

# Methodology and Anatomical Study of Microsurgical Tracts White Substance in Human Brain

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## Abstract

**Introduction:** The studio of white sustancia fibers has been reported since 1930 with the object of a correct neurosurgical technique. In 1934 Klingler's developed an excellent technique for the tract studio. The misma is based on the freezing of the cerebral tejido, allowing a greater difference between white and gray substance. This work proposes a practical training system, the steps must be taken to obtain a correct and ordered anatomical understanding of the white sustancia tracts.

**Materials and Methods:** 4 hemispheres obtained from adult corpses are used in a formal solution, and without macroscopic neurologic pathology. The mismos are displayed using Klingler's technology, using the Olympus 10x optical zoom microscope for magnification.

**Results:** in each hemisphere, we designate the tracts, of systematic manner, comenzando por la cara lateral: fasciculo longitudinal superior, capsula extrema, fasciculo fronto-occipital, fasciculo uncinado, capsula externa, comisura blanca anterior, capsula interna, y corona radiada. It is said at the level of the internal body: fascia of the cíngulo, cuerpo calloso with forces major menor y tapetum, fornix, y pedúnculo talámico (anterior, superior, posterior and inferior). Finally, the basal cara level is determined by the lower longitudinal fascia.

**Discussion:** Mediate the results obtained, we propose to carry out an orderly and systematic working protocol, for the methodological analysis of the white sustancia fibers. The discussion is continued with an updated bibliography on the topic.

**Conclusions:** the good knowledge of the morphological anatomy, topography, and, the distribution of the fibers of association, and, projection in each of the hemispheres; It is fundamental for a good interpretation of imagenological studies and a correct neurosurgical approach.

**Keywords:** white sustancia tractos; Klingler's technology; tractografía; blanca sustancia distribución, tractography of white matter distribution

## Introduction

From 1934, with the important contribution of Klingler's, that uncovering a freezing technique for the study of white sustancia, began to study with greater depth the provision of different tracts of white sustancia, allowing a great neuroanatomical advance, y su correcta neurosurgical application [4].

White fibers can be systematized for your studio in large groups: association fibers, and projection fibers. The fibers of association, its aquellas that asocian structures teleencefálicas, y, can be divided into: 1) fibers of association intrahemisfericas, that its fibers of communication between a mismo hemisferio; y 2) fibers of association interhemisfericas

or comisurales, the fibers of communication between sectors homotopics between ambos hemisferios. The projection fibers are defined as fibers that communicate with other encéfalo sectors (diencéfalo, mesencéfalo, romboencéfalo or spinal sector). [6- 20].

This system of white sustancia tractors can only be carried out at the same level as the telephone, so that, in this order, only it can be carried out at this level. This work proposes a practical training system, the steps must be taken to obtain a correct and ordered anatomical understanding of the white sustancia tracts.

## Materials and methods:

Se utilizaron 4 hemispheres obtenidos de cadáveres adultos formalados sin patología neurológica macroscópica. Inicialmente se congeló en 10% formaldehído por 4 semanas, luego se eliminó la capa aracnoidea, y se congeló a 16 grados de temperatura por una semana. Una vez completado el proceso, después de eliminar el congelador, dentro de 24 horas, comenzará a ser reconocido por la tecnología de Klingler, utilizando diferentes tamaños de cuchillos (4 y 2mm), y el microscopio óptico Olympus 10x de aumento.

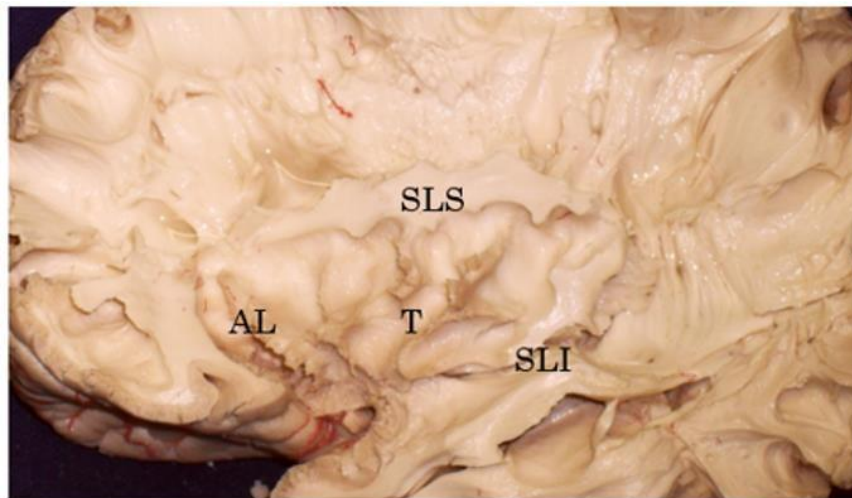
## Results:

La disección se realiza en las superficies cerebrales, comenzando por la superficie lateral, luego la superficie medial, y finalmente la superficie basal.

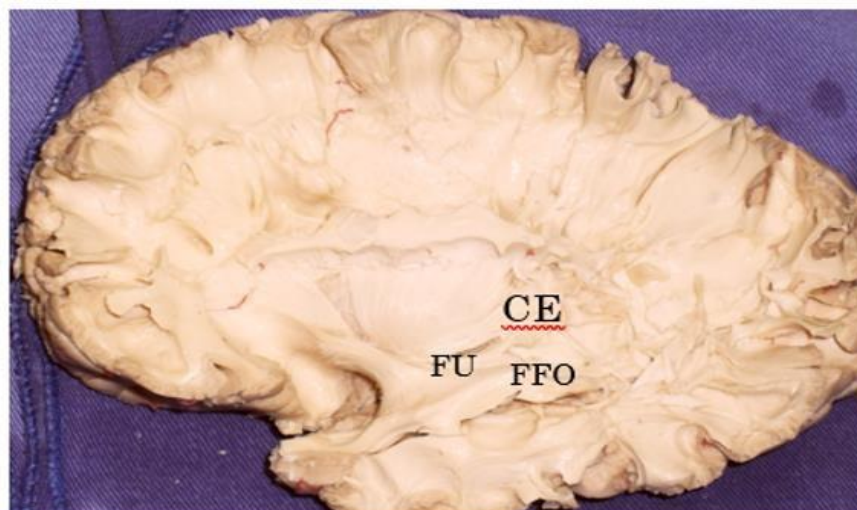
A nivel de la cara lateral hemisférica, inicialmente es necesario reconocer los surcos, y, giros; para comenzar a eliminar la corteza, desde la superficie

temporal, en forma de C hasta el surco frontal inferior. Leer la corteza desde la superficie temporal inferior a la superficie frontal superior, y luego sucesivamente eliminar la corteza desde la superficie lateral para observar el arreglo coral de las fibras blancas.

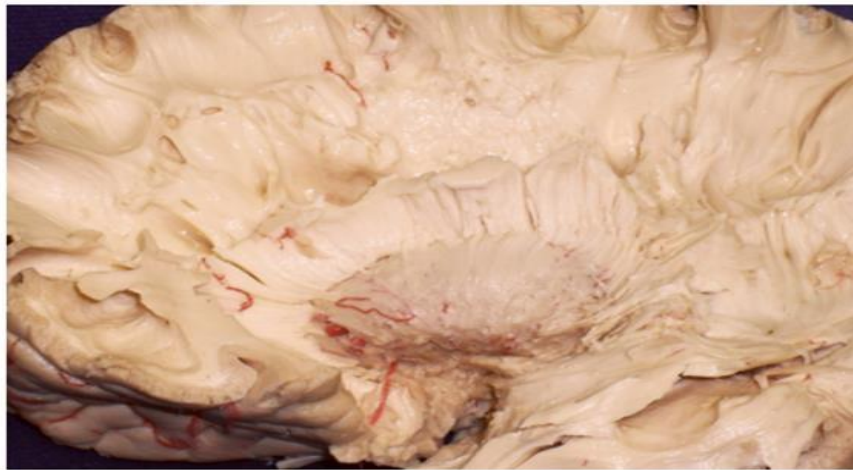
Una vez completada la fase inicial, seguir la descripción ordenada de los fascículos que están localizados en el lado lateral, desde la superficie hasta la profundidad: a) fascia longitudinal superior, que es la masa superficial, para eliminar las fibras en U cortas, b) cápsula extrema, la que se observó al diseccionar la corteza insular (Figura 1), c) fascículo uncinado, fascículo fronto-occipital, y cápsula externa, los cuales se encuentran al mismo nivel, una vez eliminada la cápsula extrema y el cláustro, (Figura 2), d) se llega a la blanca anterior, es topografía en un sector más profundo, para diseccionar el fascículo uncinado y fronto-occipital (Figura 3), y e) cápsula interna, y corona radiada, que sus fibras desde la topografía profunda hasta el nivel de la superficie lateral, observar y eliminar el putamen (Figura 4).



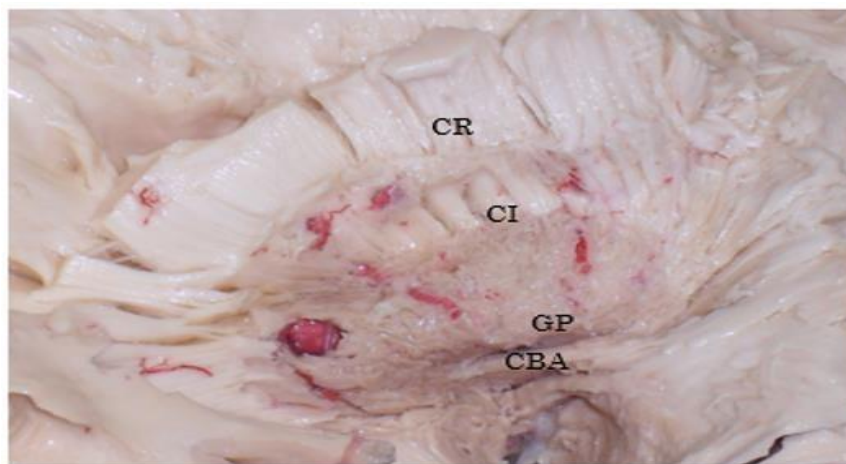
**Figure 1:** Vista lateral de la hemisferia se observa: la cápsula extrema (CE), que se expone a la corteza insular, con sus límites: surco insular superior (SIS), surco insular anterior (SIA), y surco insular posterior (SIP)



**Figure 2:** Vista lateral hemisférica izquierda: se observa la cápsula externa (CE), el fascículo uncinado (FU), y el fascículo occipital frontal (FFO), como se describe en el texto.



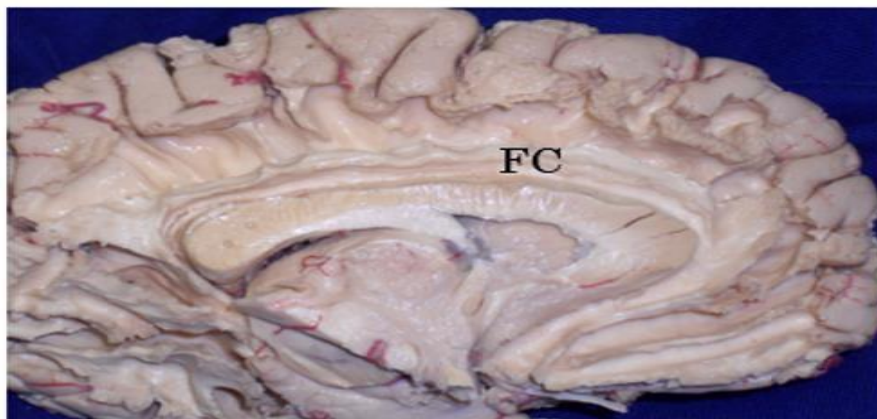
**Figure 3:** Left hemispheric lateral view: seen anterior white commissure (CBA), and putamen (Pu).



**Figure 4:** Left lateral view: capsule is observed internal (CI), corona radiata (CR), globe pale (GP), and CBA.

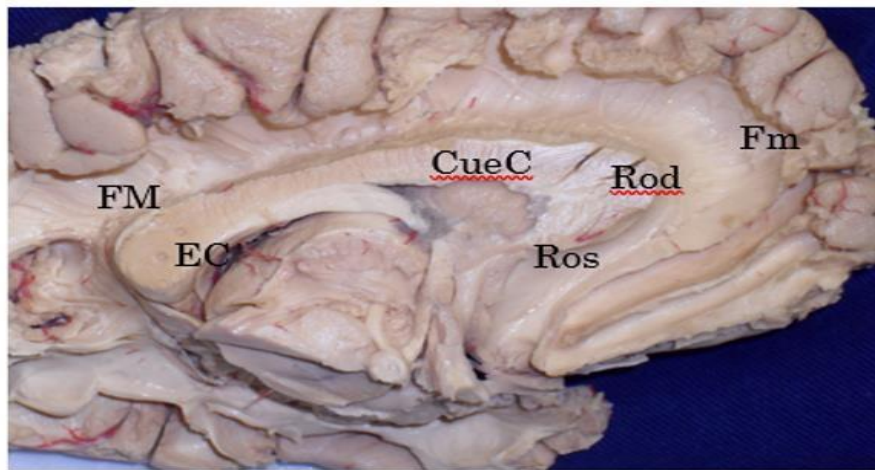
It is shown at the level of the internal surface, from the surface area to the depth of the following tracts: a) fascia of the cíngulo (Figura 5), b) cuerpo calloso con sus four sectors en su vista medial: rostrum (Ros), rodilla (Rod), cuerpo (CueC), y esplenio (ECC); as if the level anterior and posterior of the major force (FM) and menor (Fm) (Figura 6), c) fornix in addition to four sectors: fimbria (FF), crura (CrF), core (CuF), and column

(CoF ), where it ends at the level of the breast bone (CM), where it originates from the mánilo-tálamico fascia (FMT) which is directed to the anterior sector of the tálamo, and then to the cíngulo, constituyendo el circuito de Papéz (Figuras 7 y 8 ), d) where the calloso a nivel del tapetum (TCC) (Figura 9), ye pedúnculo tálamico, una vez withdrawado el caudado, con sus sectores: anterior (PTA), superior (PTS),

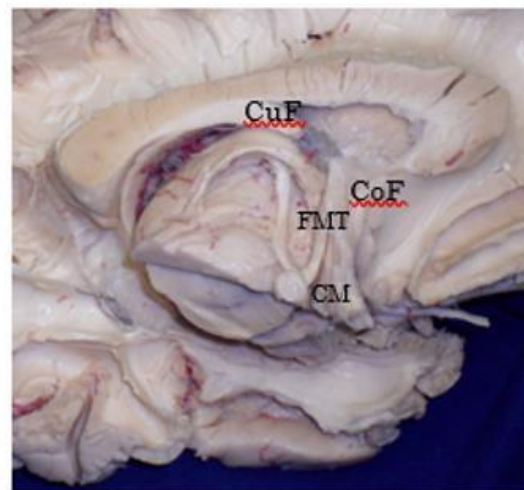
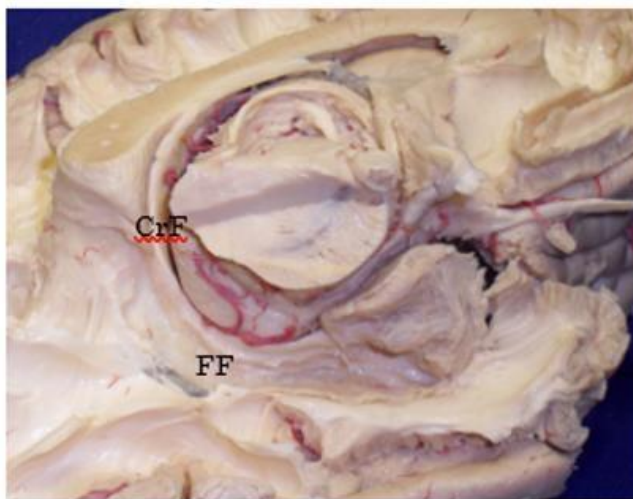


**Figure 5:** Left hemispheric medial view: seen cingulate fasciculus (CF) as described in the text.

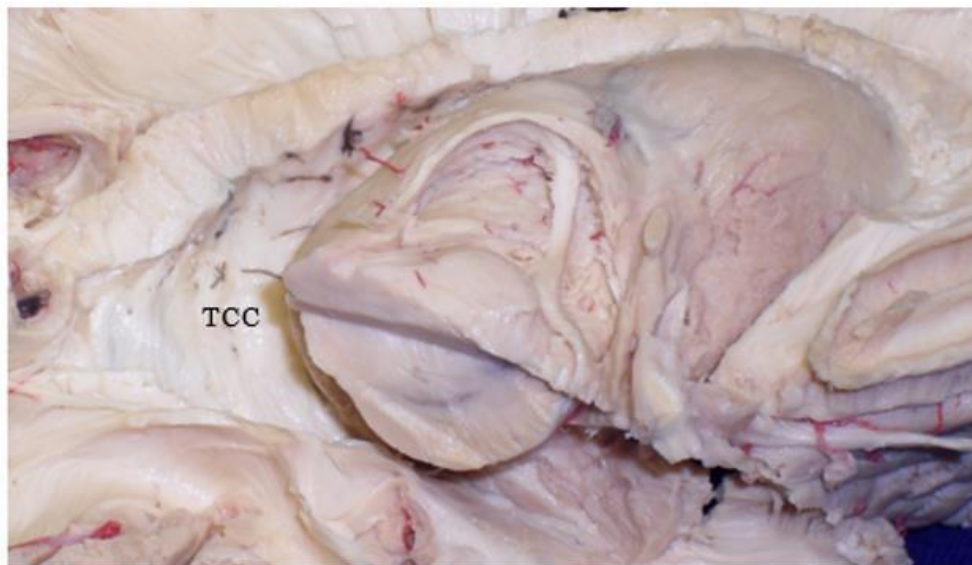




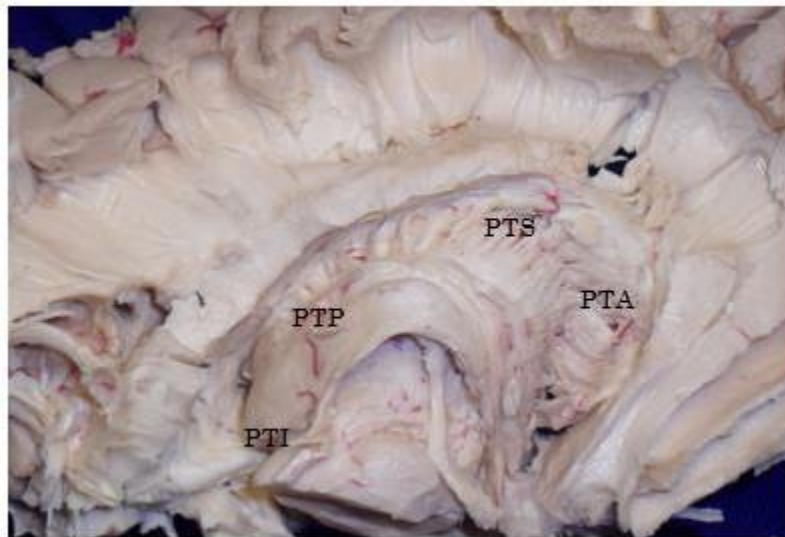
**Figure 6:** Left hemispheric medial view: seen corpus callosum: with Ros, Rod, CueC, ECC, Fm, and FM.



**Figure 7 and 8:** Left hemispheric inferior and medial view: FF is observed, CrF, CuF, CoF, CM, and FMT, mentioned in the text.



**Figure 9:** Vista medial hemisférica izquierda: se observa TCC.



**Figure 10:** Vista medial hemisférica izquierda: se observa PTA; PTS; PTP; y PTI. Finally, at the level of the basal surface, the inferior longitudinal fasciculus (ILF) was dissected, removing the cortex of the fusiform gyrus (Figure 11).



**Figure 11:** Top view of hemispheric basal face left: FLI is observed.

## Discussion

As previously mentioned, at the telephone level there are large types of fibers: association fibers (intra and interhemispheric), and, projection fibers. The intrahemispheric association fibers can be divided into groups: a) U-shaped fibers, each one in a circle with the other center of the lobe; constituting the extrema capsula, a set of short U-shaped fibers, that an island enters if, and the island with the fronto-parieto-temporal operculums, y, b) long U-shaped fibers, the ones that have a lobe with the other, We can distinguish 5 major tracts: upper longitudinal fasciculus, lower fasciculus, fronto-occipital fasciculus, cíngulo fasciculus, and lower longitudinal fasciculus. The interhemispheric or comisural association fibers, one in one hemisphere with the other, can be observed as follows: a) white anterior area, including the upper part of the lower part of the eye, one of the anterior sectors of the temporal lobes; b). yc) hippocampal

composition, topografiado at the level of the crura del fórnix, uniendo ambos lóbulos límbicos.

The projection fibers connect the telescope to other enciphal sectors, and they can be connected in: a) corona radiada, defined as the projection fibers located topographically at the beginning of the putamen nucleus, and b) internal capsule, that its fibers are topographically medial y subyacente al putamen (1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 19, 29).

To log an ordered and systematic study, it is necessary to begin the dissection in each hemisphere, taking into account the very surface areas of the brain (6, 7, 20). The object is to log the visualization of the layout, from the surface to the depth, and the three-dimensional understanding, of each white sustancia capa, in each sector of the encephalon. Therefore, it must be started by dissecting the lateral side, then the medial side, and finally the basal side (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 20).



In the lateral face, remove the cortex, and first observe its association fibers in U cortas. Aligning the U-shaped fibers, the upper longitudinal fasciculus is topographical, as is the fronto-parieto-occipito-temporal lobes. There is a form of C, where the Fisura Silviana, y, can be distinguished between three sectors: a) vertical sector, one of the parietal lobe with the temporal, b) horizontal sector, one of the frontal lobe with the parietal, y, c) fibers that rodean the island, connecting the posterior temporal region with the prefrontal area, it fascinates the arch.

At the level of the island, once the cortex withdraws, fibers are individualized into U cortas that constitute the extreme capsule, which is topographical between the island, and the claustrum. The claustrum is a gray nucleus, divided into two sectors: caudal claustrum (fina lamina of gray sustancia between the extrema capsula and the externa capsula); and ventral claustrum (group of gray substance fragmented by the uncinated and fronto-occipital fasciculus) (1).

When disecar the claustrum, we observed a group of fibers of white sustancia: the external capsule, which was topografía between the claustrum and the putamen, así like the uncinated fasciculus and the fronto-occipital fasciculus, in the ventral sector. The external capsule connects the fronto-mesial region with the temporo-mesial region. The uncinated fasciculus, one of the temporal lobes with the orbito-frontal region, is part of the ventral portion of the external capsule, which is difficult to individualize each fascicle, as well as the fronto-occipital fasciculus (7).

When it comes to the uncinated and fronto-occipital fasciculus, we observe the anterior white comisura, which plays an important interhemispheric role, between ambos temporal lóbulos (visual, auditory, olfactory, and gustatory). It has a transverse dirección, united with the anterior sector of the temporal lobes. On its path cursa by the anterior face of the pale globe, there is an impression called the Gratiolet channel (5). When it comes white, during its course, it divides the gray nuclei into the basal region. The innominate substance, is topografía delante y debajo de la comisura blanca anterior, y, encima de la sustancia perforada anterior, de donde se situúan las nucleos basales de Meynert (main input colinérgico del córtex). Medially, the innominate substance continues with the septal region, the latter, represented in the cortical surface, septal nuclei. This region is made up of the paraterminal gyro, the posterior paraolfatorio, the paraolfatorio giro, and the anterior paraolfatorio. In the septal region, there are mainly three types of fibers: preforncial fibers, medial olfactory estría, and amigadlo-septal fibers. At the septal level, the acumbens nucleus is also topographical (intermediate nucleus between the limbic system and the extrapiramidal system). The next nucleus is also located on the ventral side of the neck, which corresponds to the anterior sector of the caudado and put amen, located by the release of the anterior white core (7). medial olfactory estría, y amigadlo-septales fibers. At the septal level, the acumbens nucleus is also topographical (intermediate nucleus between the limbic system and the extrapiramidal system). The next nucleus is also located on the ventral side of the neck, which corresponds to the anterior sector of the caudado and put amen, located by the release of the anterior white core (7).

How to map the map, it's easy to understand, it's easy to understand, it has the difference in the pale globe. This is important, because the external spinal cord, which separates the putamen from the pale globe, is difficult to identify during the dissection. Once you have removed the putamen,

you will be able to identify the projection fibers, which are deeper than the hemispheric lateral sector. The radiated corona begins at the cortical level and is directed vertically up to the superior border of the putamen, where it continues with the number of internal capsules. The internal capsule can be divided into two sectors: a) lateral sector, where the cortico-mesencephalic, cortico-romboencephalic, and cortico-spinal fibers are topographical; y, b) medial sector, where the topografía of the cortico-dience fibers, llamados also pedúnculos talámicos. The lateral sector of the internal capsula is where it is visualized from the lateral hemispheric cara, and, the medial sector, is observed from the internal hemispheric cara. For the capsule studio, in antero-posterior direction, the misma can be divided into 5 sectors: anterior arm, rodilla, posterior arm, sublenticular sector, and retrolenticular sector. The anterior arm is topografía between the head of the caudado nut, and the putamen. At the level of the anterior arm pasan: in the lateral sector, fronto-ponto-cerebral fibers, and in the medial sector, the anterior tálamico pedúnculo (frontal cortex and cíngulo). The rod of the internal capsule, is identified in the vertex that exists between the putamen, head of caudado, and tálamo, at the level of the foramen of Monro. In this sector pasan: laterally, cortico-nuclear fibers, and, medially, the anterior portion of the upper peduncle. The rear arm is located between the putty and the foot. Now: in the lateral sector, fronto-ponto-cerebral fibers, cortico-spinal fibers, cortico-reticular fibers, y, cortico-rubricas fibers; y, in the medial sector, the upper peduncle (premotor, motor, and sensitive cortex). The sublenticular sector, is topografía by the bottom of the putamen, and has the level found: in the lateral sector, temporo-ponto-cerebellar fibers, and, in the medial sector, inferior peduncle thalamus (temporal cortex, and auditory radiation). The retrolenticular sector, located behind the putamen, is where it is located: in the lateral sector, parieto-ponto-cerebelosa fibers, occipito-fronto-cerebelosa fibers; y, in the medial sector, the posterior tálamico pedúnculo (parietal cortex, occipital, and temporal, including optical, and auditory radiation). Finally, we should mention that in the lateral aspect of the hemisphere, constituting the lateral aspect of the temporal bone and the ventricular atrium, it is topografía the sagittal strato. This layer, it is formed by a set of intermixed fibers during its tray, which cannot be individualized each bundle separately. This tract is composed by: Meyer Loop fibers of optical radiance, uncinated fasciculus, occipito-frontal fasciculus, pedunculo talámico inferior y posterior, comisura blanca anterior, capsula extrema, fibras temporo-pontinas, cortico-tectales, cortico-tegmentales, y fibras occipito-pontinas (2 , 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 19, 20).

Sistematizando la cara lateral, we can decide that from the surface to the depth, in contramos: fibers of association intrahemisfericas cortas en U (capsula extrema); long U-shaped intrahemispheric association fibers (superior longitudinal fasciculus, uncinated fasciculus, and fronto-occipital fasciculus); fibers of association between hemispheres (comisura blanca anterior); y projection fibers (corona radiada, y, lateral sector of the internal capsule).

On the medial side, first remove the corteza del giro del cíngulo, expose the fasciculus of the cíngulo, and cual connecta lóbulo límbico. When I say this fascinator, I observe the calloso's head. Rodeando la cara superior del cuerpo calloso, se topografía la estría longitudinal lateral (ELL) y medial (ELM), así como una capa de sustancia gris, llamada indicium grisium (IG), que ma parte de la formation mación hipocampal, la cual, en su descenso en el desarrollo embriológico, deja dicha capa (6, 7, 20).

The callous head connects the homotopic shape of the frontal, parietal, occipital and posterior temporal lobes. You can expose the callous head, in all of its sectors: head, head, head and back, it comes from the description of the device. The fórnix can be considered, as interhemisferic

association fibers, because at the level of the crura of the fórnix it is topografía the hippocampal composition, and, also can be classified as projection fibers, there are tele-fálica connections. In four sectors we distinguish: a) fimbria, is a tract of white sustancia, formed by the combination of the white sustancia that rode to the hipocampo, called alveus, constitutes the main eferencia of the hipocampo. The fimbria extends from the coroidal fissure up to the point where it separates from the toothed girdle, at the level of the joy of the heart calloso; b) crura del fórnix, es la continuación de la fimbria a nivel del esplenio calloso, y terminata en el point, en que se acuentra con el contralateral fórnix; c) Cuerpo, es el sector que comienza donde ambos fórnix se unen, y terminar a nivel del foramen de Monro, del se vulven a separar; yd) columnna, es el sector final, que comienza en el foramen de Monro, y terminan, en su mayor parte, en los breasts mamilares, teniendo also precomisural fibers que terminan en la region septal. From the breast bones, the mánilo-thalamico fascicle originated, which ended in the anterior tálamico nuclei. From the floor, it goes to the cíngulo, constituting the circuit of Papez, previously mentioned, which has a fundamental role in memory (7, 20). is the continuation of the fimbria at the level of the callous splendor, ending at the point, where it joins with the contralateral horn; c) Cuerpo, es el sector que comienza donde ambos fórnix se unen, y terminar a nivel del foramen de Monro, del se vulven a separar; yd) columnna, es el sector final, que comienza en el foramen de Monro, y terminan, en su mayor parte, en los breasts mamilares, teniendo also precomisural fibers que terminan en la region septal. From the breast bones, the mánilo-thalamico fascicle originated, which ended in the anterior tálamico nuclei. From the floor, it goes to the cíngulo, constituting the circuit of Papez, previously mentioned, which has a fundamental role in memory (7, 20). in which it is connected with the contralateral horn; c) Cuerpo, es el sector que comienza donde ambos fórnix se unen, y terminar a nivel del foramen de Monro, del se vulven a separar; yd) columnna, es el sector final, que comienza en el foramen de Monro, y terminan, en su mayor parte, en los breasts mamilares, teniendo also precomisural fibers que terminan en la region septal. From the breast bones, the mánilo-thalamico fascicle originated, which ended in the anterior tálamico nuclei. From the floor, it goes to the cíngulo, constituyendo el circuito de Papez, previously mentioned, which has a fundamental role in memory (7, 20). in which it is connected with the contralateral horn; c) Cuerpo, es el sector que comienza donde ambos fórnix se unen, y terminar a nivel del foramen de Monro, del se vulven a separar; yd) columnna, es el sector final, que comienza en el foramen de Monro, y terminan, en su mayor parte, en los breasts mamilares, teniendo also precomisural fibers que terminan en la region septal. From the breast bones, the mánilo-thalamico fascicle originated, which ended in the anterior tálamico nuclei. From the floor, it goes to the cíngulo, constituting the circuit of Papez, previously mentioned, which has a fundamental role in memory (7, 20). que comienza en el foramen de Monro, y terminan, en su mayor parte, en los breasts mamilares, teniendo also precomisural fibers que terminan en la region septal. From the breast bones, the mánilo-thalamico fascicle originated, which ended in the anterior tálamico nuclei. From the floor, it goes to the cíngulo, constituting the circuit of Papez, previously mentioned, which has a fundamental role in memory (7, 20). que comienza en el foramen de Monro, y terminan, en su mayor parte, en los breasts mamilares, teniendo also precomisural fibers que terminan en la region septal. From the breast bones, the mánilo-thalamico fascicle originated, which ended in the anterior tálamico nuclei. From the floor, it goes to the cíngulo, constituting the circuit of Papez, previously mentioned, which has a fundamental role in memory (7, 20). que comienza en el foramen de Monro, y terminan, en su mayor parte, en los breasts mamilares, teniendo also precomisural fibers que terminan en la region septal. From the breast bones, the mánilo-thalamico fascicle originated, which ended in the anterior tálamico nuclei. From the floor, it goes to the cíngulo, constituting the circuit of Papez, previously mentioned, which has a fundamental role in memory (7, 20).

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At the level of the lateral wall of the ventricular atrium, to remove the endicular, we observe the tapetum, which constitutes the sector of the callous heart, which forms the lateral wall of the atrio, and the temporal region. To finalize the dissection of the medial hemispheric cara, you must disecar the caudado nucleus, to be able to observe the medial sector of the internal capsule, or pedúnculos talamicos (6,7, 20). So, in the internal hemisphere shape, from the surface to the depth, observe: intrahemisferic association fibers short in U, intrahemisferic association fibers long in U (fascículo del cíngulo), interhemisférica association fibers (cuerpo calloso, y fórnix); y, projection fibers (medial sector of the internal capsule or pedunculos talamicos).

In the basal or lower hemisphere shape, according to the corteza del giro fusiforme, the lower longitudinal fascia is topographical. This is a long intrahemispheric association fascicle, which connects the temporal lobe with the occipital. Sistematizando, we can conclude, that in the three hemispheric surfaces, it is comienza la disección of the surface to the depth, observing successively, fibers of association intrahemisféricas, fibers of association interhemisféricos, and fibers of projection.

## Conclusions

The good knowledge of the morphological anatomy, topografía, and; the distribution of the association fibers, and, projection, in each of the hemispheres; It is fundamental for a good interpretation of imagenological studies, and, a correct approach to neurology.

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