

# Placode

The term placode refers to [ectoderm](#) thickenings in the [cranial](#) region that have important roles in development of special sensory and other systems. There are also integumentary placodes that are involved with hair follicle development.

In human development, during week 4 a series of thickened surface ectodermal patches form in pairs rostro-caudally in the head region.

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see [Neurogenic placode](#).

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