

The bulb is an archaic term for the [medulla oblongata](#) and in modern clinical usage the word [bulbar](#) (e.g. [bulbar palsy](#)) is retained for terms that relate to the medulla oblongata, particularly in reference to medical conditions. The word bulbar can refer to the nerves and tracts connected to the [medulla](#), and also by association to the muscles thus innervated, such as those of the tongue, pharynx and larynx.

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