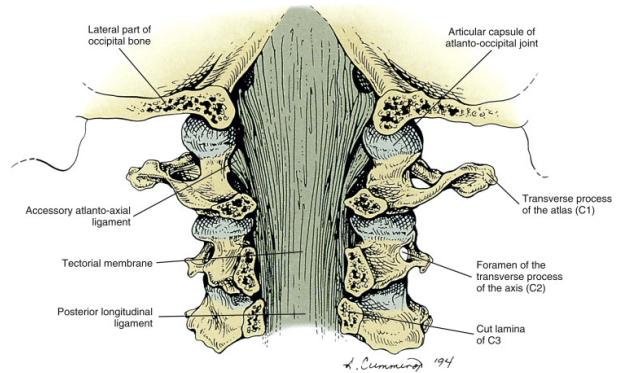


Tectorial membrane



The tectorial membrane of atlanto-axial joint (occipitoaxial ligaments) is situated within the [vertebral canal](#).

It is a broad, strong band which covers the [dens](#) and its [ligaments](#), and appears to be a prolongation upward of the [posterior longitudinal ligament](#) of the vertebral column.

It is fixed, below, to the posterior surface of the body of the axis, and, expanding as it ascends, is attached to the [basilar groove](#) of the [occipital bone](#), in front of the [foramen magnum](#), where it blends with the cranial dura mater.

Its anterior surface is in relation with the [transverse ligament](#) of the [atlas](#), and its posterior surface with the [dura mater](#).

The tectorial membrane, [transverse ligament](#), and [alar ligaments](#) play an important role in stabilizing the [craniocervical junction](#)

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