

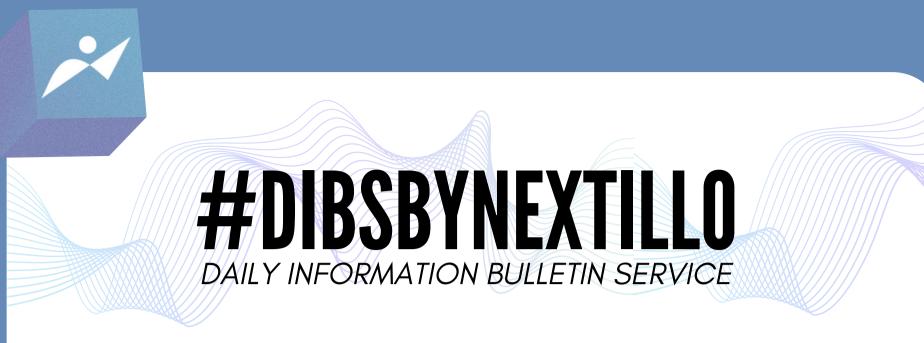


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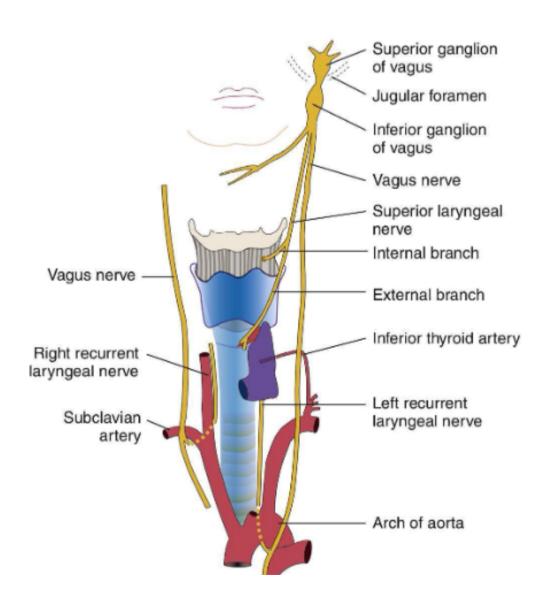
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The vagus nerve is the large nerve that supplies the many branches of nerves that innervate the larynx.

The superior laryngeal nerve, its external and internal branches, and the recurrent laryngeal nerve all have very distinct roles in motor and sensory innervation of the larynx.



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- The illustration depicts the anatomical pathways and structures related to laryngeal nerve anatomy
- the image provides a comprehensive overview of laryngeal nerve anatomy and its clinical relevance
- Rare nonrecurrent laryngeal nerves pose a higher surgical injury risk.
- Human communicating nerve links external branch and recurrent laryngeal ner
- RLN is highly vulnerable during thyroid surgeries, necessitating careful identification



VAGUS NERVE MAIN BRANCHES

Divides into superior and recurrent laryngeal nerves.

Terminal Branches: Supplies various structures within the larynx.

Internal Laryngeal Nerve: Provides sensory innervation above vocal folds.

Superior Laryngeal Nerve: Comprises internal and external laryngeal branches.

External Laryngeal Nerve: Motor supply to the cricothyroid muscle.



SUPERIOR LARYNGEAL NERVE

Motor Supply: Innervates the cricothyroid muscle for vocal pitch adjustment.

Sensory Supply: Covers the mucosa above the vocal folds.

Internal Laryngeal Branch: Gives sensory innervation to upper laryngeal structures.

External Laryngeal Branch: Controls the cricothyroid muscle's motor function.

Role: Regulate both sensory and motor functions in the larynx.



RECURRENT LARYNGEAL NERVE

Sensory Branch: Supplies sensory fibers to mucosa below the vocal folds.

Motor Branch: Controls all intrinsic muscles of the larynx, excluding cricothyroid.

Role: Essential for vocal cord movement, voice production, and airway protection.

Innervation: Extends to intrinsic muscles, contributing to laryngeal control.

Mucosal Supply: Regulates sensation and protection of the lower larynx mucosa.





Question:

Which branch of the Vagus nerve is responsible for motor supply to the cricothyroid muscle?

A) Internal Laryngeal Nerve
B) External Laryngeal Nerve
C) Superior Laryngeal Nerve
D) Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve

Answer: B) External Laryngeal Nerve

