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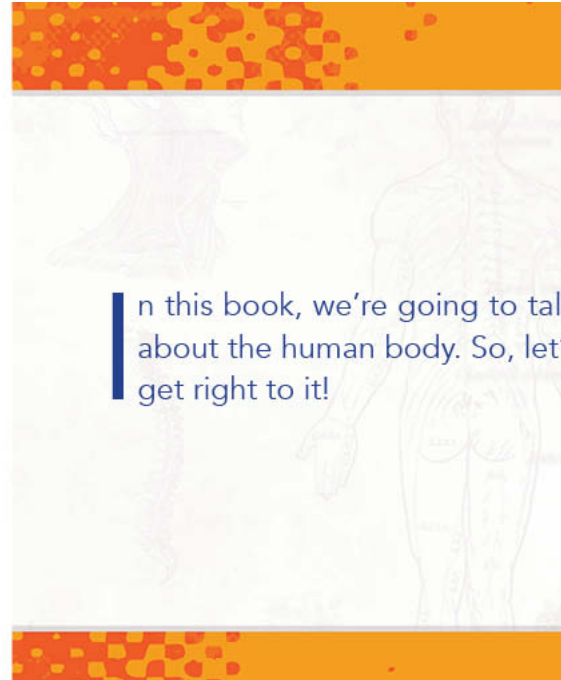
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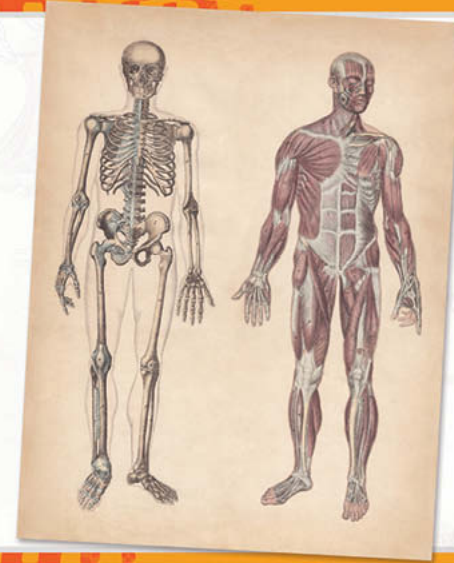
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The human body is a very complicated maze of systems. Each system has its own types of cells, different types of tissues, and various organs. Biologists generally organize the study of the human body into varying systems depending on their functions. If you want to be a doctor in the future, you would study all eleven organ systems.

Human skeleton and muscles.



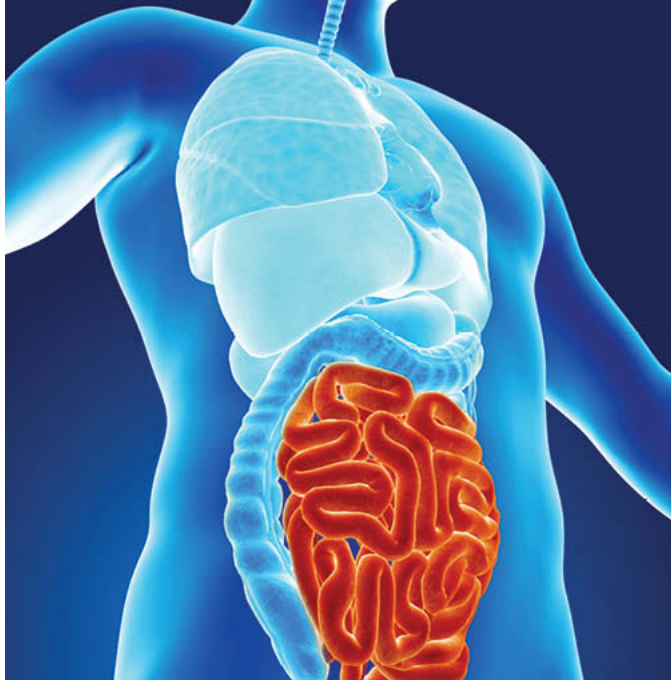


You have to know the human body in and out in order to keep your patient healthy. Most doctors learn all these systems and then become specialists in a certain system of the body. For example, a cardiologist is a doctor who specializes in diseases of the heart and circulatory system.

Human Arm and Torso of an Anatomical Model.



THE HUMAN BODY'S MAIN STRUCTURES

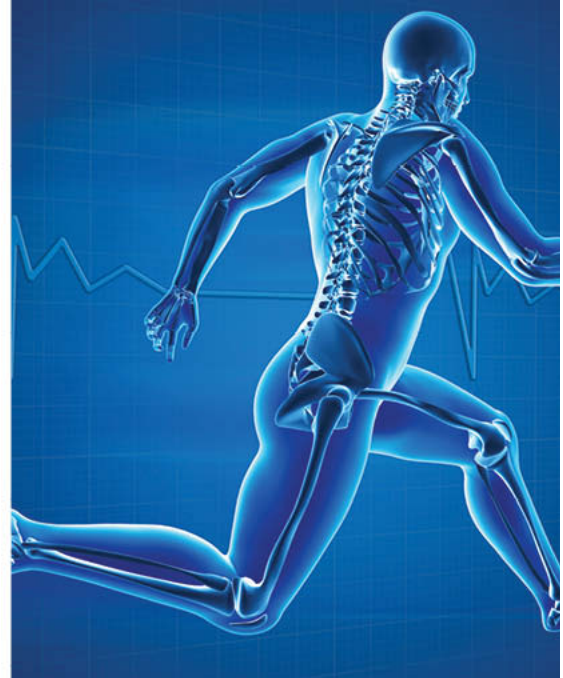


If you look at a picture of the human anatomy, you see the main structures very quickly. The human head houses the brain, which controls the body's systems. The head also contains organs for seeing, for hearing, for smelling, and for tasting. You can experience touch with your head as well. For example, when you place your head down on a soft pillow, you're experiencing touch with your face. Most of the time we do things with our hands, but the skin everywhere on your body can experience touch.

Human organs.

The other main structures besides the head are the neck and the torso, also called the trunk, and your arms and legs. Your neck and torso include many of the vital systems and most of the internal organs that keep you functioning every day. Your arms and legs help you to get from one place to another by walking, running, jumping, or swimming.

Man running.





THE FIVE SENSES

Our bodies have five senses that help absorb information about the environment around us. These senses help to keep us safe and send information to our brains so that we can experience everything around us.

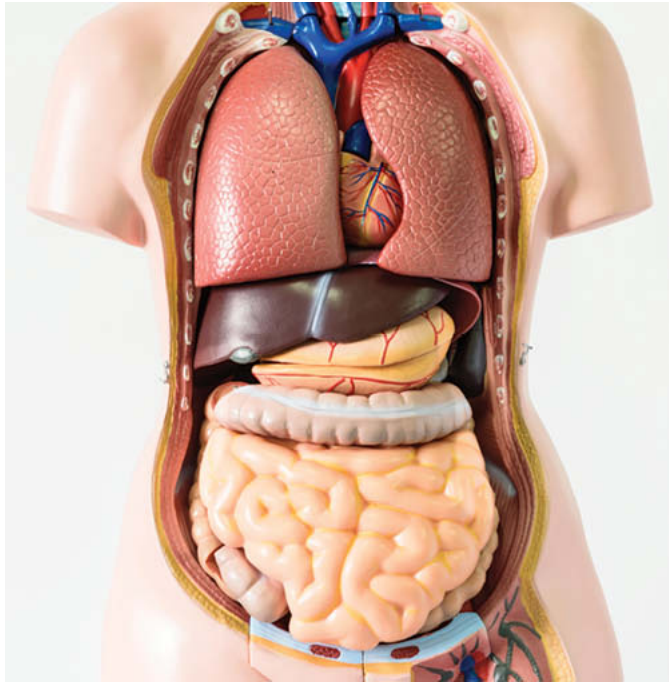
- **SIGHT** - our two eyes see what's around us, close or far
- **HEARING** - our two ears hear what's around us, loud or soft

Human Eye.

- **SMELLING** - our one nose smells the surrounding odors, perfumey or stinky
- **TASTING** - our taste buds on our tongue detect, sweet or salty
- **TOUCHING** - our skin and especially our hands detect, smooth or rough

Girl eating ice cream.





ORGAN SYSTEMS

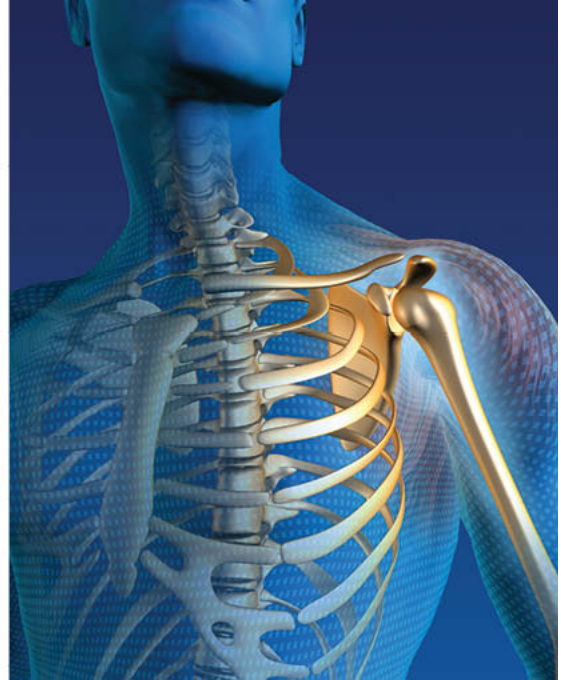
Each of the systems in the human body is composed of organs and other body structures. Each system has a special function to perform in keeping us alive and healthy.

Human Anatomy Model.

SKELETAL SYSTEM

Human beings are vertebrates. This means we have an internal skeleton that is made of hard bones. Not all animals are vertebrates. For example, your dog is a vertebrate, but a jellyfish isn't. The human skeleton is composed of 206 bones. When you were born you had 270 bones, but by the time you become an adult a lot of those bones fuse together. Our skeletons hold the weight of our bodies.

The human skeleton.





The bones of the skeleton are connective tissues that are rigid and tough. There are other types of tissues in the skeleton as well. We also have cartilage. One of the places we have cartilage is in our noses. Cartilage bends slightly so you can tell it is not as hard as bone. The other important components of our skeletons are our joints. Joints connect bones together. They also connect bone with cartilage. The third possibility is when joints connect cartilage with cartilage.

Human skeleton.

MUSCULAR SYSTEM

Our muscles help us move. We have over 650 muscles in each of our bodies. There are three different types of muscles. We have special muscles in our heart that are called cardiac muscles. Cardiac muscles are very sturdy because they never get to rest. They are always pumping blood. We also have skeletal muscles that attach to our skeletons.

Musculoskeletal system.





These muscles expand and contract so we can move. Many of our muscles are built in pairs so that when one expands, the other one contracts. The third type of muscle is called smooth muscle. Smooth muscles are inside our organs. For example, smooth muscles line the walls of our stomachs, allowing them to expand based on how much food we're eating.

The human body.

Muscles sometimes move because we consciously tell them too, but sometimes they do things automatically without our conscious control. In other words, if you want to get up out of a chair, you'll send a conscious message to your muscles to tell them to help you stand up. If you're sleeping at night, your heart and other organs are still working even though you're not consciously commanding them.

Muscular system in the back of a man.

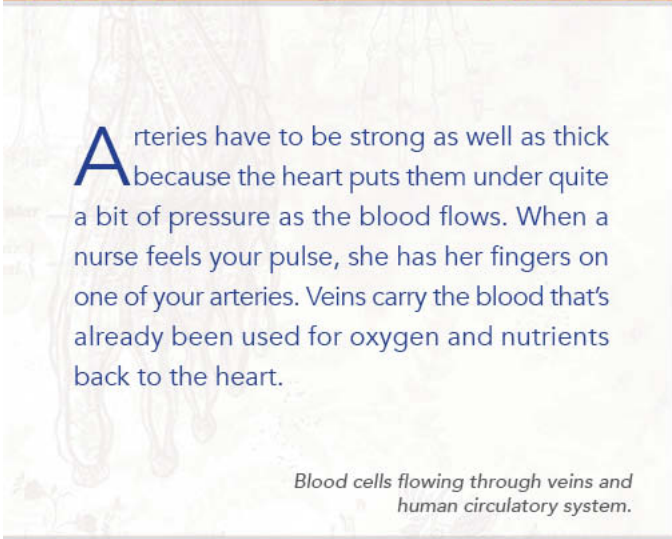





CARDIOVASCULAR AND CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

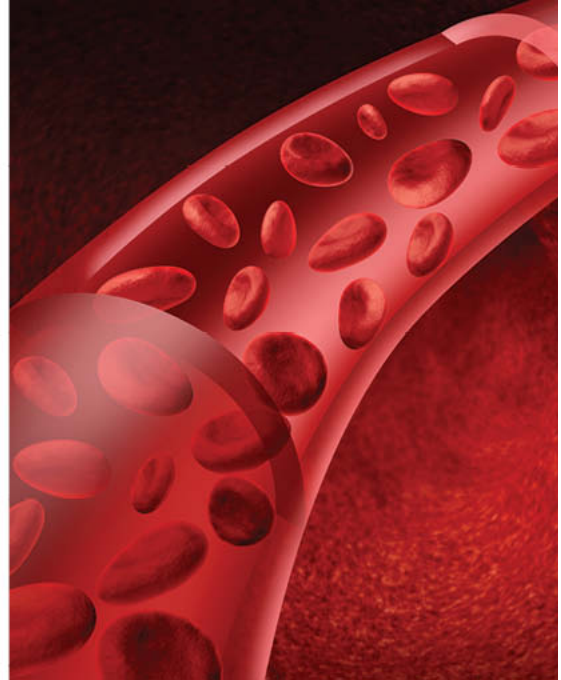
This system contains our hearts, which continuously pump blood throughout our bodies. It also contains the blood vessels. These are tubes that carry the blood to all the different areas of our bodies. The blood that flows through our arteries and veins carries the life-giving oxygen as well as the nutrients our cells must have to survive. The arteries are the tubes that carry the blood that is pumped from the heart to all the body's systems.

Human heart circulation cardiovascular system with anatomy from a healthy body.



Arteries have to be strong as well as thick because the heart puts them under quite a bit of pressure as the blood flows. When a nurse feels your pulse, she has her fingers on one of your arteries. Veins carry the blood that's already been used for oxygen and nutrients back to the heart.

Blood cells flowing through veins and human circulatory system.





DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

The function of our digestive system is to change the food we eat into the nutrients our body can process so that we have energy to live, move, work, and play. Some of the major organs of our digestive system are:

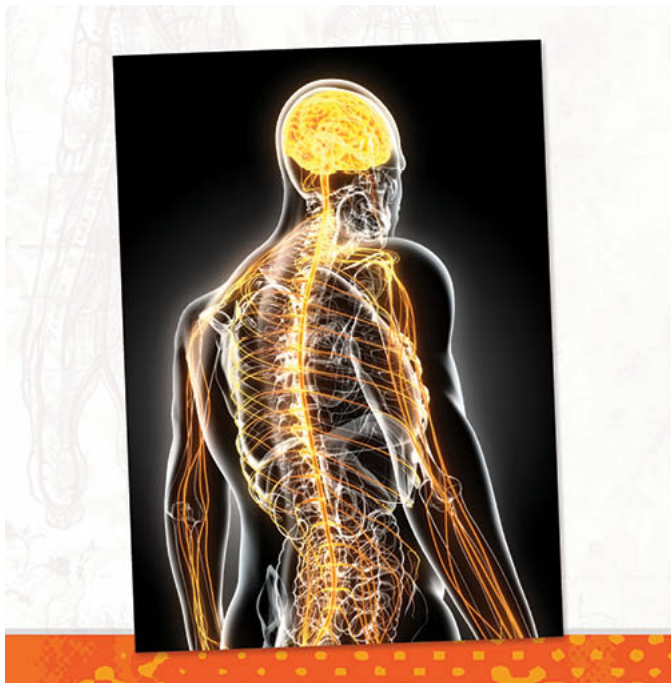
- **THE STOMACH**, which breaks down food using special enzymes
- **THE SMALL INTESTINE**, which continues to break our food down into nutrients

Transparent blue body showing the digestive system in red.

- **THE LARGE INTESTINE**, which pushes the waste materials through our systems so we can eliminate them
- **THE LIVER**, which provides bile that transforms fat into smaller pieces
- **THE PANCREAS**, which helps us digest by providing specialized enzymes

Human digestive system.





NERVOUS SYSTEM

The nervous system is composed of the brain, the bundled nerves that are enclosed by your spine, which is called the spinal cord, and the huge network of interconnected nerves that cover the entire body. The brain, along with the spinal cord, make up the central nervous system. The remaining nerves are the peripheral nerves.

Nervous system.

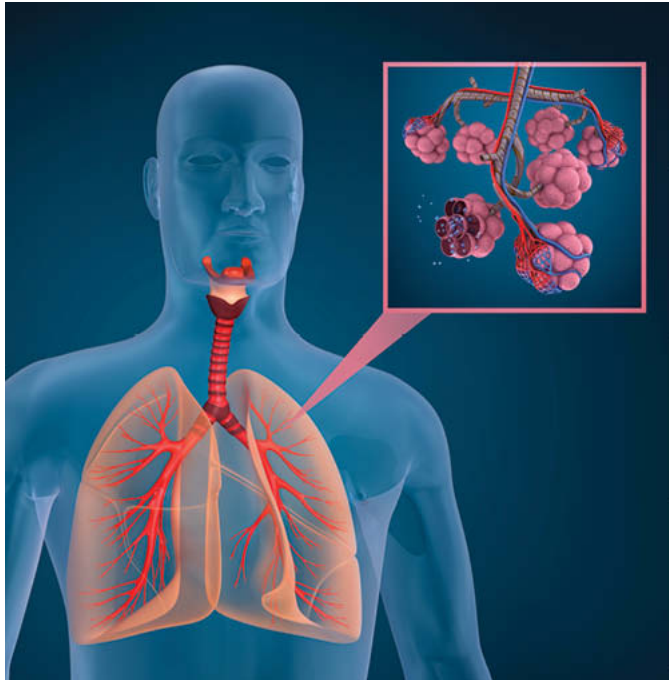


You can think of the nervous system as a type of communication system for the body. Our brains control our muscles through motor nerves.



Signals from our five senses travel through sensory nerves so the brain can interpret we're experiencing.

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RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

The function of the respiratory system is to bring oxygen into the body and once it's used, to remove the waste product of carbon dioxide. Humans need oxygen to live. The main organs in this system are the lungs. They are essentially sacs that filter in fresh air and absorb it like a sponge absorbs water. Blood is pumped into the lungs' walls by the heart. The blood takes in the oxygen and then carries it to the rest of the body. When you breathe out, the waste product of carbon dioxide is released from you.

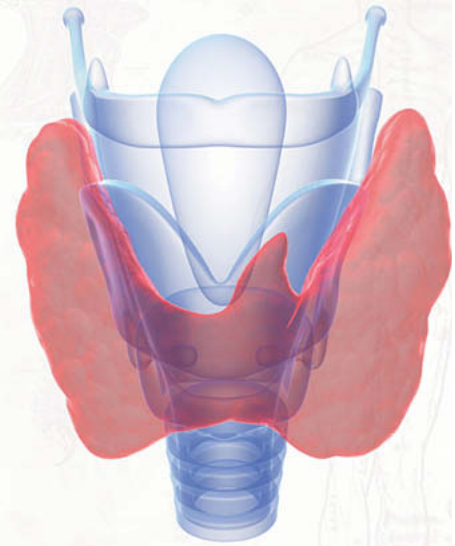
Anatomy of human respiratory system.

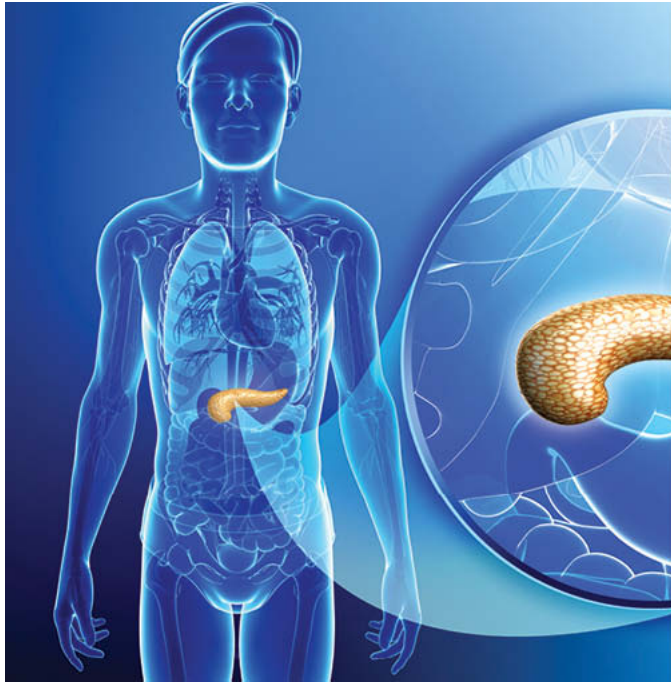
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

This system is composed of glands that are connected with each other. They emit special hormones that control and help regulate a lot of the functions of your body. This system includes:

- **THE THYROID**, which controls our metabolism, this is essentially how quickly we use the energy from our food.

Graphic illustration of the thyroid gland.





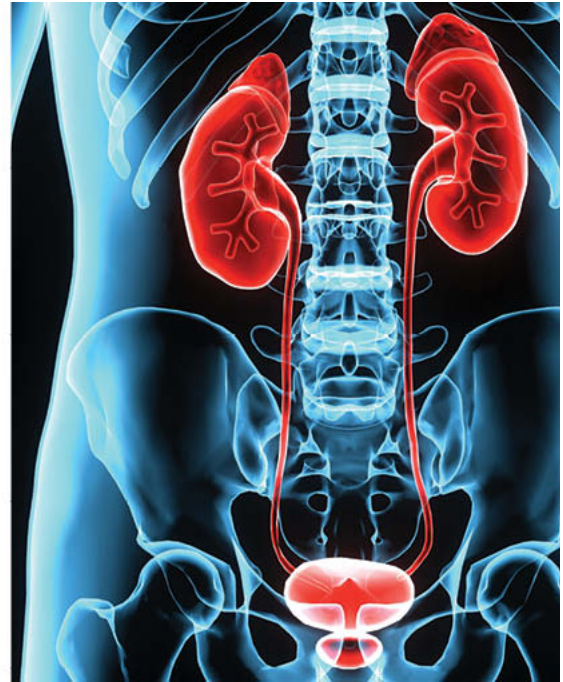
- **THE PANCREAS**, which is part of both the digestive and endocrine systems, controls the level of sugar in the blood.
- **THE ADRENAL GLANDS**, which control blood pressure and other functions.
- **THE PITUITARY GLAND**, which affects human growth and development.

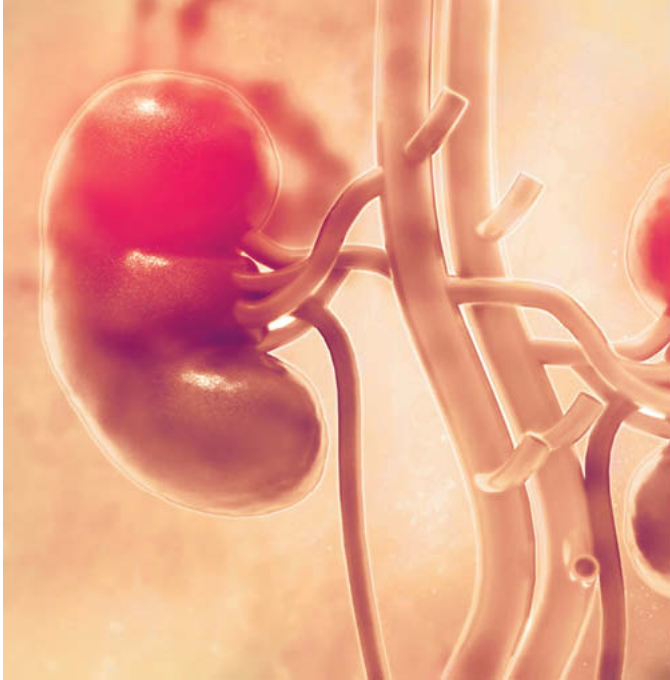
Male pancreas a

URINARY SYSTEM

The urinary system is composed of the kidneys as well as the bladder. You have two kidneys. They are each about the size of a fist and are bean-shaped. The kidneys' job is to filter the blood for impurities, which go out of your body through two tubes.

Human Body Organs (Kidneys with Urinary Bladder).





These tubes transport urine to your bladder. Inside the bladder the urine collects until you are holding about 2 cups. Then a signal is sent to your brain that tells it's time to find a bathroom where you can empty your bladder through the urethra.

Human kidney.

IMMUNE AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

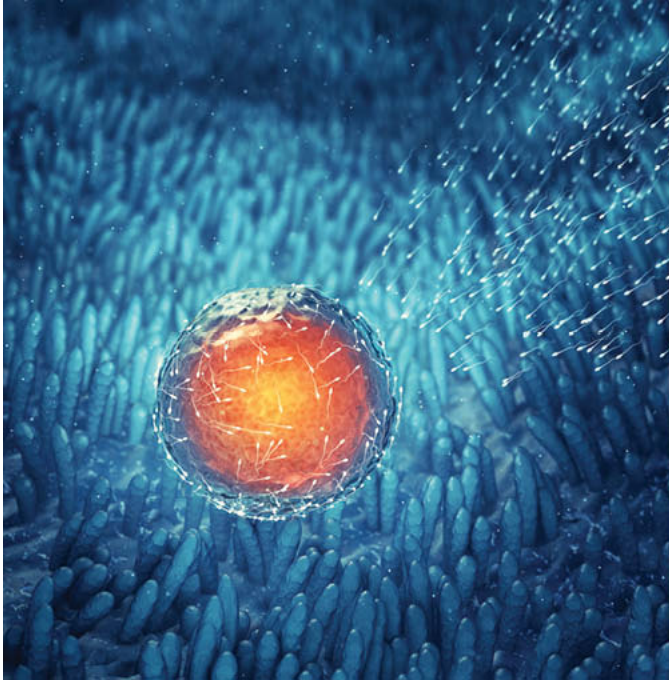
The immune and the lymphatic systems work together. Their main function is to protect you from disease. Some of the major organs in this system are:

- **THE SPLEEN**, which filters the blood.
- **THE LYMPH NODES**, which help to fight infection.
- **THE THYMUS**, which protects the body from germs and other toxins.



Lymph

- **BONE MARROW**, which produces blood cells.



REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

The reproductive system consists of organs that make it possible for babies to be born. These organs are different in males and females.

In men, the urethra is part of the urinary system as well as the reproductive system. It carries urine, but it also carries sperm. The testes produce the sperm.

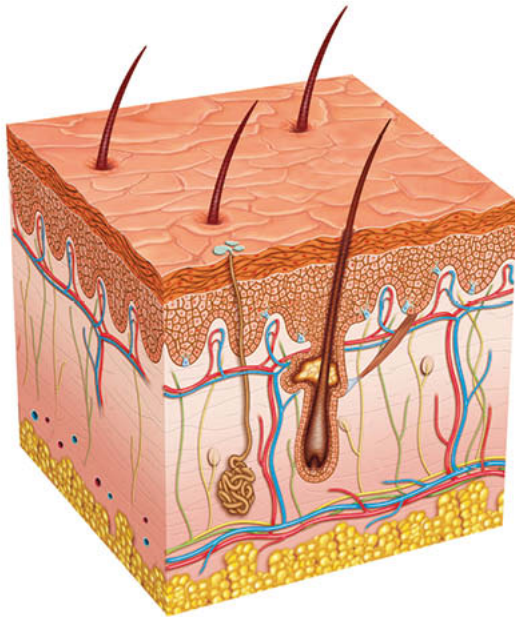
Sperm cells fertilizing an egg cell.



In women, the vagina is connected to the uterus. The uterus is connected to two ovaries. When a woman gets pregnant, the uterus holds the developing baby, which is formed when a man's sperm and a woman's ova unite.

Human embryo.

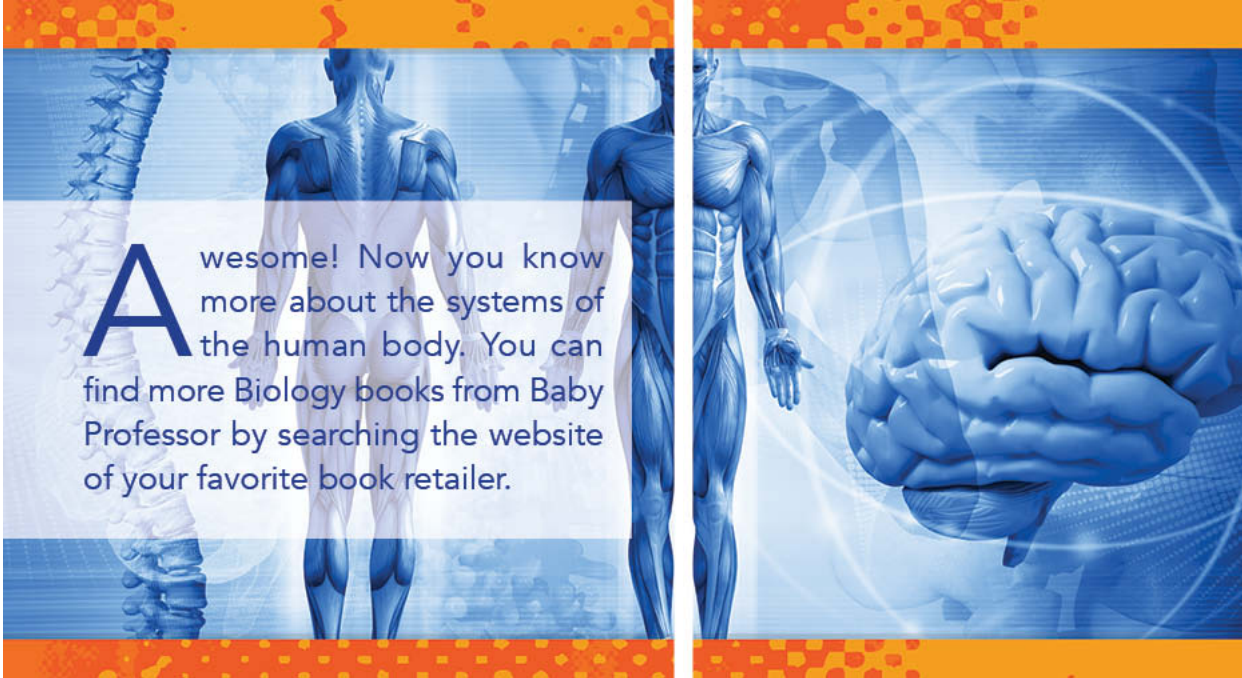




INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

This system is the outside covering the body, which is essentially our skin, our hair, and our nails. The skin is the largest organ of the human body.

Anatomy of the skin and the layers and elements that compose it.



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