

# Introduction to Human Anatomy

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- **Anatomy;**

- The study of the structure and shape of the body and body parts & their relationships to one another.
- The term anatomy comes from the Greek words meaning to cut (tomy) apart ( ana)
- Anatomy-cutting up-dissecting
- **Gross anatomy**( macroscopic anatomy) – the study of large, easily observable structures (by naked eye), such as the heart or bones.
- **Microscopic anatomy** (cytology, histology) – the study of very small structures, where a magnifying lens or microscope is needed.



- **Physiology;**

- The study of how the body and its parts **work (function)**
- Physio =natural , ology = the study of.
- Like anatomy , physiology has subdivisions. For example, neurophysiology explains the working of the nervous system , and cardiac physiology studies the function of the heart.

## ❖ **Relationship between Anatomy and Physiology**

- Anatomy and Physiology are always related .
- Structure determines what functions can take place.

\* For example, the **lungs are not muscular chambers like the heart** and can not pump blood, but because **the walls of lungs are very thin, they can exchange gasses and provide oxygen to the body.**



# Levels of Structural Organization

The human body exhibits 6 levels of structural complexity :

1. **Chemical level** , the simplest level of structural ladder .At this level atoms combine to form molecules such as water, sugar, & proteins
2. **Cellular level** the smallest units of living things .
3. **Tissue level** , groups of similar cells that have a common function (4 basic types)
4. **Organ level**, an organ is a structure composed of 2 or more tissue types that performs a specific function .
5. **Organ System** is a group of organs that work together to accomplish a common purpose (each organ has its own job to do)
6. **Organismal level** , represents the highest level of structural organization( total of 11 organ systems)



## Levels of Organization

- **Atoms** form molecules.....**molecules** form organelles (essential for cell function).....**organelles** form cells.....**a group of cells** with the same structure and function forms a **tissue**.....two or more different **tissues** form an organ.....two or more **organs** form organ systems.....**multiple systems** form the human body.



## The Specialties of Anatomy

- Anatomy can be divided into gross and microscopic:
  - **Forms of Gross Anatomy**
    - **Surface anatomy** – study of superficial marking
    - **Regional anatomy** – study of specific area
    - **Systemic anatomy** – study of system
    - **Developmental anatomy** – study changes from conception to physical maturity.
  - **Microscopic anatomy includes two major subdivisions**
    - **Cytology** – study of cell
    - **Histology** – study of tissue



❖ **In anatomy courses** the body may be examined by regionally or systematically;

**Regional anatomy**; thorax, abdomen, pelvis and perineum, lower limb, upper limb, the back, head and neck

**Systemic anatomy** ; integumentary system, skeletal system, articular system.....

\* **Clinical anatomy**; Deals with the important clinical aspects of body regions and systems

\* **Comparative Anatomy**; all vertebrates share a basic pattern of organization, most noticeable during embryology.





# Homeostasis

- Homeostasis is a **stable internal environment**
- **Every organism** must maintain homeostasis for survival
- Homeostatic regulation is responsible for keeping internal environment within certain limits.

## Two general points within homeostasis

- **Autoregulation or intrinsic regulation** – results when cell, organ or system adjusts its activity automatically.
- **Extrinsic regulation** - results from activity of nervous system or endocrine system





# Anatomical Position

- ❖ When describing body parts it is always assumed that the patient is in ***anatomical position***;  
A stance or position commonly used for visual reference points)
- Standing erect, head, eyes, toes directed forward, heels and toes together, upper limbs hanging by the sides palms facing to the front.



# The Language of Anatomy

## Directional terms

- **Superior (cranial or cephalad)** – toward the head end or upper part of a structure or body; above
- **Inferior (caudal)** – away from the head end or toward the lower part of a structure or body; below
- **Anterior (ventral)** – toward or at the front of the body; in front of
- **Posterior (dorsal)** – toward or at the backside of the body; behind
- **Medial** – toward or at the midline of the body; on the inner side of
- **Lateral** – away from the midline of the body; on the outer side of



# The Language of Anatomy

- **Proximal** – close to the origin of the body part or the point of attachment of a limb to the body trunk.
- **Distal** – farther from the origin of a body or the point of attachment of ato the body trunk.
- **Superficial (external)** – toward or at the body surface.
- **Deep (internal)** – away from the body surface; more internal.



## Body planes and sections

A section is a cut made along a plane

- **Sagittal** – cut made along the lengthwise or longitudinal plane of the body dividing it into **left and right parts**
- **Midsagittal (median) plane** – right and left parts are of equal size
- **Frontal (coronal) plane** – cut made along a lengthwise plane that divides the body into **anterior and posterior parts**
- **Transverse plane (cross section-axial-horizontal)** – cut made along a horizontal plane dividing the body or organ into **superior and inferior parts**

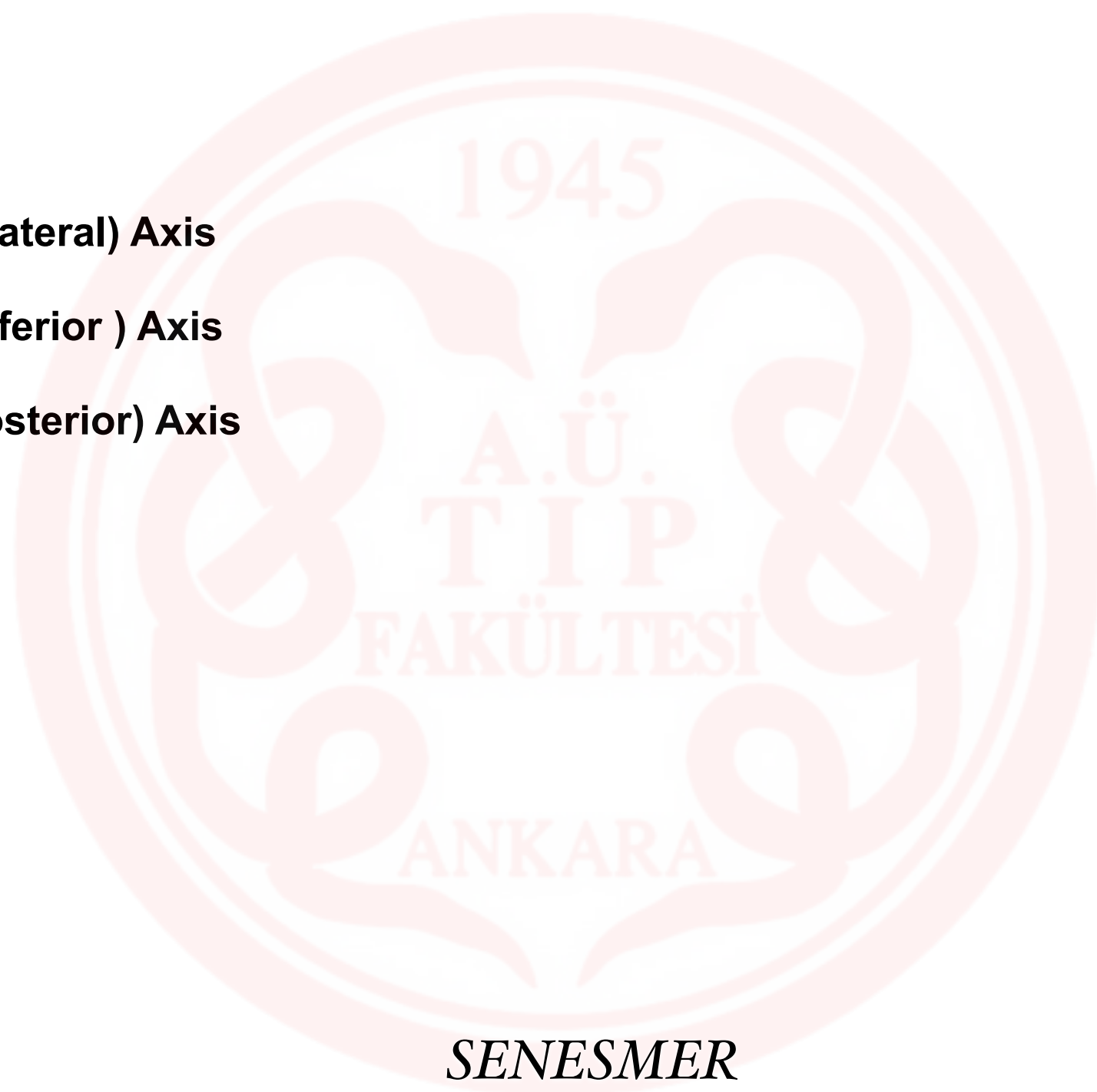


# Axes

**Transvers (Mediolateral) Axis**

**Vertical (Superoinferior ) Axis**

**Sagittal (Anteroposterior) Axis**



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# Movements

## General:

- **Flexion**; decreasing joint angle, the act of bending
- **Extension**; stretching out, the straightening of a limb
- **Abduction**; the movement which separates a limb or other part from the axis, or middle line, of the body
- **Adduction**; moving or pulling an arm or leg toward the median line in the body
- **Internal/External Rotation**; the act of turning around a centre or an axis
- **Circumduction**; the rotation of a limb round an imaginary axis



## **SPECIFIC: ANKLE & FOOT**

**Inversion**

**Eversion**

**Plantar flexion**

**Dorsal flexion (dorsiflexion)**

## **SPECIFIC: RADIOULNAR JOINT**

**Pronation**

**Supination**





## **SPECIFIC: SHOULDER GIRDLE**

**Elevation**

**Depression**

**Protraction**

**Retraction**

## **SPECIFIC: WRIST & HAND**

**Radial flexion (radial deviation)**

**Ulnar flexion (ulnar deviation)**

**Opposition of the thumb**



# Systematic anatomy

- . Integumentary system
- . Skeletal system
- . Articular system
- . Muscular system
- . Nervous system
- . Circulatory system
- . Digestive system
- . Respiratory system
- . Urinary system
- . Reproductive system
- . Endocrine system



# Body Cavities

- Body cavities are internal chambers holding vital organs
  - Cavities protect vital organs
  - Cavities allow organs to change in shape and size
- Two body cavities
  - Dorsal body cavity includes the cranial cavity and the spinal cavity
  - Ventral body cavity includes the thoracic cavity and the abdominopelvic cavity



## Thoracic Cavities

- The thoracic cavity contains the heart and lungs.
- The thoracic cavity is subdivided into:
  - Left and right pleural cavities (each pleural cavity contains one lung) lined by the visceral and parietal pleura
  - The mediastinum contains the pericardium (pericardial cavity), another serous membrane that surrounds the heart



## Abdominopelvic Cavity

- The abdominopelvic cavity is lined by the peritoneum
  - **The abdominal cavity** extends from the diaphragm to the superior margins of the pelvis
    - Liver, stomach, spleen and most of the large intestine
  - **The pelvic cavity** is bordered by the pelvis, with a floor of muscle
    - Reproductive organs, urinary bladder and the final portion of the large intestine





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