

Medical terms

that are important for the language of anatomy.

(These are only the basic terms, for detailed lists see your textbooks and atlases!)

**The terms listed here
(and the words derived
from these, e.g. brachium-
brachial) are part of the
first written test. You
must know their
meaning and their
proper use!**

caput, head
facies, surface
collum, neck
corpus, body, shaft
truncus, trunk
thorax
abdomen
pelvis
extremity
brachium
antebrachium
manus
femur
crus
pes

os
epiphysis
diaphysis
articulation, arthros
capsule
ligament
muscle
tendon
vagina

flexion
extension
hyperextension
abduction
adduction

rotation
pronation
supination
circumduction

axis
longitudinal
sagittal
transverse
frontal
coronal
horizontal
vertical
cranial
caudal
superior
inferior
anterior
posterior
ventral
dorsal
proximal
distal
superficial
deep
medial
(ulnar
tibial)
lateral
(radial
fibular)
(inter)medium
median
minor, lesser
major, greater
magnus
brevis
longus

ante-
retro-
supra-
infra-
semi-
inter-
intra-
epi-
para-
hyper-

foveola
fovea
fossa
cavity
impression
sulcus
canal
incisura (notch)
foramen
hiatus
tuberosity
tubercle
tuber
trochanter
line
crest
margin
process
spine
hamulus
condyle
epicondyle