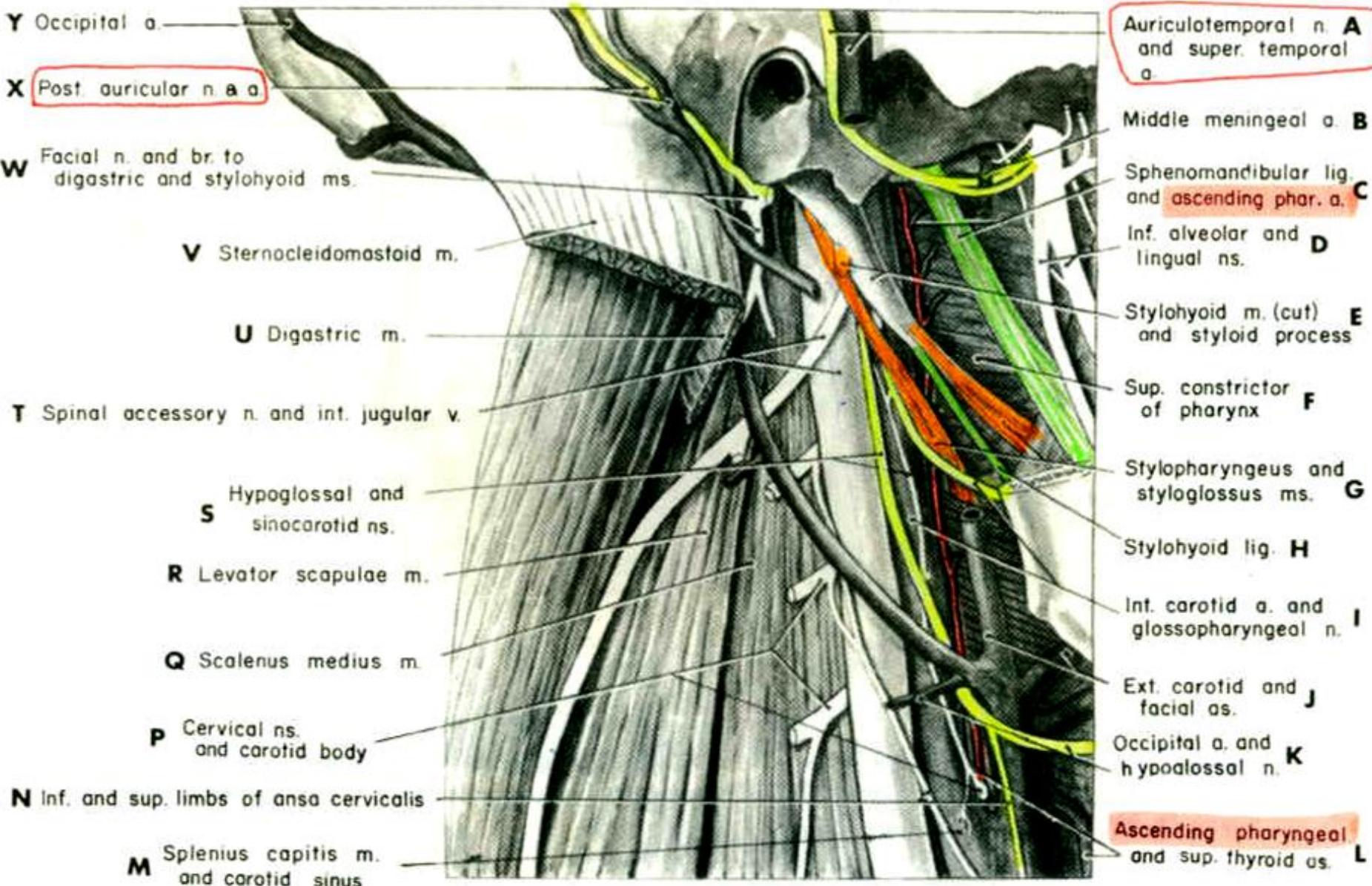


Figure 7-106. The superior end of the carotid sheath, showing relations of the ninth, eleventh, and twelfth cranial nerves to the carotid arteries and the internal jugular vein. The vagus nerve cannot be seen, for it is deep to the large vessels. Note that these structures form the medial relations of the parotid gland. All fascia has been removed.

Ascending cervical a. – *prevertebral muscles*
(a branch of **thyrocervical trunk**)

Ascending pharyngeal a.
(a branch of **ext. carotid a.**)

Ascending palatine a.
(a branch of **facial a.**)

Deep cervical a. – *back of neck*
(a branch of **costocervical a.**)

Superficial cervical a.
(variation of transverse cervical a.)

Superior laryngeal a.
(a branch of sup. thyroid a.)
with **internal laryngeal n.**

Inferior laryngeal a.
(a branch of inf. thyroid a.)
with **recurrent laryngeal n.**

