NERVOUS SYSTEM

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General Functions:

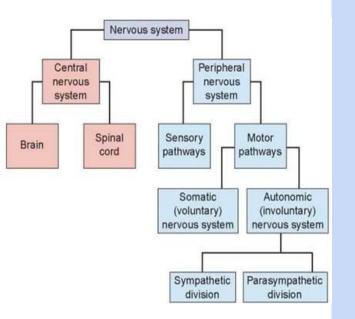
- The nervous system's job is to collect information **internally and externally**
- It processes and interprets the information, and then responds to the information
- The <u>programming of reflexes</u> is in the spinal cord
- It is in charge of <u>memory</u> and <u>learning</u>
- Maintains homeostasis throughout the body
- <u>Controls movement</u>



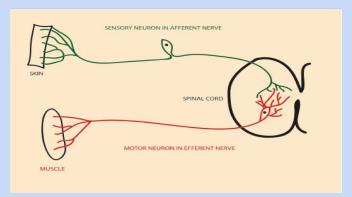
Two parts of the nervous system:

- There are two parts to the nervous system:
- The Peripheral Nervous System and the Central Nervous System
- **The Peripheral Nervous System:** cranial nerves, spinal nerves, ganglia, somatic nervous system, autonomic nervous system.
- The Central Nervous System: the brain, and the spinal cord

The Peripheral Nervous System



- The Peripheral System surrounds nerves outside the brain and spinal cord
- It is not protected by bones, therefore it is more vulnerable to trauma
- The PS connects to limbs, glands, and organs; in a way it checks up on them and brings the information back to the brain
 - This is because of "motor nerves"



Cell Types:

• There are two types of cells in the nervous system:

Glial cells, and neurons

- **Glial cells'** main function is to <u>physically</u> <u>support the neurons</u>
 - **Neurons'** main function is to <u>process and</u> <u>transmit information</u>, and neurons are the main component <u>of the brain</u>, <u>spinal cord</u>, and the <u>nerves of the body</u>

Homeostasis in the nervous system:

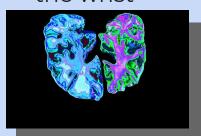
- A most important part of the body that maintains homeostasis
- The nervous system **regulates, responds, and monitors** all systems of the body in humans and other life
- The nervous system monitors everything from the <u>tiniest of cells in the body to core organs in</u> <u>the body</u>

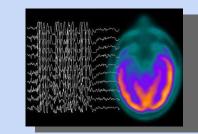
How the NS interacts with other systems:

- The nervous system works closely with the endocrine system to help produce hormones and enzymes
- The nervous system also is required for the **muscular system**, because the nervous system <u>tells your muscles how and when to move</u>
- The **respiratory system** is supported by the nervous system because <u>the brain regulates the respiratory rate</u>
- The **digestive system** is supported by the nervous system because <u>the brain sends signals</u> <u>for eating and drinking behaviors</u>

Disorders and Diseases within the NS:

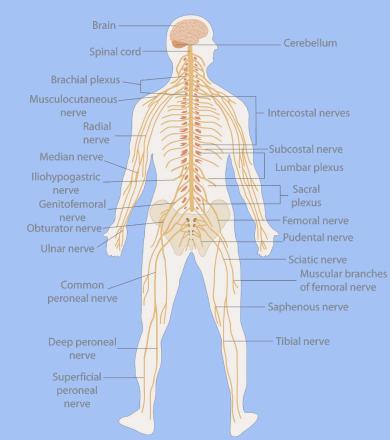
- Alzheimer's Disease is a central nervous system disease that causes the <u>decay of brain cells until</u> <u>the brain dies</u>
- Epilepsy is a **central nervous system disorder** that causes frequent seizures, as well as unusual sensations and behaviors <u>due to abnormal brain</u> <u>activity</u>
- Carpal tunnel syndrome is a peripheral nervous system syndrome that because of a pinched nerve in the wrist, causes tingly and numb sensations in the wrist







Dr. Charles Martin Answers



How does the nervous system respond appropriately to the sensory input?

- The nervous system respond to the sensory input because of the brain
- The brain receives the information, analyzes it, and then responds
 - Every time it has to respond, it tries to response even better
 - The brain is constantly trying to improve its system

How does the neuron operate?

• Based through "depolarization"

- It starts on one end and communicates all the way to the other end of a human body
- It communicates through central processing
- It is also based on the inheritance
 - Humans have more evolved neurons
- Since neurons are constantly evolving, the brain is constantly trying to keep up with the neurons
- It is a very dynamically complex process
 - "Think how complex you can and then think about how it way more than that"

What are the differences between the Sympathetic branch and the Parasympathetic branch?

- Sympathetic has 3 nervous systems and they are layered
 - Primitive = enteric so the movement, digestive, and homeostatic functions
 - Cerebral Spinal = joints, muscles, no connection to digestion but it does help the movement of the body
 - Autonomic NS = releases sugar, and favors the motility side
- COVID-19, the panic, rising of blood pressure, worrying, and the mental stress triggers the Sympathetic branch
- Parasympathetic is more physical reaction that trigger the Parasympathetic branch

What occurs during reflex arc?

- 3 components
 - Sensory receives information
 - Central processing
 - Reflex sensoring
- The nervous system is a reflection of everything you do and your thoughts
 - In the sense of whatever you do physically effects/is mimicked by your brain for your internal self
- Almost all actions or thoughts are processed through the brain, some just happen without the brain really acknowledging it
- Your brain then sends an order to respond to the action or to show effect of a thought

Advice to keeping your nervous system healthy

- "Move well, Think well, and Eat well"
- Put healthy inputs into yourself
 - Exercise, keep your body active and healthy
 - Think positively, try to be happy
 - Put good things that your body will thank you for into your body
- Mental health and physical health will keep your nerve system sharp
- Treat your body well because a nerve system isn't easy to fix

Thank You!

"Nerve system is complex and it is evolving, so there is something always changing which make it difficult to learn about" - Dr. Charles Martin