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### I. Introduction

- The nervous system is a complex network of nerves and cells that transmit signals between different parts of the body.

### II. Components of the Nervous System

- **Central Nervous System (CNS)**
  - Consists of the brain and spinal cord.
  - Responsible for processing information and coordinating responses.
- **Peripheral Nervous System (PNS)**
  - Includes all the nerves outside the CNS.
  - Divided into the somatic and autonomic nervous systems.

### III. Functions of the Nervous System

- **Sensory Function**
  - Involves receiving information from the environment through sensory receptors.
- **Integrative Function**
  - Processing and interpreting sensory information.
- **Motor Function**
  - Transmitting signals to muscles and glands to produce a response.

### IV. Neurons

- Basic building blocks of the nervous system.
- Consist of a cell body, dendrites, and axon.
- Transmit electrical and chemical signals.

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## V. Types of Neurons

- **Sensory Neurons**
  - Transmit sensory information to the CNS.
- **Motor Neurons**
  - Carry signals from the CNS to muscles and glands.
- **Interneurons**
  - Connect sensory and motor neurons within the CNS.

## VI. Neurotransmitters

- Chemical messengers that transmit signals between neurons.
- Examples include dopamine, serotonin, and acetylcholine.

## VII. Nervous System Disorders

- **Alzheimer's Disease**
  - A progressive neurodegenerative disorder affecting memory and cognitive function.
- **Multiple Sclerosis**
  - Autoimmune disease affecting the myelin sheath of neurons.
- **Stroke**
  - Occurs when blood flow to the brain is disrupted, leading to cell death.

## VIII. Conclusion

- The nervous system plays a crucial role in coordinating bodily functions and responses to the environment. Understanding its components and functions is essential for maintaining overall health and well-being.