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#### Lecture №

THE ROLE OF FOREBRAIN, **LIMBIC SYSTEM AND CEREBRAL CORTEX IN THE FORMATION OF THE BODY'S** SYSTEMIC ACTIVITY. **PYRAMIDAL AND EXTRAPYRAMIDAL SYSTEMS.** 

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# 5 levels of regulation of human motor function:

- 1. spinal cord;
- 2. the medulla oblongata and the pons;
- 3. midbrain and cerebellum;
- 4. <u>Diencephalon (thalamus,</u> hypothalamus);
- 5. <u>Telencephalon (striopaladar</u> <u>system of subcortical nuclei +</u> <u>cortex)</u>
  - The highest level is the cortex of the cerebral hemispheres!



# **Tractus corticospinalis**





# **Basal gangles and circuitry**



# **Basal gangles**

# Classic strio-pallidar system

### Nucleus subthalamicus

## Substantia nigra

## **Basolateral amygdala**

### Nucleus ambiquus

# **Basal gangles afferent and efferent connections**



# **Basal gangles FUNCTIONS**

1. Movements regulation and their sensorimotor coordination

2. Muscle tone control and voluntary movements regulation

3. Centers of complex unconditioned reflexes and instincts

4. Centers of aggressive reactions inhibition

5. Sleep-wakefulness cycle maintenance









### Thalamus and the reticular formation



# The main thalamic nuclei



### **Specific thalamic nuclei**





All sensory pathways have direct projections to thalamic nuclei, which convey the information to restricted areas of the sensory cortex.

Coordination and integration of peripheral sensory stimuli occur in the thalamus

«... thalamus serves as the <u>rely station</u>, where all the external stimuli, coming together, change their expression and go to subcortical and cortical centers».



### Functional zones of the cortex

#### Sensoric (visual, audial, tactile, etc.).

### Motor (primary, secondary, complex).

Associative *(frontal, occipital, temporal)* – polysensoric, plasticity, inertious.





# **BRAIN CORTEX HOMUNNCULUS**



Lateral and mesial views of the cerebral cortex of the macaque monkey showing the primary (green area below) and the supplementary (green area above) motor areas according to Woolsey (adapted from Woolsey, 1958).

Both these-areas-contain a complete representation of body movements. These representations were schematized in the form of two "homunculi," one located on the lateral cortical surface and the other on the mesial one. The two homunculi became a dogma for clinical and



## **Frontal lobe FUNCTIONS**

The major areas are: (i) area 4 (motor area), (ii) area 6 (premotor area), (iii) frontal eye field (area 8), (iv) supplementary motor area, (v) prefrontal cortex (areas 9, 10, 11, 12) and Broca's area (area 44).

 autonomic changes (e.g. BP, heartrate, gastrointestinal secretion and motility) can be elicited.
The area is somehow related
to pain perception.
It is connected with limbic system and thus associated with emotions.
The ability to judge with a situation and make small plans are also associated with this area.

# **Parietal lobe FUNCTIONS**

The major areas are: (i) primary sensory area (also called somatic area I) or Brodmann's area 3, 1, 2, or the post central gyrus, (ii) secondary somatic area or somatic area II and (iii) somesthetic association area.

- Sensory inputs integration, this integration produces a motive and the motive in turn can lead to an action.
- 2. Its presence is necessary for maintenance of body image.
- 3. The parietal lobe also contains angular gyrus. Destruction of angular gyrus causes agraphia (=inability to write), which is a form of aphasia.

# **Occipital lobe FUNCTIONS**

Major areas of this lobe are: (i) primary visual area (area 17), (ii) visual association area (area 18), and (iii) occipital eye field (area 19).

# **Temporal lobe FUNCTIONS**

Major areas of this lobe are: (i) Primary auditory area, in the gyrus of Heschl (area 41) which is situated in the floor of the lateral sulcus plus a small part of the superior temporal gyrus. (ii) In area '41' sound is 'heard' while in the Wernicke's area the sound is 'interpreted'.

# Symptoms assiciated with premotor cortex lesions:

- Changes in Personality and Consciousness.
- Judgments disturbances.
- Loss of spontaneity in interacting with others (changes in social behavior).
- Loss of flexibility in thinking. Difficulty with problem solving.
- Inability to focus on task (Attending).
- Mood changes (Emotionally Labile). Could based on relations of amygdaloid basolateral nucleus with cingulate and premotor cortex.
- Motivation disturbance.
- Inability to plan a sequence of complex movements needed to complete multi-stepped tasks, such as making coffee (Sequencing).
- Persistence of a single thought (Perseveration).



Motor perseveration in patient with premotor region injury (by A.R.Luriya, 1973)



Рис. 33. Двигательные персеверации в послеоперационный период у больного с удалением опухоли (менингеомы) премоторной области: а — рисование фигур (2—5-й день после операции); б — рисование человечка (те же дни); в — рисование фигур и человечка на 7-й день после операции

#### Elementary (simple) motor perseveration in the postoperative period after removal of meningeoma from premotor region

#### Writings of the patient with kinetic motor aphasia

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