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Nervous system



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neurology: is the branch of medical science that deal with the normal functioning disorders of the nervous system

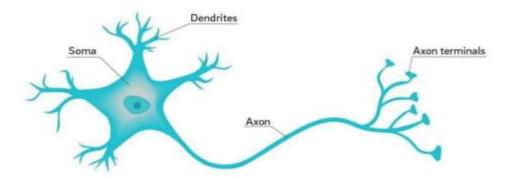
- nervous system: is the body's control center and communications network. In humans, the nervous system serves three broad functions:
 - 1- Sensory functions: it senses changes within the body and in the outside environment.
 - 2- Integrative functions: it interprets the changes.
 - 3- Motor function: it respond to the interpretation by initiating action in the form of muscular contraction or glandular secretion

Cells of nervous system:

Nervous tissues consists of two types of cells:

- 1- The neurons which conduct impulses & make up the impulse conducting protein of the brain, spinal cord, & nerves.
 - 2- The neurological cells which perform other functions

Neuron





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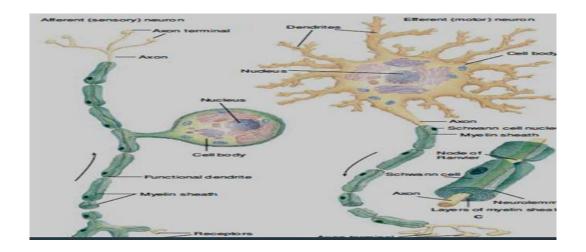
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Neurons: - consists of a cell body (soma), an axon, & usually several dendrites...

- 1- The cell body (soma): contains most of the cytoplasm and many of the organelles usually found in cells (mitochondria, Golgi apparatus, nucleus, & Nucleolus)
- 2- The axon: of neuron is a long, thin process extending from the hillock. In most neurons it extends in only one direction from the cell body.
- 3- Dendrites: are shorter processes than axons in most neurons. they connect directly with the cell body.

Schwan cells: (sometimes considered a kind of neuroglial cells). are found wrapped around the axons of myelinated neurons of the PNS. Many schwan cells are required to produce a myelin sheath on a single axon. The myelin sheath has numerous small constrictions called node of Ranveir.

These nodes represented minute spaces between adjacent schwan cells



structure of a typical neuron



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Neurons divided in to three types according to the number of processes:

- 1- Multipolar neurons: consists of many dendrites and one axon e.g.// pyramidal cells in the motor cerebral cortex
- **2- Bipolar neurons** : consists of one dendrite & one axon e.g.// sensory neurons in the retina of the eye .
- **3- Unipolar neurons**: consists of one process branched in to two branches of opposite directions e.g.// cells of sensory