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# ***Volumi clinici nell'irradiazione delle neoplasie cervico-cefaliche***

## ***Clinical volumes in head and neck cancer radiotherapy***

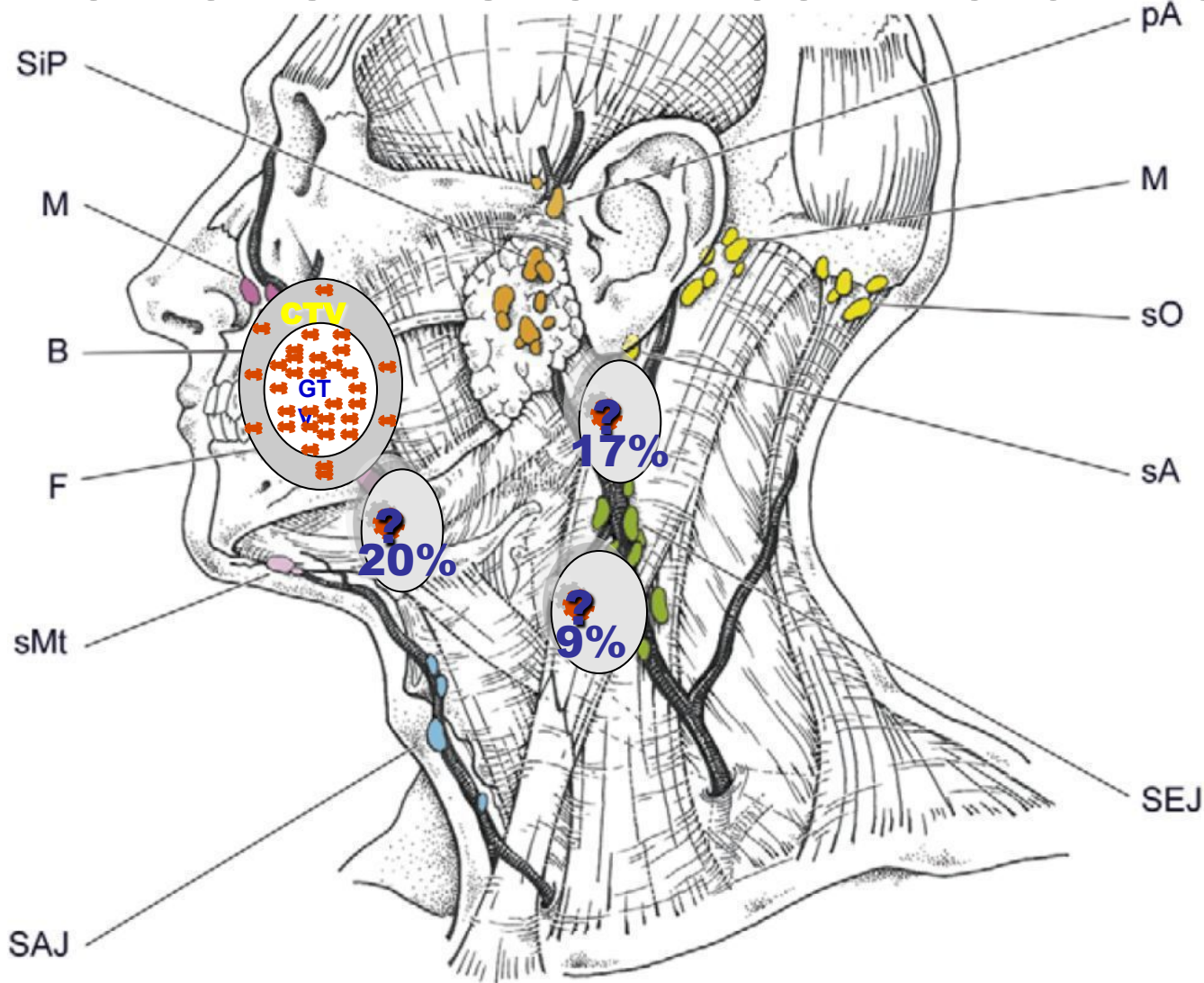
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# What are the clinical volumes?



a risk of subclinical involvement greater than 15–20% should be used to define nodal CTV2



# Volumes defined

**anatomical/physiological  
basis**

**Volumes**

GTV

CTV

**Conceptual volumes**

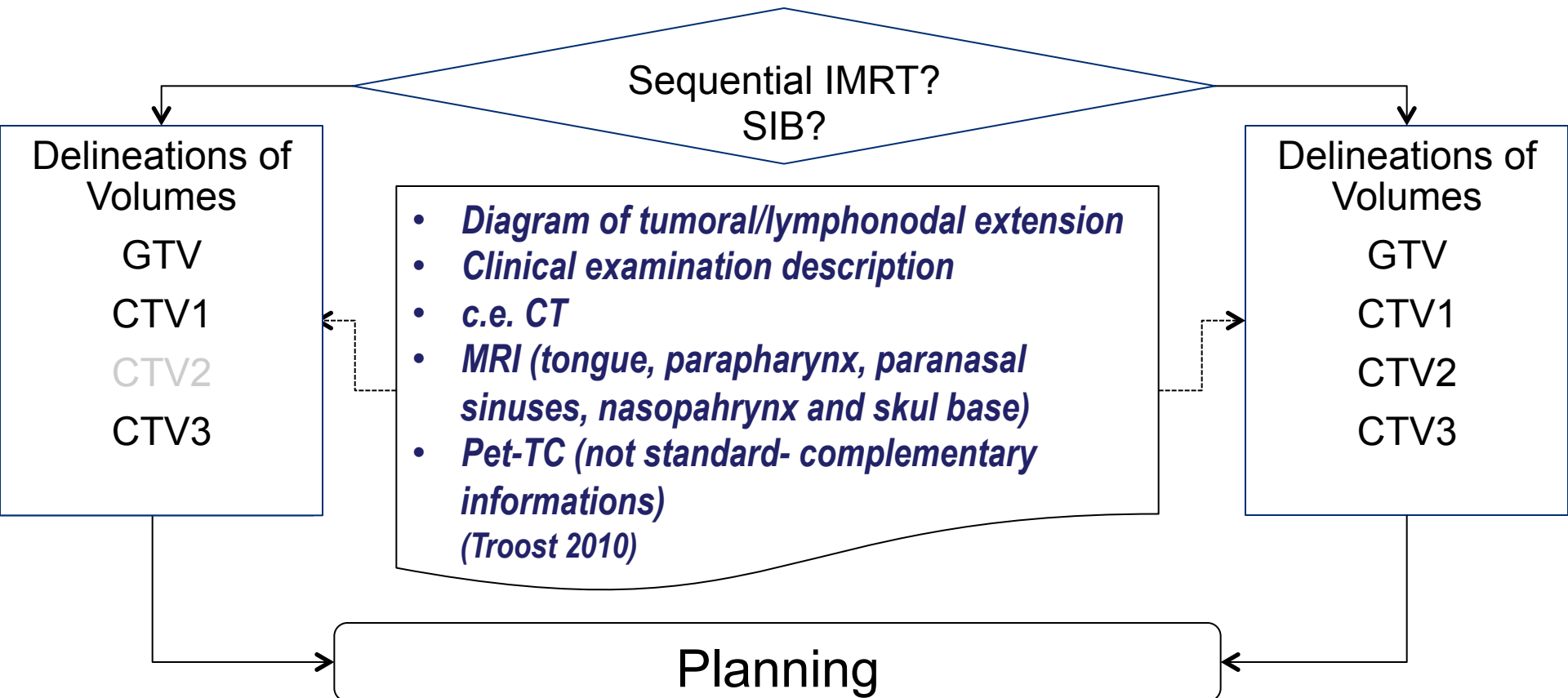
**Volumes**

### Pre-RT work up:

- Instrumental images (RMI,PET)
- clinical examination
- Diagram of tumoral/lymphnodal extension

### Radiotherapy preparation

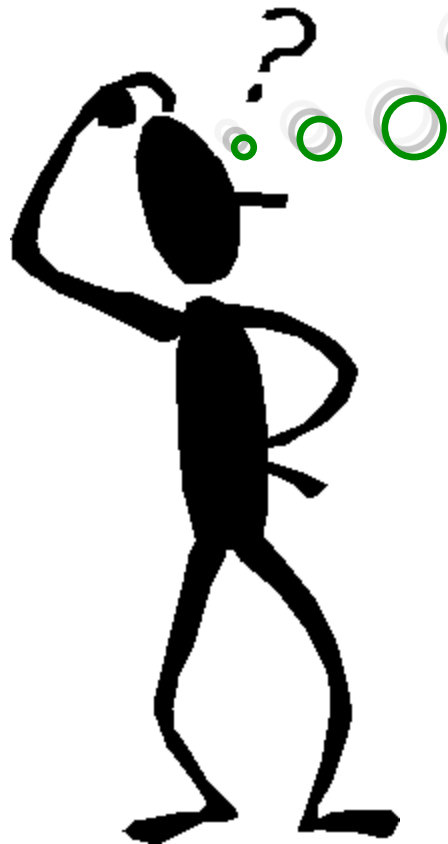
- Immobilization mask with 5 fixation points (Gilbeau 2001)
- c.e.-TC with mdc (3 mm slides).





# Defintion of GTV

- Volumes of known tumor infiltration



What is The  
“true” GTV?

The importance of pre-RT work up

# The “True” GTV

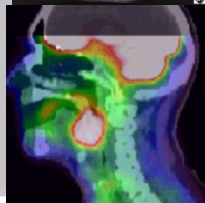
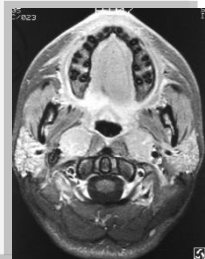
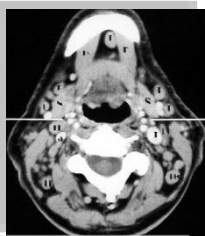
- In order to delineate the “true” GTV and avoid delineating inflammation and artifacts... **Imaging and physical examinations are the basis...**

» Eisbruch and Gregoire Semin Radiat Oncol 2009



# Imaging and physical examination

## C-factor or certainty factor



### C2 (Imaging)

- c.e. CT → CT-GTV
- MRI → MRI-GTV
- FDG-PET → FDG-PET-GTV

### C1



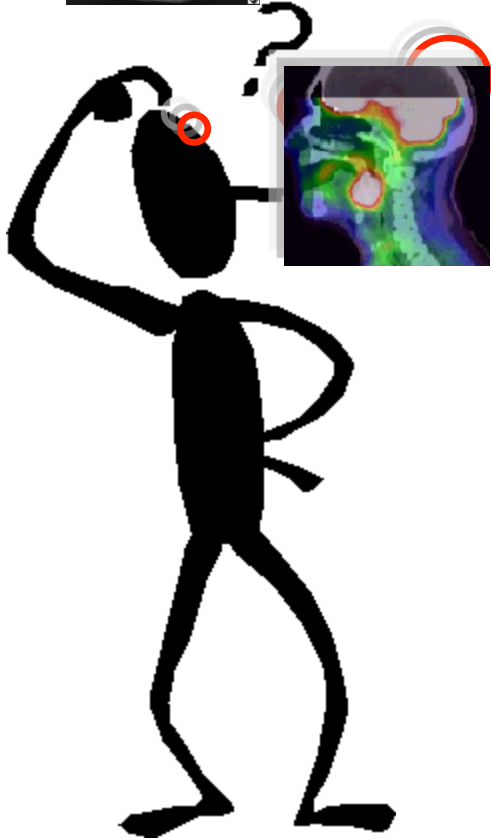
- Physical examination → GTV

# How to integrate functional imaging with anatomic imaging?



- CT and MRI overestimate the GTV, but also miss similar tumor extension
- Pet is often smaller than CT-based GTV
  - » (Paulino IJROBP 2005)
- The three Imaging modalities overestimate surgical specimen GTVs
  - » (Daisne Radiology 2004)
- PET misses the target (evaluated by surgical specimen) in 13% of the cases
  - » (Daisne Radiology 2004)





What to do?

# Add C1-factor



## Clinical examination

- All 3 imaging modalities underestimated the mucosal extent of disease.
- The mucosal extent is better evaluated by *physical examination, palpation and fiberoptic endoscopy*:
  - Base of tongue, tonsils, palate involvement, Glossotonsillar sulcus, Oral cavity extension

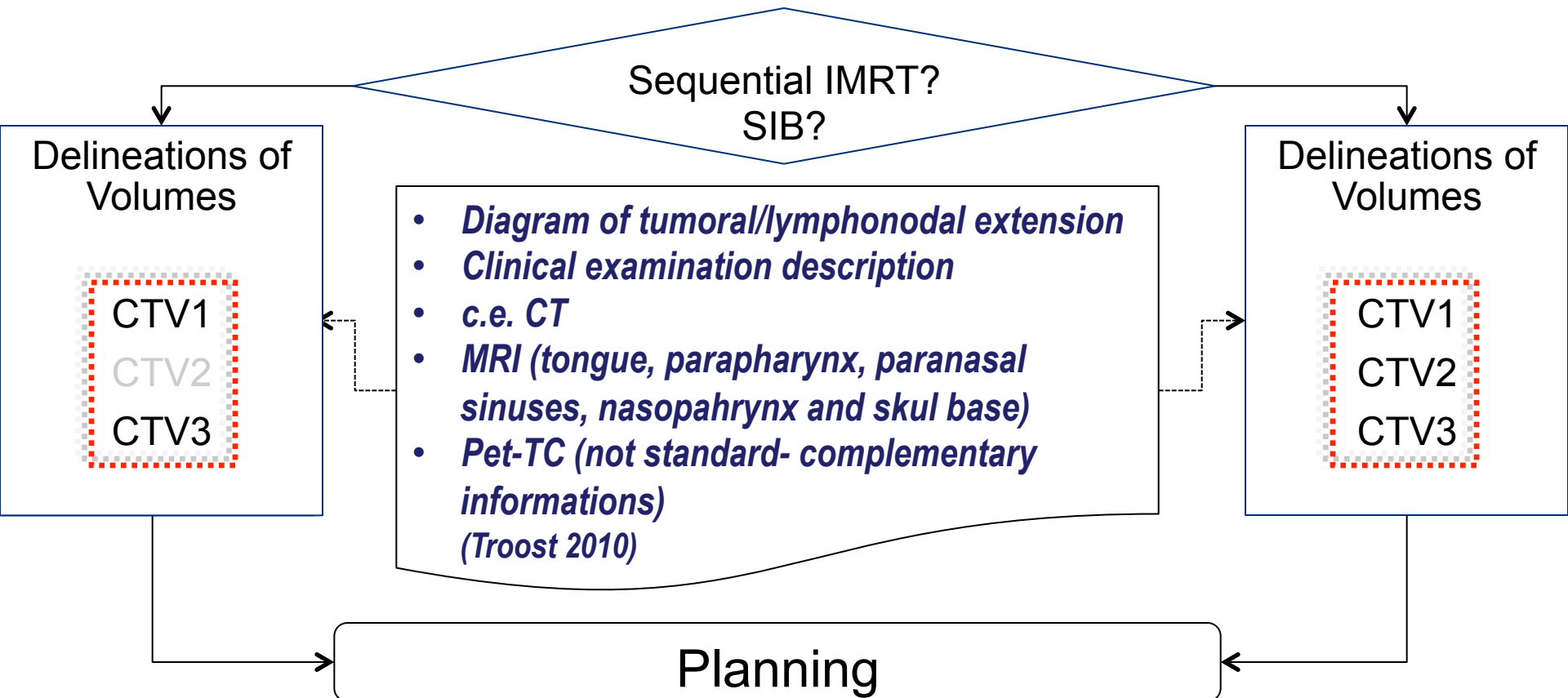
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# Considerations guiding the selection of the CTV around the primary tumor

## The microscopic spreading of SCC:

- follows the **anatomic compartments** of head and neck
  - (eg, paralaryngeal, parapharyngeal, pre-epiglottic spaces,)
- is hindered by **anatomic barriers**
  - (eg, bone cortex, muscular fascia, cervical fascia and ligaments).
- spreads through muscles or adipose spaces where **boundaries are not clear**
  - (eg. Tongue, neck muscles or neck adipose volume when their fascia has been interrupted)

# Clinical Target Volume

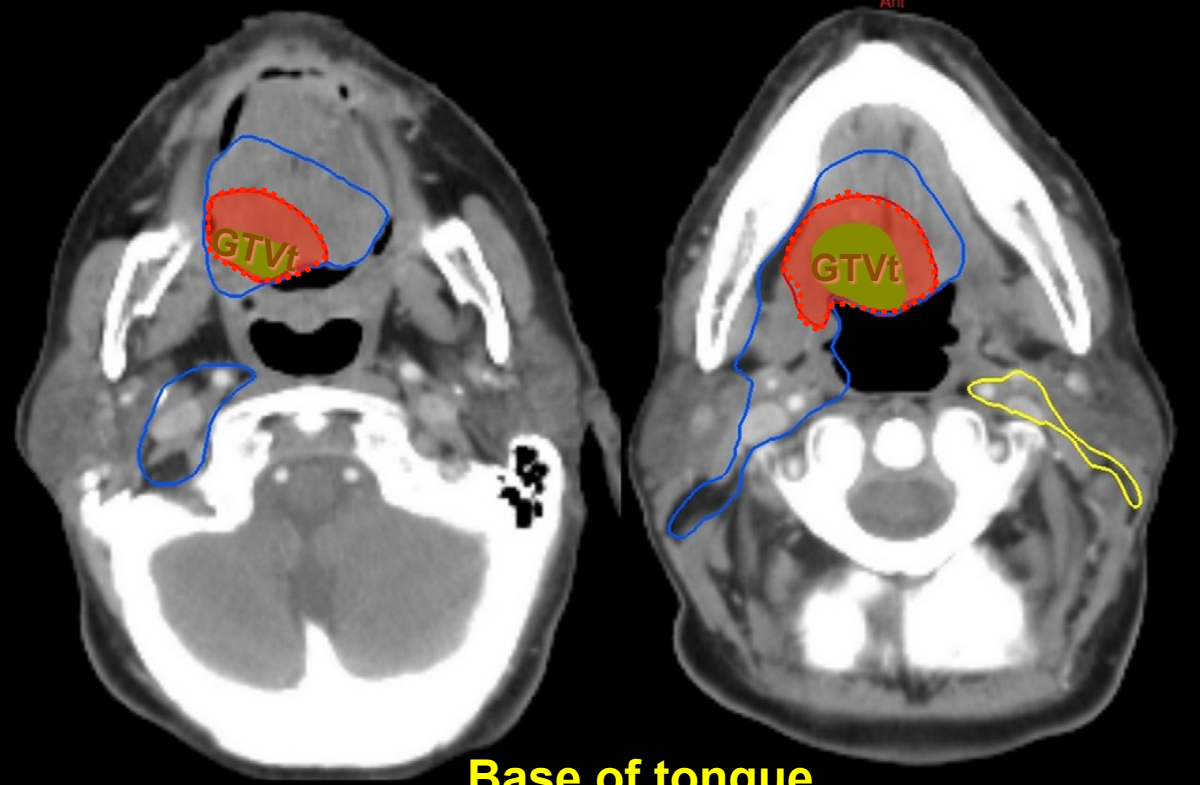
Target	definitions	% risk
CTV1	containing the GTV <sup>(1-2)</sup>	
	Postoperative (resection bed of removed GTVt/n) <sup>(3)</sup>	
CTV2	microscopic high risk disease <sup>(4-5)</sup>	> 10-20%
CTV3	Normal regions but some risk <sup>(6)</sup>	≥5%

**GTVt Base of tongue**

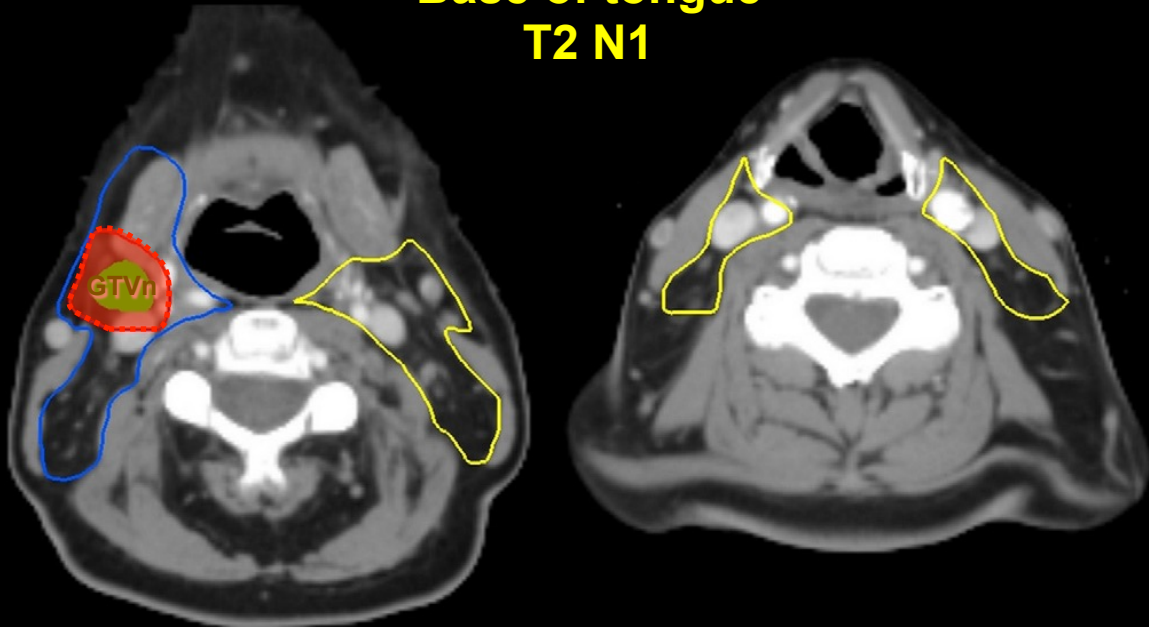
**GTVn N1 level IIa**

**CTVt1 Base of tongue  
3-10mm**

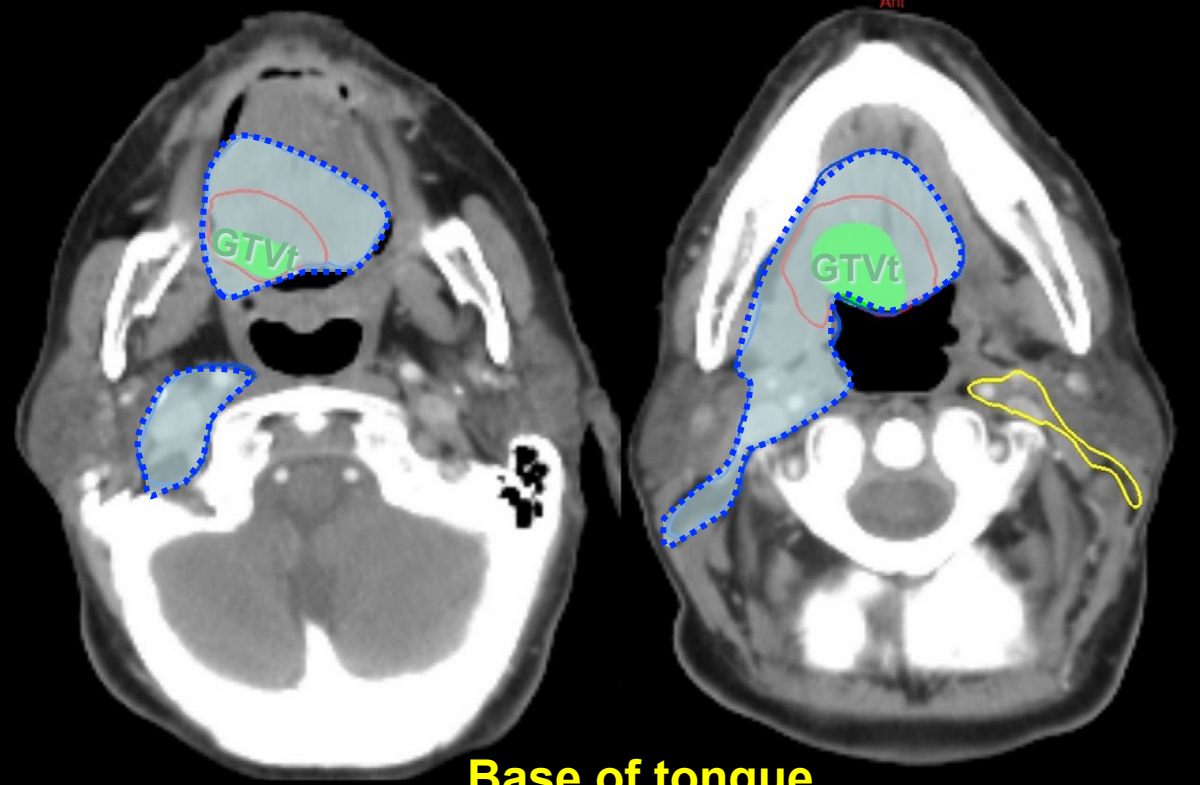
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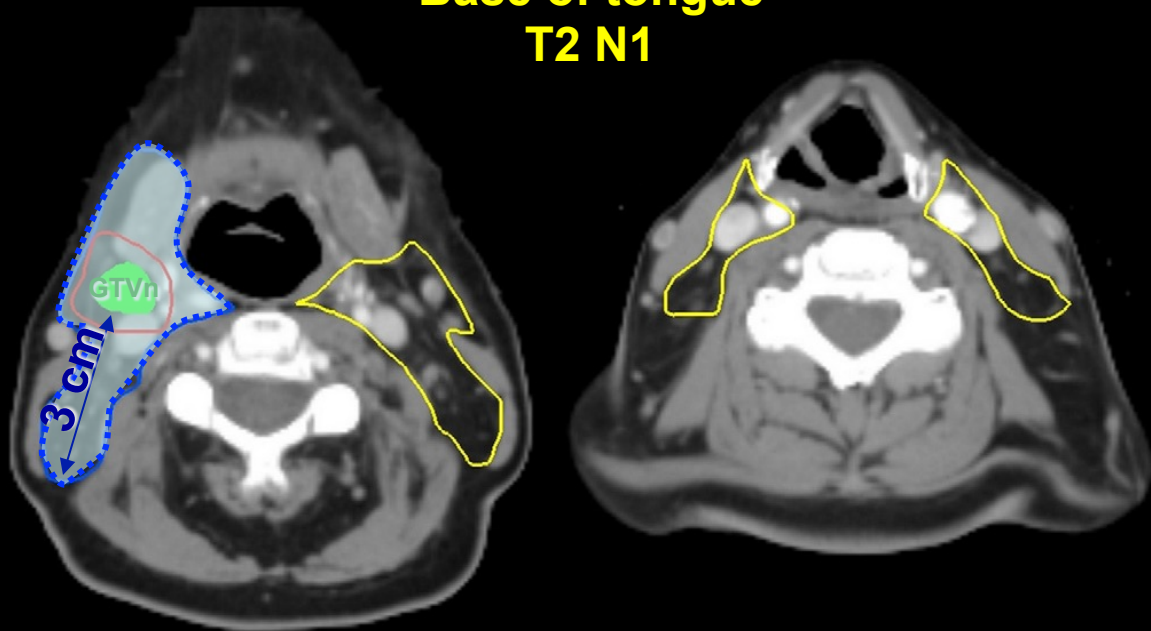
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T2 N1**







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**GTVt** Base of tongue

**GTVn** N1 level IIa

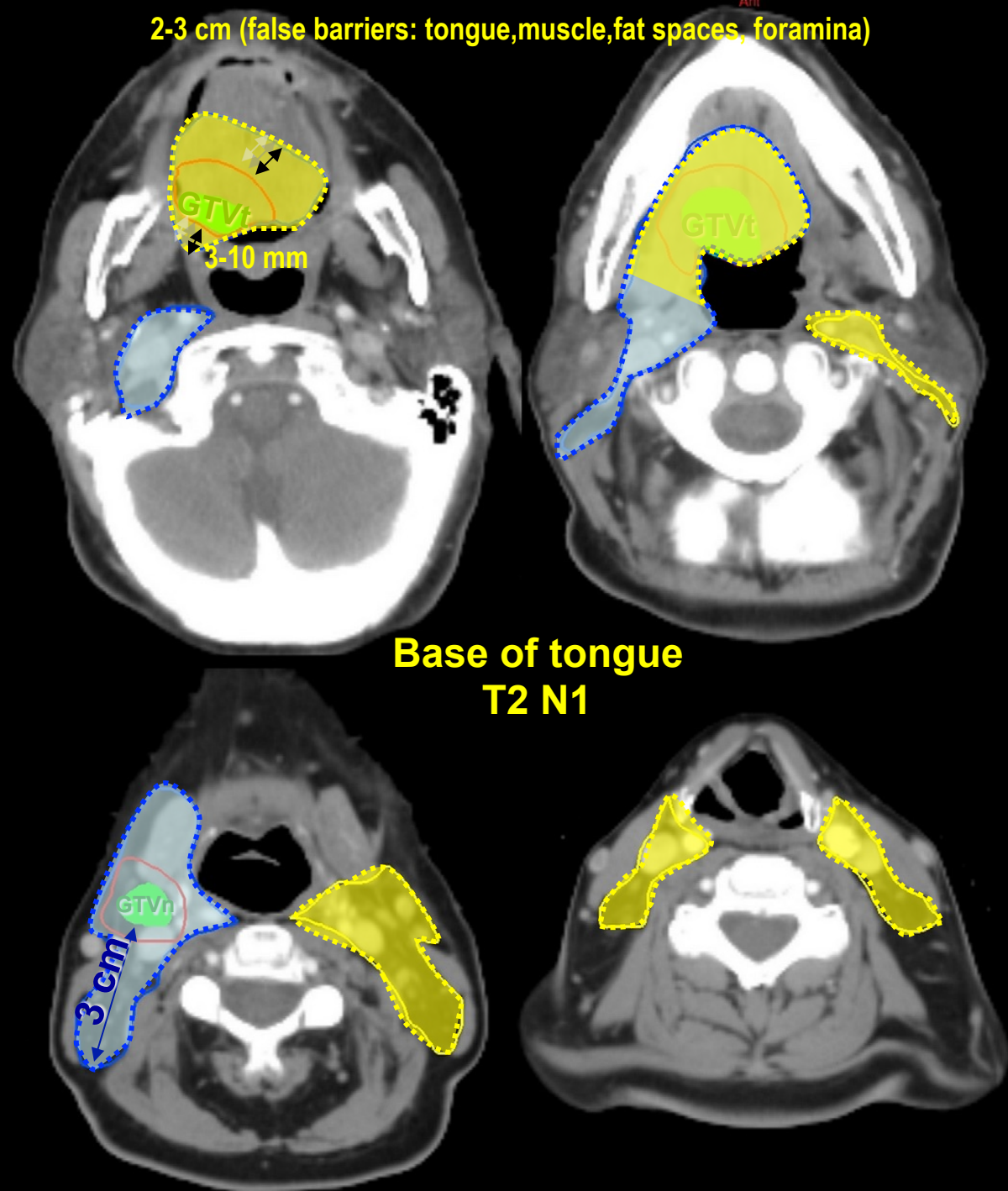
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**CTVt2 = CTV3**

**CTVn2** N1 level IIa  
within 3 cm distance (10-20%)

2-3 cm (false barriers: tongue, muscle, fat spaces, foramina)



Base of tongue  
T2 N1

**GTVt Base of tongue**

**GTVn N1 level IIa**

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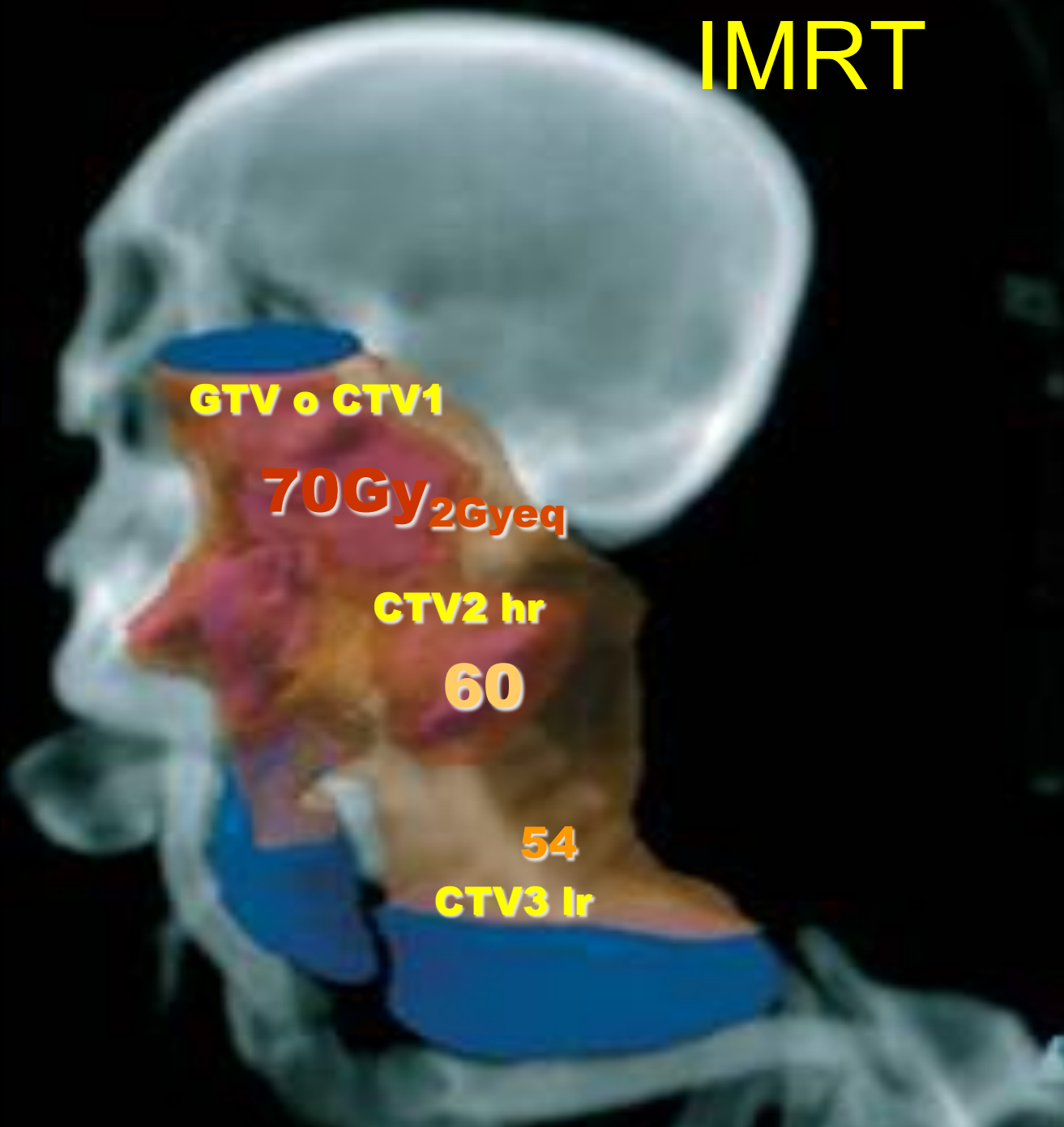
**CTVn2 N1 level IIa**  
within 3 cm distance (10-20%)

**CTVt3 = next structures  
or 2-3 cm if false barrier**

**CTVn3 Low risk (5-10%)**  
*Intergroup consensus  
Gregoire-Levendag 2003  
2006*

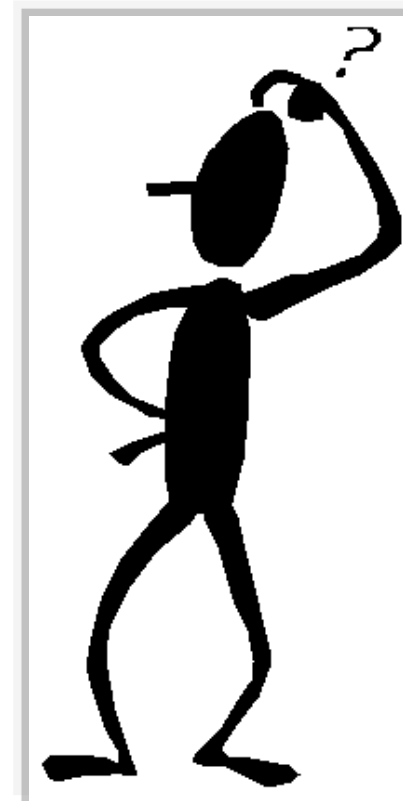
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	Tumor in site				Post operatory		T in site	Post operat.
	UCSF (1)	Chao 2005 (2)	RTOG 0022 (3)	ICRU 83 Appendix (5)	UCSF (1)	Parsport (4)	Lapeyre 2011	
			Parsport (4)		CHAO			
<b>Conc. CT</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>CTV1</b>	70 Gy	70 Gy	65-66 Gy	69 Gy	66 Gy	60 Gy	70 Gy	66 Gy
	33*2,12Gy	35*2 Gy	30*2,2Gy	30*2,3 Gy	33*2Gy	30*2Gy	35*2Gy	33x2 Gy
<b>CTV2 Optional</b>	59,4 Gy	63 Gy	60 Gy		59,4Gy			
	33*1,8Gy	35*1,8Gy	30*2Gy		33*1,8Gy			
<b>CTV3</b>	54 Gy	56 Gy	54 Gy	55,5 Gy	54Gy	54Gy	50 Gy	50 Gy
	33*1,64 Gy	35*1,6 Gy	30*1,8 Gy	30*1,85Gy	33*1,64Gy	30*1,8Gy	25*2 Gy	25*2 Gy

# IMRT



What is important to individualize the clinical volumes?

→ **Compartmentation** of head and neck





# Deep spaces in the head & neck

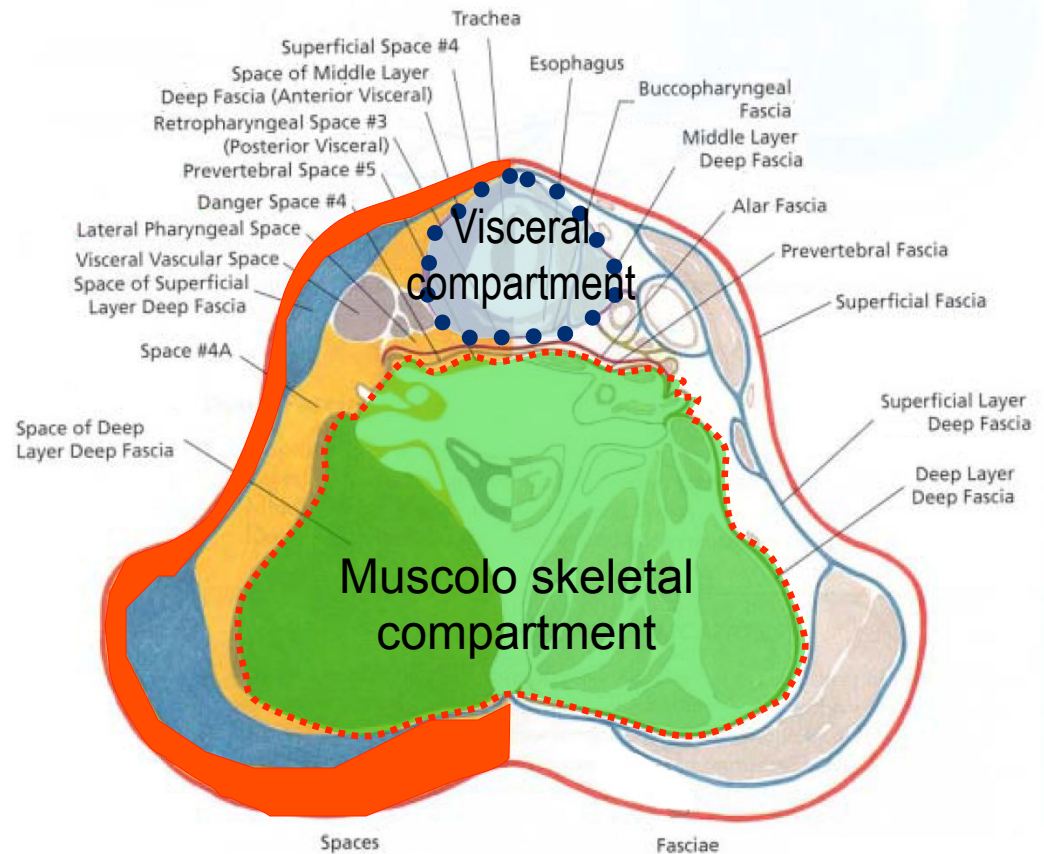
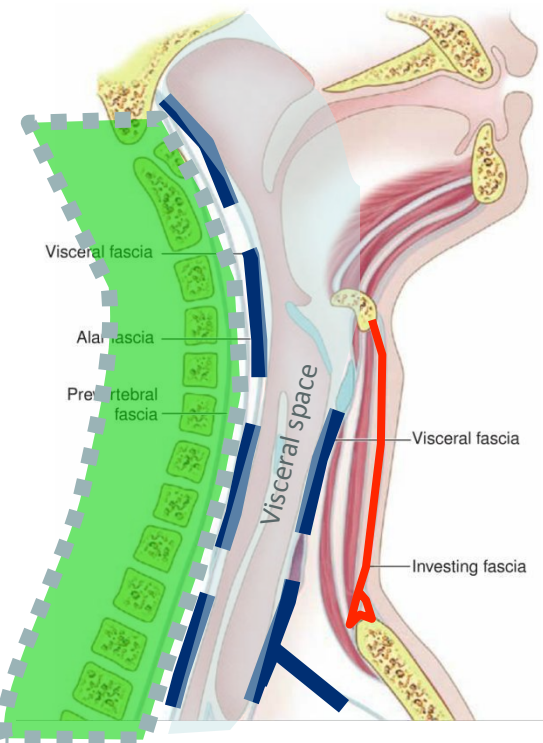
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- VISCERAL COMPARTEMENT Grodinsky/Holyoke (1938)
- SUPERFICIAL COMPARTEMENT
- MUSCOLO-SKELETAL COMPARTMENT

Within the fascia surrounding the viscera of interest

Between superficial fascia and superficial layer of deep fascia

Within the deep layer of deep fascia





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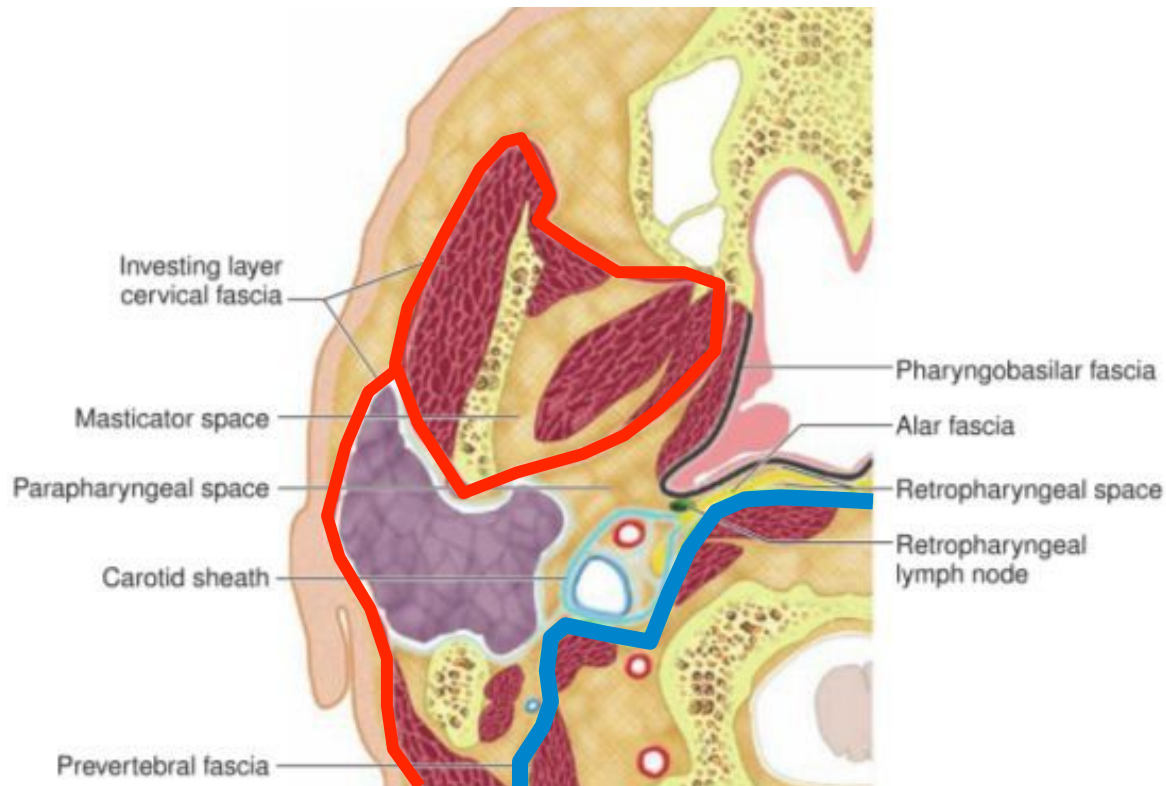
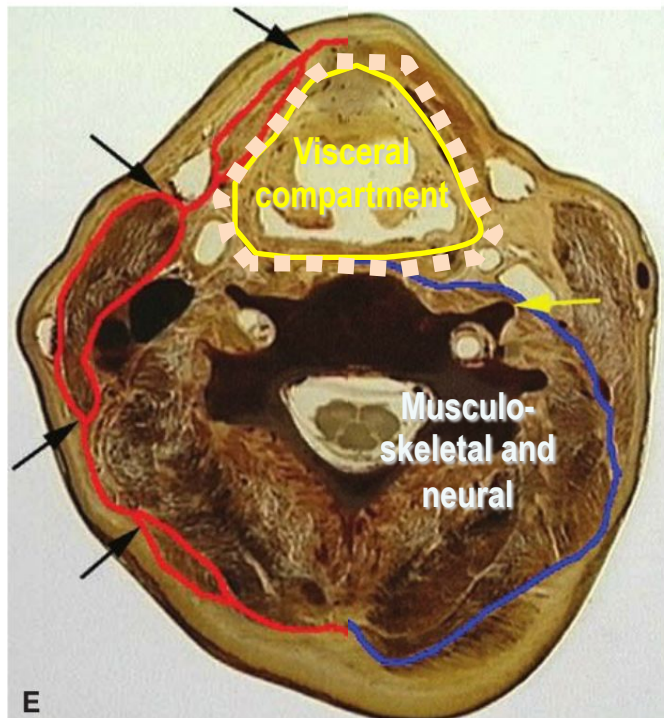
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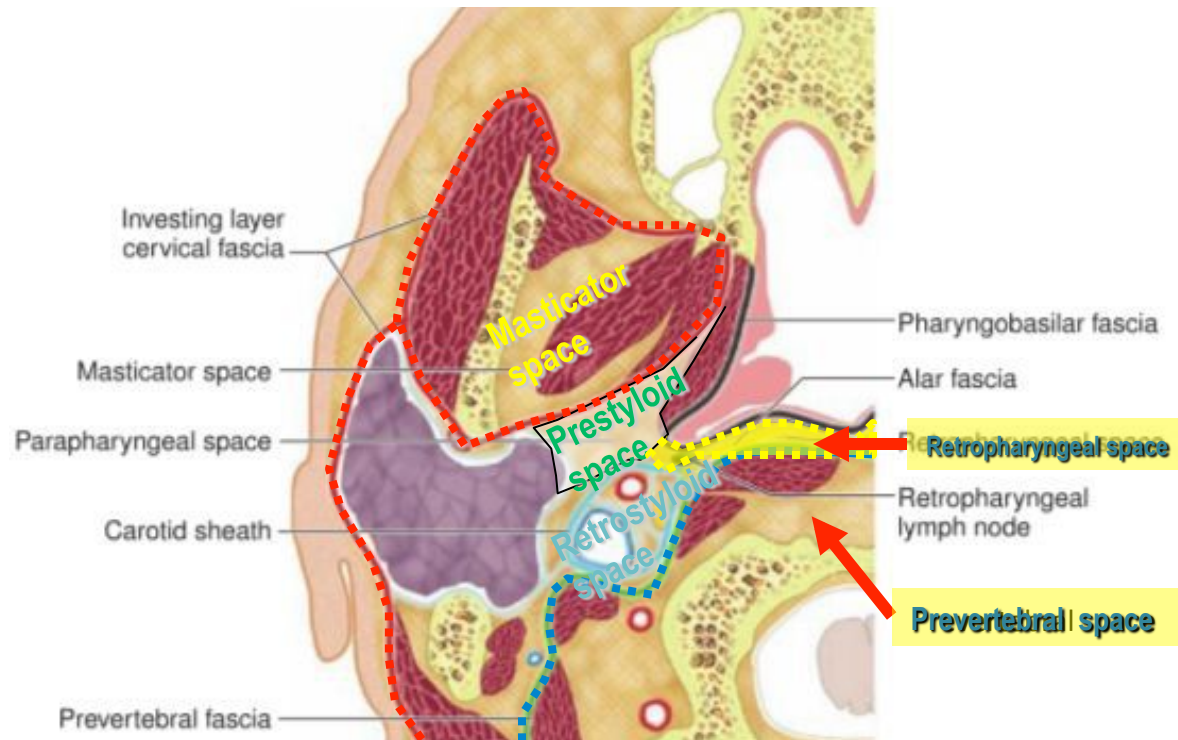
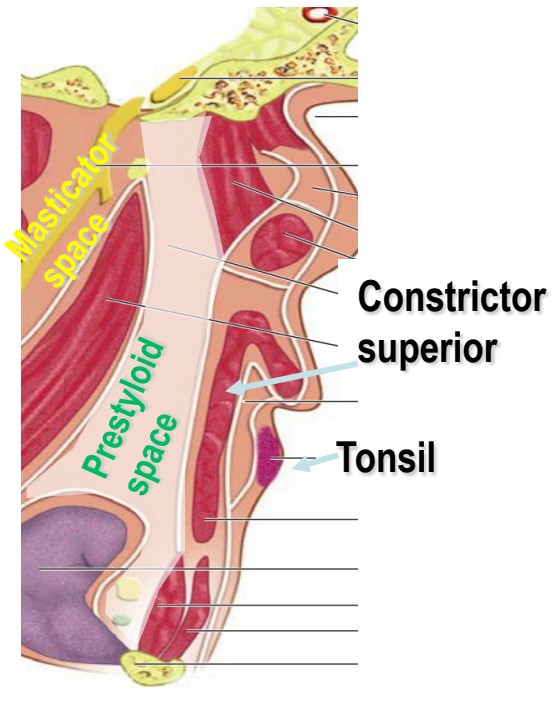
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# Deep spaces in the head/neck

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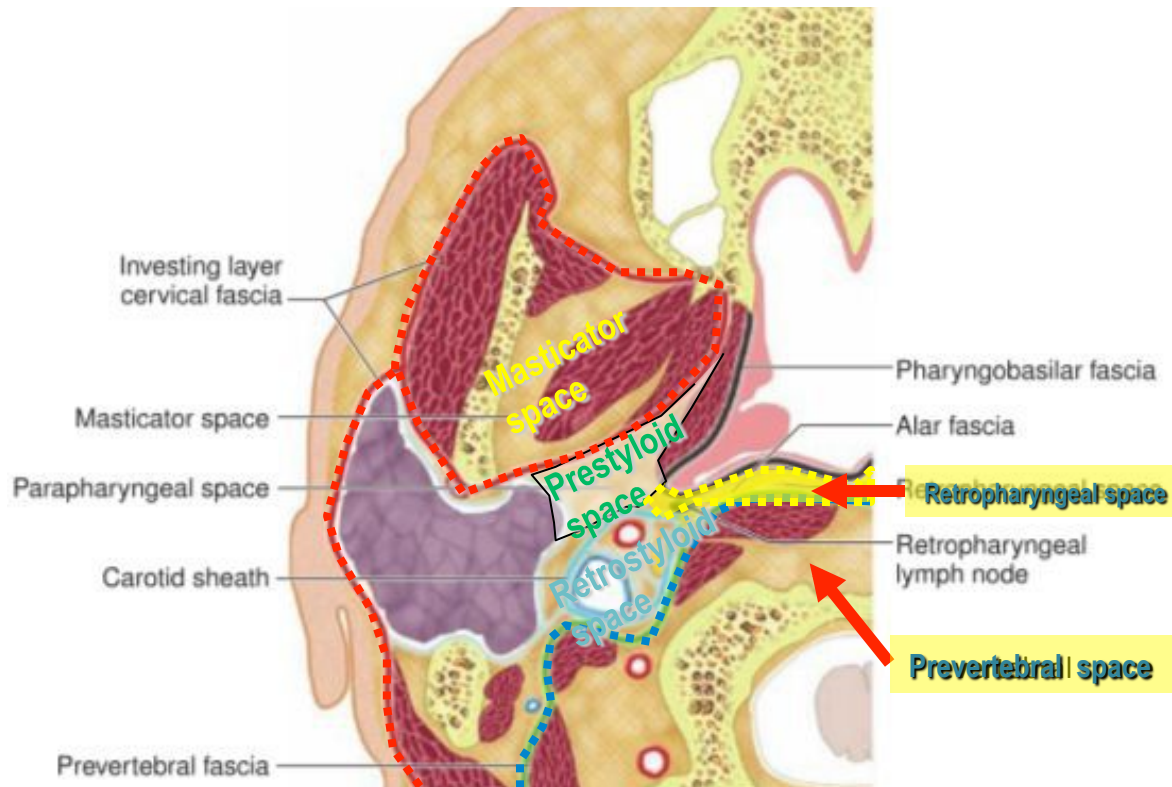
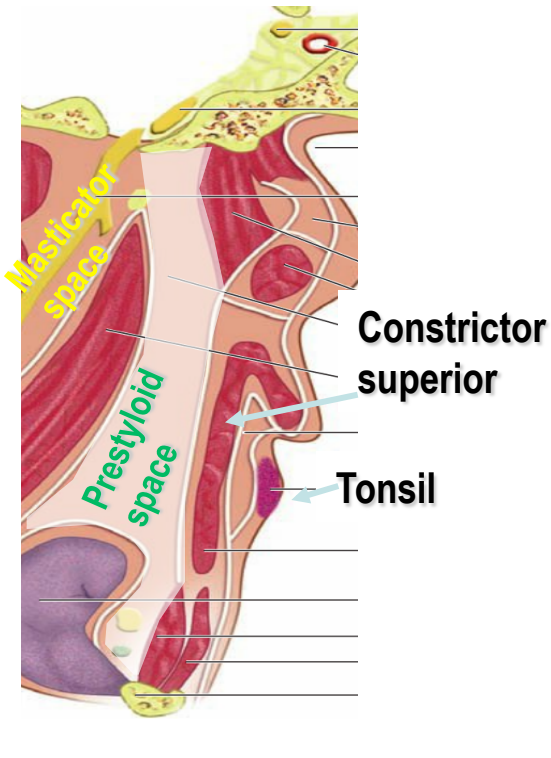
# Definition

- **PREVERTEBRAL SPACE**  
Grodinsky/Holyoke (1938)

Deep to prevertebral fascia

- **RETROPHARYNGEAL SPACE**  
Grodinsky/Holyoke (1938)

Between the visceral and prevertebral fasciae;  
Continuous with parapharyngeal space laterally



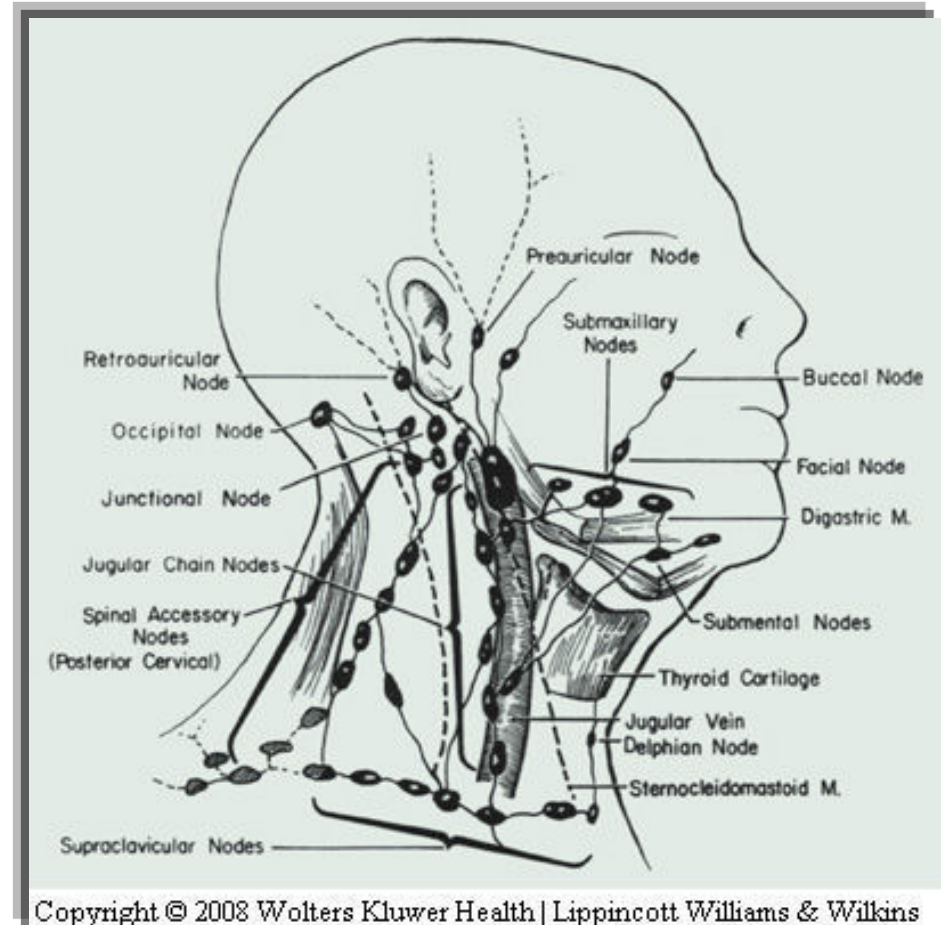


# The lymph-node drenage pathways

**TNM atlas (1991-3) for lymph nodes of the neck (Rouviere 1948)**

**Group Terminology number**

- 1 Submental nodes**
- 2 Submandibular nodes**
- 3 Cranial jugular nodes**
- 4 Medial jugular nodes**
- 5 Caudal jugular nodes**
- 6 Dorsal cervical nodes along the spinal accessory nerve**
- 7 Supraclavicular nodes**
- 8 Prelaryngeal and paratracheal nodes**
- 9 Retropharyngeal nodes**
- 10 Parotid nodes**
- 11 Buccal nodes**
- 12 Retroauricular and occipital nodes**



**Anatomy of the human lymphatic system. Ann Arbor, MI: Edward Brothers; 1938:27**

**Il punto in cui la VGI incrocia il ventre posteriore del m digastrico separa la porzione superiore del livello II (i linfonodi giunzionali o area retrostiloidea), da quella inferiore**

## **Robbins' classification (AHNS e AAO, 1991 (MSKCC, Milano, Amsterdam, Villejui)**

### **Level Terminology**

- Ia Submental group**
- Ib Submandibular group**
- II Upper jugular**
- III Middle jugular group**
- IV Lower jugular group**
- VA Posterior triangle group**
- VB Posterior triangle group**
- VI Anterior compartment group**

**(Only the lymph node groups routinely remove during neck dissection were considered)**

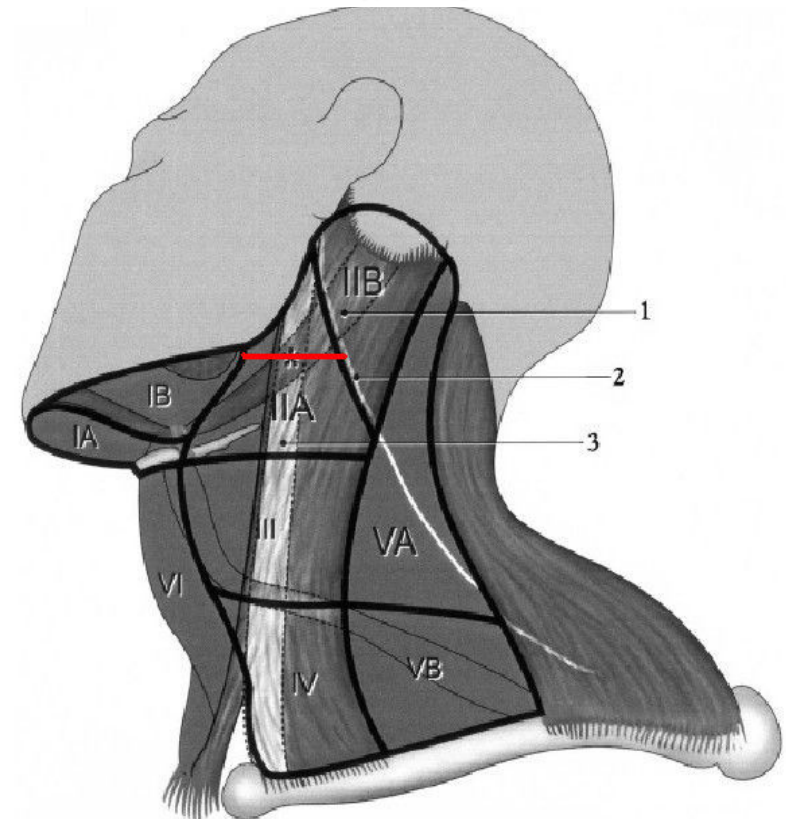


Fig. 4. Neck nodal levels (after Robbins *et al.* [19]). Asterisk denotes crossing of jugular vein by posterior belly of digastric muscle, marking cranial-most CT image at which Level II nodal CTV delineated in contralateral side of neck. It excluded uppermost part of sublevel IIA and most of IIB. 1, posterior belly of digastric muscle; 2, spinal accessory nerve; 3, internal jugular vein.

**On CT or MRI, as the visualization of the posterior belly of the digastric muscle is not always easy, the caudal edge of the lateral process of C1 is recommended to define the **upper limit of level II****

# The lymph-node drainage pathways

Comparison between the TNM atlas terminology and the Robbins' classification of the lymph nodes of the neck

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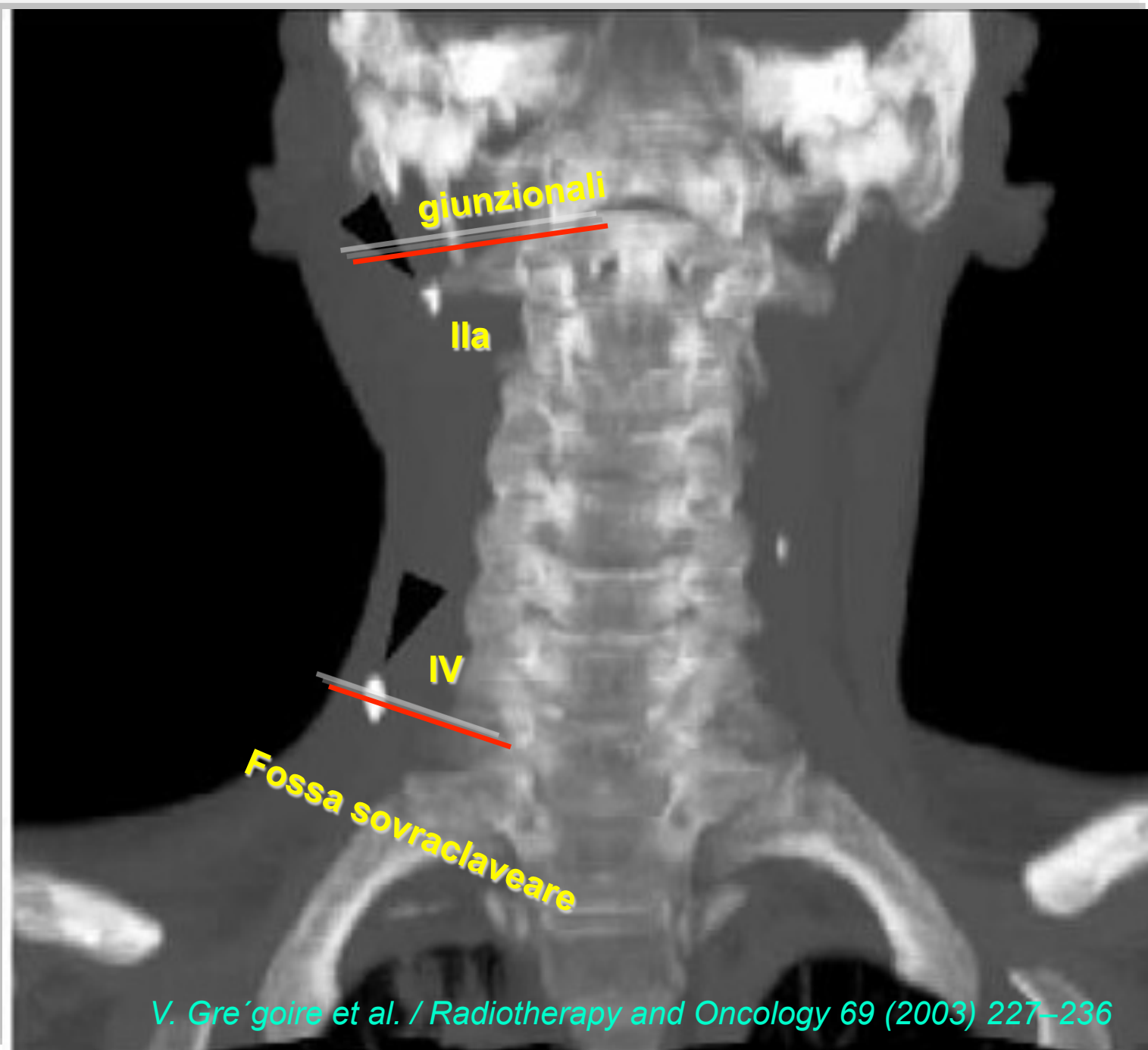
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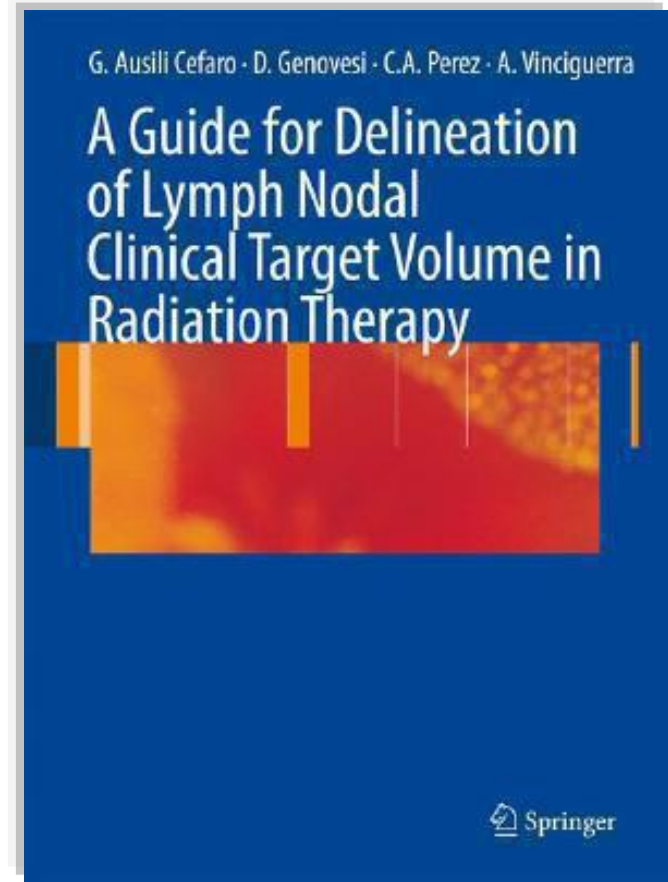
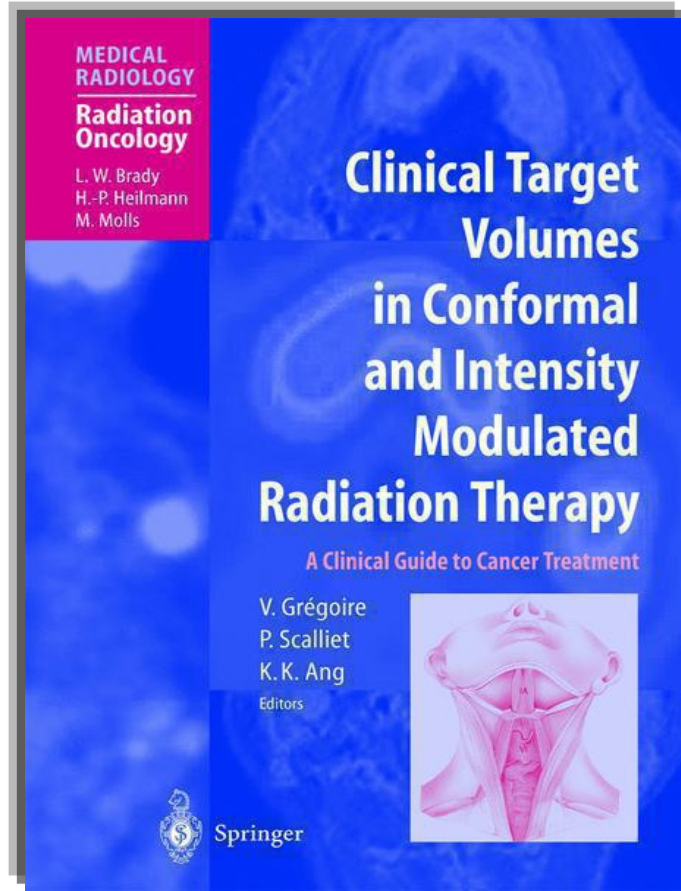


**Educational review**

# Anatomical bases for the radiological delineation of lymph node areas. Major collecting trunks, head and neck

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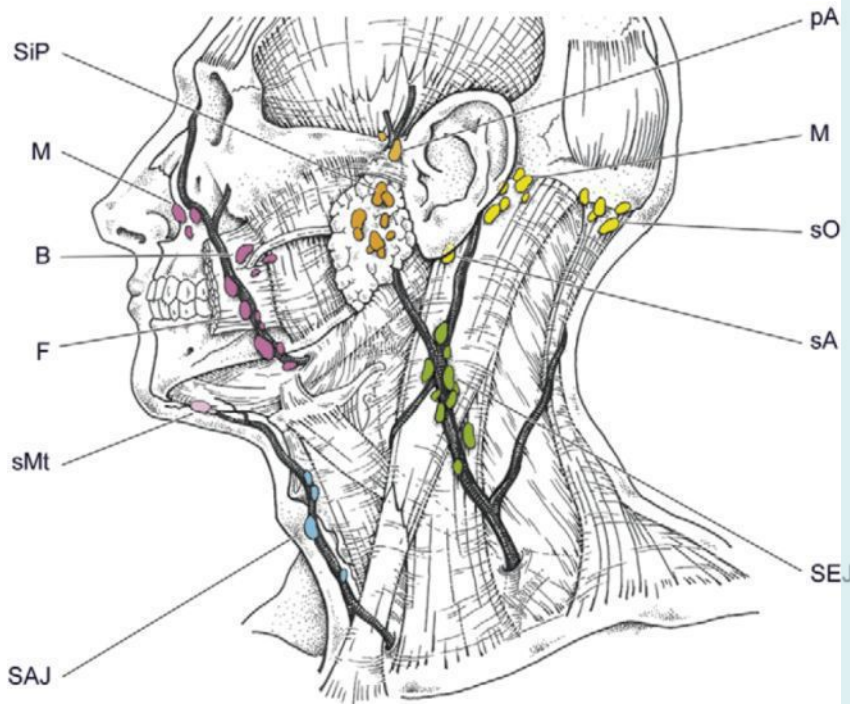
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# What lymph-node levels?

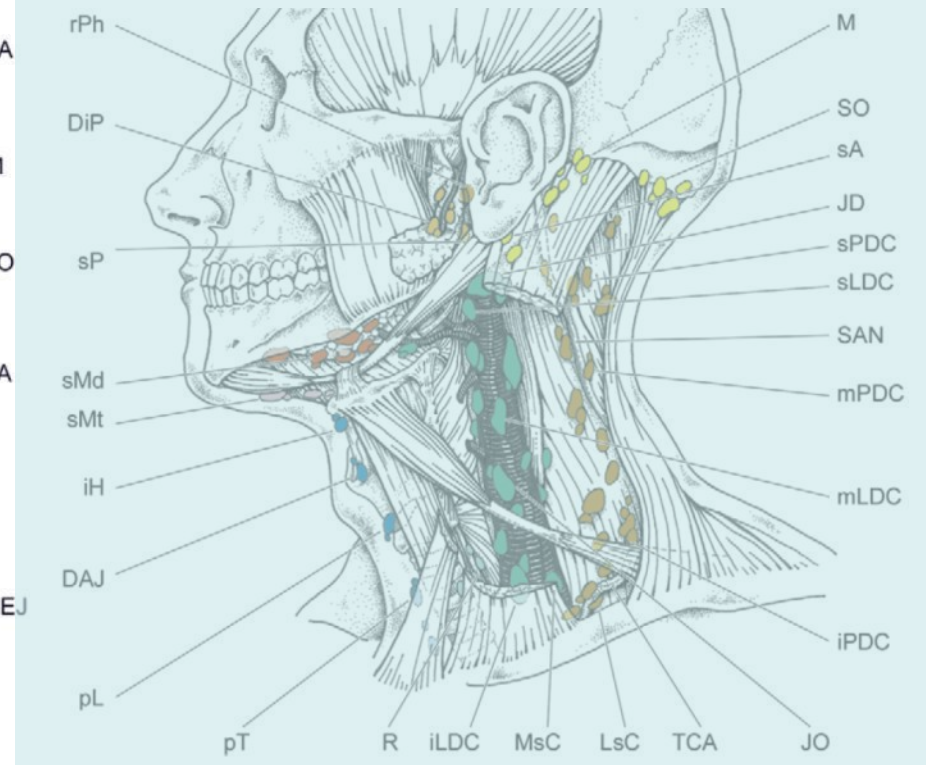
Superficial

Lymph node groups of the **pericervical circle** and of **descending superficial** chains

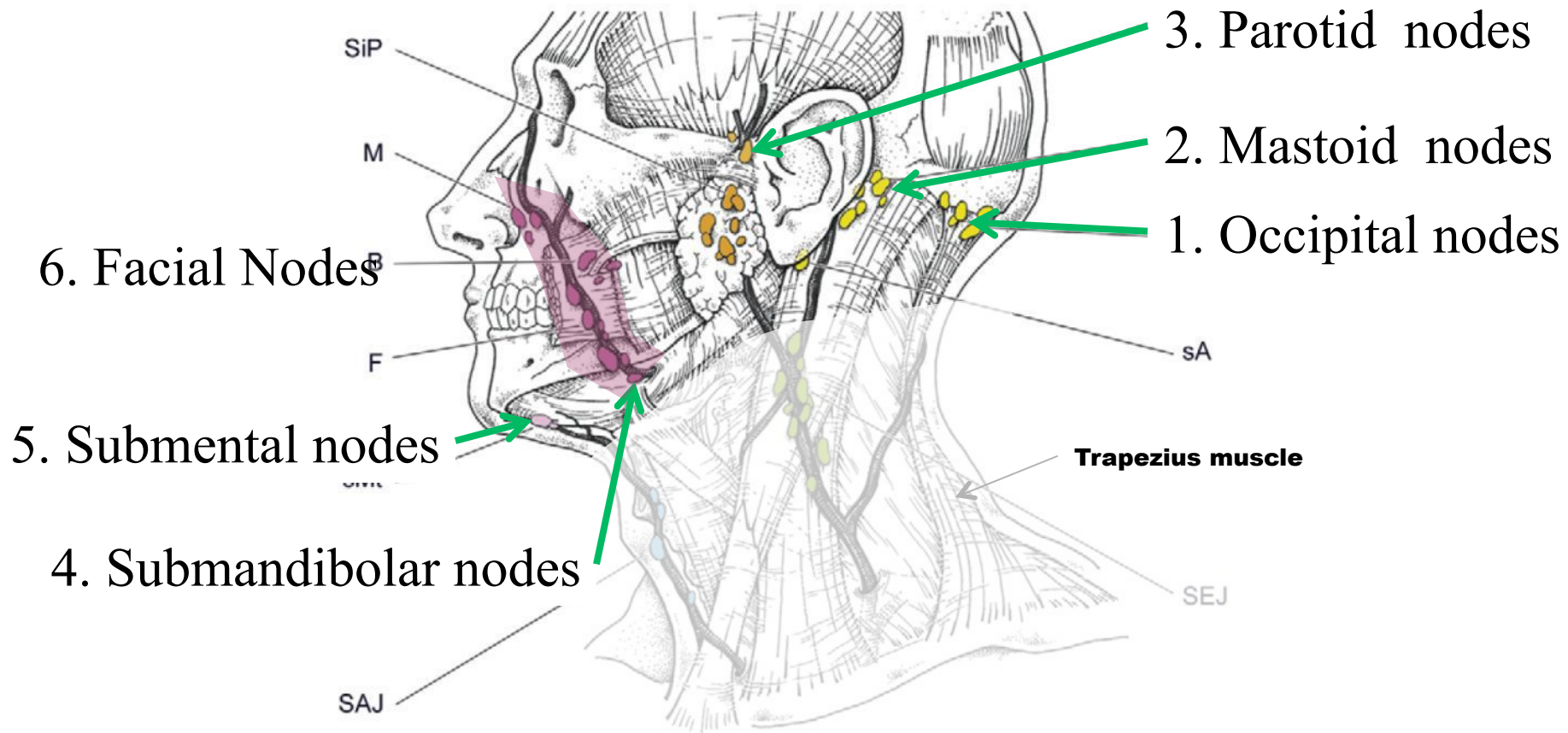


Deep

Descending deep **cervical** chains



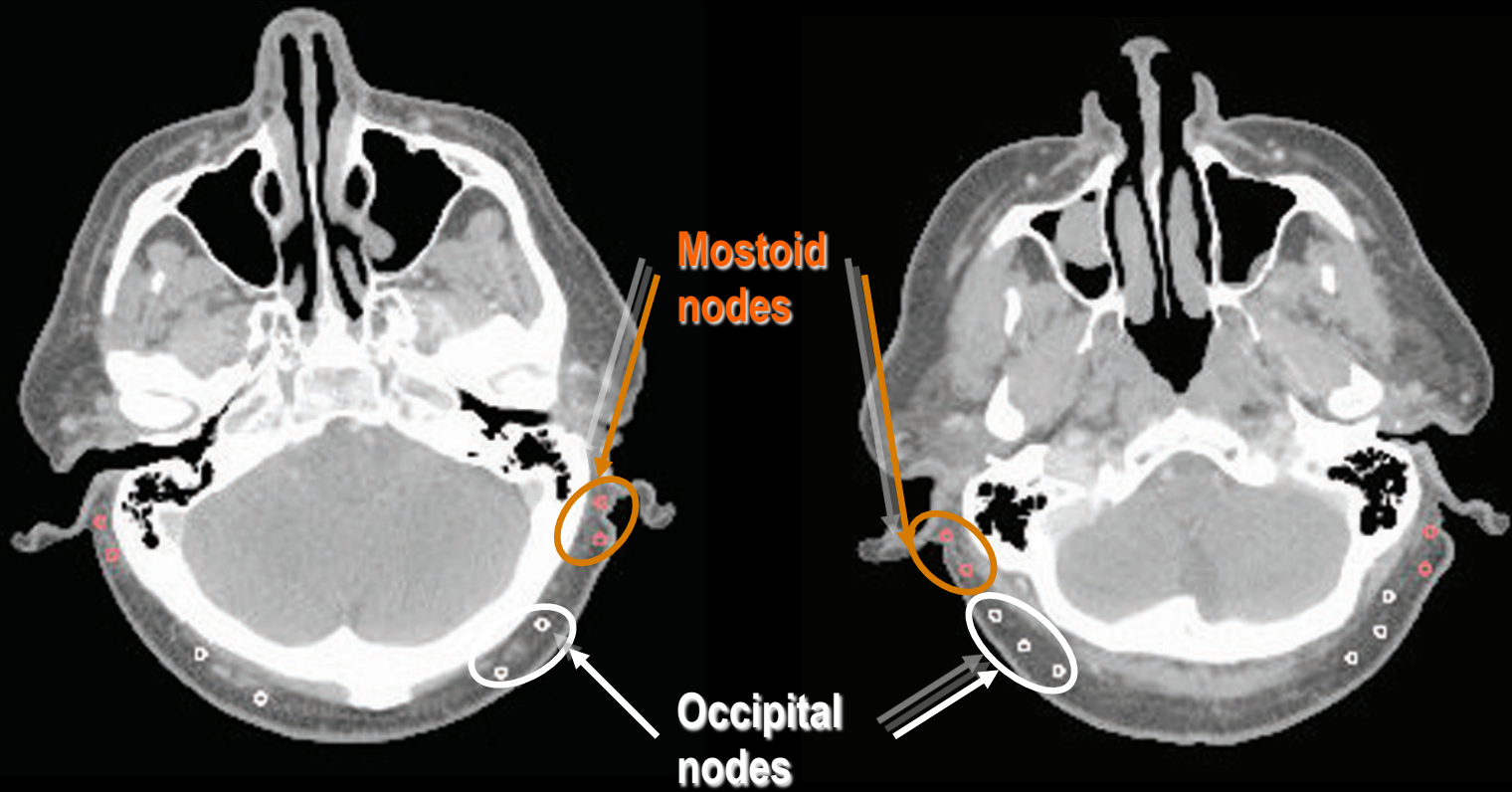
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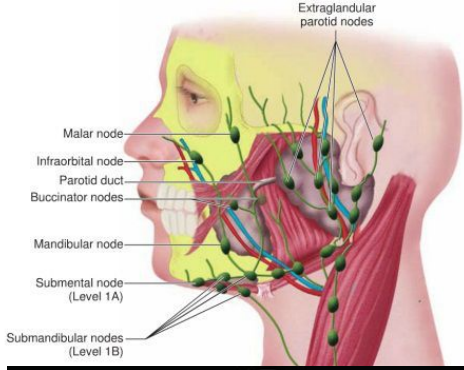


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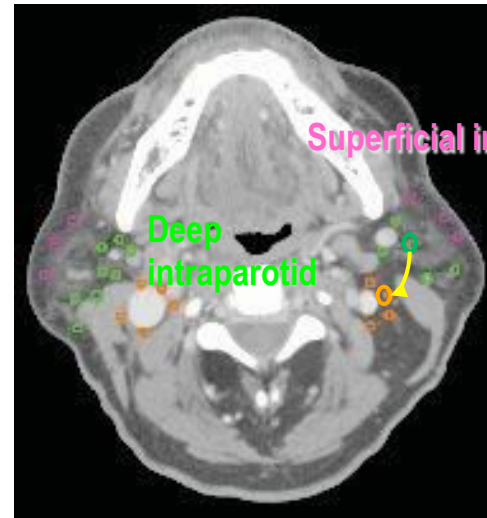
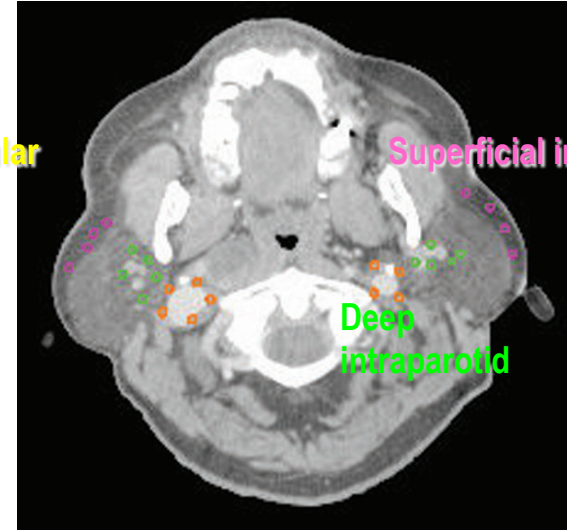
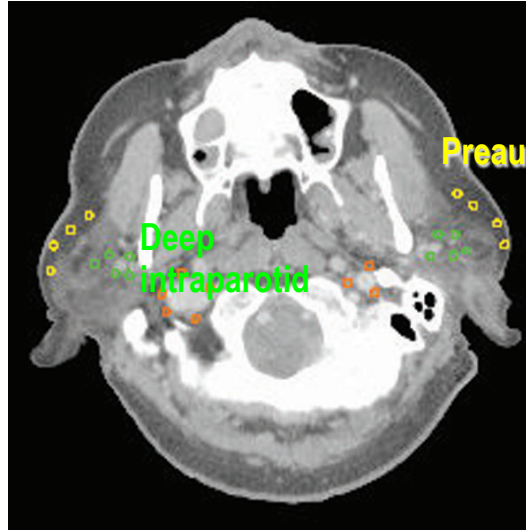
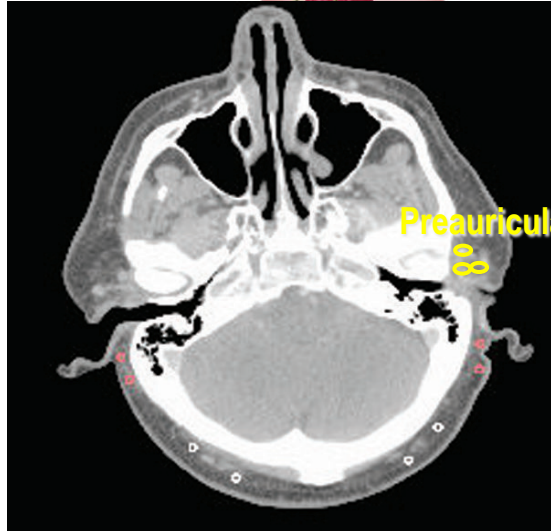


1. Occipital
2. Mastoid nodes



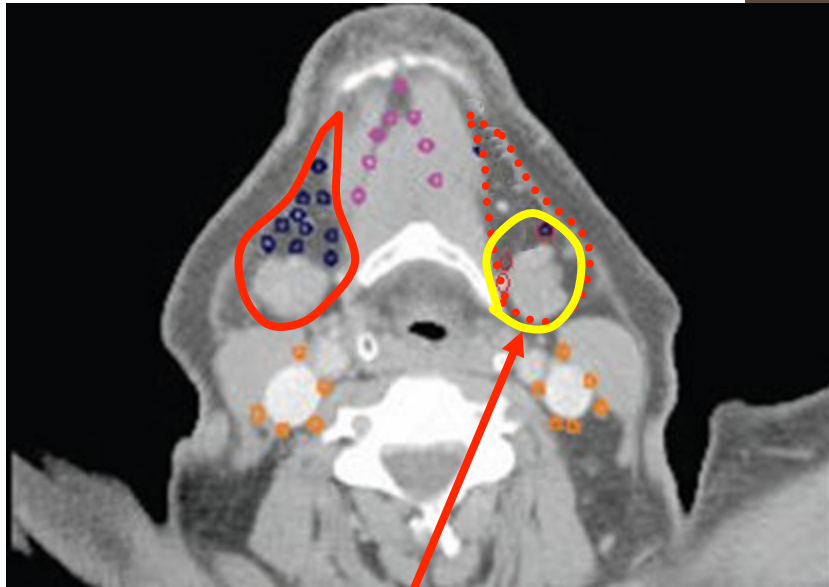


# 3. Parotid Nodes

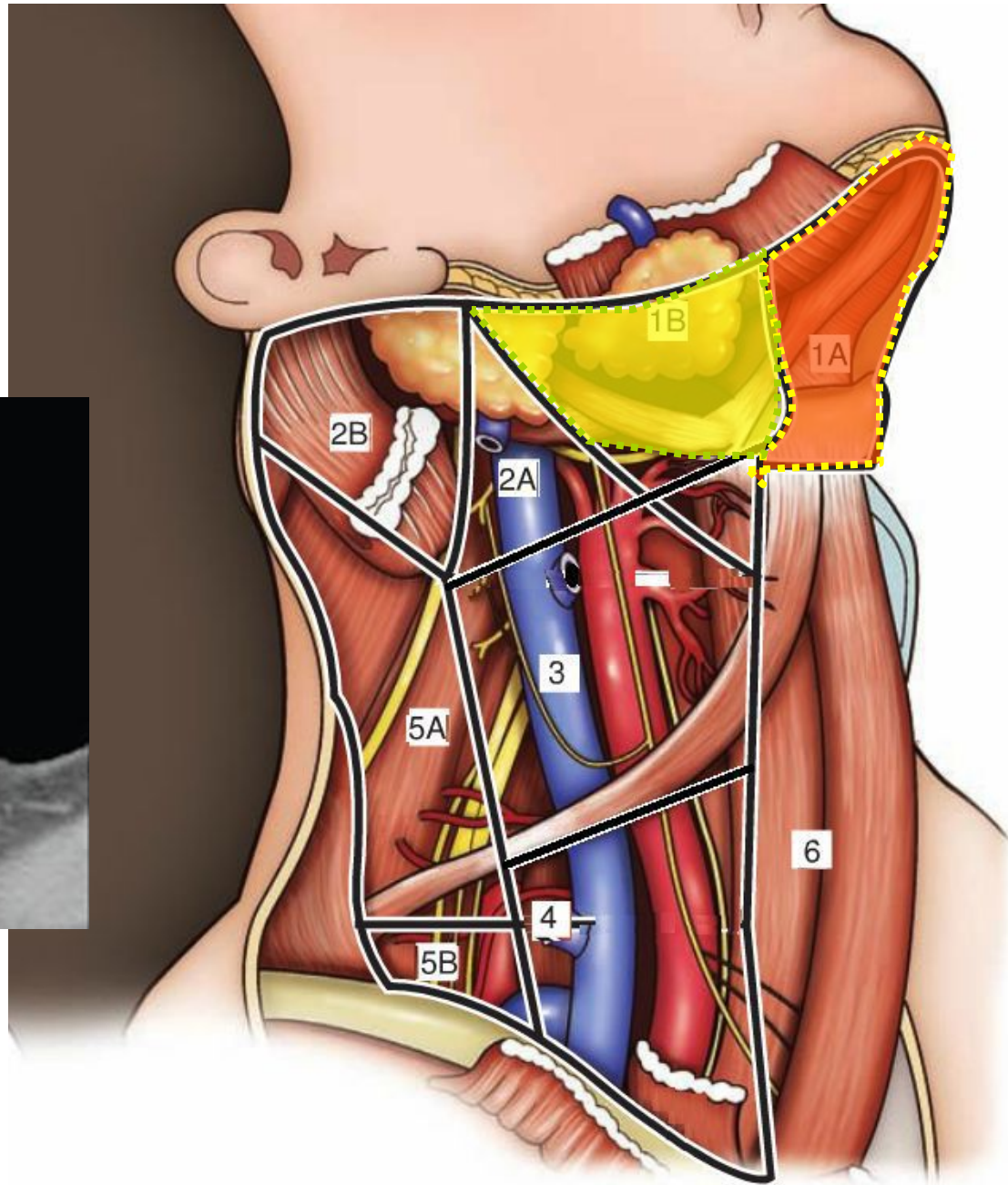




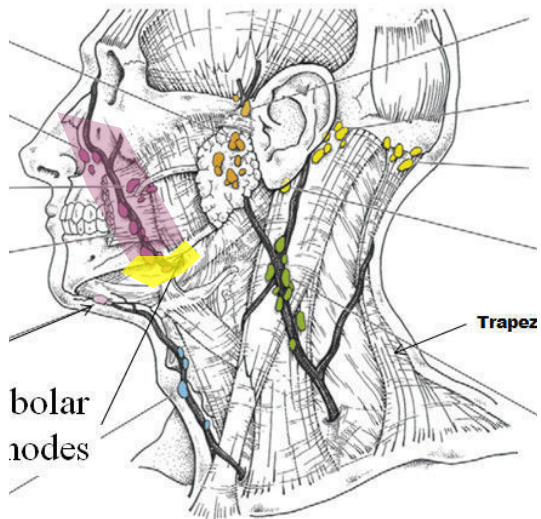
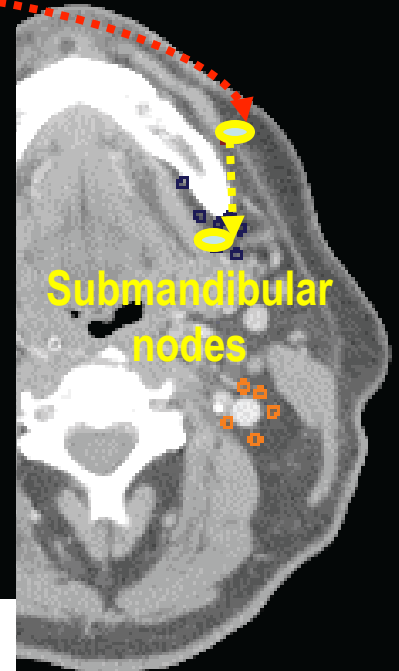
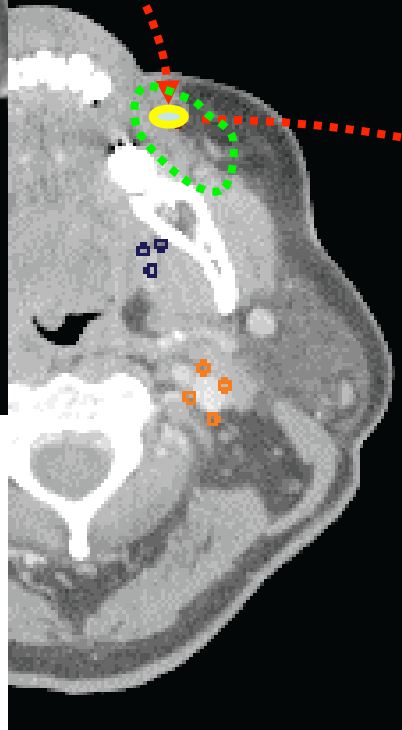
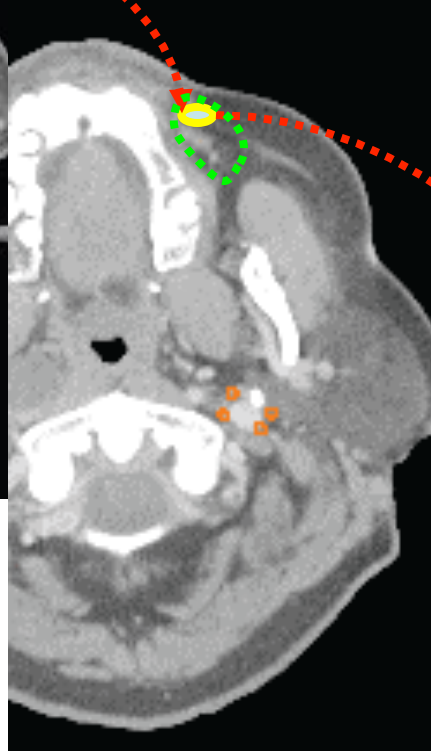
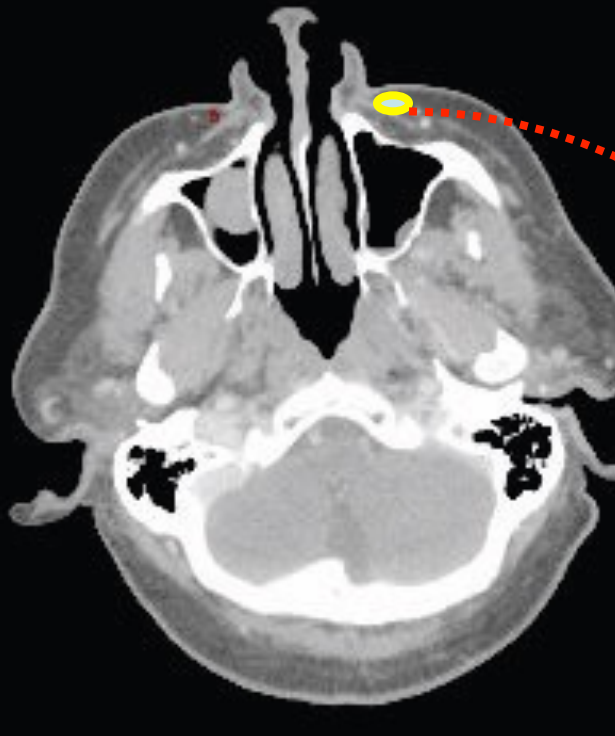
- 4. Submandibular
- 5. Submental



Sanguinetti et al. IJROBP 2009



# 6 Facial nodes



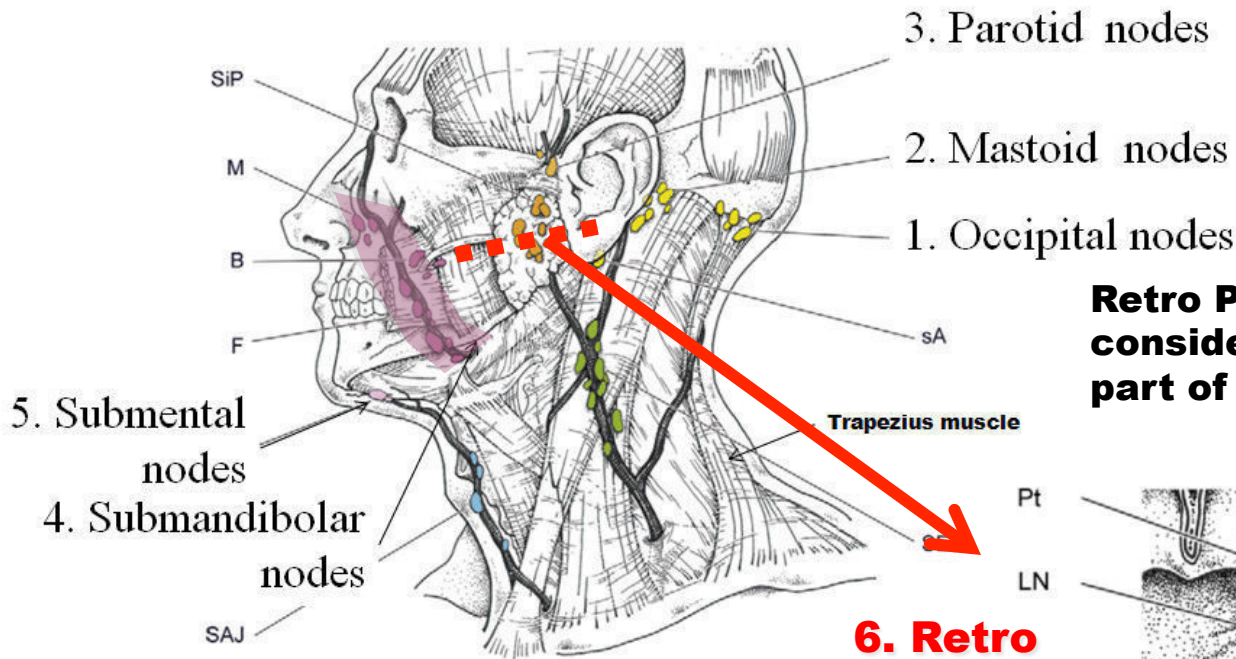
facial nodes

Trapez

**submandibular nodes:**  
anterior n.; Facial n.

# Lymph node groups of the pericervical circle:

**Retro Pharyngeal nodes**  
**Facial nodes**



**Retro Pharyngeal nodes can be considered the deepest seated part of the peri-cervical circle.**

**6. Retro Pharyngeal nodes**

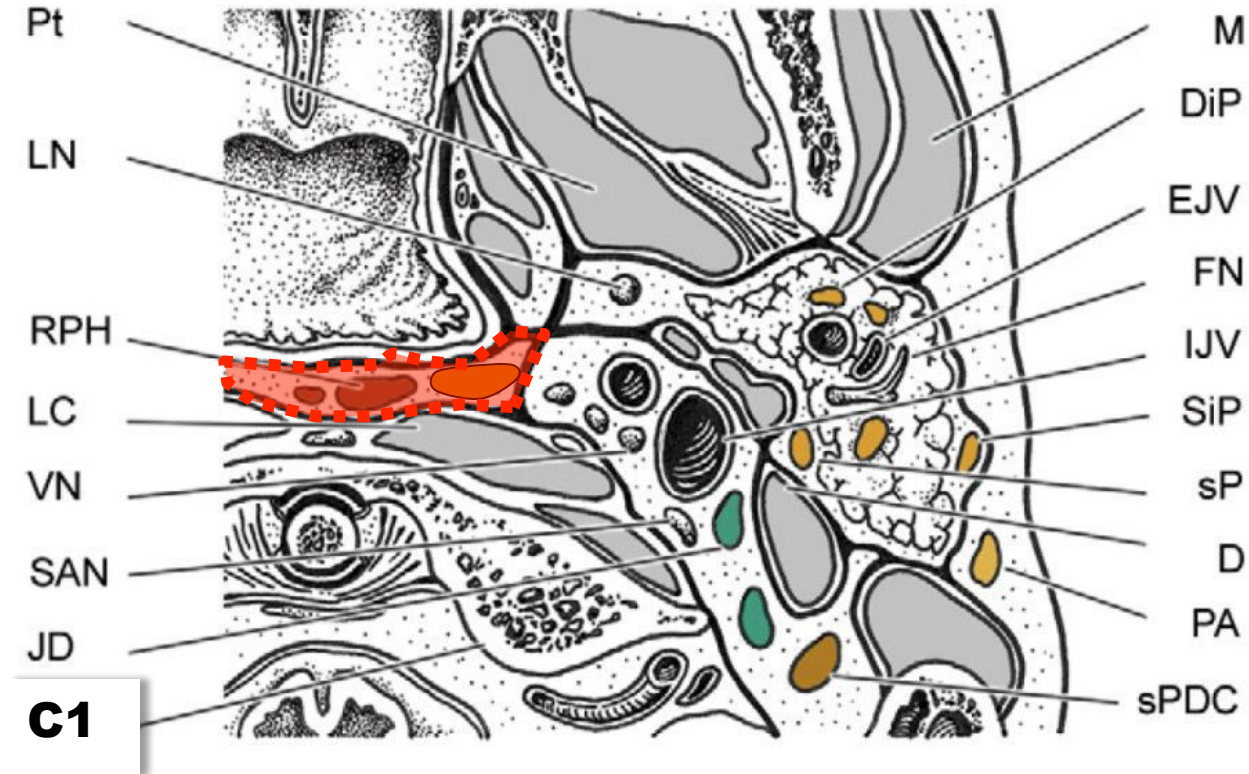


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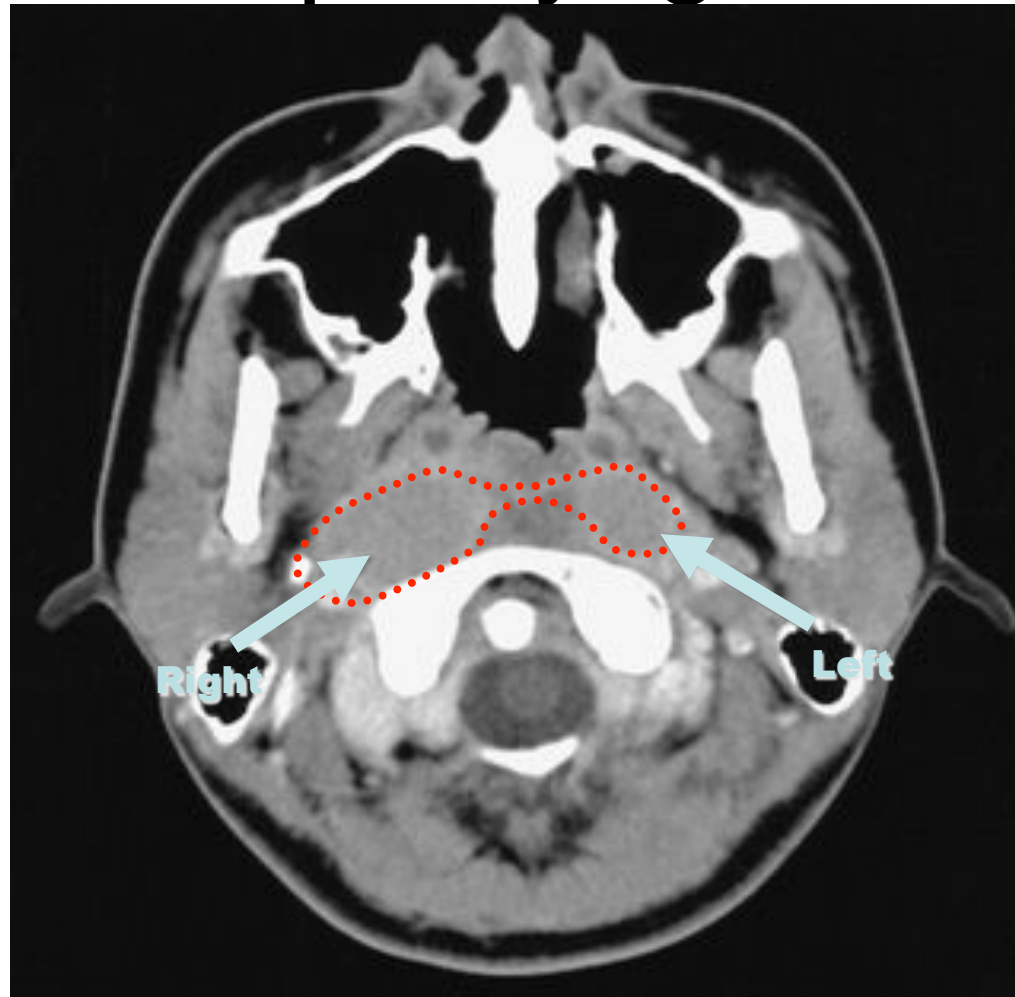
# 6. Retro Pharyngeal nodes

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- Laterali → rinofaringe e parete faringea posteriore
- Mediali → (raramente coinvolti (Feng 2007). Devono essere irradiati solo quando i laterali sono positivi o in caso di coinvolgimento della parte faringea posteriore (anche nell'orofaringe).

# Retro-pharyngeal nodes



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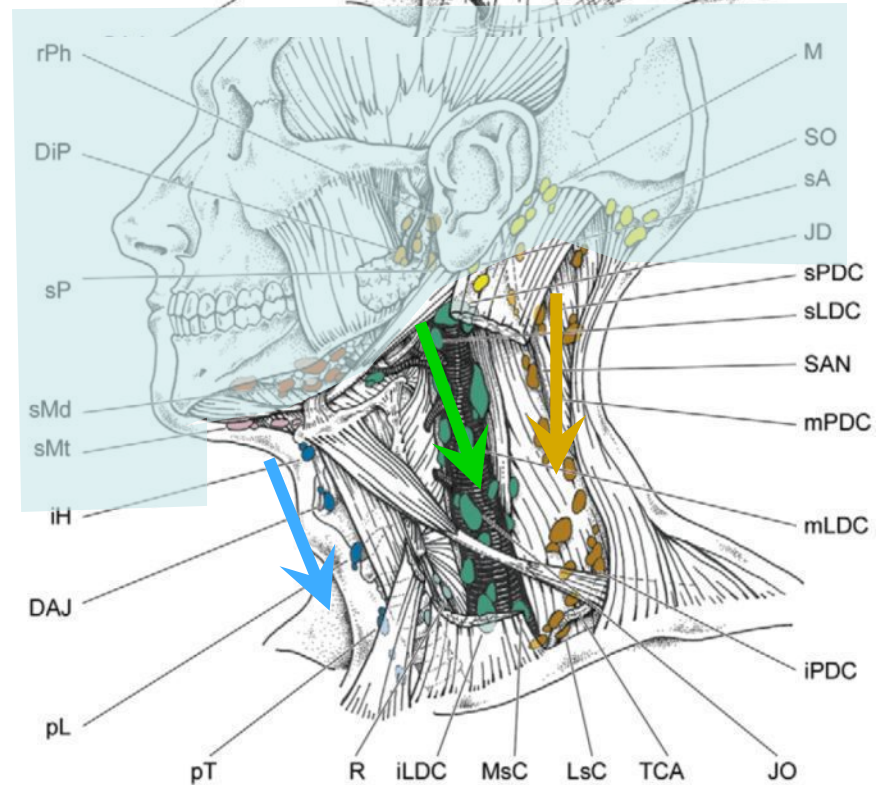
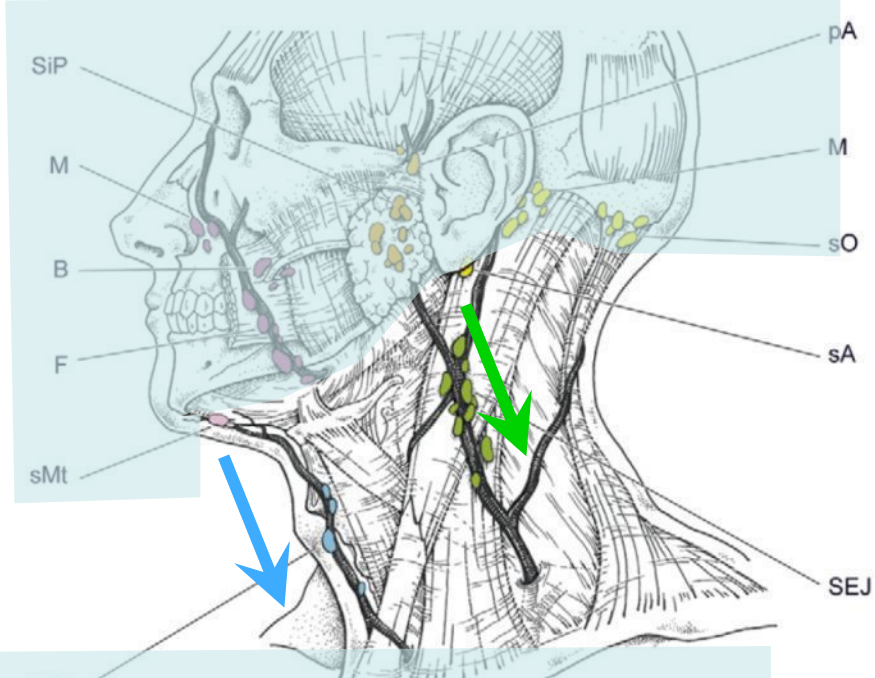
# Descending *cervical* chains

- **Superficial**

- **Lateral (external jugular chain)**
- **Anterior**

- **Deep**

- **Anterior and Recurrent chain**
- **Lateral**
- **Posterior**

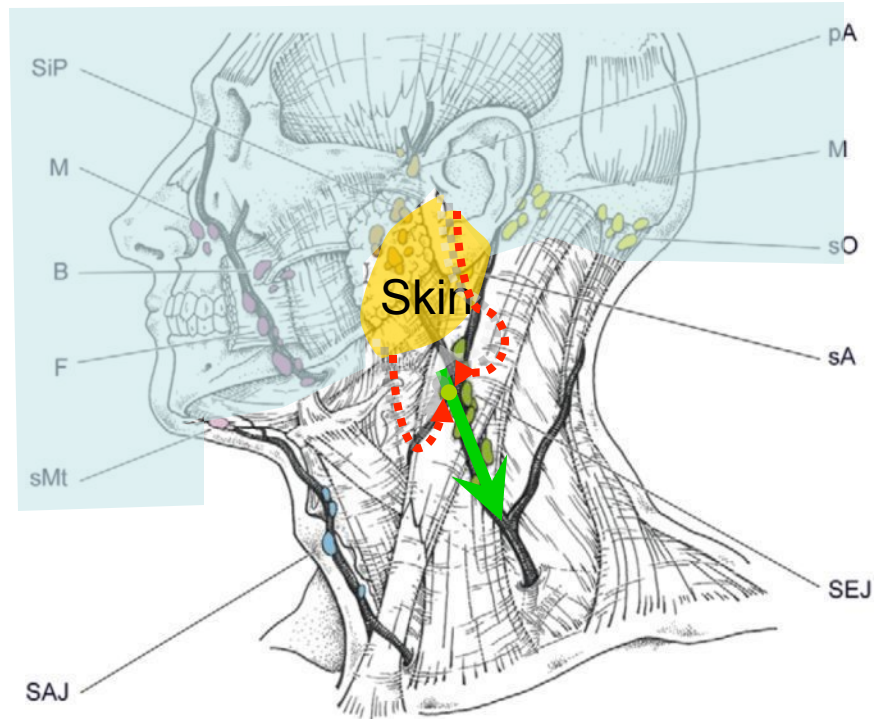




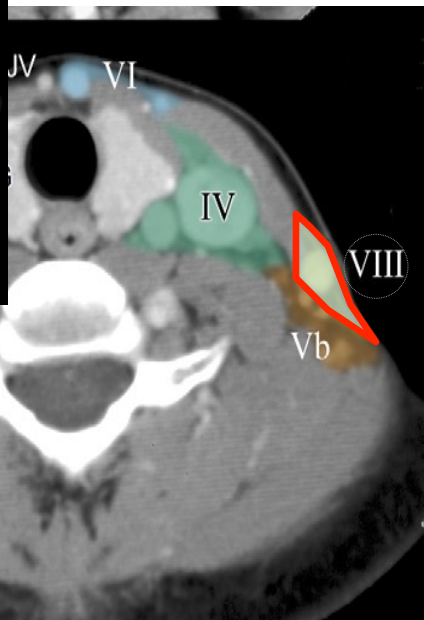
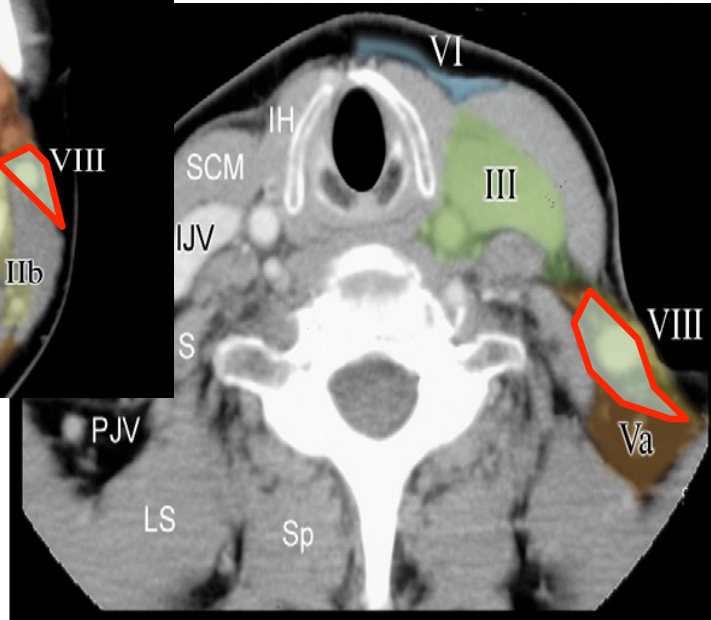
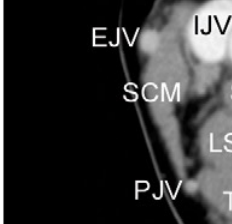
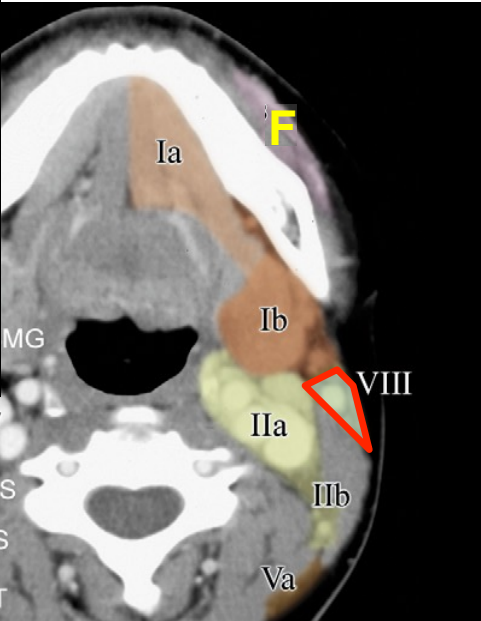
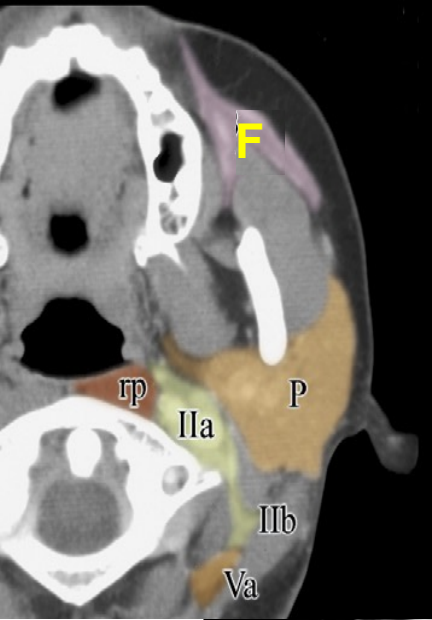
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- **Superficial**

- **Lateral (external jugular chain)**

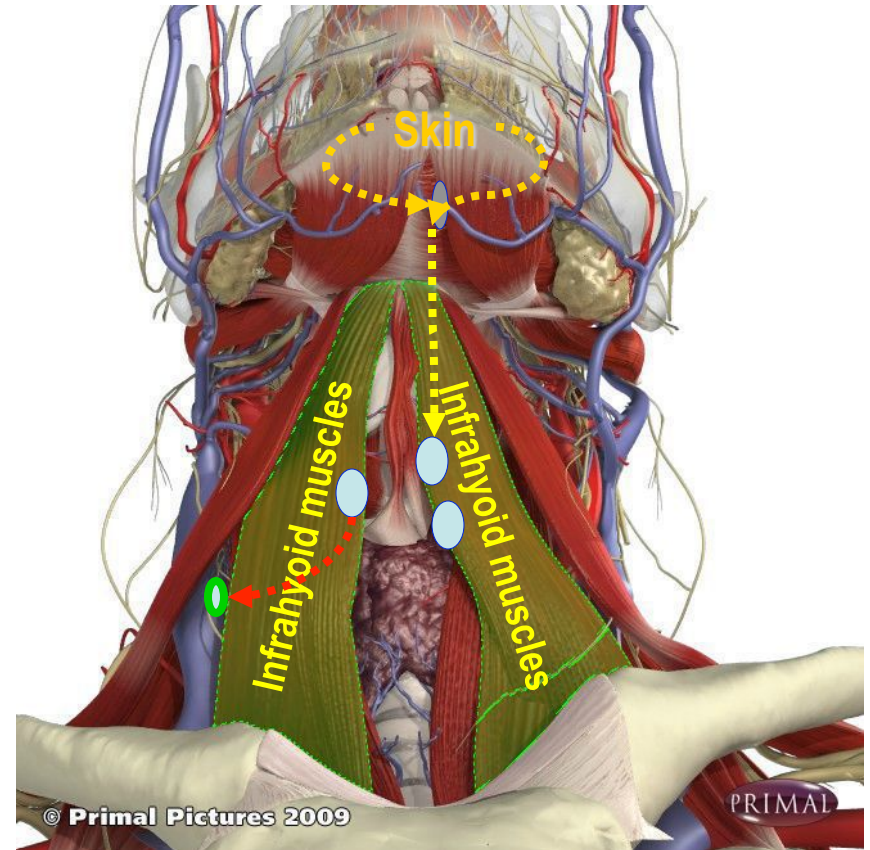
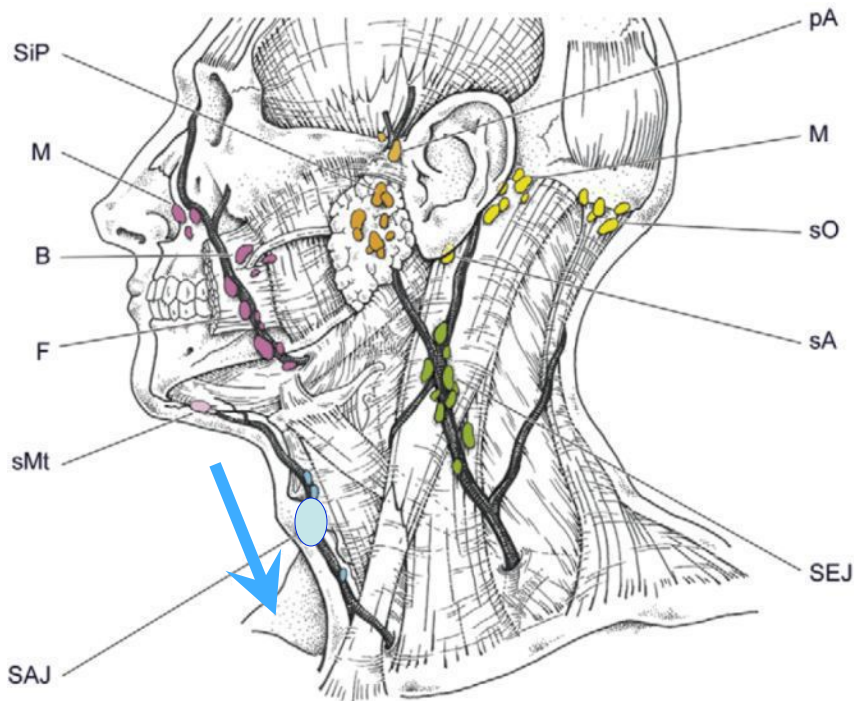


# Superficial Lateral (external jugular chain)



Laminar area

# Superficial descending anterior chain



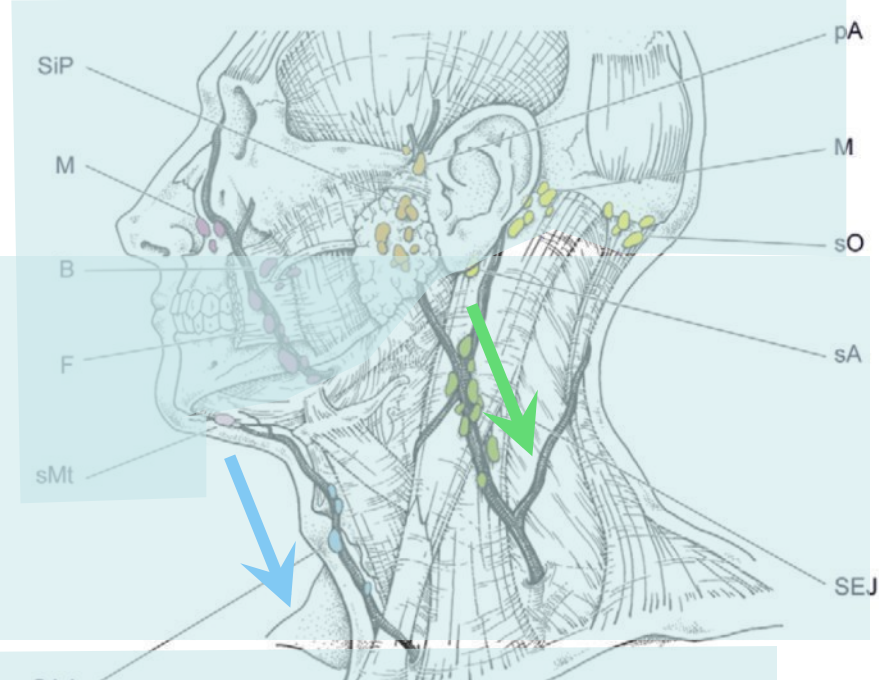
**Between cervical superficial fascia and visceral fascia**



# Descending *cervical* chains

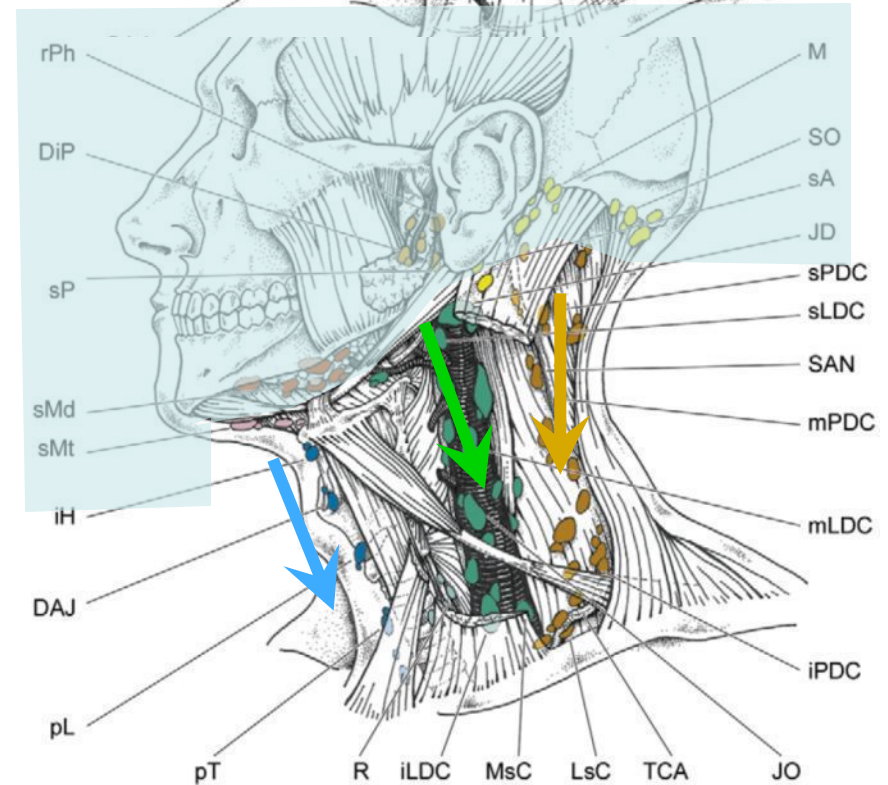
- **Superficial**

- Lateral (external jugular chain)
- Anterior

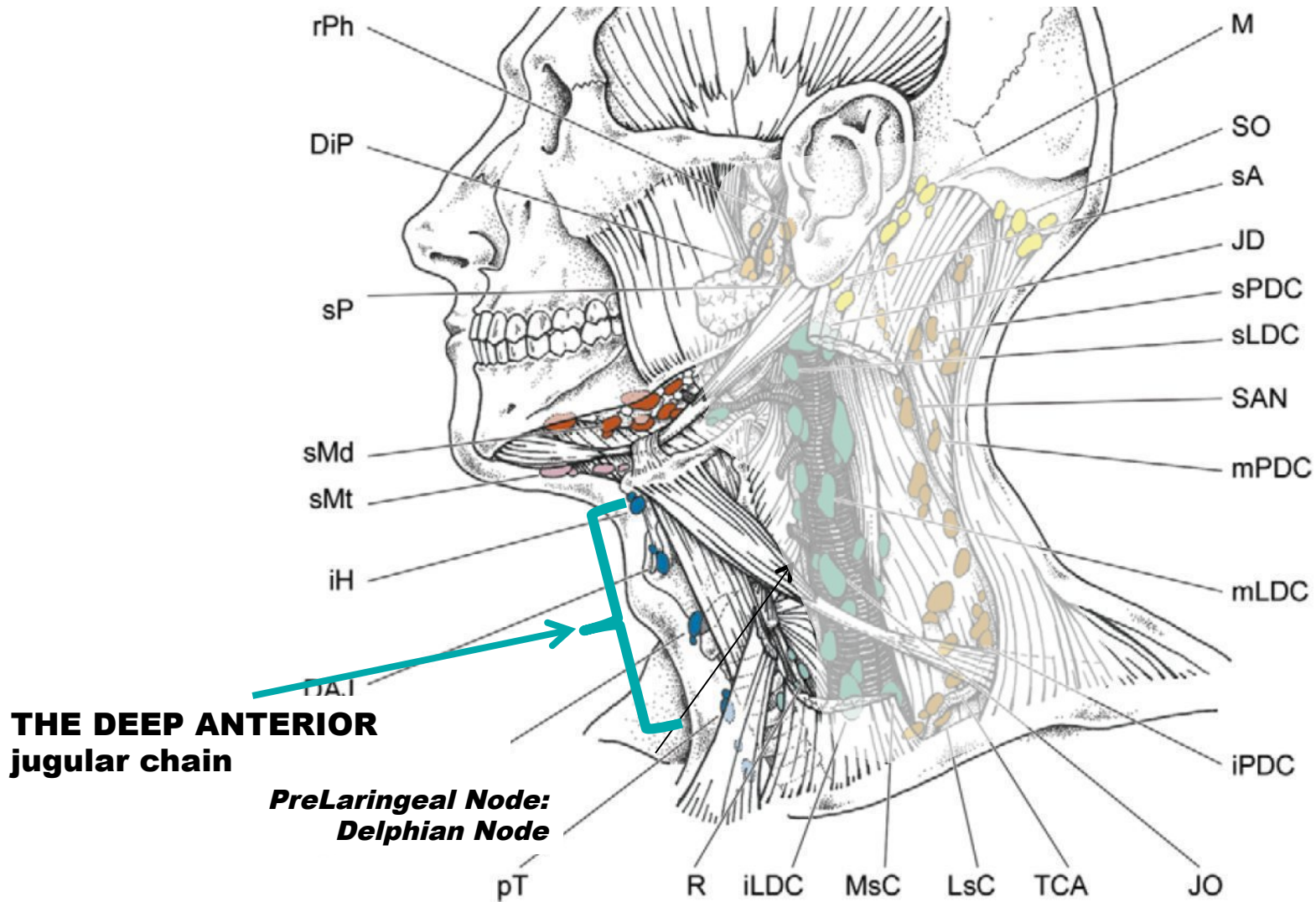


- **Deep**

- Anterior and Recurrent chain
- Lateral
- Posterior



# The DEEP descending chains

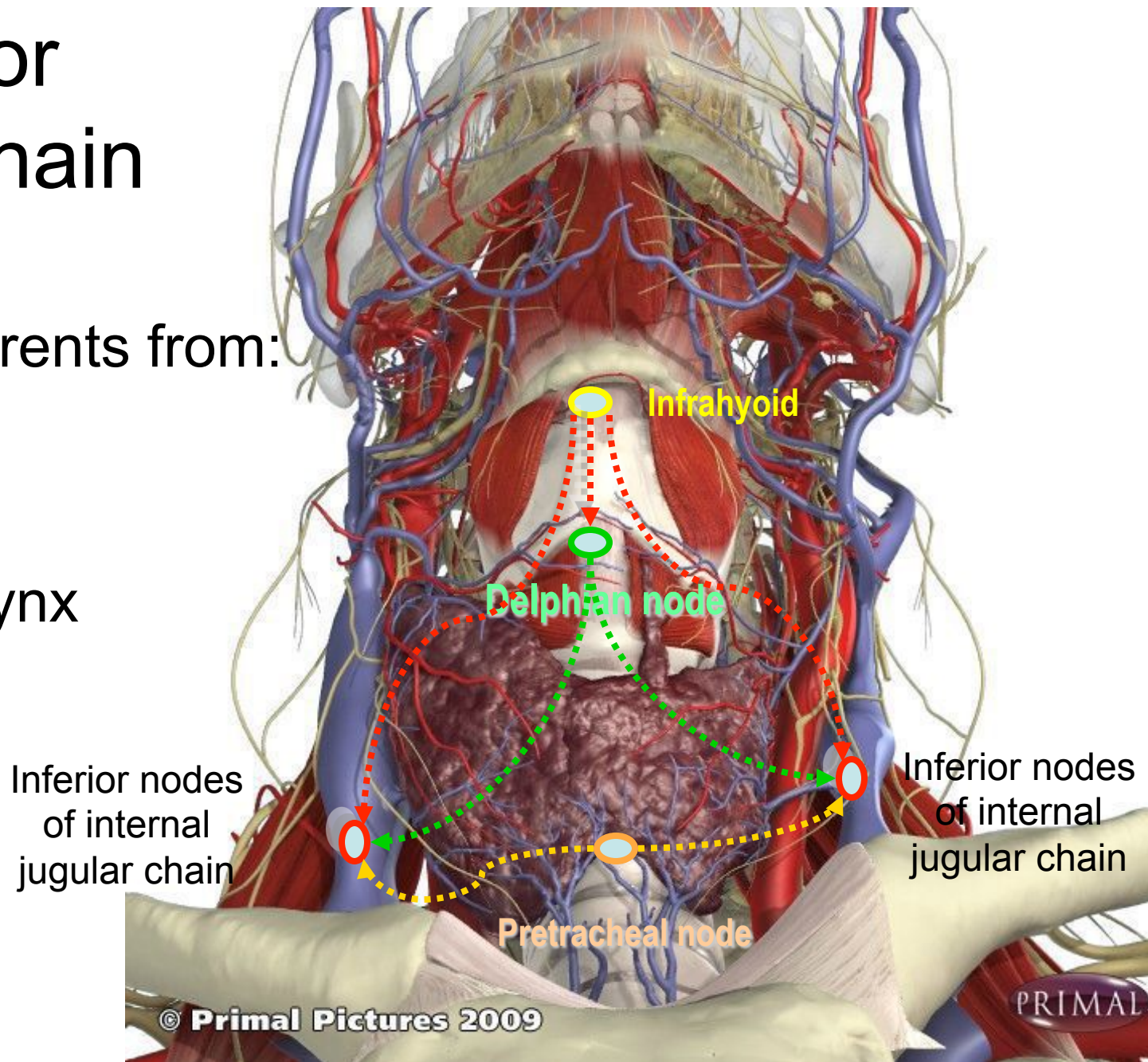




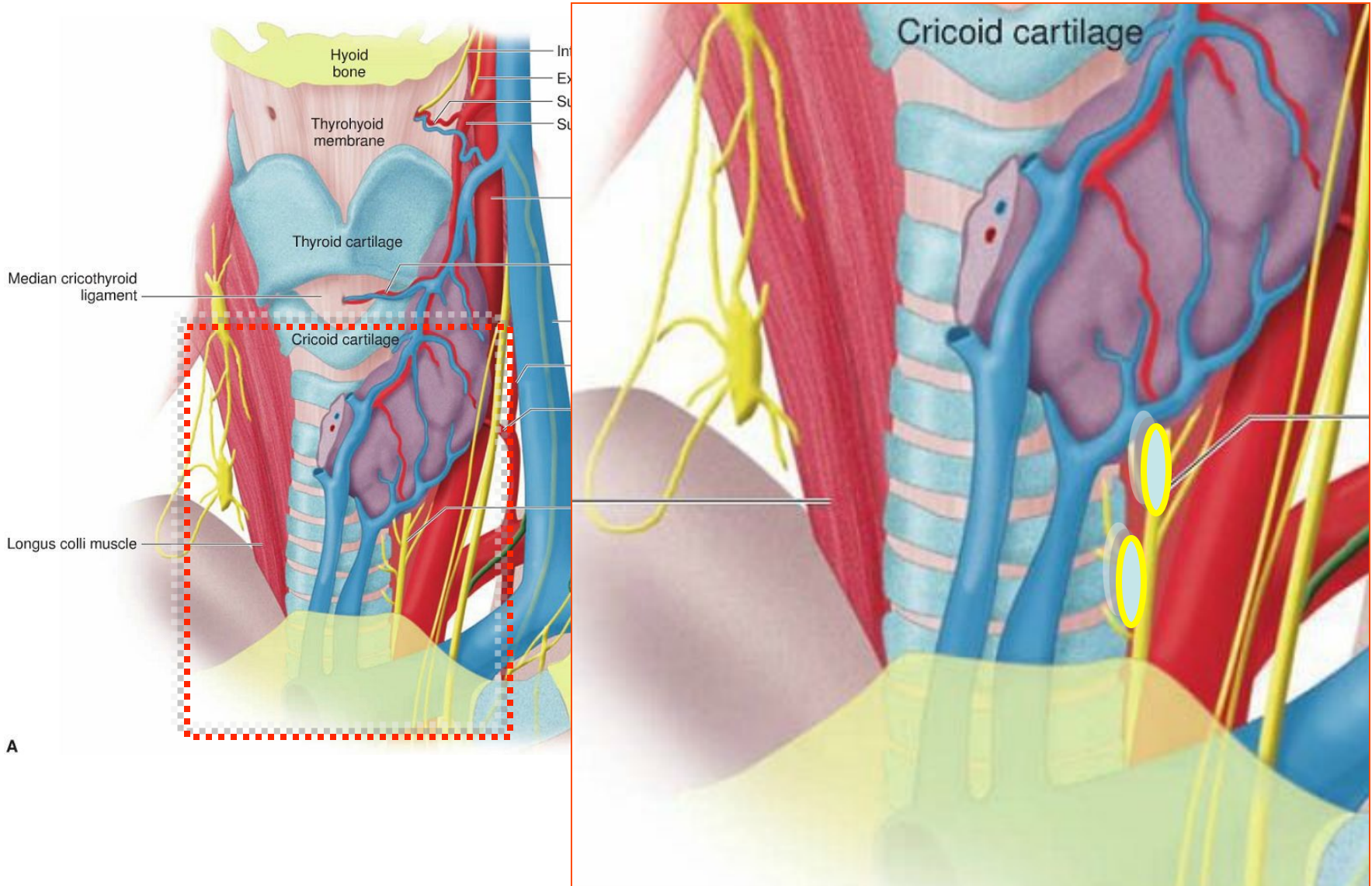
# Anterior Deep Chain

Receive afferents from:

- Glottic
- Subglottic
- Hypopharynx
- Thyroid



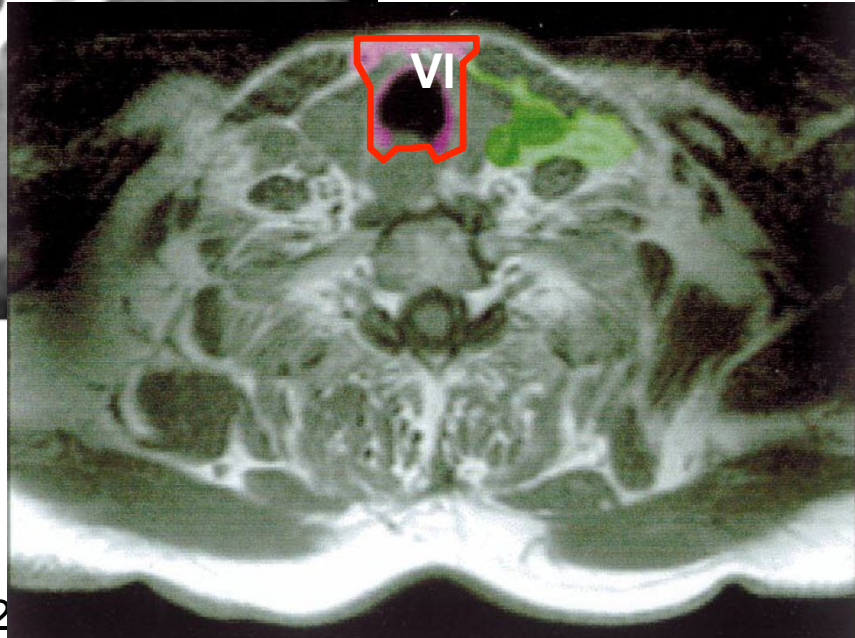
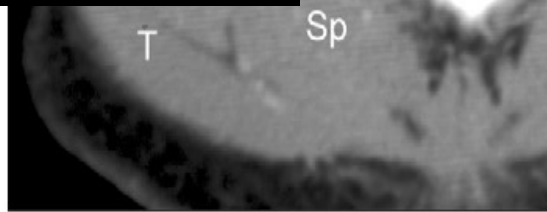
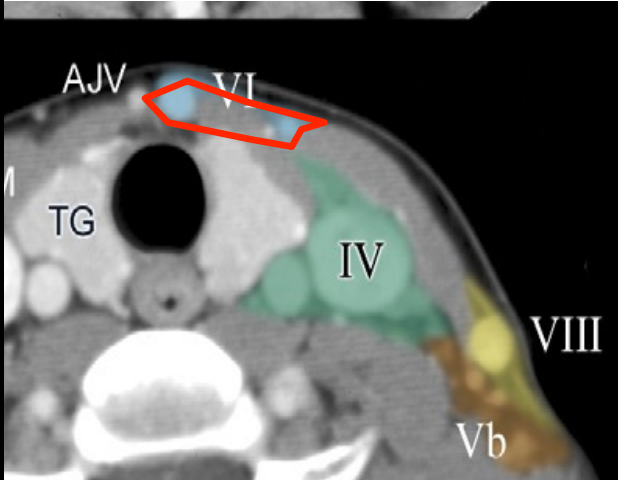
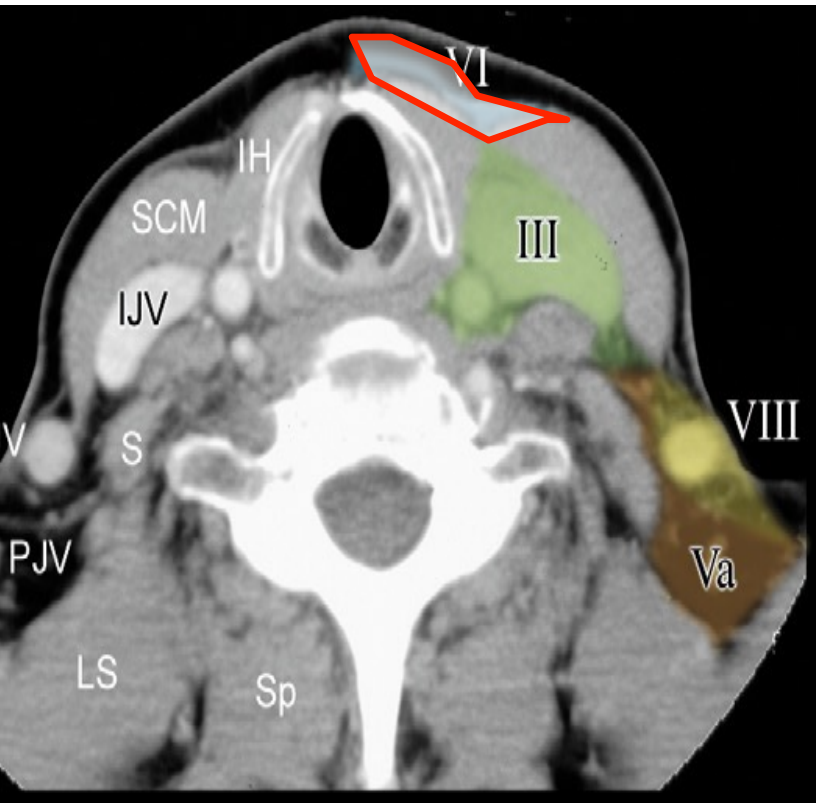
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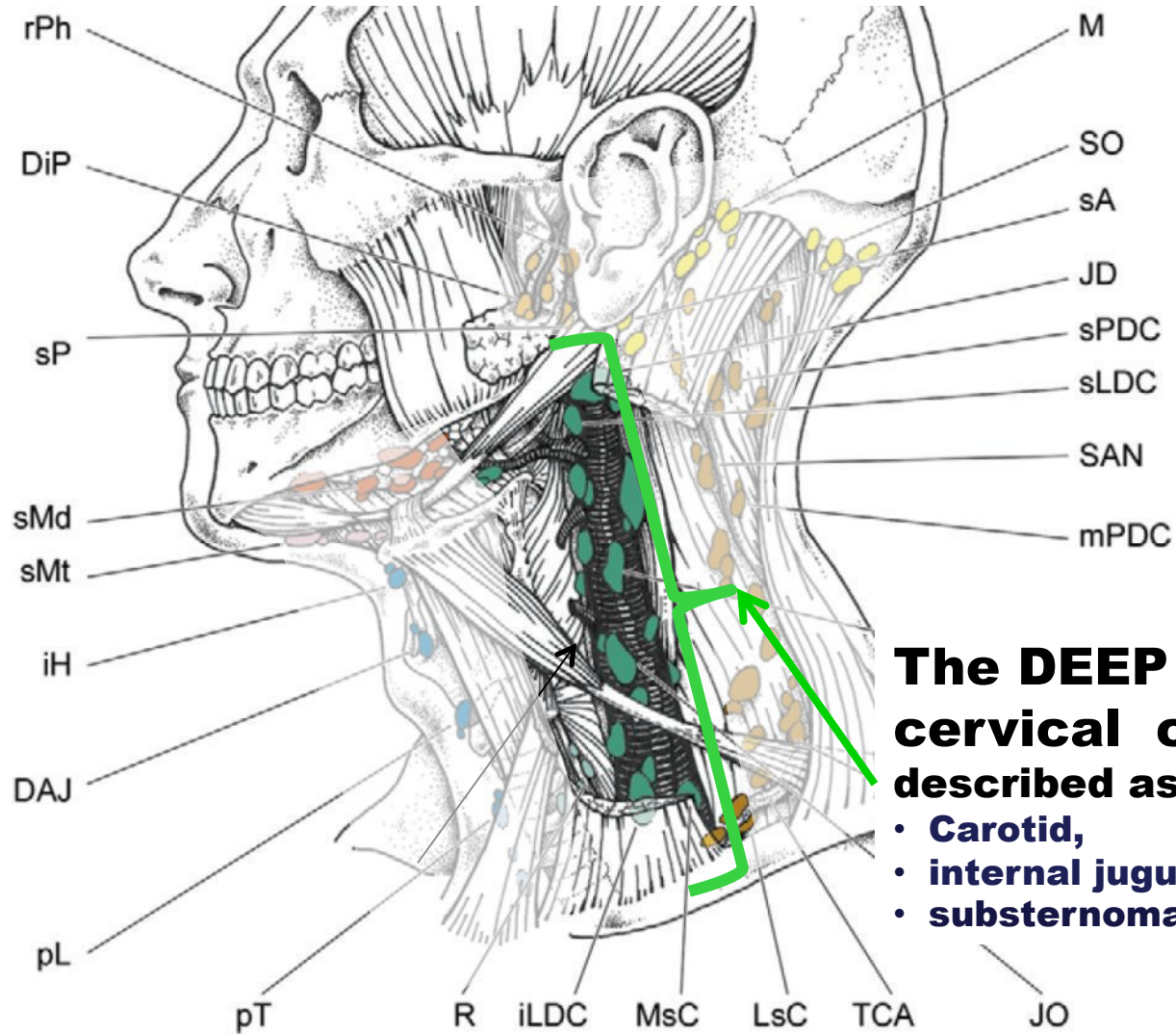


Deep (in visceral space) Anterior department  
(anterior cervical area and recurrent )



Laminar area

# The DEEP descending chains

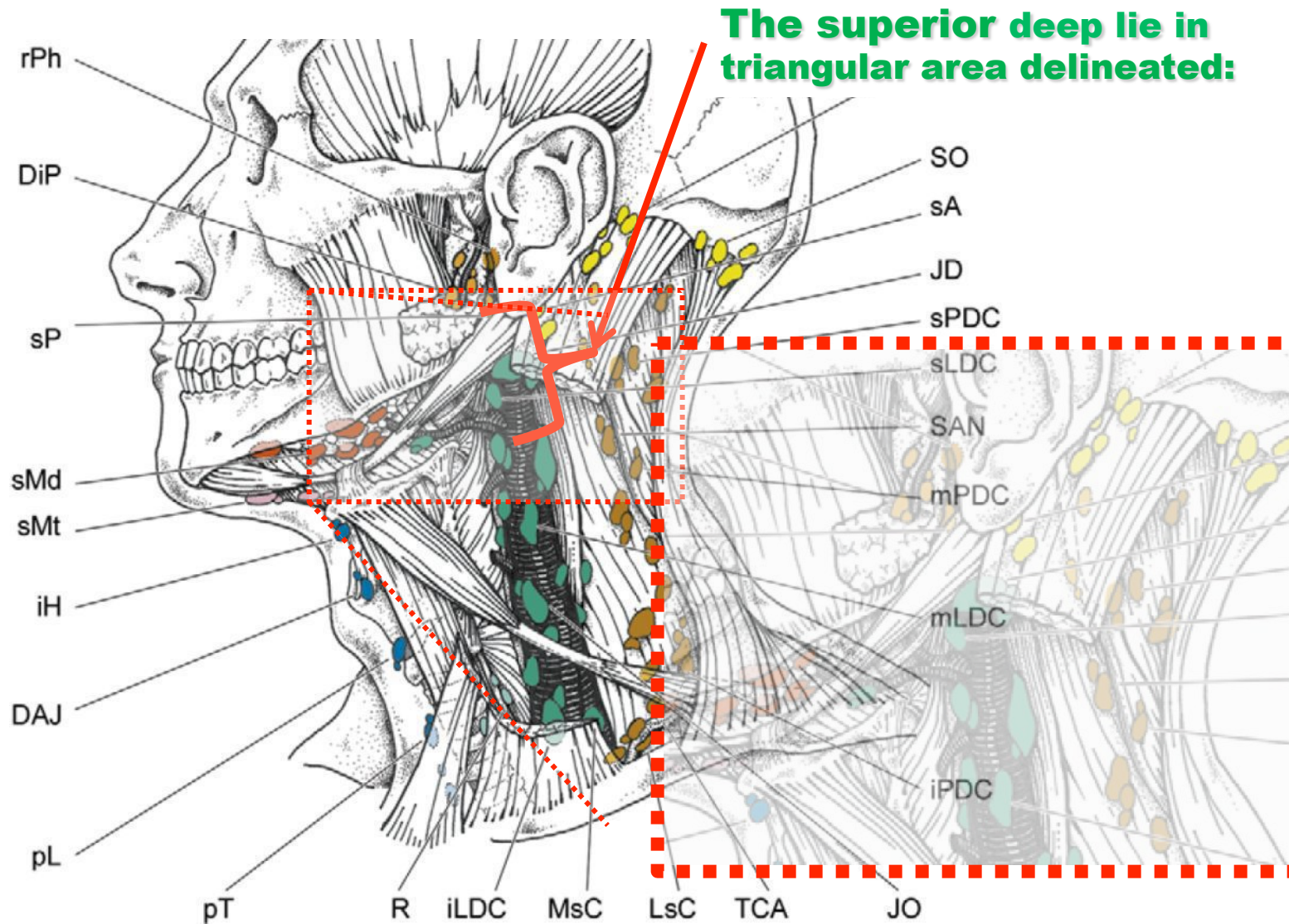


**The DEEP LATERAL  
cervical chain  
described as:**

- **Carotid,**
- **internal jugular or**
- **substernomastoid chain**

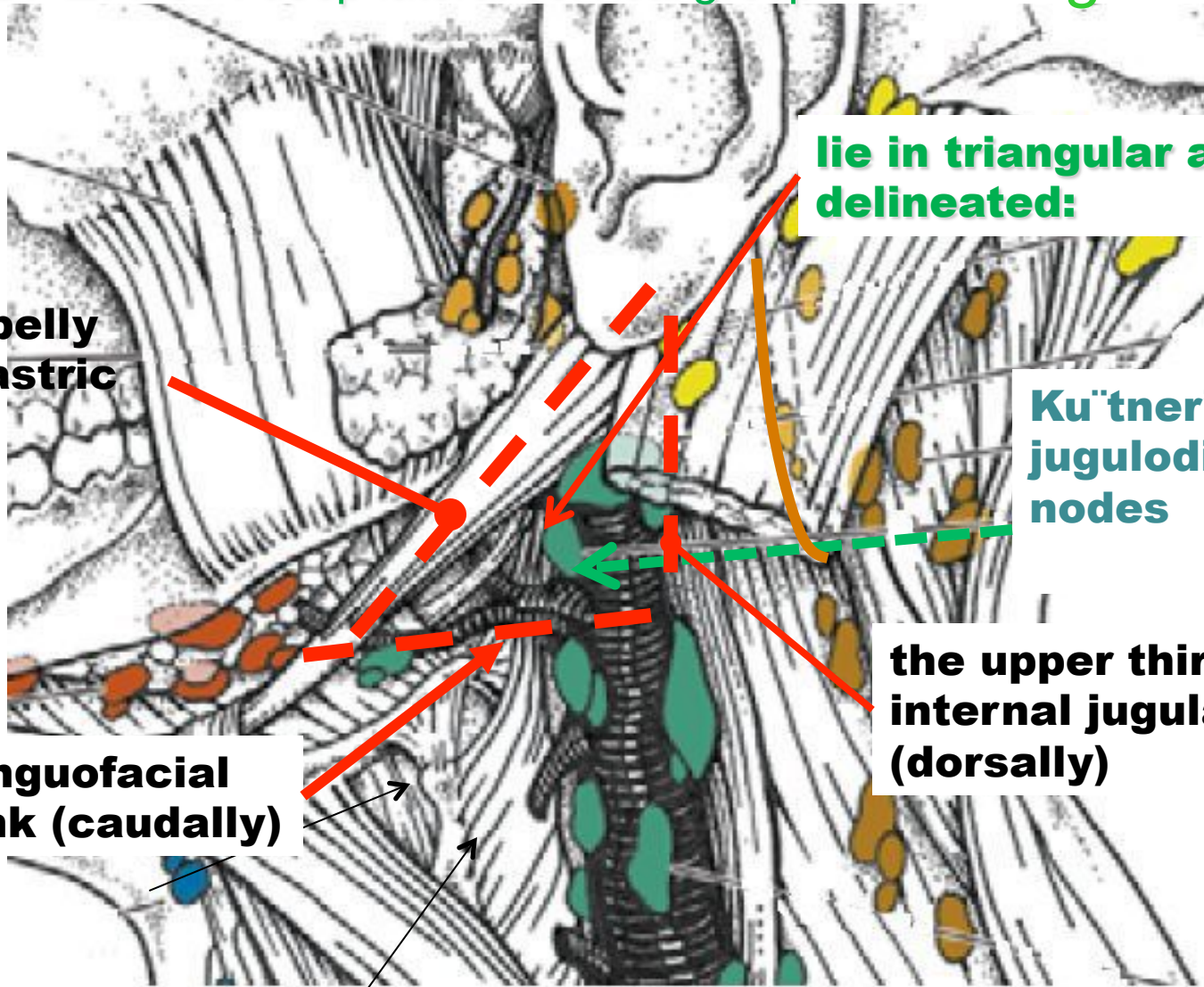


# The SUPERIOR deep lateral cervical chain or subdigastric





# The SUPERIOR deep lateral cervical group or subdigastric



lie in triangular area delineated:

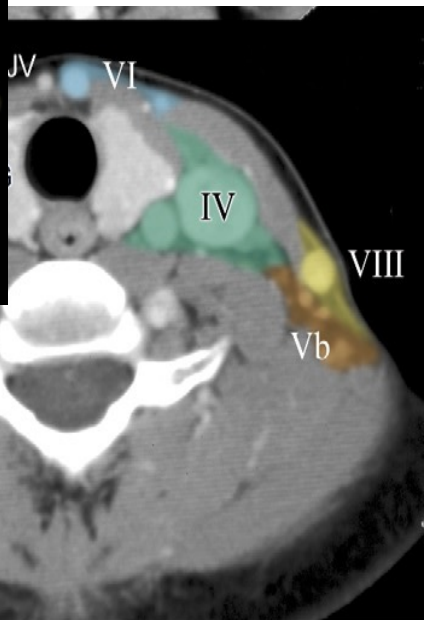
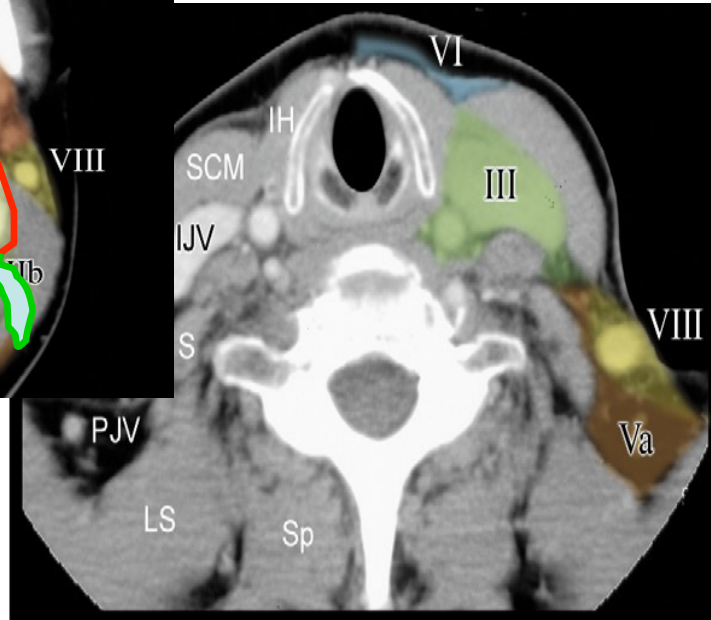
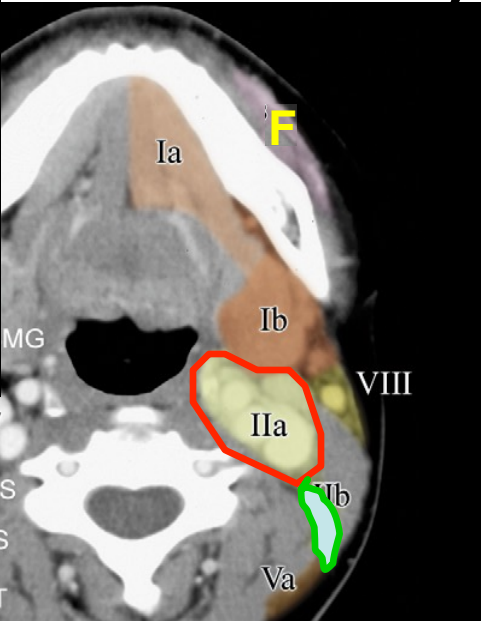
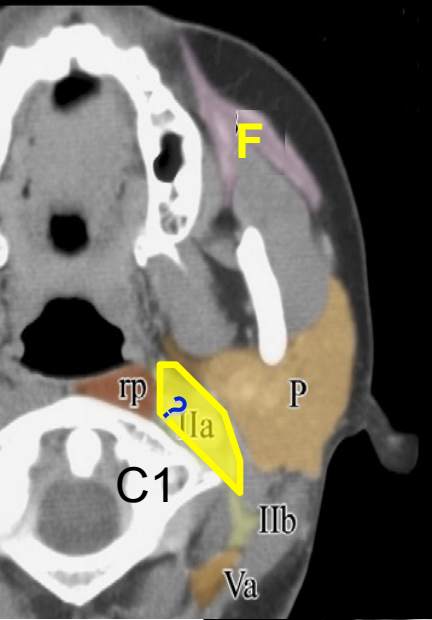
Posterior belly of the digastric muscle (cranially)

Ku'tner's jugulodigastric nodes

the upper third of the internal jugular vein (dorsally)

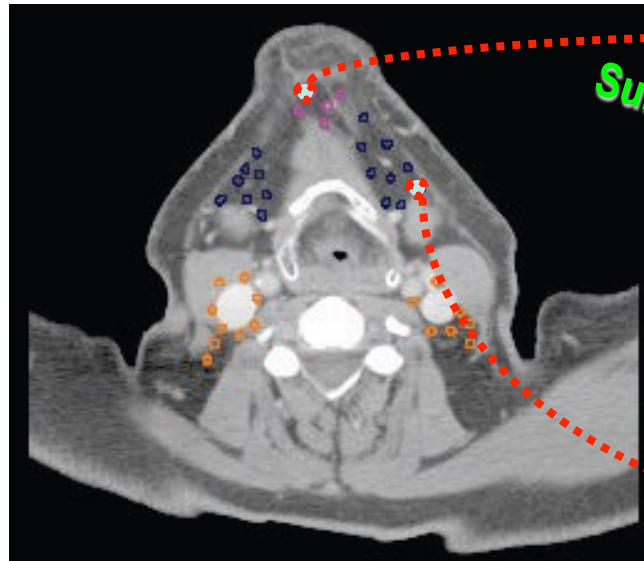
The thyrolinguofacial venous trunk (caudally)

# Lateral (Internal jugular chain) retrostyloid, IIa & IIb



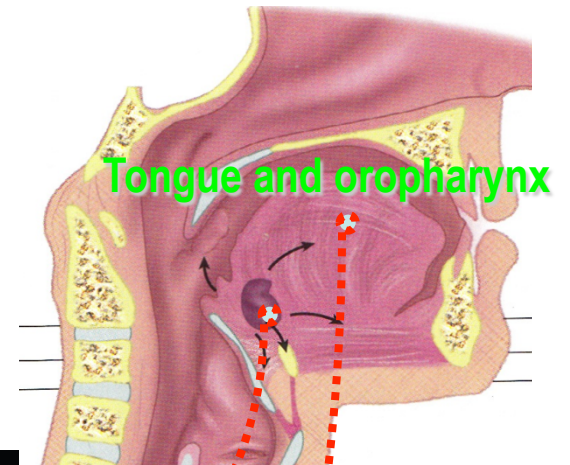
Pyramidal volume

# Superior deep lateral cervical

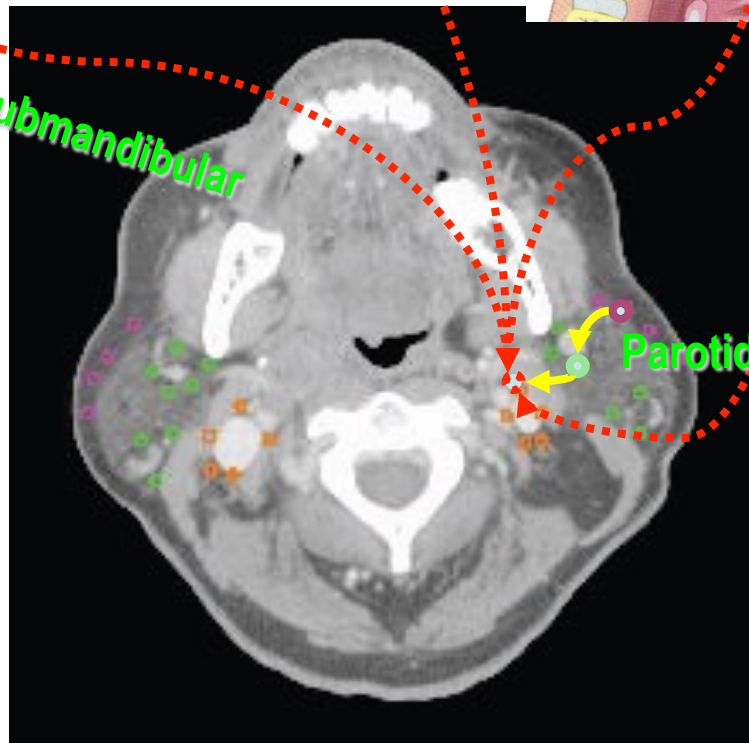


Submental

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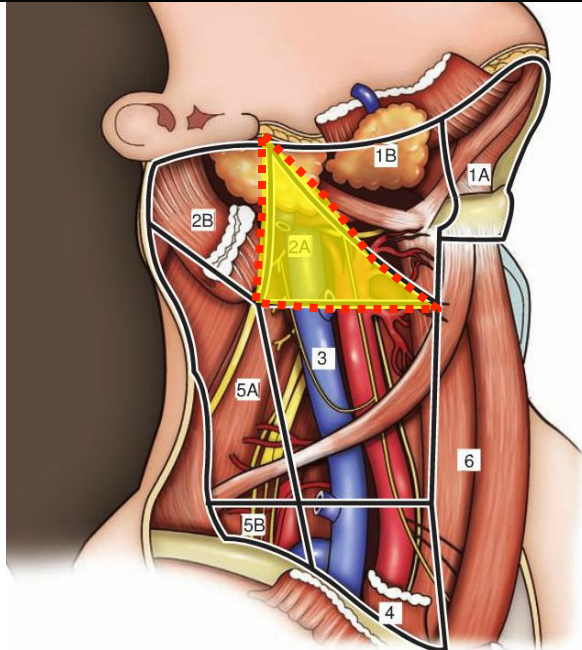


Tongue and oropharynx



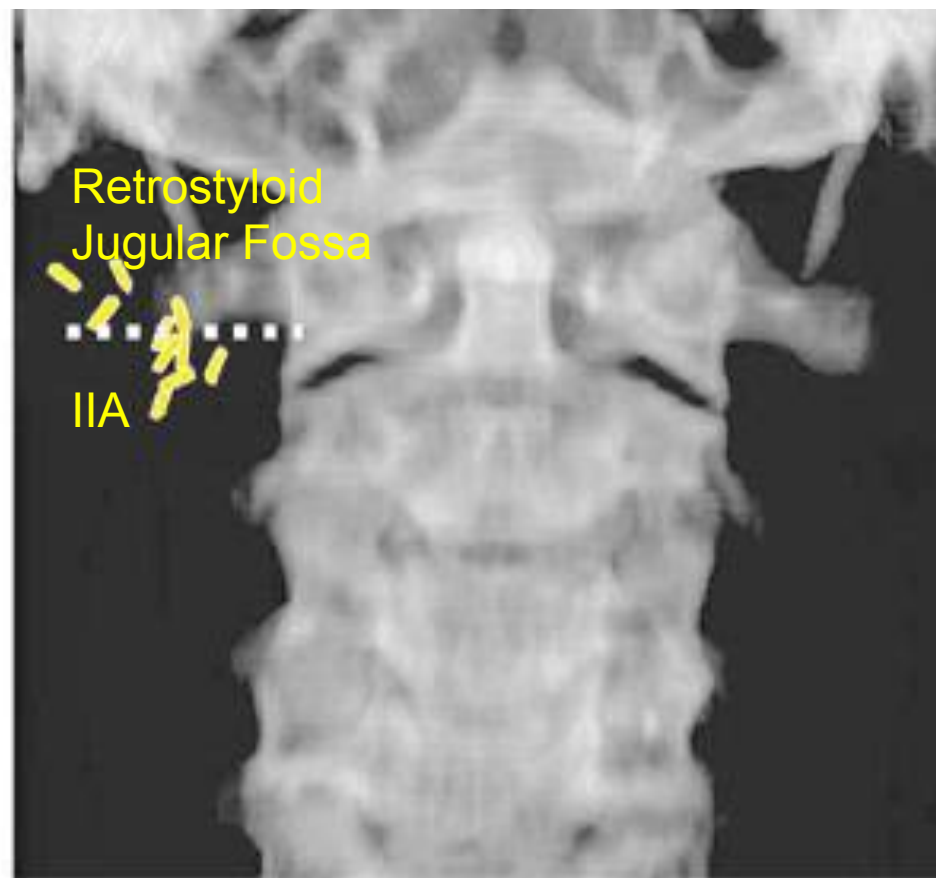
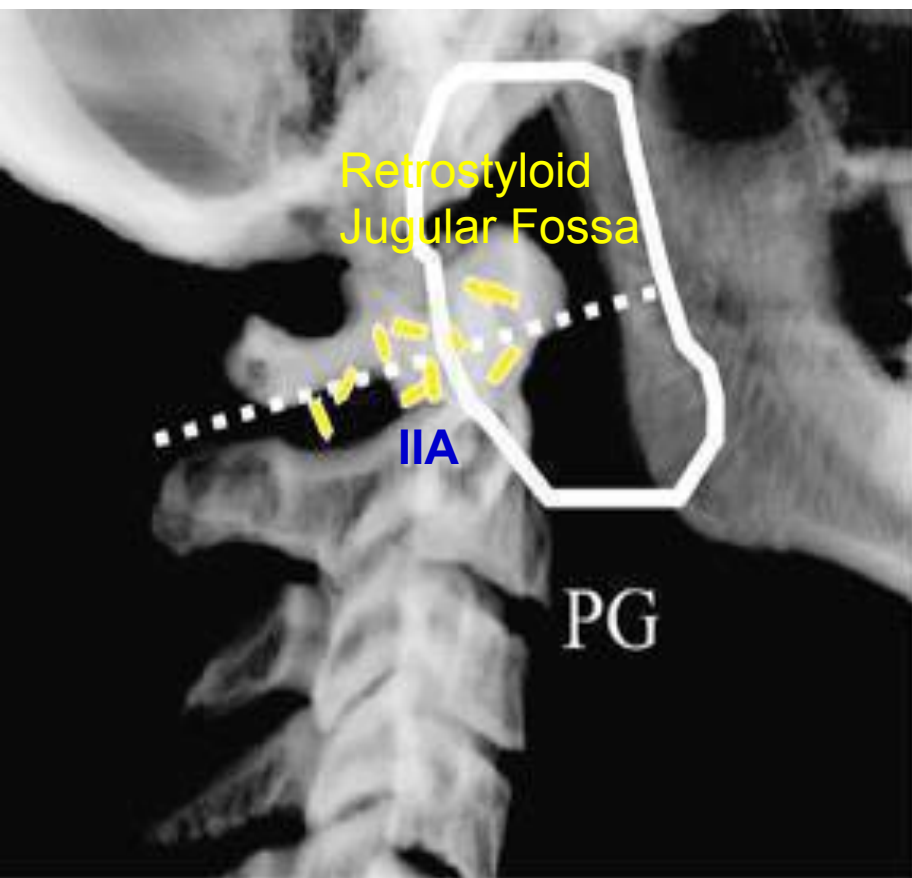
Submandibular

Parotid

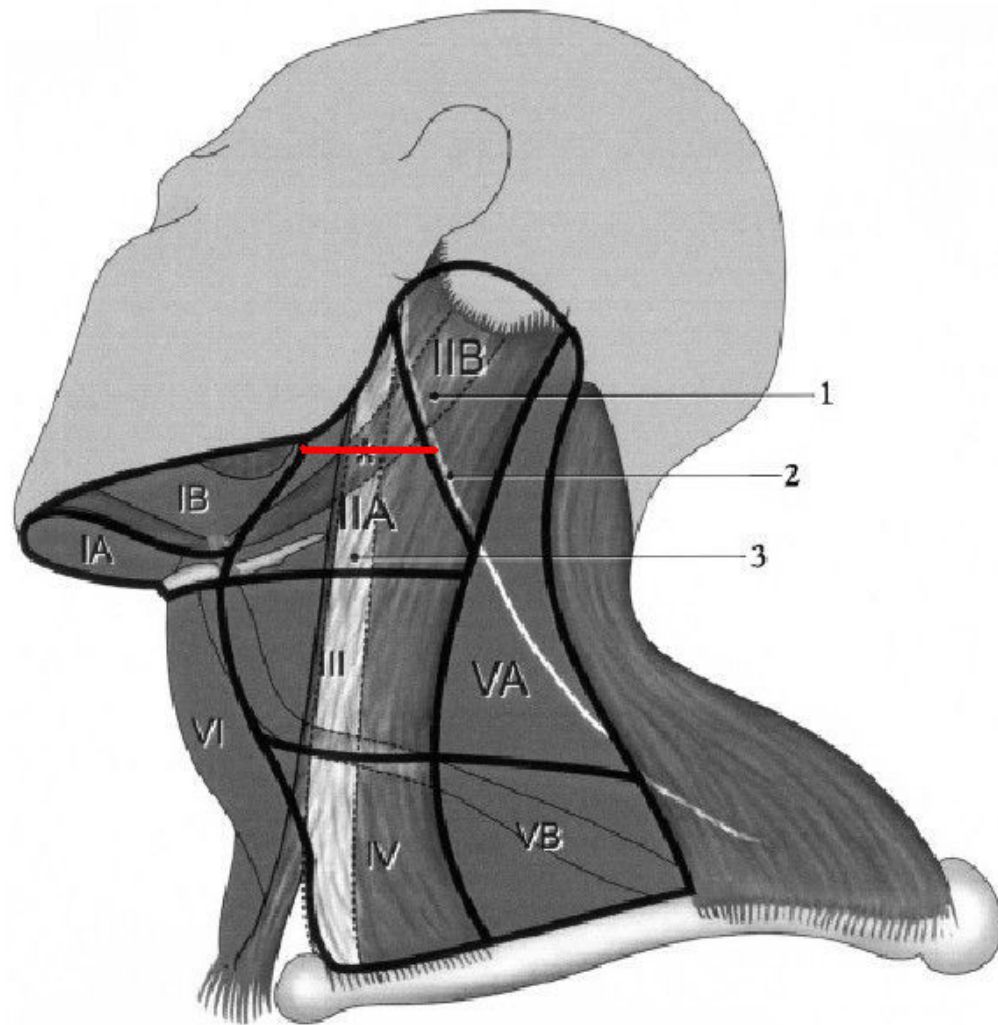




# Superior limit of surgical field IIa (C1 → no skull base)



- Projection of clips (anteroposterior and lateral x-ray films) placed intraoperatively at cranial border node-negative neck. Clips cluster around caudal border transverse process corpus vertebra C1. See also the projection of circumference of parotid gland (PG) as determined by computed tomography.

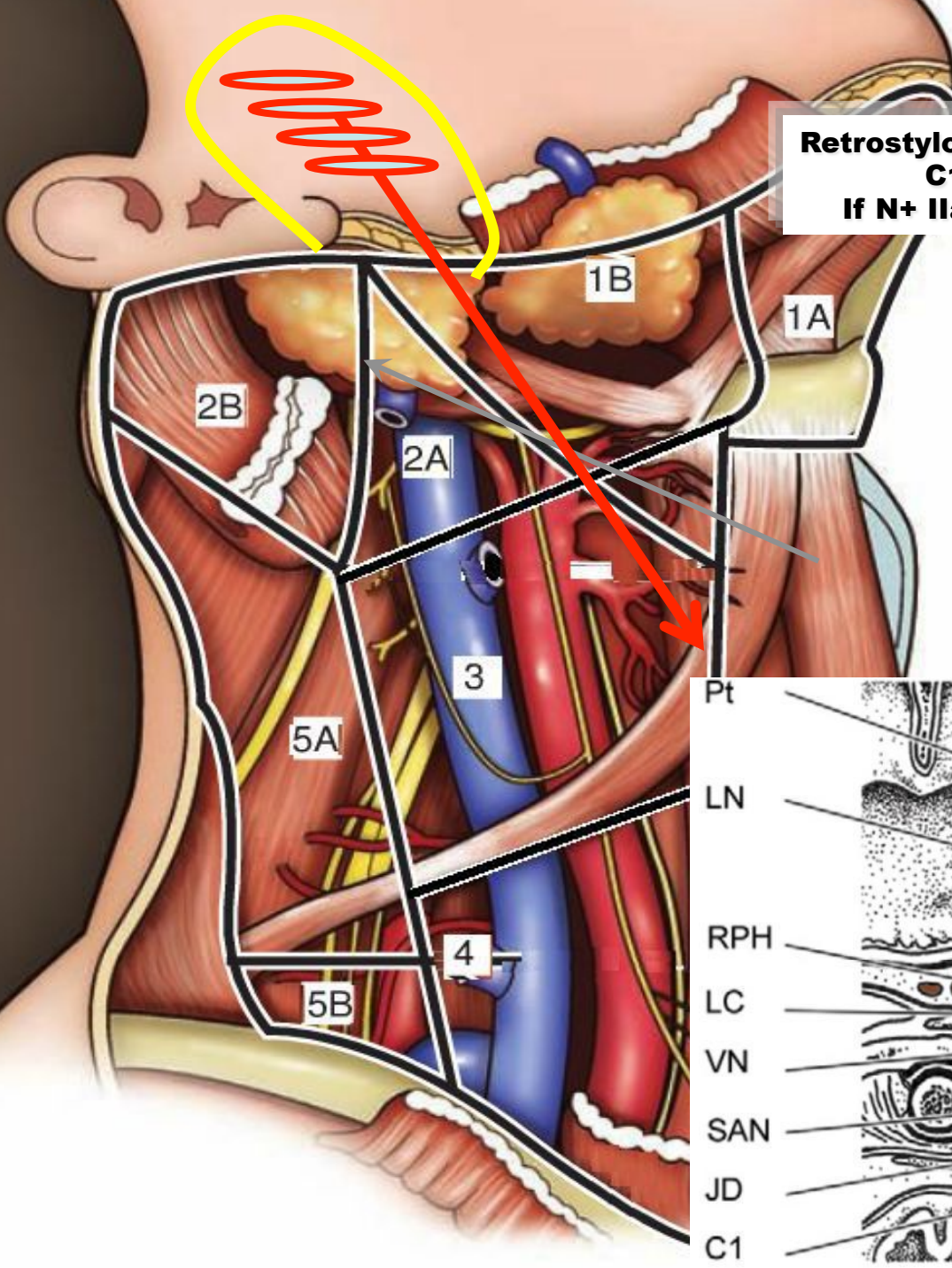


**The red line denotes crossing of jugular vein by posterior belly digastric muscle. This crossing, visible on CT exclude uppermost part of sublevel IIA, called retrostyloid space, from irradiation**

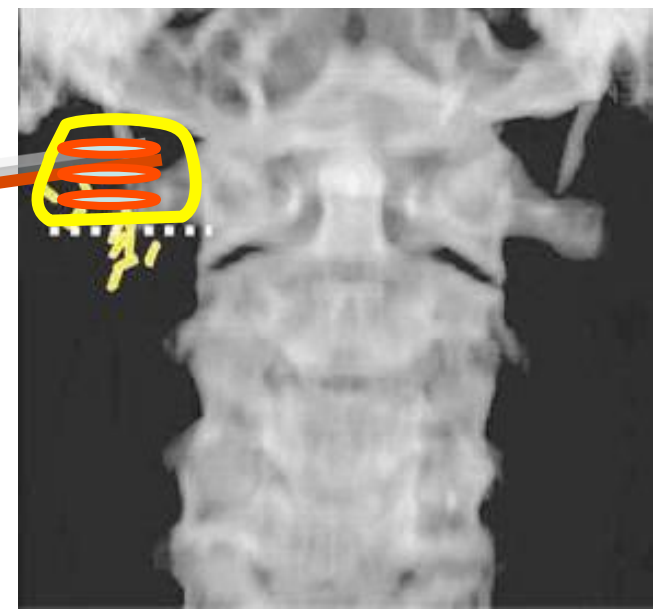
Fig. 4. Neck nodal levels (after Robbins *et al.* [19]). Asterisk denotes crossing of jugular vein by posterior belly of digastric muscle, marking cranial-most CT image at which Level II nodal CTV delineated in contralateral side of neck. It excluded uppermost part of sublevel IIA and most of IIB. 1, posterior belly of digastric muscle; 2, spinal accessory nerve; 3, internal jugular vein.

On CT or MRI, as the visualization of the posterior belly of the digastric muscle is not always easy, the caudal edge of the lateral process of C1 is recommended to define the **upper limit of level II**





**Retrostyloid space**  
**C1**  
**If N+ Ila e IIb**



In case of involvement of upper level II (IIa or IIb) with one or more lymph nodes, it is recommended to extend the upper border of level II to include the retrostyloid space up to the base of skull

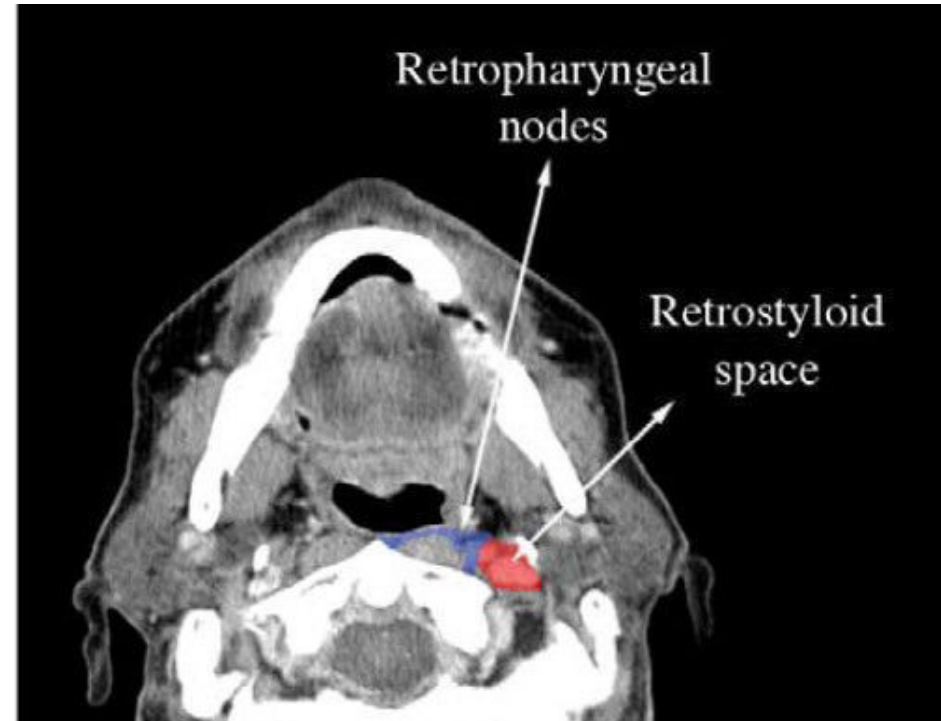
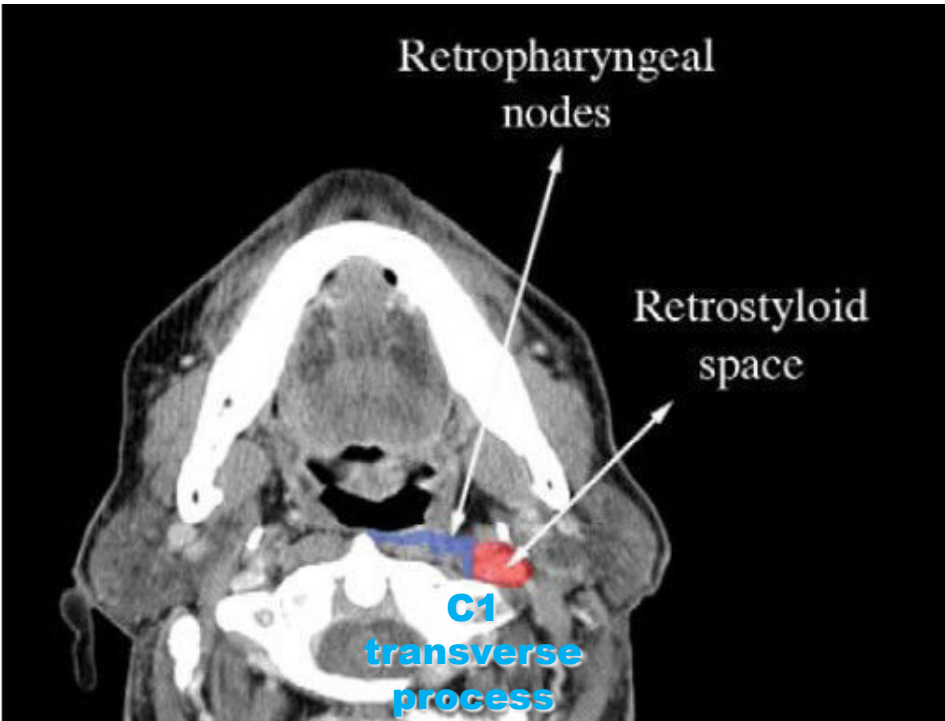
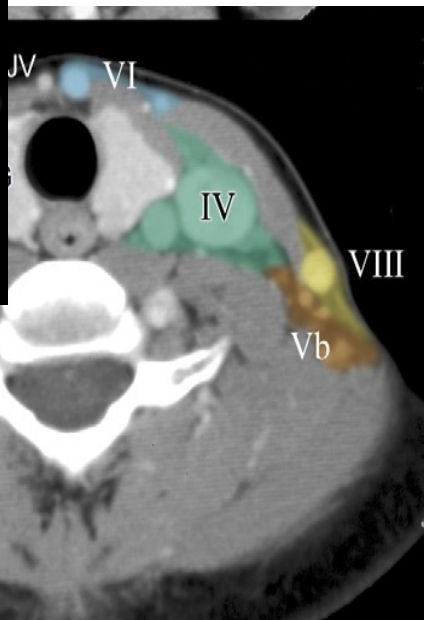
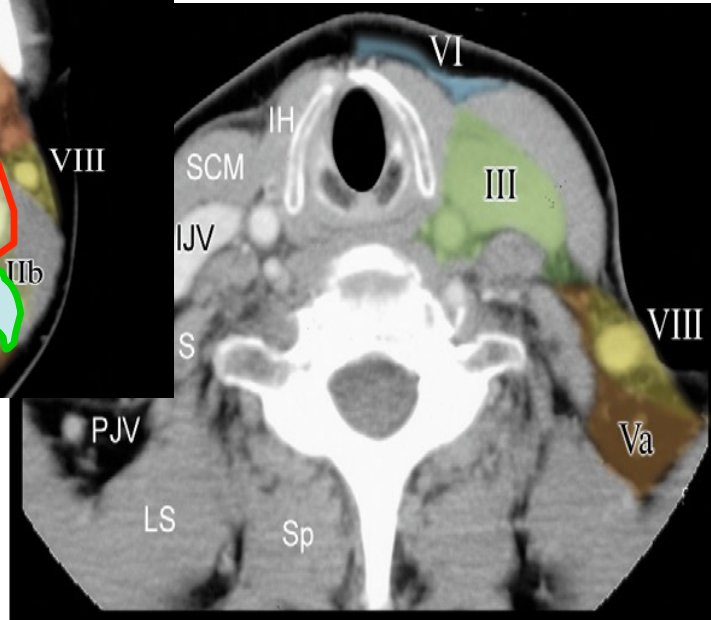
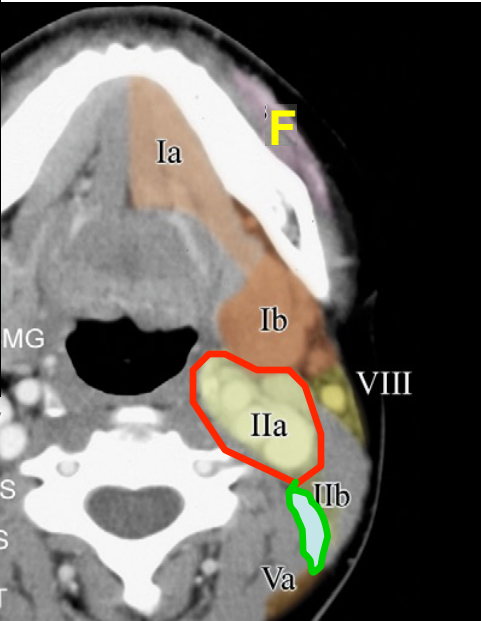
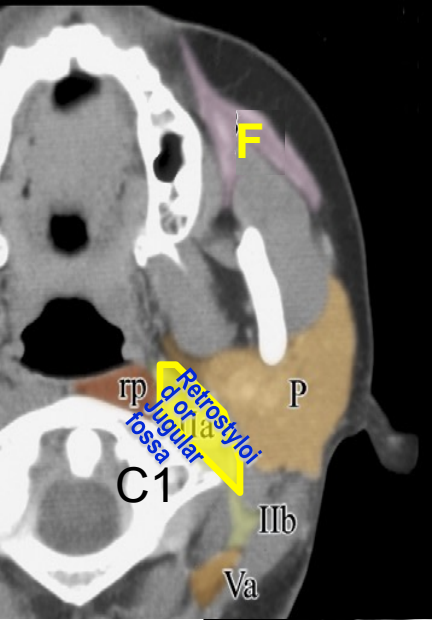


Table 1

Space	Cranial	Caudal	Anterior	Posterior	Lateral	Medial
Retrostyloid	Base of skull (jugular foramen)	Upper limit of level II	Parapharyngeal space	Vertebral body/ base of skull	Parotid space	Lateral edge of RP nodes

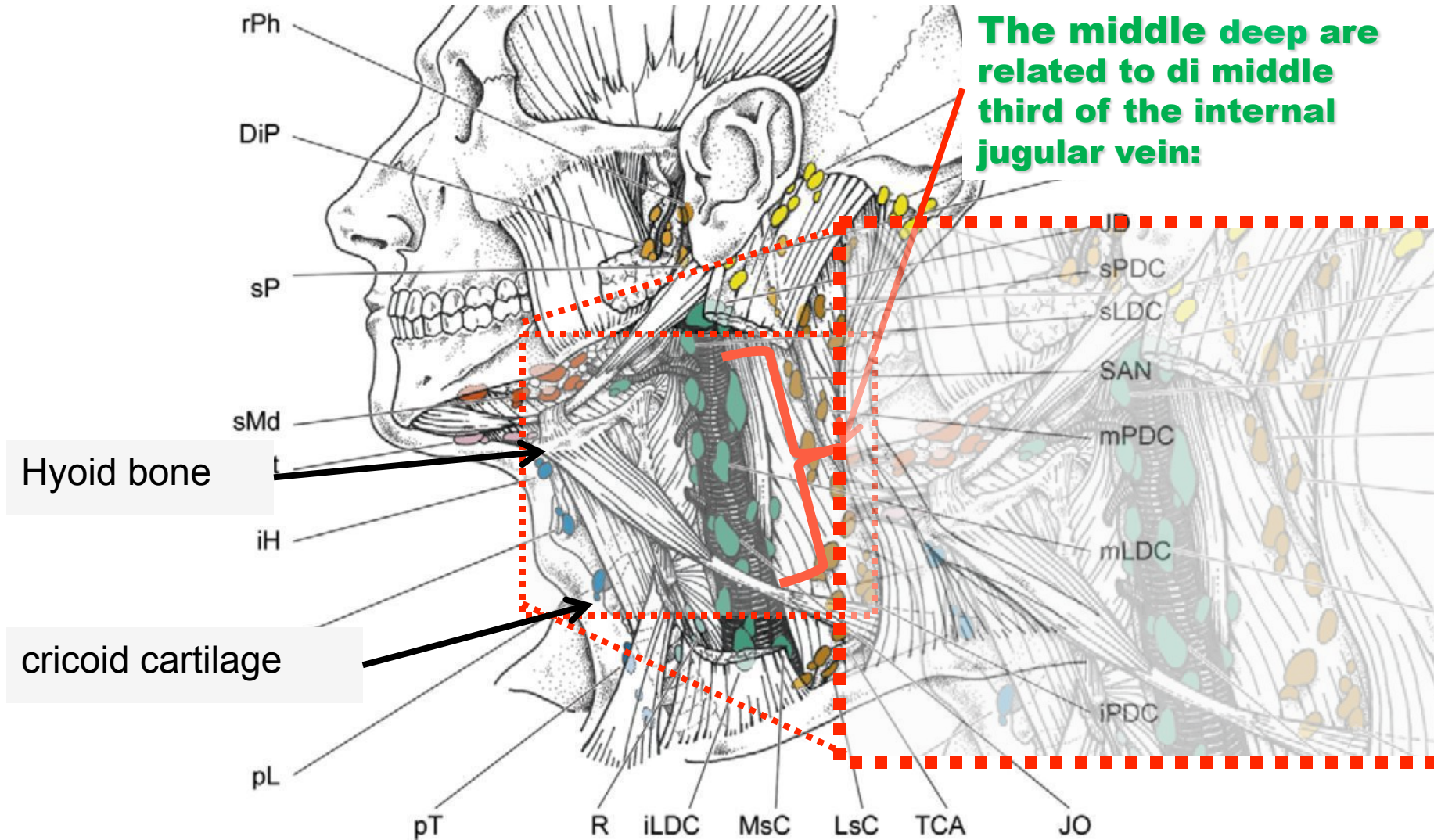


# Lateral (Internal jugular chain) retrostyloid, IIa & IIb



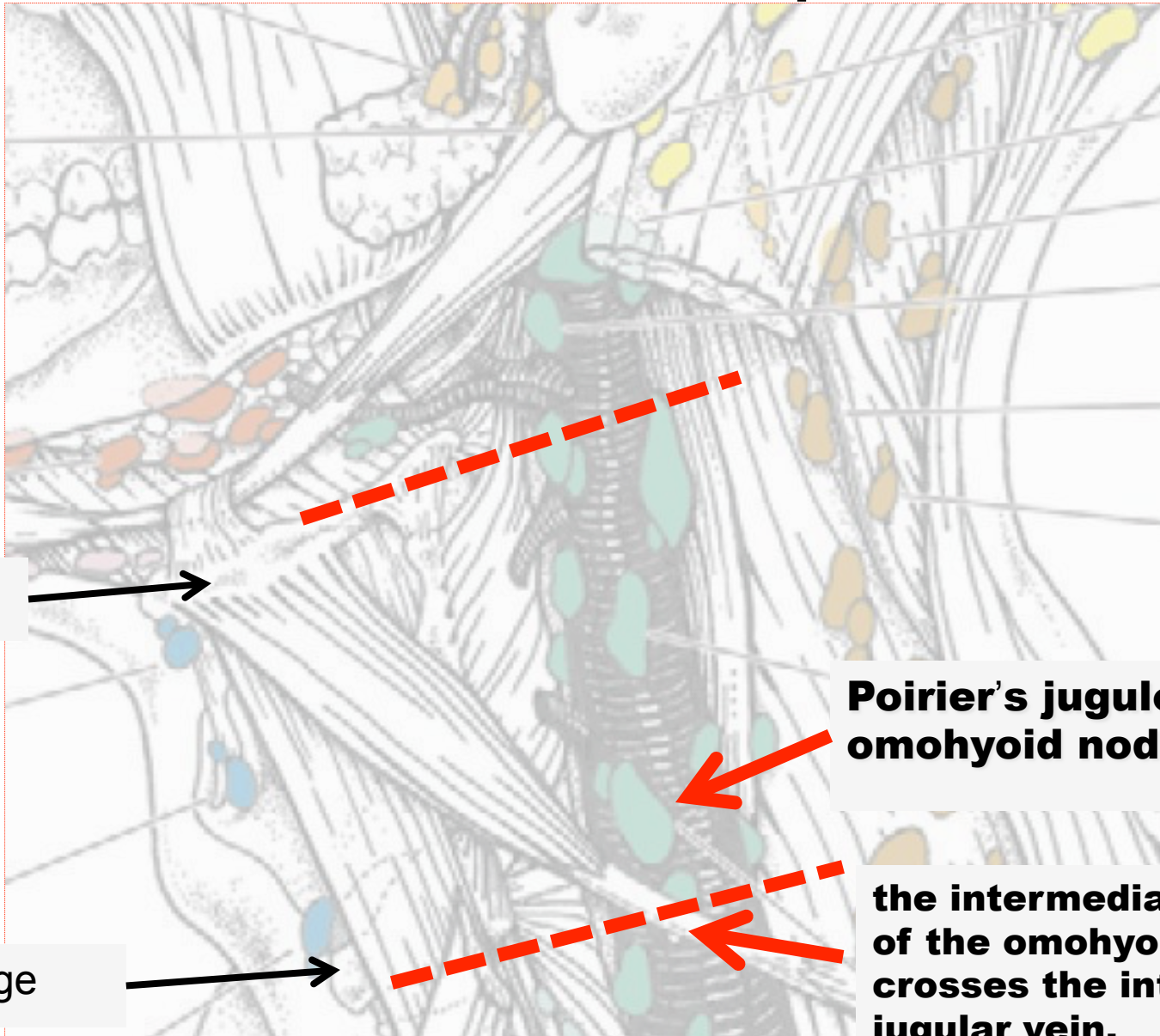
LATERO-JUGULAR VOLUME

# The MIDDLE deep lateral cervical chain

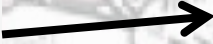




# The deep lateral cervical chain: The middle deep



Hyoid bone



cricoid cartilage



**Poirier's jugulo-omohyoid node**

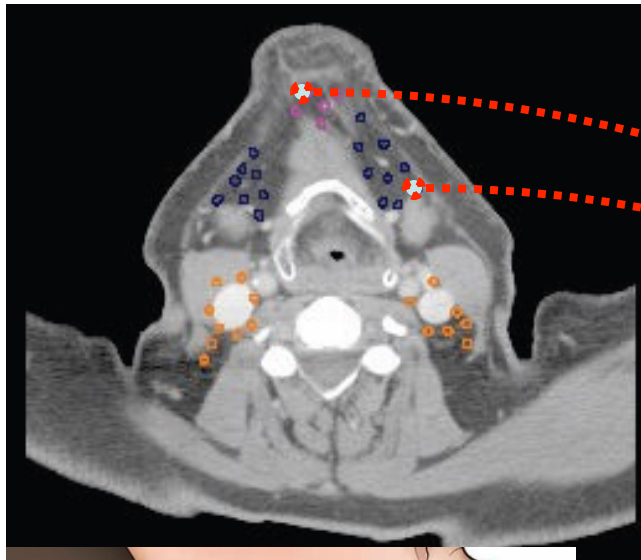


**the intermediate tendon of the omohyoid muscle crosses the internal jugular vein.**

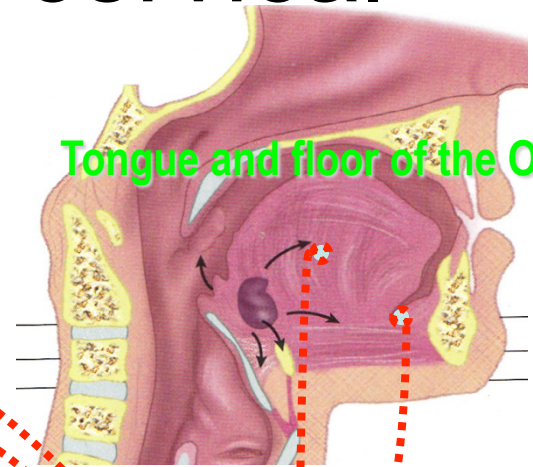


# Middle deep lateral cervical

## III

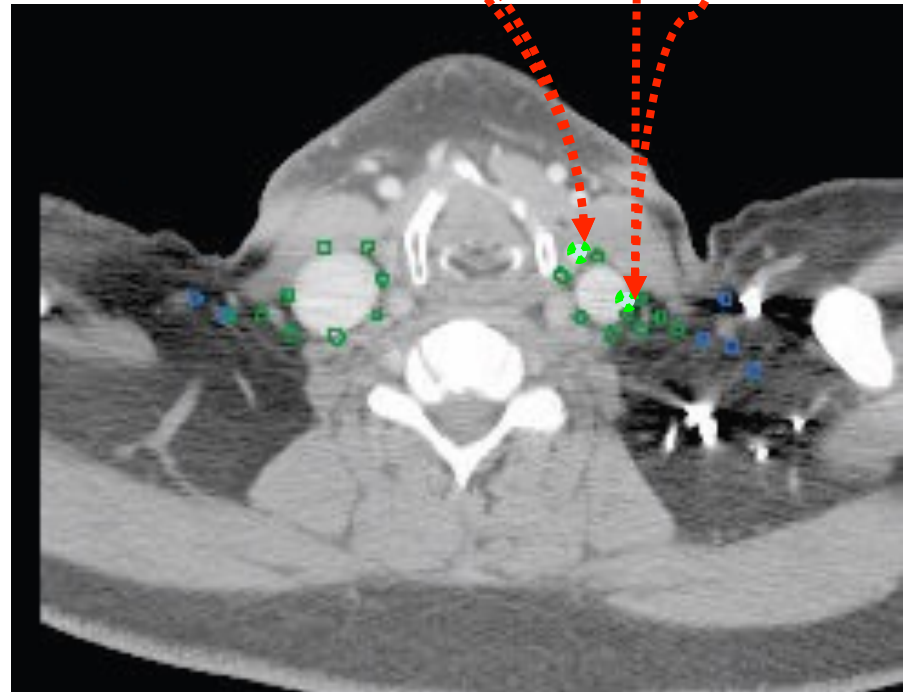
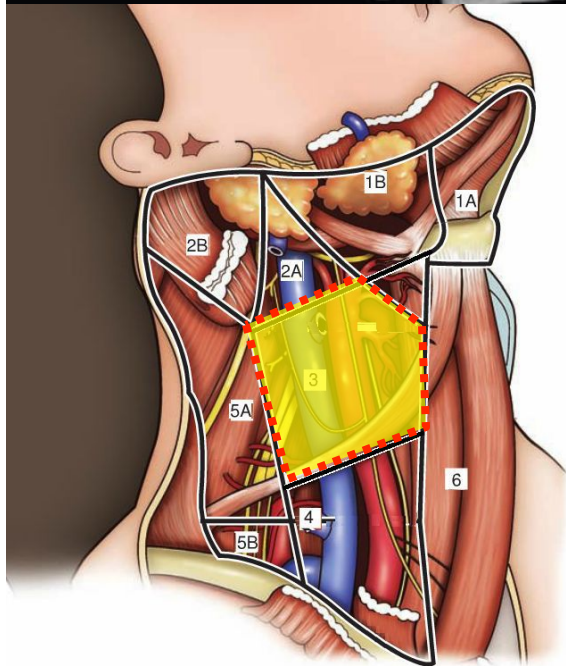


Tongue and floor of the Oral cavity

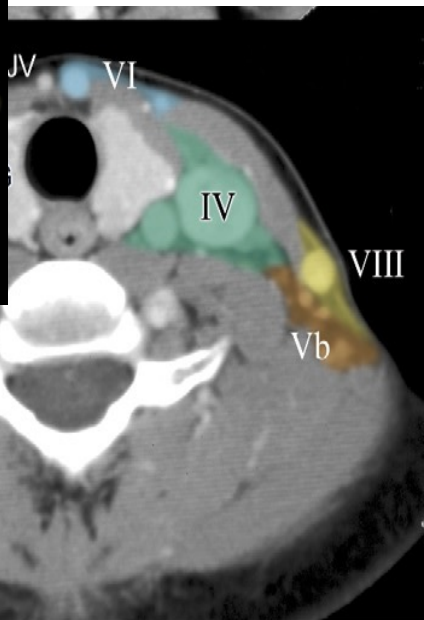
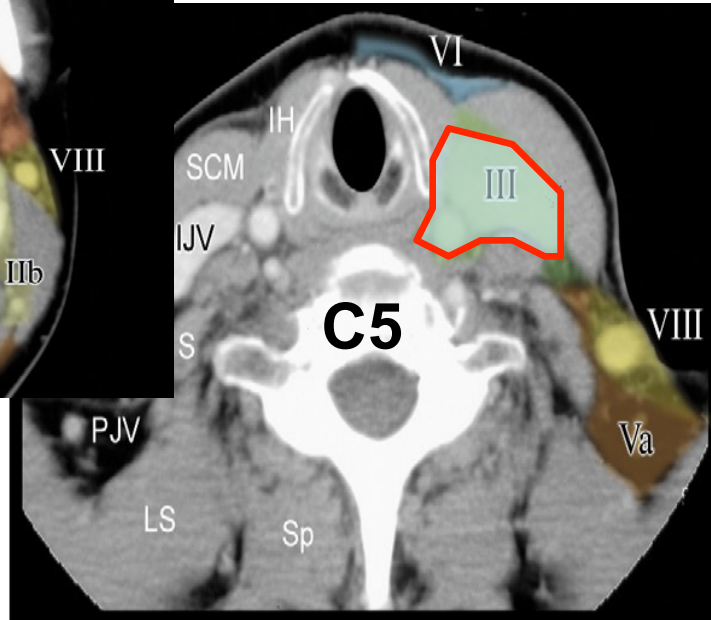
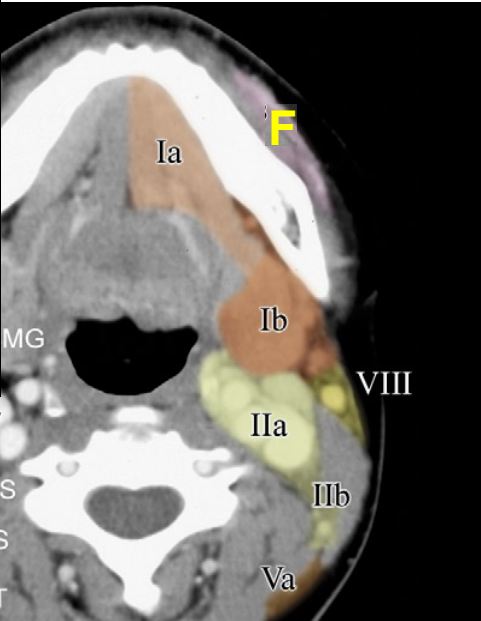
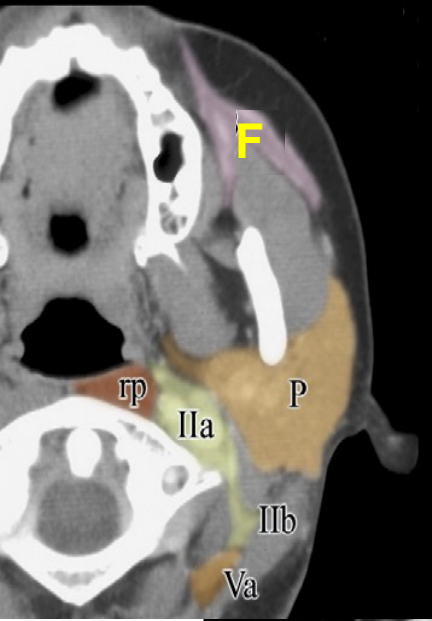


Submental

Submandibular



# Lateral (Internal jugular chain) III

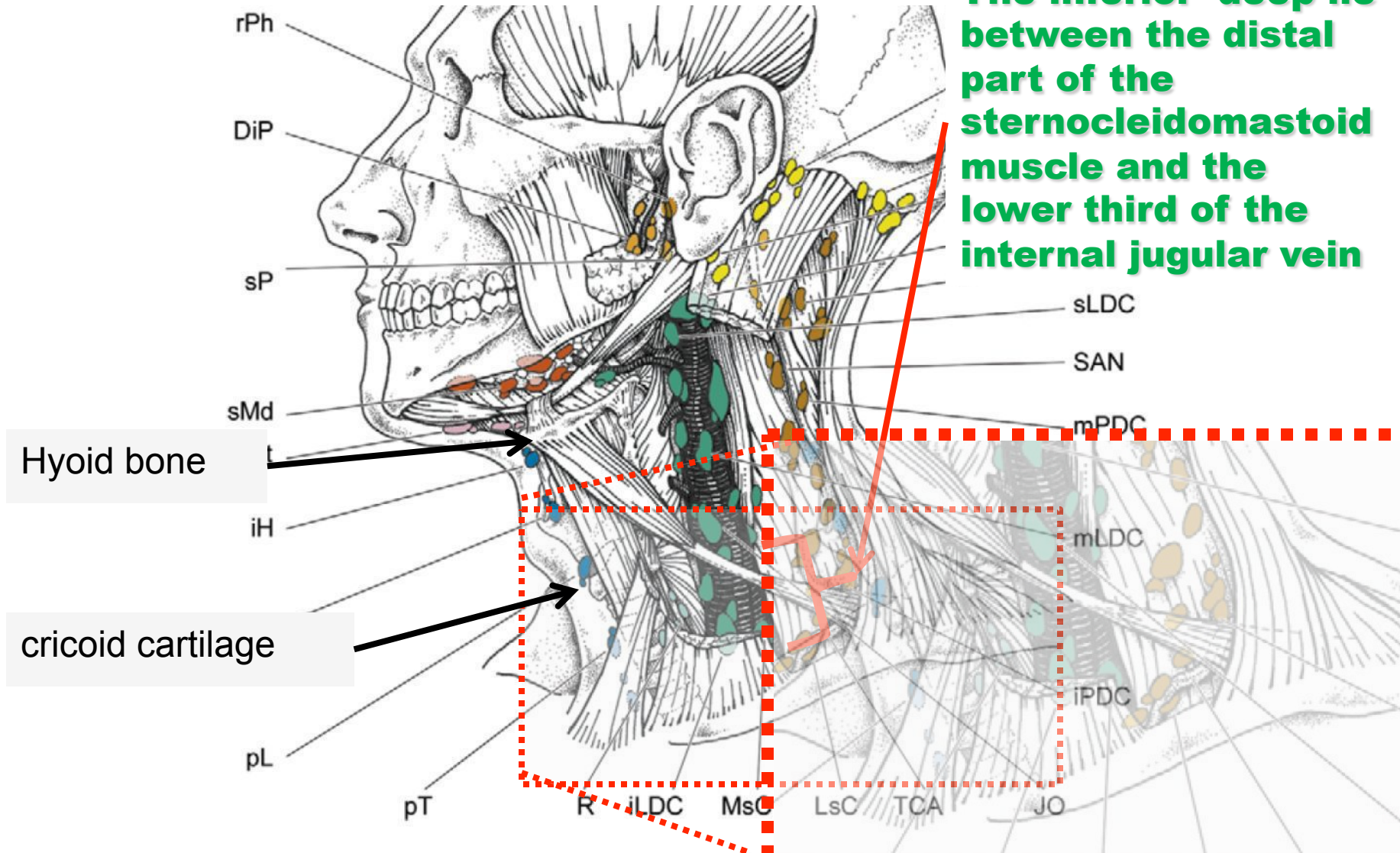


LATERO-JUGULAR VOLUME



# The INFERIOR deep lateral cervical chain (IV)

The inferior deep lie between the distal part of the sternocleidomastoid muscle and the lower third of the internal jugular vein

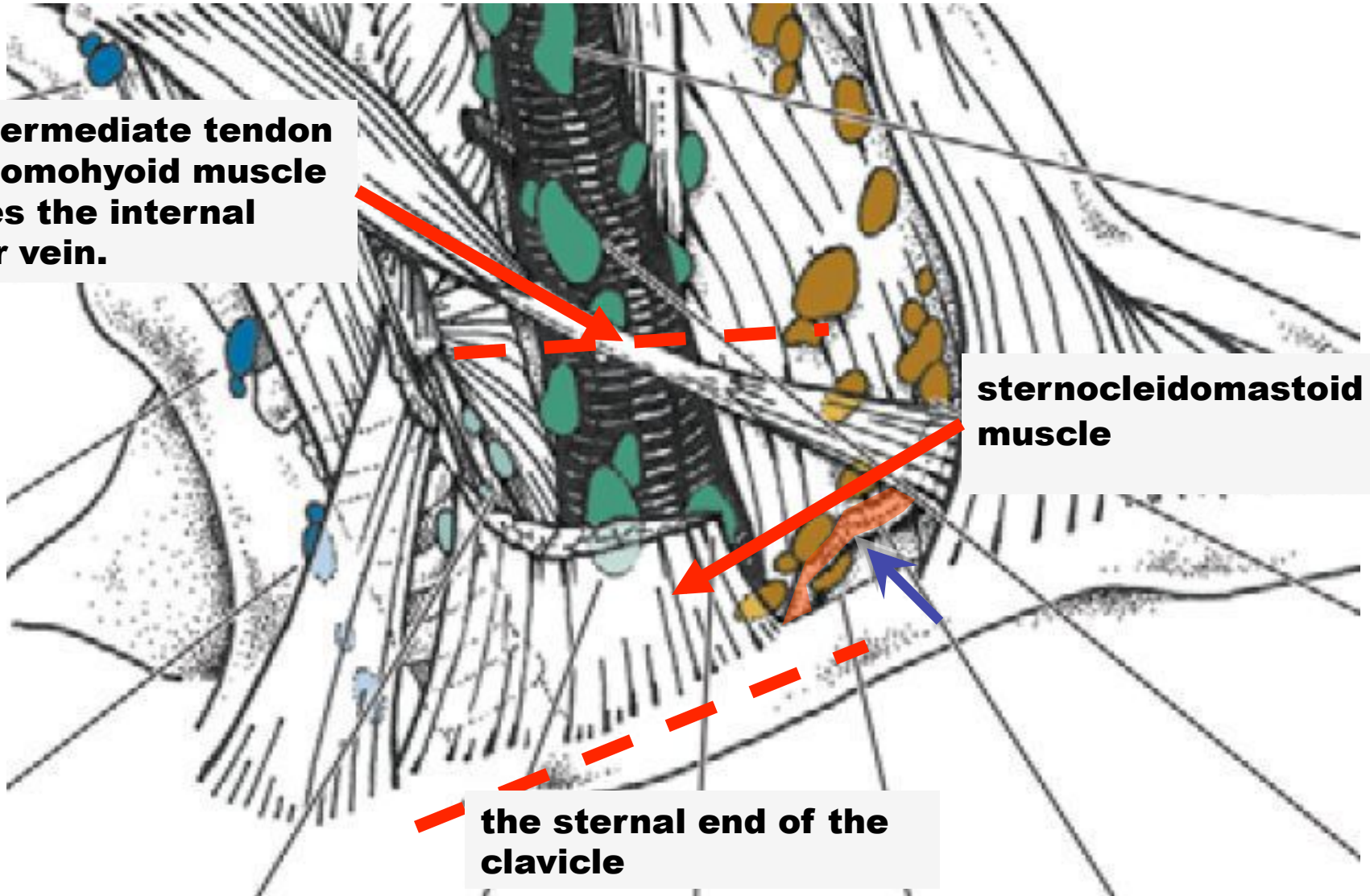


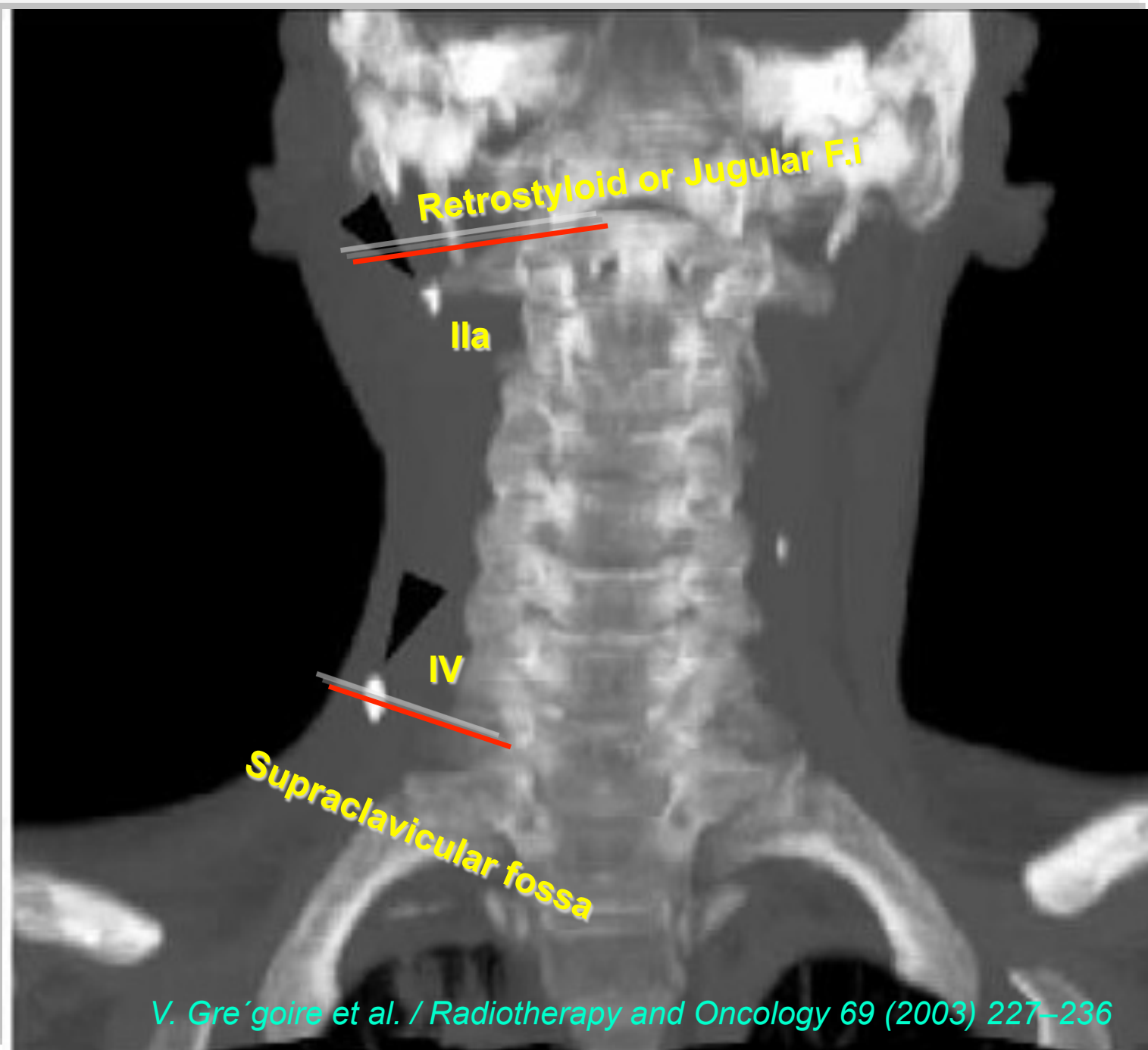


**the intermediate tendon of the omohyoid muscle crosses the internal jugular vein.**

**sternocleidomastoid muscle**

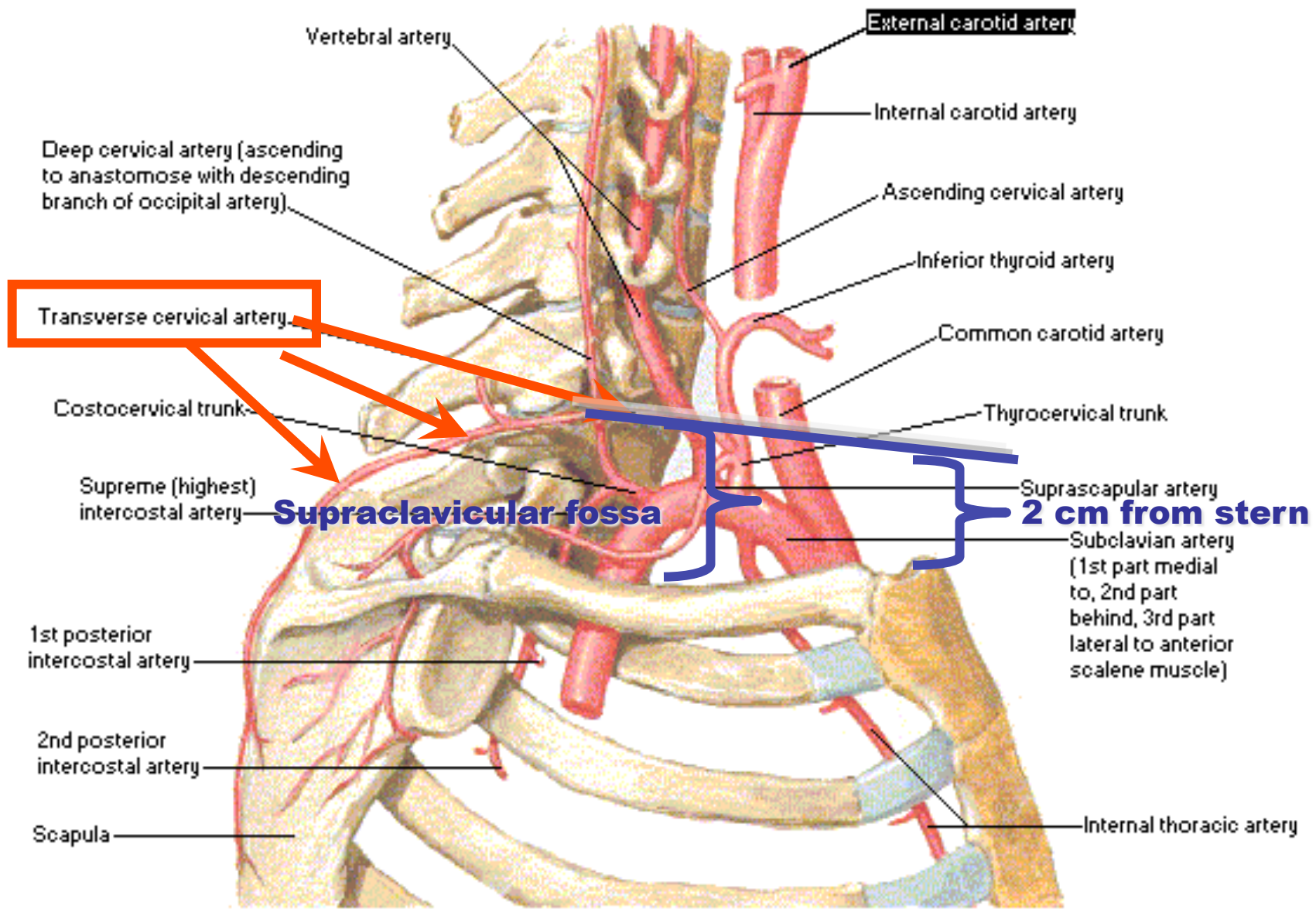
**the sternal end of the clavicle**



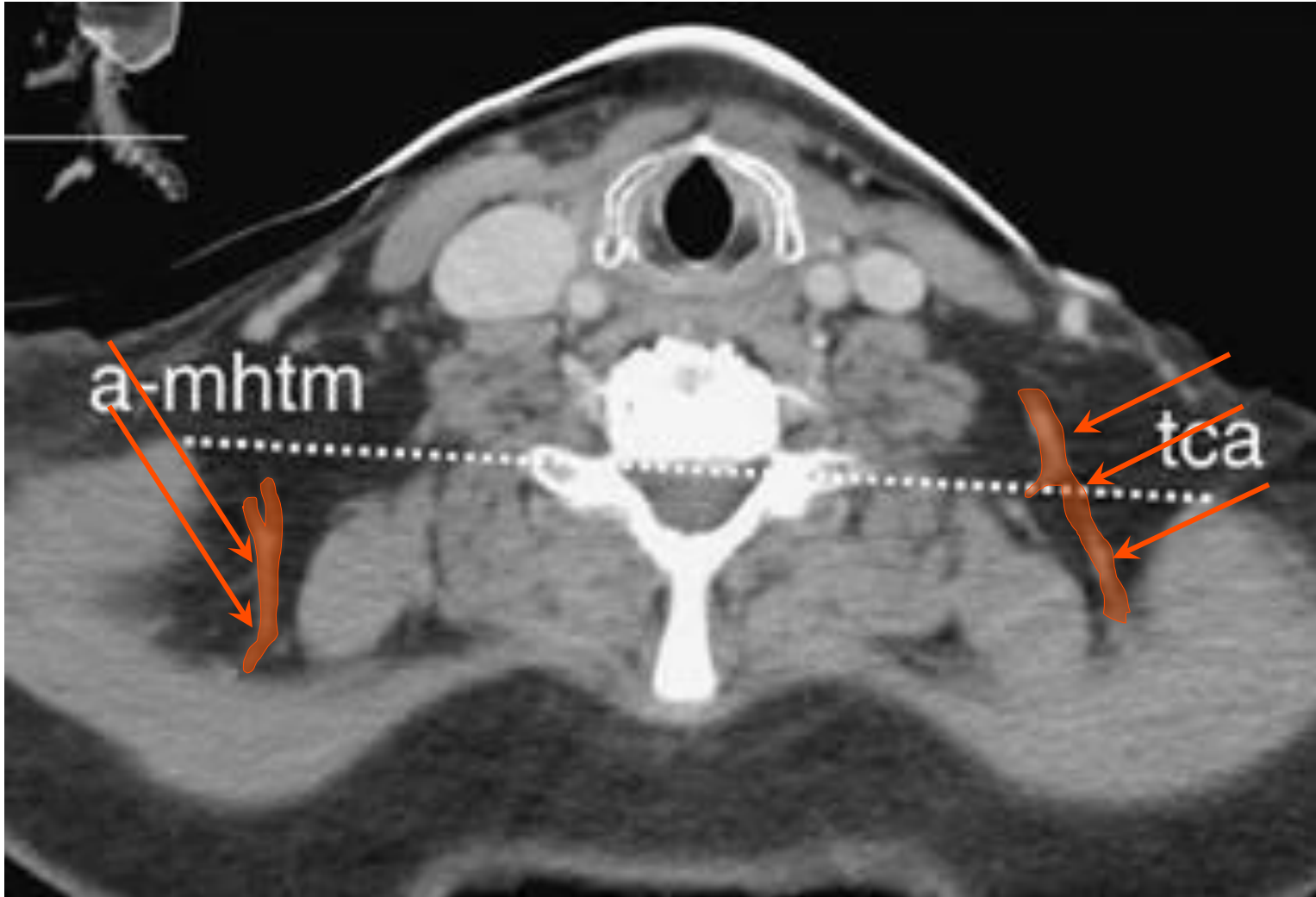


# Subclavian Artery

## Right Lateral Schematic View

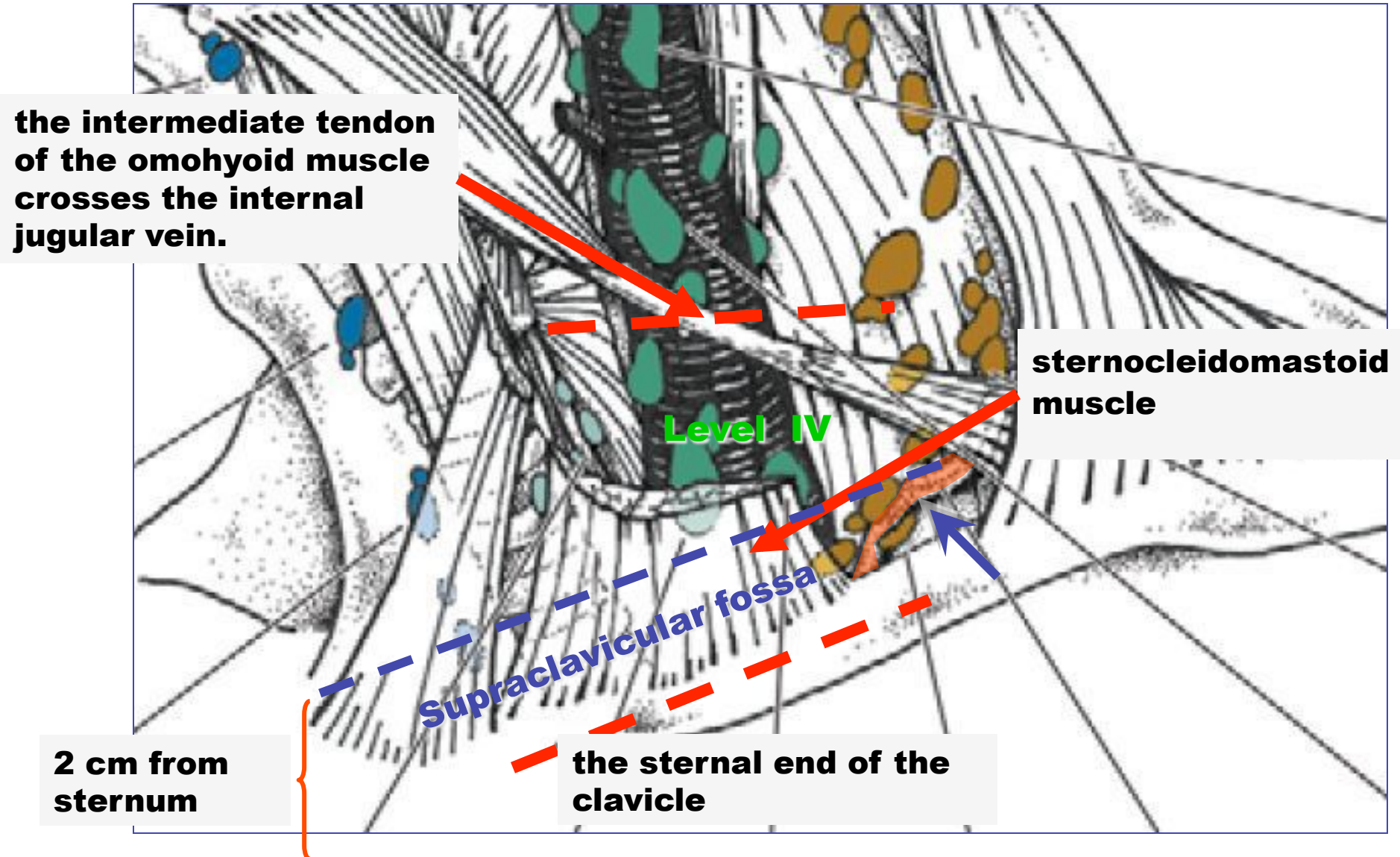


# Arteria cervicale trasversa

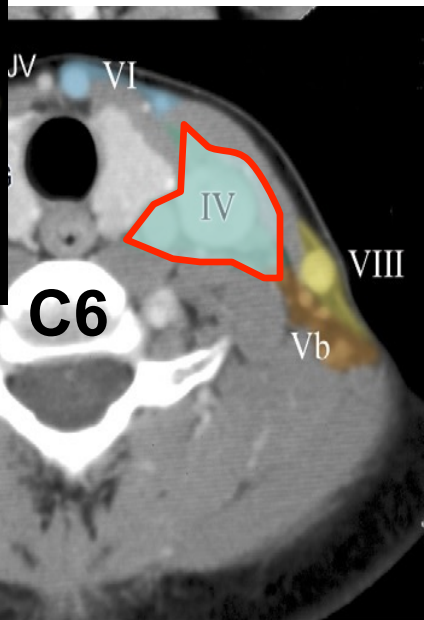
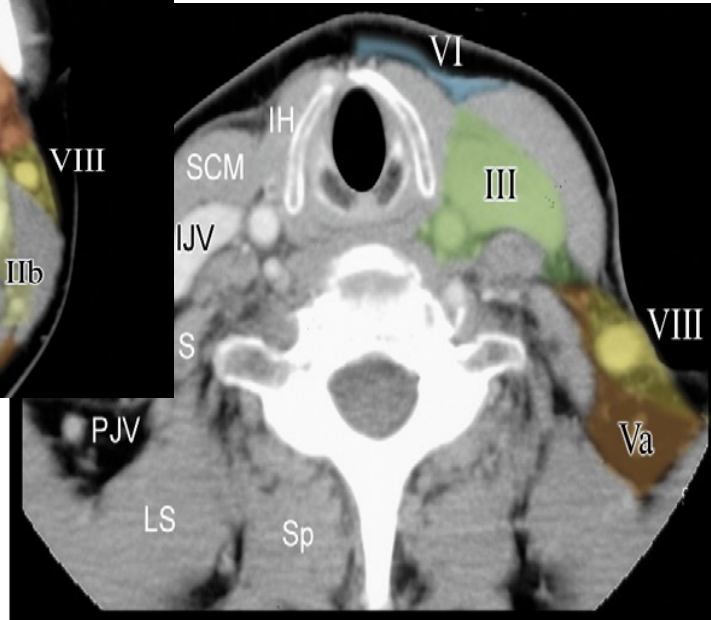
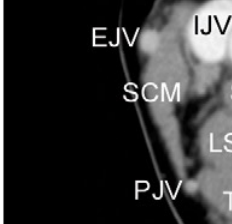
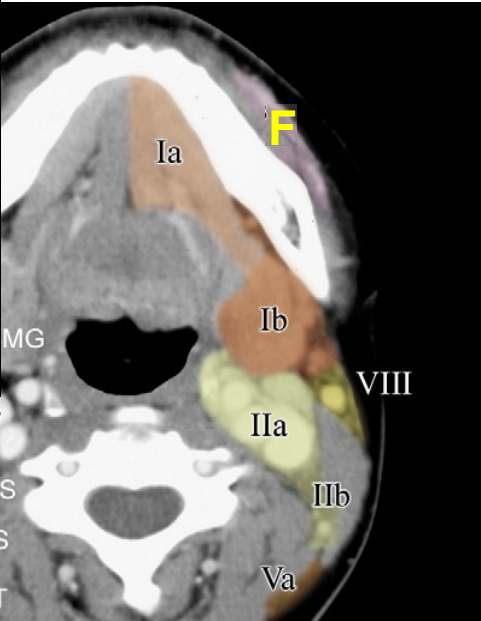
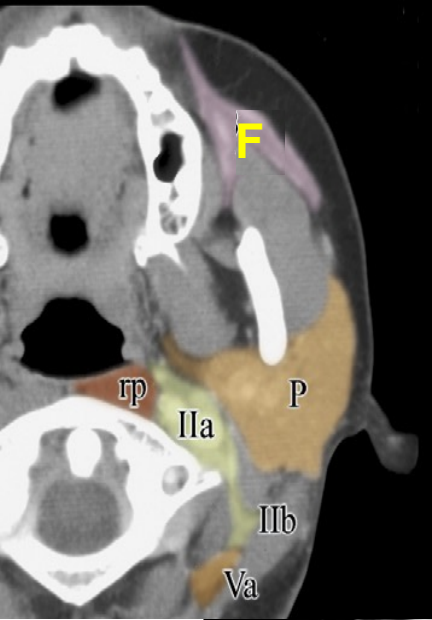




# Supraclavicular fossa

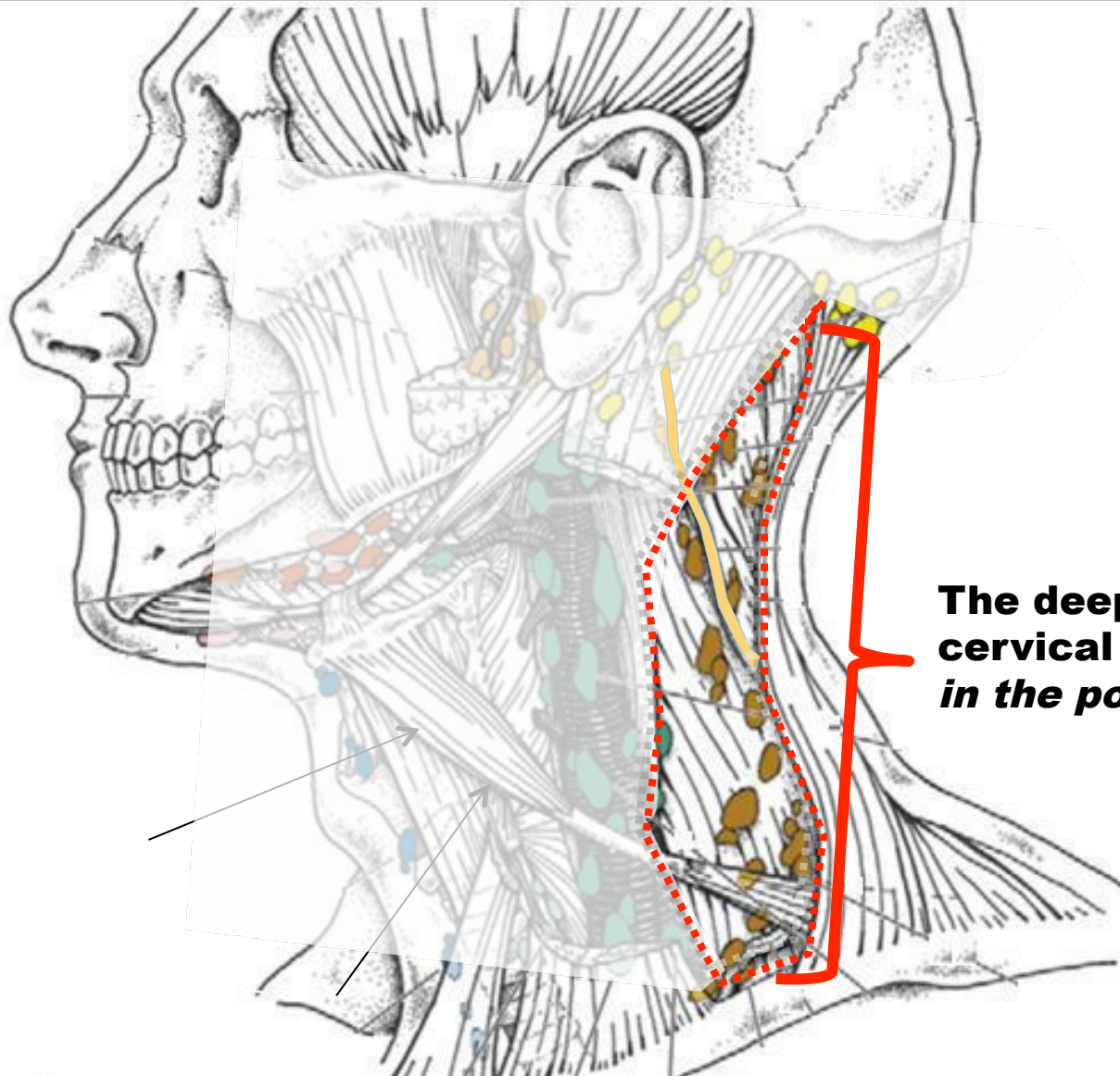


# Lateral (Internal jugular chain) IV



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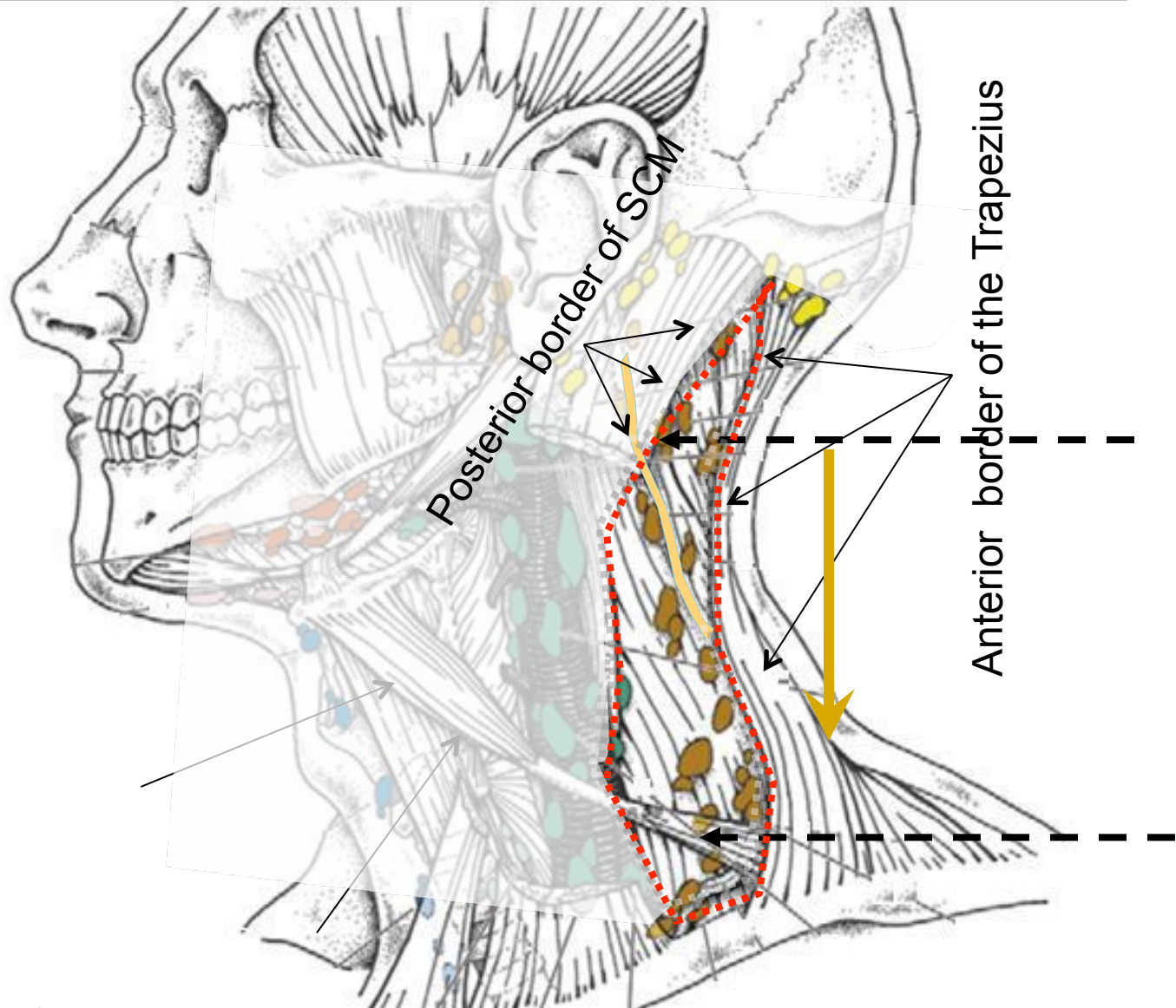
# The deep descending POSTERIOR chains



**The deep POSTERIOR  
cervical chain  
*in the posterior triangle***

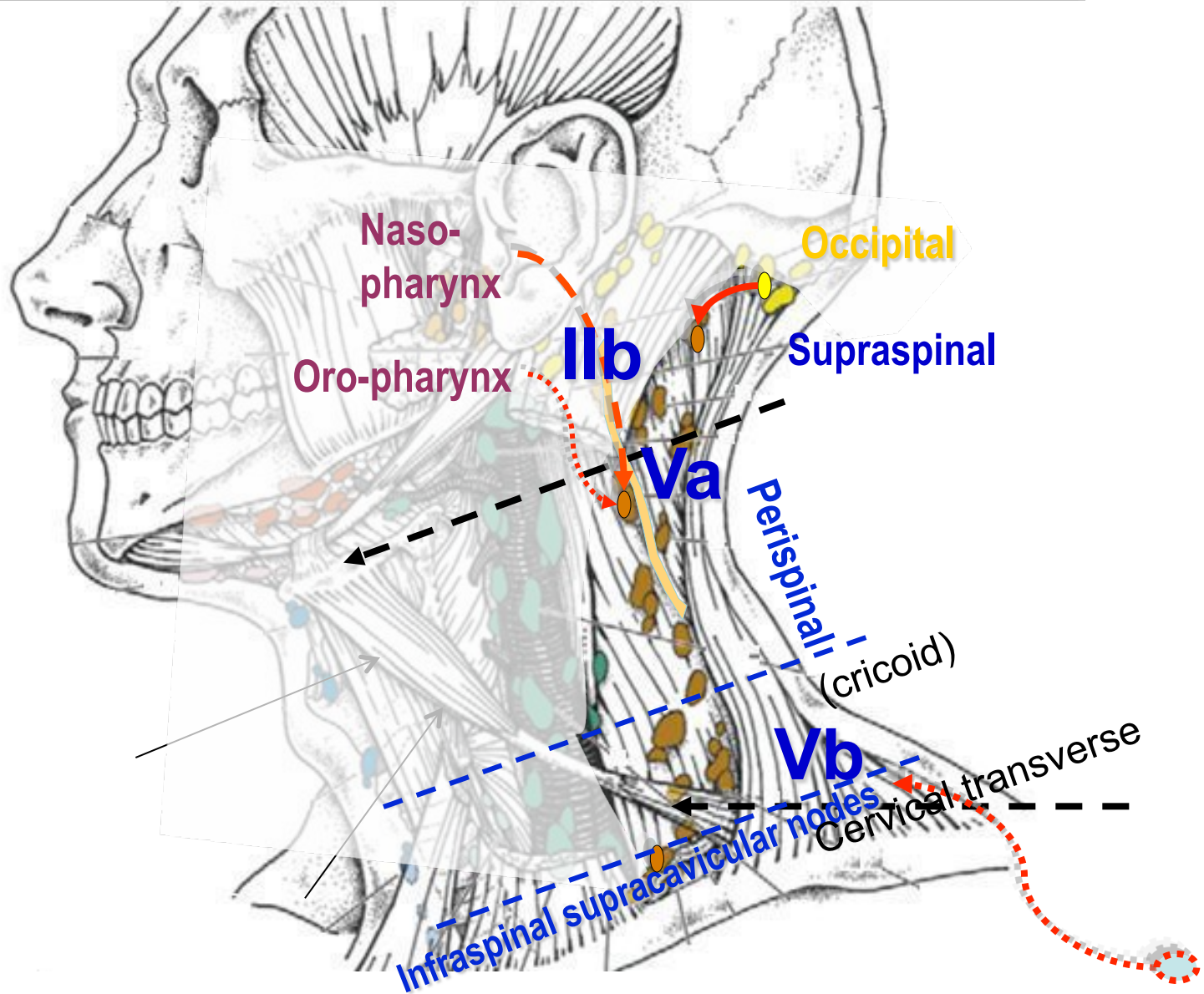


# The deep descending POSTERIOR chains





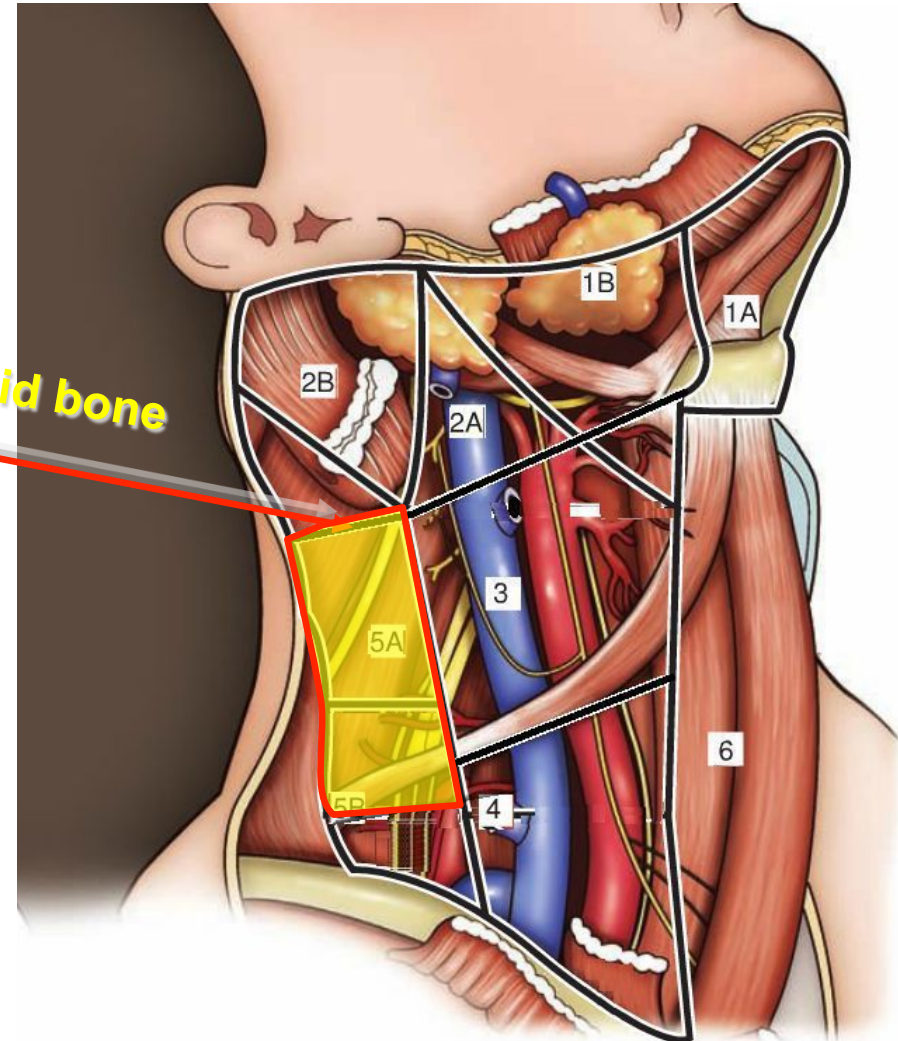
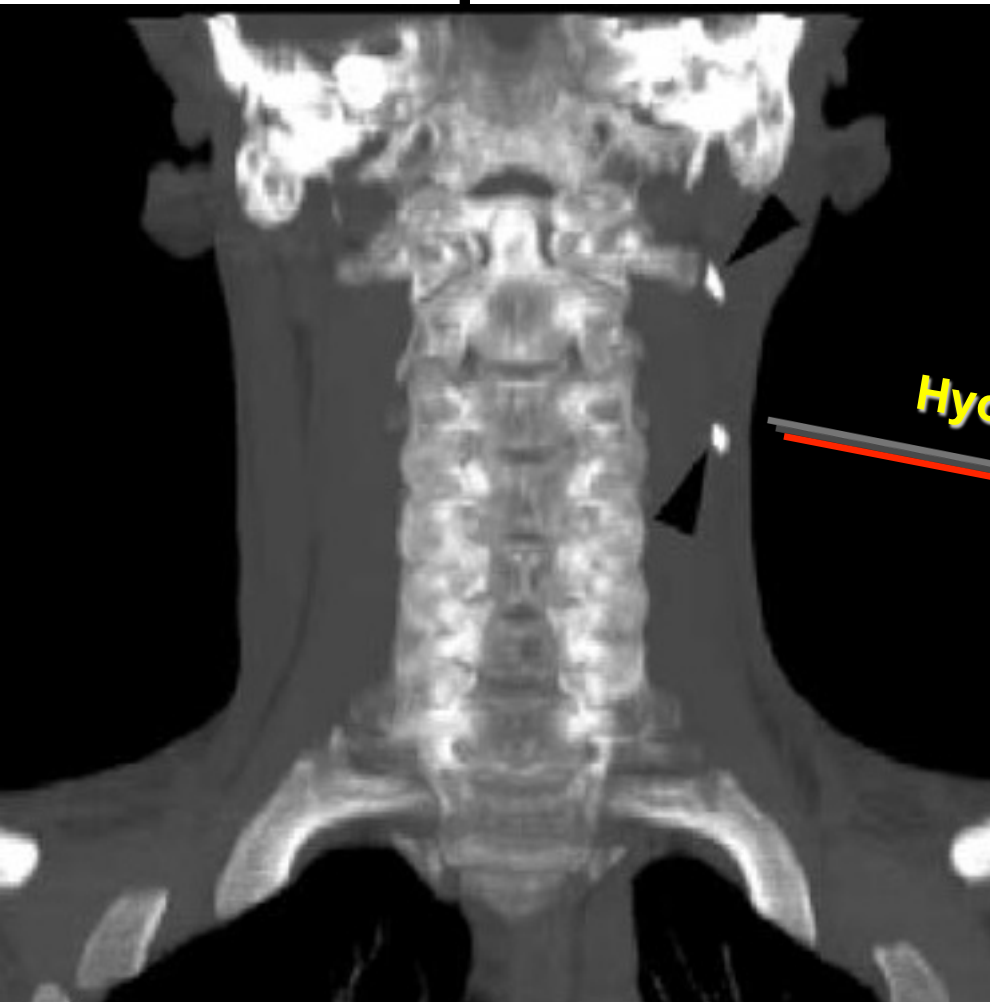
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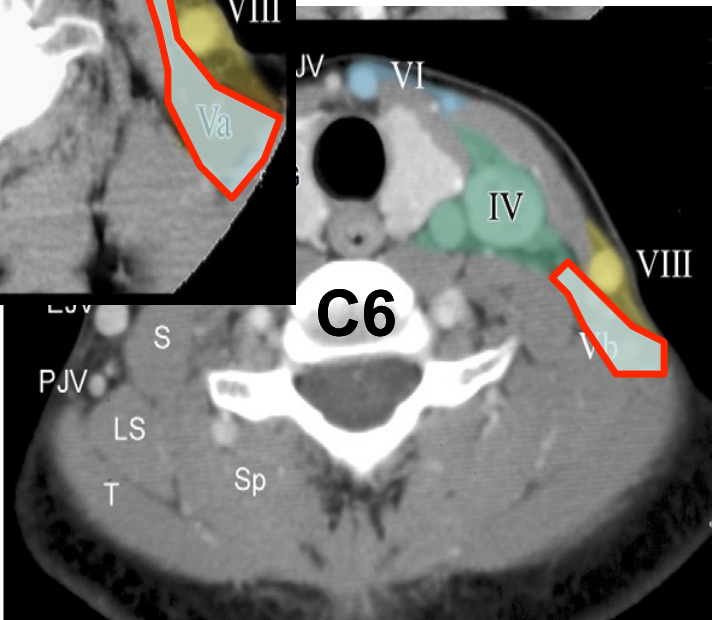
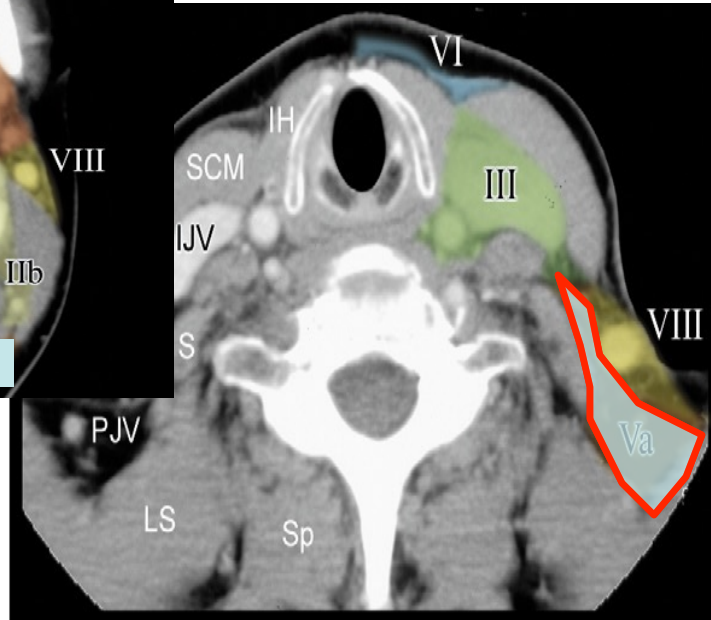
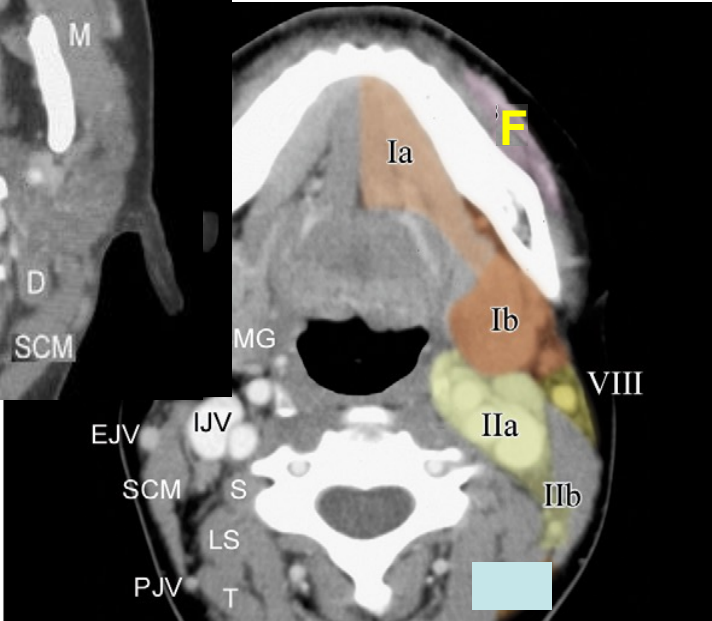
# Irradiare IIB?

- The 11 mentioned prospective pathologic studies [11–17, 20–22, 24], which include 536 patients with squamous carcinomas of different sites (oral cavity, oropharynx, larynx, hypopharynx) and subsites, suggest that it is not necessary to dissect sublevel IIB when dissecting clinically negative necks in patients with squamous carcinomas of the upper aerodigestive tract, in view of the **low incidence of sublevel IIB lymph node metastases (18/536 = 3.3%)**.
- ***Sublevel IIB is not within the primary lymphatic drainage route of most squamous carcinomas of the head and neck [25].***

# Superior Limit Of Level V



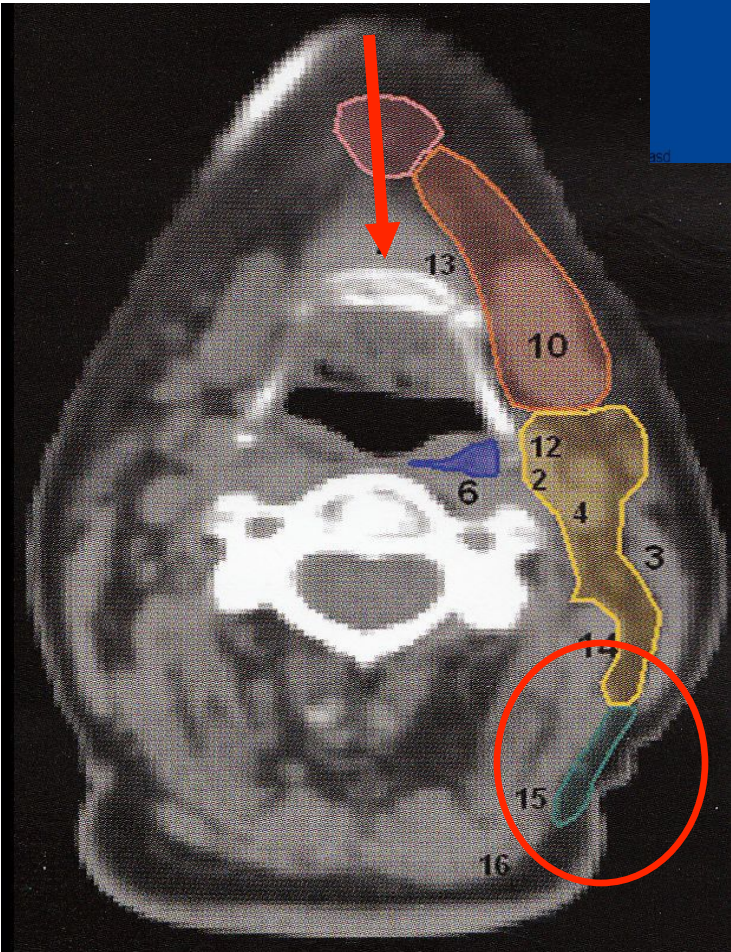
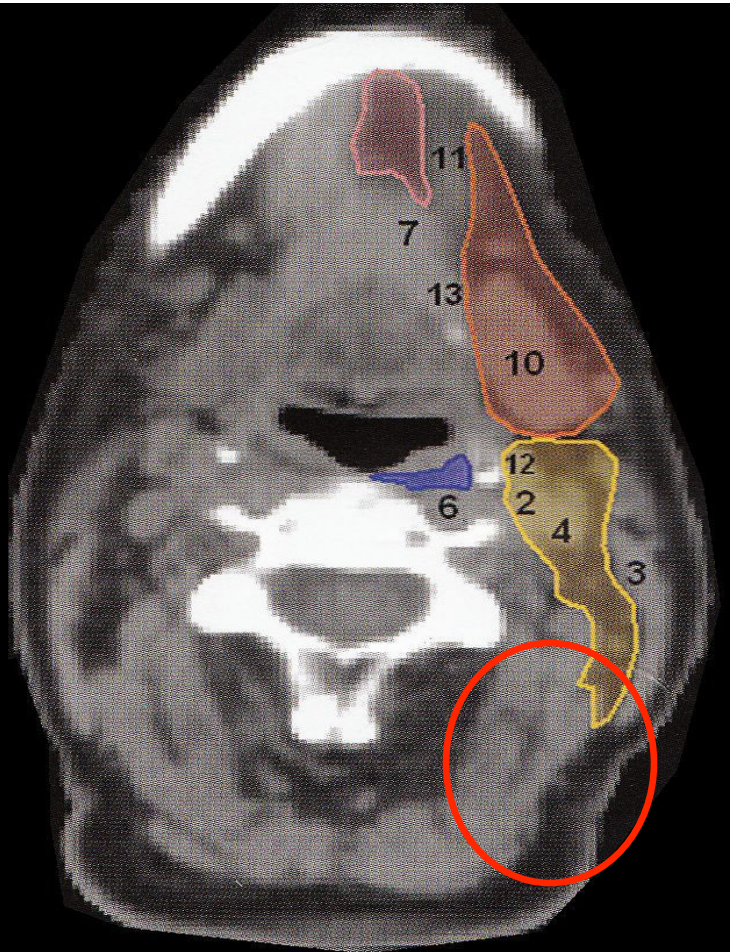
# Posterior (Accessory spinal) V



Posterior accessory -spinal volume

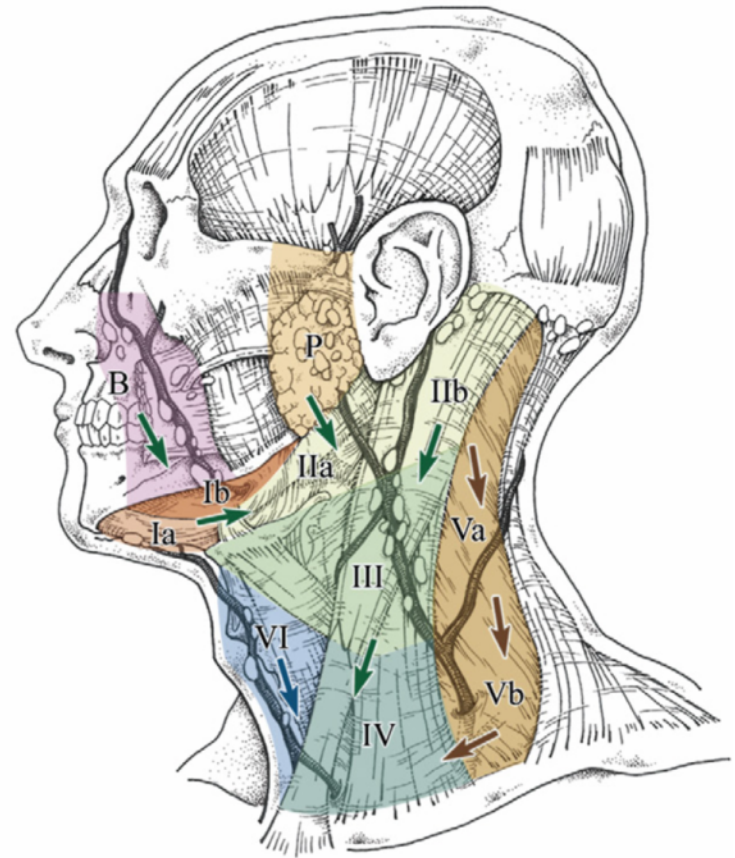
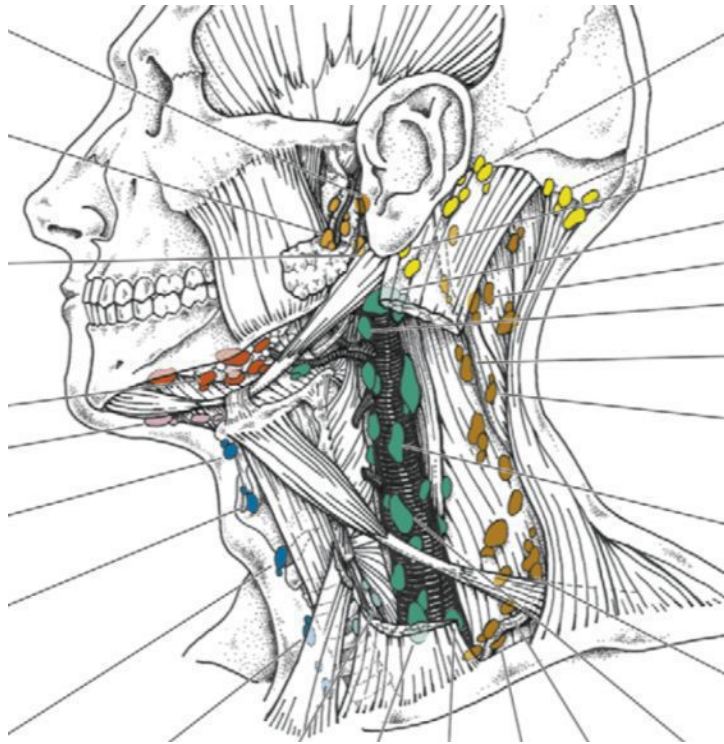


# Posterior (Accessory spinal) V Superior Limit





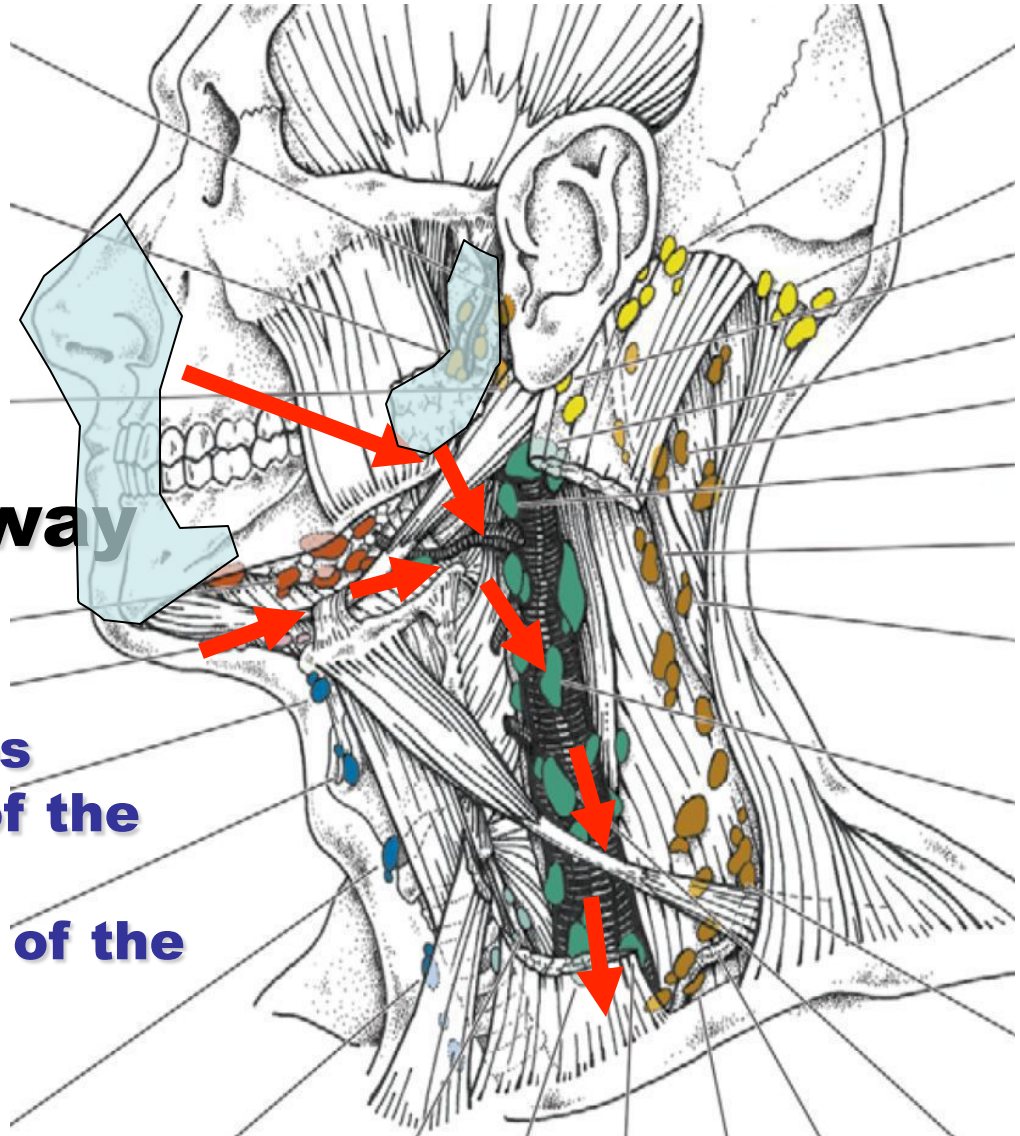
# Functional drainage pathways



# Main Lymphatic pathway

**This central pathway  
basically drains**

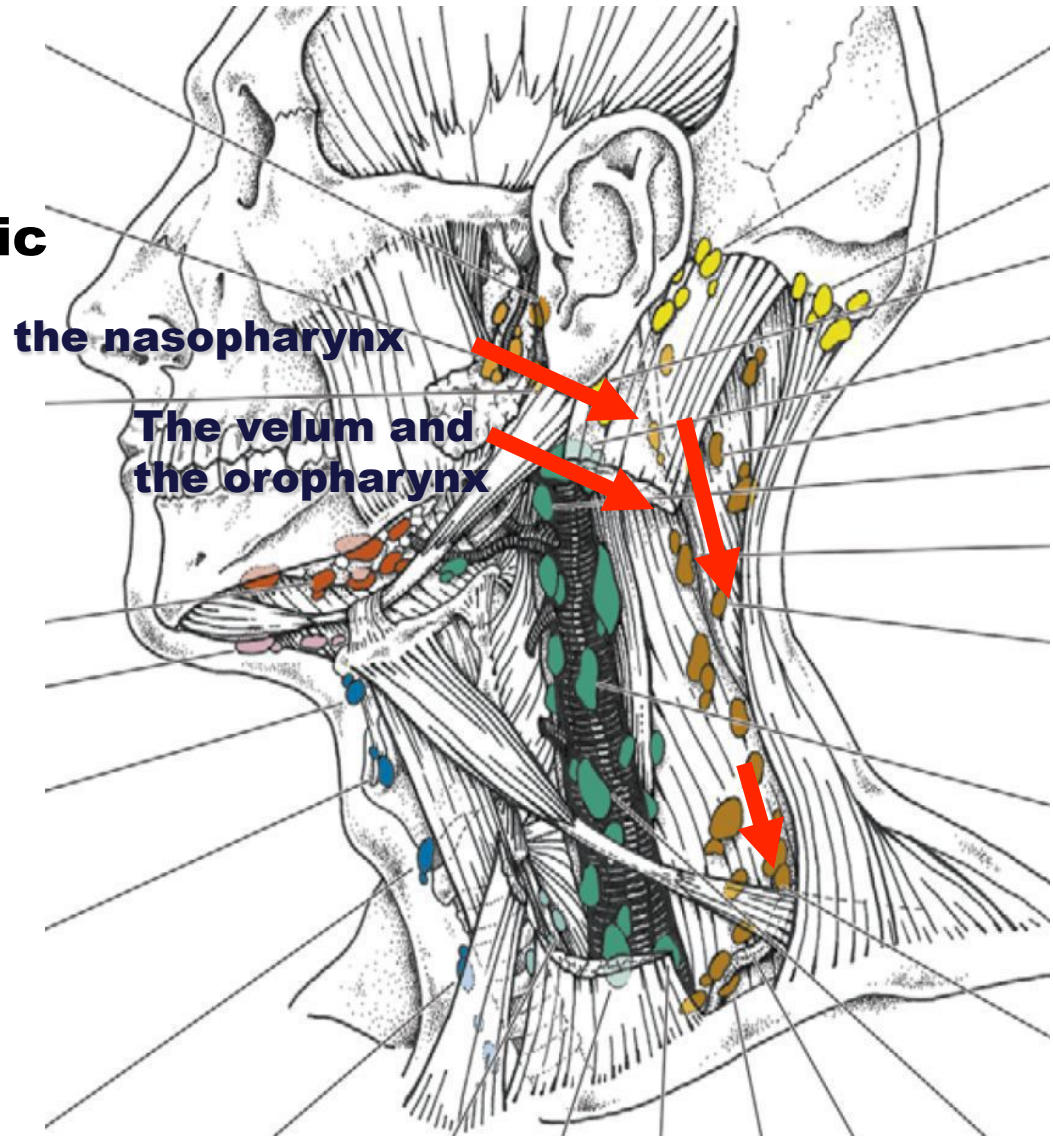
- the parotid
- buccal groups of nodes
- the superficial areas of the face
- the anterior segments of the oral
- nasal Cavities.



# Posterior accessory pathway

**This additional lymphatic pathway offers an alternative means of drainage to the deep dorsal parts of the visceral cavities of the face including**

- the nasopharynx,
- the oropharynx,
- the velum



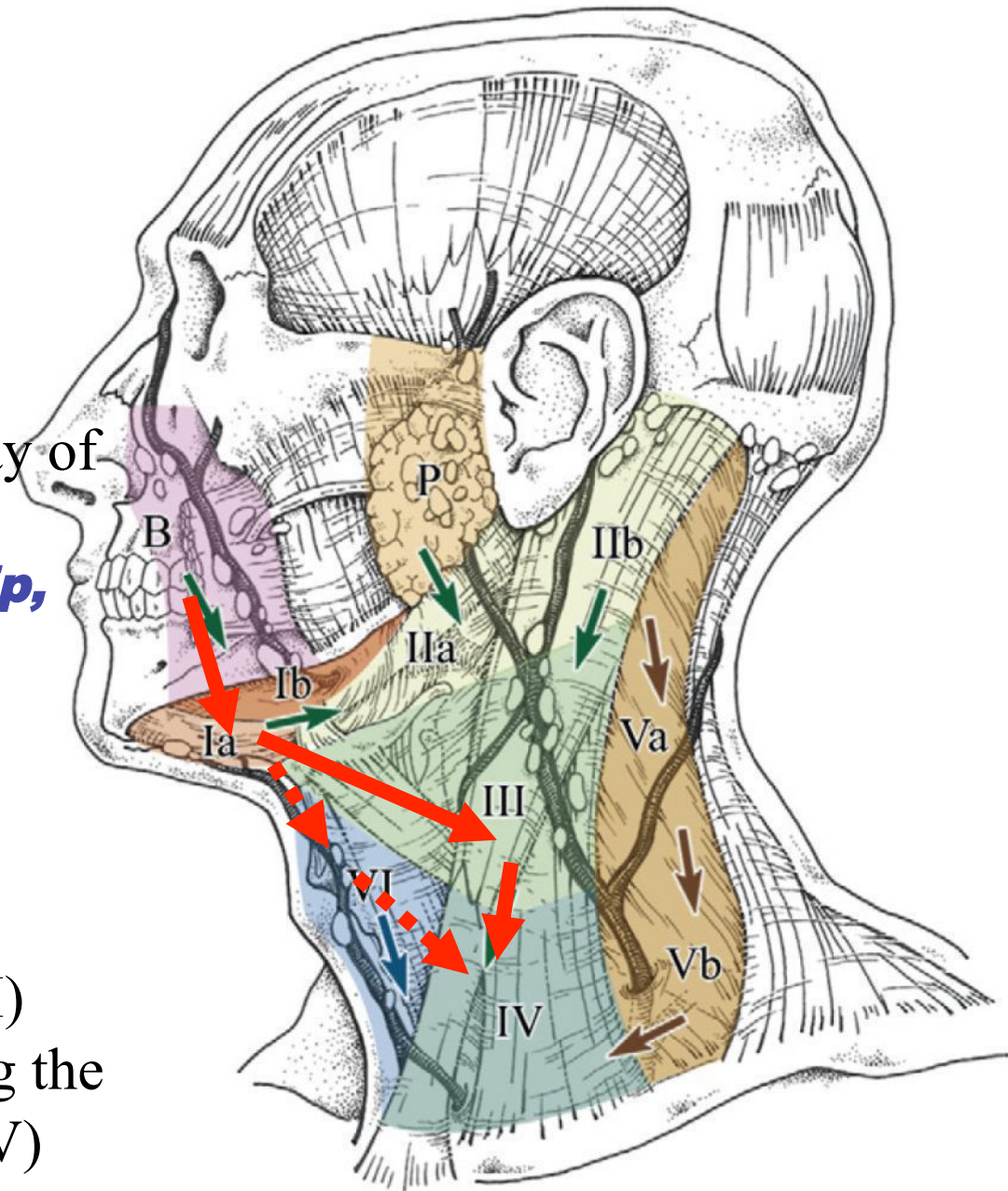


# The anterior Lymphatic pathway

This alternative anterior pathway of nodal dissemination:

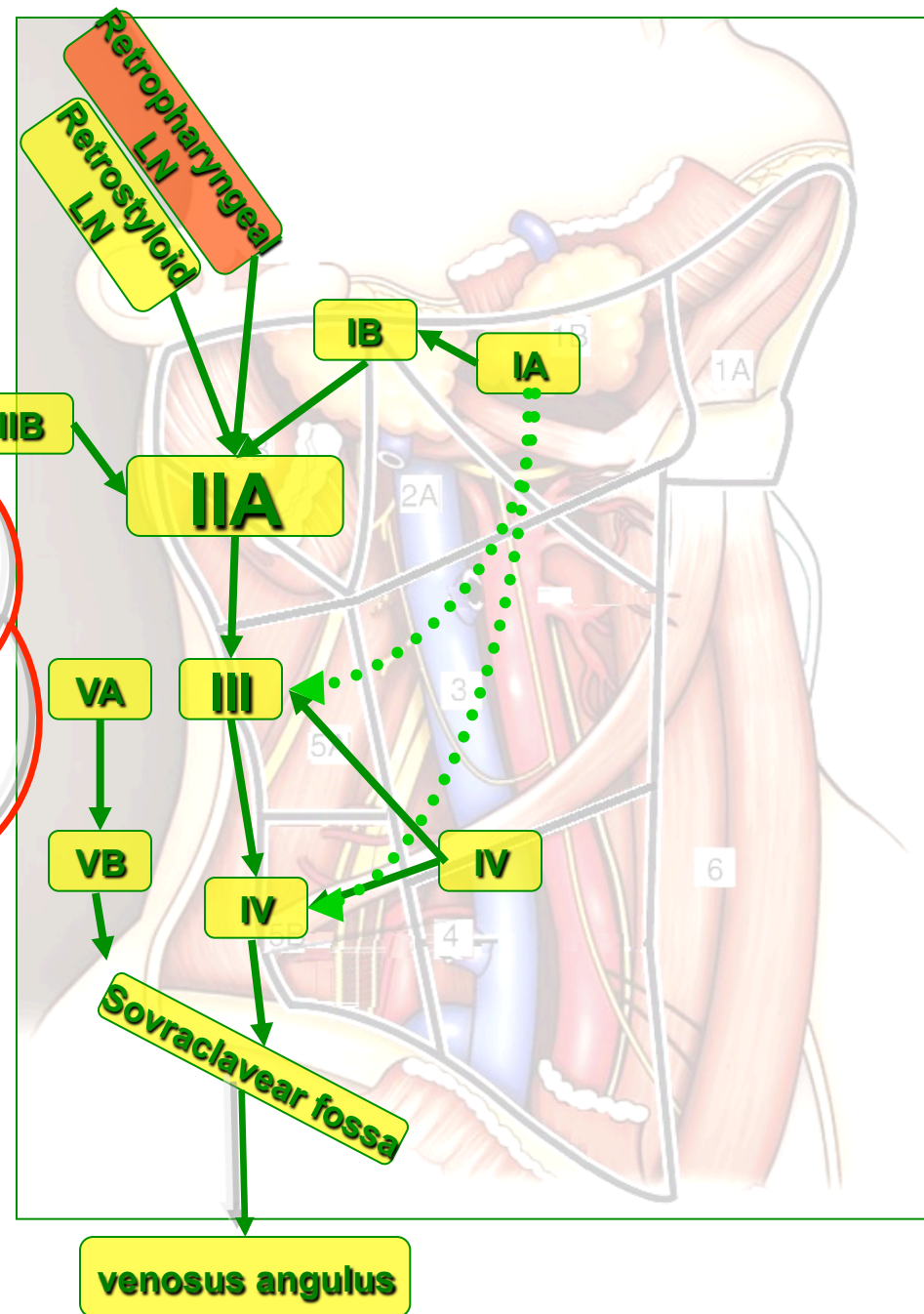
- **Median part of the lower lip,**
- **the anterior oral floor and**
- **the apex of the tongue.**

It follows direct connecting channels spread between the submental (level Ia) and the jugulo-omohyoid (level III) nodes or, more rarely, reaching the lower internal jugular (level IV) nodes.



# Functional drainage pathways

... is a sufficient guide to select lymphonodal areas to irradiate?



# How is the risk of subclinical disease defined?

- Historic data regarding:
  1. Number of pts with clinically positive neck nodes found at presentation (MDAH)

*(patients treated between 1948-1978)*

Lindberg Cancer 1972, McLaughlin H&N 1995

2. Number of pts with pathologically positive neck nodes found at surgery (MSKCC)

Candela, Shah 1990



Number of pts with **clinically positive neck nodes** found at presentation (*adapted From Gregoire 2000*)

	N. Pt N+	Level (Percentage of the node+ pts.)									
		I		II		III		IV		V	
Oral cavity (n=787)	36	42	3.5	79	8	18	3	5	1	1	0
Oropharynx (n=1497)	64	13	2	81	24	23	5	9	2.5	13	3
Hypopharynx (n=847)	70	2	0	80	13	51	4	20	3	24	2
Supraglottic Larynx (n=428)	55	2	0	71	21	48	10	18	7	15	4
Nasopharynx (440 pts)*	80	9	8	71	56	36	32	32	26	15	10

\*Sham 1990

Lindberg Cancer 1972



Percentage Incidence and Distribution of Pathologically Involved Nodes in a **Clinical Node-Negative** Neck After Elective Radical Neck Dissection

CTV 2 ) Risk of subclinical involvement greater than 15–20%

		<b>Level</b>				
	<b>N. Pt</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>
<b>Oral cavity</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0,5%</b>
<b>Oropharynx</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Hypopharynx</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Larynx</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2,5%</b>

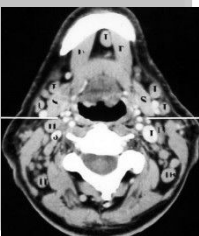
Shah JP, Candela FC, Poddar AK. The patterns of cervical lymph node metastases from squamous carcinoma of the oral cavity. *Cancer* 1990;66(1):109–113.)



Percentage Incidence and Distribution of Pathologically Involved Nodes in a **Clinical Node-Positive** After **Therapeutic** Radical Neck Dissection

		<b>Level</b>				
	<b>N. Pt</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>
<b>Oral cavity</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Oropharynx</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Hypopharynx</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2,5%</b>
<b>Larynx</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>4%</b>





# Incidence of Positive Retropharyngeal Nodes for Various Primary Sites and Clinical Neck Stages (794 Tumors)

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Primary Site	Clinical Neck Stage		Overall %
	N0 Neck No. %	N+ Neck <sup>a</sup> No. %	
Nasopharynx	2/5 ( <u>40%</u> )	12/14 ( <u>86%</u> )	74
Pharyngeal wall	6/37 ( <u>16%</u> )	12/56 ( <u>21%</u> )	19
Soft palate	1/21 ( <u>5%</u> )	6/32 ( <u>19%</u> )	13
Tonsillar region	2/56 ( <u>4%</u> )	14/120 ( <u>12%</u> )	9
Pyriform sinus or postcricoid area	0/55 ( <u>0%</u> )	7/81 ( <u>9%</u> )	5
Base of tongue	0/31 ( <u>0%</u> )	5/90 ( <u>6%</u> )	4
Supraglottic larynx	0/87 ( <u>0%</u> )	4/109 ( <u>4%</u> )	2

<sup>a</sup>N+, neck nodes clinically involved (stages N1–3B).

From McLaughlin MP, Mendenhall WM, Mancuso AA, et al. Retropharyngeal adenopathy as a predictor of outcome in squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck. *Head Neck* 1995;17:190–198,

TABLE 11.4 a

## CONSENSUS GUIDELINES FOR TARGET DELINEATION OF NODAL LEVELS IN THE ELECTIVE TREATED NECK

Level	Cranial	Caudal	Anterior	Posterior	Lateral	Medial
Ia	Geniohyoid muscles	Hyoid bone	Symphysis menti	Hyoid bone	Medial edge of anterior belly of digastric	Midline
Ib	Mylohyoid muscles cranial edge of SMG	Hyoid bone	Symphysis menti	Posterior border of SMG	Medial border of mandible	Lateral edge of anterior belly of digastric
IIa	Inferior border of lateral process of C1	Inferior edge of hyoid	Posterior border of SMG	Posterior edge of IJV	Medial edge of SCM	Medial border of ICA
IIb	(As IIa)	Inferior edge of hyoid	Posterior edge of IJV	Posterior border of SCM	Medial edge of SCM	Medial edge of ICA; deep cervical muscles
III	Inferior edge of hyoid	Inferior edge of cricoid	Anterior edge of SCM	Posterior edge of SCM	Medial edge of SCM	Medial ICA/deep cervical muscle
IV	Inferior edge of cricoid	2 cm superior to SCL joint	Anterior edge of SCM	Posterior edge of SCM	Medial edge of SCM	Medial ICA/deep cervical mm
Va	Superior edge of hyoid	Inferior edge of cricoid	Posterior edge of SCM	Anterior border of trapezius	Platysma	Paraspinal muscles
Vb	Inferior edge cricoid	Transverse cervical vessels	Posterior edge of SCM	Anterior border of trapezius	Platysma	Paraspinal muscles
VI	Inferior border of thyroid	Manubrium	Platysma	Common carotid artery	SCM	Trachea
Retropharyngeal	Skull base	Top of hyoid bone	Pharyngeal constrictor muscles	Prevertebral fascia	Medial border of carotid artery	Midline
Retrostyloid	Jugular foramen	Inferior border of lateral process of C1	Parapharyngeal space	Vertebral body/skull base	Parotid space	Lateral edge of RP nodes
Supraclavicular	Lower border IV/Vb	Sternoclavicular joint	Skin/SCM/clavicle	Anterior edge of postscalenus muscles	Lateral edge of posterior scalenus muscles	Trachea/thyroid gland

SMG, submandibular gland; IJV, internal jugular vein; SCM, sternocleidomastoid; ICA, internal carotid artery; SCL, supraccricoid partial laryngectomy; RP, retropharyngeal.

Table 9

Suggested guidelines for the treatment of the neck of patients with head and neck squamous cell carcinomas (AJCC 1997)

Location of primary tumor	Appropriate node levels to be treated	
	Stage N0–N1	Stage N2b
Oral cavity	I, II, and III (+IV for anterior tongue tumors)	I, II, III, IV and V <sup>a</sup>
Oropharynx	II <sup>b</sup> , III, and IV (+retropharyngeal nodes for posterior pharyngeal wall tumors)	I, II, III, IV, V and retropharyngeal nodes
Hypopharynx	II <sup>b</sup> , III, and IV (+VI for esophageal extension)	I, II, III, IV, V and retropharyngeal nodes (+VI for esophageal extension)
Larynx <sup>c</sup>	II <sup>b</sup> , III, and IV (+VI for transglottic and subglottic tumors)	(I), II, III, IV and V (+VI for transglottic and subglottic tumors)
Nasopharynx	II, III, IV, V, and retropharyngeal nodes	II, III, IV, V, and retropharyngeal nodes

<sup>a</sup> May be omitted if only levels I–III are involved.

<sup>b</sup> Nodes in level IIb could be omitted for N0 patients.

<sup>c</sup> T1 glottic cancer excluded.

# Postoperative recommendations

- Include jugular fossa if level II is pN+
- In ECE lymph-nodes include at least 1 cm around its site
- Not removable-concerned muscle needs to be irradiated
- 1 year after a neck surgery unpredictable subcutaneous shunt creating: the CTV becomes undetermined.



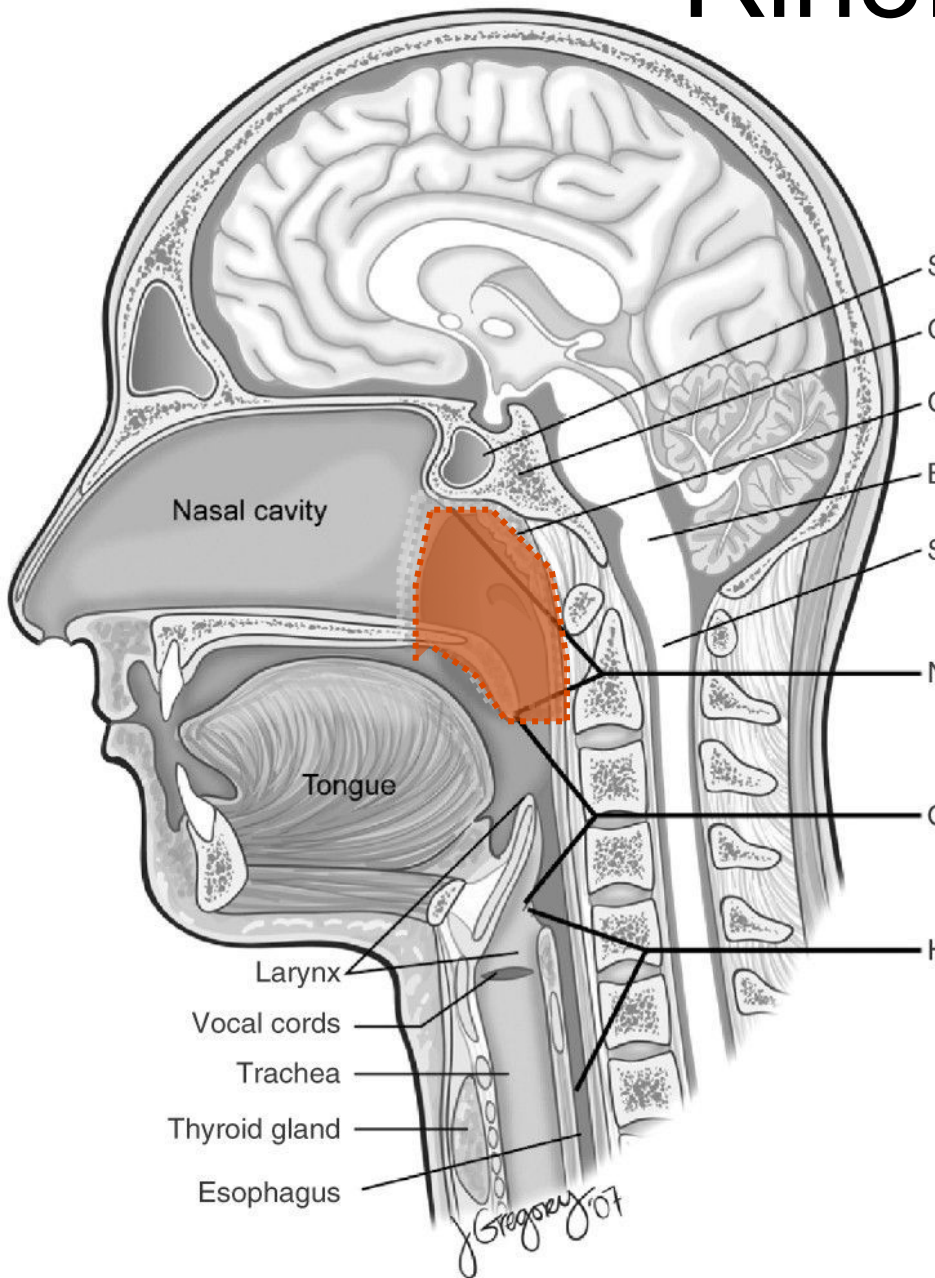
# What is important to individualize the clinical volumes?

- Compartmentation of head and neck

→ Volume definition based on the site of tumor and its natural history



# Rinofaringe

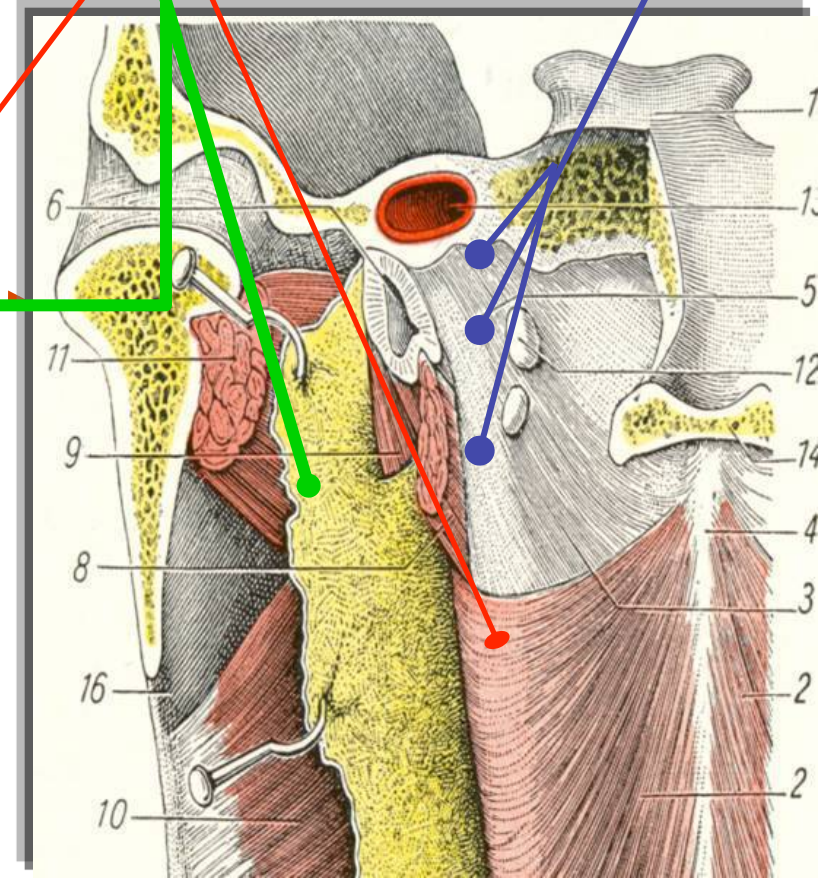
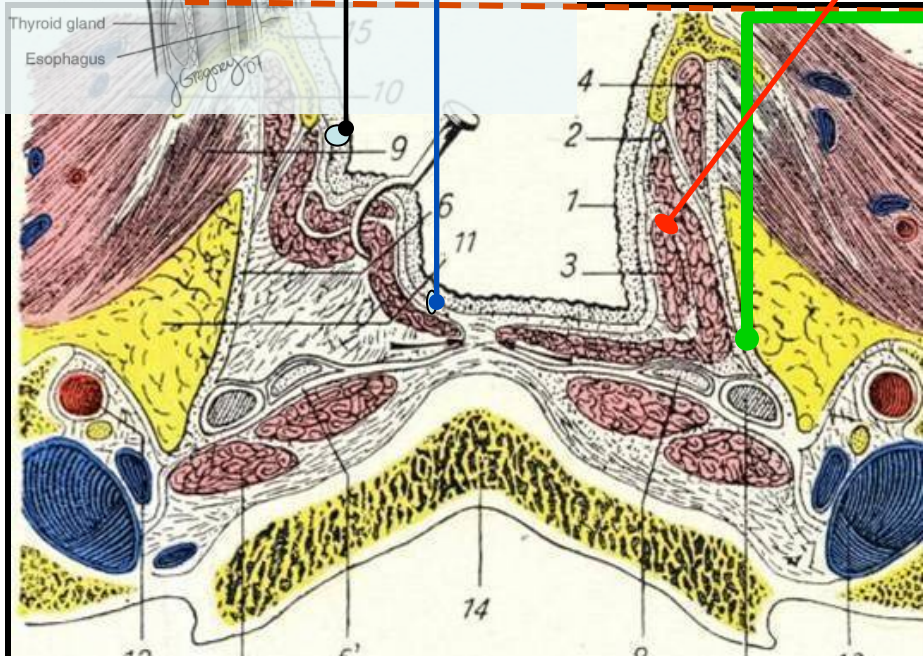
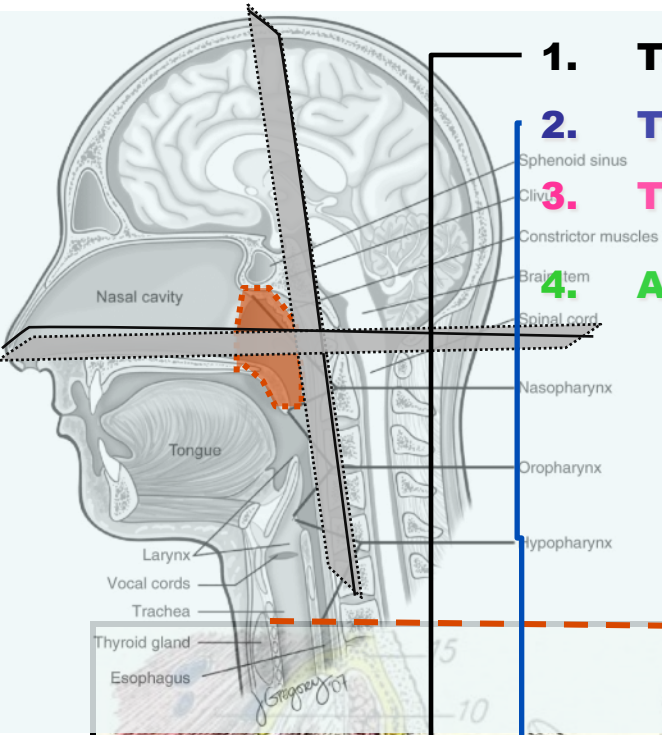


## Nasopharynx

- T1** Tumor confined to the nasopharynx, or tumor extends to oropharynx and/or nasal cavity without parapharyngeal extension\*
- T2** Tumor with **parapharyngeal extension\***
- T3** Tumor involves bony structures of **skull base** and/or paranasal sinuses
- T4** Tumor with intracranial extension and/or involvement of cranial nerves, hypopharynx, orbit, or with extension to the infratemporal fossa/masticator space

# Rinofaringe

1. **Tonaca interna: mucosa**
2. **Tonaca media: Tonaca fibrosa o Fascia faringo basilare**
3. **Tonaca esterna: muscolare**
4. **Aponevrosi esterne: fascia viscerale**

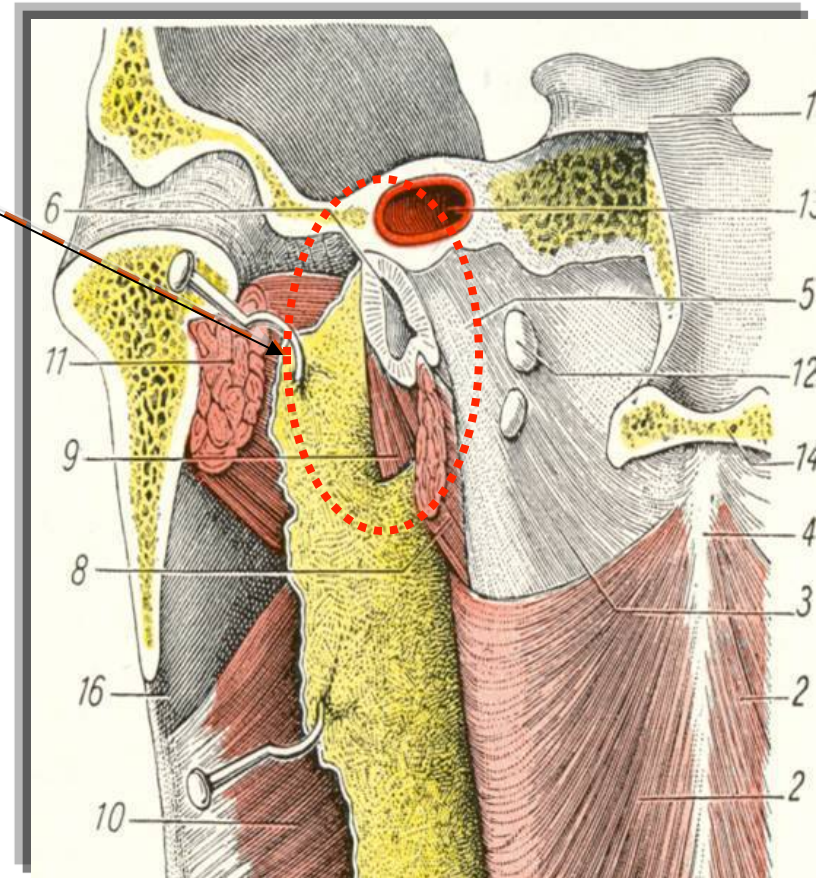
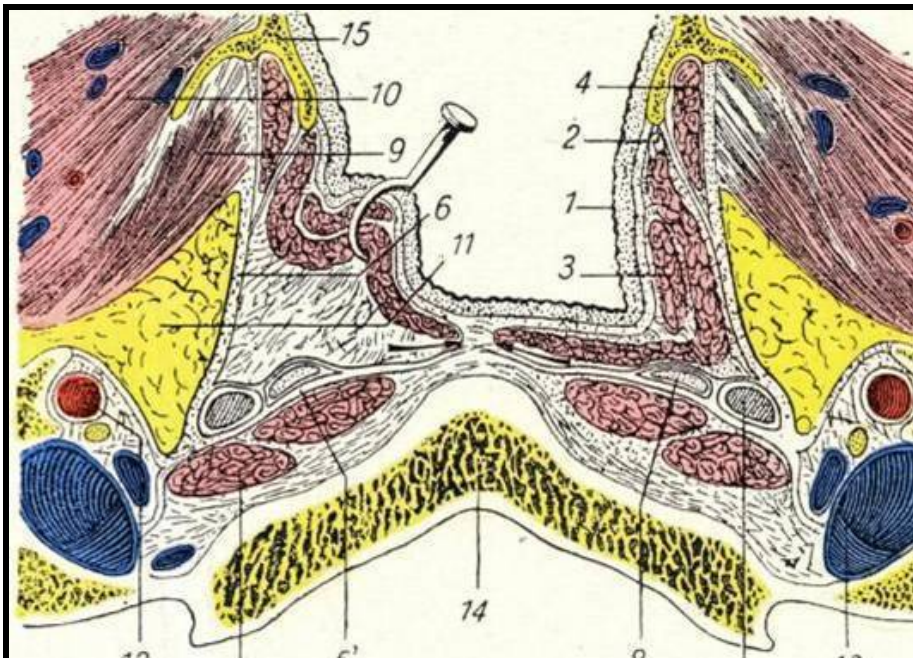




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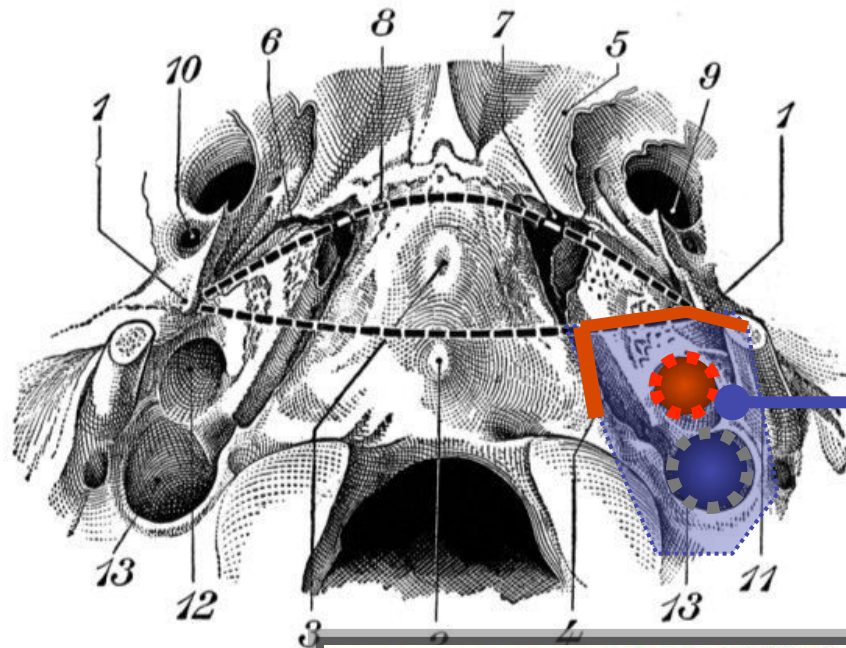
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2. **Tonaca media: Tonaca fibrosa o Fascia faringo basilare**
3. **Tonaca esterna: muscolare**
4. **Aponevrosi esterne: laterale e prevertebrale**

Locus minoris resistentiae



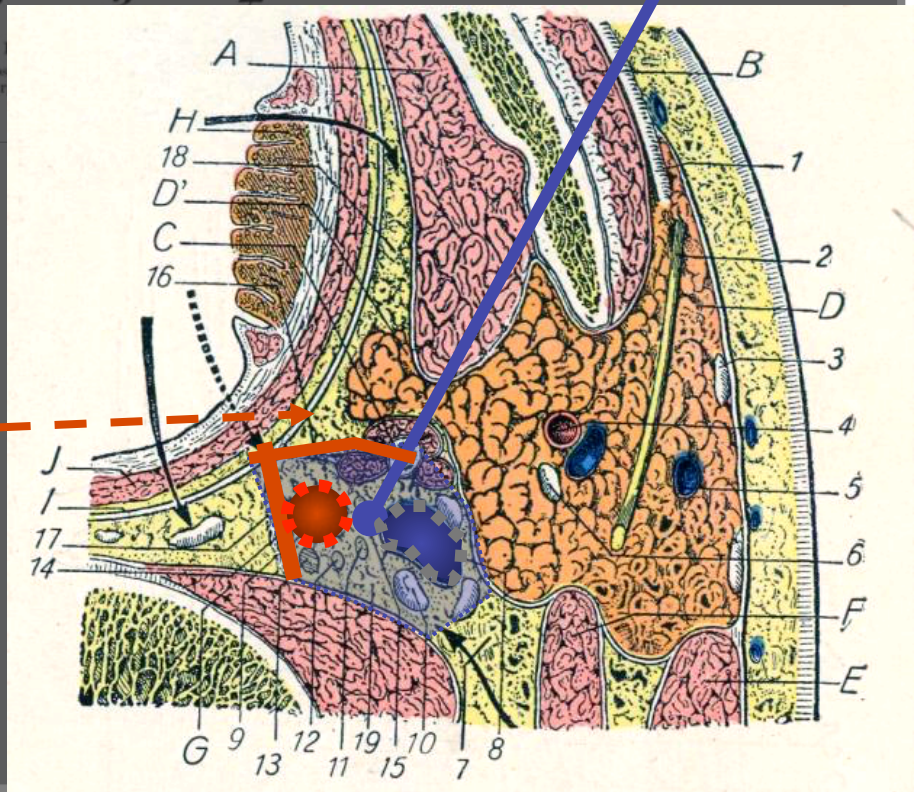
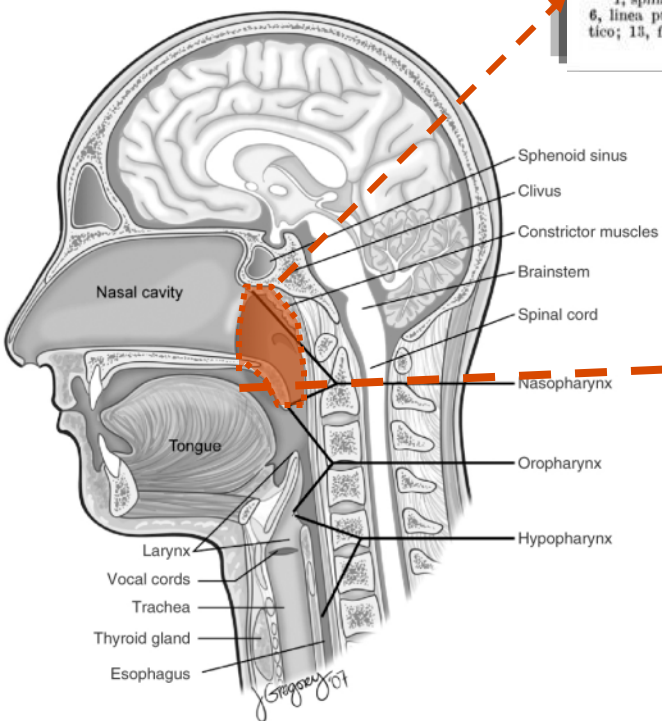


# Rinofaring



Retrostiloide  
Giunzionali

Fig. 335. —  
1, spina dello sfenoide; 2, tubercolo faringeo; 3, fo  
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# Rinofaringe

## Retrofaringeo

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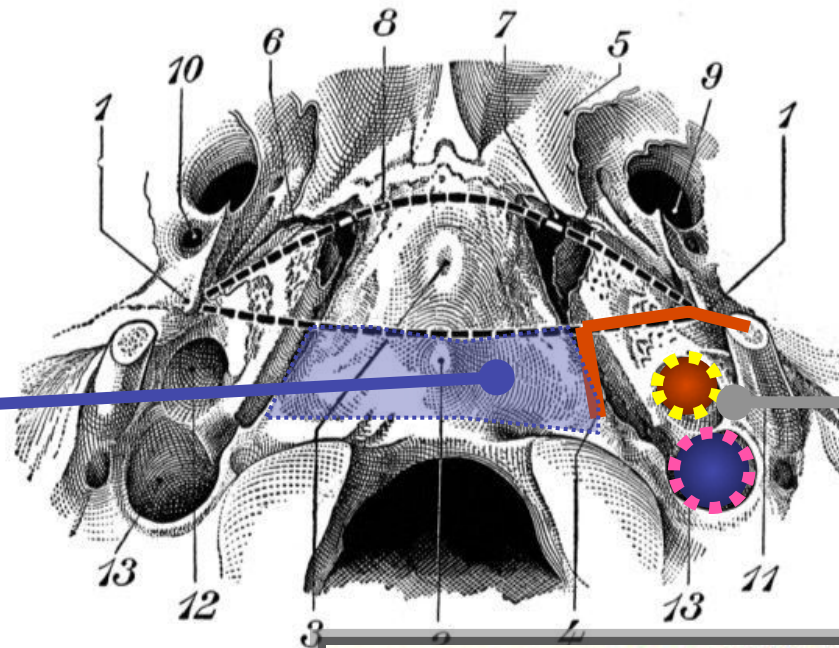
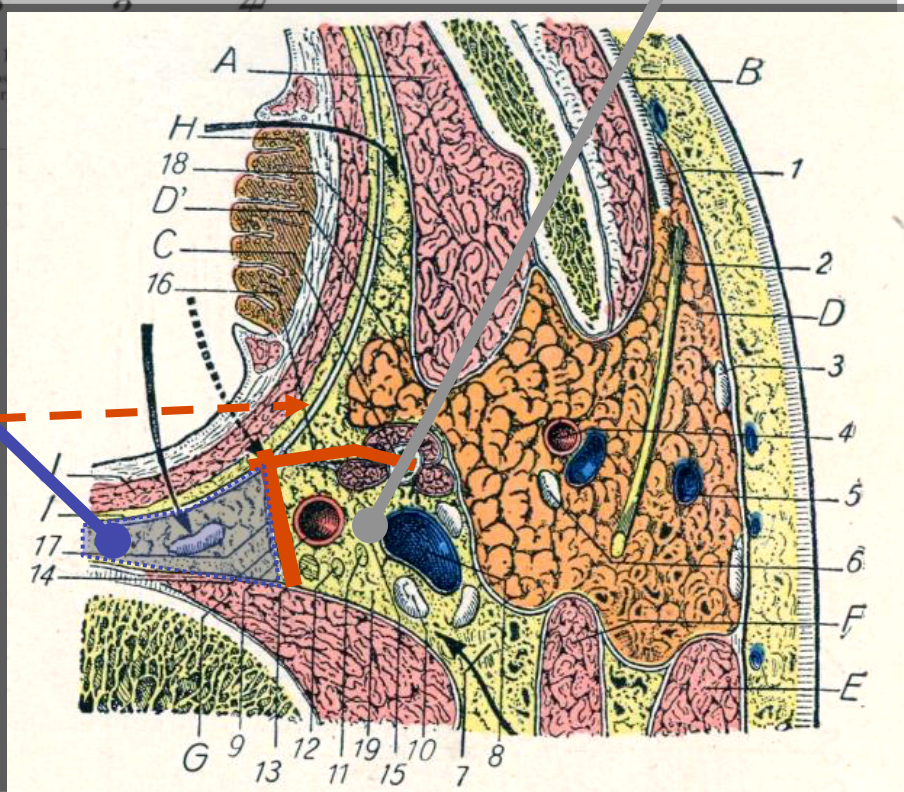
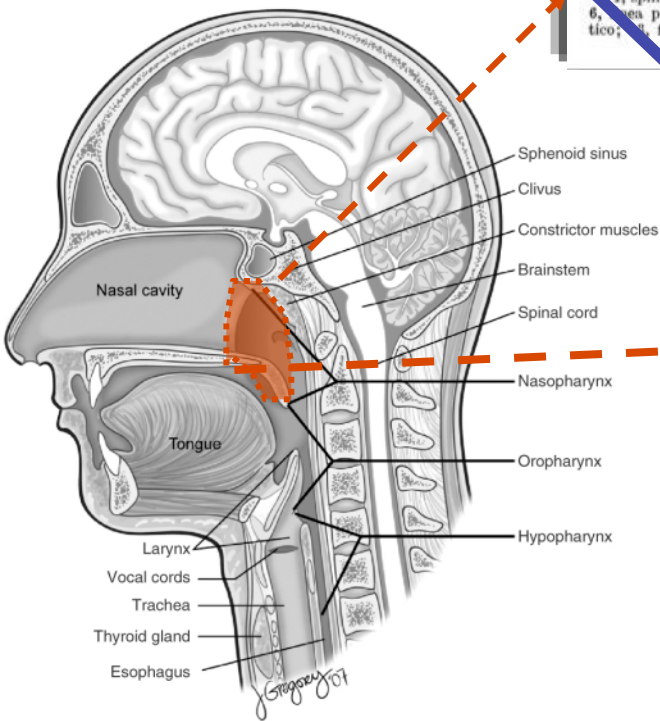


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# Nasopharynx

## Retrofaringeo

## Parafaringeo Prestiloideo

## Retrostiloideo Giunzionali

## Parotid space

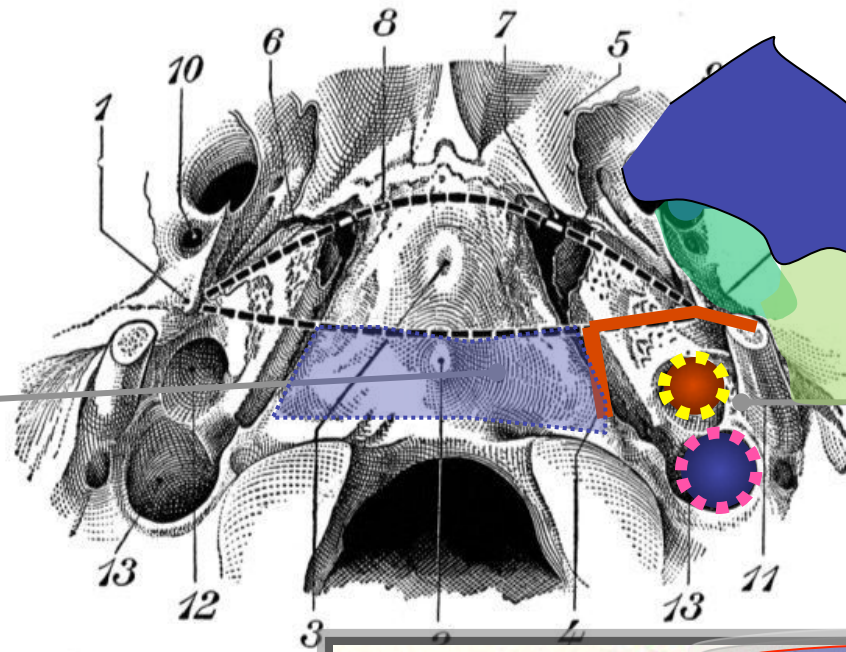
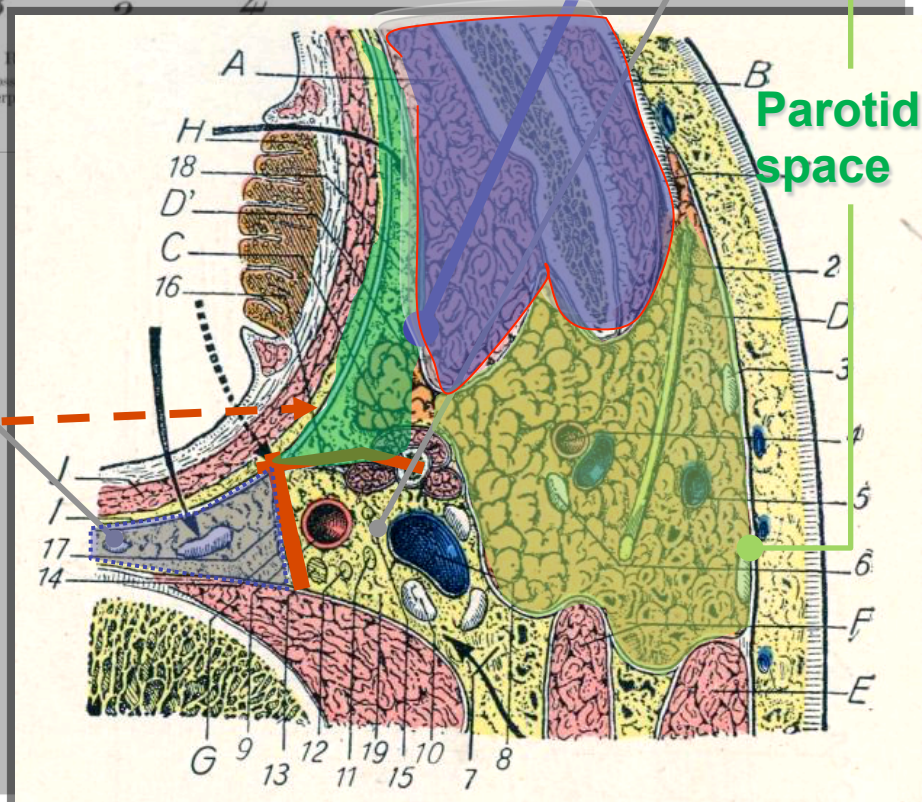
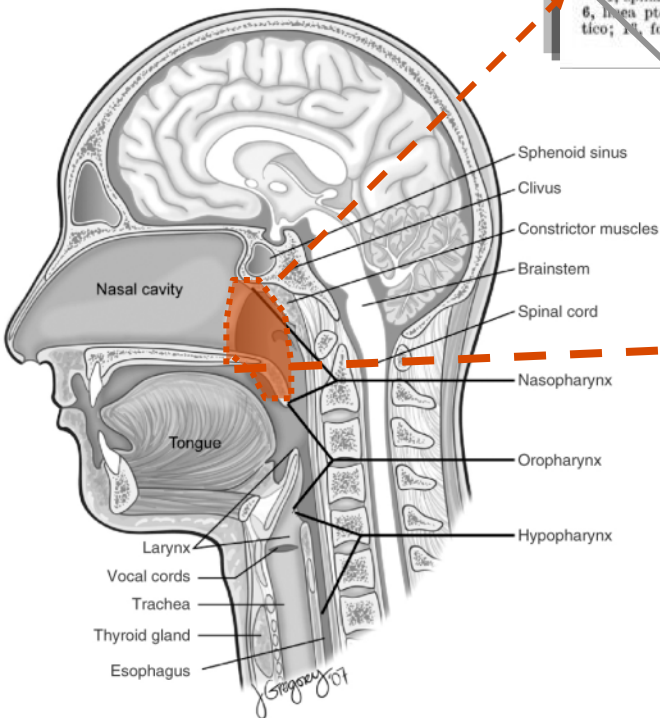
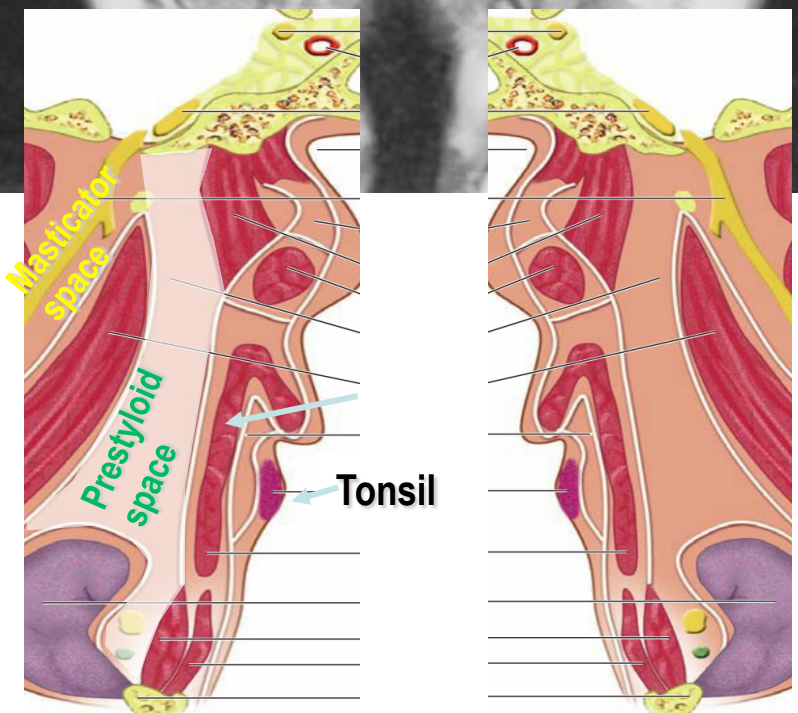
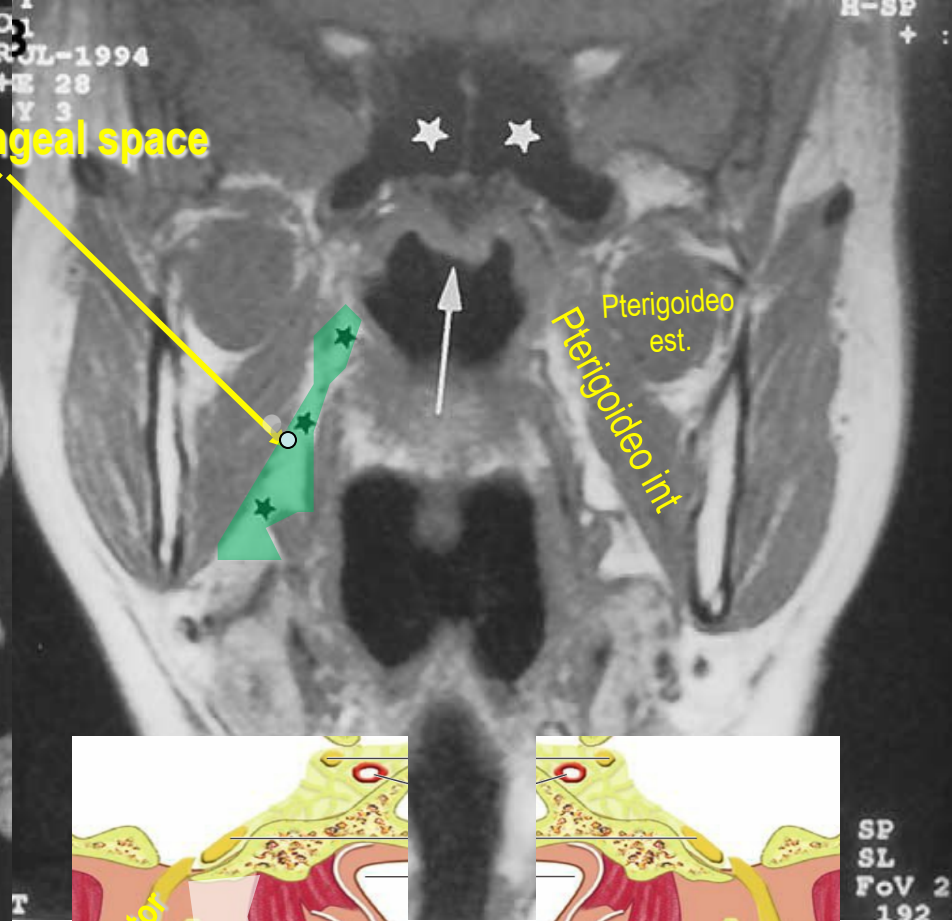
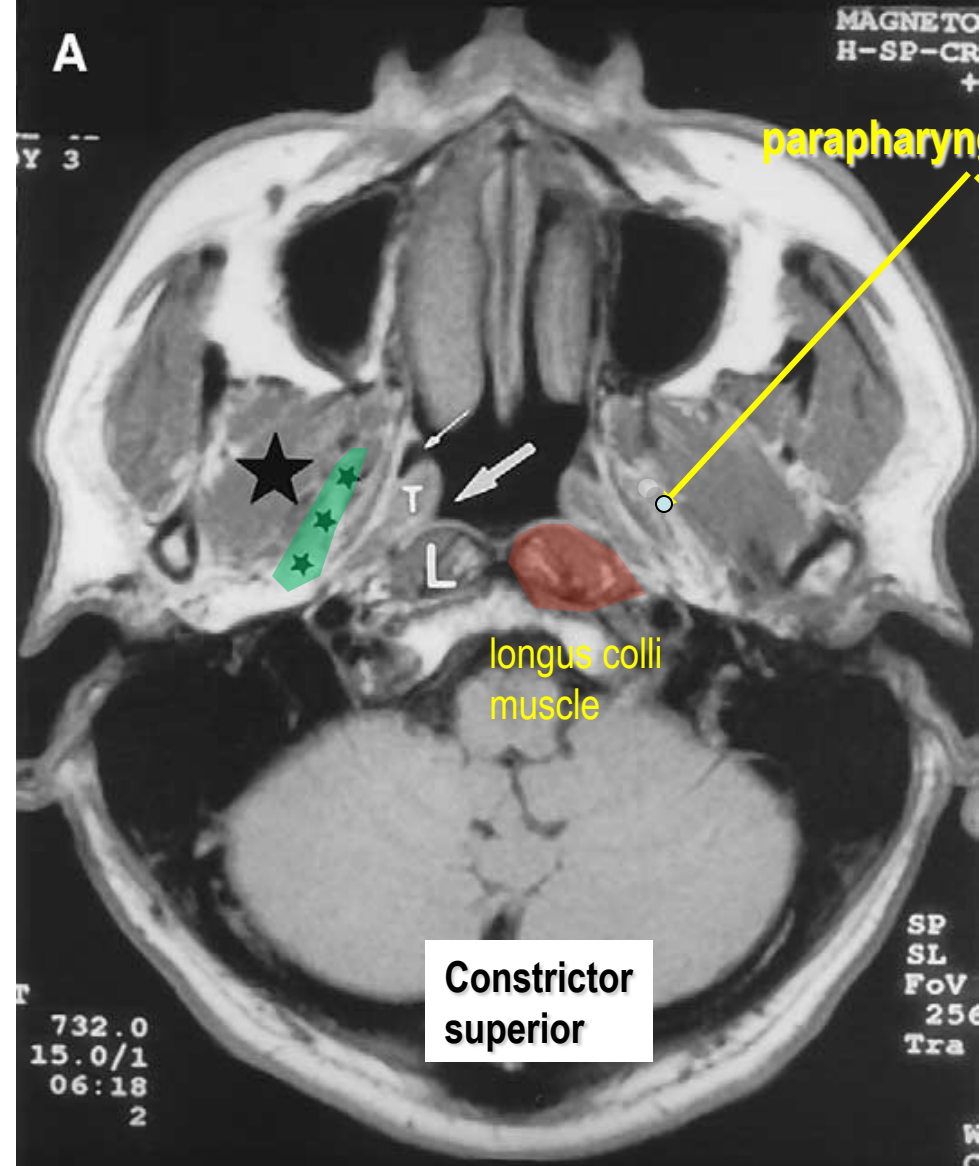


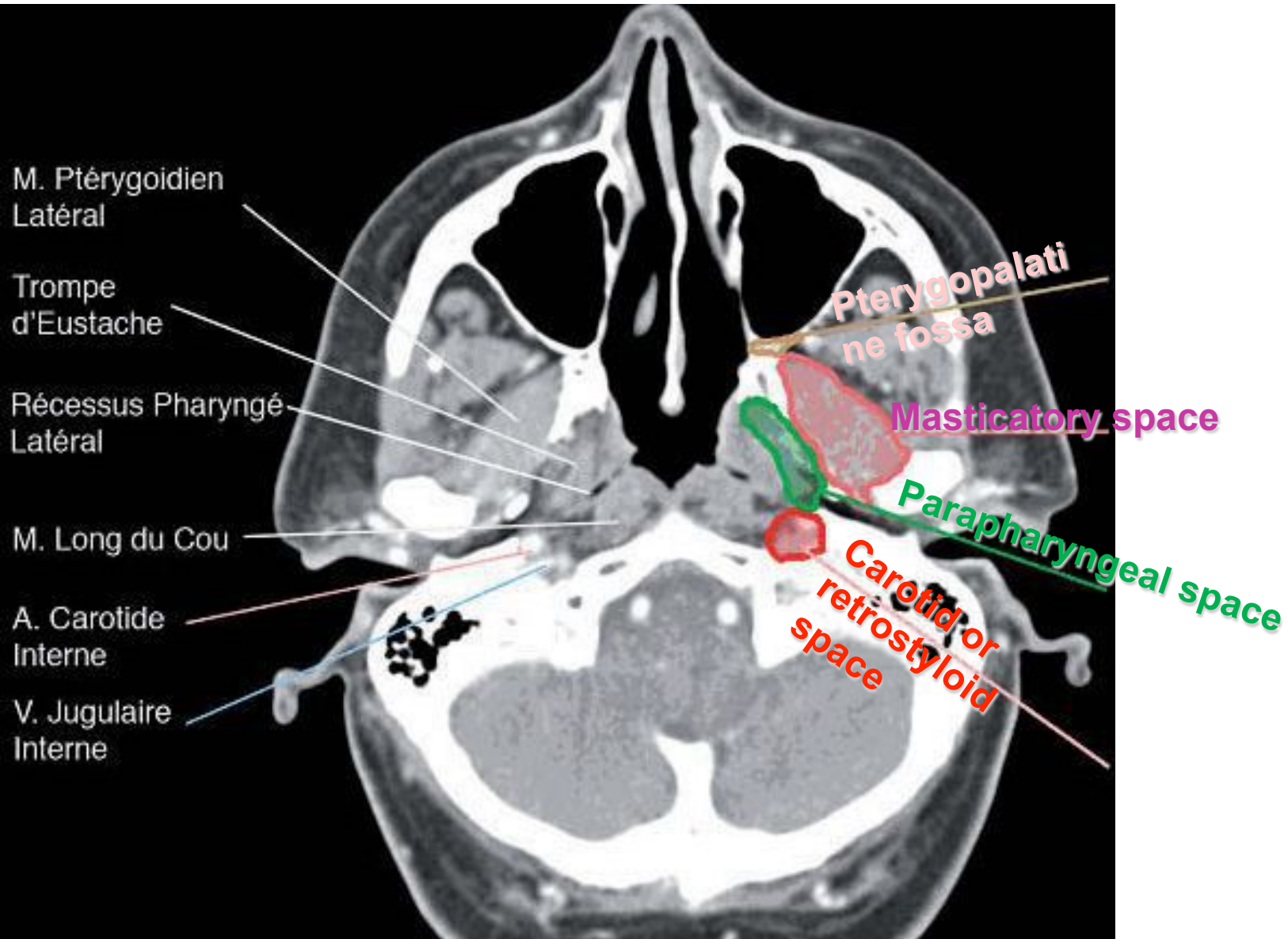
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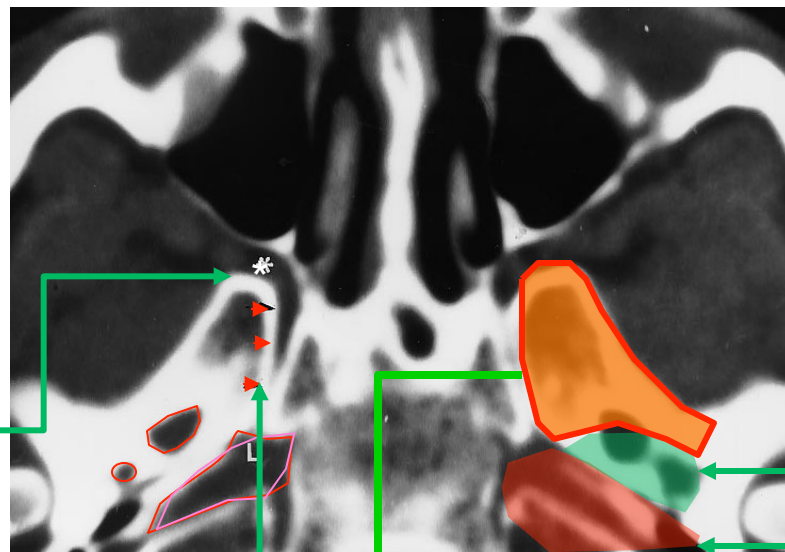
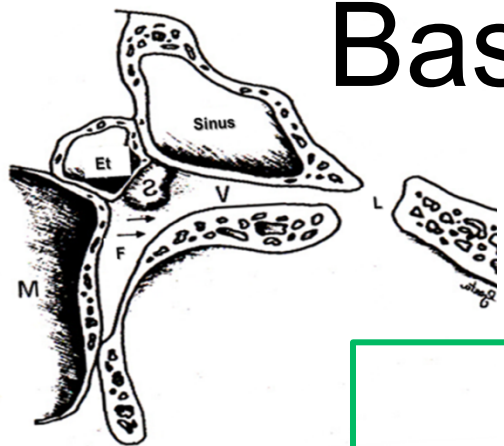




# Cranialmente



# Basi cranio



Pterygo  
maxillary  
Fossa

Foramen lacerum

Roof of Masticatory  
space

Roof of  
Parapharyngeal space

Roof of Retrostyloid  
space

Vidian  
canal

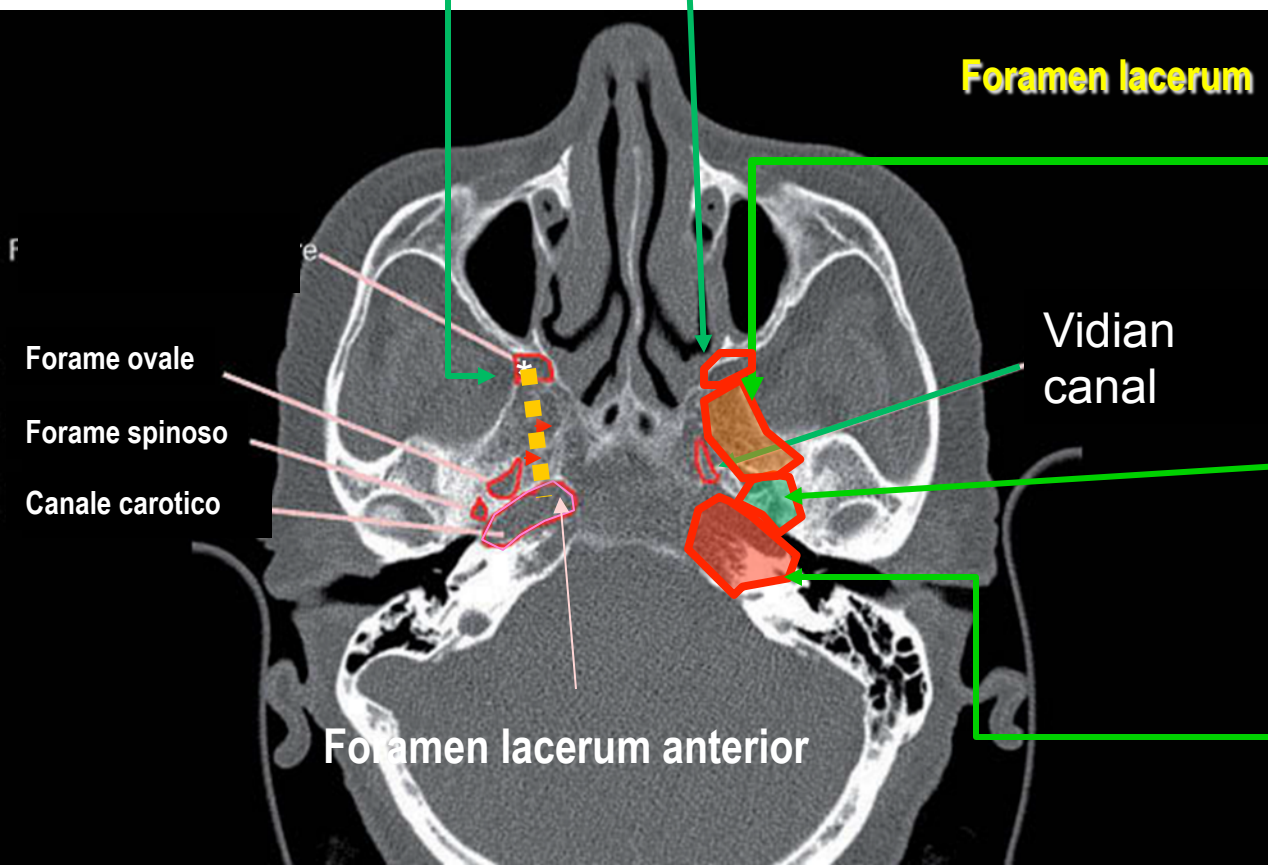
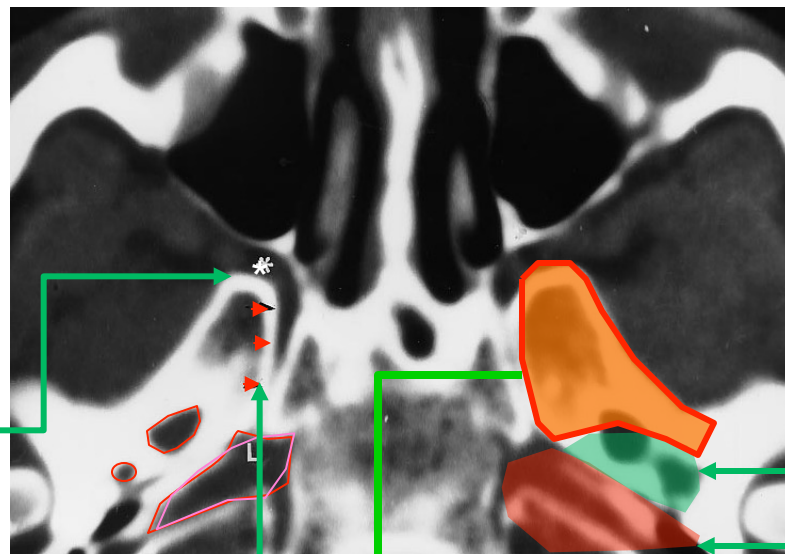
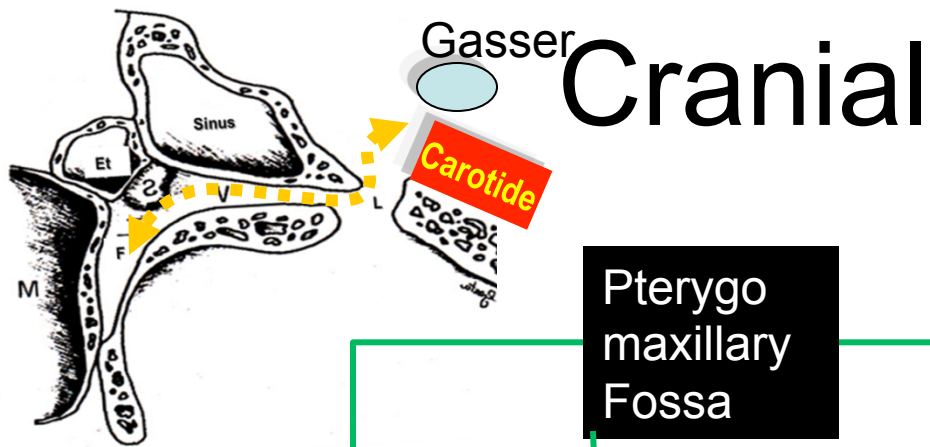
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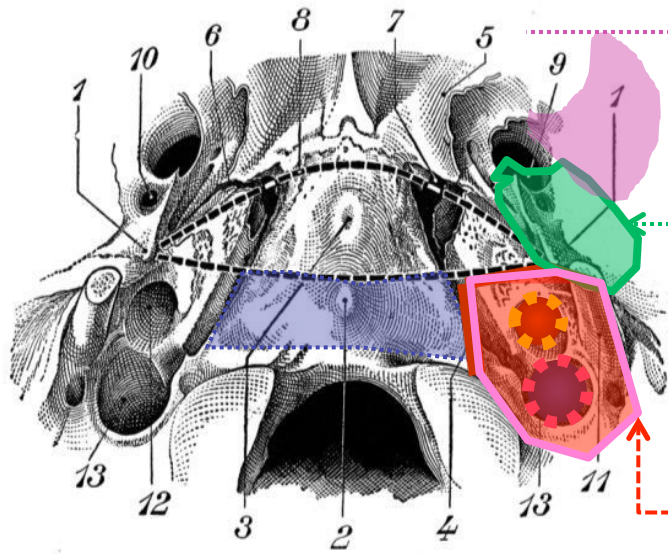
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**Roof of Parapharyngeal space**

**Roof of Retrostyloid space**



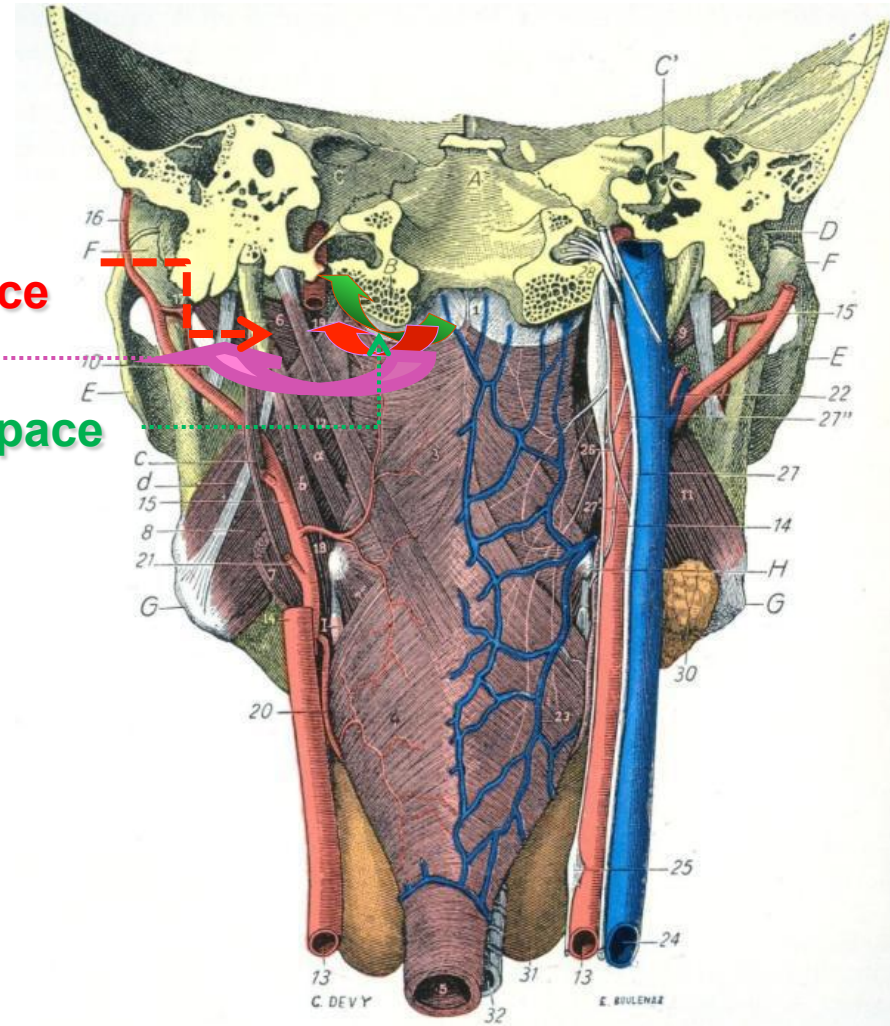
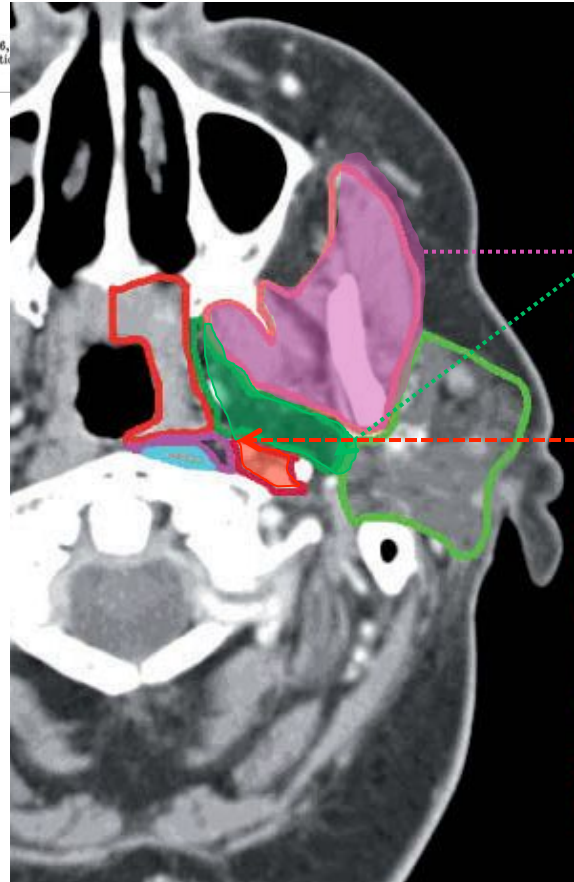
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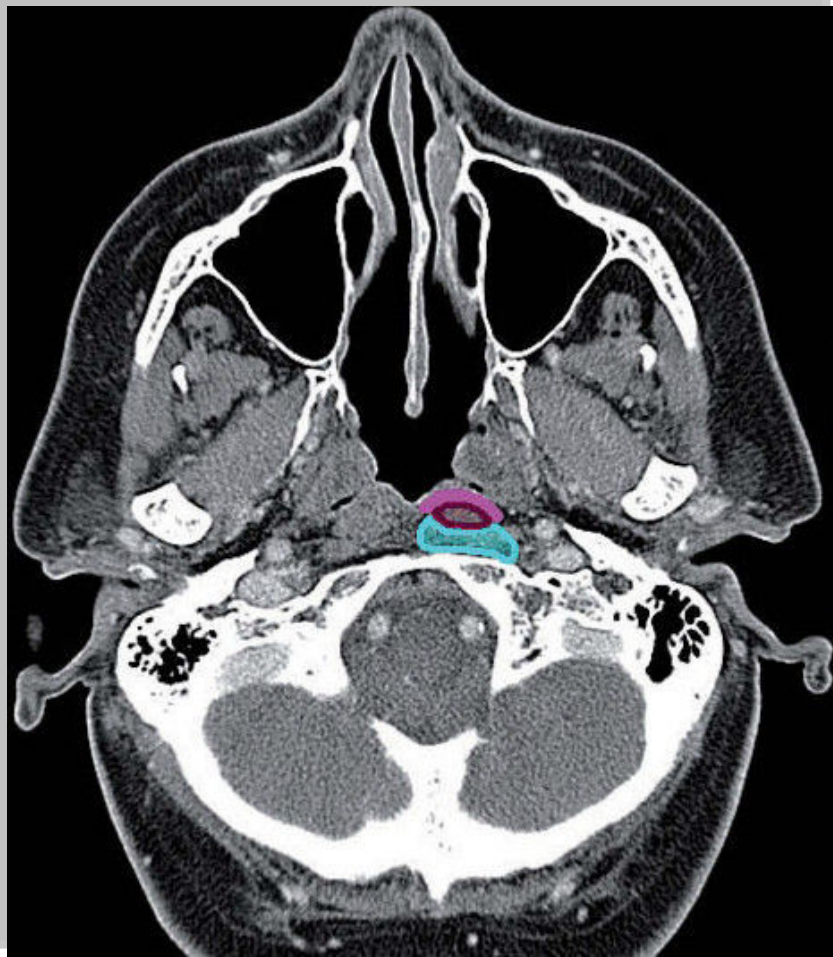
Masticatory space

Carotid or retrostyloid space

Parapharyngeal space

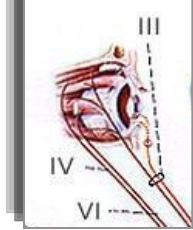


# Postero-inferior extension ~ 20%

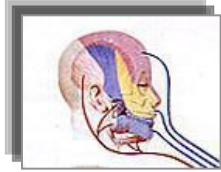


- Extension into retropharyngeal space

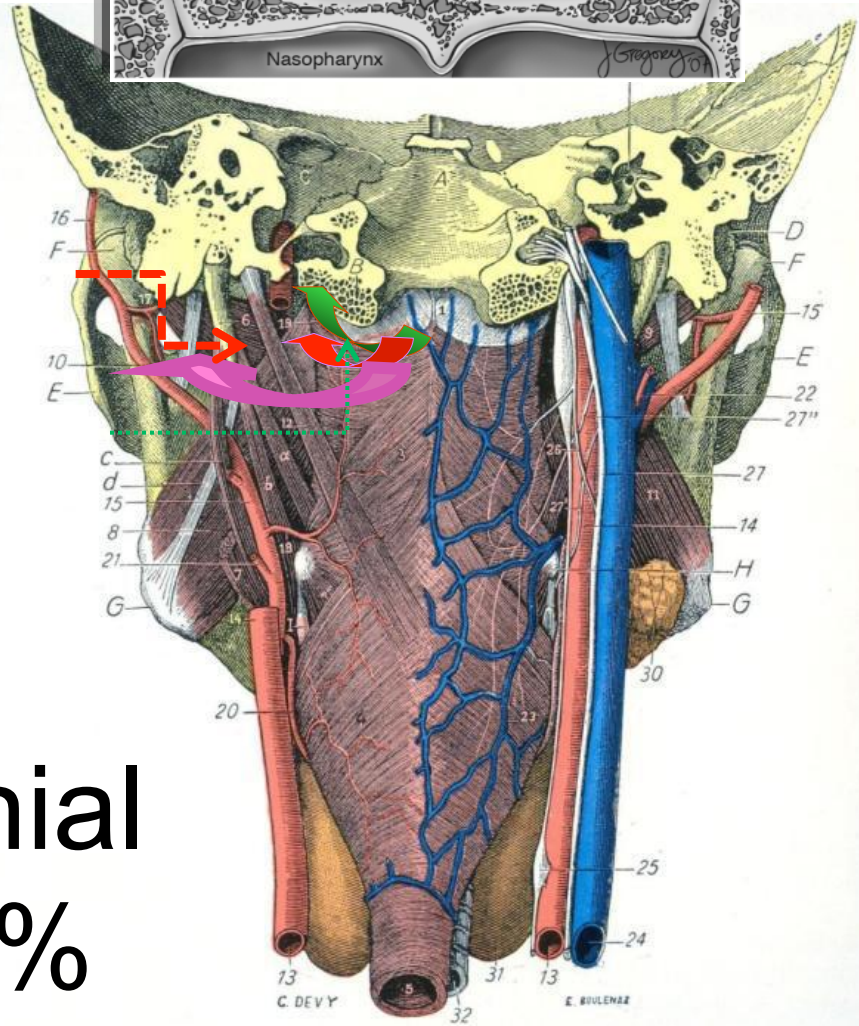
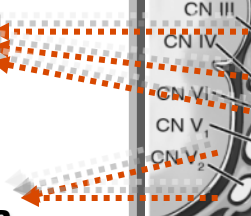
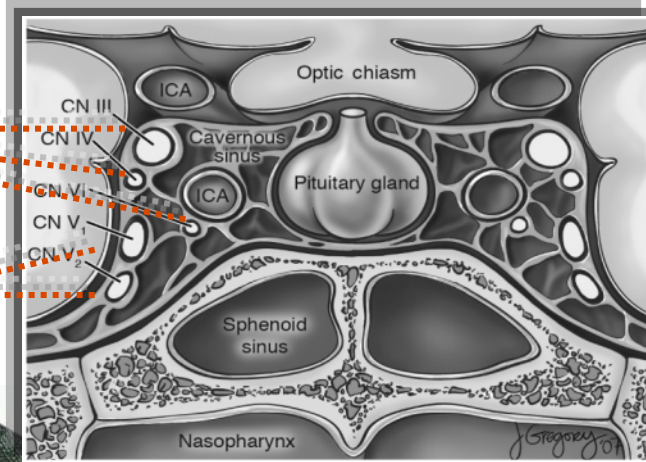




**Oculomotore (III) , toclcare (IV), abducente (VI)**



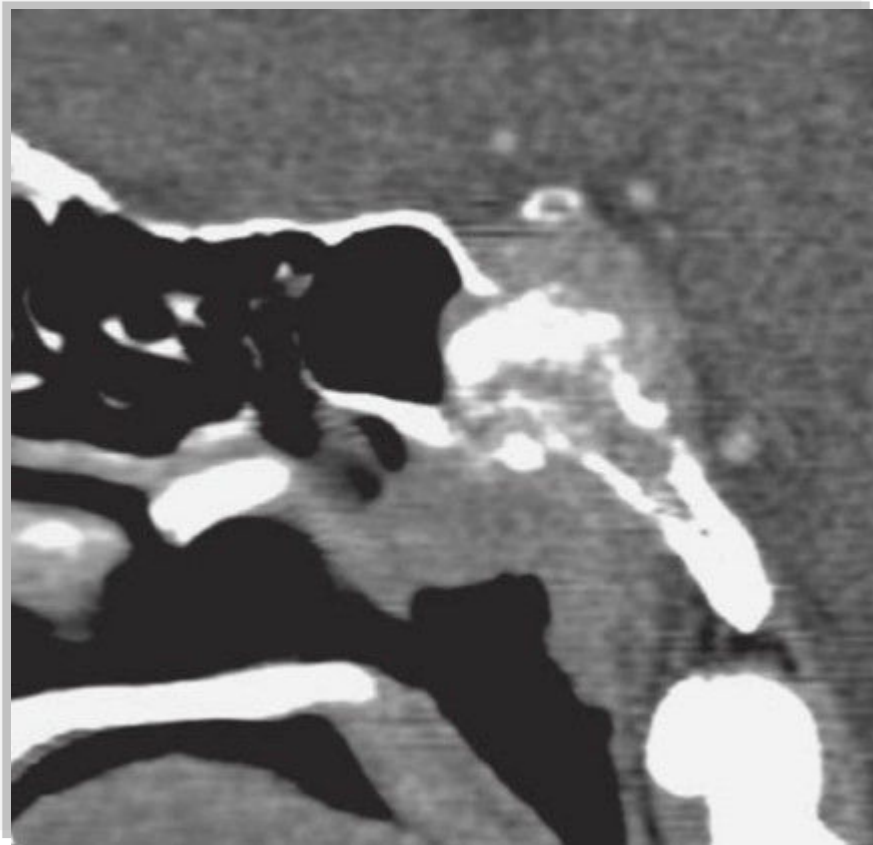
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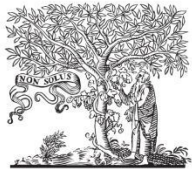


**Cranial  
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# Cranial diffusion





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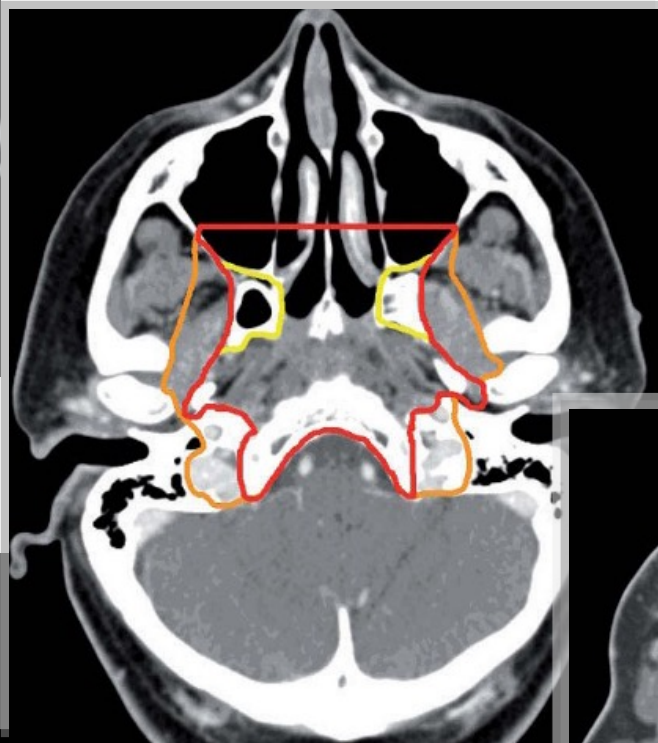
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Sultanem et al., 2000 [39]	UCSF, USA	Sinus sphénoïdal inférieur Base du crâne	Ganglions rétropharyngés	Fosses ptérygomaxillaires Tiers postérieur des cavités nasales et des sinus maxillaires	Clivus	Espaces parapharyngés
Lee et al., 2002 [28] Lee et al., 2003 [27]	UCSF, USA	Partie inférieure du sinus sphénoïde Base du crâne	Ganglions rétropharyngés	Fosses ptérygo maxillaires - Tiers postérieur des cavités nasales et des sinus maxillaires	Clivus	Espaces parapharyngés
Eisbruch et al., 2002 [11]	U. Michigan, USA	Sinus sphénoïdal Base du crâne dont sinus caverneux, foramen ovale, foramen épineux	Ganglions rétropharyngés	Apophyses ptérygoïdes Tiers postérieurs des cavités nasales et des sinus maxillaires	Clivus	Espaces parapharyngés (jusqu'à mi amygdales) Muscles ptérygoïdiens Espaces carotidiens
Kwong et al., 2006 [22] Kwong et al., 2004 [23]	QMH, Hong Kong	Sinus sphénoïdal Base du crâne dont pointe de l'os pétreux, fissure orbitaire inférieure, foramen ovale, foramen épineux, sinus caverneux	Moitié antérieure du corps vertébral de C1 Muscles pré vertébraux	Tiers postérieur des cavités nasales et des sinus maxillaires	Clivus Muscles prévertébraux	Espaces parapharyngés Trompe d'Eustache Muscles ptérygoïdiens médiaux
Tham et al., 2009 [41]	NCC, Singapour	Sinus sphénoïde Sinus caverneux Pointe des rochers Foramen ovale	Ganglions rétropharyngés	- Fosses ptérygo maxillaires - Tiers postérieur des cavités nasales et des sinus maxillaires	Clivus (moitié antérieure si intact, en entier si envahi)	Espaces parapharyngés
Kam et al., 2004 [20]	PoWH, Hong Kong	Sinus sphénoïdal Sinus caverneux pointe des rochers	Ganglions rétropharyngés	- Fosses ptérygo maxillaires - Tiers postérieur des cavités nasales et des sinus maxillaires	Clivus (moitié antérieure si intact, en entier si envahi)	Espaces parapharyngés entiers



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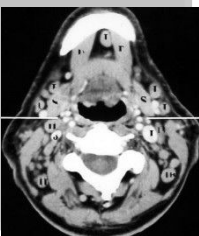


# Limiti volumi clinici (CTVt)

Direzione		Limiti
In alto	L	Forami ovale, spinoso e lacero.
	A	Ganglio di Gasser e seni cavernosi

Number of pts with clinically positive neck nodes found at presentation (*adapted From Gregoire 2000*)

		<b>Level</b> <b>(Percentage of the node+ pts.)</b>									
		<b>I</b>		<b>II</b>		<b>III</b>		<b>IV</b>		<b>V</b>	
	<b>N. Pt N+</b>										
<b>Oral cavity (n=787)</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Oropharynx (n=1497)</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Hypopharynx (n=847)</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Supraglottic Larynx (n=428)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Nasopharynx (440 pts)*</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>



# Incidence of Positive **Retropharyngeal Nodes** for Various Primary Sites and Clinical Neck Stages (794 Tumors)

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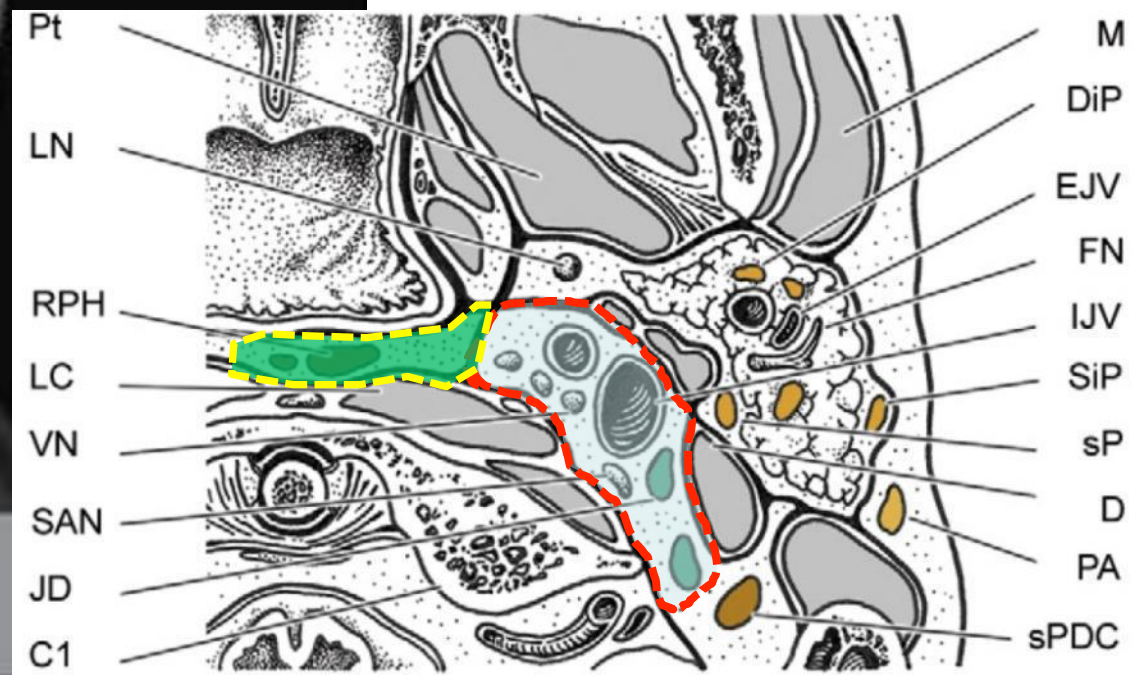
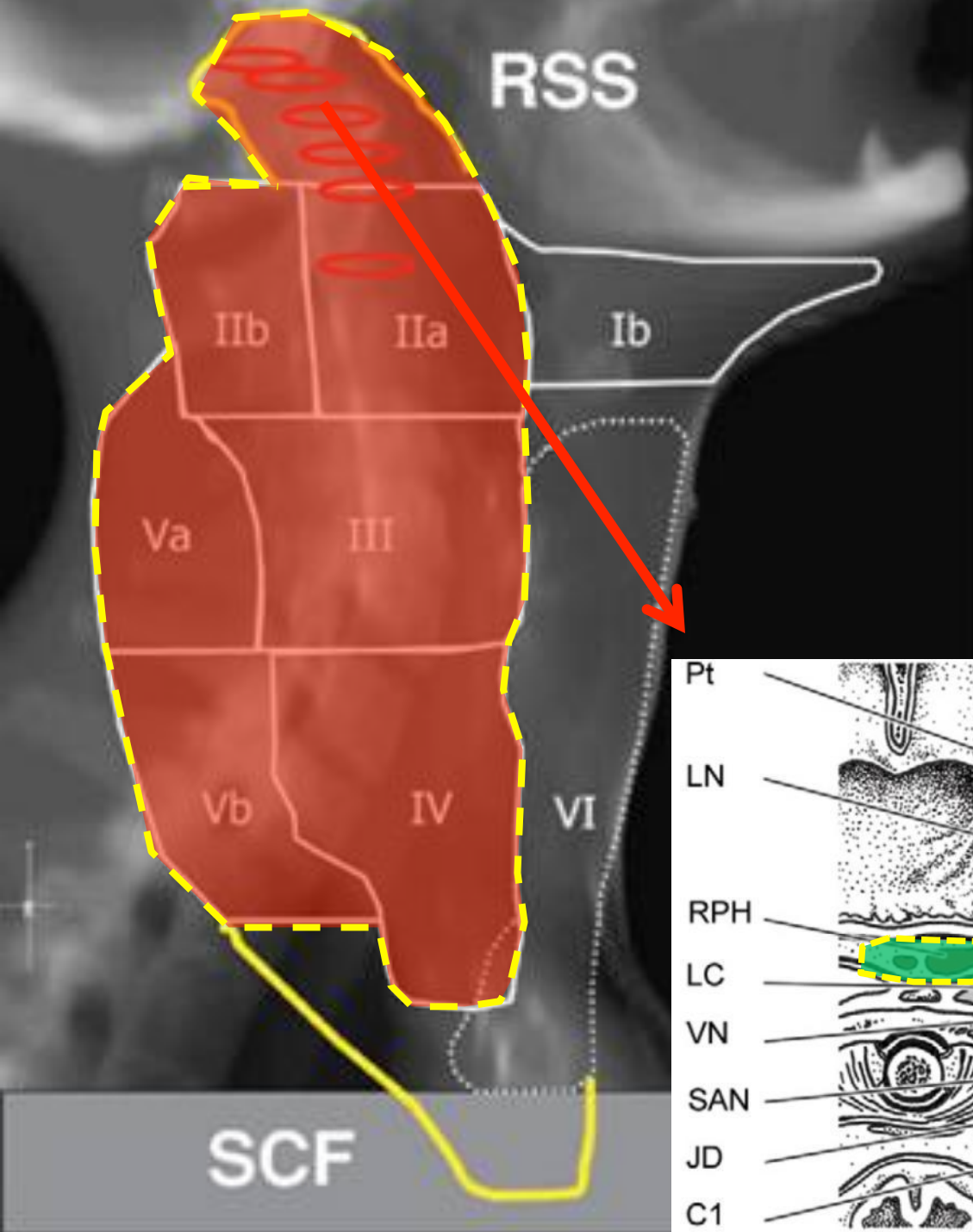
**CT and RMI**

Primary Site	Clinical Neck Stage		Overall %
	N0 Neck No. %	N+ Neck <sup>a</sup> No. %	
<b>Nasopharynx</b>	<b>2/5 (<u>40%</u>)</b>	<b>12/14 (<u>86%</u>)</b>	<b>74</b>
Pharyngeal wall	6/37 ( <u>16%</u> )	12/56 ( <u>21%</u> )	19
Soft palate	1/21 ( <u>5%</u> )	6/32 ( <u>19%</u> )	13
Tonsillar region	2/56 ( <u>4%</u> )	14/120 ( <u>12%</u> )	9
Pyramidal sinus or postcricoid area	0/55 ( <u>0%</u> )	7/81 ( <u>9%</u> )	5
Base of tongue	0/31 ( <u>0%</u> )	5/90 ( <u>6%</u> )	4
Supraglottic larynx	0/87 ( <u>0%</u> )	4/109 ( <u>4%</u> )	2

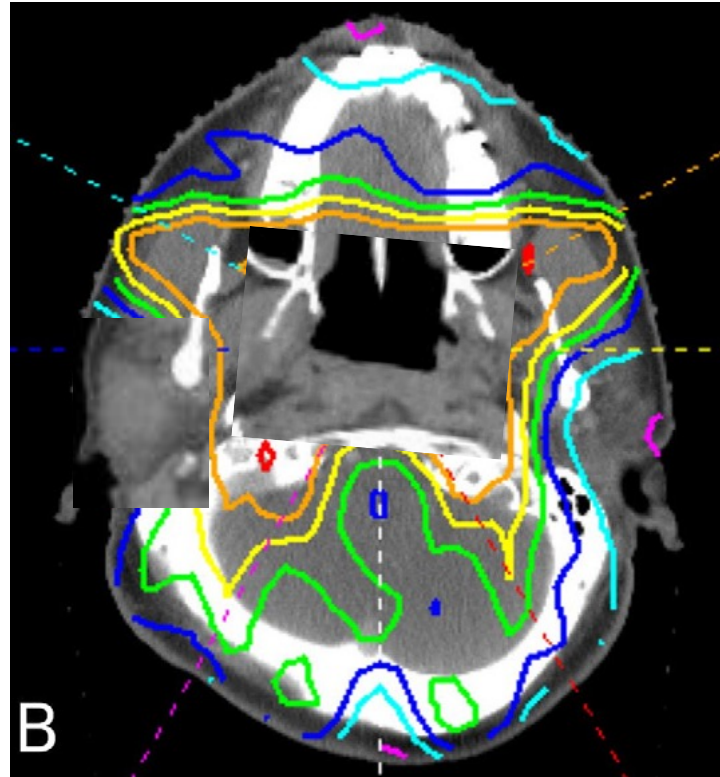
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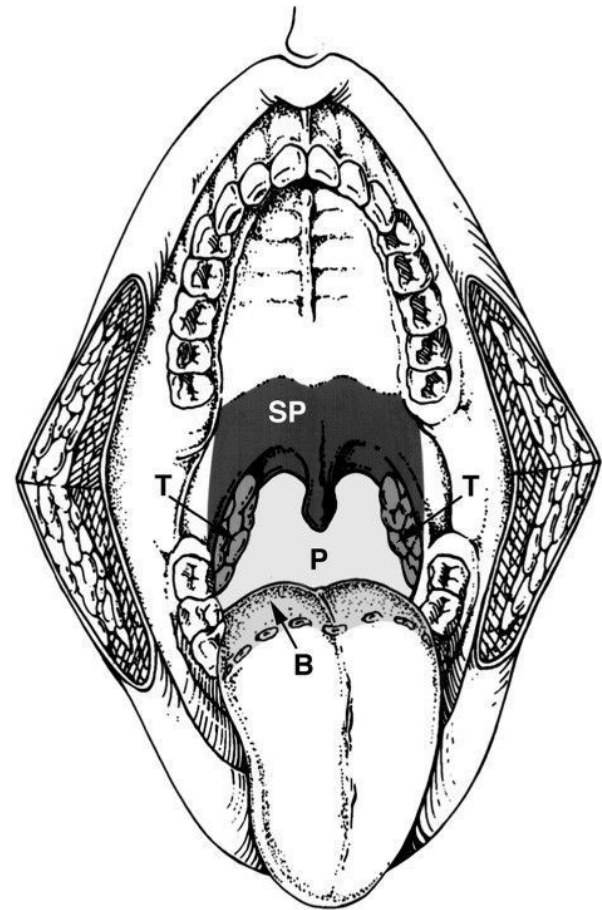
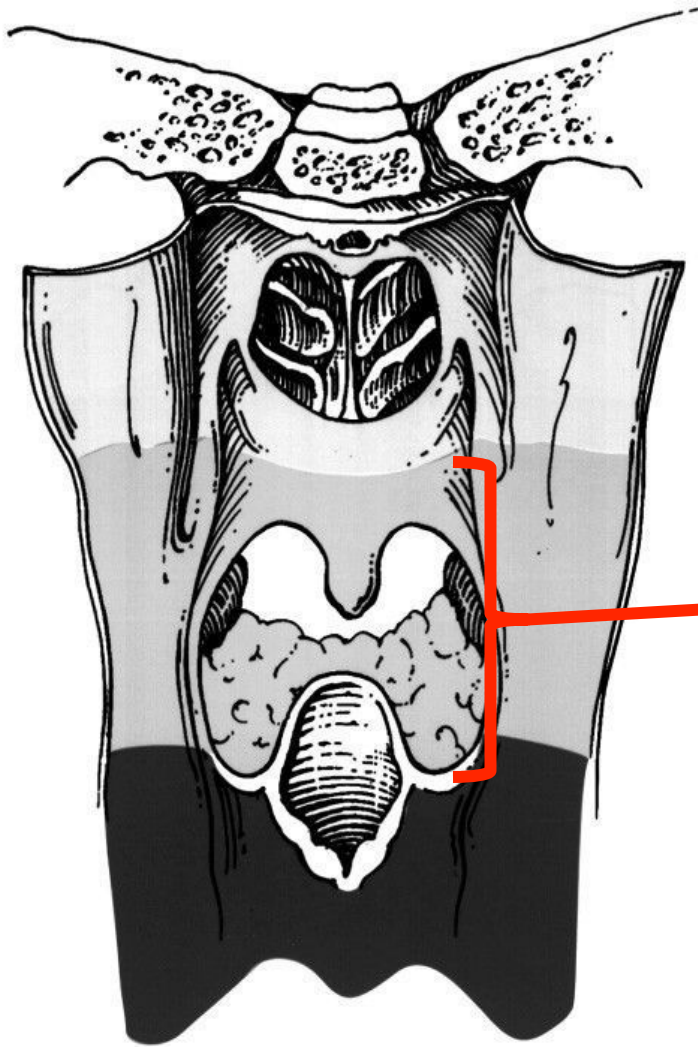


# Parotid relapse



- Eustachian tube has several patterns of drainage, one of which is to superficial parotid lymph node

# Orofaringe




 Nasopharynx  Oropharynx  Hypopharynx

 B Base of tongue

 T Tonsils

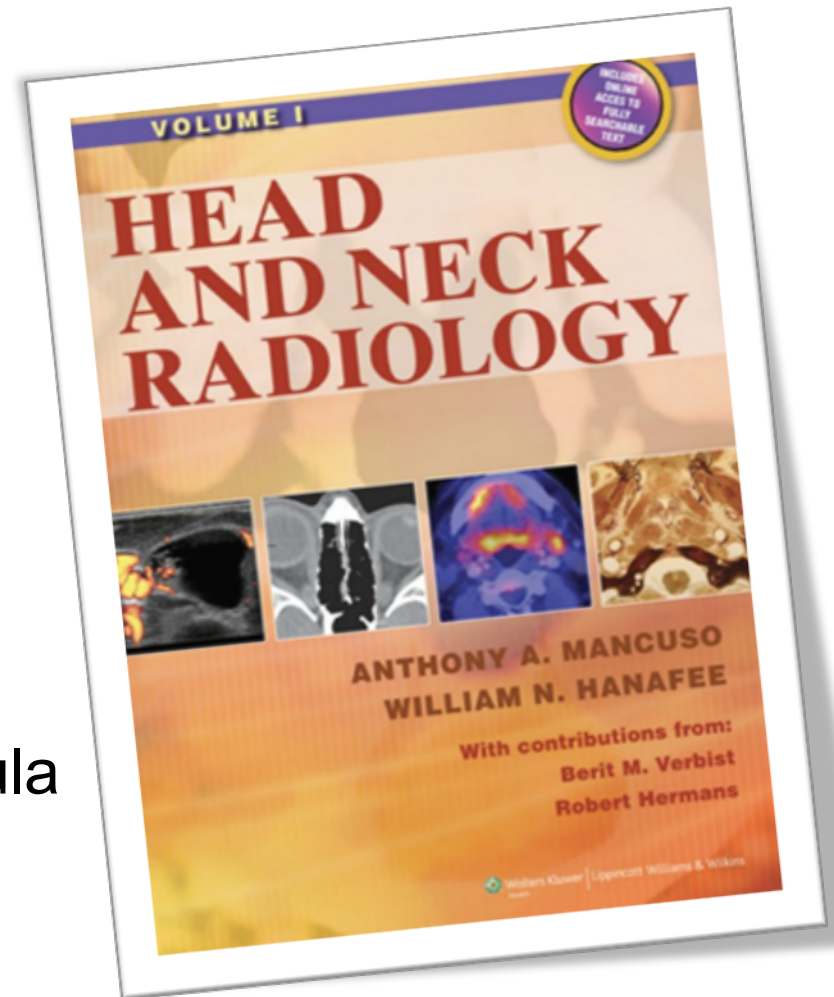
 SP Soft palate

 P Pharyngeal wall



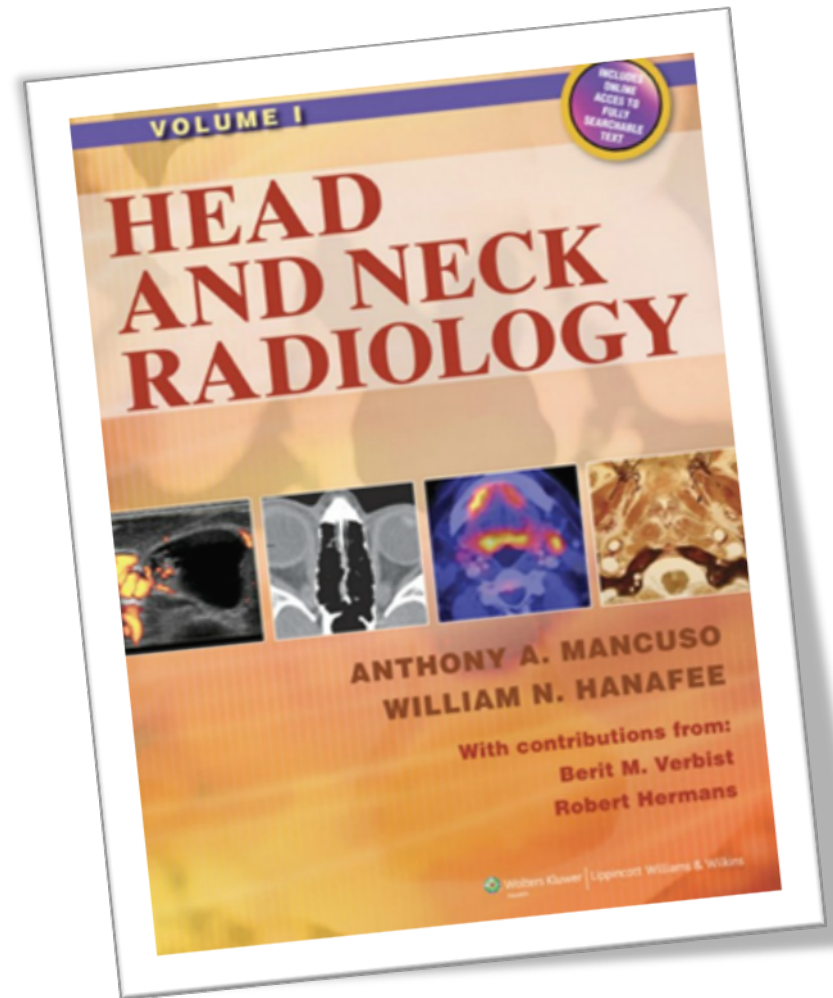
# Oropharynx

- Posterior wall
  - Posterior Pharyngeal wall
- Roof:
  - Soft palate
- Lateral wall:
  - Anterior Pillar
  - Tonsils and posterior pillar
- Floor
  - Base of tongue and Vallecula

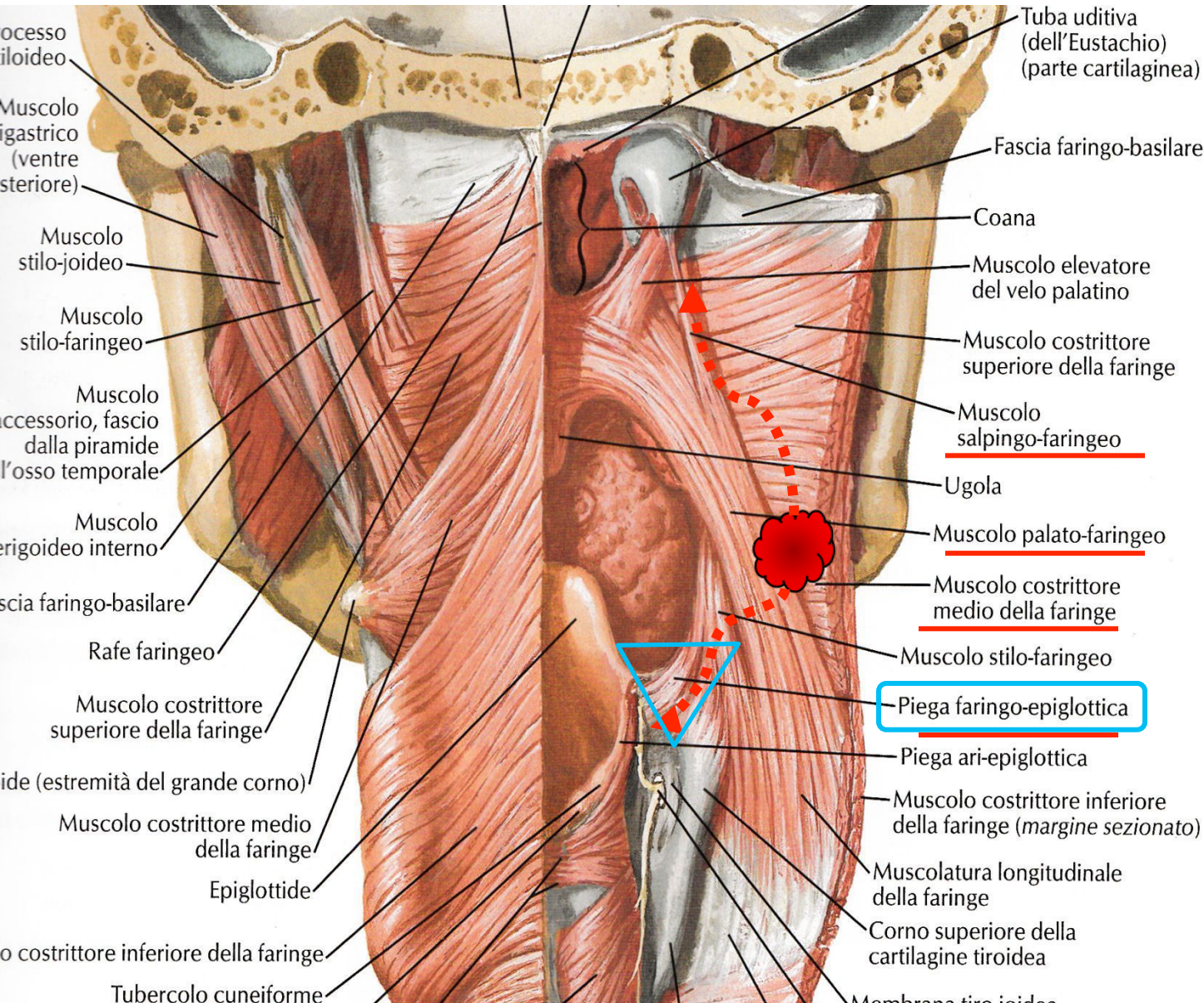


# Oropharynx

- Posterior wall
- – Posterior Pharyngeal wall



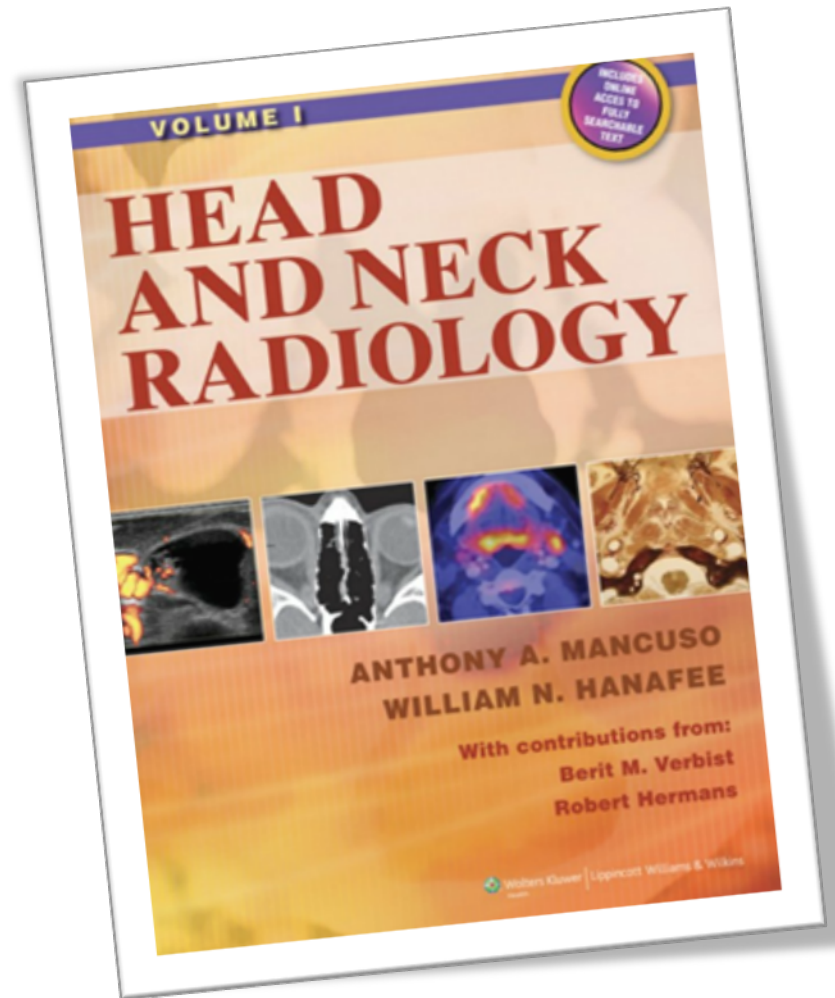
# Posterior pharyngeal wall



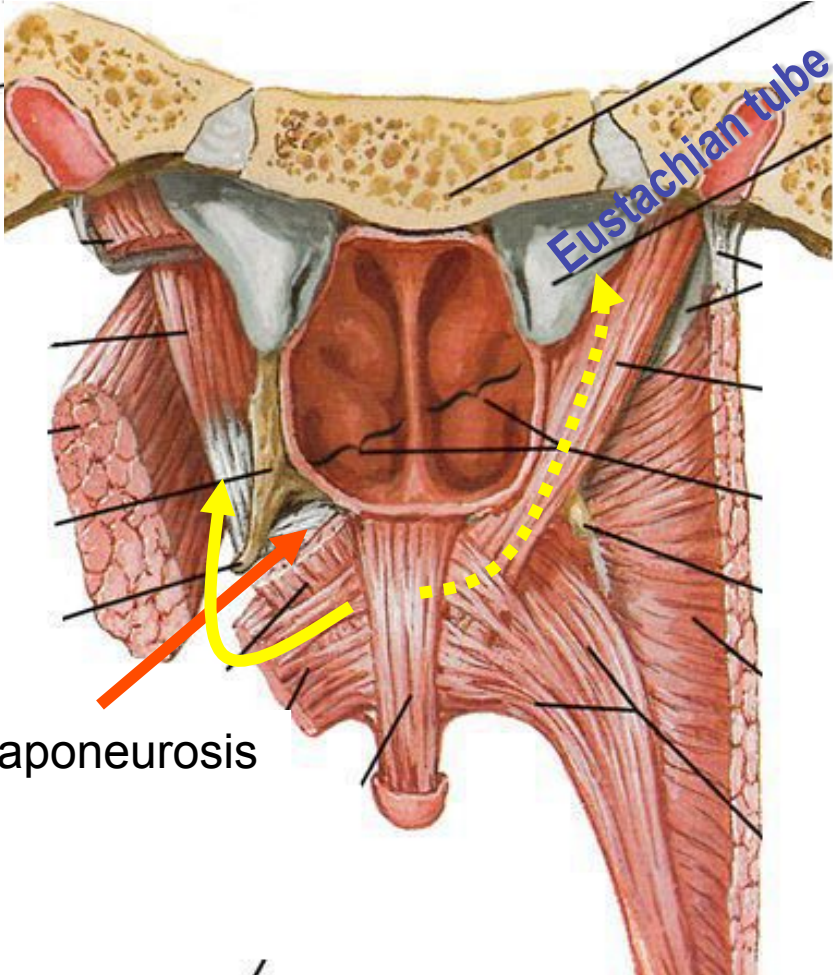
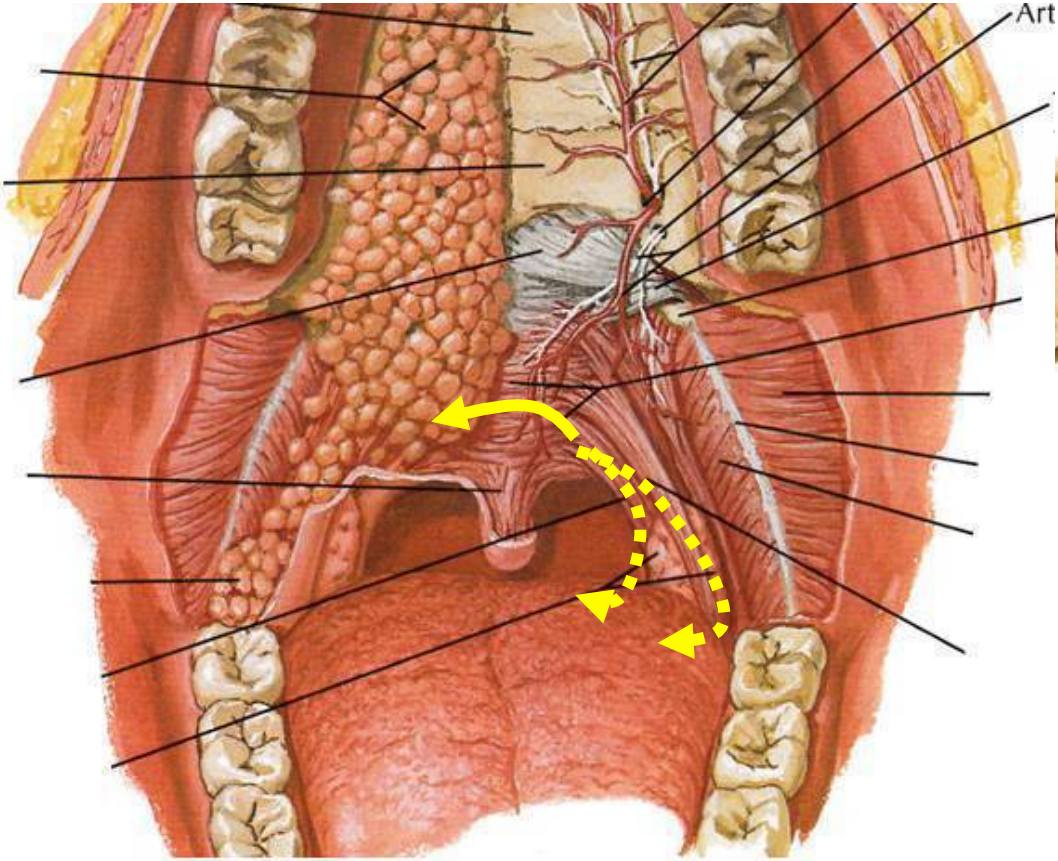


# Oropharynx

- Roof:
- – Soft palate



# Soft palate

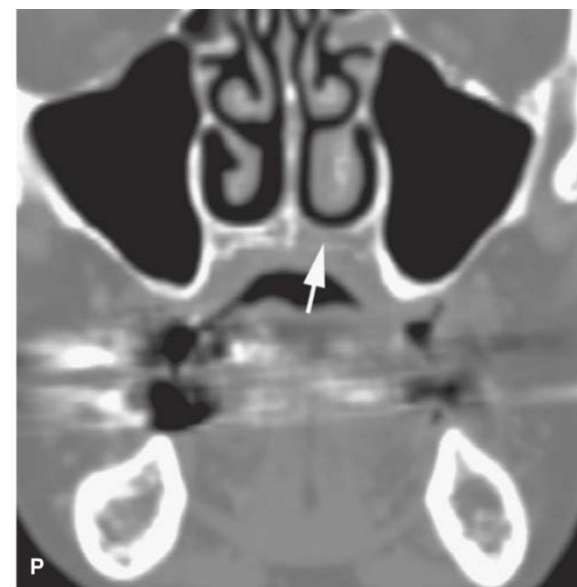
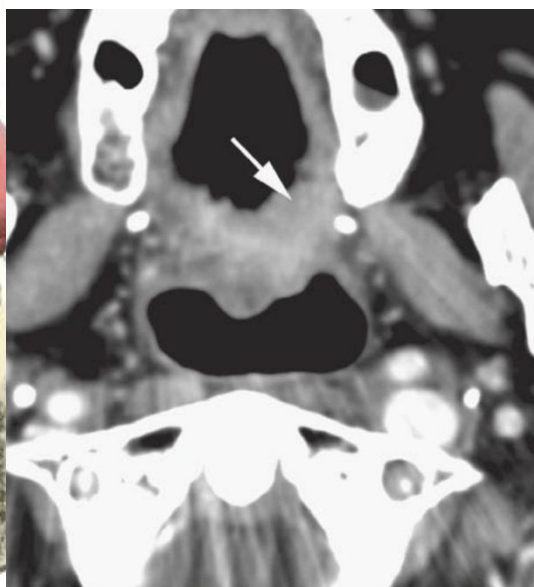
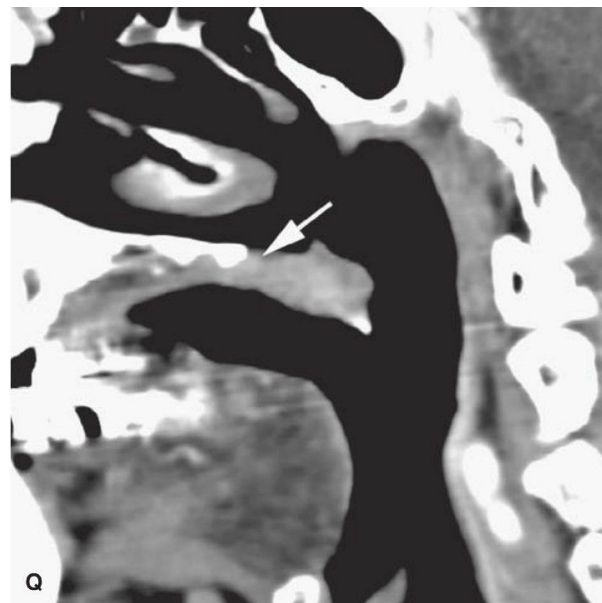


palatine aponeurosis

M. T. Involve anterior surface



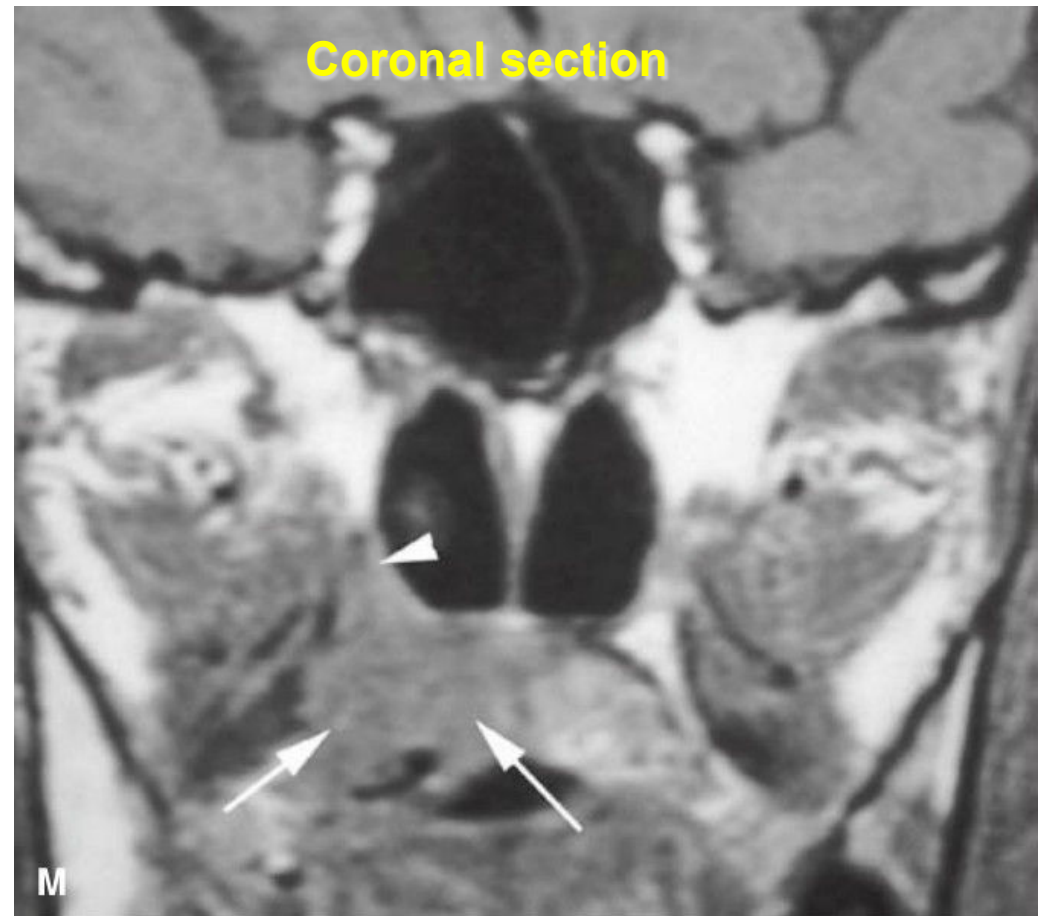
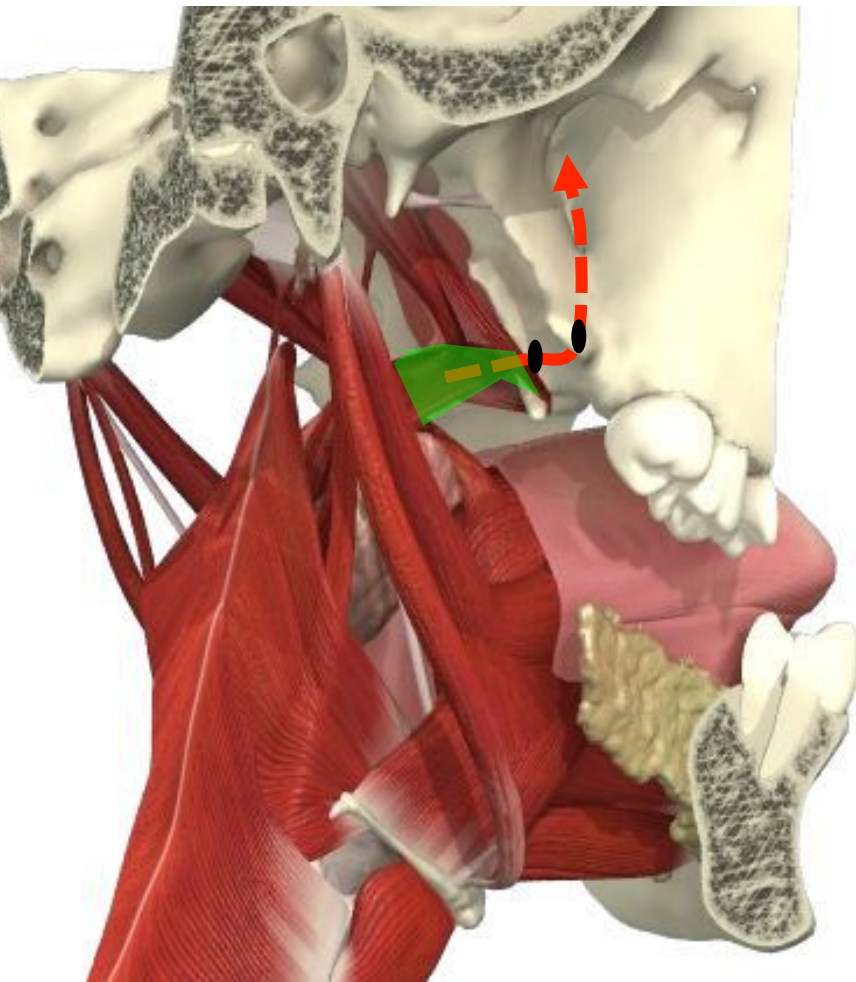
# Soft palate





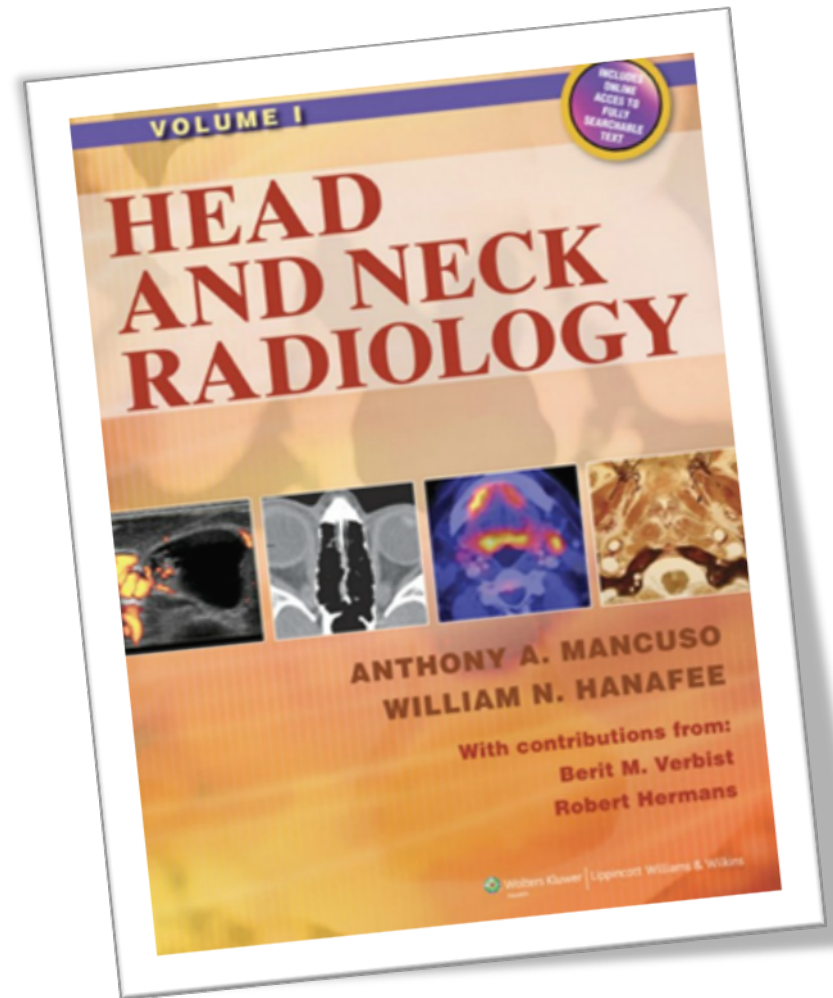
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## diffusione verso la fossa pterigopalatina

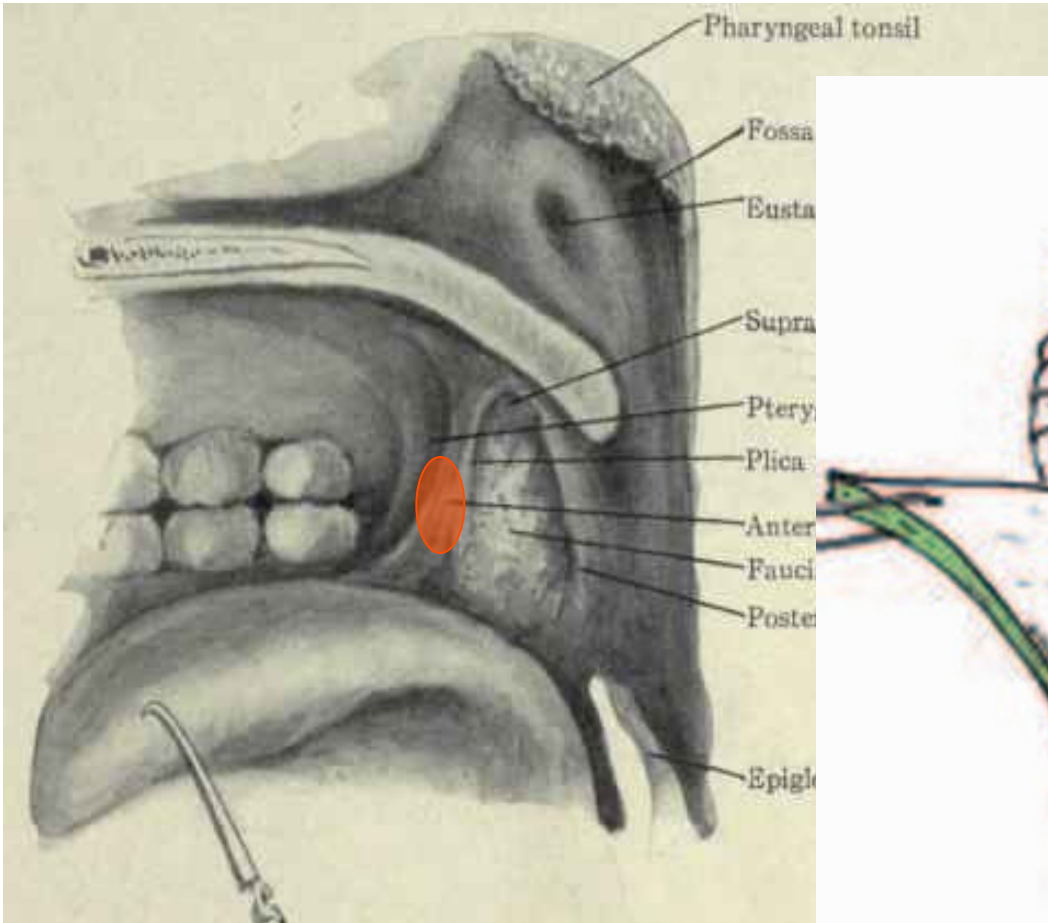


# Oropharynx

- Lateral wall:
- – Anterior Pillar
- Tonsils and posterior pillar



# Anterior Pillar



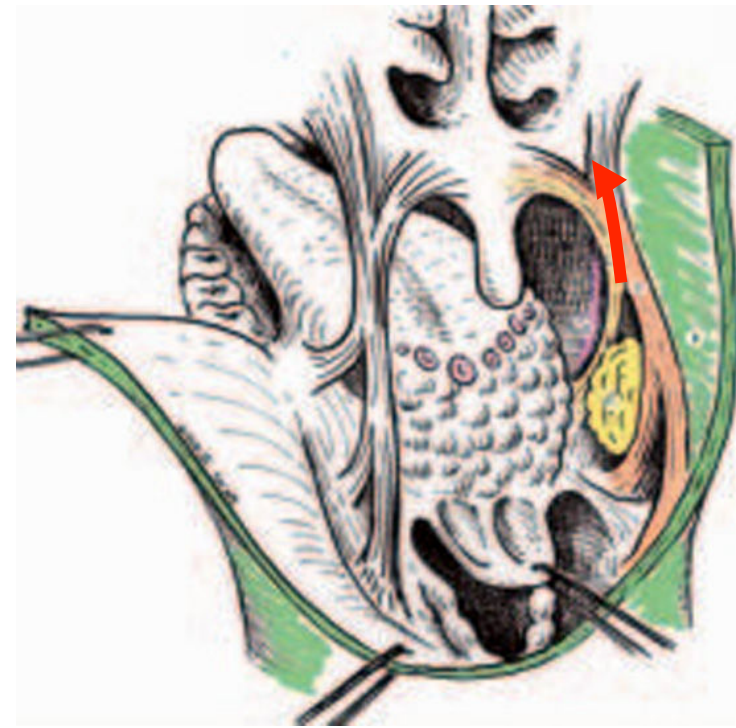
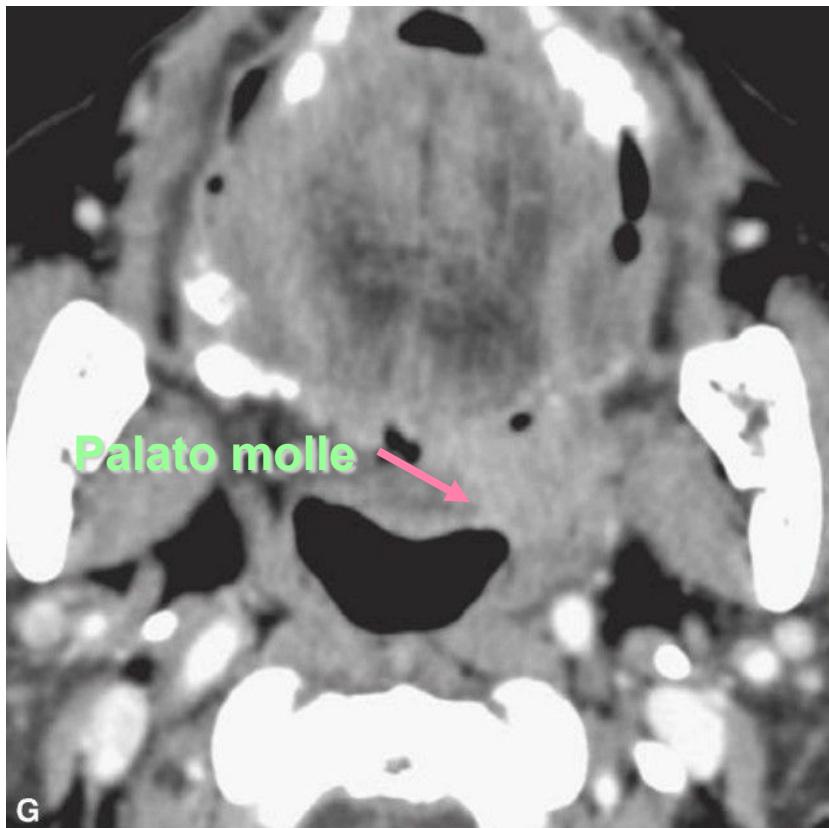
**Palato-glosso  
Pilastro anteriore**

**Palato-Faringeo  
Pilastro posteriore**



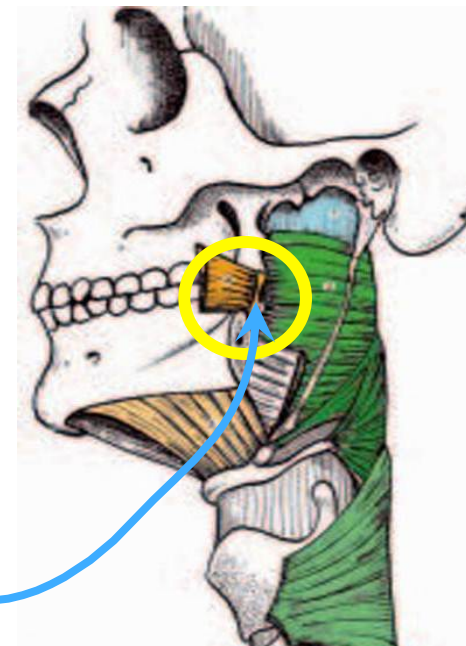
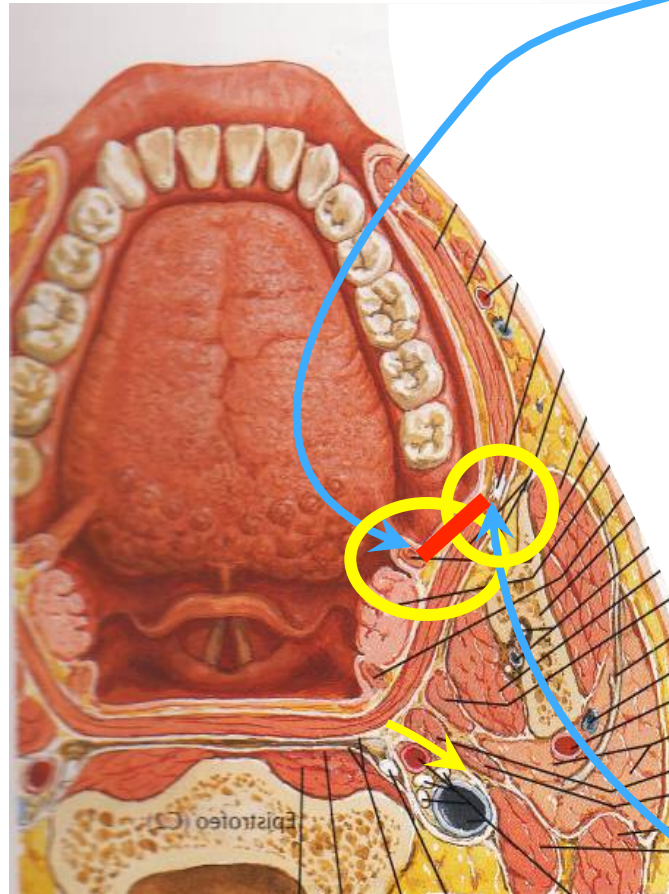
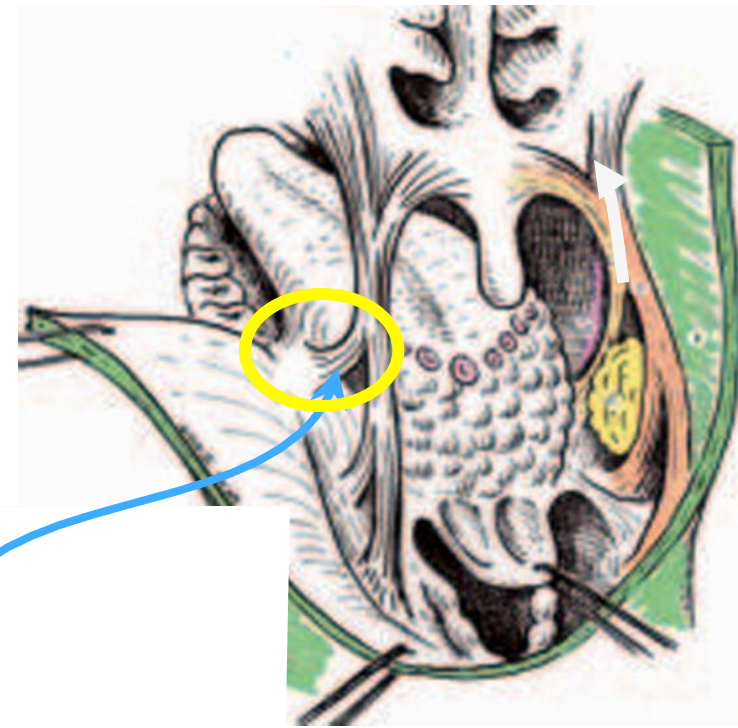
# Diffusione dal pilastro anteriore

- In alto: palato molle.



# Diffusione dal pilastro anteriore

- In alto: palato molle.
- Antero-laterale: commissura e trigono

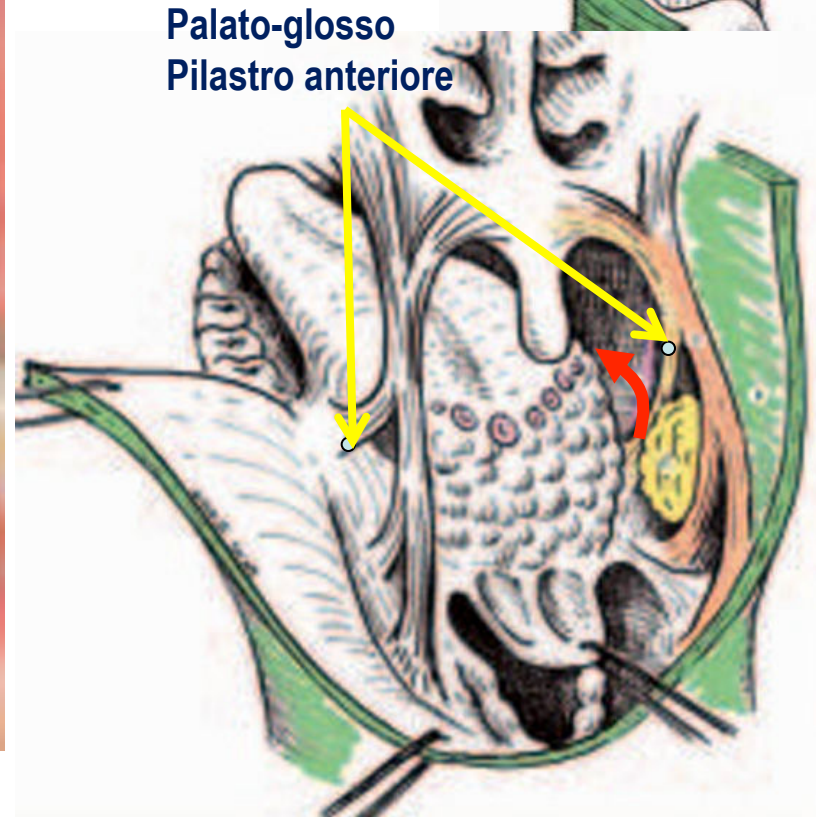
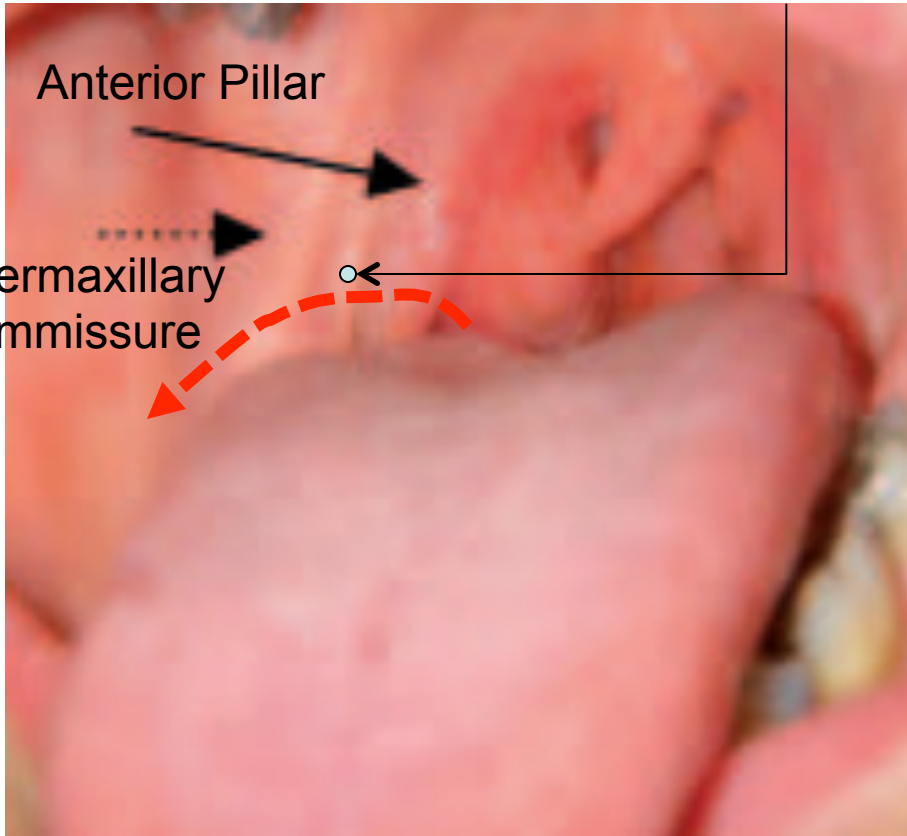
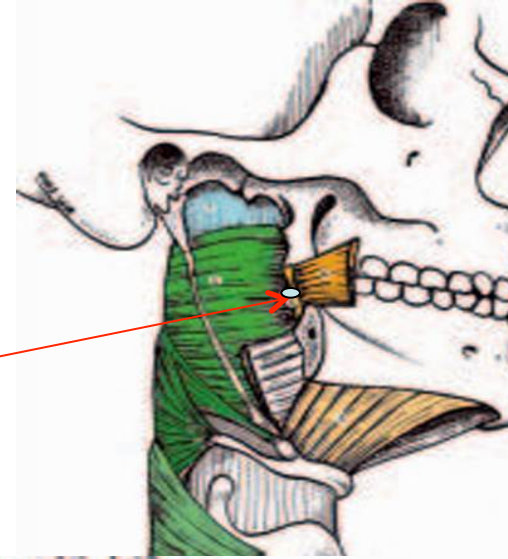




# Regione tonsillare

- Antero-laterale: commissura e trigono.

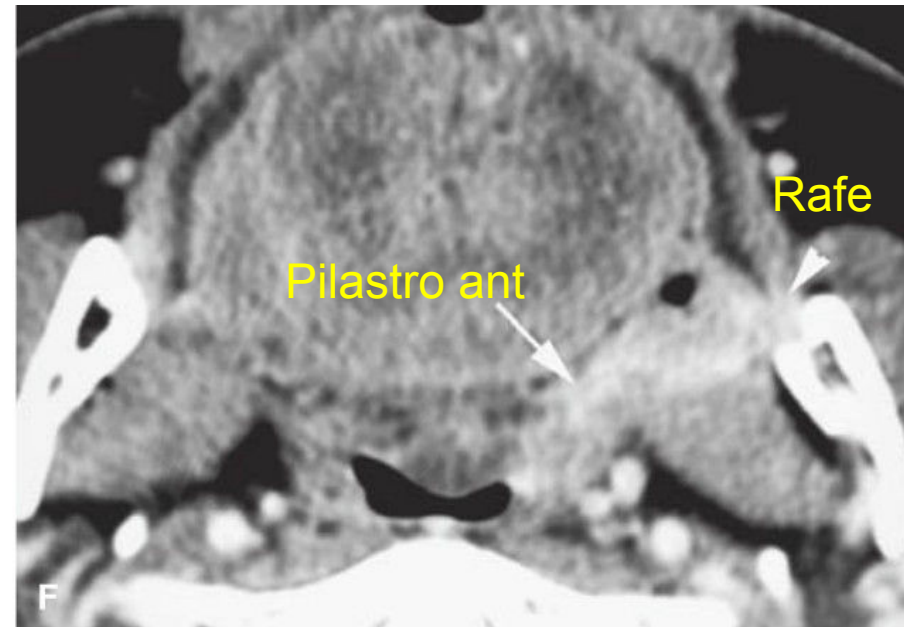
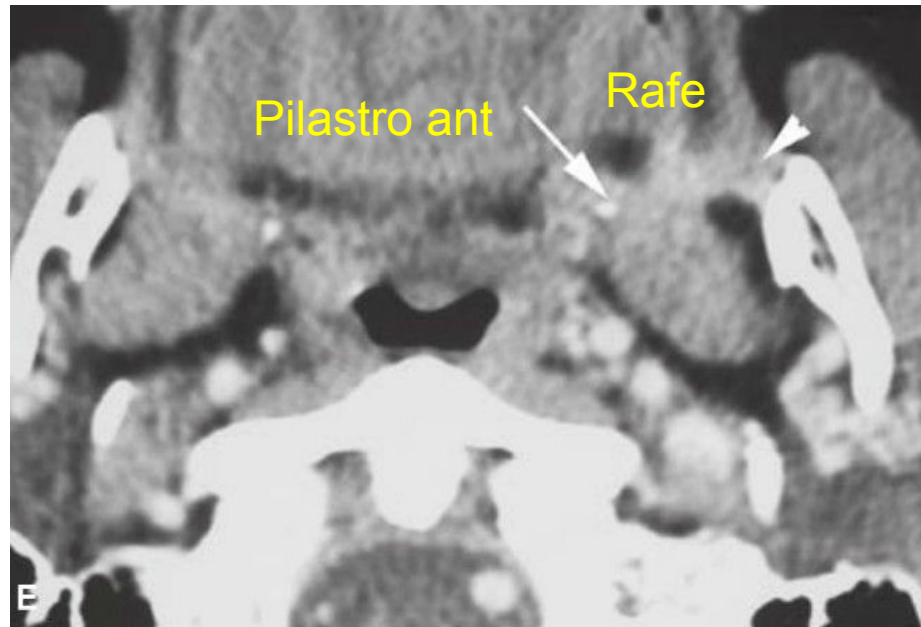
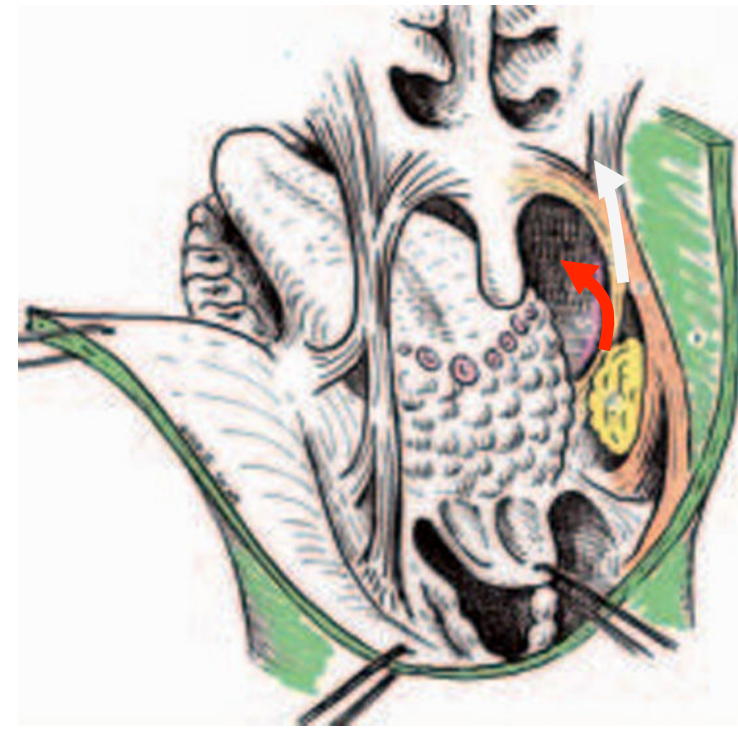
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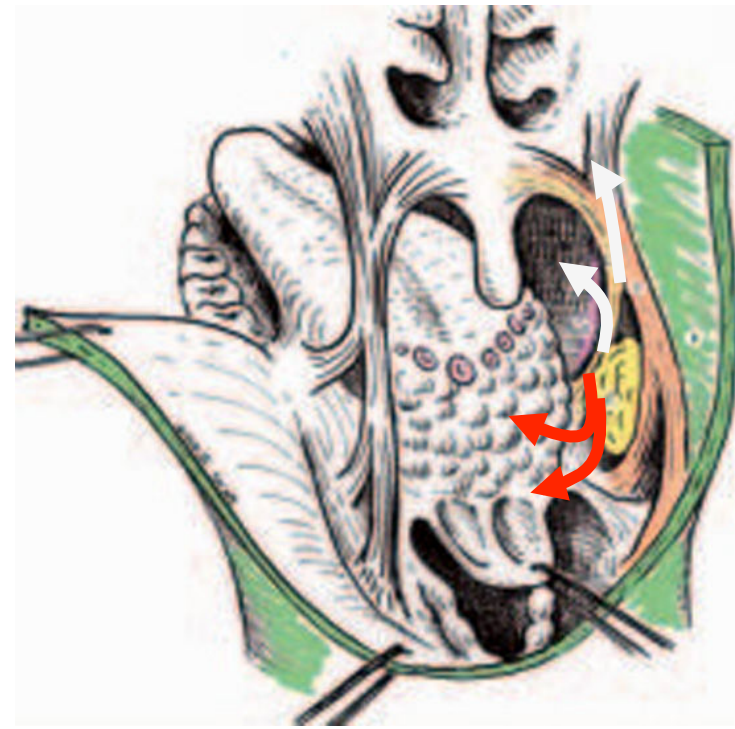
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- In alto: palato molle.
- Antero-laterale: commissura e trigono.



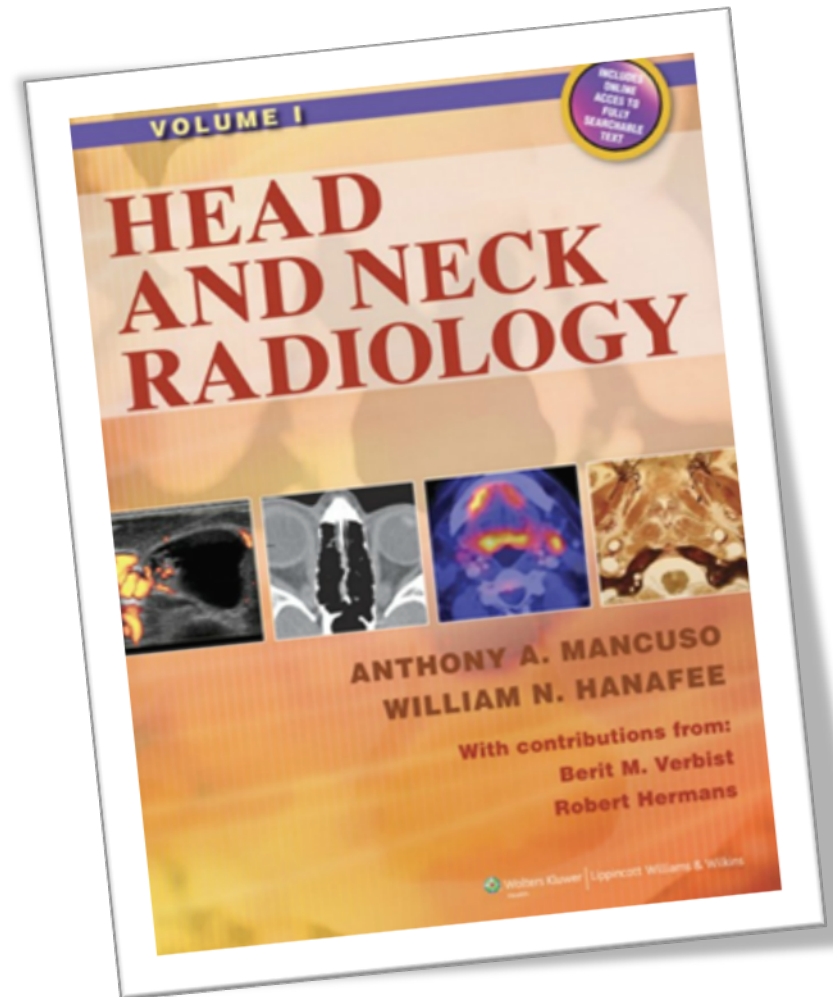
# Diffusione dal pilastro anteriore

- In alto: palato molle.
- Antero-laterale: commissura e trigono.
- Infero-medialmente: solco amigdalo-glosso e regione glossoepiglottica, base lingua.



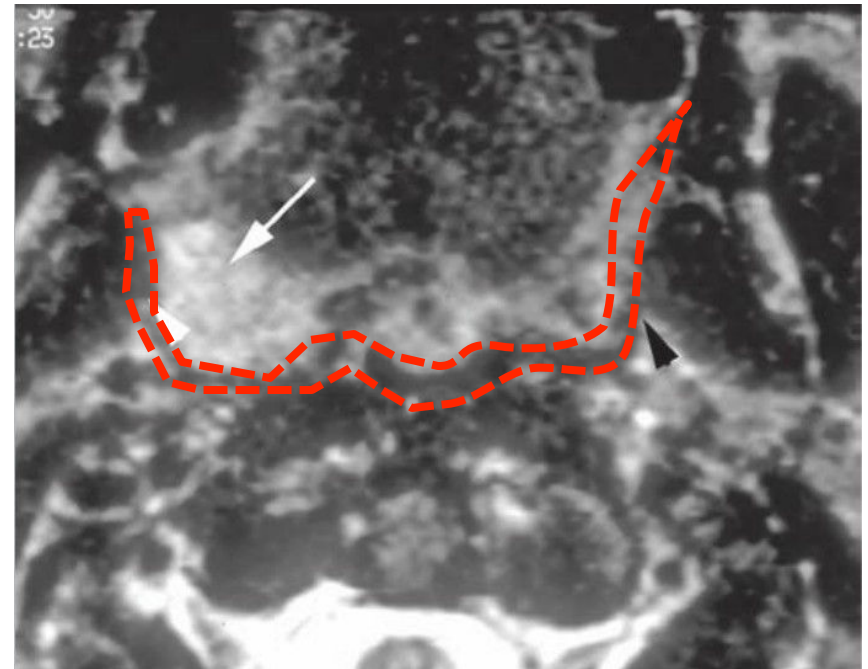
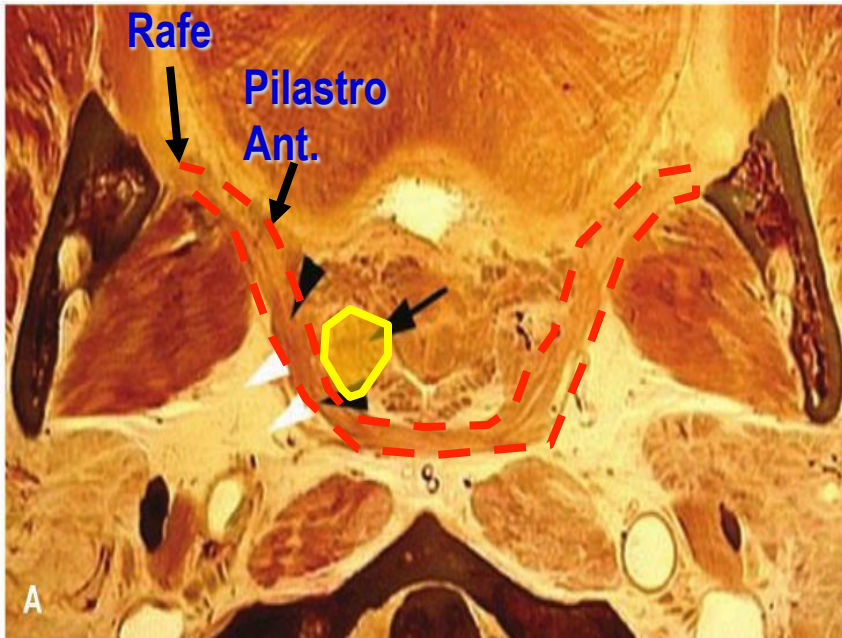
# Oropharynx

- Lateral wall:
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  - – Tonsils and posterior pillar

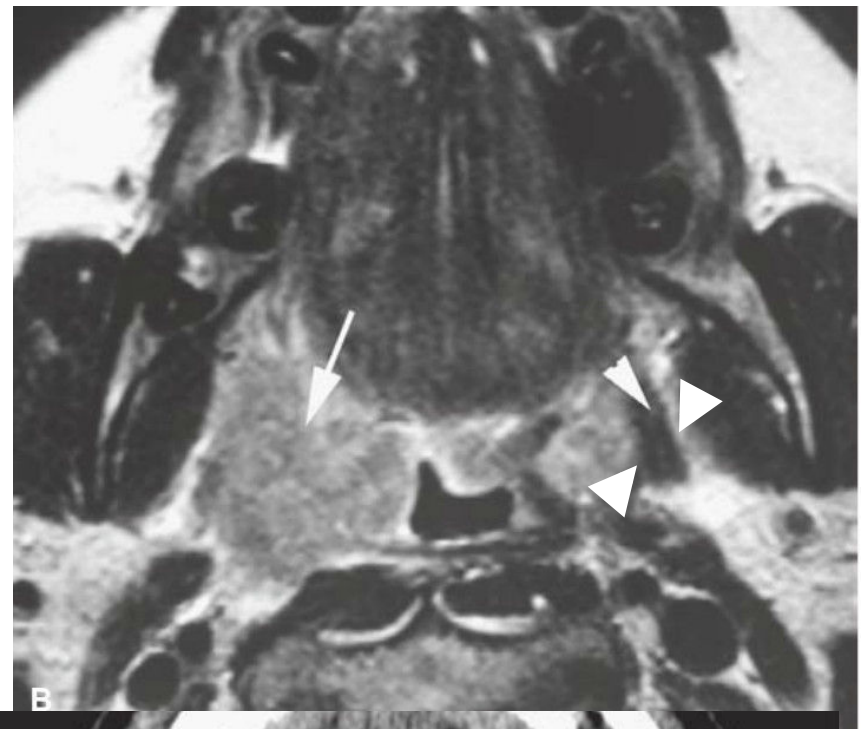
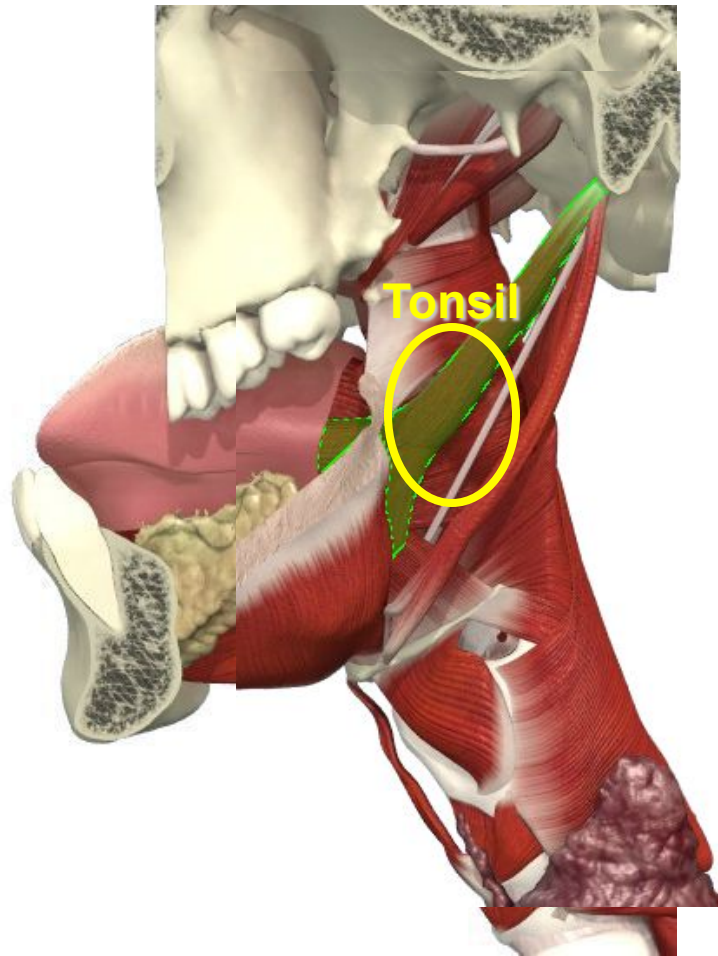




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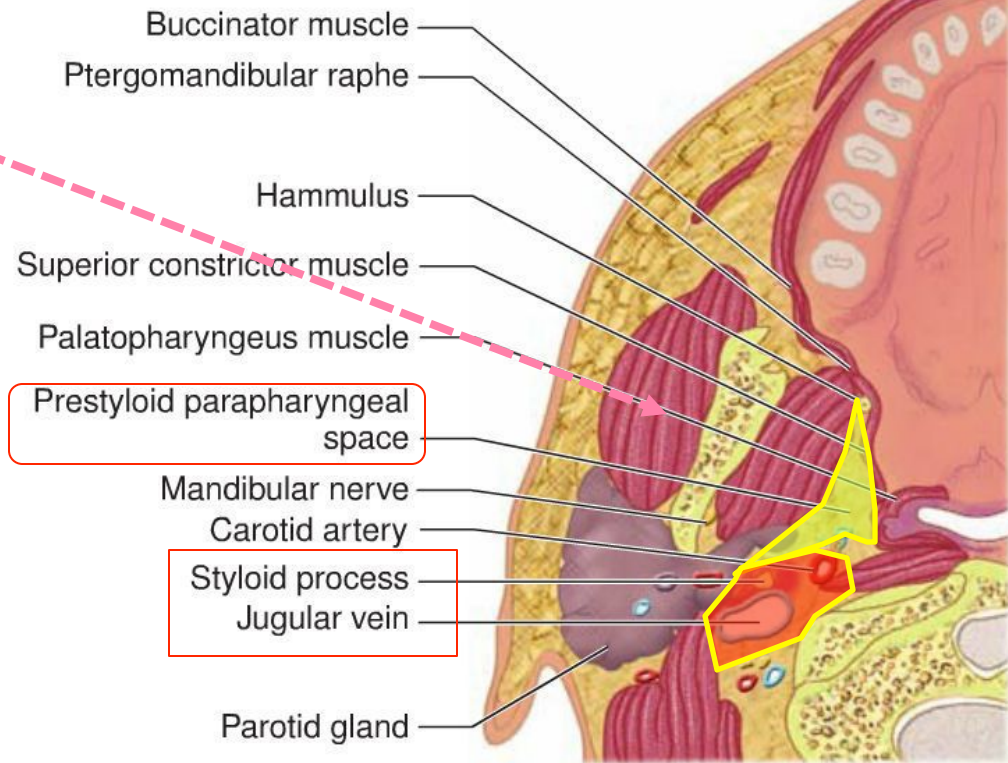
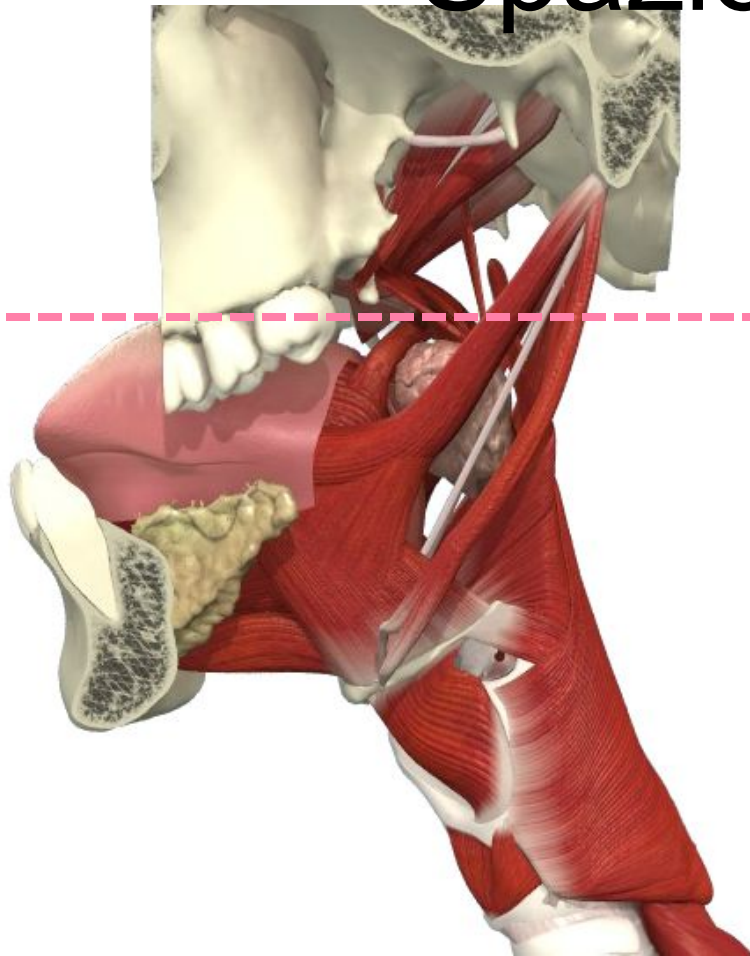


# Lateralmente Stiloglosso



# Lateralmente

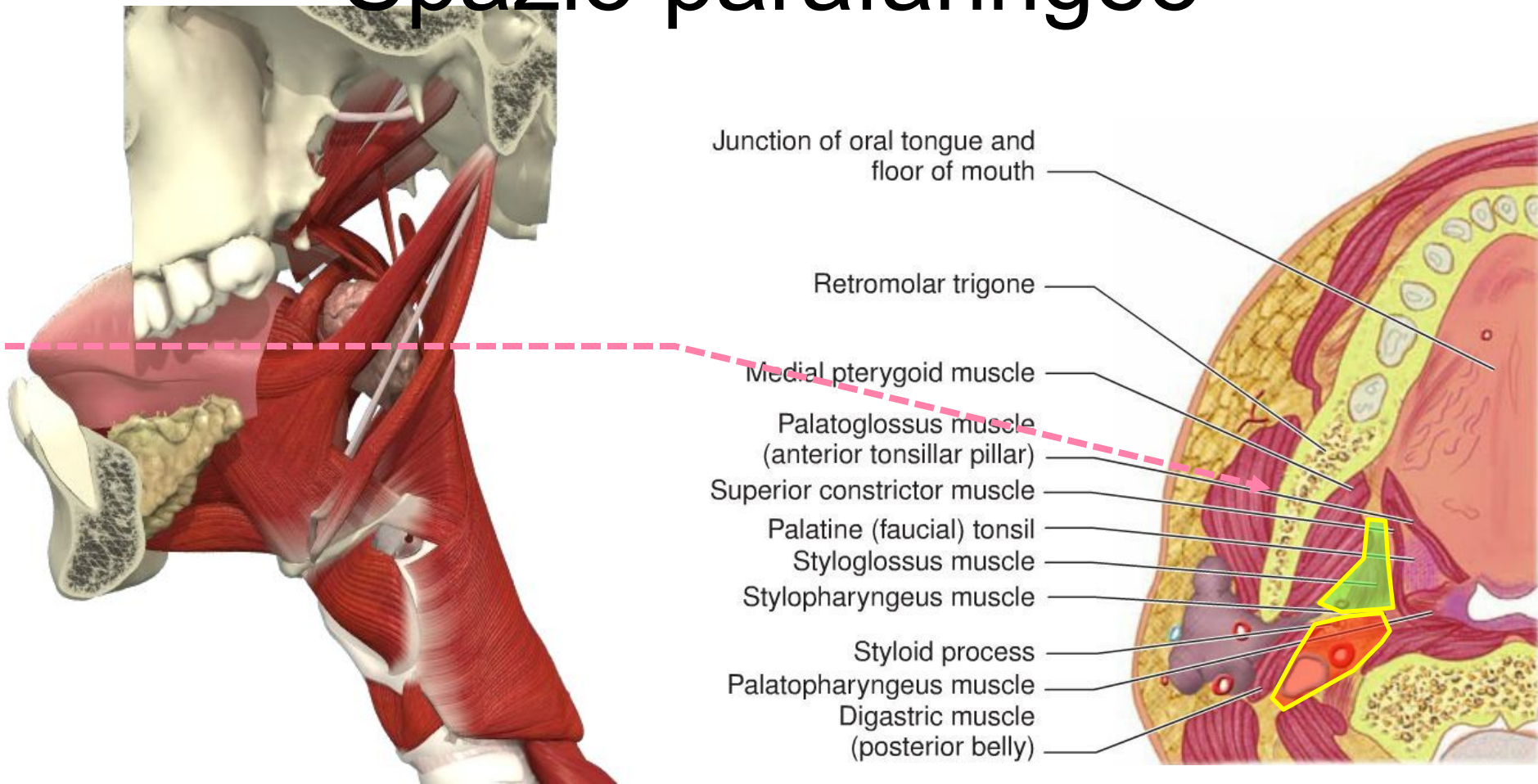
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# Lateralmente

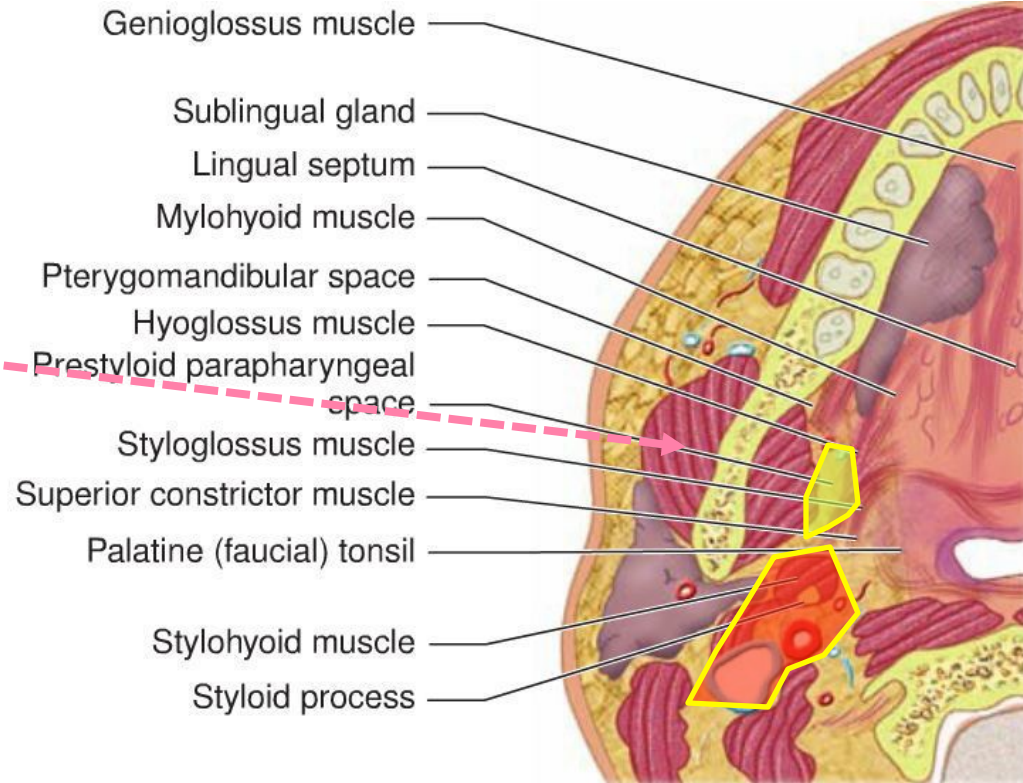
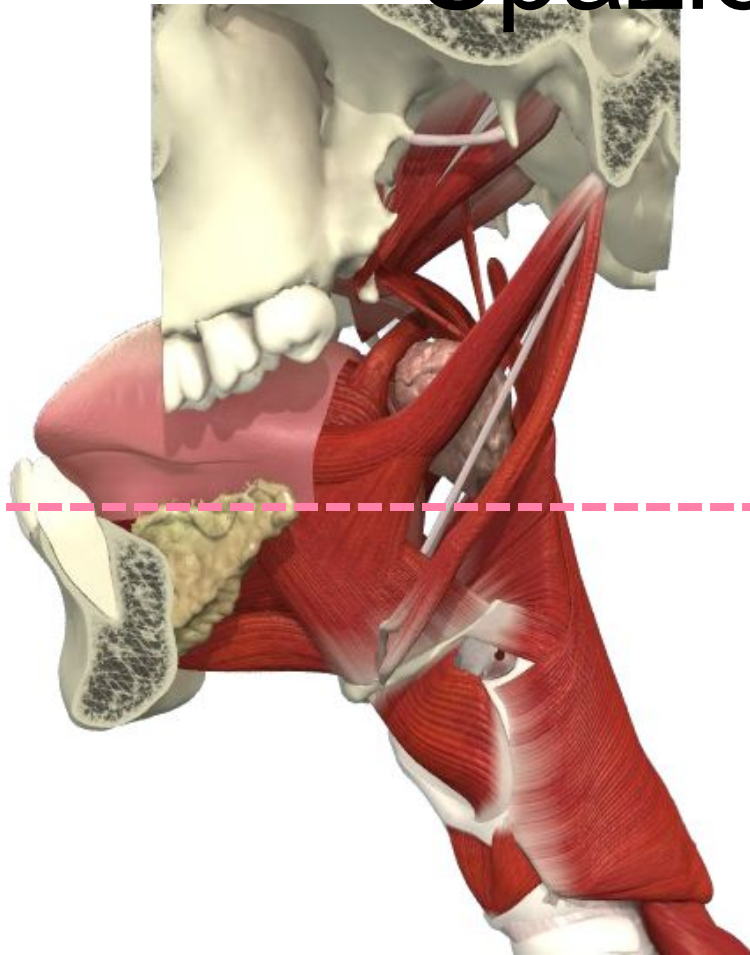
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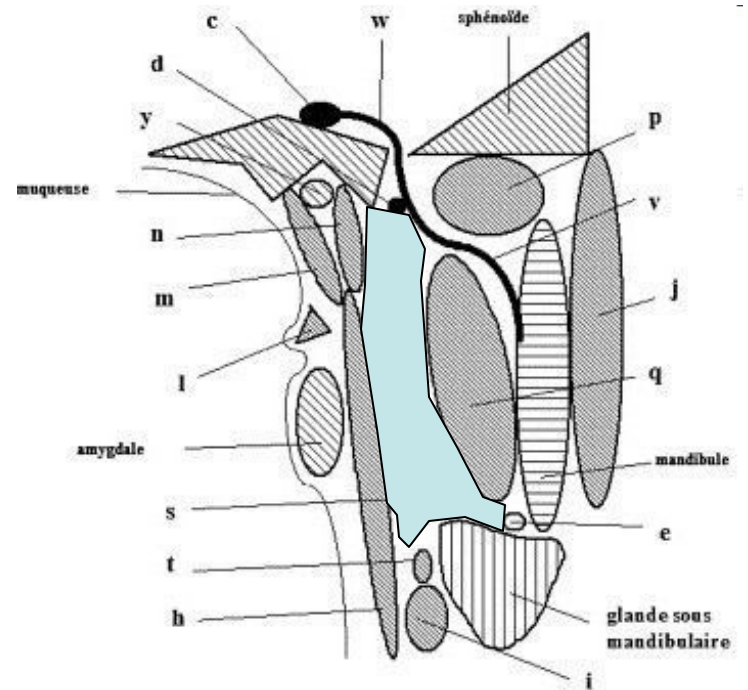
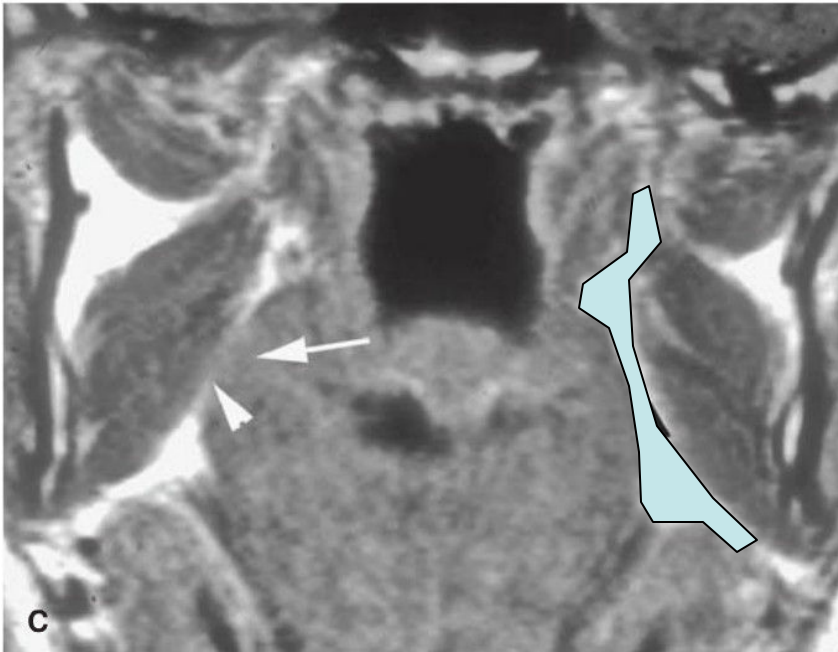
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# Lateralmente

# Spazio parafaringeo

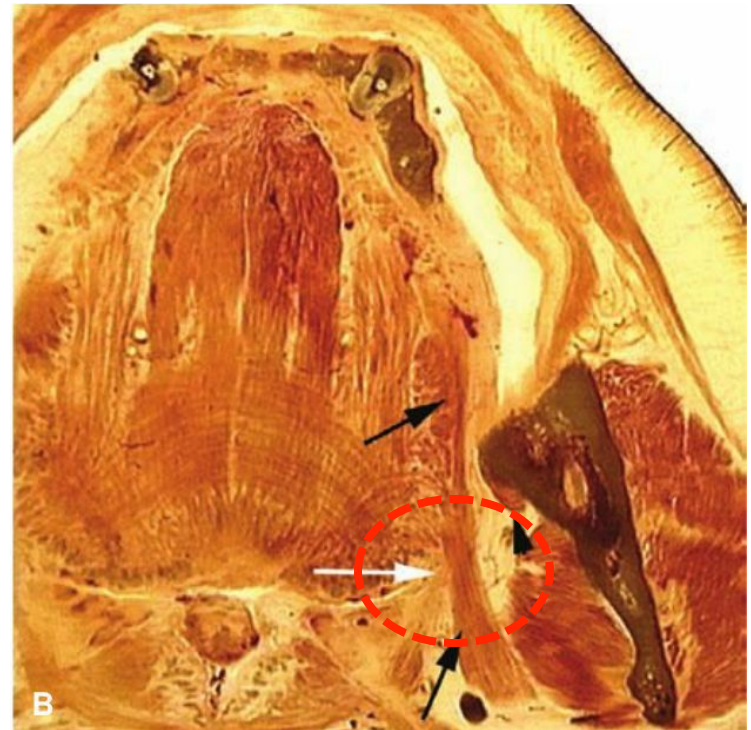
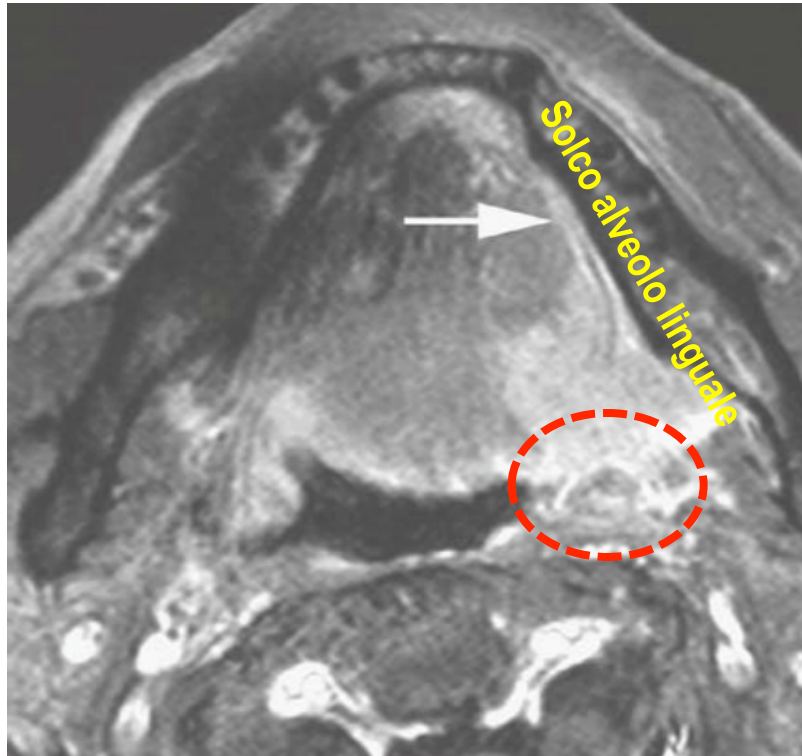


# Lateralmente Spazio parafaringeo

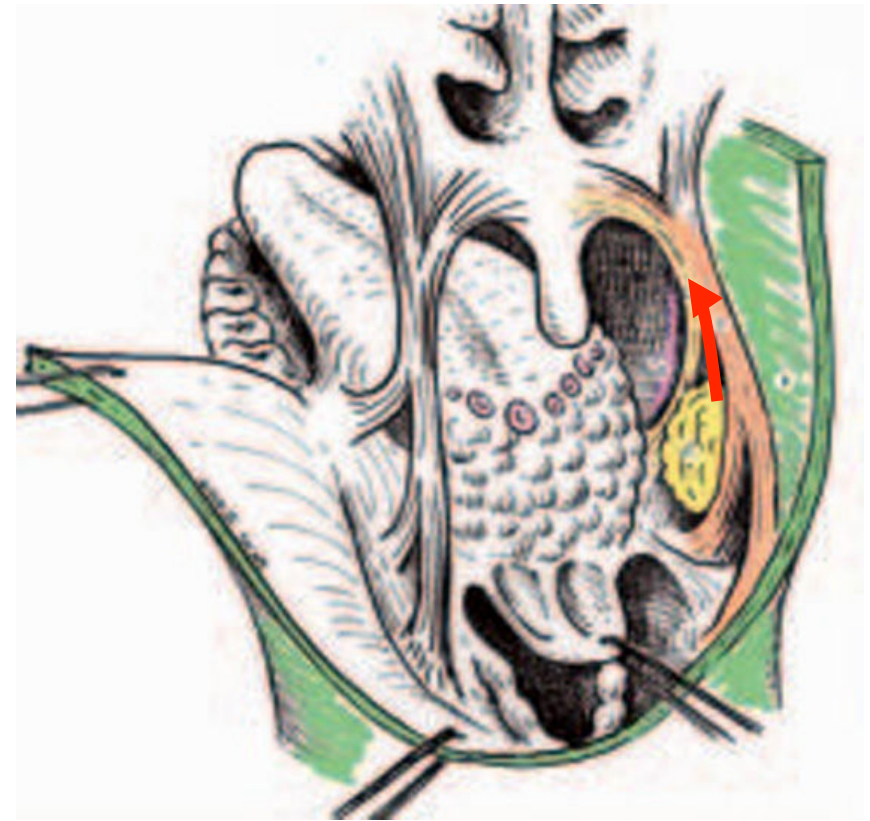
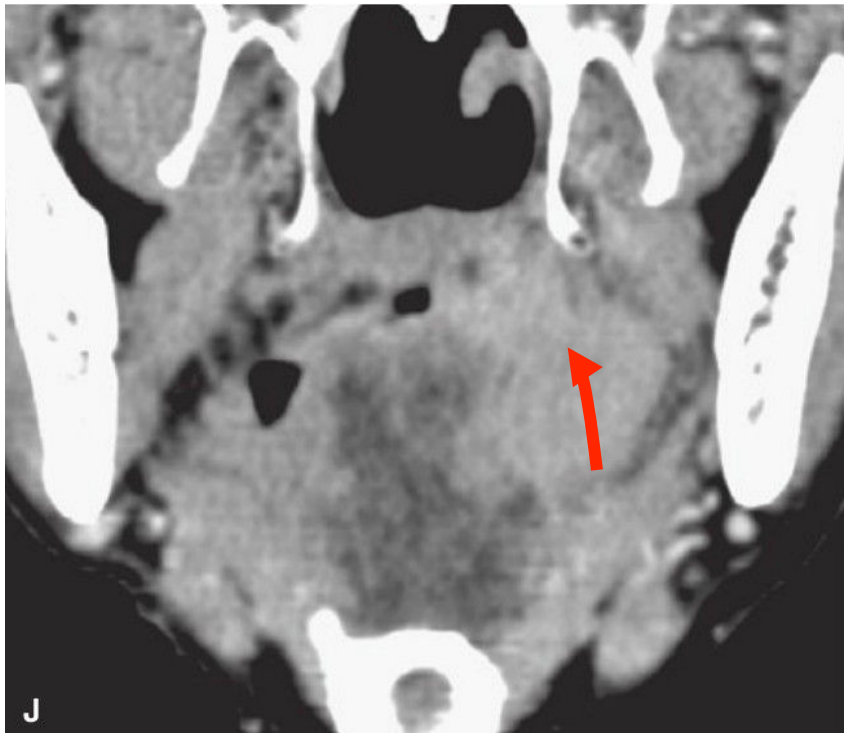




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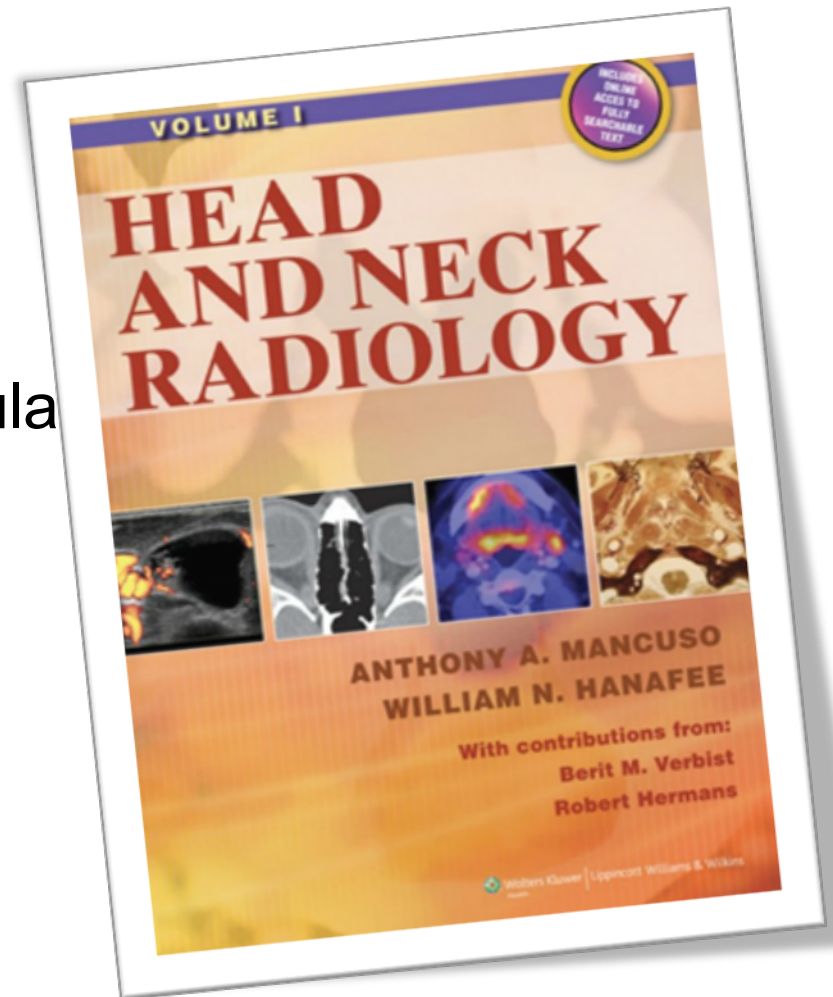
# Lateralmente in alto velo palatino



# Oropharynx

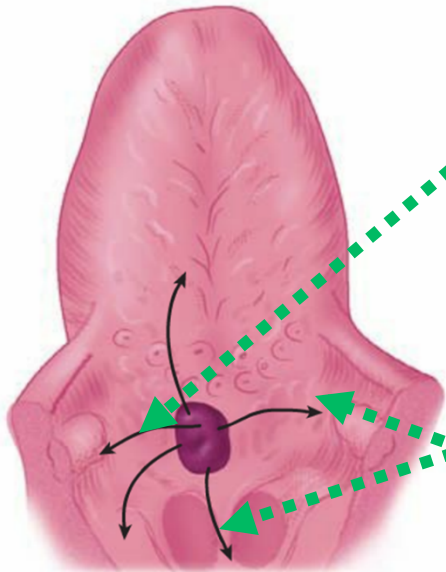
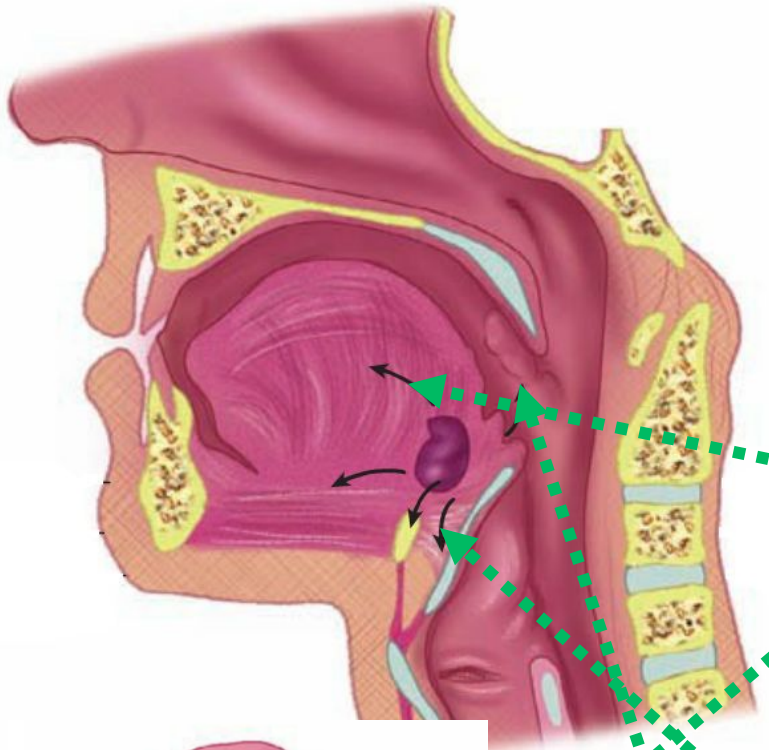
• Floor

→ Base of tongue and Vallecula



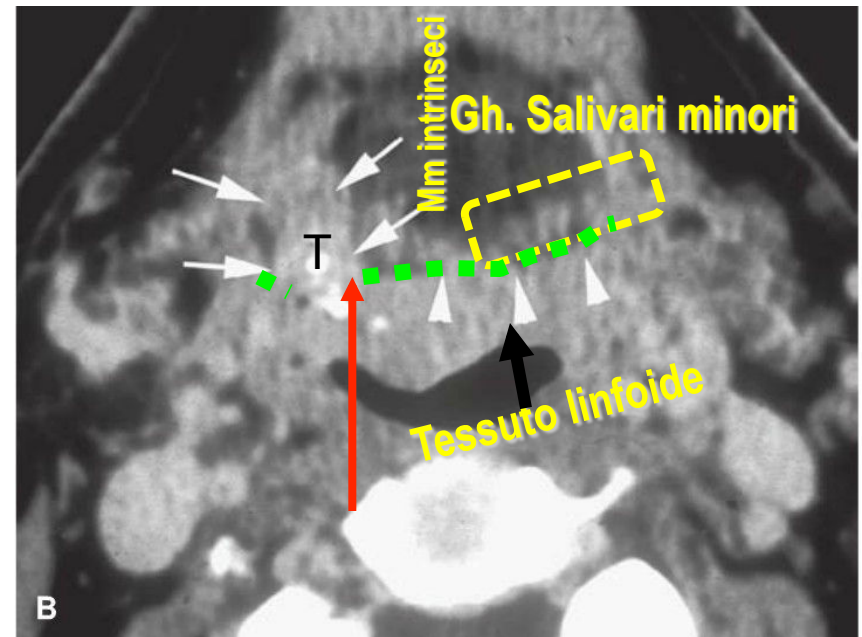
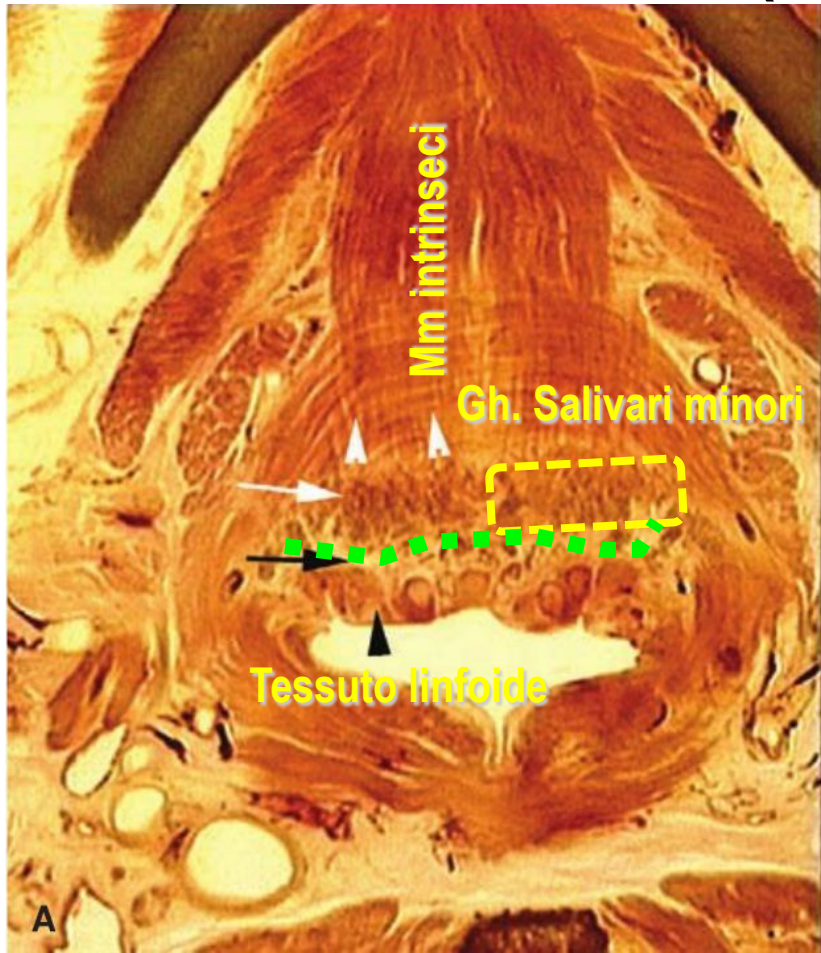


# Base della lingua e vallecula



Direzione	
In avanti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• verso la lingua</li><li>• verso il pavimento della bocca</li></ul>
Lateralmente	Attraverso il solco amigdaloglosso verso la parete laterale
In basso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All'esterno dietro il miloioideo</li><li>• Verso lo spazio preepiglottico</li></ul>
Posteriormente	la superficie linguale dell'epiglottide
Medialmente	Diffusione alla base controlaterale (molto frequente)

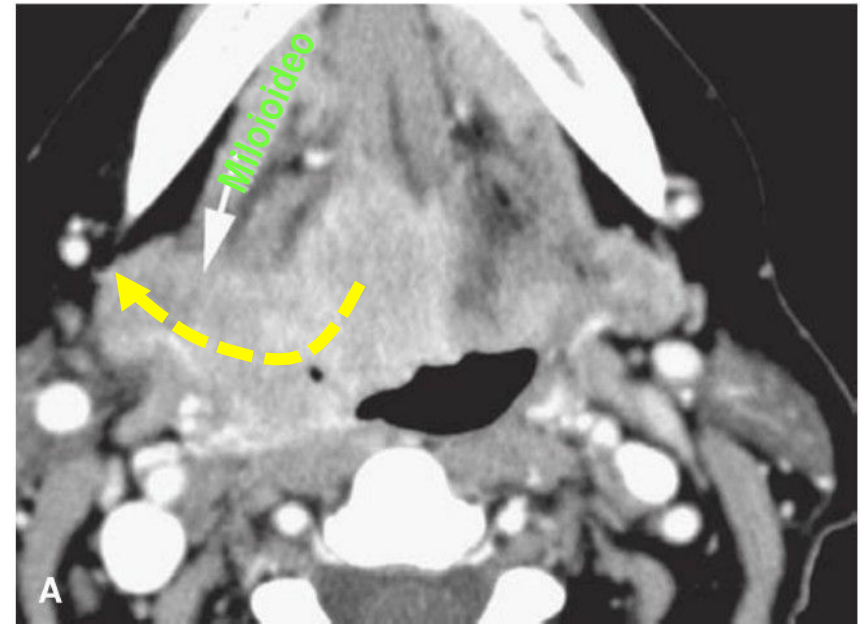
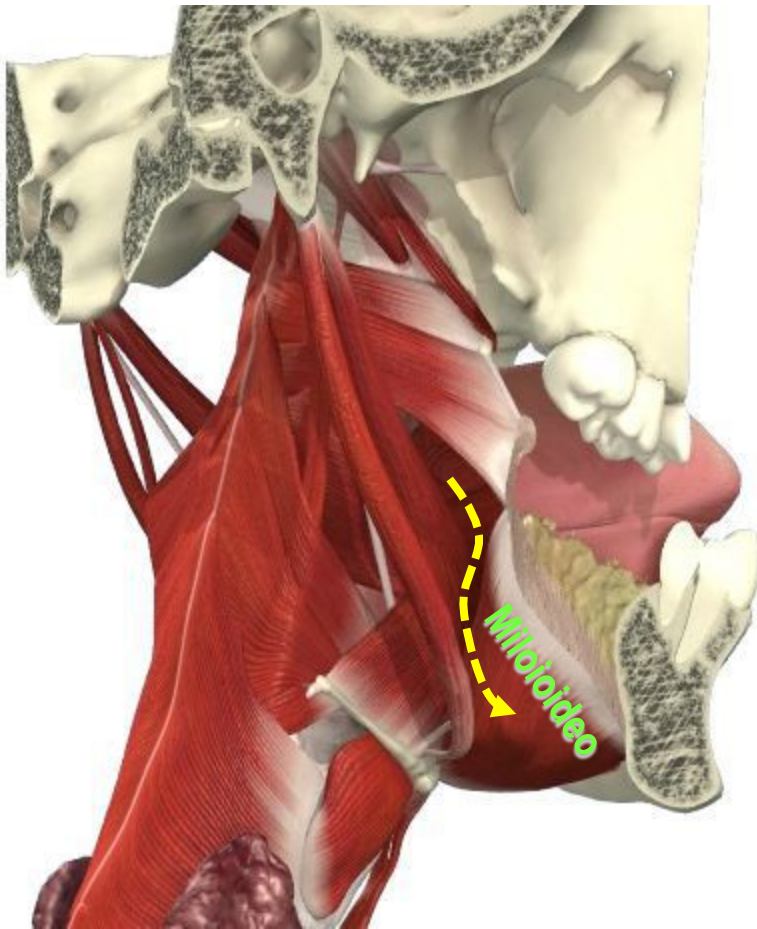
# Base della lingua infiltrante (o superficiale)



Interruzione dello spazio tra tessuto linfoide della base lingua e gh.salivari minori

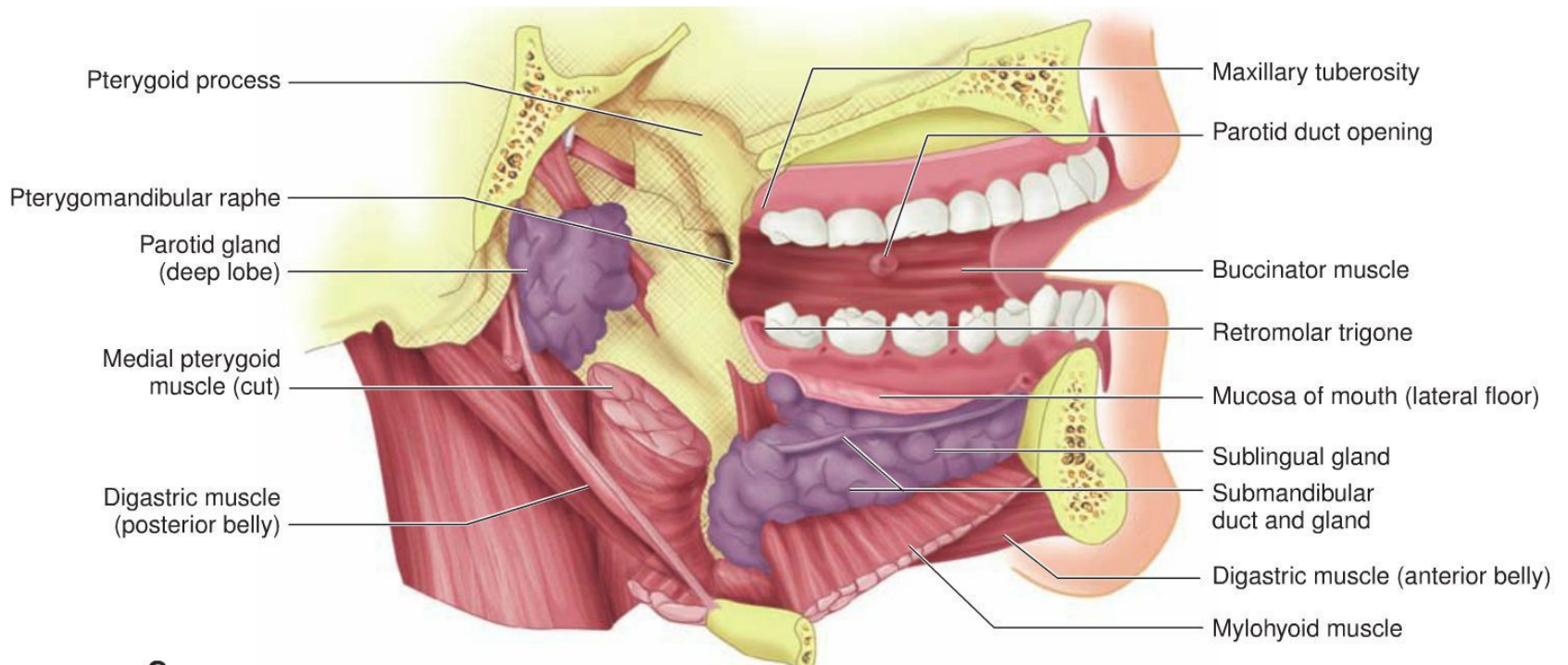
# Base della lingua

## Estensione nella regione del collo





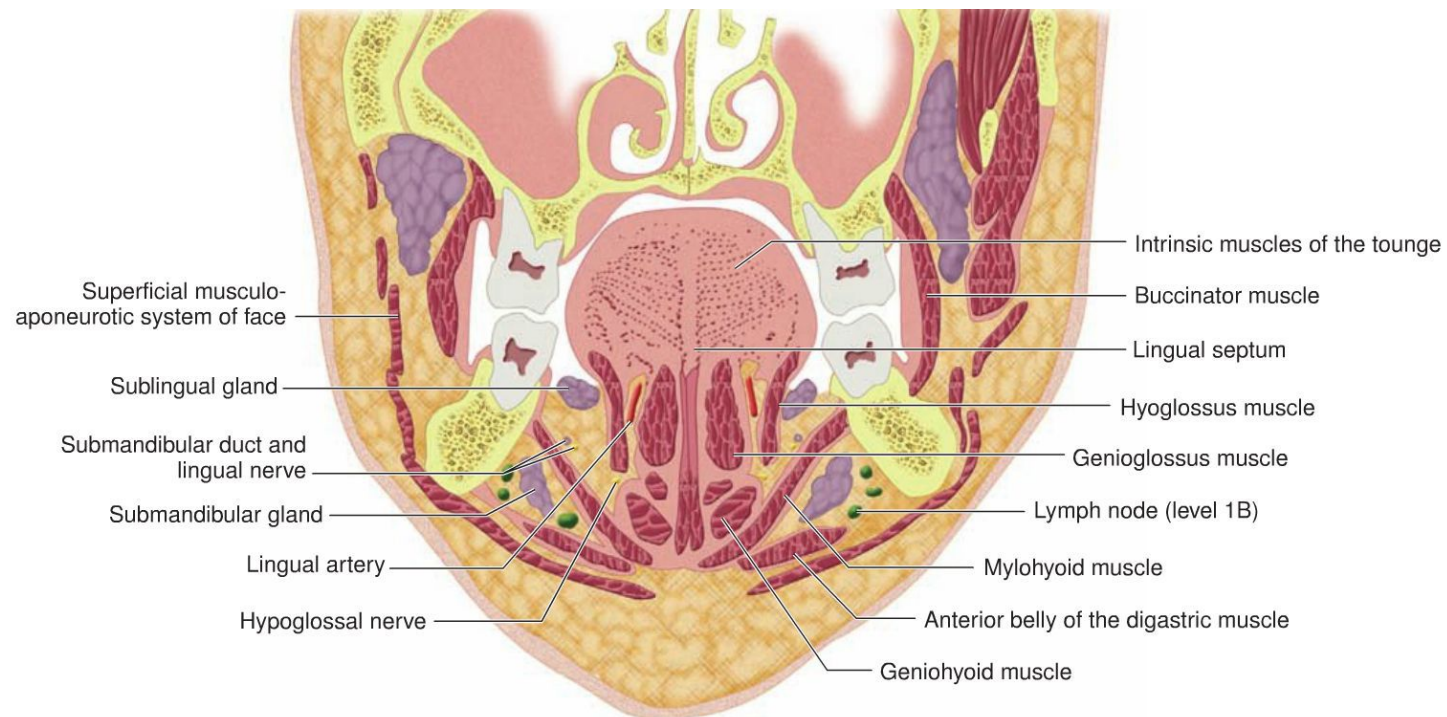
# Oral cavity



# Cavità orale

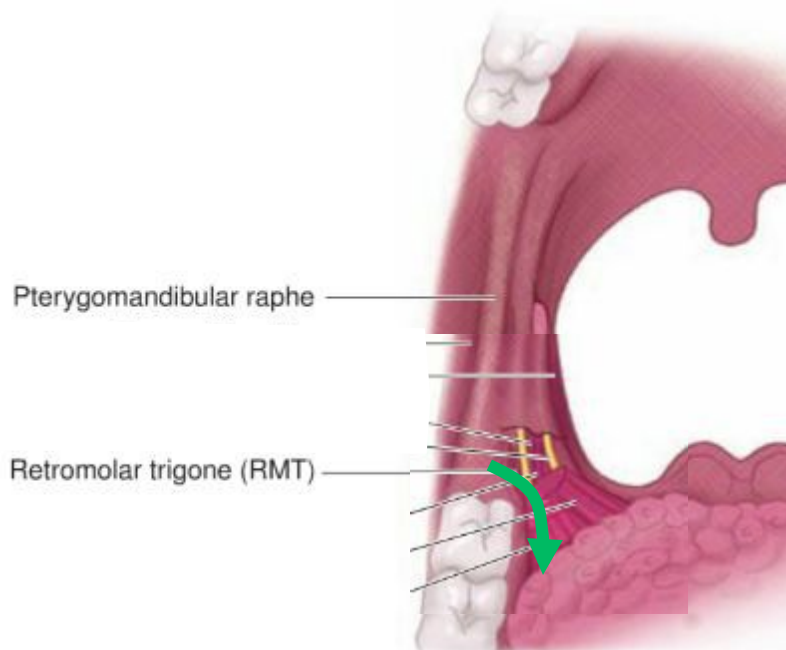
## → Retromolar trigone

- Floor of the Mouth
- Oral tongue



# Trigono retromolare

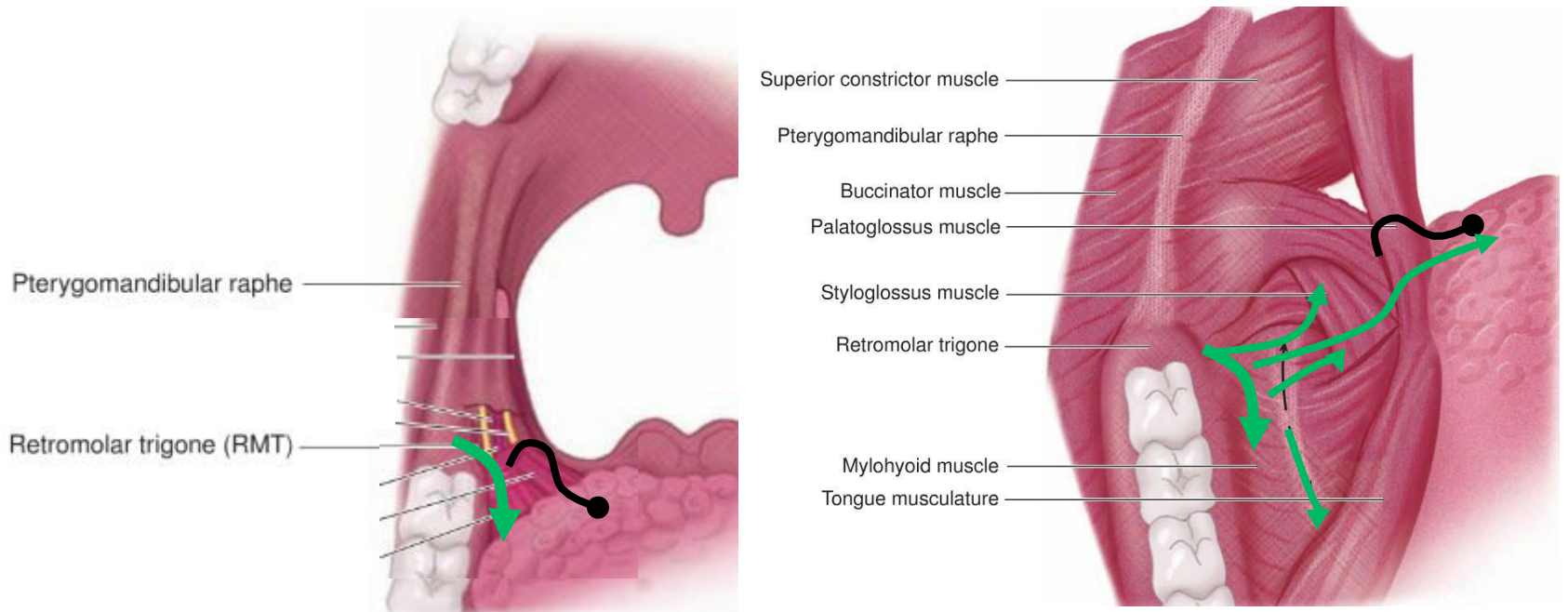
- Antero medialmente: verso il piede del pilastro anteriore





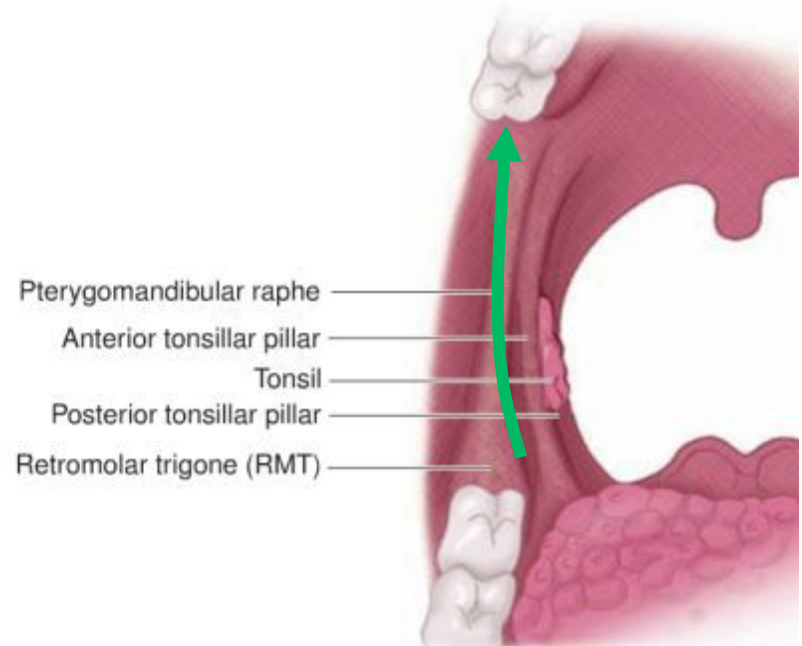
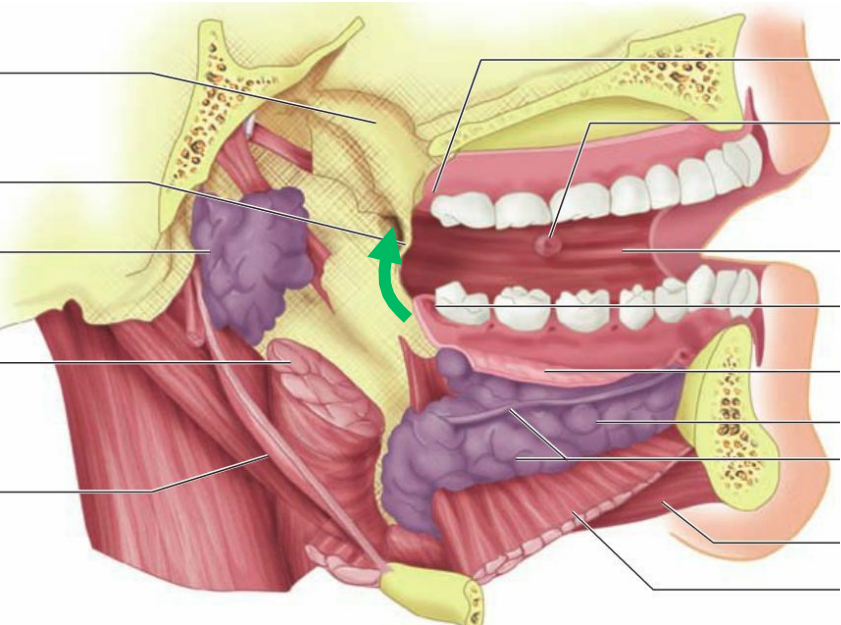
# Trigono retromolare

- Antero medialmente: verso il piede del pilastro anteriore raggiungendo il solco gengivolinguale



# Trigono retromolare

- In alto: verso la tuberosità mascellare, lo pterigoide.

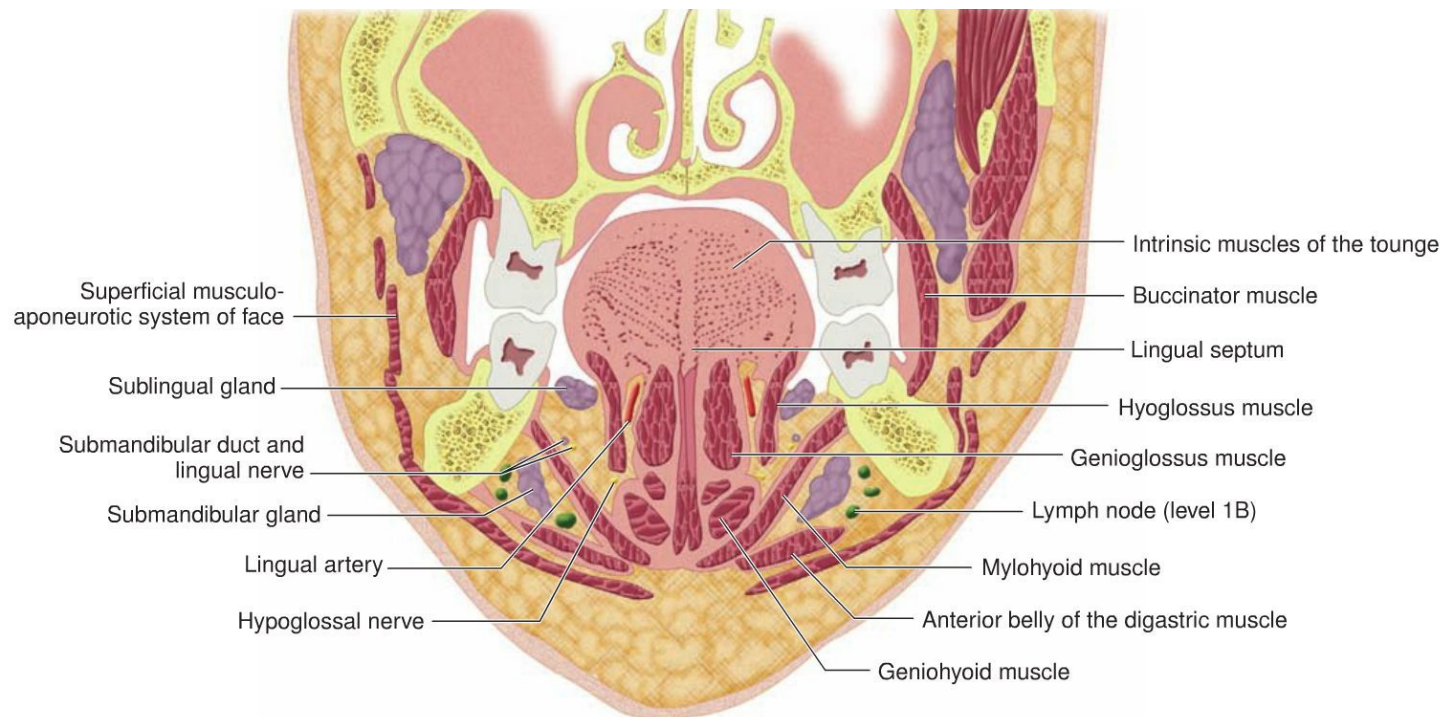


# Cavità orale

- Retromolar trigone

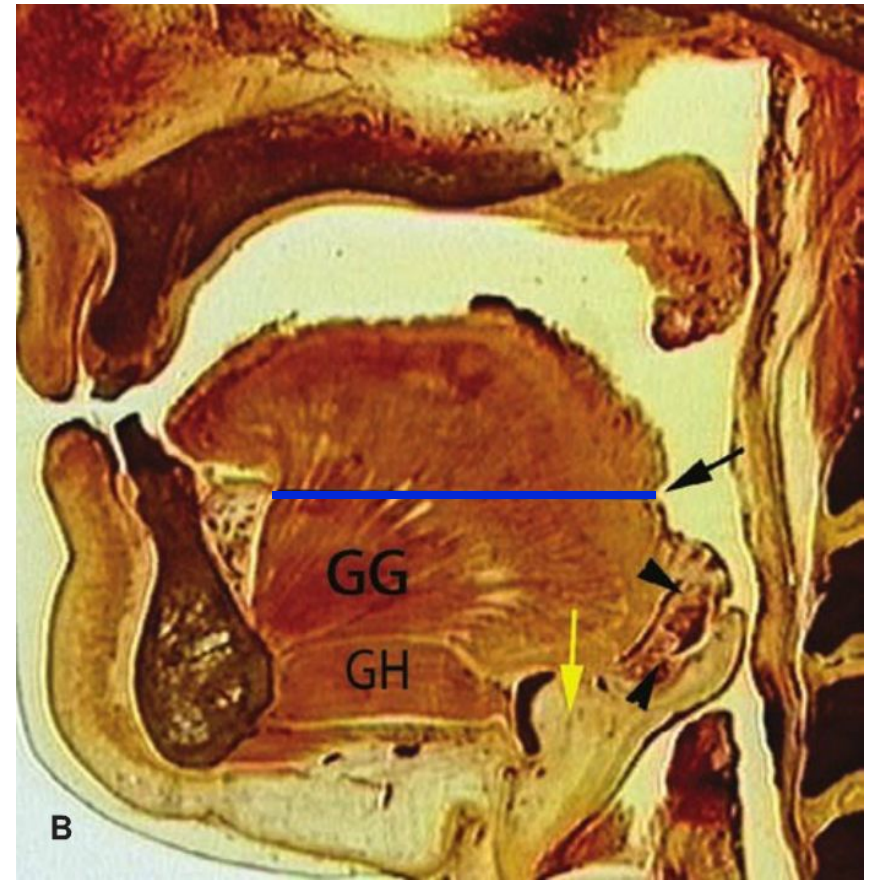
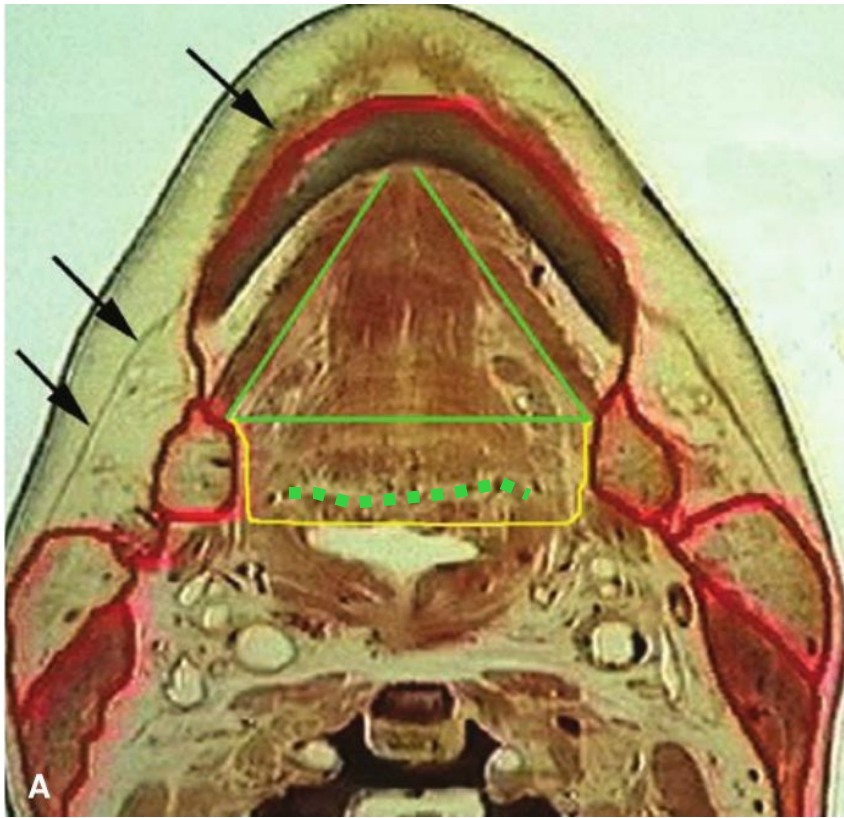
→ Floor of the Mouth

→ Oral tongue



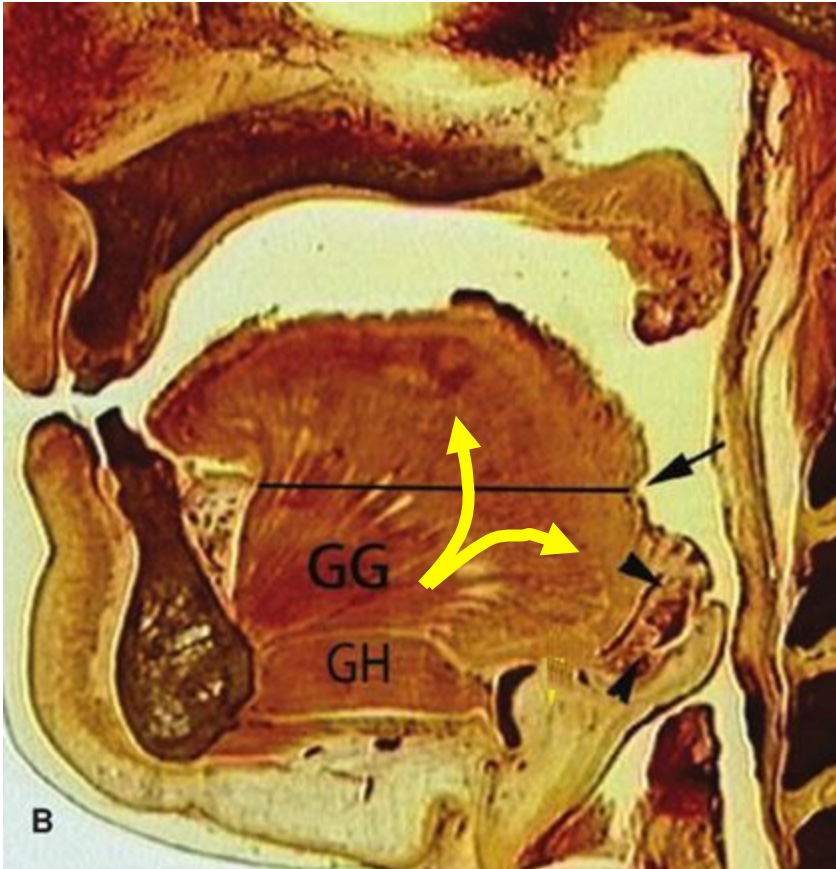


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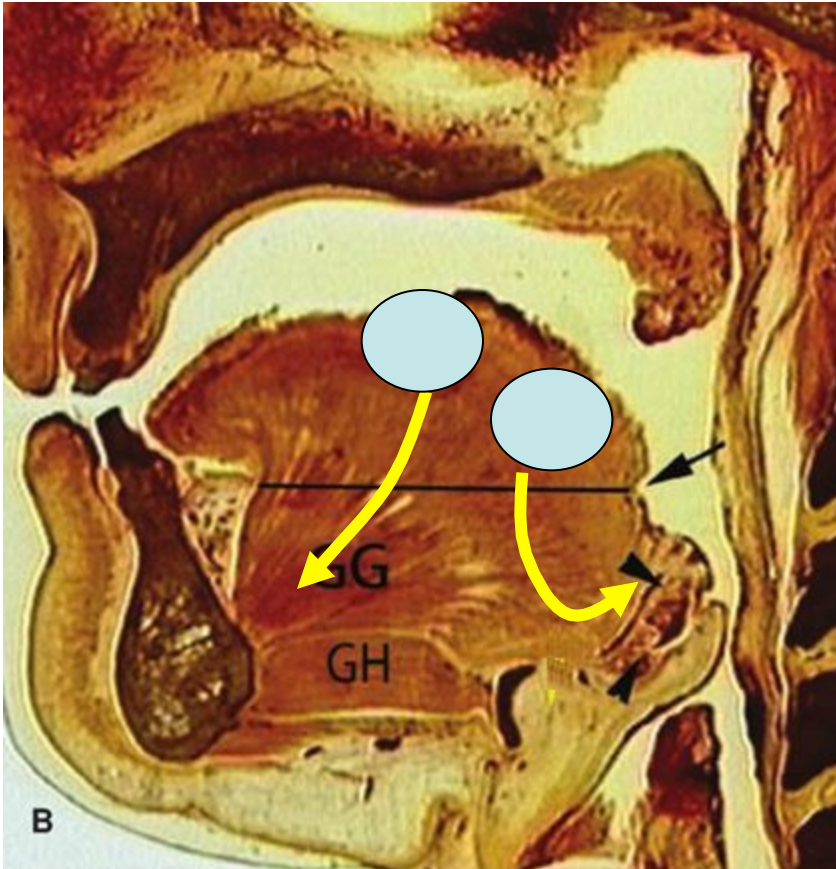


# Floor of the mouth Superiorly

- Spread into the oral tongue



# Oral tongue



- The lesion of **middle third** spreads into floor of mouth along tongue muscles.
- The lesion of the **posterior third spread** into base of the tongue, posterior pillar, amigdaloglossus sulcus and tonsil





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## Cancer de l'oropharynx

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Propositions for the selection and the delineation of peritumoral  
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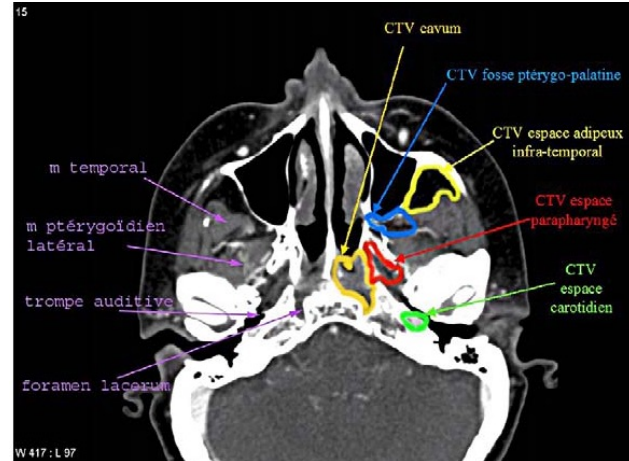
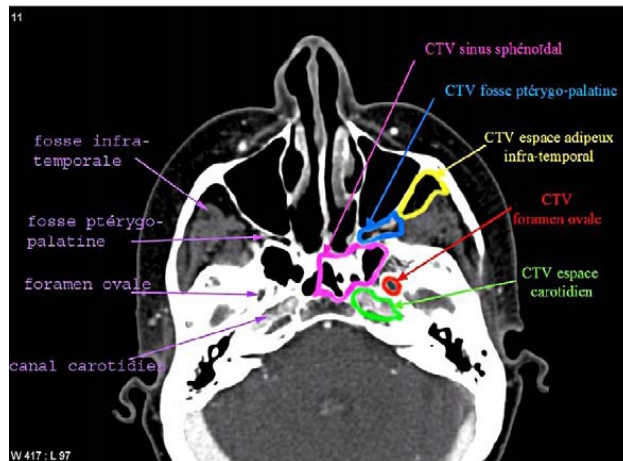
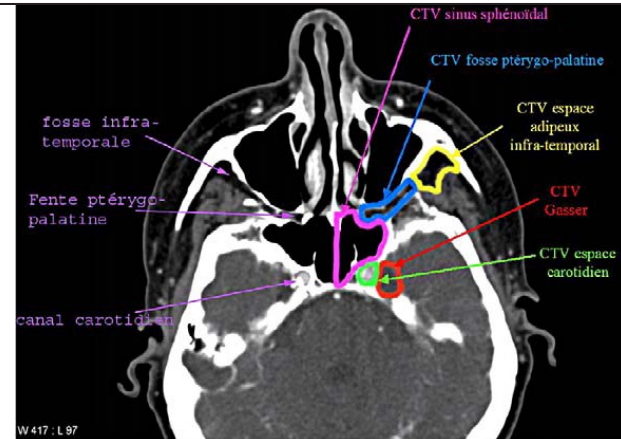
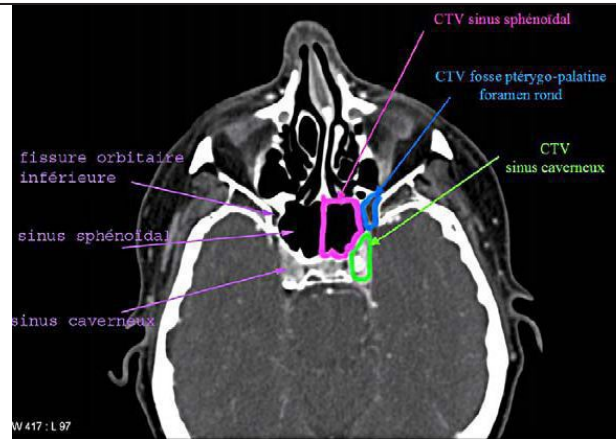


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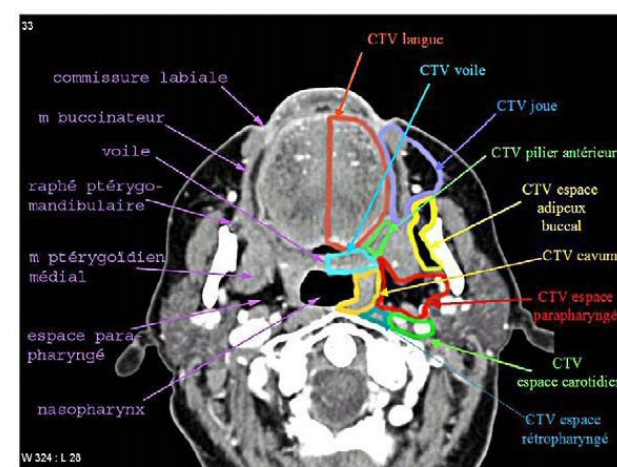
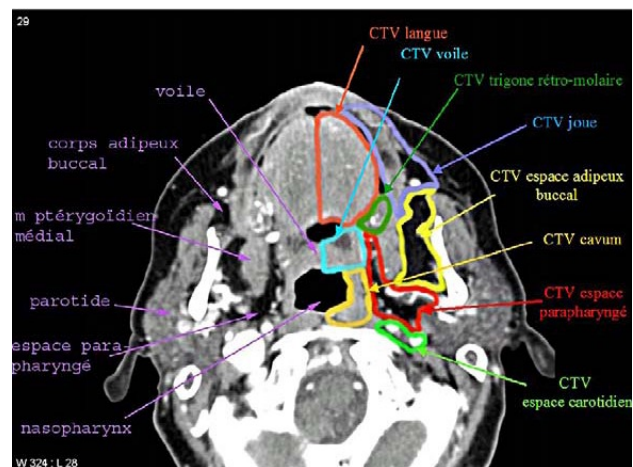
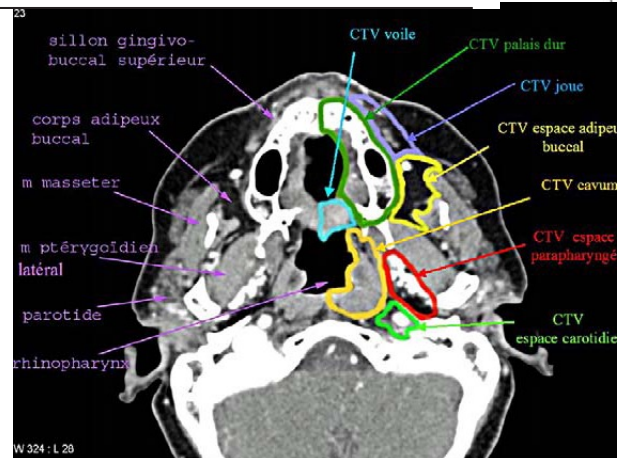
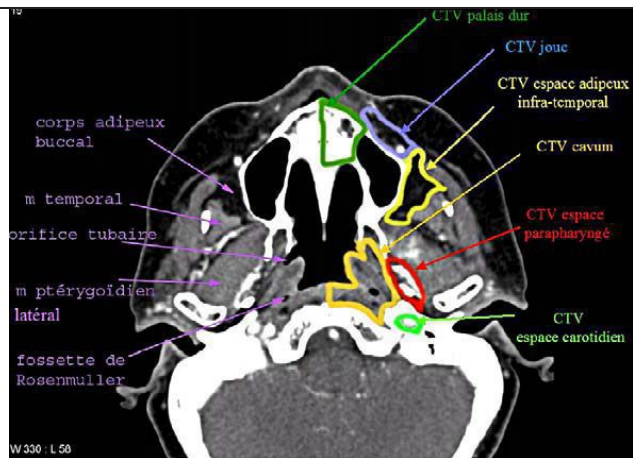
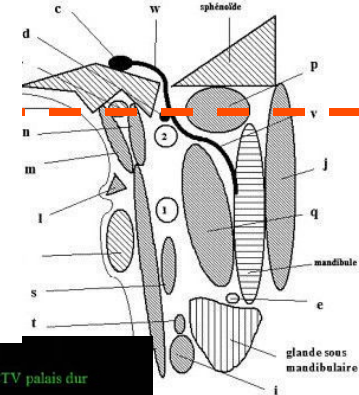
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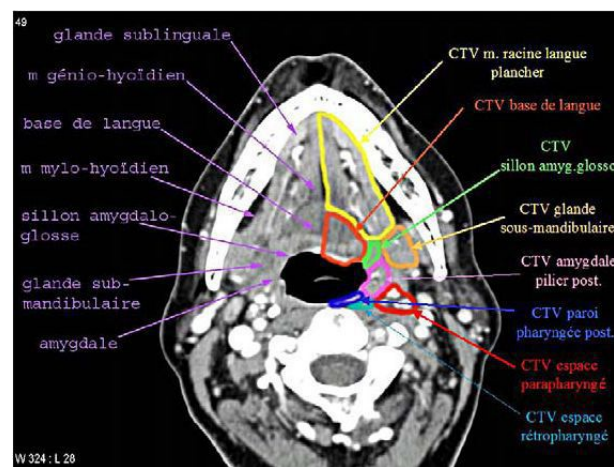
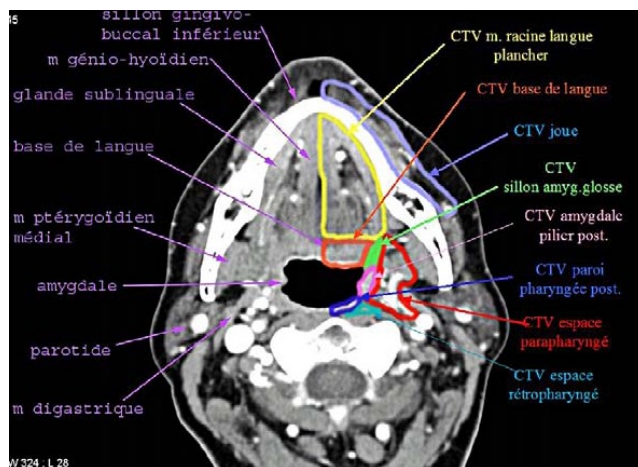
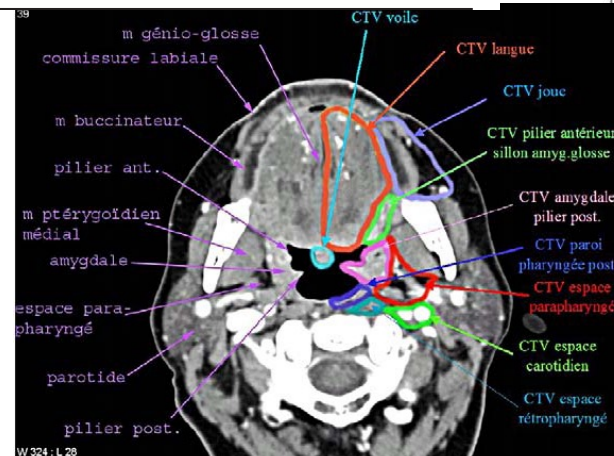
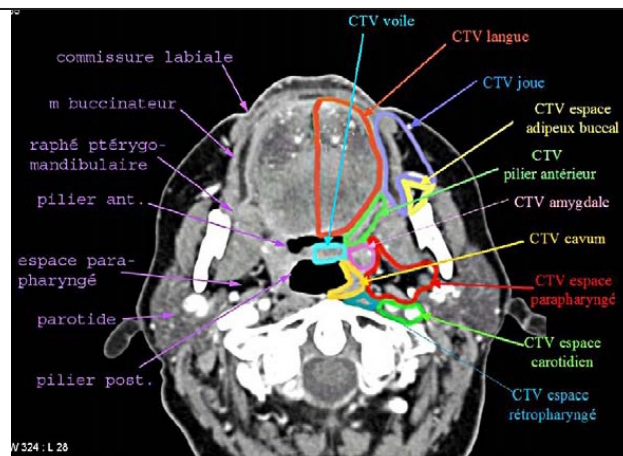
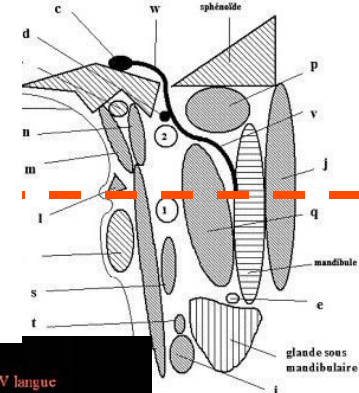
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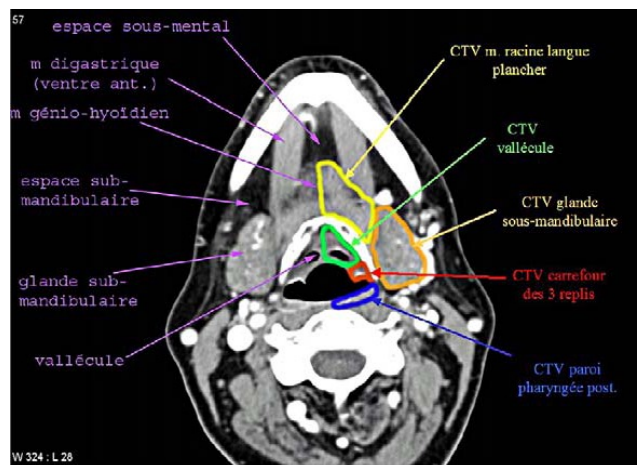
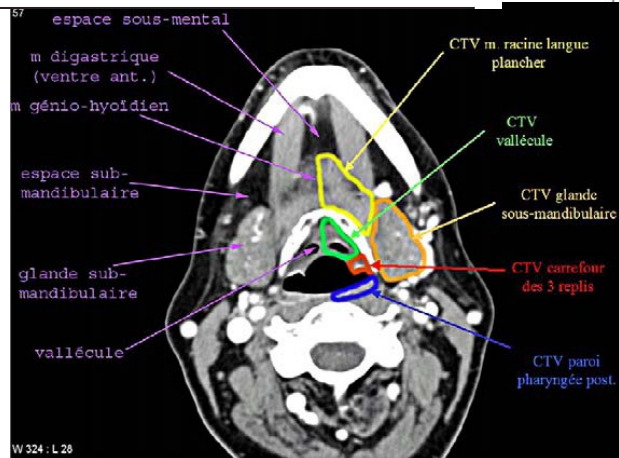
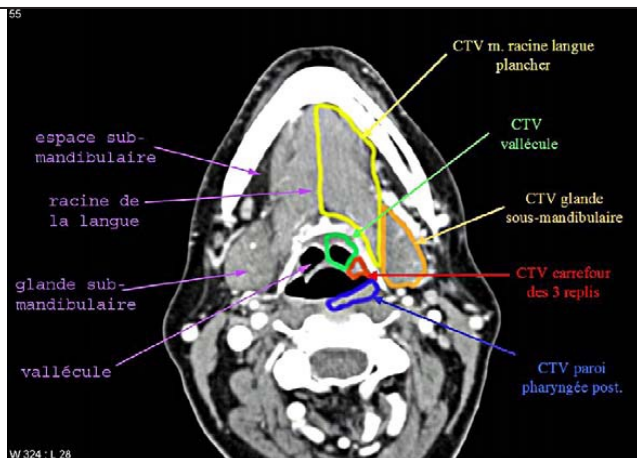
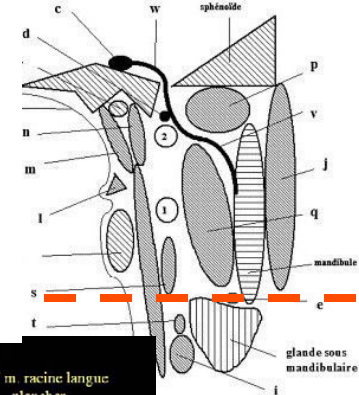




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## Cancer de l'oropharynx

### Oropharyngeal Cancer

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Sous-localisations	Volumes à délimiter pour obtenir le CTV global
Pilier antérieur	CTV amygdale et pilier postérieur, CTV pilier antérieur et sillon amygdalogue, CTV base de langue homolat. (2 cm), CTV langue postérieure homolat. (2 cm), CTV plancher postérieur homolat. (2 cm), CTV glande sous-mandibulaire homolat., CTV voile homolat., CTV joue (2 cm), CVT trigone rétromolaire homolat., gencive postérieure homolat. (2 cm), muscle ptérygoïdien médial homolat.
Amygdale	CTV amygdale et pilier postérieur homolat., CTV pilier antérieur et sillon amygdalogue homolat., CTV base de langue homolat. (2 cm), CTV langue postérieure homolat. (2 cm), CTV voile homolat., CTV carrefour des 3 replis homolat., CTV espace parapharyngé homolat., CTV foramen ovale homolat., CTV Gasser homolat. Tumeur évoluée : prendre en plus : muscle ptérygoïdien médial homolat., branche montante de mandibule homolat., CTV espace carotidien homolat., CTV sinus caverneux homolat., CTV rétropharyngé homolat., CTV cavum homolat.
Pilier postérieur	CTV paroi pharyngée postérieure homolat., CTV pilier postérieur et amygdale homolat., CTV voile homolat., CTV cavum homolat., CTV espace rétropharyngé homolat., repli pharyngoépiglottique homolat., CTV carrefour des 3 replis homolat., CTV parapharyngé homolat.,
Voile	CTV voile bilat., CTV amygdale et piliers bilat. (partie supérieure), CTV cavum homolat., CTV trigone rétromolaire supérieur homolat., CTV espace parapharyngé homolat. Tumeur avec extension supérieure : prendre en plus : muscle ptérygoïdien médial homolat., CTV sinus sphénoïdal homolat., CTV foramen ovale homolat., CTV Gasser homolat. Tumeur latéralisée : prendre en plus : CTV fosse ptérygomaxillaire homolat.
Sillon amygdalogue	CTV sillon amygdalogue et pilier antérieur homolat., CTV amygdale et pilier postérieur homolat., CTV base de langue homolat., CTV langue et plancher* (1/3 postérieur) homolat., CTV vallécule homolat., CTV carrefour des 3 replis homolat., CTV espace parapharyngé homolat.,
Base de langue	CTV base de langue bilat., CTV vallécule homolat., CTV langue homolat. (2 cm), CTV sillon amygdalogue homolat., CTVs amygdale et piliers homolat. Tumeur évoluée : prendre en plus : CTV langue bilat., CTV racine de langue et plancher* bilat., CTV glandes sous-mandibulaires bilat., CTV espace parapharyngé bilat., CTV espace carotidien bilat.
Vallécule	CTV base de langue bilat., CTV vallécule bilat., CTV carrefour des 3 replis homolat., face linguale de l'épiglotte, espace préépiglottique. Tumeur latéralisée : prendre en plus : sinus piriforme (partie supérieure), paroi pharyngée latérale (2 cm)
Paroi pharyngée postérieure	CTV paroi pharyngée postérieure (marge > 2 cm), CTV pilier postérieur de l'amygdale bilat., CTV espace parapharyngé homolat., CTV espace rétropharyngé homolat., CTV cavum homolat., CTV voile homolat.,



## Proposition de sélection et délimitation des volumes cibles microscopiques péri-tumoraux dans les cancers de la cavité buccale

Tableau 1

Cavité buccale. Volume péri-tumoral microscopique (CTV global) à délimiter selon les sous-localisations tumorales. Le principe repose sur le fait de prendre au moins une structure anatomique (« CTV structure ») de contiguïté supplémentaire par rapport à la tumeur macroscopique. Le CTV global est obtenu en additionnant les différents « CTVs structures » sélectionnés (illustration : Fig. 1)

Sous-localisations	Volumes à délimiter pour obtenir le CTV global
Plancher buccal	CTV racine de langue et plancher <sup>a</sup> bilat., CTV glande sous-mandibulaire homolat. (bilat. si ligne médiane dépassée), gencive et mandibule de proximité homolat. (bilat. si ligne médiane dépassée)
Langue mobile	CTV langue bilat., CTV racine de langue et plancher <sup>a</sup> bilat., CTV glande sous-mandibulaire bilat., CTV sillon amygdaloglosse et pilier antérieur homolat. (bilat. si ligne médiane dépassée). Atteinte du 1/3 post. : cf. Base de langue (Tableau 2)
Face interne de joue	CTV joue homolat., CTV glande sous-mandibulaire homolat., CTV trigone rétromolaire supérieur et inférieur homolat., CTVs espace graisseux buccal et infratemporal homolat., gencive supérieure et inférieure homolat. Tumeur avancée : prendre en plus : la joue in toto, l'espace parotidien homolat., le muscle ptérygoïdien médial homolat., CTV fosse ptérygomaxillaire homolat., CTV Gasser homolat.
Gencive inférieure	Trigone rétromolaire inférieur homolat., mandibule homolat. (2 cm), CTV plancher postérieur homolat. (2 cm), CTV glande sous-mandibulaire homolat., CTV joue homolat. (2 cm), la gencive inférieure homolat. (2 cm en avant de la tumeur)
Gencive supérieure	CTV trigone rétromolaire homolat., CTV joue homolat. (2 cm), CTV palais dur homolat. (2 cm), la gencive supérieure homolat. (2 cm en avant de la tumeur)
Palais dur	CTV palais dur bilat., CTV trigone rétromolaire bilat., gencives supérieures bilat., CTV voile bilat. En cas d'atteinte osseuse, les volumes correspondent à ceux du sinus maxillaire
Trigone rétromolaire supérieur	CTV trigone rétromolaire homolat., CTV joue homolat. (2 cm), CTV palais dur homolat. (2 cm), la gencive homolat. (2 cm), CTV pilier antérieur homolat., CTV amygdale homolat., CTV voile homolat., le muscle ptérygoïdien médial homolat., CTVs espaces graisseux buccal et infratemporal homolat., CTV espace parapharyngé homolat. Tumeur avancée : prendre en plus : CTV fosse ptérygomaxillaire homolat., CTV Gasser homolat.
Trigone rétromolaire inférieur	Trigone rétromolaire inférieur homolat., mandibule homolat. (2 cm), CTV plancher postérieur homolat. (2 cm), CTV glande sous-mandibulaire homolat., CTV joue homolat. (2 cm), la gencive homolat. (2 cm), CTV pilier antérieur homolat., CTV amygdale homolat., CTV voile homolat.

Homolat. : homolatéral ; bilat. : bilatéral ; CTV : volume cible anatomo-clinique.

<sup>a</sup> muscles génioglosse, géniopharyngien, mylohyoïdien et glandes sublinguales.

Number of pts with **clinically positive neck nodes** found at presentation (*adapted From Gregoire 2000*)

	N. Pt N+	Level (Percentage of the node+ pts.)									
		I		II		III		IV		V	
Oral cavity (n=787)	36	42	3.5	79	8	18	3	5	1	1	0
Oropharynx (n=1497)	64	13	2	81	24	23	5	9	2.5	13	3
Hypopharynx (n=847)	70	2	0	80	13	51	4	20	3	24	2
Supraglottic Larynx (n=428)	55	2	0	71	21	48	10	18	7	15	4
Nasopharynx (440 pts)*	80	9	8	71	56	36	32	32	26	15	10

\*Sham 1990

Lindberg Cancer 1972



Percentage Incidence and Distribution of Pathologically Involved Nodes in a **Clinical Node-Negative** Neck After Elective Radical Neck Dissection

CTV 2 ) Risk of subclinical involvement greater than 15–20%

		<b>Level</b>				
	<b>N. Pt</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>
<b>Oral cavity</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0,5%</b>
<b>Oropharynx</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Hypopharynx</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Larynx</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2,5%</b>

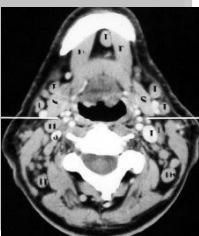
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Percentage Incidence and Distribution of Pathologically Involved Nodes in a **Clinical Node-Positive** After **Therapeutic** Radical Neck Dissection

		<b>Level</b>				
	<b>N. Pt</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>
<b>Oral cavity</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Oropharynx</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Hypopharynx</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2,5%</b>
<b>Larynx</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>4%</b>



# Incidence of Positive Retropharyngeal Nodes for Various Primary Sites and Clinical Neck Stages (794 Tumors)

**CUT OFF 10%**

**CT and RMI**

Primary Site	Clinical Neck Stage		Overall %
	N0 Neck No. %	N+ Neck <sup>a</sup> No. %	
Nasopharynx	2/5 ( <u>40%</u> )	12/14 ( <u>86%</u> )	74
Pharyngeal wall	6/37 ( <u>16%</u> )	12/56 ( <u>21%</u> )	19
Soft palate	1/21 ( <u>5%</u> )	6/32 ( <u>19%</u> )	13
Tonsillar region	2/56 ( <u>4%</u> )	14/120 ( <u>12%</u> )	9
Pyriform sinus or postcricoid area	0/55 ( <u>0%</u> )	7/81 ( <u>9%</u> )	5
Base of tongue	0/31 ( <u>0%</u> )	5/90 ( <u>6%</u> )	4
Supraglottic larynx	0/87 ( <u>0%</u> )	4/109 ( <u>4%</u> )	2

<sup>a</sup>N+, neck nodes clinically involved (stages N1–3B).

From McLaughlin MP, Mendenhall WM, Mancuso AA, et al. Retropharyngeal adenopathy as a predictor of outcome in squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck. *Head Neck* 1995;17:190–198,



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**DEFINING THE RISK OF INVOLVEMENT FOR EACH NECK NODAL LEVEL IN  
PATIENTS WITH EARLY T-STAGE NODE-POSITIVE OROPHARYNGEAL  
CARCINOMA**

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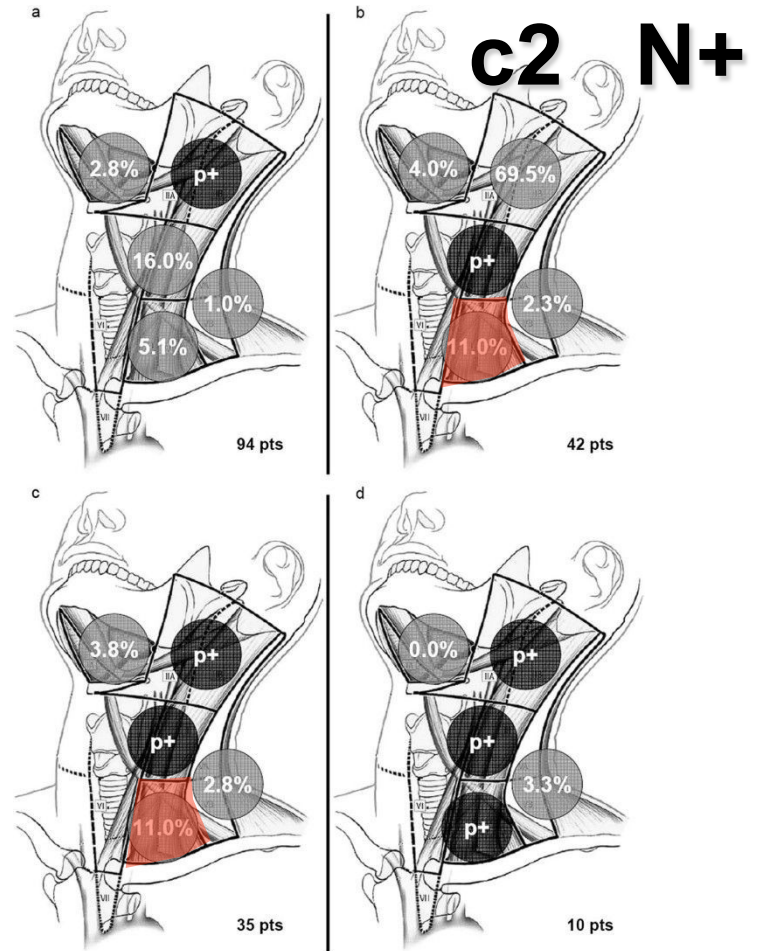
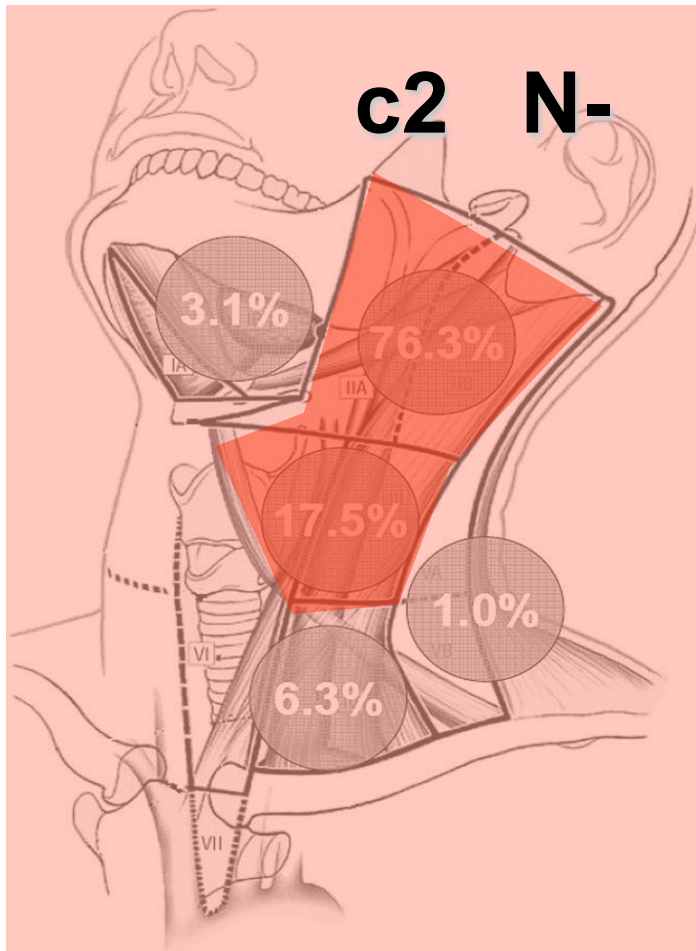
January 1998 to December 2007 were retrospectively identified.

Patients:

- (1) upfront ND; i.e., before definitive radiotherapy with or without chemotherapy;
- (2) early clinical T-stage (cT1 or cT2);
- (3) neck nodes that were clinically palpable or detectable on imaging at presentation;



# Estimated risk of pathologic involvement of each nodal level when results are negative or positive on imaging (computed tomography).





# Conclusions

In cT1-2 **cN+** :

- Ipsilateral Levels II and III should always be considered at high risk of involvement despite negative findings on CT
- Level IV should be included in the lowest dose/risk level CTV.

# Quando irradiare IIB?

## Cavità orale «N<sub>0</sub>»?

**Table 3** Lymph node status at sublevel IIB evaluated by prospective studies in oral cavity squamous carcinoma with clinically negative neck

Author(s)	Year	Number of patients	Institutions	Mts detected in sublevel IIB by pathologic analysis	Mts detected in sublevel IIB by molecular analysis
Lim et al. [21]	2004	74	Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea	4	
Elsheikh et al. [22]	2005	48	Tanta University, Tanta, Egypt	3	5 <sup>a</sup>
Bolzoni Villaret et al. [16]	2007	54	Brescia University, Brescia, European Institute of Oncology, Milan, and Regina Elena Institute of Oncology, Rome, Italy	1	
Paleri et al. [17]	2008	10	Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia and Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	1 <sup>b</sup>	

<sup>a</sup> This number includes the three cases of metastases detected in sublevel IIB by pathologic analysis. The primary tumor was situated in the tongue in all the five cases

<sup>b</sup> The primary tumor was localized at the floor of the mouth and adjacent alveolus (T4), and no other positive nodes were evident at other levels in this patient



# Quando irradiare Ib?

## Orofaringe «cN<sub>0</sub>»?

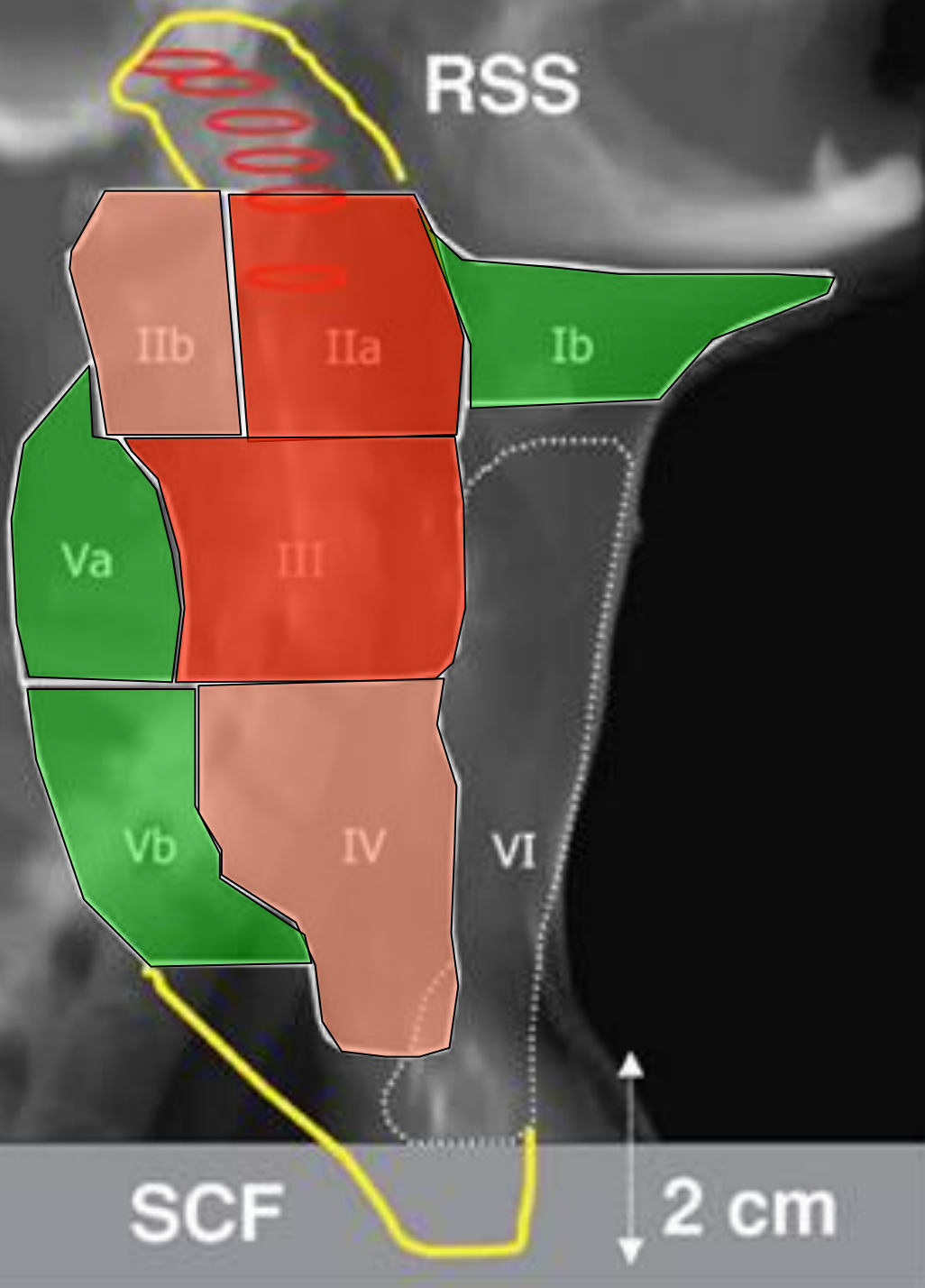
**Table 4** Lymph node status at sublevel IIB evaluated by prospective studies in oropharyngeal squamous carcinoma with clinically negative neck

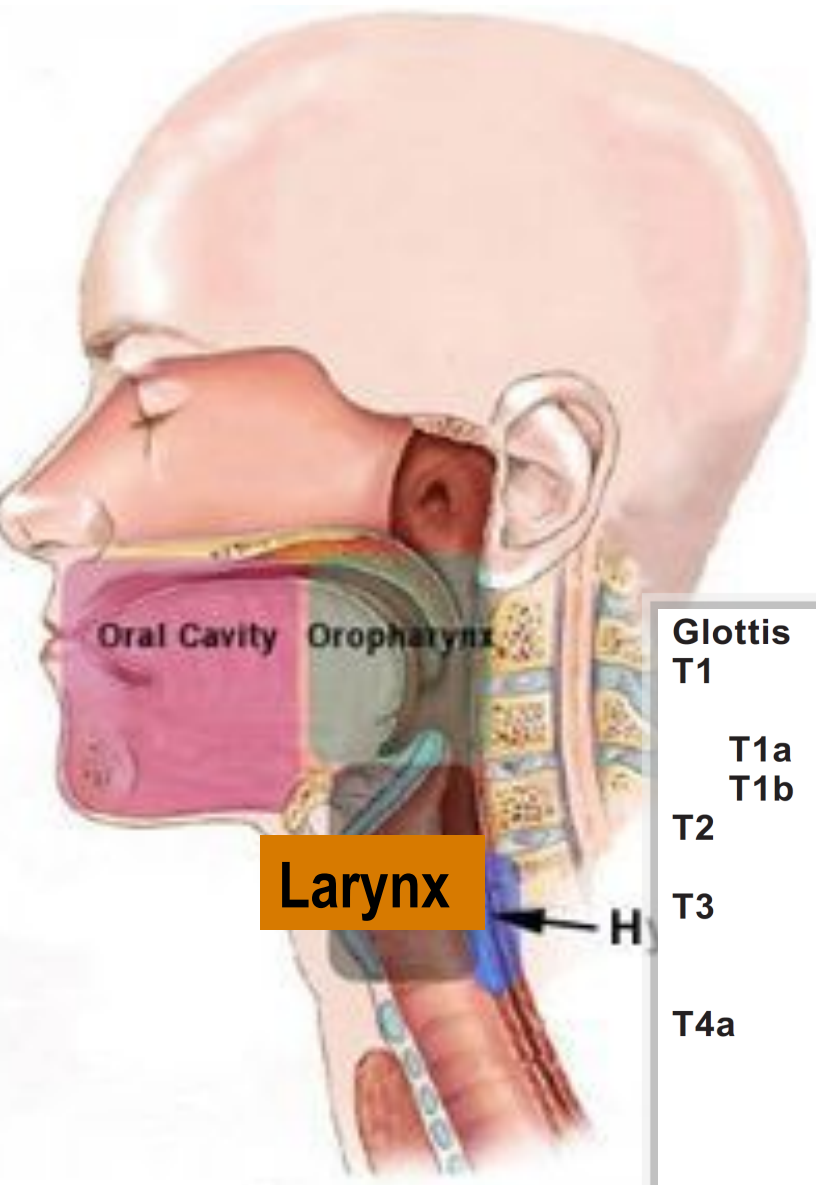
Author(s)	Year	Number of patients	Institutions	Mts detected in sublevel IIB by pathologic analysis
Lee et al. [24]	2006	21	Chung-Ang University, Konkuk University, and Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea	None
Bolzoni Villaret et al. [16]	2007	10	Brescia University, Brescia, European Institute of Oncology, Milan, and Regina Elena Institute of Oncology, Rome, Italy	1
Paleri et al. [17]	2008	9	Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia and Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	None

# Conclusions

In **cN0** :

- Ipsilateral Levels IIa and III should always be considered at high risk of involvement despite negative findings on CT
- Level IV should be included in the lowest dose/risk level CTV.





## Supraglottis

- T1** Tumor limited to one subsite of supraglottis with normal vocal cord mobility
- T2** Tumor invades mucosa of more than one adjacent subsite of supraglottis or glottis or region outside the supraglottis (eg, mucosa of base of tongue, vallecula, medial wall of pyriform sinus) without fixation of the larynx
- T3** Tumor limited to larynx with vocal cord fixation and/or invades any of the following: postcricoid area, pre-epiglottic space, paraglottic space, and/or inner cortex of thyroid cartilage
- T4a** Moderately advanced local disease  
Tumor invades through the thyroid cartilage and/or invades tissues beyond the larynx (eg, trachea, soft tissues of neck including deep extrinsic muscle of the tongue, strap muscles, thyroid, or esophagus)
- T4b** Very advanced local disease  
Tumor invades prevertebral space, encases carotid artery, or invades mediastinal structures

## Glottis

- T1** Tumor limited to the vocal cord(s) (may involve anterior or posterior commissure) with normal mobility
- T1a** Tumor limited to one vocal cord
- T1b** Tumor involves both vocal cords
- T2** Tumor extends to supraglottis and/or subglottis, and/or with impaired vocal cord mobility
- T3** Tumor limited to the larynx with vocal cord fixation and/or invasion of paraglottic space, and/or inner cortex of the thyroid cartilage
- T4a** Moderately advanced local disease  
Tumor invades through the outer cortex of the thyroid cartilage and/or invades tissues beyond the larynx (eg, trachea, soft tissues of neck including deep extrinsic muscle of the tongue, strap muscles, thyroid, or esophagus)
- T4b** Very advanced local disease  
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# Skeletal framework

Hyoid Bone

Epiglottis

Thyroid cartilage

Crico-Thyroid Ligament

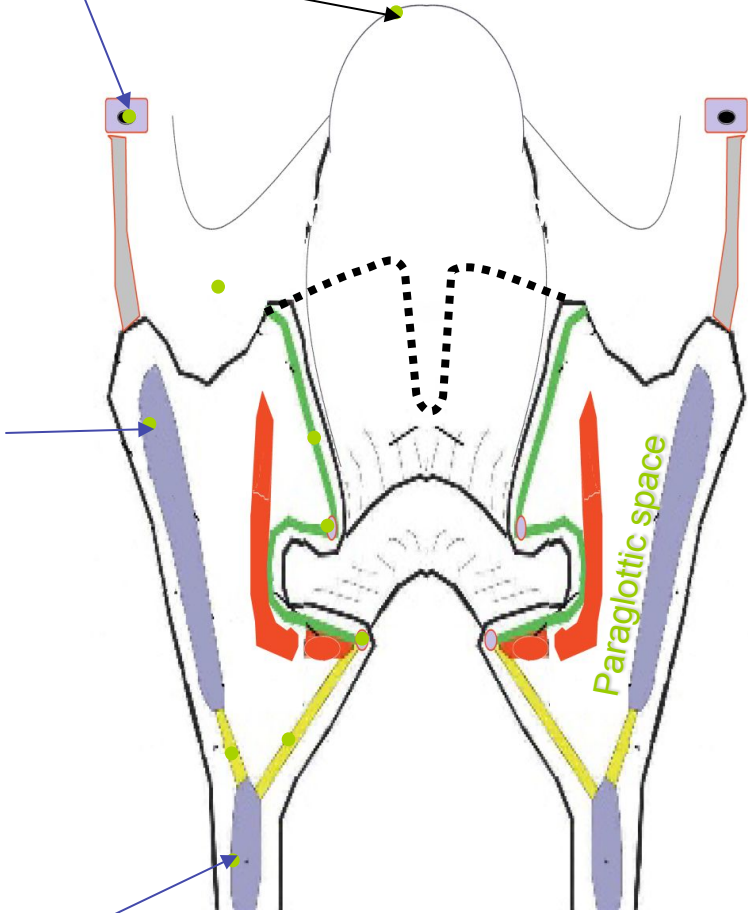
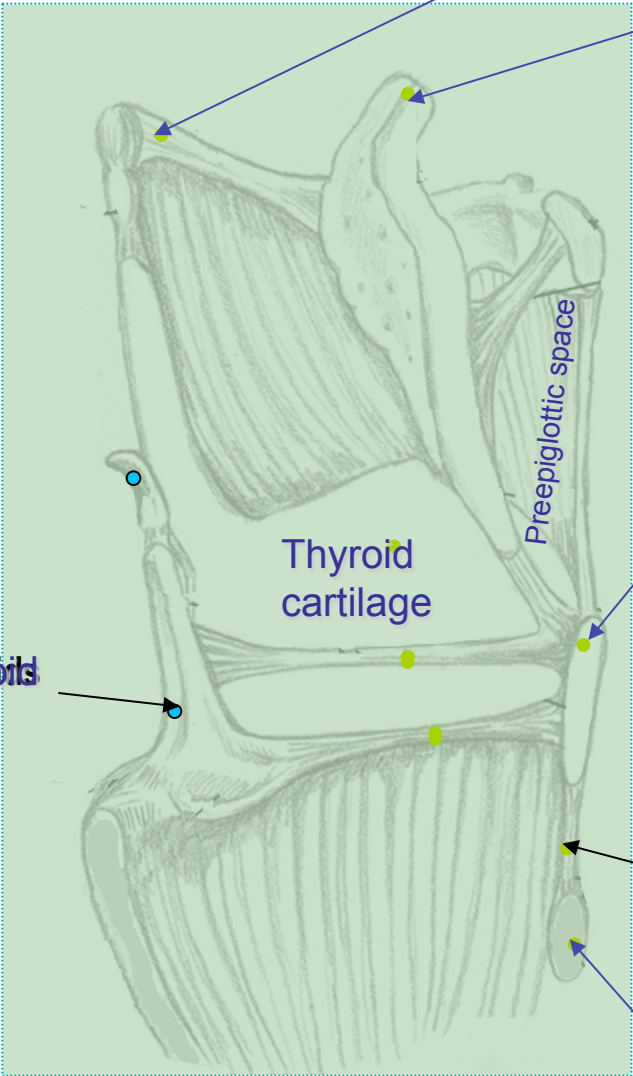
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Cricoid cartilage

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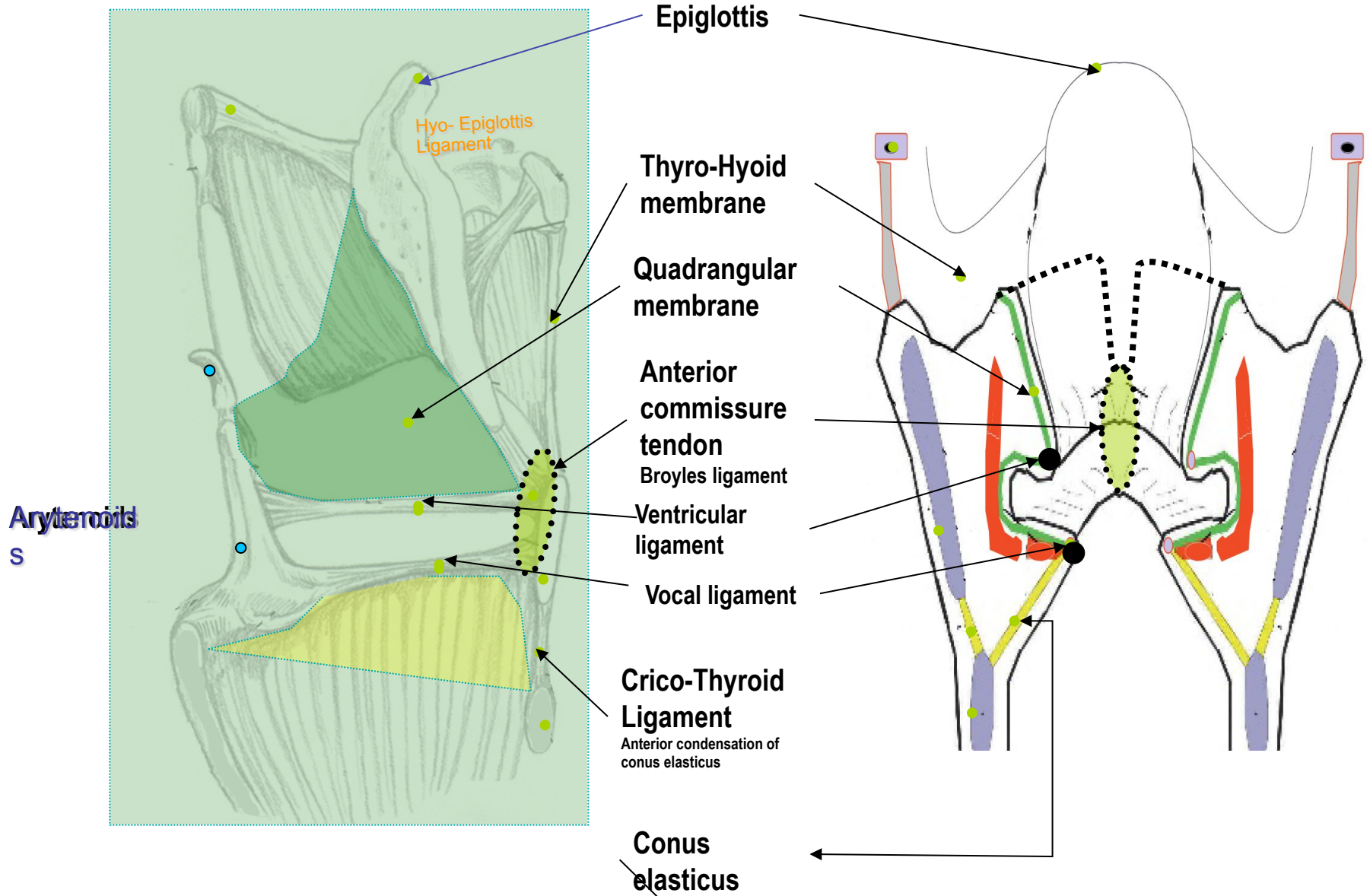
Preepiglottic space

Arytenoids



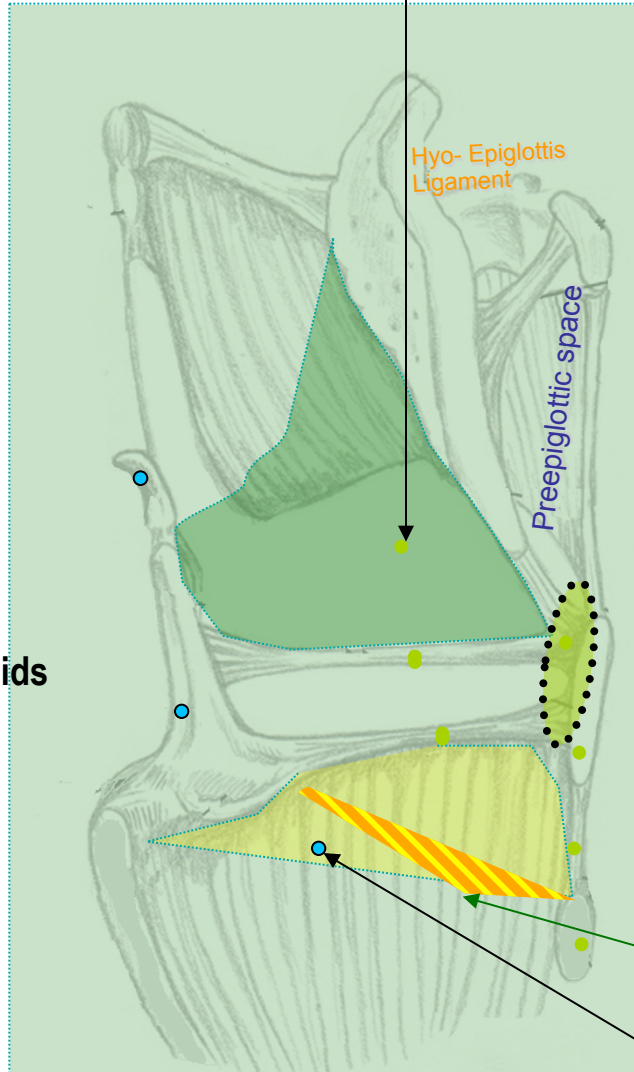
# False barriers

## Connective tissue barriers



# Laryngeal space

Quadrangula  
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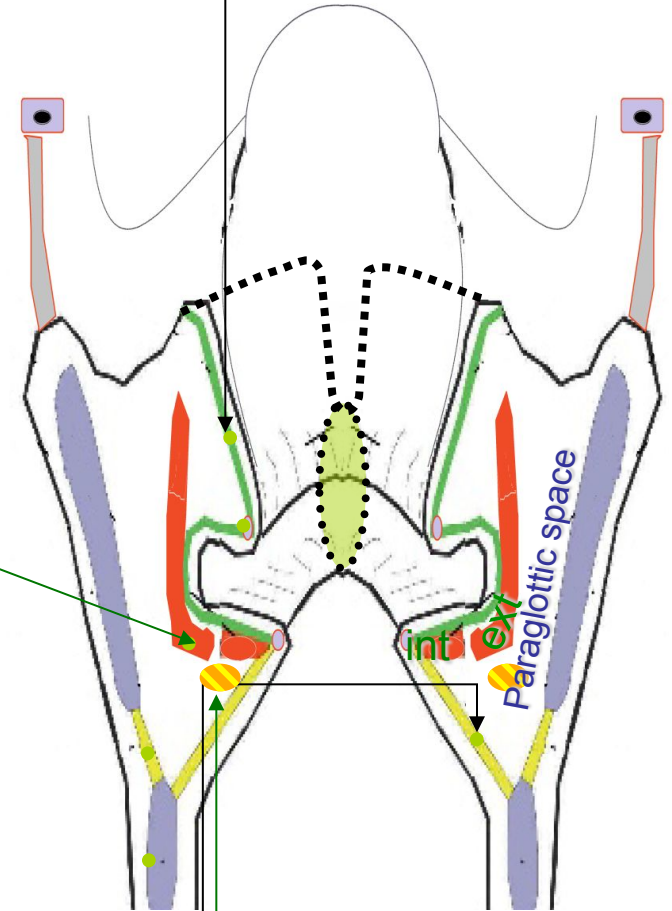
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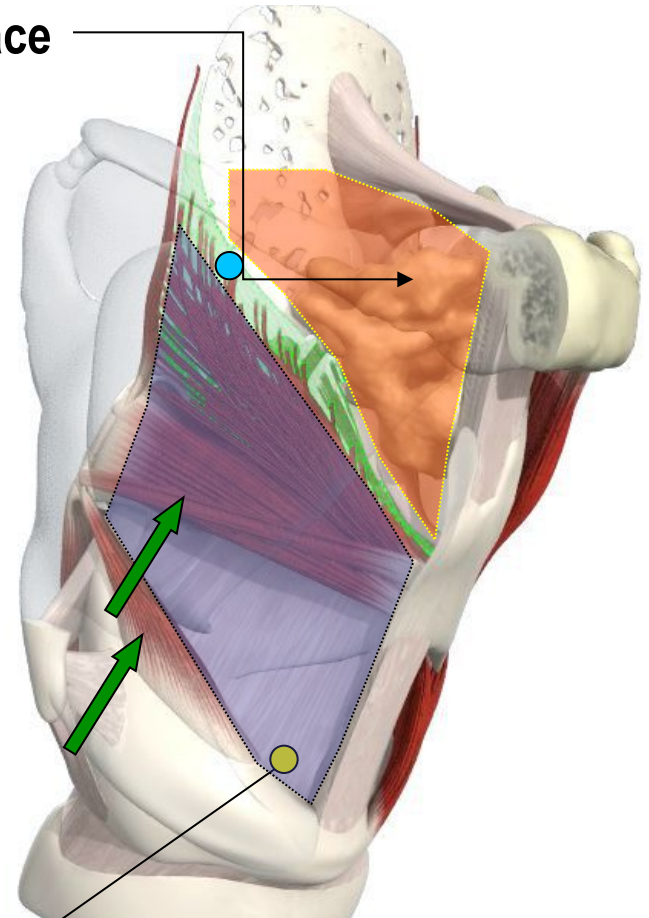
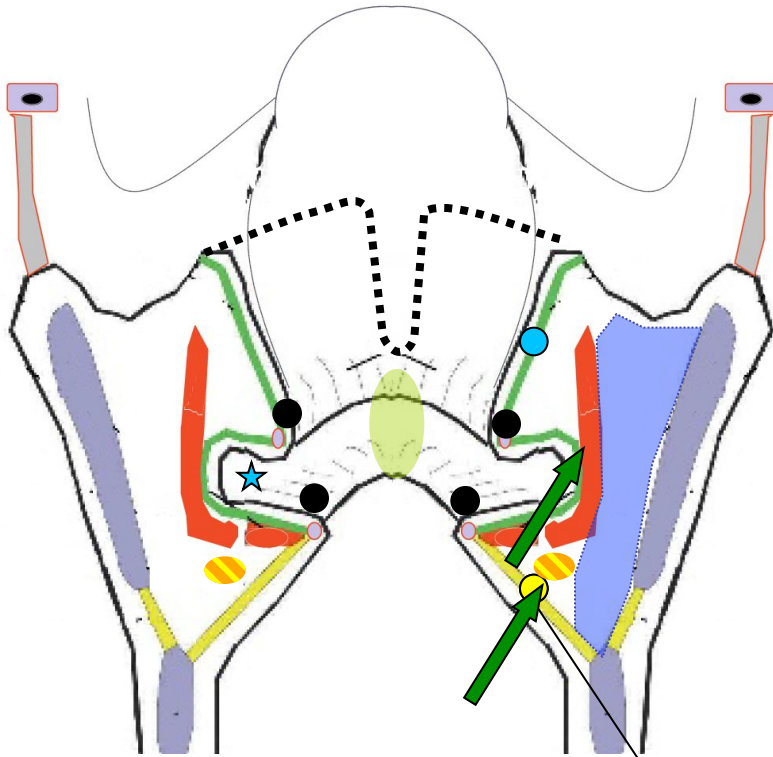


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Preepiglottic Space

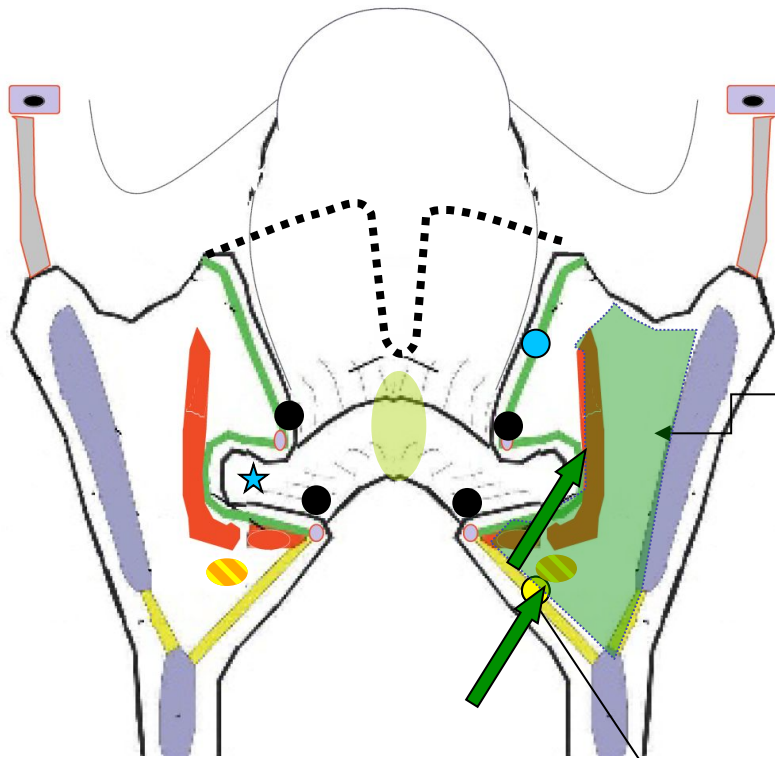
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Space

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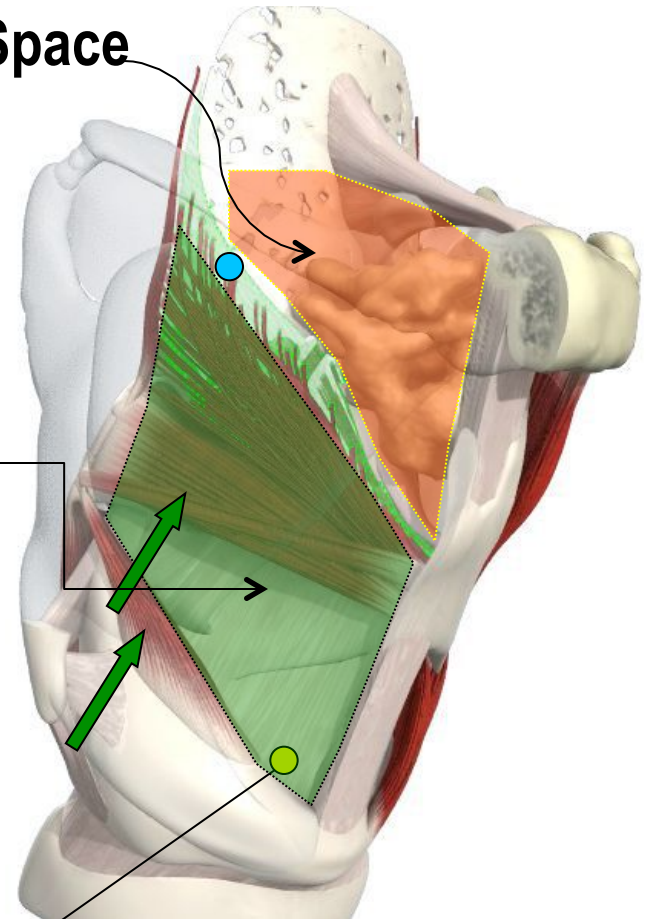


# Laryngeal space

## Preepiglottic Space

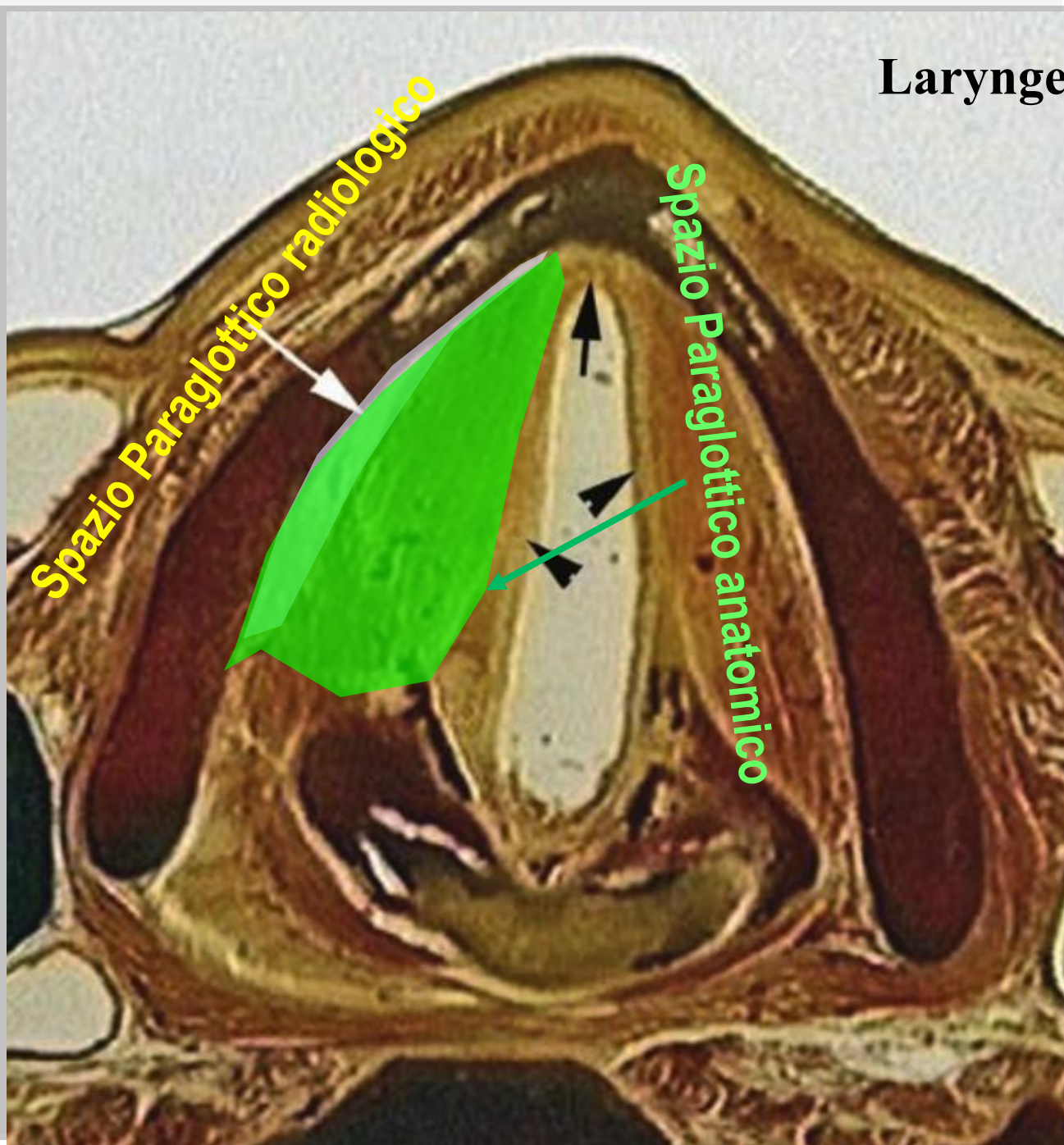


Anatomic  
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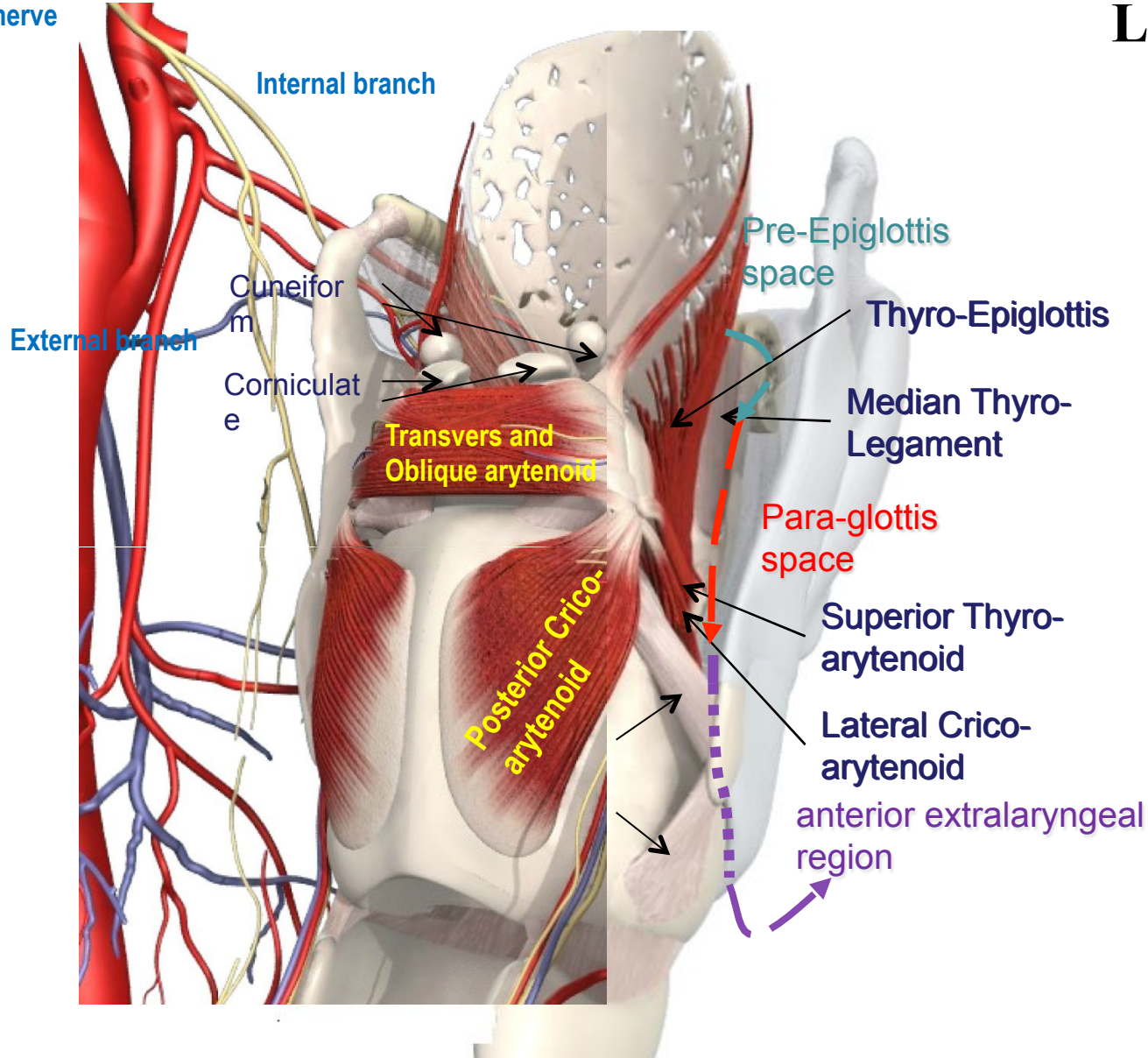
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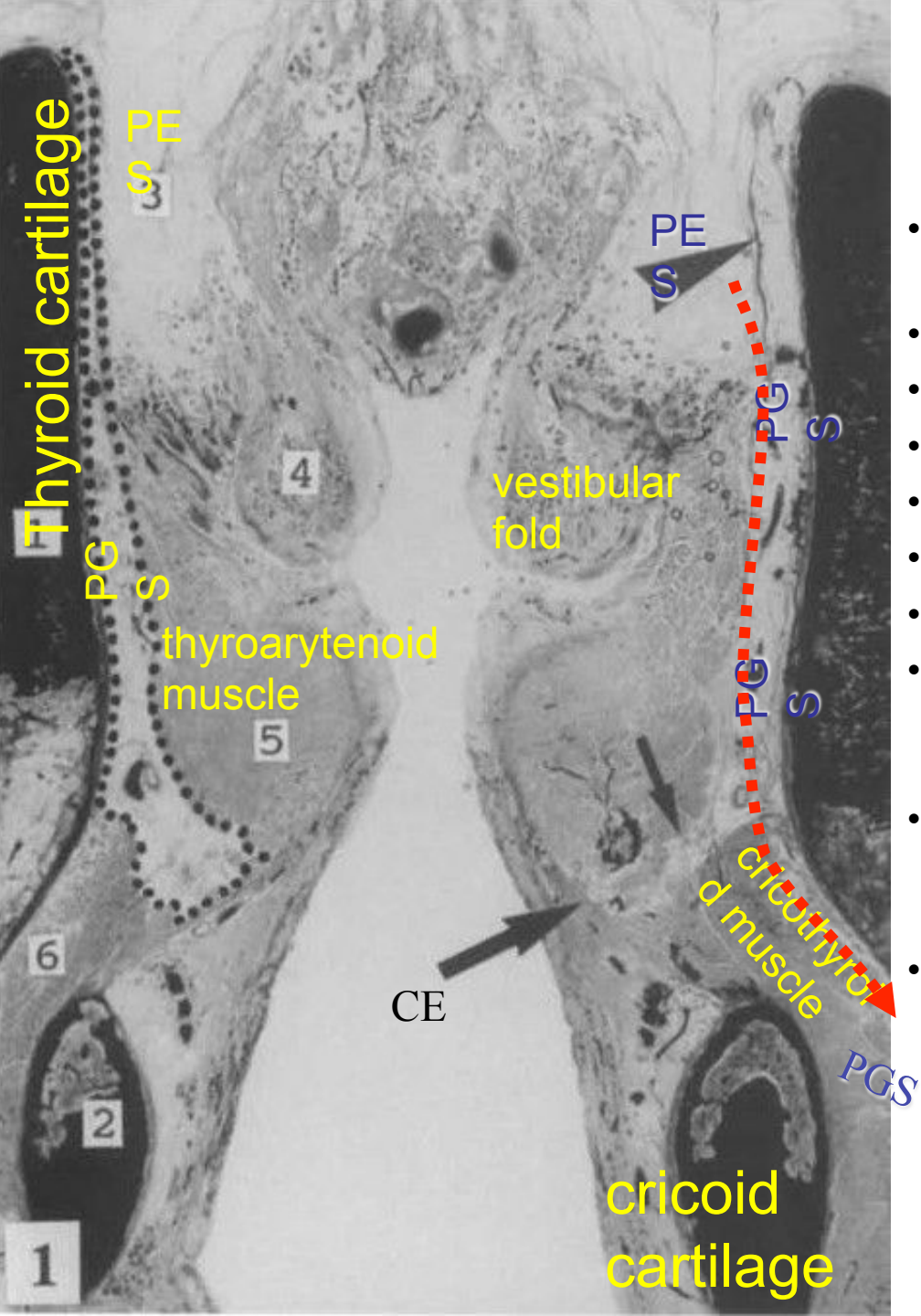




Superior laryngeal nerve

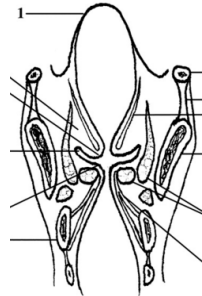
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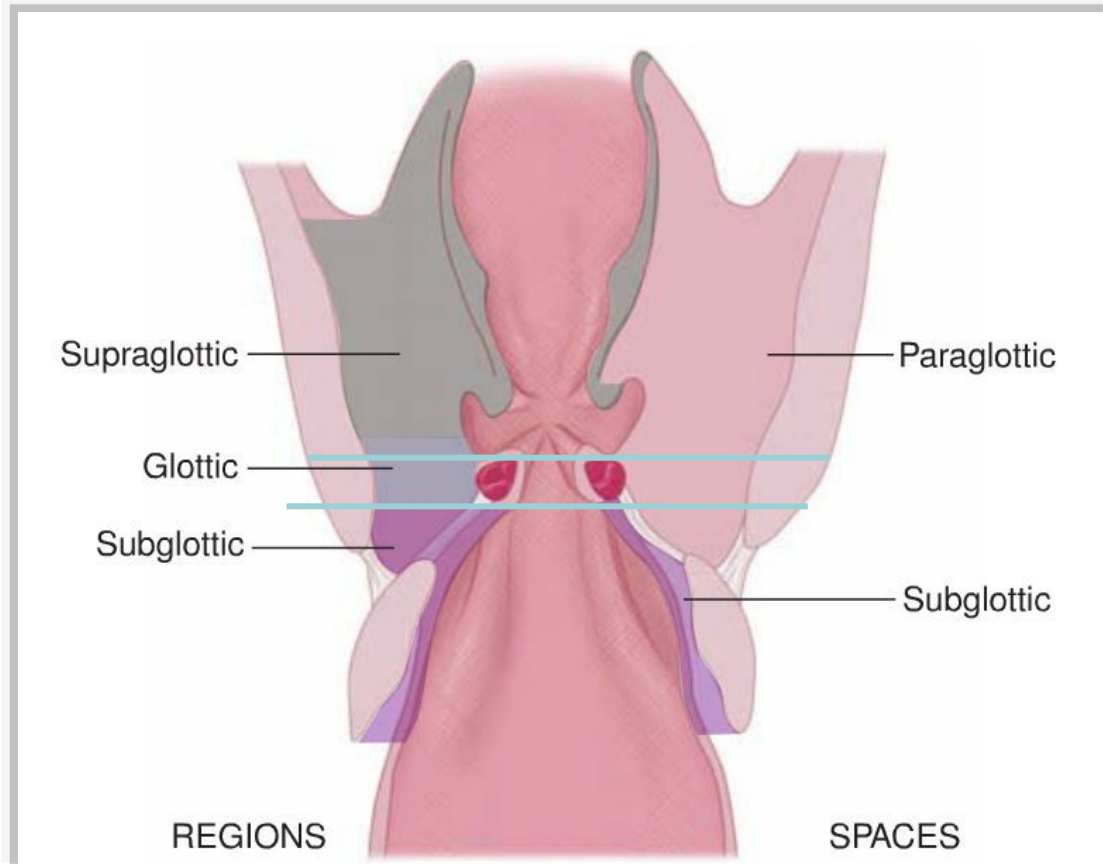
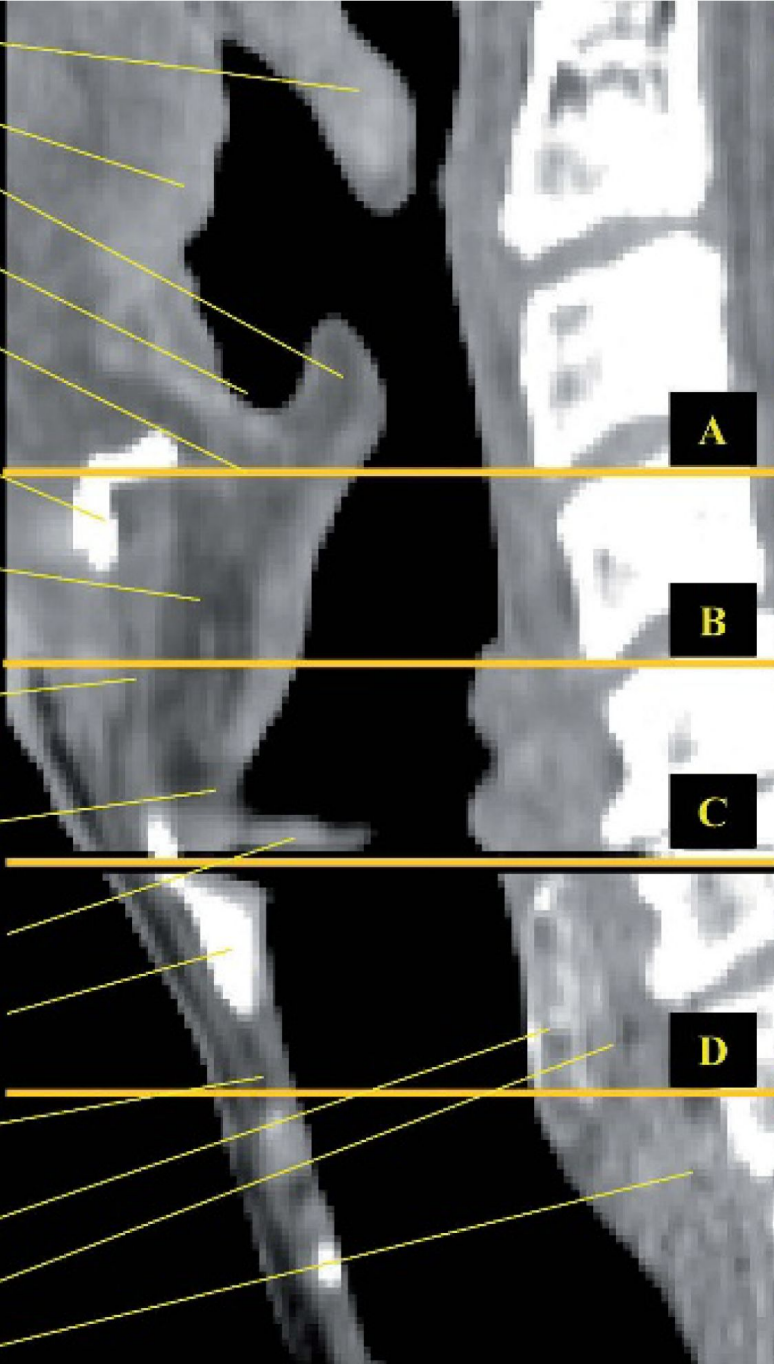


Plastinated larynx of a 56-year-old male showing a 600-gm frontal section through the anterior third of the vocal cords.

- Azure II/methylene blue and basic fuchsin stain, x 2.6. Left side:
- Thyroid cartilage (1),
- cricoid cartilage (2),
- periepiglottic space (PES, 3),
- vestibular fold (4),
- thyroarytenoid muscle (5),
- cricothyroid muscle (6),
- paraglottic space (PGS, dotted line). Right side: The PGS and PES are separated by a collagenous fiber septum (arrowhead).
- A similar structure is absent at the caudal surface of the thyroarytenoid muscle (short arrow).
- The CE borders the PGS inferomedially (long arrow)

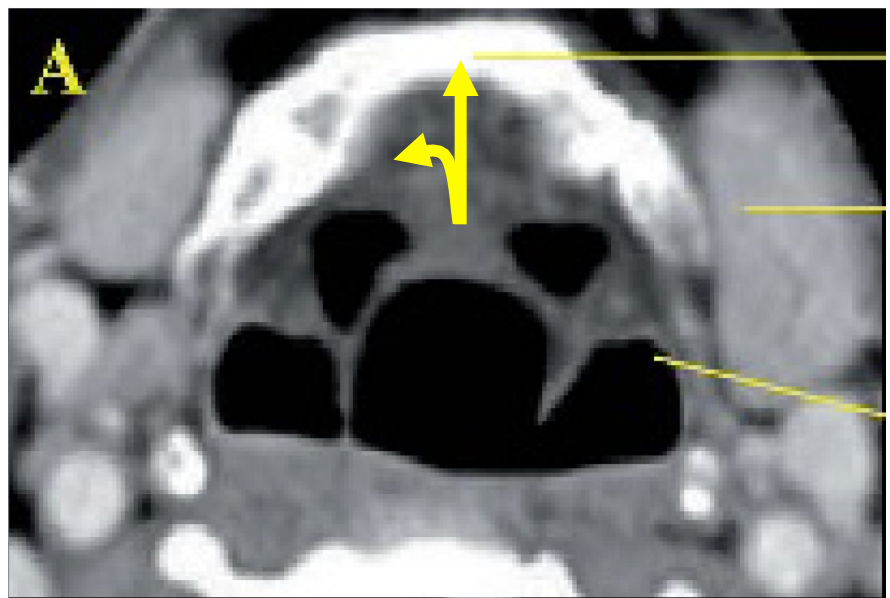
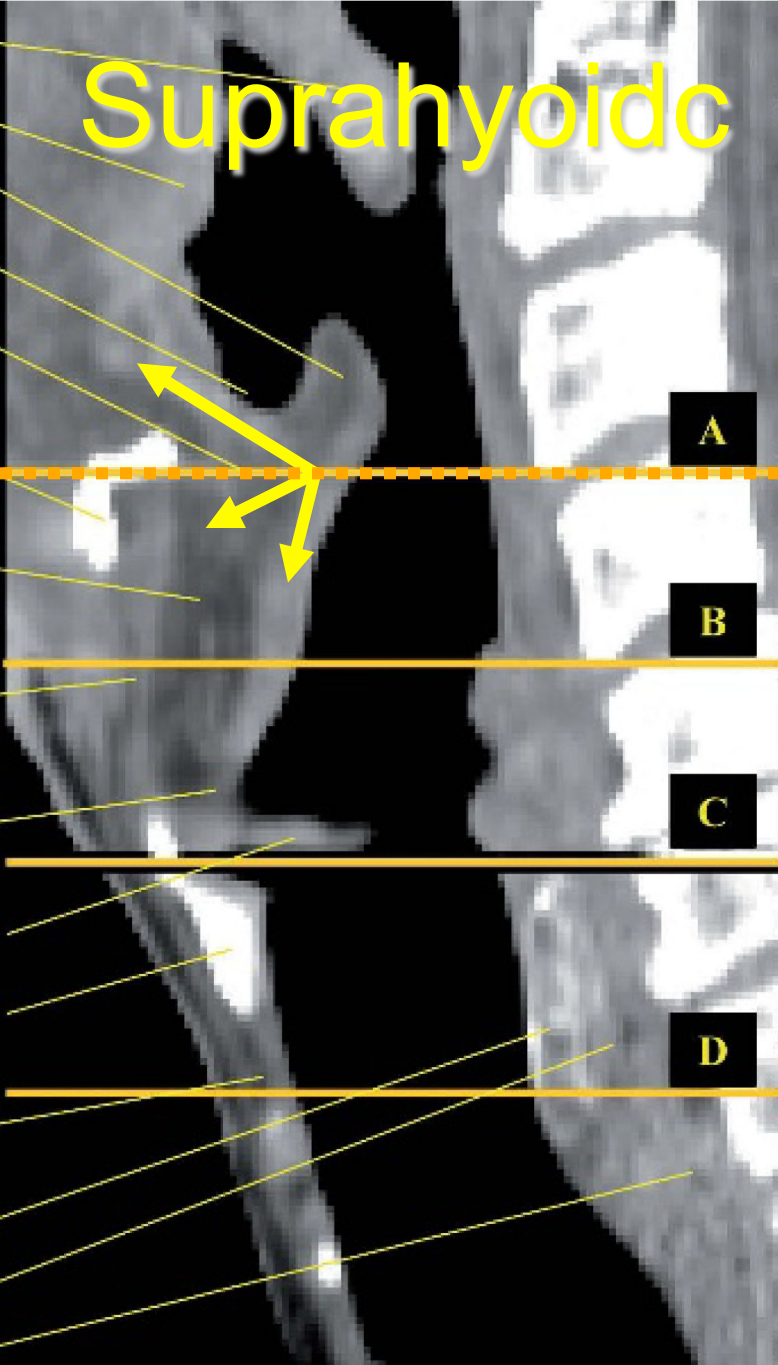


# Spread of carcinoma within the larynx



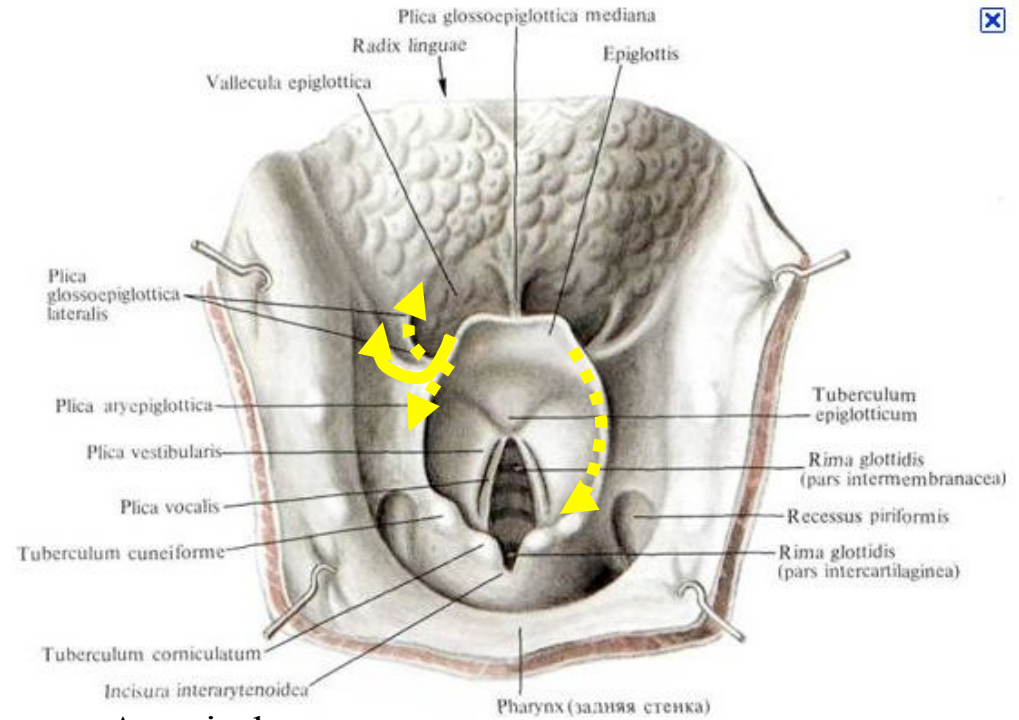
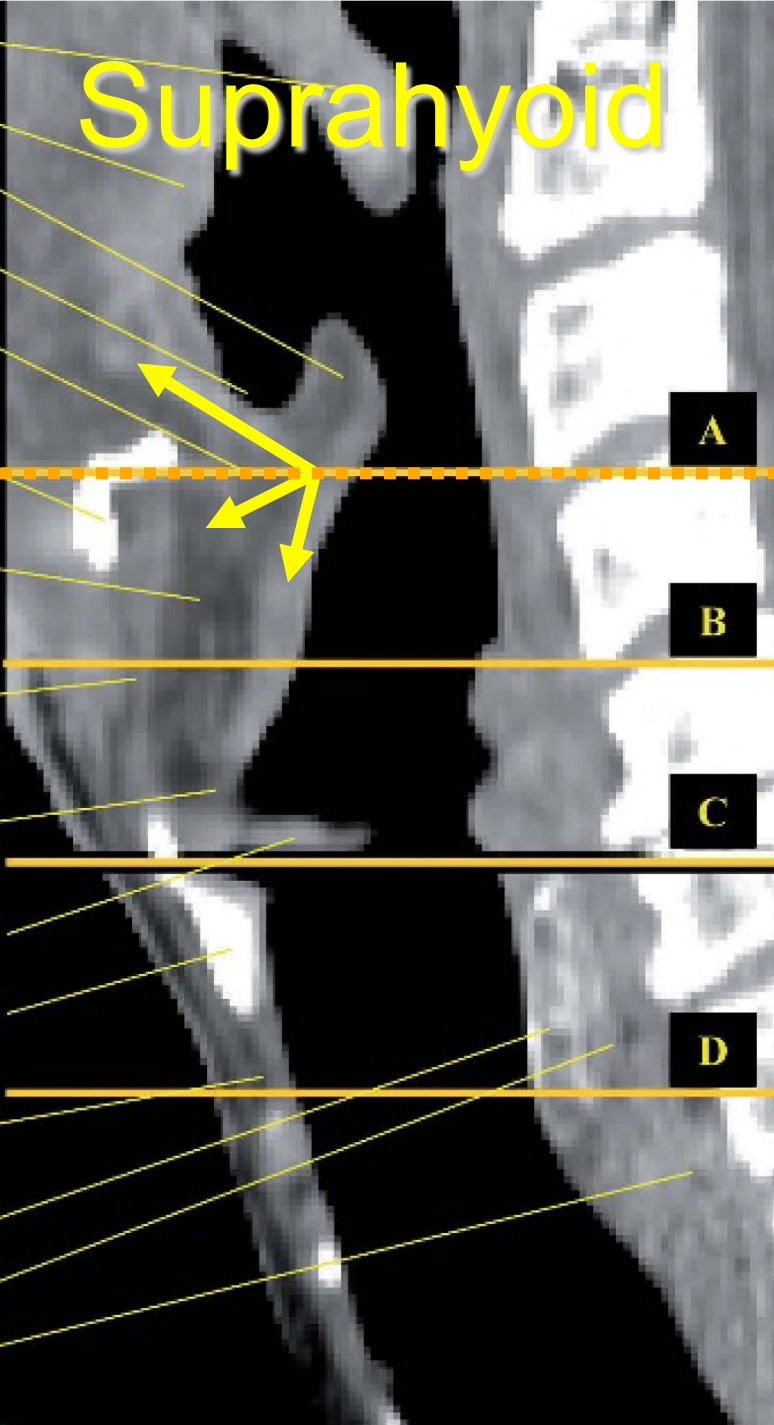


# Suprahyoidc



- Anteriorly
- Tongue (superficial)
  - Preepiglottic space

# Suprahyoid



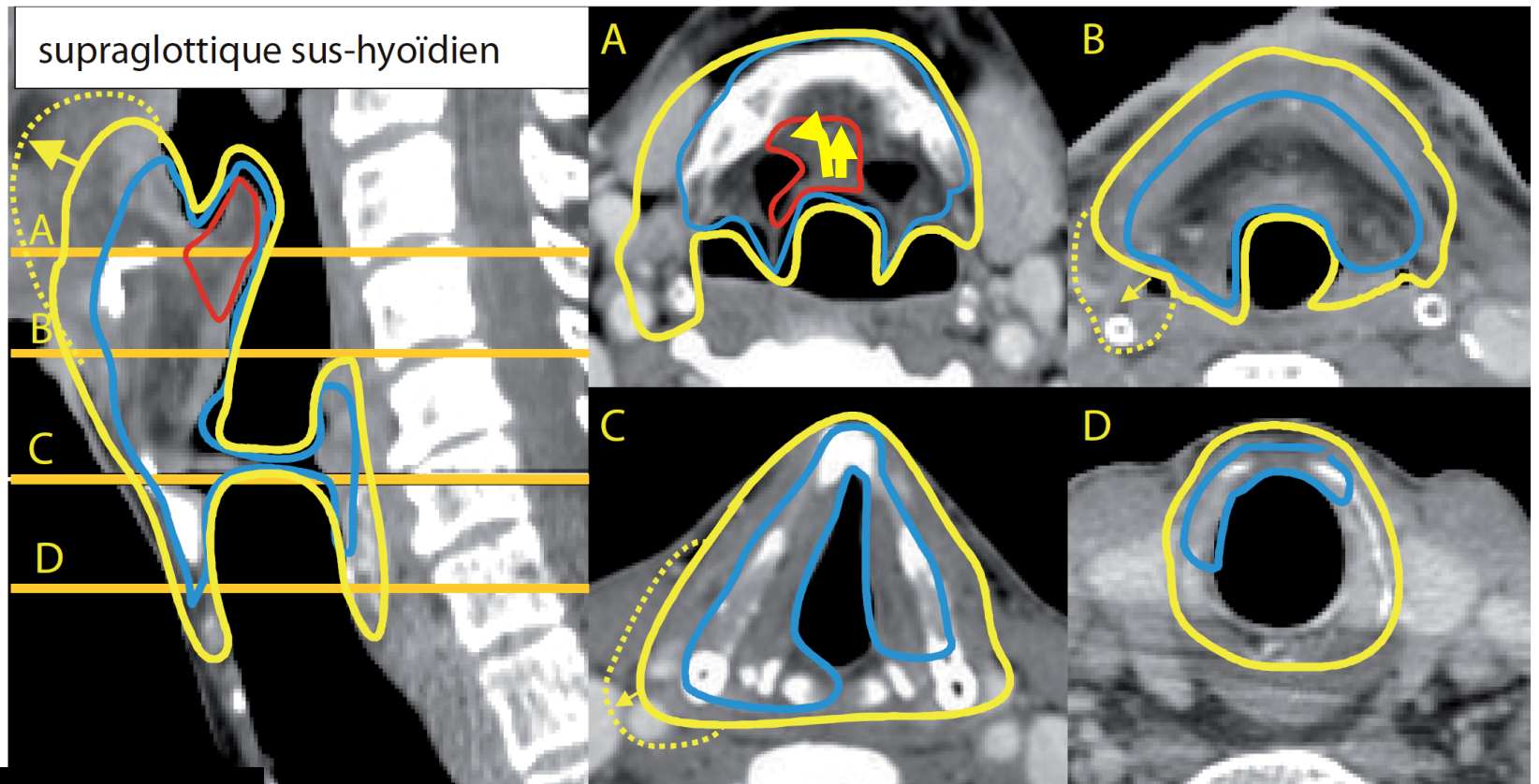
## Anteriorly

- Tongue (superficial)
- Preepiglottic space

## Laterally

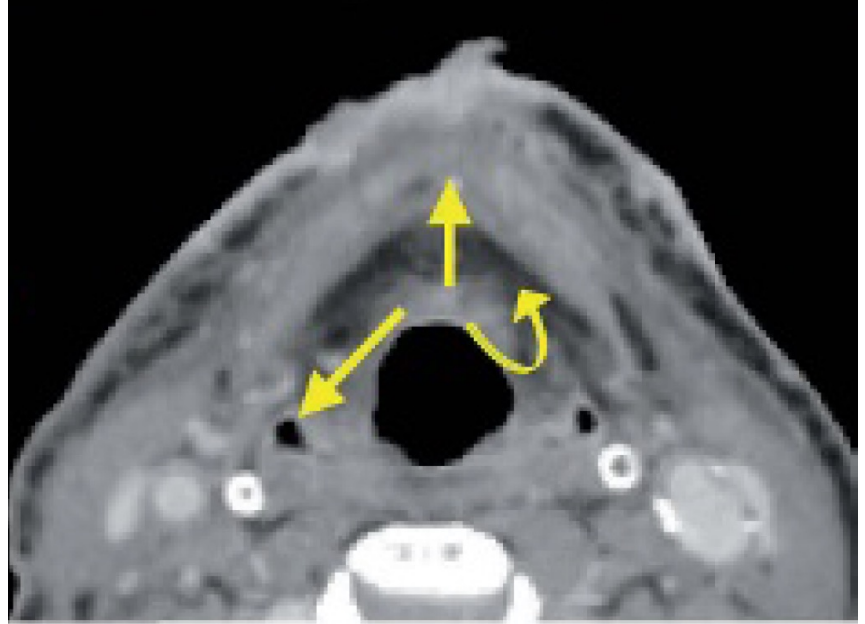
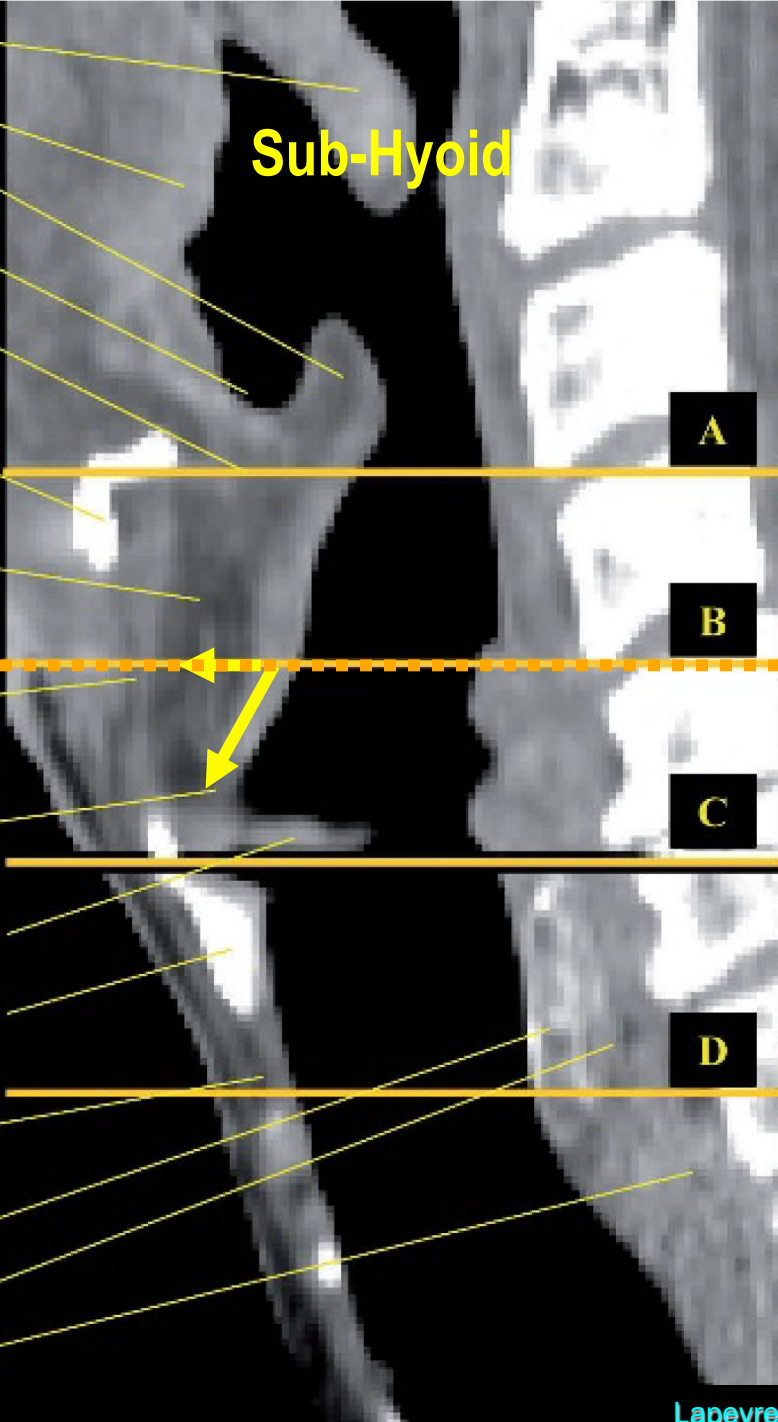
- Three folds areas
  - Plica aryepiglottica,
  - Plica glossoepiglottica,
  - Plica Pharyngoepiglottica

# Suprahyoid



**GTV = red**  
**CTV70 = Blu**  
**CTV50 = yellow**





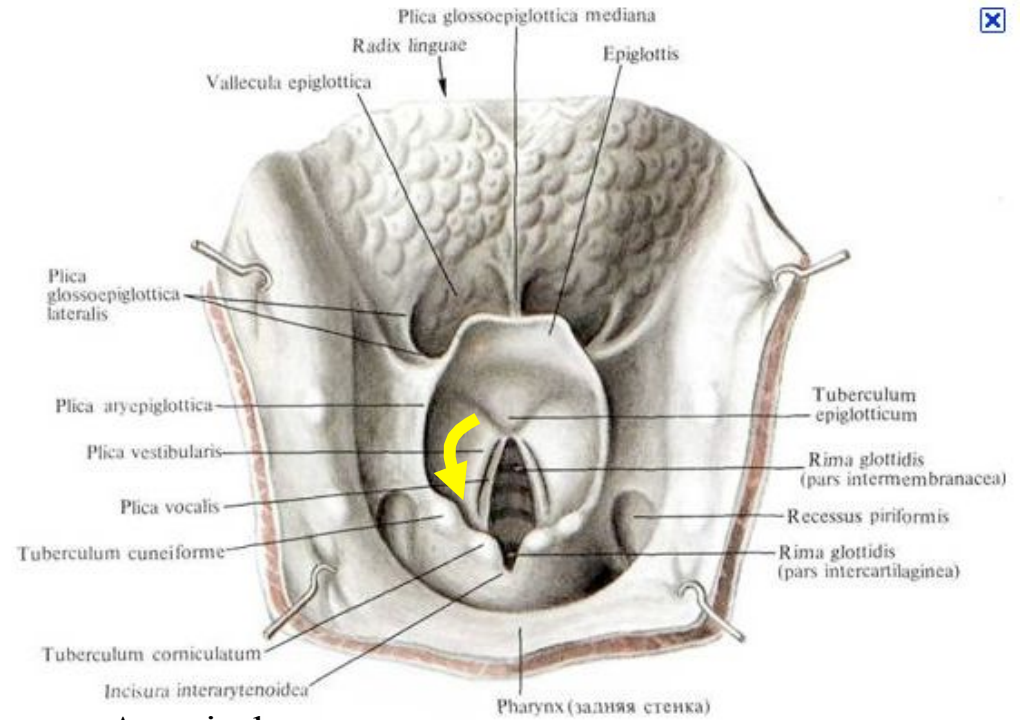
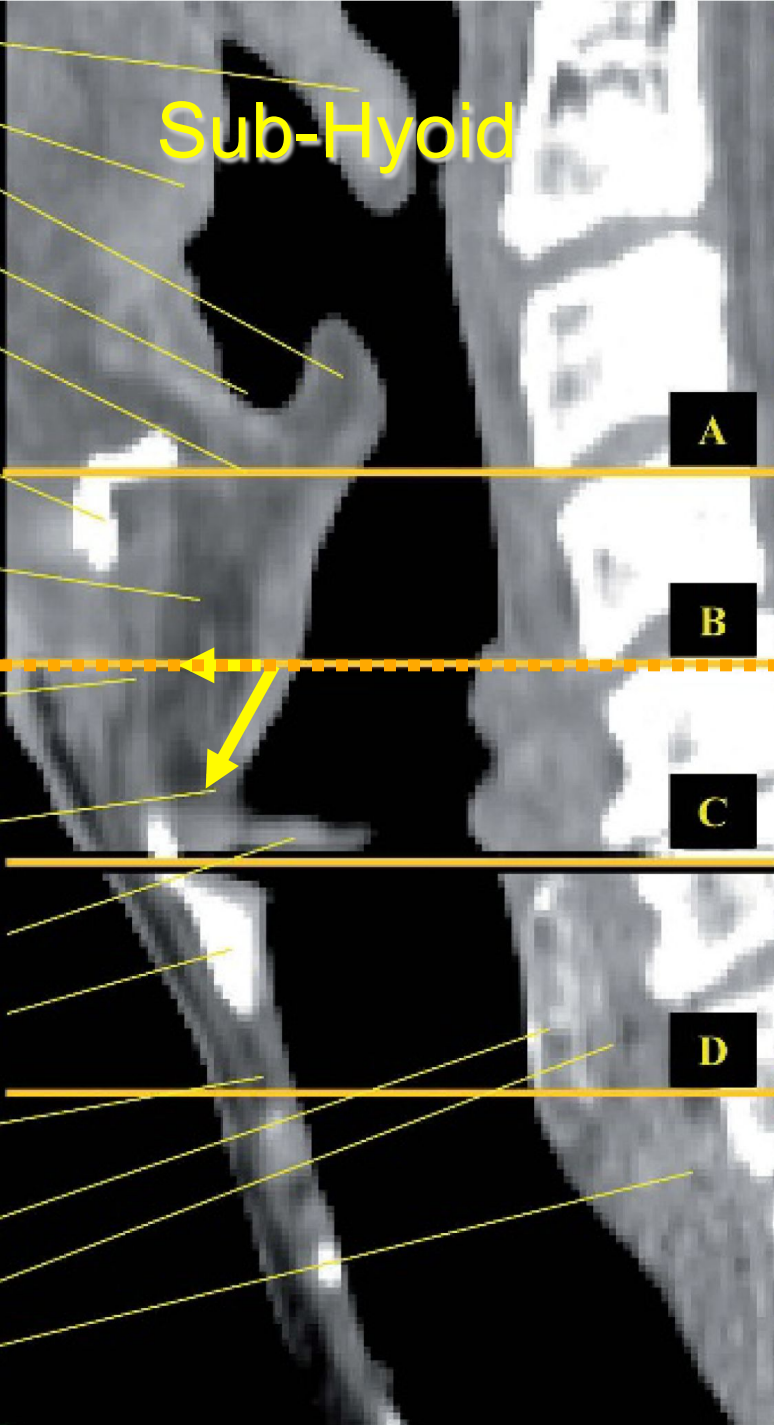
Anteriorly

- Preepiglottic space

Inferiorly

- Anterior commissura

# Sub-Hyoid



Anteriorly

- Preepiglottic space

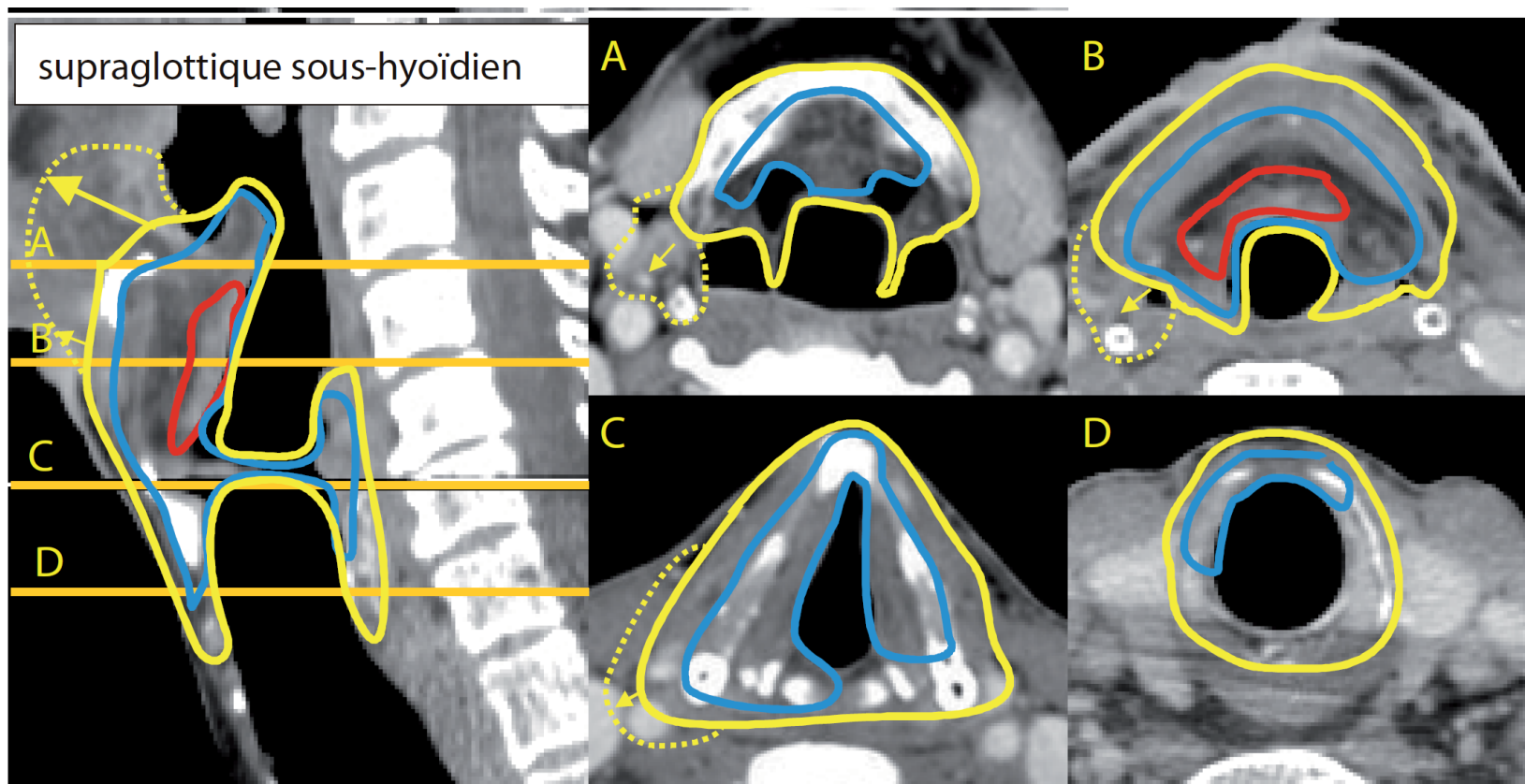
Inferiorly

- Anterior commissura

Laterally

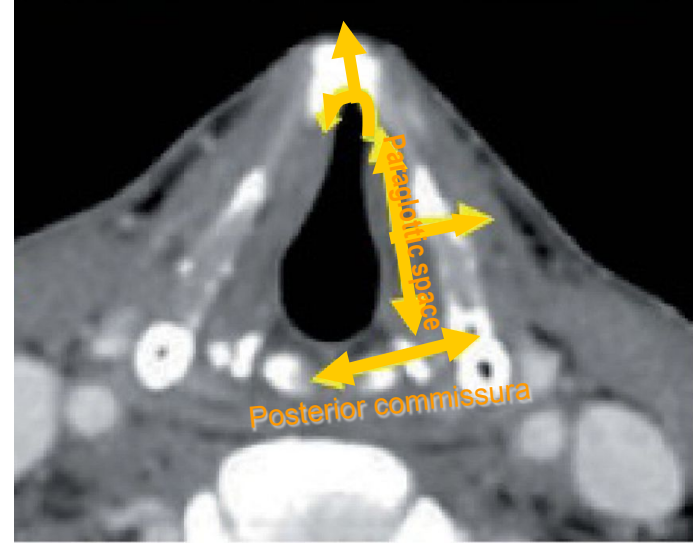
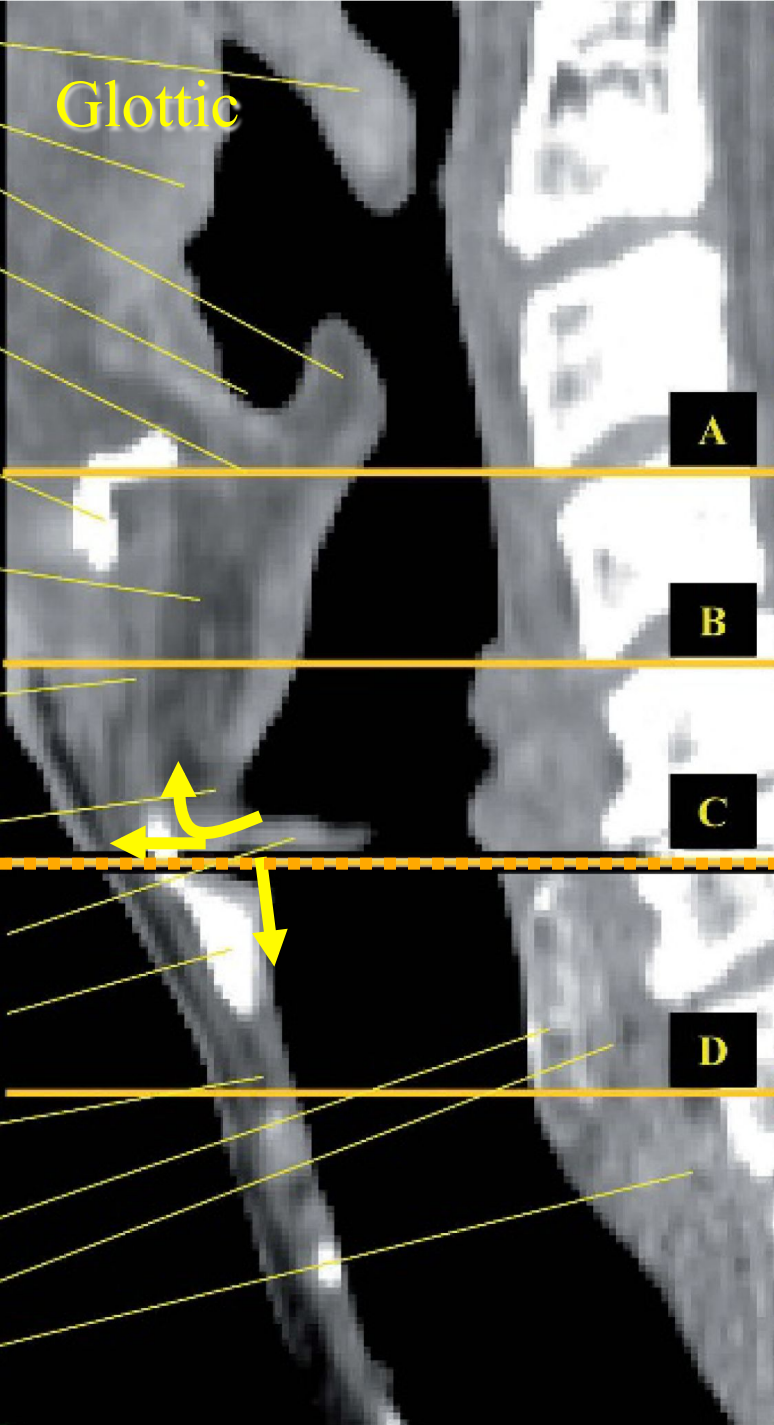
- Plica ventricularis
- ventricle

# Sub-Hyoid



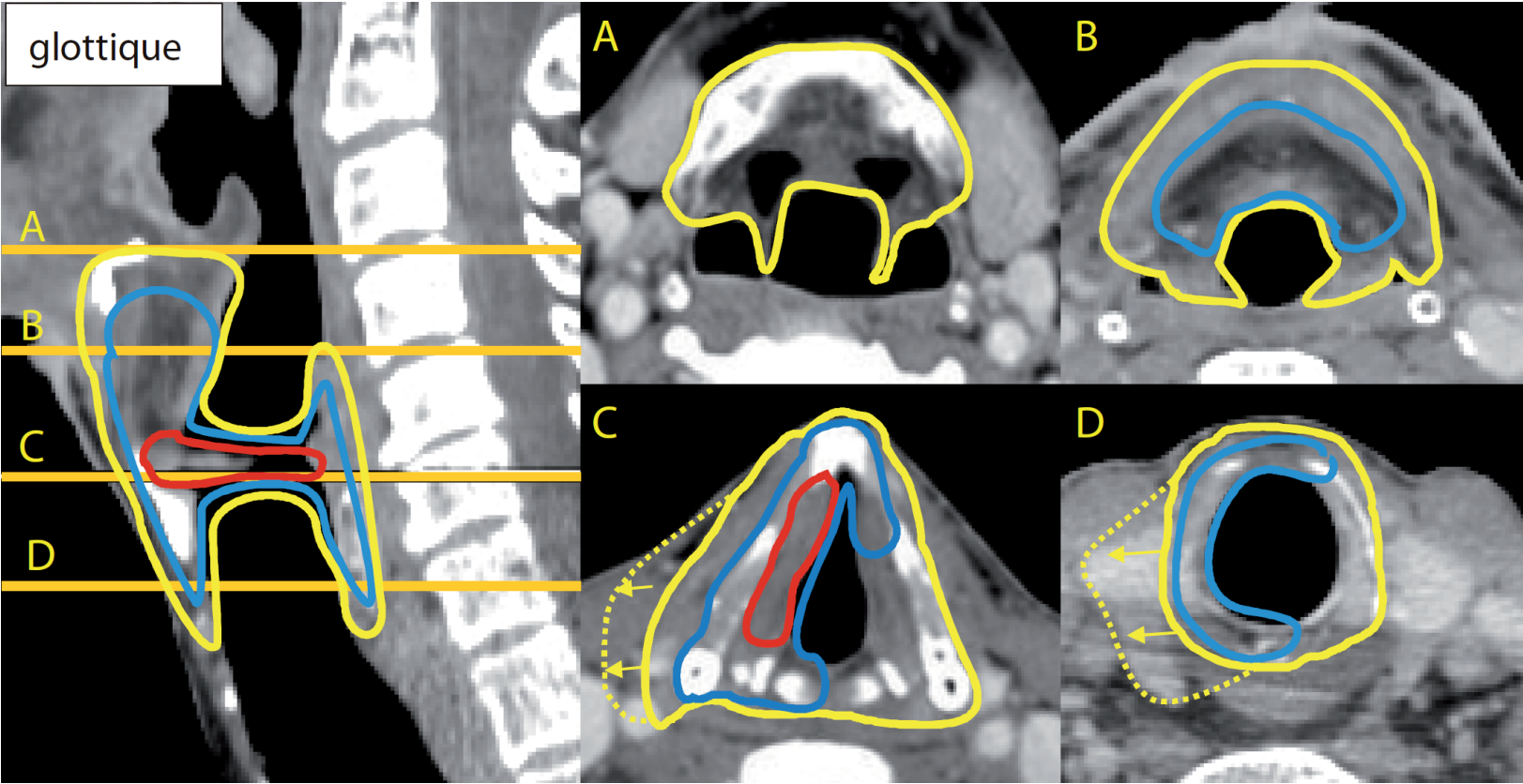
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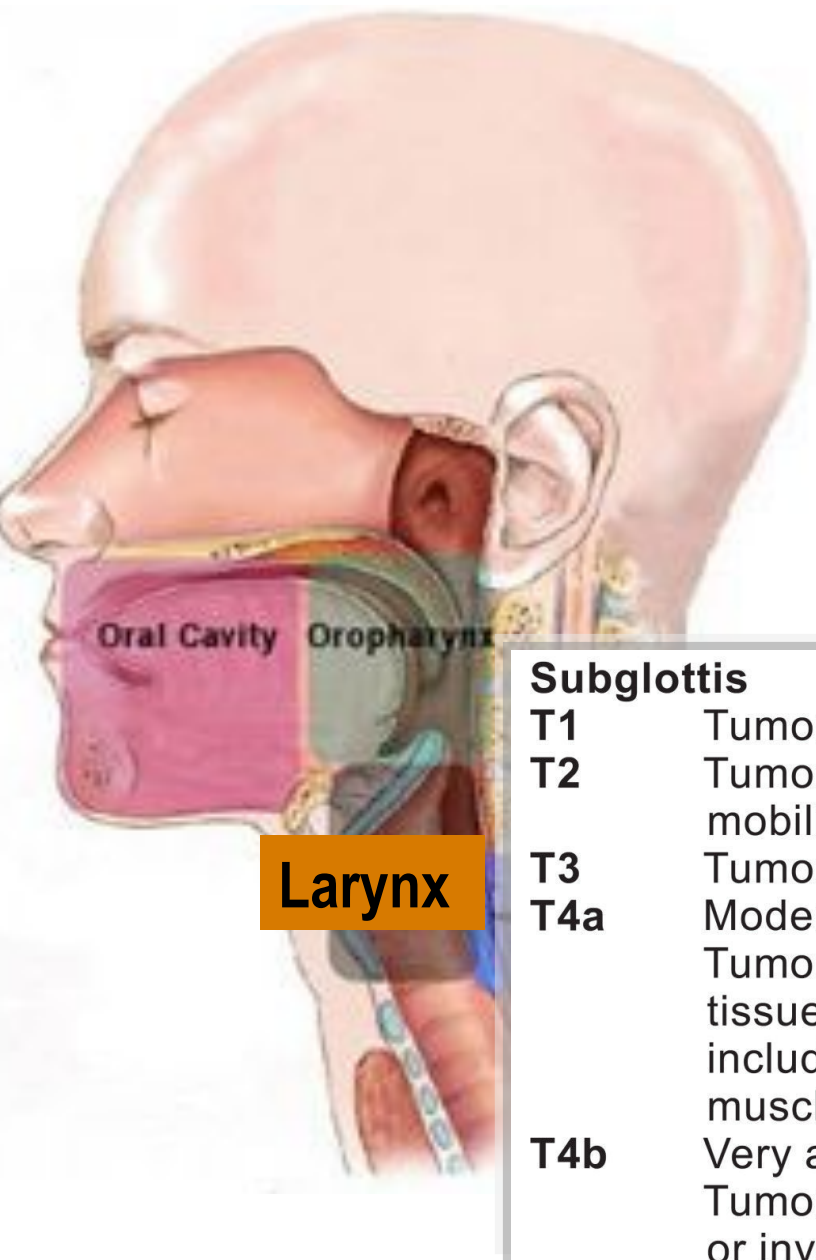


- Paraglottic space, ventricles
- Droyles' ligament and Anterior commissure
- Controlateral cord
- Posterior commissure
- Subglottic area

# Glottic



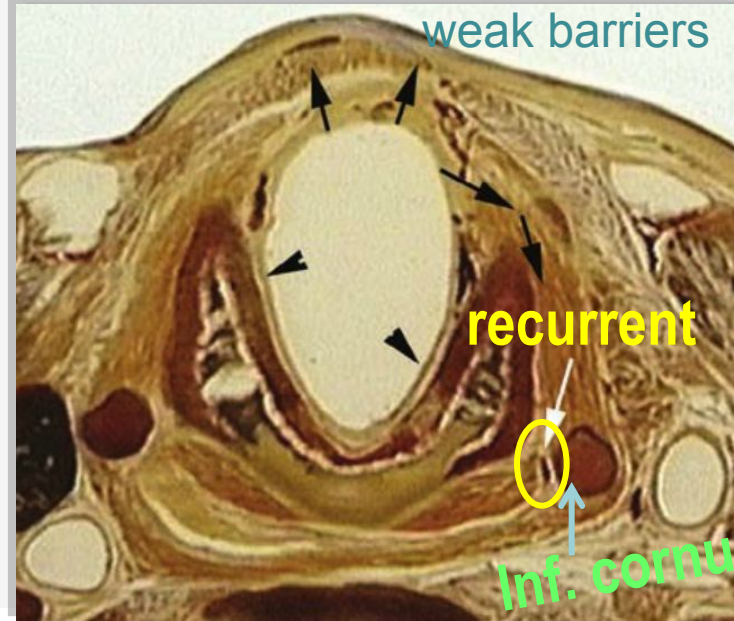
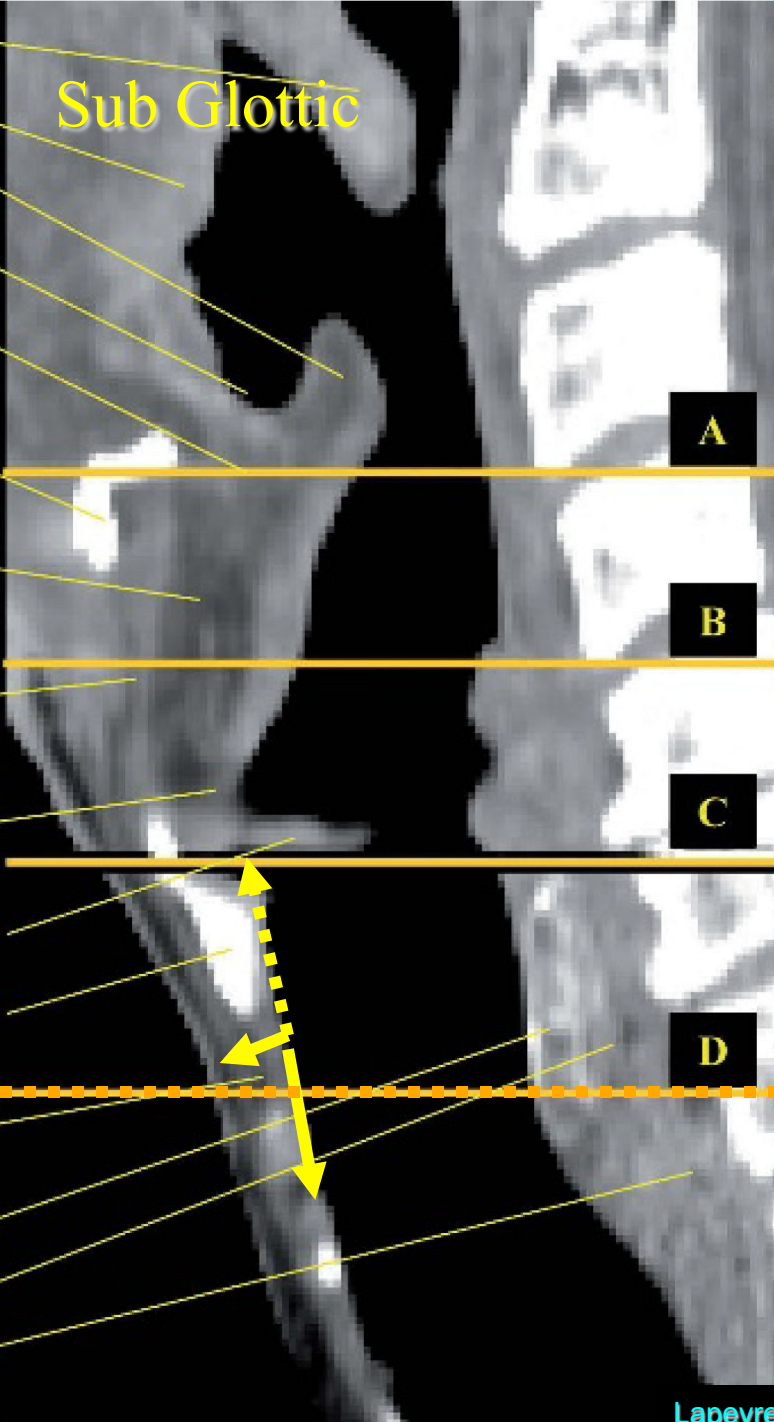
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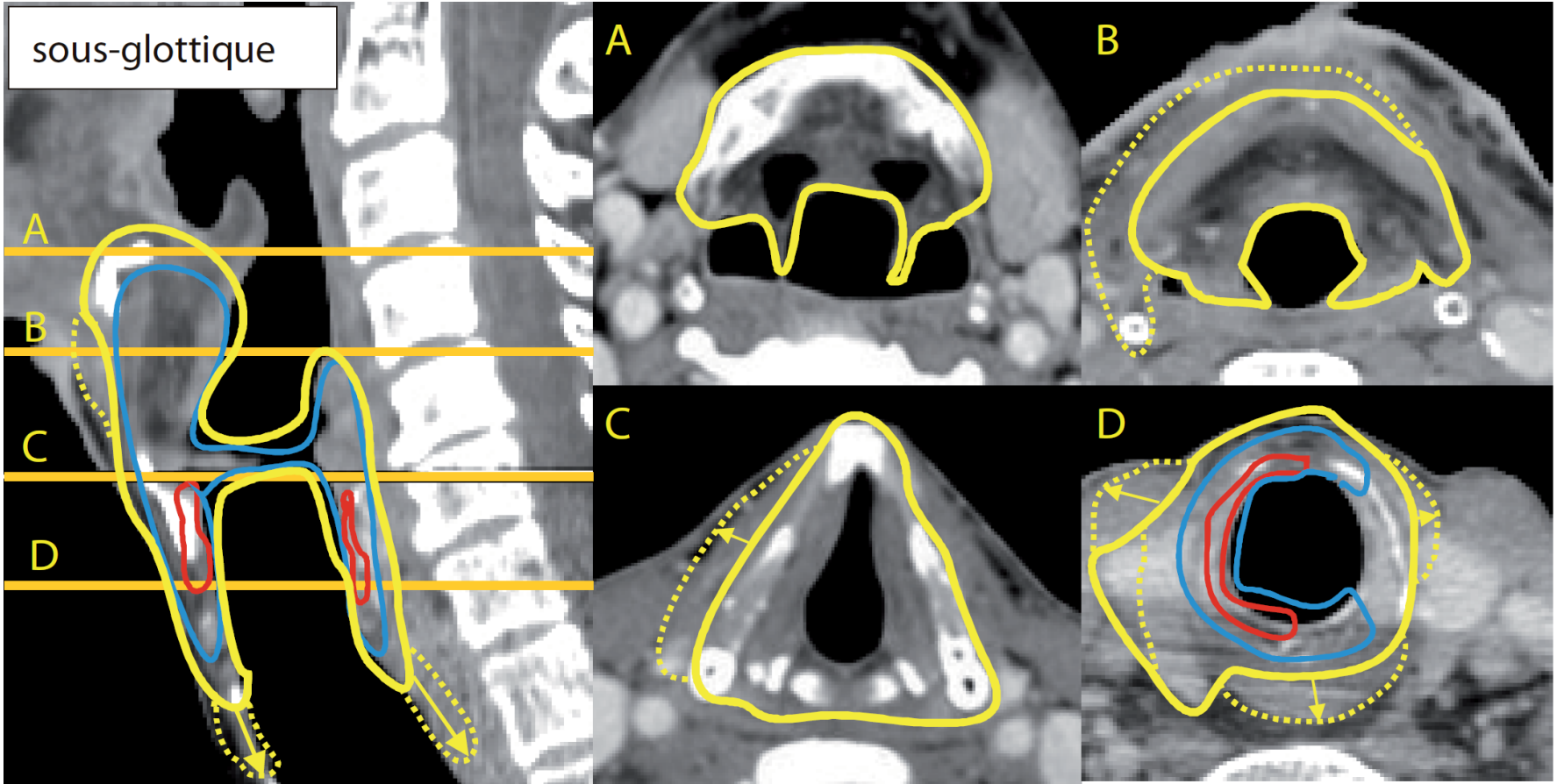
### Subglottis

- T1** Tumor limited to the subglottis
- T2** Tumor extends to vocal cord(s) with normal or impaired mobility
- T3** Tumor limited to larynx with vocal cord fixation
- T4a** Moderately advanced local disease  
Tumor invades cricoid or thyroid cartilage and/or invades tissues beyond the larynx (eg, trachea, soft tissues of neck including deep extrinsic muscles of the tongue, strap muscles, thyroid, or esophagus)
- T4b** Very advanced local disease  
Tumor invades prevertebral space, encases carotid artery, or invades mediastinal structures





- Cricoid cartilage
- Cricothyroid ligament
- Trachea
- Glottic plan (rarely considering the barrier effect of conus elasticus)



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Contemporary Review

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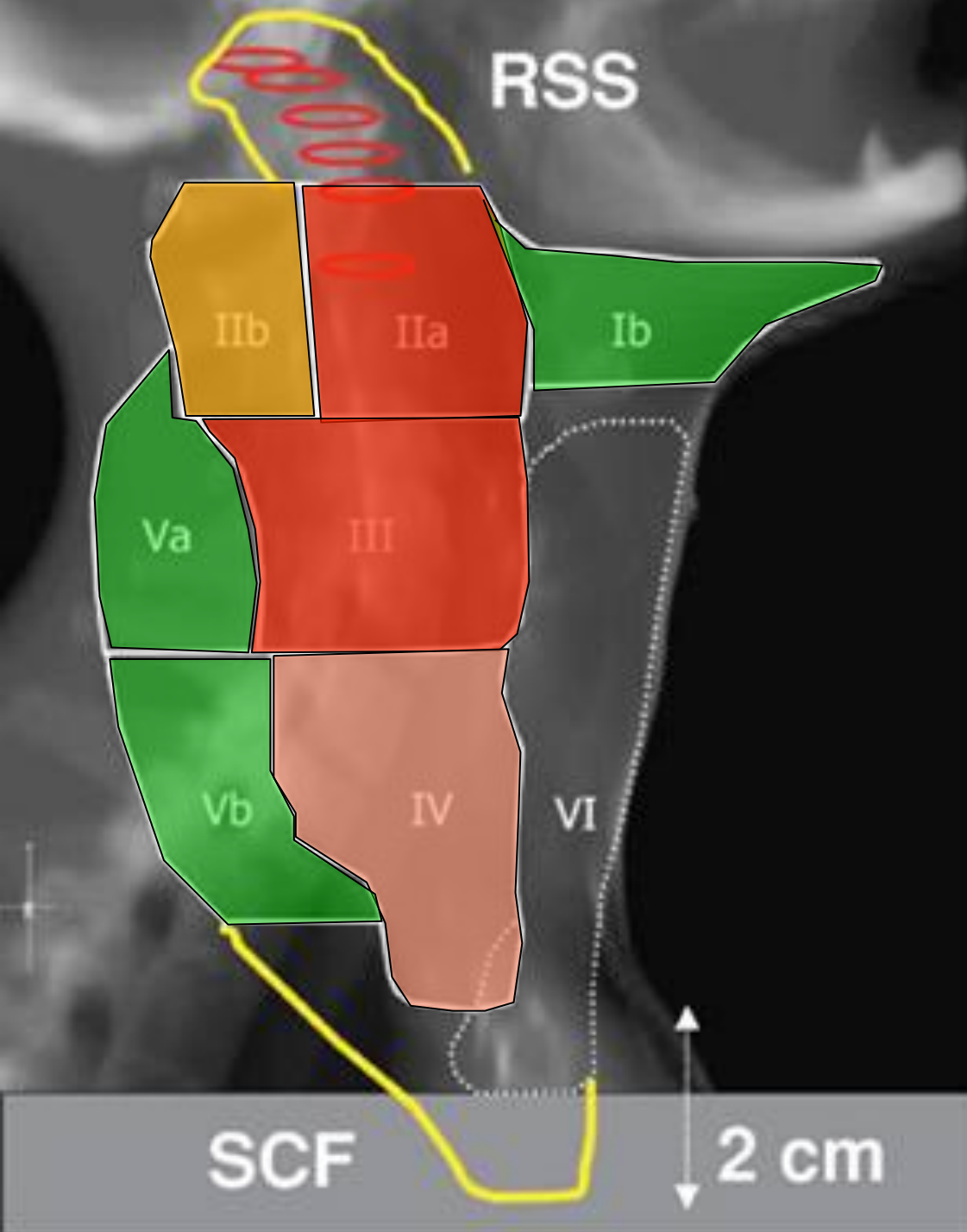
# Selective Neck Dissection (IIA, III): A Rational Replacement for Complete Functional Neck Dissection in Patients With N0 Supraglottic and Glottic Squamous Carcinoma

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Analisi su 10 studi prospettici





## Conclusions Supraglottic and glottic

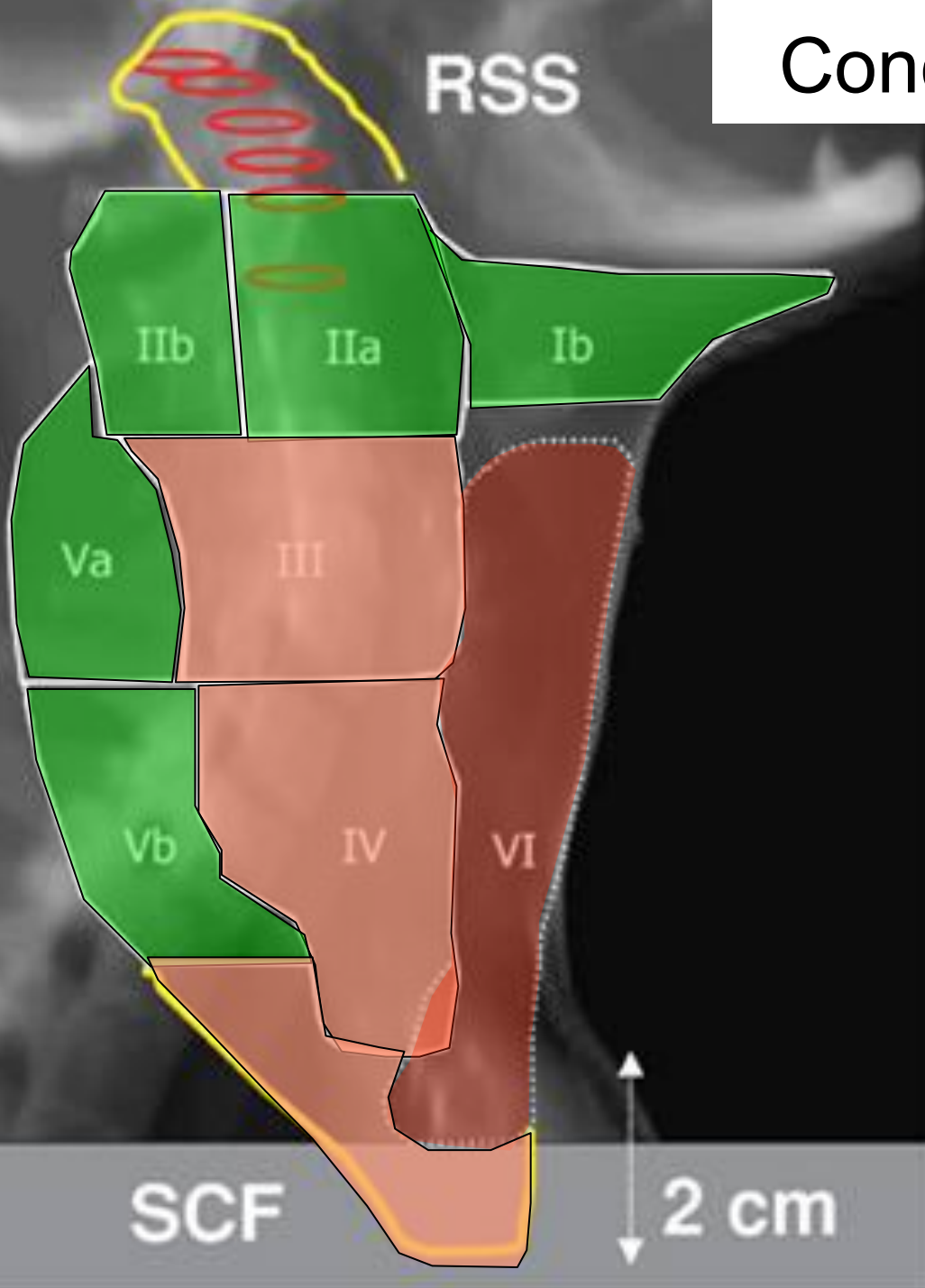
- SND of sublevel IIA and level III appears to be adequate
- *IV lymph nodes may not be justified*
- Bilateral neck dissection in centrally or bilaterally located tumors.

HEAD AND NECK ONCOLOGY

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**The pathology and management of subglottic cancer**

# Conclusions Subglottic

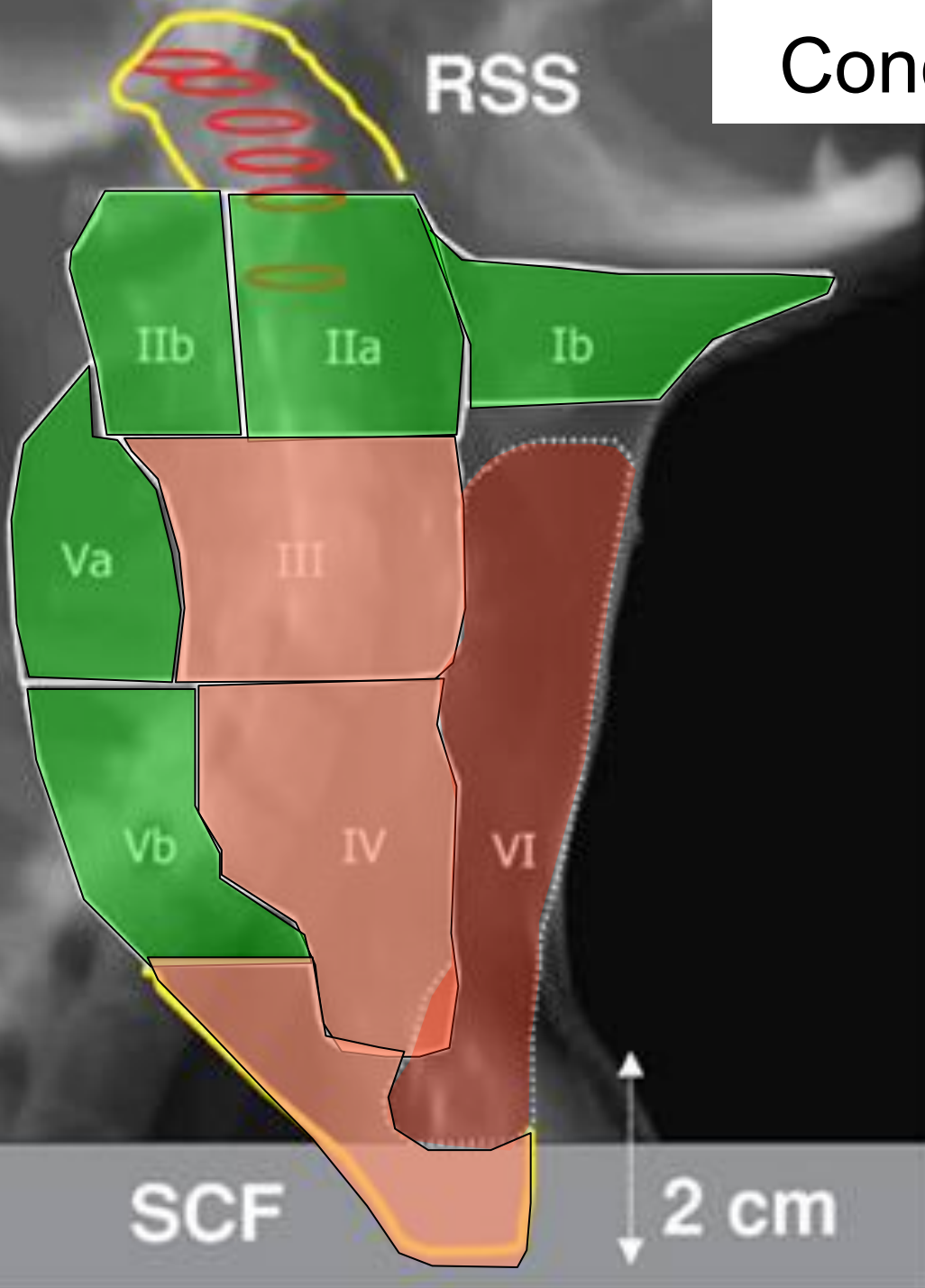


... Harrison found metastases to the paratracheal lymph nodes in 50% of all larynges with primary subglottic carcinoma examined by serial section.

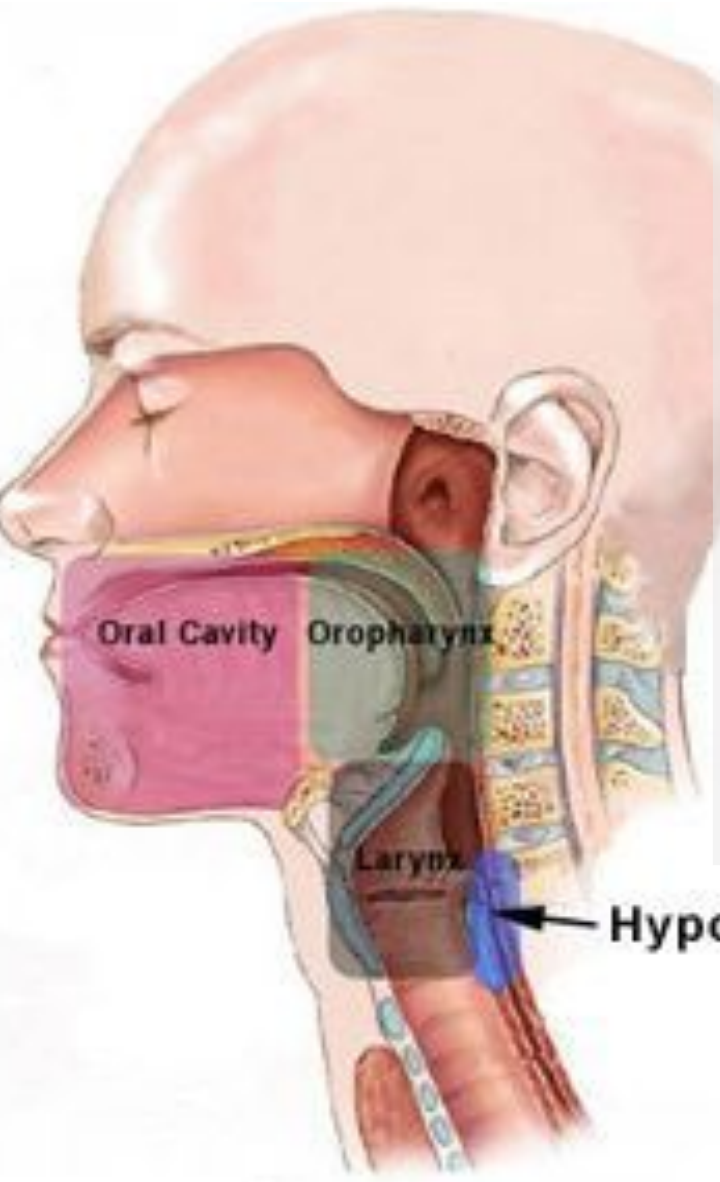
while the incidence of *supraclavicular and middle and lower jugular node metastases*, which are only present after the involvement of the paratracheal nodes, is relatively low.



# Conclusions Subglottic



...Furthermore, subglottic cancer can metastasize bilaterally to the cervical lymph nodes



## Hypopharynx

- T1** Tumor limited to one subsite of hypopharynx and/or 2 cm or less in greatest dimension
- T2** Tumor invades more than one subsite of hypopharynx or an adjacent site, or measures more than 2 cm but not more than 4 cm in greatest diameter without fixation of hemilarynx
- T3** Tumor more than 4 cm in greatest dimension or with fixation of hemilarynx or extension to esophagus
- T4a** Moderately advanced local disease  
Tumor invades thyroid/cricoid cartilage, hyoid bone, thyroid gland, or central compartment soft tissue\*\*
- T4b** Very advanced local disease  
Tumor invades prevertebral fascia, encases carotid artery, or involves mediastinal structures

\*\*Note: Central compartment soft tissue includes prelaryngeal strap muscles and subcutaneous fat.

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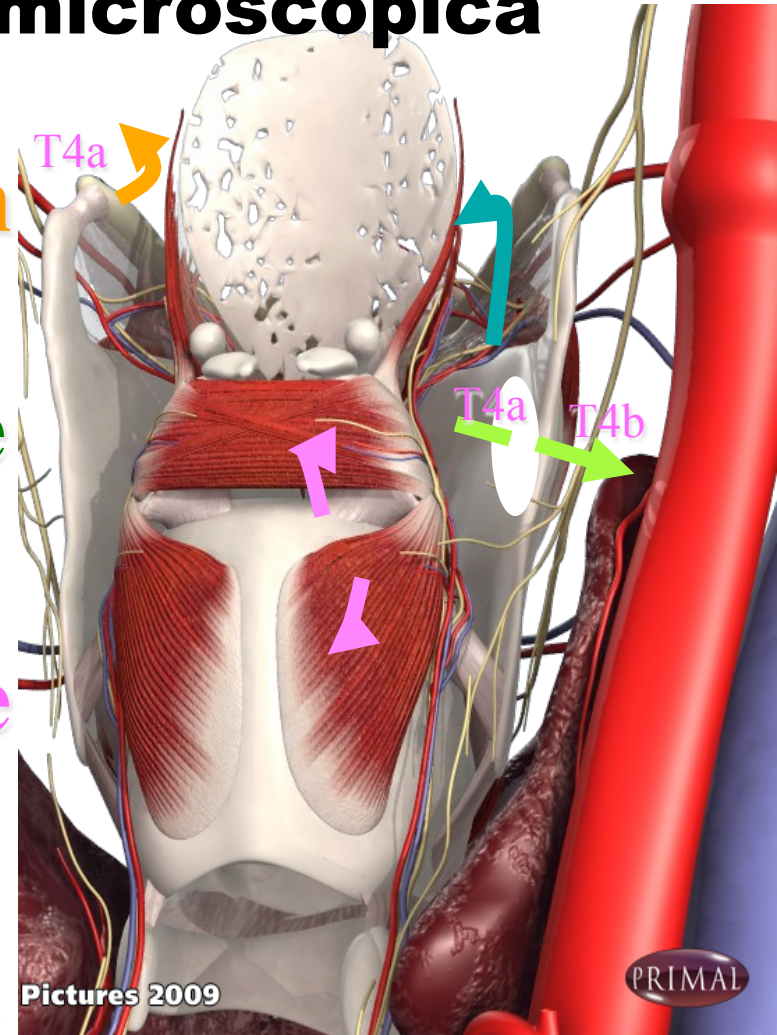
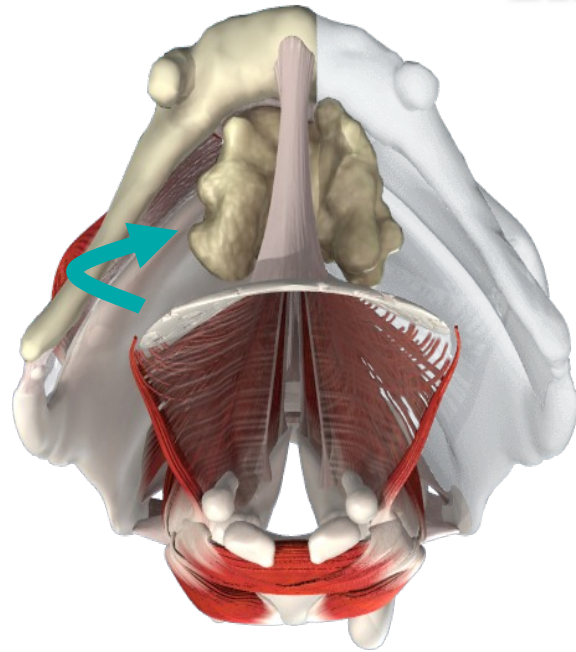
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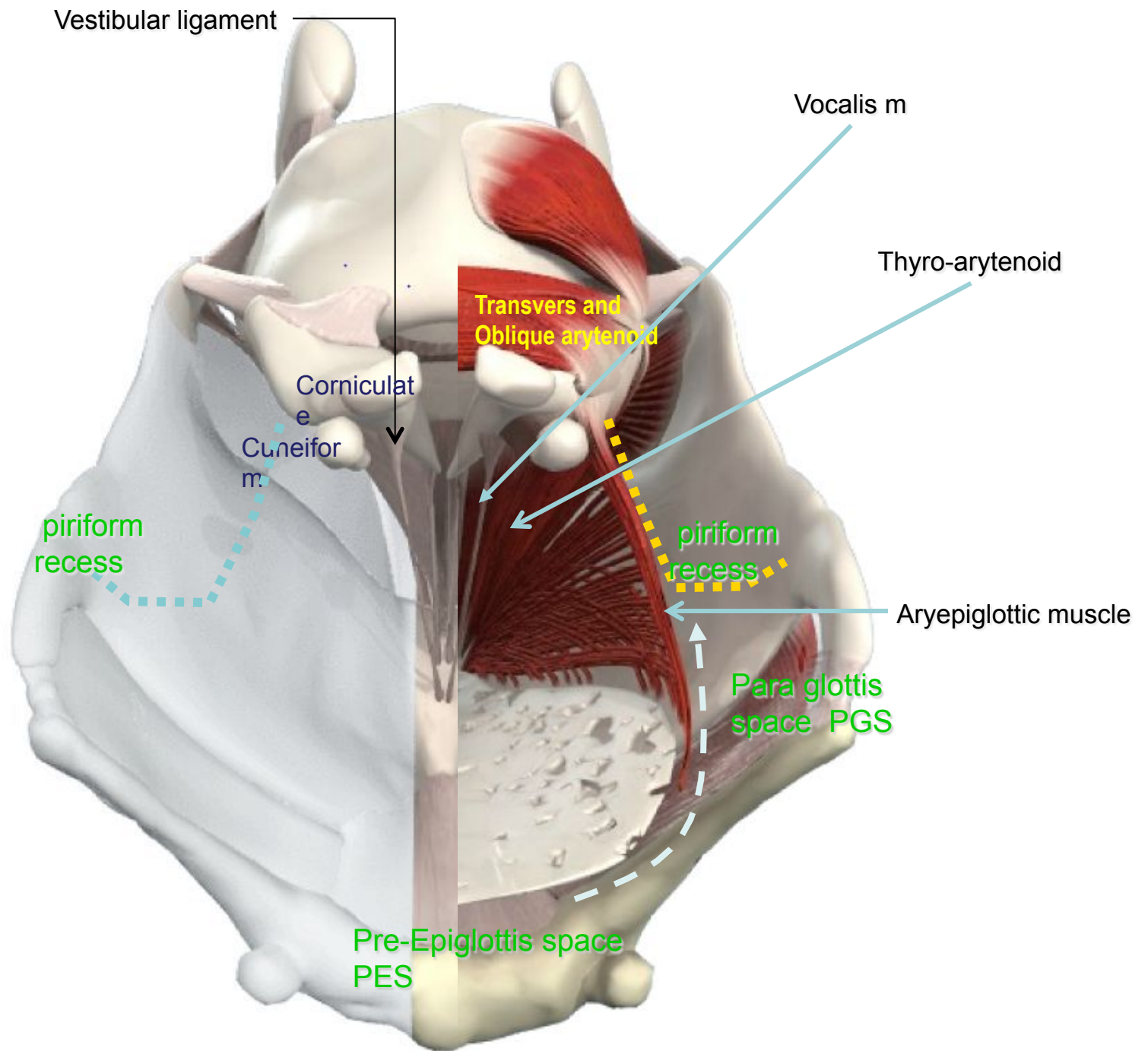
Lateralmente  
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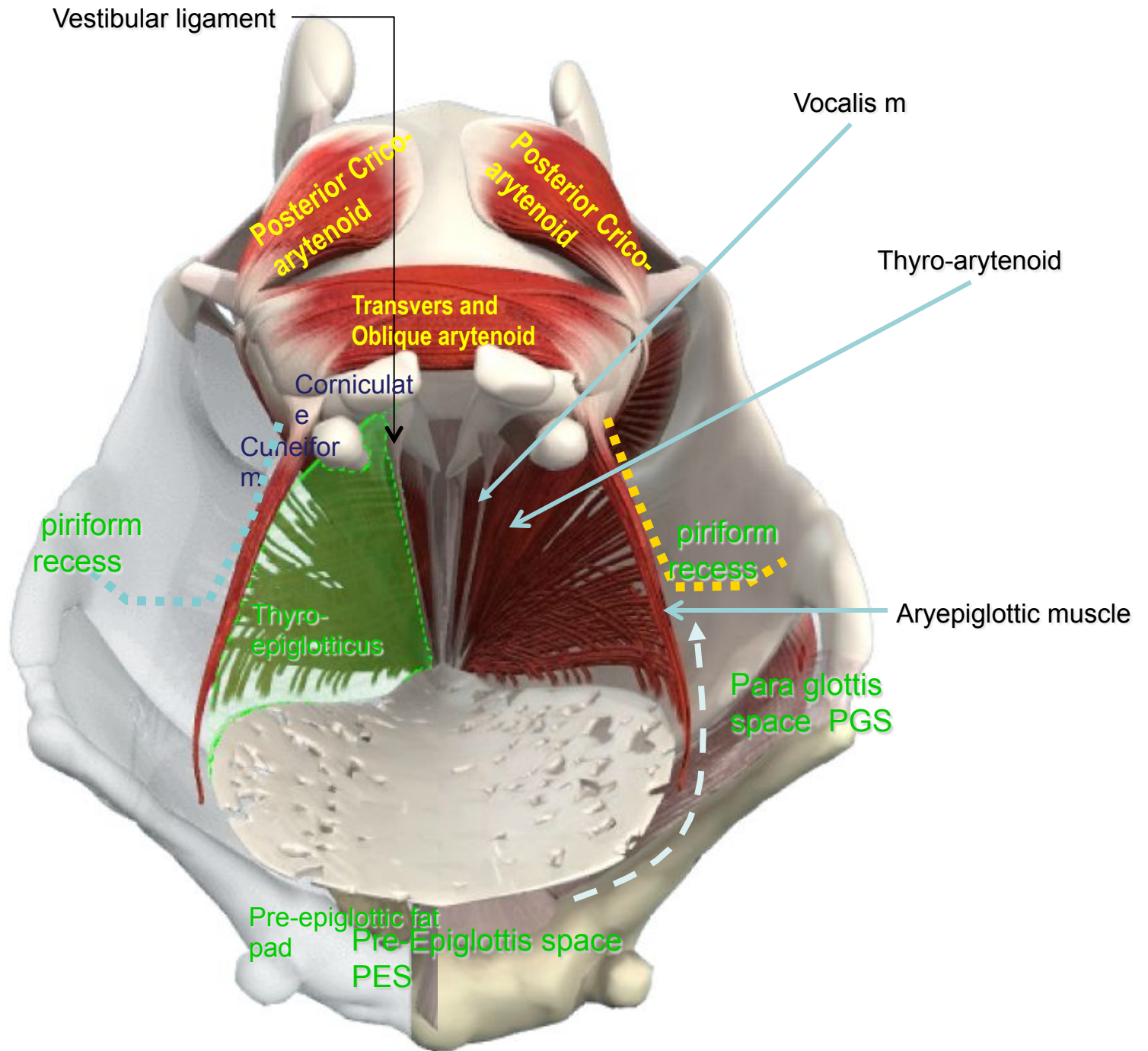
Medialmente  
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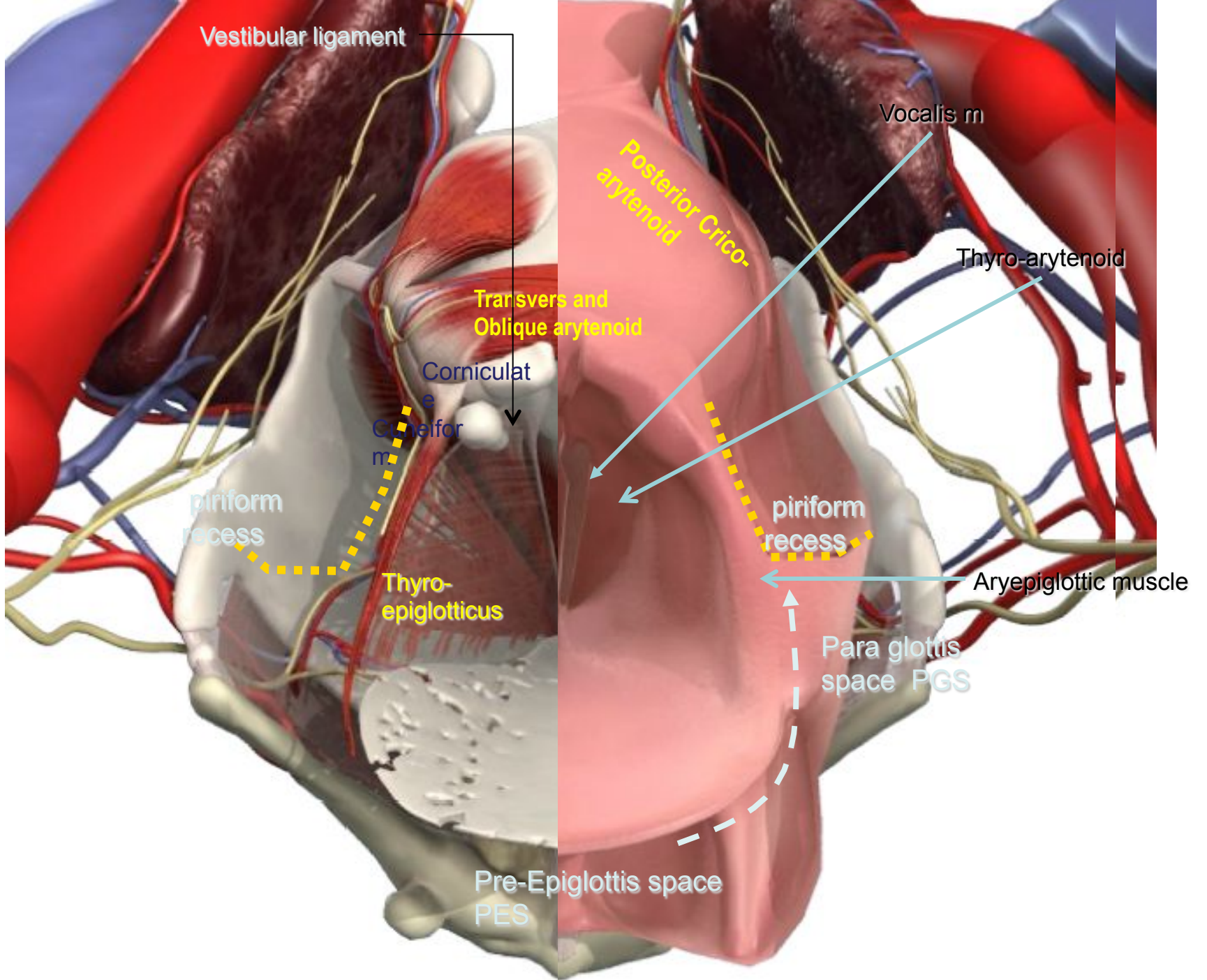
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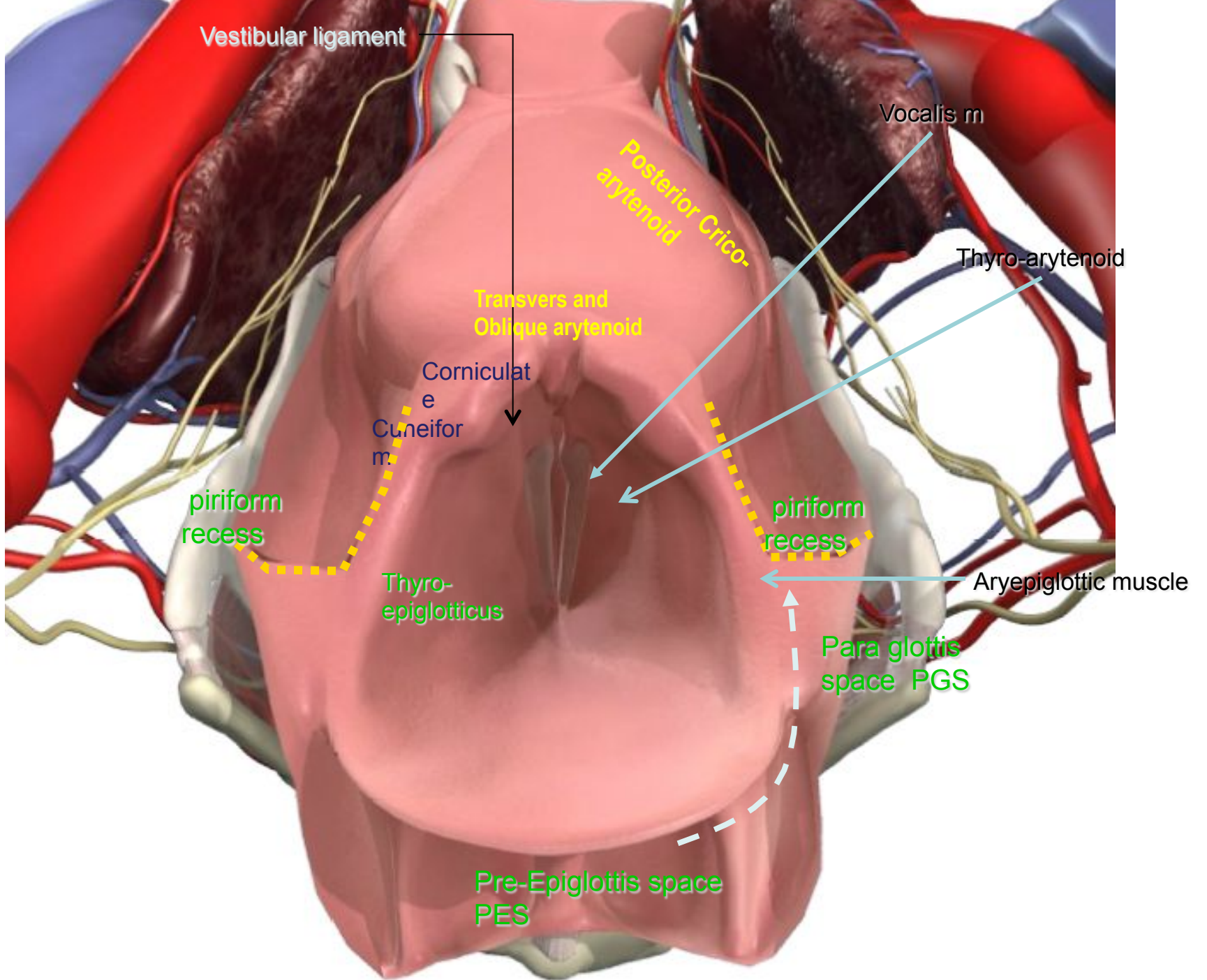















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## Cancer de l'hypopharynx et du larynx : proposition de sélection et délimitation des volumes cibles microscopiques péri-tumoraux (aires ganglionnaires exclues)

Hypopharynx and larynx cancers: propositions for the selection and the delineation of peritumoral microscopic disease volumes (lymph nodes excluded)

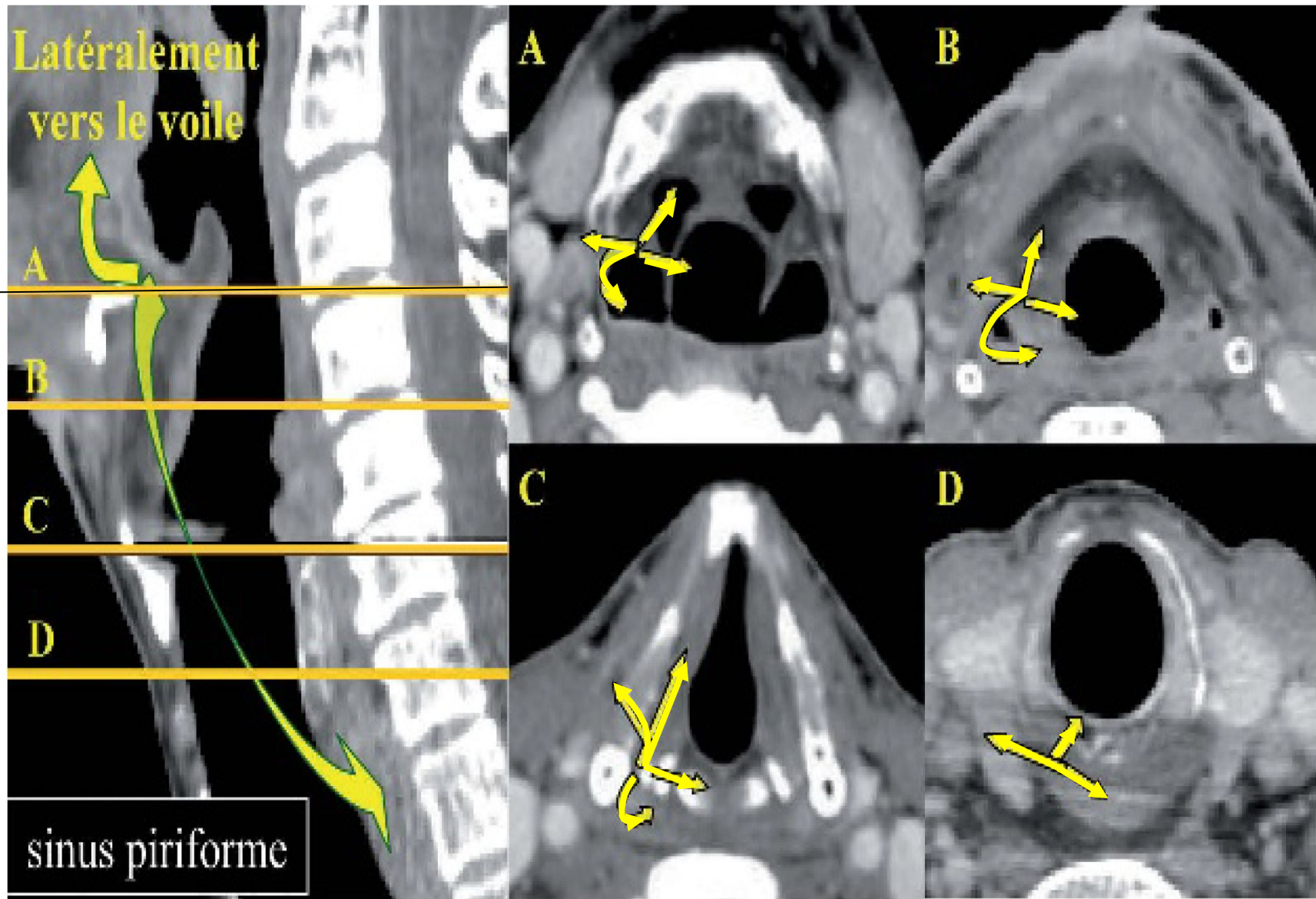
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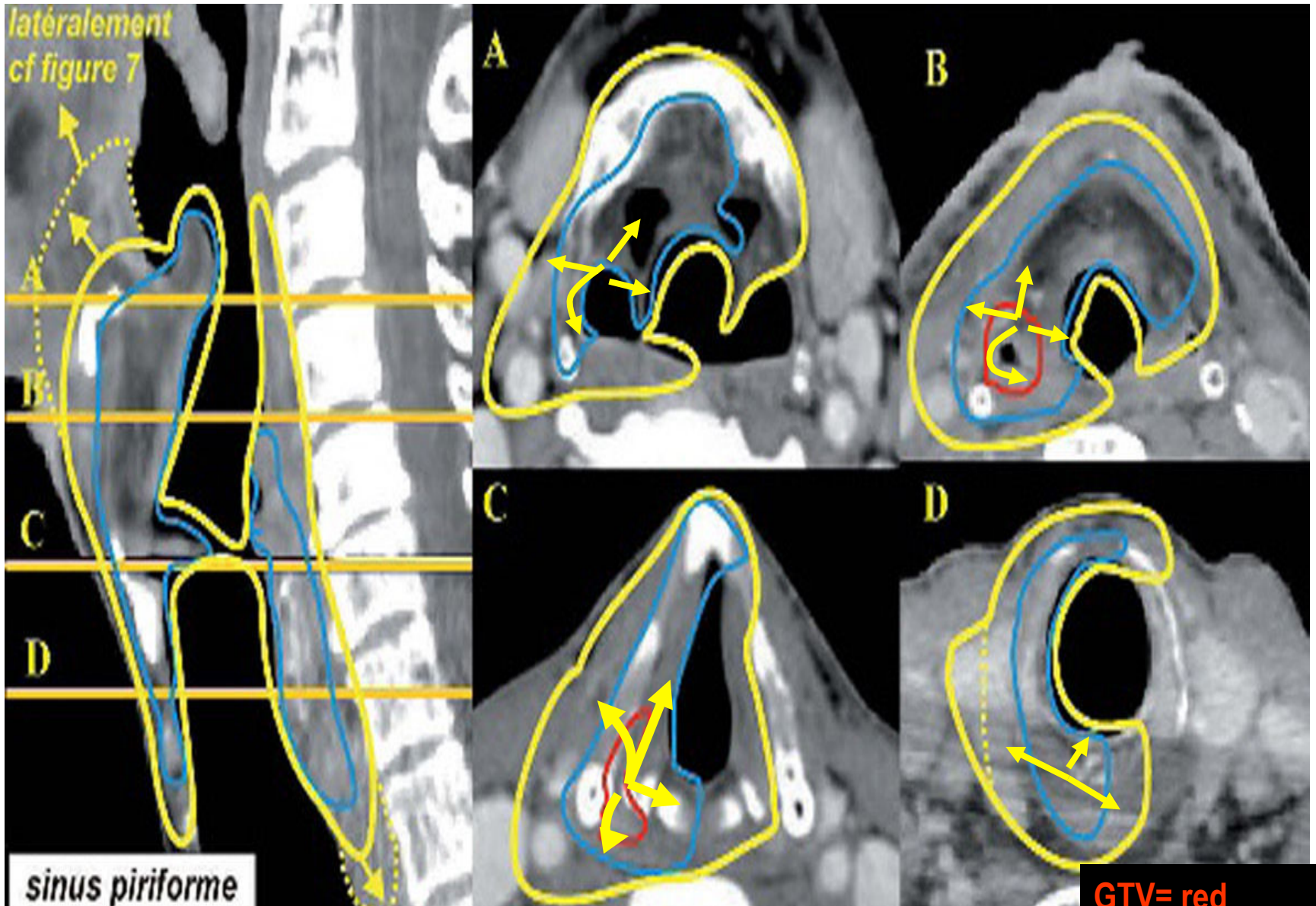
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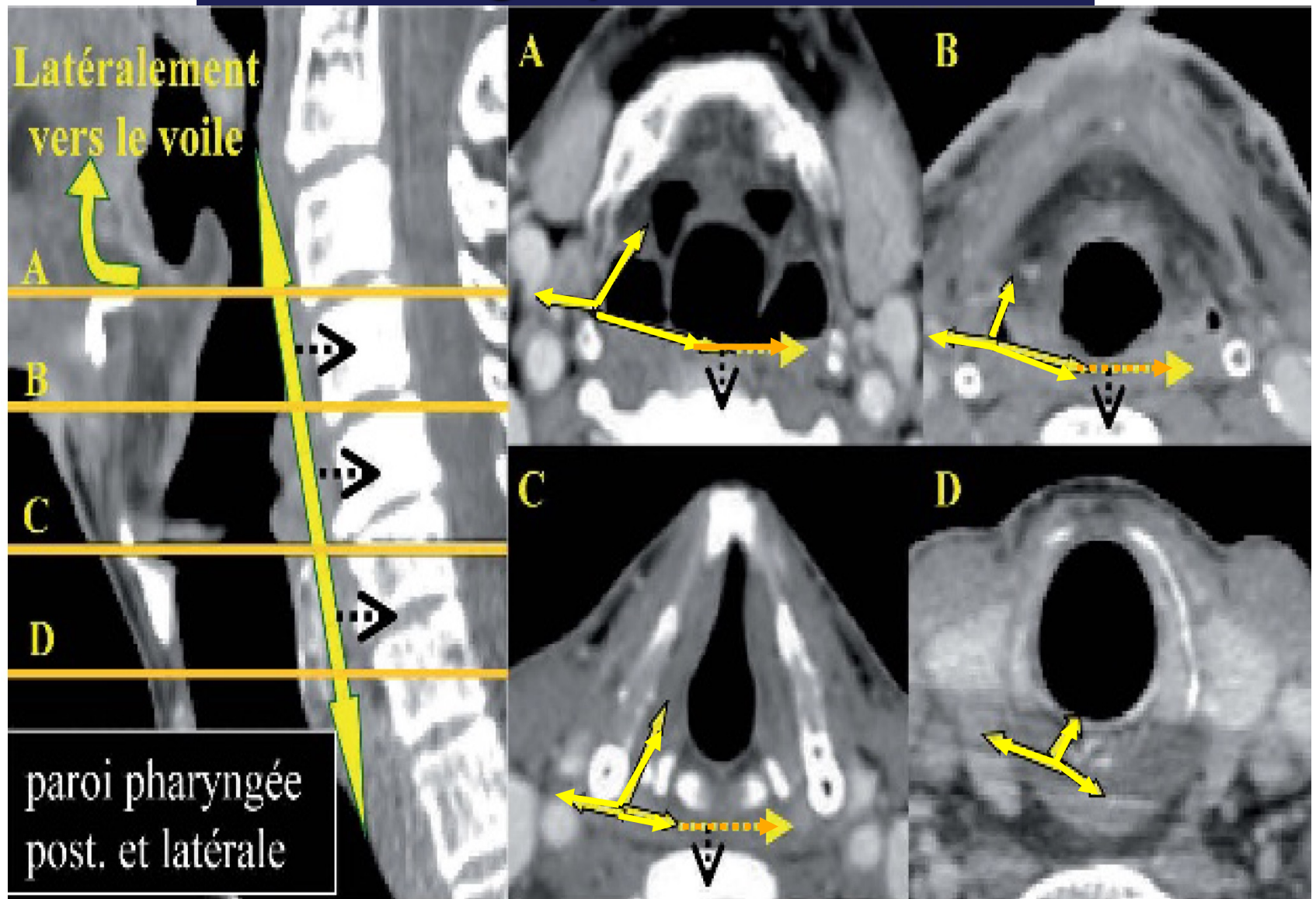
65-85%



# Sinus piriforme



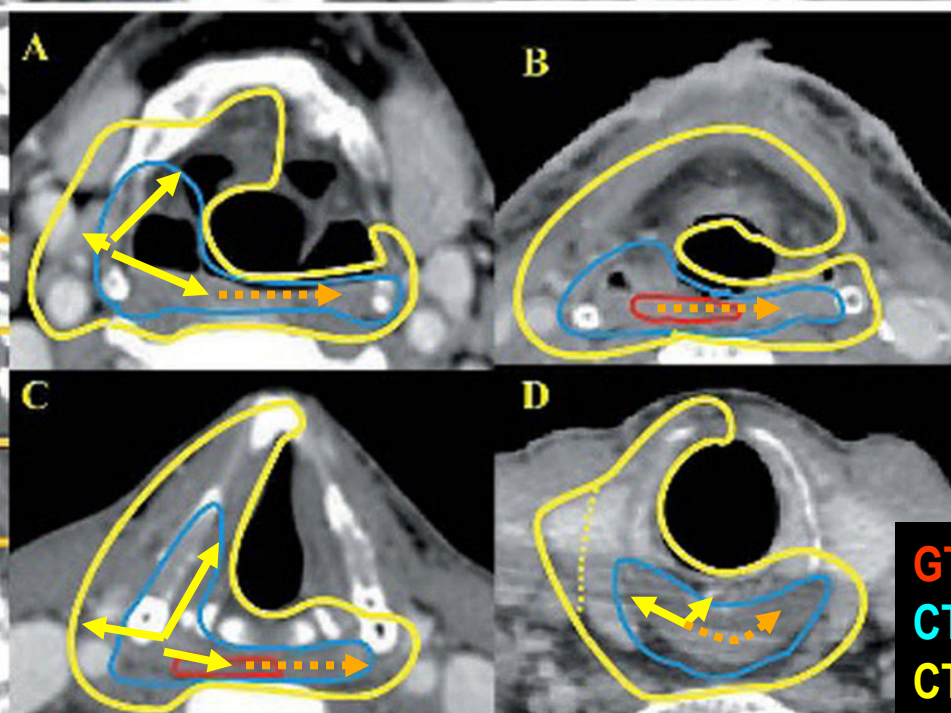
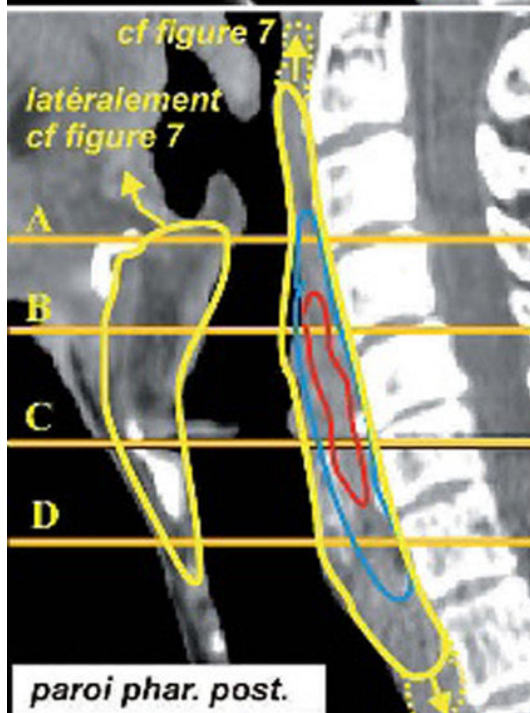
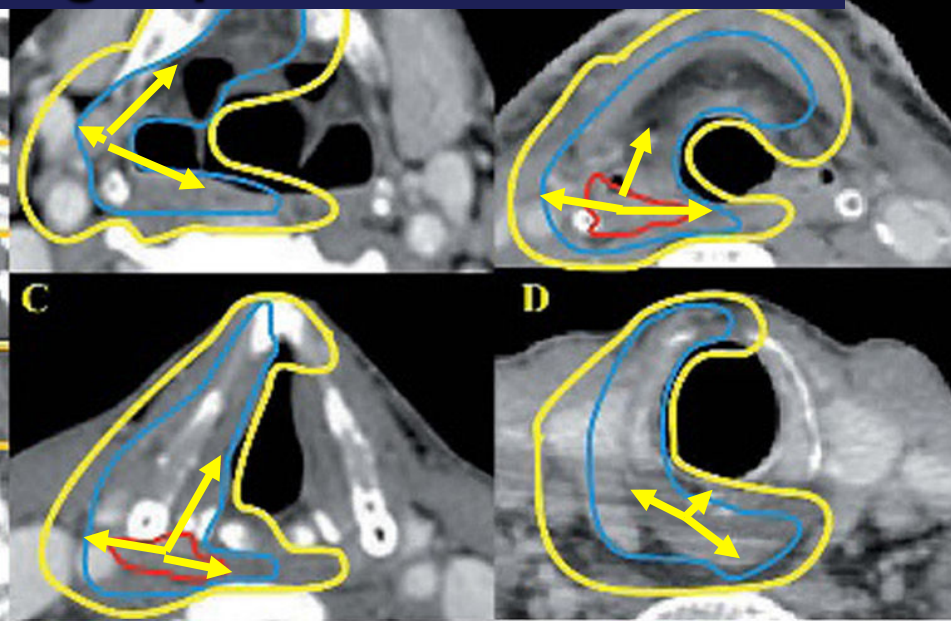
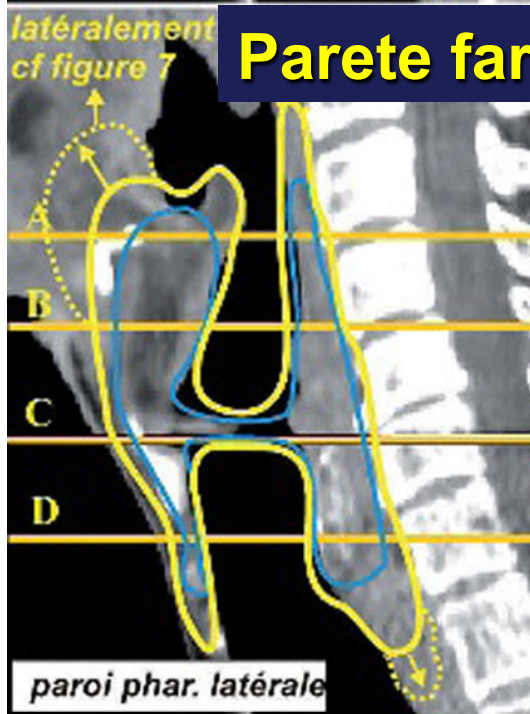
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10-20%



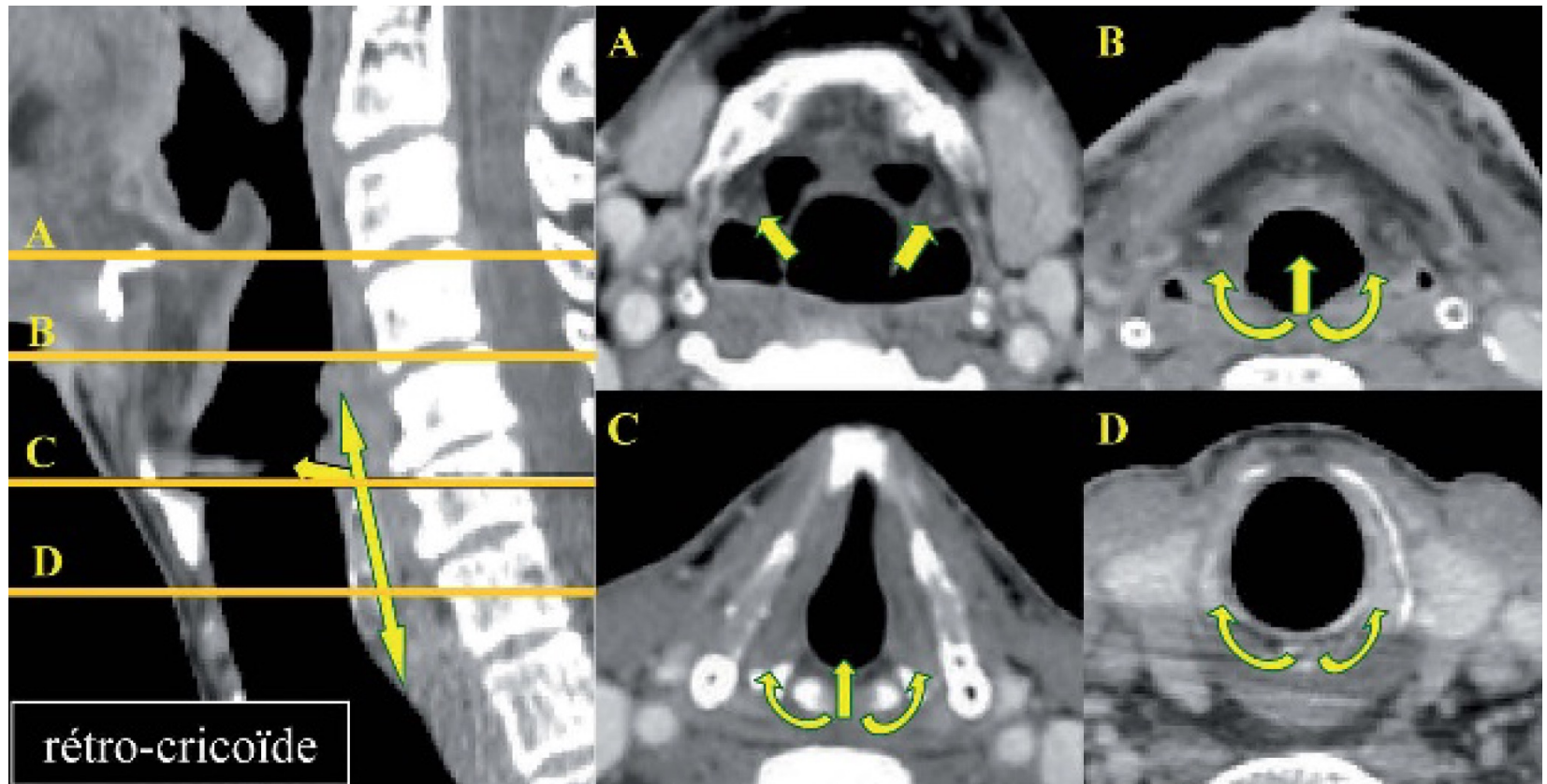
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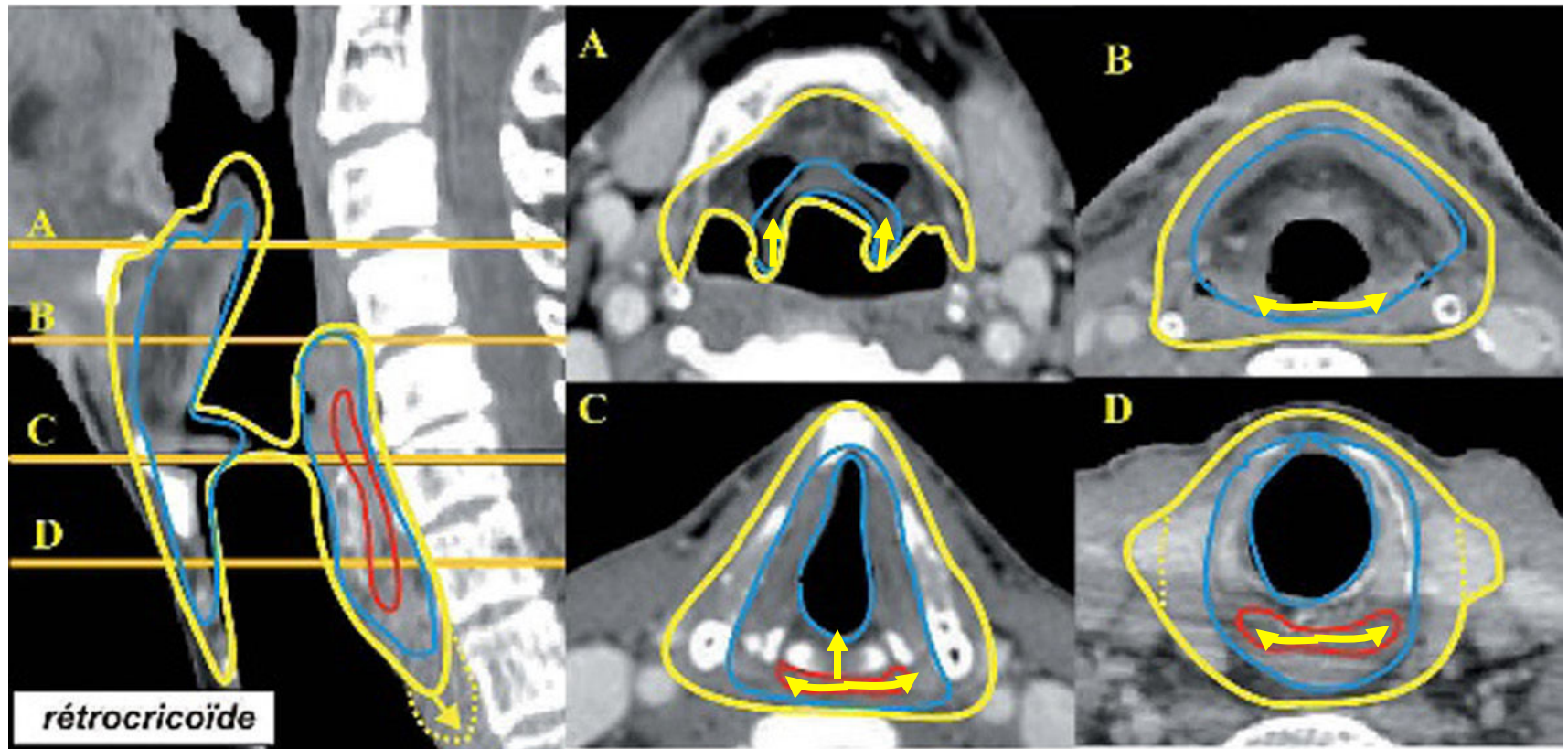


# Regione retrocricoidea



5-15%

# Regione retrocricoidea



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Number of pts with **clinically positive neck nodes** found at presentation (*adapted From Gregoire 2000*)

	N. Pt N+	Level (Percentage of the node+ pts.)									
		I	II	III	IV	V					
Oral cavity (n=787)	36	42	3.5	79	8	18	3	5	1	1	0
Oropharynx (n=1497)	64	13	2	81	24	23	5	9	2.5	13	3
Hypopharynx (n=847)	70	2	0	80	13	51	4	20	3	24	2
Supraglottic Larynx (n=428)	55	2	0	71	21	48	10	18	7	15	4
Nasopharynx (440 pts)*	80	9	8	71	56	36	32	32	26	15	10

\*Sham 1990

Lindberg Cancer 1972





Percentage Incidence and Distribution of Pathologically Involved Nodes in a **Clinical Node-Negative** Neck After Elective Radical Neck Dissection

CTV 2 ) Risk of subclinical involvement greater than 15–20%

		<b>Level</b>				
	<b>N. Pt</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>
<b>Oral cavity</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0,5%</b>
<b>Oropharynx</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Hypopharynx</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Larynx</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2,5%</b>

Shah JP, Candela FC, Poddar AK. The patterns of cervical lymph node metastases from squamous carcinoma of the oral cavity. *Cancer* 1990;66(1):109–113.)



Percentage Incidence and Distribution of Pathologically Involved Nodes in a **Clinical Node-Positive** After **Therapeutic** Radical Neck Dissection

		<b>Level</b>				
	<b>N. Pt</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>
<b>Oral cavity</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Oropharynx</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Hypopharynx</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2,5%</b>
<b>Larynx</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>4%</b>

# Quando irradiare IIB?

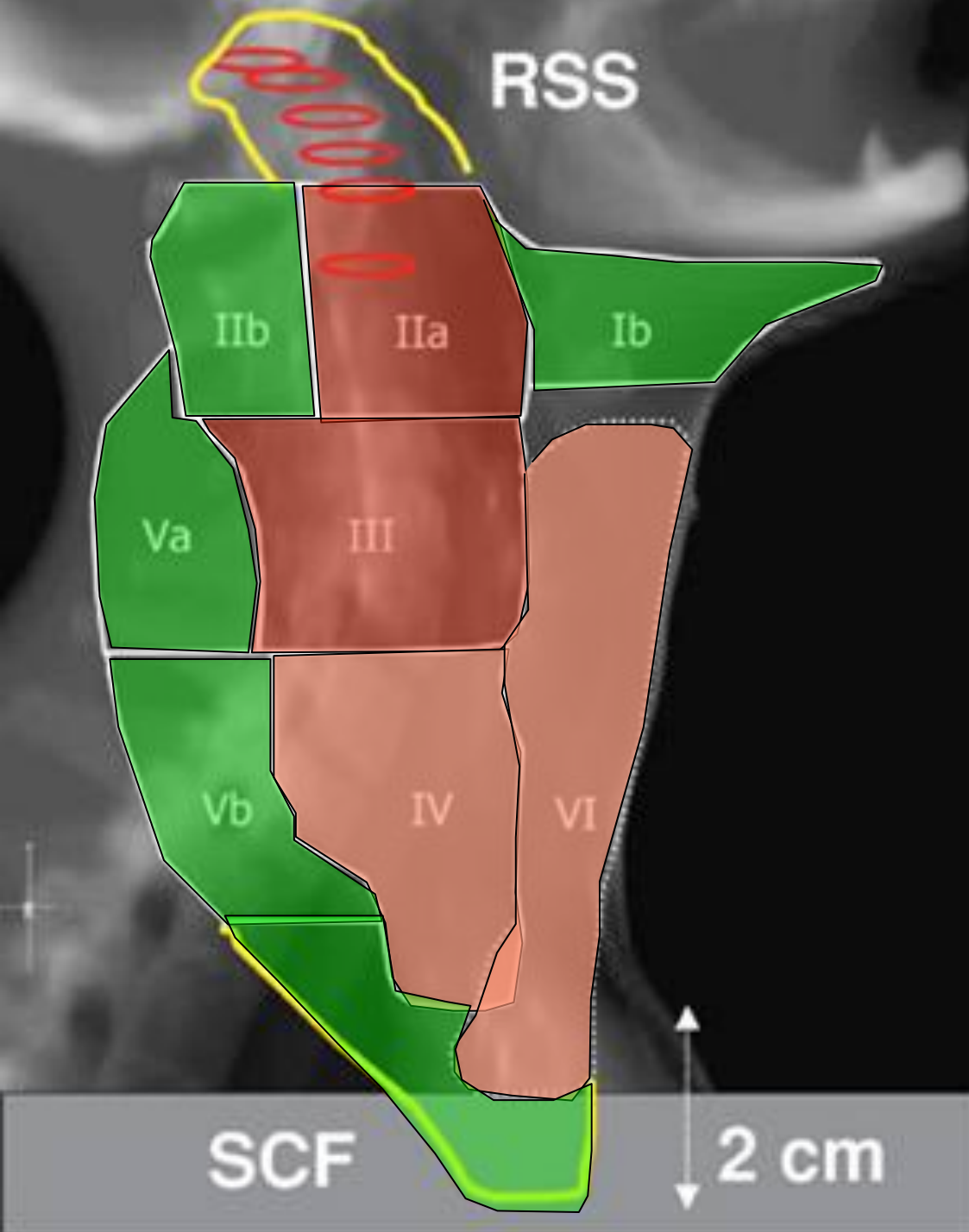
## Ipfaringe «N<sub>0</sub>»?

**Table 2** Lymph node status at sublevel IIB evaluated by prospective studies in hypopharyngeal squamous carcinoma with clinically negative neck

Author(s)	Year	Number of patients	Institutions	Mts detected in sublevel IIB by pathologic analysis
Kim et al. [20]	2006	21	Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea	1 <sup>a</sup>
Bolzoni Villaret et al. [16]	2007	10	Brescia University, Brescia, European Institute of Oncology, Milan, and Regina Elena Institute of Oncology, Rome, Italy	1
Paleri et al. [17]	2008	7	Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia and Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	None

<sup>a</sup> The patient also had a positive neck lymph node at level III





# Conclusions Hypopharynx

- In cN-
- IIa and III

CTV	Tumor
CTV1	<p>Using <u>anatomic compartment</u> is more adequate than using a uniform expansion (3- 10mm) around the GTV</p> <p><i>Eisbruch and Gregoire 2009</i></p>
CTV2	Idem CTV3
CTV3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paths of preferential diffusion.</li><li>• Involved anatomical structure + contigual anatomical ones.</li><li>• If there are false barriers add 2-3 cm</li></ul>

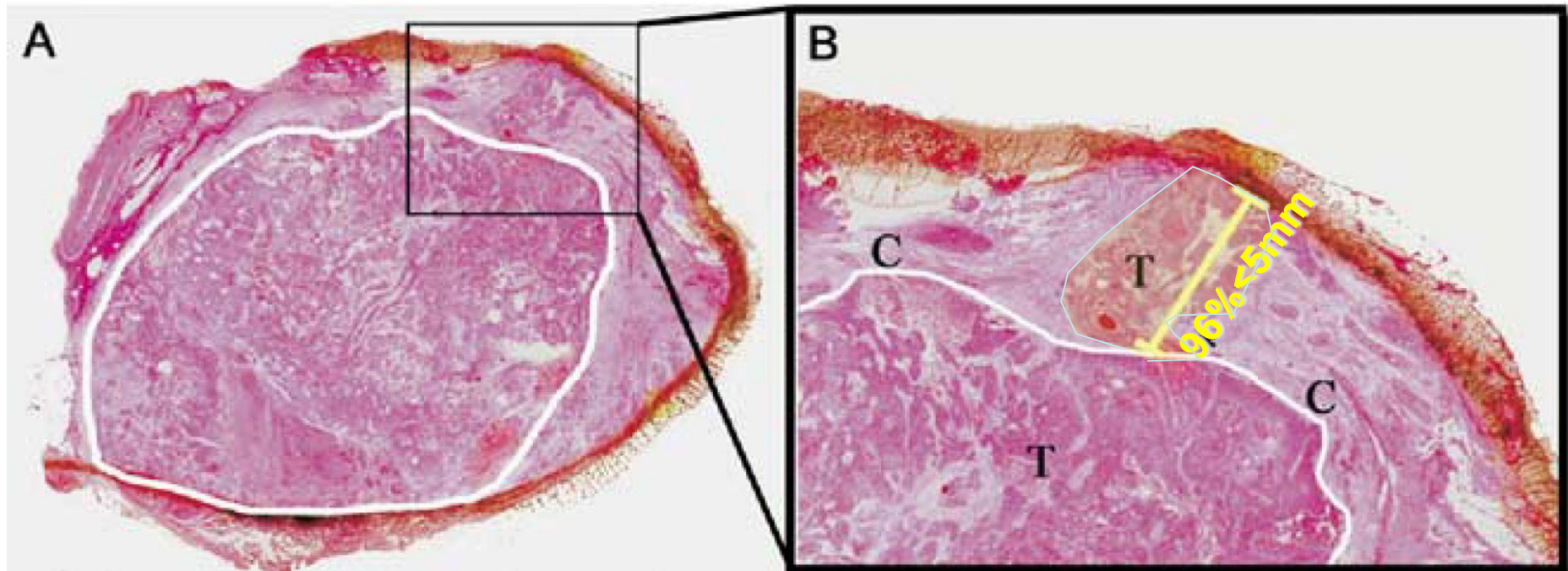
# Primary Tumor

CTV	Postoperation
CTV1	Surgical bed and R+ or close (GTV) + 0.5-1 cm tailored to the anatomical barriers (flaps included)
CTV2	Idem CTV3
CTV3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paths of preferential diffusion.</li> <li>• Involved anatomical structure + myocutaneous flaps within concerned region + contigual anatomical ones.</li> <li>• If the that are false barriers add 2-3 cm</li> </ul>

# Postoperation



# Lymph-nodal extracapsular extension



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## Primary tumor

# CTV

## CTV1

## CTV2

## CTV3

# Postoperation

# Lymphnodal levels

- The site of previous adenopathies with 0.5-1 cm
- If ECE the margin needs being 1 cm and more up to include superficial skin

- CTVn + the contiguous level (eg Ia or IIa) included within 3 cm distance usually at high risk of relapse (at risk of relapsing greater than 10-20%\* )
- The sections of the muscle concerned at the levels where the removed lymphonode with ECE.

Levels I to VI, retrostyloid, retropharyngeal, subclavicular fossa, superior mediastinum: volumes at low risk of relapse in base fo the natural hystory of tumor (greater than 5-10%\*)

*\* Sanguineti 2008; Schwartz 2010; Peters 1993; 4 Hu Ks 2009; 5. Candela 1990; 6 Chao 2002;Byers 1998; liendberg 1972*



**CLINICAL INVESTIGATION**

**Head and Neck**

**ARE NECK NODAL VOLUMES DRAWN ON CT SLICES COVERED BY  
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