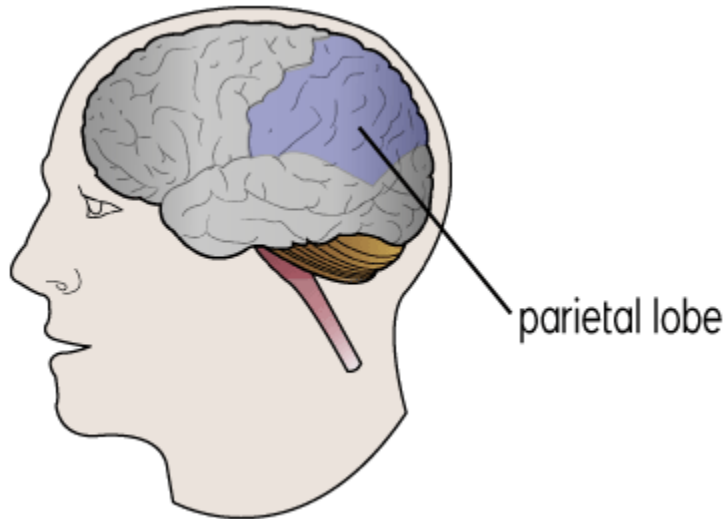


Parietal Lobes

The parietal lobes are located on each side of the top areas of the brain. They sit behind the frontal lobes. There is a right parietal lobe and a left one. They house the primary sensory and visual/spatial area (seeing how things fit together; construction).



Injuries to the parietal lobes may produce a variety of symptoms, but most are related to "sensation" or visual spatial skills. This relates to what a person feels on his/her skin (warmth, pain, etc.) or what a person recognizes about himself/herself.

Symptoms will vary depending on the extent and specific location of the injury.

The following symptoms may occur:

- Altered sensation on affected body parts
- Decreased awareness of a person's own body parts (example: neglect of the left side of the body)
- Impaired ability to determine spatial relationships (judging distances, depth)
- Difficulty building things or using tools
- Difficulty controlling eye movements