

# HYPOTHALAMUS PITUITARY GLAND THE HYPOTHALAMUS

## **Cingulate cortex**

Primary cortical component of the limbic system, involved in emotional and cognitive processing.

### Thalamus

Part of the forebrain that relays information from sensory organs to the cerebral cortex.

## Hypothalamus Part of the forebrain that regulates the amount of fear, thirst, sexual drive, and aggression we feel.

### Amygdala Influences our motivation, emotional control, fear response, and interpretations of nonverbal emotional expressions.

### Hippocampus

Plays a role in our learning, memory, and ability to compare sensory information to expectations.

# **Basal ganglia**

# Amygdala

#### Hippocampus

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### Cerebellum

Part of the hindbrain that controls balance and maintains muscle coordination.

# **Reticular formation**

A system of nerves running from the hindbrain and through the midbrain to the cerebral cortex, controlling arousal and attention.

Cerebral cortex Controls complex thought processes. Corpus callosum Connects left and right hemispheres of the brain.

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# Hypothalamus Part of the forebrain that regulates the amount of fear, thirst, sexual drive, and aggression we feel.

Pituitary gland Regulates other endocrine glands.

## Pons

Part of the hindbrain that relays messages between the cerebellum and the cortex.

# Medulla Part of the hindbrain that controls heartbeat, breathing, and swallowing.

Cerebral hemispheres: The left hemisphere is specialized for speech, writing, language and calculation; the right hemisphere is specialized for spatial abilities, face recognition in vision, and some aspects of music perception and production.

Forebrain: The largest division of the brain includes the cerebral cortex and basal ganglia. It is credited with the highest intellectual functions.

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8 Frontal lobe: One of the four divisions—others include parietal, temporal and occipital—of each hemisphere of the cerebral cortex. It has a role in controlling movement and associating the functions of other cortical areas.

> Temporal lobe: One of the four major subdivisions of each hemisphere of the cerebral cortex. It functions in auditory perception, speech and complex visual perceptions.

> > Basal ganglia: Clusters of neurons located deep in the brain that play an important role in movement. With effort, information comes from the hippocampus and other areas of the brain into long-term memory in this area. Long-term memory constitutes the final phase of memory when information storage may last from hours to a lifetime. Neuroscientists use the term "memory consolidation" to refer to the physical and psychological changes as the brain organizes and restructures information to make it permanent.

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Cerebral cortex: The outermost layer of the cerebral hemispheres responsible for all forms of conscious experience, including perception, emotion, thought and planning.

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Parietal lobe: One of four subdivisions of the cerebral contex. It plays a role in sensory processes, attention and language.

> Occipital lobe: Controls vision and color recognition.

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**Hippocampus:** This seahorse-shaped structure functions in learning, memory and emotion. It acts like a sorting machine-collecting and sending information to other parts of the brain. The hippocampus houses immediate or "working memory," an extremely short-lived phase of memory. When learning new concepts, the information goes to the hippocampus first until it gets lest or moved into long-term memory in the basal ganglia.

6 Amygdala: A structure in the forebrain. Sustained levels of high amygdala arousal can cause a person to think unclearly.

# CEREBRUM

touch vision, hearing, speech, reasoning, emotions, learning & fine control movements

# CEREBELLUM -

Co-ordinate muscle movements, maintain posture, and balance.



# - BRAIN STEM

relay center connecting the cerebrum and cerebellum to the spinal cord breathing, heart rate, body temperature, wake and sleep cycles, digestion, sneezing, coughing, vomiting, vomiting, and swallowing

# **Brain Anatomy & Functions**



