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Preface

At one time or another, all of us wonder about how our body works. The human body—its functions and mechanisms—is the focus of human physiology. Not only is body function a topic of general interest, it is also a required course of study for many college students. Human physiology provides the scientific foundation for the field of medicine and all other technologies related to human health and physical performance. The scope of topics included in a human physiology course is therefore wide-ranging, yet each topic must be covered in sufficient detail to provide a firm basis for future expansion and application. The rigor of the course, however, need not diminish the student's initial fascination with how the body works. On the contrary, a basic understanding of physiological mechanisms can instill a deeper appreciation for the awesome complexity and beauty of the human body and motivate the student to learn still more.

This text is designed to serve the needs of students enrolled in an undergraduate physiology course. The beginning chapters introduce basic chemical and biological concepts to provide these students—many of whom do not have extensive science backgrounds—with the framework they need to comprehend physiological principles. In the chapters that follow, the material is presented in such a way as to promote conceptual understanding rather than rote memorization of facts. Every effort has been made to help students integrate related con-

cepts and to understand the relationships between anatomical structures and their functions.

Abundant summary flowcharts and tables serve as aids for review. Beautifully rendered figures, with a functional use of color, are designed to enhance learning. Health applications are discussed often to heighten interest, deepen understanding of physiological concepts, and help students relate the material they have learned to their individual career goals. In addition, various other pedagogical devices are used extensively (but not intrusively) to add to the value of the text as a comprehensive learning tool. These devices are discussed in detail under the heading "Learning Aids—A Guide to the Student."

Shaping the Fifth Edition

Before I began writing this new edition, Wm. C. Brown Publishers requested users of the fourth edition to send in their suggestions and comments, focusing on a chapter of particular interest. The response was enthusiastic, warm, encouraging, insightful—in a word, it was wonderful! Because so many people sent in one-chapter reviews, every chapter in the book was reviewed several times over. The fifth edition benefited enormously by this input, as evidenced by the reorganization of chapters, the expanded coverage of many topics, and the introduction of new material.

Examples of organizational changes include the grouping of the nervous system chapters to follow each other (chapter 10 in the fourth edition is now chapter 9) and the shifting of the immune system chapter (formerly chapter 19) to follow the chapters on the cardiovascular system (as chapter 15). An introduction to blood acid-base balance, previously distributed between two chapters (15 and 16), is now consolidated in chapter 13. Expanded discussions include those on neurotransmitter release and action, mechanisms of hormone action, development of atherosclerosis, mechanism of muscle contraction, paracrine regulation, regeneration of damaged axons, and T cell function, to name but a few.

Our knowledge about a number of physiological processes has grown since the last edition of this text was written. The physiological roles of nitric oxide, for example, are just now becoming clear. Associated topics, including long-term potentiation in neurons and paracrine regulation of blood vessels, are thus covered in more depth than was previously possible. Physiological and clinical advances based on breakthroughs in molecular genetics are emphasized in accordance with their current prominence. This emphasis is apparent in discussions on cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, ALS, and Laron dwarfism, among other topics. New material on oncogenes, apoptosis, brown fat, oral rehydration therapy, G-proteins, olfactory receptor genetics, acute mountain sickness, neurotrophins, and the mechanism of ADH action further illustrate how the text has been extensively updated in response to new research findings.

The fifth edition features many new and revised figures to accompany the new topics and updated discussions. These figures are beautifully rendered and stylistically consistent with the previous edition. The new pedagogical devices introduced in the last edition have been retained in this edition. These include the Clinical Investigations and the appendix on exercise physiology. The latter has been expanded in accordance with the increased coverage of exercise physiology throughout the text.

Supplementary Materials

The supplementary materials that accompany the fifth edition of *Human Physiology* are designed to help students in their learning activities and assist instructors in planning coursework and presentations. These supplementary materials include

- 1. An *Instructor's Manual* prepared by Jeffrey and Karianne Price. This manual can be used as an aid to planning lessons. It also includes an extensive bank of questions for constructing examinations.
- 2. A Laboratory Guide to Human Physiology: Concepts and Clinical Applications, seventh edition, written by Stuart I. Fox. This laboratory manual is self-contained, so that students can prepare for the laboratory exercises and quizzes without having to bring the textbook to the laboratory. The manual provides exercises that reinforce many of the topics covered in a human physiology course. These exercises have been classroom tested for a number of years.
- 3. An *Instructor's Manual* for the laboratory guide. This manual is designed to help instructors set up the laboratory. It also provides answers to the questions in the laboratory reports.
- **4.** A Student Study Guide to Accompany Human Physiology written by Dr. Lawrence G. Thouin, Jr. This guide

- for students provides excellent sample objective questions, tips for answering essay questions, flowchart activities, crossword puzzles, and other devices to promote effective studying.
- 5. A set of 150 acetate transparencies. These transparencies were made from selected illustrations in the text and were chosen for their value in reinforcing lecture presentations. They are available to instructors who adopt the text.
- 6. A Student Study Art Notebook containing all the illustrations from the transparency set is available to students. With this notebook at their desks, students no longer have to worry about whether they will be able to see leader lines and labels in a large lecture hall.
- Microtest. This computerized system enables the instructor to create customized exams quickly and easily. Test questions are available from the test item file that appears in the Instructor's Manual.
- 8. QuickStudy. This student selftesting program operates on an IBM/PC or Macintosh computer. The questions have been extensively revised and expanded by Dr. L. G. Thouin, Jr.

Multimedia

To provide an even more comprehensive supplement package, the fifth edition of *Human Physiology* introduces two new and exciting multimedia learning tools for the student.

1. Explorations in Human Anatomy and Physiology. This set of fifteen interactive animations on CD-ROM covers key topics in human physiology. Explorations in Human Anatomy and Physiology consists of hands-on interactive activities that can be used by an instructor in lecture and/or placed in a resource center for student use. This software is available for use with Macintosh and IBM Windows computers. Appropriate modules are listed in many of the text chapters, following the chapter summaries.

- 2. WCB Life Science Animations. A series of five videotapes contains more than fifty animations of physiological processes integral to the study of human anatomy and physiology. Some of the topics are better learned when movement and the changes it produces are visualized. The videotapes can be used in class as a lecture tool, or students can visit a resource center to view them on their own. The five videotapes are
 - #1 Chemistry, The Cell, and Energetics
 - #2 Cell Division, Heredity, Genetics, Reproduction, and Development
 - #3 Animal Biology I
 - #4 Animal Biology II
 - #5 Plant Biology, Evolution, and Ecology
- 3. WCB Anatomy and Physiology Videodisc. This two-disc, four-sided videodisc contains thirty animations integral to the study of physiology. Along with the animations are illustrations from Human Physiology, histology slides, clinical slides, and radiographic slides. The videodisc can be used in class to supplement lectures.

Learning Aids—A Guide to the Student

The clarity of organization and writing style in the fifth edition will help you to integrate and synthesize information, rather than merely memorize facts. Think of the major sections in the text as packets of instructions on how to assemble a device or appliance. Take each concept a step at a time, reread when necessary, scrutinize the figures, and actually write out answers to the study questions that appear at the end of these sections. Don't be intimidated by a long explanation—after all, a detailed set of instructions is easier to follow than one that is too brief. The more actively you interact with your text, the better will be your understanding of physiology, and the more enjoyable the study will become.

To help you gain the most from your textbook, consider the following information about how to use the learning aids.

Chapter Outline and Objectives

Look over the chapter outline before reading a chapter to get a feel for the topics to be covered, and use the outline later to help you look up topics and integrate concepts with those covered later in the text. Check off the objectives as you complete each major section to see if you are getting what is required from the text.

Perspectives

Immediately following each major section heading is a short paragraph, double-spaced and bold-faced to set it apart. It is a concise statement of the section's central concepts, or organizing themes, that are illustrated in detail in the text that follows. Read these statements carefully. As their name implies, they will help you place a section in perspective as you begin it, before getting involved with the specifics. Read them again after you have completed a section to help you maintain your conceptual focus.

Boxed Information

Following a discussion of a basic concept, you may find a block of text printed on a colored background with an accompanying icon. These "boxes" feature clinical or fitness applications of the information just covered. You will find it enjoyable, as well as instructive, to see how your newly acquired basic knowledge is being applied to practical problems.

Cross-References

As you read about a particular physiological mechanism, you may come across a reference to a concept that was discussed earlier in the text. If this concept is no longer clear, look it up in the referenced chapter. This is a good way to review, and it will help you to more completely integrate related physiological concepts. You may also see a reference to a related topic that is covered in more detail in a later chapter. Go ahead—take a peek at what's ahead. You may not be responsible for the detail now, but you will be better prepared

to integrate this information with previous knowledge when you reach this chapter later on in the course.

Study Activities

Each major chapter section ends with a list of study activities. These may be essay questions to answer, or perhaps diagrams or flowcharts to draw. Don't just think about how you might respond. Use a pencil and paper to write or draw.

Illustrations and Tables

The text includes abundant tables and illustrations to support the concepts presented. Careful study of the tables will increase your understanding of the text, and the summary tables will be useful when you review for examinations. Although many of the figures can be admired for their beauty alone, they were created with one primary purpose—to illustrate concepts presented in the text. Therefore, refer to the figures and analyze them as you read. Each one has been placed as close as possible to its text reference to spare you from flipping through pages.

Chapter Summaries

At the end of each chapter, the material is summarized for you in outline form. This outline summary is organized by major section headings followed by the key points in the section. Read the summary after studying the chapter to be sure that you have not missed any points, and use the chapter summaries to help you review for examinations.

Clinical Investigations

Following each chapter summary is a Clinical Investigation. Think of each one as a puzzle, and use the clues provided to solve it. After writing out your solution, see how closely it agrees with the solution given in Appendix B.

Review Activities

A section called Review Activities follows the Clinical Investigations. These activities include *objective questions* (with

the answers in Appendix C) and *essay questions*. The first essay question in each chapter is answered in the Student Study Guide. Be sure to take these self-quizzes in a "closed book" fashion after studying the chapters, and then correct your answers using the appendix. Be sure to review the information relating to any questions you might have missed. These practice exams will help you to anticipate the kinds of questions that are likely to appear on real exams. They will also provide you with feedback as to the depth of your learning and understanding.

Selected Readings and Multimedia

Each chapter closes with a list of books and articles. Interested students can use these lists as sources of additional information on topics covered in the chapter. Many of the articles are from popular journals, such as *Scientific American*, and are written for audiences with limited science backgrounds.

Appendices

Appendix A is entitled "Exercise Physiology: Summary and Text References." It is designed to help you integrate the physiology of different organs and systems into a comprehensive view of how the body works, using exercise as a theme. Appendix B contains solutions to the Clinical Investigations. Refer to this appendix only after you have attempted to solve an investigation yourself. Appendix C consists of answers to the objective questions included in the Review Activities sections.

Glossary

The glossary of terms at the end of the book is particularly noteworthy for its comprehensiveness. The definitions for almost all of the terms are accompanied by pronunciation keys, and synonyms are indicated as appropriate. Whenever you encounter an unfamiliar term or would like additional information about a term, look it up in the glossary. Also, look to the glossary as you study for exams, to check your understanding of the technical terminology.

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Student Study Guide

Written by Dr. Lawrence G. Thouin Jr., this optional book can help you to derive more benefit from the text. The answer to the first essay question in the Review Activities at the end of each chapter is provided here, along with helpful hints on how to answer essay questions on physiology. In addition, the study guide provides additional objective questions (with answers), fill-in-the-blank questions, crossword puzzles, and other devices to help you use your textbook more effectively.

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The Study of Body Function

OBJECTIVES

After studying this chapter, you should be able to . . .

- 1. describe, in a general way, the topics studied in physiology and explain the importance of physiology in modern medicine.
- 2. describe the characteristics of the scientific method.
- 3. define *homeostasis* and explain how this concept is used in physiology and medicine.
- describe the nature of negative feedback loops and explain how these mechanisms act to maintain homeostasis.
- 5. explain how antagonistic effectors help to maintain homeostasis.

- 6. describe the nature of positive feedback loops and explain how these mechanisms function in the body.
- 7. distinguish between intrinsic and extrinsic regulation and describe, in a general way, the roles of the nervous and endocrine systems in body regulation.
- 8. explain how negative feedback inhibition helps to regulate the secretion of hormones, using insulin as an example.
- 9. list the four primary tissues and their subtypes and describe the distinguishing features of each primary tissue.

- 10. relate the structure of each primary tissue to its functions.
- 11. describe how the primary tissues are organized into organs, using the skin as an example.
- 12. describe the nature of the extracellular and intracellular compartments of the body and explain the significance of this compartmentalization.

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