



# Introduction

# Introduction to Anatomy and Embryology

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### **Recommended books**

Gray, H. Gray's Anatomy: With original illustrations by Henry Carter. ANY EDITION Snell, R. Clinical Anatomy by Systems. ANY EDITION

Agur and Dalley. Grant's Atlas of Anatomy. ANY EDITION



# Anatomy

The term derives from the Greek verb "anatomein," which means *"to cut open, to dissect"* 

- **Basic anatomy** is the study of the macroscopic structure and function of the body.
- Clinical anatomy is the branch of anatomy that focuses on the application of anatomical knowledge to clinical practice, particularly in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. It bridges the gap between basic anatomical concepts and real-world medical situations, emphasizing the structures and functions of the human body that are most relevant to healthcare providers, such as doctors, surgeons, and physiotherapists.
- **Histology** is the study of the microscopic structures of cells and tissues.
- **Embryology** is the study of the formation and development of an embryo and fetus.



# **Regional Names**

- Head
- Neck
- Upper limb
- Lower limb
- Thorax
- Abdomen
- Pelvis







## **Anatomical Position**

- 1- The person is standing erect
- 2- The face is directed forward
- 3- The feet are flat on the floor and directed forward
- 4- The upper limbs are at the sides with the palms facing forward
- 5- The thumb is directed laterally



If the anatomical position is placed face-down, it is in the **prone position** 



If the anatomical position is placed face-up, it is in the **supine position** 





# Directional terms

Directional terms indicate the relationship of one part of the body to another.





## Anterior (ventral): At or near the front of the body

The sternum (breastbone) is **anterior** to the heart

Ventral is often used in animals (stand on all four limbs)!!



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Dorsal is often used in animals (stand on all four limbs)!!

## **Posterior (dorsal):**

At or near the back of the body

The esophagus (food tube) is **posterior** to the trachea (windpipe)

The kidneys are **dorsal** to the stomach.

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Superior: Toward the head/ upper part of a structure

The heart is **superior** to the liver

Cranial/ cephalic: Relating to skull or head, toward the head.

This is a more flexible term than superior because it can be applied to all animals, whether they stand upright on two limbs or on all four limbs

The stomach is more **cranial** than urinary bladder



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## Inferior: Away from the head/ lower part of a structure

The stomach is **inferior** to the lungs

### Caudal:

Relating to the tail, at or near the tail.

The lumbar vertebrae are **caudal** to the cervical vertebrae.





Nearer to the attachment of a limb to the trunk, nearer to the origination of a structure.



The arm is **proximal** to the forearm



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**Distal:** Farther from the attachment of a limb to the trunk, farther from the origination of a structure.



The hand is **distal** to the forearm A finger is **distal** to the wrist



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## Midline:

An imaginary vertical line that divides the body equally







## **Lateral:** Farther from midline

The lungs are **lateral** to the heart



# Describe the anatomical location of the **NOSE** in relation to the **EYES**?



# **MEDIAL, ANTERIOR AND INFERIOR**

Intermediate: between two structures.

**Ipsilateral:** on the same side of the body's midline as another structure.

**Contralateral**: on the opposite side of the body's midline from another structure.



Ascending colon

Descending colon

**External:** toward the outside of a structure. **Internal:** toward the inside of a structure.

Is typically used when describing relationships of individual organs.



# **Superficial:** toward the surface of the body **Deep:** deep within the body

The skin is **superficial** to the muscles. The ribs are **deep** to the skin of chest and back.

Deep



# **Superficial**



# Central

Towards the center



# Peripheral

Towards the periphery



Parietal: lining the walls of a cavity Visceral: covering of an organ Example: parietal and visceral pleura











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Palmar refers to the **palm** or the anterior surface of the hand.

Plantar refers to the sole of foot, refers to the inferior or bottom surface of the foot

**Plantar** 







Hypothenar

- **Planes** are imaginary flat surfaces that pass through the body
- 1- Sagittal plane
- 2- Frontal or coronal, plane
- 3- Transverse plane



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## Frontal or coronal, plane divides the body or an organ into front (anterior) and back (posterior) portions.



**Sagittal plane** is a vertical plane that divides the body or organ into right and left sides

#### The midsagittal or median

**plane** is a vertical plane that passes through the midline of the body and bisects the body into two symmetrical halves: right and left.

Parasagittal planes include any sagittal plane that does not run down the body's midline.



**Transverse plane** divides the body or an organ into upper (superior) and lower (inferior) portions.

# Major body cavities

### **Dorsal body cavity**

- A. Cranial cavity
- B. Vertebral (spinal) cavity

## Ventral body cavity

- A. Thoracic (pleural and pericardial) cavity
- **B.** Abdominal (peritoneal) cavity
- C. Pelvic cavity







Thoracic cavity Pleural cavity: contains the lungs Pericardial cavity: contains the heart




#### **Pelvic cavity**

Is a body cavity that houses several essential organs and structures within the lower part of the torso. It is enclosed by the pelvic bones and serves as a crucial compartment for the reproductive organs, urinary bladder, pelvic colon, and rectum.



**Cranial cavity:** Is the space within the skull, contains the brain.

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#### Vertebral (spinal) cavity:

is the space within the vertebral column, contains the spinal cord.

Prefix	Meaning	Medical terminology
abdomino	Abdomen	
Acro	Extremity	
Adeno	Gland Su	fiv.
Angio	Vessel Oma	tum.
Arthro	Joint	nflamme a
Cardio	Heart	infect:
Chondro	cartilage	συμοη
Cysto	Bladder	
Cyto	Cell	
Dento	Tooth	
Dermato	Skin	
Osteo	Bone	
Муо	Muscle	
Gastro	Stomach	
Hepato	Liver	
Nephro	Kidney	
Oto	Ear	

Prefix	Meaning
Rhino	Nose
Pneumono	Lung
Patho	Disease
Neuro	Nerve
Laryngo	Larynx
Stomato	Mouth
Thoraco	Chest
Facial	Face
Buccal	Cheek
Cranial	Skull
Umbilical	Navel
Axillary	Armpit
Cephalic	Head
Orbital (ocular)	Eye
Cervical	Neck
Mammary	Breast
Gluteal	Buttock

## **Terms Related to Movements**

Movement		Definition
Flexion		A movement that decreases the angle between two body parts
Extension		A movement that increases the angle between two body parts
Abduction		A movement away from the midline
Adduction		A movement towards the midline
Medial (intern	al) rotation	A rotational movement towards the midline
Lateral (extern	nal) rotation	A rotational movement away from the midline
Elevation	1206 206	A movement in a superior direction
Depression	Describe of the	A movement in an inferior direction
Protraction	movenmandible	Anterior movement of the jaw
Retraction		Posterior movement of the jaw
Opposition		The movement that involves grasping of the thumb and fingers

## **Terms Related to Movements**

Movement	Definition
Supination	A rotational movement where the forearm and palm are turned outwards
Pronation	A rotational movement where the forearm and palm are turned inwards
Dorsiflexion Describe of Describe (at the	Flexion at the ankle, so that the foot points more superiorly
Plantarflexion the foot tel	Extension at the ankle, so that the foot points inferiorly
Inversion Describe of Describe foot	The movement of the sole towards the median plane – so that the sole faces in a medial direction
Eversion the the t	The movement of the sole away from the median plane $-$ so that the sole faces in a lateral direction
Circumduction	A conical movement of a body part. Circumduction is a combination of flexion, extension, adduction and abduction.



## **Flexion of shoulder**

A movement that decreases the angle between two body parts.

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#### **Extension of shoulder**

A movement that increases the angle between two body parts.





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#### **Adduction of arm**

A movement towards the midline.

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#### **Medial rotation of arm**

A rotational movement towards the midline.



### **Circumduction of upper limb**

A conical movement of a body part. Circumduction is a combination of flexion, extension, adduction and abduction.

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#### **Pronation of forearm**

A rotational movement where the forearm and palm are turned inwards.



### **Supination of forearm**

A rotational movement where the forearm and palm are turned outwards.

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## **Opposition of thumb**

The movement that involves grasping of the thumb and fingers.







### Adduction of thigh





### Lateral (external) rotation of thigh



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### Medial (internal) rotation of thigh







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#### **Dorsiflexion of foot**

Flexion at the ankle, so that the foot points more superiorly.







#### **Inversion of foot**

The movement of the sole towards the median plane – so that the sole faces in a medial direction.



#### **Eversion of foot**

The movement of the sole away from the median plane – so that the sole faces in a lateral direction.



# Depression

A movement in an inferior direction.



### Elevation

A movement in a superior direction.



### Protraction

Anterior movement of the jaw.





## Retraction

Posterior movement of the jaw.



#### Anatomical terms of bone



**Head:** is a **rounded** articular surface that typically fits into a socket or cavity of another bone, allowing for movement.

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Neck: Constricted bone follows the head

Neck of femur

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#### Head



#### Condyle

#### Epicondyle



A condyle is a rounded, knucklelike protuberance at the end of a bone, forming part of a joint.. An **epicondyle** is a **bony prominence** located above or on the condyle, typically serving as a site for muscle attachment.


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Deltoid tuberosity





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Tubercle, tuberosity and trochanter: They are localized rounded elevations.

The tubercle is the smallest while the trochanter is biggest and tuberosity is medium-sized.

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A crest is a prominent, narrow ridge or raised area on a bone, typically more pronounced and larger than a line. A line is a less pronounced, linear ridge or mark on the surface of a bone, usually finer and thinner than a crest.



**Process:** It is an elongated projection with a **blunt** end.

Spine: It is an elongated projection with a **pointed** tip.

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Fovea capitis

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Fossa (حُفْرَة): A depression on a surface. Fovea: a small pit, usually on the head of a bone. Notch: a cut-out or indentation, usually along a bone's edge, for structures to pass through..



**Foramen:** It is a small hole through a bone. **Aperture:** It is a large hole

## A **fissure** is a **elongated split** or **cleft** in the surface of an organ or bone. A **sulcus** is a **shallow groove**, typically narrower and less deep than a fissure.



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External auditory meatus

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Canal: It is a track of some length in a bone having 2 open ends. Meatus: A bony canal having one closed end.

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**Impression:** a shallow depression or mark made on the surface of a bone or organ. It is often created by a neighboring structure that presses against the bone or organ, leaving a mark or depression.

Trigeminal impression



Impression of 1<sup>st</sup> rib on the left lung