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# **PREFACE**

## Introduction

The thirteenth edition of *Body Structures and Functions* has been revised to reflect the many changes that are occurring in today's health science and medical fields. The multiskilled health practitioner (MSHP) of today must know the structure and function of each body system as well as the common diseases. All disease and disorder content is integrated within each chapter as appropriate.

This book and the accompanying teaching materials are designed to facilitate learning. Review the introductory section "How to Study Using *Body Structures and Functions.*"

## **Key Features**

Key features retained in the Thirteenth Edition include the following:

- Phonetic pronunciations of key words are included in each chapter.
- The feature **One Body** outlines how each body system interacts with other body systems.
- The feature **Study Tools** directs learners to additional resources to enhance learning and assess mastery of the material.

## **Phonetic Pronunciations of Key Words**

Phonetic pronunciations of key words are included in each chapter in parentheses following the key word. Pronounce the word by saying each syllable, placing more emphasis on the syllable in boldface capital letters. In the following example, the syllable *NAT* would receive more emphasis than the rest of the syllables would: anatomy (ah-**NAT**-oh-mee).

Most key word pronunciations contain only one syllable in boldface; however, some key words contain more than one. When a pronunciation contains more than one syllable in boldface, place *some* emphasis on the syllable in boldface *lowercase* letters and the *most* emphasis on the syllable in boldface *capital* letters. In the following example, the syllable *em* would receive some emphasis and the syllable *OL* would receive the most emphasis: embryology (em-bree-OL-oh-jee).

## **Major Changes to the Thirteenth Edition**

- Chapter 1: Introduction to the Structural Units—includes new information on positive feedback.
- Chapter 2: Chemistry of Living Things—provides expanded information on water, and new information on dehydration synthesis and hydrolysis.

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- Chapter 3: Cells—provides guidelines from the National Institutes of Health on stem cell research.
- Chapter 5: Integumentary System—includes new information on moles, and a change in treatment of first-degree burns.
- Chapter 6: Skeletal System—includes new information on stress fractures. Information on microfracture procedure is included in the Medical Highlights feature.
- Chapter 8: Central Nervous System—provides an expanded discussion on glial cells, astrocytes, oligodendrocytes, and Schwann cells, and additional information on Alzheimer's disease.
- Chapter 10: Special Senses—provides additional information on general sensory receptors, and new information on hearing aids in the Medical Highlights feature. A new "Did You Know?" feature regarding eyes has been added.
- Chapter 11: Endocrine System—includes new information on pheochromocytoma and values for fasting blood sugar (FBS) and HbA1C.
- Chapter 14: Circulation and Blood Vessels provides additional information on factors that influence blood pressure.
- Chapter 15: The Lymphatic and Immune Systems—includes updated schedules for immunizations for children 0 to 18 years old and catch-up immunizations. Information on Guillain-Barré syndrome and preexposure treatment for AIDS has been added.
- Chapter 16: Infection Control and Standard Precautions—provides information on the Ebola virus, whooping cough, and measles in the Medical Highlights feature.
- Chapter 17: Respiratory System—provides information on nitrogen and breathing, and safety precautions to be taken when someone is using oxygen.
- Chapter 18: Digestive System—provides a discussion on nerve cells in the stomach. Information on common symptoms of digestive disorders, including nausea and vomiting, has been added. New material on cleft lip and cleft palate and a new "Did You Know?" feature about butterflies in the stomach have also been added.
- Chapter 19: Nutrition–provides information on antioxidants in Medical Highlights, and new material on trans fat and weight loss surgery.

- Chapter 20: Urinary System—provides new material on overactive bladder.
- Chapter 21: Reproductive System—includes new information on the hormone relaxin, cervical cancer testing, and additional information on menorrhagia. In the Medical Highlights for Treatment for BPH, expanded information on types of treatment is provided.
- Chapter 22: Genetics and Genetically Linked Diseases—provides updated information on cystic fibrosis.

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- Medical Imaging (Chapter 2)
- Stem Cells (Chapter 3)
- Tissue and Organ Transplant (Chapter 4)
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- Specialized Brain Cells: Mirror Neurons (Chapter 8)
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- Parkinson's Disease and Deep Brain Stimulation (Chapter 8)
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- Taste: Umami (Chapter 10)
- Hormone Imbalance: Mental Health (Chapter 11)
- Bone Marrow Transplant (Chapter 12)
- Diagnostic Tests for the Heart (Chapter 13)
- Pacemakers, Defibrillators, and Heart Pumps (Chapter 13)
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- Kidney Stone Removal (Chapter 20)
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- Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians/ EKG Technicians (Chapter 13)
- Certified Patient Care Technician (Chapter 15)
- Chiropractors (Chapter 7)
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- Dietitians and Nutritionists (Chapter 19)
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- Electroneurodiagnostic Technicians/EEG Technicians (Chapter 8)
- Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (Chapter 13)
- Home Health Aides (Chapter 15)
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- Massage Therapists (Chapter 7)
- Medical Assistants (Chapter 21)
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- Orthotists and Prosthetists (Chapter 6)
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- Physicians (Chapter 5)
- Radiologic Technologists (Chapter 2)
- Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners (Chapter 14)
- Respiratory Therapists (Chapter 17)
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#### **Student Workbook**

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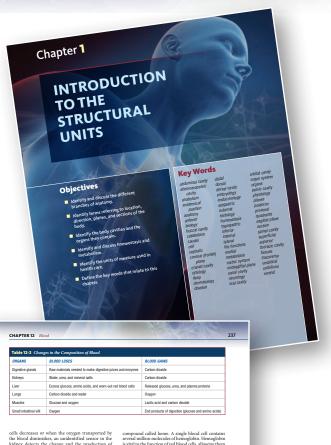


# How to Study Using BODY STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS

Preview the text before attempting to study the material covered in the individual chapters. By reviewing each section of this textbook, you will better understand its organization and purpose. Reading comprehension and long-term memory levels improve dramatically when you take the time to review the text and discover how it can help you learn.

To get the most from this course, take an active role in your learning by integrating your senses to increase your retention. You may want to

- *Visually* highlight important material.
- *Read* critically—turn headings, subheadings, and sentences into questions.
- *Recite* important material aloud to stimulate your auditory memory.
- *Draw* your own illustrations of anatomy or function processes and check them for accuracy.
- *Answer* (in writing or verbally) the review questions at the end of the chapter.



Each time you encounter a new chapter, preview it first to understand its overall structure. Review the Objectives presented at the beginning of each chapter to easily identify the key facts before you read the chapter. These objectives are also useful to review after you have completed a chapter. After reading a chapter, test yourself to see whether you can answer each objective. If you cannot, you will know exactly which areas to study again. The **Key Words** are listed at the beginning of each chapter, are highlighted in red within the chapter, and are also defined in the glossary.

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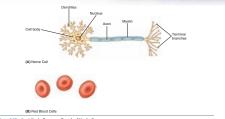
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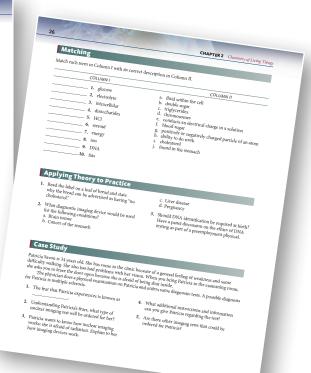
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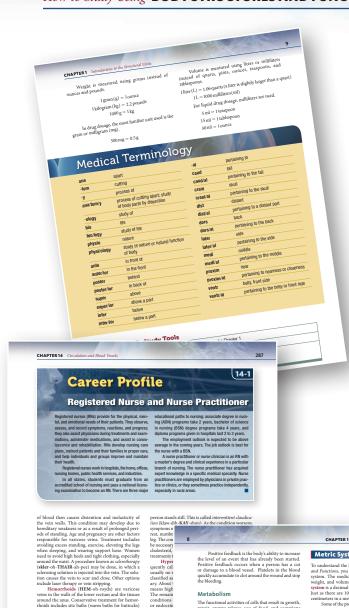


Erythrocytes contain a red pigment (coloring agent) called hemoglobin (hee-moh-GLOH-bin), which provides their characteristic color. Hemoglobin is made of a protein molecule called globin and an iron









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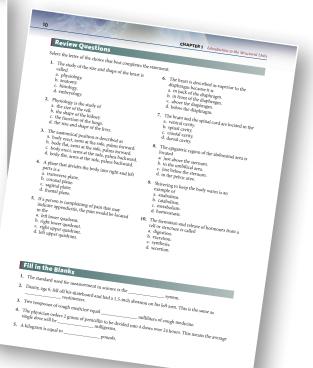
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**Career Profiles** provide descriptions of many health professions in today's dynamic health and medical environment. These profiles describe the role of each professional, and may even provide you with insight into possible future career paths.

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Lab Activities incorporate an element of interactivity to the content, further enhancing comprehension.

Phonetic pronunciations of key words in each chapter are in parentheses following the key word. Pronounce the word by saying each syllable, placing more emphasis on the syllable in boldface capital letters.

Media Links direct you to Online Resources that include PowerPoint presentations and 3D animations. **Study Tools** alert you to additional resources to help you understand the material.

#### Protoplasm

Cells are composed of protoplasm (pro-toh-PLAZM), an ageness solution of carbohydrates, proteins, lipdis, nuclei acids, and intognate salts surrounded by a cell membrane. These components are organized into structures that have a specific function in the cell and are called organelles. Organelles (or-gain-NELZ) common to human cells include the mucleus; ribosomes (RTE-beh-schuzz), centrosomes (SRN-trobschuzz), centrolies (SRN-tree-da), condiplasminsolution), centrolies (SRN-tree-da), protoplasminsolution), the condition of the conditi



Cell/Plasma Membrane
Every cell is surrounded by a cell membrane, sometimes called a plasma membrane. The membrane
superates the cell from its external environment and
from the neighboring cells. It also regulates the pasage of trampport of certain marketes its and out of
superation of the cell membrane is often called a selective
swipermeable membrane. The cell membrane is
composed of a double phospholipid layer, with protraining the cell membrane is often called a selective
it is hydrophilic (expects water). This arrangement allows
for the easy passage of wester molecules through the
in the double phospholipid layer alloy for the passage of molecules and ions across the cell membrane
frogen 2-12.

#### Cytoskeleton

#### Pinocytic Vesicles

Pinocytic Vesicles

Lage molecules such as protein and lipids, which cannot pass through the cell membrane, will enter a cell by way of the pinocytic vesicles. The pinocytic vesicles from when the cell membrane folds inward to create a pocket. The edges of the pocket then does and pinch away from the cell membrane, forming a bubble or vacuolie in the cytoplasm. This process, by which a cell forms pinocyte vesicles to take in large molecules, is called pinocytosis (pye-nob-sigh-TOH-sis) or 'cell drinking'.

#### Cilia and Flagella



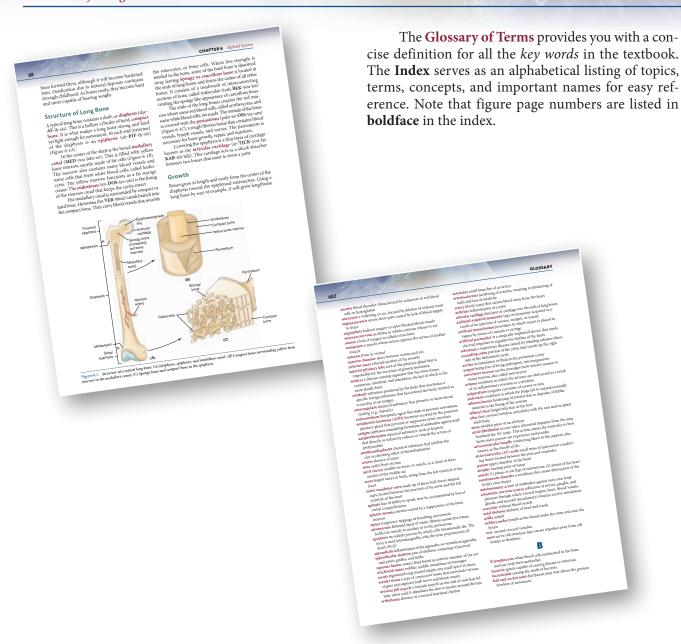
maintain their structure and function, actions must occur inside the cell. These actions require energy, most commonly ecule called ATP. ATP is created from the

#### Cell Division



Mitosis in a Typical Animal Cell
Mitosis is a smooth, continuous process. For ease and
convenience of study, however, five stages, or phases
have been identified by the cell biologist. These five
phases are discussed subsequently with accompanying







# **PROLOGUE**

# The History of Anatomical Science and Scientists

Much of the early study of gross anatomy and physiology comes from Aristotle, a Greek philosopher. Aristotle believed that every organ has a specific function and that function is based on the organ's structure. Most of Aristotle's ideas were based on the dissection of plants and animals. He never dissected a human body.

In the third century BC, Herophilus founded the first school of anatomy and encouraged the dissection of the human body. He is credited with demonstrating that the brain is the center of the nervous system. It was a Greek physician, Galen, however, who is credited with the creation of the first standard medical text expanding on Aristotle's ideas. Galen was the first to discover many muscles and the first to find the value in monitoring an individual's pulse. Galen never performed human dissections and many of his theories were later proven wrong.

The first medical schools were founded in the Middle Ages; however, instructors at this time were hesitant to question the theories and beliefs founded by the early Greeks such as Aristotle and Galen. As a result, very few ideas or discoveries were made in the medical field in the Middle Ages.

During the Renaissance, however, interest in anatomy was renewed due in part to the work of artist Leonardo da Vinci, who studied the form and function of the human body. It was during this period in history that the first systematic study of the structure of the human body was made. Many of these early scientists were hindered in their pursuit of knowledge of the human body because it was believed by many that human dissections were immoral and illegal. For example, Andreas Vesalius, a founder of modern anatomy, was sentenced to death because of his anatomical dissections of humans.

In the seventeenth century, the invention of the microscope aided in new anatomical discoveries and research. Scientists could now see structures that were invisible to the naked eye. Robert Hooke's investigation of cork under the microscope was the foundation of the theory that the cell is the basic unit of life. This theory was later proved and expanded on by other scientists in the eighteenth century as technological advances continued to improve.

Advances in technology have continued into today and new anatomical and physiological discoveries are still being made. With the mapping of the human genome, completed in 2003, the complete genetic code has been documented. It is hoped that this knowledge will enable discoveries into disease processes and the development of cures for many of the diseases that continue to plague our society.

The use of new types of medical imaging, such as computerized scanning and digitalized photography, has helped researchers make new discoveries about the body.

Use key words to search the Internet for new discoveries related to a particular body system and the scientists who made those discoveries.

# Chapter 1

# INTRODUCTION TO THE STRUCTURAL UNITS

## **Objectives**

- Identify and discuss the different branches of anatomy.
- Identify terms referring to location, direction, planes, and sections of the body.
- Identify the body cavities and the organs they contain.
- Identify and discuss homeostasis and metabolism.
- Identify the units of measure used in health care.
- Define the key words that relate to this chapter.

## **Key Words**

abdominal cavity abdominopelvic cavity anabolism anatomical position anatomy anterior biology buccal cavity catabolism caudal cell cephalic coronal (frontal) plane cranial cavity cytology deep dermatology disease

distal dorsal dorsal cavity embryology endocrinology epigastric external histology homeostasis hypogastric inferior internal lateral life functions medial metabolism metric system midsagittal plane nasal cavity neurology oral cavity

orbital cavity organ system organs pelvic cavity physiology planes posterior proximal quadrants sagittal plane section spinal cavity superficial superior thoracic cavity tissues transverse umbilical umbilicus ventral

## **Anatomy and Physiology**

Anatomy and physiology are branches of a much larger science called **biology** (bye-**OL**-oh-jee). Biology is the study of all forms of life. Biology studies microscopic one-celled organisms, multicelled organisms, plants, animals, and humans.

Anatomy (ah-NAT-oh-mee) studies the shape and structure of an organism's body and the relationship of one body part to another. The word *anatomy* comes from the Greek *ana*, meaning "apart," and *temuein*, "to cut"; thus, the acquisition of knowledge on human anatomy comes basically from dissection. However, one cannot fully appreciate and understand anatomy without the study of its sister science, **physiology** (fiz-ee-OL-oh-jee). Physiology studies the function of each body part and how the functions of the various body parts coordinate to form a complete living organism. Any abnormal change in a structure or function that produces symptoms is considered a **disease** (diz-EASE).

## **Branches of Anatomy**

Anatomy is subdivided into many branches based on the investigative techniques used, the type of knowledge desired, or the parts of the body under study.

- 1. Gross anatomy. Gross anatomy is the study of large and easily observable structures on an organism. This is done through dissection and visible inspection with the naked eye. In gross anatomy, the different body parts and regions are studied with regard to their general shape, external features, and main divisions.
- 2. Microscopic anatomy. Microscopic anatomy refers to the use of microscopes to enable one to see the minute details of organ parts. Ultrawave and electron microscopes provide greater magnification and resolution than optical microscopes do. Microscopic anatomy is subdivided into two branches. One branch is cytology (sigh-TOL-oh-jee), which is the study of the structure, function, and development of cells that comprise the different body parts. The other subdivision is histology (hiss-TOL-oh-jee), which studies the tissues and organs that make up the entire body of an organism.
- 3. Developmental anatomy. Developmental anatomy studies the growth and development of an organism during its lifetime. More specifically, embryology (em-bree-OL-oh-jee) studies the formation of an organism from fertilized egg to birth.

- **4. Comparative anatomy.** Humans are some of the many animals found in the animal kingdom. The different body parts and organs of humans can be studied with regard to similarities with and differences from others in the animal kingdom.
- **5. Systematic anatomy.** Systematic anatomy is the study of the structure of various organs or parts that comprise a particular organ system. Depending on the particular organ system under study, a specific term is applied; for example
  - a. Dermatology (der-mah-TOL-oh-jee)—study of the integumentary system (skin, hair, and nails)
  - b. **Endocrinology** (**en**-doh-krin-**OL**-oh-jee)—study of the endocrine or hormonal system
  - c. **Neurology** (**new-ROL**-oh-jee)—study of the nervous system

#### **Anatomical Terminology**

In the study of anatomy and physiology, special words are used to describe the specific location of a structure or organ, or the relative position or direction of one body part to another. The initial reference point used is the anatomical position. In the **anatomical position**, a human being is standing erect, with face forward, arms at the side, and palms forward (*Figure 1-1*).

# Terms Referring to Location or Position and Direction

See Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2.

- **Anterior** or **ventral** means "front" or "in front of." For example, the knees are located on the anterior surface of the human body. A ventral hernia may protrude from the front or belly of the abdomen.
- **Posterior** or **dorsal** means "back" or "in back of." For example, human shoulder blades are found on the posterior surface of the body.
- Cephalic (seh-FAL-ick) and caudal (KAWD-al) refer to direction: Cephalic means "skull" or "head end" of the body; caudal means "tail end." For example, a blow to the skull may increase cranial pressure and cause headaches. Caudal anesthesia is injected in the lower spine.
- Superior means "upper" or "above another" and inferior refers to "lower" or "below another." For

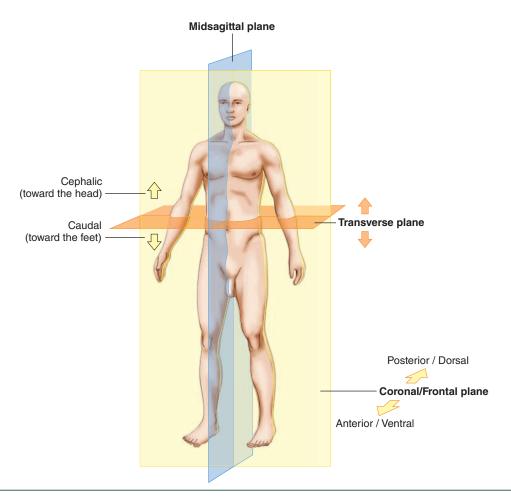


Figure 1-1 Body directions: Cephalic refers to the skull or head end of the body, and caudal refers to the tail end. Anterior (or ventral) means "front" or "in front of." Posterior (or dorsal) means "back" or "in back of."

example, the heart and lungs are situated superior to the diaphragm, while the intestines are inferior to the diaphragm.

- Medial signifies "toward the midline or median plane of the body," while lateral means "away" or "toward the side of the body." For example, the nose is medial to the eyes and the ears are lateral to the nose.
- Proximal means "toward the point of attachment to the body" or "toward the trunk of the body"; distal means "away from the point of attachment or origin" or "farthest from the trunk." For example, the wrist is proximal to the hand; the elbow is distal to the shoulder. *Note*: these two words are used primarily to describe the appendages or extremities.
- Superficial or external and deep or internal—superficial implies "on or near the surface of the body." For example, a superficial wound

involves an injury to the outer skin. A deep injury involves damage to an internal organ such as the stomach. The terms *external* and *internal* are specifically used to refer to body cavities and hollow organs.

# Terms Referring to Body Planes and Sections

**Planes** are imaginary anatomical dividing lines that are useful in separating body structures (*Figure 1-3*). A **section** is a cut made through the body in the direction of a certain plane.

The **sagittal plane** (**SAJ**-ih-tal) divides the body into right and left parts. If the plane started in the middle of the skull and proceeded down, bisecting the sternum and the vertebral column, the body would be divided equally into right and left halves. This would be known as the **midsagittal plane**.

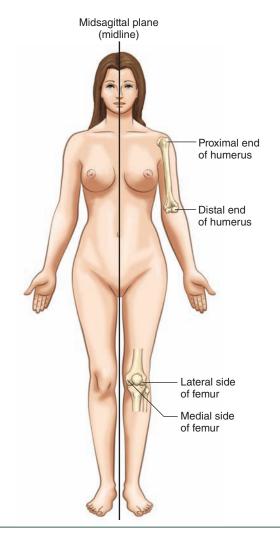
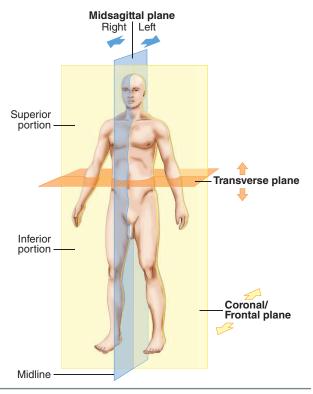


Figure 1-2 Body directions: Proximal means "toward the point of attachment to the body" or "toward the trunk of the body." Distal means "away from the point of attachment or origin" or "farthest from the trunk." Medial means "toward the midline or median plane of the body," and lateral means "away or toward the side of the body."

A **coronal (frontal) plane** is a vertical cut at right angles to the sagittal plane, dividing the body into anterior and posterior portions. The term *coronal* comes from the coronal suture, which runs perpendicular (at a right angle) to the sagittal suture. A **transverse** or cross section is a horizontal cut that divides the body into upper and lower portions.





**Figure 1-3** Body planes: The midsagittal plane divides the body equally into right and left halves. The transverse plane divides the body into upper and lower portions. The coronal (or frontal) plane divides the body into anterior and posterior portions.

# Terms Referring to Cavities of the Body

The organs that comprise most of the body systems are located in four major cavities: cranial, spinal, thoracic, and abdominopelvic (*Figure 1-4*). The cranial and spinal cavities are within a larger region known as the posterior (dorsal) cavity. The thoracic and abdominopelvic cavities are found in the anterior (ventral) cavity.

The **dorsal cavity** contains the brain and spinal cord: the brain is in the **cranial cavity** and the spinal cord is in the **spinal cavity** (*Figure 1-4*). The diaphragm divides the ventral cavity into two parts: the upper thoracic and lower abdominopelvic cavities.

The central area of the **thoracic cavity** (tho-**RASS**-ik) is called the mediastinum. It lies between the lungs and extends from the sternum (breastbone) to the vertebrae of the back. The esophagus, bronchi, lungs, trachea, thymus gland, and heart are located in the thoracic cavity. The heart itself is contained within a smaller cavity called the pericardial cavity.

The thoracic cavity is further subdivided into two pleural cavities. The left lung is in the left cavity; the right lung is in the right cavity. Each lung is covered with a thin membrane called the pleura.

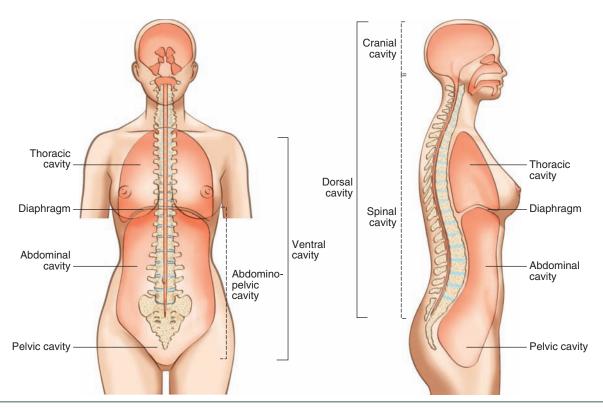


Figure 1-4 The major body cavities

The abdominopelvic cavity (ab-dom-ih-noh-PEL-vick) is actually one large cavity with no separation between the abdomen and pelvis. To avoid confusion, this cavity is usually referred to separately as the abdominal cavity and the pelvic cavity. The abdominal cavity contains the stomach, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, spleen, small intestine, appendix, and part of the large intestine. The kidneys are close to but behind the abdominal cavity. The urinary bladder, reproductive organs, rectum, and remainder of the large intestine are in the pelvic cavity.

# Terms Referring to Regions in the Abdominopelvic Cavity

To locate the abdominal and pelvic organs more easily, the abdominopelvic cavity is divided into nine regions (*Figure 1-5*).

The nine regions are located in the upper, middle, and lower parts of the abdomen:

■ The upper or **epigastric** (ep-ih-**GAS**-trick) region is located just below the sternum (breastbone). The right and left **hypochondriac** (**high**-poh-**KON**-dree-ack) regions are located below the ribs.

- The middle or **umbilical** area is located around the navel or **umbilicus** (um-**BILL**-ih-kus), and the right and left lumbar regions extend from anterior to posterior. (A person will complain of back pain or lumbar pain.)
- The lower or **hypogastric** (**high**-poh-**GAS**-trick) region may also be referred to as the pubic area; the left and right iliac may also be called the left and right inguinal areas.

#### **Smaller Cavities**

In addition to the cranial cavity, the skull contains several smaller cavities. The eyes, eyeball muscles, optic nerves, and lacrimal (tear) ducts are within the **orbital cavity**. The **nasal cavity** contains the parts that form the nose. The **oral cavity** or **buccal cavity** (BUCK-ull) encloses the teeth and tongue.

# Terms Referring to Quadrants in the Abdominal Area

Another method for referencing the abdominal area is to divide the area into **quadrants.** This method uses one median sagittal plane and one transverse plane that passes through the umbilicus at right angles. The four

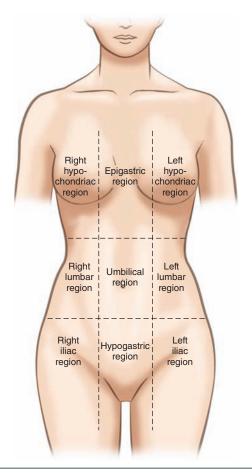


Figure 1-5 Regions of the thorax and abdomen

Right lower quadrant (RLQ)

Right lower quadrant (RLQ)

Right lower quadrant (LLQ)

Left lower quadrant (LLQ)

Figure 1-6 Division of the abdomen into quadrants

organized and related activities that allow living organ-

resulting quadrants are named according to their positions: right upper quadrant (RUQ), left upper quadrant (LUQ), right lower quadrant (RLQ), and left lower quadrant (LLQ) (*Figure 1-6*).

McBurney's point is not at the top of a mountain but midway between the umbilicus and the iliac crest (the prominent area on the hip bone) and the right lower quadrant or right inguinal area. This area is painful when a person has appendicitis.

#### **Life Functions**

When we examine humans, plants, one-celled organisms, or multicelled organisms, we recognize that all of them have one thing in common: they are alive.

All living organisms are capable of carrying on life functions. **Life functions** are a series of highly

organized and related activities that allow living organisms to live, grow, and maintain themselves.

These vital life functions include movement, ingestion, digestion, transport, respiration, synthesis, assimilation, growth, secretion, excretion, regulation (sensitivity), and reproduction (*Table 1-1*).

## **Human Development**

Umbilicus

During our lifetime, the body carries on numerous functions that keep us alive and active. Living depends on the constant release of energy in every cell of the body. Powered by the energy released from food, cells are able to maintain their own living condition and, thus, the life of a human being.

A complex life-form like a human being consists of more than 50 trillion cells. The **cell** is the basic unit of structure and function of all living things. Early in human development, certain groups of cells become highly specialized for specific functions, such as movement or growth.

	<b>Table 1-1</b> Review of the Life Functions and Body Systems		
LIFE FUNCTIONS/ BODY SYSTEMS	DEFINITION		
Movement Muscle System	The ability of the whole organism—or a part of it—to move		
Ingestion Assimilation	The process by which an organism takes in food  The breakdown of complex food		
	molecules into simpler food molecules		
Digestion  Digestive System	The transformation of digested food molecules into living tissue for growth and self-repair		
Transport  Circulatory System	The movement of necessary substances to, into, and around cells, and of cellular products and wastes out of and away from cells		
Respiration  Respiratory System	The burning or oxidation of food molecules in a cell to release energy, water, and carbon dioxide		
Immunity  Lymphatic System	The filtering out of harmful bacteria and production of white blood cells (lymphocytes)		
Protection Integumentary System	The waterproof covering of the body		
Growth Skeletal System	The enlargement of an organism due to synthesis and assimilation, resulting in an increase in the number and size of its cells		
Secretion  Endocrine System	The formation and release of hormones from a cell or structure		
Excretion Urinary System	The removal of metabolic waste products from an organism		
Regulation (Sensitivity) Nervous System	The ability of an organism to respond to its environment so as to maintain a balanced state (homeostasis)		
Reproduction  Reproductive System	The ability of an organism to produce offspring with similar characteristics (This is essential for species survival as opposed to individual survival.)		

Special cells—grouped according to function, shape, size, and structure—are called **tissues**. Tissues, in turn, form larger functional and structural units known as **organs**. For example, human skin is an organ of epithelial, connective, muscular, and nervous tissue. In much the same way, kidneys consist of highly specialized connective and epithelial tissue.

The organs of the human body do not operate independently; they function interdependently with one another to form a live, functioning organism. Some organs are grouped together because more than one is needed to perform a function. Such a grouping is called an **organ system**. One example is the digestive system, composed of the teeth, esophagus, stomach, small intestine, and large intestine. In this textbook you will study the various body systems and the organs that comprise them.

#### Homeostasis

Homeostasis (hoe-mee-oh-STAY-sis) is the ability of the body to regulate its internal environment within narrow limits through negative and positive feedback. Maintaining homeostasis is essential to survival; imbalance results in disease. All organ systems contribute to homeostasis. Examples of homeostasis controls are blood sugar levels, body temperature, heart rate, and the fluid environment of cells. Aging cells no longer respond as quickly, which makes it harder to maintain homeostasis.

Most of homeostasis control works on a **negative** feedback loop. Feedback responses reverse disturbances to our body's condition. An example of how a negative feedback loop operates is seen in maintaining our body temperature. Our normal body temperature is 37°C (98.6°F). Outside, on a hot summer day, our body temperature rises. The hypothalamus in the brain detects this and sends signals to various organs, and we start to sweat (sweating is a cooling process). As water is excreted by the sweat glands on the skin, it evaporates (evaporation is a cooling mechanism). In addition, our blood vessels dilate to bring blood near the skin's surface to dissipate body heat. If we go outside on a cold day and our body temperature falls below 37°C (98.6°F), the hypothalamus of the brain detects this and sends signals to the muscles, causing us to shiver, which raises the body temperature (increased muscle activity produces heat). In addition, the hypothalamus sends signals to the blood vessels, causing them to constrict, which reduces blood flow near the surface, conserving body heat.

Positive feedback is the body's ability to increase the level of an event that has already been started. Positive feedback occurs when a person has a cut or damage to a blood vessel. Platelets in the blood quickly accumulate to clot around the wound and stop the bleeding.

#### Metabolism

The functional activities of cells that result in growth, repair, energy release, use of food, and secretions are combined under the heading of **metabolism** (meh-**TAB**-oh-lizm). Metabolism consists of two processes that are opposite to each other: anabolism and catabolism. **Anabolism** (ah-**NAB**-oh-lizm) is the building up of complex materials from simpler ones such as food and oxygen, and requires energy. **Catabolism** (kah-**TAB**-oh-lizm) is the breaking down and changing of complex substances into simpler ones, with a release of energy and carbon dioxide. The sum of all the chemical reactions within a cell is therefore called metabolism.

## **Metric System**

To understand the language used in *Body Structures* and *Functions*, you must be familiar with the metric system. The medical community measures length, weight, and volume using this system. The **metric system** is a decimal system based on the power of 10. Just as there are 100 cents in a dollar, there are 100 centimeters in a meter (see Appendix A).

Some of the prefixes used in the metric system are

centi = 1/100 (one/one-hundredth) milli = 1/1000 (one/one-thousandth) micro = 1/1,000,000 (one/one-millionth)

Length is measured using meters instead of inches and feet.

1 centimeter (cm) = 0.4 inch 2.5 cm = 1 inch

# Medical Highlights

## **BIOTECHNOLOGY AND NANOTECHNOLOGY**

In the future we will see advances in the treatment and diagnosis of disease using techniques such as biotechnology and nanotechnology.

Biotechnology refers to any technological application that uses biological systems, living organisms, or derivatives thereof to make or modify products or processes for specific uses. One field of biotechnology, genetic engineering, has introduced techniques such as gene therapy, recombinant DNA technology, and the polymerase chain reaction. These techniques make use of genes and DNA molecules to diagnose disease and insert new and healthy genes into the body to replace damaged cells. Scientists are trying to develop biopharmaceutical drugs to treat diseases such as hepatitis, cancer, and heart disease.

Nanotechnology is a science that manipulates atoms and molecules to form new materials. Nanotechnology deals with materials a billion times smaller than a soccer ball. We cannot even visualize

such minute dimensions. At this size, matter exhibits unusual properties that can be engineered to perform tasks not otherwise possible.

At present the signs of disease first appear at a cellular level. To date, instruments used within medicine have only been able to detect abnormalities at the macro level. Being able to diagnose and treat disease at the molecular level will enable physicians to reach the root origins of disease and assist—or even replace—the healing process.

The long-term goals of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are to be able to use nanoparticles to seek out cancer cells before tumors grow and to remove and/or replace "broken" parts of cells or cell mechanisms with miniature, molecular-sized biological "machines" and use these "machines" as pumps or robots to deliver medicines when and where needed in the body. Pharmaceutical products are reformulated with nano-sized particles to improve their absorption.

Weight is measured using grams instead of ounces and pounds.

 $1 \operatorname{gram}(g) = 1 \operatorname{ounce}$   $1 \operatorname{kilogram}(kg) = 2.2 \operatorname{pounds}$  $1000 \operatorname{g} = 1 \operatorname{kg}$ 

In drug dosage, the most familiar unit used is the gram or milligram (mg).

 $500 \,\mathrm{mg} = 0.5 \,\mathrm{g}$ 

Volume is measured using liters or milliliters instead of quarts, pints, ounces, teaspoons, and tablespoons.

1 liter (L) = 1.06 quarts (a liter is slightly larger than a quart)

1L = 1000 milliliters (ml)

For liquid drug dosage, milliliters are used.

 $5 \, \text{ml} = 1 \, \text{teaspoon}$ 

 $15 \,\mathrm{ml} = 1 \,\mathrm{tablespoon}$ 

 $30 \, \text{ml} = 1 \, \text{ounce}$ 

# Medical Terminology

ana	apart
-tom	cutting
-у	process of
ana/tom/y	process of cutting apart; study of body parts by dissection
-ology	study of
bio	life
bio/logy	study of life
physio	nature
physi/ology	study of nature or natural function of body
ante	in front of
anter/ior	in the front
poster	behind
poster/ior	in back of
super	above
super/ior	above a part
infer	below
infer/ior	below a part

-al	pertaining to
caud	tail
caud/al	pertaining to the tail
crani	skull
crani/al	pertaining to the skull
dist	distant
dist/al	pertaining to a distant part
dors	back
dors/al	pertaining to the back
later	side
later/al	pertaining to the side
medi	middle
medi/al	pertaining to the middle
proxim	near
proxim/al	pertaining to nearness or closeness
ventr	belly, front side
ventr/al	pertaining to the belly or front side



## **Study Tools**

Workbook	Activities for Chapter 1
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