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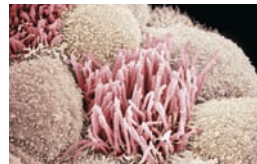
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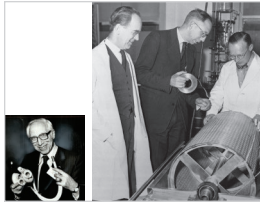
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# About the Author



After earning a baccalaureate degree in biology from St. Mary's College (Notre Dame, Indiana) and a master's degree in physiology from the Ohio State University, Susannah Nelson Longenbaker began her teaching career at Columbus State Community College in Columbus, Ohio. She continues to teach anatomy and physiology courses there, as she has for over 30 years. During that time, she earned the college's Distinguished Teaching Award and *Ohio Magazine's* Excellence in Education award. She founded and serves as co-coordinator for Columbus State Community College *Fantastic Fridays* and *Fantastic Fridays Thinking Science*. These community outreach programs introduce middle school and high school students to the fun and excitement of laboratory science. In 2015, she was awarded the Columbus City Schools Community Excellence Award in recognition of her work in community outreach and science education.

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Sue is honored to continue Dr. Mader's legacy to education, as the writer for this ninth edition of the textbook. She looks forward to and appreciates suggestions or comments from instructors and students alike. Feel free to contact her at the following address:

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# Preface

Welcome to the ninth edition of *Mader's Understanding Human Anatomy and Physiology*! It is a joy and a privilege to work on this project, which is so fulfilling to me as a scientist, educator, and creative artist. I am honored to continue the vision of the book's original author, Dr. Sylvia Mader, who introduced the book almost two decades ago. We believe that a book designed to introduce the fascinating workings of the human body should be creative, informative, accurate, and most important, *relevant* to today's students. This book is tailored to appeal to a wide audience, from students in pre-nursing and allied health fields, to non-science majors who want a clear and concise explanation of how their bodies work. As soon as the student opens the book for the very first time, I want to capture that student's interest. Then, I want to keep the reader's attention as he or she learns something new about how we humans work.

*Mader's Understanding Human Anatomy and Physiology* continues to be the perfect text for a one-semester course. Each chapter begins with a brief introduction, designed to seize attention and stimulate curiosity, while drawing the reader in for a more detailed exploration. For example, the introduction for Chapter 6 on the skeletal system answers an age-old and commonly asked question: Does repeatedly cracking one's knuckles result in arthritis? And who among us has not experienced a "brain-freeze" headache when eating very cold foods too rapidly? The introduction for Chapter 7 on the nervous system explains why it occurs. Historical anecdotes will also intrigue the reader. The brief story of Henrietta Lacks that begins Chapter 4 is a fascinating account of how one woman's cancer cells continue to benefit humanity. The profile of retired astronaut and Senator John Glenn in Chapter 12 gives a fascinating insight to the very beginning of America's space program, and some of the medical issues that arose when humans were put into space for the first time.

Next, each chapter's Learning Outcomes are carefully constructed to be achievable to students with no prior training in anatomy and physiology. These Learning Outcomes are repeated as each new section begins, so that the reader never loses sight of what he or she is expected to learn. At the conclusion of each topic, the Content Check-Up feature allows the reader to test comprehension before continuing. Students who use the wonderful McGraw-Hill Connect<sup>®</sup> software with this text will be able to use this text's Learning Outcomes to check their progress. McGraw-Hill LearnSmart<sup>®</sup> is the most widely used and intelligent adaptive learning resource that is proven to strengthen memory recall, improve course retention, and boost grades.

Throughout the text, the Begin Thinking Clinically feature asks a student to do exactly that: start thinking as though he or she was already working in a clinic or hospital setting. Each question fosters critical thinking skills by requiring the student to conduct further investigation into the chapter's subject matter. A great deal of thought and attention have gone into the conclusion of each chapter.

First, the Learning Outcomes are briefly summarized, and Key Terms and Clinical Key Terms are included, along with a pronunciation guide. Study Questions can be used as a checklist to ensure that important concepts are well understood. Each asks the student to craft a short essay. Learning Outcome Questions allow the student to "take the test" because they replicate the types of short answer questions often used in the classroom (matching, true-false, multiple choice, and the like). Finally, a Medical Terminology Exercise that concludes the chapter helps to build a working vocabulary, thus facilitating comprehension and increasing student confidence.

My own students love to relate examples about anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology that they've seen in the media or come across on the job. For this reason, the many features in each chapter of this text are tailored toward the varied interests of today's students. The Focus on Forensics articles relate anatomy and physiology principles to the process of solving a crime. Every In Case of Emergency feature will be particularly relevant to those training to be first responders (emergency medical technicians and paramedics, for example), though everyone can benefit from knowing how to respond in a medical crisis situation. Each What's New reading describes a cutting-edge development in medicine and/or biotechnology. For example, you may have read in the popular media about the many uses of 3-D printers—but did you know that they can be used to craft a scaffolding to grow tissues, and may one day make it possible to grow entire organs? You can read about it in Chapter 4! New Medical Focus articles can be found throughout the book as well, and each existing Medical Focus article has been carefully researched and updated for this edition. However, perhaps the most important thing you'll notice throughout the book is the quality of the artwork. The new line drawings are realistic, detailed, and colorful; photographs are fresh and up-to-date. In addition, this ninth edition has been enriched by the incorporation of many fine images from McGraw-Hill Education's outstanding resource, *Anatomy & Physiology REVEALED*<sup>®</sup>. You'll find some of the best artwork in the industry in this edition of *Mader's Understanding Human Anatomy and Physiology*. Couple this with a completely redesigned layout, and I trust you'll find this book to be visually pleasing as well as accurate and informative.

I have been blessed to have the best job in the world—being a college professor teaching the biological sciences—for over 30 years. Being in the classroom daily helps me to understand the ways my students think, as well as what's happening in their world. Each semester's new batch of students has something to teach me, and I am fortunate to be able to learn something new every day. Further, I am privileged to work with a fine group of colleagues who are generous with both their expertise and their advice. I continue to develop new strategies to describe anatomical and physiological concepts, using more and better examples and analogies. In this book, it's my goal to share the ideas that work for me with both

students and teachers. I know that this text will help you, the instructor, to engage and excite your students in the fascinating study of the human body.

## Acknowledgements

Every new edition of *Understanding Human Anatomy and Physiology* presents a unique challenge for me. It's my goal to create a work with content that is precisely correct, up-to-date, and worthwhile for an increasingly diverse and rapidly evolving student population. When you have an amazing support team like the one I have at McGraw-Hill Education, the task becomes much easier. I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to two individuals who directly supported me and with whom I communicated on an almost daily basis: my Product Developer, Fran Simon, and Content Project Manager, April Southwood. Ladies, thanks for your patience, understanding, and good humor. I appreciate everything you've done for this edition.

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— Sue Longenbaker

## Dedication:

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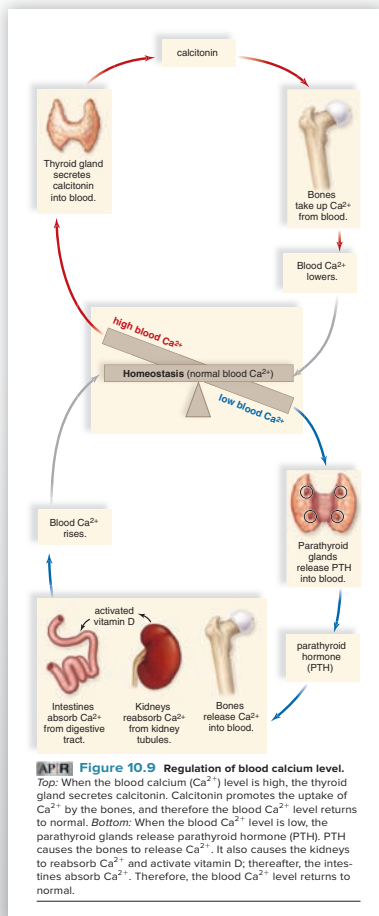
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## Learning Outcomes

at the beginning of every chapter will help students understand what they should know after studying the chapter.



### Learning Outcomes

After you have studied this chapter, you should be able to:

#### 6.1 Skeleton: Overview

1. Name at least five functions of the skeleton.
2. Explain a classification of bones based on their shapes.
3. Describe the anatomy of bone. Describe long bone structure, and compare/contrast compact bone and spongy bone.
4. Describe the physiology of bone, including the cells involved in growth and repair, and the process of bone growth, development, and remodeling.
5. Name and describe six types of fractures, and state the four steps in fracture repair.
6. List the surface features of bones, and give examples where each can be found.

#### 6.2 Axial Skeleton

7. Distinguish between the axial and appendicular skeletons.
8. Name the bones of the skull, and state the important features of each bone.
9. Describe the structure and function of the hyoid bone.

10. Name the bones of the vertebral column and the thoracic cage. Be able to label diagrams of them.
11. Describe a typical vertebra, the atlas and axis, and the sacrum and coccyx.
12. Name the three types of ribs and the three parts of the sternum.

#### 6.3 Appendicular Skeleton

13. Name the bones of the pectoral girdle and the pelvic girdle. Be able to label diagrams of them.
14. Name the bones of the upper limb (arm and forearm) and the lower limb (thigh and leg). Be able to label diagrams that include surface features.
15. Cite at least five differences between the female and male pelvises.

#### 6.4 Joints (Articulations)

16. Explain how joints are classified, and give examples of each type of joint.
17. List the types of movements that occur at synovial joints.
18. Explain how damage and degeneration occurs at joints and how it can be treated. Outline

possible steps for damage prevention.

#### 6.5 Effects of Aging

19. Describe the anatomical and physiological changes that occur in the skeletal system as we age.

#### 6.6 Homeostasis

20. List and discuss six ways the skeletal system contributes to homeostasis. Discuss ways the other systems assist the skeletal system.

#### I.C.E.—In Case of Emergency

##### Broken Bones

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Oh, My Aching Back: Surgical Options for Back Injuries

##### Focus on Forensics

Skeletal Remains

##### Human Systems Work Together

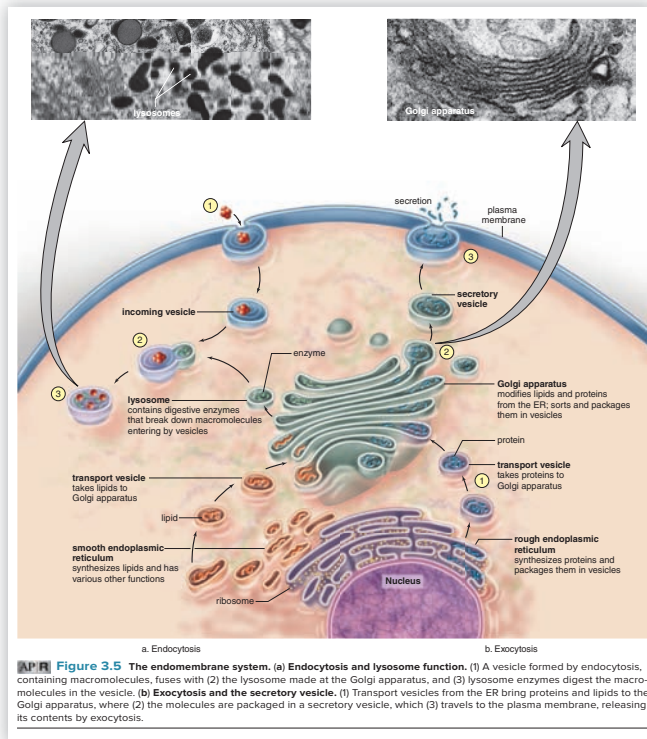
Skeletal System

**Accessible Writing Style** More important than any other component of a textbook, the writing must be appropriate for the level of the reader. *Mader's Understanding Human Anatomy and Physiology* features the **perfect writing style for the one-semester course**. It has always been written and designed for the one-semester course, not adapted from a two-semester textbook. Paragraph introductions, explanations, comparisons, and relevant, everyday examples are used with these students in mind. The flow of the text is logical and accessible without being overly “chatty” and consistently makes use of relevant examples and analogies.

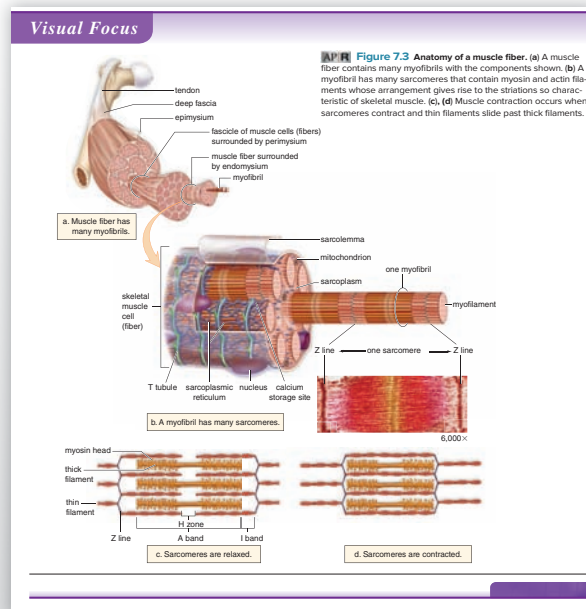
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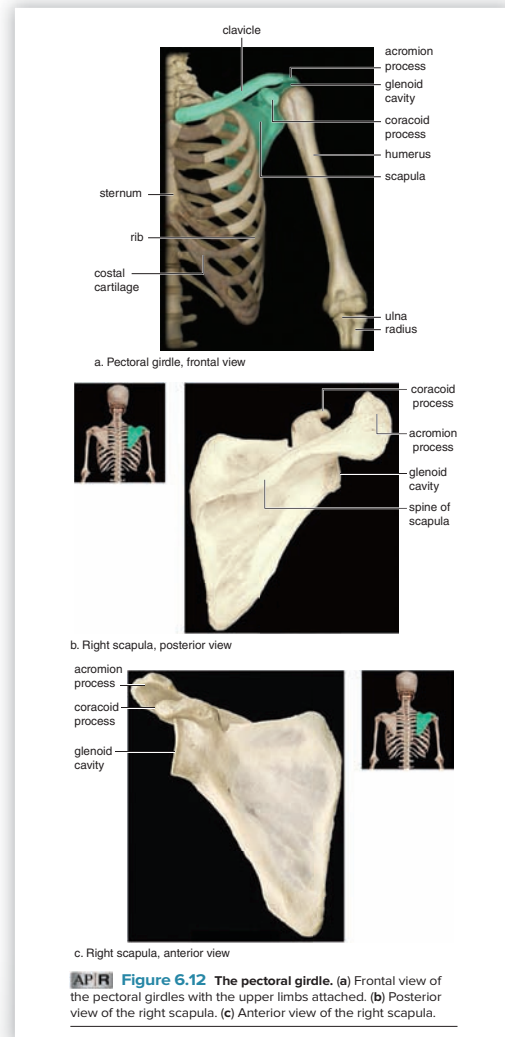
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**Learning Outcomes** are listed within the chapter! Students will know what that specific section is covering.

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9. Describe the structure and function of the hyoid bone.
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11. Describe a typical vertebra, the atlas and axis, and the sacrum and coccyx.
12. Name the three types of ribs and the three parts of the sternum.

The skeleton is divided into the axial skeleton and the appendicular skeleton. The tissues of the axial and appendicular skeletons are bone (both compact and spongy), cartilage (hyaline, fibrocartilage, and elastic cartilage), and dense connective tissue, a type of fibrous connective tissue. (The various types of connective tissues were extensively discussed in Chapter 4.)

In Figure 6.4, the bones of the axial skeleton are colored gray, and the bones of the appendicular skeleton are colored tan for easy distinction. Notice that the **axial skeleton** lies in the midline of the body and contains the bones of the skull, the hyoid bone, the





# Changes to This Edition

Each chapter contains updated and improved line art and new, more current photos. Images from McGraw-Hill Education's award-winning interactive learning software, *Anatomy and Physiology REVEALED*<sup>®</sup>, have been incorporated throughout the text.

All information regarding signs, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of disease has been carefully investigated using **Up To Date**<sup>®</sup>, a professional peer-reviewed overview of current research in each respective field. This service is utilized throughout the nation by many universities and hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic.

Each section of a chapter ends with a **Content Check-Up!** to test student knowledge. In response to reviewer requests, selected **Content Check-Up!** questions throughout the chapters have been replaced with higher-level questions requiring critical thinking and assimilation of ideas.

## Chapter 1:

- Updated **Medical Focus: Imaging the Body** to include latest technologies used for imaging, including functional magnetic resonance imaging and diffusion tensor imaging.

## Chapter 2:

- New chapter opener about toxins as medication, with new photographs.
- Updated **Medical Focus: Prions: Malicious Proteins?** to incorporate latest diagnostic technology.
- Updated **Medical Focus: The Deadly Effects of High-Level Radiation** to contain current information regarding the effects of radiation on cell-cell junctions.
- In response to reviewer commentary: revised explanations for mass number; low levels of radiation; atomic structure, ionization, buffers.
- Based on heat map analysis, revised discussion of dehydration reaction, cation and anion structure, disaccharides, glycogen storage, phospholipid cell membrane structure, protein function.

## Chapter 3:

- Based on heat map analysis: revised description of chromatin and chromosomes, simple diffusion.

## Chapter 4:

- Updated **What's New: Targeting the Traitor Inside**, which now features the most current available information regarding cancer therapies.

- New Reading: **What's New: 3-D Printing to Create Complex Tissues.**
- Updated the story of Henrietta Lacks, the subject of the chapter introduction. Her gravesite has recently been located, and after many decades has been permanently identified with an appropriate grave marker.
- Based on heat map analysis, revised description of epithelial tissues to make it more complete.

## Chapter 5:

- New chapter opener, featuring new photos.
- Per reviewer request, relocated and revised the section on Functions of the Skin.
- Completely revised sections on homeostasis to improve readability.
- Based on heat map analysis, revised description of sebaceous gland function.
- Based on heat map analysis, revised descriptions of temperature regulation.

## Chapter 6:

- New artwork throughout, incorporating multiple images from *Anatomy and Physiology REVEALED*<sup>®</sup>.
- Updated **Medical Focus: Osteoporosis** to reflect state-of-the-art knowledge about medical research in the field.
- Reviewed current findings on causes and therapies to update **Medical Focus: Oh, My Aching Back—Options for Back Injuries.**
- Based on heat map analysis, revised description of lacunae and canaliculi.
- Based on heat map analysis, revised description of transverse foramina.

## Chapter 7:

- Completely reworked Figure 7.6.
- Researched current findings and professional recommendations to overhaul **Medical Focus: Benefits of Exercise.** The article features a table of practical, real-world recommendations about incorporating exercise into daily living.
- Based on reviewer feedback, updated discussion of all-or-none law, recruitment, muscle tone.
- Based on reviewer feedback, updated discussion of twitch, tetanus, fatigue.

- Based on heat map analysis, revised description of the neuromuscular junction.
- Based on heat map analysis, revised discussion of myosin power stroke.

## Chapter 8:

- Updated articles: **Medical Focus: Research on Alzheimer Disease**, and **In Case of Emergency: Traumatic Brain Injury**. Both readings now feature current research and recommendations from the Alzheimer’s Association and the American Heart Association, respectively.
- Two new articles added:  
**What’s New: Epidural Stimulation in Spinal Cord Injuries: Cause for Hope** **What’s New: Brain in a Petri Dish: A Human Model for Alzheimer Research**
- New figures added: Figure 8.4, 8.15.
- Based on heat map analysis, added more detail to description of peripheral nervous system, neuron structure, all-or-none property of the neuron, meninges, pia mater, ventricles, brainstem functions.

## Chapter 9:

- Updated statistics for child abuse, hearing loss, and ototoxicity.

## Chapter 10:

- Updated all statistics regarding diabetes mellitus.
- New reading: **What’s New: Options for Type I Diabetics: The Artificial Pancreas System, Beta Cell Transplants, and the BioHub**
- Updated **Medical Focus: Side Effects of Anabolic Steroids**.
- Based on heat map analysis, added more detail regarding Cushing’s syndrome, ketoacidosis.

## Chapter 11:

- Updated **What’s New: Improvements in Transfusion Technology** to reflect new developments in this field.
- Based on heat map analysis, added more detail to the discussion of hemoglobin breakdown; positive feedback in blood clotting.

## Chapter 12:

- In response to reviewer feedback: updated and revised discussion of intercalated disks and gap junctions.
- Updated **Medical Focus: Arteriosclerosis, Atherosclerosis, and Coronary Artery Disease** to contain up-to-date findings in diagnosis and therapy.
- Updated **I.C.E.—IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillation** to include most current recommendations from the American Heart Association.
- New article: **What’s New: Novel Stent for the Severest Strokes**.

## Chapter 13:

- Updated **Medical Focus: AIDS Epidemic**.
- Updated **Medical Focus: Immunization: The Great Protector**.
- Updated **Medical Focus: Influenza: A Constant Threat of Pandemic**.
- Updated **What’s New: Parasite Prescription for Autoimmune Disease**.
- Based on heat map analysis, added more detail about first, second and third lines of defense against infection, and antibody actions.

## Chapter 14:

- Updated **Medical Focus: The Most-Often-Asked Questions About Tobacco and Health** to include current statistics and information about electronic cigarettes.
- Based on heat map analysis, added more detail about paranasal sinuses, muscles of forced expiration, respiratory volumes and capacities.

## Chapter 15:

- New article: **Medical Focus: Disorders of the Digestive Tract** presents information about causes, signs and symptoms, and treatment of gastrointestinal disease.
- Revised and updated **Medical Focus: Tips for Effectively Using Nutrition Labels**.
- Researched and incorporated information about the most current pharmaceutical treatments for obesity.



- Researched and incorporated the latest statistics regarding obesity rates in the United States.
- Based on heat map analysis, improved explanations about salivary enzymes and lysozyme and anatomy of the esophagus.

## Chapter 16:

- New chapter opener, featuring a fascinating historical account of the first renal dialysis machine and its developer.
- Based on reviewer request, included a section on lifetime renal function.
- In response to reviewer feedback, added greater detail regarding the two types of nephrons and the juxtaglomerular apparatus.

## Chapter 17:

- In response to reviewer feedback, added more details to the explanation of the process of meiosis.
- Researched and updated diagnostic criteria for ovarian cancer, incorporating findings and recommendations by the American Cancer Society.
- Thorough review and revision of all information regarding contraceptive methods available in the United States, including statistics about success/failure rates and health precautions for each one.
- Incorporated up-to-date descriptions of the proper techniques for breast and testicular self-examination, using information from the American Cancer Society.

- Investigated newest research regarding endocrine-disrupting contaminants, and included novel recommendations from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Revised information regarding causes and treatment of infertility to include contemporary findings and recommendations.

## Chapter 18:

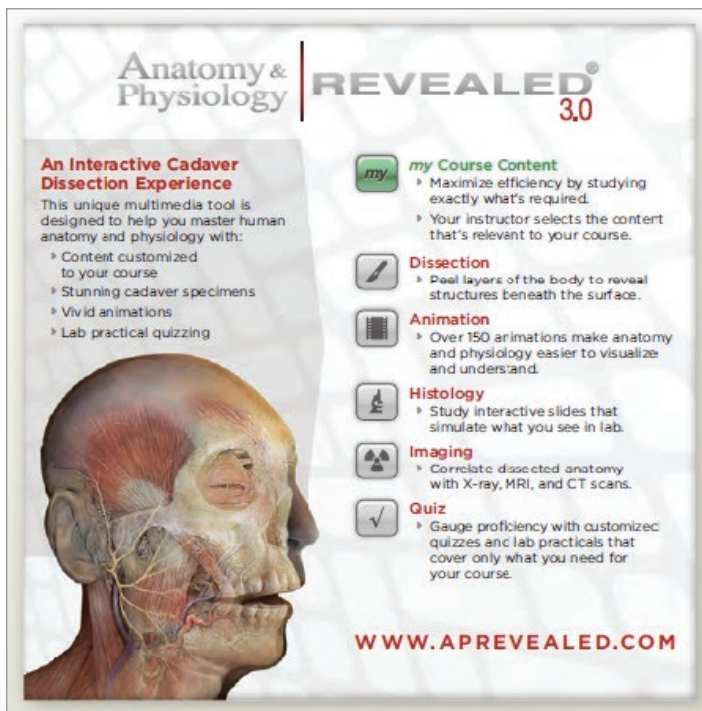
- Updated information regarding prevention of birth defects, utilizing information from the March of Dimes U.S.A.®
- Based on reviewer recommendation, revised description of implantation and the basis for a positive pregnancy test.

## Chapter 19:

- NEW article: **What's New: A Profound Dilemma: Bioengineered Babies.**
- Added information about cell-free DNA analysis to the explanation of karyotyping.
- Revised **Medical Focus: Preimplantation Genetic Studies** to include information regarding polar body testing.
- Updated statistics for **Focus on Forensics: The Innocence Project.**
- Incorporated information about DNA repair into the section on Gene Therapy.

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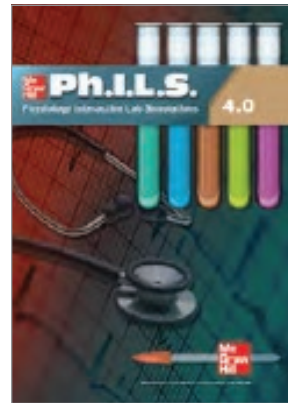
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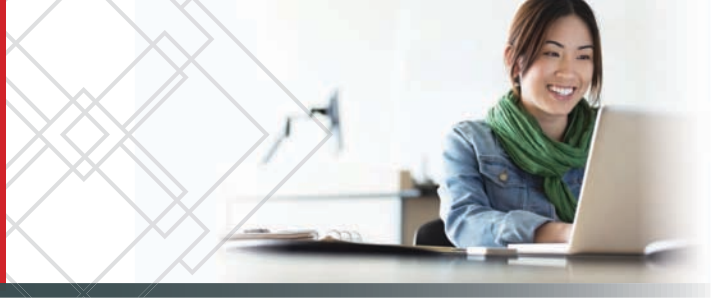


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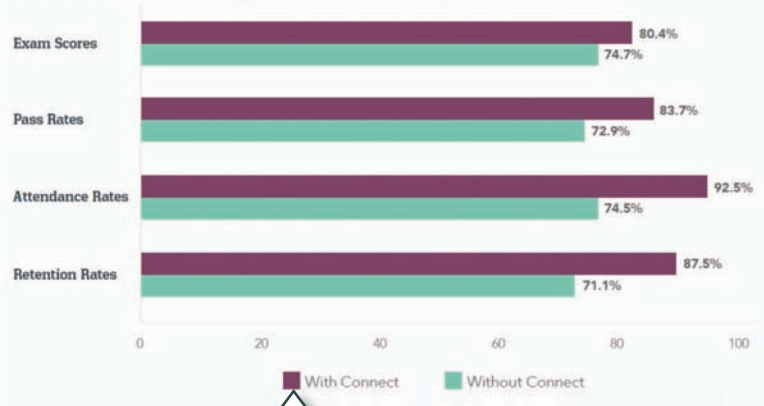
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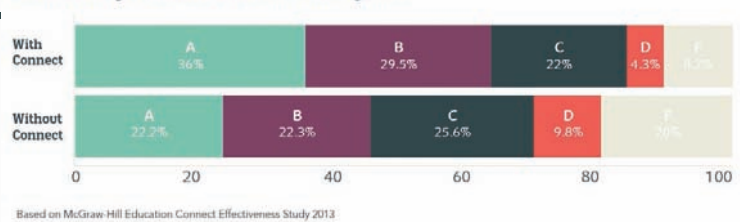
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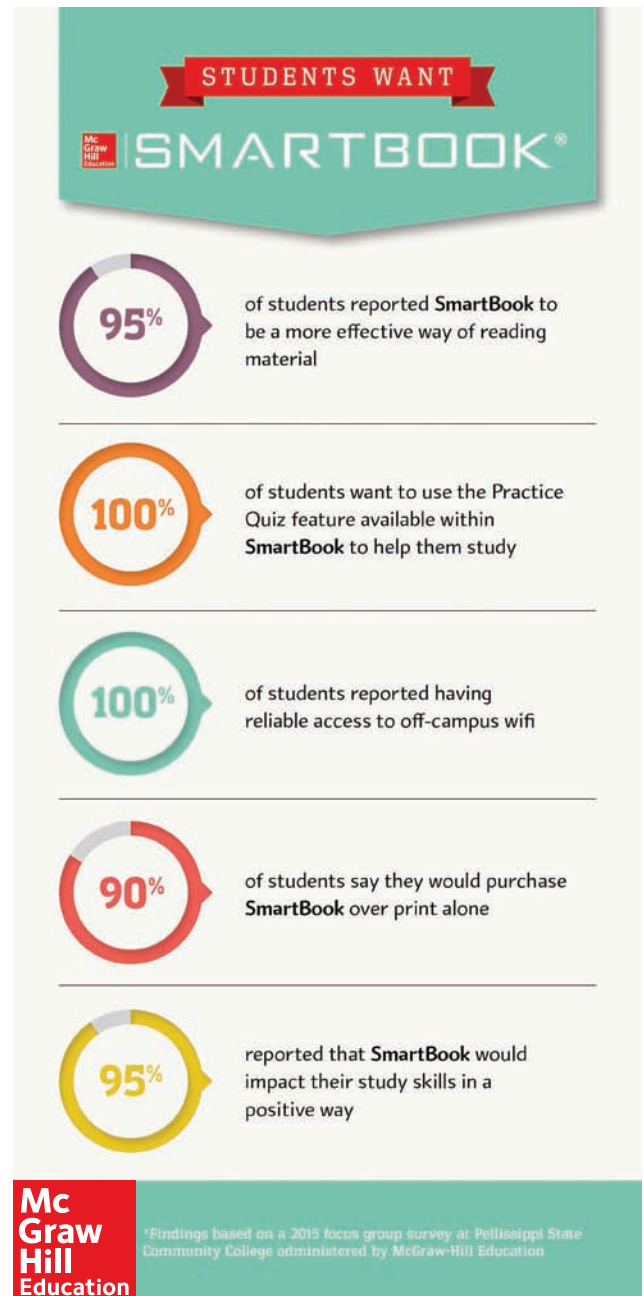
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# 1 Organization of the Body



Recognize anything familiar? The little face, chest, and hands shown here belong to a baby in the womb, detailed using ultrasound, one of several imaging techniques described on page 16. All modern imaging methods have evolved from simple two-dimensional X rays, invented in 1895. The three-dimensional ultrasound procedure used to create this photo reveals structures with great detail and clarity. Ultrasound technology can monitor the infant's development and help to ensure a safe delivery for baby and mother. It can even enable physicians to diagnose fetal abnormalities and treat the baby while still in the womb!

## Learning Outcomes

*After you have studied this chapter, you should be able to:*

### 1.1 The Human Body

1. Define anatomy and physiology, and explain how they are related.
2. Describe and give examples for each level of organization of the body.

### 1.2 Anatomical Terms

3. Use anatomical terms to describe the relative positions of the body parts, the regions of the body, and the planes that can be used to section the body.

### 1.3 Body Cavities and Membranes

4. List the cavities of the body, and state their locations.
5. Name the organs located in each of the body cavities.
6. Name the membranes that line each body cavity, and the membranes that cover the organs.

### 1.4 Organ Systems

7. List the organ systems of the body, and state the major organs associated with each.

8. Describe in general the functions of each organ system.

### 1.5 Homeostasis

9. Describe how a feedback system maintains homeostasis.
10. Describe the role of each body system in the maintenance of homeostasis.

### Medical Focus

Meningitis and Serositis  
Imaging the Body

## 1.1 The Human Body

1. Define anatomy and physiology, and explain how they are related.
2. Describe and give examples for each level of organization of the body.

Anatomy and physiology both involve the study of the human body. **Anatomy** is concerned with the structure of a part, as well as its relationship with other structures. For example, the stomach is a J-shaped, pouchlike organ, found between the esophagus and the small intestine, two other digestive system structures (Fig. 1.1). The stomach wall has thick folds, which disappear as the stomach expands to increase its capacity. **Physiology** is concerned with a body part's function, both individually and as a component of an entire system. For example, the stomach receives food from the esophagus, temporarily stores it and secretes digestive juices, then passes on partially digested food to the small intestine. Signals from the nervous system and the endocrine, or hormone system, direct stomach activities.

Anatomy and physiology are closely connected because the structure of an organ suits its function. For example, the stomach's pouchlike shape and ability to expand are well-suited to its function of storing food. In addition, the microscopic structure of the stomach wall is suitable to its secretion of digestive juices, as we will see in Chapter 15.

### The Body's Organization Levels

The structure of the body can be studied at different *levels of organization* (Fig. 1.1). Initially, all substances, including body parts, are composed of chemicals made up of submicroscopic particles called **atoms**. Atoms join to form **molecules**, which can in turn join to form **macromolecules**. For example, molecules called amino

acids join to form macromolecules called proteins. Different proteins make up the bulk of our muscles.

Macromolecules compose the cellular **organelles**, which are found within all cells. Organelles are tiny structures that perform cellular functions. For example, the organelle called the nucleus acts as a “control center” by directing cellular activity. Another organelle, called the mitochondrion, supplies the cell with energy. **Cells** are the basic units of living things.

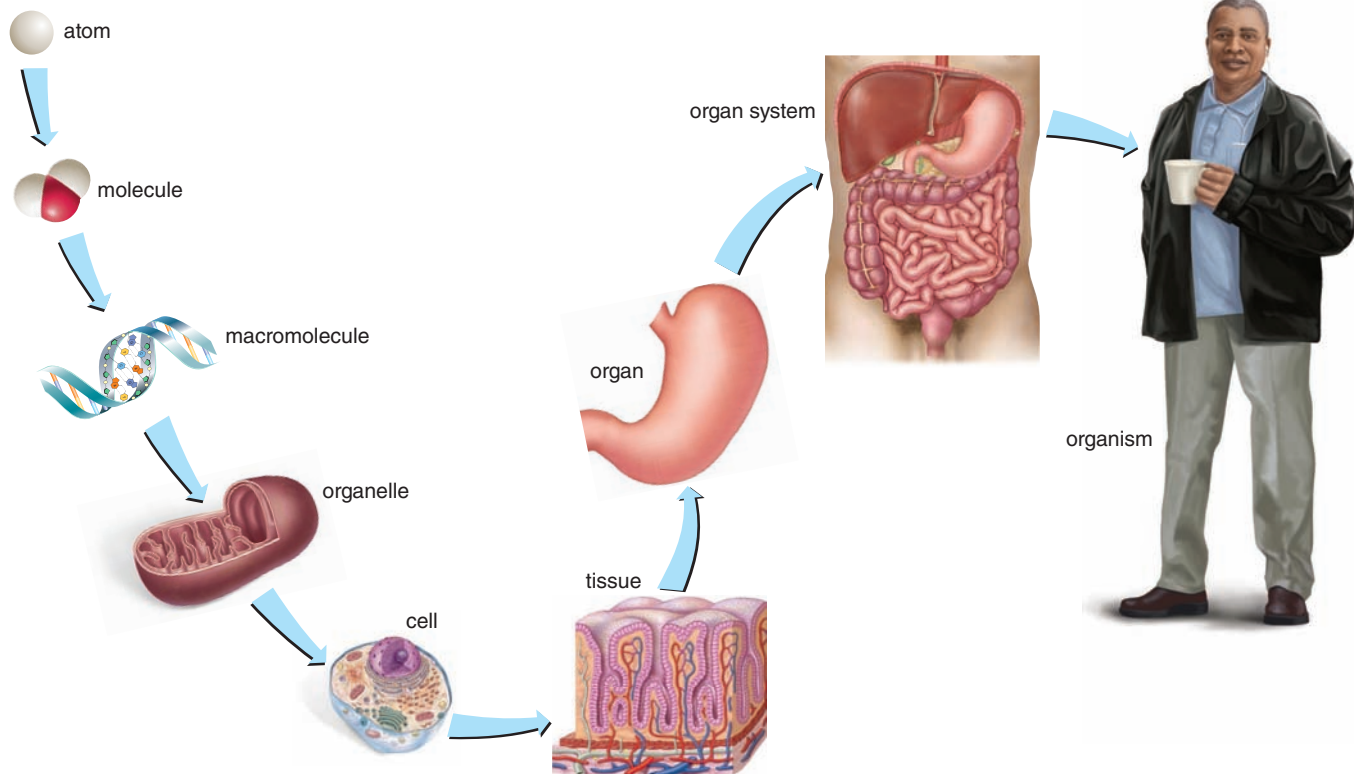
Tissues are the next level of organization. A **tissue** is composed of similar types of cells and performs a specific function. An **organ** is composed of several types of tissues and performs a particular function within an **organ system**. For example, the stomach is an organ that is a part of the digestive system. It has a specific role in this system, whose overall function is to supply the body with the nutrients needed for growth and repair. The other systems of the body (see pages 12–15) also have specific functions.

All of the body systems together make up the **organism**—for example, a human being. Human beings are complex animals, but this complexity can be broken down and studied at ever simpler levels. Each simpler level is organized and constructed in a particular way.

### Content CHECK UP!

1. Which would an anatomy student be studying: the structural organization of the skin, or functions of the skin?
2. Groups of organs are organized into \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Cells contain small structures called \_\_\_\_\_ that each perform a specific function.

Answers in Appendix A.



**Figure 1.1** Levels of organization of the human body. Each level is more complex than the previous level.

## 1.2 Anatomical Terms

3. Use anatomical terms to describe the relative positions of the body parts, the regions of the body, and the planes that can be used to section the body.

Certain terms are used to describe the location of body parts, regions of the body, and imaginary planes that can be used to section the body. You should become familiar with these terms before your study of anatomy and physiology begins. Anatomical terms are useful only if everyone has in mind the same position of the body and is using the same reference points. Therefore, we will assume that the body is in the **anatomical position**: standing erect, with face forward, arms at the sides, and palms and toes directed forward, as illustrated in Figure 1.2.

## Directional Terms

Directional terms are used to describe the location of one body part in relation to another (Fig. 1.2):

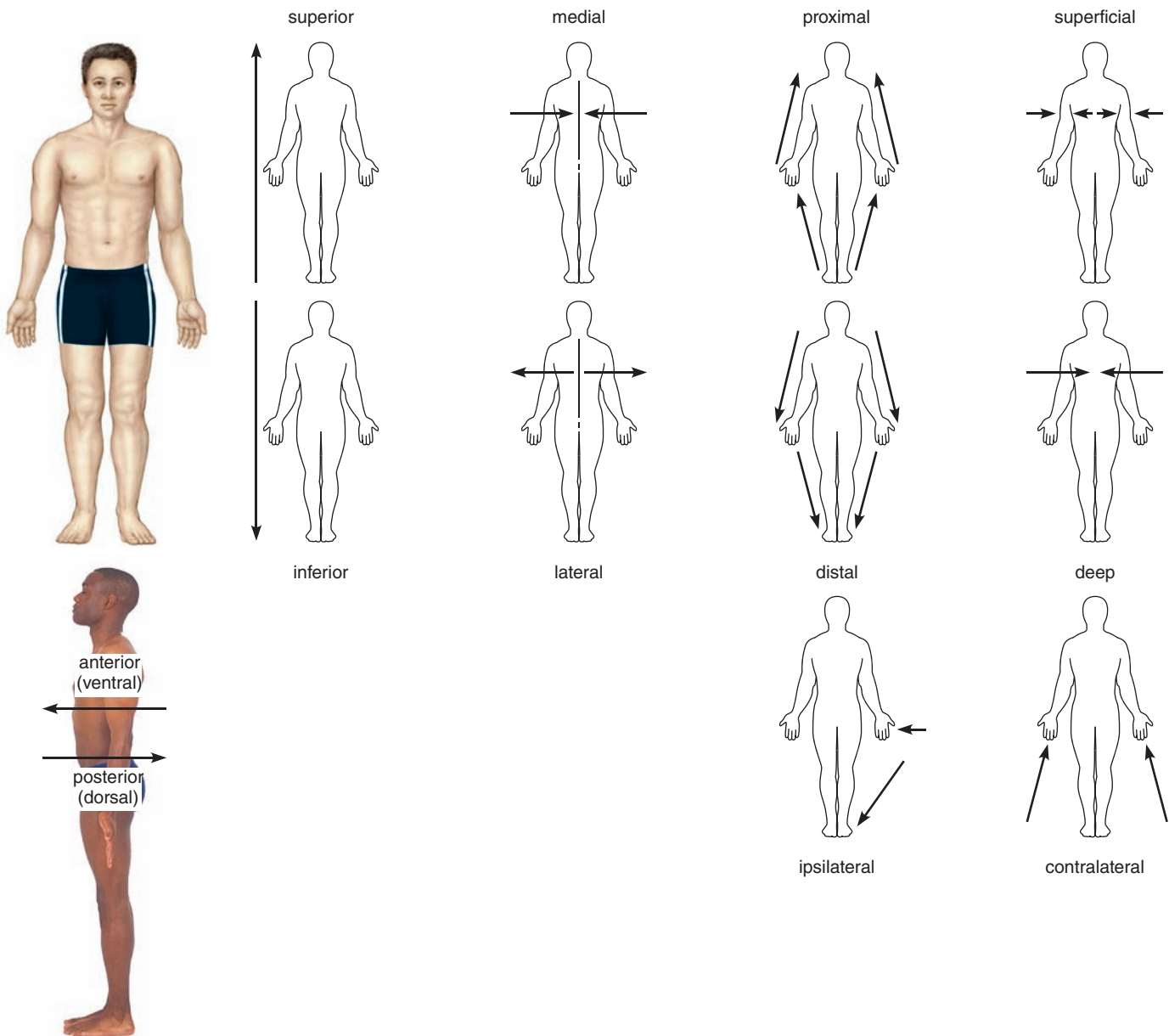
**Anterior** (ventral)—a body part is located toward the front. The windpipe (trachea) is *anterior* to the esophagus.

**Posterior** (dorsal)—a body part is located toward the back. The heart is *posterior* to the sternum (breastbone).

**Superior**—a body part is located above another part, or toward the head. The face is *superior* to the neck.

**Inferior**—a body part is below another part, or toward the feet. The navel is *inferior* to the chin.

**Medial**—a body part is nearer than another part to an imaginary midline of the body. The bridge of the nose is *medial* to the eyes.



**AP|R** **Figure 1.2** **Directional terms.** Directional terms tell us where body parts are located with reference to the body in anatomical position.



**Lateral**—a body part is farther away from the midline. The eyes are *lateral* to the nose.

**Proximal**—a body part is closer to a specific point of origin or attachment, or closer to the trunk of the entire body. For example, if the point of attachment is the shoulder, it is correct to say the elbow is *proximal* to the hand.

**Distal**—a body part is farther from a specific point of origin or attachment, or farther from the trunk of the entire body. For example, if the point of attachment is the hip, it is correct to say the foot is *distal* to the knee.

**Superficial** (external)—a body part is located closer to the surface than another. The skin is *superficial* to the muscles.

**Deep** (internal)—a body part is located farther from the surface than another. The intestines are *deep* to the spine.

**Central**—a body part is situated at the center of the body or an organ. The *central* nervous system is *centrally* located along the main axis of the body.

**Peripheral**—a body part is situated away from the center of the body or an organ. The *peripheral* nervous system is located outside the central nervous system.

**Ipsilateral**—a body part is on the same side of the body as another body part. The right hand is *ipsilateral* to the right foot.

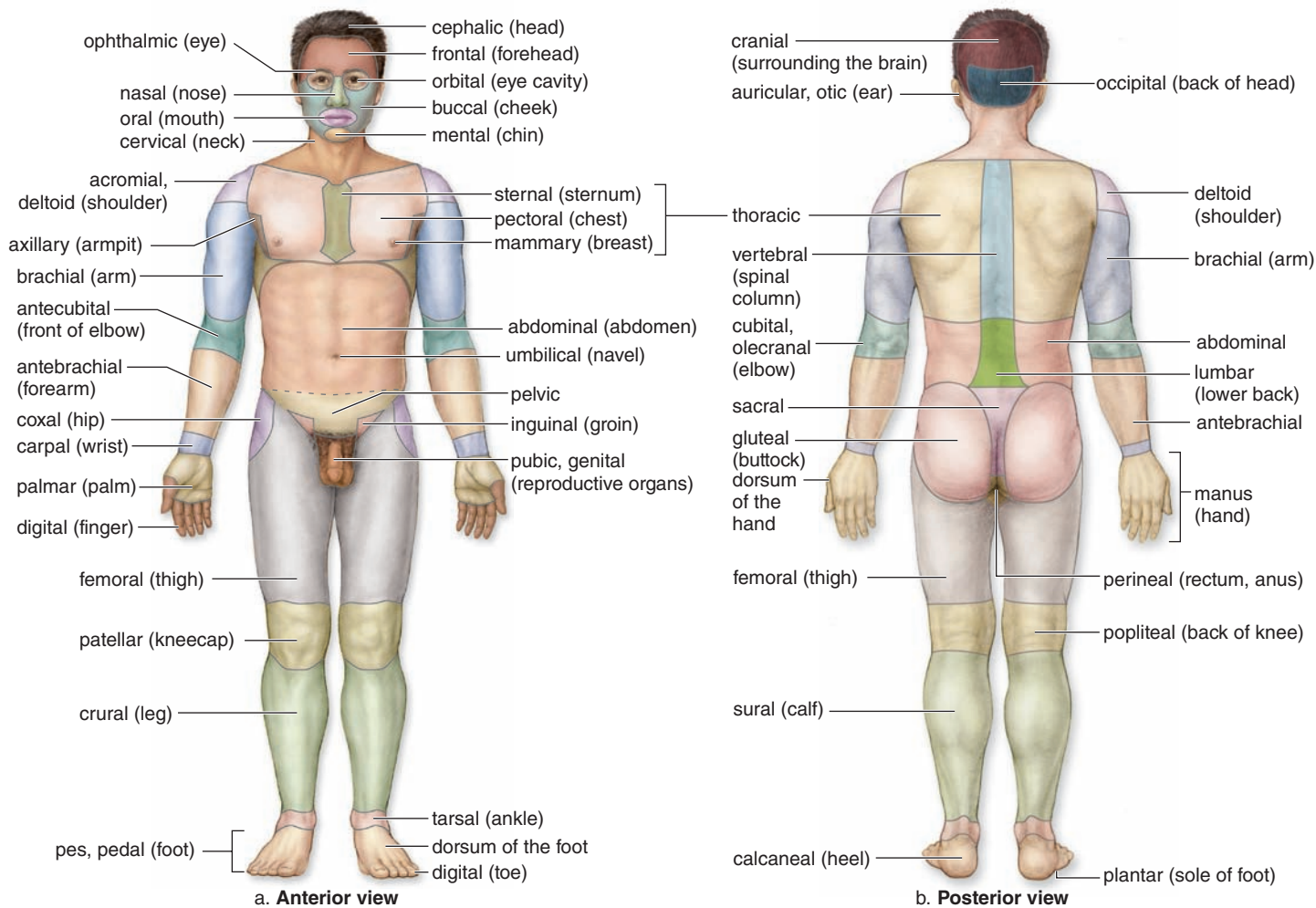
**Contralateral**—a body part is on the opposite side of the body from another body part. The right hand is *contralateral* to the left hand.

## Regions of the Body

The human body can be divided into axial and appendicular portions. The **axial portion** includes the head, neck, spinal column, and ribs. The trunk can be divided into the thorax, abdomen, and pelvis. The pelvis is that part of the trunk associated with the hips. The **appendicular portion** of the human body includes the limbs—that is, the upper limbs and the lower limbs.

The human body is further divided as shown in Figure 1.3. The labels in Figure 1.3 don't include the word "region." It is understood that you will supply the word *region* in each case. The anatomical term for each region is followed by the common name for that region. For example, the cephalic region is commonly called the head.

Notice that the upper limb includes (among other parts) the brachial region (arm) and the antebrachial region (forearm). Similarly, the lower limb includes the femoral region (thigh), the crural



**AP|R** **Figure 1.3** Terms for body parts and areas. (a) Anterior. (b) Posterior.

region (leg), and the pedal region (foot). In other words, contrary to common usage, the terms *arm* and *leg* refer only to a part of the upper limb and lower limb, respectively.

Most likely, it will take practice to learn the terms in Figure 1.3, but you'll be glad you did. Try pointing to various regions of your own body and see if you can give the scientific name for that region. Check your answer against the figure.

## Planes and Sections of the Body

To observe the structure of an internal body part, it is customary to section (cut) the body along a plane. A plane is an imaginary flat surface passing through the body. The body is customarily sectioned along the following planes (Fig. 1.4):

A **sagittal** (median) **plane** extends lengthwise and divides the body into right and left portions. A midsagittal plane passes exactly through the midline of the body. The head and neck are shown in a midsagittal section (Fig. 1.4a). Sagittal cuts that are not along the midline are called parasagittal (paramedian) sections.

A **frontal** (coronal) **plane** also extends lengthwise, but it is perpendicular to a sagittal plane and divides the body or an organ into anterior and posterior portions. Here, the knee joint is shown in frontal section (Fig. 1.4b).

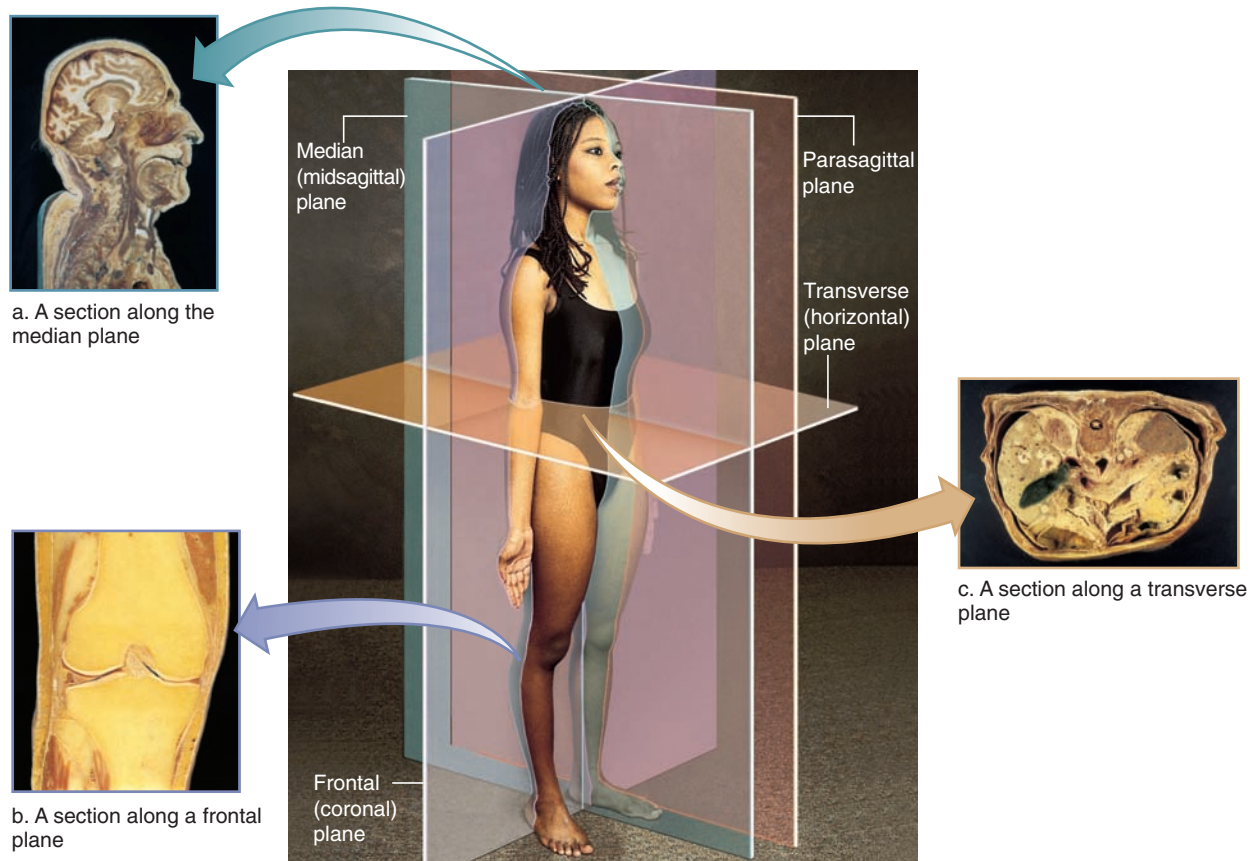
A **transverse** (horizontal) **plane** is perpendicular to the body's long axis and therefore divides the body horizontally to produce a cross section. A transverse cut divides the body or an organ into superior and inferior portions. Figure 1.4c is a transverse section of abdomen at the level of the umbilicus (navel).

The terms *longitudinal section* and *cross section* are often applied to individual body parts that have been removed and cut either lengthwise or straight across, respectively.

### Content CHECK-UP!

4. Choose the correct directional term and finish the sentence:  
The chin is \_\_\_\_\_ to the navel.
5. If you point to your cheek, what region of the body are you identifying?
6. Suppose a CT scan creates images showing transverse sections of the head in a migraine headache patient. Are these horizontal or vertical images?

Answers in Appendix A.



**AP|R** **Figure 1.4** Body planes and sections. Observation of internal parts requires sectioning the body along various planes.

## 1.3 Body Cavities and Membranes

- List the cavities of the body, and state their locations.
- Name the organs located in each of the body cavities.
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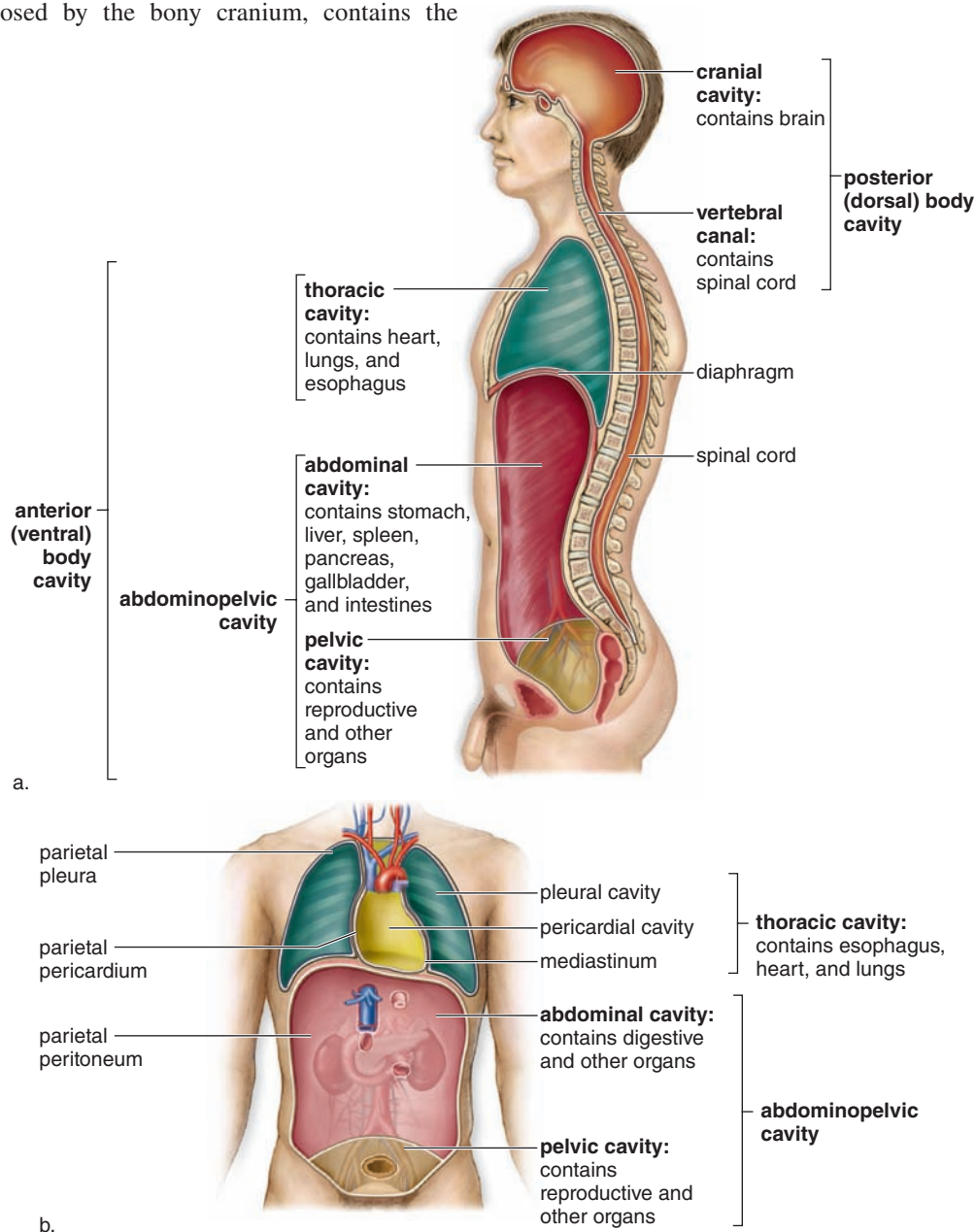
During embryonic development, the body is first divided into two internal cavities: the posterior (dorsal) body cavity and the anterior (ventral) body cavity. Each of these major cavities is then subdivided into smaller cavities. The cavities, as well as the organs in the cavities (called the **viscera**), are lined by membranes.

### Posterior (Dorsal) Body Cavity

The posterior body cavity is subdivided into two parts: (1) The **cranial cavity**, enclosed by the bony cranium, contains the

brain; (2) the **vertebral canal**, enclosed by vertebrae, contains the spinal cord (Fig. 1.5a).

The posterior body cavity is lined by three membranous layers collectively called the **meninges** (sing., *meninx*). The innermost, or deepest, of the meninges is tightly bound to the surface of the brain and the spinal cord. The space between this layer and the next layer is filled with cerebrospinal fluid. Cerebrospinal fluid supports and nourishes the brain and the spinal cord and enables their cells to transmit electrical signals. In the skull, the most superficial of the three meninges lies directly under the skull bone. In the vertebral column, the outermost meninx is deep to a layer of fat and connective tissue, as you'll see in Chapter 8.



**AP|R** **Figure 1.5** The two major body cavities and their subdivisions. (a) Left lateral view (b) Frontal view.

## Anterior (Ventral) Body Cavity

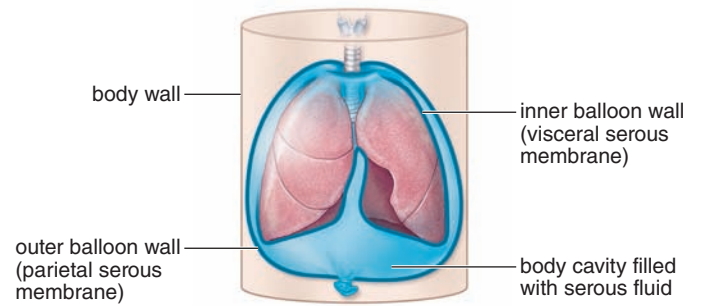
The large anterior body cavity is subdivided into the superior **thoracic cavity** and the inferior **abdominopelvic cavity** (Fig. 1.5a). A muscular partition called the **diaphragm** separates the two cavities. Membranes that line these cavities are called **serous membranes** because they secrete a fluid that is similar to blood **serum**. Serum is the fluid that remains if all of the clotting proteins are removed from the blood. **Serous fluid** between the smooth serous membranes reduces friction when the viscera rub against each other or against the body wall.

To understand the relationship among serous membranes, the outer body wall, and an organ, consider the following example: Imagine a soft, pliable balloon (the serous membrane) filled with a small amount of fluid (serous fluid). The balloon sits inside a container (the inner body wall), tightly pressed to all sides of the container. An organ (the lung, for example) is pushed into this balloon and is then covered by the balloon (Fig. 1.6). As a result, two layers of serous membrane are created, separated from each other by the serous fluid. The balloon's outermost layer (lining the inner body wall) is termed the **parietal serous membrane**. The inner layer covering the organ is the **visceral serous membrane**. Thus, the parietal membrane is a cavity lining, and the visceral membrane is an organ covering. Inflammation of the serous membrane or infection of the serous fluid in the body cavities causes serious and potentially fatal illness (see Medical Focus, p. 9).

### Thoracic Cavity

The thoracic cavity is enclosed by the rib cage and has three portions: the left, right, and medial portions. The medial portion, called the **mediastinum**, contains the heart, thymus gland, trachea, esophagus, and other structures (Fig. 1.5b).

The right and left portions of the thoracic cavity contain the lungs. The lung tissue is covered by a serous membrane—the **visceral pleura**. The **parietal pleura** lines the thoracic cavity. In between these two **pleurae** is the pleural cavity, which contains a small amount of pleural fluid. Similarly, in the medial thoracic cavity, the



**AP|R** **Figure 1.6** Relationship between the body wall, serous membranes, and organs.

heart is covered by the **visceral pericardium**. The visceral pericardium contributes to the outermost connective tissue layer of the heart. Forming a tough connective tissue sac around the heart is the **fibrous pericardium**, whose inner lining is the **parietal pericardium**. Together, these structures create the **pericardial cavity**. The heart, inside its visceral pericardial sac, is separated from the outer parietal pericardium by a small amount of pericardial fluid.

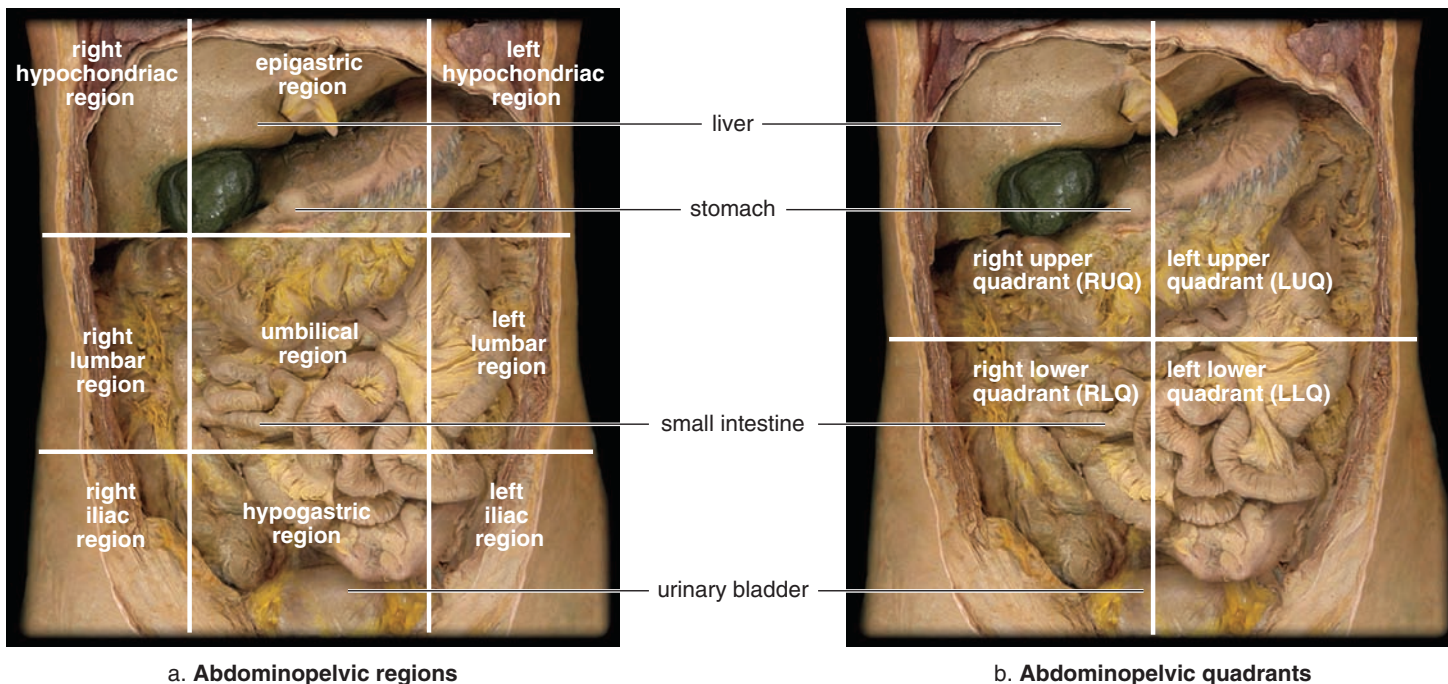
### Abdominopelvic Cavity

The abdominopelvic cavity has two portions: the superior **abdominal cavity** and the inferior **pelvic cavity**. The stomach, liver, spleen, gallbladder, and most of the small and large intestines are in the abdominal cavity. The pelvic cavity contains the rectum, the urinary bladder, the internal reproductive organs, and the rest of the large intestine. Males have an external extension of the abdominal wall, called the **scrotum**, where the testes are located.

Many of the organs of the abdominopelvic cavity are covered by the **visceral peritoneum**, whereas the wall of the abdominal cavity is lined with the **parietal peritoneum**. Peritoneal fluid fills the cavity between the visceral and parietal peritoneum. Table 1.1 summarizes our discussion of body cavities and membranes.

**TABLE 1.1** Body Cavities and Membranes

Name of Cavity	Contents of Cavity	Membranes	
<b>POSTERIOR BODY CAVITY</b>			
Cranial cavity	Brain	Meninges	
Vertebral canal	Spinal cord	Meninges	
<b>ANTERIOR BODY CAVITY</b>			
<i>Thoracic Cavity</i>		<i>Parietal Membrane</i>	<i>Visceral Membrane</i>
Pleural cavity	Lungs, serous fluid	Parietal pleura	Visceral pleura
Pericardial cavity	Heart, serous fluid	Fibrous pericardium and parietal pericardium	Visceral pericardium (epicardium)
<i>Abdominopelvic Cavity</i>			
Abdominal cavity	Stomach, intestines, liver	Parietal peritoneum	Visceral peritoneum
Pelvic cavity	Reproductive organs, urinary bladder, rectum	Parietal peritoneum	Visceral peritoneum



a. Abdominopelvic regions

b. Abdominopelvic quadrants

**AP|R** **Figure 1.7** The abdominopelvic cavity. The abdominopelvic cavity can be subdivided into (a) nine regions or (b) four quadrants.

It's important that clinicians use the same terminology to reference various regions of the abdominopelvic cavity. Either of two systems can be used. The first uses nine regions (imagine a “tic-tac-toe” grid, with the umbilicus [navel] in the center square). The upper regions are right hypochondriac, epigastric, and left hypochondriac. The center regions are right lumbar, umbilical, and left lumbar. The lower regions are right inguinal (iliac), pubic, and left inguinal (iliac) (Fig. 1.7a). Note that the terms used are those for each body area, as illustrated in Figure 1.3.

Alternatively, the abdominopelvic cavity can be divided into four quadrants by running a horizontal plane across the median plane at the point of the navel (Fig. 1.7b).



### Begin Thinking Clinically

Imagine that you are caring for a small child, who tells you that his stomach hurts. However, he points to his umbilical region, immediately below his navel. What organ is more likely the source of his pain?

*Answer and discussion in Appendix A.*

Physicians commonly use these quadrants to identify the locations of patients' symptoms. The four quadrants are: (1) right upper quadrant, (2) left upper quadrant, (3) right lower quadrant, and (4) left lower quadrant.

Figure 1.7 compares the two methods of referencing the abdominopelvic region and shows the organs within each region.

### Content CHECK-UP!

- Match each of the serous membranes to its function.
 

parietal pleura _____	A. covers the heart
visceral pericardium _____	B. lines walls of right and left portions of thoracic cavity
visceral peritoneum _____	C. covers the abdominal organs
- Pleurisy refers to infection or inflammation of the pleurae. You might expect a common symptom of pleurisy to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Answers in Appendix A.*

## 1.4 Organ Systems

- List the organ systems of the body, and state the major organs associated with each.
- Describe in general the functions of each organ system.

The organs of the body work together in systems. The reference figures found on pages 14 and 15 summarize the functions of each of these systems. Corresponding figures that complete each organ system chapter show how that particular system interacts with all the other systems. In this text, the organ systems of the body have been divided into four categories, as discussed next.

### Support, Movement, and Protection

The **integumentary system**, discussed in Chapter 5, includes the skin and accessory organs, such as the hair, nails, sweat glands, and sebaceous glands. The skin protects underlying tissues, prevents

## MEDICAL FOCUS

### *Meningitis and Serositis*

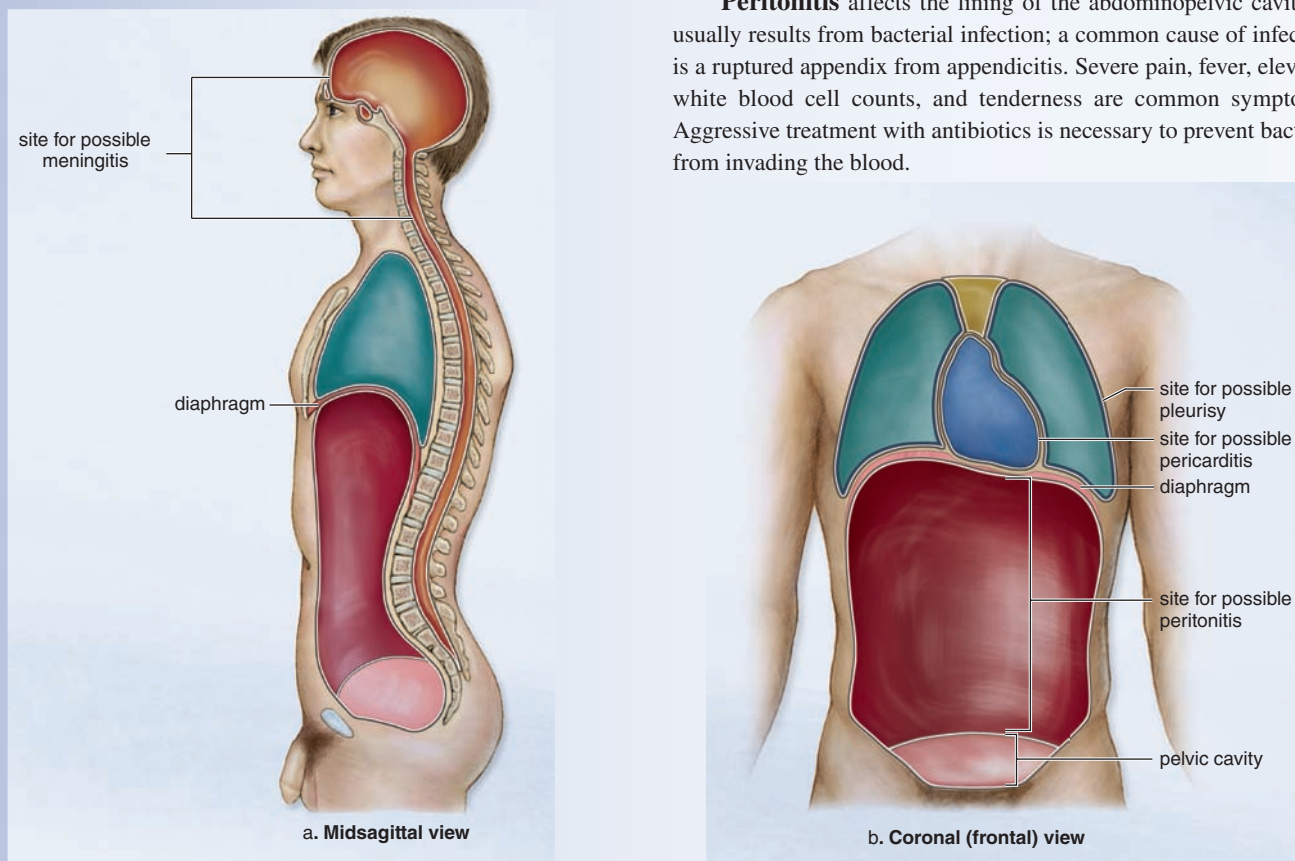
The anterior and posterior body cavities are enclosed areas that are protected by bone, muscle, connective tissues, and skin. Inflammation of the membranes lining these cavities is a fairly rare, but serious, illness. If body defenses are overcome by bacteria, viruses, or other microbes, the result is a serious, potentially fatal infection and inflammation of the meninges (meningitis) or the serous membranes (**serositis**). Pleurisy, pericarditis, and peritonitis are all forms of serositis.

**Meningitis** is the term for inflammation of the meninges—linings of the posterior body cavity that cover the brain and spinal cord. The most dangerous form is caused by bacteria that commonly inhabit the nose. In the bacterial meningitis patient, a previous viral infection (which may be a simple common cold) allows these bacteria to enter the bloodstream and infect the meninges. Symptoms of bacterial meningitis include a severe headache and stiff neck, sensitivity to light, fever, weakness, and fatigue. Even with aggressive antibiotic treatment, bacterial meningitis is fatal in 25% of adults. The best treatment is prevention by immunization—especially important for young college students living in the close quarters of a college dorm.

**Pleurisy** is an inflammation of the pleurae—linings of the thoracic cavity that also cover the lungs. It is often caused by a cold virus, although it can signal the presence of more serious infections or even lung cancer. Its symptoms include chest pain that worsens with deep breathing, and *pleural friction rub*—a rough, grating sound in the chest that can be heard with a stethoscope placed over the painful area. Treatment for pleurisy depends on its cause; most often, pleurisy that results from a common cold requires only pain medication such as aspirin or ibuprofen. Treatment for bacterial infection requires antibiotics.

**Pericarditis** affects the linings surrounding the heart. Like meningitis, it often results from previous infections and can be extremely dangerous. It is a common complication in drug abusers who use dirty needles for injections. Symptoms include severe chest pain (which may be mistaken for a heart attack), fever, and weakness. Physicians can hear *pericardial friction rub* by placing a stethoscope over the patient's heart. Fluid accumulation inside the pericardial sac surrounding the heart may interfere with blood flow to and from the heart. Bacterial pericarditis is treated with antibiotics, pain medications, and drugs that reduce swelling.

**Peritonitis** affects the lining of the abdominopelvic cavity. It usually results from bacterial infection; a common cause of infection is a ruptured appendix from appendicitis. Severe pain, fever, elevated white blood cell counts, and tenderness are common symptoms. Aggressive treatment with antibiotics is necessary to prevent bacteria from invading the blood.



**Figure 1A Meningitis and serositis.** (a) Meningitis is infection or inflammation of the linings of the cranial cavity and vertebral canal. (b) Serositis is infection or inflammation of the ventral body cavities. Pleurisy affects the pleural cavities, pericarditis affects the pericardial cavity, and peritonitis affects the abdominopelvic cavities.