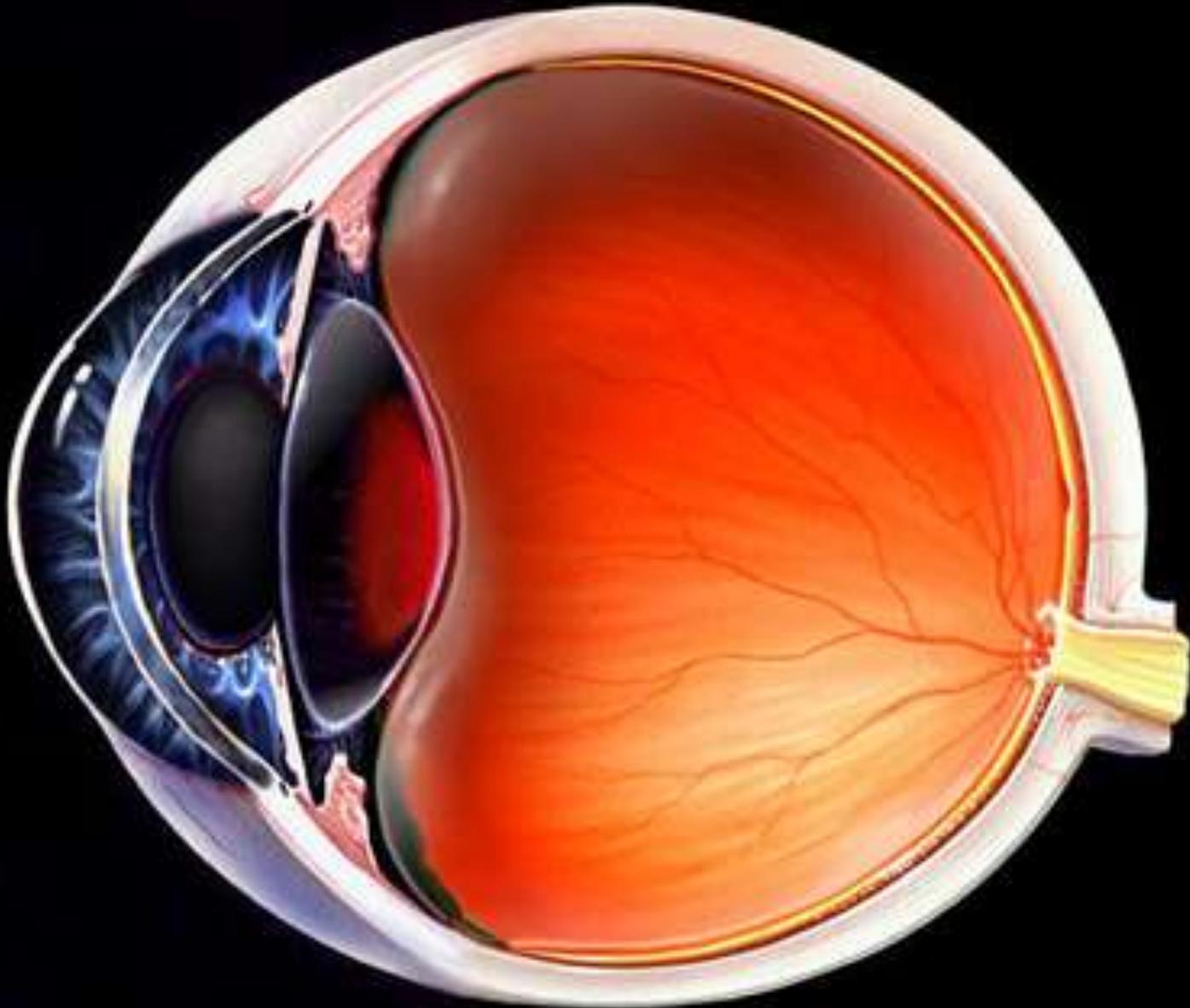


THE HUMAN EYE



Anatomy of the Human Eye



Human Eye

- *A human eyeball is like a simple camera!*
 - **Sclera**: outer walls, hard, like a light-tight box.
 - **Cornea and crystalline lens (eyelens)**: the two lens system.
 - **Retina**: at the back of eyeball, like the film.
 - **Iris**: like diaphragms or stop in a camera.
 - **Pupil**: camera aperture.
 - **Eyelid**: lens cover.

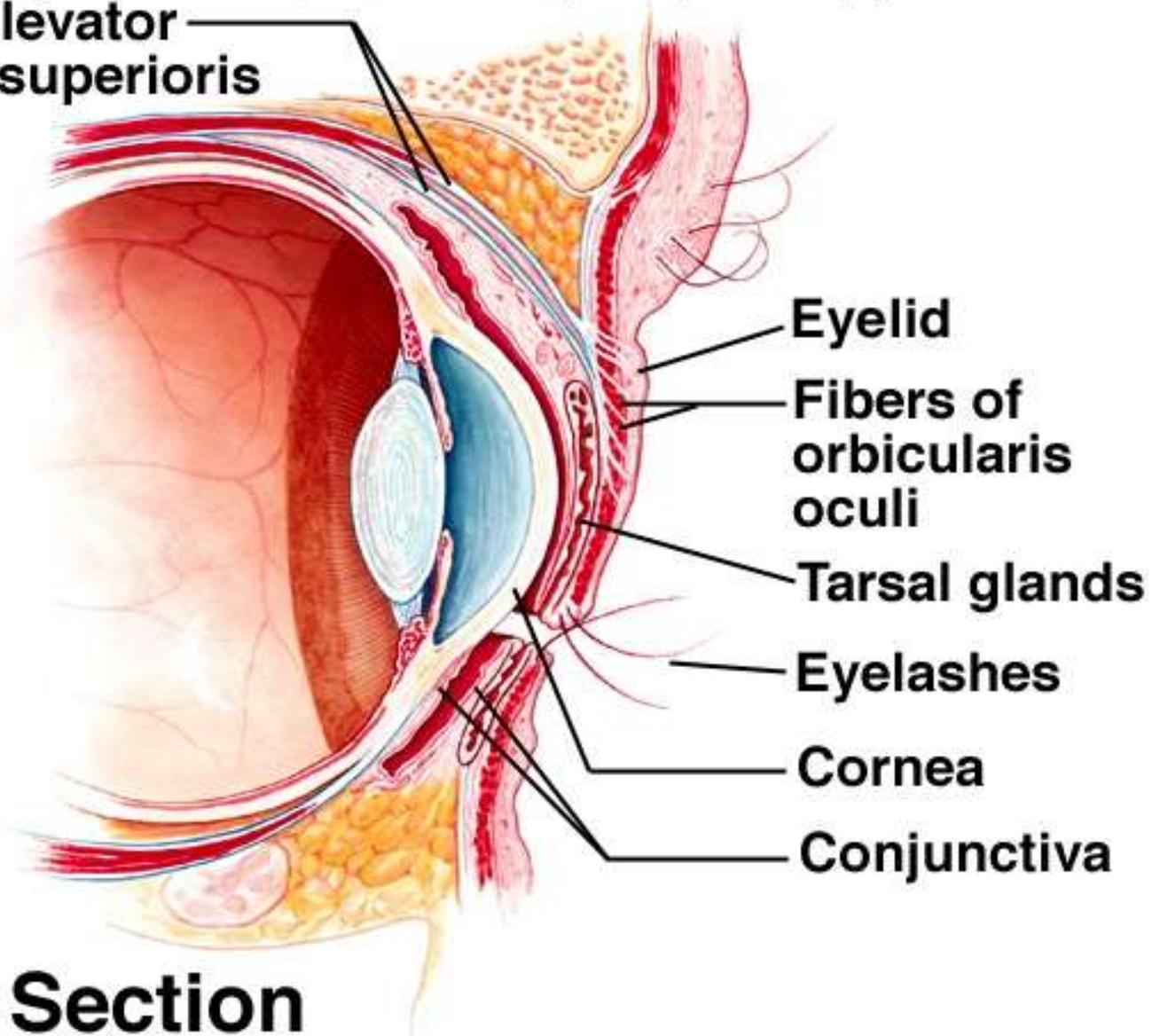
The Eye

Accessory structures or Adnexa

4 layers:

1. Skin – thinnest in the body
2. muscle – orbicularis oculi and levator palpebrae superioris
3. Connective tissue – tarsal plate contains tarsal or Meibomian glands - Chalazion

**Tendon of levator
palpebrae superioris**



**Eye—
Sagittal Section**

4. Conjunctiva – mucous membrane

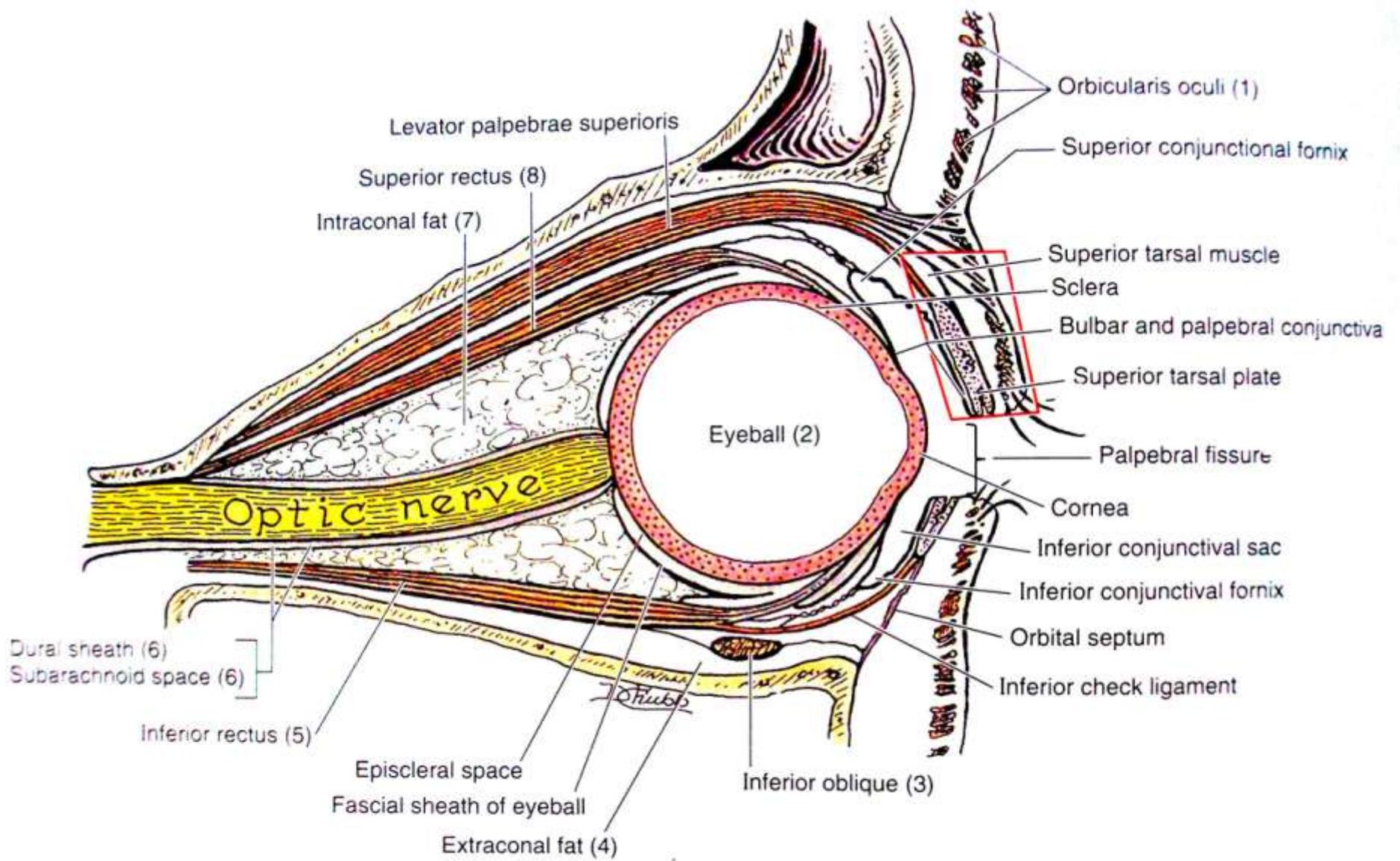
palpebral conjunctiva

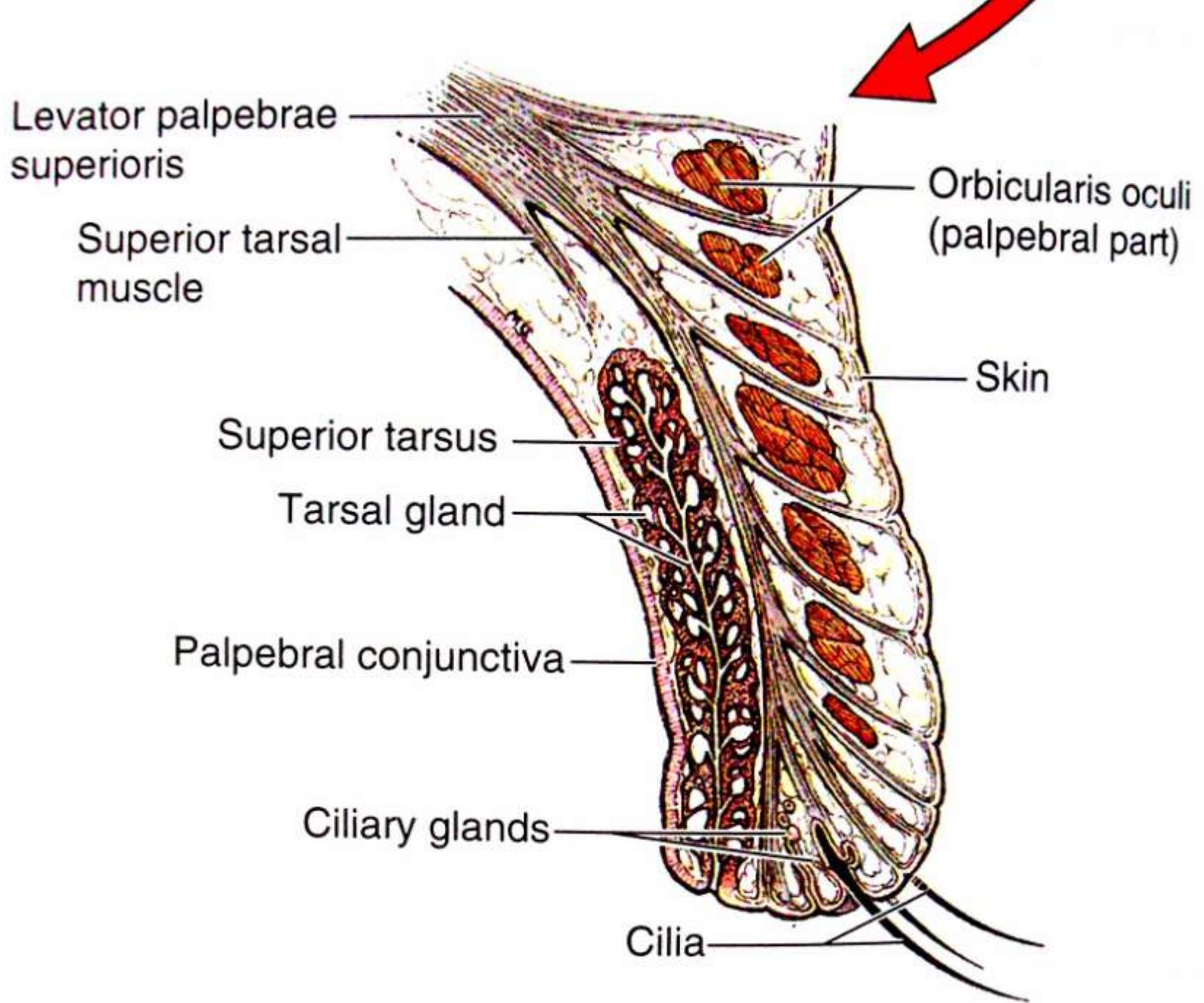
bulbar conjunctiva

Eyelashes

sebaceous ciliary glands at base of hair
follicles – hordeolum or stye

Lacrimal apparatus – forming and draining
tears.

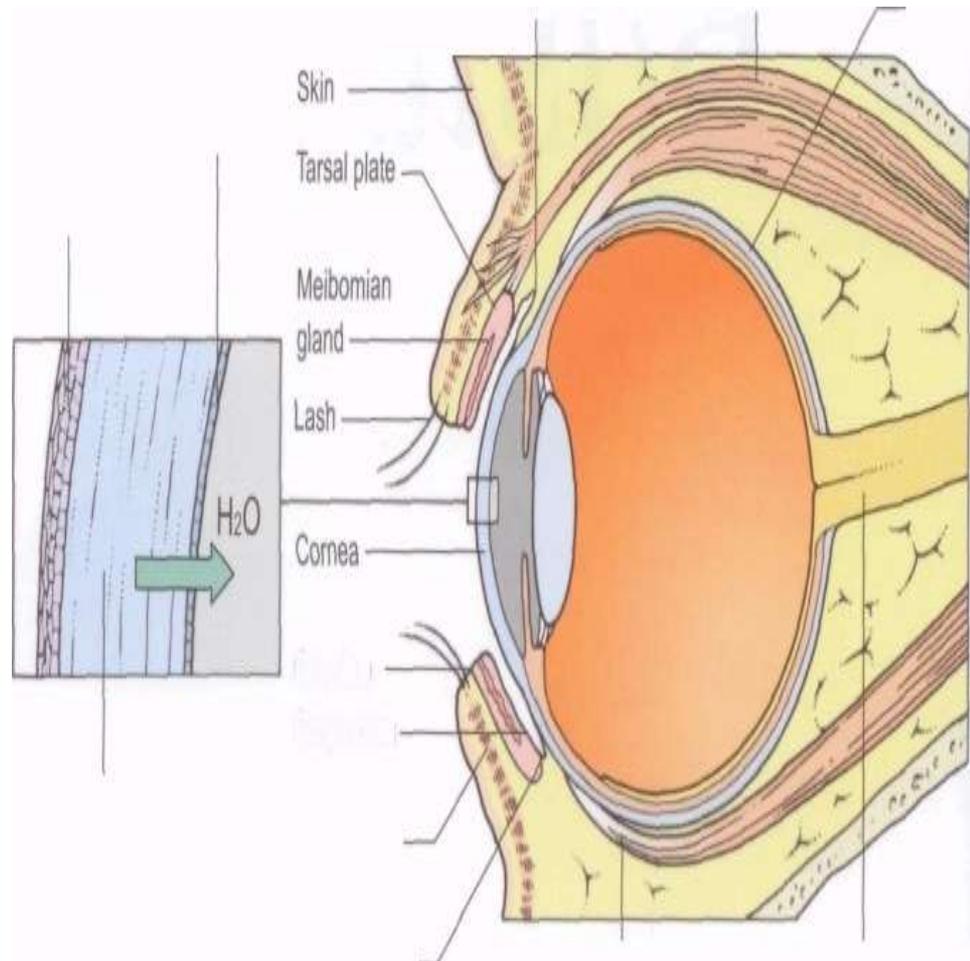




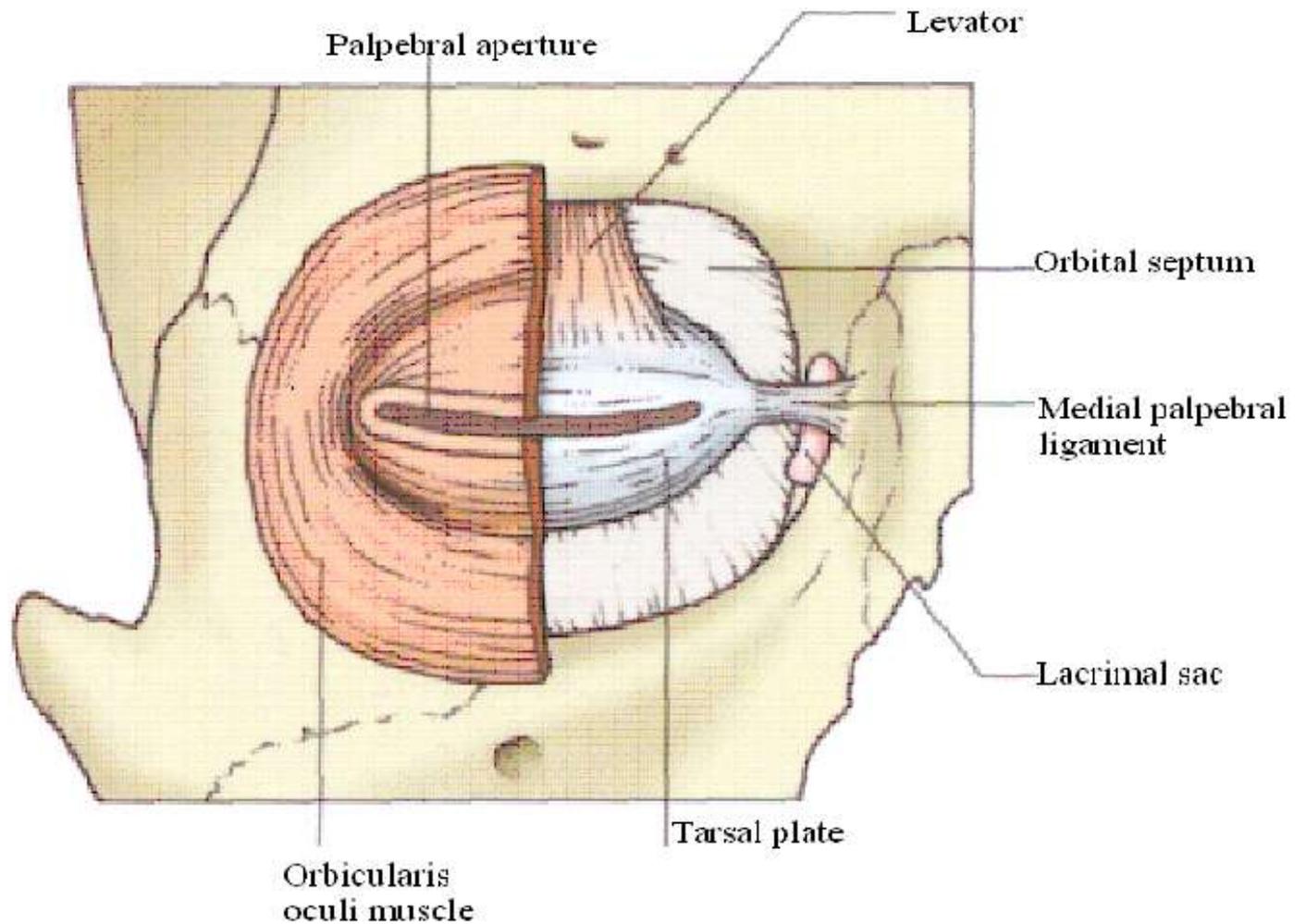
Eyelids and eyeball

Superior fornix of conjunctiva

- Levator muscle
- Sclera
- Grey line
- Conjunctiva
- Orbicularis oculi muscle
- Inferior fornix of conjunctiva
- Extraocular muscle
- Optic nerve



Eyelid structure



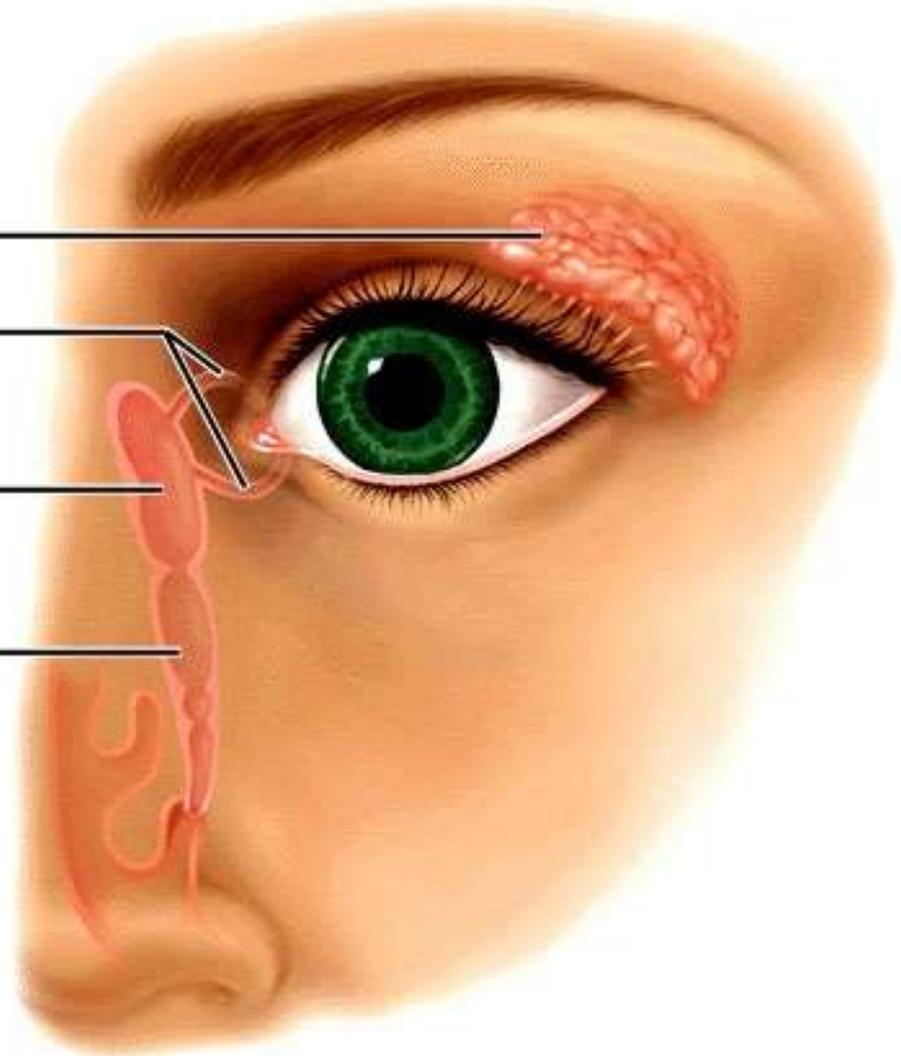
Lacrimal Apparatus

Lacrimal gland

Superior and
inferior canaliculi

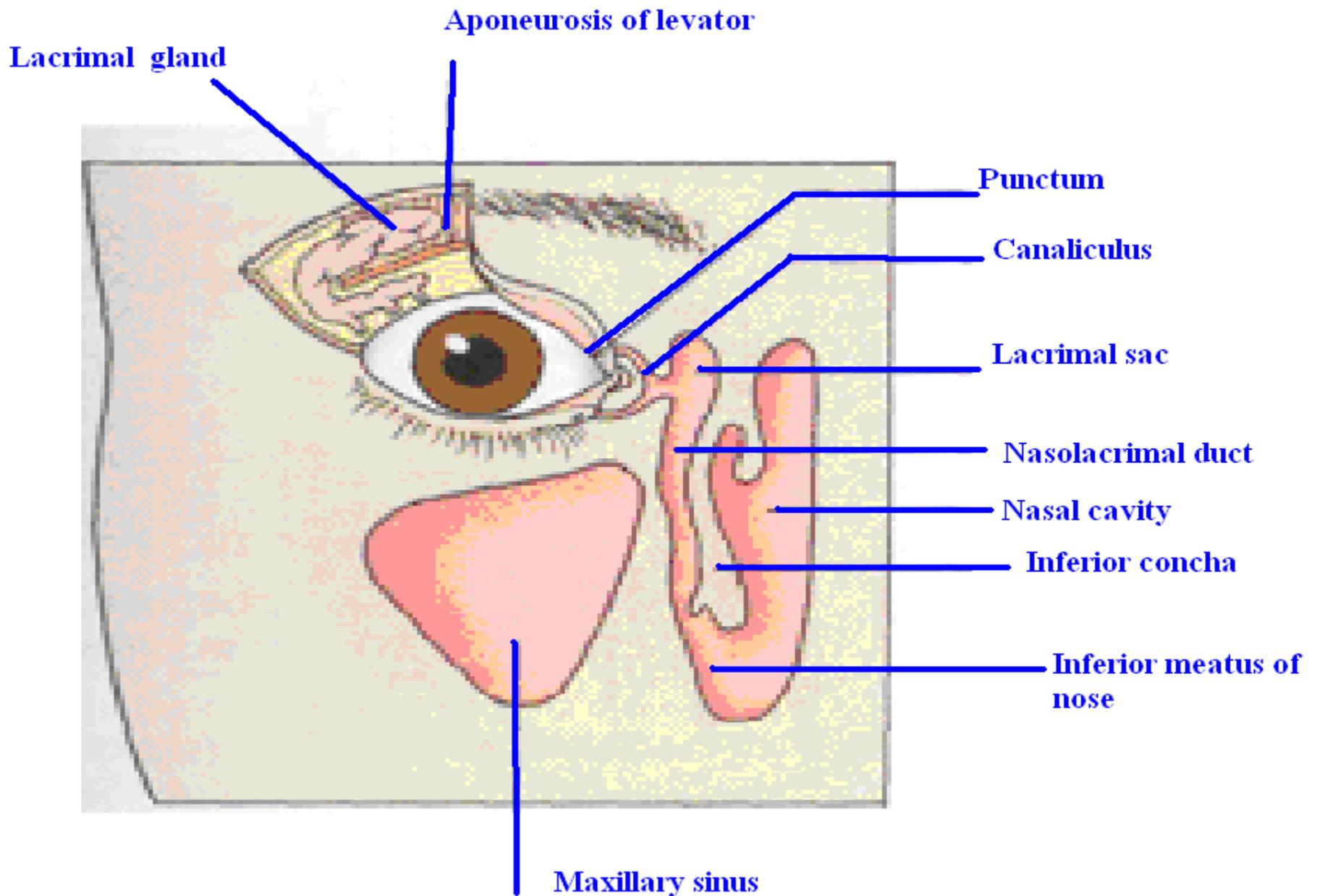
Lacrimal sac

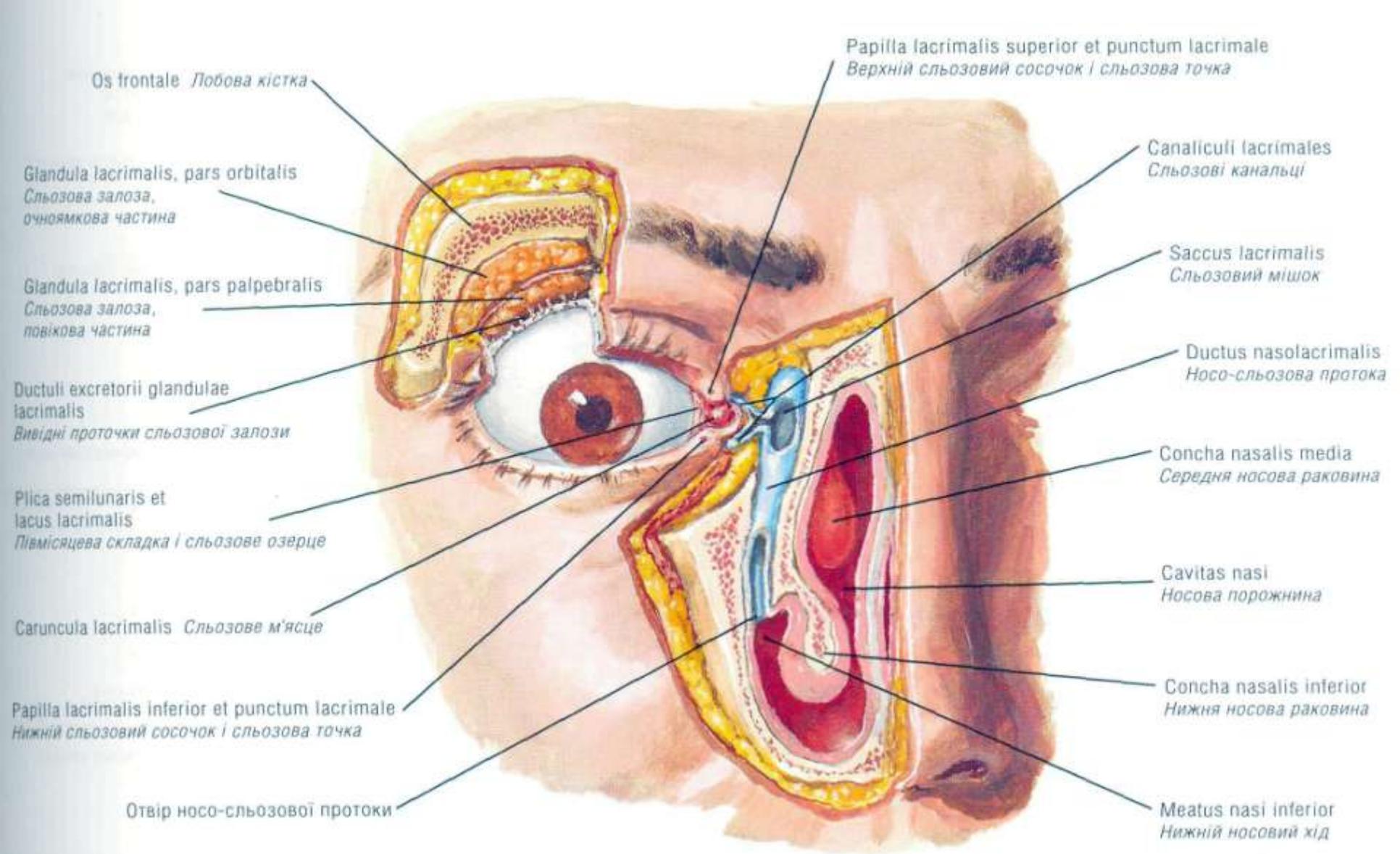
Nasolacrimal
duct

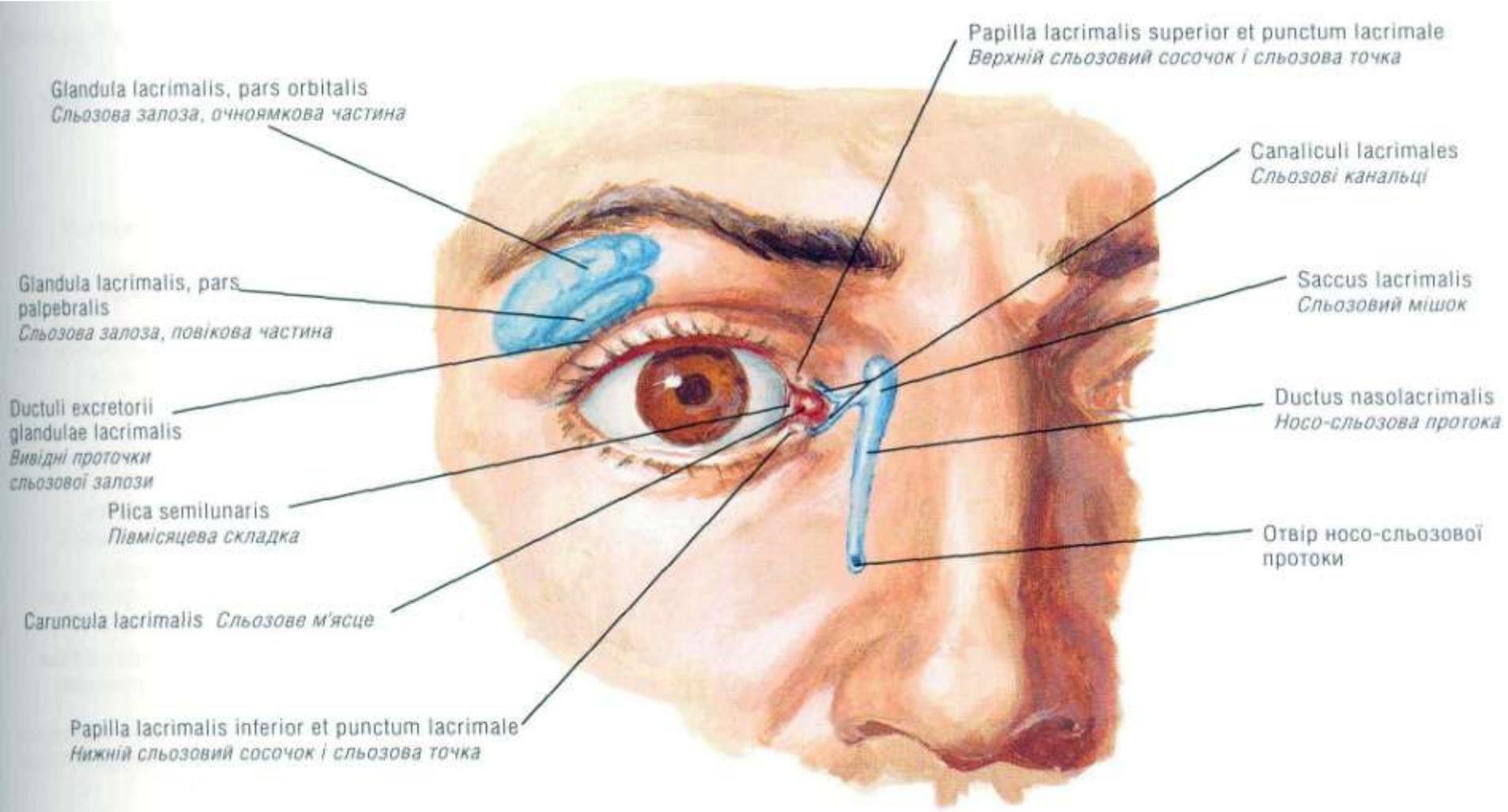


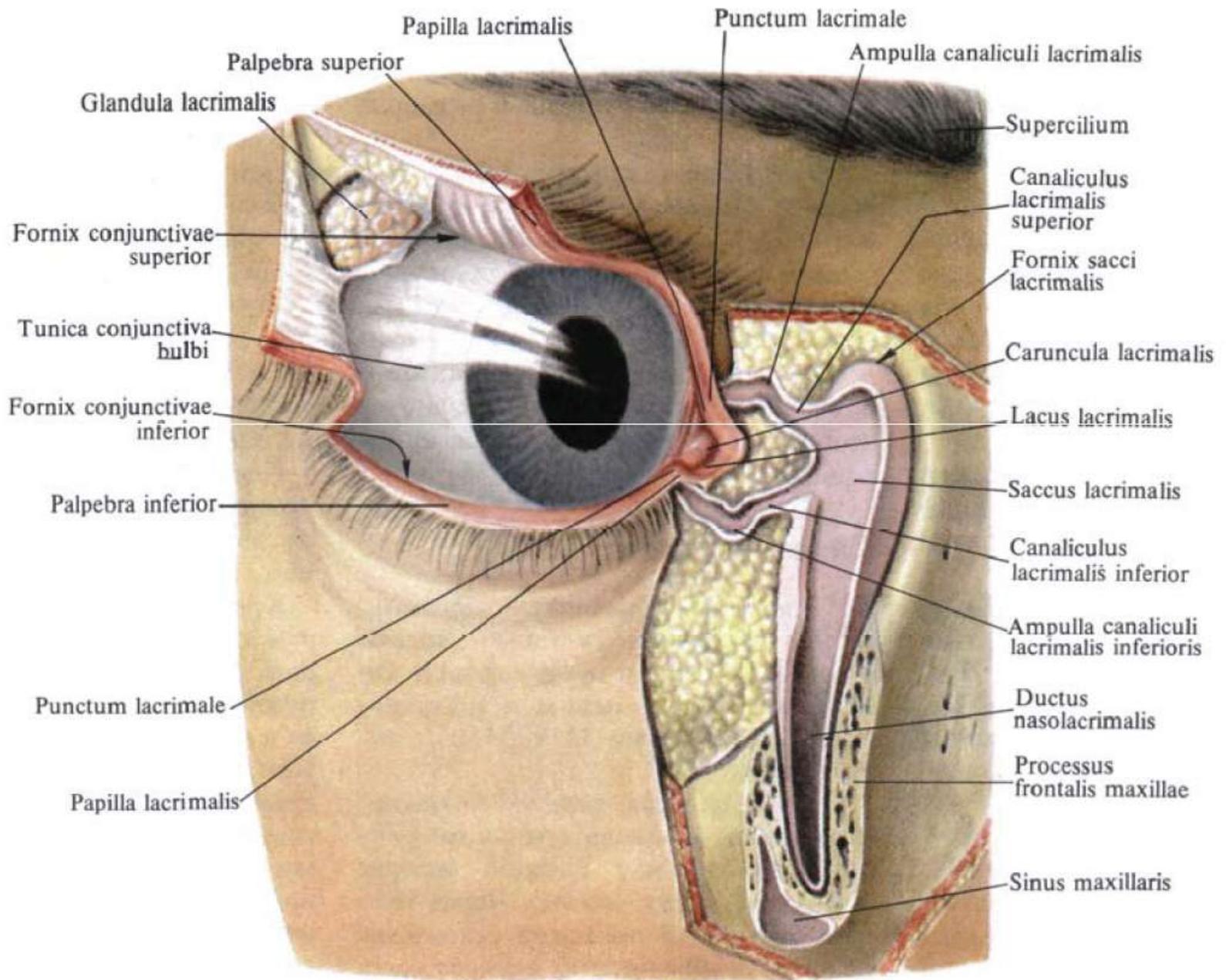
Tear production and drainage

- At birth, the **nasolacrimal duct** may not be fully developed, causing a watery eye.
- Acquired obstruction of the nasolacrimal duct is a common cause of a watery eye in adults. It may lead to an acute infection of the sac.

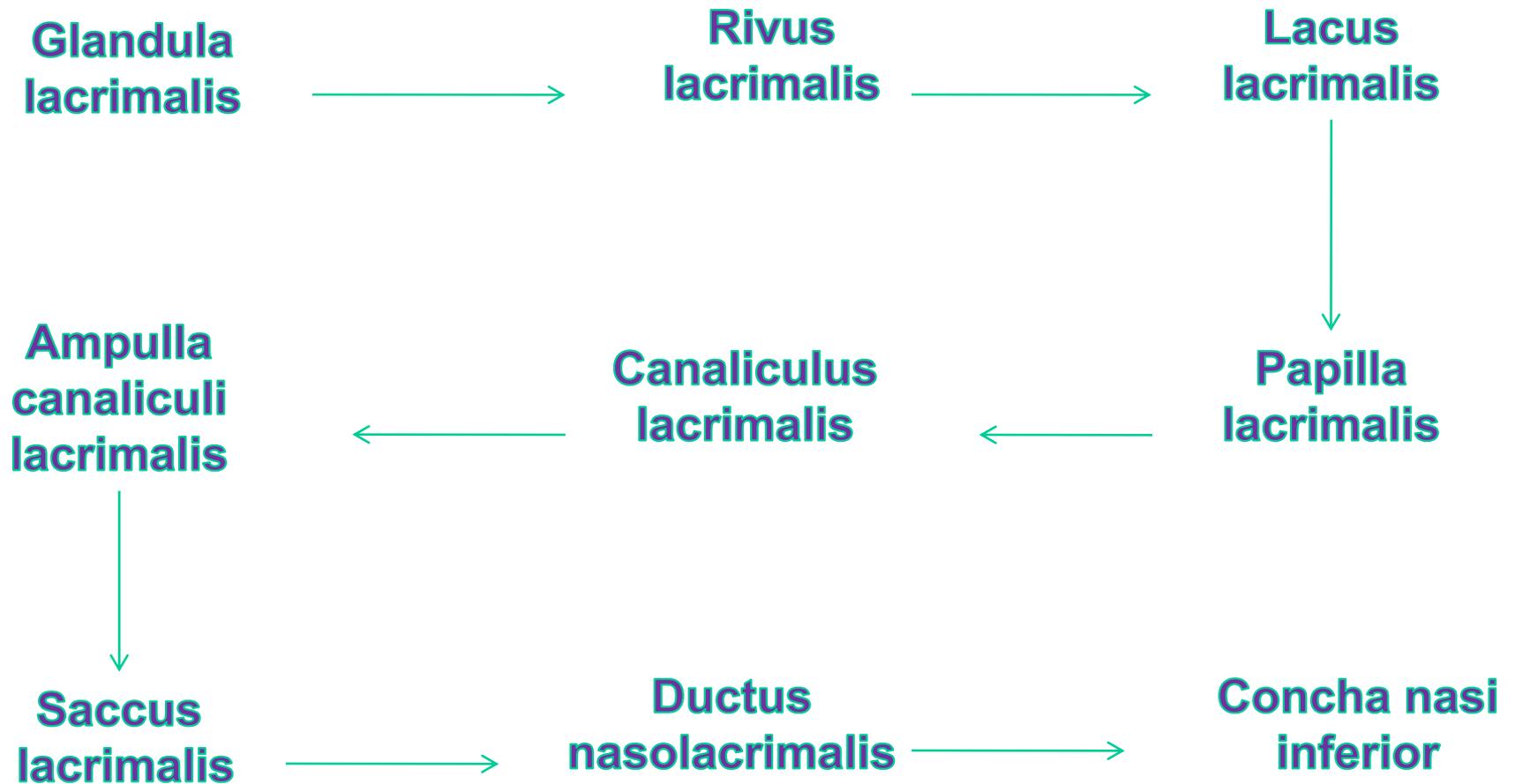






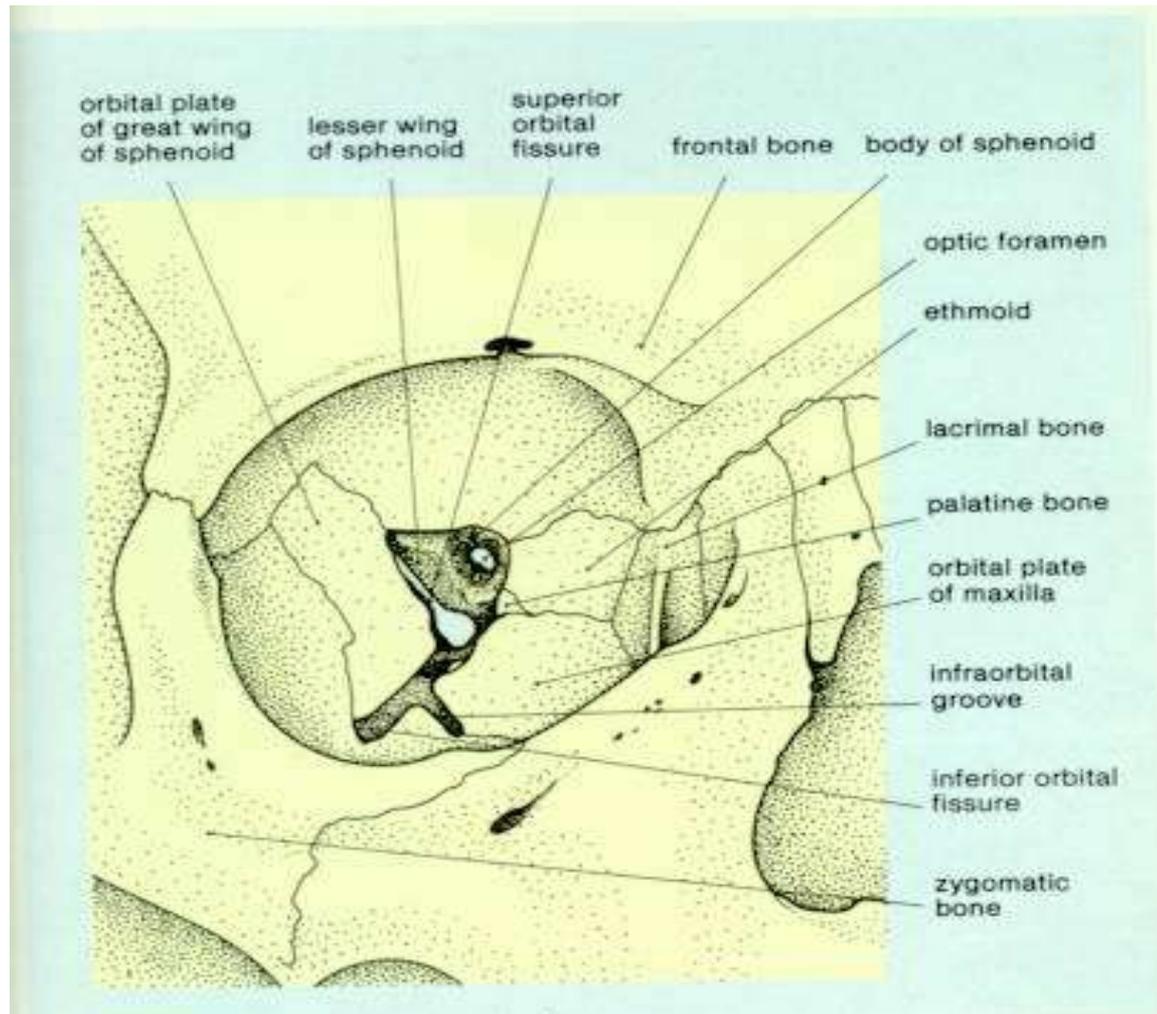


Tear goes this way:



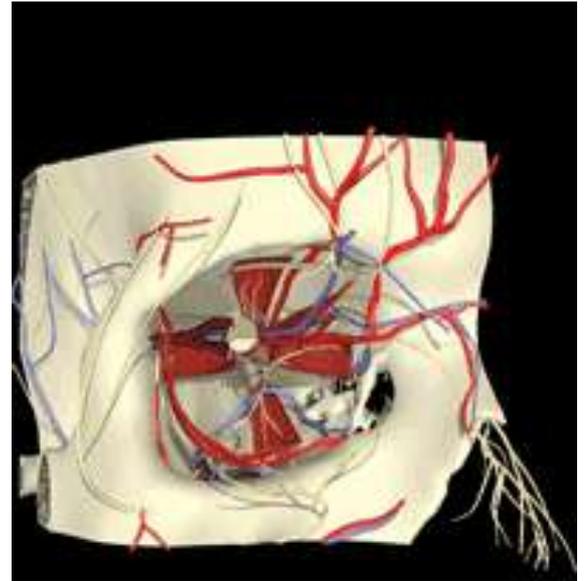
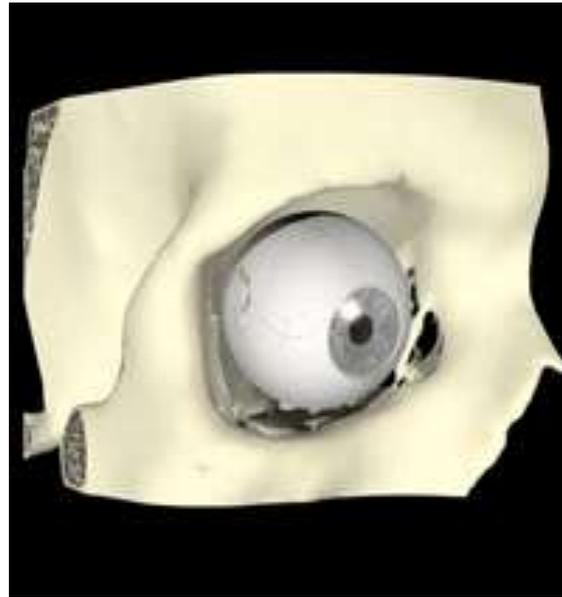
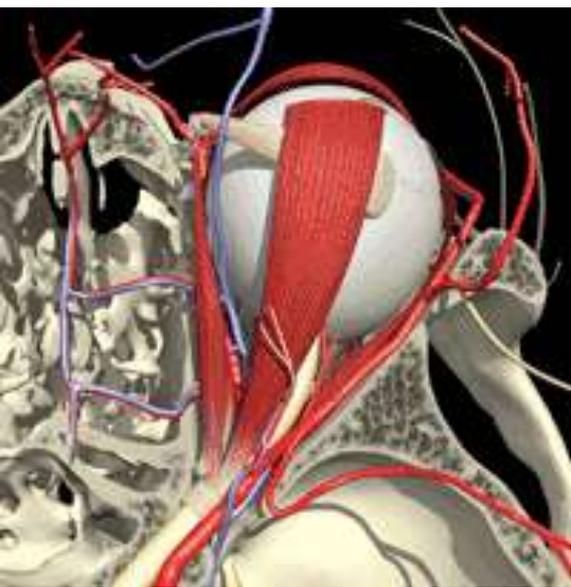
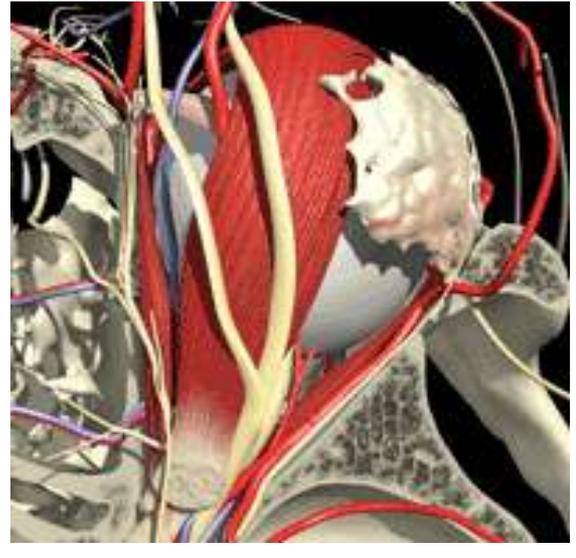
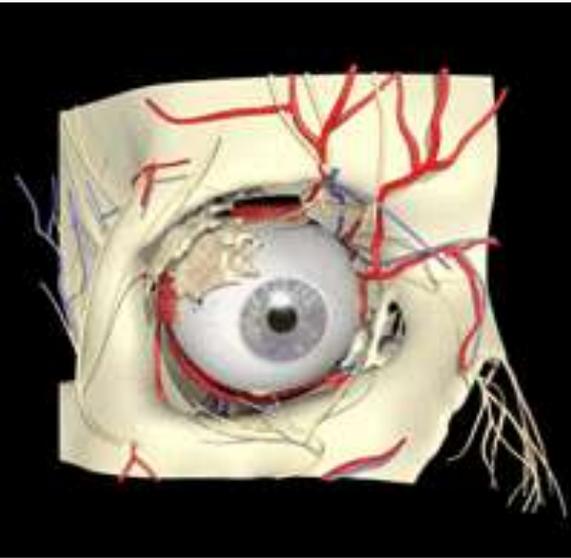


Orbital Walls



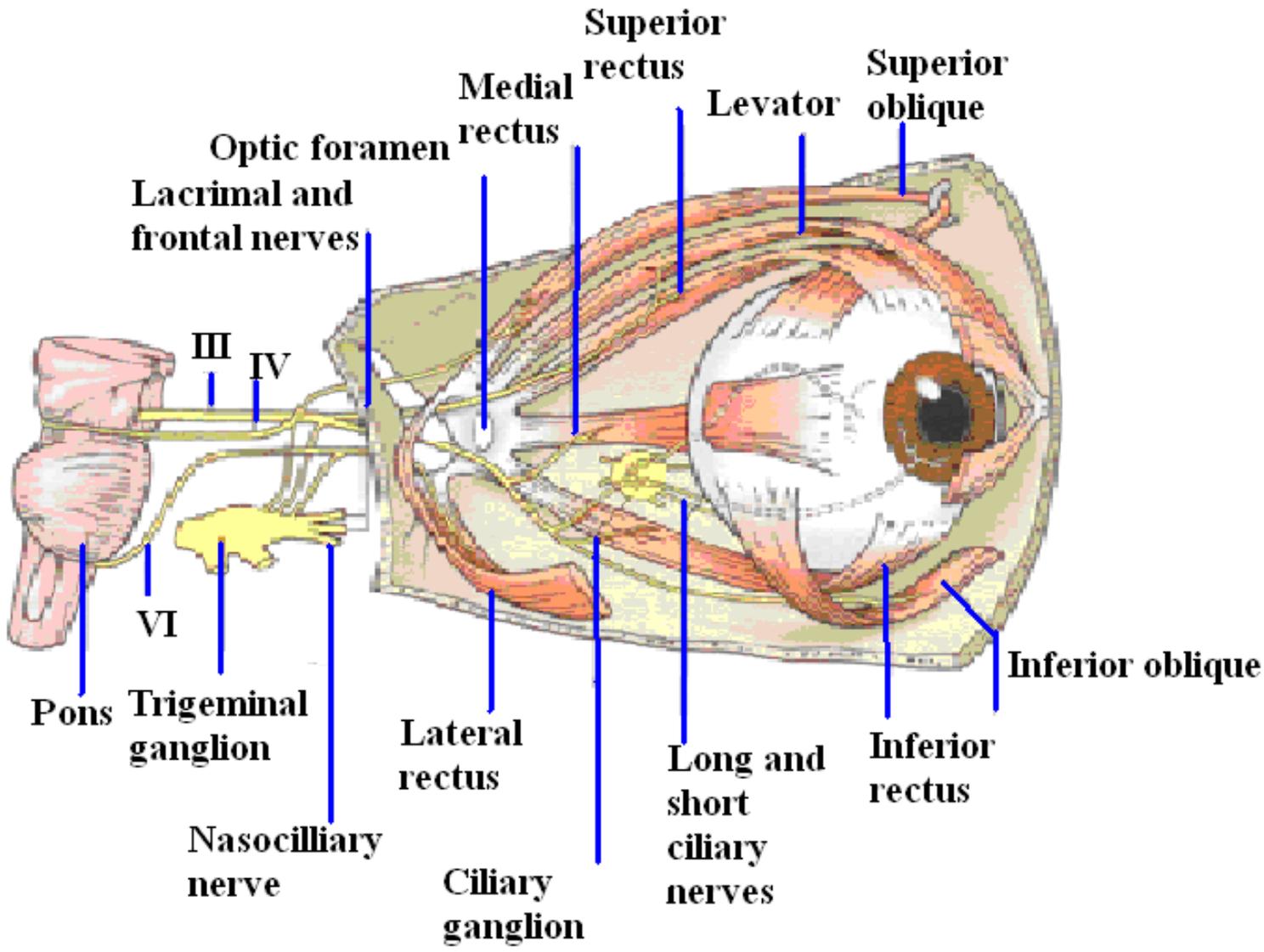
Nerves of the Orbit

- **Branches of the ophthalmic division of the trigeminal (fifth) nerve are sensory to the eyeball (especially the cornea), the conjunctiva and the skin of the eyelids extending up across the forehead and back towards the occiput Hence.**
- **The nasociliary nerve is the branch to the eyeball, but it does not terminate there. The nerve passes on into the medial orbital wall and emerges on the side of the nose.**

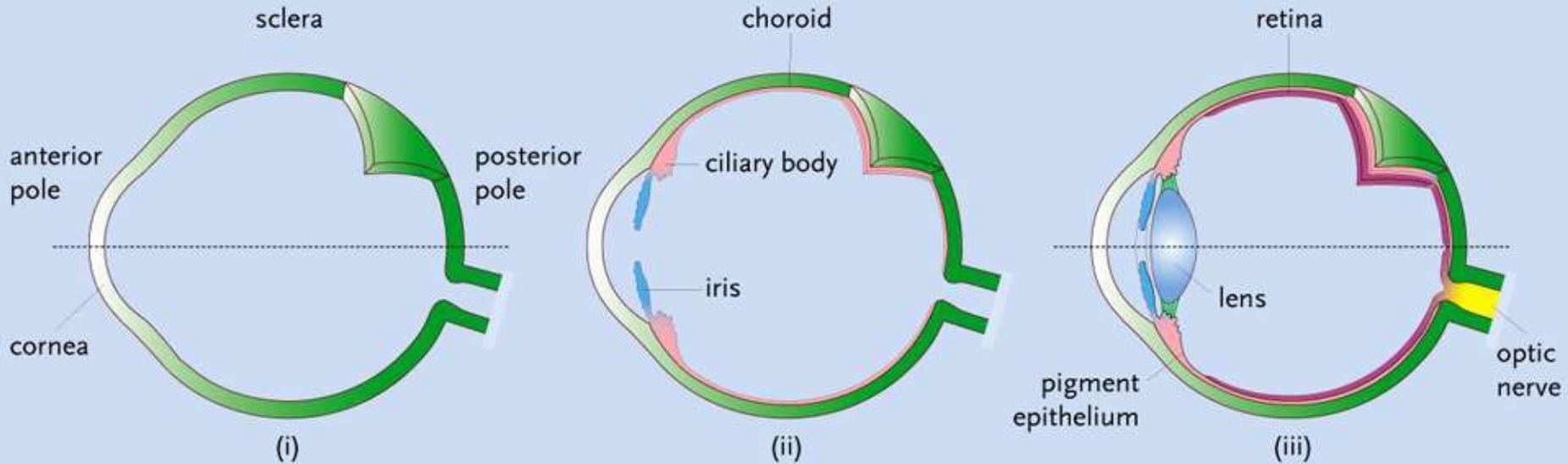


Nerves of the Orbit

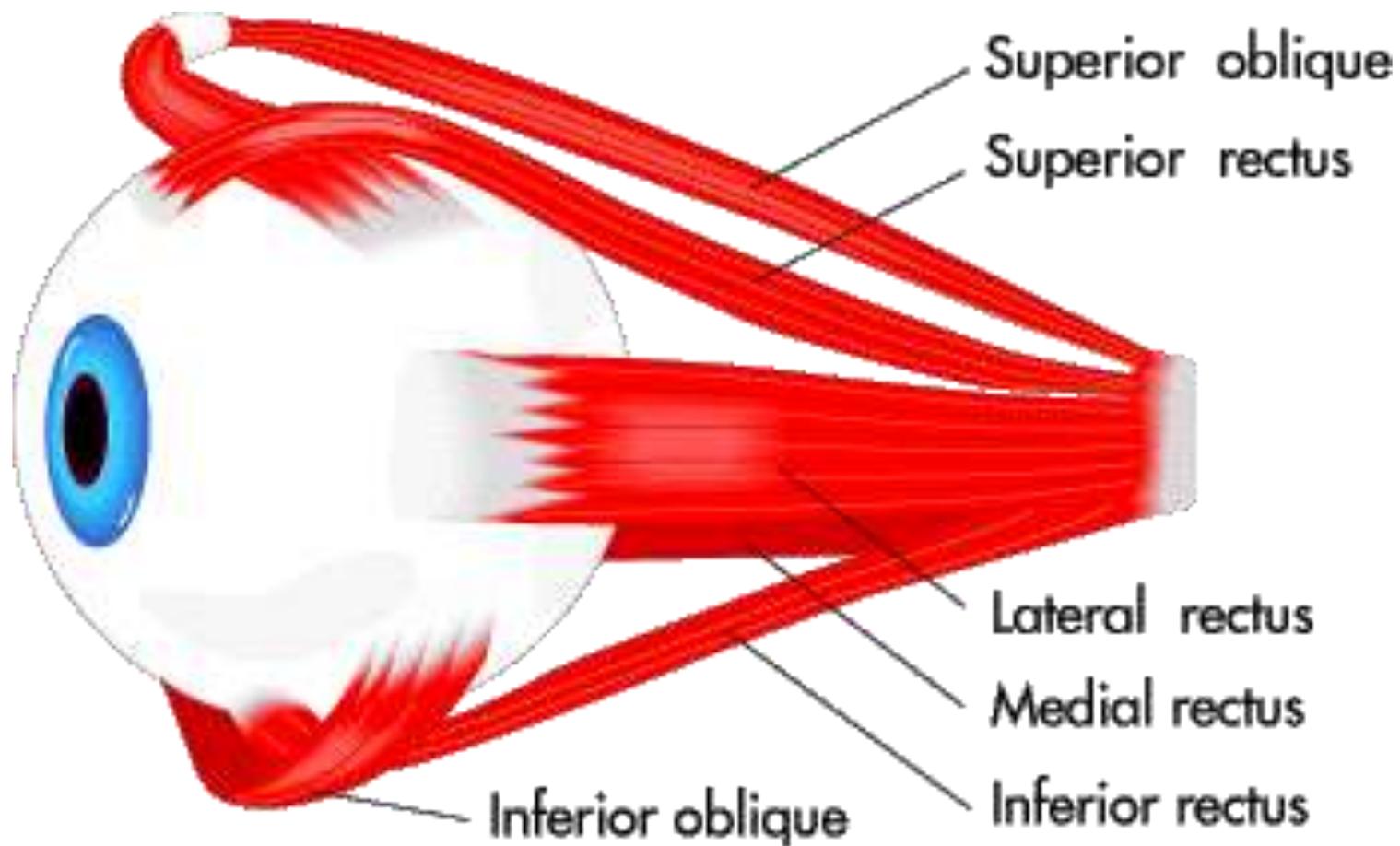
- **Parasympathetic fibres to the lacrimal gland pursue a complex course, passing with the facial nerve and then following the maxillary division of the trigeminal.**
- **The sensory and parasympathetic nerve fibres reach the eyeball via the short and long ciliary nerves which pierce the sclera posteriorly.**

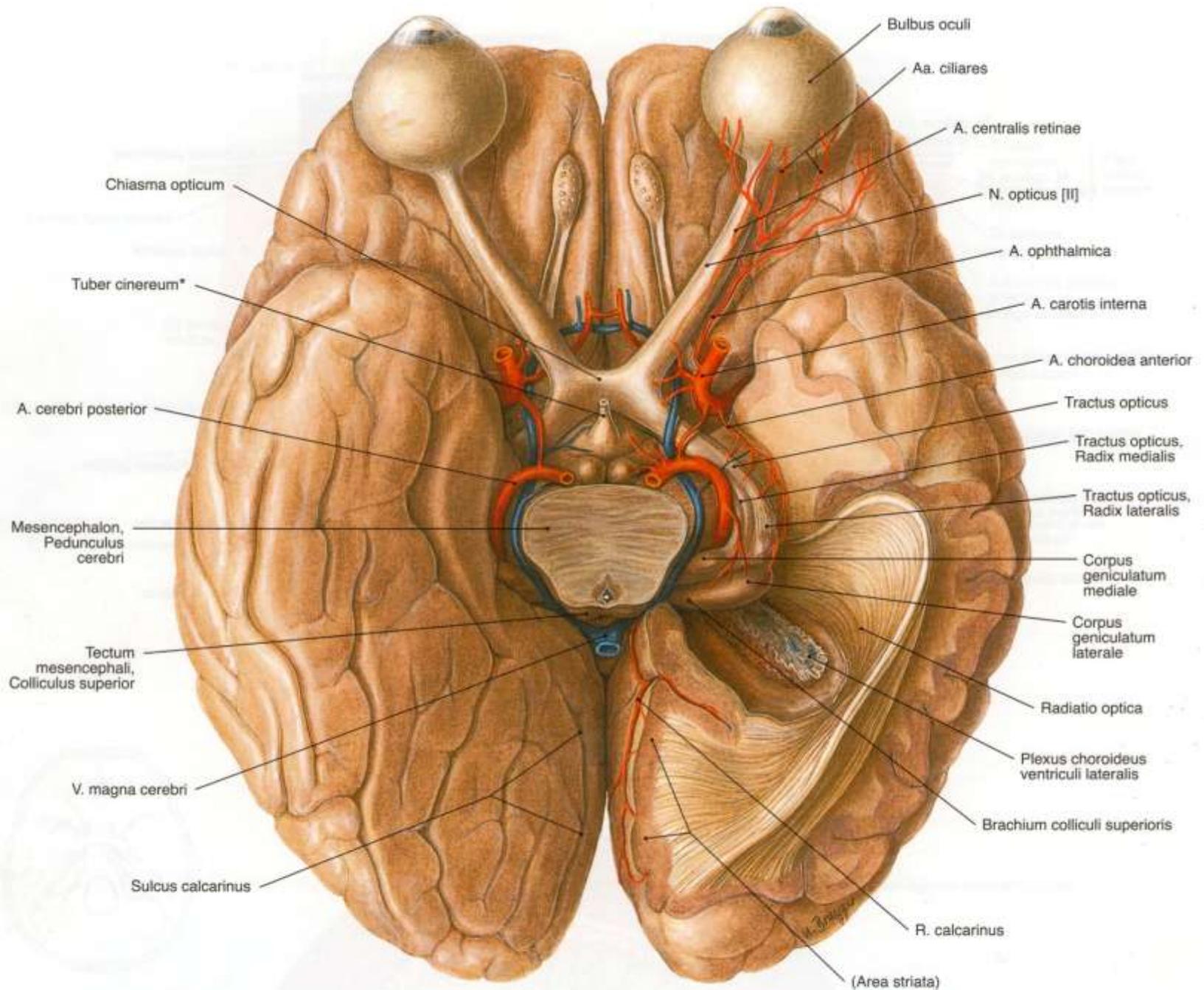


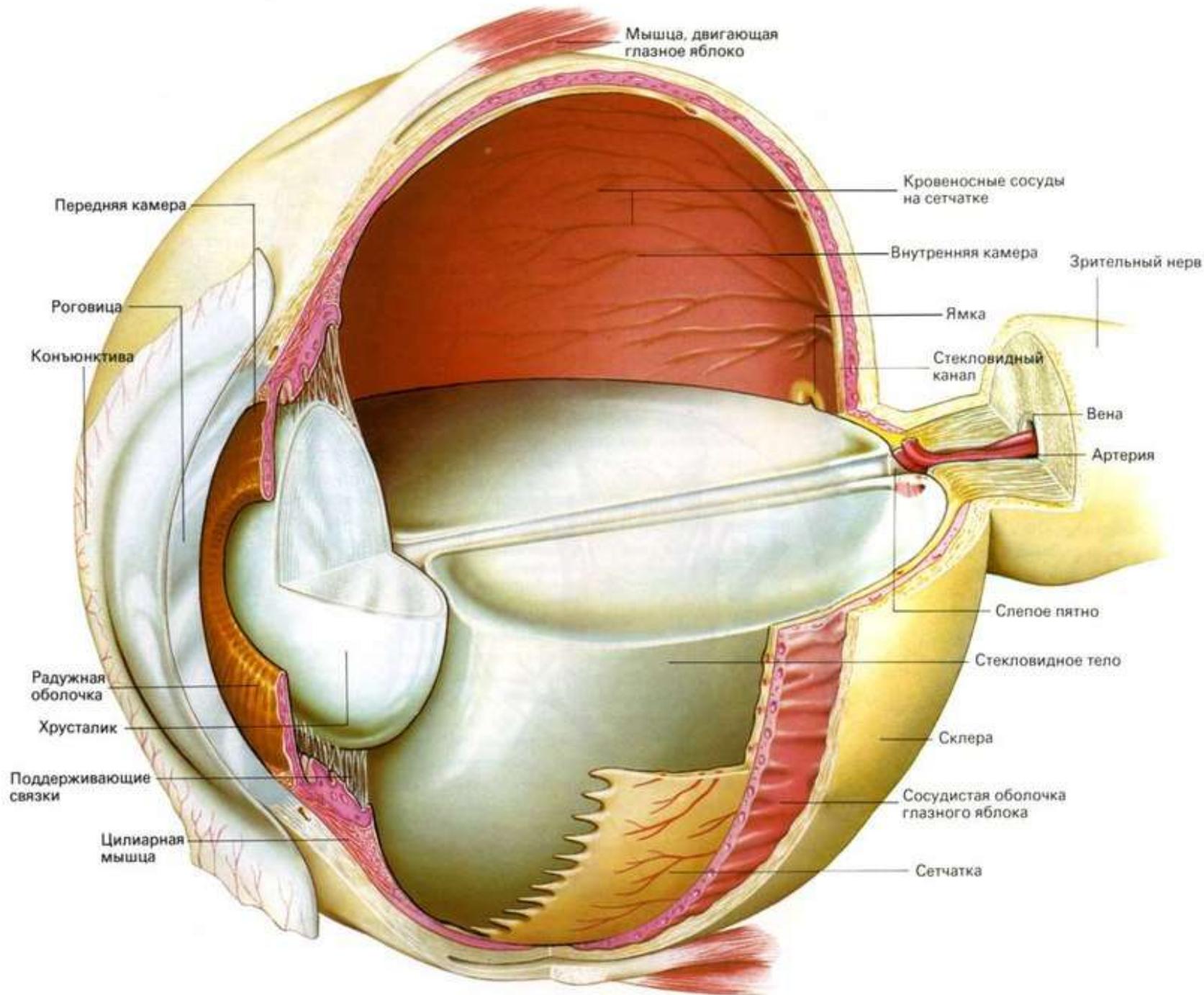
Layers of the Eye



- Sclera: outer white layer; maintains shape of eye; muscles attached control eye movement
- Choroid: contains blood vessels

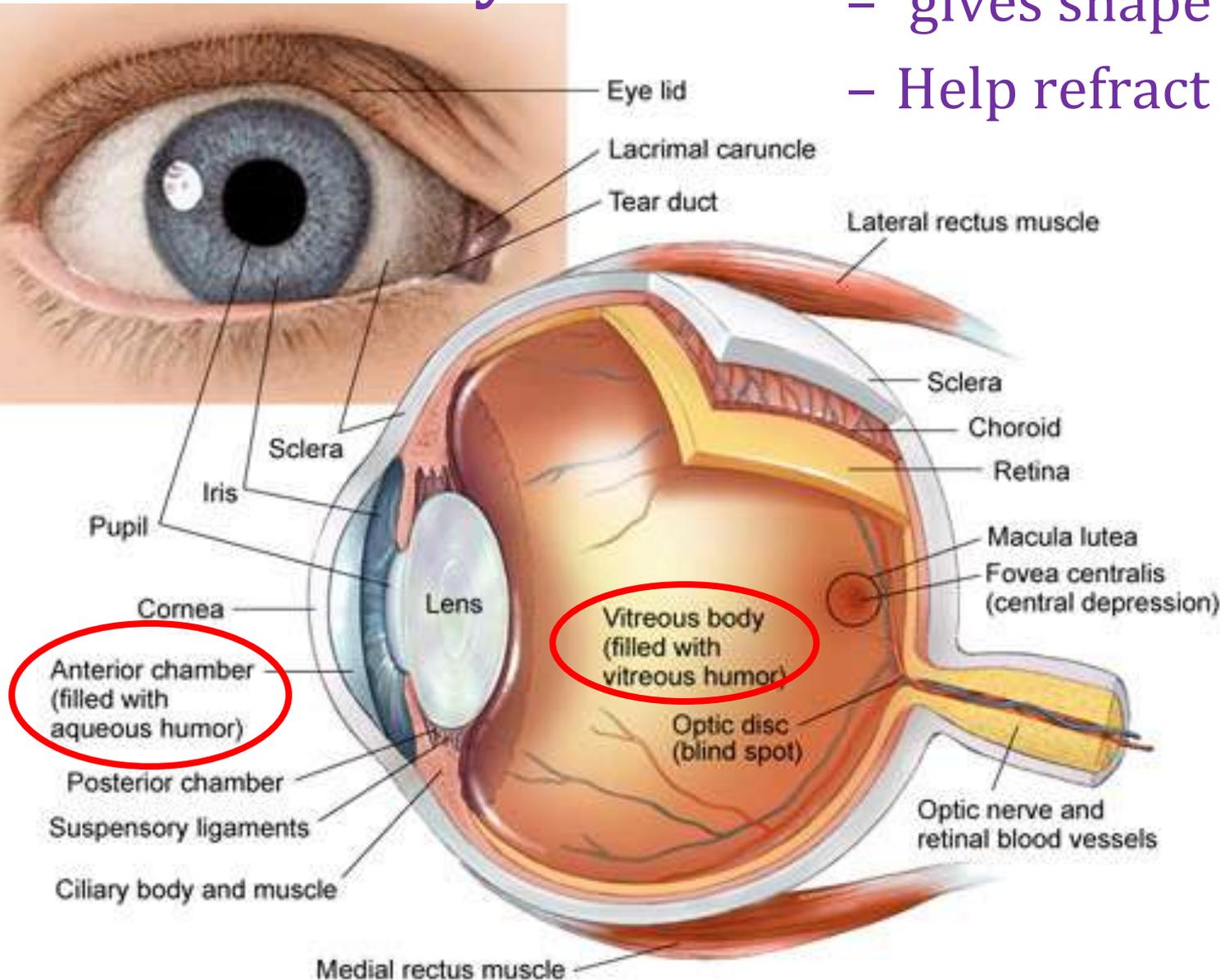






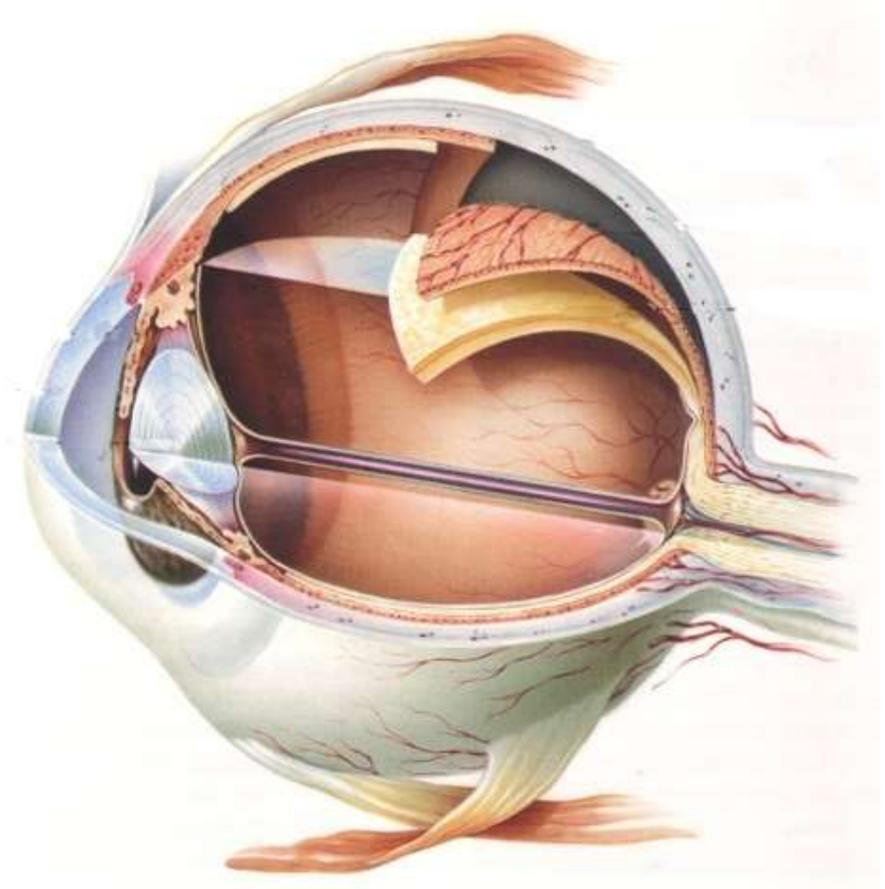
Chambers & Fluids of Eye

- Liquids (humour):
- gives shape to eye
 - Help refract light rays

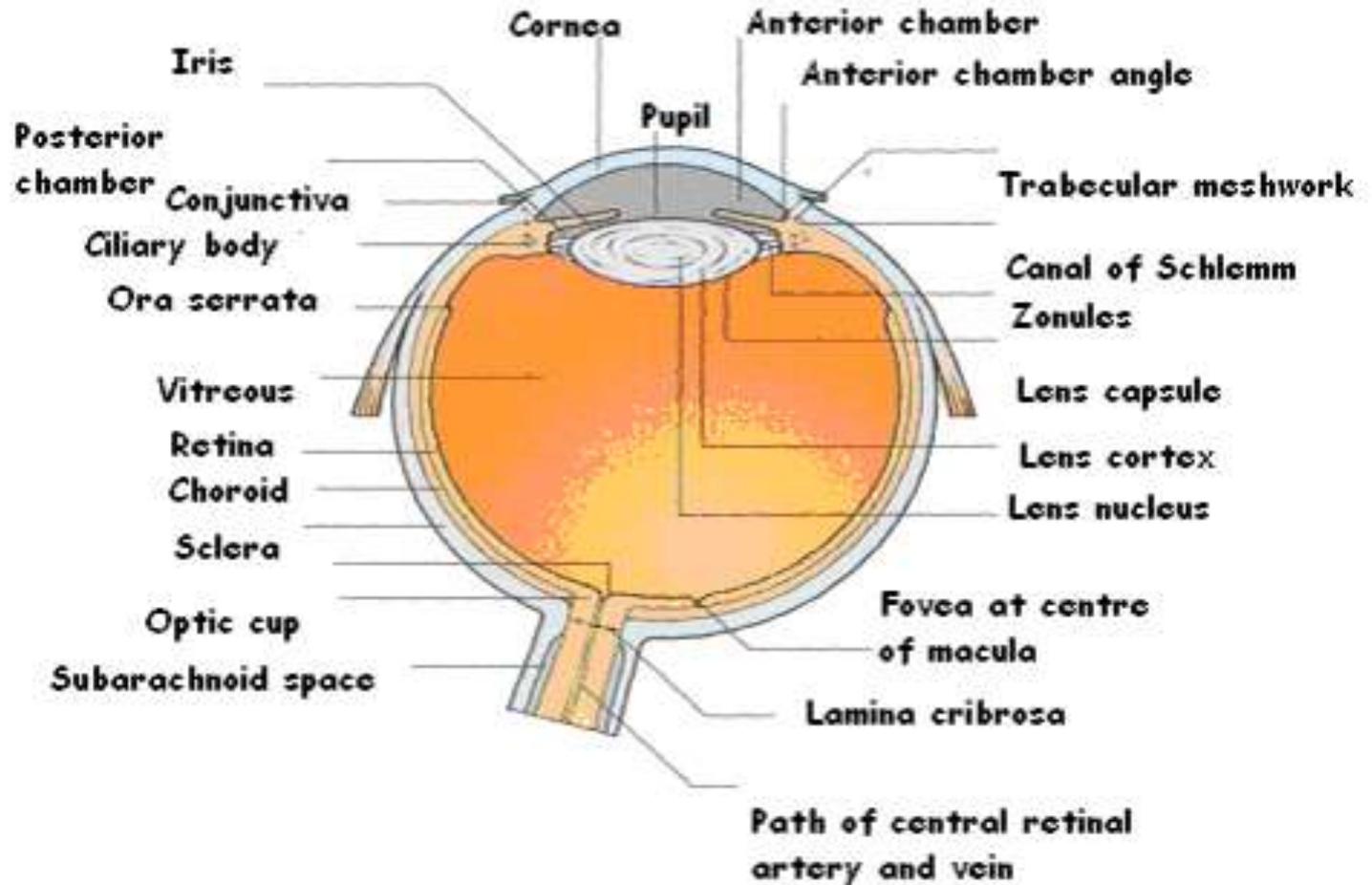


Sagittal section of the eye

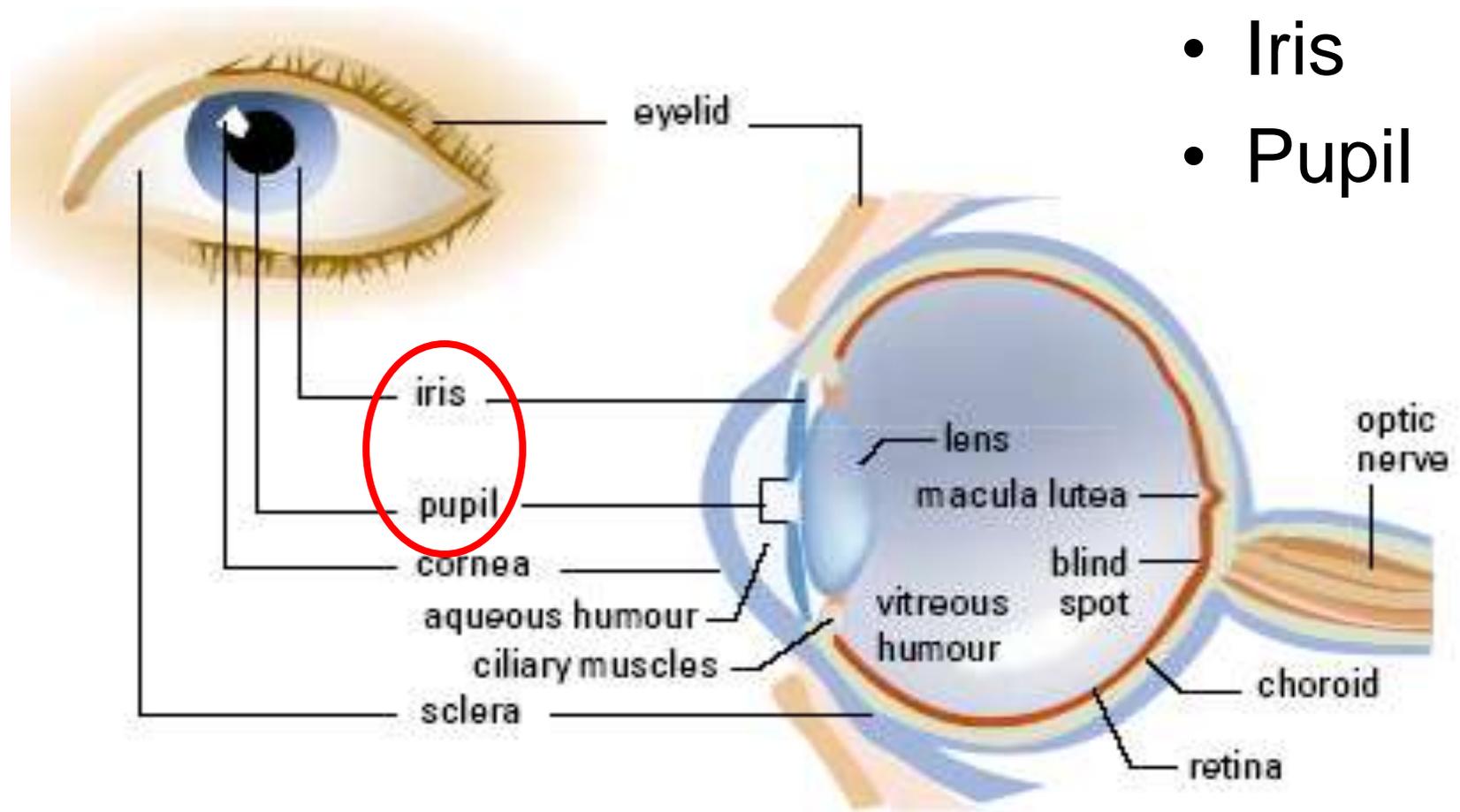
- Fibrous tunic of eye
- Choroid
- Retina



Sagittal section of the eye



Regulating Amount of Light





contracted pupil



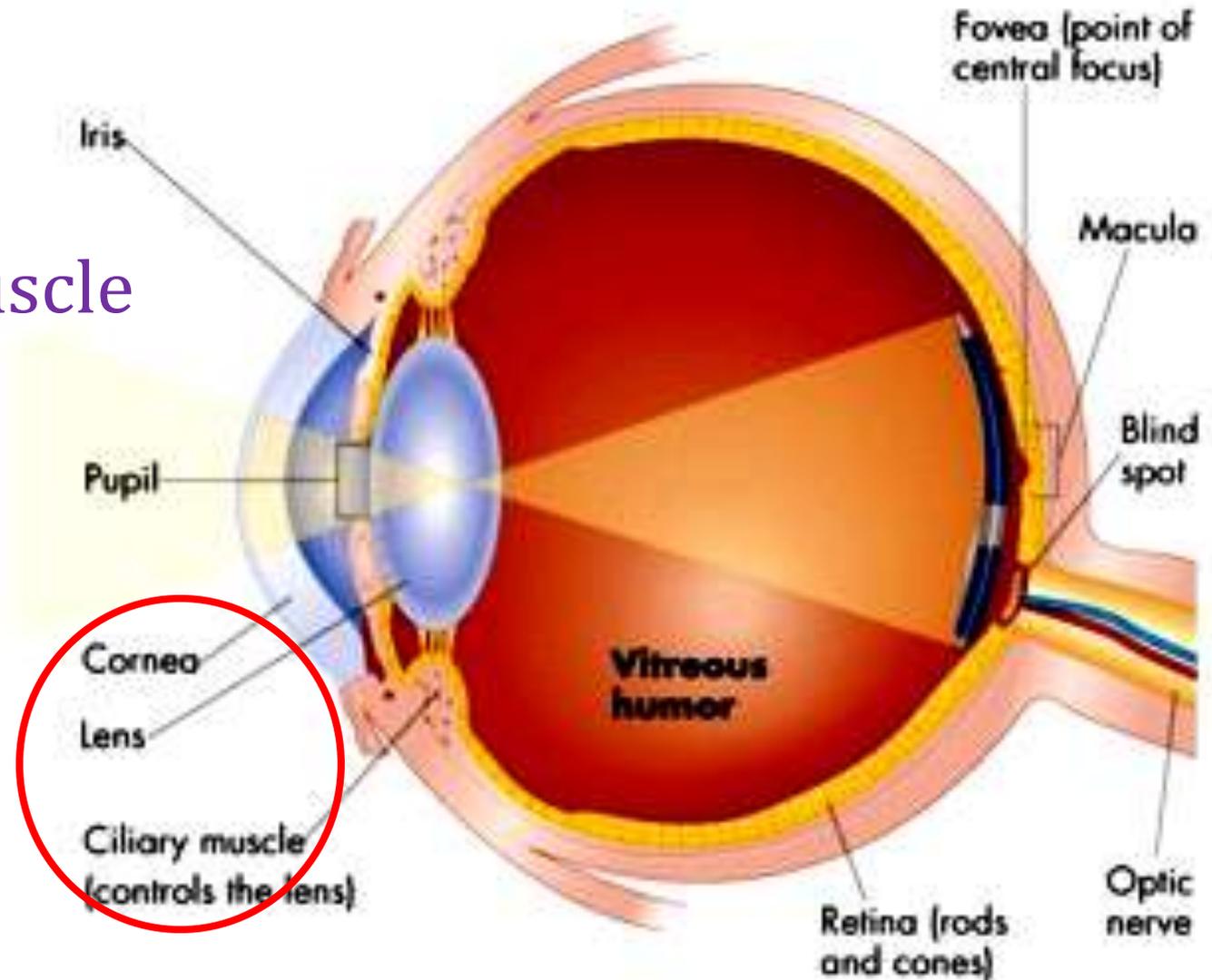
dilated pupil

Regulating amount of light

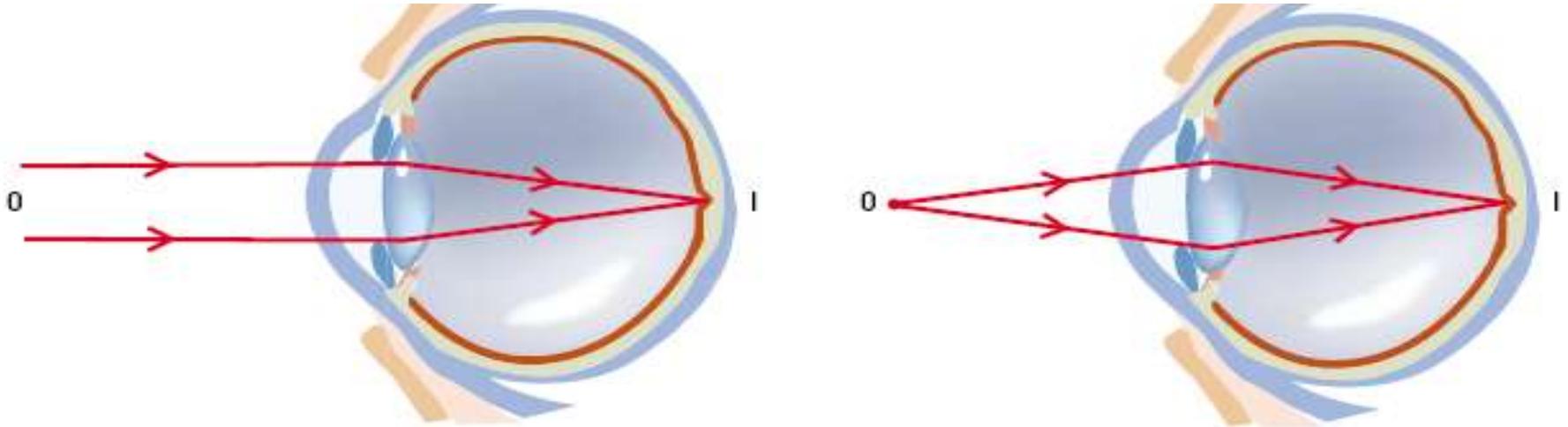
Parts	Description	Function	Analogy
Iris	coloured ring	open and closes to control the amount of light entering eye	diaphragm in microscope
Pupil	black centre	hole of iris where light enters eye	aperture in camera

Focusing Light Rays

- Cornea
- Lens
- Ciliary muscle

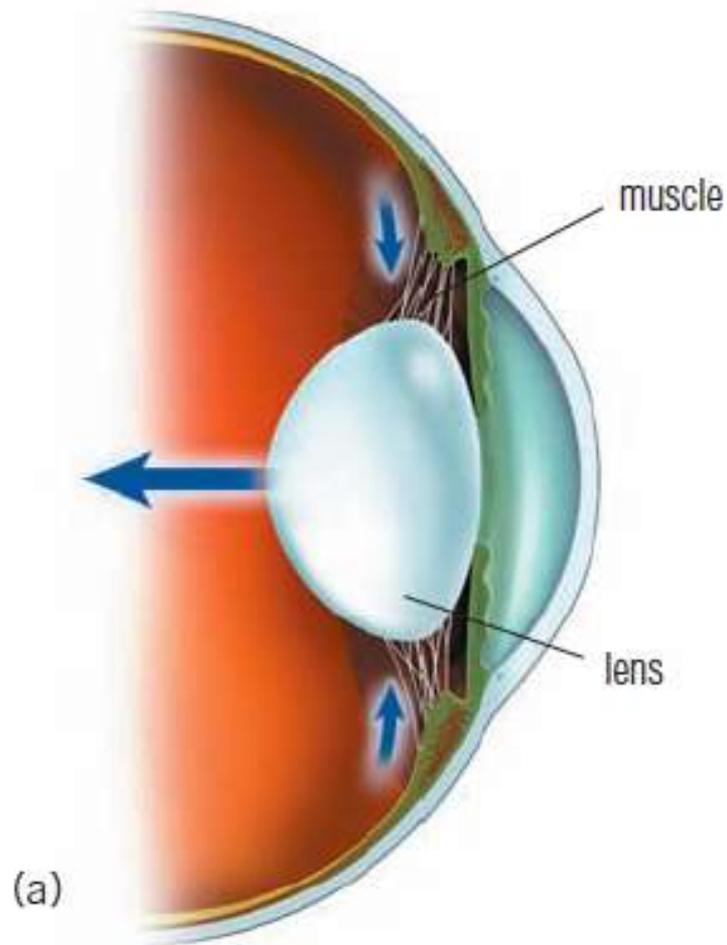


Focusing Light Rays



- Light rays from distant objects enter the eye **parallel** to one another
- Light rays from close objects **diverge**.

Nearby Objects



Distant Objects

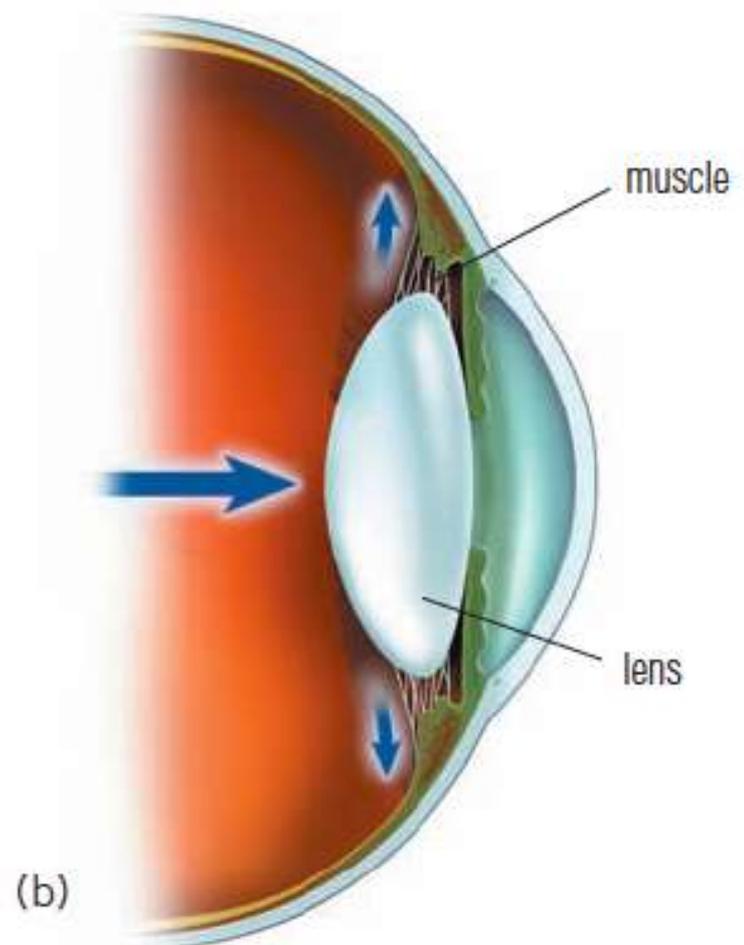
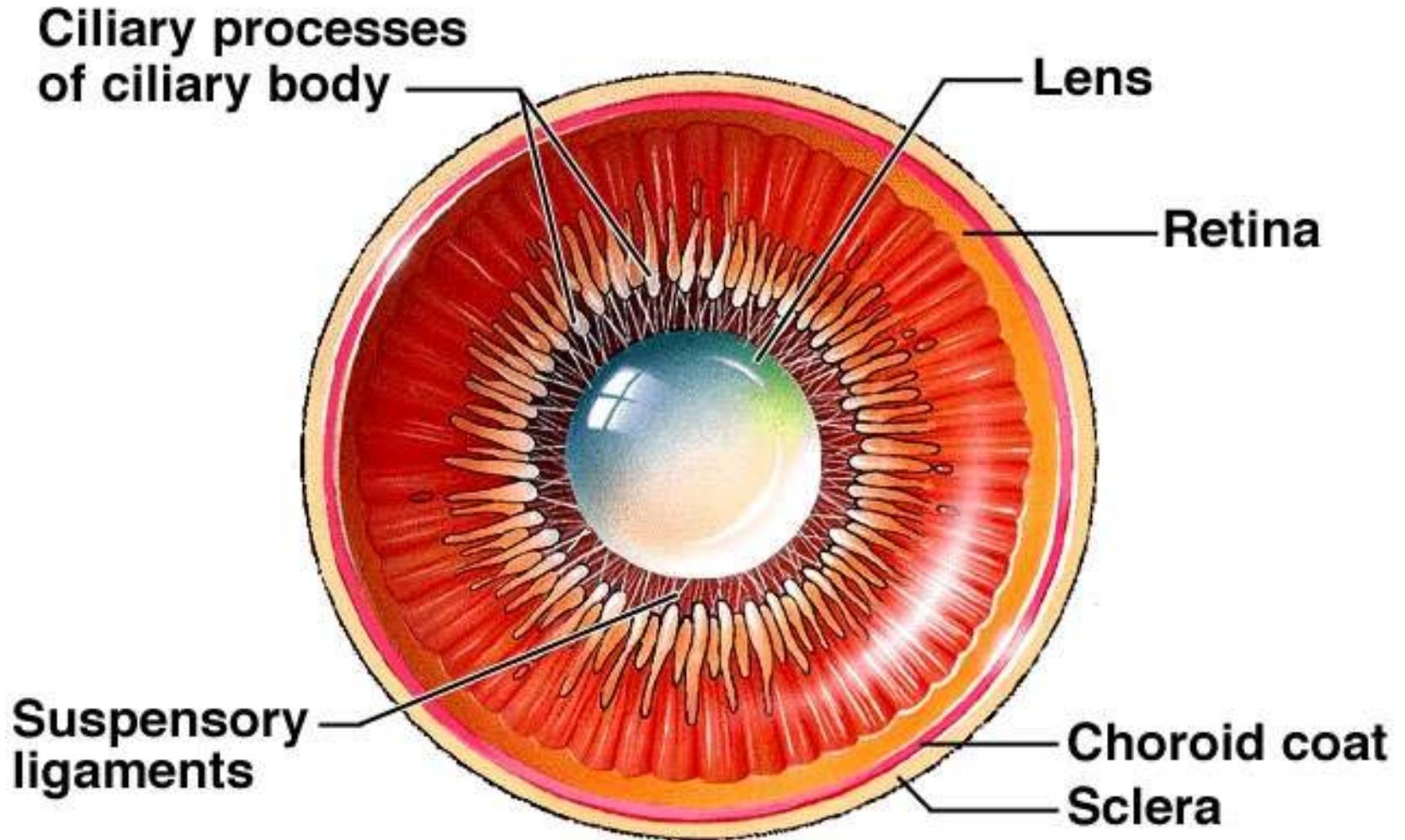
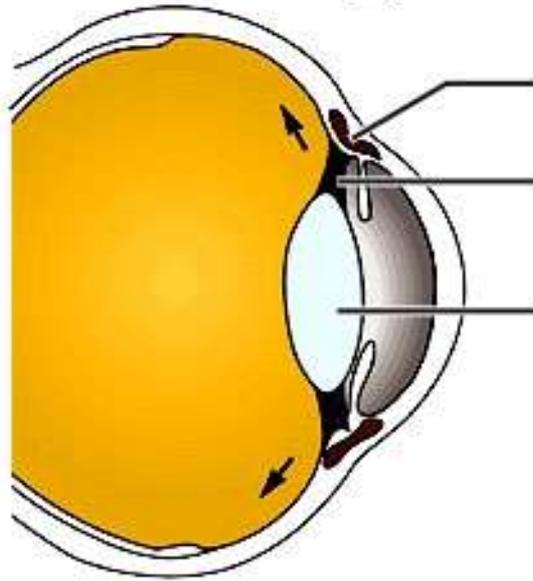


Figure 12.9 The muscles change the shape of the lens so you can focus on objects at various distances. (a) Position of muscles and shape of lens when focussing on nearby objects and (b) distant objects

Lens and Ciliary Body

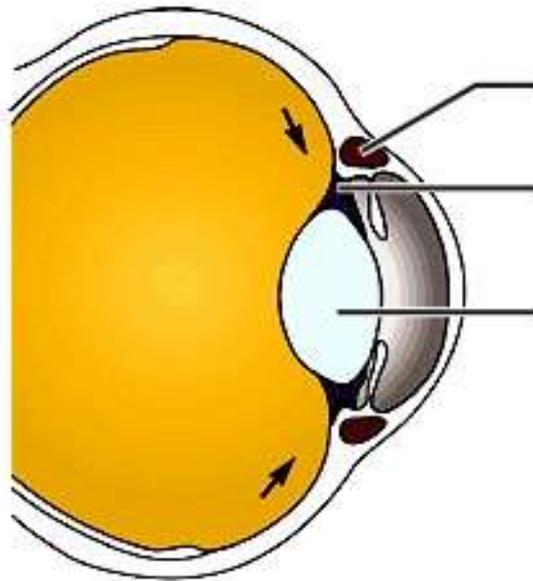




**Ciliary muscle
fibers relaxed**

**Suspensory
ligaments taut**

Lens thin



**Ciliary muscle
fibers contracted**

**Suspensory
ligaments relaxed**

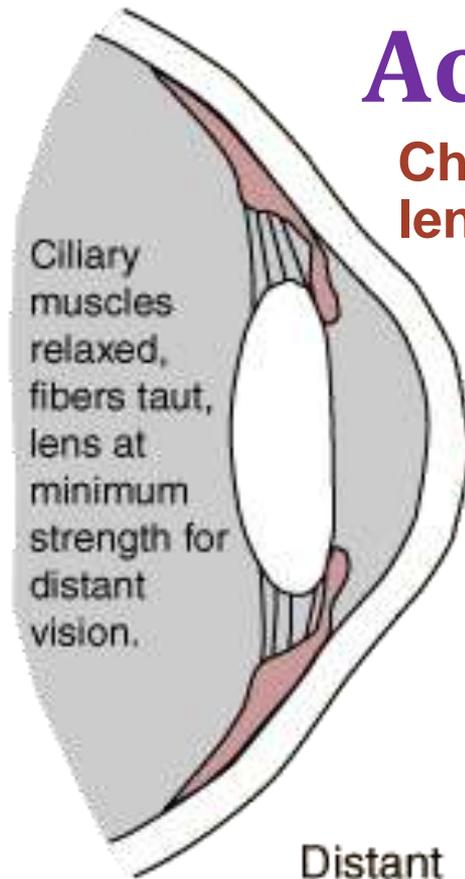
Lens thick

Accommodation

Accommodations

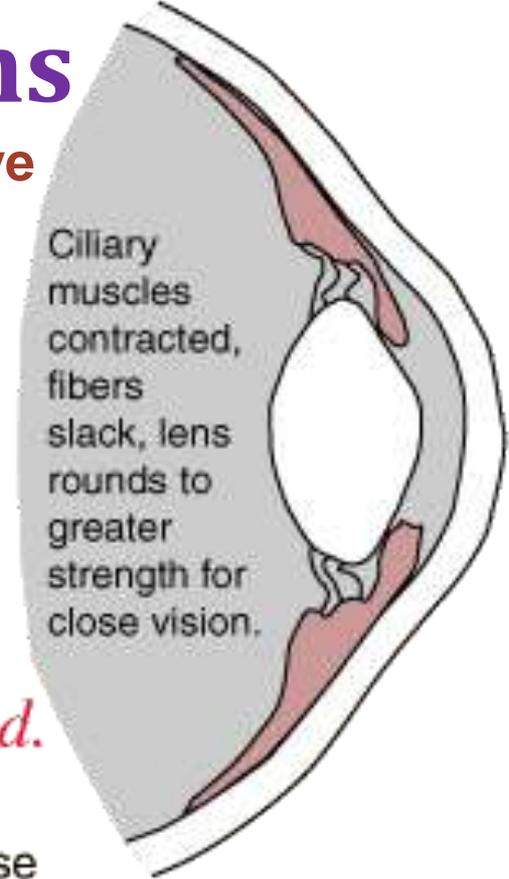
Changing the shape of the eye lens to keep objects in focus

Ciliary muscles relaxed, fibers taut, lens at minimum strength for distant vision.

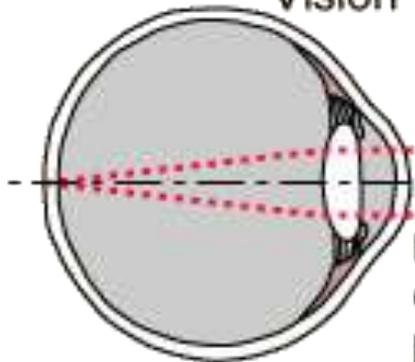


The eye accommodates for close vision by tightening the ciliary muscles, allowing the pliable crystalline lens to become more rounded.

Ciliary muscles contracted, fibers slack, lens rounds to greater strength for close vision.

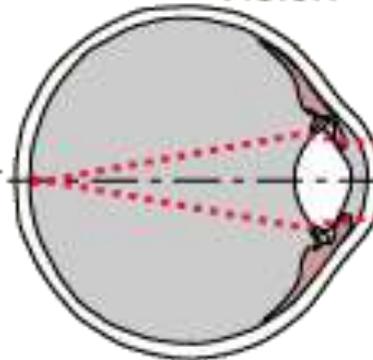


Distant Vision



Light rays from distant objects are nearly parallel and don't need as much refraction to bring them to a focus.

Close Vision

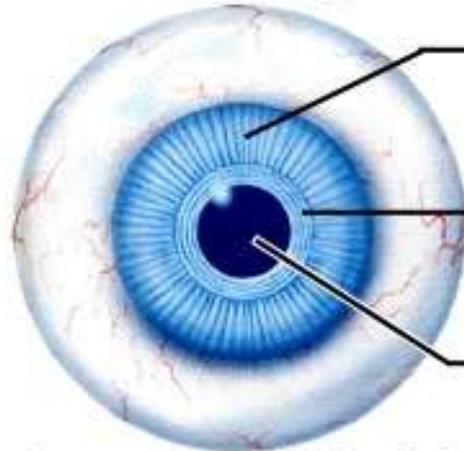


Light rays from close objects diverge and require more refraction for focusing.



In dim light

**Sympathetic motor
nerve fiber**



In normal light

**Radially arranged smooth
muscle fibers of the iris**

**Circularly arranged smooth
muscle fibers of the iris**

Pupil



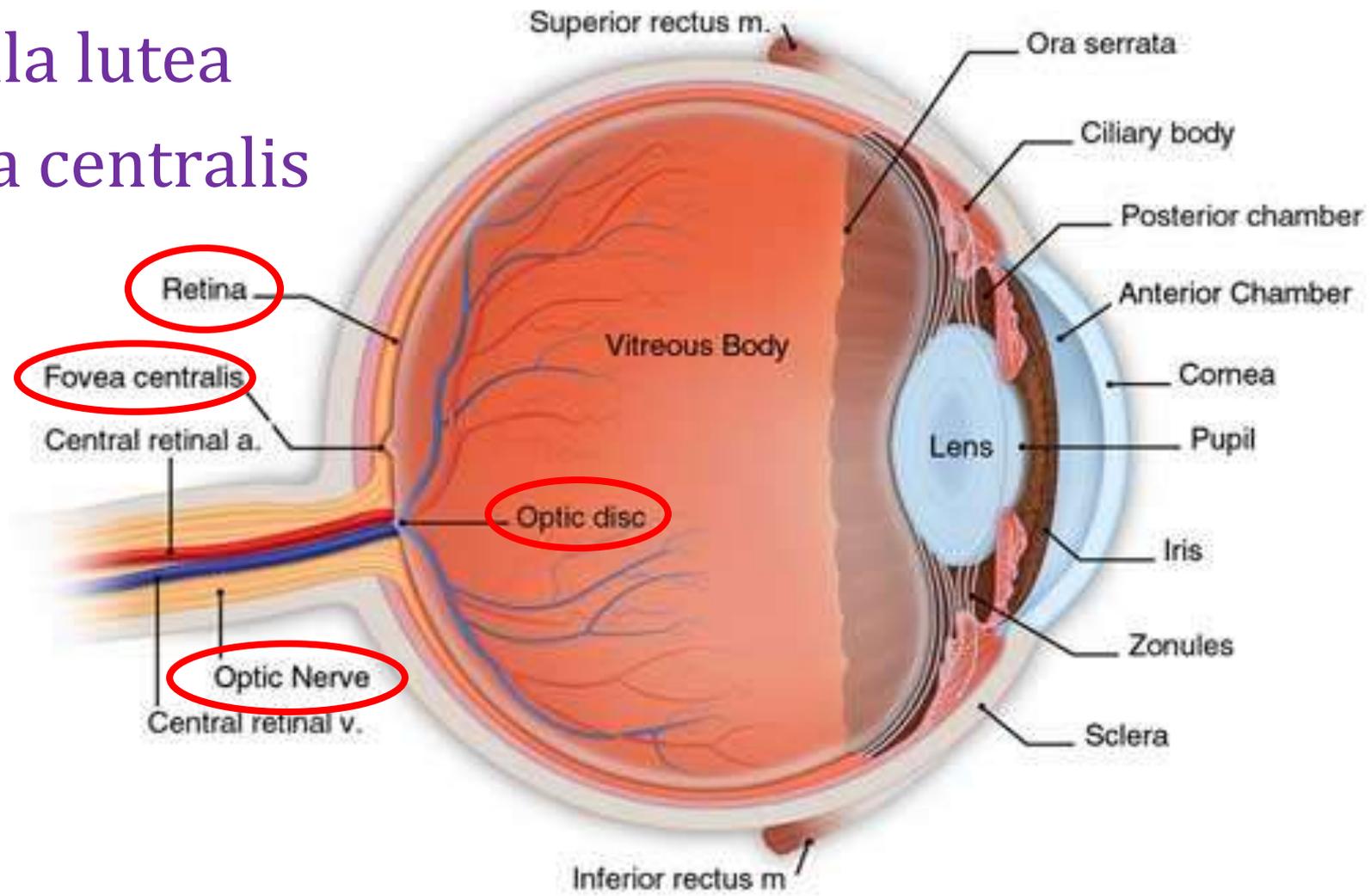
In bright light

**Parasympathetic
ganglion**

**Pupil Dilation
and Constriction**

- Retina
- Optic nerve
- Optic disc
- Macula lutea
- Fovea centralis

Image Production



Retina

- At the back of the eye
- Consist of 2 types of light-sensitive cells: rods and cones
- Converts light signal into an electrical signal that is transmitted to the brain through the optic nerve

Anatomy of the Retina

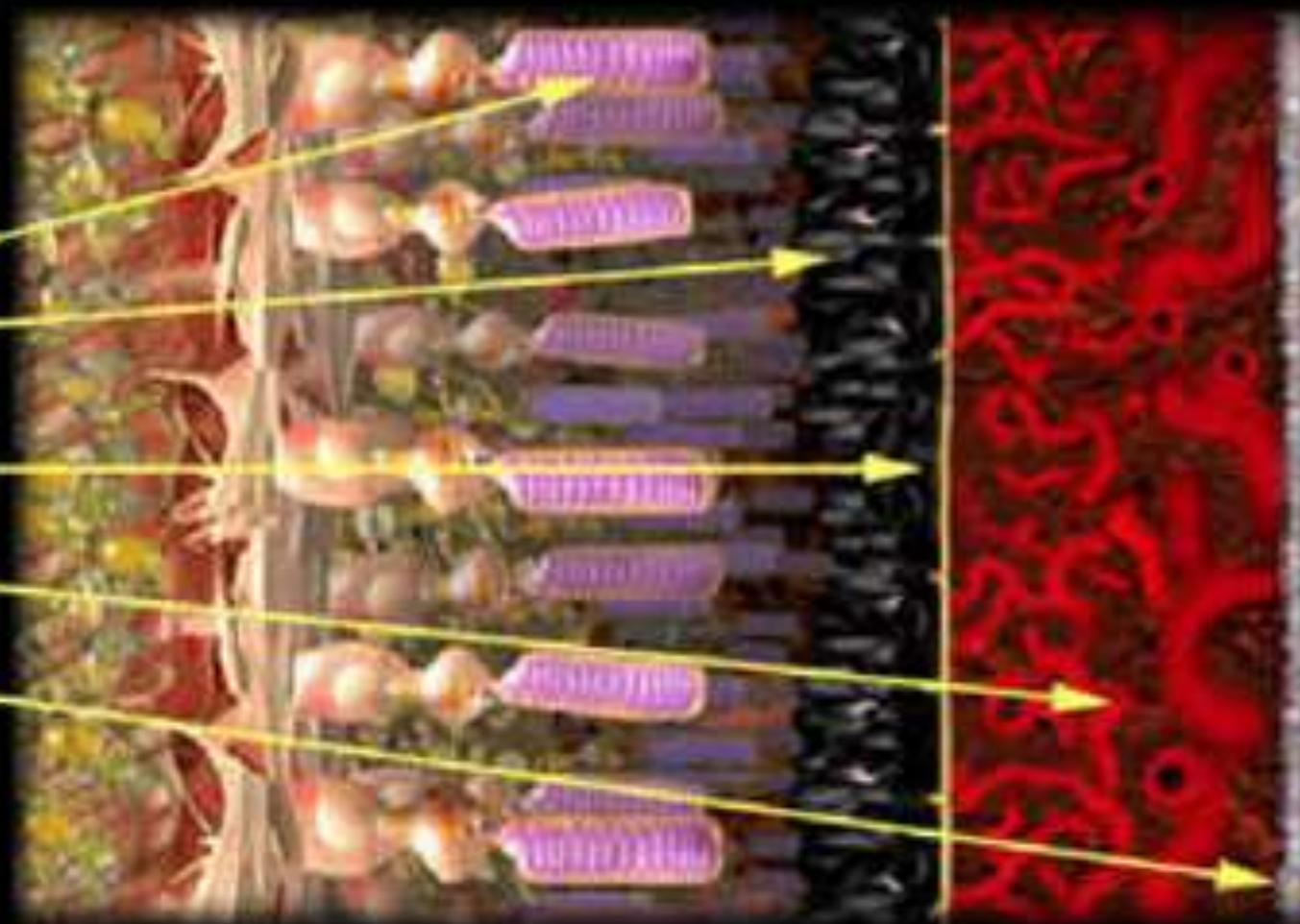
Photoreceptors

RPE

Bruch's membrane

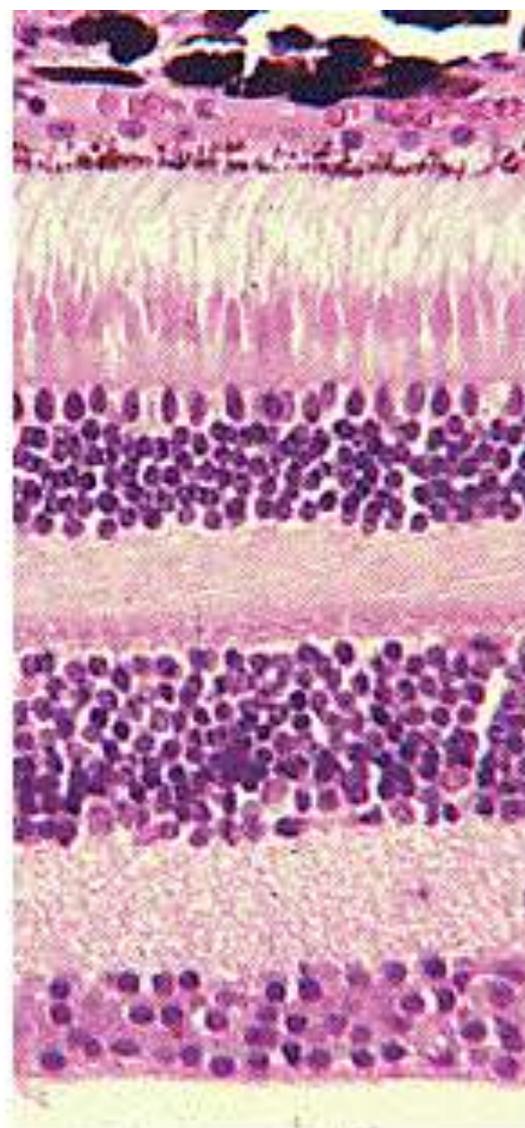
Choroid

Sclera

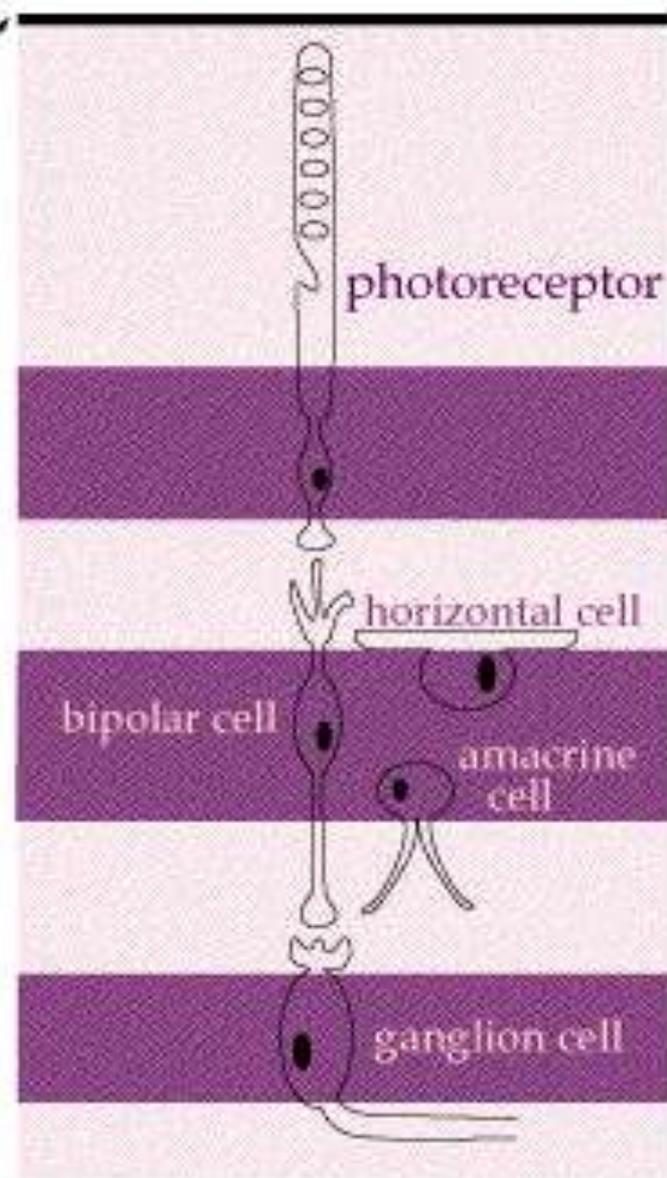


Retina Structure

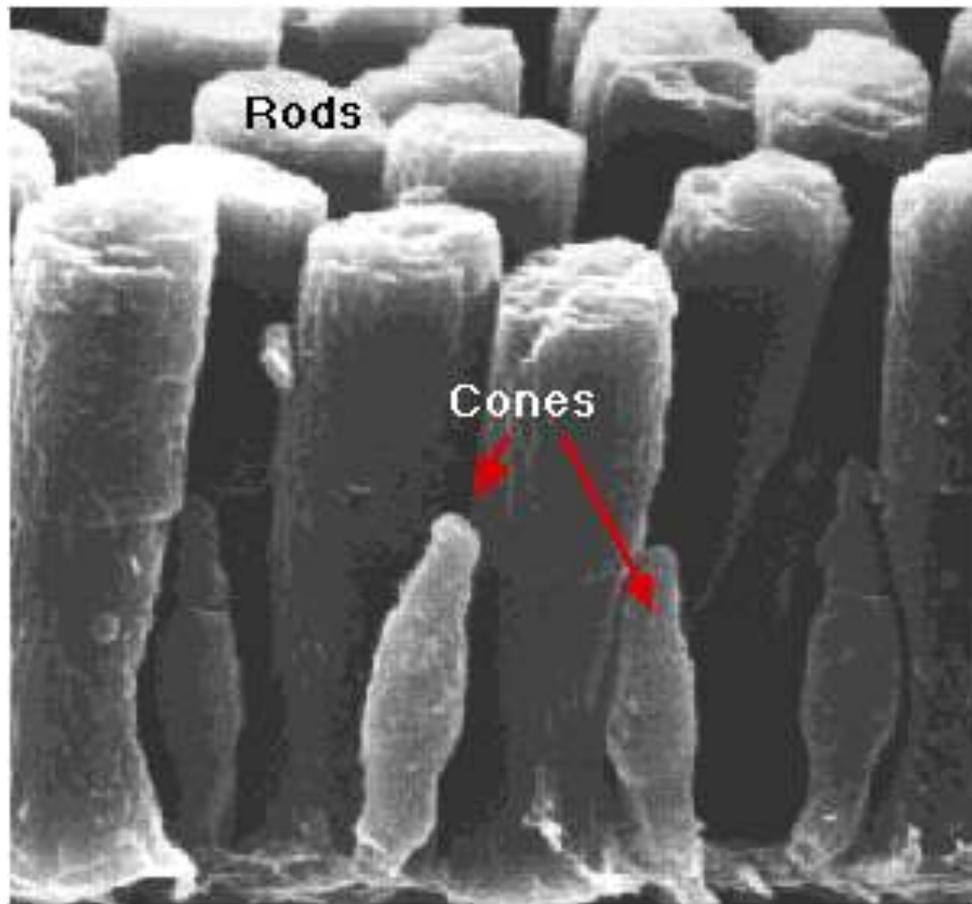
- **Light sensitive layer** is made of photo-receptors: rods (120 millions) and cones (7 millions) which absorb the light.
- **Plexiform Layer**: nerve cells that process the signals generated by rods and cones and relay them to the optical nerve.
- **Choroid**: carries major blood vessels to nourish the retina and absorb the light so that it will not be reflected back (dark pupil!)



choroid
pigment epithelium
outer segments
inner segments
outer nuclear layer (ONL)
outer plexiform layer (OPL)
inner nuclear layer (INL)
inner plexiform layer (IPL)
ganglion cell layer (GCL)
optic fiber layer (OFL)



LIGHT ↑



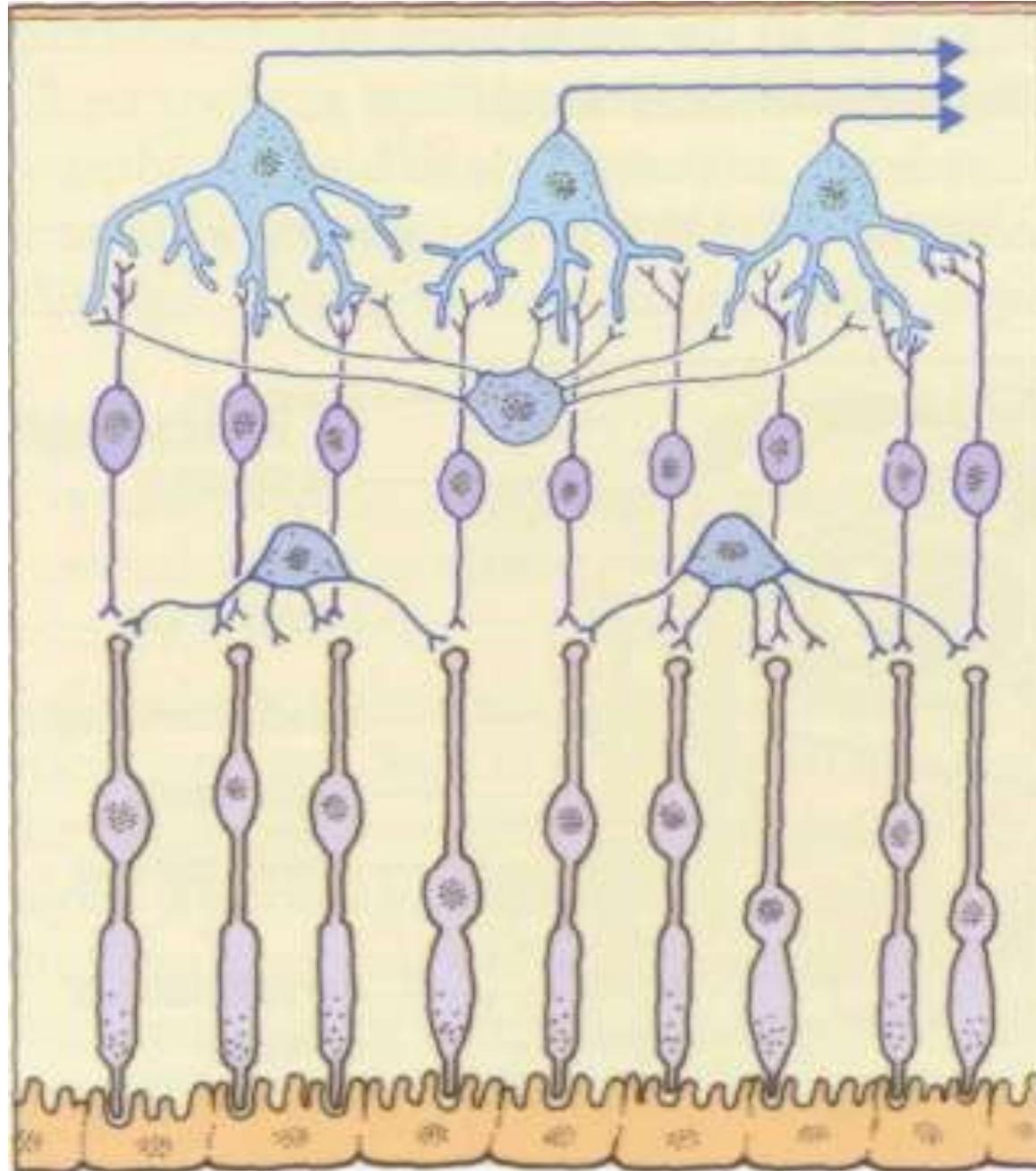
Layers of the retina

Ganglion cells

Connecting and
processing cells

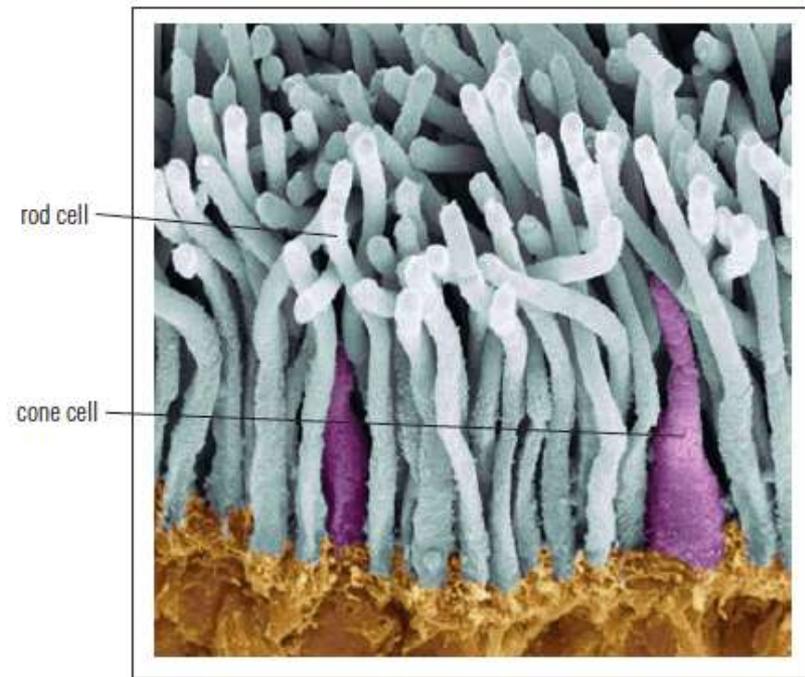
Photoreceptor rods
and cones

Retinal pigment
epithelium



Rods and Cones

- **rod** cells: **light** sensors
 - 120 million
 - Functions in less intense light
 - Used in peripheral vision
 - Responsible for night vision
 - Detects black, white and shades of grey
- **cone** cells: detects **colour**
 - 7 million
 - Highest concentration at fovea centralis
 - Functions best in bright light
 - Perceives fine details
 - 3 types of cone cells, each sensitive to one of the three primary additive colours: red, green, and blue

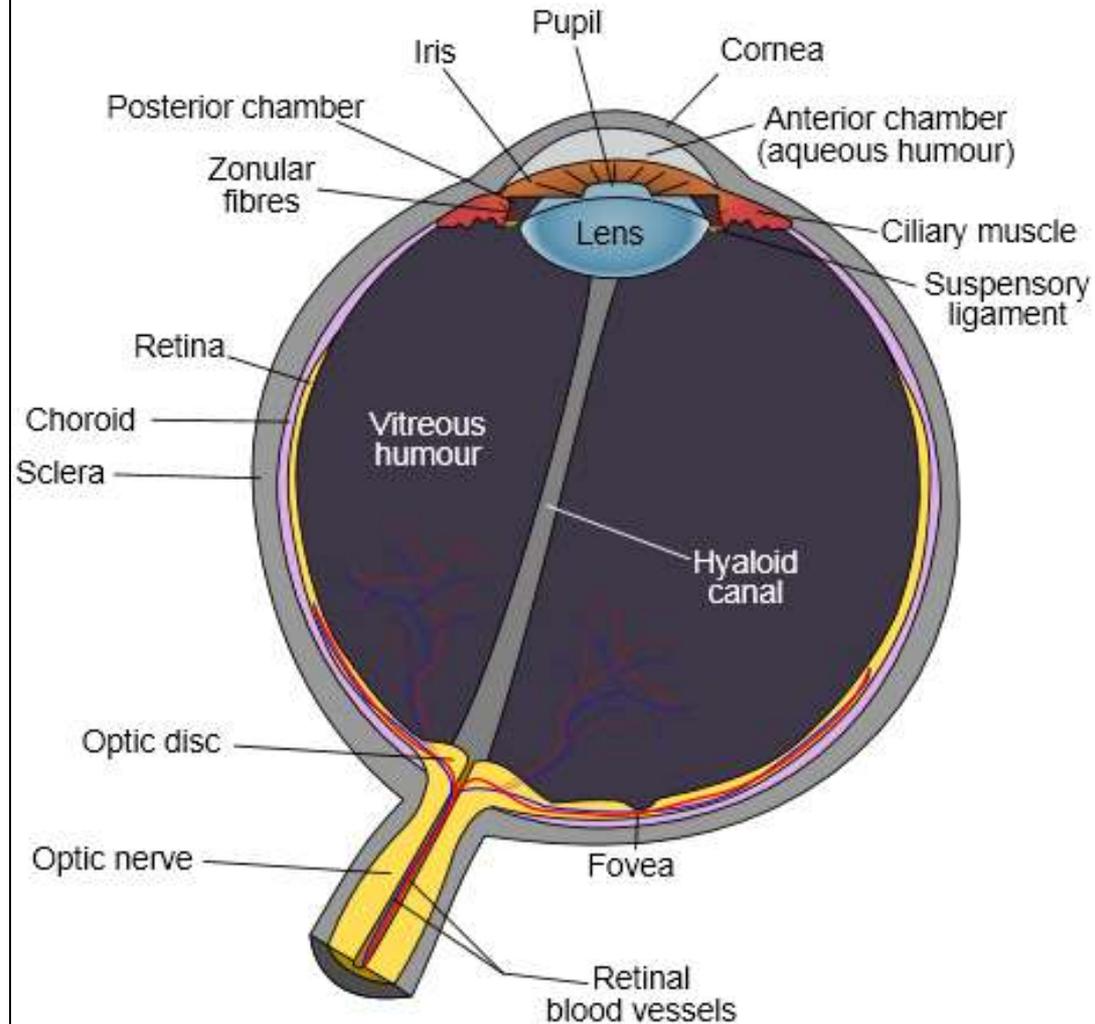


Macula Lutea

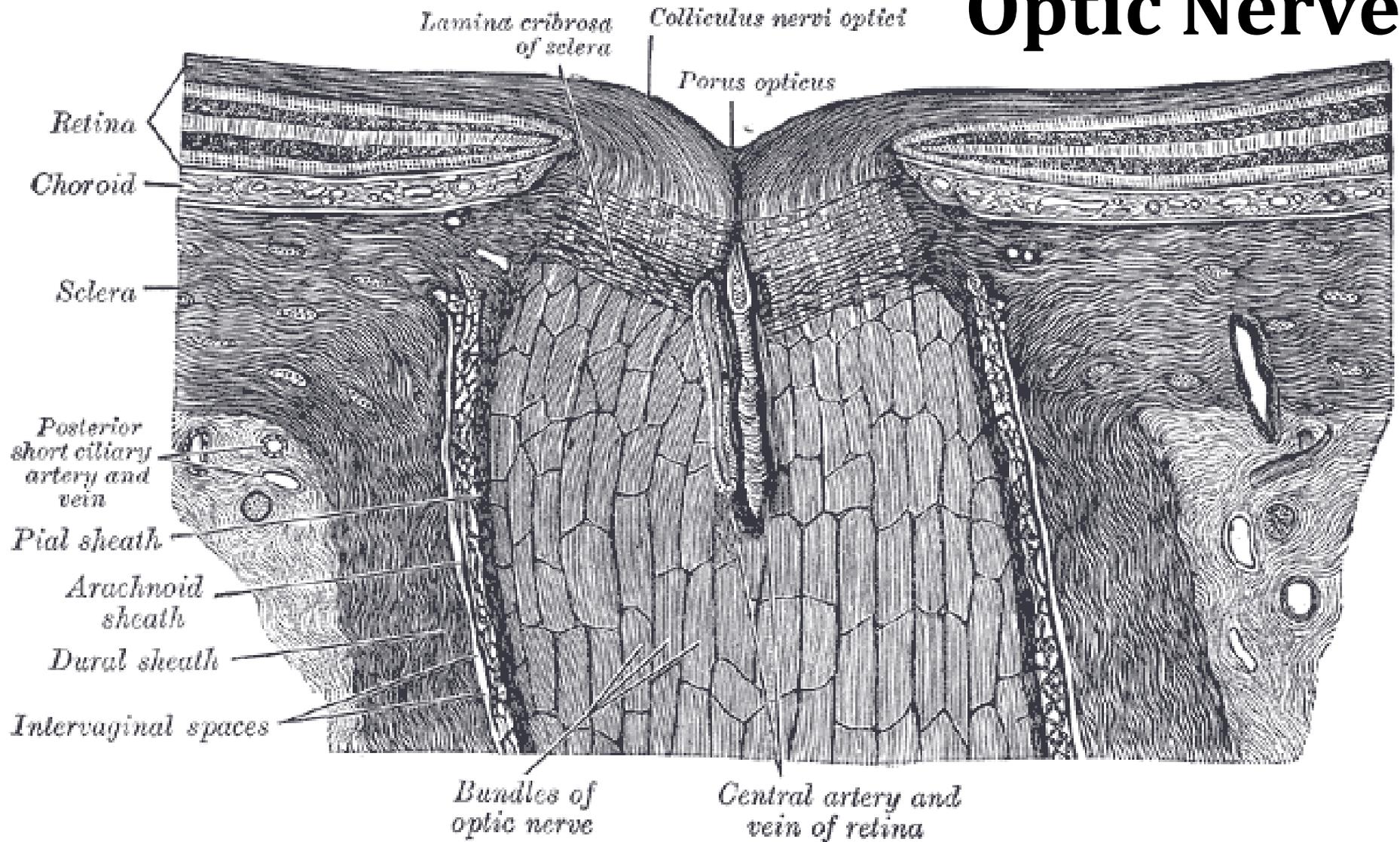
- Small yellowish area of the retina near the optic disc (“yellow spot”)
- Area that provides the most acute vision (clear vision)
- When the gaze is fixed on any object, the centre of the macula, the centre of the lens, and the object are in a straight line

Fovea Centralis (Central Fovea)

- A pit in the centre of the macula lutea
- Contains no rod cells
- Has high concentration of cone cells
- Recall: cones are associated with colour vision and perception of fine detail
- No blood vessels to interfere with vision
- Provides sharp detailed vision (e.g. needed during reading, driving etc.)

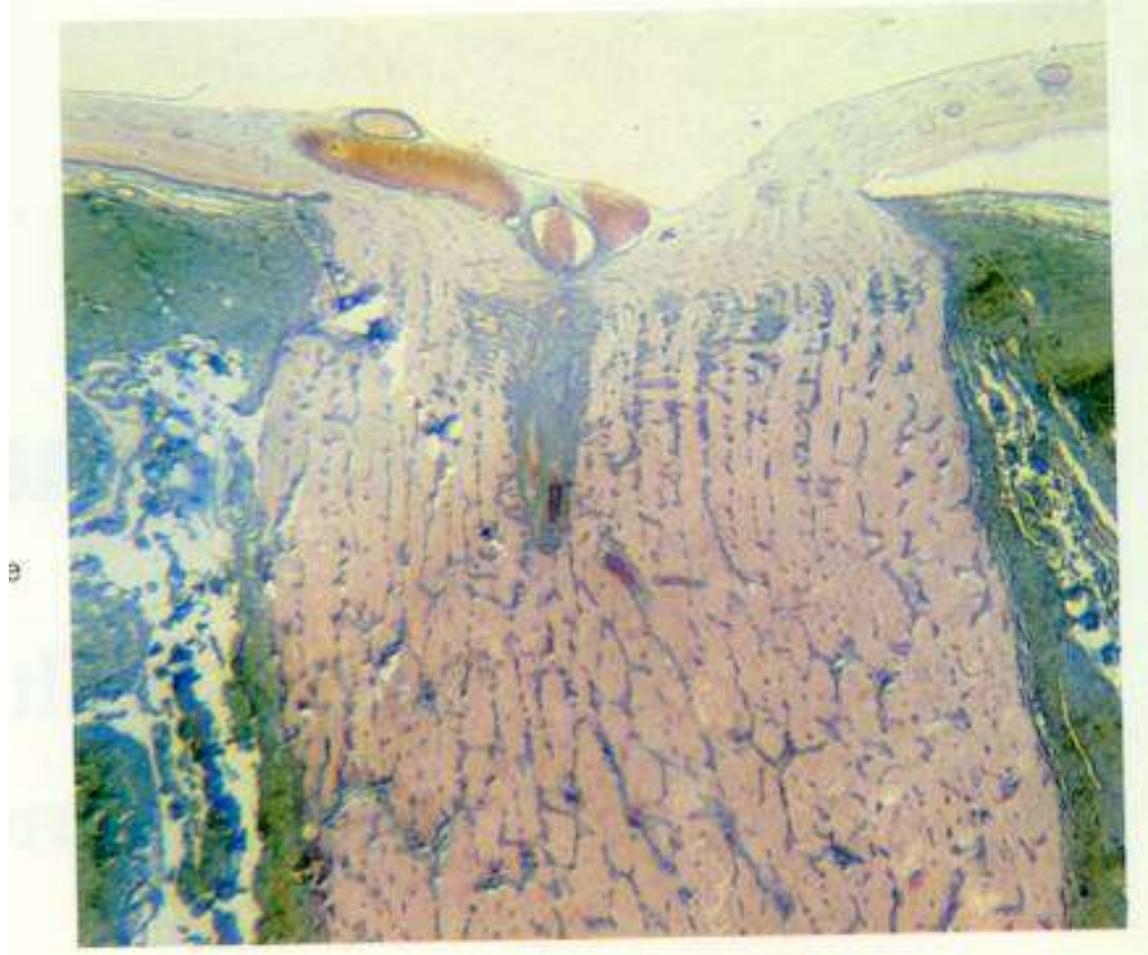


Optic Nerve

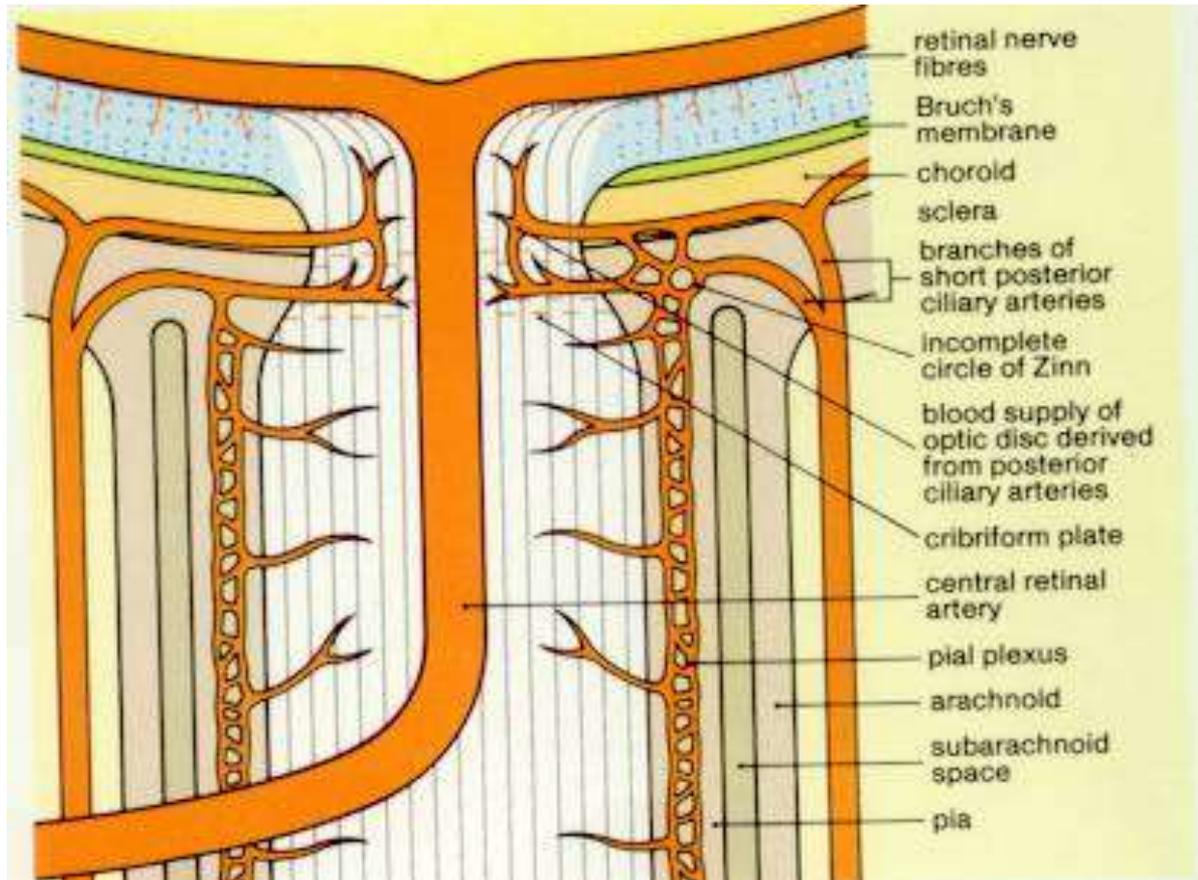


- Nerve cells that transmit message from light-sensitive cells in retina to the brain

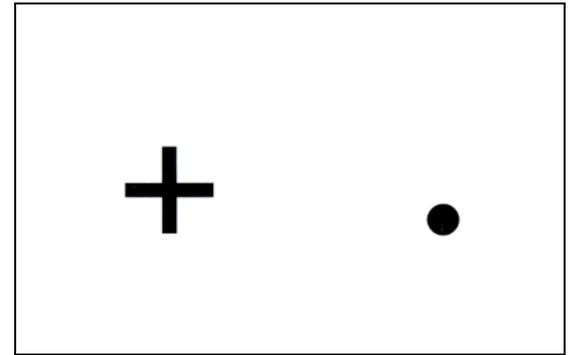
Optic Nerve



Vascular Supply of the Optic Nerve



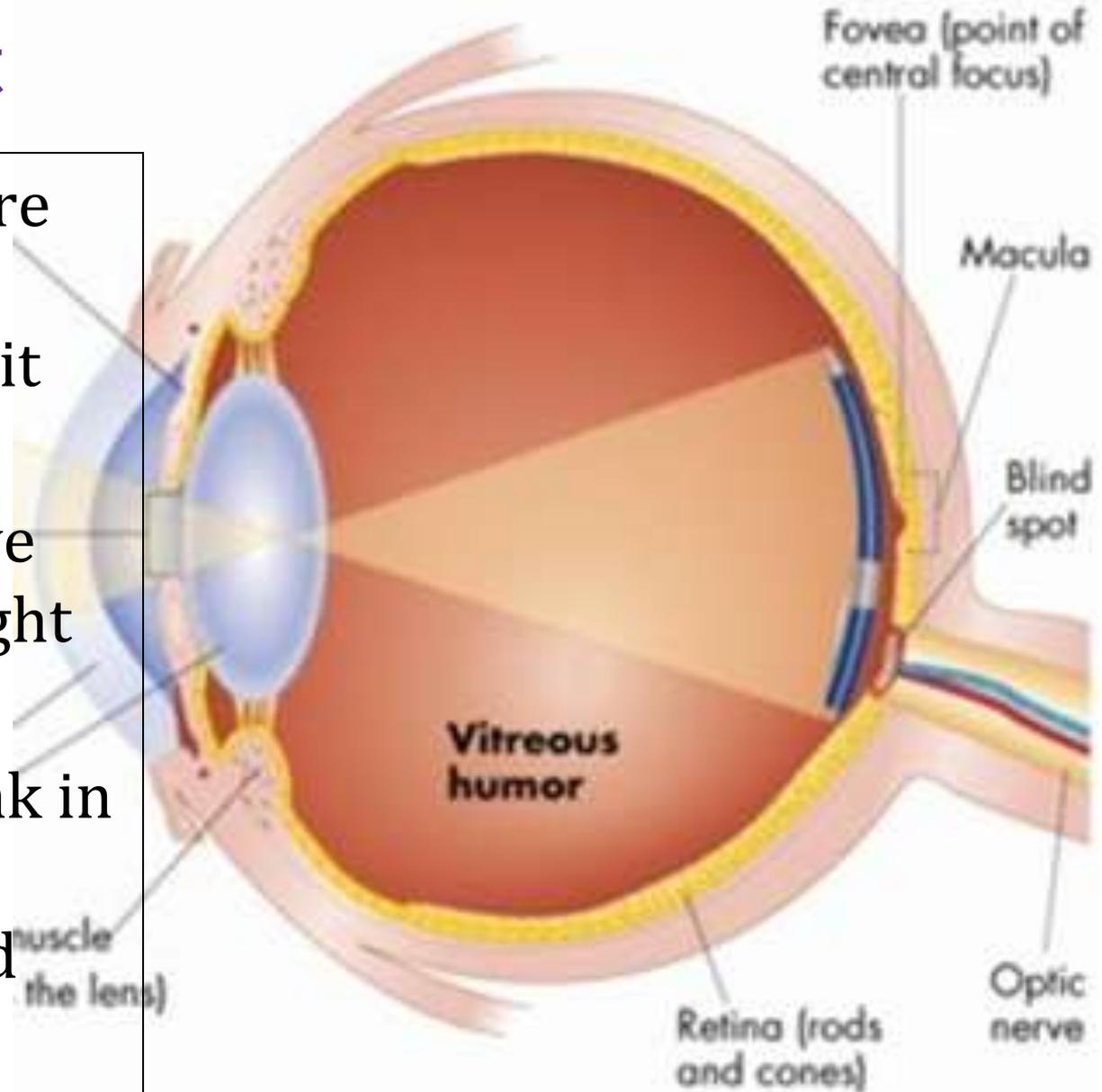
Activity: The reappearing dot

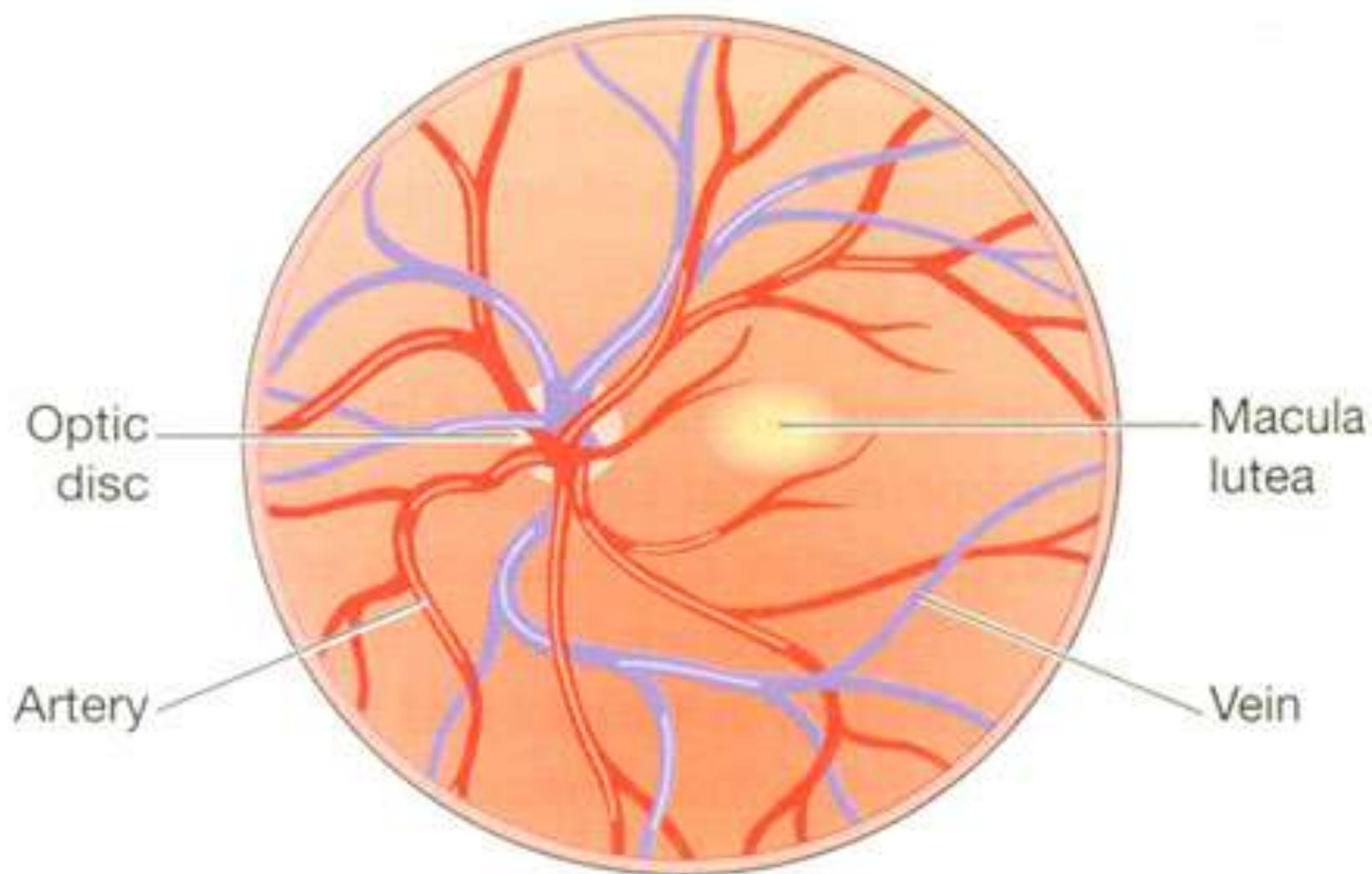


- Draw an X on a piece of paper. Then draw a dot 6 cm to the right of the X.
- Cover your left eye with your left hand.
- Hold the paper with your right hand at arms length away.
- Focus your right eye on the X but keep the dot in your peripheral vision.
- Slowly move the paper towards your face and notice when the dot “disappears” and “reappears”.

Blind Spot

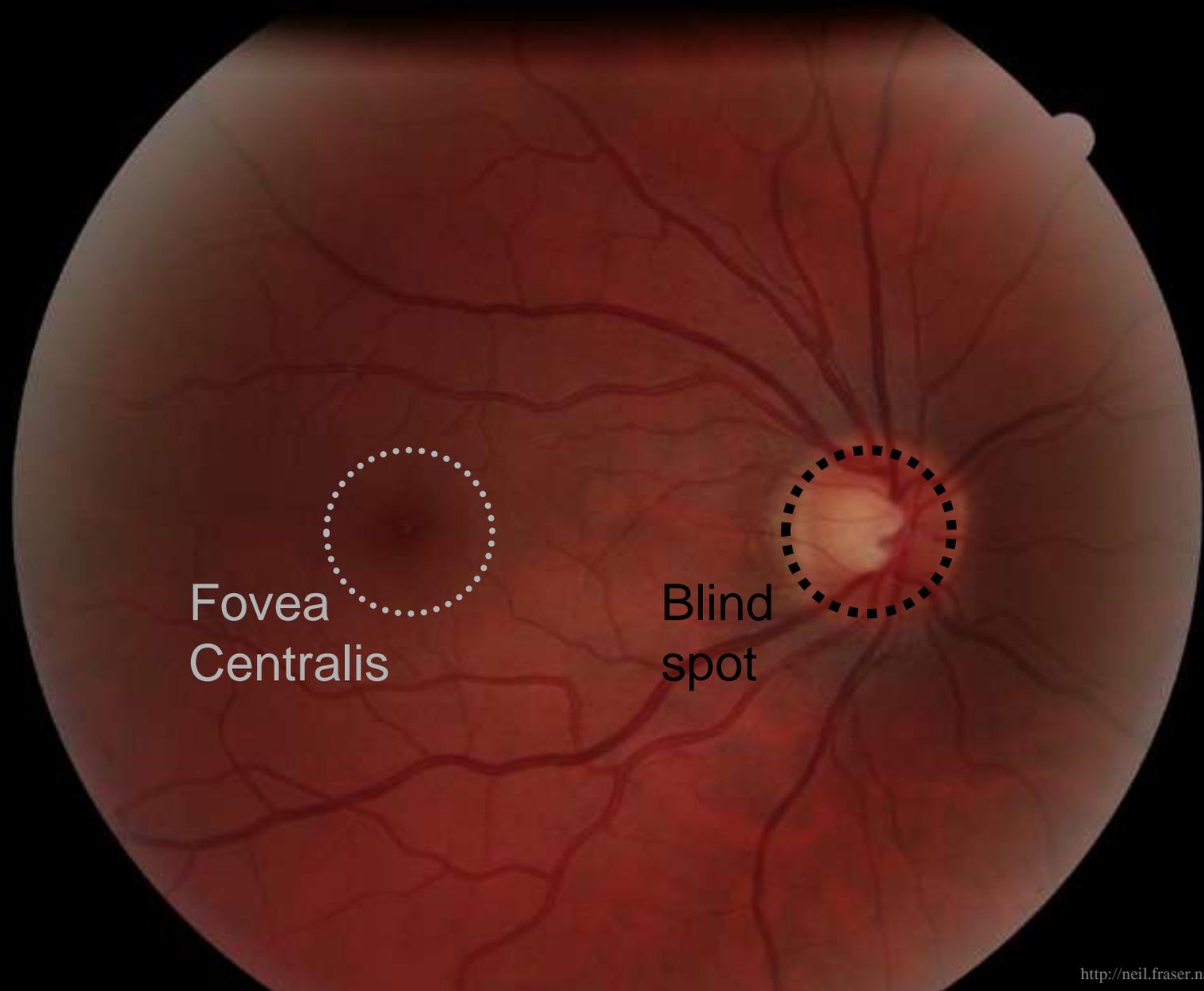
- **Optic disc:** where the optic nerves converge and exit the eye
- No light-sensitive cells to detect light rays
- Results in a break in the visual field, known as a blind spot





The retina as seen through the pupil with an ophthalmoscope.

Right Eye



Fovea
Centralis

Blind
spot

Nervous Tunic – Retina

several layers “inside out”

Pigmented epithelium

Rods and Cones (photoreceptors)

Bipolar cells

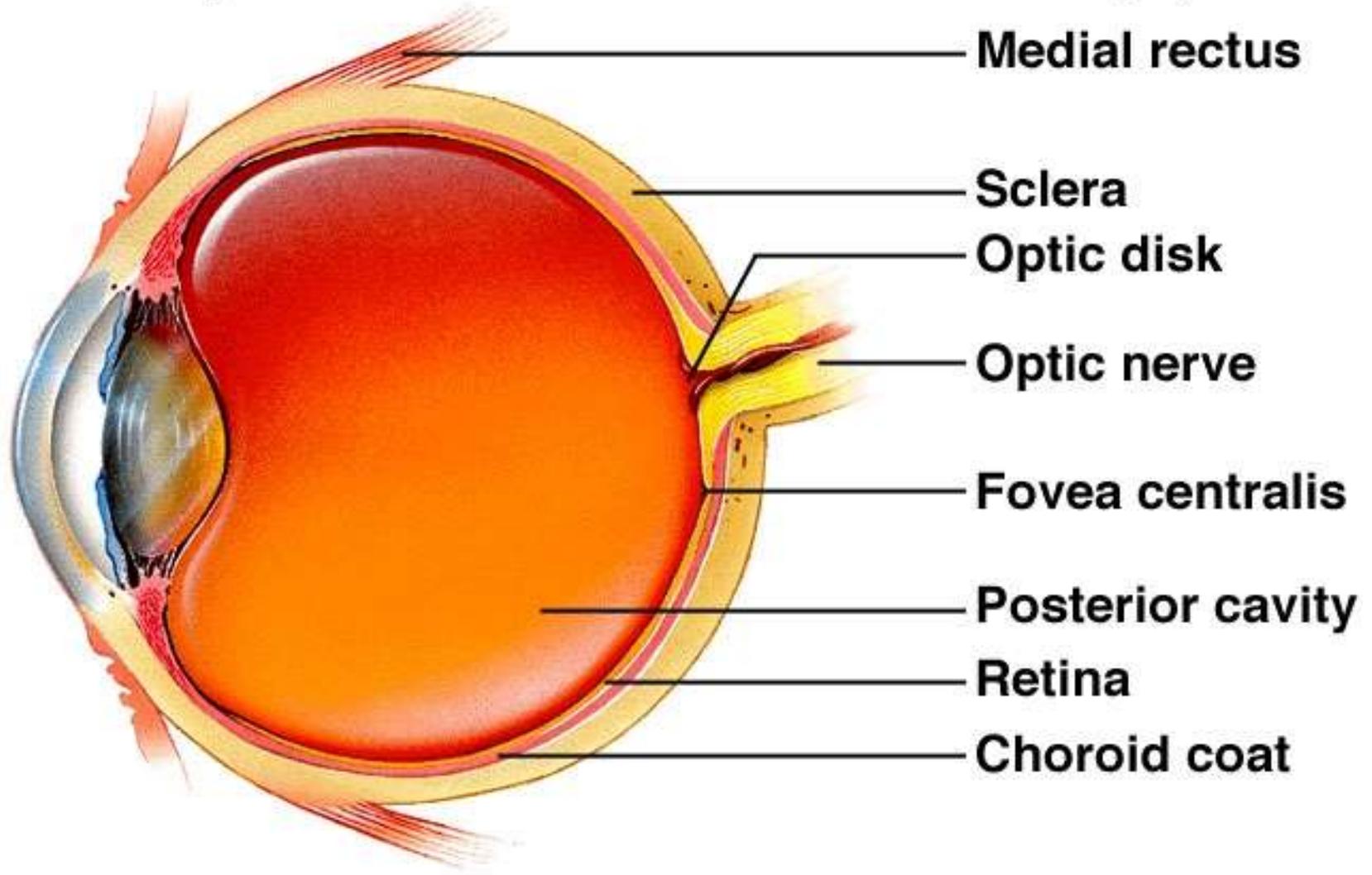
Ganglion cells

(vitreous humor)

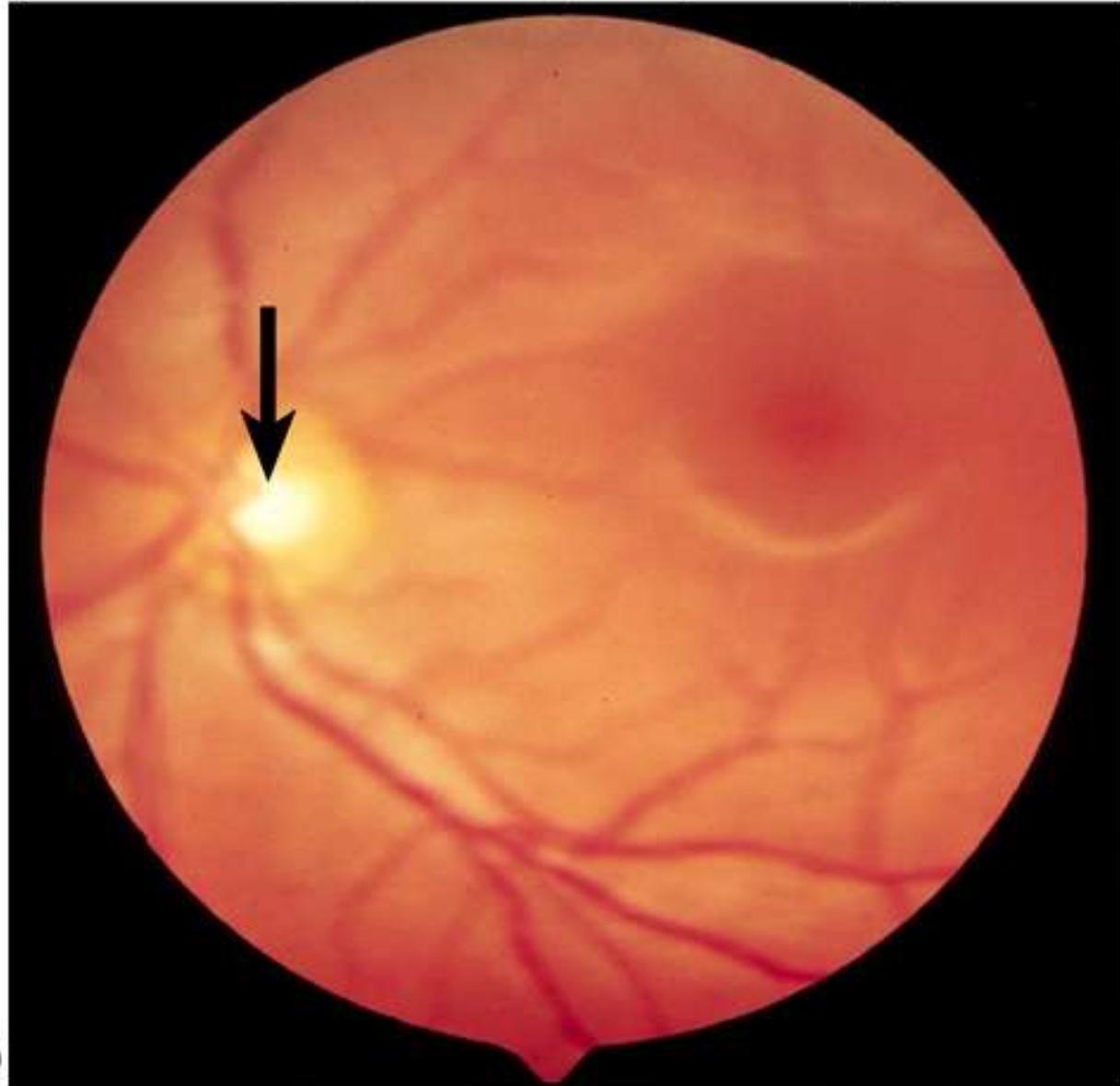
Light is focused by **cornea** and **lens** on the Fovea centralis (“central pit”) which is in the center of the Macula lutea (“yellow spot”)

The third refractive component is the **length of the eyeball.**

Eye — Transverse Section (2)

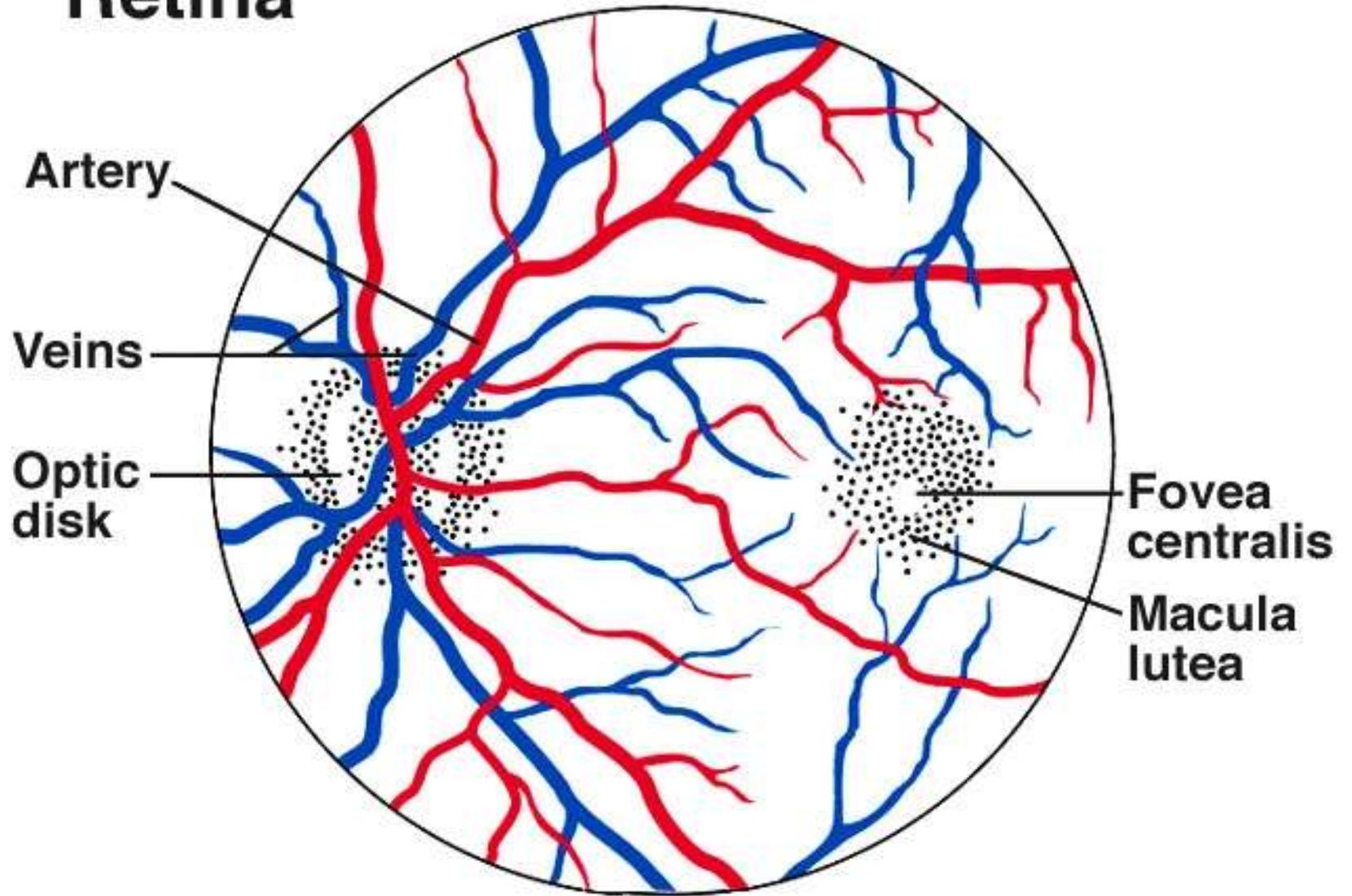


Optic Disk



(a)

Retina



Refractive Disorders

Emmetropia – good vision 20/20

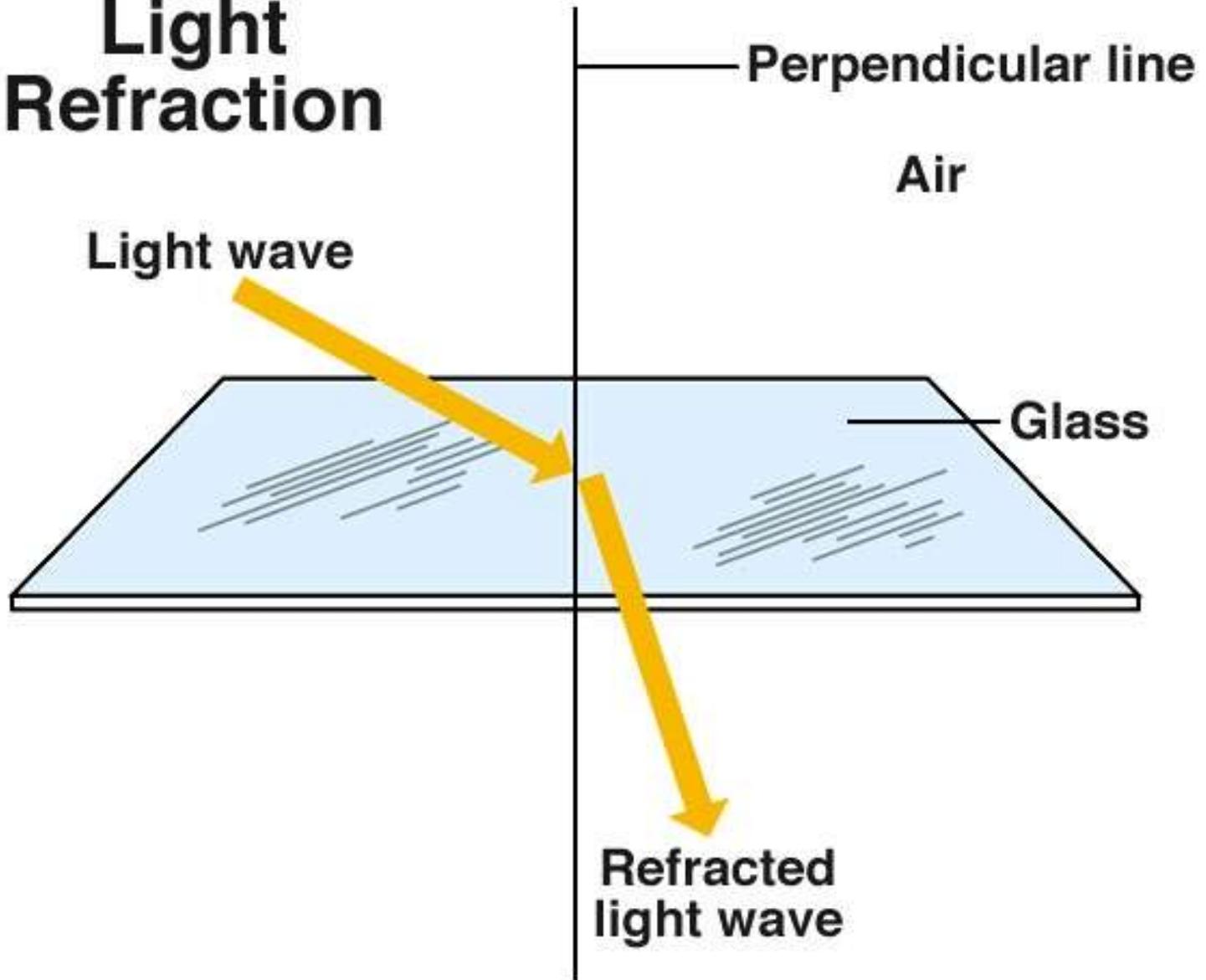
Myopia – nearsightedness

Hyperopia – farsightedness

Astigmatism – light does not focus to a single point on the retina

Presbyopia – “old sight” – loss of ability to accommodate or see up close

Light Refraction



Refraction Disorders

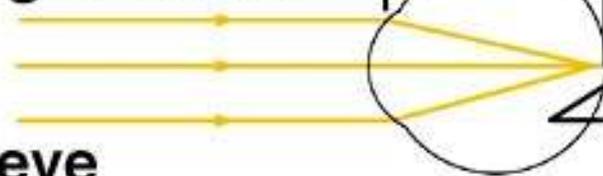
Light waves



Point of focus

Eye too long (myopia)

Light waves



Cornea

Point of focus

Retina

Normal eye

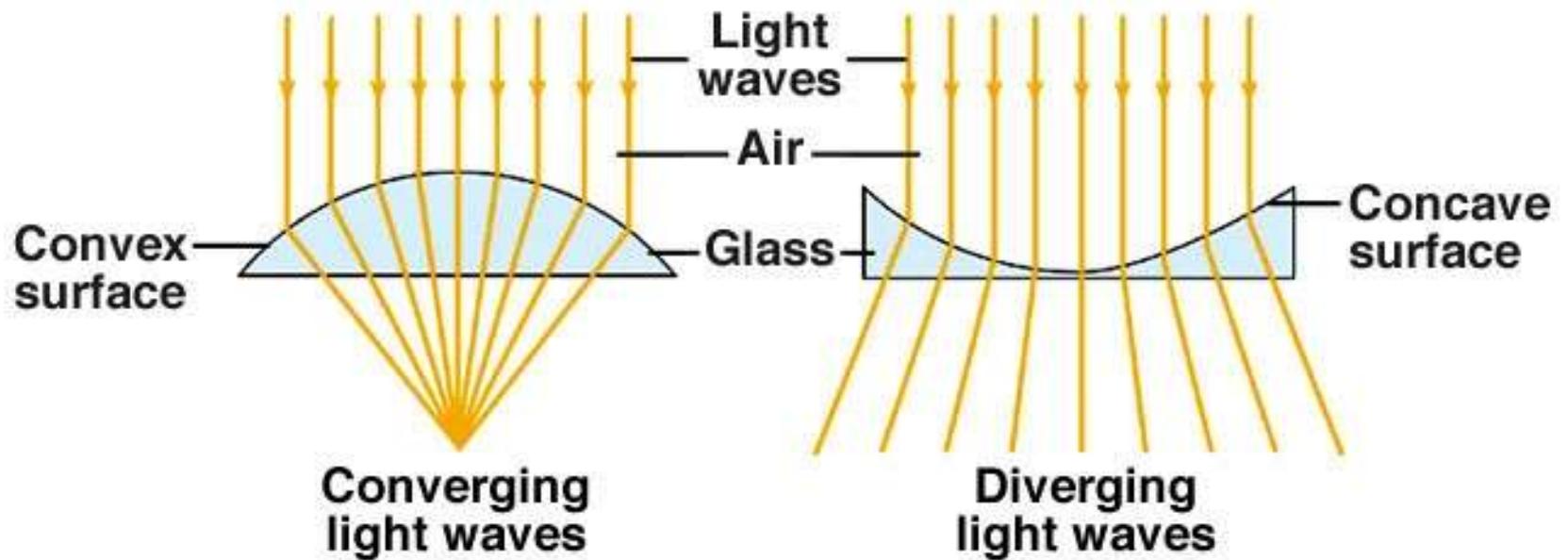
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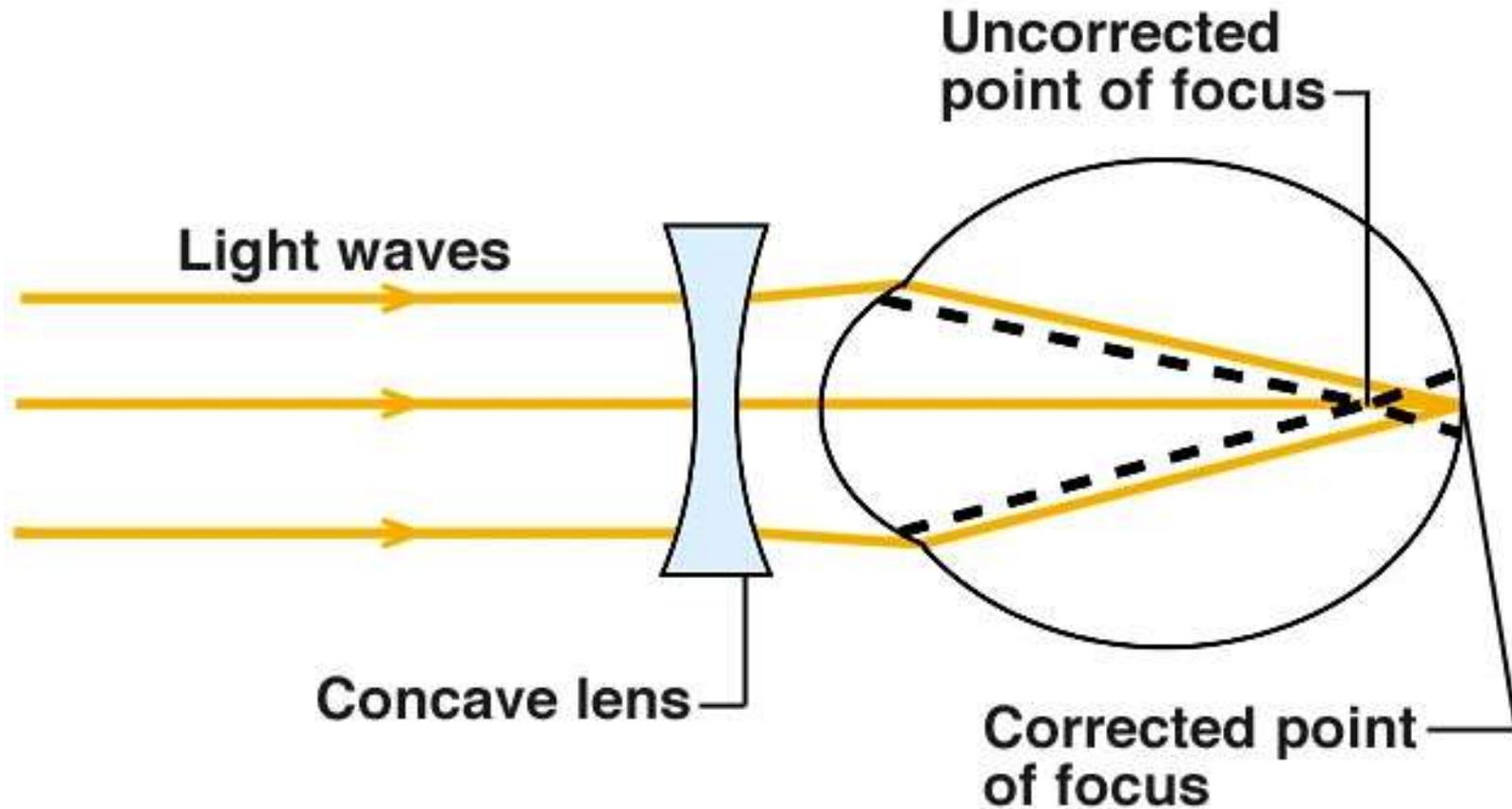
Point of focus

Eye too short (hyperopia)

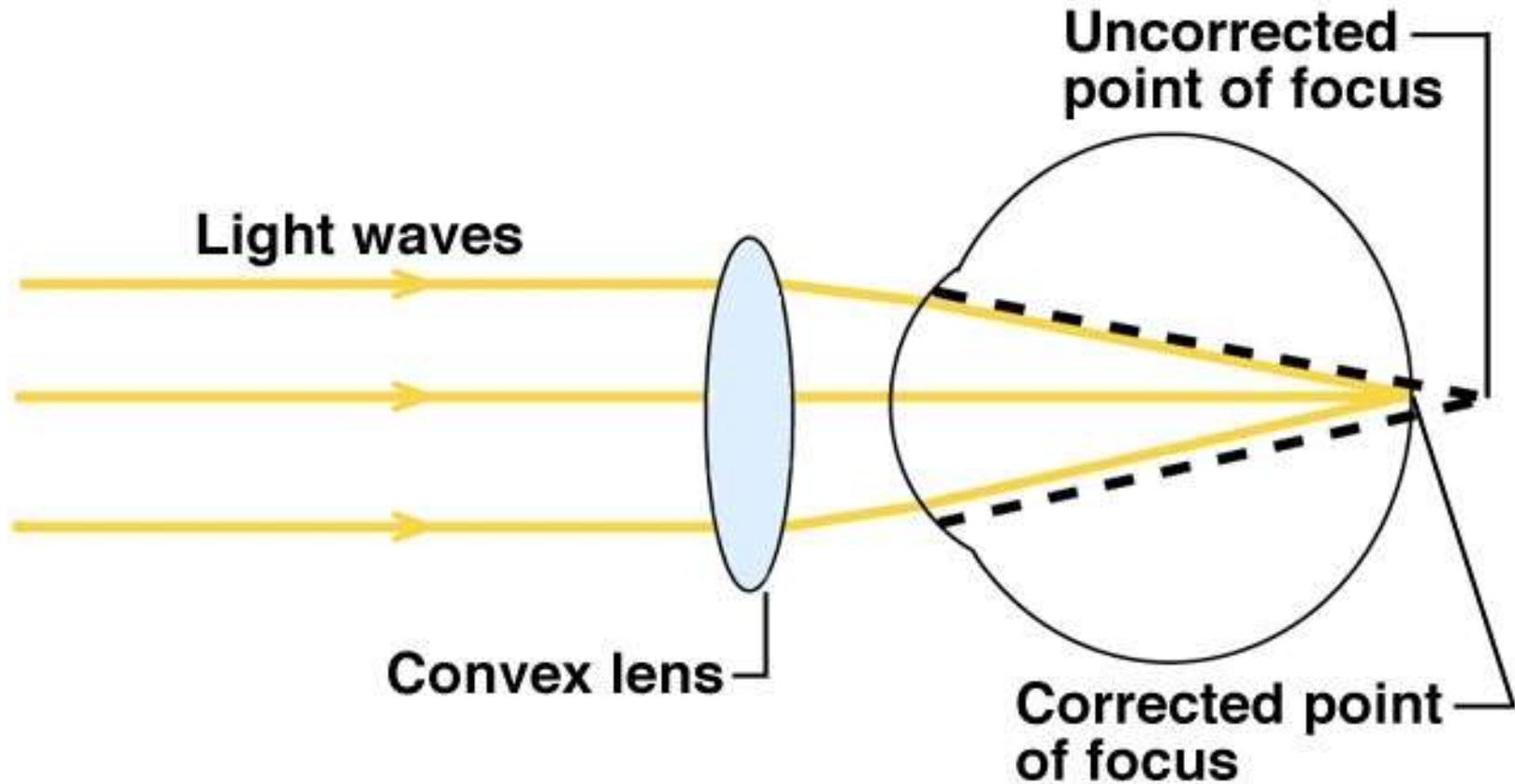
Convex and Concave Lens



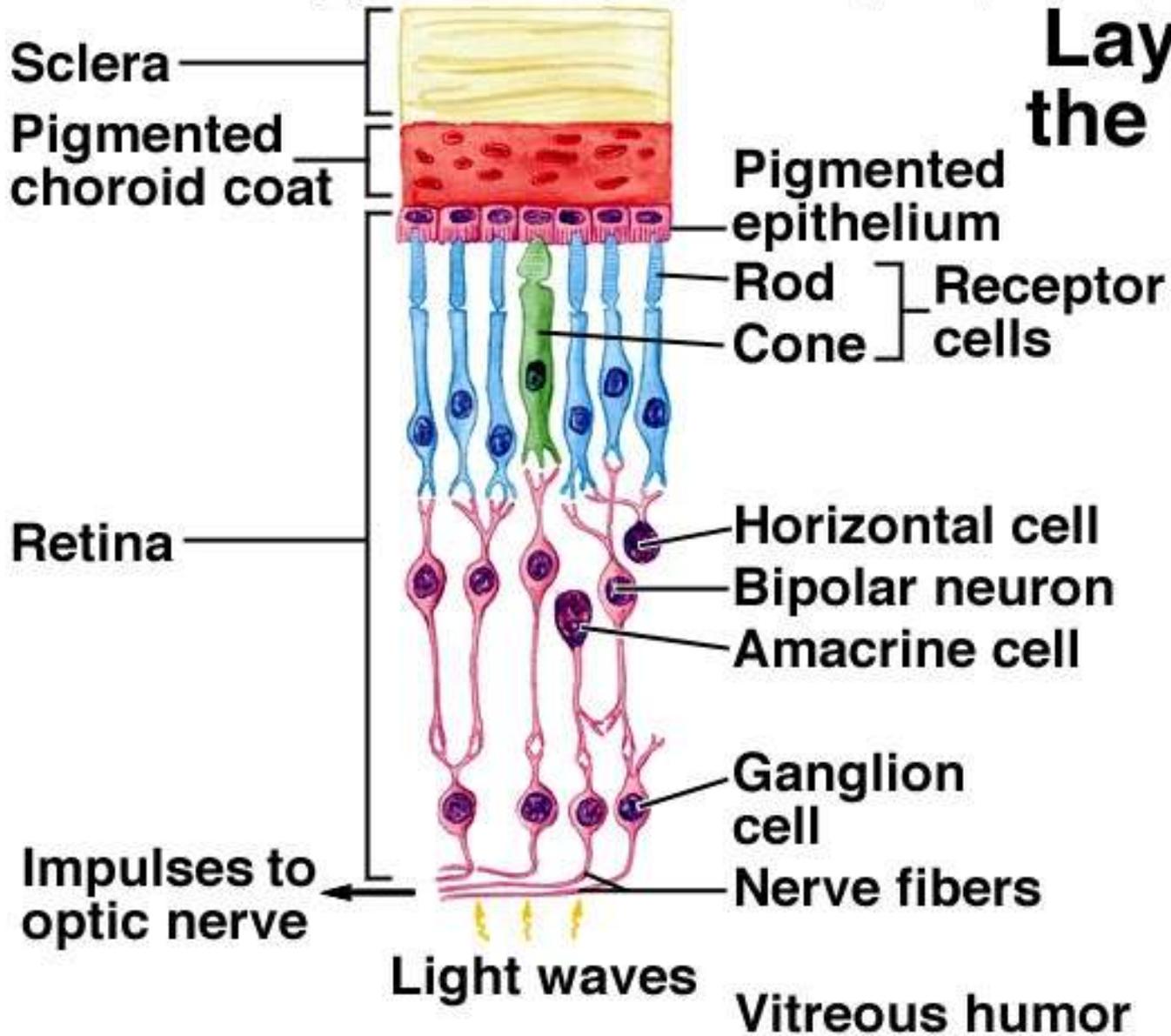
Correction of Nearsightedness



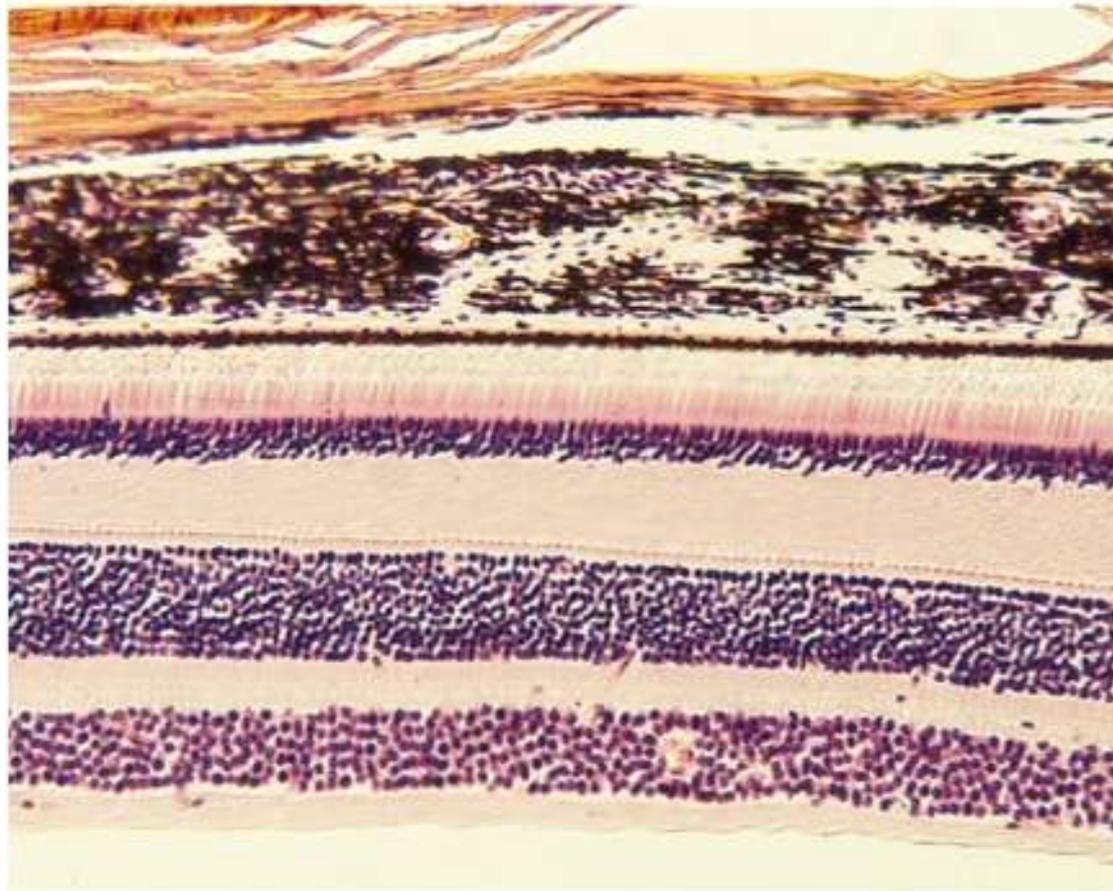
Correction of Farsightedness



Layers of the Retina



Layers of the Retina



Sclera

Choroid coat

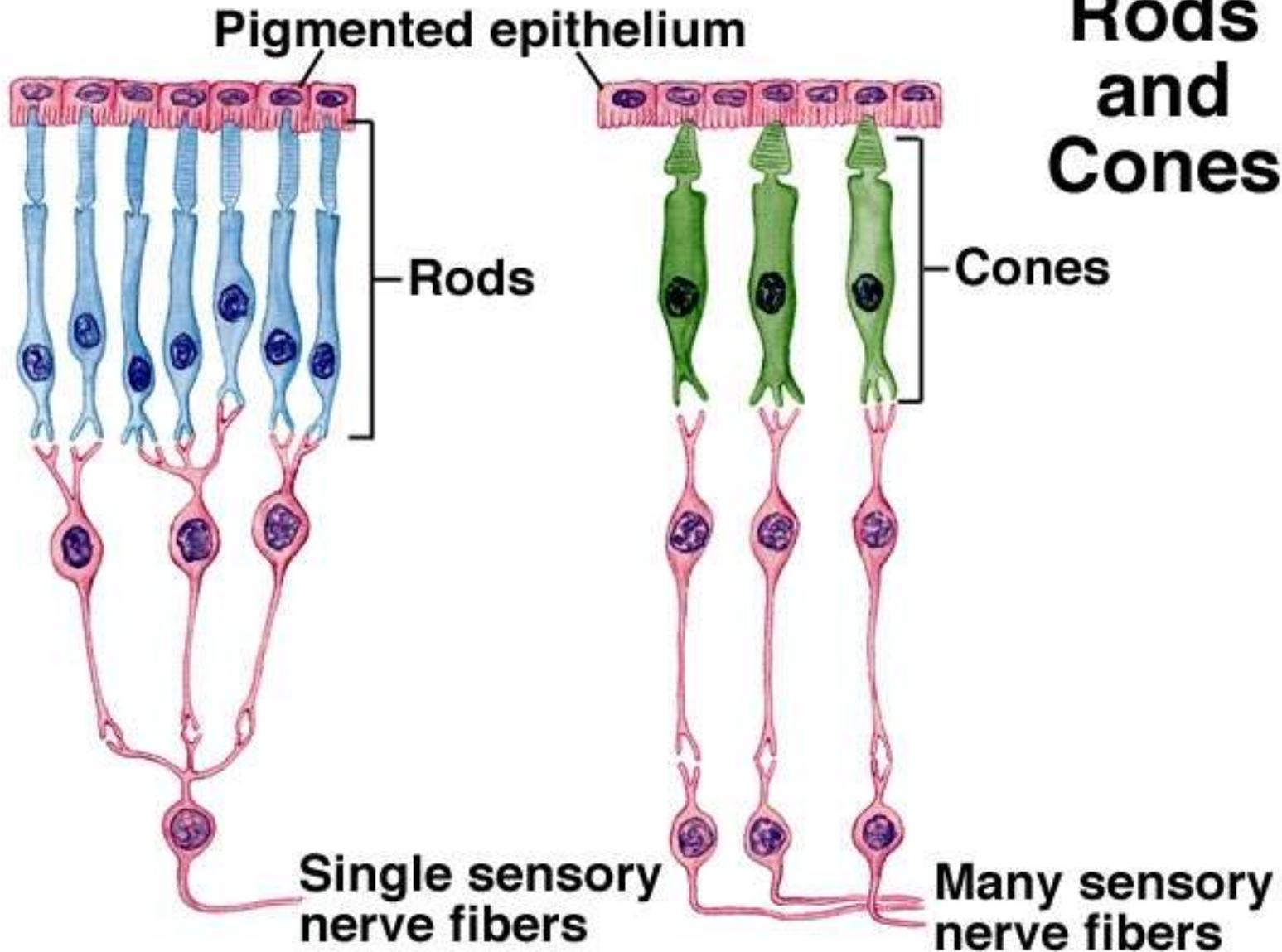
Pigmented
epithelium

Receptor cells
(rods and cones)

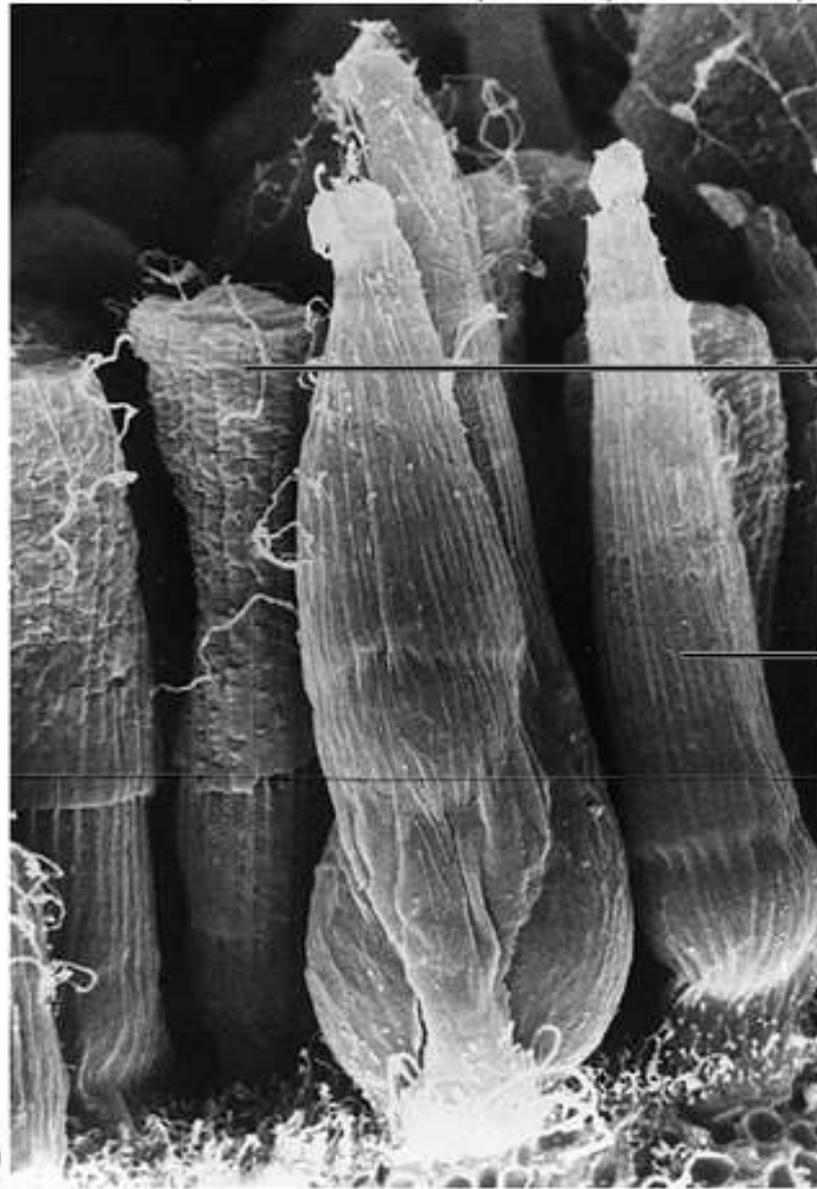
Bipolar neurons

Ganglion cells
Nerve fibers

Rods and Cones



Rods and Cones

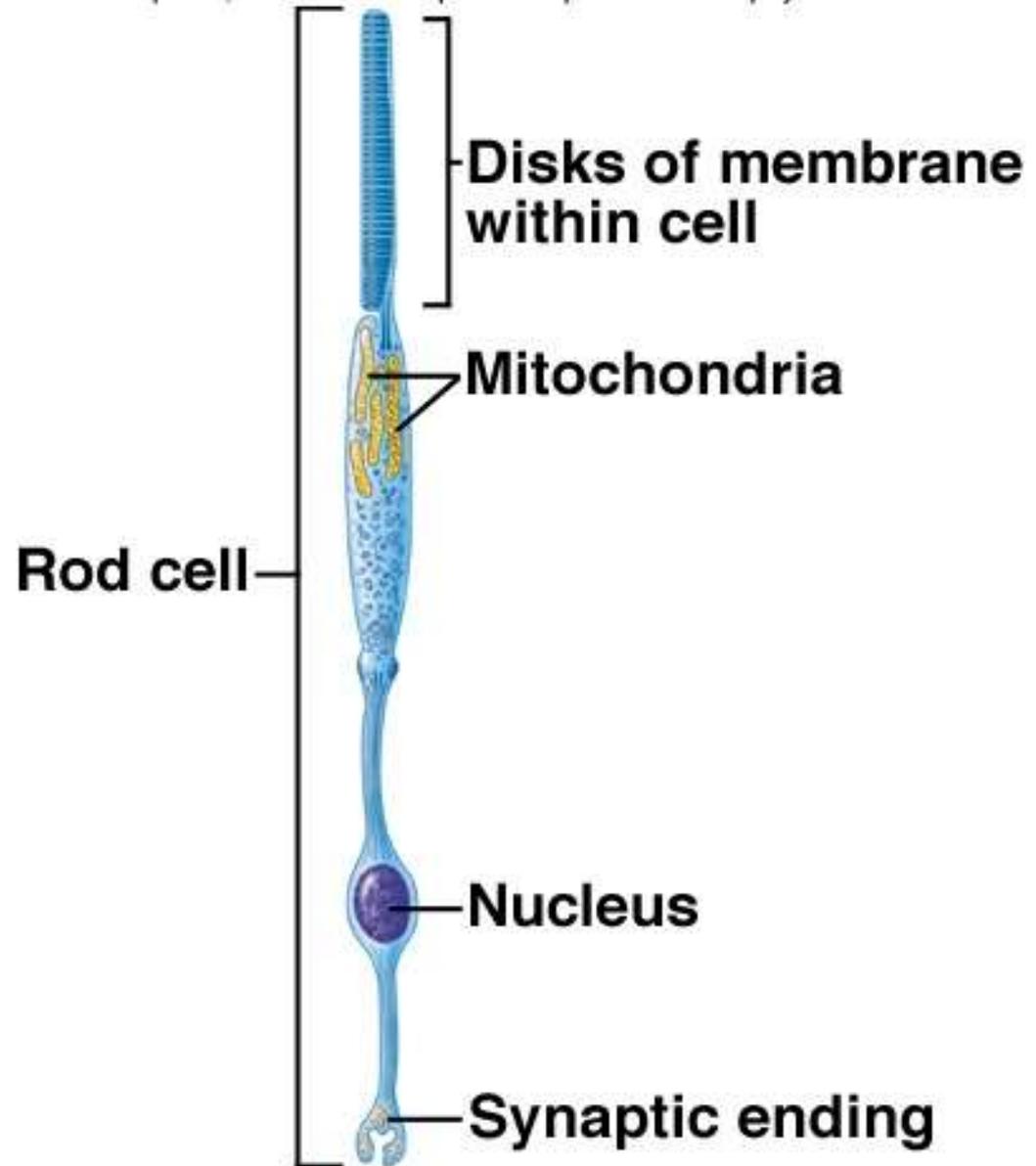


Rod

Cone

(c)

Rhodopsin Pigment in Rod Cell



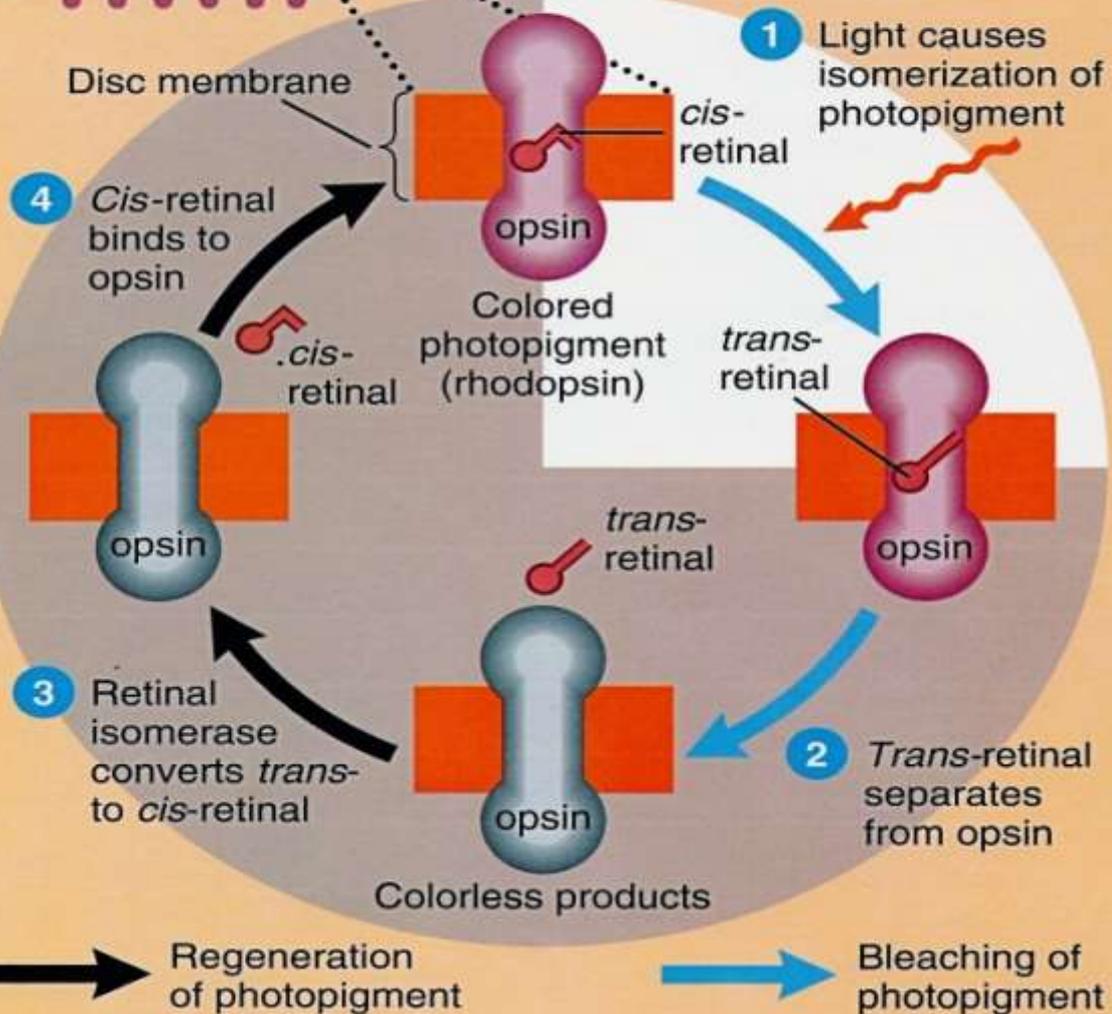
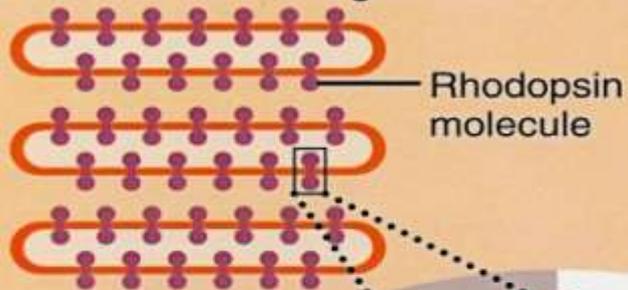
Physiology of vision

In the dark, Na⁺ channels are held open by a nucleotide called cyclic GMP (guanosine monophosphate)

Inflow of sodium (“dark current”) triggers the continual release of neurotransmitter .

This neurotransmitter is inhibitory- it prevents bipolar cells from firing by hyperpolarizing them.

Rod discs in outer segment



When light strikes the retina, retinal (from vitamin A) which is bent, straightens out, and no longer fits into the opsin.

The two separate – this is called bleaching.

The opsin becomes an active enzyme, that activates other enzymes that break down cyclic GMP.

Without cyclic GMP, the Na⁺ channels close.

The receptor hyperpolarizes, stopping the release of inhibitory neurotransmitter.

This decrease in inhibition allows the bipolar cells to fire, and information is sent to the visual cortex.

Differentiation of color is assisted by horizontal cells.

In darkness, retinal isomerase converts trans-retinal back to cis-retinal, which binds with opsin forming a functional photopigment.

Color vision

Uses three different photopigments :
blue, green and red

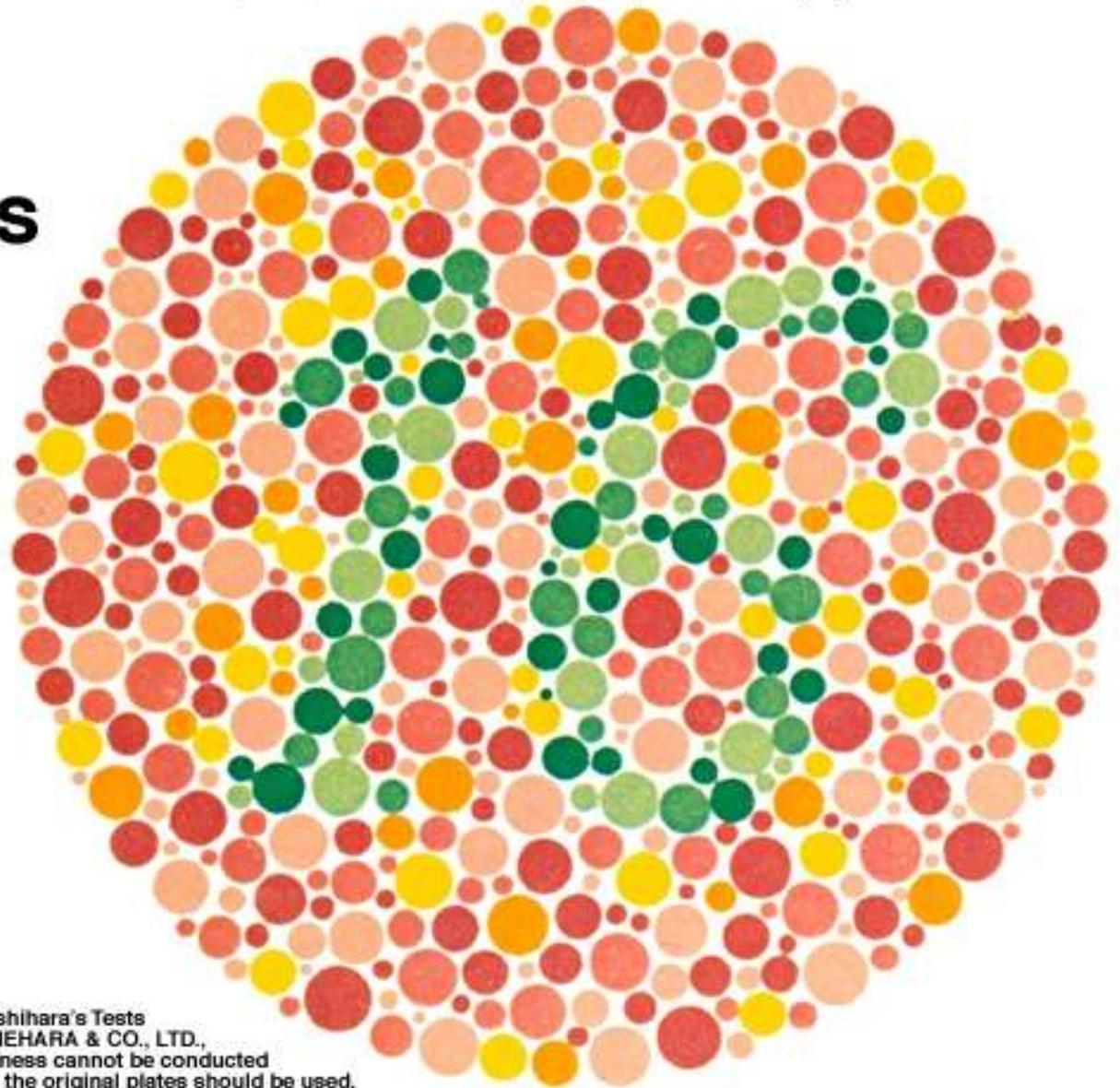
Wavelength of pigments may be shifted, causing
color blindness

Red – green color blindness most common

Sex-linked trait carried on X chromosome

(Males only have **one** gene for color vision)

Test for Color Blindness



The above has been reproduced from Ishihara's Tests for Colour Blindness published by KANEHARA & CO., LTD., Tokyo, Japan, but tests for colour blindness cannot be conducted with this material. For accurate testing, the original plates should be used.

Rods:

Can see in dim light

See in black and white

Respond to movement

Found more in periphery

Cones:

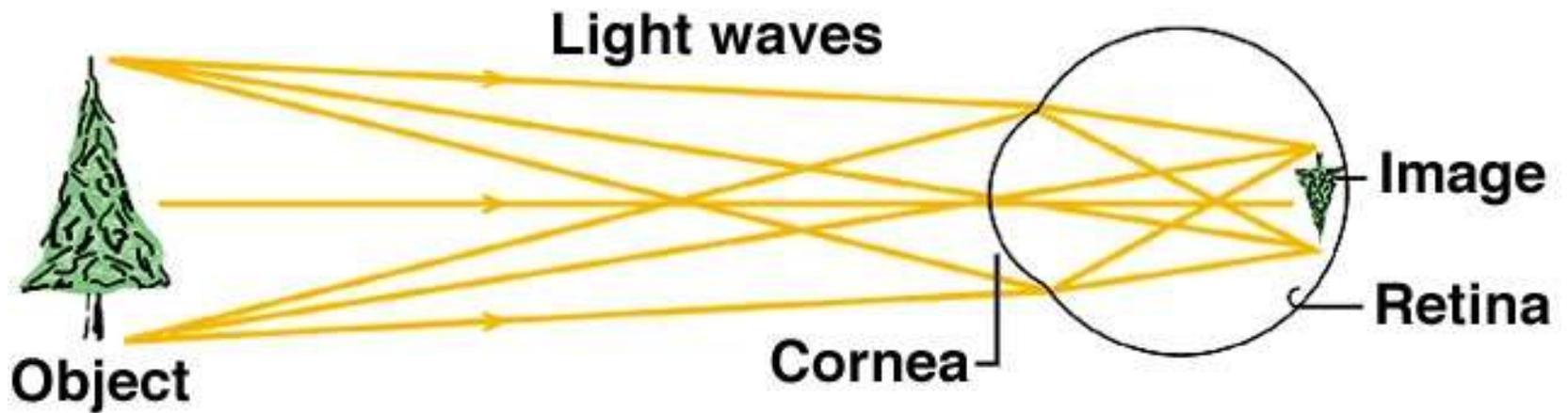
Require more light

See in color

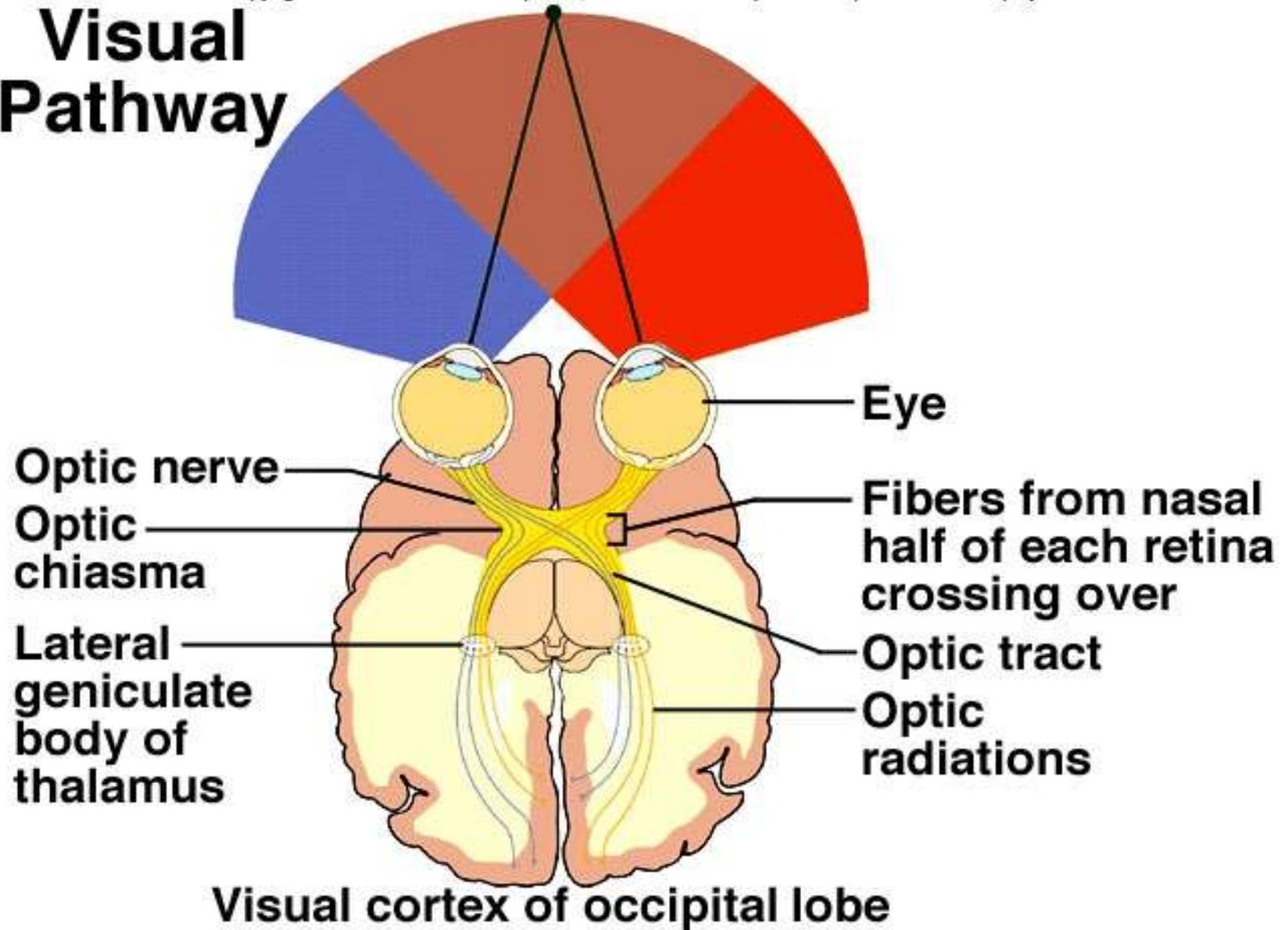
Give best acuity

More central, esp.
in fovea centralis

Retinal Image



Visual Pathway



Stereopsis

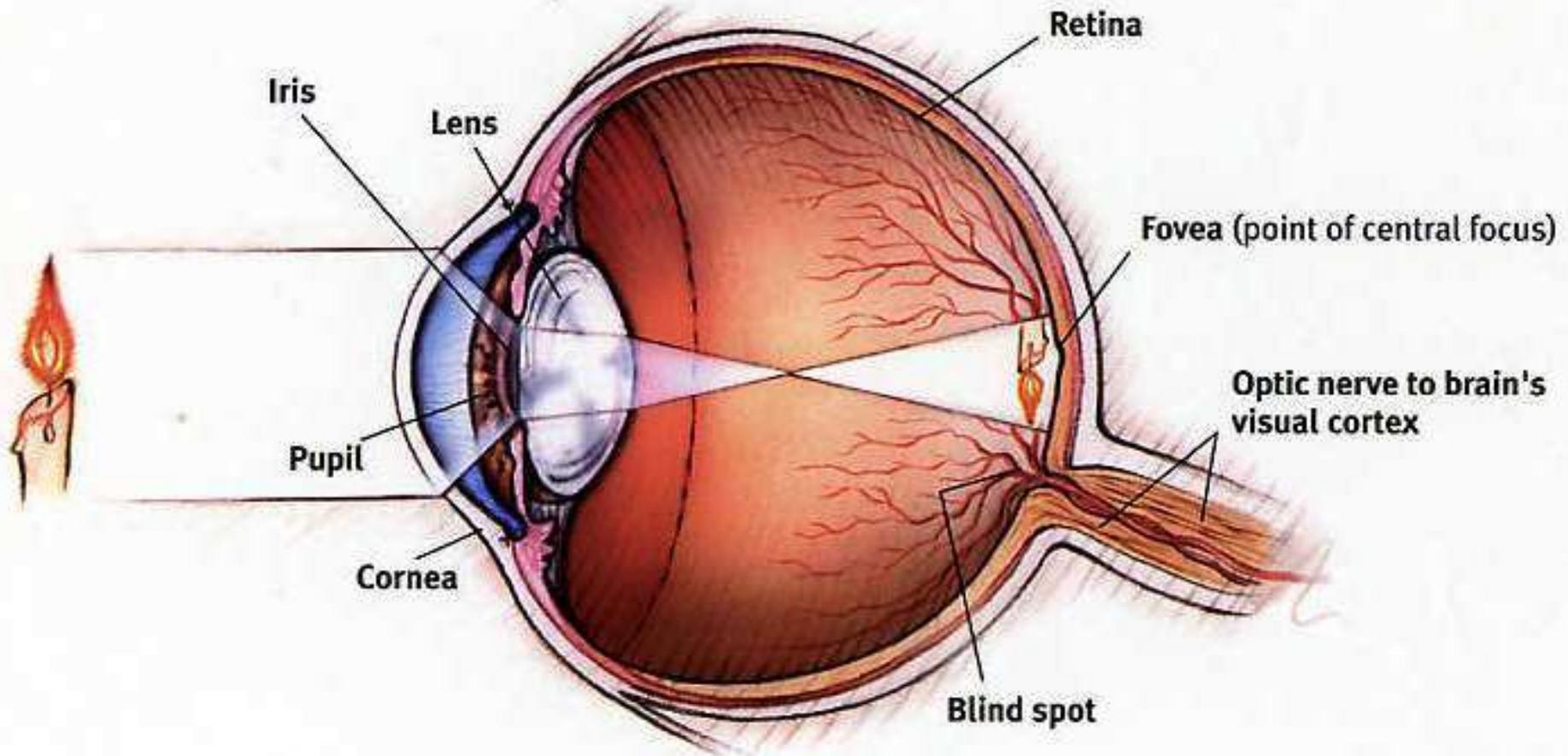
Use both eyes to perceive depth – “depth perception”

Nasal fibers cross at the optic chiasm

Temporal fibers do not cross over

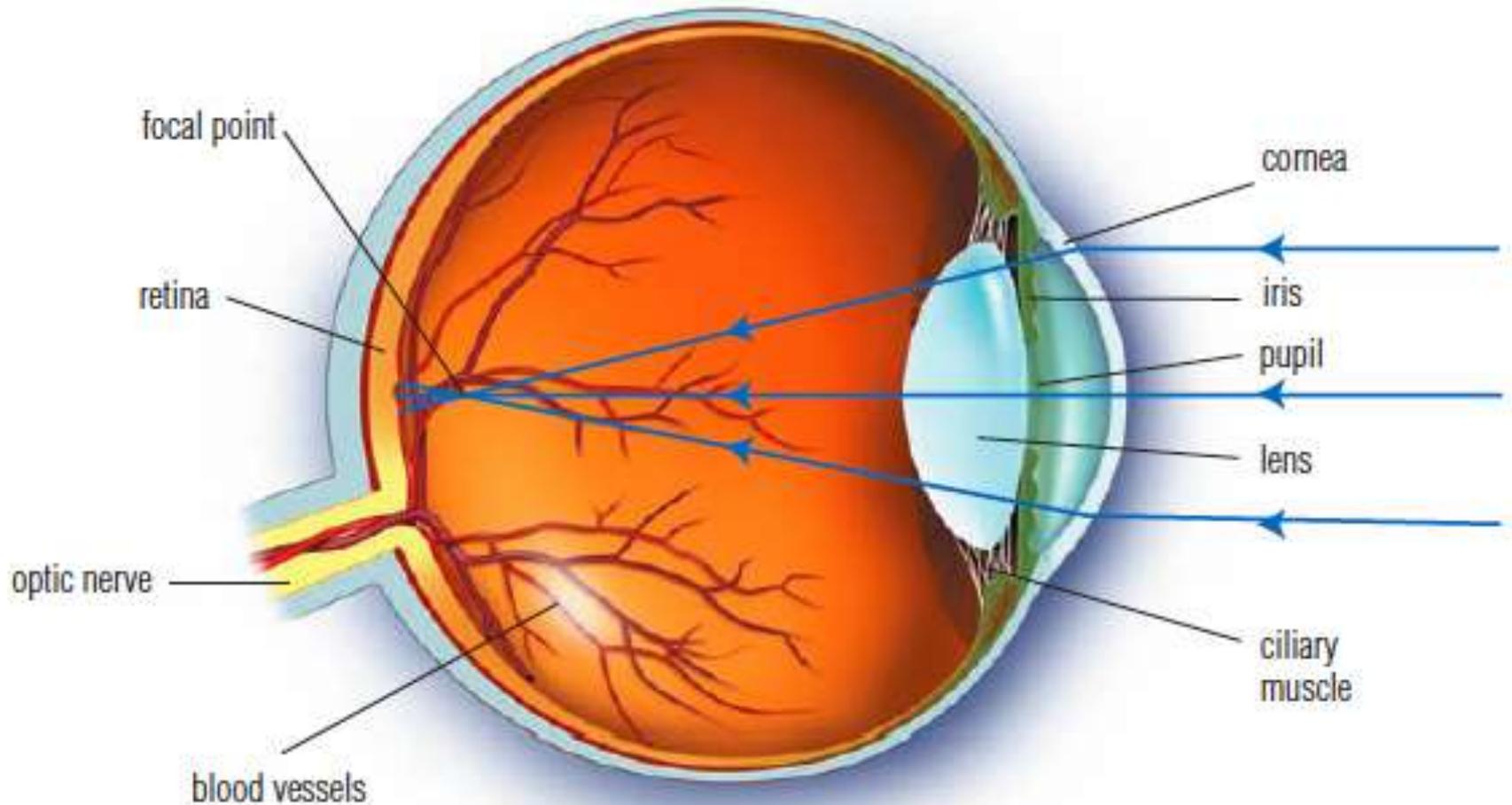
Each visual cortex (R &L) receives information from both eyes so it can compare what each eye sees.

Producing an Image



The converging lens produces an inverted image which the brain interprets as being upright

Producing an Image

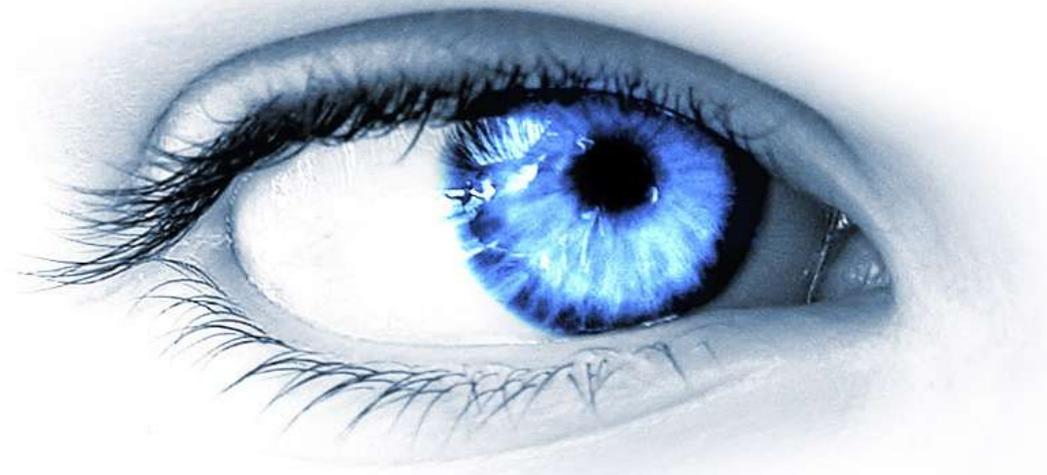


- Cells on retina trigger a nerve impulse
- Nerve cells sends an electrical signal to the brain via the optic nerve

Visual pathway

- Retina
- Optic nerve
- Optic chiasm
- Optic tract
- Optic radiation
- Occipital lobe (Visual center)

Video: How the Human Eye Works



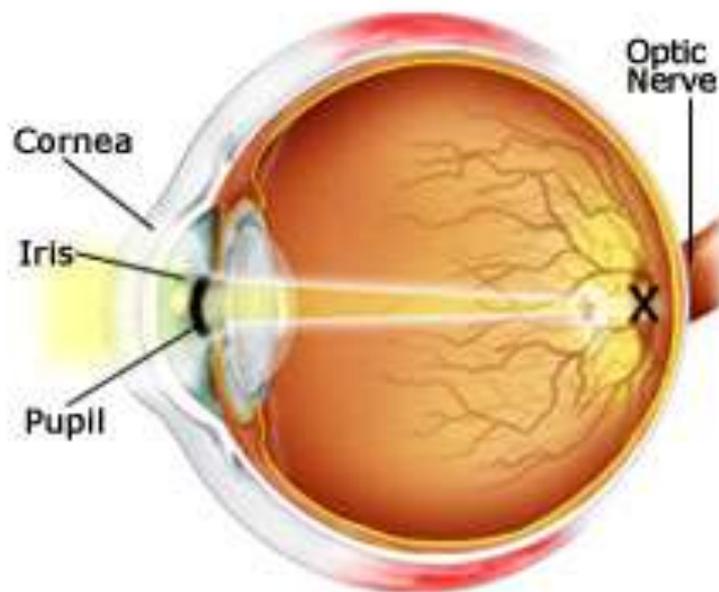
Vision Problems



- Myopia (near sightedness)
- Hyperopia (far sightedness)
- Presbyopia
- Astigmatism

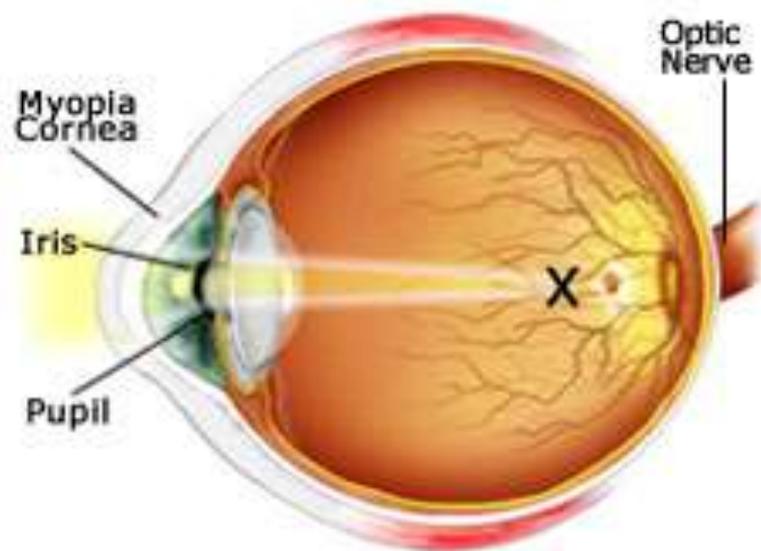
Myopia of the Eye (Nearsightedness)

Normal Eye



Images are formed directly on the retina creating good vision at a distance.

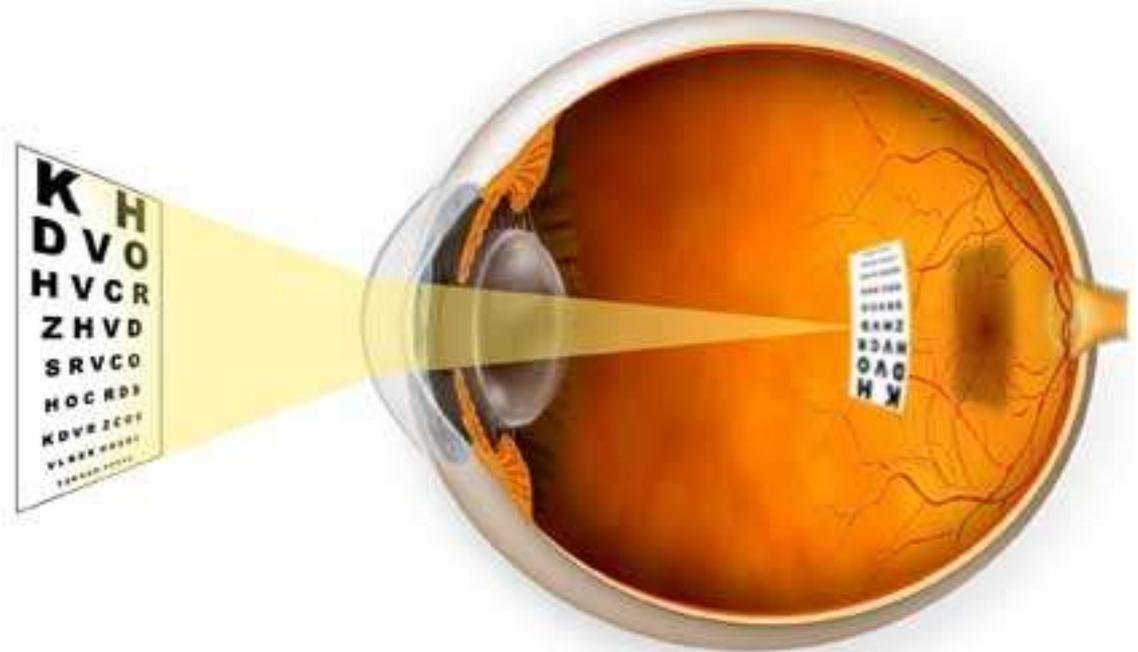
Myopia Eye



Images are formed in front of the retina causing blurry vision at a distance.

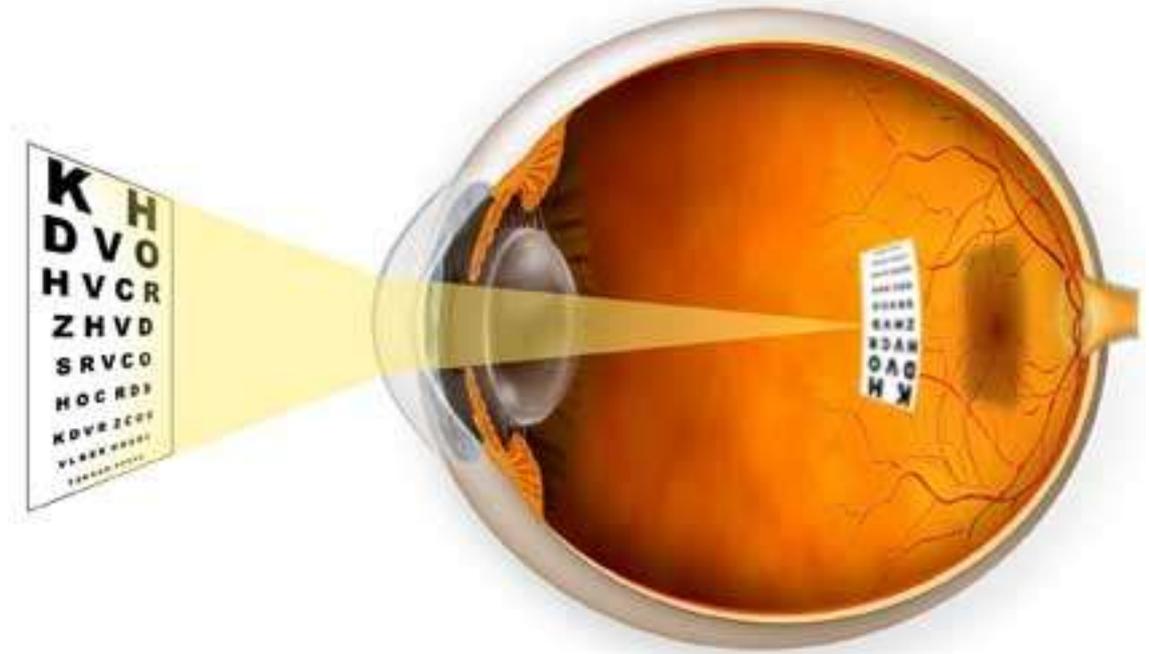
Myopia (near-sightedness)

- inability of the eye to focus light from distant objects
- see close objects clearly
- image focuses in front of the retina



Myopia

(near-sightedness)



- Develops in childhood and progressively worsens
- Tends to stabilize in adulthood
- Has a genetic component
- Affects a major part of the population

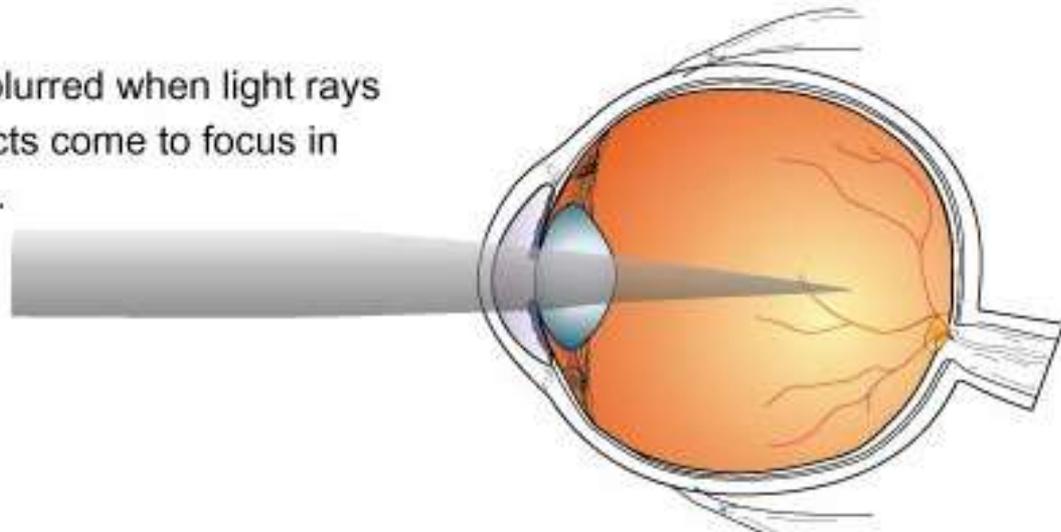


Myopia (near-sightedness)

Cause:

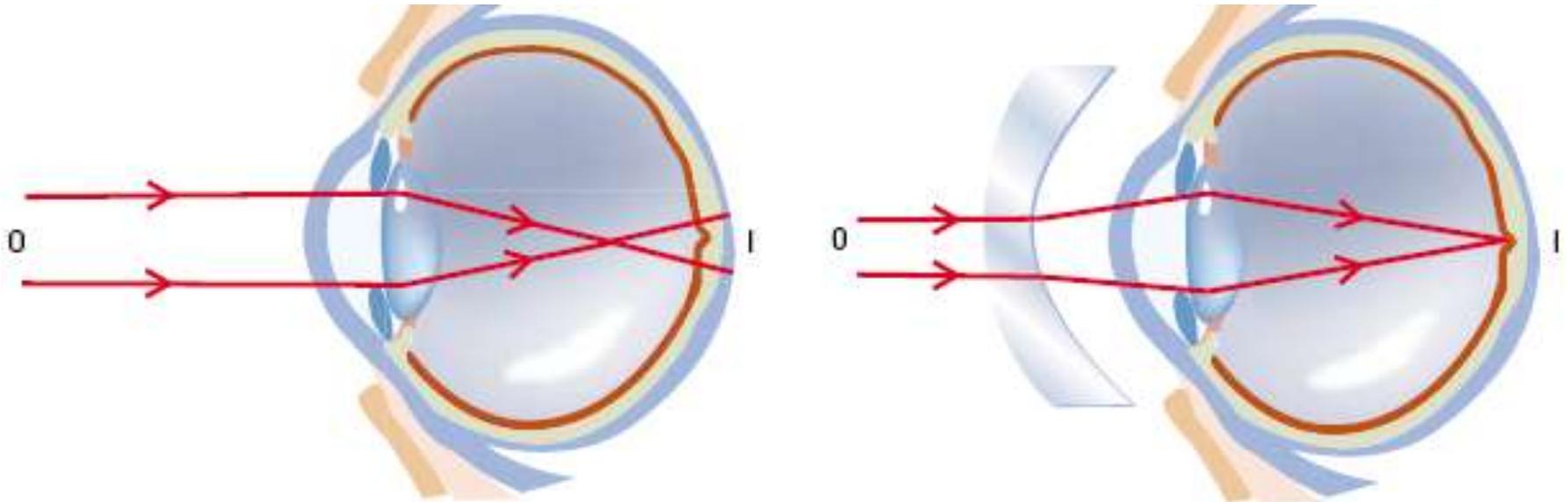
- Distance between lens and retina is too long (long eyeball)
- Cornea & lens converge light too strongly (strong refractive power)

Distant vision is blurred when light rays from distant objects come to focus in front of the retina.

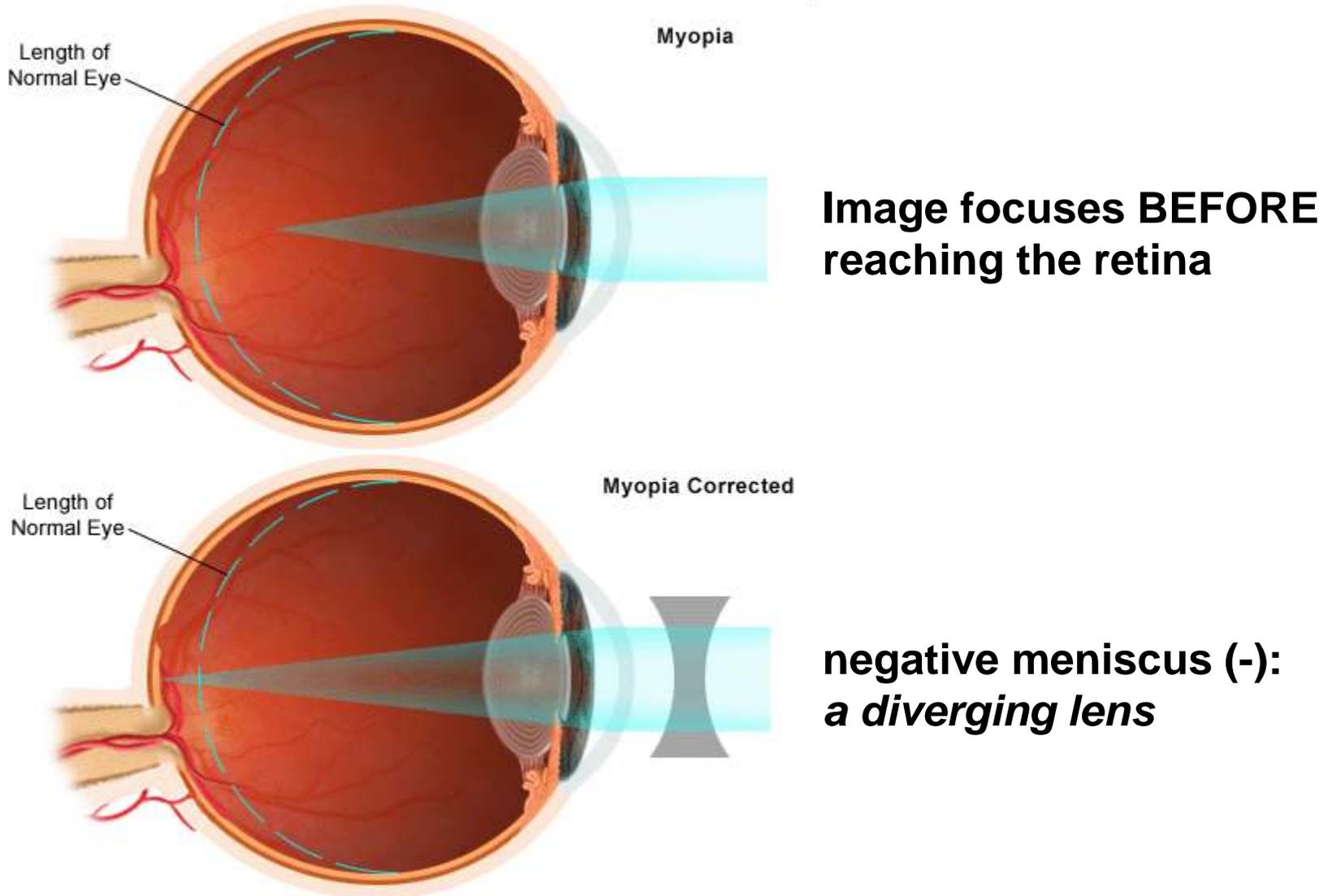


Myopia (near-sightedness)

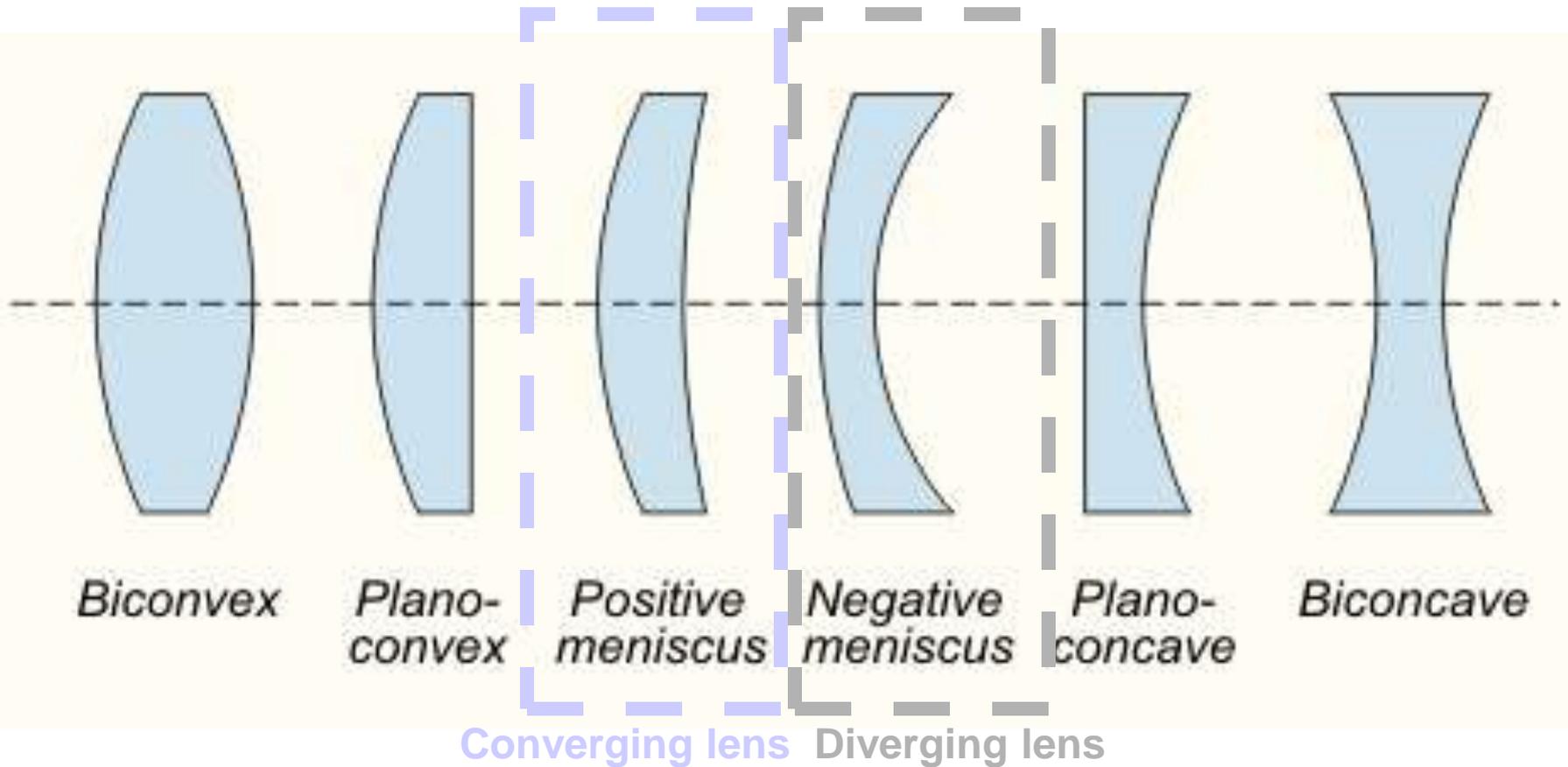
- Corrected with a diverging lens
- Negative meniscus: lens shape where edge of lens is thicker than the middle but modified from a basic diverging lens to make it more cosmetically appealing



Myopia (near-sightedness)



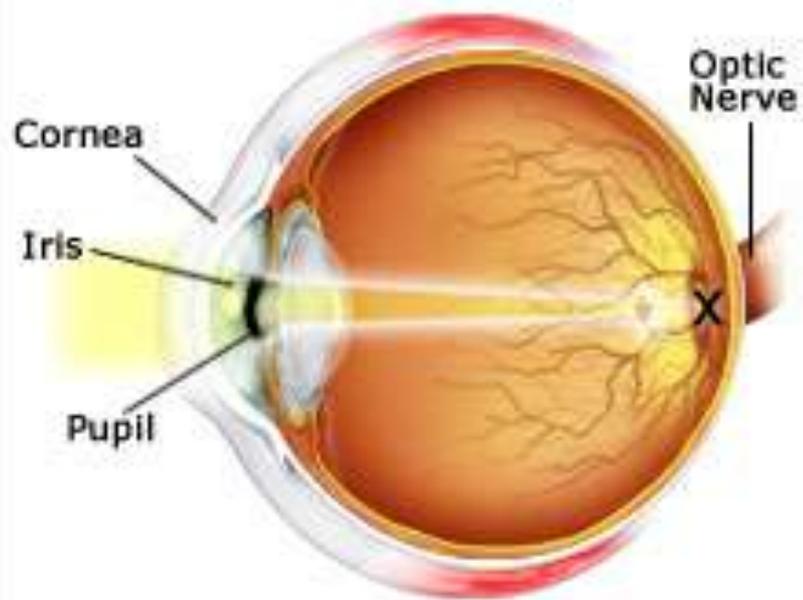
Types of Lenses



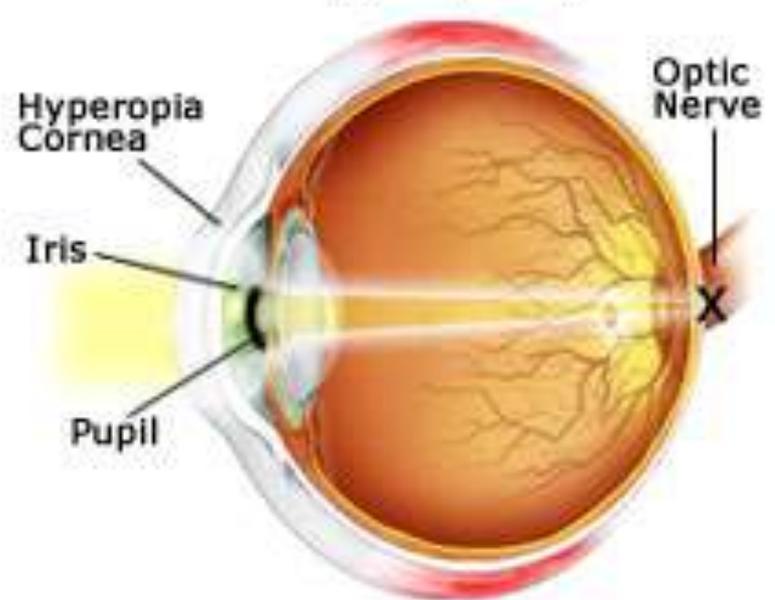
Different types of lenses can correct different types of vision.

Hyperopia of the Eye (Farsightedness)

Normal Eye

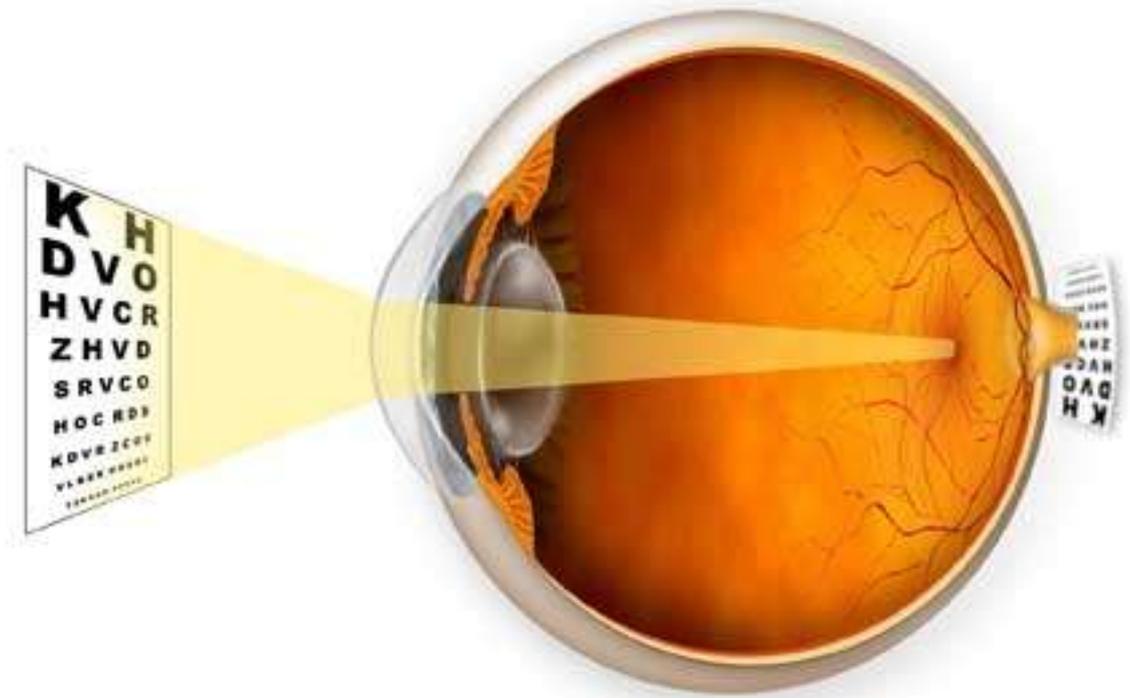


Hyperopia Eye



Hyperopia

(far sightedness)



- inability of the eye to focus light from near objects
- no difficulty seeing distant objects
- Babies are born slightly hyperopic. As eye grows, condition fixes itself.
- image focused behind retina

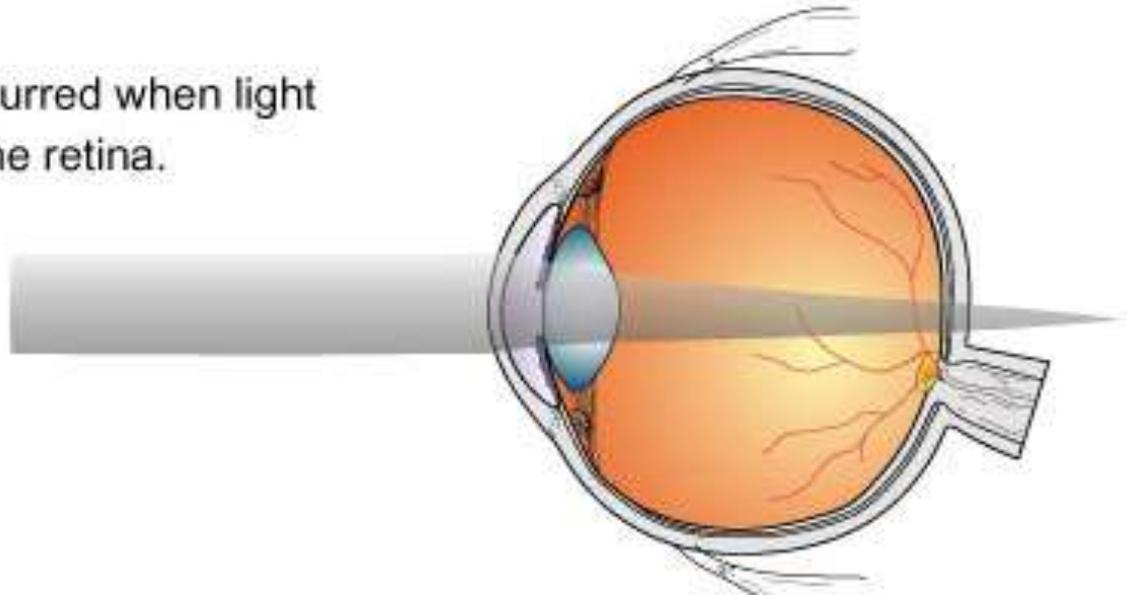


Hyperopia (far sightedness)

Cause:

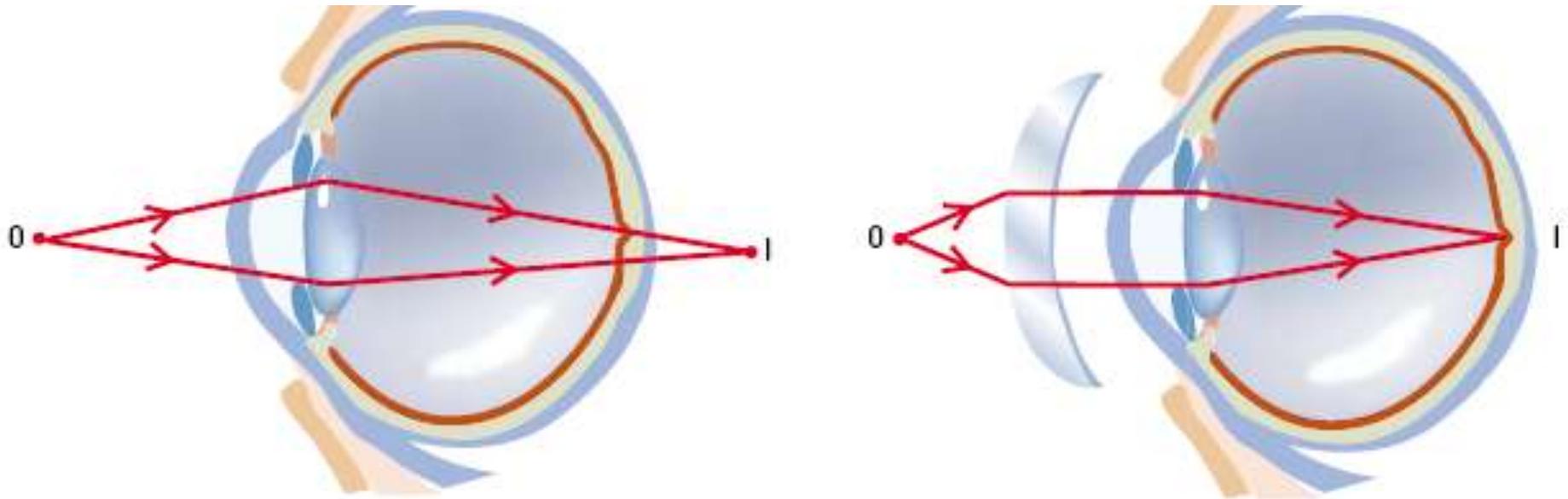
- Distance between lens and retina is too small (short eyeball)
- Cornea & lens is too weak (doesn't diverge rays enough)

Distance vision is blurred when light rays focus behind the retina.

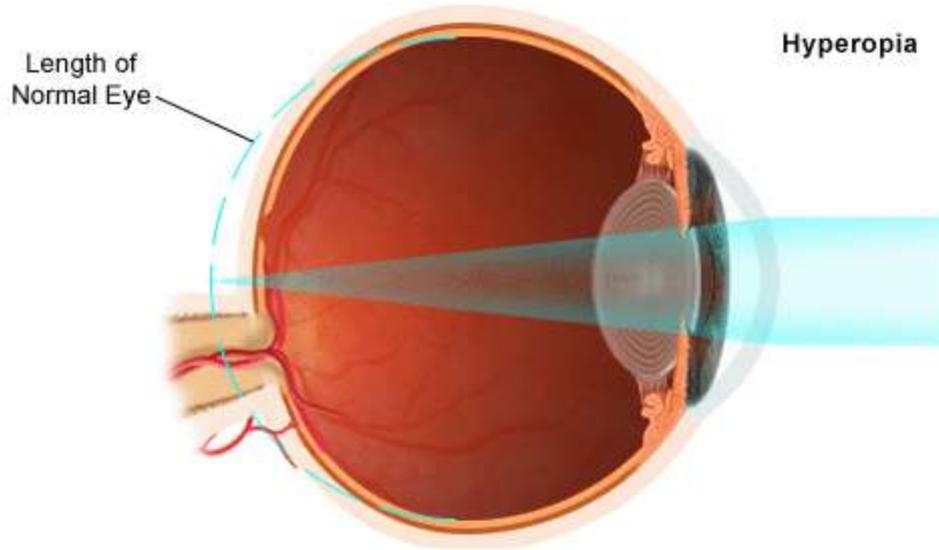


Hyperopia (far sightedness)

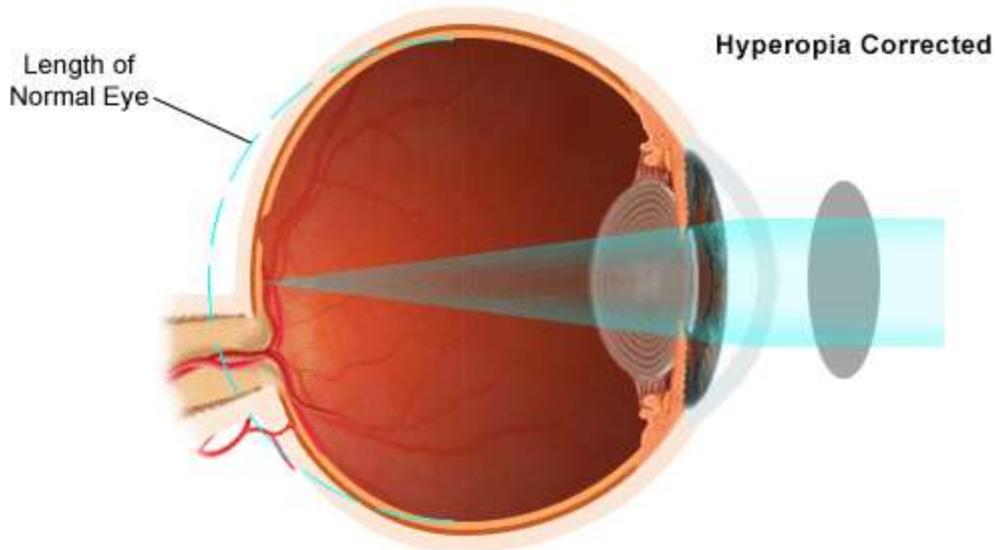
- Corrected with converging lens
- Positive meniscus: lens shape where middle part of lens is thicker than the edge but modified from a basic converging lens to make it more cosmetically appealing



Hyperopia (far-sightedness)

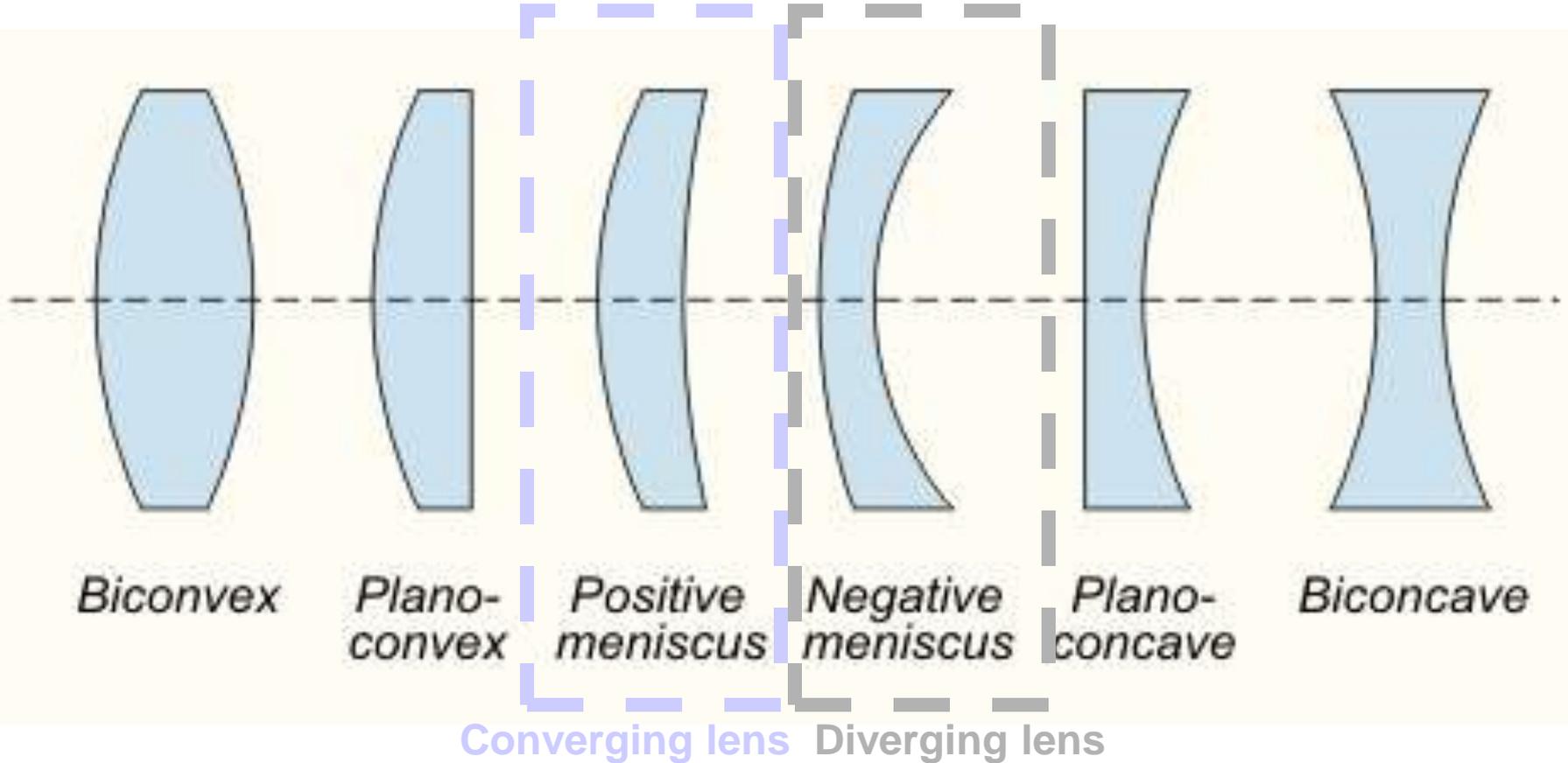


**Images focused
BEHIND the retina.**



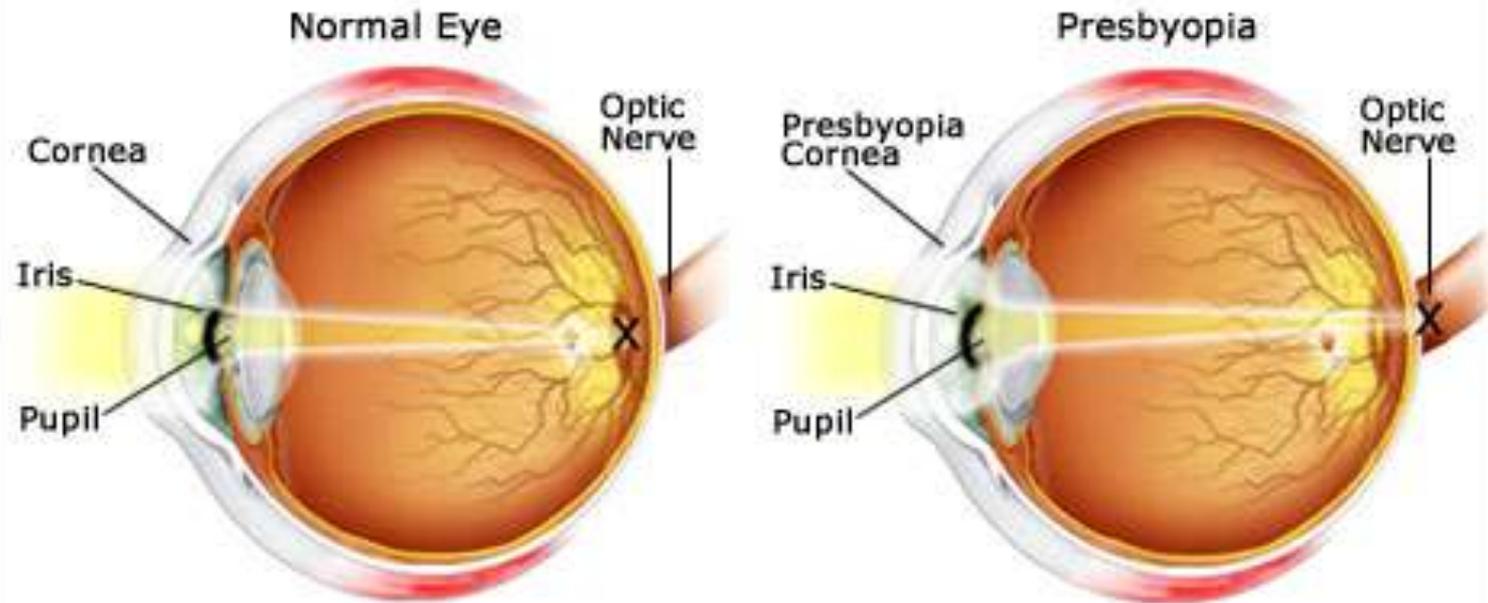
**positive meniscus (+):
converging lens**

Types of Lenses



Different types of lenses can correct different types of vision.

Presbyopia of the Eye (Age Related Farsightedness)



Images are formed directly on the retina creating good close up vision.

The lens ages and stiffens. Images are formed behind the retina causing blurry close up vision.

PAPILLA

The papilla is also known as the "blind spot" and is located at the point where the optic nerve leaves the eye.

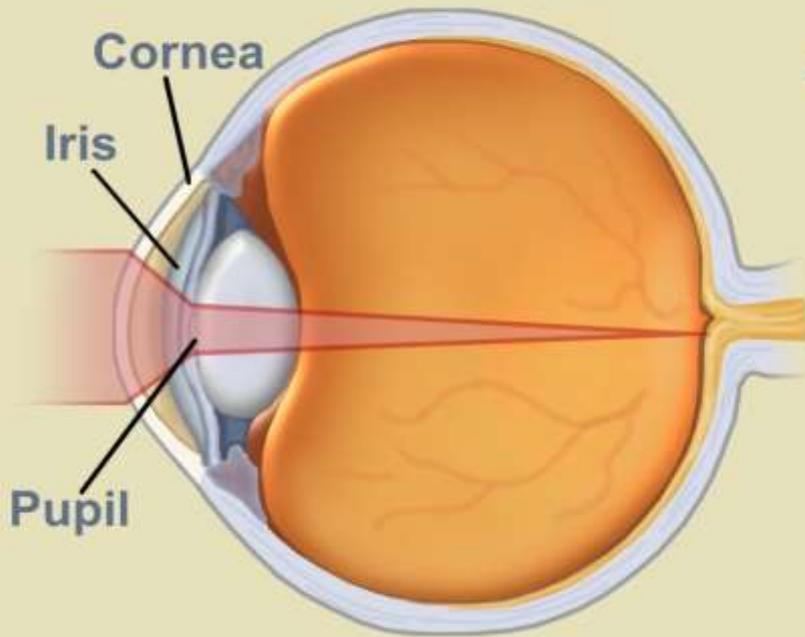
PUPIL

The pupil is the aperture through which light enters the eye - and hence the "perceive" - enters the eye by the iris. As the size of the pupil (or decreases) the size of the pupil decreases (or increases).

Presbyopia

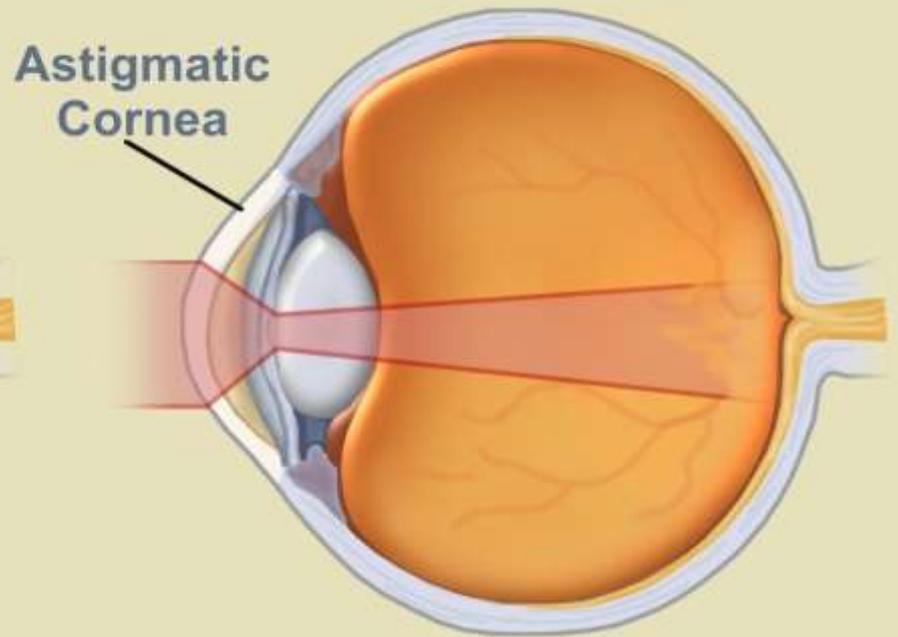
- A form of hyperopia (far sightedness) that occurs with age
- Cause: eye lens losing elasticity
- Not a result of eyeball being too short
- Correct with converging lens

Normal Eye



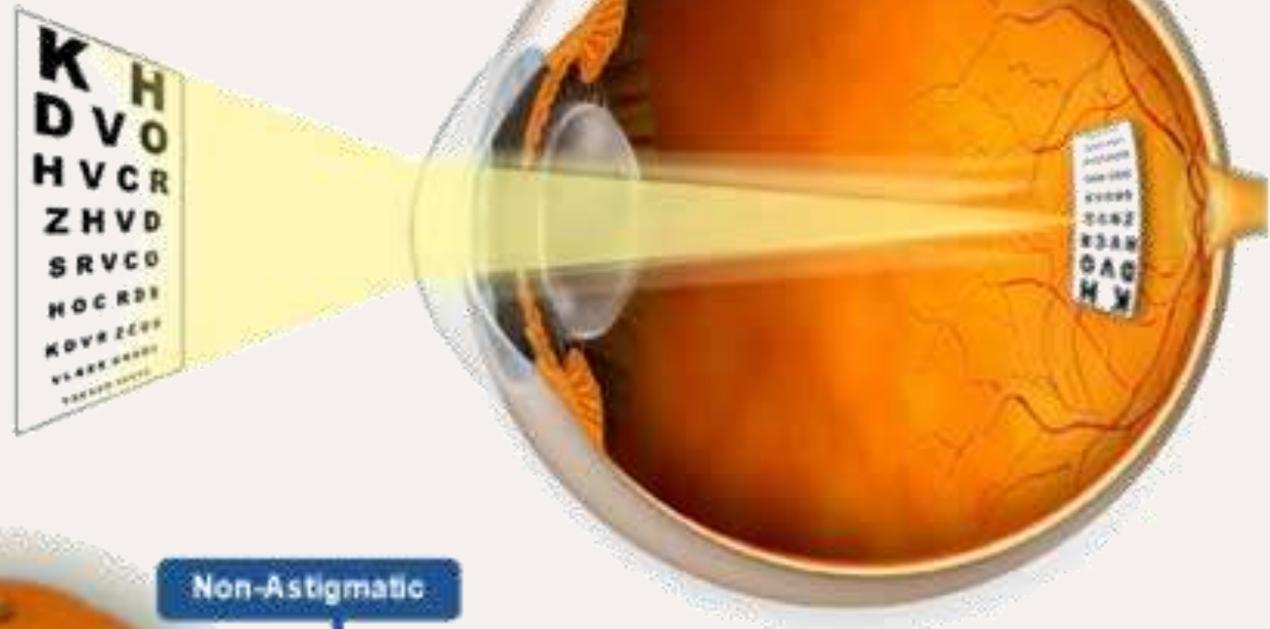
Normal Vision

Astigmatic Eye

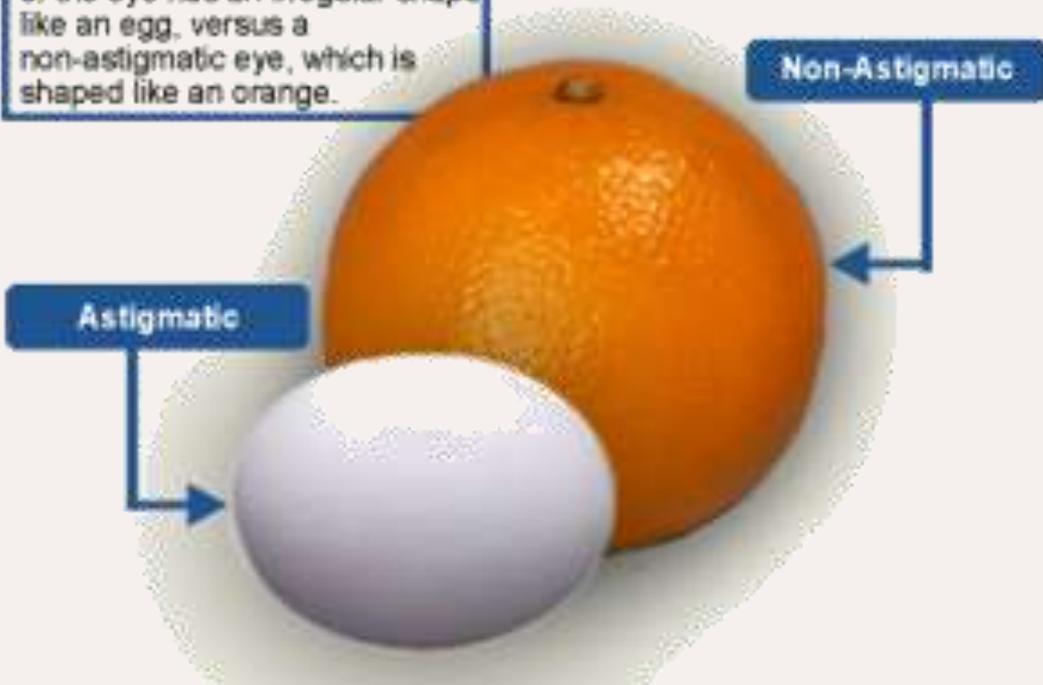


Astigmatic Vision

Astigmatism

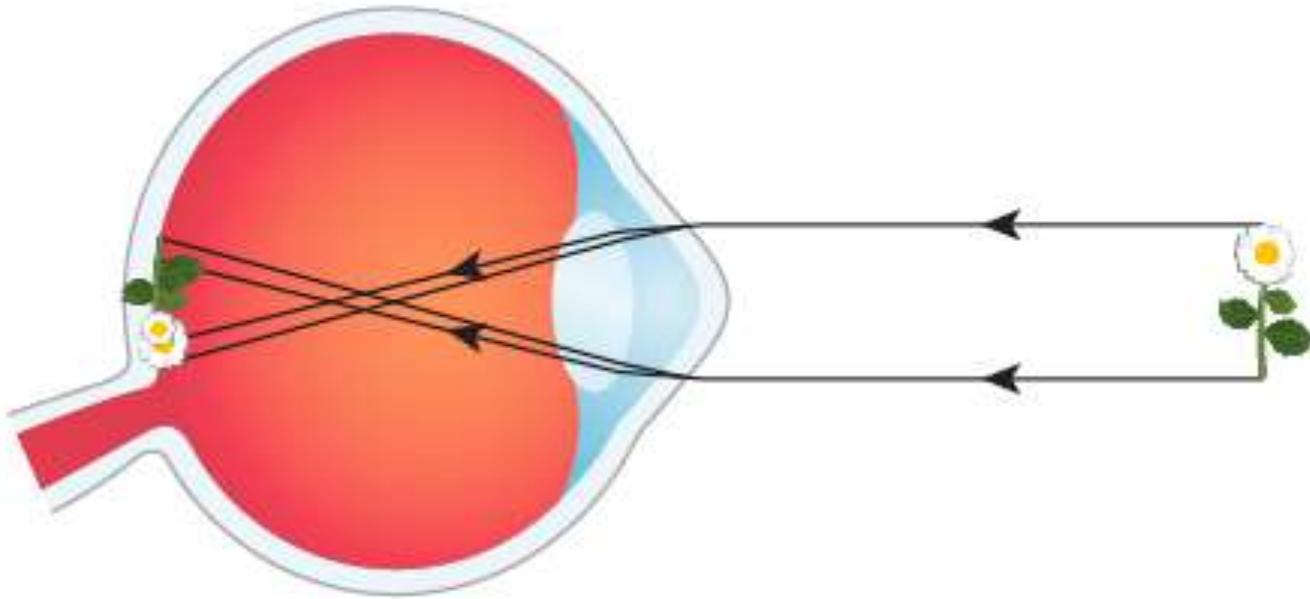


In astigmatism, the front surface of the eye has an irregular shape like an egg, versus a non-astigmatic eye, which is shaped like an orange.



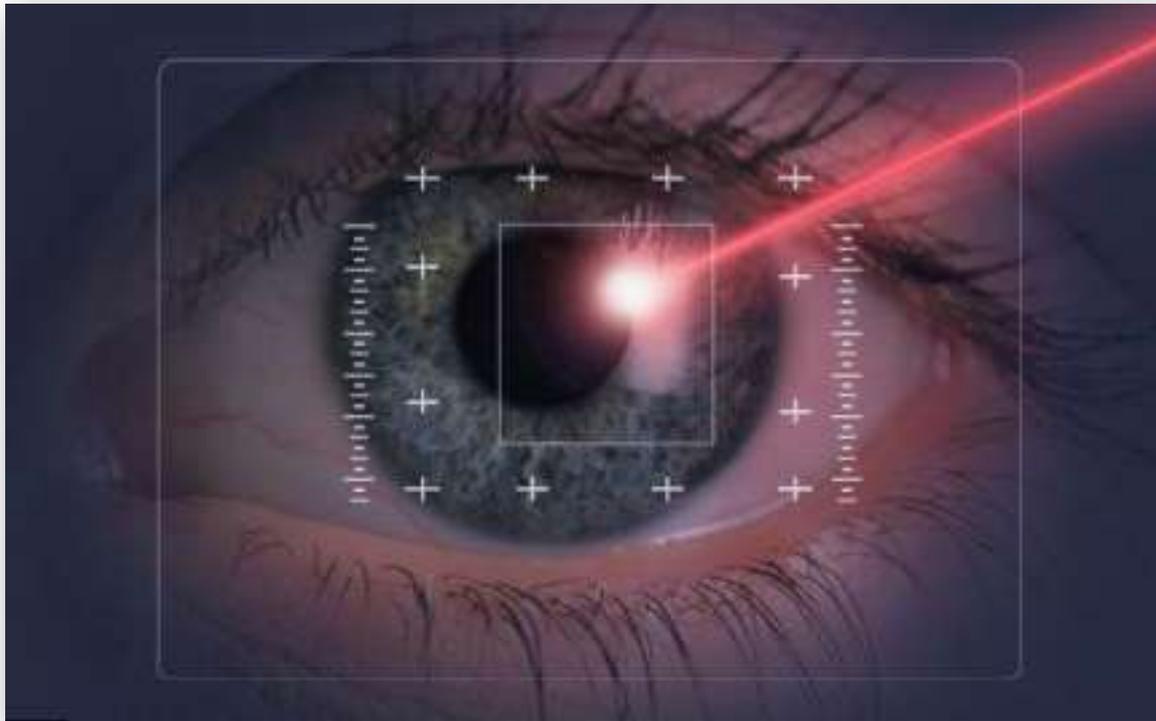
- Irregular shaped cornea “football”
- Two focus points

Astigmatism



Astigmatism is a vision problem that results from a **cornea** that has an irregular **shape**

Video: Laser Eye Surgery



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0V4I2xzwGd4>