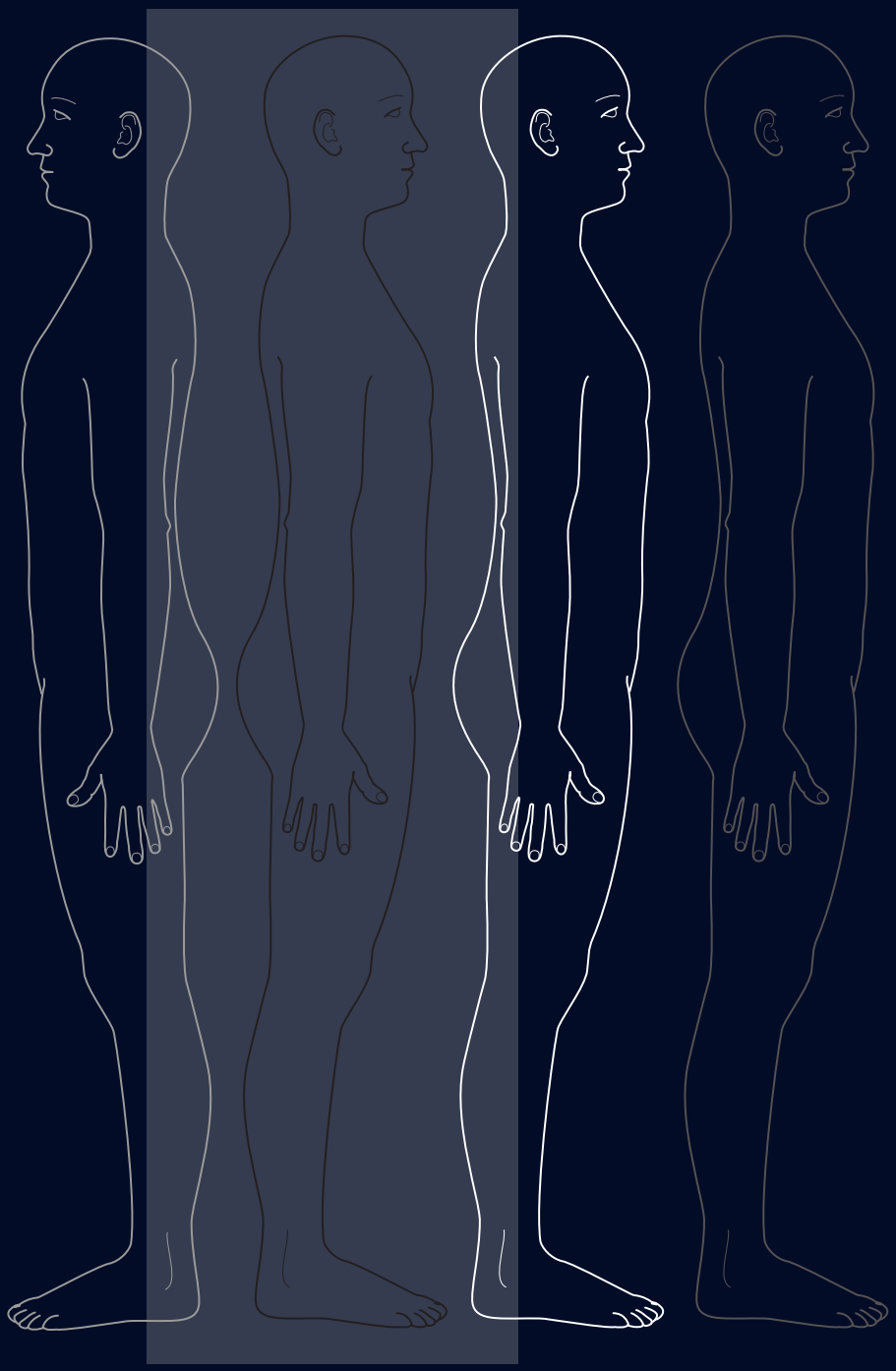
ANATOMICAL FIGURING

Forensic Body Chart Resource



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Case details:

Case No. / UR No. .....

Subjects Name .....

Address .....

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Age ..... D.O.B. ..... / ..... / ..... M / F .....

Place of Examination .....

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Address .....

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Tel ..... Fax .....

Consent: Obtained from .....

Time called (original callout) ..... hrs ..... / ..... / .....

Time of arrival at scene ..... hrs ..... / ..... / .....

Time of departing from scene ..... hrs ..... / ..... / .....

Time of commencement of examination ..... hrs ..... / ..... / .....

Time of completion of examination ..... hrs ..... / ..... / .....

Time of completion of notes ..... hrs ..... / ..... / .....

Observers:

Name	Status	Name	Status
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Circumstances / History:

(a) From patient .....

(b) From others (police, ambulance, family, friends, others)

Name of Informant .....

Clothing:

Jewellery:

Specimens:

Specimens handed to:

Recipient name .....

Status .....

Recipient signature .....

Time ..... hrs Date ..... / ..... / .....

Legend

(i) Whole body — front

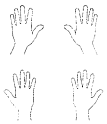
(ii) Whole body — back

(iii) Whole body — side (R)

(iv) Whole body — side (L)

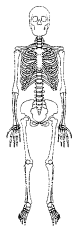
(v) Head — front and back

(vi) Head — side (L & R)

(vii) Hands — back and palm (R & L) 

(viii) Forearms — (R & L)

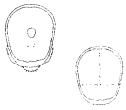
(ix) Feet — soles and dorsum

(x) Whole body skeleton 

(xi) Skull — front and back

(xii) Skull — side (L & R)

(xiii) Skull — base and top

(xiv) Skull — inside 

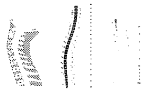
(xv) Genitalia — male

(xvi) Genitalia — female

(xvii) Extended neck — front and larynx

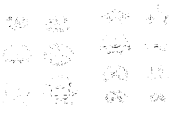
(xviii) Extended neck — side (L & R)

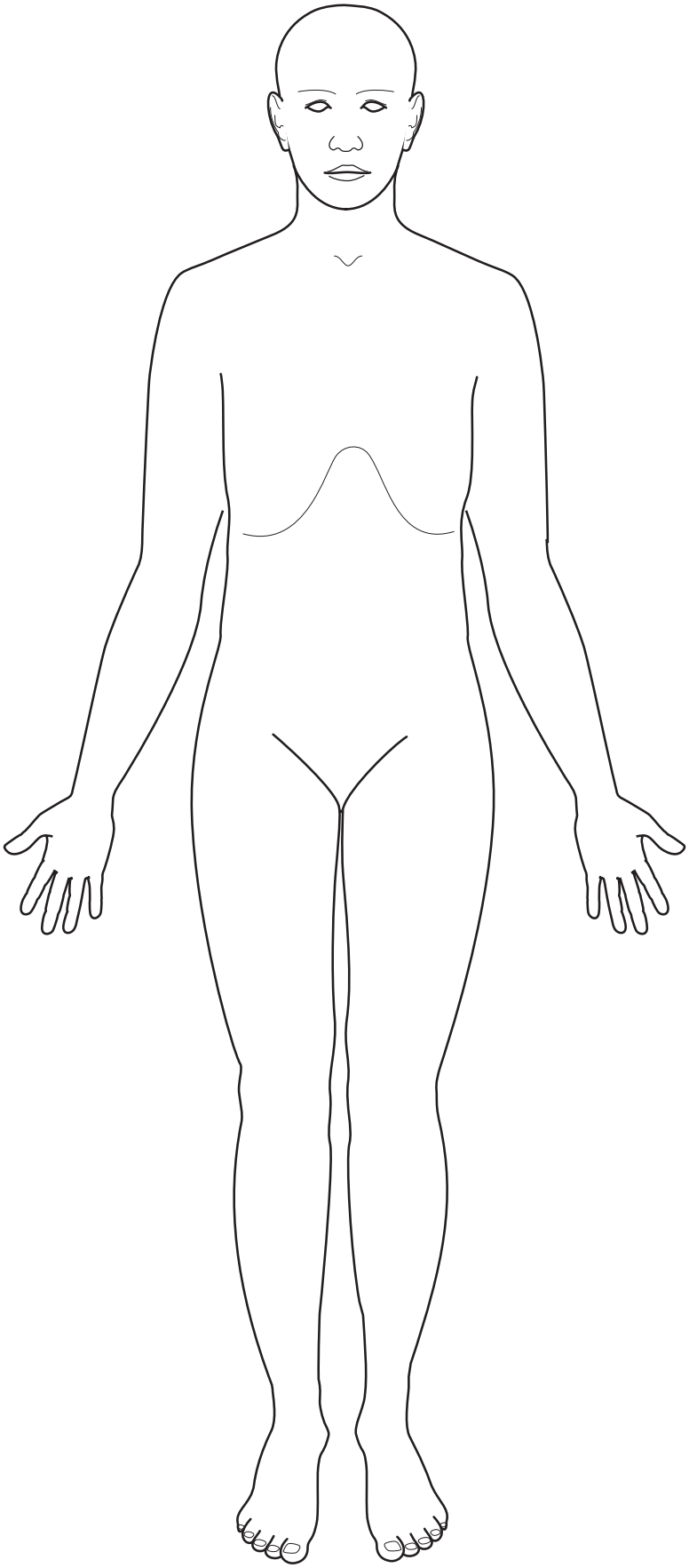
(xix) Neck — section (R & L)

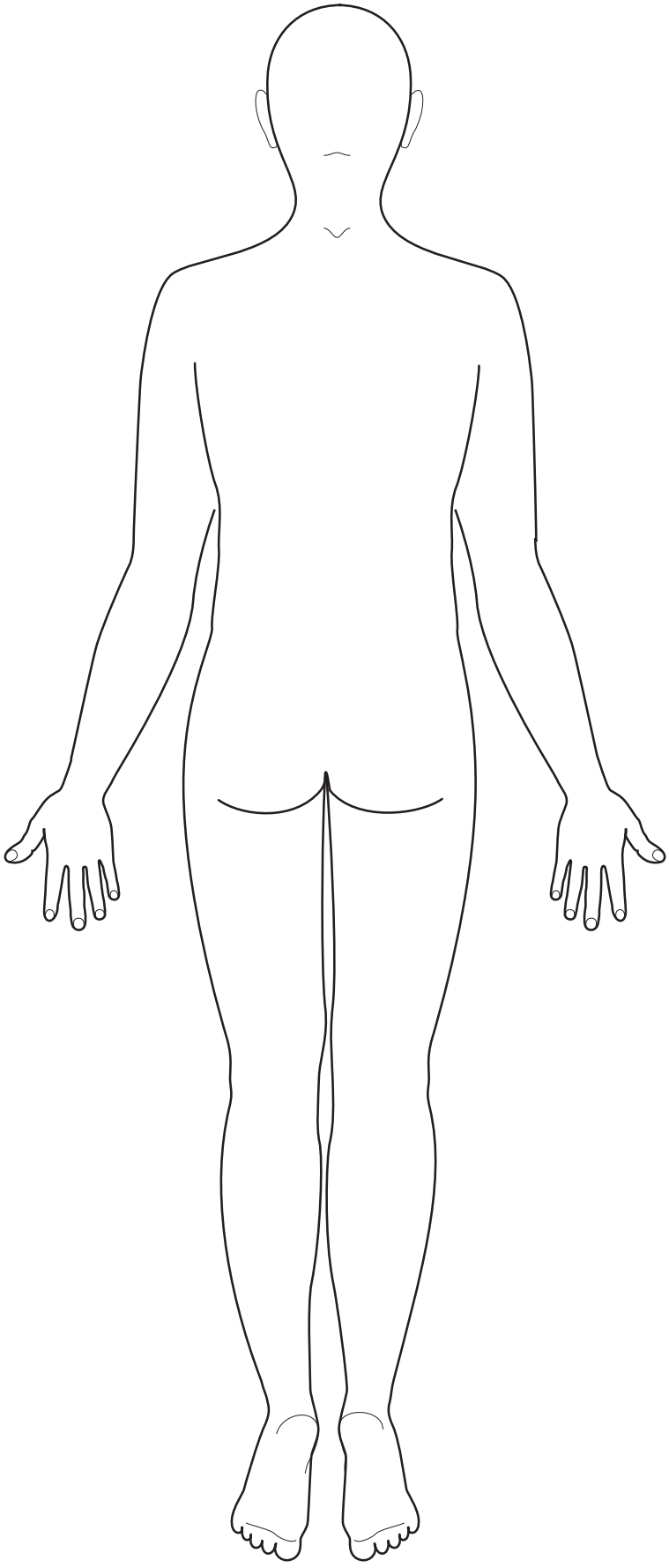
(xx) Spine — three sections 

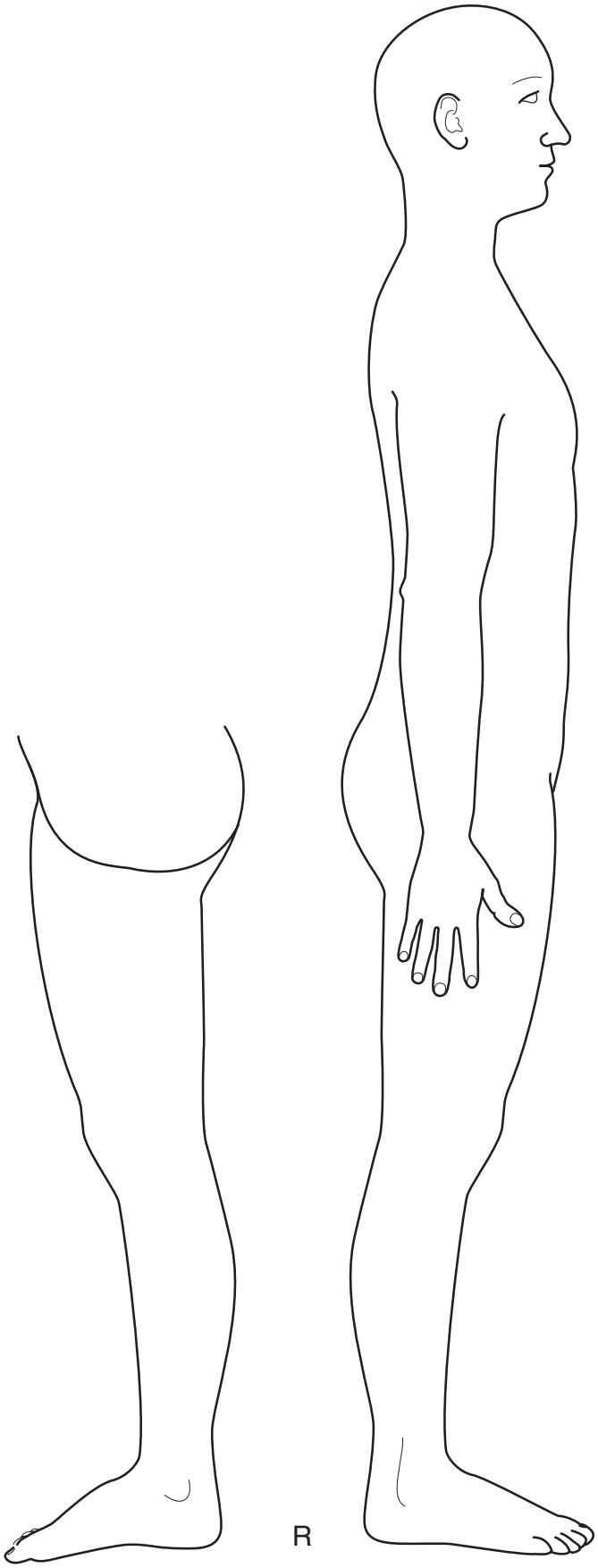
(xxi) Brain — surfaces

(xxii) Brain — slices

(xxiii) Brain — coronal slices 



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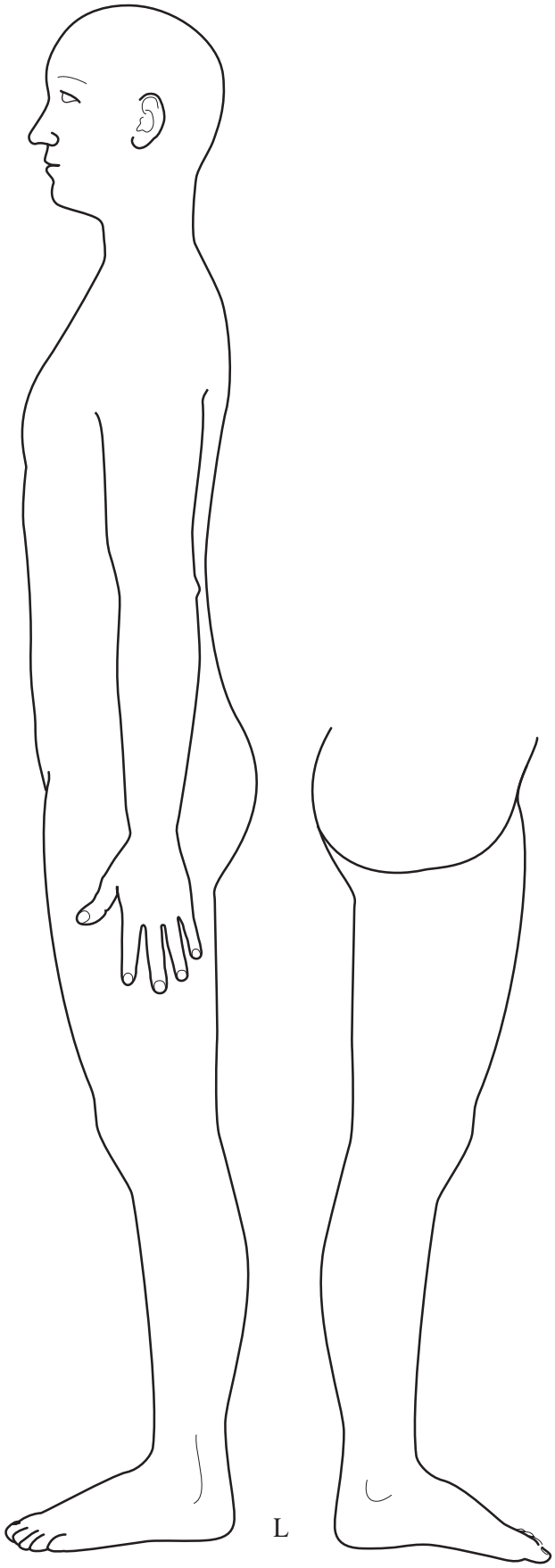
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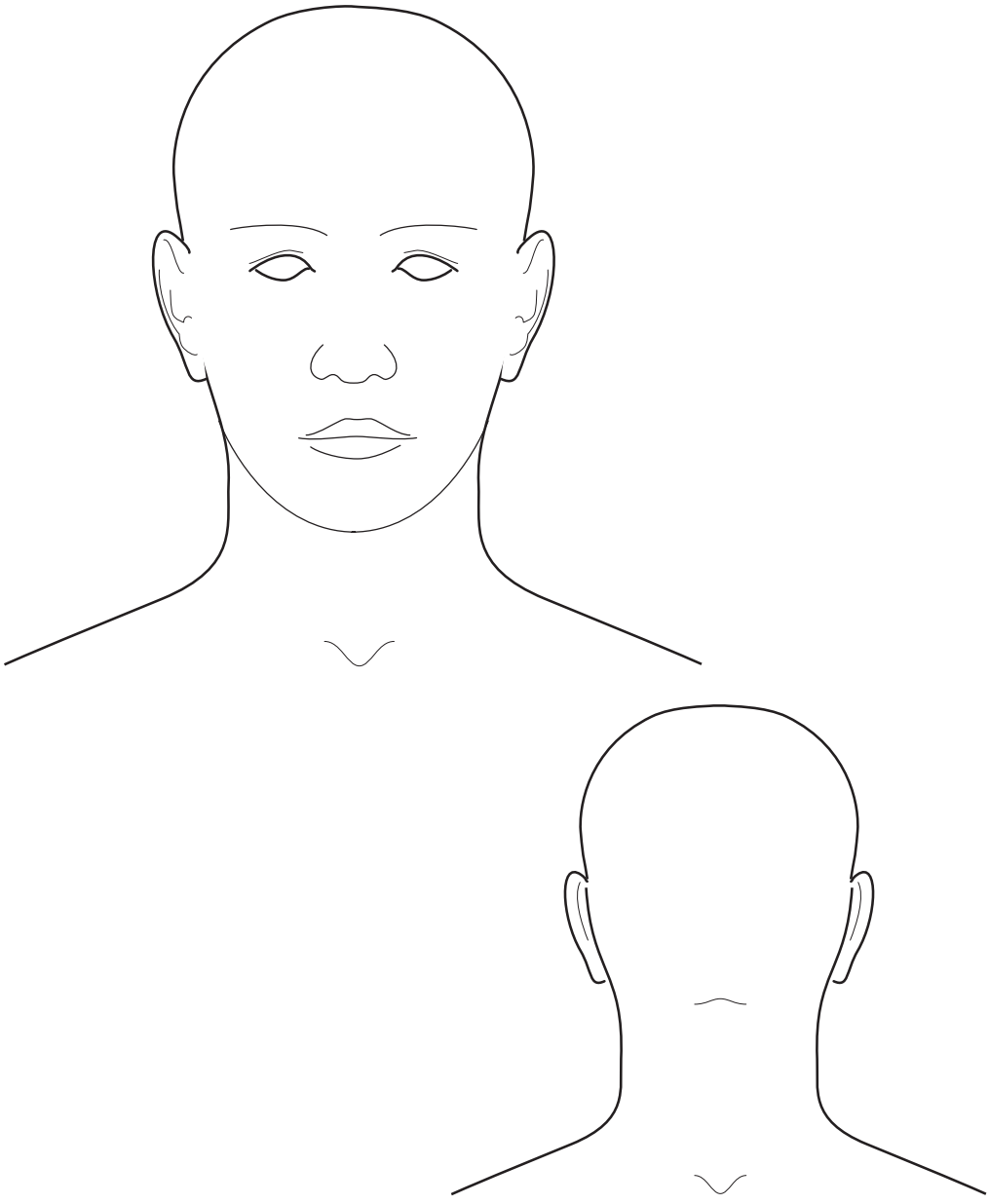

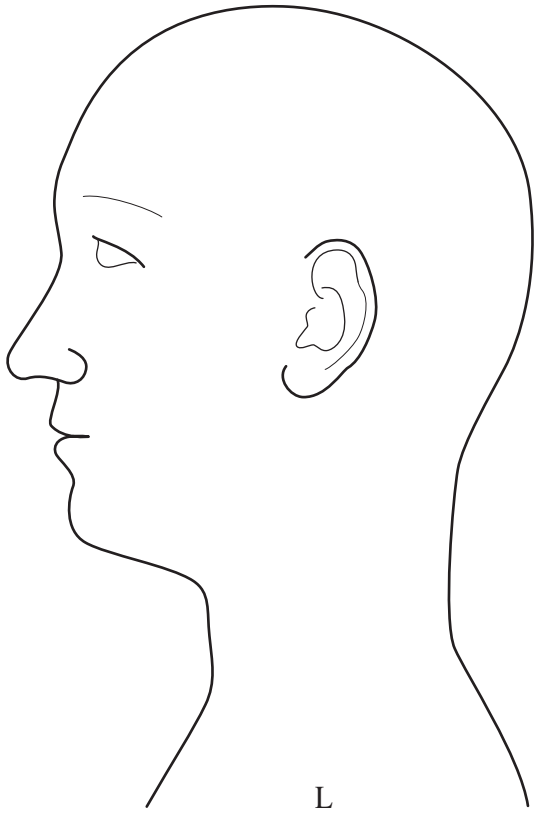

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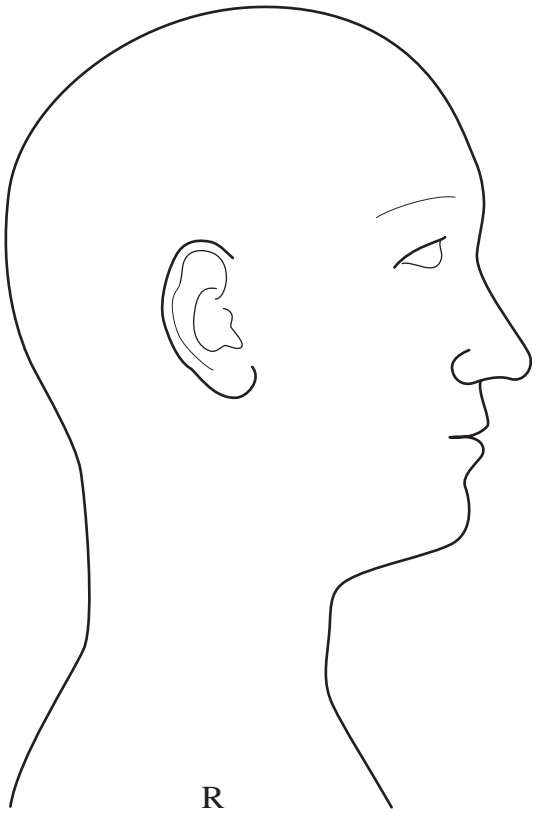

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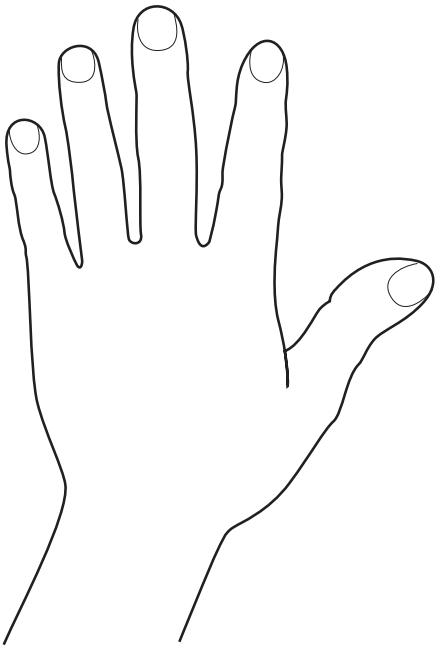

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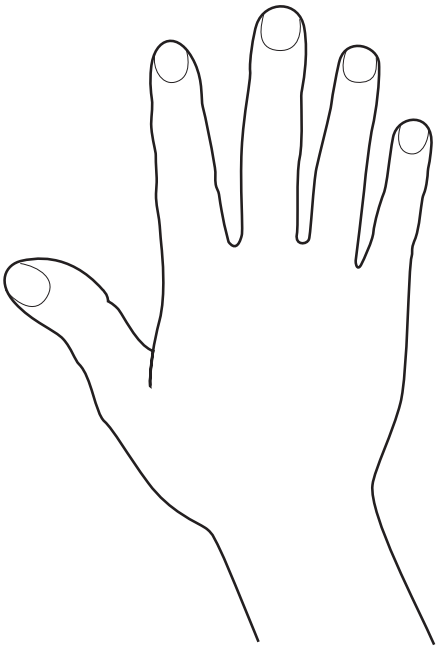

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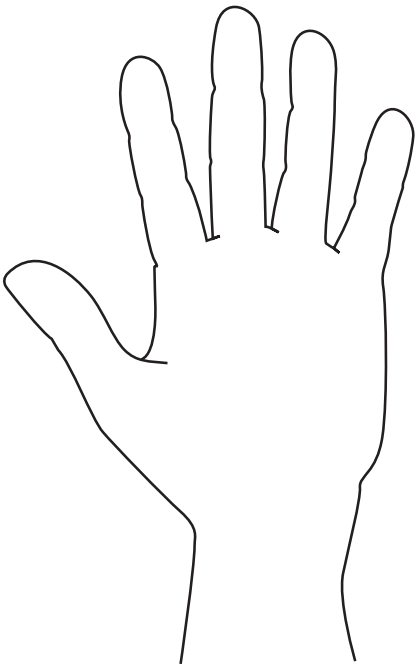

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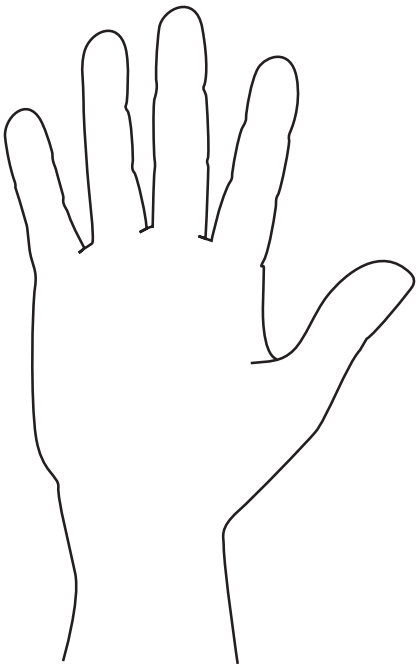

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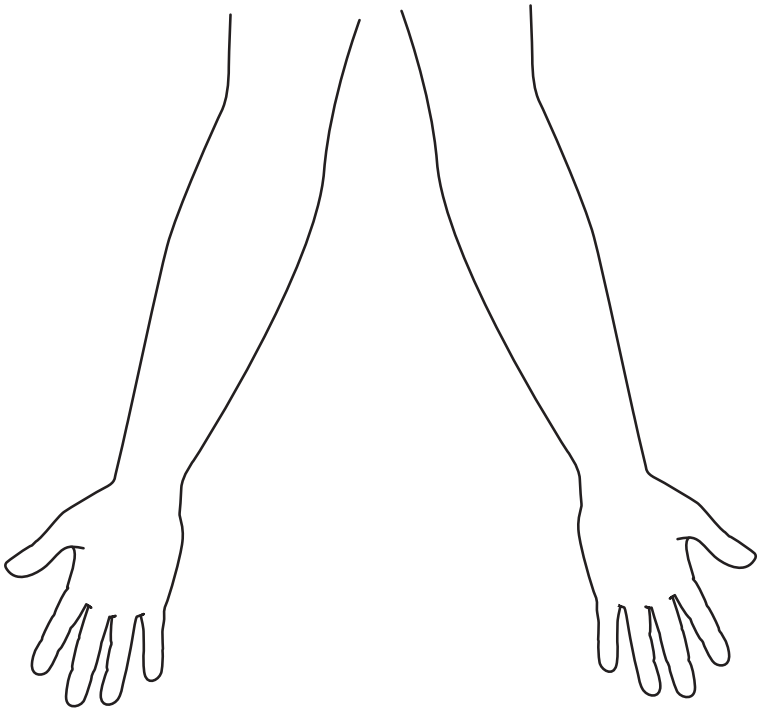

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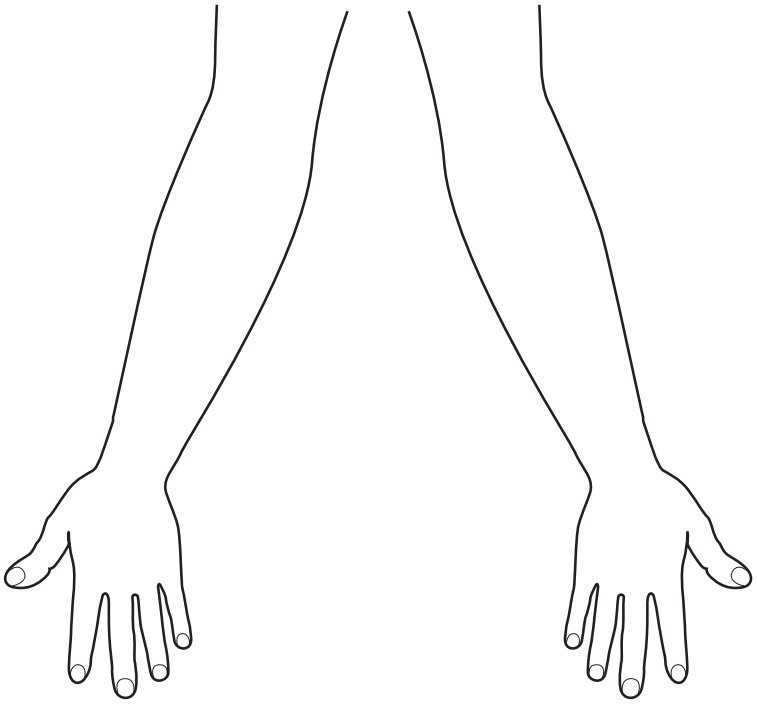

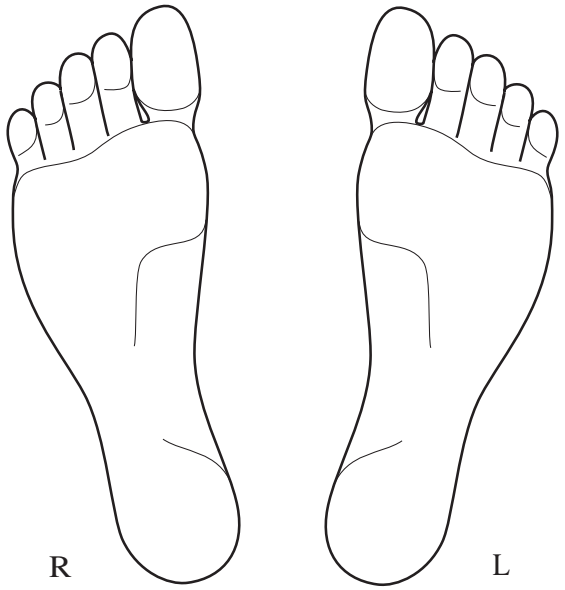
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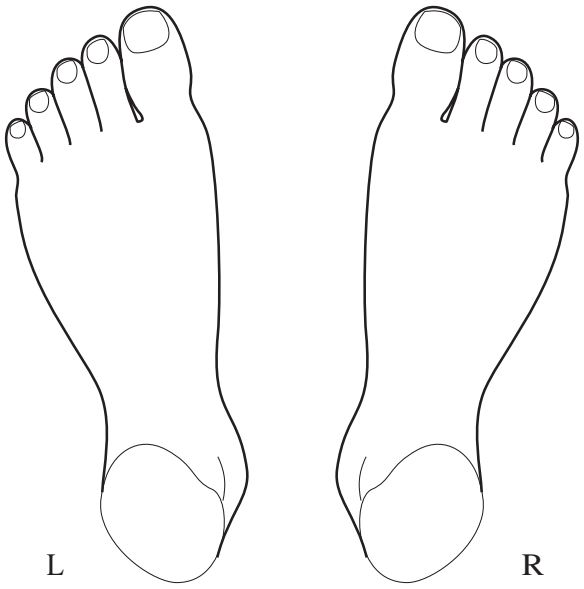
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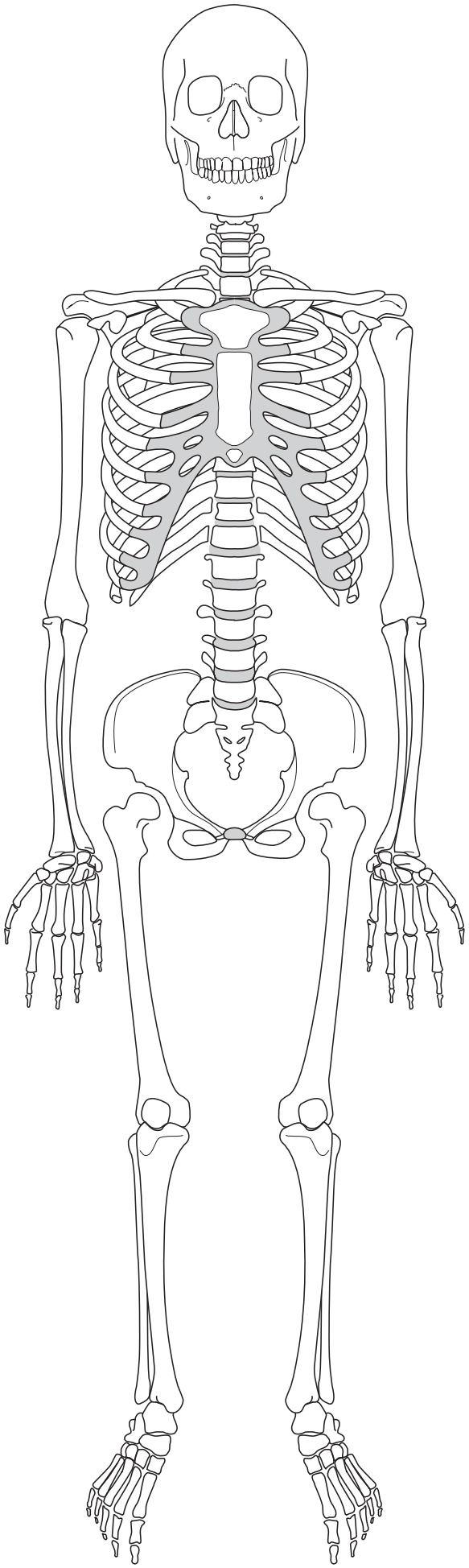

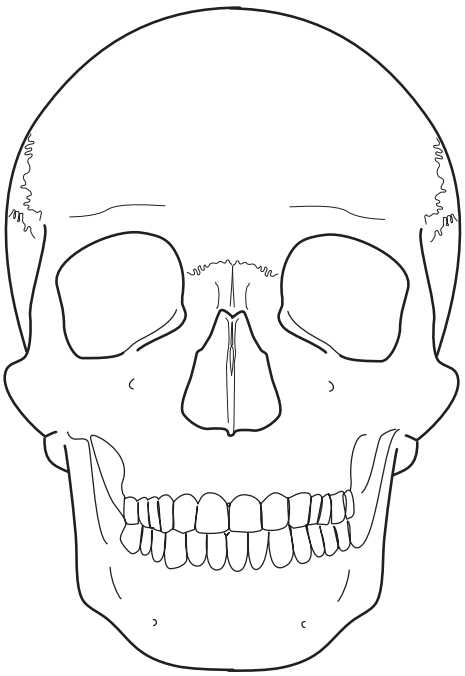

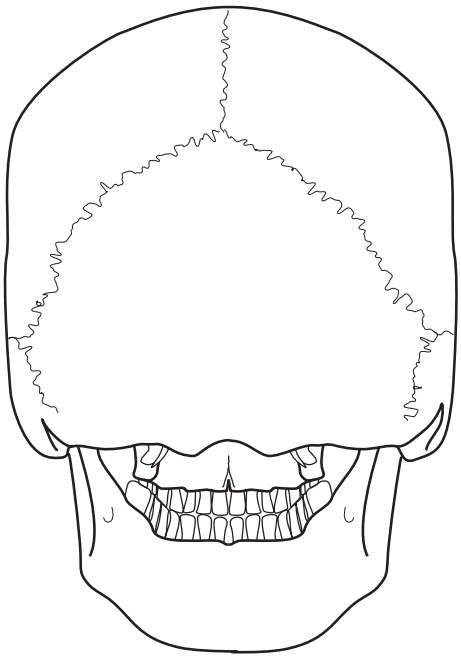

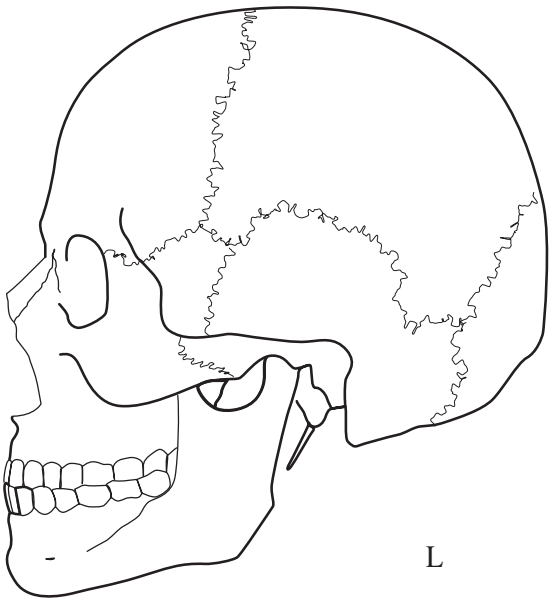

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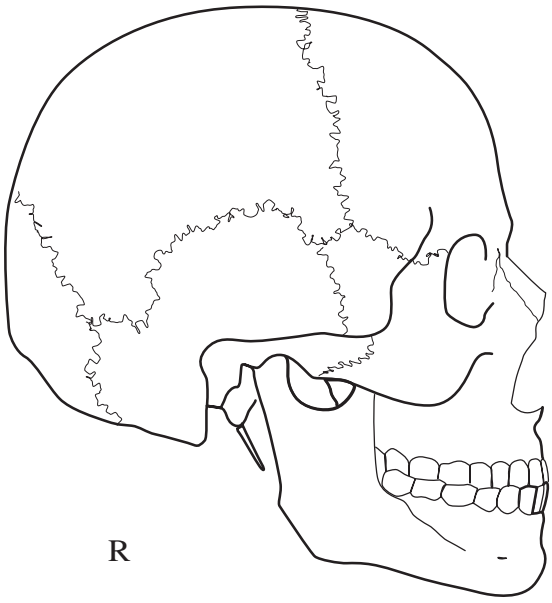

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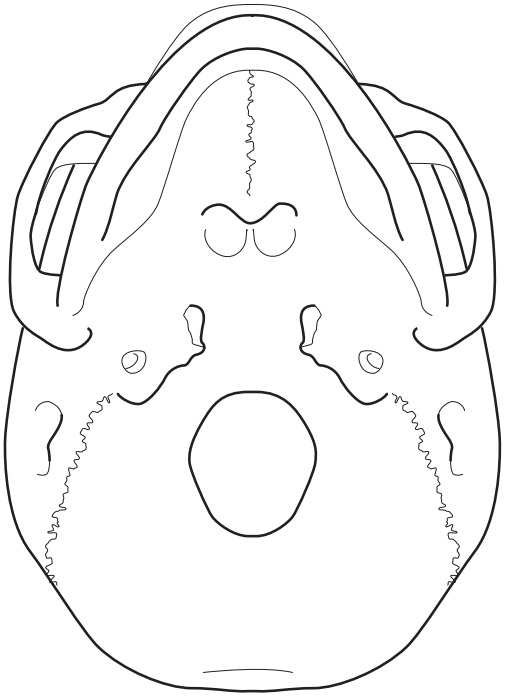

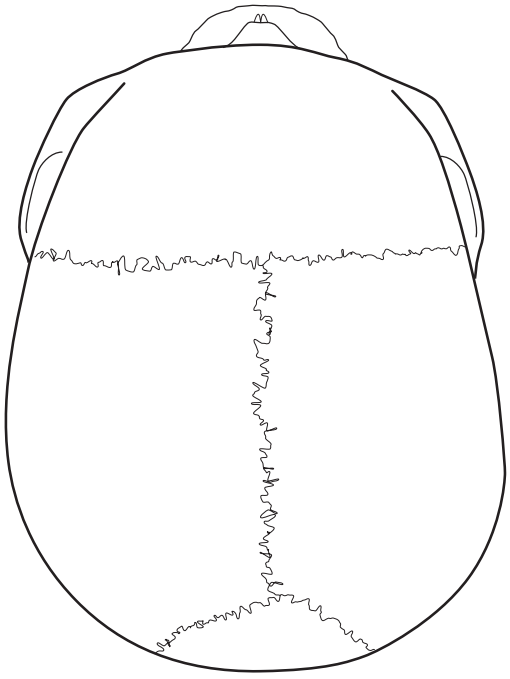

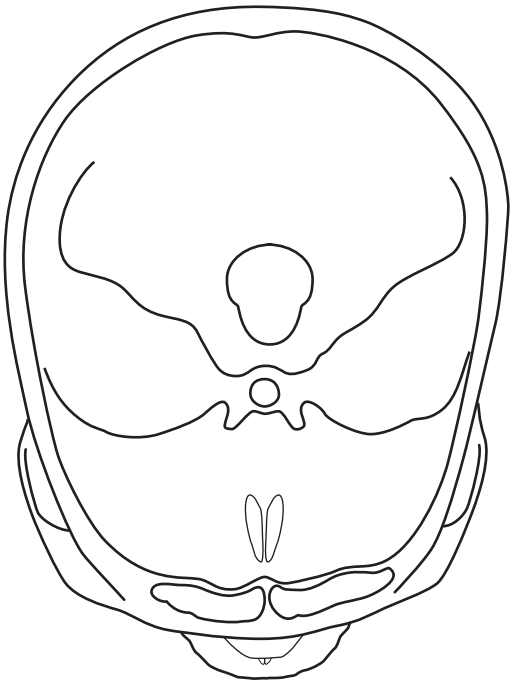

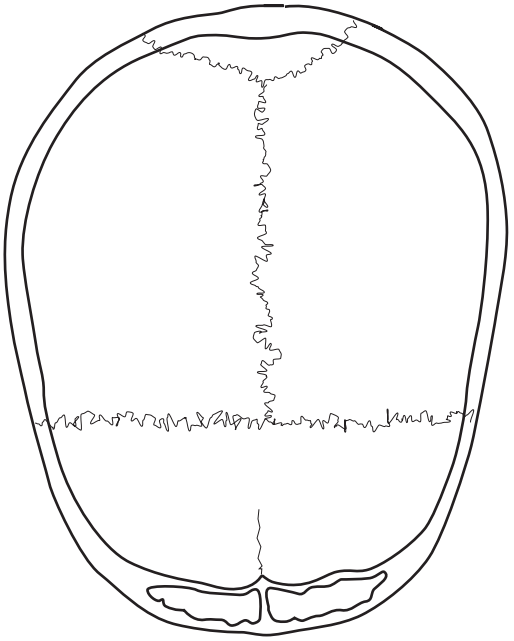

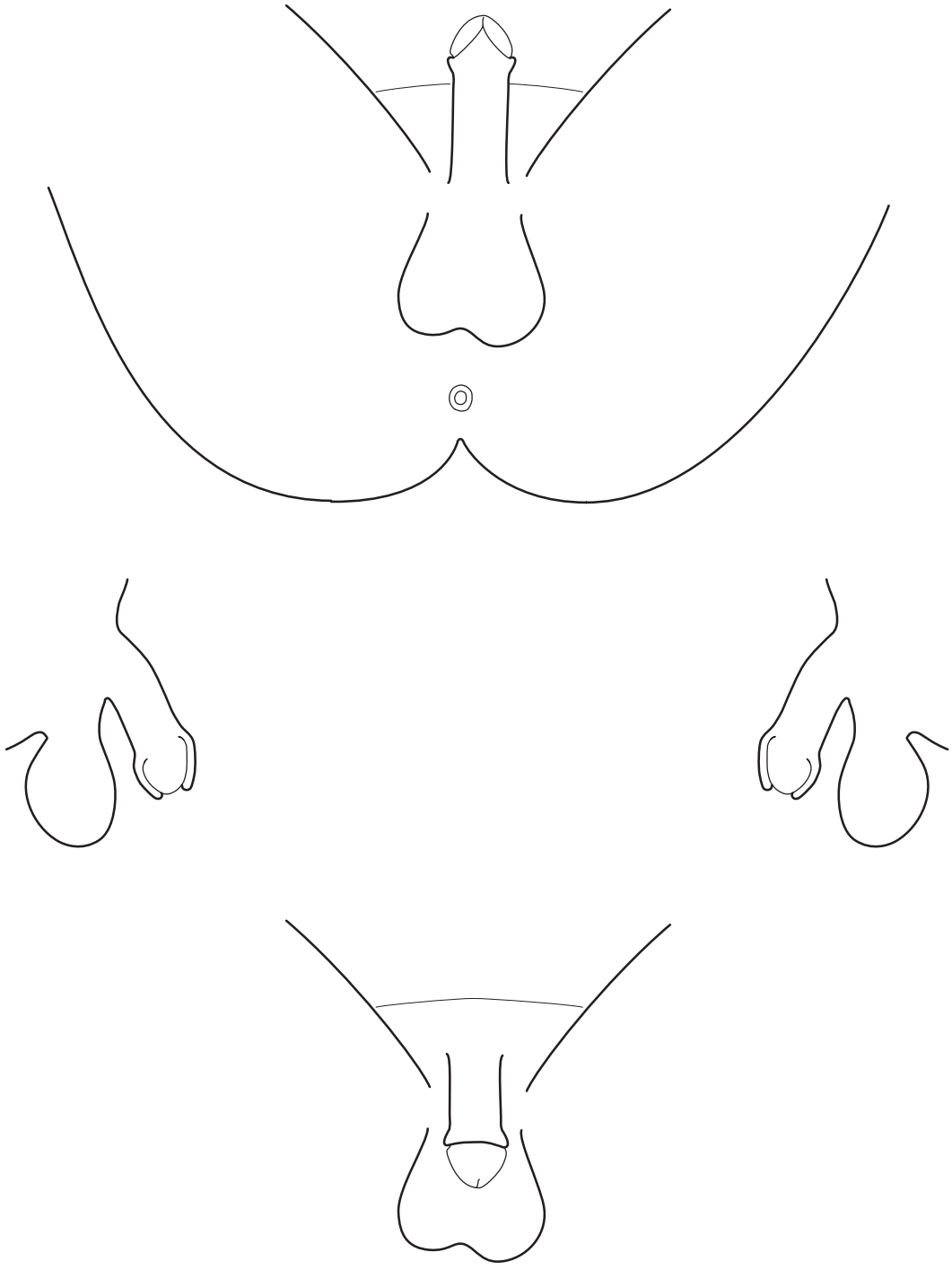

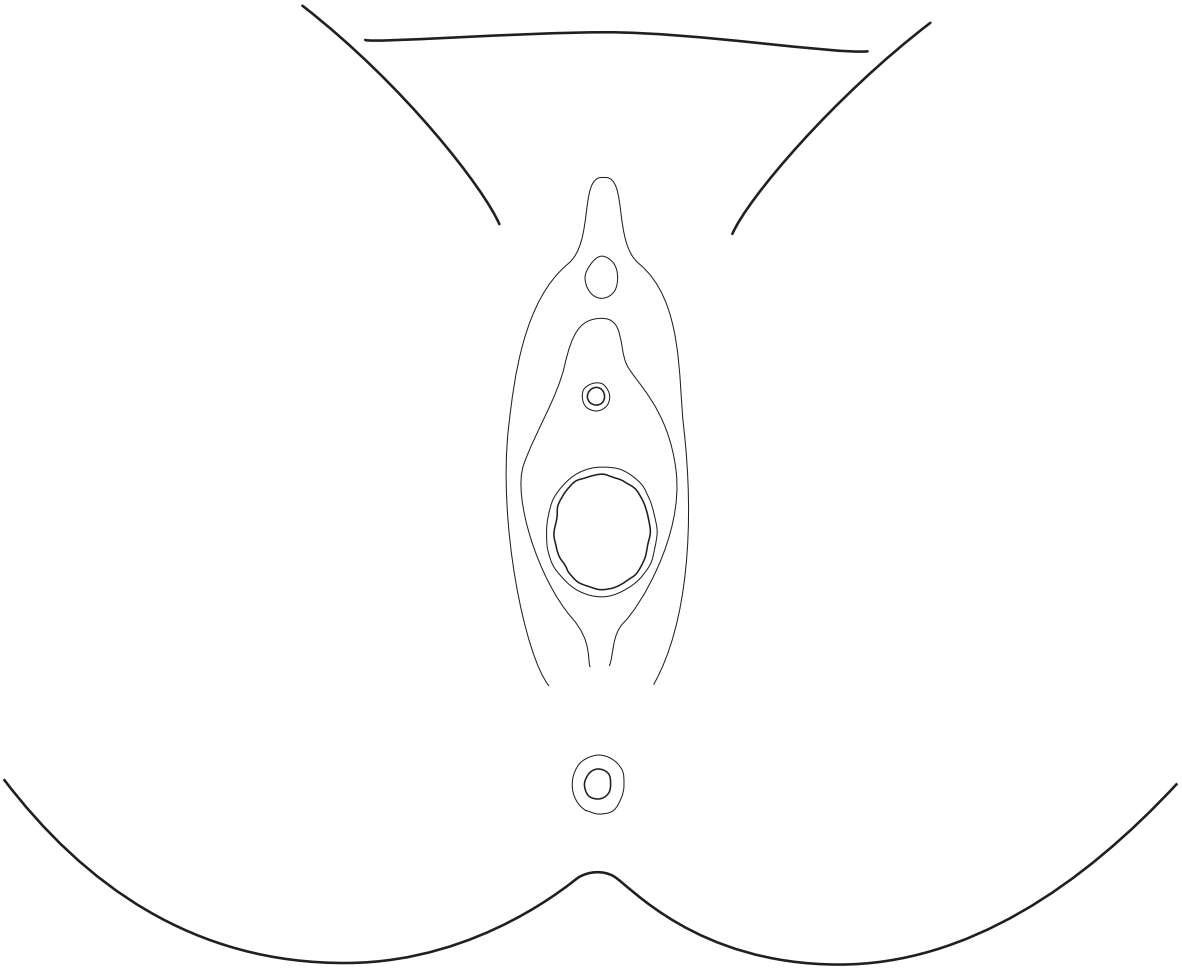

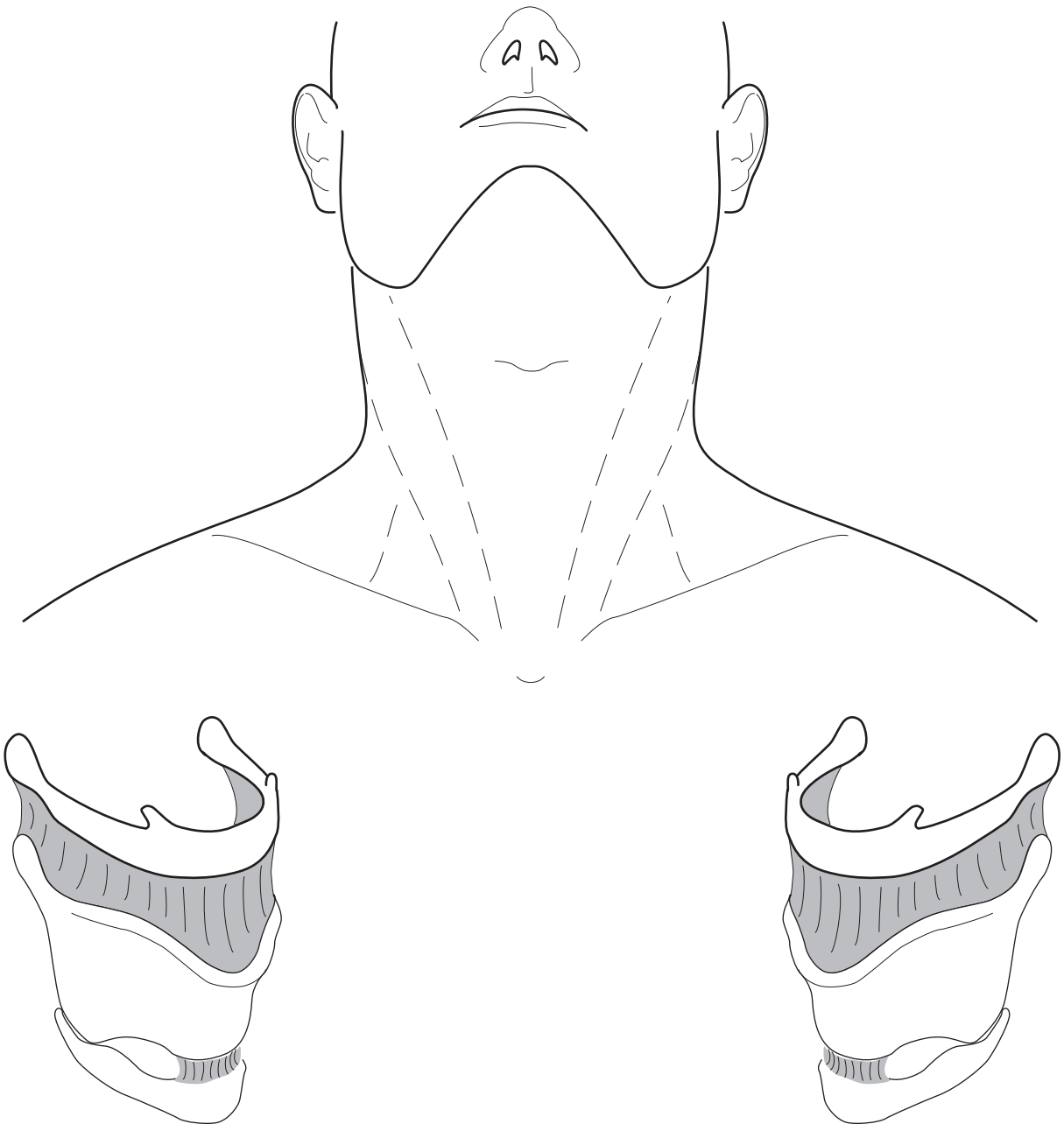

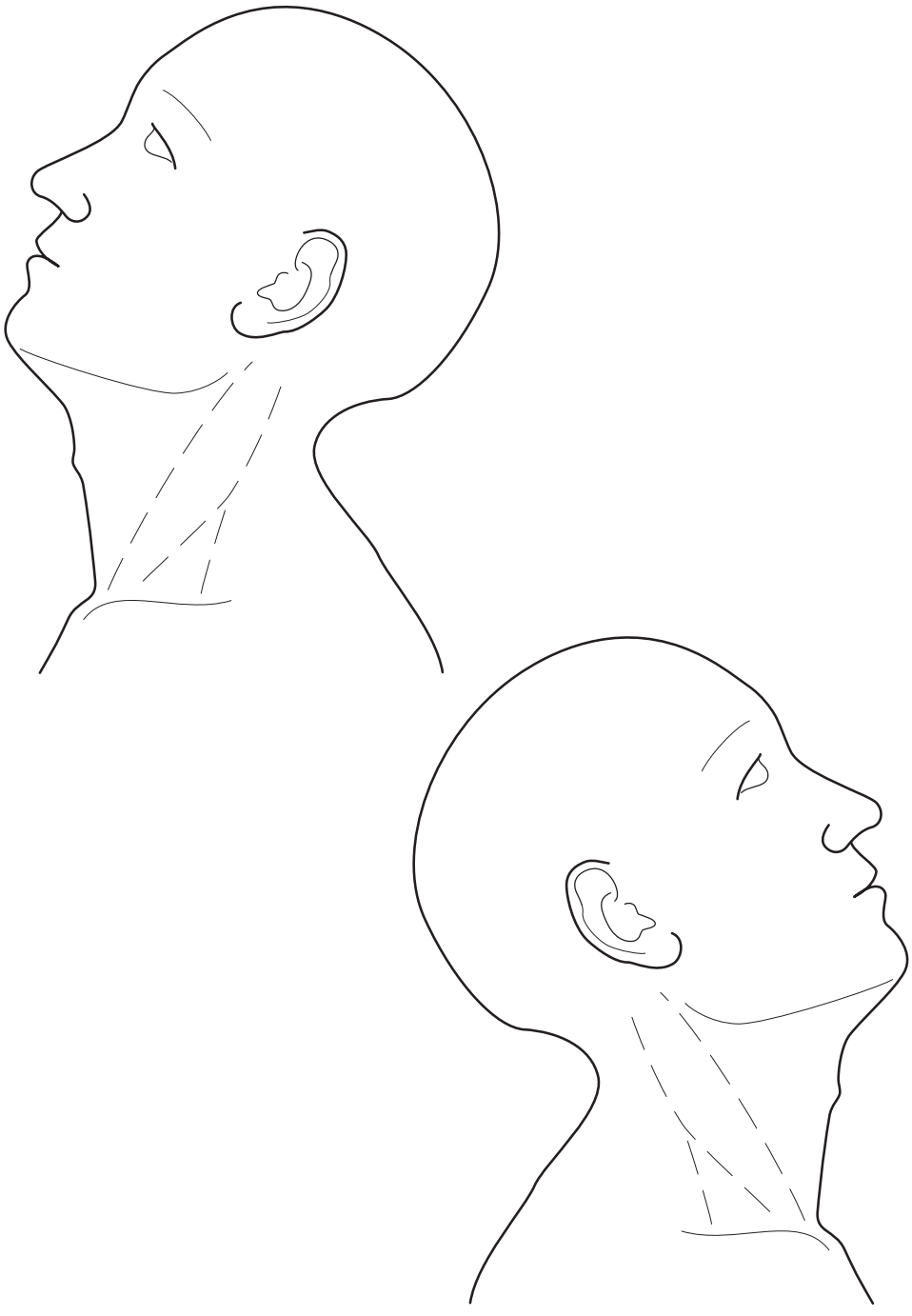

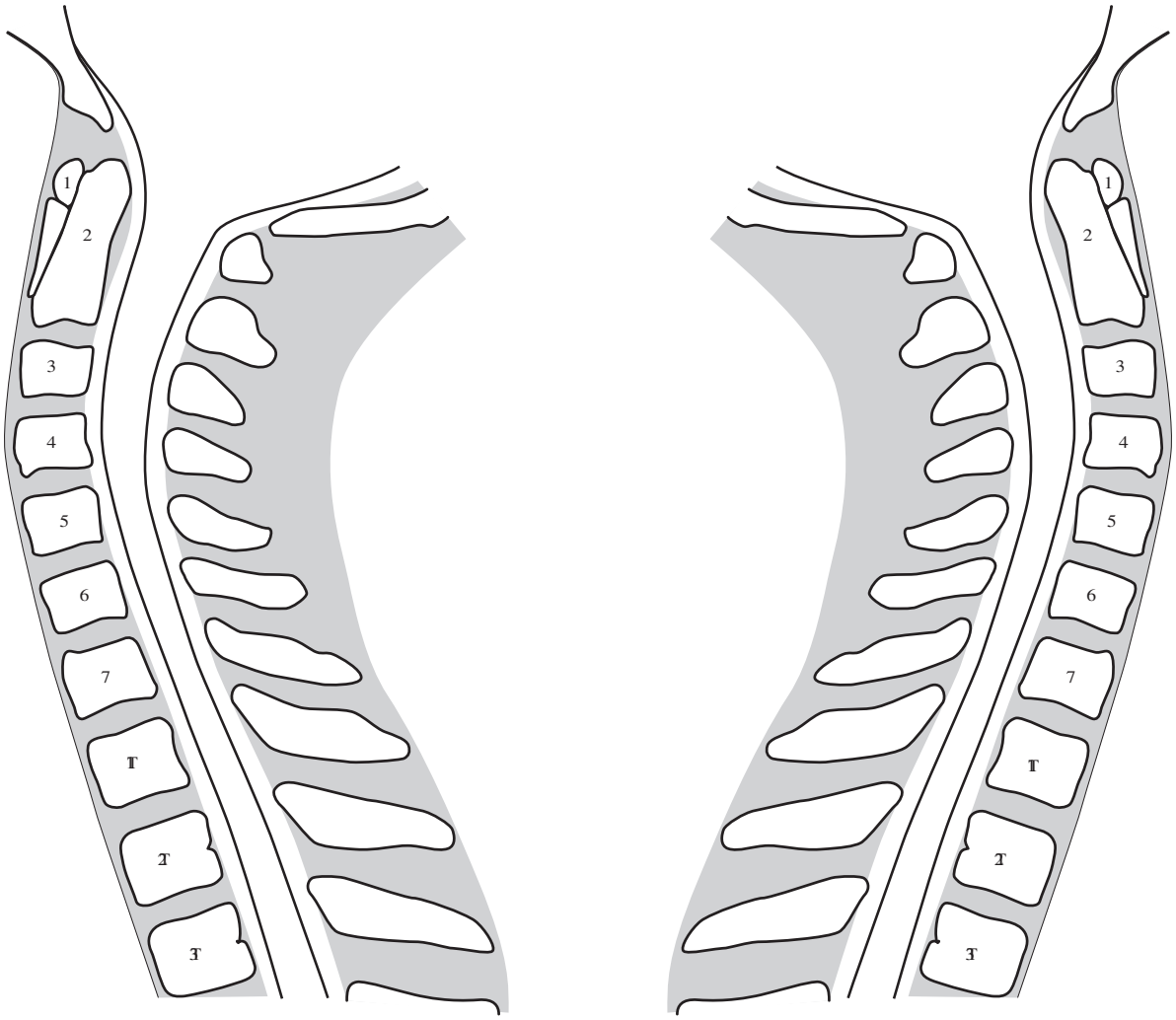
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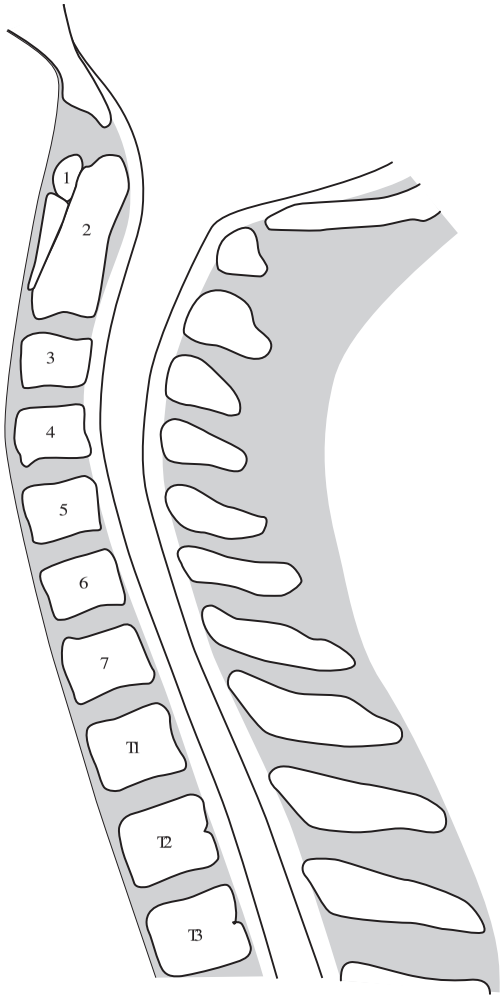
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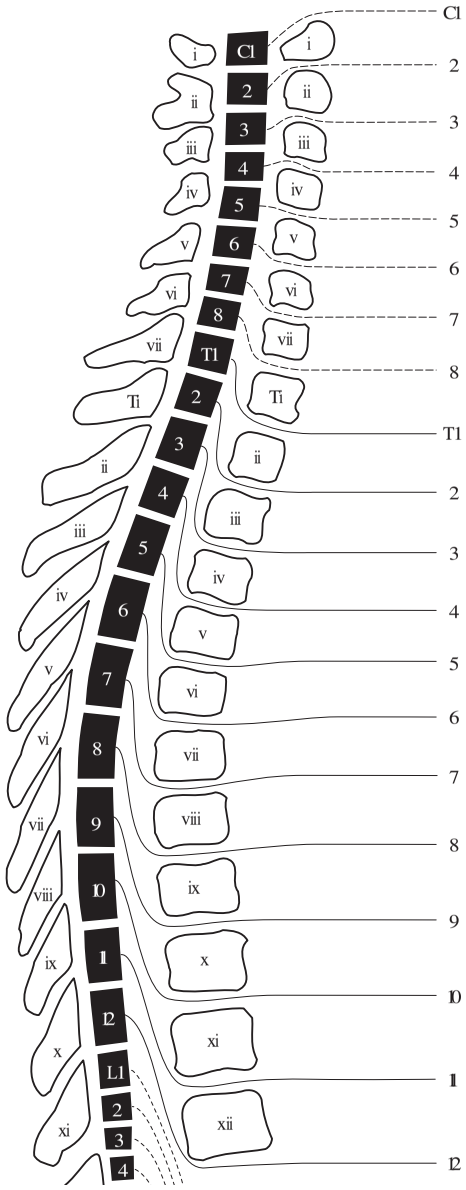
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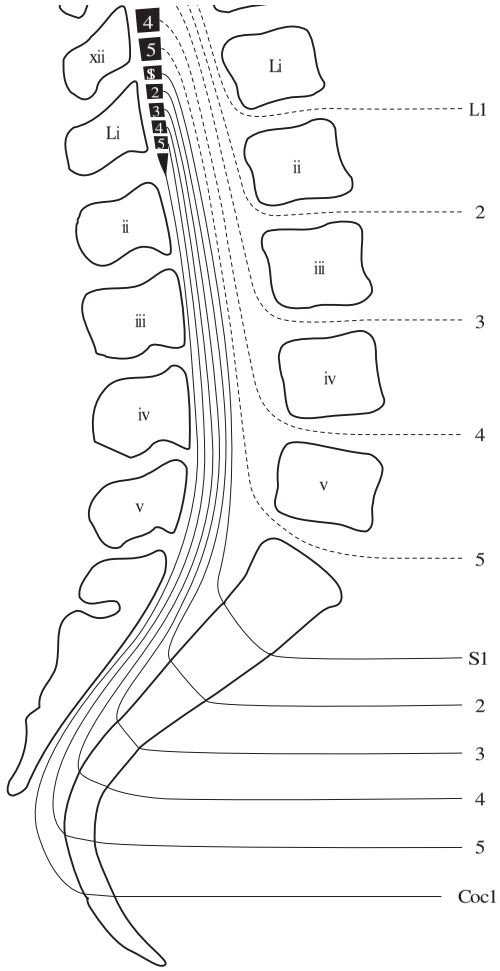
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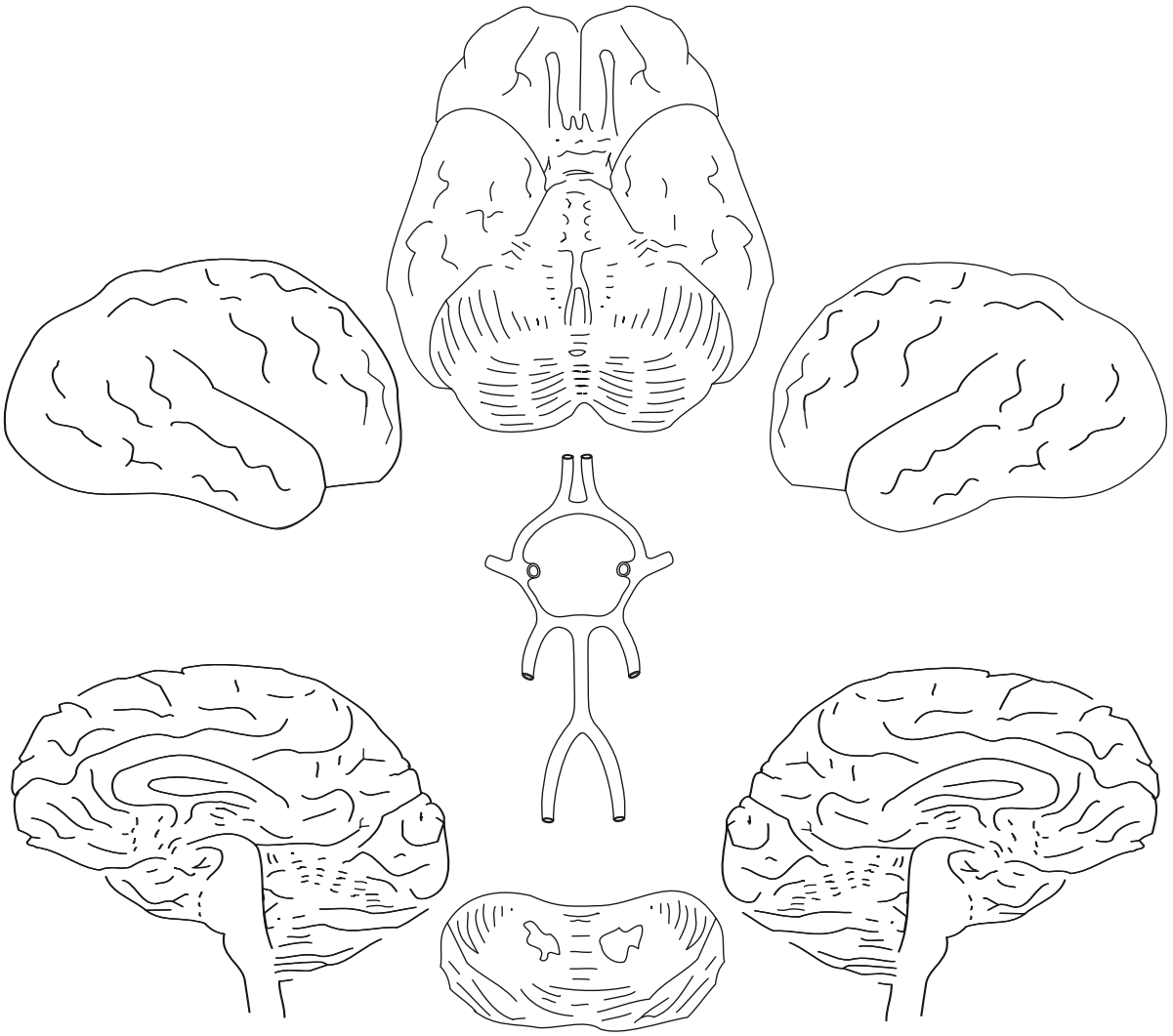

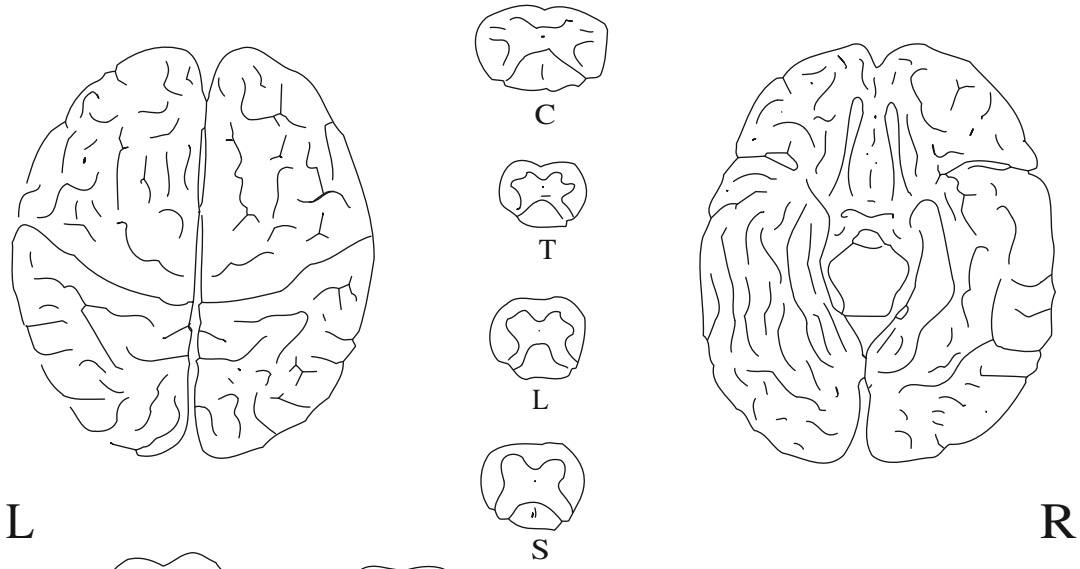
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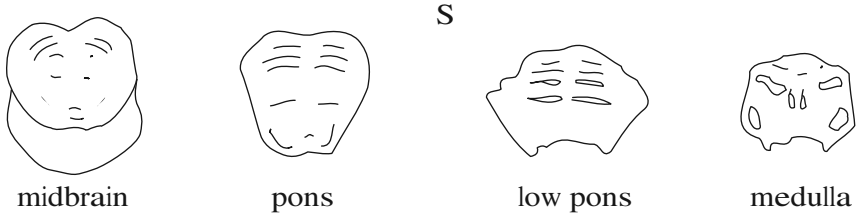
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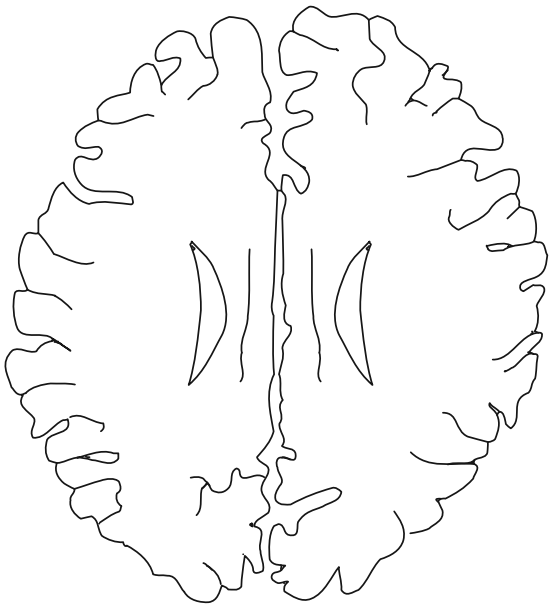

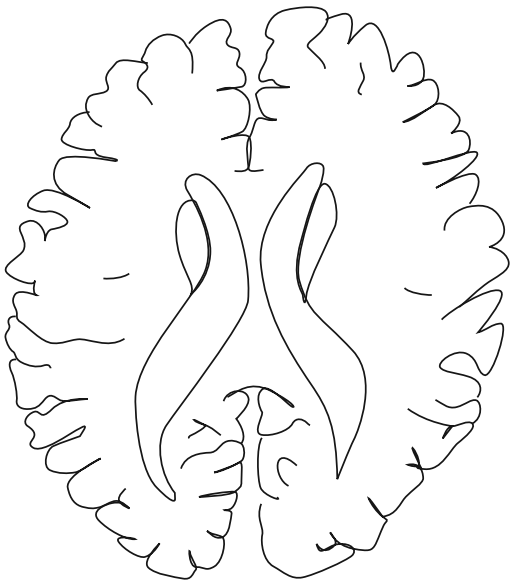

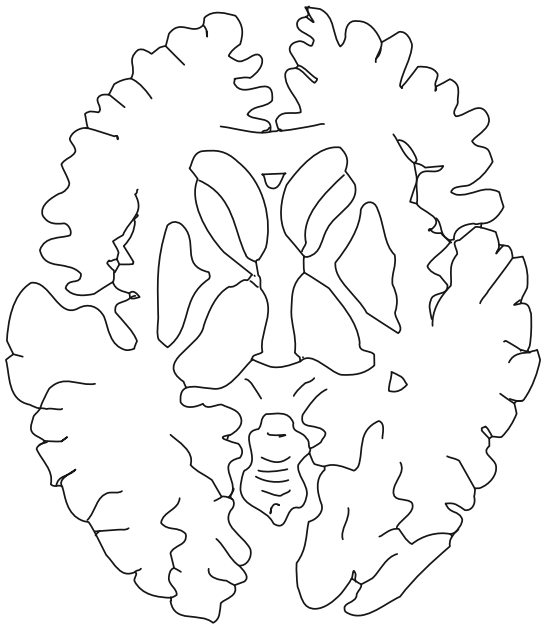

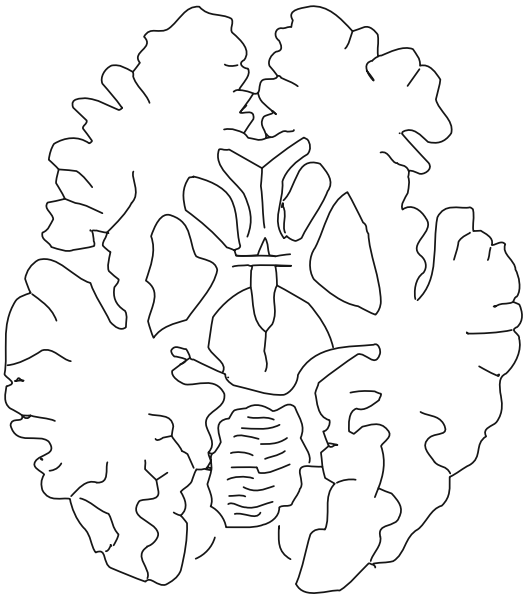

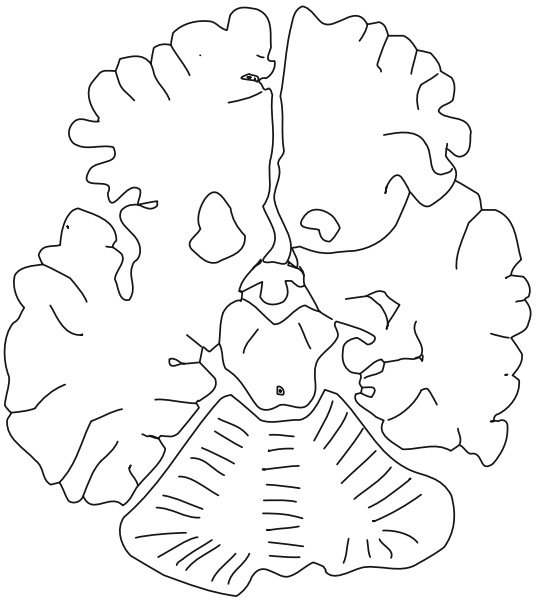

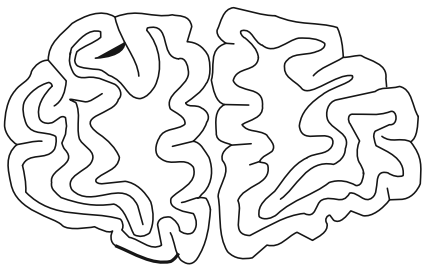

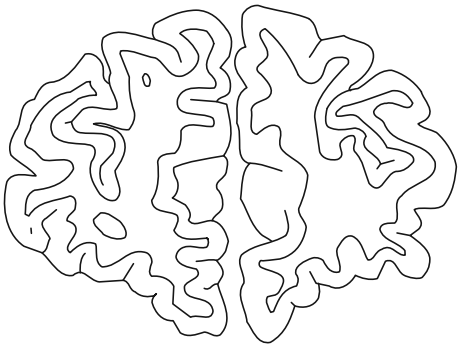

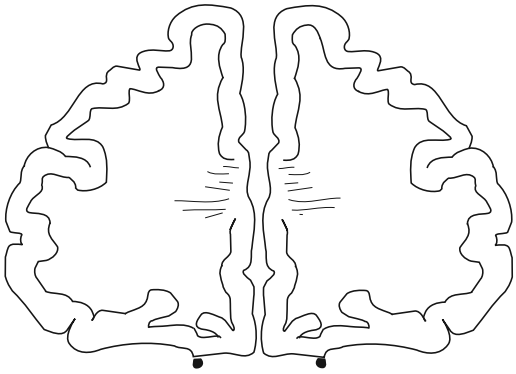

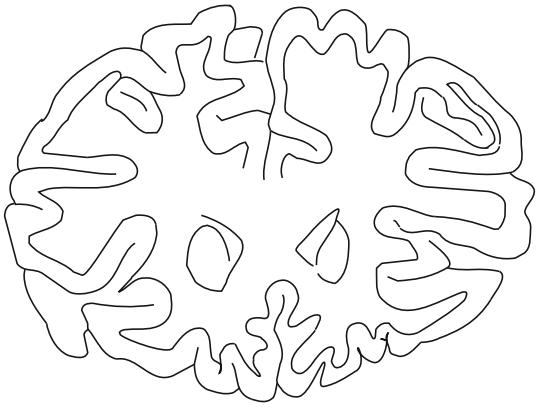

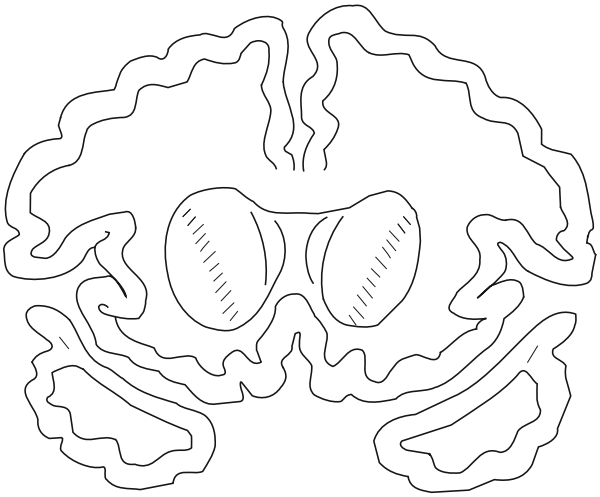

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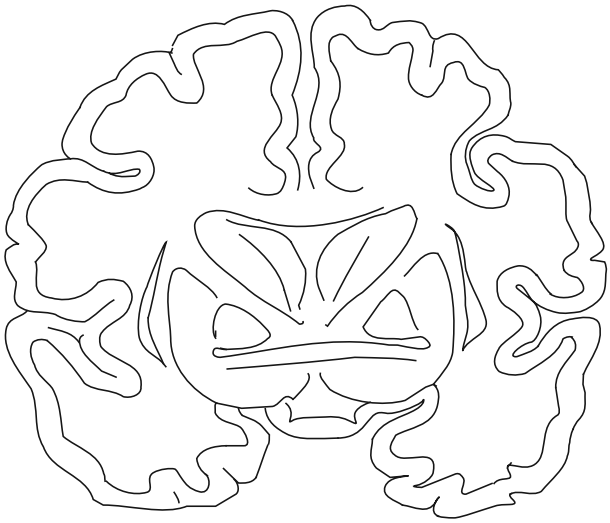

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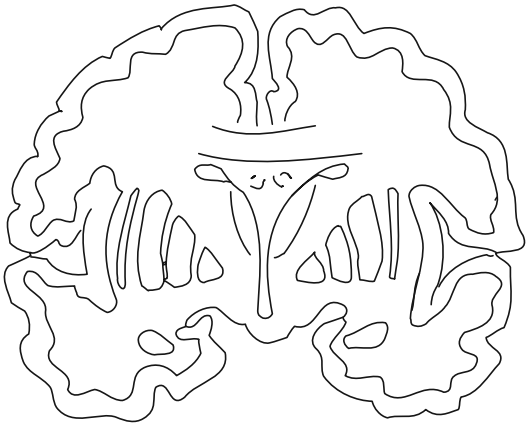
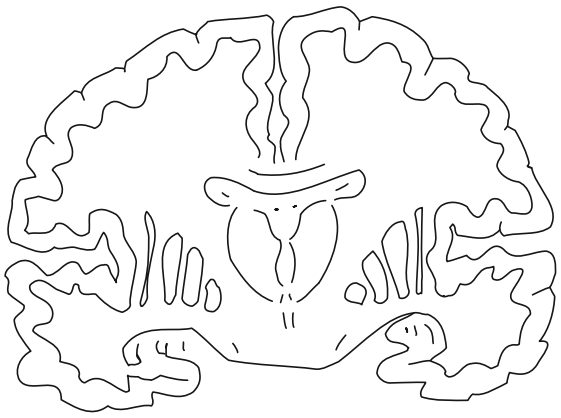
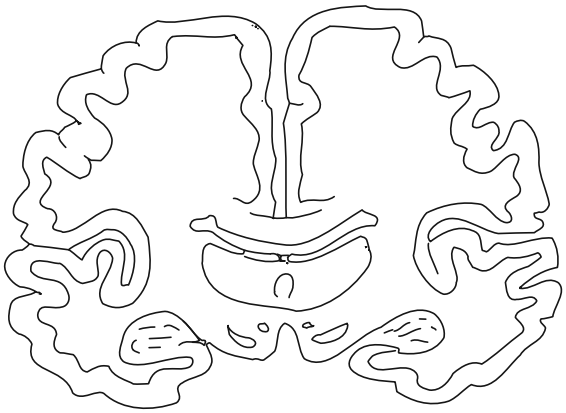
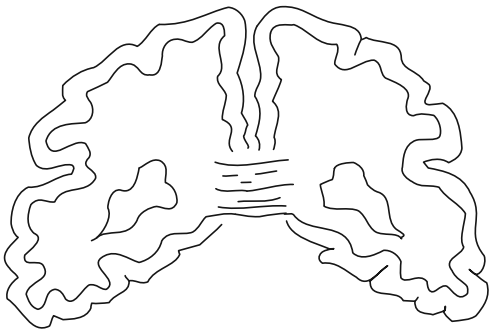
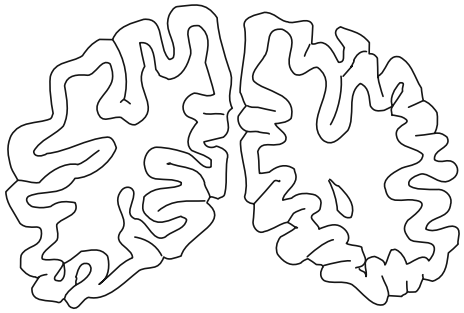
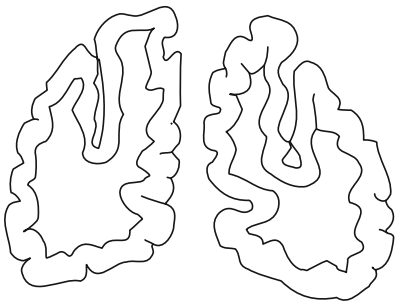
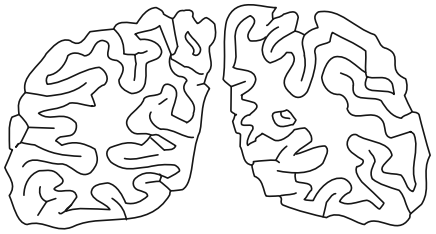
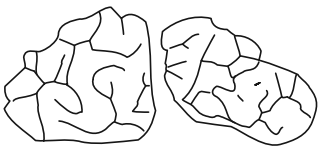

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Past medical history:

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Drugs/Medication .....

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Medical examination:

Pulse rate: .....

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Morphometry .....

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General medical examination:

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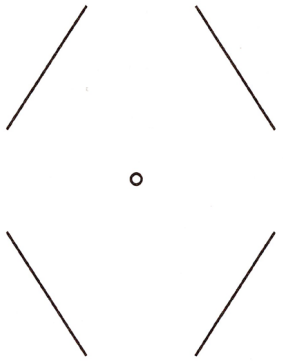

Records of Findings: X rays ☐ Photography ☐ Video ☐

Other .....

Examiner:

Name ..... Signature .....

Professional Address ..... Time ..... hrs Date ..... / ..... / .....

..... Tel ..... Fax .....

Notes on wound description:

1. In describing a wound consider the following features:

Site	***Colour***	***Age***
Size	***Contours***	***Borders***
Shape	***Course***	***Classification***
Surrounds	***Contents***	***Depth***

2. Ensure descriptions are consistent with the following definitions:

Abrasion – A superficial scraping injury of the body surface with or without bleeding

Bruise – Leakage of blood from blood vessels discolouring the tissues of the body

Incision – A cutting type injury that severs tissues in a clean and generally regular fashion

Laceration – A tear or split in tissues

3. All descriptions of wounds and injuries should be made by reference to the subject in the standard anatomical positions.

4. The use of terms such as Superior, Inferior, Anterior and Posterior should refer to the subject in standard anatomical position.

5. The measured position of wounds on the body should be located by reference to fixed bony landmarks.

6. The accurate classification of a wound type has major significance for determining injury causation.

7. An accurate Forensic Medical examination should assist in the reconstruction of the events in which the injury occurred.

Anatomical Figuring has been prepared by the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine as a photocopiable resource of simplified body charts for use by forensic pathologists, medical practitioners, lawyers and students.

The simple style and high quality of the diagrams provides an ideal base for recording injuries and other body features.

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