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  - boundaries
    - anterior 2/3 formed
      - palatine process of maxilla
    - posterior 1/3 formed by
      - horizontal plates of palatine bone
    - anterolateral margins
      - continuous with alveolar arches and gums
    - posterior margin
      - attachment to soft palate
    - Superior surface
      - floor of [nose](#)
    - Inferior surface
      - Roof of oral cavity
  - arterial supply
    - greater palatine branch of maxillary artery
  - Venous drainage
    - drain in to pterygoid plexus of veins
  - Nerves
    - Greater palatine and nasopalatine branches of pterygopalatine ganglion
  - Lymphatics
    - Lymphatics drain mostly to the upper [deep](#) cervical nodes
    - partly to retropharyngeal nodes

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