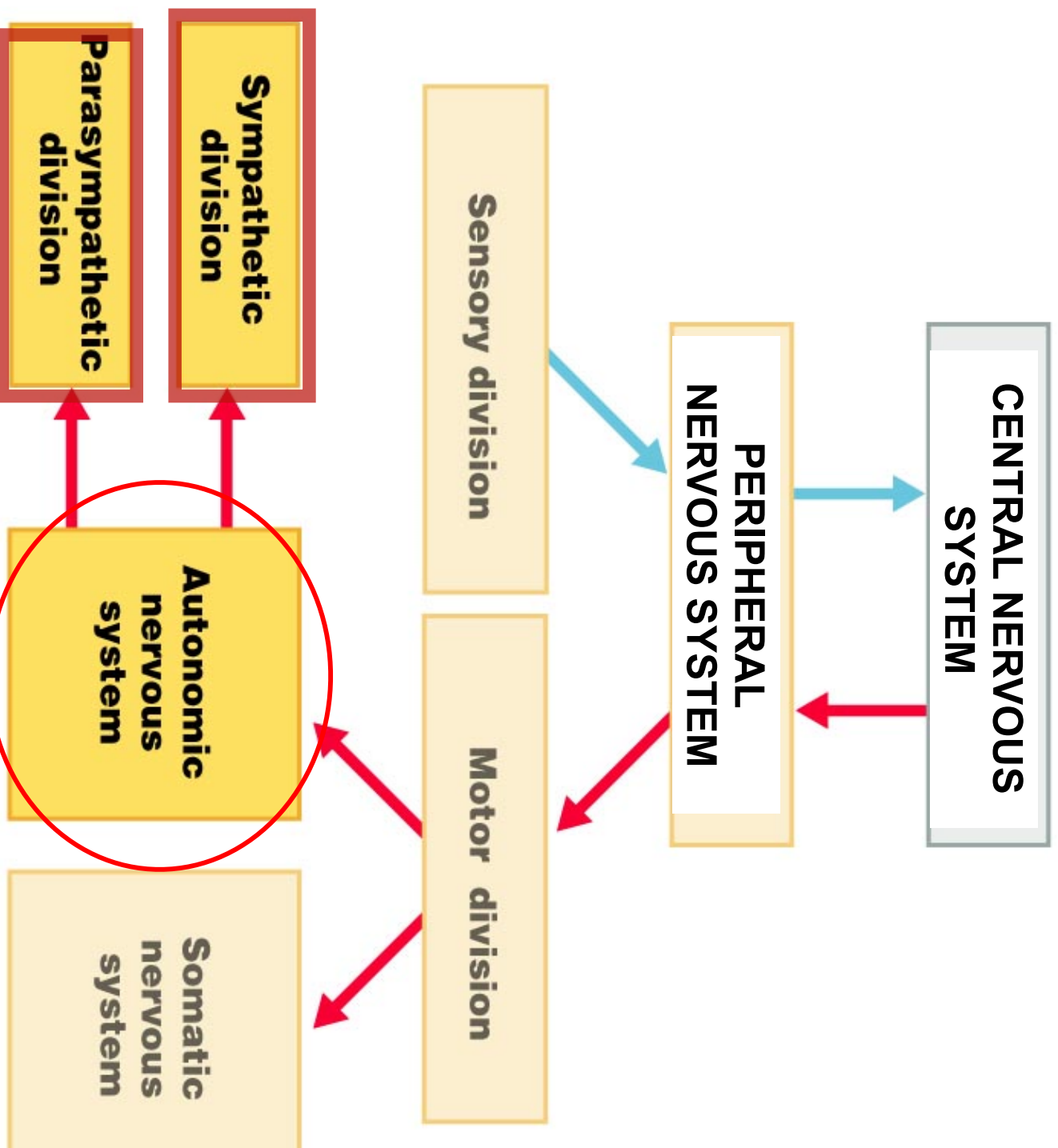
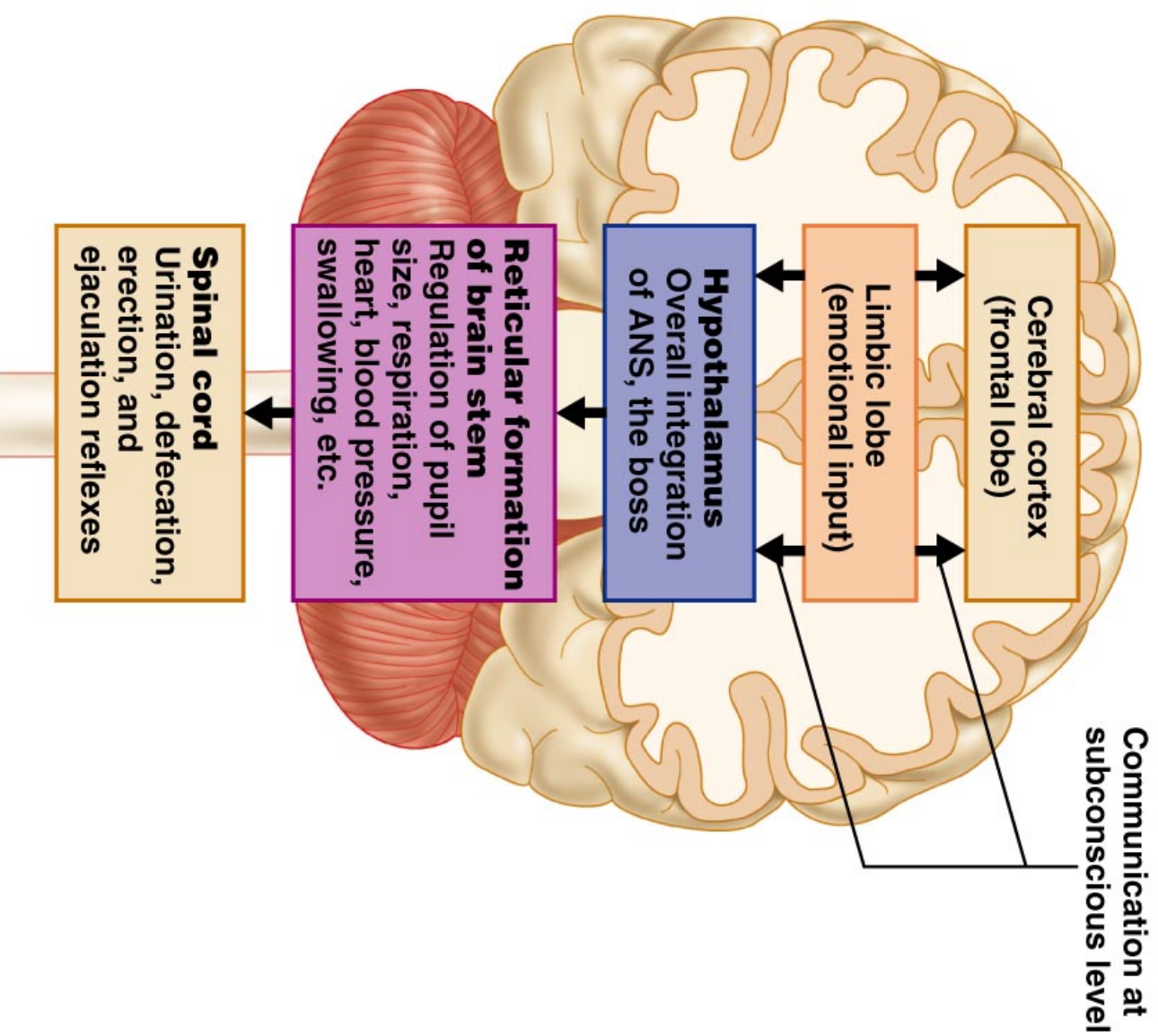


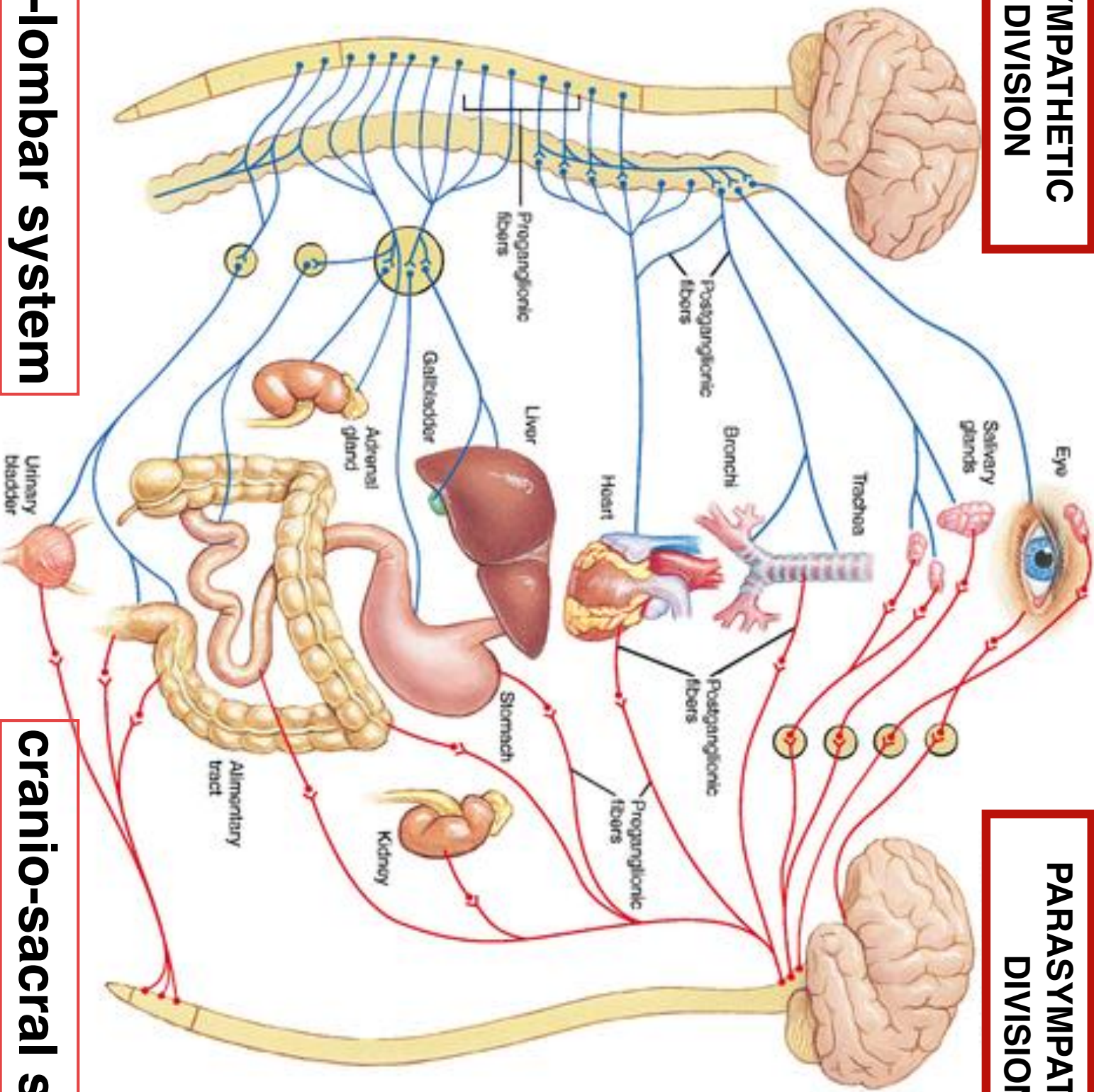
# AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEM



# The Autonomic Nervous System (ANS) is under control of the Central Nervous System (CNS)



**SYMPATHETIC  
DIVISION**



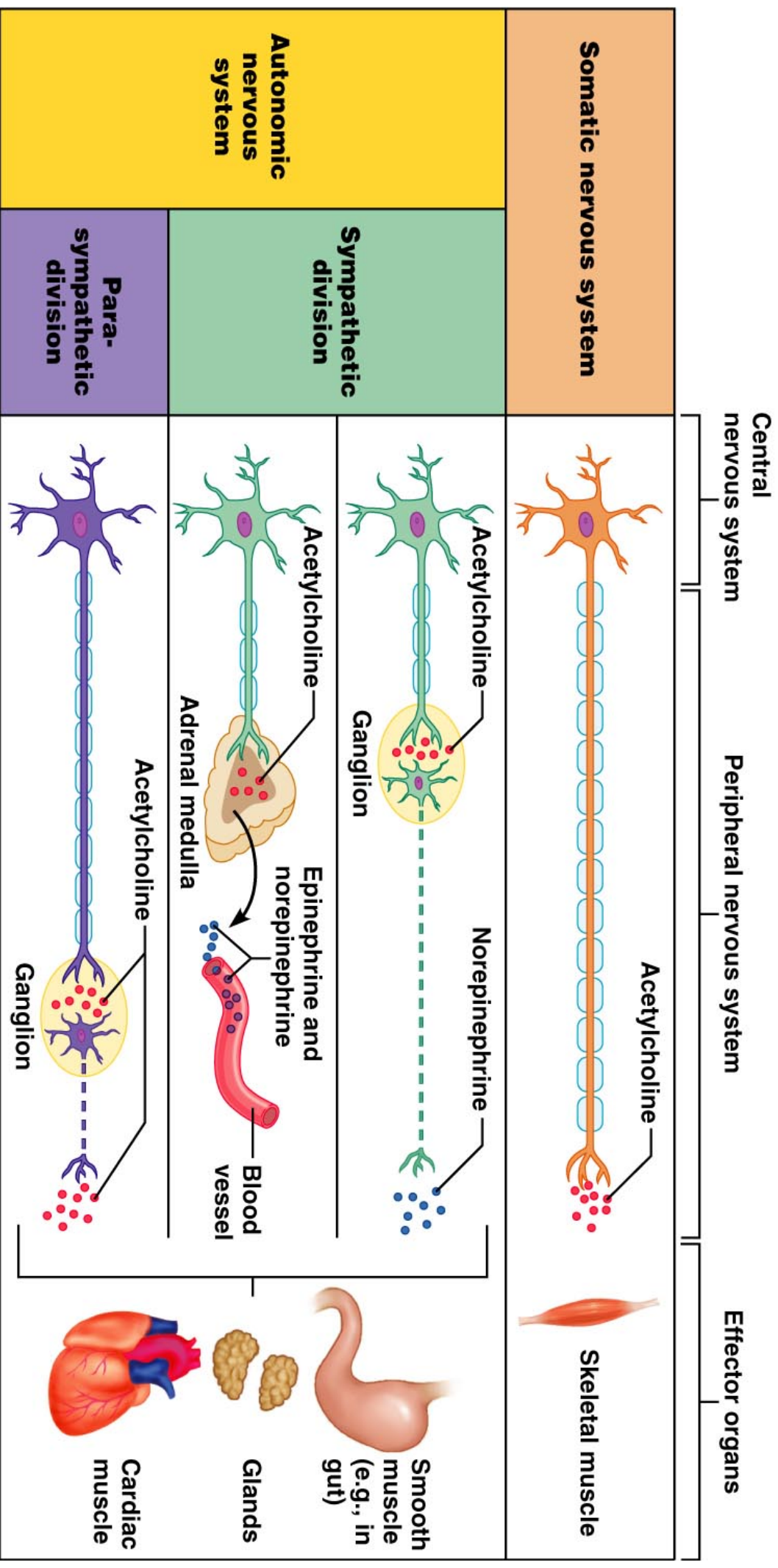
**PARASYMPATHETIC  
DIVISION**

**toraco-lombar system**

**cranio-sacral system**



# Autonomic Nervous System fibers



**Key:**

- = Preganglionic axons (sympathetic)
- - - = Postganglionic axons (sympathetic)
- = Preganglionic axons (parasympathetic)
- - - = Postganglionic axons (parasympathetic)
- = Myelination

Sympathetic

Parasympathetic

CNS



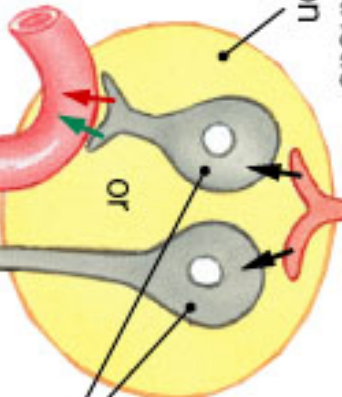
Preganglionic neuron



PNS

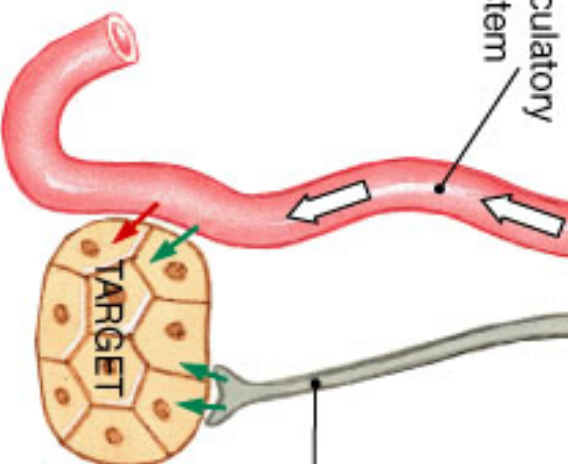
Sympathetic ganglion

Preganglionic fiber



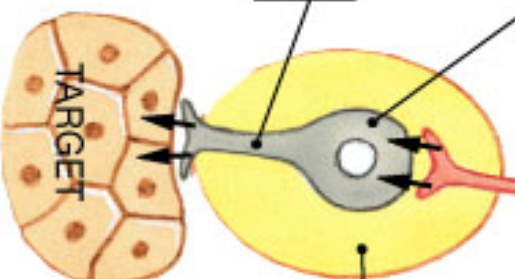
Ganglionic neurons

Postganglionic fiber



Neurotransmitters
↓ Acetylcholine
↔ Norepinephrine
↑ Epinephrine

Parasympathetic ganglion



TARGET

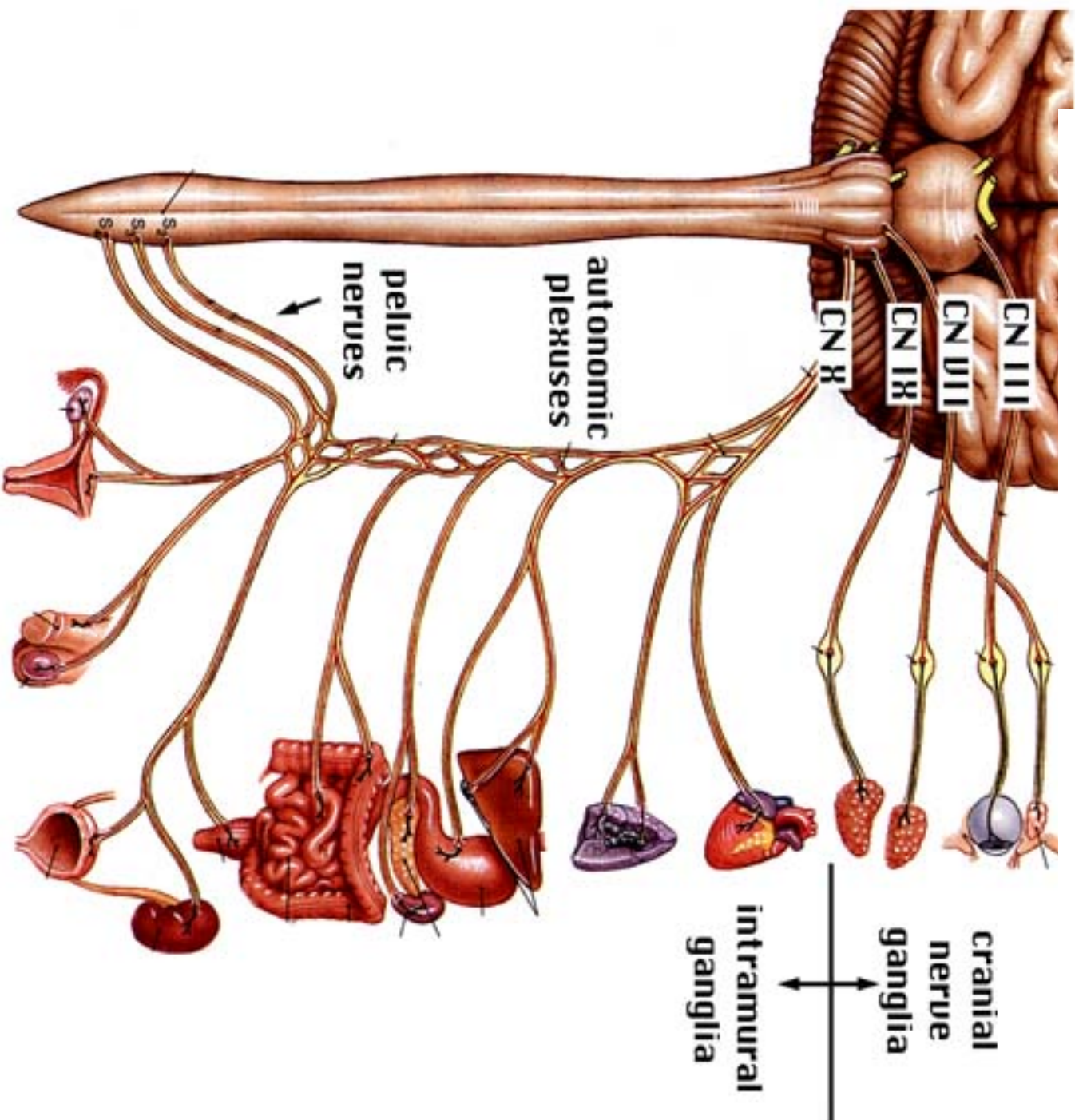
TARGET

## PNS vs SNS

The parasympathetic nervous system (PNS) controls homeostasis of the body at rest and is responsible for the **"rest and digest"** function

The sympathetic nervous system (SNS) controls the body's responses to a perceived threat and is responsible for the **"fight or flight"** response

# PARASYMPATHETIC DIVISION





# "rest and digest" functions:

## Eyes:

Accommodation  
for near vision  
Miosis



Saliva:  
copious, liquid

**Saliva:**  
Copious, liquid

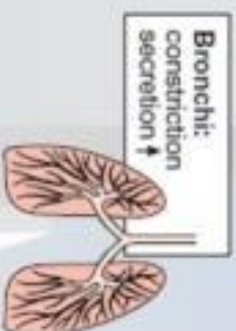
## Heart:

Decreased rate  
Decreased blood  
pressure



## Bronchi:

Constriction  
Increased  
secretion

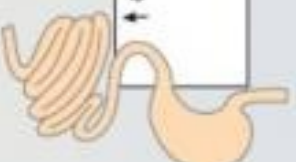


## Gastro-intestinal

### tract:

Increased secretion  
Increased peristalsis  
Decreased sphincter  
tone

GI tract:  
secretion ↓  
peristalsis ↓  
sphincter tone ↓

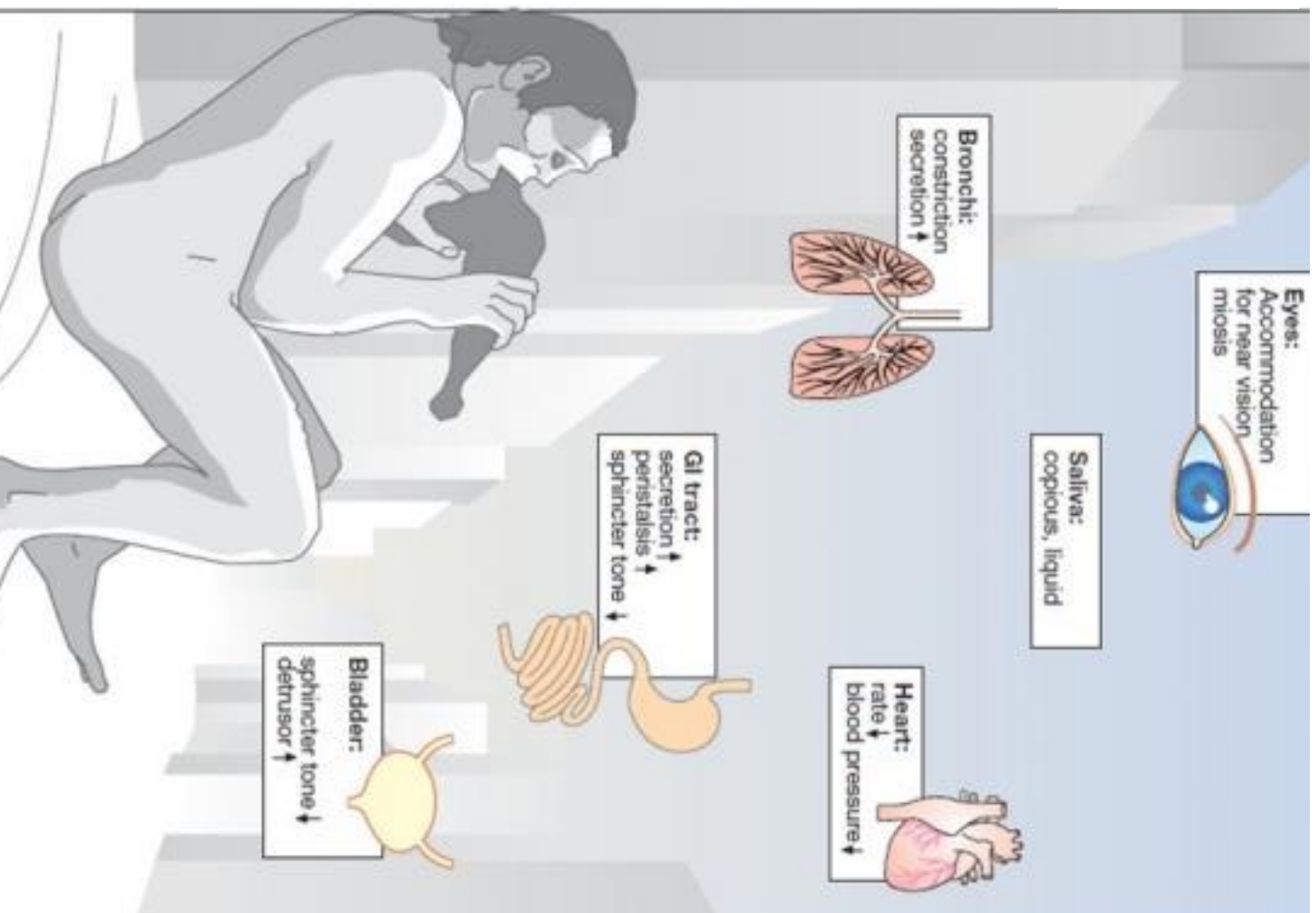


Bladder:

sphincter tone ↓  
detrusor ↓

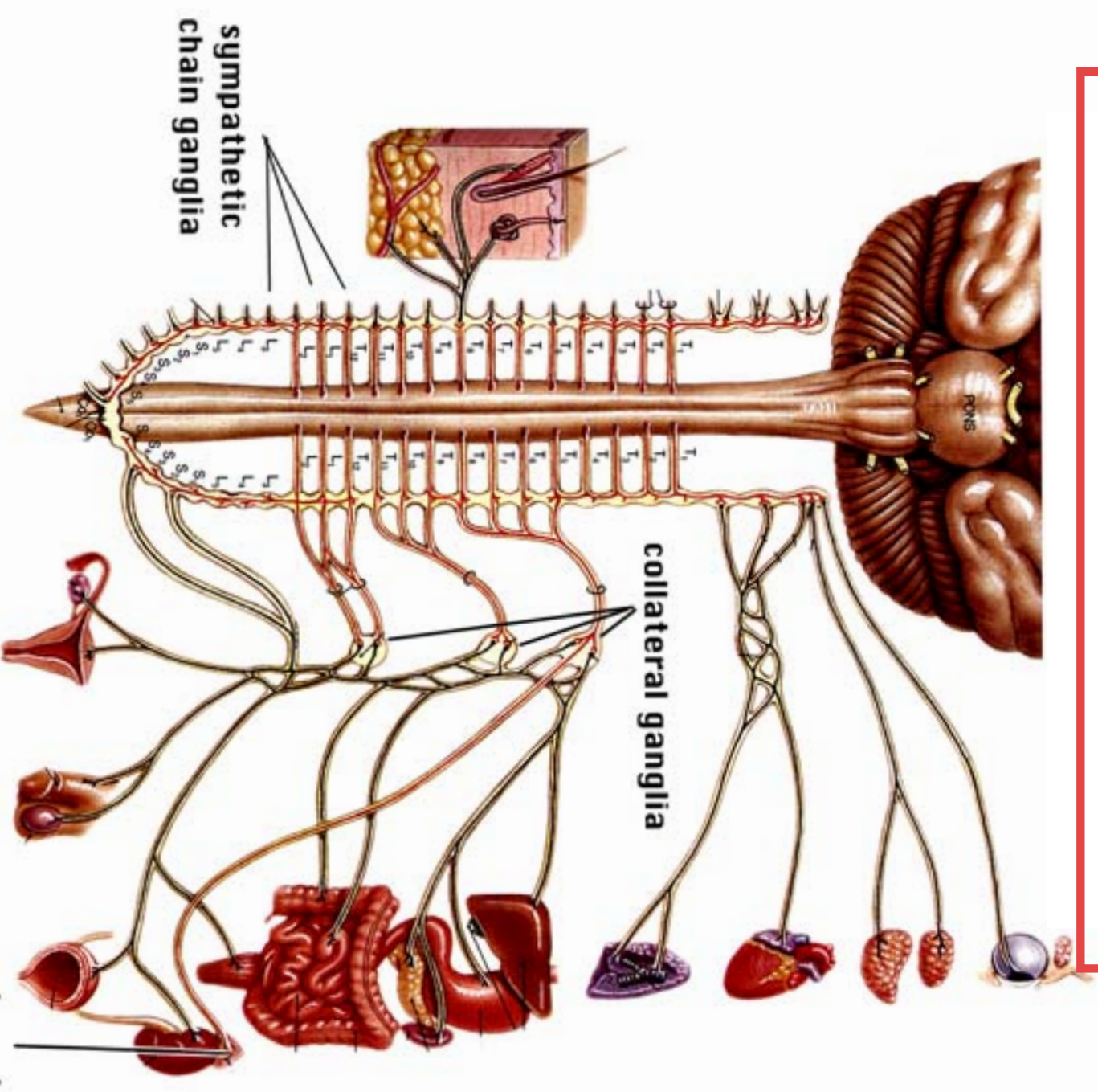
## Bladder:

Increased  
detrusor tone  
Decreased  
sphincter tone





# SYMPATHETIC DIVISION



## SNC:

Increased drive  
and alertness

## Saliva:

Little, viscous

## Bronchi:

Dilatation

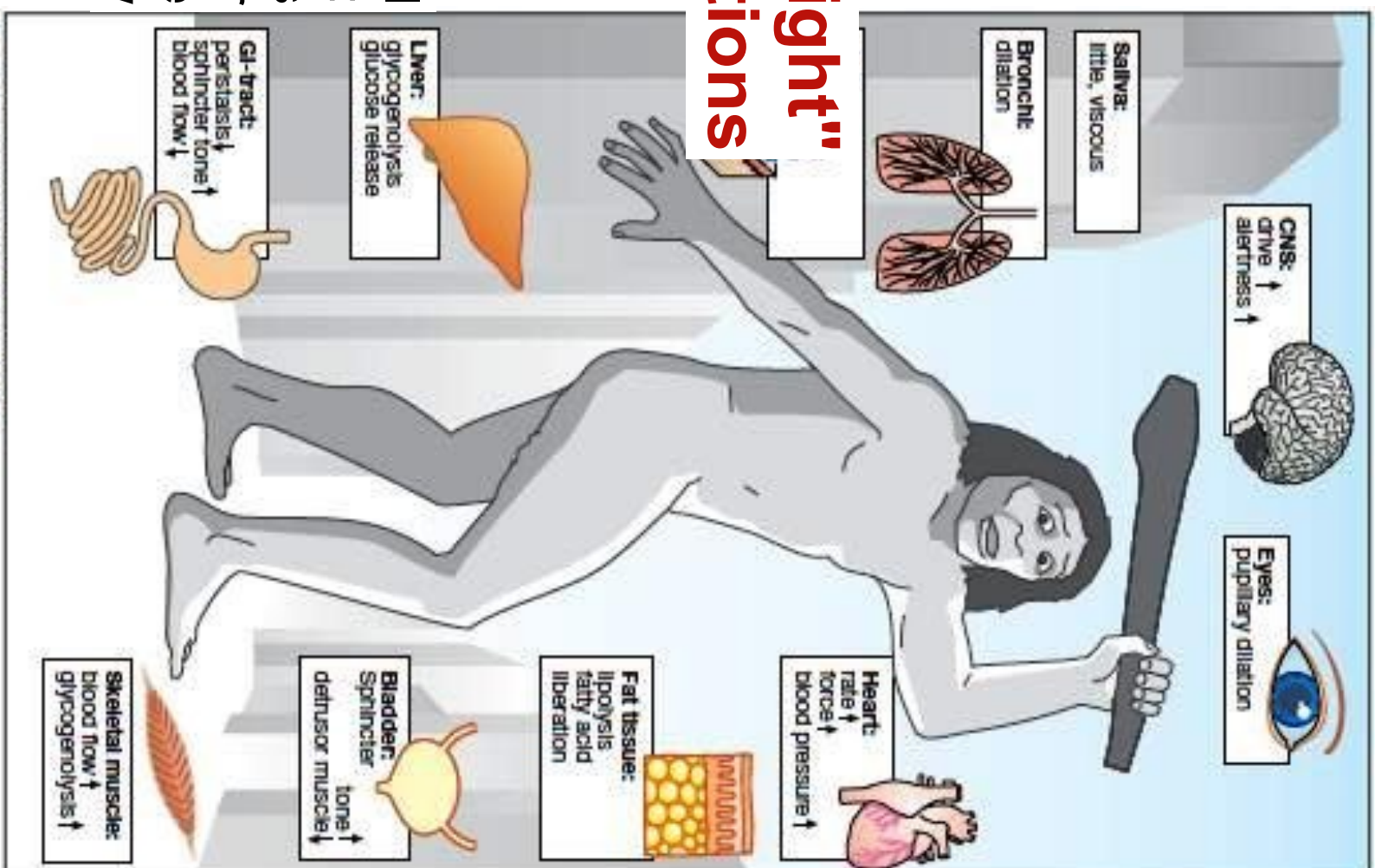
# "Fight or flight" functions

## Liver:

Glycogenolysis  
Glucose release

## Gastrointestinal tract:

Decreased peristalsis  
Increased sphincter  
tone  
Decreased blood flow



## Eyes:

Pupillary dilation

## Heart:

Increased rate  
Increased force  
Increased blood  
pressure

## Fat tissue:

Lipolysis  
Fatty acids  
liberation

## Bladder:

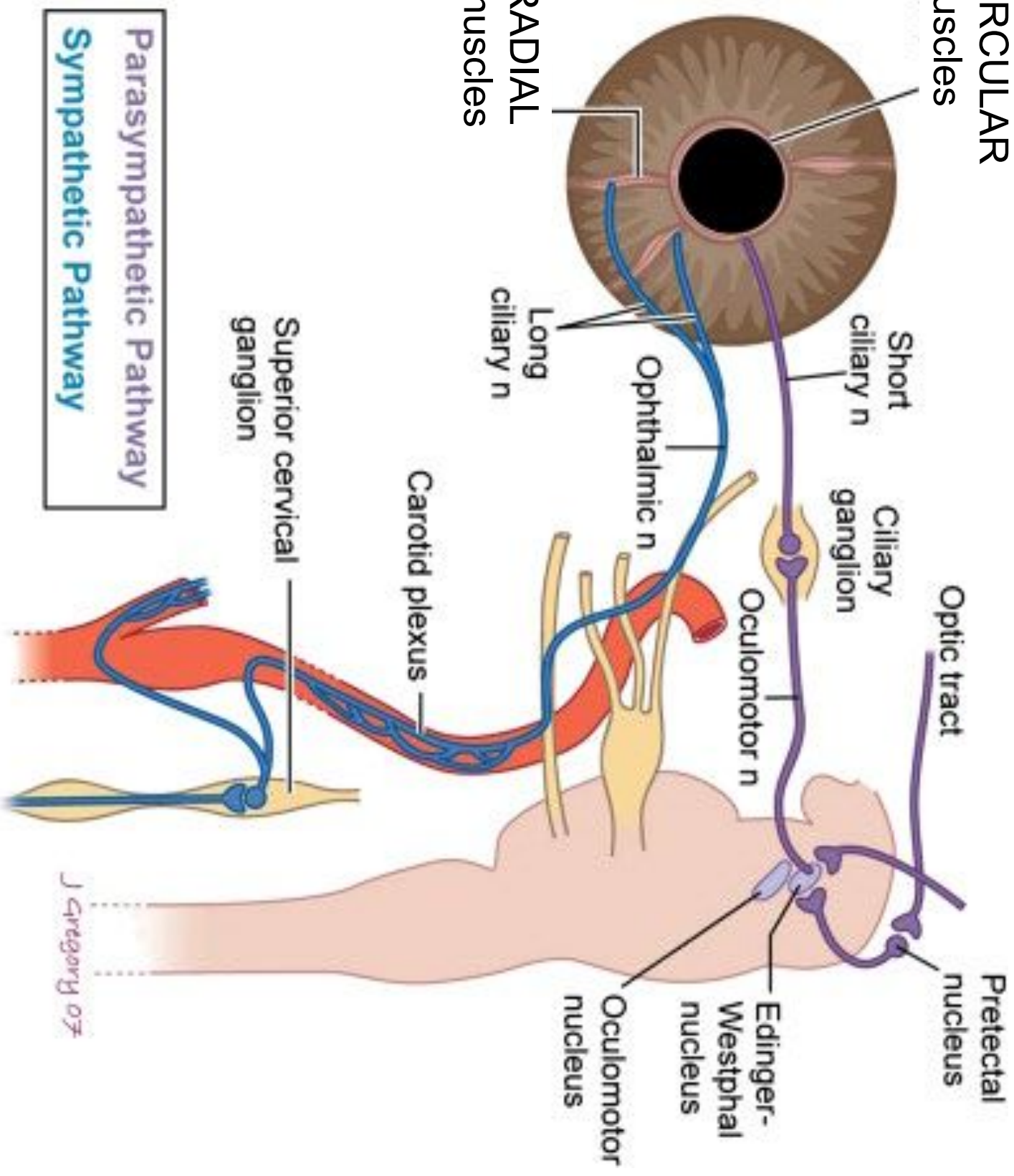
Decreased detrusor  
tone  
Increased sphincter  
tone

## Skeletal muscle:

Increased blood flow  
Increased  
glycogenolysis

# CIRCULAR muscles

# RADIAL muscles

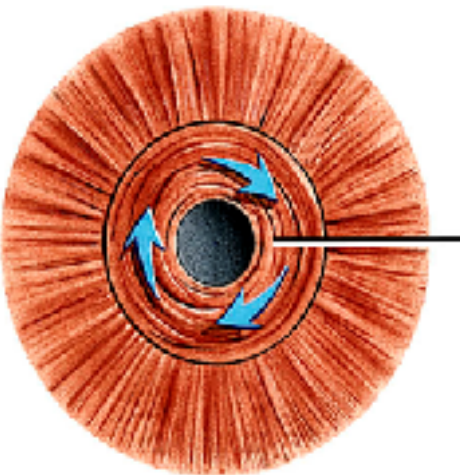


Parasympathetic Pathway  
Sympathetic Pathway



# The circular and radial muscles control the size of the pupil

Pupil constricts as  
**CIRCULAR** fibers  
contract  
(parasympathetic)



Bright light

Pupil



Normal light

Anterior views

Pupil dilates as **RADIAL**  
fibers contract  
(sympathetic)



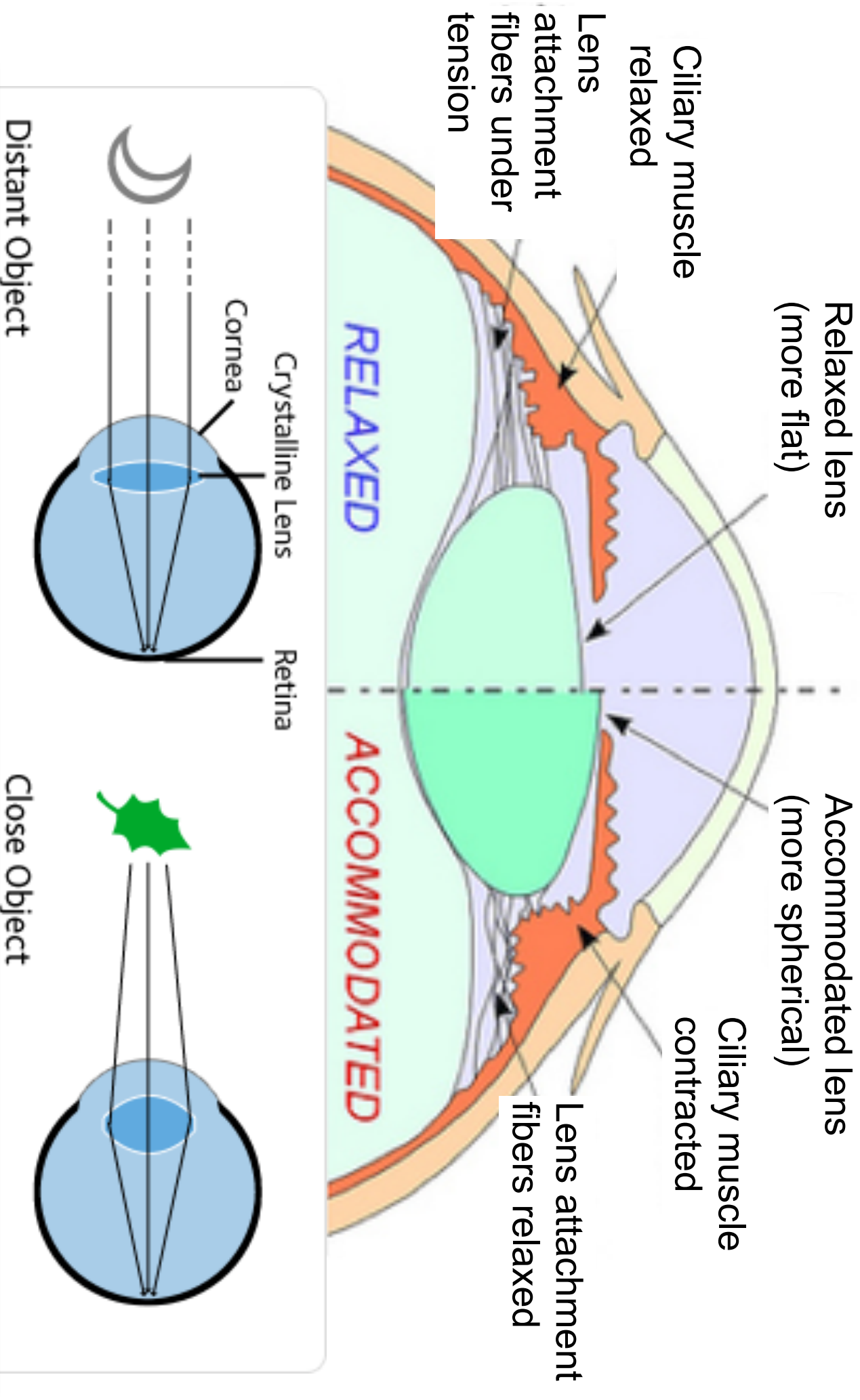
Dim light

**Miosis**

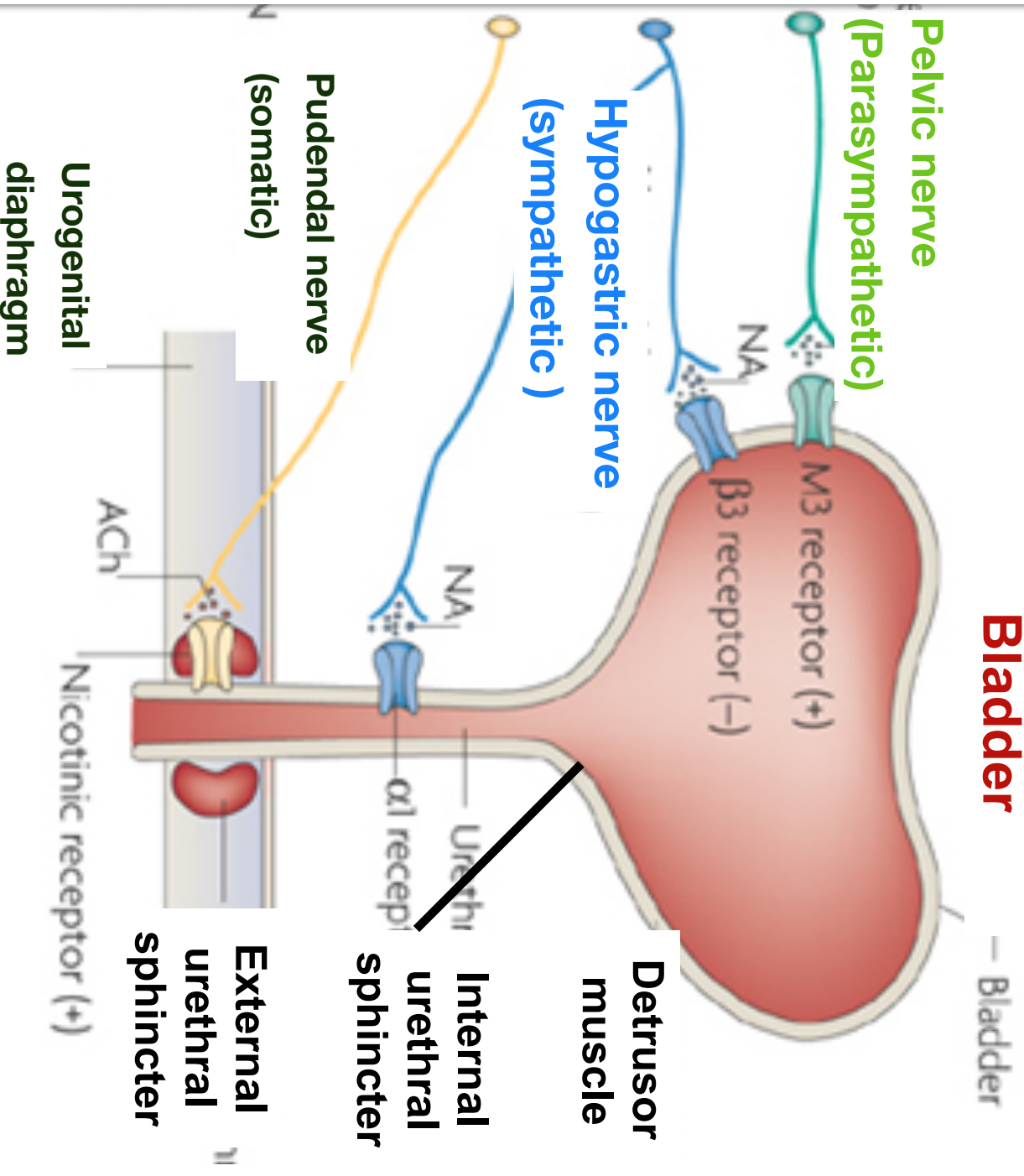
**Midriasis**



# The ciliary muscles control the shape of the lens



# Bladder



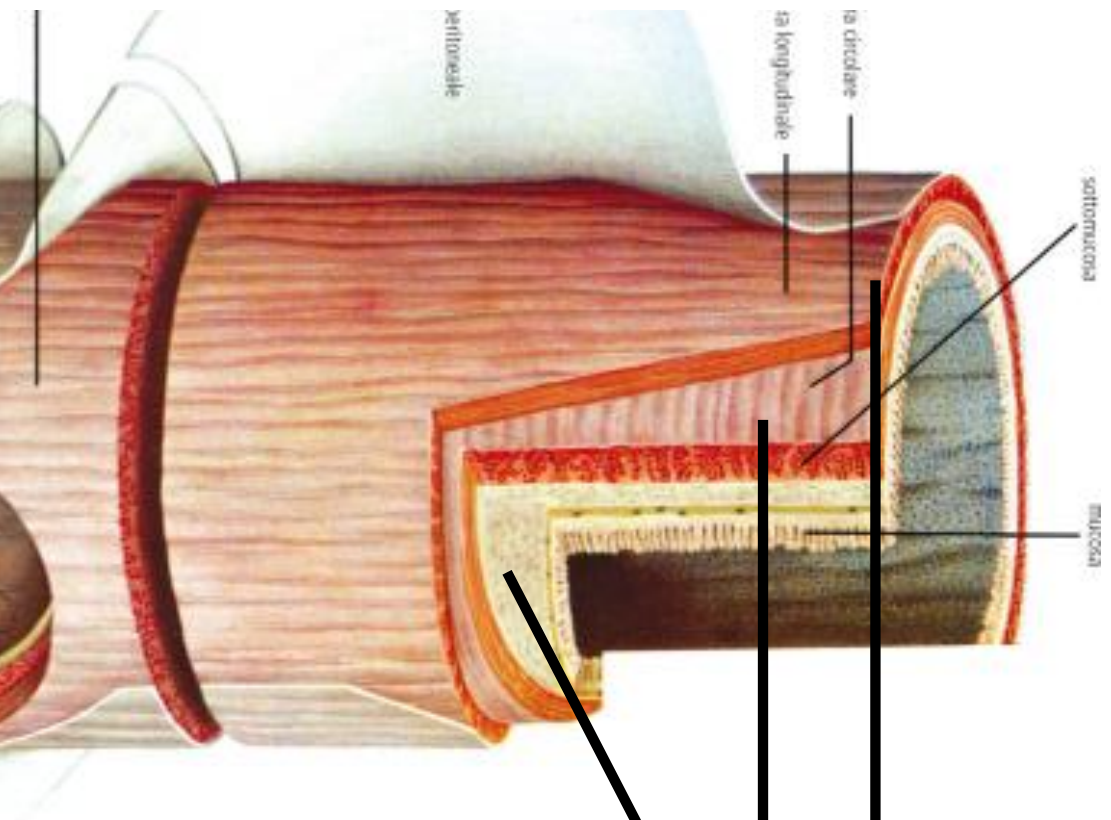
**Parasympathetic system:**

**Detrusor muscle contracts**

**Sympathetic system:**

**Detrusor muscle relax**  
**Internal urethral sphincter contracts**

# Intestinal tract



Longitudinal muscle

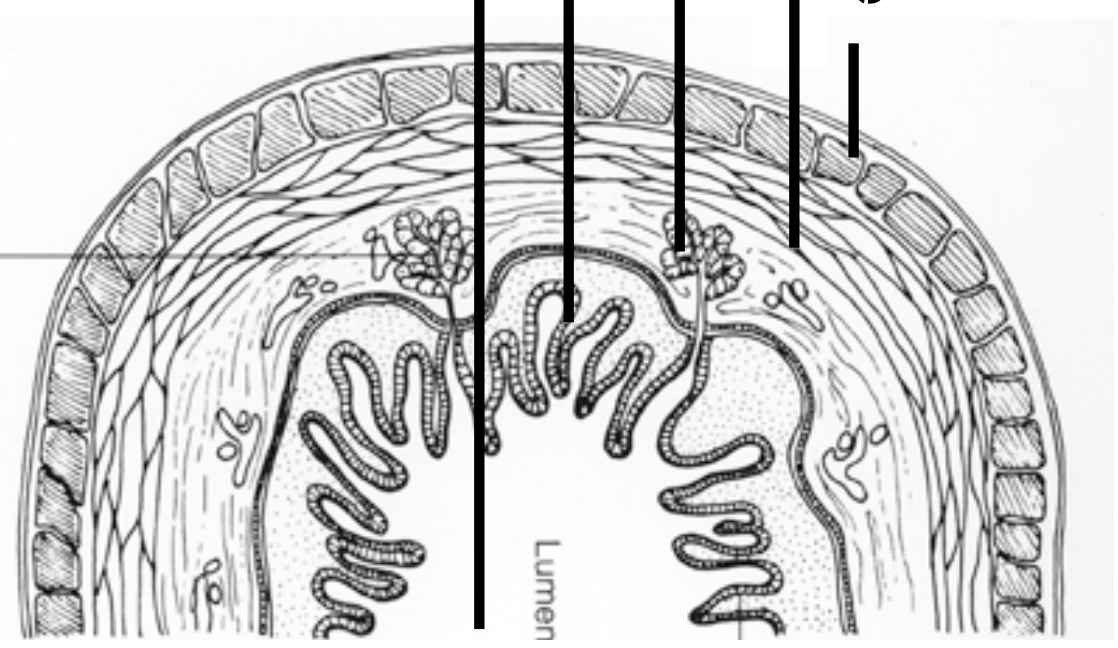
Circular muscle

Submucosa

Gland

Epithelium

Lumen



**Sympathetic system:**

**Decreased peristalsis**

**Increased sphincter tone**

**Parasympathetic system:**

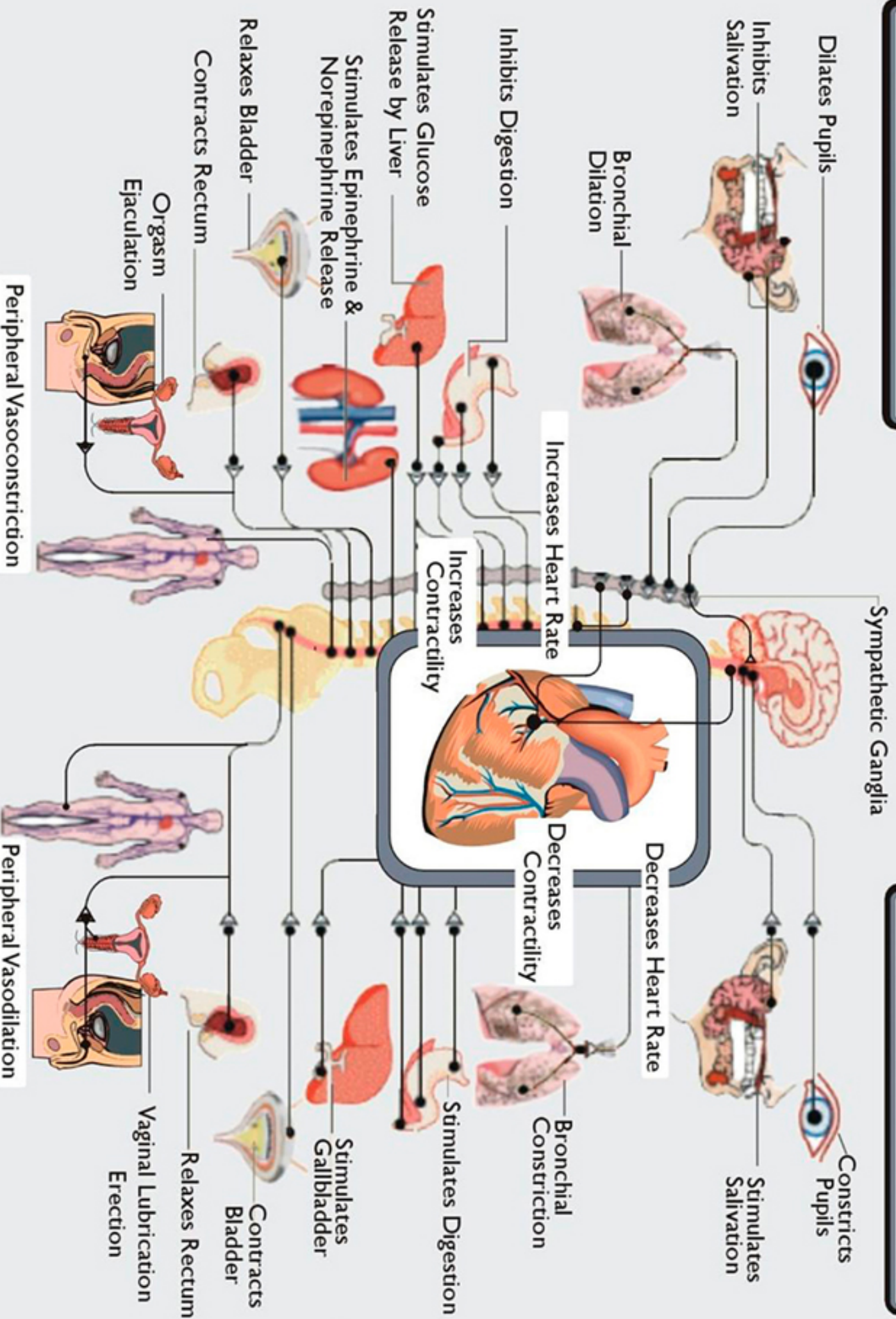
**Increased peristalsis**

**Decreased sphincter tone**



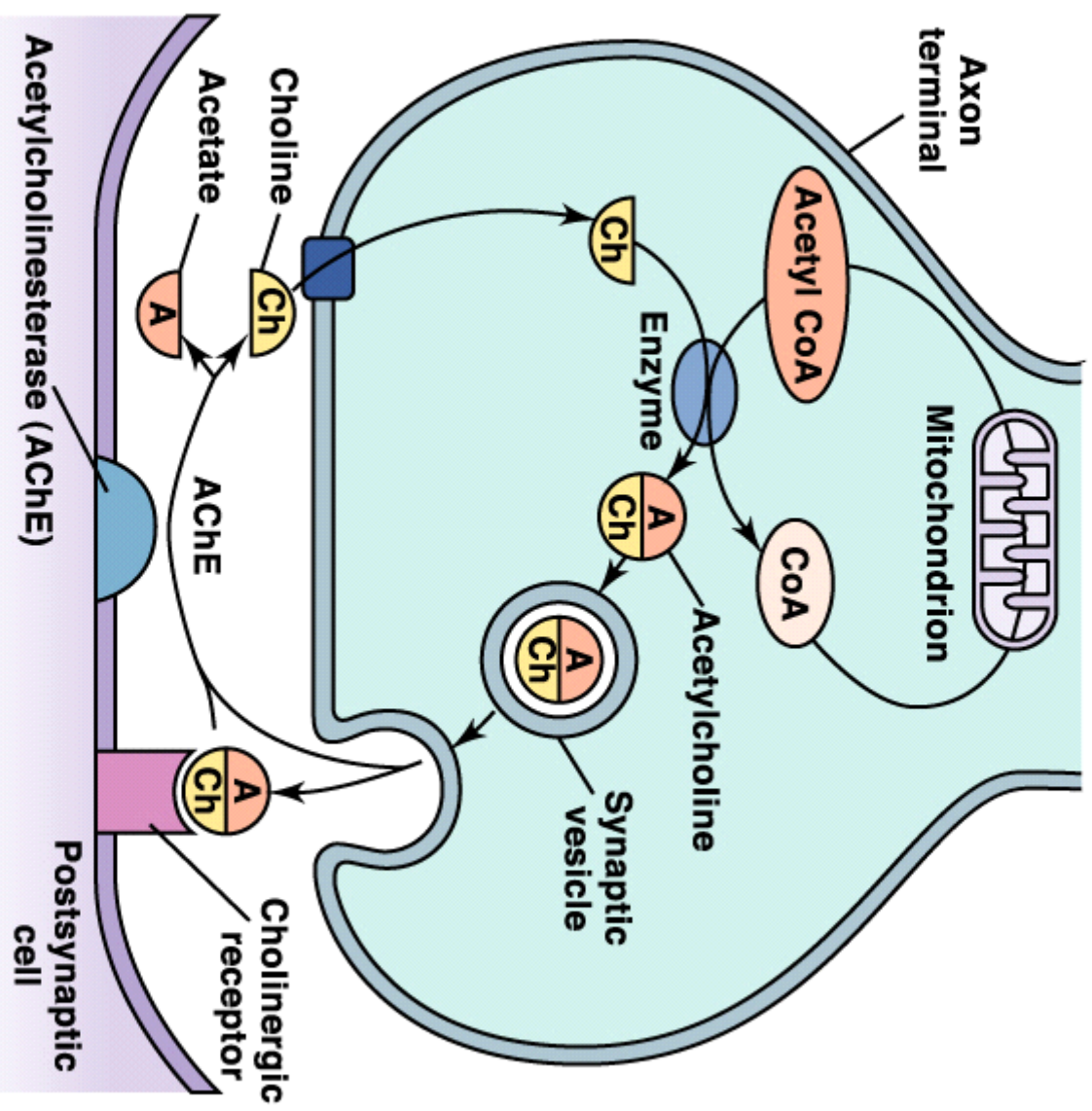
# SYMPATHETIC

# PARASYMPATHETIC





# CHOLINERGIC TRANSMISSION ACETYLCHOLINE SYNTHESIS AND DEGRADATION



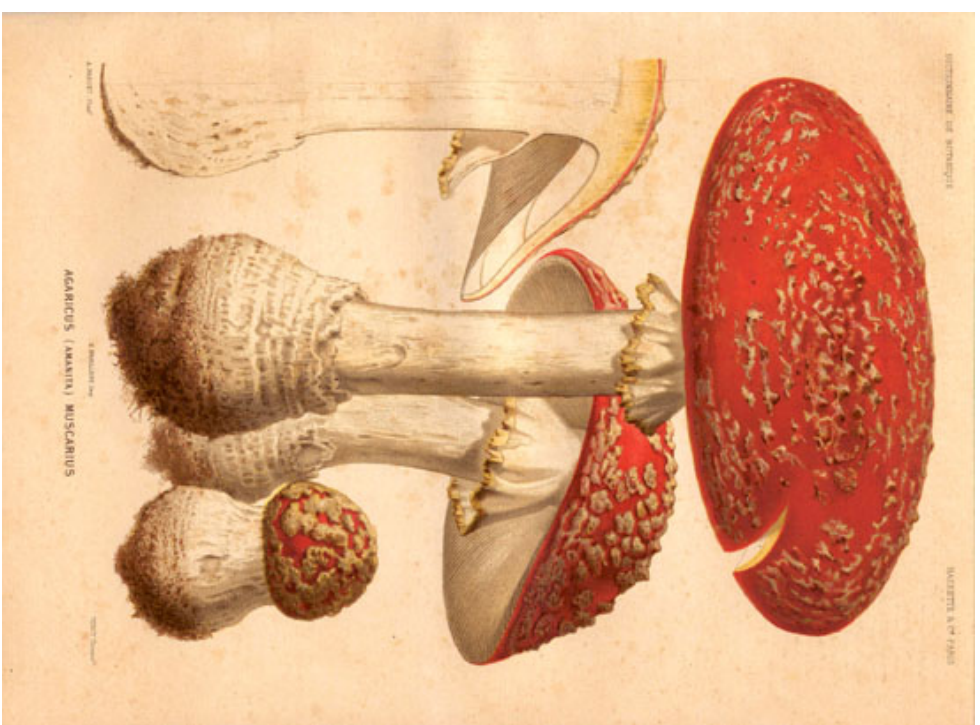
# ACETYLCHOLINE RECEPTORS

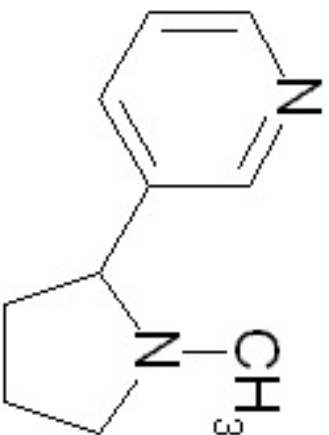
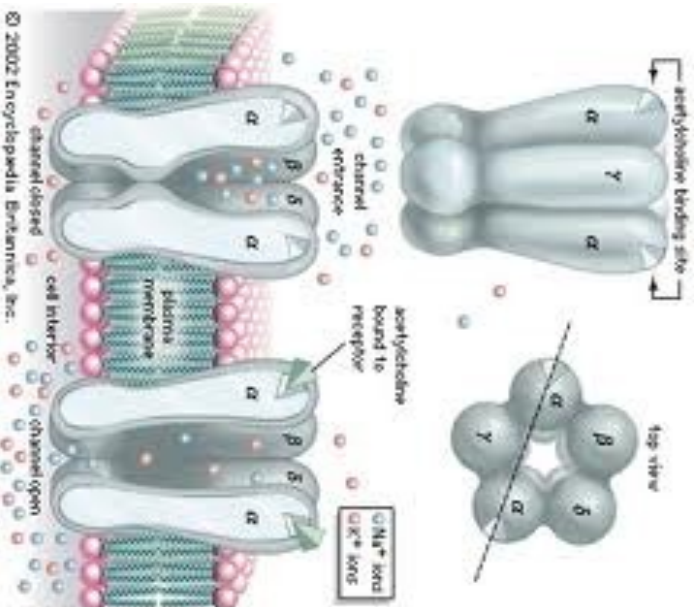
(Dale, 1914)

**NICOTINIC**  
ionotropic

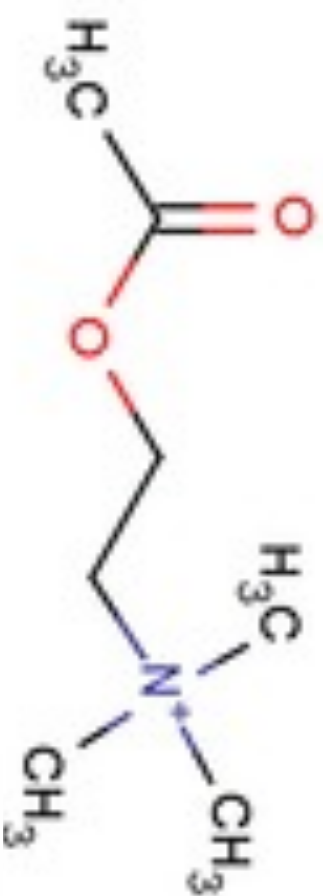


**MUSCARINIC**  
metabotropic

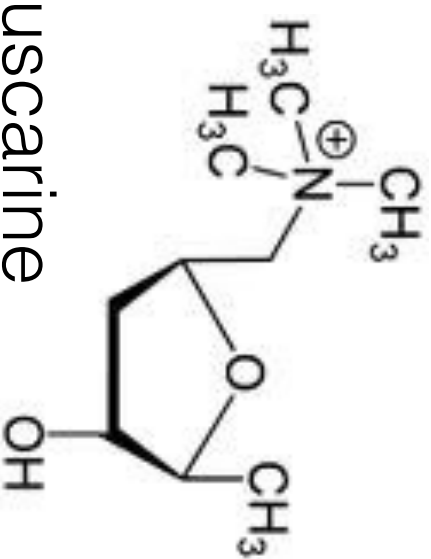
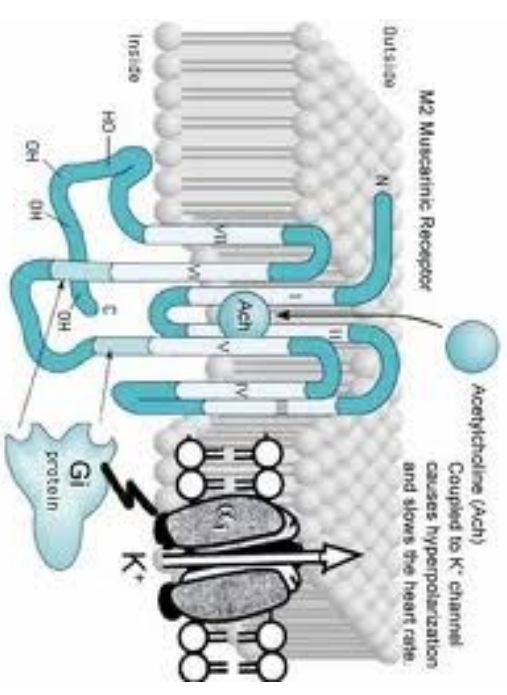




Nicotine



Acetylcholine



Muscarine

# NICOTINIC RECEPTOR CLASSIFICATION

SUBTYPE	MAIN LOCALIZATION	MEMBRANE RESPONSE
Muscle type (alpha1)2- beta1-delta- epsilon	Skeletal neuromuscular junction (mainly post- synaptic)	Excitatory
Ganglion type (alpha3)2- (beta2)3	Autonomic ganglia (mainly post-synaptic)	Excitatory
CNS type (alpha4)2- (beta2)3 (alpha7)5	Many brain regions: pre- and post-synaptic	Excitatory



# NICOTINIC RECEPTOR CLASSIFICATION

SUBTYPE		AGONISTS		CLINICAL USE	
Muscle type  (alpha1)2- beta1-delta- epsilon	Acetylcholine		None		
	Carbachol		None		
	Succinylcholine		Paralysis during		
Ganglion type  (alpha3)2- (beta2)3	Suxamethonium		anesthesia (short acting)		
	Acetylcholine		None		
	Carbachol		None		
	Nicotine		Smoke cessation		
CNS type  (alpha4)2- (beta2)3  (alpha7)5	Epibatidine		None		
	Nicotine		None		
	Epibatidine		None		
	Varenicline		Smoke cessation		

# NICOTINIC RECEPTOR CLASSIFICATION

SUBTYPE	ANTAGONISTS	CLINICAL USE
Muscle type (alpha1)2- beta1-delta- epsilon	Tubocurarine Pancuronium Atracurium Vecuronium	Paralysis during anaesthesia
Ganglion type (alpha3)2- (beta2)3	Mecamylamine Trimetaphan Hexamethonium	Obsolete anti- hypertensive drug
CNS type (alpha4)2- (beta2)3  (alpha7)5	Mecamylamine Methylnaconitine Alpha-bungarotoxin Alpha-conotoxin	Crosses the BBB (antagonizes nicotine CNS effects)  None

## MUSCARINIC RECEPTOR CLASSIFICATION

SUBTYPE	MAIN LOCATION	FUNCTIONAL RESPONSE
M1 ("neural")	Cerebral cortex Autonomic ganglia	CNS excitation Gastric secretion
M2 ("cardiac")	Heart: atria CNS	Cardiac inhibition (bradycardia) Neural inhibition
M3 ("Glandular - Smooth muscle")	Exocrine glands: gastric, salivary, etc Smooth muscle: GI tract, eye, airways, bladder Blood vessel (endothelium)	Gastric, salivary secretion Contraction, ocular accomodation Vasodilatation (NO-mediated)
M4	CNS	Enhanced locomotion
M5	CNS (very localized expression)	Not known

## MUSCARINIC RECEPTOR CLASSIFICATION

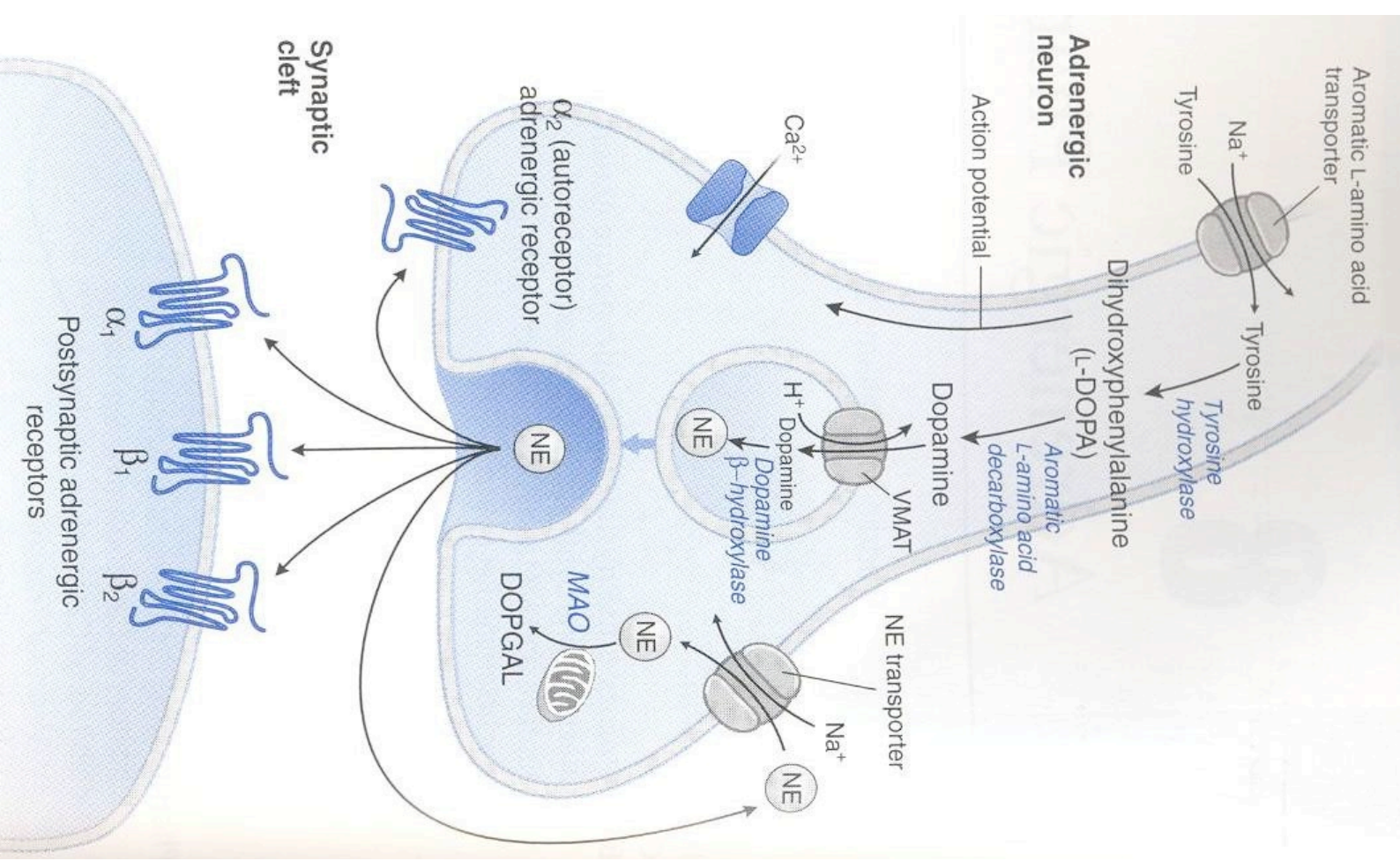
SUBTYPE	AGONISTS	CLINICAL USE
M1 ("neural")	NON-SELECTIVE: Acetylcholine Carbachol Pilocarpine Bethanechol	- - Glaucoma Treatment of bladder and gastrointestinal hypotonia
M2 ("cardiac")	Not known	
M3 ("Glandular - Smooth muscle")	SELECTIVE: Cevimeline	Sjögren's syndrome (to increase salivary and lacrimal secretion)
M4	Not known	Not known
M5	Not known	Not known



## MUSCARINIC RECEPTOR CLASSIFICATION

SUBTYPE	ANTAGONISTS	CLINICAL USE
M1 ("neural")	NON-SELECTIVE: Atropine Oxibutynin Ipratropium  SELECTIVE: Pirenzepine	Ophthalmic (mydriasis and paralysis of accommodation) Prevention of motion sickness COPD and Asthma Anaesthetic premedication  Inhibition of gastric secretion
M2 ("cardiac")	Gallamine	
M3 ("Glandular - Smooth	SELECTIVE Darifenacin	Urinary incontinence
M4	Not known	
M5	Not known	

# ADRENERGIC TRANSMISSION NORADRENALINE SYNTHESIS AND DEGRADATION



## ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR CLASSIFICATION

The main pharmacological classification into alfa ( $\alpha$ ) and beta ( $\beta$ ) was originally based on order of potency of agonists:

alfa ( $\alpha$ ): Epinephrine = NE > dopamine > isoproterenol

beta ( $\beta$ ): Isoproterenol > Epinephrine > NE > dopamine

Epinephrine and Norepinephrine show relatively little receptor **selectivity**

	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	DA
Norepinephrine	+++	+++	+	-	-
Epinephrine	+++	++	+++	++	-
Dopamine	++	+	++	+++	+++
Dobutamine	+	-	+++	+	-
Isoproterenol	-	-	++	++	-

# ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR CLASSIFICATION

**SUBTYPE**

**MAIN LOCATION**

**FUNCTIONAL RESPONSE**

**Alpha 1**

**Blood vessels**

Contraction

GI tract

Relaxation

GI sphincters

Contraction

Bladder sphincter

Contraction

Iris

Contraction (mydriasis)

**Alpha 2**

**Presynaptic brain stem**

Inhibition of sympathetic outflow

**Presynaptic nerve terminals**

Decreased release of neurotransmitters

## ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR

**SUBTYPE**

**AGONISTS**

**CLINICAL USES**

**Alpha 1**

Phenylephrine  
Methoxamine

Nasal decongestion

**Alpha 2**

Clonidine

Hypertension

### ANTAGONISTS

### CLINICAL USES

**Alpha 1**

Prazosin  
Doxazocin  
Tamsulosin

Hypertension  
Benign prostatic hypertrophy

**Alpha 2**

Yohimbine

No clinical use



# ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR CLASSIFICATION

SUBTYPE	MAIN LOCATION	FUNCTIONAL RESPONSE
Beta 1	<b>Heart</b>  <b>Kidney (juxtaglomerular apparatus)</b>	Increase rate and force of contraction  Renine release
Beta 2	<b>Smooth muscle:</b> bronchi, blood vessel ciliary, GI tract, bladder detrusor	Dilate  Relax
	Skeletal muscle	Increase mass, tremor
	Liver	Glycogenolysis
Beta 3	Fat tissue	Lipolysis, thermogenesis

## ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR

**SUBTYPE**

**AGONISTS**

**CLINICAL USES**

**Beta 1**

Dobutamine

Cardiogenic shock

**Beta 2**

Salbutamol  
Terbutaline  
Formoterol

Asthma

**Beta 3**

Mirabegron

Symptoms of overactive bladder

## ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR

### SUBTYPE

### ANTAGONISTS

### CLINICAL USES

#### Beta 1

Propranolol  
Alprenolol  
Metoprolol  
Nevibolol

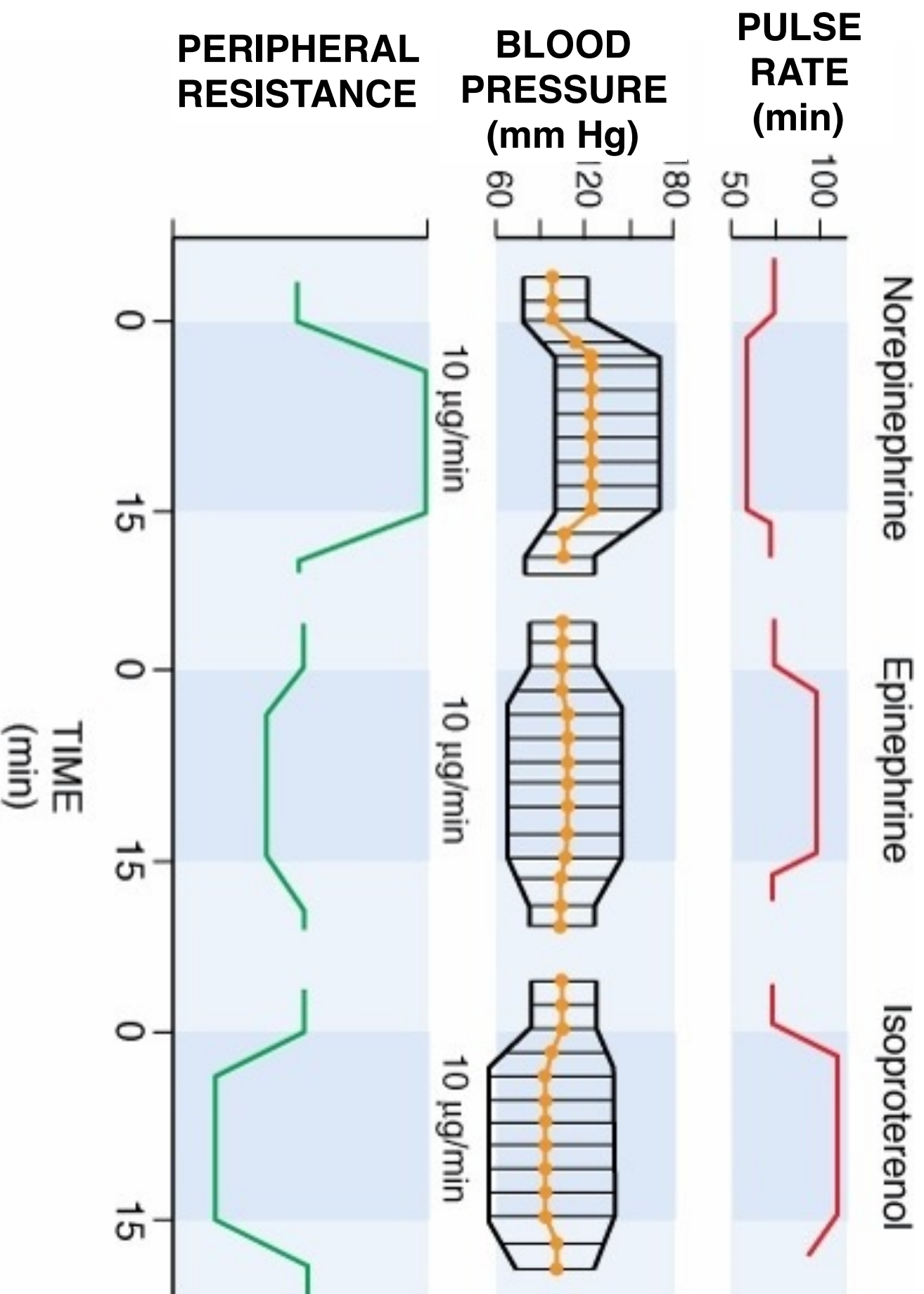
Angina pectoris  
Hypertension  
Cardiac dysrhythmias  
(Anxiety, tremor)

#### Beta 2

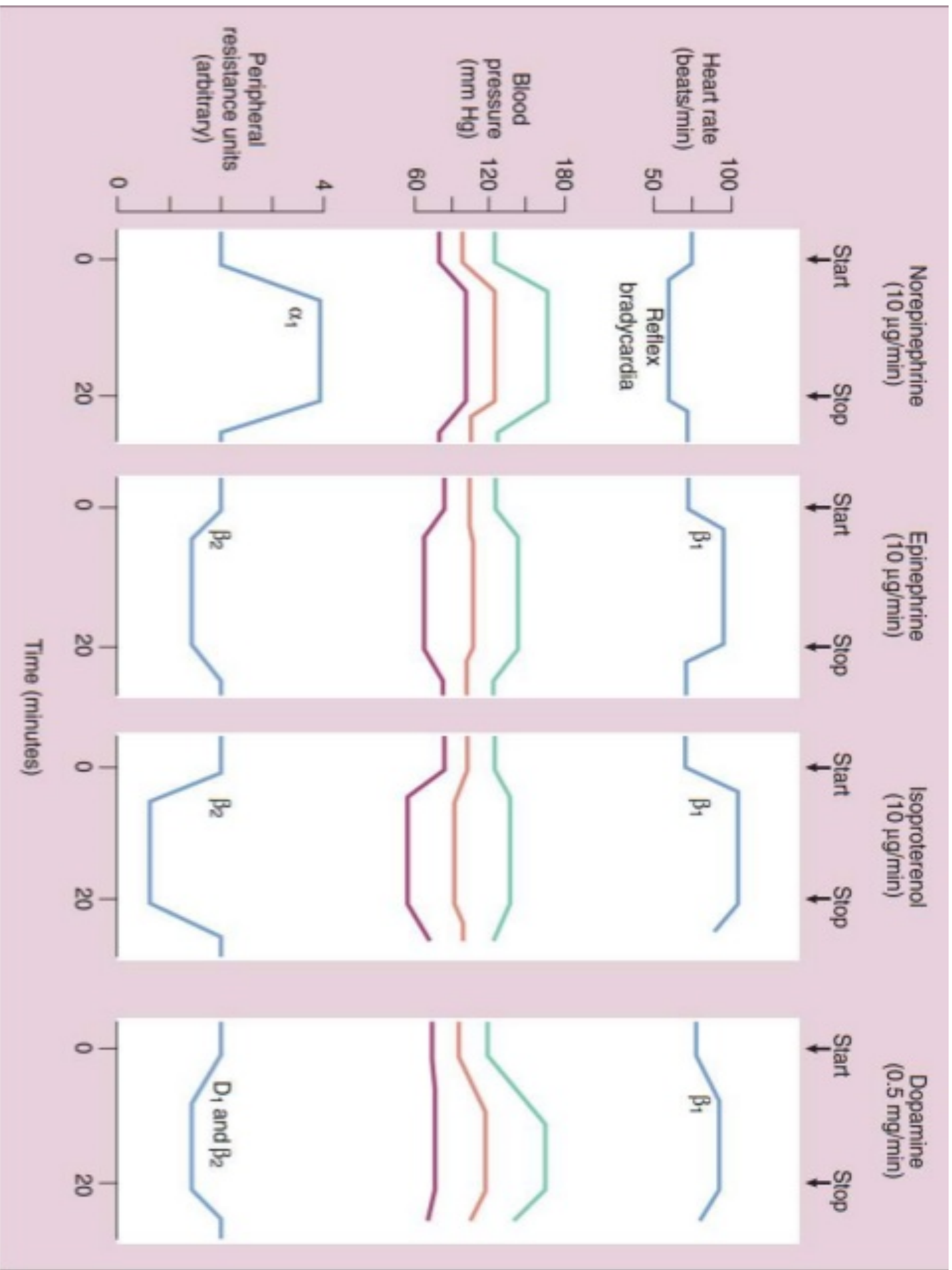
Butoxamine

None

#### Beta 3



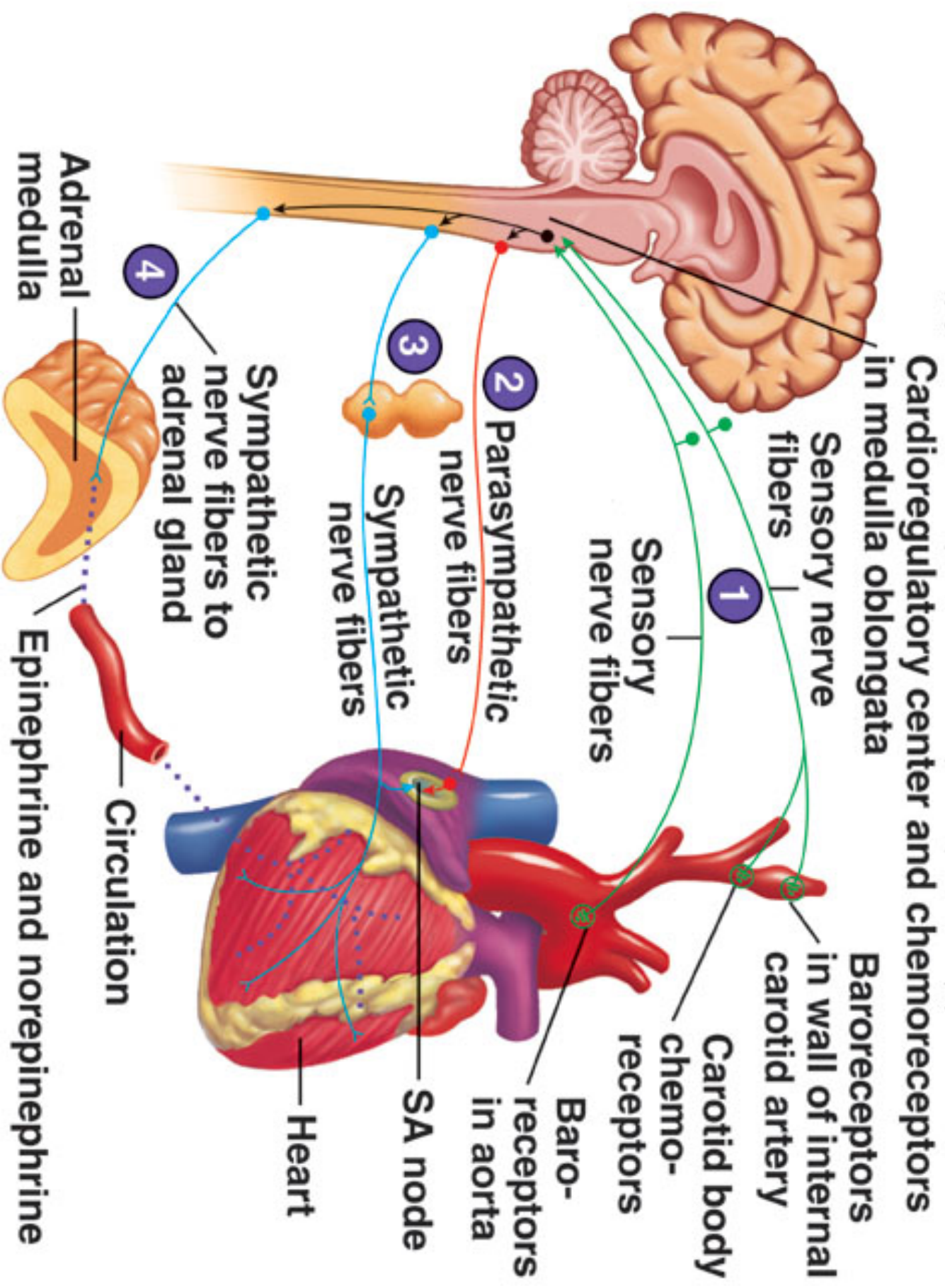
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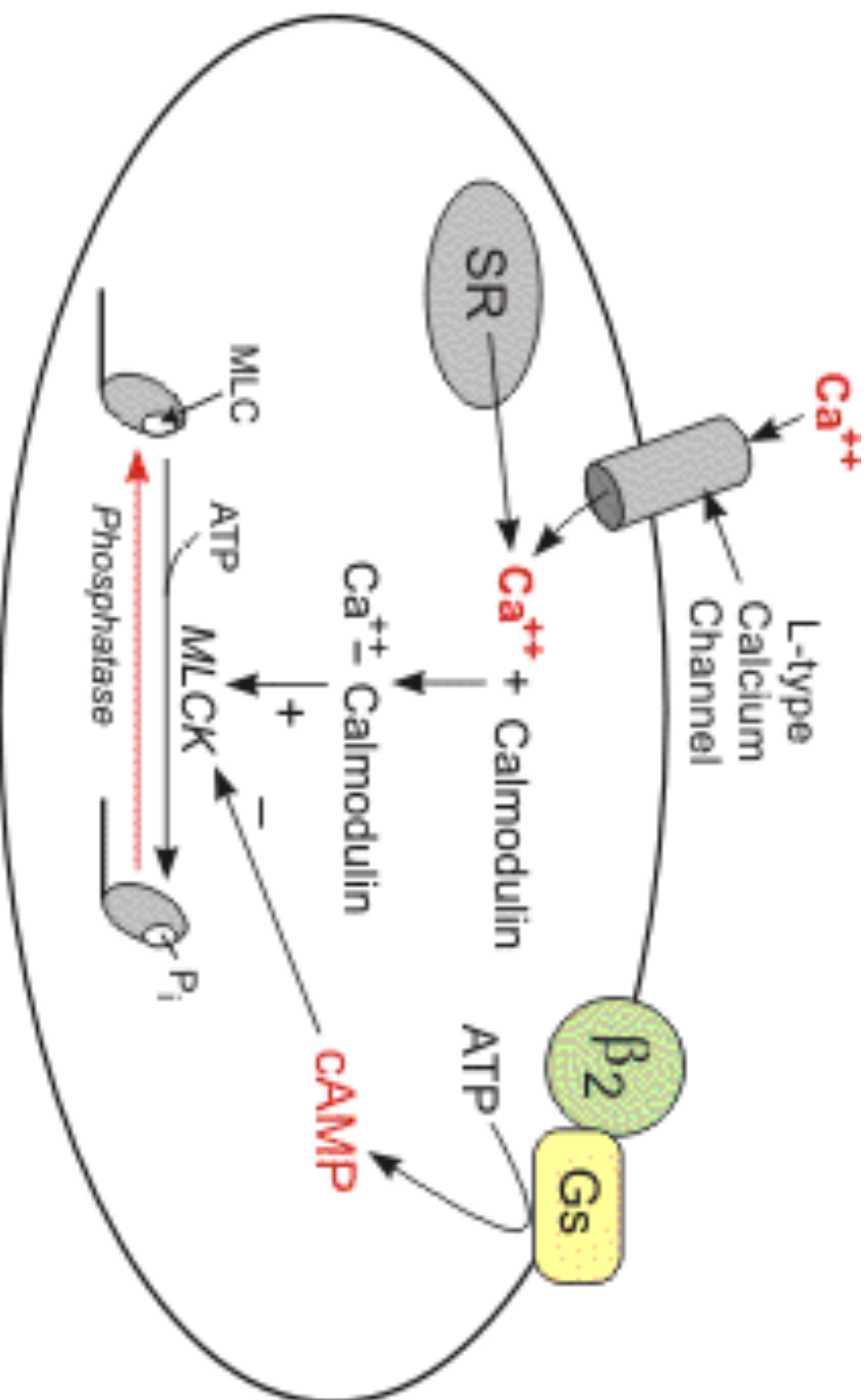


# BAROCEPTOR, CHEMOCEPTOR AND CARDIOVASCULAR REGULATION





# VASAL SMOOTH MUSCLE



INHIBITION OF MLCK (MYOSIN LIGHT CHAIN KINASE) -----> VASODILATATION