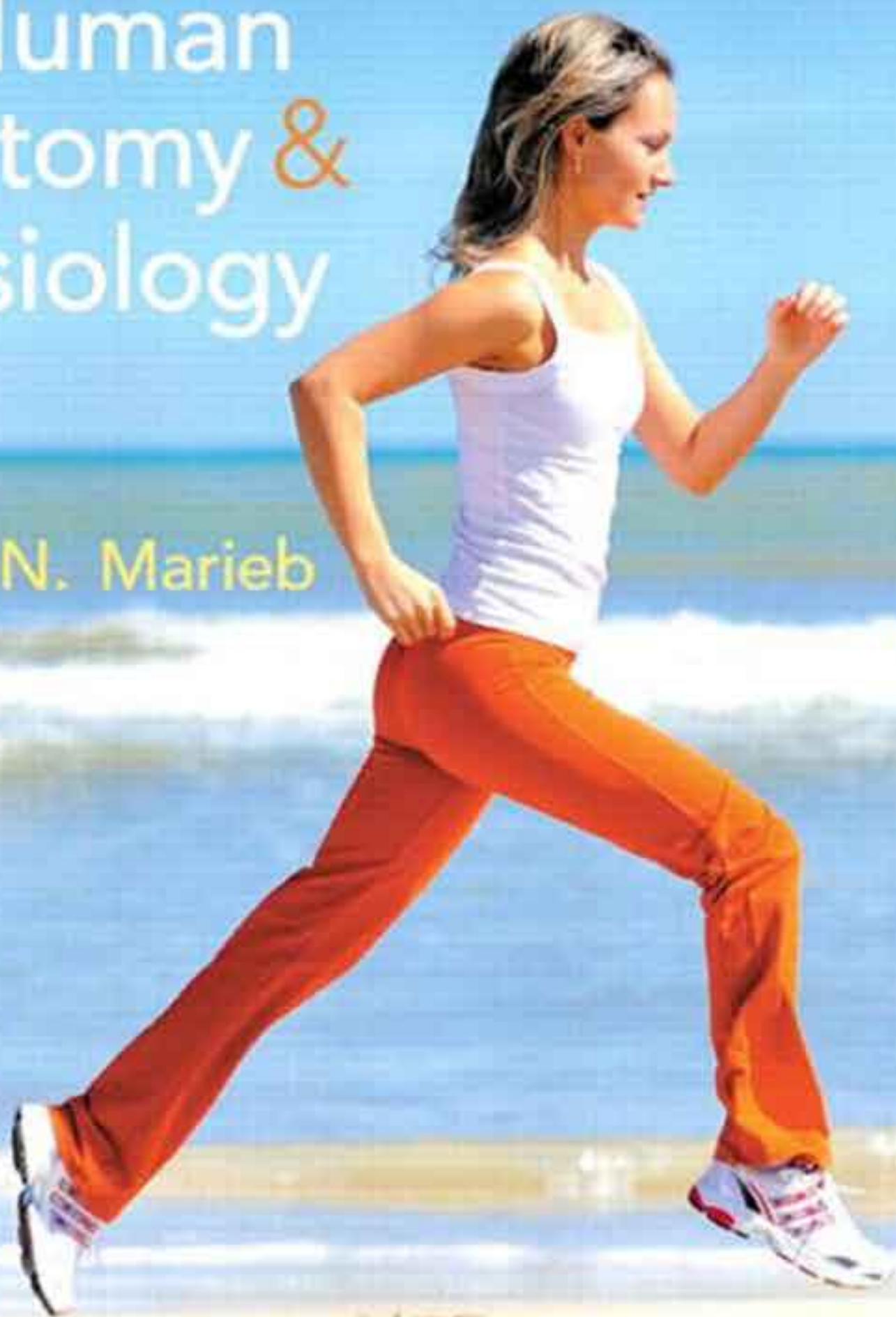


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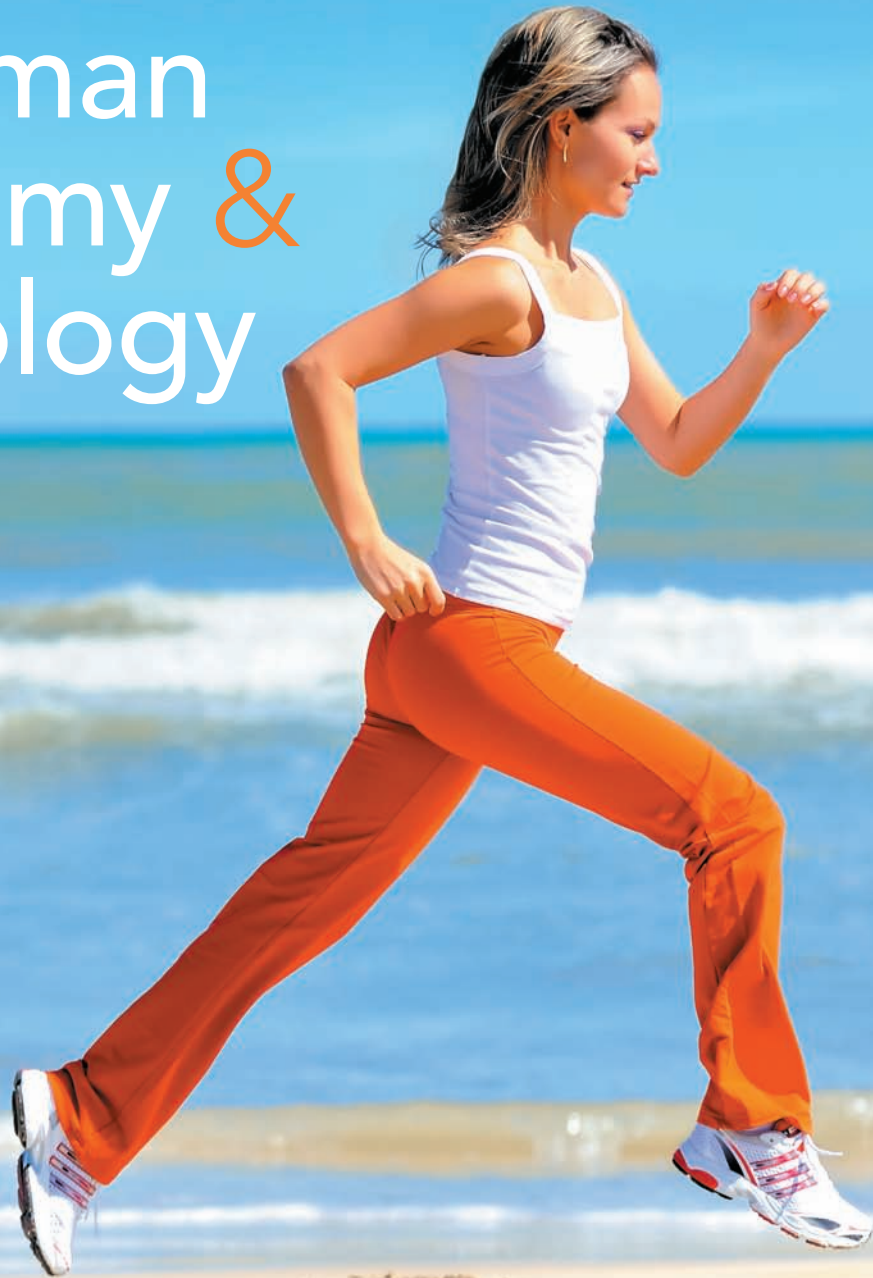
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About the Author



For **Elaine N. Marieb**, R.N., Ph.D., taking the needs of nursing and other allied health students into account has always been an integral part of her teaching style. Dr. Marieb began her teaching career at Springfield College, where she taught anatomy and physiology to physical education majors. She then joined the faculty of the Biological Science Division of Holyoke Community College in 1969 after receiving her Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. While teaching at Holyoke Community College, Dr. Marieb pursued her nursing education, which culminated in a Master of Science degree with a clinical specialization in gerontology from the University of Massachusetts. This experience, along with continual feedback from health care professionals (including generations of former students taught by Dr. Marieb), has inspired the unique perspective and accessibility for which this book is known.

Dr. Marieb's commitment to students extends beyond teaching and writing. Recognizing the challenges students face, Dr. Marieb contributes to the New Directions—Pathways Program at Holyoke Community College by funding a staffed drop-in center and by providing several full-tuition scholarships each year for women who are returning to college after a hiatus or attending college for the first time. She also funds the E. N. Marieb Science Research Awards at Mount Holyoke College (which promotes research by undergraduate science majors) and has underwritten renovation

and updating of one of the biology labs in Mount Holyoke's Clapp Laboratory. Recognizing the severe national shortage of nursing faculty, Dr. Marieb also underwrites the Nursing Scholars of the Future Grant Program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

In 1994, Dr. Marieb received the Benefactor Award from the National Council for Resource Development, American Association of Community Colleges, which recognizes her ongoing sponsorship of student scholarships, faculty teaching awards, and other academic contributions to Holyoke Community College. In May 2000, the science building at Holyoke Community College was named in her honor.

In January 2012, Florida Gulf Coast University named a new health professions facility: the Dr. Elaine Nicpon Marieb Hall. This facility contains laboratories in the School of Nursing that simulate an operating room, intensive-care unit, a labor and delivery room, and general medical surgical suites. She has also established a scholarship endowment for nontraditional students in the health professions and an endowment to enhance the activities of faculty, students, and staff within the health professions to support education, research, and community outreach.

Dr. Marieb is an active member of the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Additionally, while actively engaged as an author, Dr. Marieb serves as a consultant for the Pearson *Interactive Physiology*® CD-ROM series. This text—*Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology*, Eleventh Edition—is the latest expression of her commitment to the needs of students pursuing the study of A&P.

When not involved in academic pursuits, Dr. Marieb is a world traveler and has vowed to visit every country on this planet. Shorter term, she serves on the board of directors of the famed Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and on the scholarship committee of the Women's Resources Center of Sarasota County. She is an enthusiastic supporter of the local arts and enjoys a competitive match of doubles tennis.

New to the Eleventh Edition

This edition has been thoroughly updated. Specific chapter-by-chapter changes include:

Chapter 1: The Human Body: An Orientation

- New photos of the anatomical position, planes of the body, and MRI scans (Figure 1.6).
- New photo showing the nine abdominopelvic regions (Figure 1.9).
- New Critical Thinking and Clinical Application Question on carpal tunnel syndrome.

Chapter 2: Basic Chemistry

- New coverage of glycolipids (Table 2.5).
- New photo showing water's high surface tension (Figure 2.9).
- New descriptions of amino acid structures (Figure 2.17).

Chapter 3: Cells and Tissues

- New, illustrated Table 3.1: Parts of the Cell: Structure and Function.
- New Concept Link discussing phospholipids as polar molecules.
- New Concept Link discussing the molecular structure of DNA.
- New Concept Link discussing the joining of amino acids by enzymes into peptide bonds, in relation to translation.
- New clinical photo showing post-burn contracture scars, in Homeostatic Imbalance 3.3.

Chapter 4: Skin and Body Membranes

- New clinical photo showing cradle cap in a newborn baby, in Homeostatic Imbalance 4.4.
- New clinical photos of burns (Figure 4.11); cold sores, impetigo, and psoriasis (Figure 4.12); and skin cancer (Figure 4.13).
- New Concept Link discussing the relationship between mitosis, cell division, and cancer.

Chapter 5: The Skeletal System

- New Concept Link discussing the levels of structural organization, in relation to the gross anatomy of a long bone.
- New clinical photo of a child with rickets, in Homeostatic Imbalance 5.1.
- New Concept Link discussing the relationship between regional body terms and bone names, in relation to the axial skeleton.
- New Concept Link discussing the properties of tissues that form the joints.

Chapter 6: The Muscular System

- New Concept Link comparing ATP to a tightly coiled spring.
- New illustrations showing muscle action (Figure 6.14).
- New clinical photo of a patient with myasthenia gravis, in Homeostatic Imbalance 6.4.

Chapter 7: The Nervous System

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- New illustrated Table 7.1: Functions of Major Brain Regions.
- New clinical photo of a patient with cerebral palsy, in Homeostatic Imbalance 7.11.

Chapter 8: Special Senses

- New Concept Link relating the basic functions of the nervous system to each of the special senses.
- New clinical photo of an infant with strabismus, in Homeostatic Imbalance 8.11.

Chapter 9: The Endocrine System

- New Concept Link comparing a hormone's relationship to its target cells with that of an enzyme to its substrate.

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Chapter 10: Blood

- New Concept Link discussing the structure of globular proteins.
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- New Concept Link relating the portal circulation that links the hypothalamus of the brain and the anterior pituitary gland to hepatic portal circulation.
- New Concept Link relating the passive process of filtration to blood flow.
- New Concept Link discussing epinephrine.

Chapter 12: The Lymphatic System and Body Defenses

- New Concept Link discussing hydrostatic and osmotic pressures.
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- New Concept Link discussing the function of the thymus to produce hormones, in relation to lymphoid organs.
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- New Concept Link relating blood antigens to self-antigens.

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- New Concept Link discussing the function of papillae.
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- New Concept Link discussing filtration as a passive process.
- New Concept Link discussing pH as a measure of hydrogen ion concentration, in relation to tubular secretion.
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- New Concept Link discussing the concept of interrelationships among organ systems, in relation to regulation of water intake and output.

Chapter 16: The Reproductive System

- New clinical photo of abnormal sperm, in Homeostatic Imbalance 16.2.
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A CLOSER LOOK A Wrinkle Out of Time

When it comes to preventing wrinkles, it helps to have good genes, to not smoke, to use a good sunscreen, and to think pleasant thoughts. Good genes speak for themselves—it's partly the luck of the draw whether you look your age or not. Smoking ages the skin by increasing production of an enzyme that destroys collagen. Collagen supports the skin and provides it with elasticity, so with less of it, wrinkles appear. UV radiation damage from too much unprotected exposure to the sun causes elastic fibers to clump, which results in leathery skin. For those wrinkled by years of smoking and sun damage, a surgical face-lift that removes the excess and sagging skin followed by laser resurfacing or microdermabrasion seems to be the only way to banish the wrinkles.

However, for those who sport from lines, furrowed brows, or crow's feet due to frequent and repetitive facial expressions, cosmetic injections of Botox may be the answer to regaining younger-looking skin. Botulinum toxin type A, more familiarly called Botox Cosmetic, is a toxin produced by the bacterium that causes botulism, a dreaded form of food poisoning. Used in injectable doses (considerably less than the amount that would induce botulism), the toxin helps

nerves to muscles.) By inhibiting the underlying muscles' ability to contract, existing lines are smoothed out and nearly invisible in a week.

Botox was approved in 1989 to treat two eye muscle disorders—blepharospasm (uncontrollable blinking) and strabismus (misaligned eyes). The discovery that Botox could be used cosmetically was pure luck—physicians using the toxin to counter abnormal eye contractions noticed that the vertical frown lines between the eyes (which make people look tired, angry, or displeased) had softened.

The recent rise in popularity of Botox "shots" has led to changes in the way it is marketed. Some physicians buy the toxin in bulk and arrange "Botox parties" or "Botox happy hours," get-togethers for 10 to 15 people,



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Pharmacy Technician

To recognize how medications affect patients, pharmacy technicians need thorough understanding of anatomy and physiology.

When most people get a new medication, they open up the package and toss out the little pamphlet that goes into detail about how the medication works. Not Chris Green. "I love reading the package inserts," says Green, the lead pharmacy technician at a CVS drugstore in Birmingham, Alabama. Green's enthusiasm for those details is a lifesaver for his customers. Pharmacy technicians are a vital link in the chain between doctor and patient.

Although pharmacy technicians are legally prohibited from talking with patients about their symptoms, they can translate medical jargon, and discuss a medication's side effects and other precautions the patient may need to take. For example, doctors may recommend that patients who are on certain

Bring the Real World into the Classroom

Green started working as a cashier at a drugstore when he was in high school and gradually became interested in the pharmacy itself. "I was interested in how drugs work, how they can help people and improve their health," he says. Having earned a bachelor's degree in biology, Green emphasizes that pharmacy technicians must have a good grasp of the sciences, especially basic chemistry and anatomy and



Pharmacy technicians must have a good grasp of anatomy and physiology to understand each drug's chemical properties.

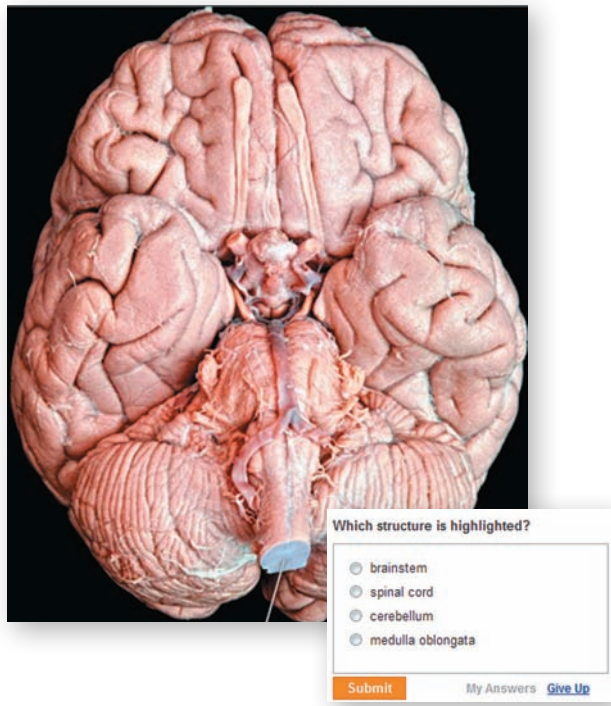
the patient is already taking. Drug interactions happen commonly when you have multiple doctors. "Sometimes, we'll get two ACE inhibitors in the same category from two different doctors [prescribed for the same patient], and that could be lethal," Green says.

Pharmacy technicians work in retail and mail-order pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and anywhere else patients have high needs for medication. As the Baby Boom

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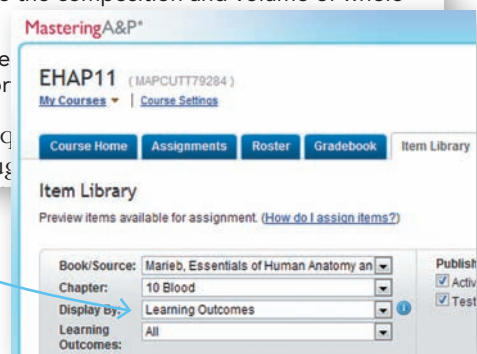
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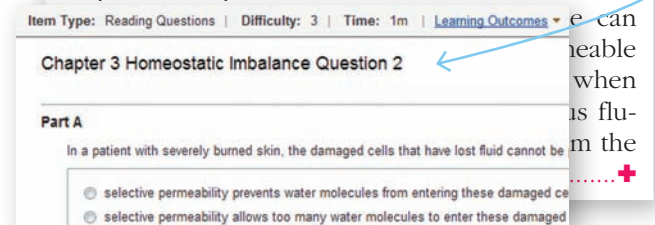
10-2 Describe its important functions.

Blood is unique to the body. Although



Homeostatic Imbalance 3.2

The property of selective permeability is typical only of healthy, unharmed cells. When a cell dies



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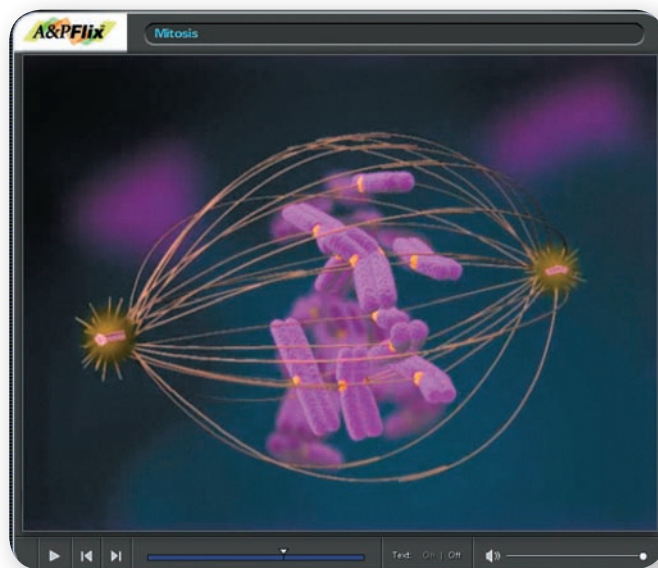
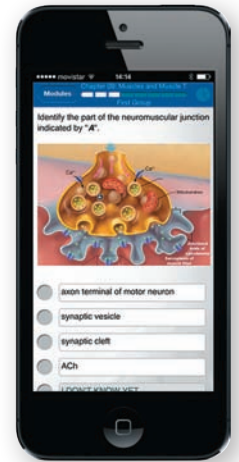
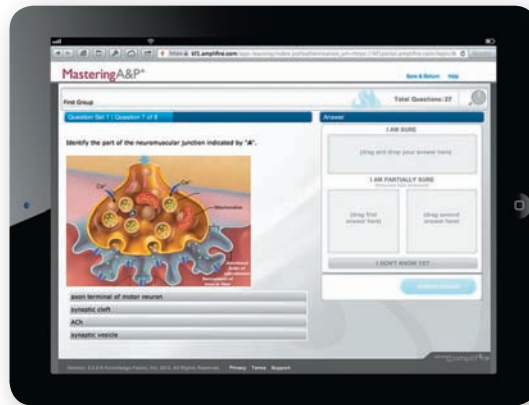
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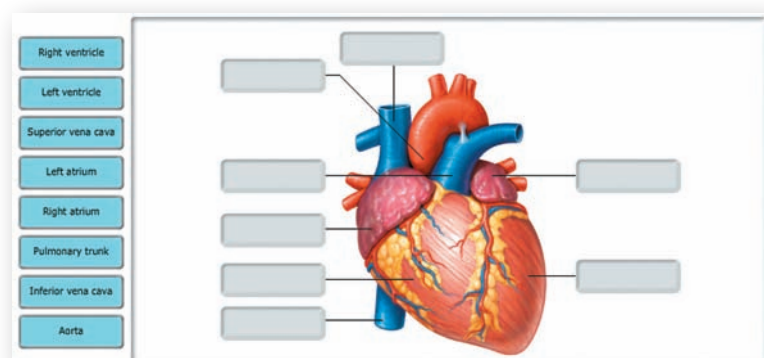
1. _____ is when the ventricles fill with blood.

2. _____ is when the ventricles contract.

3. _____ is when the ventricles relax.

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appear throughout the book and help students recall previously learned material, apply what they've learned to new material, and make connections across body systems.

Recall that the joining of amino acids by enzymes into peptide bonds is the result of dehydration synthesis (see Figure 3.10, p. 42). To make water (H_2O) must be removed from the hydroxyl group (OH) is re-

Recall that mitosis gone wild is the basis for cancer (Chapter 3, p. 85). In malignant cancers, the stages of mitosis occur so quickly that errors are made. As a result, these cells lack normal control of such processes as mitosis and cell division. Cells experiencing rapid, uncontrolled growth become cancerous.

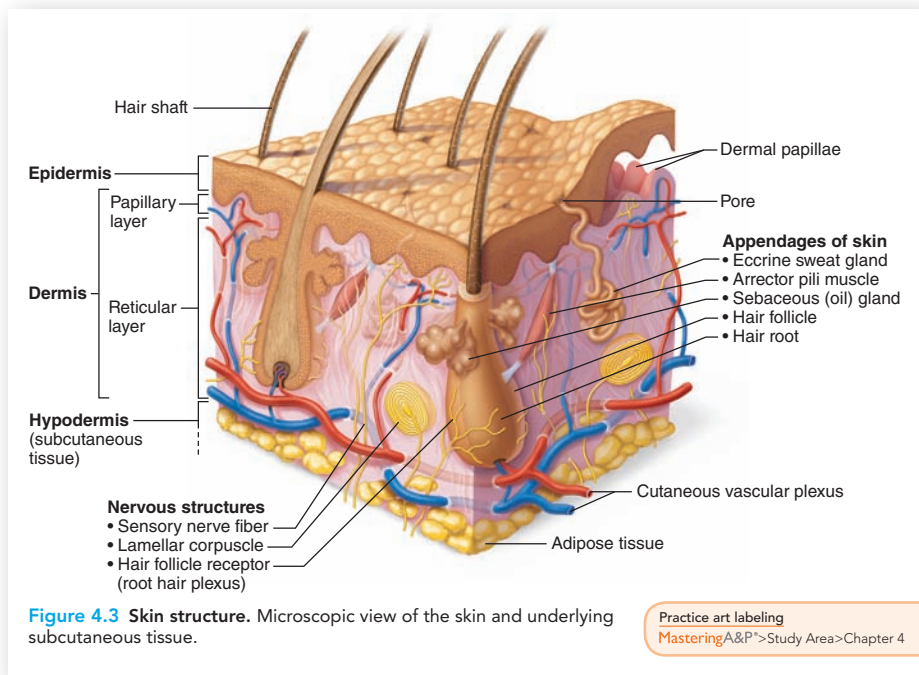


Figure 4.3 Skin structure. Microscopic view of the skin and underlying subcutaneous tissue.

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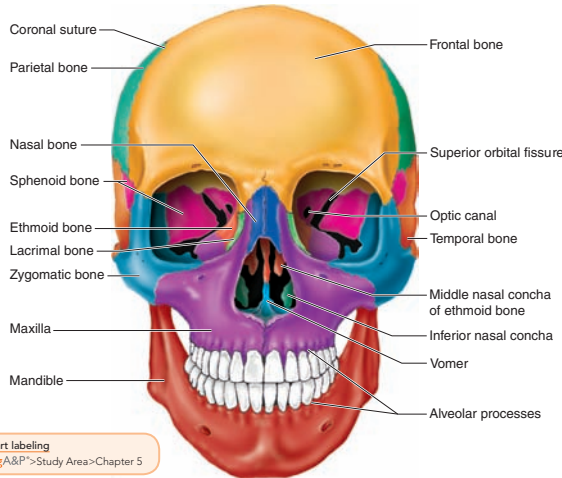
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Elaine Marieb's Conversational Writing Style presents the material without technical jargon, and draws on the author's years of experience as a professor and former nursing student, using meaningful analogies that relate A&P to familiar, everyday concepts.

Many short courses in anatomy and physiology lack the time to consider chemistry as a topic. So why include it here? The answer is simple. The food you eat and the medicines you take when you are ill are composed of chemicals. Indeed, your entire body is made up of chemicals—thousands of them—continuously interacting with one another at an incredible pace.

It is possible to study anatomy without referring much to chemistry, but chemical reactions underlie all body processes—movement, digestion, the pumping of your heart, and even your thoughts. In this chapter we present the basics of

Q: What bone articulates with every other facial bone?



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Figure 5.12 Human skull, anterior view.

Homeostatic Imbalance 5.3

The paranasal sinuses also cause many people a great deal of misery. Because the mucosa lining these sinuses is continuous with that in the nose and throat, infections in these areas tend to migrate into the sinuses, causing *sinusitis*. Depending on which sinuses are infected, a headache or upper jaw pain is the usual result.

Palatine Bones The paired palatine bones lie posterior to the palatine processes of the maxillae. They form the posterior part of the hard palate (see Figure 5.11). Failure of these or the palatine processes to fuse medially results in *cleft palate*.

Zygomatic Bones The zygomatic bones are commonly referred to as the cheekbones. They also form a good-sized portion of the lateral walls of the orbits, or eye sockets.

Lacrimal Bones The lacrimal (lak'ri-mal) bones are fingernail-sized bones forming part of the medial walls of each orbit. Each lacrimal bone has a groove that serves as a passageway for tears (*lacrima* = tear).

Nasal Bones The small rectangular bones forming the bridge of the nose are the nasal bones. (The lower part of the skeleton of the nose is made up of cartilage.)

Vomer Bone The single bone in the medial line of the nasal cavity is the vomer. (*Vomer* means

A: The maxilla.

Figure Questions help students develop a more meaningful understanding of the illustrated concepts and processes and accompany many figures. Answers are found at the bottom of each page.

Systems in Sync Figures summarize, illustrate, and explain the interrelationships of all body systems.

Did You Get It? Questions challenge students to stop, think, and answer concept check questions before moving forward.

Did You Get It?

- Gary is trying with all his might to pull a tree stump out of the ground. It does not budge. Which type of contraction are his muscles undergoing?
- What is meant by the term oxygen deficit?
- To develop big, beautiful skeletal muscles, you should focus on which type of exercise: aerobic or resistance exercise?

(For answers, see Appendix D.)

SYSTEMS IN SYNC

Homeostatic Relationships between the Muscular System and Other Body Systems

Endocrine System

- Growth hormone and androgens influence skeletal muscle strength and mass

Nervous System

- Facial muscle activity allows emotions to be expressed
- Nervous system stimulates and regulates muscle activity

Lymphatic System/Immunity

- Physical exercise may enhance or depress immunity depending on its intensity
- Lymphatic vessels drain leaked tissue fluids; immune system protects muscles from disease

Respiratory System

- Muscular exercise increases respiratory capacity
- Respiratory system provides oxygen and disposes of carbon dioxide

Digestive System

- Physical activity increases gastrointestinal mobility when at rest
- Digestive system provides nutrients needed for muscle health; liver metabolizes lactic acid

Cardiovascular System

- Skeletal muscle activity increases efficiency of cardiovascular functioning; helps prevent atherosclerosis and causes cardiac hypertrophy
- Cardiovascular system delivers oxygen and nutrients to muscles; carries away wastes

Reproductive System

- Skeletal muscle helps support pelvic organs (e.g., uterus in females); assists erection of penis and clitoris
- Testicular androgen promotes increased skeletal muscle size

Urinary System

- Physical activity promotes normal voiding behavior; skeletal muscle forms the voluntary sphincter of the urethra
- Urinary system disposes of nitrogen-containing wastes

Integumentary System

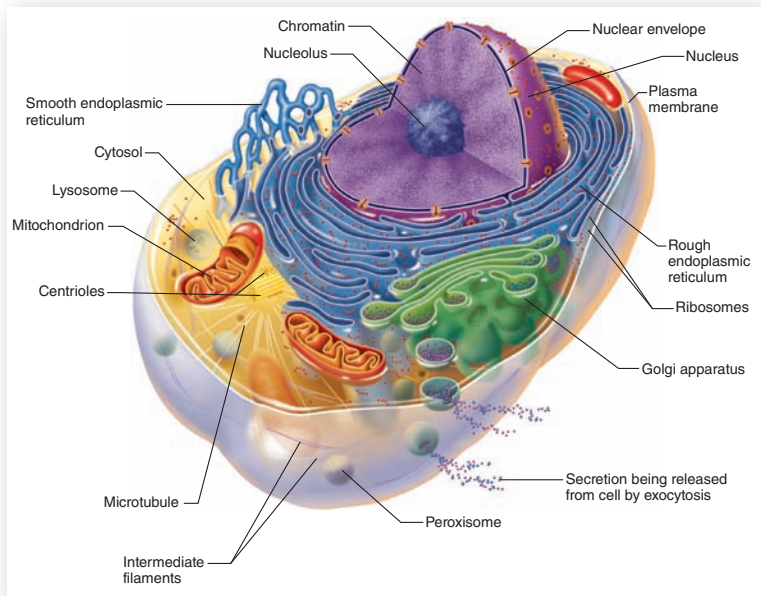
- Muscular exercise enhances circulation to skin and improves skin health; exercise also increases body heat, which the skin helps dissipate
- Skin protects the muscles by external enclosure

Muscular System

Skeletal System

- Skeletal muscle activity maintains bone health and strength
- Bones provide levers for muscle activity

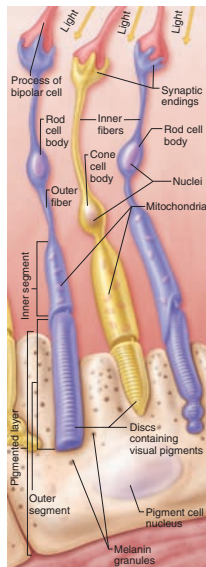
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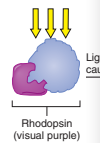
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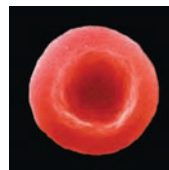


A CLOSER LOOK IV Therapy and Cellular "Tonics"

Why is it essential that medical personnel give only the proper intravenous (IV), or into-the-vein, solutions to patients? Let's try to answer this very important question. The tendency of a solution to hold water or "pull" water into it is called osmotic pressure. Osmotic pressure is directly related to the concentration of solutes in the solution. The higher the solute concentration, the greater the osmotic pressure and the greater the tendency of water to move into the solution. Many molecules, particularly proteins and some ions, are prevented from diffusing through the plasma membrane. Consequently, any change in their concentration on one side of the membrane forces water to move from one side of the membrane to the other, causing cells to lose or gain water. The ability of a solution to change the size and shape of cells by altering the amount of water they contain is called **tonicity** (ton-'is'-i-tee; ton = strength).

Isotonic ('so-ton-'ik; "same tonicity") solutions (such as 5 percent glucose and 0.9 percent saline) have the same solute and water concentrations as cells do. Isotonic solutions cause no visible changes in cells, and when such solutions are infused into the bloodstream, red blood cells (RBCs) retain their normal size and disc-like shape (photo a). As you might guess, interstitial fluid and most intravenous solutions are isotonic solutions. If red blood cells are exposed to a **hypertonic** (hi-'peet-ton-'ik) solution—a solution that contains more solutes, or dissolved substances, than there are inside the cells—the cells will begin to shrink. This is because water is in higher concentration inside the cell than outside, so it follows its concentration gradient and leaves the cell (photo b). Hypertonic solutions are sometimes given to patients who have edema (swelling

of the feet and hands due to fluid retention). Such solutions draw water out of the tissue spaces into the bloodstream so that the kidneys can eliminate excess fluid. When a solution contains fewer solutes (and therefore more water) than the cell does, it is said to be **hypotonic** (hi-'po-ton-'ik) to the cell. Cells placed in hypotonic solutions pump up rapidly as water rushes into them (photo c). Distilled water represents the most extreme example of a hypotonic fluid. Because it contains no solutes at all, water will enter cells until they finally burst, or lyse. Hypotonic solutions are sometimes infused intravenously (slowly and with care) to rehydrate the tissues of extremely dehydrated patients. In less extreme cases, drinking hypotonic fluids usually does the trick. (Many fluids that we tend to drink regularly, such as tea, colas, and sport drinks, are hypotonic.)



(a) RBC in isotonic solution



(b) RBC in hypertonic solution



(c) RBC in hypotonic solution

A CLOSER LOOK Joint Ventures

The technology for fashioning joints in medieval suits of armor developed over centuries. The technology for creating the prostheses (artificial joints) used in medicine today developed, in relative terms, in a flash—less than 60 years. The history of joint prostheses dates to the 1900s and



Image of right knee joint prosthetic.

relatively problem free. These were followed by prostheses (see photos a and b), which are now available for joints, including knees, and shoulders.

They hold the joint together and also give the rigid structure. The joints of a ballet dancer grapple with a foot-eat variety of motion over joints, we would expect, the bone-binding important as their role in joints of the skull, enclosure for our vital

two ways—functionally and anatomically. The classification of the joint allows. **synarthroses** (sin-'ar-tro-sis; **amphiarthroses** (am-fi-'ar-tro-sis) by movable joints; and

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"If you have a basic understanding of anatomy and medical terminology, you will be much more accurate at interpreting and transcribing what you hear."

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A medical transcriptionist is a professional who interprets and transcribes notes dictated by other healthcare providers. These reports, which are part of a patient's medical record, become part of the confidential medical records of clinics, doctors' offices, insurance companies, and home healthcare services.

What does it take to be a medical transcriptionist? "You need a good English grammar and spelling background and transcribing what you hear. A hospital transcriptionist deals with terms from a wide variety of medical specialties—one dictation might be from a gynecologist, the next from an orthopedic surgeon, and the next from a pediatrician." This is why anatomy and physiology



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Physical Therapy Assistant

Patients trying to regain mobility rely on physical therapy assistants.

As the population ages, a growing number of people find themselves needing in-home medical care as they recover from injuries or surgical procedures. Many of these patients rely on physical therapy assistants like Leslie Burgess.

Burgess works for Ameydis, a family, like loose electric cords that the patient could trip on. Finally, she leaves instructions with the patient to exercise on his or her own.

Anatomy is an important part of physical therapy work, Burgess says. "Working with various deviations of movement, you need to know what bones and muscles are involved so that you know which bones and muscles to strengthen and



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Radiologic Technologist

Radiologic technologists supply critical information that allows doctors to make accurate diagnoses.

"You never know what's going to walk in the door, really," says Maggie Regalado, a radiologic technologist at Dell Children's Hospital in Austin, Texas. "In an emergency room, you see kids who swallowed something, car accident victims, all kinds of things." Regalado and her coworkers operate X-ray equipment and must be ready to do everything from preparing patients for chest X-ray exams to MRIs.

Fortunately for Regalado, anatomy was her favorite class, because it's an important one for radiologic technologists. After getting her associate's degree in diagnostic imaging, she completed both state and national certification. To keep her certification current, she must complete 24 hours of continuing education every 2 years.

You don't want to make errors, because one thing you do wrong could cost this patient his or her life.

"I didn't realize how big a field it was," she says. "With X rays you're constantly moving from here to there, from surgery to the neonatal intensive care unit and so on."

As you might guess, radiologic technologists, especially in hospitals, must be prepared to spend a lot of time on their feet and to think quickly. Regalado described one case when a two-car accident sent five children to the trauma unit. The radiologic technologists had to work quickly to help the doctors see what injuries the children suffered—and equally important, to make sure not to mix up anyone's X-ray exams.

"You don't want to make errors, because one thing you do wrong could cost this patient his or her life," she says. "Even though radiology can get emotional, you have to stay technical with your job."

"We can't see your bones with our bare eyes, so we have to make sure we position you correctly. Then also, if you say, 'It hurts here,' I'll call the doctor and see if he wants to do a different type of X-ray exam."

Regalado enjoys working with the patients at Dell. Getting children to remain perfectly still and positioned correctly is a challenge, but the imaging department has toys and televisions to distract them. For babies who cannot easily hold still or understand why they need to, there are various devices to position them appropriately.

"We have a lot of interaction with the patients, with the patient's family, we try to joke around and make them happy," she says. "When we make the child happy, then the parents are happy."

In a hospital setting, radiologic technologists are needed 24 hours a day, and often are required to be on-call in addition to their regular shifts. Technologists who work in clinics usually have a more traditional 9-to-5 schedule. Depending on the clinic, these technologists may also specialize in areas such as ultrasound, mammography, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), or computed tomography (CT).

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Photo showing post-burn contracture scars on the neck. A contracture is a permanent tightening of the skin affecting the underlying tendons or muscles. Contractures develop during the healing process as inelastic fibrous tissue replaces the normal elastic connective tissues. Because fibrous tissue resists stretching, movement of the affected area may be limited.

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FUNCTION PREVIEW

- ▶ Anatomy and physiology are complementary sciences that allow one to study, classify, and understand body structures and functions.

The Human Body: An Orientation

An Overview of Anatomy and Physiology

- 1-1** Define *anatomy* and *physiology*.
- 1-2** Explain how anatomy and physiology are related.

Most of us are naturally curious about our bodies; we want to know what makes us tick. Infants can keep themselves happy for a long time staring at their own hands or pulling their mother's nose. Older children wonder where food goes when they swallow it, and some believe that they will grow a watermelon in their belly if they swallow

the seeds. They scream loudly when approached by medical personnel (fearing shots that sting), but they like to play doctor. Adults become upset when their hearts pound, when they have uncontrollable hot flashes, or when they cannot keep their weight down.

Anatomy and physiology, subdivisions of biology, explore many of these topics as they describe how our bodies are put together and how they work.

Anatomy

Anatomy (ah-nat'o-me) is the study of the structure and shape of the body and its parts and their

relationships to one another. Whenever we look at our own body or study large body structures such as the heart or bones, we are observing *gross anatomy*; that is, we are studying large, easily observable structures. Indeed, the term *anatomy*, derived from the Greek words meaning to cut (*tomy*) apart (*ana*), is related most closely to gross anatomical studies because in such studies preserved animals or their organs are dissected (cut up) to be examined. *Microscopic anatomy*, in contrast, is the study of body structures that are too small to be seen with the naked eye. The cells and tissues of the body can only be seen through a microscope.

Physiology

Physiology (fiz"e-ol'o-je) is the study of how the body and its parts work or function (*physio* = nature; *ology* = the study of). Like anatomy, physiology has many subdivisions. For example, *neurophysiology* explains the workings of the nervous system, and *cardiac physiology* studies the function of the heart, which acts as a muscular pump to keep blood flowing throughout the body.

Relationship between Anatomy and Physiology

Anatomy and physiology are always related. The parts of your body form a well-organized unit, and each of those parts has a job to do to make the body operate as a whole. Structure determines what functions can take place. For example, the lungs are not muscular chambers like the heart and cannot pump blood through the body, but because the walls of their air sacs are very thin, they *can* exchange gases and provide oxygen to the body. We stress the intimate relationship between anatomy and physiology throughout this text to make your learning meaningful.

Did You Get It?

1. Why would you have a hard time learning and understanding physiology if you did not also understand anatomy?
2. Kidney function, bone growth, and beating of the heart are all topics of anatomy. True or false?

(For answers, see Appendix D.)



Throughout this text, Concept Links will highlight links between concepts and/or organ systems. Keep in mind that although discussions of the systems are separated into chapters for detailed study, the overall goal of this text is for you not only to gain an understanding of each individual system, but also to learn how the body systems interact to sustain life.

Levels of Structural Organization

- 1-3 Name the six levels of structural organization that make up the human body, and explain how they are related.
- 1-4 Name the organ systems of the body, and briefly state the major functions of each system.
- 1-5 Identify and classify by organ system all organs discussed.

From Atoms to Organisms

The human body exhibits many levels of structural complexity (**Figure 1.1**). The simplest level of the structural ladder is the *chemical level* (covered in Chapter 2). At this level, **atoms**, tiny building blocks of matter, combine to form *molecules* such as water, sugar, and proteins. Molecules, in turn, associate in specific ways to form microscopic **cells**, the smallest units of all living things. (We will examine the *cellular level* in Chapter 3). All cells have some common functions, but individual cells vary widely in size and shape, reflecting their particular functions in the body.

The simplest living creatures are composed of single cells, but in complex organisms such as trees or human beings, the structural ladder continues on to the *tissue level*. **Tissues** consist of groups of similar cells that have a common function. Each of the four basic tissue types (epithelial, connective, muscular, and neural) plays a definite but different role in the body. (We discuss tissues in Chapter 3.)

An **organ** is a structure composed of two or more tissue types that performs a specific function for the body. At the *organ level* of organization, extremely complex functions become possible. For example, the small intestine, which digests and absorbs food, is composed of all four tissue types. An **organ system** is a group of organs that

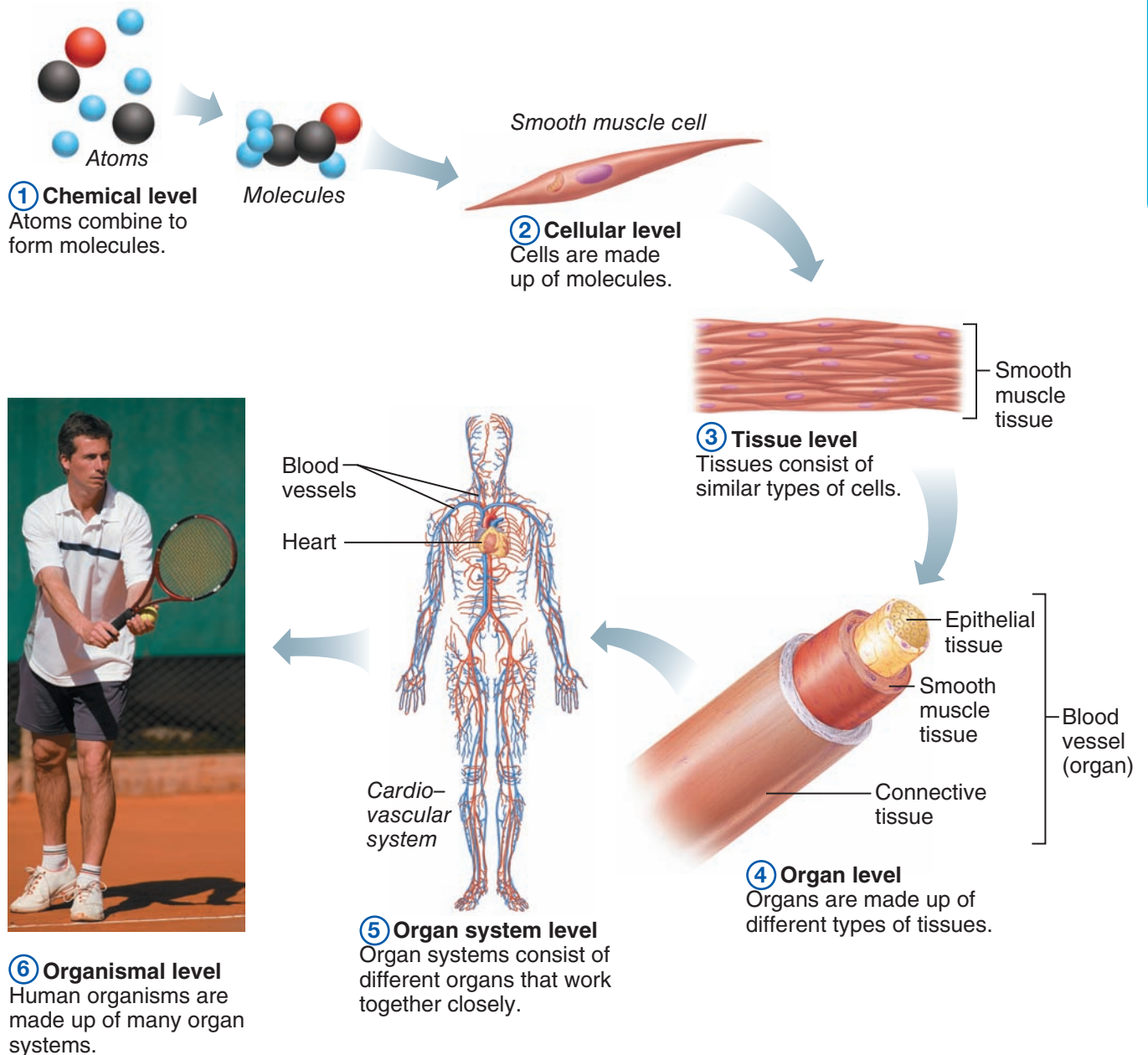


Figure 1.1 Levels of structural organization. In this diagram, components of the cardiovascular system are used to illustrate the levels of structural organization in a human being.

work together to accomplish a common purpose. For example, the heart and blood vessels of the cardiovascular system circulate blood continuously to carry nutrients and oxygen to all body cells.

In all, 11 organ systems make up the living human being, or the **organism**, which represents the highest level of structural organization, the *organismal level*. The organismal level is the sum total of all structural levels working together to keep us alive. (The

major organs of each system are shown in **Figure 1.2** on pp. 5–6). Refer to the figure as you read through the following descriptions of the organ systems.

Organ System Overview

Integumentary System

The **integumentary** (in-teg'ū-men'tar-e) **system** is the external covering of the body, or the skin. It waterproofs the body and cushions and protects

the deeper tissues from injury. It also excretes salts and urea in perspiration and helps regulate body temperature. Temperature, pressure, and pain receptors located in the skin alert us to what is happening at the body surface.

Skeletal System

The **skeletal system** consists of bones, cartilages, ligaments, and joints. It supports the body and provides a framework that the skeletal muscles use to cause movement. It also has a protective function (for example, the skull encloses and protects the brain). *Hematopoiesis* (hem"ah-to-poi-e'sis), or formation of blood cells, takes place within the cavities of the skeleton. The hard substance of bones acts as a storehouse for minerals.

Muscular System

The muscles of the body have only one function—to *contract*, or shorten. When this happens, movement occurs. Hence, muscles can be viewed as the “machines” of the body. The mobility of the body as a whole reflects the activity of *skeletal muscles*, the large, fleshy muscles attached to bones. When these contract, you are able to stand erect, walk, leap, grasp, throw a ball, or smile. The skeletal muscles form the **muscular system**. These muscles are distinct from the muscles of the heart and of other hollow organs, which move fluids (blood, urine) or other substances (such as food) along definite pathways within the body.

Nervous System

The **nervous system** is the body's fast-acting control system. It consists of the brain, spinal cord, nerves, and sensory receptors. The body must be able to respond to irritants or stimuli coming from outside the body (such as light, sound, or changes in temperature) and from inside the body (such as decreases in oxygen or stretching of tissue). The sensory receptors detect these changes and send messages (via electrical signals called *nerve impulses*) to the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) so that it is constantly informed about what is going on. The central nervous system then assesses this information and responds by activating the appropriate body effectors (muscles or glands).

Endocrine System

Like the nervous system, the **endocrine system** (en'do-krin) controls body activities, but it acts much more

slowly. The endocrine glands produce chemical molecules called *hormones* and release them into the blood to travel to relatively distant target organs.

The endocrine glands include the pituitary, thyroid, parathyroids, adrenals, thymus, pancreas, pineal, ovaries (in the female), and testes (in the male). The endocrine glands are not connected anatomically in the same way that parts of the other organ systems are. What they have in common is that they all secrete hormones, which regulate other structures. The body functions controlled by hormones are many and varied, involving every cell in the body. Growth, reproduction, and food use by cells are all controlled (at least in part) by hormones.

Cardiovascular System

The primary organs of the **cardiovascular system** are the heart and blood vessels. Using blood as the transporting fluid, the cardiovascular system carries oxygen, nutrients, hormones, and other substances to and from the tissue cells where exchanges are made. White blood cells and chemicals in the blood help to protect the body from such foreign invaders as bacteria, toxins, and tumor cells. The heart acts as the blood pump, propelling blood out of its chambers into the blood vessels to be transported to all body tissues.

Lymphatic System

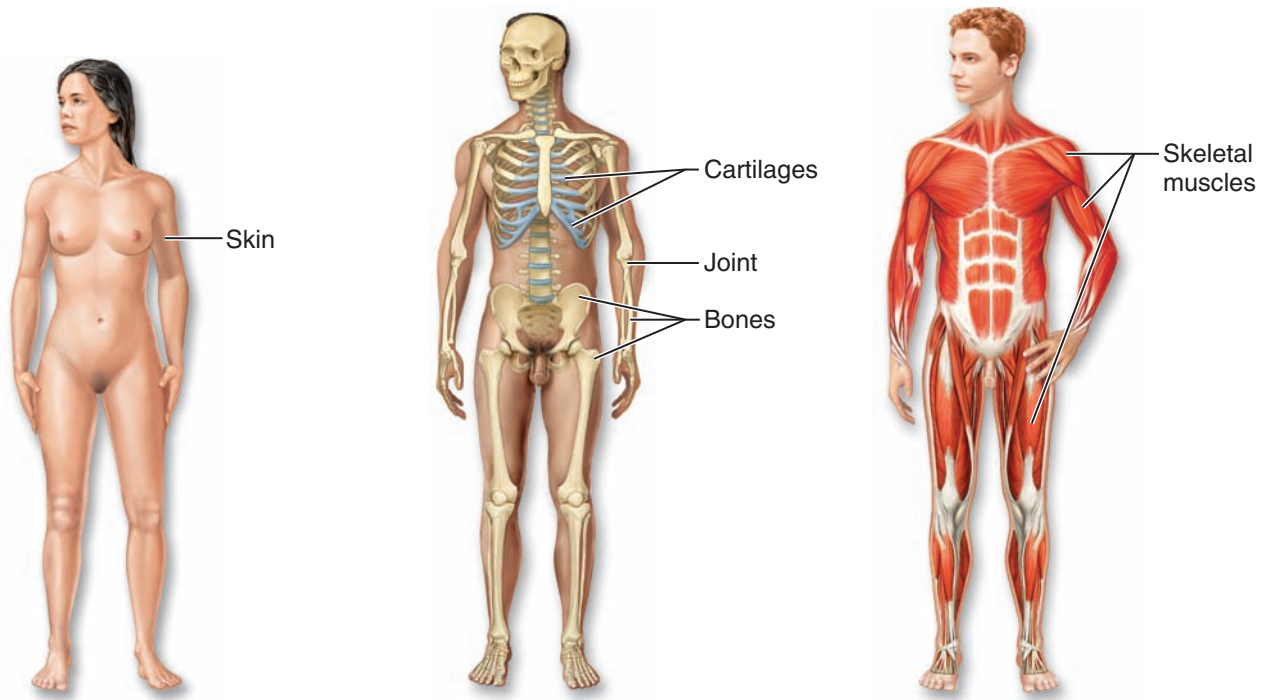
The role of the **lymphatic system** complements that of the cardiovascular system. Its organs include lymphatic vessels, lymph nodes, and other lymphoid organs such as the spleen and tonsils. The lymphatic vessels return fluid leaked from the blood back to the blood vessels so that blood can be kept continuously circulating through the body. The lymph nodes and other lymphoid organs help to cleanse the blood and house cells involved in immunity.

Respiratory System

The job of the **respiratory system** is to keep the body constantly supplied with oxygen and to remove carbon dioxide. The respiratory system consists of the nasal passages, pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchi, and lungs. Within the lungs are tiny air sacs. Gases are transported to and from the blood through the thin walls of these air sacs.

Digestive System

The **digestive system** is basically a tube running through the body from mouth to anus. The organs of



(a) Integumentary System

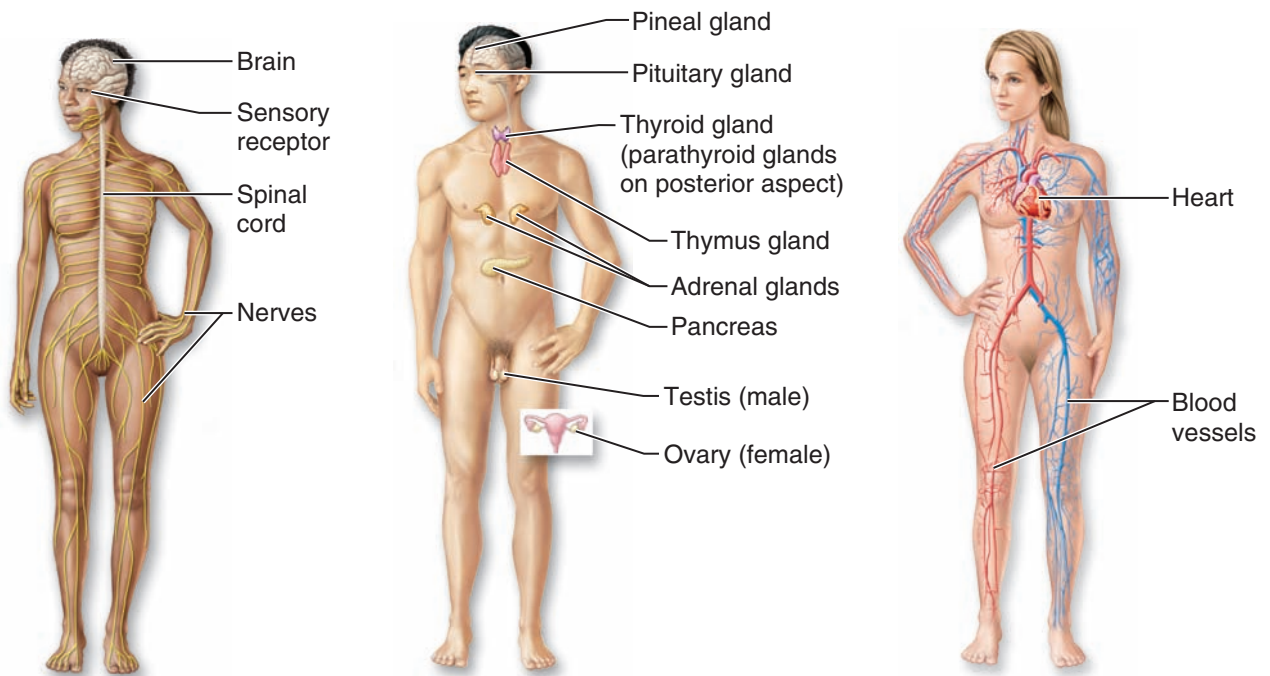
Forms the external body covering; protects deeper tissue from injury; synthesizes vitamin D; location of cutaneous receptors (pain, pressure, etc.) and sweat and oil glands.

(b) Skeletal System

Protects and supports body organs; provides a framework the muscles use to cause movement; blood cells are formed within bones; stores minerals.

(c) Muscular System

Allows manipulation of the environment, locomotion, and facial expression; maintains posture; produces heat.



(d) Nervous System

Fast-acting control system of the body; responds to internal and external changes by activating appropriate muscles and glands.

(e) Endocrine System

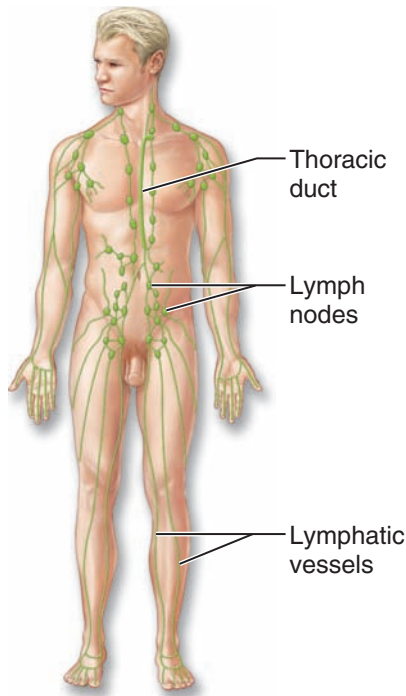
Glands secrete hormones that regulate processes such as growth, reproduction, and nutrient use by body cells.

(f) Cardiovascular System

Blood vessels transport blood, which carries oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients, wastes, etc.; the heart pumps blood.

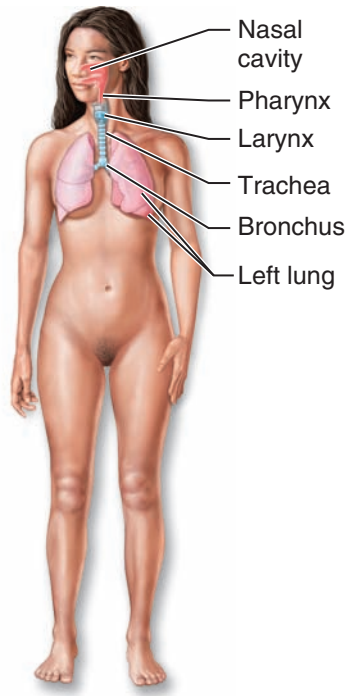
Figure 1.2 The body's organ systems.

(Figure continues on page 6.)



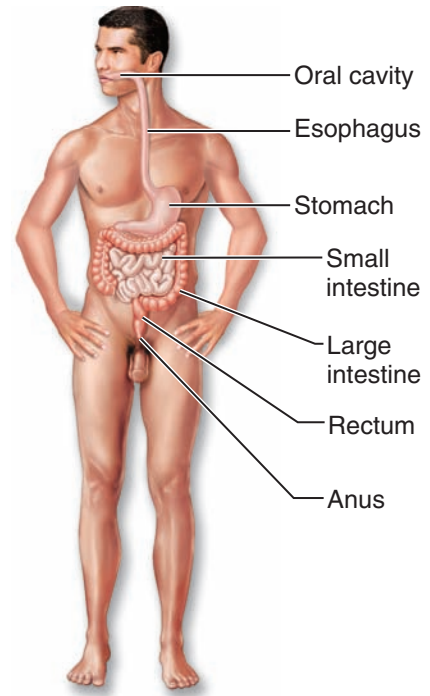
(g) Lymphatic System

Picks up fluid leaked from blood vessels and returns it to blood; disposes of debris in the lymphatic stream; houses white blood cells involved in immunity.



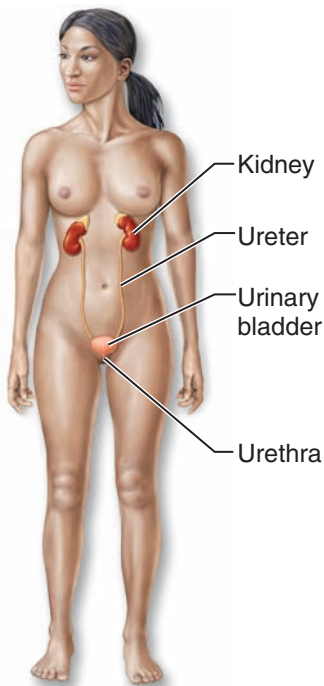
(h) Respiratory System

Keeps blood constantly supplied with oxygen and removes carbon dioxide; the gaseous exchanges occur through the walls of the air sacs of the lungs.



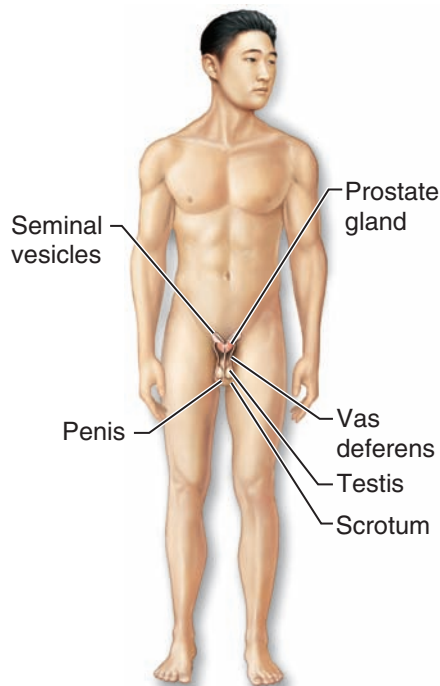
(i) Digestive System

Breaks food down into absorbable units that enter the blood for distribution to body cells; indigestible foodstuffs are eliminated as feces.



(j) Urinary System

Eliminates nitrogen-containing wastes from the body; regulates water, electrolyte, and acid-base balance of the blood.



(k) Male Reproductive System (l) Female Reproductive System

Overall function of the reproductive system is production of offspring. Testes produce sperm and male sex hormone; ducts and glands aid in delivery of viable sperm to the female reproductive tract. Ovaries produce eggs and female sex hormones; remaining structures serve as sites for fertilization and development of the fetus. Mammary glands of female breast produce milk to nourish the newborn.

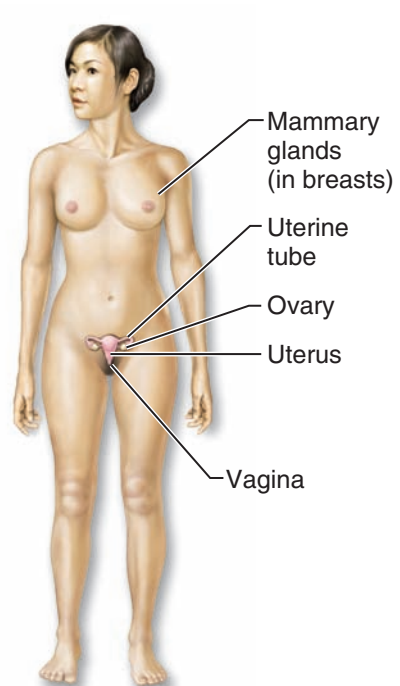


Figure 1.2 (continued) The body's organ systems.

the digestive system include the oral cavity (mouth), esophagus, stomach, small and large intestines, and rectum plus a number of accessory organs (liver, salivary glands, pancreas, and others). Their role is to break down food and deliver the products to the blood for dispersal to the body cells. The undigested food that remains in the tract leaves the body through the anus as feces. The breakdown activities that begin in the mouth are completed in the small intestine. From that point on, the major function of the digestive system is to reclaim water. The liver is considered a digestive organ because the bile it produces helps to break down fats. The pancreas, which delivers digestive enzymes to the small intestine, also is functionally a digestive organ.

Urinary System

The body produces wastes as by-products of its normal functions, and these wastes must be disposed of. One type of waste contains nitrogen (examples are urea and uric acid), which results when the body cells break down proteins and nucleic acids. The **urinary system** removes the nitrogen-containing wastes from the blood and flushes them from the body in urine. This system, often called the *excretory system*, is composed of the kidneys, ureters, bladder, and urethra. Other important functions of this system include maintaining the body's water and salt (electrolyte) balance and regulating the acid-base balance of the blood.

Reproductive System

The **reproductive system** exists primarily to produce offspring. The testes of the male produce sperm. Other male reproductive system structures are the scrotum, penis, accessory glands, and the duct system, which carries sperm to the outside of the body. The ovaries of the female produce eggs, or ova; the female duct system consists of the uterine tubes, uterus, and vagina. The uterus provides the site for the development of the fetus (immature infant) once fertilization has occurred.

Did You Get It?

3. At which level of structural organization is the stomach? At which level is a glucose molecule?
4. Which organ system includes the trachea, lungs, nasal cavity, and bronchi?

(For answers, see Appendix D.)

Maintaining Life

- 1-6 List eight functions that humans must perform to maintain life.
- 1-7 List the five survival needs of the human body.

Necessary Life Functions

Now that we have introduced the structural levels composing the human body, a question naturally follows: What does this highly organized human body do? Like all complex animals, human beings maintain their boundaries, move, respond to environmental changes, take in and digest nutrients, carry out metabolism, dispose of wastes, reproduce themselves, and grow. We will discuss each of these necessary life functions briefly here and in more detail in later chapters.

Organ systems do not work in isolation; instead, they work together to promote the well-being of the entire body (**Figure 1.3**, p. 8). Because this theme is emphasized throughout this text, it is worthwhile to identify the most important organ systems contributing to each of the necessary life functions. Also, as you study this figure, you may want to refer back to the more detailed descriptions of the organ systems just provided (pp. 3–7 and in Figure 1.2).

Maintaining Boundaries

Every living organism must be able to maintain its boundaries so that its “inside” remains distinct from its “outside.” Every cell of the human body is surrounded by an external membrane that contains its contents and allows needed substances in while generally preventing entry of potentially damaging or unnecessary substances. The body as a whole is also enclosed by the integumentary system, or skin. The integumentary system protects internal organs from drying out (which would be fatal), from bacteria, and from the damaging effects of heat, sunlight, and an unbelievable number of chemical substances in the external environment.

Movement

Movement includes all the activities promoted by the muscular system, such as propelling ourselves from one place to another (by walking, swimming, and so forth) and manipulating the external environment with our fingers. The skeletal system provides the bones that the muscles pull on as they

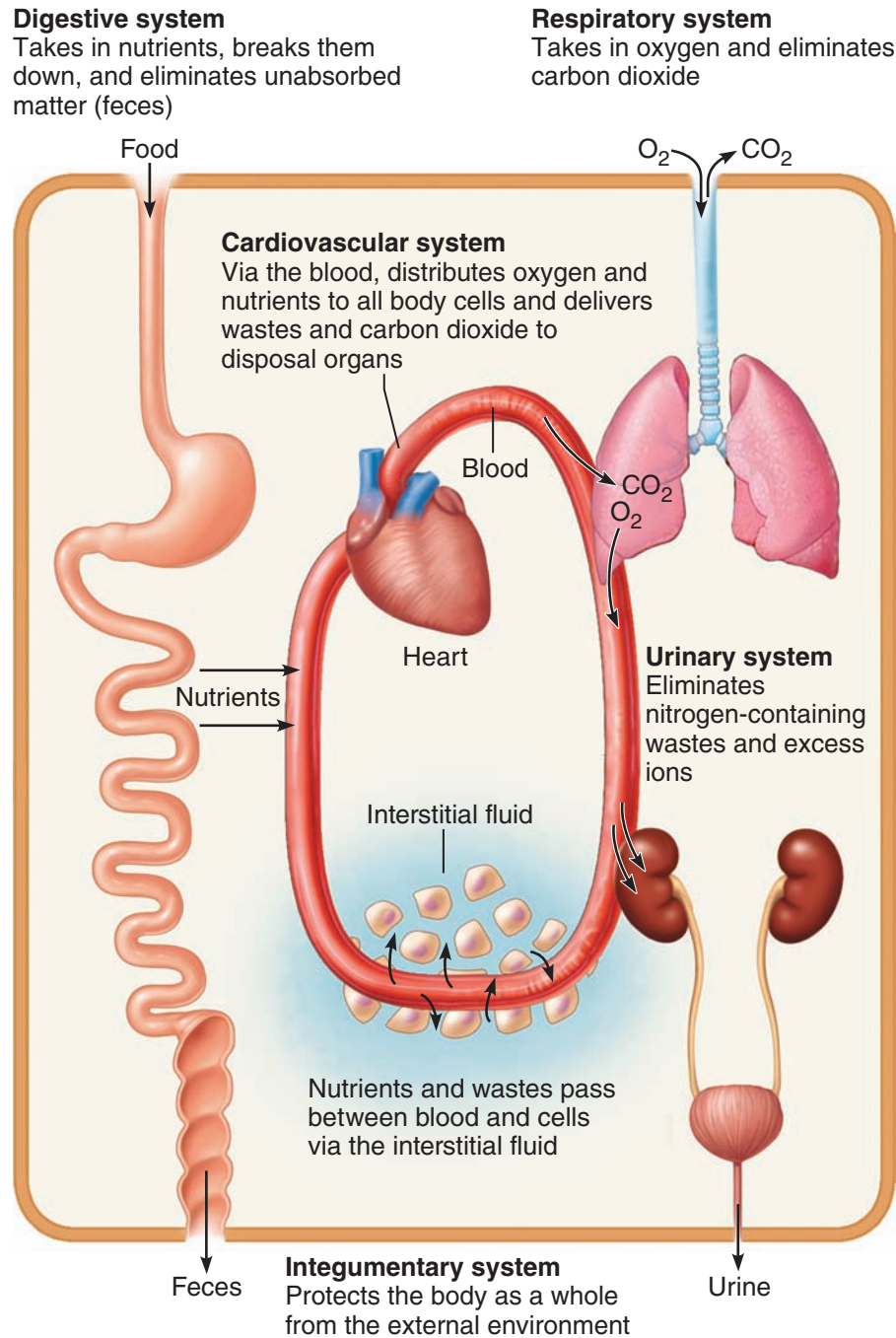


Figure 1.3 Examples of selected interrelationships among body organ systems.

work. Movement also occurs when substances such as blood, foodstuffs, and urine are propelled through the internal organs of the cardiovascular, digestive, and urinary systems, respectively.

Responsiveness

Responsiveness, or **irritability**, is the ability to sense changes (stimuli) in the environment and

then to react to them. For example, if you cut your hand on broken glass, you involuntarily pull your hand away from the painful stimulus (the broken glass). You do not need to think about it—it just happens! Likewise, when the amount of carbon dioxide in your blood rises to dangerously high levels, your breathing rate speeds up to blow off the excess carbon dioxide.

Because nerve cells are highly irritable and can communicate rapidly with each other via electrical impulses, the nervous system bears the major responsibility for responsiveness. However, all body cells are irritable to some extent.

Digestion

Digestion is the process of breaking down ingested food into simple molecules that can then be absorbed into the blood. The nutrient-rich blood is then distributed to all body cells by the cardiovascular system. In a simple, one-celled organism such as an amoeba, the cell itself is the “digestion factory,” but in the complex, multicellular human body, the digestive system performs this function for the entire body.

Metabolism

Metabolism is a broad term that refers to all chemical reactions that occur within body cells. It includes breaking down complex substances into simpler building blocks, making larger structures from smaller ones, and using nutrients and oxygen to produce molecules of adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the energy-rich molecules that power cellular activities. Metabolism depends on the digestive and respiratory systems to make nutrients and oxygen available to the blood and on the cardiovascular system to distribute these needed substances throughout the body. Metabolism is regulated chiefly by hormones secreted by the glands of the endocrine system.

Excretion

Excretion is the process of removing *excreta* (ek-skre'tah), or wastes, from the body. If the body is to continue to operate as we expect it to, it must get rid of the nonuseful substances produced during digestion and metabolism. Several organ systems participate in excretion. For example, the digestive system rids the body of indigestible food residues in feces, and the urinary system disposes of nitrogen-containing metabolic wastes in urine.

Reproduction

Reproduction, the production of offspring, can occur on the cellular or organismal level. In cellular reproduction, the original cell divides, producing two identical daughter cells that may then be used for body growth or repair. Reproduction of the human organism, or making a whole new person, is the

task of the organs of the reproductive system, which produce sperm and eggs. When a sperm unites with an egg, a fertilized egg forms, which then develops into a baby within the mother's body. The function of the reproductive system is regulated very precisely by hormones of the endocrine system.

Growth

Growth is an increase in size, usually accomplished by an increase in the number of cells. For growth to occur, cell-constructing activities must occur at a faster rate than cell-destroying ones. Hormones released by the endocrine system play a major role in directing growth.

Survival Needs

The goal of nearly all body systems is to maintain life. However, life is extraordinarily fragile and requires that several factors be available. These factors, which we will call *survival needs*, include nutrients (food), oxygen, water, and appropriate temperature and atmospheric pressure.

Nutrients, which the body takes in through food, contain the chemicals used for energy and cell building. Carbohydrates are the major energy-providing fuel for body cells. Proteins and, to a lesser extent, fats are essential for building cell structures. Fats also cushion body organs and provide reserve fuel. Minerals and vitamins are required for the chemical reactions that go on in cells and for oxygen transport in the blood.

All the nutrients in the world are useless unless **oxygen** is also available. Because the chemical reactions that release energy from foods require oxygen, human cells can survive for only a few minutes without it. Approximately 20 percent of the air we breathe is oxygen. It is made available to the blood and body cells by the cooperative efforts of the respiratory and cardiovascular systems.

Water accounts for 60 to 80 percent of body weight. It is the single most abundant chemical substance in the body and provides the fluid base for body secretions and excretions. We obtain water chiefly from ingested foods or liquids, and we lose it by evaporation from the lungs and skin and in body excretions.

If chemical reactions are to continue at life-sustaining levels, **normal body temperature** must be maintained. As body temperature drops below 37°C (98°F), metabolic reactions become

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