DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEAD AND NECK

- **Placodes and the development of organs of special sense**
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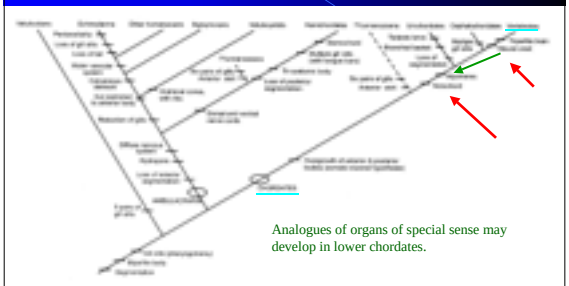
Innovations in the early evolution of vertebrates

- Development of organs of special sense
- Development of a large neural circuitry (the brain) to integrate input and responses
- Development of an effective feeding apparatus (jaws)
- Development of an improved respiratory apparatus (gills)

Phylogeny of early deuterostomes

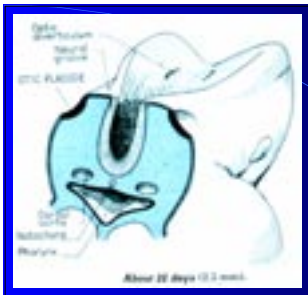


Analogues of organs of special sense may develop in lower chordates.

PLACODES
Localized thickened areas of specialized ectoderm, lateral to the neural crest, at the border between neural plate and the future epidermis.

NEURAL PLATE

NEURAL GROOVE

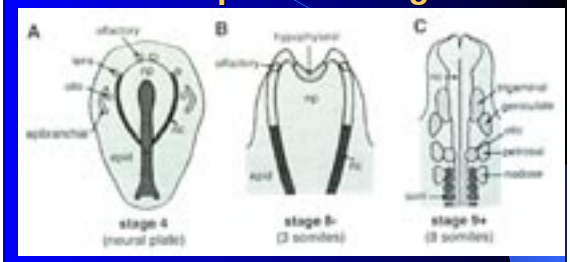


Example: otic placode.

Different kinds of placodes

- Contributing to organs of special sense:
  - Olfactory
  - Lens (only placode that does not have neural fate)
  - Otic
- Contributing to distal ganglia of branchiomeric nerves:
  - Trigeminal (Ophthalmic,V1)
  - Epibranchial (4)
- Hypobranchial (2) (contribute to hypobranchial ganglia - frog only; not in chick, mouse, zebrafish)

Distribution of placodes at 3 developmental stages



A. Initial induction of placodes in pre-placodal ectoderm field

B. Olfactory placodal cells are incorporated in outer folds of anterior neural ridge

Development of placodes: similarities

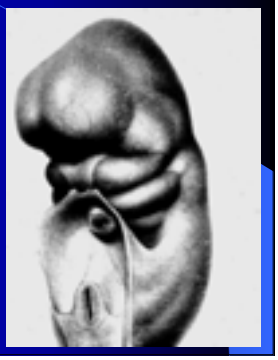
- Under influence of surrounding tissues – no evidence for role of neural crest in this process
- All express one or more members of Pax family as transcription factors early in development

Development of placodes - differences

- Epibranchial placodes: pharyngeal endoderm (BMP-7 signal), Pax2 and Sox3
- Ophthalmic placode of V: neurectoderm of mesencephalon (diffusible signal ?), Pax3
- Otic placode: initially axial and non-axial mesoderm, Pax 8; later hindbrain (FGF-3,-8,-10 signals), Pax2, Sox3, Notch
- Lens placode: forebrain & anterior mesoderm (BMP-4, later BMP-7 signals), Pax6, later Pax2
- Olfactory placode: anterior mesoderm (and forebrain? – no signal identified as yet), Pax6

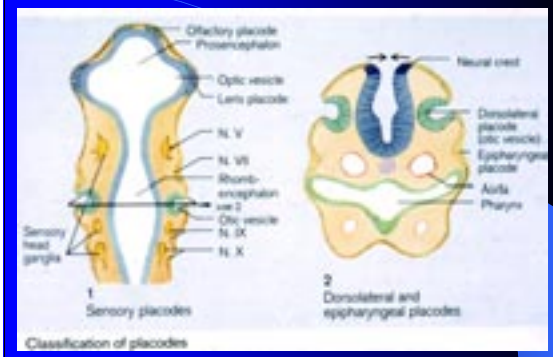
Location of placodes

- ***Near forebrain*** **:**
  - **Olfactory placode**
  - **Lens placode**



Location of placodes

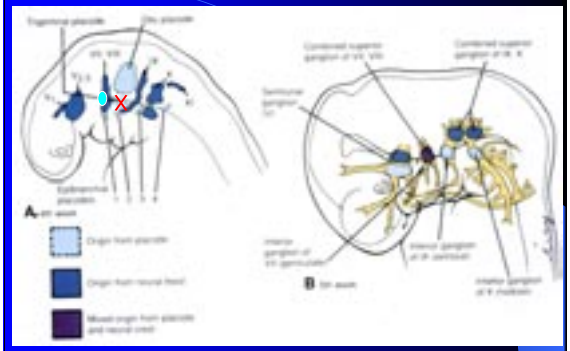
- ***Dorsolateral*** **:**
  Otic placode: related to (= evolved from or having common origin with) lateral line system



Classification of placodes

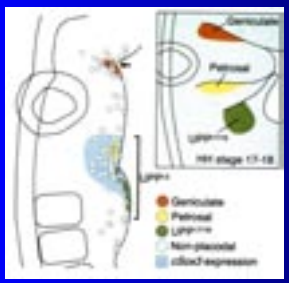
Location of placodes

- ***Intermediate*** **between otic placode and epibranchial placodes :**
  Ophthalmic component of trigeminal placode

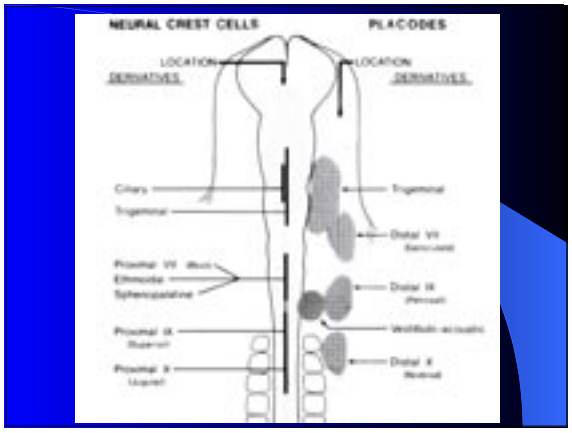


Location of placodes

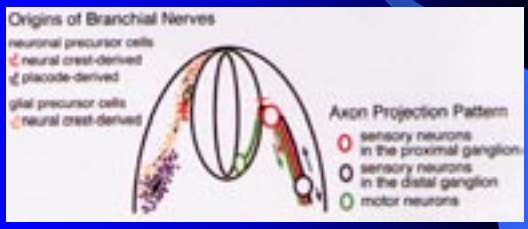
- ***Epibranchial series*** **– dorsal ends of 1st – 4th pharyngeal grooves**
- ***Hypobranchial series*** **in frogs – ventral ends of 2nd – 3rd pharyngeal grooves ?**



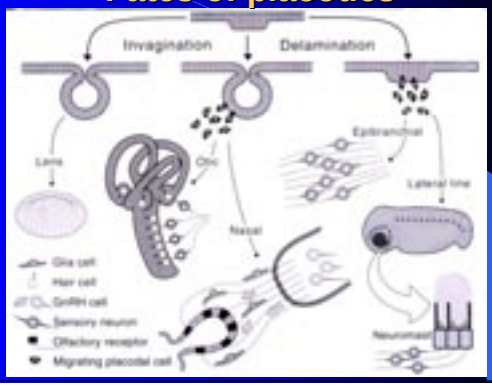
1. Olfactory
2. Otic
3. Trigeminal (V)
4. Facial (VII)
5. Glossopharyngeal (IX)
6. Vagal (X)



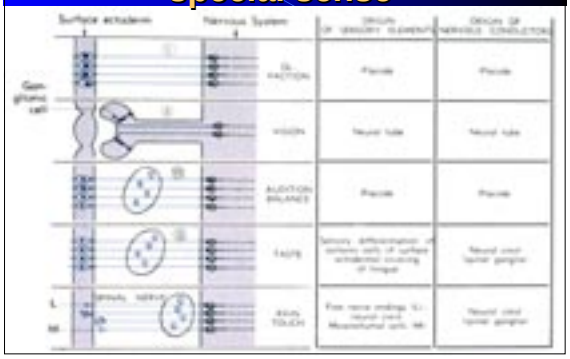
Branchiomeric nerves: origins and axon projection patterns



Fates of placodes



Development of organs of special sense



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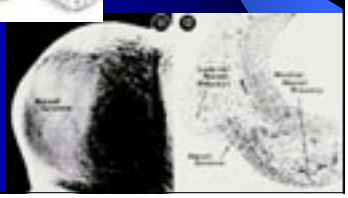
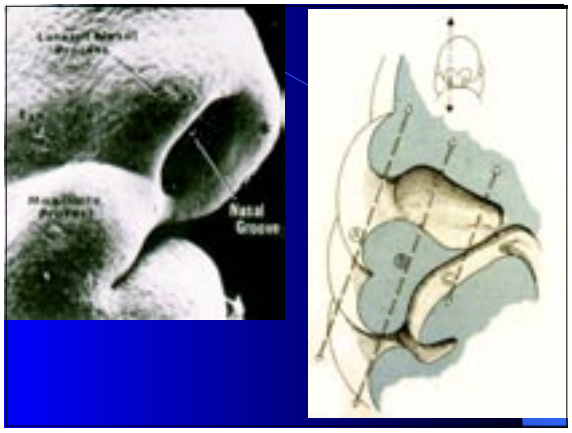
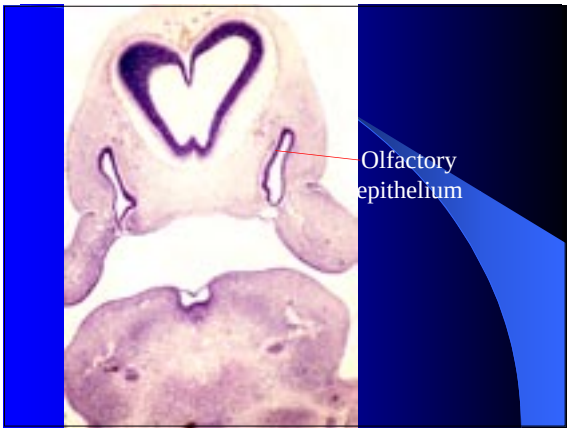


Transient pioneer neurons set up scaffold



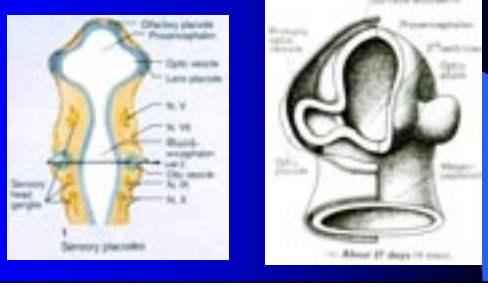


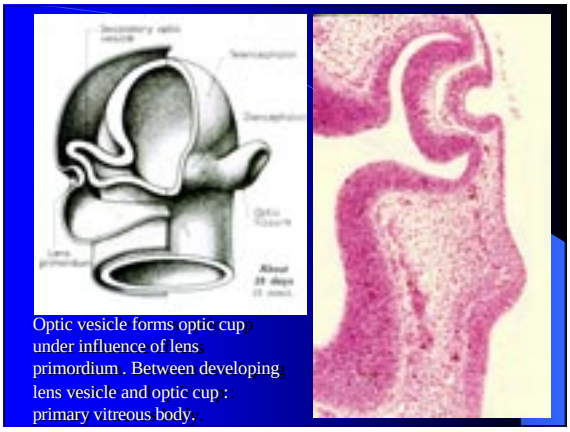
Olfactory placode gives rise to:

- Sensory receptor cells of olfactory epithelium of the nose (odorant sensing)
- Sensory receptor cells of vomeronasal epithelium (pheromone sensing)
- Basal cells and support cells (olfactory ensheathing cells - glia)

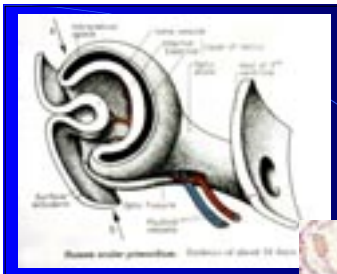
Development of the eye :

1. evagination of forebrain (optic vesicle)
2. invagination of lens placode



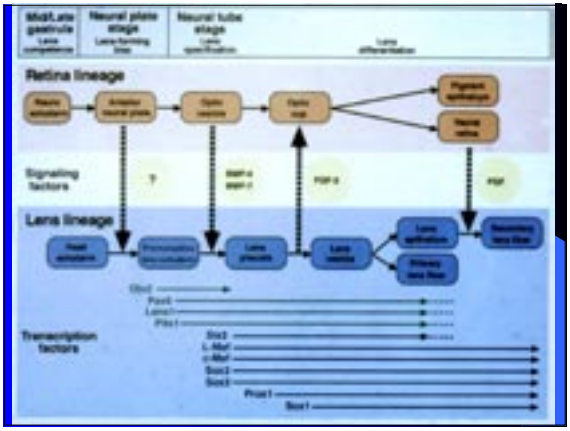


Optic vesicle forms optic cup under influence of lens primordium . Between developing lens vesicle and optic cup : primary vitreous body.



Hyaloid A.: terminal branch of ophthalmic A. (future central artery of retina)

In lens vesicle posterior cells elongate to form primary lens fibers. In third month anterior epithelium elongates to form secondary lens fibers (most of mature lens)



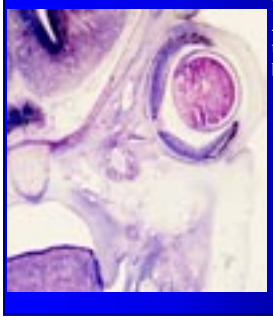
Optic cup:

Inner layer ⟶ **neural retina**

Outer layer ⟶ **pigment retina**

Optic stalk:

Axons from neural retina grow through the choroidal fissure to brain ⟶ **optic nerve**



NC derived mesenchyme around the optic cup:

Thin inner choroid

Outer fibrous sclera

NC derived mesenchyme anterior to lens:

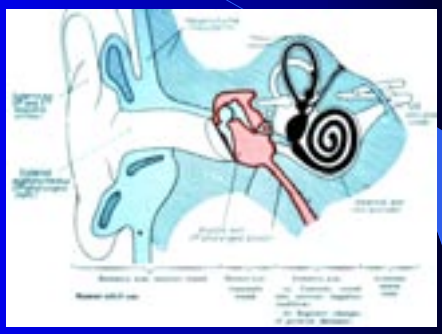
Anterior layer ⟶ contributes to cornea

Posterior layer ⟶ pupillary membrane

Between anterior and posterior layers: anterior chamber of eye

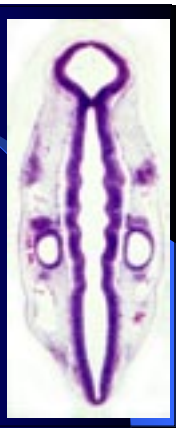
Behind posterior layer: posterior chamber.

Development of inner ear



Otic placode invagination: otic pit

Otic pit to otic vesicle

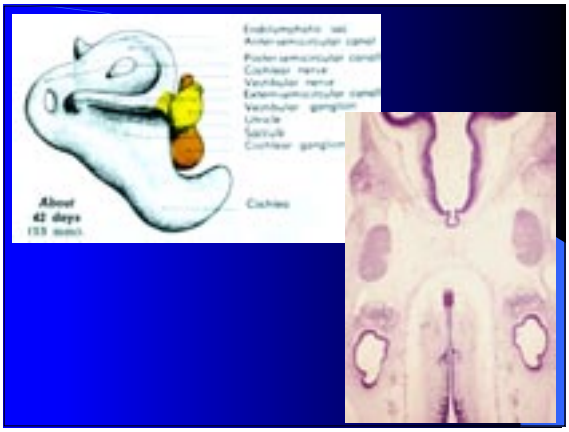


Some placodal cells migrate out of vesicular wall:⟶ statoacoustic ganglion of CN VIII

Differential growth of otic vesicle

Saccule: ventral, will give rise to mature saccule and cochlea.

Utricle: dorsal, will give rise to mature utricle, semicircular canals and endolymphatic duct.



Otic capsule: future petrous part of temporal bone