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NEURAL CREST DERIVATIVES





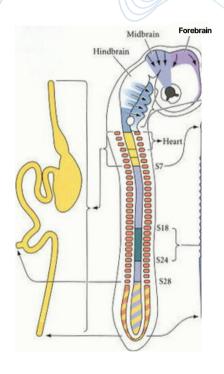


# **NEURAL CREST DERIVATIVES**

The neural crest, a unique transient embryonic cell population, as a group of cells localized in between the neural tube and the epidermis in the vertebrate embryo. Neural crest cells originate in the ectoderm at the margins of the neural tube.



### IMAGE DESCRIPTION



#### REGIONS OF THE EMBRYO NEURAL CREST MIGRATE.

- The cranial neural crest cells migrate into the branchial arches and the face to form the bones and cartilage of the face and neck.
- It also produces pigment and cranial nerves.
- The vagal neural crest cells (near somites 1–7) and the sacral neural crest cells (posterior to somite 28) form the parasympathetic nerves of the gut.
- The cardiac neural crest cells arise from the neural crest by somites 1–3; they are critical in making the division between the aorta and the pulmonary artery.
- Neural crest cells of the trunk (about somite 6 through the tail) make the sympathetic neurons, and a subset of these (at the level of somites 18–24) form the medulla portion of the adrenal gland.





# EMBRYOLOGY OF NEURAL CREST CELLS

#### These cell types include:

- The neurons and glial cells of the sensory, sympathetic, and parasympathetic nervous systems,
- The epinephrine-producing (medulla) cells of the adrenal gland,
- The pigment-containing cells of the epidermis, and
- Many of the skeletal and connective tissue components of the head. The fate of the neural crest cells depends, to a large degree, on where they migrate to and settle.





- Cells migrate dorsolaterally to produce the craniofacial mesenchyme that differentiates into the cartilage, bone, cranial neurons, glia, and connective tissues of the face.
- These cells enter the pharyngeal arches and pouches to give rise to thymic cells, odontoblasts of the tooth primordia, and the bones of middle ear and jaw.
- Neural crest cells that become the pigmentsynthesizing melanocytes.
- Sclerotomes are blocks of mesodermal cells.





- The vagal and sacral neural crest, whose cells generate the parasympathetic(enteric) ganglia of the gut.
- The vagal (neck) neural crest lies opposite somites 1–7, while the sacral neural crest lies posterior to somite 28.
- The cardiac neural crest is located between the cranial and trunk neural crests.



# MCQ

#### **Question:**

- Q. All are derivatives of ectoderm except
- A.) Epidermis
- B.) Parotid gland
- C.) Neurohypophysis
- D.) Arrector Pilorum

Ans - D.) Arrector Pilorum

