

NASAL CAVITY

Wedge shaped spaces; 5 cm in height, 5-7 cm in length

Large inferior base- 1-5cm

Narrow superior apex- 1-2 mm

Anterior aperture- External nares- 1.5-2 cm ; 0.5-1 cm (flexible)

posterior nasal apertures (choanae)- 2.5 by 1.3 cm (rigid)

Separated from : each other- nasal septum

oral cavity-hard palate

cranial cavity-parts of frontal, ethmoid,
sphenoid bones

Lateral to nasal cavity- orbit

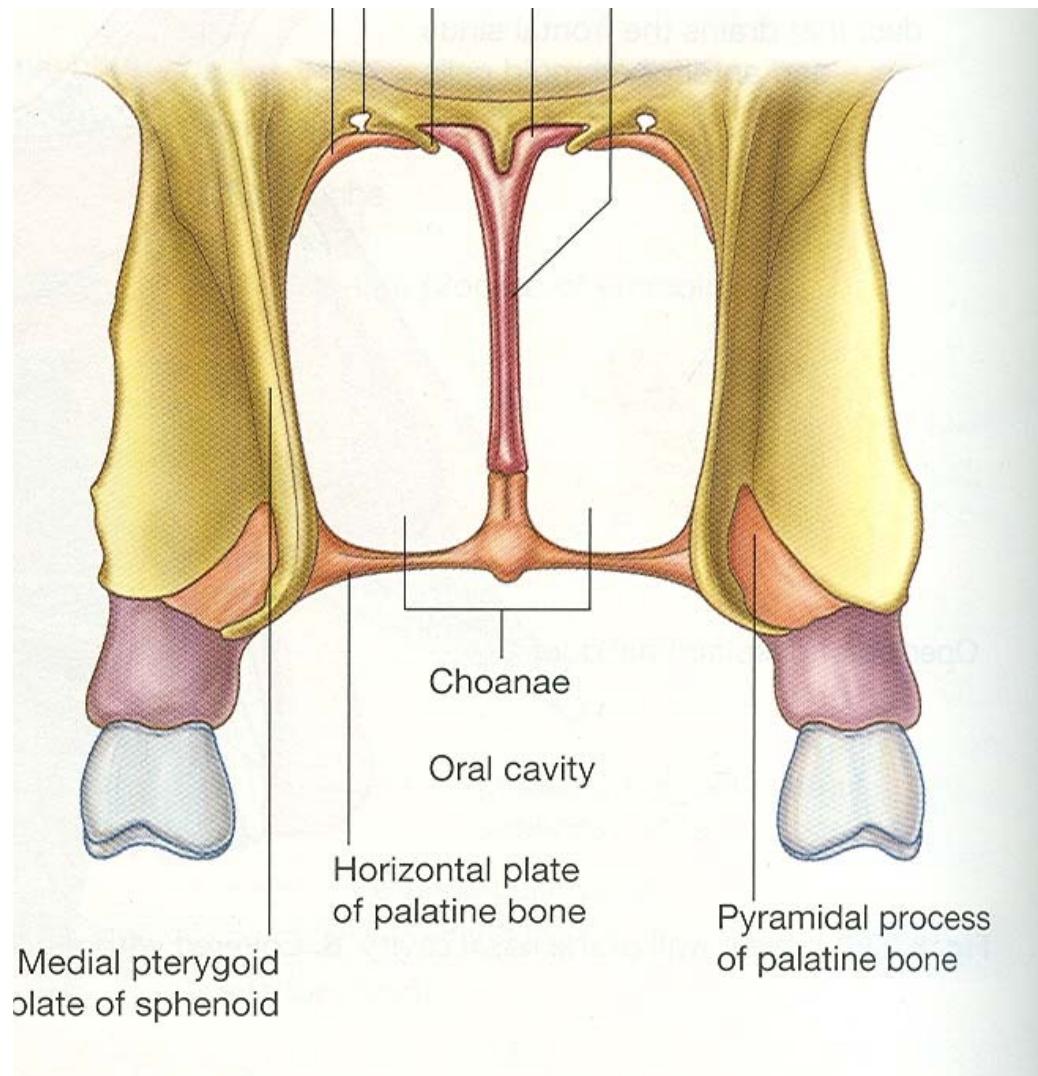
each half- roof , floor

medial wall, lateral wall

three regions- vestibule

respiratory region

olfactory region



Skeletal framework

- **Medial wall** (nasal septum)
 - Anterior - septal cartilage
 - Vomer
 - Perpendicular plate of ethmoid
 - Minor contributions- nasal, frontal, sphenoid, maxilla, palatine bones
- Often deflected
- **Lateral wall** - Maxilla- anteroinferiorly
 - Perpendicular plate of palatine
 - Ethmoid labyrinth- superiorly & uncinate process
 - Other bones- nasal, frontal process of maxilla, lacrimal
 - Irregular projections- three conchae
 - Superior concha- shortest, shallowest
 - Middle concha- large, articulates with palatine
 - Inferior concha- independent bone, articulates with maxilla

Skeletal framework-contd.

- Floor:

Smooth, concave, wider than roof

Palatine process of maxilla

Horizontal plate of palatine (hard palate)

Soft tissue

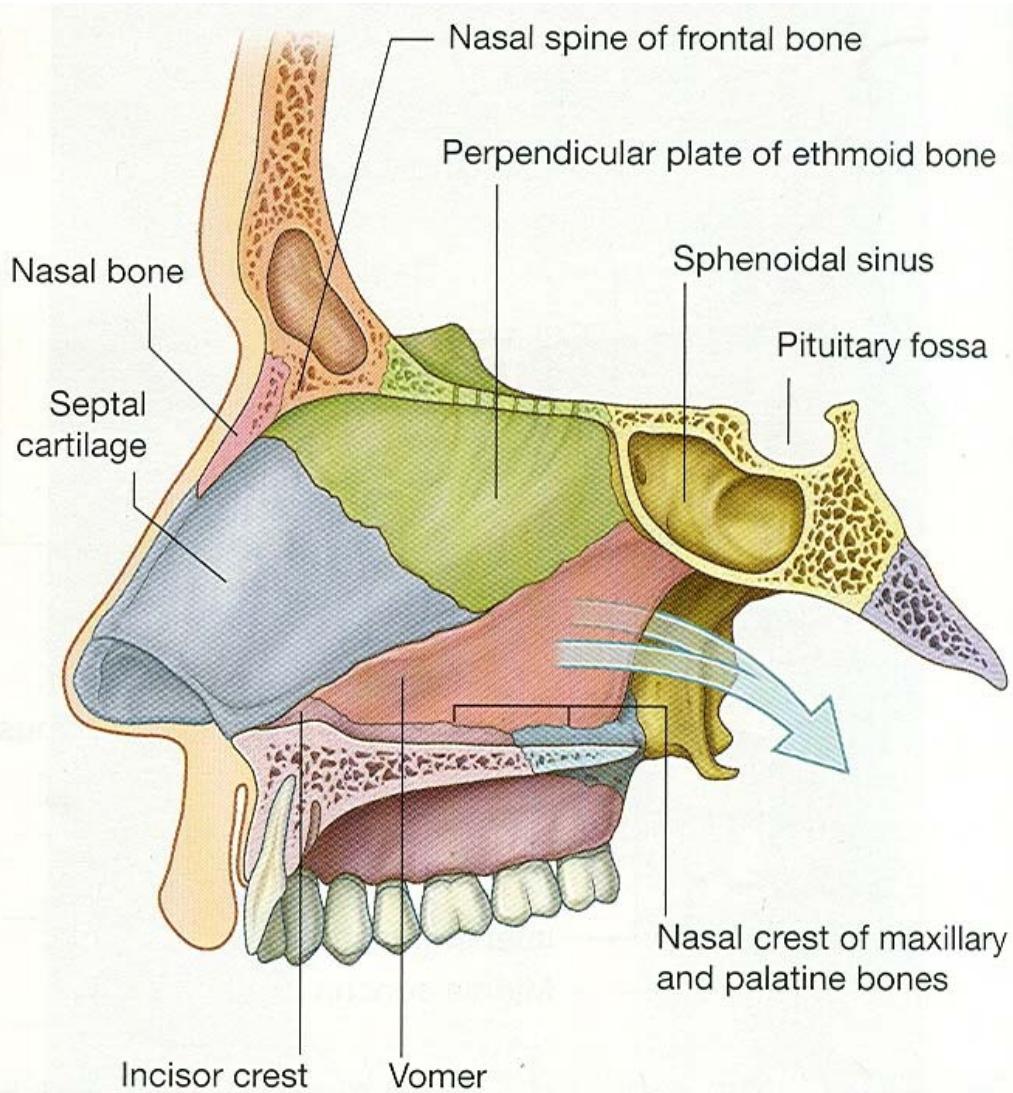
- Roof: narrow, highest in the center

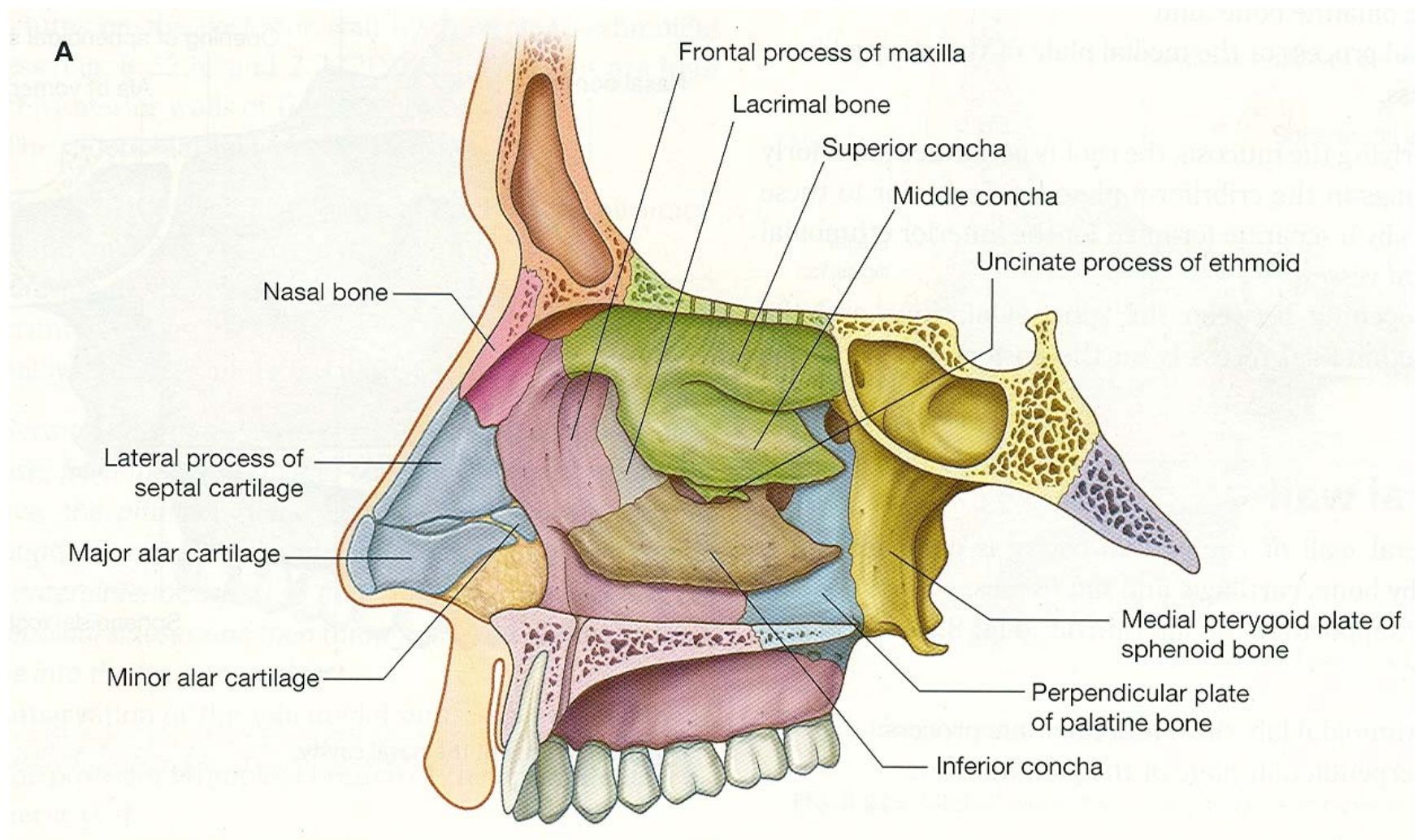
Cribriform plate of ethmoid

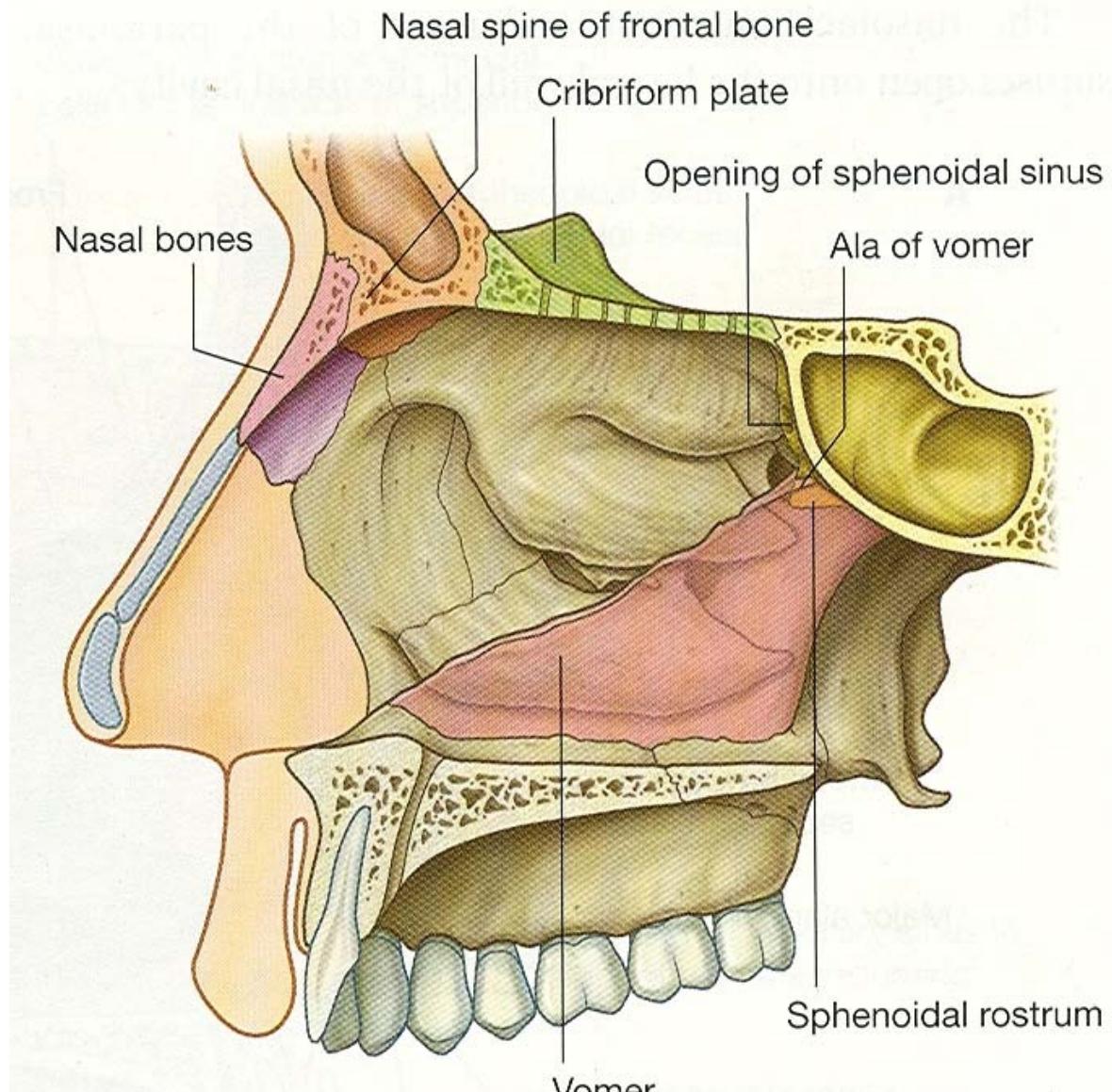
Anteriorly- nasal spine of frontal, nasal bones, septal cartilage, major alar cartilage

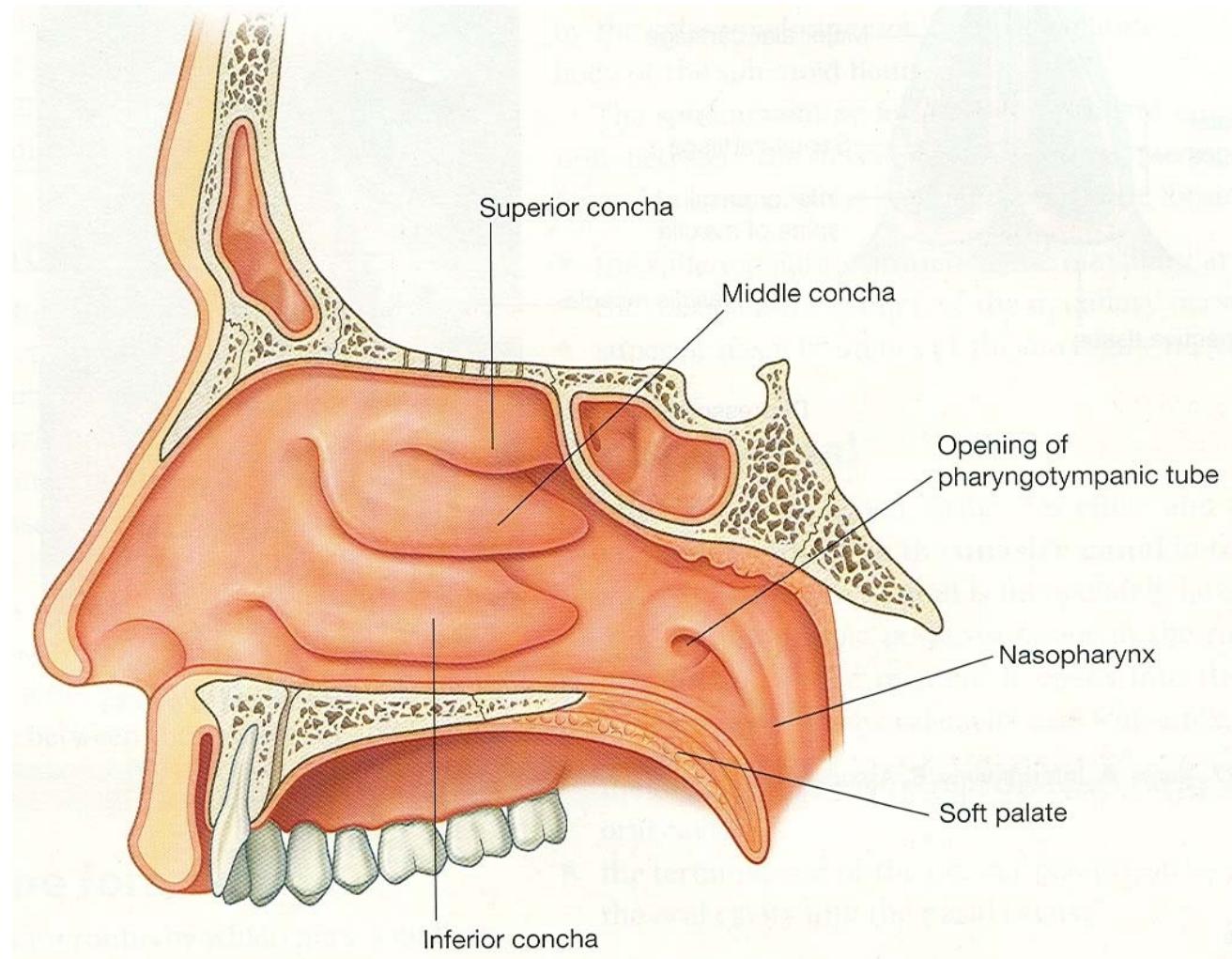
Posteriorly: sphenoid, ala of vomer, palatine, medial pterygoid plate

Roof is perforated by openings in the cribriform plate and a separate foramen for anterior ethmoidal Ns & Vs.



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Lateral wall

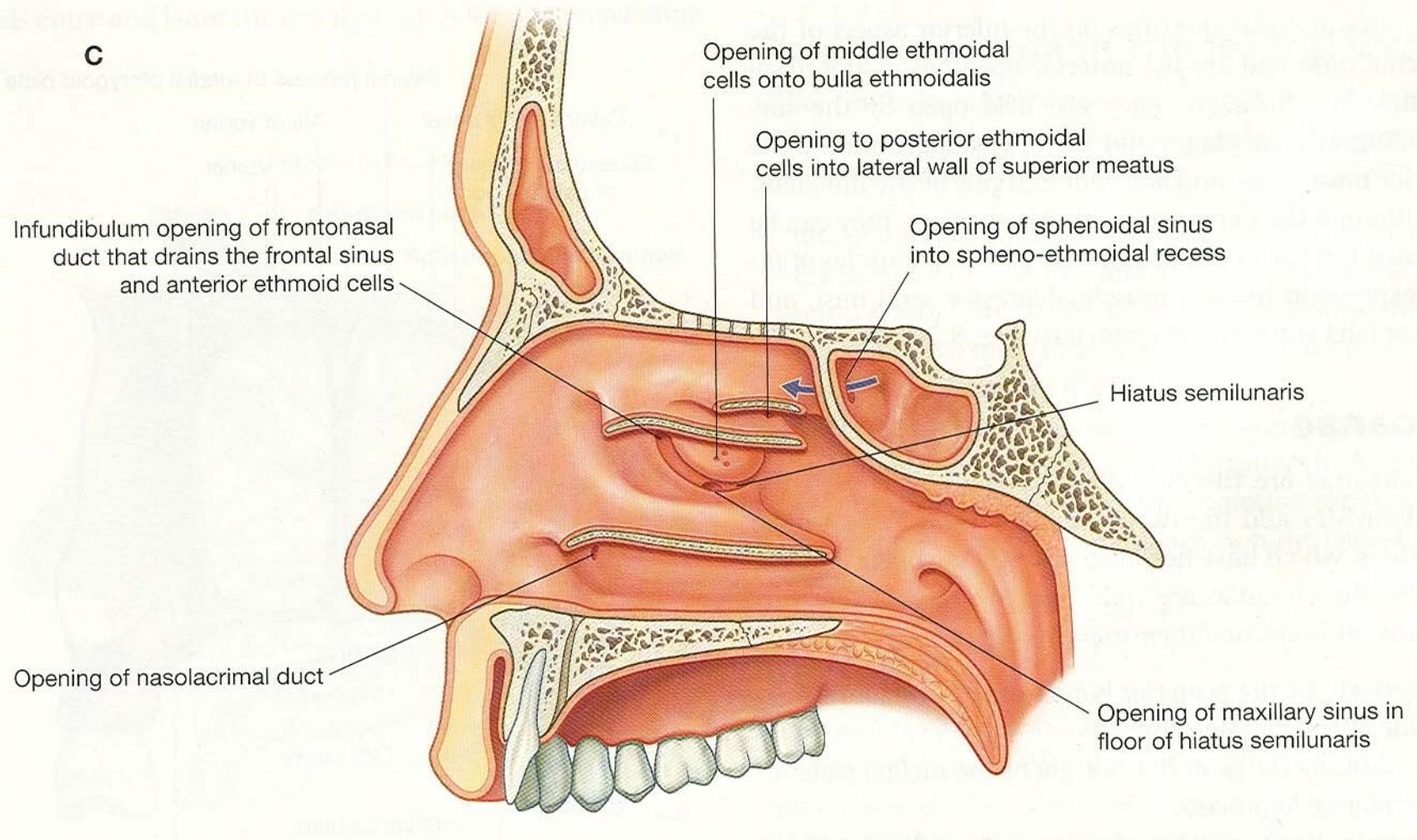
- Corresponding meatuses
- Sphenoethmoidal recess
- Superior meatus- posterior ethmoidal cells
- Middle meatus- continues atrium of middle meatus,

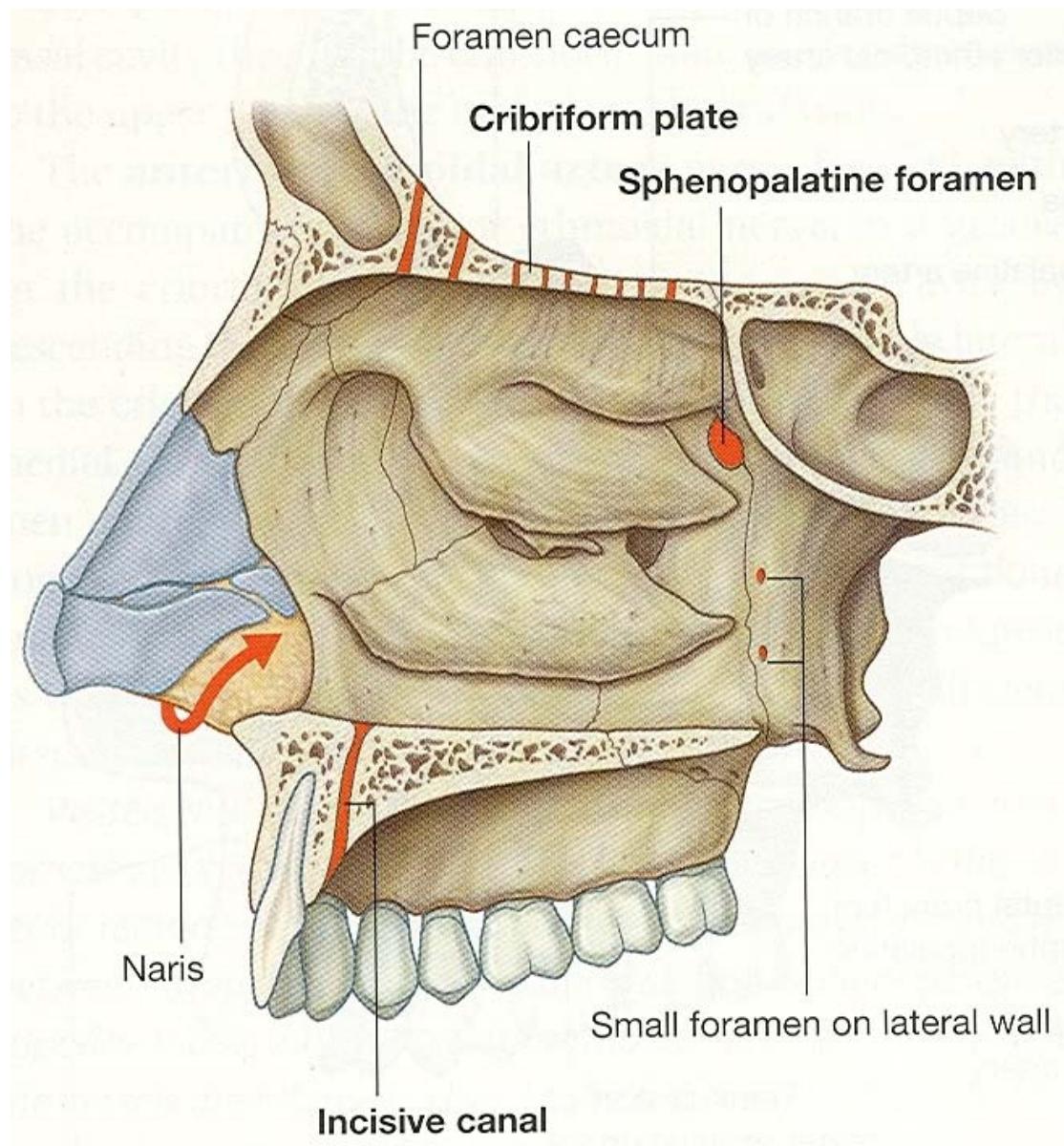
Features- bulla ethmoidalis, hiatus semilunaris, ethmoidal infundibulum

Openings of sinuses- anterior and middle ethmoidal, frontal, maxillary

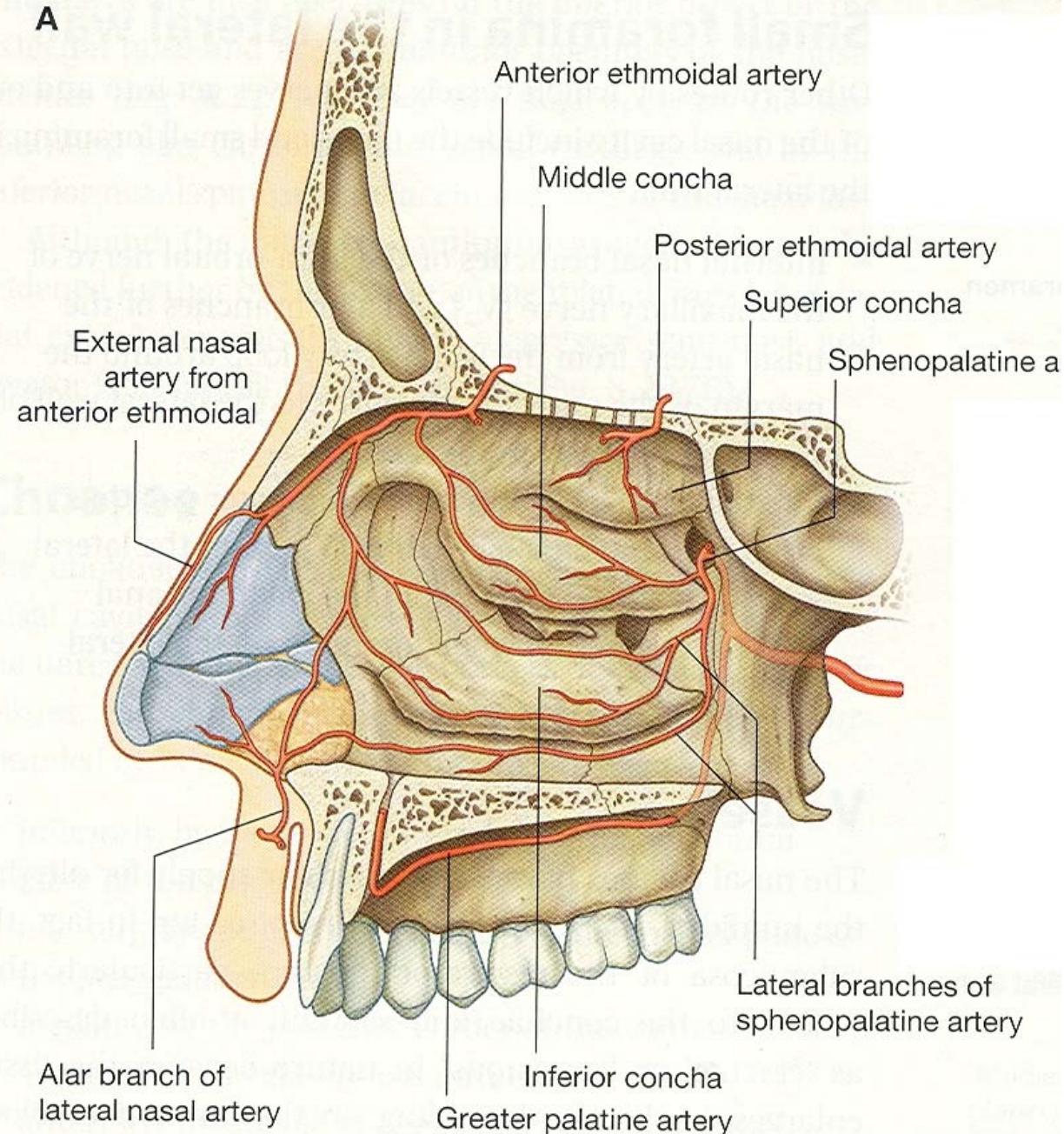
- Inferior meatus- nasolacrimal duct

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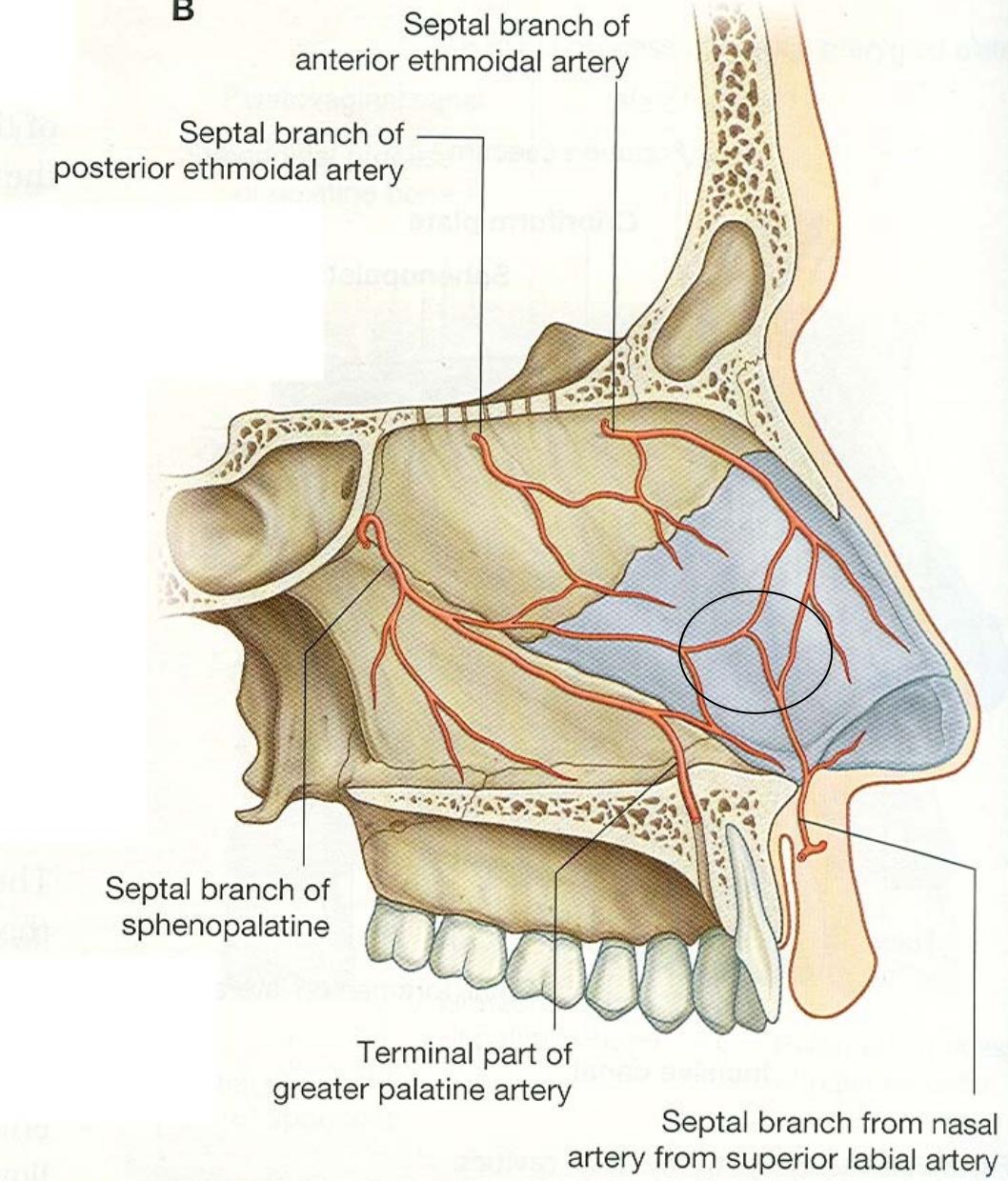


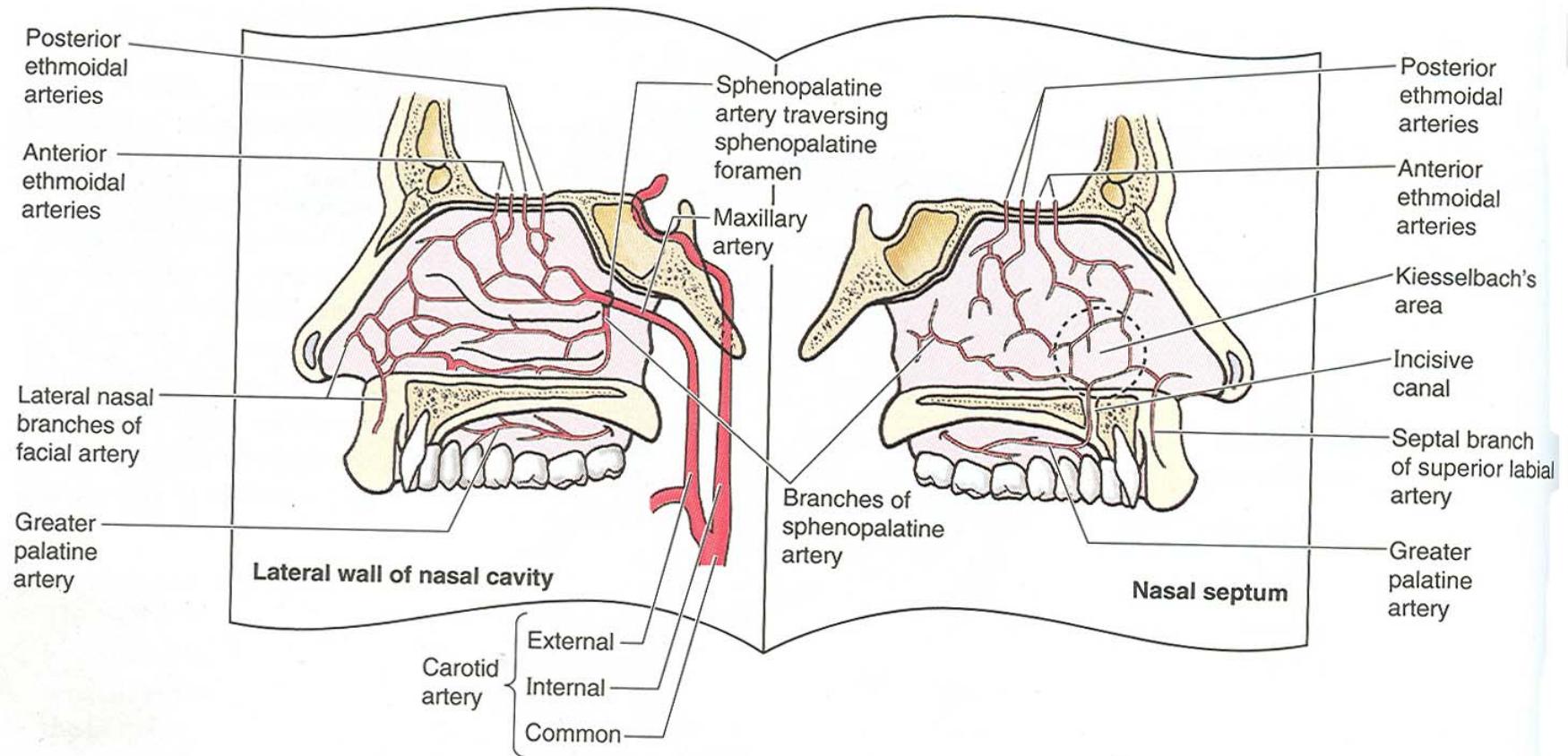


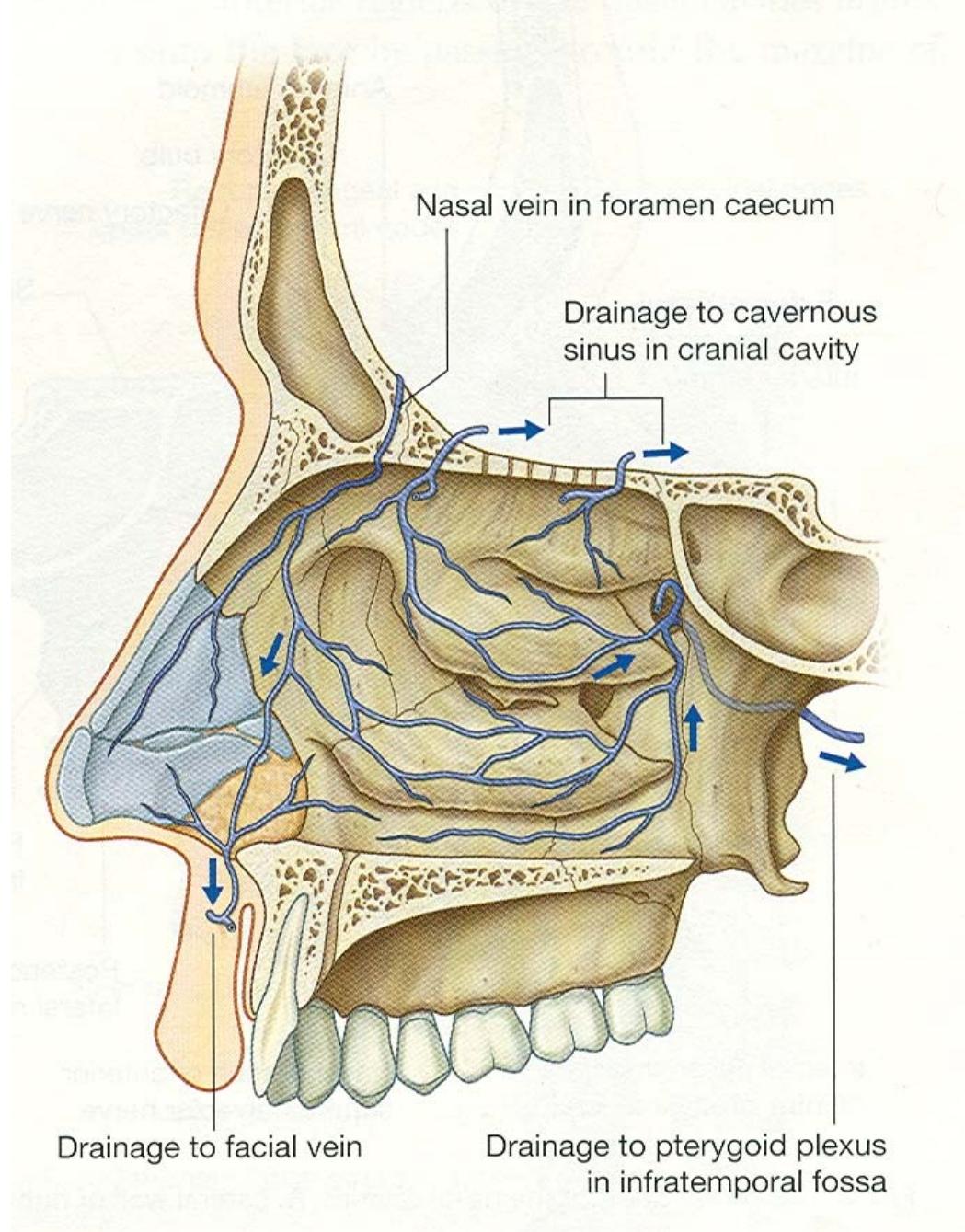
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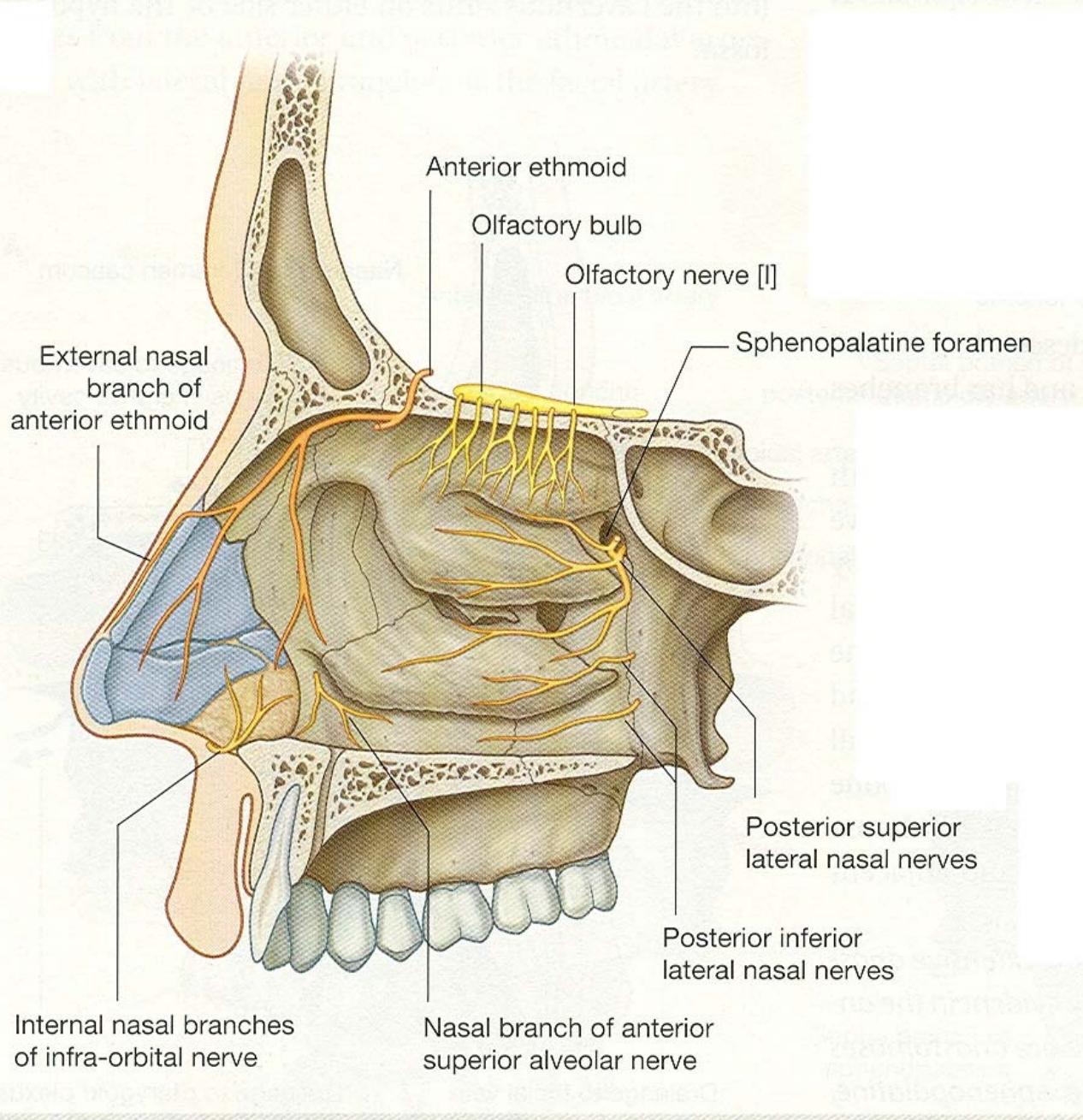


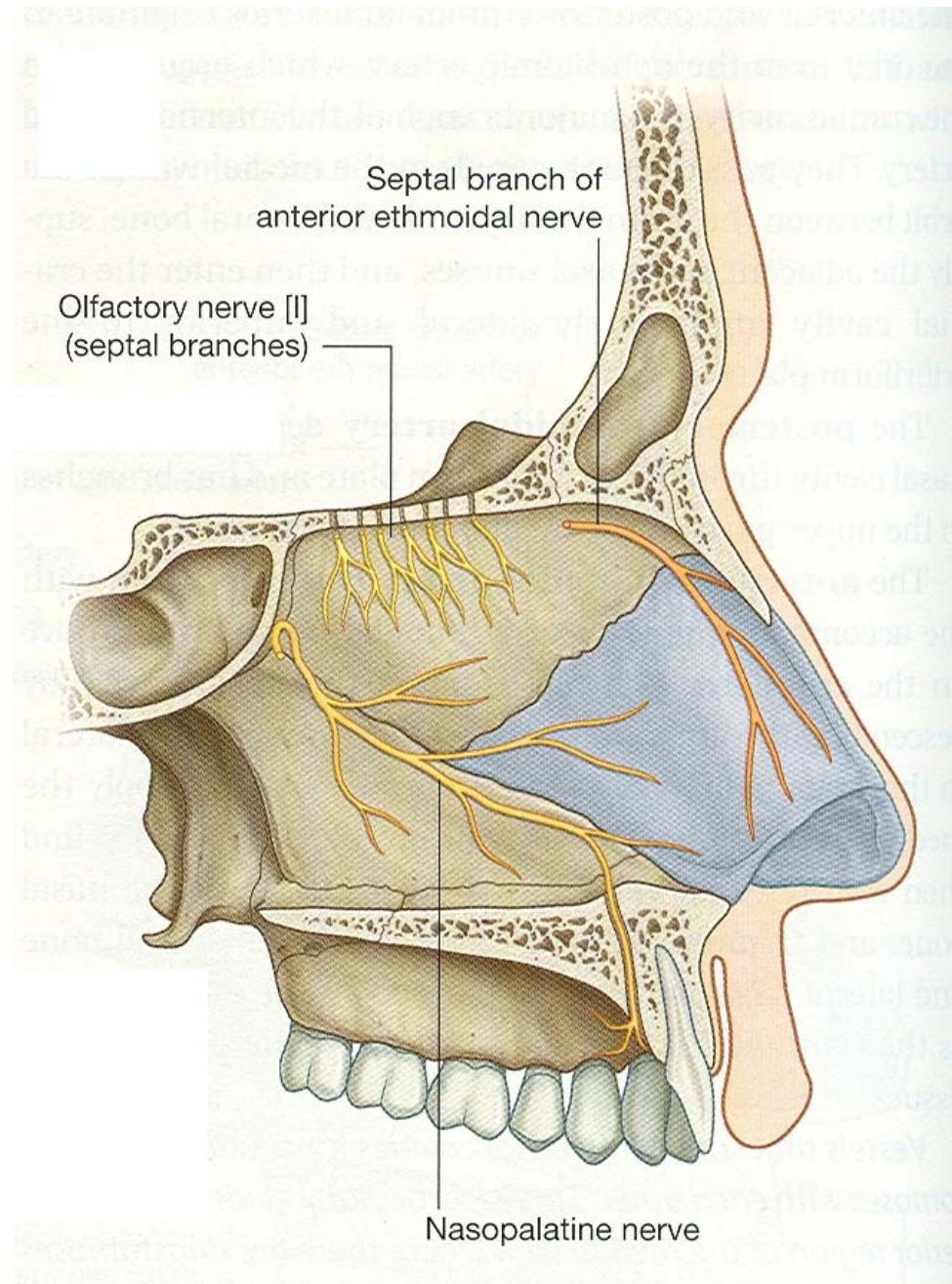
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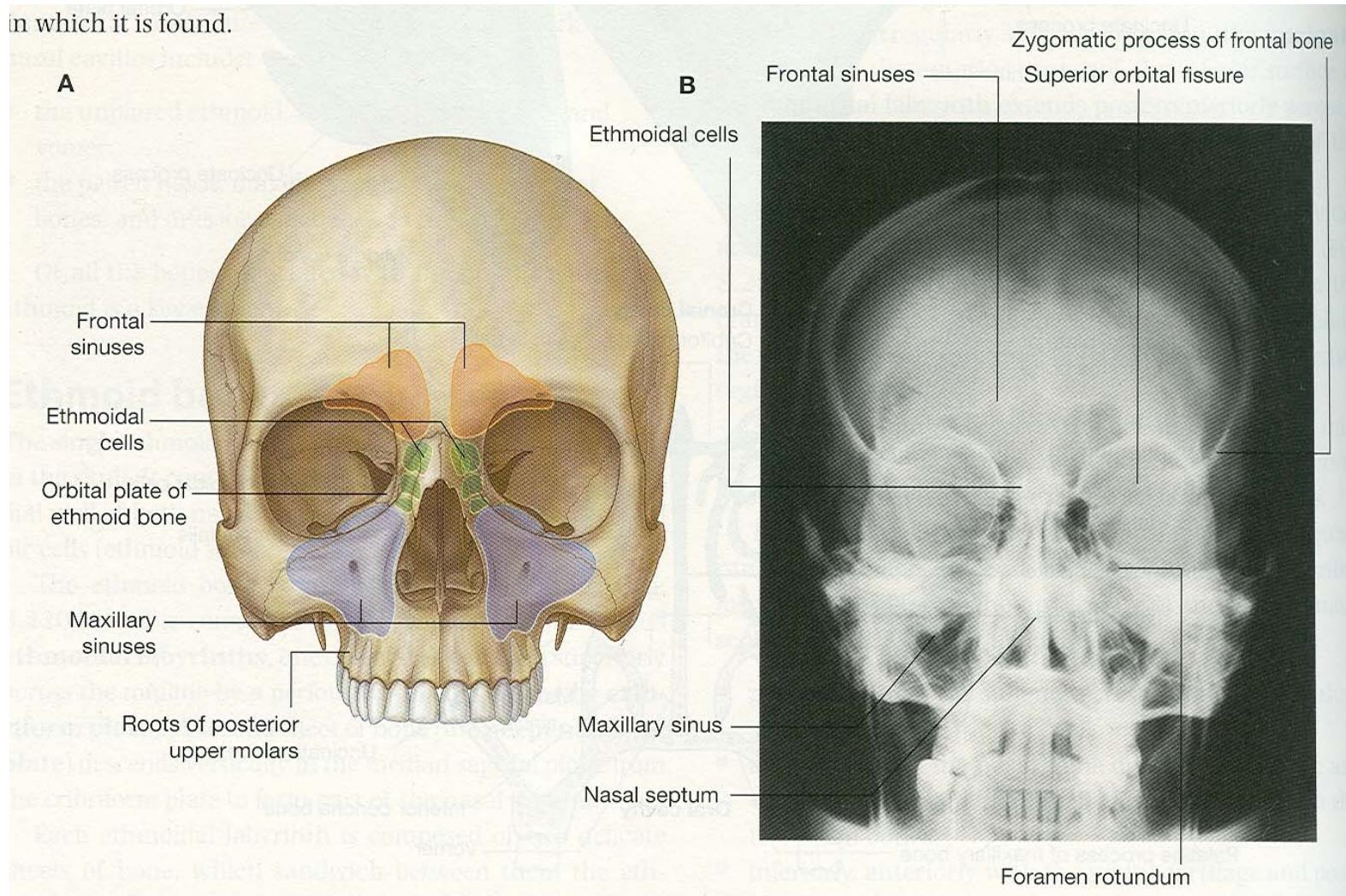


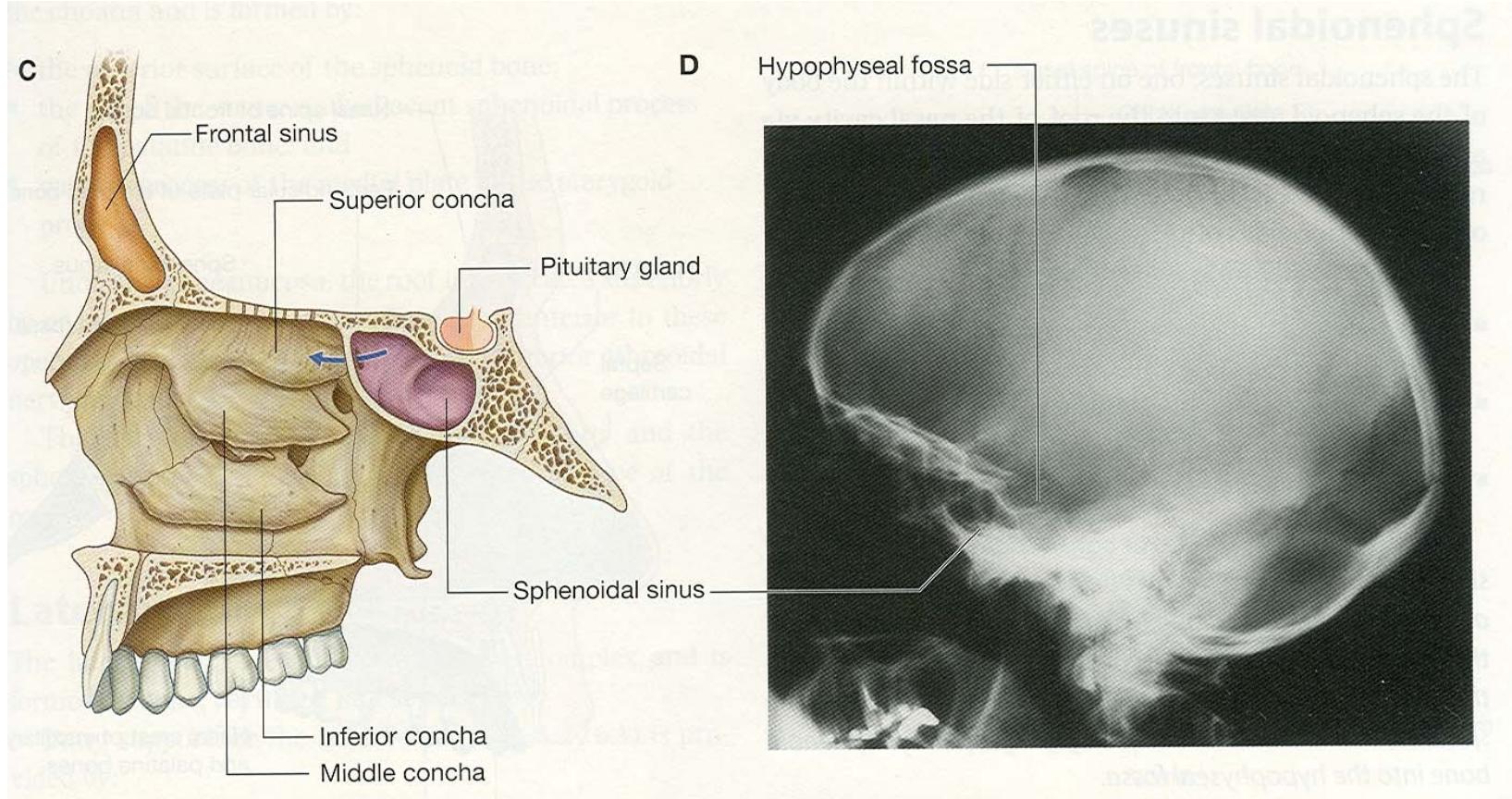


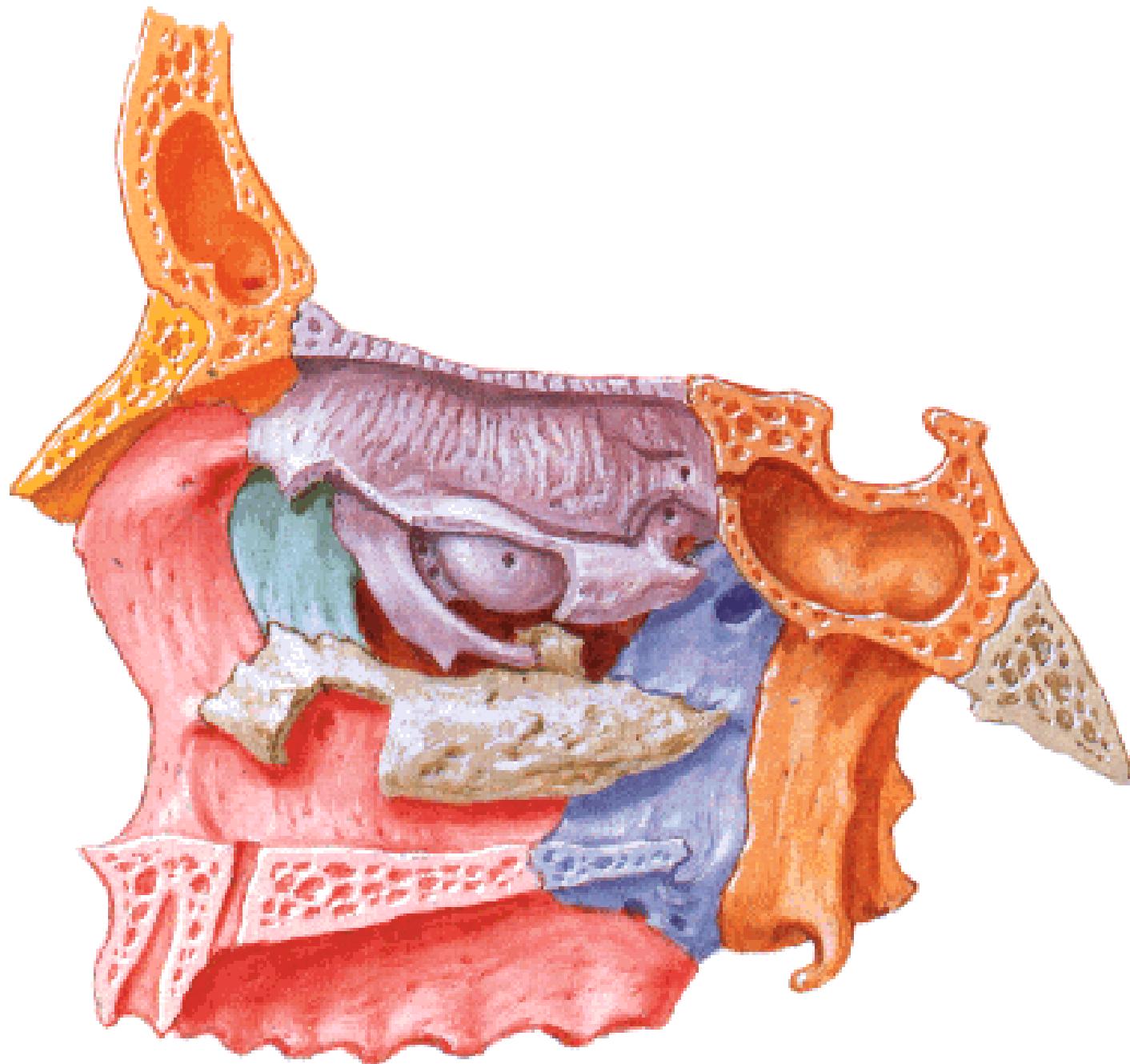




in which it is found.







Paranasal Sinuses

- Allow equilibration of air and movement of mucous
- All open in to nasal cavity
- Rudimentary/ absent at birth; Variable size, usually asymmetrical
- **FRONTAL:** posterior to superciliary arches, 3 cms above nasion
 - junction of medial 1/3 and lateral 2/3 of supra orbital margin
 - 3.2x2.6x1.8 cm
 - opening- ethmoidal infundibulum
 - arterial supply- supraorbital & anterior ethmoidal
 - nerve supply- supraorbital nerve

ETHMOIDAL: 3-18 in number

anterior (infundibular)-11; middle (bullar)- 3

posterior – 1-7

arterial supply- sphenopalatine & anterior & posterior ethmoidal

nerve supply- anterior & posterior ethmoidal

orbital branch of pterygopalatine ganglion

SPHENOIDAL: Posterior to upper part of nasal cavity

above- optic chiasma & pituitary gland

sides- ICA, cavernous sinus

2x 1.8x2.2 cm

opening- spheno ethmoidal recess

arterial & nerve supply- posterior ethmoidal A & nerve

MAXILLARY: Largest, pyramidal

Base- lateral wall of nasal cavity

Apex- zygomatic process of maxilla

Roof- floor of orbit

Floor- alveolar process of maxilla (1.5cm below nasal floor)

3.5x2.5x3.2 cm

Full size- after eruption of permanent teeth

Opening- hiatus semilunaris

A. supply- facial, supraorbital, greater palatine

N. supply- Infraorbital, anterior, middle & post. Sup. alveolar

Clinical anatomy

- Sinusitis
- Spread of infection
- Drainage
- Diagnosis- touch, transillumination, radiography
- Nasal cavity:
 - Rhinitis
 - Impaction of foreign body
 - Epistaxis (Little's area)
 - Deflected nasal septum
 - Cleft palate