

Cranial Nerve	Types of Fibers	Passages Traversed	Major Branches
I - Olfactory	special sensory - smell	olfactory foramina	none
II - Optic	special sensory - vision	optic canal	none
III - Oculomotor	somatic motor - eye muscles visceral motor - iris and ciliary muscles	superior orbital fissure	none
IV - Trochlear	somatic motor - superior oblique muscle	superior orbital fissure	none
V - Trigeminal V ₁ - Ophthalmic	general sensory - eyes, upper portion of face, nose and philtrum of the lip	superior orbital fissure	none
V - Trigeminal V ₂ - Maxillary	general sensory - midface including tissues of oral cavity associated with the maxilla	greater palatal	greater palatal
			lesser palatal
		foramen rotundum	zygomatic
			posterior superior alveolar
		inferior orbital fissure	infraorbital
			middle superior alveolar
			anterior superior alveolar

V - Trigeminal V ₃ - Mandibular	general sensory - lower face following the mandible including oral structures in the lower jaw and the tongue Somatic motor - muscles of mastication, tensor veli palatini, anterior belly of the digastric, tensor tympani and the mylohyoid	foramen ovale mandibular foramen mandibular canal (as inferior alveolar) mental foramen (as mental - a branch of the inferior alveolar)	muscular branches lingual inferior alveolar mental incisive
VI - Abducens	somatic motor - lateral rectus muscle	superior orbital fissure	none
VII - Facial	somatic motor - muscles of facial expression, stylohyoid, posterior belly of the digastric and the stapedius. visceral motor - lacrimal, submandibular, sublingual and minor salivary glands general sensory - portion of pharynx and small area around ear special sensory - taste to the anterior 2/3 of the tongue	internal acoustic meatus stylomastoid foramen petrotympanic fissure (as chorda tympani) hiatus of the greater petrosal nerve (as greater petrosal) foramen lacerum (as greater petrosal)	greater petrosal chorda tympani muscular branches (temporal, zygomatic, buccal, marginal mandibular, cervical)
VIII - Vestibulocochlear, Statoacoustic, Acoustic	special sensory – hearing and equilibrium	internal acoustic meatus	vestibular cochlear

	somatic motor - stylopharyngeus muscle		
	visceral motor - parotid salivary gland		
IX - Glossopharyngeal	general sensory - posterior 1/3rd of tongue, portions of both the pharynx and larynx and to some skin around the ear special sensory - taste to the posterior 1/3 of the tongue	jugular foramen	tympanic
X- Vagus	somatic motor - all palatal muscles except the tensor veli palatini, all muscles of the pharynx except the stylopharyngeus, laryngeal muscles visceral motor - thoracic and abdominal viscera except the distal 1/3rd of the colon general sensory - a small area around ear special sensory - taste from the taste buds of the pharynx	jugular foramen	superior laryngeal laryngeal recurrent laryngeal
XI - Spinal Accessory	somatic motor - trapezius and sternocleidomastoid muscles	jugular foramen	none
XII - Hypoglossal	somatic motor - intrinsic and extrinsic muscles of the tongue except the palatoglossus	hypoglossal canal	none