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Afferent

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information when it refers to nerves carrying impulses from peripheral receptors toward the central nervous system. Afferent can also be used in general to refer to any connection coming into a structure within the nervous system. The opposite direction of conduction is efferent.

Synonyms

[Sensory](#)

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Definition

Afferent is an anatomical term that indicates functional directionality. In nervous tissue, afferent is often used synonymously with sensory

Further Reading

Purves, D., et al. (Eds.). (2012). *Neuroscience* (5th ed.). Sunderland: Sinauer Associates.