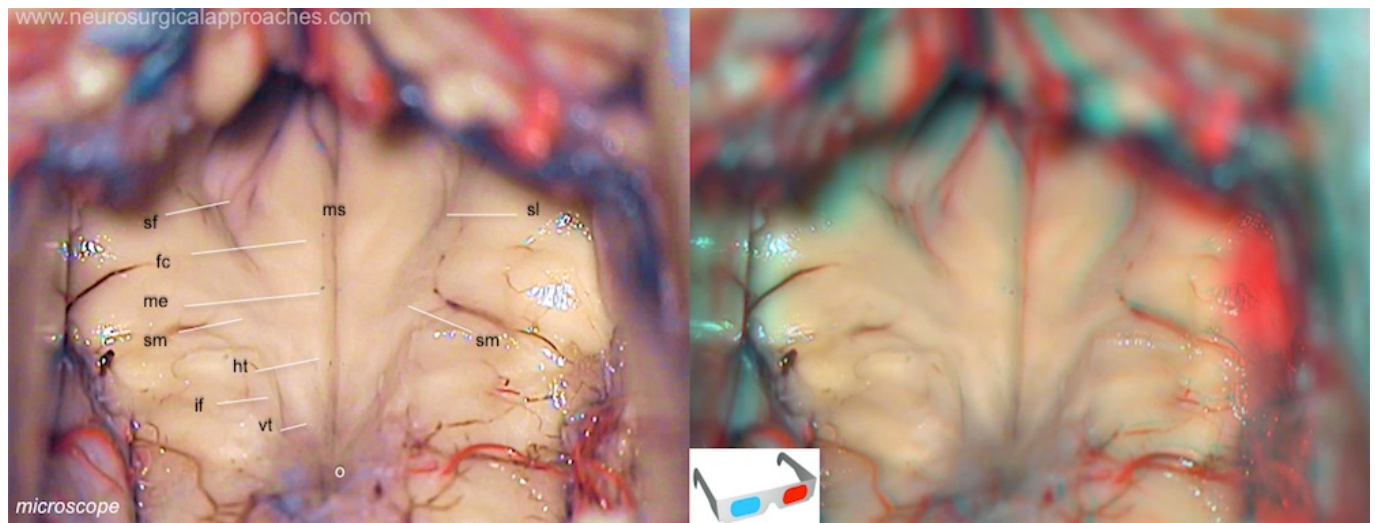


The obex (from the Latin for barrier) is the point in the human brain at which the fourth ventricle narrows to become the central canal of the spinal cord.

The obex occurs in the caudal medulla.

The decussation of sensory fibers happens at this point.



Fourth ventricle floor: fc: facial colliculus; ht: hypoglossal triangle; if: inferior fovea; me: medial eminence; ms: median sulcus; o: obex; sf: superior fovea; sl: sulcus limitans; sm: medullary striae of fourth ventricle; vt: vagal triangle.

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