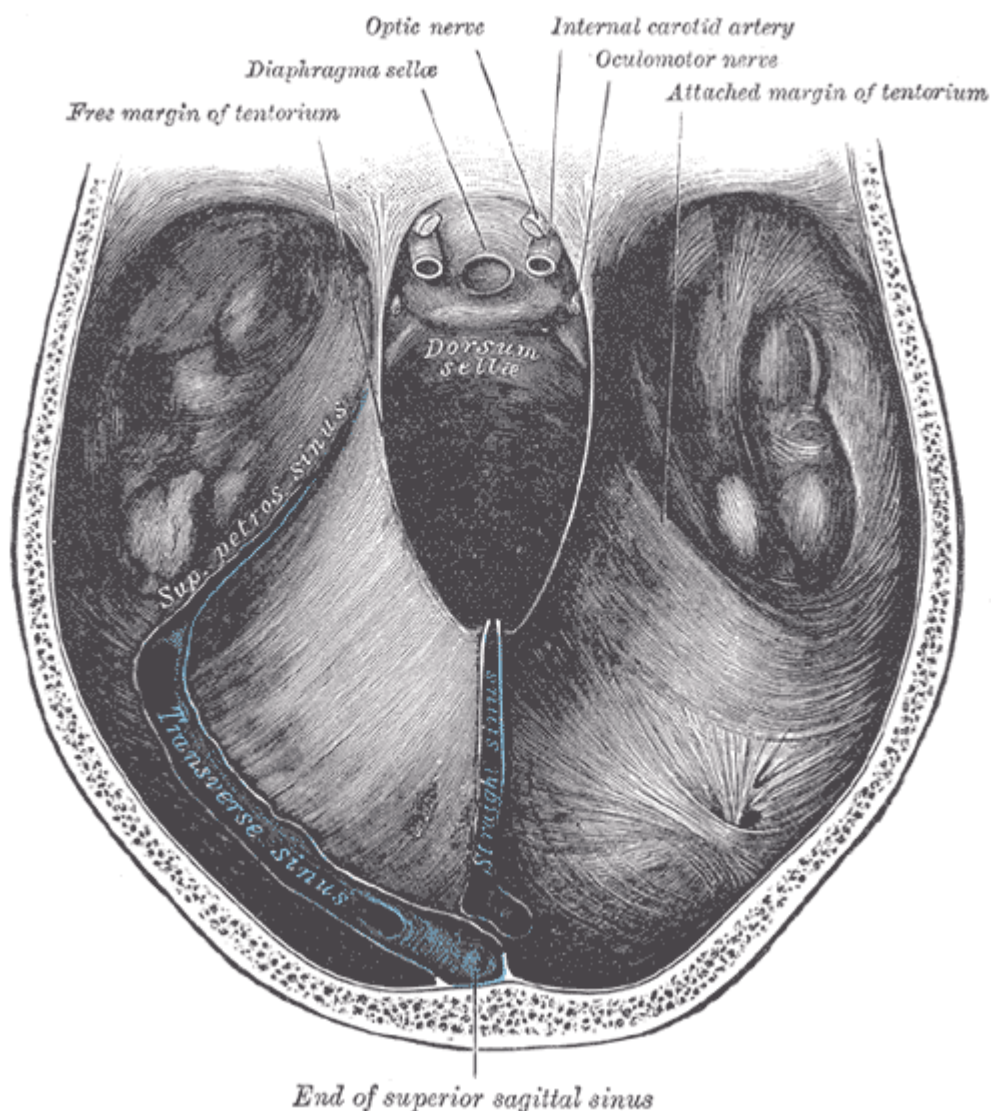


Diaphragma sellae



The **diaphragma sellae** or sellar **diaphragm** is a flat piece of **dura mater** (with a circular hole allowing the vertical passage of the **pituitary stalk**). It retains the **pituitary gland** beneath it in the fossa hypophyseos as it almost completely roofs the fossa hypophyseos of the **sella turcica**.

It has a posterior boundary at the **dorsum sellae** and an anterior boundary at the **tuberculum sellae** along with the two small eminences (one on either side) called the **middle clinoid processes**. The diaphragma sellae is innervated by the first division of the cranial **trigeminal nerve**.

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