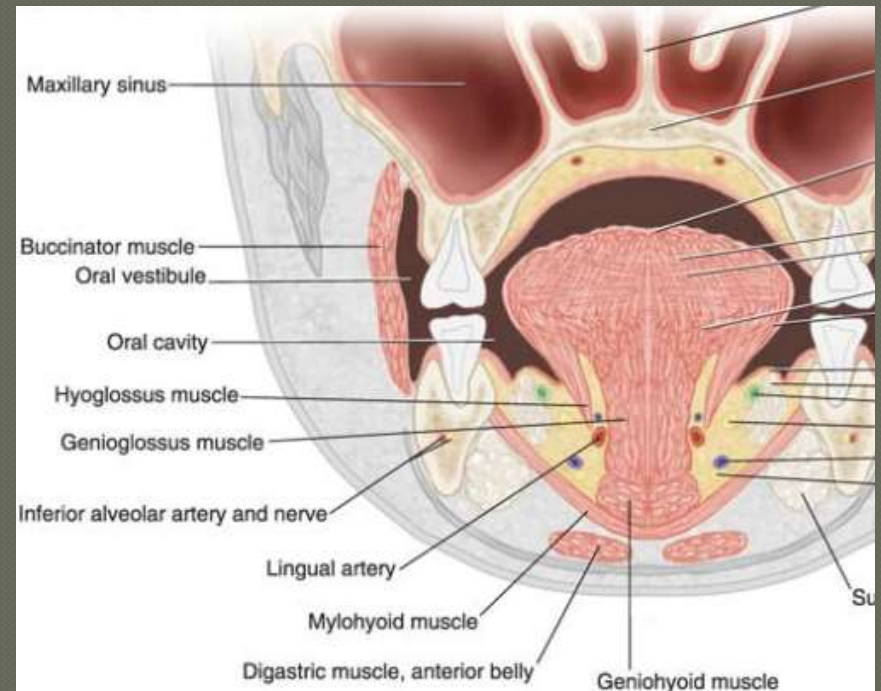


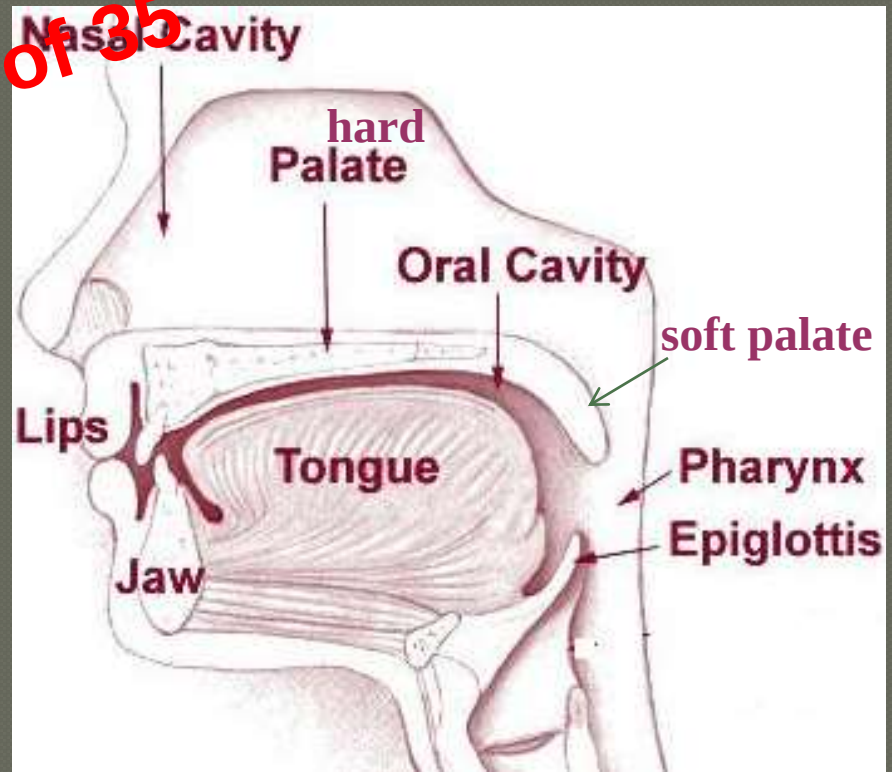
Vestibule

- Slitlike space between the cheeks and the gums
- Communicates with the exterior through the oral fissure
- When the jaws are closed, communicates with the oral cavity proper behind the 3rd molar tooth on each side
- Superiorly and inferiorly limited by the reflection of mucous membrane from lips and cheek onto the gums



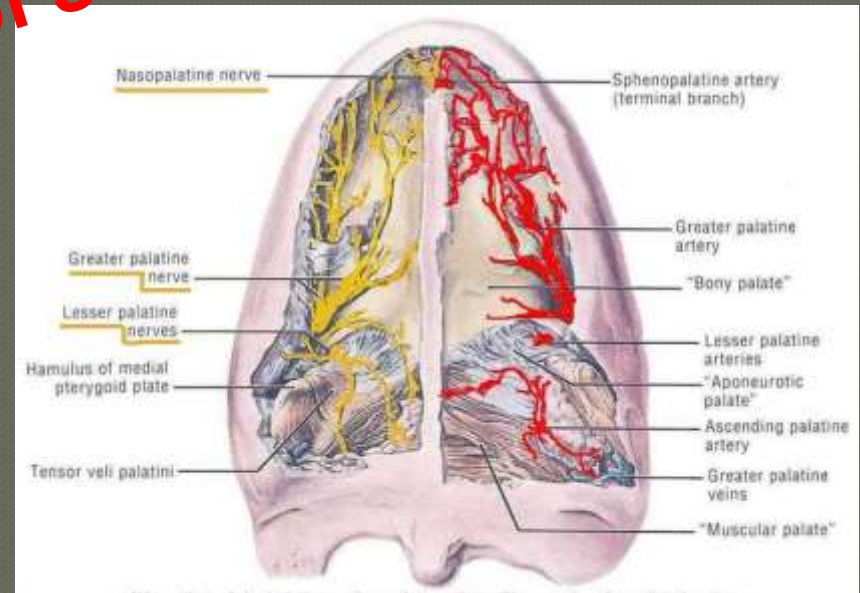
Palate

- Lies in the roof of the oral cavity
- Has two parts:
 - Hard (bony) palate anteriorly
 - Soft (muscular) palate posteriorly



Sensory Nerve Supply

- Mostly by the **maxillary** nerve through its branches:
 - Greater palatine nerve
 - Lesser palatine nerve
 - Nasopalatine nerve
- **Glossopharyngeal** nerve supplies the region of the soft palate



Motor Nerve Supply

- All the muscles, except tensor veli palatini, are supplied by the:
 - Pharyngeal plexus

- Tensor veli palatini supplied by the:
 - Nerve to medial pterygoid, a branch of the mandibular division of the trigeminal nerve

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