

### Anatomy

The scientific study of the **structure and relationships between body parts**.

### Physiology

The scientific discipline of how the body and its parts come together to **function**.

### Structural and Functional Organization

**Chemical Level** Atoms combine to form molecules.

**Cell Level** Molecules form organelles, such as the nucleus and mitochondria, which make up cells.

**Tissue Level** A group of similar cells and the materials surrounding them.

**Organ Level** Two or more tissue types that together perform one or more common functions.

**Organ System Level** A group of organs classified as one unit because of a common function/set of functions.

**Organism Level** Any living thing considered as a whole.

Chemical → Cell → Tissue → Organ → Organ System → Organism

### Characteristics of Life

**Organization** The scientific interrelationships among the parts of an organism and how those parts interact to perform specific functions.

**Metabolism** The ability to use energy to perform vital functions.

**Responsiveness** The ability of an organism to sense changes in the environment and make the adjustments that help maintain its life.

**Growth** Refers to an increase in size of all or part of the organism.

**Development** Changes an organism undergoes through time.

**Reproduction** Formation of new cells or new organisms.

### Homeostasis

The ability of all living systems to **maintain stable, internal conditions no matter what changes are occurring outside the body**.

Four interacting components of most homeostatic mechanisms:

*Stimulus → Receptor → Control Center → Effector*

**Stimulus** - Indicates that the value of the variable has deviated from the set point/normal range.

**Receptor** - Monitors the value and sends data to the control center.

**Control Center** - Establishes the set point.

**Effector** - Acts on the signal from the control center to move the variable back to the set point.

### Homeostatic Mechanisms

Negative Feedback	Positive Feedback
Serves to <i>reduce an excess response</i> and keep a variable within the normal range.	Serves to <i>intensify a response</i> until endpoint is reached.

The response <i>stops</i> the effector.	The response <i>keeps</i> the reaction going.
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Ex. Temperature & blood pressure regulation	Ex. Childbirth & blood clotting
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### Body Positions

**Anatomical position** A person standing erect with the face directed forward, the upper limbs hanging to the side, and the palms of the hands facing forward.

**Supine position** When a person is *lying face upward*

**Prone position** When a person is *lying face downward*

### Directional Terms

**Anterior/Ventral** *Front* of the body

**Posterior/Dorsal** *Back* of the body

**Superior/Cranial** Towards the *top*



### Directional Terms (cont)

<b>Inferior/-Caudal</b>	Towards the <i>bottom</i>
<b>Proximal</b>	<i>Towards</i> the trunk
<b>Distal</b>	<i>Further</i> from the trunk
<b>Medial</b>	Structures <i>toward</i> the <i>midline</i>
<b>Lateral</b>	Structures <i>farther away</i> from the <i>midline</i>

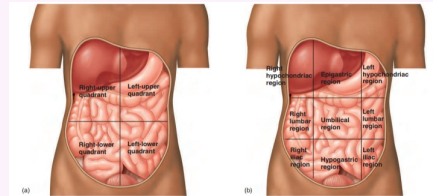
### Planes

<b>Sagittal Plane</b>	Divides the body into <i>left and right sides</i> (vertically)
<b>Median Plane/-Mid-Sagittal Plane</b>	Passes through the midline of the body; divides the body into <i>left and right halves</i>
<b>Parasagittal Plane</b>	<i>Parallel</i> to the sagittal plane, but off to one side
<b>Frontal/Coronal Plane</b>	Divides the body into <i>front and back</i> (vertically)
<b>Transverse/Horizontal Plane</b>	Divides the body into <i>top and bottom</i> (horizontally)

### Body Parts and Regions

<b>Axial Parts</b>	Head, neck, and trunk
<b>Appendicular Parts</b>	Arms and legs (upper & lower limbs)

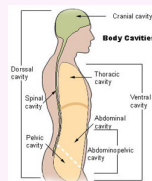
### The Abdomen



**Abdominal quadrants** consist of *four subdivisions*.

**Abdominal regions** consist of *nine subdivisions*.

### Body Cavities



The *two main cavities* are called the **ventral and dorsal cavities**.

**Ventral Cavity** - Consists of the following: the *thoracic cavity*, *abdominal cavity*, and the *pelvic cavity*.

**Dorsal Cavity** - Contains organs lying more posterior in the body. Can be divided into *two portions*: (1) the **upper portion or the cranial cavity** houses the *brain* (2) the **lower portion or vertebral canal** houses the *spinal cord*.

### Ventral Cavities

**Thoracic cavity** It is surrounded by the rib cage, separated from the abdominal cavity by the diaphragm, and is divided into right and left parts by a median structure called *mediastinum*.

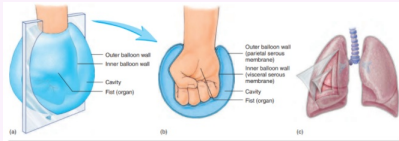
**Abdominal cavity** Bounded primarily by the abdominal muscles and contains the stomach, intestines, liver, spleen, pancreas, and the kidneys.

**Pelvic cavity** A small space enclosed by the bones of the pelvis and contains the urinary bladder, part of the large intestine, and the internal reproductive organs.

**Mediastinum** - Is a partition containing the heart, thymus, trachea, esophagus, and others. *Two lungs* are located on each side of the mediastinum.

The abdominal and pelvic cavities are not physically separated and sometimes are called the **abdominopelvic cavity**.

## Serous Membranes



**Figure 1.8 Serous Membranes:**  
 (a) Flat pushing into a balloon. A "ghost" sheet indicates the location of a cross section through the balloon. (b) Interior view produced by the section in (a). The flat represents an organ, and the walls of the balloon represent the serous membranes. The inner wall of the balloon represents a visceral serous membrane in contact with the flat (organ). The outer wall of the balloon represents a parietal serous membrane. (c) View of the serous membranes surrounding the lungs. The membrane in contact with the lungs is the visceral pleura, the membrane lining the lung cavity is the parietal pleura.

**Serous membranes** - Secrete fluid that fills the space between the parietal and visceral membranes. The serous membranes protect organs from friction.

**Serous membranes lining the thoracic cavity:**

**Heart:** Pericardial cavity - visceral & parietal pericardium - pericardial fluid

**Lungs:** Pleural cavity - visceral & parietal pleura - pleural fluid

**Serous membranes lining the abdominopelvic cavity:**

Peritoneal cavity - visceral & parietal peritoneum - peritoneal fluid

## Mesenteries & Retroperitoneal Organs

**Mesenteries** - Are parts of the peritoneum that hold the abdominal organs in place and provide a passageway for blood vessels and nerves to organs.

**Retroperitoneal organs** - Are found *behind the parietal peritoneum* and consists of the *kidneys, adrenal glands, pancreas, parts of the intestines, and the urinary bladder.*

## 11 Major Organ Systems

1. Integumentary
2. Skeletal
3. Muscular
4. Lymphatic
5. Respiratory
6. Digestive
7. Nervous
8. Endocrine
9. Cardiovascular
10. Urinary
11. Reproductive

## Major Organs of the Body

