

Occipitofrontalis Muscle

This muscle is formed of 2 frontal bellies and 2 occipital bellies connected together by the epicranial aponeurosis.

The two frontal bellies

- Much (larger) than the occipital bellies.
- The two bellies come close together in the median plane.

Function :

Pulls the scalp anteriorly → wrinkles the forehead, and **elevates** the eyebrows.
(expression of surprise).

Origin :

From the epicranial aponeurosis

Insertion :

The skin of the forehead and eye brows (**no bony attachment**).

Nerve supply :

Temporal branches of the facial nerve.

Two occipital bellies

- Separated by a gap of epicranial aponeurosis (**galea aponeurotica**).

Function

Pulls the scalp posteriorly, smoothing the skin of the forehead

Origin :

from the highest nuchal lines

Insertion :

epicranial aponeurosis.

Nerve supply :

Posterior auricular branch of facial nerve

Action :

pull the scalp backward.

