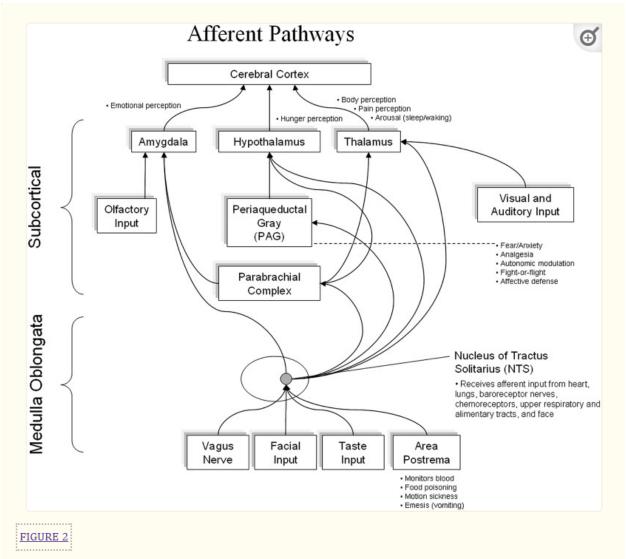
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It shows the major afferent inputs from the body to the Dorsal Vagal Complex. Afferent pathways then connect directly to the amygdala, hypothalamus, and thalamus, etc. There is emerging evidence of a direct connection from the NTS to the frontal cortex.