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Using this book

This chapter explains how a big subject like anatomy, covered by some other textbooks in over 1000 pages, can be squashed into a small book like this. It also explains how the book is organised, and why, and gives some tips on how to study. In short, this introductory chapter aims:

- 1. to help you plan your learning
- to show you how to use the book to increase your understanding as well as your knowledge
- 3. to show that self-assessment can make learning easier and more enjoyable.

Philosophy of the book

The effective diagnosis and management of disease, whatever the cause, depends upon some knowledge of structures that may be involved. In many disease conditions, symptoms and signs result not only from changes in the affected organ, but also from effects on neighbouring structures and from the spread of disease to them. This is why as a medical professional you need to know something about how the body is put together.

It is possible to learn anatomy in great detail. This has at least two disadvantages. Firstly, it is mindnumbingly boring, and secondly you may be lulled into a false sense of security: there is much variation from person to person, and from birth to death. So a choice has to be made: it has to be recognised that some items of information are important, and some are not; lines have to be drawn between 'need to know' and 'nice to know'. My decisions about where to draw these lines have been based on over 25 years of teaching and reflecting upon clinical anatomy, on over 10 years as a full-time or part-time medical practitioner, and on extensive experience as an examiner in all types of situations (discipline-based exams, integrated exams, postgraduate exams, exams for health care workers other than medical students). The questions I have asked myself when deciding whether or not to include something have generally been 'does it matter to the junior hospital doctor or general practitioner?' and 'does it aid the understanding of an important topic?' If the answer to both these questions is no, then the topic has been omitted. There are plenty more comprehensive books on the market that can be consulted if you want a more in-depth account.

Having said that, there are several topics that are considered in some depth. This is either because they are important and such knowledge is generally clinically useful, or else because a little more detail will, I hope, clarify a complex picture. In such situations I have tried to make it clear that you need not bother with the details. Also, from time to time I stray into physiology and other disciplines if I think it helpful to do so: my experience is that these short digressions are sometimes just the things that help important information to stick. The text, therefore, is more than just lists and bullet points for cramming: it is a mixture of zoological principles, functional and clinical considerations, and opinions. I hope that the inclusion of some explanatory material will stimulate rather than bore you, and that it will not obscure the basics.

Layout of the book

Section 1 (Chs 1-9) includes a consideration of anatomical terminology, followed by a brief survey of the body organised by the main physiological systems - this is systematic anatomy. In Section 2, from Chapter 10 onwards, the body is considered in more depth by region, one chapter for each major region. Within a chapter, each main topic is preceded by an overview and learning objectives. Use these as checklists so that nothing of major importance passes you by. The numerous clinical boxes scattered throughout the text will provide some focus for your study, and I recommend not only that you read these, but also reflect upon them. How are the symptoms produced? What other symptoms could accompany them? Might the manifestation of the disease depend upon anatomical variations? These are some of the questions that you should ask yourself.

Approach to study in general

I am a disorganised and undisciplined student and so I feel unworthy to offer advice to anyone, other than the following:

- Make a plan with realistic targets, but be prepared to adjust it if necessary.
- If a course and guidelines are available, attend and heed them diligently.

- Read about, and reflect upon, all learning material within 1 or 2 days of having considered it, and at most within a week.
- Discuss your studies with friends and colleagues (and I include educators as colleagues). You cannot be certain you have 'got' something until you have successfully explained it to someone else. (The look on the face of a previously perplexed student when the penny drops is one of the things that attracted me to teaching.) It also follows, then, that you can serve others by listening to their explanations. Such two-way sessions will probably be the most productive time you will ever spend educationally.
- If your goal is to pass an examination, find out everything you can about the format of the examination and get hold of as many past papers as possible. Then, when you feel you have done enough work, try to do the papers under exam conditions and discuss your answers with someone else – an examiner if possible, or a colleague if not.
- There is more to life than work: ignore this at your peril.
- Above all, think imaginatively.

Self-assessment

Questions are provided at the end of Section 1, and subsequently after each chapter. Do not be surprised to see that within these questions, the same items of information are tested in more than one question type: this is deliberate.

Multiple choice questions

You are required to mark each statement as true or false. Remember that within a group of five responses, all may be correct, or all may be incorrect. Negative marking is used in some centres, and not in others, so you would do well to find out what you will be confronted by. The combination of negative marking and guessing when you do not know the right answer is not recommended! These questions can easily be adapted to several formats: the simple true/false question; or the more complex, where the answer depends upon which responses are correct from each group of five.

Matching item questions

In these questions you must choose the option from the list provided that best fits the given statement or question. This type of question, not normally associated with negative marking (although there is no reason why it could not be), is used in United States licensing examinations, and similar exams for other

bodies, and is used by several undergraduate schools. These questions can easily be adapted to fit multi-disciplinary ('integrated') assessments.

Short answers

Some of these questions require single items of information that may be needed in answering 'filling in the gaps' questions. Others require more extended responses in which there are several different ways of presenting the information, the choice being left up to you. In these, try to limit yourself to no more than one page, and aim to complete these longer questions well within 10 minutes. It is very important that you answer the question that is asked: if specific items of information are requested, you must give them: by all means give additional information if you wish, but not at the expense of what is required. Once again, the topics asked in these short answer questions can easily be adapted to fit multidisciplinary ('integrated') assessments, and you may find it useful to try to construct these questions for yourself.

Essays

I have not provided any titles for essay questions because I can see no purpose served by essays in clinical anatomy that is not better served by short notes, and from the point of view of the marker, short answers are much easier and quicker to deal with. If you are unfortunate enough to be confronted by anatomy essays, many of the short notes topics would serve.

Viva questions

As a visual subject, anatomy has traditionally been associated with visual recognition tests using photographs, living models or displayed specimens. This component of anatomy has traditionally been tested in viva voce (oral) exams. From a clinical point of view, it is essential that you are able to point to where something is: being able to write about it is of minor importance. I base most such assessments in which I am involved on radiographs and surface anatomy live models, using simple clinical skills to test anatomical information. As visual examinations, these assessments can be computer based, and some people, though by no means all, find the impersonal nature of computerised exams less challenging than being forced to indulge in conversation with a real live examiner!

Compose your own questions

You will find it very beneficial to try to construct your own examination questions, and then to produce your own model answers. This will highlight some of the difficulties, and it may give you some sympathy for the poor examiner.

Conclusions

You should amend the framework for using this book according to your own needs and the examinations you are facing. Although rote learning can not entirely be avoided, your aim should always be the acquisition of an understanding of the principles involved, rather than simply the tedious memorisation of a large number of apparently unrelated facts.

1 Systematic anatomy

1 Introduction

Studying anatomy

Anatomy is a visual subject: ideally, you need to see, touch and feel to get an idea of three dimensions. When you read a portion of text you should try to picture the structures concerned: dissected parts and a good anatomical atlas, whether on paper or computer, will help.

Different people study differently, and some find an understanding of three dimensions easier to come by than do others. Nevertheless, as a basis for study I recommend that you use the nervous system and the main arteries, together with the following conceptual framework, common to all living things:

- we reproduce
- we seek sustenance
- · we absorb and distribute nutrients
- we excrete waste products
- · we try to prolong our own existence; and
- we endeavour to control these processes.

since it forms the basis of the clinical examination of a patient. When you read about any structure, the heart for example, you should try to picture the body and relate the printed word to a precise location. Better still, get a friend to be a surface anatomy model (it is no good looking at yourself in a mirror because right and left are the wrong way round).

The horizontal level of a structure in the body is described by reference to the vertebra(e) at the same level – that is to say in the same transverse plane. This is known as 'the vertebral level'.

Both surface markings and vertebral levels are important and useful in the clinical context.

Study Figure 1.1 and note that:

- the suprasternal notch is at vertebral level T2
- the sternal angle is at vertebral level T4
- the xiphoid process is at vertebral level T9 (about)
- the surface marking of the gall bladder is the tip of the right ninth costal cartilage (at the anterior end of the ninth rib). Its vertebral level is L1.

Surface markings and vertebral levels

The surface projection of internal organs is important

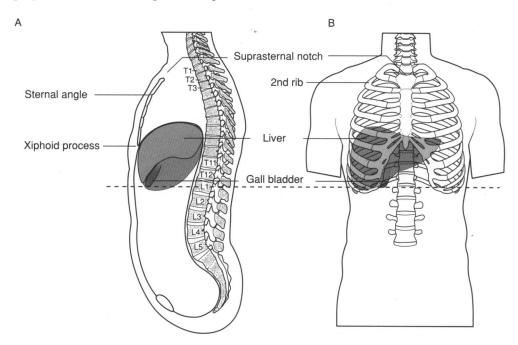


Fig. 1.1 Vertebral levels and surface markings using the gall bladder and liver as examples. (A) Trunk: medial sagittal section. (B) Trunk: anterior view.

Regional anatomy and systematic anatomy

The cardiovascular and nervous systems are found in all parts of the body. The respiratory system is in the head, neck and thorax. The alimentary system is in the head, neck, thorax, abdomen and perineum. To study anatomy by systems is relevant to the particular system, but wasteful since it means that, for example, different parts of the thorax must be studied on different occasions for several systems. Study by systems also fails to give an appreciation of the fact that disease knows no boundaries: a bronchial carcinoma may cause symptoms in more than one system because the carcinoma may involve adjacent structures. Both approaches, systematic and regional, are important and after a superficial survey of the anatomically important systems, a regional approach is used in this book.

Prenatal development

Knowledge of prenatal development is necessary to understand how congenital anomalies arise, and it helps in appreciating why the structures of the body are as they are. Development itself is a consequence of history – the succession of living things – and of the demands of the embryo for nutrition and survival. This

is not a textbook of embryology, or of anthropology or evolution, but occasional references to these topics will be made where it seems helpful.

Variation

You should bear in mind when you are studying anatomy or examining a patient that variations are found, and in some organs and systems, for example superficial veins, variations are common. Nevertheless, there are 'averages' and it is these, given in this book, that you should be familiar with.

Eponyms

Angle of Louis, foramen of Winslow, Hirschsprung's disease – who are these people? Why do we continue to use their names? Such eponyms are commonly used in medicine despite the best efforts of grey men and women to abolish them. They remind us of history and of personalities and they are sometimes easier to pronounce than the proper names. In this book I use the more commonly occurring eponyms, and give the proper names with them. You will hear eponyms used by others sooner or later, so you might as well start now.

Words and the anatomical position

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2.1	Anatomical position	
2.2	Singular and plural	

2.3 Colloquial or correct?

Overview

Studying the medical sciences involves learning a new language, more than half of which is anatomical. A brief excursion into words and grammar is both desirable and necessary, and Table 2.1 gives some of the most commonly occurring words, prefixes and suffixes that you are unlikely to have met before in this context.

Learning Objectives

You should:

- be able to describe and demonstrate the anatomical position
- be able to demonstrate planes: coronal, sagittal, transverse
- have a reasonable working knowledge of the terms in Table 2.1
- try to discern the different components of medical and anatomical terms.

2.1 Anatomical position

Many words and descriptions assume the use of a standard position in relation to which surfaces and movements are defined. This is the anatomical position in which the body is pictured as standing erect with the palms of the hands facing forwards. This reference position is used irrespective of posture: your hand is always distal to your elbow, and your head always superior to your chest, even if you are upside down.

Relations: caution!

This word is used a great deal. It simply means geographical neighbours and it passes no comment on similarity. Related structures might be similar (e.g. arch of aorta and pulmonary artery), or they might not (arch of aorta and left main bronchus). The oesophagus is related to the left atrium of the heart – they are close neighbours (and this may matter clinically), but they are dissimilar in form and function.

Planes and movements (Figs 2.1, 2.2)

Study Figures 2.1 and 2.2 and understand the meaning of the terms: you will need them in clinical work.

2.2 Singular and plural

Many anatomical and medical words are from Latin and Greek with plurals that are formed in ways other than by simply adding 's' or 'es'. A few of the more obvious examples are given in Table 2.2. Refer back to this table as necessary: as you become more familiar with its contents, you will be able to predict the meanings of new words when you encounter them for the first time.

2.3 Colloquial or correct?

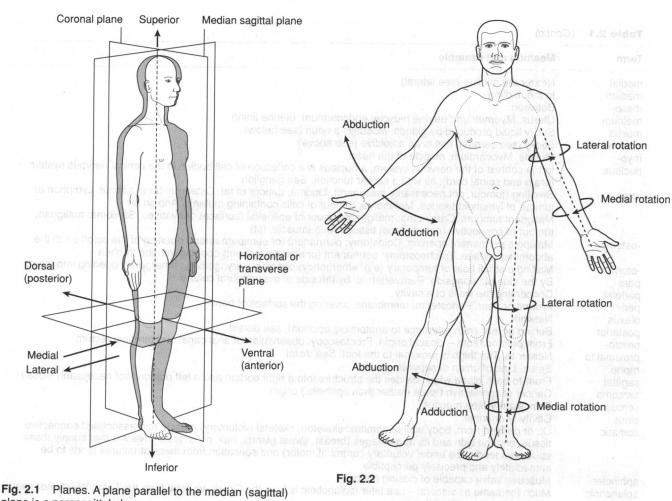
When you stand in the anatomical position, your head is superior to your chest. In everyday language you say that your head is above your chest. Strict anatomists frown at colloquialisms like this, but they are in common use. In this book I switch between correct and colloquial terms as seems most natural to me. On the whole, I prefer the colloquial in the hope that readability is more important than pedantic fastidiousness. You need to remember, though, that the matter takes on great importance when the patients are lying down, as they so often are.

Table 2.1 Commonly used words, prefi	ces and suffixes
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Term	Meaning and example
ab-	Away from. Abduct: move away from midline
ad-	Towards. Adduct: move towards midline
adeno-	Related to glands
afferent	Travelling towards. Afferent nerve impulse: towards the brain and spinal cord
anastomosis	Network (usually arteries or veins) receiving inputs from more than one source (plural: anastomoses)
anterior	Front (with reference to anatomical position); see ventral
-blast	Primitive cell or structure which gives rise to other cell type or structure. Osteoblast: primitive bone-forming cell. See -cyte
brachial	Pertaining to the arm (shoulder-elbow)
branchial	Associated with the entrance to the digestive system derived from primitive buccopharyngeal structures. Branchial structures are the successors of the gill apparatus in fish
bronchial	Pertaining to the bronchi
cancer	Malignant tumour
carcinoma	Cancer of epithelial (rather than connective tissue) origin
cardiac, -um	Heart and to mutital that are not betalar to the second of
caudal	Nearer the tail (or where it would be). The kidneys are caudal to the diaphragm
cephalic	Nearer to, or pertaining to the head
coronal	Side-to-side plane which divides the structure into a front portion and a rear portion (not necessarily equal)
cranial	Nearer the head
-cyte	Cell. Mature cell type. Osteocyte: cell type found in bone. See -blast
deep	Far, or further, from the surface (see superficial)
distal to	Further away from. The foot is distal to the thigh (see proximal)
dorsal	Towards the back (with reference to anatomical position); similar to posterior in erect humans
-ectomy	Removal. Appendicectomy: removal of the appendix
efferent	Travelling away from Effect through impulses away from the central account
endo-	Travelling away from. Efferent nerve impulse: away from the central nervous system
GIIUO-	On the inside of. Endocardium: lining of the heart. Endometrium: lining of the uterus. Endoscopy: looking inside
endocrine	
	Secretion by a cell into its blood vessels (see exocrine)
epi-	On the surface of. Epithelium: all external surfaces. Epidermis: the epithelium of the skin
eversion	Turning the sole of the foot outwards (laterally)
ex-	Out of
exocrine	Secretion by a cell or group of cells into a duct for transport elsewhere (see endocrine)
extend	(Usually) straighten
extra-	Outside. Extracapsular: outside the capsule
fascia 11 10 11	Two meanings: and he storme vo restaurations and the storme stormer and the stormer stormer and the stormer stormer and the stormer stormer stormer and the stormer st
2. Refer back	Loose connective and fatty tissue, of variable thickness: superficial fascia, prevertebral fascia
e avere family	Fairly tough sheath or membrane: deep fascia, clavipectoral fascia
fasciculus	Group of axons of nerves all serving similar functions (same as tract)
flex	(Usually) bend
fistula	Artificial connection between two epithelial tubes
foramen	Opening or passage, often through bone
fossa	Depression, hollow, pit
ganglion	A swelling. In the context of the nervous system, its commonest usage, a ganglion is a collection of penta.
	cell bodies in the peripheral nervous system. It may be a sensory ganglion (without synapses), or an
	autonomic ganglion (with synapses). See nucleus
gyrus	Eminence of brain tissue between two sulci (see sulcus)
haemo-	Blood. Haemostasis: stagnation or sluggish flow of blood
hiatus	Gap, opening
nilum 107 Moth	Place where vessels and nerves enter
nyper-	Above, increase. Hyperplasia: increased cell division. Hypertrophy: increase in size (see hypo-)
nypo-	Relow decrease Hyporpastic under the gestile area the ges
nferior	Below, decrease. Hypogastric: under the gastric area. Hypoplasia: decrease in cell division (see hyper-) Below (with reference to anatomical position)
nfundibulum	Funnel, funnel-like part of cavity
nter-	Between box some some some some some some some some
ntra-	Decide Introgenular incide the persula
nversion	Inside. Intracapsular: inside the capsule house of hour owns and a rent benefit benefi
itis	Turning the sole of the foot inwards (medially)
	initiality dastrius, initiality attornation of the stomach, Arthritis; inflammation of joint
apar-	
otoval	Laparotomy: opening the abdomen
ateral Daniel S	Further from the midline (see medial)
igament	Connective tissue tying together two or more structures (usually)
imbus	go, min Emiliado di lotatificit dvale
umen	Central cavity of a tube (artery, vein, intestine, etc.)
neatus	Pathway or passage

Table 2.1 (Cont'd)

Term	Meaning and example	
medial	Nearer the midline (see lateral)	
median	In the midline	
meso-	Between	
metrium	Uterus. Myometrium: uterine muscle; endometrium: uterine lining	
mucus	Sticky liquid produced by glands. Mucus is a noun (see below)	
mucous	Sticky (see serous): this is an adjective (see above)	
myo-	Muscle. Myocardium: muscle of the heart	
nucleus	In the context of the nervous system, a nucleus is a collection of cell bodies in the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord), all with a similar function. See ganglion	
-oma	Swelling (tumour, not necessarily malignant). Lipoma: tumour of fat. Osteoma: bone tumour. Lymphoma: tumour of lymphoid tissues. Melanoma: tumour of cells containing melanin. And so on	
	Malignant tumours. Carcinoma: malignant tumour of epithelial (surface) derivatives. Sarcoma: malignant tumour of connective (non-surface) tissue (bone, muscle, fat)	
-ostomy	Making a permanent opening. Colostomy: permanent (or semipermanent) opening of the colon on to the abdominal surface. Tracheostomy: permanent (or semipermanent) opening into the trachea	
-otomy	Making a small hole or temporary (e.g. emergency) opening. Laryngotomy: emergency opening into larynx	
para-	By the side of, alongside. Paravertebral: by the side of the vertebral column	
parietal	Concerning the walls of a cavity	
peri-	Around or near. Periosteum: membrane covering the surface of bone	
plexus	Network Network	
posterior	Behind or rear (with reference to anatomical position); see dorsal	
procto-	From proctodaeum – cloacal origin. Proctoscopy: observation of anal canal and terminal rectum	
proximal to	Nearer to. The thigh is proximal to the foot. See distal	
raphe	Seam. Line of union of separate parts	
sagittal	Front-to-back plane which divides the structure into a right portion and a left portion (not necessarily equal)	
sarcoma	Cancer of connective tissue (rather than epithelial) origin	
serous	Thin, watery (see mucous)	
sinus	Cavity or channel	
somatic	Of, or derived from, body wall or somites: skeleton, skeletal (voluntary) muscle and associated connective	
·	tissue, and the skin and its appendages (breast, sweat glands, hair, nails, teeth). Nerves that supply these structures tend to be under voluntary control (if motor) and sensation from these structures tends to be immediately and precisely perceptible	
cohineter		
sphincter	Muscular valve capable of closing a tube	
splanchnic	Much the same as visceral – see later (splanchnic is from the Greek, visceral from the Latin. We do not need	
	two terms, but we have them)	
squamous	Flattened, scale-like	
stasis	Lack of movement, stagnation. Haemostasis: stagnation of blood	
synapse	The site where the terminal of one nerve transmits its electrical impulse to another, separate, nerve	
sulcus	Gutter, depression	
superficial	Near, or nearer, the surface (see deep)	
superior	Above (with reference to anatomical position)	
tendon	Attaching muscle to bone	
tract	Group of axons of nerves all serving similar functions	
ventral	Towards the front (belly) (with reference to anatomical position); similar to anterior in erect humans	
visceral	Concerning internal organs (viscus, viscera). Nerves that supply these structures tend to be under involuntary control (if motor) and sensation from these structures tends to be vague and imprecisely perceptible or even imperceptible	
viscus	Originally, hollow organ, but now used for any internal organ (liver, spleen, etc.)	
1.0000	originally, nonow organ, but now used for any internal organ (liver, spieen, etc.)	



plane is a parasagittal plane.

