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To Laura and Ryan (W.J.G.)

To Jim Stanfield, Addie Thurston (mom), and all my brothers and sisters—Steve, Joe, Jim, Pat, Mike, Janice, and John (C.L.S.)

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Preface

In teaching physiology over the years, we have observed that students at the undergraduate level differ widely in their motivations for studying physiology. After college, some go on to graduate study in science or health-related professions, others obtain work in research labs or industry, and still others pursue careers in non-scientific fields. For all of these students, regardless of their backgrounds or aspirations, the study of physiology should be an immensely rewarding and valuable experience, and we hope that this text will help to make it that way.

We have noticed that most students eagerly approach physiology at the start of the course, but some run into difficulty with the subject and lose their motivation. Why do some students find physiology so challenging? One reason, perhaps, is that students are trained to memorize facts, whereas physiology requires the understanding of concepts. Another possibility is that physiology requires a broad background in other sciences, such as biology, chemistry, and physics. Some students are unprepared in one or more of these subjects, which makes their study of physiology more difficult, and often leads to disappointment and frustration. This text aims to make it as easy as possible for students to learn physiology while at the same time giving them a solid treatment of the subject. The book accomplishes this by providing tools to facilitate understanding, providing a beautiful, pedagogically sound art program to support the text, stimulating student

CLEAR AND PRECISE WRITING STYLE

important concepts.

interest in human physiology,

integrating the subject material, and

providing reinforcement of the most

Reviewers of this text tell us the one thing they want their students to do is grasp the central concepts of physiology. Unfortunately, physiology can be heavy on distracting jargon and "information overload." In addition, complex concepts may require lengthy explanation, causing students to lose track of where they are and how a topic relates to physiology as a whole. To aid students in understanding, our text employs an informal writing style with minimal jargon. In addition, we focus on core concepts and key information that students will find useful or interesting. Much effort has been expended to eliminate extraneous information, which tends to distract rather than inform.

MATH, PHYSICS, AND CHEMISTRY TOOLBOXES

A quick glance through the text reveals the strategic use of **Toolboxes (Figure 1)**. We created these boxes to untangle coverage of math, physics, and chemistry from the body of the text, but still keep these topics available to students who might need review in these subjects. Toolboxes give students what they need to know when they need to know it. To ensure clarity, concepts are explained using real examples.

TOOLBOX EQUILIBRIUM POTENTIALS AND THE NERNST EQUATION

With knowledge of an ion's charge and its intracellular and extracellular concentrations, we can find the equilibrium potential of any ion using the Nernst equation:

$$E = \frac{61}{z} \log \frac{C_o}{C_i}$$

where E is the equilibrium potential, z is the charge (valence) of the ion, and C_o and C_i are the concentrations outside and inside the cell, respectively. In this form, the equation gives the value of the equilibrium potential in millivolts and assumes that the temperature is at or near the normal body temperature of $37^{\circ}C$.

Using typical intracellular and extracellular concentrations, we can find the equilibrium potential for sodium, $E_{\rm Na}$, by making the appropriate substitutions, as follows:

$$E_{Na} = \frac{61}{1} log \frac{145 \text{ mM}}{15 \text{ mM}} = 60.1 \text{ mV} \approx 60 \text{ mV}$$

In similar fashion, we can find the equilibrium potential for potassium, E_K :

$$E_K = \frac{61}{1} log \frac{4 mM}{140 mM} = -94.2 mV \approx -94 mV$$

Note that in both cases, the valence is ± 1 , so that the sign of the equilibrium potential depends solely on the direction of the concentration gradient. Note also that $E_{\rm K}$ is larger in magnitude than $E_{\rm Na}$. This makes sense because a larger concentration gradient requires a larger membrane potential to balance it, and the K^+ gradient is larger than the ${\rm Na}^+$ gradient. If a concentration gradient is small, intracellular and extracellular ion concentrations will be more nearly equal. If the concentrations are identical, the ratio $C_{\rm co}/C_{\rm l}$ equals 1, making the equilibrium potential equal to zero. (Recall that the log of 1 is zero.) As the concentrations become more and more dissimilar, the ratio becomes either much larger or much smaller than 1, making the log term larger and more positive, or larger and more negative, respectively.

FIGURE 1 Toolboxes pull math, chemistry, and physics out of the text, but keep the information available to students who may need review.

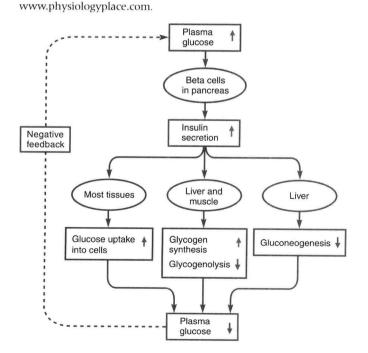
BEAUTIFUL, PEDAGOGICALLY SOUND ART PROGRAM

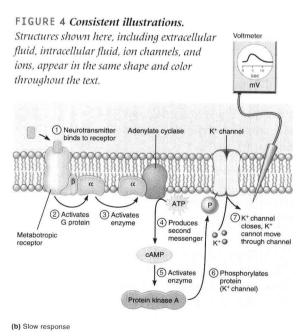
Instructors tell us that the illustrations and photos in a book can greatly impact students' chances of understanding and retaining material. The art that accompanies the text was crafted specifically for this text. We carefully thought through each figure to make the art tell the story of the text and help students understand physiological concepts. Beautifully drawn anatomy diagrams (Figure 2) succinctly illustrate the structures that students need to know to understand the physiology. Numerous flow charts (Figure 3) visually describe processes, neatly summarizing cause and effect relationships, and showing negative feedback loops where applicable. Rectangular boxes in these charts show events such as changes in physiological variables, and ovals represent structures such as cells. organs, or tissues, that either cause or respond to these events.

Arrows pointing up or down show increases or decreases. Selected flow charts appear on the book's web site at **www.physiologyplace.com**, where students can test their understanding of physiological processes by completing the flowcharts online. **Consistent, pedagogically sound use of color and shapes** means students understand the art intuitively **(Figure 4)**. For example, consistently colored arrows denote active and passive transport throughout the art, so students come to recognize them as they work through the text.

Where possible, the text art matches up with the art in the media offerings, to provide a seamless path from text to media for students.

Primary motor cortex FIGURE 2 Appealing anatomy (voluntary movement) diagrams appear where students Premotor cortex Central sulcus (coordinate Primary somatosensory may need review of structures. cortex (somesthetic sensations voluntary and proproprioception) Sensory association areas (integration of Prefrontal sensory information) association Visual association areas (idea and plan for voluntary areas (higher vision movement, thoughts personality) Primary visual cortex Broca's area FIGURE 3 Easy-to-follow flow-(speech formation) Wernicke's area (language charts visually describe processes. Olfactory cortex (smell) Rectangles show events, ovals show Limbic association cortex (emotions Auditory structures, and arrows show learning, and memory) association increases and decreases. Selected cortex (hearing) areas charts appear as activities at





STIMULATING STUDENT INTEREST

Instructors across the country have confirmed what we have observed in our classrooms: Students are stimulated to learn more when they understand how a subject relates to real life. To capitalize on this interest, we discuss topics of clinical relevance within the text where appropriate. In addition, Discovery boxes (Figure 5) discuss clinical applications of

physiology (other than disease), new discoveries in physiology, physiological topics relevant to everyday life, or simply interesting facts about the system under discussion. When It Goes Wrong boxes (Figure 6) discuss certain disorders and treatments in more depth.

VAULTS AND CHEMOTHERAPY have a role in protein synthesis. ered t ance

DISCOVERY

Vaults, shown in the accompanying figure, were discovered by researchers in the 1980s. Even though virtually every cell in the body has thousands of vaults, their function has still not been established. Current hypotheses suggest that vaults function in the transport of molecules, such as mRNA, from the nucleus to the cytoplasm, and that they may also

In the late 1990s, researchers disco

called multidrug resistance, have a greater concentration of vaults in their cells. However, this correlation does not prove that the increased number of vaults is the cause of the drug resistance; further studies are needed to determine if and how vaults influence drug resistance. In addition, a protein found in vaults, called major vault protein or MVP, is elevated in these patients. In the future, MVP may be used as a marker to identify patients who

FIGURE 5 Discovery

boxes reveal relationships between concepts presented in different chapters, and discuss interesting topics and emerging discoveries in further detail.

WHEN IT GOES WRONG TREATING DEPRESSION

M ost people feel a little blue now and then, and most people have had experiences that made them extremely sad, such as the death of a loved one. At such a time, people may describe themselves as being depressed. But clinical depression is much more than feeling sad, and generally it is not induced by an event.

Depression has many symptoms, including lack of energy, abnormal eating habits (too much or too little), and/or difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much. Often the person feels worthless and may be preoccupied with thoughts of suicide. A depressed person has difficulty functioning in society. The cause(s) of depression and its symptoms are not well understood, but depression is an illness associated with biochemical changes in the brain.

Much evidence suggests that depression is associated with deficiencies in the biogenic amines serotonin and norepinephrine. Indeed, one of the side effects associated with medications that decrease biogenic amines—such as the drug reserpine, used to treat high blood pressure—is depression. Therefore, pharmacological treatment strategies often seek to increase biogenic amine concentrations in the

One class of antidepressants is monoamine oxidase inhibitors. Monoamine oxidase is the enzyme that breaks down biogenic amines, including norepinephrine and serotonin. Because these antidepressants inhibit their degradation, these neurotransmitters remain in the synaptic cleft for a longer period of time; the effect is similar to having increased the release of these neurotransmitters. Monoamine oxidase inhibitors, including phenelzine (Nardil™) and isocarboxazid (Marplan™), have been used successfully to treat many cases of clinical depression.

In many neural circuits, monoamine oxidase is located inside the presynaptic neuron, where it degrades neurotransmitters that have been actively transported back into the cell that released them (reuptake). In these cells, inhibition of monoamine oxidase is believed to increase the amount of neuro transmitter that is packaged into synaptic vesicles. The result is that more neurotransmitter is released in response to a given stimulus.

A relatively new class of commonly used antidepressants (first approved by the FDA in 1987) is selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). By decreasing the reuptake of serotonin into the cell that released it, SSRIs selectively increase the amount of serotonin present at the synaptic cleft. SSRIs are more specific than monoamine oxidase inhibitors because they only

affect serotonergic synapses. SSRIs include fluoxetine (Prozac[™]) and paroxetine (PaxilTM)

Another class of commonly used antidepressants is the tricyclics, named for the presence of three carbon rings. Although tricyclics are the oldest of the antidepressants (first used in the 1950s), their mechanisms of action are the least understood. Several hypotheses on the mechanisms have been proposed, most of which involve alterations of activity at adrenergic or serotonergic synapses. Tricyclics include imipramine (Tofranil™), amitriptyline (Elavil[™]), and desipramine (Norpramin[™]).

Does it surprise you that even though a drug has been around for about 50 years, the mechanism of its action is unknown? This is actually a fairly common occurrence, as drugs are often used with little knowledge of their mechanism of action. Even the therapeutic benefits of monoamine oxidase inhibitors and SSRIs for depression are not fully understood, for even though these drugs immediately decrease monoamine oxidase activity or serotonin reuptake, respectively, they do not affect the depression until they have been taken for several weeks. Much research remains to be done on the mechanisms of action of antidepressants and other medications.

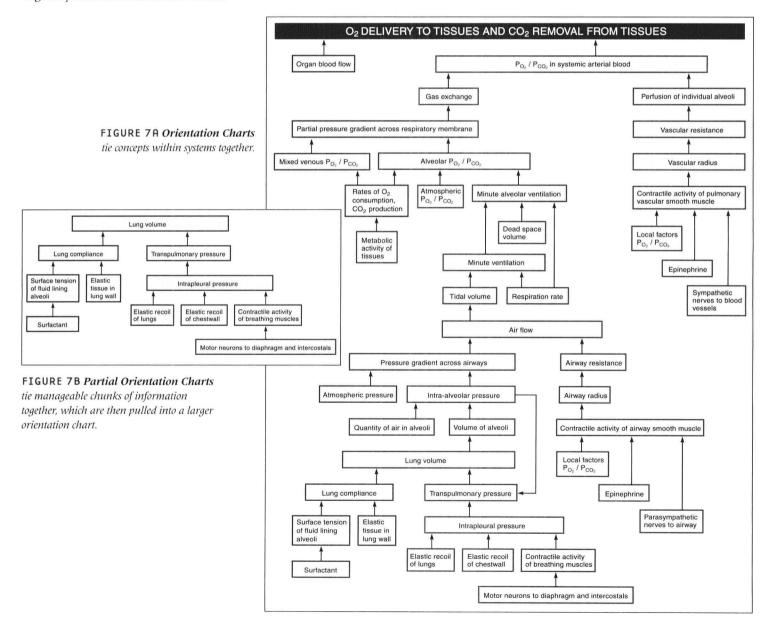
FIGURE 6 When It Goes Wrong boxes focus on disease conditions related to the topics of each chapter, and connect the topics to the real world.

INTEGRATING SUBJECT MATERIAL

One of the challenges and rewards of studying physiology is understanding how concepts tie together. To help students understand the overall function of individual systems, we summarize topics in **Orientation Charts (Figure 7A)**. These charts show how the topics presented in a chapter, or series of chapters, fit together. They clarify how organ systems work as a whole to perform a function, such as delivering oxygen to and removing carbon dioxide from tissues. Where applicable, **partial orientation charts (Figure 7B)** summarize chunks of information in the chapters. The large orientation charts pull together all of the pieces from the smaller charts.

Single organ systems do not function alone; therefore, at the end of each system chapter, or series of chapters, **Systems Integration** charts **(Figure 8)** show how each organ system influences the others.

Finally, to present physiology as an integrated whole, the text concludes with a chapter on the body's physiological response to exercise. Exercise affects virtually all aspects of body function and is a topic of interest for many students making it an ideal "capstone" for the entire book. Chapter I concludes with a story that follows two fictional characters, Bill and Jane, as they run a marathon race from beginning to end. In each chapter, **Exercise Links (Figure 9)** discuss the relevance of specific topics to exercise in the context of the marathon story. Thus, the marathon story serves as a thread that wends its way through the entire book, guiding the students toward the story's culmination in the final chapter.



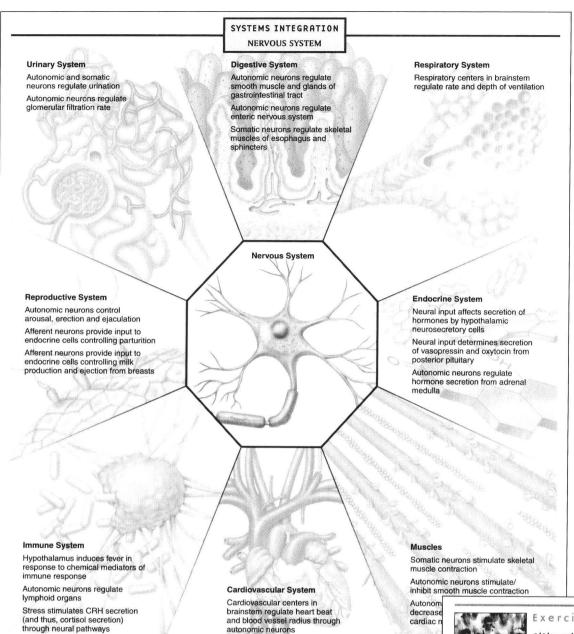


FIGURE 8 Systems Integration charts at the end of each set of system chapters reinforce how each body system connects to the others.

FIGURE 9 Exercise Links tie each chapter to a marathon story introduced in Chapter 1 and discussed in detail in Chapter 23.



Although a person does not consciously sense blood pH or the other individual inputs from visceral receptors, there may be times when we are able to sense the overall message being sent by these receptors. In the later stages of the marathon, Jane and especially Bill experienced two sensations that we

call fatigue. One was a reduction in the responsiveness of their leg muscles because metabolic fuels were running low and waste products were building up in ways that hampered normal function. The other sensation is variously called "central" or "psychological" fatigue. Although physiologists do not fully understand this second type of fatigue, it is suspected that visceral receptor inputs, along with influences of body temperature and blood glucose levels, feed back on the motor cortex, reducing the drive to exercise. In addition, these inputs touch on the edge of our consciousness to produce those hard-to-describe feelings we associate with fatigue.

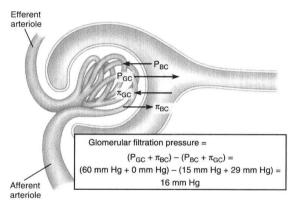
MEDIA

Benjamin Cummings has long been a leader in technology with fun, innovative software programs that truly teach conceptual material. We developed the text with this in mind. You'll find that the media offerings described here will help students take their learning a step beyond what is in the book. Animations and tutorials bring the concepts in the book to life and help students with different learning

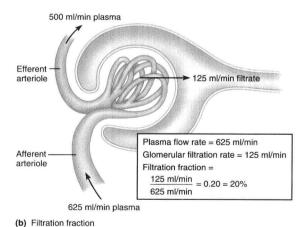
styles. The following illustrations show, for example, how **glomerular filtration** is covered in multiple ways: in a figure in the text **(Figure 10)** in a case study at *The Physiology Place* **(Figure 11)**, in a tutorial in *InterActive Physiology*® **(Figure 12)** and in an experiment on *PhysioEx*TM **(Figure 13)**. Quizzes allow students to test their knowledge as they work through the material online or on CD-ROM.

Glomerular filtration. (a) Glomerular filtration pressure is the result of four Starling forces: (1) hydrostatic pressure in the glomerular capillaries (P_{ac}), (2) hydrostatic pressure in Bowman's capsule (P_{Bc}), (3) oncotic pressure in the glomerular capillaries (π_{ac}), and (4) oncotic pressure in Bowman's capsule (π_{Bc}). The net filtration pressure is 16 mm Hg. **(b)** The filtration fraction is the proportion of renal plasma that is filtered into Bowman's capsule. The normal filtration fraction is 20%.

If proteins leaked out of the glomerular capillaries (which would decrease π_{cc} and increase π_{BC}), what would happen to the glomerular filtration pressure and to the glomerular filtration rate?



(a) Glomerular filtration pressure



Both would increase.

FIGURE 10 A figure from the discussion on glomerular filtration illustrates the concept in the text. Note the figure question, which challenges students to take their studying one step further.

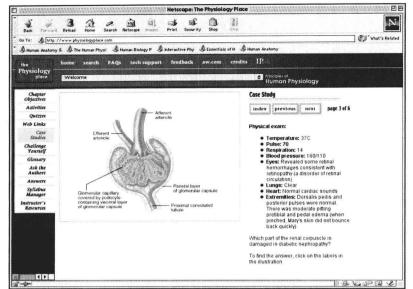
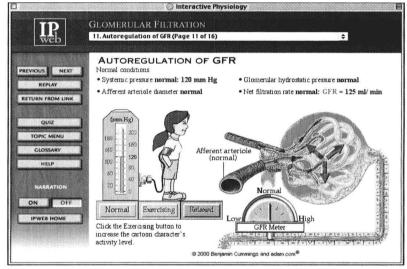


FIGURE 11 With challenging activities, flow chart exercises, and case studies, The
Physiology Place is the perfect site for online learning. In this case, students apply what they have learned about renal physiology to the real world. Visit www.physiologyplace.com for a demo. A subscription to The
Physiology Place comes free with the purchase of a new copy of Principles of Human
Physiology.

FIGURE 12 InterActive Physiology®

(IPwebTM) has already helped thousands of students understand and visualize complex physiological processes and thus succeed in this challenging course. Animations, tutorials, and quizzing help students master difficult concepts. IP brings the topic of glomerular filtration alive with animations that clarify processes. Here the animation shows autoregulation of GFR during different states of activity. References to IP are found in the book's chapter summaries. Every new copy of Principles of Human Physiology includes an IP Sampler CD-ROM. The full InterActive Physiology® program can be packaged with the text for an additional charge.



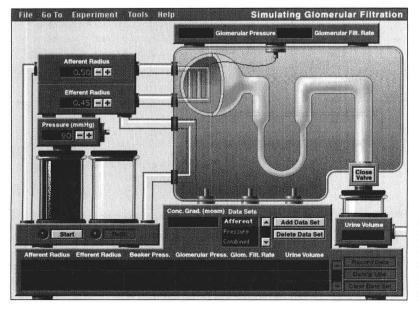


FIGURE 13 PhysioExTM offers an alternative lab environment in which to master difficult concepts. Computerized simulations allow students to repeat lab experiments as needed to achieve a sound understanding of physiological processes.

STUDY TOOLS REINFORCE KEY CONCEPTS LEARNED

To learn effectively, students need to know they are on the right track as they are studying. Five study tools help students test their knowledge and go back to review material when necessary: Study Hints, Quick Tests, Chapter Summaries, End-of-Chapter Exercises, and Figure Questions. Each chapter opens with **Study Hints** (**Figure 14**), a short list of topics discussed in previous chapters that students should know in order to get the most out of the chapter at hand. **Quick Tests** (**Figure 15**), short sets of review questions at the ends of chapter sections, let students check their understanding of material before tackling

STUDY HINTS

- 1. Lipid bilayer structure, p. 35
- 2. Membrane proteins, p. 36
- 3. ATP, p. 77

FIGURE 14 Study Hints reference topics in previous chapters that students need to understand fully in order to get the most out of the current chapter.

new material. Each chapter closes with a detailed but concise **Chapter Summary** (**Figure 16**) and a complete bank of **End-of-Chapter Exercises** (**Figure 17**), which include multiple-choice, objective, and essay questions. Multiple choice and objective questions help students to test their knowledge. Essay questions require students to synthesize material or to explain involved concepts. **Figure Questions** (**Figure 10**) appear with selected figures throughout the text. Long a hallmark of Benjamin Cummings texts, these questions ask students to take their studying one step further. Answers are provided at the bottom of the page.

Quick Test 3.4

- 1. Is the oxidation of glucose catabolic or anabolic? Does it release energy or require it?
- 2. Where does the energy for ATP synthesis come from? When ATP is broken down, what is the released energy used for?
- 3. When energy from glucose oxidation is used to make ATP, only a certain fraction of the released energy is used for this purpose. What happens to the rest of the released energy?

FIGURE 15 Quick Tests provide strategic checkpoints in the text to help students test their comprehension of the material and reread the previous section if necessary before moving forward. Answers to the Quick Tests are available online at www.physiologyplace.com.

CHAPTER SUMMARY

The Autonomic Nervous System, p.312

There are two main branches of the efferent nervous system: the autonomic nervous system and the somatic nervous system. Table 10.4 (p. 312)compares the properties of the two branches of the autonomic nervous system with those of the somatic nervous system. The autonomic nervous system includes the parasympathetic and sympathetic nervous

adrenal medulla, stimulating the release of the hormone epinephrine. All preganglionic neurons contain the neurotransmitter acetylcholine. The parasympathetic postganglionic neurons also contain the neurotransmitter acetylcholine, but most sympathetic postganglionic neurons contain the neurotransmitter norepinephrine. The receptors for acetylcholine on postganglionic neurons are nicotinic activity include the brainstem, hypothalamus, and limbic system.

- IP Nervous II, Synaptic Transmission, pages 3–11
- **IP** Nervous II, Ion Channels: pages 4–5, 7*
- IP Nervous I, The Membrane Potential, pages 3–6; 11

The Somatic Nervous System, p.323

The somatic division of the efferent

FIGURE 16 Chapter
Summaries pull together the
main points of each chapter. IP
(InterActive Physiology®)
references point students to
relevant pages in this awardwinning software, where
students can find lively animation and interactive quizzing to
help them review topics further.

EXERCISES

Multiple-Choice Questions

- Suppose that the electrochemical force for anion X (X⁻) acts to move the anion out of the cell. If a neurotransmitter binding to its receptor opened channels for X⁻ on the postsynaptic cell, then the response would
- a) be an EPSP.
- b) be an IPSP.
- c) be stabilization of the membrane.d) not occur.
- 2. Suppose that all the calcium could be

V_{m3}_____

- 3. From this voltage tracing, one can conclude that
 - a) the stimulation depolarizes the cell membrane.
- 8. A fast EPSP is produced by
 - a) the opening of sodium-selective channels.
 - b) the opening of potassium-selective channels.c) the opening of channels selective
 - for both sodium and potassium.
 d) the opening of calcium-selective
- The enzyme that catalyzes the synthesis of acetylcholine is a) adenylate cyclase.

channels

End-of-Chapter Exercises allow students to self-test on the material covered in the chapter.

FIGURE 17

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cil sketches and transformed them into beautiful, concise illustrations that are effective teaching tools. She also ensured the art was consistent throughout the text and integrated the art style with that of the InterActive Physiology® CDs. Her quick-wittedness and sly sense of humor made her a pleasure to work with and some hard days of drudgery a lot more bearable. Our Project Editor, Claire Brassert, enlisted one of us (C.L.S.) as an author, managed the book project through development and into production, and hired the supplements authors. Claire, who has been with us from the beginning, steered the project through some rough spots, and we appreciate her stubborn "stick-to-it-iveness." Mary Ann Murray, Associate Editor, and Marie Beaugureau, Publishing Assistant, both cheerfully and tirelessly prepped manuscripts and coordinated the supplements for the book. Erin Joyce, Online Associate Project Editor, managed the development and production of the book's website, The Physiology Place, and the IP Sampler CD-ROM that accompanies the text. Deirdre McGill and Cheryl Cechvala worked as market development managers on the book and headed up the class testing program for the book, which yielded valuable feedback from students and instructors across the country. Janet Vail, Production Editor, moved the manuscript through production, kept track of countless details, and made sure every last piece of the book came together. Kelly Murphy, Art and Photo Coordinator, shepherded the art through production and carefully checked each piece. Photo Researcher, Diane Austin, secured photos for the book. The staff at Precision Graphics created the beautiful artwork for the book. In particular, we want to thank the lead artist, Rolf Swanson, whose talent and tireless dedication to this project made the art program possible. Alan Titche, Copyeditor, tirelessly and mercilessly scrutinized the manuscript. Although writing will always be hard work, the people at Benjamin Cummings made the job easier.

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In closing, we hope that students will find this text truly helps in studying physiology, and that it reflects our enthusiasm for the subject and our dedication to helping students learn. We welcome your comments and suggestions for future editions.

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