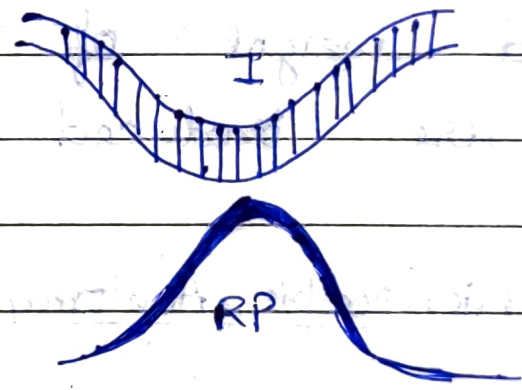
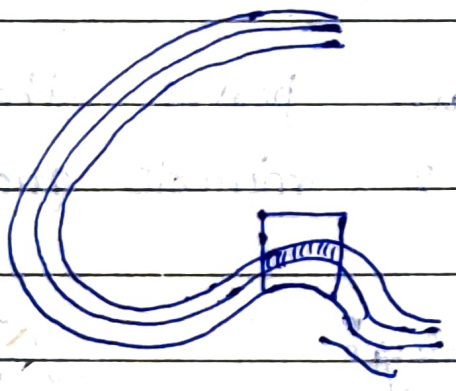


PITUITARY / HYPOPHYSIS GLAND

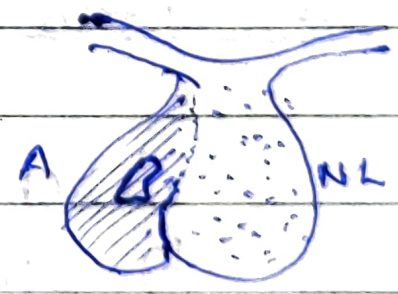
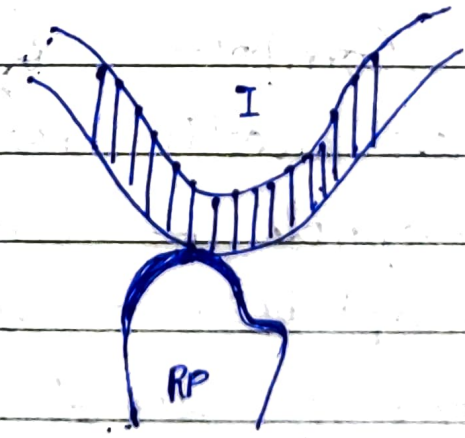
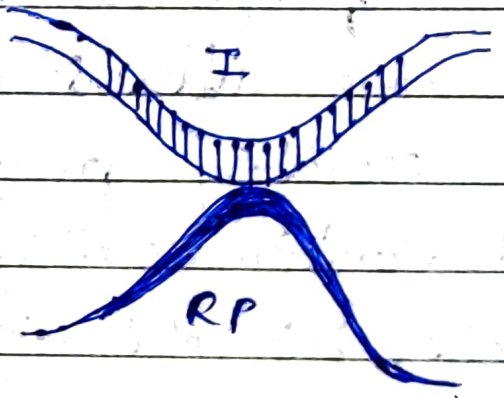
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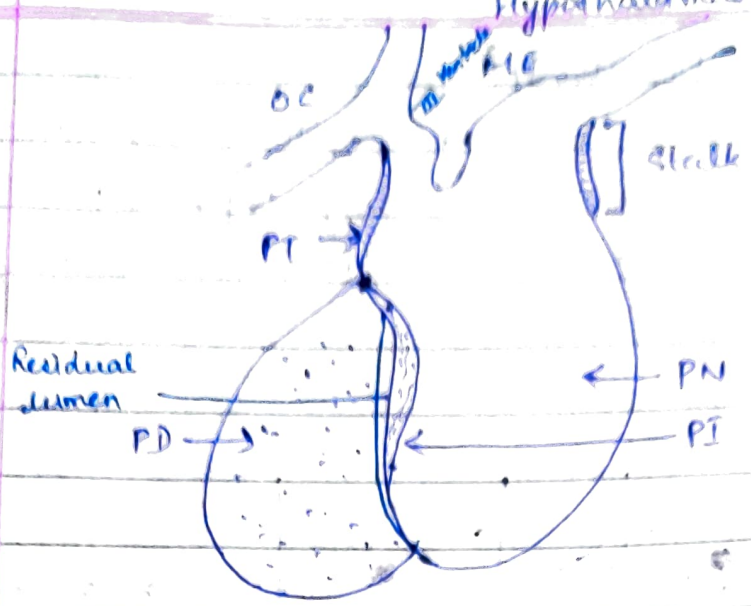
Location - Found just below the diencephalon in the cavity of sphenoid bone and this cavity is w/a sella turcica.

Derivation / Development of pituitary gland:



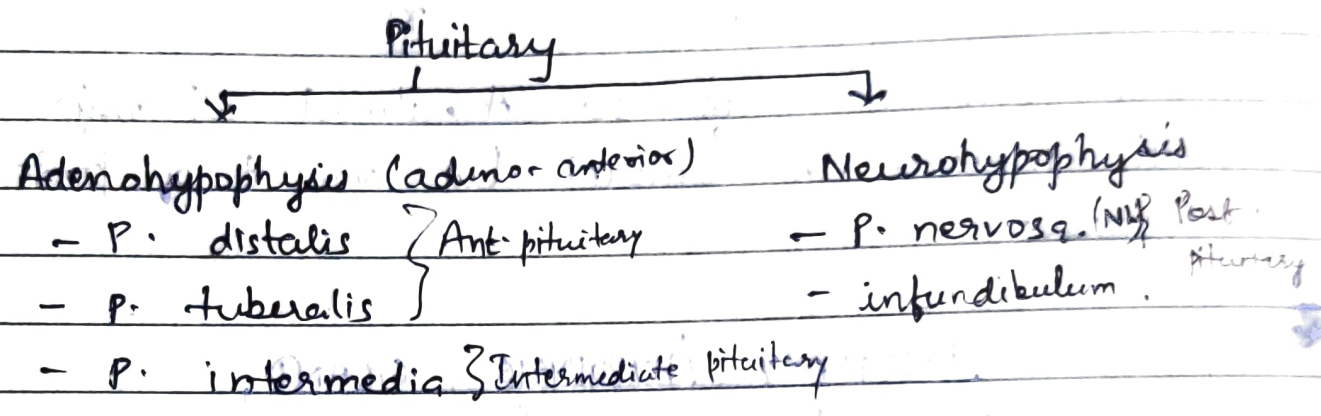
A - Adenohypophysis
 NL - Neural lobe.
 RP - Rathke's Pouch (Stomoeodium)
 I - Infundibulum





- ME - Median eminence
- OC - Optic chiasma
- PT - Pars tuberalis
- PD - Pars distalis
- PI - Pars intermedia
- PN - Pars nervosa

PT + PD - Anterior lobe
 PI - Intermediate lobe



→ Rathke's ^{oral ectoderm of stomodaeum.} pouch give ~~at~~ rise to adenohypophysis.

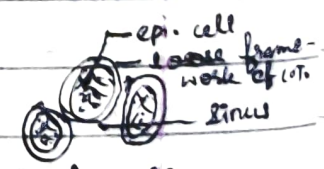
Infundibulum is neural in origin.

→ Place where rathke's pouch and infundibulum meet, they produce p. intermedia.

Size of pituitary = 600 mg

* Size and weight of pituitary also proves that hormones are produced in very 2 minute quantity.

CYTOLOGY (Microscopic Anatomy) of pituitary:



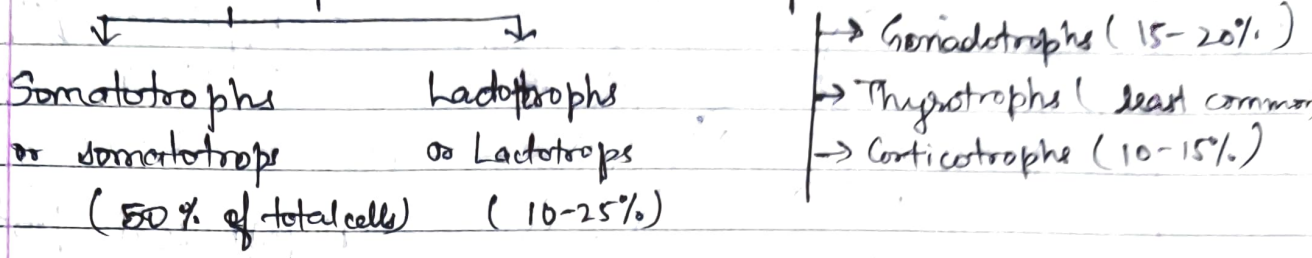
(1) Pars distalis → Composed of ^{regular or epi} mass of epithelial cells.

These cells are of two different types.

- a) Chromophils - contain secretory granules in cytoplasm
- b) Chromophobes - doesn't contain secretory granules

Thus chromophils are secretory cells but not the chromophobes.

- Chromophobes are precursors of chromophils.
- Chromophils are major secretory cells of pars distalis and are of two different types
 - i) Acidophils
 - ii) Basophils.



Hormones secreted by chromophil cells:

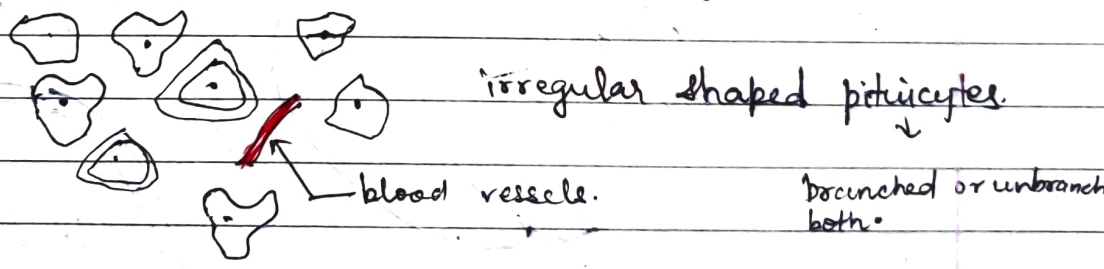
- Somatotrophs - STH/GH
- Lactotrophs - Prolactin
- Gonadotrophs - LH & FSH
- Thyrotrophs - TSH
- Corticotrophs - ACTH

② Pars intermedia →

It consists of polygonal cells. These cells contain secretory granules. Hormone coming from pars intermedia is MSH (melanocyte stimulating hormone).

③ Pars nervosa (neural lobe/posterior lobe) →

Composed of cells called pituitary pituicytes (non-secretory)



Hormones produced - Oxyphysin ^{or oxytocin} and vasophysin ^{or vasopressin} from stored are bound to protein called neurophysin neurosecretory cells of hypothalamus and stored in pituicytes.

Vascular supply of pituitary:

Anterior pituitary is supplied by superior hypophysial artery -
 Post-pituitary " " inferior " "

- Sup. hypophysial artery after reaching ME form a network of capillary and produces primary plexus. Afterward it enters in ant. pituitary and produces sec. c. plexus (highly dense). These network will form cells of secretory cells.
- Hypophysial portal vein connects primary and sec. capillary plexus. This plexus HPV is connection b/w hypothalamus and ant. pituitary.
- Hypophysiotropic area is area of hypothalamus in which parvocellular nucleus is found. It ^{secretes} receives material of hypothalamus and transfer to primary to capillary plexus.
- Median eminence ~~is~~ get both neural and vascular supply.
- NSM is ~~disch~~ discharged in perivascular space. come to capillary lumen and response - Scharrer and Scharrer
- Two scientists Hisloeki and King (1936) demonstrated in rhesus monkey that the ~~conn~~ connection of hypothalamus ~~to~~ to pituitary.
- Green and Harris (1949) they experimented in >100 vertebrates ^{pp} conclusion: Hypothalamus is in connection to pituitary and controls latter.

