

# ANATOMY OF ORBIT



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# Development of orbit

Develops from mesenchyme by ossification

6 th to 7 th week laying down of bones starting with maxilla bone around the Optic vesicle

During this time optic vesicle 170 degree apart rotates anteriorly

# Developmental Anomalies

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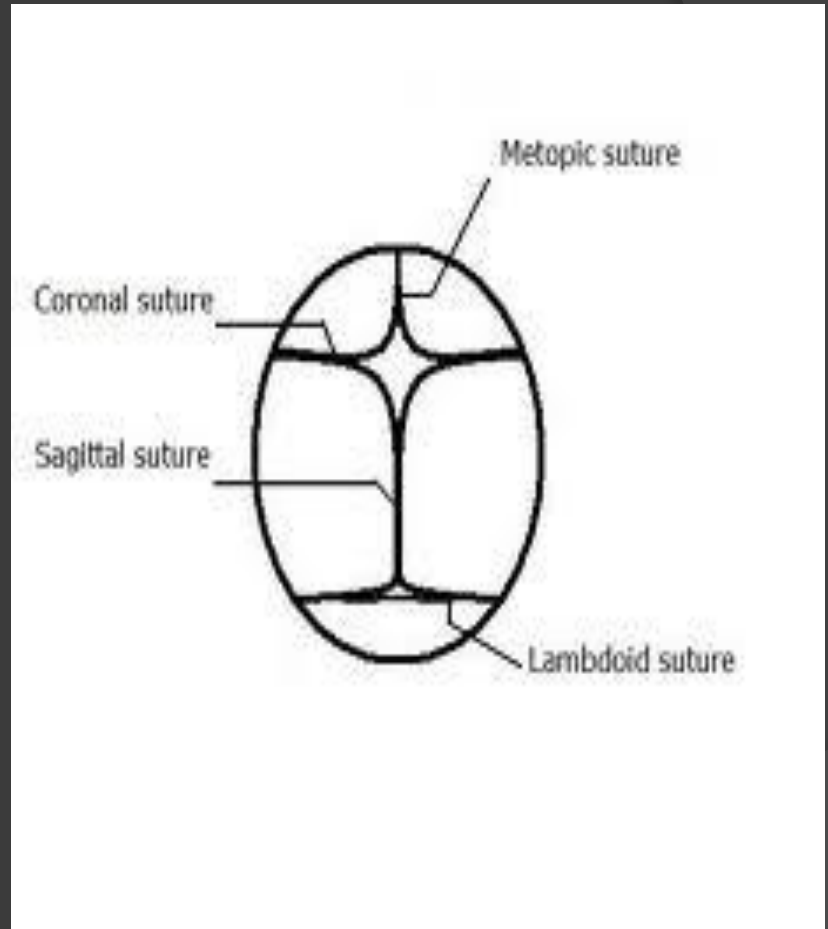
## ⦿ Craniosynostosis:

Brachycephaly

Oxycephaly

Scophocephaly

Trigonocephaly

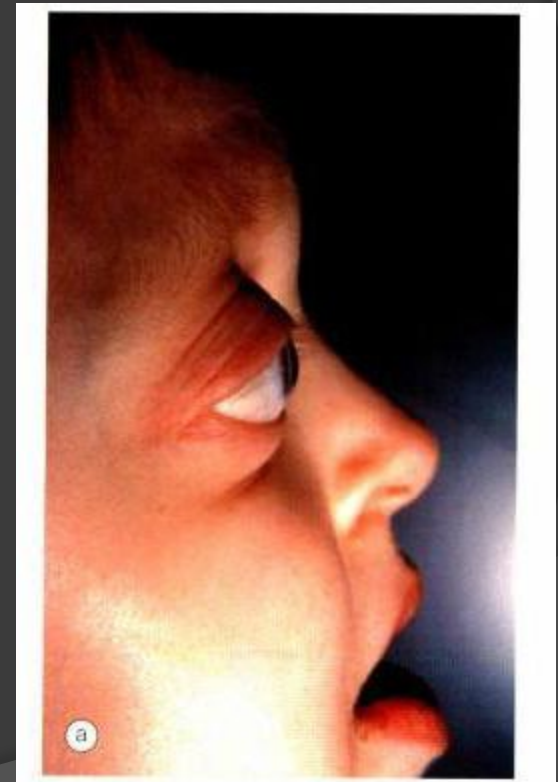


# Craniofacial dysostosis / Crouzon' syndrome

Proptosis – shallow orbits

Hypertelorism - wide separation  
of orbits

V pattern exotropia



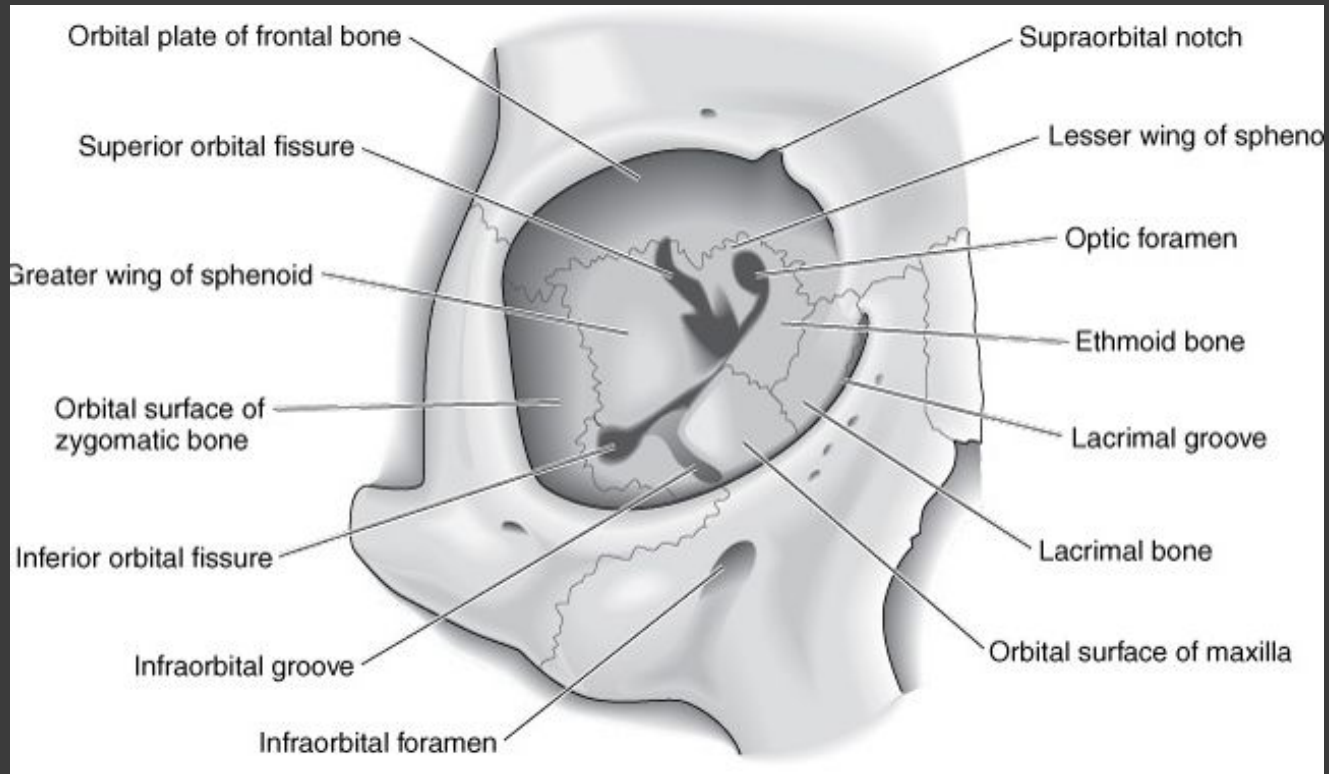
# Oxycephaly-syndactylie / Apert' syndrome.

Flattened occiput , steep forehead ,  
supra orbital ridge

Midfacial hypoplasia ,  
parrot beak nose



# Bones of Orbit



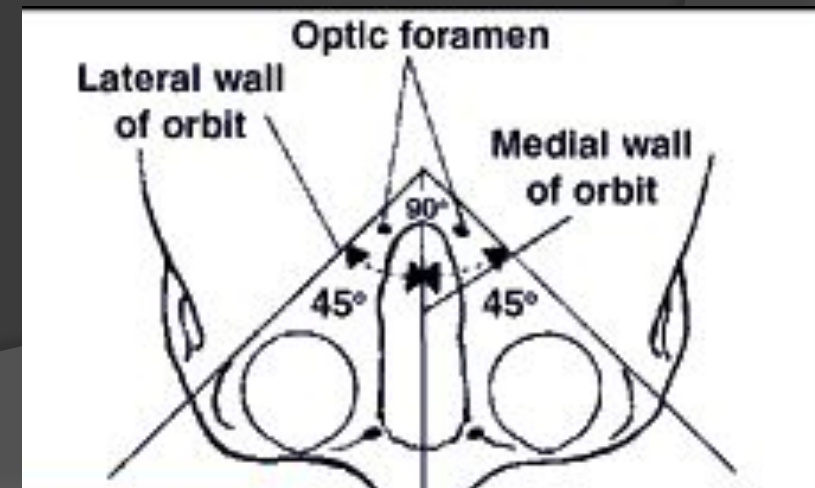
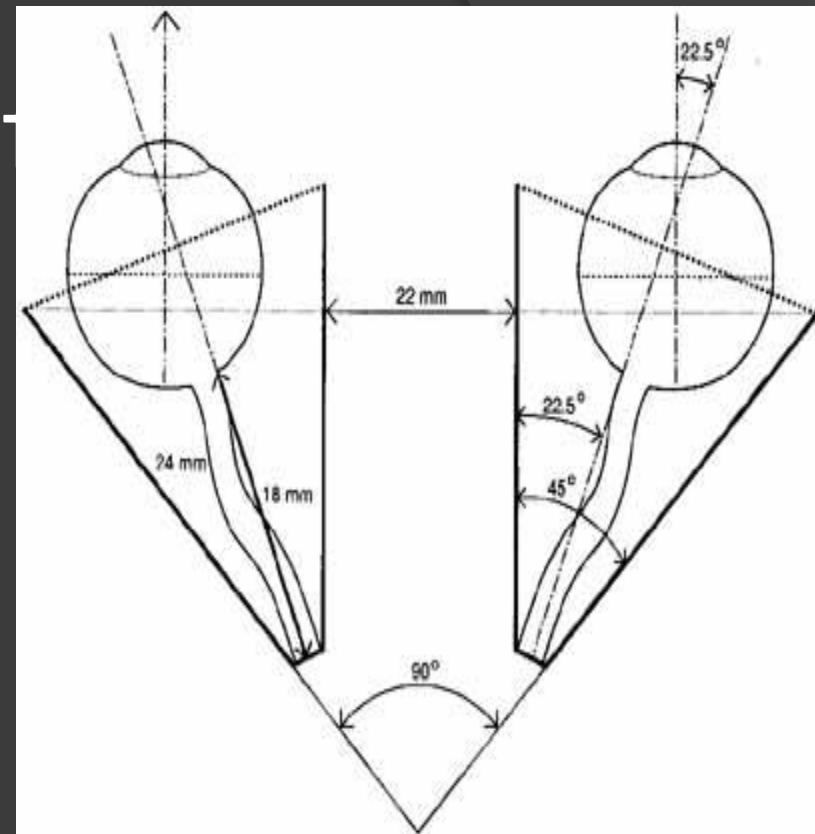
Frontal  
Lacrimal  
Maxillary

Ethmoid  
Palatine  
Zygomatic

Sphenoid

# Dimensions - orbit

- 30 ml –volume
- 35 mm vertically ,  
40 mm horizontally
- 45 degree between lateral  
and sagittal plane
- 23 degree between visual  
and orbital axis



# Boundaries of Orbit

- ⦿ Roof
- ⦿ Floor
- ⦿ Side walls
- ⦿ Orbital apex



## ⦿ Roof of orbit

Frontal bone [Orbital plate] & lesser wing of sphenoid

Separated from frontal sinus and anterior cranial fossa above

Lacrimal gland fossa and trochlear fossa behind orbital rim

- Orbital roof anomaly / fracture

CSF pulsation → pulsatile  
exophthalmos

Orbital meningocele / encephalocele

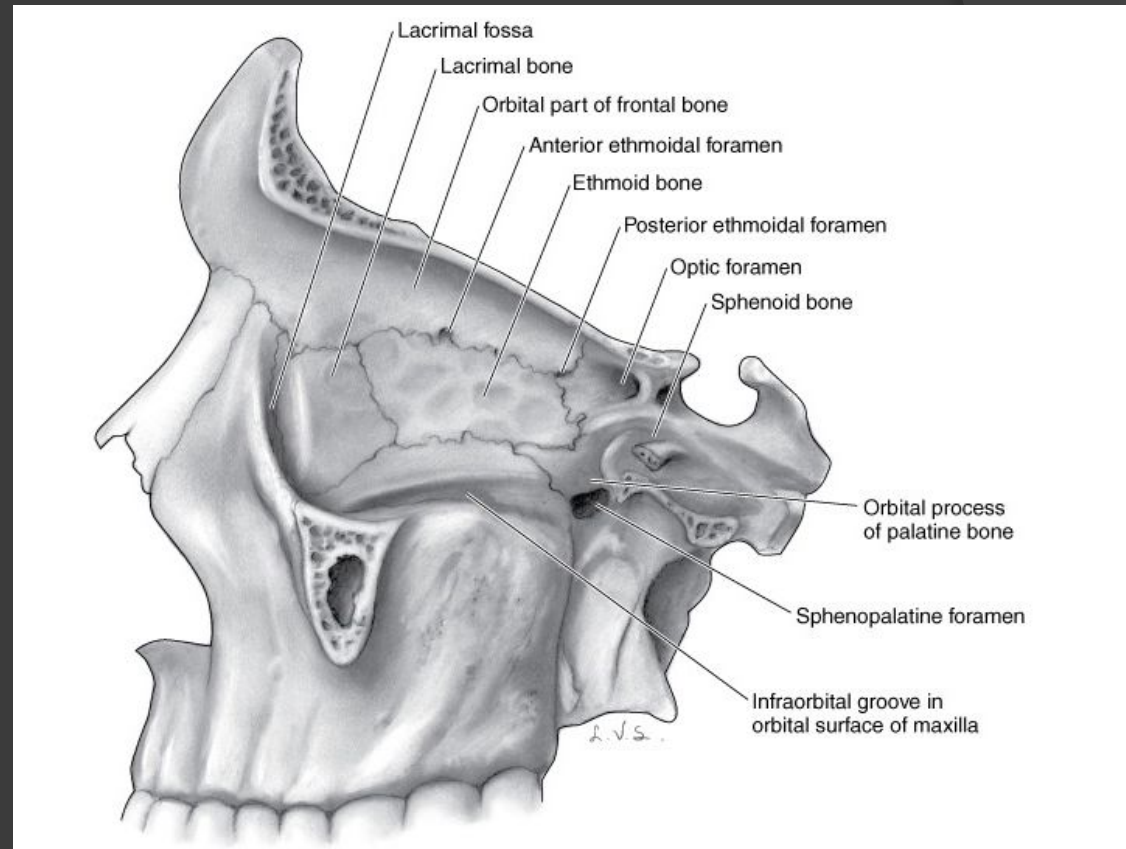
## ● Medial wall

Body of sphenoid

Ethmoid

Lacrimal

Maxilla[frontal  
process]



- ◉ Orbital cellulitis

Extremely thin wall

Prone for damage & sinusitis spread

Infection across  Orbital cellulitis

## ⦿ Floor of orbit

Maxilla

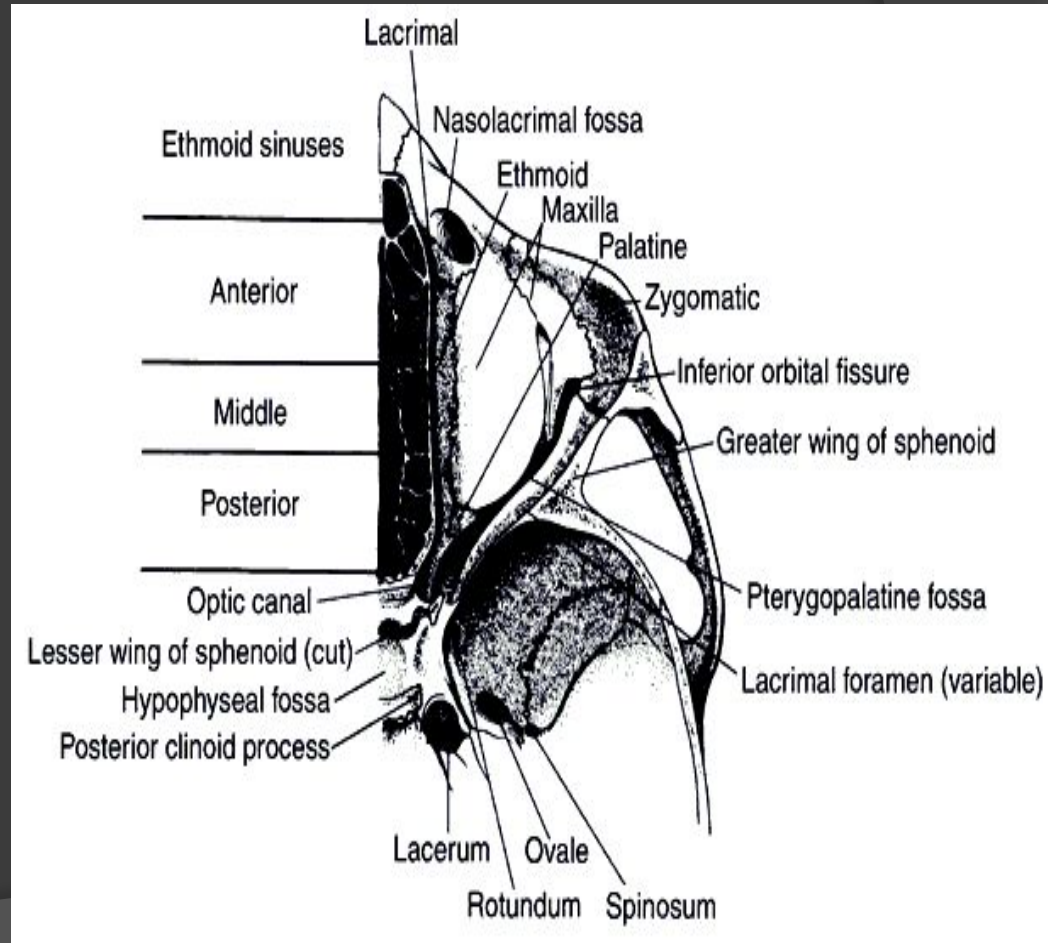
Zygomatic

Palatine

Triangular segment

-- thinnest

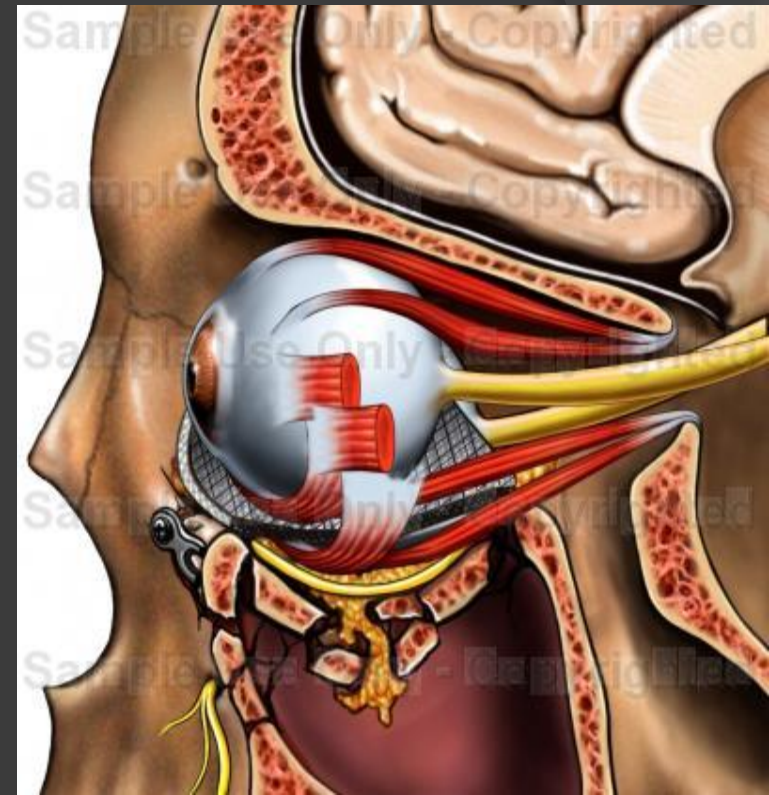
Inferior orbital groove



## ⦿ Blow out fractures

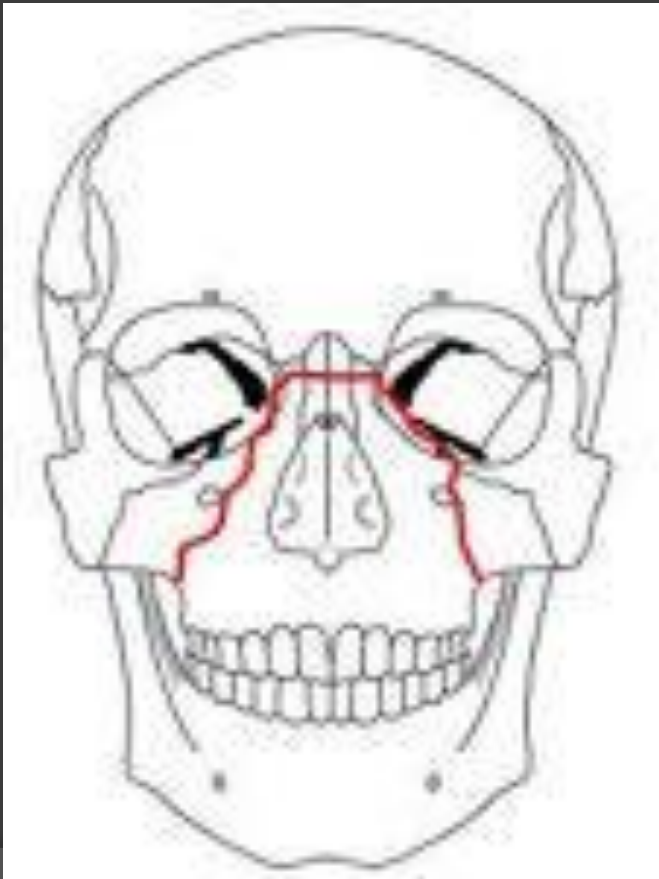
Fragile barrier to maxillary sinus

Due to trauma eyeball collapse into Maxillary sinus

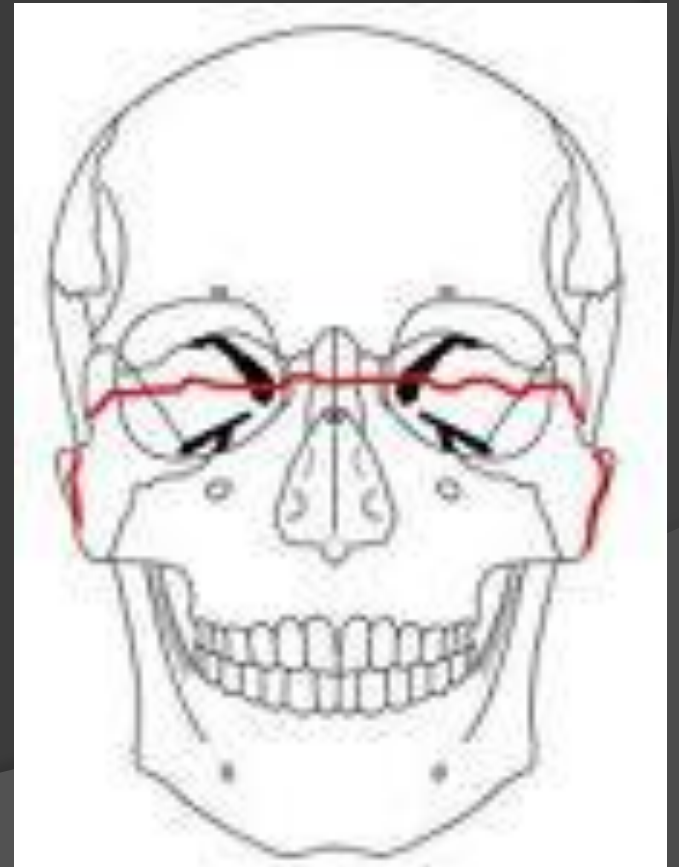


# Le fort's fracture

Type 2 - Pyramidal



Type 3 - Craniofacial dissociation



## ⦿ Lateral wall

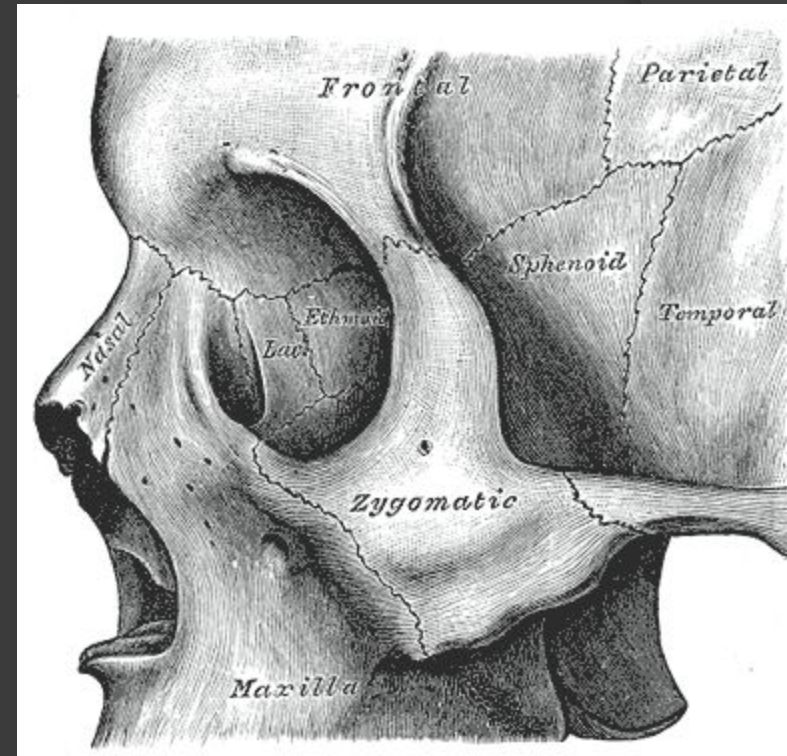
Greater wing –sphenoid

Orbital surface –

Frontal process of zygomatic

Inferiorly – inf orbital fissure

Medially – sup orbital fissure






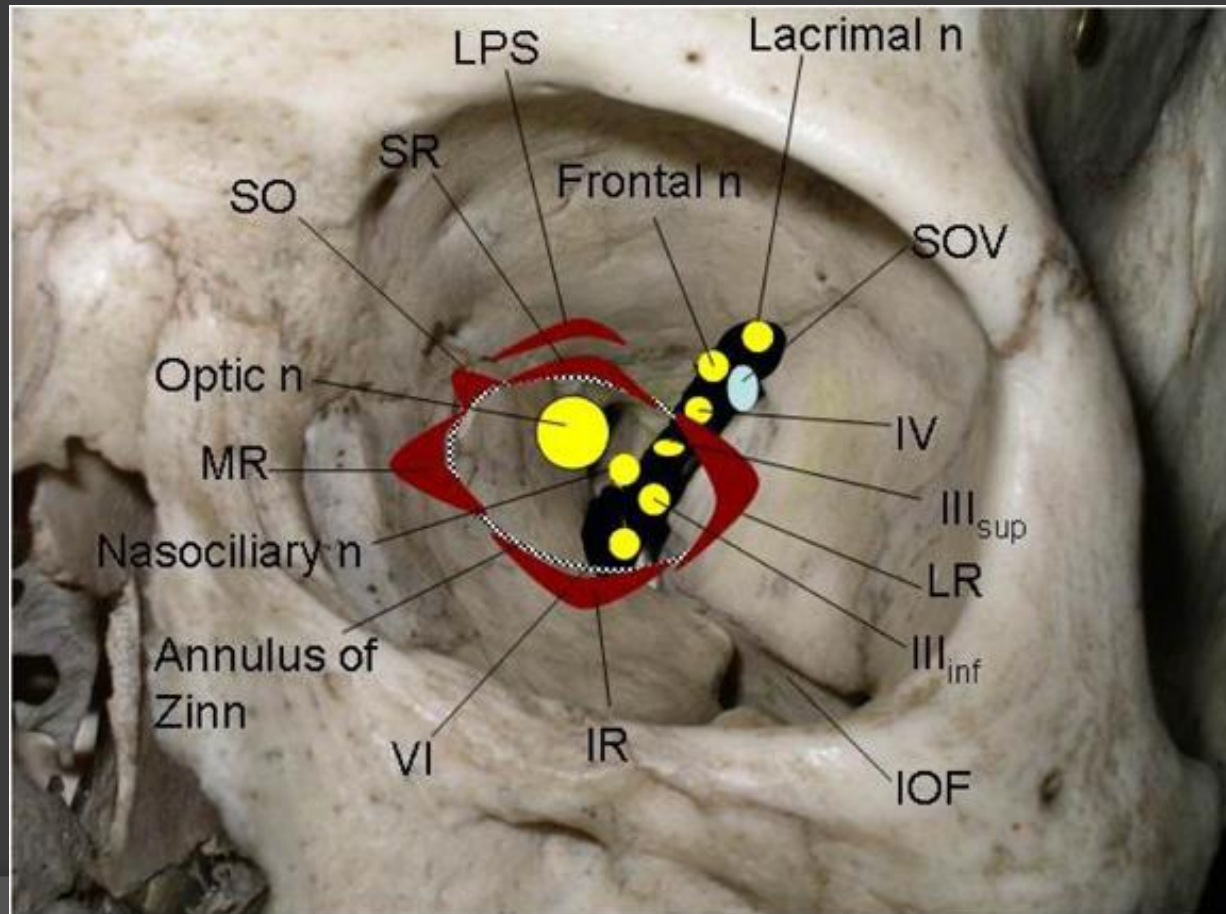
- ◎ Behind Zygomatic sphenoidal suture  
lateral orbitotomy of greater wing  
( thin wall ) → cancellous bone  
middle cranial fossa  
dura matter

- At frontal sphenoidal suture  
-- meningeal foramen

Site of anastomosis of Lacrimal artery and meningeal artery collaterals

Periosteal elevation at this site  Brisk bleeding

## ● Orbital apex



- Orbital apex syndrome  
/ Tolosa - hunt syndrome :

Damage to structures at apex 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> nerves

Symptoms : visual loss, ophthalmoplegia  
periorbital & facial pain

◎ Other causes:

- a. Inflammatory
- b. Infectious
- c. Neoplastic
- d. Iatrogenic / traumatic
- e. Vascular

- ⦿ Superior orbital fissure syndrome  
/ Rochon – Duvigneaud syndrome :

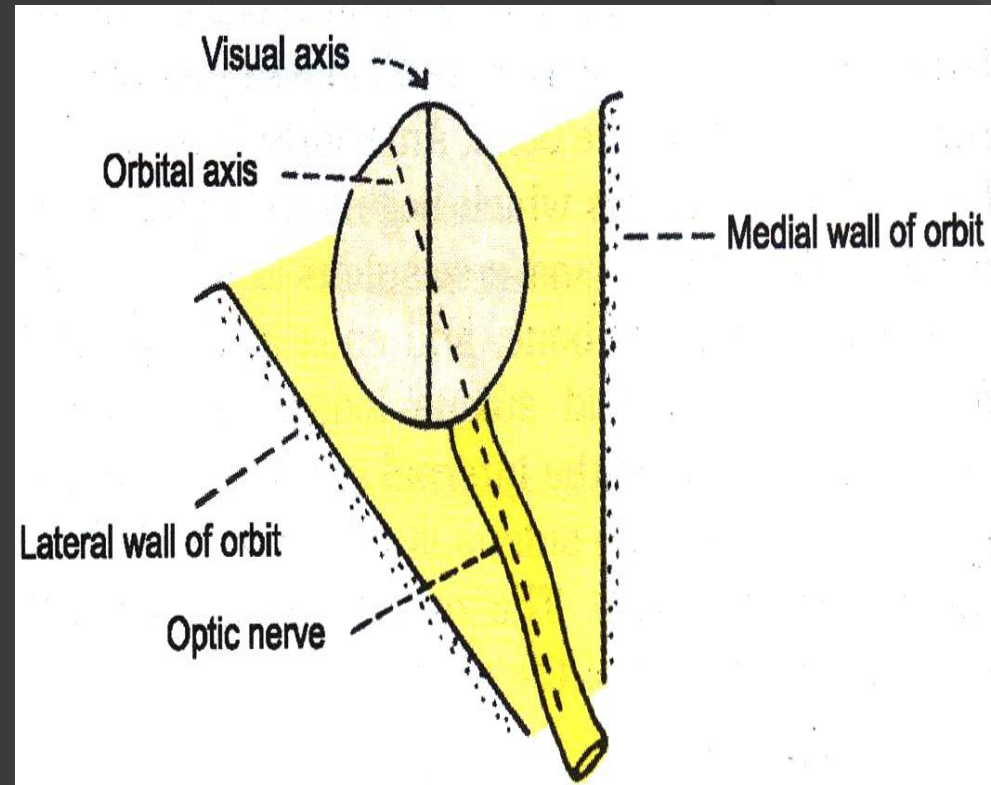
Lesion anterior to orbital apex excluding optic nerve pathology

# Contents of orbit

- ⦿ Eye ball
- ⦿ Orbital fat
- ⦿ Connective tissue system
- ⦿ Blood vessels
- ⦿ Nerves
- ⦿ Extraocular muscles

# Eyeball - Applied anatomy:

- Proptosis :
- Dystopia
- Enophthalmosis
- Ophthalmoplegia





# Connective tissue system

- ⦿ Periorbita
- ⦿ Orbital septum
- ⦿ Tenon's capsule

## ◎ Periorbita:

Loosely attached to orbital bone

Attached firmly to

- a. Arcus marginalis
- b. Trochlea
- c. Lateral orbital tubercle
- d. Optic foramen
- e. Orbital fissures
- f. Dura and optic canal margins

## ◎ Orbital septum:

Interconnecting / circumferential radial webs of fascial system

support and transmit forces in trauma

Compressive optic neuropathy following trauma

## ⦿ Anterior fascial system

Formed by condensation of fibrous septa

→ Lockwood lig,  
Whitnall sup susp lig  
Lacrimal lig  
Intermuscular septum

Posterior Fascial system



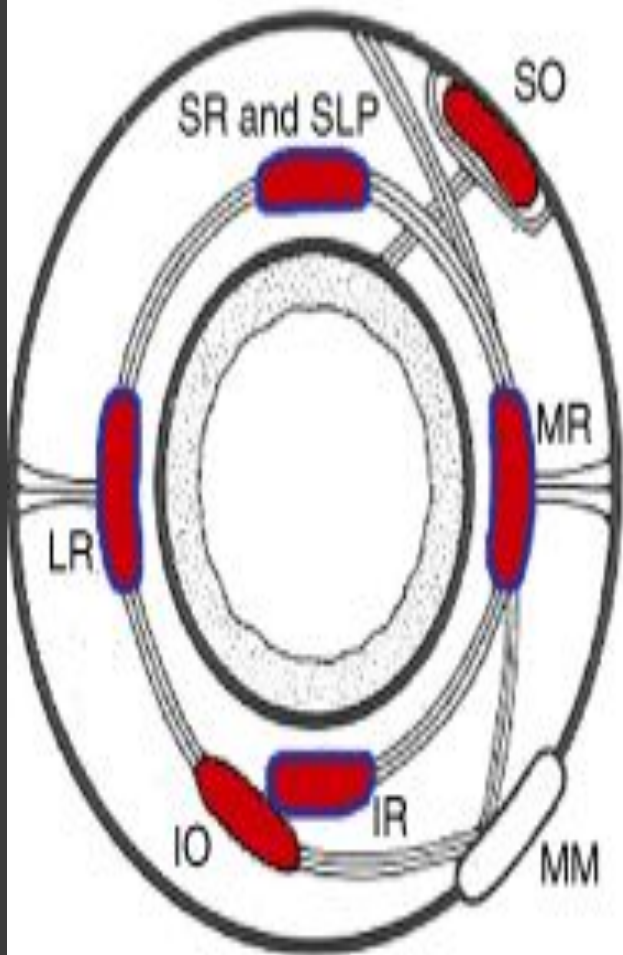
Incompletely  
formed

## ◎ Tenon's capsule

Dense elastic , vascular

Extent : from perilimbal sclera to optic  
nerve meninges with bursa within

Sleeve like extensions for  
extra ocular muscles continues as  
fibrous capsule along its length



Tendon



Striated muscle



Smooth muscle



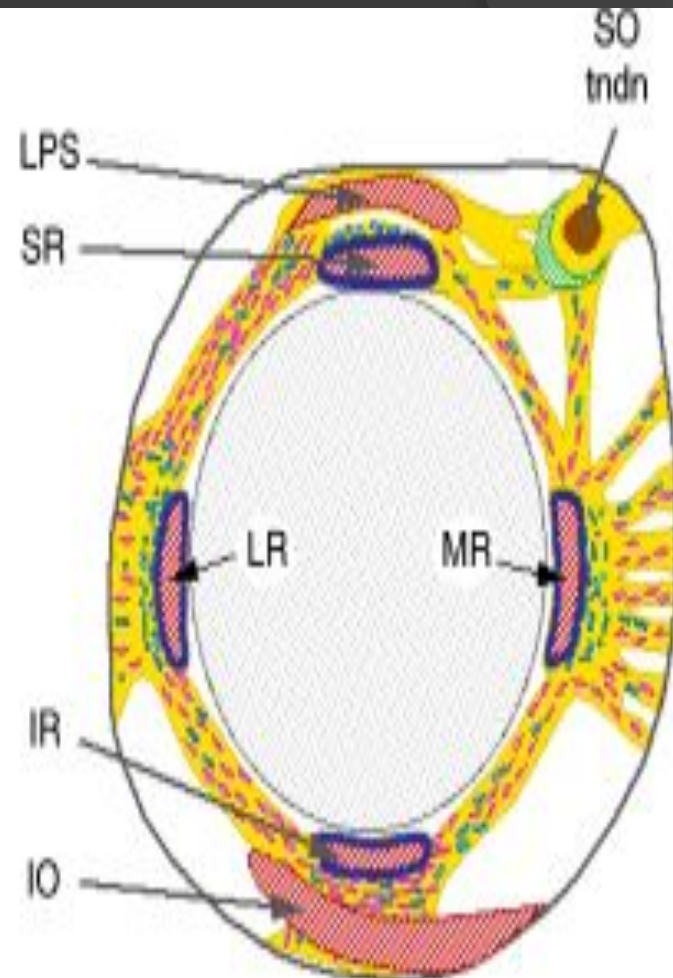
Elastin



Collagen

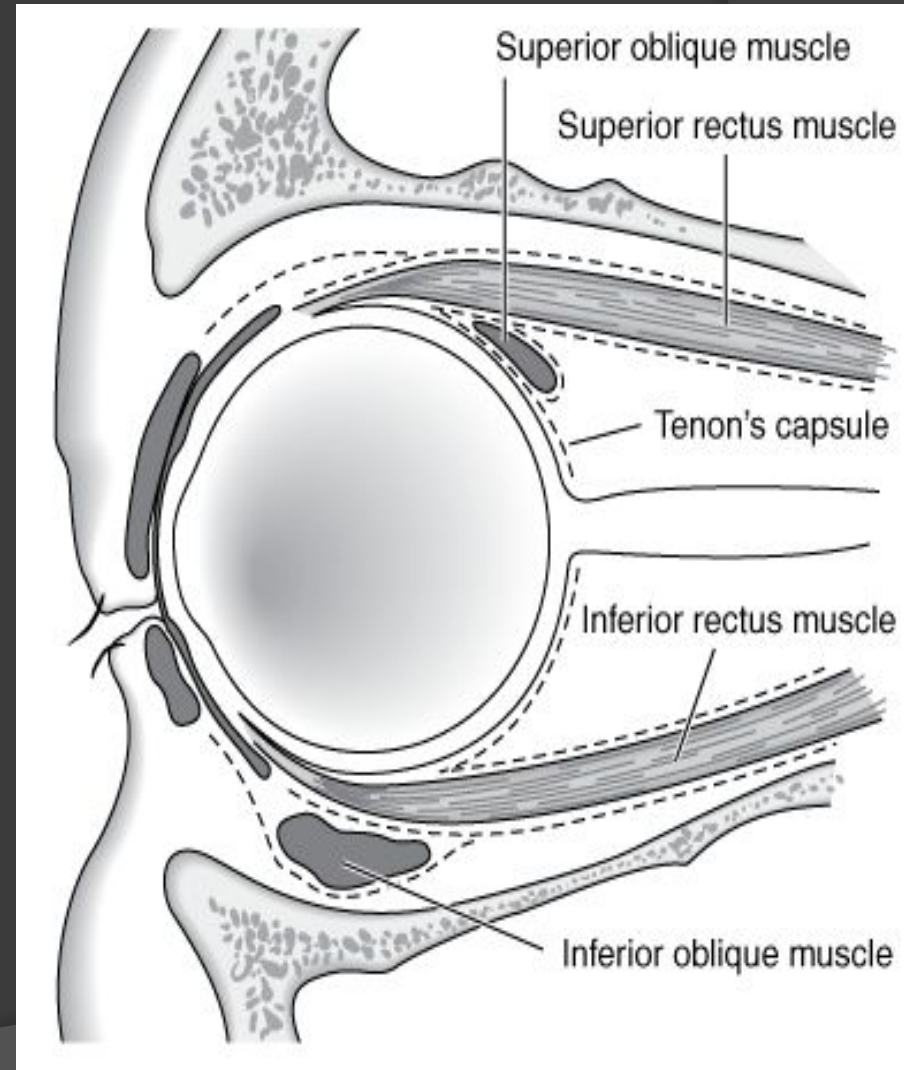


Cartilage



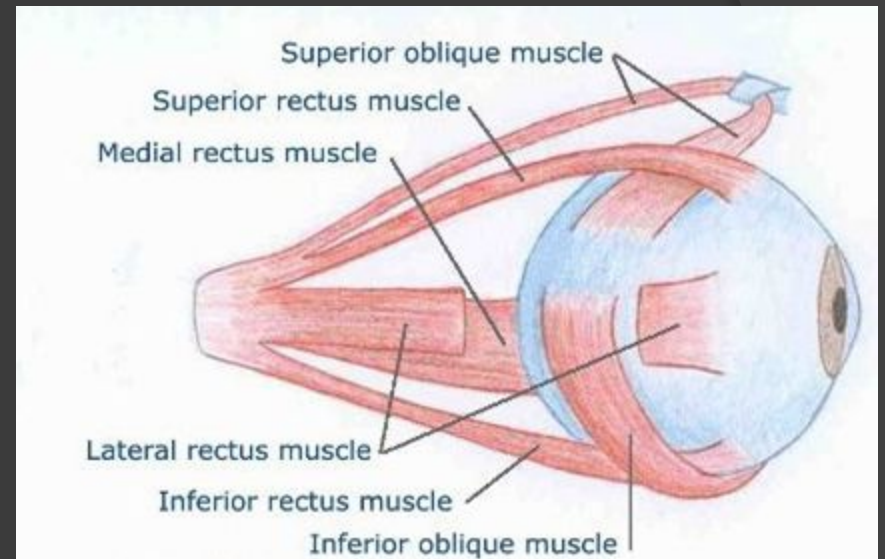
# Surgical spaces in orbit :

- ⦿ Sub periosteal space
- ⦿ Peripheral space
- ⦿ Central space
- ⦿ Tenon's space



# Extra ocular muscles

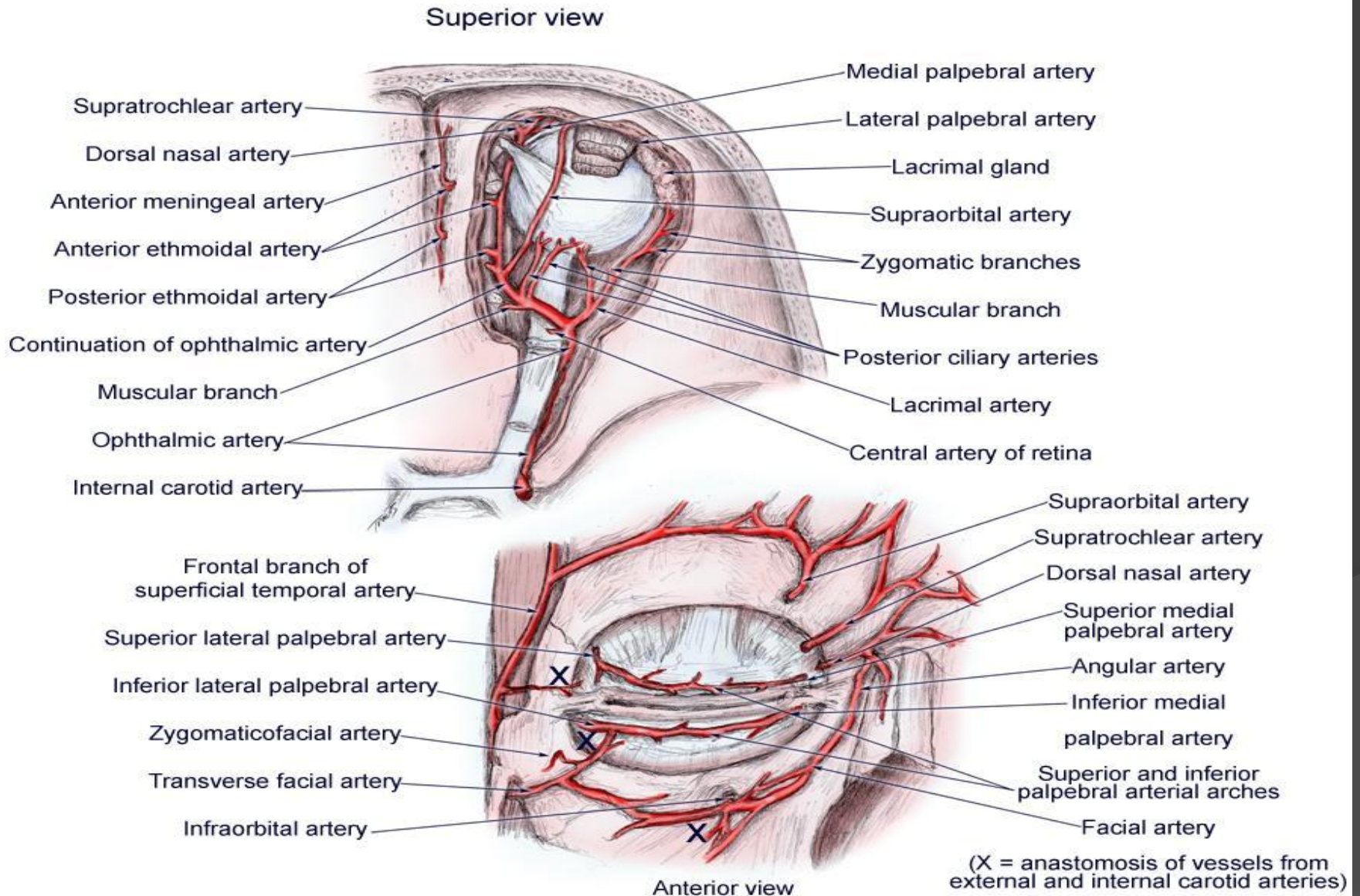
- ⦿ 4 rectal muscles
- ⦿ 2 oblique muscles
- ⦿ Two lid retractors



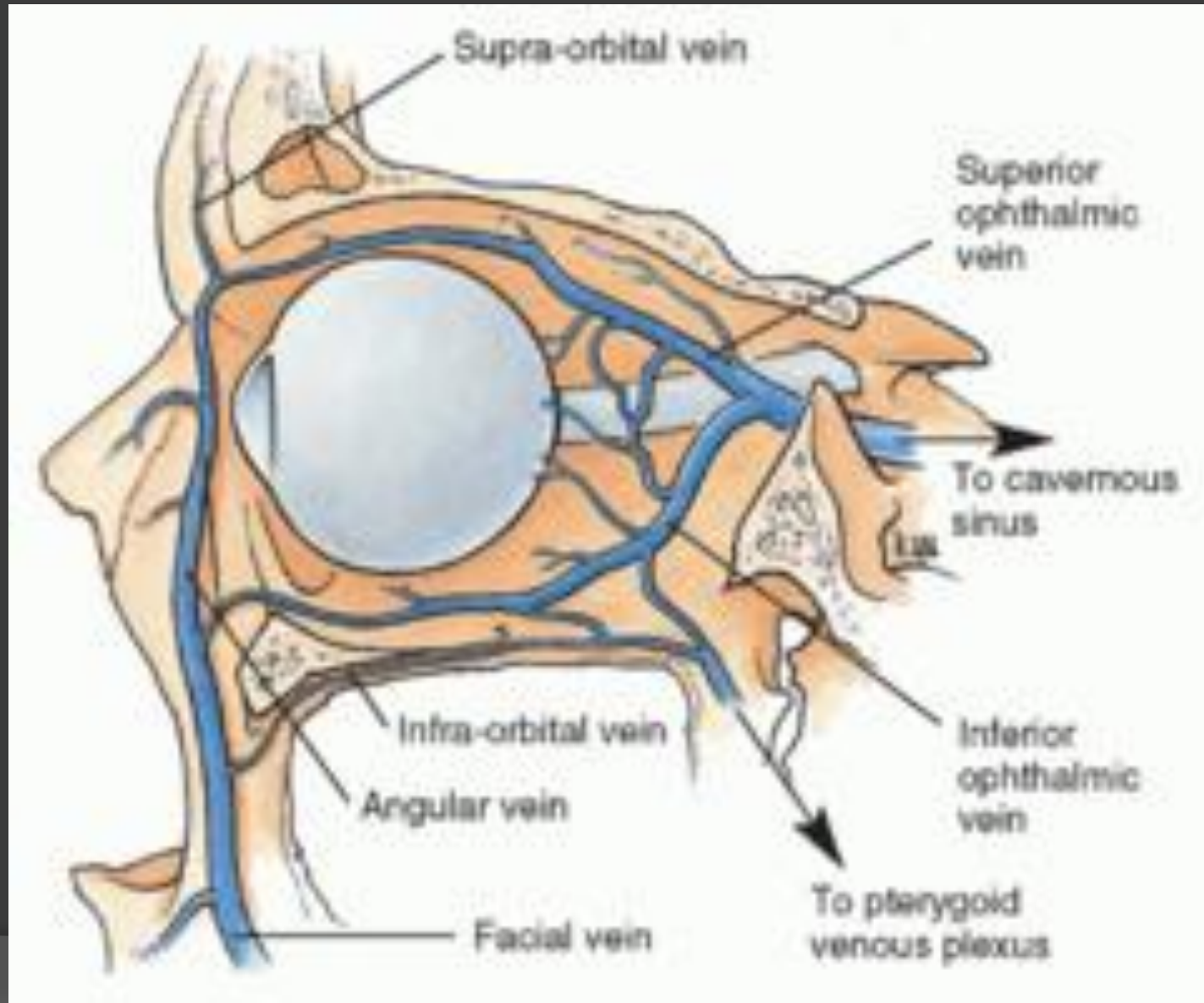
To serve in eyeball movements in the orbital cavity



# Arterial supply



# Venous drainage





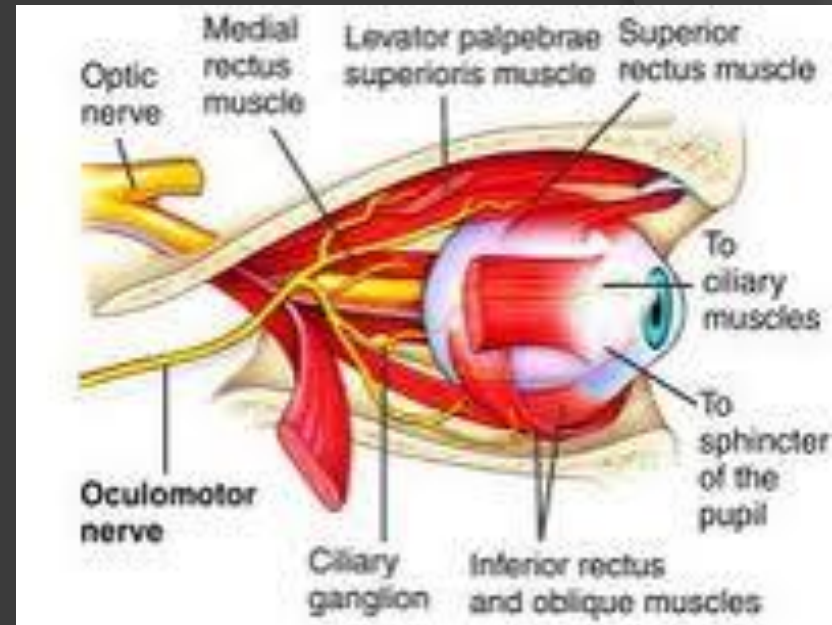
# Oculomotor nerve

Divides at anterior part of cavernous sinus before entering sup orbital fissure

Sup division → Sup rectus  
LPS

Inf division → Medial rectus  
Inf rectus  
Inf oblique

And motor root relay at ciliary ganglion  
→ sphincter pupillae , ciliary muscle

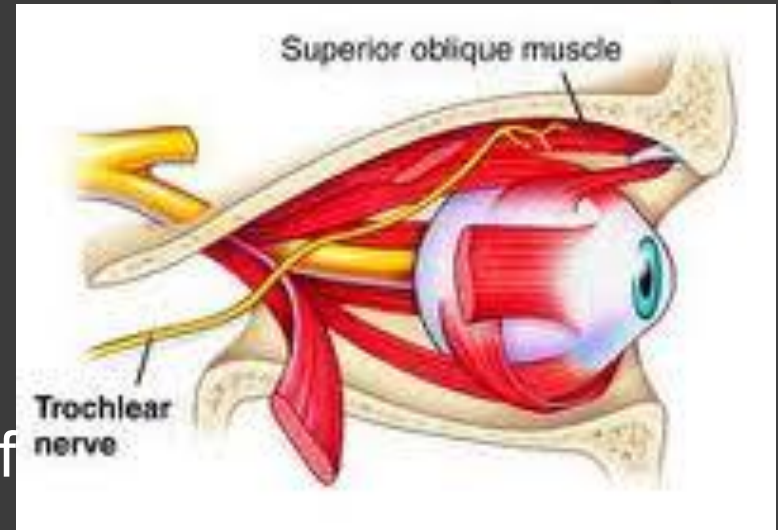




# Trochlear nerve

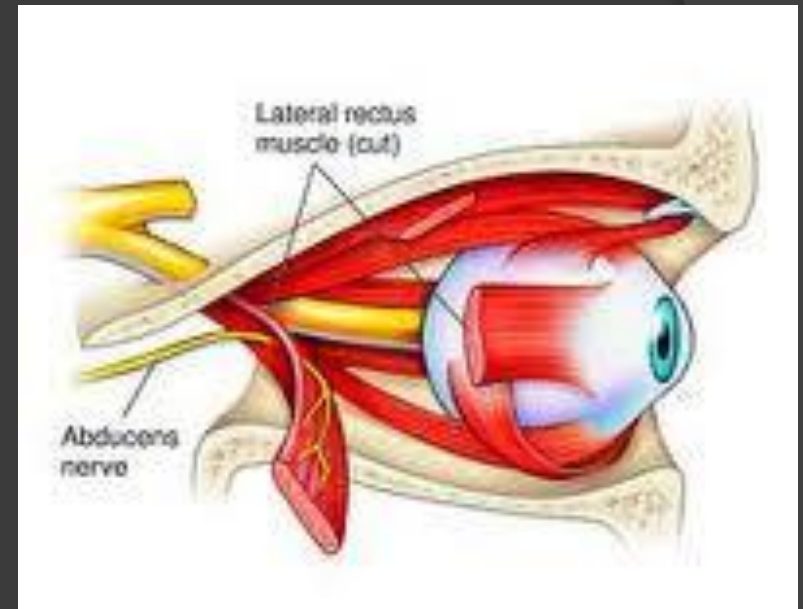
Runs medially from lateral wall of cavernous sinus

Above Levator palpebralis superior  
Then supplies orbital surface of Superior oblique



# Abducent nerve

Running inferior lateral to 3rd nerve then supplies ocular surface of lateral Rectus



# Trigeminal nerve

○ Three terminal branches of ophthalmic division:

I. Frontal nerve → supratrochlear  
supraorbital

I. Lacrimal nerve → Sensory and secretomotor  
fibres to lacrimal gland thru  
zygomaticotemporal nerve

## ⦿ Nasociliary nerve:

1. Communicating branch to sensory root of ciliary ganglion
2. Long ciliary nerves - dilator pupillae
3. Posterior and anterior ethmoidal branches
4. Infratrochlear nerve



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