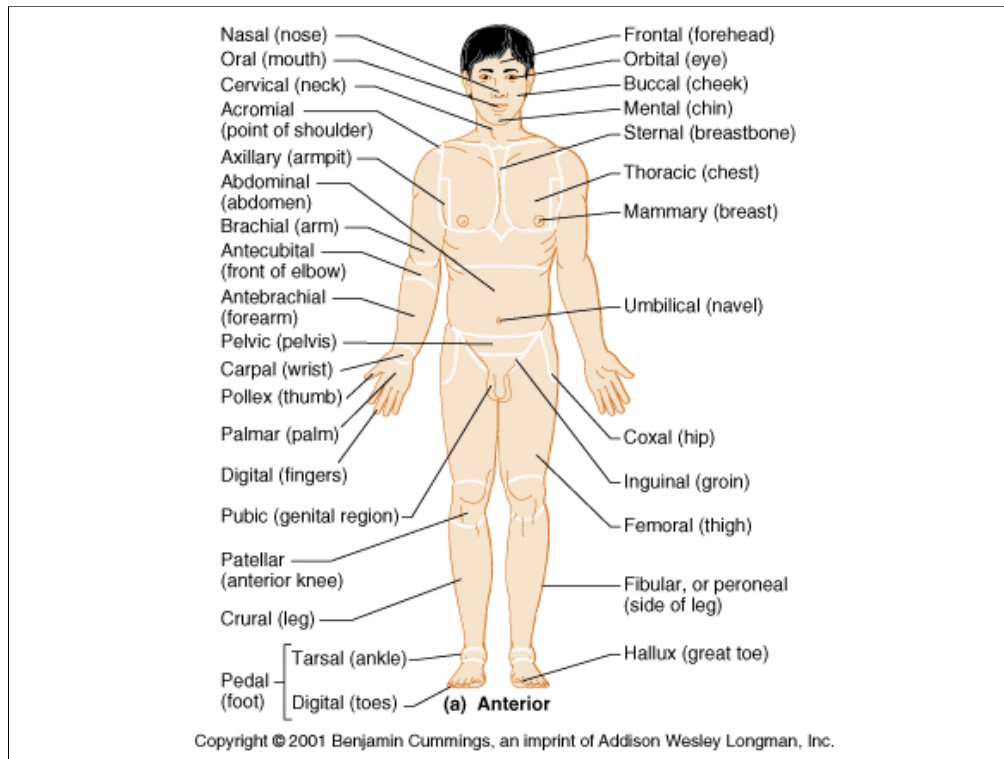
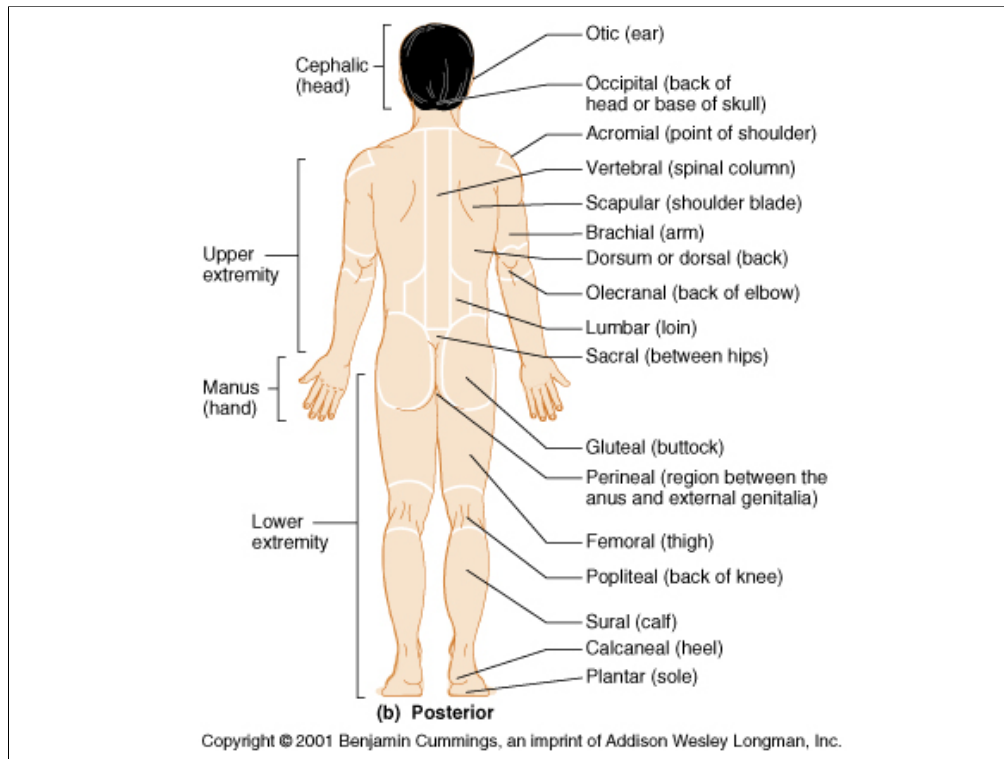


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Here are the terms for the various anatomical regions as seen anteriorly. Note the short list of the most important terms in slide 4.



Here are the terms for the various anatomical regions as seen posteriorly. Note the short list of the most important terms in slide 4.



Important Anatomical Terms

Antebrachial: Pertaining to the forearm

Antecubital: Pertaining to the anterior surface of the elbow

Axillary: Pertaining to the armpit

Brachial: Pertaining to the arm

Buccal: Pertaining to the cheek

Carpal: Pertaining to the wrist

Cervical: Pertaining to the neck region

Coxal: Pertaining to the hip

Crural: Pertaining to the leg

Digital: Pertaining to the fingers or toes

Femoral: Pertaining to the thigh

Fibular (peroneal): Pertaining to the side of the leg

Frontal: Pertaining to the forehead

Hallux: Pertaining to the great toe

Inguinal: Pertaining to the groin

Mammary: Pertaining to the breast

Mental: Pertaining to the chin

Nasal: Pertaining to the nose

Oral: Pertaining to the mouth

Orbital: Pertaining to the bony eye socket (orbit)

Palmar: Pertaining to the palm of the hand

Patellar: Pertaining to the anterior knee (kneecap) region

Pedal: Pertaining to the foot

Pelvic: Pertaining to the pelvis region

Pollex: Pertaining to the thumb

Pubic: Pertaining to the genital region

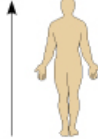
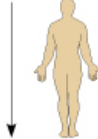

Sternal: Pertaining to the region of the breastbone

Tarsal: Pertaining to the ankle

Thoracic: Pertaining to the chest


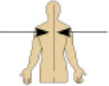
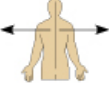

Umbilical: Pertaining to the navel



TABLE 1.1 Orientation and Directional Terms		
Term	Definition	Example
Superior (cranial)	Toward the head end or upper part of a structure or the body; above	 The head is superior to the abdomen
Inferior (caudal)	Away from the head end or toward the lower part of a structure or the body; below	 The navel is inferior to the chin
Anterior (ventral)*	Toward or at the front of the body; in front of	 The breastbone is anterior to the spine
<p>*Whereas the terms <i>ventral</i> and <i>anterior</i> are synonymous in humans, this is not the case in four-legged animals. <i>Ventral</i> specifically refers to the "belly" of a vertebrate animal and thus is the inferior surface of four-legged animals. Likewise, although the dorsal and posterior surfaces are the same in humans the term <i>dorsal</i> specifically refers to an animal's back. Thus, the dorsal surface of four-legged animals is their superior surface.</p> <p>Copyright © 2001 Benjamin Cummings, an imprint of Addison Wesley Longman, Inc.</p>		

Note that the directional terms **superior**, **inferior**, **anterior** and **posterior** are useful for humans only, since these surfaces are different in quadrupeds. The terms **cephalic**, **caudal**, **ventral**, and **dorsal** are preferable because they can be used universally.



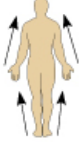



TABLE 1.1 Orientation and Directional Terms		
Term	Definition	Example
Posterior (dorsal)*	Toward or at the back of the body; behind	 The heart is posterior to the breastbone
Medial	Toward or at the midline of the body; on the inner side of	 The heart is medial to the arm
Lateral	Away from the midline of the body; on the outer side of	 The arms are lateral to the chest
Intermediate	Between a more medial and a more lateral structure	 The collarbone is intermediate between the breastbone and shoulder

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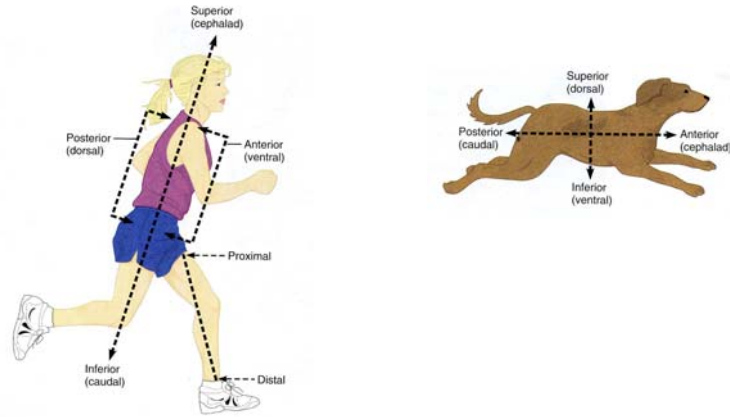
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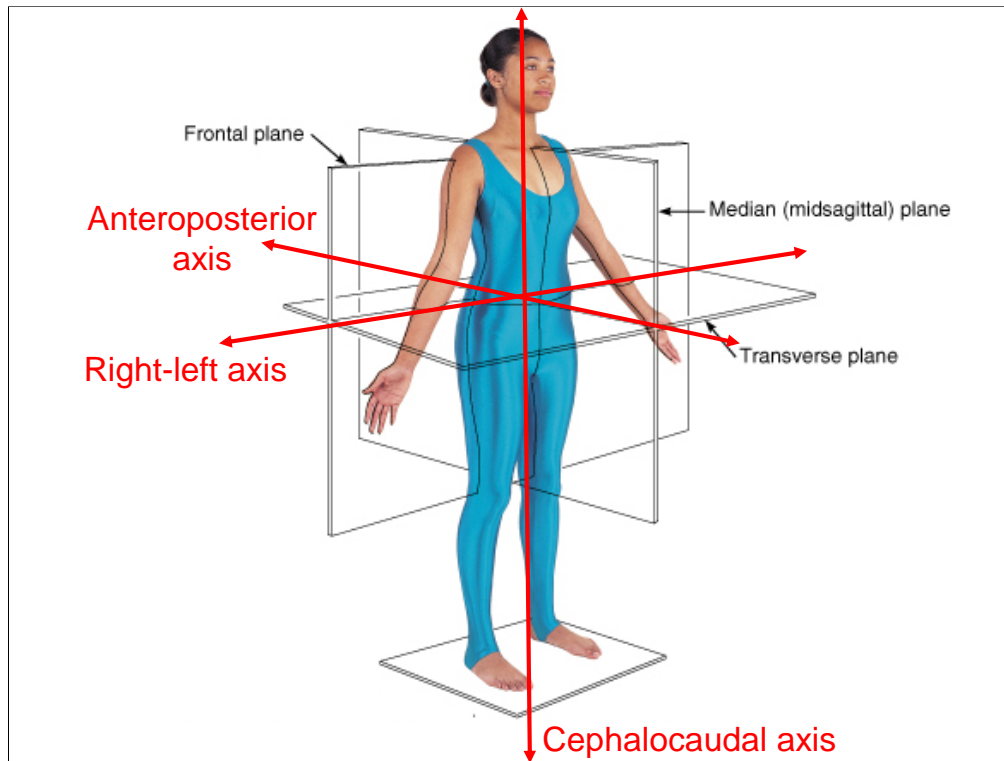
TABLE 1.1 Orientation and Directional Terms		
Term	Definition	Example
Proximal	Closer to the origin of the body part or the point of attachment of a limb to the body trunk	 The elbow is proximal to the wrist
Distal	Farther from the origin of a body part or the point of attachment of a limb to the body trunk	 The knee is distal to the thigh
Superficial (external)	Toward or at the body surface	 The skin is superficial to the skeletal muscles
Deep (internal)	Away from the body surface; more internal	 The lungs are deep to the skin
<p>"Whereas the terms <i>ventral</i> and <i>anterior</i> are synonymous in humans, this is not the case in four-legged animals. <i>Ventral</i> specifically refers to the "belly" of a vertebrate animal and thus is the inferior surface of four-legged animals. Likewise, although the dorsal and posterior surfaces are the same in humans, the term <i>dorsal</i> specifically refers to an animal's back. Thus, the dorsal surface of four-legged animals is their superior surface.</p> <p>Copyright © 2001 Benjamin Cummings, an imprint of Addison Wesley Longman, Inc.</p>		



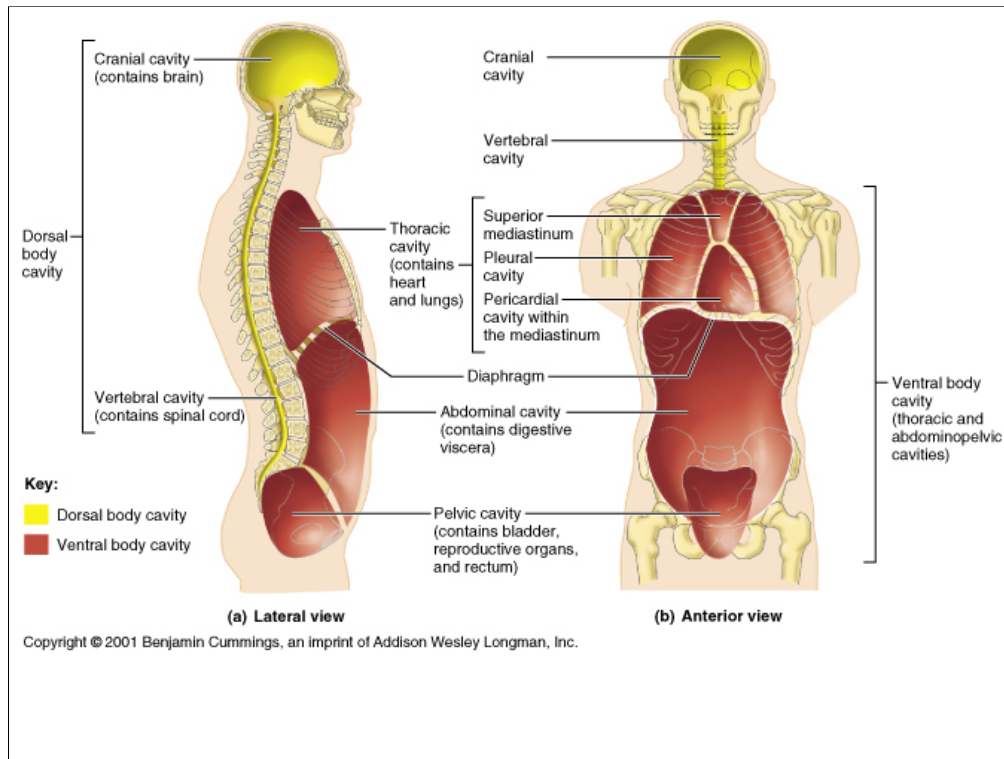
Axes and Directional Terms



An organism has three axes: the cephalocaudal axis, the anteroposterior axis, and the right-left axis. The directional terms represent the two ends of each axis. Note that the directional terms **superior**, **inferior**, **anterior** and **posterior** are useful for humans only, since these surfaces are different in quadrupeds. The terms **cephalic**, **caudal**, **ventral**, and **dorsal** are preferable because they can be used universally.



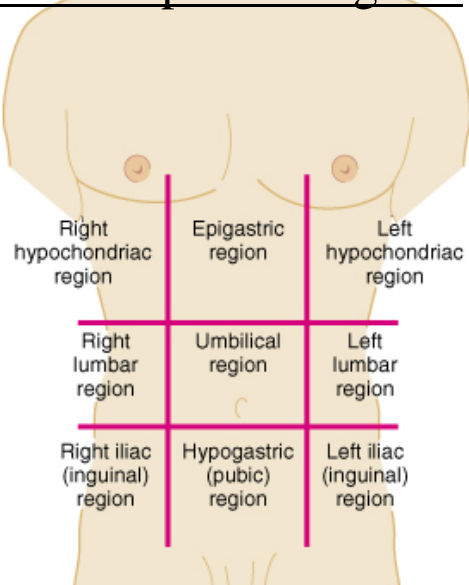
The three basic planes: Each plane is formed by two axes. The **cephalocaudal axis** and the **right-left axis** produces the **frontal (coronal) plane**. The **cephalocaudal** and **anteroposterior** axes produce the **median (midsagittal) plane**. The **anteroposterior** and **right-left axes** produce the **transverse (horizontal) plane**. Each plane also describes a section taken of an organism or of an organ within the organism. Understanding these sections enables understanding of images and slides used to describe the body and its parts.



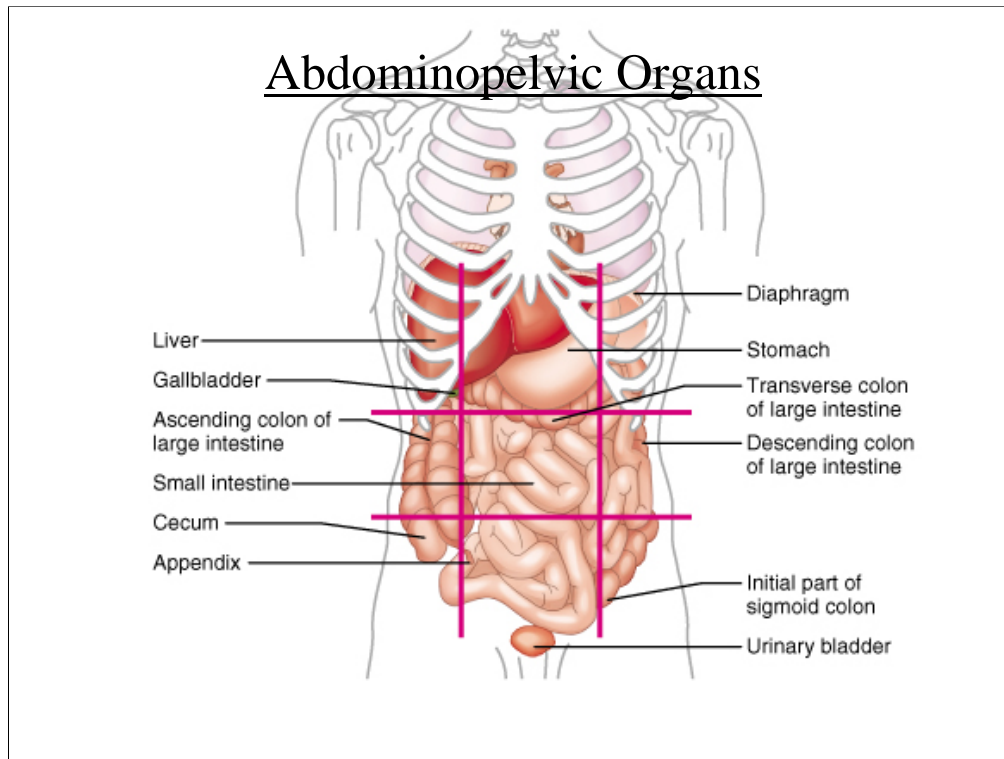
Here you see the cavities which protect organs. The only complete bony cavity is the **cranial cavity** which contains the brain. The **vertebral cavity** contains the spinal cord, the **thoracic cavity** contains the lungs, heart, and the large vessels. These cavities are partially protected by bone. The **abdominal and pelvic cavities** (often considered together as the **abdominopelvic cavity**) are soft cavities with no bony protection.



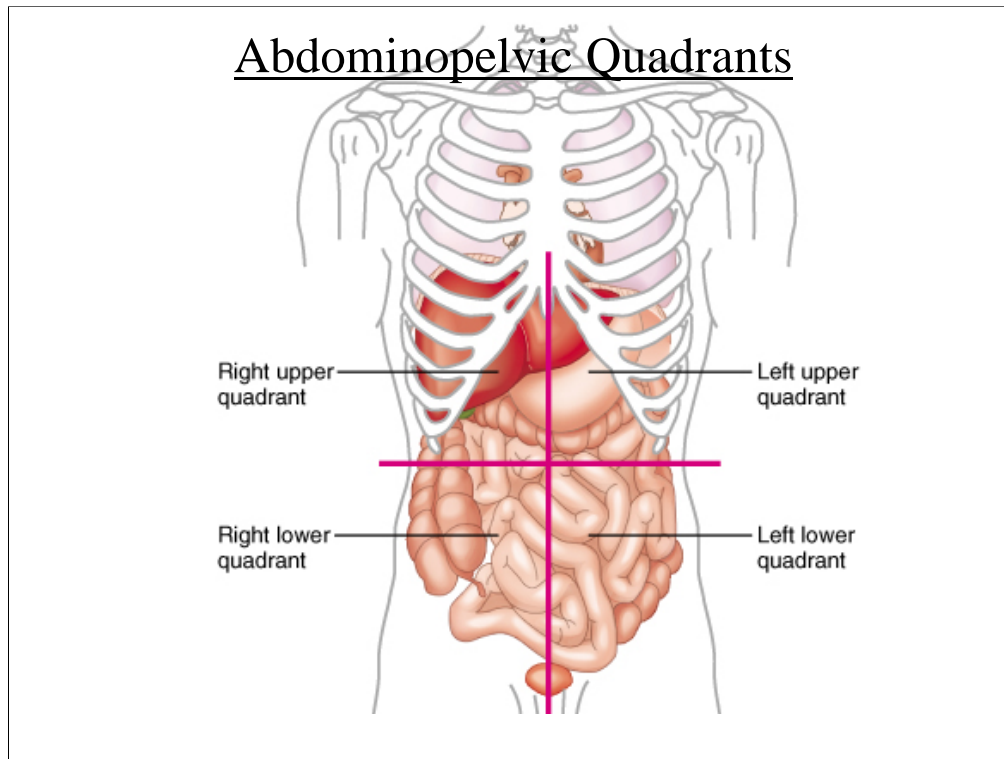
Abdominopelvic Regions



Here you see one method of designating areas of the abdominopelvic cavity.



Here you see another method of designating areas of the abdominopelvic cavity along with the approximate location of the internal organs.



Here you see yet another method of designating areas of the abdominopelvic cavity along with the approximate location of the internal organs.



Lab Protocol

- 1) Study and identify directional terms, planes, sections, body cavities, and surfaces indicated in Lab Syllabus for “The Language of Anatomy.”
- 2) Complete and submit the Review Sheet for “The Language of Anatomy” from the lab manual.
- 3) Take the Online Quiz for “The Language of Anatomy”.