

# Anatomy and Physiology

Human Anatomy is the study of body structure.

- Word is derived from the Greek and means "to cut" or "cutting backwards" (putting things together from slices).
- Human Physiology is the science of body functions.
  - Including the study of homeostasis (keeping the organs systems of the body in balance)



### Anatomy and Physiology

• Structure and function of the body are closely related:

Structure mirrors function

Bones of the skull

are heavy and secure to

protect brain function.

• The thin air sacs of the

lungs permit movement

of gases from the lungs to the blood.

In this course we will		Smallest
	Chemical	
study Anatomy and	• Atomic	
Physiology by starting with	<ul> <li>Molecular</li> </ul>	
the most basic level of	Cellular	
organization (atoms) and	Tissue	
"working our way up".	Organ	
	System	
	Organism	$\downarrow$
		Largest

The chemical level of organization is discussed in Chapter 2:

Atoms



Inorganic Molecules (inorganic chemistry)





Organic Molecules (organic chemistry)

- The Cell is next in complexity, in fact many billions of times more complex than molecules.
  - Cells are the basic structural and functional units of an organism.



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Tissues are groups of cells that work together to perform a similar function.

• While there are many different types of cells, they all work to

form 4 basic types of tissues:

Epithelium

Muscle

Connective Tissue

Nerves





 Organs are structures composed of two or more different types of tissues (all but the simplest of organs have all 4 basic tissues represented.)

 Organs have specific functions and recognizable shapes.



 An organ system consists of related organs with a common function. For instance, the Digestive system handles all aspects of taking in and breaking down food, absorbing nutrients, and eliminating wastes.

- It includes all the organs of the mouth, esophagus, stomach, intestines, liver, gallbladder, and pancreas.
- There are 11 organ systems in the body.



• An **organism** consists of a collection of organ systems.

- Six important life processes:
  - Metabolism
  - Responsiveness
  - Movement
  - Growth
  - Differentiation
  - Reproduction



 In health, all parts of the body must be functioning together in a process called homeostasis.

#### **Essential Life Processes**

- Metabolism is the sum of all the catabolic (breaking down) and anabolic (building up) chemical processes that occur in the body.
- Responsiveness is the body's ability to detect and respond to changes which might represent an opportunity... or a threat!
  - Decrease in body temperature
  - Responding to sound
  - Nerve (electrical signals) and muscle cells (contracting)

#### **Essential Life Processes**

• **Movement** is any motion, including movement of tiny

subcellular structures, or movement inside cells or organs.

- Leg muscles move the body from one place to another.
- **Growth** involves an increase in body size due to an increase in existing cells, number of cells, or both.
  - In bone growth, materials between cells increase.

#### **Essential Life Processes**

- Differentiation is the development of a cell from an unspecialized to specialized state. Cells have specialized structures and functions that differ from precursor cells.
  - Stem cells give rise to cells that undergo differentiation.
- Reproduction is the formation of new cells (growth, repair, or replacement) or the production of a new individual.

 A condition of equilibrium (balance) in the body's internal environment. It is a dynamic condition meant to keep body functions in the narrow range compatible with maintaining life.

 Blood glucose levels range between 70 and 110 mg of glucose/dL of blood.

Body fluids are defined as dilute, watery solutions
 containing dissolved chemicals inside or outside of the cell.
 Maintaining the volume and composition of body fluids is
 important.

- Intracellular Fluid (ICF) is the fluid within cells
- Extracellular Fluid (ECF) is the fluid outside cells
  - Interstitial fluid is ECF between cells and tissues

- Some important body fluids:
  - **Blood Plasma** is the ECF within blood vessels.
  - Lymph is the ECF within lymphatic vessels.
  - Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) is the ECF in the brain and spinal cord.
  - **Synovial fluid** is the ECF in joints.
  - Aqueous humor is the ECF in eyes.

- Cellular function depends on the regulation of the composition of the interstitial fluid.
  - Composition of interstitial fluid changes as substances move between plasma and the interstitial fluid.
  - Movement back and forth across capillary walls provides nutrients (glucose, oxygen, ions) to tissue cells and removes waste (carbon dioxide).

Control of homeostasis is constantly being challenged by:

- **Physical insults** such as intense heat or lack of oxygen
- Changes in the internal environment such as a drop in

blood glucose due to lack of food

- Physiological stress such as demands of work or school
- Disruptions are mild if balance is quickly restored.
- Intense disruptions are often prolonged and result in disease

(poisoning or severe infections) or death.

- Cycle of events:
  - Body is monitored and re-monitored.
  - Each monitored variable is termed

a controlled condition.

- Three basic components:
  - Receptor
  - Control center
  - Effector



#### Negative Feedback systems:

- Reverses a change in a controlled condition
  - Regulation of blood pressure
- Positive Feedback systems:
  - Strengthens or reinforces a change in one of the body's controlled conditions
    - Normal child birth

- Blood Pressure regulation is a negative feedback system.
  - External or internal stimulus increases BP.
  - Baroreceptors (pressure sensitive

receptors) detect higher BP and send a

nerve impulse to the brain (interpretation).

Responses sent via nerve impulses

to the heart and blood vessels cause the

BP to drop (homeostasis is restored.)



# Blood Pressure Regulation

#### <u>Negative Feedback Control of Blood Pressure</u>



- Childbirth is an example of a positive feedback system:
  - Uterine contractions cause vagina to open.
  - Stretch-sensitive receptors in cervix send impulses to brain.
  - Oxytocin is released into the blood.
  - Contractions enhanced and baby pushes farther down the uterus.
  - Cycle continues to the birth of the baby (no stretching).



- Anatomists use a common
   language referring to body
   structures and their functions.
  - One key concept is the definition of the standard anatomical position.
  - Other special vocabulary is used in relating one body part to another.



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#### Anatomical Position

- In the anatomical position, the subject stands erect facing the observer with the head
   level, the eyes facing forward, feet flat on
   the floor directed forward, and the arms

  - at their sides, palms forward.
- All anatomical descriptions are in

reference to this position.



#### Directional Terms

- Superior
  Above, top, toward head
- InferiorBelow, bottom,

away from head



- Directional Terms
  - Anterior (Ventral)

**Toward the front** 

Posterior (Dorsal)

**Toward the back** 



#### Directional Terms

- Medial
   Toward the midline
  - Lateral Away from
- Intermediate

- Away from midline
- Between medial and lateral
- nidline dial

- Directional Terms
  - Proximal
    Nearest to the origination
  - Distal
     Farther from PROXIMA

origination



#### • Directional Terms

- Ipsilateral
  Same side of the body
- Contralateral
- Opposite side of the body



#### Directional Terms

- Superficial
   Towards the surface
- Deep
  Towards the core of the body

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#### Superficial



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#### Descriptive Terms

- Visceral
   Pertaining to a covering over an organ
- Parietal
   Pertaining to a covering against a

cavity wall



#### Regional Names

- Cranial
  Skull
- CervicalNeck
- CubitalElbow
- Carpal
  Wrist

- Patellar
- Orbital Eye
- Thoracic
   Chest
- Inguinal Groin



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#### Regional Names

- **Metacarpal**
- Plantar
- Buccal
- Axillary
- **Femoral**
- Gluteal
- **Tarsal**
- **Digital**

- Hand/palm
- Sole of foot
- Cheek
- Armpit •
- Thigh ۲
- Buttock ۲
- Ankle •
- Toes
- or Fingers or Phalangeal



# **Body Planes**

Body Planes are imaginary flat surfaces that separate the body or body part into portions. There are three major planes at right angles to one another:

- **Sagittal** (midline)
- Transverse (horizontal)
- Frontal (coronal)



# **Body Planes**

• **Sagittal planes** divide the body into right and left sides.

• There is only one **midsagittal plane**,

and it divides the body into two equal, mirror-image halves.

• There are an infinite number

of possible parasagittal planes

to the right and left of the

midsagittal that divide the

body into unequal parts.


### **Body Planes**

#### Frontal or coronal planes divide the body (or an organ)

into anterior (front) and posterior

(back) portions.

Transverse planes (also called cross-sectional or horizontal planes) divide the body into superior (upper) and inferior (lower) portions.



### **Body Planes**

In addition to the right angle sagittal, coronal and transverse

planes, the body can also be divided into an infinite number of **oblique planes** that pass through the body or organ at an angle.

 Sections are cuts of the body made along a plane.



### **Body Planes**





A midsagittal section of the human brain





#### A frontal (or coronal) brain section





A transverse (or horizontal) brain section

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 Embryologically, the human organs develop within two major body cavities:

- The brain and spinal cord develop in a dorsal cavity.
- The remaining body organs are found in the ventral

body cavity.



Both dorsal and ventral cavities

have subdivisions.



CAVITY	COMMENTS			
Cranial cavity Vertebral canal	Formed by cranial bones and contains brain. Formed by vertebral column and contains			
	spinal cord and the beginnings of spinal nerves			
Thoracic cavity*	Chest cavity; contains pleural and pericardial cavities and mediastinum.			
Pleural cavity	Each surrounds a lung; the serous membrane of each pleural cavity is the pleura.			
Pericardial cavity	Surrounds the heart; the serous membrane of the pericardial cavity is the pericardium.			
Mediastinum	Central portion of thoracic cavity between the lungs; extends from sternum to vertebral column and from first rib to diaphragm; contains heart, thymus, esophagus, trachea, and several large blood vessels.			
Abdominopelvic cavity	Subdivided into abdominal and pelvic cavities.			
Abdominal cavity	Contains stomach, spleen, liver, gallbladder, small intestine, and most of large intestine; the serous membrane of the abdominal cavity is the peritoneum.			
Pelvic cavity	Contains urinary bladder, portions of large intestine, and internal organs of reproduction.			

\* See Figure 1.10 for details of the thoracic cavity.

#### • Cranial cavity is formed by the cranial bones.

- Protects the brain
- Vertebral canal is formed by bones of vertebral column.
  - Contains the spinal cord



• Thoracic cavity is formed by the sternum, ribs, and the

thoracic portion of the bony vertebral column.

- Also called chest cavity
- Stabilized by the internal and external muscles of

the chest



• Other cavities are contained within the thoracic cavity:

- Mediastinal cavity
  - Located in the central part of the thoracic cavity
- Left and Right **Pleural cavities** 
  - Two fluid-filled spaces that surround each lung



(a) Anterior view of thoracic cavity

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 Pericardial cavity is itself located within the middle part of the mediastinal cavity in the thoracic cavity (like a set of Russian nesting dolls of decreasing size—one placed inside the other).

Fluid-filled space that surrounds the heart



(a) Anterior view of thoracic cavity

The pericardial cavity is shown here nestled in the middle

#### mediastinum:



(b) Inferior view of transverse section of thoracic cavity

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Abdominopelvic Cavity extends from the diaphragm to the groin and is encircled by the abdominal wall and bones and muscles of the pelvis.

- Divided into two portions:
  - Abdominal cavity contains the stomach, spleen, liver,

gallbladder, small and large intestines.

 Pelvic cavity contains the urinary bladder, internal organs of reproductive system, and portions of the large intestine.



(c) Anterior view showing location of abdominopelvic quadrants

(b) Anterior view showing location of abdominopelvic regions

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- Other body cavities
  - Oral (mouth) cavity contains the tongue and teeth.
  - Nasal cavity is part of the upper airways
  - Orbital cavities contain the eyeballs and various nerves and blood vessels.
  - Middle ear cavities contain the small bones of the middle ear.
  - Synovial cavities are found in freely moveable joints like the large joints of the shoulder and hip.

#### Membranes of the body cavities

- The thoracic and abdominal body cavities are lined by thin, slippery, double-layered membranes called serous membranes.
- These membranes adhere to the outer surface of the organs or "viscera", and then double-back on themselves to line the body cavity wall.
  - Visceral layer covers the organs within the cavities
  - **Parietal layer** lines the cavity walls

#### Membranes of the body cavities

- The right and left pleural membranes are the serous membranes that covers the lungs (visceral pleura) and the walls of the pleural cavity (parietal pleura).
- The **pericardial membrane** is the serous membrane that covers the heart (visceral pericardium) and the pericardial cavity walls (parietal pericardium).
- The peritoneal membrane is the serous membrane that covers the abdominal organs (visceral peritoneum) and the abdominal cavity walls (parietal peritoneum).

#### Membranes of the body cavities



#### Integumentary System (Chapter 5)

consists of the skin and related structures (hair, nails, and glands).

Protects body, regulates

temperature, and eliminates

wastes through sweat and other secretions



Skeletal System (Chapters 6-9) consists of the bones and

joints.

- Provides protection and support
- Houses cells that will

become red blood cells,

white blood cells, and

platelets

Stores minerals



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#### Muscular System (Chapters 10-11) consists of the

named skeletal muscles, as well as smooth muscle and cardiac muscle.

- Participates with the skeletal system to facilitate movement and maintain posture
- Generates the heat necessary
  for warm-blooded organisms to
  maintain a constant body temp.



#### Nervous System (Chapters 12-17) consists of the brain,

spinal cord, nerves, and sensory

organs).

- Senses and responds to body conditions through
  - nerve impulses



#### Endocrine System (Chapter 18) consists of hormone-

producing cells and glands scattered throughout the

body.

Regulates the body

through chemical

mechanisms (by releasing

hormones into the blood)



#### Cardiovascular (Chapters 19-21) consists of the heart,

blood, and blood vessels.

Carries blood and nutrients to

specific locations

Regulates body temperature,

and water balance



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Lymphatic System and Immunity (Chapter 22) consists of

the lymphatic fluid, lymph nodes, and lymphocytes – and the

other associated organs of

the immune system like the

tonsils, spleen and thymus gland.

 Filters blood and protects against disease



Respiratory System (Chapter 23) consists of the upper

airways, the trachea and major

bronchi, and the lungs.

- Extracts O<sub>2</sub> and
  - eliminates CO<sub>2</sub>
- In conjunction with the kidneys, regulates

acid/base balance



#### Digestive System (Chapter 24) consists of the esophagus,

stomach and intestines, and

the accessory digestive

glands like the salivary

glands, liver, and gallbladder.

Accomplishes the physical

and chemical breakdown

of food and elimination of waste



• Urinary System (Chapter 26) consists of the kidneys,

ureters, bladder, and urethra.

Involved in the collection

and excretion of waste

products in urine, and the

regulation of fluid,

electrolyte, & acid/base

balance



#### Reproductive System (Chapter 28) consists of the

- ovaries, uterus and vagina in the female, and the testes and penis in the male (along with associated organs and glands in both sexes).
- Reproduction of an individual or organism



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# Major Body Organs

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Cavity	Subdivisions	2350	Organ	Associated structures	
Cranial	Cranium		Brain	Cranial nerves	
	Vertebral canal		Spinal cord	Spinal nerves	
			Thyroid gland		
	Pleural		Lungs		
Thoracic	Mediastinum			Thymus Esophagus Trachea Superior vena cava Inferior vena cava Aorta	
5-5- 20	Pericardial		Heart		
			Diaphragm		
Abdominopelvic	Abdomen	all all	Stomach Liver Small intestine Large intestine (most)	Greater omentum	
	Retroperitoneal		Kidneys	Ureters	
	Pelvic		Urinary bladder Ovaries (♀) Uterine tubes (♀) Uterus (♀)		
		Testes (♂)			

- Identification of quadrants and regions in the
  - abdominopelvic cavity helps clinicians describe the
  - location of the many abdominal and pelvic organs.
- There are 4 abdominopelvic quadrants and 9 regions.
  - The dividing lines between these are centered on the umbilicus ("belly button").

- Vertical and horizontal lines pass through the umbilicus
  - Right upper quadrant (RUQ)
    - liver
  - Left upper quadrant (LUQ)
    - spleen and left kidney
  - Right lower quadrant (RLQ)
    - appendix
  - Left lower quadrants (LLQ)
    - left ovary ( **Q**)



(c) Anterior view showing location of abdominopelvic quadrants

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 Dividing the abdomen and pelvis into regions is done using a Tic-Tac-Toe grid. It is a little more complex than using quadrants, but is also more specific



(a) Anterior view showing abdominopelvic regions

- Techniques and procedures used to create images of the human body
  - Allow visualization of structures inside the body
  - Diagnosis of anatomical and physiological disorders
  - Conventional radiography (X-rays) have been in use since the late 1940's

- **Radiography** is done using X-rays to produce an image of
  - interior structures. They are inexpensive and quick.
  - Hollow structures appear black or gray
  - Do not pass easily through dense structure (bone)
- At low dose, useful for soft

#### tissue

- Mammography (breast)
- Bone densitometry (bone density)



Radiograph of the thorax in anterior view

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- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is done using an extremely powerful magnetic field. It is a safe procedure but cannot be used on patients containing metal.
  - Protons in body fluid align with field
  - Used for differentiating normal and abnormal tissues (tumors, brain abnormalities, blood flow)
  - 2D and 3D color images can be viewed on a video monitor.

Computed Tomography or CT-Scans are done using a computer to organize x-rays to form a 3D image. It is used to visualize soft tissue in more detail than conventional radiography.

- Tissue intensities show varying degrees of gray.
- Whole-body CT scans
  expose the body to a high dose of x-rays.



Computed tomography scan of the thorax in inferior view Copyright © John Wiley & Sons, Inc. All rights reserved.

- Here are 3 cross sectional images of a head from the *Visible Human Project*.
   From top to bottom:
  - Photograph of frozen, sawed head
  - CT scan of the same level/plane
  - MRI scan of the same level/plane





**Objective 10** 


Ultrasound Scanning (sonography) is done using high

frequency sound waves. It is noninvasive and painless.

Because of its safety profile,

it is commonly used to

monitor the progress of

fetal development during

pregnancy.



Sonogram of a fetus (Courtesy of Andrew Joseph Tortora and Damaris Soler)

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- Radionuclide Scanning is done by giving a radioactive substance (radionuclide) intravenously.
  - Gamma rays emitted by tissues that take up the radionuclide are detected by a camera and displayed on a video monitor. The color intensity represents the amount of uptake.
- Single-photo-emission
  computerized tomography
  (SPECT) is a specialized
  form of this technique.



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Positron Emission Tomography (PET scan) is done by injecting a substance emitting positively charged particles into the body. The collision between positrons and negatively charged electron in ANTERIOR body tissues produce gamma rays used to form a computer assisted image. Positron emission

Used to study physiology of body structures (metabolism)



tomography scan of a transverse section of the brain (circled area at upper left indicates where a stroke has occurred)

POSTERIOR

 Endoscopy is done using a lighted instrument with a lens projecting an image onto a monitor.

- Colonoscopy is a study of the interior of the colon.
- Laparoscopy is a study of the organs

in the abdominopelvic cavity.

Arthroscopy is a study of the interior of a joint (knee).



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#### **Clinical Connection**

Noninvasive Diagnostic Techniques are used to inspect

different aspects of the body:

- Is often done to access structure and function and to search for the presence of disease.
  - **Palpation** is gently touching body surfaces with hands.
  - Auscultation is listening to body sounds (stethoscope).
  - **Percussion** is tapping on the body surface with

fingertips and listening to echoes.