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#### Nervous system

- Different classes of neurons
- Glial cells
- Sensory cells
- Muscles

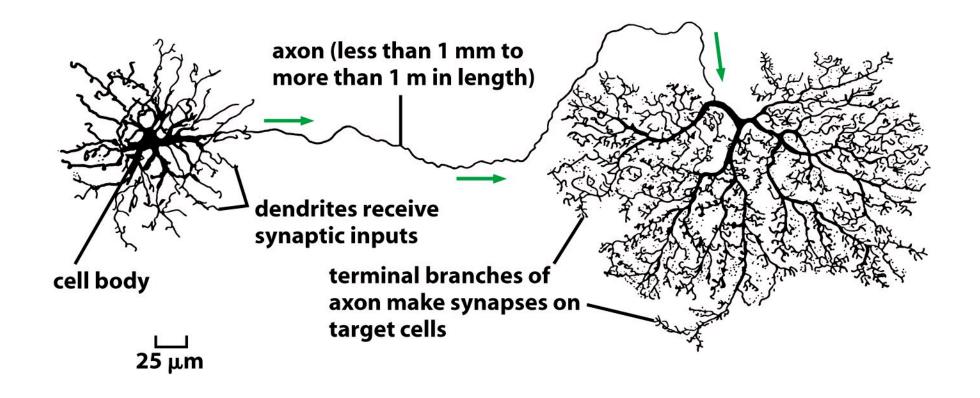
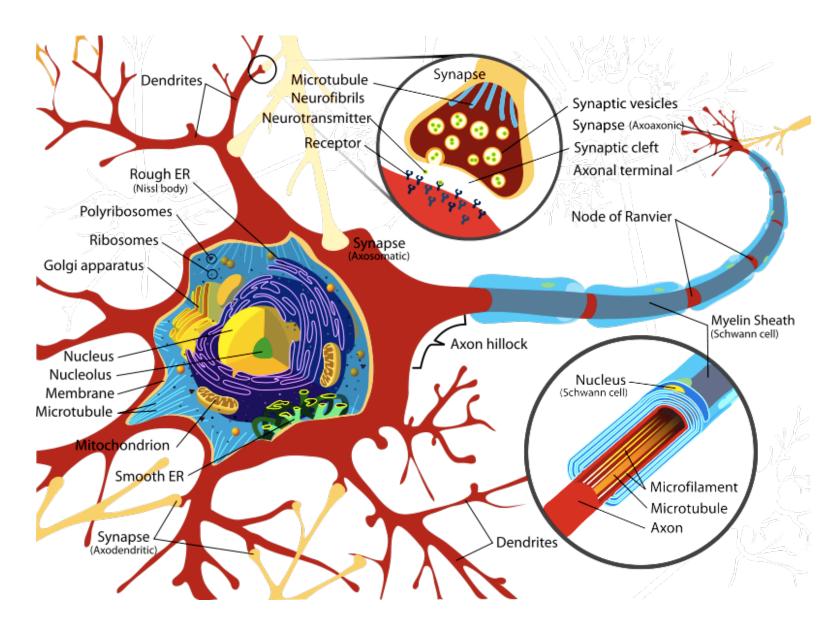
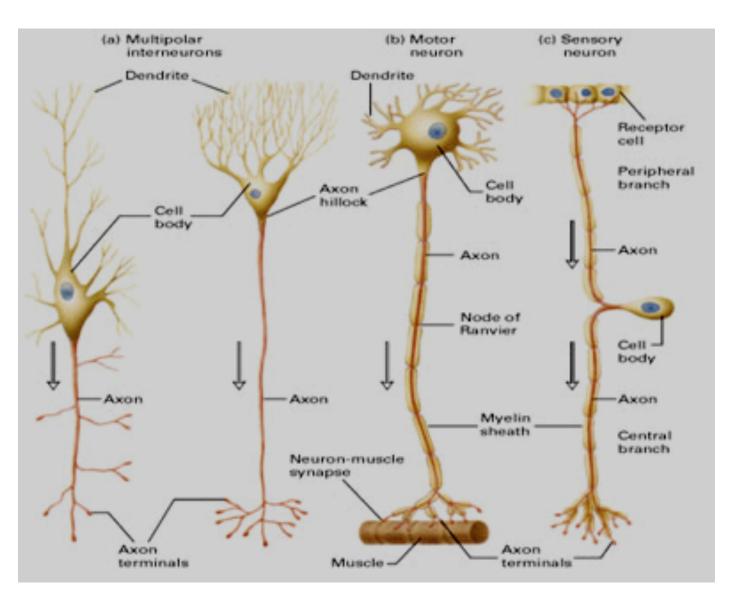


Figure 22–93 A typical neuron of a vertebrate. The arrows indicate the direction in which signals are conveyed. The neuron shown is from the retina of a monkey. The longest and largest neurons in a human extend for about 1 million mm and have an axon diameter of 15 mm. (Drawing of neuron from B.B. Boycott, in Essays on the Nervous System [R. Bellairs and E.G. Gray, eds.]. Oxford, UK: Clarendon Press, 1974.)

#### Structure of a neuron



## Different types of neurons



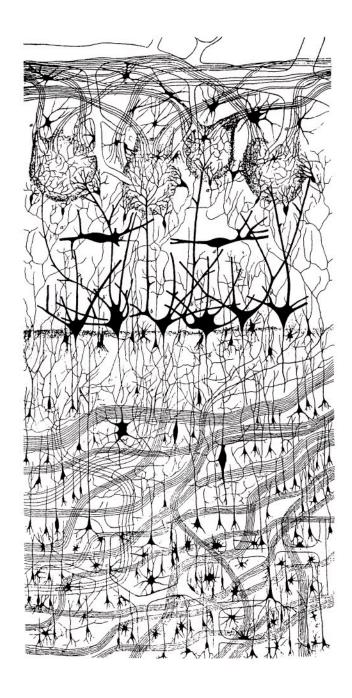
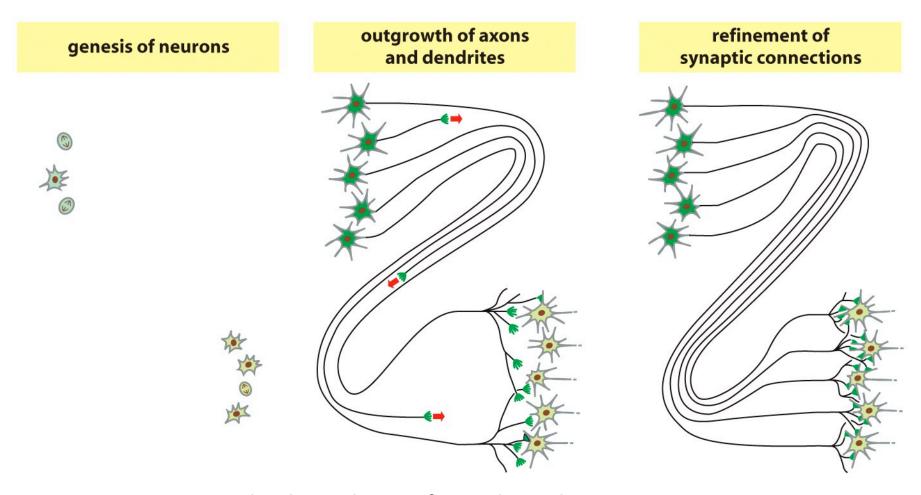


Figure 22–94 The complex organization of nerve cell connections. This drawing depicts a section through a small part of a mammalian brain—the olfactory bulb of a dog, stained by the Golgi technique. The black objects are neurons; the thin lines are axons and dendrites, through which the various sets of neurons are interconnected according to precise rules. (From C. Golgi, Riv. sper. freniat. Reggio-Emilia 1:405-425, 1875; reproduced in M. Jacobson, Developmental Neurobiology)

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The three phases of neural Development.

Neurons are almost always produced in association with **glial cells**, which provide a supporting framework and create an enclosed, protected environment in which the neurons can perform their functions.

#### refinement of synaptic connections

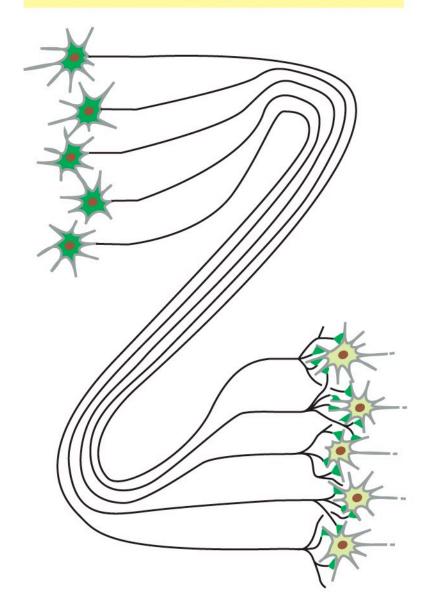
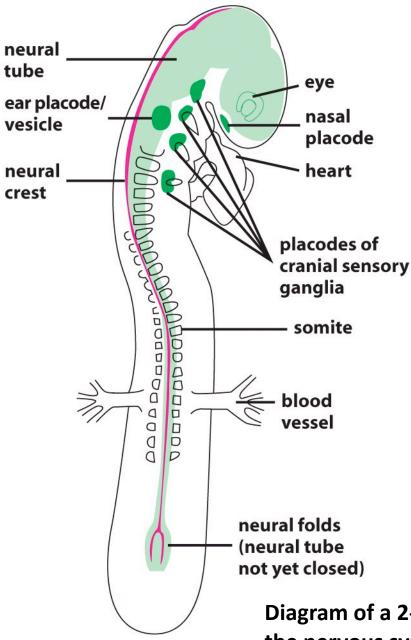


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Neurons and glial cells of the *central nervous* system (including the spinal cord, the brain, and the retina of the eye) derive from the part of the ectoderm that rolls up to form the neural tube.

**Peripheral nervous** system derive mainly from the neural crest

Diagram of a 2-day chick embryo, showing the origins of the nervous system.

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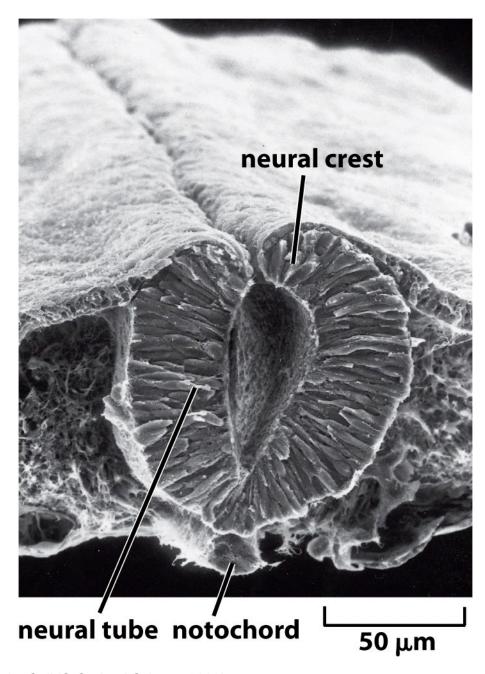
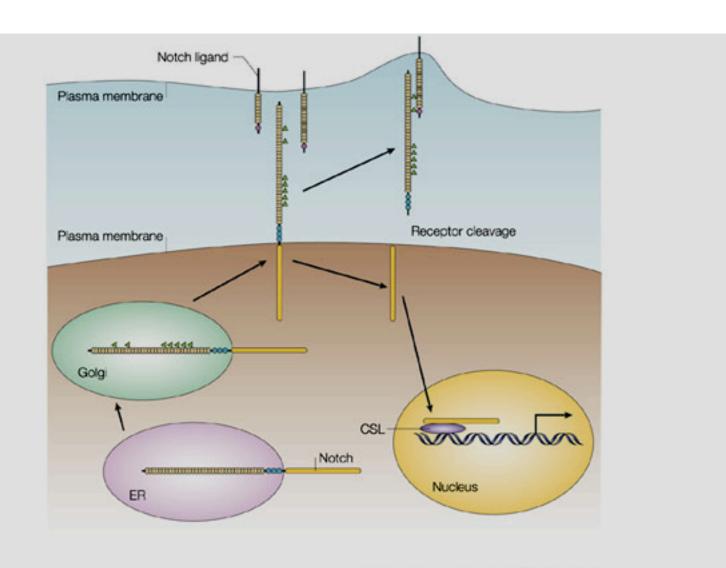


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#### Neuronal development

- Neuronal epithelium
- Progenitors of neurons and glial cells
- Delta-notch signaling critical for this development



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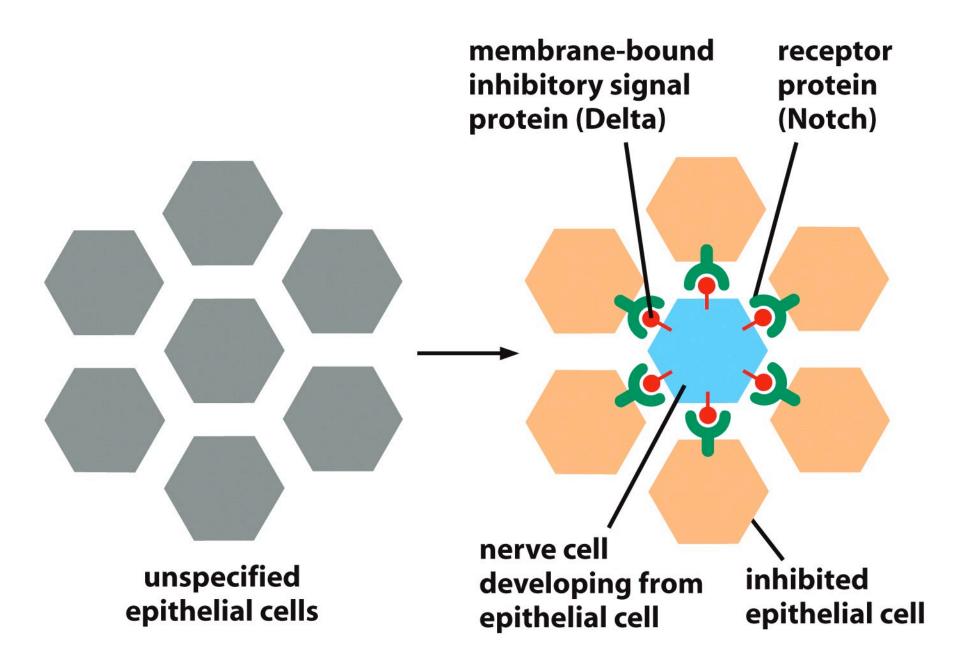


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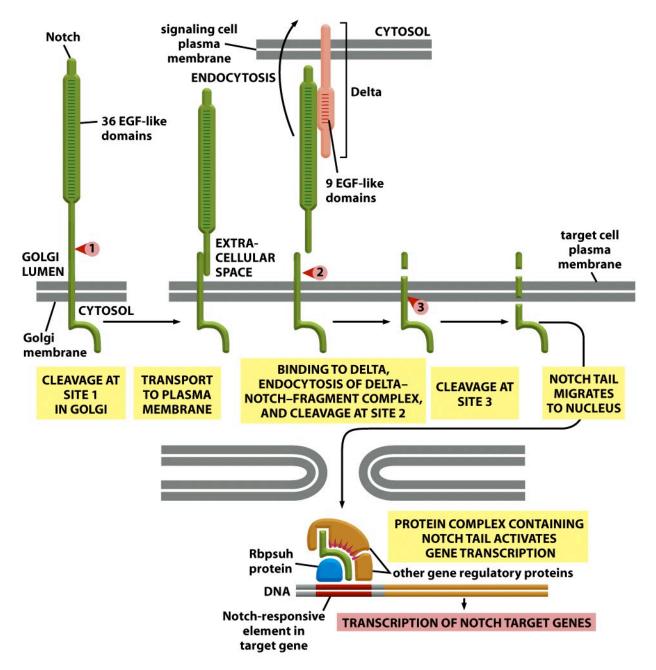


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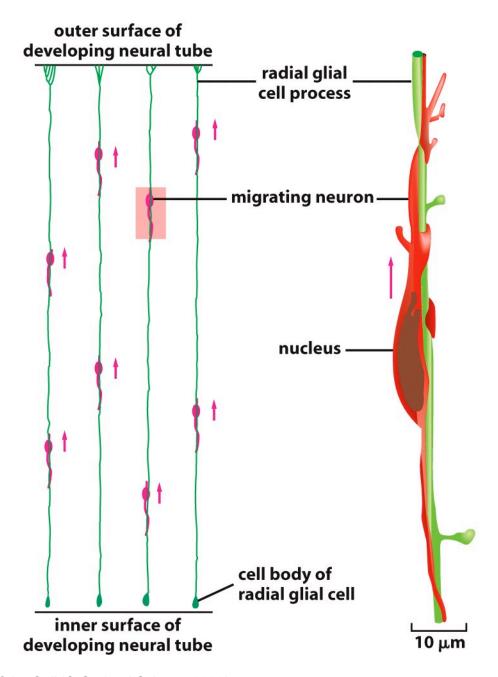


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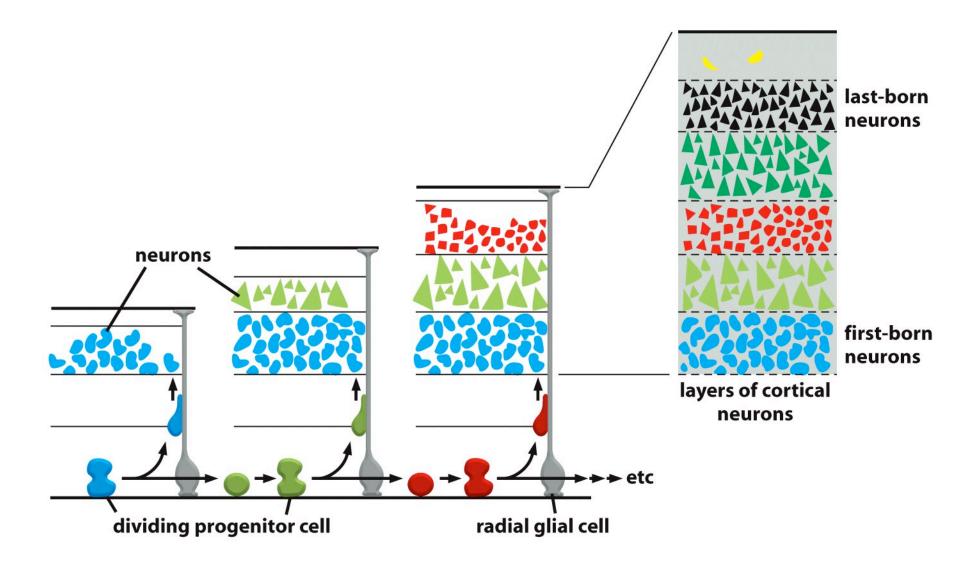
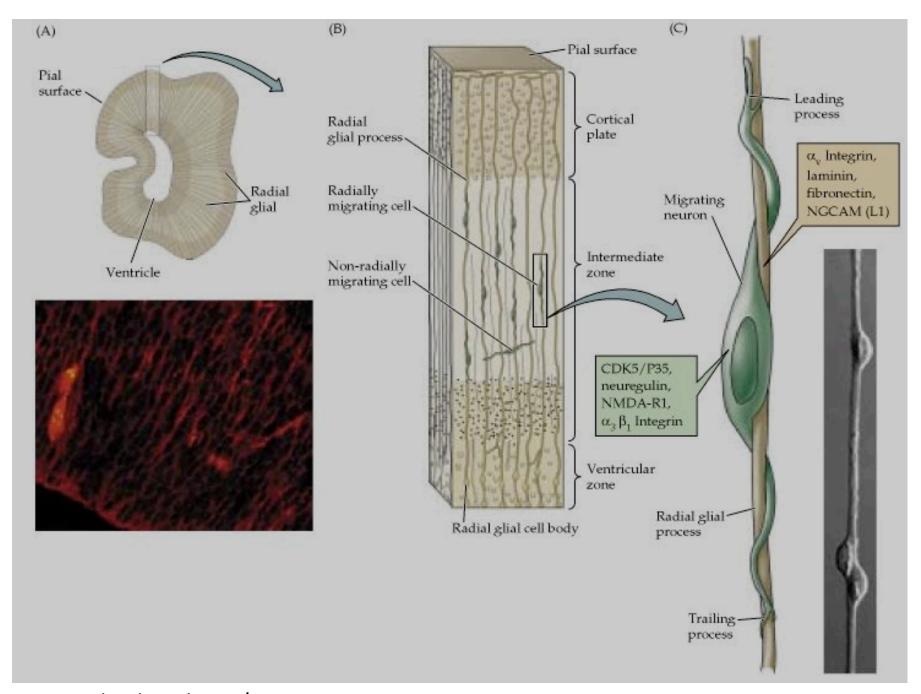
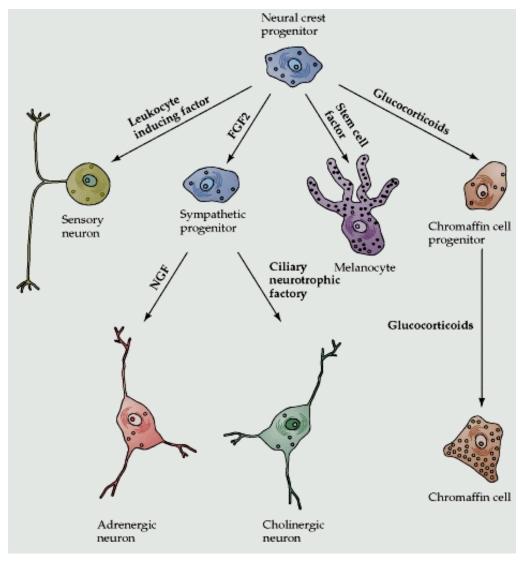


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### Cell signaling during migration



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#### Gene expression and neuronal fate

- Motor neurons express *Islet/Lim* family of hox genes
- Expression of different members of this family of transcription factors results specific motor neurons.
- If the pattern of gene expression is artificially altered, the neurons project to different target muscles.

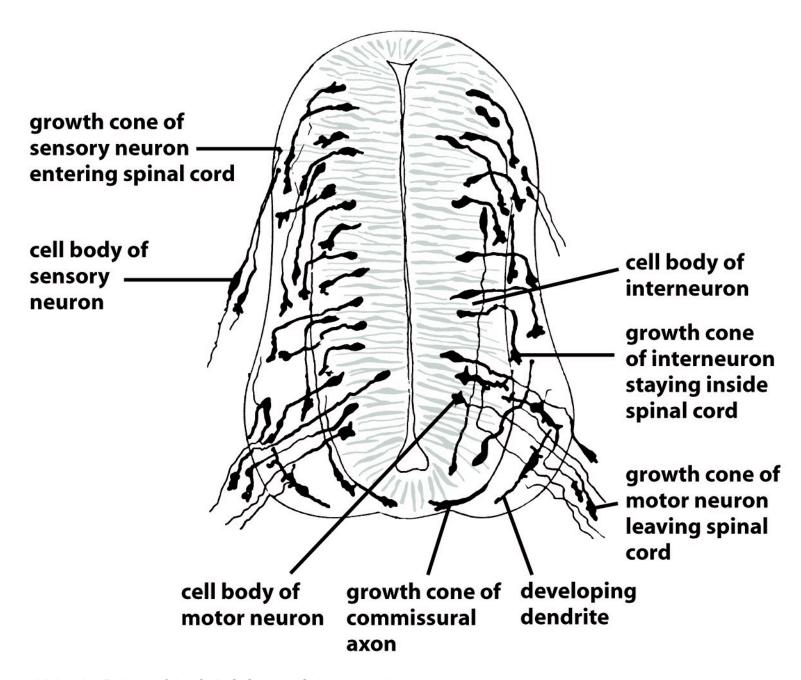


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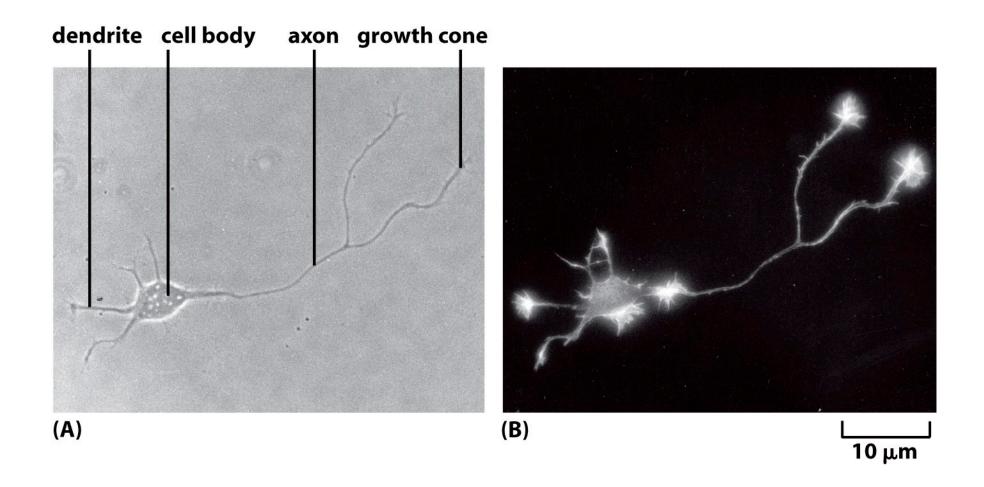
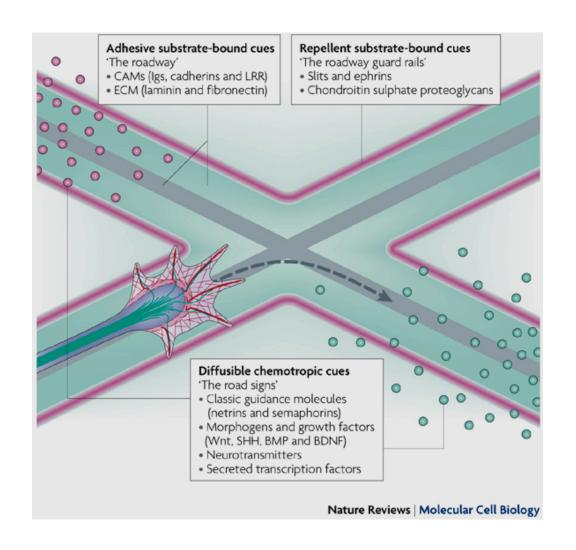
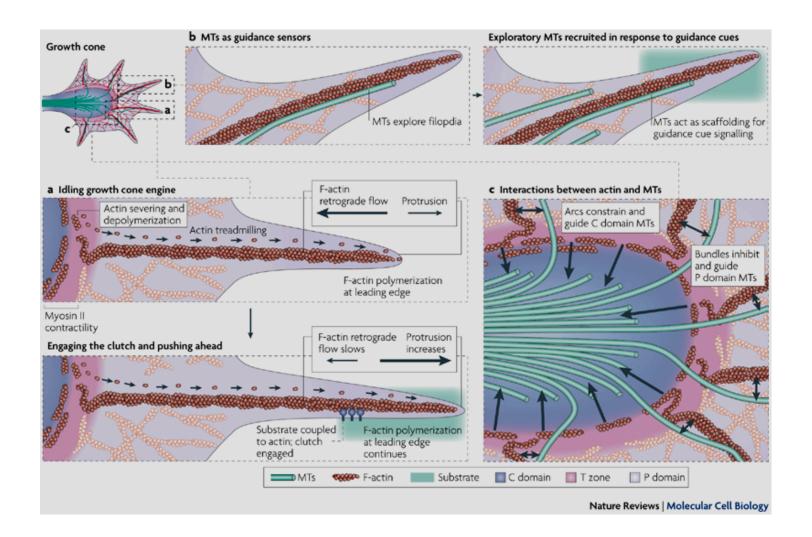


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# Environmental cues the direct growth cone

- -Adhesive molecules like transmembrane cell adhesion molecules (CAMs)
- Complex extracellular matrix (ECM) like laminin and fibronectin.
- Anti-adhesive surface-bound molecules such as slits, ephrins and chondroitin sulphate proteoglycans
- Diffusible chemotropic cues such as netrins and semaphorins
- Morphogens such as Wnt, sonic hedgehog (SHH) and bone morphogenetic protein (BMP)
- Growth or neurotrophic factors such as brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), and neurotransmitters



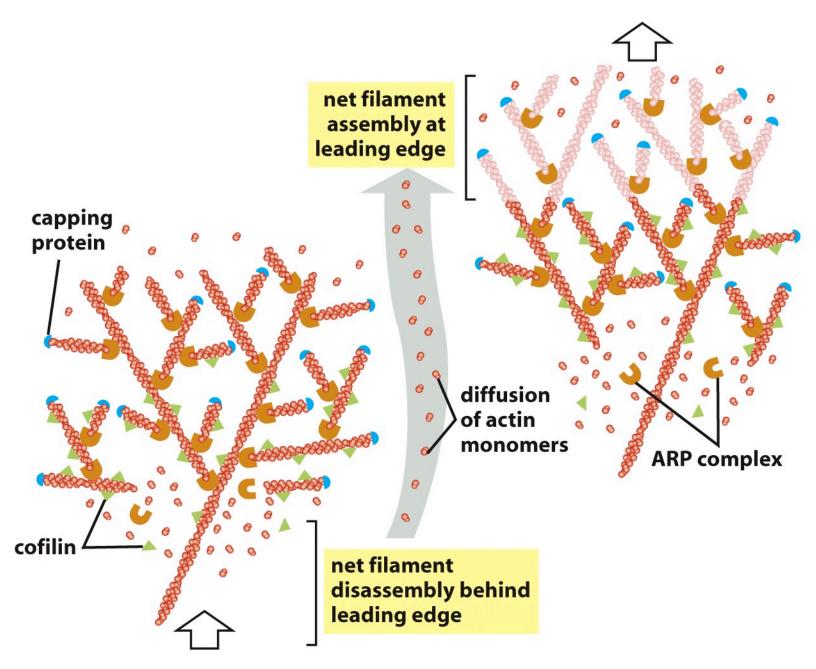
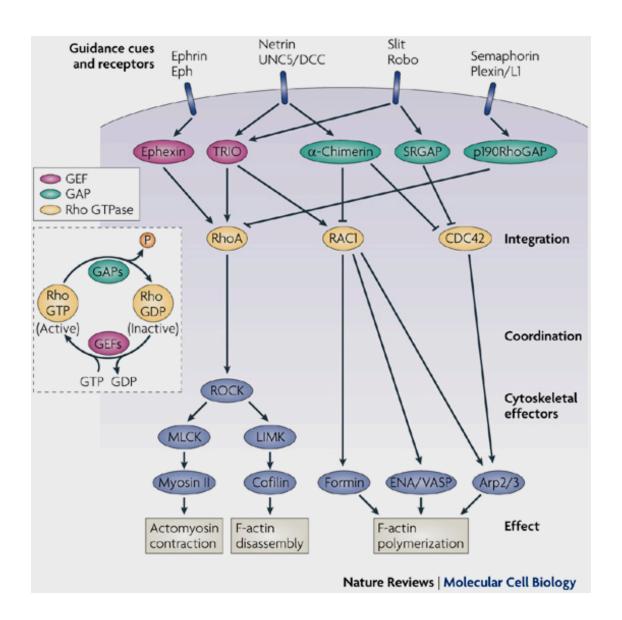


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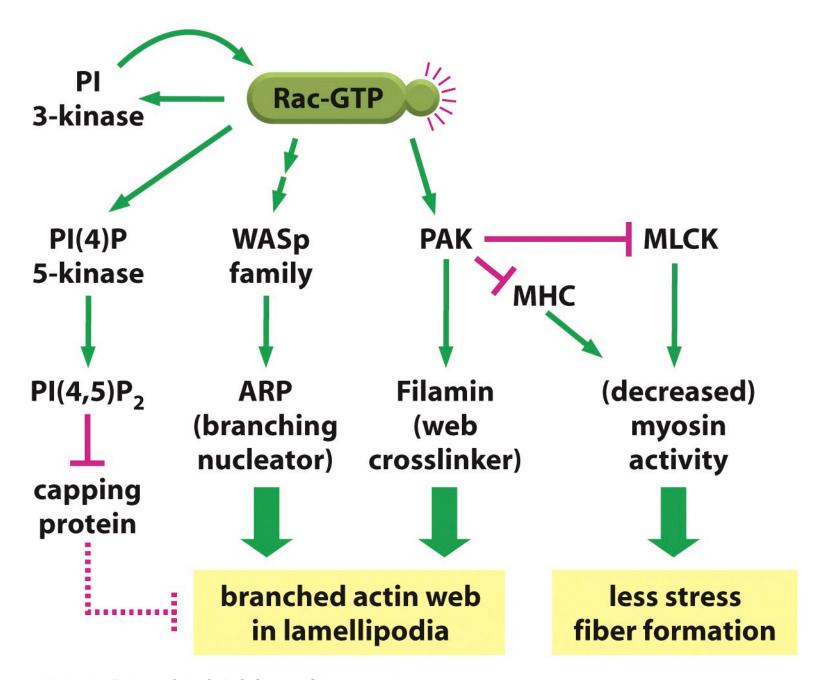


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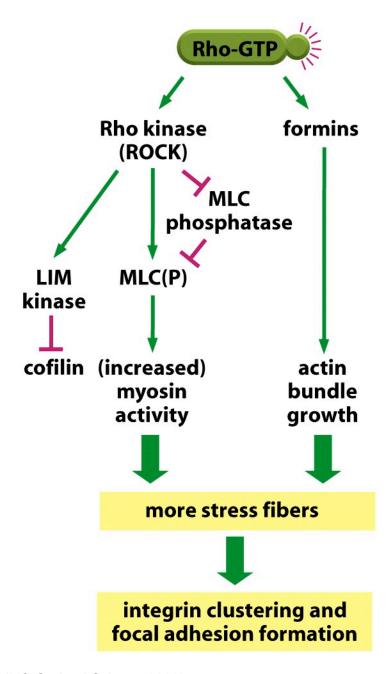


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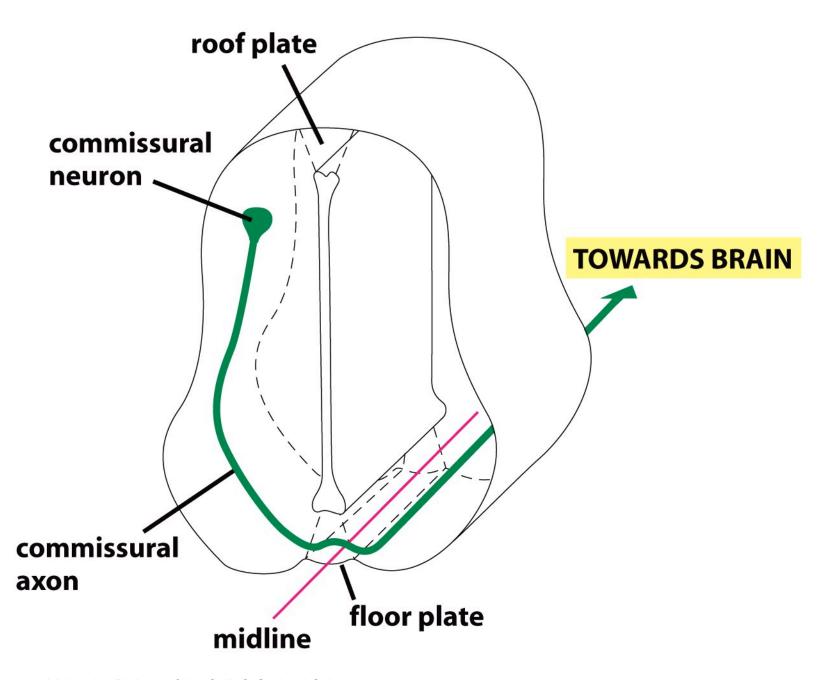


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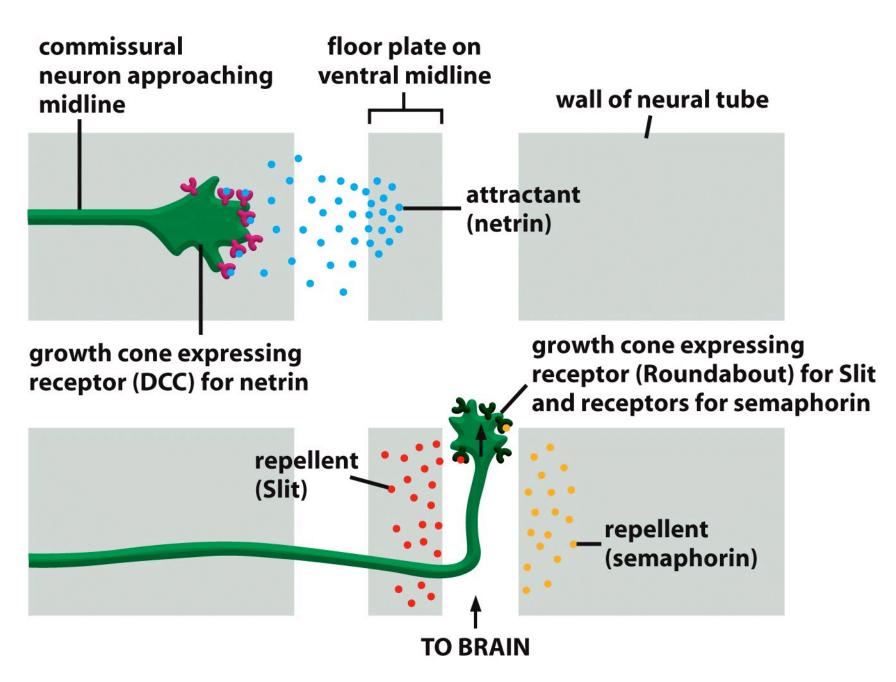


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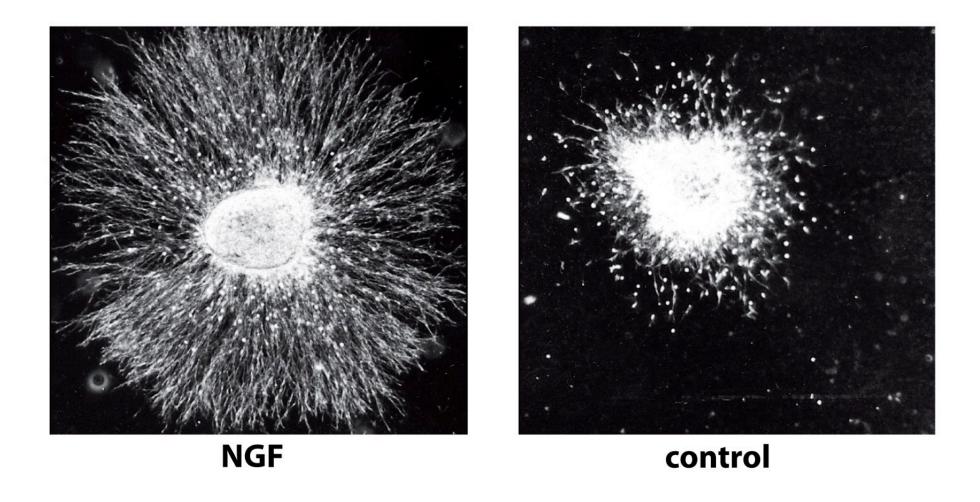


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