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Preface

Medical education continues to undergo innovative reform that challenges students, educators, and publishers. As curricula in the first two years of medical school have become increasingly multidisciplinary, the market for review-style textbooks has blossomed. Students are often presented with concepts in anatomy, physiology, histology, embryology, radiology, and even basic pathology and immunology in a single course. Despite the excitement that integrated courses generate, an unfortunate consequence is that students have even less time to devote to mastery of each subject by pouring over the large single-subject textbooks, which were the standard learning tools of the past. While these books are often the most relied upon references for practitioners and educators, students now gravitate towards concise texts that provide clinical context and allow for rapid review and self-testing. Such concise texts, together with dissection guides and atlases, are the go-to resources for today's anatomy students. Our challenge has been to provide adequate content in a format that fits this new learning style. Living up to that challenge has been our goal as we developed Anatomy – An Essential Textbook.

The introductory chapter provides clear explanations of anatomic terminology, concepts, and systems that will be especially useful for first-year students. The remainder of the book is organized into units by region (Back, Thorax, Abdomen, Pelvis/Perineum, Upper Limb, Lower Limb and Head and Neck). Each unit begins with an overview chapter that summarizes important regional concepts as well as the details of skeletal, vascular, and nervous system components of that region. Subsequent chapters focus on organ and functional anatomy, often by key subregions.

The book is generously populated with over 450 outstanding images and 95 tables (including many of the well-received muscle facts tables and schematics) from Thieme's award winning *Atlas of Anatomy*. In addition, over 165 clinical correlations are incorporated into the text. Each unit is followed by an extensive USMLE-style question set that tests basic knowledge of that region's anatomy and its clinical application, a total of over 400 for the book. We hope that this unique combination of regional and systemic approaches presented via prioritized bulleted explanations, supported by summary tables, carefully coordinated visuals, clinical correlations, and self-testing will appeal to students as they journey through the world of anatomy.

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1 Introduction to Anatomic Systems and Terminology

1.1 Terms of Location and Direction, Cardinal Planes and Axes

– All locational and directional terms used in anatomy, and in medical practice, refer to the human body in the **anatomic position**, in which the body is upright, arms at the side, with the eyes, palms of the hands, and feet directed forward (**Fig. 1.1, Table 1.1**).



Caudal	Pertaining to, or located toward, the tail
Anterior	Pertaining to, or located toward, the front Synonym: Ventral (used for all animals)
Posterior	Pertaining to, or located toward, the back Synonym: Dorsal (used for all animals)
Superior	Upper or above
Inferior	Lower or below
Axial	Pertaining to the axis of a structure
Transverse	Situated at right angles to the long axis of a structure
Longitudinal	Parallel to the long axis of a structure
Horizontal	Parallel to the plane of the horizon
Vertical	Perpendicular to the plane of the horizon
Medial	Toward the median plane
Lateral	Away from the median plane (toward the side)
Median	Situated in the median plane or midline
Peripheral	Situated away from the center
Superficial	Situated near the surface
Deep	Situated deep beneath the surface
External	Outer or lateral
Internal	Inner or medial
Apical	Pertaining to the top or apex
Basal	Pertaining to the bottom or base
Sagittal	Situated parallel to the sagittal suture
Coronal	Situated parallel to the coronal suture (pertaining to the crown of the head)
Limbs	
Term	Explanation
Proximal	Close to, or toward, the trunk, or toward the point of origin
Distal	Away from the trunk (toward the end of the limb), or away from the point of origin
Radial	Pertaining to the radius or the lateral side of the forearm
Ulnar	Pertaining to the ulna or the medial side of the forearm
Tibial	Pertaining to the tibia or the medial side of the leg
Fibular	Pertaining to the fibula or the lateral side of the leg
Palmar (volar)	Pertaining to the palm of the hand
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Plantar	Pertaining to the sole of the foot
Dorsal	Pertaining to the back of the hand or top of the foot

- Three perpendicular cardinal planes and three axes based on the three spatial coordinates can be drawn through the body (**Fig. 1.2**).
 - The **sagittal plane** passes through the body from front to back, dividing it into right and left sides.
 - The **coronal plane** passes through the body from side to side, dividing it into front (anterior) and back (posterior) parts.
 - The **transverse** (axial, horizontal, cross-sectional) **plane** divides the body into upper and lower parts. A particular transverse section is often given the designation of the corresponding vertebral level, such as *T4*, which passes through the 4th thoracic vertebra.
 - The **longitudinal axis** passes along the height of the body in a craniocaudal direction.
 - The **sagittal axis** passes from the front to the back (or the back to the front) of the body in an anteroposterior direction.
 - The **transverse** (horizontal) **axis** passes through the body from side to side.

1.2 Landmarks and Reference Lines

 In surface anatomy, palpable structures or visible markings on the surface of the body are used to identify the location of underlying structures. **Reference lines** are vertical or transverse planes that connect palpable structures or markings (Tables 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4; see also Fig. 1.4A and B).



Fig. 1.2 ► **Cardinal planes and axes** Neutral position, left anterolateral view.

TABLE 1.2 > Anterior and Lateral Reference Lines on Trunk				
Anterior midline	Passes through the center of the sternum			
Sternal line	Passes along the lateral border of the sternum			
Midclavicular line	Passes through the midpoint of the clavicle			
Parasternal line	Passes through a point midway between the sternal and midclavicular lines			
Anterior axillary line	Marks the anterior axillary fold formed by the pectoralis major muscle			
Posterior axillary line	Marks the posterior axillary fold formed by the teres major muscle			
Midaxillary line	Marks the midpoint between the anterior and posterior axillary lines			



A Anterior view.

B Right lateral view.

TABLE 1.3 > Landmarks and Transverse Planes on the Anterior Trunk				
Jugular notch	Marks the superior border of the manubrium			
Sternal angle	Marks the junction of manubrium and body of the sternum			
Transpyloric plane	Passes through the midpoint between the jugular notch and pubic symphysis			
Subcostal plane	Marks the lowest level of the thoracic cage, the 10th costal cartilage			

Supracrestal plane	Connects the top of the iliac crests
Intertubercular plane	Passes through the iliac tubercles
Interspinal plane	Connects the anterior superior iliac crests



TABLE 1.	TABLE 1.4 > Vertebral Spinous Processes and Posterior Landmarks		
C7	The vertebra prominens		
Т3	Level of the medial edge of spines of the scapulae		