

Subarachnoid space

Anatomic space between the [arachnoid](#) membrane and [pia mater](#), the two innermost layers covering the brain.

The subarachnoid space contains [cerebrospinal fluid](#) (CSF) and [blood vessels](#).

It is occupied by spongy tissue consisting of trabeculae (delicate connective tissue filaments that extend from the arachnoid mater and blend into the pia mater) and intercommunicating channels in which the [cerebrospinal fluid](#) is contained.

see [Subarachnoid cistern](#)

[Tarlov cyst](#) is an abnormal expansion of the [spinal nerve](#) sleeve, and communicates with the [subarachnoid space](#) via a perineural fistula.

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