

Skull Base Foramina and their Contents

Opening	Contents
Cribriform plate	Olfactory Nerve (CN I)
Optic canal	Optic Nerve (CN II)
Superior orbital fissure	Oculomotor (CN III), Trochler (CN IV), Trigeminal Ophthalmic division (CN V1), Abducens (CN VI), sympathetic fibers, superior ophthalmic vein
Foramen rotundum	Trigeminal Maxillary division (CN V2)
Foramen ovale	Trigeminal Mandibular division (CN V3)
Foramen spinosum	Middle Meningeal artery
Foramen lacerum	Artery and nerve of pterygoid canal, cartilage and venous drainage
Carotid Canal	Carotid artery

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