

Proximal dural ring

The most proximal aspect of this membrane defines the proximal [dural ring](#). The proximal ring is incompetent and admits a variable number of veins from the cavernous plexus that accompany the ICA throughout its clinoid segment.

C4 (cavernous): covered by vascular membrane lining sinus, still surrounded by PGSNs. Passes anteriorly then supero-medially, bends posteriorly (medial loop of ICA), travels horizontally, and bends anteriorly (part of anterior loop of ICA) to anterior [clinoid process](#). Ends at the [proximal dural ring](#) (incompletely encircles ICA), which is formed by the medial and inferior periosteum of the [anterior clinoid process](#). The cavernous segment is surrounded by the [cavernous sinus](#).

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