Anatomy for Assistants



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First Things First



Why Bother?

- In today's healthcare environment, expectations are much higher than in the past
 - Everyone already HAS the information
 - Are you by any chance wearing scrubs?
- Patients DEMAND and DESERVE a knowledgeable healthcare team
- When you place your hands on someone, it's essential to know what's underneath the skin
- Your doctor will be able to do their job better. The office will function better when assistants have baseline knowledge

Bridge The Gap



Buckle Up!



Direction and Location

- Anterior towards the front
- Posterior towards the rear
- Caudad towards the tail (feet)
- Cephalad towards the head
- Contralateral on the opposite side
- Ipsilateral on the same side
- Distal farther from a point of reference or origin
- Proximal closer to a point of reference or origin

Direction and Location

- Lateral away from the midline of the body or part
- Medial towards the midline of the body or part
- Superior situated above
- Inferior situated below
- Ventral front surface of the body
- Dorsal rear surface of the body
- Volar referring to the inside surface of the wrist
- Palmar referring to the palm of the hand
- Plantar referring to the sole of the foot





Direction and Location







Anatomy and Physiology



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Understanding the Human Body

- Anatomy the study of body structure
- Physiology the study of the function and activity of the body
- Systemic approach
- 10 Body Systems

10 Body Systems



10 Body Systems

- Skeletal (bones)
- Muscular (muscles)
- Nervous (brain, spinal cord, nerves)
- Circulatory (heart and blood vessels)
- Respiratory (lungs)

10 Body Systems

- Digestive (stomach and intestines)
- Urinary (kidneys and bladder)
- Endocrine (glands and hormones)
- Reproductive (genitals)
- Integumentary (skin)

Skeletal System

- Provides framework, support and protection.
- Serves as the attachment point for muscles.
- Major storage dept for Calcium.

Skeletal System



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Skeletal System



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Muscular System

• Moves and propels the body.



Nervous System

- Gives the body awareness of its environment.
- Enables the body to react to stimuli from the environment.
- Allows the body to work together as a cohesive unit
- Command and Control







Circulatory System

- Carries oxygen and nutrients in the blood to all parts of the body.
- Carries away waste products from the cells.

Circulatory System



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Respiratory System

- Takes oxygen from the atmosphere and puts it into the blood.
- Removes waste from the blood in the form of carbon dioxide.
- Helps to maintain body temperature

Respiratory System



Respiratory System



Digestive System

- Receives, digests, and absorbs food substances.
- Eliminates waste products.



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Urinary System

- Filters out waste products from the blood and excretes these products in urine.
- Conservation of water.



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Urinary System



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Endocrine System

• Controls many prolonged body functions by the manufacture of hormones that are secreted into the blood.



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Endocrine System



Reproductive System

• Produces and transports reproductive (sex) cells.



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Reproductive System



Integumentary System

- Covers and protects the body surface from injury and infection.
- Functions in sensory reception.
- Regulates body temperature.
- Excretes waste products.





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Integumentary System



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The Skeletal System



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The Skeletal System

• Functions

- Give support and shape to the body
- Protect internal organs
- Provide for movement
- Manufacture blood cells
- Store mineral salts

The Skeletal System

- 2 Divisions (206 bones total)
- Axial skeleton
 - 80 bones
 - Skull, vertebral column, ribs, sternum
- Appendicular skeleton
 - 126 bones
 - Shoulder girdle, upper limbs, pelvic girdle, lower limbs

Axial Skeleton Skull ossicles (inner ear) hyoidbonerib cage vertebral column -Copyright 2024 Louis S. Crivelli II, DC, MS, FICC. All Rights Reserved.



Axial vs. Appendicular



Bone Structure and Classes

- Periosteum
 - Hard membrane covering bone surfaces. This covering carries blood vessels and nerves to the bone cells. Anchored to bone by very strong connective fibers.
 - "Shrink wrap"
 - Due to the presence of nerves, periosteum is pain sensitive.

Periosteium





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Bone Structure and Classes

- 2 basic types of bone
 - Compact bone
 - Hard and dense structure
 - Cancellous (spongy) bone
 - Porous structure
- The combination of the 2 types of bone gives the skeletal system maximum strength with minimum weight.

Compact/Cancellous bone



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Compact/Cancellous bone



Bone Classification

- Long bones
 - Mostly found in extremities, they act as levers to produce motion.
- Short bones
 - Mini long bones, they are strong and compact.
- Flat bones
 - Serve as protective plates and provide a broad surface for muscle attachment.
- Irregular bones

Long Bone



Long Bone



Short Bone



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Flat/Irregular Bones



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The Skull and Face



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The Skull and Face

- 29 Total bones
- Cranial Bones (8)
- Facial Bones (14)
- Ossicles (6)
- Hyoid bone (1)

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• Purpose – support and protect the brain



SideView

• Frontal bone (1)- Forms the forehead, part of the eye socket and part of the nose.



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• Parietal Bones (2) – Forms the dome of the skull and upper side walls



 Occipital Bone (1) – Posterior aspect and base of the skull. Contains the Foramen Magnum.



Foramen Magnum



• Temporal Bones (2) – Inferior to the Parietal bones. Contains the organs for hearing and balance.



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- Ethmoid Bone (1)
- Sphenoid Bone (1)
- Collectively, these bones complete the floor of the cranium.





• Sutures – Joints in the skull. Fused shortly after birth.





• Sinuses – Air spaces located in the frontal, ethmoid, and sphenoid bones.



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Facial Bones

- 14 Total Bones that fit together like a jigsaw puzzle.
- The eye socket is formed from 7 different bones.
- Maxillary Bones (2)
- Mandible (1)
- Zygomatic Bones (2)
- Small bones of the nose and roof of mouth (9)

Facial Bones

• Maxillary Bones (2) – Support the upper teeth.


Facial Bones

• Mandible (Jawbone) – supports the lower teeth.



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Mandible



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Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ)



Ossicles

- 3 tiny bones in each ear
- Allow for sound amplification and transformation



Hyoid Bone

• The primary function of the hyoid bone is to serve as an anchoring structure for the tongue



Vertebral Column

- 26 Bones
 - 7 cervical
 - 12 thoracic
 - 5 lumbar
 - 1 sacrum
 - 1 coccyx
- Forms a flexible structure, supports the head, thorax, abdomen, and upper extremities.
- Protection of the spinal cord



Cervical Vertebrae





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Lumbar Vertebrae

Basics of the Lumbar Spine



Lumbar Vertebrae



Sacrum



Coccvx



Vertebral Structure





Vertebral Structure



Intervertebral Disc (IVD)

- Located between vertebral bodies.
- Composed of Fibrocartiliage
- Functions as a "shock absorber"



Intervertebral Disc



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Intervertebral Disc



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Intervertebral Disc



Examples of Disc Problems

Spinal Curves





Lateral (Side) Spinal Column

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Abnormal Curves

• Exaggerated lumbar lordosis (hyperlordosis)



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Abnormal Curves

• Exaggerated thoracic kyphosis (hyperkyphosis)



Abnormal Curves

• Scoliosis – Excessive sideways curve



Scoliosis



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The Thorax

- The chest cage is formed by 25 bones.
- It contains and protects the heart and lungs.
- Contains
 - 12 Thoracic vertebrae
 - 12 pairs of ribs
 - Sternum



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The Thorax





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Thoracic Cage

• Protection, protection, protection



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12 Thoracic Vertebrae



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12 Pairs of Ribs



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Rib Attachments

- First seven pairs attach directly to the sternum by costal cartilage
- Ribs 8-10 cartilage attaches to the cartilage of the rib above it
- Ribs 11 & 12 Free floating ribs

Rib Attachments



Rib Attachments



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The Sternum





Costal Cartilage

• Bars of hyaline cartilage that serve to let the ribs move forward and contribute to the elasticity of the walls of the thorax.


Costal Cartilage



The Shoulder Girdle

- Held to the spine by muscles.
- A free floating yoke that supports and suspends the upper limb.
- The only bone attachment to the axial skeleton is the sternoclavicular (clavicle to the sternum) joint.





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The Shoulder Girdle



The Shoulder Girdle



The Scapula

- The Shoulder Blade
- Large triangular flat bone that extends from the 2nd rib to the 7th rib.
- The socket (glenoid fossa) for the humerus is on the lateral end of the scapula.
- Approximately 18 muscles attach to the scapula in some way.

The Scapula



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The Scapula



The Clavicle

- The Collar Bone
- S-curved bone over the 1st rib.
- Holds the shoulder up and back.
- Connects to the sternum (sternoclavicular (SC) joint) and to the scapula on the acromion process (acromioclavicular (AC) joint).



The Clavicle



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The Humerus

- The upper arm
- Proximal end inserts into the glenoid fossa forming the shoulder joint.
- Distal end inserts into the ulna and radius forming the elbow joint.

The Humerus



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The Radius and Ulna

- The Forearm
- Radius Thumb side, forms most of the wrist joint
- Ulna "Pinky" side, forms most of the elbow joint.
- Their combined movement allows rotation of the hand and wrist.

The Radius and Ulna





The Radius and Ulna

Carpals

- Wrist bones.
- 8 small bones in 2 rows of 4.



Metacarpals

- Hand bones.
- 5 bones that form the hand.



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Metacarpals



Phalanges

- Finger bones.
- 14 total phalanges in each hand.
- 3 in each finger
- 2 in the thumb





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Upper Extremity Bones

- Scapula
- Clavicle
- Humerus
- Radius and Ulna
- Carpals
- Metacarpals
- Phalanges



Os Coxa



Os Coxa

- Distributes weight evenly into the legs.
- Composed of 3 fused bones
 - Ilium (lateral crests)
 - Ishium (posterior)
 - Pubis (anterior)



Sacroiliac Joint



Sacroiliac Joint



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The Femur

- Thigh Bone
- The longest and strongest bone in the body.
- Proximal end inserts into Os Coxa at the acetabular fossa and forms the hip joint.
- Distal end forms the knee joint with the tibia
- The greater trochanter is the originating point for thigh muscles.

The Femur



The Femur



The Patella

- Knee Cap
- Protects the front of the knee joint
- Sesamoid bone (free floating) that provides increased mechanical advantage.



The Patella


The Tibia and Fibula

- Shin and lower leg bones
- Forms the knee joint proximally
- Forms the ankle joint distally



The Tibia

- Shin bone
- Thicker and stronger, it supports our weight.
- Attaches to the femur.
- Distal end is the medial malleolus of the ankle.

The Tibia



The Fibula



The Fibula



Tarsals

- 7 bones that form the ankle, heel, and posterior part of the instep
- The calcaneus is the largest tarsal bone and forms the heel.



Tarsals



Metatarsals

• 5 bones that form the anterior portion of the instep.



Metatarsals



Phalanges

- 14 phalanges make up the each foot.
- Same as the hand.
- 3 in each toe
- 2 in the "big toe" or Hallux

Phalanges



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Phalanges



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Lower Extremity Bones

- Os Coxa
- Femur
- Patella
- Tibia and Fibula
- Tarsals
- Metatarsals
- Phalanges

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The Muscular System



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The Muscular System

- Functions
 - Moves and propels the body.
 - Major regulator of body heat.



Types of Muscle

- Smooth muscle
 - INVOLUNTARY
 - Inside the walls of internal organs and blood vessels.
- Skeletal muscle
 - VOLUNTARY
 - Attaches to and causes muscle movement
 - Neuromuscular unit
- Cardiac muscle
 - INVOLUNTARY
 - Located inside the walls of the heart

Types of Muscle



Skeletal muscle



Smooth muscle



Cardiac muscle



Smooth Muscle



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Skeletal Muscle





Cardiac Muscle



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Muscle Structure

- Due to their structure, muscles have the ability to contract (shorten in length). This causes ALL muscle movement in the body.
- Muscle cells long, slender cells
- Muscle fibers group of muscle cells
- Muscle bundles group of muscle fibers
- Muscle sheath connective tissue sheath wrapped around muscles. Contains blood vessels and nerves

Muscle Structure Muscle -Muscle fibers T tubule - Myofibril - Myofilaments Sarcomere © Copyright 2024 Louis S. Crivelli II, DC, MS, FICC. All Rights



Muscle Structure





Muscle Attachments

• Extensions of muscle sheaths become connective tissue attachments (tendons) to the bones.



Muscle/Bone Movement

• A muscle is stimulated by a nerve. It then contracts (shortens) and pulls on its connective tissue attachment which pulls on the bone or other muscles.



Muscle Tone

- Muscle tone the continuous and passive partial contraction of the muscles. A muscle's "readiness to act".
- Hypertonic/hypertonicity increased muscle tone.
- Hypotonic/hypotonicity decreased muscle tone.

Muscle Activity

- Contractions consume food and oxygen, particularly postural (spinal) muscles that must be active nearly constantly.
- Contraction produces heat and acid byproducts (lactic acid)
- Acid buildup is a cause of fatigue.
- Contraction is a major source of body heat.

Hypertrophy/Hyperplasia

- Hypertrophy increase in the SIZE of a muscle cell.
- Hyperplasia increase in the NUMBER of muscle cells.



Muscle Hypertrophy







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Muscle Atrophy

• Atrophy - the partial or complete wasting away of a muscle. Can be caused by long periods of inaction.



Principles of Skeletal Muscle Action

- Pulling and stabilizing Muscles can only shorten, hence they only pull.
 - Attach to bones above and below the joint. Bone above is stabilized while the bone below is pulled.
- Muscles are usually proximal to the part being moved
- Muscles act in groups for coordination
 - Prime movers
 - Antagonists

Prime Mover/Antagonist

- Muscles act in groups (biceps/triceps) to produce movement.
- During elbow flexion, the biceps muscle is the prime mover (contracting) while the triceps muscle is the antagonist (relaxing).
- During elbow extension, the jobs are reversed.



Prime Mover/Antagonist
Prime Mover/Antagonist



- Head and Face
 - Orbicularis oculi
 - Orbicularis oris
 - Masseters
- Arms
 - Deltoid
 - Biceps
 - Triceps
 - Flexors and Extensors
- Back
 - Erector spinae

- Abdomen
 - Rectus abdominis
 - Internal and External obliques
- Neck
 - Posterior cervical muscles
 - Trapezius
 - Levator scapulae
 - Sternocleidomastoid (SCM)
 - Scalenes

- Chest
 - Diaphragm
 - Pectoralis major and minor
 - Latissimus dorsi
- Perineum
 - Groin muscles
- Buttocks
 - Gluteus maximus
 - Gluteus medius
 - Gluteus minimus

- Thighs
 - Quadriceps
 - Hamstrings
- Leg
 - Tibialis anterior
 - Gastrocnemius

Orbicularis oculi

• Muscle in the front of the face that closes the eye.



Orbicularis oris

• Muscle in the face that closes the mouth and puckers the lips when it contracts.



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Masseter

• Muscle of mastication (chewing). Elevates the mandible (closes mouth).



Deltoid

• Provides shoulder abduction, flexion, and extension. Forms the rounded contour of the shoulder.



Biceps brachii

• 2 headed muscle in the upper arm. Provides flexion at the elbow and supination of the forearm. Crosses both the shoulder and elbow.



Biceps brachii



Triceps brachii

• 3 headed muscle in the upper arm. Provides extension at the elbow and adduction of the shoulder.



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Flexors and Extensors

• Collective name for forearm musculature. Provides flexion and extension of the hand and wrist.



Erector Spinae

 Collective name for bundles of muscles and tendons that run longitudinally with the vertebral column. Provides extension and postural support for the spine.



Erector Spinae



Erector spinae



Rectus abdominis

• Paired muscle running vertically on the anterior portion of the abdominal wall. Provides flexion of the lumbar spine.



Internal and External Obliques

• Abdominal muscles that compress the abdomen and rotate the vertebral column ipsilaterally. Rotates the torso.



Posterior cervical muscles

• Collective group of smaller muscles. Provides rotation and extension of the head.





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Trapezius

- Large superficial trapezoidal shaped muscle that runs from the occipital bone to the shoulders to the lower thoracic vertebrae. Moves the scapula and supports the arm. Can also move the spine when the scapulae are stabilized.
- 3 functional regions upper, middle, and lower.



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Levator scapulae

• Runs from the scapula to the occipital bone, its function is to elevate the scapula.



Sternocleidomastoid (SCM)

• Anterior neck muscle that joins the mastoid process (behind the ear) with the sternum and clavicle. Acts to flex and rotate the head.



Scalenes

• Group of 3 pairs of muscles that join the cervical vertebrae to the ribs. Act to elevate the ribs. Neurovascular elements run through them.



Scalenes



Diaphragm

• Sheet of flat muscle that extends across the bottom of the ribcage. Functions to enlarge the thoracic cavity making inspiration possible.



Diaphragm

LUNGS





Pectoralis major and minor

- Muscles of the chest. Pectoralis major functions to move the shoulder joint (flexion, adduction and rotation of the humerus) and secures the arm to the trunk.
- Pectoralis minor is located under the pectoralis major and functions to depress the point of the shoulder, drawing the scapula inferior and medial, towards the thorax.

Pectoralis major and minor



Pectoralis major and minor



Latissimus dorsi

• Name means "broadest muscle of the back". Large, flat muscle partially under the trapezius. Acts to adduct, extend, and rotate the arm inwards.



Latissimus dorsi



Perineum

• Group of muscles that form the floor of the pelvic cavity.



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Groin muscles

• Primarily composed of hip adductor muscles, the groin area forms the junction of the torso with the legs, on either side of the pubis.



Gluteus maximus

• Largest and most superficial of the gluteal muscles. Forms most of the shape and appearance of the buttocks. Major stabilizer of the lumbar spine. Functions to rotate and extend the hip joint.



Gluteus medius

• Middle gluteal muscle. Provides abduction of the hip, stabilization of the hip and rotation of the thigh.


Gluteus minimus

• Inferior to the gluteus medius, it aids the gluteus medius in abduction and stabilization of the hip.



Quadriceps

• A group of 4 muscles on the anterior thigh. Functions to extend the knee joint. The strongest muscle in the body.



Hamstrings

• Group of 3 posterior thigh muscles. Functions to flex the knee. They cross and act upon the hip and the knee joints.



Tibialis anterior

• Muscle on the anterior portion of the lower leg. Functions to dorsiflex and invert the foot.



Gastrocnemius

• Posterior muscle of the lower leg. Functions to plantar flex the foot and flex the knee. Calf muscles.





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- Regulates, coordinates, and integrates all body systems.
- Gives the body awareness of it's environment.
- Communication and Control

- Central Nervous System
 - Brain and spinal cord
- Peripheral Nervous System
 - Nerves outside the brain and spinal cord



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- Autonomic Nervous System
 - Controls involuntary activity of muscles and glands. Controls prolonged bodily functions.
- Somatic Nervous System
 - Controls voluntary actions of skeletal muscles. Receives information from sensory organs.
 - Afferent nerves sensory
 - Efferent nerves motor

- Sympathetic Nervous System
 - Regulates activities to prepare the body for maximum effort as a response to hazardous conditions. Fight or Flight.
- Parasympathetic Nervous System
 - Regulates activities to conserve energy and to promote digestion and elimination. Rest and Digest







Reserved.



Reserved.

• The basic unit of the nervous system. A specialized cell that responds to stimuli and transmits impulses.

Structure of a Typical Neuron





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• Synapse – the junction that permits a neuron to transmit a signal to another cell. No direct contact.



Synapse



- Myelin Sheath Insulating material around the axon. Prevents signal loss.
- Neurilemma Outer membrane around peripheral nerves.
- Neuroglia Specialized cells that support the neuron. Can provide structure, nutrition, myelin maintenance, and immune function.

Myelin Sheath/Neurilemma



Myelin Sheath



Neuroglia









Central Nervous System (CNS)

Protective coverings

- Skull protects the brain
- Vertebrae protect the spinal cord
- Meninges membranes of the nervous system
 - Dura Mater outermost layer strong, fibrous tissue
 - Arachnoid Mater middle layer delicate, cobweb like tissue
 - Pia Mater innermost layer adheres to the outer surface of the spinal cord



Dura mater -- outer layer lining skull Arachnoid (mater) -- contains blood vessels Subarachnoid space -- filled with CSF Pia mater -- covers brain

Meninges

The Brain



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The Brain



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The Brain

- The human brain represents the highest level of nervous tissue in the animal kingdom.
- The center of the nervous system, the brain has roughly 15-33 BILLION neurons each with up to 10 thousand connections EACH.
- The brain controls the other organ systems of the body and as such allows for rapid and controlled responses to changes in environment.
- Different portions of the brain perform different functions.

The Spinal Cord

- Approximately 18 inches long starting at the medulla oblongata and terminating between L1 – L2.
- After L2, the physical cord becomes nerve branches that terminate at the coccyx.
- 2 major functions are Conduction and Connection.
- Cell bodies (nerve centers) are on the inside of the cord.
- Axons (nerve fibers) are on the outside of the cord. Known as Tracts

Grey Matter/White Matter



Grey Matter/White Matter



The Spinal Cord

- Ascending tracts are sensory nerve fibers.
 - Messages travel UP to the brain.
- Descending tracts are motor nerve fibers.
 - Messages travel DOWN from the brain to muscles and glands.
 - May control voluntary or involuntary activities.


Spinal Cord Crossection: Detailed Anantomy



Cauda Equina

- Latin for Horse Tail
- Lumbar, sacral, and coccygeal nerves that descend from the terminal end of the spinal cord.
- Lumbar punctures are performed safely because of this structure.



The Peripheral Nervous System (CNS)

- Composed of the nerves OUTSIDE the brain and spinal cord.
- 3 main sets of nerves
 - Cranial nerves
 - Spinal nerves
 - Nerve Plexuses (plexi)

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Cranial Nerves

- 12 pairs of nerves that arise from the underside of the brain and pass through openings in the skull.
- Numbered using Roman numerals I XII



Cranial Nerves



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Spinal Nerves

- 31 pairs of nerves that arise from the spinal cord.
- Pas through lateral openings in the spinal column called Intervertebral Foramen (IVF)
- Mixed nerves carry both sensory and motor fibers.

Spinal Nerves



Spinal Nerves



Dermatomes





Nerve Plexuses

- Formed by a network of spinal nerves. Highly branched.
- Brachial Plexus formed from C5 T1 spinal levels, these nerves control the shoulder and upper extremity
- Lumbosacral Plexus formed from L1 S4, these nerves control the pelvis and lower extremity

Brachial Plexus



Lumbosacral Plexus





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ATTENTION! ANY QUESTIONS?

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