The ascending branch of the transverse cutaneous nerve of the neck arises at the anterior border of the sternocleidomastoid muscle, superficial to the deep cervical fascia and deep to the platysma muscle. It ascends to the submandibular region to form a plexus with the cervical branch of the facial nerve (VII cranial nerve) deep to platysma. From this plexus small branches arise, which pierce platysma to terminate in the skin of the upper anterior neck.

Supply

The ascending branch of the transverse cutaneous nerve of the neck supplies the skin of the upper anterior neck.