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**INTRODUCTION**

You are about to begin a study of the human body to learn how it is organized and how it functions. In order to understand what happens when the body is injured, diseased, or placed under stress, you must know how it is put together and how its different parts work. Just as an auto mechanic must be familiar with the details of the structure and function of a car, health-care professionals and others who work in human performance and care professions must have intimate knowledge of the structures and functions of the human body. This knowledge can be one of your most effective tools. Much of what you study in this chapter will help you understand how anatomists visualize the body, and the basic anatomical vocabulary presented here will help you describe the body in a language common to both scientists and professionals.

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**Did you ever wonder why an autopsy is performed?**

You can find out on page 19.
1.1 ANATOMY DEFINED

**OBJECTIVE**
- Define anatomy and physiology, and name several branches of anatomy.

Anatomy (a-NAT-ō-mē; ana- = up; -tomy = process of cutting) is primarily the study of structure and the relationships among structures. It was first studied by *dissection* (dis-SEK-shun; dis- = apart; -section = act of cutting), the careful cutting apart of body structures to study their relationships. Today, a variety of imaging techniques also contribute to the advancement of anatomical knowledge. We will describe and compare some common imaging techniques in *Table 1.3*, which appears later in this chapter (see Section 1.8). The anatomy of the human body can be studied at various levels of structural organization, ranging from microscopic (visible only with the aid of a microscope) to macroscopic (visible without the use of a microscope). These levels and the different methods used to study them provide the basis for the branches of anatomy, several of which are described in *Table 1.1*.

Anatomy deals mostly with structures of the body. A related discipline, *physiology* (fiz′-e-OL-o-je; physio- = nature; -logy = study of), deals with *functions* of body parts—that is, how they work. Because function cannot be separated completely from structure, you will learn how the structure of the body often reflects its functions. Some of the structure–function relationships are visibly obvious, such as the tight connections between the bones of the skull, which protect the brain. In contrast, the bones of the fingers are more loosely joined to permit movements such as playing an instrument, grasping a baseball bat, or retrieving a small object from the floor. The shape of the external ear assists in the collection and localization of sound waves, which facilitates hearing. Other relationships are not as visibly obvious; for example, the passageways that carry air into the lungs branch extensively when they reach the lungs. Tiny air sacs—about 300 million—cluster at the ends of the large number of airway branches. Similarly, the vessels carrying blood into the lungs branch extensively to form tiny tubes that surround the small air sacs. Because of these anatomical features, the total surface area within the lungs is about the size of a handball court. This large surface area is the key to the primary function of the lungs: the efficient exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide between the air and the blood.

CHECKPOINT
1. Which branches of anatomy would be used when dissecting a cadaver?
2. Give several examples of connections between structure and function in the human body.

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Several noninvasive diagnostic techniques are commonly used by health-care professionals and students to assess certain aspects of body structure and function. A noninvasive diagnostic technique is one that does not involve insertion of an instrument or device through the skin or into a body opening. In inspection, the first noninvasive diagnostic technique, the examiner observes the body for any changes that deviate from normal (Figure A). For example, a physician may examine the mouth cavity for evidence of disease. In palpation (pal-PA-shun; palp=to touch) the examiner feels body surfaces with the hands (Figure B). An example is palpating the neck to detect enlarged or tender lymph nodes. In auscultation (aus-’cul-TA-shun; ausculta=to listen to) the examiner listens to body sounds to evaluate the functioning of certain organs, often using a stethoscope to amplify the sounds (Figure C). An example is auscultation of the lungs during breathing to check for crackling sounds associated with abnormal fluid accumulation in the air spaces of the lungs. In percussion (pur-KUSH-un; percus=to beat) the examiner taps on the body surface with the fingertips and listens to the resulting sound. Hollow cavities or spaces produce a different sound than solid organs do (Figure D). For example, percussion may reveal the abnormal presence of fluid in the lungs or air in the intestines. It is also used to reveal the size, consistency, and position of an underlying structure. An understanding of anatomy is important for the effective application of most of these techniques. Also, clinicians use these terms and others covered in this chapter to annotate their findings following a clinical examination.

1.2 LEVELS OF BODY ORGANIZATION AND BODY SYSTEMS

OBJECTIVES

• Describe the levels of structural organization that make up the human body.
• Outline the 11 systems of the human body, list the organs present in each, and explain their general functions.

The levels of organization of a language—letters of the alphabet, words, sentences, paragraphs, and so on—can be compared to the levels of organization of the human body. Your exploration of the human body will extend from some of the smallest body structures and their functions to the largest structure—an entire person. Organized from smallest to largest, six levels of organization will help you to understand anatomy: the chemical, cellular, tissue, organ, system, and organismal levels of organization (Figure 1.1).

1. The chemical level, which can be compared to the letters of the alphabet, includes atoms, the smallest units of matter that participate in chemical reactions, and molecules, two or more atoms joined together. Certain atoms, such as carbon (C), hydrogen (H), oxygen (O), nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and calcium (Ca), are essential for life. Two familiar molecules found in the body are deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), the genetic material passed from one generation to the next, and glucose, commonly known as blood sugar.

2. At the cellular level, molecules combine to form cells, which can be compared to assembling letters into words. Cells are structures composed of chemicals and are the basic structural and functional units of an organism. Just as words are the smallest building blocks of language, cells are the smallest living units in the human body. Among the many kinds of cells in your body are muscle cells, nerve cells, and blood cells. Figure 1.1 shows a smooth muscle cell, one of three types of muscle cells in the body. The cellular level of organization is the focus of Chapter 2.

3. The next level of structural organization is the tissue level. Tissues are groups of cells and the materials surrounding them that work together to perform a particular function, similar to the way words are put together to form sentences. There are just four basic types of tissue in your body: epithelial tissue, connective tissue, muscular tissue, and nervous tissue. Epithelial tissue covers body surfaces, lines hollow organs and cavities, and forms glands. Connective tissue connects, supports, and protects body organs while distributing blood vessels to other tissues. Muscular tissue contracts (shortens) to make body parts move and generates heat. Nervous tissue carries information from one part of the body to another. Chapter 3 describes the tissue level of organization in greater detail. Shown in Figure 1.1 is smooth muscle tissue, which consists of tightly packed smooth muscle cells.

4. At the organ level, different types of tissues are joined together. Similar to the relationship between sentences and paragraphs, organs are structures that are composed of two or more different types of tissues; they have specific functions and usually have recognizable shapes. Examples of organs are the stomach, heart, liver, lungs, and brain. Figure 1.1 shows how several tissues make up the stomach. The stomach’s outer covering is a layer of epithelial and connective tissues that reduces friction when the stomach moves and rubs against other organs. Underneath these layers is a type of muscular tissue called smooth muscle tissue, which contracts to churn and mix food and
push it on to the next digestive organ, the small intestine. The innermost lining, the epithelial tissue layer, produces fluid and chemicals responsible for digestion in the stomach.

The next level of structural organization in the body is the system level, also called the organ-system level. A system (or chapter in our language analogy) consists of related organs (paragraphs) with a common function. An example is the digestive system, which breaks down and absorbs food. Its organs include the mouth, salivary glands, pharynx (throat), esophagus (tube that carries food from the throat to the stomach), stomach, small intestine, large intestine, liver, gallbladder, and pancreas. Sometimes an organ is part of more than one system. For example, the pancreas, which has multiple functions, is included in the digestive and endocrine systems.

The largest organizational level is the organismal level. An organism (OR-ga-nizm), any living individual, can be compared to a book in our analogy. All the parts of the human body functioning together constitute the total organism.

In the following chapters, you will study the anatomy and some physiology of the body systems. Table 1.2 introduces the components and functions of these systems in the order they are discussed in the book.

**CHECKPOINT**

3. Define the following terms: atom, molecule, cell, tissue, organ, system, and organism.
4. Which body systems help eliminate wastes? (Hint: Refer to Table 1.2.)

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**Figure 1.1 Levels of structural organization in the human body.**

The levels of structural organization are chemical, cellular, tissue, organ, system, and organismal.

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**Chemical Level**

- Atoms (C, H, O, N, P)

**Cellular Level**

- Molecule (DNA)

**Tissue Level**

- Smooth muscle cell
- Smooth muscle tissue

**Organ Level**

- Mouth
- Liver
- Gallbladder
- Large intestine
- Small intestine
- Esophagus
- Stomach
- Pancreas (behind stomach)

**System Level**

- Salivary glands
- Pharynx (throat)

**Organismal Level**

- Digestive system

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Which level of structural organization is composed of two or more different types of tissues that work together to perform a specific function?
### TABLE 1.2

#### The Eleven Systems of the Human Body

#### SKELETAL SYSTEM (CHAPTERS 6–9)

**Components:** Bones and joints of the body and their associated cartilages.

**Functions:** Supports and protects the body; provides a surface area for muscle attachments; aids body movements; houses cells that produce blood cells; stores minerals and lipids (fats).

#### INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM (CHAPTER 5)

**Components:** Skin, and structures associated with it, such as hair, fingernails and toenails, sweat glands, and oil glands and the subcutaneous layer.

**Functions:** Protects the body; helps regulate body temperature; eliminates some wastes; helps make vitamin D; detects sensations such as touch, pain, warmth, and cold; stores fat; provides insulation.

#### MUSCULAR SYSTEM (CHAPTERS 10, 11)

**Components:** Specifically refers to skeletal muscle tissue, which is muscle usually attached to bones (other muscle tissues include smooth and cardiac).

**Functions:** Participates in bringing about body movements, such as walking; maintains posture; and produces heat.
TABLE 1.2 CONTINUED

The Eleven Systems of the Human Body

### LYMPHATIC SYSTEM AND IMMUNITY (CHAPTER 15)

**Components:** Lymphatic fluid, lymphatic vessels, spleen, thymus, lymph nodes, and tonsils; cells that carry out immune responses (B cells, T cells, and others).

**Functions:** Returns proteins and fluid to blood; carries lipids from gastrointestinal tract to blood; contains sites of maturation and proliferation of B cells and T cells that protect against disease-causing microbes.

### CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM (CHAPTERS 12–14)

**Components:** Blood, heart, and blood vessels.

**Functions:** Heart pumps blood through blood vessels; blood carries oxygen and nutrients to cells and carbon dioxide and wastes away from cells and helps regulate acid–base balance, temperature, and water content of body fluids; blood components help defend against disease and repair damaged blood vessels.

### NERVOUS SYSTEM (CHAPTERS 16–21)

**Components:** Brain, spinal cord, nerves, and special sense organs, such as the eyes and ears.

**Functions:** Generates action potentials (nerve impulses) to regulate body activities; detects changes in the body’s internal and external environments, interprets the changes, and responds by causing muscular contractions or glandular secretions.