

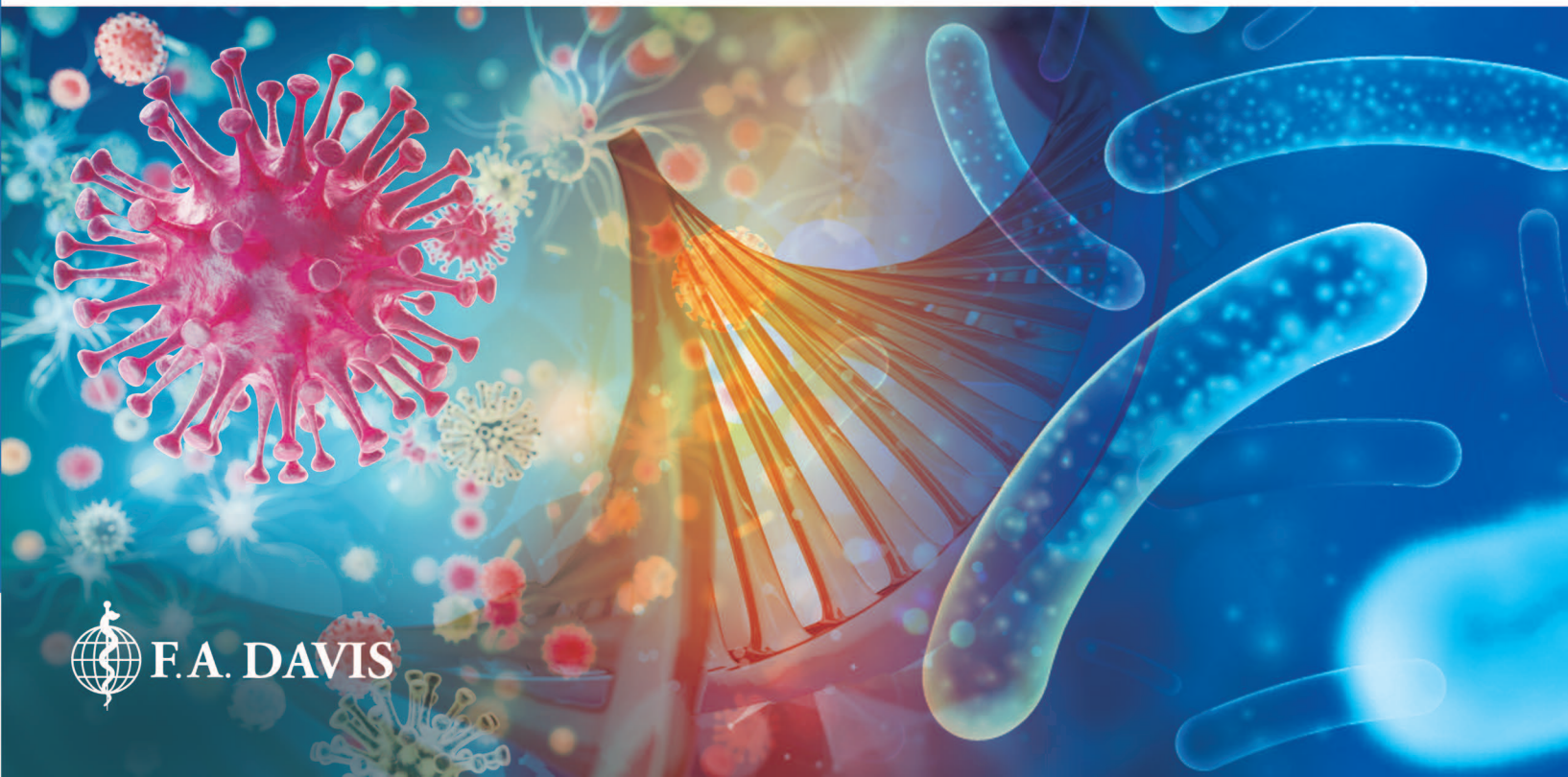


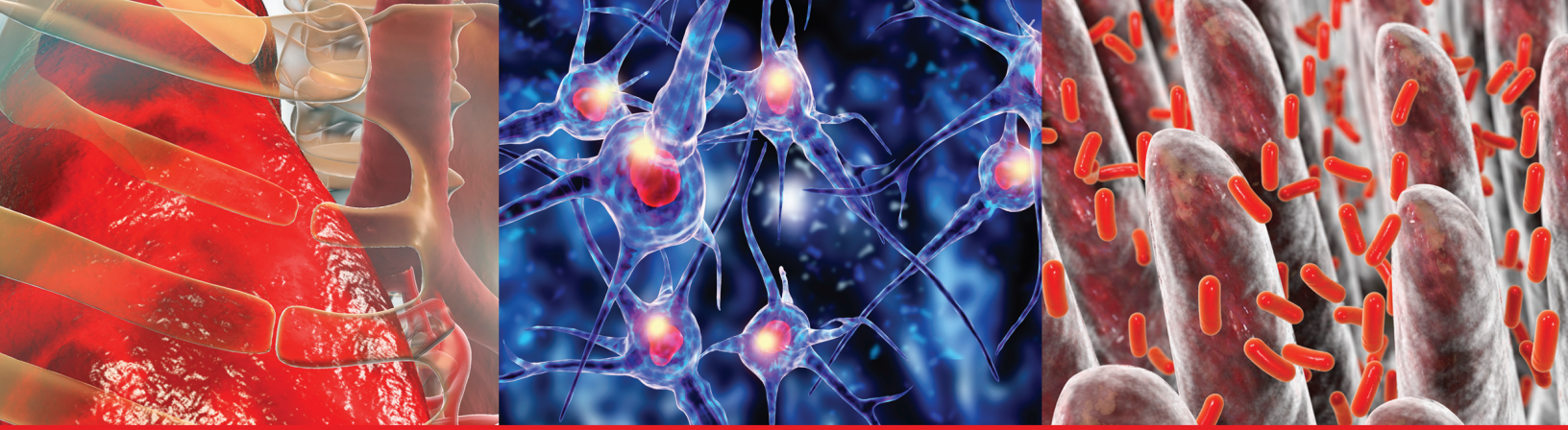
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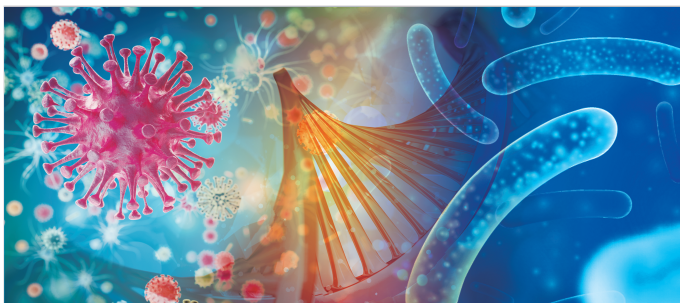
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CHAPTER OUTLINE

Importance of the Microbiome
Building a Microbiome
Stages of Microbiome Development
Boosting the Microbiome
Components of the Microbiome

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Describe the findings of the Human Microbiome Project.
2. Describe the components of a microbiome, including how microbiomes differ across sites on the body as well as between individuals.
3. Discuss why the microbiome is important for overall health.
4. Describe the stages in microbiome development.
5. Identify factors that can boost microbiome diversity.
6. Identify factors that can threaten the health of the microbiome.
7. Identify the structural components of bacteria.
8. Identify the structural components of viruses.
9. Describe the characteristics of archaea and explain how they differ from bacteria.
10. Explain how a disruption in the microbiome can occur.
11. Describe some of the ways a disruption in the microbiome can affect health.



The trillions of microorganisms living on and in the human body play a key role in regulating metabolism, immune function, and even behavior.

For decades, bacteria have been viewed as forerunners of disease, something to be avoided or eradicated. In actuality, every healthy adult houses more than 100 trillion microorganisms. In other words, your body contains more microbes than it does human cells. This community of microbes—known as the **human microbiome**—is essential for human life, so much so that many experts say it should be considered an organ system in its own right. Although scientists have long been aware that bacteria live on the human body, many of these microbes resist being cultured and grown in a laboratory. It wasn't until the advent of sophisticated DNA sequencing technology, and the subsequent completion of the Human Microbiome Project, that scientists caught a glimpse of this unseen world. (See "Life Lesson: The Human Microbiome Project" on the next page.)



FAST FACT

If gathered together, the microorganisms that inhabit the human body would occupy a space about the size of the liver and weigh approximately 3 pounds.

The individual microorganisms found within the microbiome work constantly on our behalf: They digest food, synthesize vitamins, and form a barricade against disease-causing bacteria. Recent research suggests that bacteria even alter brain chemistry, which could affect mood and behavior.

Furthermore, when the composition of the microbiome is disrupted, such as by an excess of a specific bacteria or, more often, through the use of broad-spectrum antibiotics, disease can result. In fact, imbalances in the microbiome are linked to numerous disorders, including diabetes, heart disease, asthma, multiple sclerosis, obesity, inflammatory bowel disease, autism, and even cancer.

This view of the body as a vast, changeable ecosystem is transforming how medicine is practiced. Instead of simply combating bacteria, practitioners are recognizing the need to cultivate and nurture the bacterial communities within our bodies.

What's more, experts look toward a future when they can map each individual's signature microbiome. Knowing someone's microbial fingerprint will allow practitioners to monitor the microbial balance, making adjustments as needed to prevent disease. If disease does occur, the same microbial fingerprint can help guide treatment. Indeed, exploration of the human microbiome has opened the door to truly personalized medicine.

Guide your learning

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Life lesson: Identifying bacteria

Gram staining—which involves applying dye to a bacterial sample—is almost always the first step in identifying the bacterial cause of an illness. Whether or not the bacteria retain the dye determines whether the bacteria will be classified as *gram negative* or *gram positive*. Although the technique can't identify the species of bacteria causing an illness, the fact that it provides immediate results can be useful when making treatment decisions.

Gram-positive bacteria

- Have a thick layer of peptidoglycan in their cell walls, which retains the dye
- Stain purple

Gram-negative bacteria

- Have a cell wall consisting of a thin layer of peptidoglycan and an outer membrane
- Lose the dye when rinsed
- Appear red or pink after a counterstain is applied

Because antibiotics such as penicillin work by attacking the peptidoglycan in the bacterial cell wall, they are more effective against gram-positive bacteria.

The Body AT WORK

Experts have long maintained that infectious disease occurs when a microorganism known to cause disease (called a **pathogen**) invades the human body through a **portal of entry** (such as a break in the skin or the respiratory, gastrointestinal, or genitourinary tract). However, the focus on one pathogen as the cause of a particular disease is beginning to change.

It's now clear that nearly everyone carries pathogens within the mix of the microbiome. In healthy individuals, potential pathogens coexist peacefully within the microbiome and produce no ill effects. Research is ongoing as scientists seek to discover why, and under what conditions, some pathogens trigger illness. Findings are beginning to show that what matters is not a particular bacterium, but the function of the microbiome as a whole.

FAST FACT

When gut microbes from casygoing, adventurous mice were transplanted into the guts of anxious and timid mice, they became more adventurous.

FAST FACT

Penicillin interferes with a bacterium's ability to manufacture peptidoglycan. As a result, the cell wall becomes fragile and bursts, killing the bacterium. Because human cells don't contain peptidoglycan, they are not harmed.

Build mastery step by step

Detailed illustrations and concise explanations work together to make often complex concepts easy to understand and easy to remember.

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Viruses

Viruses are extremely small infectious agents, too small in most cases even to be seen under a light microscope. Unlike bacteria, viruses are *not* cells. They can't metabolize nutrients, produce or excrete wastes, or move around independently. They can't even reproduce on their own; to do so, they must be inside a host cell. Even so, viruses spark many human diseases, including smallpox, AIDS, influenza, certain types of cancer, and the common cold.

Viruses are, simply, a bundle of genetic material (either DNA or RNA) surrounded by a protein shell called a **capsid**.

Individual structural units called **capsomeres** join together to form the capsid.

Some viruses have an additional layer surrounding the capsid: a spikey lipid membrane called an **envelope**. The spikes help the viruses grip their target cell.

Viral Shapes

The capsid may assume one of three basic shapes: helical, polyhedral, or complex. In each case, an envelope may, or may not, surround the capsid.

Helical capsid

Helical viruses consist of a strand of RNA spiraled within a protein cylinder. The rabies virus and Ebola virus are both helical viruses. The influenza virus is a helical virus with an envelope.

Polyhedral capsid

In polyhedral viruses, the capsid consists of many triangular faces that surround a strand of DNA. Adenovirus is a polyhedral virus. Herpes virus is a polyhedral virus with an envelope.

Complex capsid

Complex viruses are neither helical nor polyhedral. **Bacteriophages** (which infect bacterial cells) are complex viruses, consisting of a helical sheath and a complex head containing DNA or RNA. A bacteriophage uses the tail fibers to attach to the surface of its host. It then uses the sheath like a syringe to inject its nucleic acid into the target cell.

Understand how the body functions

"The Body at Work" describes specific physiological processes, explaining their hows and whys.

Build your vocabulary

A “Review of Terms” lets you quickly locate short definitions for the key terms in every chapter. Use the audio glossary online at FADavis.com to hear pronunciations of the terms.

Identify your strengths and weaknesses

Answer the “Test Your Knowledge” questions at the end of every chapter to make sure you understand the material while you assess your progress.

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Review of Key Terms

Archaea: Extremely diverse microscopic, single-celled organisms that do not contain a nucleus; comprise one of the three domains of life, along with bacteria and complex life

Bacilli: Rod-shaped bacteria

Bacteria: Single-celled microscopic organisms that are the chief inhabitants of the microbiome

Bacteriophage: Complex virus that attaches to surface of a host and then uses a sheath-like syringe to inject its nucleic acid into the target cell.

Capsid: Protein shell that surrounds viral genetic material

Capsomeres: Individual structural units forming the viral capsid

Capsule: Gelatinous covering that keeps the bacterium from drying out

Cocci: Round or spherically-shaped bacteria

Dysbiosis: The term for microbial imbalance inside the body

Envelope: Spiky lipid membrane surrounding some viruses

Gram stain: Staining technique used to classify bacteria into one of two groups

Microbe: Microscopic organism, including bacteria, viruses, and fungi

Microbiota: The microbes within an individual microbial community (such as in the mouth or the gut)

Microbiome: The full complement of microbes (including bacteria, viruses, fungi, and archaea) living in and on the human body

Mycobiome: The community of fungi living on and in the human body

Pathogen: Disease-causing microorganism

Peptidoglycan: Substance in a bacterial cell wall; used to help identify bacteria as being gram negative or positive

Pili: Small, hair-like projections that allow bacteria to attach to other cells and surfaces

Plasmids: Small loops of bacterial DNA that allow DNA to be transferred from one bacterium to another

Portal of entry: Pathway by which infectious organisms gain access to the body

Prebiotic: Food indigestible fibers feed healthy bacteria

Probiotic: Support beneficial live bacteria seed the gut with

Spirilla: Spiral-shaped bacteria consisting of a protein shell

Own the Information

To make the information in this chapter part of your working memory, take some time to reflect on what you've learned. On a separate sheet of paper, write down everything you recall from the chapter. After you're done, log on to the *DavisPlus* website, and check out the Study Group podcast and Study Group Questions for the chapter.

Key Topics for Chapter 4:

- Findings of the Human Microbiome
- Why the microbiome is important
- How individuals acquire their microbiome
- Role of the microbiome in health and disease
- Stages in the development of the microbiome
- Ways to enhance and nourish the microbiome
- Components of the microbiome
- Effect of antibiotics on the microbiome
- Structural components of bacteria
- Structural components of viruses
- How viruses replicate
- Role of archaea and fungi in the microbiome

Build a complete understanding

“Own the information” is a detailed plan of study that shows you how to absorb what you need to know about the most important concepts.

Test Your Knowledge

1. What was the goal of the Human Microbiome Project?
 - a. To sequence the human genome
 - b. To identify disease-causing microorganisms
 - c. To identify microorganisms residing within and on healthy adults
 - d. To discover whether bacteria contain DNA
2. The Human Microbiome Project discovered that healthy adults:
 - a. harbor more bacterial cells than they have human cells.
 - b. harbor a significant number of bacterial cells but still have more human cells than bacterial cells.
 - c. have no bacterial cells, confirming that bacteria cause disease.
 - d. harbor very few bacterial cells.
3. What is the most significant step in microbiome development?
 - a. The introduction of solid food
 - b. Bottle feeding
 - c. Administration of immunizations
 - d. The birth process
4. Which statement about the human microbiome is most accurate?
 - a. Every healthy adult carries a mix of microorganisms that is basically similar, except for a few minor variations.
 - b. The components of the microbiome are basically the same from one part of the body to another.
 - c. The components of the microbiome vary considerably between sites on the body and between individuals.
 - d. A healthy microbiome should be free from any disease-causing bacteria.
5. Which statement about bacteria is most accurate?
 - a. Bacteria are microscopic cells that contain a nucleus and organelles.
 - b. The one consistent feature among all bacterial species is the composition of the cell wall.
 - c. Bacteria have the ability to transmit DNA from one bacterium to another.
 - d. All bacteria have the same basic shape.
6. What effect do bacterial genes have on human health?
 - a. Bacterial genes exert some effect, although human DNA exerts a greater effect.
 - b. Bacterial genes have just as great an influence on human health as human genes do.
 - c. Bacteria within the microbiome stay within their own community; therefore, their genes do not influence health.
 - d. Bacteria do not have genes.
7. What purpose does the capsule serve in bacteria?
 - a. It gives the cell its shape.
 - b. It regulates the flow of materials into and out of the cell.
 - c. It synthesizes proteins.
 - d. It helps ward off attack by larger microorganisms.
8. Which statement most accurately describes viruses?
 - a. Viruses are not cells but, rather, are bundles of genetic material surrounded by a protein shell.
 - b. Viruses are single-celled microscopic organisms that inhabit almost every environment on earth.
 - c. Viruses are often categorized through Gram staining.
 - d. Viruses have a cell wall that consists of peptidoglycan.
9. What is the most common way a person's microbiome can become disrupted?
 - a. Acquisition of a bacterial infection
 - b. Acquisition of a viral infection
 - c. Ingestion of alcohol
 - d. Use of broad-spectrum antibiotics
10. Imbalances in the microbiome have been linked to which of the following disorders?
 - a. Asthma
 - b. Heart disease
 - c. Obesity
 - d. All of the above
11. Which technology has been shown to be effective in treating *Clostridium difficile* infections?
 - a. Lithotripsy
 - b. Kidney transplant
 - c. Blood transfusion
 - d. Fecal transplant

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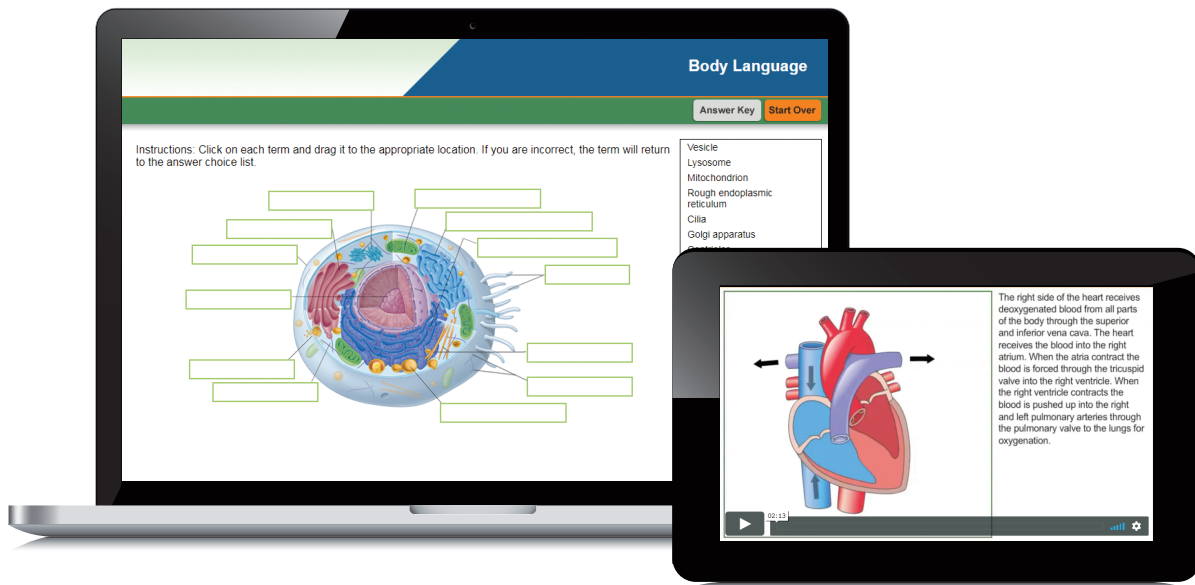
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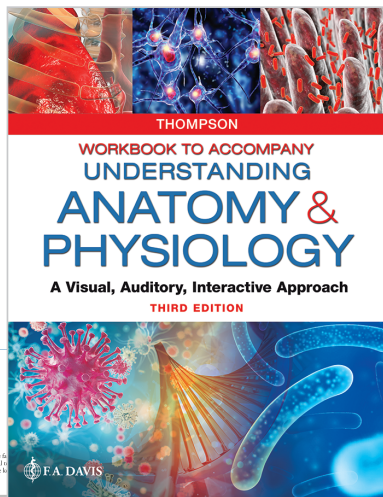
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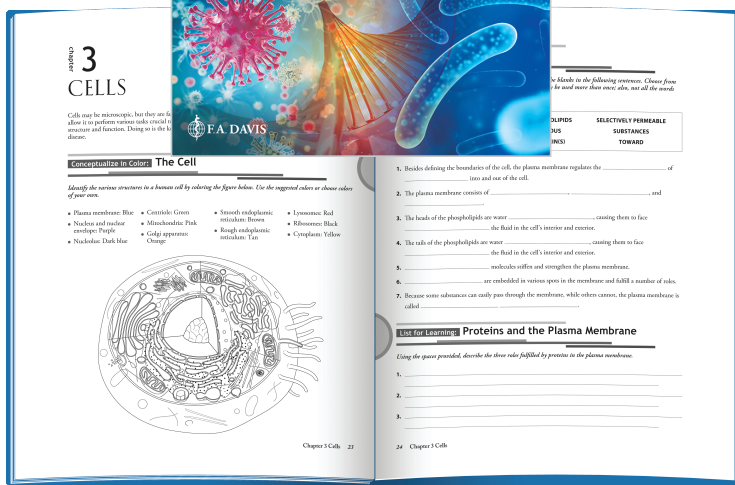


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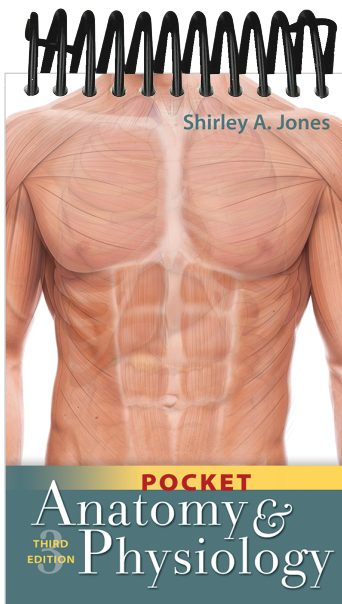
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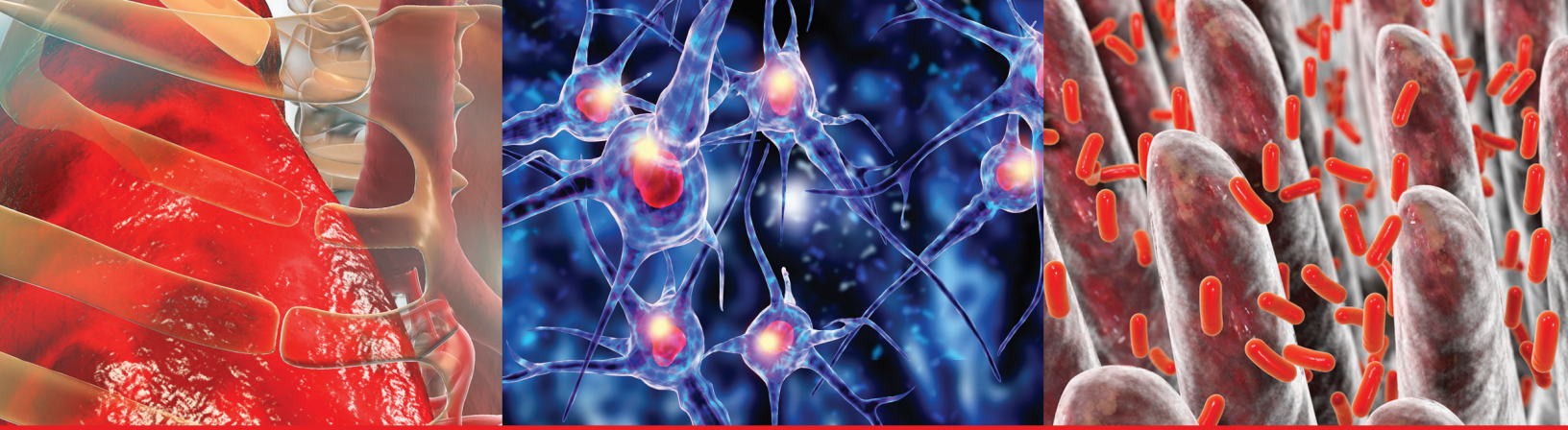
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Preface

Even as you read this sentence, your body is performing amazing feats. Electrical impulses are rocketing through your brain at more than 200 miles per hour. Hundreds of muscles continually tense and relax to keep you in an upright position and to allow your eyes to track across the words on this page. A specific muscle—your heart—is contracting and relaxing at regular intervals to propel blood throughout your body. In fact, your blood will make two complete trips around your body before you finish reading this preface.

Even more amazing is the fact that the vast array of cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems making up your body arose from just two simple cells—an egg and a sperm. Consider, too, that you are genetically unique: out of the more than 6 billion people populating the earth, no two individuals are completely alike. That is reason to marvel.

Artists and scientists have long been captivated by the human body. For centuries, artists have studied the body's outward form, focusing on the movement and shape of muscles and bones when rendering works of art. Scientists, on the other hand, yearned to discover the mysteries inside the body. For almost 3,000 years, scientists have explored the depths of the human body: not just how it is put together, but how and why it functions as it does.

Exploration continues today, with the latest discovery being that of the human microbiome, a vast system of microorganisms living on and in the human body. We now know that human health is not a matter of human DNA alone. Rather, how your body functions, your propensity for certain diseases, how you respond to medications, and even how you think and behave, is a matter of microbial cells and human cells working together.

If that's not enough, scientists also recently discovered—contrary to what today's practicing physicians were taught in medical school—that the body's lymphatic system, and therefore immune system, extends to the brain. This is

significant. Knowing that the lymphatic system infiltrates the brain has triggered such research questions as, “Could sluggish lymphatic flow contribute to the development of Alzheimer's or Parkinson's diseases?”

The human body is an intriguing landscape, and your journey to discovery begins with reading this book. Contained on these pages is information about which ancient scientists only dreamed. This information will enlighten you about your own body; what's more, it will arm you with knowledge that is foundational to any health- or sports-related career.

Truly, before you can understand a body in illness, you must understand how it functions in health. For example, without a thorough knowledge of fluid and electrolyte balance, how can you explain why chronic vomiting or diarrhea can cause irregular electrical activity in the heart? Without an understanding of how the cardiovascular and respiratory systems interrelate, how will you grasp why chronic lung disease can lead to heart failure? How can you appreciate the need for caution in administering antibiotics without an understanding of the human microbiome? Consequently, you must learn—really *learn* and not just memorize—the information contained in this book.

There is much to learn, to be sure; but don't be overwhelmed. *Understanding Anatomy & Physiology* breaks the information into “bite-sized” pieces, making topics easier to understand and also to remember. As you read the text—and you *must* read the text—you'll be drawn naturally to vibrant figures that will illuminate what you're reading. Being able to see a structure while you're reading about it will make learning easier. Also, consult the inside back cover of this book to discover your particular learning style; then take advantage of the ancillary materials most likely to help you learn.

You *can* learn this. By the end of this course, understanding the body's form and function can become second nature. Although tackling this class may seem like

an impossible marathon, you can indeed get to the finish line. As with any marathon, the keys are to follow a plan (read the book); don't skip workouts (review and study daily); and take it step by step (study each chapter in sequence). You *will* get there.

Gale Stan Thompson



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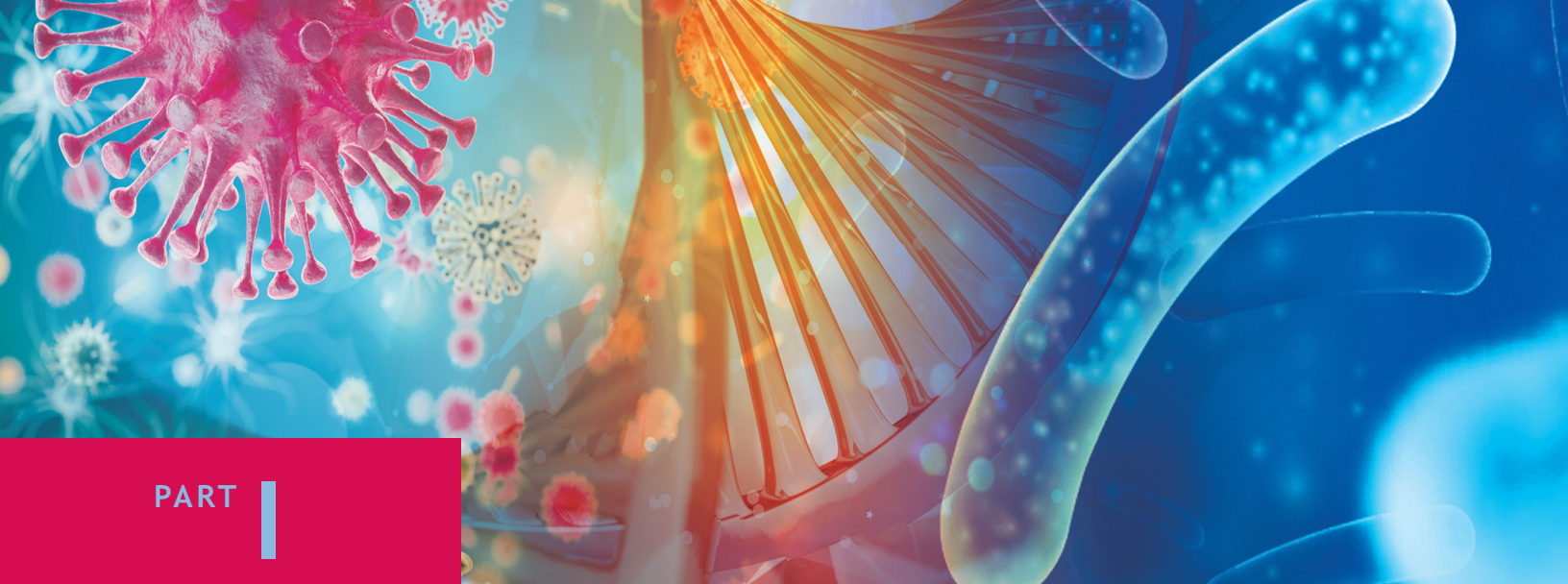
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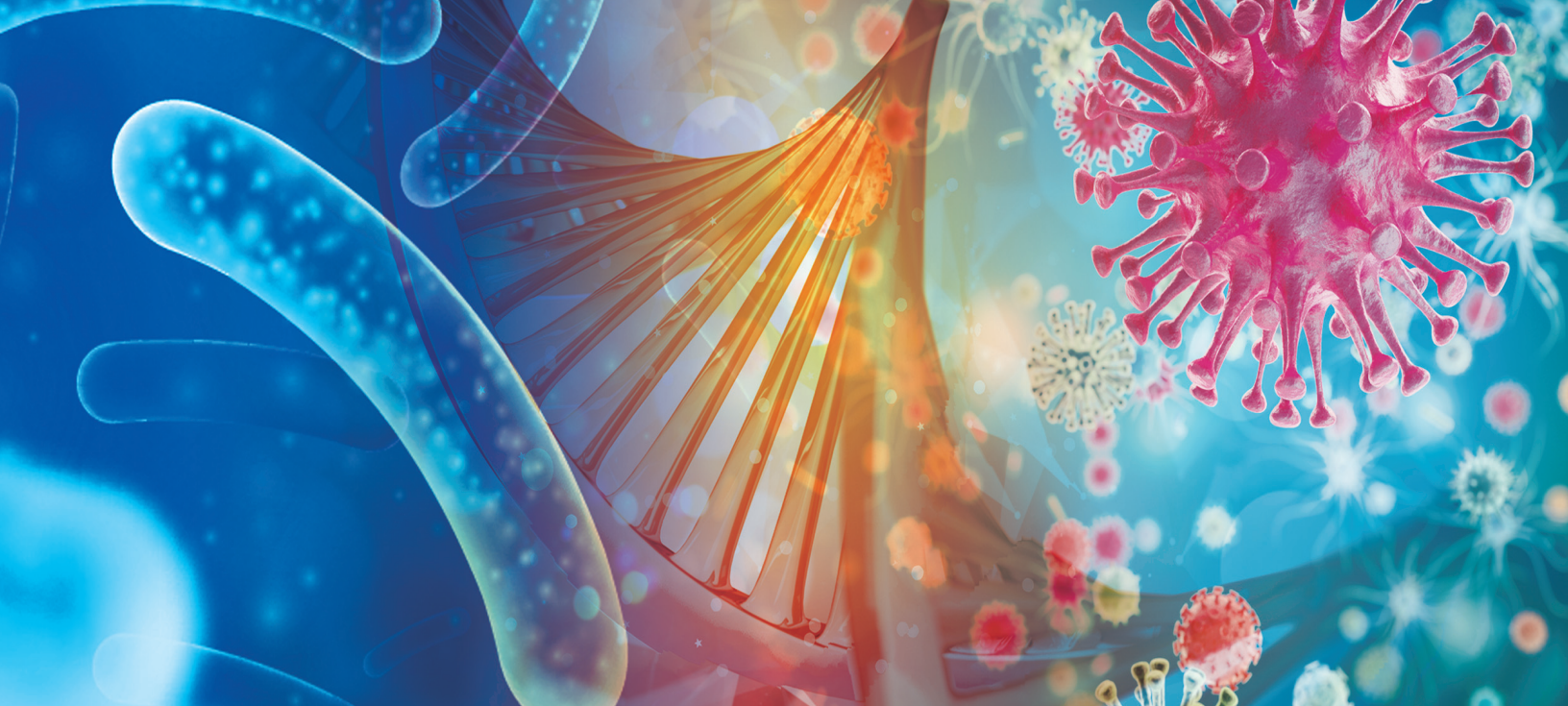
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Foundation of the Body



CHAPTER OUTLINE

Organization of the Body

Organ Systems

Anatomical Terms

Homeostasis

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Define ANATOMY and PHYSIOLOGY.
2. Describe the organization of the body from the very simple to the very complex.
3. Name the 11 organ systems and identify key functions of each.
4. Define commonly used directional terms.
5. Name the body planes and describe how each dissects the body.
6. Identify common body regions.
7. Identify and describe the major body cavities.
8. Name the nine abdominal regions and identify organs found in each.
9. Name the four abdominal quadrants.
10. Define HOMEOSTASIS.
11. Explain the process of homeostasis through both negative and positive feedback.



chapter 1

Orientation to the Human Body

More than 7 billion human bodies currently reside on the earth. Although each is individually unique, all have the same basic design and structure.

The structure of the body, **anatomy**, is closely entwined with how it functions, **physiology**. Once you learn the structure of a specific part of the body, you'll naturally want to know how it works. Learning normal anatomy and physiology will also help you grasp the changes and symptoms that occur with certain disease processes. The study of the processes that disturb normal function is called **pathophysiology**. (*Patho* means suffering or disease; therefore, *pathophysiology* refers to diseased functioning.)

As an example, in a later chapter, you'll learn that the lungs consist of a series of tubes, called bronchi, and that the smallest of these bronchi end in tiny sacs, called alveoli. That's a very basic description of the structure, or anatomy, of the lung. From there, you'll learn that oxygen is absorbed into the bloodstream through the alveoli. That's how the lung functions: its physiology. Armed with that information, you can then comprehend why someone becomes short of breath if the bronchi become narrowed (such as during an acute asthmatic attack) or blocked (such as from a tumor).

The human body is an amazing organism. It is intricate and complex, but all of its processes make sense. Embark on this journey to study anatomy and physiology as you would any great adventure: with interest, excitement, *and* determination. Remember: you're learning about *yourself!*



The Body AT WORK

We're all aware that people look different on the outside. But did you know that people can vary internally as well? The art in this book reflects the anatomy typical of most people. However, variations do occur. For example, some people are born with only one kidney; others have an extra bone in their feet; still others have carotid arteries that follow an atypical route. Perhaps the most extreme example of anatomical variation is called situs inversus. In this inherited condition—affecting about 1 in 10,000 people—the organs are reversed. Instead of the spleen, pancreas, sigmoid colon, and most of the heart being on the left, they're on the right. Likewise, the gallbladder, appendix, and most of the liver are on the left instead of on the right.

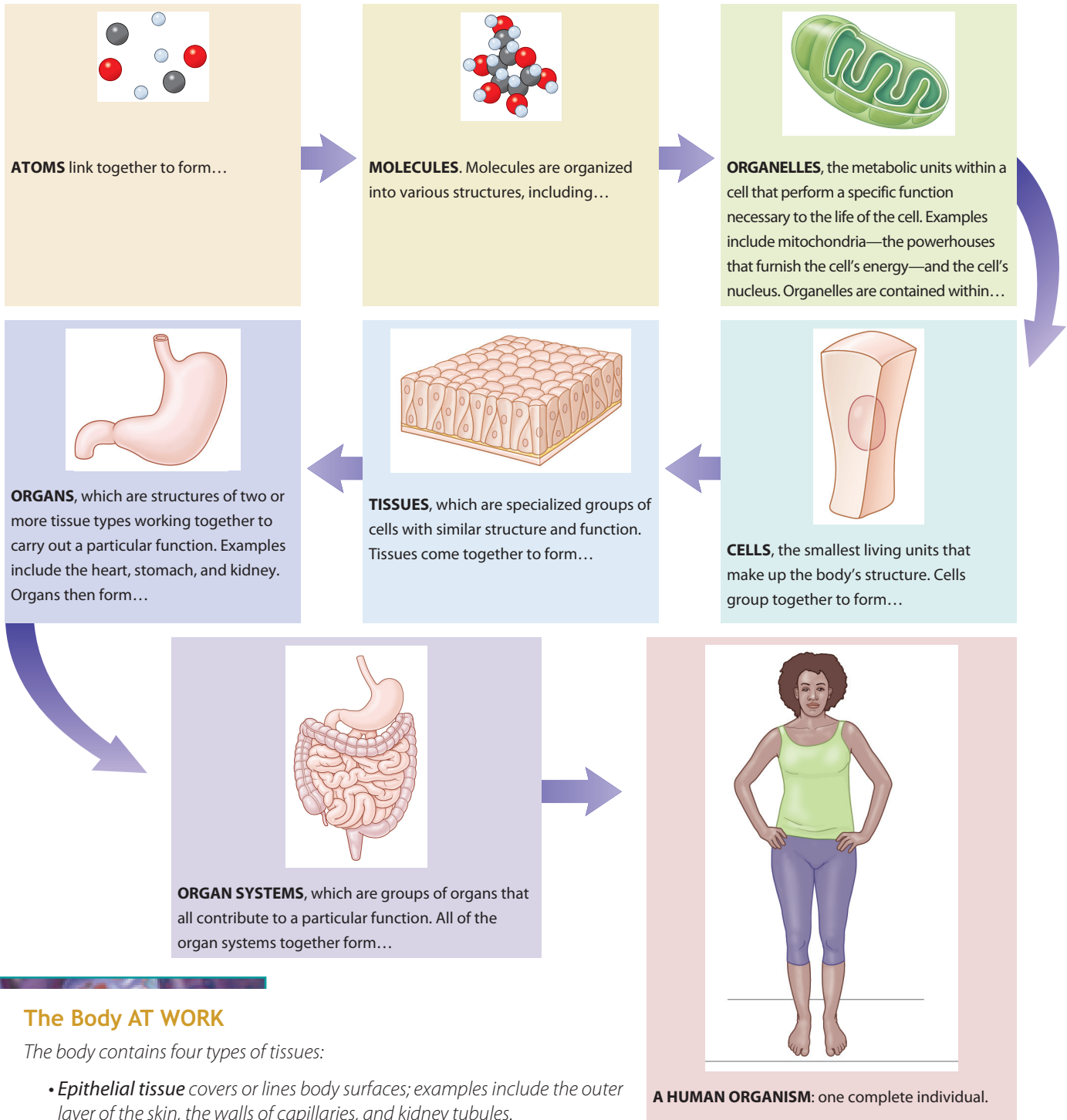
FAST FACT

Although Aristotle of Greece made the first recorded attempts to study anatomy in 380 B.C., the first atlas of anatomy wasn't published until 1543 A.D.



Organization of the Body

The human body is organized in a hierarchy, ranging from the very simple (a microscopic atom) to the very complex (a human being). Specifically:



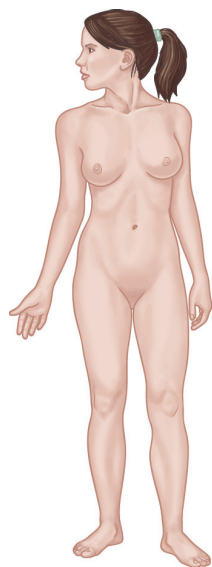
The Body AT WORK

The body contains four types of tissues:

- **Epithelial tissue** covers or lines body surfaces; examples include the outer layer of the skin, the walls of capillaries, and kidney tubules.
- **Connective tissue** connects and supports parts of the body; some transports and stores materials; examples include bone, cartilage, and adipose tissues.
- **Muscle** contracts to produce movement; examples include skeletal muscles and the heart.
- **Nerve tissue** generates and transmits impulses to regulate body function; examples include the brain and nerves.

Organ Systems

The human body consists of 11 organ systems. The organs of each system contribute to a particular function. However, some organs belong to more than one system. Specifically, the pharynx is part of both the respiratory and the digestive systems, and the male urethra belongs to both the reproductive and urinary systems.

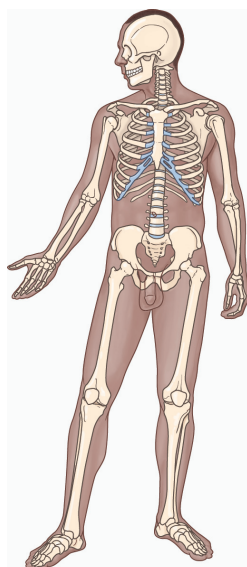


Consists of skin, hair, and nails

Key functions:

- Protection
- Temperature regulation
- Water retention
- Sensation

Integumentary system

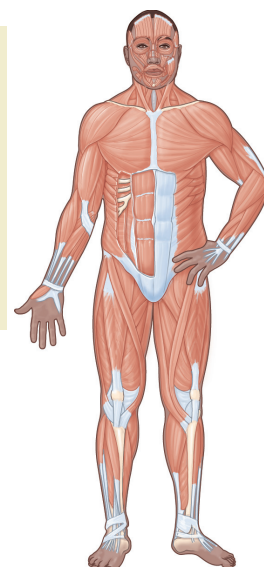


Consists of bones, cartilage, and ligaments

Key functions:

- Protection of body organs
- Support
- Movement
- Blood formation

Skeletal system

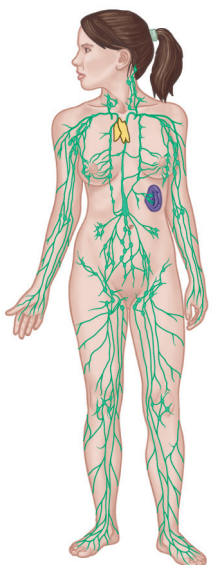


Consists primarily of skeletal muscles

Key functions:

- Movement
- Posture
- Heat production

Muscular system

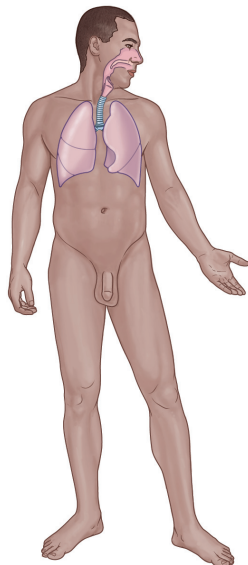


Consists of lymph nodes, lymphatic vessels, lymph, thymus, spleen, and tonsils

Key functions:

- Role in fluid balance
- Production of immune cells
- Defense against disease

Lymphatic system

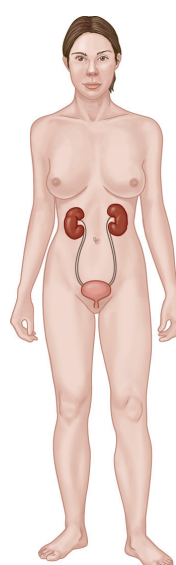


Consists of the nose, pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchi, and lungs

Key functions:

- Absorption of oxygen
- Discharge of carbon dioxide
- Acid-base balance
- Speech

Respiratory system

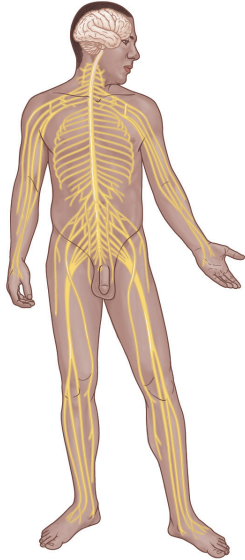


Consists of the kidneys, ureters, urinary bladder, and urethra

Key functions:

- Excretion of wastes
- Regulation of blood volume and pressure
- Control of fluid, electrolyte, and acid-base balance

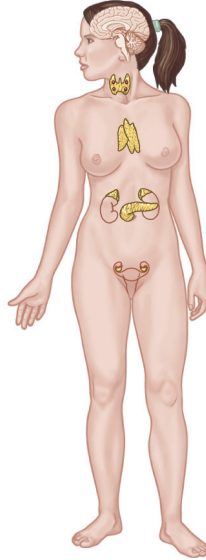
Urinary system

**Nervous system**

Consists of the brain, spinal cord, nerves, and sense organs

Key functions:

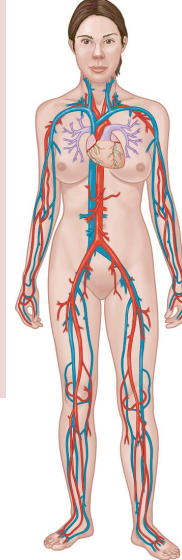
- Control, regulation, and coordination of other systems
- Sensation
- Memory

**Endocrine system**

Consists of the pituitary gland, adrenals, pancreas, thyroid, parathyroids, and other organs

Key functions:

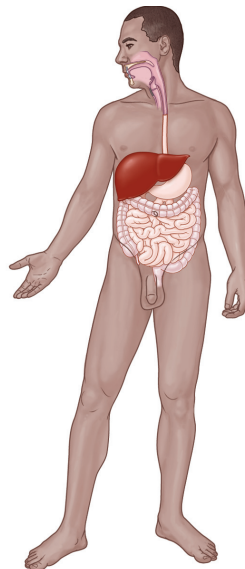
- Hormone production
- Control and regulation of other systems

**Circulatory system**

Consists of the heart, arteries, veins, and capillaries

Key functions:

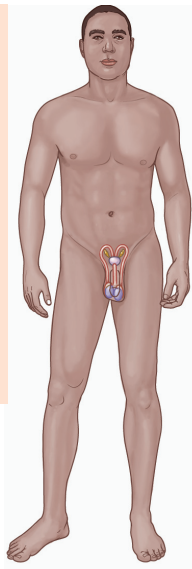
- Distribution of oxygen, nutrients, wastes, hormones, electrolytes, immune cells, and antibodies
- Fluid, electrolyte, and acid-base balance

**Digestive system**

Consists of the stomach, small and large intestines, esophagus, liver, mouth, and pancreas

Key functions:

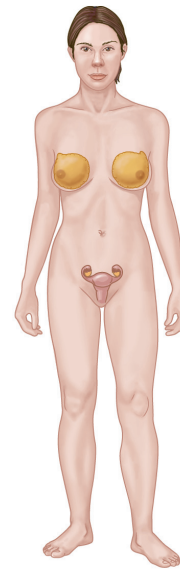
- Breakdown and absorption of nutrients
- Elimination of wastes

**Male reproductive system**

Consists of the testes, vas deferens, prostate, seminal vesicles, and penis

Key functions:

- Production and delivery of sperm
- Secretion of sex hormones

**Female reproductive system**

Consists of the ovaries, fallopian tubes, uterus, vagina, and breasts

Key functions:

- Production of eggs
- Site of fertilization and fetal development
- Birth
- Lactation
- Secretion of sex hormones

FAST FACT

The human microbiome—a collection of trillions of microorganisms living primarily in the gut—so profoundly influences human health that many experts believe it should be known as the body's 12th organ system. (See Chapter 4, *Human Microbiome*.)

The Body AT WORK

There may be 11 organ systems, but none works in isolation. Rather, systems work together, orchestrating their actions to keep the body functioning. For example, the respiratory system pulls oxygen from inspired air, which the circulatory system then delivers to organs and tissues. Muscles use the oxygen, along with nutrients supplied by the digestive system, to move and do work. Such movement creates waste products, which the circulatory system propels to the urinary system. In turn, the urinary system cleanses the blood and excretes waste products from the body.